Programming for Biology
Protein Evolution / Similarity Searching

What BLAST Does / Why BLAST works

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Sequence Similarity - Conclusions

- *Homologous* sequences share a common ancestor, but most sequences are *non-homologous*
- Always compare Protein Sequences
- Sequence Homology can be reliably inferred from statistically significant similarity (non-homology cannot from non-similarity)
- Homologous proteins share common structures, but not necessarily common functions
- Sequence statistical significance estimates are accurate (verify this yourself)$10^{-6} < E() < 10^{-3}$ is statistically significant
- Scoring matrices set evolutionary look back horizons - not every discovery is distant
- PSI-BLAST can be more sensitive, but with lower statistical accuracy

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Establishing homology from statistically significant similarity
Why BLAST works

- For most proteins, homologs are easily found over long evolutionary distances (500 My – 2 By) using standard approaches (BLAST, FASTA)
- Difficult for distant relationships or very short domains
- Most default search parameters are optimized for distant relationships and work well

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This talk is not about:

- *Alignment*
  - Alignment quality may be more sensitive to parameter choice
  - Multiple sequences for biologically accurate alignments
- *Inferring Protein Function*
  - Homology (common ancestry) implies common structure (guaranteed), not necessarily common function
  - Homologs have different functions
  - Non-homologs have similar (or identical) functions
- *The best sequences for building evolutionary trees*
  - Protein sequences are clearly best for establishing homology, but DNA sequences may be better for resolving recent divergence

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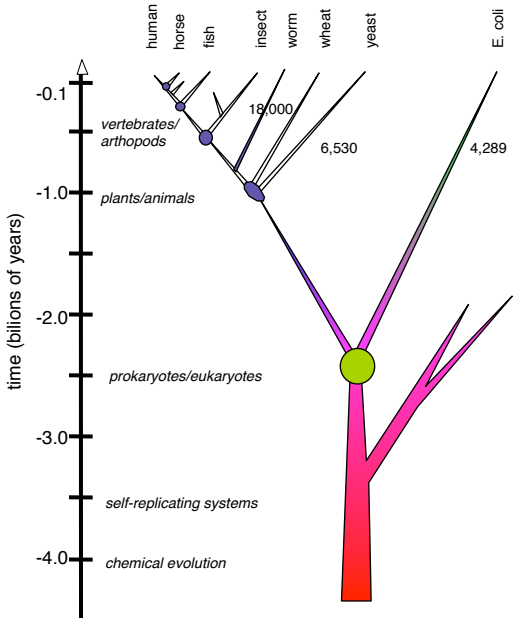
Homologues share a common ancestor



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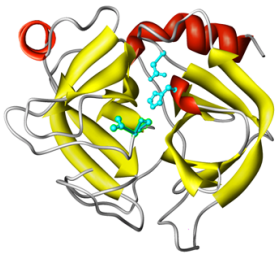
When do we infer homology?



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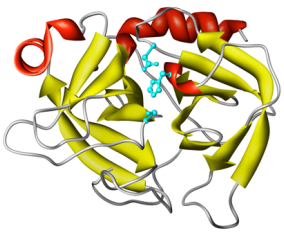
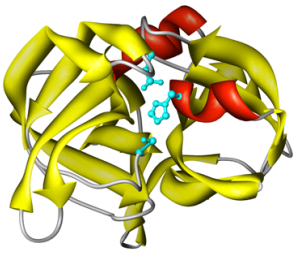
Structure: E()< 10^{-23}; RMSD 0.0 A
Sequence: E()< 10^{-84} 100% 223/223

Homology <=> structural similarity
? sequence similarity



S. griseus trypsin (1sgt)
E()< 10^{-14} RMSD 1.6 A
E()< 10^{-19} 36%; 226/223



S. griseus protease A (2sga)
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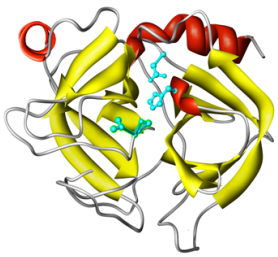
When can we infer non-homology?



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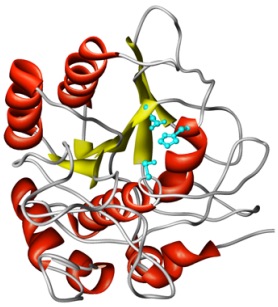
Non-homologous proteins have different structures



Subtilisin (1sbt)
E() >100
E()<280; 25% 159/275

Cytochrome c4 (1etp)
E() > 100
E()<5.5; 23% 171/190

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Homology is confusing I: Homology defined Three(?) Ways

- Proteins/genes/DNA that share a common ancestor
- Specific positions/columns in a multiple sequence alignment that have a 1:1 relationship over evolutionary history
  - sequences are *50% homologous* ???
- Specific (morphological/functional) characters that share a recent divergence (clade)
  - bird/bat/butterfly wings are/are not homologous

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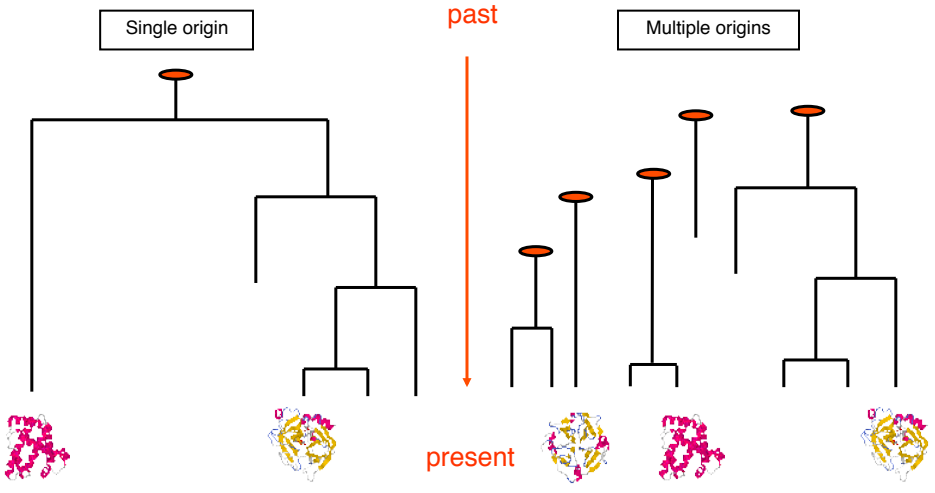
Homology is confusing II: Are All Sequences Homologous?

No Homology without excess similarity



Homology from (sequence/structure) similarity

- Sequences are inferred to share a common ancestor based on statistically significant *excess* similarity. Any evidence of *excess* similarity can be used to infer homology
- Lack of evidence *cannot* be used to infer non-homology.
  - Proteins with different structures are non-homologous
- There are always two alternative hypotheses: homology (common ancestry), or independence – one must weigh the evidence for each hypothesis (independence is the *null* hypothesis).

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What BLAST does:

Similarity $\overset{?}{\Leftrightarrow}$ Homology

Why BLAST works:

Statistical Significance $\overset{?}{\Leftrightarrow}$ Biological Significance

Divergence ? Convergence

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E. coli proteins vs Human – Ancient Protein Domains

expect	%_id	alen	E coli descr	Human descr	sp_name
2.7e-206	53.8	944	glycine decarboxylase, P	Glycine dehydrogenase [de	GCSP_HUMAN
1.2e-176	59.5	706	methylmalonyl-CoA mutase	Methylmalonyl-CoA mutase,	MUTA_HUMAN
3.8e-176	50.6	803	glycogen phosphorylase [E	Glycogen phosphorylase, l	PHS1_HUMAN
9.9e-173	55.6	1222	B12-dependent homocystein	5-methyltetrahydrofolate-	METH_HUMAN
1.8e-165	41.8	1031	carbamoyl-phosphate synth	Carbamoyl-phosphate synth	CPSM_HUMAN
5.6e-159	65.7	542	glucosephosphate isomeras	Glucose-6-phosphate isome	G6PI_HUMAN
8.1e-143	53.7	855	aconitate hydrase 1 [Esch	Iron-responsive element b	IRE1_HUMAN
2.5e-134	73.0	459	membrane-bound ATP syntha	ATP synthase beta chain,	ATPB_HUMAN
3.3e-121	55.8	550	succinate dehydrogenase,	Succinate dehydrogenase [	DHSA_HUMAN
1.5e-113	60.6	401	putative aminotransferase	Cysteine desulfurase, mit	NFS1_HUMAN
4.4e-111	60.9	460	fumarase C= fumarate hydr	Fumarate hydratase, mitoc	FUMH_HUMAN
1.5e-109	56.1	474	succinate-semialdehyde de	Succinate semialdehyde de	SSDH_HUMAN
3.6e-106	44.7	789	maltodextrin phosphorylas	Glycogen phosphorylase, m	PHS2_HUMAN
1.4e-102	53.1	484	NAD+-dependent betaine al	Aldehyde dehydrogenase, E	DHAG_HUMAN
3.8e-98	53.0	449	pyridine nucleotide trans	NAD(P) transhydrogenase,	NNTM_HUMAN
5.8e-96	49.9	489	glycerol kinase [Escheric	Glycerol kinase, testis s	GKP2_HUMAN
2.1e-95	66.8	328	glyceraldehyde-3-phosphat	Glyceraldehyde 3-phosphat	G3P2_HUMAN
5.0e-91	62.5	368	alcohol dehydrogenase cla	Alcohol dehydrogenase cla	ADHX_HUMAN
6.7e-91	56.5	393	protein chain elongation	Elongation factor Tu, mit	EFTU_HUMAN
9.5e-91	56.6	392	protein chain elongation	Elongation factor Tu, mit	EFTU_HUMAN
2.2e-89	59.1	369	methionine adenosyltransf	S-adenosylmethionine synt	METK_HUMAN
6.5e-88	53.3	422	enolase [Escherichia coli	Alpha enolase (2-phospho-	ENOA_HUMAN
9.2e-88	43.3	536	NAD-linked malate dehydro	NADP-dependent malic enzy	MAOX_HUMAN
7.3e-86	55.5	389	2-amino-3-ketobutyrate Co	2-amino-3-ketobutyrate co	KBL_HUMAN
5.2e-83	44.4	543	degrades sigma32, integra	AFG3-like protein 2 (Para	AF32_HUMAN

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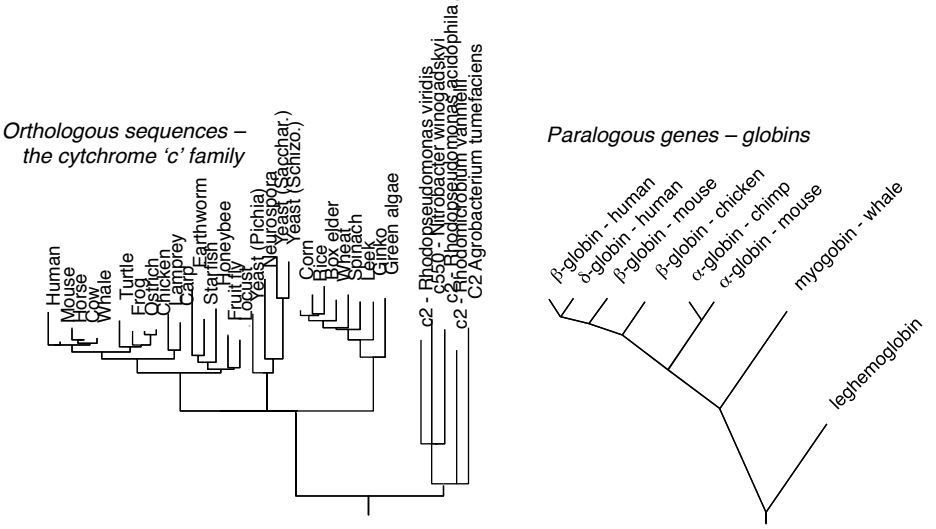
Orthologs and Paralogs – Inferring Function



