

Evolution of a human specific *de novo* open reading frame and its linked transcriptional silencer

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Supplementary file S1

Figure S1a. Predicted transmembrane domain of the 68 aa sequence. Data obtained using the DeepTMHMM prediction program (<https://dtu.biolib.com/DeepTMHMM>) [1].

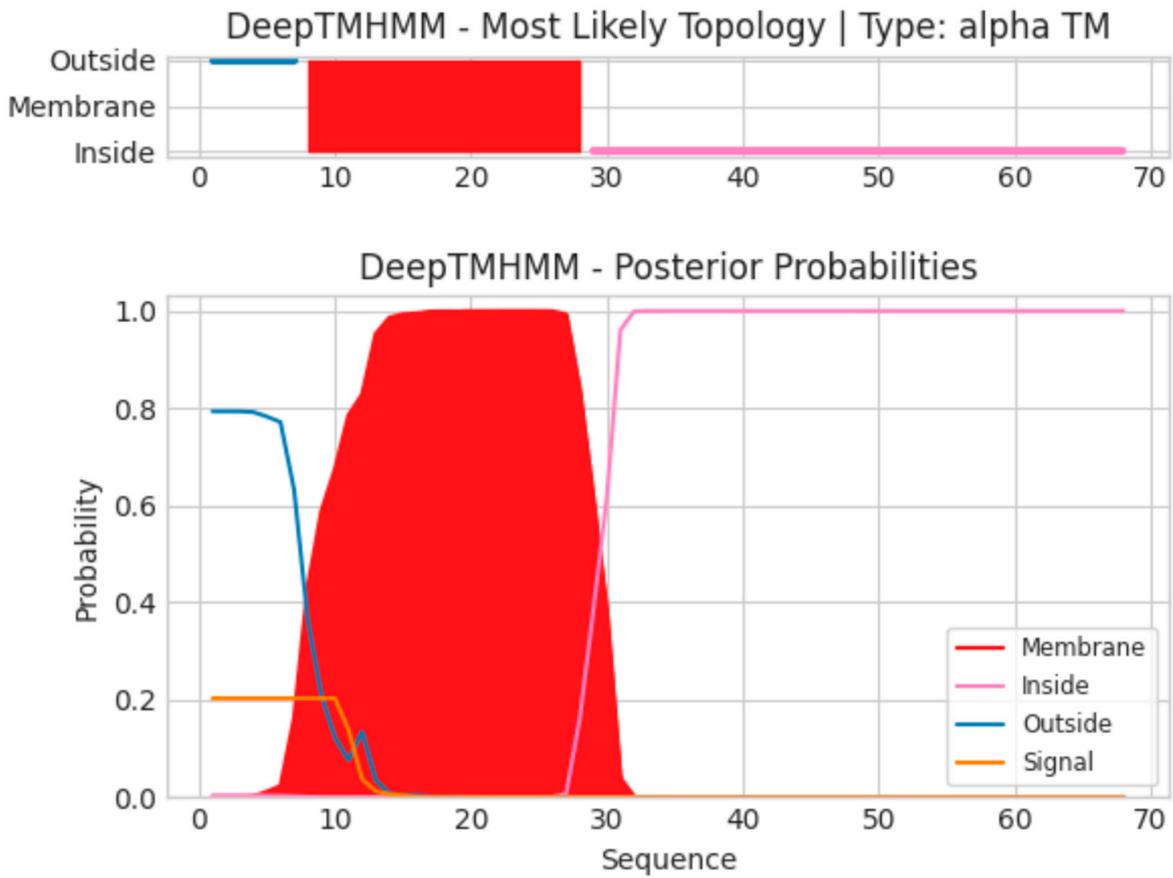


Figure S1b. The 68 aa ORF base composition. The 68 aa ORF nt sequence is rich in G+C.

A (15% 33) | T (22% 43) | G (31% 66) | C (32% 69)

Figure S2. Alignment of nt sequences from the 68 aa ORF, the intervening sequence and LOC130067579 ATAC-STARR-seq. lymphoblastoid silencer. Color code; teal: 3'end of 68 aa ORF and 5' end of the silencer sequence LOC130067579 that overlap; green: the silencer sequence LOC130067579 that overlaps the intervening sequence, purple: the start of the 107 aa sequence: All overlapping alignments show 100% identity.

