

# GEPHE SUMMARY

pax3a ( <a href="https://www.gephebase.org/search-criteria/?and+GeneGephebase=pax3a">#gephebase-summary-title)</a>	Gephebase Gene	GP00001417	GephelD
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## PHENOTYPIC CHANGE

	Trait Category
Morphology ( <a href="https://www.gephebase.org/search-criteria/?and+TraitCategory=Morphology">#gephebase-summary-title)</a>	Trait
Coloration (scales) ( <a ?and+taxonomicstatus='Interspecific"' href="https://www.gephebase.org/search-criteria/?and+Trait=^Coloration(scales)#gephebase-summary-title)&lt;/a&gt;&lt;/td&gt;&lt;td&gt;Trait State in Taxon A&lt;/td&gt;&lt;/tr&gt; &lt;tr&gt; &lt;td&gt;Labeotropheus fuelleborni with large amount of xanthophore along the flank&lt;/td&gt;&lt;td&gt;Trait State in Taxon B&lt;/td&gt;&lt;/tr&gt; &lt;tr&gt; &lt;td&gt;Tropheops red cheek largely devoid of xanthophores on flank&lt;/td&gt;&lt;td&gt;Ancestral State&lt;/td&gt;&lt;/tr&gt; &lt;tr&gt; &lt;td&gt;Unknown&lt;/td&gt;&lt;td&gt;Taxonomic Status&lt;/td&gt;&lt;/tr&gt; &lt;tr&gt; &lt;td&gt;Interspecific (&lt;a href=" https:="" search-criteria="" www.gephebase.org="">#gephebase-summary-title)</a>	

Taxon A	Latin Name	Taxon B	Latin Name
Labeotropheus fuelleborni ( <a href="https://www.gephebase.org/search-criteria/?and+Taxon+and+Synonyms=^Labeotropheus+fuelleborni">#gephebase-summary-title)</a> )		Tropheops sp. 'red cheek' ( <a href="https://www.gephebase.org/search-criteria/?and+Taxon+and+Synonyms=^Tropheops+sp.+red+cheek">#gephebase-summary-title)</a> )	
blue mbuna	Common Name	-	Common Name
blue mbuna; Labeotropheus fuelleborni Ahl, 1926	Synonyms	Tropheops redcheek	Synonyms
species	Rank	species	Rank
	Lineage		Lineage
cellular organisms; Eukaryota; Opisthokonta; Metazoa; Eumetazoa; Bilateria; Deuterostomia; Chordata; Craniata; Vertebrata; Gnathostomata; Teleostomi; Euteleostomi; Actinopterygii; Actinopteri; Neopterygii; Teleostei; Osteoglossocephalai; Clupeocephala; Euteleosteomorpha; Neoteleostei; Eurypterygia; Ctenosquamata; Acanthomorphata; Euacanthomorphacea; Percomorphaceae; Ovalentaria; Cichlomorphae; Cichliformes; Cichlidae; African cichlids; Pseudocrenilabrinae; Haplochromini; Labeotropheus		cellular organisms; Eukaryota; Opisthokonta; Metazoa; Eumetazoa; Bilateria; Deuterostomia; Chordata; Craniata; Vertebrata; Gnathostomata; Teleostomi; Euteleostomi; Actinopterygii; Actinopteri; Neopterygii; Teleostei; Osteoglossocephalai; Clupeocephala; Euteleosteomorpha; Neoteleostei; Eurypterygia; Ctenosquamata; Acanthomorphata; Euacanthomorphacea; Percomorphaceae; Ovalentaria; Cichlomorphae; Cichliformes; Cichlidae; African cichlids; Pseudocrenilabrinae; Haplochromini; Tropheops	
Labeotropheus () - (Rank: genus) ( <a href="https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/Taxonomy/Browser/wwwtax.cgi?id= 57306">https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/Taxonomy/Browser/wwwtax.cgi?id= 57306</a> )	Parent	Tropheops () - (Rank: genus) ( <a href="https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/Taxonomy/Browser/wwwtax.cgi?id= 702376">https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/Taxonomy/Browser/wwwtax.cgi?id= 702376</a> )	Parent
57307 ( <a href="https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/Taxonomy/Browser/wwwtax.cgi?id= 57307">https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/Taxonomy/Browser/wwwtax.cgi?id= 57307</a> )	NCBI Taxonomy ID	702379 ( <a href="https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/Taxonomy/Browser/wwwtax.cgi?id= 702379">https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/Taxonomy/Browser/wwwtax.cgi?id= 702379</a> )	NCBI Taxonomy ID
No	is Taxon A an Infraspecies?	No	is Taxon B an Infraspecies?

