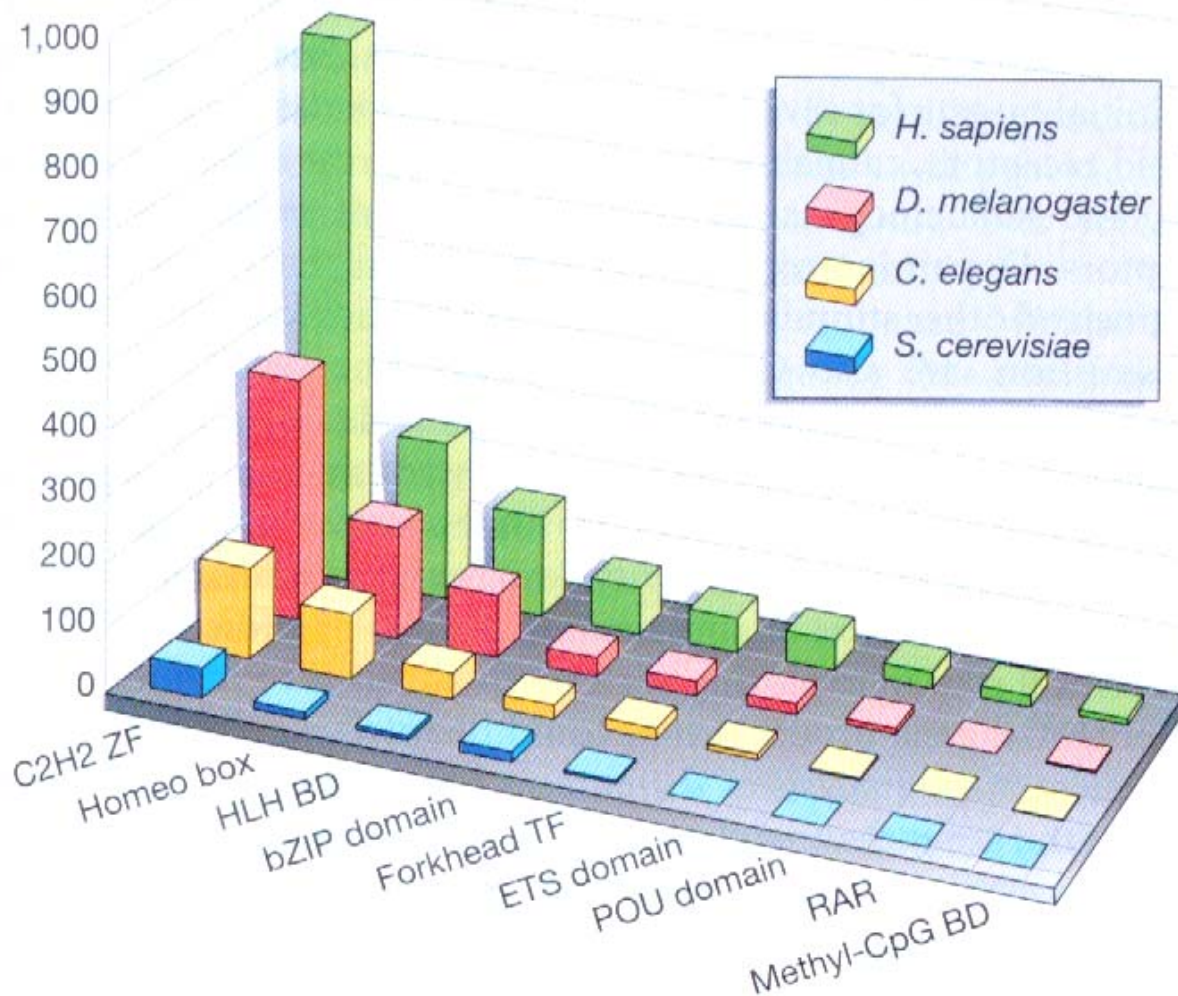


Homeoboksit ja homeodomain

Tarkastelemalla yhden *säätelygeeniperheen* fylogeniaa saamme yhden valaisevan näkökulman siihen, miten evoluutio on monimutkaistanut eliöitä sattumanvaraisten mutaatioiden ja niitä "jalostavan" luonnonvalinnan kautta

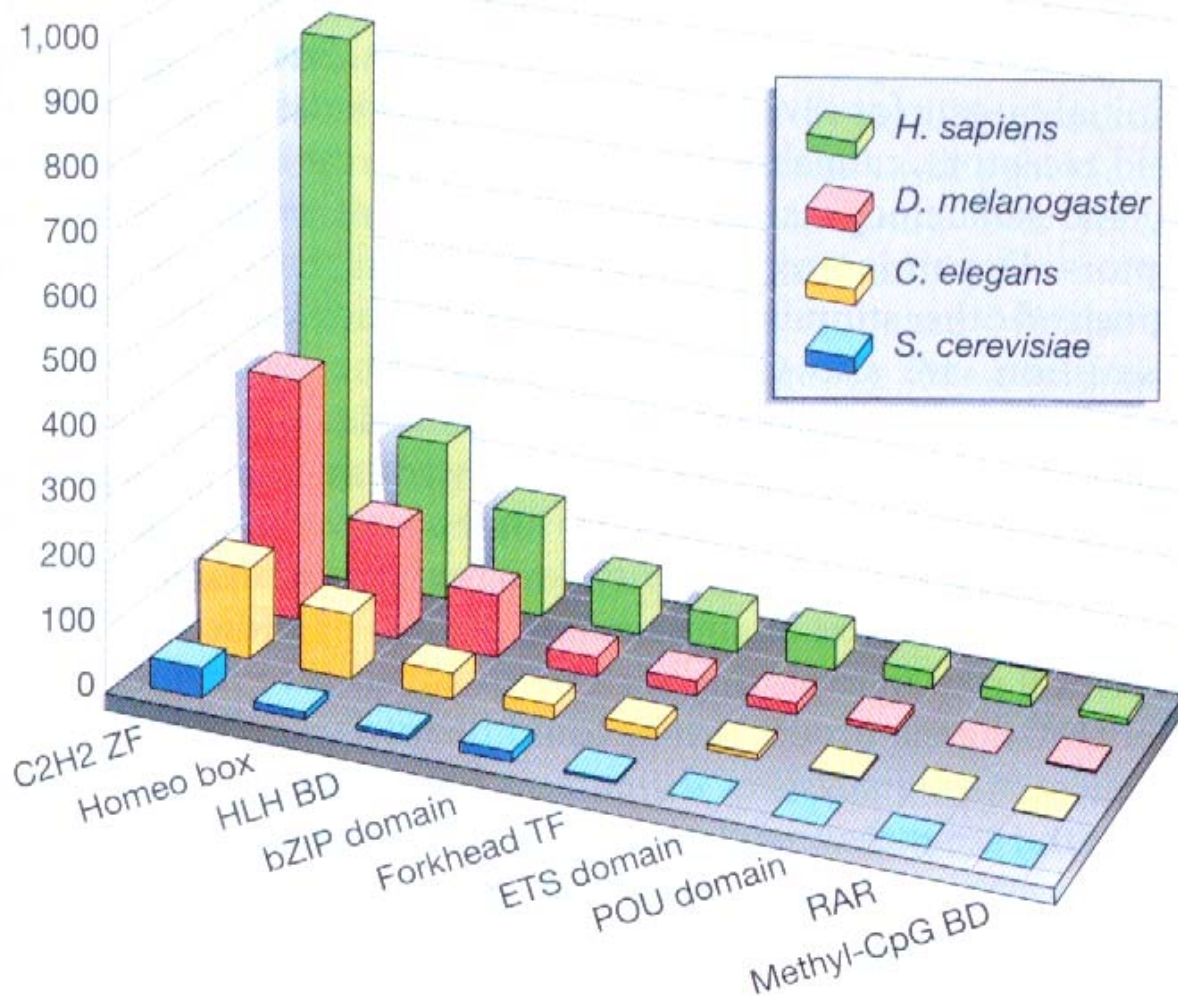
ing: "if it could be demonstrated that any complex organ existed which could not possibly have been formed by numerous, successive, slight modifications, my theory would absolutely break down."

Darwin



Homeoboksin
sisältävät geenit
ovat
sinkkisormien
jälkeen
yleisimmät
transkription
säätelijät kaikilla
eläimillä

Figure 1 Genome-wide comparison of transcriptional activator families in eukaryotes. The relative sizes of transcriptional activator families among *Homo sapiens*, *D. melanogaster*, *C. elegans* and *S. cerevisiae* are indicated, derived from an analysis of eukaryotic proteomes using the INTERPRO database, which incorporates Pfam, PRINTS and Prosite. The transcription factors families shown are the largest of their category out of the 1,502 human protein families listed by the IPI.



Homeoboksit

toiseksi yleisin luokka
meillä ihmisillä;

niistä lisää
kehitysgenetiikan
puolella

Figure 1 Genome-wide comparison of transcriptional activator families in eukaryotes. The relative sizes of transcriptional activator families among *Homo sapiens*, *D. melanogaster*, *C. elegans* and *S. cerevisiae* are indicated, derived from an analysis of eukaryotic proteomes using the INTERPRO database, which incorporates Pfam, PRINTS and Prosite. The transcription factors families shown are the largest of their category out of the 1,502 human protein families listed by the IPI.



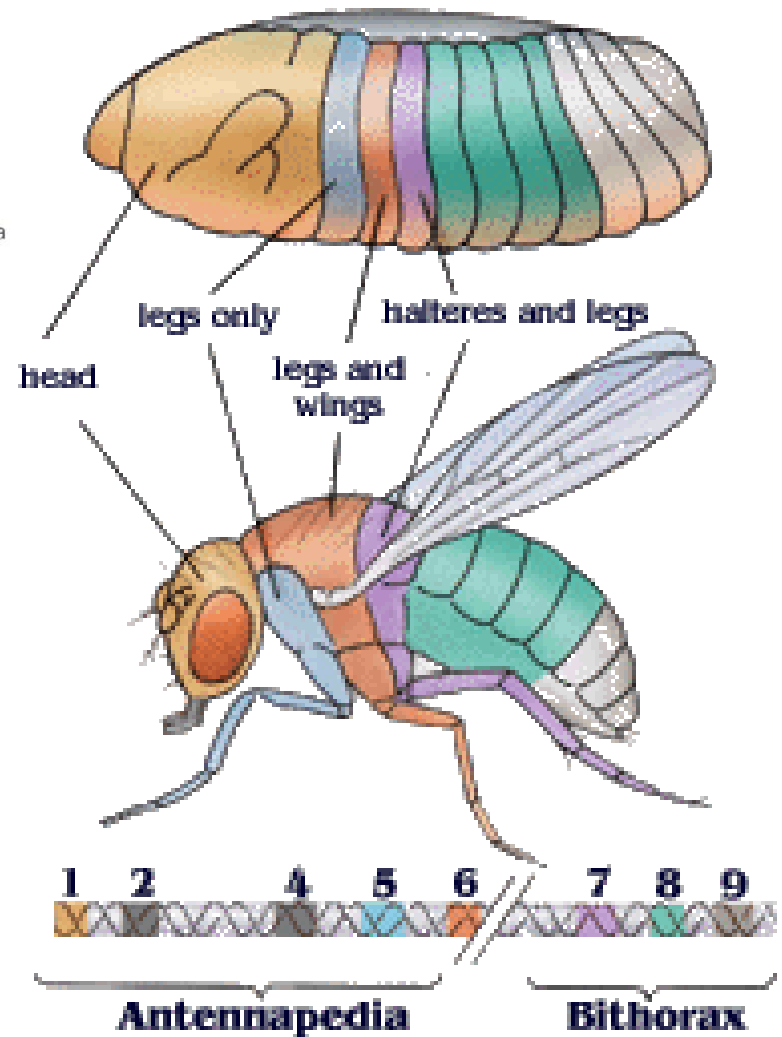
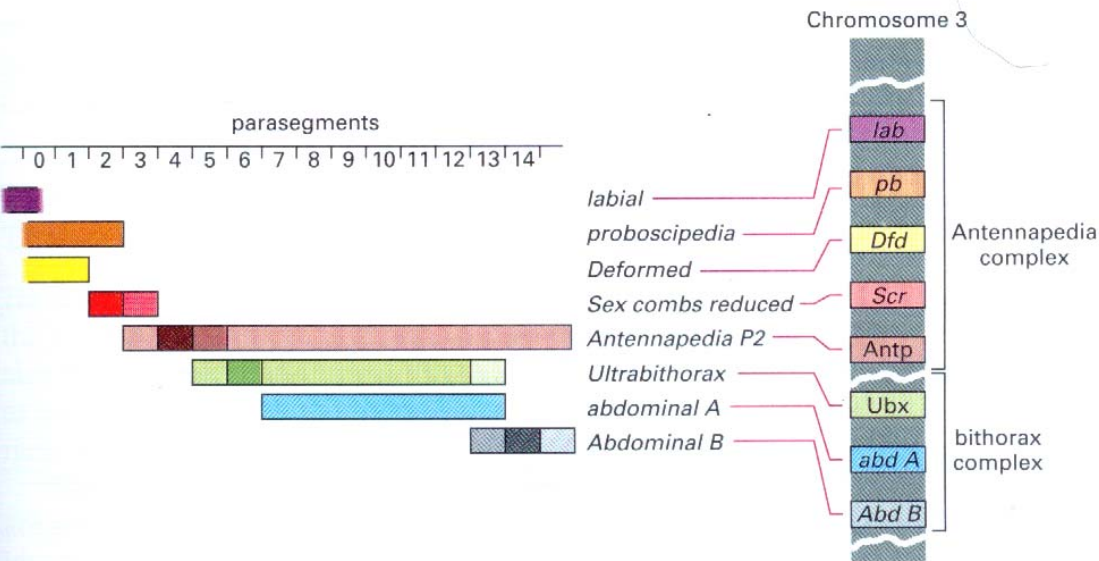
Ed Lewisin juhlanäyte: kaksoismutantti *bithorax-postbithorax*



Antennapedia

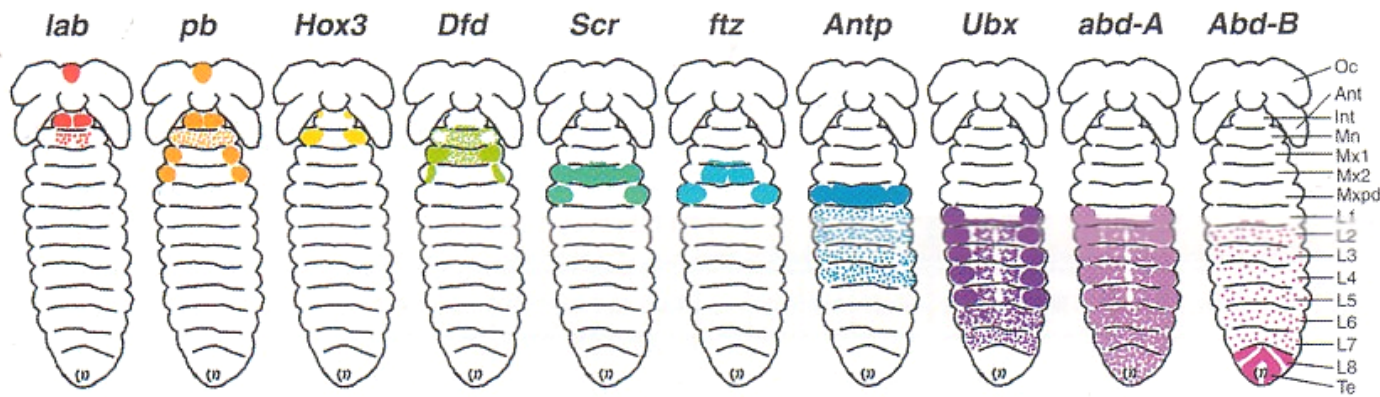


abdominal-B on homeoottinen geeni, mutantilla jalka genitaalien paikalla



Kaikista näistä geeneistä jotka
viallisena aiheuttivat oikeita
elimä vääriässä paikoissa löytyi
homeoboksi

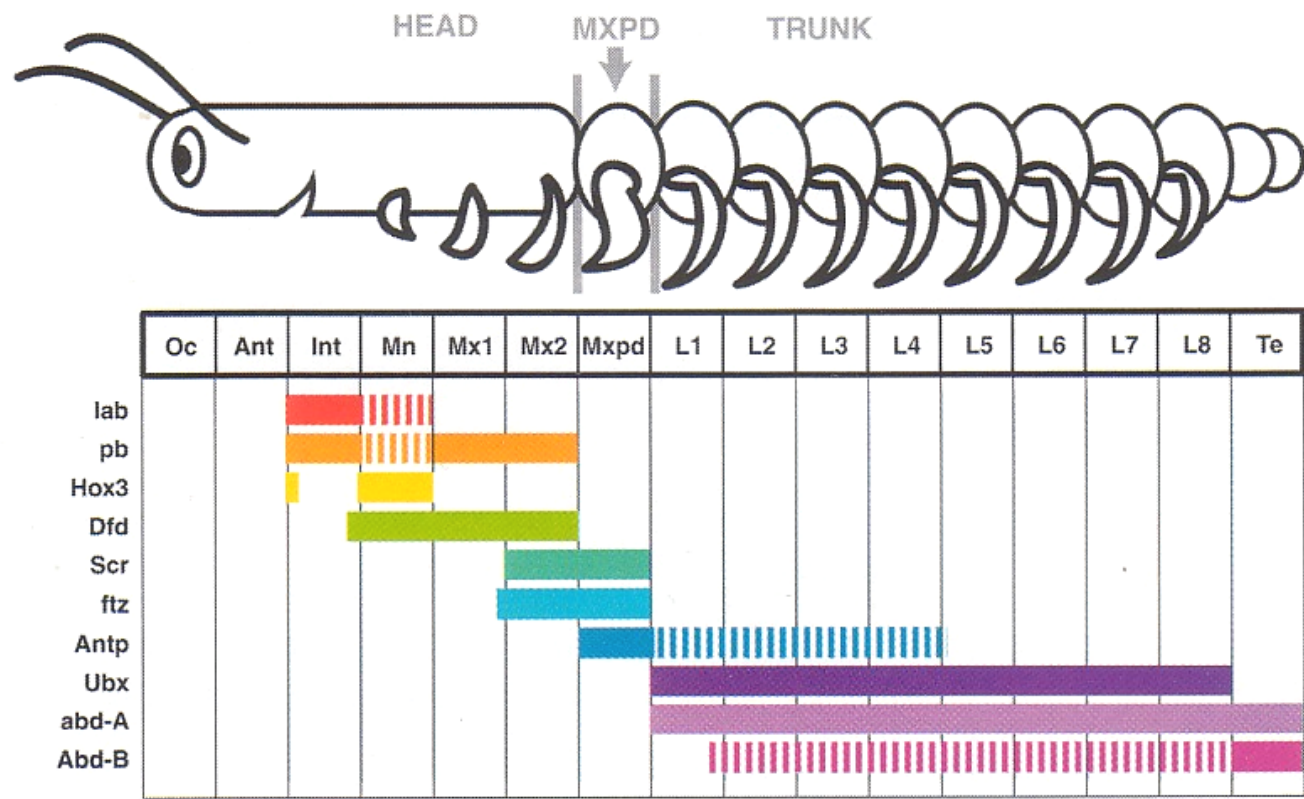
A



Satajalkaisen
(Centipede)
Hox

Development
March 2002
p. 1225-

B



Hämähäkit
Äyriäiset
Myriapodit
Hyönteiset
samassa vihkossa

Homeodomain (aminohappojakso)

Homeoboksi (tunnistettava nukleotidisekvenssi)

ovat homeoottisten selektoriproteiinin (-geenin) osia

Homeoottiset selektorigeenit säätelevät eläinten kehitystä määräämällä, mitä kustakin alkion alueesta ja jokaisesta solusta tulee 'isona'

