

# A true new gene in ophiocomina nigra: an ophuirid Igkappa gene

## Abstract

An Igkappa gene was discovered in the transcriptome of the Ophuirid: Ophiocomina nigra. So, with the Asterid: Asterias rubens, 2 classes of Echinodermata, possess each an Igkappa gene. It remains enigmatic, when we have a look on the 3 other classes without this gene: The Echinids, Holothurids, and Crinoids.

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## Introduction

Recently, investigations performed in our laboratory, have provided evidence, that the Ophuirid: Ophiocomina nigra (Echinodermata), presented antibody-like reactions with cellular and humoral reactions to peroxylase antigen. These reactions are similar to those observed in the sea star Asterias rubens, another Echinodermata<sup>1</sup> and we know that the Asterias rubens genome contains the sea star Igkappa gene with Ig sites,<sup>2</sup> a Fab gene, a Fc receptor gene. The aim of this work consists to explore immune genes in the genome of virgin Ophiocomina nigra.

## Materials and methods

Ophiocomina nigra was collected to the Biologic station of Roscoff (France). Digestive coeca were excised and treated with Uptizol (Interchim) to obtain m RNA Ophiocomina nigra.

### Preparation of library (RNA), by the use of the kappa mRNA hyper prep kit

**Sequencing:** the sequencing was done with a NextSeq 500 Illumina (2.75 bases). Transcriptome was assembled from RNA-Seq fastq files using Trinity v2.1.1<sup>3</sup> with default parameters. A BLAST database was created with the assembled transcripts using makeblastdb application from ncbi-blast+(v2.2.31+). The sequences of transcripts of interest were then blasted against this database using blastn application from ncbi-blast+(v2.2.31+) with parameter word size 7.

## Results

An obtained blast against homo sapiens was very highly significant (E-value of 2,00E-12). Undoubtly it brings the evidence of the existence of an Ophuirid-IGKappa gene (Table 1).

## The sequence follows

>BC030813.1 Homo sapiens immunoglobulin kappa locus, mRNA (cDNA clone MGC:22645 IMAGE:4700961), complete cds  
5' GAGGAAGCTGCTCAGTTAGGACCCAGACGGAACC  
ATGGAAGCCCCAGCGCAGCTTCTCTTCTCTCTGCTAC  
TCTGGCTCCAGATACCACTGGAGAAATAGTGAT  
GACGCAGTCTCCAGCCACCTGTCTGTGTCTCCAGG  
GGAAGAGCCACCTCTCTCTGCGAGGGCCAGTCAG  
AGTGTACAGCAACTTAGCCTGGTACCAGCAGACA  
CCTGGGCGAGTCTCCAGGCTCGTCATCTATGGTG  
CATCCAGCAGGGCCAGTGGTGTCCAGCCAGGTTCA  
GTGGCAGTGGGTCTGGGACAGAGTTCACTCTCAC  
CATCAGCAGCCTGCAGTCTGAAGATTTTGCAGTTTA  
TTACTGTGAGCAGTATAATAAGTGGCCGCACACT  
TTTGGCCAGGGGACCAAGCTGGACATCAAACGAAC  
GTGGCTGCACCATCTGTCTTCATCTTCCCGCCAT  
CTGATGAGCAGTTGAAATCTGGAACCTGCTCTGTG  
TGTGCTGCTGAATAACTTCTATCCAGGGAGGC  
CAAAGTACAGTGGGAAGGTGGATAACGCCCTCCAATC  
GGGTAAGTCCAGGAGAGTGTACAGAGCAGGAC  
AGCAAGGACAGCAGCCTACAGCCTCAGCAGCAGCCTG  
ACGCTGAGCAAAGCAGACTACGAGAAACACAAAG  
TCTACGCTGCGAAGTCAACCATCAGGGCCTGAGCT  
CGCCCGTACAAAGAGCTTCAACAGGGGAGAGTG  
TTAGAGGGAGAGTGGCCCCACCTGCTCTCAGTTT  
CAGCCTGACCCCTCCCATCTTTGGCCTCTGAC  
CCTTTTTCCACAGGGGACCTACCCCTATTGCGGTCC  
TCCAGCTCATCTTTACCTCACCCCTCTCTCTCT  
CCTTGGCTTTAATTATGCTAATGTTGGAGGAGAATG  
AATAAATAAGTGAATCTTTGCAAAAAA A A A A A A  
AAAAA AAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAA  
AAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAA 3'

**Table 1** An obtained blast against homo sapiens was very highly significant (E-value of 2,00E-12)

Query ID	Query name	Subject ID	Identity	Length	Mismatch	Gapopen	E-value
BC030813.1	Igk	TRINITY_DN64572_c0_g1_i1	89.47	57	6	0	2,00E-12

## Conclusion and discussion

A gene of about 960 nucleotides appears. It is longer than the one found in *Asterias rubens* (Asterid) in immunized sea stars to HRP.<sup>2</sup> For the second time, “The classic immunology” is broken with the emergence, in Invertebrates, of a gene which has the property of Invertebrate primitive antibody. But it would be necessary to correlate this gene to the obtained immune reaction in Ophurids. A bright avenir is opened in the field of comparative immunology.

## Highlights

- In 2015 discovery of the sea star Igkappa gene
- Discovery of the sea star Primitive antibody

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## Conflict of interest

The author declares no conflict of interest.

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