

1 The genome of the water strider *Gerris buenoi* reveals expansions of 2 gene repertoires associated with adaptations to life on the water

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57 **Supplementary Data**

58 **Immune genes**

59 While mammals have both innate and adaptive immune response, only innate immune response
60 has been described in arthropods [1]. In particular, the Toll and IMD (Immunodeficiency) pathways
61 are the two major regulators of the immune response known in arthropods [2-4] which act by
62 regulating the expression of other effector molecules such as antimicrobial peptides (AMPs).

63 In the *Gerris buenoi* genome we could annotate more than 60 immune genes, including orthologs
64 of all components of the Toll signalling pathway, which is activated mainly by Gram-positive
65 bacteria and fungi [5, 6]. However, whereas the Toll1-4 receptors were only represented by a
66 single ortholog called Toll1, six Toll9 paralogs were found which raises important questions about
67 a possible adaptation to gram-positive bacteria present in the water. On the other hand, IMD
68 pathway responds mainly to Gram-negative bacteria infection [5, 6] but many of its genes,
69 including *IMD*, *dFADD*, *Dredd*, and *Relish* could not be found in the first sequenced hemipteran,
70 *Acyrtosiphon pisum* [7, 8]. Further sequencing of other hemipterans extended this absence to the
71 kissing bug *Rodnius prolixus* and the bed bug *Cimex lectularius*, as well as the pest species
72 *Diaphorina citri*, *Pachypsylla venusta* and *Halyomorpha halys*. However, among the 60 immune
73 genes annotated in the genome of *Gerris buenoi*, we could identify a homolog of IMD, a unique
74 feature amongst sequenced Hemiptera species only shared with recently sequenced true bug
75 *Oncopeltus fasciatus* (Supplementary Figure 7) [9]. However, like in *Oncopeltus fasciatus*, the
76 important IMD pathway components *dFADD* and *Kenny* seem to be missing in *Gerris buenoi*.

77 Further research is required to elucidate how the IMD pathway functions in water striders and
78 why IMD has been conserved in *Gerris* while it has been lost in other hemipterans.
79 Despite the lack of shared components between Toll and IMD, both pathways can regulate
80 immune response through regulation of antimicrobial peptides (AMPs). Antimicrobial peptide
81 (AMPs) families prevent the invasion of potential pathogens playing a fundamental role on innate
82 immunity [10]. However, AMP families differ greatly among groups of insects [11] and only two
83 defensin-like, one lysozyme and 6 of the Hemiptera-specific Serosins [12] could be identified. We
84 failed to identify any attacins, hemiptericins or thaumatins in the *Gerris buenoi* genome. These
85 results suggest that following Gerromorpha invasion of water environment they have been faced
86 with a myriad of new potential pathogens, which may have accelerated Gerromorpha's AMPs
87 divergence.
88 Finally, we could annotate an ortholog of the innate immune response gene gamma-interferon-
89 inducible thiol reductase (*gilt*) in *Gerris buenoi* genome. Despite only innate immune response has
90 been classically described in arthropods, recent studies on *Drosophila melanogaster* have shown
91 that *gilt* ortholog gene has a role on adaptive immune response in flies [1]. However, the exact
92 mechanism of *gilt* function in immune response remains unknown. Moreover, in water striders
93 including *Gerris buenoi*, although no immune role of *gilt* has been tested yet, knockdown analyses
94 using RNA interference have shown an important new role in leg growth and adaptation [13].
95 These findings raise interesting questions about the functional divergence of arthropod immune
96 system.

