

GO Enrichment, Phenotype Data at CGD

The Gene Ontology (GO) provides a common language to describe aspects of a gene product's biology. GO Terms are standardized phrases, arranged in a hierarchy, that describe a gene product's **molecular function** (“protein kinase activity”), **biological process** (“gluconeogenesis”), and **cellular component** (“cytoplasm”). Together, molecular function, biological process, and cellular component are the three ontologies of GO that describe a gene product's function, the processes that function is involved in, and the location where the function is performed.

GO Term Finder takes a list of genes and identifies what GO terms are significant for the list. It is a powerful way to interpret the results of omics experiments or any situation where determining common functions and roles are important. For example, GO Term Finder can take a list of upregulated genes from a microarray experiment and determine what biological processes are significant for the set of genes, providing an idea of what processes are being upregulated in the cell.

In this exercise, we will attempt to uncover what processes are important for hygromycin B tolerance in *C. albicans*. To do so, we will use the CGD GO Term Finder to find shared biological processes for a set of genes whose mutation lowers resistance to hygromycin B.

- From the CGD home page (www.candidagenome.org), go to the Locus Summary page for the hygromycin B-sensitivity gene PMT6. Enter **PMT6** into the **search our site** box and click **GO**. On the next page, under **Candida albicans Search Results**, click on hyperlinked **1 Gene names (gene name/alias/ORF name)**.

CGD Quick Search Result

[Go to Advanced Search Page](#)

Below are the search results for your query, **pmt6**. If you would like to broaden your search, you may use one or more wildcard characters (*) to indicate the location(s) where any text will be tolerated in your search term.

General Search Results for : pmt6

- 0 Gene Ontology terms (GO terms, synonyms)
- 0 Colleagues (by last name)
- 0 Authors (by last name, first initial)
- 0 PubMed ID
- 0 Gene Ontology ID
- 0 External ID

Candida albicans Search Results for : pmt6

- **1 Gene names (gene name/alias/ORF name)** ←
- 0 Biochemical pathways
- 2 General Descriptions
- 0 Phenotypes [Expanded Phenotype Search]
- 2 Ortholog or Best Hit

Candida glabrata Search Results for : pmt6

- 0 Gene names (gene name/alias/ORF name)

- From the PMT6 Locus Summary page, find other genes involved in hygromycin B sensitivity: scroll down to the **Mutant Phenotype** section and click on **resistance to Hygromycin B: decreased**

Mutant Phenotype		View all <i>PMT6</i> Phenotype details and references
Classical genetics		
heterozygous null	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • hyphal growth: decreased • hyphal growth: normal • resistance to Hygromycin B: decreased • viable 	
homozygous null	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • adhesion: decreased • biofilm formation: decreased • hyphal growth: absent • hyphal growth: decreased • hyphal growth: normal • chitinase distribution: normal • Als1p modification: normal • resistance to Hygromycin B: decreased • resistance to Calcofluor White: normal • resistance to Congo red: normal 	

- On the **Phenotype Search Results** page, click on **Jump to: Analyze Gene List** above the table on the right (or simply scroll down to the bottom of the page). Click on **GO Term Finder** link.

Results: 1 - 30 of 42 records			
			Jump to: top Results Table
Analyze gene list: further analyze the gene list displayed above or download information for this list			
Further Analysis:	GO Term Finder Find common features of genes in list	GO Slim Mapper Sort genes into broad categories	View GO Annotation Summary View all GO terms used to describe genes in list
Download:	Download All Search Results Download data for the entire gene list in a tab-delimited file	Batch Download Download selected information for entire gene list. Available information types include Sequence, Coordinates, Chromosomal Feature information, GO annotations, Phenotypes, and Ortholog or Best Hit.	

- With your own list of genes, you can access GO Term Finder from any CGD page by opening **GO** menu in the banner on top and clicking on **GO Term Finder**. Or you use this URL: <http://www.candidagenome.org/cgi-bin/GO/goTermFinder>
- The **CGD Gene Ontology Term Finder** has five steps (two optional) to specify your query. In Step 1, make sure that **Candida albicans** is selected as your species.
- In Step 2, your input genes should be already entered. Alternatively, copy and paste your own list of genes into the text box (note: the more genes is processed, the longer it takes).
- In step 3, choose **Process** ontology. Click the **Search** button to use the default settings.

Step 1: Choose Species	
Please select a species for genes in Query and Background sets : Candida albicans	
Step 2: Query Set (Your Input)	
Enter Gene/ORF names: (separated by a return or a space) C3_07710W_A C1_02260C_A C3_01530C_A C1_10380C_A C4_06100W_A C1_08010W_A C6_00420W_A C4_01920W_A C1_03190C_A C1_02150W_A C2_04240C_A C2_04760W_A C3_05610W_A C3_06020W_A C1_03730C_A C1_00620W_A C3_06090C_A C7_00320C_A C7_02890C_A C3_06890W_A	OR Upload a file of Gene/ORF names: <input type="button" value="Choose File"/> no file selected
Step 3: Choose Ontology (Choose from only one of the 3 ontologies at a time)	
<input checked="" type="radio"/> Process <input type="radio"/> Function <input type="radio"/> Component	
Search using default settings or use Step 4 and/or Step 5 below to customize your options.	
<input type="button" value="Search"/> <input type="button" value="Clear All"/>	

- You can further customize your query in the next steps down the page:
 - Optional Step 4 allows submitting a custom background set; use default set, all *C. albicans* genes in CGD
 - Step 4 also allows restricting the search to specific feature types; use default settings
 - Optional Step 5 allows selection of annotation methods, sources and evidence; leave all options checked

Optional Step 4: Specify your background set of genes using the options below.

Use default background set (all features in the database) **OR** Enter Gene/ORF names: (separated by a return or a space) **OR** Upload a file of Gene/ORF names: Choose File no file selected

Customize the gene list in the default or your specific background set (OPTIONAL)

Feature type
Default includes all feature types listed here

ORF allele ncRNA not in systematic sequence pseudogene rRNA snRNA snoRNA tRNA

Search Clear All

Optional Step 5: Refine the Annotations used for calculation
You can use this option with Step 4. All Annotation Types are included by default.

Select by Annotation Method

Manually curated: yes no
High-throughput: yes no
Computational: yes no

Select by Annotation Source CGD

Select by Evidence Codes: IC IDA IEA IEP IGC IGI IMP IPI ISA ISM ISO ISS NAS ND RCA TAS

Search Clear All

- The input is checked and any genes that are not recognized as valid for the selected *Candida* species are rejected; click on **Proceed**.
- The results page displays the significant shared GO terms (or their parents) in both graphic and table form, within the set of genes associated with hygromycin B sensitivity entered on the previous page:
 - The graph shows the GO tree that includes terms used directly or indirectly in annotations for the genes in your list. The terms are color-coded to indicate their statistical significance (p-value score). Genes associated with the GO terms are shown in gray boxes, with links to their respective Locus Summary pages
 - The table below the graph lists each significant GO term, the number of times the GO term is used to annotate genes in the list, and the number of times that the term is used to annotate genes in the background set (all genes in *C. albicans* genome)
 - Additional columns list the p-value, the false discovery rate (FDR), and a list of all the genes annotated, either directly or indirectly, to the term. FDR is an estimate of the percent chance that a particular GO term might actually be a false positive. It

represents the fraction of the nodes with p-values as good or better than the node with this FDR that would be expected to be false positives.

- Explore the table. Based on the results, what biological processes are important for resisting the antibiotic action of hygromycin B in *C. albicans* cells?