

## **Molecular Cloning and Sequence Analysis of Novel Cytochrome P450 cDNA Fragments from *Dastarcus helophoroides***

Authors: Wang, Hai-Dong, Li, Fei-Fei, He, Cai, Cui, Jun, Song, Wang, et al.

Source: Journal of Insect Science, 14(28) : 1-12

Published By: Entomological Society of America

URL: <https://doi.org/10.1673/031.014.28>

---

BioOne Complete ([complete.BioOne.org](https://complete.BioOne.org)) is a full-text database of 200 subscribed and open-access titles in the biological, ecological, and environmental sciences published by nonprofit societies, associations, museums, institutions, and presses.

Your use of this PDF, the BioOne Complete website, and all posted and associated content indicates your acceptance of BioOne's Terms of Use, available at [www.bioone.org/terms-of-use](https://www.bioone.org/terms-of-use).

Usage of BioOne Complete content is strictly limited to personal, educational, and non - commercial use. Commercial inquiries or rights and permissions requests should be directed to the individual publisher as copyright holder.

---

BioOne sees sustainable scholarly publishing as an inherently collaborative enterprise connecting authors, nonprofit publishers, academic institutions, research libraries, and research funders in the common goal of maximizing access to critical research.



## Molecular cloning and sequence analysis of novel cytochrome P450 cDNA fragments from *Dastarcus helophoroides*

Hai-Dong Wang<sup>1a§</sup>, Fei-Fei Li<sup>2b§</sup>, Cai He<sup>3c</sup>, Jun Cui<sup>1d</sup>, Wang Song<sup>1e</sup>, Meng-Lou Li<sup>1f\*</sup>

<sup>1</sup>Laboratory of Forestry Pests Biological Control, College of Forestry, Northwest A&F University, Yangling, Shaanxi, 712100, P. R. China

<sup>2</sup>College of Science, Northwest A&F University, Yangling, Shaanxi, 712100, P. R. China

<sup>3</sup>Wuwei Academy of Forestry Sciences, Wuwei, Gansu 733000, P.R. China

<sup>§</sup>These authors contributed equally to this work

### Abstract

The predatory beetle *Dastarcus helophoroides* (Fairmaire) (Coleoptera: Bothrideridae) is a natural enemy of many longhorned beetles and is mainly distributed in both China and Japan. To date, no research on *D. helophoroides* P450 enzymes has been reported. In our study, for the better understanding of P450 enzymes in *D. helophoroides*, 100 novel cDNA fragments encoding cytochrome P450 were amplified from the total RNA of adult *D. helophoroides* abdomens using five pairs of degenerate primers designed according to the conserved amino acid sequences of the CYP6 family genes in insects through RT-PCR. The obtained nucleotide sequences were 250 bp, 270 bp, and 420 bp in length depending on different primers. Ninety-six fragments were determined to represent CYP6 genes, mainly from CYP6BK, CYP6BQ, and CYP6BR subfamilies, and four fragments were determined to represent CYP9 genes. Twenty-two fragments, submitted to GenBank, were selected for further homologous analysis, which revealed that some fragments of different sizes might be parts of the same P450 gene.

**Keywords:** homologous analysis, CYP6 fragments

**Correspondence:** <sup>a</sup> [wanghd2826@gmail.com](mailto:wanghd2826@gmail.com), <sup>b</sup> [feifeinewday@gmail.com](mailto:feifeinewday@gmail.com), <sup>c</sup> [brittany0825@hotmail.com](mailto:brittany0825@hotmail.com), <sup>d</sup> [cuijunclaire@hotmail.com](mailto:cuijunclaire@hotmail.com), <sup>e</sup> [songwang0516@yahoo.cn](mailto:songwang0516@yahoo.cn), <sup>f</sup> [limenglou@hotmail.com](mailto:limenglou@hotmail.com), \*Corresponding author

**Editor:** Henry Hagedorn was editor of this paper.

**Received:** 17 May 2012 **Accepted:** 16 December 2012 **Published:** 26 February 2014

**Copyright:** This is an open access paper. We use the Creative Commons Attribution 3.0 license that permits unrestricted use, provided that the paper is properly attributed.

**ISSN:** 1536-2442 | Vol. 14, Number 28

#### Cite this paper as:

Wang H-D, Li F-F, He C, Cui J, Song W, Li M-L. 2014. Molecular cloning and sequence analysis of novel cytochrome P450 cDNA fragments from *Dastarcus helophoroides*. *Journal of Insect Science* 14:28. Available online: <http://www.insectscience.org/14.28>

## Introduction

Cytochrome P450 monooxygenases are one of the most important enzyme systems found in most organisms. Various P450 genes obtained from animals, plants, and microorganisms have been classified into numerous families (Feyereisen 2006). P450 genes bind molecular oxygen and receive electrons from NADPH to introduce an oxygen atom to the substrate (Nelson 1993). In insects, the diverse functions of P450 enzymes range from the synthesis and degradation of ecdysteroids and juvenile hormones to the metabolism of xenobiotics (Nelson 2006). Though P450 monooxygenases can be detected in virtually all tissues, the highest monooxygenases activities are usually associated with the midgut, fat bodies, and Malpighian tubules (Feyereisen 2006).

Insect CYP superfamily P450 genes, mostly belonging to CYP4, CYP6, CYP9, CYP12, CYP18, CYP28, and CYP301-318 families, have frequently been involved in the detoxification processes that allow tolerance of insects to insecticides (Scott et al. 1998; Feyereisen 2005). As increasing numbers of P450s were isolated from different species, their functions in the metabolism of endogenous compounds were constantly revealed. For instance, CYP6L1 was highly and exclusively expressed in the testes and accessory glands of male adult German cockroaches, *Blattella germanica*, which strongly indicated that CYP6L1 played a role in reproduction (Wen and Scott 2001). CYP6BQ13v2, an allele of CYP6BQ13, isolated from the red flour beetle, *Tribolium castaneum*, was expressed in all life stages and was associated with the synthesis of ecdysteroids; further quantitative analysis revealed that the CYP6BQ13v2 expression levels appeared in the order of 1st instar larvae, followed by the 4th instar larvae,

7th instar larvae, and pupae from high to low (Xu et al. 2009). CYP6CM1, an age-specific gene isolated from the whitefly, *Bemisia tabaci*, was proved to play a role in the development process (Jones et al. 2011). It was estimated that nearly 65% of insect P450s are involved in the metabolism of endogenous compounds (Scott 2008).