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98 **Early Developmental Genes**

99 One of the main reasons for choosing to sequence the *Gerris buenoi* genome was due to its
100 emerging status as a developmental model system [14]. Therefore, it was of particular interest to
101 analyze its developmental gene content. In total 24 genes that are known, in other insects, to be
102 involved in developmental processes were manually annotated (Supplementary Table 10). These
103 include both genes encoding transcription factors and members of signaling pathways. These
104 genes are identified and named as distinct development genes by the nomenclature from
105 *Drosophila melanogaster* (Supplementary Table 11). *Gerris buenoi* has evidence of a canonical
106 insect developmental pathway and can be expected to contain all components required to
107 establish a normal anterior/posterior axis pattern. Compared to the later acting genes, the early
108 developmental genes identified in *Gerris buenoi* show greater divergence from those found in

109 *Drosophila melanogaster* and *Tribolium castaneum* (Supplementary Table 12), consistent with
 110 observations between *Drosophila* species [15]. Developmental genes previously identified in
 111 *Limnopus dissortis* (e.g. *decapentaplegic*) were also identified in the *Gerris buenoi* genome [16]
 112 confirming the presence of canonical insect developmental toolkit in this species. No duplication in
 113 the early development genes was observed. Early patterning genes appear conserved from what is
 114 known in other insects. As expected, there is no *bicoid* orthologue. Other genes known in
 115 *Drosophila* but not found in other insects, such as swallow are also not found in *Gerris*, such is the
 116 case of *caudal*. However, we suspect due to the identification of *tailless* that the absence of *caudal*
 117 from the genome is due to incomplete coverage of the sequencing effort, rather than an actual
 118 absence of the gene in the genome. We identified gene models for the terminal patterning genes
 119 *torso*, and *torso-like* in *Gerris buenoi*. Although models homologous to PTH were identified they
 120 were not well supported. However, is it more than likely that *Gerris buenoi* possess a PTH
 121 orthologue given that PTH orthologues are found in other hemipterans. As with other Hemiptera,
 122 we could not find a model for *trunk*.

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124 **Nuclear receptors and bHLH-PAS proteins**

125 We have annotated the genome of *Gerris buenoi* for all the genes of two families of ligand-
 126 dependent transcription factors: nuclear receptors and bHLH-PAS proteins. These regulators share
 127 many characteristics, such as response to small lipophilic ligands that can act either as signalling
 128 molecules or as xenobiotics and heterodimerisation factors with other members of their family.
 129 Numerous cross-talk interactions are known between nuclear receptors and bHLH-PAS proteins.
 130 All but one of the 21 nuclear receptor genes expected for an insect were found in the genome of
 131 *Gerris buenoi*. The missing gene E78 is also absent in *Pediculus humanus* [17] but is present in the
 132 genome of *Acyrtosiphon pisum* [18, 19]. We found 3 NR0 genes (*knirps*-related, *eagle*), as in
 133 *Pediculus humanus* and *Apis mellifera* [20]. Based on the work of [21], we could also identify all
 134 the isoforms of ECR and NR2E6 genes.

135 The genome of *Gerris buenoi* contains at least 10 genes of the bHLH-PAS family. The gene *tango*
 136 (*tgo*) was not found, whereas it is present in the genome of the *Acyrtosiphon pisum* [22]. This
 137 absence is surprising, since *tgo* is the homolog of ARNT, which is the heterodimeric partner of
 138 several members of this family in mammals. Since the gene called «*germ cell-expressed*» (*gce*) in
 139 *Drosophila* is known to be a diptera specific duplication of *Methoprene-tolerant* (*Met*), its absence
 140 in the genome of *Gerris buenoi* was expected. The gene *single-minded* (*sim*) is duplicated, as in

141 *Tribolium castaneum* [23].

142 In conclusion, we found a strong conservation of the number and identity of nuclear receptors and
143 bHLH-PAS proteins with other insects.