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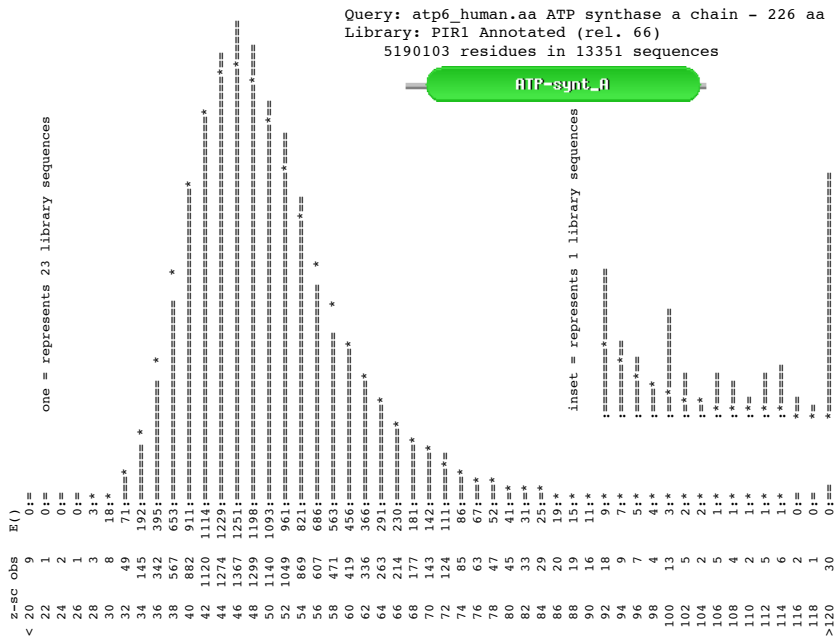

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Inferring Homology from Statistical Significance

- Real *UNRELATED* sequences have similarity scores that are indistinguishable from *RANDOM* sequences
- If a similarity is NOT *RANDOM*, then it must be NOT *UNRELATED*
- Therefore, NOT *RANDOM* (statistically significant) similarity must reflect *RELATED* sequences

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Query: atp6_human.aa ATP synthase a chain - 226 aa
Library: 5190103 residues in 13351 sequences

The best scores are:		(len)	s-w	bits	E(13351)	%_id	%_sim	alen
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sp|P05499|ATP6_TOBAC	ATP synthase a chain (AT	(395)	309	77.6	5.2e-15	0.283	0.635	233
sp|P07925|ATP6_MAIZE	ATP synthase a chain (AT	(291)	283	71.7	2.3e-13	0.311	0.667	180
sp|P0AB98|ATP6_ECOLI	ATP synthase a chain (AT	(271)	178	47.9	3.2e-06	0.233	0.585	236
sp|P0C2Y5|ATPI_ORYSA	Chloroplast ATP synth (A	(247)	144	40.1	0.00062	0.242	0.580	231
sp|P06452|ATPI_PEA	Chloroplast ATP synthase a	(247)	143	39.9	0.00072	0.250	0.586	232
sp|P27178|ATP6_SYNY3	ATP synthase a chain (AT	(276)	142	39.7	0.00095	0.265	0.571	170
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sp|P08444|ATP6_SYNP6	ATP synthase a chain (AT	(261)	127	36.3	0.0095	0.263	0.557	167
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sp|P06289|ATPI_MARPO	Chloroplast ATP synthase	(248)	126	36.0	0.011	0.240	0.575	167
sp|P30391|ATPI_EUGGR	Chloroplast ATP synthase	(251)	123	35.4	0.017	0.257	0.579	214
sp|P19568|TLCA_RICPR	ADP,ATP carrier protein	(498)	122	35.0	0.043	0.243	0.579	152
sp|P24966|CYB_TAYTA	Cytochrome b	(379)	113	33.0	0.13	0.234	0.532	158
sp|P03892|NU2M_BOVIN	NADH-ubiquinone oxidored	(347)	107	31.7	0.31	0.261	0.479	211
sp|P68092|CYB_STEAT	Cytochrome b	(379)	104	31.0	0.54	0.277	0.547	137
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sp|P00156|CYB_HUMAN	Cytochrome b	(380)	102	30.5	0.74	0.268	0.585	205
sp|P15993|AROP_ECOLI	Aromatic amino acid tr	(457)	103	30.7	0.78	0.234	0.622	111
sp|P24965|CYB_TRANA	Cytochrome b	(379)	101	30.3	0.87	0.234	0.563	158
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sp|P24953|CYB_CAPHI	Cytochrome b	(379)	99	29.8	1.2	0.236	0.564	140

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Smith-Waterman score: 178; 23.3% identity (58.5% similar) in 236 aa overlap (8-222:45-264)

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       50        60        70        80                90              100       110
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              90       100       110       120       130       140       150

            120       130            140       150       160       170       180
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       160       170       180       190       200       210       220       230

       190       200       210       220
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E coli NVPWAIFHILIIT---------LQAFIFMVLTIVYLSMASEEH
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The PAM250 matrix

	Cys	Ser	Thr	Pro	Ala	Gly	Asn	Asp	Glu	Gln	His	Arg	Lys	Met	Ile	Leu	Val	Phe	Tyr	Trp
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Ser	0	2																		
Thr	-2	1	3																	
Pro	-1	1	0	6																
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 sp|P29631|CYB_POMTE Cytochrome b              ( 308)   99  29.9  0.95   0.274 0.584  113
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Query: atp6_ecoli.aa ATP synthase a - 271 aa
Library: 5190103 residues in 13351 sequences

The best scores are:	(len)	s-w	bits	E(13351)	%_id	%_sim	alen
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sp|P06451|ATPI_SPIOL Chloroplast ATP synthase	(247)	274	70.4	5.8e-13	0.270	0.616	211
sp|P69371|ATPI_ATRBE Chloroplast ATP synthase	(247)	271	69.7	9.3e-13	0.270	0.607	211
sp|P08444|ATP6_SYNP6 ATP synthase a chain (AT	(261)	271	69.7	9.9e-13	0.267	0.600	240
sp|P06452|ATPI_PEA Chloroplast ATP synthase a	(247)	266	68.5	2.1e-12	0.274	0.614	223
sp|P30391|ATPI_EUGGR Chloroplast ATP synthase	(251)	265	68.3	2.5e-12	0.298	0.596	225
sp|P0C2Y5|ATPI_ORYSA Chloroplast ATP synthase	(247)	260	67.2	5.4e-12	0.259	0.603	239
sp|P27178|ATP6_SYNY3 ATP synthase a chain (AT	(276)	260	67.1	6.1e-12	0.264	0.578	258
sp|P06289|ATPI_MARPO Chloroplast ATP synthase	(248)	250	64.8	2.7e-11	0.261	0.621	211
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sp|P00846|ATP6_HUMAN ATP synthase a chain (AT	(226)	178	48.2	2.5e-06	0.237	0.589	236
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sp|P14862|ATP6_COCHE ATP synthase a chain (AT	(257)	171	46.6	8.7e-06	0.204	0.608	265
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sp|P00851|ATP6_DROYA ATP synthase a chain (AT	(224)	139	39.2	0.0013	0.225	0.549	253
sp|P24962|CYB_STELO Cytochrome b	(379)	125	35.9	0.021	0.223	0.575	193
sp|P09716|US17_HCMVA Hypothetical protein HVL	(293)	109	32.3	0.21	0.260	0.565	131
sp|P68092|CYB_STEAT Cytochrome b	(379)	109	32.2	0.27	0.211	0.562	194
sp|P24960|CYB_ODOHE Cytochrome b	(379)	104	31.1	0.61	0.210	0.555	200
sp|P03887|NU1M_BOVIN NADH-ubiquinone oxidored	(318)	98	29.7	1.3	0.287	0.545	167
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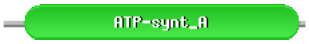
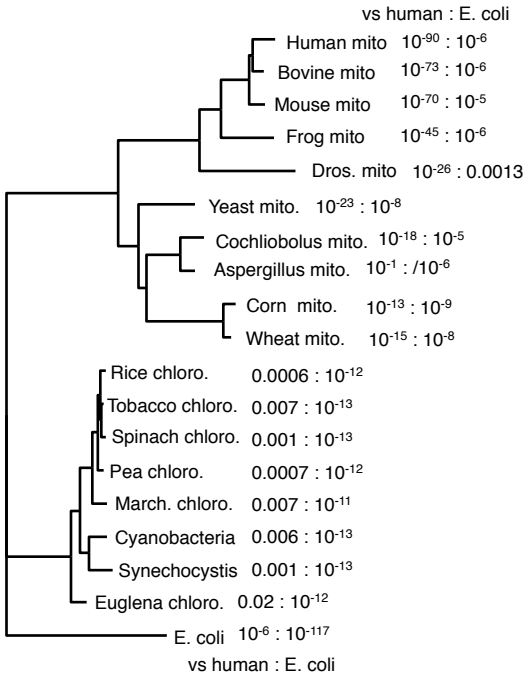
Homology is Transitive (on domains)





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Homology and Domains – Histone deacetylase PCAF

