Find a Gene Project

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[Q1] Tell me the name of a protein you are interested in. Include the species and the accession number. This can be a human protein or a protein from any other species as long as it's function is known.

If you do not have a favorite protein, select human RBP4 or KIF11. Do not use beta globin as this is in the worked example report that I provide you with online.

Name: major intrinsically disordered NOTCH2-binding receptor 1-like (MINAR2)

Accession: NP_001244237.1 Species: Homo Sapiens

Function: MINAR2 prevents cancer development and activate cell defense system by negatively

regulating following:

- Angiogenesis

- Cell growth

- Cell population proliferation

- Neuron projection development

- Protein ubiquitination

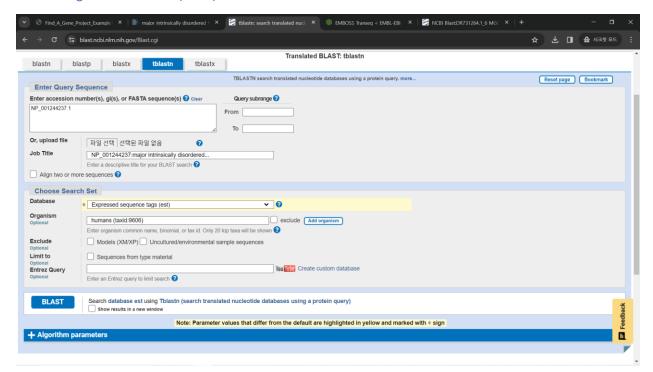
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[Q2] Perform a BLAST search against a DNA database, such as a database consisting of genomic DNA or ESTs. The BLAST server can be at NCBI or elsewhere. Include details of the BLAST method used, database searched and any limits applied (e.g. Organism).

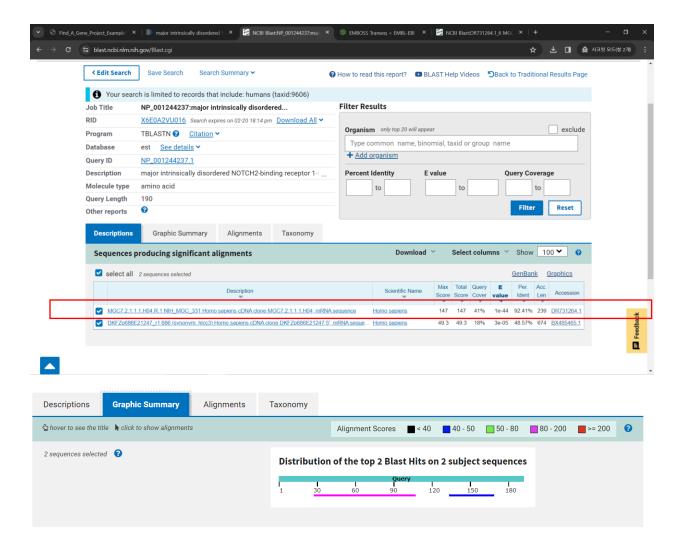
Blast method: tblastn

Database searched: Expressed sequence tags (est)

Limited organism: Humans (9606)



Also include the output of that BLAST search in your document. If appropriate, change the font to Courier size 10 so that the results are displayed neatly. You can also screen capture a BLAST output (e.g. alt print screen on a PC or on a MAC press #-shift-4. The pointer becomes a bulls eye. Select the area you wish to capture and release. The image is saved as a file called Screen Shot [].png in your Desktop directory). It is not necessary to print out all of the blast results if there are many pages.



Chosen match- top match (highlighted with red box in the screenshot above)

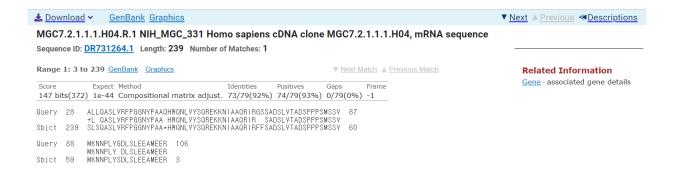
Accession: DR731264.1

Name: MGC7.2.1.1.1.H04.R.1 NIH MGC 331 Homo sapiens cDNA clone MGC7.2.1.1.1.H04, mRNA

sequence

Species: Homo sapiens Total/Max score: 147, 147

Query cover, E-value, percent identity: 41%, 1e-44, 92.41% (other scores in screenshot above and below)



Alignment details:

Query: major intrinsically disordered NOTCH2-binding receptor 1-like [Homo sapiens]

Query ID: NP 001244237.1 Length: 190

>MGC7.2.1.1.1.H04.R.1 NIH_MGC_331 Homo sapiens cDNA clone MGC7.2.1.1.1.H04, mRNA sequence

Sequence ID: DR731264.1 Length: 239

Range 1: 3 to 239

Score:147 bits(372), Expect:1e-44, Method: Compositional matrix adjust.

