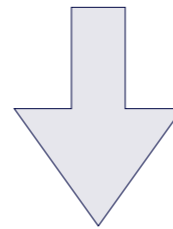


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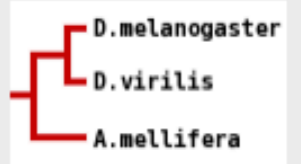
DDBJ - DNA Data Bank of Japan was established 1986. <http://www.ddbj.nig.ac.jp/>




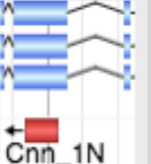
INSDC - The International Nucleotide Sequence Databases (INSDB) have been developed and maintained collaboratively between DDBJ, ENA, and GenBank for over 18 years. <http://insdc.org/>


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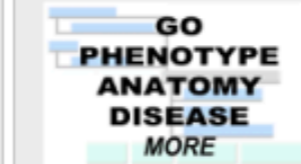
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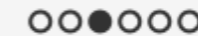
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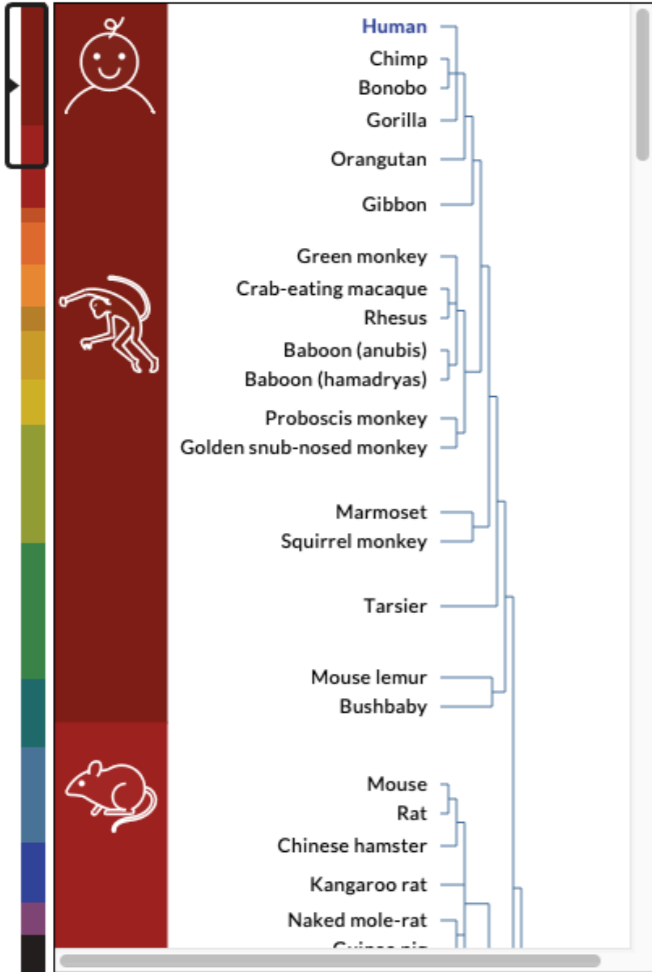

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Ensembl Release 101 (August 2020)

- Update to human GENCODE 35
- New population frequency data from the Gambian Genome Variation Project
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BLAST is the acronym for "**B**asic **L**ocal **A**lignment **S**earch **T**ool", which is a **local** alignment search tool first described by Altschul et al. (1990). NCBI started providing sequence alignment service to the public using BLAST in 1992, first through its blast email server (decommissioned in 2002) and later through the web (1997).



BLAST

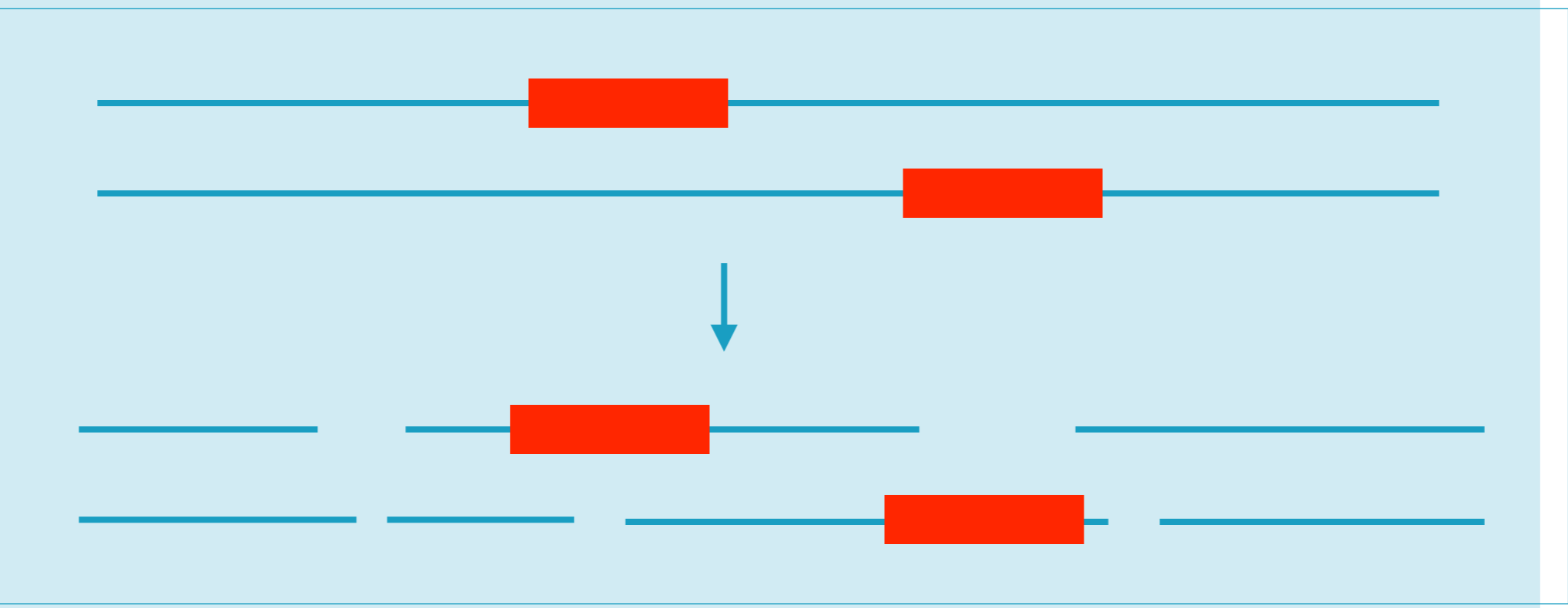
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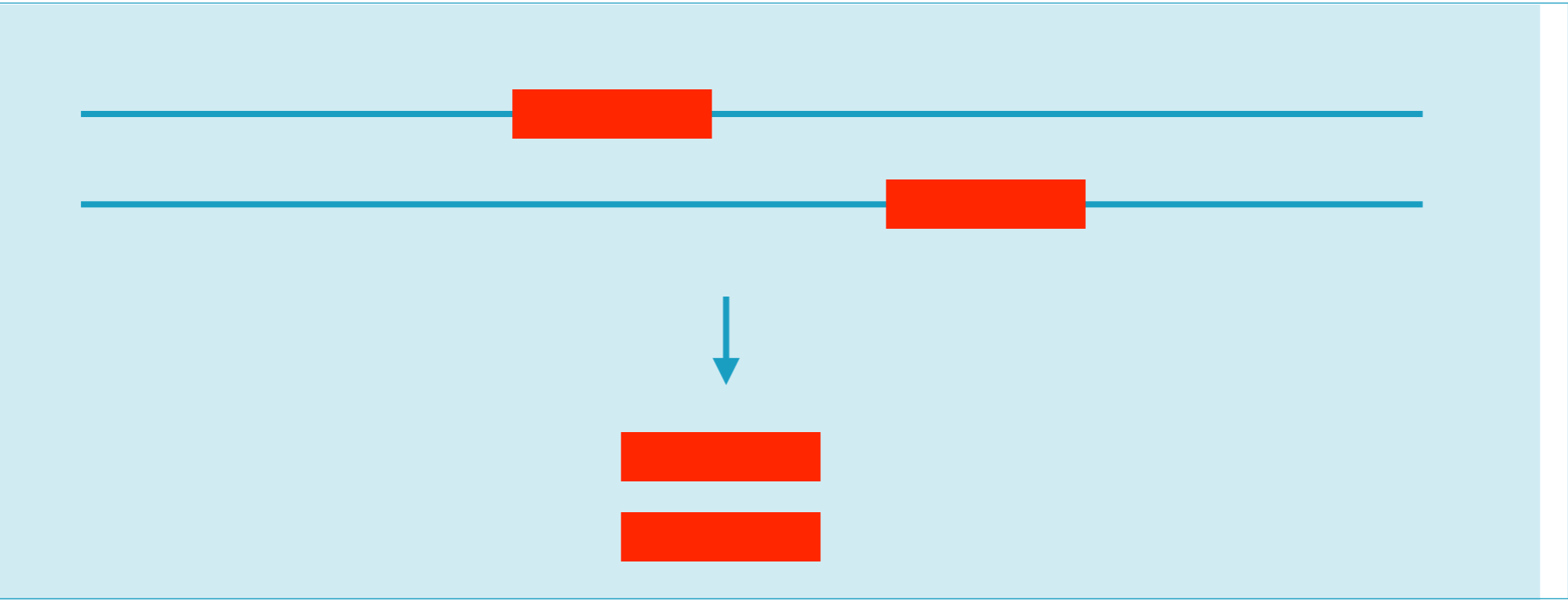
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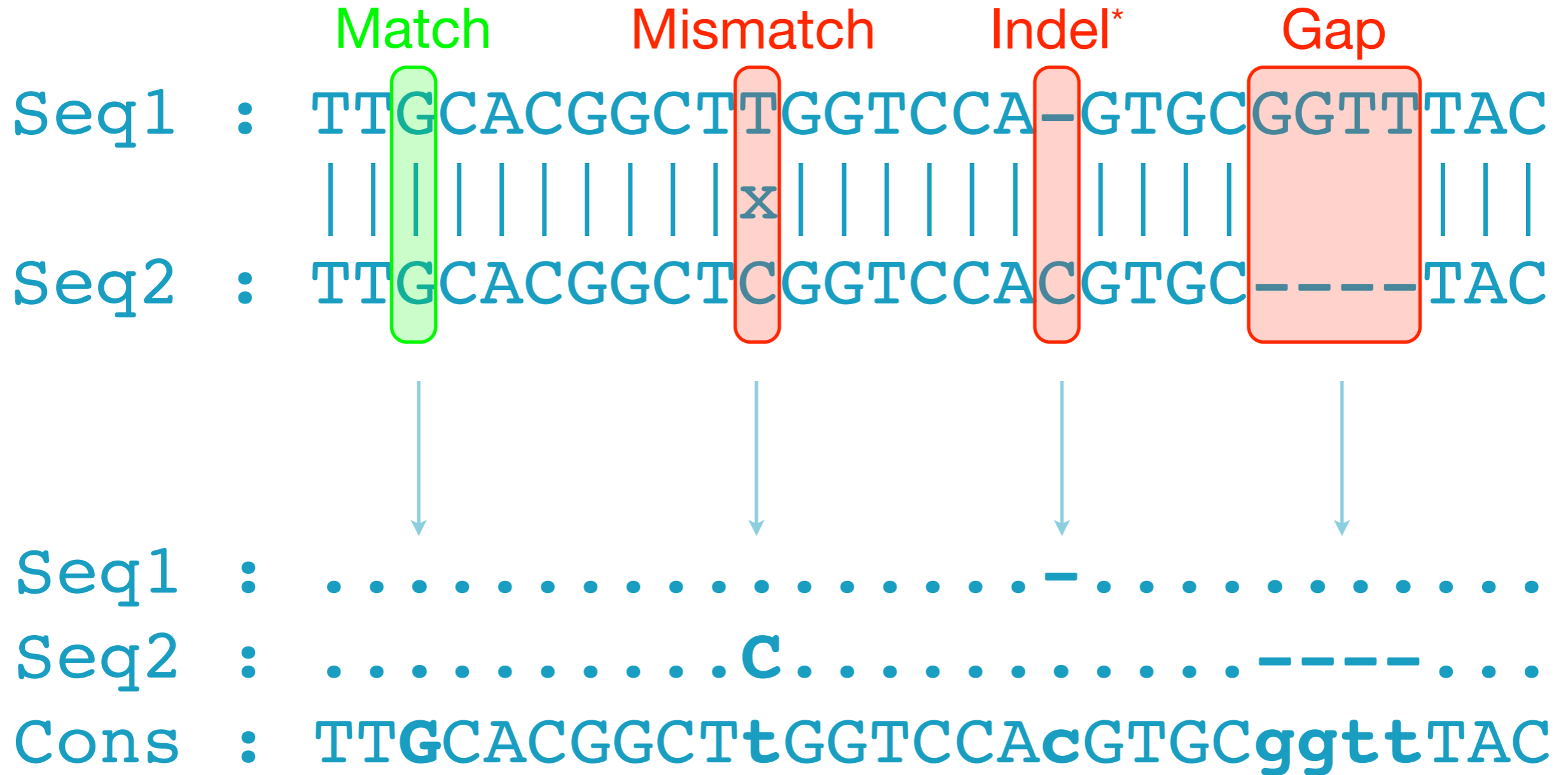
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Global Alignment



