



# Binding term working group

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# Agenda

- 1. Current GO guidelines on binding (Ursula 20-30 min)**
  - Background and examples
  - Quality control checks now operational
- 2. Summary of ontology development (Chris 15 min)**
  - How users will retrieve information on specific chemical substrates
  - What impact will this have on GO annotation
- 3. New developments since the GOC meeting in March (Ruth 30-40 min)**
  - Use of column 16 for function and process terms
  - Use of column 16 relationship ontologies
  - Not using IPI in conjunction with a catalytic activity annotation
- 4. Discussion of annotation examples (Ursula/Ruth 15-30 min)**

# Binding guidelines

[http://wiki.geneontology.org/index.php/Binding\\_Guidelines](http://wiki.geneontology.org/index.php/Binding_Guidelines)



# Binding background

- ✓ Binding a biological entity
- ✓ **Binding of macromolecules**
- ✓ Binding of small ligands (ions and organic molecules)

# Binding of macromolecules

## GO:0005515 protein binding

with numerous child terms for

### protein classes

GO:0003779 actin binding

GO:0031493 nucleosomal histone binding

### specific proteins

GO:0002039 p53 binding

GO:0043130 ubiquitin binding

### parts of proteins

GO:0030274 LIM domain binding

GO:0070064 proline-rich region binding

# GO:0005515 protein binding

**always** annotate with **IPI**

Quality check control for GO:0005515 and IPI:  
**must** use the “**with**” **column** to indicate the  
interaction partner

Always do reciprocal annotation

## Example

Annotation 1: **protein A** GO:0005515 **IPI** **protein B**

Annotation 2: **protein B** GO:0005515 **IPI** **protein A**

# GO:0005515: use of specific child terms

Preferentially use the most specific child terms.

## Example:

The **ubiquitin-specific protease CYLD (Q9NQC7)** interacts with the **kinase PLK1 (P53350)** (PubMed=17495026)

## Annotation 1:

**PLK1** GO:0002020 (protease binding) **IPI** **CYLD**

## Annotation 2:

**CYLD** GO:0019901 (protein kinase binding) **IPI** **PLK1**

# Annotation using child terms of GO:0005515

Use **IPI** for interactions with **specific proteins**

Use **IDA** for interactions with **classes** of proteins (where it is not possible/desirable to provide an identifier)

## Examples:

NOS3 GO:0003779 actin binding **IPI** P60709 (ACTB PMID:17502619)

Myrip GO:0003779 actin binding **IDA** (PMID:12221080)



# GO:0005515 protein binding

should **not** be propagated with the evidence code **ISS**

The qualifier pertains to the **GO term**, not the AC of the interaction partner

★ SWIS	Q6PIJ4	GO:0005515 protein binding ISS	← GO_REF	0000024	SPTR	Q6P4R8
★ SWIS	Q6PIJ4	GO:0005634 nucleus	ISS ← GO_REF	0000024	SPTR	Q6P4R8

**ok**: propagation with **ISS** for child terms of GO:0005515 that **name the interaction partner**:

GO:0003779 actin binding

GO:0019900 kinase binding

Use curator judgement and annotate what is physiologically relevant

# The qualifier “**Not**” should not be used with **GO:0005515** protein binding

The qualifier pertains to the **GO term**, not the AC of the interaction partner

Using the qualifier “**Not**” with **GO:0005515** implies that the protein in question does not bind anything, ever.

**Exception:** It is acceptable to make a **NOT** annotation to a child term of protein binding - such as '**GO:0051529 NFAT4 protein binding**'.

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GO:0005509 calcium ion binding  
GO:0005524 ATP binding

# Avoid redundant annotation

Enzymes must bind their substrates and cofactors to effect catalysis. Likewise, transporters must bind the molecules or ions they transport

Therefore, one should **NOT** add GO terms for interactions with substrates, etc

Adding the term “ATP-binding” for an ATPase is redundant.

It is legitimate to add the term “ATP-binding” when a protein binds an ATP analog, and the publication does not show that the protein can hydrolyze ATP

[http://gocwiki.geneontology.org/index.php/Binding\\_terms\\_working\\_group#September\\_4.2C\\_2009](http://gocwiki.geneontology.org/index.php/Binding_terms_working_group#September_4.2C_2009)

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an iron-dependent dioxygenase involved in DNA repair  
(PubMed=20376003)

Proposed annotation:

## **Process:**

GO:0006307 (DNA dealkylation involved in DNA repair)

## **Mol. Function:**

GO:0035516 (oxidative DNA demethylase activity)

GO:0043734 (DNA-N1-methyladenine dioxygenase activity)

Definition: Catalysis of the oxidative demethylation of N1-methyladenine and N3-methylcytosine in DNA and RNA, with concomitant decarboxylation of 2-oxoglutarate and releases oxidized methylgroup on N1-methyladenine and N3-methylcytosine as formaldehyde.



