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Antibodies in the Mainstream

We are pleased to announce that antibodies are now flowing in many parts of ZFIN. As new antibody data is curated from publications and submitted by researchers, we anticipate this new tributary will swell rapidly.

Finding an antibody is easy when you use the antibody search page. The search page can be accessed from the ZFIN home page or from any ZFIN page using the research tab of the green navigation bar.

The antibody search page (Fig. 1) allows you to search for antibodies by name, recognized gene product and labeled anatomy. Additional search options include host organism, monoclonal/polyclonal, and type of assay.

Figure 1. The antibody search page

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Antibodies in the Mainstream

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Antibody search leads to antibody detail pages that hold a summary of information available for each antibody. As shown in the Ab1-elavl detail page (Fig. 2), each antibody is given a unique name that begins with Ab#- followed, when possible, by an antigen gene or gene family abbreviation. The #-number reflects the order in which the antibody was added to ZFIN. For example, if a prox1 antibody is discussed in a publication and ZFIN already holds a different prox1 antibody called Ab1-prox1, the new antibody would be named Ab2-prox1. All alternative/previous antibody names are stored so that searches will lead to the correct antibody record.

Information on antigen genes, isotype, anatomical labeling, and source is displayed on the antibody detail page (Fig. 2). A summary of anatomical labeling in wild-type fish is shown, with detailed labeling information available by following the figure links in the “Data” column.

Antibody Name:

Ab1-elavl

Alias:

Ab1-elavl3/4 (1) , Anti-Hu (16A11) (1) , Anti-HuC/HuD (1)

Host Organism:

Mouse

Immunogen Organism:

Human

Isotype:

IgG2b

Type:

monoclonal

Assays:


Immunohistochemistry

Antigen Genes:

elavl3 (1) , elavl4 (1)

NOTES: None Submitted

ANATOMICAL LABELING

Anatomy	Stage	Assay	Gene	Data
central nervous system	Protruding-mouth	IHC		text only from Henion <i>et al.</i> , 1996
dorsal root ganglion	Protruding-mouth	IHC		3 figures from Henion <i>et al.</i> , 1996
enteric nervous system	Long-pec	IHC		1 figure from Olsson <i>et al.</i> , 2008
	Protruding-mouth to Day 5	IHC		1 figure from Olsson <i>et al.</i> , 2008
	Day 4	IHC		2 figures  from Heanue <i>et al.</i> , 2008

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Show all

24 labeled structures

SOURCE:

Abcam Inc.

Molecular Probes, Inc.

CITATIONS

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Figure 2. Antibody Detail Page

Figure pages now include antibody labeling information. Antibodies are shown in the expression/labeling section, the gene expression details (if the antigen gene is known) and the antibody labeling details. Take a moment to scroll down the page the next time you view a figure page.

Gene pages now have an antibody section. The antibody section of a gene page shows all antibodies that recognize products of the gene. To help you find good labels for anatomy, antibodies have been added to anatomical structure pages. Antibody links on these pages lead to antibody detail pages for easy access to detailed antibody information.

There are currently over 140 antibodies listed in the database with more being added daily. Time constraints do not allow for systematic back-curation of all antibody labeling data from older papers. However, you are invited to request the addition of your favorite antibodies or provide antibody data by contacting us at zfinadmn@zfin.org.

Figure Gallery – A Sneak Peek at Expression Images

Impatient with gene expression searches? Tired of wading through figure pages just to find a good-looking figure? Now there is a better way - **Figure Gallery** lets you rapidly browse expression figures before diving into annotated figure pages.

It's easy. Start a gene expression search the same way as usual, [here](#).