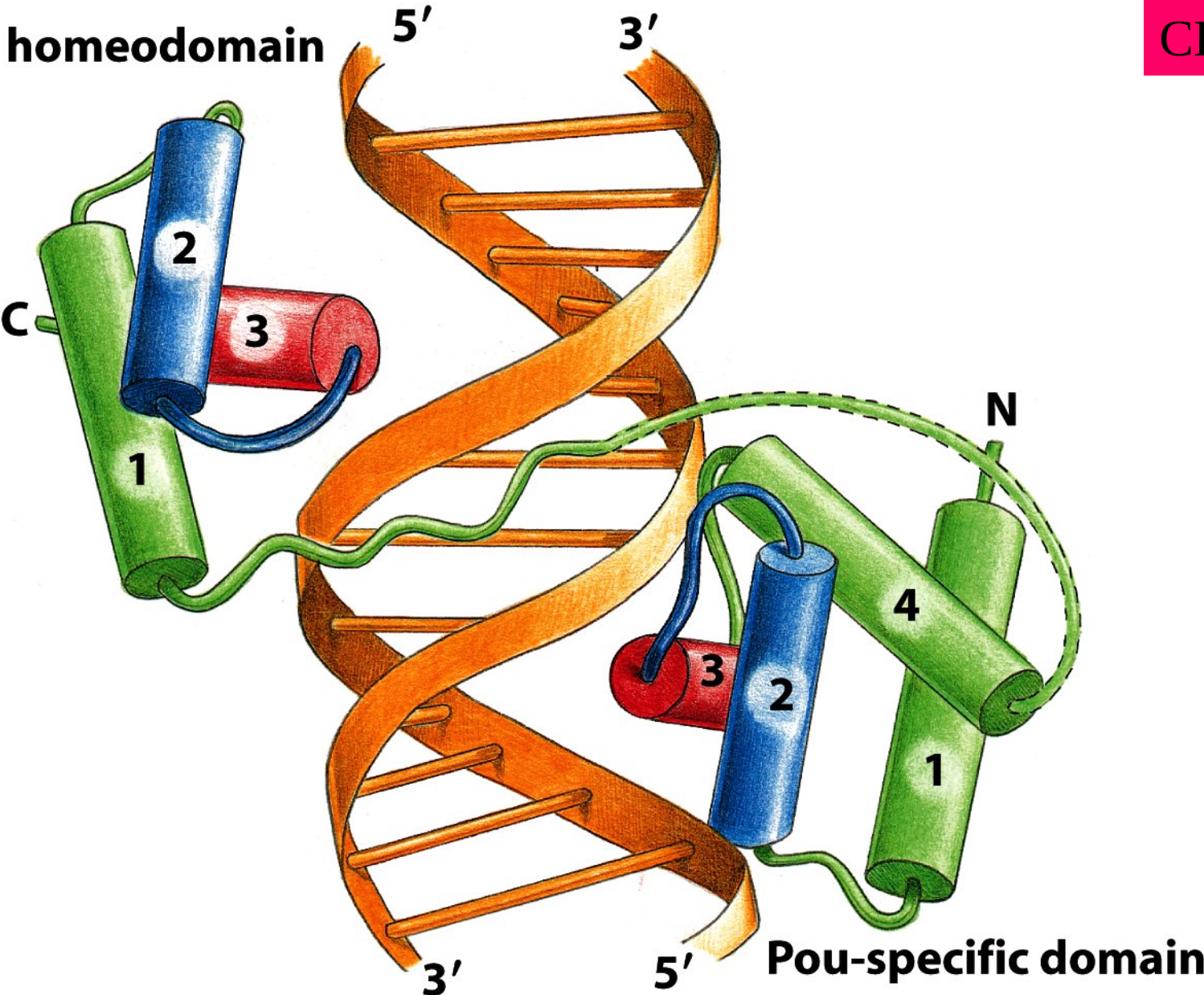


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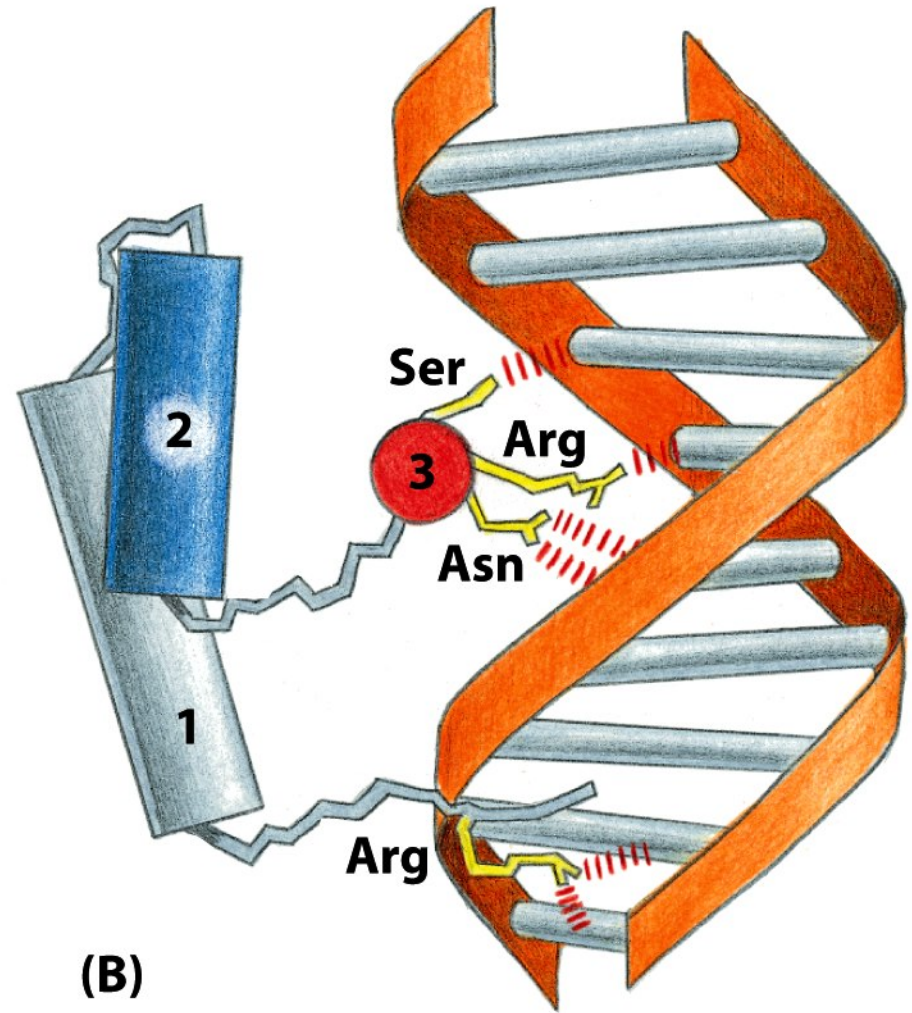
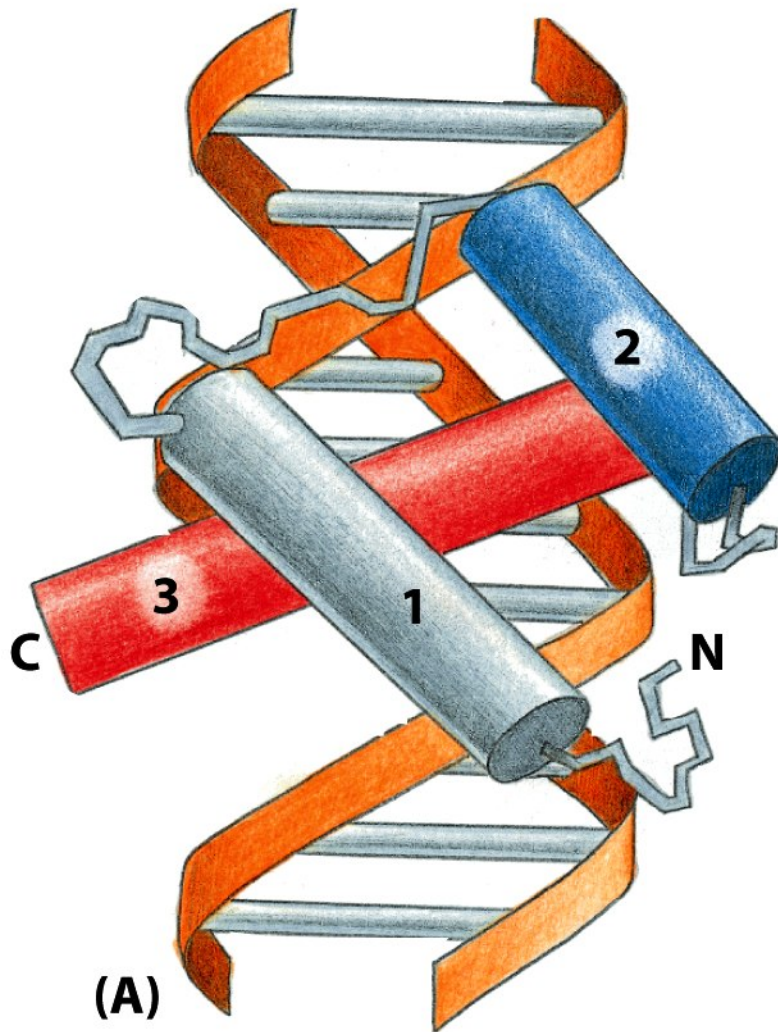


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homeodomain sitoutuu spesifiseen sekvenssiin

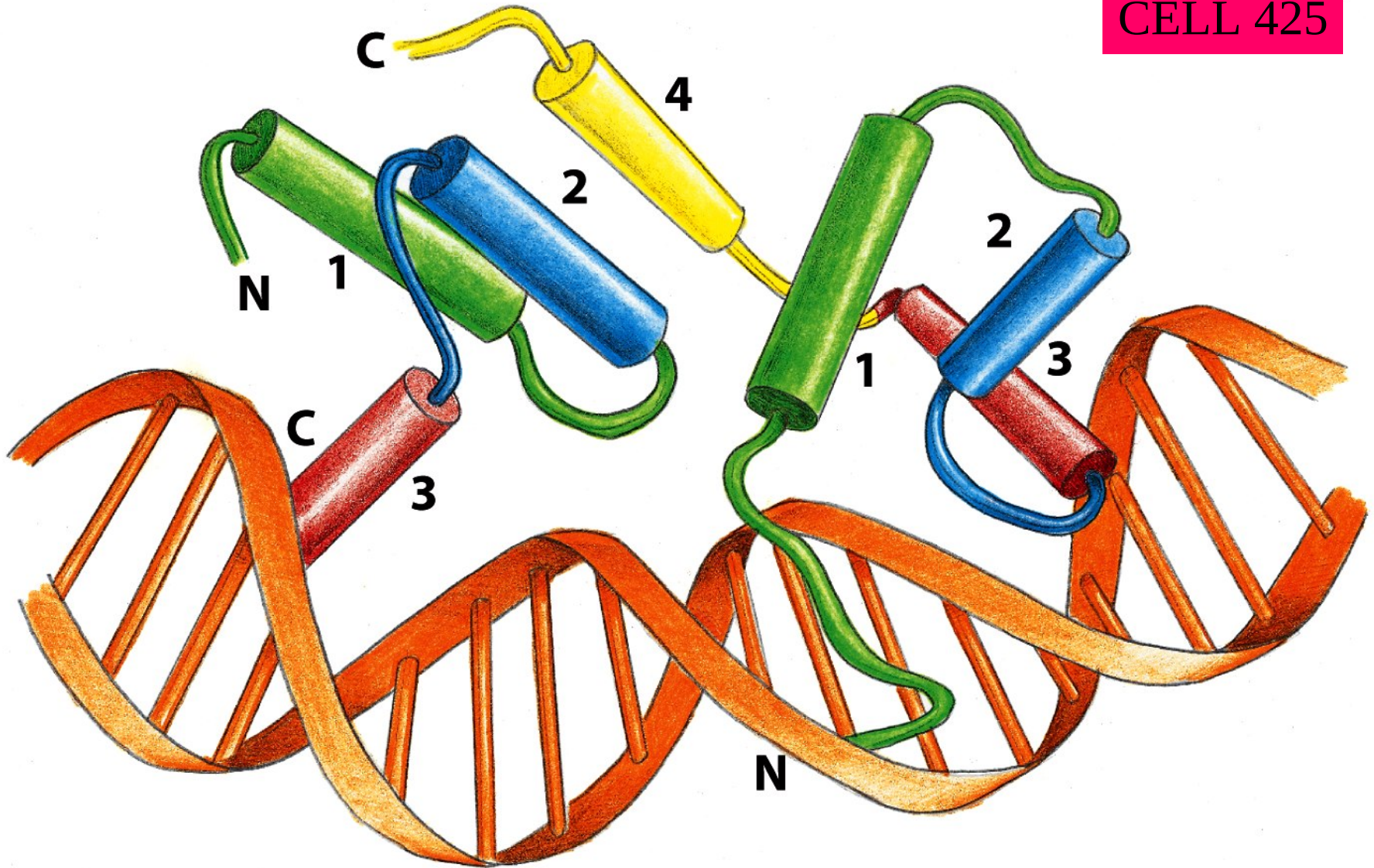


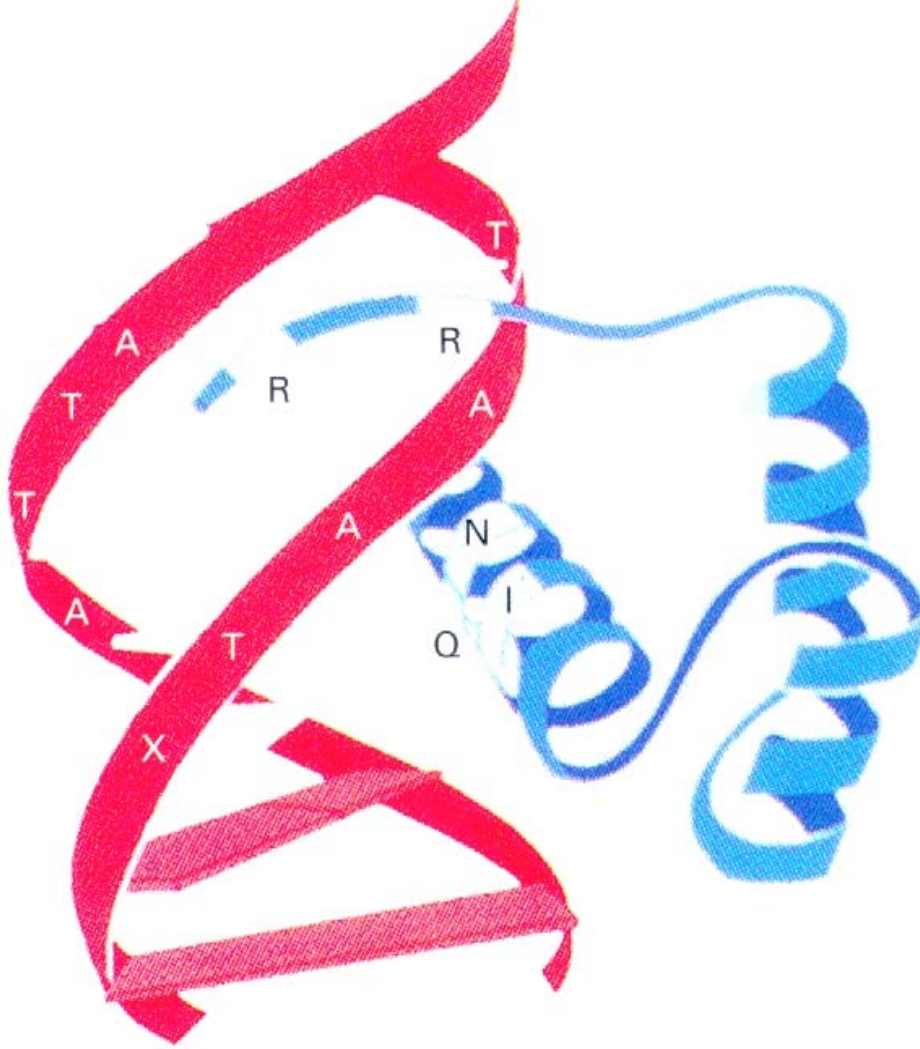
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2 homeodomainia heterodimeerinä

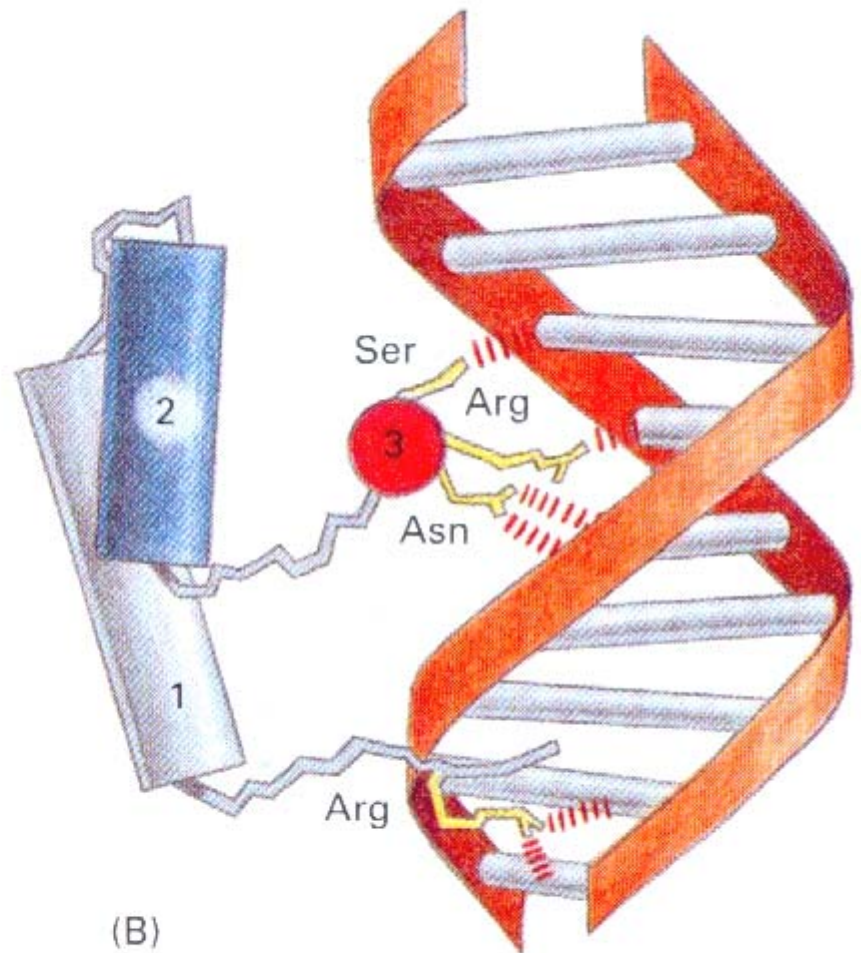
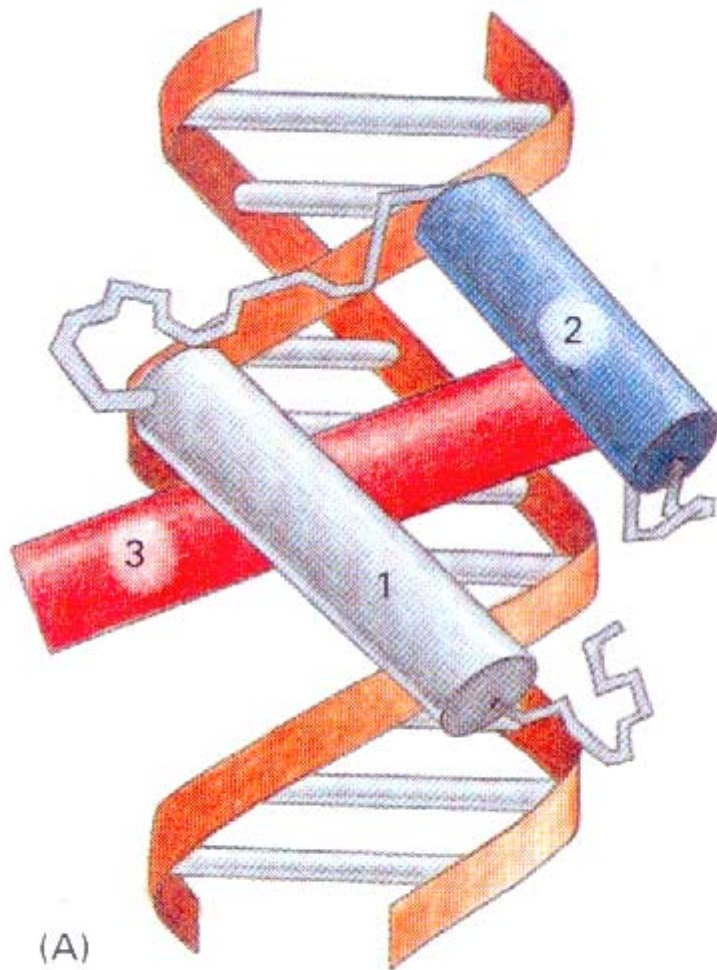
Homeodomain-proteiinit ovat **helix-turn-helix** proteiineja, jotka sitoutuvat spesifiseen DNA:n kohtaan, usein

5' TAATAATAATAA
3' ATTATTATTATT

Homeodomain on 60 aa, joten *homeoboksi* on 180 bp (joskus 61/183)



▲ FIGURE 10-40 Homeodomain from Engrailed protein interacting with its specific DNA recognition site. The Engrailed transcription factor is expressed during *Drosophila* embryogenesis. Base pairs in the recognition site that directly contact the protein are shown in white type. Lighter regions in the protein contain residues that contact the major groove.
[Adapted from S. C. Harrison, 1991, *Nature* **353**:715.]



