





Introduction to Bioinformatics Online Course:IBT

Introduction to Databases and Resources Protein Classification and Resources









Learning Objectives

- Understand how protein sequences are annotated
- Understand the different levels of protein classification
- Identify the key resources used for classifying protein sequences









Learning Outcomes

- Differentiate between the different protein classification methods
- Use the appropriate tools to annotate a protein sequence of interest
- Access and retrieve information of interest from protein resources



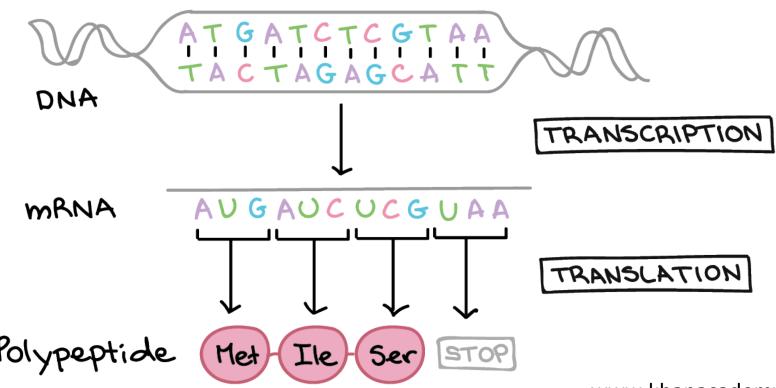






Central Dogma

THE CENTRAL DOGMA













Protein Resources

- A variety of protein resources online
- Several websites/ resources dedicated to providing a single interface to multiple resources
- Important to differentiate between databases and resources























Protein Databases

- Sequence and information databases
 - ✓ NCBI Protein Database contains protein sequences from GenBank, RefSeq, as well as records from SwissProt, PIR, PRF, and PDB
 - ✓ EBI UniProtKB the "Protein knowledgebase", a comprehensive set of protein sequences. Functional information on proteins, with accurate, consistent, and rich annotation, the amino acid sequence, protein name or description, taxonomic data and citation information. Divided into two parts: Swiss-Prot and TrEMBL

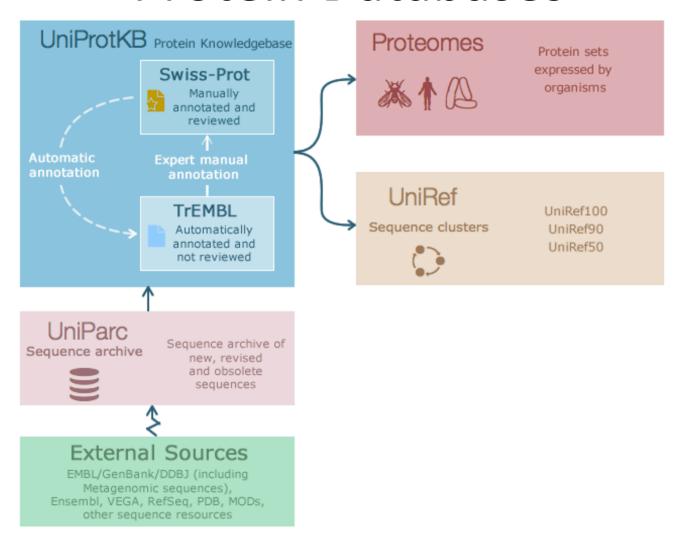








Protein Databases











Protein Classification Concepts

- Classification methods group proteins based on:
 - ✓ Sequence similarity
 - ✓ Structural similarity
- Most groups already contain a set of well characterised proteins whose function is known









