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a web-based platform for  
evolutionary sequence analysis  
supporting reproducible research  
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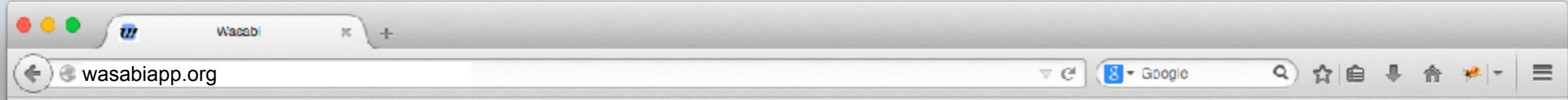


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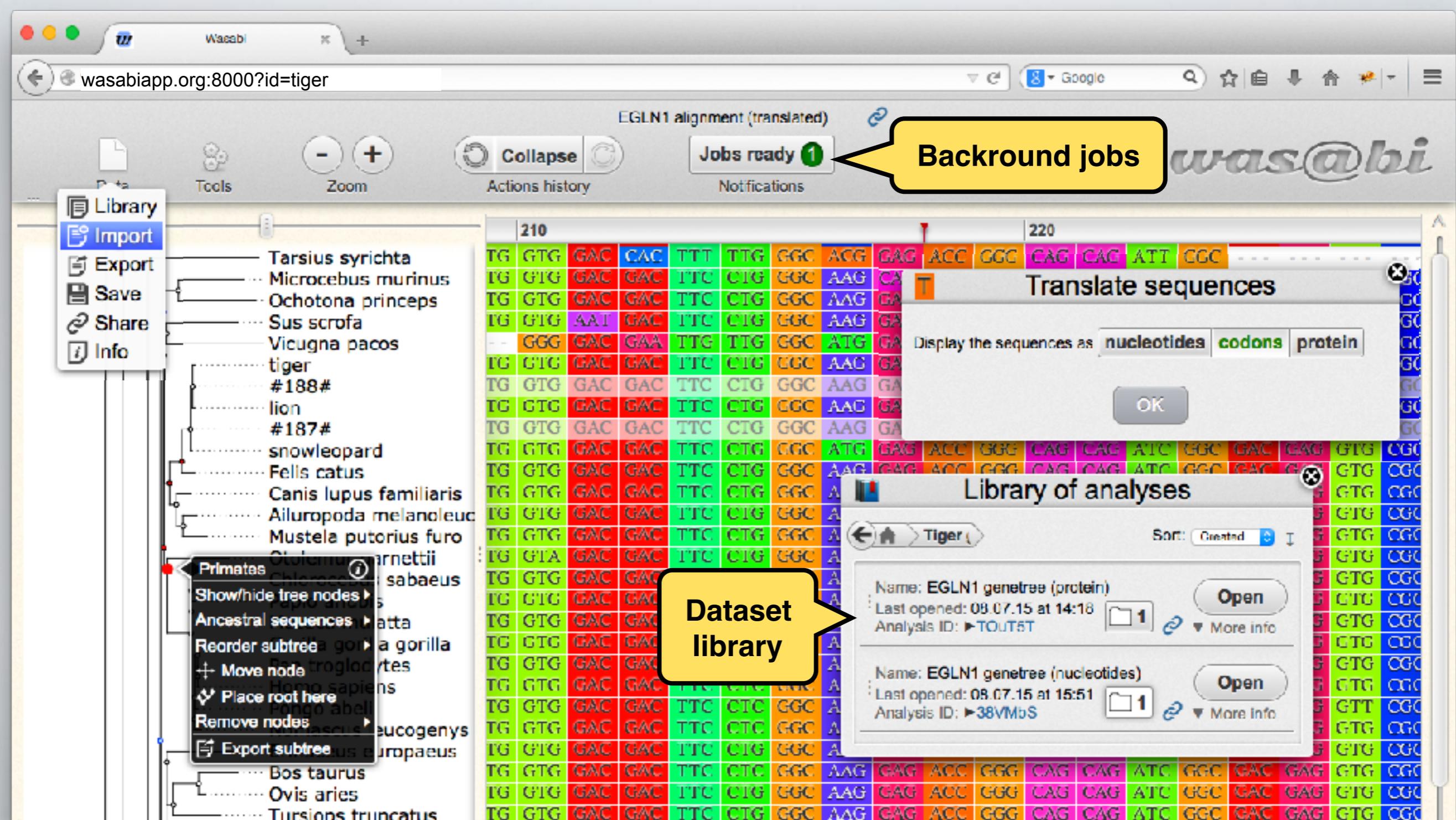
- 1) Data provenance
- 2) Visualization and publishing
- 3) Plugin system

Details and nice video: <http://wasabiapp.org>



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# Portable `Http://wasabiappy.org:8000` module



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EGLN1 alignment (translated)

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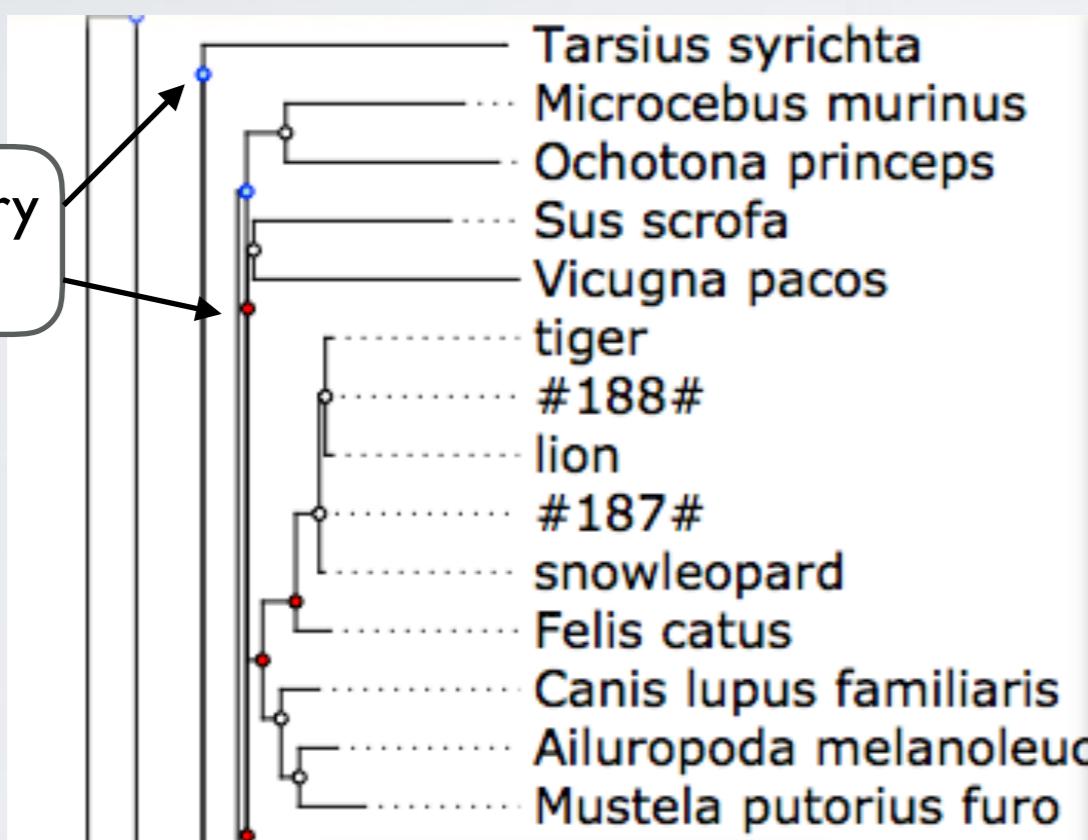
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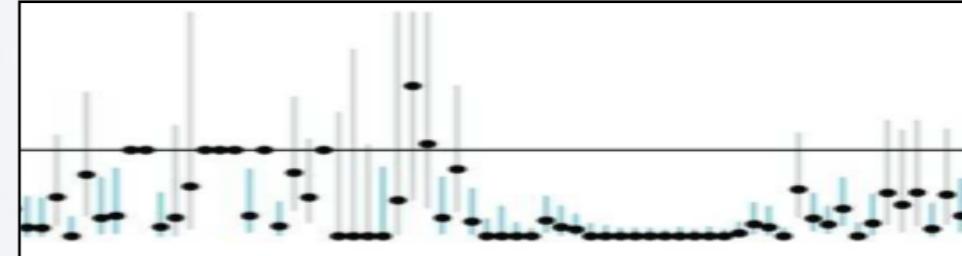
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# Tree + sequence alignment