Identities:73/79(92%), Positives:74/79(93%), Gaps:0/79(0%)

Query 28 ALLQASLVRFPGGNYPAAQHWQNLVYSQREKKNIAAQRIRGSSADSLVTADSPPPSMSSV 87 +L QASLVRFPGGNYPAA HWQNLVYSQREKKNIAAQRIR SADSLVTADSPPPSMSSV Subject 239 SLSQASLVRFPGGNYPAA*HWQNLVYSQREKKNIAAQRIRFFSADSLVTADSPPPSMSSV 60

Query 88 MKNNPLYGDLSLEEAMEER 106 MKNNPLY DLSLEEAMEER Subject 59 MKNNPLYSDLSLEEAMEER 3

On the BLAST results, clearly indicate a match that represents a protein sequence, encoded from some DNA sequence, that is homologous to your query protein. I need to be able to inspect the pairwise alignment you have selected, including the E value and score. It should be labeled a "genomic clone" or "mRNA sequence", etc. - but include no functional annotation.

In general, [Q2] is the most difficult for students because it requires you to have a "feel" for how to interpret BLAST results. You need to distinguish between a perfect match to your query (i.e. a sequence that is not "novel"), a near match (something that might be "novel", depending on the results of [Q4]), and a non-homologous result. If you are having trouble finding a novel gene try restricting your search to an organism that is poorly annotated.

[Q3] Gather information about this "novel" protein. At a minimum, show me the protein sequence of the "novel" protein as displayed in your BLAST results from [Q2] as FASTA format (you can copy and paste the aligned sequence subject lines from your BLAST result page if necessary) or translate your novel DNA sequence using a tool called EMBOSS Transeq at the EBI. Don't forget to translate all six reading frames; the ORF (open reading frame) is likely to be the longest sequence without a stop codon. It may not start with a methionine if you don't have the complete coding region. Make sure the sequence you provide includes a header/subject line and is in traditional FASTA format.

EMBOSS Transeq result:

>DR731264.1_1 MGC7.2.1.1.1.H04.R.1 NIH_MGC_331 Homo sapiens cDNA clone MGC7.2.1.1.1.H04, mRNA sequence

FLSSIASSKLRSL*SGLFFITDDMDGGGLSAVTRLSALKNLIR*AAIFFFSLCE*TRFCQCYAAG*FPPGNLTRLA*ERX

>DR731264.1_2 MGC7.2.1.1.1.H04.R.1 NIH_MGC_331 Homo sapiens cDNA clone MGC7.2.1.1.1.H04, mRNA sequence

FFLP*LPPNLGHYRVGYSS*LMTWMVGGYQQ*QGCLH*KT*FVEQQYSSFPSVSRQGFAS VMQQDNFHPETSPGWPERGX

>DR731264.1_3 MGC7.2.1.1.1.H04.R.1 NIH_MGC_331 Homo sapiens cDNA clone MGC7.2.1.1.1.H04, mRNA sequence

SFFHSFLQT*VTIEWVILHN**HGWWGAISSDKAVCTEKPNSLSSNILLFPL*VDKVLPV LCSRIISTRKPHQAGLREG

>DR731264.1_4 MGC7.2.1.1.1.H04.R.1 NIH_MGC_331 Homo sapiens cDNA clone MGC7.2.1.1.1.H04, mRNA sequence

PLSGQPGEVSGWKLSCCITLAKPCLLTEGKEEYCCSTN*VFQCRQPCHC**PPTIHVISY EE*PTL**PKFGGSYGRKK

>DR731264.1_5 MGC7.2.1.1.1.H04.R.1 NIH_MGC_331 Homo sapiens cDNA clone MGC7.2.1.1.1.H04, mRNA sequence

PSLRPAW*GFRVEIILLHNTGKTLSTHRGKRRILLLNELGFSVQTALSLLIAPHHPCHQL *RITHSIVT*VWRKLWKKEX

>DR731264.1_6 MGC7.2.1.1.1.H04.R.1 NIH_MGC_331 Homo sapiens cDNA clone MGC7.2.1.1.1.H04, mRNA sequence

SLSQASLVRFPGGNYPAA*HWQNLVYSQREKKNIAAQRIRFFSADSLVTADSPPPSMSSV MKNNPLYSDLSLEEAMEERX Chosen sequence for blastp was highlighted in red. Green is sequences that returned no result when blastp was done.

Here, tell me the name of the novel protein, and the species from which it derives. It is very unlikely (but still definitely possible) that you will find a novel gene from an organism such as S. cerevisiae, human or mouse, because those genomes have already been thoroughly annotated. It is more likely that you will discover a new gene in a genome that is currently being sequenced, such as bacteria or plants or protozoa.

Protein name: Homo sapiens major intrinsically disordered NOTCH2-binding receptor (MINAR)

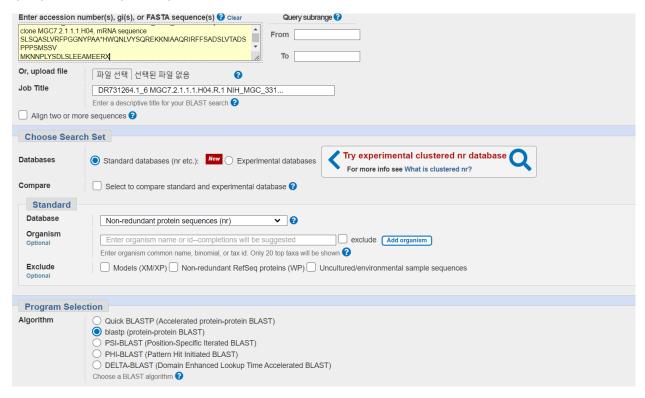
Species: Homo sapiens

Eukaryota; Metazoa; Chordata; Craniata; Vertebrata; Euteleostomi; Mammalia; Eutheria;

Euarchontoglires; Primates; Haplorrhini; Catarrhini; Hominidae; Homo.

