



“Disease-relevant” to disease model: how FlyBase can help you investigate human disease in *Drosophila*

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disease-relevant

l(2)gl and
planar cell polarity

disease model

cancer, epithelial,
LLGL-related

What is a disease model?

**variant/allele
in defined
gene(s)**

**chemical or
anatomical
treatment**

**environmental
interaction**

kidney disease

Parkinson-like
disease, toxin-induced

P. aeruginosa infection

Werner syndrome

diabetes mellitus,
insulin-dependent,
IPC-ablation models

high-sugar diet,
obesity

QuickSearch

Human Disease

Protein Domains

Gene Groups

Pathways

GO

Data Class

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Homologs

GAL4 etc

Expression

Phenotype

References

Search using a disease name/ID/synonym, or a human or fly gene symbol/ID:



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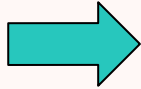
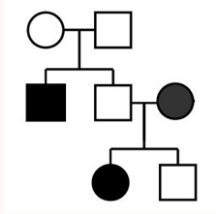
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heart disease

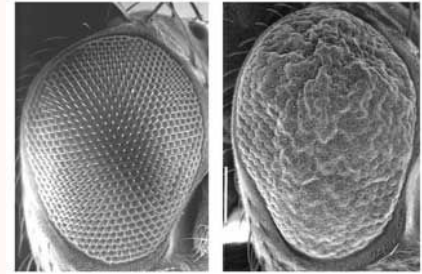
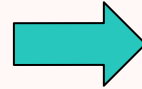
Alternatively, [browse](#) all Human Disease Model reports

Note: [Wild cards](#) (*) can be added to your search term

What do papers defining new *Drosophila* disease models based on genes tend to do?



General Information	
Symbol	DmelCG4836
Name	
Feature Type	protein_coding_gene
Gene Model Status	Current
Gene Snapshot	Insufficient genetic data



find human gene(s) and variant(s) associated with patient phenotype

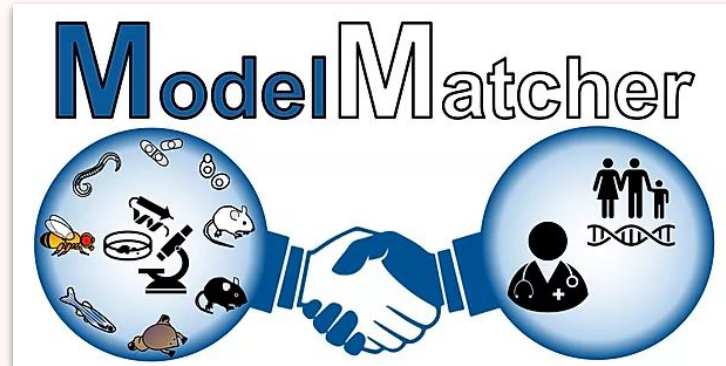
find *Drosophila* orthologue, select existing alleles or generate novel ones

define relevant phenotype and quantify it



modify phenotype with other genes or treatment

How do model organism researchers pick a disease gene to study?



How do model organism researchers find clinical collaborators for new disease model studies?

**Can I develop a novel disease model in *Drosophila* without a clinical collaborator?
Where do I start?**

RARE DISEASES
**MODELS and
MECHANISMS**
— NETWORK —



NUCLEAR RECEPTOR SUBFAMILY 2,
GROUP F, MEMBER 2; NR2F2

HGNC Approved Gene Symbol: NR2F2

CONGENITAL HEART DEFECTS, MULTIPLE TYPES, 4;
CHTD4

A number sign (#) is used with this entry because of evidence that multiple types of congenital heart defects (CHTD4) are caused by heterozygous mutation in the NR2F2 gene ([107773](#)) on chromosome 15q26.