# Annotations & graphs



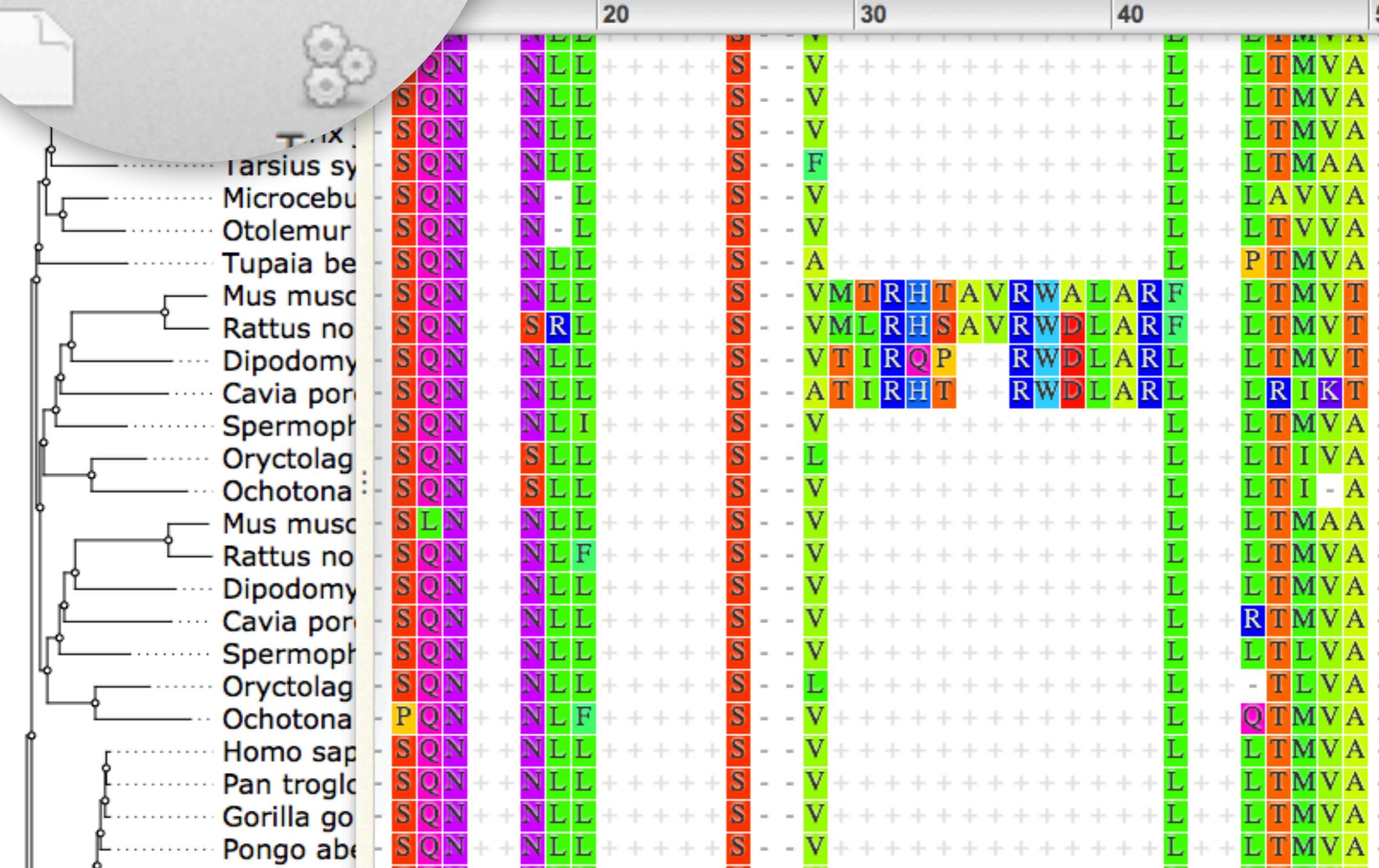
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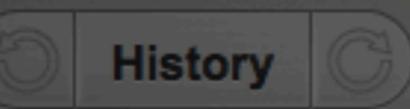


