



VEuPathDB Annual Workshop

Pre-workshop module

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Note: the exercises in this pre-workshop module cover some of the basic functionality in VEuPathDB.



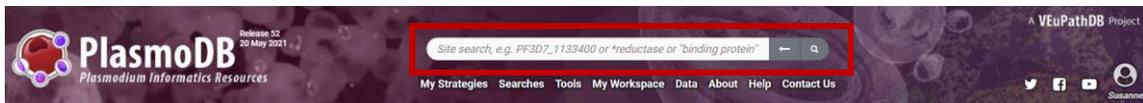
Site Search

Note: this exercise uses PlasmoDB.org as an example database, but the same functionality is available on all VEuPathDB resources.

Learning objectives:

- Use keywords in site search
- Explore site search results
- Filter site search results by categories
- Filter site search results by organisms
- Filter site search results by category fields
- Export results to a search strategy
- Find a specific gene using its ID in site search

The site search is located in the header of any VEuPathDB site and is available from every page. The site search queries the databases for your term or ID and returns a list of pages and documents that contain your query term.



1. Enter the word *kinase* in the site search window (arrow in the image below). Then click enter on your keyboard or click on the search icon (square in the image below).

Welcome to PlasmoDB beta where you will find the newest versions of our interface, features, tools and data. While we transition to making this beta site permanent, legacy.plasmodb.org is still available. Here is a form for sending your feedback on the beta sites.

Search for...

expand all | collapse all

Filter the searches below...

- Genes
- Organisms
- Popset Isolate Sequences
- Genomic Sequences
- Genomic Segments
- SNPs
- SNPs (from Array)
- ESTs
- Metabolic Pathways

Overview of Resources and Tools

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Getting Started

VEuPathDB is packed with data, tools and visualizations that can help answer your research questions. We gather data from many sources, analyze according to standard workflows, and present the results for you to mine in a point and click interface. Here's how to get started.

SITE SEARCH: Explore the site; find what you need

Enter a term or ID in the site search box at the top of any page. The site search finds documents and records that contain your term and returns a summary of categorized matches. Its easy to find genes, pathways, searches, data sets and more with the site search.

[Read More](#)

- The site search returns a categorized list of pages and documents that contain your term. Site search results are summarized by category, with a details panel on the right. Changing the panel on the left will populate the details panel with that list. What is the total number of results with the word kinase? Are all the results genes? Explore the filter panel on the left side of the webpage.

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kinase

All results matching **kinase**

1 - 20 of 12,556

Export as a Search Strategy to download or mine your results

Filter results Hide zero counts

Genome 11,811

Population biology 352

Metabolism 309

Data access 1

Searches 3

Filter fields

Select a result filter above

Filter organisms

select all | clear all | expand all | collapse all

Type a taxonomic name

Plasmodium 11,812

Hepatocystis sp. ex. Piliocolobus leptosporocles 2019 254

Plasmodium 11,558

Gene - PCYB_132500 kinase
Organism: Plasmodium cynomolgi strain B
Fields matched: GO terms; Product descriptions

Gene - PKNOH_S07456300 Kinase
Organism: Plasmodium knowlesi strain Malaysian Strain Pk1 A
Fields matched: GO terms; Orthologs; Product descriptions

Gene - PKNOH_S140234600 Kinase
Gene name or symbol: iPK2
Organism: Plasmodium knowlesi strain Malaysian Strain Pk1 A
Fields matched: EC descriptions and numbers; GO terms; Orthologs; PDB chains; Product descriptions

Gene - AK88_00505 pantothenate kinase
Organism: Plasmodium fragile strain nilgiri
Fields matched: EC descriptions and numbers; GO terms; Orthologs; PDB chains; Product descriptions

Gene - AK88_01656 phosphoglycerate kinase
Organism: Plasmodium fragile strain nilgiri
Fields matched: EC descriptions and numbers; GO terms; Orthologs; PDB chains; Product descriptions

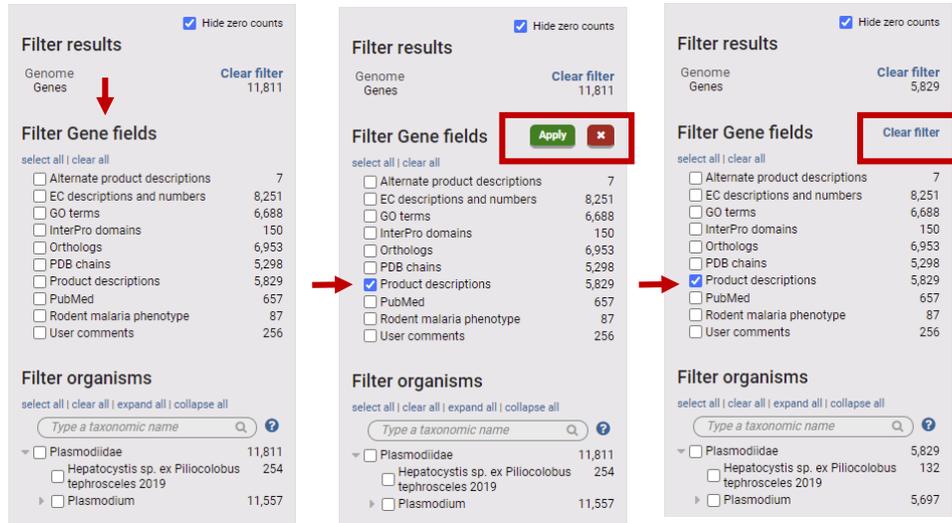
Gene - AK88_02186 pyridoxal kinase
Organism: Plasmodium fragile strain nilgiri
Fields matched: EC descriptions and numbers; GO terms; Orthologs; PDB chains; Product descriptions

Results summarized in categories

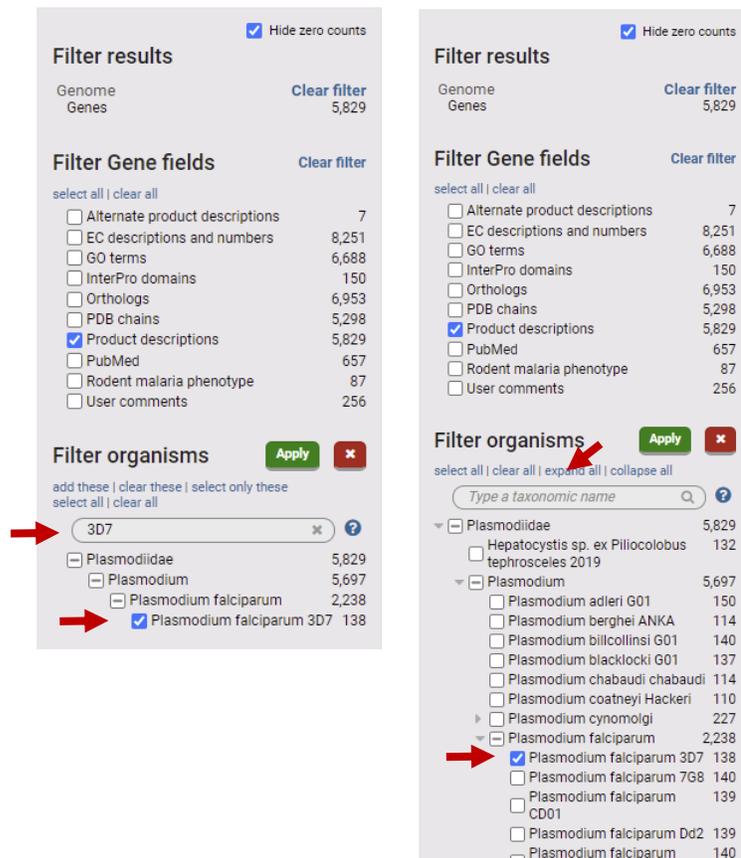
Details panel with information about each item returned

- Filter the results so that you only view gene results (hint: click on the word *genes* in the *Filter results* section; arrow in image above). How many of the genes included the word kinase in their product descriptions?

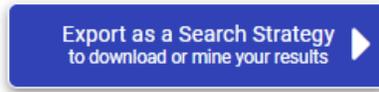
Notice that once you filter the result by genes (click on the *Genes* filter), the *Filter fields* section expands to reveal additional filtering options. Select the *Product descriptions* field and Choose *Apply* this filter or cancel it (box middle panel below). Once a filter is applied it can be cleared by clicking on *Clear filter* (box left panel below).



4. How many of the above genes are found in *Plasmodium falciparum* 3D7? How did you find this number? Hint: explore the *Filter organisms* section of the results filter. There is a search option to aid navigation through the organism tree (left) or the tree can be expanded to find the organism of interest (right). Select the correct organism and apply the filter.



- Export the results to a search strategy. Use the blue *Export as a search strategy* button at the top right-hand side of the results.



Unnamed Search Strategy *

Text
138 Genes

+ Add a step

Step 1

138 Genes (114 ortholog groups) [Revise this search](#)

Organism Filter

select all | clear all | expand all | collapse all

Hide zero counts

Search organisms...

Hepatocystis sp. ex Piliocolobus tephrosceles 2019 0

Plasmodium 138

select all | clear all | expand all | collapse all

Hide zero counts

Gene Results | Genome View | **Analyze Results**

Genes: 138 | Transcripts: 139 | Show Only One Transcript Per Gene

Rows per page: 1000

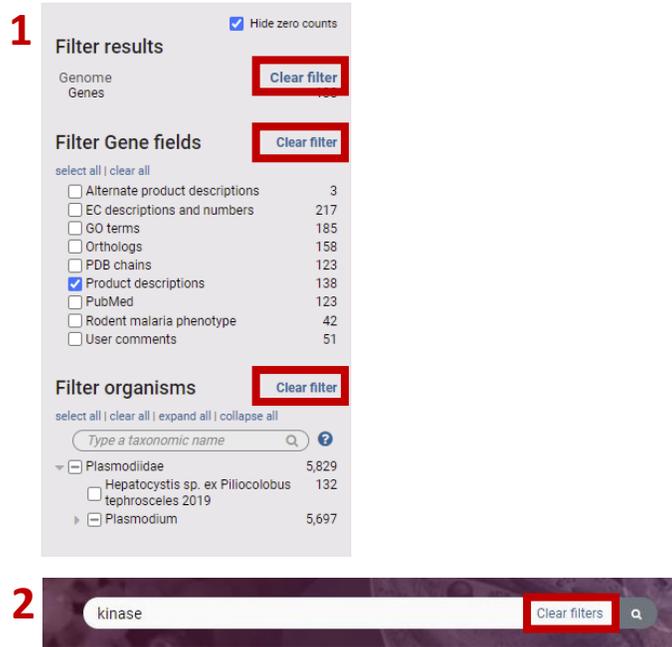
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Gene ID	Transcript ID	Organism	Genomic Location (Gene)	Product Description
PF3D7_0102600	PF3D7_0102600.1	Plasmodium falciparum 3D7	Pf3D7_01_v3:118,812..122,534(-)	serine/threonine protein kinase, FIKK family
PF3D7_0103700	PF3D7_0103700.1	Plasmodium falciparum 3D7	Pf3D7_01_v3:166,497..168,687(+)	L-seryl-HRNA(Sec) kinase, putative
PF3D7_0107600	PF3D7_0107600.1	Plasmodium falciparum 3D7	Pf3D7_01_v3:313,824..319,525(+)	eukaryotic translation initiation factor 2-alpha kinase 2, putative
PF3D7_0110900	PF3D7_0110900.1	Plasmodium falciparum 3D7	Pf3D7_01_v3:419,727..420,942(-)	adenylate kinase-like protein 1
PF3D7_0111500	PF3D7_0111500.1	Plasmodium falciparum 3D7	Pf3D7_01_v3:439,395..442,195(-)	UMP-CMP kinase, putative
PF3D7_0203100	PF3D7_0203100.1	Plasmodium falciparum 3D7	Pf3D7_02_v3:148,914..157,296(-)	protein kinase, putative
PF3D7_0211700	PF3D7_0211700.1	Plasmodium falciparum 3D7	Pf3D7_02_v3:469,408..474,167(+)	tyrosine kinase-like protein, putative

