

Get Started Using PlantProm DB

The current release PlantProm DB allows users to:

- (1) Retrieve and download 576 experimentally verified promoter sequences, classified by promoter class and taxonomy;
- (2) Retrieve and download in FASTA format promoter sequences and a putative TSS map, in both text and GFF formats, for 113,556 protein-coding genes of *O. sativa*, *Z. mays*, *M. truncatula*, *G. max* and *V. vinifera*.
- (3) Get a PubMed link for every entry for 576 experimentally verified promoters;
- (4) Retrieve and download TATA-box and INR NFMs.
- (5) Get information on nucleotide composition of promoter regions before [-200:-1] and after [+1:+51] TSS in various sets of 576 experimentally verified promoters;
- (6) Retrieve and download putative TFBS contents of 576 experimentally verified promoter sequences.
- (7) Retrieve and download putative TFBS contents of [-1000:-101] regions of 22,257, 23,334, 18,226, 38,702 and 11,037 protein-coding genes of *O. sativa*, *Z. mays*, *M. truncatula*, *G. max* and *V. vinifera*, respectively.
- (8) Search for promoter sequences by promoter or gene ID.
- (9) Perform BLAST comparison of a user-given query sequence with both experimentally verified promoters and [-1000:+1] regions of protein-coding genes of *O. sativa*, *Z. mays*, *M. truncatula*, *G. max* and *V. vinifera*.

The menu and search service of PlantProm DB use JavaScript. Commonly used browsers - Internet Explorer, Firefox, Safari etc. – can be used with the database.

How to use PlantProm DB

Once you connect to PlantProm DB home page, you are ready to start working with DB.

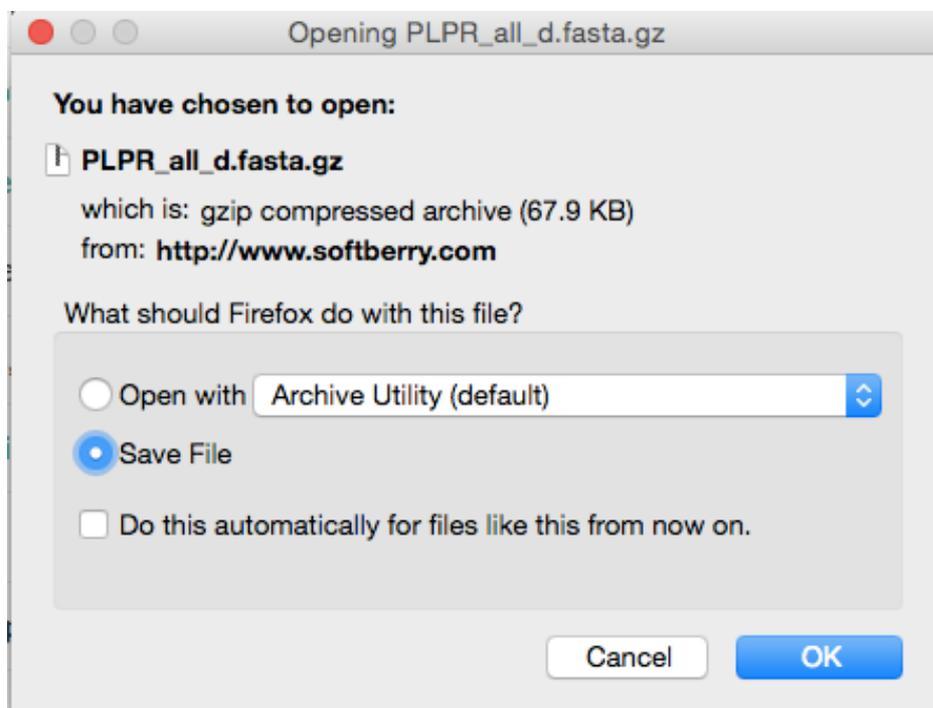
View and download experimentally verified promoters

In Main Menu, if an option “**Promoters from direct experiments**” is chosen, the following sub-menu appears:

Home	DNA sequences of 576 experimentally verified promoter regions [-200:+51] with TSS at +1:
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<input type="text"/> Search for putative TSS map for protein-coding genes	
<input type="text"/> BLAST search	
	All 576 promoters, view or download
	150 promoters of monocots, view or download
	403 promoters of dicots, view or download
	23 promoters from other plants, view or download
	345 TATA promoters from all species, view or download
	84 TATA promoters from monocots, view or download
	256 TATA promoters from dicots, view or download
	5 TATA promoters from other plant species, view or download
	231 TATA-less promoters from all species, view or download
	66 TATA-less promoters from monocots, view or download
	147 TATA-less promoters from dicots, view or download
	18 TATA-less promoters from other plant species, view or download

In this sub-menu, for a selected group of promoters,

- If an option **view** is clicked, the corresponding 251-bp promoter sequences in FASTA format are displayed;
- If an option **download** is clicked, the following prompt window is displayed:



Click “OK”, to save GZ file with sequences.