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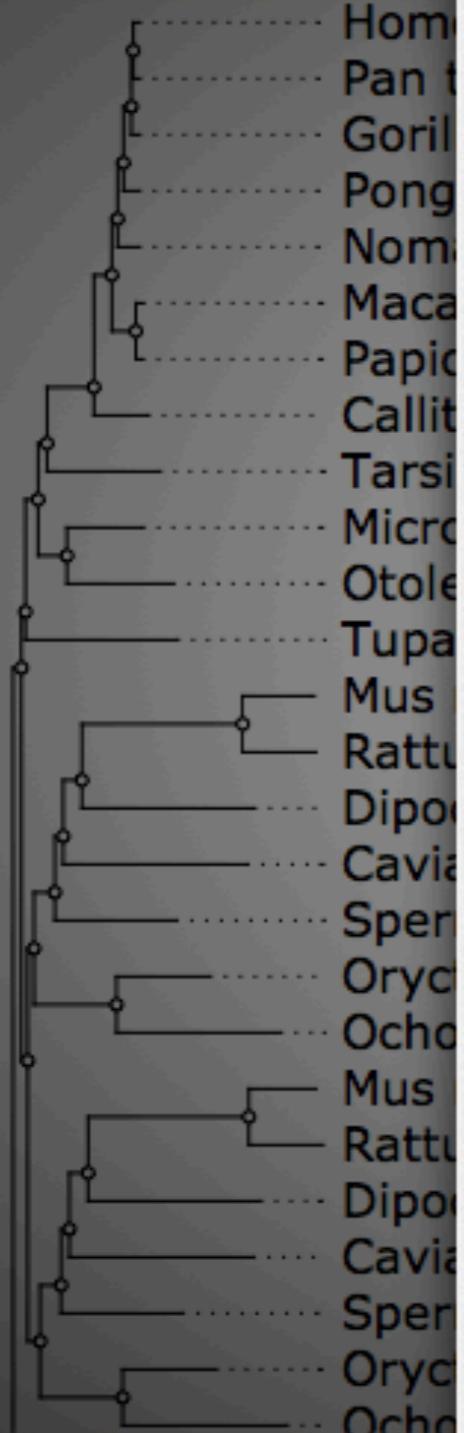
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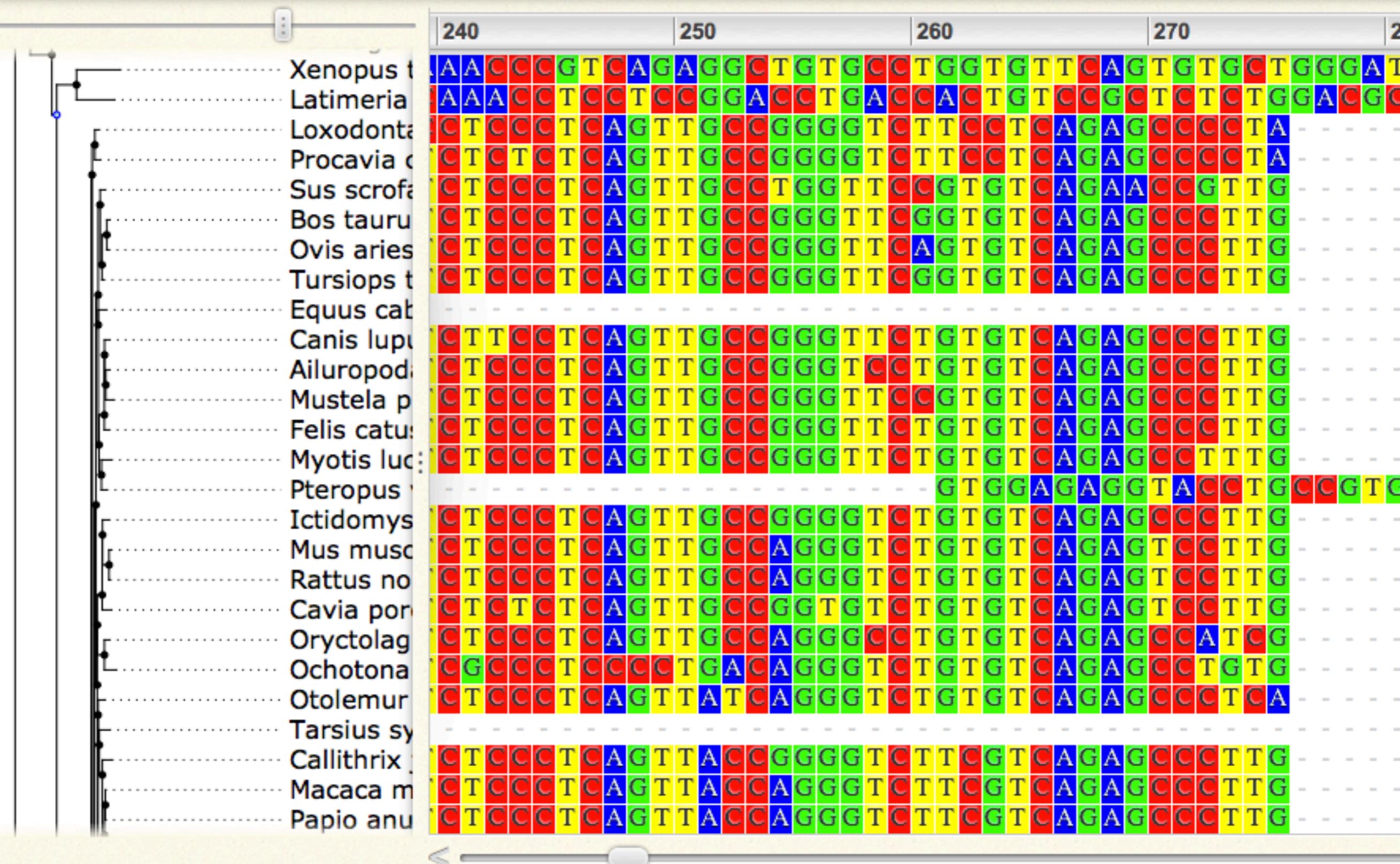
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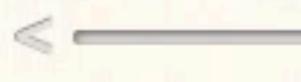
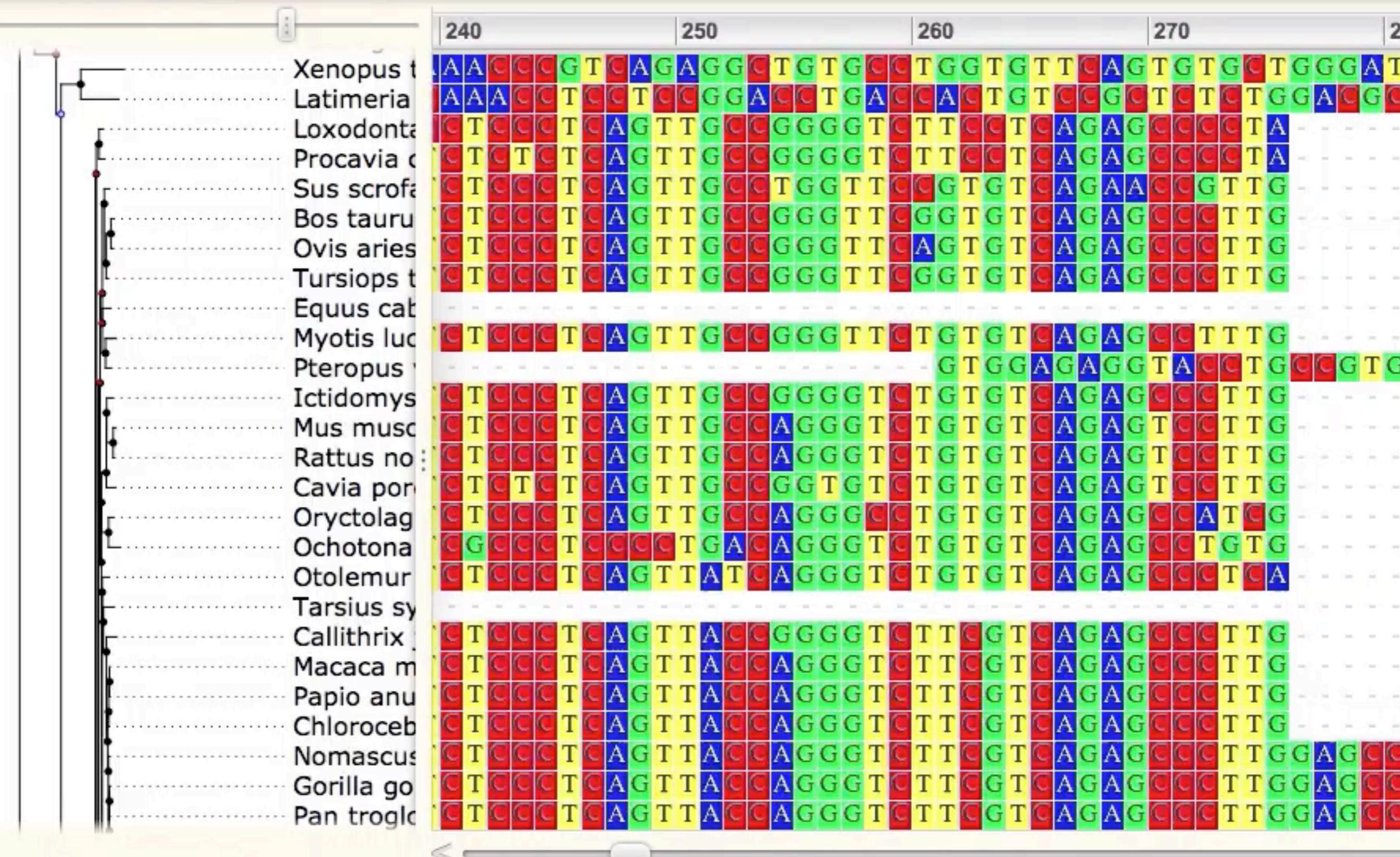



