

GEPHE SUMMARY

Gephebase Gene
Na/K-ATPase alpha-subunit

Entry Status
Published

GepheID
GP00000716

Main curator
Courtier

PHENOTYPIC CHANGE

Trait Category
Physiology

Trait
Xenobiotic resistance (cardiac glycosides)

Trait State in Taxon A
Vipera berus - sensitive

Trait State in Taxon B
Bitis spp. - resistant

Ancestral State
Taxon A

Taxonomic Status
Intergeneric or Higher

Taxon A

Latin Name
Vipera berus

Common Name
adder

Synonyms
Coluber berus; adder; Kreuzotter; Vipera berus (Linnaeus, 1758); NMR:5995; NMR:5995

Rank
species

Lineage
cellular organisms; Eukaryota; Opisthokonta; Metazoa; Eumetazoa; Bilateria; Deuterostomia; Chordata; Craniata; Vertebrata; Gnathostomata; Teleostomi; Euteleostomi; Sarcopterygii; Dipnotetrapodomorpha; Tetrapoda; Amniota; Sauropsida; Sauria; Lepidosauria; Squamata; Bifurcata; Unidentata; Episcamata; Toxicofera; Serpentes; Colubroidea; Viperidae; Viperinae; Vipera

Parent
Vipera () - (Rank: genus)

NCBI Taxonomy ID
31155

is Taxon A an Intraspecies?
No

Taxon B #1

Latin Name
Bitis arietans

Common Name
puff adder

Synonyms
puff adder; African puff adder

Rank
species

Lineage
cellular organisms; Eukaryota; Opisthokonta; Metazoa; Eumetazoa; Bilateria; Deuterostomia; Chordata; Craniata; Vertebrata; Gnathostomata; Teleostomi; Euteleostomi; Sarcopterygii; Dipnotetrapodomorpha; Tetrapoda; Amniota; Sauropsida; Sauria; Lepidosauria; Squamata; Bifurcata; Unidentata; Episcamata; Toxicofera; Serpentes; Colubroidea; Viperidae; Viperinae; Bitis

Parent
Bitis () - (Rank: genus)

NCBI Taxonomy ID
8692

is Taxon B an Intraspecies?
No

Taxon B #2

Latin Name
Bitis nasicornis

Common Name
rhinoceros viper

Synonyms
Coluber nasicornis; rhinoceros viper; rhinoceros adder

Rank
species

Lineage
cellular organisms; Eukaryota; Opisthokonta; Metazoa; Eumetazoa; Bilateria; Deuterostomia; Chordata; Craniata; Vertebrata; Gnathostomata; Teleostomi; Euteleostomi; Sarcopterygii; Dipnotetrapodomorpha; Tetrapoda; Amniota; Sauropsida; Sauria; Lepidosauria; Squamata; Bifurcata; Unidentata; Episcamata; Toxicofera; Serpentes; Colubroidea; Viperidae; Viperinae; Bitis

Parent
Bitis () - (Rank: genus)

NCBI Taxonomy ID
8695

is Taxon B an Intraspecies?
No

GENOTYPIC CHANGE

Generic Gene Name

Atp1a1

UniProtKB Mus musculus

Q8VDN2

Synonyms

Atpa-1; BC010319

GenebankID or UniProtKB

String

10090.ENSMUSP00000039657

Sequence Similarities

Belongs to the cation transport ATPase (P-type) (TC 3.A.3) family. Type IIC subfamily.

GO - Molecular Function

GO:0005524 : ATP binding
GO:0043531 : ADP binding
GO:0019901 : protein kinase binding
GO:0043548 : phosphatidylinositol 3-kinase binding
GO:0005391 : sodium:potassium-exchanging ATPase activity
GO:0051087 : chaperone binding
GO:0019904 : protein domain specific binding
GO:0030506 : ankyrin binding
GO:0016791 : phosphatase activity
GO:0030955 : potassium ion binding
GO:0031402 : sodium ion binding
GO:1990239 : steroid hormone binding

GO - Biological Process

GO:0071383 : cellular response to steroid hormone stimulus
GO:0006813 : potassium ion transport
GO:0006814 : sodium ion transport
GO:0071260 : cellular response to mechanical stimulus
GO:0042493 : response to drug
GO:0008217 : regulation of blood pressure
GO:0015991 : ATP hydrolysis coupled proton transport
GO:0030007 : cellular potassium ion homeostasis
GO:0006883 : cellular sodium ion homeostasis
GO:1990573 : potassium ion import across plasma membrane
GO:0036376 : sodium ion export across plasma membrane
GO:0090662 : ATP hydrolysis coupled transmembrane transport
GO:0060081 : membrane hyperpolarization
GO:0086009 : membrane repolarization
GO:0031947 : negative regulation of glucocorticoid biosynthetic process
GO:0045822 : negative regulation of heart contraction
GO:0045823 : positive regulation of heart contraction
GO:0045989 : positive regulation of striated muscle contraction
GO:0086004 : regulation of cardiac muscle cell contraction
GO:0002028 : regulation of sodium ion transport
GO:0002026 : regulation of the force of heart contraction

GO - Cellular Component

GO:0016021 : integral component of membrane
GO:0005886 : plasma membrane
GO:0016324 : apical plasma membrane
GO:0016020 : membrane
GO:0045121 : membrane raft
GO:0005794 : Golgi apparatus
GO:0032991 : protein-containing complex
GO:0005783 : endoplasmic reticulum
GO:0005768 : endosome
GO:0016323 : basolateral plasma membrane
GO:0005901 : caveola
GO:0030315 : T-tubule
GO:0014069 : postsynaptic density
GO:0014704 : intercalated disc
GO:0043209 : myelin sheath
GO:0042383 : sarcolemma
GO:0005890 : sodium:potassium-exchanging ATPase complex

Mutation #1

Presumptive Null

No

Molecular Type

Coding

Aberration Type

SNP

SNP Coding Change

Nonsynonymous

Molecular Details of the Mutation

Q111L

Experimental Evidence

Candidate Gene

	Taxon A	Taxon B	Position
Codon	-	-	-
Amino-acid	Gln	Leu	111

Main Reference

[Widespread convergence in toxin resistance by predictable molecular evolution. \(2015\)](#)

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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

G120R

Experimental Evidence

Candidate Gene

	Taxon A	Taxon B	Position
Codon	-	-	-
Amino-acid	Gly	Arg	120

Main Reference

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Additional References

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Related Genes

No matches found.

Related Haplotypes

No matches found.

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