View and download sequences of [-1000:+100] regions of protein-coding genes (+1 is an annotated gene start) and computationally predicted TSS maps for 5 genomes

In Main Menu, if an option **Putative TSS map for protein-coding genes** is chosen, the following sub-menu appears (shown here only partially):

Home	<p>Putative promoter (TSS) map of 22,257 protein coding genes from <i>Oryza sativa</i> predicted by TSSPlant program (Shahmuradov, Umarov and Solovyev, unpublished), including:</p> <p>Promoter sequences in FASTA format</p> <p>List of predicted TSSs in GFF format</p> <p>List of predicted TSSs in Text format</p> <p>Description of genes</p> <p>Putative promoter (TSS) map of 23,334 protein coding genes from <i>Zea mays</i> predicted by TSSPlant program (Shahmuradov, Umarov and Solovyev, unpublished), including:</p> <p>Promoter sequences in FASTA format</p> <p>List of predicted TSSs in GFF format</p> <p>List of predicted TSSs in Text format</p> <p>Description of genes</p>
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In this sub-menu, for the selected species, the user can choose four options: **Promoter sequences in FASTA format**, **List of predicted TSSs in GFF format**, **List of predicted TSSs in Text format** and **Descriptions of genes**.

- If **Promoter sequences in FASTA format** is chosen, a new download page with information on the download file size and total number of records (sequences) in this file is displayed.



PlantProm: Plant Promoter Database

Database of Plant Promoter Sequences
(Release 2016.03)

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Download promoter sequences in FASTA format

Organism	File name	File size	Number of sequences
<i>Oryza sativa</i>	OSprom1101nr.fasta.gz	8,5M	22257
<i>Zea mays</i>	ZMprom1101nr.fasta.gz	9,0M	23334
<i>Glycine max</i>	GMprom1101nr.fasta.gz	15M	38702
<i>Medicago truncatula</i>	MTprom1101nr.fasta.gz	7,0M	18226
<i>Vitis vinifera</i>	VVprom1101nr.fasta.gz	4,1M	11037

- If **List of predicted TSSs in GFF format** is chosen, a new page with data on predicted TSSs in GFF format is displayed for viewing and downloading:

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##gff-version 3.2.1
#Program TSSPlant
#Search for RNA II promoters (TSSs)
#Query source: Oryza sativa, japonica (http://plants.ensembl.org/Oryza_sativa/Info/Index; version: 1-12IRGSP-1.0)
#Total scoring threshold for TATA promoters: 1.52
#TATA-less promoters: -0.04
#For TSSs of different (TATA and TSS-less) classes located at distance 300 bp or less, a single TSS with highest score is selected
#Search only on Sense Strand

##Query: OS01G0100100 1 1101
Chr1 TSSPlant tss 2919 2919 1.9812 + . Gene:OS01G0100100;Chr1:2983..10815;mRNA/CDS:2983/3449;5-UTR_longest=466;promoter:TATA-less
Chr1 TSSPlant tss 2449 2449 1.9964 + . Gene:OS01G0100100;Chr1:2983..10815;mRNA/CDS:2983/3449;5-UTR_longest=466;promoter:TATA-less
##Query: OS01G0100200 1 1101
Chr1 TSSPlant tss 11177 11177 1.9937 + . Gene:OS01G0100200;Chr1:11218..12435;mRNA/CDS:11218/11798;5-UTR_longest=580;promoter:TATA-less
Chr1 TSSPlant tss 10875 10875 1.8923 + . Gene:OS01G0100200;Chr1:11218..12435;mRNA/CDS:11218/11798;5-UTR_longest=580;promoter:TATA-less
Chr1 TSSPlant tss 10423 10423 1.9719 + . Gene:OS01G0100200;Chr1:11218..12435;mRNA/CDS:11218/11798;5-UTR_longest=580;promoter:TATA;
TATA-box_position:10389;TATA-box_score=6.0379
##Query: OS01G0100400 1 1101
Chr1 TSSPlant tss 12743 12743 1.8893 + . Gene:OS01G0100400;Chr1:12721..15685;mRNA/CDS:12721/12774;5-UTR_longest=53;promoter:TATA-less
Chr1 TSSPlant tss 12441 12441 1.9805 + . Gene:OS01G0100400;Chr1:12721..15685;mRNA/CDS:12721/12774;5-UTR_longest=53;promoter:TATA;
TATA-box_position:12407;TATA-box_score=4.6517
Chr1 TSSPlant tss 12096 12096 1.7106 + . Gene:OS01G0100400;Chr1:12721..15685;mRNA/CDS:12721/12774;5-UTR_longest=53;promoter:TATA;
TATA-box_position:12062;TATA-box_score=4.2347
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Here, TSS data for every query begins with “##Query...”. Several next lines (until next query record) contain the following data: chromosome, TSS position (start and end positions are the same), Integral score for the TSS predicted, gene name, chromosome strand (+ or -), chromosome positions of gene start and end, mRNA and CDS start positions, length of the longest 5'-UTR and promoter class (TATA or TATA-less) as well as, for TATA promoters, start position and score of TATA-box.

