

D12.-14. Expression of target genes in acanthocephalans by RT-qPCR reactions and transcriptome and gene expression profiling in fish intestine with respect to different metal exposure conditions

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THIRD PROJECT MEETING

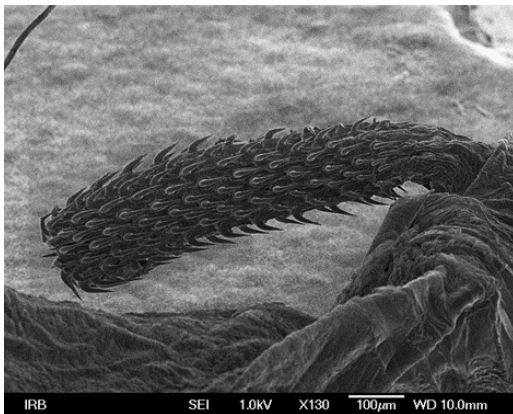
Integrated evaluation of aquatic organism responses to metal exposure: gene expression, bioavailability, toxicity and biomarker responses (BIOTOXMET)

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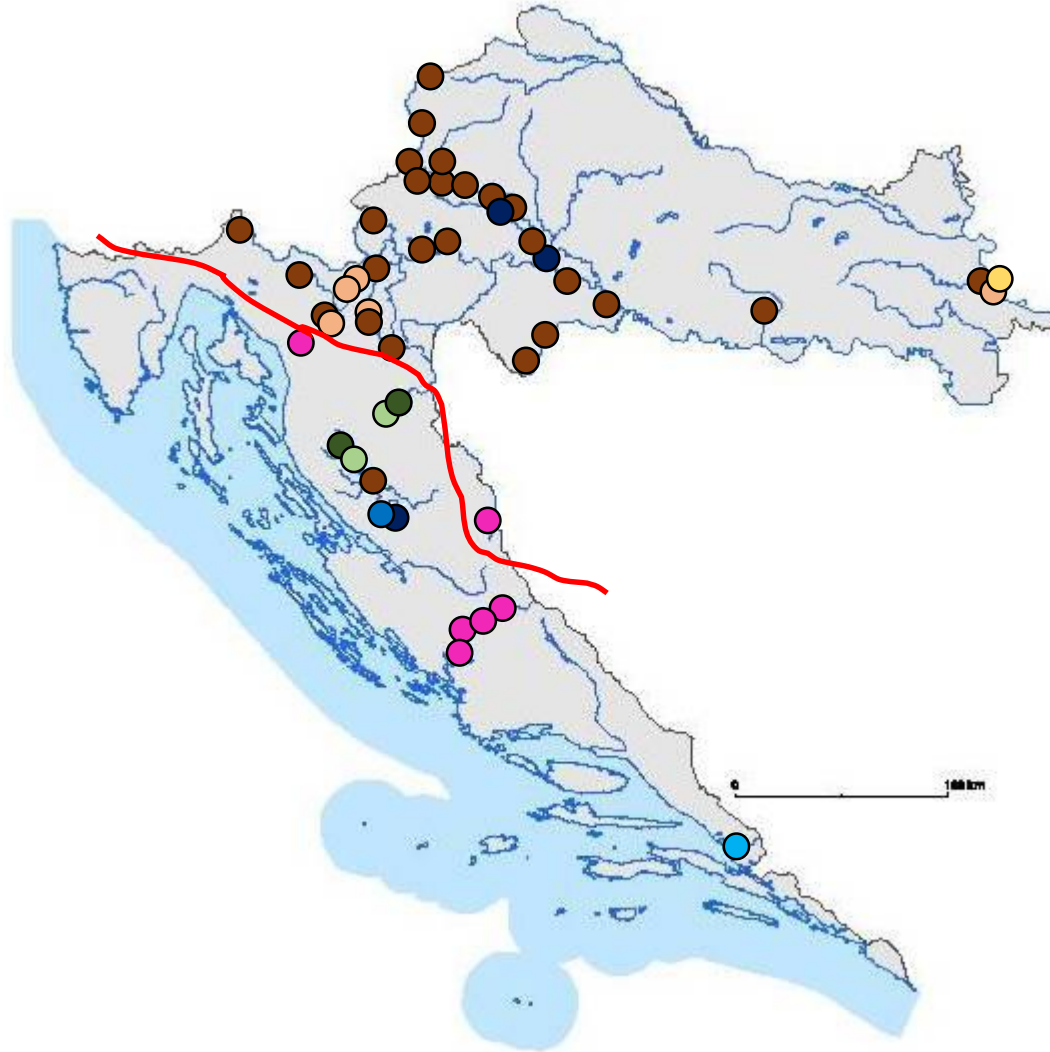
History of fish Acanthocephala research in Croatia

- Long history of Acanthocephala research
- Since 1930s (Babić, 1935)
- Genera: *Pomphorhynchus*, *Echinorhynchus*, *Acanthocephalus*, *Neoechinorhynchus*, *Dentitruncus*
- during the 80s and 90s no research
- 2021. for the first time *Acanthocephalus rhinensis*



Sampling site	Species	Fish host	Reference
Different former Yugoslavia areas	<i>Metechinorhynchus truttae</i>	<i>Trachyrincus scabrus</i>	Babić, 1935
		<i>Lota lota</i>	
		<i>Esox lucius</i>	
	<i>Acanthocephalus lucii</i>	<i>Lota lota</i>	
		<i>Esox lucius</i>	
	<i>Acanthocephalus anguillae</i>	<i>Barbus barbus</i>	
	<i>Neoechinorhynchus rutili</i>	<i>Onchorhynchus mykiss</i>	
	<i>Pomphorhynchus laevis</i>	<i>Trachyrincus scabrus</i>	
<i>Lota lota</i>			
<i>Silurus glanis</i>			
<i>Barbus barbus</i>			
<i>Abramis brama</i>			
	<i>Acipenser ruthenus</i>		
Prošćansko lake, NP "Plitvička lakes", Croatia	<i>Metechinorhynchus truttae</i>	<i>Salmo trutta</i>	Šinžar, 1955
Lake Kozjak, NP "Plitvička lakes", Croatia	<i>Acanthocephalus lucii</i>	<i>Salmo trutta</i>	
Bohinjsko lake and tributary Savica, Slovenia	<i>Neoechinorhynchus rutili</i>	<i>Salmo trutta</i>	Šinžar, 1956
		<i>Onchorhynchus laevis</i>	
Una River, Bosnia and Herzegovina	<i>Dentitruncus truttae</i>	<i>Salmo trutta</i>	Brglez, 1962
Savinja River, Slovenia	<i>Pomphorhynchus laevis</i>	<i>Salmo trutta</i>	
		<i>Thymallus thymallus</i>	
	<i>Metechinorhynchus truttae</i>	<i>Salmo trutta</i>	
	<i>Neoechinorhynchus rutili</i>	<i>Salmo trutta</i>	

Map of Acanthocephala species in Croatia



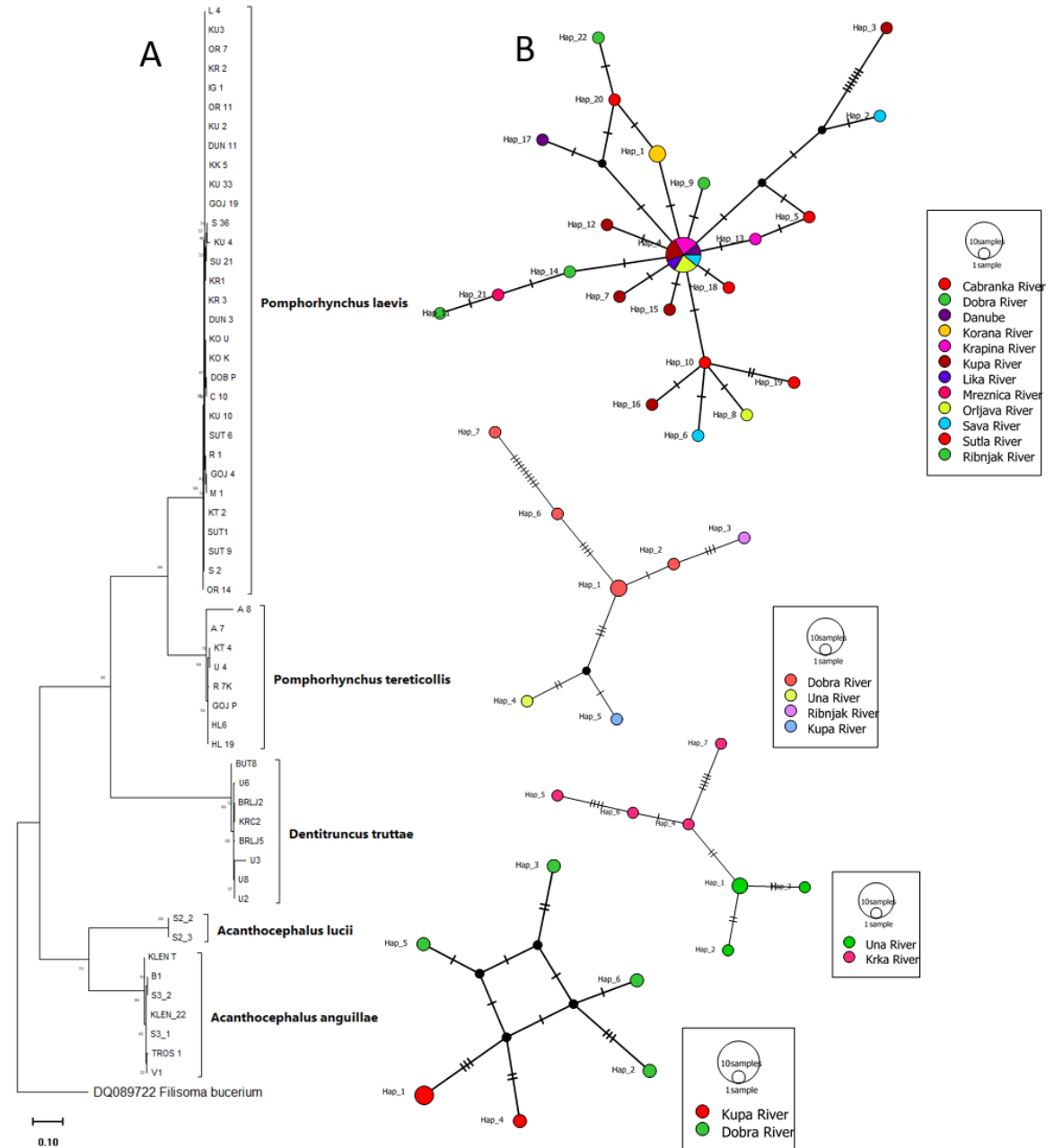
- *Pomphorhynchus laevis*
- *P. tereticollis*
- *P. bosniacus*
- *Echinorhynchus sp.*
- *Neoechinorhynchus rutili*
- *Dentitruncus truttae*
- *Acanthocephalus lucii*
- *A. anguillae*
- *A. rhinensis*

Haplotype network of Acanthocephala in Croatia

Nucleotide diversity of ITS and COI region in analysed acanthocephalan species. Number of haplotypes (H), number of polymorphic sites (S), nucleotide diversity (% π) and haplotype diversity (Hd) are given.