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CLUSTAL O(1.2.4) multiple sequence alignment

68aa.3'end.positions51-207          ggaccgcgacctccgcaagacctaatgTgcgcgacaacctggccttcggcgcccgga 60
Intervening.sequence              -----tgcgcgacaacctggccttcggcgcccgga 0
LOC130067579.ATAC-STARR-seq.lymphoblastoid.silent -----tgcgcgacaacctggccttcggcgcccgga 31

68aa.3'end.positions51-207          ggctcga----- 67
Intervening.sequence              -----gcccgaacttgcgaagggaataggcgggagccaccggcctcccccagcccg 53
LOC130067579.ATAC-STARR-seq.lymphoblastoid.silent -----ggctcgaaccgaacttgcgaagggaataggcgggagccaccggcctcccccagcccg 91

68aa.3'end.positions51-207          ----- 67
Intervening.sequence              -----ccccgcccgcgcccagccggagaccaccaaggcagagggagcccgccctgttggccctcca 113
LOC130067579.ATAC-STARR-seq.lymphoblastoid.silent -----ccccgcccgcgcccagccggagaccaccaaggcagagggagcccgccctgttggccctcca 151

68aa.3'end.positions51-207          ----- 67
Intervening.sequence              -----ggctatccctctgcaagcctgggcccctcccagacagagcccaggtggcctgacagtagag 173
LOC130067579.ATAC-STARR-seq.lymphoblastoid.silent -----ggctatccctctgcaagcctgggcccctcccagacagagcccaggtggcctgacagtagag 211

68aa.3'end.positions51-207          ----- 67
Intervening.sequence              -----gtggggcaacttaggtaccggctgagccaggggcttgctctccgtgtcaagccgactcacc 233
LOC130067579.ATAC-STARR-seq.lymphoblastoid.silent -----gtggggcaacttaggtacc----- 230

68aa.3'end.positions51-207          ----- 67
Intervening.sequence              -----cagagcccaccctcccaggtcaggggcatcctccgctgagcccccagtgaccttgacctg 293
LOC130067579.ATAC-STARR-seq.lymphoblastoid.silent -----cagagcccaccctcccaggtcaggggcatcctccgctgagcccccagtgaccttgacctg 230

68aa.3'end.positions51-207          ----- 67
Intervening.sequence              -----cgcagcaactctaccctccactggactcaggg 324
LOC130067579.ATAC-STARR-seq.lymphoblastoid.silent -----cgcagcaactctaccctccactggactcaggg 230

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230 bp, length of silencer

38 bp, length overlap of LOC130067579.ATAC-STARR-seq. with 68aa ORF nt sequence

192 bp, length of LOC130067579.ATAC-STARR-seq. overlap with intervening sequence

132 bp, length of intervening sequence between the silencer and 107 aa ORF with no overlap

Figure S3a. Alignment of the SMIM45 68 aa elephant shark nt sequence, the 68aa nt. (207) human sequence, LOC130067579 ATAC-STARR-seq. lymphoblastoid silencer, and the ATAC-STARR-seq. silencer that overlaps the 68aa ORF. The alignment shows

co-alignment of the total silencer sequence and the silencer that overlaps the 68 aa ORF with the start of the 68 aa ORF sequence (yellow highlighted). Therefore, the alignment shows no synteny as the silencer sequence that overlaps the 68 aa ORF sequence should align at the end of the 68 aa ORF up to position 207. The alignment thus appears to be random.