Let's look for gene expression in the pronephros:

The screenshot shows the ZFIN search interface with the following filters and options:

- Gene/EST name:** contains [text input]
- Genotype or Background:** contains [text input]
- MO knockdown: Gene name:** contains [text input]
- Author:** contains [text input]
- Anatomy Terms:**
 - ✖ [pronephros](#)
 - Enter 3 or more letters
 - ☒ Include substructures
 - Expression in:
 - ☒ Every term entered
 - ☐ Any term entered
- Between stages:**
 - Zygote:1-cell &
 - Adult
 - [Developmental Staging Series](#)
- Assay:** ANY
- ☐ Show only WT expression **NEW**
- ☐ Show only figures with images
- ☐ Show only direct submission data
- ☐ Show only published literature
- ☒ Show all
- Added in last [text input] days
- 25 results per page
- Search** **Reset**

At the top of the usual gene expression search results, there is something new - a strip of small thumbnail images. This is the **Figure Gallery**:



Each thumbnail represents a figure image from your expression search results. There are ten thumbnails in each strip.

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Linking your website to ZFIN records

Are you developing a website that would benefit from linking directly to ZFIN data pages? We recommend the following method.

All ZFIN data pages have a ZFIN id number, which is available in the center of each page directly under the navigation bar. To link to that page, simply note the ZFIN_id, then include it in the following manner:

http://zfin.org/cgi-bin/ZFIN_jump?record=ZDB-GENE-980528-2060

We also provide a suite of data files representing the majority of data in ZFIN. This data may be helpful in identifying ZFIN IDs of interest. These files are available by following the Download Data link on our home page.

Figure Gallery – A Sneak Peek at Expression Images

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A typical search returns many thumbnail strips. Navigate through the strips using the controls above the strip. You can enter a strip number in the counter box or walk through strips using the arrows. Strip navigation is very fast because no page-loading is necessary.


