Q1:

Protein Name: RBP4 retinol binding protein 4

Gene ID: 5950 https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/gene/5950

Species: Homo Sapiens (Humans)

Accession Number: NP_006735

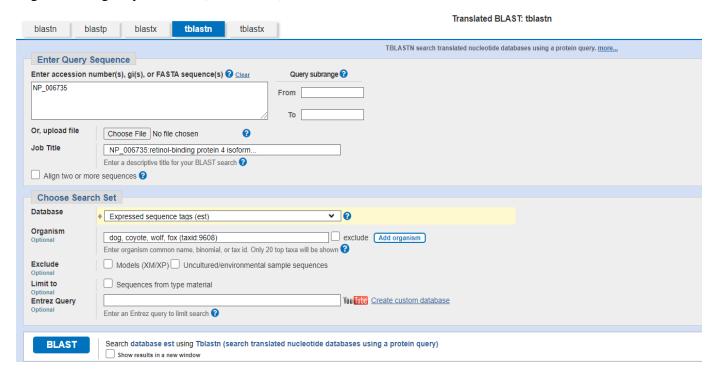
Function: It's expressed in the liver, a member of the lipocalin family and works as retinol carrier(vitamin A alcohol) in the blood. It delivers retinol from the liver stores to the peripheral tissues. A deficiency of vitamin A blocks secretion of the binding protein post translationally and results in defective delivery and supply to the epidermal cells.

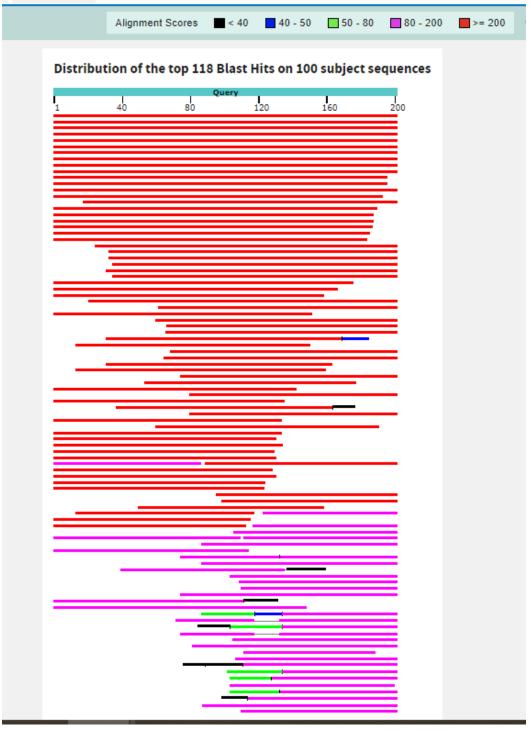
Q2:

Method: TBLASTN (2.7.1) search in dog, cayote and wolf against ESTs

Database: expressed sequence tags(ESTs)

Organism: dog, coyote, wolf (taxid: 9608)





CANFLECK_JINDO_LV_70_G04.ab1 Jindo liver cDNA library Canis lupus familiaris cDNA clone 70_G04, mRNA sequence

Sequence ID: GR899279.1 Length: 602 Number of Matches: 1

Range 1: 76 to 600 GenBank Graphics ▼ Next Match ▲ Previous Ma								Previous Mato
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Query	121				SFVFSRDPNGLPPE SFVFSRDPNGLP E		.75	
Sbjct	436				SFVFSRDPNGLPLE		00	

The chosen match is accession GR899279.1, with 602 nucleotides in the sequence, and belongs to the Canis lupus familiaris species.

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Alignment statistics for match #1

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		M+WVWAL	LLAALGS RAE DCRVS+F+VK+	FDKARF+GTWYAMA	KKDPEGLFLQDNI	V		
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		DHWI+DT	DYDTYAVQYSCRLLNLDGTCADSYS	SFVFSRDPNGLP EA	QKIVRQRQE			
Sbjct	436	DHWIIDT	DYDTYAVQYSCRLLNLDGTCADSYS	SFVFSRDPNGLPLEA	QKIVRQRQE 60	0		

Q3: The sequence is:

>dog| GR899279.1|C. lupus familiaris liver protein(sequence taken from BLAST result)

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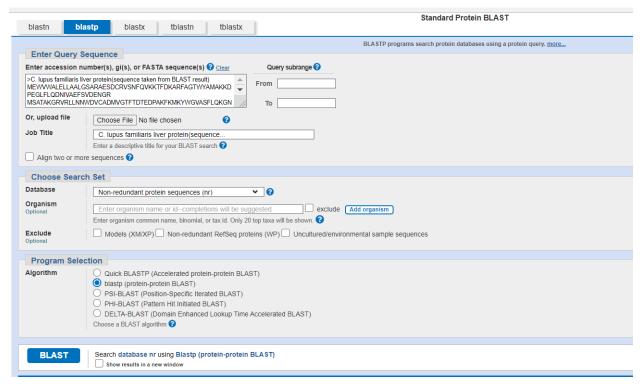
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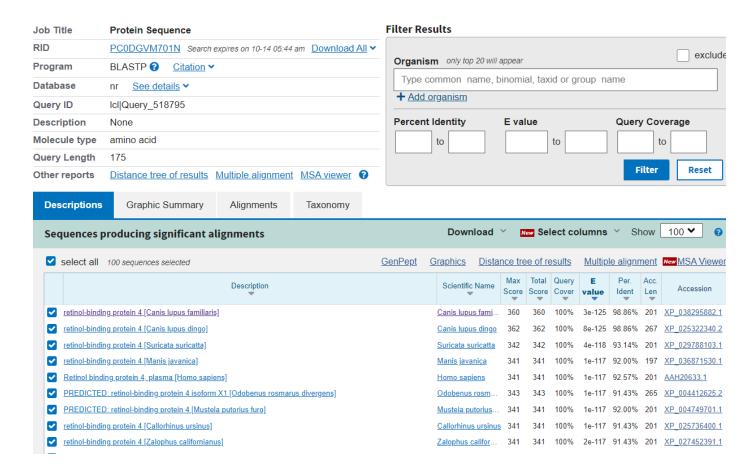
Animalia, Chordata, Mammalia, Carnivora, Canidae, Canis, Lupus, familiaris