CLUSTAL O(1.2.4) multiple sequence alignment

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SMIM45.68aa.elephant.shark          ATGCCTCACTTCTGGACTGGTTGTGCCCGTCTACCTGTTGGCGTCCATCCTGGTCTCTG 60
68aa.nt.(207)nt.human                ataccgcacttctggaactgattcgtaccgatctacttggatcatctcggatcctcattctg 60
LOC130067579.ATAC-STARR-seq.lymphoblastoid.silent.ref  -tgcgcacaacctagccttcgacggccggaggctgaagccgacttacaagggagatag 59
ATAC-STARR-seq.in.68aa.ORF          -taccgcacaacctagccttcgacggccggaggatctga----- 38
*** ** ***** ** * ** * *

SMIM45.68aa.elephant.shark          GTGG---CATTGGCGCCTGCGTTTACTACTGCGAGCCCGGCTAC-AAGACGCCACACA 115
68aa.nt.(207)nt.human                gtggg---cttcgacacctgcatctactacttcgagccgggctac-aggagacacaca 115
LOC130067579.ATAC-STARR-seq.lymphoblastoid.silent.ref  gcggcggacacggagcgcctccccagcccgccccgcccggagaccccca 119
ATAC-STARR-seq.in.68aa.ORF          ----- 38

SMIM45.68aa.elephant.shark          AGTGGCGGACTCAGGGTCCCCTCGGCGAACAGGACGTC----- 153
68aa.nt.(207)nt.human                agtagcagatgcagcagccctgtaggacccgacctc----- 153
LOC130067579.ATAC-STARR-seq.lymphoblastoid.silent.ref  --agcagagggagaccgacctgtagccctccacactatccctctgacagcctggccct 177
ATAC-STARR-seq.in.68aa.ORF          ----- 38

SMIM45.68aa.elephant.shark          --CGCAAGGCGTCGATGGTCCGGGAGAACATGGGATCCGTC----- 207
68aa.nt.(207)nt.human                --cgcagagcctaataatgacgcagacacctggccttcggcggccggaggatctga 207
LOC130067579.ATAC-STARR-seq.lymphoblastoid.silent.ref  cccgacagagcccccagatagcctgacagctgagagatggggcact-tagatgct-- 230
ATAC-STARR-seq.in.68aa.ORF          ----- 38

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Figure S3b. Alignment of the silencer that overlaps the intervening sequence, the LOC130067579 ATAC-STARR-seq. lymphoblastoid silencer sequence, the human 68 aa ORF sequence, and the redfish *SMIM45* (Ensembl primary assembly: fErpCal1.1:12:30561086:30562492:-1) sequence. The alignment shows co-alignment of the silencer with the 5' end of the 68 aa ORF thus displaying no synteny and random alignments.

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silencer.overlap.with.intervening.only.human
LOC130067579.ATAC-STARR-seq.lymphoblastoid.silent.ref
68aa.nt.(207)nt.human
red.fish.primary_assembly:fErpCa11.1:12:30561086:30562492:-1
----- 0
----- 0
----- 0
tgtacaatgtagataaatcaaggaagtaatgttttcttatccctccacagcccccac 600

silencer.overlap.with.intervening.only.human
LOC130067579.ATAC-STARR-seq.lymphoblastoid.silent.ref
68aa.nt.(207)nt.human
red.fish.primary_assembly:fErpCa11.1:12:30561086:30562492:-1
-----gccgacttcaaaagggatag 21
-tgscgacaacctgaccttcggcagcccgagagctgaagccgacttcaaaagggatag 59
atgscgcaacttctggaactgattcgtaccggtctacttgatcatctcgatcctc---at 56
atgccgcaacttcttagactgatttgcctgtatattgatgatctctattcta---at 656
** *

silencer.overlap.with.intervening.only.human
LOC130067579.ATAC-STARR-seq.lymphoblastoid.silent.ref
68aa.nt.(207)nt.human
red.fish.primary_assembly:fErpCa11.1:12:30561086:30562492:-1
gccccggcaccggagcaccctccccagcccgccccggcggcagccggagacccc-c 80
gccccggcaccggagcaccctccccagcccgccccggcggcagccggagacccc-c 118
tctggtggacttcggcaccctgacttacttctgaagccggcctgagggggcaccac 116
tctggtggacttggagcctgacttacttctgaagccggcctgagggggcaccac 716
* * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * *