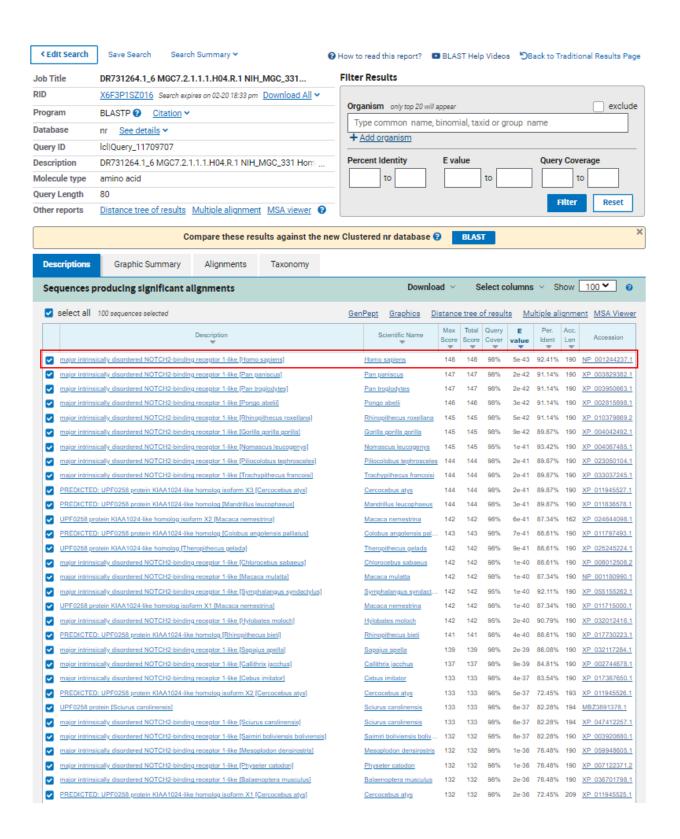
[Q4] Prove that this gene, and its corresponding protein, are novel. For the purposes of this project, "novel" is defined as follows. Take the protein sequence (your answer to [Q3]), and use it as a query in a blastp search of the nr database at NCBI.

- If there is a match with 100% amino acid identity to a protein in the database, from the same species, then your protein is NOT novel (even if the match is to a protein with a name such as "unknown"). Someone has already found and annotated this sequence, and assigned it an accession number.
- If the top match reported has less than 100% identity, then it is likely that your protein is novel, and you have succeeded.
- If there is a match with 100% identity, but to a different species than the one you started with, then you have likely succeeded in finding a novel gene.
- If there are no database matches to the original query from [Q1], this indicates that you have partially succeeded: yes, you may have found a new gene, but no, it is not actually homologous to the original query. You should probably start over.



None of blastp result had 100% identity, and <95% identity with low E-value indicates that the results are likely to be a novel protein. The top match was "major intrinsically disordered NOTCH2-binding receptor 1-like" from Homo sapiens, where there total score/max score/query coverage/e-value/percent identity are 148/148/96%/5e-32/92.41, respectively. Alignment detail is shown in the screenshot below.

^{*}Result wasn't filtered just for Homo sapiens as top hit was the only result from corresponding species.



major intrinsically disordered NOTCH2-binding receptor 1-like [Homo sapiens]

Sequence ID: NP_001244237.1 Length: 190 Number of Matches: 1

 $\underline{\mathsf{See}\; \mathsf{4}\; \mathsf{more}\; \mathsf{title}(\underline{\mathsf{s}})} \; \boldsymbol{\vee} \; \underline{\mathsf{See}\; \mathsf{all}\; \mathsf{Identical}\; \mathsf{Proteins}(\mathsf{IPG})}$

Range 1: 28 to 106 GenPept Graphics

▼ Next Match ▲ Previous Match

Score 148 bi	ts(374		Method Compositiona	ıl matrix adiust.	Identities . 73/79(92%)	Positives 74/79(93%)	Gaps 0/79(0%)
Query	1	SLSQASLY	RFPGGNYPAA*H	WQNLYYSQREKKN	IAAQRIRFFSADSL'	VTADSPPPSMSSV	60
Sbjct	28				IAAQRIR SADSL' IAAQRIRGSSADSL'		87
Query	61		DLSLEEAMEER	79			
Sbjct	88		DLSLEEAMEER DLSLEEAMEER	106			

Related Information

Gene - associated gene details AlphaFold Structure - 3D structure displays Genome Data Viewer - aligned genomic context Identical Proteins - Identical proteins to NP_001244237.1 5. Generate a multiple sequence alignment with your novel protein, your original query protein, and a group of other members of this family from different species. A typical number of proteins to use in a multiple sequence alignment for this assignment purpose is a minimum of 5 and a maximum of 20 - although the exact number is up to you. Include the multiple sequence alignment in your report. Use Courier font with a size appropriate to fit page width.

