

Ectopic Expression of Olfactory Receptors Surveyed in Fantom5 Libraries

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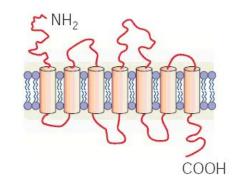




Overview of Olfaction and Olfactory Receptors

Identified in early 90s by L. Buck and R.Axel (2004 Nobel Prize)

ORs belong to GPCRs superfamily

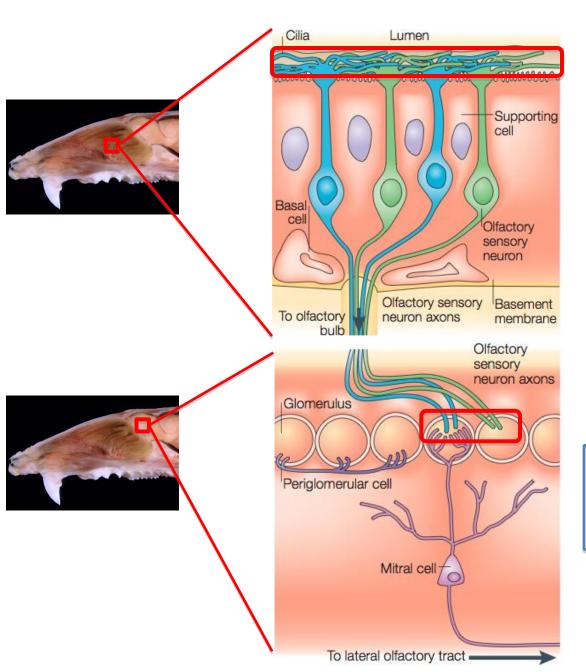


Largest gene family in mammals (3-5% of all genes)

| | OR genes | % pseudogenes | Functional |
|-------|----------|---------------|------------|
| Mouse | ~1400 | 20-25% | ~1000 |
| Human | ~800 | 50% | ~400 |

Niimura Y., Gene, 2005

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A single OSN expresses a single OR gene from a single allele

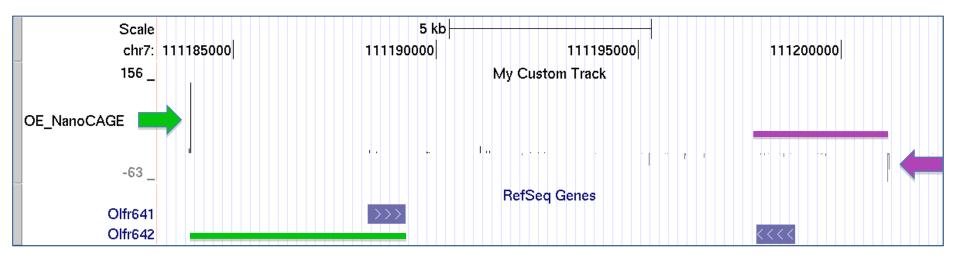
Axons of all OSNs expressing the same OR in the OE converge on the same glomeruli in the OB

Ectopic Expression of Olfactory Receptors

 ORs have been detected in high number of human and mouse tissues: testis, germ cells, tongue, erythroid cells, prostate, placenta, brain, PNS, colon, fetal liver (GeneAtlas2 project)

- A clear biological function for ectopic ORs has been defined only in 3 cases:
 - 1 Proliferation in human prostate cancer (hOR51E2)
 - 2 Human and mouse sperm chemotaxis (hOR17-4, mOR23)
 - 3 Muscle regeneration, cell adhesion and migration (mOR23)

