

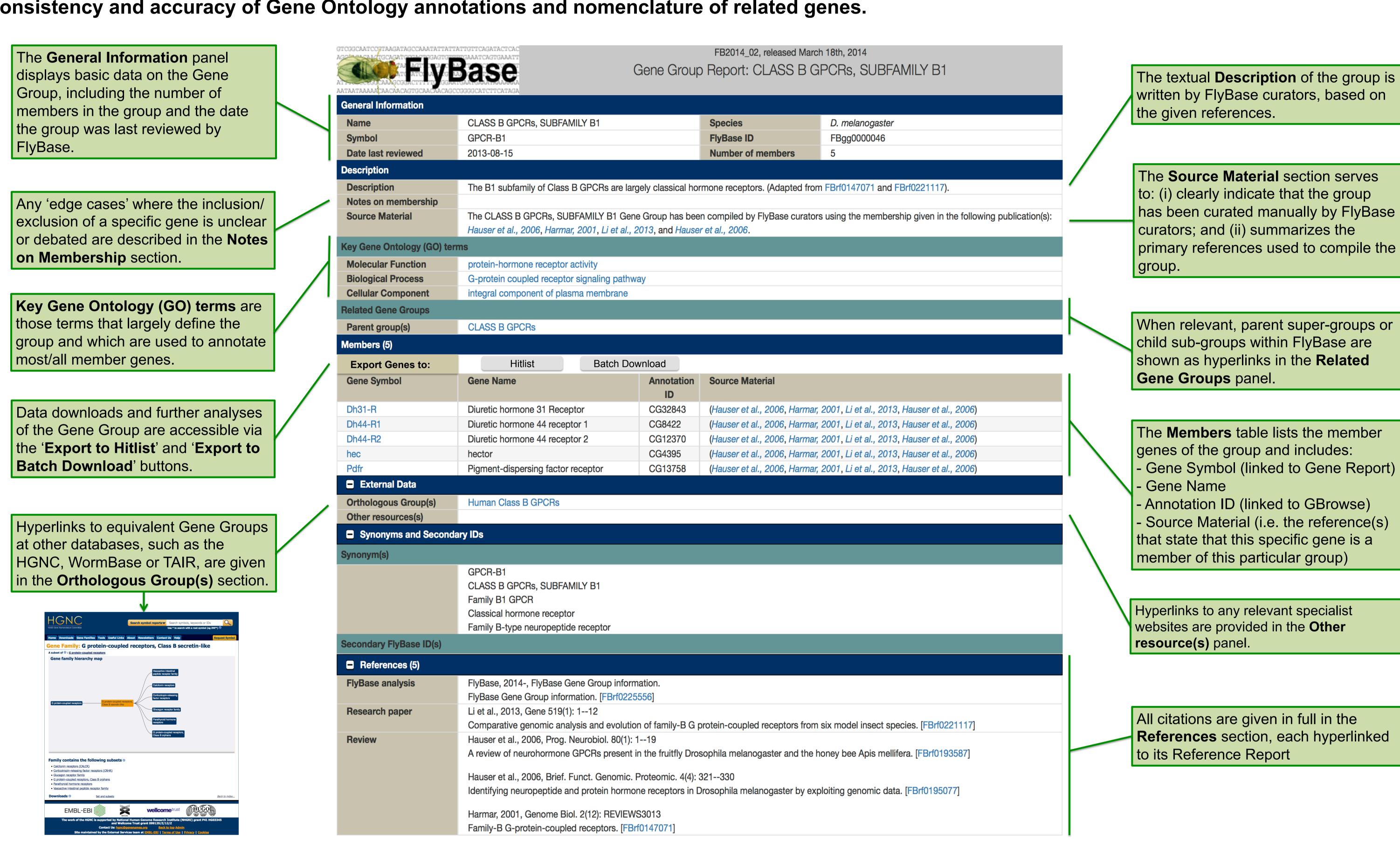
Gene Groups in FlyBase

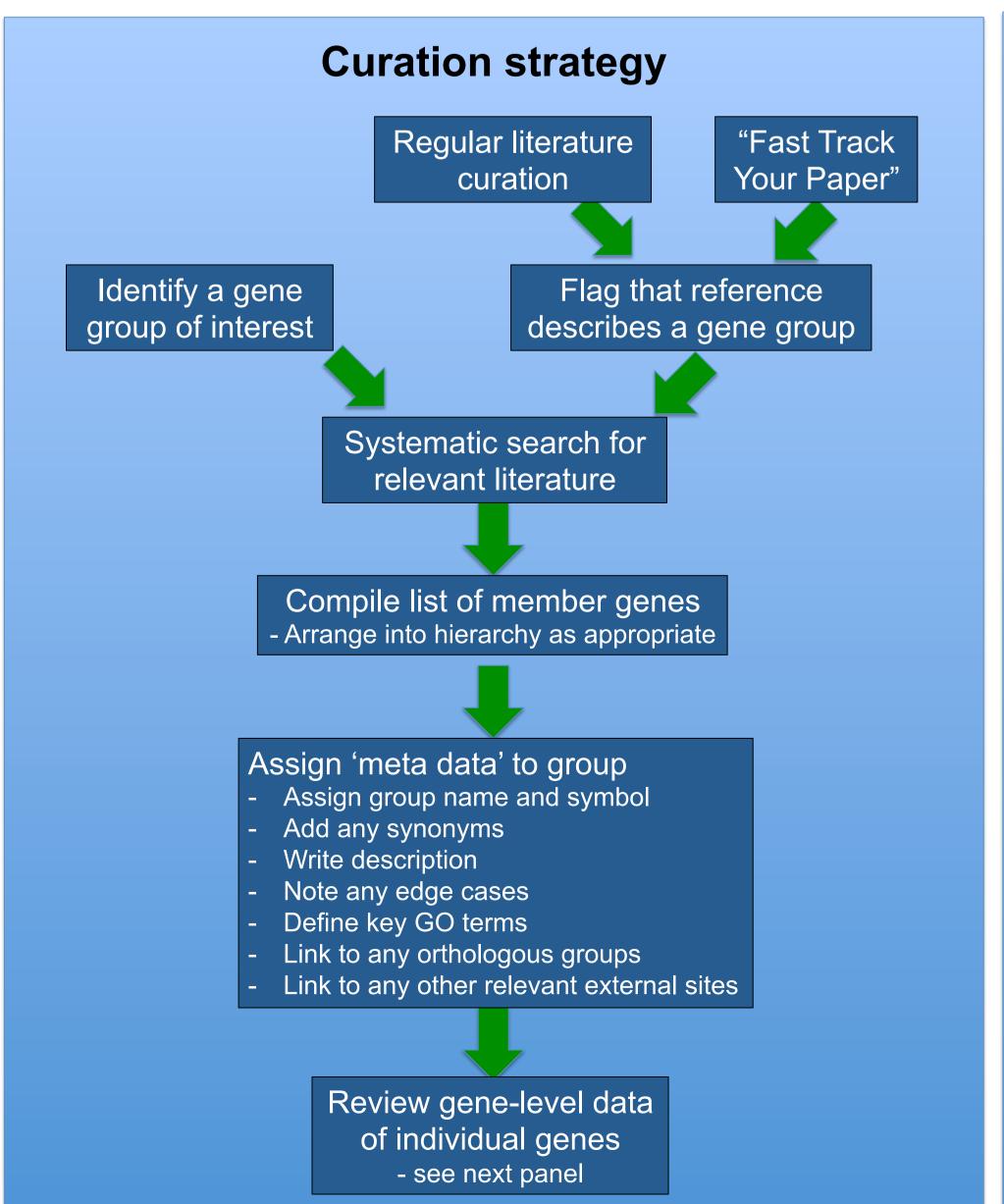


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Related sets of genes or gene products, such as gene families (e.g. actins), subunits of protein complexes (e.g. proteasome subunits) or other functional groupings (e.g. Ubiquitin E3 ligases), are frequently described in the literature. Moreover, researchers often wish to obtain a list of related genes from a database and be able to easily download/query data associated with them. We wish to improve the representation of such 'gene groups' in FlyBase through the provision of new 'Gene Group Reports'. These Reports will tabulate the membership of each group, clearly attributed to source references, together with buttons to export the member genes to FlyBase tools to facilitate further analyses. Gene Group Reports will also include a brief description of the group, links to parent/child groups within FlyBase, and links to orthologous groups available at external sites such as HGNC, WormBase and TAIR. Through doing this work and adopting a 'group' approach to curation, we have also been able to improve the consistency and accuracy of Gene Ontology annotations and nomenclature of related genes.