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GO:0008198 (ferrous iron binding)

## **Redundant?**

GO:0032131 alkylated DNA binding (child of

GO:0003684 damaged DNA binding)

GO:0019825 oxygen binding

**Future ontology developments are required to make sure that gene products can also be identified via their ligands**

**Chris/Jane to discuss**

**Thank you**

- Use of column 16 for function and process terms
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- Not using IPI in conjunction with a catalytic activity annotation

- An ID for the target of the annotation can be included in column 16
- This should be a direct target
- Curator judgement is required to interpret the experiments



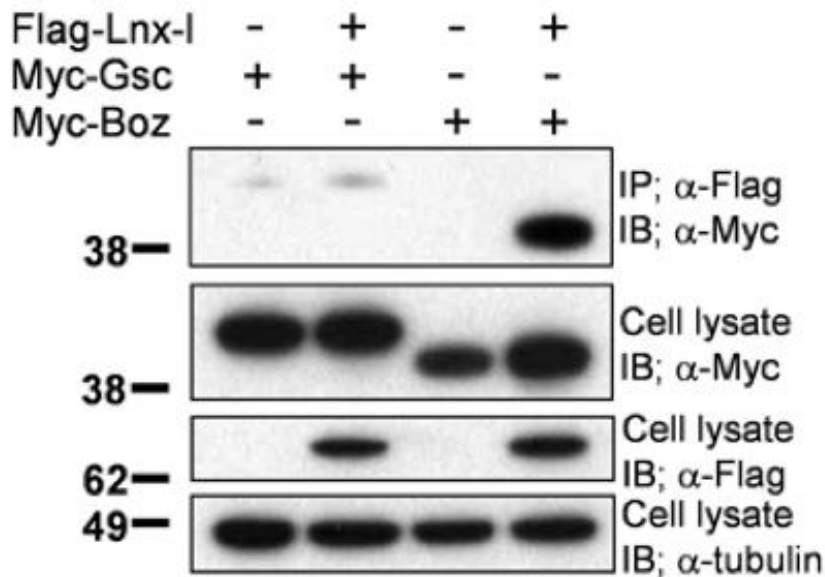
# With Column (8) target

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Ro H, Dawid IB.

Nat Cell Biol. 2009 Sep;11(9):1121-7.

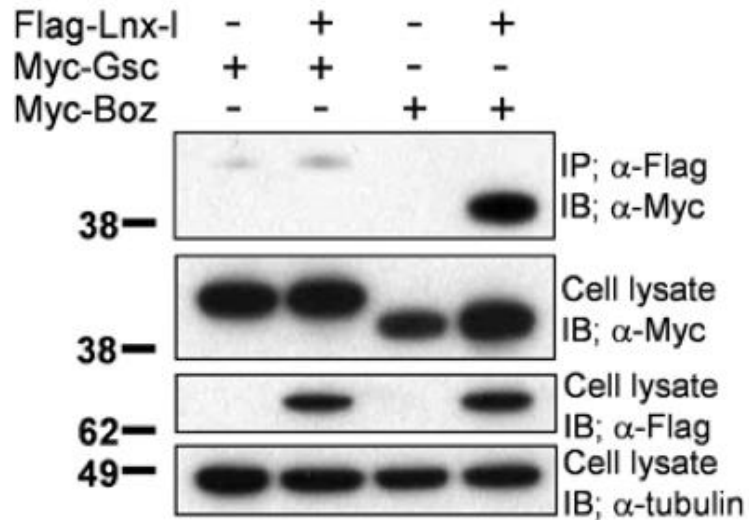
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**Figure legend:** Lnx-I interacts with Boz but not with Gsc. Flag-tagged Lnx-I was co-transfected into 293T cells with 6xMyc-tagged Gsc or Boz. After 48 h, IP and IB were performed with the indicated antibodies.

