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Abstract

Background: Arthropods are the most diverse animal phylum, but their genomic resources are relatively few. While the genome of the branchiopod *Daphnia pulex* is now available, no other large-scale crustacean genomic resources are available for comparison. In particular, genomic resources are lacking for the most tractable laboratory model of crustacean development, the amphipod *Parhyale hawaiensis*. Insight into shared and divergent characters of crustacean genomes will facilitate interpretation of future developmental, biomedical, and ecological research using crustacean models.

Results: To generate a transcriptome enriched for maternally provided and zygotically transcribed developmental genes, we created cDNA from ovaries and embryos of *P. hawaiensis*. Using 454 pyrosequencing, we sequenced over 1.1 billion bases of this cDNA, and assembled them *de novo* to create, to our knowledge, the second largest crustacean genomic resource to date. We found an unusually high proportion of C2H2 zinc finger-containing transcripts, as has also been reported for the genome of the pea aphid *Acyrthosiphon pisum*. Consistent with previous reports, we detected trans-spliced transcripts, but found that they did not noticeably impact transcriptome assembly. Our assembly products yielded 19,067 unique BLAST hits against **nr** (E-value cutoff e-10). These included over 400 predicted transcripts with significant similarity to *D. pulex* sequences but not to sequences of any other animal. Annotation of several hundred genes revealed *P. hawaiensis* homologues of genes involved in development, gametogenesis, and a majority of the members of six major conserved metazoan signaling pathways.

Conclusions: The amphipod *P. hawaiensis* has higher transcript complexity than known insect transcriptomes, and trans-splicing does not appear to be a major contributor to this complexity. We discuss the importance of a reliable comparative genomic framework within which to consider findings from new crustacean models such as *D. pulex* and *P. hawaiensis*, as well as the need for development of further substantial crustacean genomic resources.

Background

Crustaceans are one of the four major groups that make up the phylum Arthropoda, the most speciose and morphologically diverse animal group [1]. Despite the fact that arthropods as a whole make up the majority of animal species diversity and biomass, until recently the only arthropod represented in the list of NIH model organisms http://www.nih.gov/science/models/ was the fruit fly *Drosophila melanogaster*. The water flea *Daphnia pulex* was recently added to this list, and is the only crustacean to date with a publicly accessible sequenced genome [2]. As crustaceans are now widely recognized as sister group to the hexapods [3-7], the phylogenetic position of *D. pulex* suggests that it could serve as a useful outgroup to insects, providing meaningful comparisons with the many insights into developmental and

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disease biology provided by work on *D. melanogaster*. However, there are no genomic resources on a scale comparable to the *D. pulex* genome, and so it is still not known to what extent the characteristics of the water flea genome are specific to this animal's ecology or shared by other crustaceans [2]. Moreover, comparisons of biomedically relevant processes and mechanisms between *D. pulex* and other model organisms must be informed by robust phylogenetic hypotheses. At the moment, which specific subgroup of crustaceans is closest to the hexapods (including *D. melanogaster*) is still a matter of debate [8], but several phylogenetic hypotheses suggest that branchiopods may be more distant from insects than other crustacean groups [6,9-12].

Crustaceans have long been the subject of ecological and evolutionary study, as well as being lucrative commercial species for human consumption. Even for many of the most intensively studied of these [13], surprisingly few genomic projects have been reported. Most of the crustacean EST projects completed to date, notably for the farmed shrimp *Litopenaeus vannamei* (~163,000 ESTs) [14-16], the salmon ectoparasite copepod *Lepeophtheirus* salmonis (~129,000 ESTs) [17], the porcelain crab Petrolisthes cinctipes (~98,000 ESTs) [18], and the lobster Homarus americanus (~52,000 ESTs) [19-21], have all used Sanger sequencing of cDNA libraries. Next generation sequencing technologies are increasingly affordable, accessible and robust even for organisms lacking a sequenced genome [22], but have been reported to be applied to a crustacean de novo transcriptome only once, in the Antarctic krill Euphausia superba [23]. This organism is the subject of ecological and climate change research, but is not a viable laboratory model organism due to its specialized habitat.

While new understanding of developmental and molecular mechanisms in D. pulex are expected to follow from its genome sequence, it is important to note that crustaceans have been the subject of comparative embryology for over a century [24], and in recent decades, of evolutionary developmental biology ("evo-devo"). The morphological and molecular mechanistic variations of early embryogenesis, modifications of their body plans and appendage diversifications displayed by crustaceans have all been the subject of studies too numerous to describe here. However, until recently most comparative analyses of crustaceans have been limited to the study of gene expression or experimental embryology, as crustacean models where functional genetic testing is possible are still few in number. The limiting factor for comparative functional experiments is often obtaining specific coding sequences of sufficient length. A large-scale genomic resource for a model crustacean would therefore greatly facilitate development and deployment of transgenic tools.

The amphipod Parhyale hawaiensis has emerged as an important laboratory model crustacean species over the last several years [25]. P. hawaiensis was first described in the Hawaiian islands [24], but it occupies intertidal marine habitats worldwide. Laboratory husbandry is easy and affordable, and inbred lab cultures produce hundreds of embryos year-round, providing ample material for developmental studies. Fate map and cell lineage analyses of the early embryo show that all three germ layers and the germ line are determined by the eight cell stage [26], and clonal populations show predictable patterns at least up until gastrulation [27]. Despite this apparently "mosaic" embryonic development, significant regulative properties have also been described for the embryonic mesoderm and ectoderm [28]. Molecular techniques for the study of development, including stable transgenesis [29-31] and gene knockdown [32-34] are arguably better established for P. hawaiensis than for any other laboratory crustacean model.

However, the number of *P. hawaiensis* developmental genes available as GenBank accessions is less than 25. Progress in understanding the development of *P. hawaiens*is is thus is limited by the relative paucity of publicly available cloned coding and regulatory regions. Indeed, since the development of germ line transgenesis in *P. hawaiensis*, its use in developmental studies has been reported only three times [30,31,34].

Analysis of phenotypes of genomic transgene insertions [29] and case studies of intron sizes [35] are consistent with an extremely large genome size for this amphipod. Accordingly, the genome size of *P. hawaiensis* is estimated to be 2.98 Gb ([35], R. Gregory and C. Extavour, unpublished), very near that of *Homo sapiens* [36,37]. A genomic BAC library for P. hawaiensis has been created and partially sequenced [35] but is not yet available in GenBank. The genome of the closely related amphipod Jassa marmorata, with a much smaller genome of 690 Mbp (~4 times the size of the D. melanogaster genome) has been approved for whole genome, BAC end, and EST sequencing by the Joint Genome Institute [13], but this work is still ongoing, and laboratory culture of this amphipod is difficult. A large transcriptome dataset for P. hawaiensis would thus be a highly valuable resource for several scientific communities, and would in addition assist with the annotation of planned amphipod genomic projects. Recent construction of a de novo transcriptome for the milkweed bug Oncopeltus fasciatus, which also lacks a sequenced genome [22], suggested that 454 pyrosequencing would be a fruitful approach to obtaining a large scale P. hawaiensis transcriptome.

Here we present the *de novo* assembly of a maternal and embryonic transcriptome for *P. hawaiensis*, sequenced with 454 Titanium pyrosequencing. We describe particular features of the *P. hawaiensis* transcriptome that were

revealed during assembly and annotation, including the presence of trans-splicing and enrichment for C2H2 Zn finger domain-containing transcripts. We annotate orthologues of genes involved in several major developmental patterning processes, gametogenesis in males and females, and members of major conserved animal signaling pathways. We observe a high proportion of apparently unique sequences in the transcriptome, and discuss these findings in the light of observations on the *D. pulex* genome and other existing crustacean genomic resources.

Results and Discussion

Collection and preparation of material for ovarian and embryonic cDNA libraries

Our goal was to create a transcriptome containing genes relevant to embryonic development, including both maternally provided and zygotically transcribed genes. All three germ layers and the germ line are determined by the eight cell stage [26], and we wished to capture transcripts from that early stage (Figure 1D top). We also wished to sample the intensively studied germ band stage (Figure 1D bottom), when major body axes have been patterned and trunk segmentation is ongoing [38], as well as later stages (S20-S27) when organogenesis is predominant. We therefore collected ovaries (Figure 1C) and embryos from all stages of embryogenesis (Figure 1E), extracted mRNA and prepared cDNA for 454 pyrosequencing. Because early stage embryos have many fewer cells than later stage embryos, we anticipated that transcripts present in early embryos might suffer low representation if our collection contained equal numbers of embryos of all stages. We therefore collected greater numbers of earlier stages than of later stages (Additional File 1).

Sequencing and assembly of the *P. hawaiensis* transcriptome

We sequenced a total of 3,172,925 reads (Table 1) with a median read length of 400 bp (Figure 2A; Additional File

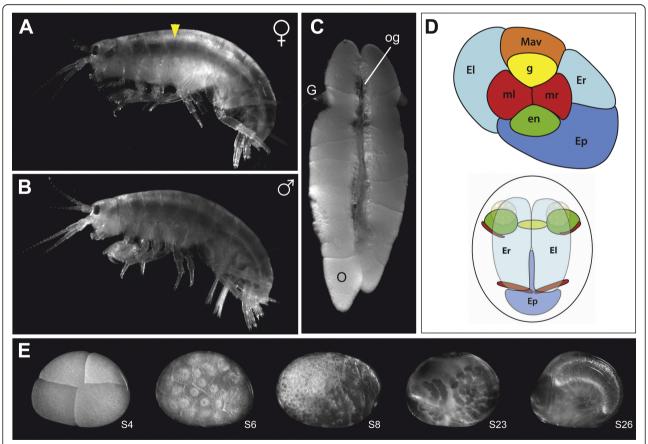


Figure 1 *Parhyale hawaiensis* and the tissues used to construct a *de novo* transcriptome. (*A*) Adult female amphipod, *P. hawaiensis*. (*B*) Adult male. (*C*) Ovaries of adult female. Oocytes and oogonia are visible at various stages of growth. (*D*) Schematic drawings of the eight cell stage (top), at which all germ layers and the germ line are specified, and the germ band stage (bottom). Both of these signature stages are represented in this transcriptome. (*E*) A sample of the range of stages of *P. hawaiensis* embryogenesis represented in this transcriptome; stages as per [55]. Embryos from as early as S1 (one cell stage) and as late as S27 (just before hatching) were sampled; see Additional File 1 for details. G: gonoduct; O: late stage oocyte; og: younger oocytes and oogonia. Anterior is to the left in *A*, *B*, and *E*, and up in *C*.

Table 1 P. hawaiensis transcriptome assembly statistics

Raw reads (base pairs)	3,172,925 (1,179,544,291)
Assembled reads	3,157,373
Isotigs	35,301
Isotig N50	1,510
Singletons (% of assembled reads)	276,564 (8.8%)
# Unique BLAST hits	19,067
Isogroups ("genes")	25,735
Mean # isotigs per isogroup	1.4
Newbler Contigs ("exons")	89,664
Mean # contigs per isotig	2.1

2). For assembly of the *de novo* transcriptome we used Newbler v2.5 (Roche). Newbler's terminology for assembled reads distinguishes between contigs (groups of assembled reads with overlapping regions considered significant, i.e. putative exons), isotigs (continuous paths through a set of contigs, i.e. putative transcripts), and isogroups (groups of isotigs assembled from the same set of contigs, i.e. putative genes). For continuity, we use this terminology throughout this paper to refer to the products of the Newbler assembly.

The default parameters of Newbler v2.5 were used to screen for adapters and eliminate poor quality reads. The resulting 3,157,373 reads (99.5% of raw reads) were then assembled (Table 1). 2,349,266 (74.4%) of the screened reads were incorporated into assembled sequences (isotigs or contigs), with 276,564 (8.8%) singletons remaining. 531,543 reads (16.8% of reads subjected to assembly) were excluded because they were only partially assembled

(431,372; 13.7%), from repeat regions (5,022; 0.2%), outliers (86,822; 2.7%), or too short (< 40 bp: 8,327; 0.3%). The assembly contained 89,664 contigs, which grouped into 35,301 isotigs. 18,615 (52.7%) of these isotigs were made up of only one contig, and the average number of contigs per isotigs was 2.1. The isotig N50 length was 1,510 bp, and the number of isogroups was 25,735 (18,565 (72.1%) of these comprised only one isotig, and the mean number of isotigs per isogroup was 1.4). The average coverage per contig was 7.1 reads/bp (Additional File 3). Averaging across all bases in the entire assembly, the average coverage per base pair was 25.4, meaning that every base pair in the transcriptome was sequenced 25.4 times on average. This coverage is high compared to typical numbers for de novo transcriptome assemblies, and should be helpful for distinguishing SNPs and indels from potential sequencing errors in raw reads [39]. Fasta files of all assembly products are freely available from the authors.

BLAST mapping of non-redundant transcriptome sequences

Using an E-value cutoff of 1e-10, we first used BLASTX to map all non-redundant assembly sequences to **nr** (total number of sequences = 311,865 = 35,301 isotigs + 276,564 singletons), and obtained a total of 20,007 BLAST hits (Table 2). Of the 35,301 isotigs, 10,424 (29.5%) had at least one hit (including 9,715 contigs (10.8%), and of the 276,564 singletons, 9,583 (3.5%) had hits. The majority of these BLAST hits were unique: among the isotigs there were 10,203 (28.9%) unique hits, and among the singletons

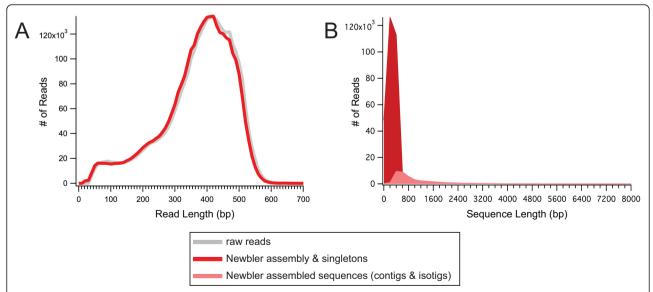


Figure 2 Read lengths of raw, trimmed, and assembled reads. (A) The raw reads (grey) ranged in length from < 40 bp to 1196 bp, with a mean read length of 400 bp. The distribution of read lengths of those reads chosen for assembly (red) was comparable to that of raw reads for the Newbler assembly (grey). (B) Read length distributions from all products of assembly of trimmed reads. The longest isotig per isogroup is shown. Removing singletons (unassembled reads) from these data shows that most assembly products under ~600 bp are singletons, i.e. that the vast majority of assembly products are transcript models over 600 bp (pink).

Table 2 P. hawaiensis transcriptome BLAST results

	# Sequences	# BLAST hits against nr ¹ (%)	# Unique BLAST hits against nr ¹ (%)
Isogroups	25,735	n/a²	n/a²
Isotigs	35,301	10,424 (29.5%)	10,203 (28.9%)
Contigs	89,664	9,715 (10.8%)	n/a³
Singletons	276,564	9,583 (3.5%)	8,864 (3.2%)
Total Non-Redundant Assembly Sequences (= isotigs + singletons)	311,865	20,007 (6.4%)	19,067 (6.1%)

^{1.} nr = NCBI non-redundant database

there were 8,864 (3.2%) unique hits (Table 2; see 'Sequence Annotation' within Materials and Methods for our determination of "unique BLAST hits"). In summary, among all non-redundant assembly sequences (i.e. isotigs + singletons), we obtained 19,067 unique BLAST hits (Table 2). These BLAST results may mean that the transcriptome contains as many as 19,067 unique gene transcripts. However, as for all *de novo* assemblies, several caveats must be considered. First, different regions of a single transcript may have different best top BLAST hits. Our assembly likely contains sequences that belong to the same transcript but are too far apart to be assembled together, and so would be considered "different genes." As a result, the number of unique BLAST hits may be an overestimate of unique gene number (see also discussion of total gene number estimation in section "Comparison with other arthropod genomic resources" below). Second, 24,877 isotigs (70.5% of all isotigs) and 266,981 singletons (96.5% of all singletons) did not yield BLAST hits that met our E-value cutoff of e-10. These values are comparable to or higher than those obtained in other *de novo* transcriptome analyses [40-45]. However, these unmatched sequences may represent transcript fragments whose similarities to known genes is too poor to meet our E-value cutoff, or are noncoding. It is therefore not formally possible from de novo assembly to know whether the 19,067 unique BLAST hit number over- or under-estimates the true number of genes contained in our transcriptome.

