

GEPHE SUMMARY

	Gephebase Gene		GepheID
Nav1 sodium channel ( <a href="https://www.gephebase.org/search-criteria?/and+Gene">https://www.gephebase.org/search-criteria?/and+Gene</a> Gephebase="Nav1 sodium channel"#gephebase-summary-title)		GP00002648	Main curator
	Entry Status	Courtier	
Published			

PHENOTYPIC CHANGE

	Trait Category
Physiology ( <a href="https://www.gephebase.org/search-criteria?/and+Trait">https://www.gephebase.org/search-criteria?/and+Trait</a> Category="Physiology"#gephebase-summary-title)	
	Trait
Xenobiotic resistance (pyrethroid; tau-fluvalinate) ( <a (pyrethroid;="" href="https://www.gephebase.org/search-criteria?/and+Trait=" resistance="" tau-fluvalinate)"#gephebase-summary-title"="" xenobiotic="">https://www.gephebase.org/search-criteria?/and+Trait="Xenobiotic resistance (pyrethroid; tau-fluvalinate)"#gephebase-summary-title</a> )	
	Trait State in Taxon A
Polistes dominula and many other hymenoptera species - sensitive	
	Trait State in Taxon B
Bombus impatiens and many other bee species - resistant to a particular pyrethroid: tau-fluvalinate	
	Ancestral State
Taxon A	
	Taxonomic Status
Intergeneric or Higher ( <a href="https://www.gephebase.org/search-criteria?/and+Taxonomic">https://www.gephebase.org/search-criteria?/and+Taxonomic</a> Status="Intergeneric or Higher"#gephebase-summary-title)	

Taxon A #1	Latin Name
Polistes dominula ( <a dominula"#gephebase-summary-title"="" href="https://www.gephebase.org/search-criteria?/and+Taxon and Synonyms=" polistes="">https://www.gephebase.org/search-criteria?/and+Taxon and Synonyms="Polistes dominula"#gephebase-summary-title</a> )	
	Common Name
European paper wasp	
	Synonyms
European paper wasp; Polistes dominula (Christ, 1791); Polistes dominulus	
	Rank
species	
	Lineage
cellular organisms; Eukaryota; Opisthokonta; Metazoa; Eumetazoa; Bilateria; Protostomia; Ecdysozoa; Panarthropoda; Arthropoda; Mandibulata; Pancrustacea; Hexapoda; Insecta; Dicondylia; Pterygota; Neoptera; Endopterygota; Hymenoptera; Apocrita; Aculeata; Vespoidea; Vespidae; Polistinae; Polistini; Polistes	
	Parent
Polistes () - (Rank: genus) ( <a href="https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/Taxonomy/Browser/wwwtax.cgi?id=7456">https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/Taxonomy/Browser/wwwtax.cgi?id=7456</a> )	
	NCBI Taxonomy ID
743375 ( <a href="https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/Taxonomy/Browser/wwwtax.cgi?id=743375">https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/Taxonomy/Browser/wwwtax.cgi?id=743375</a> )	
	is Taxon A an Intraspecies?
No	

Taxon B #1	Latin Name
Bombus impatiens ( <a bombus="" href="https://www.gephebase.org/search-criteria?/and+Taxon and Synonyms=" impatiens"#gephebase-summary-title"="">https://www.gephebase.org/search-criteria?/and+Taxon and Synonyms="Bombus impatiens"#gephebase-summary-title</a> )	
	Common Name
common eastern bumble bee	
	Synonyms
common eastern bumble bee; Bombus impatiens Cresson, 1863	
	Rank
species	
	Lineage
cellular organisms; Eukaryota; Opisthokonta; Metazoa; Eumetazoa; Bilateria; Protostomia; Ecdysozoa; Panarthropoda; Arthropoda; Mandibulata; Pancrustacea; Hexapoda; Insecta; Dicondylia; Pterygota; Neoptera; Endopterygota; Hymenoptera; Apocrita; Aculeata; Apoidea; Apidae; Apinae; Bombini; Bombus; Pyrobombus	
	Parent
Pyrobombus () - (Rank: subgenus) ( <a href="https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/Taxonomy/Browser/wwwtax.cgi?id=144703">https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/Taxonomy/Browser/wwwtax.cgi?id=144703</a> )	
	NCBI Taxonomy ID
132113 ( <a href="https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/Taxonomy/Browser/wwwtax.cgi?id=132113">https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/Taxonomy/Browser/wwwtax.cgi?id=132113</a> )	
	is Taxon B an Intraspecies?
No	

