# Genome Annotation 

## MODULE 2 PART -II

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## Sequence-based Similarity

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## Conserved Domain Database Search

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CDD
click on the CDD search results at the top of the BLAST results page
COG number (top hit)
    save for annotation report
COG name
    save for annotation report
Score
    score
E-value
    save for annotation report
Significant COG number (second hit)
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COG name
    save for annotation report
Score
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E-value
    save for annotation report
T-Coffee
go to http://www.ebi.ac.uk/Tools/msa/tcoffee/
Sequences used for alignment
    sequences
Multiple sequence alignment
    alignment
WebLogo
go to http://weblogo.berkeley.edu/
Sequence logo
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## Protein Domains COG (Clusters of Orthologous Groups ) Conserved Domain Database

$>$ Sequence -based domains in proteins have a particular structure that is related to function.
$>$ Can be seen as building blocks put together in different ways in different proteins.
> Parts of the proteins with similar and vital functions are conserved-clusters of ortholog groups in conserved domain database.
$>$ When a very significant COG hit is observed for the query gene it can be interpreted as a strong likelihood that the protein has the same function.

## BLAST RESULTS PAGE- Swissprot database

Both a Conserved Domain Database and BLAST searches are done simultaneously.

| RID | 631JYCW7016 (Expires on 02-12 21:27 pm) |
| ---: | :--- | :--- |
| Query ID | Icl\|Query_44273 |
| Description | KSED_RS00005-Ksed_00010-aa sequence |
| Molecule type | amino acid |
| Query Length | 506 |

Database Name swissprot
Description Non-redundant UniProtKB/SwissProt sequences Program BLASTP 2.8.1 $+>$ Citation

Other reports: $\downarrow$ Search Summary [Taxonomy reports] [Distance tree of results] [Multiple alianment] [MSA viewer]
Wew Analyze your query with SmartBLAST
Graphic Summary CDD search
$\Theta$ Show Conserved Domains
Putative conserved domains have been detected, click on the image below for detailed results.

Done

## COG - Clusters of Orthologous Groups




## If there are no hits, write "no significant hits" in notebook If there are several hits, click the [+] sign next to the hits and record

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## T-Coffee

Tree-based Consistency Objective Function for alignment Evaluation Multiple sequence alignment tool

- Across evolution amino acids are likely to be conserved because they are important for structure and function.
- One way to measure conservation is to align multiple similar protein sequences from related organisms (orthologs)

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## In Notebook

## T-Coffee

go to http://www.ebi.ac.uk/Tools/msa/tcoffeel
Sequences used for alignment

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sequences
```

Multiple sequence alignment

## RECALL: What are orthologs?

- Homologs
- Orthologs
- Genes that share similarity in function but are found in different organisms

- Paralogs -Genes aluplicated within a species


Evolutionary Pressure

## How and where are the orthologs to compare?

## Go back to BLAST Search from nr database

## Sequences producing significant alignments:

Select: All None Selected:10
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| Description | Max <br> score | Total score | Query cover | E value | Ident | Accession |
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|  | 589 | 589 | 98\% | 0.0 | 60\% | WP 010147278.1 |
|  | 565 | 565 | 97\% | 0.0 | 59\% | WP 022923463.1 |
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|  | 536 | 536 | 98\% | 0.0 | 58\% | WP 013882065.1 |
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|  | 526 | 526 | 98\% | $7 \mathrm{e}-180$ | 56\% | WP 012865049.1 |

Click on 10 different significant orthologs from the list
Do NOT use the top 10 without checking out if they are from different organisms if available Sometimes the same organism appear multiple times (different strains of the same organism)

Remember: you may need to do an "exclusion blast" if you don't find enough different organisms in your routine nr blast search!

## BLAST Search from nr database- Why?



Click the Download pull down menu at the top of the page and make sure the FASTA (complete sequence) link is clicked -Continue Copy and paste all 10 sequences including Kytococcus sedentarius in a word document. Change font to Courier New 10 if needed. Edit Kytococcus FASTA header

# Paste all sequences in your notebook and EDIT 

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#### Abstract

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## Click on Link: T-Coffee tools

## http://www.ebi.ac.uk/Tools/msa/tcoffee/



# Multiple Sequence Alignment (msa) Copy / paste this alignment into your lab notebookCourier New 9 

## Results for job tcoffee-l20190215-165604-0351-23150635-p1m

Alignments

Result Summary Guide Tree
Phylogenetic Tree
Submission Detail
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Repeating blocks of 50 amino acid stretches

Asterix : (*), conserved amino acid in all sequences

Colon (: ), A position of the MSA composed of residues having the same physicochemical properties

Dot (.), indicates the column of MSA for which semiconserved substitutions are observed

## Return to T-COFFEE Results - show color

CLUSTAL $W$ (1.83) multiple sequence alignment
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Arginine Asparagine Aspartic Acid Cysteine Glutamine Glutamic Acid Glycine Histidine Isoleucine Leucine
Lysine Methionine Phenylalanine Proline
Serine Threonine Tryptophan Tyrosine Valine
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Arg Glu $Q$ E E G H I L M M
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| AVFPMILW | RED | Small (small+ hydrophobic (incl.aromatic - Y)) |
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| DE | BLUE | Acidic |
| RK | MAGENTA | Basic |
| STYHCNGQ | GREEN | Hydroxyl + Amine + Basic - Q |
| Others | Gray |  |

The colors give information about the amino acid

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- This is a program designed to enable easy creation of sequence logos from multiple sequence alignments.
- One simple graphic is generated.
- At least 10 sequences should be used.
- Save image as .png and attach to notebook.

Crooks GE, Hon G, Chandonia JM, Brenner SE WebLogo: A sequence logo generator, Genome Research, 14:1188-1190,

## WebLogo

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go to http://weblogo.berkeley.edu/
Sequence logo
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Komments/observations about the Multiple Sequence Alignment Weblogge

Provide an overall summary of your findings from the Sequence Similarity Module in the box below.
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Be sure to save this document after completing the sequence-based information module!

## Home page for WebLogo



## Paste multiple alignment with top and bottom line intact

## CLICK 32 so that aa are chopped in 32 bits and shown



## Create $\rightarrow$ Paste multiple alignment with top and bottom line intact

CLICK 32
aa are shown in repeating blocks of 32


## Weblogo of the entire protein Save as a .png file. Upload into notebok



## COLOR CODE

Polar amino acids
(G,S,T,Y,C,Q,N) : green

Basic (K,R,H) blue,

Acidic (D,E) red
Hydrophobic
(A,V,L,I,P,W,F,M) : black.

The most common residue at each position in the alignment will be the largest letter at that position.

The relative height of the stack of letters will be proportional to the \% conservation.

The relative widths of the stacks indicate the proportion of valid readings of nucleic bases or amino acids at that position.

The more gaps in the sequence at a specific position means a thinner stack.


[^0]:    T-Coffee: A novel method for multiple sequence alignments. Notredame,Higgins,Heringa,JMB 302(205-217)2000
    T-Coffee is a freeware open source package distributed under the GNU public license
    T-Coffee Server is hosted by the Centre for Genomic Regulation (CRG) of Barcelona, SPAIN