- If **List of predicted TSSs in Text format** is clicked, a new page with data on predicted TSSs in text format is displayed:

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Program TSSPlant: Search for RNA II promoters (TSSs)
Genome: Oryza sativa, japonica (http://plants.ensembl.org/Oryza_sativa/Info/Index; version: 1-12IRGSP-1.0)
Total scoring threshold for TATA promoters: 1.52
#TATA-less promoters: -0.04
For TSSs of different (TATA and TSS-less) classes located at distance 300 bp or less, a single TSS with highest score is selected
Search only on Sense Strand

>Gene:OS01G0100100 |Search region [-1000:+101], +1 is annotated gene start| Chr1:2983..10815 | mRNA/CDS:2983/3449 | 5-UTR_longest=466
TSS 1 2919 Score 1.9812 promoter:TATA-less
TSS 2 2449 Score 1.9964 promoter:TATA-less
Total: 2 TSS(s) predicted

>Gene:OS01G0100200 |Search region [-1000:+101], +1 is annotated gene start| Chr1:11218..12435 | mRNA/CDS:11218/11798 | 5-UTR_longest=580
TSS 1 11177 Score 1.9937 promoter:TATA-less
TSS 2 10875 Score 1.8923 promoter:TATA-less
TSS 3 10423 Score 1.9719 promoter:TATA;TATA-box_position:10389;TATA-box_score=6.0379
Total: 3 TSS(s) predicted

>Gene:OS01G0100400 |Search region [-1000:+101], +1 is annotated gene start| Chr1:12721..15685 | mRNA/CDS:12721/12774 | 5-UTR_longest=53
TSS 1 12743 Score 1.8893 promoter:TATA-less
TSS 2 12441 Score 1.9805 promoter:TATA;TATA-box_position:12407;TATA-box_score=4.6517
TSS 3 12096 Score 1.7106 promoter:TATA;TATA-box_position:12062;TATA-box_score=4.2347
Total: 3 TSS(s) predicted
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- If **Descriptions of genes** is clicked, a new page with descriptions of genes is displayed.

View and download data on classification of 576 experimentally verified promoters by promoter class and taxonomy

On Main Menu, if an option **Classification of promoters** is chosen, the following sub-menu is displayed, consisting of two options, **Summary** and **Individual Characteristics**:

Home	Taxonomic and promoter type classification of 576 experimentally verified promoters, including:	
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		Summary of Species and Promoter Classification, Individual Characteristics of Genes/Promoters and Original Data Sources

- **Summary** option displays, a new page with a list of species represented in the experimentally verified promoter set, as well as total numbers and classes of promoters form each species:

Summary of Species and Promoter Classification

Species	Taxon	TATA promoters	TATA-less promoters	TOTAL
<i>Actinidia deliciosa</i>	Dicot	1	-	1
<i>Aegilops tauschii</i>	Monocot	-	1	1
<i>Antirrhinum majus</i>	Dicot	2	1	3
<i>Arabidopsis thaliana</i>	Dicot	52	57	109
<i>Atropa belladonna</i>	Dicot	1	-	1
<i>Avena fatua</i>	Monocot	2	-	2
<i>Avena sativa</i>	Monocot	2	-	2
<i>Bertholletia excelsa</i>	Dicot	1	-	1
<i>Beta vulgaris</i>	Dicot	1	2	3
<i>Betula pendula</i>	Dicot	1	2	3
<i>Brassica juncea</i>	Dicot	1	-	1
<i>Brassica napus</i>	Dicot	6	2	8
<i>Canavalia gladiata</i>	Dicot	1	-	1
<i>Capsicum annuum</i>	Dicot	2	-	2
<i>Catharanthus roseus</i>	Dicot	3	2	5
<i>Chlamydomonas reinhardtii</i>	Chlorophyta	2	8	10
<i>Chlorella vulgaris</i>	Chlorophyta	-	1	1
<i>Chlorococcum littorale</i>	Chlorophyta	-	1	1
<i>Citrus sinensis</i>	Dicot	-	1	1
<i>Craterostigma plantagineum</i>	Dicot	2	4	6
<i>Cucumis sativus</i>	Dicot	3	-	3
<i>Daucus carota</i>	Dicot	3	-	3

- **Individual Characteristics** option loads a new page with information on genes compiled in DB, such as PlantProm DB accession number and gene/product, promoter class (type), GenBank accession number of a gene and a PubMed link to a publication that experimentally verified TSS(s) for a given gene:

Individual Characteristics of Genes/Promoters and Original Data Sources

Monocotyledons: 11 species, 146 genes, 150 promoters				
Species	PlantProm DB Accession Number and Gene/Product	Promoter Type	GenBank Accession Number	PubMed Links/Refs
<i>Avena fatua</i>	PLPR0156: alpha-Amy2D	TATA	AJ010729	9862499
	PLPR0209: alpha-Amy2A	TATA	AJ010728	9862499
<i>Avena sativa</i>	PLPR0305: avenin	TATA	J05486	2351662
	PLPR0316: OGI-E1	TATA	X17637 EF396179	2326176
<i>Aegilops tauschii</i>	PLPR0203: starch synthase	TATA	AF258609	10859191
<i>Dendrobium grex Madame Thong-IN</i>	PLPR0464: DOMADS1*	TATA-less	AJ288901.1	10938351
	PLPR0464: DOMADS1*	TATA-less	AJ288901.1	10938351
	PLPR0464: DOMADS1*	TATA-less	AJ288901.1	10938351
<i>Hordeum vulgare</i>	PLPR0037: Ids-2	TATA-less	D15051	8061321
	PLPR0038: RcaA1	TATA-less	M55449	2002016
	PLPR0054: nitrate reductase	TATA	X57845	1865878
	PLPR0055: Per1	TATA	X96551	8914536
	PLPR0136: B1 hordein	TATA	X03103	4059057
	PLPR0157: Amy32b	TATA	X05166 Y00107	3031602
	PLPR0167: Amy1	TATA	X54643	1831055
	PLPR0233: BKIN12	TATA-less	X65606	1302632
	PLPR0264: CHS	TATA	X58339	1863766
	PLPR0297: Kas12	TATA-less	M95172	2034657 1429736
	PLPR0317: Lem2	TATA	AY684928.1	15605240
	PLPR0321: HvPKABA1	TATA-less	AB058924.1	12029482
	PLPR0322: rsh1	TATA	AF182197.1	10787050
PLPR0350: LOX1	TATA-less	U83904.1	9107039	

Get a PubMed link for every entry of 576 experimentally verified promoters

In Main Menu, go: **Classification of promoters** → **Individual Characteristics** as described above.