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145 **Insulin/TOR signalling pathways**

146 The Insulin and TOR pathways function together as an integrated metabolic signalling pathway
147 that is known to coordinate hormonal and nutritional signals in developing animals [24-26]. This
148 facilitates the complex regulation of several fundamental molecular and cellular processes
149 including transcription [27, 28], translation, cell stress, autophagy, and physiological states,
150 including aging, starvation, hormonal regulation, as well as both organism-wide and tissue-specific
151 growth [26-31]. In insects, these pathways have been implicated in the developmental regulation
152 of complex nutrient-dependent phenotypes ranging from beetle horns to the social castes of
153 termites and bees [32-34]. For example, in beetles, the insulin receptor is known to be a critical
154 regulator of appendage growth and it has been proposed that downstream transcription factors of
155 the pathway (Foxo), can mediate organ-specific sizing and growth [35, 36]. Taken together, the
156 interplay between these two pathways may play an integral role in the growth and sizing of the
157 different legs, and perhaps, even sexually dimorphic sized appendages found across the
158 morphologically diverse array of water strider species. For this reason, we searched for and
159 annotated various key players of this pathway. We found that *Gerris buenoi* possesses all
160 components of this pathway including the *forkhead box protein O (foxo)*, *insulin receptor 1 (InR1)*,
161 *insulin receptor 2 (InR2)*, the *insulin receptor substrate Chico*, the negative insulin pathway
162 regulator *Phosphatase and Tensin homologue (Pten)*, *Rheb/Ras homolog enriched in brain (Rheb)*,
163 the *S6 kinase (S6k)*, *Target of Rapamycin (Tor)*, the binding protein of the translation initiation
164 factor eIF4E (*4E-BP/Thor*), *Tuberous sclerosis complex 1 and 2 (Tsc1 & Tsc2/gigas)*, the
165 phosphoinositide-3-OH-kinase-dependent serine/threonine protein kinase *Akt1/Pkb*, the amino
166 acid transporter *Slimfast (slif)* and two Phosphoinositide 3-kinases (*Pi3K92E & Pi3K21B*). In
167 addition to this, *Gerris buenoi* appears to have an additional, third, insulin receptor of unknown
168 function and no known ortholog in insects. Therefore, the water strider *Gerris buenoi* possesses
169 the entire Insulin/TOR toolkit, which would be a potential target for future research into nutrient-
170 dependent differential body-plan growth and evolution in water striders.

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172 **Wnt Signaling Pathway**

173 The Wnt pathway is a signal transduction pathway with fundamental regulatory roles in embryonic
174 development in all metazoans. The emergence of several gene families of both Wnt ligands and
175 Frizzled receptors allowed the evolution of complex combinatorial interactions with multiple
176 layers of regulation [37]. Wnt signalling affects cell migration and segment polarity as well as
177 segment patterning in most arthropods [38]. Surveying and comparing the gene repertoire of
178 conserved gene families within and between taxonomic groups is the first step towards
179 understanding their function during development and evolution.

180 Here we curated gene models for the main components of the Wnt signalling pathway and
181 confirmed their orthology by phylogenetic analysis. We found 6 Wnt ligand subfamilies, three
182 Frizzled transmembrane receptor subfamilies, the co-receptor *arrow*, and the downstream
183 components *armadillo/beta-catenin*, *dishevelled*, *arrow*, *axin*, and *shaggy/GSK-3*. All of these
184 genes were present in single copy in the assembly.

185 The *Gerris* Wnt ligand repertoire is comparable to other hemipterans and holometabolous insect
186 species that have been analysed in detail. This supports observations of a reduction in the ligand
187 repertoire in insects compared to an inferred ancestral complement of 17 subfamilies, with most
188 extant Metazoan retaining ligands from 11-12 subfamilies. Nevertheless, assessments of gene
189 absence need to be done with caution when dealing with draft assemblies from second generation
190 sequencing, which is the case for most recently published genomes.

