GEPHE SUMMARY

Gephebase Gene
WntA (https://www.gephebase.org/search-criteria?/and+Gene Gephebase=^WntA^#gephebase-summary-title)

GepheID
GP00001212

Entry Status
Published

Main curator
Martin

PHENOTYPIC CHANGE

Trait Category
Morphology (https://www.gephebase.org/search-criteria?/and+Trait Category=^Morphology^#gephebase-summary-title)

Trait
Coloration (wing, Mullerian mimicry) (https://www.gephebase.org/search-criteria?/and+Trait=^Coloration (wing, Mullerian mimicry)^#gephebase-summary-title)

Trait State in Taxon A
Heliconius himera - central color patch

Trait State in Taxon B
Heliconius erato etylus - distal color patch

Ancestral State
Data not curated

Taxonomic Status
Intraspecific (https://www.gephebase.org/search-criteria?/and+Taxonomic Status=^Intraspecific^#gephebase-summary-title)

Taxon A

Latin Name
Heliconius himera (https://www.gephebase.org/search-criteria?/and+Taxon and Synonyms=^Heliconius himera^#gephebase-summary-title)

Common Name
-

Synonyms
-

Rank
species

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; Papilionoidea; Nymphalidae; Heliconiinae; Heliconiini; Heliconius

Parent
Heliconius () - (Rank: genus) (https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/Taxonomy/Browser/wwwtax.cgi?id= 33416)

NCBI Taxonomy ID
33442 (https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/Taxonomy/Browser/wwwtax.cgi?id= 33442)

is Taxon A an Infraspecies?
No

Taxon B

Latin Name
Heliconius erato (https://www.gephebase.org/search-criteria?/and+Taxon and Synonyms=^Heliconius erato^#gephebase-summary-title)

Common Name
crimson-patched longwing

Synonyms
crimson-patched longwing; Heliconius erato (Linnaeus, 1764)

Rank
species

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; Papilionoidea; Nymphalidae; Heliconiinae; Heliconiini; Heliconius

Parent
Heliconius () - (Rank: genus) (https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/Taxonomy/Browser/wwwtax.cgi?id= 33416)

NCBI Taxonomy ID
33431 (https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/Taxonomy/Browser/wwwtax.cgi?id= 33431)

is Taxon B an Infraspecies?
Yes

Taxon B Description
Heliconius erato etylus - distal color patch

GENOTYPIC CHANGE

Generic Gene Name
WntA

Synonyms
-

String
-

Sequence Similarities
Belongs to the Wnt family.

GO - Molecular Function
GO:0005102 : signaling receptor binding (https://www.ebi.ac.uk/QuickGO/term/GO:0005102)

GO - Biological Process
GO:0007275 : multicellular organism development (https://www.ebi.ac.uk/QuickGO/term/GO:0007275)
GO:0016055 : Wnt signaling pathway

UniProtKB Vanessa cardui
A0A077DF90 (http://www.uniprot.org/uniprot/A0A077DF90)

GenebankID or UniProtKB
JN944589 (https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/nuccore/JN944589)

(https://www.ebi.ac.uk/QuickGO/term/GO:0016055)

GO - Cellular Component

GO:0005576 : extracellular region (https://www.ebi.ac.uk/QuickGO/term/GO:0005576)

Presumptive Null

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

Molecular Type

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

Aberration Type

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

Molecular Details of the Mutation

Not identified

Experimental Evidence

Linkage Mapping (https://www.gephebase.org/search-criteria?/and+Experimental Evidence=^Linkage Mapping^#gephebase-summary-title)

Main Reference

Diversification of complex butterfly wing patterns by repeated regulatory evolution of a Wnt ligand. (2012) (https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/22802635)

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Abstract

Although animals display a rich variety of shapes and patterns, the genetic changes that explain how complex forms arise are still unclear. Here we take advantage of the extensive diversity of Heliconius butterflies to identify a gene that causes adaptive variation of black wing patterns within and between species. Linkage mapping in two species groups, gene-expression analysis in seven species, and pharmacological treatments all indicate that cis-regulatory evolution of the WntA ligand underpins discrete changes in color pattern features across the Heliconius genus. These results illustrate how the direct modulation of morphogen sources can generate a wide array of unique morphologies, thus providing a link between natural genetic variation, pattern formation, and adaptation.

Additional References

RELATED GEPHE

Related Genes

1 (Optix) (https://www.gephebase.org/search-criteria?/or+Taxon ID=^33442^/and+Trait=Coloration/or+Taxon ID=^33431^/and+Trait=Coloration/and+groupHaplotypes=true#gephebase-summary-title)

Related Haplotypes

2 (https://www.gephebase.org/search-criteria?/or+Gene Gephebase=^WntA^/and+Taxon ID=^33442^/or+Gene Gephebase=^WntA^/and+Taxon ID=^33431^#gephebase-summary-title)

EXTERNAL LINKS

COMMENTS

See follow-up paper : Van Belleghem et al. for high-resolution Association Mapping of the H. erato etylus allele