KAIKObase manual

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1 Introduction

KAIKObase is a silkworm genome database with a genetic map viewer and a genome viewer. The latest KAIKObase (version 4) was constructed based on the chromosomal-level genome assembly released in 2019 (10.1016/j.ibmb.2019.02.002) together with the genetic markers and old gene sets from the previous KAIKObase.

New updates in KAIKObase version 4 include that:

- 1. New genome assembly is used as the reference genome in the genome browser GBrowse.
- 2. 16,880 new gene models (protein-coding genes) and 51,926 reference transcripts are added and accessible in the genome browser. They are searchable in "BLAST search" and "Keyword search".
- 3. Functional annotations of each new gene model and its expression patterns in various tissues, as well as orthologs in closely related lepidopterans and model vertebrate and insect organisms, are available in "description page".

Old datasets kept in new KAIKObase include that:

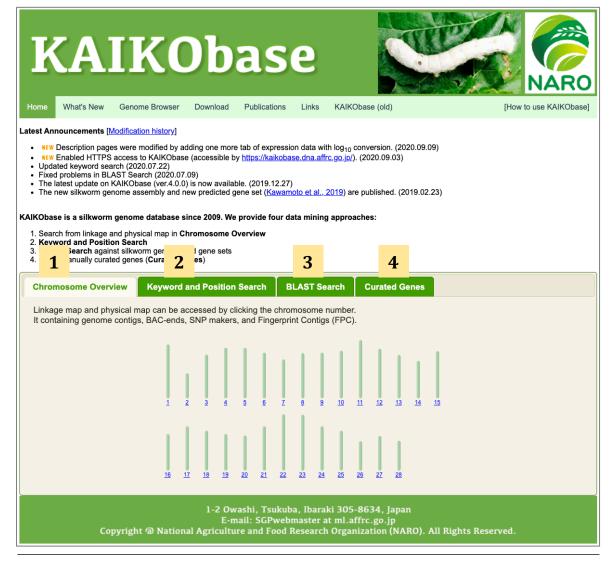
- 1. Genetic markers (SNP markers, BAC-end sequences, and fingerprint contigs) and scaffolds of old genome assembly are available on the base of new genome assembly.
- 2. Old protein-coding gene sets (Gene set A, China gene model, FLcDNA, and EST) were mapped onto new genome and are searchable in "BLAST search" and "Keyword search" and accessible in genome browser.

2 Top page

The top page of KAIKObase contains the announcement about database update and the data mining pages.

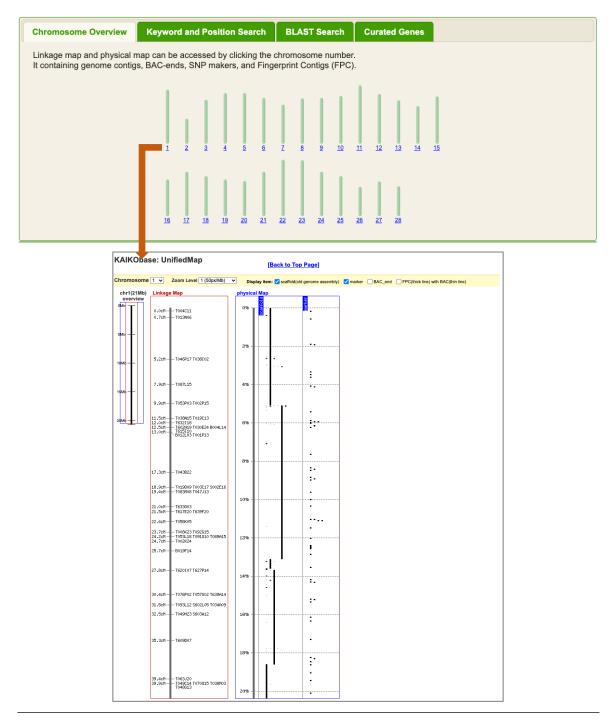
KAIKObase provides four data mining approaches as listed on the tabs:

- 1 Search from linkage and physical map in Chromosome Overview
- 2 Keyword and Position Search
- 3 BLAST Search against silkworm genome and gene sets
- 4 List of manually curated genes