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PCAF_MOUSE Histone acetyltransferase PCAF;                    ( 813) 4507 1010       0 0.929 0.974  817
GCNL2_HUMAN General control of amino acid synthesis protein 5-l ( 837) 3535 793.       0 0.716 0.864  821
GCN5_YEAST Histone acetyltransferase GCN5                     ( 439) 1049 240. 5.2e-62 0.469 0.743  354
GCN5_ARATH Histone acetyltransferase GCN5;  AtGCN5            ( 568)  956 219. 1.2e-55 0.435 0.733  375
BPTF_HUMAN Nucleosome-remodeling factor subunit BPTF          (3046)  369 88.3 2.4e-15 0.495 0.773   97
NU301_DROME Nucleosome-remodeling factor subunit NURF301      (2669)  359 86.2 9.3e-15 0.511 0.787   94
CECR2_HUMAN Cat eye syndrome critical region protein 2        (1484)  306 74.6 1.6e-11 0.371 0.771  105
BRD4_HUMAN Bromodomain-containing protein 4; HUNK1 protein    (1362)  288 70.6 2.3e-10 0.379 0.681  116
BRDT_MACFA Bromodomain testis-specific protein                ( 947)  270 66.7 2.3e-09 0.353 0.690  116
FSH_DROME Homeotic protein female sterile; Fragile-chorion memb (2038) 276 67.8 2.4e-09 0.341 0.651  129
BRDT_HUMAN Bromodomain testis-specific protein; RING3-like prot ( 947) 266 65.9 4.3e-09 0.345 0.690  116
Y0777_DICDI Bromodomain-containing protein DDB_G0280777       (1823)  260 64.3 2.5e-08 0.385 0.725  109
BRDT_MOUSE Bromodomain testis-specific protein; RING3-like prot ( 956) 247 61.6 8.1e-08 0.328 0.647  116
BAZ2B_HUMAN Bromodomain adjacent to zinc finger domain protein (1972)  247 61.3   2e-07 0.343 0.695  105
TAF1_DROME Transcription initiation factor TFIID subunit 1; Tra (2129) 230 57.5 3.1e-06 0.349 0.689  106
82_SCHPO Bromodomain-containing protein C631.02               ( 727)  217 55.0 5.9e-06 0.320 0.587  172
BRD9_XENLA Bromodomain-containing protein 9                   ( 527)  214 54.5 6.2e-06 0.292 0.579  171
GTE6_ARATH Transcription factor GTE6; Protein GENERAL TRANSCRIP ( 369) 201 51.7 2.9e-05 0.290 0.601  183
BAZ1B_MOUSE Bromodomain adjacent to zinc finger domain protein (1479)  212 53.7 3.1e-05 0.302 0.583  139
K2_SCHPO Bromodomain-containing protein C1450.02              ( 578)  204 52.2 3.3e-05 0.310 0.628  113
TAF1_HUMAN Transcription initiation factor TFIID subunit 1; Tra (1872) 212 53.6 4.2e-05 0.339 0.678  115
BAZ1B_HUMAN Bromodomain adjacent to zinc finger domain protein (1483)  209 53.0   5e-05 0.397 0.705   78
TIF1A_HUMAN Transcription intermediary factor 1-alpha;  TIF1-al (1050) 206 52.5 5.1e-05 0.384 0.698   86
BDF2_YEAST Bromodomain-containing factor 2                    ( 638)  200 51.3 6.9e-05 0.304 0.607  168
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Homology and Domains – Histone deacetylase PCAF

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The best scores are:                E(362341) alen
PCAF_HUMAN Histone acetyl ( 832)            0  832
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GCN5_YEAST Histone acetyl ( 439)  5.2e-62  354
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BPTF_HUMAN Nucleosome-rem (3046)  2.4e-15   97
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CECR2_HUMAN Cat eye syndr (1484)  1.6e-11  105
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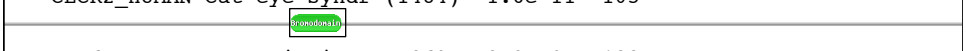


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GTE6_ARATH Transcription  ( 369)  2.9e-05  183
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Protein Evolution and Sequence Similarity

- What is Homology and how do we recognize it?
- How do we measure sequence similarity – alignments and scoring matrices?
- DNA vs protein comparison
- Alignment Algorithms/Local sequence alignments
- Similarity scoring matrices
- When are we certain that an alignment is significant - similarity score statistics?
- When to trust similarity statistics?
- Improving sensitivity with PSI-BLAST

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DNA vs protein sequence comparison

The best scores are:		DNA E(188,018)	`tfastx3` E(187,524)	prot. E(331,956)
`DMGST`	D.melanogaster GST1-1	1.3e-164	4.1e-109	1.0e-109
`MDGST1`	M.domestica GST-1 gene	2e-77	3.0e-95	1.9e-76
`LUCGLTR`	Lucilia cuprina GST	1.5e-72	5.2e-91	3.3e-73
`MDGST2A`	M.domesticus GST-2 mRNA	9.3e-53	1.4e-77	1.6e-62
`MDNF1`	M.domestica nf1 gene. 10	4.6e-51	2.8e-77	2.2e-62
`MDNF6`	M.domestica nf6 gene. 10	2.8e-51	4.2e-77	3.1e-62
`MDNF7`	M.domestica nf7 gene. 10	6.1e-47	9.2e-77	6.7e-62
`AGGST15`	A.gambiae GST mRNA	3.1e-58	4.2e-76	4.3e-61
`CVU87958`	Culicoides GST	1.8e-41	4.0e-73	3.6e-58
`AGG3GST11`	A.gambiae GST1-1 mRNA	1.5e-46	2.8e-55	1.1e-43
`BMO6502`	Bombyx mori GST mRNA	1.1e-23	8.8e-50	5.7e-40
`AGSUGST12`	A.gambiae GST1-1 gene	2.3e-16	4.5e-46	5.1e-37
`MOTGLUSTRA`	Manduca sexta GST	5.7e-07	2.5e-30	8.0e-25
`RLGSTARGN`	R.legominosarum *gstA*	0.0029	3.2e-13	1.4e-10
`HUMGSTT2A`	H. sapiens GSTT2	0.32	3.3e-10	2.0e-09
`HSGSTT1`	H.sapiens GSTT1 mRNA	7.2	8.4e-13	3.6e-10
`ECAE000319`	E. coli hypothet. prot.	—	4.7e-10	1.1e-09
`MYMDCMA`	Methyl. dichlorometh. DH	—	1.1e-09	6.9e-07
`BCU19883`	Burkholderia maleylacetate red.	—	1.2e-09	1.1e-08
`NFU43126`	Naegleria fowleri GST	—	3.2e-07	0.0056
`SP505GST`	Sphingomonas paucim	—	1.8e-06	0.0002
`EN1838`	H. sapiens maleylaceto. iso.	—	2.1e-06	5.9e-06
`HSU86529`	Human GSTZ1	—	3.0e-06	8.0e-06
`SYCCPNC`	Synechocystis GST	—	1.2e-05	9.5e-06
`HSEF1GMR`	H.sapiens EF1g mRNA	—	9.0e-05	0.00065

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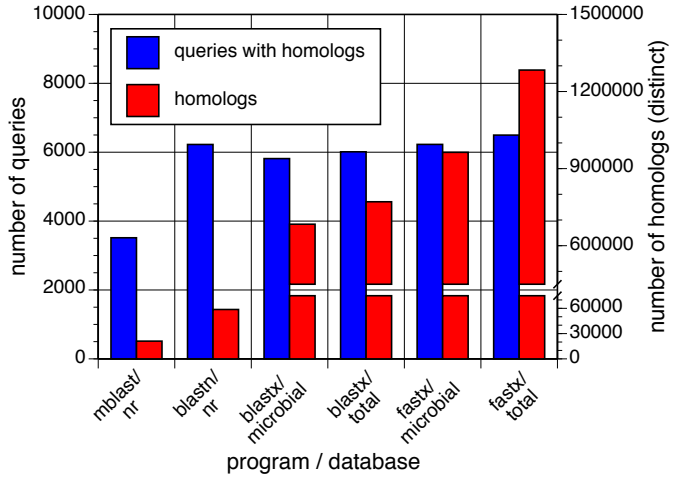
Improving search strategies (windshield splatter metagenomics)



- always use protein/translated DNA comparisons
- smaller databases are more sensitive

Similarity Searching II

1. What question to ask?
2. What program to use?
3. What database to search?
4. How to avoid mistakes (what to look out for)
5. When to do something different (changing scoring matrices)

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1. What question to ask?

- Is there an homologous protein (a protein with a similar structure)?
- Does that homologous protein have a similar function?
- Does XXX genome have YYY (kinase, GPCR, …)?

Questions not to ask:

- Does this DNA sequence have a similar regulatory element (too short – never significant)?
- Does (non-significant) protein have a similar function/modification/antigenic site?

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2. What program to run?

- What is your query sequence?
  - protein – BLAST (NCBI), SSEARCH (EBI)
  - protein coding DNA (EST) – BLASTX (NCBI), FASTX (EBI)
  - DNA (structural RNA, repeat family) – BLASTN (NCBI), FASTA (EBI)
- Does XXX genome have YYY (protein)?
  - TBLASTN YYY vs XXX genome
  - TFASTX YYY vs XXX genome
- Does my protein contain repeated domains?
  - LALIGN (UVa http://fasta.bioch.virginia.edu)

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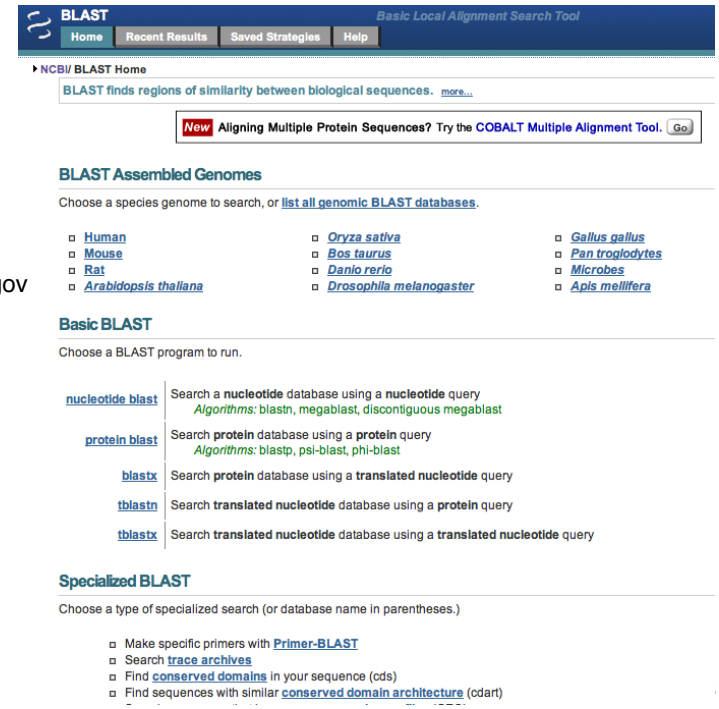
NCBI BLAST Server

blast.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov



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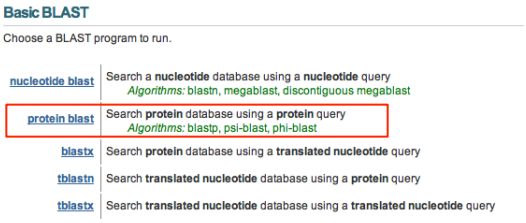

What is wrong with this picture?