Chapter 9 : Control of Gene Expression

Homeodomain on se *homeoboksin* koodaama motiivi eli aihelma, joka sitten proteiinina tunnistaa ja sitoutuu DNA:n target-sekvenssiin

<i>Antp</i>	H	F	N	R	Y	L	T	R	R	R	R	I	E	I	A	H	A	L	C	L	T	E	R	Q	I	K	I	W	F	Q	N	R	R	M	K	W	K	K	E	N	K
<i>Hoxb-1</i>	H	F	N	K	Y	L	S	R	A	R	R	V	E	I	A	A	T	L	E	L	N	E	T	Q	V	K	I	W	F	Q	N	R	R	M	K	Q	K	K	R	E	R
<i>hoxb1</i>	H	F	S	K	Y	L	T	R	A	R	R	V	E	I	A	A	T	L	E	L	N	E	T	Q	V	K	I	W	F	Q	N	R	R	M	K	Q	K	K	R	E	K
<i>Hoxa-2</i>	H	F	N	K	Y	L	C	R	P	R	R	V	E	I	A	A	L	D	L	T	E	R	Q	V	K	V	W	F	Q	N	R	R	M	K	H	K	R	Q	T	Q	
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<i>Hoxb-3</i>	H	F	N	R	Y	L	C	R	P	R	R	V	E	M	A	N	L	L	N	L	S	E	R	Q	I	K	I	W	F	Q	N	R	R	M	K	Y	K	K	D	Q	K
<i>hoxb3</i>	H	F	N	R	Y	L	C	R	P	R	R	V	E	M	A	N	L	L	N	L	S	E	R	Q	I	K	I	W	F	Q	N	R	R	M	K	Y	K	K	D	Q	K
<i>Hoxd-3</i>	H	F	N	R	Y	L	C	R	P	R	R	V	E	M	A	N	L	L	N	L	T	E	R	Q	I	K	I	W	F	Q	N	R	R	M	K	Y	K	K	D	Q	K
<i>hoxd3</i>	H	F	N	R	Y	L	C	R	P	R	R	V	E	M	A	N	L	L	N	L	T	E	R	Q	I	K	I	W	F	Q	N	R	R	M	K	Y	K	K	D	Q	K
<i>Hoxa-4</i>	H	F	N	R	Y	L	T	R	R	R	R	I	E	I	A	H	T	L	C	L	S	E	R	Q	V	K	I	W	F	Q	N	R	R	M	K	W	K	K	D	H	K
<i>hoxx4</i>	H	F	N	R	Y	L	T	R	R	R	R	V	E	I	A	H	T	M	C	L	S	E	R	Q	V	K	I	W	F	Q	N	R	R	M	K	W	K	K	D	H	K
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Fig. 1. Alignments of homeobox sequences for 7 zebrafish *hox* genes with their likely murine *Hox* homologues. In each case the first few amino acids of the zebrafish sequences are taken from Misof et al. (1996; the PCR primers used to clone these cDNAs were based on these sequences). The sequences are compared to the *Drosophila Antennapedia* sequence. Black boxed residues are conserved with *Antp*. All sequences have been submitted to the EMBL database: accession nos Y13944-13950.

Seeprakala (*Danio rerio*) on selkärankaismallina hyvin tykätty. Tässä on ylinnä *Drosophilan Antp* homeobox ja sitten vuorotellen **hiiren** ja **kalan**. Tämä systeemi säätelee etupää-takapää -erilaistumista

bithorax- ja *Antennapedia* -kompleksit ovat vain yksi *Drosophilan* **homeoboksin** sisältävä geeniryhmä.

Sama aihe, **homeoboksi**, löydettiin sitten monista muistakin kehitykseen liittyvistä geeneistä: *fushi tarazu*, *even-skipped*, *engrailed*, *bicoid*, vain tuttuja mainitaksemme

Yhteensä homeobox -geenejä tunnetaan *Drosophilasta* yli sata; 22 ennestään tuntematonta löydettiin vasta koko genomin sekvensoinnissa (Science 24 March 2000)

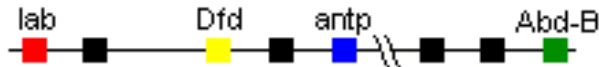


fruit fly

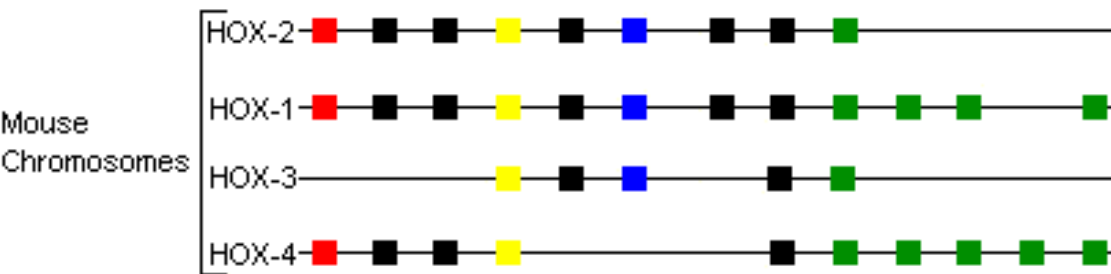


fruit fly embryo

Antennapedia Complex (Anterior) Bithorax Complex (Posterior)



Fly Chromosome



Mouse Chromosomes



mouse embryo

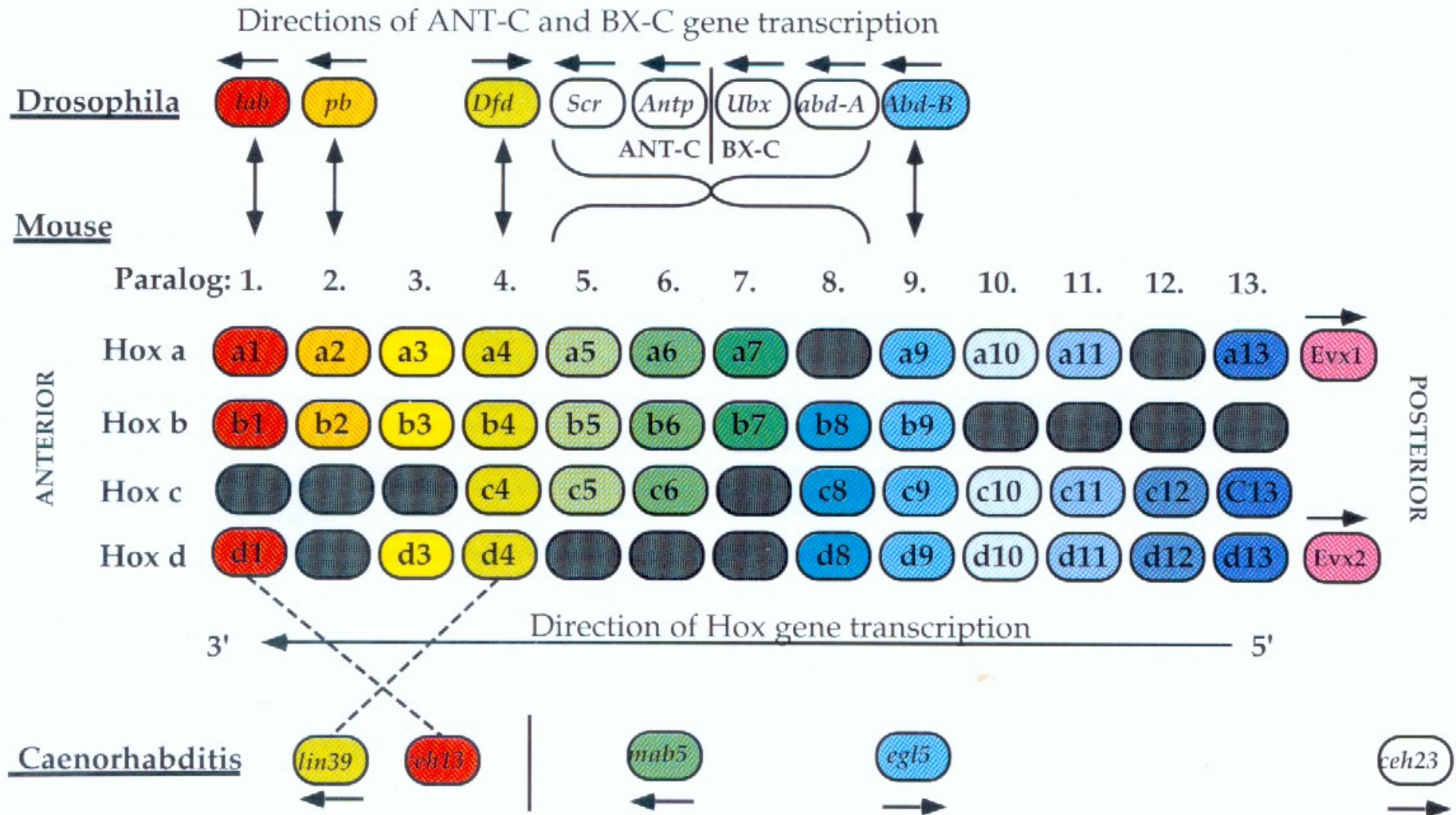


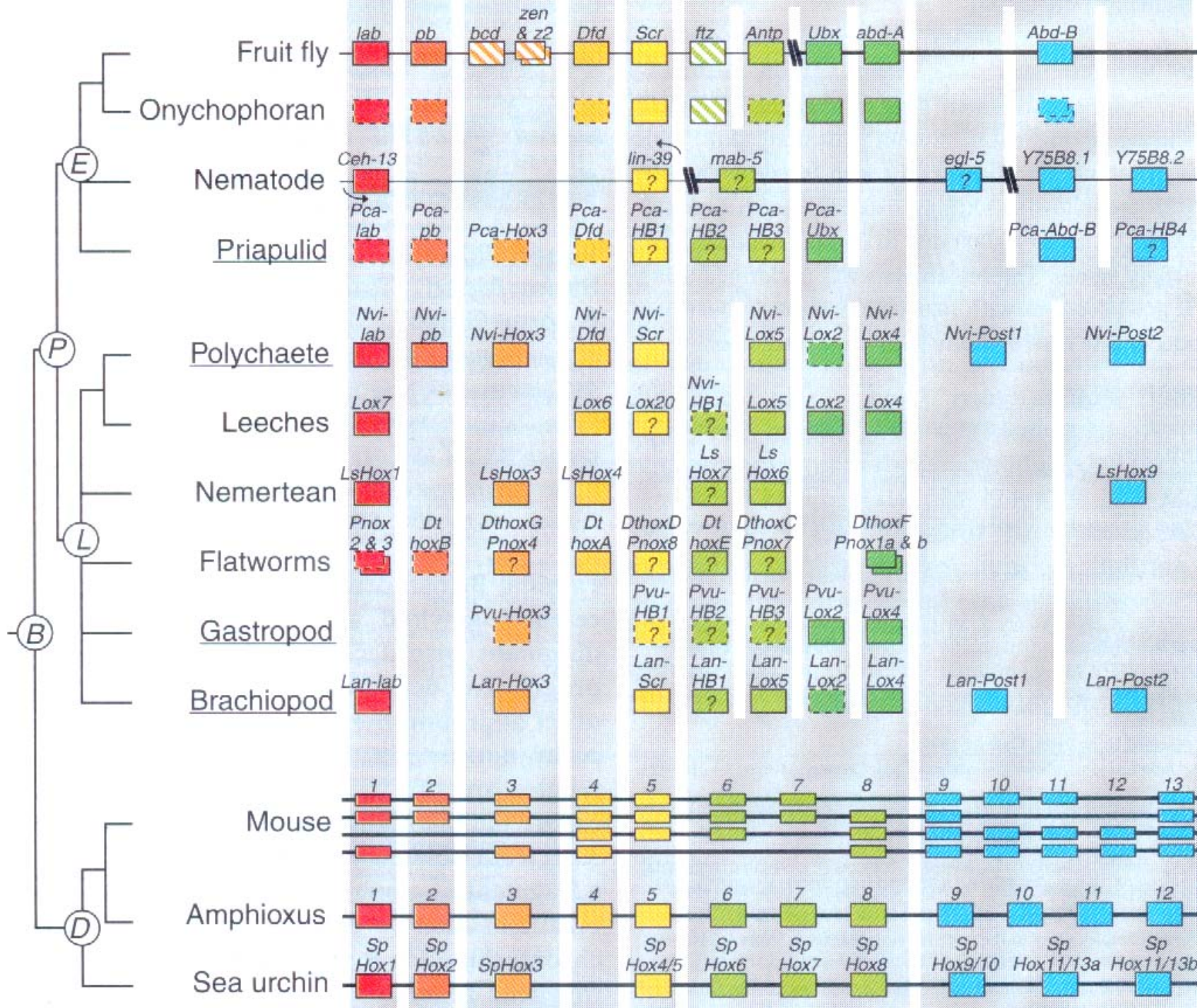
mouse

Kun tämä homeoboksi oli tunnistettu, sitä etsittiin muista eliöistä, ja kas kummaa, löytyi. Mutta ei siinä kaikki.

Niistä löytyi koko *Antennapedia-bithorax*-kompleksi, vieläpä useampana kopiona!

The HOX and HOM Complexes





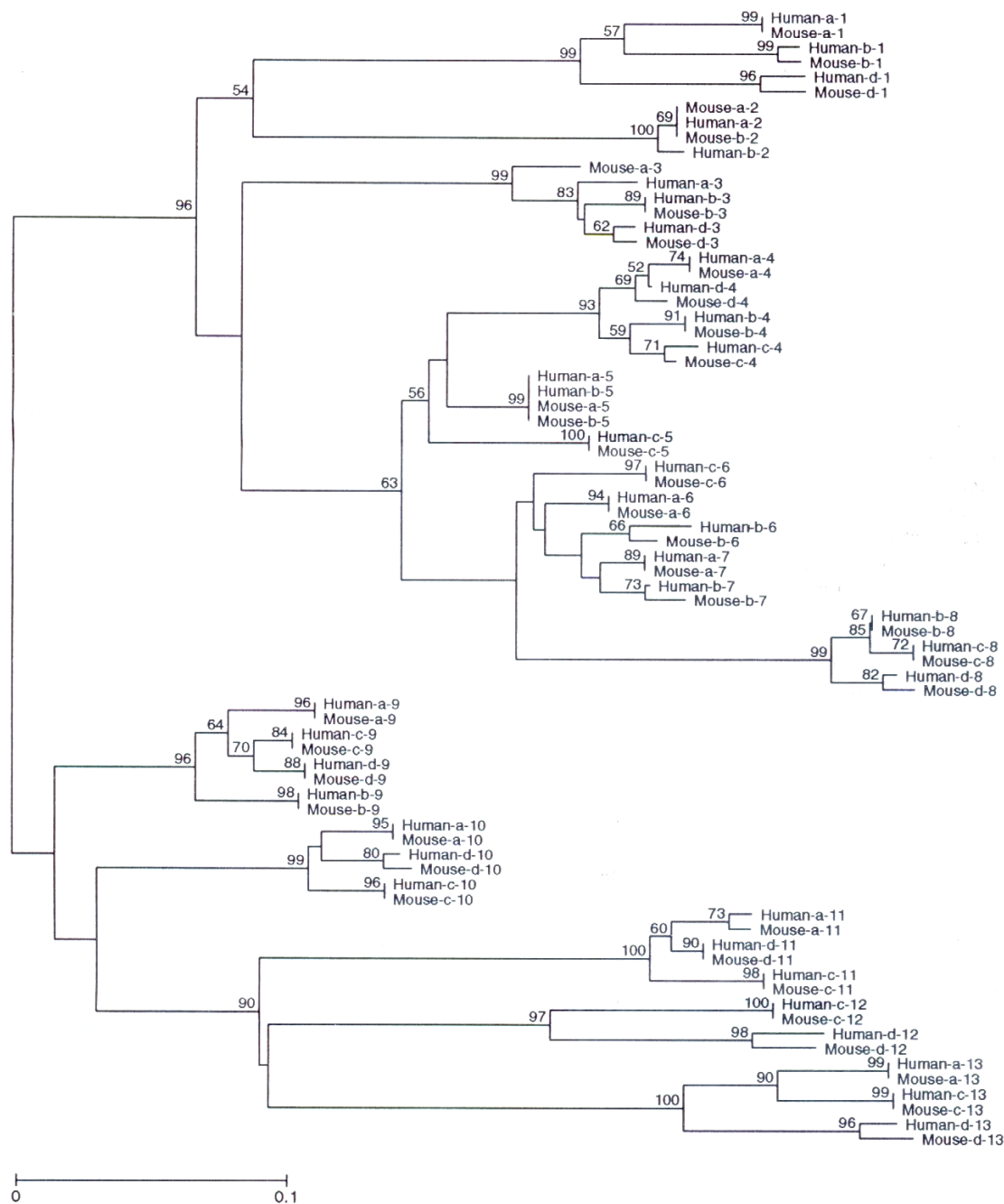


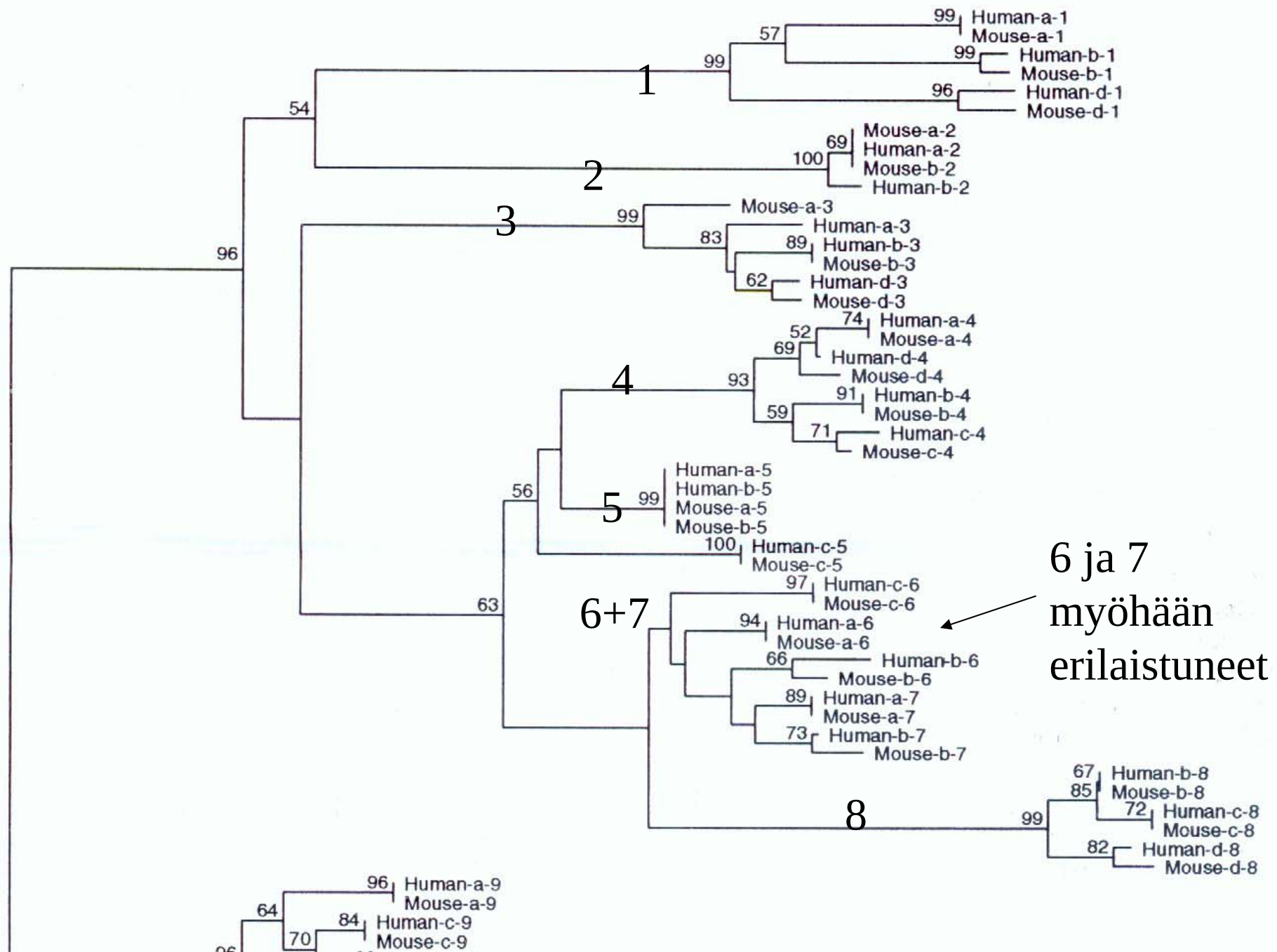
FIGURE 3.—Phylogenetic tree of 76 human and mouse *Antp*-class homeobox genes.

Ihmisen ja hiiren hox-
geenien sukulaisuus

Geenit on nimetty
kirjaimella a, b, c, d ja
numerolla 1, 2, 3 ...