silencer.overlap.with.intervening.only.human
LOC130067579.ATAC-STARR-seq.lymphoblastoid.silent.ref
68aa.nt.(207)nt.human
red.fish.primary_assembly:fErpCa11.1:12:30561086:30562492:-1
aaggcagagggaggcggcctgttgacctccacgctatccct-----ctgcag-- 129
aaggcagagggaggcggcctgttgacctccacgctatccct-----ctgcag-- 167
gtggcagatgacgccccctgttgaccgacccctcgcaagacgctaattggtgcgca 176
gtggcagacacagaaacctctggttgaagagagactaacaaagttttaatgatcagga 776
* * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * *

silencer.overlap.with.intervening.only.human
LOC130067579.ATAC-STARR-seq.lymphoblastoid.silent.ref
68aa.nt.(207)nt.human
red.fish.primary_assembly:fErpCa11.1:12:30561086:30562492:-1
---c-----ctgggccctccgaca-----gagggcccaggtgactgagca 167
---c-----ctgggccctccgaca-----gagggcccaggtgactgagca 205
caactggccttcggcaccggaggtctga-----gagggcccaggtgactgagca 207
caatttgatttcgactcggatataacagcaatttggaggctgcttgccttctc 836
* * * * *

silencer.overlap.with.intervening.only.human
LOC130067579.ATAC-STARR-seq.lymphoblastoid.silent.ref
68aa.nt.(207)nt.human
red.fish.primary_assembly:fErpCa11.1:12:30561086:30562492:-1
gtggagatggagcacttagatgcct----- 192
gtggagatggagcacttagatgcct----- 230
----- 207
cttgagctcaacagcactgaaattcttttcttttctcagttccccacatcta 896

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Figure S4a. Alignment of *Xenopus tropicalis* (tropical clawed frog sequence that is homologous to the silencer1 segment in the 68 aa ORF (exonic silencer)).

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#=====  

#  

# Aligned_sequences: 2  

# 1: Xenopus.homolo.t.silencer.in.68aa  

# 2: silencer.in.68aa.38bp  

# Matrix: EDNAFULL  

# Gap_penalty: 10.0  

# Extend_penalty: 0.5  

#  

# Length: 39  

# Identity:      27/39 (69.2%)  

# Similarity:   27/39 (69.2%)  

# Gaps:         2/39 ( 5.1%)  

# Score: 85.0  

#  

#=====  

Xenopus.homol 1 tgagggacaatctggcctacagcctccctgatgtatag- 38  

|.|.|.|.|.|.|.|.|.|.|.|.|.|.|.|.|.|.|.|.|.|  

silencer.in.6 1 tgcgcgacaacctggccttcggcggcccgagggtct-ga 38  

#-----  

#-----

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Figure S4b. Alignment of *Caretta caretta* (Loggerhead turtle) sequence that is homologous to the silencer1 nt sequence within the 68 aa ORF.

found in the 40 bp region that extends 40. bp beyond the end of the 68 aa ORF sequence of the cape elephant shrew.

CLUSTAL O(1.2.4) multiple sequence alignment

```

cape.elephant.shrew.3'end.68aa.+40bp      tgcctgacaacctggccttcggaggccccgaggtctgagcgggctgatggcctcgctgc 60
68aa.38.bp.3'end                          TGGCGACAACCTGGCCTTCGGCGCCCGGAGGTCTGA----- 38
ATAC-STARR-seq.lymphoblastoid.silent     tgcctgacaacctggccttcggaggccccgaggtctgagcgggacttgcaaagggatagg 60
**** *****
cape.elephant.shrew.3'end.68aa.+40bp      gccctg-----ccccttc-----tggagaccctccc 86
68aa.38.bp.3'end                          ----- 38
ATAC-STARR-seq.lymphoblastoid.silent     cggcggcaccggggcgcctccccagcccggccggccagccggagacccccaa 120

cape.elephant.shrew.3'end.68aa.+40bp      ----- 86
68aa.38.bp.3'end                          ----- 38
ATAC-STARR-seq.lymphoblastoid.silent     ggcagagggaggccgacctattgccctccacgctatccctctgcagcctggcctccc 180

cape.elephant.shrew.3'end.68aa.+40bp      ----- 86
68aa.38.bp.3'end                          ----- 38
ATAC-STARR-seq.lymphoblastoid.silent     gacagagggccccaggtgcctggcagatggaggtgggcacttaggtgcct 230

