

## GEPHE SUMMARY

**Gephebase Gene**  
Frigida (FRI)

**Entry Status**  
Published

**GepheID**  
GP00000375

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## PHENOTYPIC CHANGE

### Trait #1

**Trait Category**  
Physiology

**Trait**  
Flowering time

**Trait State in Taxon A**  
Arabidopsis thaliana- KAS-1

**Trait State in Taxon B**  
Arabidopsis thaliana- TSU-1 (short FT; Low Water Use Efficiency)

### Trait #2

**Trait Category**  
Physiology

**Trait**  
Water use efficiency

**Trait State in Taxon A**  
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**Trait State in Taxon B**  
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### Ancestral State

Taxon A

### Taxonomic Status

Intraspecific

### Taxon A

#### Latin Name

*Arabidopsis thaliana*

#### Common Name

thale cress

#### Synonyms

thale cress; mouse-ear cress; thale-cress; Arabidopsis thaliana (L.) Heynh.; Arabidopsis thaliana (thale cress); Arabidopsis\_thaliana; Arbisopsis thaliana; thale kress

#### Rank

species

#### Lineage

cellular organisms; Eukaryota; Viridiplantae; Streptophyta; Streptophytina; Embryophyta; Tracheophyta; Euphyllophyta; Spermatophyta; Magnoliophyta; Mesangiospermae; eudicotyledons; Gunneridae; Pentapetalae; rosids; malvids; Brassicales; Brassicaceae; Camelineae; Arabidopsis

#### Parent

Arabidopsis () - (Rank: genus)

#### NCBI Taxonomy ID

3702

#### is Taxon A an Intraspecies?

Yes

#### Taxon A Description

Arabidopsis thaliana- KAS-1

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#### is Taxon B an Intraspecies?

Yes

#### Taxon B Description

Arabidopsis thaliana- TSU-1 (short FT; Low Water Use Efficiency)

## GENOTYPIC CHANGE

**Generic Gene Name****FRI**UniProtKB *Arabidopsis thaliana*

PoDH90

**Synonyms**

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**GenebankID or UniProtKB**

AF228500

**String**

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**Sequence Similarities**

Belongs to the Frigida family.

**GO - Molecular Function**

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**GO - Biological Process**

GO:0030154 : cell differentiation

GO:0009908 : flower development

**GO - Cellular Component**

GO:0016607 : nuclear speck

**Presumptive Null**

No

**Molecular Type**

Cis-regulatory

**Aberration Type**

Deletion

**Deletion Size**

100-999 bp

**Molecular Details of the Mutation**

376 bp deletion within the promoter of the TSU-1 FRI allele

**Experimental Evidence**

Linkage Mapping

**Main Reference**

Pleiotropy of FRIGIDA enhances the potential for multivariate adaptation. (2013)

**Authors**

Lovell JT; Juenger TE; Michaels SD; Lasky JR; Platt A; Richards JH; Yu X; Eason HM; Sen S; McKay JK

**Abstract**

An evolutionary response to selection requires genetic variation; however, even if it exists, then the genetic details of the variation can constrain adaptation. In the simplest case, unlinked loci and uncorrelated phenotypes respond directly to multivariate selection and permit unrestricted paths to adaptive peaks. By contrast, 'antagonistic' pleiotropic loci may constrain adaptation by affecting variation of many traits and limiting the direction of trait correlations to vectors that are not favoured by selection. However, certain pleiotropic configurations may improve the conditions for adaptive evolution. Here, we present evidence that the *Arabidopsis thaliana* gene FRI (FRIGIDA) exhibits 'adaptive' pleiotropy, producing trait correlations along an axis that results in two adaptive strategies. Derived, low expression FRI alleles confer a 'drought escape' strategy owing to fast growth, low water use efficiency and early flowering. By contrast, a dehydration avoidance strategy is conferred by the ancestral phenotype of late flowering, slow growth and efficient water use during photosynthesis. The dehydration avoidant phenotype was recovered when genotypes with null FRI alleles were transformed with functional alleles. Our findings indicate that the well-documented effects of FRI on phenology result from differences in physiology, not only a simple developmental switch.

**Additional References****RELATED GEPHE****Related Genes**

13 (AGAMOUS-LIKE 50, Cryptochrome 2 (CRY2) EDI allele, EARLY FLOWERING 3(ELF3), FLC (Flowering Locus C), FLM (MAF1), Flowering locus T (FT), Frigida like 1 (FRL1), Frigida like 2 (FRL2), MADS AFFECTING FLOWERING 2 (MAF2), SVP (SHORT VEGETATIVE PHASE), VIN3, HUA2, MPK12)

**Related Haplotypes**

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**EXTERNAL LINKS****COMMENTS**

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