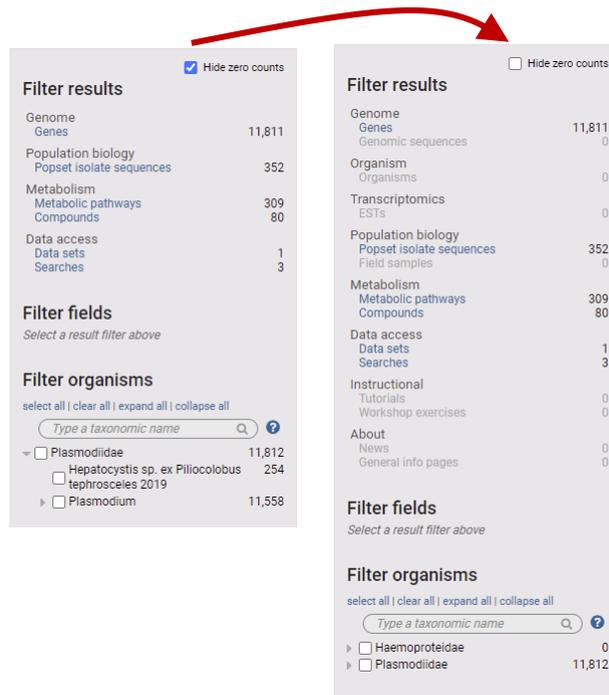
- Return to the site search results page. You can achieve this in two ways: 1. Your previous results and filter settings were preserved and can be accessed by clicking on the 'back to results' arrow in the site search window. 2. Click on your browser's back arrow. Notice that



7. Clear all filters. You can achieve this in two ways: 1. You can click on each of the clear filter options in the filter results panel (boxes below). 2. You can click on the *clear filters* option in the site search window, which serves to Clear All filters.



8. Click the *Hide zero counts* check box in the *Filter results* panel. What does this do?



9. Try running a search with a wild card. The wild card is denoted by an asterisk *. The wild card can be used alone to retrieve all results available to the site search or combined with a word such as *kinase to retrieve compound words ending with the word kinase like phosphofruktokinase. As usual results can then be explored using the filters in the *Results filter* on the left side of the website.

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Search: *

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Susanne

All results matching *

Export as a Search Strategy to download or mine your results

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Compound - CHEBI:10000	Vismione D
Compound - CHEBI:10001	Visnadin
Compound - CHEBI:10002	Visnagin
Compound - CHEBI:10003	ribostamycin sulfate
Definition: An aminoglycoside sulfate salt resulting from the reaction of ribostamycin with sulfuric acid.	
Compound - CHEBI:100147	nalidixic acid
Definition: A monocarboxylic acid comprising 1,8-naphthyridin-4-one substituted by carboxylic acid, ethyl and methyl groups at positions 3, 1, and 7, respectively.	
Compound - CHEBI:10014	Voacamine
Compound - CHEBI:10015	vobasine
Definition: An indole alkaloid that is vobasan in which the bridgehead methyl group is substituted by a methoxycarbonyl group and an additional oxo substituent is present in the 3-position.	
Compound - CHEBI:10016	vobtusine
Compound - CHEBI:10017	volemitol
Definition: A heptitol that is heptane-1,2,3,4,5,6,7-heptol that has R-configuration at positions 2, 3, 5 and 6.	
Compound - CHEBI:10018	volkenin
Definition: A cyanogenic glycoside that is (4R)-4-hydroxycyclopent-2-ene-1-carbonitrile attached to a beta-D-glucopyranosyloxy at position 1.	
Compound - CHEBI:10019	Vomicine

Filter results Hide zero counts

Genome	
Genes	264,858
Genomic sequences	21,872
Organism	
Organisms	47
Transcriptomics	
ESTs	272,865
Population biology	
Popset isolate sequences	152,489
Metabolism	
Metabolic pathways	3,045
Compounds	61,998
Data access	
Data sets	282
Searches	308
Instructional	
Tutorials	15
Workshop exercises	1
About	
News	2
General info pages	17

All results matching *kinase

Export as a Search Strategy to download or mine your results

1 - 20 of 14,559

Gene - AK88_00104	CK1/CK1/CK1-D protein kinase
Organism: Plasmodium fragile strain nilgiri	
▶ Fields matched: EC descriptions and numbers; GO terms; Orthologs; PDB chains; Product descriptions	
Gene - AK88_00479	CAMK protein kinase
Organism: Plasmodium fragile strain nilgiri	
▶ Fields matched: EC descriptions and numbers; GO terms; Orthologs; PDB chains; Product descriptions	
Gene - AK88_00505	pantothenate kinase
Organism: Plasmodium fragile strain nilgiri	
▶ Fields matched: EC descriptions and numbers; GO terms; Orthologs; PDB chains; Product descriptions	
Gene - AK88_00565	Atypical/ABC1 protein kinase
Organism: Plasmodium fragile strain nilgiri	
▶ Fields matched: GO terms; Orthologs; Product descriptions	
Gene - AK88_00580	CMGC protein kinase
Organism: Plasmodium fragile strain nilgiri	
▶ Fields matched: EC descriptions and numbers; GO terms; Orthologs; PDB chains; Product descriptions	
Gene - AK88_00633	CMGC/GSK protein kinase
Organism: Plasmodium fragile strain nilgiri	

Filter results Hide zero counts

Genome	
Genes	12,769
Population biology	
Popset isolate sequences	1,273
Metabolism	
Metabolic pathways	425
Compounds	88
Data access	
Data sets	1
Searches	3

Filter fields
Select a result filter above

Filter organisms
select all | clear all | expand all | collapse all

Type a taxonomic name

- Plasmodiidae 12,770
 - Hepatocystis sp. ex Piliocolobus 276
 - Tephrosceles 2019
 - Plasmodium 12,494

10. Try searching for a specific gene ID. Enter the gene ID below in the site search window: *PF3D7_0310100*

The screenshot shows the PlasmoDB website interface. At the top, there is a search bar containing the gene ID "PF3D7_0310100". The website header includes the PlasmoDB logo, release information (Release 52, 20 May 2021), and navigation links (My Strategies, Searches, Tools, My Workspace, Data, About, Help, Contact Us). A user profile icon for "Susanne" is visible in the top right corner. Below the search bar, the main heading reads "Genes matching PF3D7_0310100". A blue button on the right says "Export as a Search Strategy to download or mine your results". The results are displayed in a list format, showing 1 - 2 of 2 results. The first result is highlighted in a light blue box and shows: "Gene - PF3D7_0310100 calcium-dependent protein kinase 3", "Gene name or symbol: CDPK3", and "Organism: Plasmodium falciparum 3D7". Below this, two other results are listed: "Gene - PF3D7_0310100 calcium-dependent protein kinase 3" (Organism: Plasmodium falciparum 3D7) and "Gene - PGSY75_0310100 calcium-dependent protein kinase 3" (Organism: Plasmodium gaboni strain SY75). On the left side, there are filter panels for "Filter results", "Filter Gene fields", and "Filter organisms". The "Filter results" panel has a "Hide zero counts" checkbox checked. The "Filter Gene fields" panel has checkboxes for "External links" (1), "Gene ID" (1), and "Notes from annotators" (1). The "Filter organisms" panel has a search box for taxonomic names and checkboxes for "Plasmodiidae" (2) and "Plasmodium" (2).

When the query ID has an exact match in the database, the site search returns a card at the top of the details panel for easy access to the gene page. The site search also returns other pages that contain the query ID. Click on the Gene ID to go the gene page.

Exploring the Gene Page

Note: this exercise uses ToxoDB (<https://ToxoDB.org>) as an example database, but the same functionality is available on all VEuPathDB resources.

Learning objectives

Gene pages:

- Become familiar with the information in gene pages
- Navigate to and from the gene pages
- Use the contents section of the gene page
- Interact with gene page subsections

1. Navigation to the Gene pages

For this exercise visit the gene page for TGME49_222020 (phosphoglycerate kinase PGKII). How did you get to this gene? (hint: copy and paste the ID in the site search, then click on the gene ID in the results).

The screenshot shows the ToxoDB search interface. The search bar at the top contains the text 'TGME49_222020'. Below the search bar, the results section is titled 'Genes matching TGME49_222020'. There is one result listed: 'Gene - TGME49_222020 phosphoglycerate kinase PGKII'. The result card shows 'Gene name or symbol: PGKII' and 'Organism: Toxoplasma gondii ME49'. A filter sidebar on the left shows 'Filter results' with 'Genome: Genes' and 'Filter Gene fields' with 'Gene ID' selected. A 'COMMUNITY CHAT' button is visible at the bottom right.

2. Explore the top section of the gene page

- What information is in this section?
- Can you easily find which chromosome this gene is located on?
- Is this gene protein coding?
- What do the shortcuts do?

The screenshot shows the gene page for TGME49_222020. The page displays the gene name 'TGME49_222020 phosphoglycerate kinase PGKII'. Below the name, there is a 'Name: PGKII' and 'Type: protein coding gene'. The 'Chromosome: II' and 'Location: TGME49_chrII:761,396..767,399(+)' are also displayed. The 'Species: Toxoplasma gondii' and 'Strain: ME49' are listed. A 'Shortcuts' section shows various data sets like Synteny, Alignments, Phenotype, SNPs, Transcriptomics, Protein Features, and Proteomics. A 'COMMUNITY CHAT' button is visible at the bottom right.

3. Explore the gene model section.

Scroll down to the gene model section of the gene page.

- What direction is the transcript relative to the chromosome?

- Does the gene have UTRs?
- How many exons does the gene have?
- Does this gene have an available community annotation?
- How long is the transcript? You can determine transcript length by expanding the Transcripts section.

1 Gene models

Exons in Gene 6

Transcripts 1

Gene Models

This gene is available in Apollo for community annotation. To find out more about Apollo, please visit [this help page](#).