Side-note: Indicate your sequence in the alignment by choosing an appropriate name for each sequence in the input unaligned sequence file (i.e. edit the sequence file so that the species, or short common, names (rather than accession numbers) display in the output alignment and in the subsequent answers below). The goal in this step is to create an interesting an alignment for building a phylogenetic tree that illustrates species divergence.

Multiple sequence alignment (MSA) was done with following sequences:

- Original query protein (red)
- Novel protein (red)
- 18 top match proteins from BLASTP result in Q.4 (blue)

To display species names in MSA, name of species were added in front of the protein names. Since all proteins are MINAR2, only species name was shown. For Macaca nemestrina, X1 and X2 were added at the end of the name to differentiate X1 and X2 isoforms (same protein/species name, different sequence).

Relabeled sequences for alignment:

>Homo_sapiens(Original) NP_001244237.1 major intrinsically disordered NOTCH2-binding receptor 1-like [Homo sapiens]

>Homo sapiens(Novel)

SLSQASLVRFPGGNYPAA-

HWQNLVYSQREKKNIAAQRIRFFSADSLVTADSPPPSMSSVMKNNPLYSDLSLEEAMEERX

>Pan_paniscus XP_003829382.1 major intrinsically disordered NOTCH2-binding receptor 1-like [Pan paniscus]

MDLSVLPNNNHPEKFLQLDVKSLTRSSALLQASLVRFPGGNYPAAQHWQNLVYSQREKKNIATQRIRGSSADSLVTA DSPPPSMSSVMKNNPLYGDLSLEEAMEERKKNPSWTIEEYDKRSLHTNLSGHLKENPNDLRFWLGDMYTPGFDTLLK KEEKQEKHSKFCRMGLILLVVISILVTIVTIITFFT

>Pan_troglodytes XP_003950663.1 major intrinsically disordered NOTCH2-binding receptor 1-like [Pan troglodytes]

MDLSVLPNNNHPDKFLQLDVKSLTRSSALLQASLVRFPGGNYPAAQHWQNLVYSQREKKNIATQRIRRSSADSLVTA DSPPPSMSSVMKNNPLYGDLSLEEAMEERKKNPSWTIEEYDKHSLHTNLSGHLKENPNDLRFWLGDMYTPGFDTLLK KEEKQEKHSKFCRMGLILLVVISILVTIVTMITFFT

>Pongo_abelii XP_002815898.1 major intrinsically disordered NOTCH2-binding receptor 1-like [Pongo abelii]

MDLSVLPNNNHPDKFLQLDVKSLTRNSALLQASLARFPGGNYPAAQHWQNLVYSQREKKNIAAQRIRGSSADSLVTA DSPPPSMSSVMKNNPLYGDLSLEEAMEERKKNPSWTIEEYDKRSLHTNLSGHLKENPNDLRFWLGDMYTPGFDTLLK KEEKOEKHSKFCRMGLILLVVISILVTIVTIITFST

>Rhinopithecus_roxellana XP_010379869.2 major intrinsically disordered NOTCH2-binding receptor 1-like [Rhinopithecus roxellana]

MDLSVLPNNNHPDKFLQLDVKSLTRSSALLQASLVRFPGGNYPAAQHWQNLVYSQREKKNIAAQRIRGSSAESLVTA DSPPPSMSSVMKNNPLYGDLSLEEAMEERKRNPSWTIEEYDKRSLHTNLSGHLKENPNDLRFWLGDMYTPGFDTLLK KEEKQEKHSKFCRMGLILLAIISILVAIVTIITFFT

>Gorilla_gorilla_gorilla XP_004042492.1 major intrinsically disordered NOTCH2-binding receptor 1-like [Gorilla gorilla]

MDLSVLPNNNHPDKFLQLDVKSLTRSSALLQASLARFPGGNYPAAQHWQNLVYSQKEKKNIAAQRIRGSSADSLVTA DSPPPSMSSVMKNNPLYGDLSLEEAMEERKKNPSWTIEEYDKRSLHTNLSGHLKENPNDLRFWLGDMYTPGFDTLLK KEEKOEKHSKFCRMGLILLVVISILVTIVTIITFFT

>Nomascus_leucogenys XP_004087485.1 major intrinsically disordered NOTCH2-binding receptor 1-like [Nomascus leucogenys]

MDLSVLPNNNHPDKFLQLDVKSLTRSSAVLQASLARFPGGNYPAAQHWQNLVYSQREKKNIAAQRIRGSSADSLVTA DSPPPSMSSVMKNNPLYGDLSLEEAMEERKKNPSWTIEEYDKRSLHTNLSGHLKENPNDLRFWLGDMYTPGFDTLLK KEEKOEKHSKFCRMGLILLVIISILVIIVTIITFFT

>Piliocolobus_tephrosceles XP_023050104.1 major intrinsically disordered NOTCH2-binding receptor 1-like [Piliocolobus tephrosceles]

MDLSVLPNNNHPDKFLQLDVKSLTRSSALLQASLARFPGGNYPAAQHWQNLVYSQREKKNIAAQRIRGSSAESLVTA DSPPPSMSSVMKNNPLYGDLSLEEAMEERKKNPSWTIEEYDKRSLHTNLSGHLKENPNDLRFWLGDMYTPGFDTLLK KEEKQEKHSKFCRVGLILLAVISILVAIVTIITFFT

