

## GEPHE SUMMARY

	Gephebase Gene	GephelD
Tyrosine hydroxylase ( <a href="https://www.gephebase.org/search-criteria/?and+Gene">https://www.gephebase.org/search-criteria/?and+Gene</a> Gephebase=^Tyrosine hydroxylase^#gephebase-summary-title)	GP00001158	
	Entry Status	Main curator
Published	Courtier	

## PHENOTYPIC CHANGE

	Trait Category		
Morphology ( <a href="https://www.gephebase.org/search-criteria/?and+Trait">https://www.gephebase.org/search-criteria/?and+Trait</a> Category=^Morphology^#gephebase-summary-title)	Trait		
Coloration (body) ( <a href="https://www.gephebase.org/search-criteria/?and+Trait=^Coloration">https://www.gephebase.org/search-criteria/?and+Trait=^Coloration</a> (body)^#gephebase-summary-title)	Trait State in Taxon A		
Bombyx mandarina -wild	Trait State in Taxon B		
Bombyx mori - domesticated	Ancestral State		
Taxon A	Taxonomic Status		
Domesticated ( <a href="https://www.gephebase.org/search-criteria/?and+Taxonomic">https://www.gephebase.org/search-criteria/?and+Taxonomic</a> Status=^Domesticated^#gephebase-summary-title)			
Taxon A	Latin Name	Taxon B	Latin Name
Bombyx mandarina ( <a href="https://www.gephebase.org/search-criteria/?and+Taxon+and+Synonyms=^Bombyx+mandarina^#gephebase-summary-title">https://www.gephebase.org/search-criteria/?and+Taxon+and+Synonyms=^Bombyx+mandarina^#gephebase-summary-title</a> )		Bombyx mori ( <a href="https://www.gephebase.org/search-criteria/?and+Taxon+and+Synonyms=^Bombyx+mori^#gephebase-summary-title">https://www.gephebase.org/search-criteria/?and+Taxon+and+Synonyms=^Bombyx+mori^#gephebase-summary-title</a> )	
wild silkworm	Common Name	domestic silkworm	Common Name
Bombyx mori mandarina; Theophila mandarina; wild silkworm; Bombyx mandarina (Moore, 1872)	Synonyms	domestic silkworm; silk moth; silkworm; Bombyx mori Linnaeus, 1758	Synonyms
species	Rank	species	Rank
cellular organisms; Eukaryota; Opisthokonta; Metazoa; Eumetazoa; Bilateria; Protostomia; Ecdysozoa; Panarthropoda; Arthropoda; Mandibulata; Pancrustacea; Hexapoda; Insecta; Dicondylia; Pterygota; Neoptera; Holometabola; Amphiesmenoptera; Lepidoptera; Glossata; Neolepidoptera; Heteroneura; Ditrysia; Obtectomera; Bombycoidea; Bombycidae; Bombycinae; Bombyx	Lineage	cellular organisms; Eukaryota; Opisthokonta; Metazoa; Eumetazoa; Bilateria; Protostomia; Ecdysozoa; Panarthropoda; Arthropoda; Mandibulata; Pancrustacea; Hexapoda; Insecta; Dicondylia; Pterygota; Neoptera; Holometabola; Amphiesmenoptera; Lepidoptera; Glossata; Neolepidoptera; Heteroneura; Ditrysia; Obtectomera; Bombycoidea; Bombycidae; Bombycinae; Bombyx	Lineage
Bombyx () - (Rank: genus) ( <a href="https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/Taxonomy/Browser/wwwtax.cgi?id=7090">https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/Taxonomy/Browser/wwwtax.cgi?id=7090</a> )	Parent	Bombyx () - (Rank: genus) ( <a href="https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/Taxonomy/Browser/wwwtax.cgi?id=7090">https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/Taxonomy/Browser/wwwtax.cgi?id=7090</a> )	Parent
7092 ( <a href="https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/Taxonomy/Browser/wwwtax.cgi?id=7092">https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/Taxonomy/Browser/wwwtax.cgi?id=7092</a> )	NCBI Taxonomy ID	7091 ( <a href="https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/Taxonomy/Browser/wwwtax.cgi?id=7091">https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/Taxonomy/Browser/wwwtax.cgi?id=7091</a> )	NCBI Taxonomy ID
No	is Taxon A an Infraspecies?	No	is Taxon B an Infraspecies?

## GENOTYPIC CHANGE

	Generic Gene Name	UniProtKB Drosophila melanogaster
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CG10118; DH65B; Dmel\CG10118; DTH; dTH1; dTH65B; Pale; pale/ple; Ple; th; Th; TH; VII	Synonyms	GenebankID or UniProtKB
7227.FBpp0076666 ( <a href="http://string-db.org/newstring_cgi/show_network_section.pl?identifier=7227.FBpp0076666">http://string-db.org/newstring_cgi/show_network_section.pl?identifier=7227.FBpp0076666</a> )	String	ACU82844 ( <a href="https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/nuccore/ACU82844">https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/nuccore/ACU82844</a> )
Belongs to the bipterin-dependent aromatic amino acid hydroxylase family.	Sequence Similarities	
GO:0005506 : iron ion binding ( <a href="https://www.ebi.ac.uk/QuickGO/term/GO:0005506">https://www.ebi.ac.uk/QuickGO/term/GO:0005506</a> )	GO - Molecular Function	
GO:0004511 : tyrosine 3-monooxygenase activity ( <a href="https://www.ebi.ac.uk/QuickGO/term/GO:0004511">https://www.ebi.ac.uk/QuickGO/term/GO:0004511</a> )		
		GO - Biological Process