*Dastarcus helophoroides* (Fairmaire) (Coleoptera: Bothrididae) is a natural enemy of *Anoplophora glabripennis*, *Monochamus alternatus*, *Batocera horsfieldi*, *Massicus raddei*, and many other longhorned beetles (Wei and Yang 2009). These parasitic beetles are distributed in both China and Japan (Qin and Gao 1988; Miura et al. 2003; Urano 2003). *D. helophoroides* larvae are ectoparasitoids of late instar larvae, pupae, and young adults of several longhorned beetle species, which makes them a potential biological control agent for pest management (Wang et al. 1996; Zhang and Yang 2006; Li et al. 2007). The adult *D. helophoroides* has a relatively longer lifespan than other insects, potentially living eight or more years in laboratory. Though the morphology and physiology of *D. helophoroides* has been widely reported, its aging mechanism is unknown (Lei et al. 2003). To date, there is no study or report on *D. helophoroides* P450 enzymes. Considering the wide range of functions in insects, it is reasonable to speculate that P450s might play an important role in the aging process of *D. helophoroides*. Also, the isolation and characterization of insect P450s is the critical first step towards the understanding of the function of P450s in certain metabolic process (Scott 1999; Feyereisen 2005). In the present paper, a cluster of P450 cDNA fragments were amplified from the total RNA of adult *D. helophoroides* abdomens using RT-PCR. Furthermore, homologous analysis indicated that these fragments are all new P450 cDNA se-

quences, belonging to CYP6 and CYP9 families.

## Materials and Methods

### Adult insects

The *D. helophoroides* adults were provided by the Laboratory of Forestry Pests Biological Control, College of Forestry, Northwest Agriculture and Forestry University, Yangling, Shaanxi, P. R. China. The adults were maintained and fed at  $22 \pm 1^\circ\text{C}$  and 80% RH under a 16:8 L:D photoperiod. The major components of the diet were silkworm pupa powder, sugar, yolk, and agar. The diet was prepared as described by Lei et al. (2005).

### Isolation of total RNA, and synthesis of the first strand of cDNA

Total RNA for amplification of P450 cDNA fragments was isolated from the abdomen of adult *D. helophoroides* using RNAiso Plus (Takara Bio, [www.takara-bio.com](http://www.takara-bio.com)). Five adult individuals were dissected to remove their abdomens, which then were ground with liquid nitrogen until becoming a powder. The powder was quickly transferred into a 1.5mL centrifuge tube and homogenized with 1mL RNAiso Plus (Takara). The process of total RNA extraction and purification was carried out according to the manufacturer's instructions. The total RNA ( $A_{260}/A_{280} = 1.865$ ) was dissolved in 20  $\mu\text{L}$  DEPC treated  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  and stored at  $-80^\circ\text{C}$ . The first strand of cDNA was synthesized using 2  $\mu\text{g}$  of the total RNA using a TIANScript First Strand cDNA Synthesis Kit (Tiangen Biotech, [www.tiangen.com](http://www.tiangen.com)) following the manufacturer's instructions. The reaction mixture was stored at  $-20^\circ\text{C}$ .

### Degenerate primers and amplification of the cDNA fragments

Four pairs of degenerate primers (dpE, dpF, dpG, and dpH) were designed according to the

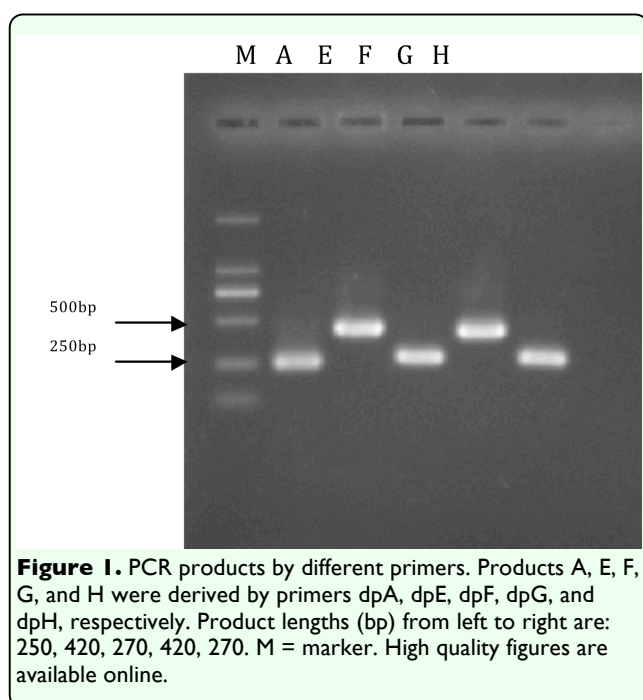
conserved amino acid sequences of insect CYP6 genes, and another pair of degenerate primers (dpA) reported by Kasai et al. (1998) were taken for comparison (Table1). The amplification was performed with S1000 PCR Thermal Cycler (Bio-Rad, [www.bio-rad.com](http://www.bio-rad.com)) using 2X ES Master mix Taq polymerase (CW BIO, [www.cwbio.com](http://www.cwbio.com)). The total reaction volume was 25  $\mu\text{L}$ , including 1  $\mu\text{L}$  cDNA, 1  $\mu\text{L}$  10  $\mu\text{M}/\text{L}$  forward and reverse primer respectively, 12.5  $\mu\text{L}$  2X ES Master mix Taq polymerase, and 9.5  $\mu\text{L}$  dd $\text{H}_2\text{O}$ . The PCR program was conducted under the following conditions: an initial denaturation at  $94^\circ\text{C}$  for 1 min followed by 30 cycles of  $94^\circ\text{C}$  for 30 sec,  $45^\circ\text{C}$  for 30 sec, and  $72^\circ\text{C}$  for 1 min, and a final extension at  $72^\circ\text{C}$  for 10 min. The PCR products were then separated by 1.5% agarose gel electrophoresis and stained with ethidium bromide (EB). The bands of the expected size (250 bp, 270 bp, and 420 bp) were excised and recovered using Universal DNA Purification Kit (Tiangen Biotech).

