Site Search

Learning objectives:

- Use keywords in site search.
- Explore site search results.
- Filter site search results by categories.
- Filter site search results by organisms.
- Filter site search results by category fields.
- Export results to a search strategy.
- Find a specific gene using its ID in site search.

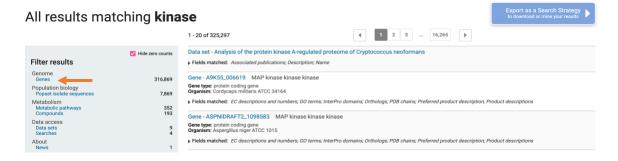
The site search is located in the header of the site and is available from every page. The site search queries the database for a term (e.g., text) or ID and returns a list of pages and documents that contain the query term.

Site search: text, term or gene id.

1. Enter the word kinase in the site search window (at the top centre of the page). Click on the "enter" key on your keyboard or on the search icon as shown in the screenshot below.

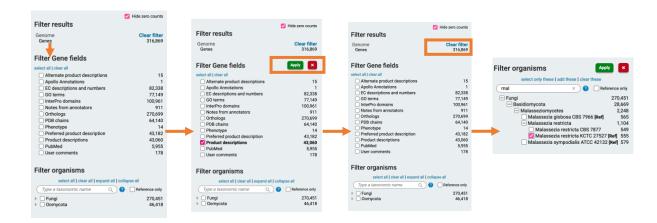


- 2. How many results with the word kinase did you get? Are all of these records genes?
- 3. Explore the filter panel on the left side of the page. Filter the results to view gene results only (hint: click on the word *Genes* in the *Filter results* section):



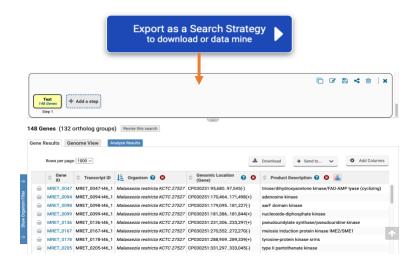
Notice that clicking on the "Genes" category reveals additional filtering options.

4. Select and apply the *Product descriptions* filter. Note: The applied filter can be easily cleared by clicking on "Clear filter" option.



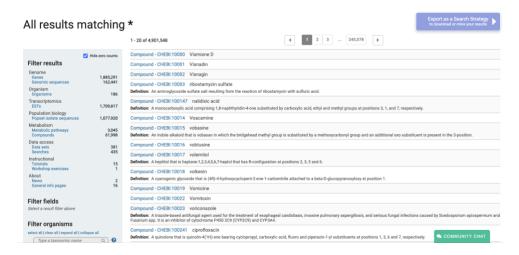
- 5. In the "Filter organisms" section, select to filter gene results by *Malassezia restricta* KCTC 27527. How many genes contain "kinase" in the product description field in this organism?
- 6. Export the results to a search strategy.

To achieve this, click on the blue button called "Export as a search strategy..." at the top right-hand side of the results page. Notice that before the Genes category was selected this button was inactive. This is because the search strategy can be deployed on a signle category only (e.g. Genes or Data sets, but not both).



7. Try running the same search but this time use a wild card (*) (e.g., kinase*).

When the wild card is combined with a word (kinase * or *kinase), the search will retrieve compound words ending or beginning with the word kinase (e.g. phosphofructokinase). The wild card (*) can be used alone to retrieve all records available to the site search (see screenshot below).



8. The site search also works with gene ids. Run a site search for the following gene id: Afu2g13260

The gene id search will return the gene record card for <u>Afu2g13260</u> (see screenshot below). Click on the gene link in blue to navigate to the gene record page for this gene.



Note: a single gene id can be also exported as a search strategy. This may be useful if you are interested in cross-referencing different types of data for one gene.

Advanced Search Strategies

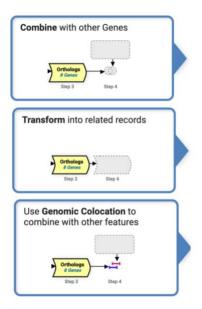
Learning objectives:

• Use sites search and other types of searches to create a multi-step query across different types of records and genomes.