```

Figure S5b. Alignment of the cape golden mole sequence that is homologous to silencer2 that overlaps the intervening sequence. Alignment obtained by using the Blast align 2 sequences (https://blast.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/Blast.cgi?PROGRAM=blastn&PAGE_TYPE=BlastSearch&LINK_LOC=blasthome).

```

>cape.golden.mole.homolog.silencer
ccctgttctt gctttgctg aagaccctcc gaggagagg aagacgacc cctgacctc
61 cacgctatcc ctctgcagcc

>silencer.overlap.with.intervening.only.human
gccgacttgc aaaggggata ggcgggcggc accggggcgc ctccccagc ccgccccgc
61 cccccagccc ggagaccccc aaggcagagg gagccggcc tttggccct ccacgctatc
121 cctctgcagc ctgggccctc ccgacagagg cccaggtgc gctggcagt gaggtggggc
181 acttaggtgc ct

```

Job Title
[cape.golden.mole.homolog.silencer](#)

Query Descr
[cape.golden.mole.homolog.silencer](#)
 Query Length
 80
 Subject ID
 lclQuery_7326325 (dna)
 Subject Descr
[silencer.overlap.with.intervening.only.human](#)
 Subject Length
 192

silencer.overlap.with.intervening.only.human Sequence ID: **Query_7326325** Length: **192** Number of Matches: **1**

Range 1: 59 to 131 [Graphics](#)

[Next Match](#)

[Previous Match](#)

Alignment statistics for match #1

Score	Expect	Identities	Gaps	Strand
55.4 bits(60)	3e-13	58/74(78%)	2/74(2%)	Plus/Plus
Query 8	CCTGCCCTG	CCTGCCCTG	CCTGCCCTG	66
Sbjct 59	CCCGCCAG	CCCGCCAG	CCCGCCAG	117
Query 67	ATCCCTCT	ATCCCTCT	ATCCCTCT	80
Sbjct 118	ATCCCTCT	ATCCCTCT	ATCCCTCT	131

Figure S6. Evolutionary relationships of the Afrothere. Drawing modified from [2], with permission.