Taxon A #2	Latin Name
Orussus abietinus ( <a abietinus"#gephebase-summary-title"="" href="https://www.gephebase.org/search-criteria?/and+Taxon and Synonyms=" orussus="">https://www.gephebase.org/search-criteria?/and+Taxon and Synonyms="Orussus abietinus"#gephebase-summary-title</a> )	
	Common Name
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	Synonyms
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	Rank
species	
	Lineage
cellular organisms; Eukaryota; Opisthokonta; Metazoa; Eumetazoa; Bilateria; Protostomia; Ecdysozoa; Panarthropoda; Arthropoda; Mandibulata; Pancrustacea; Hexapoda; Insecta; Dicondylia; Pterygota; Neoptera; Endopterygota; Hymenoptera; Orussoidea; Orussidae; Orussus	
	Parent
Orussus () - (Rank: genus) ( <a href="https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/Taxonomy/Browser/wwwtax.cgi?id=27529">https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/Taxonomy/Browser/wwwtax.cgi?id=27529</a> )	
	NCBI Taxonomy ID

Taxon B #2	Latin Name
Apis mellifera ( <a apis="" href="https://www.gephebase.org/search-criteria?/and+Taxon and Synonyms=" mellifera"#gephebase-summary-title"="">https://www.gephebase.org/search-criteria?/and+Taxon and Synonyms="Apis mellifera"#gephebase-summary-title</a> )	
	Common Name
honey bee	
	Synonyms
bee; Apis mellifica; honey bee; European honey bee; Western honey bee; honeybee; Apis mellifera Linnaeus, 1758; Apis melifera	
	Rank
species	
	Lineage
cellular organisms; Eukaryota; Opisthokonta; Metazoa; Eumetazoa; Bilateria; Protostomia; Ecdysozoa; Panarthropoda; Arthropoda; Mandibulata; Pancrustacea; Hexapoda; Insecta; Dicondylia; Pterygota; Neoptera; Endopterygota; Hymenoptera; Apocrita; Aculeata; Apoidea; Apidae; Apinae; Apini; Apis	
	Parent
Apis () - (Rank: genus) ( <a href="https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/Taxonomy/Browser/wwwtax.cgi?id=7459">https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/Taxonomy/Browser/wwwtax.cgi?id=7459</a> )	

222816

(<https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/Taxonomy/Browser/wwwtax.cgi?id=222816>)

is Taxon A an Infrasppecies?

No

NCBI Taxonomy ID

7460

(<https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/Taxonomy/Browser/wwwtax.cgi?id=7460>)

is Taxon B an Infrasppecies?

No

Taxon A #3

Latin Name

*Diachasma alloeum*

([https://www.gephebase.org/search-criteria?/and+Taxon+and+Synonyms="+Diachasma+alloeum^#gephebase-summary-title](https://www.gephebase.org/search-criteria?/and+Taxon+and+Synonyms=))

Common Name

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Synonyms

*Diachasma alloeum* (Muesebeck, 1956)

Rank

species

Lineage

cellular organisms; Eukaryota; Opisthokonta; Metazoa; Eumetazoa; Bilateria; Protostomia; Ecdysozoa; Panarthropoda; Arthropoda; Mandibulata; Pancrustacea; Hexapoda; Insecta; Dicondylia; Pterygota; Neoptera; Endopterygota; Hymenoptera; Apocrita; Parasitoida; Ichneumonoidea; Braconidae; Opiinae; Diachasma

Parent

*Diachasma* () - (Rank: genus)

(<https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/Taxonomy/Browser/wwwtax.cgi?id=454922>)

NCBI Taxonomy ID

454923

(<https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/Taxonomy/Browser/wwwtax.cgi?id=454923>)

is Taxon A an Infrasppecies?