View in JBrowse genome browser Annotate in Apollo

Community annotations from Apollo

RNA-Seq Evidence for Introns

Matches Annotation

Transcript	# exons	Transcript length	Protein length	Transcript Type
TGME49_222020-t26.1	6	2638	593	mRNA

4. Content navigation.

How do you find/navigate to the different sections of the page? Use the “Contents” menu on the left side, type a keyword and click on the menu, click on the work to

TGME49_222020

expand all | collapse all

Search section names

- 1 Gene models
- 2 Annotation, curation and identifiers
- 3 Link outs
- 4 Genomic Location
- 5 Literature
- 6 Taxonomy
- 7 Orthology and synteny
- 8 Phenotype
- 9 Genetic variation
- 10 Transcriptomics
- 11 Sequences
 - 12 Sequence analysis
- 13 Structure analysis
- 14 Protein features and properties
- 15 Protein targeting and localization
- 16 Function prediction
- 17 Pathways and interactions
- 18 Proteomics
- 19 Immunology

expand all | collapse all

TGME49_222020

synt

- 7 Orthology and synteny
- Orthologs and Paralogs within ToxoDB

navigate to it on the page. In the example below the word “synteny” is used. You can also click on the images in the Shortcuts section in the top of the page.

5. Running an alignment of selected sequences

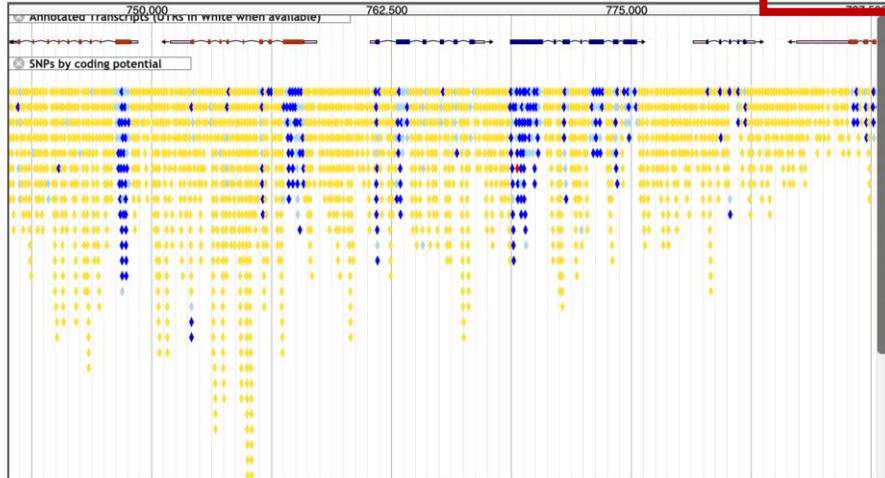
- Expand the “Orthologs and Paralogs in ToxoDB” section.
- Select a few genes from the table using the checkbox.
- Scroll to the bottom of the table and click on the Run Clustal Omega button.

6. Exploring the genetic variation section

			TgCatPRC2			
<input type="checkbox"/>	TGVAND_222020	phosphoglycerate kinase PGKII	Toxoplasma gondii VAND	no	yes	no
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	TGVAND_318230	phosphoglycerate kinase PGKI	Toxoplasma gondii VAND	no	no	no
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	TGVEG_222020	phosphoglycerate kinase PGKII	Toxoplasma gondii VEG	no	yes	no
<input type="checkbox"/>	TGVEG_318230	phosphoglycerate kinase PGKI	Toxoplasma gondii VEG	no	no	no
<input type="checkbox"/>	TGP89_222020	phosphoglycerate kinase PGKII	Toxoplasma gondii n89	no	yes	no

▼ SNPs

[View in JBrowse genome browser](#)



[View in JBrowse genome browser](#)

Go to the Genetic variation section of the gene page and expand the SNP section. Notice that by default you cannot scroll within the embedded browser window. To enable scrolling, select the “Scroll and Zoom” check box in the upper right-hand side of the browser window. To scroll down within the browser window, you click and drag or use two-finger scrolling. You can also double click in an area to zoom in. SNP color code: Dark blue (non-synonymous), light blue (synonymous), Yellow (non-coding), Red (nonsense). What kind of SNPs are in this gene? Can you see any non-synonymous SNPs? How does this compare to the neighboring genes?

7. Explore other sections of the gene page.

Feel free to scroll around the gene page and ask questions for clarification. Here are some questions you may want to ask about this gene:

- Is there evidence that this protein is phosphorylated? (hint: go to the proteomics section and expand the Post Translational Modification section).

- b. Where is the protein localized? (hint: go to the Protein Targeting and Localization section and expand the cellular localization section).
- c. Is there any phenotypic data available for this gene? (hint: go to the Phenotype section and expand its subsections).
- d. Is there any RNA-Seq data available for this gene? (hint: go to the Transcriptomics section and expand the subsections called RNA-Seq transcription summary and Transcript Expression).

JBrowse Basics

Note: this exercise uses TriTrypDB (<https://TriTrypdb.org>) as an example database, but the same functionality is available on all VEuPathDB resources.

Learning objectives:

- Navigate to the genome browser
- Use the menu and navigation bars
- Run searches
- Add pre-loaded data tracks
- Upload your own data tracks
- Configure tracks
- Download track data

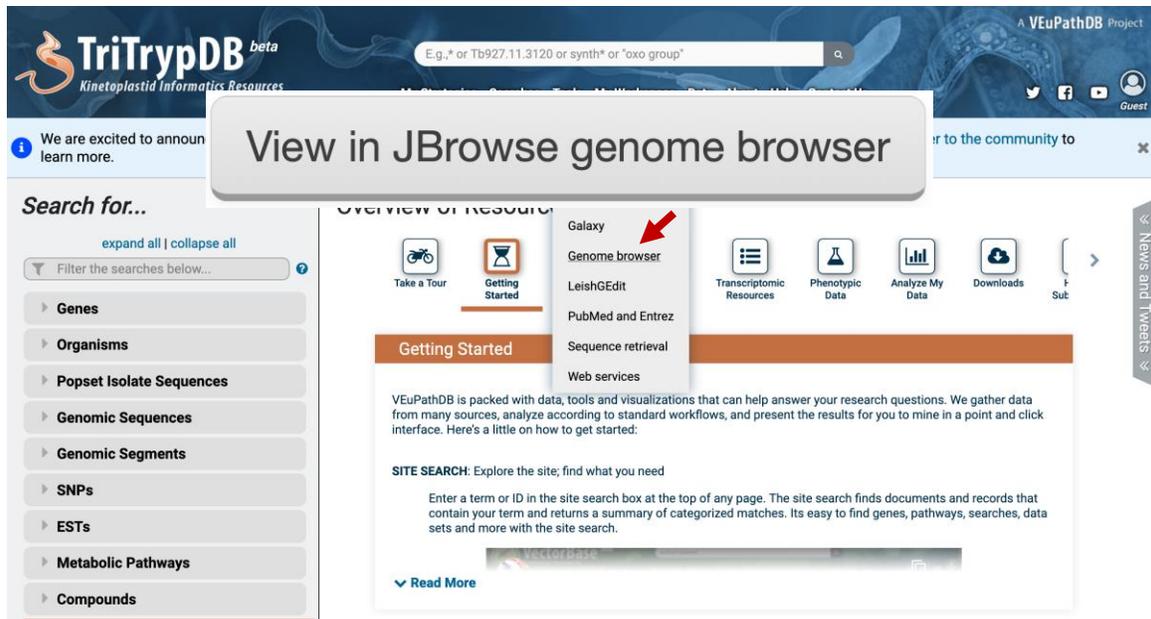
1. Navigating to the Genome Browser (JBrowse)

JBrowse is a fast and full-featured genome browser built with JavaScript and HTML5. You can read more about JBrowse and its features here:

<https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC4830012/>

Links to the genome browser are available from multiple locations:

a. The tools menu in the banner of any page.



The screenshot shows the TriTrypDB website interface. At the top, there is a search bar with the placeholder text "E.g.,* or Tb927.11.3120 or synth* or 'oxo group'". Below the search bar, a large grey button with the text "View in JBrowse genome browser" is overlaid on the page. To the left of the main content area, there is a "Search for..." section with a filter dropdown and a list of categories: Genes, Organisms, Popset Isolate Sequences, Genomic Sequences, Genomic Segments, SNPs, ESTs, Metabolic Pathways, and Compounds. In the center, there is a "Getting Started" section with a "Getting Started" button. To the right of this section, there is a "Tools" menu with several options: Take a Tour, Getting Started, Galaxy (indicated by a red arrow), Genome browser, LeishGEdit, PubMed and Entrez, Sequence retrieval, and Web services. Other tools shown include Transcriptomic Resources, Phenotypic Data, Analyze My Data, Downloads, and a "Sut" button. The page also features a "News and Tweets" sidebar on the right.

b. From record pages such as gene, SNP or genomic sequence pages – these links are usually to a specific JBrowse configuration that includes data relevant to the section on that record page. For example, a JBrowse link from an RNAseq dataset on the gene page would display the gene of interest along with the RNAseq data as density or coverage plots. These links are usually indicated by “View in JBrowse genome browser” button.

2. Getting around JBrowse.

- a. Use any of the above described JBrowse linking strategies to get to the genome browser.
- b. Once in JBrowse examine the following features:
 - i. The **menu bar**: located at the top of the JBrowse frame. This includes the Genome menu, Track menu, View menu, Help menu and the Sharing link. What do each of these do/provide?
 - ii. The **navigation bar**: located below the menu bar. This contains zooming (magnifying glass icons), panning (left/right arrows) and highlighting (yellow highlighter) buttons, reference sequence selector (drop down with sequences from the selected genome sorted by length), a text box to search for features such as gene IDs and overview bar which shows the location of the region in view.
 - iii. The **genome view**: this is where the data tracks are displayed.
- c. Selecting tracks: click on the “select track” button (top left). You can

The screenshot shows the JBrowse interface for *Trypanosoma brucei brucei* TREU927. The menu bar at the top includes 'Genome', 'Track', 'View', and 'Help'. The navigation bar below it contains zooming and panning icons, a reference sequence selector, and a search box. The main genome view displays various tracks for mRNA and ncRNA. A 'Select Tracks' panel is open at the bottom, showing a list of tracks with checkboxes for selection. Red arrows point to the 'Menu', 'Navigation', 'Genome', and 'Select tracks' areas.

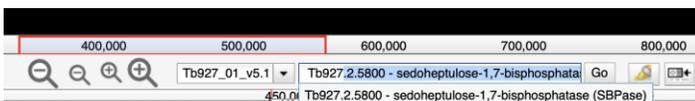
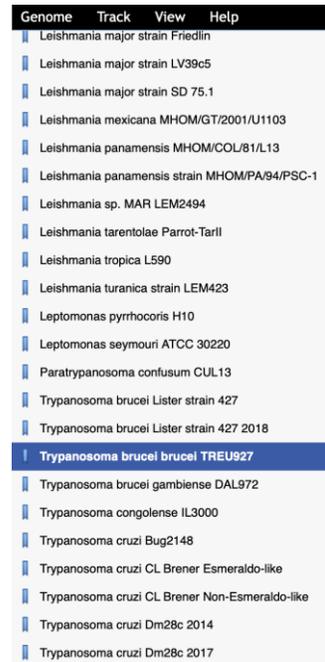
Contains text	Name	Category	Subcategory	Dataset	Track Type	RNASeq Alignment	RNASeq Strand
536 tracks							
<input type="checkbox"/>	3-end oligo-dT (non-unique) Coverage	Transcriptomics	RNASeq	Procyclic form 5 and 3 end-enriched transcriptomes	Coverage	non-unique	not strand specific
<input type="checkbox"/>	3-end oligo-dT (unique) Coverage	Transcriptomics	RNASeq	Procyclic form 5 and 3 end-enriched transcriptomes	Coverage	unique	not strand specific
<input type="checkbox"/>	3-end random (non-unique) Coverage	Transcriptomics	RNASeq	Procyclic form 5 and 3 end-enriched transcriptomes	Coverage	non-unique	not strand specific
<input type="checkbox"/>	3-end random (unique) Coverage	Transcriptomics	RNASeq	Procyclic form 5 and 3 end-enriched transcriptomes	Coverage	unique	not strand specific
<input type="checkbox"/>	427 Coverage and Alignments	Genetic Variation	DNASeq	Aligned HTS SNP calls for Lister strain zoomed	Coverage (Read Alignments zoomed)	---	---
<input type="checkbox"/>	5-SL-end (non-unique) Coverage	Transcriptomics	RNASeq	Procyclic form 5 and 3 end-enriched transcriptomes	Coverage	non-unique	not strand specific
<input type="checkbox"/>	5-SL-end (unique) Coverage	Transcriptomics	RNASeq	Procyclic form 5 and 3 end-enriched transcriptomes	Coverage	unique	not strand specific
<input type="checkbox"/>	5-triphosphate			Procyclic form 5			

search/filter for tracks and then select them for display by checking the check box next to the track name.