Samanumeroiset ovat
läheistä sukua
toisilleen, kirjaimesta
riippumatta

Se osoittaa, että
numerolla merkityt
sarjat kehittyivät
erilaisiksi ensin, ja
sitten tapahtui sarjojen
monistuminen



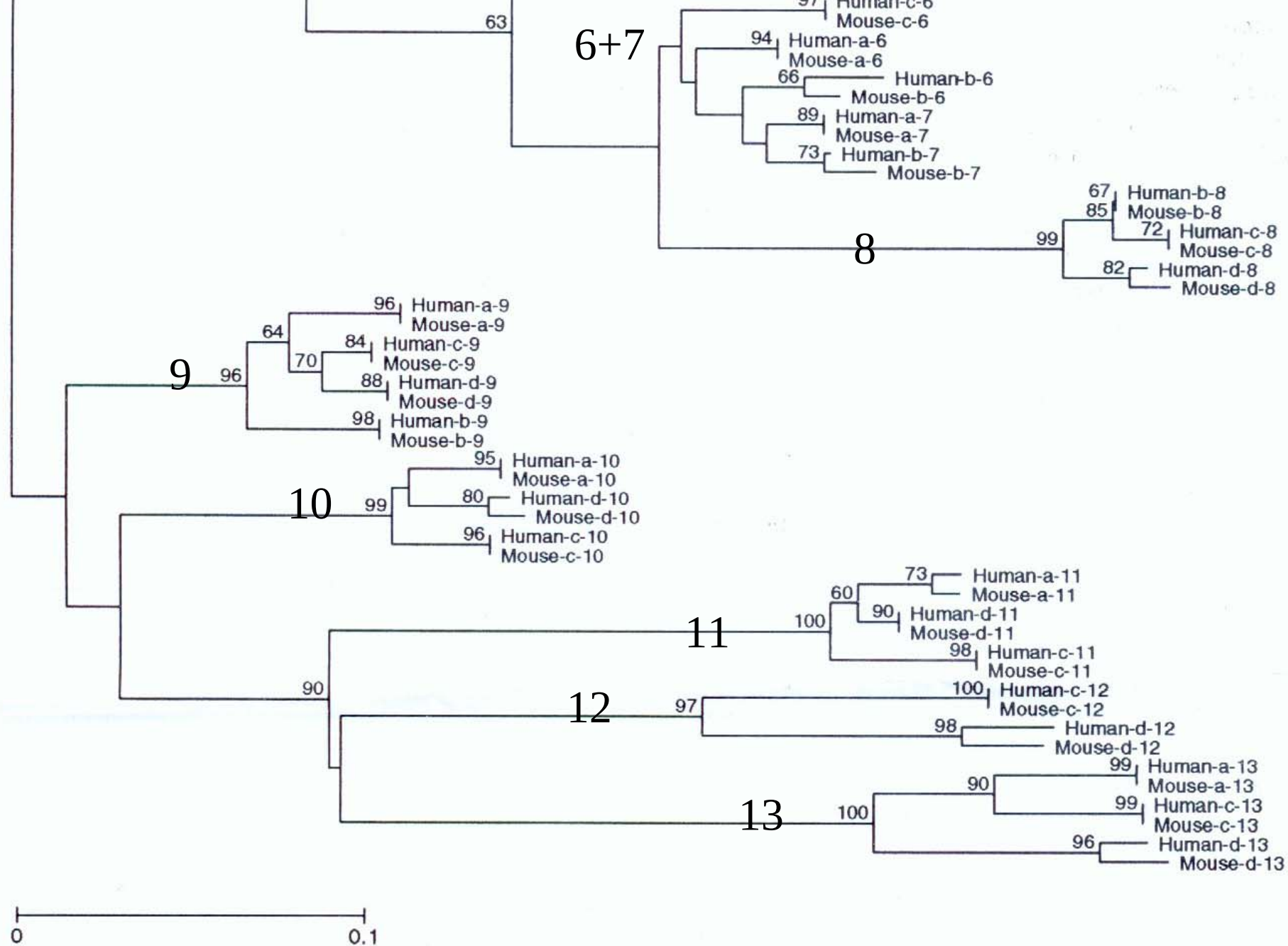
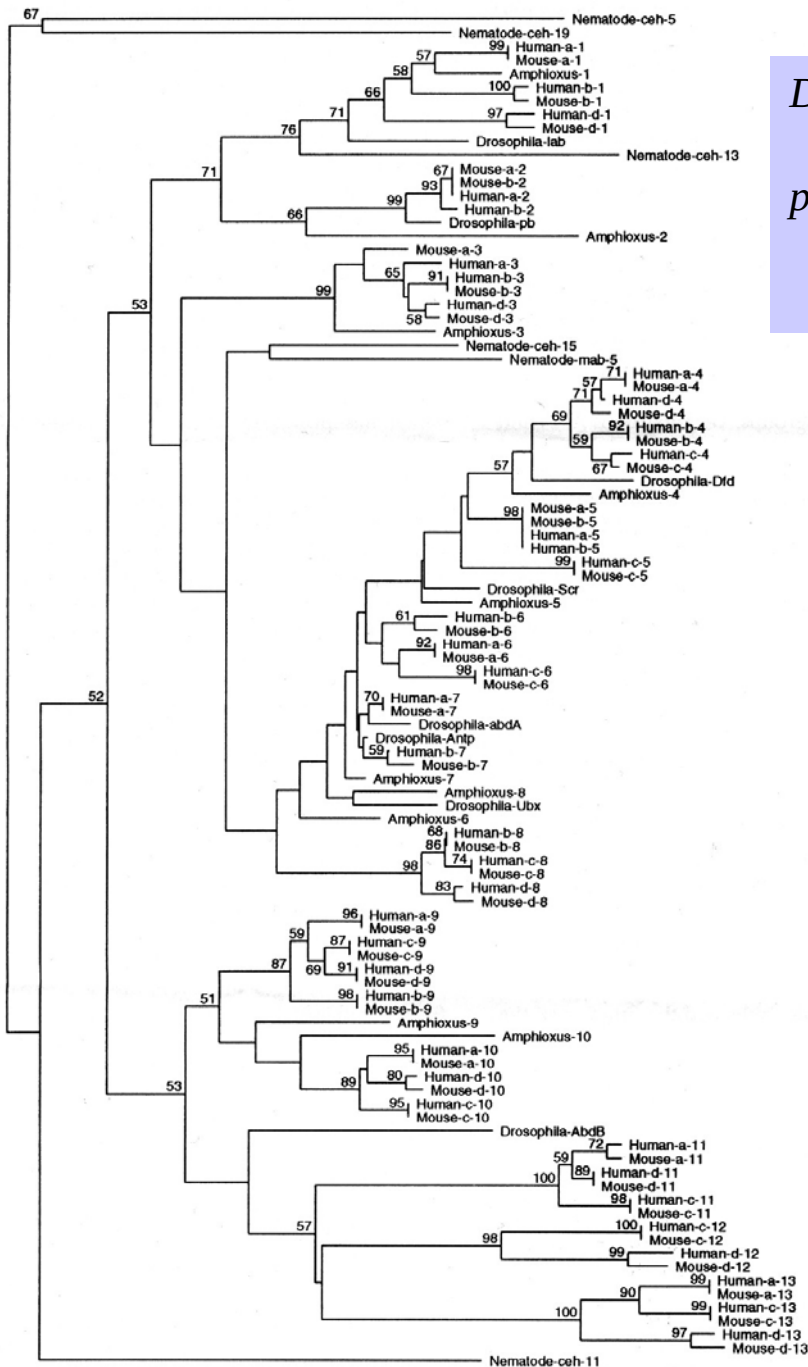
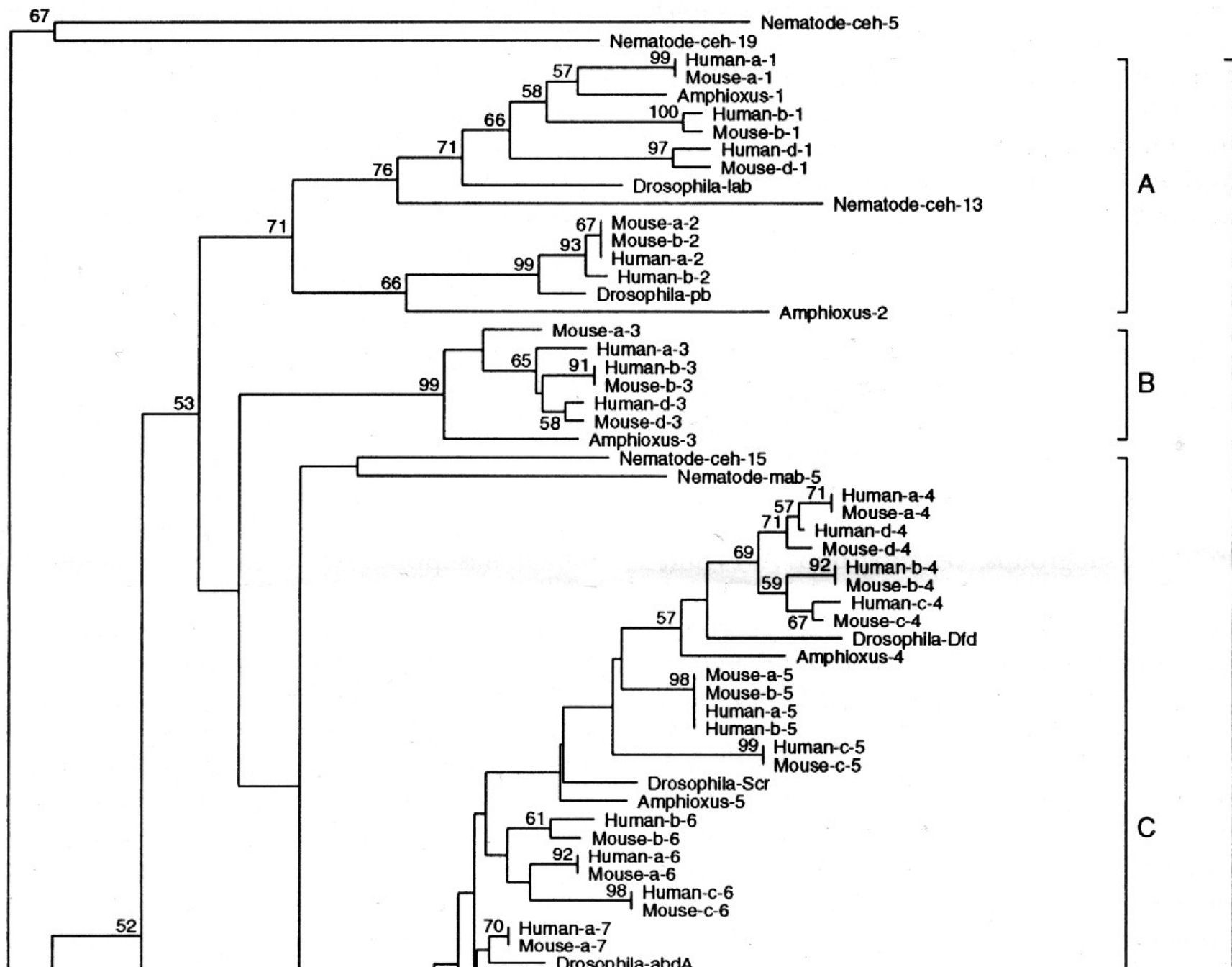
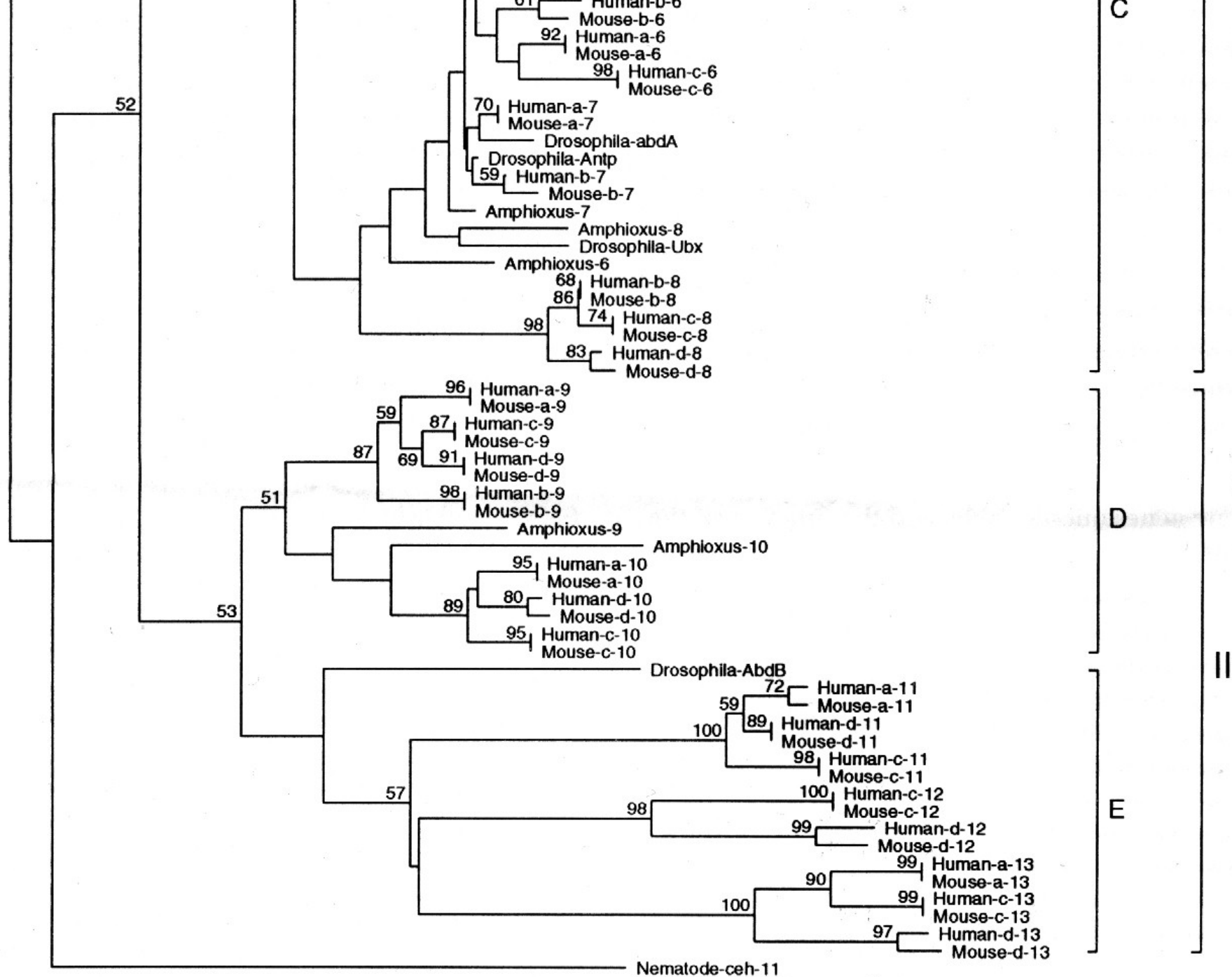


FIGURE 3.—Phylogenetic tree of 76 human and mouse *Antp*-class homeobox genes.



Drosophila labial ja nisäkkään ykkönen
proboscipedia ja nisäkkään kakkonen





Homeoottisten selektorigeenien sarja on monisoluisien eliöiden yhteistä perintöä

Selkärankaisten syntyessä (suikulaisten kaltaisesta, *Amphioxus*) koko sarja on tupla-tuplautunut, luultavasti koko genomin tupla-tuplautuessa

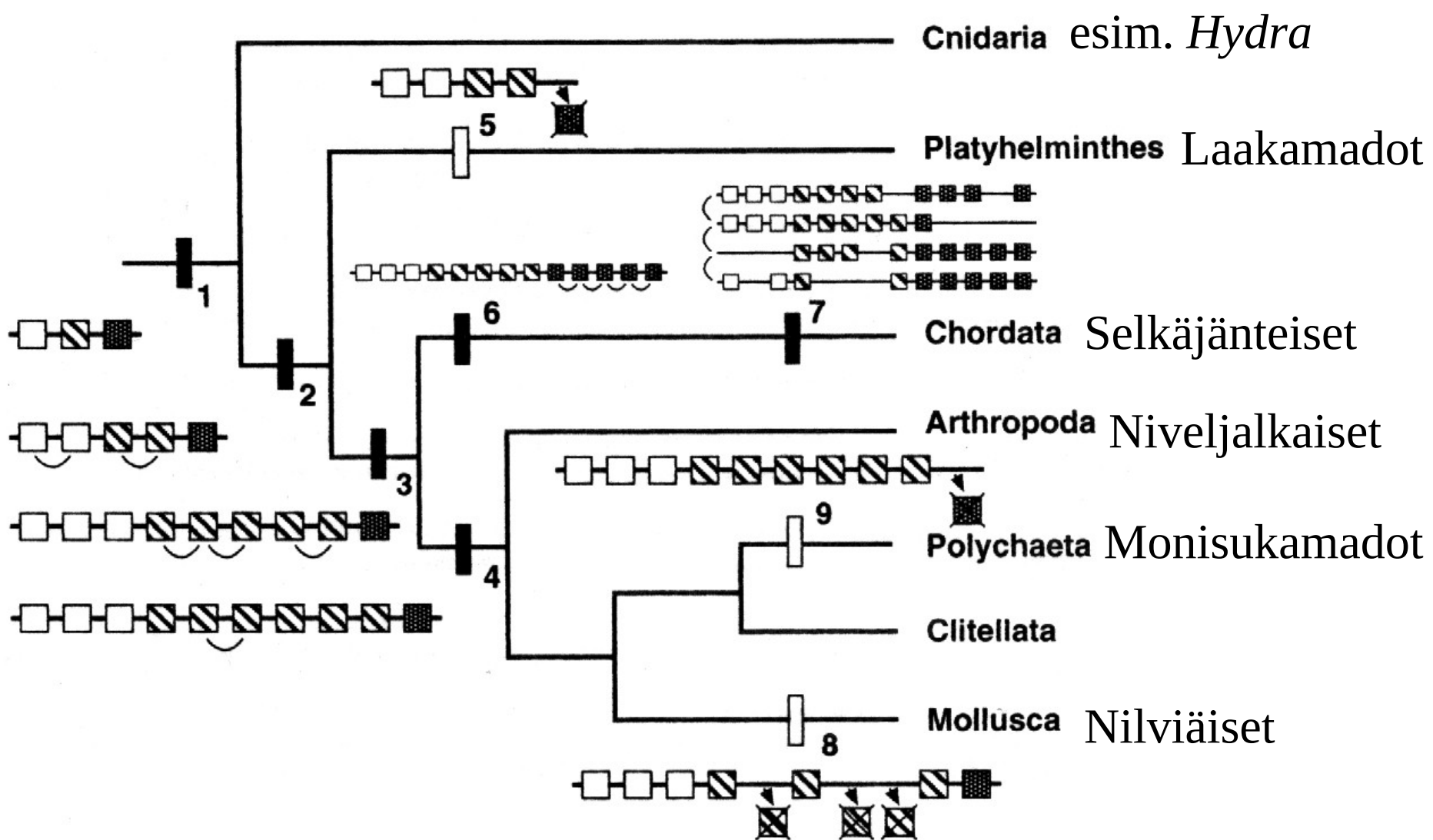
diploidi > tetraploidi > oktoploidi

Näistä polyploidisaatioista on runsaasti muitakin merkkejä selkärankaisten genomissa

Tuplautumisten jälkeen jotkut sarjan geeneistä ovat voineet rapautua tunnistamattomiksi, koska niitä ei ehkä tarvittu

Jäljelle jääneet, aluksi ylimääräiset geenit ovat hankkineet uusia tehtäviä, ja sen seurauksena selkärankaisten kehityksessä on 'voitu nostaa' erilaistumisastetta

Huomatkaa, että duplikaatiot eivät ole darwinistisen evoluution tuotetta, vaan sattuman, mutta darwinistinen evoluutio on sitten voinut tarttua uuteen materiaaliin, mikäli sen muutokset ovat tuottaneet edullisia uudismuodostumia



LEGEND

□ 3'-group genes

▨ central-group genes

■ 5'-group genes

┌─□─□─┐ gene duplication

┌─□─┐ gene loss

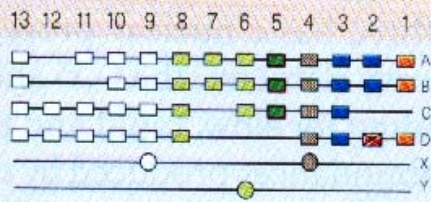
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└─X─┘

(┌─□─□─┐) cluster duplication

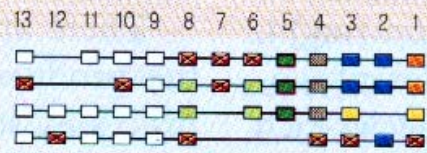
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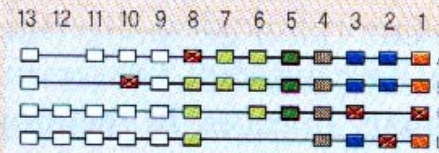
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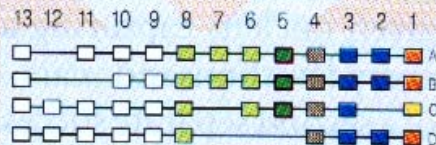


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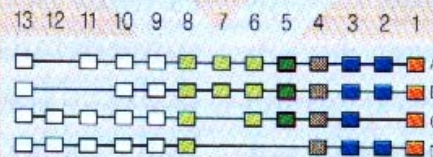
Loss of 1 Hox gene

Cluster duplications

Hypothetical
fish ancestral
condition

(43)

Loss of 1 Hox gene

Hypothetical
vertebrate ancestral
condition

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Loss of 8 Hox genes



(52)

Cluster duplications

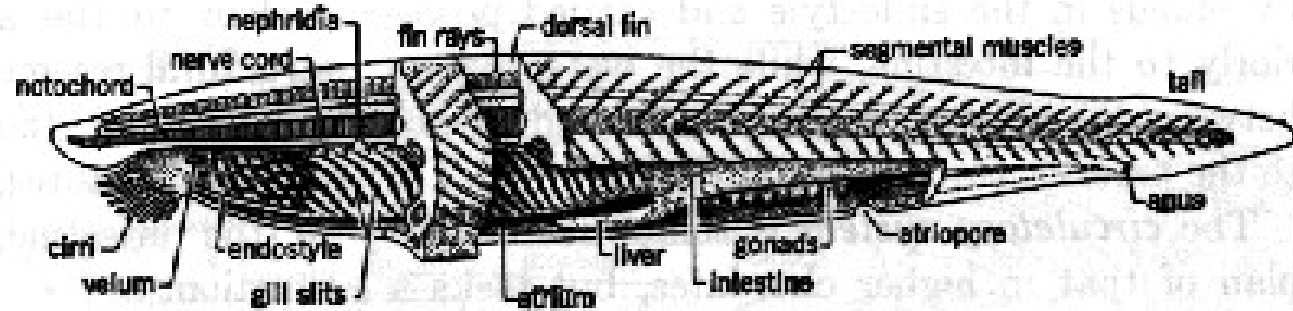
Hypothetical chordate
ancestral condition

Amphioxus (13)

 Lost Hox gene
 Hox pseudogene

Vertebraattien
Hox-evoluutio

Fig. 28-11. Subphylum CEPHALOCHORDATA. The lancelet or amphioxus (*Branchiostoma*). Adult partly dissected from left side. Natural size about 2 inches long.



