

Introduction to the Gene Ontology and GO annotation resources

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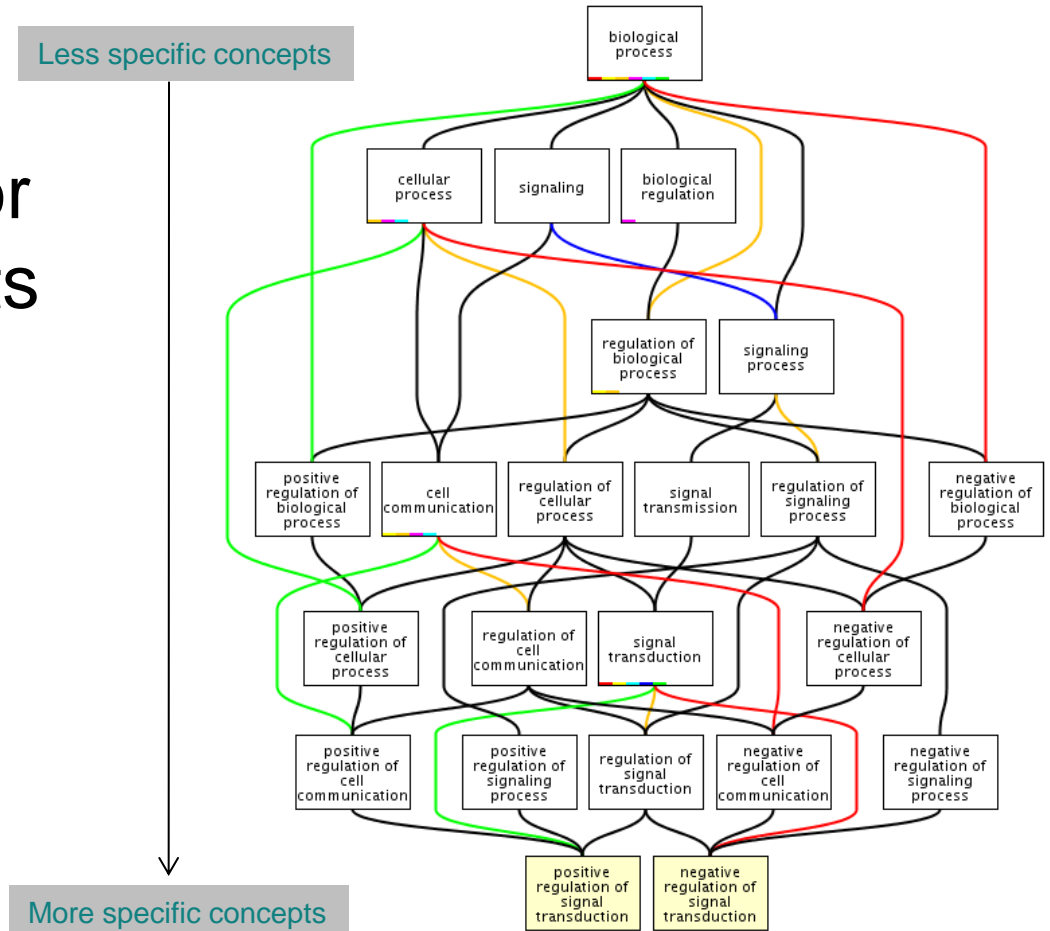
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What is GO?

The Gene Ontology

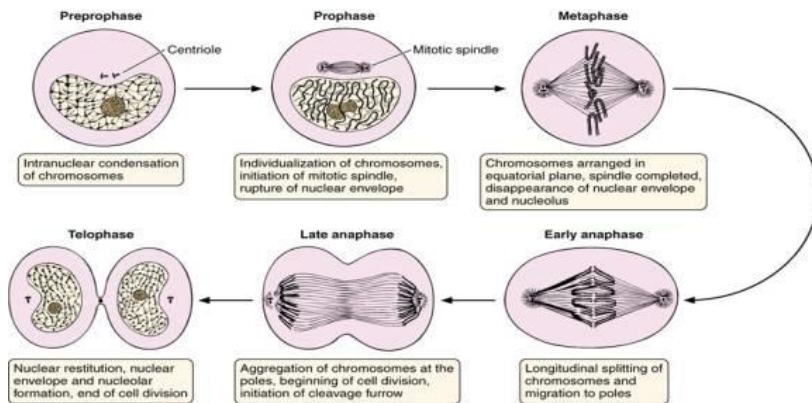
- A way to capture biological knowledge for individual gene products in a written and computable form
- A set of concepts and their relationships to each other arranged as a hierarchy



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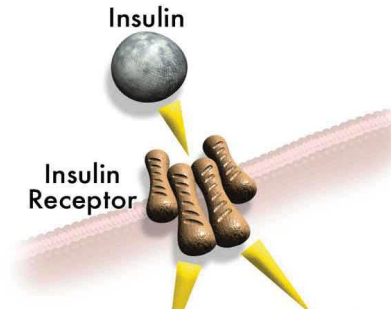
1. Molecular Function

An elemental activity or task or job



3. Cellular Component

Where a gene product is located

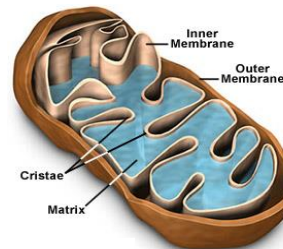


- protein kinase activity
- insulin receptor activity

2. Biological Process

A commonly recognised series of events


- cell division



- mitochondrion
- mitochondrial matrix
- mitochondrial inner membrane

Anatomy of a GO term

Term Information Ancestor Chart Child Terms Protein Annotation Co-occurring Terms Change Log

ID  GO:0005634 **Unique identifier**


Name nucleus **Term name**

Ontology Cellular Component

Definition A membrane-bounded organelle of eukaryotic cells in which chromosomes are housed and replicated. In most cells, the nucleus contains organellar chromosomes, and is the site of RNA synthesis and processing. In some species, or in specialized cell types, RNA processing also occurs in the nucleus. **Definition**

GONUTS [GO:0005634 Wiki Page](#)

Synonyms Taxon Constraints GO Slims Cross-references Replaces

Synonyms are alternative words or phrases closely related in meaning to the term name, with indication of the relationship between the synonym and the term. Click on the  icon for more details.