No

Taxon B #3

Latin Name

*Dufourea novaeangliae*

([https://www.gephebase.org/search-criteria?/and+Taxon+and+Synonyms="+Dufourea+novaeangliae^#gephebase-summary-title](https://www.gephebase.org/search-criteria?/and+Taxon+and+Synonyms=))

Common Name

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Synonyms

*Dufourea nova-angliae*; *Dufourea novaeangliae* (Robertson, 1897)

Rank

species

Lineage

cellular organisms; Eukaryota; Opisthokonta; Metazoa; Eumetazoa; Bilateria; Protostomia; Ecdysozoa; Panarthropoda; Arthropoda; Mandibulata; Pancrustacea; Hexapoda; Insecta; Dicondylia; Pterygota; Neoptera; Endopterygota; Hymenoptera; Apocrita; Aculeata; Apoidea; Halictidae; Rophitinae; Dufourea

Parent

*Dufourea* () - (Rank: genus)

(<https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/Taxonomy/Browser/wwwtax.cgi?id=178032>)

NCBI Taxonomy ID

178035

(<https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/Taxonomy/Browser/wwwtax.cgi?id=178035>)

is Taxon B an Infrasppecies?

No

Taxon B #4

Latin Name

*Eufriesea mexicana*

([https://www.gephebase.org/search-criteria?/and+Taxon+and+Synonyms="+Eufriesea+mexicana^#gephebase-summary-title](https://www.gephebase.org/search-criteria?/and+Taxon+and+Synonyms=))

Common Name

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Synonyms

*Eufriesea mexicana* (Mocsary, 1897)

Rank

species

Lineage

cellular organisms; Eukaryota; Opisthokonta; Metazoa; Eumetazoa; Bilateria; Protostomia; Ecdysozoa; Panarthropoda; Arthropoda; Mandibulata; Pancrustacea; Hexapoda; Insecta; Dicondylia; Pterygota; Neoptera; Endopterygota; Hymenoptera; Apocrita; Aculeata; Apoidea; Apidae; Apinae; Euglossini; Eufriesea

Parent

*Eufriesea* () - (Rank: genus)

(<https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/Taxonomy/Browser/wwwtax.cgi?id=28644>)

NCBI Taxonomy ID

516756

(<https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/Taxonomy/Browser/wwwtax.cgi?id=516756>)

is Taxon B an Infrasppecies?

No

Taxon B #5

Latin Name

*Habropoda laboriosa*

([https://www.gephebase.org/search-criteria?/and+Taxon+and+Synonyms="+Habropoda+laboriosa^#gephebase-summary-title](https://www.gephebase.org/search-criteria?/and+Taxon+and+Synonyms=))

Common Name

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Synonyms

*Habropoda laboriosa* (Fabricius, 1804)

Rank

species

Lineage

cellular organisms; Eukaryota; Opisthokonta; Metazoa; Eumetazoa; Bilateria; Protostomia; Ecdysozoa; Panarthropoda; Arthropoda; Mandibulata; Pancrustacea; Hexapoda; Insecta; Dicondylia; Pterygota; Neoptera; Endopterygota; Hymenoptera; Apocrita; Aculeata; Apoidea; Apidae; Apinae; Anthophorini; Habropoda

Parent

*Habropoda* () - (Rank: genus)

(<https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/Taxonomy/Browser/wwwtax.cgi?id=117248>)

NCBI Taxonomy ID

597456

(<https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/Taxonomy/Browser/wwwtax.cgi?id=597456>)

is Taxon B an Intraspecies?