Suikulainen (*Branchiostoma*) eli amphioxus tai lancelet

ing: "if it could be demonstrated that any complex organ existed which could not possibly have been formed by numerous, successive, slight modifications, my theory would absolutely break down."

Näin kirjoitti Darwin. Meistä kaksi perättäistä genomien duplikaatiota ei ihan täytä "hienoisien modifikaation" määritelmää, mutta ne kuitenkin tuottivat vasta materiaalia, josta lisätyt pienet modifikaatiot ja luonnonvalinta yhdessä saivat aikaan melkoisia muutoksia.

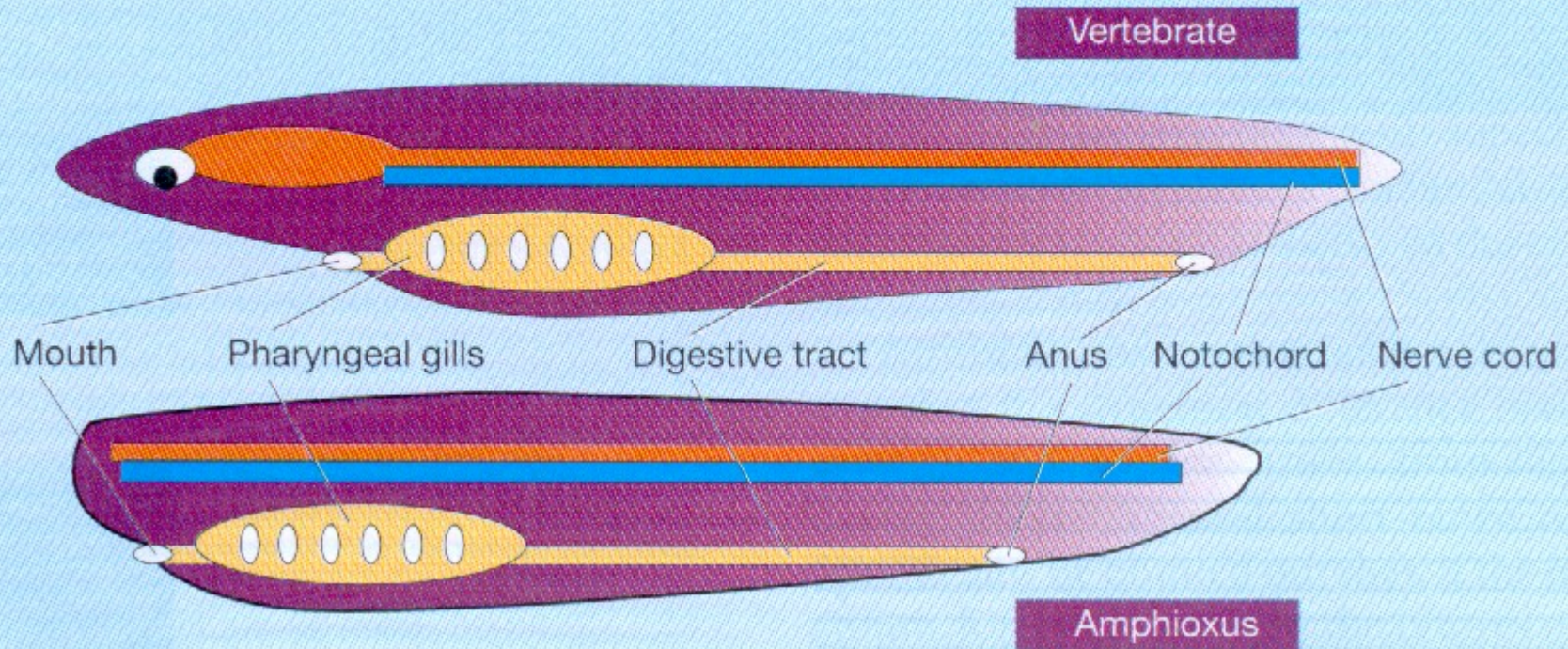


Figure 1 The cephalochordate amphioxus compared to a primitive vertebrate (similar to a modern-day lamprey). The overall construction of the organisms is very similar, with a dorsal nerve cord, a more ventral axial skeleton known as the notochord, and a ventral digestive tract. Both creatures have gills in the pharyngeal region, structures that are designed to capture food or remove oxygen from the water. The notochord extends right to the front of amphioxus, but the vertebrate has a prominent head at the anterior end, extending beyond the notochord. Early in development, human embryos have a notochord that subsequently becomes greatly reduced, giving rise to the discs between the adult vertebrae.

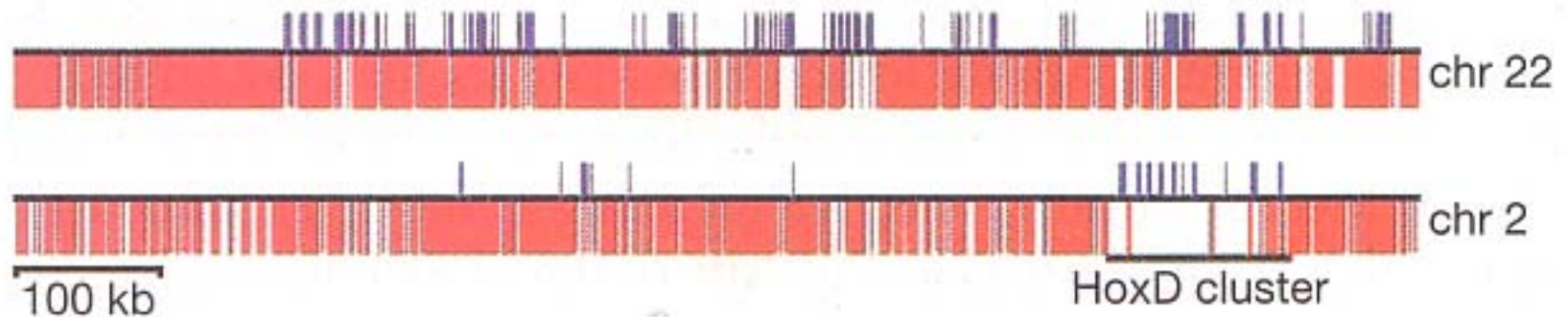
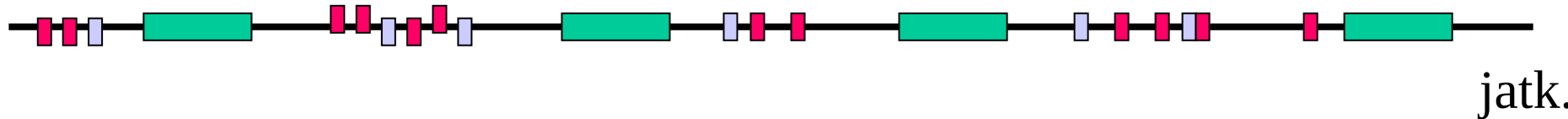


Figure 21 Two regions of about 1 Mb on chromosomes 2 and 22. Red bars, interspersed repeats; blue bars, exons of known genes. Note the deficit of repeats in the HoxD cluster, which contains a collection of genes with complex, interrelated regulation.

Ihmisen (nisäkkään) Hox-klusterien kohdalla ei genomiin ole päässyt iskostumaan joutavia toistojaksoja, koska homeoboksigeenien välitkin ovat säätelyn kannalta oleellisia. *Drosophilalla* niitä *Gypsy*, *412* ja *Doc* [Holliday] insertioita muutama oli, rauhallisissa labraoloissa. Luonnonvalintaa ne eivät kestäisi.

Antennapedia-bithorax -kompleksi (HOM) kaavamaisesti



8 homeoottista selektorigeeniä 

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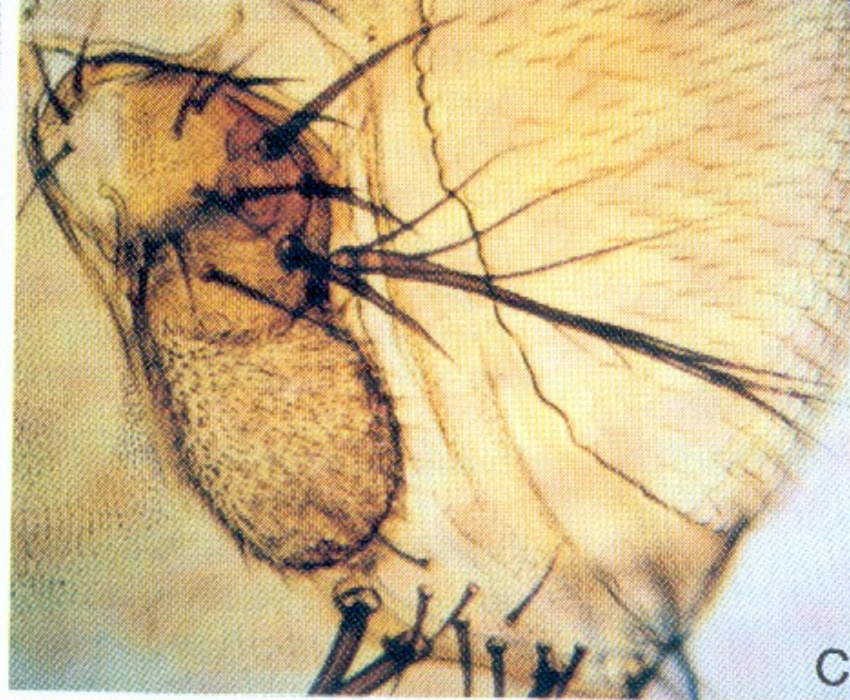
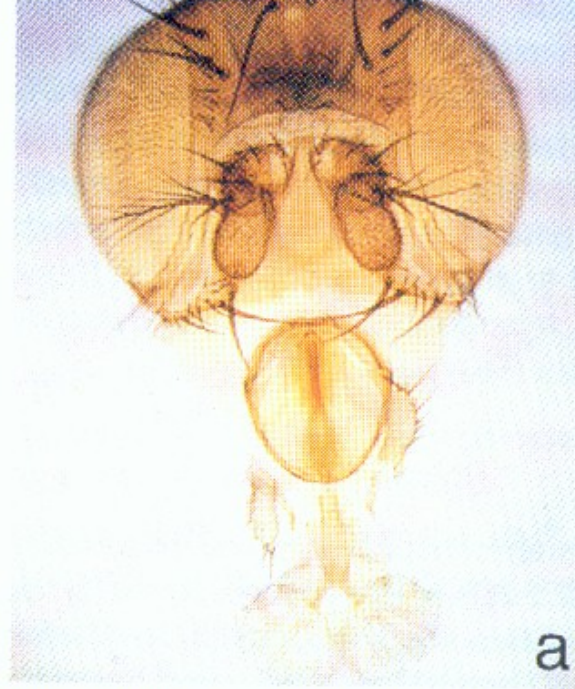
  säätelyalueen sekvenssiaihe, joka “lukee” paikkatietoa

(paikkatietoa on *napaisuus-gap-segmentaatio-* ja *dorsoventral*-geenien proteiinit, niinkuin *eve*-esimerkissä: porkkana, sitruuna ja tomaatti)

 selektorigeenin koodaava alue, jossa 60 aa homeoboksi

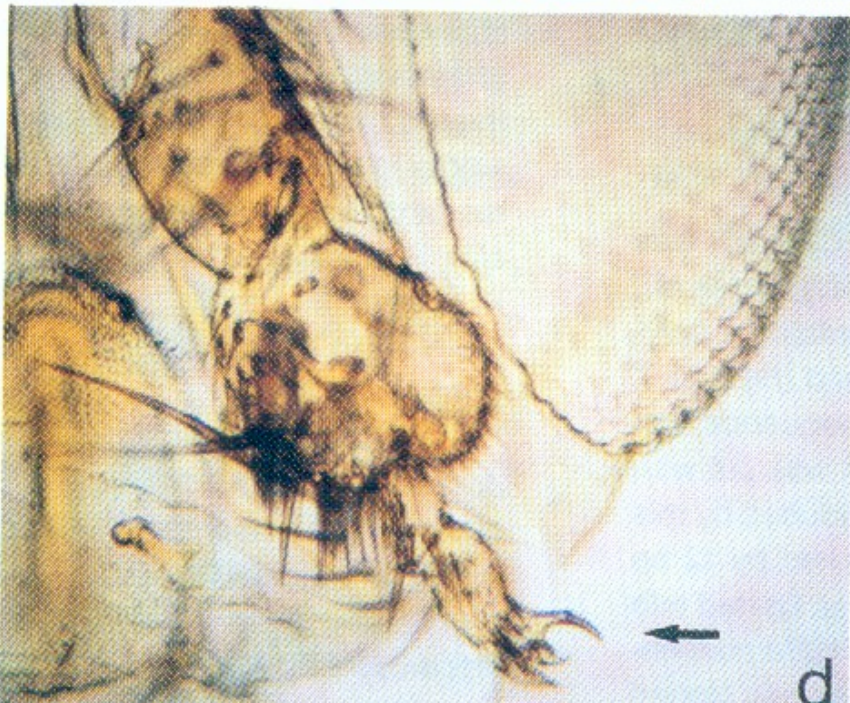
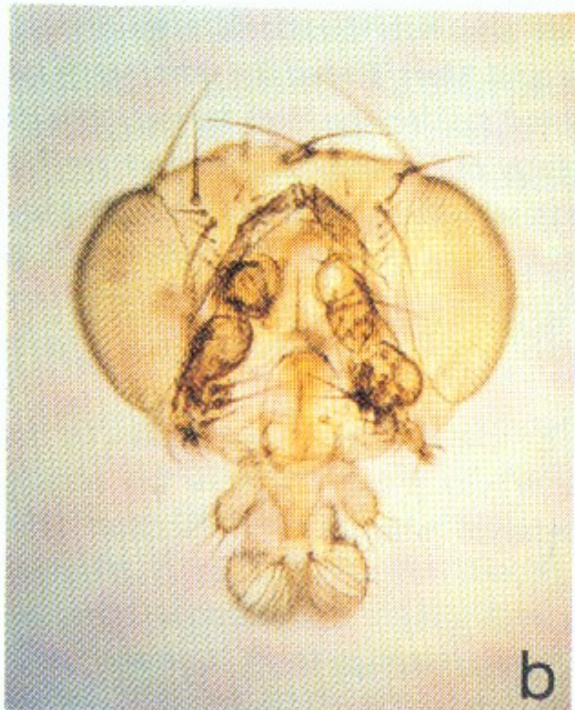
Eri eliöiden Hox-geenit ovat vieläkin niin samanlaisia, että ne voidaan saada toimimaan vieraassa ympäristössä

Seuraavassa kuvassa näkyy, miten hiiren *Hox2-2* *Drosophilaan* siirrettynä aiheuttaa jalan tuntosarven tilalle, vaikka se geeni on liipaistu käyntiinkin lämpöshokki-promoottorin avulla



wt (wild type)

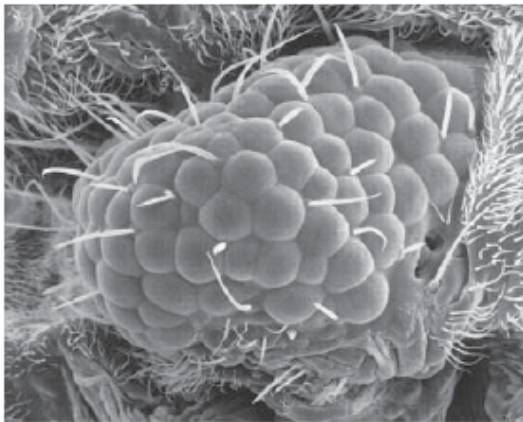
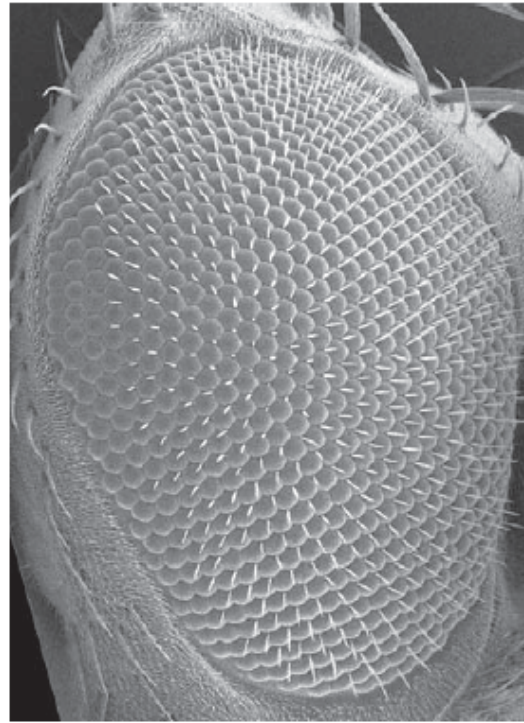
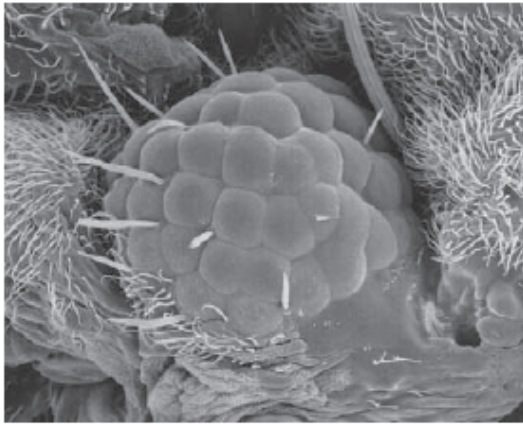
-kärpänen



hsp70-Hox-2.2

eli heat shock
promoter ja hiiren
Hox-geeni
istutettuna
*Drosophila*an

Malicki *et al.* (1990)
Cell 63: 961



(B)

50 μm

Eyeless ja *Pax6* ovat homologeja

CELL 466, 1306

Pax6 otettuna
squidista eli
mustekalasta
istutettuna
Drosophila jalkaan
aiheuttaa
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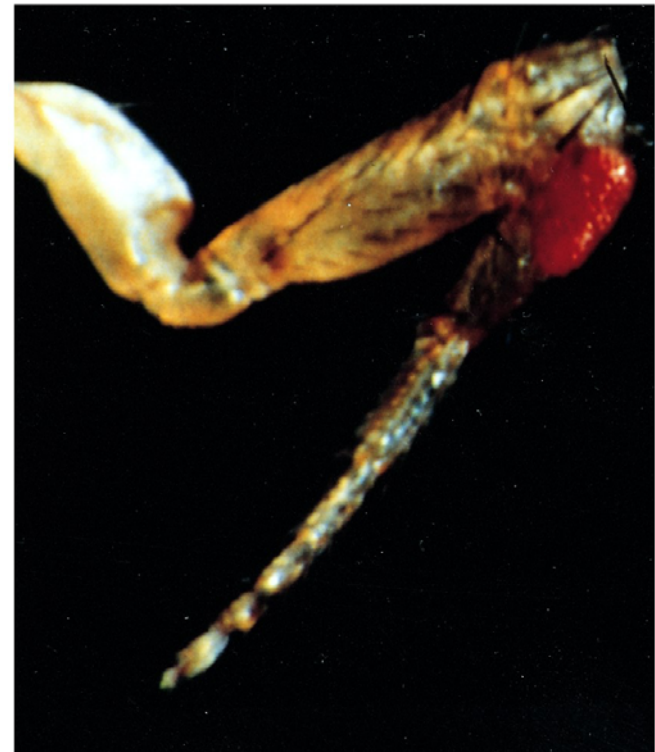


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Ihmisen (nisäkkään) hox-geenit

- sijaitsevat neljässä ryvöksessä
- väliin ei ole voinut tunkea mitään roskaa
- mutaatiota vähän (koska mutaatiot tappavat)
- siis myös välit ovat tärkeitä: roska tappaa
- virheet ovat dominoivia ja tappavat jo heterotsygoottina
- ovatpa harvinaisen tylyjä geeneiksi!