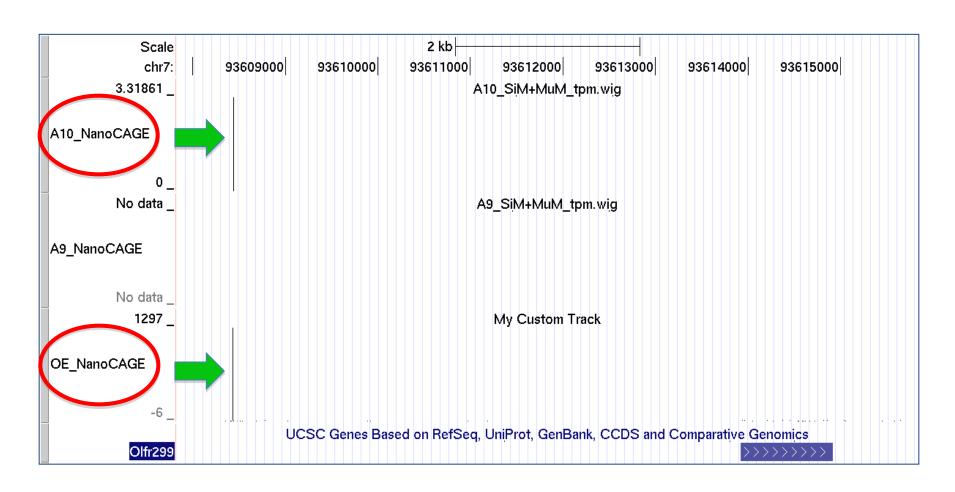
NanoCAGE of mouse Olfactory Epithelium

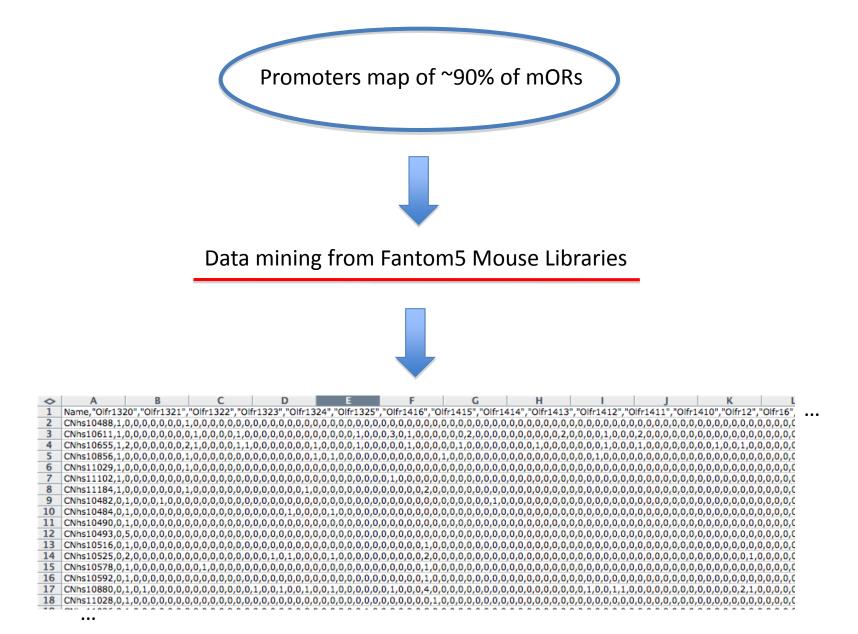


- NanoCAGE analysis has revealed the map and architecture of ~90% of mouse ORs
- Identification of novel TFs involved in OR genes expression

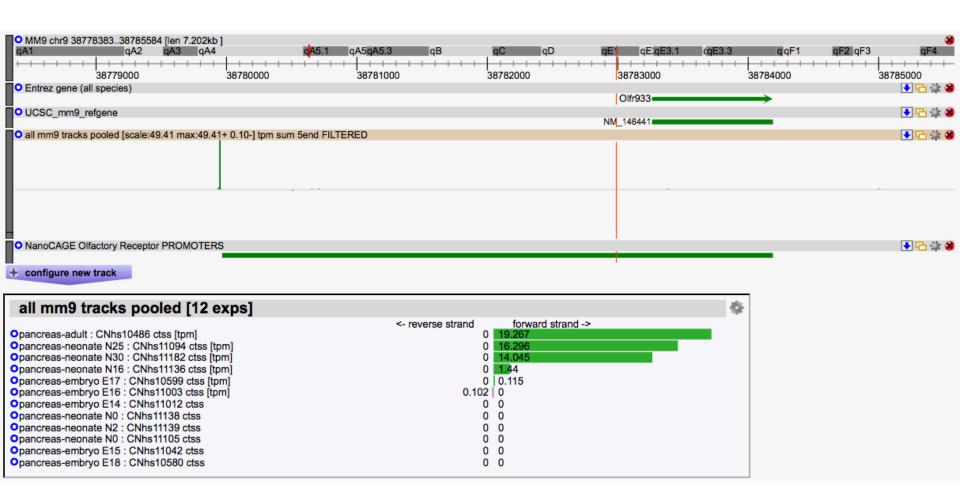
NanoCAGE of A9 and A10 dopaminergic neurons