>Trachypithecus_francoisi XP_033037245.1 major intrinsically disordered NOTCH2-binding receptor 1-like [Trachypithecus francoisi]

 ${\tt MDLSVLPNNNHPDKFLQLDVKSLTRSSALLQASLARFPGGNYPAAQHWQNLVYSQREKKNIAAQRIRGSSAESLVTADSPPSMSSVMKNNPLYGDLSLEEAMEERKKNPSWTIEEYDKRSLHTNLSGHLKENPNDLRFWLGDMYTPGFDTLLKKEEKQEKHSKFCRMGLILLAIISILVAIVTIITFFT$

>Macaca_nemestrina_X2 XP_024644098.1 UPF0258 protein KIAA1024-like homolog isoform X2 [Macaca nemestrina]

MDLSVLPNNNHPDKFLQLDIKSLTRSSALLQASMARFPGGNYPAAQHWQNLVYSQREKKNIAGQRIRGSSAESLVTA DSPPPSMSSVMKNNPLYGDLSLEEAMEERKKNPSWTIEEYDKRSLHTNLSGHLKEVKQSLCMPDMWQPSTRKISGSR VMEETPDF

>heropithecus_gelada XP_025245224.1 UPF0258 protein KIAA1024-like homolog [Theropithecus gelada]

 ${\tt MDLSVLPNNNHPDKFLQLDVKSFTRSSALLQTSLARFPGGNYPAAQHWQNLVYSQREKKNIAAQRIRGSSAESLVTADSPPPSMSSVMKNNPLYGDLSLEEAMEERKKNPSWTIEEYDKRSLHTNLSGHLKENPNDLRFWLGDMYTPGFDTLLKKEEKQEKHSKFCRMGLILLAIISILVAIVTIITFFT$

>Chlorocebus_sabaeus XP_008012506.2 major intrinsically disordered NOTCH2-binding receptor 1-like [Chlorocebus sabaeus]

MDLSVLPNNNHPDKFLQLDVKSLTRSSALLQASLARFPGGNYPAAQHWQNLVYSQREKKNIAAQRIRGSSAESLVTA ESPPPSMSSVMKNNPLYGDLSLEEAMEERKKNPSWTIEEYEKRSRHTNLSGHLKENPNDLRFWLGDMYTPGFDTLLK KEEKOEKHSKFCRMGLILLAIISILVAIVTIITFFT

>Macaca_mulatta NP_001180990.1 major intrinsically disordered NOTCH2-binding receptor 1-like [Macaca mulatta]

MDLSVLPNNNHPDKFLQLDIKSLTRSSALLQASMARFPGGNYPAAQHWQNLVYSQREKKNIAGQRIRGSSAESLVTA DSPPPSMSSVMKNNPLYGDLSLEEAMEERKKNPSWTIEEYDKRSLHTNLSGHLKENPNDLRFWLGDMYTPGFDTLLK KEEKOEKHSKFRRMGLILLAIISILVAIVTIITFFT

>Symphalangus_syndactylus XP_055155262.1 major intrinsically disordered NOTCH2-binding receptor 1-like [Symphalangus syndactylus]

MDLSVLPNNNHPDKFLQLDVKSLTRSSAVLQASLARFPGGNYPAAQHWQNLVYSQREKKNIAAQRIRGSSADSLVTA DSPPPSMSSVMKNNPLYGDLSLEEAMEGRKKNPSWTIEEYDKRSLHTNLSGHLKENPNDLRFWLGDMYTPGFDTLLK KEEKOEKHSKFCRMGLILLVIISILVIIVTIITFFT

>Macaca_nemestrina_X1 XP_011715000.1 UPF0258 protein KIAA1024-like homolog isoform X1 [Macaca nemestrina]

MDLSVLPNNNHPDKFLQLDIKSLTRSSALLQASMARFPGGNYPAAQHWQNLVYSQREKKNIAGQRIRGSSAESLVTA DSPPPSMSSVMKNNPLYGDLSLEEAMEERKKNPSWTIEEYDKRSLHTNLSGHLKENPNNLRFWLGDMYTPGFDTLLK KEEKOEKHSKFCRMGLILLAIISILVAIVTIITFFT

>Hylobates_moloch XP_032012416.1 major intrinsically disordered NOTCH2-binding receptor 1-like [Hylobates moloch]

MDLSVLPNNNHPDKFLQLDVKSLTRSSAVLQASLARFPGGNYPAAQHWQNLVYSQREKKNIAARRIRGSSADSLLTA DSPPPSMSSVMKNNPLYGDLSLEEAMEERKKNPSWTIEEYDKRSLHTNLSGHLKENPNDLRFWLGDMYTPGFDTLLK KEEKQEKHSKFCRMGLILLVIISILVIIVTIITFFT

>Sapajus_apella XP_032117284.1 major intrinsically disordered NOTCH2-binding receptor 1-like [Sapajus apella]

MDLSVLPNNNHPDKFLQLDVKSLMRSSALLHASLARFPGGNYPAAQHWQNLVYSQREKNNIAAQRIRGPSAESLVTA DSPPPSMSSIMKNNPLYGDLSLEEAMEERKKSPSWTIEEYDKRSLHTNLSGHLKENPNDLRFWLGDMYTPGFDTLLK KEEKQEKQSKFCRMGLILLVITSILVTIVTIITFFT

