

GEPHE SUMMARY

Gephebase Gene
BBS9 (+ BMPER)

Entry Status
Published

GepheID
GP00002341

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PHENOTYPIC CHANGE

Trait Category
Physiology

Trait
Growth rate

Trait State in Taxon A
WT

Trait State in Taxon B
Fast growth in heterozygotes ; recessive lethal due to loss of BMPR expression

Ancestral State
Taxon A

Taxonomic Status
Domesticated

Taxon A

Latin Name
Sus scrofa domesticus

Common Name
domestic pig

Synonyms
Sus domestica; Sus domesticus; Sus scrofa domestica; domestic pig

Rank
subspecies

Lineage
cellular organisms; Eukaryota; Opisthokonta; Metazoa; Eumetazoa; Bilateria; Deuterostomia; Chordata; Craniata; Vertebrata; Gnathostomata; Teleostomi; Euteleostomi; Sarcopterygii; Dipnotetrapodomorpha; Tetrapoda; Amniota; Mammalia; Theria; Eutheria; Boreoeutheria; Laurasiatheria; Cetartiodactyla; Suina; Suidae; Sus; Sus scrofa

Parent
Sus scrofa (pig) - (Rank: species)

NCBI Taxonomy ID
9825

is Taxon A an Intraspecies?
No

Taxon B

Latin Name
Sus scrofa domesticus

Common Name
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Synonyms
Sus domestica; Sus domesticus; Sus scrofa domestica; domestic pig

Rank
subspecies

Lineage
cellular organisms; Eukaryota; Opisthokonta; Metazoa; Eumetazoa; Bilateria; Deuterostomia; Chordata; Craniata; Vertebrata; Gnathostomata; Teleostomi; Euteleostomi; Sarcopterygii; Dipnotetrapodomorpha; Tetrapoda; Amniota; Mammalia; Theria; Eutheria; Boreoeutheria; Laurasiatheria; Cetartiodactyla; Suina; Suidae; Sus; Sus scrofa

Parent
Sus scrofa (pig) - (Rank: species)

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is Taxon B an Intraspecies?
Yes

Taxon B Description
Large White breed

GENOTYPIC CHANGE

Generic Gene Name
Bbs9

Synonyms
E130103117Rik; Pthb1

String
10090.ENSMUSP00000116629

Sequence Similarities
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GO - Molecular Function
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GO - Biological Process
GO:0060271 : cilium assembly
GO:0061512 : protein localization to cilium
GO:0045444 : fat cell differentiation
GO:0015031 : protein transport

GO - Cellular Component

UniProtKB *Mus musculus*
Q811G0

GenebankID or UniProtKB

GO:0005737 : cytoplasm
GO:0016020 : membrane
GO:0060170 : ciliary membrane
GO:0005929 : cilium
GO:0034464 : BBSome
GO:0034451 : centriolar satellite
GO:0036064 : ciliary basal body
GO:0035869 : ciliary transition zone
GO:0000242 : pericentriolar material

Presumptive Null

Yes

Molecular Type

Coding

Aberration Type

Deletion

Deletion Size

100-1000 kb

Molecular Details of the Mutation

212kb deletion resulting in truncated BBS9 protein and recessive loss of neighbor gene expression BMPER

Experimental Evidence

Association Mapping

Main Reference

Balancing selection on a recessive lethal deletion with pleiotropic effects on two neighboring genes in the porcine genome. (2018)

Authors

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Abstract

Livestock populations can be used to study recessive defects caused by deleterious alleles. The frequency of deleterious alleles including recessive lethal alleles can stay at high or moderate frequency within a population, especially if recessive lethal alleles exhibit an advantage for favourable traits in heterozygotes. In this study, we report such a recessive lethal deletion of 212kb (del) within the BBS9 gene in a breeding population of pigs. The deletion produces a truncated BBS9 protein expected to cause a complete loss-of-function, and we find a reduction of approximately 20% on the total number of piglets born from carrier by carrier matings. Homozygous del/del animals die mid- to late-gestation, as observed from high increase in numbers of mummified piglets resulting from carrier-by-carrier crosses. The moderate 10.8% carrier frequency (5.4% allele frequency) in this pig population suggests an advantage on a favourable trait in heterozygotes. Indeed, heterozygous carriers exhibit increased growth rate, an important selection trait in pig breeding. Increased growth and appetite together with a lower birth weight for carriers of the BBS9 null allele in pigs is analogous to the phenotype described in human and mouse for (naturally occurring) BBS9 null-mutants. We show that fetal death, however, is induced by reduced expression of the downstream BMPER gene, an essential gene for normal foetal development. In conclusion, this study describes a lethal 212kb deletion with pleiotropic effects on two different genes, one resulting in fetal death in homozygous state (BMPER), and the other increasing growth (BBS9) in heterozygous state. We provide strong evidence for balancing selection resulting in an unexpected high frequency of a lethal allele in the population. This study shows that the large amounts of genomic and phenotypic data routinely generated in modern commercial breeding programs deliver a powerful tool to monitor and control lethal alleles much more efficiently.

Additional References

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