Local Alignment





* indels: insertions & deletions

BLAST finds the optimal alignment by using the "**word matching**" **algorithm**, in which BLAST does the search in several distinctive phases: 1) **generating overlapping words** from the input query, 2) scanning the database for **word matches** (hits), and 3) **extending word hits** to produce (local) alignments through multiple steps of extension.

During the first phase, BLAST breaks the input query into short overlapping segments (words/**seeds**). In the second phase BLAST takes those query words and **scans the target database** for initial matches. The nucleotide BLAST algorithm looks for any single exact word match. The protein BLAST algorithm uses a scoring threshold cutoff to identify matches. In addition, protein BLAST algorithm also requires two word hits within a certain distance in order to proceed to the next step.

ATGCGGTCACGTCACG > query sequence

ATGCG > word 1

TGCGG > word 2

GCGGT > word 3

CGGTC > word 4

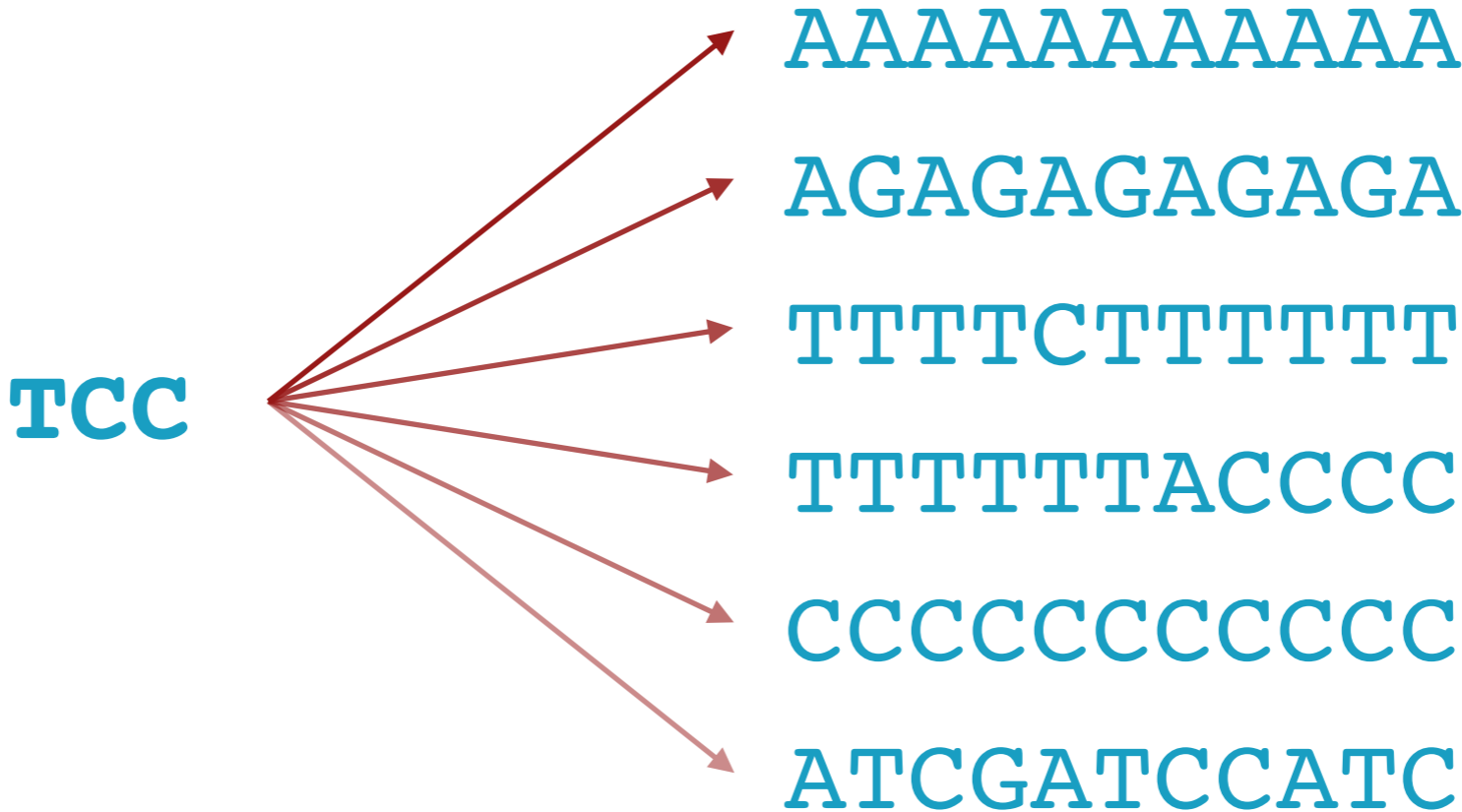
GGTCA > word 5

GTCAC > word 6

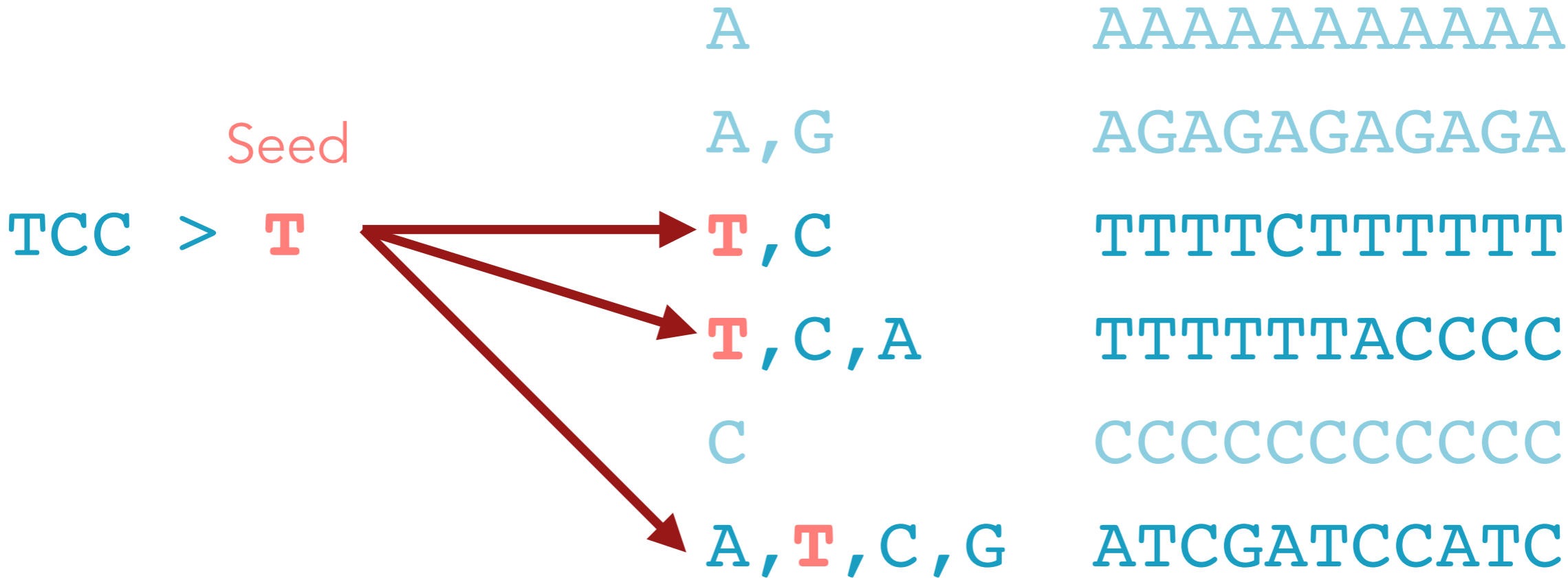
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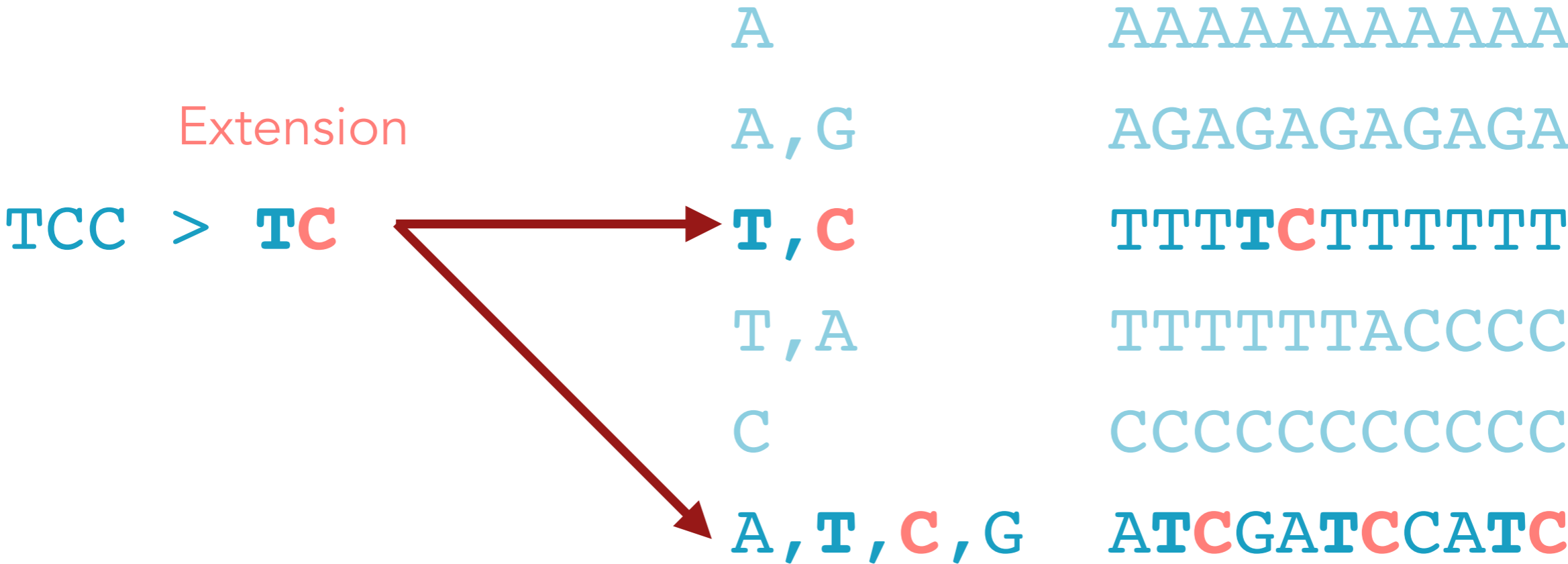


AAAAAAAAAAAA
AGAGAGAGAGA
TTTTCTTTTTT
TTTTTTACCCC
CCCCCCCCCCC
ATCGATCCATC









Extension

TCC



AAAAAAAAAAAA

AGAGAGAGAGA

TTTTCTTTTTT

TTTTTTACCCC

CCCCCCCCCCC

ATCGAT**TCC**ATC

Global Alignment

Query > 1 -----**TCC**----- 11

Gaps > | | | < Matches

Subject > 1 **ATCGATCCATC** 11

Local Alignment

Identities **3/3** (100%)

Query 1 TCC 3

|||

Subject 6 TCC 9



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Specialized searches

SmartBLAST



Find proteins highly similar to your query

Primer-BLAST



Design primers specific to your PCR template

Global Align



Compare two sequences across their entire span (Needleman-Wunsch)

CD-search



Find conserved domains in your sequence

GEO



Find matches to gene expression profiles

IgBLAST



Search immunoglobulins and T cell receptor sequences

VecScreen



Search sequences for vector contamination

CDART



Find sequences with similar conserved domain architecture

Targeted Loci



Search markers for phylogenetic analysis

Multiple Alignment



Align sequences using domain and protein constraints

BioAssay



Search protein or nucleotide targets in PubChem BioAssay

MOLE-BLAST



Establish taxonomy for uncultured or environmental sequences

Query

Search Term
Daphnia magna

PubMed
Nucleotide
→

Subject



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Search Term
ATGCGGTCACAACATG...

BLAST →

Basic Local Alignment Search Tool

