

# Gene Ontology<sup>TM</sup> (GO) Consortium

<http://www.geneontology.org/>

# The problem:

- Vast amounts of biological data held in genome and protein databases.
- Different names for the same concepts in different species.
- Makes cross-species comparison difficult.

# Ontology (for our purposes)

- “an explicit specification of some topic” –  
Stanford Knowledge Systems Lab
- Includes:
  - a vocabulary of terms (names)
  - defined logical relationships to each

# What GO is not:

- Not a way of unifying databases!
- Not a dictated standard
- Additional ontologies needed to model biology and experimentation.

<http://obo.sourceforge.net/>



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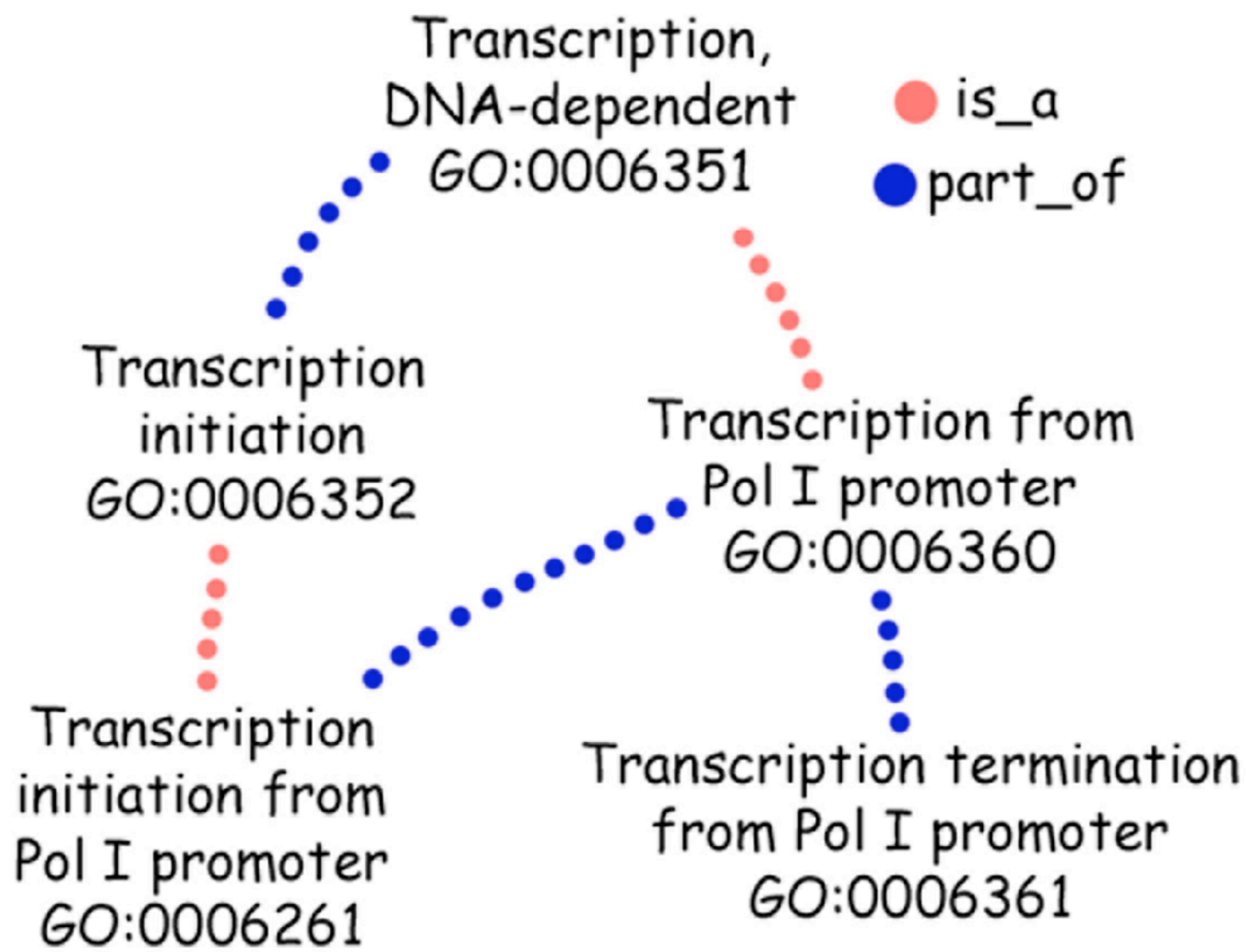
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# What's in a GO term?