Q4:

A BLAST-P search against NR database (see setup in first screen-shot below) yielded a top hit result is to a protein from Canis lupus familiaris.

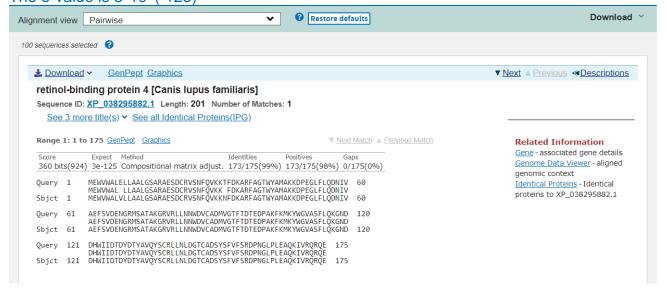
Since the percent identity is 98.9% less than 100%, it's likely to be a novel protein.





This protein seems to be a novel protein as it has 98.9% identity with the top hit.

The e-value is 3*10^(-125)



Q4's Fasta result:

https://www.ebi.ac.uk/Tools/services/web/toolresult.ebi?jobld=fasta-l20211104-184820-0908-48368064-p2m

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The re-labeled sequences

>Human | NP_006735.2 | Homo sapiens | RBP4

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>dog|GR899279.1|C. lupus familiaris liver protein

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>Lesser Egyptian Jerboa|XP 044986072.1|Jaculus jaculus|RBP4

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>horses|XP_023498127.1|Equus caballus|RBP4 isoform X1

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>yak|QDZ58630.1|Bos grunniens|RBP4

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Alignment: Obtained using MUSCLE (version 3.8) at EBI

EBI MUSCLE results:

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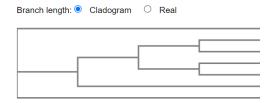
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Used Simple-Phylogeny function of EBI

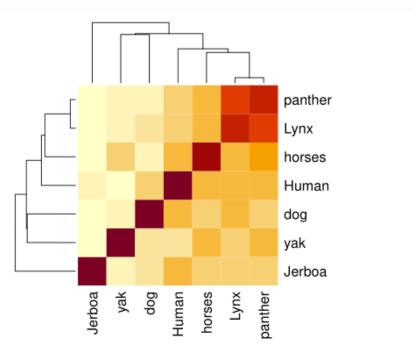
Phylogenetic Tree

This is a Neighbour-joining tree without distance corrections.



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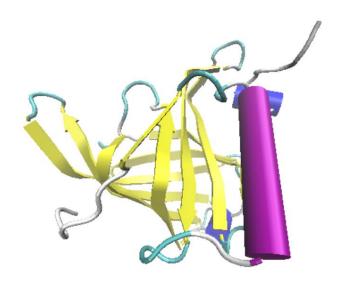
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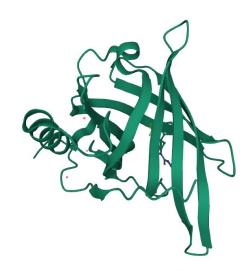


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ID	Methods	Sources	Resolution	e-value	Identity
1ERB	X-RAY DIFFRACTION	Bos taurus	1.9	8.30e-107	91.083
1IIU	X-RAY DIFFRACTION	Gallus gallus	2.5	1.63e-101	85.714
6QBA	X-RAY DIFFRACTION	Saccharolobus solfataricus	1.8	3.46e-110	93.631

The human RBP4 structure is very similar to the structure of lupus familiaris liver protein because they have high sequence similarity (>90%).





Human RBP4

29 assays, including 16 functional assays and 12 binding assays, 1 ADME assay were found, https://www.ebi.ac.uk/chembl/g/#search_results/targets/query=RBP4

One of the top binding techniques, CHEMBL4304746, is retinol-induced MBP-tagged RBP4, testing for the activity of the RBP4 protein, suggesting that RBP4 antagonists may also have therapeutic utility for the treatment of NAFLD(nonalcoholic fatty liver disease).

Cioffi CL, Racz B, Varadi A, Freeman EE, Conlon MP, Chen P, Zhu L, Kitchen DB, Barnes KD, Martin WH, Pearson PG, Johnson G, Blaner WS, Petrukhin K. Design, Synthesis, and Preclinical Efficacy of Novel Nonretinoid Antagonists of Retinol-Binding Protein 4 in the Mouse Model of Hepatic Steatosis. J Med Chem (2019) 62:5470-5500.

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