### Cloning and sequencing of cDNA fragments

The purified fragments were cloned using pUCm-T Vector Cloning kit (Sangon Biotech, [www.sangon.com](http://www.sangon.com)). After transformation into SK2301 competent cells (Takara), the DNA inserts of the recombinant clones were amplified by PCR with the five degenerate primers used above, and sequenced in both directions.

### Bioinformatic analysis

The cDNA sequences were compared with the other similar P450 genes registered in GenBank using Blastx (searching protein database using a translated nucleotide query) (<http://blast.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov>). The alignment of the cDNA sequences and deduced amino acid sequences were conducted by DNAMAN 6.0 (Lynnon, [www.lynnon.com](http://www.lynnon.com)) and Clustalx 2.0 ([www.clustal.org](http://www.clustal.org)). The deduced amino



acid identity matrix was derived by MatGAT 2.01. The printing and shading of the Multiple-Alignment was carried out by BOXSHAD 3.21

([www.ch.embnet.org/software/BOX\\_form.html](http://www.ch.embnet.org/software/BOX_form.html)). The phylogenetic tree was constructed by MEGA 5.0 ([www.megasoftware.net](http://www.megasoftware.net)) (Kumar et al. 2008) using the neighbor-joining method.

## Results

### cDNA amplification and cloning

The sizes of the PCR products were 250 bp, 270 bp, and 420 bp (Figure 1), depending on different primers. The five purified PCR products (A, E, F, G, H) were then cloned using pUCm-T Vector Cloning kit.

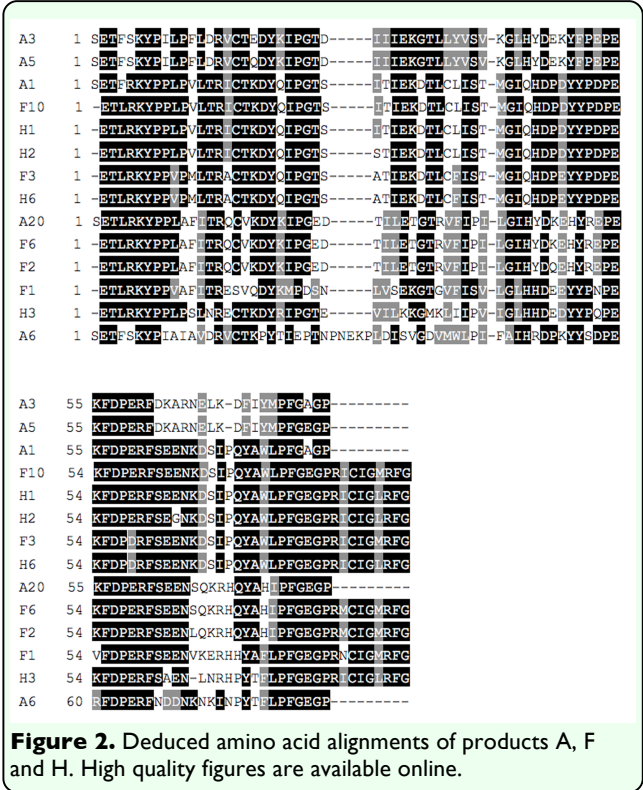
### cDNA sequencing and characterization

Twenty-five positive clones from each of the products A, E, F, G, and H ( $n = 125$  total clones) were sequenced. In order to balance the sequence number of each product, 20 sequences that were determined to represent P450 genes were selected for each product. A

Blastx search of GenBank using the total 100 nucleotide sequences as queries revealed various levels of homology with CYP6 and CYP9 genes from other organisms. Ninety-six sequences were determined to represent CYP6 genes, and four sequences were determined to represent CYP9 genes. All of the CYP6 sequences had significant homology to genes from either *Tribolium castaneum* (CYP6BK17, CYP6BK5, CYP6BQ13, CYP6BR3) or *Pediculus humanus corporis*. Nucleotide sequences that shared a  $\geq 96\%$  nucleotide identity in the same product cluster were classified into a same contig. The 100 CYP6 and CYP9 sequences were aligned into 17 distinct contigs (CP-1 to CP-17) that represented six unique P450 genes (Table 2, Table 3).

