GEPHE SUMMARY

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

GepheID
GP00001325

Entry Status
Published

Main curator
Prigent

PHENOTYPIC CHANGE

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

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

Trait State in Taxon A
Domestic sheep - dominant white phenotype in Australian Merino breed

Trait State in Taxon B
Domestic sheep - recessive "self-color black" phenotype in Australian Merino breed

Ancestral State
Taxon A

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

Taxon A

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

Common Name
sheep

Synonyms
Ovis ammon aries; Ovis orientalis aries; Ovis ovis; sheep; domestic sheep; lambs; wild sheep; Ovis aries Linnaeus, 1758

Rank
species

Lineage
cellular organisms; Eukaryota; Opisthokonta; Metazoa; Eumetazoa; Bilateria; Deuterostomia; Chordata; Craniata; Vertebrata; Gnathostomata; Teleostomi; Euteleostomi; Sarcopterygii; Dipnotetrapodomorpha; Tetrapoda; Amniota; Mammalia; Theria; Eutheria; Boreoeutheria; Laurasiatheria; Artiodactyla; Ruminantia; Pecora; Bovidae; Caprinae; Ovis

Parent
Ovis () - (Rank: genus) (https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/Taxonomy/Browser/wwwtax.cgi?id= 9935)

NCBI Taxonomy ID
9940 (https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/Taxonomy/Browser/wwwtax.cgi?id= 9940)

is Taxon A an Infraspecies?
Yes

Taxon A Description
Domestic sheep - dominant white phenotype in Australian Merino breed

Taxon B

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

Common Name
sheep

Synonyms
Ovis ammon aries; Ovis orientalis aries; Ovis ovis; sheep; domestic sheep; lambs; wild sheep; Ovis aries Linnaeus, 1758

Rank
species

Lineage
cellular organisms; Eukaryota; Opisthokonta; Metazoa; Eumetazoa; Bilateria; Deuterostomia; Chordata; Craniata; Vertebrata; Gnathostomata; Teleostomi; Euteleostomi; Sarcopterygii; Dipnotetrapodomorpha; Tetrapoda; Amniota; Mammalia; Theria; Eutheria; Boreoeutheria; Laurasiatheria; Artiodactyla; Ruminantia; Pecora; Bovidae; Caprinae; Ovis

Parent
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NCBI Taxonomy ID
9940 (https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/Taxonomy/Browser/wwwtax.cgi?id= 9940)

is Taxon B an Infraspecies?
Yes

Taxon B Description
Domestic sheep - recessive "self-color black" phenotype in Australian Merino breed

GENOTYPIC CHANGE

Generic Gene Name
Asip

Synonyms
As; ASP; A<y>; ASIP; a

String
10090.ENSMUSP00000029123 (http://string-db.org/newstring_cgi/show_network_section.pl?identifier=10090.ENSMUSP00000029123)

Sequence Similarities
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GO - Molecular Function
GO:0031779 : melanocortin receptor binding (https://www.ebi.ac.uk/QuickGO/term/GO:0031779)
GO:0031781 : type 3 melanocortin receptor binding (https://www.ebi.ac.uk/QuickGO/term/GO:0031781)

UniProtKB Mus musculus
Q03288 (http://www.uniprot.org/uniprot/Q03288)

GenebankID or UniProtKB
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GO:0031782 : type 4 melanocortin receptor binding
(https://www.ebi.ac.uk/QuickGO/term/GO:0031782)

GO - Biological Process

GO:0008343 : adult feeding behavior
(https://www.ebi.ac.uk/QuickGO/term/GO:0008343)
GO:0006091 : generation of precursor metabolites and energy
(https://www.ebi.ac.uk/QuickGO/term/GO:0006091)
GO:0071514 : genetic imprinting (https://www.ebi.ac.uk/QuickGO/term/GO:0071514)
GO:0009755 : hormone-mediated signaling pathway
(https://www.ebi.ac.uk/QuickGO/term/GO:0009755)
GO:0042438 : melanin biosynthetic process
(https://www.ebi.ac.uk/QuickGO/term/GO:0042438)
GO:0032438 : melanosome organization
(https://www.ebi.ac.uk/QuickGO/term/GO:0032438)
GO:0032402 : melanosome transport
(https://www.ebi.ac.uk/QuickGO/term/GO:0032402)
GO:0043473 : pigmentation (https://www.ebi.ac.uk/QuickGO/term/GO:0043473)
GO:0048023 : positive regulation of melanin biosynthetic process
(https://www.ebi.ac.uk/QuickGO/term/GO:0048023)
GO:0040030 : regulation of molecular function, epigenetic
(https://www.ebi.ac.uk/QuickGO/term/GO:0040030)

GO - Cellular Component

GO:0005576 : extracellular region (https://www.ebi.ac.uk/QuickGO/term/GO:0005576)
GO:0005623 : cell (https://www.ebi.ac.uk/QuickGO/term/GO:0005623)

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

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

Molecular Details of the Mutation

unidentified promoter silencing

Experimental Evidence

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

Main Reference

A gene duplication affecting expression of the ovine ASIP gene is responsible for white and black sheep. (2008) (https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/18493018)

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Abstract

Agouti signaling protein (ASIP) functions to regulate pigmentation in mice, while its role in many other animals and in humans has not been fully determined. In this study, we identify a 190-kb tandem duplication encompassing the ovine ASIP and AHCY coding regions and the ITCH promoter region as the genetic cause of white coat color of dominant white/tan (A(Wt)) agouti sheep. The duplication 5′ breakpoint is located upstream of the ASIP coding sequence. Ubiquitous expression of a second copy of the ASIP coding sequence regulated by a duplicated copy of the nearby ITCH promoter causes the white sheep phenotype. A single copy ASIP gene with a silenced ASIP promoter occurs in recessive black sheep. In contrast, a single copy functional wild-type (A(+)) ASIP is responsible for the ancient Barbary sheep coat color phenotype. The gene duplication was facilitated by homologous recombination between two non-LTR SINE sequences flanking the duplicated segment. This is the first sheep trait attributable to gene duplication and shows nonallelic homologous recombination and gene conversion events at the ovine ASIP locus could have an important role in the evolution of sheep pigmentation.

Additional References

RELATED GEPHE

Related Genes

2 (MC1R, tyrosinase-related protein 1 (TYRP1)) (https://www.gephebase.org/search-criteria?/or+Taxon ID=^9940^/and+Trait=Coloration/and+groupHaplotypes=true#gephebase-summary-title)

Related Haplotypes

2 (https://www.gephebase.org/search-criteria?/or+Gene Gephebase=^Agouti (ASIP)^/and+Taxon ID=^9940^/or+Gene Gephebase=^Agouti (ASIP)^/and+Taxon ID=^9940^#gephebase-summary-title)

EXTERNAL LINKS

COMMENTS

The mutation is recessive and probably induces a loss-of-function