Protein Classification Concepts

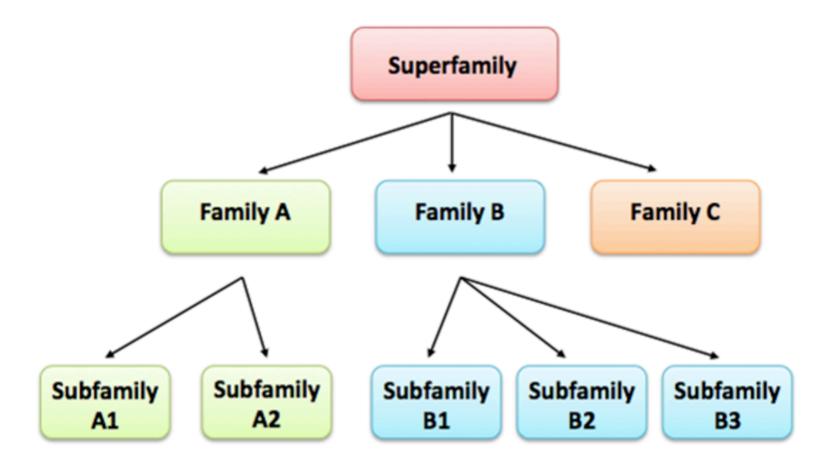
- Proteins can be classified into different groups based on:
 - ✓ The families to which they belong
 - ✓ The domains they contain
 - √ The sequence features they possess
- Protein families share a common evolutionary origin, based on their related functions an similarities in sequence or structure









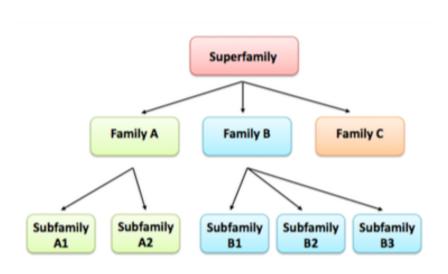










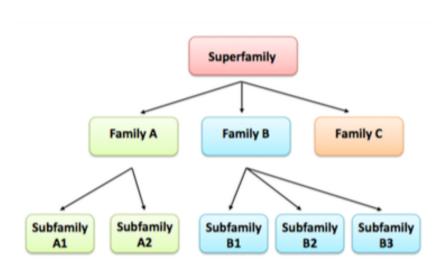


- Superfamily
 - ✓ A large group of distantly related proteins









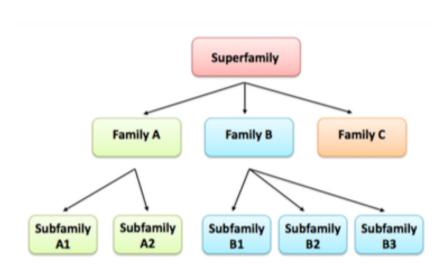
Family

✓ Group of evolutionarily related proteins that share one or more domains/repeats









- Subfamily
 - ✓ A small group of closely related proteins



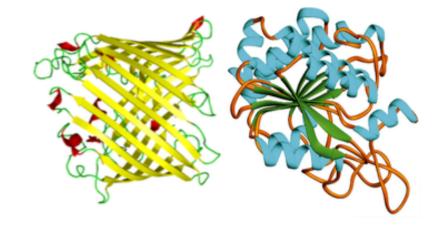




Protein Domains

Domain

- ✓ Discrete structural unit that is assumed to fold independently of the rest of the protein and to have its own function.
- ✓ It can be composed of 20 100s of amino acid residues.
- ✓ Similar domains can be found in proteins with different functions



(a)								
		domain x		protein 1				
		domain x		protein 2				
(b)								
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	domain x		protei	n 2				
(c)								
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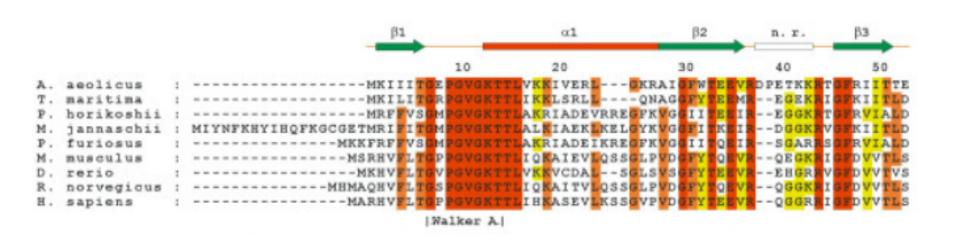




Protein Sequence Features

Motifs

✓ Short conserved regions and frequently are the most conserved regions of a domain. Motifs are critical for the domain to function – in enzymes, for example, the contain the active sites