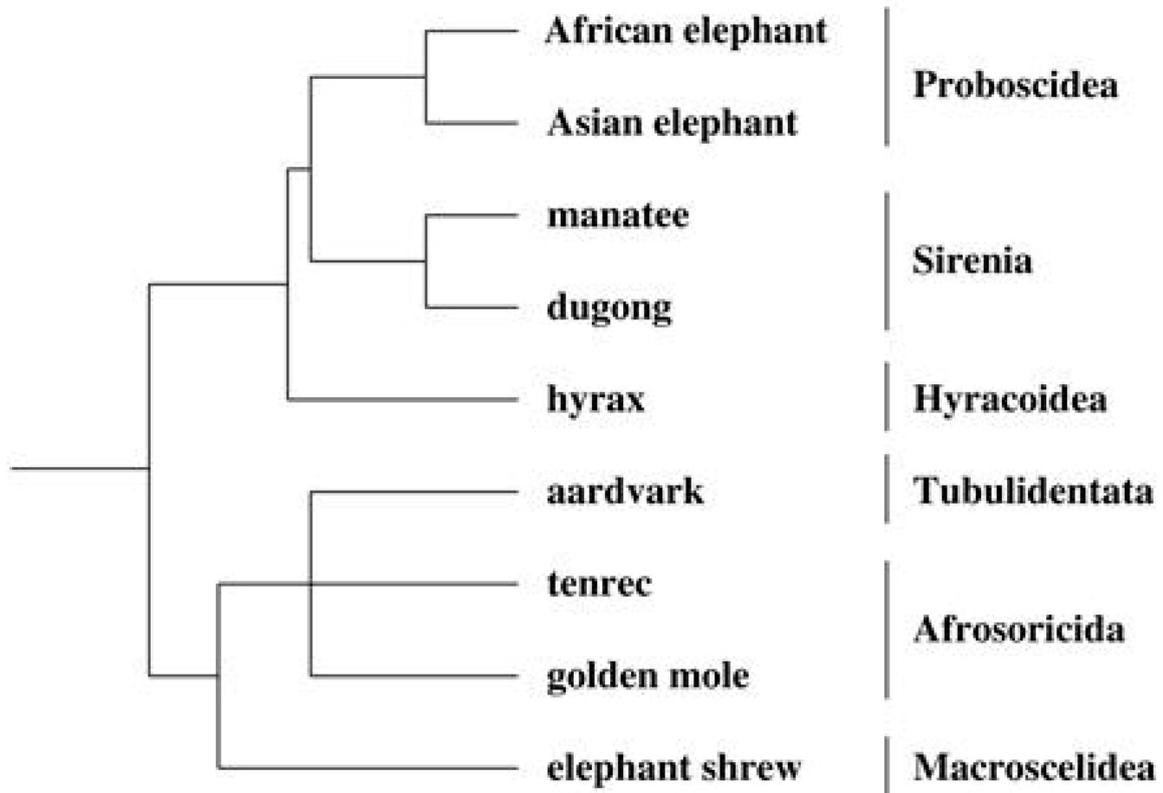


Figure S7 a. Alignment of the elephant nt sequence homologous to the early development sequence with the analogous human early development nt sequence. Data obtained using Nucleotide BLAST two sequences (<https://blast.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/BlastAlign.cgi>).

>elephant.homolog.to.107aa.nt.190-243.bp
 tcaggtttagaatgggtgaggtgggtgtgctgggggtatgcagaaggccaagccc

>human107aa.nt.fragment.190-243.bp
 tcaggcttgaactggtgaggtgtgtggtgggggtatgcagaggataagacc

Job Title

[elephant.homolog.to.107aa.nt.190-243.bp](#)

Query Descr

[elephant.homolog.to.107aa.nt.190-243.bp](#)

Query Length

56

Subject Descr

[human107aa.nt.fragment.190-243.bp](#)

Subject Length

54

human107aa

Sequence ID: **Query_346459** Length: **54** Number of Matches: **1**

Range 1: 1 to 54 [Graphics](#)

[Next Match](#)

[Previous Match](#)

Alignment statistics for match #1

Score	Expect	Identities	Gaps	Strand
41.0 bits(44)	1e-09	44/56(79%)	2/56(3%)	Plus/Plus
Query 1	TCAGGTTTAGAATGGGTGAGGTGGGTGTGGCTGGGGGTGTGCAGAAGGGCAAGCCC	56		
Sbjct 1	TCAGGCTTGGAAC TGGTGAGG-GTGTGTGG-TGGGGGTATGCAGAGGGATAAGACC	54		

Figure S7 b. The elephant aa sequence homologous to SGLELVRVCGGGMQRDKT aligned with the human early developmental sequence. Point mutations and a frameshift mutations alter the early developmental aa sequence.

>elephant.Frame1.homolog
SGLEWVRWVWLGVCRRAS

>human.SGLELVRVCGGGMQRDKT.nt.seq
SGLELVRVCGGGMQRDKT

Job Title

elephant.Frame1.homolog

Query Descr

elephant.Frame1.homolog

Query Length

18

Subject Descr

human.107aa.SGLELVRVCGGGMQRDKT.nt.seq

Subject Length

18

human.SGLELVRVCGGGMQRDKT.nt.seq Sequence ID: **Query_501325** Length: **18** Number of Matches: **1**

Range 1: 1 to 9 [Graphics](#)

[Next Match](#)

[Previous Match](#)

Alignment statistics for match #1

Score	Expect	Identities	Positives	Gaps
19.7 bits(39)	8e-05	8/14(57%)	8/14(57%)	5/14(35%)