191 A total of 18 models for the main Wnt signalling genes were curated in the *Gerris buenoi* assembly
192 (Supplementary Table 13). The gene models generated by the MAKER pipeline were a very good
193 start for the curation process in most cases, where most of the time only the 5' end of the models
194 had to be edited by changing the translation start or adding upstream exons. The exceptions to
195 this were the *dishevelled* isoforms where, despite very strong RNA-seq support for the complete
196 model, only a small 5-exon model (for a gene with 16 exons in this species) for the middle part of
197 the gene was present in the automated set. Despite curation, the models of three genes are
198 incomplete. Similarly, *WntA* was missing the first exon in an upstream gap, and the *armadillo*
199 model was missing the N-terminal region due to a gap directly upstream of the model. The third
200 gene, *GSK-3 beta*, was split across two scaffolds despite strong RNA-seq support, with part 2 of
201 this model filling the complete scaffold 10229 and yet still missing fragments at both ends.

202 All models were isolated on individual scaffolds, with the exception of *axin* and *arrow*.
203 Interestingly, this linkage is not found in *Drosophila melanogaster*, *Tribolium castaneum*, or other

204 i5k pilot project hemipteroid species surveyed to date. On the other hand, the absence of the
205 ancient synteny of *wingless-Wnt6-Wnt10* [39], which was wholly or partially confirmed in other i5k
206 pilot hemipteroid species, is likely due to limitations in the current draft assembly. Regarding gene
207 copy number, it is worth noting that *armadillo*, which encodes an intracellular transducer in the
208 Wnt pathway, is represented by a single ortholog in the current assembly. As many insects,
209 including other heteropterans, have two copies of *armadillo* (*Drosophila*, *Tribolium*, *Cimex*,
210 *Oncopeltus*), it is surprising that there is no evidence for a second gene in *Gerris*.

211 We identified 6 *Wnt* gene subfamilies in the *Gerris* assembly, all with single copy genes:
212 *wingless/Wnt1*, *Wnt5*, *Wnt7*, *Wnt8*, *Wnt10* and *WntA*. This is identical to the ligand subfamily
213 representation in *Oncopeltus fasciatus*, with the slight difference that there has been a duplication
214 in *Oncopeltus Wnt8* [9]. There were also only six *Wnt* gene subfamilies found in the pea aphid
215 (*Acyrtosiphon pisum*), although for a slightly different constellation of subfamilies:
216 *wingless/Wnt1*, *Wnt5*, *Wnt 7*, *Wnt11*, *Wnt16* and *WntA* [19]. Together with earlier observations
217 [39], this report supports the idea that members of the Hemiptera have the fewest *Wnt* gene
218 families reported in insects, with some of these losses perhaps having occurred relatively recently
219 and independently in this clade.

220 Three models were curated for the *frizzled* (*fz*) transmembrane receptor families: *frizzled*, *frizzled*-
221 *2*, and *frizzled*-*3*. These correspond to three of the four ancient *fz* families expected to have been
222 present in the common ancestor of arthropods: *fz*, *fz2*, *fz3*, *fz4* [40]. The loss of *fz4* was also
223 observed in *Oncopeltus fasciatus* [9] and *Acyrtosiphon pisum* [19].

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225 **Cysteine peptidases from the papain C1 family**

226 Cysteine peptidases from the papain C1 family (MEROPS classification [41]) are important
227 lysosomal cathepsins, and participate as regulators and signaling molecules in a large number of
228 biological processes [42]. In addition, cysteine cathepsins in a limited number of insect groups are
229 important digestive enzymes evolved from lysosomal ancestors [43, 44]. In Cucujiformia beetles,
230 digestive cysteine cathepsins are an evolutionary response to a seed diet rich in serine peptidase
231 inhibitors [43, 45]. In the case of true bugs, it is proposed that their sap-sucking ancestors lost
232 digestive serine peptidases in adapting to plant sap, and the adaptation of cysteine cathepsins for
233 digestive functions is a consequence of a return to a protein diet [46]. A detailed study of cysteine
234 cathepsins in the beetles *Tenebrio molitor* and *Tribolium castaneum* (Coleoptera: Tenebrionidae)
235 revealed expansions of genes encoding cysteine digestive cathepsins [47, 48]. Cysteine cathepsins

236 in *T. castaneum* larvae are important components of adaptive responses in overcoming the effect
237 of dietary protease inhibitors [49].