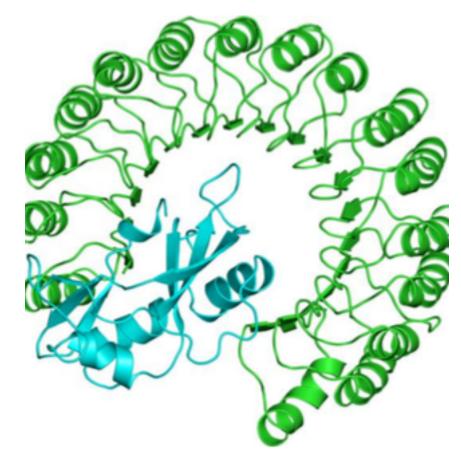




Protein Sequence Features

Repeat

- ✓ Stretch of amino acid sequence that gets repeated a number of times along the length of the sequence. Many domains are constituted from repeats
- ✓ Repeats may contain binding sites and contribute to structural properties of the protein





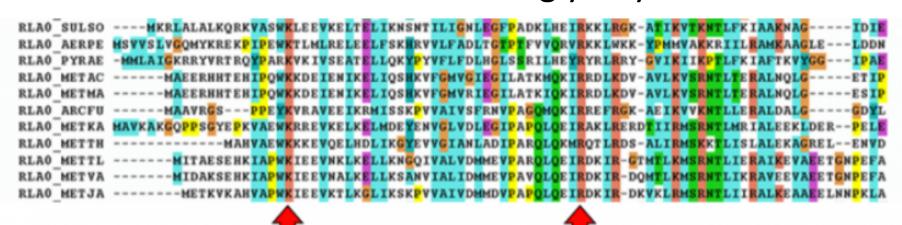




Protein Sequence Features



- Consensus site/post-translation modification site (PTM)
 - ✓ A conserved position(s) among homologous sequences. Position can be theoretically modified, for example, by phosphorylation or glycosylation. An asparagine followed by any amino acid followed by serine or threonine, for example, is a consensus site for N-linked glycosylation







Protein Signatures

- Protein signature are computational models used to classify protein properties:
 - ✓ Protein families
 - ✓ Domains
 - ✓ Conserved sites
 - ✓ Protein sequence features
- Built from multiple sequence alignments (MSA) of proteins
 - ✓ Proteins belonging to the same family or sharing a domain
 - ✓ Predictive model built
 - ✓ Trained on new data
 - ✓ Used for protein sequence analysis

