

GEPHE SUMMARY

	Gephebase Gene	GepheID
yellow (https://www.gephebase.org/search-criteria?/and+GeneGephebase=%22yellow%22#gephebase-summary-title)	GP00002430	
	Entry Status	Main curator
Published	Courtier	

PHENOTYPIC CHANGE

	Trait Category		
Morphology (https://www.gephebase.org/search-criteria?/and+TraitCategory=%22Morphology%22#gephebase-summary-title)			
	Trait		
Coloration (wing) (https://www.gephebase.org/search-criteria?/and+Trait=%22Coloration(wing)%22#gephebase-summary-title)			
	Trait State in Taxon A		
Danaus chrysippus - chrysippus morph - orange background with black forewing tip - formerly bbcc			
	Trait State in Taxon B		
Danaus chrysippus - orientis morph - brown background with black forewing tip - formerly BBcc			
	Ancestral State		
Data not curated			
	Taxonomic Status		
Intraspecific (https://www.gephebase.org/search-criteria?/and+TaxonomicStatus=%22Intraspecific%22#gephebase-summary-title)			
	Taxon A	Taxon B	
	Latin Name	Latin Name	
Danaus chrysippus (https://www.gephebase.org/search-criteria?/and+Taxon+and+Synonyms=%22Danaus+chrysippus%22#gephebase-summary-title)		Danaus chrysippus (https://www.gephebase.org/search-criteria?/and+Taxon+and+Synonyms=%22Danaus+chrysippus%22#gephebase-summary-title)	
	Common Name	Common Name	
African queen		African queen	
	Synonyms	Synonyms	
Anosia chrysippus; African queen; common tiger; lesser wanderer; plain tiger; Danaus chrysippus (Linnaeus, 1758); Danaus chryssipus		Anosia chrysippus; African queen; common tiger; lesser wanderer; plain tiger; Danaus chrysippus (Linnaeus, 1758); Danaus chryssipus	
	Rank	Rank	
species		species	
	Lineage	Lineage	
cellular organisms; Eukaryota; Opisthokonta; Metazoa; Eumetazoa; Bilateria; Protostomia; Ecdysozoa; Panarthropoda; Arthropoda; Mandibulata; Pancrustacea; Hexapoda; Insecta; Dicondylia; Pterygota; Neoptera; Holometabola; Amphiesmenoptera; Lepidoptera; Glossata; Neolepidoptera; Heteroneura; Ditrysia; Obtectomera; Papilionoidea; Nymphalidae; Danainae; Danaini; Danaina; Danaus; Anosia		cellular organisms; Eukaryota; Opisthokonta; Metazoa; Eumetazoa; Bilateria; Protostomia; Ecdysozoa; Panarthropoda; Arthropoda; Mandibulata; Pancrustacea; Hexapoda; Insecta; Dicondylia; Pterygota; Neoptera; Holometabola; Amphiesmenoptera; Lepidoptera; Glossata; Neolepidoptera; Heteroneura; Ditrysia; Obtectomera; Papilionoidea; Nymphalidae; Danainae; Danaini; Danaina; Danaus; Anosia	
	Parent	Parent	
Anosia () - (Rank: subgenus) (https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/Taxonomy/Browser/wwwtax.cgi?id=151543)		Anosia () - (Rank: subgenus) (https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/Taxonomy/Browser/wwwtax.cgi?id=151543)	
	NCBI Taxonomy ID	NCBI Taxonomy ID	
151541 (https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/Taxonomy/Browser/wwwtax.cgi?id=151541)		151541 (https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/Taxonomy/Browser/wwwtax.cgi?id=151541)	
	is Taxon A an Infraspecies?	is Taxon B an Infraspecies?	
Yes		Yes	
	Taxon A Description	Taxon B Description	
Danaus chrysippus - chrysippus morph		Danaus chrysippus - orientis morph	

