

Functional innovation through new genes as a general evolutionary process

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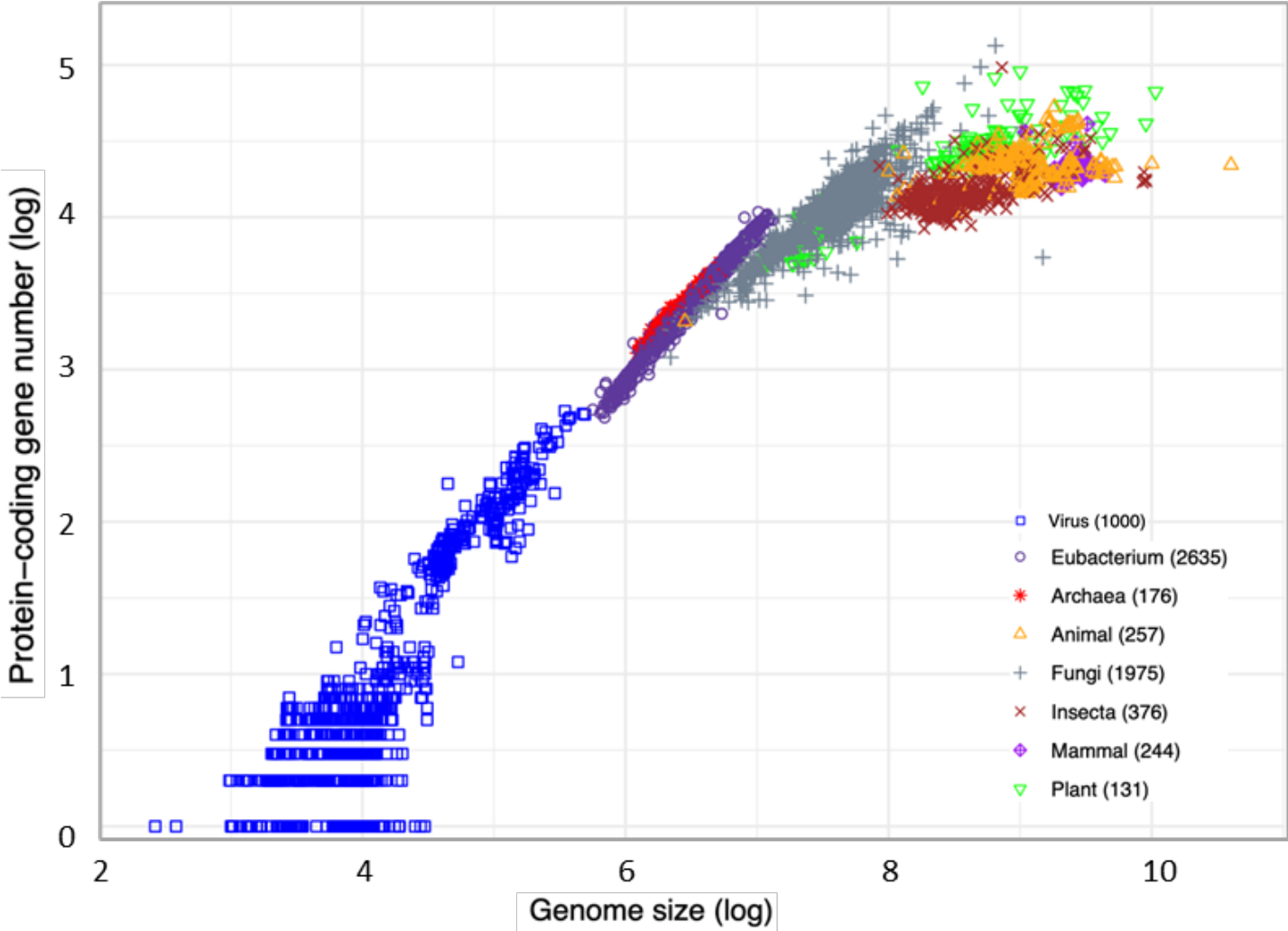
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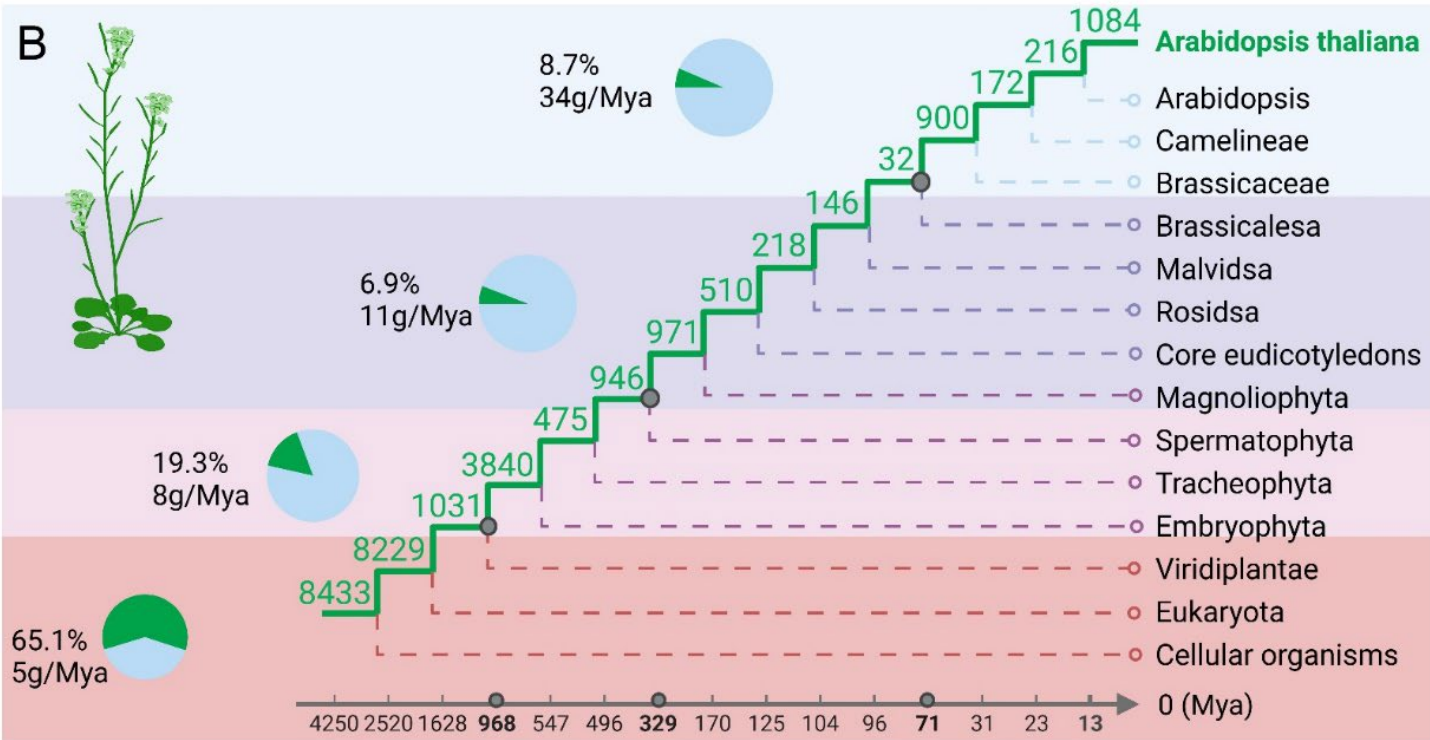
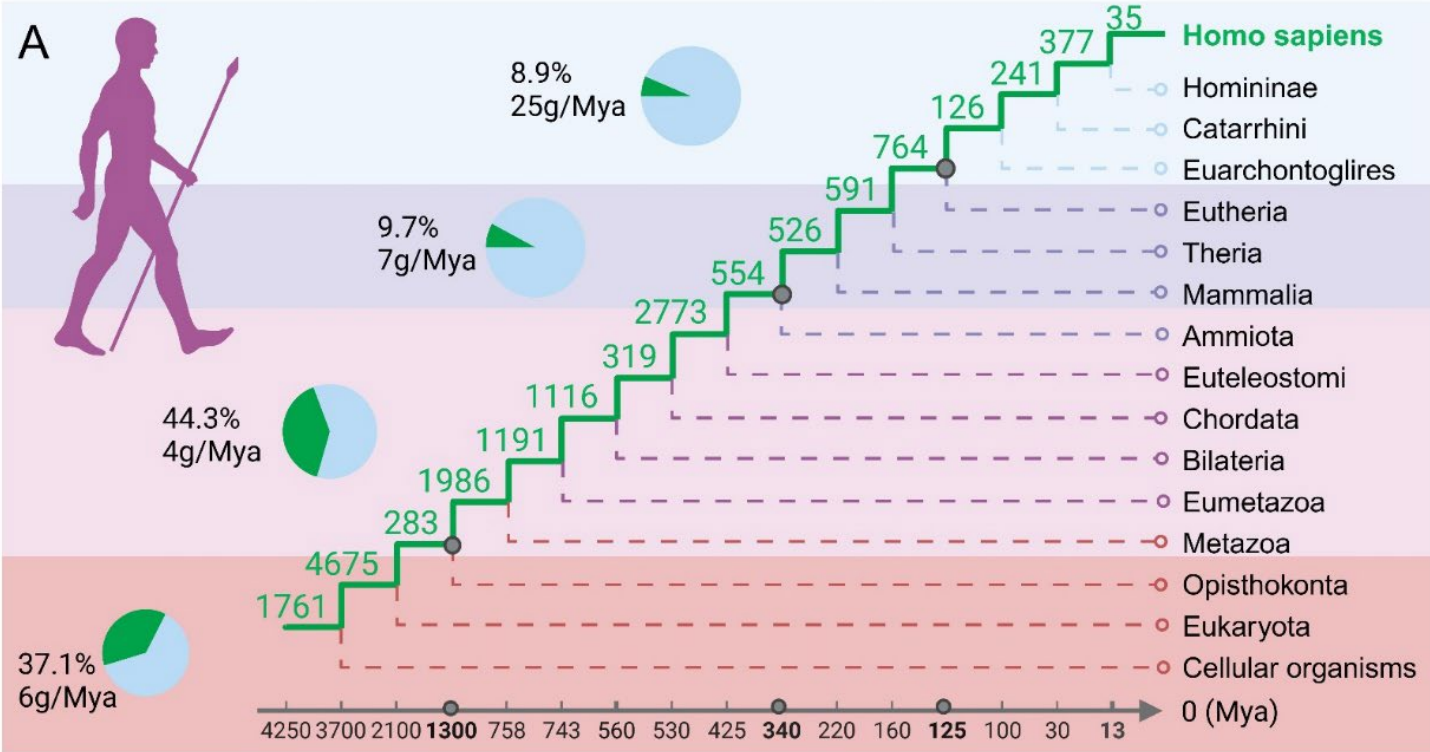
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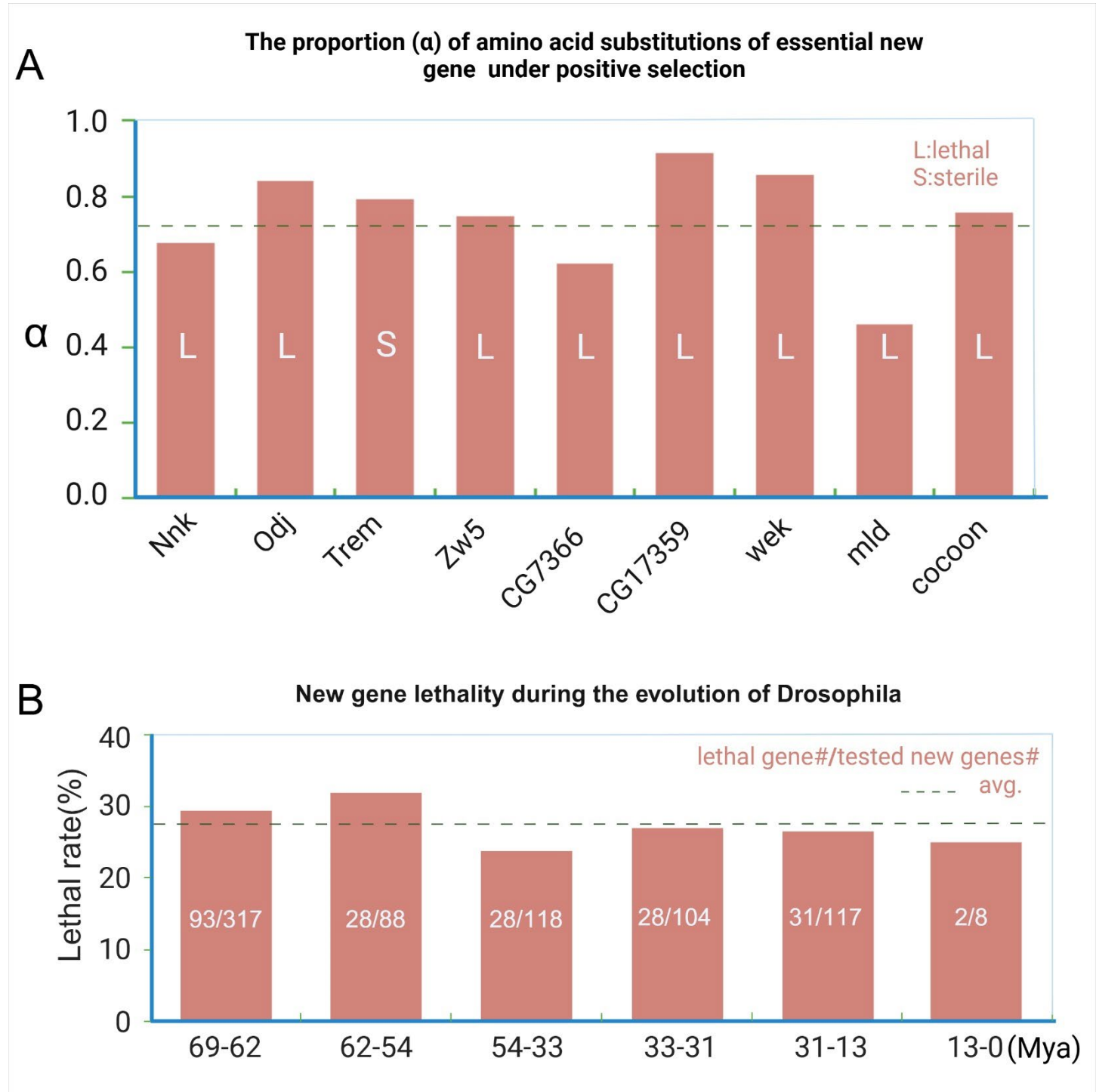
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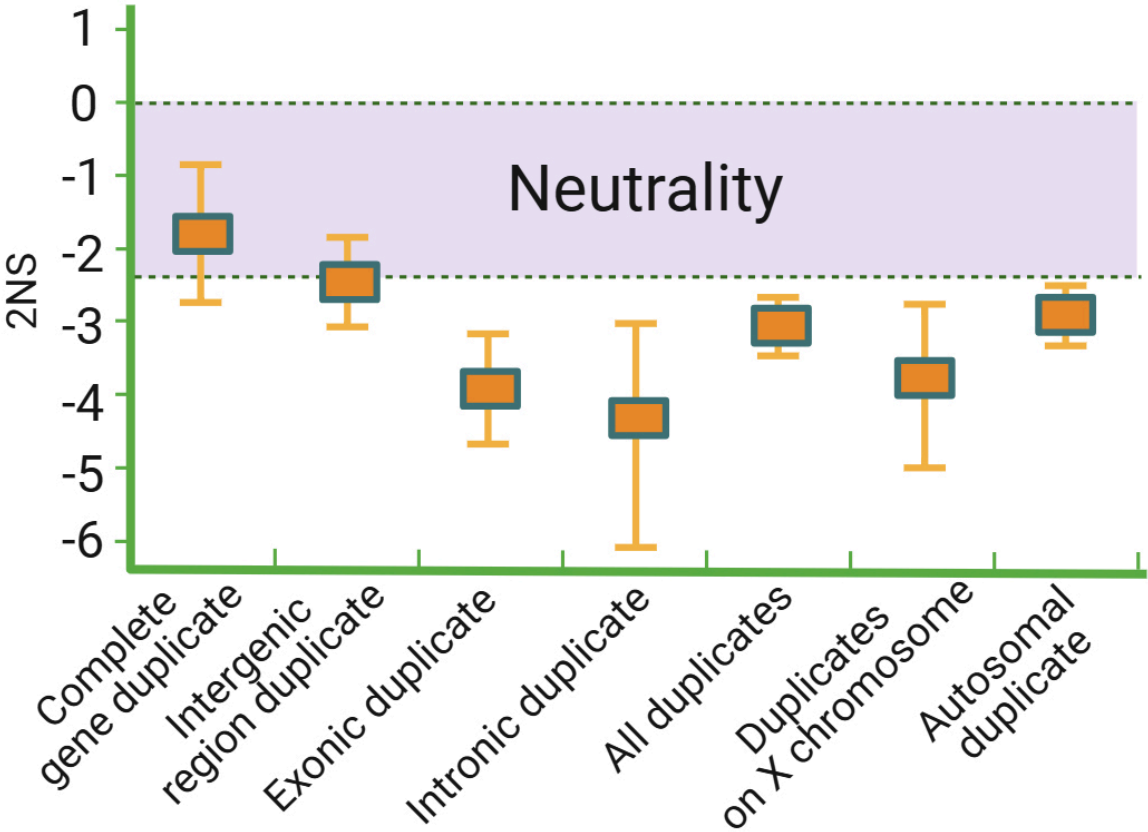