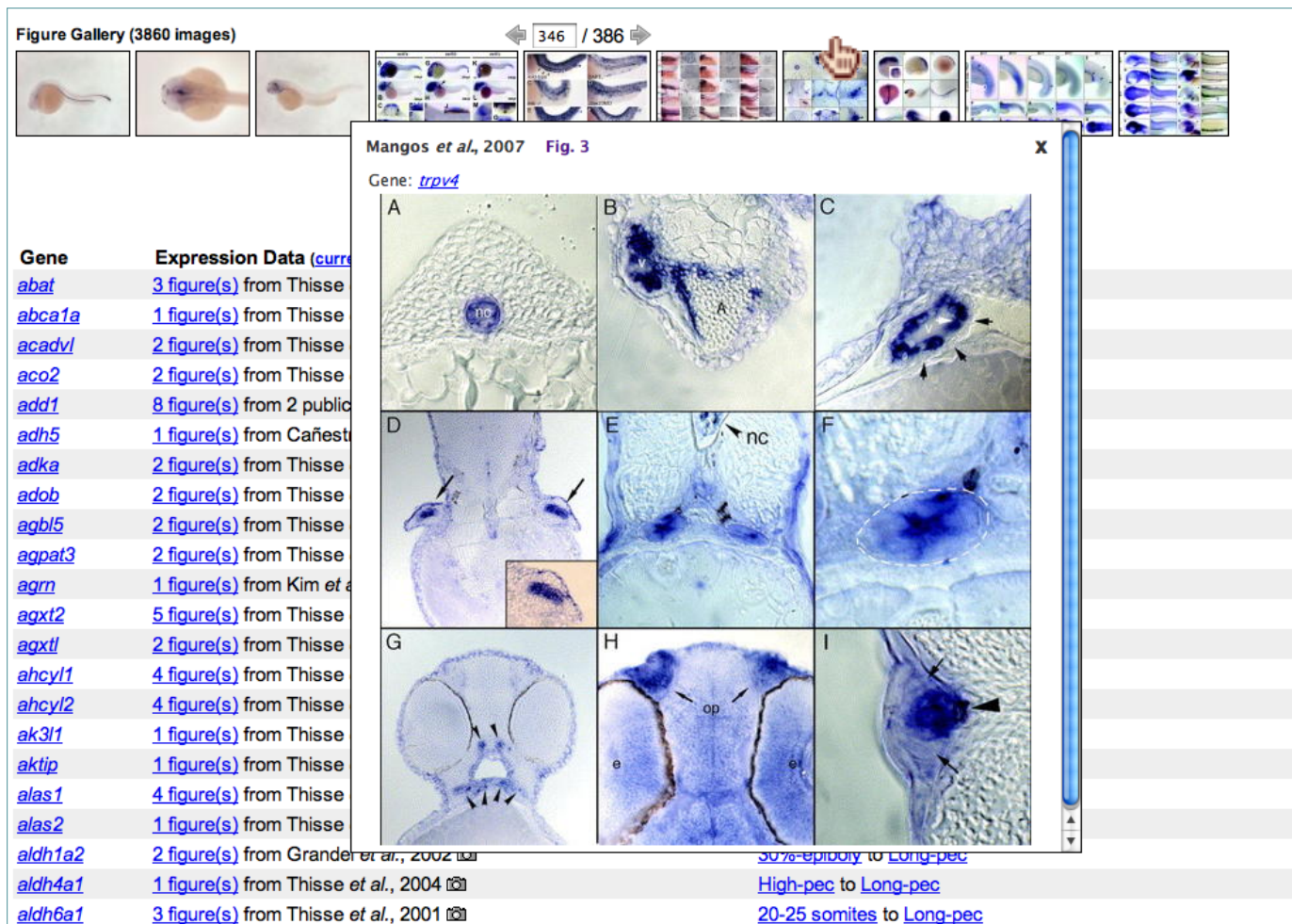



Mousing-over a thumbnail pops up a medium-sized version of the image. Clicking the mid-sized image loads a full-sized version of the image. Links on the pop-up lead to the associated figure page and gene pages. 

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Gene: [trpv4](#)

Gene	Expression Data (current)
abat	3 figure(s) from Thisse
abca1a	1 figure(s) from Thisse
acadvl	2 figure(s) from Thisse
aco2	2 figure(s) from Thisse
add1	8 figure(s) from 2 public
adh5	1 figure(s) from Cañest
adka	2 figure(s) from Thisse
adob	2 figure(s) from Thisse
agbl5	2 figure(s) from Thisse
agpat3	2 figure(s) from Thisse
agrn	1 figure(s) from Kim et al.
agxt2	5 figure(s) from Thisse
agxtl	2 figure(s) from Thisse
ahcyl1	4 figure(s) from Thisse
ahcyl2	4 figure(s) from Thisse
ak3l1	1 figure(s) from Thisse
aktip	1 figure(s) from Thisse
alas1	4 figure(s) from Thisse
alas2	1 figure(s) from Thisse
aldh1a2	2 figure(s) from Grander et al., 2002 
aldh4a1	1 figure(s) from Thisse et al., 2004 
aldh6a1	3 figure(s) from Thisse et al., 2001 

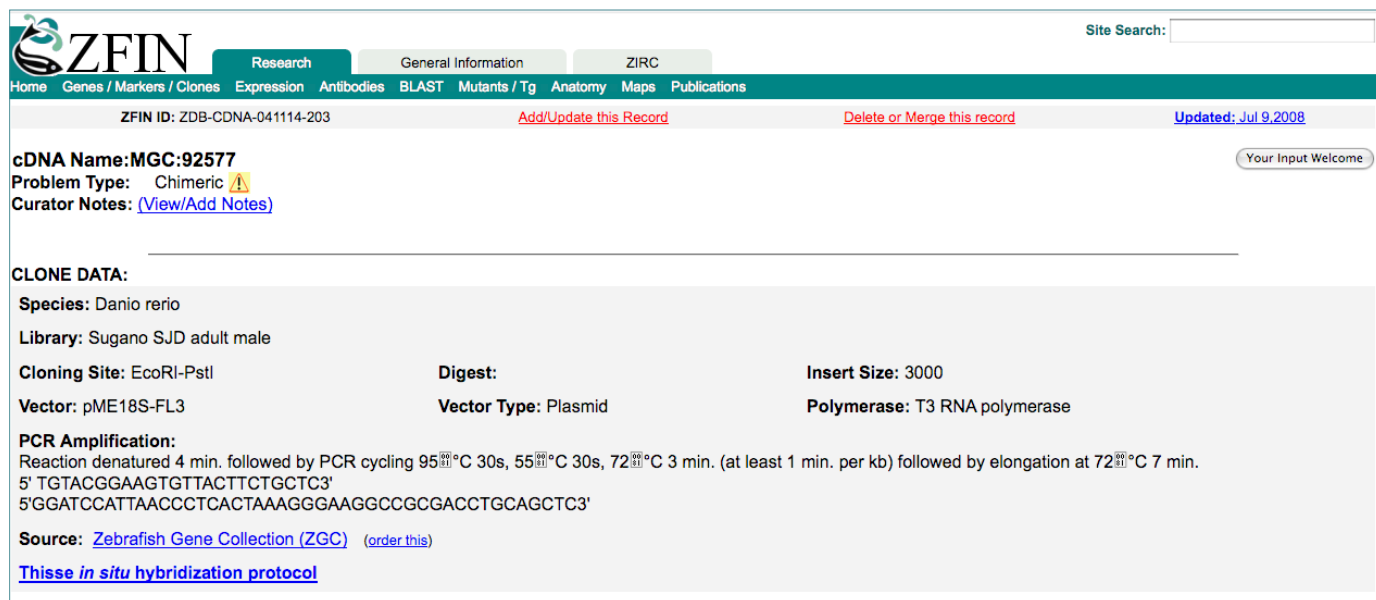
50%-epiboly to Long-pec
High-pec to Long-pec
20-25 somites to Long-pec