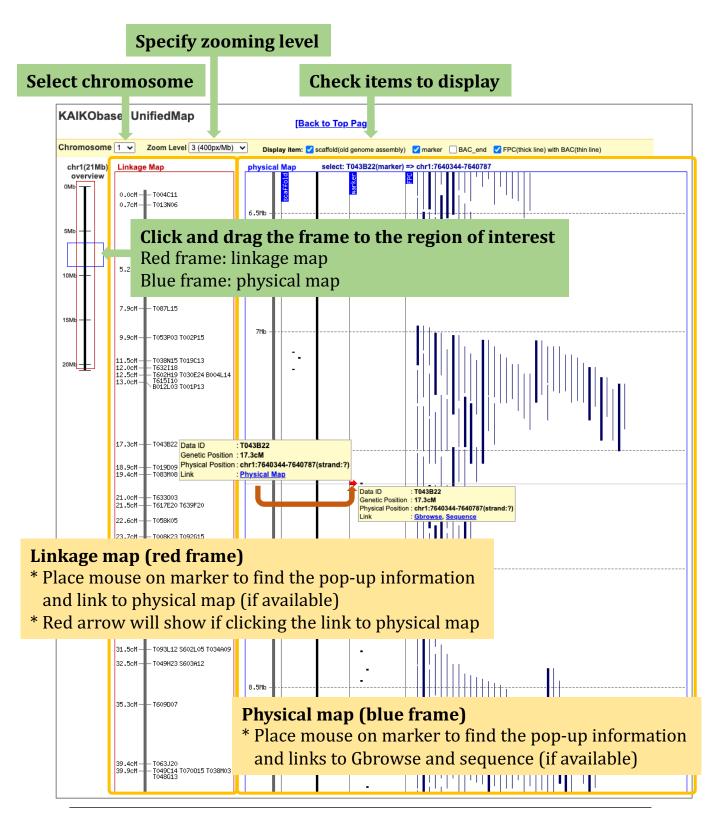


2.1 Chromosome Overview

Linkage and physical map of 28 chromosomes are provided. Click the number under the chromosome to see the genetic map. Detailed information of genetic map will be described in the next page.



Features of genetic map (UnifiedMap)

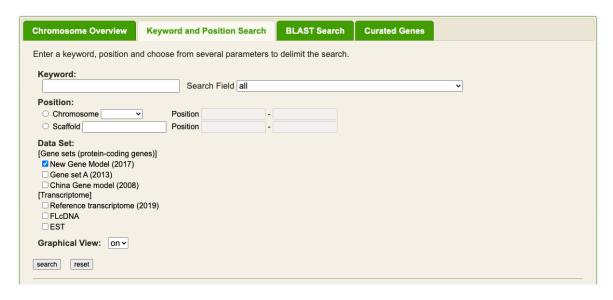


2.2 Keyword and Position Search

Genes of interest can be searched by

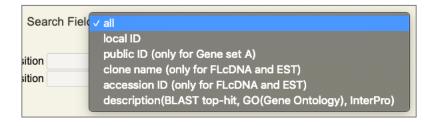
- 1. Keyword (Gene ID, annotation, etc.)
- 2. Chromosomal position of a given region
- 3. A combination of keyword and position

The data set "New gene model" is selected for searching by default.

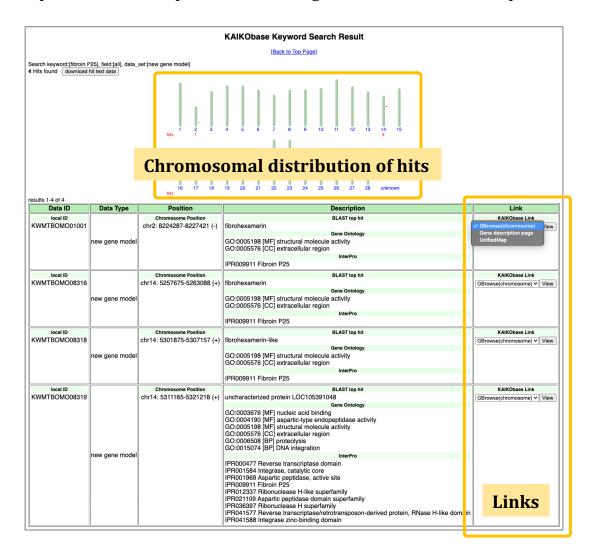


The entries of the pull-down menu in "Search Field" are:

- all (default) applicable for all datasets
- local ID applicable for all data sets
- **public ID** used in Gene set A
- **clone name** used in FLcDNA, EST
- accession ID used in FLcDNA, EST
- description applicable for all data sets but EST



"Search Results" show the hits on each chromosome and the list of hits. The pull-down menu provides links to genome browser and map viewer.



Besides links to **genome browser** and **map viewer** ("UnifiedMap" in the menu), additional links are also provided as follows.

- New gene model: description page
- **Gene set A**: description page
- **China gene model**: gene viewer*, KAIKO2DDB*
- FLcDNA: FLcDNA DB*
- **EST**: EST DB*

*: link to old KAIKObase

2.3 BLAST Search

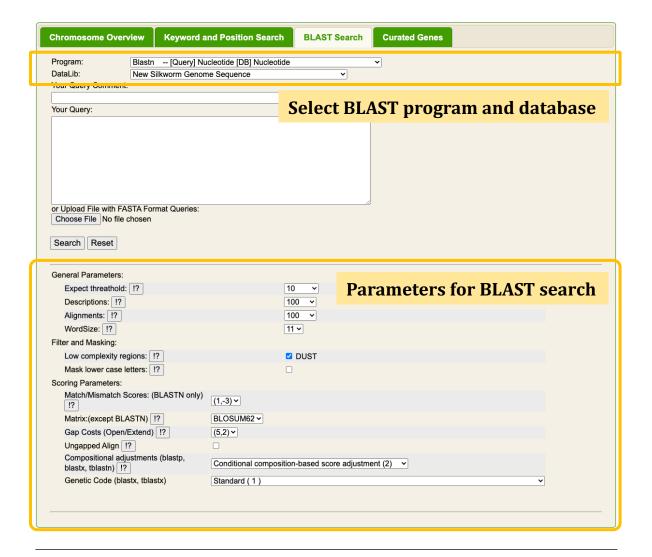
"BLAST Search" provides five programs to search against five data sets.

Blastn, tBlastn, tBlastx can be used to search against

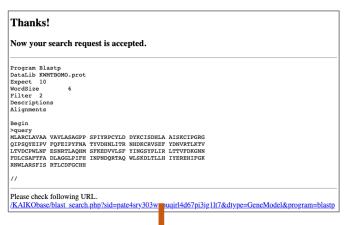
- Genome sequence
- New gene model (nucleotide)
- Reference transcript (nucleotide)

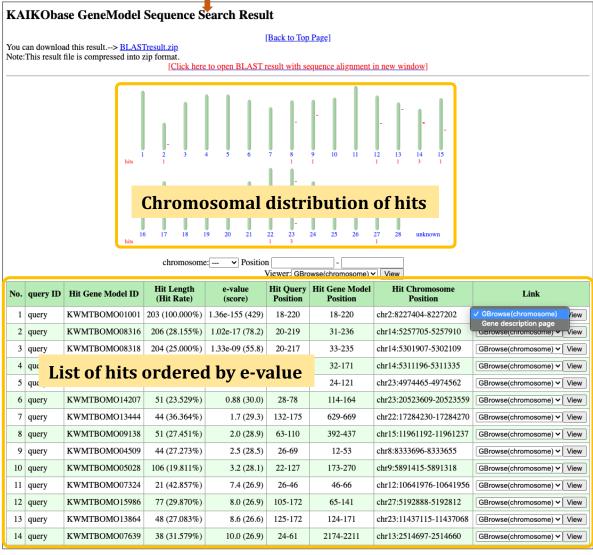
Blastp, Blastx can be used to search against