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	Mechanisms	Comments	Examples
Protein to protein	1. Exon shuffling Ectopic recombination of exons and domains from different genes or through retroposition ⁹ .	A common process to create chimeric genes in Eukaryotes ^{10,11}	<i>jingwei</i> ¹² , <i>AK111451_3437611</i> ¹³ , <i>CG18217</i> ¹⁴ , <i>chirons</i> ¹⁵ . Chimeric TE-gene transcripts ¹⁰ , <i>Sphinx</i> ¹⁶ , Chimeric genes by truncated duplications ¹¹ , <i>wom</i> ¹⁷ .
	2. Retroposition An RNA-based duplication creating new gene by reverse transcription ¹⁸ .	A widely existing process in metazoans ¹⁹⁻²¹ .	<i>PMCHL2</i> ²² , <i>Sphinx</i> ²³ , <i>Pgk2</i> ²⁴ , <i>Zeus</i> ²⁵ , <i>HAPSTR2</i> ²⁶ .
	3. Gene duplication-divergence Chromosomal duplication, ectopic recombination, and genome duplication can duplicate genes ^{27,28} .	A main process of new gene evolution, duplicates often evolved new and important functions ^{29,30} .	<i>Apollo</i> ³¹ , <i>Artemis</i> ³¹ , <i>CGβ</i> ³² , <i>Cid</i> ³³ , <i>Odysseus</i> ³⁴ , <i>COX4-like</i> ³⁵ .
	4. Horizontal gene transfer A gene is transferred between organisms ³⁶⁻³⁸ .	Reported to frequently occur from bacteria to both eukaryotes and prokaryotes and play important role in genome innovation and evolution ³⁹⁻⁴⁵ .	<i>Vip3A</i> ⁴⁶ , <i>FHY3/FAR1</i> genes ⁴⁷ , <i>tet(X)</i> variants ⁴⁸ , <i>Pismi_683611/Pismi_689601</i> ⁴⁹ , <i>LOC105383139</i> ⁵⁰
	5. Gene fusion Two adjacent genes fuse into a single gene ⁵¹ .	Involved formation of ~0.5% of prokaryotic genes ⁵² .	fatty-acid synthesis enzymes ^{53,54} , <i>Kua-UEV</i> ⁵⁵ , <i>Sdic</i> ⁵⁶ , <i>rpoB</i> and <i>rpoC</i> ⁵⁷ .
	6. Gene fission One single gene split into two genes ⁵⁸	Involved formation of ~0.5% of prokaryotic genes ⁵⁹ .	<i>kms1+60</i> , <i>RPW8-NBS</i> ⁶¹ .