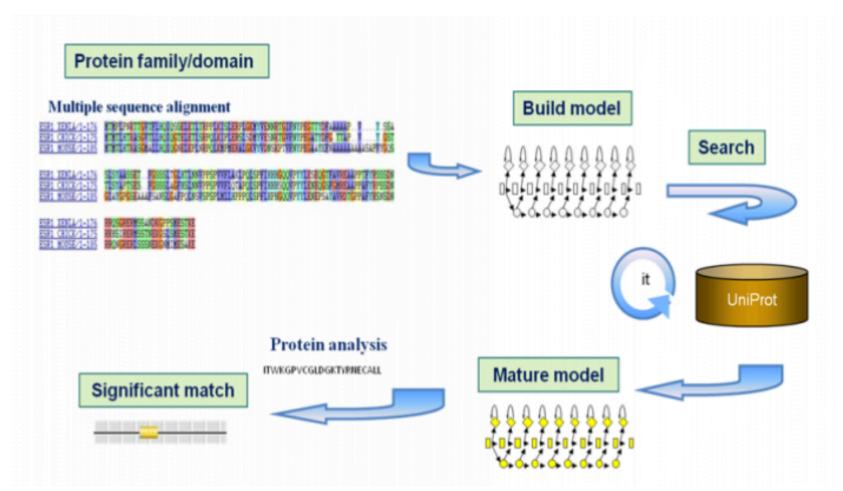








Protein Signature Models











Pattern

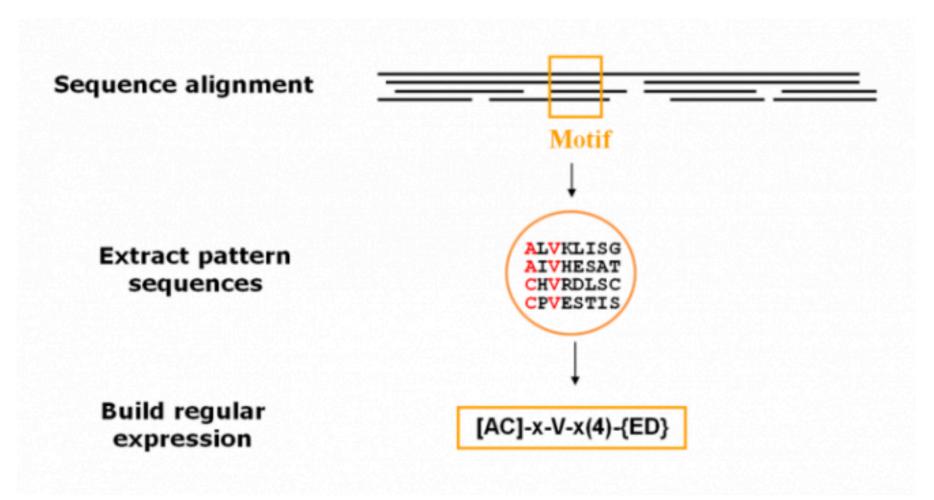
- ✓ Functional sites such as binding/active sites usually consist of a few conserved amino acids
- ✓ These conserved patterns are identified from MSAs
- ✓ Modeled as a short, contiguous stretch of protein using regular expressions. E.g D[DE]X is a pattern composed of amino acid D, followed by either D or E, followed by any amino acid



















Profile

- ✓ Used to model protein families and domains
- ✓ A profile is built from MSAs and is a matrix or table that describes the probability of finding a particular amino acid at at certain position.
- √ The matrix is generated based on the frequency at which an amino acid occurs at each position.
- ✓ Hidden Markov Models (HMMs) can be used to create a more powerful statistical profile from MSAs









Residue
Sequence 1: F K L L S H C L L V
Sequence 2: F K A F G Q T M F Q
Sequence 3: Y F I V G Q E L L G
Frequency
Sequence 4: F F V V K E A I L K
position
Sequence 6: L F F I S E C I I Q
Sequence 7 F K L L G N V L V G

Scoring matrix

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-	-22	-33	-10	-3.0	-2.2	-26	2.2	-24	-19	-7			
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Fingerprints

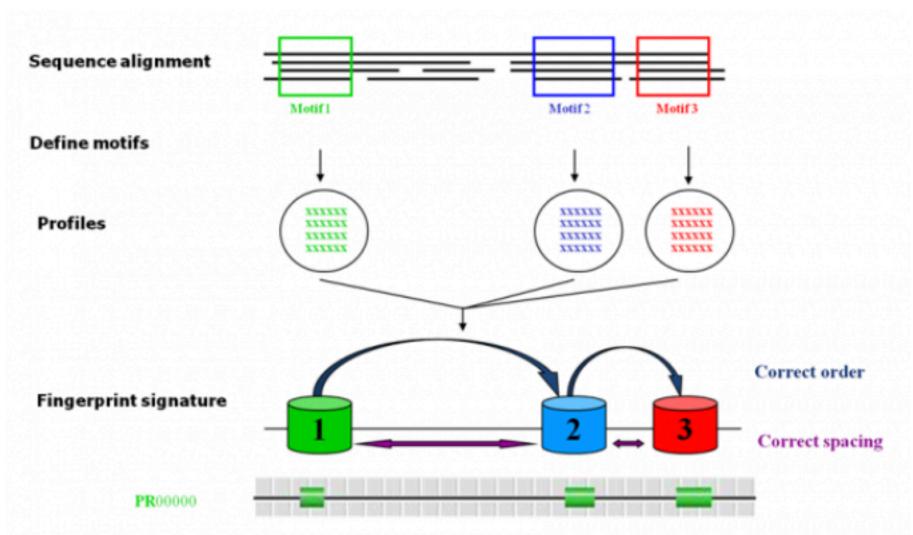
- ✓ Used to identify several conserved motifs
- ✓ Multiple short conserved motifs, are drawn from sequence alignments.
- ✓ Each motif is converted into an individual profile to create a fingerprint signature.
- ✓ Useful for identifying small differences between closely related proteins.