BLAST finds regions of similarity between biological sequences. The program compares nucleotide or protein sequences to sequence databases and calculates the statistical significance.

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BLAST+ 2.5.0 released

NEWS

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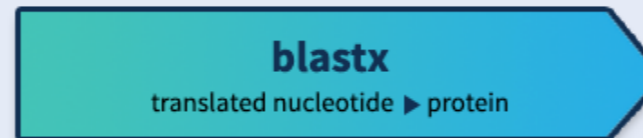
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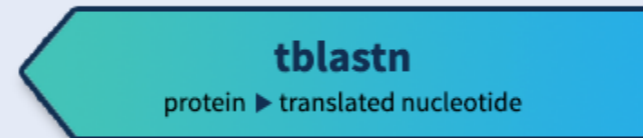
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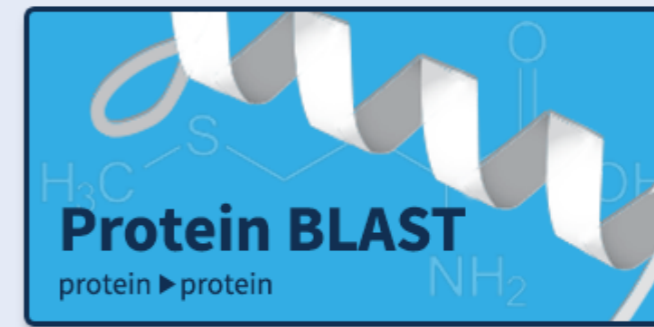
Nucleotide BLAST
nucleotide ▶ nucleotide



blastx
translated nucleotide ▶ protein



tblastn
protein ▶ translated nucleotide



Protein BLAST
protein ▶ protein

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search	input		query		database
blastn	nt	→	nt	→	nt
blastp	pr	→	pr	→	pr
blastx	nt	→	pr (6)	→	pr
tblastn	pr	→	pr	→	pr (6)
tblastx	nt	→	pr (6)	→	pr (6)

blastn compares nucleotide queries to a nucleotide database

blastp compares protein queries to a protein database

blastx compares a nucleotide query translated in all six reading frames against a protein database

tblastn compares a protein query against a nucleotide sequence database dynamically translated in all six reading frames

tblastx compares a nucleotide query in all six reading frames against a nucleotide sequence database in all six reading frames



Nucleotide–nucleotide searches are beneficial because no information is lost in the alignment. When a codon is translated from nucleotides to amino acids, approximately 69% of the complexity is lost ($4^3=64$ possible nucleotide combinations mapped to 20 amino acids). In contrast, however, **the true physical relationship between two coding sequences is best captured in the translated view**. Matrices that take into account physical properties, such as PAM and BLOSUM, can be used to add power to the search. Additionally, in a nucleotide search, there are only four possible character states compared to 20 in an amino acid search. Thus the **probability of a match** due to chance versus a match due to common ancestry (identify in state versus identical by descent) is higher.

► ***Setting up a BLAST search***

Step 1. Plan the search

Step 2. Enter the query sequence

Step 3. Choose the appropriate search parameters

Step 4. Submit the query

► ***Deciphering the BLAST output***

Step 1. Examine the alignment scores and statistics

Step 2. Examine the alignments

Step 3. Review search details to plan the next step

► ***Post-BLAST analysis***

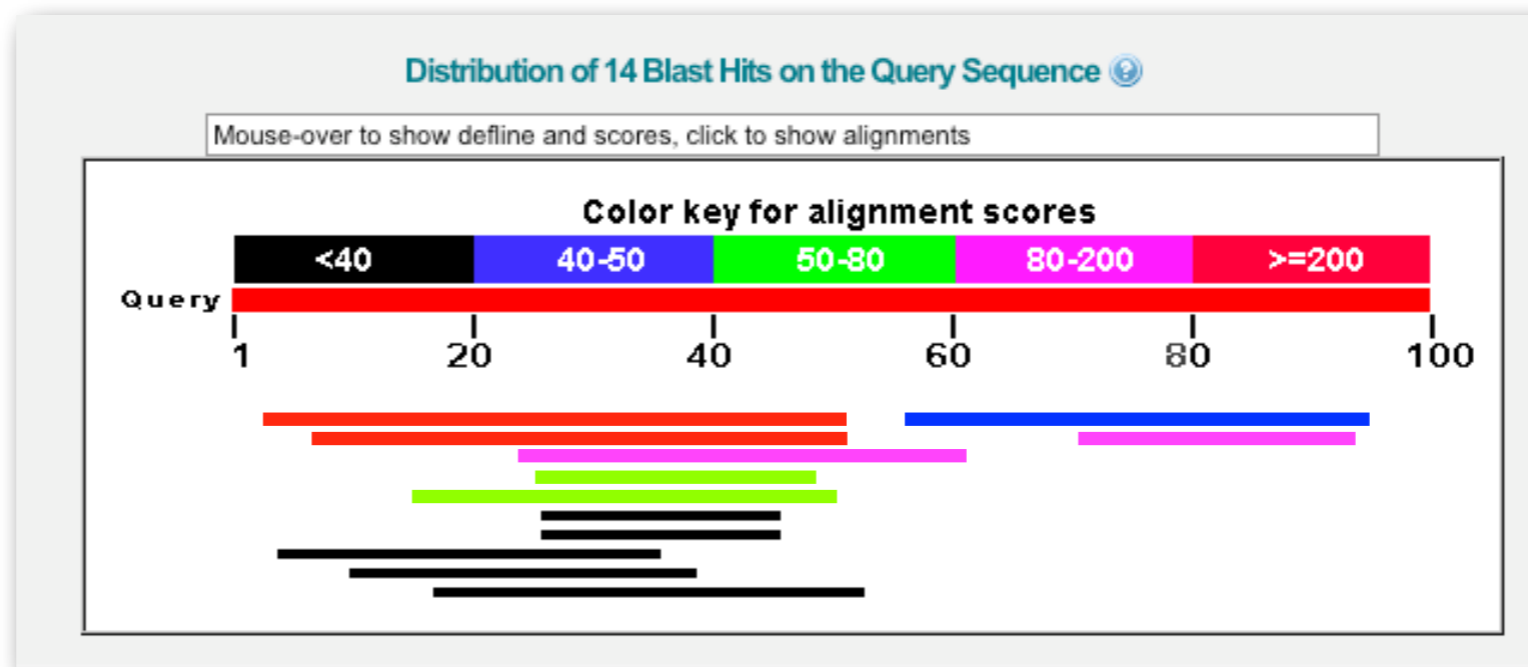
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Create a multiple alignment