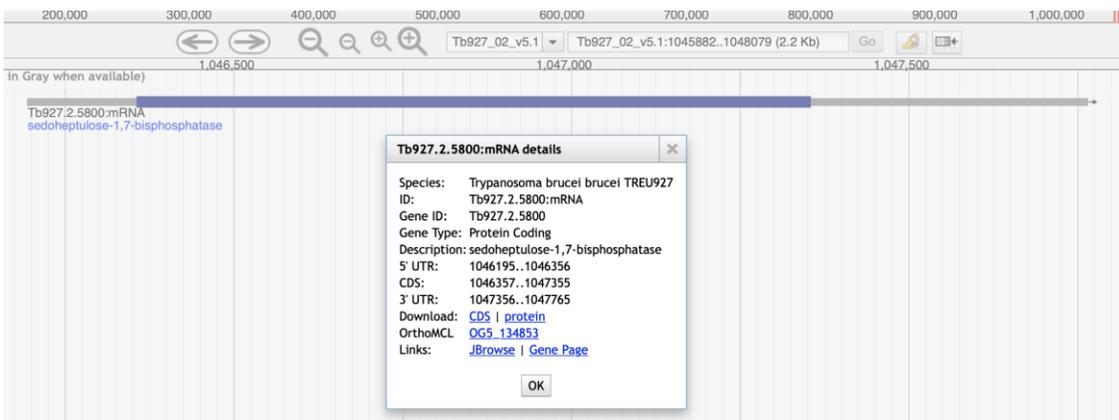
3. Navigating to a specific gene in JBrowse.

The goal of this step is to navigate to the sedoheptulose-1,7-bisphosphatase (SBPase) gene of *T. brucei* 927.

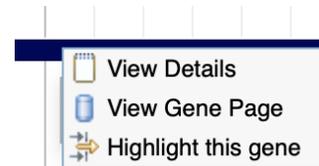
- Make sure the *Trypanosoma brucei brucei* TREU927 genome is selected from the genome menu.
- Start typing the word sedoheptulose in the search box. After a few seconds you should see the result of the search (do not hit enter). Select the gene from the search dropdown. This will take you to Tb927.2.5800.



- You can get information about any feature in the genome view window by clicking on it. Click on the gene feature. What information is available in the popup?

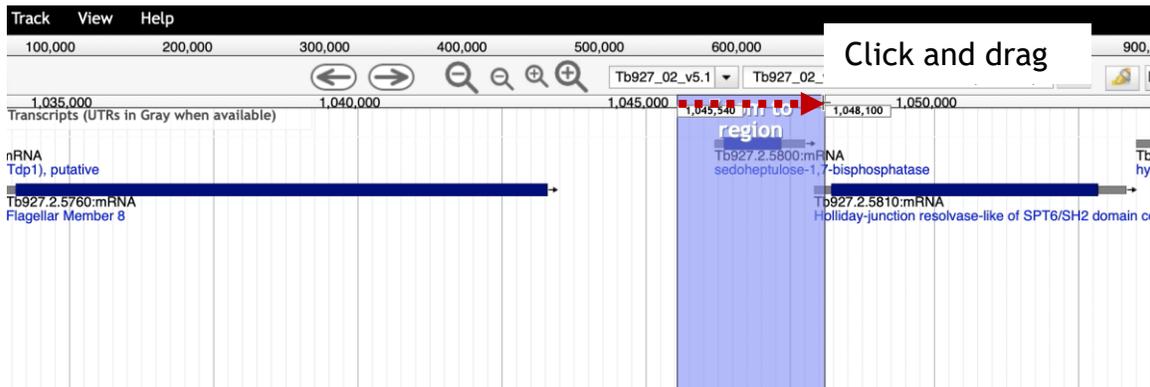


- You can also right click (or control click) on a feature to display the context menu which provides quick links to highlight a feature, go to the feature page (like the gene page) or get the info popup (the same one you get when you click on the feature).



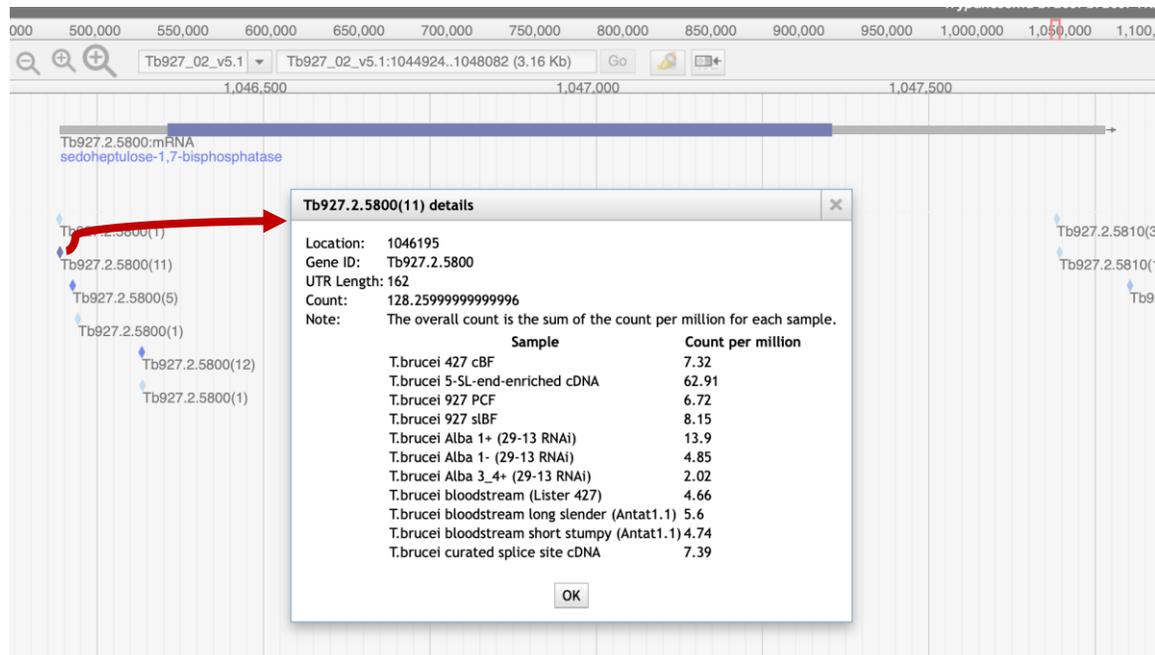
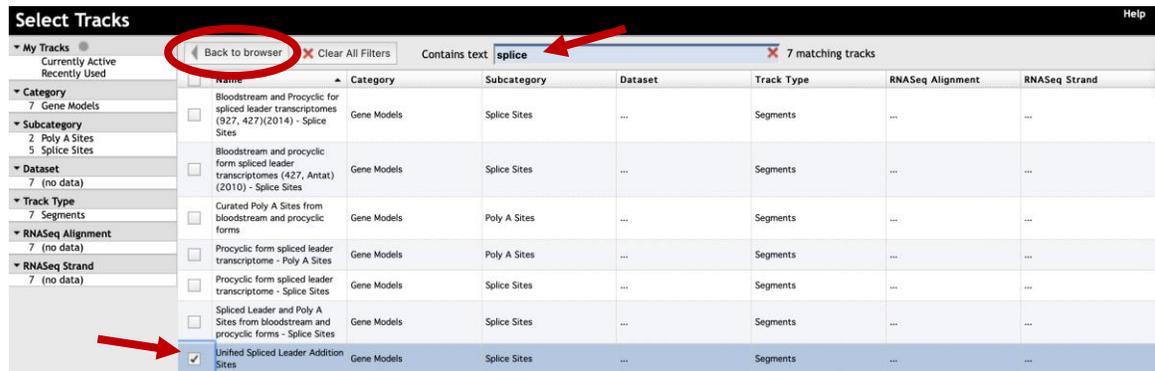
- What genes are immediately upstream and downstream of SBP? (Hint: use the zoom out button in the navigation bar). What is the difference between the small and large zoom buttons? (*Tip1*: another way to zoom in and out is by clicking on shift and the up or down arrows. What happens if you click shift

and left or right arrows? *Tip2:* you can also zoom in by clicking and dragging your cursor in the location ruler in the navigation bar).



4. Exploring transcription start sites.

Are you confident about the gene transcription start? (Note: gene features are in blue (left to right) or red (right to left) with untranslated regions (UTRs) in grey).



What additional data track would be useful for you to assess this? (hint: Click on the “Select Tracks” button to reveal all available tracks. Now type the word “splice” in the “contains text” box. This will filter all tracks that contain the word splice. Find the one called “Unified Splice Leader Addition Sites” and select it. Click on the “Back to browser” button). What do the different diamond colors mean? Click on them and see if you can figure this out from the popups? Which color provides the most evidence for a splice junction?

5. Exploring synteny between genomes.

Synteny helps define conservation of homologous genes and gene order between genomes.

- Go to the “Select Tracks” tab on the left of the page and turn on the track called “Syntenic Sequences and Genes”. How did you find this track? One option is to click on the “Comparative Genomics” category on the left side to filter the tracks.

Name	Category	Subcategory	Dataset	Track Type	RNASeq Alignment	RNASeq Strand
Syntenic Sequences and Genes (Shaded by Orthology)	Comparative Genomics	Orthology and Synteny	...	Segments	...	...