PROTEIN RESOURCES









Pfam

- Collection of protein families and domains
- Represented by
 - ✓ Multiple sequence alignments
 - √ Hidden Markov Models (HMMs)









Pfam

- Two components to Pfam:
 - Pfam-A entries: High quality, manually curated families
 - Pfam-B entries: Automatically generated
- Generation of higher-level groupings of related families, known as clans (collection of Pfam-A entries which are related by similarity of sequence, structure or profile-HMM
- http://pfam.xfam.org









SMART

- Simple Modular Architecture Research Tool
 - ✓ Identification and annotation of protein domains
 - ✓ Analysis of protein domain architectures
 - ✓ Manually curated models for the prediction of protein domains
 - √ http://smart.embl-heidelberg.de









PRINTS

- Collection of protein family
 "fingerprints" (group of conserved motifs used
 to characterise a protein family)
- Prediction of functional families in uncharacterised protein sequences
- http://www.bioinf.manchester.ac.uk/ dbbrowser/PRINTS/index.php







ExPASY (https://www.expasy.org/)

- Expasy (Swiss Institute of Bioinformatics)
 - ✓ UniProt, PROSITE, homology modelling, docking, many many other tools doing protein sequences and identication, mass spectrometry and 2-DE data, protein characterisation and function families, patterns and profiles, post-translational modication, protein structure, protein-protein interaction, similarity search/alignment, drug design, molecular modelling









Protein Information Resource

PIR

- ✓ Protein ontology
- ✓ ProClass: Reports for UniProtKB
- ✓ ProLink: Literature, Text Mining
- √http://pir.georgetown.edu/









InterPro

- Designed to integrate signature databases
 - ✓ Protein families, domain and functional sites
 - √http://www.ebi.ac.uk/interpro/

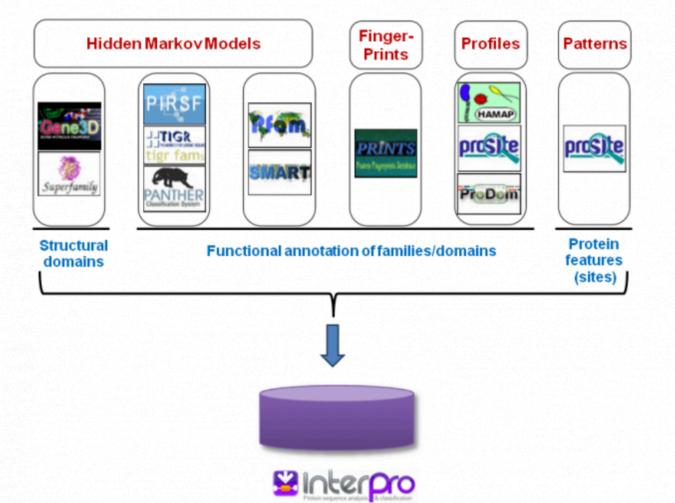








InterPro











InterPro

- Signatures describing the same protein family, domain or functional site grouped into a single InterPro identifier
- InterProScan tool
 - ✓ Integrate signature recognition methods into a single application
 - ✓ Find signatures that match a protein sequence of interest
 - ✓ Web-based version of InterProScan
 - √ http://www.ebi.ac.uk/interpro/









Uniprot – Example Pax-6 protein

Protein | Paired box protein Pax-6

Gene PAX6

Organism | Homo sapiens (Human)

Reviewed - Annotation score: 👀 👀 🕒 - Experimental evidence at protein level

Function¹

Transcription factor with important functions in the development of the eye, nose, central nervous system and pancreas. Required for the differentiation of pancreatic islet alpha cells (By similarity). Competes with PAX4 in binding to a common element in the glucagon, insulin and somatostatin promoters. Regulates specification of the ventral neuron subtypes by establishing the correct progenitor domains (By similarity). Isoform 5a appears to function as a molecular switch that specifies target genes.

By similarity





None



Uniprot – E

Function

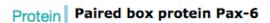
x-6 protein Names & Taxonomy

Subcellular location

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Gene PAX6

Organism | Homo sapiens (Human)



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Regions

Feature key	Position(s)	Description	Actions	Graphical view	Length
DNA binding ⁱ	210 - 269	Homeobox	🖮 Add 🔧 BLAST		60

GO - Molecular function

- protein kinase binding Source: BHF-UCL
- RNA polymerase II core promoter sequence-specific DNA binding Source: BHF-UCL
- RNA polymerase II transcription factor activity, sequence-specific DNA binding ♥ Source: BHF-UCL ▼
- transcription factor activity, sequence-specific DNA binding Source: ProtInc
- transcription factor binding Source: BHF-UCL
- ubiquitin-protein transferase activity Source: UniProtKB

Complete GO annotation...