	7. Isoform divergence The production of multiple, non-overlapping isoforms can drive distinct gene identities ⁶² .	<i>NURF-1.D</i> and <i>NURF-1.B</i> are split isoforms from <i>NURF-1</i> in <i>C. elegans</i> with distinct roles in male and female gametogenesis, respectively ⁶²	<i>NURF-1.D</i> and <i>NURF-1.B</i> ⁶²
	8. Reading-frame shifting In a protein-coding gene, can generate novel proteins ^{63,64} .	Frame shifts have been detected in a large number in human genomes and mosses ⁶⁵ .	<i>YAN/AltYAN</i> ⁶⁶ , <i>CYP3A5*7 allele</i> ⁶⁷ , <i>MT-ATP6 frameshift mutation</i> ⁶⁸ , <i>SRY</i> gene ⁶⁹ , tRNA modification ⁷⁰ , Leucine-Rich Repeat Protein ⁷¹ ribosomal frameshift ⁷² . <i>Cdkn2a</i> and <i>Rbm4</i> ⁷³ .
Noncoding to protein	9. De novo origination A novel protein-coding gene generated from a noncoding ancestral sequence ⁷⁴⁻⁷⁹ .	Detected in flowering plants, mammals, <i>Drosophila</i> , polar fish and yeast. Orphan genes may also be de novo gene candidates ⁸⁰⁻⁸⁷ .	<i>C2orf203</i> ⁸⁸ , <i>XLOC_175402</i> ⁸⁹ , <i>OsDR10</i> ⁹⁰ , <i>TWISTED1</i> ⁹¹ .
	10. Short repeat expansion Novel proteins of simple structures were created by repeating short repeats ⁹²⁻⁹⁴ .	Antifreeze proteins essential for the viability of some polar fish were detected to be recently created by the expansion of short peptides ⁹⁵ .	<i>AFGP</i> ^{79,95-99} , <i>Cb10</i> ¹⁰⁰ , <i>Bs_AFGP8</i> ¹⁰¹ .
	11. TE domestication A transposable element (TE) sequence can be directly recruited by host genes to form a novel gene ¹⁰² .	Generated 4% of new exons in human protein-coding genes and large proportion of promoters ¹⁰³⁻¹⁰⁶ .	<i>HLA-DRβ1</i> ¹⁰⁷ , <i>hRED1</i> ¹⁰⁸ , <i>human DAF</i> ¹⁰⁹ , <i>lungerkine mRNA</i> ¹⁰⁶ , <i>mNSC1</i> ¹⁰⁶ , <i>PGBD1</i> ¹¹⁰ .
	12. Bi-directional promoters It can drive expression both upstream and downstream, allowing for the creation of novel genes ¹¹¹ .	A large number of genes in <i>S. cerevisiae</i> are expressed under bi-directional promoters and inferred to be able to create new genes in upstream regions ¹¹² .	<i>Pigt</i> ¹¹³ , <i>peroxygenase</i> ¹¹⁴ , <i>RPBSA</i> promoter ¹¹⁵ , designed bi-directional duplex promoters ¹¹⁶ , <i>catalase</i> promoter system ¹¹⁷ , <i>TH2A</i> and <i>TH2B</i> ¹¹⁸ , <i>PACRG</i> ¹¹⁹ .
Protein to noncoding	13. Pseudogene regulators Gene duplicates through recent pseudogenization regulate parental genes ¹²⁰ .	Mammalian pseudogenes were found to be transcribed and play a role as 'sponges' for microRNAs. It has been identified involving cancer in human ¹²¹⁻¹²⁵ and rice ^{126,127} .	<i>SUMO1P3</i> ¹²⁸ , <i>HBBP1</i> ¹²⁹ , <i>hYRNAs</i> ¹³⁰ .

<p style="writing-mode: vertical-rl; transform: rotate(180deg);">Noncoding to noncoding</p>	<p>14.Noncoding RNA genes Noncoding RNAs can be generated from noncoding sequences¹³¹.</p>	<p>These noncoding genes that do not encode proteins but can have various important functions^{132,133} were detected in a large number in multiple species¹³⁴⁻¹⁴⁰. there are several mechanisms can promote noncoding RNA genes formation¹⁴¹.</p>	<p><i>Sphinx</i>^{23,142}, HAR1¹⁴³⁻¹⁴⁵, miR-941¹⁴⁶⁻¹⁴⁸, Xist¹⁴⁹, roX¹⁵⁰, HOTAIR¹⁵¹.</p>
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Supplementary Table 2. Lineage-specific origination rates of new genes across species.