Always compare protein sequences

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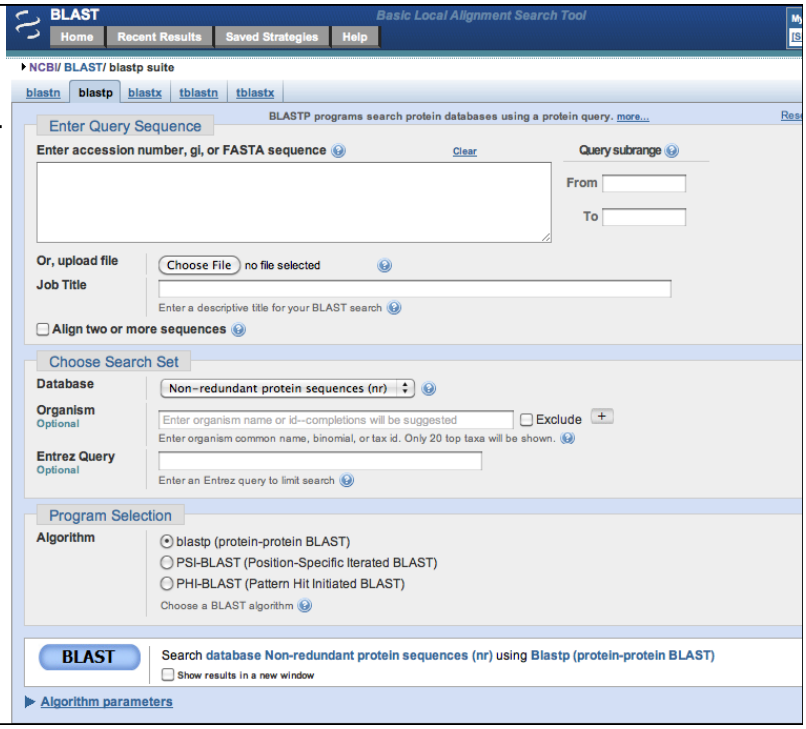
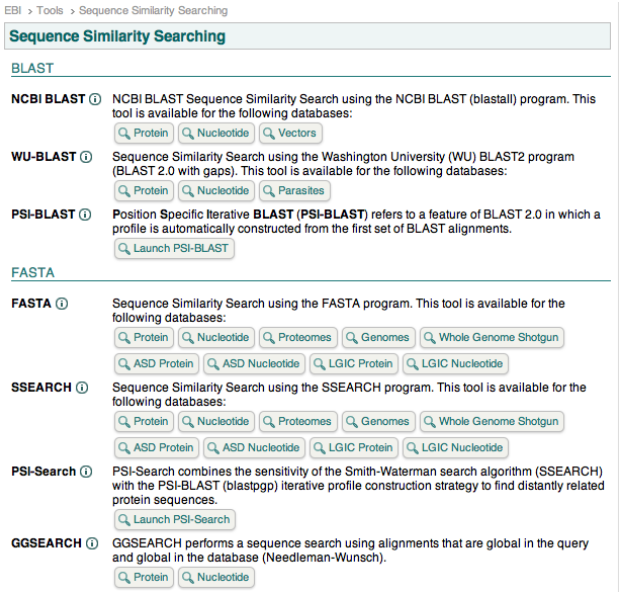
NCBI BLAST Server



Searching at the EBI www.ebi.ac.uk/Tools/sss/



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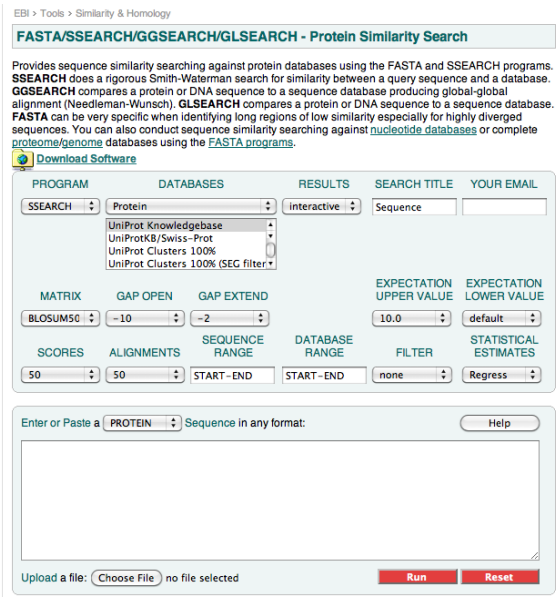
Searching at the EBI – ssearch



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3. What database to search?

- Search the smallest comprehensive database likely to contain your protein
  - vertebrates – human proteins (40,000)
  - fungi – S. cerevisiae (6,000)
  - bacteria – E. coli, gram positive, etc. (<100,000)
- Search a richly annotated protein set (SwissProt, 450,000)
- Always search NR (> 12 million) *LAST*
- Never Search “GenBank” (DNA)

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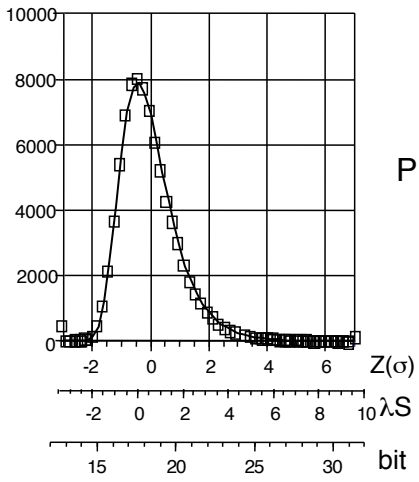
Why smaller databases are better – statistics



$S' = \lambda S_{raw} - \ln K\ m\ n$

$S_{bit} = (\lambda S_{raw} - \ln K)/\ln(2)$

$P(S'>x) = 1 - \exp(-e^{-x})$

$P(S_{bit} > x) = 1 - \exp(-mn2^{-x})$

$E(S'>x \mid D) = P\ D$

$P(B \text{ bits}) = m\ n\ 2^{-B}$

$P(40 \text{ bits}) = 1.5 \times 10^{-7}$

$E(40 \mid D=4000) = 6 \times 10^{-4}$

$E(40 \mid D=12E6) = 1.8$

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Statistical Significance and Database Size

atp6_human vs E. coli
>>ref|NP_290377.1| F0F1 ATP synthase subunit [E. ecoli] (271 aa)
 s-w opt: 178 Z-score: 188.8 bits: 42.4 E(): 4.4e-05
Smith-Waterman score: 178; 23.3% identity (58.5% similar) in 236 aa overlap (8-222:45-264)

Database	Entries	Length	E()	hits	time (s)
E. coli	4,237	1.3 E 06	1.5 E-06*	1	< 0.5
S. cerevisiae	5,866	2.9 E 06	2.1 E-06	1	< 0.5
Human	38,114	18.4 E 06	1.2 E-05	1	1.1
Swiss Prot	4.3 E 05	1.5 E 08	2.4 E-05*	393	7.1
Refseq NP only	7.1 E 05	2.6 E 08	0.00017*	504	10.8
Refseq	7.3 E 06	2.5 E 09	0.0017*	2767	124
NR	9.9 E 06	3.4 E 09	0.0032*	7773	151

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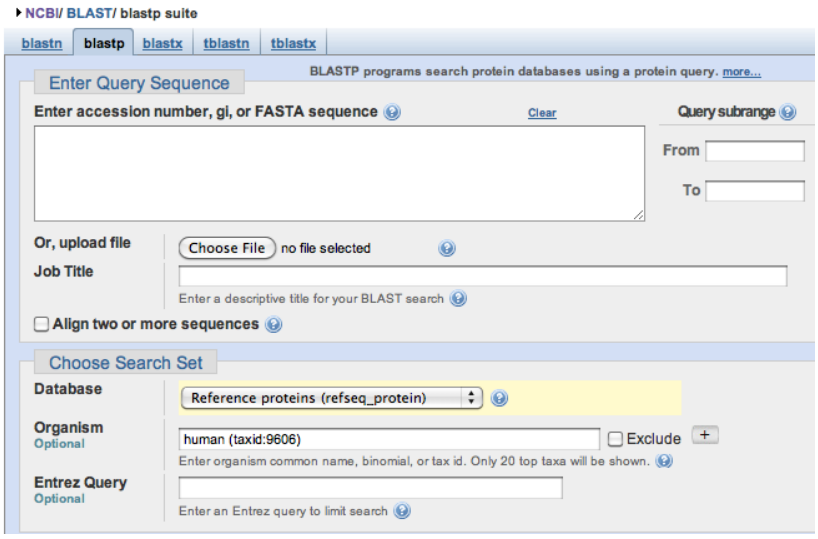
NCBI – selecting sequences with Entrez



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Inferring Homology from Statistical Significance

- Real *UNRELATED* sequences have similarity scores that are indistinguishable from *RANDOM* sequences
- If a similarity is NOT *RANDOM*, then it must be NOT *UNRELATED*
- Therefore, NOT *RANDOM* (statistically significant) similarity must reflect *RELATED* sequences

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Smith-Waterman (ssearch)

The best scores are:		s-w	bits	E(115640)	%_id	alen
GTM1_MOUSE Glutathione S-trans	(218)	1497	363.5	2e-100	1.000	218
GTM2_CHICK Glutathione S-trans	(220)	958	234.9	1.1e-61	0.619	218
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SC1_OCTDO S-crystallin 1 OL1	(215)	228	60.7	3.0e-09	0.269	219
GTS_MUSDO Glutathione S-trans	(241)	228	60.6	3.4e-09	0.264	201
GTS1_CAEEL Prob. Glut. S-trans	(210)	220	58.8	1.1e-08	0.284	225
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YJY1_YEAST hypothetical 30.5	(261)	110	32.4	*1.1*	0.248	149
DCMA_METS1 dichloromethane DM	(267)	103	30.8	3.7	0.214	210
YA42_HAEIN Hypothetical prot.	(617)	108	31.7	*4.6*	0.283	120
GTO1_RAT Glutathione trans	(241)	100	30.1	5.4	0.234	158
DP41_BACHD DNA polymerase I	(413)	104	30.8	*5.4*	0.234	184
GTH1_WHEAT Glutathione S-trans	(229)	98	29.6	7.0	0.246	171
LGUL_SOYBN Lactoylglutathione	(219)	97	29.4	7.8	0.200	190

Highest scoring unrelated sequence E() ~ 1.0

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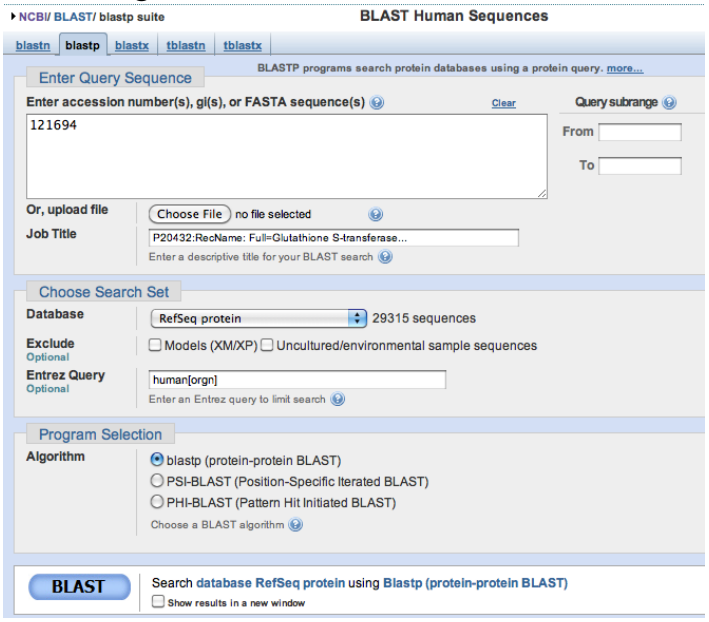
Looking for mistakes; BLASTP at NCBI