- Return to the browser by clicking “Back to Browser” and zoom out so you can see a couple of genes on either side of SBP (does not have to be exact)
- Configure the synteny track to include the following species subtracks: *Trypanosoma brucei* 927, *T. brucei* 427, *T. brucei gambiense*, *T. congolense*, *T. evansi*, *T. grayi*, *T. theileri* and *T. vivax*.
 - To configure the subtracks:
 - Click on the down arrow in the track name

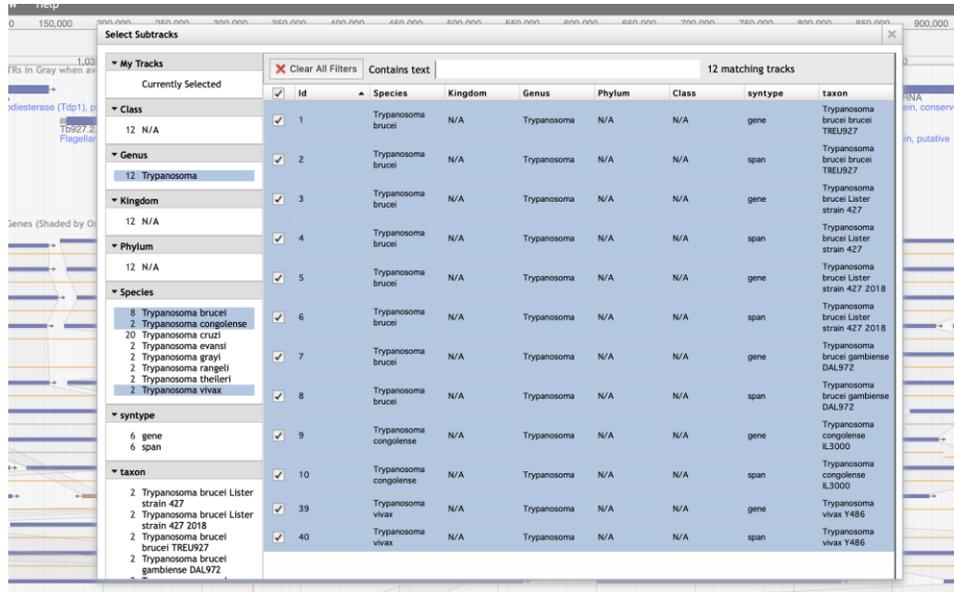


- Select the option called “Select Subtracks” from the menu

Syntenic Sequences and Genes (Shaded by Orthology)

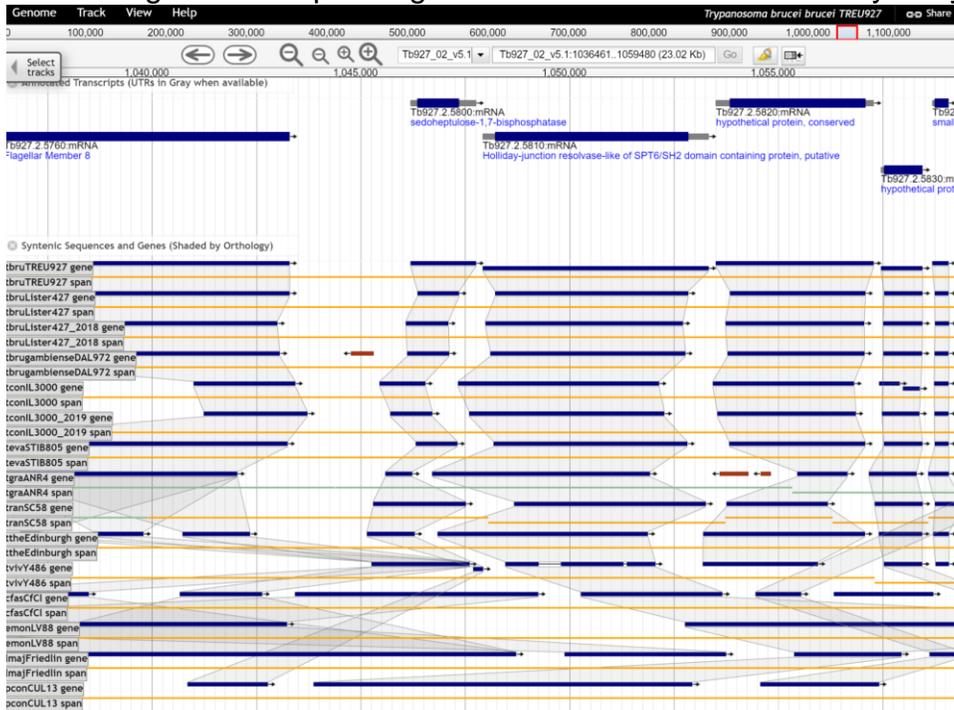
- bruTREU927 gene
- bruTREU927 span
- bruLister427 gene
- bruLister427 span
- bruLister427_2018 gene
- bruLister427_2018 span
- brugambienseDAL972 gene
- brugambienseDAL972 span
- conIL3000 gene
- conIL3000 span
- evaSTIB805 gene
- evaSTIB805 span
- graANR4 gene

- In the next popup first uncheck all organisms, second use the filters on the left to select Trypanosoma, third select the species of interest (note that you should select both the gene and span subtracks for each species), fourth click on the save button at the bottom of the popup.



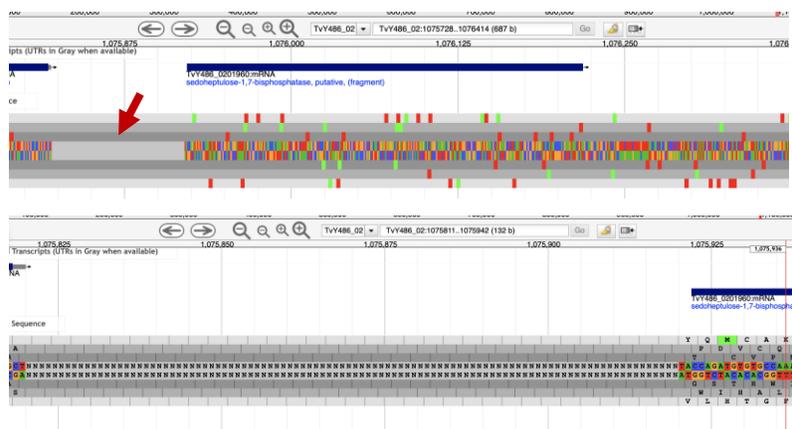
- What does the synteny track in this region look like? Feel free to zoom out some more. Are genes (in general) similarly organized between these species? What does the shading between genes mean?
- What direction is the SBPase gene relative to the chromosome?
- What genes are upstream and downstream of the SBPase? Are these genes syntenic?
- What does synteny look like if you add more distantly related species? Does SBPase appear to have orthologs in *Leishmania*? *Endotrypanum*? *Crithidia*?

- Examine the gene corresponding to the *T. vivax* SBPase in the synteny track.



Hover over the gene image to find the gene name in the popup. Does this gene appear to be a fragment? What could be some possible reasons for this?

- Do you think all the genomes in the database are fully sequenced? Is it possible that gaps in sequence exist in the available genomes? Let's find out if there is a gap next to the SBPase gene in *T. vivax*:
 - Select *T. vivax* from the list of genomes in the menu bar.
 - Turn on the **annotated transcripts** and the **Reference sequence** tracks.
 - Search for the SBPase gene by typing "sedoheptulose" in the search box then select the gene.
 - Zoom to about 600bps. Do you see something missing on the left side of the gene?
 - Zoom in to this area (click and drag). What do you see? What do all of these Ns mean?



6. Exploring other data tracks in JBrowse.

For this example, we will view *T. brucei* data, so the data tracks you turn on will display data only if the data is aligned to the *T. brucei* genome. Return to the SBPase gene in *T. brucei* by searching for the gene ID in the (Tb927.2.5800) in 'Landmark or Region' to redirect the browser. Then zoom to the area between 0.7M and the end of the chromosome.

Turn on the ChIP-seq coverage plots and turn off the syntenic gene and region tracks. The data tracks are from an experiment called: **ChIP-Seq - Four histone Variants ChIP-Seq Coverage aligned to T brucei TREU927 (Cross) (linear plot)**. For this experiment, chromatin was immunoprecipitated using several different histone antibodies. The DNA that precipitated with the histone was sequenced and aligned to the *T. brucei* TREU927 genome. Peaks in the sequence coverage plots represent areas of histone binding. Different histone variants can be associated with start and termination sites for transcription (<http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/19369410>)

Name	Category	Subcategory	Dataset	Track Type	RNASeq Alignment	RNASeq Strand
BDF3-HA (unique) Coverage	Epigenomics	ChIPSeq	ChIP-Seq - Four histone Variants	Coverage	...	...
ChIP-Seq - Four histone Variants Density - Unique And Non-Unique	Epigenomics	ChIPSeq	ChIP-Seq - Four histone Variants	Multi-Density	...	...
H2Az (unique) Coverage	Epigenomics	ChIPSeq	ChIP-Seq - Four histone Variants	Coverage	...	...
H2Bv (unique) Coverage	Epigenomics	ChIPSeq	ChIP-Seq - Four histone Variants	Coverage	...	...
H3K4me3 (unique) Coverage	Epigenomics	ChIPSeq	ChIP-Seq - Four histone Variants	Coverage	...	...
H3v (unique) Coverage	Epigenomics	ChIPSeq	ChIP-Seq - Four histone Variants	Coverage	...	...
H4 (unique) Coverage	Epigenomics	ChIPSeq	ChIP-Seq - Four histone Variants	Coverage	...	...
H4K10ac (unique) Coverage	Epigenomics	ChIPSeq	ChIP-Seq - Four histone Variants	Coverage	...	...
H4v (unique) Coverage	Epigenomics	ChIPSeq	ChIP-Seq - Four histone Variants	Coverage	...	...

- You may need to adjust the y-axis scaling to bring the tracks into proper view (try setting the score range to “global” by mousing over the track name, clicking the dropdown arrow and selecting “Change Score Range”).
- What does this data show you?
- Roughly how many polycistronic units does this chromosome have? Zoom out to the entire chromosome.

- Move to the **region around 0.6Mbs of the chromosome** (you should be on chromosome 2) and turn on all four subtracks. Take note of the orange and grey bars in the coverage plots. What do you think the grey bars indicate?
- Now zoom out to 100Kb – do you see a difference between the blood and procyclic forms?

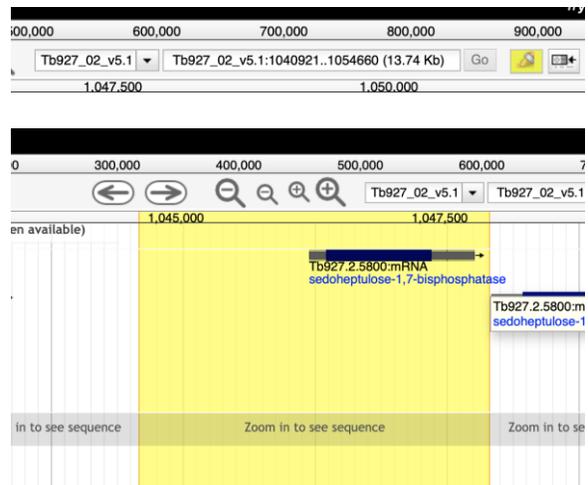


- Zoom in to a gene that looks like it is differentially expressed. What are your conclusions? Are the reads supported by unique or non-unique reads?
- Can you turn on additional tracks that may give some more support to your conclusions?
Hint: turn on the EST and *T. brucei* protein expression evidence tracks.
 - Is there any proteomics evidence for this region?
 - How about EST evidence? Click on an EST graphic (glyph) to get additional information.
- Turn off the RNA-seq graphs and make sure the *T. brucei* protein expression evidence tracks are on. **Zoom out to 500Kb**. Explore the evidence for gene expression based on mapped peptides from proteomics experiments – which gene in this view has the highest number of peptide hits? Try looking at the “All MS/MS peptides (feature density)” track for an overview.