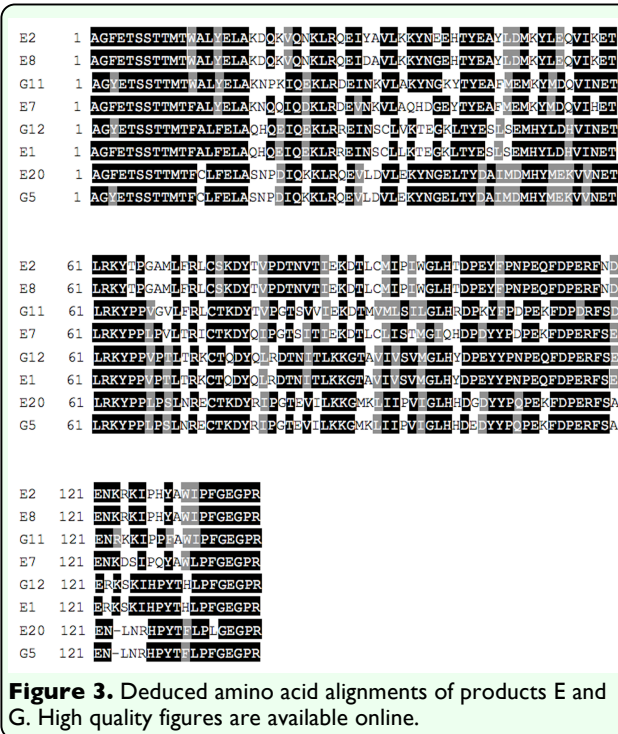
Twenty-two sequences were selected from the 17 contigs as candidates and divided into two groups (I and II) on the basis of sequence length for further analysis. All 22 fragments were submitted to GenBank, and the accession numbers were obtained. According to the best matches of the 22 novel sequences (Table 4), genes from CYP6BK and CYP6BQ subfamilies accounted for nearly 80% of total genes, and the other two subfamilies (CYP6BR, CYP9Z) accounted for the remaining 20%. Table 4 shows that among the 22 sequences, eight were homologous to CYP6BK17 (*T. castaneum*), five were homologous to CYP6BK5 (*T. castaneum*), four were homologous to CYP6BQ13 (*T. castaneum*), two were homologous to CYP6BR3 (*T. castaneum*), two were homologous to P450 (*Pediculus humanus corporis*), and one was homologous to CYP9Z4 (*T. castaneum*). Furthermore, product A had a relatively higher sequence diversity than the others, which corresponded to its high degeneracy.





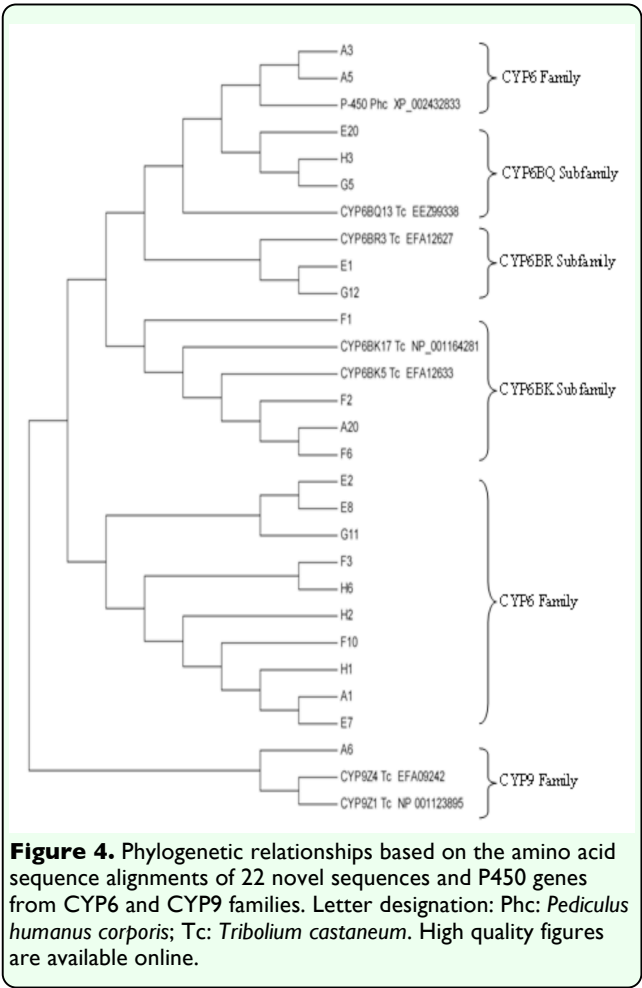
Deduced amino acid and homologous analysis

The deduced amino acid identity of the 22 sequences varied from 38.4 to 100% (Table 5). Sequences from the same contig shared a high amino acid identity, such as A3 and A5, F2 and F6, H1 and H2, and E2 and E8 (Table 5). According to Figure 2 and Figure 3, the heme-binding sequence motif FxxGxxxCxG (residue 77–86; 135–140) that is universal among P450 enzymes was found in all the 22 deduced amino acid sequences. As is shown in Figure 2, with the exception of A1, A3, A5, and A6, the primer corresponding motif ETLRKYPP (residue 2–9) was found in the upstream of the other 11 deduced amino sequences. Moreover, the characteristic P450 motif PERF (residue 58–61) was found in all the other 12 deduced amino acid sequences except H3 and F6. In addition, compared with the other 13 deduced amino acid sequences, A6 had a particular sequence PNEKP (residue 28–32), which may be one of the features to distinguish CYP6 and CYP9 families. Judging



from Figure 3, the primer corresponding motif AG(Y/F)ETSST (residue 1–8) was found in all eight deduced amino acid sequences. Furthermore, the particular P450 sequence motifs ExxR (residue 59–62) and PERF (residue 115–118) were also found.

Though the cDNA fragments derived from different primers or contigs usually had ≤70% deduced amino acid identity, exceptions still existed. Some deduced amino acid sequences from different groups were found to be much closer to each other. For instance, according to Table 5 and Figure 4, the deduced amino acid identity of the corresponding regions of A1 (group I) and E7 (group II), H3 (group I) and E20 (group II) were both 97.5%, and that of H1 (group I) and E7 (group II), G5 (group II) and H3 (group I) were both 100%, which indicated that fragments H3, G5, and E20 might belong to the same P450 genes (CYP6BQ subfamily) or its allele, as well as F2, A20, and F6, which are supposed to be the parts of another P450 gene (CYP6BK subfamily) or its allele.



Phylogenetic tree analysis

A phylogenetic tree was constructed using the neighbor-joining method (Figure 4). As shown in Figure 4, A6 was found to be less closely related to the other sequences and was classified into the CYP9 family. Fragments H3, G5, and E20 were more closely related to CYP6BQ13 than the others and shared a high deduced amino acid identity of 97% and 100%, as is shown in Table 5, which strongly indicated that these three fragments may be different parts of the same gene from the CYP6BQ subfamily. Fragments E1 and G2 were classified into CYP6BR subfamily. A20, F1, F2, and F6 were classified into CYP6BK subfamily. Despite the high deduced amino acid identity, fragments A1, E7, and H1 were not classified into any given CYP6 subfam-

lies. Though sharing a low identity of amino acid, fragments E1 and G12 were still classified into the same subfamily, CYP6BR.