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Bit Score



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Accession	Description	Max score	Total score	Query coverage	E value	Max ident	Links
DQ487112.1	Panax ginseng dehydrin 7 (Dhn7) mRNA, complete cds	39.9	39.9	21%	2.3	100%	
DQ487106.1	Panax ginseng dehydrin 1 (Dhn1) mRNA, complete cds	39.9	39.9	21%	2.3	100%	
AC238433.1	Mus musculus BAC clone RP24-160E3 from chromosome 9, complete	38.1	38.1	20%	8.2	100%	
AC215885.3	Mus musculus BAC clone RP23-36L10 from chromosome 9, complete	38.1	38.1	20%	8.2	100%	
CU467051.7	Pig DNA sequence from clone CH242-177E21 on chromosome 2, comp	38.1	38.1	28%	8.2	90%	
NM_001079232.1	Xenopus (Silurana) tropicalis T-cell activation RhoGTPase activating pr	38.1	38.1	20%	8.2	100%	

click here to see the corresponding alignment

Nucleotide Alignment

```
> emb|FN568088.1 Homo sapiens SRY gene for sex determining region Y, individual TH7
Length=615
Score = 848 bits (459), Expect = 0.0
Identities = 480/497 (97%), Gaps = 2/497 (0%)
Strand=Plus/Minus

Query 1 CTACARCTTTGTCCAGTGGCTGTAGCGGTCCCGTTGCTGCGGTGAGCTGGCTGCGTTGAT 60
      |||
Sbjct 615 CTACAGCTTTGTCCAGTGGCTGTAGCGGTCCCGTTGCTGCGGTGAGCTGGCTGCGTTGAT 556

Query 61 GGGCGGTAAGTGGCCTAGCTGGTGTCTCCATTCTTGAGTGTGTGGCTTTCGTACAGTCATC 120
      |||
Sbjct 555 GGGCGGTAAGTGGCCTAGCTGGTGTCTCCATTCTTGAGTGTGTGGCTTTCGTACAGTCATC 496

Query 121 CCTGTACAACCTGTTGTCCAGTTGCACTTCGCTGCAGAGTACCGAAGCGGGATCTGCGGG 180
      |||
Sbjct 495 CCTGTACAACCTGTTGTCCAGTTGCACTTCGCTGCAGAGTACCGAAGCGGGATCTGCGGG 436

Query 181 AAGCAAACCTGCAATTCCTCGGCAGCATNTTCGCCTTCCGACGAGGTCGATACTTATAATT 240
      |||
Sbjct 435 AAGCAAACCTGCAATTCCTCGGCAGCATNTTCGCCTTCCGACGAGGTCGATACTTATAATT 376

Query 241 CGGGTATTTCTCTCTGTGCATGGCCTGTAATTTCTGTGCCCTCCTGGAAGAATGGCCATTT 300
      |||
Sbjct 375 CGGGTATTTCTCTCTGTGCATGGCCTGTAATTTCTGTGCCCTCCTGGAAGAATGGCCATTT 316

Query 301 TTCGGCTTCAGTAAGCATTTTCCACTGGTATCCAGCTGCTTGCTGATCTCTGAAAGTTT 360
      |||
Sbjct 315 TTCGGCTTCAGTAAGCATTTTCCACTGGTATCCAGCTGCTTGCTGATCTCTGA--GTTT 258

Query 361 CGCATTCTGGGATTCTCTAGAGCCATCTTGCGCCTCTGATCGCGAGACCACACGNGAAT 420
      |||
Sbjct 257 CGCATTCTGGGATTCTCTAGAGCCATCTTGCGCCTCTGATCGCGAGACCACACGATGAAT 198

Query 421 GCGTTCATGGGTCGCTTCACTCTATCCTGGNNNNNNNNNTTACTGTTTTCTCCCGTTTCA 480
      |||
Sbjct 197 GCGTTCATGGGTCGCTTCACTCTATCCTGGACGTTGCCTTTACTGTTTTCTCCCGTTTCA 138

Query 481 RRCTGATACTTAGAGTT 497
      |||
Sbjct 137 CACTGATACTTAGAGTT 121
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query sequence

database sequence

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Identity - The extent to which two (nucleotide or amino acid) sequences are invariant.

$$PID = \frac{\text{\# of identical aa or nt}}{\text{\# of total aa or nt}} \times 100$$

Protein Alignment

```
> emb|CBH40193.1| sex determining region Y [Homo sapiens]
Length=204

Score = 330 bits (845), Expect = 5e-89
Identities = 157/164 (96%), Positives = 157/164 (96%), Gaps = 0/164 (0%)
Frame = +1

Query 1   NSKYQXETGENSXXXXQDRVKRPMAFVWSRDQRRKMALENPRMRNSEISKQLGYQWKM 180
          NSKYQ ETGENS QDRVKRPMAF VWSRDQRRKMALENPRMRNSEISKQLGYQWKM
Sbjct 41   NSKYQCETGENSKGNVQDRVKRPMAFIVWSRDQRRKMALENPRMRNSEISKQLGYQWKM 100

Query 181 LTEAEKWPFQEAQKLQAMHREKYPNYKYRPRRKAXMLPKNCSLLPADPASVLCSEVQLD 360
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Sbjct 101  LTEAEKWPFQEAQKLQAMHREKYPNYKYRPRRKAKMLPKNCSLLPADPASVLCSEVQLD 160

Query 361 NRLYRDDCTKATHSRMEHQLGHLPPINAASSPQORDRYSHWTKL 492
          NRLYRDDCTKATHSRMEHQLGHLPPINAASSPQORDRYSHWTKL
Sbjct 161  NRLYRDDCTKATHSRMEHQLGHLPPINAASSPQORDRYSHWTKL 204
```

query sequence

database sequence

matching sequence

Protein Alignment - Identities

151 - 4 mis-matches = 147 identities

Range 1: 1 to 151 [GenPept](#) [Graphics](#) ▼ Next Match ▲ Previous Match

Score	Expect	Method	Identities	Positives	Gaps
301 bits(770)	3e-102	Compositional matrix adjust.	147/151(97%)	150/151(99%)	0/151(0%)

Query	6	MKKIDVKILDARVGRDFPLPTYATPGSAGLDRACID	DDVMEIAPGTTTLIPTGLAIHIAD	65
Sbjct	1	MKKIDVKILDARVGRDFPLPTYATPGSAGLDRACI	+DDVMEIAPGTTTLIPTGLAIHIAD	60
Query	66	PSLAAVILPRSGLGHKHGI	VLGNLVGLIDADYQGQLMVS	125
Sbjct	61	PNLAAVILPRSGLGHKHGI	VLGNLVGLIDADYQGQLMVS	120
Query	126	FVPVVQAEFNLV	EEFDASLRGEGGF	156
Sbjct	121	FVPVVQAEFNLV	DEFDASLRGEGGF	151

4 mis-matches

Protein Alignment - Positives

147 identities + 3 similar = 150 positives

Range 1: 1 to 151 [GenPept](#) [Graphics](#)

▼ Next Match ▲ Previous Match

Score	Expect	Method	Identities	Positives	Gaps
301 bits(770)	3e-102	Compositional matrix adjust.	147/151(97%)	150/151(99%)	0/151(0%)

Query	6	MKKIDVKILDARVGKDFPLPTYATPGSAGLDRAC	IDDVMEIAPGTTTLIPTGLAIHIAD	65
Sbjct	1	MKKIDVKILDARVGK FPLPTYATPGSAGLDRAC	+IDVMEIAPGTTTLIPTGLAIHIAD	60
Query	66	PSLAAVILPRSGLGHKHGIVLGNLVGLIDADYQGQ	LMVSVWNRGQESFTLQPGDRMAQLV	125
Sbjct	61	P+LSLAAVILPRSGLGHKHGIVLGNLVGLIDADYQGQ	LMVSVWNRGQESFTLQPGDRMAQLV	120
Query	126	FVPVVQAEFNLVEEFDASLRGEGGFGHSGRQ	156	
Sbjct	121	FVPVVQAEFNLVDEFDASLRGEGGFGHSGRQ	151	

Glutamate (E) - Aspartate (D)

Serine (S) - Asparagine (N)

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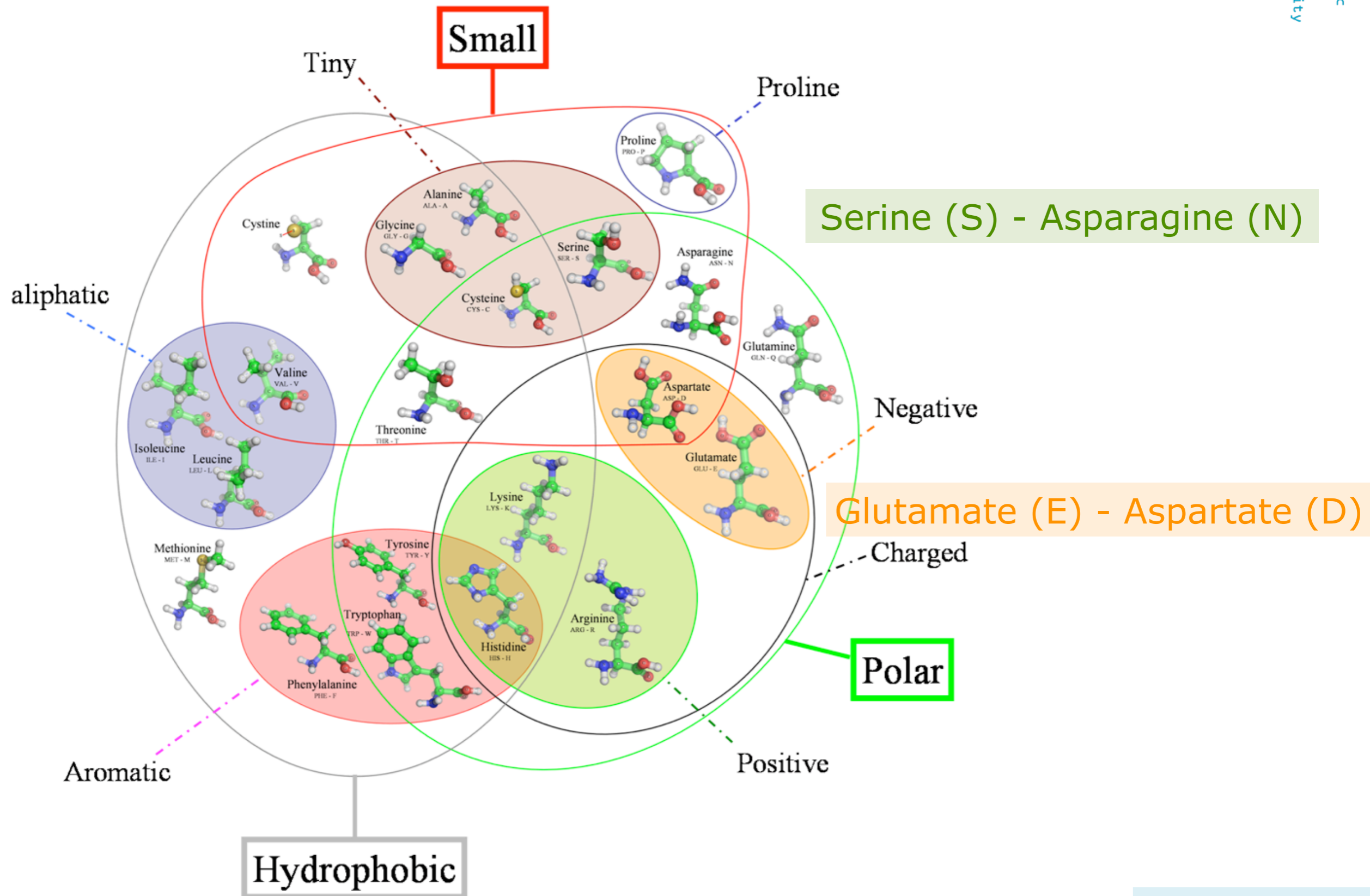
Identity - The extent to which two (nucleotide or amino acid) sequences are invariant.

$$PID = \frac{\text{\# of identical aa or nt}}{\text{\# of total aa or nt}} \times 100$$

Similarity - The extent to which nucleotide or protein sequences are related. The extent of similarity between two sequences can be based on percent sequence identity and/or conservation. In BLAST similarity refers to a positive matrix score.

$$\%Similarity = \frac{\text{\# of identical aa or nt} + \text{\# of similar aa or nt substitutions}}{\text{\# of total aa or nt}} \times 100$$

Homology - Similarity attributed to descent from a common ancestor.



Standard Nucleotide BLAST

blastn blastp blastx tblastn tblastx

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Enter Query Sequence

Enter accession number(s), gi(s), or FASTA sequence(s) [Clear](#)

Query subrange [From](#) [To](#)