Transcriptome Gene Ontology (GO) term annotation

We used Blast2GO [46] to obtain the gene ontology terms associated with the top 50 BLAST hits for each non-redundant assembly sequence. Of the 19,067 sequences with unique BLAST hits as per our 1e-10 E-value cutoff, 9,451 (49.6%) of these had GO terms associated with them. To determine whether or not major categories of genes were missing or underrepresented in our transcriptome, we compared the proportions of sequences in selected GO term groups to the proportions in these categories observed in the predicted transcript complement of

the only crustacean with a sequenced genome, *D. pulex* (see Materials and methods; Figure 3). We did not find significant differences in the proportion of genes in the examined GO term categories between the *P. hawaiensis* transcriptome and the water flea genome, suggesting that our transcriptome does not lack major functional categories of genes. Interestingly, not only were the proportions similar for the two crustaceans, they also closely matched the profiles observed for the sequenced genome of the insect *D. melanogaster*, and a *de novo* insect transcriptome from a milkweed bug [22] (Figure 3), suggesting that arthropod species as widely diverged as fruit flies and water fleas share similar proportional gene expression profiles in certain functional genetic categories.

Unusual characteristics of the P. hawaiensis transcriptome

P. hawaiensis has been found to employ trans-splicing among its genetic regulatory mechanisms [47]. In this mechanism, sections of transcripts transcribed from independent genomic loci are spliced together post-transcriptionally to form a novel transcript. Such trans-spliced transcripts are recognizable because they contain a diagnostic splice-leader sequence. We wished to determine to what extent this additional transcript complexity affected our assembly and our ability to assign high-confidence BLAST annotations. We therefore processed the trimmed, preassembly reads to remove those containing the diagnostic splice-leader sequences (2,584; 0.1%), and performed a Newbler v2.5 assembly on the remaining reads. The results of this assembly were not noticeably different from the complete assembly, nor did the number of unique BLAST hits increase (Additional File 4). We therefore concluded that the presence of trans-spliced transcripts did not significantly affect our transcriptome assembly or annotation.

When we considered the species identity of the top BLAST hit for each isotig and singleton (see Methods), we found that a high proportion (50.5%) of our assembly sequences most closely matched sequences from other arthropods (Additional File 5). However, an unexpectedly high proportion (12.2%) was from the lancelet

^{2.} Because isogroups are collections of isotigs that are hypothesized to originate from the same gene, they do not comprise a single sequence and so cannot be compared by BLAST to nr.

^{3.} The custom script UniqueBlast.pl was applied only to non-redundant assembly sequences (i.e. isotigs and singletons).

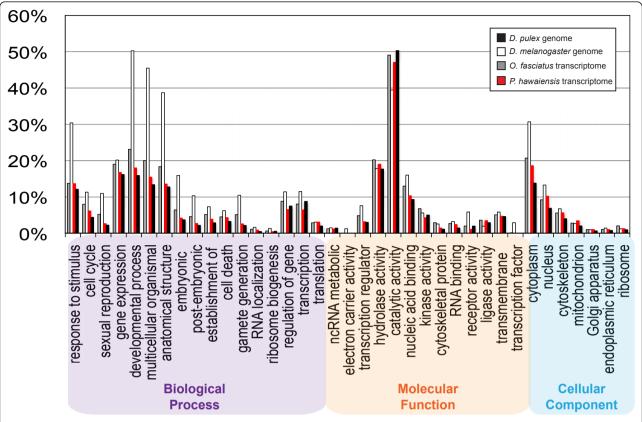


Figure 3 GO term distribution of BLAST hits from the *P. hawaiensis* **transcriptome**. For comparison, GO term distributions of transcript predictions from a crustacean (*Daphnia pulex*: water flea) and an insect (*Drosophila melanogaster*: fruit fly) with sequenced genomes are shown, as well as those from the largest available *de novo* pyrosequenced insect transcriptome to date (*Oncopeltus fasciatus*: milkweed bug [22]). Selected GO categories are shown within the top-level divisions of Biological Process, Molecular Function, and Cellular Component. Column heights reflect the percentage of annotated sequences that mapped to a given Biological Process GO term.

Branchiostoma floridae, which is phylogenetically very far removed from *P. hawaiensis*. When we examined those sequences with a lancelet sequence as top hit, we noticed that (a) for many of them, the top 50 BLAST hits were all *B. floridae*; and (b) the majority of them seemed to contain C2H2 zinc fingers with a specific linker sequence (TGEKP) between C2H2 domains.

The genome of at least one other arthropod, the pea aphid *Acyrthosiphon pisum*, has been found to be unusually rich in genes containing the same C2H2 zinc finger and diagnostic linker sequence [48]. We reasoned that if both the amphioxus [49] and amphipod genomes happened to contain a high proportion of such genes, this could be responsible for the apparent high similarity of several transcripts in these two species. To test this, we removed reads containing C2H2 zinc finger-encoding sequences, following a previously defined low-stringency definition of a C2H2 zinc finger domain [50]. We then assembled the remaining reads with Newbler v2.5, and again scanned for and removed contigs and isotigs containing the motif. The remaining assembly products

were mapped against **nr** using BLASTX, and the species identities of their top hits were compared with those obtained from the complete assembly. We found that the new assembly retained a large proportion (54.3%) of arthropod hits, but that the number of *B. floridae* hits had dropped to 4.3%, and was now comparable to the proportion of hits obtained from other deuterostome phyla (Figure 4, Additional File 5).

Comparison with other arthropod genomic resources

The BLAST hit rate of the *P. hawaiensis* isotigs was 29.5%. This is higher than those reported in other *de novo* transcriptome analyses [40-45], including that of an arctic crustacean [23], but much lower than the 43.4% obtained from a previously analyzed *de novo* insect maternal/embryonic transcriptome [22]. The ~70% of *P. hawaiensis* isotigs without a high confidence BLAST hit could be either *P. hawaiensis*-specific genes, or genes with relatively lower similarity to known genes. In addition, it is possible that many of our transcripts represent untranslated sequences rather than coding regions (for example, UTRs

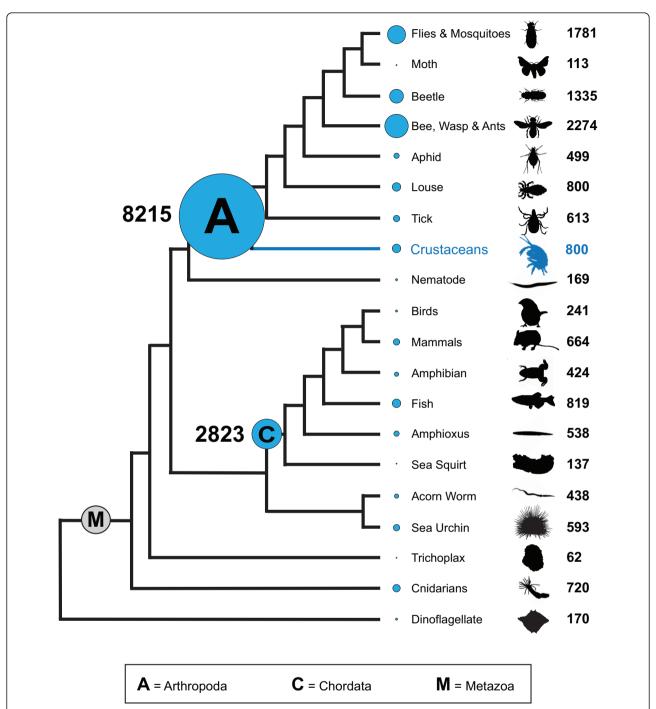


Figure 4 Phylogenetic distribution of species of top unique BLAST hits for the *P. hawaiensis* transcriptome sequences. First, raw reads that contained C2H2 zinc finger sequences were removed before assembly. Second, assembled sequences that contained C2H2 zinc finger sequences were removed from the output file. We then determined the unique BLAST hits for the remaining non-redundant assembly products (isotigs + singletons). 90% of the resulting unique BLAST hits were from species belonging to the clades shown. Blue circles are scaled according to the proportion of sequences with species belonging the clade indicated as their top BLAST hit. Over 50% of top BLAST hits are from arthropod species. Phylogenetic tree modified from [63,74,75]. Hits from the following most abundant species are represented: *D. mojavensis*, *D. willistoni*, *D. ananassae*, *D. grimshawi*, *D. pseudoobscura pseudoobscura*, *Aedes aegypti*, *Anopheles gambiae*, *Culex quinquefasciatus* (Flies & Mosquitoes), *Bombyx mori* (Moth), *Tribolium castaneum* (Beetle), *Harpegnathos saltator*, *Camponotus floridanus*, *Apis mellifera*, *Nasonia vitripennnis* (Bee, Wasp & Ants), *Acyrthosiphon pisum* (Aphid), *Pediculus humanus corporis* (Louse), *Ixodes scapularis* (Tick), *Penaeus monodon*, *Lepeophtheirus salmonis*, *Litopenaeus vannamei* (Crustaceans), *Caenorhabditis remanei* (Nematode), *Gallus gallus*, *Taeniopygia guttata* (Birds), *Rattus norvegicus*, *Mus musculus*, *Monodelphis domestica* (Mammals), *Xenopus laevis*, *X. tropicalis* (Amphibian), *Danio rerio*, *Tetraodon nigroviridis* (Fish), *Branchiostoma floridae* (Amphioxus), *Ciona intestinalis* (Sea Squirt), *Saccoglossus kowalevskii* (Acorn Worm), *Strongylocentrotus purpuratus* (Sea Urchin), *Trichoplax adherens* (Trichoplax), *Hydra magnipapillata*, *Nematostella vectensis* (Cnidarians), *Perkinsus marinus* (Dinoflagellate). See Additional File 5 for details.

or noncoding RNAs), and therefore do not match **nr** protein sequences.

The relatively low proportion of hits may also reflect the fact that until recently (and including the version of **nr** we used for our analysis, which did not include the D. pulex genome at the time of analysis) very few crustacean sequences were included in **nr**. The *D. pulex* genome also contains a high proportion (~36%) of apparently *Daphnia*specific genes, thought to be largely the result of amplification of selected gene families [2]. Noting that the E-value cutoff used for the D. pulex analyses (1e-5) was slightly more relaxed than that used in our initial analysis (1e-10), we repeated the BLASTX of our non-redundant P. hawaiensis transcriptome sequences against **nr** with an E-value cutoff of 1e-5. This yielded 26,494 unique BLAST hits (including 34.8% of isotigs and 5.7% of singletons). We therefore found that even adjusting the E-value cutoff to that used for characterization of the *D. pulex* genome, ~59% of the sequences in this *P. hawaiensis* transcriptome lack significant similarity to other characterized animal sequences. These observations suggest that crustaceans may have more species- or clade-specific genes than previously appreciated. Alternatively, these high numbers of apparently lineage-restricted genes may simply reflect the paucity of crustacean genomic resources currently in public databases.

Those *P. hawaiensis* transcriptome sequences which failed to obtain a significant BLAST hit when compared with **nr** might share more similarity with other crustaceans. To test this, we used BLAST to compare all P. hawaiensis transcriptome sequences that had failed our 1e-10 E-value cutoff against nr, with the predicted D. pulex transcriptome (see Methods) using BLASTX and a 1e-10 E-value cutoff. We then used BLAST to compare the obtained sequences with **nr** to determine their putative identities. We did not set an E-value limit for this second BLAST, in order to recover at least some minimal information about the identity of these genes (E-values for a subset of these, described below, are shown in Additional File 6). We found that 47.9% of these sequences came from arthropods, only 2.5% of which were crustaceans. The low crustacean representation in **nr** makes it difficult to obtain high confidence BLAST hits for this group. We therefore focused on determining what proportion of "nr orphan" P. hawaiensis sequences were highly similar to sequences from *D. pulex* by comparing the E-values for BLAST hits against both **nr** and against the *D. pulex* predicted transcriptome. We found that of the 423 P. hawaiensis sequences with higher similarity to D. pulex genes than to anything in nr (Additional File 6), 381 (90.1%) of these had E-values at least an order of magnitude higher for *D. pulex* compared to **nr**, and 30 of these (7.1% of total) had E-values greater than one for **nr** hits, but *D. pulex* hit E-values of 1e-11 or lower. Most of this "Daphnia-like" group matched arthropod sequences that were previously annotated as "hypothetical proteins," suggesting that non-insect crustacean sequence annotation could improve future annotation of the existing insect genomes.

The *D. pulex* genome has been found to contain a high number of genes (at least 30,907) [2]. Without a genome sequence for *P. hawaiensis*, we cannot accurately estimate gene number in order to perform a rigorous comparison with *D. pulex*. However, our transcriptome assembly identified 25,735 isogroups. Because isogroups are groups of isotigs assembled from the same set of contigs, isogroups may represent putative genes, with each isotig of the isogroup representing a transcript variant, for example a splice variant. We therefore speculate that *P. hawaiensis*, with a genome over one order of magnitude larger than that of *D. pulex* (C. Extavour & R. Gregory, unpublished), may also have a high gene number of at least 25,735 genes.

However, using isogroup number of this *de novo* transcriptome as a proxy for total gene number has two significant limitations. The first is the result of our chosen tissue sampling strategy: this transcriptome does not capture postembryonic gene expression. After hatching, expression of several genes with exclusively juvenile or adult roles is likely, including at minimum additional genes associated with molting, behavior, and gametogenesis. It is therefore possible that the number of isogroups in our assembly underestimates the true gene number in *P. hawaiensis*.

The second limitation is the unavoidable result of any de novo assembly, which is that if two sequences from the same transcript do not share significant overlap, they will appear as separate assembly products rather than as a single transcript (see also discussion of unique BLAST hit number in section "BLAST mapping of non-redundant transcriptome sequences" above). This could result in the number of isogroups being an overestimate of the true number of genes. A further complication results from Newbler v2.5's method of handling isogroups made of multiple isotigs. When we performed our assembly, we limited the number of isotigs in one isogroup to 10 ("-it" flag; see Methods). This has the advantage of avoiding isogroups composed of large numbers of isotigs, as we suspect that in *P. hawaiensis*, as shown for other animals, the vast majority of genes have fewer than ten splicing isoforms [51]. However, it can also result in problematic isogroup number calculation, because isogroups that exceed the number of isotigs per isogroup threshold are returned to the assembly file as contigs rather than isotigs, thus inflating the gene number estimate. In summary, in order to determine whether high numbers of species- or cladespecific genes is a general characteristic of crustaceans, and the true extent of species-specific genes for P. hawaiensis, more deep genomic resources will have to

be developed for this amphipod and for more crustaceans of diverse classes.

The high gene number of *D. pulex* is thought to be due to lineage-specific expansions of gene families [2]. These expansions may play adaptive roles in the water flea's ecology [2], or they may be a general feature of crustacean genomes that was previously unappreciated due to the paucity of crustacean genomic resources. It is therefore of interest to determine the extent of gene family expansion in *P. hawaiensis*. In order for our *de novo* transcriptome to provide a rigorous answer to this question, we would need to distinguish between transcripts of paralogues, and sequences originating from the same transcript that do not overlap enough to belong to the same isotig, or even obtain the same set of top BLAST hits. This distinction is not unambiguously possible, given the absence of a reference genome. However, we performed a preliminary analysis of putative gene expansion in *P. hawaiensis*, focusing on those gene families found to be expanded in the D. pulex genome. Our analysis conservatively included only those *P. hawaiensis* isotigs that had a top BLAST hit against a duplicated D. pulex gene. We also made sure that these isotigs had the same set of top BLAST hits but belonged to different isogroups, and were therefore likely to represent paralogues rather than splice variants (see Methods). We found that in general, highly expanded *D. pulex* gene families had more putative paralogues (isogroups) in *P. hawaiensis*, relative to less expanded gene families (Figure 5). It is therefore possible that gene family expansions are a common feature of certain enzymatic gene families in some crustaceans, although genome sequencing will ultimately be needed to provide definitive answers to this question.