Species	ITS					COI				
	N	H	S	% π	% Hd	N	H	S	% π	% Hd
<i>P. laevis</i>	23	6	9	0.230	63.2	31	22	28	0.446	92.0
<i>P. tereticollis</i>	10	3	2	0.111	60.0	8	7	22	1.156	96.4
<i>D. truttiae</i>	5	4	7	0.654	90.0	8	7	14	0.732	96.4
<i>A. anguillae</i>	4	3	3	0.250	83.3	7	6	14	0.892	95.2

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Dentitruncus truttae Sinzar, 1955



Dentitruncus truttae, SEM

Distribution



WoRMS - World Register of Marine Species - *Dentitruncus truttae* Sinzar, 1955

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Biology

Intermediate
hosts

Gammarus balcanicus

G. italicus

Echinogammarus roco

E. tibaldi

Hosts

brown trout (*Salmo trutta*)

rainbow trout (*Oncorhynchus mykiss*)

adriatic trout (*Salmo obtusirostris*)

grayling (*Thymallus thymallus*)

powan (*Coregonus clupeoides*)

European eel (*Anguilla anguilla*)

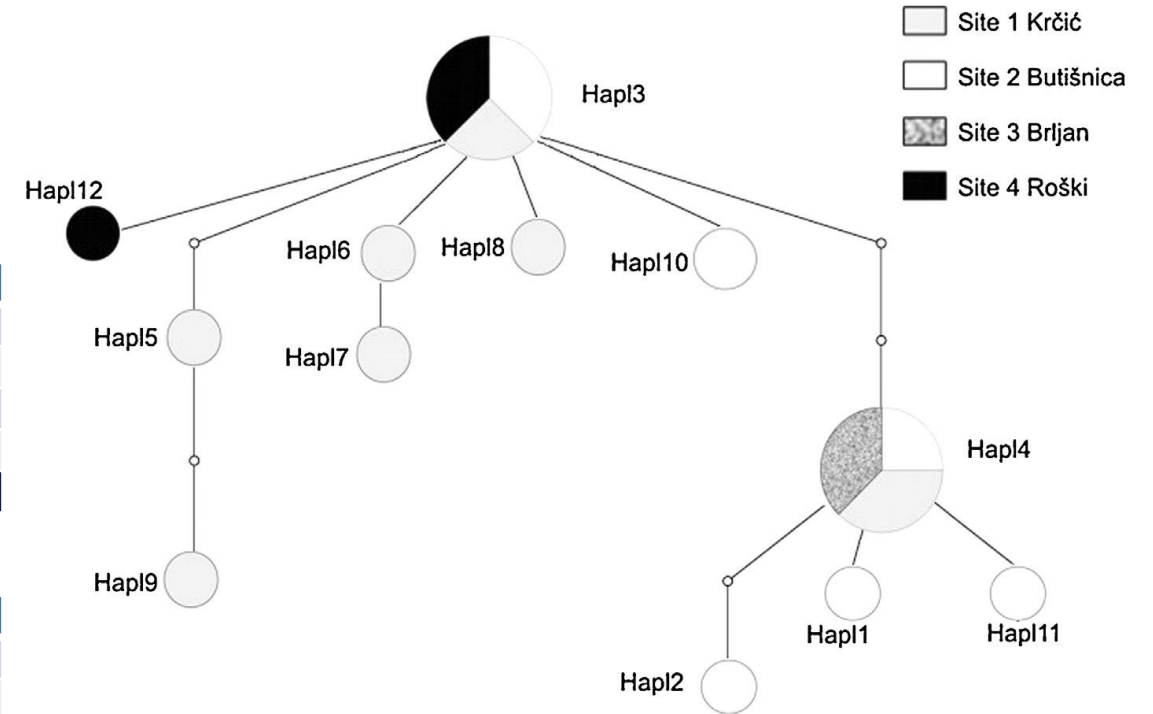
Genus Dentitruncus

D. truttiae – partial 18S rRNA region: no intra- or interpopulation differences

D. truttiae – partial COI gene

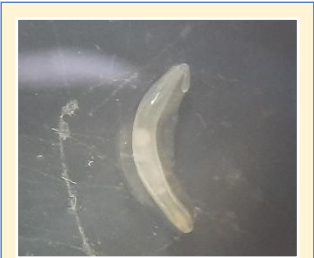
Locality	N	H	S	% π	% Hd
Krcic	10	7	9	0.490	91.1
Butisnica	10	6	8	0.429	88.9
Brljan	3	1	0	0	0
Roski	4	2	1	0.076	50.0
Total	27	12	15	0.416	83.8

Region	H	S	%GC	% π	% Hd
ITS1	3	2	46.5	0.166	37.8
ITS2	10	14	49.5	2.095	100



Vardić Smrzlić et al, 2013

EXPOSURE EXPERIMENTS



live individuals
from the Krka River



RPMI medium + antibiotics
at 16 ± 1 °C, 3-5 days



Group
1

Control
group

Group
2

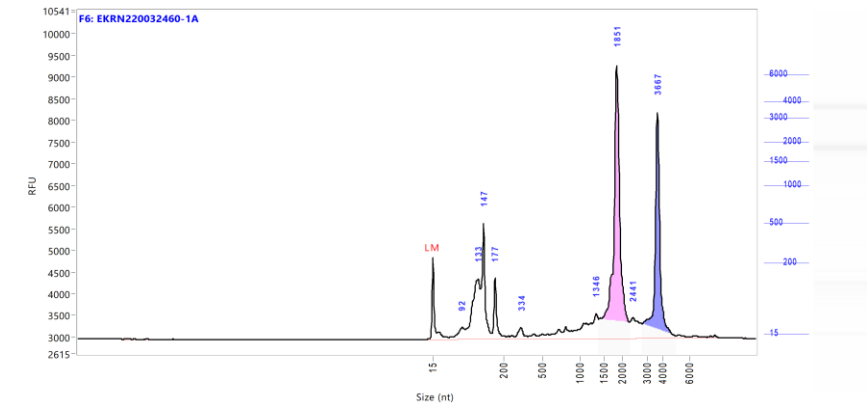
Treatment
2mg/ml Cd²⁺

Group
3

Treatment
10mg/ml Cd²⁺

Isolation of RNA of appropriate concentration and quality isolated from acanthocephalans

No.	Sample Name	Nucleic Acid ID	Concentration (ng/ul)	Volume(ul)	Total amount(ug)	RIN	Sample QC Results
1	C7A_cont	EKRN2200324 60-1A	62.74	31	1.94496	8.3	Pass
2	C7B_cont	EKRN2200324 61-1A	47.59	23	1.09466	8.1	Pass
3	KONN4	FKRN2102260 91-1A	17	81.00	1.37700	6.70	Pass
4	C7B_2Cd	EKRN2200324 64-1A	66.61	24	1.59860	8	Pass
5	C7A_2Cd	EKRN2200324 62-1A	31.66	31	0.98157	6.9	Pass
6	T157_2mgCd	FKRN2102260 93-1A	217	36.00	7.81200	7.30	Pass
7	C7A_10Cd	EKRN2200324 63-1A	49.52	30	1.48568	6.5	Pass
8	C7B_10Cd	EKRN2200324 65-1A	61.00	27	1.64713	8.7	Pass
9	T155_10mgCd	FKRN2102260 92-1A	232	36.00	8.35200	8.30	Pass



Genus Dentitruncus

D. truttae - transcriptomics

- A total of 342,3 million clean reads were obtained by sequencing eight libraries (Table 1).
- Approximately, 39.8 to 46.1 million clean reads were obtained from each library

Table 1. Summary statistics of the transcriptome assembly for *D. truttae*

Transcriptome feature	Values
Raw reads	347,357,875
Clean reads	342,293,411
Number of transcripts	133990
Number of unigenes	52585
Average length (bp) transcripts	1026
Average length (bp) unigenes	912
N50 transcripts	1407
N50 unigene	1250
GC content	45,2%