Added benefits of 'group curation'

Compiling sets of related genes provides the ideal opportunity to review the consistency and accuracy of gene-level data in FlyBase. The following areas are routinely examined:

Gene Ontology annotations

- Add missing terms (~4,500 added to date)
- Update existing terms (e.g. if the available ontology terms or underlying data have changed)
- Remove any redundant or incorrect terms

2. Gene nomenclature

- Check compliance with guidelines
- Check accuracy and that it reflects usage
- Add full-name if missing
- Improve consistency within group where feasible (e.g. related genes that are named for their molecular function/ orthology should have the same prefix and format)

3. Un-annotated genes

- Check if there are any genes not mapped to the sequence that have GO annotations and/or gene symbols that suggest they are members of the current group
- Merge FlyBase Gene Reports as appropriate

(These improvements mean that GO- or symbol-based searches to identify groups of related genes are more successful after review, but such searches will always suffer from false positives/negatives – thus the need for Gene Group Reports.)

Major Groups compiled to date

ACCESSORY GLAND PROTEINS	FLOTILLINS	POTASSIUM CHANNELS
ACTINS	G PROTEIN ALPHA SUBUNITS	PROTEASOME
ACTIN-RELATED PROTEINS	GLUT. S TRANSFERASES-CYTO	RAS FAMILY GAPs
ARP 2/3 COMPLEX	GOLGINS	RAS FAMILY GEFs
ADAM METALLOPROTEASES	GPCR - BIOGENIC_AMINE	RAS FAMILY GTPASES
ADAPTOR PROTEIN COMPLEX	GPCR - FAMILY_A	RETROMER COMPLEX
ANAPHASE-PROMOTING CPX	GPCR - FAMILY_B	RIBOSOMAL PROTEINS - CYTO
ANNEXINS	GPCR - FAMILY_C	RIBOSOMAL PROTEINS - MITO
APOPTOSIS - APOPTOSOME	GPCR - FAMILY_F	RING FINGER PROTEINS
APOPTOSIS - BCL2-LIKE	GUSTATORY RECEPTORS	RZZ COMPLEX
APOPTOSIS - CASPASE	HALLOWEEN GROUP GENES	SEA COMPLEX
APOPTOSIS - IAP	HETEROCHROMATIN PROTEIN 1	SEPTINS
APOPTOSIS - RHG	IFT-A SUBCOMPLEX	SERPINS
ATAC COMPLEX	IFT-B SUBCOMPLEX	SKP1
AUTOPHAGY-RELATED GENES	INNEXINS	SM PROTEINS
BAR DOMAIN PROTEINS	INTEGRINS	SMC
BBSOME	INWARDLY RECTIFYING K CHLs	SMC 5/6 COMPLEX
BLOC1 COMPLEX	INSULIN-LIKE PEPTIDES	SMC COHESIN COMPLEX
BLOC2 COMPLEX	IONOTROPIC (GLUTAMATE) REC.	SMC CONDENSIN I COMPLEX
BLOC3 COMPLEX	KASH DOMAIN PROTEINS	SMC CONDENSIN II COMPLEX
CADHERINS	KINESIN SUPERFAMILY	SNAPS
CHROM. PASSENGER CPX	LAMINS	SNARES
CLATHRINS	METALLOTHIONEINS	SORTING NEXINS
CNG_CHANNELS	METHUSELAH GENES	SYNAPTOTAGMINS
COP9 SIGNALOSOME	MON1-CCZ1 COMPLEX	TETHERING COMPLEX
COPI COMPLEX	MYOSINS	TFIIH_COMPLEX
COPII COMPLEX	MYSOIN LIGHT CHAINS	TRAFs
CULLINS	NEUROPEP./PROTEIN/HORMONES	TRP CHANNELS
DORSOCROSS GENES	NICOTINIC ACETYLCHOLINE REC.	TUBULINS
DROSOMYCINS	NIMROD GENES	UBIQUITIN-ACTIVATING-E1
DSL1 COMPLEX	NSFs	UBIQUITIN-CONJUGATING-E2
DUBs	NUCLEOPORINS	UBIQUITIN-LIGASE E3 - GOLIATI
ENHANCER OF SPLIT CPX	ODORANT BINDING PROTEINS	V-ATPASES
ESCRT COMPLEX	ODORANT RECEPTORS	WNTS
EXOCYST COMPLEX	P24 TRANSPORTERS	YELLOW GENES
F-BOX PROTEINS	PICKPOCKET GENES	