GO:0048085 : adult chitin-containing cuticle pigmentation  
 (<https://www.ebi.ac.uk/QuickGO/term/GO:0048085>)  
 GO:0042417 : dopamine metabolic process  
 (<https://www.ebi.ac.uk/QuickGO/term/GO:0042417>)  
 GO:2000274 : regulation of epithelial cell migration, open tracheal system  
 (<https://www.ebi.ac.uk/QuickGO/term/GO:2000274>)  
 GO:0008344 : adult locomotory behavior  
 (<https://www.ebi.ac.uk/QuickGO/term/GO:0008344>)  
 GO:0006585 : dopamine biosynthetic process from tyrosine  
 (<https://www.ebi.ac.uk/QuickGO/term/GO:0006585>)  
 GO:0048082 : regulation of adult chitin-containing cuticle pigmentation  
 (<https://www.ebi.ac.uk/QuickGO/term/GO:0048082>)  
 GO:0009611 : response to wounding (<https://www.ebi.ac.uk/QuickGO/term/GO:0009611>)  
 GO:0040040 : thermosensory behavior  
 (<https://www.ebi.ac.uk/QuickGO/term/GO:0040040>)  
 GO:0043052 : thermotaxis (<https://www.ebi.ac.uk/QuickGO/term/GO:0043052>)  
 GO:0035220 : wing disc development  
 (<https://www.ebi.ac.uk/QuickGO/term/GO:0035220>)  
 GO:0006584 : catecholamine metabolic process  
 (<https://www.ebi.ac.uk/QuickGO/term/GO:0006584>)  
 GO:0048066 : developmental pigmentation  
 (<https://www.ebi.ac.uk/QuickGO/term/GO:0048066>)  
 GO:0007619 : courtship behavior (<https://www.ebi.ac.uk/QuickGO/term/GO:0007619>)  
 GO:0008049 : male courtship behavior  
 (<https://www.ebi.ac.uk/QuickGO/term/GO:0008049>)  
 GO:0048067 : cuticle pigmentation (<https://www.ebi.ac.uk/QuickGO/term/GO:0048067>)  
 GO:0042416 : dopamine biosynthetic process  
 (<https://www.ebi.ac.uk/QuickGO/term/GO:0042416>)  
 GO:0042136 : neurotransmitter biosynthetic process  
 (<https://www.ebi.ac.uk/QuickGO/term/GO:0042136>)

#### GO - Cellular Component

GO:0005737 : cytoplasm (<https://www.ebi.ac.uk/QuickGO/term/GO:0005737>)  
 GO:0030424 : axon (<https://www.ebi.ac.uk/QuickGO/term/GO:0030424>)  
 GO:0043204 : perikaryon (<https://www.ebi.ac.uk/QuickGO/term/GO:0043204>)

Presumptive Null

No ([#gephebase-summary-title](https://www.gephebase.org/search-criteria/?and+Presumptive+Null=No))

Molecular Type

Cis-regulatory ([#gephebase-summary-title](https://www.gephebase.org/search-criteria/?and+Molecular+Type=Cis-regulatory))

Aberration Type

Unknown ([#gephebase-summary-title](https://www.gephebase.org/search-criteria/?and+Aberration+Type=Unknown))

Molecular Details of the Mutation

Variation in intron; possibly loss of AbdA binding site

Experimental Evidence

Candidate Gene ([#gephebase-summary-title](https://www.gephebase.org/search-criteria/?and+Experimental+Evidence=Candidate+Gene))

Main Reference

Evidence of selection at melanin synthesis pathway loci during silkworm domestication. (2011) (<https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/21212153>)

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Abstract

The domesticated silkworm (*Bombyx mori*) was domesticated from wild silkworm (*Bombyx mandarina*) more than 5,000 years ago. During domestication, body color between *B. mandarina* and *B. mori* changed dramatically. However, the molecular mechanism of the silkworm body color transition is not known. In the present study, we examined within- and between-species nucleotide diversity for eight silkworm melanin synthesis pathway genes, which play a key role in cuticular pigmentation of insects. Our results showed that the genetic diversity of *B. mori* was significantly lower than that of *B. mandarina* and 40.7% of the genetic diversity of wild silkworm was lost in domesticated silkworm. We also examined whether position effect exists among melanin synthesis pathway genes in *B. mandarina* and *B. mori*. We found that the upstream genes have significantly lower levels of genetic diversity than the downstream genes, supporting a functional constraint hypothesis (FCH) of metabolic pathway, that is, upstream enzymes are under greater selective constraint than downstream enzymes because upstream enzymes participate in biosynthesis of a number of metabolites. We also investigated whether some of the melanin synthesis pathway genes experienced selection during domestication. Neutrality test, coalescent simulation, as well as network and phylogenetic analyses showed that tyrosine hydroxylase (TH) gene was a domestication locus. Sequence analysis further suggested that a putative expression enhancer (Abd-B-binding site) in the intron of TH gene might be disrupted during domestication. TH is the rate-limiting enzyme of melanin synthesis pathway in insects. Real-time polymerase chain reaction assay did show that the relative expression levels of TH gene in *B. mori* were significantly lower than that in *B. mandarina* at three different developmental stages, which is consistent with light body color of domesticated silkworm relative to wild silkworm. Therefore, we speculated that expression change of TH gene may contribute to the body color transition from *B. mandarina* to *B. mori*. Our results emphasize the exceptional role of gene expression regulation in morphological transition of domesticated animals.

Additional References

## RELATED GEPHE

### Related Genes

1 (Carotenoid-binding protein (CBP)) ([#gephebase-summary-title](https://www.gephebase.org/search-criteria/?or+Taxon+ID=7092+and+Trait=Coloration/or+Taxon+ID=7091+and+Trait=Coloration/groupHaplotypes=true))

Related Haplotypes

No matches found.

## EXTERNAL LINKS

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