**term:** transcription initiation

**id:** GO:0006352

**definition:** Processes involved in starting transcription, which is the synthesis of RNA by RNA polymerases using a DNA template.

# More examples:

GO:0009838 ; abscission

GO:0007568 ; aging

GO:0030154 ; cell differentiation

GO:0007349 ; cellularization

GO:0009790 ; embryonic development

GO:0009292 ; genetic transfer

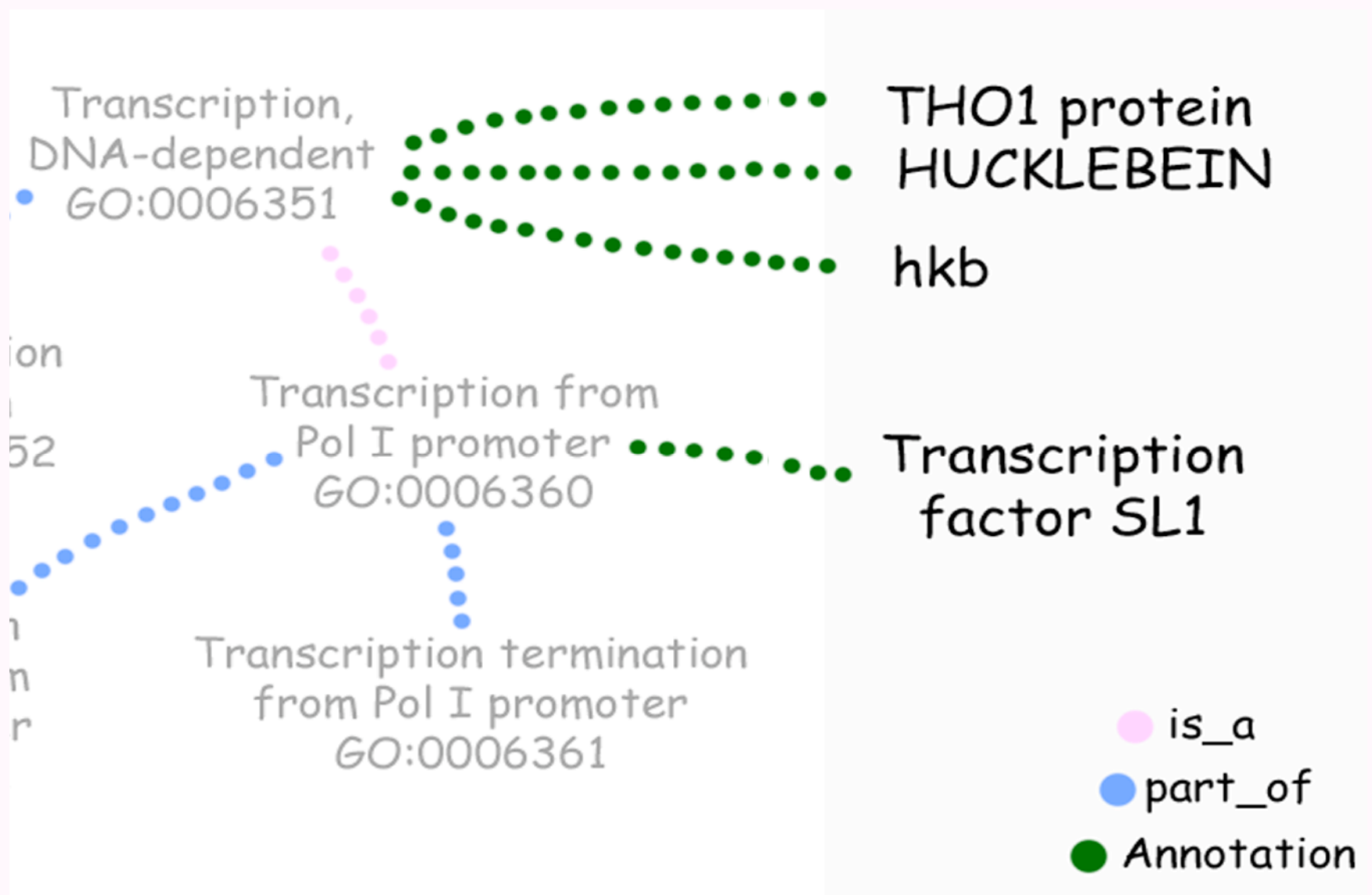
GO:0040007 ; growth

GO:0007320 ; insemination

GO:0002164 ; larval development

GO:0010073 ; meristem maintenance

GO:0009933 ; meristem organization



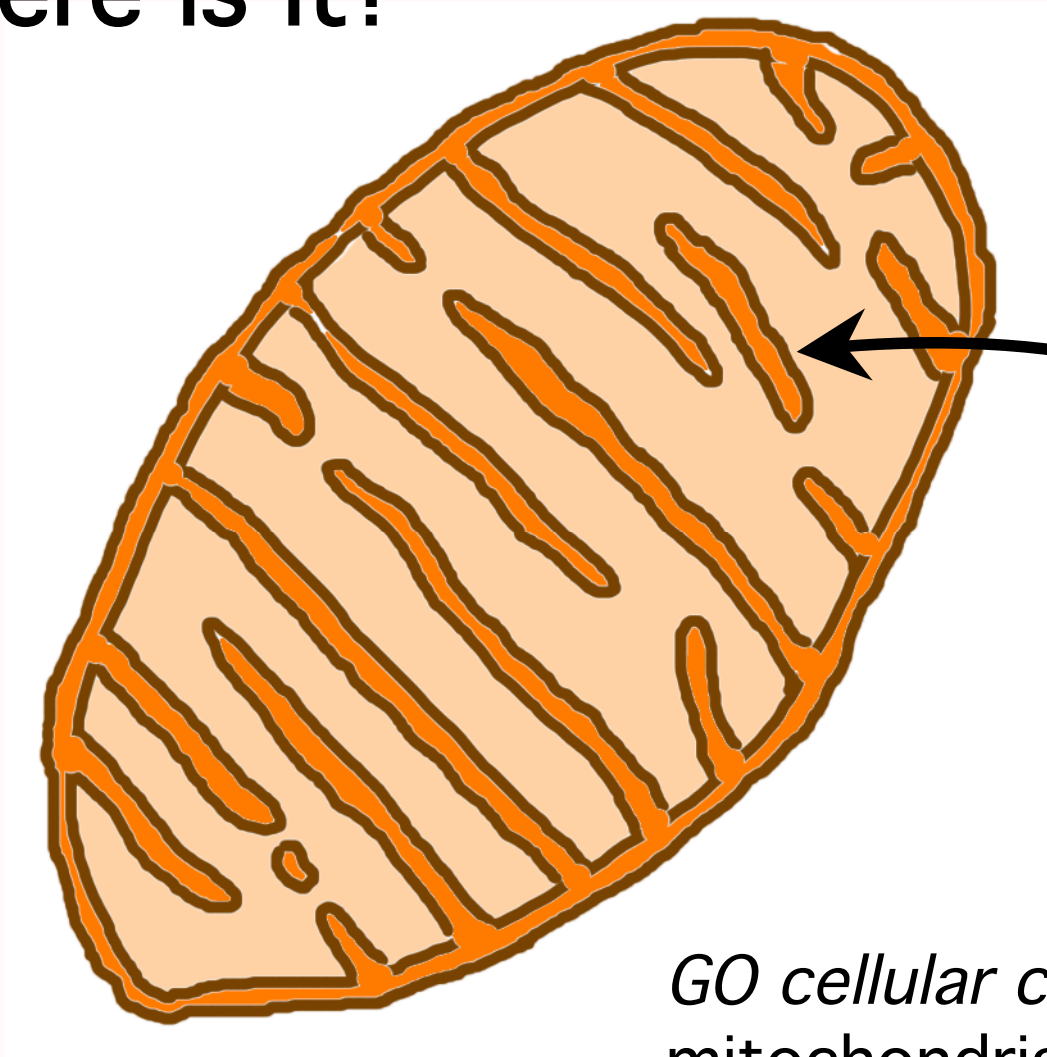
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# Annotation