Type	Synonym
exact	cell nucleus

Synonyms

Database	ID
InterPro	IPR028782
InterPro	IPR028785
NIF_Subcellular	sao1702920020
UniProtKB-KW	Nucleus
UniProtKB-SubCell	Nucleus
Wikipedia	Cell_nucleus

Cross-references

Ontology structure

- Hierarchical

Terms can have more than one parent

Terms can have more than one child

- Terms are linked by relationships

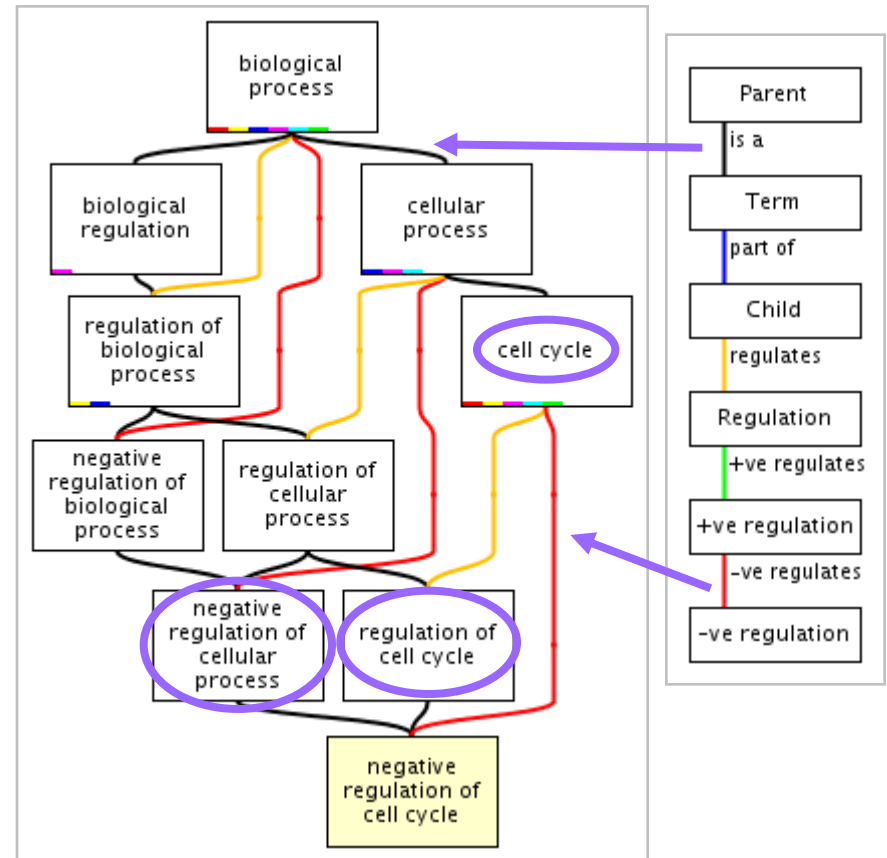
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These relationships allow for complex analysis of large datasets

Why do we need GO?

Reasons for the Gene Ontology

- Inconsistency in English language

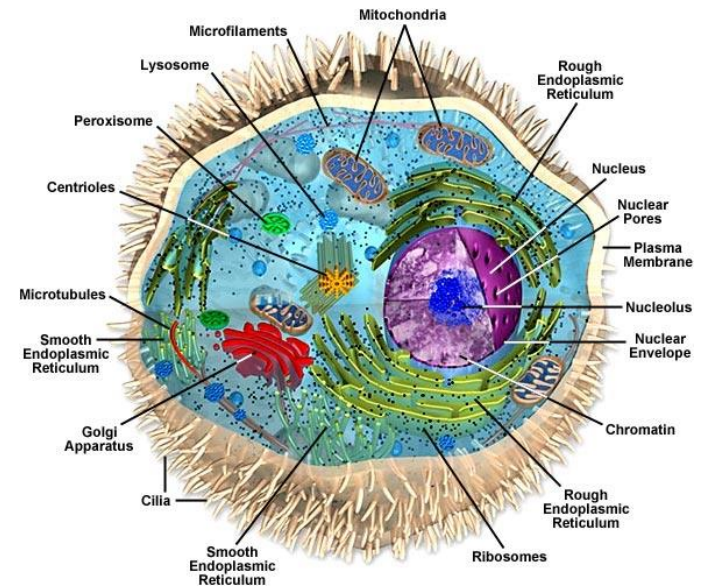
Inconsistency in English language

- **Same** name for **different** concepts

Cell



or



??

- **Different** names for the **same** concept

Eggplant



Brinjal

Aubergine

Melongene

Same for biological concepts

→ Comparison is difficult – in particular across species or across databases

Just one reason why the Gene Ontology (GO) is needed...



Reasons for the Gene Ontology

- Inconsistency in English language
- Increasing amounts of biological data available
- Increasing amounts of biological data to come

Increasing amounts of biological data available

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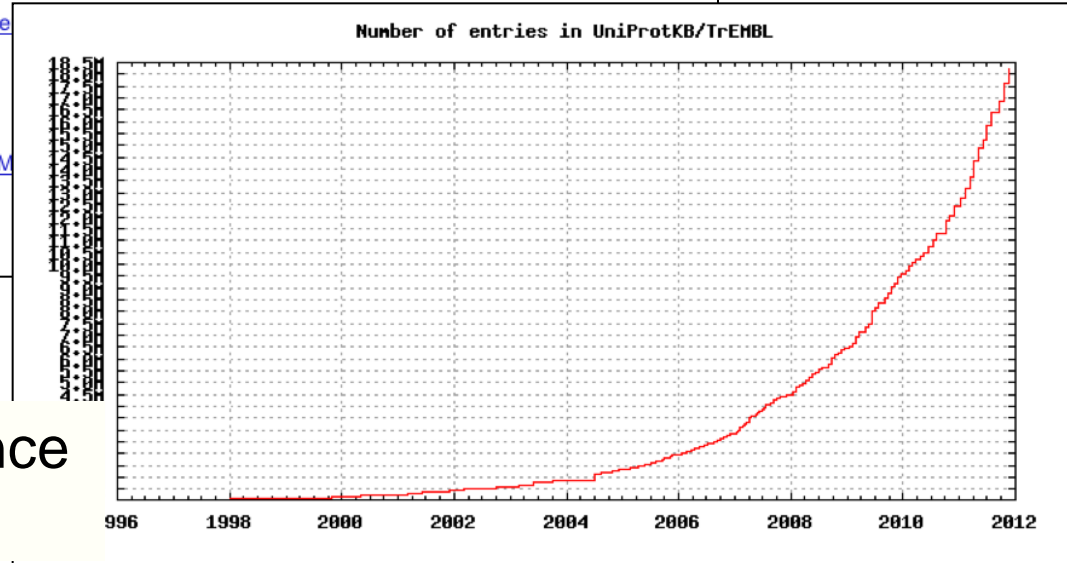
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PMID: 22110224 [PubMed - in process]

Search on 'DNA repair'...
get almost 65,000 results

Expansion of sequence
information





Reasons for the Gene Ontology

- Inconsistency in English language
- Increasing amounts of biological data available
- Increasing amounts of biological data to come
- Large datasets need to be interpreted quickly

GO provides a way of consolidating all the sequence and experimental information into one easily accessible resource

Who is GO?