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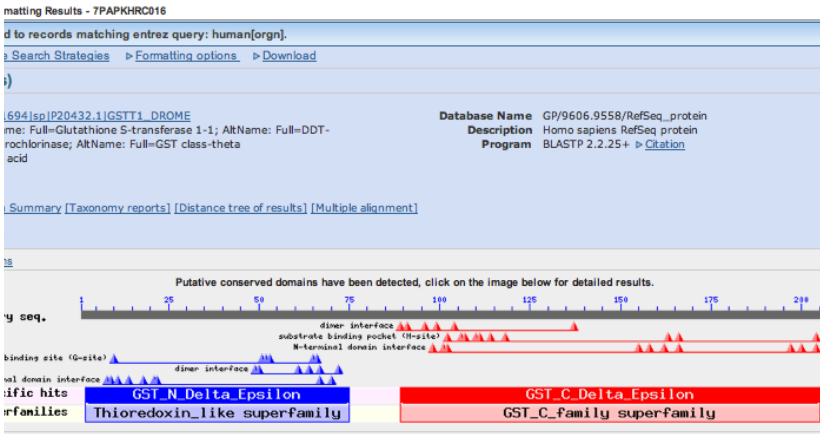
BLAST results 1 - gstt1_drome



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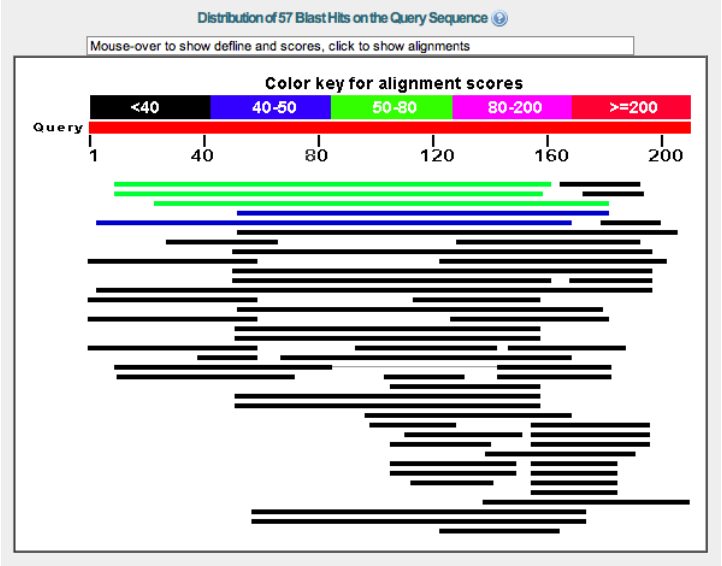
BLAST results 2 - gstt1_drome



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BLAST results 3 - gstt1_drome

Sequences producing significant alignments:

Accession	Description	Max score	Total score	Query coverage	E value	Links
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NP_000845.1	glutathione S-transferase theta-2 [Homo sapiens] >ref|NP	71.6	71.6	71%	1e-17	G M
NP_665877.1	maleylacetoacetate isomerase isoform 1 [Homo sapiens]	56.6	56.6	75%	2e-12	U G M
NP_001504.2	maleylacetoacetate isomerase isoform 3 [Homo sapiens]	47.4	47.4	61%	2e-09	U G M
NP_001503.1	glutathione S-transferase A4 [Homo sapiens]	40.0	40.0	78%	1e-06	U G M
NP_004271.1	eukaryotic translation elongation factor 1 epsilon-1 isoform	38.5	38.5	73%	3e-06	U G M
NP_006294.2	aminoacyl tRNA synthase complex-interacting multifunctio	37.7	37.7	30%	1e-05	U G M
NP_665683.1	glutathione S-transferase A1 [Homo sapiens]	37.4	37.4	69%	1e-05	U G M
NP_036270.1	protein AATF [Homo sapiens]	35.0	35.0	37%	8e-05	U G M
NP_000837.3	glutathione S-transferase A2 [Homo sapiens]	34.7	34.7	69%	8e-05	U G M
NP_000838.3	glutathione S-transferase A3 [Homo sapiens]	33.9	33.9	53%	2e-04	U G M
NP_714543.1	glutathione S-transferase A5 [Homo sapiens]	32.7	32.7	92%	3e-04	U G M
NP_671488.1	blood vessel epicardial substance [Homo sapiens] >ref|NP	33.1	33.1	21%	4e-04	U G M
NP_001129122.1	eukaryotic translation elongation factor 1 epsilon-1 isoform	31.6	31.6	60%	6e-04	G M
NP_665878.2	maleylacetoacetate isomerase isoform 2 [Homo sapiens]	30.4	30.4	26%	0.002	U G M
NP_671489.1	glutathione S-transferase Mu 4 isoform 2 [Homo sapiens]	28.1	28.1	50%	0.012	U G M
NP_000841.1	glutathione S-transferase Mu 4 isoform 1 [Homo sapiens]	28.1	28.1	50%	0.014	U G M
NP_000245.2	methionine synthase [Homo sapiens]	27.3	27.3	23%	0.031	U E G M
NP_001182566.1	hypothetical protein LOC100500938 [Homo sapiens]	25.4	25.4	18%	0.036	U G
XP_003403539.1	PREDICTED: glutathione S-transferase theta-4-like [Homo	26.6	26.6	48%	0.038	G
NP_061845.2	ganglioside-induced differentiation-associated protein 1 isc	26.6	52.7	55%	0.053	U G M
NP_057460.3	ankyrin repeat and FYVE domain-containing protein 1 isofo	26.6	26.6	13%	0.055	U G M
NP_001035808.1	ganglioside-induced differentiation-associated protein 1 isc	26.2	26.2	19%	0.067	U G M
NP_150648.2	vacuolar protein sorting-associated protein 13A isoform A	26.2	26.2	28%	0.068	U G M
NP_001018047.1	vacuolar protein sorting-associated protein 13A isoform C	26.2	26.2	28%	0.071	U G M
NP_001280.3	chloride intracellular channel protein 2 [Homo sapiens]	25.8	25.8	19%	0.071	U G M

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BLAST results 4 - gstt1_drome

Homolog?

>ref|NP_036270.1| UGM protein AATF [Homo sapiens]
Length=560

GENE ID: 26574 AATF | apoptosis antagonizing transcription factor [Homo sapiens] (Over 10 PubMed links)

Score = 35.0 bits (79), Expect = 8e-05, Method: Compositional matrix adjust.
Identities = 24/79 (30%), Positives = 34/79 (43%), Gaps = 7/79 (9%)

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Sbjct  22   ADPEADPEEATAARVIDRFDEGED-GEGDFLVVGSIRKLASASLLDTDKRYCGKTTSRKA  80

Query  183  WYENAKKVTPGWEENWAGC  201
            W E+        WE+   G
Sbjct  81   WNEDH------WEQTLPGS  93
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Homolog?

>ref|NP_000837.3| UGM glutathione S-transferase A2 [Homo sapiens]
Length=222

GENE ID: 2939 GSTA2 | glutathione S-transferase alpha 2 [Homo sapiens] (Over 10 PubMed links)

Score = 34.7 bits (78), Expect = 8e-05, Method: Compositional matrix adjust.
Identities = 42/181 (23%), Positives = 71/181 (39%), Gaps = 58/181 (32%)

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Sbjct  150  GNKLSRADIHLVELLYYVEELDSSLISSFPLLKALKTRISNLPTVKKFLQPGSPRKPPMD  209

Query  196  E  196
            E
Sbjct  210  E  210
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BLAST results – validating statistics

Re-search vs SwissProt at NCBI site
Query: AATF – initial E()<10^{-4}

Sequences producing significant alignments:

Accession	Description	Max score	Total score	Query coverage	E value	Links
Q9NY61.1	RecName: Full=Protein AATF; AltName: Full=Apoptosis-ant	1137	1137	100%	0.0	G
Q9JKX4.1	RecName: Full=Protein AATF; AltName: Full=Apoptosis-ant	794	794	99%	0.0	G
Q9QYW0.1	RecName: Full=Protein AATF; AltName: Full=Apoptosis-ant	752	752	99%	0.0	G
Q5ZIM6.1	RecName: Full=Protein AATF; AltName: Full=Apoptosis-ant	643	643	97%	0.0	G
Q9VM95.1	RecName: Full=Protein AATF-like	140	140	58%	1e-34	M
Q55E65.2	RecName: Full=Putative uncharacterized protein DDB_G02	129	129	59%	5e-31	
Q6BXX1.2	RecName: Full=Protein BFR2	111	111	60%	6e-25	
Q7S6P8.1	RecName: Full=Protein bfr-2	112	112	61%	9e-25	
Q6C9G2.1	RecName: Full=Protein BFR2	109	109	59%	2e-24	
Q9US05.1	RecName: Full=Protein bfr2	100	100	59%	1e-21	G
Q6CTS8.1	RecName: Full=Protein BFR2	94.0	94.0	67%	4e-19	
Q5ACL9.2	RecName: Full=Protein BFR2	92.8	92.8	58%	1e-18	
Q6FSD4.1	RecName: Full=Protein BFR2	91.7	91.7	58%	2e-18	
Q4WMI1.1	RecName: Full=Protein bfr2	88.6	88.6	70%	2e-17	G
Q06631.1	RecName: Full=Protein BFR2; AltName: Full=Brefeldin A r	87.4	87.4	60%	5e-17	G
Q5AW04.1	RecName: Full=Protein bfr2	86.7	86.7	64%	1e-16	
Q4P5V5.1	RecName: Full=Protein BFR2	85.5	85.5	61%	3e-16	
Q4I327.1	RecName: Full=Protein BFR2	82.8	82.8	60%	2e-15	
Q75EZ2.1	RecName: Full=Protein BFR2	81.6	81.6	60%	3e-15	G
P0CL91.1	RecName: Full=Protein BFR2 >sp|P0CL90.1|BFR2_CRYNJ R	43.9	82.4	21%	0.003	

BLAST results – validating statistics

Re-search vs SwissProt at NCBI site

Querv: GSTA1 – initial E()<10^{-4}

Sequences producing significant alignments:

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P08263.3	RecName: Full=Glutathione S-transferase A1; AltName: Fu	427	427	100%	2e-153	G M
Q7RTV2.1	RecName: Full=Glutathione S-transferase A5; AltName: Fu	399	399	100%	1e-142	G
Q16772.3	RecName: Full=Glutathione S-transferase A3; AltName: Fu	399	399	100%	2e-142	G
Q28035.3	RecName: Full=Glutathione S-transferase A1; AltName: Fu	374	374	100%	1e-132	G M
Q18879.4	RecName: Full=Glutathione S-transferase A2; AltName: Fu	373	373	100%	4e-132	G M
P51781.2	RecName: Full=Glutathione S-transferase alpha M14; AltNa	367	367	99%	7e-130	G M
Q08862.2	RecName: Full=Glutathione S-transferase Yc; AltName: Fu	350	350	99%	4e-123	G M
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P04904.3	RecName: Full=Glutathione S-transferase alpha-3; AltNam	338	338	99%	3e-118	G M
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P46418.2	RecName: Full=Glutathione S-transferase alpha-5; AltNam	331	331	99%	1e-115	G M
P10648.2	RecName: Full=Glutathione S-transferase A2; AltName: Fu	326	326	100%	2e-113	G
P04903.2	RecName: Full=Glutathione S-transferase alpha-2; AltNam	323	323	100%	2e-112	G M
P00502.3	RecName: Full=Glutathione S-transferase alpha-1; AltNam	323	323	100%	2e-112	G M
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P14942.2	RecName: Full=Glutathione S-transferase alpha-4; AltNam	278	278	100%	1e-94	G M
P80894.1	RecName: Full=Glutathione S-transferase; AltName: Full=	267	267	100%	3e-90	
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P80031.2	RecName: Full=Glutathione S-transferase P; AltName: Full	96.3	96.3	86%	2e-23	
Q9N4X8.3	RecName: Full=Glutathione S-transferase P 10; AltName:	95.9	95.9	87%	3e-23	G
P47954.2	RecName: Full=Glutathione S-transferase P; AltName: Full	95.1	95.1	85%	4e-23	
P81942.1	RecName: Full=Glutathione S-transferase P 1; AltName: Fu	94.0	94.0	90%	1e-22	
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Q60550.3	RecName: Full=Glutathione S-transferase P; AltName: Full	92.8	92.8	85%	4e-22	
P46424.2	RecName: Full=Glutathione S-transferase P; AltName: Full	92.4	92.4	85%	6e-22	
P46427.1	RecName: Full=Glutathione S-transferase 2; AltName: Full	89.7	89.7	91%	6e-21	
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Q18598.3	RecName: Full=Glutathione S-transferase; AltName: Full=	89.0	89.0	94%	1e-20	