Assessment of depth and transcript coverage of the transcriptome

Although the 19,067 unique BLAST hits that we identified may represent unique genes, as discussed extensively above we cannot verify how many transcripts are encoded by the genome in the absence of an annotated genome

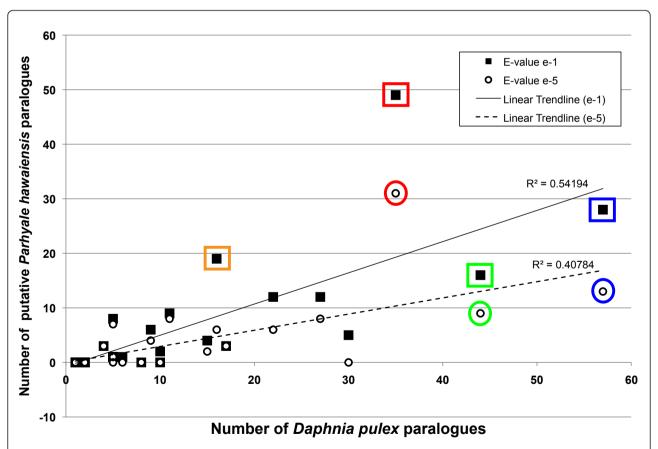


Figure 5 Putative gene family expansion assessed with the *P. hawaiensis* **transcriptome**. Gene families that were reported as expanded in the *D. pulex* genome [2] were examined for signatures of expansion in *P. hawaiensis* using the *de novo* transcriptome (see Methods). Gene families that appear particularly expanded in both crustaceans include chitinase (orange; KEGG EC number 3.2.1.14), adenosinetriphosphatase (red; KEGG EC number 3.6.1.3), 4-galactosyl-N-acetylglucosaminide 3-alpha-L-fucosyltransferase (green; KEGG EC number 2.4.1.152) and DNA-directed RNA polymerase (blue; KEGG EC number 2.7.7.6).

sequence. However, we wished to estimate how deeply we had sequenced those transcripts that were present in our oogenesis/embryogenesis cDNA sample. To do this, we assembled progressively larger random subsets of the total reads. For each subassembly, we used BLAST to compare our non-redundant transcriptome sequences with nr, and assessed the number of unique BLAST hits to see to what extent adding sequence data from the same sample improved gene discovery. Even with the maximum number of over 3 million reads, we did not observe a plateau in the gene discovery rate (Figure 6A). This suggests that despite the considerable depth of our coverage, sequencing more reads from the same sample could yield even more new gene discovery. This is in contrast with a recently constructed de novo maternal and embryonic transcriptome for an insect, which was comprised of only 2 million reads and yet saturated gene discovery in the cDNA sample that was sequenced [22]. The increased complexity of the amphipod transcriptome may reflect its large genome size ([35], C. Extavour and R. Gregory, unpublished), high putative gene number (this study), or large predicted intron sizes [35].

Total isotig length increased steadily as progressively larger subsets of reads were assembled (Figure 6B). While small numbers of isotigs over 4,500 bp could be obtained with as few as ~300,000 reads, robust recovery of isotigs longer than 6,500 bp required assembly of at least 60% of our total reads, or ~1.9 million reads. This demonstrates that increased depth of sequencing, in addition to improving gene discovery, has the added benefit of increasing predicted transcript lengths, thereby facilitating their annotation and making them more immediately useful for downstream applications. In a related analysis, we searched the transcriptome for the presence of the small number of *P. hawaiensis* developmental genes available as GenBank accessions, and found that 52.4%

(11/21) were present (Additional File 7). However, only for one of these genes (*Ph-prospero*) did our transcriptome add sequence data to the GenBank accession (Additional File 8). This may be a reflection of both the relatively rarity of these transcripts, and the fact that those genes identified to date have been the subject of intense developmental studies, and so sequences of considerable length have already been cloned to close to full length [30,34,52-57].

The assembly yielded isotigs as long as 7,936 bp, with average length 1,128 bp (Figure 6B, C). However, we wished to determine what fraction of true full transcript length was likely to be contained by these isotigs. To do this, we used the methods of O'Neil and colleagues [39] in calculating the ortholog hit ratio for isotigs, contigs, and singletons. We found that 60.2% of isotigs represented over 50% of putative true full-length transcripts compared with predicted D. pulex transcripts, and 35.0% of isotigs were over 80% full length (Figure 7A). These ratios were not significantly higher than those obtained by comparing transcriptome sequences to *D. melanogaster* transcripts (58.1% and 33.2% respectively), suggesting that P. hawaiensis sequences have comparable similarity to those of the water flea and the fruit fly. Further, comparing transcripts from the fully sequenced genomes of *D. pulex* and D. melanogaster yields ortholog hit ratio values of 65.1% (above 0.5) and 41.7% (above 0.8) respectively, which are similar to the *P. hawaiensis/D. pulex* comparison values. These values are consistent with the increasing support for hypotheses of crustacean paraphyly, which predict large divergences between all of the lineages leading to these arthropod species [see for example 6]. The current state of understanding of crustacean-hexapod phylogenetic relationships (see Conclusions) therefore does not allow straightforward predictions of which pair of these three transcriptomes should be most similar to each other.

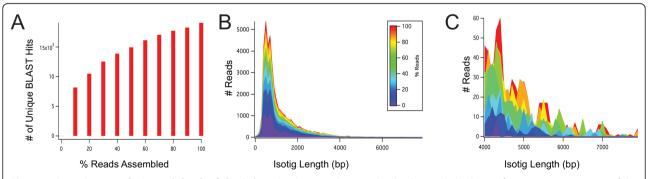


Figure 6 Assessing complexity and depth of the *P. hawaiensis* transcriptome. Randomly sampled subsets of increasing percentages of the total number of reads, in increments of 10%, were used to generate progressively larger sub-assemblies using Newbler v2.5. (*A*) The number of unique BLAST hits (performed against **nr**) continues to increase as more sequences from this sample are assembled. (*B*) Full range of isotig length distribution for each sub-assembly. The isotig length distribution remains similar across all sub-assemblies for the shorter (< 5000 bp) reads in the assembly. (*C*) High read length (> 4000 bp) range of assembled read length distribution for each sub-assembly Assembly of reads with length \geq 5000 bp requires assembly of at least \approx 60% of our reads, or \approx 1.9 million reads. Legend shown in *B* applies to both *B* and *C*.

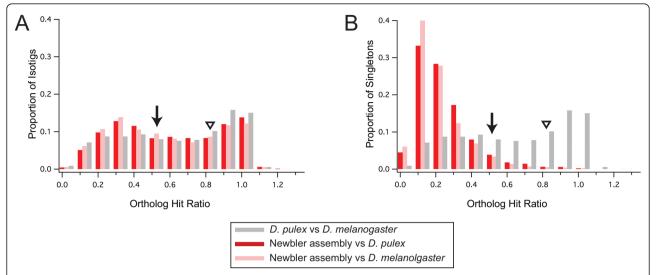


Figure 7 Ortholog hit ratio analysis of assembled reads and singletons in the P. hawaiensis transcriptome. As described in [39] an ortholog hit ratio of one suggests that a transcript has been assembled to its true full length. Ortholog hit ratios for two arthropod genomic datasets were obtained by using BLAST to compare the complete Daphnia pulex gene prediction set (downloaded from ftp://iubio.bio.indiana. edu/daphnia/genome/Daphnia_pulex/dpulex_jgi060905/fasta/dpulex-gnomon-transcript-jgi060905.fasta.gz.) with the predicted gene set of Drosophila melanogaster (r5.28 downloaded from ftp://ftp.flybase.net/genomes/Drosophila_melanogaster/) with an E-value cut-off of 1e-10. (A) Ortholog hit ratio analysis for isotigs. A majority appear to contain at least 50% of the full length transcript sequence (arrow) compared to D. pulex sequences (red), while over one third appear to represent at least 80% of the full length transcript sequence (arrowhead) compared to D. pulex sequences. Comparison with D. melanogaster transcripts (pink) yields comparable ortholog hit ratios. (B) Ortholog hit ratio analysis for singletons. Most singletons produced by both assemblers represent ≤ 20% of full-length transcripts. Arrow and arrowhead indicate 50% and 80% of full-length transcripts, represented by an average of 7.7% and 1.3% of singletons, respectively. In both panels, grey indicates comparison of D. pulex versus D. melanogaster transcripts based on predictions from genomic data.

Annotation of signaling pathway genes

Future functional genetic studies in *P. hawaiensis* will likely focus on elucidating the function of highly conserved metazoan genes in this amphipod. We therefore annotated the transcriptome for the presence of genes belonging to major conserved animal signaling pathways [58]. Using the KEGG pathways as a guideline [59], we searched for P. hawaiensis homologues of these genes using BLAST using an E-value cutoff of 1e-10. In most cases, the D. melanogaster homologue of a gene was used as a query, but for some searches, homologues from other organisms were used as queries (Additional File 9). For the Notch, TGFβ, Wnt, Hedgehog, JAK/STAT and MAPK pathways, considering pathway members known from all animals, we identified likely *P. hawaiensis* homologues of an average of 52.8% (103/195) of pathway genes (Figure 8). If we consider only those pathway members with known D. melanogaster homologues (n = 138), this proportion is an average of 74.6%. The proportion of genes found for each pathway ranged from 58.8% (MAPK pathway) to 93.8% (JAK/STAT pathway). Several genes of interest were found among the singletons. Although singletons are sometimes discarded before transcriptome annotation [see for example 23], our data suggest that even these unassembled reads can be a rich source of gene discovery. The transcriptome sequences for these genes ranged in length from 276 bp (presenilin, Notch pathway) to 4,882 bp (*CK2*, Wnt pathway), and the majority are at least 500 bp long, making them immediately useful for *in situ* hybridization, RNAi-mediated gene knockdown, and RACE [60] in the case that longer or flanking genomic sequences are required for specific applications. Interestingly, for several signaling pathway members without a *D. melanogaster* homologue, we found *P. hawaiensis* homologues (Figure 8), suggesting that in some respects, amphipod signaling pathways may bear greater resemblance to vertebrate pathways than fruit flies.

Annotation of developmental and gametogenesis genes

Given the tractability of *P. hawaiensis* as a developmental model, we sought to make this transcriptome of maximal immediate use to the amphipod and broader developmental biology and biomedical research communities. We therefore undertook manual annotation of over 450 genes involved in embryonic patterning, developmental pathways (Additional File 10) and gametogenesis in both males and females (Additional File 11). We used lists of genes known to function in these processes in *Drosophila* as a starting point http://www.sdbonline.org/fly/aimain/laahome.htm, and identified over 200 likely *P. hawaiensis* homologues of these genes. As we observed for our annotation of signaling pathway genes, the majority of matching transcriptome

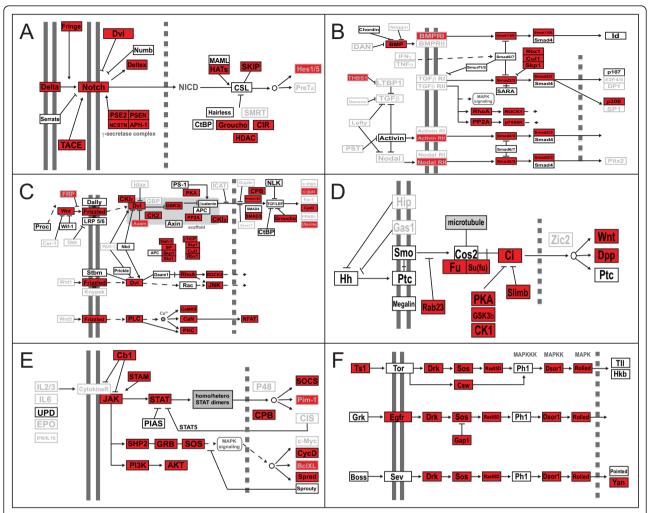


Figure 8 Conserved metazoan signal transduction pathway components identified in the *P. hawaiensis* transcriptome. These results were generated by using BLAST to compare sequences from known homologues against the full Newbler v2.5 assembly (see Additional File 9 and text for details), with genes identified marked in red. Genes outlined in grey with grey typeface indicate genes without *D. melanogaster* homologues. Pathway schematics modified from KEGG pathway model images http://www.genome.jp/kegg/kegg1.html. (A) Notch pathway. (B) TGFβ pathway. (C) Wnt pathway. (D) Hedgehog pathway. (E) Janus Kinase (JAK)-signal transducer and activator of transcription (STAT) pathway. (F) Mitogen-activated protein Kinase (MAPK) pathway.

reads are of sufficient length to allow immediate use in gene expression and function studies.

Several of the genes contained multiple hits in our transcriptome, including a large number of singletons. For some genes, these multiple hits included consecutively numbered isotigs with very similar lengths. We examined a subset of these genes to determine whether or not these apparently highly similar isotigs were in fact different from each other. We found that such sequences usually differed from each other at a small number of nucleotide positions, either because of low sequencing quality in one of the component reads, or because of SNPs or small indels (Additional File 12). Although annotation of SNPs in this transcriptome is beyond the scope of this study, we

anticipate that the SNPs present in this transcriptome could serve as a useful tool for population-level variation studies in the future.

Conclusions

We have generated a maternal and embryonic transcriptome of the amphipod crustacean *Parhyale hawaiensis* using 454 Titanium pyrosequencing. To our knowledge, this represents the second largest crustacean genomic resource, behind the genome of the cladoceran *D. pulex*, and the largest *de novo* assembled pyrosequencing-based transcriptome to date. We confirmed the previously reported presence of trans-splicing in *P. hawaiensis* [47], but found that the presence of these trans-spliced

transcripts did not greatly increase the complexity of the transcriptome or impede assembly. The *P. hawaiensis* transcriptome appears to be enriched for a particular class of C2H2 Zn finger-coding transcripts, which share high similarity with several *Branchiostoma floridae* transcripts, and is also reported to be an enriched sequence class in the genome of the pea aphid *Acyrthosiphon pisum* [48].

We annotated the *de novo* transcriptome for a large number of developmentally relevant genes, including major conserved metazoan signaling pathways. We found that even after assembly of over 3 million reads, gene discovery continued to increase, suggesting that the extremely large genome size of this amphipod may reflect high gene numbers, high transcript complexity, or both. These data should both facilitate future developmental and evolutionary studies using this emerging model crustacean species, and contribute to future work in crustacean comparative genomics.

The bulk of existing arthropod genomic resources are for insects, while the sister group to the insects, the crustaceans, remains relatively unexplored. The large genome size and low relative similarity to existing annotated arthropod genomes may be challenges to potential future efforts to sequence the *P. hawaiensis* genome. However, high throughput short read sequencing technologies such as Illumina or SOLiD [61], combined with the transcriptome described here, should make such projects tractable.

Finally, this dataset should assist phylogenomic approaches to resolution of controversies in crustacean phylogenetic relationships, including the relationship between crustaceans and hexapods. D. pulex belongs to the Branchiopoda, and while some phylogenetic analyses place this group closest to the hexapods [62-65], others suggest that the Malacostraca (the group including P. hawaiensis and most edible crustaceans such as shrimp, lobster and crab) are sister to the hexapods [4,9-11,66]. Yet others suggest that Branchiopoda may be the most derived group within a monophyletic clade containing all crustaceans except for Malacostraca, Remipedia and Cephalocarida [67]. The largest phylogenomic assessment of this problem to date places both Branchiopoda and Malacostraca in a monophyletic clade that is sister to a (Hexapoda + Remipedia + Cephalocarida) clade [6]. Moreover, Daphnia species do not branch basally within the Branchiopoda, and indeed are placed in the most derived branchiopod clade by most phylogenetic analyses [6,68,69]. These competing hypotheses emphasize the importance of a reliable comparative genomic framework within which to consider findings from new crustacean models. In order to place future comparative, ecological, environmental and biomedical studies using crustacean models in an appropriate phylogenetic context, additional crustacean genomic resources will be necessary.