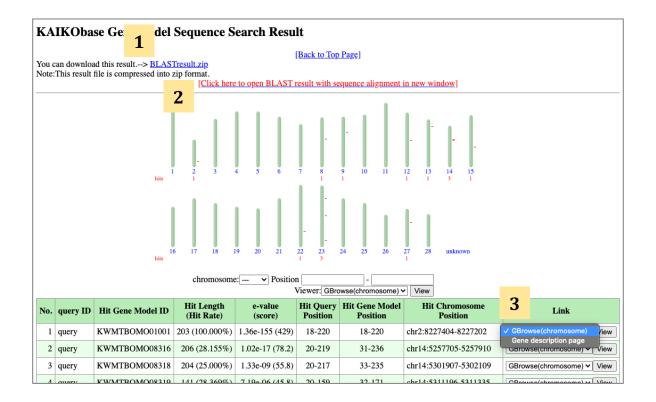
- New gene model (amino acid)
- Reference transcript (amino acid)



The information page with an URL to the result appears after submitting sequence(s) to search.







The Search Result page provides several links:

- 1 Results are summarized to the file "BLASTresult.zip" for download, including following two files:
- result_rawdata.txt: BLAST result in format 0
- restult.txt: tab-delimited text file of the table below the Search Result page
- 2 Link to the graphic summary and alignment of BLAST result

The alignment page further provides BLASTresult_rawdata.zip (containing result_rawdata.txt) for download and links to genome browser for each hit.

3 Links to **genome browser** (for all data sets) and **gene description page** (only for New gene model)

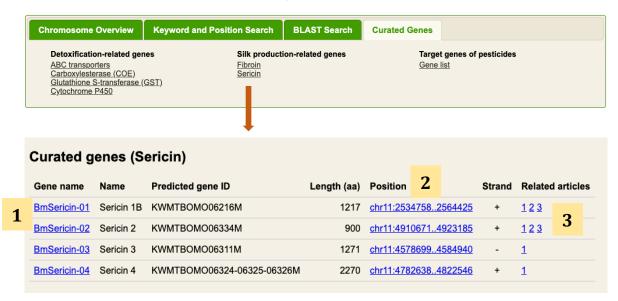
2.4 Curated Genes

"Curated Genes" provides lists of manually curated genes for users.

Currently three types of genes were curated:

- 1. Detoxification-related genes
- 2. Silk production-related genes
- 3. Target genes of pesticides

Click the link to check the list of genes.



"Predicted gene ID" shows the gene ID of New gene model in the same chromosomal position. ID which ends with an "M" shows that the intronexon structure of the curated gene is different from that of the New gene model.

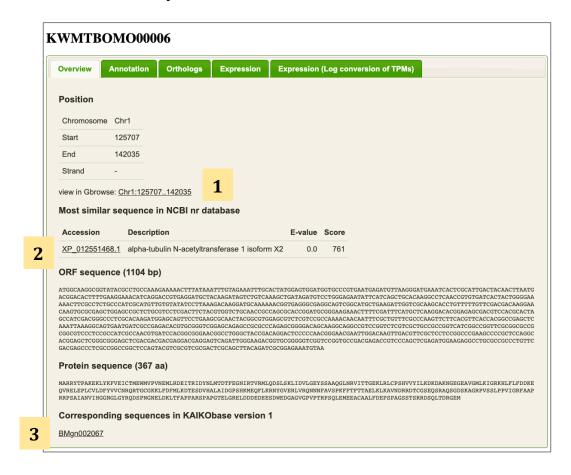
The page of gene list provides links to:

- 1 Link to description page
- 2 Link to genome browser
- 3 Links to related articles

3 Description page

"Description page" shows genetic information of each gene, including chromosomal position, nucleotide and amino acid sequences, most similar gene in nr database, corresponding gene(s) in old KAIKObase (if any), functional domains and motifs, orthologs, and expression data in several tissues.

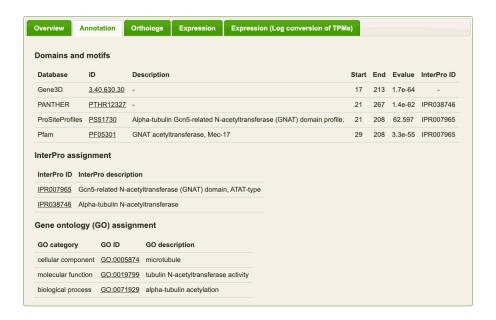
Here "KWMTBOM00006" is used as an example. The description page shows "Overview" by default.