238 There are few publications of cysteine peptidases in Heteroptera. Most of the early publications
239 suggested that cysteine peptidases are the major digestive peptidases in several families of this
240 insect order (see [43, 44]), such as *Reduviidae*, where digestive cathepsins L and B were identified
241 in two *Triatoma* species [50, 51]. Sequencing the *Rhodnius prolixus* gut transcriptome revealed 11
242 cysteine peptidases expressed in the gut [52]. We are unaware of any publications on digestive
243 peptidases of the bugs from the family Gerridae, and the specific biology of this semi-aquatic
244 insect can impact the set of digestive enzymes.

245 In *Gerris buenoi*, we found 28 genes and gene fragments that encode cysteine cathepsins of the C1
246 family. These enzymes primarily belong to the cathepsin L-like subfamily [53], while the cathepsin
247 B-like subfamily was represented by only three potentially active enzymes and one putatively
248 catalytically inactive TINAL-like protein [54]. Members of the cathepsin L-like family included two
249 types of peptidase genes: (i) those encoding conserved cathepsins, which include orthologs of
250 mammalian cathepsin L and cathepsin F, and orthologs of cathepsin I and cathepsin LI (26-29kD-
251 proteinase) that are found in most insects (manuscript in preparation); (ii) 13 species-specific
252 cathepsin L-like genes that do not have orthologs in other insects and are unique to *Gerris buenoi*.
253 The cathepsin B-like family contained an ortholog of mammalian cathepsin B and two species-
254 specific cathepsin B-like peptidase genes.

255 Conserved cathepsins of *Gerris buenoi* have a unique profile: there are eight cathepsin LI genes,
256 while in most species only one copy of the gene is found. Functional analysis of cathepsin LI is
257 premature, but previous studies suggested that those peptidases (26-29kD-proteinases) could play
258 a role in immune defense system degrading foreign proteins [55] or participate in metamorphosis
259 [48]. Species-specific cysteine peptidases include 15 different genes, 11 of which form two
260 phylogenetic clades presumably derived from an original cathepsin L through the course of
261 evolution, and localized as sequential clusters of 2 to 4 genes. Considering all Heteroptera species
262 described thus far have digestive cysteine peptidases [50-52], we propose that they also may play
263 a digestive role in *Gerris buenoi*. This hypothesis is supported by the fact that similar species-
264 specific clades of cysteine peptidases in the more thoroughly studied coleopterans *Tribolium*
265 *castaneum* [47, 48], *Tenebrio molitor* [47] and *Leptinotarsa decemlineata* [56] are linked to
266 digestion of food.

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268 **Visual genes**

269 Water striders have drawn exceptional interest by visual scientists due to their exceptional visual
270 ecology and correspondingly specialized organization of the visual system. The prominent, over
271 900 ommatidia counting compound eyes of water striders are involved in prey localization, mating
272 partner pursuit, and predator evasion [57-59]. Although water striders utilize vision for dispersal
273 by flight, water strider vision is considered specifically adapted to maximally sensitive 2-
274 dimensional perception, i.e. the horizontal horizon of their water surface environment. Main
275 evidence for this is the lateral acute zone, which facilitates neural superposition vision [60, 61].
276 Similar to higher Diptera like *Drosophila*, each ommatidial input is optically insulated from
277 neighboring ommatidia through apposition optics. The sensitivity of target neurons in the lamina,
278 however, is heightened at the level of neural organization of photoreceptor axons in target
279 locations of the optic neuropils defined as neural superposition [57]. A likely functional
280 morphological corollary of this is the open organization of the rhabdom in water strider
281 ommatidia: Most of the individual photoresponsive membrane compartments (rhabdomeres) of
282 each of the 8 photoreceptors per ommatidium are physically separated from each other [62]. This
283 trait is shared derived trait for Heteroptera in contrast to Auchenorrhyncha and Coleorrhyncha
284 [63], which feature a closed rhabdom where all rhabdomeres are in contact with each other along
285 the proximodistal axis of the ommatidium.