Species/ lineage	Mechanism	Gene #/ Time (mya)/ origination rate	Species/ Lineage	Mechanism	Gene #/ Time (mya)/ origination rate						
Vertebrate			Amoebozoa								
<i>Homo sapiens</i> (Homo)	Duplication & putative de novo genes	846/70/12.1 ⁷	<i>Dictyostelium discoideum</i> (<i>Dictyostelium</i>)	DNA/RNA duplication and orphan	3304/520/6.4 ¹⁵²						
	De novo	60/6.4/9.4 ¹⁵³	Fungi								
	Retrogenes	76/63/1.2 ¹⁵⁵	<i>Saccharomyces cerevisiae</i> (<i>Saccharomyces</i>)	De novo genes	415/82/5.1 ¹⁵⁴						
	Retrocopy with exon fusion	36/63/0.6 ¹⁵⁷	<i>Lachancea fantastica</i> (<i>Lachancea</i>)	De novo genes	288/82/3.5 ¹⁵⁴						
<i>Platichthys stellatus</i> (<i>Platichthys</i>)	DNA duplication	1541/73.7/20.9 ¹⁵⁹	<i>Escherichia coli</i>	proto genes	9/0.05/1.4 ¹⁵⁶						
	RNA duplication	96/73.7/1.3 ¹⁵⁹	Nematoda								
	De novo	128/73.7/1.7 ¹⁵⁹	<i>Caenorhabditis elegans</i> (<i>Caenorhabditis</i>)	Orphan genes and de novo genes	893/19/47 ¹⁵⁸						
				Orphan genes	5645/193/29 ¹⁶⁰						
<i>Mus musculus</i> (<i>Mus</i>)	DNA/RNA duplication and de novo	2316/70/33.1 ⁷	Angiosperms								
			<i>Arabidopsis thaliana</i> (<i>Arabidopsis</i>)	DNA/RNA duplication and de novo	2353/96/25 ¹⁶¹						
			<i>Phyllostachys edulis</i> (<i>Phyllostachys</i>)	Orphan genes	1622/46/35 ¹⁶²						
<i>D. rerio</i> (<i>Danio</i>)	Orphan genes	66/320/0.2 ¹⁶⁴	<i>Citrus sinensis</i> (<i>Citrus</i>)	Orphan genes	1039/8/129 ¹⁶³						
	Duplication	135/320/0.4 ¹⁶⁴	<i>B. rapa</i> (<i>Brassica</i>)	Orphan genes	529/26/20 ¹⁶⁵						
Insecta			<i>Triticum aestivum</i> (<i>Triticum</i>)	Orphan genes	3812/19/200 ¹⁶⁶						
<i>Anopheles gambiae</i> (<i>malaria mosquitoes</i>)	RNA-based duplication	28/100/0.3 ¹⁶⁷				Orphan genes	3812/19/200 ¹⁶⁶				
<i>Bombyx mori</i> (<i>Bombyx</i>)	Orphan genes	738/125/6 ¹⁶⁸						Orphan genes	3812/19/200 ¹⁶⁶		
<i>Drosophila melanogaster</i> (<i>Sophophora</i>)	Duplication & putative de novo genes	1848/62/29.8 ¹³⁴								Orphan genes	3812/19/200 ¹⁶⁶
	Retrogenes	94/63/1.5 ¹⁶⁹									
	Exon shuffling	14/55/0.3 ¹⁴	Orphan genes	3812/19/200 ¹⁶⁶							
		RNA/DNA Duplication and de novo			7845/36/218 ¹⁶¹						
		De novo genes			175/3.4/51 ⁸¹						
		Gene fusion			310/4.9/63 ¹¹⁹						
		Pack-Mule-mediated transduplication			76/63/1.2 ¹⁷⁰						
		Retropseudogene	337/53/6.4 ¹³								

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Gene name	Function categories	phenotypical and functional studies references
<i>Cocoon</i>	<i>Development and morphogenesis</i>	4
<i>Desr</i>	<i>Development and morphogenesis</i>	171
<i>ms(3)K81</i>	<i>Development and morphogenesis</i>	172
<i>Umbrea</i>	<i>Development and morphogenesis</i>	173,174
<i>bicoid</i> ¹⁷⁵	<i>Development and morphogenesis</i>	175