Reactome



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Aims of the GO project

- Compile the ontologies
 - currently over 38,000 terms
 - constantly increasing and improving
- Annotate gene products using ontology terms
 - around 40 groups provide annotations
- Provide a public resource of data and tools
 - regular releases of annotations
 - tools for browsing/querying annotations and editing the ontology

GO Annotation

UniProt-Gene Ontology Annotation (UniProt-GOA) project at the EBI

- Largest open-source contributor of annotations to GO
- Provide annotation for more than 441,000 species



A GO annotation is ...

...a statement that a gene product;

1. has a particular molecular function
or is involved in a particular biological process
or is located within a certain cellular component
2. as determined by a particular method
3. as described in a particular reference

<i>Accession</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>GO ID</i>	<i>GO term name</i>	<i>Reference</i>	<i>Evidence code</i>
P00505	GOT2	GO:0004069	aspartate transaminase activity	PMID:2731362	IDA

New!

Annotation Extensions

Allows curators to combine GO terms with:

- other GO terms
- terms from external ontologies
- database identifiers representing genes or their products

“Pap1 is a transcription factor that **regulates transcription** of several oxidative stress response genes, including *trr1*, *pmd1*, *obr1*, *bfr1* and *ctt1*”

“TMEM115 is located in the **nucleus** that is part of an **epithelial cell** that is part of the **cervix epithelium**”

Simple GO annotation

Extended GO annotation

UniProt-GOA incorporates annotations made using two methods



Electronic Annotation

- Quick way of producing large numbers of annotations
- Annotations use less-specific GO terms
- Only source of annotation for ~438,000 non-model organism species

Manual Annotation

- Time-consuming process producing lower numbers of annotations (~2,800 taxons covered)
- Annotations tend to use more specific GO terms
- Manual annotation is essential for creating predictions



Broad taxonomic coverage

We have annotations for species that may not have a dedicated curation effort;

e.g. for 1,400 *Solanaceae* species' we have
~360,000 annotations for ~64,000 proteins

We provide annotation files for
well-studied species...

Set of Proteins	Gene Association File	Identifier Cross-Reference File
UniProtKB	Gene association	UniProtKB ID mapping Readme
Human	Gene association	UniProtKB ID mapping Readme
Mouse	Gene association	UniProtKB ID mapping Readme
Rat	Gene association	UniProtKB ID mapping Readme
Arabidopsis	Gene association	UniProtKB ID mapping Readme
Zebrafish	Gene association	UniProtKB ID mapping Readme
Chicken	Gene association	UniProtKB ID mapping Readme
Cow	Gene association	UniProtKB ID mapping Readme
Proteomes	Gene association Browse	n/a
PDB	Gene association	n/a

...as well as less
well-studied species that have;

UniProt-GOA Proteome Sets 10-Dec-2013

Tax ID	Organism	File	Total entries	Entries Annotated	GO Annotations	Percentage coverage
11791	AKV murine leukemia virus	78984.A_murine_leukemia_virus.goa	3	3	66	100%
10498	ASFB7	31679.A.goa	149	89	533	59.7%
10816	Abutilon mosaic virus (isolate West India)	71348.A_mosaic_virus.goa	7	6	76	85.7%
329726	Acaryochloris marina	30122.A_marina.goa	8172	3581	20689	43.8%
522306	Accumulibacter phosphatis	34595.A_phosphatis.goa	4438	2811	18693	63.3%
634452	Acetobacter pasteurianus	34577.A_pasteurianus.goa	2906	1937	12764	66.7%
931626	Acetobacterium woodii	271017.A_woodii_DSM_1030.goa	3445	2449	16324	71.1%

- Complete proteome
- >25% GO annotation coverage

Electronic annotation methods

1. Mapping of external concepts to GO terms

e.g. InterPro2GO, UniProt Keyword2GO, Enzyme Commission2GO

UniProt

UniProtKB

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P00519 - ABL1_HUMAN

Protein Tyrosine-protein kinase ABL1

Gene ABL1, ABL, JTK7

Organism Homo sapiens (Human)