▼ **Description**

The multiple types of congenital heart defects observed in CHTD4 include atrial, ventricular, and atrioventricular septal defects, double-outlet right ventricle, tetralogy of Fallot, hypoplastic left heart syndrome, aortic stenosis, and coarctation of the aorta. Intrafamilial variability and incomplete penetrance has been reported ([Al Turki et al., 2014](#); [Qiao et al., 2018](#)). Some patients exhibit syndromic features such as developmental delay, congenital diaphragmatic hernia, and severe gastroesophageal reflux ([High et al., 2016](#); [Upadia et al., 2018](#)).

46,XX SEX REVERSAL 5; SRXX5

A number sign (#) is used with this entry because of evidence that 46,XX sex reversal-5 (SRXX5) is caused by heterozygous mutation in the NR2F2 gene ([107773](#)) on chromosome 15q26.

▼ **Description**

SRXX5 is characterized by genital virilization in 46,XX individuals, associated with congenital heart disease and variable somatic anomalies including blepharophimosis-ptosis-epicanthus inversus syndrome (BPES) and congenital diaphragmatic hernia ([Bashamboo et al., 2018](#)). [+](#)

How can I learn about a disease gene's fly homolog(s)?

QuickSearch

Human Disease Protein Domains Gene Groups Pathways GO Data Clas

Search FlyBase Homologs GAL4 etc Expression Phenotype References

Input

Species: Gene(s):

Enter gene symbol(s) or ID(s), separated by spaces

Output

HUMAN AND MODEL ORGANISMS (via DIOPT)

- H. sapiens* (Human)
- R. norvegicus* (Norway rat)
- M. musculus* (Laboratory mouse)
- X. tropicalis* (Western clawed frog)
- D. rerio* (Zebrafish)
- D. melanogaster* (Fruit fly)
- C. elegans* (Nematode, roundworm)
- A. thaliana* (Thale cress)
- S. cerevisiae* (Brewer's yeast)
- S. pombe* (Fission yeast)


un/check all:

Drosophila melanogaster (Fruit fly)

svp	NCBI FlyBase	10 of 15	Yes	Yes (+)	eggNOG, Homologene, Isobase, OMA, OrthoFinder, OrthoInspector, orthoMCL, Phylome, RoundUp, TreeFam	(+)
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General Information

Symbol	Dmel\svp
Name	seven up



DIOPT
DRSC integrative ortholog prediction tool

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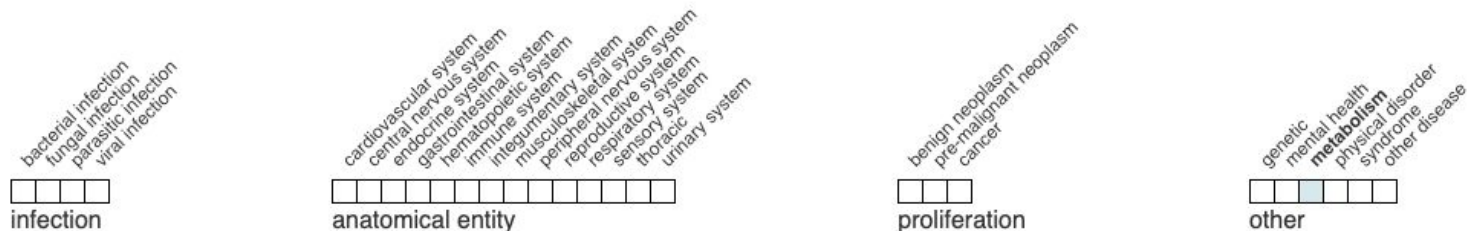
Human Disease Associations

Human Disease Associations

FlyBase Human Disease Model Reports

insulin signaling, regulation of fat storage, Drosophila fat body model

Disease Model Summary Ribbon



Disease Ontology (DO) Annotations

Models Based on Experimental Evidence (1)

Allele	Disease	Evidence	References
svp ^{KK108498}	model of type 2 diabetes mellitus	CEA	(Muselman et al., 2018)

Potential Models Based on Orthology (0)