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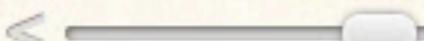
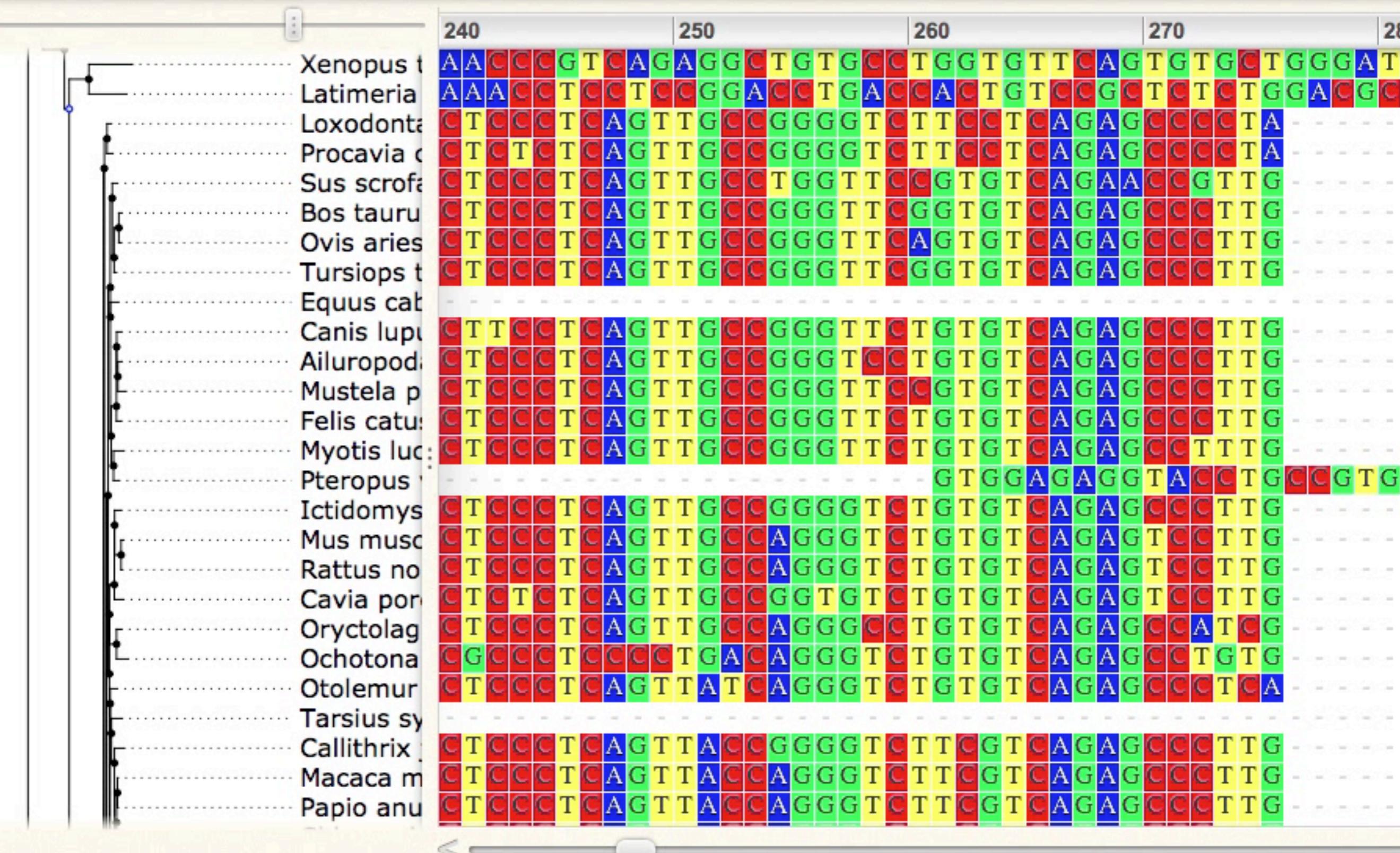
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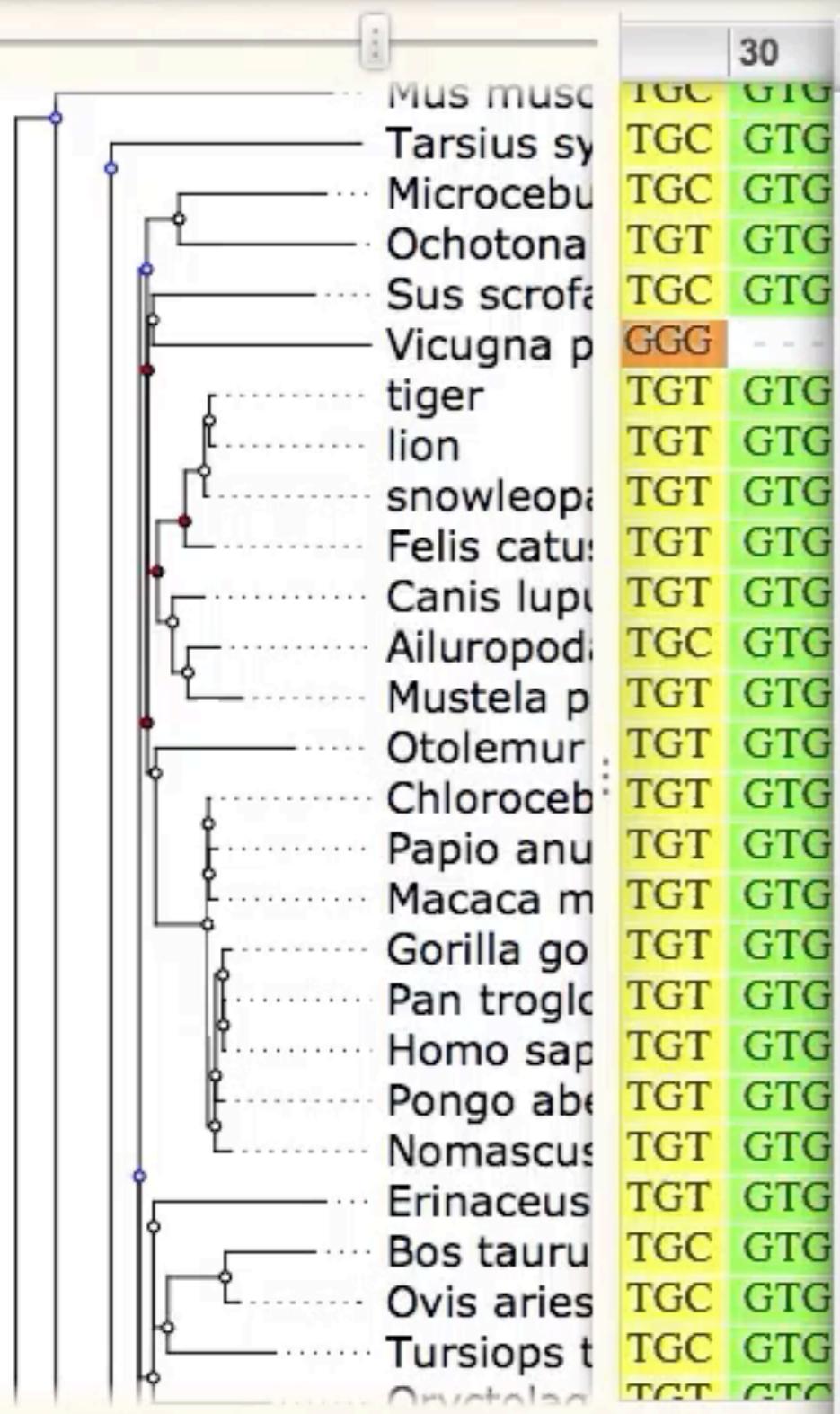


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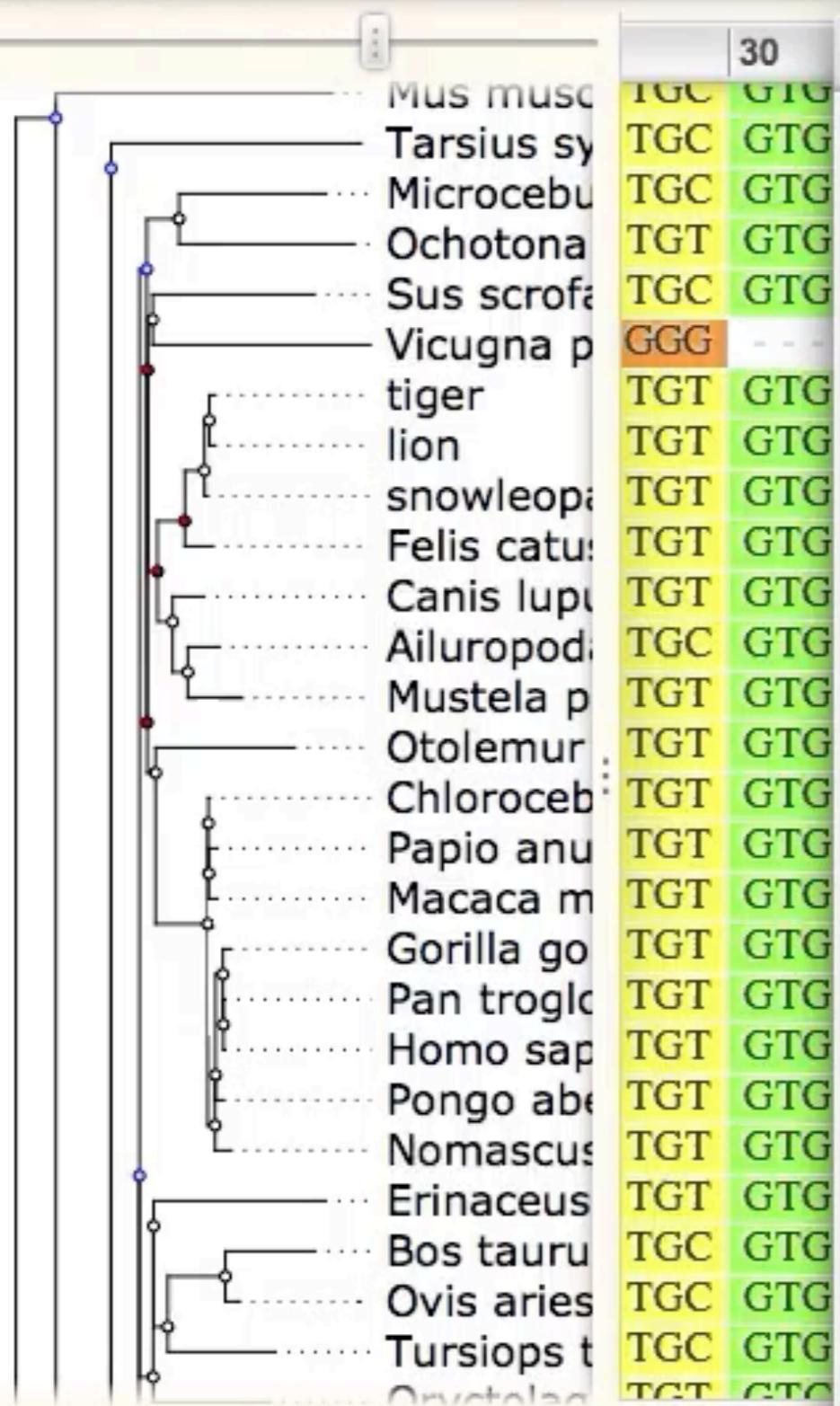


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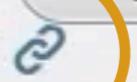
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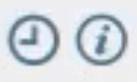


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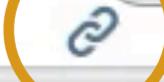


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Wasabi is a web application for phylogenetic sequence analysis.  
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Keywords: evolutionary sequence analysis, phylogenetic trees, multiple sequence alignment, data visualization.