<i>ZAD-ZNF gene</i>	<i>Development and morphogenesis</i>	5
<i>EXOv</i>	<i>Development and morphogenesis</i>	176
<i>sORF2146</i>	<i>Development and morphogenesis</i>	177
<i>panish</i>	<i>Development and morphogenesis</i>	178
<i>chirons</i>	<i>Development and morphogenesis</i>	15
<i>XIST</i>	<i>Development and morphogenesis</i>	179-182
<i>Syncytin 1(ERVW1)</i>	<i>Development and morphogenesis</i>	183-185
<i>INSL4</i>	<i>Development and morphogenesis</i>	186
<i>FGF4</i>	<i>Development and morphogenesis</i>	187,188
<i>Prod1</i>	<i>Development and morphogenesis</i>	189
<i>JAUP1</i>	<i>Development and morphogenesis</i>	190
<i>jingwei</i>	<i>Adaptation</i>	191,192
<i>Adh-Finnega</i>	<i>Adaptation</i>	193
<i>CYP98A8/CYP98A9</i>	<i>Adaptation</i>	194,195
<i>CYP84A4</i>	<i>Adaptation</i>	196
<i>QQS</i>	<i>Adaptation</i>	197-204
<i>AtEWR</i>	<i>Adaptation</i>	2,205
<i>BrOG1</i>	<i>Adaptation</i>	206
<i>GapC</i>	<i>Adaptation</i>	207
<i>TCAF1/TCAF2</i>	<i>Adaptation</i>	208
<i>TRIMCyp</i>	<i>Adaptation</i>	209
<i>bcs-6</i>	<i>Adaptation</i>	210
<i>AFGP</i>	<i>Adaptation</i>	79
<i>GIG2</i>	<i>Adaptation</i>	211
<i>Xcbp1</i>	<i>Brain and nervous system</i>	171
<i>SRGAP2B/2C/2D</i>	<i>Brain and nervous system</i>	212-215
<i>ARHGAP11B</i>	<i>Brain and nervous system</i>	216-218
<i>NOTCH2NLA,B,C</i>	<i>Brain and nervous system</i>	219-221
<i>ENSG00000205704</i>	<i>Brain and nervous system</i>	222
<i>Olfactory receptor genes</i>	<i>Brain and nervous system</i>	223
<i>KRAB-ZNF family</i>	<i>Brain and nervous system</i>	224-226
<i>Primate opsin genes</i>	<i>Brain and nervous system</i>	227
<i>Odysseus (OdsH)</i>	<i>Speciation</i>	228-232
<i>JYAlpha</i>	<i>Speciation</i>	233
<i>iORF3 and iORF4</i>	<i>Speciation</i>	234,235
<i>HWS1 and HWS2</i>	<i>Speciation</i>	236
<i>YELLOW UPPER(YUP)</i>	<i>Speciation</i>	237
<i>Xmrk-2</i>	<i>Speciation</i>	238-242
<i>Apl</i>	<i>Reproduction and Sexuality</i>	31
<i>nsr</i>	<i>Reproduction and Sexuality</i>	243
<i>Sfic</i>	<i>Reproduction and Sexuality</i>	244
<i>Sdic family</i>	<i>Reproduction and Sexuality</i>	245,246
<i>p24-2</i>	<i>Reproduction and Sexuality</i>	173,247
<i>Zeus</i>	<i>Reproduction and Sexuality</i>	25,169,248,249
<i>Pros28.1A</i>	<i>Reproduction and Sexuality</i>	173,250
<i>Poseidon</i>	<i>Reproduction and Sexuality</i>	25
<i>sphinx</i>	<i>Reproduction and Sexuality</i>	16,251,252
<i>Tssor-3 and Tssor-4</i>	<i>Reproduction and Sexuality</i>	253
<i>POLDI/ Pldi</i>	<i>Reproduction and Sexuality</i>	254,255
<i>Bnams4b</i>	<i>Reproduction and Sexuality</i>	256-258
<i>INSL3</i>	<i>Reproduction and Sexuality</i>	259
<i>Goddard, Saturn, Atlas</i>	<i>Reproduction and Sexuality</i>	260-261

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