GO - Biological process

- cornea development in camera-type eye ♥ Source: DFLAT ▼
- eye development Source: ProtInc -

- negative regulation of neurogenesis Source: UniProtKB
- neuron fate commitment Source: UniProtKB
- pancreatic A cell development Source: BHF-UCL
- positive regulation of transcription, DNA-templated ♥ Source: BHF-UCL ▼
- positive regulation of transcription from RNA polymerase II promoter Source: BHF-UCL
- transcription from RNA polymerase II promoter Source: BHF-UCL







Names & Taxonomy

Protein names ⁱ	Recommended name: Paired box protein Pax-6 Alternative name(s): Aniridia type II protein Oculorhombin
Gene names i	Name:PAX6 Synonyms:AN2
Organism i	Homo sapiens (Human)
Taxonomic identifier i	9606 [NCBI]
Taxonomic lineage ⁱ	Eukaryota > Metazoa > Chordata > Craniata > Vertebrata > Euteleostomi > Mammalia > Eutheria > Euarchontoglires > Primates > Haplorrhini > Catarrhini > Hominidae > Homo
Proteomes i	UP000005640 Component ⁱ : Chromosome 11

Organism-specific databases

HGNCⁱ HGNC:8620. PAX6.

Subcellular location¹

Nucleus









Pathology & Biotech¹

Involvement in disease

The disease is caused by mutations affecting the gene represented in this entry.

Disease description: A congenital, bilateral, panocular disorder characterized by complete absence of the iris or extreme iris hypoplasia. Aniridia is not just an isolated defect in iris development but it is associated with macular and optic nerve hypoplasia, cataract, corneal changes, nystagmus. Visual acuity is generally low but is unrelated to the degree of iris hypoplasia. Glaucoma is a secondary problem causing additional visual loss over time.

See also OMIM:106210

Feature key	Position(s)	Description Actions	Graphical view	Length
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Natural variant i (VAR_008693)	22 - 26	Missing in AN1.		5
Natural variant i (VAR_008694)	29	I → S in AN1. 1 Publication 1		1
Natural variant i (VAR_003811)	29	I → V in AN1. 1 Publication 1		1
Natural variant i (VAR_008695)	33	A → P in AN1. 1 Publication 1		1
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Natural variant i (VAR_008697)	42	I → S in AN1; mild. I Publication I Publ		1
Natural variant i (VAR_008698)	43	S → P in AN1. 1 Publication 1		1
Natural variant i (VAR_003812)	44	$R \rightarrow Q$ in AN1. \checkmark 1 Publication \checkmark		1
Natural variant ⁱ (VAR_047861)	46	$L \to R$ in AN1; shows almost no binding efficiency; transcriptional activation ability is about 50% lower than that of the wild-type protein.		1









PTM / Processing

Molecule processing

Feature key	Position(s)	Description	Actions	Graphical view	Length
Chain i (PRO_0000050185)	1 - 422	Paired box protein Pax-6 Add	Ы BLAST		422

Post-translational modification

Ubiquitinated by TRIM11, leading to ubiquitination and proteasomal degradation.

By similarity

Keywords - PTM¹

Ubl conjugation

Proteomic databases

PaxDb ⁱ	P26367.
PeptideAtlas i	P26367.
PRIDE ⁱ	P26367.

PTM databases

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	iPTMnet ⁱ	P26367.
	PhosphoSitePlus i	P26367.









Expression

Tissue specificity

Fetal eye, brain, spinal cord and olfactory epithelium. Isoform 5a is less abundant than the PAX6 shorter form.

Developmental stage

Expressed in the developing eye and brain. Expression in the retina peaks at fetal days 51-60. At 6-week old, in the retina, is predominantly detected in the neural layer (at protein level). At 8- and 10-week old, in the retina, the expression is strongest in the inner and middle layer of the neural part (at protein level). # 1 Publication -

Gene expression databases

Bgee ⁱ	ENSG00000007372.
CleanEx ⁱ	HS_PAX6.
ExpressionAtlas i	P26367. baseline and differential.
Genevisible ⁱ	P26367. HS.

