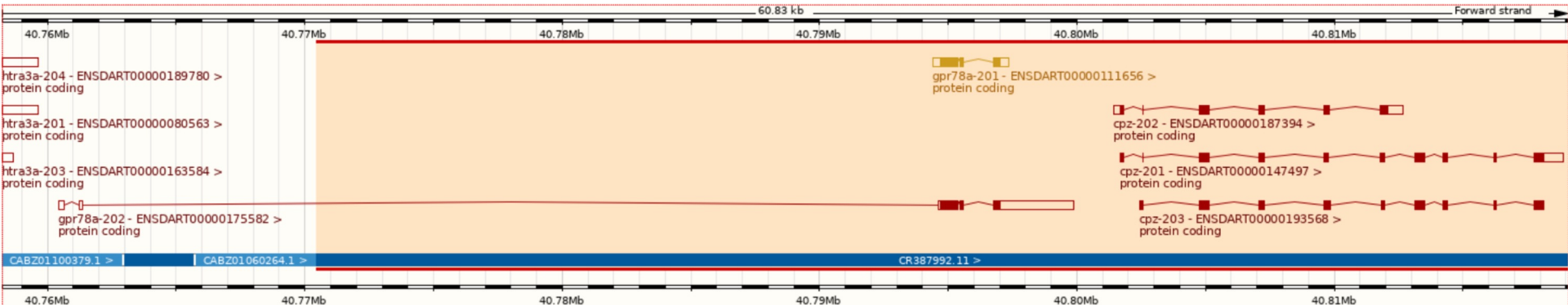


Extra Ensembl



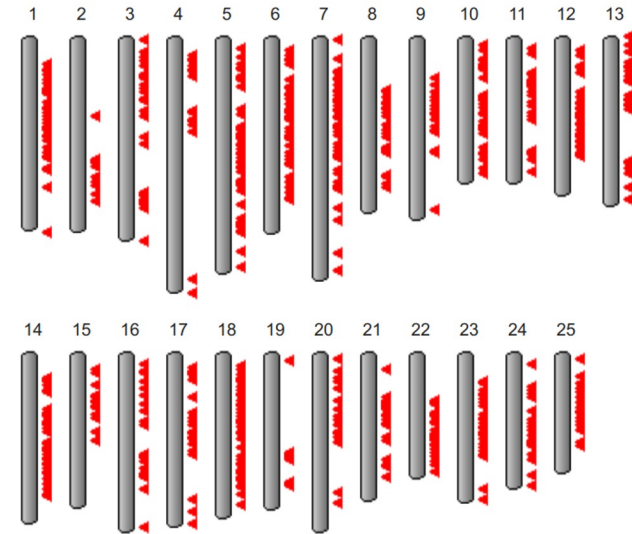
Zebrafish Genome

- **GRCz11** (danRer11) - latest assembly, released in 2017
- Sequencing strategy:
 - 90% clone by clone sequencing
 - **High quality**
 - 10% whole genome shotgun sequencing
 - **Lower quality**
 - Fills gaps between clones
 - Identified by accessions beginning with **CABZ**



Zebrafish Genome History

- Genome project started in **2001** at Sanger Institute
- Initially sequenced pool of **Tübingen** zebrafish
- But zebrafish **very polymorphic** compared to humans
- Too much variation to join clones, so lots of **gaps**
- + same region represented by 2+ clones, leading to **artificial duplication**
- Later used **double haploid** Tübingen fish for some clones and most WGS
- Only **925 gaps** between scaffolds and **N50 > 7 Mbp**
- GRCz11 contains **alternative** scaffolds
- When downloading sequence from Ensembl FTP site, "**toplevel**" includes alternative sequence, but "**primary_assembly**" doesn't and is probably what you want



From <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/grc/zebrafish>

Older Assemblies

- Previous assemblies available in Ensembl **archives**:
www.ensembl.org/info/website/archives/assembly.html
 - GRCz10 / danRer10: <http://e91.ensembl.org/>
 - Zv9 / danRer7: <http://e77.ensembl.org/>
 - Zv8 / danRer6: <http://e54.ensembl.org/>
- Even **older** assemblies available in UCSC
- Numbering coordinated when **GRC** (Genome Reference Consortium) took over managing zebrafish assembly from Sanger Institute