## GENOTYPIC CHANGE

pax3a	Generic Gene Name	UniProtKB Danio rerio
pax3	Synonyms	GenebankID or UniProtKB
-	String	KM272327 ( <a href="https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/nucore/KM272327">https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/nucore/KM272327</a> )
-	Sequence Similarities	
GO:0043565 : sequence-specific DNA binding ( <a href="https://www.ebi.ac.uk/QuickGO/term/GO:0043565">https://www.ebi.ac.uk/QuickGO/term/GO:0043565</a> )	GO - Molecular Function	
GO:0006355 : regulation of transcription, DNA-templated ( <a href="https://www.ebi.ac.uk/QuickGO/term/GO:0006355">https://www.ebi.ac.uk/QuickGO/term/GO:0006355</a> )		
GO:0001755 : neural crest cell migration ( <a href="https://www.ebi.ac.uk/QuickGO/term/GO:0001755">https://www.ebi.ac.uk/QuickGO/term/GO:0001755</a> )	GO - Biological Process	

GO:0048066 : developmental pigmentation  
(<https://www.ebi.ac.uk/QuickGO/term/GO:0048066>)  
GO:0048484 : enteric nervous system development  
(<https://www.ebi.ac.uk/QuickGO/term/GO:0048484>)  
GO:0050936 : xanthophore differentiation  
(<https://www.ebi.ac.uk/QuickGO/term/GO:0050936>)

#### GO - Cellular Component

GO:0005634 : nucleus (<https://www.ebi.ac.uk/QuickGO/term/GO:0005634>)

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

C-T SNP within 5UTR

Experimental Evidence

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

Main Reference

Genetic basis of continuous variation in the levels and modular inheritance of pigmentation in cichlid fishes. (2014) (<https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/25156298>)

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Abstract

Variation in pigmentation type and levels is a hallmark of myriad evolutionary radiations, and biologists have long been fascinated by the factors that promote and maintain variation in coloration across populations. Here, we provide insights into the genetic basis of complex and continuous patterns of colour variation in cichlid fishes, which offer a vast diversity of pigmentation patterns that have evolved in response to both natural and sexual selection. Specifically, we crossed two divergent cichlid species to generate an F2 mapping population that exhibited extensive variation in pigmentation levels and patterns. Our experimental design is robust in that it combines traditional quantitative trait locus (QTL) analysis with population genomics, which has allowed us to move efficiently from QTL interval to candidate gene. In total, we detected 41 QTL and 13 epistatic interactions that underlie melanocyte- and xanthophore-based coloration across the fins and flanks of these fishes. We also identified 2 QTL and 1 interaction for variation in the magnitude of integration among these colour traits. This finding in particular is notable as there are marked differences both within and between species with respect to the complexity of pigmentation patterns. While certain individuals are characterized by more uniform 'integrated' colour patterns, others exhibit many more degrees of freedom with respect to the distribution of colour 'modules' across the fins and flank. Our data reveal, for the first time, a genetic basis for this difference. Finally, we implicate pax3a as a mediator of continuous variation in the levels of xanthophore-based colour along the cichlid flank.

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Additional References

## RELATED GEPHE

#### Related Genes

4 (ephrin-a4, pax3b, zeb1a, Pax7) (<https://www.gephebase.org/search-criteria?/or+Taxon+ID=^57307^/and+Trait=Coloration/or+Taxon+ID=^702379^/and+Trait=Coloration/and+groupHaplotypes=true#gephebase-summary-title>)

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