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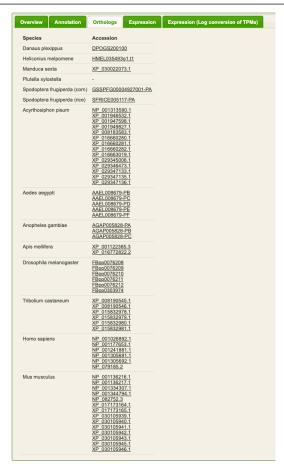
- 1 Link to genome browser
- 2 Link to NCBI
- 3 Link(s) to description page of old KAIKObase

"Annotation" shows the functional domains and motifs. Click the URL of each ID to check its detailed information.



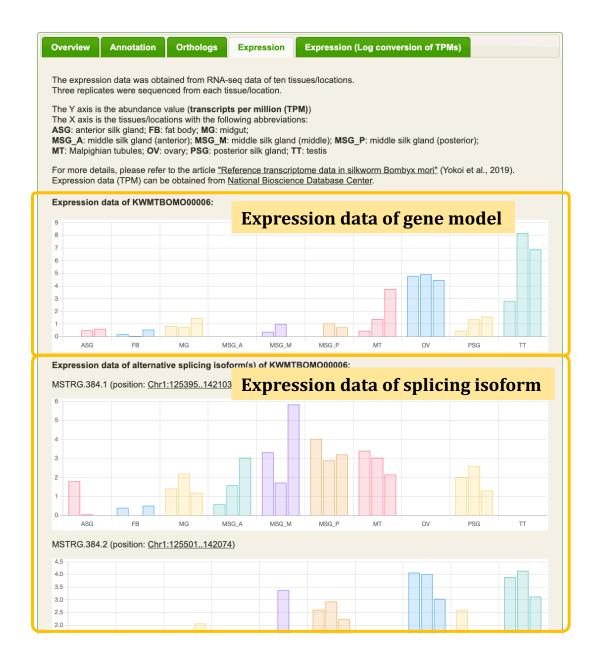
"Orthologs" provides a list of the orthologs in 5 lepidopterans, 6 model insects, and human and mouse.

Click the URL of each accession to check its detailed information.



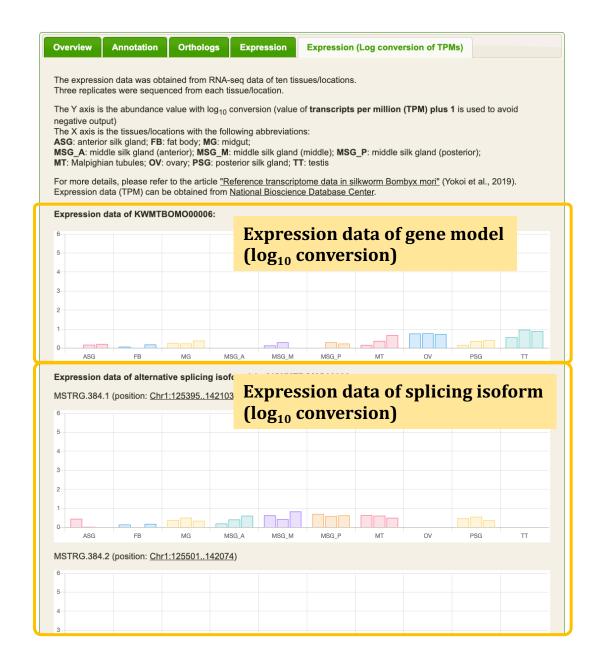
"Expression" shows the expression data from 10 different tissues/locations. Below the expression data of the gene model shows the expression data of the alternative splicing isoforms (if any).

Click the Link of each alternative splicing isoform to check its position on chromosome in genome browser.



"Expression (log conversion of TPMs)" shows the same expression data as "Expression" page, but the TPM values in Y axis are shown with \log_{10} conversion for better comparison between transcripts.