Retrieve and download TATA-box and INR NFMs

In Main Menu, an option **Canonical NFMs** displays the following sub-menu with two options, **TATA-matrices** and **TSS-motif-matrices**:

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Nucleotide Frequency Matrices (NFMs) for canonical promoter elements (TATA-box and TSS-motif or Initiator element, Inr) computed for 576 experimentally verified promoters, including:

TATA-matrices for various promoter collections,

TSS-motif-matrices for various promoter collections.

- **TATA-matrices** option loads a page with TATA-matrices for various promoter collections (here shown only partially):

Nucleotide Frequencies Matrix for TATA box from 345 experimentally verified plant promoters*																
	<4	<3	<2	<1	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	>1	>2	>3	>4
A	0.147	0.162	0.269	0.139	0.009	0.971	0.009	0.988	0.630	0.968	0.361	0.699	0.145	0.312	0.286	0.329
C	0.358	0.384	0.292	0.607	0.000	0.000	0.014	0.000	0.012	0.000	0.038	0.072	0.402	0.410	0.298	0.286
G	0.116	0.165	0.168	0.081	0.003	0.000	0.003	0.003	0.003	0.012	0.020	0.101	0.303	0.153	0.173	0.197
T	0.379	0.289	0.272	0.173	0.988	0.029	0.974	0.009	0.355	0.020	0.581	0.127	0.150	0.124	0.243	0.188
	y	y	n	C	T	A	T	A	W	A	W	A	s	m	n	n

Nucleotide Frequencies Matrix for TATA box from 256 experimentally verified dicot plant promoters																
	<4	<3	<2	<1	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	>1	>2	>3	>4
A	0.172	0.172	0.272	0.152	0.020	0.972	0.004	0.984	0.604	0.960	0.384	0.748	0.180	0.356	0.288	0.352
C	0.324	0.368	0.296	0.560	0.004	0.000	0.016	0.000	0.012	0.000	0.044	0.068	0.340	0.384	0.260	0.284
G	0.120	0.136	0.120	0.080	0.004	0.000	0.000	0.004	0.004	0.016	0.012	0.072	0.300	0.112	0.184	0.152
T	0.384	0.324	0.312	0.208	0.972	0.028	0.980	0.012	0.380	0.024	0.560	0.112	0.180	0.148	0.268	0.212
	y	y	n	C	T	A	T	A	W	A	W	A	s	m	n	n

- **TSS-motif-matrices** option loads a page with TSS-motif matrices for various promoter collections (shown here partially):

Nucleotide Frequencies Matrix for TSS motif from 236 experimentally verified dicot plant TATA promoters*

	-4	-3	-2	-1	+1	+2	+3	+4
A	0.318	0.186	0.127	0.085	0.928	0.258	0.318	0.445
C	0.212	0.309	0.161	0.737	0.017	0.242	0.390	0.237
G	0.076	0.089	0.081	0.059	0.038	0.127	0.102	0.102
T	0.394	0.415	0.631	0.119	0.017	0.373	0.191	0.216
	w	y	t	C	A	n	m	h

Nucleotide Frequencies Matrix for TSS motif from 121 experimentally verified dicot plant TATA-less promoters

	-4	-3	-2	-1	+1	+2	+3	+4
A	0.455	0.264	0.107	0.157	0.579	0.446	0.149	0.322
C	0.091	0.256	0.033	0.595	0.231	0.058	0.314	0.124
G	0.025	0.099	0.033	0.174	0.041	0.074	0.140	0.099
T	0.430	0.380	0.826	0.074	0.149	0.421	0.397	0.455
	W	H	T	c	m	W	y	w

Nucleotide composition of promoter regions

In Main Menu, an option **Nucleotide composition** calls the following sub-menu with a single option, **Nucleotide composition**:

Home	<p>Nucleotide composition of promoter regions before [-200:-1] and after [+1:+51] TSS in various promoter collections.</p>
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which in turn, if clicked, loads a page with nucleotide composition of promoter regions before [-200:-1], and after [+1:+51] TSSs, for various promoter sets

Nucleotide composition of promoter regions before [-200:-1] and after [+1:+51] TSS in various sets of experimentally verified and predicted promoters

