Supplementary Note 2: Galactoside-Binding Lectins

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Introduction

Galactoside-binding lectins (galectins) bind β -galactose with their structurally similar carbohydrate-recognition domains (CRDs) (Cummings and Liu 2009). CRDs can function alone or in clusters creating a β -sandwich structure without Ca²⁺ binding sites (Leffler et al., 2004; Mitchell et al., 2001; Wang et al., 2012).

In the invertebrate *Clavelina picta*, it has been shown that galectin may be an effector molecule in the innate immune system (Vasta et al., 1999), whereas it can be similar in insects. *Anopheles* mosquito galectins were upregulated in the gut and salivary glands after infection of both malaria and bacteria (Dimopoulos et al., 1996, 1998, 1988). It was suggested that galectins may function as a pattern recognition receptor (PRR) by binding saccharides (β -galactose) on the pathogen surface to trigger the innate immune response or agglutinate bacteria in the midgut following blood-feeding (Dimopoulos et al., 1998).

Methods

Insecta galectins orthologs were collected from Immunodb and were used to blat against the *Diaphorina citri*, Asian citrus psyllid (ACP), genome. Identification and annotation of galectins was performed in WebApollo where RNA sequence data (adult, nymph, and egg) supported the manually curated gene models. BLASTp was used to confirm accuracy of the annotated galectins and determine the number of CRDs each galectin contains.

Galectin orthologs were collected from a limited NCBI search to include different insect orders. The conserved domains database in NCBI was used to identify and retrieve the CRD amino acid sequences of each collected galectin orthologs. ACP CRDs were globally pairwise aligned with *Acyrthosiphon pisum, Cimex lectularius, Diuraphis noxia,* and *Drosophila melanogaster* using NCBI Needleman-Wunsch tool. Multiple sequence alignments of ACP and orthologous insect galectins CRDs was performed in MEGA6 using ClustalW (Tamura et al 2003). The phylogenetic analysis of the CRDs included, constructing a midpoint rooted neighbor-joining tree in MEGA6 using p-distance to show evolutionary distance and 1,000 bootstrap replicates.

Results and Discussion

A total of three galectins and one partial galectin were identified and manually curated within the ACP genome (Table 1). *Acyrthosiphon pisum,* ACP closest relative, only has

two galectin paralogs (Gerardo et al., 2010) (Table 3), which are isoforms (NCBI accession: XP_008186241 and XP_001943769). The naming of the ACP galectins are based on NCBI Gnomon. Galectin-5 and 32 kDa beta-galactoside-binding lectin were identified in the same scaffold (WebApollo accession:

gi|645507215|ref|NW_007377695.1|). Blastp showed that galectin-4, 32 kDa betagalactoside-binding lectin, galectin-5, and galectin-4 partial has two CRDs, two CRDs, one CRD, and one CRD, respectively. ACP galectins containing two CRDs, like that of mammalian galectins, may mediate cell-cell communication or trigger signal cascades, as also suggested in *Drosophila melanogaster* (Pace et al., 2002; Liu, 2000; Hadari et al., 2000; Pace et al., 2000; Baum et al., 1995).

In the pairwise alignment analysis (Table 2), the ACP CRDs have an identity of 17% or greater compared to other related organisms. *D. citri* gal-4 CRD1, 32 kDa gal CRD2, and gal-5 CRD1 were analyzed with related insects CRDs from the orders Hymenoptera, and Coleoptera (Figure 1). The tree shows that the ACP CDRs have evolved from each other but still grouped with other hemipterans, further supporting the manually curated models. Coleoptera and Hymenoptera CRDs have also grouped with themselves independently.

D. citri galectins	BLASTP match	Protein	Number	Domains
	(organism, bit score)	Length	OT CRDS	
				Dimerization interface, sugar
				binding pocket, dimerization
Galectin 4		286	2	swap strand, Putative alternate
	Galectin 4			dimerization interface, Gal-
	(Zootermopsis nevadensis,			bind_lectin (CRD), Gal-bind_lecti
	101)			(CRD), two Gal-bind_lectin, two
				GLECT, two GLECT superfamily
		142	1	Putative alternate dimerization
Galectin 4, partial	Galectin 9			interface, sugar binding pocket,
	(Habropoda laboriosa, 52.4)			Gal-bind_lectin (CRD), GLECT,
				Gal-bind lectin, GLECT
				superfamily
				Dimerization swap strand, suga
				binding pocket, dimerization
Galectin 5		218	1	interface, putative alternate
	Galectin 8			dimerization interface, Gal-
	(Zootermopsis nevadensis,			bind lectin (CRD). Gal-
	116)			bind lectin, GLECT, GLECT
				superfamily
				Two sugar binding pocket,
				dimerization interface,
		494	2	dimerization swap strand, two

Table 1: All the galectins found in the *D. citri* genome. Table shows all galectins with names based on NCBI Gnomon with BLASTp matches, and corresponding protein length, number of CRDs, and domains.

32 kDa beta-	Galectin 8		putative alternate dimerization
galactoside-	(Zootermopsis nevadensis,		interface, two Gal-bind_lectin
binding lectin	184)		(CRD), two Gal-bind_lectin, two
			GLECT, two GLECT superfamily

Table 2: Global pairwise alignment of D. citri CRDs with related organisms displaying percent identity a	ind
(Needleman-Wunsch score).	

	Galectin-4		32 kDa galectin		Galectin-5
Diaphorina citri	CRD1	CRD2	CRD1	CRD2	CRD1
Acyrthosiphon pisum	33%	22%	28%	20%	28%
(XP_008186241.1)	(146)	(-27)	(104)	(7)	(104)
Cimex lectularius	17%	19%	31%	18%	31%
(XP_014259365.1)	(12)	(-32)	(147)	(-29)	(147)
Diuraphis noxia	32%	22%	27%	19%	27%
(XP_015371421.1)	(139)	(-28)	(91)	(2)	(91)
Drosophila	23%	23%	31%	20%	31%
melanogaster	(52)	(-24)	(155)	(25)	(155)
(NP_001245813.1)					

Table 3: Number of galectins in *D. citri* and related organisms.

Organism	# of galectins
Diaphorina citri	3
Acyrthosiphon pisum	1
Cimex lectularius	1
D. melanogaster	1
Aedes aegypti	12
Anopheles gambiae	15
Culex quinquefasciatus	5

*Numbers based on Ensembl and NCBI, does not include isoforms/partial.



Figure 1: Neighbor-joining tree of 13 galectin CRDs was constructed in MEGA6 using 1000 bootstrap replications. The p-distance method was used to show evolutionary distance. A total of 60 amino acid positions were analyzed for the tree. NCBI accessions: *A. dorsata* [XP_006607868.1], *H. laboriosa* [XP_017794332.1], *N. vitripennis* [XP_008211704.1], *H. saltator* [EFN82261.1], *C. floridanus* [EFN73449.1], *N. vespilloides* [XP_017773770.1], *T. castaneum* [XP_015834566.1], *C. lectularius* [XP_014259365.1], *A. pisum* [XP_008186241.1], *D. noxia* [XP_015371421.1].

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