## Introduction

In evolutionary sequence analysis, phylogenetic trees and sequence alignments are intrinsically linked: Sequence alignments define character homologies upon which phylogenetic inference is based and trees are integral in correcting for hierarchical dependencies among sequence data. In multiple sequence alignment, this connection was noticed early (Sankoff 1975) and was central in the first progressive alignment algorithm (Hogeweg and Hesper 1984). Although popular alignment programs use a tree to guide the alignment procedure, they consider the tree a given or parameter. The

Wasabi is inspired by our earlier tool, webPRANK (Löytynoja and Goldman 2010), a web interface to the PRANK alignment program. webPRANK was limited to the analysis of only small data sets and to a single analysis method. Wasabi, however, was developed using modern web technologies to scale to much larger data sets, while maintaining responsiveness. Wasabi additionally contains features for integrating heterogeneous data sets, file management and an intuitive, modern web interface (see fig. 1 for overview) for navigating and selecting appropriate analysis options. Additionally, due to the increasing complexity of



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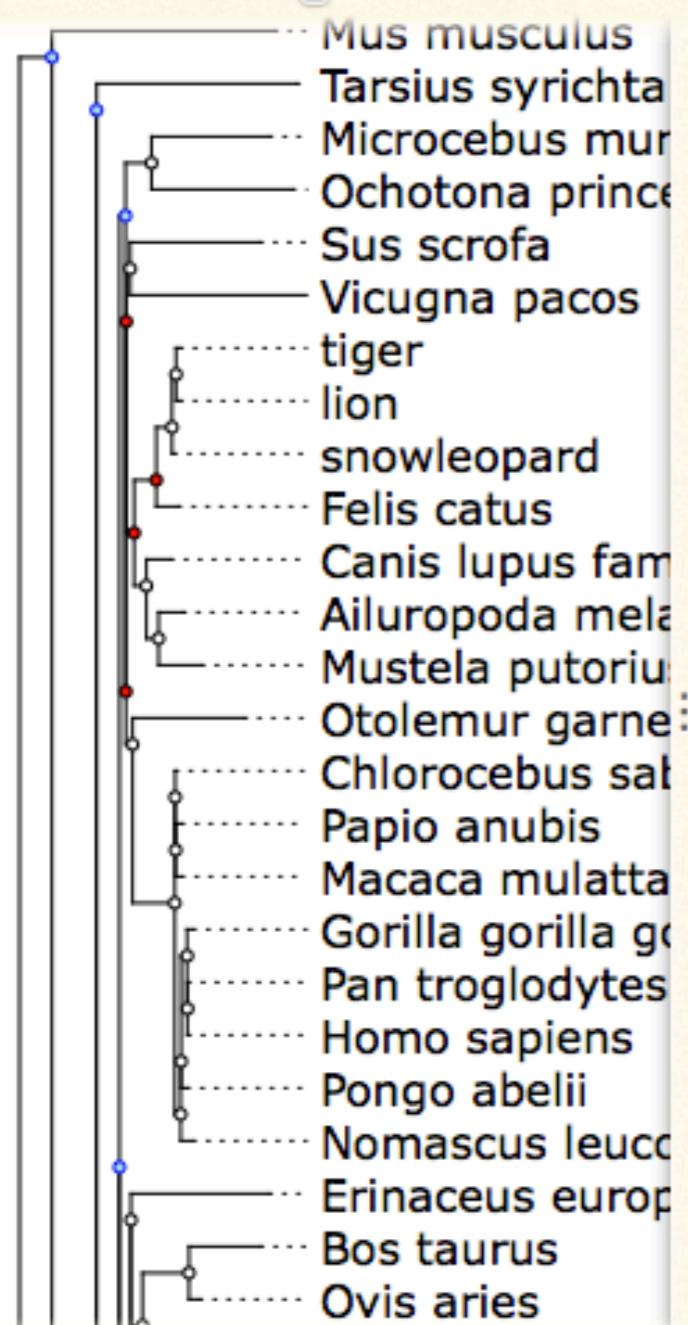
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The sequence alignment visualization shows a series of colored boxes representing DNA codons from position 30 to 40. The colors correspond to the four nucleotides: Adenine (green), Thymine (yellow), Guanine (purple), and Cytosine (red). The sequence is highly conserved, with most positions showing either G or C.

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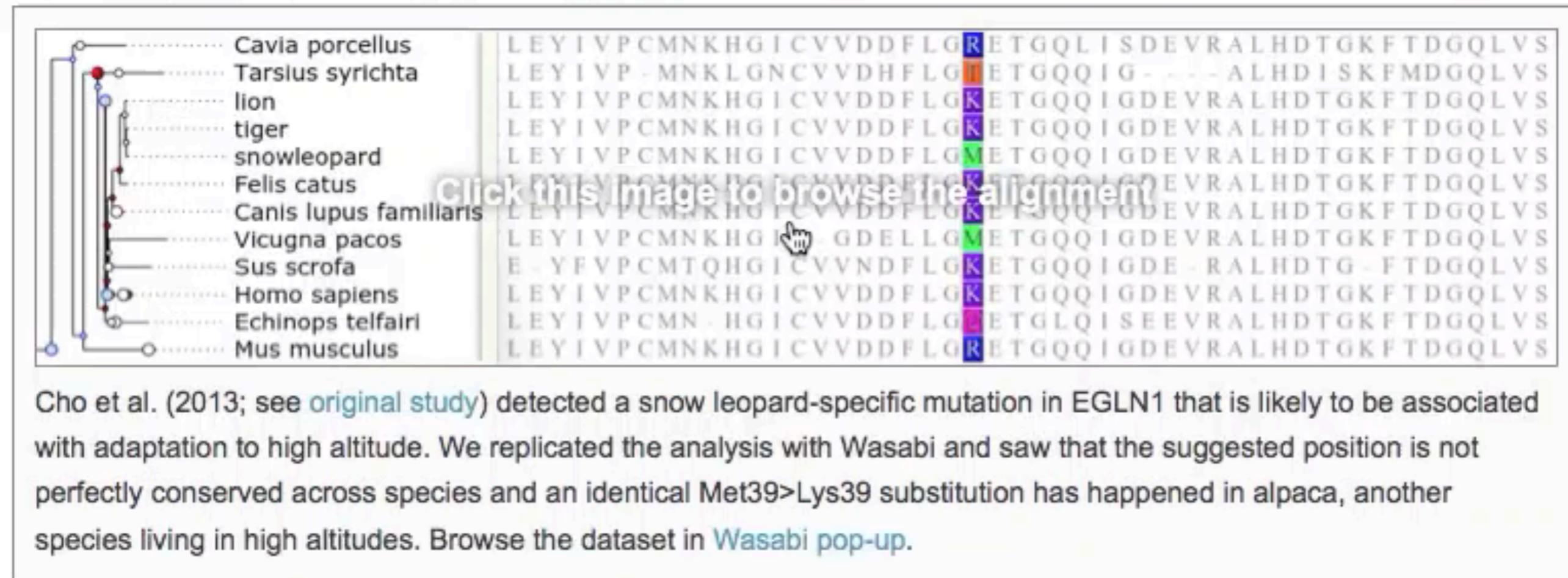
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Human (GRCh38.p7) ▾

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GeneTree [ENSGT00390000003602](#)