403 dicot experimentally verified promoters

	0.00-0.10	0.10-0.20	0.20-0.30	0.30-0.40	0.40-0.50	0.50-0.60	0.60-0.70	0.70-0.80	0.80-0.90	0.90-1.00	Nucleotide Frequencies
A	0/1	1/12	26/24	60/34	13/20	0/8	0/1	0/0	0/0	0/0	Genes with corresponding nucleotide composition, [-200:-1]/[+1:+51], %
C	4/8	49/33	41/42	6/16	0/2	0/0	0/0	0/0	0/0	0/0	
G	19/40	76/42	5/15	1/2	0/0	0/0	0/0	0/0	0/0	0/0	
T	0/3	1/15	40/35	53/34	6/12	0/2	0/0	0/0	0/0	0/0	
A/T	0/0	0/0	0/0	0/1	1/7	19/21	55/48	23/21	1/3	0/0	
G/C	0/0	1/3	27/21	55/48	16/21	1/7	0/1	0/0	0/0	0/0	

256 dicot experimentally verified TATA promoters

	0.00-0.10	0.10-0.20	0.20-0.30	0.30-0.40	0.40-0.50	0.50-0.60	0.60-0.70	0.70-0.80	0.80-0.90	0.90-1.00	Nucleotide Frequencies
A	0/1	2/10	23/22	61/38	14/20	0/7	0/1	0/0	0/0	0/0	Genes with corresponding nucleotide composition, %
C	4/6	49/30	42/45	6/18	0/1	0/0	0/0	0/0	0/0	0/0	
G	19/42	76/43	5/13	0/0	0/0	0/0	0/0	0/0	0/0	0/0	
T	0/2	0/14	39/36	56/36	5/11	0/2	0/0	0/0	0/0	0/0	
A/T	0/0	0/0	0/0	0/0	1/4	18/21	55/51	25/20	1/3	0/0	
G/C	0/0	1/3	29/20	54/51	15/21	1/4	0/0	0/0	0/0	0/0	

Retrieve and download putative TFBS content of promoter sequences

In Main Menu, an option **Regulatory motifs** displays the following sub-menu with six options for 576 experimentally verified promoters and promoter regions for five species, as *O. sativa*, *Z. mays*, *M. truncatula*, *G. max* and *V. vinifera*:

<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; margin-bottom: 2px;">Home</div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; margin-bottom: 2px;">Promoters from direct experiments</div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; margin-bottom: 2px;">Putative TSS map for protein-coding genes</div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; margin-bottom: 2px;">Classification of promoters</div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; margin-bottom: 2px;">Canonical NFM</div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; margin-bottom: 2px;">Nucleotide composition</div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; margin-bottom: 2px; background-color: #333; color: white;">Regulatory motifs</div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; margin-bottom: 2px;">Computation of NFM</div>	<p>Statistically Significant Motifs of 3,032 known Plant Transcription Factor Binding Sites and their Consensuses found in promoter sequences:</p> <div style="border: 1px solid #ccc; padding: 5px; margin-bottom: 5px; background-color: #f9f9f9;">576 experimentally verified promoters, [-200:+51] region</div> <div style="border: 1px solid #ccc; padding: 5px; margin-bottom: 5px; background-color: #f9f9f9;">Promoter regions [-1000:+101] of 22,257 protein-coding genes from <i>O. sativa</i></div> <div style="border: 1px solid #ccc; padding: 5px; margin-bottom: 5px; background-color: #f9f9f9;">Promoter regions [-1000:+101] of 23,334 protein-coding genes from <i>Z. mays</i></div> <div style="border: 1px solid #ccc; padding: 5px; margin-bottom: 5px; background-color: #f9f9f9;">Promoter regions [-1000:+101] of 18,226 protein-coding genes from <i>M. truncatula</i></div> <div style="border: 1px solid #ccc; padding: 5px; margin-bottom: 5px; background-color: #f9f9f9;">Promoter regions [-1000:+101] of 38,702 protein-coding genes from <i>G. max</i></div> <div style="border: 1px solid #ccc; padding: 5px; background-color: #f9f9f9;">Promoter regions [-1000:+101] of 11,037 protein-coding genes from <i>V. vinifera</i></div>
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- An option **576 experimentally verified promoters, [-200:+51] regions**, shows a list of 576 genes:

Actinidia deliciosa ... 1 promoter(s)

[PLPR0449](#): actinidin protease [TATA]

Aegilops tauschii ... 1 promoter(s)

[PLPR0203](#): starch synthase III [TATA-less]

Antirrhinum majus ... 3 promoter(s)

[PLPR0024](#): deficiens [TATA]

[PLPR0025](#): fil1 [TATA]

[PLPR0210](#): globosa [TATA-less]

Arabidopsis thaliana ... 109 promoter(s)

[PLPR0003](#): DREB1A [TATA]

[PLPR0004](#): DREB1C [TATA]

[PLPR0006](#): TT1 [TATA]

Here, by clicking on PlantProm DB ID of a promoter (e.g. [PLPR0449](#) the data on statistically non-random motifs of 3,032 known plant transcription factor binding sites (TFBSs), predicted by Nsite program (Shahmuradov and Solovyev, Bioinformatics, 2015, 21:3544; see also **Related Links** option in Main Menu), can be viewed and downloaded:

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> PLPR0449 ..AC:L07552.1 ..OS:Actinidia deliciosa ..GENE:actinidin protease ..PROD:actinidin protease ..[-200: +51] ..CDS: +58 ..TSS:201 (+1)
Nucleotide Frequencies: A - 0.36 G - 0.09 T - 0.31 C - 0.24