GENOTYPIC CHANGE

	Generic Gene Name	UniProtKB Drosophila melanogaster
y		
CG3757; Dmel\CG3757; EG:125H10.2; T6; Y		P09957 (http://www.uniprot.org/uniprot/P09957)
	String	GenebankID or UniProtKB
7227.FBpp0070070 (http://string-db.org/newstring_cgi/show_network_section.pl?identifier=7227.FBpp0070070)		0
	Sequence Similarities	
Belongs to the major royal jelly protein family.		
	GO - Molecular Function	
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GO - Biological Process

GO:0042438 : melanin biosynthetic process
 (<https://www.ebi.ac.uk/QuickGO/term/GO:0042438>)
 GO:0048082 : regulation of adult chitin-containing cuticle pigmentation
 (<https://www.ebi.ac.uk/QuickGO/term/GO:0048082>)
 GO:0048066 : developmental pigmentation
 (<https://www.ebi.ac.uk/QuickGO/term/GO:0048066>)
 GO:0048067 : cuticle pigmentation (<https://www.ebi.ac.uk/QuickGO/term/GO:0048067>)
 GO:0006583 : melanin biosynthetic process from tyrosine
 (<https://www.ebi.ac.uk/QuickGO/term/GO:0006583>)
 GO:0048065 : male courtship behavior, veined wing extension
 (<https://www.ebi.ac.uk/QuickGO/term/GO:0048065>)
 GO:0060179 : male mating behavior (<https://www.ebi.ac.uk/QuickGO/term/GO:0060179>)

GO - Cellular Component

GO:0005737 : cytoplasm (<https://www.ebi.ac.uk/QuickGO/term/GO:0005737>)
 GO:0005576 : extracellular region (<https://www.ebi.ac.uk/QuickGO/term/GO:0005576>)
 GO:0070451 : cell hair (<https://www.ebi.ac.uk/QuickGO/term/GO:0070451>)

Presumptive Null

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

Molecular Type

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

Aberration Type

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

Molecular Details of the Mutation

A cluster of SNPs most strongly associated with background colour (B locus) is found just upstream of the gene yellow and a phylogenetic network for a 30-kb region around yellow groups individuals nearly perfectly by phenotype; although some individuals classed as heterozygous were intermingled with homozygotes.

Experimental Evidence

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

Main Reference

Whole-chromosome hitchhiking driven by a male-killing endosymbiont. (2020) (<https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/32108180/>)

Authors

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Abstract

Neo-sex chromosomes are found in many taxa, but the forces driving their emergence and spread are poorly understood. The female-specific neo-W chromosome of the African monarch (or queen) butterfly Danaus chrysippus presents an intriguing case study because it is restricted to a single 'contact zone' population, involves a putative colour patterning supergene, and co-occurs with infection by the male-killing endosymbiont Spiroplasma. We investigated the origin and evolution of this system using whole genome sequencing. We first identify the 'BC supergene', a broad region of suppressed recombination across nearly half a chromosome, which links two colour patterning loci. Association analysis suggests that the genes yellow and arrow in this region control the forewing colour pattern differences between *D. chrysippus* subspecies. We then show that the same chromosome has recently formed a neo-W that has spread through the contact zone within approximately 2,200 years. We also assembled the genome of the male-killing Spiroplasma, and find that it shows perfect genealogical congruence with the neo-W, suggesting that the neo-W has hitchhiked to high frequency as the male-killer has spread through the population. The complete absence of female crossing-over in the Lepidoptera causes whole-chromosome hitchhiking of a single neo-W haplotype, carrying a single allele of the BC supergene and dragging multiple non-synonymous mutations to high frequency. This has created a population of infected females that all carry the same recessive colour patterning allele, making the phenotypes of each successive generation highly dependent on uninfected male immigrants. Our findings show how hitchhiking can occur between the physically unlinked genomes of host and endosymbiont, with dramatic consequences.

Additional References

RELATED GEPHE

Related Genes

1 (arrow) ([#gephebase-summary-title](https://www.gephebase.org/search-criteria?/or+Taxon ID=^151541/and+Trait=Coloration/and+groupHaplotypes=true))

Related Haplotypes

No matches found.

EXTERNAL LINKS

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