Query	1	SGLEWVRWVWLGVC	14
		SGLE VR VC	
Sbjct	1	SGLELVR-----VC	9

Figure S8 a. Alignment of the aardvark nt sequence that is homologous to the early development nt sequence with the analogous human early development nt sequence.

```
#
#
# Percent Identity Matrix - created by Clustal2.1
#
#
1: aardvark.homolog.to.SGLELVRVCGGGMQRDKT.nt.seq 100.00 56.60
2: SGLELVRVCGGGMQRDKT.nt.seq 56.60 100.00
```

CLUSTAL O(1.2.4) multiple sequence alignment

```
aardvark.homolog.to.SGLELVRVCGGGMQRDKT.nt.seq tcaggtttagaattggtgagagaggtgtggctggcccagtgtgaagggcaacc- 54
SGLELVRVCGGGMQRDKT.nt.seq tcaggcttggaaactggtgaggggtgtgtggggg-gtatgcagaggataagacc 54
***** ** ** * ** * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * * *
```

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No significant E value

Figure S8 b. The aardvark aa sequence homologous to SGLELVRVCGGGMQRDKT aligned with the human early developmental sequence.

```
>aardvark5'3'Frame.1
SGLELVREVWLAQCEGQP
```

```
>SGLELVRVCGGGMQRDKT.nt.seq
SGLELVRVCGGGMQRDKT
```

Job Title

aardvark5'3'Frame.1

Query Descr

aardvark5'3'Frame.1

Query Length

18

Subject ID

lcllQuery_50429 (amino acid)

Subject Descr

SGLELVRVCGGGMQRDKT.nt.seq

Subject Length

18

SGLELVRVCGGGMQRDKT.nt.seq

Sequence ID: **Query_50429** Length: **18** Number of Matches: **1**

Range 1: 1 to 7 [Graphics](#)

[Next Match](#)

[Previous Match](#)

Alignment statistics for match #1

Score	Expect	Identities	Positives	Gaps
24.0 bits(49)	2e-06	7/7(100%)	7/7(100%)	0/7(0%)
Query 1 SGLELVR 7				
		SGLELVR		
Sbjct 1 SGLELVR 7				

Figure S9. a. Alignment of the Lesser hedgehog (tenrec) nt sequence that is homologous to the early development sequence with the analogous human early development nt sequence. **a.**


```

>cape.golden.mole.5'3'Frame1
LELARGVWLGCAQGQG

>SGLELVRVCGGGMQRDKT.
SGLELVRVCGGGMQRDKT

#=====
#
# Aligned_sequences: 2
# 1: cape.golden.mole.5'3'Frame1
# 2: SGLELVRVCGGGMQRDKT.
# Matrix: EBLOSUM62
# Gap_penalty: 10.0
# Extend_penalty: 0.5
#
# Length: 22
# Identity:      6/22 (27.3%)
# Similarity:   6/22 (27.3%)
# Gaps:         10/22 (45.5%)
# Score: 14.5
#
#
#=====

cape.golden.m      1 --LELARGVWLGCAQGQG----      16
                   |||.l .l..l..
SGLELVRVCGGGM     1 SGLELVR----VCGGGMQRDKT      18

```

No significant ER value.

Figure S11 a. Alignment of the human 107 aa mRNA, the early developmental sequence, the cape elephant shrew genomic nt sequence, and the 68 aa nt sequence that is homologous to the early development sequence with the analogous human early development nt sequence. The alignment shows no synteny between the 68 aa ORF and 107 aa ORF nt sequences. However, the human **SGLELVRVCGGGMQRDKT** nt sequence aligns with a segments of the Cape elephant shrew, starting with position 33353. This Cape elephant shrew sequence was used in Figs. S11 b,c.

```

human.107aa.mRNA          tttggagggatgtcagcttggaccagccagccgcaccccgcggggc-----tcaggctt 197
SGLELVRVCGGGMQRDKT.nt.seq -----tcaggctt 8
Septin3-CENPM.cape.eleph.shrew.revcomp1 tgaggtggaacttgtcagaagttcagtcagctccaccccttcagagggcagtgaggaag 33360
68aa.nt.(207)nt.human ----- 207

human.107aa.mRNA          ----ggaactggtgagggatgtatgatgg--ggtatgcagagg----- 234
SGLELVRVCGGGMQRDKT.nt.seq -----ggaactggtgagggatgtatgatgg--ggtatgcagagg----- 45
Septin3-CENPM.cape.eleph.shrew.revcomp1 ggcagaccctaattggaaggtgagatgcatgtattgcatctgaatgcatgagtgaaat 33420
68aa.nt.(207)nt.human ----- 207