1 ggataaggat ttaaagaaga aaaaaaatta aatctaatac attgaaattt
51 aattttatat tttttttctc tttttttctac tgaatctgca gttccaacag
101 aacctttaaa aaaaATTGTg aaatcattt tttcaaatgt cgtaagaccc
151 cccacacccc caccacaccT ATATAAAggc cactctctcc ctccacattc
201 ACACACCTCC AATCCAATC TTTTCTTCT AAAATTCAA AAACGAGAGA
251 G

RE motifs found (positions are given in relation to TSS at 201; Mismatches - in lower case):
AC RSP00171 Mean Expected Number 0.009 +strand +45 : +50 GAGAGA
AC RSP00445 Mean Expected Number 0.001 -strand -125 : -134 AAAAAAGAGA
AC RSP00889 Mean Expected Number 0.009 +strand -41 : -35 CCACGCA
AC RSP00933 Mean Expected Number 0.003 +strand -147 : -135 TTTATATTTTTT

Totally 4 motifs of 4 different REs have been found

Description of REs found
165. Group RE: GAGAGA motif /AC: RSP00171//OS: Phaseolus vulgaris /GENE: beta-phaseolin, or phas/RE: GAGAGA motif /TF: unknown
425. Group TF: Dof1 /AC: RSP00445//OS: Zea mays /GENE: cyPPDK1/RE: box e /TF: Dof1
821. Group RE: GC motif /Group TF: bZIP TF /AC: RSP00889//OS: Arabidopsis thaliana /GENE: AtAOX1a/RE: GC motif /TF: bZIP TF
862. Group RE: AT-2a /AC: RSP00933//OS: Pinus sylvestris /GENE: GS1a/RE: AT-2a /TF: unknown

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Download Promoter Sequence in FASTA Format
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This page contains two options, [Download This Page](#) and [Download Promoter Sequence in FASTA format](#).

- If one of the next five options of the sub-menu is chosen (e.g. **Promoter regions [-1000: +101] of 22,257 protein-coding genes...** (from *O. sativa* or another species), statistically non-random motifs of known TFBSs found in every gene of that species are displayed:

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Program Nsite | Version 6.2014
Search for motifs of 3032 Transcription Factor Binding Sites (TFBS)
SET of TFBSs: REGSITE DB: 3032 Plant Transcription Factor Binding Sites [Last update: 13.07.2016]; Softberry Inc.

Search PARAMETERS:
Expected Mean Number : 0.0100000
Statistical Significance Level : 0.9500000
Level of homology between known TFBS and motif: 80%
Variation of Distance between TFBS Blocks : 20%

NOTE: Mism. - Mismatches | Mean. Exp. Number - Mean Expected Number | Up.Conf.Int. - Upper Confidence Interval
Mismatches are given in Lower case

>OS01G0100100...[-1000:+101],+1:Gene_start_annotated
Length of Query Sequence: 1101 bp | Nucleotide Frequencies: A - 0.33 G - 0.22 T - 0.27 C - 0.18

TFBS AC: RSP00125//OS: tobacco,Nicotiana plumbaginifolia /GENE: cab-E/TFBS: AT-1 (3) /BF: unknown nuclear factor
Motifs on "+" Strand: Mean Exp. Number 0.00476 Up.Conf.Int. 1 Found 1
121 gATATTTTATT 132 (Mism.= 1)

TFBS AC: RSP00133//OS: tomato (Lycopersicon esculentum), Lycopersicon esculentum /GENE: rbcS-3A/TFBS: AT-1 (2) /BF: unknown nuclear factor
Motifs on "+" Strand: Mean Exp. Number 0.00476 Up.Conf.Int. 1 Found 1
121 gATATTTTATT 132 (Mism.= 1)

TFBS AC: RSP00140//OS: pea,Pisum sativum /GENE: rbcS-3.6/TFBS: AT-1 (2) /BF: AT-1
Motifs on "-" Strand: Mean Exp. Number 0.00386 Up.Conf.Int. 1 Found 1
333 AtTTATTTTATT 321 (Mism.= 1)

TFBS AC: RSP00205//OS: pea, Pisum sativum /GENE: rbcS-3A/TFBS: BOX II /BF: GT-1
Motifs on "-" Strand: Mean Exp. Number 0.00429 Up.Conf.Int. 1 Found 1
980 GTTCGTTtATcTC 967 (Mism.= 2)

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Search for experimentally verified promoters by PlantProm DB ID

In **Search services** of Main Menu, if an option **Search for promoters from direct experiments** is chosen, the following page is appears:

Search service

DNA sequences of 576 experimentally verified promoter regions [-200:+51] with TSS at +1.

[Get fasta](#)

Show entries Search:

<input type="checkbox"/>	ID	PubMed AC	Organism	Taxon	Gene	Product	TSS	CDS
<input type="checkbox"/>	PLPR0001	AB001920	Oryza sativa	Monocot	phospholipase D	phospholipase D	+355	201 (+1)
<input type="checkbox"/>	PLPR0002	AB004648	Oryza sativa	Monocot	RepA	cysteine endopeptidase	+246	201 (+1)
<input type="checkbox"/>	PLPR0003	AB013815	Arabidopsis thaliana	Dicot	DREB1A	DREB1A	+140	201 (+1)
<input type="checkbox"/>	PLPR0004	AB013817, AB007789	Arabidopsis thaliana	Dicot	DREB1C	DREB1C	+153	201 (+1)
<input type="checkbox"/>	PLPR0005	AF014927	Chlamydomonas reinhardtii	Chlorophyta	gpxh	glutathione peroxidase homolog		201 (+1) # Alternative TSS(s): +3 +5

Here, one or several promoters can be selected by (1) checking corresponding boxes to the left or or (2) performing search by a keyword, e.g. **PLPR057** (see pictures below). The following search options are applied: "ID" – promoter ID in DB; "Organism" – name of species (e.g.