Methods

Animal culture

The *P. hawaiensis* (Figure 1A, B) specimens sequenced in this study were from an inbred, non-backcrossed, non-isogenic laboratory culture originally obtained from Ernst Wimmer in 2002; the Wimmer culture in turn was obtained from a laboratory culture from Nipam H. Patel that was established with animals from the John G. Shedd Aquarium (Chicago, IL) as previously described [55]. The animals were maintained in the laboratory in artificial seawater (Instant Ocean, specific gravity 1.018-1.022), and fed a mixture of raw carrots, TetraAlgae Vegetable Enhanced Crisps, TetraMin Tropical Flakes, and Hikari Wheat Germ Pellets. All cultures were maintained under a 12:12 light/dark cycle at 28°C.

cDNA Synthesis

471 mixed-stage embryos (Additional File 1; total weight 52.7 mg) representing the entirety of embryogenesis (Figure 1D) were shock frozen in liquid nitrogen and stored at -80°C. 30 ovaries (comprising eight small ovaries from young females and 22 late ovaries containing mature oocytes from older females; Figure 1C) were dissected from females in Trizol, flash frozen in Trizol, and stored at -80°C. Total RNA was isolated separately from ovaries (Figure 1C) and from mixed stages of embryogenesis (Figure 1E), and a pool was created of 1.5 μg of total RNA from each sample for use as a template for first strand cDNA synthesis (3 µg total). cDNA was synthesized following a protocol developed specifically for 454 Titanium sequencing of cDNA [22], with the exception that none of the cDNA was normalized in the present study. This protocol is based on the SMART cDNA library construction kit (Clontech, CA, USA), and includes a modified poly(T) primer to enrich for mRNA, and a DNAse treatment step to remove possible genomic DNA contamination. Following first strand cDNA synthesis, primary amplification of the cDNA required thirteen PCR cycles to maximize yield while avoiding overcycling (monitored in real-time via qPCR [22]). Secondary amplification began to plateau after nine cycles. To obtain sufficient double-stranded cDNA for pyrosequencing sequencing (~5 μg) without overcycling, 26 reactions of 100 µg each were run in parallel and subsequently copurified into 90 µl of elution buffer using QIAquick PCR purification columns (Qiagen Inc).

454 Titanium Pyrosequencing

The samples were nebulized, adaptor-ligated, and pyrosequenced using the GS-FLX Titanium platform by the Institute for Genome Science and Policy DNA Sequencing Facility (Duke University). All of the raw reads generated in this study have been submitted to the NCBI Short Read Archive (Study Accession Number: SRA021010).

Sequence Assembly

Raw reads were assembled using the cDNA assembly algorithm (the "-cdna" flag) of Newbler v2.5. An adaptor-trimming step was included in the assembly (the "-vt" flag). Screening adaptors used are available at http://extavourlab.com/protocols/ExtavourLab_454_Adapters.fasta). A vector-screening step (the "-vs" flag) was performed using a FASTA version of the Univec database ftp://ftp.ncbi.nih. gov/pub/UniVec/. Due to the long average length of the raw 454 reads, the minimum overlapping length (the "-ml" flag) was set to the default value of 40 base pairs. To accommodate the possible existence of SNPs and pyrosequencing errors, the minimum identity between sequences (the "-mi" flag) was set to require 95% identity between aligned sequences. Trimmed singleton reads were specifically produced by Newbler (the "-trim" flag). A maximum isogroup size of 10 isotigs was specified (the "-it" flag) to prevent Newbler from constructing an isogroup using an overly large quantity of short contigs. The resulting assembled reads and unassembled singletons were used for all subsequent analyses.

Sequence Annotation

Sequences were first mapped against the **nr** (all non-redundant GenBank CDS translations+PDB+SwissProt+PIR+PRF) peptide sequence database [70, downloaded from ftp://ftp.ncbi.nih.gov/blast/db/on April 27, 2010] using BLASTX. Unless otherwise specified, all BLAST searches were conducted using BLAST v2.2.24+ [71] with an E-value cutoff of 1e-10.

To annotate Gene Ontology (GO) terms [72] and their parents associated with the top 50 BLAST hits for each sequence, we used Blast2GO v1.2.7 [46].

Due to the sequence depth of this project, the transcripts were assembled with the raw 454 reads were not all full-length. If sequences represent different regions of the same transcript that are not assembled together due to insufficient overlap, they run the risk of being counted twice in our BLAST annotation. To address this problem, a custom Perl script was created in order to estimate the number of unique transcripts present in the P. hawaiensis transcriptome (called "UniqueBlast.pl" available at http://www.extavourlab.com/protocols/bio_tools/Perl_-Transcriptome_Analysis_Scripts.zip). UniqueBlast.pl utilizes the results of BLASTX against **nr** for all assembly products with an E-value cutoff of 1e-10, to predict whether multiple assembly products are fragments of the same transcript. UniqueBlast.pl accomplishes this by comparing the HSP region of assembly products with the same top BLAST hit. Assembly products that have the same top BLAST hit but non-overlapping HSP regions are considered as fragments of the same transcript. Assembly products with the same top BLAST hits and overlapping HSP regions are considered as putative isoforms or paralogues of each other. Overlapping is defined as greater than 14 amino acids shared within the HSP, because the assembly parameters require a minimum of 40 matching nucleotides in order for two raw reads to be assembled together. UniqueBlast.pl then generates a list of assembly sequences (isotigs or contigs) showing the longest fragment of each transcript, as well as predicted isoforms and paralogues. This list of unique transcripts was then used for all subsequent analysis including GO analysis, ortholog hit ratio calculations, and phylogenetic distribution analysis of top BLAST hit organisms.

For analysis of the phylogenetic distribution of species of top unique matches to non-redundant assembly sequences, we used BLASTX to compare our non-redundant assembly products (isotigs + singletons, see Table 2) with **nr** using an E-value cutoff of 1e-10. We discarded redundant hits as described using "UniqueBlast.pl." For each gene in this list of unique BLAST hits, we recorded the species identity of the top BLAST hit sequence. We then tallied the total numbers for clades of interest, shown in Figure 4 and Additional File 5. When assessing the effect of *Branchiostoma floridae* C2H2 Zn finger sequences on the annotation of the assemblies, we assessed top BLAST hits obtained with both the NCBI reference Sequence collection (RefSeq) and **nr**, and obtained comparable results for both searches.

For comparison of sequences belonging to different GO terms between species, we used the *Oncopeltus fasciatus* data from a previously generated transcriptome [22] and a precomputed GO annotation of the *D. melanogaster* genome [73]. To obtain GO category data for *Daphnia pulex*, we used the transcripts predicted from the *D. pulex* genome (downloaded on 3 December 2010 from ftp://iubio.bio.indiana.edu/daphnia/genome/Daphnia_pulex/dpulex_jgi060905/fasta/dpulex-gnomon-transcript-jgi060905. fasta.gz).

To search for developmental genes of interest, we used TBLASTN with protein queries being the full length *Drosophila melanogaster* homologue of the gene of interest. For genes that yielded no hits when the *D. melanogaster* homologue was used as a query, homologues from other animals were used as queries. In cases where proteins possessed domains that were also shared by other genes from a different gene family (e.g. *abstrakt*: zinc finger domain), the TBLASTN search was performed by masking the relevant domain in the query sequence. Finally, in cases of genes with small, diagnostic conserved domains within an otherwise poorly conserved sequence, the diagnostic domains were used as the query (e.g. *groucho*). An E-value cutoff of e-10 was used for all BLAST searches, except for those searches

with masked domains or specific protein domains, in which case the E-value cutoff was e-5. For all developmental genes found, species identity and domain details of the query used are indicated in the legends to Additional Files 9, 10 and 11.

Removal of reads from trans-spliced sequences

To determine how the presence of trans-spliced sequences affected our assembly with Newbler, we used the *P. hawaiensis* splice leader sequences [as per Figure 1 of 47] as an "adapter" sequence (the "-vs" flag) in the trimming step performed by Newbler prior to assembly. This resulted in removal or trimming of all raw reads containing the splice leader sequence. The remaining reads were assembled with Newbler v2.5 and compared using BLAST against **nr** as described for the complete assembly.

Removal of C2H2 Zinc finger-containing sequences

Because we suspected that specific characteristics of P. hawaiensis C2H2 Zn-finger containing proteins might be responsible for a high incidence of BLAST hits to sequences of the lancelet Branchiostoma floridae, we performed a new assembly after removing a subset of reads in the following way: we scanned all reads for the presence of C2H2 Zn finger-encoding sequences using the least stringent C2H2 motif defined in [50], which is X_2 -C- $X_{1,2,4,5}$ -C- X_{12} -H- X_{3-6} -(H,C). We used this least stringent criterion rather than the most stringent criterion defined by Böhm and colleagues[50], in order to capture the largest number of reads containing these motifs. We reasoned that even "C2H2-like" domains might result in a Zn finger BLAST match, thus skewing the proportions of *B. floridae* hits. We used using a custom script ("C2H2.pl" available at http://www.extavourlab.com/protocols/bio_tools/Perl_-Transcriptome_Analysis_Scripts.zip) and removed reads with matches. The remaining reads were assembled with Newbler v2.5, and the resulting assembly was scanned again for the presence of C2H2 Zn finger-encoding sequences; assembled reads with hits were discarded. The remaining sequences were compared with **nr** using BLAST.

Estimating sequencing depth and transcript completion

To determine to what extent we had saturated gene discovery in the libraries we sequenced, we performed independent assemblies of ten progressively larger, randomly sampled subsets of the reads. The total number of genes in each sub-assembly was then identified via BLASTX against **nr**. If multiple isotigs or contigs hit non-overlapping portions of the same top BLAST hit, only one of these sequences was counted. To calculate the ortholog hit ratio [39], we first used the script for generating a list of unique BLAST results described above ("UniqueBlast.pl"). We then used a custom

ortholog hit ratio script ("OrthologHitRatio.pl" available at http://www.extavourlab.com/protocols/bio_tools/Perl_Transcriptome_Analysis_Scripts.zip) to calculate the values used to create the graphs in Figure 6.

Estimating extent of gene family expansion

We first identified the *D. pulex* transcripts belonging to the duplicated gene families described by Colbourne and colleagues et al (Figure S31 in [2]) based on the KEGG enzyme code. We recorded the NCBI Gnomon transcript prediction ID of each D. pulex transcript that was listed with the chosen KEGG enzyme codes. We then mapped all of the P. hawaiensis isotigs against the D. Gnomon-predicted transcriptome TBLASTN. All P. hawaiensis isotigs with a top BLAST hit matching any recorded D. pulex NCBI Gnomon transcript prediction ID were identified. If the P. hawaiensis isotigs identified in this way belonged to the same isogroup, only a single isotig from that isogroup was counted. Using this method, we counted the putative number of P. hawaiensis paralogues from a chosen gene family.

[The sequence data from this study have been submitted to GenBank under study accession number SRA021010. Custom scripts generated are available at http://www.extavourlab.com/protocols/bio_tools/Python %20Transcriptome%20Analysis%20Tools.tar.gz and http://www.extavourlab.com/protocols/bio_tools/Perl_Transcriptome_Analysis_Scripts.zip. Assembly results are available at http://www.extavourlab.com/resources/index.html and at http://www.bio.miami.edu/wbrowne/BrowneLab2/Community_Resources.html.]

Additional material

Additional file 1: Embryonic stages pooled for creation of the *P. hawaiensis* transcriptome. Staging as per [55].

Additional file 2: Comparison of read lengths from Newbler v2.5 de novo assembly of the *P. hawaiensis* transcriptome. (A) Distribution of read lengths after assembly with Newbler v2.5 (red). (B) Distribution of read lengths of the shortest assembled reads and raw reads. The assembly yielded assembled reads of over ~4000 bp.

Additional file 3: Distribution of average coverage (reads/bp) within contigs produced by Newbler v2.5 de novo assembly of the P. hawaiensis transcriptome. The coverage within contigs is calculated by dividing the total number of base pairs contained in the reads used to construct a contig by the length of that contig.

Additional file 4: Analysis of the effect of trans-splicing transcripts on *de novo* transcriptome assembly. Assembly of all trimmed sequences compared to assembly of sequences lacking the trans-splicing leader sequences [47]. Number of BLAST hits reflects a search against the nr database with an E-value cut-off value of 1e-10.

Additional file 5: Phylogenetic distribution of species of top unique BLAST hit for Newbler v2.5 assembly of the *P. hawaiensis* transcriptome. Of the unique BLAST hits to all non-redundant assembly products (isotigs + singletons), 90% were from species belonging to the clades shown. Over 50% of these top BLAST hits are from arthropod species. The large number (12.2%) of top BLAST hits in the complete

assembly to sequences from Branchiostoma floridae is due to the high similarity of C2H2 zinc finger domain-containing sequences with a particular linker sequence (TGEKP) that is also highly represented in the genome of the aphid Acyrthosiphon pisum [48]. Red: values after removal of reads and sequences containing this domain. Phylogenetic tree modified from [63,74,75]. Hits from the following most abundant species are represented: D. mojavensis, D. willistoni, D. ananassae, D. grimshawi, D. pseudoobscura pseudoobscura, Aedes aegypti, Anopheles gambiae, Culex quinquefasciatus (Flies & Mosquitoes), Bombyx mori (Moth), Tribolium castaneum (Beetle), Harpegnathos saltator, Camponotus floridanus, Apis mellifera, Nasonia vitripennnis (Bee, Wasp & Ants), Acyrthosiphon pisum (Aphid), Pediculus humanus corporis (Louse), Ixodes scapularis (Tick), Penaeus monodon, Lepeophtheirus salmonis, Litopenaeus vannamei (Crustaceans), Caenorhabditis remanei (Nematode), Gallus gallus, Taeniopygia guttata (Birds), Rattus norvegicus, Mus musculus, Monodelphis domestica (Mammals), Xenopus laevis, X. tropicalis (Amphibian), Danio rerio, Tetraodon nigroviridis (Fish), Branchiostoma floridae (Amphioxus), Ciona intestinalis (Sea Squirt), Saccoglossus kowalevskii (Acorn Worm), Strongylocentrotus purpuratus (Sea Urchin), Trichoplax adherens (Trichoplax), Hydra magnipapillata, Nematostella vectensis (Cnidarians), Perkinsus marinus (Dinoflagellate).

Additional file 6: Sequences with strong similarity to *Daphnia pulex* gene sequences identified in the *de novo P. hawaiensis* transcriptome. Because the *D. pulex* genome and **nr** are databases of inevitably different sizes, E-values shown here are for information only and are not strictly comparable. See text for additional details.

Additional file 7: Presence of existing *P. hawaiensis* GenBank accessions in the *de novo* transcriptome. Sequences of *P. hawaiensis* developmental genes from GenBank were used as a query to BLAST the *de novo* transcriptome. Most genes with hits had several matches in the transcriptome, among both assembled reads and singletons.

Additional file 8: The *P. hawaiensis* transcriptome adds sequence data to GenBank accession number HM191476, the *P. hawaiensis* prospero homologue. Extended contig for *Ph-prospero*, comprising the complete mRNA GenBank accession (top, light grey), one isotigs and one contig from the Newbler assembly of the transcriptome (dark grey). The isotig provides an additional 445 bp of 3' UTR sequence and 116 bp of 5' UTR sequence (black) to the GenBank sequence. Comparison with the GenBank sequence shows that isotig24415 and singleton GAP9EXG06HFGHB belong to the same contig.

Additional file 9: Selected signaling pathway genes identified in the P. hawaiensis transcriptome. Hit ID indicates if gene hits were found assembled reads (A) or singletons (S). Sequence length (range) indicates the shortest and longest A or S hit sequences for each gene. These results are shown graphically in Figure 7. Groups of hits of a given colour indicate transcriptome sequences that mapped to the same overlapping region of the BLAST target; hits of different colours indicate transcriptome sequences that map to different, non-overlapping regions of the BLAST target. Query organisms: Dm = D. melanogaster, Dr = Daniorerio; Xt = Xenopus tropicalis. Query sequence details: 1. Kinase domain was masked. 2. FERM domain used as query. 3. Amino acids 500-833 (DI/ Ser domain) used as guery. 4. Amino acids 1-250 (groucho/TLE domain) used as guery. 5. Kinase domain masked; amino acids 420-1390 used as query. 6. Kinase domain masked; amino acids 175-372 used as query. 7. Kinase domain masked; amino acids 150-516 used as query. 8. Kinase domain masked; amino acids 1-100 used as query. 9. Kinase domain masked; amino acids 1-890 used as query. Asterisks indicate genes that appear elsewhere in the same table (in a different pathway).