```
>Seq1  
TGCACATGTACCTAAACTTAG
```

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Job Title

Seq1

Enter a descriptive title for your BLAST search [+](#)

Align two or more sequences [+](#)

Choose Search Set

Database

Standard databases (nr etc.): rRNA/ITS databases Genomic + transcript databases Betacoronavirus

Nucleotide collection (nr/nt) [+](#)

Organism
Optional

Enter organism name or id--completions will be suggested exclude [+](#)

Enter organism common name, binomial, or tax id. Only 20 top taxa will be shown [+](#)

Exclude
Optional

Models (XM/XP) Uncultured/environmental sample sequences

Limit to
Optional

Sequences from type material

Entrez Query
Optional

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Enter an Entrez query to limit search [+](#)

Program Selection

Optimize for

Highly similar sequences (megablast)

More dissimilar sequences (discontiguous megablast)

Somewhat similar sequences (blastn)

Choose a BLAST algorithm [+](#)

BLAST

Search database **Nucleotide collection (nr/nt)** using **Blastn (Optimize for somewhat similar sequences)**

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Note: Parameter values that differ from the default are highlighted in yellow and marked with **♦** sign

[Restore default search parameters](#)

Algorithm parameters Note: Parameter values that differ from the default are highlighted in yellow and marked with ♦ sign Restore default search parameters

General Parameters

Max target sequences: 100
Select the maximum number of aligned sequences to display

Short queries: Automatically adjust parameters for short input sequences

Expect threshold: ♦ 1000

Word size: ♦ 7

Max matches in a query range: 0

Scoring Parameters

Match/Mismatch Scores: ♦ 1,-3

Gap Costs: Existence: 5 Extension: 2

Filters and Masking

Filter: ♦ Low complexity regions
 Species-specific repeats for: Homo sapiens (Human)

Mask: ♦ Mask for lookup table only
 Mask lower case letters

BLAST Search **database Nucleotide collection (nr/nt)** using **Blastn (Optimize for somewhat similar sequences)**
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Your search parameters were adjusted to search for a short input sequence.

Job Title	Seq1
RID	RXGRMSJU014 <small>Search expires on 10-09 15:42 pm</small> Download All ▼
Program	BLASTN ? Citation ▼
Database	nt See details ▼
Query ID	lcl Query_25269
Description	Seq1
Molecule type	nucleic acid
Query Length	22
Other reports	Distance tree of results MSA viewer ?

Filter Results

Organism only top 20 will appear exclude

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Percent Identity to

E value to

Query Coverage to

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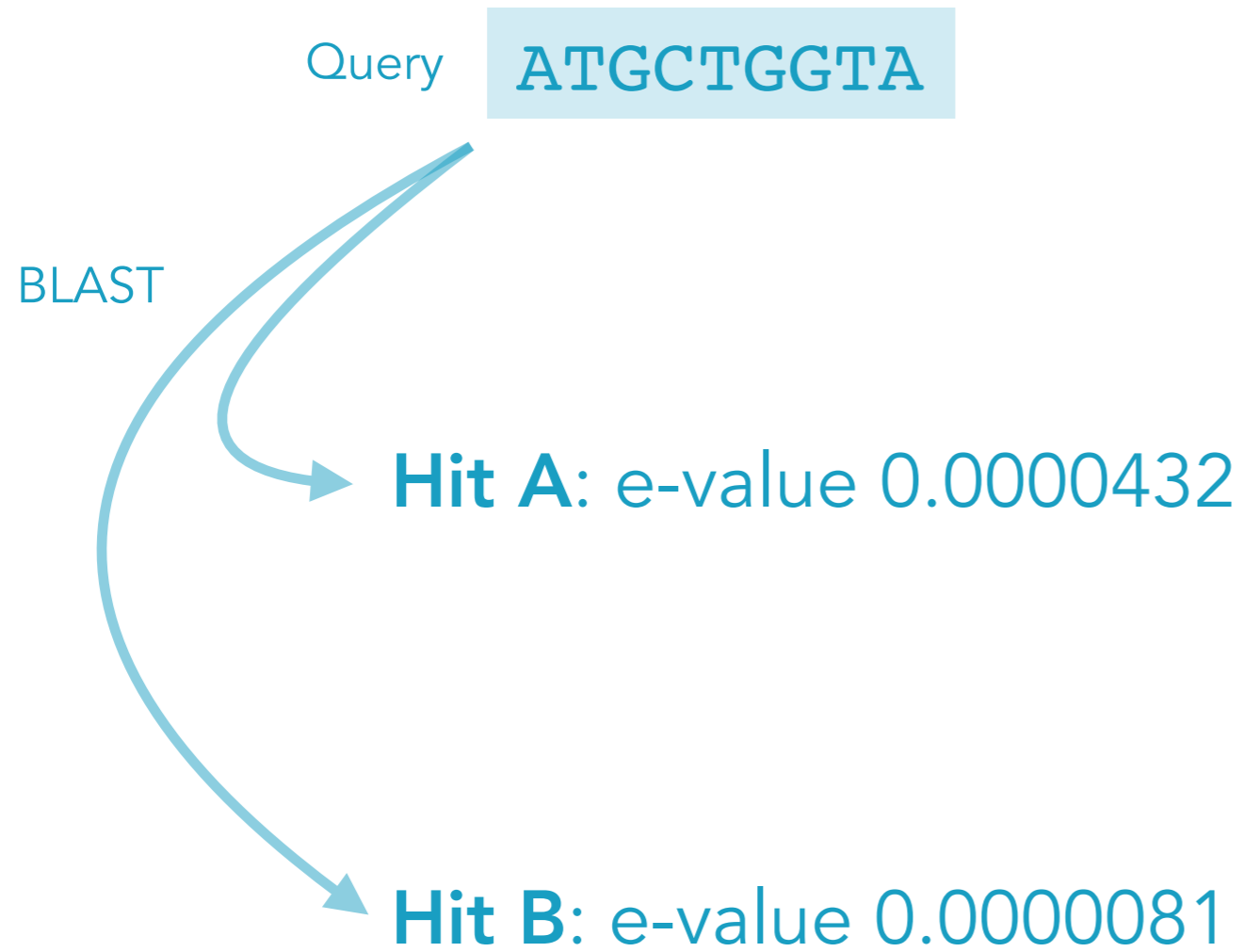
Show

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 select all 100 sequences selected
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	Description	Max Score	Total Score	Query Cover	E value	Per. Ident	Accession
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Homo sapiens clone NA12878 chr21_27696869_27696870 genomic sequence	44.1	44.1	100%	0.035	100.00%	KY429753.1
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Homo sapiens clone CHM1_3_139044444_139044445 genomic sequence	44.1	44.1	100%	0.035	100.00%	KY429400.1
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Homo sapiens clone CHM1_8_84691462_84691463 genomic sequence	44.1	44.1	100%	0.035	100.00%	KY429510.1
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Eukaryotic synthetic construct chromosome 20	42.1	213	95%	0.14	100.00%	CP034499.1
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Eukaryotic synthetic construct chromosome 18	42.1	188	95%	0.14	100.00%	CP034496.1
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Eukaryotic synthetic construct chromosome 17	42.1	170	95%	0.14	100.00%	CP034495.1
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Eukaryotic synthetic construct chromosome 16	42.1	102	95%	0.14	100.00%	CP034494.1
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Pongo abelii chromosome 5 clone CH276-75J1, complete sequence	42.1	42.1	95%	0.14	100.00%	AC275833.1
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Pongo abelii chromosome 5 clone CH276-124H21, complete sequence	42.1	42.1	95%	0.14	100.00%	AC275818.1

E value

Expectation value. The number of different alignments with scores equivalent to or better than S that are expected to occur in a database search by chance. **The lower the E value, the more significant the score.**



Query **ATGCTGGTA**

BLAST

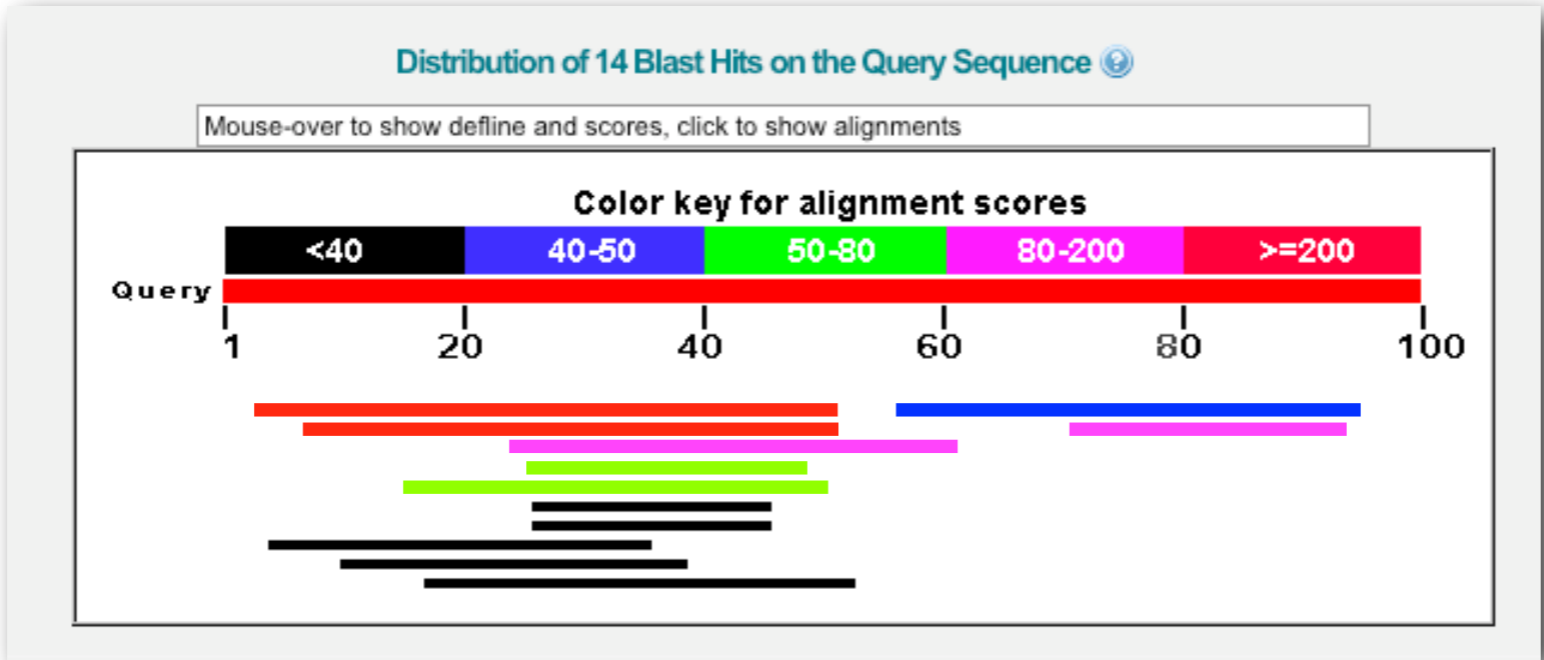
Hit A: e-value 0.0000432