Discussion

Gene cloning by PCR using degenerate primers derived from the conserved amino acid sequences of other species has been shown to be an effective method to isolate DNA sequences from target species (Li et al. 2005; Yang et al. 2007; Huang et al. 2012). Though the P450 super-family has a very diverse sequence, and the overall homology may be less than 40% even within the same family, especially in insects, several functional sequence motifs still persevered during the evolution (Wang and Hobbs 1995). For example, the classic heme-binding sequence motif, FxxGxxxCxG, which is universal among all P450 enzymes. The K-helix, ExxR, and I-helix, (A/G)GxxT are also highly conserved. Degenerate primers designed based on those conserved amino acid sequences are usually utilized in the amplification of P450 genes in different species, and the results are productive (Kasai et al. 2000; Jiang et al. 2008; Huang et al. 2012). In our study, five pairs of degenerate primers were designed according to those conserved motifs. Compared to the previous studies with just one pair of degenerate primer, our findings were more fruitful and reliable.

The best hits of the 100 new cDNA fragments are almost P450 genes from *T. castaneum*, which belongs to the same order as *D. helophoroides*. One possible reason for this is that the completion of the genome sequencing of *T. castaneum* makes its total number of P450 genes able to possess an overwhelming percentage in beetles. Another possible reason is that P450 genes from both *D. helophoroides* and *T. castaneum* were highly homologous

due to shared ancestry. However, the real reason may not be clear until more P450 genes from beetles have been isolated. The deduced amino acid sequences of 22 cDNA fragments shared a high identity with CYP6BK17, CYP6BK5, and CYP6BQ13 from *T. castaneum*. Therefore, it is possible that there are similar P450 genes in *D. helophoroides*. According to the report of Xu et al. (2009), CYP6BQ13v2, an allele of CYP6BQ13, played an important role in the development of *T. castaneum*. Generally speaking, as the primary structure of protein, the amino acid sequence is critical to the function of certain genes to a large extent. So, it is reasonable to suspect that there are P450 genes with similar functions as CYP6BQ13v2 in *D. helophoroides*. It is a complex and strict process to validate the function of one P450 gene; however, proper speculation can make further research smoother and more purposeful.

In addition to being a potential biological control agent, the aging of *D. helophoroides* is also of interest. However, the information about age-related P450 genes from insects is limited. But, age-related P450 genes have long been reported in both mammals and plants (Maeda et al. 1984; Schenkman et al. 1989; Imaoka et al. 1991; Wauthier et al. 2007). Also, substantial evidence suggests that age-related changes in CYP expression occur in humans and rats (Yun et al. 2010). In rats, hepatic CYP expression changes with aging (Imaoka et al. 1991; Wauthier et al. 2007), and developmental expression of CYP isoforms has been studied extensively. According to the report of Yun (2010), increasing age caused significant alterations in the expression of CYP isoforms. Specifically, the expression of hepatic drug-metabolizing CYP genes, such as CYP2B1, CYP2C11, and CYP3A1, peaked after puberty, and then declined during the adult stage. Due to these

changes, the corresponding capacity of detoxification in the liver decreased, which led to the accumulation of toxins, both endogenous and exogenous, during aging. Consequently, all these alterations may have an adverse effect on health and may accelerate the aging process of mice. Although the mechanisms of the aging process between mice and insects are much different, the function of CYP genes in all organisms are highly conserved. Considering that CYP6 genes of insects have been shown to be an effective metabolism drug, it is very likely to play a similar role as the CYP genes in rats. This is why the CYP6 gene family was examined in our study. The expression profile of all CYP6 genes we found could be examined to see whether they are age-related or not in *D. helophoroides*.

A large number of P450 genes have been isolated and identified. However, P450 gene reports from insects are still limited. So far, more than 56,000 P450 sequences from varied organisms have been submitted to GenBank, but less than 10% of them are from insects. In beetles, the total number of P450 sequences are only 337, mostly belonging to *T. castaneum*. Except for those species in which the genome has been sequenced, the amount of research on P450 genes in other species is still low. For species without the establishment of a cDNA library and completion of genome sequencing, it is difficult to detect the overall abundance of P450 genes. In the present study, five pairs of degenerate primers were used to amplify the P450 genes in *D. helophoroides*, and a total of 100 P450 fragments were isolated and classified, which gave an overall picture of CYP6 genes in this beetle. The findings expand the P450 gene information in beetles and add to the molecular knowledge of *D. helophoroide*.



Although the isolated P450 cDNA fragments in the current study are only 1/5 to 1/3 parts of common full length P450 sequences, several functional critical motifs of P450s enzymes were found. In addition, the cDNA fragments amplified by PCR using degenerate primers that derived from the I-helix and heme-binding motifs could accurately reflect the authenticity of the corresponding full-length P450 genes (Fogleman and Danielson 2001). Therefore, the obtained sequences and homology analysis of cDNA fragments in this study took the first step towards the exploration of a brand new area of insect P450 beyond drug resistance in this beetle, and also provides an easy and cheap way to scan the abundance of P450 genes in certain organisms.

### Acknowledgements

We thank Dr. David R. Nelson for his assistance in the classification of the fragments. This research was funded by the National Natural Science Foundation of China (No.31170608).

### References

Feyereisen R. 2005. Insect cytochrome P450. In: Gilbert LI, Iatrou K, Gill SS, Editors. *Comprehensive Molecular Insect Science*, volume 4, pp. 1–77. Elsevier.

Feyereisen R. 2006. Evolution of insect P450. *Biochemical Society Transactions* 34(6): 1252–1255.