Human Ortholog	Disease	Evidence	References
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Modifiers Based on Experimental Evidence (1)


Allele	Disease	Interaction	References
svp ¹	ameliorates central nervous system cancer	modeled by N ^{UAS} .icd	(Zacharioudaki et al., 2016)


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Expression Data

Transcript Expression 

Polypeptide Expression 

Expression Deduced from Reporters 

embryonic stage 12 -- 15

embryonic stage 11 -- 14

embryonic stage 15

embryonic stage

embryonic heart cardioblast

dorsal vessel primordium

embryonic dorsal vessel

embryonic/larval corpus allatum

embryonic somatic muscle

GENE

svp



ALLIANCE
of GENOME RESOURCES

Expression

Compare Ortholog Genes

All anatomical structures

Circulatory system

svp (Dme)

Nr2f1 (Mmu)

Nr2f2 (Mmu)

Nr2f6 (Mmu)

nr2f1a (Dre)

nr2f1b (Dre)

nr2f5 (Dre)

nr2f6a (Dre)

nr2f6b (Dre)

unc-55 (Cel)



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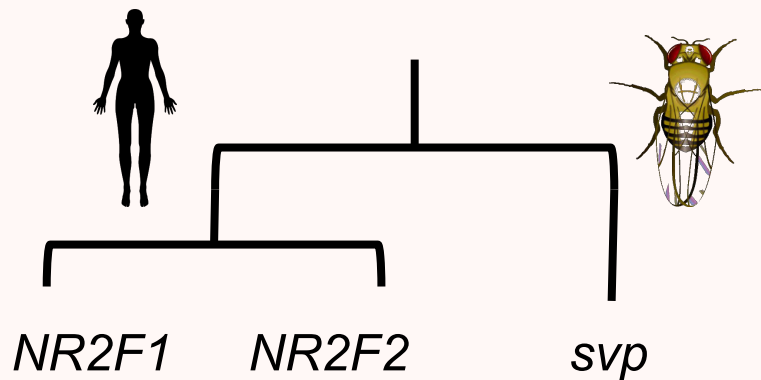
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[Orthologs](#)

Human Orthologs (via DIOPT v7.1)

Homo sapiens (Human) (4)

Species\Gene Symbol	Score	Best Score	Best Reverse Score
HsapWR2F2 	10 of 15	Yes	Yes
HsapWR2F1 	9 of 15	No	Yes



NUCLEAR RECEPTOR SUBFAMILY 2, GROUP F, MEMBER 1; NR2F1

Location	Phenotype	Phenotype MIM number	Inheritance	Phenotype mapping key
5q15	Bosch-Boonstra-Schaaf optic atrophy syndrome	615722	AD	3


General Information









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HsapWR2F2 	10 of 15	Yes	Yes	Compara eggNOG Hieranoid Homologene Inparanoid Isobase OMA OrthoDB OrthoFinder orthoMCL Panther Phylome RoundUp TreeFam ZFIN			
HsapWR2F1 	9 of 15	No	Yes				

Stocks and Reagents

Stocks (1)

Bloomington 77959 [y¹ w⁺; PBac{UAS-hNR2F1.B}VK00037/SM6a](#)

Celniker and Bellen, 2017-, A comprehensive human cDNA library for functional gene replacement in flies. A comprehensive human cDNA library for functional gene replacement in flies. [[FBref0237477](#)]



What disease-associated variants have been found in human patients? How do they translate to flies?