Additional file 10: Selected developmental process genes identified in the *P. hawaiensis* transcriptome. Hit ID indicates if gene hits were found assembled reads (A) or singletons (S). Sequence length (range) indicates the shortest and longest A or S hit sequences for each gene. Groups of hits of a given colour indicate transcriptome sequences that mapped to the same overlapping region of the BLAST target; hits of different colours indicate transcriptome sequences that map to different, non-overlapping regions of the BLAST target. Query organism was *D. melanogaster* for all cases. **Boldface** indicates genes also present in other tables (Additional Files 9, 11); asterisks indicate genes that appear elsewhere in the same table (in a different functional category).

Additional file 11: Selected genes involved in gametogenesis identified in the P. hawaiensis transcriptome. Hit ID indicates if gene hits were found assembled reads (A) or singletons (S). Sequence length (range) indicates the shortest and longest A or S hit sequences for each gene. Groups of hits of a given colour indicate transcriptome sequences that mapped to the same overlapping region of the BLAST target; hits of different colours indicate transcriptome sequences that map to different, non-overlapping regions of the BLAST target. Query organism was D. melanogaster for all cases. Query sequence details: 1. S/T kinase domain was masked. 2. Dead box/Zn finger domains were masked. 3. HLH domain was masked 4. Peptidase C14 domain was masked. 5. Kinase domain masked; amino acids 175-372 used as guery. 6. BTB domain used as guery. 7. Kinase domain masked; amino acids 1-890 used as guery. Boldface indicates genes also present in other tables (Additional Files 9, 10); asterisks indicate that genes are also present elsewhere (in a different functional category) in the same table.

Additional file 12: Representative of consecutively numbered isotigs with highly similar lengths. An example of two isotigs which both have Cyclin D as their top BLAST hit (see Additional File 9), differ in length by only two nucleotides, and have highly similar sequences. Isotig07129 is 4,279 bp long; isotig07130 is 4,277 bp long. Only a portion of the sequence of each isotig is shown. Nucleotide positions differing between the two are indicated in black (likely to be SNPs), white (deletions) or grey (apparent sequence difference may be due to poor quality sequence (lower case letters) at this position).

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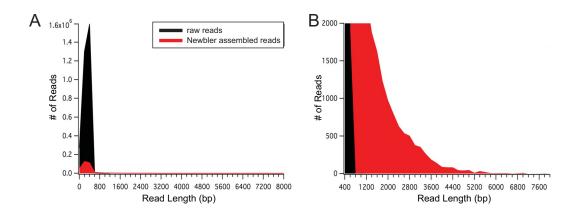
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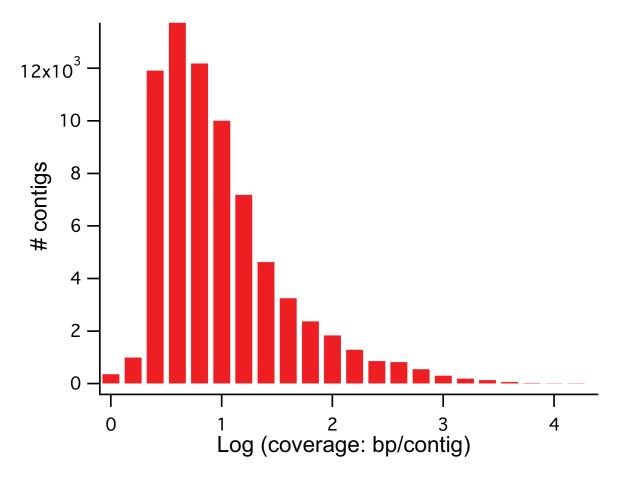
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Stage of embryos	Number of embryos
1	51
2	41
3	15
4	22
5	16
6	21
7	42
8	22
9	8
10	15
11	13
12	16
13	11
14	30
15	5
16	4
17	5
18	6
19	4
20	28
21	19
22	15
23	10
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25	12
26	10
27	13
Total	471

Additional file 1: Embryonic stages pooled for creation of the *P. hawaiensis* transcriptome. Staging as per [55].



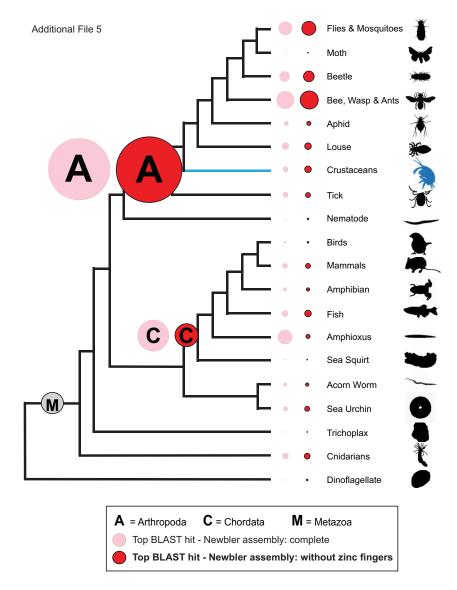
Additional file 2: Comparison of read lengths from Newbler v2.5 de novo assembly of the *P. hawaiensis* **transcriptome.** (A) Distribution of read lengths after assembly with Newbler v2.5 (red). (B) Distribution of read lengths of the shortest assembled reads and raw reads. The assembly yielded assembled reads of over ~4000 bp.



Additional file 3: Distribution of average coverage (reads/bp) within contigs produced by Newbler v2.5 de novo assembly of the *P. hawaiensis* transcriptome. The coverage within contigs is calculated by dividing the total number of base pairs contained in the reads used to construct a contig by the length of that contig.

	All reads	Only reads without trans-splicing leader sequence
Assembled reads	3,157,373	3,154,789
Isotigs	35,301	35,529
Isotig N50	1,510	1,523
Mean # contigs per isotig	2.1	2.1
Contigs ("exons")	89,664	85,574
Isogroups ("genes")	25,735	25,536
Mean # isotigs per isogroup	1.4	1.4
Singletons (% of assembled reads)	276,564 (8.76%)	275,935 (8.75%)
# Unique BLAST hits	19,067	18,843

Additional file 4: Analysis of the effect of trans-splicing transcripts on *de novo* transcriptome assembly. Assembly of all trimmed sequences compared to assembly of sequences lacking the trans-splicing leader sequences [47]. Number of BLAST hits reflects a search against the nr database with an E-value cut-off value of 1e-10.



Additional file 5: Phylogenetic distribution of species of top unique BLAST hit for Newbler v2.5 **assembly of the** *P. hawaiensis* **transcriptome.** Of the unique BLAST hits to all non-redundant assembly products (isotigs + singletons), 90% were from species belonging to the clades shown. Over 50% of these top BLAST hits are from arthropod species. The large number (12.2%) of top BLAST hits in the complete assembly to sequences from Branchiostoma floridae is due to the high similarity of C2H2 zinc finger domain-containing sequences with a particular linker sequence (TGEKP) that is also highly represented in the genome of the aphid Acvrthosiphon pisum [48]. Red: values after removal of reads and sequences containing this domain. Phylogenetic tree modified from [63,74,75]. Hits from the following most abundant species are represented: D. mojavensis, D. willistoni, D. ananassae, D. grimshawi, D. pseudoobscura pseudoobscura, Aedes aegypti, Anopheles gambiae, Culex quinquefasciatus (Flies & Mosquitoes), Bombyx mori (Moth), Tribolium castaneum (Beetle), Harpegnathos saltator, Camponotus floridanus, Apis mellifera, Nasonia vitripennnis (Bee, Wasp & Ants), Acyrthosiphon pisum (Aphid), Pediculus humanus corporis (Louse), Ixodes scapularis (Tick), Penaeus monodon, Lepeophtheirus salmonis, Litopenaeus vannamei (Crustaceans), Caenorhabditis remanei (Nematode), Gallus gallus, Taeniopygia guttata (Birds), Rattus norvegicus, Mus musculus, Monodelphis domestica (Mammals), Xenopus laevis, X. tropicalis (Amphibian), Danio rerio, Tetraodon nigroviridis (Fish), Branchiostoma floridae (Amphioxus), Ciona intestinalis (Sea Squirt), Saccoglossus kowalevskii (Acorn Worm), Strongylocentrotus purpuratus (Sea Urchin), Trichoplax adherens (Trichoplax), Hydra magnipapillata, Nematostella vectensis (Cnidarians), Perkinsus marinus (Dinoflagellate).

Additional file 6: Sequences with strong similarity to *Daphnia pulex* gene sequences identified in the *de novo P. hawaiensis* transcriptome. Because the *D. pulex* genome and nr are databases of inevitably different sizes, E-values shown here are for information only and are not strictly comparable. See text for additional details.

Additional file 7: Presence of existing *P. hawaiensis* GenBank accessions in the *de novo* transcriptome. Sequences of *P. hawaiensis* developmental genes from GenBank were used as a query to BLAST the *de novo* transcriptome. Most genes with hits had several matches in the transcriptome, among both assembled reads and singletons.

Sequences with strong similarity to *Daphnia pulex* gene sequences identified in the *de novo P. hawaiensis* transcriptome

P. hawaiensis transcriptome			NR BLAST		D. pulex BLAST	(NR e-value) ÷
sequence name	e-value	top hit species	Species Clade	description	e-value	(D.pulex e-value)
GIAFTRM02H5QYS	0.000164683	Acyrthosiphon pisum	arthropod	star protein	6.44E-12	3.E+07
isotig15596	0.000144942	Acyrthosiphon pisum	arthropod	PREDICTED: similar to reverse transcriptase	3.25E-12	4.E+07
isotig15595	0.00223631	Acyrthosiphon pisum	arthropod	PREDICTED: similar to pol-like protein	3.06E-17	7.E+13
GIB53OK01C9MG7	0.00178957	Pediculus humanus corporis	arthropod	triacylglycerol lipase, pancreatic, putative	3.79E-13	5.E+09
GIAFTRM01AOYPP	0.000213202	Pediculus humanus corporis	arthropod	triacylglycerol lipase, pancreatic, putative	1.53E-16	1.E+12
GIB53OK01DZMOG	0.000216004	Pediculus humanus corporis	arthropod	triacylglycerol lipase, pancreatic, putative	1.48E-16	1.E+12
GIAFTRM01EUPF7	0.000211395	Pediculus humanus corporis	arthropod	triacylglycerol lipase, pancreatic, putative	1.26E-16	2.E+12
isotig10612	0.0360572	Aedes aegypti	arthropod	hypothetical protein	9.83E-11	4.E+08
isotig10613	0.0355852	Aedes aegypti	arthropod	hypothetical protein	9.72E-11	4.E+08
GIB53OK01BEIG6	1.1072	Drosophila pseudoobscura pseudoobscura	arthropod	GA12165	8.84E-11	1.E+10
GIB53OK01C9MM5	0.000165918	Tribolium castaneum	arthropod	hypothetical protein	7.13E-11	2.E+06
GIAFTRM01D95E6	0.000204485	Drosophila persimilis	arthropod	GL22267	5.27E-11	4.E+06
GAP9EXG06GW68F	0.000117688	Nasonia vitripennis	arthropod	PREDICTED: similar to CG1744-PA	3.63E-13	3.E+08
GIAFTRM02GLO7Y	0.000212279	Pediculus humanus corporis	arthropod	triacylglycerol lipase, pancreatic, putative	8.84E-15	2.E+10
GAP9EXG05F1T1C	0.0259067	Drosophila teissieri	arthropod	unknown protein	1.72E-17	2.E+15
contig32333	0.0339617	Drosophila mojavensis	arthropod	Gl24390	2.07E-19	2.E+17
isotig14754	0.14676	lxodes scapularis	arthropod	hypothetical protein	3.97E-23	4.E+21
isotig12959	0.31147	lxodes scapularis	arthropod	hypothetical protein	2.43E-23	1.E+22
isotig14755	0.00668069	lxodes scapularis	arthropod	hypothetical protein	1.36E-27	5.E+24

Additional File 6

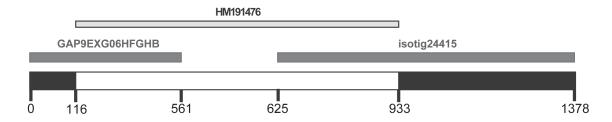
isotig12958	0.37496	Ixodes scapularis	arthropod	hypothetical protein	2.11E-26	2.E+25
GIAFTRM01BJRPD	0.000123529	Mus musculus	mammal	tudor domain containing 1	4.24E-11	3.E+06
GIB53OK02HQIDV	0.00237788	Ornithorhynchus anatinus	mammal	PREDICTED: similar to regeneration associated muscle protease	1.23E-26	2.E+23
GIAFTRM01D8IZA	0.0449664	Tetraodon nigroviridis	fish	unnamed protein product	1.33E-13	3.E+11
GAP9EXG05GC025	0.486607	Gallus gallus	bird	PREDICTED: hypothetical protein	1.61E-15	3.E+14
GIB53OK01DHBX9	0.000123896	Nematostella vectensis	cnidarian	hypothetical protein	7.60E-11	2.E+06
isotig27688	0.000684825	Hydra magnipapillata	cnidarian	PREDICTED: similar to predicted protein	2.67E-14	3.E+10
GIAFTRM02GS7JS	0.285627	Oryza sativa	plant	hypothetical protein	7.47E-11	4.E+09
GAP9EXG06G35K4	0.220332	Sclerotinia sclerotiorum	fungus	hypothetical protein	9.92E-12	2.E+10
GIB53OK02FPXMS	0.000279552	Pseudomonas mendocina ymp	bacteria	cyanophycinase	2.91E-15	1.E+11
GIB53OK01B96AH	0.000628388	Myxococcus xanthus DK 1622	bacteria	hypothetical protein	6.86E-30	9.E+25

Additional File 7

The presence of pre-existing *P. hawaiensis* GenBank sequences in the de *novo P. hawaiensis* transcriptome.