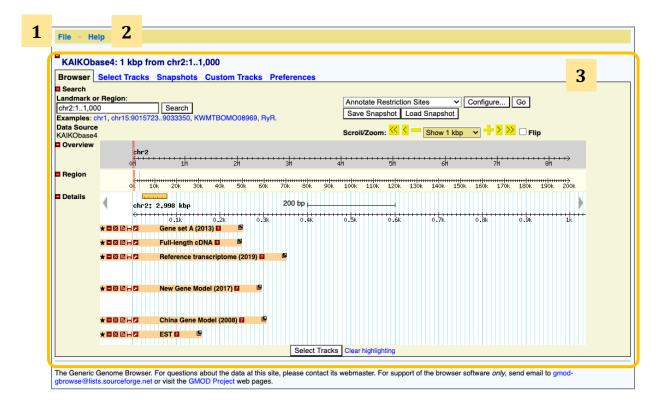
TPM value with an offset of 1 was used for log_{10} conversion to avoid negative values.



4 Genome browser

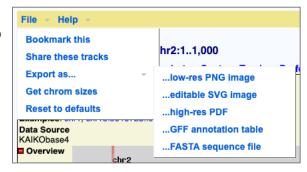
The genome browser (GBrowse) is accessible from the top page. It can also be accessed through links provided in description pages, BLAST results, keyword search results, etc.

The genome browser contains three parts: **1. File**; **2. Help**; and **3. browser and settings**.



1. File: A pull-down menu shows up when the pointer gets close.

Information within the region shown below can be exported to various file format under the "Export as..." option



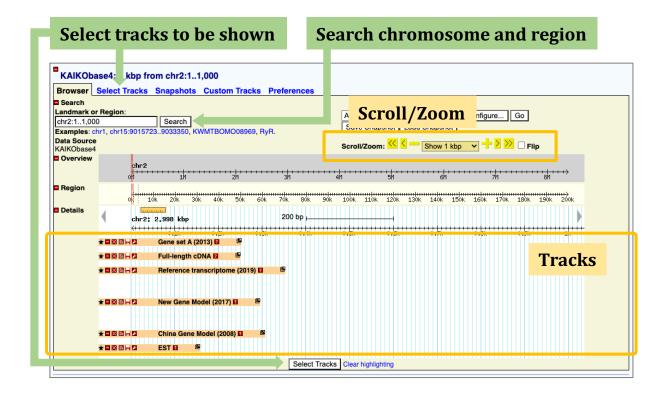
2. Help: A pull-down menu shows up when the pointer gets close.

"Help with this browser" will show tutorial about how to use Gbrowse.



The tutorial is also accessible through the following URL: http://kaikobase.dna.affrc.go.jp/gbrowse2/general_help.html

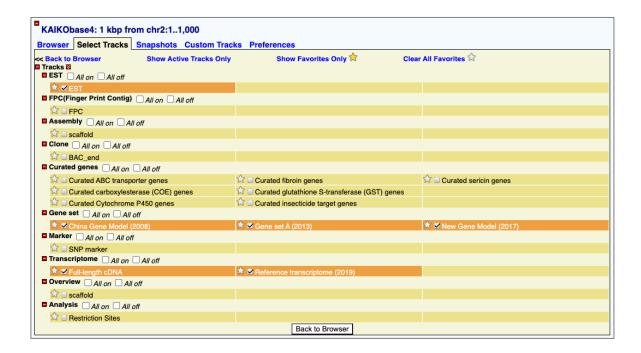
3. browser and settings: "Tracks" shows different gene sets within selected chromosomal region. Default gene sets are as shown here.



"Scroll/Zoom" bottoms allow users to check the up- and down-stream regions of of current region. The pull-down menu provides options from "Show 100 bp" to "Show 1 Mbp" for the users to select the optimal length of the region for viewing the genes.

"Select Tracks" shows the available tracks. Besides the default gene sets, the following data sets are also visible:

- Genetic markers (finger print contigs, BAC-end sequences, SNP markers)
- Assembly (scaffolds of old genome assembly)
- Curated genes
- Restriction sites



5 Contact

If you have any question or find any problem about KAIKObase, please contact us through the following email:

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