Orthology and Phyletic Patterns Exercise 8

1. Getting to OrthoMCL from EuPathDB databases Note: For this exercise use <u>http://cryptodb.org</u> and <u>http://orthomcl.org</u>

- a. Go to the gene page for the Cryptosporidium parvum gene with the ID: cgd7_2290.
- b. What does this gene do? It is annotated as a hypothetical protein!
- c. Scroll down to the table labeled "Orthologs and Paralogs within CryptoDB". Does this gene have orthologs in other *Cryptosporidium* species? What about other organisms? (hint: click on the link below the table that takes you to OrthoMCL).

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Chro.70261	Cryptosporidium hominis TU502	hypothetical protein	yes	no
CMU_034340	Cryptosporidium muris RN66	hypothetical protein, conserved	yes	no

d. Does this protein have orthologs in other organisms? Does it have any orthologs in bacteria or archaea?

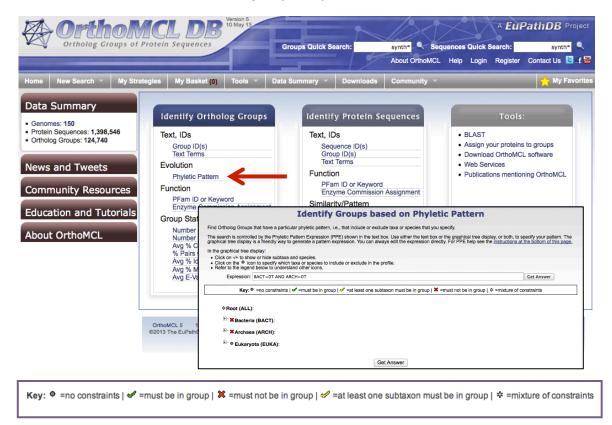
(hint: mouse over the colorful boxes in the table to reveal the full species and pylum names - see image below).

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- e. Take a look at the PFAM domain architectures found under the PFam domains (graphic) tab. Do all the proteins in this group have similar domain architecture?
- f. Based on the orthologs, what do you think this protein might be doing? If you had to give this gene a name, what would you call it?

2. Using the phyletic pattern tool in OrthoMCL Note: For this exercise use http://orthomcl.org/

a. How many protein groups in OrthoMCL <u>do not</u> have any orthologs in bacteria or archaea? (hint: go to the "Phyletic Pattern" search in the Evolution section of the "Identify Ortholog groups" category). To specify a phyletic pattern click on the icon next to the taxonomic group or species to include or exclude it.

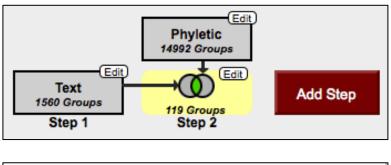


- b. How many protein groups do not contain orthologs from eukaryotes?
- c. Find all groups that contain orthologs from at least one species of *Cryptosporidium* and *Giardia* but not from bacteria or archaea.
- **NOTE:** All EuPathDB sites also have a phyletic pattern search that uses OrthoMCL data under Genes -> Evolution -> Orthology Phylogenetic Profile.

3. Combining searches in OrthoMCL

Find all plant proteins that are likely phosphatases that do not have orthologs outside of plants.

- a. Use the text search to find groups that contain the word "*phosphatase*".
- b. Add a step and run a phyletic pattern search for groups that contain any plant protein but do not contain any other organism outside plants. (hint: make sure everything has a red x on it except for plants (Viridiplantae (VIRI)), which should be a grey circle.).

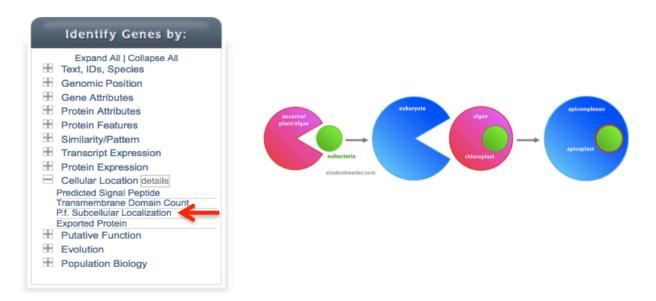


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c. How many groups did you return? Explore the multiple sequence alignments from some of these groups. (Hint: click on a group ID and open the MSA tab).

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- 4. (Optional) Using the orthology transform tool to identify apicoplast targeted genes in *Toxoplasma* and *Neospora*. Note: For this exercise use http://eupathdb.org
- a. Start by finding genes in *Plasmodium* that are predicted to target to the apicoplast. Hint: click on "Cellular Location" then on "P.f. Subcellular Localization"; see image below.



b. Transform the results of the above search to their *Toxoplasma* orthologs. Hint: add a step, then select "Transform by Orthology". On the search page, select all *Toxoplasma* and *Neopspora*.

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c. Although *Cryptosporidium* is an apicomplexan parasite it has actually lost its apicoplast! Can you use this fact to refine your results from the above search?

Hint: try subtracting out any orthologs present in *Cryptosporidium*. You will need to use a nested strategy.