Strategies Overview:

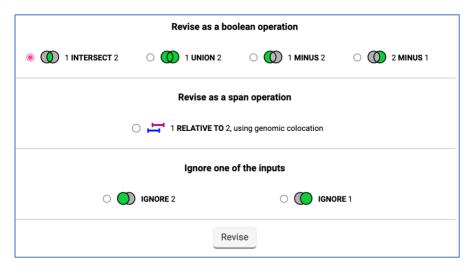
The strategy system offers over 100 structured searches that can be combined to produce multistep strategies. Searches can be deployed from the site search, or 'Search For...' menu on the home page and from the 'Searches' dropdown menu in the header of every page. Searches listed under Genes will return a list of gene IDs, while searches listed under 'SNPs' or 'Metabolic Pathways' will return record IDs representing SNPs, or metabolic pathways, respectively, etc.

The searches can be combined via three major approaches:



- 1. Combine with other Genes (compares results that are gene lists)
- 2. Transform into related records (transform results into orthologs, metabolic pathways or compounds)
- 3. Use Genomics Colocation to combine with other features (cross-references different types of data e.g., gene lists with metabolic pathways)

Strategy steps are connected via the Boolean operators that can intersect, unite, or subtract similar records (e.g., gene lists) and cross-references different types of data via the genomic colocation option. Steps can be masked off from the strategy with the help of "ignore step" Boolean operators.

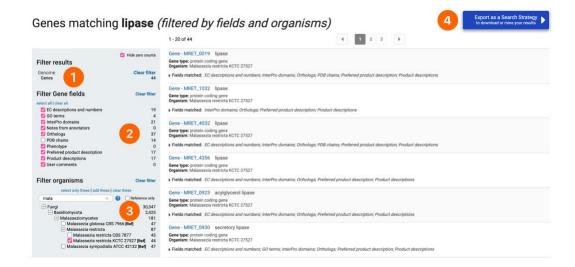


M. restricta can cause skin disorders and is one of the most common fungal species found on human skin. Malassezia cannot produce fatty acids and relies on fatty acid uptake from external sources. Secreted lipases are thought to contribute to Malassezia pathogenicity. In this strategy we will identify secreted lipases in M. restricta KCTC 27527, cross-reference annotation with InterPro domain annotations and find orthologs of M. restricta genes in another Malassezia strain and also Candida albicans (REF). To build this strategy, use the following approach:

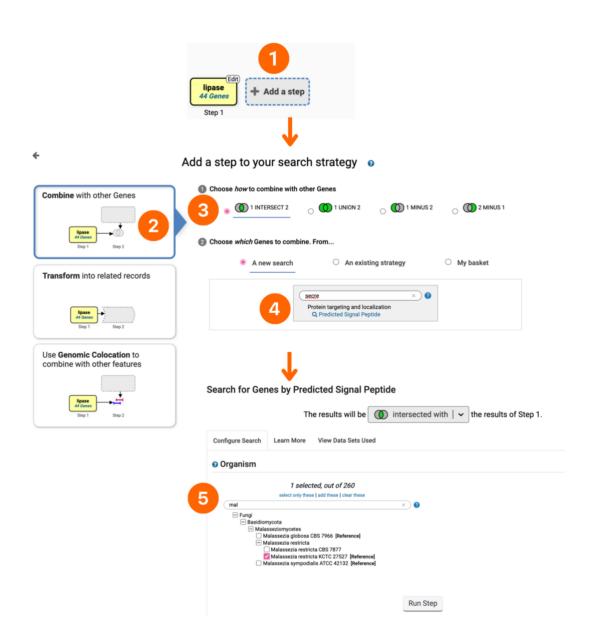
- **Use site search** to identify genes that have "lipase" annotation in *Malassezia* restricta KCTC 27527. This search identifies genes that have "lipase" annotation is several evidence fields.
- **Identify Genes by Signal peptide prediction**. This search returns genes predicted to have signal peptide.
- **Identify Genes based on InterPro domain**. This search identifies genes with specific domain signature secreted lipase (LIP).
- Transform by Orthology into another organism. FungiDB integrates ortholog profiles from OrthoMCL. The OrthoMCL algorithm clusters proteins into ortholog groups based on BLAST similarity across at 150 genomes that span the tree of life. The transform we perform here will convert a list of genes in one organism to their orthologs in a different organism. In this case, we will transform a list of *M. restricta* KCTC 27527genes into their orthologs in *Malassezia* restricta CBS 7877 and Candida albicans SC5314.

- Use site search to identify genes that have "lipase" annotation in *Malassezia* restricta KCTC 27527
 - 1. Run site search for genes annotated with "lipase" and filter on Genes.
 - 2. Use Gene fields to filter your results as shown.
 - 3. Restrict your search to *M. restricta* KCTC 27527 genes.
 - 4. Export results as a search strategy.