7. Retrieving data from and uploading your own tracks to JBrowse

- a. Downloading sequence in FASTA format from a region of interest:
 - i. Make sure the “annotated transcripts” and the “reference sequence” tracks are turned on.
 - ii. Click on the “highlight a region” button in the navigation bar. It should turn yellow when activated.
 - iii. Click and drag in the genome view region and select the area you would like to highlight.
 - iv. Click on the down arrow on the reference sequence track and select “Save track data”.



- v. In the next popup window you can keep everything as the default and either save or view the sequence.

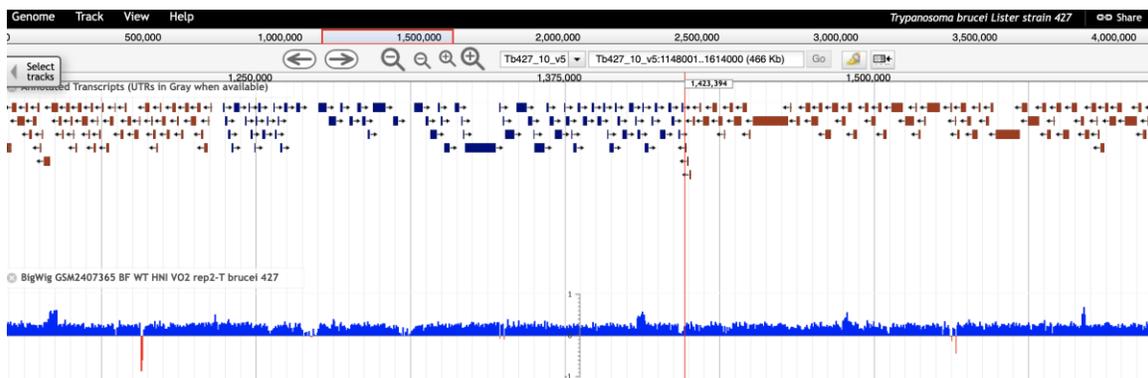
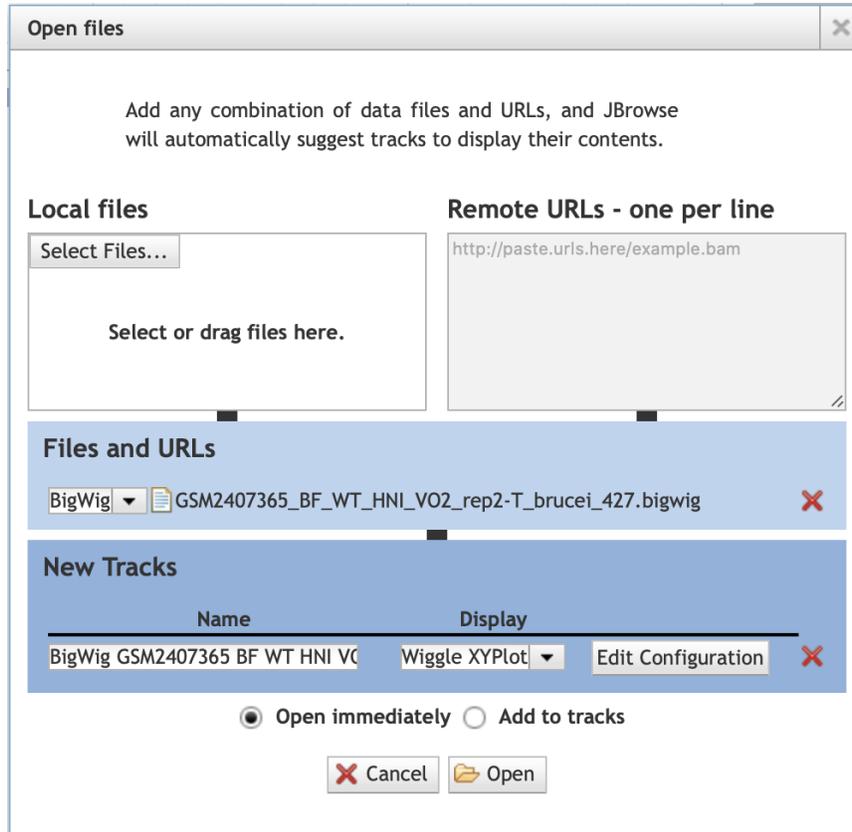
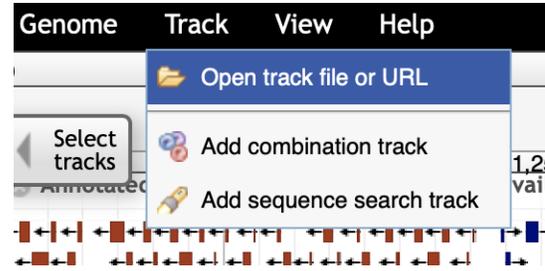


- b. Uploading data to JBrowse:
 - JBrowse can accept several standard-format data files by direct upload or through a URL if the data is stored remotely. Some file formats like BAM and VCF require indexing before uploading. In this exercise we will download a bigwig file from GEO and then upload it to JBrowse:
 - i. Go to this GEO sample record: <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/geo/query/acc.cgi?acc=GSM2407365>
 - ii. Scroll down to the bottom of the page and download the bigwig file with the http link.

Supplementary file	Size	Download	File type/resource
GSM2407365_BF_WT_HNI_VO2_rep2-T_brucei_427.bigwig	12.4 Mb	(ftp)(http)	BIGWIG

- iii. Once the file is downloaded go to JBrowse and select *Trypanosoma brucei brucei* Lister 427 as the reference genome (hint: use the Genome link in the menu panel, top left).
 - iv. Turn on the track for annotated transcripts if it is not on already.

- v. Click on the Tracks menu item and select “Open track file or URL”.
- vi. In the popup click on select file then select the file you just downloaded. JBrowse should automatically recognize that the file is in bigwig format.
- vii. Click on the Open button. The bigWig output should appear very quickly in your browser.



Strategies Tutorial

Note: This exercise uses PlasmoDB.org as an example, but the same functionality is available on a VEuPathDB resources.

Learning objectives:

- Build a multistep strategy
- Use the Text, GO Term, RNA-Seq, and SNP searches
- Combine search results using Boolean operators and the colocation tool
- Transform genes of one organism into their orthologs in another organism
- Infer expression timing from a well-studied organism onto another organism that lacks data.

In this tutorial you will find genes expressed in gametocytes that are likely proteases and have variation in their upstream regions, possibly affecting promoter regions and other gene features. The strategy you build will combine three different searches that query *P. falciparum* data, then transform the *P. falciparum* genes returned by those searches into their *P. vivax* orthologs and look for SNPs in the upstream regions of the *P. vivax* genes. The ortholog transform enables you make inferences about genes in *P. vivax*, an organism with limited functional data, based on existing data in the closely related and well-studied *P. falciparum*. The *P. vivax* genes returned by the search are likely to share two biological properties, proteolytic activity and expression in gametocytes, and show variation in their upstream regions, possibly affecting promoter regions or other gene features.

Strategies Overview:

The strategy system offers over 100 structured searches that can be combined to produce multi-step strategies. Each search queries a specific data set and **returns a list of IDs** that share the biological characteristic defined by the data.

Searches are accessible from the 'Search For...' menu on the home page and from the 'Searches' dropdown menu in the header of every page. Searches listed under Genes will return a list of gene IDs, while searches listed under 'SNPs' or 'Metabolic Pathways' will return record IDs representing SNPs, or metabolic pathways.

The image shows a composite of three screenshots from the PlasmODB website. The top-left screenshot shows the 'Search for...' dropdown menu with a list of categories under 'Genes'. Numbered callouts 1, 2, and 3 point to 'Text (product name, notes, etc.)', 'GO Term', and 'RNA-Seq Evidence' respectively. The top-right screenshot shows the 'SNPs' search options, with callout 5 pointing to 'Differences Within a Group of Isolates'. The bottom screenshot shows a 'Transform into related records' workflow diagram, with callout 4 pointing to the 'Orthologs' step.

The 5 searches you will use in this tutorial are:

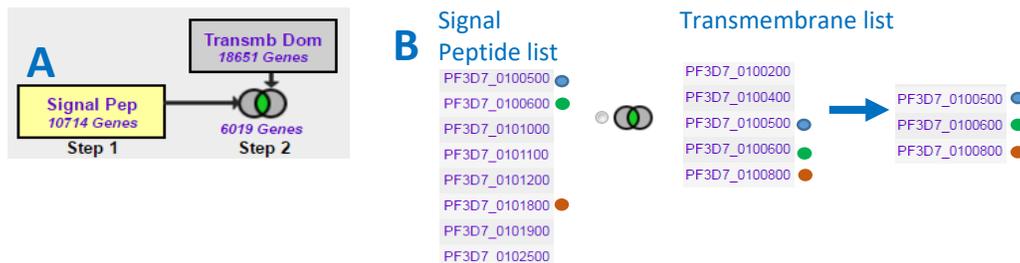
1. Identify Genes by Text (product name, notes, etc.) – The search compares your term against the text in the fields that you specify, returning the IDs of gene records that have a match.
2. Identify Genes by GO Term – Returns genes that have your specified Gene Ontology (GO) Term(s) or ID(s) assigned to them.
3. Identify Genes based on RNA Seq Evidence – PlasmODB integrates raw RNA sequencing data from many different experiments and analyzes all data according to the same workflow to produce expression values. This search returns genes based on their transcript expression as measure by RNA sequencing.
4. Transform by Orthology – PlasmODB integrates ortholog profiles from OrthoMCL. The OrthoMCL algorithm clusters proteins into ortholog groups based on BLAST similarity across at 150 genomes that span the tree of life. The transform we perform here will convert a list of genes in one organism to their orthologs in a different organism. In this case, we will transform a list of *P. falciparum* genes into their *P. vivax* orthologs.
5. Identify SNPs based on Differences within a Group of Isolates – PlasmODB integrates whole genome resequencing of isolates and analyzes each isolate for single nucleotide polymorphisms compared to a reference genome. This search returns SNPs that are shared between all the *P. vivax* isolates that are integrated in PlasmODB.

Before we get started... a few words about combining search results:

Each search returns a list of IDs. When two searches are combined, the two result sets (list of IDs) are merged. The table shows the 5 options for combining search results.

Operator	:	Combined Result will contain:
 1 INTERSECT 2	:	IDs in common between the two lists
 1 UNION 2	:	IDs from list 1 and list 2
 1 MINUS 2	:	IDs unique to 1
 2 MINUS 1	:	IDs unique to 2
 1 Relative to 2	:	IDs whose features are near each other (collocated) in the genome

If the searches return the same type of genomic feature they can be combined using any of the 5 operators (i.e. search 1 returns genes, search 2 returns genes as in screenshot group A below).