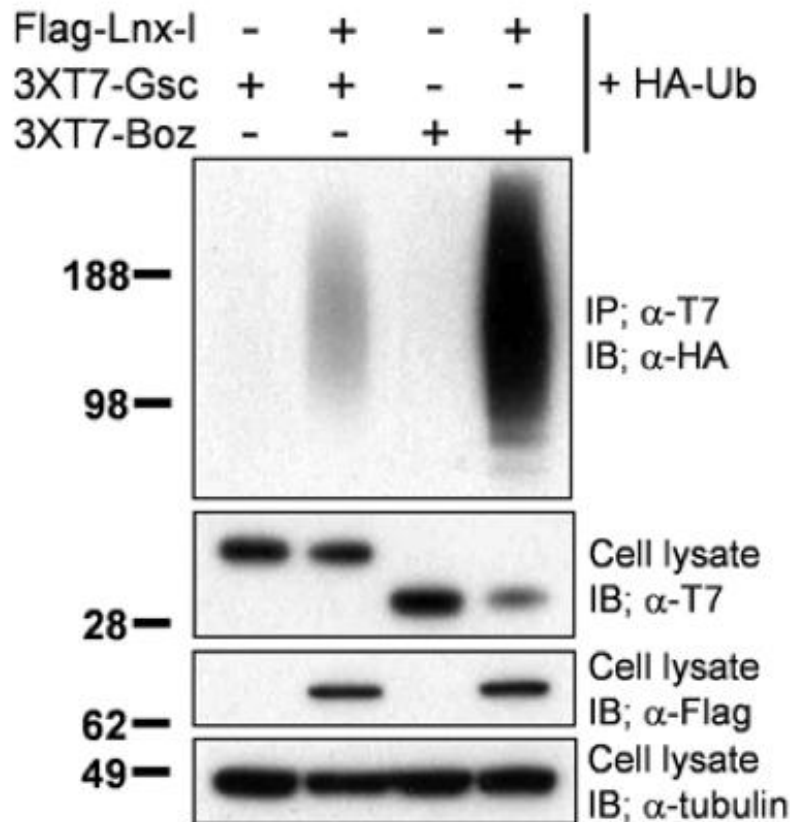
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# GO annotation



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Boz	O93236	ubiquitin protein ligase binding	IPI	A4VCF7	Ln timer

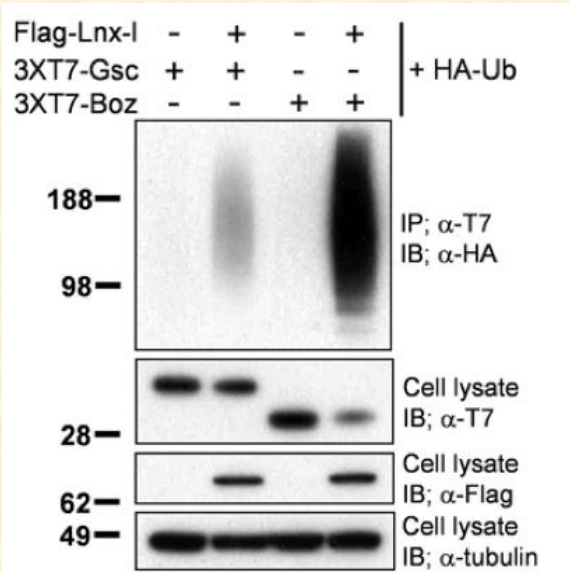
# Column 16 target



**Figure legend:** Lnx-I ubiquitinates Boz but not Gsc. Flag-tagged Lnx-I was co-transfected with 3xT7 tagged Gsc or Boz. The yield of polyubiquitinated Gsc is very low compared to that of Boz.

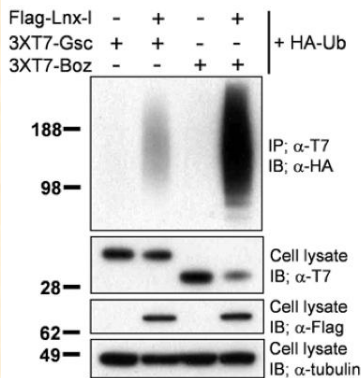
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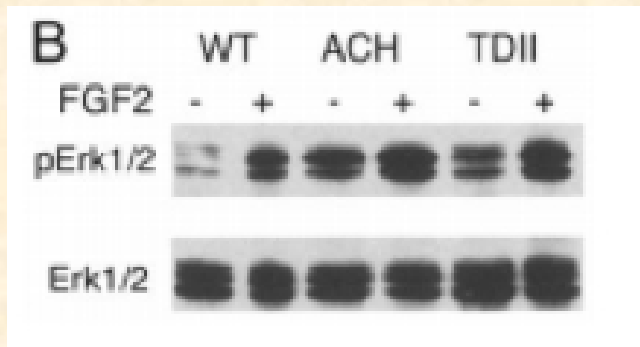


# When not to use column 16

## Defective lysosomal targeting of activated fibroblast growth factor receptor 3 in achondroplasia.

Cho JY, Guo C, Torello M, Lunstrum GP, Iwata T, Deng C, Horton WA.