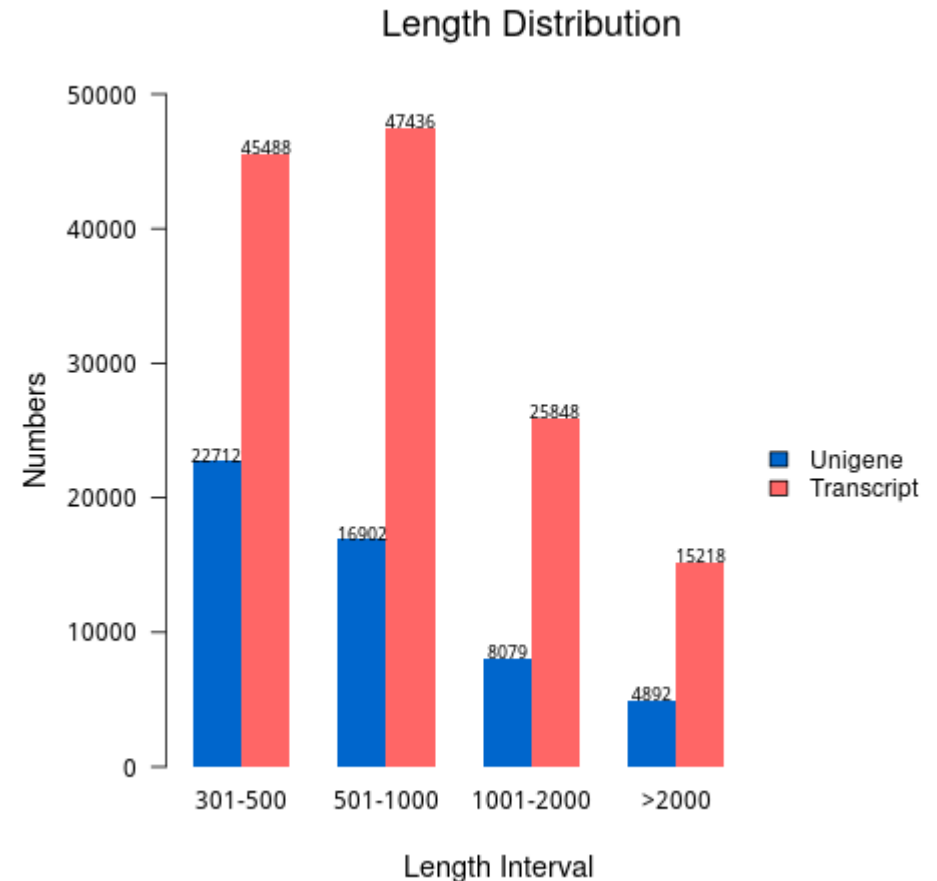
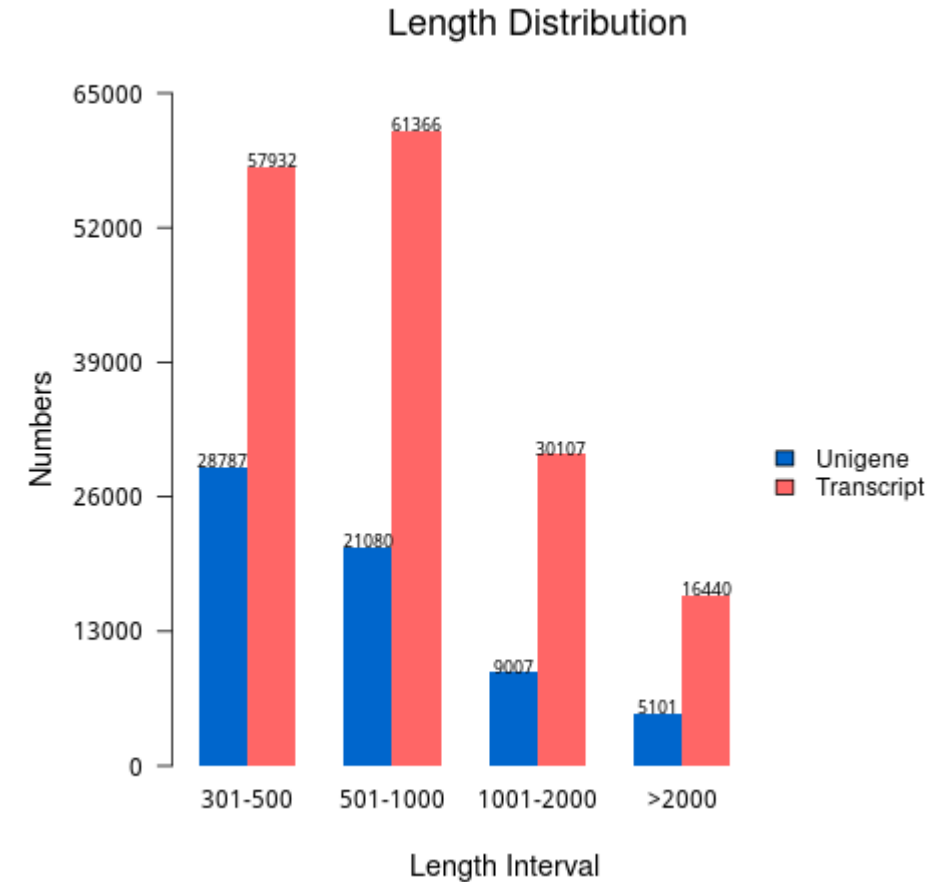


Figure 1. Length distribution of *D. truttae* unigenes 9

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Transcriptome feature	Values
Raw reads	69129998,11
Clean reads	68120231,56
Number of transcripts	165845
Number of unigenes	63975
Average length (bp) transcripts	638
Average length (bp) unigenes	539
N50 transcripts	1276
N50 unigene	1106
GC content	45,6%



Functional annotation

Environment

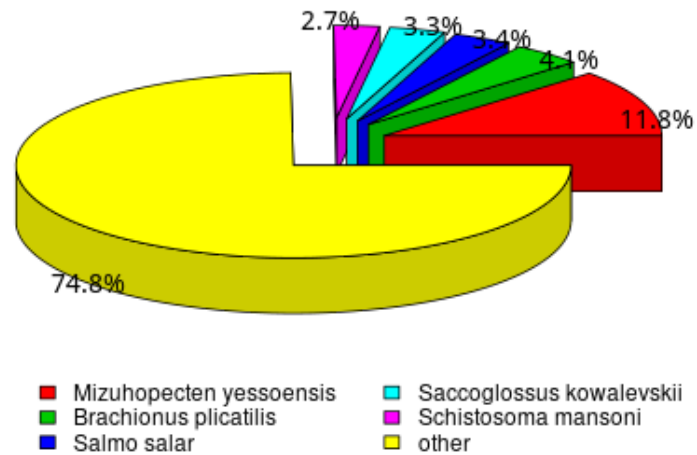
Statistical Items	Number of Unigenes	Percent (%)
Total Unigenes	52585	100
Annotated in SwissProt	6087	11.57
Annotated in PFAM	13796	26.23
Annotated in NT	1701	3.23
Annotated in NR	14947	28.42
Annotated in KOG	3834	7.29
Annotated in KO	4432	8.42
Annotated in GO	13790	26.22
Annotated in at least one Database	21806	41.46
Annotated in all Databases	621	1.18

Exposure

Statistical Items	Number of Unigenes	Percent (%)
Total Unigenes	63975	100
Annotated in SwissProt	7442	11.63
Annotated in PFAM	16422	25.66
Annotated in NT	1534	2.40
Annotated in NR	17702	27.67
Annotated in KOG	4691	7.33
Annotated in KO	5256	8.21
Annotated in GO	16422	25.66
Annotated in at least one Database	25785	40.3
Annotated in all Databases	806	1.26

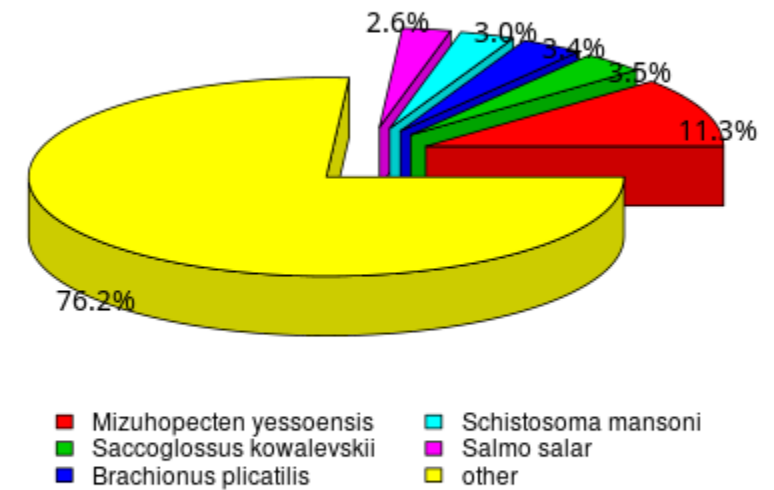
Environmental

Species classification



Exposure

Species classification

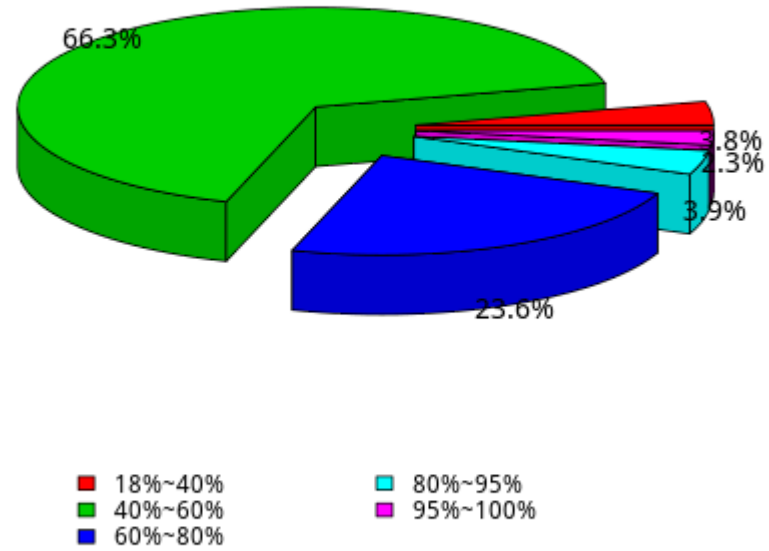


Only 3.4% or 2.6% of the unigenes matched with sequences in the transcriptome database of *Salmo salar*. Similarly, Mauer et al. (2020) showed 4% of contigs from *Pomphorhynchus laevis* matched with sequences in the genome and transcriptome database of its fish host (*Cyprinus carpio*).

Contamination with host DNA should not play an important role in the *D. truttae* transcriptome.