Gene Name	Accession #	Original Sequence Length	#bp added by transcriptome	# 5' nt added	# 3' nt added	splice variants identified in transcriptome	Transcriptome Read Name	Consensus Region	Query Location
collier	FN557064	1883	0	0	0	208	GIAFTRM02JZUZI	209-445	741-955
			0	0	0	291	GAP9EXG06HGHE0	1-90	455-544
			0	0	0	0	GIB53OK01AYMZT	full	
Delta	DQ917570	4700	0	0	0	0	contig01219	full	
			0	0	0	0	isotig27755	full	
			0	0	0	0	isotig22358	full	
			0	0	0	0	isotig16703	full	
			0	0	0	0	contig01217	full	
			0	0	0	0	GIB53OK02H7WBD	full	
Notch	DQ917572	8701	0	0	0	0	GIAFTRM02GIVPJ	full	
			0	0	0	0	GIAFTRM02I2MOE	full	
			0	0	0	0	GAP9EXG05GAASS	full	
			0	0	0	0	GIB53OK01CKXYD	full	
			0	0	0	0	GIB53OK01D7FNS	full	
			0	0	0	316	GAP9EXG06HJ3NO	1-117	1637-1813
			0	0	0	1631	isotig10517	1-97	8600-8701
			0	0	0	1641	isotig10516	1-97	8600-8701
nanos	EU289288	2057	0	0	0	0	contig17249	full	
			0	0	0	0	contig17254	full	
			0	0	0	0	contig17145	full	
			0	0	0	0	contig17174	full	
			0	0	0	0	contig17232	full	
			0	0	0	0	contig17146	full	
			0	0	0	0	contig17208	full	
			0	0	0	0	GIAFTRM01E0TTH	full	
			0	0	0	0	contig17151	full	
			0	0	0	0	GAP9EXG05FR768	full	

			0	0	0	0	GIAFTRM02FMF9V	full	
			0	0	0	0	contig17163	full	
			0	0	0	0	GIAFTRM02IR7M8	full	
			0	0	0	0	contig17147	full	
odd-skipped	DQ917573	1333	0	0	0	0	isotig19431	full	
optix	EU908055	3654	0	0	0	400	GAP9EXG05GBZ0N	169-240	3548-3619
Pax3/7	HM347085	5074	0	0	0	0	GIAFTRM01EJ1LN	full	
			0	0	0	0	GAP9EXG06G5UHA	full	
			0	0	0	190	GIAFTRM01COC2I	1-236	3639-3874
			0	0	0	156	GIB53OK02IESL9	157-485	4484-4815
propsero	HM191476	817	116	116	0	0	GAP9EXG06HFGHB	1-266	2-267
			0	0	0	0	GIB53OK01BHCBI	full	
			0	0	0	0	GIAFTRM02F9OMW	full	
			459	0	459	0	isotig24415	460-753	511-803
short gastrulation	HM191474	5068	0	0	0	0	GIB53OK02IE0SF	full	
3			0	0	0	0	GIB53OK01A8TUX	full	
			0	0	0	0	GIB53OK02FKYII	full	
			0	0	0	100	GIAFTRM02F0XQ6	1-232	4145-4372
			0	0	0	39	GIB53OK01A5PU9	1-213, 252-410	4-215, 254- 406
			0	0	0	61	GIAFTRM01C49QK	44-216	44-215
			0	0	0	317	GIB53OK01CPNZQ	105-211	4145-4251
			0	0	0	276	GAP9EXG05F4HQ7	78-164	4380-4466
			0	0	0	207	GIAFTRM01EP2KQ	208-294	4967-5053
Ultrabithorax	FJ628449	2557	0	0	0	0	GIAFTRM02G2YVB	full	
			0	0	0	72	GIAFTRM02FHH2Z	1-134, 167-479	741-1054, 1087-1218
			0	0	0	0	GIB53OK02J5R82	full	
			0	0	0	342	GIAFTRM02FNBAI	275-423	1087-1233
vasa	EU726766	2834	0	0	0	0	isotig27190	full	
			0	0	0	0	isotig28240	full	



Additional file 8: The *P. hawaiensis* transcriptome adds sequence data to GenBank accession number HM191476, the *P. hawaiensis prospero* homologue. Extended contig for *Ph-prospero*, comprising the complete mRNA GenBank accession (top, light grey), one isotigs and one contig from the Newbler assembly of the transcriptome (dark grey). The isotig provides an additional 445 bp of 3' UTR sequence and 116 bp of 5' UTR sequence (black) to the GenBank sequence. Comparison with the GenBank sequence shows that isotig24415 and singleton GAP9EXG06HFGHB belong to the same contig.

Additional file 9: Selected signaling pathway genes identified in the P. hawaiensis transcriptome. Hit ID indicates if gene hits were found assembled reads (A) or singletons (S). Sequence length (range) indicates the shortest and longest A or S hit sequences for each gene. These results are shown graphically in Figure 7. Groups of hits of a given colour indicate transcriptome sequences that mapped to the same overlapping region of the BLAST target; hits of different colours indicate transcriptome sequences that map to different, non-overlapping regions of the BLAST target. Query organisms: Dm = D. melanogaster; Dr = Danio rerio; Xt = Xenopus tropicalis. Query sequence details: 1. Kinase domain was masked. 2. FERM domain used as query. 3. Amino acids 500-833 (Dl/ Ser domain) used as query. 4. Amino acids 1-250 (groucho/TLE domain) used as query. 5. Kinase domain masked; amino acids 420-1390 used as query. 6. Kinase domain masked; amino acids 175-372 used as query. 7. Kinase domain masked; amino acids 150-516 used as query. 8. Kinase domain masked; amino acids 1-100 used as query. 9. Kinase domain masked; amino acids 1-890 used as query. Asterisks indicate genes that appear elsewhere in the same table (in a different pathway).

Additional file 10: Selected developmental process genes identified in the *P. hawaiensis* transcriptome. Hit ID indicates if gene hits were found assembled reads (A) or singletons (S). Sequence length (range) indicates the shortest and longest A or S hit sequences for each gene. Groups of hits of a given colour indicate transcriptome sequences that mapped to the same overlapping region of the BLAST target; hits of different colours indicate transcriptome sequences that map to different, non-overlapping regions of the BLAST target. Query organism was D. melanogaster for all cases. Boldface indicates genes also present in other tables (Additional Files 9, 11); asterisks indicate genes that appear elsewhere in the same table (in a different functional category).

Additional file 11: Selected genes involved in gametogenesis identified in the *P. hawaiensis* transcriptome. Hit ID indicates if gene hits were found assembled reads (A) or singletons (S). Sequence length (range) indicates the shortest and longest A or S hit sequences for each gene. Groups of hits of a given colour indicate transcriptome sequences that mapped to the same overlapping region of the BLAST target; hits of different colours indicate transcriptome sequences that map to different, non-overlapping regions of the BLAST target. Query organism was D. melanogaster for all cases. Query sequence details: 1. S/T kinase domain was masked. 2. Dead box/Zn finger domains were masked. 3. HLH domain was masked 4. Peptidase C14 domain was masked. 5. Kinase domain masked; amino acids 175-372 used as query. 6. BTB domain used as query. 7. Kinase domain masked; amino acids 1-890 used as query. Boldface indicates genes also present in other tables (Additional Files 9, 10); asterisks indicate that genes are also present elsewhere (in a different functional category) in the same table.

Additional File 9

Selected signaling pathway genes identified in the *de novo P. hawaiensis* transcriptome.

Process	# Hits	Hit ID (A/S)	Length (range)	Query Organism	Query Gene	Transcriptome Sequence Name(s)
HEDGEHOG						
CK1*	5	Α	1650-3879	Dr	Csnkla1	isotig04171, isotig04172, isotig04173, isotig04174, isotig04175
	1	S	487	Dm	gish	GIB53OK01BQG2U
camp-dependent	2	Α	1102	Dm	Pka-C1	isotig19762
protein kinase		Α	2027	Dm	Pka-C3	contig19788
cubitus interruptus	1	Α	2820	Dm	ci	isotig16929
Decapentaplegic	1	Α	975	Dm	dpp	isotig20685
Fused	1	Α	2579	Dm^1	fu	isotig17006
GSK-3β*	1	Α	872	Dm ¹	sgg	isotig21888
Rab23	1	Α	745	Dm	Rab23	contig42822
Suppressor of fused	5	A, S	406-3656	Dm	Su(fu)	isotig05585, isotig05586, isotig05587, isotig05588, GIB53OK01A0R8L
Slim b*	2	Α	716-742	Dm	slmb	isotig25540, i <mark>sotig24692</mark>
Wnt*	4	S	326-425	Dm	Wnt2	GIAFTRM02F20NM, GIAFTRM01E06E7, GIB53OK01D17SK, GIB53OK02F0W2C
JAK/STAT						
AKT	1	Α	695	Dm	Akt1	isotig26091
Cb1	2	S	387-431	Dm	Cbl	GIAFTRM02F64V8, GIAFTRM02JC8Q6
CBP*	10	Α	1024-2053	Dm	nej	isotig01234, isotig01235, isotig01236, isotig01237, isotig01238, isotig01239, isotig01240, isotig06748, isotig06749, isotig06750
Cyclin D	4	Α	2054-4279	Dm	CycD	isotig07129, isotig07130, isotig07131, isotig17312
GRB*	1	Α	1124	Dm	drk	isotig19629
JAK	1	S	314	Dm ²	hop	GIAFTRM01CXLBC
PI3K	2	Α	3871-3888	Dm	Pi3K21B	isotig07171, isotig07172
Pim-1	1	Α	3482	Χt	pim1	isotig16816

SHP2*	2	S	318-466	Dm	csw	GIB53OK01DRDCY, GIAFTRM02JG2C8
SOCS	1	Α	2113	Dm	Socs36E	contig12642
SOS*	1	Α	772	Dm	sos	isotig23898
Spred	1	S	308	Dm	Spred	GIB53OK01CR70W
STAM	1	S	323	Dm	St-am	GIB530K02IPC6E
STAT	1	S	470	Dm	Stat92E	GAP9EXG05F34AM
NOTCH						
APH-1	1	Α	3054	Dm	aph-1	isotig16863
CIR	4	A, S	412-796	Dm	CG6843	contig12757, GIB53OK01AP7EV, GIAFTRM02FYJ09, GIAFTRM01BWE7G
Delta	1	Α	619	Dm ³	DI	isotig27755
Deltex	3	Α	751-1651	Dm	dx	isotig18630, isotig24394, isotig17863
disheveled*	1	S	482	Dm	dsh	GAP9EXG05FXW6T
fringe	4	Α	3395-3399	Dm	fng	isotig05593, isotig05594, isotig05595, isotig05596
Groucho*	1	S	300	Dm⁴	gro	GIB53OK02H5Y2D
HATs*	10	Α	1024-2053	Dm	nej	isotig01234, isotig01235, isotig01236, isotig01237, isotig01238, isotig01239, isotig01240, isotig06748, isotig06749, isotig06750
HDAC	3	Α	528-2699	Dm	Rpd3	isotig16965, contig38358, contig38356
Hes1/5	5	Α	1267-1535	Dr	her6	isotig18896, isotig01472, isotig01473, isotig01474, isotig01475
Nicastrin	1	Α	2422	Dm	nct	contig00347
Notch	3	S	448-493	Dm	Ν	GIAFTRM02GBWY7, GAP9EXG05GAASS, GAP9EXG06HJ3NO
Presenilin	1	S	276	Dm	Psn	GIAFTRM02H10N7
PSE2	4	Α	1993-1994	Dm	pen-2	isotig05736, isotig05737, isotig05738, isotig05739
SKIP	1	S	384	Dm	Bx42	GIAFTRM02GTTL4
Tace	1	S	471	Dm	Tace	GIAFTRM02HLATS
WNT						
Axam	1	S	415	Dr	wu:fb78c01	GIB53OK01CADPS
beta-TrCP*	2	Α	716-742	Dm	slmb	isotig25540, isotig24692
c-jun	1	Α	1744	Dr	jun	isotig17712
CaMKII	4	A, S	258-716	Dm ⁷	CaMKII	GIB53OK01B77B2, GIAFTRM02HFVOZ, GIB53OK02FVWCO, isotig14738
CBP*	10	Α	1024-2053	Dm	nej	isotig01234, isotig01235, isotig01236, isotig01237, isotig01238, isotig01239, isotig01240, isotig06748, isotig06749, isotig06750

CK1 alpha*	5	Α	1650-3879	Dr	Csnkla1	isotig04171, isotig04172, isotig04173, isotig04174, isotig04175
	1	S	487	Dm	gish	GIB53OK01BQG2U
CK1ε	1	Α	880	Dr	csnk1e	isotig21772
CK2	11	Α	434-2106	Dm	Ss1	isotig17268, contig22385
			1998	Dm	CkIlbeta	contig29314
			4354-4882	Dm	Ckllalpha	isotig01646, isotig01647, isotig01648, isotig01649, isotig01650, isotig01651, isotig01652, isotig01653
camp- dependent protein kinase	2	Α	1102	Dm	Pka-C1	isotig19762
,		Α	2027	Dm	Pka-C3	contig19788
CaN	5	Α	786-2304	Dm	CanA1	isotig23630, isotig19714
					CanB2	isotig11973, isotig11974
					elm	contig30094
Cul1*	3	Α	1947-5192	Dm	lin19	isotig10423, isotig10424, isotig11517
disheveled*	1	S	482	Dm	dsh	GAP9EXG05FXW6T
Ebi1	1	S	338	Dm	ebi	GIAFTRM01COVFU
Frizzled	2	A, S	713 372	Dm Dm	fz fz2	isotig25634 GIB53OK01EXZZC
GSK-3β*	1	Α	872	Dm¹	sgg	isotig21888
Groucho*	1	S	300	Dm⁴	gro	GIB53OK02H5Y2D
JNK	1	Α	5027	Dm⁵	bsk	isotig16745
NFAT	2	S	430-437	Dm	NFAT	GIAFTRM02GWQ5S, GIAFTRM01CFG05
PKC	3	S	256-429	Dm	InaC	GIAFTRM01DR8NT, GIB53OK01DQHQZ
					Pkc53E	GIB53OK01C3SXA
PLC	9	S	280-465	Dm	norpA	GIB53OK01BKSR4, GIB53OK02GTBUS, GIB53OK02GDILS, GIB53OK01EXM1Z, GIB53OK02JVGTA, GIB53OK01CO34L, GIB53OK02F95N0, GIAFTRM01EZD87, GIB53OK02H5GWA
PP2A*	2	A, S	365-1844	Dm	Pp2A-29B	contig32429, GAP9EXG05FTITZ
	2	Α	874-1143	Dm	wdb	isotig19487, isotig21842
	2	A, S	485-1855	Dm	mts	GIAFTRM01DK761, isotig22169
	3	A, S	444-526	Dm	PP2A-B'	isotig30375, GIAFTRM01ENRYI, GIB53OK01CHYGL
ProteinS2	4	Α	731-2239	Dm	pont	isotig21936, contig44209, isotig27389, contig44204
Rbxl*	10	A, S	364-856	Dm	Roc1a	contig37731, contig37732, GIAFTRM02GRGCP, GIAFTRM02F2KYT, GIAFTRM01BSBHO, GIAFTRM01D9IU7, isotig22059, GIB53OK02FSMUQ,

						GIB53OK02J3YXD, GIB53OK02JZQA6
RhoA*	4	Α	3279-3344	Dm	Rho1	isotig06399, isotig06400, isotig06401, isotig06402
ROCK2*	1	S	473	Dm⁵	rok	GIAFTRM01A0RNJ
Siah-1	2	Α	2317-3646	Dm	sina	isotig11603, isotig11604
SIP	1	Α	906	Dm	CG3226	contig22122
Skp1*	2	Α	2531-2532	Dm	SkpC	isotig10265, isotig10266
SMAD3	1	S	468	Dm	Smox	GIAFTRM01BGPRW
Uterine	4	Α	3514-3529	Mm	Мтр7	isotig04881, isotig04882, isotig04883, isotig04884
Wnt*	4	S	326-425	Dm	Wnt2	GIAFTRM02F20NM, GIAFTRM01E06E7, GIB53OK01D17SK, GIB53OK02F0W2C
TGF-BETA						
ActivinRII	1	Α	1586	Dr	acvr2b	contig13339
BMPRI	2	A, S	359-1407	Dr	bmpr1ba	isotig18455, GIAFTRM01C5G7U
Cul1*	3	Α	1947-5192	Dm	lin19	isotig10423, isotig10424, isotig11517
Decapentaplegic	1	Α	975	Dm	dpp	isotig20685
ERK*	1	Α	728	Dm	rl	isotig25011
p300*	10	Α	1024-2053	Dm	nej	isotig01234, isotig01235, isotig01236, isotig01237, isotig01238, isotig01239, isotig01240, isotig06748, isotig06749, isotig06750
p70S6K	1	Α	920	Dm	S6K	isotig21264
Rbx1*	10	A, S	364-856	Dm	Roc1a	contig37731, contig37732, GIAFTRM02GRGCP, GIAFTRM02F2KYT, GIAFTRM01BSBHO, GIAFTRM01D9IU7, isotig22059, GIB53OK02FSMUQ, GIB53OK02J3YXD, GIB53OK02JZQA6
RhoA*	4	Α	3279-3344	Dm	Rho1	isotig06399, isotig06400, isotig06401, isotig06402
ROCK1*	1	S	473	Dm⁵	rok	GIAFTRM01A0RNJ
Skp1*	2	Α	2531-2532	Dm	skpc	isotig10265m isotig10266
Smad1/5/8	1	S	288	Dm	Mad	GIB53OK01B2DPO
THBS1	1	Α	484	Dr	thbs4b	GIAFTRM02GCU0H
PP2A*	2	A, S	365-1844	Dm	Pp2A-29B	contig32429, GAP9EXG05FTITZ
	2	Α	874-1143	Dm	wdb	isotig19487, isotig21842
	2	A, S	485-1855	Dm	mts	GIAFTRM01DK761, isotig22169
	3	A, S	444-526	Dm	PP2A-B'	isotig30375, GIAFTRM01ENRYI, GIB53OK01CHYGL
MAPK						
Csw*	2	S	318-466	Dm	CSW	GIB53OK01DRDCY, GIAFTRM02JG2C8

Drk*	1	Α	1124	Dm	drk	isotig19629
Dsor1	2	Α	4331-4336	Dm ⁸	Dsor1	isotig10107, isotig10108
Egfr	2	S	420-434	Dm ⁹	Egfr	GIAFTRM01CLKO7, GIB53OK02HG2L2
Gap1	2	S	399-438	Dm	Gap1	GIAFTRM02JJTOU, GIAFTRM01CDCB7
Ras85D	2	Α	2427	Dm	Ras85D	isotig10293, isotig10294
Rolled*	1	Α	728	Dm	rl	isotig25011
Sos*	1	Α	772	Dm	sos	isotig23898
Ts1	1	Α	780	Dm	tsl	Isotig14953
Yan	1	Α	691	Dm	аор	isotig26139

Additional File 10

Selected developmental process genes identified in the *de novo P. hawaiensis* transcriptome.