OMIM®

Title

Gene-Phenotype Relationships

Text

Cloning and Expression

Mapping

Gene Function

Cytogenetics

Molecular Genetics

Animal Model

Allelic Variants

Table View

References

Contributors

Creation Date

Edit History

NUCLEAR RECEPTOR SUBFAMILY 2, GROUP F, MEMBER 2; NR2F2

Allelic Variants (9 Selected Examples) :

All ClinVar Variants

Number ^	Phenotype †	Mutation ‡	SNP	gnomAD	ClinVar
.0001	CONGENITAL HEART DEFECTS, MULTIPLE TYPES, 4	NR2F2, SER341TYR	rs587777371	-	RCV000116199...
.0002	CONGENITAL HEART DEFECTS, MULTIPLE TYPES, 4	NR2F2, ASN205ILE	rs587777372	-	RCV000116200
.0003	CONGENITAL HEART DEFECTS, MULTIPLE TYPES, 4	NR2F2, 3-BP DUP, GLN75	rs780808943	-	RCV000116201
.0004	CONGENITAL HEART DEFECTS, MULTIPLE TYPES, 4	NR2F2, IVS2, G-A, +1	rs587777374	-	RCV000116202
.0005	CONGENITAL HEART DEFECTS, MULTIPLE TYPES, 4	NR2F2, 7-BP DEL, NT92	-	-	-
.0006	CONGENITAL HEART DEFECTS, MULTIPLE TYPES, 4	NR2F2, 1-BP DUP, 856G	-	-	-
.0007	CONGENITAL HEART DEFECTS, MULTIPLE TYPES, 4	NR2F2, GLY83TER	-	-	-
.0008	46,XX SEX REVERSAL 5	NR2F2, 7-BP DEL, NT97	-	-	-
.0009	46,XX SEX REVERSAL 5	NR2F2, 7-BP DEL, NT103	-	-	-

NM_021005.4(NR2F2):c.1022C>A (p.Ser341Tyr)

Cite this record

Interpretation: Pathogenic

Review status: criteria provided, single submitter

Submissions:

Last evaluated:

Accession:

Variation ID:

Description:

P24468	COT2_HUMAN	290	DHIRIFQEQVEKALKALHVDSA EY SCLKAI VLF TSDACGLSDVAHVESLQEK SQCALEEYV	349
P16375	7UP1_DROME	419	DHIRIFQEQVEKALKALHVDSA EY SCLKAI VLF TTDACGLSDVTHIESLQEK SQCALEEYC	478

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single nucleotide variant



Variation details

Conditions

Gene(s)

NM_021005.4(NR2F2):c.1022C>A (p.Ser341Tyr)

Allele ID: 133687
Variation type: single nucleotide variant
Variation length: 1 bp
Cytogenetic location: 15q26.2
Genomic location: 15:96337399 (GRCh38) [GRCh38 UCSC](#)
 15:96880628 (GRCh37) [GRCh37 UCSC](#)

HGVs:

Nucleotide	Protein	Molecular consequence
NC_000015.10:g.96337399C>A		
NC_000015.9:g.96880628C>A		
NM_001145155.2:c.623C>A	NP_001138627.1:p.Ser208Tyr	missense

How do I alert FlyBase to my new model while completing Fast-Track Your Paper (FTYP)?

Human Disease

- Description or use of Drosophila model of human disease [?](#)

*Please enter the name(s) of the relevant disease(s) in the text area.
Separate multiple diseases by placing each on a different line; i.e.:*

*heart disease
Parkinson's disease*

congenital heart defects 4;
OMIM # 615779

Drosophila Reagents

- New allele (non-transgenic) or aberration (e.g. a deletion) [?](#)
- New transgene [?](#)

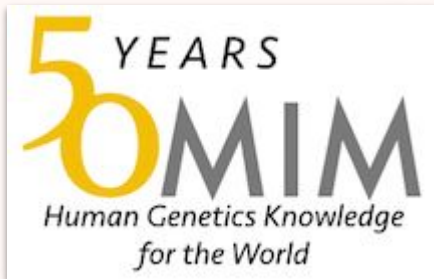
Gene Characterization

- Initial or novel characterization [?](#)
- Gene rename [?](#)

A few relevant resources



flybase.org



omim.org

DRSC/TRiP Functional
Genomics Resources

fgr.hms.harvard.edu



alliancegenome.org



uniprot.org



www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/clinvar

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