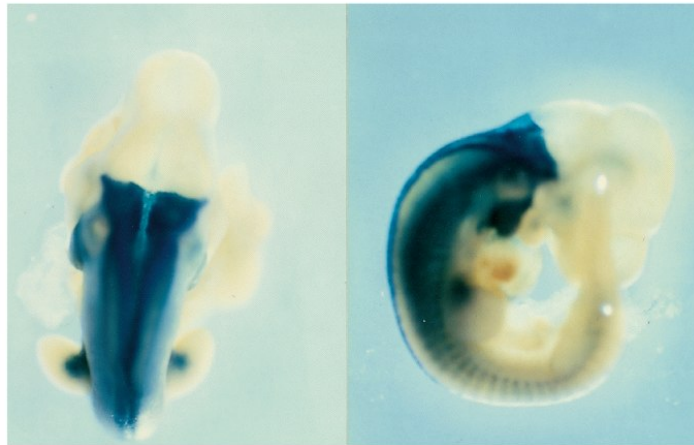
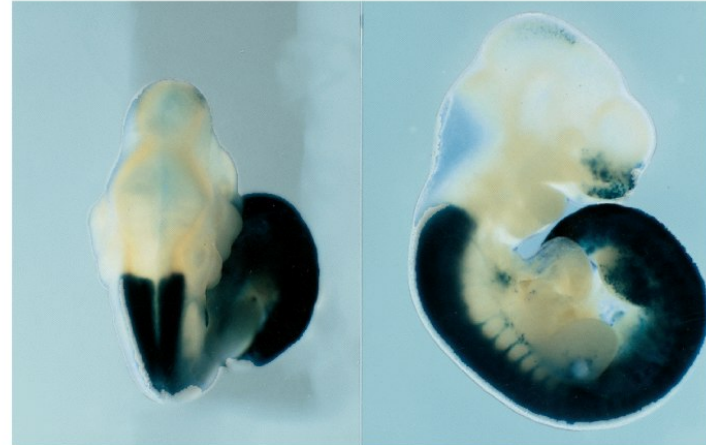
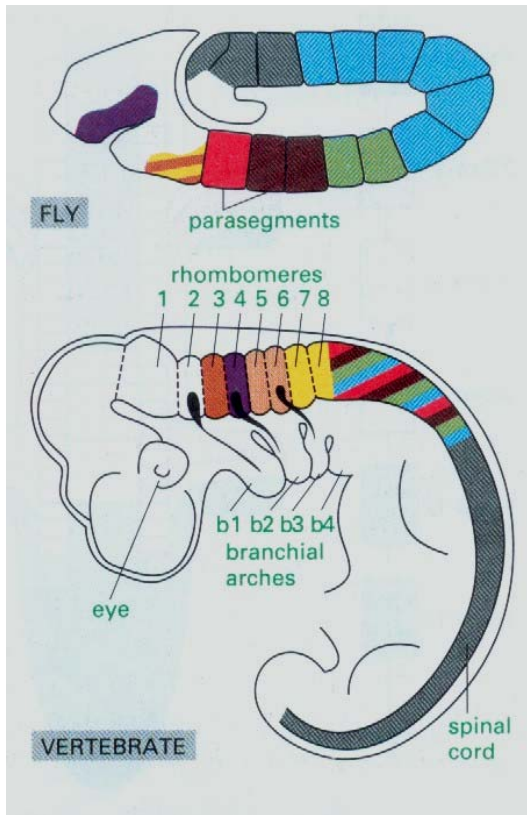
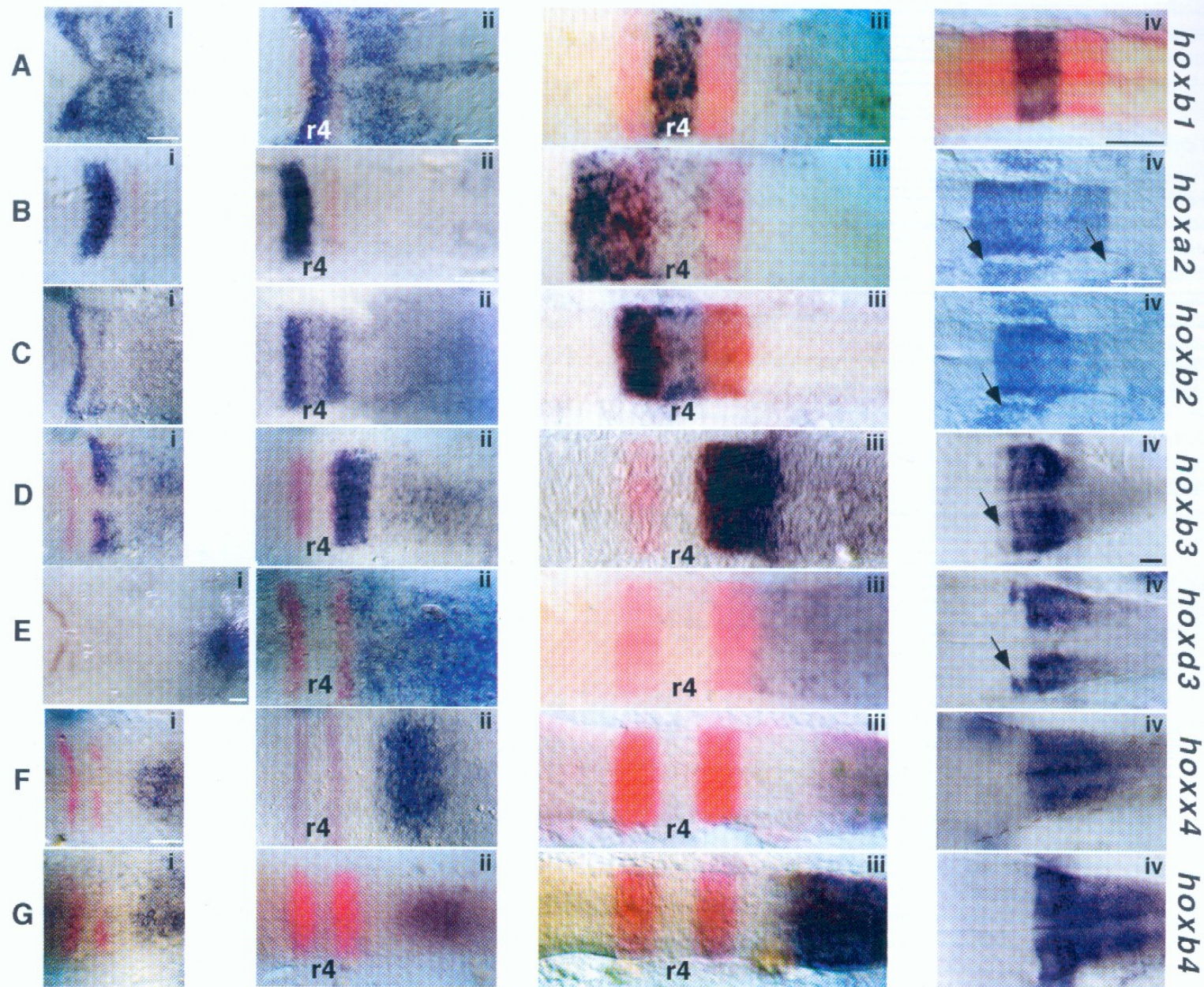
HoxB2**dorsal view****side view****HoxB4****dorsal view****side view**

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Hox-geenien ekspressio hiiren alkiossa ei voi olla ihan samanlaista kuin kärpäsellä, mutta samoja sääntöjä siinä on: antero-posteriorijärjestys ja geenien järjestys kromosomissa ovat samat (kautta koko eläinkunnan)



Seeprakalan *Hox*-geenien ekspressio kehittyvässä taka-aivossa

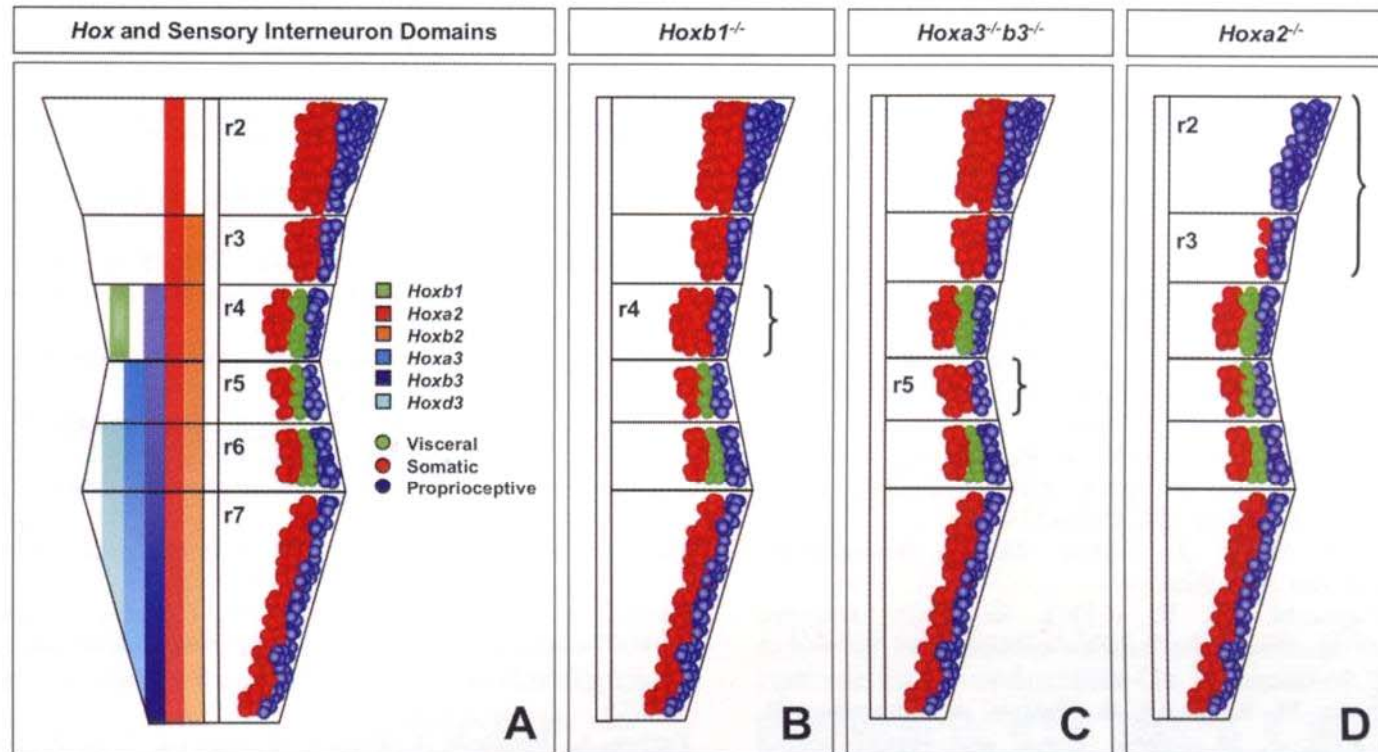
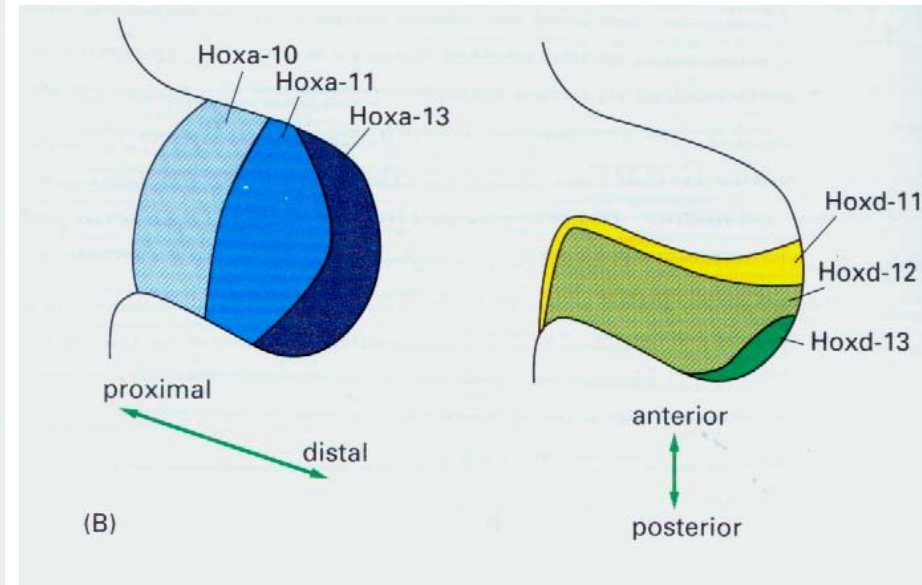
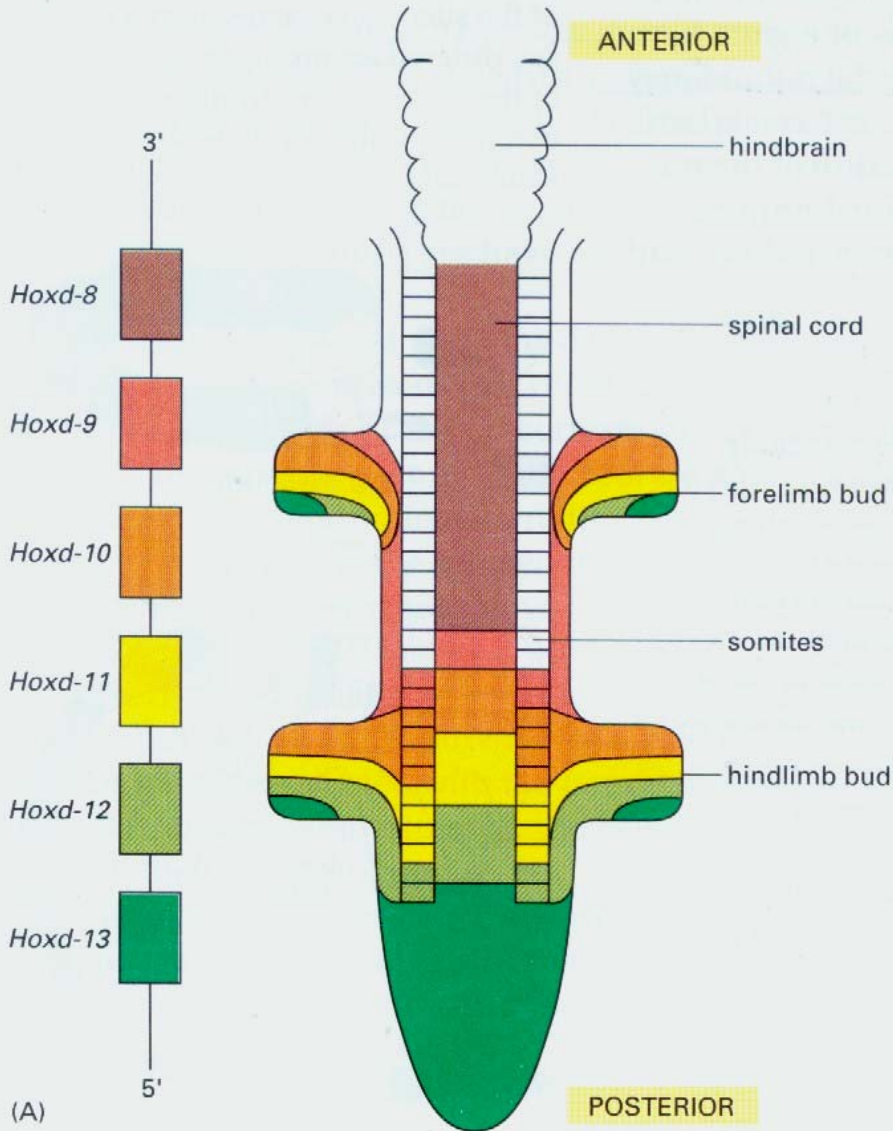


Fig. 7. Summary. (A) Schematic view of a flat-mount hindbrain showing Hox gene expression on the left (bars) and first-order visceral (noradrenergic), somatic and proprioceptive sensory relay interneurons (circles) on the right. The loss of *Hoxb1* (B) and the combination of *Hoxa3* and *Hoxb3* (C) result in a specific loss of visceral interneurons in r4 and r5, respectively. The loss of visceral sensory interneurons in these Hox mutant embryos is associated with the expansion of the somatic sensory interneuron domain. In *Hoxa2* loss-of-function (D), somatic sensory interneurons are completely eliminated in r2 and significantly reduced in r3, presumably through the redundant role of *Hoxb2* in this rhombomere (see A). Although Hox genes are expressed throughout the early neuroepithelium, the present finding suggests a specific role for Hox genes in the generation of cellular diversity in the developing hindbrain.