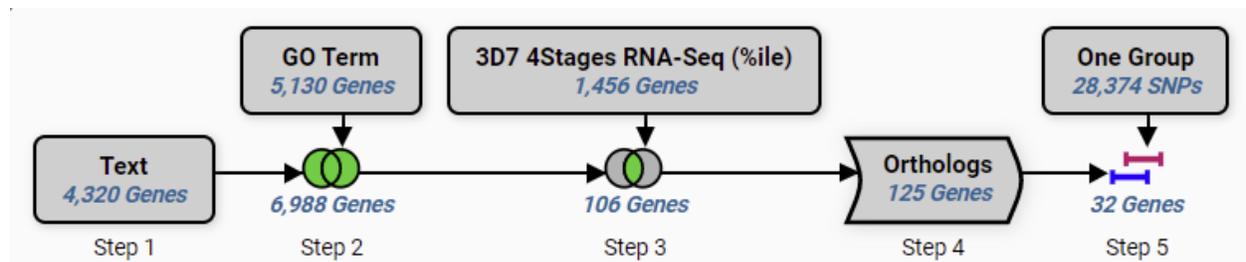


However, searches that return different genomic features will yield no results when combined with intersect, union or minus operators. This is illustrated in screenshot groupings C and D below. Because genes and SNPs are different genomic features, there are no IDs in the list of genes (Step 1) that are present in the list of SNPs (Step 2). To combine a search that returns genes with a search that returns SNPs, you must use the collocation option (1 relative to 2). We know the genomic location of each gene and each SNP and the collocation option is designed to return features based on their relative genomic location, i.e. SNPs that are near or within genes.



Build the Strategy:

Find *P. vivax* genes that are possible proteases, likely expressed during the gametocyte stages and contain SNPs in their upstream regions. This search strategy employs 4 searches, an ortholog transform and the colocation tool to integrate SNP information. Steps 1 and 2 return *P. falciparum* proteases using two different lines of evidence – a text search in step 1 and a Gene Ontology (GO) term search in step 2. These searches are combined with a union to obtain a more comprehensive list of possible proteases. Step 3 returns genes with evidence for expression during the gametocyte stages based on RNA sequencing data collected in *P. falciparum*. Steps 2 and 3 are combined using the intersect operator to produce a list of genes that have BOTH biological properties: these genes are likely proteases with evidence for expression during gametocyte stages. In the next step, the *P. falciparum* genes returned in the step 3 result are transformed into their *P. vivax* orthologs. This results in a set of 125 *P. vivax* genes with suspected protease activity and expression in gametocytes based on annotation and experimental evidence from *P. falciparum*, an organism for which more complete annotation and functional genomics data is available. In Step 5 we look for single nucleotide polymorphisms (SNPs) among isolates of *P. vivax* and collocate these SNPs to the upstream regions of the *P. vivax* genes. The final result is a set of 32 *P. vivax* genes that are likely proteases expressed in the gametocyte stage and that have SNPs in their upstream regions. Your strategy should look like this when you are done:



Step by Step Instructions

1. Run a text search using protease as the text term.

Identify Genes by Text (product name, notes, etc.): Using the Text Search, find genes whose records contain the term 'protease'. To reach the text search, click on the link in the home page 'Search For...' menu. The page opens showing a list of parameters that are needed to query the data. Every search is loaded with default parameters so that you can click Get Answer and run the search. Change the Text term to 'protease' and click Get Answer to initiate the search. The search results are displayed in the My Strategies section which consists of a strategy panel followed by a filter table and a result table.

Navigation: >PlasmoDB >Search for Genes >Text >Text (product name, notes, etc.)

Identify Genes based on Text (product name, notes, etc.)

Reset values

Organism

46 selected, out of 46

select all | clear all | expand all | collapse all

Filter list below...

Hepatocystis sp. ex Piliocolobus tephrosceles 2019

Plasmodium

select all | clear all | expand all | collapse all

Text term (use * as wildcard)

Protease

Fields

- Alternate product descriptions
- EC descriptions and numbers
- Epitopes from IEDB
- External links
- Gene ID
- Gene name or symbol
- Gene type
- Genomic sequence ID
- GO terms
- InterPro domains
- Metabolic pathways
- Names, IDs, and aliases
- Notes from annotators
- Organism
- Ortholog group
- Orthologs
- PDB chains
- Product descriptions
- PubMed
- Rodent malaria phenotype
- Transcripts
- User comments

select all | clear all

Get Answer

Choose all organisms

Enter protease

Leave all fields checked. We will use the default setting here.

Click Get Answer to initiate the search

Parameters:

Organism	:	Default - all
Text term (use * as wildcard)	:	protease
Fields	:	Default - all

Results and strategy: You created a one-step strategy by running the text search. The strategy returns 4320 genes that are annotated with the word 'protease'. This annotation could appear in any field that you searched. You can analyze this result by exploring the hits. Look at the data in the columns of the result table. You can add more data with the Add Columns button. Clicking a gene ID in the first column will take you to that gene's record page. Please explore your results to see if they make sense. For example, gene product names might contain the word 'protease'. Functional data assigned to the genes (GO terms and EC numbers) may indicate protease activity.

Unnamed Search Strategy *

Text
4,320 Genes
Step 1

+ Add a step

Strategy Box showing your one-step strategy

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4,320 Genes (260 ortholog groups) Revise this search

Organism Filter

select all | clear all | expand all | collapse all

Hide zero counts

Search organisms...

- Hepatocystis sp. ex Pliocolobus tephrosceles 2019 90
- Plasmodium 4,230

select all | clear all | expand all | collapse all

Hide zero counts

Gene Results Genome View Analyze Results

Genes: 4,320 Transcripts: 4,330 Show Only One Transcript Per Gene

⏪ 1 2 3 ... 5 ⏩

Rows per page: 1000

📄 Download 🛒 Add to Basket ⚙️ Add Columns

Gene ID	Transcript ID	Organism	Genomic Location (Gene)	Product Description
HEP_00008500	HEP_00008500_11	Hepatocystis sp. ex Pliocolobus tephrosceles 2019	CABPSV020000006:5,875..8,103(-)	zinc finger protein, putative
HEP_00008700	HEP_00008700	Hepatocystis sp. ex Pliocolobus tephrosceles 2019	00006:11,566..12,576(+)	rhomboid protease ROM7
HEP_00033300	HEP_00033300	Hepatocystis sp. ex Pliocolobus tephrosceles 2019	00025:35,946..40,446(-)	ubiquitin carboxyl-terminal hydrolase, putative
HEP_00035000	HEP_00035000_11	Hepatocystis sp. ex Pliocolobus tephrosceles 2019	CABPSV020000027:36,664..39,395(-)	serine repeat antigen 8, putative
HEP_00038200	HEP_00038200_11	Hepatocystis sp. ex Pliocolobus tephrosceles 2019	CABPSV020000031:3,274..5,565(-)	ubiquitin carboxyl-terminal hydrolase 14, putative

Filter table showing the distribution of hits across the organisms we searched. Click a # to show only that species

Result List showing all hits

Add a step choosing to run a search for genes annotated with the biological process gene ontology term – GO:0006508: proteolysis. Gene Ontology annotations offer a second line of evidence for finding proteases. The ontologies are a controlled vocabulary for describing the molecular function, biological process and subcellular location of a gene product. GO annotations in PlasmoDB were either provided by the sequencing and annotation centers or inferred based on a gene’s similarity to protein domains from the InterPro databases. The GO Term search returns a gene if it is annotated with the GO term that you are looking for. Let’s use that search to look for genes annotated with GO:0006508: proteolysis. We will union the text search results with our GO term results when we combine the results of the two searches.

Navigation: Add Step >Combine with other Genes >1 union 2 > A new search >GO Term

Text
4,320 Genes
Step 1

+ Add a step

Add a step to your search strategy

1 Choose *how* to combine with other Genes

1 INTERSECT 2 1 UNION 2 1 MINUS 2 2 MINUS 1

2 Choose *which* Genes to combine. From...

A new search An existing strategy My basket

GO

Function prediction
GO Term
Text
Text (product name, notes, etc.)

Search for and choose the GO Term search.

Which organism is chosen by default for this search? Click 'select all' to run the search on all

Begin typing Proteolysis and then choose the correct GO term from the list

Click Run Step to initiate the search

Add Step

Add Step 2 : GO Term

Organism

0 selected, out of 46

select all | clear all | expand all | collapse all

Filter list below...

Hepatocystis sp. ex. Pfluoocolobus tephrosceles 2019 [Reference]

Plasmodium

select all | clear all | expand all | collapse all

Evidence

Curated

Computed

Limit to GO Slim terms

Yes

No

GO Term or GO ID

Begin typing to see suggestions...

Begin typing to see suggestions to choose from (CTRL or CMD click to select multiple)

GO Term or GO ID wildcard search

N/A

Run Step

Give this search a name (optional)

Give this search a weight (optional)

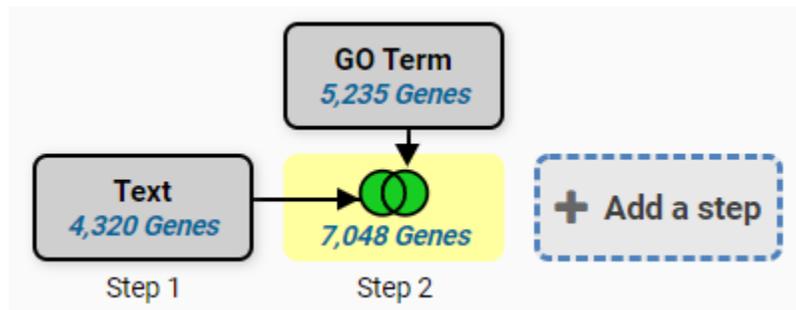
Parameters:

Organism	:	Choose All
Evidence	:	Default
Limit to GO Slim Terms?		Default
GO Term or GO ID	:	GO:0006508 : proteolysis
Free Text (use '*' for wildcard)	:	N/A

Combine:

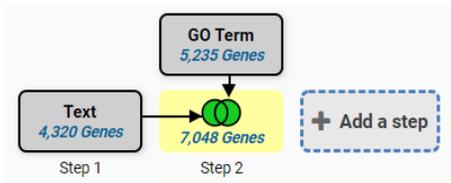


Strategy Result: The GO term search returned 5,235 genes annotated with the proteolysis GO term. The union of the text and GO search returns 7,048 genes that are suspected to have proteolytic activity.



- Add a step choosing to run a search for genes based on Transcript Expression using RNA-Seq Evidence.** Since PlasmoDB has integrated several RNA sequencing data sets you must first choose what data set (experiment) to search before you are taken to the search form to choose parameters. Use the Filter Data set tool to choose the Percentile search (P) for 'Strand specific Transcriptomes of 4 life cycle stages (Lopez-Barragan et al)'. This data set contains the RNA sequencing analysis of two gametocyte samples. Running the percentile search using the default parameters will return the genes whose expression levels are in the top 20% for those samples.

Navigation: Add Step >Combine with other Genes >2 intersect 3 >A new search >RNA Seq Evidence



Add a step to your search strategy

1 Choose how to combine with other Genes

2 INTERSECT 3
 2 UNION 3
 2 MINUS 3
 3 MINUS 2

2 Choose which Genes to combine. From...

A new search
 An existing strategy
 My basket

RNA

- Gene models
- Gene Model Characteristics
- Transcriptomics
- Microarray Evidence
- RNA-Seq Evidence

Search for and choose RNA-Seq evidence.

Add a step to your search strategy

Search for Genes by RNA-Seq Evidence

The results will be intersected with the results of Step 2.