```
ATG
|||
ATG
```

Hit B: e-value 0.0000081

```
ATGCTGGTA
||| |||||
ATGGTGGTA
```

Graphic Summary





Accession	Description	Max score	Total score	Query coverage	E value	Max ident	Links
DQ487112.1	Panax ginseng dehydrin 7 (Dhn7) mRNA, complete cds	39.9	39.9	21%	2.3	100%	
DQ487106.1	Panax ginseng dehydrin 1 (Dhn1) mRNA, complete cds	39.9	39.9	21%	2.3	100%	
AC238433.1	Mus musculus BAC clone RP24-160E3 from chromosome 9, complete s	38.1	38.1	20%	8.2	100%	
AC215885.3	Mus musculus BAC clone RP23-36L10 from chromosome 9, complete s	38.1	38.1	20%	8.2	100%	
CU467051.7	Pig DNA sequence from clone CH242-177E21 on chromosome 2, comp	38.1	38.1	28%	8.2	90%	
NM_001079232.1	Xenopus (Silurana) tropicalis T-cell activation RhoGTPase activating pr	38.1	38.1	20%	8.2	100%	

E value

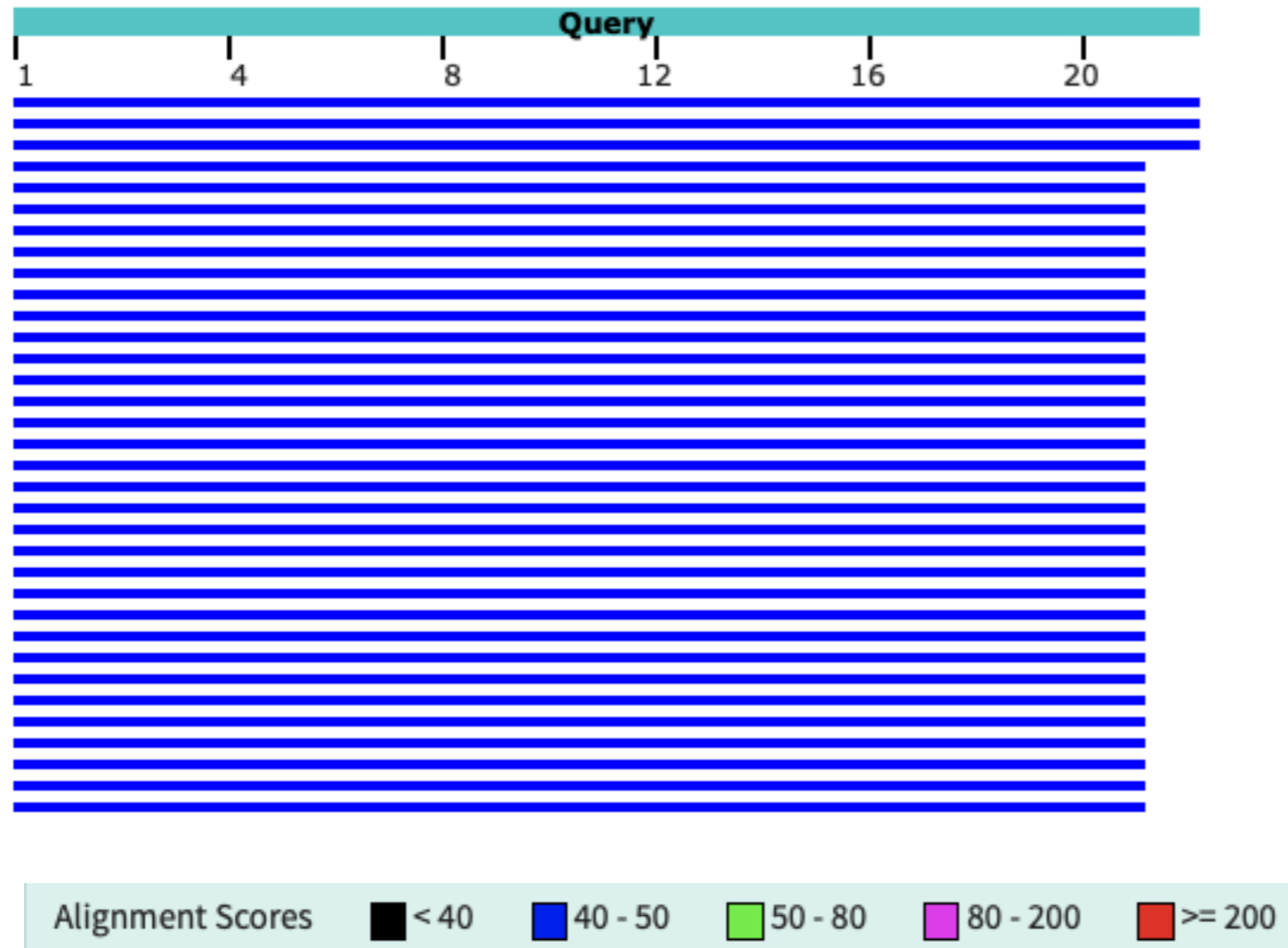
Expectation value. The number of different alignments with scores equivalent to or better than S that are expected to occur in a database search by chance. **The lower the E value, the more significant the score.**

Bit score

The value S' is derived from the raw alignment score S in which the statistical properties of the scoring system used have been taken into account. Because bit scores have been normalized with respect to the scoring system, they **can be used to compare alignment scores from different searches.**

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Distribution of the top 182 Blast Hits on 100 subject sequences



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Homo sapiens clone NA12878_chr21_27696869_27696870 genomic sequence

Sequence ID: [KY429753.1](#) Length: 3003 Number of Matches: 1

Range 1: 60 to 81 [GenBank](#) [Graphics](#)

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Score	Expect	Identities	Gaps	Strand
44.1 bits(22)	0.035	22/22(100%)	0/22(0%)	Plus/Minus

```

Query 1  TGCACATGTACCTAAAACCTTAG  22
          |||
Sbjct 81  TGCACATGTACCTAAAACCTTAG  60
    
```

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Homo sapiens clone CHM1_3_139044444_139044445 genomic sequence

Sequence ID: [KY429400.1](#) Length: 6061 Number of Matches: 1

Range 1: 52 to 73 [GenBank](#) [Graphics](#)


[Next Match](#) [Previous Match](#)

Score	Expect	Identities	Gaps	Strand
44.1 bits(22)	0.035	22/22(100%)	0/22(0%)	Plus/Minus