The screenshot shows the Ensembl Zebrafish (Danio rerio) genome browser interface. At the top, the 'Archive! Ensembl' logo is visible, along with navigation links for 'BioMart', 'Tools', and 'More'. A search bar at the top right allows users to 'Search all species...'. Below the header, the 'Zebrafish (GRCz10)' section is active. A search box for 'Search Zebrafish (Danio rerio)' is present, with a 'Search all categories' dropdown and a 'Go' button. Below the search box, an example search is shown: 'e.g. SLC24A5 or 10:10138322-10349251 or rs3727517 or kinesin'. To the right of the search box, a 'What's New in Zebrafish release 91' section lists updates: 'Structural variants', 'New dbSNP data for zebrafish', and 'Fixing stable ids in the external data database'. Below the search box, the 'Genome assembly: GRCz10 (GCA_000002035.3)' section provides links for 'More information and statistics', 'Download DNA sequence (FASTA)', and 'Display your data in Ensembl'. To the right of this section, a 'View karyotype' link is shown. Below the genome assembly section, an 'Other assemblies' dropdown menu is visible, with 'Zv9 (Ensembl release 79)' selected. To the right of the 'Other assemblies' section, an 'Example region' link is shown. To the right of the 'What's New' section, a 'Gene annotation' section is visible, with a link for 'What can I find? Protein-coding and non-coding genes, splice variants, cDNA and protein sequences, non-coding RNAs.' Below the 'Gene annotation' section, a 'More about this genebuild' link is shown. To the right of the 'More about this genebuild' section, a 'Download genes, cDNAs, ncRNA, proteins (FASTA)' link is shown. At the bottom right, an 'Example gene' section is visible, showing a diagram of a gene with exons and introns, and a link for 'Example transcript'.

Gene Names

- Names assigned to Ensembl genes automatically based on **sequence similarity**
 - Mistakes are possible
 - Names can change
- **ZFIN gene symbols** (i.e. the name assigned by ZFIN) are preferred (>23,000 genes), but other databases are also used, e.g. HGNC for ~150 genes, miRBase for ~300 genes
- Description indicates source of name
- Genes without a match are given a name based on the sequence used to identify them, e.g. AL645792.1 (clone) or **CABZ01052570.1** (WGS)

Gene: dmd ENSDARG00000008487

Description


dystrophin [Source:ZFIN:Acc:[ZDB-GENE-010426-1](#)]

Gene Synonyms

Dp71, Duchenne muscular dystrophy, cb664, im:6911785, sap, sapje, sapje-like, zfDYS, zgc:110165

Synteny Example

- No zebrafish orthologue listed for human RBM20 gene (ENSG00000203867)

 **Species without orthologues**

22 species are not shown in the table above because they don't have any orthologue with ENSG00000203867.

- Ancestral sequence
- Siamese fighting fish (*Betta splendens*)
- Sloth (*Choloepus hoffmanni*)
- Channel bull blenny (*Cottoperca gobio*)
- Lumpfish (*Cyclopterus lumpus*)
- Tongue sole (*Cynoglossus semilaevis*)
- Common carp (*Cyprinus carpio carpio*)
- Zebrafish (*Danio rerio*)

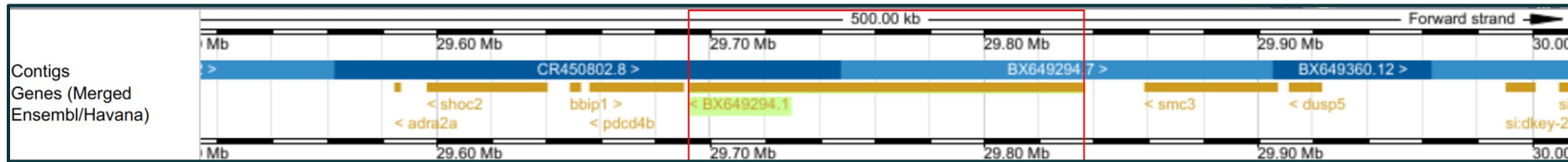
Synteny Example

- If we look at the region around RBM20 in human and then click on **Synteny** we see conservation of synteny with zebrafish chr22