Fogleman JC, Danielson PB. 2001. Analysis of fragment homology among DNA sequences from Cytochrome P450 Families 4 and 6. *Genetica* 110: 257–265.

Huang Y, Jiang HB, Shen GM, Dou W, Wang JJ. 2012. Molecular characterizations of two

cytochrome P450 genes encoding CYP6A41 and CYP6EK1 from the oriental fruit fly, *Bactrocera dorsalis* (Diptera: Tephritidae). *Archives of Insect Biochemistry and Physiology* 79(1): 31–46.

Imaoka S, Fujita S, Funae Y. 1991. Age-dependent expression of cytochrome P-450s in rat liver. *Biochim Biophys Acta* 1097: 187–192.

Jones CM, Daniels M, Andrews M, Slater R, Lind RJ, Gorman K, Williamson MS, Denholm L. 2011. Age-specific expression of a P450 monooxygenase (CYP6CM1) correlates with neonicotinoid resistance in *Bemisia tabaci*. *Pesticide Biochemistry and Physiology* 101: 53–58.

Jiang HB, Wang JJ, Liu GY, Dou W. 2008. Molecular cloning and sequence analysis of a novel P450 gene encoding CYP345D3 from the red flour beetle, *Tribolium castaneum*. *Journal of Insect Science* 8:55. Available online: [www.insectscience.org/8.55](http://www.insectscience.org/8.55)

Jiang HB, Tang PA, Xu YQ, An FM, Wang JJ. 2010. Molecular characterization of two novel deltamethrin-inducible P450 genes from *Liposcelis bostrychophila* Badonnel (Psocoptera: Liposcelididae). *Archives of Insect Biochemistry and Physiology* 74: 17–37.

Kasai S, Shono T, Yamakawa M. 1998. Molecular cloning and nucleotide sequence of a cytochrome P450 cDNA from a pyrethroid-resistant mosquito, *Culex quinquefasciatus* Say. *Insect Molecular Biology* 7(2): 185–190.

Kasai S, Weerasinghe IS, Shono T, Yamakawa M. 2000. Molecular cloning, nucleotide sequence and gene expression of a cytochrome P450 (CYP6F1) from the

pyrethroid-resistant mosquito, *Culex quinquefasciatus* Say. *Insect Biochemistry and Molecular Biology* 30: 163–171.

Kumar S, Nei M, Dudley J, Tamura K. 2008. MEGA: A biologist-centric software for evolutionary analysis of DNA and protein sequences. *Briefings in Bioinformatics* 9(4): 299–306.

Lei Q, Li ML, Yang ZQ. 2003. A study on biological feature of *Dastarcus longulus*. *Journal of Northwest A&F University (Natural Science Edition)* 31(2): 62–66. (In Chinese)

Lei Q, Chen JF, Huang N, Li ML. 2005. Artificial fodder ingredience for *Dastarcus longulus* adults. *Chinese Agriculture Science Bulletin* 21(3): 259–271 (In Chinese)

Li H, Dai H, Wei H. 2005. Molecular cloning and nucleotide sequence of CYP6BF1 from the diamondback moth, *Plutella xylostella*. *Journal of Insect Science* 5:45. Available online: [www.insectscience.org/5.45](http://www.insectscience.org/5.45)

Li ML, Wang PX, Ma F, Yang ZQ. 2007. Study on the parasitic efficiency of *Dastarcus helophoroides* on *Anoplophora glabripennis*. *Journal of Northwest A&F University (Natural Science Edition)* 94(4): 152–156, 162. (In Chinese)

Maeda K, Kamataki T, Nagai T, Kato R. 1984. Postnatal development of constitutive forms of cytochrome P-450 in liver microsomes of male and female rats. *Biochem Pharmacol* 33: 509–512.

Miura K, Abe T, Nakashima Y, Urano T. 2003. Field release of parasitoid *Dastarcus helophoroides* (Fairmaire) (Coleoptera: Bothrideridae) on pine logs infested with

*Monochamus alternatus* Hope (Coleoptera: Cerambycidae) and their dispersal. *Journal of the Japanese Forestry Society* 85(1): 12–17. (in Japanese)

Nelson DR. 1993. The P450 Superfamily: Update on New Sequences, Gene Mapping, Accession Numbers, Early Trivial Names of Enzymes, and Nomenclature. *DNA and Cell Biology* 12(1): 1–51.

Nelson DR. 2006. Cytochrome P450 nomenclature. *Methods in Molecular Biology* 2: 1–10.

Qin XX, Gao RT. 1988. Studies on bionomics and application of *Dastarcus longulus* Sharp. *Entomology Knowledge* 25(2): 109–112. (In Chinese)

Ranson H, Nikou D, Hutchins M, Wang X, Roth CW, Hemingway J, Collins FH. 2002. Molecular analysis of multiple cytochrome P450 genes from the malaria vector, *Anopheles gambiae*. *Insect Molecular Biology* 11(5): 409–4181.

Schenkman JB, Thummel KE, Favreau LV. 1989. Physiological and pathophysiological alterations in rat hepatic cytochrome P-450. *Drug Metab Rev* 20: 557–584.

Scott JG, Liu N, Wen ZM. 1998. Insect cytochromes P450: diversity, insecticide resistance and tolerance to plant toxins. *Comparative Biochemistry and Physiology (Part C)* 121: 147–155.

Scott JG. 1999. Cytochromes P450 and insecticide resistance. *Insect Biochemistry and Molecular Biology* 29: 757–777.