No

#### Taxon B #6

Latin Name

Melipona quadrifasciata

([#gpepbase-summary-title](https://www.gephebase.org/search-criteria?/and+Taxon+and+Synonyms=))

Common Name

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Synonyms

Melipona quadrifasciata Lepeletier, 1836

Rank

species

Lineage

cellular organisms; Eukaryota; Opisthokonta; Metazoa; Eumetazoa; Bilateria; Protostomia; Ecdysozoa; Panarthropoda; Arthropoda; Mandibulata; Pancrustacea; Hexapoda; Insecta; Dicondylia; Pterygota; Neoptera; Endopterygota; Hymenoptera; Apocrita; Aculeata; Apoidea; Apidae; Apinae; Meliponini; Melipona

Parent

Melipona () - (Rank: genus)

(<https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/Taxonomy/Browser/wwwtax.cgi?id=28651>)

NCBI Taxonomy ID

166423

(<https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/Taxonomy/Browser/wwwtax.cgi?id=166423>)

is Taxon B an Intraspecies?

No

#### Taxon B #7

Latin Name

Megachile rotundata

([#gpepbase-summary-title](https://www.gephebase.org/search-criteria?/and+Taxon+and+Synonyms=))

Common Name

alfalfa leafcutting bee

Synonyms

alfalfa leafcutting bee; Megachile rotundata (Fabricius, 1787)

Rank

species

Lineage

cellular organisms; Eukaryota; Opisthokonta; Metazoa; Eumetazoa; Bilateria; Protostomia; Ecdysozoa; Panarthropoda; Arthropoda; Mandibulata; Pancrustacea; Hexapoda; Insecta; Dicondylia; Pterygota; Neoptera; Endopterygota; Hymenoptera; Apocrita; Aculeata; Apoidea; Megachilidae; Megachilinae; Megachilini; Megachile

Parent

Megachile () - (Rank: genus)

(<https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/Taxonomy/Browser/wwwtax.cgi?id=132116>)

NCBI Taxonomy ID

143995

(<https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/Taxonomy/Browser/wwwtax.cgi?id=143995>)

is Taxon B an Intraspecies?

No

#### Taxon B #8

Latin Name

Athalia rosae

([#gpepbase-summary-title](https://www.gephebase.org/search-criteria?/and+Taxon+and+Synonyms=))

Common Name

coleseed sawfly

Synonyms

coleseed sawfly; Athalia rosae (Linnaeus, 1758)

Rank

species

Lineage

cellular organisms; Eukaryota; Opisthokonta; Metazoa; Eumetazoa; Bilateria; Protostomia; Ecdysozoa; Panarthropoda; Arthropoda; Mandibulata; Pancrustacea; Hexapoda; Insecta; Dicondylia; Pterygota; Neoptera; Endopterygota; Hymenoptera; Tenthredinoidea; Athaliidae; Athalia

Parent

Athalia () - (Rank: genus)  
 (https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/Taxonomy/Browser/wwwtax.cgi?id= 37343 )  
 NCBI Taxonomy ID  
 37344  
 (https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/Taxonomy/Browser/wwwtax.cgi?id= 37344 )  
 is Taxon B an Infrapopulation?  
 No

GENOTYPIC CHANGE

SCN8A  
 MED; PN4; CIAT; BFIS5; NaCh6; CERIII; EIEE13; Nav1.6  
 9606.ENSPO0000346534  
 (http://string-db.org/newstring.cgi/show\_network\_section.pl?identifier=9606.ENSPO0000346534 )

Generic Gene Name  
 Q9UQD0 (http://www.uniprot.org/uniprot/Q9UQD0)

Synonyms  
 0

String

Sequence Similarities  
 Belongs to the sodium channel (TC 1.A.1.10) family. Nav1.6/SCN8A subfamily.

GO - Molecular Function  
 GO:0005524 : ATP binding (https://www.ebi.ac.uk/QuickGO/term/GO:0005524)  
 GO:0005244 : voltage-gated ion channel activity (https://www.ebi.ac.uk/QuickGO/term/GO:0005244)  
 GO:0005248 : voltage-gated sodium channel activity (https://www.ebi.ac.uk/QuickGO/term/GO:0005248)

