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FlyAtlas: the Drosophila gene expression atlas

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Resource Information

URL: <http://www.flyatlas.org/>

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Description: FlyAtlas gives you a quick answer to the question: where is my gene of interest expressed/enriched in the adult fly? For each gene and tissue, you're given the mRNA SIGNAL (how abundant the mRNA is), the mRNA ENRICHMENT (compared to whole flies), and the Affymetrix PRESENT CALL (out of 4 arrays, how many times it was detectably expressed). The dataset so far comprises 44 Affymetrix Dros2 expression arrays, each mapping the expression of 18770 transcripts - corresponding to the vast majority of known Drosophila genes. The dataset thus contains over 822800 separate datapoints. This website is intended to make the data easily accessible and comprehensible to mere mortals. FlyAtlas provides the most comprehensive view yet of expression in multiple tissues of Drosophila melanogaster. Meta-analysis of the data shows that a significant fraction of the genome is expressed with great tissue specificity in the adult, demonstrating the need for the functional genomic community to embrace a wide range of functional phenotypes. Well-known developmental genes are often reused in surprising tissues in the adult, suggesting new functions. The homologs of many human genetic disease loci show selective expression in the Drosophila tissues analogous to the affected human tissues, providing a useful filter for potential candidate genes. Additionally, the contributions of each tissue to the whole-fly array signal can be calculated, demonstrating the limitations of whole-organism approaches to functional genomics and allowing modeling of a simple tissue fractionation procedure that should improve detection of weak or tissue-specific signals.

Abbreviations: FlyAtlas

Resource Type: data or information resource, atlas, expression atlas

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virgin spermatheca, mated spermatheca spermatheca, carcass, cns, salivary gland, tubule, larval, s2 cells, whole fly

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Data and Source Information

Source: [SciCrunch Registry](#)

Usage and Citation Metrics

We found 114 mentions in open access literature.

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