GEPHE SUMMARY

Gephebase Gene

MC1R (https://www.gephebase.org/search-criteria?/and+Gene Gephebase=^MC1R^#gephebase-summary-title)

GepheID

GP00001733

Entry Status

Published

Main curator

Courtier

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

Geoffroyâ€™s cat

Trait State in Taxon B

Geoffroyâ€™s cat - melanistic

Ancestral State

Taxon A

Taxonomic Status

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

Taxon A

Latin Name

Leopardus geoffroyi (https://www.gephebase.org/search-criteria?/and+Taxon and Synonyms=^Leopardus geoffroyi^#gephebase-summary-title)

Common Name

Geoffroy's cat

Synonyms

Felis geoffroyi; Oncifelis geoffroyi; Geoffroy's cat; Oncifelis geoffroyi (d'Orbigny & Gervais, 1844); Oncifelis geoffrovi

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; Carnivora; Feliformia; Felidae; Felinae; Leopardus

Parent

Leopardus () - (Rank: genus) (https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/Taxonomy/Browser/wwwtax.cgi?id= 46841)

NCBI Taxonomy ID

46844 (https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/Taxonomy/Browser/wwwtax.cgi?id= 46844)

is Taxon A an Infraspecies?

No

Taxon B

Latin Name

Leopardus geoffroyi (https://www.gephebase.org/search-criteria?/and+Taxon and Synonyms=^Leopardus geoffroyi^#gephebase-summary-title)

Common Name

Geoffroy's cat

Synonyms

Felis geoffroyi; Oncifelis geoffroyi; Geoffroy's cat; Oncifelis geoffroyi (d'Orbigny & Gervais, 1844); Oncifelis geoffrovi

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is Taxon B an Infraspecies?

No

GENOTYPIC CHANGE

Generic Gene Name

MC1R

Synonyms

CMM5; MSH-R; SHEP2; MSHR

String

9606.ENSP00000451605 (http://string-db.org/newstring_cgi/show_network_section.pl?identifier=9606.ENSP00000451605)

Sequence Similarities

Belongs to the G-protein coupled receptor 1 family.

GO - Molecular Function

GO:0008528 : G protein-coupled peptide receptor activity (https://www.ebi.ac.uk/QuickGO/term/GO:0008528)
GO:0004977 : melanocortin receptor activity (https://www.ebi.ac.uk/QuickGO/term/GO:0004977)
GO:0004980 : melanocyte-stimulating hormone receptor activity (https://www.ebi.ac.uk/QuickGO/term/GO:0004980)

UniProtKB Homo sapiens

Q01726 (http://www.uniprot.org/uniprot/Q01726)

GenebankID or UniProtKB

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GO:0031625 : ubiquitin protein ligase binding
(https://www.ebi.ac.uk/QuickGO/term/GO:0031625)

GO - Biological Process

GO:0007275 : multicellular organism development
(https://www.ebi.ac.uk/QuickGO/term/GO:0007275)
GO:0045944 : positive regulation of transcription by RNA polymerase II
(https://www.ebi.ac.uk/QuickGO/term/GO:0045944)
GO:0042438 : melanin biosynthetic process
(https://www.ebi.ac.uk/QuickGO/term/GO:0042438)
GO:0043473 : pigmentation (https://www.ebi.ac.uk/QuickGO/term/GO:0043473)
GO:0007186 : G protein-coupled receptor signaling pathway
(https://www.ebi.ac.uk/QuickGO/term/GO:0007186)
GO:0051897 : positive regulation of protein kinase B signaling
(https://www.ebi.ac.uk/QuickGO/term/GO:0051897)
GO:0019233 : sensory perception of pain
(https://www.ebi.ac.uk/QuickGO/term/GO:0019233)
GO:0007189 : adenylate cyclase-activating G protein-coupled receptor signaling pathway
(https://www.ebi.ac.uk/QuickGO/term/GO:0007189)
GO:0035556 : intracellular signal transduction
(https://www.ebi.ac.uk/QuickGO/term/GO:0035556)
GO:0007187 : G protein-coupled receptor signaling pathway, coupled to cyclic nucleotide
second messenger (https://www.ebi.ac.uk/QuickGO/term/GO:0007187)
GO:0032720 : negative regulation of tumor necrosis factor production
(https://www.ebi.ac.uk/QuickGO/term/GO:0032720)
GO:0010739 : positive regulation of protein kinase A signaling
(https://www.ebi.ac.uk/QuickGO/term/GO:0010739)
GO:0090037 : positive regulation of protein kinase C signaling
(https://www.ebi.ac.uk/QuickGO/term/GO:0090037)
GO:0009650 : UV protection (https://www.ebi.ac.uk/QuickGO/term/GO:0009650)
GO:0070914 : UV-damage excision repair
(https://www.ebi.ac.uk/QuickGO/term/GO:0070914)

GO - Cellular Component

GO:0005886 : plasma membrane (https://www.ebi.ac.uk/QuickGO/term/GO:0005886)
GO:0005887 : integral component of plasma membrane
(https://www.ebi.ac.uk/QuickGO/term/GO:0005887)

Presumptive Null

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

Molecular Type

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

Aberration Type

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

SNP Coding Change

Nonsynonymous

Molecular Details of the Mutation

All melanistic individuals were heterozygous for four variants that predicted three nonsynonymous substitutions, p.C125R, p.T177I, and p.G194S - In the laboratory mouse a Cys to Arg substitution at the site homologous to felid residue 125 causes constitutive activation of the receptor and the exact same change is thought to be responsible for melanism in the Alaska silver fox - therefore C125R is considered to be the likely causative alteration in the Geoffroyâ€™s cat.

Experimental Evidence

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

	Taxon A	Taxon B	Position
Codon	-	-	-
Amino-acid	Cys	Arg	125

Main Reference

Recurrent evolution of melanism in South American felids. (2015) (https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/25695801)

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Abstract

Morphological variation in natural populations is a genomic test bed for studying the interface between molecular evolution and population genetics, but some of the most interesting questions involve non-model organisms that lack well annotated reference genomes. Many felid species exhibit polymorphism for melanism but the relative roles played by genetic drift, natural selection, and interspecies hybridization remain uncertain. We identify mutations of Agouti signaling protein (ASIP) or the Melanocortin 1 receptor (MC1R) as independent causes of melanism in three closely related South American species: the pampas cat (Leopardus colocolo), the kodkod (Leopardus guigna), and Geoffroy's cat (Leopardus geoffroyi). To assess population level variation in the regions surrounding the causative mutations we apply genomic resources from the domestic cat to carry out clone-based capture and targeted resequencing of 299 kb and 251 kb segments that contain ASIP and MC1R, respectively, from 54 individuals (13-21 per species), achieving enrichment of ~500-2500-fold and ~150x coverage. Our analysis points to unique evolutionary histories for each of the three species, with a strong selective sweep in the pampas cat, a distinctive but short melanism-specific haplotype in the Geoffroy's cat, and reduced nucleotide diversity for both ancestral and melanism-bearing chromosomes in the kodkod. These results reveal an important role for natural selection in a trait of longstanding interest to ecologists, geneticists, and the lay community, and provide a platform for comparative studies of morphological variation in other natural populations.

Additional References

RELATED GEPHE

Related Genes

No matches found.

Related Haplotypes

No matches found.

EXTERNAL LINKS

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