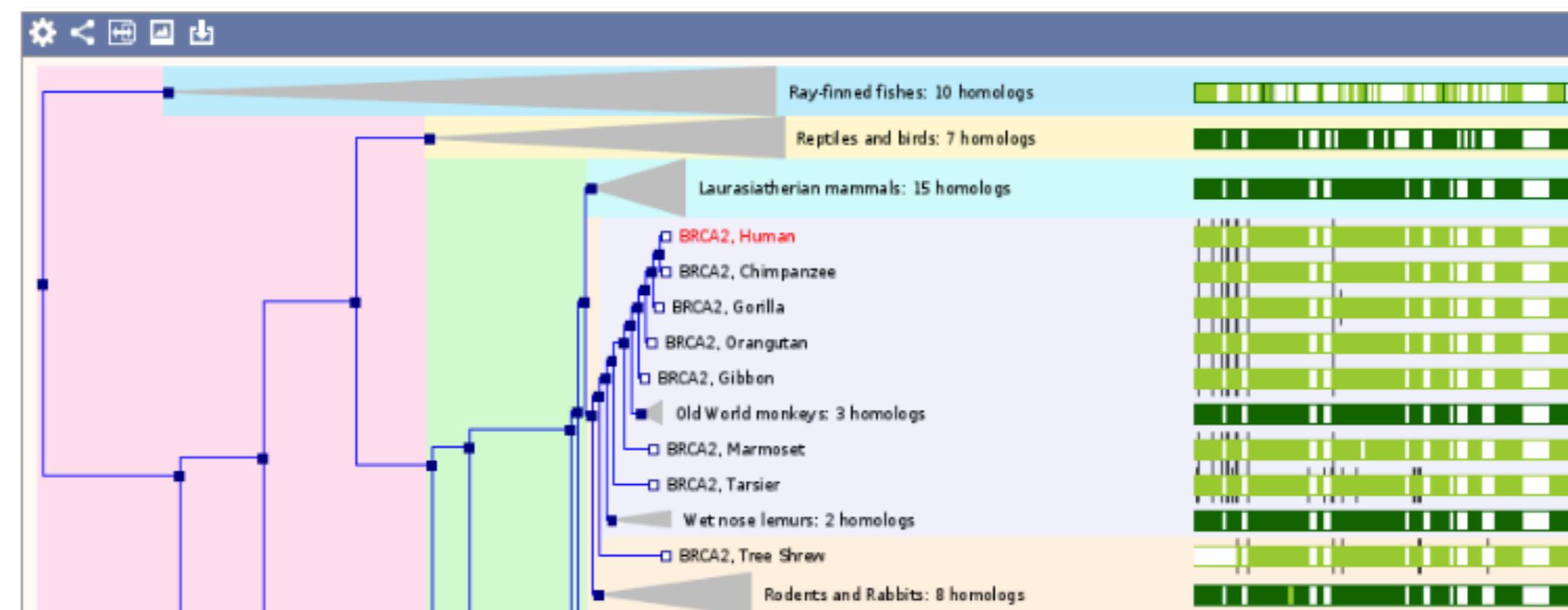
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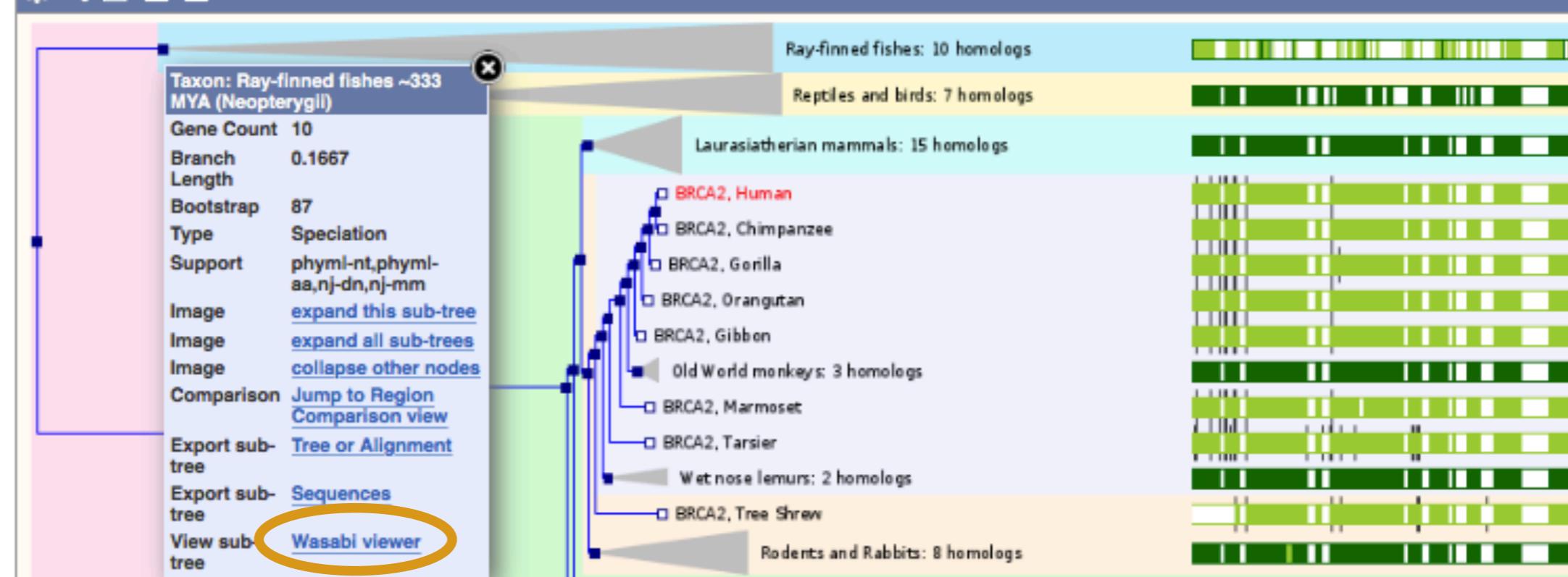
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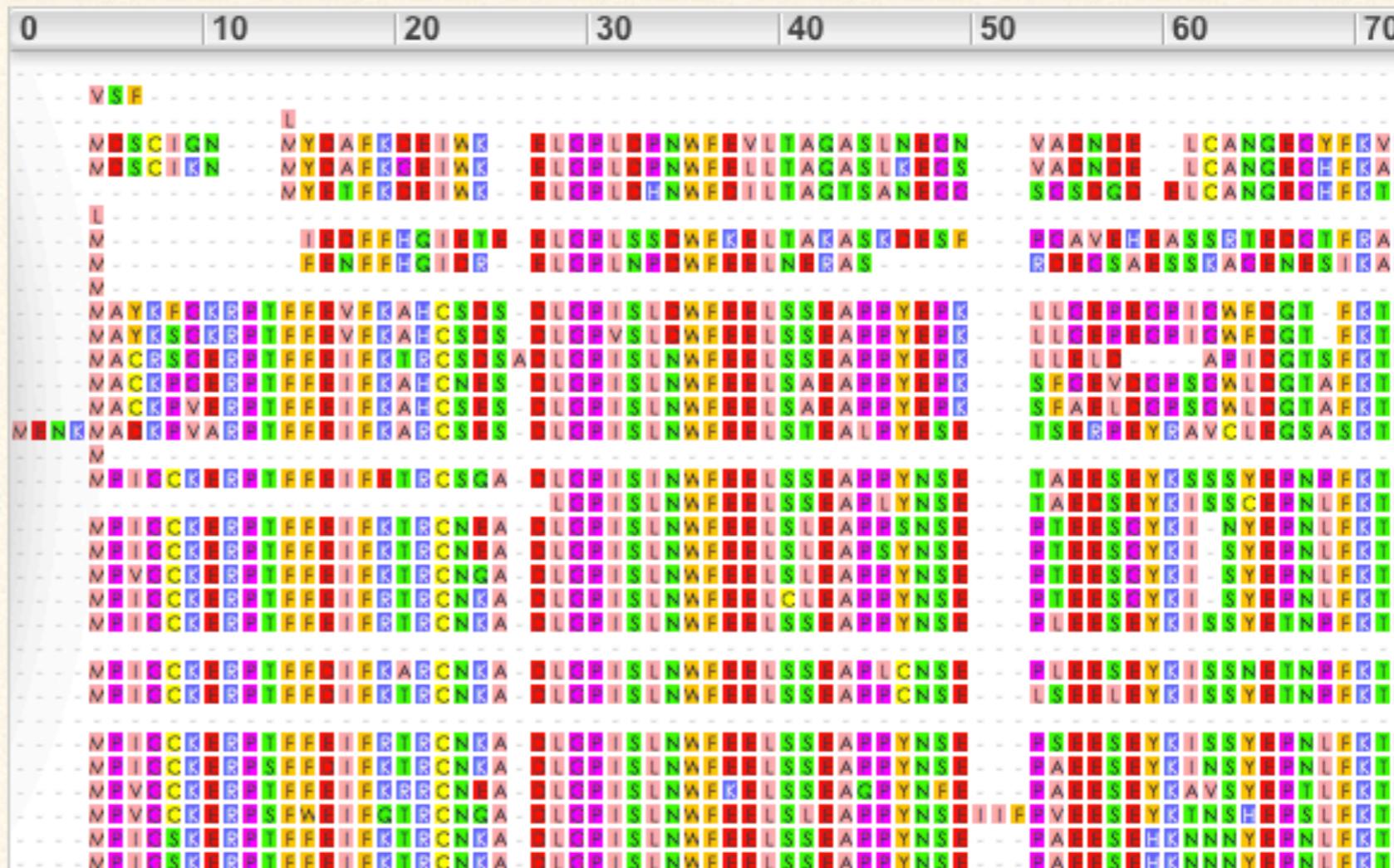
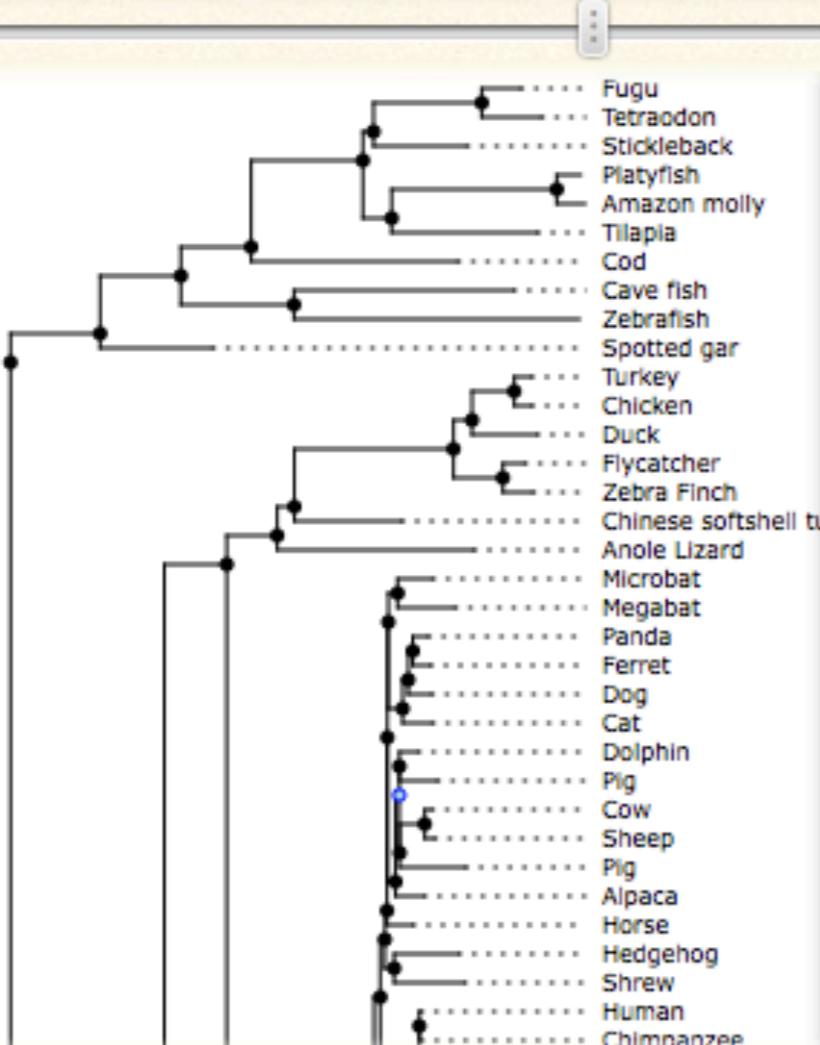
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BRCA2, Marmoset

