



GO:0006695 : cholesterol biosynthetic process  
(<https://www.ebi.ac.uk/QuickGO/term/GO:0006695>)  
GO:0006694 : steroid biosynthetic process  
(<https://www.ebi.ac.uk/QuickGO/term/GO:0006694>)  
GO:0045540 : regulation of cholesterol biosynthetic process  
(<https://www.ebi.ac.uk/QuickGO/term/GO:0045540>)  
GO:0031647 : regulation of protein stability  
(<https://www.ebi.ac.uk/QuickGO/term/GO:0031647>)

GO - Cellular Component

GO:0016020 : membrane (<https://www.ebi.ac.uk/QuickGO/term/GO:0016020>)  
GO:0005789 : endoplasmic reticulum membrane  
(<https://www.ebi.ac.uk/QuickGO/term/GO:0005789>)  
GO:0005811 : lipid droplet (<https://www.ebi.ac.uk/QuickGO/term/GO:0005811>)

Presumptive Null

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

Molecular Type

Gene Loss (<https://www.gephebase.org/search-criteria?/and+Molecular+Type=~Gene+Loss^#gephebase-summary-title>)

Aberration Type

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

Deletion Size

unknown

Molecular Details of the Mutation

gene absent in the genome

Experimental Evidence

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

Main Reference

Why do worms need cholesterol?. (2003) (<https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/12894170>)

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Abstract

Cholesterol is a structural component of animal membranes that influences fluidity, permeability and formation of lipid microdomains. It is also a precursor to signalling molecules, including mammalian steroid hormones and insect ecdysones. The nematode *Caenorhabditis elegans* requires too little cholesterol for it to have a major role in membrane structure. Instead, its most probable signalling functions are to control molting and induce a specialized non-feeding larval stage, although no cholesterol-derived signalling molecule has yet been identified for these or any other functions.

Additional References

Preservation of genes involved in sterol metabolism in cholesterol auxotrophs: facts and hypotheses. (2008) (<https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/18682733>)

## RELATED GEPHE

Related Genes

3 (lanosterol c14 demethylase, squalene synthase, sterol C5 desaturase) (<https://www.gephebase.org/search-criteria?/or+Taxon+ID=~9606^/and+Trait=Cholesterol+metabolism/or+Taxon+ID=~7227^/and+Trait=Cholesterol+metabolism/and+groupHaplotypes=true#gephebase-summary-title>)

Related Haplotypes

1 (<https://www.gephebase.org/search-criteria?/or+Gene+Gephebase=~lanosterol+synthase^/and+Taxon+ID=~9606^/or+Gene+Gephebase=~lanosterol+synthase^/and+Taxon+ID=~7227^#gephebase-summary-title>)

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