Status Reviewed - Experimental evidence at protein levelⁱ

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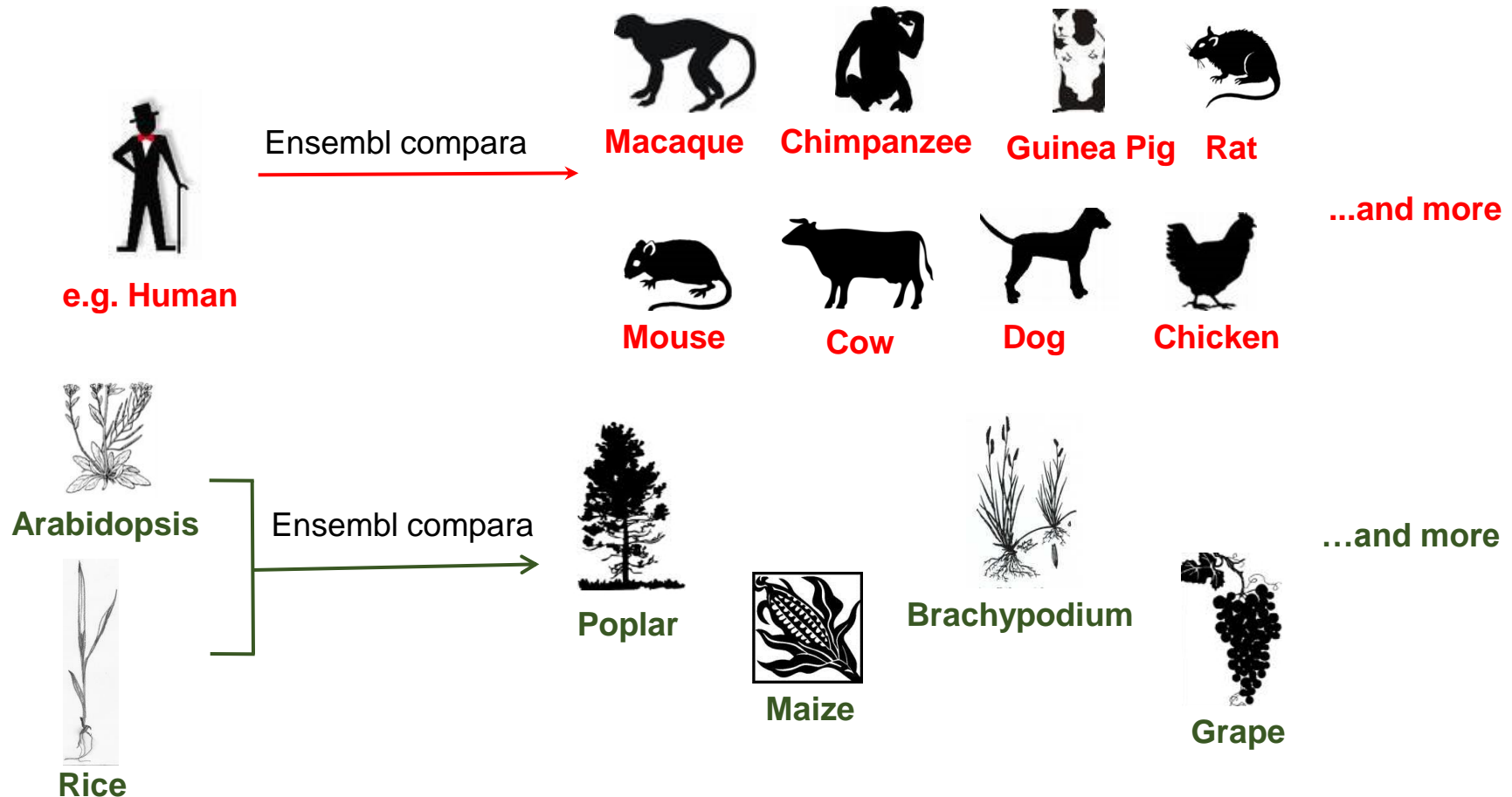
Names & Taxonomyⁱ

Protein names ⁱ	Recommended name: Tyrosine-protein kinase ABL1 (EC:2.7.10.2) Alternative name(s): <ul style="list-style-type: none">Abelson murine leukemia viral oncogene homolog 1Abelson tyrosine-protein kinase 1Proto-oncogene c-Ablp150
Gene names ⁱ	Name: ABL1 Synonyms: ABL, JTK7

GO:0004715 ; non-membrane spanning protein tyrosine kinase activity

Electronic annotation methods

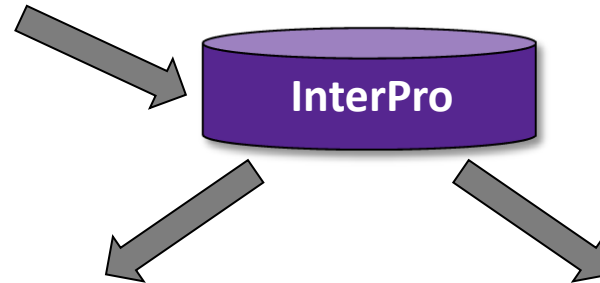
2. Automatic transfer of manual annotations to orthologs



Annotations are high-quality and have an explanation of the method (GO_REF)

3. Propagation of GO annotations to protein groups

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>Seq1
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WQFSMLAAYMFLILVLGFPINFLTYVTVQHKCLR
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GPTGCNLEGGFATLGGIEALWSLVVLAIERVVVC
KPMSNFRFGENHAIMGVAFTW
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Family

Malate dehydrogenase, type 1, bacterial (IPR023958)

Short name: *Malate_DH_type1_bac*

Family relationships

Malate dehydrogenase, type 1
→ Malate dehydrogenase, type 1, bacterial

Description

This enzyme catalyzes the reversible oxidation of malate to oxaloacetate. It exist as a homodimer and belongs to the LDH/MDH superfamily, specifically to the MDH type 1 family.

GO terms

Biological Process: [GO:0006099](#) tricarboxylic acid cycle
[GO:0055114](#) oxidation-reduction process

Molecular Function: [GO:0030060](#) L-malate dehydrogenase activity

Contributing signatures

Signatures from InterPro member databases are used to construct an entry.

HH: prediction
HANAP
■ [PF_01516](#)
(Malate_dehydrog_1)

Domain

Lactate/malate dehydrogenase, C-terminal (IPR022383)

Short name: *Lactate/malate_DH_C*

Domain relationships

Lactate dehydrogenase/glycoside hydrolase, family 4, C-terminal
→ Lactate/malate dehydrogenase, C-terminal

Description

L-lactate dehydrogenases are metabolic enzymes which catalyse the conversion of L-lactate to pyruvate, the last step in anaerobic glycolysis [[PubMed: 11276087](#)]. L-lactate dehydrogenase is also found as a lens crystallin in bird and crocodile eyes. L-2-hydroxyisocaproate dehydrogenases are also members of the family. Malate dehydrogenases catalyse the interconversion of malate to oxaloacetate [[PubMed: 8117664](#)]. The enzyme participates in the citric acid cycle. This entry represents the C-terminal, and is thought to be an unusual alpha+beta fold.

GO terms

Biological Process: [GO:0055114](#) oxidation-reduction process

Molecular Function: [GO:0016616](#) oxidoreductase activity, acting on the CH-OH group of donors, NAD or NADP as acceptor

Contributing signatures

Signatures from InterPro member databases are used to construct an entry.

HH: prediction
PFam
■ [PF02866](#) (Ldh_1_C)

Biological Process

[GO:0055114](#) oxidation-reduction process
[GO:0006099](#) tricarboxylic acid cycle

Molecular Function

[GO:0016616](#) oxidoreductase activity, acting on the CH-OH group of donors, NAD or NADP as acceptor
[GO:0030060](#) L-malate dehydrogenase activity

Source of ~170 million GO mappings for ~50 million distinct UniProtKB sequences

Considerations for mapping GO terms

GO mapping to domains:

Function of **domain** may not be function of **protein**

Family members can be experimentally characterised as ***lacking function***:

P14210 - a serine protease homologue with no proteolytic activity
(proteins are reported to GOA to be blacklisted)

Broad families that are ***functionally diverse***:

The **GHMP kinase superfamily** includes

- Galactokinases (EC=2.7.1.6)
- Homoserine kinases (EC=2.7.1.39)
- Mevalonate kinases (EC=2.7.1.36)
- *Diphosphomevalonate decarboxylases* (EC

4.1.1.33)

Number of annotations in UniProt-GOA database

Electronic annotations	367,330,906
Manual annotations*	1,553,980

Sept 2014 Statistics

* Includes manual annotations integrated from external model organism and specialist groups

Manual annotation by UniProt

High-quality, specific annotations made using:

- Full text peer-reviewed papers
- A range of evidence codes to categorise the types of evidence found in a paper
e.g. Inferred by Direct Assay (IDA),
Inferred by Mutant Phenotype (IMP),
Inferred from Physical Interaction (IPI)

How to access and use GO annotation data

Where can you find annotations?