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Unrelated ≠ Random (low complexity)

Search with complete grou_drome:

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The best scores are:                                      opt  bits  E(14548)
RGHUB1 GTP-binding regulatory protein beta-1 chai  ( 341)  237  46.6  3.5e-05
RGBOB1 GTP-binding regulatory protein beta-1 chai  ( 341)  237  46.6  3.5e-05
RGHUB3 GTP-binding regulatory protein beta-3 chai  ( 341)  233  46.0  5.2e-05
RGMSB4 GTP-binding regulatory protein beta-4 chai  ( 341)  232  45.8  5.7e-05
PIHUPF salivary proline-rich glycoprotein precurs  ( 252)  224  44.5 *0.00010*
RGFFB  GTP-binding regulatory protein beta chain   ( 347)  223  44.5  0.00014
PIRT3  acidic proline-rich protein precursor - rat ( 207)  199  40.8 *0.0011*
PIHUB6 salivary proline-rich protein precursor PR  ( 393)  203  41.6 *0.0012*
CGBO2S collagen alpha 2(I) chain - bovine (fragme  ( 403)  195  40.5 *0.0027*
WMBEW6 capsid protein - human herpesvirus 1 (stra  ( 636)  192  40.2 *0.0051*
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Search with seg-ed grou_drome: (low complexity regions removed)

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The best scores are:                                      opt bits E(14548)
RGHUB3 GTP-binding regulatory protein beta-3 chai  ( 341)  233  56.5 3.6e-08
RGMSB4 GTP-binding regulatory protein beta-4 chai  ( 341)  232  56.3 4.1e-08
RGHUB2 GTP-binding regulatory protein beta-2 chai  ( 341)  228  55.5 7.2e-08
RGBOB1 GTP-binding regulatory protein beta-1 chai  ( 341)  225  54.9 1.1e-07
RGFFB  GTP-binding regulatory protein beta chain   ( 347)  223  54.5 1.5e-07
BVBYMS MSI1 protein - yeast (Saccharomyces cerevi  ( 423)  135  37.0 *0.033*
ERHUAH coatomer complex alpha chain homolog - hum (1225)  134  37.1 *0.088*
A28468 chromogranin A precursor - human            ( 458)  122  34.4 *0.21*
RGOOBE GTP-binding regulatory protein beta chain   ( 342)  120  33.9  0.22
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`pseg` removes low-complexity regions

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>gi|17380405|sp|P16371|GROU_DROME Groucho protein (Enhancer of split M9/10)

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                    paaggpppqgp 9-19
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                                        VERAKQVTMQELNLIIGQQIHA
                qqvpgggppqpmg   132-143
                               144-281   ALNPFGALGATMGLPHGPQGLLNKPPEHHR
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                                        DLVVDVANEMESHSPRPNGEHVSMEVRDRE
                                        SLNGERLEKPSSSGIKQE
          rppsrsgssssrstps   282-297
                               298-310   LKTKDMEKPGTPG
        akartptpnaaapapgvnpk   311-330
       qmmpqgpppagypgapyqrpa   331-351
                               352-719   DPYQRPPSDPAYGRPPPMPYDPHAHVRTNG
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                                        PDALVGVGIPRHARQINTLSHGEVVCAVTI
                                        SNPTKYVYTGGKGCVKVWDISQPGNKNPVS
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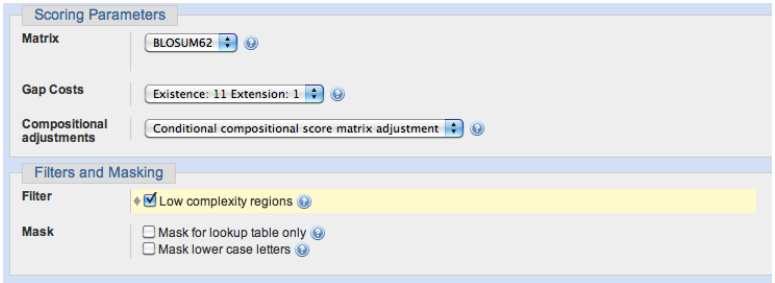
BLAST remove low complexity - gstt1_drome



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NP_665877.1	maleylacetoacetate isomerase isoform 1 [Homo sapiens]	56.6	56.6	75%	7e-10	UGM
NP_001504.2	maleylacetoacetate isomerase isoform 3 [Homo sapiens]	47.4	47.4	61%	8e-07	UGM
NP_001503.1	glutathione S-transferase A4 [Homo sapiens]	40.0	40.0	78%	5e-04	UGM
NP_004271.1	eukaryotic translation elongation factor 1 epsilon-1 isoform	38.5	38.5	73%	0.001	UGM
NP_006294.2	aminoacyl tRNA synthase complex-interacting multifunctiona	37.7	37.7	30%	0.004	UGM
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NP_665878.2	maleylacetoacetate isomerase isoform 2 [Homo sapiens]	30.4	30.4	26%	0.73	UGM
NP_671489.1	glutathione S-transferase Mu 4 isoform 2 [Homo sapiens]	28.1	28.1	50%	4.6	UGM
NP_000841.1	glutathione S-transferase Mu 4 isoform 1 [Homo sapiens]	28.1	28.1	50%	5.2	UGM

Validating homologs/statistics

- In general, BLASTP statistical estimates are accurate
- The most common errors occur because of low-complexity regions, or biased amino-acid composition
- To confirm statistical accuracy, find the highest scoring non homolog
  - No need to test every hit, test hits that are surprising
  - Confirm homology/non-homology by searching against a different comprehensive database, e.g. SwissProt, or refseq.
  - Non-homologs will find many significant members of other families, but not the family you are testing for
- Statistical estimates can be confirmed with shuffles (see ISMB2000 tutorial, fasta.bioch.virginia.edu/fasta_www2 shuffle link)

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Scoring matrices

- Scoring matrices can set the evolutionary look-back time for a search
  - Lower PAM (PAM10/MDM10 … PAM60) for closer (10% … 50% identity)
  - Higher BLOSUM for higher conservation (BLOSUM50 distant, BLOSUM80 conserved)
- Shallow scoring matrices for short domains/short queries (metagenomics)
  - Matrices have “bits/position” (score/position), 40 aa at 0.7 bits/position (BLOSUM62) means 28 bit max score (50 bits significant)
- Deep scoring matrices allow alignments to continue, possibly outside the homologous region

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Finding Domains – Local alignments: calmodulin

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 46.1% identity in 76 aa overlap (1-76:77-149); score:  222 E(10000): 2.7e-10
              10        20        30        40        50        60
mchu   MADQLTEEQIAEFKEAFSLFDKDGDGTITTKELGTVMRSLGQNPTEAELQDMINEVDADG
       : :  .::.:   .::: .::::::.: :.. ::  :: .::.. :. :...:: :.: ::
mchu   MKDTDSEEEI---REAFRVFDKDGNGYISAAELRHVMTNLGEKLTDEEVDEMIREADIDG
         80           90        100       110       120       130
                70
mchu   NGTIDFPEFLTMMARK
       .: ... ::. ::. :
mchu   DGQVNYEEFVQMMTAK
           140

  34.3% identity in 105 aa overlap (11-111:47-147); score:  187 E(10000): 6.7e-08
               20        30         40        50        60
mchu   AEFKEAFSLFDKDGDGTITTKELGTVM-RSLGQNPTEAELQDMINEVDADGNGTIDFPEF
       ::... ..  : ::.:::   :. :.: :.. .. .: :... .   : :::: :.  :.
mchu   AELQDMINEVDADGNGTIDFPEFLTMMARKMKDTDSEEEIREAFRVFDKDGNGYISAAEL
         50        60         70         80         90       100
         70        80         90        100       110
mchu   ---LTMMARKMKDTDSEEEIREAFRVFDKDGNGYISAAELRHVMT
          .: ...:. : . .: ::::    : ::.: ..  :. ..::
mchu   RHVMTNLGEKLTDEEVDEMIREA----DIDGDGQVNYEEFVQMMT
        110       120           130       140

  34.2% identity in 38 aa overlap (1-37:113-146); score:   68 E(10000):    9.8
              10        20        30
mchu   MADQLTEEQIAEF-KEAFSLFDKDGDGTITTKELGTVM
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mchu   LGEKLTDEEVDEMIREA----DIDGDGQVNYEEFVQMM
            120           130       140
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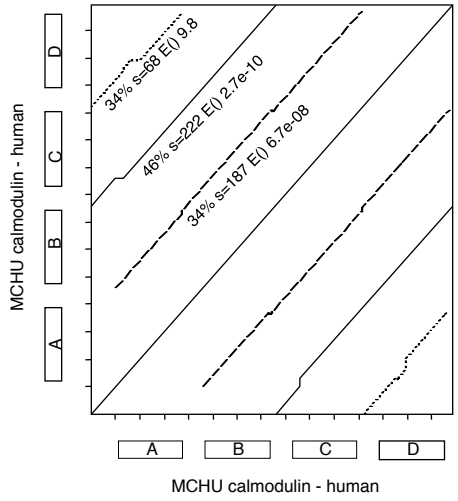
Repeated domains with local alignments



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More about scoring matrices ...

PAM series:

- Evolutionary model - extrapolated from PAM1
- PAM20: 20% change (mammals)
- PAM250: 250% change (<20% identity)
- Gap penalties should vary
- shallow matrices (PAM10-40) for short sequences and short distances

BLOSUM series

- Empirically determined, no extrapolation (no model)
- BLOSUM45-50 - distant (1/3 bits)
- BLOSUM80 -very highly conserved (not small change), high info/position
- BLOSUM62 - 1/2 bits

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Where do scoring matrices come from?