# Hits	Hit ID (A/S)	Length (range)	Query Organism	Query Gene	Transcriptome Sequence Name(s)
1	Α	464	Dm	Binl	contig28994
1	Α	590	Dm	aret	isotig16204
3	А	2035-2041	Dm	СусВ	isotig08773, isotig08774, isotig08775
2	Α	1230-1235	Dm	mago	isotig10774, isotig10775
1	Α	1048	Dm	nos	contig17249
6	S	299-406	Dm	pum	GIAFTRM01DD2ST, GIB53OK02FM8FO, GIB53OK01C502X, GIAFTRM01EM7Q9, GIAFTRM02GXICC, GIAFTRM02GHD5G
1	Α	647	Dm	vas	isotig27190
		219 466	Dm	0011	GIB53OK01DRDCY, GIAFTRMO2JG2C8
					isotig24971
					GIB53OK01EBW1Y
					isotig10293, isotig10294
					isotig25011
1	Α	780	Dm	tsi	isotig14953
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4					isotig05798, isotig05799, isotig05800, isotig05801
2	S	420-434	Dm ⁹	Egfr	GIAFTRM01CLKO7
_	_			-3	
2	Α	1677-2731	Dm	pII	isotig11853, isotig11854
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rhomboid	1	Α	1333	Dm	rho	isotig18676
snake	1	S	458	Dm	snk	GIB53OK01CAW2Y
squid	1	Α	1076	Dm	spd	isotig19932
toll	3	Α	988-1553	Dm	TL	isotig20600, isotig19162, isotig18073
windbeutel	1	Α	794	Dm	wbl	isotig23269
ZYGOTICALLY TRANSO	CRIBED GE	NES				
abdominal A	2	S	492-536	Dm	abd-A	GIAFTRM01C7EEF, GIAFTRM01A1BYJ
Deformed	2	S	319-327	Dm	Dfd	GIB53OK02FVI7X, GAP9EXG06GZ0F6
labial	1	S	276	Dm	lab	GIAFTRM02JX0K6
Ultrabithorax	1	S	518	Dm	Ubx	GIAFTRM02FHH2Z
GAP, PAIR RULE, AND	RELATED (GENES				
GAP GENES						
cap n collar	2	S	357-376	Dm	cnc	GIB53OK01DY8IY, GIB53OK01APPLB
caudal	1	Α	1747	Dm	cad	isotig17704
crocodile	2	Α	418-436	Dm	croc	isotig16147, isotig16148
empty spiracles	1	Α	942	Dm	ems	isotig20933
huckebein	1	S	380	Dm	hkb	GIB53OK01EBWIY
hunchback	1	Α	1298	Dm	hb	isotig18835
knirps	1	Α	753	Dm	kni	isotig24470
knot	1	S	455	Dm	knot	GIAFTRM02JZUZI
krupple	1	Α	3269	Dm	kr	isotig11951
ocelliless	1	Α	481	Dm	otd	isotig32018
sloppy paired 2	1	Α	626	Dm	slp2	isotig27628
PAIR RULE GENES						
even skipped	1	A	1616	Dm	eve	isotig17948
odd paired	3	Α	421-1282	Dm	ора	contig33284, isotig14898, contig33280
odd skipped	6	Α	1161-2870	Dm	odd	isotig17496, isotig16912, isotig19431, isotig06114, isotig06115, isotig06116,
runt	2	Α	3397-3461	Dm	run	isotig10142, isotig10141
sloppy paired 2	1	Α	626	Dm	slp2	isotig27628
Tenascin major	1	S	483	Dm	Ten-m	GIAFTRM02HPJBX
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GENES INVOLVED IN F	REGULATIC	IN OF G	AP AND PAIR R	ULE GENE	2//////////////////////////////////////	

dead ringer	1	Α	732	Dm	retn	isotig24971
eyelid	1	S	322	Dm	osa	GIB53OK02IQUGI
ftz transcription factor 1	1	S	365	Dm	ftz-f1	GAP9EXG06GU4JI
hopscotch	1	S	314	Dm²	hop	GIAFTRM01CXLBC
marelle	1	S	470	Dm	Stat92E	GAP9EXG05F34AM
Rpd3	3	Α	528-2699	Dm	Rpd3	isotig16965, contig38358, contig38356
Sir2	2	Α	1870-2861	Dm	Sir2	isotig11782, isotig11781
squid	1	Α	1076	Dm	spd	isotig19932

Additional File 11

Selected gametogenesis genes identified in the *de novo P. hawaiensis* transcriptome (Newbler v2.5 assembly).

Process	# Hits	Hit ID (A/S)	Length (range)	Query Organism	Query Gene	Transcriptome Sequence Names
SPERMATOGENESIS						
TRANSCRIPTION FACTOR						
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eyes absent	1	S	486	Dm	eya	GIAFTRM01EC3TW GIAFTRM01BAZXY
Heat shock factor*	1	Α	2157	Dm	Hsf	isotig06696
MBD-like	1	Α	1040	Dm	MBD-	contig35950
					like	
Myb oncogene-like*	1	Α	797	Dm	Myb	isotig23283
sine oculis	1	S	403	Dm	so	GAP9EXG05F77JI
TATA box binding protein-related factor 2*	1	Α	1030	Dm	Tfr2	isotig20178
vismay	1	S	401	Dm	vis	GIAFTRM01DKB1Z
CYTOSKELETON abnormal spindle*	1	S	473	Dm	asp	GAP9EXG05F227G
beta 2 Tubulin	2	Α	479	Dm	076050	:t:-0747F :t:-07470
beta1 tubulin*	7	•• •• •• •• •• •• •• •• •• •• •• •• ••		DIII	βTub85D	isotig07475, isotig07476
	•	Α	1522-3151	Dm	βTub85D βTub56D	isotig04869, isotig04870, isotig04871, isotig04872,
chickadee*	3	A A	1522-3151 1018-5120			
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diaphanous*	3 1 1	A S	1018-5120 284	Dm Dm Dm	βTub56D chic dia	isotig04869, isotig04870, isotig04871, isotig04872, isotig04873, isotig04874, isotig18155 isotig11514, isotig11375, isotig11513 GIAFTRM01C7J9C
diaphanous* Kinesin like protein at 61F	3 1 1 1 5	A S S	1018-5120 284	Dm Dm Dm Dm	βTub56D chic dia Klp61F	isotig04869, isotig04870, isotig04871, isotig04872, isotig04873, isotig04874, isotig18155 isotig11514, isotig11375, isotig11513 GIAFTRM01C7J9C GIAFTRM02FUJ93 isotig32706 isotig02074, isotig02075, isotig02076, isotig02077,
diaphanous* Kinesin like protein at 61F peanut	1 1 1	A S S	1018-5120 284 458	Dm Dm Dm Dm	βTub56D chic dia Klp61F pnut	isotig04869, isotig04870, isotig04871, isotig04872, isotig04873, isotig04874, isotig18155 isotig11514, isotig11375, isotig11513 GIAFTRM01C7J9C GIAFTRM02FUJ93 isotig32706

zipper*	4	S	423-524	Dm	zip	GIAFTRM02JY0HB, GIAFTRM01AXRAK, GIAFTRM01ELKZE, GIAFTRM01ENSHU
OTHER PROCESSES IN SPERMATO	GENESIS					
arrest	1	Α	590	Dm	aret	isotig16204
aubergine* 	2	A, S	458-489	Dm -	aub 	isotig33798, GIB53OK01DBEHU
boule	1	S	2156-2161	Dm -	bol	GIAFTRM02GOTOR
Btk family kinase at 29A*	5	S	402-346	Dm	Btk29A	GIB53OK02FHDVN, GIAFTRM01CKL2U, GIB53OK01EDQ85, GIAFTRM02HZF7J, GIAFTRM01A2C1B
Calmodulin	1	Α	2700	Dm	cam	contig39461
capsuleen*	2	S	412-463	Dm	csu1	GIAFTRM02G9BFL, GIB53OK02IE8IK
cdc2	3	Α	1981-4352	Dm	cdc2	isotig07135, isotig07136, isotig07137
courtless	1	Α	1483	Dm	crl	isotig18238
Cyclin A	1	Α	1516	Dm	CycA	contig28480
Cyclin B	3	Α	2035-2041	Dm	СусВ	isotig08773, isotig08774, isotig08775
Cytochrome c proximal	1	Α	695	Dm	Cyt-c-p	isotig26100
Cytochrome c distal	1	Α	818	Dm	Ctc-c-d	isotig22668
Dynamin related protein 1	2	Α	804-3166	Dm	Drp1	isotig23218, isotig16850
effete*	3	A, S	391-2242	Dm	eff	isotig02238, isotig02239, GIB53OK01DP89J
Fmr1	1	Α	777	Dm	Fmr1	isotig23785
Gilgamesh	1	S	487	Dm	gish	GIB53OK01BQG2U
hephaestus*	1	Α	481	Dm	heph	isotig32718
lce*	1	S	453	Dm⁴	Ice	GIAFTRM01EEGBL
Karyopherin a1	5	A, S	243-598	Dm	Kap-a1	contig48144, GIB53OK01CN6WI, GIB53OK02J5PXC, GIB53OK01EQJKN, GIAFTRM02G1JIO
loquacious*	3	Α	1265-1763	Dm	logs	isotig17669, isotig12737, isotig12738
no receptor potential	9	S	280-465	Dm	norpA	GIB53OK01BKSR4, GIB53OK02GTBUS, GIB53OK02GDILS, GIB53OK01EXM1Z, GIB53OK02JVGTA, GIB53OK01CO34L, GIB53OK02F95N0, GIAFTRM01EZD87, GIB53OK02H5GWA
Nucleolar protein at 60B*	1	Α	1626	Dm	Nop60B	isotig17924
parkin	1	Α	2107	Dm	park	isotig17265
pavarotti	2	S	462-468	Dm	par	GIAFTRM02IO385, GIAFTRM02IPPSA
pelota*	1	Α	1339	Dm	pelo	isotig18683
Rab-protein 11*	1	Α	945	Dm	Rab11	isotig20992
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rhomboid 7	2	Α	787-796	Dm	rho-7	contig38394, contig38395
Stem cell tumor/rhomboid-2*	3	Α	2007-2166	Dm	Stet	isotig08759, isotig08760, isotig08761
string	1	Α	636	Dm	stg	isotig27401
Syntaxin 5	3	Α	626-1850	Dm	syx5	contig29998, contig30000, contig29983
glass bottom boat	1	S	494	Dm	gbb	GIAFTRM01B7BBJ
thick veins	2	A, S	359-1407	Dr	bmpr1b	isotig18455, GIAFTRM01C5G7U
vav	1	Α	1047	Dm	a vav	isotig20094
OOGENESIS						
MAINTENANCE AND DIVISION OF	GERM LINE	STEM CEL	LS			
decapentaplegic	1	Α	975	Dm	dpp	isotig20685
Dicer	1	Α	1236	Dm	Dcr-1	isotig19090
dishevelled	1	S	482	Dm	dsh	GAP9EXG05FXW6T
effete*	3	A, S	391-2242	Dm	eff	isotig02238, isotig02239, GIB53OK01DP89J
fused	1	Α	2579	Dm ¹	fu	isotig17006
loquacious*	3	Α	1265-1763	Dm	logs	isotig17669, isotig12737, isotig12738
nanos	1	Α	1048	Dm	nos	contig17249
ovo*	5	A, S	425-1541	Dm	ovo	GIB53OK02F9CZ7, GIAFTRM01C6X8Y, GIB53OK02F3ANY, GIAFTRM02IUB9D, isotig18095
pelota*	1	Α	1339	Dm	pelo	isotig18683
pumilio	6	S	299-406	Dm	pum	GIAFTRM01DD2ST, GIB53OK02FM8FO, GIB53OK01C502X, GIAFTRM01EM7Q9, GIAFTRM02GXICC, GIAFTRM02GHD5G
sans fille*	4	Α	289-941	Dm	snf	isotig13572, isotig13573, contig63129, contig63131
shaggy	1	Α	872	Dm ¹	sgg	isotig21888
vasa	1	Α	647	Dm	vas	isotig27190
OOCYTE DETERMINATION AND FO	ORMATION C	F AP AXIS				
4EHP	4	A	1299-1305	Dm	4EHP	isotig05881, isotig05882, isotig05883, isotig05884
alpha Spectrin*	7	A, S	256-1440	Dm	alpha- Spec	isotig18382, GIAFTRM02F0YPD, GIAFTRM02JWGUW, GIB53OK01AI3OT, GIAFTRM01B0FL5, GIB53OK02IV02I, GIB53OK02I37MA
atypical protein kinase C	1	Α	256	Dm	Pkc53E	GIB53OK02I37MA GIB53OK01C3SXA
beta1 tubulin*	7	Α	1522-3151	Dm	betaTub 56D	isotig04869, isotig04870, isotig04871, isotig04872, isotig04873, isotig04874, isotig18155
Bicaudal D*	3	S	341-446	Dm	BicD	GIAFTRM01A27KC, GIB53OK02F7E1Q, GIB53OK02HFKM7