>Callithrix_jacchus XP_002744678.1 major intrinsically disordered NOTCH2-binding receptor 1-like [Callithrix jacchus]

MDLSVLPNNNHPDKFLQLDVKSLTRSSALLQASLARYPCGNYPAAQHWQNLVYSQREKNNIAAQRIRGSSAESLVTA DSPPPSMSSIMKNNPLYGDLSLEEAMEERKKNPSWTIEEYDKRSLHTNLSGHLKENPNDLRFWLGDMYTPGFDTLLK KEEKQEKQSKFCRMGLILLVVTSILVTIVTIITFFT

>Cebus_imitator XP_017387650.1 major intrinsically disordered NOTCH2-binding receptor 1-like [Cebus imitator]

MDLSVLPNNNHPDKFLQLDVKSLMRSSALLHASLARFPGGNYPAAQHWQNLVYSQREKNNIAAQRIRGSNAASLVTA DSPPPSMSSTMKNNPLCGDLSLEEAMEERKKSPSWTIEEYDKRSLHTNLSGHLKENPNDLRFWLGDMYTPGFDTLLK KEEKOEKOSKFCRMGLILLVITSILVTIVTIITFFT Before MSA, sequences were trimmed so that there is no hangovers between novel/original sequence and other blasted results (trimmed sequences below). For non-trimmed MSA, please see screenshot below the alignment result

>Homo sapiens (Novel)

 ${\tt SLSQASLVRFPGGNYPAA-HWQNLVYSQREKKNIAAQRIRFFSADSLVTADSPPPSMSSVMKNNPLYSDLSLEEAMEERX}$

>Cebus imitator

ALLHASLARFPGGNYPAAQHWQNLVYSQREKNNIAAQRIRGSNAASLVTADSPPPSMSSTMKNNPLCGDLSLEEAMEERK

>Callithrix jacchus

 $\verb|ALLQASLARYPCGNYPAAQHWQNLVYSQREKNNIAAQRIRGSSAESLVTADSPPPSMSSIMKNNPLYGDLSLEEAMEERK|$

>Sapajus apella

ALLHASLARFPGGNYPAAQHWQNLVYSQREKNNIAAQRIRGPSAESLVTADSPPPSMSSIMKNNPLYGDLSLEEAMEERK

>Hylobates moloch

AVLQASLARFPGGNYPAAQHWQNLVYSQREKKNIAARRIRGSSADSLLTADSPPPSMSSVMKNNPLYGDLSLEEAMEERK

>Macaca nemestrina X2

ALLQASMARFPGGNYPAAQHWQNLVYSQREKKNIAGQRIRGSSAESLVTADSPPPSMSSV

MKNNPLYGDLSLEEAMEERK

>Macaca mulatta

 $\verb|ALLQASMARFPGGNYPAAQHWQNLVYSQREKKNIAGQRIRGSSAESLVTADSPPPSMSSVMKNNPLYGDLSLEEAMEERK|$

>Macaca nemestrina X1

 $\verb|ALLQASMARFPGGNYPAAQHWQNLVYSQREKKNIAGQRIRGSSAESLVTADSPPPSMSSVMKNNPLYGDLSLEEAMEERK|$

>Chlorocebus sabaeus

 $\verb|ALLQASLARFPGGNYPAAQHWQNLVYSQREKKNIAAQRIRGSSAESLVTAESPPPSMSSVMKNNPLYGDLSLEEAMEERK|$

>heropithecus gelada

 $\verb|ALLQTSLARFPGGNYPAAQHWQNLVYSQREKKNIAAQRIRGSSAESLVTADSPPPSMSSVMKNNPLYGDLSLEEAMEERK|$

>Rhinopithecus roxellana

 $\hbox{\tt ALLQASLVRFPGGNYPAAQHWQNLVYSQREKKNIAAQRIRGSSAESLVTADSPPPSMSSVMKNNPLYGDLSLEEAMEERK}$

>Piliocolobus tephrosceles

ALLQASLARFPGGNYPAAQHWQNLVYSQREKKNIAAQRIRGSSAESLVTADSPPPSMSSVMKNNPLYGDLSLEEAMEERK

>Trachypithecus francoisi

ALLQASLARFPGGNYPAAQHWQNLVYSQREKKNIAAQRIRGSSAESLVTADSPPPSMSSVMKNNPLYGDLSLEEAMEERK

>Symphalangus syndactylus

 ${\tt AVLQASLARFPGGNYPAAQHWQNLVYSQREKKNIAAQRIRGSSADSLVTADSPPPSMSSVMKNNPLYGDLSLEEAMEGRK}$

>Nomascus leucogenys

AVLQASLARFPGGNYPAAQHWQNLVYSQREKKNIAAQRIRGSSADSLVTADSPPPSMSSVMKNNPLYGDLSLEEAMEERK

>Pongo abelii

>Gorilla gorilla gorilla

 $\verb|ALLQASLARFPGGNYPAAQHWQNLVYSQKEKKNIAAQRIRGSSADSLVTADSPPPSMSSVMKNNPLYGDLSLEEAMEERK|$

>Homo sapiens(Original)