Oryza sativa; “Taxon” – taxonomic group (e.g. Monocot); “Gene” – full name of a gene or a phrase included by the gene name; “Product” – full name of a gene product or a phrase included by gene product name; for the full list of species and taxonomic groups see: http://www.softberry.com/data/plantprom/Links/Taxon_Table_1.htm.

Search service
DNA sequences of 576 experimentally verified promoter regions [-200:+51] with TSS at +1.

Get fasta

Show entries Search:

<input type="checkbox"/>	ID	PubMed AC	Organism	Taxon	Gene	Product	TSS	CDS
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	PLPR0001	AB001920	Oryza sativa	Monocot	phospholipase D	phospholipase D	+355	201 (+1)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	PLPR0002	AB004648	Oryza sativa	Monocot	RepA	cysteine endopeptidase	+246	201 (+1)
<input type="checkbox"/>	PLPR0003	AB013815	Arabidopsis thaliana	Dicot	DREB1A	DREB1A	+140	201 (+1)

Search service
DNA sequences of 576 experimentally verified promoter regions [-200:+51] with TSS at +1.

Get fasta

Show entries Search:

<input type="checkbox"/>	ID	PubMed AC	Organism	Taxon	Gene	Product	TSS	CDS
<input type="checkbox"/>	PLPR0570	M13938..OS:Lycopersicon esculentum	Lycopersicon esculentum	Dicot	proteinase inhibitor I gene	Proteinase inhibitor I	+36	201 (+1)
<input type="checkbox"/>	PLPR0571	X13437..OS:Lycopersicon esculentum..GENE:ethylene-responsive fruit ripening gene E8	Lycopersicon esculentum..GENE:ethylene-responsive fruit ripening gene E8	Dicot	ethylene-responsive fruit ripening gene E8	E8 protein	+36	
<input type="checkbox"/>	PLPR0572	X15855	Lycopersicon esculentum	Dicot	LAT52 gene		+111	201 (+1)
<input type="checkbox"/>	PLPR0573	X02408	Phaseolus vulgaris	Dicot	dlec1	phytohemagglutinin PHA-E	+16	201 (+1)
<input type="checkbox"/>	PLPR0574	X59139	Lycopersicon esculentum	Dicot	ACC2	1-aminocyclopropane-1-carboxylic acid synthase 2	+153	201 (+1)

Afterwards, if **Get fasta** button is clicked, a page with FASTA sequences of selected promoters appears.

Gene list can be sorted by by GenBank accession number, organism name, gene name and gene product.

Search for putative TSS map for 22,257, 23,334, 18,226, 38,702 and 11,037 protein-coding genes of five species

In **Search services** option of Main Menu, click on **Search for putative TSS map for protein-coding genes**, and the following page is displayed:

Search service

Putative TSS map for 22,257, 23,334, 18,226, 38,702 and 11,037 protein-coding genes of *Oryza sativa*, *Zea mays*, *Medicago truncatula*, *Glycine max* and *Vitis vinifera*, respectively.

[Get fasta](#) [Get gff3](#)

Show entries Search:

<input type="checkbox"/>	ID	Organism	Chr	Strand	Start	End	Gene	Product	different mRNAs	Max Gene-mRNA distance	Max 5-UTR
<input type="checkbox"/>	AC148152.3_FG005	Zea_mays	Chr2	-	231952642	231954277	AC148152.3_FG005	1-aminocyclopropane-1-carboxylate oxidase [Source:UniProtKB/TrEMBL;Acc:B6TBU1]	1	0	45
<input type="checkbox"/>	AC148152.3_FG008	Zea_mays	Chr2	-	231879065	231883597	AC148152.3_FG008	Glycosyl hydrolase superfamily protein [Source:Projected from Arabidopsis thaliana (AT3G06510]	1	0	45
<input type="checkbox"/>	AC148167.6_FG001	Zea_mays	Chr7	+	11670462	11676398	AC148167.6_FG001	Uncharacterized protein [Source:UniProtKB/TrEMBL;Acc:COP7E6]	1	0	1965

Here, the following search options are applied: “ID” – promoter ID in the corresponding Ensembl genome annotation; “Organism” – one of five species (*Oryza sativa*, *Zea mays*, *Medicago truncatula*, *Glycine max* and *Vitis vinifera*); “Chr” – chromosome number (e.g. Chr 1); “Gene” – gene name accordingly to the Ensembl genome annotation; “Product” – full name of a gene product or a phrase included by gene product name; “different mRNAs” – number of alternative mRNAs from the corresponding Ensembl genome annotation. The selected promoters can be viewed and downloaded in two popular formats: FASTA (click on **Get fasta**) and gff (click on **Get gff3**).

Moreover, the gene list can be sorted by gene ID, organism name, chromosome number, DNA strand, gene start position on chromosome, gene name, gene product and number of different mRNAs.