Scott JG. 2008. Insect cytochrome P450s: Thinking beyond detoxification. In: Liu N,

- Editor. *Recent Advances in Insect Physiology, Toxicology and Molecular Biology*. pp. 117–124. Springer.
- Snyder MJ. 2000. Cytochrome P450 enzymes in aquatic invertebrates: recent advances and future directions. *Aquatic Toxicology* 48: 529–547.
- Strode C, Steen K, Ortelli F, Ranson H. 2006. Differential expression of the detoxification genes in the different life stages of the malaria vector *Anopheles gambiae*. *Insect Molecular Biology* 15(4): 523–530.
- Urano T. 2003. Preliminary release experiments in laboratory and outdoor cages of *Dastarcus helophoroides* (Fairmaire) (Coleoptera: Bothrideridae) for biological control of *Monochamus alternatus* Hope (Coleoptera: Cerambycidae). *Bulletin of the Forestry and Forest Products Research Institute* 2(4): 255–261.
- Wauthier V, Verbeeck RK, Calderon PB. 2007. The effect of aging on cytochrome p450 enzymes: consequences for drug biotransformation in the elderly. *Curr Med Chem* 14: 745–757.
- Wang XP, Hobbs AA. 1995. Isolation and sequence analysis of a cDNA clone for a pyrethroid resistance in the housefly, *Musca domestica*. *Insect Molecular Biology* 4: 135–140.
- Wang XM, Ren GD, Ma F. 1996. Classification position of *Dastarcus helophoroides* and its applied prospects. *Acta Agricultural Boreali-occidentalis Sinica* 5(2): 75–78. (In Chinese)
- Wei JR, Yang ZQ. 2009. Parasitism and olfactory responses of *Dastarcus helophoroides* (Coleoptera: Bothrideridae) to different Cerambycid hosts. *Biocontrol* 54: 733–742.
- Wen ZM, Scott JG. 2001. Cytochrome P450 CYP6L1 is specifically expressed in the reproductive tissues of adult male German cockroaches, *Blattella germanica* (L.). *Insect Biochemistry and Molecular Biology* 31: 179–187.
- Xu YQ, Wang JJ, Jiang HB, Dou W, Tang PA, An FM. 2009. Identification, Characterization, and Expression of P450 Gene Encoding CYP6BQ13v2 from the Red Flour Beetle, *Tribolium castaneum* (Herbst) (Coleoptera: Tenebrionidae). *Agricultural Sciences in China* 8(10): 1210–1218.
- Yang Z, Yang H, He G. 2007. Cloning and Characterization of Two Cytochrome P450 CYP6AX1 and CYP6AY1 cDNAs From *Nilaparvata lugens* Stal (Homoptera: Delphacidae). *Archives of Insect Biochemistry and Physiology* 64: 88–99.
- Yun KU, Oh SJ, Oh JM, Kang KW, Myung CS, Song GY, Kim BH, Kim SK. 2010. Age-related changes in hepatic expression and activity of cytochrome P450 in male rats. *Arch Toxicol* 84: 939–946.
- Zhang YN, Yang ZQ. 2006. Studies on the natural enemies and biocontrol of *Monochamus alternatus* Hope (Coleoptera: Cerambycidae). *Plant Protection* 32(2): 9–14. (In Chinese)
- Zhang YL, Kulye M, Yang FS, Xiao L, Zhang YT, Zeng HM, Wang JH, Liu ZX. 2011. Identification, characterization, and expression of a novel P450 gene encoding CYP6AE25 from the Asian corn borer, *Ostrinia furnacalis*. *Journal of Insect Science*

11:37. Available online:  
[www.insectscience.org/11.37](http://www.insectscience.org/11.37)

Wagner MR, Benjamin DM, Clancy KM,  
Schuh BA. 1983. Influence of diterpene resin  
311 acids on feeding and growth of larch  
sawfy, *Pristiphors erichsonii* (Hurtig).  
*Journal of Chemical Ecology* 9(1): 119–127.

**Table 1.** Primers used in RT-PCR

Primer	Primer sequences 5' to 3'	Products size	Conserved aa sequence
dpA	CGGARACNHYNMGNAARTAYCC	250 bp	ET(T/L)RKYP
	CGGGNCCNKCNCCRAANGG		PFG(A/D/E)GP
dpE	GCTGGNTTYGARACNTCNTCNAC	420 bp	AGFETSST
	CGNGGNCCYTCNCCNAARGG		PFGEGR
dpF	GARACNTNCGNAARTAYCCYC	270 bp	ETLRKYPP
	CCRAANCGCATNCCDATRC		CIGMRFG
dpG	GCTGGNTAKGARACNTCNTCNAC	420 bp	AGYETSST
	CGNGGNCCYTCNCCNAARGG		PFGEGR
dpH	GARACNTNCGNAARTAYCC	270 bp	ETLRKYPP
	CCRAANCGNAGNCCDATRC		CIGLRFG

Primer dpA was quoted from Kasai (1998). Primers dpE, dpF, dpG, and dpH were original.

**Table 2.** Sequence summary of 100 clones.

Sequence name					No. clones	Closest homoloy (identity scores, e value): Accession number
A	E	F	G	H		
10	9	15	4	3	41	<i>Tribolium castaneum</i> CYP6BK17 (76%, 9e-46): NP_001164281
/	8	/	12	9	29	<i>Tribolium castaneum</i> CYP6BQ13 (71%, 3e-66): EEZ99338
1	2	5	/	8	16	<i>Tribolium castaneum</i> CYP6BK5 (67%, 7e-63): EFA12633
/	1	/	4	/	5	<i>Tribolium castaneum</i> CYP6BR3 (65%, 6e-60): EFA12627
5	/	/	/	/	5	<i>Pediculus humanus corporis</i> P450 (60%, 3e-28): XP_002432833
4	/	/	/	/	4	<i>Tribolium castaneum</i> CYP9Z4 (62%, 1e-34): EFA09242
20	20	20	20	20	100	-

