## GEPHE SUMMARY

Gephebase Gene
PMEL17 (https://www.gephebase.org/search-criteria?/and+Gene Gephebase=^PMEL17^#gephebase-summary-title)

GepheID
GP00000911

Entry Status
Published

Main curator
Martin

## PHENOTYPIC CHANGE

Trait Category
Morphology (https://www.gephebase.org/search-criteria?/and+Trait Category=^Morphology^#gephebase-summary-title)

Trait
Coloration (feathers) (https://www.gephebase.org/search-criteria?/and+Trait=^Coloration (feathers)^#gephebase-summary-title)

Trait State in Taxon A
Gallus gallus

Trait State in Taxon B
Gallus gallus - Dun allele

Ancestral State
Taxon A

Taxonomic Status
Domesticated (https://www.gephebase.org/search-criteria?/and+Taxonomic Status=^Domesticated^#gephebase-summary-title)

### Taxon A

Latin Name
Gallus gallus (https://www.gephebase.org/search-criteria?/and+Taxon and Synonyms=^Gallus gallus^#gephebase-summary-title)

Common Name
chicken

Synonyms
Gallus gallus domesticus; chicken; bantam; chickens

Rank
species

Lineage
cellular organisms; Eukaryota; Opisthokonta; Metazoa; Eumetazoa; Bilateria; Deuterostomia; Chordata; Craniata; Vertebrata; Gnathostomata; Teleostomi; Euteleostomi; Sarcopterygii; Dipnotetrapodomorpha; Tetrapoda; Amniota; Sauropsida; Sauria; Archelosauria; Archosauria; Dinosauria; Saurischia; Theropoda; Coelurosauria; Aves; Neognathae; Galloanserae; Galliformes; Phasianidae; Phasianinae; Gallus

Parent
Gallus () - (Rank: genus) (https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/Taxonomy/Browser/wwwtax.cgi?id= 9030 )

NCBI Taxonomy ID
9031 (https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/Taxonomy/Browser/wwwtax.cgi?id= 9031 )

is Taxon A an Infraspecies?
No

### Taxon B

Latin Name
Gallus gallus (https://www.gephebase.org/search-criteria?/and+Taxon and Synonyms=^Gallus gallus^#gephebase-summary-title)

Common Name
chicken

Synonyms
Gallus gallus domesticus; chicken; bantam; chickens

Rank
species

Lineage
cellular organisms; Eukaryota; Opisthokonta; Metazoa; Eumetazoa; Bilateria; Deuterostomia; Chordata; Craniata; Vertebrata; Gnathostomata; Teleostomi; Euteleostomi; Sarcopterygii; Dipnotetrapodomorpha; Tetrapoda; Amniota; Sauropsida; Sauria; Archelosauria; Archosauria; Dinosauria; Saurischia; Theropoda; Coelurosauria; Aves; Neognathae; Galloanserae; Galliformes; Phasianidae; Phasianinae; Gallus

Parent
Gallus () - (Rank: genus) (https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/Taxonomy/Browser/wwwtax.cgi?id= 9030 )

NCBI Taxonomy ID
9031 (https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/Taxonomy/Browser/wwwtax.cgi?id= 9031 )

is Taxon B an Infraspecies?
Yes

Taxon B Description
Gallus gallus - Dun allele

## GENOTYPIC CHANGE

Generic Gene Name
PMEL

Synonyms
SILV; MMP115; PMEL17

String
9031.ENSGALP00000023540 (http://string-db.org/newstring_cgi/show_network_section.pl?identifier=9031.ENSGALP00000023540 )

Sequence Similarities
Belongs to the PMEL/NMB family.

GO - Molecular Function
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GO - Biological Process
GO:0032438 : melanosome organization (https://www.ebi.ac.uk/QuickGO/term/GO:0032438)

UniProtKB Gallus gallus
Q98917 (http://www.uniprot.org/uniprot/Q98917)

GenebankID or UniProtKB
AY636128 (https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/nuccore/AY636128)

GO - Cellular Component

GO:0005887 : integral component of plasma membrane (https://www.ebi.ac.uk/QuickGO/term/GO:0005887)
GO:0042470 : melanosome (https://www.ebi.ac.uk/QuickGO/term/GO:0042470)
GO:0034493 : melanosome lumen (https://www.ebi.ac.uk/QuickGO/term/GO:0034493)

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

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

Deletion Size

10-99 bp

Molecular Details of the Mutation

deletion of amino acids 731-735

Experimental Evidence

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

Main Reference

The Dominant white, Dun and Smoky color variants in chicken are associated with insertion/deletion polymorphisms in the PMEL17 gene. (2004) (https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/15579702)

Authors

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Abstract

Dominant white, Dun, and Smoky are alleles at the Dominant white locus, which is one of the major loci affecting plumage color in the domestic chicken. Both Dominant white and Dun inhibit the expression of black eumelanin. Smoky arose in a White Leghorn homozygous for Dominant white and partially restores pigmentation. PMEL17 encodes a melanocyte-specific protein and was identified as a positional candidate gene due to its role in the development of eumelanosomes. Linkage analysis of PMEL17 and Dominant white using a red jungle fowl/White Leghorn intercross revealed no recombination between these loci. Sequence analysis showed that the Dominant white allele was exclusively associated with a 9-bp insertion in exon 10, leading to an insertion of three amino acids in the PMEL17 transmembrane region. Similarly, a deletion of five amino acids in the transmembrane region occurs in the protein encoded by Dun. The Smoky allele shared the 9-bp insertion in exon 10 with Dominant white, as expected from its origin, but also had a deletion of 12 nucleotides in exon 6, eliminating four amino acids from the mature protein. These mutations are, together with the recessive silver mutation in the mouse, the only PMEL17 mutations with phenotypic effects that have been described so far in any species.

Additional References

## RELATED GEPHE

Related Genes

14 (ABCA1, Agouti (ASIP), CDKN2A, CYP19A1, EDN3, Endothelin receptor B2, GRAMD3, MC1R, Melanophilin (MLPH), SLC45A2=MATP, SLCO1B3, SOX10, tyrosinase (TYR), tyrosinase-related protein 1 (TYRP1)) (https://www.gephebase.org/search-criteria?/or+Taxon ID=^9031^/and+Trait=Coloration/and+groupHaplotypes=true#gephebase-summary-title)

Related Haplotypes

2 (https://www.gephebase.org/search-criteria?/or+Gene Gephebase=^PMEL17^/and+Taxon ID=^9031^/or+Gene Gephebase=^PMEL17^/and+Taxon ID=^9031^#gephebase-summary-title)

## EXTERNAL LINKS

## COMMENTS

@Dominance @AllelicSeries @Parallelism https://omia.org/OMIA000373/9031/