BRCA2, Tarsier

Wet nose lemur: 2 homologs

Tree Shrew

Rodents and Rabbits: 8 homologs



# PLUGINS

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PAGAN v.0.54 (5 February, 2014). (C) 2010–2014 by Ari Löytynoja <ari.loytynoja@gmail.com>.
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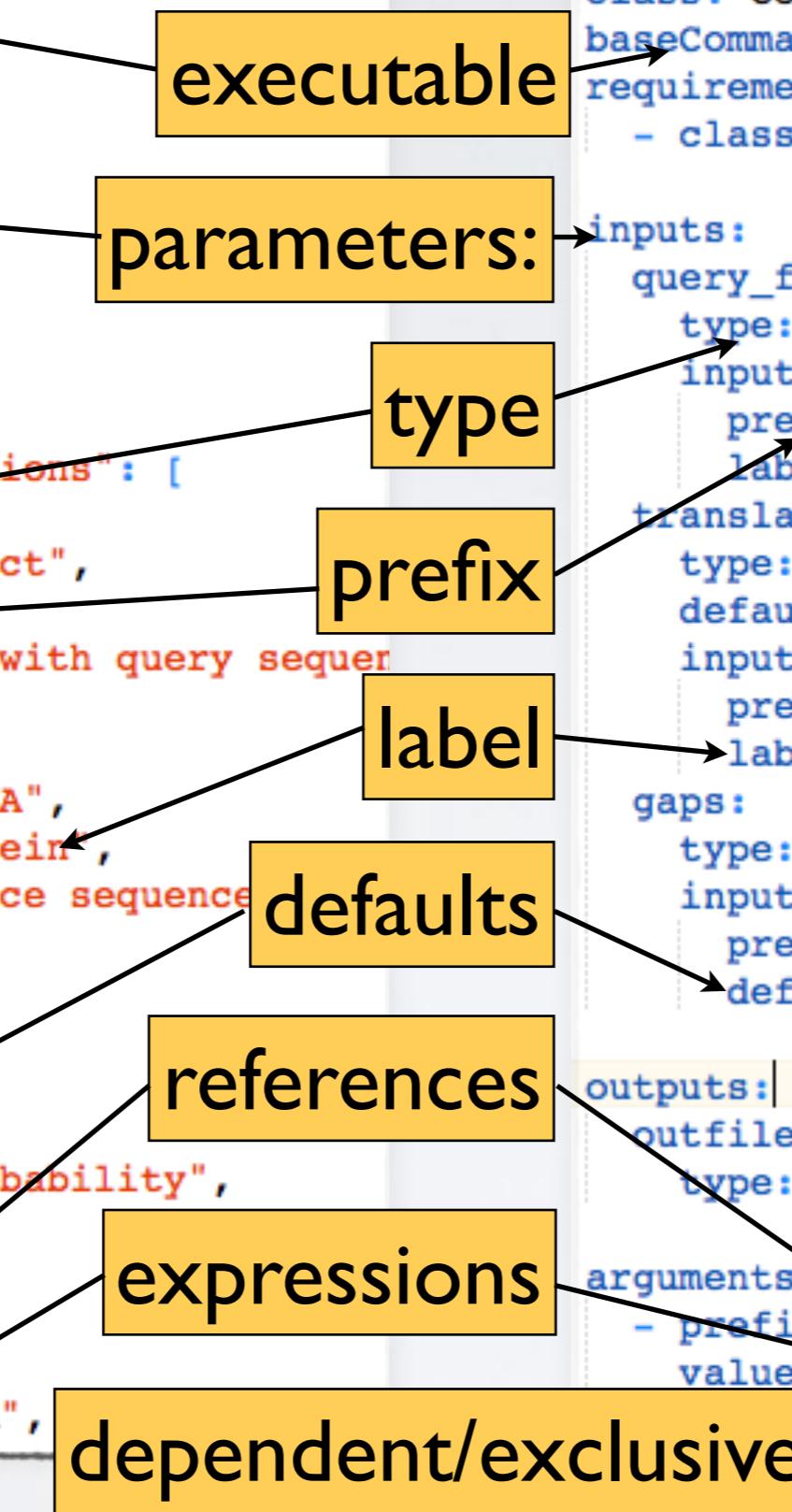
Generic options:
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--outformat arg         output format
--raxml-tree            RAXML tree
--translate              translate sequence
--mt-translate            translate mitochondrial sequence
--output-ancestors      output ancestral sequences
--config-file arg        configuration file
--config-log-file arg   configuration log file
--no-terminal-edges     do not draw terminal edges
--silent                silent mode
--noise arg              noise level
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# Executable

