

GEPHE SUMMARY

desatF (https://www.gephebase.org/search-criteria?/and+Gene Gephebase="desatF">#gephebase-summary-title)	Gephebase Gene	GP00000219	GephelD
	Entry Status	Martin	Main curator
Published			

PHENOTYPIC CHANGE

	Trait Category		
Physiology (https://www.gephebase.org/search-criteria?/and+Trait Category="Physiology">#gephebase-summary-title)	Trait		
Pheromone production (#gephebase-summary-title)	Trait State in Taxon A		
Drosophila (Sophophora) spp.	Trait State in Taxon B		
Drosophila melanogaster	Ancestral State		
Data not curated	Taxonomic Status		
Interspecific (https://www.gephebase.org/search-criteria?/and+Taxonomic Status="Interspecific">#gephebase-summary-title)			
Taxon A		Taxon B	
Drosophila (#gephebase-summary-title)	Latin Name	Drosophila melanogaster (#gephebase-summary-title)	Latin Name
-	Common Name		
Drosophila (Drosophila); Drosophila (Drosophila) Fallen, 1823	Synonyms	fruit fly	Common Name
subgenus	Rank	Sophophora melanogaster; fruit fly; Drosophila melanogaster Meigen, 1830; Sophophora melanogaster (Meigen, 1830); Drosophila melangaster	Rank
cellular organisms; Eukaryota; Opisthokonta; Metazoa; Eumetazoa; Bilateria; Protostomia; Ecdysozoa; Panarthropoda; Arthropoda; Mandibulata; Pancrustacea; Hexapoda; Insecta; Dicondylia; Pterygota; Neoptera; Holometabola; Diptera; Brachycera; Muscomorpha; Eremoneura; Cyclorrhapha; Schizophora; Acalyptratae; Ephydriodea; Drosophilidae; Drosophilinae; Drosophilini; Drosophila	Lineage	cellular organisms; Eukaryota; Opisthokonta; Metazoa; Eumetazoa; Bilateria; Protostomia; Ecdysozoa; Panarthropoda; Arthropoda; Mandibulata; Pancrustacea; Hexapoda; Insecta; Dicondylia; Pterygota; Neoptera; Holometabola; Diptera; Brachycera; Muscomorpha; Eremoneura; Cyclorrhapha; Schizophora; Acalyptratae; Ephydriodea; Drosophilidae; Drosophilinae; Drosophilini; Drosophila; Sophophora; melanogaster group; melanogaster subgroup	Lineage
Drosophila (fruit flies) - (Rank: genus) (https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/Taxonomy/Browser/wwwtax.cgi?id= 7215)	Parent	melanogaster subgroup () - (Rank: species subgroup) (https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/Taxonomy/Browser/wwwtax.cgi?id= 32281)	Parent
32281 (https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/Taxonomy/Browser/wwwtax.cgi?id= 32281)	NCBI Taxonomy ID	7227 (https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/Taxonomy/Browser/wwwtax.cgi?id= 7227)	NCBI Taxonomy ID
No	is Taxon A an Infraspecies?	No	is Taxon B an Infraspecies?

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	Generic Gene Name		
desatF	Synonyms	A7DZ97 (http://www.uniprot.org/uniprot/A7DZ97)	UniProtKB Drosophila melanogaster
-	String	AM773627 (https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/nucore/AM773627)	GenebankID or UniProtKB
-	Sequence Similarities		
Belongs to the fatty acid desaturase type 1 family.	GO - Molecular Function		
GO:0016717 : oxidoreductase activity, acting on paired donors, with oxidation of a pair of donors resulting in the reduction of molecular oxygen to two molecules of water (https://www.ebi.ac.uk/QuickGO/term/GO:0016717)	GO - Biological Process		
GO:0006633 : fatty acid biosynthetic process (https://www.ebi.ac.uk/QuickGO/term/GO:0006633)			

GO - Cellular Component

GO:0016021 : integral component of membrane

(<https://www.ebi.ac.uk/QuickGO/term/GO:0016021>)

Presumptive Null

No (<https://www.gephebase.org/search-criteria?/and+Presumptive+Null=%22No%22#gephebase-summary-title>)

Molecular Type

Cis-regulatory (<https://www.gephebase.org/search-criteria?/and+Molecular+Type=%22Cis-regulatory%22#gephebase-summary-title>)

Aberration Type

Unknown (<https://www.gephebase.org/search-criteria?/and+Aberration+Type=%22Unknown%22#gephebase-summary-title>)

Molecular Details of the Mutation

Enrichment/gain of DSX binding sites

Experimental Evidence

Candidate Gene (<https://www.gephebase.org/search-criteria?/and+Experimental+Evidence=%22Candidate+Gene%22#gephebase-summary-title>)

Main Reference

Evolution of a desaturase involved in female pheromonal cuticular hydrocarbon biosynthesis and courtship behavior in Drosophila. (2008) (<https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/18207084>)

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Abstract

Drosophila species exhibit polymorphism in female pheromonal cuticular hydrocarbons, with 7-monoenes produced in *Drosophila simulans* and 7,11-dienes in most populations of *Drosophila melanogaster* (5,9-dienes in several African populations). A female-biased desaturase, *desatF*, expressed only in *D. melanogaster* is involved in the synthesis of 7,11-dienes. We investigated the role of *desatF* in 5,9-diene flies. We constructed a 5,9-diene strain knock-down for *desatF* and showed that *desatF* is involved in 5,9-diene formation. We also studied *D. melanogaster/D. simulans* hybrids. These hybrid females produced dienes and received normal courtship from *D. melanogaster* males, but copulation success was reduced. With *D. simulans* males, courtship was decreased and no copulation occurred. Hybrids with a chromosomal deletion of the *D. melanogaster desatF* gene had no dienes and received normal courtship from *D. simulans* males; depending on the *D. simulans* parental strain, 7-19% of them succeeded in mating. *D. simulans desatF* promoter region shows 21-23% gaps and 86-89% identity with *D. melanogaster* promoter region, the coding region 93-94% identity, depending on the strain. These differences could explain the functional polymorphism of *desatF* observed between both species, contributing to different cuticular hydrocarbon profiles, that constitute an effective barrier between species.

Additional References

Rapid evolution of sex pheromone-producing enzyme expression in *Drosophila*. (2009) (<https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/19652700>)

RELATED GEPHE

Related Genes

No matches found.

Related Haplotypes

1 (<https://www.gephebase.org/search-criteria?/or+Gene+Gephebase=%22desatF%22/and+Taxon+ID=%2232281%22/or+Gene+Gephebase=%22desatF%22/and+Taxon+ID=%227227%22#gephebase-summary-title>)

EXTERNAL LINKS

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