Technical Note Regarding y1 and ISH Assays

The y1 line is known to exhibit high background staining in whole mount in situ hybridization assays performed with probes generated from plasmid templates. PCR generated templates which avoid plasmid sequence are reported to be less problematic. 

Clone Artifacts and Withdrawn Genes

ZFIN now allows you to view information classifying cDNA and EST clones as artifacts. Clones are classified as artifacts if they are chimeric, partially processed, intron-containing or subject to nonsense mediated decay (NMD). This assessment is made by ZFIN curators as part of the regular curatorial process or by curators at the Sanger Institute during the annotation of zebrafish genome sequence. Information on the type of problem is displayed in the “Problem Type” field along with an icon alerting the user. The problem clones are associated with genes using a “has artifact” relationship in the SEGMENT (CLONE AND PROBE) RELATIONSHIPS section in the gene page.




ZFIN Site Search:

Home Genes / Markers / Clones Expression Antibodies BLAST Mutants / Tg Anatomy Maps Publications

ZFIN ID: ZDB-CDNA-041114-203 [Add/Update this Record](#) [Delete or Merge this record](#) [Updated: Jul 9, 2008](#)

cDNA Name: MGC:92577 Your Input Welcome

Problem Type: Chimeric 

Curator Notes: [\(View/Add Notes\)](#)

CLONE DATA:

Species: Danio rerio

Library: Sugano SJD adult male


Cloning Site: EcoRI-PstI **Digest:** **Insert Size:** 3000

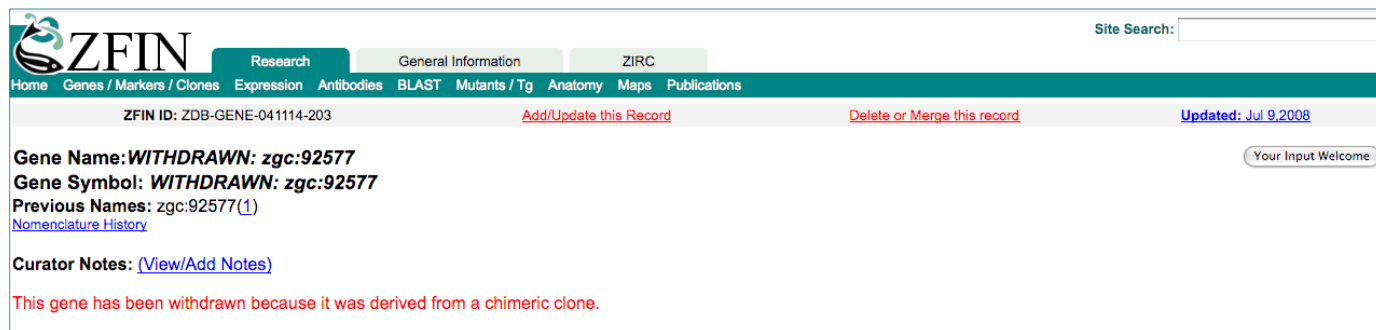
Vector: pME18S-FL3 **Vector Type:** Plasmid **Polymerase:** T3 RNA polymerase