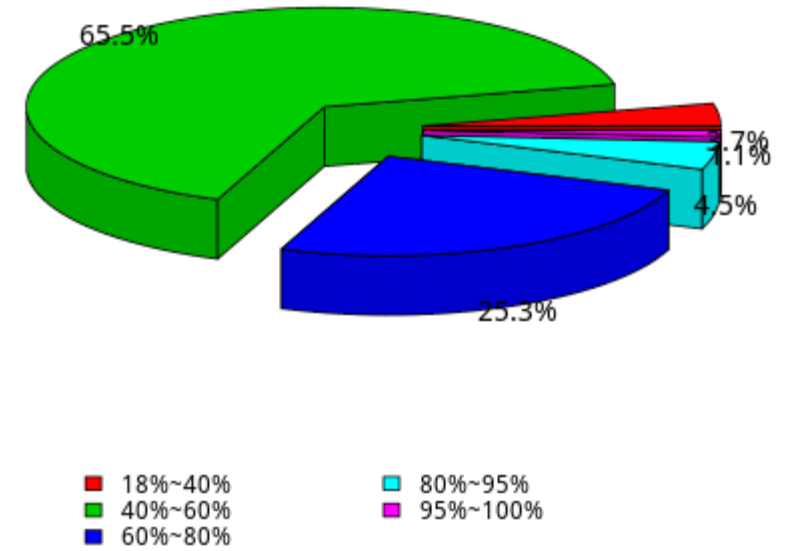
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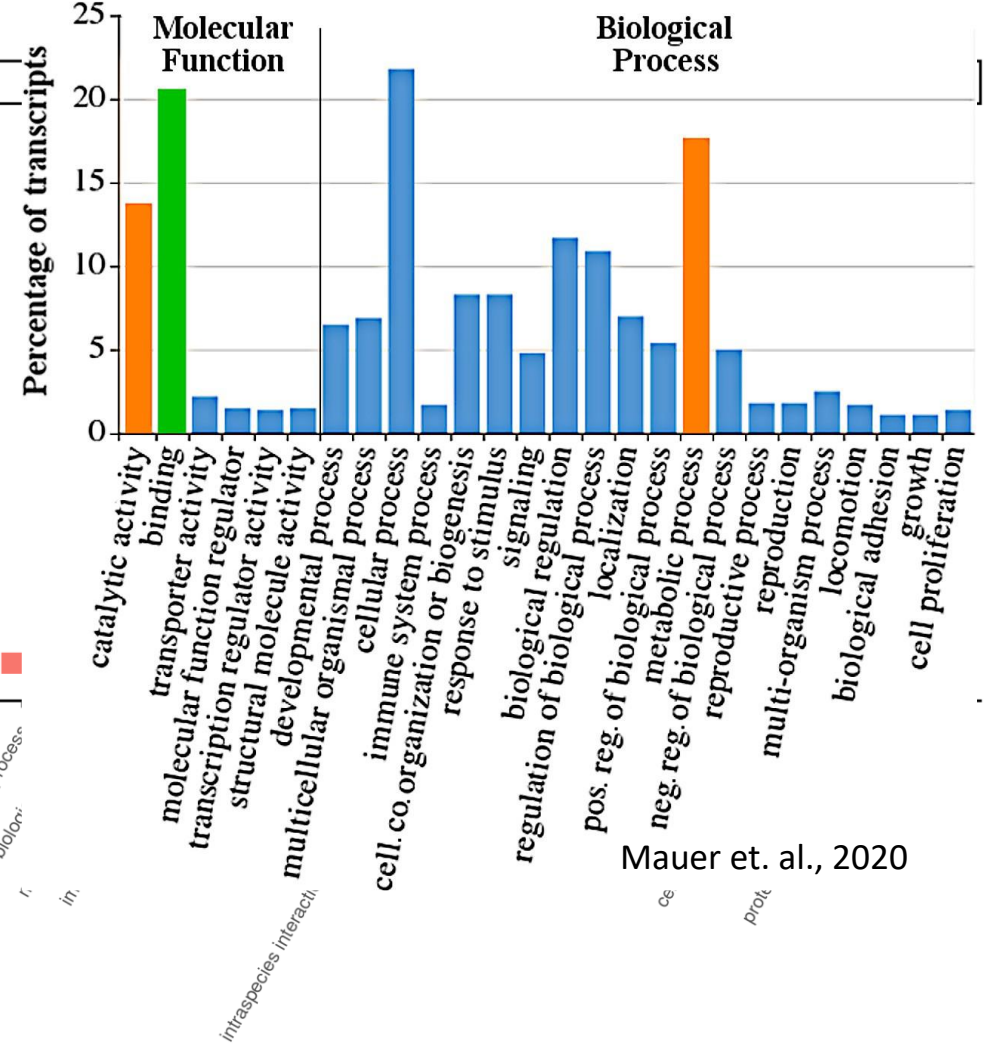
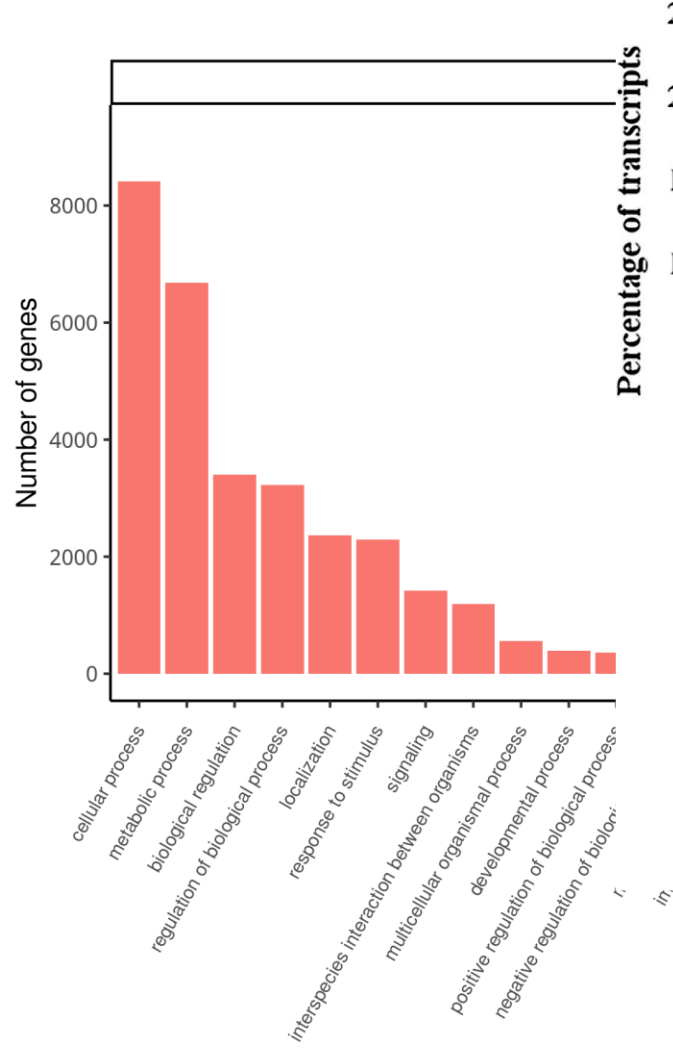
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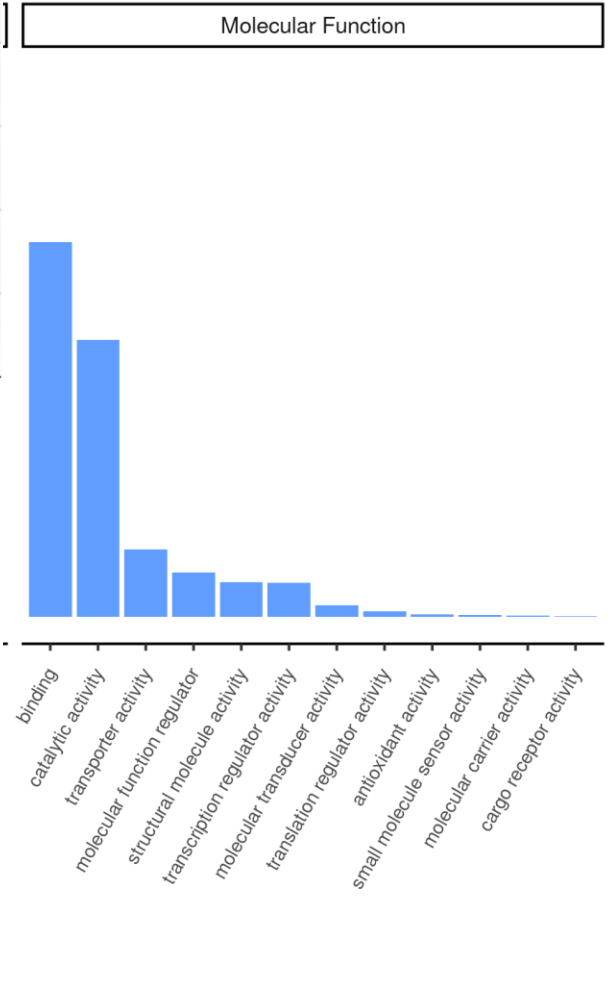
Exposure

