

## GEPHE SUMMARY

**Gephebase Gene**  
Acetylcholinesterase (Ace)

**Entry Status**  
Published

**GepheID**  
GP00000045

**Main curator**  
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## PHENOTYPIC CHANGE

**Trait Category**  
Physiology

**Trait**  
Xenobiotic resistance (insecticide)

**Trait State in Taxon A**  
Bactrocera dorsalis- sensitive

**Trait State in Taxon B**  
Bactrocera dorsalis- artificially selected for resistance

**Ancestral State**  
Taxon A

**Taxonomic Status**  
Intraspecific

### Taxon A

**Latin Name**  
*Bactrocera dorsalis*

**Common Name**  
oriental fruit fly

**Synonyms**  
Bactrocera (Bactrocera) dorsalis; Bactrocera (Bactrocera) invadens; Bactrocera invadens; Bactrocera papayae; Bactrocera philippinensis; oriental fruit fly; Philippines fruit fly; papaya fruit fly; Bactrocera dorsalis (Hendel, 1912); Bactrocera invadens Drew, Tsuruta & White, 2005; Bactrocera philippinensis Drew & Hancock, 1994

**Rank**  
species

**Lineage**  
cellular organisms; Eukaryota; Opisthokonta; Metazoa; Eumetazoa; Bilateria; Protostomia; Ecdysozoa; Panarthropoda; Arthropoda; Mandibulata; Pancrustacea; Hexapoda; Insecta; Dicondylia; Pterygota; Neoptera; Holometabola; Diptera; Brachycera; Muscomorpha; Eremoneura; Cyclorhapha; Schizophora; Acalyptera; Tephritoidea; Tephritidae; Dacinae; Dacini; Bactrocera; Bactrocera; Bactrocera dorsalis complex

**Parent**  
Bactrocera dorsalis complex () - (Rank: no rank)

**NCBI Taxonomy ID**  
27457

**is Taxon A an Intraspecies?**  
No

### Taxon B

**Latin Name**  
*Bactrocera dorsalis*

**Common Name**  
oriental fruit fly

**Synonyms**  
Bactrocera (Bactrocera) dorsalis; Bactrocera (Bactrocera) invadens; Bactrocera invadens; Bactrocera papayae; Bactrocera philippinensis; oriental fruit fly; Philippines fruit fly; papaya fruit fly; Bactrocera dorsalis (Hendel, 1912); Bactrocera invadens Drew, Tsuruta & White, 2005; Bactrocera philippinensis Drew & Hancock, 1994

**Rank**  
species

**Lineage**  
cellular organisms; Eukaryota; Opisthokonta; Metazoa; Eumetazoa; Bilateria; Protostomia; Ecdysozoa; Panarthropoda; Arthropoda; Mandibulata; Pancrustacea; Hexapoda; Insecta; Dicondylia; Pterygota; Neoptera; Holometabola; Diptera; Brachycera; Muscomorpha; Eremoneura; Cyclorhapha; Schizophora; Acalyptera; Tephritoidea; Tephritidae; Dacinae; Dacini; Bactrocera; Bactrocera; Bactrocera dorsalis complex

**Parent**  
Bactrocera dorsalis complex () - (Rank: no rank)

**NCBI Taxonomy ID**  
27457

**is Taxon B an Intraspecies?**  
No

## GENOTYPIC CHANGE

**Generic Gene Name**  
Ace

**Synonyms**  
AcChE; ace; ACE; ace-2; ache; AchE; AChE; CG17907; CHE; dAChE; dmAChE; DmAChE; Dmel\CG17907; Dm\_Lace; FBgn0000024; I(3)26; I(3)87Ed

**String**  
7227.FBpp0289713

**Sequence Similarities**  
Belongs to the type-B carboxylesterase/lipase family.

**GO - Molecular Function**  
GO:0042803 : protein homodimerization activity  
GO:0003990 : acetylcholinesterase activity  
GO:0004104 : cholinesterase activity  
GO:0043199 : sulfate binding

**GO - Biological Process**

**UniProtKB Drosophila melanogaster**  
P07140

**GenebankID or UniProtKB**  
AAO06900

GO:0006581 : acetylcholine catabolic process  
GO:0001507 : acetylcholine catabolic process in synaptic cleft  
GO:0007268 : chemical synaptic transmission  
GO:0042426 : choline catabolic process  
GO:0042331 : phototaxis

GO - Cellular Component

GO:0005886 : plasma membrane  
GO:0005737 : cytoplasm  
GO:0031225 : anchored component of membrane  
GO:0030054 : cell junction  
GO:0043083 : synaptic cleft

Mutation #1

Presumptive Null

No

Molecular Type

Coding

Aberration Type

SNP

SNP Coding Change

Nonsynonymous

Molecular Details of the Mutation

I214V + G488S (+ possibly Q643R)

Experimental Evidence

Candidate Gene

	Taxon A	Taxon B	Position
Codon	-	-	-
Amino-acid	Ile	Val	214

Main Reference

Mutations in the acetylcholinesterase gene of *Bactrocera dorsalis* associated with resistance to organophosphorus insecticides. (2006)

Authors

Hsu JC; Haymer DS; Wu WJ; Feng HT

Abstract

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Additional References

Mutation #2

Presumptive Null

No

Molecular Type

Coding

Aberration Type

SNP

SNP Coding Change

Nonsynonymous

Molecular Details of the Mutation

I214V + G488S (+ possibly Q643R)

Experimental Evidence

Candidate Gene

	Taxon A	Taxon B	Position
Codon	-	-	-
Amino-acid	Gly	Ser	488

Main Reference

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#### Additional References

## RELATED GEPHE

#### Related Genes

No matches found.

#### Related Haplotypes

No matches found.

## EXTERNAL LINKS

## COMMENTS

The I214V substitution observed here in *B. dorsalis* is identical to one of the changes reported in the altered AChE enzyme described for a strain of *B. oleae* exhibiting high levels of organophosphate resistance (Vontas et al., 2002). This change is also equivalent to the I199V substitution in *Drosophila* (Mutero et al., 1994). The G488S substitution seen in *B. dorsalis* is also identical to a second change in the AChE enzyme structure in resistant *B. oleae* flies (Vontas et al., 2002). This substitution (G488) is also equivalent to the G396 in *torpedo*, or G474 in *Drosophila*.