cAMP-dependent protein kinase 1*	1	Α	1102	Dm	Pka-C1	isotig19762
collier	1	S	455	Dm	knot	GIAFTRM02JZUZI
COP9 complex homolog subunit 5*	1	Α	935	Dm	CSN5	contig35647
Dynein heavy chain 64C	3	A, S	377-2270	Dm	Dhc64c	GIAFTRM02GEPAB, GIB53OK01BTS9Z, isotig08869
egalitarian	1	S	457	Dm	egl	GIB53OK01EKEVI
egghead	3	S	380-468	Dm	egh	GIAFTRM02F0HWW, GIAFTRM01C8ZKU, GIAFTRM01C9MZJ
gamma tubulin at 37C	1	Α	2033	Dm	gamma Tub37C	isotig17332
Helicase at 25E	1	S	327	Dm	Hel25E	GIAFTRM02GXX4S
hu-li tai shao	2	S	432-436	Dm	hts	GIAFTRM02H3WPB, GIAFTRM02HLYJJ
Kinesin heavy chain	2	S	498-509	Dm	khc	GIB53OK01ECOW7, GIAFTRM01DH6Z1
licorne*	1	Α	742	Dm	lic	isotig24724
lkb1	1	Α	1407	Dm	lkb1	isotig14335
okra*	1	Α	1035	Dm	okr	isotig20208
ovo*	5	A, S	425-1541	Dm	ovo	GIB53OK02F9CZ7, GIAFTRM01C6X8Y, GIB53OK02F3ANY, GIAFTRM02IUB9D, isotig18095
par-6	1	Α	341-1365	Dm	par-6	contig30838, contig30820, contig30819
pumilio	6	S	299-406	Dm	pum	GIAFTRM01DD2ST, GIB53OK02FM8FO, GIB53OK01C502X, GIAFTRM01EM7Q9, GIAFTRM02GXICC, GIAFTRM02GHD5G
Rab-protein 6	3	Α	2592-2621	Dm	Rab6	isotig03322, isotig03323, isotig03324
Stem cell tumor/rhomboid-2*	3	Α	2007-2166	Dm	Stet	isotig08759, isotig08760, isotig08761
Ultrabithorax	1	S	518	Dm	Ubx	GIAFTRM02FHH2Z
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COP9 complex homolog subunit 5*	11	A	935	Dm -	CSN5	contig35647
cornichon	5	A	1304-1876	Dm -	cni	isotig05798, isotig05799, isotig05800, isotig05801
licorne*	1	Α	742	Dm	lic	isotig24724
okra*	1	Α	1035	Dm	okr	isotig20208
oipe	2	Α	1787-2673	Dm	pip	isotig08940, isotig089841
squid*	1	Α	1076	Dm	sqd	isotig19932
railer hitch	1	Α	1113	Dm	tral	isotig10860, isotig10861
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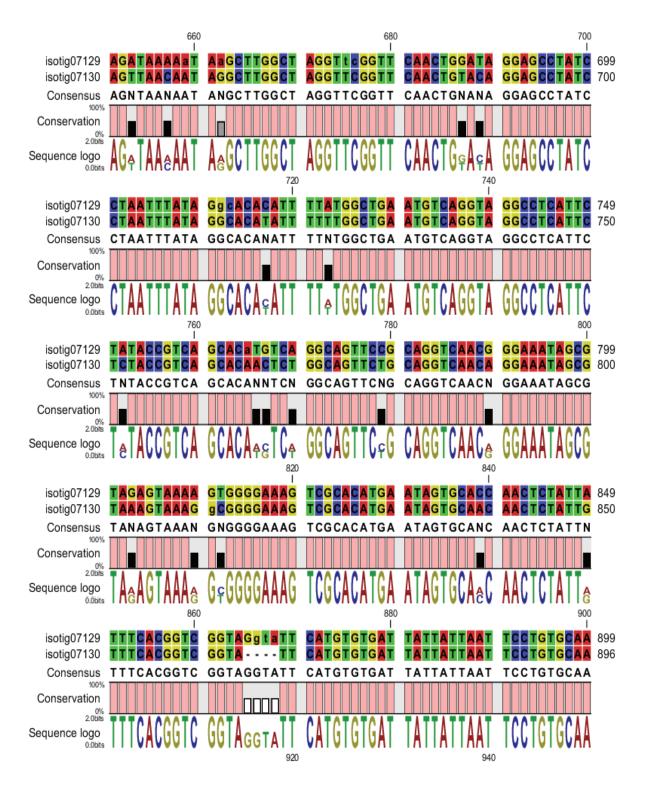
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chickadee*	3	Α	1018-5120	Dm	chic	isotig11514, isotig11375, isotig11513
corkscrew	2	S	318-466	Dm	csw	GIB53OK01DRDCY, GIAFTRMO2JG2C8
Delta	1	Α	619	Dm³	DI	isotig27755
DER/torpedo	2	S	420-434	Dm′	Egfr	GIAFTRM01CLKO7, GIB53OK02HG2L2
dodo	2	Α	399-435	Dm	dod	contig23139, contig23095
mago nashi	2	Α	1230-1235	Dm	mago	isotig10774, isotig10775
neuralized	2	S	442-705	Dm	neur	GIB53OK01CF82S, isotig25761
Notch	3	S	448-493	Dm	N	GIAFTRM02GBWY7, GAP9EXG05GAASS, GAP9EXG06HJ3NO
pointed	1	S	523	Dm	pnt	GIAFTRM01BGKIP
Rac1*	5	Α	2613-4872	Dm	Rac1	isotig02074, isotig02075, isotig02076, isotig02077, isotig02078
Ras oncogene at 85D	2	Α	2427	Dm	Ras85D	isotig10293, isotig10294
rhomboid	1	Α	1333	Dm	rho	isotig18676
rolled	1	Α	728	Dm	rl	isotig25011
squid*	1	Α	1076	Dm	sqd	isotig19932
TERMINAL GENES						
arrest	1	Α	590	Dm	aret	isotig16204
corkscrew	2	S	318-466	Dm	csw	GIB53OK01DRDCY, GIAFTRMO2JG2C8
hiiragi	2	Α	484-637	Dm	hrg	isotig27382, isotig32450
mago nashi	2	Α	1230-1235	Dm	mago	isotig10774, isotig10775
Moesin	1	Α	715	Dm	Мое	isotig25514
nanos	1	Α	1048	Dm	nos	contig17249
pumilio	6	S	299-406	Dm	pum	GIAFTRM01DD2ST, GIB53OK02FM8FO,
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Ras1	1	S A	2427	Dm	Ras85D	GIAFTRM02GXICC, GIAFTRM02GHD5G GIAFTRM01CFAVF isotig10293, isotig10294

18 wheeler	1	Α	578	Dm	18w	isotig28758
argos	1	Α	816	Dm	aos	isotig22917
decapentaplegic	1	Α	975	Dm	dpp	isotig20685
hopscotch	1	S	314	Dm ²	hop	GIAFTRM01CXLBC
Mothers against dpp	1	S	288	Dm	Mad	GIB53OK01B2DPO
STAT	1	S	470	Dm	Stat92E	GAP9EXG05F34AM
thick veins	2	A, S	359-1407	Dr	bmpr1ba	isotig18455, GIAFTRM01C5G7U
veinlet	1	A	1333	Dm	rho	isotig18676
GENES AFFECTING CYTOSKELETON						
alpha actinin	1	S	455	Dm	Actn	GIAFTRM01D7QUH
abnormal spindle*	1	S	473	Dm	asp	GAP9EXG05F227G
Bicaudal D*	3	S	341-446	Dm	BicD	GIAFTRM01A27KC, GIB53OK02F7E1Q, GIB53OK02HFKM7
Btk family kinase at 29A*	5	S	402-346	Dm	Btk29A	GIB53OK02FHDVN, GIAFTRM01CKL2U, GIB53OK01EDQ85, GIAFTRM02HZF7J, GIAFTRM01A2C1B
Cdc42	6	Α	4142-4277	Dm	cdc42	isotig02782, isotig02783, isotig02784, isotig02785, isotig02786, isotig02787
Ced-12	1		2258	Dm	ced-12	isotig17014
chickadee*	3	Α	1018-5120	Dm	chic	isotig11514, isotig11375, isotig11513
diaphanous*	1	S	284	Dm	dia	GIAFTRM01C7J9C
frizzled	2	A, S	713 372	Dm Dm	fz fz2	isotig25634 GIB53OK01EXZZC
genghis khan		S	348	Dm ¹	gek	GIB53OK02GZ3BD
Kette	3	A, S	338-2119	Dm	Hem	isotig17258, GIB53OK01AYC1O, GIB53OK01CDNLQ
Lissencephaly-1	3	Α	2647-3029	Dm	Lis-1	isotig07174, isotig07175, isotig07176
Protein kinase A*	1	Α	1102	Dm	Pka-C1	isotig19762
Rac1*	5	Α	2613-4872	Dm	Rac1	isotig02074, isotig02075, isotig02076, isotig02077, isotig02078
rho-type guanine exchange factor	1	S	483	Dm	rtGEF	GIAFTRM01DOYUC
SCAR	1	Α	684	Dm	SCAR	isotig26362
short stop	5	A, S	370-807	Dm	shot	GIB53OK02HR0GV, isotig22979, GAP9EXG05FWKKF, GIAFTRM02I8NGU, GIB53OK01EMGN7
spaghetti squash	1	Α	735	Dm	sqh	contig19945
squid*	1	Α	1076	Dm	sqd	isotig19932
Src oncogene at 64B	1	Α	652	Dm	Src64B	isotig27121

Src oncogene at 42A	3	Α	1234-2784	Dm	Src42A	isotig02154, isotig02151, isotig17454
Suppressor of profilin 2	1	Α	1496	Dm	Sop2	isotig18194
Tec 29*	5	S	402-346	Dm	Btk29A	GIB53OK02FHDVN, GIAFTRM01CKL2U, GIB53OK01EDQ85, GIAFTRM02HZF7J, GIAFTRM01A2C1B
twinstar*	2	Α	387-434	Dm	tsr	contig26952, isotig34793
zipper*	4	S	423-524	Dm	zip	GIAFTRM02JY0HB, GIAFTRM01AXRAK, GIAFTRM01ELKZE, GIAFTRM01ENSHU
GENES INFLUENCING CELL CYCLE						
archipelago	1	S	424	Dm	ago	GIAFTRM01B7E7I
Btk family kinase at 29A*	5	S	402-346	Dm	Btk29A	GIB53OK02FHDVN, GIAFTRM01CKL2U, GIB53OK01EDQ85, GIAFTRM02HZF7J, GIAFTRM01A2C1B
Cyclin-dependent kinase 7	1	Α	982	Dm	cdk7	contig27633
Cyclin-dependent kinase subunit 30A	1	S	395	Dm	cks30A	GIAFTRM02J6WEC
double parked	1	Α	641	Dm	dup	isotig27307
E2F	1	Α	1849	Dm	E2F	contig20027
loki	2	S	301-376	Dm	lok	GIB53OK01E0SZD, GIAFTRM01AP4KC
mutagen-sensitive 209*	5	A, S	374-1933	Dm	mus209	isotig01532, isotig01533, contig44159, GIAFTRM01CN588, GIAFTRM01DK93W
Myb oncogene-like*	1	Α	797	Dm	Myb	isotig23283
pitchoune*	3	Α	1322-1721	Dm	pit	isotig18764, isotig10519, isotig10518
Rad51-like	1	Α	1335	Dm	Rad51	isotig18708
twins	1	Α	850	Dm	tws	isotig22216
OTHER GENES INVOLVED IN OOGENES						
absent MD neurons & olfactory sensilla	1	S	472	Dm -	amos	GIB53OK02HNBSB
abstrakt	1	S	414	Dm² -	abs	GIB53OK02J6WMP
aubergine*	2	A, S	458-489	Dm	aub	isotig33798, GIB53OK01DBEHU
Autophagy-specific gene 1	1	S	402	Dm	Atg1	GIB53OK02H0FDT
basket	1	Α	5027	Dm⁵	bsk	isotig16745
brainiac	8	Α	2045-2208	Dm	brn	isotig00699, isotig00700, isotig00701, isotig00702, isotig00703, isotig00704, isotig00705, isotig00706
bric a brac 1	1	Α	478	Dm ⁶	bab1	isotig32822
	1	Α	1077	Dm	Buffy	isotig19899
Buffy	1	/ \	1011		Barry	130tig 13033
Buffy capsuleen*	2	S	412-463	Dm	csu1	GIAFTRM02G9BFL, GIB53OK02IE8IK

Rab3 GDP/GTP exchange protein						GIB53OK01CQUNA
cornichon	4	Α	1304-1876	Dm	cni	isotig05798, isotig05799, isotig05800, isotig05801
Death caspase-1	1	S	499	Dm	Dcp1	GIB53OK01EBR79
discs large	2	S	400-479	Dm	dlg1	GIB53OK01EFPOT, GIB53OK01CQL58
Ecdysone-induced protein 63E	2	S	450-524	Dm ¹	Elp63E	GIAFTRM01EDEJS, GIAFTRM01EAC5V
eggless	4	S	314-406	Dm	egg	GIAFTRM01D7QDL, GIB53OK02IV6JT, GIB53OK01D738W, GIB53OK02JRHEF
extra macrochaetae	1	Α	2306	Dm^3	emc	isotig17133
14-3-3 epsilon	1	S	348	Dm	14-3-3e	GIB53OK02JB1FY
fringe	4	Α	3395-3399	Dm	fng	isotig05593, isotig05594, isotig05595, isotig05596
G protein-coupled receptor kinase	3	S	434-468	Dm ¹	Gprk2	GIAFTRM02FRLLL, GIAFTRM02F24EF, GIAFTRM01A46K8
+G protein alpha 47A	4	Α	2035-2037	Dm	G- alpha47 a	isotig06627, isotig06628, isotig06629, isotig06630
half pint	3	S	335-512	Dm	puf68	GIAFTRM02IXFZ3, GIAFTRM02HZRK5, GIB53OK01EHMPZ
Heat shock factor*	1	Α	2157	Dm	Hsf	isotig06696
Heat shock protein 70	1	Α	2435	Dm	Hsp70A b	isotig17067
hephaestus*	1	Α	481	Dm	heph	isotig32718
hunchback	1	Α	1298	Dm	hb	isotig18835
lce*	1	S	453	Dm⁴	Ice	GIAFTRM01EEGBL
Jun related antigen	1	Α	1744	Dr	jun	isotig17712
leonardo	2	Α	176-469	Dm	14-3-3z	contig19016, contig19014
Liprin-a	4	S	382-507	Dm	Liprin-a	GIB53OK01BN50J, GIAFTRM01A7ILZ,
						GIB53OK01DKAGG, GIB53OK01AKTBO
maternal expression at 31B	1	Α	734	Dm -	me31B	contig28380
microtubule star	2	A, S	485-855	Dm	mts	GIAFTRM01DK761, isotig22169
mini spindle	2	S	264-294	Dm	msps	GIAFTRM01BGE9N, GIAFTRM02JNY0C
mirror	1	Α	824	Dm	mirr	isotig22803
misshapen	1	S	479	Dm	msn	GIB53OK01E2GV6
moira	1	Α	477	Dm	mor	isotig32460
mutagen-sensitive 209*	5	A, S	374-1933	Dm	mus209	isotig01532, isotig01533, contig44159, GIAFTRM01CN58 GIAFTRM01DK93W
nicastrin	1	Α	2422	Dm	nct	contig00347
Niemann Pick Type C-2a	2	Α	815-1293	Dm	Npc2a	contig35173, isotig11294
Nucleolar protein at 60B*	1	Α	1626	Dm	Nop60B	isotig17924

O-fucosyltransferase 1/neurotic	1	Α	2713	Dm	O-fut1	isotig06103
Ornithine decarboxylase antizyme	5	Α	2605-2655	Dm	Oda	isotig00265, isotig00266, isotig00267, isotig00268, isotig00269
Pcaf	3	A, S	323-1184	Dm	Pcaf	isotig30852, GIAFTRM02F20GN, isotig19282
pitchoune*	3	Α	1322-1721	Dm	pit	isotig18764, isotig10519, isotig10518
polyhomeotic proximal	1	S	510	Dm	ph-p	GIAFTRM01BODQE
Presenilin	1	S	276	Dm	Psn	GIAFTRM02H10N7
puckered	1	Α	1025	Dm	рис	isotig20292
Rab-protein 5	2	Α	4229-4232	Dm	Rab5	isotig07186, isotig07187
Rab-protein 11*	1	Α	945	Dm	Rab11	isotig20992
sans fille*	4	Α	289-941	Dm	snf	isotig13572, isotig13573, contig63129, contig63131
scribbled	2	A, S	378-469	Dm	scrib	isotig33249, GIAFTRM02GAT19
SNF1A/AMP-activated protein	1	Α	1679	Dm	SNF1A	isotig17824
Snf5 related 1	1	Α	786	Dm	snr1	isotig23635
spinster	2	Α	516-987	Dm	spin	isotig20576, <mark>isotig30779</mark>
strawberry notch	6	S	329-411	Dm	sno	GIB53OK01ESFGF, GIB53OK02IHK84, GIAFTRM02JXN3Y, GIB53OK01DUES8, GIAFTRM02JY5R1, GIB53OK01E1H5S
Suppressor of variegation 3-3	1	Α	767	Dm	Su(var) 3-3	isotig24052
Syntaxin 1A	2	Α	905-1424	Dm	Syx1A	isotig18436, contig12794
TATA box binding protein-related factor 2*	1	Α	1030	Dm	Tfr2	isotig20178
TBP-associated factor 1	4	A, S	350-1227	Dm	Taf250	isotig19131, isotig26557, GIAFTRM01DQZ6B, isotig23792
twin		Α	533	Dm	twin	isotig30050
yan	1	Α	691	Dm	аор	isotig26139
widerborst	2	Α	874-1143	Dm	wdb	isotig19487, isotig21842



Additional file 12: Representative of consecutively numbered isotigs with highly similar lengths. An example of two isotigs which both have Cyclin D as their top BLAST hit (see Additional File 9), differ in length by only two nucleotides, and have highly similar sequences. Isotig07129 is 4,279 bp long; isotig07130 is 4,277 bp long. Only a portion of the sequence of each isotig is shown. Nucleotide positions differing between the two are indicated in black (likely to be SNPs), white (deletions) or grey (apparent sequence difference may be due to poor quality sequence (lower case letters) at this position.