Similarity Distribution





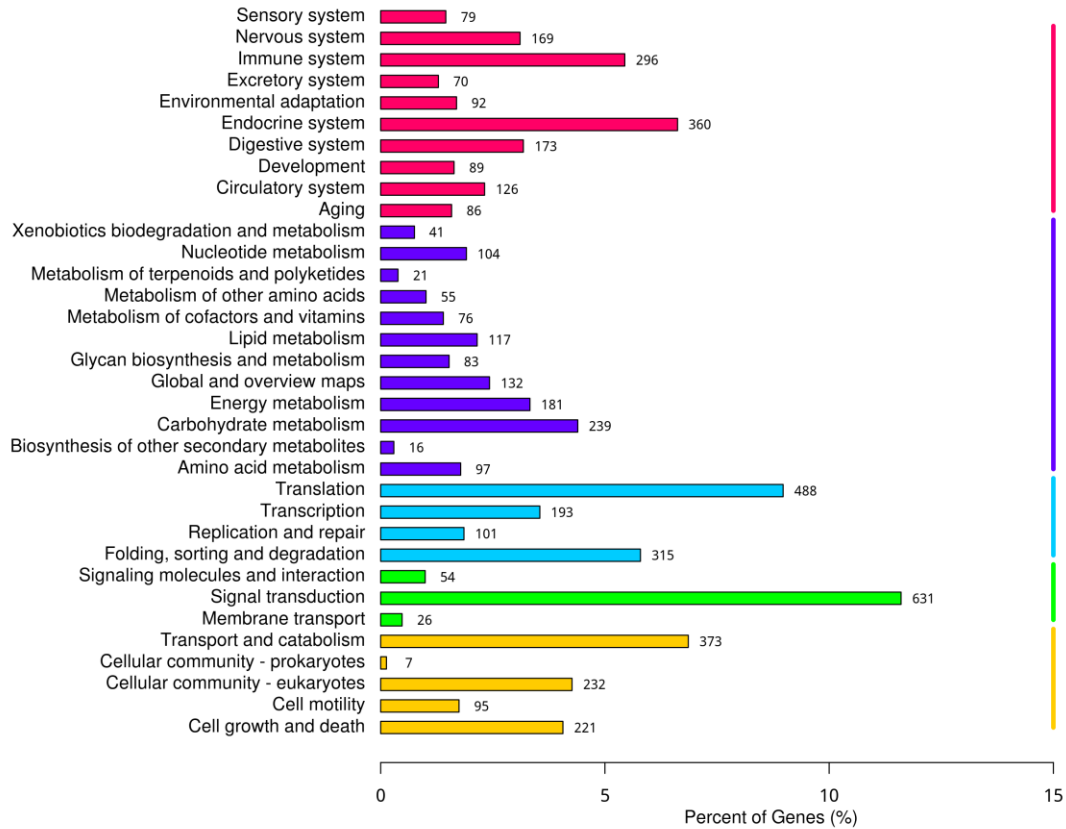
Mauer et. al., 2020



GO Term

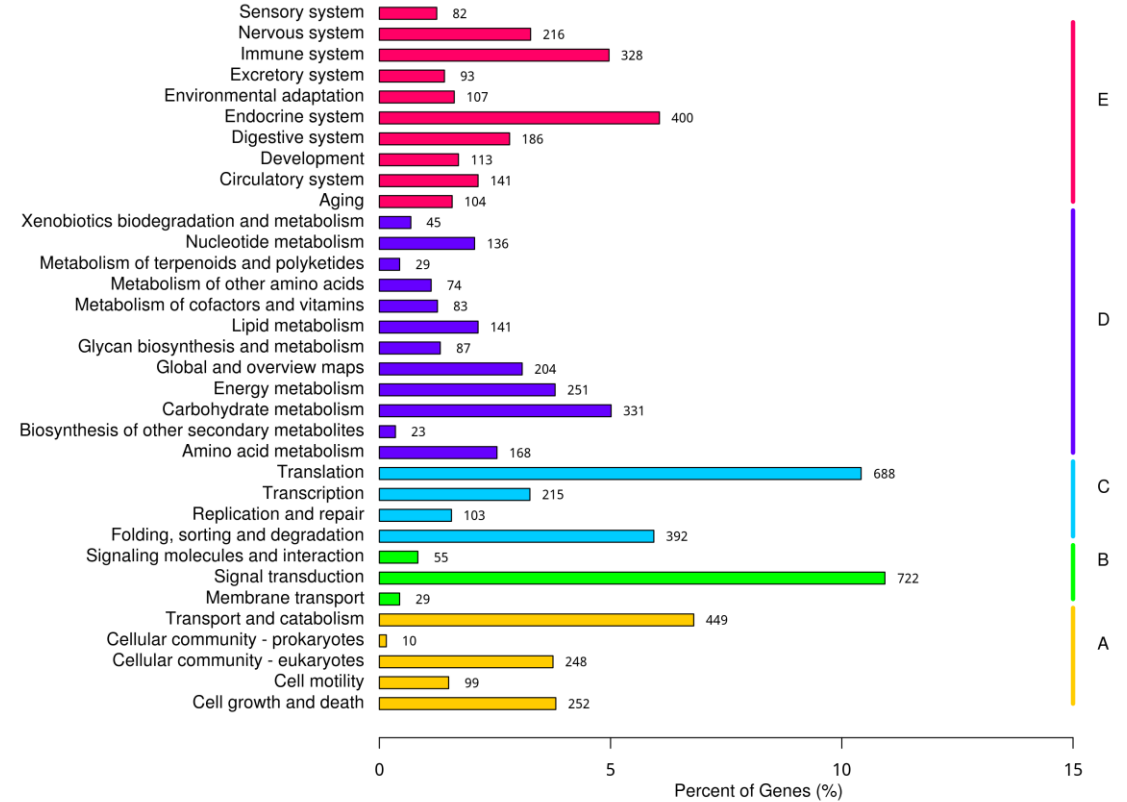
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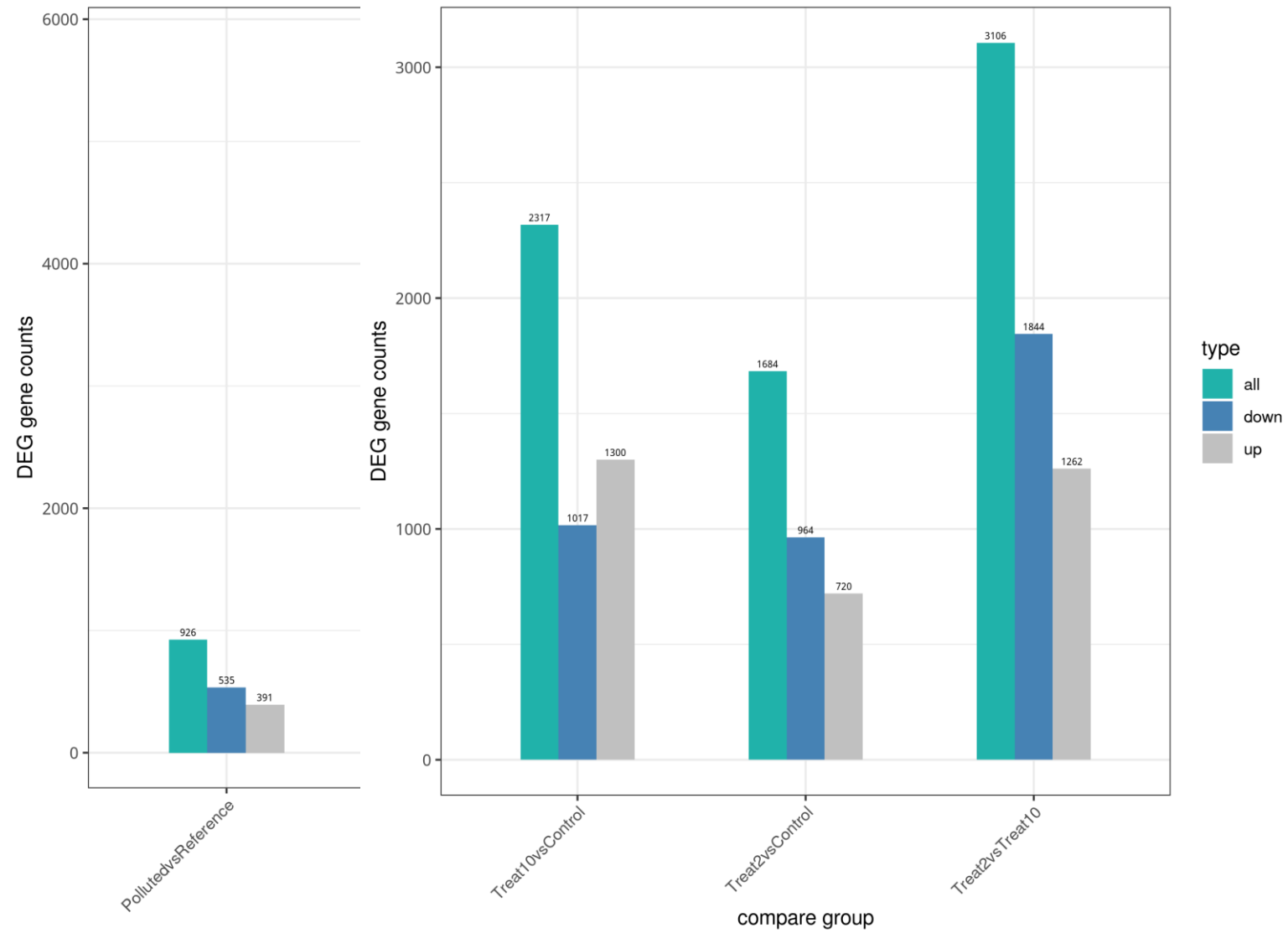
KEGG Classification



Exposure

KEGG Classification





Environmental

Log2Fold Change	KOG description
77.508	Cytochrome oxidase subunit III and related proteins
68.795	-
66.901	Cytochrome c oxidase subunit II and related proteins
62.484	Cytochrome c oxidase subunit I
60.446	Cytochrome b
56.967	ATP Synthase F0 subunit 6 and related proteins
50.379	NADH dehydrogenase, subunit 4
48.626	NADH dehydrogenase subunits 2,5, and related proteins

Exposure, 2 mg Cd²⁺

Log2Fold Change	KOG description
97.944	-
59.306	-
55.397	-
55.019	-
54.699	Ctr copper transport family
54.507	Gammaherpesvirus membrane protein
54.399	-
53.412	-

Exposure 10 mg²⁺

Log2Fold Change	KOG description
99.332	Barrier to autointegration factor
97.071	-
94.507	-
89.716	-
89.406	-
84.199	-
79.333	Phosphatase activity
71.026	Pneumovirus glycoprotein

Lower level of exposure exposure

PF17068//PF1211 Required for respiratory growth protein 8 mitochondrial//Protein of unknown function (DUF3586)
PF03776 Septum formation topological specificity factor MinE
PF12678//PF0007 RING-H2 zinc finger domain//Zinc finger, C3HC4 type (RING finger)
PF15320 mRNA cap methylation, RNMT-activating mini protein