Hox-geenit määrittävät taka-aivossa syntyvien sensoristen välittäjäneuronien kohtalon. Mitä ne tekee, kuuluu fysiologian alaan, mutta luulen, että ne muuttaa aistimuksen ”tiedoksi”, joka on koodattu aivojen topologiaan. Kts Purkinjen solu **CELL 597**

Hoxa ja *Hoxd* -geenien rooli hiiren kehittyvässä raajassa



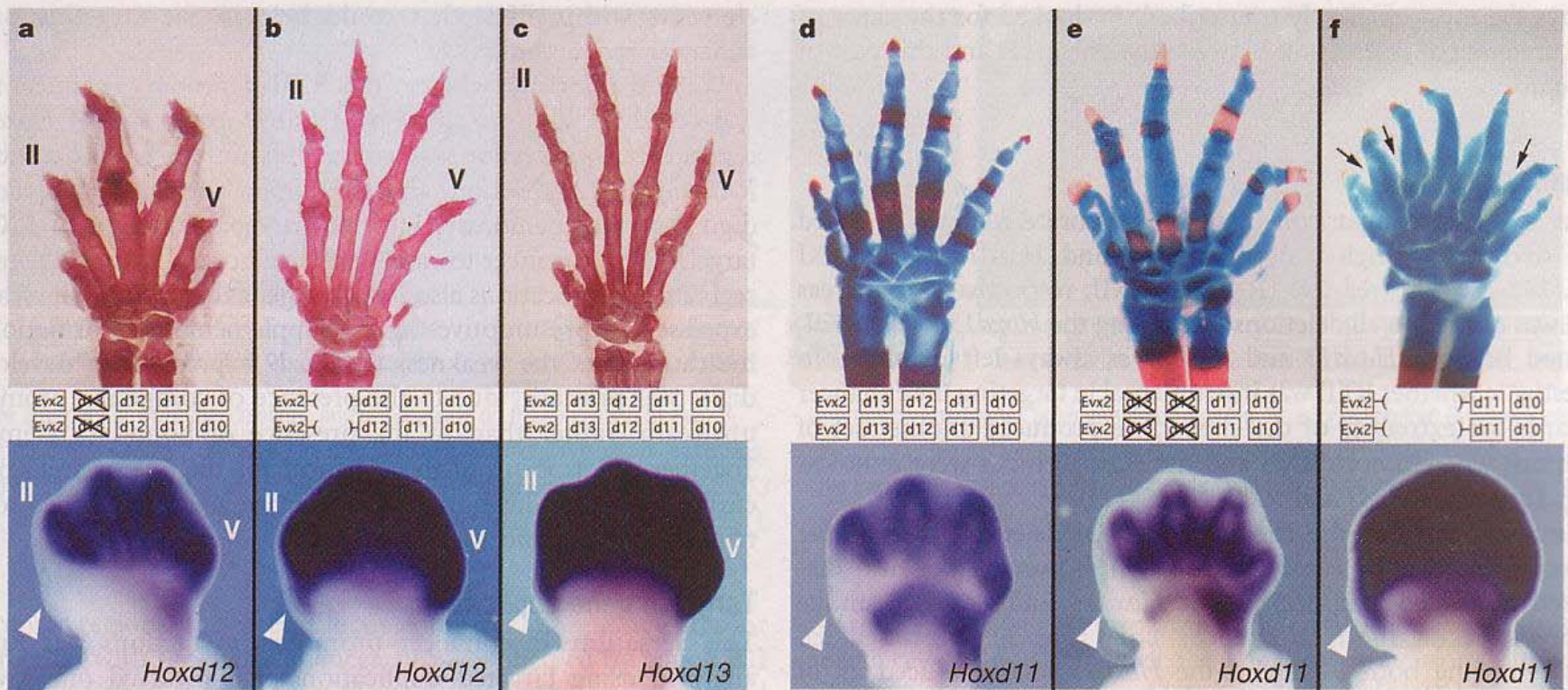
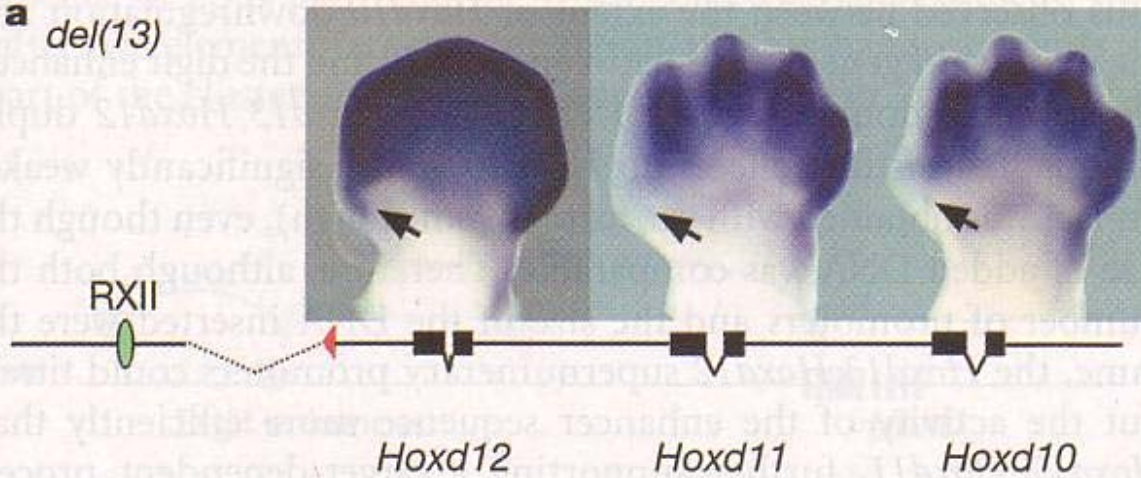


Figure 2 Targeted deletions induce regulatory reallocations. Comparison between digit phenotypes (top) and expression of 5' *Hoxd* genes (bottom) associated with either the disruption or the deletion of the corresponding loci. Crosses indicate gene inactivation; brackets indicate deletion breakpoints. **a**, Inactivation of *Hoxd13* leads to an overall reduction in the size of digits, partial fusion between digits III and IV, and a supernumerary digit in most cases²³. **b**, In contrast, deletion of the same locus has little effect (compare with control in **c**). In this latter case, a strong gain of expression of *Hoxd12* was scored,

resembling the *Hoxd13* expression pattern (**b**, **c**). **f**, Deletion of both *Hoxd13* and *Hoxd12* loci induce a severe polydactyly, and fusions (arrows) indicate an even larger number of pre-chondrogenic condensations. **e**, This phenotype is not observed in the corresponding double inactivation allele. In this case, a robust gain of *Hoxd11* expression is associated with deletion of both *Hoxd13* and *Hoxd12* loci (**d**, **f**), whereas it is absent from the disruption of both loci (**e**). In both gains of expression (**b**, **f**), the profiles are reminiscent of wild-type *Hoxd13* (**c**), including in presumptive digit I (white arrowheads).

a *del(13)*



b *RXII-del(13)*

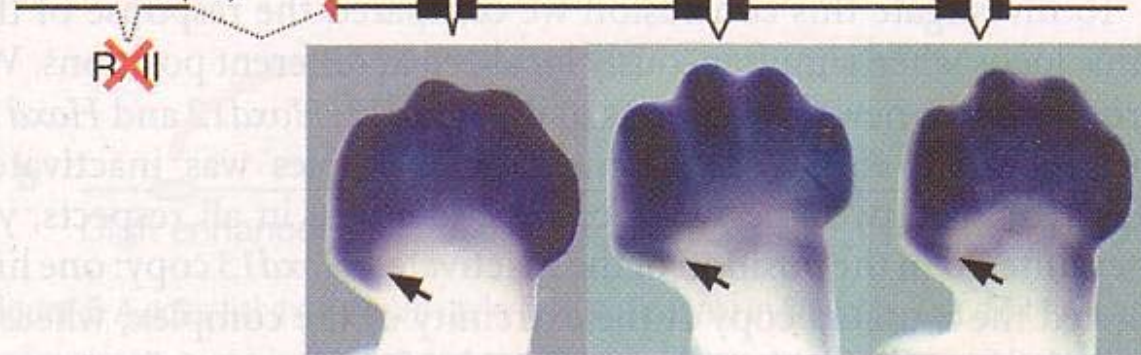


Figure 3 The evolutionarily conserved region RXII cooperates with the *Hoxd13* locus for positioning the enhancer in the 5' end of the cluster. **a**, Expression of three neighbouring *Hoxd* genes in the limbs of 13.5-day-old embryos carrying a deletion of the *Hoxd13* locus. Although there is a gain of *Hoxd12* expression in the entire distal domain, both *Hoxd11* and *Hoxd10* transcription remains virtually unchanged. **b**, In contrast, further deletion of region XII, in the absence of the *Hoxd13* locus, induces a gain of expression for all three genes, including in presumptive digit I (black arrows), thus abrogating quantitative collinearity.

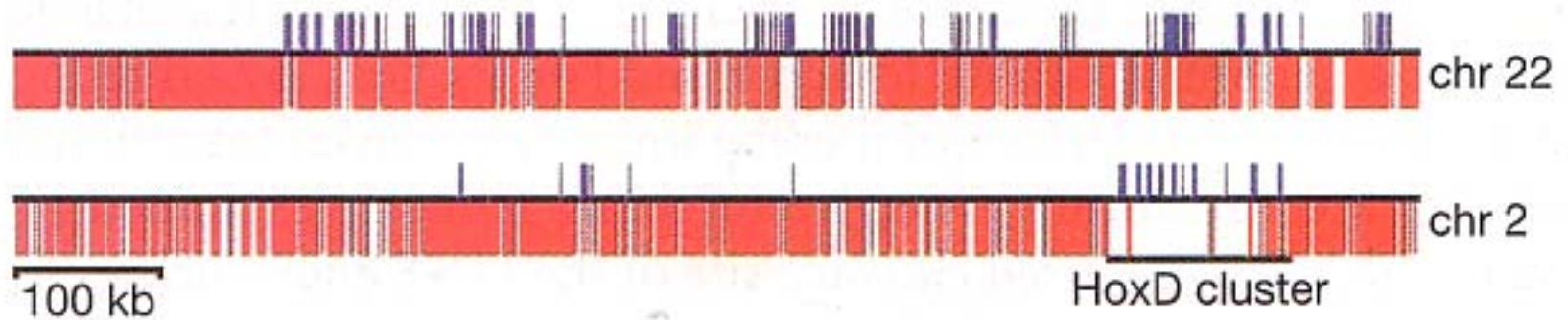


Figure 21 Two regions of about 1 Mb on chromosomes 2 and 22. Red bars, interspersed repeats; blue bars, exons of known genes. Note the deficit of repeats in the HoxD cluster, which contains a collection of genes with complex, interrelated regulation.

Ihmisen hox-geenien sijainnit

hoxa -kompleksi 7p15-p14.2

hoxb 17q21-q22

hoxc 12q13

hoxd 2q31-q32

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7p15.3, HOXA1 to 7p15-p14, GGCT

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Location	Symbol	Title	MIM #	Disorder	Comments	Me
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7p15.3	KLHL7	Kelch-like 7	611119			RE
7p15.3-p15.2	INMT	Indolethylamine N-methyltransferase	604854			RE
7p15.2	CYCS, CYC, THC4	Cytochrome C, somatic	123970	Thrombocytopenia 4, 612004 (3)		RE
7p15.2-p15.1	PSP	Phosphoserine phosphatase	172480	Phosphoserine phosphatase deficiency (3)		S, D
7p15.1	NPY	Neuropeptide Y	162640			RE, A
7p15.1	WIPF3, CR16	WAS/WASL-interacting protein family, member 3	612432			RE
7p15.1	ZNRF2	Zinc finger and ring finger protein 2	612061			RE
7p15	AHR	Aryl hydrocarbon receptor	600253			RE, Psh
7p15	CDCA7L, R1, JPO2	Cell division cycle-associated protein 7-like	609685			RE

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HOMEBOX A1; HOXA1

Alternative titles; symbols

HOMEBOX 1F; HOX1F
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TEXT

CLONING

See [142950](#). In vertebrates, the genes encoding the class of transcription factors called homeobox genes are found in clusters named A, B, C, and D on 4 separate chromosomes. Expression of these proteins is spatially and temporally regulated during embryonic development. [Hong et al. \(1995\)](#) determined the structure of the first gene in the homeobox A cluster, HOXA1, by cloning its full-length cDNA, which predicts a protein of 335 amino acids. In vitro translation produced the expected 36-kD protein. An alternatively spliced cDNA was also obtained. In PA-1 teratocarcinoma cells, HOXA1 was induced by retinoic acid earlier than other HOXA cluster genes. 🧐

MAPPING

[Apiou et al. \(1996\)](#) used fluorescence in situ hybridization to localize the HOXA gene cluster precisely to 7p15.3.

MOLECULAR GENETICS

Autism Spectrum Disorder Susceptibility

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Bosley-Salih-Alorainy/Athabaskan Brainstem Dysgenesis Syndromes

Tischfield et al. (2005) carried out SNP-based linkage analysis in a Saudi Arabian family with Bosley-Salih-Alorainy syndrome (BSAS; [601536](#)) and identified a single, fully informative 8.5-Mb region on 7p15.3-p14.3 in which only the affected children were homozygous. Further analysis narrowed the linkage to a region of homozygosity of approximately 300 kb on 7p15.2. Because of similarities between the BSAS phenotype and the pathology of the Hoxa1 $-/-$ mouse, and because the HOXA cluster falls in the haploidentical region, Tischfield et al. (2005) analyzed the HOXA1 gene in Saudi Arabian individuals with BSAS and found a homozygous guanine insertion, 175-176insG, predicted to result in a reading frameshift and the introduction of a premature stop codon ([142955.0001](#)). A Turkish individual with BSAS had a homozygous 84C-G transversion resulting in the substitution of a stop codon for a tyrosine residue (Y28X; [142955.0002](#)). Noting the phenotypic overlap of BSAS, the Hoxa1 knockout mouse, and Athabaskan brainstem dysgenesis syndrome, Tischfield et al. (2005) analyzed genomic DNA from 5 of the reported individuals with ABDS and 4 of their phenotypically normal parents. All 5 affected individuals were homozygous across the HOXA1 locus and carried a homozygous 76C-T HOXA1 mutation resulting in substitution of a stop codon for arginine (R26X; [142955.0003](#)). Tischfield et al. (2005) pointed out that to their knowledge this was the first report of viable homozygous truncating mutations in any human HOX gene and of a mendelian disorder resulting from mutations in a human HOX gene critical for development of the central nervous system.

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7p15-p14.2	HOXA6, HOX1B	Homeo box-A6	142951			A, REa, H, RE	6(Hox1.2)
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7p15-p14.2	HOXA9, HOX1G	Homeo box-A9	142956		homolog of Drosophila Abd-B; fused to NUP98 in myeloid leukemia	RE, Ch	6(Hox1.7)
7p15-p14.2	HOXA10, HOX1H	Homeo box-A10	142957			A, REa, H, RE	
7p15-p14.2	HOXA11, HOX1I	Homeo box-A11	142958	Radioulnar synostosis with amegakaryocytic thrombocytopenia, 605432 (3)		A, REa, H, RE	
7p15-p14.2	HOXA11S	Homeo box A11, antisense	607530			REc	6(Hoxa11s)
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7p15-p14.2	MIRN196B, MIR196B	Micro RNA 196B	609688			REc	
7p15-p14	AAA1	Asthma-associated alternatively spliced gene 1	608596			REc	

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17q21-q22, HOXB1 to 17q21-q22, PCTP

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17q21-q22	HOXB3, HOX2G	Homeo box-B3	142966			RE	11 (Hox2.7)
17q21-q22	HOXB4, HOX2F	Homeo box-B4	142965			RE	11 (Hox2.6)
17q21-q22	HOXB5, HOX2A	Homeo box-B5	142960			REa, A, H, Fd, RE	11 (Hox2.2)
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17q21-q22	HOXB7, HOX2C	Homeo box-B7	142962			RE	11 (Hox2.3)
17q21-q22	HOXB8, HOX2D	Homeo box-B8	142963			RE	11 (Hox2.4)
17q21-q22	HOXB9, HOX2E	Homeo box-B9	142964			RE	11 (Hox2.5)
17q21-q22	HPC9	Prostate cancer, hereditary, 9	610997	{Prostate cancer, hereditary, 9} (2)	max LOD at D17S1820	Fd	
				Epidermolytic hyperkeratosis, 113800 (3);			

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12q13, HOXC4 to 12q13, KRT18

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12q13	HOXC6, HOX3C	Homeo box-C6	142972			RE	15 (Hox6.1)
12q13	HOXC8, HOX3A	Homeo box-C8	142970			RE	15 (Hox3.1)
12q13	HOXC9, HOX3B	Homeo box-C9	142971			RE	15 (Hox3.2)
12q13	HOXC12, HOX3F	Homeo box-C12	142975			RE	
12q13	HOXC13, HOX3G	Homeo box-C13	142976		fused with NUP98 in AML	RE	
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12q13	HRG1	Heme-responsive gene 1	612187			REc	
12q13	IKZF4, ZNFN1A4, EOS, KIAA1782	Ikaros family zinc finger 4	606239			R, REc	
12q13	ITGA7	Integrin, alpha-7	600536	Myopathy, congenital (3)		A	
12q13	KCNH3, BEC1	Potassium voltage-gated channel, subfamily H (eag-related), member 3	604527			REc	
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2q31-q32, HOXD3 to 2q31.1-q31.3, PJVK

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2q31-q32	HOXD3, HOX4A	Homeo box-D3	142980			RE	2 (Hox4.1)
2q31-q32	HOXD4, HOX4B	Homeo box-D4	142981	{Leukemia, acute lymphoblastic, susceptibility to} (3)	peak at 2q32.3 by A	A, RE	2 (Hox4.2)
2q31-q32	HOXD9, HOX4C	Homeo box-D9	142982			RE	2 (Hox4.3)
2q31-q32	HOXD10, HOX4D	Homeo box-D10	142984	Vertical talus, congenital, 192950 (3); Charcot-Marie-Toothdisease, foot deformity of (3)		REa, RE	2 (Hox4.4)
2q31-q32	HOXD8, HOX4E	Homeo box-D8	142985			RE	2 (Hox4.5)
2q31-q32	HOXD11, HOX4F	Homeo box-D11	142986			RE	2 (Hox4.6)
2q31-q32	HOXD1, HOX4G	Homeo box-D1	142987			RE	2 (Hox4.7)
2q31-q32	HOXD12, HOX4H	Homeo box-D12	142988		upstream from HOX4A-G	REc	2 (Hox4.8)
2q31-q32	HOXD13, HOX4I, SPD, BDS	Homeo box-D13	142989	Synpolydactyly, type II, 186000 (3); Brachydactyly, type E, 113300 (3); Brachydactyly, type D, 113200 (3); Synpolydactyly with foot anomalies, 186000 (3); Syndactyly, type V, 186300	upstream from HOX4A-G	REc, Fd	2 (Hox4.9)



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SYNPOLYDACTYLY 1; SPD1

Alternative titles; symbols

SYNDACTYLY, TYPE II

SYNPOLYDACTYLY WITH FOOT ANOMALIES, INCLUDED

Gene map locus [2q31-q32](#)

TEXT

A number sign (#) is used with this entry because of evidence that synpolydactyly-1 (SPD1) is caused by mutation in the HOXD13 gene ([142989](#)). Synpolydactyly with characteristic foot anomalies is likewise caused by mutation in the HOXD13 gene.

See also SPD2 ([608180](#)), caused by mutation in the fibulin-1 gene (FBLN1; [135820](#)) on chromosome 22q13, and SPD3 ([610234](#)), which has been mapped to chromosome 14q11.2-q12.

CLINICAL FEATURES

In the hands there is usually syndactyly of the third and fourth fingers associated with polydactyly of all components or of part of the fourth finger in the web. In the feet there is polydactyly of the fifth toe included in a web of syndactyly of the fourth and fifth toes. The most extensive pedigree is that described by [Thomsen \(1927\)](#) showing 31 affected males and 11 affected females in 7 generations. Other kindreds were reported by [Alvord \(1947\)](#) and [Pipkin and Pipkin \(1946\)](#) among others. [Cross et al. \(1968\)](#) observed a kindred with 27 affected persons. Two persons transmitted the gene without showing any effects themselves. All persons with clinically evident malformation in the hand showed anomalous palmar dermatoglyphics. No linkage with any of 12 loci was demonstrable. An excess of affected males has been a consistent feature. [Cross et al. \(1968\)](#) found, in the literature and in their kindred, 133 females and 174 males affected. The 'original' case of Fabry disease ([301500](#)) reported by [Anderson \(1898\)](#) had this anomaly: 'The fingers of both hands are contracted at the middle and distal phalanges of the fourth finger on each hand are duplicated, the two digits being enclosed in one cutaneous investment....his mother and sister, and three out of four of his children, had congenital deformities like his own.' [Merlob and Grunebaum \(1986\)](#) found the anomaly in 16 persons in 6 generations of a family. 🧠

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7p15-p14.2, HOXA1 to 7p14.2, RP9

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7p15-p14.2	HOXA1, HOX1F	Homeo box-A1	142955		homolog of Drosophila lab	RE	6(Hox1.6)
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7p15-p14.2	HOXA4, HOX1D	Homeo box-A4	142953		homolog of Drosophila Dfd	A, REa, H, RE	6(Hox1.4)
7p15-p14.2	HOXA5, HOX1C	Homeo box-A5	142952			A, REa, H, RE	6(Hox1.3)
7p15-p14.2	HOXA6, HOX1B	Homeo box-A6	142951			A, REa, H, RE	6(Hox1.2)
7p15-p14.2	HOXA7, HOX1A	Homeo box-A7	142950		homolog of Drosophila Antp	A, REa, H, RE	6(Hox1.1)
7p15-p14.2	HOXA9, HOX1G	Homeo box-A9	142956		homolog of Drosophila Abd-B; fused to	RE, Ch	6(Hox1.7)

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7p15-p14.2, HOXA1 to 7p14.2, RP9

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7p15-p14.2	HOXA4, HOX1D	Homeo box-A4	142953		homolog of Drosophila Dfd	A, REa, H, RE	6(Hox1.4)
7p15-p14.2	HOXA5, HOX1C	Homeo box-A5	142952			A, REa, H, RE	6(Hox1.3)
7p15-p14.2	HOXA6, HOX1B	Homeo box-A6	142951			A, REa, H, RE	6(Hox1.2)
7p15-p14.2	HOXA7, HOX1A	Homeo box-A7	142950		homolog of Drosophila Antp	A, REa, H, RE	6(Hox1.1)
7p15-p14.2	HOXA9, HOX1G	Homeo box-A9	142956		homolog of Drosophila Abd-B; fused to NUP98 in myeloid leukemia	RE, Ch	6(Hox1.7)
7p15-p14.2	HOXA10, HOX1H	Homeo box-A10	142957			A, REa, H, RE	
7p15-p14.2	HOXA11, HOX1I	Homeo box-A11	142958	Radioulnar synostosis with amegakaryocytic thrombocytopenia, 605432 (3)		A, REa, H, RE	
7p15-p14.2	HOXA11S	Homeo box A11, antisense	607530			REc	6(Hox11s)
7p15-p14.2	HOXA13, HOX1J	Homeo box-A13	142959	Hand-foot-uterus syndrome, 140000 (3); Guttmacher syndrome, 176305 (3)		RE, Fd	6(Hox13.Hd)
7p15-p14	AS2	Asthma susceptibility 2	608584	{Asthma susceptibility}, 600807 (2)		Fd	
7p15-p14	EVX1	Even-skipped homeo box-1 (homolog of Drosophila)	142996		at 3' end of HOX1 cluster	REn	