**Mitochondrial P450**

(CC24 PR01238; MITP450CC24)

# Where is it?



Mitochondrial  
p450

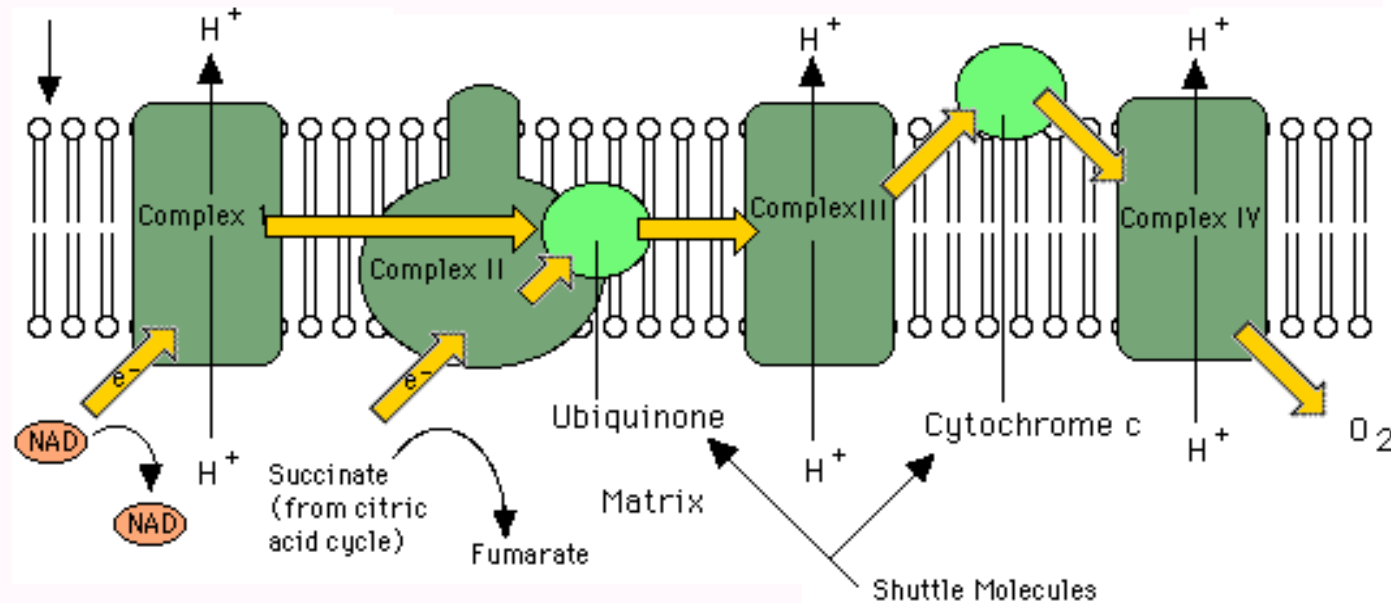
*GO cellular component term:*  
mitochondrial inner  
membrane ; GO:0005743