PF09271 LAG1, DNA binding
PF01478 Type IV leader peptidase family
PF01222 Ergosterol biosynthesis ERG4/ERG24 family
PF09478//PF0050 Carbohydrate binding domain CBM49//Ion transport protein//Malonate transporter MadL
/
subunit//ARID/BRIGHT DNA binding domain
PF03219 TLC ATP/ADP transporter

Higher level of exposure

PF06888	Putative Phosphatase
PF00802	Pneumovirus attachment glycoprotein G
PF00648	Calpain family cysteine protease
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PF12678//PF04147//PF13841	RING-H2 zinc finger domain//Nop14-like family//Beta defensin
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PF07714//PF00069	Protein tyrosine and serine/threonine kinase//Protein kinase domain
PF04145//PF08918	Ctr copper transporter family//PhoQ Sensor
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PF03727//PF00349	Hexokinase//Hexokinase
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Quantitative RT-PCR, RNA extraction

Locality	Sample	RNA concentration(ng/μL)	OD 260/280	OD 260/230
KRS	AC 2 P2	274,97	2,20	2,40
KRS	AC 3 P2	220,95	2,21	2,44
KRK	AC 3 P1	125,71	2,11	2,24
KRK	AC 4 P1	303,05	2,16	2,39
KRK	AC 1 P1	123,63	2,11	2,14
KRK	AC 5 P1	176,17	2,14	2,24
KRS	AC 6 P2	138,34	2,11	2,25
KRK	AC 7 P1	183,48	2,10	2,15
KRK	AC 8 P1	121,68	2,14	2,1
KRS	AC 1 P2	95,99	2,11	2,25
KRS	AC 4 P2	190,42	2,09	2,04
KRS	AC 5 P2	111,44	2,08	2,02
KRS	AC 7 P2	185,31	2,12	2,34
KRS	AC 8 P2	129,12	2,11	2,32

Quantitative RT-PCR, primer synthesis

Primer 3 software (NCBI)

National Library of Medicine
National Center for Biotechnology Information

Primer-BLAST

A tool for finding specific primers

Finding primers specific to your PCR template (using Primer3 and BLAST).

Primers for target on one template
Primers common for a group of sequences

Retrieve recent results
Publication
Tips for finding specific primers

PCR Template
Enter accession, gi, or FASTA sequence (A refseq record is preferred) ?
Clear

Or, upload FASTA file
Choose File
No file chosen

Primer Parameters
Use my own forward primer (5'->3' on plus strand) ?
Clear

Use my own reverse primer (5'->3' on minus strand) ?
Clear

PCR product size
Min
Max

of primers to return

Primer melting temperatures (T_m)
Min
Opt
Max
Max T_m difference ?

Exon/intron selection
A refseq mRNA sequence as PCR template input is required for options in the section ?

Exon junction span
No preference
?

Exon junction match
Min 5' match
Min 3' match
Max 3' match

Minimal and maximal number of bases that must anneal to exons at the 5' or 3' side of the junction ?

Intron inclusion
 Primer pair must be separated by at least one intron on the corresponding genomic DNA ?

Intron length range
Min
Max ?

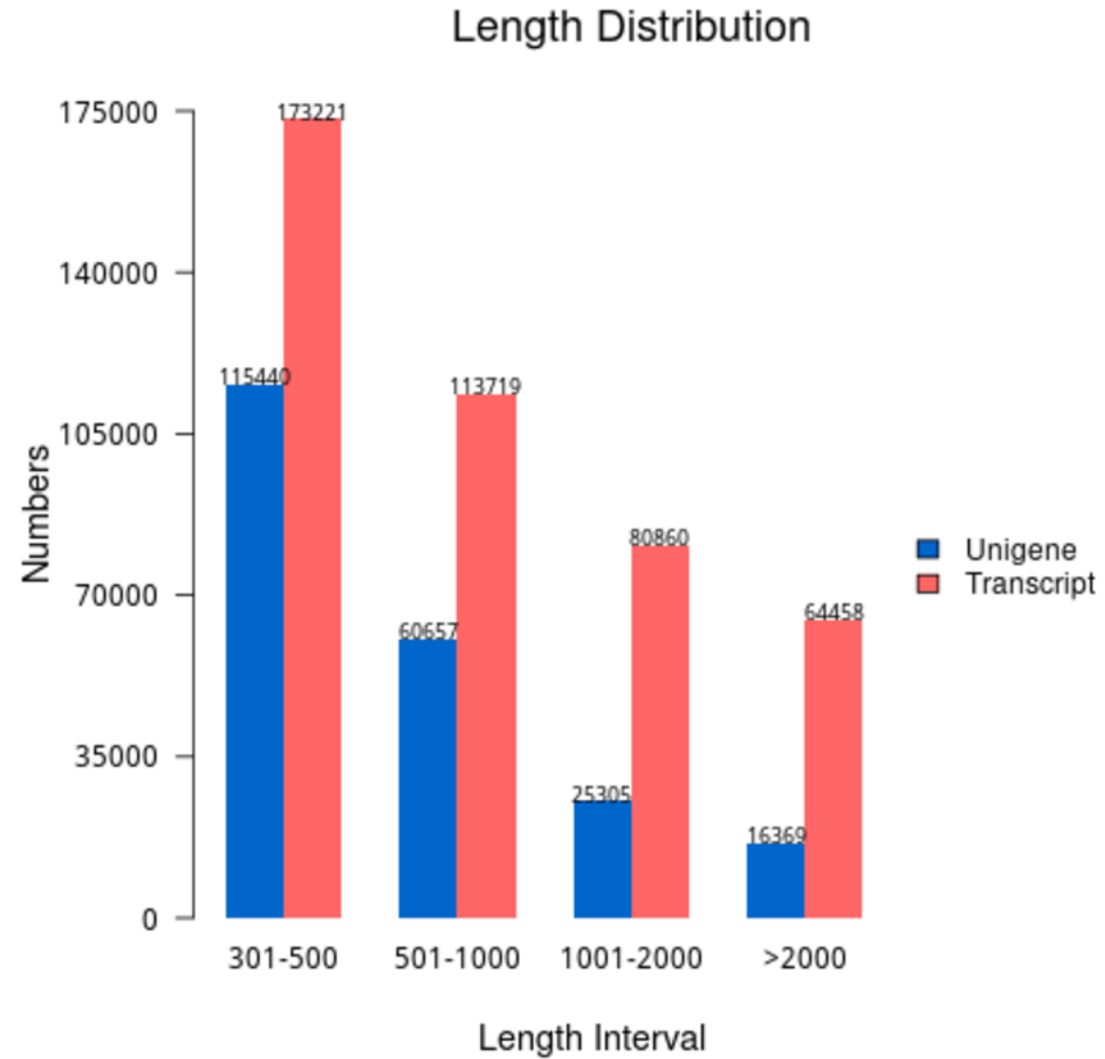
Reference Genes

Type	Sequence name	Sequence
DNA	MD_f1	GAGGGCACTGGGTGCCAT
DNA	MD_r1	GCTCCTCTGCTGCAAGTCCA
DNA	MD_f7	ACTGTTCAACAAGTGGTGC
DNA	MD_r7	GGGGTCCAAGGACCAATCA
DNA	MD_f8	GGGATGATGATGATGTTGAAG
DNA	MD_r8	TGGGGTCCAAGGACCAATC
DNA	MD_f9	CCCTGTCACTGTGCAATGG
DNA	MD_r9	TGAGGCATGATAAGCAAGGT
DNA	MD_f10	TGGAACCCAGAGGGCACTT
DNA	MD_r10	TCTTCACTCTCCATTGGACA
DNA	Actin1_f1	GCAGTGTCAAGTCGCGATG
DNA	Actin1_r1	GACAGGGTAGCTTGAGGT
DNA	Actin1_f2	AGATCATGACCGAGCTGGG
DNA	Actin1_r2	AGCGCTGTTACCACTGT
DNA	Actin1_f3	CCTGTATGCTTGGGGAGGA
DNA	Actin1_r3	TTCAGCTCAGCGTGTAA
DNA	Actin1_f8	GGCGTTATGTTGGCATGGG
DNA	Actin1_r8	AGGATCCACGCTTCTCTG
DNA	Actin1_f10	TAGCAGGGCTGAGGTGAAA
DNA	Actin1_r10	TAGASCTTGGACCCGGA
DNA	Ef4E_f1	CCTGAGGTGCAAGCTCTTT
DNA	Ef4E_r1	AGAGCACGAGCATCAAGCCA
DNA	Ef4E_f4	CTGTTCCCAACCAAGCCAA
DNA	Ef4E_r4	AACGGGTTGAGTGTGCGGTG
DNA	Ef4E_f6	CCGACACTCAACCGTTGG
DNA	Ef4E_r6	ACGCGACAGCGGTTCTAAA
DNA	Ef4E_f7	TCAGACCCGACACTCAACCC
DNA	Ef4E_r7	AACGGGACAGCGGTTCTAA
DNA	Ef4E_f10	CCGCAAGTTCCTCTCTGTG
DNA	Ef4E_r10	TTCGTTGGTTGGCGAACAG
DNA	TUBA_1f	GGCAATGATGCTGCTTCCGG
DNA	TUBA_1r	ACCAGCGGGAAGTGGATAG
DNA	TUBA_2f	TATCAACGGTCTGCGCCAA
DNA	TUBA_2r	CTAGCATGCACAGCTTCGG
DNA	TUBA_6f	TCTACACCCGAGCGGTGG
DNA	TUBA_6r	ACCCTCTCGGGTGTACCACT
DNA	TUBA_8f	CCGGGTACGAACCTAGCTT
DNA	TUBA_8r	TTGGCCACAGCGGATAACT
DNA	TUBA_10f	TGACTTGGTACCACTGGGG
DNA	TUBA_10r	GCACCGGCTTACCAATGT
DNA	L32_f1	AAGCCGAGATCGTCACTC
DNA	L32_r1	CTCCATCTTATGGCGGGCA
DNA	L32_f4	TCAGAGGGTGTGTCGGAGC
DNA	L32_r4	CCGATGTTGGCATCGTCTG
DNA	L32_f5	GGGATTCAGAGGTTGCCGAC
DNA	L32_r5	AGTGGCGATCTGGCCCTC
DNA	L32_f8	ATGACTCACTCCGATATCGG
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Overexpressed Genes