Perform BLAST comparison of user-given query sequence with promoter sequences collected in DB

In **Search services** option of Main Menu, if **BLAST search** option is chosen, the following page is displayed:

PlantPromDB_Blast - BLAST search in sequences of PlantPromDB

Paste your potential promoter sequence to find homology with DB promoters:

Alternatively, load a local file with sequence in Fasta format:

Local file name:

No file selected.

Search in:

- experimentally verified promoters db
- Oryza sativa* genome
- Zea mays* genome
- Glycine max* genome
- Medicago truncatula* genome
- Vitis vinifera* genome
- all data bases

Alignment view options:

▾

To perform BLAST search, (1) Paste a query sequence in FASTA format or browse and select a file from the corresponding folder; (2) Choose a promoter set from the list given below; (3) Choose the alignment option (**Pairwise** or **Tabular**); and finally click **Process** button.

For example:

PlantPromDB_Blast - BLAST search in sequences of PlantPromDB

Paste your potential promoter sequence to find homology with DB promoters:

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taccggttttaacctgcctcctcctcctcccgctcgagatccgtggccacgacgct
ggtagggaaaccgggaacgacgtgcacgcacgcacacagggcaagttcagtagaaaaatc
gccggcatccagatcgggacAGTCTCTCTTCTCCCGCAATTTATAATCTCGCTCGATCC
AATCTGCTCCC|
```

Alternatively, load a local file with sequence in Fasta format:

Local file name:

No file selected.

Search in:

- experimentally verified promoters db
- Oryza sativa* genome
- Zea mays* genome
- Glycine max* genome
- Medicago truncatula* genome
- Vitis vinifera* genome
- all data bases

Alignment view options:

▾

Description of the header of FASTA files with promoter sequences in Module “Promoters from direct experiments”

The header of FASTA files contains the following information:

- **PLPRXXXX** : promoter ID in the DB;
- **AC**: GenBank accession number of a promoter;
- **OS**: name of organism/species;
- **GENE**: name of a gene;
- **PROD**: gene product;
- **[-200:+51]**: proximal promoter region including 200 bp upstream of the experimentally identified TSS (position +1) and 51 bp of the transcribed region (upper case letters);
- **Taxon**: name of the taxonomic group (Dicot, Monocot, etc.);
- **Promoter**: a class of promoter (TATA or TATA-less).

Description of the header of FASTA files for promoter sequences in Module “Putative TSS map for protein-coding genes”

The header of FASTA files contains the following information:

- **OS**: name of organism/species;
- **Chr**: the chromosome number;
- **(+) or (-)**: DNA strand of gene location;
- **xxxxxxxx..xxxxxxxx**: the annotated start and end positions of a gene on chromosome;
- **Gene**: name of a gene;
- **mRNA/CDS**: The annotated start position(s) of mRNA and corresponding coding sequence (CDS)*;
- **Product**: gene product;
- **different mRNAs**: number of alternative mRNAs annotated;
- **Max 5-UTR**: length of the longest 5'-untranslated region (UTR) of mRNA annotated;
- **[-1000:+101]**: promoter region including 1000 bp upstream of the annotated gene start (position +1) and 101 bp of the transcribed region.

* If two or more different mRNAs are annotated, all Gene and mRNA pairs separated by coma are given.

Short description of approaches and tools applied for computation of nucleotide frequency matrices for various promoter elements, search for plant transcription factor binding sites and prediction of putative TSSs

To get unrelated set of promoters, a pairwise comparison of a region [-50:+1] of 586 plant promoters (including 305 entries from the first release of DB) has been performed and one of the couple of promoters showing more than 90% homology has been excluded from the initial collection. As a result, 10 promoters were excluded from the initial set of the collected promoter sequences.

In simple implementation of Expectation Maximization (EM) algorithm (Cardon, Stormo, 1992) we considered the sequence of motif $X=(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_l)$, where l is the motif length. If $P^i(x_j)$ is the empiric frequency of the nucleotide x_j in position i (computed on previous iteration), then the weight of this motif is computed as

$$W(X) = \log \prod P^i(x_j)/0.25$$

Using the EM procedure for 10 iterations, the initial collection of 576 unrelated promoters was divided into the 2 classes: 345TATA and 231 TATA-less unrelated promoters. In calculations of TATA matrices the allowed variation of a distance between the right boundary of the TATA-core box and the TSS was 18-40 bp and only **TATAWAWA**-core was used for calculating the weight. As an initial TATA-box matrix, the TATA-matrix computed for 171 plant promoters from the first release of PlantProm DB (Shahmuradov et al., 2003) was used.

The TSS-motif matrix of 5 bp in length has been computed, where the 3rd nucleotide was the annotated (anTSS). No strong consensus was revealed. When the EM approach was used to analyze all possible penta-nucleotides with an assumed TSS (asTSS) location in the range [anTSS-2:anTSS+2], it was observed that the composition of asTSS-motifs is different in dicot and monocot plants, as well as for TATA and TATA-less promoters.

Search for statistically significant motifs of 1577 known plant transcription regulatory elements was performed by Nsite program (Shahmuradov, Solovyev, 2015; <http://linux1.softberry.com/berry.phtml>).

Search for putative TSSs in genomic sequences from was performed by TSSPlant program (Shahmuradov, Umarov and Solovyev, submitted to Nucl Acid Res).

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