Pam40

	A	R	N	D	E	I	L
A	8						
R	-9	12					
N	-4	-7	11				
D	-4	-13	3	11			
E	-3	-11	-2	4	11		
I	-6	-7	-7	-10	-7	12	
L	-8	-11	-9	-16	-12	-1	10

Pam250

	A	R	N	D	E	I	L
A	2						
R	-2	6					
N	0	0	2				
D	0	-1	2	4			
E	0	-1	1	3	4		
I	-1	-2	-2	-2	-2	5	
L	-2	-3	-3	-4	-3	2	6

q_{ij} : replacement frequency at PAM40, 250

$q_{R:N\,(40)} = 0.000435$ $\quad p_R = 0.051$

$q_{R:N\,(250)} = 0.002193$ $\quad p_N = 0.043$

$\lg_2 S_{ij} = \lg_2 (q_{ij}/p_i p_j)$ $\quad \ln S_{ij} = \ln(q_{ij}/p_i p_j)$ $\quad p_R p_N = 0.002193$

$\lg_2 S_{R:N(40)} = \lg_2 (0.000435/0.00219) = -2.333$

$\lg_2 = 1/3$; $S_{R:N(40)} = -2.333/\lg_2 = -7$

$\lg S_{R:N(250)} = \lg 2\ (0.002193/0.002193) = 0$

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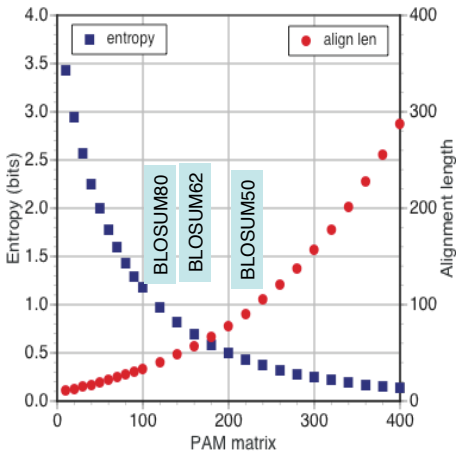
PAM matrices and alignment length



Short domains require “shallow” scoring matrices

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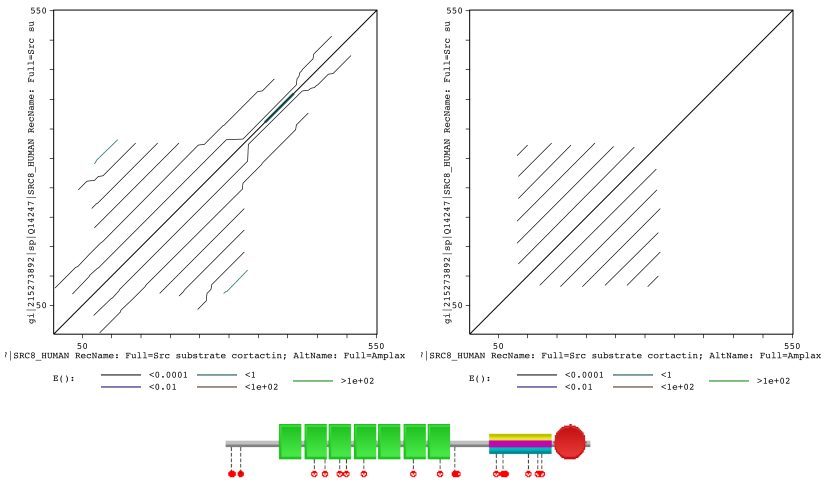
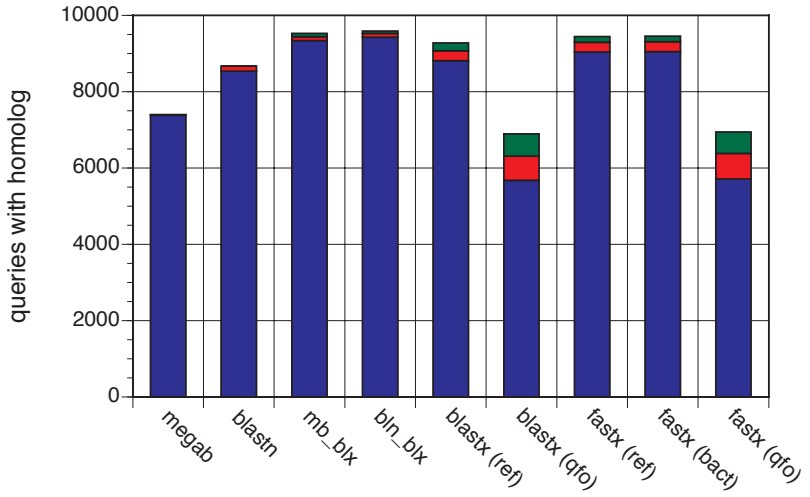
Scoring matrices affect alignment lengths

BLOSUM62 -11/-1

MD20 -26/-4



Metagenomics, Human Microbiome Long Reads



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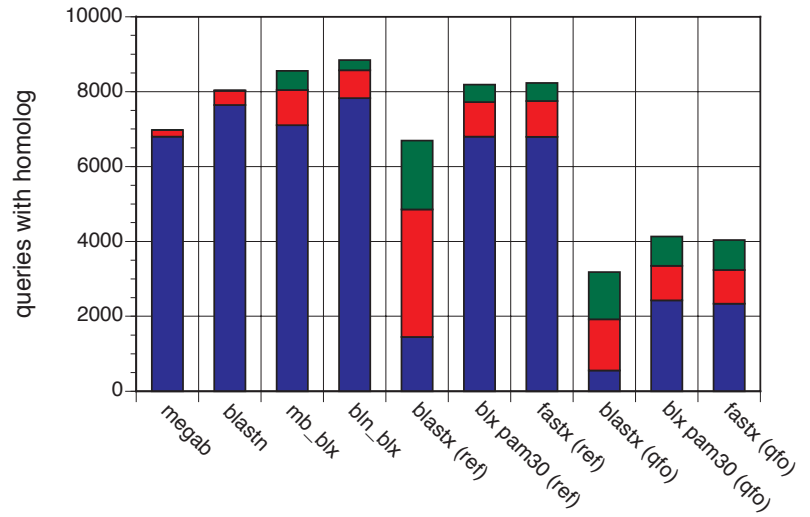

For short reads (ave 90 nt), BLOSUM62 misses most homologs

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Scoring Matrices - Summary

- PAM and BLOSUM matrices greatly improve the sensitivity of protein sequence comparison – low identity with significant similarity
- PAM matrices have an evolutionary model - lower number, less divergence – lower=closer; higher=more distant
- BLOSUM matrices are sampled from conserved regions at different average identity – higher=more conservation
- Short alignments require shallow matrices
- Shallow matrices set maximum look-back time

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Similarity Searching II

1. What question to ask?
2. What program to use?
3. What database to search?
4. How to avoid mistakes (what to look out for)
5. When to do something different
6. PSI-BLAST – the most sensitive method

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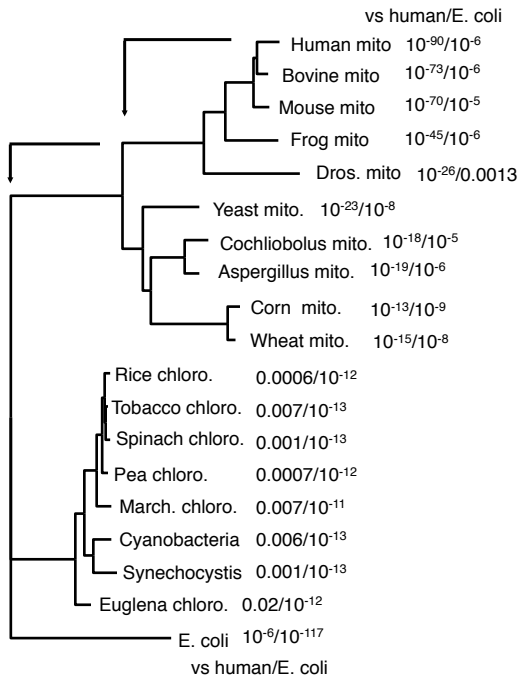

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ATP synthase - matrices, gaps, algorithms

Matrix:	BLOSUM50		BLOSUM62		BLASTP	
Gap open/extend	-10/-2		-11/-1		-11/-1	
The best scores are:	**bits**	**E(13351)**	**bits**	**E(13351)**	**bits**	**E()**
ATP6_HUMAN ATP synthase a chai	297.7	1.7e-81	373.6	2.4e-104	296	3e-81
ATP6_BOVIN ATP synthase a chai	252.4	7.2e-68	310.7	2.0e-85	253	2e-68
ATP6_MOUSE ATP synthase a chai	246.4	4.5e-66	302.9	4.4e-83	245	5e-66
ATP6_XENLA ATP synthase a chai	111.9	1.4e-25	125.9	8.7e-30	142	9e-35
ATP6_YEAST ATP synthase a ch	78.7	1.6e-15	90.1	5.7e-19	93	5e-20
ATP6_EMENI ATP synthase a chai	66.3	8.4e-12	76.6	6.8e-15	75	2e-14
ATP6_DROYA ATP synthase a chai	65.6	1.2e-11	75.4	1.4e-14	101	2e-22
ATP6_COCHE ATP synthase a cha	53.6	5.5e-08	60.6	4.6e-10	75	1e-14
ATP6_ECOLI ATP synthase a ch	45.1	2.2e-05	49.1	1.4e-06	42	1e-04
ATP6_TRITI ATP synthase a ch	45.0	3.3e-05	50.7	6.5e-07	83	5e-17
ATP6_TOBAC ATP synthase a chai	40.4	0.00084	47.0	8.6e-06	80	3e-16
ATP6_MAIZE ATP synthase a chai	39.6	0.001	44.9	2.6e-05		
ATPI_PEA Chloroplast ATP syn	35.8	0.013	38.0	0.0028		
ATPI_SPIOL Chloroplast ATP syn	35.5	0.015	38.0	0.0028		
ATPI_ATRBE Chloroplast ATP s	34.0	0.044	36.3	0.0086		
ATPI_MARPO Chloroplast ATP syn	33.2	0.075	34.3	0.036		
*HBA_ODOVI Hemoglobin subunit a			31.9	0.11*		
*AROP_ECOLI Aromatic amino ac	32.1	0.31	31.4	0.5 *		
ATPI_EUGGR Chloroplast ATP syn	31.1	0.32	32.2	0.15		
ATP6_SYNP6 ATP synthase a chai	31.1	0.34	31.8	0.21		
TLCA_RICPR ADP,ATP carrier pro	31.5	0.49	29.7	1.7		
ATP6_SYNY3 ATP synthase a chai	30.6	0.51	31.8	0.22	28	1.9
ATPI_ORYSA Chloroplast ATP	30.1	0.65	32.2	0.15		
*GLUC_MYOSC Glucagon precursor	28.7	0.65	34.4	0.013*		
*VP6_BPPH6 Protein P6	29.1	0.85	28.6	1.3*		
*GLUC_LEPSP Glucagon precursor	27.7	1.	32.7	0.033*		
*ADH1_MOUSE Alcohol dehydrogena	29.8	1.2	34.4	0.013*		

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Metazoan ATP Synthases

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CLUSTAL W (1.81) multiple sequence alignment