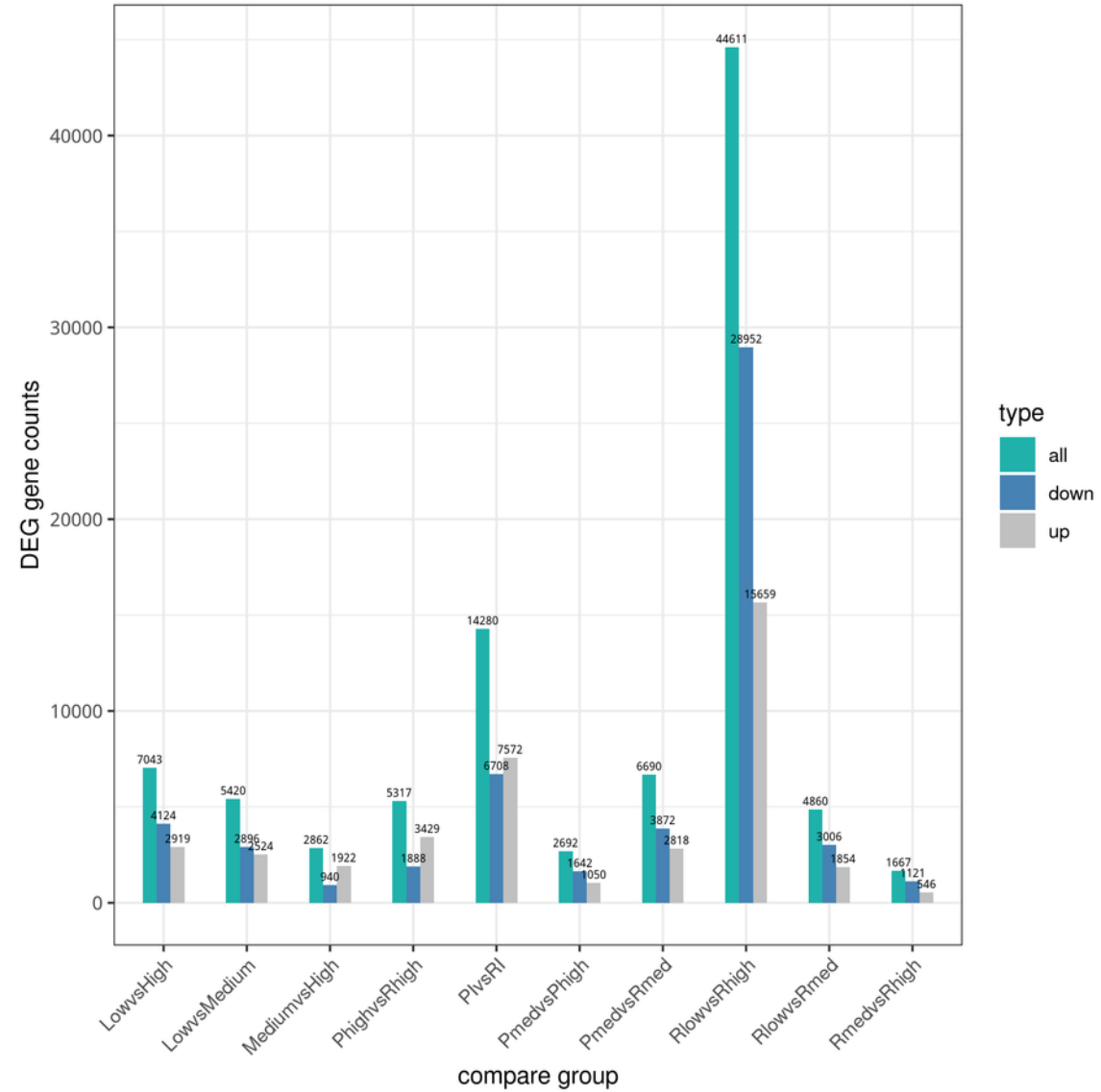
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DNA	cox1_r5	ATCACCTCACGGCAGCTAT
DNA	cox1_f7	GGAGCCCAAACTGAAGTCTGT
DNA	cox1_r7	CATGAGCCATCACGCAACC
DNA	cox1_f10	AGCGGGCGACGCTAAAATTG
DNA	cox1_r10	ATCCGGCTCTCTATAGCCCA
DNA	cox2_f1	AGTTGGTTTAGGGCGCTGG
DNA	cox2_r1	CGTTTGGTCAACAAGGGGG
DNA	cox2_f3	ACCATTGATGCCACGGCT
DNA	cox2_r3	ACTCCCTCACGACCATTT
DNA	cox2_f4	TCTGCCCTGTTGTGACCAA
DNA	cox2_r4	AGCCGTGGTCAATGATGT
DNA	cox2_f7	AAATCGTGTGGTAGGGAGT
DNA	cox2_r7	CCAAGACAGAGTCTCCCT
DNA	cox1_f1	GGGCCACAGTAAAGGCT
DNA	cox1_r1	AGGGGGTGAGACCAATCT
DNA	cox1_f2	GGGGGTATGGGTTGTCACT
DNA	cox1_r2	AGCGGTATACCACTGCT
DNA	cox1_f7	GCTAGATCTACAGGCTCTCT
DNA	cox1_r7	GGGTAGCACAGGCTGAAT
DNA	cox1_f10	ACAAAAGCATGGGCTCACT
DNA	cox1_r10	GTGTCGGCACTCTCTTAG
DNA	ND4_f1	AAGGCTCAGTAGAGGCCCC
DNA	ND4_r1	TCTAGTCCCGCAACACT
DNA	ND4_3f	GGGGGTACAGGCTATGCTA
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DNA	ND5_3f	AGGGTGTCAAGTAGGGGG
DNA	ND5_r3	GCATGCTCAACTAGTGTCT
DNA	ND5_f5	TTACCCAGAGACTAGGGCAT
DNA	ND5_r5	CCAACAGCCCTCTGTCC
DNA	ND5_f7	GGGGTCAAGATAGGGGGTT
DNA	ND5_r7	AGCATGCTCAACTGAGTCC
DNA	ND5_f9	AAGGGTGTCAAGTAGGGGG
DNA	ND5_r9	AGCATGCTCAACTGAGTCTCT
DNA	165_f2	CCAAGAGTGTAGTGGGGCA
DNA	165_r2	CACTGACCCAGCGGAGTAA
DNA	165_f3	GGTGGAAACCTGTGTTTG
DNA	165_r3	ACCCGGTACGGCTCAAAA
DNA	165_f4	TTGATACAGCCCAACAGC
DNA	165_r4	TCGCCCTCAACTCTTGG
DNA	165_f5	TTTTGTAAACAGGGGGGG
DNA	165_r5	GGAGCAGCATCTGAGTGT
DNA	165_f9	TGGGGCGGATAGAAACCA
DNA	165_r9	GACAGGTTGCACTCGAT