286 Further notable for water strider vision is the dimorphism of ventral and dorsal ommatidia at the
287 level of inner photoreceptor organization [63]. In the both dorsal and lateral ommatidia, both of
288 the two inner photoreceptors contribute rhabdomeres in a highly organized orientation related to
289 the rhabdomeres of the outer photoreceptors. In ventral ommatidia, by contrast, only the inner
290 photoreceptor R8 forms a rhabdomere while the inner photoreceptor R7 does not. Interestingly,
291 the specific orientation of the ventral R8 rhabdomeres is variable across Gerromorpha species. The
292 tandem position of the R7 and R8 rhabdomeres in dorsal ommatidia has been proposed to be
293 shared derived for Gerromorpha [63].

294 Typical for aquatic insects [64], *Gerris* is also polarized light-sensitive [65]. Schneider and Langer
295 [62] describe how the cellular structure of photoreceptors relates to different polarized light
296 sensitivities in the dorsal and ventral eyes. Studying the spectral sensitivity of *Gerris*
297 photoreceptors to polarized light [66] concluded that the peripheral photoreceptors are blue
298 sensitive while the inner photoreceptors are green sensitive, consistent with a larger number of
299 sampled blue vs green photoreceptors. On the other hand, Bartsch [67] recorded 37

300 photoreceptor cells, only 7 of which were blue sensitive while the rest were green sensitive. This
301 study further revealed the existence of green and blue sensitive polarized light detecting
302 subsystems in the lateral-equatorial and lateral-dorsal region of the eye. The green-sensitive
303 subsystem has been proposed to mediate object detection while the function of the blue sensitive
304 system has remained enigmatic.

305 Our genomic analysis of *Gerris buenoi* uncovered 8 opsin homologs. This included one member
306 each of the 3 deeply conserved arthropod non-retinal opsin subfamilies (c-opsin, Arthropsin, and
307 Rh7 opsin) and 5 retinal opsins (Figure 4A and Supplementary Figure 2). The latter sorted into one
308 member of the UV-sensitive opsin subfamily and 4 tightly tandem clustered members of the long
309 wavelength sensitive (LWS) opsin subfamily (Figure 4A). Surprisingly, both genomic and
310 transcriptome search in *G. buenoi* and other water strider species failed to detect sequence
311 evidence of homologs of the otherwise deeply conserved blue-sensitive opsin subfamily [68].

312 While the apparent lack of blue opsin in *Gerris buenoi* was unexpected given the presence of blue
313 sensitive photoreceptors, it was consistent with the lack of blue opsin sequence evidence in
314 available genomes and transcriptomes of other heteropteran species including *Halyomorpha*
315 *halys*, *Oncopeltus fasciatus*, *Cimex lectularius*, *Rhodnius prolixus*. Blue opsin, however, is present in
316 other hemipteran clades, including Cicadomorpha (*Nephotettix cincticeps*) and Sternorrhyncha
317 (*Pachypsylla venusta*) (Figure 4B and Supplementary Figure 2). Taken together, these data lead to
318 the conclusion that the blue-sensitive opsin subfamily was lost early in the last common ancestor
319 of the Heteroptera (Figure 4B), raising the question, which compensatory events explain the
320 presence of blue sensitive photoreceptors in water striders.

321 Studies in butterflies and beetles produced evidence of blue sensitivity shifts in both UV- and LWS-
322 opsin homologs following gene duplication [69-71]. Given that the UV-opsin family is generally
323 conserved throughout insects even in crepuscular species like kissing bugs and bed bugs (opsin
324 gene tree), and that evidence of UV-sensitive photoreceptors has been reported for
325 backswimmers [72], it seems most likely that one or more of the newly expanded *Gerris buenoi*
326 LWS opsin genes represent blue-shifted paralogs.