```

Query 1  TGCACATGTACCTAAAACCTTAG  22
          |||
Sbjct 73  TGCACATGTACCTAAAACCTTAG  52
    
```

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Reports	Lineage	Organism	Taxonomy		
100 sequences selected 					
Organism	Blast Name	Score	Number of Hits	Description	
root			104		
cellular organisms			94		
Eukaryota	eukaryotes		92		
Bilateria	animals		90		
Euteleostomi	vertebrates		88		
Amniota	vertebrates		80		
Boreoeutheria	placentals		78		
Euarchontoglires	placentals		73		
Hominoidea	primates		64		
Hominidae	primates		63		
Homininae	primates		57		
Homo sapiens	primates	44.1	53	Homo sapiens hits	
Pan troglodytes	primates	42.1	4	Pan troglodytes hits	
Pongo abelii	primates	42.1	6	Pongo abelii hits	
Nomascus leucogenys	primates	36.2	1	Nomascus leucogenys hits	
Mus musculus	rodents	38.2	4	Mus musculus hits	
Onychomys torridus	rodents	38.2	1	Onychomys torridus hits	
Galeopterus variegatus	placentals	36.2	1	Galeopterus variegatus hits	
Acomys russatus	rodents	36.2	3	Acomys russatus hits	
Rousettus aegyptiacus	bats	38.2	2	Rousettus aegyptiacus hits	
Canis lupus familiaris	carnivores	36.2	2	Canis lupus familiaris hits	
Felis catus	carnivores	36.2	1	Felis catus hits	
Anas platyrhynchos	birds	40.1	1	Anas platyrhynchos hits	
Streptopelia turtur	birds	36.2	1	Streptopelia turtur hits	
Danio kyathit	bony fishes	38.2	2	Danio kyathit hits	
Sparus aurata	bony fishes	36.2	1	Sparus aurata hits	
Danio rerio	bony fishes	36.2	3	Danio rerio hits	
Epinephelus fuscoguttatus	bony fishes	36.2	1	Epinephelus fuscoguttatus hits	
Poecilia reticulata	bony fishes	34.2	1	Poecilia reticulata hits	
Belonocnema treatae	wasps, ants, and bees	36.2	1	Belonocnema treatae hits	
Carposina sasakii	moths	34.2	1	Carposina sasakii hits	
Raphanus sativus	eudicots	36.2	1	Raphanus sativus hits	
Medicago truncatula	eudicots	36.2	1	Medicago truncatula hits	
Acinetobacter seifertii	g-proteobacteria	36.2	2	Acinetobacter seifertii hits	
eukaryotic synthetic construct	other sequences	42.1	10	eukaryotic synthetic construct hits	

BLAST in Terminal

Blast on fasta file - for smaller references

```
blastn -db SUBJECT.fa -evaluate 0.0001 -query QUERY.fa -outfmt 6 -out RES.blast
```

Index reference (subject) first and blast against index db

```
makeblastdb -dbtype nucl -in REF.fa -title "REF" -logfile REF.log
```

```
blastn -db REF -evaluate 0.0001 -query Q.fa -outfmt 6 -out Q_dbREF.blast
```

BLAST in R

Packages with blast functions:

```
blastSeq {hoardeR}  
blastSequences {annotate}  
rBLAST (GitHub)
```

Blast via system command:

```
system(command = "/path/to/blast/blastn -db REF -query Q.fa -outfmt 6 -evaluate 1e-6)
```

```
system2(  
  command = "/path/to/blast/blastn",  
  args = c("-db REF -query Q.fa -outfmt 6 -evaluate 10e-6))
```

BLAT (BLAST-like alignment tool)

MegaBLAST (BLAT variant)

UBLAST (USEARCH BLAST alternative)

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Standard Nucleotide BLAST

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Enter Query Sequence

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Fasta Sequence(s)

Query subrange [?](#)

From

To

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Job Title

Enter a descriptive title for your BLAST search [?](#)

Align two or more sequences [?](#)

Choose Search Set

Database Human genomic + transcript Mouse genomic + transcript Others (nr etc.):
 [?](#)

Organism Optional Exclude
Enter organism common name, binomial, or tax id. Only 20 top taxa will be shown [?](#)

Exclude Optional Models (XM/XP) Uncultured/environmental sample sequences

Limit to Optional Sequences from type material

Entrez Query Optional [YouTube](#) [Create custom database](#)
Enter an Entrez query to limit search [?](#)

Program Selection

Optimize for Highly similar sequences (megablast)
 More dissimilar sequences (discontiguous megablast)
 Somewhat similar sequences (blastn)
Choose a BLAST algorithm [?](#)

Search **database Nucleotide collection (nr/nt)** using **Megablast (Optimize for highly similar sequences)**

Show results in a new window

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```
>Dmag_B24_ORF0007_contigh23_2356_3466
```

```
ATGTGAACAAGTCTGAGAGATTCATCAACCGAATGTATATGAAAGCGGTGGTCCAGTCTG  
ATCGGGCGGGCTTTCGATCAACAACAACAACAACAACAACAAGTACGATCGATCTAA  
CTAGCTGACTAGCTGGACTGACTAGCTACTACGTACACGATCATATAATCGCGCGCGGCC  
CCCTATATAGCTACGATGCATCGTATATAAATATTCTTATCTCCCTTA
```

Fasta header

Sequence

NCBI fasta headers:

```
>gi|224922792|ref|NM_000860.4| Homo sapiens hydroxyprostaglandin  
dehydrogenase 15-(NAD) (HPGD), transcript variant 1, mRNA
```

Your header:

```
>Code_Species_Location/Gene/Coordinates
```

Sequences are expected to be represented in the standard IUB/IUPAC amino acid and nucleic acid codes, with these exceptions: lower-case letters are accepted and are mapped into upper-case; a single hyphen or dash can be used to represent a gap of indeterminate length; and in amino acid sequences, U and * are acceptable letters (see below). Before submitting a request, any numerical digits in the query sequence should either be removed or replaced by appropriate letter codes (e.g., N for unknown nucleic acid residue or X for unknown amino acid residue). The nucleic acid codes supported are:

A	adenosine	C	cytidine	G	guanine
T	thymidine	N	A/G/C/T (any)	U	uridine
<i>K</i>	<i>G/T (keto)</i>	<i>S</i>	<i>G/C (strong)</i>	<i>Y</i>	<i>T/C (pyrimidine)</i>
<i>M</i>	<i>A/C (amino)</i>	<i>W</i>	<i>A/T (weak)</i>	<i>R</i>	<i>G/A (purine)</i>
<i>B</i>	<i>G/T/C</i>	<i>D</i>	<i>G/A/T</i>	<i>H</i>	<i>A/C/T</i>
<i>V</i>	<i>G/C/A</i>	-	<i>gap of indeterminate length</i>		

For those programs that use amino acid query sequences (BLASTP and TBLASTN), the accepted amino acid codes are:

A	alanine	P	proline
B	aspartate/asparagine	Q	glutamine
C	cystine	R	arginine
D	aspartate	S	serine
E	glutamate	T	threonine
F	phenylalanine	<i>U</i>	<i>selenocysteine</i>
G	glycine	V	valine
H	histidine	W	tryptophan
I	isoleucine	Y	tyrosine
K	lysine	Z	glutamate/glutamine
L	leucine	X	any
M	methionine	*	translation stop
N	asparagine	-	<i>gap of indeterminate length</i>

Choose Database (Subject)

NCBI/ BLAST/ blastn suite **Standard Nucleotide BLAST**

blastn | blastp | blastx | tblastn | tblastx

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Enter Query Sequence

Enter accession number(s), gi(s), or FASTA sequence(s) [Clear](#) Query subrange [Query subrange](#)

```
>Dmag_B24_ORF0007_contigh23_2356_3466
ATGTGAACAAGTCTGAGAGATTCATCAACCGAATGTATATGAAAGCGGTGGTCCAGTCTG
ATCGGGCGGGCTTTCGATCAACAACAACAACAACAACAACAACAAGTACGATCGATCTAA
CTAGCTGACTAGCTGGACTGACTAGCTACTACGTACACGATCATATAAATCGCGCGGCC
CCCTATATAGCTACGATGCATCGTATATAAATATTCTTATCTCCCTTA
```

From

To

Or, upload file No file selected.

Job Title
Enter a descriptive title for your BLAST search

Align two or more sequences

Choose Search Set

Database Human genomic + transcript Mouse genomic + transcript Others (nr etc.):

Organism [Optional](#)

Exclude [Optional](#)

Limit to [Optional](#)

Entrez Query [Optional](#)

Program Selection

Optimize for

BLAST

Genomic plus Transcript

- Human genomic plus transcript (Human G+T)
- Mouse genomic plus transcript (Mouse G+T)

Other Databases

- Nucleotide collection (nr/nt)**
- Reference RNA sequences (refseq_rna)
- Reference genomic sequences (refseq_genomic)
- NCBI Genomes (chromosome)
- Expressed sequence tags (est)
- Genomic survey sequences (gss)
- High throughput genomic sequences (HTGS)
- Patent sequences(pat)
- Protein Data Bank (pdb)
- Human ALU repeat elements (alu_repeats)
- Sequence tagged sites (dbsts)
- Whole-genome shotgun contigs (wgs)
- Transcriptome Shotgun Assembly (TSA)
- 16S ribosomal RNA sequences (Bacteria and Archaea)

NCBI/ BLAST/ blastn suite Homo sapiens (human) Nucleotide BLAST

blastn blastp blastx tblastn tblastx

BLASTN programs search nucleotide databases using a nucleotide query. [more...](#) [Reset page](#) [Bookmark](#)

Enter Query Sequence

Enter accession number(s), gi(s), or FASTA sequence(s) [Clear](#) [Query subrange](#)

AGTGCACACACGTCACCGTCAACGT From
To

Or, upload file Browse... No file selected.

Job Title
 Enter a descriptive title for your BLAST search

Choose Search Set

Database Genome (Annotation Release 105 all assemblies top-level) 3455 sequences

Exclude Models (XM/XP) Uncultured/environmental sample sequences

Program Selection

Optimize for

- Highly similar sequences (megablast)
- More dissimilar sequences (discontiguous megablast)
- Somewhat similar sequences (blastn)

Choose a BLAST algorithm

[Algorithm parameters](#)

BLAST Search database Genome (Annotation Release 105 all assemblies top-level) - Homo sapiens using Megablast (Optimize for highly similar sequences)

Show results in a new window

[Algorithm parameters](#)

Megablast is intended for comparing a query to closely related sequences and works best if the target percent identity is 95% or more but is very fast.