UniProtKB

UniProt > UniProtKB

Search Blast * Align * Retrieve ID Mapping *

Search in **Query**
Protein Knowledgebase (UniProtKB)

P00519 (ABL1_HUMAN) ★ Reviewed, UniProtKB/Swiss-Prot
Last modified October 5, 2010. Version 162. [History...](#)

Clusters with 100%, 90%, 50% identity | Documents (7) | Third-party data

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Names and origin

Protein names	Recommended name: Tyrosine-protein kinase ABL1 EC=2.7.10.2 Alternative name(s): Abelson murine leukemia viral oncogene homolog 1 Proto-oncogene c-Abl p150
Gene names	Name: ABL1 Synonyms: ABL, JTK7

Gene Ontology (GO)
Biological process

- DNA damage response, signal transduction resulting in induction of apoptosis
Traceable author statement. Source: Protinc
- actin cytoskeleton organization
Inferred from sequence or structural similarity. Source: UniProtKB
- cell adhesion
Inferred from electronic annotation. Source: UniProtKB-KW
- mismatch repair
Traceable author statement. Source: Protinc
- peptidyl-tyrosine phosphorylation
Inferred from direct assay [Ref.12](#). Source: UniProtKB
- positive regulation of oxidoreductase activity
Inferred from direct assay. Source: BHF-UCL
- regulation of transcription involved in S phase of mitotic cell cycle
Traceable author statement. Source: Protinc
- signal transduction
Inferred from electronic annotation. Source: InterPro

Ensembl

Entrez gene

Transcript-based displays

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Transcript: ABL1-001 (ENST00000318560)

c-abl oncogene 1, receptor tyrosine kinase [Source:HGNC Symbol;Acc:76]

Location [Chromosome 9: 133,710,453-133,763,062](#) forward strand.

Gene ☐ This transcript is a product of gene [ENSG00000097007](#) - There are 6 transcripts in this gene

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Name	Transcript ID	Le
ABL1-001	ENST00000318560	
ABL1-002	ENST00000372348	
ABL1-003	ENST00000393293	
ABL1-201	ENST00000426772	
ABL1-202	ENST00000438426	
ABL1-203	ENST00000444970	

« Oligo probes

Gene ontology [help](#)

The following GO terms have been mapped to this entry via UniProt and/or RefSeq:

GO	GO Term	Evidence	Annotation	Source
Accession				
GO:0000115	regulation of transcription involved in S-phase of mitotic cell cycle	TAS		
GO:0000166	nucleotide binding	IEA		
GO:0000267	magnesium ion binding	IDA		
GO:0003677	DNA binding	NAS		
GO:0004672	protein kinase activity	IEA		

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ABL1 c-abl oncogene 1, non-receptor tyrosine kinase [*Homo sapiens*]

Gene ID: 25, updated on 5-Oct-2010

Summary


Official Symbol ABL1 provided by [HGNC](#)
Official Full Name c-abl oncogene 1, non-receptor tyrosine kinase provided by [HGNC](#)
Primary source [HGNC:76](#)
Locus tag RP11-83J21.1
See related [Ensembl:ENSG00000097007](#); [HPRD:01809](#); [MIM:189980](#)
Gene type protein coding
RefSeq status REVIEWED

Gene Ontology provided by GOA

Function	Evidence	
	Evidence Code	Pubs
ATP binding	IDA	PubMed
DNA binding	NAS	PubMed
SH3 domain binding	IPI	PubMed
magnesium ion binding	IDA	PubMed
manganese ion binding	IDA	PubMed
non-membrane spanning protein tyrosine kinase activity	IEA	
nucleotide binding	IEA	
proline-rich region binding	IPI	PubMed
protein C-terminus binding	IPI	PubMed
protein binding	IPI	PubMed

Annotation Files

Contain all information for each annotation



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<i>Arabidopsis thaliana</i> TAIR	31339			
<i>Aspergillus nidulans</i> AspGD	11368			
<i>Bacillus anthracis</i> Ames JCVI	5280			



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Query examples - [apoptosis](#), [GO:0006915](#), [tropomyosin](#), [P06727](#).

UniProtKB-GOA - Downloads

Set of Proteins	Gene Association File	Identifier Cross-Reference File
UniProtKB	Gene association	UniProtKB ID mapping Readme
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Rat	Gene association	UniProtKB ID mapping Readme
Arabidopsis	Gene association	UniProtKB ID mapping Readme
Zebrafish	Gene association	UniProtKB ID mapping Readme
Chicken	Gene association	UniProtKB ID mapping Readme
Cow	Gene association	UniProtKB ID mapping Readme
Proteomes	Gene association Browse	n/a
PDB	Gene association	n/a

UniProt-GOA website

Numerous species-specific files →

<http://www.ebi.ac.uk/GOA/downloads.html>

ABL1

GO browsers

Tyrosine-protein kinase ABL1

protein from *Homo sapiens* (human)

Term associations [Gene product information](#) [Peptide Sequence](#) [Sequence information](#)

Term Associations

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Accession, Term	Ontology	Qualifier	Evidence	Reference	Assigned by
<input type="checkbox"/> GO:0030036 : actin cytoskeleton organization	2336 gene products view in tree biological process		ISS With UniProtKB:P00520	GO REF:0000024	UniProtKB
<input type="checkbox"/> GO:0007155 : cell adhesion	4735 gene products view in tree biological process		IEA With SP KW:KW-0130	GO REF:0000004	UniProtKB
<input type="checkbox"/> GO:0008630 : DNA damage response, signal transduction resulting in induction of apoptosis	145 gene products view in tree biological process		TAS	PMID:10391249	Proteome Inc.
<input type="checkbox"/> GO:0006298 : mismatch repair					

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Gene ABL1
Taxonomy Homo sapiens
Description Tyrosine-protein kinase ABL1

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Database ID	Symbol	Qualifier	GO Identifier	GO Term Name	Aspect	Evidence	Reference	With	Taxon	Date	Assigned By	Product ID
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The UniProt QuickGO browser

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Uses of GO annotation data

How scientists use the GO

- Access gene product functional information
- Analyse high-throughput genomic or proteomic datasets
- Validation of experimental techniques
- Get a broad overview of the functions of a proteome
- Obtain functional information for novel gene products











Some examples...

