

Resources available to Nigerian fly researchers



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"droso4research"

https://sites.manchester.ac.uk/fly-facility





droso4schools.wordpress.com



- Sample lessons with teacher notes
- task sheets, homework sheets, risk assessments
- accompanying online resources to support
 - introduction to fly research as a concept (students, teachers, the public)
 - lesson preparation
 - homework tasks
 - revision
 - special tab: comparing human and fly organs



Why fly?



Drosophila melanogasterter, more commonly known as the fruit fly or vinegar fly, has been used as a model for biological research for over 100 years (*explained in our first movie below*). To date, Drosophila is the conceptually best understood animal organism in the biomedical sciences, ideal also to be used as a teaching tool in schools to convey fundamental concepts of biology (*explained in this blog*). Six Nobel Prizes in "Physiology or Medicine" were given to 10 researchers who made their groundbreaking discoveries in Drosophila (see box below), and many aspects of modern medicine are based on foundations laid through fly research (*explained in our second movie below*). But how can such a small, invertebrate organism teach us anything about human biology?



- where they have impacted, what their experimental advantages are
- useful for
 - teachers (feeling comfortable to teach with fly)
 - students (revision, exploring further)
 - scientists (learning your elevator pitches)
 - public and journalists (as an info resource)









Manchester Fly Facility YouTube Channel

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCRUW0eMYSbFsdGtBpNVmPjg











Comparing human and fly organs



- active, comparative learning of organ physiology (what functions are required for life, what organs contribute, what are their functional concepts?)
- useful also for newcomers to your labs



Learning Resources

Lesson 1 – The climbing assay: learning data analysis through live experiments with fruit flies

Lesson 2 – From gene to enzyme to evolution: using alcohol metabolism to illustrate fundamental concepts of biology

Lesson 3 – Flying through the fundamental principles of the nervous system

<u>Lesson 4</u> – Metabolic pathways: investigating the biology & chemistry of pigmentation

Lesson 5 – Our vision: understanding light and light perception

<u>Lesson 6</u> – Life cycles

<u>Lesson 7</u> [*coming soon*] – Rules of inheritance: from chromosomes to genes to disease



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D. melanogaster Stock Collections

Resource	Description	Author/Source
Bloomington Drosophila Stock Center (BDSC) &	A diverse collection of stocks useful for a wide range of research applications.	Bloomington Drosophila Stock Center (BDSC) Indiana University Bloomington, IN, USA
Kyoto Stock Center &	The Kyoto Stock Center collects, maintains and distributes <i>Drosophila melanogaster</i> strains for research.	Kyoto Stock Center Kyoto Institute of Technology Kyoto, Japan
Exelixis	The Exelixis Collection of transgenic insertion stocks at Harvard Medical School is no longer being maintained as of October 15, 2019.	Harvard Medical School Boston, MA, USA
FlyORF률	Well characterized transgenic UAS-ORF lines. Approximately 2,400 fly stocks comprising about 1900 genes, generated using the phiC31 integrase method.	FlyORF University of Zurich Zurich, Switzerland
NIG-FLY ଜ	NIG-RNAi stocks and TRiP Stocks for RNA interference experiments.	NIG-FLY National Institute of Genetics Mishima, Japan
Tsinghua Fly Center (THFC) &	Transgenic RNAi fly lines.	THFC Tsinghua University Beijing, China
VDRC, Vienna Drosophila Resource Center &	Trangenic <i>Drosophila</i> RNAi libraries, a collection of enhancer-GAL4 driver lines, the Tagged FlyFos TransgeneOme (fTRG) library.	Vienna Drosophila Resource Center (VDRC) Vienna, Austria



D. melanogaster Stock Collections by Specific Category

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Insertions	BDSC &, Kyoto &, Harvard &, GDP &
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RNAi	BDSCଢ, NIG-FLYଢ, VDRCଢ, THFCଢ
GAL4	BDSC률, Kyoto률, VDRC률,
UAS	BDSC虚, Kyoto虚, FlyOrf虚
Fluors	BDSC ଜ, Kyoto ଜ
Tagged proteins under native control	Kyoto &, VDRC &
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FLP/FRT	BDSC ଜ, Kyoto ଜ
Balancers	BDSC &, Kyoto &
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Sequenced strains	BDSC &
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Non-melanogaster Drosophila species	DSSCଢ, EHIME-Flyଢ, KYORIN-Flyଢ













Popular Resource Categories

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All Resources	CRISPR	Stocks	RNAi	Model Organism Databases
Neuroscience	Antibodies	Images	Maps	Protocols

All Resources

An extensive list of useful databases and reagent resources can be found on the pages linked below:

Drosophila Network Resources

Includes:

- Atlases, Images, and Videos
- CRISPRs and TALENs
- Data Repositories
- Data and Metadata for Drosophila Genomes
- Gene Expression Databases and Tools
- Gene Groups
- General Bioinformatics Tools
- Genome Sequencing Projects
- Human Disease: Drosophila Models and Orthologous Genes
- Interaction and Pathway Databases
- Laboratory Resources
- Non-coding (ncRNA) Databases and Tools
- Miscellaneous
- Ontology Resources
- Orthology Predictions
- Phylogenetic Comparison Tools
- Population Biology and Polymorphism Resources
- Protein Analysis
- Public Education
- RNAi
- Sequence Analysis
- Taxonomy
- Transcription Regulation Databases and Tools

Drosophila Material Resources (Reagents)

Includes:

- Genomic Clones
- cDNA (EST Clones and Libraries)
- Arrays and Primers
- Stocks
- CRISPR Vectors
- Expression Vectors
- Cell Lines and Hybridomas
- Antibodies
- Transgenic, Targeted Mutation, and Other Services
- RNA
- RNAi



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NCBI's Genome resources include information on large-scale genomics projects, genome sequences and assemblies, and mapped annotations, such as variations, markers and data from epigenomics studies.