Discontiguous megablast uses an initial seed that ignores some bases (allowing mismatches) and is intended for cross-species comparisons.

BlastN is slow, but allows a word-size down to seven bases.

Change Default Search Parameter

NCBI/ BLAST/ blastn suite Homo sapiens (human) Nucleotide BLAST

blastn | **blastp** | blastx | tblastn | tblastx

BLASTN programs search nucleotide databases using a nucleotide query. [more...](#) [Reset page](#) [Bookmark](#)

Enter Query Sequence

Enter accession number(s), gi(s), or FASTA sequence(s) [?](#) [Clear](#) [Query subrange](#) [?](#)

```
>seq
AGTGCACACACGTCACCGTCAACGT
```

From

To

Or, upload file No file selected. [?](#)

Job Title

Enter a descriptive title for your BLAST search [?](#)

Choose Search Set

Database 3455 sequences [?](#)

Exclude Models (XM/XP) Uncultured/environmental sample sequences

Optional

Entrez Query

Optional

Enter an Entrez query to limit search [?](#)

Program Selection

Optimize for

Highly similar sequences (megablast)

More dissimilar sequences (discontiguous megablast)

Somewhat similar sequences (blastn)

Choose a BLAST algorithm [?](#)

BLAST

Search **database Genome (Annotation Release 105 all assemblies top-level) - Homo sapiens** using **Megablast (Optimize for highly similar sequences)**

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Algorithm parameters

Note: Parameter values that differ from the default are highlighted in yellow and marked with ♦ sign

General Parameters

- Max target sequences: 100 (Select the maximum number of aligned sequences to display)
- Short queries: Automatically adjust parameters for short input sequences
- Expect threshold: 10
- Word size: 28
- Max matches in a query range: 0

Scoring Parameters

- Match/Mismatch Scores: 1,-2
- Gap Costs: Linear

Filters and Masking

- Filter:
 - Low complexity regions
 - Species-specific repeats for: Human
- Mask:
 - Mask for lookup table only
 - Mask lower case letters

Match/mismatch ratio	Similarity (%)
0.33 (1/-3)	99
-0.5 (1/-2)	95
-1 (1/-1)	75

BLAST

Search **database Nucleotide collection (nr/nt)** using **Megablast (Optimize for highly similar sequences)**

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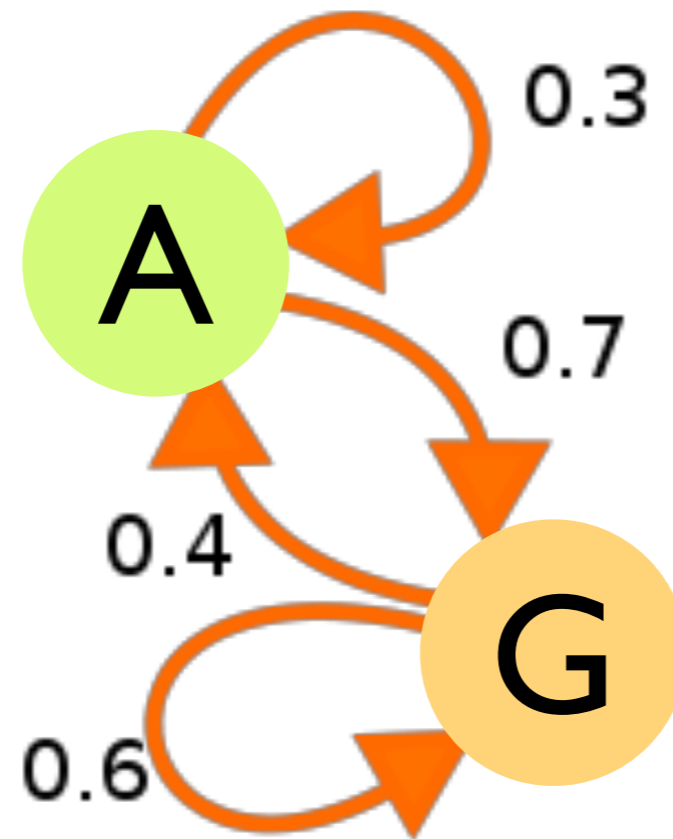
When choosing a matrix, it is important to consider the alternatives. Do not simply choose the default setting without some initial consideration.

Alignment size	Best at detecting	Similarity (%)	PAM	BLOSUM
Short	Similarity within a species	75–90	PAM30	BLOSUM95
"	Similarity within a genus	60–75	PAM70	BLOSUM85
Medium	Similarity within a family	50–60	PAM120	BLOSUM80
"	The largest range of similarity	40–50	PAM160	BLOSUM62
Long	Similarity within a class	30–40	PAM250	BLOSUM45
"	Similarity within the twilight zone	20–30		BLOSUM30

The matrices highlighted in bold are available through NCBI's BLAST web interface. **BLOSUM62** has been shown to provide the best results in BLAST searches overall due to its ability to detect large ranges of similarity. Nevertheless, the other matrices have their strengths. For example, if your goal is to only detect sequences of high similarity to infer homology within a species, the PAM30, BLOSUM90, and PAM70 matrices would provide the best results.

Percent Accepted Mutation (PAM) - A unit introduced by Margaret Dayhoff et al. (1978) to quantify the amount of evolutionary change in a protein sequence. 1.0 PAM unit, is the amount of evolution which will change, on average, 1% of amino acids in a protein sequence. A PAM(x) substitution matrix is a look-up table in which scores for each amino acid substitution have been calculated based on the frequency of that substitution in closely related proteins that have experienced a certain amount (x) of evolutionary divergence.

The PAM matrices imply a **Markov chain model** of protein mutation. The PAM matrices are normalized so that, for instance, the PAM1 matrix gives substitution probabilities for sequences that have experienced one point mutation for every hundred amino acids. The mutations may overlap so that the sequences reflected in the PAM250 matrix have experienced 250 mutation events for every 100 amino acids, yet only 80 out of every 100 amino acids have been affected.



A **Markov chain**, named for Andrey Markov, is a mathematical system that undergoes transitions from one state to another in a chainlike manner. It is a **random process** characterized as memoryless: the next state depends only on the current state and not on the entire past. This specific kind of "memorylessness" is called the Markov property. Markov chains have many applications as statistical models of real-world processes.

Blocks Substitution Matrix (BLOSUM). A substitution matrix in which scores for each position are derived from observations of the frequencies of substitutions in blocks of local alignments in related proteins. Each matrix is tailored to a particular evolutionary distance. In the BLOSUM62 matrix, for example, the alignment from which scores were derived was created using sequences sharing no more than 62% identity. Sequences more identical than 62% are represented by a single sequence in the alignment so as to avoid over-weighting closely related family members. (Henikoff and Henikoff 1992)

The BLOSUM62 matrix

$$S_{ij} = \left(\frac{1}{\lambda}\right) \log\left(\frac{p_{ij}}{p_i * q_j}\right)$$

p_{ij} is the probability of two amino acids i and j replacing each other in a homologous sequence, and q_i and q_j are the background probabilities of finding the amino acids i and j in any protein sequence at random. The factor λ is a scaling factor, set such that the matrix contains easily computable integer values.

Ala	4																			
Arg	-1	5																		
Asn	-2	0	6																	
Asp	-2	-2	1	6																
Cys	0	-3	-3	-3	9															
Gln	-1	1	0	0	-3	5														
Glu	-1	0	0	2	-4	2	5													
Gly	0	-2	0	-1	-3	-2	-2	6												
His	-2	0	1	-1	-3	0	0	-2	8											
Ile	-1	-3	-3	-3	-1	-3	-3	-4	-3	4										
Leu	-1	-2	-3	-4	-1	-2	-3	-4	-3	2	4									
Lys	-1	2	0	-1	-3	1	1	-2	-1	-3	-2	5								
Met	-1	-1	-2	-3	-1	0	-2	-3	-2	1	2	-1	5							
Phe	-2	-3	-3	-3	-2	-3	-3	-3	-1	0	0	-3	0	6						
Pro	-1	-2	-2	-1	-3	-1	-1	-2	-2	-3	-3	-1	-2	-4	7					
Ser	1	-1	1	0	-1	0	0	0	-1	-2	-2	0	-1	-2	-1	4				
Thr	0	-1	0	-1	-1	-1	-1	-2	-2	-1	-1	-1	-1	-2	-1	1	5			
Trp	-3	-3	-4	-4	-2	-2	-3	-2	-2	-3	-2	-3	-1	1	-4	-3	-2	11		
Tyr	-2	-2	-2	-3	-2	-1	-2	-3	2	-1	-1	-2	-1	3	-3	-2	-2	2	7	
Val	0	-3	-3	-3	-1	-2	-2	-3	-3	3	1	-2	1	-1	-2	-2	0	-3	-1	4
Ala		Arg	Asn	Asp	Cys	Gln	Glu	Gly	His	Ile	Leu	Lys	Met	Phe	Pro	Ser	Thr	Trp	Tyr	Val

Algorithm parameters

Note: Parameter values that differ from the default are highlighted in yellow and marked with ♦ sign

General Parameters

- Max target sequences** ♦
Select the maximum number of aligned sequences to display ⓘ
- Short queries** Automatically adjust parameters for short input sequences ⓘ
- Expect threshold** ⓘ
- Word size** ⓘ
- Max matches in a query range** ⓘ

Scoring Parameters

- Match/Mismatch Scores** ⓘ
- Gap Costs** ⓘ

Filters and Masking

- Filter** Low complexity regions ⓘ
 Species-specific repeats for: ⓘ
- Mask** Mask for lookup table only ⓘ
 Mask lower case letters ⓘ

BLAST

Search **database Nucleotide collection (nr/nt)** using **Megablast (Optimize for highly similar sequences)**

Show results in a new window

Algorithm parameters

Note: Parameter values that differ from the default are highlighted in yellow and marked with ♦ sign

General Parameters

Max target sequences

100 ♦

Select the maximum number of aligned sequences to display ⓘ

Short queries

Automatically adjust parameters for short input sequences ⓘ

Expect threshold

10 ⓘ

Word size

28 ♦ ⓘ

Max matches in a query range

0 ⓘ

Scoring Parameters

Match/Mismatch Scores

1,-2 ⓘ

Gap Costs

Linear ⓘ

Filters and Masking

Filter

Low complexity regions ⓘ

Species-specific repeats for: Human ⓘ

Mask

Mask for lookup table only ⓘ

Mask lower case letters ⓘ

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