# What does it do?

substrate + O<sub>2</sub> = CO<sub>2</sub> + H<sub>2</sub>O product

*GO molecular function term:*  
monooxygenase activity ; GO:0004497

# Which process is this?



*GO biological process term:*  
electron transport ; GO:0006118

<http://ntri.tamuk.edu/cell/mitochondrion/krebpic.html>



monooxygenase activity ; GO:0004497

Other gene products:

[MGI](#)

monooxygenase, DBH-like 1

[MGI](#)

prostaglandin I2 (prostacyclin) synthase

[MGI](#)

splicing factor 3b, subunit 2

[SGD](#)

flavin-containing monooxygenase

[TAIR](#)

FERULATE-5-HYDROXYLASE 1

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## cellulose microfibril

**Accession:**GO:0009549

**Synonyms:** None.

**Definition:**

Cellulose is a straight chain polysaccharide composed of B(14) linked glucose subunits. It is a major component of plant cell walls where it is found as microfibrils laid down in orthogonal layers. Higher plant microfibrils are about 10nm in diameter and extremely long in relation to their width. The cellulose molecules are oriented parallel to the long axis of the microfibril in a paracrystalline array, which provides great tensile strength. The microfibrils are held in place by the wall matrix and their orientation is closely controlled by the protoplast.

**Term Lineage**

[Graph view.](#)

[GO:0003673](#) : [Gene Ontology \(103367\)](#)

④ [GO:0005575](#) : [cellular component \(54946\)](#)

① [GO:0005623](#) : [cell \(44343\)](#)

④ [GO:0030312](#) : [external encapsulating structure \(317\)](#)

① [GO:0005618](#) : [cell wall \(238\)](#)

① [GO:0009505](#) : [cell wall \(sensu Magnoliophyta\) \(58\)](#)

① [GO:0009530](#) : [primary cell wall \(1\)](#)

④ [GO:0009549](#) : [cellulose microfibril \(0\)](#)

① [GO:0009531](#) : [secondary cell wall \(0\)](#)

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① [GO:0048196](#) : [extracellular matrix \(sensu Magnoliophyta\) \(3\)](#)

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① [GO:0005576](#) : [extracellular \(4357\)](#)

④ [GO:0005578](#) : [extracellular matrix \(605\)](#)

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# mappings

| Database                 | Index File                   |
|--------------------------|------------------------------|
| Swiss-Prot               | <a href="#">spkw2go</a>      |
| Enzyme Commission        | <a href="#">ec2go</a>        |
| EGAD                     | <a href="#">egad2go</a>      |
| GenProtEC                | <a href="#">genprotec2go</a> |
| TIGR role                | <a href="#">tigr2go</a>      |
| TIGR Families            | <a href="#">tigrfams2go</a>  |
| InterPro                 | <a href="#">interpro2go</a>  |
| MIPS Funcat              | <a href="#">mips2go</a>      |
| MetaCyc Pathways         | <a href="#">metacyc2go</a>   |
| MultiFun Classifications | <a href="#">multifun2go</a>  |
| Pfam Domains             | <a href="#">pfam2go</a>      |
| Prodom Domains           | <a href="#">prodom2go</a>    |
| Prints Domains           | <a href="#">prints2go</a>    |
| ProSite Domains          | <a href="#">prosite2go</a>   |
| Smart Domains            | <a href="#">smart2go</a>     |

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EC:1.1.1.1 > GO:alcohol dehydrogenase activity ; GO:0004022  
EC:1.1.1.10 > GO:L-xylulose reductase activity ; GO:0050038  
EC:1.1.1.104 > GO:4-oxoproline reductase activity ; GO:0016617  
EC:1.1.1.105 > GO:retinol dehydrogenase activity ; GO:0004745
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