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GEO2R identifies differentially expressed genes in GEO datasets

Variation Viewer displays variations in a genomic context

Variation Resources

catalog of short genetic variations

genome structural variation studies

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Additional Tools

Genome Data Viewer displays data tracks in an interactive genome browser

Genome Decoration Page generates genome annotation graphics

Genome Workbench displays and analyzes sequence data



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The **Drosophila** Accessory Gland as a Model for **Prostate Cancer** and Other Pathologies.

Wilson C, et al. Curr Top Dev Biol 2017 - Review. PMID 28057306 Free PMC article.

It is a common site of **cancer**, and unlike other glands, it typically enlarges in aging men. In flies, the male accessory glands make many major seminal fluid components. ...Remarkably, the human **prostate** epithelium also secretes exosomes, which fuse to sperm in vitro to modulate their activity. Exosomes from **prostate** and other **cancer** cells are increasingly proposed to play fundamental roles in modulating the tumor microenvironment and in metastasis. ...

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The polycomb group protein EZH2 is involved in progression of **prostate cancer**.

2 Varambally S, et al. Nature 2002 - Clinical Trial. PMID 12374981 Free article.

Prostate cancer is a leading cause of **cancer**-related death in males and is second only to lung **cancer**. Although effective surgical and radiation treatments exist for clinically localized **prostate cancer**, metastatic **prostate cancer** remains essentially incurable. ...Thus, dysregulated expression of EZH2 may be involved in the progression of **prostate cancer**, as well as being a marker that distinguishes indolent **prostate cancer** from those at risk of lethal progression....



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Here is a useful video explaining the process.



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Tips for Literature Reviews

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Before you use Drosophila you should become an expert in the field you want to explore, understand its key gaps and how fly could be used to address them

Why not write a review and publish it in a Nigerian or even international journa?



How do you collate the necessary information?

- data base searches
- develop a search strategy
 - are there good reviews covering what I will write about?
 - what search terms would find them for me?
 - o do I search in title, abstract, key words, all?

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- read selectively
 - if the title sounds promising: read the abstract
 - o if the abstract sounds promising, read the review
 - identify key areas of interest and potential primary literature you may want to read into *(immediately add it to your data base!)*

Tips

- use the "keyword" rubric in the data base to assign keywords to each paper (make sure you will find it later on)
- develop a "think-tank" document
 - write short bullet point statements of everything that may be helpful and copy the reference behind it (this info will not be forgotten whilst having peace of mind when focussing on further information)
 - browse through that document from time to time and rearrange bullet points to gradually develop a structure

One more reason why you should use a reference data base program



lot of time {Prokop, 2018 #9109;Prokop, 2013 #6744}.

* the principle is similar for other reference data bases and text processing programs including Latex

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MISSION AND RATIONALE

Droso4Nigeria is a collaborative science communication initiative between a team of Nigerian researchers, Manchester Fly Facility, DrosAfrica, African Society of Drosophilists and SciComNigeria.

Our Mission is to help in societal and economic growth through developing the nation's science. Our goals are to promote the use of the fruit fly *Drosophila melanogaster* in order to (**1**) advance biomedical research in our country and (**2**) improve the teaching of Nigerian curriculum-relevant biology. Some of these



Resources

There is no need to re-invent the wheel, since many resources are freely available to you. Please, find below a moderated link list guiding you to the right sites where to find all these materials including (1) simple explanations as to why to use *Drosophila*, (2) a very accessible training package to learn fly genetics, (3) resources for teaching with fruit flies, (4) ready-to-use school lessons with adjunct materials, (5) information about related organisations, (6) articles about African science and science support, etc. If you have any suggestions for further links, please let us know!

Quick access: Fly Resources | Events | Organisations | Literature



Resources

- 1. A Drosophila genetics training package
- 2. Other Drosophila resources
- 3. Training opportunities & events
- 4. Literature relating to African science
- 5. Related organisations



http://www.drosafrica.org

https://trendinafrica.org







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The aims and objectives of the DRTC are:

- To maintain and keep different *Drosophila melanogaster* (Fruit Fly) strains and stocks in facilities known as stock centres, to ensure availability to scientists in different institutions in Nigeria and Sub Saharan Africa;
- To initiate, and drive the initiative for the use of *Drosophila melanogaster* in the teaching of the basic concepts of Biology to primary and secondary school students;
- To assist research centres and institutions in setting up *Drosophila* laboratories;
- To offer advisory, consultancy and other services to existing fly laboratories in Nigeria and Africa;



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- To offer services to individuals and institutions who may require the use Drosophila as a model to assess safety assessment of their products in Nigeria and Africa;
- To make available conducive laboratory spaces for postgraduate students and researchers to carry out their projects;
- To organise workshops, seminars and conferences from time to time to train scientists on the use of *Drosophila melanogaster* in experimental medicine;
- To sponsor selected postgraduate students to attend/make presentations at international *Drosophila* meetings annually.



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Core Values (CADITH) Capacity Building Accessibility **Discipline** Integrity **T**ransparency Honesty



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- ICGEB: <u>http://icgeb.org</u>
- ISN: <u>https://www.neurochemistry.org</u>
- Wellcome: <u>https://wellcome.ac.uk/funding/schemes/international-</u> <u>training-fellowships</u>
- CoB: <u>https://www.biologists.com</u>
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- Seeding Labs: <u>https://seedinglabs.org/get-involved/apply-for-instrumental-access/</u>
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