Proc Natl Acad Sci U S A. 2004 Jan 13;101(2):609-14. PMID: 14699054



**Mouse Fgfr3 constructs transfected into rat chondrocyte cells (RCJ)**

**WT: Wild type**

**ACH: G380R**

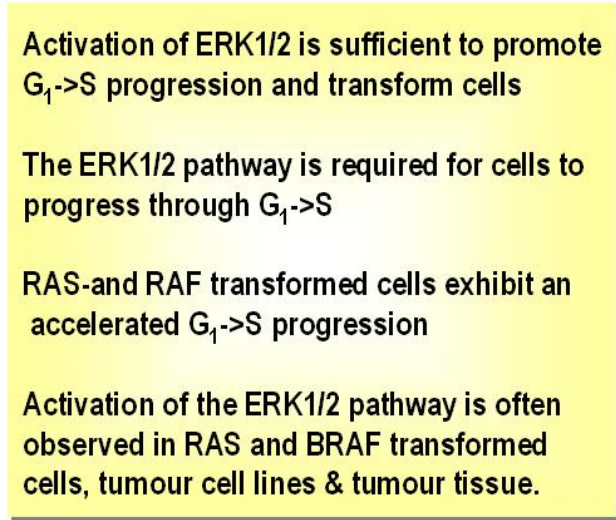
**TDII: K650E**

**Figure legend:** Maximal phosphorylation of Erk1/2, a downstream signaling target of FGFR3, requires ligand in the presence of WT FGFR3 but is constitutive in the presence of mutant FGFR3.

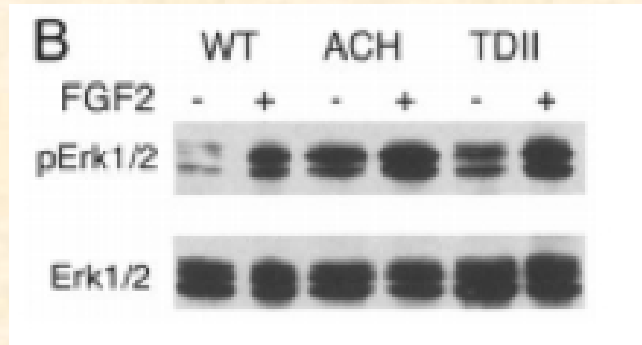
**Paragraph in Results section:** Erk1/2, which is known to be phosphorylated downstream of FGFR3 activation, is also phosphorylated in the absence of ligand in cells expressing mutant but not WT FGFR3.

Note where is control lane?

# UCL



# GO annotation



Name	ID	GO term	Evidence	Reference
Fgfr3	Q61851	positive regulation of protein amino acid phosphorylation	IDA	14699054
Fgfr3	Q61851	fibroblast growth factor receptor signaling pathway	IDA	14699054
Fgfr3	Q61851	fibroblast growth factor receptor activity	IDA	14699054

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Relation	Column 4 (core term)	Column 16
<b>has_participant</b>	Function	CHEBI or gene product
has_input	Function	CHEBI or gene product
has_output	Function	CHEBI or gene product

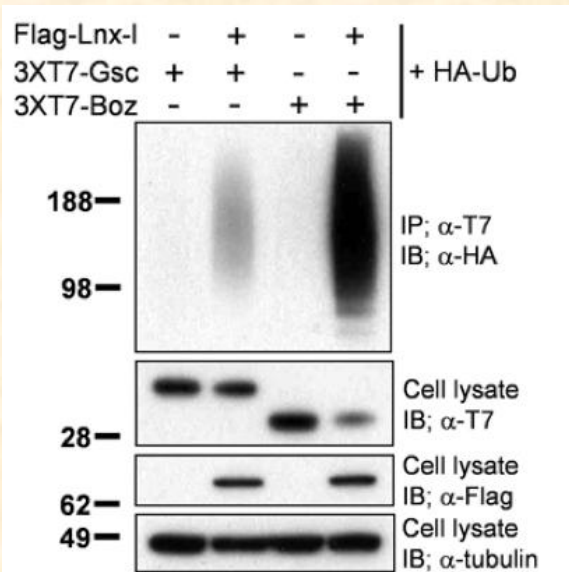
**has\_participant, participates in the reaction**

has\_input, is the substrate in the reaction

has\_output, is the product of the reaction



# Column 16 relationships



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- Small molecule IDs, such as ChEBI IDs can also be included in column 16
- But only if these IDs add more information than is available from the GO term itself

## Role of steroid 11 beta-hydroxylase and steroid 18-hydroxylase in the biosynthesis of glucocorticoids and mineralocorticoids in humans.