Filter Data Set: strand

Legend: DE Differential Expression, FC Fold Change, P Percentile, SA SenseAntisense

Organism	Data Set	FC	P	SA
Plasmodium falciparum 3D7	Strand specific transcriptomes of 4 life cycle stages (Lopez-Barragan et al.)	FC	P	SA
Plasmodium falciparum 3D7	Intraerythrocytic development cycle transcriptome (2018) (Toenhake et al.)	FC	P	SA
Plasmodium falciparum 3D7	Strand specific transcriptome of the intraerythrocytic developmental cycle (Siegel et al.)	FC	P	SA

Add a step to your search strategy

Experiment

Strand specific transcriptomes of 4 life cycle stages - Sense

Samples

Late Trophozoite
 Schizont
 Gametocyte II
 Gametocyte V
 -select all -clear all

Minimum expression percentile

80

Maximum expression percentile

100

Matches Any or All Selected Samples?

any

Protein Coding Only:

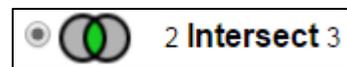
protein coding

Run Step

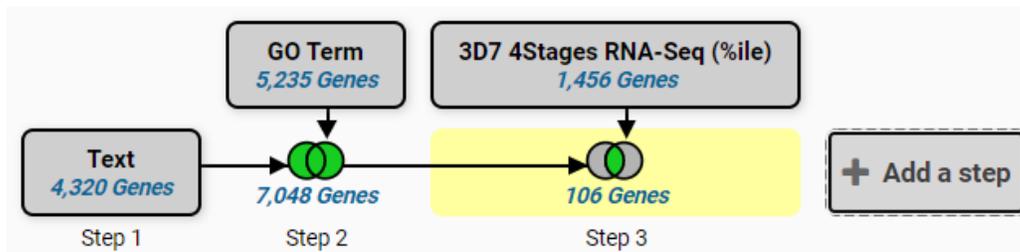
Parameters:

Experiment	:	Strand specific transcriptomes of 4 life cycle stages sense strand
Samples	:	Gametocyte II, Gametocyte V
Minimum expression percentile	:	default
Maximum expression percentile	:	default
Matches Any or All Selected Samples?	:	default
Protein Coding Only:	:	default

Combine: Intersecting this search with the previous result will produce a list of genes that are common to both result lists.



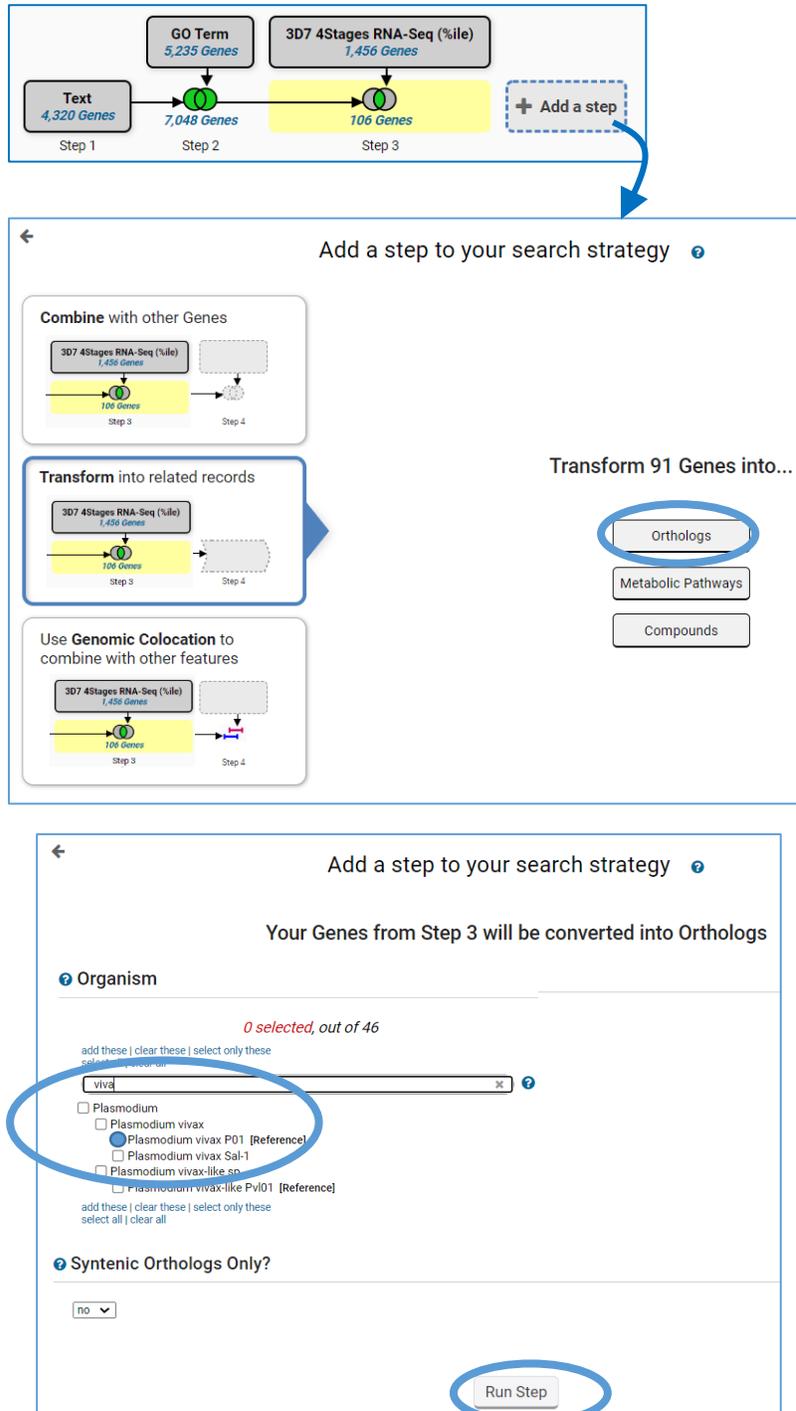
Strategy result: We have a three-step strategy that returns 106 *P. falciparum* genes that are suspected proteases with evidence for expression in gametocytes based on RNA Sequencing data. Explore your gene list!!



3. Add a step to the strategy that transforms the 106 *P. falciparum* genes into *P. vivax* genes.

P. falciparum is a well-studied organism with active curatorial efforts and large amounts of functional data. For example, PlasmoDB has 18 RNA sequencing and 11 microarray data sets integrated for *P. falciparum*, but only 4 RNA-Seq and 2 microarray for *P. vivax*. A researcher interested in *P. vivax* can take advantage of the *P. falciparum* data by creating a strategy based on *P. falciparum* data to retrieve genes with the biological properties they are interested in, and then transforming the results to their *P. vivax* orthologs.

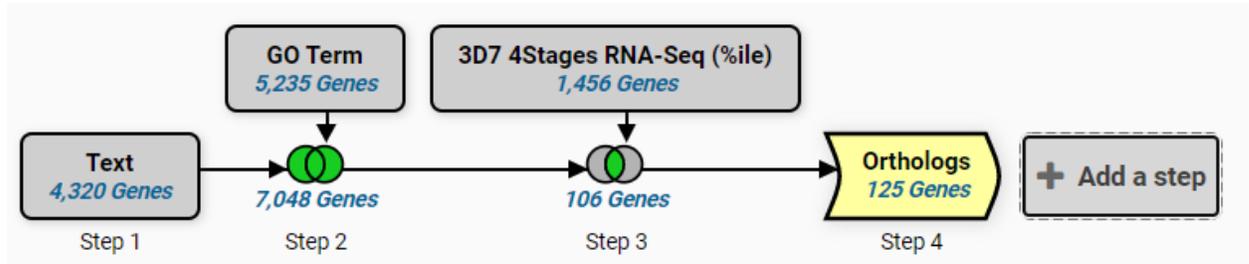
Navigation: >Add Step >Transform into related records >Orthologs



Parameters: Choose only *P. vivax* P01 in the Organism parameter of the Add Step Popup.

Combine: The ortholog transform function does not combine lists, but instead transforms the results into orthologs from a different species.

Strategy Result: We have a four-step strategy that returns 125 *P. vivax* genes that are suspected proteases expressed in gametocytes based on *P. falciparum* RNA Sequencing data.



4. **Add a step to the strategy that returns *P. vivax* SNPs and collocate those SNPs to the upstream 1000bp of the *P. vivax* genes in step 4.** We can look for variation (SNPs) associated with the genes from Step 4. PlasmoDB integrates whole genome resequencing data from many isolates, and PlasmoDB contains 195 data sets from whole-genome sequencing of *P. vivax* isolates. PlasmoDB analyzes the whole genome sequencing reads by aligning them to the reference genome and then examines the genome one base at a time to find bases in the isolate that do not match the reference sequence. The SNPs are loaded in the database along with other information such as how many sequencing reads supported the SNP call and the genomic location of the SNP. The search we will use analyzes whole genome resequencing data from all *P. vivax* isolates to find SNPs shared between all isolates. You will notice that initiating the search does not immediately bring up the result, but instead leads you to the collocation tool.

Navigation: >Add Step >Use Genomic Colocation >A new search >Differences Within a Group of Isolates

← Add a step to your search strategy ⓘ

Organism
The organism you choose will determine the genome to which the SNPs have been mapped. That will also restrict the set of isolates you may choose as SNPs are identified by aligning the reads from those isolates to this genome.

Plasmodium vivax P01 Choose
Plasmodium vivax

Samples

195 Samples Total No filters applied Use all 195
isolates (Do not)

expand all | collapse all
 Find a variable

Sample type
 Type of sample

Check items below to apply this filter 182 (93%) of 195 Samples have data for this variable

<input type="checkbox"/>	Sample type	Remaining Samples	Samples	Distribution	%
<input type="checkbox"/>	Blood	177 (97%)	177 (97%)	<div style="width: 97%; height: 10px; background-color: red;"></div>	(100%)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Specimen from organism	5 (3%)	5 (3%)	<div style="width: 3%; height: 10px; background-color: red;"></div>	(100%)

Read frequency threshold

Minor allele frequency >=

Percent isolates with a base call >=

Run Step

Parameters:

Organism	:	<i>P. vivax</i> P01
Isolates	:	Default = All Isolates (195)
Read frequency threshold	:	Default - 80%
Minor allele frequency >=	:	Default - 0
Percent isolates with a base call >=	:	Default - 70

Colocation: Because this search returns SNPs and not genes, the only option for combining the two result lists is by relative genomic location. Arrange the statement in the Colocation popup to read: **Return each Gene from step 4 whose upstream 1000bp region overlaps the exact region of a SNP in Step 5 and is on either strand.** Remember to indicate that you want to locate the SNPs in the upstream region of the gene.

← Add a step to your search strategy ⓘ

"Return each **Gene from the current step** whose **upstream region** **overlaps** the **exact region** of a SNP from the new step and is on **either strand**"

Region

Gene

Upstream: 1000 bp

Downstream: 1000 bp

Custom:

begin at: start - 1000 bp

end at: start - 1 bp

Region

SNP

Exact

Upstream: 1000 bp

Downstream: 1000 bp

Custom:

begin at: start + 0 bp

end at: stop + 0 bp

Run Step

Strategy: Congratulations! You have completed the strategy and have a list of 32 *P. vivax* genes that are possible proteases, are likely expressed in gametocytes and have upstream SNPs.

This link will retrieve the completed strategy:

<https://plasmodb.org/plasmo/app/workspace/strategies/import/76a3cff6f01535ea>