Term enrichment

- Most popular type of GO analysis
- Determines which GO terms are more often associated with a specified list of genes/proteins compared with a control list or rest of genome
- Many tools available to do this analysis
- User must decide which is best for their analysis

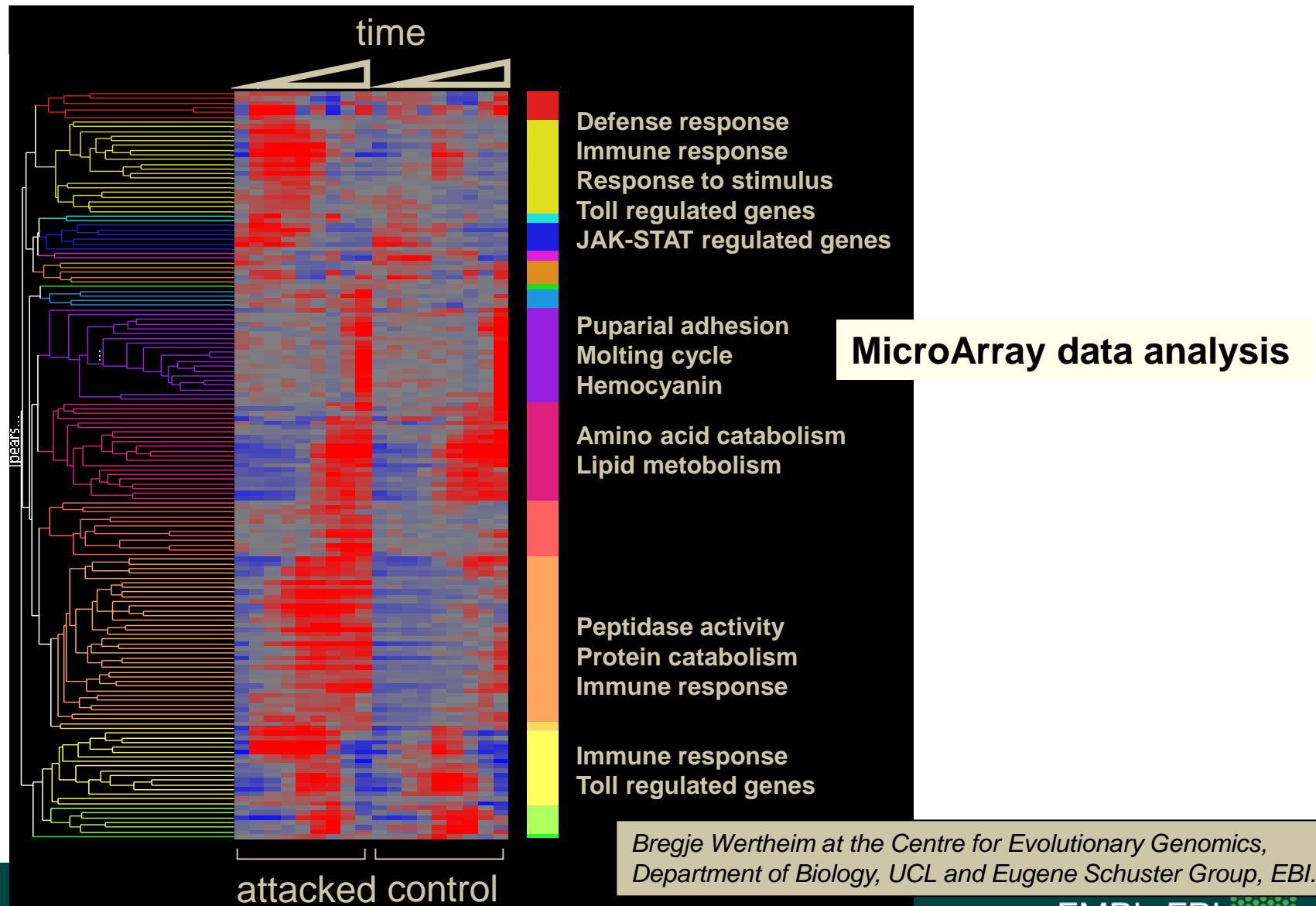
Numerous Third Party Tools

Statistical analysis: Table View

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Resource:Babelomics 4: Gene Expression and Functional Profiling Analysis Suite	Resource:CIPF Bioinformatics and Genomics Department	http://babelomics.bioinfo.cipf.es	
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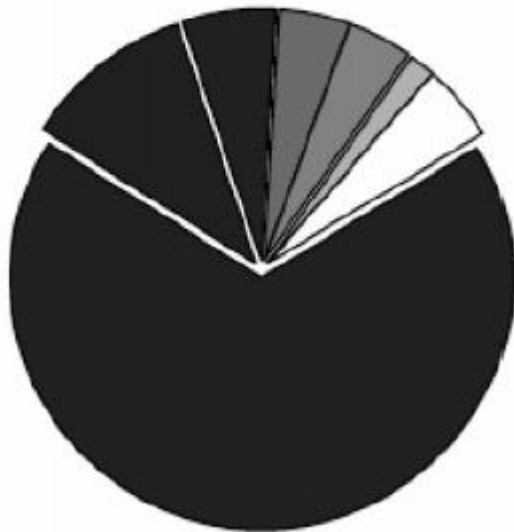
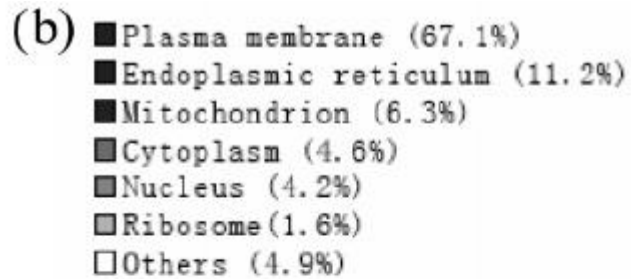


Analysis of high-throughput genomic datasets



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Validation of experimental techniques



Rat liver plasma membrane isolation

(Cao *et al.*, Journal of Proteome Research 2006)

Annotating novel sequences

- BLAST can be used to find similar sequences with GO annotation which give an indication of the functional roles of the new sequence
- Two tools currently available;

AmiGO BLAST – searches the GO Consortium database

BLAST2GO – searches the NCBI database



* Note BLAST alone is not considered reliable enough to make automated functional predictions