Kawamoto T, Mitsuuchi Y, Toda K, Yokoyama Y, Miyahara K, Miura S, Ohnishi T, Ichikawa Y, Nakao K, Imura H, et al.

Proc Natl Acad Sci U S A. 1992 Feb 15;89(4):1458-62.PMID: 1741400

**Table 1. Steroid hydroxylase activity of mitochondria in COS-7 cells transfected with pSV11 $\beta$ (*CYP11B1*) or pSVC18 (*CYP11B2*)**

Substrate	Products	Retention time, min	Hydroxylase activity, pmol/mg of protein	
			pSV11 $\beta$	pSVC18
DOC	Corticosterone	52	482.5 $\pm$ 19.0	437.9 $\pm$ 13.8
	18-Hydroxycorticosterone	29	2.7 $\pm$ 0.6	14.1 $\pm$ 4.3
	Aldosterone	24	<0.02	2.0 $\pm$ 0.5
11-Deoxycortisol	Cortisol	33	411.4 $\pm$ 23.3	392.5 $\pm$ 18.5
	18-Hydroxycortisol	21	1.1 $\pm$ 0.1	7.0 $\pm$ 0.7
	18-Oxocortisol	18	<0.02	1.8 $\pm$ 0.1
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	18-Oxocortisol	18	<0.02	0.4 $\pm$ 0.1

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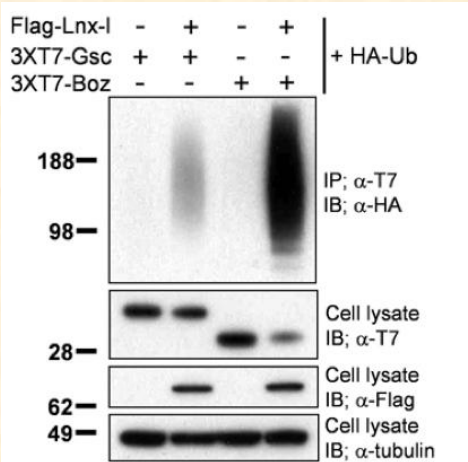
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<i>CYP11B2</i>	Steroid hydroxylase activity	IDA	has_input	CHEBI:16827	Corticosterone
<i>CYP11B2</i>	Steroid hydroxylase activity	IDA	has_output	CHEBI:27584	Aldosterone
<i>CYP11B2</i>	aldosterone biosynthetic process	IDA			

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- The IPI evidence code (Inferred from Physical Interaction) - support annotations to 'GO:0005488; binding' and child terms
- Not enough information can be obtained from a binding interaction to support an annotation to 'GO:0003824; catalytic activity' or child terms
- Propose new QC check
  - identification of all IPI annotations to 'GO:0003824; catalytic activity' and child terms
  - advise no further annotations are made in this way
- 144 annotations were initially found in the GOdb that used catalytic activity + IPI - this has gone down to 141



# No further IPI annotations like this



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# Longer term: Interaction with IMEx Consortium?

- The IMEx Consortium (IntAct, DIP, MINT, BioGrid, MPact, MatrixDB and MPIDB) carry out high-quality manual annotation of protein-protein interactions (<http://disber.net/imexdrupal/node/1>) from peer-reviewed papers.
- The annotation format used by IMEx captures full details of participants, assay and detection methods and meets the PSI **Minimum Information about a Molecular Interaction eXperiment (MIMIx)** standard.
- IMEx groups are working to produce a complete, non-redundant annotation set, that can be downloaded from an IMEx web service.
- Many GOC groups may already work with an IMEx member, capturing interaction data that is MIMIx or IMEx compliant





# Longer term: Interaction with IMEx Consortium?

- Those at the GO Consortium meeting in April agreed it would be sensible to investigate a closer interaction with IMEx curation activities.
- An IMEx central website is being developed that will incorporate an option to contact the consortium to ask for a paper to be curated, making it possible for all GO groups to have their curation requests triaged between the different IMEx databases
- Groups can decide to contribute annotations using IMEx/MIMIx standards or just integrate annotations from IMEx; and decide what types of interaction data they would prefer to display
- Curators in UniProtKB will shortly contribute all protein binding annotations directly to the IntAct group, using a dedicated editor applying MIMIx /IMEx (editor will be integrated into the protein2go tool).
- All binding annotations meeting UniProtKB quality standards will be integrated into the UniProtKB-GOA dataset from IntAct.