Organism-specific databases

CAB034143. HPA030775.









Interaction¹

Subunit structure

Interacts with MAF and MAFB. Interacts with TRIM11; this interaction leads to ubiquitination and proteasomal degradation, as well as inhibition of transactivation, possibly in part by preventing PAX6 binding to consensus DNA sequences. & By similarity

Binary interactions

P26367 has binary interactions with 2 proteins

PAX6_HUMAN

DYL1_MOUSE <

HOME3_HUMAN

Show only interactions where one or both interactors have:

disease annotation







Structure¹

Secondary structure

Legend: Helix Turn Beta strand PDB Structure known for this area

Show more details

3D structure databases

Select the link destinations:	PDB entry	Method	Resolution (Å)	Chain	Positions	PDBsum
⊙PDBe ⁱ	2CUE	NMR	-	Α	211-277	[»]
○RCSB PDB ⁱ ○PDBj ⁱ	6PAX	X-ray	2.50	Α	4-136	[»]
ProteinModelPortal i	P26367.					
SMR ⁱ	P26367.					
ModBase ⁱ	Search					
MobiDB ⁱ	Search					







Family & Domains

Domains and Repeats

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Domain ⁱ	4 - 130	Paired PROSITE-ProRule annotation	🖮 Add 🔧 BLAST		127

Compositional bias

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Compositional bias i	131 – 209	Gln/Gly-rich	🖮 Add 🔧 BLAST		79
Compositional bias i	279 – 422	Pro/Ser/Thr-rich	🖮 Add 🔧 BLAST		144

Sequence similarities

Belongs to the paired homeobox family.
Curated







Family and domain databases

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Gene3D ⁱ	1.10.10.10. 2 hits.
InterPro ⁱ	View protein in InterPro IPR009057. Homeobox-like. IPR017970. Homeobox_CS. IPR001356. Homeobox_dom. IPR001523. Paired_dom. IPR011991. WHTH_DNA-bd_dom.
Pfam ⁱ	View protein in Pfam PF00046. Homeobox. 1 hit. PF00292. PAX. 1 hit.
PRINTS ⁱ	PR00027. PAIREDBOX.
SMART ⁱ	View protein in SMART SM00389. HOX. 1 hit. SM00351. PAX. 1 hit.
SUPFAM ⁱ	SSF46689. SSF46689. 2 hits.
PROSITE ⁱ	View protein in PROSITE PS00027. HOMEOBOX_1. 1 hit. PS50071. HOMEOBOX_2. 1 hit. PS00034. PAIRED_1. 1 hit. PS51057. PAIRED_2. 1 hit.







Sequences (3)

Sequence status i: Complete.

This entry describes 3 isoforms produced by alternative splicing.

Add to basket

Isoform 1 (identifier: P26367-1) [UniParc] ★ FASTA ★ Add to basket

This isoform has been chosen as the 'canonical' sequence. All positional information in this entry refers to it. This is also the sequence that appears in the downloadable versions of the entry.

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10	20	30	40	50
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60	70	80	90	100
GCVSKILGRY	YETGSIRPRA	IGGSKPRVAT	PEVVSKIAQY	KRECPSIFAW
110	120	130	140	150
EIRDRLLSEG	VCTNDNIPSV	SSINRVLRNL	ASEKQQMGAD	GMYDKLRMLN
160	170	180	190	200
GQTGSWGTRP	GWYPGTSVPG	QPTQDGCQQQ	EGGGENTNSI	SSNGEDSDEA
210	220	230	240	250
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260	270	280	290	300
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310	320	330	340	350
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Cross-references

Web resources

Human PAX6 allelic variant database web site

Atlas of Genetics and Cytogenetics in Oncology and Haematology

Sequence databases

Select the link destinations: •EMBLi GenBanki ODDBJi	M77844 mRNA. Translation: AAA59962.1. M93650 mRNA. Translation: AAA36416.1. AY047583 mRNA. Translation: AAK95849.1. BX640762 mRNA. Translation: CAE45868.1. Z95332, Z83307 Genomic DNA. Translation: CAG38363.1. Z83307, Z95332 Genomic DNA. Translation: CAG38087.1. BC011953 mRNA. Translation: AAH11953.1.
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UniGene ⁱ	Hs.270303. Hs.611376.