```

Figure S11 b. The nt sequence alignment of the cape elephant shrew sequence that aligns with early developmental sequence (from Figure S11a) and the the early developmental sequence. The results show an insignificant identity of 38%.

>cape_eleph_shrew_homolog
tgaggaagggcagaccctaattggaaggtgaggtgcatgtttgcatctg

>SGLELVRVCGGGMQRDKT.nt.seq
tcaggcttgaactggtgaggtgtgtgtggggatgcagagggataagacc

```
#=====
#
# Aligned_sequences: 2
# 1: cape_eleph_shrew_homolog
# 2: SGLELVRVCGGGMQRDKT.nt.seq
# Matrix: EDNAFULL
# Gap_penalty: 10.0
# Extend_penalty: 0.5
#
# Length: 73
# Identity:      28/73 (38.4%)
# Similarity:   28/73 (38.4%)
# Gaps:         41/73 (56.2%)
# Score: 57.0
#
#=====
```

```
cape_eleph_sh      1 tgaggaagggcagaccctaattggaaggtgaggtgcatgtttgcatctg----- 40
                   .|.|.|.  |.|.|.  |.|.|.  |.|.|.  |.|
SGLELVRVCGGGM     1 -----tcaggc-----ttggaactggtgaggtgtgtgtggggatgcagagggataagacc 34

cape_eleph_sh     41 gtttgcattctg----- 51
                   ||.|.|.  |
SGLELVRVCGGGM    35 gtatgca---gagggataagacc 54
```

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Figure S11. c. The aa sequence alignment of the homologous cape elephant shrew sequence with the early developmental sequence. The results show an insignificant identity of 17%.

```

>cape.eleph.shrew.Frame2
EEGQTLMGRGACVC

>SGLELVRVCGGGMQRDKT.nt.seq
SGLELVRVCGGGMQRDKT
|
#=====
#
# Aligned_sequences: 2
# 1: cape.eleph.shrew.Frame2
# 2: SGLELVRVCGGGMQRDKT.nt.seq
# Matrix: EBLOSUM62
# Gap_penalty: 10.0
# Extend_penalty: 0.5
#
# Length: 23
# Identity:      4/23 (17.4%)
# Similarity:   5/23 (21.7%)
# Gaps:         14/23 (60.9%)
# Score: 7.5
#
#
#=====

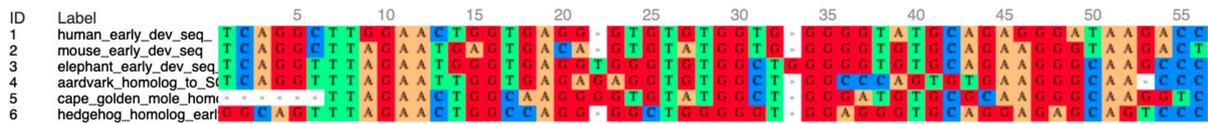
cape.eleph.sh      1 EEGQTLMGRGACVC----- 14
                   .|.|.|.  ||
SGLELVRVCGGGM    1 -SGLELVR---VCGGGMQRDKT 18

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Figure S12. Displayed are the alignments with color coordinated DNA bases of the early developmental sequence and homologous sequences from genomes of the Afrothere, mouse and human species. Data was obtained using MAFFT online service: multiple sequence alignment, interactive sequence choice and visualization, <http://msa.biojts.net/> [3]. The totally conserved bases are readily visible. The first six

bases of the cape golden mole sequence are missing that indicates no significant alignment in the region. Thus, the homologous sequence is smaller in the cape golden mole. This may suggest a closer proximity to the root species than the other species.



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