

GEPHE SUMMARY

Gephebase Gene
Cinnamate-CoA ligase 1 (CNL1)
Entry Status
Published

GepheID
GP00001391
Main curator
Courtier

PHENOTYPIC CHANGE

Trait Category
Physiology

Trait
Fragrance

Trait State in Taxon A
Petunia axillaris pollinated by nocturnal hawkmoths

Trait State in Taxon B
Petunia exserta pollinated by hummingbirds

Ancestral State
Taxon A

Taxonomic Status
Interspecific

	Taxon A
Latin Name	<i>Petunia axillaris</i>
Common Name	-
Synonyms	large white petunia; white moon petunia; <i>Petunia axillaris</i> (Lam.) Britton, Stern & Poggenb.; <i>Petunia axillaris</i>
Rank	species
Lineage	cellular organisms; Eukaryota; Viridiplantae; Streptophyta; Streptophytina; Embryophyta; Tracheophyta; Euphyllophyta; Spermatophyta; Magnoliophyta; Mesangiospermae; eudicotyledons; Gunneridae; Pentapetalae; asterids; lamiids; Solanales; Solanaceae; Petunioideae; <i>Petunia</i>
Parent	<i>Petunia</i> () - (Rank: genus)
NCBI Taxonomy ID	33119
is Taxon A an Intraspecies?	No

	Taxon B
Latin Name	<i>Petunia exserta</i>
Common Name	-
Synonyms	<i>Petunia exserta</i> Stehmann, 1987
Rank	species
Lineage	cellular organisms; Eukaryota; Viridiplantae; Streptophyta; Streptophytina; Embryophyta; Tracheophyta; Euphyllophyta; Spermatophyta; Magnoliophyta; Mesangiospermae; eudicotyledons; Gunneridae; Pentapetalae; asterids; lamiids; Solanales; Solanaceae; Petunioideae; <i>Petunia</i>
Parent	<i>Petunia</i> () - (Rank: genus)
NCBI Taxonomy ID	323115
is Taxon B an Intraspecies?	No

GENOTYPIC CHANGE

Generic Gene Name
CNL
Synonyms
-
String
-
Sequence Similarities
-
GO - Molecular Function
GO:0016874 : ligase activity
GO - Biological Process
-
GO - Cellular Component
-

UniProtKB *Populus davidiana*
A0A172W603
GenebankID or UniProtKB

Mutation #1
Presumptive Null

Yes

Molecular Type

Coding

Aberration Type

SNP

SNP Coding Change

Nonsense

Molecular Details of the Mutation

nonsense mutation in the fourth exon which is predicted to shorten the protein by 171 amino acids. This leaves the conserved AMP binding intact but both the AMP-dependent synthetase/ligase and peroxisomal targeting domains are truncated or absent

Experimental Evidence

Linkage Mapping

	Taxon A	Taxon B	Position
Codon	-	-	-
Amino-acid	-	-	-

Main Reference

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Additional References

Mutation #2

Presumptive Null

Yes

Molecular Type

Coding

Aberration Type

SNP

SNP Coding Change

Nonsynonymous

Molecular Details of the Mutation

two amino acids making up the peroxisomal targeting signal are changed in the *P. exserta* sequence (ARL to TRI) and are expected to lead to a loss-of function

Experimental Evidence

Linkage Mapping

	Taxon A	Taxon B	Position
Codon	-	-	-
Amino-acid	-	-	-

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Mutation #3

Presumptive Null

Yes

Molecular Type

Cis-regulatory

Aberration Type

Unknown

Molecular Details of the Mutation

analysis of allele-specific expression in hybrids shows that CNL1 expression is highly reduced in *P. exserta* due to cis-regulatory mutation(s) in CNL1

Experimental Evidence

[Linkage Mapping](#)

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RELATED GEPHE

Related Genes

3 (benzoic acid/salicylic acid carboxyl methyltransferase (BSMT), benzoyl-CoA:benzylalcohol/2-phenylethanol benzoyltransferase (BPBT), ODORANT1 [pseudo-replication between 2 ODO1 entries due to possible homology between alleles])

Related Haplotypes

No matches found.

EXTERNAL LINKS

COMMENTS

@SeveralMutationsWithEffect The loss of function of CNL1 abolished methylbenzoate emission - The CNL gene in the hummingbird-adapted species is inactive due to a stop codon but also appears to have undergone further degradation over time. The authors propose that loss of scent happened relatively early in the transition toward hummingbird pollination and probably preceded the loss of UV-absorbing flavonols.