ALLQASLVRFPGGNYPAAQHWQNLVYSQREKKNIAAQRIRGSSADSLVTADSPPPSMSSVMKNNPLYGDLSLEEAMEER-

>Pan_troglodytes

ALLQASLVRFPGGNYPAAQHWQNLVYSQREKKNIATQRIRRSSADSLVTADSPPPSMSSVMKNNPLYGDLSLEEAMEERK

Alignment result:

Obtained using MUSCLE (ver.3.8) at EBI

CLUSTAL multiple sequence alignment by MUSCLE (3.8)

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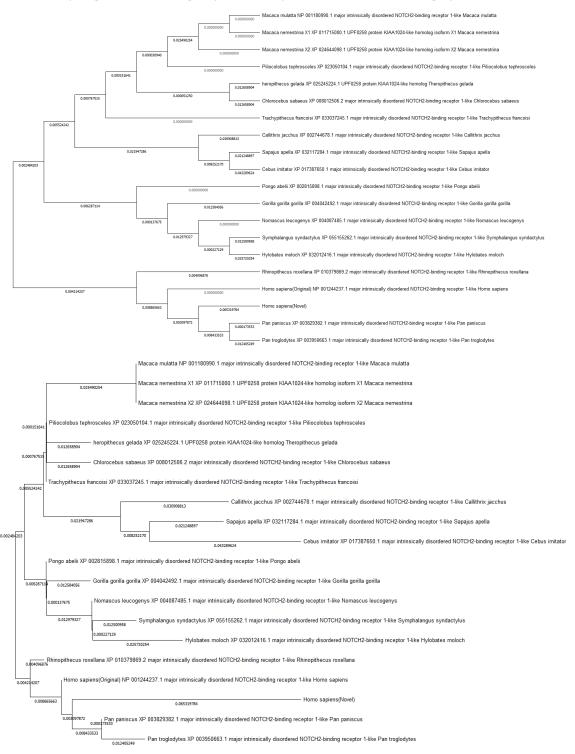
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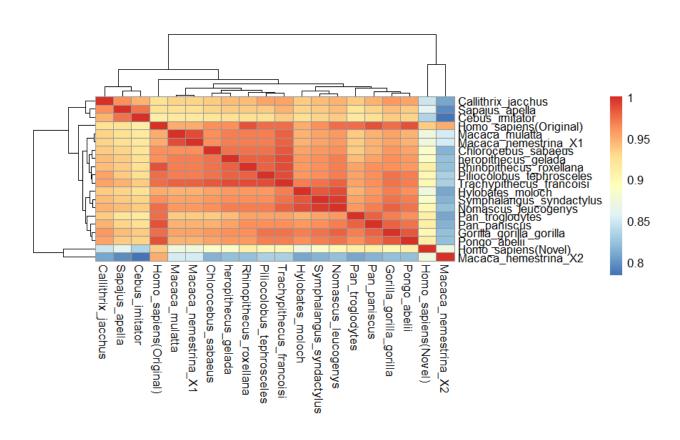
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Sequences were imported to Mega11, aligned with MUSCLE, and neighbor-joining tree was generated. Due to collapsing of lines of subgroups at the top, both scale/non-scaled graphs are attached below.



Q7. Generate a sequence identity based heatmap of your aligned sequences using R. If necessary convert your sequence alignment to the ubiquitous FASTA format (Seaview can read in clustal format and "Save as" FASTA format for example). Read this FASTA format alignment into R with the help of functions in the Bio3D package. Calculate a sequence identity matrix (again using a function within the Bio3D package). Then generate a heatmap plot and add to your report. Do make sure your labels are visible and not cut at the figure margins.



Q8. Using R/Bio3D (or an online blast server if you prefer), search the main protein structure database for the most similar atomic resolution structures to your aligned sequences. List the top 3 unique hits (i.e. not hits representing different chains from the same structure) along with their Evalue and sequence identity to your query. Please also add annotation details of these structures. For example include the annotation terms PDB identifier (structureId), Method used to solve the structure (experimentalTechnique), resolution (resolution), and source organism (source).

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#Find consensus sequence
con <- consensus(align, cutoff = 0.9)
con$seq

#Run BLAST
blast.pdb(con$seq)

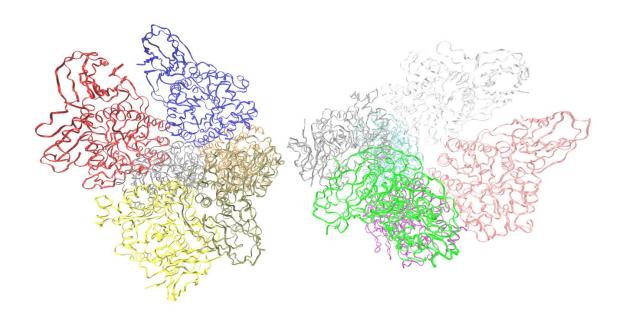
#Annotate BLAST result
ids <- c("3S2C_A", "4ATW_A", "3UG3_A")
pdb.annotate(ids, unique=TRUE)</pre>
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ID	Chain ID	Technique	Resolution	Source	Evalue	Identity	Query
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3S2C	А	X-ray diffraction	3.0	Thermotoga petrophila RKU-1	9.4	46.667	23
4ATW	А	X-ray diffraction	3.0	Thermotoga maritima MSB8	9.3	46.667	23
3UG3	A	X-ray diffraction	1.8	Thermotoga maritima	9.3	46.667	23