ATP6_BOVIN  MNENLFTSFITPVILGLPLVTLIVLFPSLLF--PTSNRLVSNRFVTLQQWMLQLVSKQMMSIHNSKGQTWT-LML
ATP6_MOUSE  MNENLFASFITPTMMGFPIVVAIIMFPSILF--PSSKRLINNRLHSFQHWLVKLIIKQMMLIHTPKGRTWT-LMI
ATP6_HUMAN  MNENLFASFIAPTILGLPAAVLIILFPPLLI--PTSKYLINNRLITTQQWLIKLTSKQMMTMHNTKGRTWS-LML
ATP6_XENLA  MNLSFFDQFMSPVILGIPLIAIAMLDPFTLISWPIQSNGFNNRLITLQSWFLHNFTTIFYQLTSP-GHKWA-LLL
ATP6_DROYA  MMTNLFSVFDPSAIFNLSLNWLSTFLGLLMI--PSIYWLMPSRYNIFWNSILLTLHKEFKTLLGPSGHNGSTFIF
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ATP6_BOVIN  MSLILFIGSTNLLGLLPHSFTPTTQLSMNLGMAIPLWAGAVITGFRNKTKASLAHFLPQGTPTPLIPMLVIIETI
ATP6_MOUSE  VSLIMFIGSTNLLGLLPHTFTPTTQLSMNLSMAIPLWAGAVITGFRHKLKSSLAHFLPQGTPISLIPMLIIIETI
ATP6_HUMAN  VSLIIFIATTNLLGLLPHSFTPTTQLSMNLAMAIPLWAGTVIMGFRSKIKNALAHFLPQGTPTPLIPMLVIIETI
ATP6_XENLA  TSLMLLLMSLNLLGLLPYTFTPTTQLSLNMGLAVPLWLATVIMASKP-TNYALGHLLPEGTPTPLIPVLIIIETI
ATP6_DROYA  ISLFSLILFNNFMGLFPYIFTSTSHLTLTLSLALPLWLCFMLYGWINHTQHMFAHLVPQGTPAILMPFMVCIETI
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ATP6_BOVIN  SLFIQPMALAVRLTANITAGHLLIHLIGGATLALMSISTTTALITFTILILLTILEFAVAMIQAYVFTLLVSLYLHDNT
ATP6_MOUSE  SLFIQPMALAVRLTANITAGHLLMHLIGGATLVLMNISPPTATITFIILLLLTILEFAVALIQAYVFTLLVSLYLHDNT
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PSI-BLAST ATP6_HUMAN - 4 iterations

Sequences producing significant alignments:	Score (bits)	E Value	Score (bits)	E Value	Score (bits)	E Value	Score (bits)	E Value
	Results from round:	(1)		(2)		(3)		(4)
ATP6_HUMAN ATP synthase a chain (ATPase protein 6)	296	3e-81	257	1e-69	241	2e-62	222	5e-59
ATP6_BOVIN ATP synthase a chain (ATPase protein 6)	253	2e-68	257	2e-69	239	8e-65	230	2e-61
ATP6_MOUSE ATP synthase a chain (ATPase protein 6)	245	5e-66	247	3e-66	234	4e-64	225	6e-60
ATP6_XENLA ATP synthase a chain (ATPase protein 6)	142	9e-35	227	1e-60	189	3e-49	177	2e-45
ATP6_DROYA ATP synthase a chain (ATPase protein 6)	101	2e-22	206	3e-54	209	5e-55	196	4e-51
(2)								
ATP6_YEAST ATP synthase a chain precursor (ATPase prot	93	5e-20	97	3e-21	199	4e-52	191	2e-49
ATP6_TRITI ATP synthase a chain (ATPase protein 6)	83	5e-17	96	5e-21	218	1e-57	236	4e-63
(3)								
ATP6_TOBAC ATP synthase a chain (ATPase protein 6)	80	3e-16	90	4e-19	200	2e-52	230	3e-61
ATP6_MAIZE ATP synthase a chain (ATPase protein 6)	76	5e-15	88	1e-18	198	1e-51	219	5e-58
ATP6_COCHE ATP synthase a chain (ATPase protein 6)	75	1e-14	86	9e-18			197	2e-51
ATP6_EMENI ATP synthase a chain precursor (ATPase prot	75	2e-14	84	3e-17	123	5e-29	181	2e-46
(4)								
ATP6_ECOLI ATP synthase a chain (ATPase protein 6)	42	1e-04	40	5e-04	46	8e-06	49	1e-06
ATPI_SPIOL Chloroplast ATP synthase a chain precursor			32	0.12	36	0.006	39	0.001
ATP6_SYNY3 ATP synthase a chain (ATPase protein 6)	28	1.9	32	0.16	44	5e-05	45	1e-05
ATPI_MARPO Chloroplast ATP synthase a chain precursor			31	0.21	44	4e-05	44	3e-05
ATPI_PEA Chloroplast ATP synthase a chain precursor (A			31	0.32	37	0.005		
LAMA2_MOUSE Laminin subunit alpha-2 precursor (Laminin			31	0.34				
ATPI_ATRBE Chloroplast ATP synthase a chain precursor			31	0.39	41	2e-04		
ATP6_SYNP6 ATP synthase a chain (ATPase protein 6)			28	1.7	41	2e-04		
ATPI_EUGGR Chloroplast ATP synthase a chain precursor					39	0.001		
ATPI_ORYSA Chloroplast ATP synthase a chain precursor			28	1.9	36	0.008		
ATPI_ATRBE Chloroplast ATP synthase a chain precursor					36	0.009	38	0.002
ATP6_ASPAM ATP synthase a chain (ATPase protein 6)							36	0.008
POLG_KUNJM Genome polyprotein [Contains: Capsid protei...	27	5.0						
POL_HTL1C Gag-Pro-Pol polyprotein (Pr160Gag-Pro-Pol) [...	27	5.0						
POLG_DEN2J Genome polyprotein [Contains: Capsid protei...	27	5.2	26	7.0				

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Position-Specific Scores
ATP Synthase, 4 iterations

		A	R	N	D	C	Q	E	G	H	I	L	K	M	F	P	S	T	W	Y	V	bits/pos
BL62	Q	-1	1	0	0	-3	5	2	-2	0	-3	-2	1	0	-3	-1	0	-1	-2	-1	-2	0.70
46	Q	-2	-1	-2	-2	-4	6	0	1	0	-4	-3	-1	-2	-1	-3	-1	-2	6	4	-3	0.74
	%	0	0	0	0	0	54	0	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	13	20	0	
47	Q	-1	-1	3	3	-3	3	3	-2	3	-4	-4	-1	-3	-4	-2	2	-1	-4	-2	-3	0.51
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	%	0	0	0	0	0	46	13	0	0	41	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
97	Q	-2	-1	0	-2	-4	4	0	-3	8	-4	-4	-1	-2	-3	-3	-1	-2	-3	0	-4	1.11
	%	0	0	0	0	0	35	0	0	65	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
131	Q	3	-1	-1	-1	-2	5	2	-2	-1	-3	-3	0	-2	-4	-2	1	-1	-3	-3	-2	0.52
	%	44	0	0	0	0	36	11	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	9	0	0	0	0	
152	Q	-2	6	-1	-2	-4	4	0	-3	-1	-4	-3	1	-2	-4	-3	-1	-2	-4	-3	-3	1.00
	%	0	77	0	0	0	23	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
210	Q	-2	0	-1	-1	-4	7	1	-3	0	-4	-3	1	-1	-4	-2	-1	-2	-3	-2	-3	1.13
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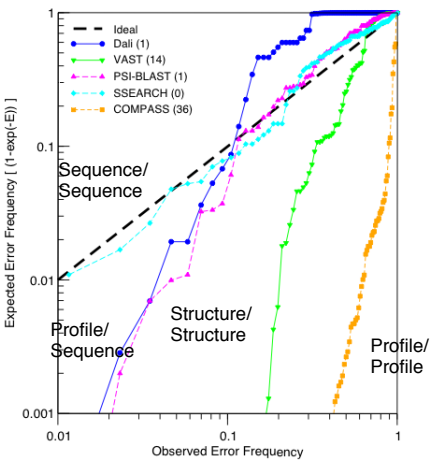
Accuracy of statistical estimates



- SSEARCH (Smith-Waterman) provides very accurate statistical estimates
- PSI-BLAST can provide estimates that off by 10–100-fold

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Why does PSI-BLAST fail?

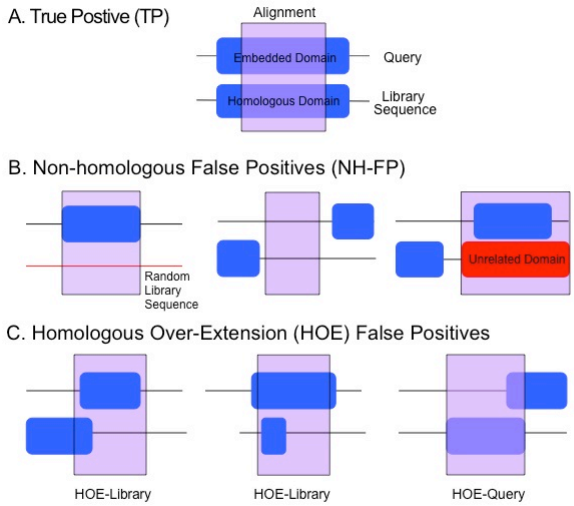

Figure 1

Sensitive searches with PSI-BLAST

- PSI-BLAST improves sensitivity by building a Position Specific Scoring Matrix (PSSM)
  - models ancestral sequence (consensus distribution)
  - similar to PFAM HMM (but less sophisticated weights, gaps)
- Sensitivity improves with additional iterations
  - model moves to base of tree
- Statistical estimates are difficult
  - once a sequence is in, it is “significant” - validation must be done before a sequence is included
- Very diverse families may not produce a well defined PSSM
  - similar problems with HMMs have led to “clans”

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Sequence Similarity - Conclusions

- *Homologous* sequences share a common ancestor, but most sequences are *non-homologous*
- Always compare Protein Sequences
- Sequence Homology can be reliably inferred from statistically significant similarity (non-homology cannot from non-similarity)
- Homologous proteins share common structures, but not necessarily common functions
- Sequence statistical significance estimates are accurate (verify this yourself)$10^{-6} < E() < 10^{-3}$ is statistically significant
- Scoring matrices set evolutionary look back horizons - not every discovery is distant
- PSI-BLAST can be more sensitive, but with lower statistical accuracy

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Discussion questions

1. What is the difference between similarity and homology? When does high identity not imply homology? What conclusions can be drawn from homology?
2. What is the difference between homology and common ancestry?
3. When the *M. janaschii* genome was first sequenced, Venter and his colleagues stated that almost 60% of the open reading frames (proteins or genes) were novel to this organism. (For eubacterial like *E. coli* or *H. influenzae*, a similar number would be 20 - 40%.) On what would they base such a statement? Is it likely to be correct?
4. Name two reasons why protein sequence comparison is more effective (longer evolutionary look-back time) than DNA sequences?
5. What is the range of an expectation value (E()-value)? If you compare a sequence to 50,000 random (unrelated) sequences, what should the expectation value for the highest of the 50,000 similarity scores be (on average)?
6. In a sequence similarity database search, you identify a statistically significant similarity (*E*()<0.005), but the alignment is relatively short (50 aa). How might you determine whether the alignment reflects a genuine homology, or a random sequence match?
7. How can a sequence be homologous if you search a small database (e.g. human, 40,000 sequences), but not share significant similarity if you search a complete database (>4 million sequences)?
8. What scoring matrix should be used to identify protein orthologs that have diverged over the past 100 My (e.g. human/mouse)?
9. What scoring matrix should be used when comparing Illumina 90 nt reads against a protein database?

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