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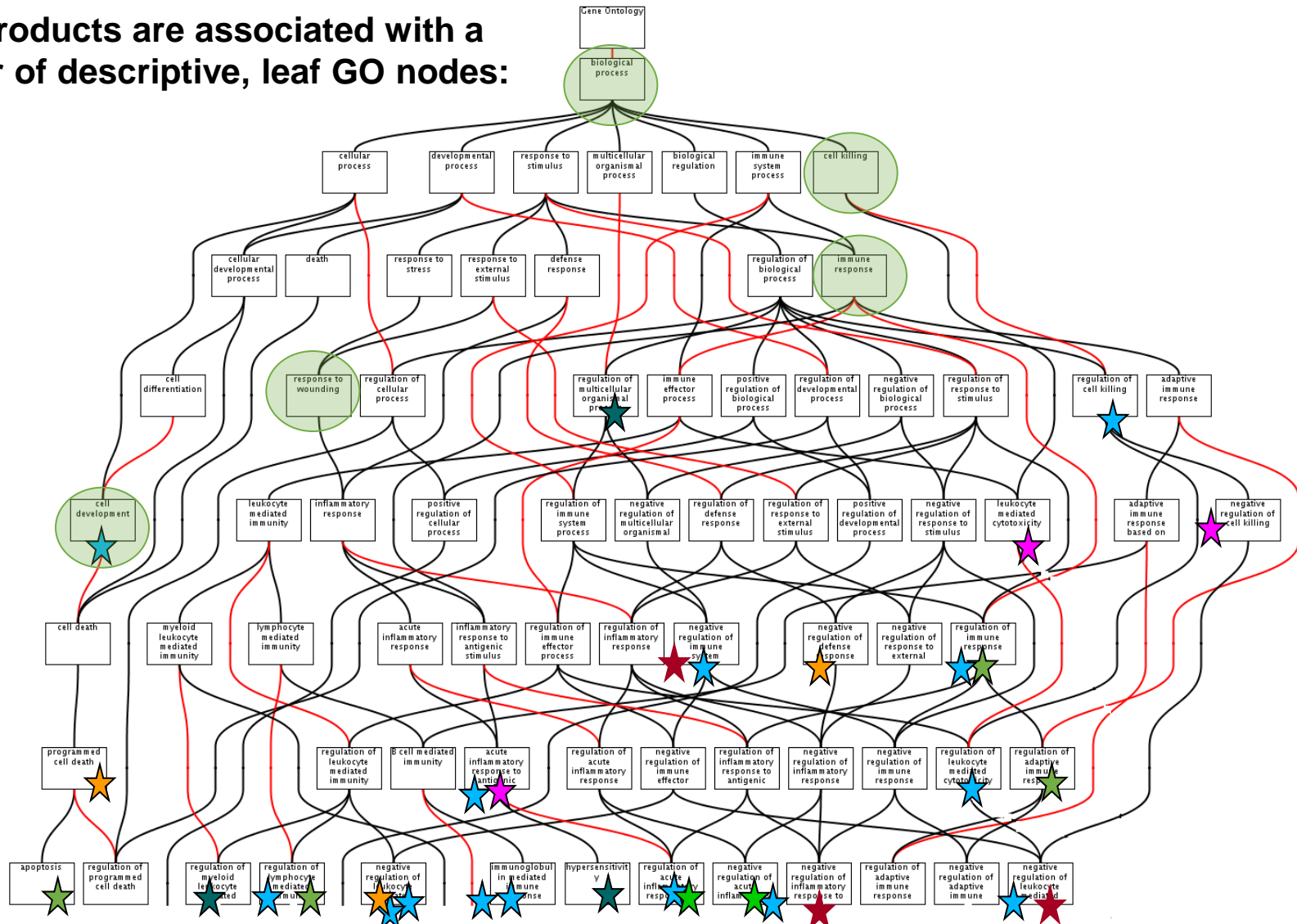
- InterProScan for matching domains that are mapped to GO

Using the GO to provide a functional overview for a large dataset

- Many GO analysis tools use GO slims to give a broad overview of the dataset
- GO slims are cut-down versions of the GO and contain a subset of the terms in the whole GO
- GO slims usually contain less-specialised GO terms

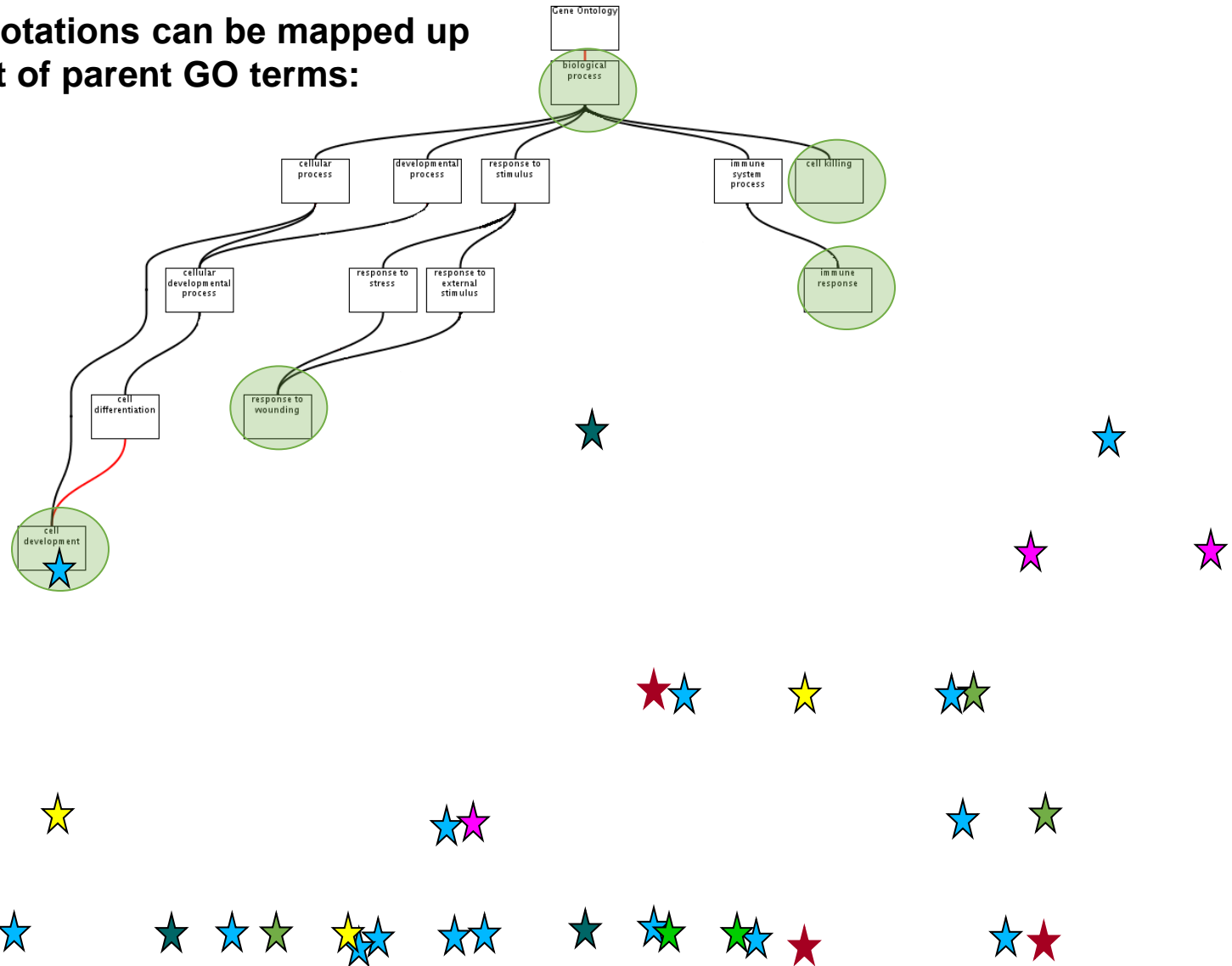
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...however annotations can be mapped up to a smaller set of parent GO terms:



