

GEPHE SUMMARY

		Gephebase Gene		GepheID
beta-tubulin (ben-1) (https://www.gephebase.org/search-criteria?/and+Gene)			GP00001855	
Gephebase="beta-tubulin (ben-1)"#gephebase-summary-title				Main curator
		Entry Status	Courtier	
Published				

PHENOTYPIC CHANGE

		Trait Category	
Physiology (https://www.gephebase.org/search-criteria?/and+Trait)			
Category="Physiology"#gephebase-summary-title			
		Trait	
Xenobiotic resistance (benzimidazole) (https://www.gephebase.org/search-criteria?/and+Trait="Xenobiotic)			
resistance (benzimidazole)"#gephebase-summary-title			
		Trait State in Taxon A	
sensitive			
		Trait State in Taxon B	
resistant			
		Ancestral State	
Taxon A			
		Taxonomic Status	
Intraspecific (https://www.gephebase.org/search-criteria?/and+Taxonomic)			
Status="Intraspecific"#gephebase-summary-title			
Taxon A		Taxon B	
Latin Name		Latin Name	
Caenorhabditis elegans		Caenorhabditis elegans	
(https://www.gephebase.org/search-criteria?/and+Taxon)		(https://www.gephebase.org/search-criteria?/and+Taxon)	
and Synonyms="Caenorhabditis elegans"#gephebase-summary-title		and Synonyms="Caenorhabditis elegans"#gephebase-summary-title	
Common Name		Common Name	
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Synonyms		Synonyms	
roundworm; Rhabditis elegans; Caenorhabditis elegans (Maupas, 1900); Rhabditis elegans		roundworm; Rhabditis elegans; Caenorhabditis elegans (Maupas, 1900); Rhabditis elegans	
Maupas, 1900		Maupas, 1900	
Rank		Rank	
species		species	
Lineage		Lineage	
cellular organisms; Eukaryota; Opisthokonta; Metazoa; Eumetazoa; Bilateria; Protostomia;		cellular organisms; Eukaryota; Opisthokonta; Metazoa; Eumetazoa; Bilateria; Protostomia;	
Ecdysozoa; Nematoda; Chromadorea; Rhabditida; Rhabditina; Rhabditomorpha;		Ecdysozoa; Nematoda; Chromadorea; Rhabditida; Rhabditina; Rhabditomorpha;	
Rhabditoidea; Rhabditidae; Peloderinae; Caenorhabditis		Rhabditoidea; Rhabditidae; Peloderinae; Caenorhabditis	
Parent		Parent	
Caenorhabditis () - (Rank: genus)		Caenorhabditis () - (Rank: genus)	
(https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/Taxonomy/Browser/wwwtax.cgi?id=6237)		(https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/Taxonomy/Browser/wwwtax.cgi?id=6237)	
NCBI Taxonomy ID		NCBI Taxonomy ID	
6239		6239	
(https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/Taxonomy/Browser/wwwtax.cgi?id=6239)		(https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/Taxonomy/Browser/wwwtax.cgi?id=6239)	
is Taxon A an Intraspecies?		is Taxon B an Intraspecies?	
No		Yes	
		Taxon B Description	
		JU3135	

GENOTYPIC CHANGE

		Generic Gene Name	
TUB2		UniProtKB Saccharomyces cerevisiae (strain ATCC 204508 / S288c)	
		P02557 (http://www.uniprot.org/uniprot/P02557)	
		Synonyms	
ARM10; SHE8; YFL037W		0	
		String	
4932.YFL037W			
(http://string-db.org/newstring.cgi/show_network_section.pl?identifier=4932.YFL037W)			
		Sequence Similarities	
Belongs to the tubulin family.			
		GO - Molecular Function	
GO:0005525 : GTP binding (https://www.ebi.ac.uk/QuickGO/term/GO:0005525)			
GO:0003924 : GTPase activity (https://www.ebi.ac.uk/QuickGO/term/GO:0003924)			
GO:0005200 : structural constituent of cytoskeleton			
(https://www.ebi.ac.uk/QuickGO/term/GO:0005200)			
		GO - Biological Process	
GO:0007010 : cytoskeleton organization			

(<https://www.ebi.ac.uk/QuickGO/term/GO:0007010>)
 GO:0000278 : mitotic cell cycle (<https://www.ebi.ac.uk/QuickGO/term/GO:0000278>)
 GO:0000070 : mitotic sister chromatid segregation
 (<https://www.ebi.ac.uk/QuickGO/term/GO:0000070>)
 GO:0007017 : microtubule-based process
 (<https://www.ebi.ac.uk/QuickGO/term/GO:0007017>)
 GO:0046677 : response to antibiotic (<https://www.ebi.ac.uk/QuickGO/term/GO:0046677>)
 GO:0000226 : microtubule cytoskeleton organization
 (<https://www.ebi.ac.uk/QuickGO/term/GO:0000226>)
 GO:0045143 : homologous chromosome segregation
 (<https://www.ebi.ac.uk/QuickGO/term/GO:0045143>)
 GO:0030473 : nuclear migration along microtubule
 (<https://www.ebi.ac.uk/QuickGO/term/GO:0030473>)
 GO:0090316 : positive regulation of intracellular protein transport
 (<https://www.ebi.ac.uk/QuickGO/term/GO:0090316>)