# JSON

# Wasabi plugin description

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# Common Workflow Language

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class: CommandLineTool
baseCommand: pagan
requirements:
  - class: InlineJavascriptRequirement

inputs:
  query_file:
    type: File
    inputBinding:
      prefix: --queryfile
      label: "Extend alignment with query sequences"

  translate_seq:
    type: boolean
    default: true
    inputBinding:
      prefix: --translate
      label: "Translate reference sequence to protein"

  gaps:
    type: float
    inputBinding:
      prefix: --gap-extension
      default: 0.5

outputs:
  outfile:
    type: File

arguments:
  - prefix: --codons
    valueFrom: $(inputs.queryfile.format=="DNA")
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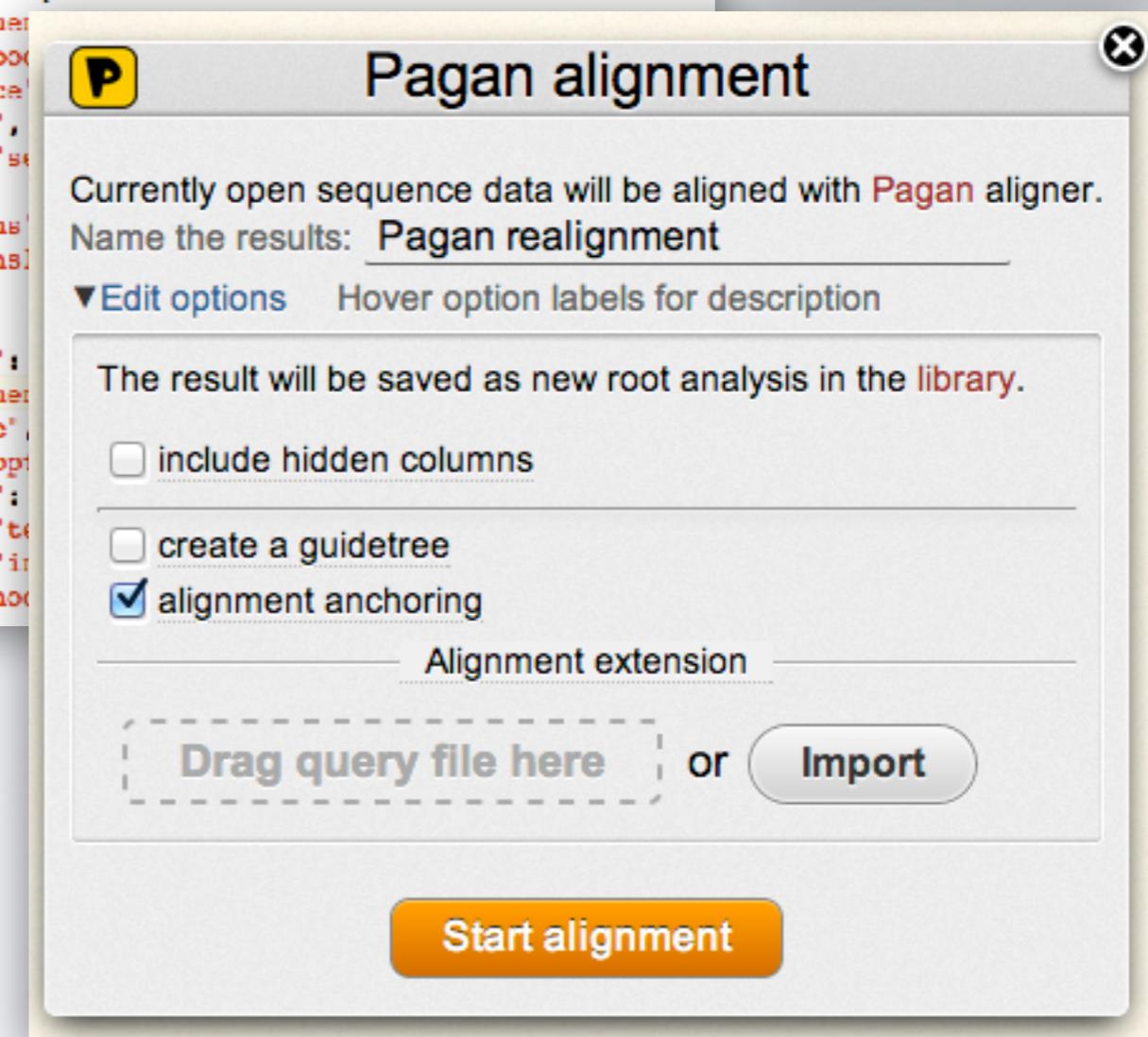
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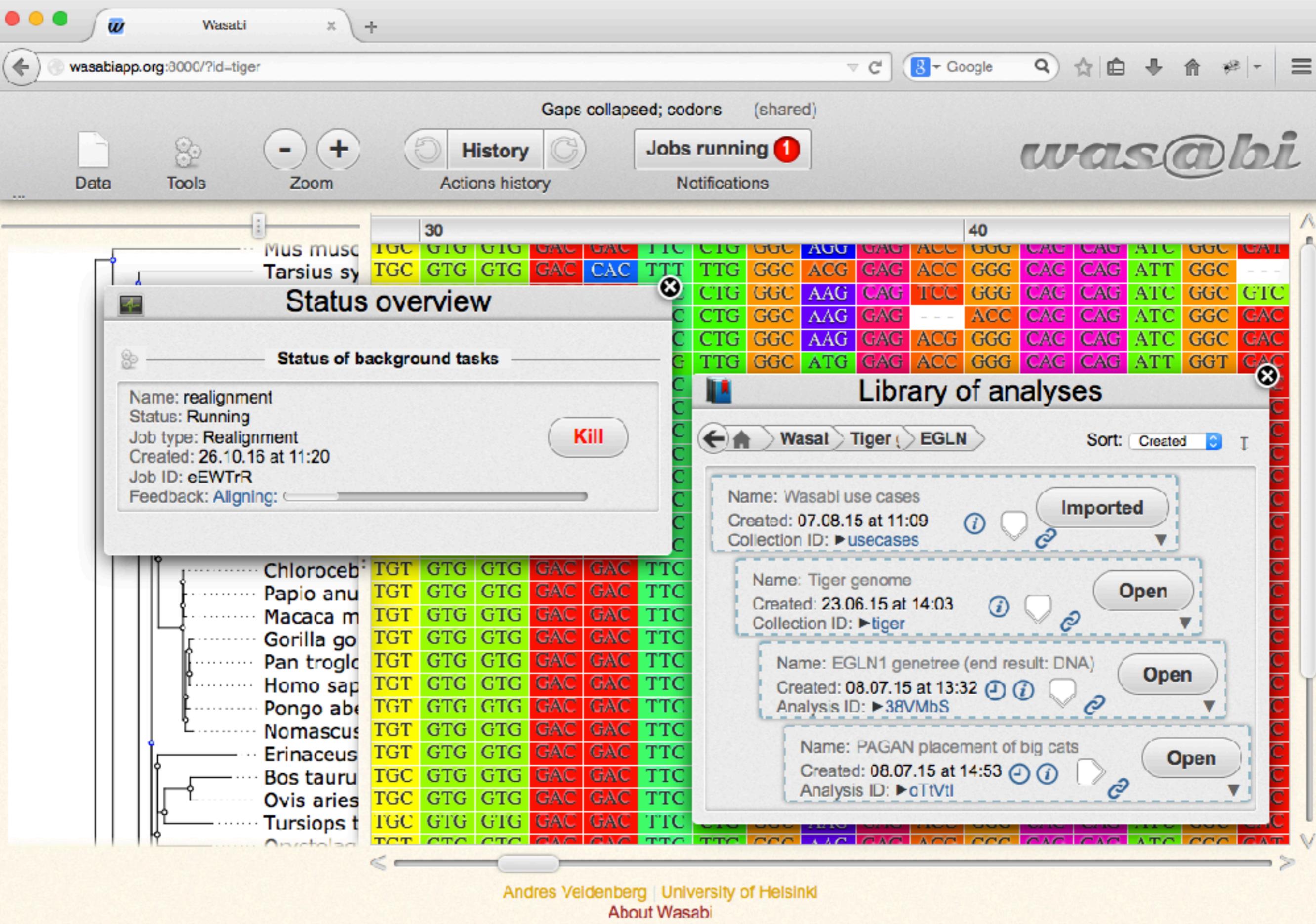
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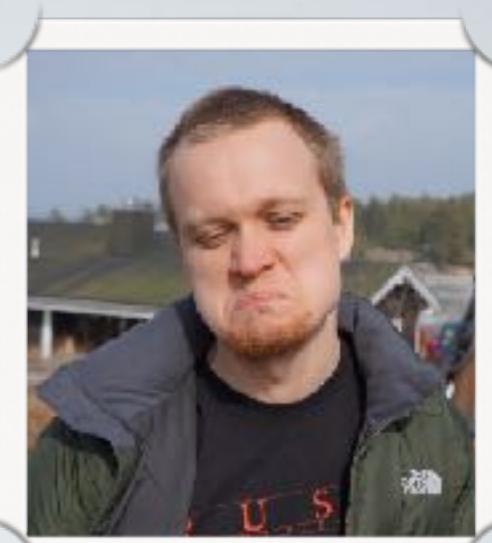


# Wasabi interface





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