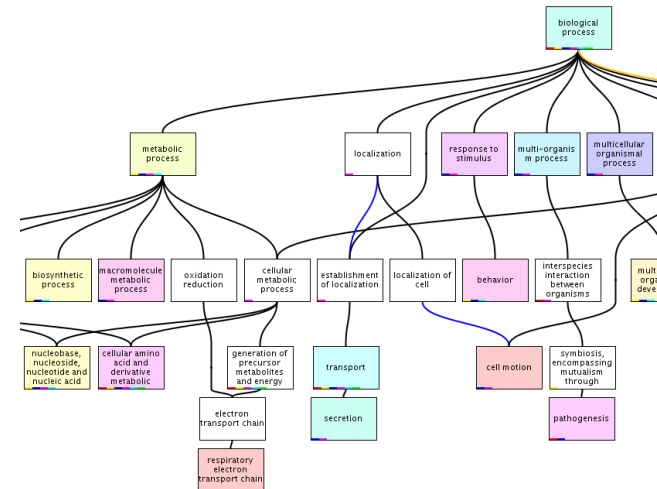
GO slims

Custom slims are available for download;

<http://www.geneontology.org/GO.slims.shtml>

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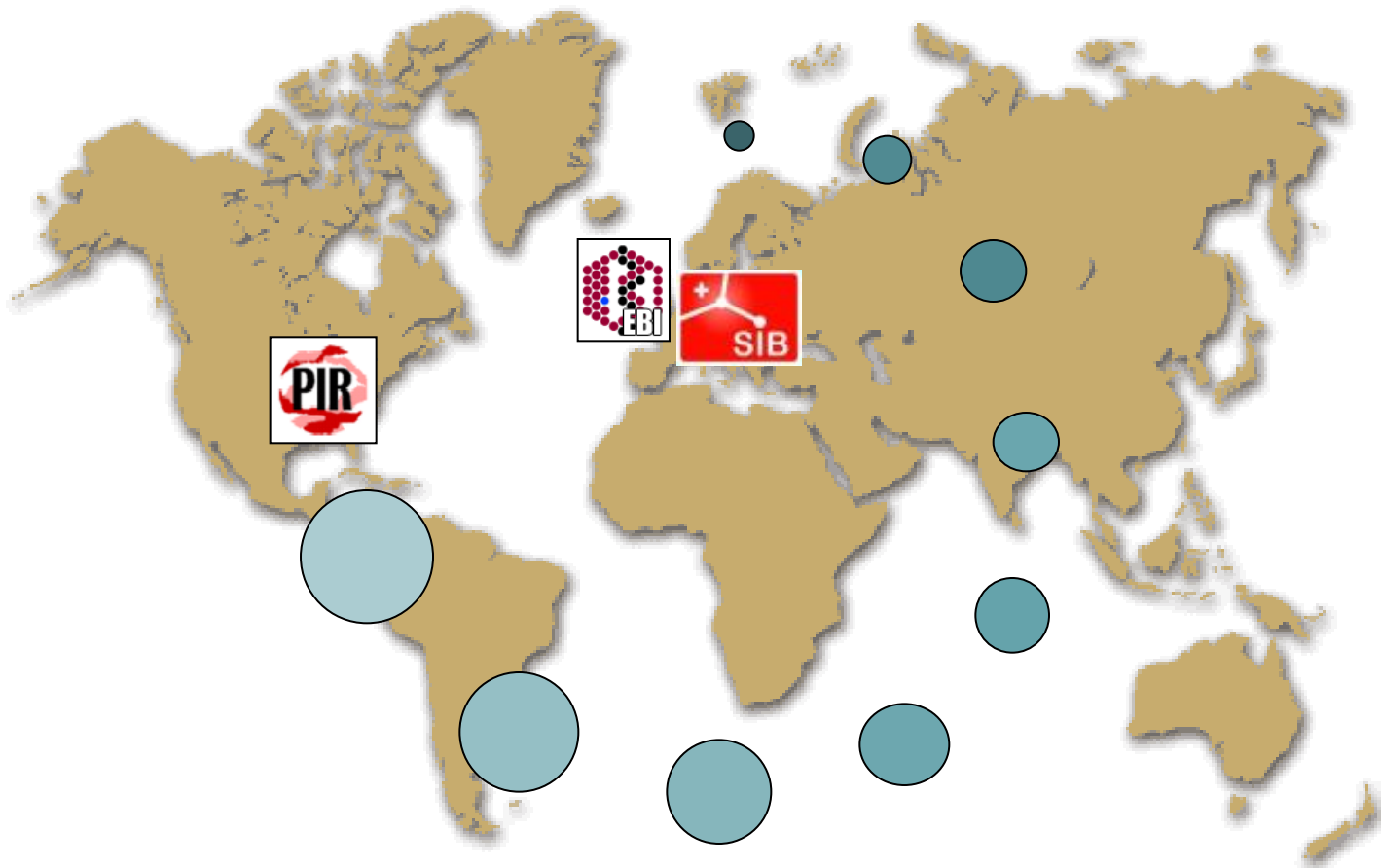
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