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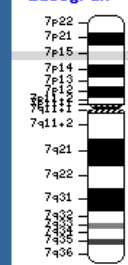
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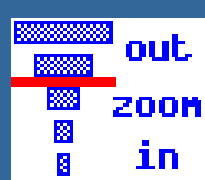
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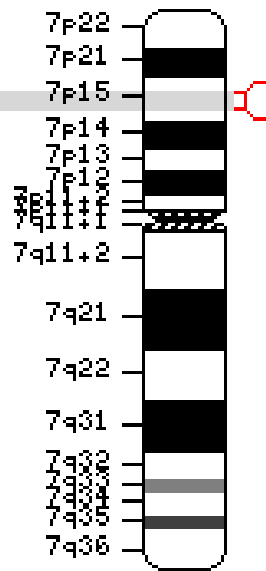
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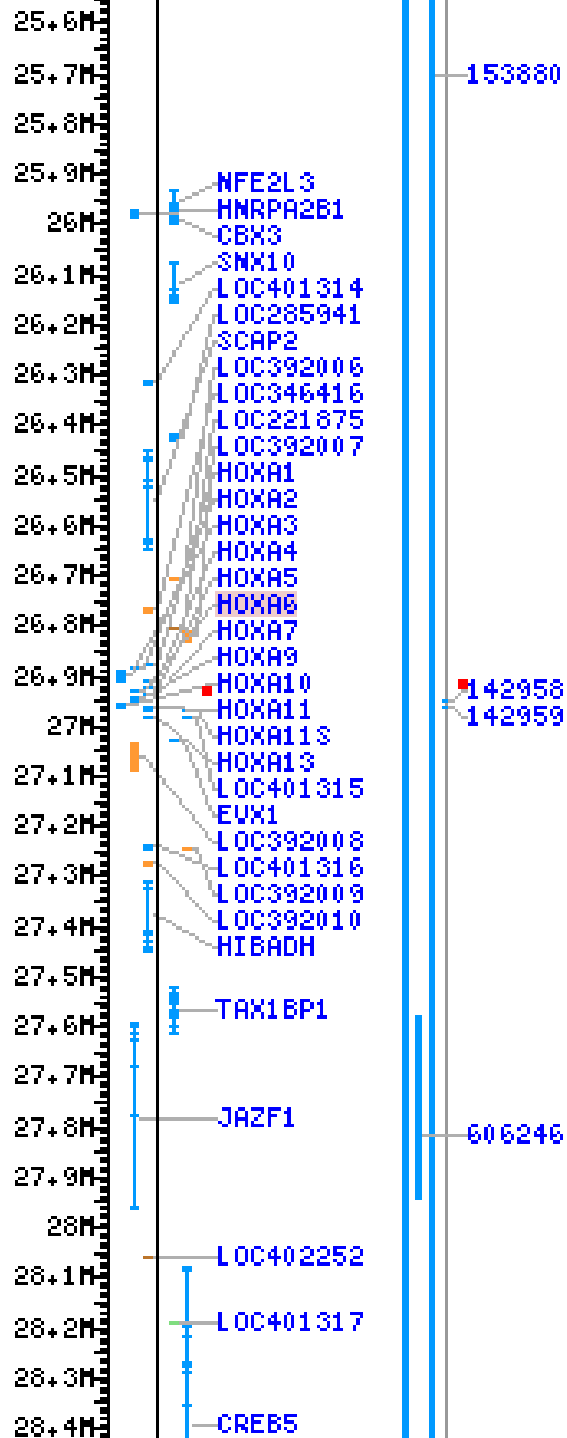
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17q21-q22, HOXB1 to 17q21-q22, SHCL1

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17q21-q22	HOXB3, HOX2G	Homeo box-B3	142966			RE	11 (Hox2.7)
17q21-q22	HOXB4, HOX2F	Homeo box-B4	142965			RE	11 (Hox2.6)
17q21-q22	HOXB5, HOX2A	Homeo box-B5	142960			REa, A, H, Fd, RE	11 (Hox2.2)
17q21-q22	HOXB6, HOX2B	Homeo box-B6	142961			RE	11 (Hox2.2)
17q21-q22	HOXB7, HOX2C	Homeo box-B7	142962			RE	11 (Hox2.3)
17q21-q22	HOXB8, HOX2D	Homeo box-B8	142963			RE	11 (Hox2.4)
17q21-q22	HOXB9, HOX2E	Homeo box-B9	142964			RE	11 (Hox2.5)
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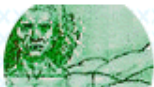
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12q13, HOXC4 to 12q13, METTL1

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2q31-q32, HOXD3 to 2q32, DLX1

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2q31-q32	HOXD13, HOX4I, OMIM	Homeo box-D13	142989	Synpolydactyly, type II, 186000 (3)	upstream from	REc, 7.4	2 (Hox4.9)

HOMEO BOX A11; HOXA11

Alternative titles; symbols

HOMEO BOX 1I; HOX1I

Thompson and Nguyen (2000) observed 2 families with autosomal dominant inheritance of **radioulnar synostosis** in association with **amgakaryocytic thrombocytopenia** ([605432](#)).

Because HOXA10 and HOXA11 are involved in forearm morphogenesis, and HOXA10 is expressed in megakaryocytic bone marrow precursor cells, Thompson and Nguyen (2000) studied these genes in this family. They found that the fathers and affected children were **heterozygous** for a single nucleotide deletion in a highly conserved region in exon 2 encoding the homeodomain of HOXA11 ([142958.0001](#)). The authors stated that this was the first reported germline HOX gene mutation associated with a human nonneoplastic hematologic disorder, and only the third HOX gene implicated in a human syndrome, the others being HOXD13 in synpolydactyly ([142989](#)) and HOXA13 in hand-foot-genital syndrome ([142959](#)).

HOMEO BOX A13; HOXA13

Alternative titles; symbols

HOMEO BOX 1J; HOX1J

HAND-FOOT-GENITAL SYNDROME [HOXA13, TRP369TER]

Mortlock and Innis (1997) found that patients with the hand-foot-genital syndrome ([140000](#)) in the family reported by Stern et al. (1970) had an **A-to-G transition in a highly conserved tryptophan codon** in the HOXA13 homeodomain, which, in addition to causing a **trp369-to-ter substitution** (TGG to TGA), also destroyed a NlaIV restriction site. The nonsense mutation was predicted to produce a **truncated protein missing 20 C-terminal amino acids** based on homology to other homeodomains whose 3-dimensional structures had been determined. This portion of the normal homeodomain folds into the last of the 3 alpha-helices. **This helix is critical for DNA binding.**

The authors noted that the tryptophan that was mutated in this family is the only amino acid which is invariant in all known homeodomain proteins.

HOMEO BOX D13; HOXD13

Alternative titles; symbols

HOMEO BOX 4I; HOX4I

See HOXD12 ([142988](#)). Muragaki et al. (1996) sequenced the HOXD13 gene and determined that the 5-prime region of the HOXD13 protein contains 2 serine stretches and 1 alanine stretch. Amplification of the gene region encoding the alanine stretch showed an additional larger band in the affected individuals in 3 pedigrees with **synpolydactyly** ([186000](#)). Muragaki et al. (1996) noted that the mutation found in these pedigrees did not disrupt an evolutionarily conserved domain.

Akarsu et al. (1996) analyzed the genomic structure of the HOXD13 gene. They determined that it consists of 2 exons and that it encodes a polypeptide of 335 amino acids which has high homology to the chicken Hoxd13 gene. Akarsu et al. (1996) reported that the more 3-prime exon encodes the highly conserved homeodomain sequences and that the upstream 757-bp exon and the downstream 248-bp exon are separated by an intron of 950 bp, within which lies a stretch of polymorphic CA repeat sequences. They noted that the **5-prime end of the gene contains 15 alanine residues**.

Akarsu et al. (1996) reported that in 2 unrelated Turkish families with synpolydactyly ([186000](#)), **duplication of 9 residues** of this polyalanine tract ([142989.0001](#)) was transmitted from affected parents to their affected offspring but not to their unaffected offspring. This duplication was also found in 2 affected individuals who were recombinant for the HOXD13 CA repeat polymorphism.

On muitakin *Drosophila* kehitysgeenejä, jotka toimivat ihmisessäkin. Joskus niistä tunnetaan mutaatioita (= vaivoja), joskus ei

Vaivattomuus viittaa niin keskeiseen toimintaan, että alkio kuolee anivarhain

Mutations in the human ortholog of *Aristaless* cause X-linked mental retardation and epilepsy

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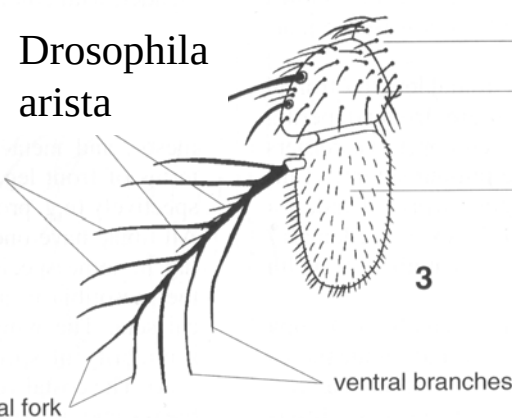
Mental retardation and epilepsy often occur together. They are both heterogeneous conditions with acquired and genetic causes. Where causes are primarily genetic, major advances have been made in unraveling their molecular basis. The human X chromosome alone is estimated to harbor more than 100 genes that, when mutated, cause mental retardation¹. At least eight autosomal genes involved in idiopathic epilepsy have been identified², and many more have been implicated in conditions where epilepsy is a feature. We have identified mutations in an X chromosome-linked, *Aristaless*-related, homeobox gene (*ARX*), in nine families with mental retardation (syndromic and nonspecific), various forms of epilepsy, including infantile spasms and myoclonic seizures, and dystonia. Two recurrent mutations, present in seven families, result in expansion of polyalanine tracts of the *ARX* protein. These probably cause protein aggregation, similar to other polyalanine³ and polyglutamine⁴ disorders. In addition, we have identified a missense mutation within the *ARX* homeodomain and a truncation mutation. Thus, it

would seem that mutation of *ARX* is a major contributor to X-linked mental retardation and epilepsy.

West syndrome consists of infantile spasms, an electroencephalogram pattern of hypsarrhythmia and subsequent mental retardation. The etiology is heterogeneous and, for the most part, unknown^{5,6}. An X-linked subgroup⁷ of West syndrome was recently identified (ISSX, MIM 308350). The 'causative' gene was mapped⁸ to a region of approximately 7 Mb between *DXS1226* and *AHC* (adrenohypoplasia congenita).

Preliminary tracing of the presence of about 100 sequence of the PA (DNA polymerase) underlying ISSX, fetal, infant and Hs.257648, Hs.15 mutations in four and one Norwegian detected in four o

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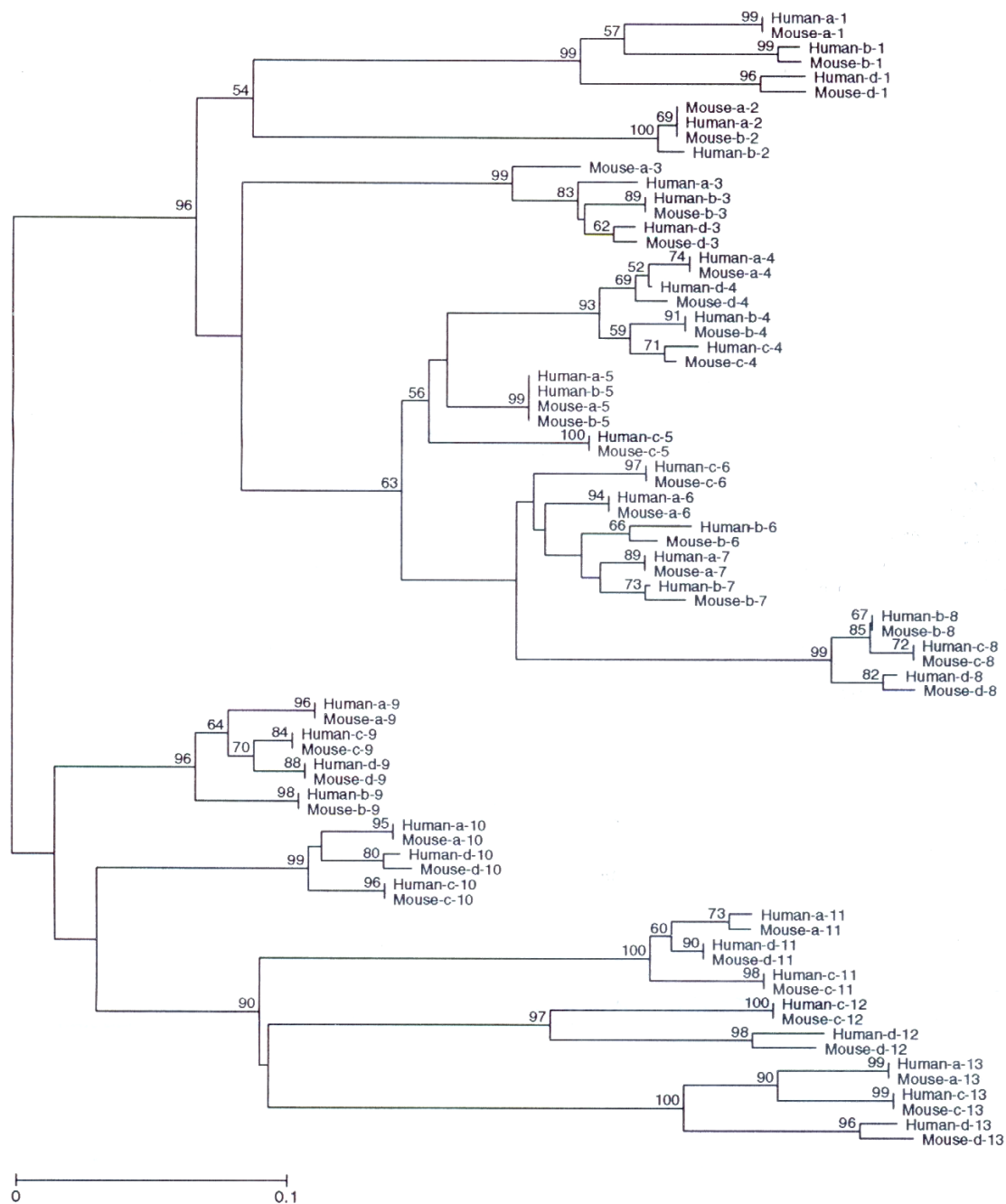
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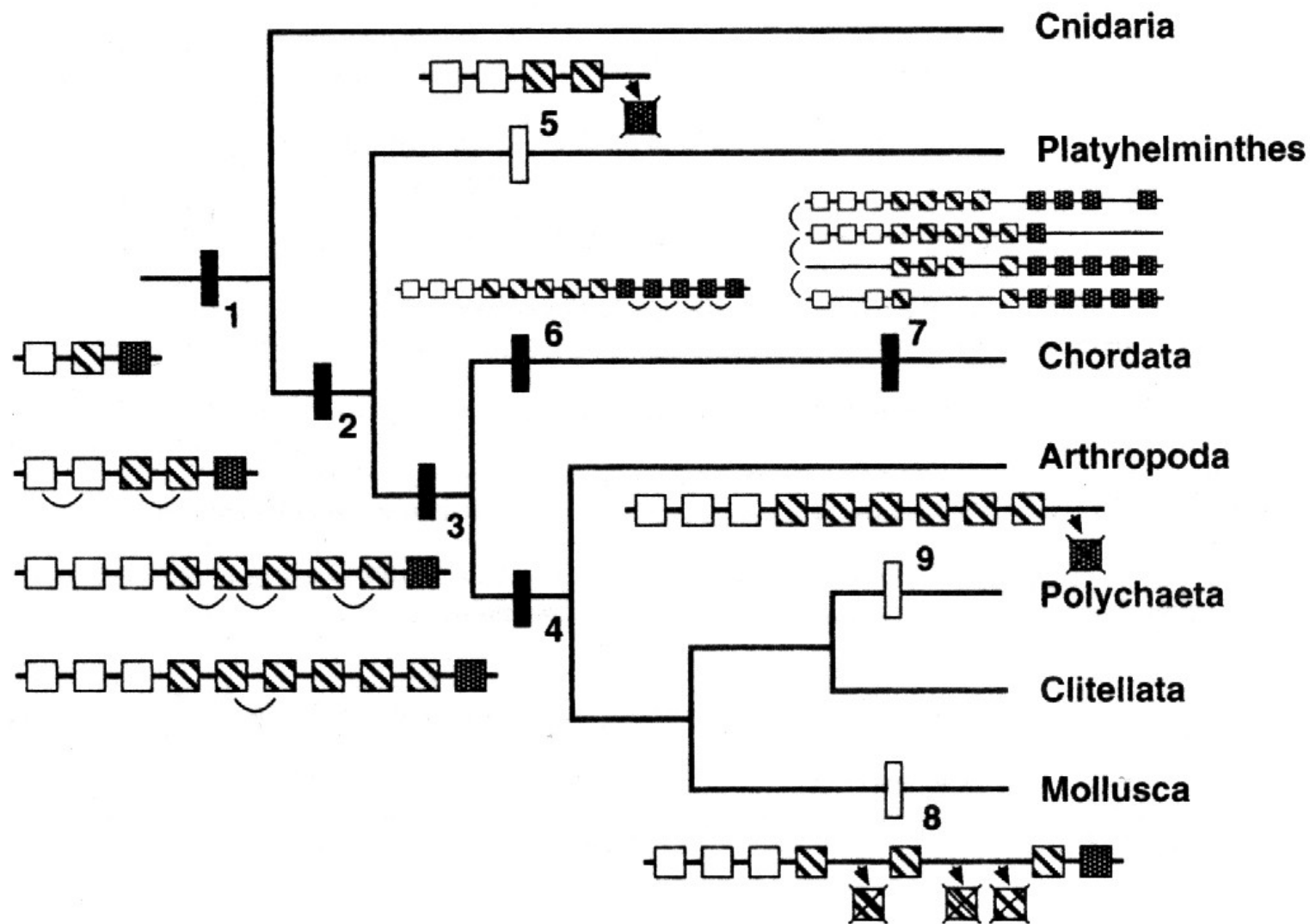
Faiella et al. (1991) isolated and mapped the human equivalent of the *Drosophila* EVX1 gene. The gene encodes a protein of 407 amino acids containing a homeodomain closely related to the *Drosophila even-skipped (eve) segmentation gene of the pair-rule class*. EVX1 belongs to a small family of vertebrate eve-related homeo box genes including human EVX1 and EVX2 ([142991](#)), their murine homologs Evx-1 and Evx-2, and the frog Xhox-3 gene. The human EVX2 gene is located at the 5-prime end of the HOX4 locus on chromosome 2 (see HOXD13; [142989](#)). Faiella et al. (1991) showed that the EVX1 gene is located at the 5-prime end of the HOX1 locus (see HOXA1; [142955](#)) on chromosome 7, 48 kb upstream from the most 5-prime of the 11 HOX1 genes, namely HOX1J (HOXA13; [142959](#)). Both EVX genes are transcribed in an opposite orientation as compared to adjacent HOX genes.

EVEN-SKIPPED HOMEO BOX 2; EVX2

HOMEO BOX EVX-2

Genetic analysis of early embryogenesis in *Drosophila* provided insight into the molecular events controlling body plan formation; in particular, the process of segmentation and the specification of segment identification was shown to be controlled by a limited number of genes. These genes exist in several homeo box families that encode homeo domains with different primary sequences. For example, *Drosophila* homeo domains belong to at least 7 classes, including Antennapedia (see [142950](#)), engrailed (see [131290](#), [131310](#)), and even-skipped (eve). Murine homologs of most *Drosophila* homeo domain classes have been described. In particular, Bastian and Gruss (1990) reported 2 murine genes containing an eve-type homeo box, *evx-1* ([142996](#)) and *evx-2*. The *evx-1* expression pattern during mouse embryogenesis was considered consistent with a role in establishing the anterioposterior embryonic axis. D'Esposito et al. (1991) demonstrated an *Evx-2*-type of homeo box on human chromosome 2, 13 kb upstream from HOX4I ([142989](#)). That the EVX2 sequences belong to an active gene was indicated by the fact that they are transcribed and properly processed in cells and tissues. The human EVX2 homeo box is homologous to the *Drosophila* eve homeo box identified by Macdonald et al. (1986). In all, 9 homeo boxes are included in a 100-kb region of DNA on the long arm of human chromosome 2. Bastian et al. (1992) demonstrated that the murine 'even-skipped-like' gene *Evx-2* is closely linked to the Hox-4 complex in that species also, but is transcribed in the opposite direction.

FIGURE 3.—Phylogenetic tree of 76 human and mouse *Antp*-class homeobox genes.



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