**Table 3.** Classification of 100 cDNA sequences.

Gene product	Contig	Classification of 100 cDNA sequences
A	CP-1	A1
	CP-2	A3, A5, A8, A11, A14
	CP-3	A6, A9, A10, A15
	CP-4	A20, A2, A4, A7, A12, A13, A16, A17, A18, A19
E	CP-5	E1, E3, E4, E6, E10
	CP-6	E2, E8, E14, E5, E11, E13, E15, E16
	CP-7	E7, E9, E17, E18
	CP-8	E20, E12, E19
F	CP-9	F1, F5, F12, F16, F17
	CP-10	F2, F4, F20
	CP-11	F3, F10, F13
	CP-12	F6, F7, F8, F9, F11, F14, F15, F18, F19
G	CP-13	G5, G20
	CP-14	G11, G17, G2, G3, G4, G8, G10, G15, G9, G19
	CP-15	G12, G1, G6, G7, G10, G13, G14, G18
H	CP-16	H1, H2, H6, H4, H5, H8, H9, H10, H11, H13, H14
	CP-17	H3, H7, H12, H15, H16, H17, H18, H19, H20

**Table 4.** The best matches of the selected 22 P450 cDNA fragments.

Groups	Contigs	Fragments	Accession No.	Nucleotide number	Amino acid number	Best match
I	CP-1	A1	JQ863084	245	81	CYP6BK5 tc 61%
	CP-2	A3	JQ863085	242	80	P450 phc 58%
	CP-2	A5	JQ863086	242	80	P450 phc 60%
	CP-3	A6	JQ863087	260	86	CYP9Z4 tc 62%
	CP-4	A20	JQ863088	245	81	CYP6BK17 tc 73%
	CP-9	F1	JQ689401	268	89	CYP6BK17 tc 72%
	CP-10	F2	JQ739721	268	89	CYP6BK17 tc 76%
	CP-11	F3	JQ739722	268	89	CYP6BK17 tc 65%
	CP-12	F6	JQ739725	268	89	CYP6BK5 tc 75%
	CP-11	F10	JQ739729	268	89	CYP6BK5 tc 67%
	CP-16	H1	JQ863089	268	89	CYP6BK5 tc 66%
	CP-16	H2	JQ863090	268	89	CYP6BK5 tc 65%
	CP-17	H3	JQ863091	265	88	CYP6BQ13 tc 71%
	CP-16	H6	JQ863092	268	89	CYP6BK17 tc 66%
	CP-5	E2	JQ765397	418	139	CYP6BK17 tc 61%
II	CP-6	E1	JQ765396	418	139	CYP6BR3 tc 65%
	CP-7	E7	JQ765399	418	139	CYP6BK17 tc 65%
	CP-5	E8	JQ765400	418	139	CYP6BK17 tc 63%
	CP-8	E20	JX026038	415	138	CYP6BQ13 tc 70%
	CP-13	G5	JQ765403	415	138	CYP6BQ13 tc 71%
	CP-14	G11	JQ765404	418	139	CYP6BQ13 tc 66%
	CP-15	G12	JQ765405	418	139	CYP6BR3 tc 65%

tc: *Tribolium castaneum*, phc: *Pediculus humanus corporis*

**Table 5.** Deduced amino acid identity (%) of the selected 22 cDNA sequences from the 17 contigs.

Contigs	Fragments	CP-1	CP-2		CP-3	CP-4	CP-9	CP-10	CP-11	CP-12	CP-11	CP-16		CP-17	CP-16	CP-5	CP-6	CP-7	CP-6	CP-8	CP-13	CP-14	CP-15	
		A1	A3	A5	A6	A20	F1	F2	F3	F6	F10	H1	H2	H3	H6	E1	E2	E7	E8	E20	G5	G11	G12	
CP-1	A1		55	54	44.7	56.3	53.8	56.3	88.8	56.3	97.5	97.5	95	61.3	88.8	61.3	61.3	97.5	61.3	60	61.3	63.8	63.8	
CP-2	A3			98	43.5	48.8	47.5	48.8	48.8	48.8	52.5	52.5	51.3	54.4	48.8	51.3	46.3	52.5	46.3	51.9	54.4	53.8	53.8	
	A5				44.7	50	50	50	50	50	53.8	53.8	52.5	55.7	50	53.8	47.5	53.8	47.5	53.2	55.7	55	55	
CP-3	A6					42.4	38.4	42.4	43.5	42.4	44.7	44.7	44.7	47.1	43.5	44.7	45.9	44.7	45.9	45.9	47.1	47.1	47.1	
CP-4	A20						65	97.5	58.8	100	58.8	58.8	57.5	58.8	58.8	55	53.8	58.8	53.8	57.5	58.8	53.8	53.8	
CP-9	F1							65	58.8	65	56.3	56.3	55	60	58.8	63.8	56.3	56.3	56.3	57.5	60	55	55	
CP-10	F2								58.8	67	58.8	58.8	57.5	60	58.8	55	53.8	58.8	53.8	58.8	60	53.8	53.8	
CP-11	F3										58.8	91.3	91.3	90	60	100	63.8	65	91.3	65	58.8	60	67.5	67.5
CP-12	F6										58.8	58.8	57.5	58.8	58.8	55	53.8	58.8	53.8	57.5	58.8	53.8	53.8	
CP-11	F10											100	97.5	63.8	91.3	63.8	63.8	100	63.8	62.5	63.8	66.3	66.3	
CP-16	H1												97.5	63.8	91.3	63.8	63.8	100	63.8	62.5	63.8	66.3	66.3	
	H2													62.5	90	61.3	62.5	97.5	62.5	61.3	62.5	65	65	
CP-17	H3														60	62.5	53.8	63.8	53.8	97.5	100	55	55	
CP-16	H6															63.8	65	91.3	65	58.8	60	67.5	67.5	
CP-5	E1																58.8	63.8	58.8	61.3	62.5	56.3	56.3	
CP-6	E2																	63.8	100	52.5	53.8	71.3	71.3	
CP-7	E7																		63.8	62.5	63.8	66.3	66.3	
CP-6	E8																			52.5	53.8	71.3	71.3	
CP-8	E20																				97.5	53.8	53.8	
CP-13	G5																					55	55	
CP-14	G11																						63.8	
CP-15	G12																							

Values shaded in blue refer to the deduced amino acid identity of fragments from the same contig, while values shaded in grey denote percentage identities between fragments that may be parts of the same P450 gene or allele.