Transcriptome of fish intestine

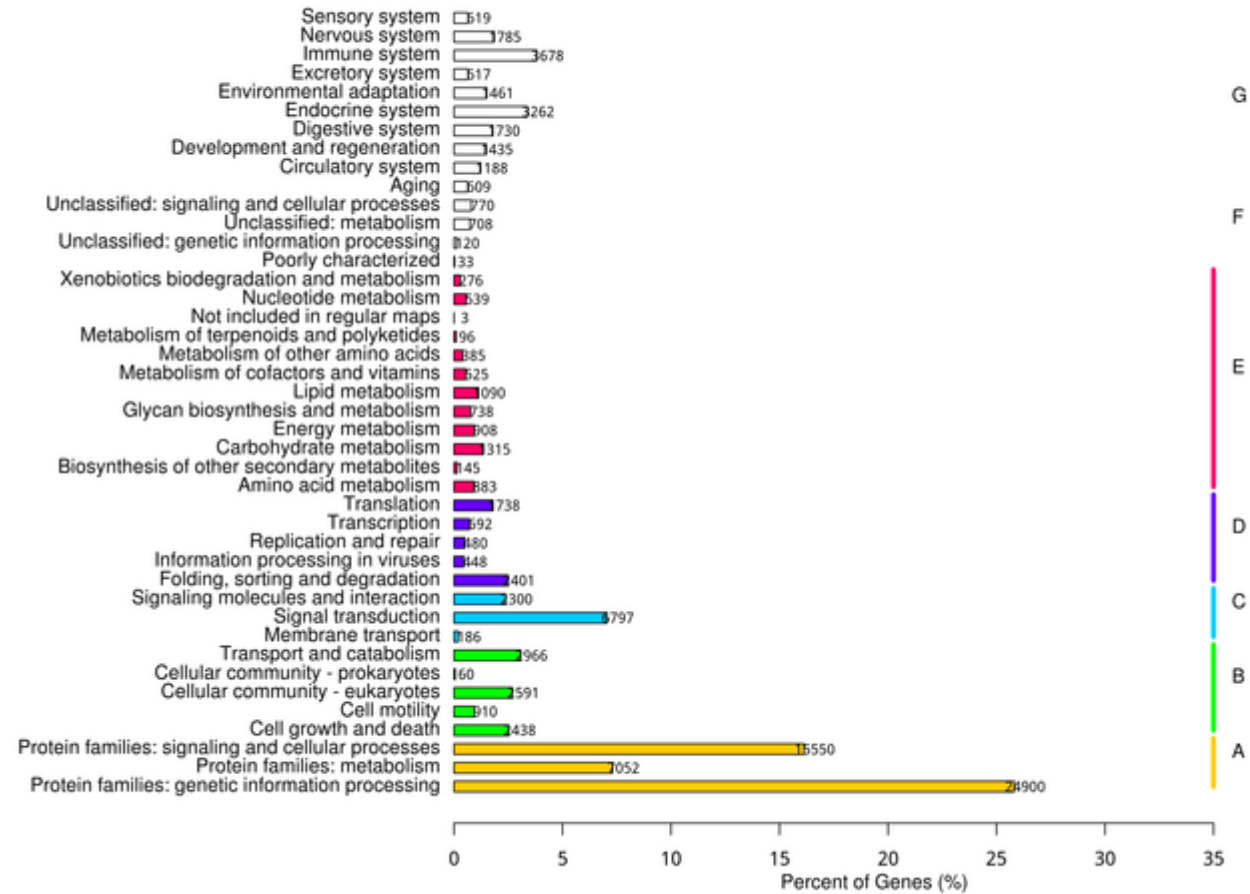


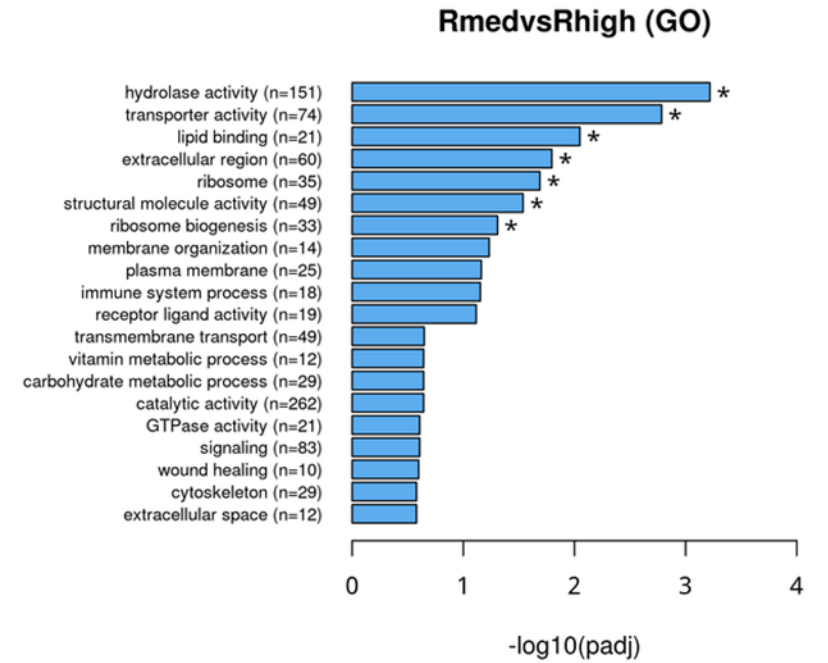
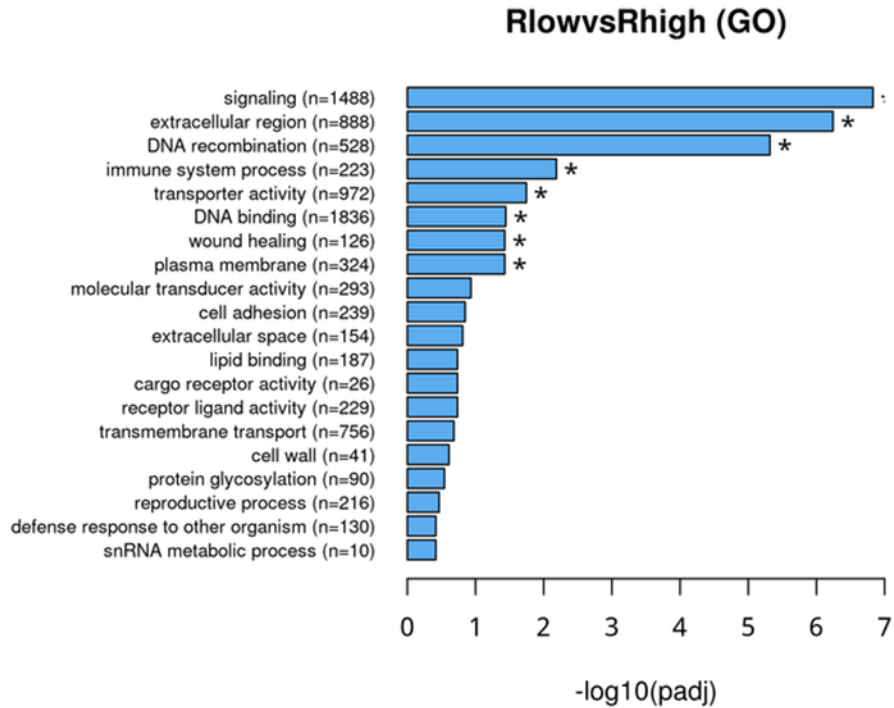
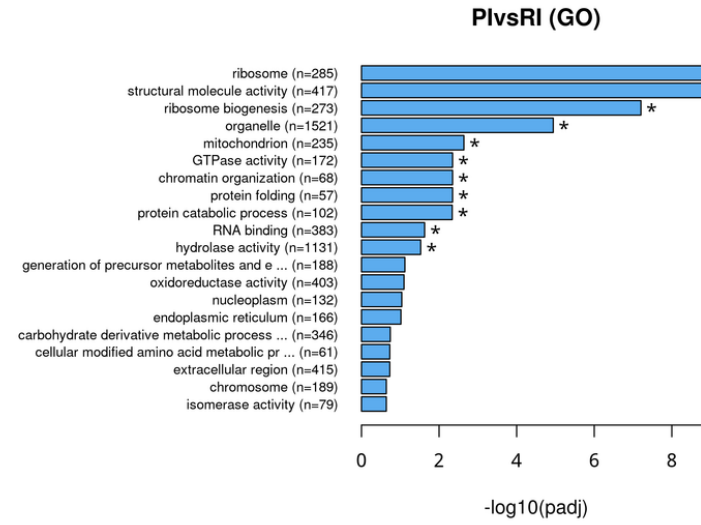
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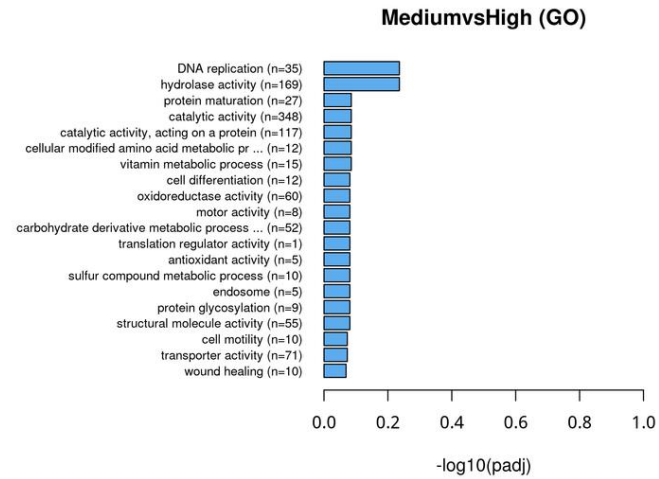
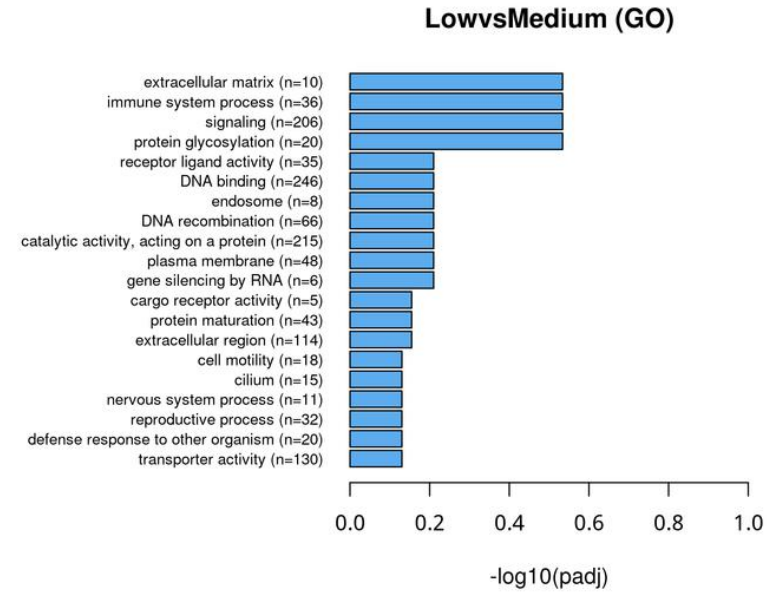
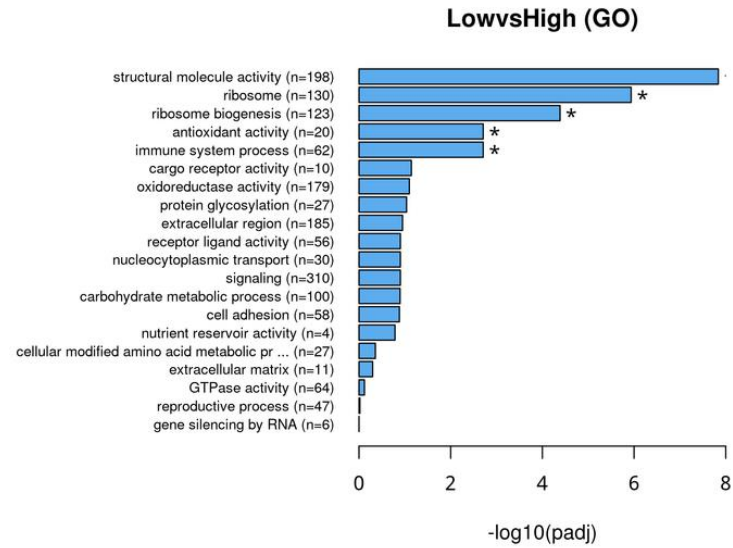
R- reference
 P- polluted
 Low – low number of parasites
 Medium – medium number of parasites
 High- high number of parasites



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