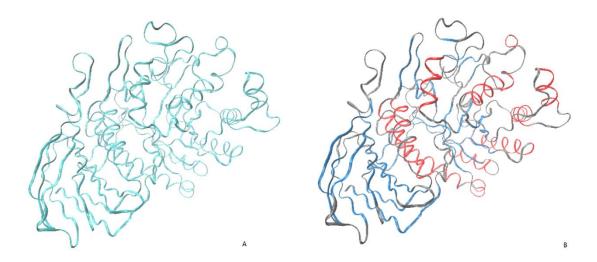
Q9. Generate a molecular figure of one of your identified PDB structures using VMD. You can optionally highlight conserved residues that are likely to be functional. Please use a white or transparent background for your figure (i.e. not the default black). Based on sequence similarity. How likely is this structure to be similar to your "novel" protein?

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#Read pdb file for VMD
pdb.3S2C <- read.pdb("3s2c.pdb")

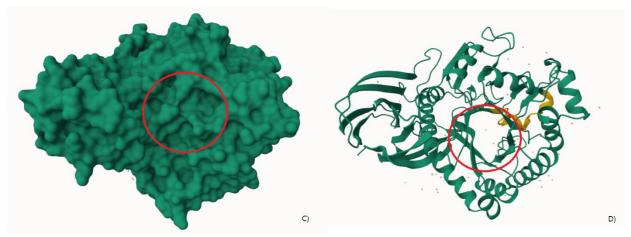
#Trim chain A
chainA <- trim.pdb(pdb.3S2C, chain = "A")
write.pdb(chainA, file = "chainA_3S2C")</pre>
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VMD view of 3S2C. Chain A, top match of blastp, is colored with blue.



A: VMD view of 3S2C Chain A of 3S2C. B: Colored based on the secondary structure. Red – alpha helix, blue – beta sheet, grey – no secondary structure.



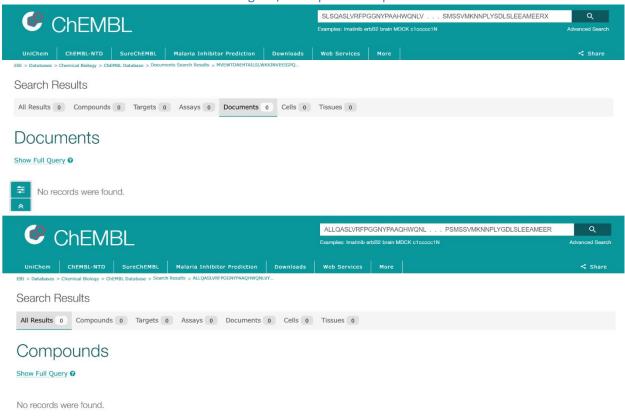
(Extra) C: Molecular surface of chain A in mol*. Red circle is where active site of 3S2C_A locates. D: Same view without molecular surface. Yellow beta sheet is where 3S2C_A matches with consensus sequence of MINAR2 proteins.

C-terminal Beta-sandwhich in multidomain protein (yellow in D) is essential in regulation of secretory process, anchoring substrates, and protein flexibility. Since MINAR2 is notch-oligomer binding protein, and 3S2C_A also binds to xylooligomer, functional similarity of oligomer binding suggests that novel protein is expected to have similar Beta-sandwhich structure.

However, the low percent identity between novel-MINAR2 and 3S2C of 46.667% indicates that it is unlikely that 3S2C's structure will be similar to novel-MINAR2 based on sequence similarity. Also, considering that MINAR2 family is around 190aa, a two low coverage of 23% (15aa) out of short consensus sequence (65aa) further supports that novel-MINAR2 having similar structure to 3S2C is very unlikely.

Q.10 Perform a "Target" search of ChEMBEL (https://www.ebi.ac.uk/chembl/) with your novel sequence. Are there any Target Associated Assays and ligand efficiency ID Technique Resolution Source Evalue Identity 3BOM X-RAY DIFFRACTION 1.35 Oncorhynchus mykiss 6.59E-63 81.4 1SPG X-RAY DIFFRACTION 1.95 Leiostomus xanthurus 3.16E-58 75.9 3BCQ X-RAY DIFFRACTION 2.4 Brycon cephalus 5.11E-57 77.2 data reported that may be useful starting points for exploring potential inhibition of your novel protein?

There was no search result when both original/novel protein sequences were used.



Searching abbreviation for the protein resulted in unrelated information such as topoisomerase.

However, there were some results when full protein name (membrane integral NOTCH2-associated receptor 2) was searched: 1 assay (CHEMBL4040504) and 3 targets (CHEMBL1764937, CHEMBL3831223, CHEMBL2364701), even though no targets were exactly matching to MINAR2 family. All targets/assays showed no ligand efficiency data.

In scintillation proximity assay, displacing metabolic glutamate from human metabolic glutmate receptor 2 showed association with rate constant calculated from the assay (7-aryl-1,2,4-triazolo[4,3-a]pyridines

altering PAM activity), suggesting that high selectivity of glutamate receptor can be essential in optimal efficacy prediction. While this is not directly connected to MINAR2, it's meaningful in a sense that MINAR2 activity is associated with mTOR pathway, where mTOR is influenced by glutamine.

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