GO - Biological Process  
 GO:0007399 : nervous system development (https://www.ebi.ac.uk/QuickGO/term/GO:0007399)  
 GO:0007422 : peripheral nervous system development (https://www.ebi.ac.uk/QuickGO/term/GO:0007422)  
 GO:0006814 : sodium ion transport (https://www.ebi.ac.uk/QuickGO/term/GO:0006814)  
 GO:0019228 : neuronal action potential (https://www.ebi.ac.uk/QuickGO/term/GO:0019228)  
 GO:0034765 : regulation of ion transmembrane transport (https://www.ebi.ac.uk/QuickGO/term/GO:0034765)  
 GO:0086010 : membrane depolarization during action potential (https://www.ebi.ac.uk/QuickGO/term/GO:0086010)  
 GO:0035725 : sodium ion transmembrane transport (https://www.ebi.ac.uk/QuickGO/term/GO:0035725)  
 GO:0042552 : myelination (https://www.ebi.ac.uk/QuickGO/term/GO:0042552)

GO - Cellular Component  
 GO:0016021 : integral component of membrane (https://www.ebi.ac.uk/QuickGO/term/GO:0016021)  
 GO:0005886 : plasma membrane (https://www.ebi.ac.uk/QuickGO/term/GO:0005886)  
 GO:0030018 : Z disc (https://www.ebi.ac.uk/QuickGO/term/GO:0030018)  
 GO:0031410 : cytoplasmic vesicle (https://www.ebi.ac.uk/QuickGO/term/GO:0031410)  
 GO:0030424 : axon (https://www.ebi.ac.uk/QuickGO/term/GO:0030424)  
 GO:0001518 : voltage-gated sodium channel complex (https://www.ebi.ac.uk/QuickGO/term/GO:0001518)  
 GO:0043194 : axon initial segment (https://www.ebi.ac.uk/QuickGO/term/GO:0043194)  
 GO:0033268 : node of Ranvier (https://www.ebi.ac.uk/QuickGO/term/GO:0033268)

Mutation #1  
 No (https://www.gephebase.org/search-criteria?/and+Presumptive Null=~No~#gephebase-summary-title) Presumptive Null  
 Coding (https://www.gephebase.org/search-criteria?/and+Molecular Type=~Coding~#gephebase-summary-title) Molecular Type  
 SNP (https://www.gephebase.org/search-criteria?/and+Aberration Type=~SNP~#gephebase-summary-title) Aberration Type  
 Nonsynonymous SNP Coding Change  
 L1525F in IIS6 and I926V in IIS5 and S841T in IIS2 Molecular Details of the Mutation  
 Candidate Gene (https://www.gephebase.org/search-criteria?/and+Experimental Evidence=~Candidate Gene~#gephebase-summary-title) Experimental Evidence

	Taxon A	Taxon B	Position
Codon	-	-	-
Amino-acid	Leu	Phe	1525

Main Reference

Wu S; Nomura Y; Du Y; Zhorov BS; Dong K

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## Mutation #2

Presumptive Null

No (<https://www.gephebase.org/search-criteria?/and+Presumptive Null=^No^#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

Nonsynonymous

Molecular Details of the Mutation

L1525F in IIS6 and I926V in IIS5 and S841T in IIS2

Experimental Evidence

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

	Taxon A	Taxon B	Position
Codon	-	-	-
Amino-acid	Ile	Val	926

Main Reference

Molecular basis of selective resistance of the bumblebee BiNa1 sodium channel to tau-fluvalinate. (2017) (<https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/29158414>)

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## Mutation #3

Presumptive Null

No (<https://www.gephebase.org/search-criteria?/and+Presumptive Null=^No^#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

Nonsynonymous

Molecular Details of the Mutation

L1525F in IIS6 and I926V in IIS5 and S841T in IIS2

Experimental Evidence

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

	Taxon A	Taxon B	Position
Codon	-	-	-
Amino-acid	Ser	Thr	841

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Additional References

## RELATED GEPHE

No matches found.

Related Genes

No matches found.

Related Haplotypes

## EXTERNAL LINKS

## COMMENTS

Phylogenetic and mutational analyses revealed that three residues (conserved in sodium channels from 12 bee species) underlie resistance to  $\ddot{I}_r$ -FVL or sensitivity to the other pyrethroids.