



Evidence of Complement Genes in the Ophiurid: *Ophiocoma Nigra*. Comparisons with the Sea Star *Asterias Rubens*

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Abstract

All the complement component genes of the Alternate and Classical Pathways, are present in the Ophiurid: *Ophiocoma nigra* like in the sea star *Asterias Rubens* genome we studied recently.

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Introduction

In recent papers, we have found in the *Asterias Rubens* genome, all the component genes of the alternative and classical pathways ([ref.1](#)) More recently, we have discovered in the Ophiurid: *Ophiocoma nigra* genome, an Ophiurid IGKappa gene ([ref.2](#)) which can play a fundamental rôle in the antibody-like immune reactions ([ref.3](#)) It seemed interesting to look for Complement component genes in the *Ophiocoma nigra* genome

Materials and Methods

Ophiocoma nigra was collected at Roscoff (Biologic Station). Digestive coeca were excised from the *O.nigra* body.

O. nigra mRNA was obtained from Uptizol(Interchim) Sequencing was operated on Illumina Next Seq 500 with Paired-end:2.75 bp.

Transcriptome was assembled from RNA-Seq fastq files using Trinity v2.1.1 ([ref.4](#)) with default parameters. A BLAST database was created with the assembled transcripts using make blast DB 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+ ([ref.5](#)) with parameter word_size 7.

Results :

The component C3 is central for both the classical and alternate pathways: it is following a sequence :

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>BC029976.1 Mus musculus complement component 3, mRNA (cDNA clone IMAGE:5038612)
5' CCGACCGTGGGGCTGTAAATGGTTGATTCTGGAGAAACAGAAGCCGGATGGTGTCTTTTCAGGAGGAT
GGGCCCGTGATTACCAAGAAATGATTGGTGGCTCCGGAAATGCCAAGGAGGCAGATGTGTGCTCACAG
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CATCAACAAGGCAGGGGAGTATATTGAAGCCAGTTACATGAACCTGCAGAGACCATACACAGTGGCCATT
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The following sequences obtained from a blast against Homo sapiens show simultaneously alternate and classical pathway components:

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TGTGCTCCTGCACAATCAAGTTTAAAGGGATTGCTGCAGAAATCAGTAAACAAAGATAGC
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>TRINITY_DN5844_c0_g1_i1 len=217 (C5)

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>TRINITY_DN6320_c0_g1_i1 len=213 (C2)

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>TRINITY_DN228128_c0_g1_i1 len=258 (C1S)

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>TRINITY_DN38594_c0_g1_i1 len=481 (C7)

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 GCCTCCCAGGTAGCTGGACTACACCACACTGGACTACACCAGCTGCCACCATGCCTAG
 CTAATTTTTGATTTTTTGGTAGAGACAGGGTTTTGCCGTGGCCAGGCTGGTAGATCG3'

>TRINITY_DN17398_c0_g1_i1 len=230 (C1R)

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>TRINITY_DN221697_c0_g1_i1 len=246 (C8B)

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 GGCATGCTTGCAATTAACCACTCCAGAAATGCTGAAGGAAGCTCACTTTGATGATTTA
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 GCCCTAAATGGACTGAAAAATAGAGAAAAATGCAGAAATGTGTGCCAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAA
 AAGCTGA3'

A table summarizes all these results as following: Table 1(Note the high significant e-values)

QueryID	QueryName	SubjectID	Identity	Length	Mismatch	Gapopen	E-value
NM_001737.4	C9	TRINITY_DN6841_c0_g1_i1	76.81	595	111	16	4.00E-83
NM_001317163.1	C5	TRINITY_DN5844_c0_g1_i1	83.87	217	35	0	3.00E-52
NM_001735.2	C5	TRINITY_DN5844_c0_g1_i1	83.87	217	35	0	3.00E-52
NM_001282459.1	C2	TRINITY_DN6320_c0_g1_i1	85.71	98	12	2	5.00E-21
NM_001317164.1	C5	TRINITY_DN38594_c0_g1_i1	77.95	127	27	1	1.00E-13
NM_001346850.1	C1S	TRINITY_DN228128_c0_g1_i1	94.87	39	2	0	1.00E-08
NM_001734.4	C1S	TRINITY_DN228128_c0_g1_i1	94.87	39	2	0	1.00E-08
NM_201442.3	C1S	TRINITY_DN228128_c0_g1_i1	94.87	39	2	0	1.00E-08
NM_000587.3	C7	TRINITY_DN38594_c0_g1_i1	74.81	135	33	1	1.00E-07
NM_000587.3	C7	TRINITY_DN38594_c0_g1_i1	83.08	65	11	0	1.00E-07
NM_001346850.1	C1S	TRINITY_DN32341_c0_g1_i1	96.88	32	1	0	2.00E-06
NM_001734.4	C1S	TRINITY_DN32341_c0_g1_i1	96.88	32	1	0	2.00E-06
NM_201442.3	C1S	TRINITY_DN32341_c0_g1_i1	96.88	32	1	0	2.00E-06
NM_001733.5	C1R	TRINITY_DN17398_c0_g1_i1	94.12	34	2	0	8.00E-06
NM_001354346.1	C1R	TRINITY_DN17398_c0_g1_i1	94.12	34	2	0	8.00E-06
NM_001346850.1	C1S	TRINITY_DN27085_c0_g1_i1	84.21	57	5	3	8.00E-06
NM_001734.4	C1S	TRINITY_DN27085_c0_g1_i1	84.21	57	5	3	8.00E-06
NM_201442.3	C1S	TRINITY_DN27085_c0_g1_i1	84.21	57	5	3	8.00E-06
NM_001733.5	C1R	TRINITY_DN57346_c0_g1_i1	93.94	33	2	0	3.00E-05

Conclusion and Discussion

We observe that the main complement components genes are present in *Ophiocoma nigra*, in a similar way than in the asteroid *Asterias Rubens* (ref.1).

In Echinodermata, only asteroids and ophiurids, show alternate (C3, C5, C7, C8, C9) and classical pathway components (C1r, C1s, C2, C4): It is a reality, not a coincidence, we cannot neglect, in the future works of comparative immunology, in Echinodermata, which study the in-

nate and adaptative immunity.

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