<i>Homo sapiens</i> genes	Location		<i>Danio rerio</i> homologues	Location	
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SMC3 (ENSG00000108055)	10:110567684-110606048	→	smc3 (ENSDARG00000019000)	22:29858535-29906764	Region Comparison
RBM20 (ENSG00000203867)	10:110644336-110839468		No homologues		
PDCD4 (ENSG00000150593)	10:110871795-110900006	→	pdcd4b (ENSDARG000000041022)	22:29655981-29689981	Region Comparison
BBIP1 (ENSG00000214413)	10:110898730-110919201	→	bbip1 (ENSDARG000000071046)	22:29648854-29652356	Region Comparison
SHOC2 (ENSG00000108061)	10:110919367-111017307	→	shoc2 (ENSDARG000000040853)	22:29596646-29640181	Region Comparison
ADRA2A (ENSG00000150594)	10:111077029-111080907	→	adra2a (ENSDARG000000040841)	22:29584800-29586608	Region Comparison

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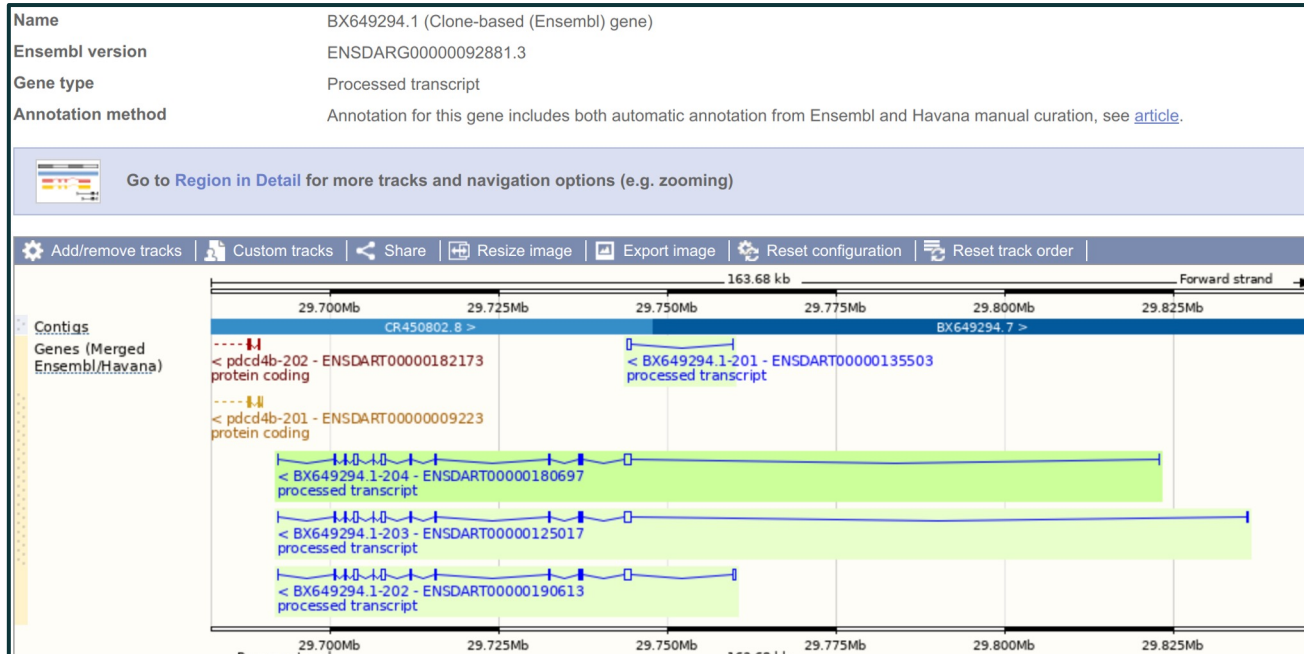
- If we look at the chr22 region in zebrafish then all the surrounding genes are the same and RBM20 is likely to be BX649294.1



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Synteny Example

- Erroneously labelled as processed transcript and so not in protein gene tree, so not labelled as orthologue or named by orthology



UCSC & Ensembl Differences

- **Ensembl:** 1
UCSC: chr1
- **Ensembl:** 1-based coordinates (bases numbered)
UCSC: 0-based coordinates (numbers between bases)

chr1		T		A		C		G		T		C		A	
1-based		1		2		3		4		5		6		7	
0-based	0		1		2		3		4		5		6		7

- The **G** is **1:4-4** in Ensembl coordinates but **1:3-4** in UCSC

Thank You!

Any questions?