GO - Cellular Component

GO:0005737 : cytoplasm (<https://www.ebi.ac.uk/QuickGO/term/GO:0005737>)
 GO:0005874 : microtubule (<https://www.ebi.ac.uk/QuickGO/term/GO:0005874>)
 GO:0005816 : spindle pole body (<https://www.ebi.ac.uk/QuickGO/term/GO:0005816>)
 GO:0005881 : cytoplasmic microtubule
 (<https://www.ebi.ac.uk/QuickGO/term/GO:0005881>)
 GO:0005828 : kinetochore microtubule
 (<https://www.ebi.ac.uk/QuickGO/term/GO:0005828>)
 GO:0005880 : nuclear microtubule (<https://www.ebi.ac.uk/QuickGO/term/GO:0005880>)
 GO:0045298 : tubulin complex (<https://www.ebi.ac.uk/QuickGO/term/GO:0045298>)

Presumptive Null

Yes (<https://www.gephebase.org/search-criteria?/and+Presumptive Null=~Yes^#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

Nonsense

Molecular Details of the Mutation

stop_gained_HIGH_c.153T>G_3541441

Experimental Evidence

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

	Taxon A	Taxon B	Position
Codon	TAT	TAG	3541441
Amino-acid	Tyr	STP	-

Main Reference

Extreme allelic heterogeneity at a *Caenorhabditis elegans* beta-tubulin locus explains natural resistance to benzimidazoles. (2018) (<https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/30372484>)

Authors

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Abstract

Benzimidazoles (BZ) are essential components of the limited chemotherapeutic arsenal available to control the global burden of parasitic nematodes. The emerging threat of BZ resistance among multiple nematode species necessitates the development of novel strategies to identify genetic and molecular mechanisms underlying this resistance. All detection of parasitic helminth resistance to BZ is focused on the genotyping of three variant sites in the orthologs of the β -tubulin gene found to confer resistance in the free-living nematode *Caenorhabditis elegans*. Because of the limitations of laboratory and field experiments in parasitic nematodes, it is difficult to look beyond these three sites to identify additional mechanisms that might contribute to BZ resistance in the field. Here, we took an unbiased genome-wide mapping approach in the free-living nematode species *C. elegans* to identify the genetic underpinnings of natural resistance to the commonly used BZ, albendazole (ABZ). We found a wide range of natural variation in ABZ resistance in natural *C. elegans* populations. In agreement with known mechanisms of BZ resistance in parasites, we found that a majority of the variation in ABZ resistance among wild *C. elegans* strains is caused by variation in the β -tubulin gene *ben-1*. This result shows empirically that resistance to ABZ naturally exists and segregates within the *C. elegans* population, suggesting that selection in natural niches could enrich for resistant alleles. We identified 25 distinct *ben-1* alleles that are segregating at low frequencies within the *C. elegans* population, including many novel molecular variants. Population genetic analyses indicate that *ben-1* variation arose multiple times during the evolutionary history of *C. elegans* and provide evidence that these alleles likely occurred recently because of local selective pressures. Additionally, we find purifying selection at all five β -tubulin genes, despite predicted loss-of-function variants in *ben-1*, indicating that BZ resistance in natural niches is a stronger selective pressure than loss of one β -tubulin gene. Furthermore, we used genome-editing to show that the most common parasitic nematode β -tubulin allele that confers BZ resistance, F200Y, confers resistance in *C. elegans*. Importantly, we identified a novel genomic region that is correlated with ABZ resistance in the *C. elegans* population but independent of *ben-1* and the other β -tubulin loci, suggesting that there are multiple mechanisms underlying BZ resistance. Taken together, our results establish a population-level resource of nematode natural diversity as an important model for the study of mechanisms that give rise to BZ resistance.

Additional References

RELATED GEPHE

Related Genes

3 (acetyl-CoA carboxylase (ACC), GLC-1, str-217) (<https://www.gephebase.org/search-criteria?/or+Taxon ID=~6239^/and+Trait=Xenobiotic resistance/and+groupHaplotypes=true#gephebase-summary-title>)

Related Haplotypes

26 ([https://www.gephebase.org/search-criteria?/or+Gene Gephebase=~beta-tubulin \(ben-1\)^/and+Taxon ID=~6239^/or+Gene Gephebase=~beta-tubulin \(ben-1\)^/and+Taxon ID=~6239^#gephebase-summary-title](https://www.gephebase.org/search-criteria?/or+Gene Gephebase=~beta-tubulin (ben-1)^/and+Taxon ID=~6239^/or+Gene Gephebase=~beta-tubulin (ben-1)^/and+Taxon ID=~6239^#gephebase-summary-title))

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