Several ORs expressed in A9 and A10 dopaminergic neurons

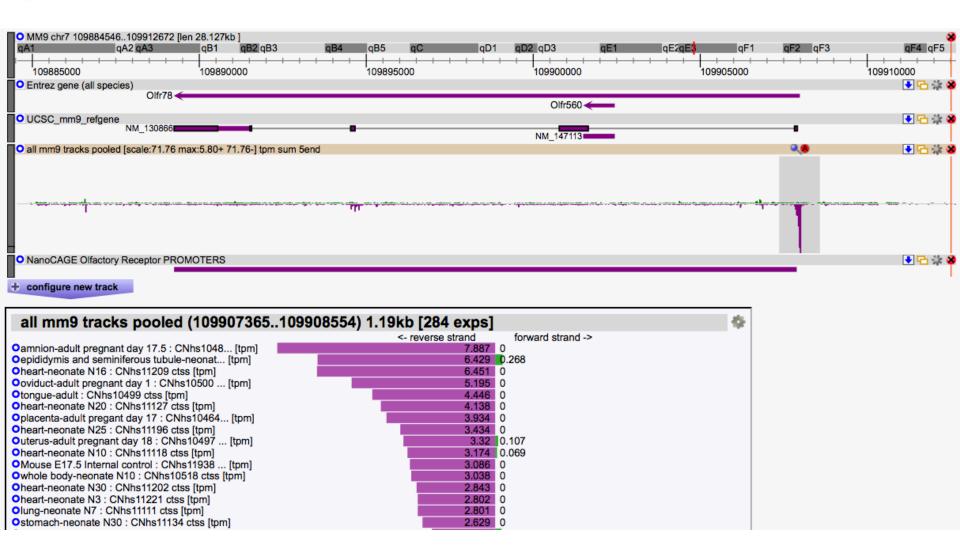




Olfr933 is specifically expressed in Pancreas starting from N16 stage



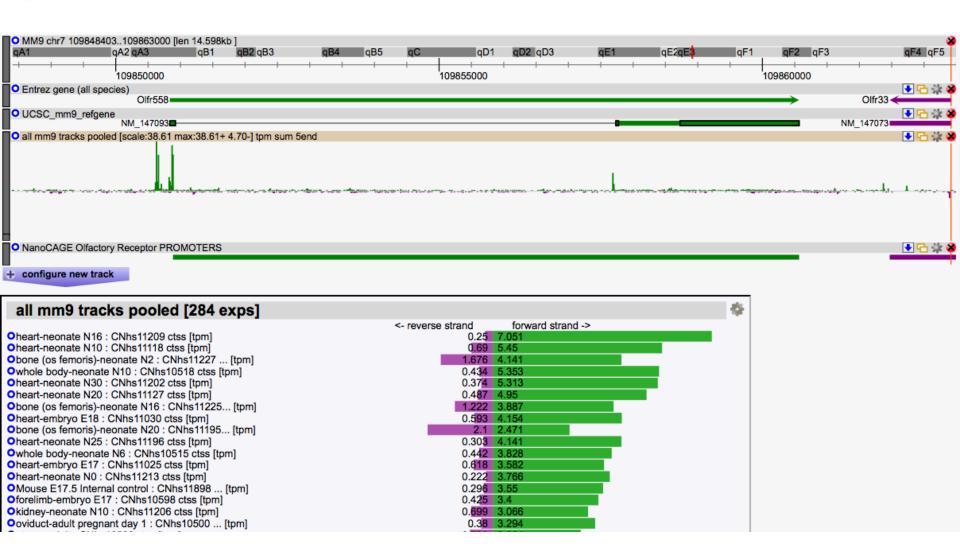
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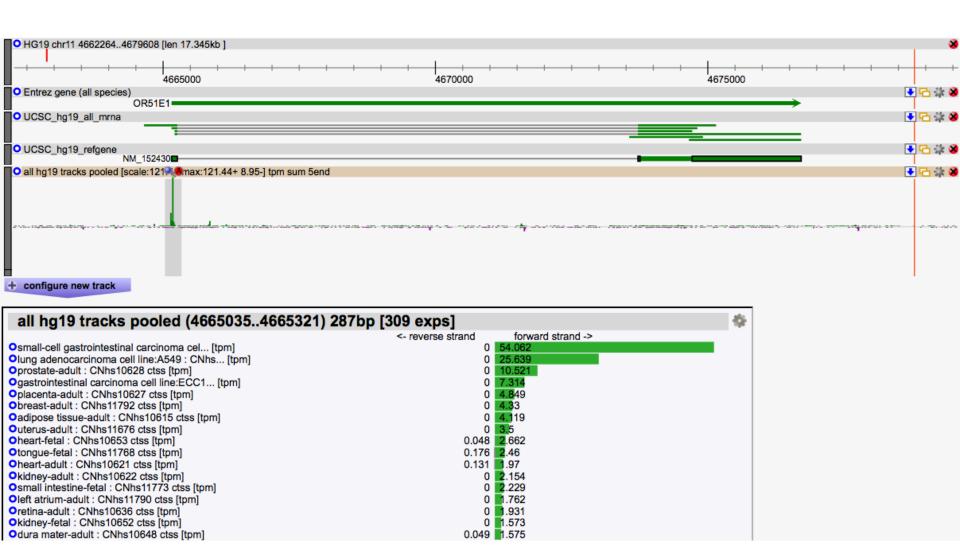
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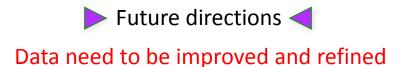


Olfr558 is enriched in Heart (Neonate and Embryo) libraries



hOR51E1 (human ortholog of mouse Olfr558) is specifically expressed in carcinoma cells





Bioinformatics:

Analysis of tissue specificity

Analysis of patterns of dynamic expression

Analysis of architecture for alternative promoters in mouse

Identification of human promoters and analysis of expression in human libraries

Sequencing:

Human Olfactory Epithelium

Functional Validation:

ORs with expression restricted to specific tissues / developmental stages

ORs showing ubiquitous expression (editing?)

De-orphanization of selected targets → Identification of endogenous ligands

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