PCR Amplification:
 Reaction denatured 4 min. followed by PCR cycling 95°C 30s, 55°C 30s, 72°C 3 min. (at least 1 min. per kb) followed by elongation at 72°C 7 min.
 5' TGTACGGAAGTGTACTTCTGCTC3'
 5'GGATCCATTAACCTCACTAAAGGGAAGGCCGCGACCTGCAGCTC3'

Source: [Zebrafish Gene Collection \(ZGC\)](#) [\(order this\)](#)

[Thisse in situ hybridization protocol](#)

In addition, genes that have been derived from chimeric clones and non-zebrafish genes are classified as “WITHDRAWN” genes at ZFIN. These genes have “WITHDRAWN:” included in the gene name and gene symbol to alert you of the change in gene status. Expression information from chimeric clones are also omitted from the expression search results for the associated genes. 



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ZFIN ID: ZDB-GENE-041114-203 [Add/Update this Record](#) [Delete or Merge this record](#) [Updated: Jul 9, 2008](#)

Gene Name: **WITHDRAWN:** zgc:92577 Your Input Welcome

Gene Symbol: **WITHDRAWN:** zgc:92577

Previous Names: zgc:92577(1) [Nomenclature History](#)

Curator Notes: [\(View/Add Notes\)](#)

This gene has been withdrawn because it was derived from a chimeric clone.

Share newsworthy items with your colleagues

We invite your submissions to the ZFIN Home Page News section.
 Contact Jonathan Knight at zfinadm@zfin.org.

Zebrafish Single nucleotide polymorphisms (SNPs):

The first phase of zebrafish SNP implementation in ZFIN is complete and it allows you to retrieve all SNPs that have been mapped to a genomic clone. This information can be accessed from the clone page by clicking the Retrieval Details link in the Marker Relationships section.

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ZFIN ID: ZDB-BAC-050218-1 [Add/Update this Record](#) [Delete or Merge this record](#) [Updated: Never modified](#)

BAC Name: CH211-10316 Your Input Welcome

Curator Notes: [\(View/Add Notes\)](#)

CLONE DATA:

Species: Danio rerio **Strain:** [Tuebingen](#) **Sex:** male

Tissue: [testis](#)

Library: CHORI-211 **Host:** E. coli DH10B


Vector: pTARBAC2.1 **Vector Type:** BAC

Source: [BACPAC Resources Center \(BPRC\)](#) [\(order this\)](#)

MARKER RELATIONSHIPS:

CH211-10316 Contains [Gene] [abcb6](#), [c2orf24](#), [fam134a](#)

CH211-10316 Contains [SNP] [Retrieval Details \(2\)](#)

The subsequent page offers users the choice of retrieving a text file with a list of SNPs or to conduct a batch query at dbSNP at NCBI. Instructions for the batch query are available by selecting the 'Instructions' link. Several different format options are available at NCBI for the dbSNP query results. Full ZFIN support of zebrafish SNPs including search, retrieval and gene associations is slated to occur after the release of a genome browser in ZFIN. 

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ZFIN ID: ZDB-BAC-050218-1

SNP Retrieval Details

Clone Name: CH211-10316 Your Input Welcome

Note: The list of reference SNPs mapped on this genomic clone has been retrieved through data exchange between NCBI and ZFIN. These reference SNP identifiers are created by NCBI during periodic 'builds' of the dbSNP database.

SNP Retrieval [\(current status\)](#)

Retrieve 301 reference SNP IDs [\(text\)](#)

Batch Query:

Detailed information for the list of reference SNPs on this clone can be obtained through a batch query at dbSNP. To launch a dbSNP batch query, click the "Batch Query" button below.

[Batch Query](#) [Instructions](#)