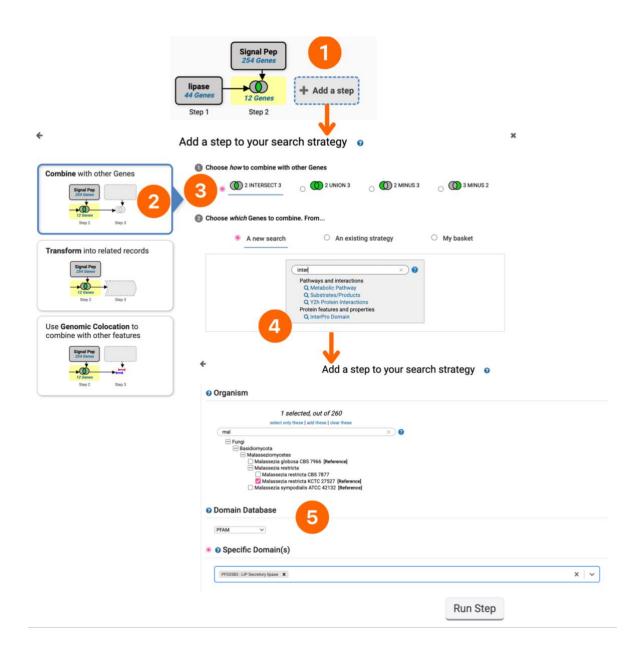




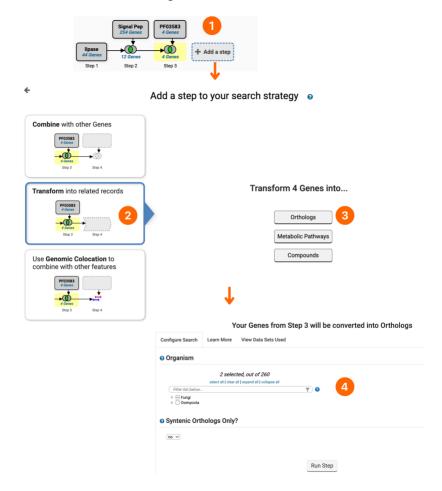
- **Identify Genes by Signal peptide prediction**. This step will identify lipases that may be secreted.
 - 1. Click on the "Add step" button.
 - 2. Choose "Combine with other genes" search.
 - 3. Choose to "intersect" your results with the previous step.
 - 4. Filter the available searches to deploy the "Predicated Signal Peptide" search.
 - 5. Restrict the search to *M. restricta* KCTC 27527 and click on the "Run Step" button.



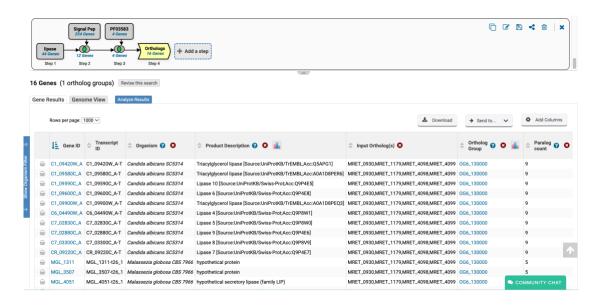
- **Identify Genes based on InterPro domain**. This search identifies genes with specific domain signature secreted lipase (LIP).
 - 1. Click on the "Add step" button.
 - 2. Choose "Combine with other genes" search.
 - 3. Choose to "intersect" your results with the previous step.
 - 4. Filter the available searches to deploy the "InterPro domain" search.
 - 5. Restrict to *M. restricta* KCTC 27527, select "Secretory lipase" domain (PF03583 : LIP Secretory lipase), and click on the "Run Step" button.



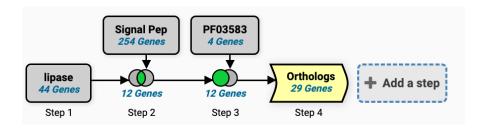
- Transform by Orthology into another organism/s. This search is particularly useful if you are working with a poorly annotated genome and want to take advantage of annotations from another, better annotated, genome. In this exercise, we will practice finding orthologs in *Malassezia globosa* CBS 7966 and *Candida albicans* SC5314.
 - 1. Click on the "Add step" button.
 - 2. Choose "Transform into related records" search.
 - 3. Choose to deploy the "Orthologs" search.
 - 4. Restrict the orthologs search to *M. globosa* and *Candida albicans* SC5314 and click on the "Run Step" button.



Examine your results. Do they make sense?



How can you lower the stringency of the search by removing the third step from the search without deleting it? (Hint: you will need to use a certain Boolean operator).



Strategy URL: https://fungidb.org/fungidb/app/workspace/strategies/import/d3a431b32ee7b32f

References:

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