327 In further support of this hypothesis, the 4 *Gerris buenoi* LWS opsin paralogs have accumulated
328 substantial sequence divergence amounting to pairwise 40 to 80 amino acid differences despite
329 their tight genomic linkage. Further, there are compelling similarities at the four amino acid sites
330 that have been implicated in the green to blue sensitivity shifts of butterfly LWS opsins: Ile17Met,
331 Ala64Ser, Asn70Ser, and Ser137Ala [69, 70]. Most intriguingly, the Gblue LWS opsin 4 paralog

332 matches all green-sensitive amino acid residue states at these tuning positions, thus favoring this
333 paralog as green-sensitive (Figure 4C). This conclusion is further bolstered by the near perfect
334 amino acid state matches of the physiologically well-characterized green-sensitive LWS opsins of
335 *Drosophila* and honeybee (Figure 4C), suggesting functional relevance across insect orders.
336 Combined with the sequence evidence from green vs blue-shifted LWS-opsins of butterflies, the
337 existence of the blue-shifted LWS opsins Rh1 and Rh2 in addition to the green-sensitive Rh6 LWS
338 opsin in *Drosophila* makes it also possible to probe for comparative evidence for the existence of
339 candidate blue-shifting amino acid states in the Gbue LWS opsin paralogs 1, 2 and 3 (Figure 4C).
340 This approach identifies different sets of blue-shifting amino acid states in Gbue LWS opsin 1 and
341 3. Most compellingly, both paralogs possess a blue-shift correlated methionine at position 17 as
342 opposed to the green-sensitivity correlated isoleucine of Gbue LWS opsin 2 and 4. The same holds
343 true for the blue-shifted LWS opsins Rh1 vs the green-sensitive Rh6 LWS opsin of *Drosophila*. At
344 position 64, the phylogenetic signal for serine as blue-shifted state vs alanine as green-sensitive
345 state is particularly strong in butterflies [69, 70]. This correlation, however, is not consistently
346 shared in the *Drosophila* and the honeybee. While the extremely blue-shifted *Drosophila* LWS
347 opsin Rh2 does possess a serine at this site, so does the green-sensitive LWS opsin 1 of the
348 honeybee. These conflicting signals prevent a straightforward interpretation of the otherwise
349 intriguing occupation of this site by either alanine or serine in the 4 *Gerris buenoi* LWS opsin. Less
350 ambiguity, however, applies position 70, where Gbue LWS opsin 3 stands out by sharing a serine
351 residue with blue-shifted butterfly LWS opsins. While the green-sensitivity associated asparagine is
352 highly conserved, even in both blue-shifted *Drosophila* LWS opsins, the corresponding rarity of the
353 serine state amounts to compelling evidence in support of Gbue LWS opsin 3 as blue-shifted LWS
354 opsin. The comparative signal at tuning position 137, finally, is less straightforward to interpret.
355 This site is occupied by a serine in *Gerris buenoi* LWS opsins 1 and 4 vs glycine in *Gerris buenoi* LWS
356 opsins 2 and 3. The comparison with both butterfly and honeybee suggests the serine state of
357 *Gerris buenoi* LWS opsins 1 and 4 as green-sensitive, no identical reference point exists for the
358 glycine state of *Gerris buenoi* LWS opsins 2 and 3. However, the only conservative difference to
359 the alanine state in the blue shifted LWS opsins of butterflies and *Drosophila* (Rh2) can be valued
360 as tentative evidence for blue-shifted states of *Gerris buenoi* LWS opsins 2 and 3.
361 Collectively, the comparative evidence identifies Gbue LWS opsin 3 as the candidate blue-shifted
362 paralog with the highest confidence followed by Gbue LWS opsin 1 and 2. This conclusion is
363 further backed by the fact that water striders lack ocelli, which implies that all four paralogs are

364 most likely expressed in photoreceptors of the compound eye. Overall, it thus seems most likely
 365 that the differential expression of the highly sequence-diverged Gblue LWS opsin paralogs
 366 accounts for the presence of both blue- and green-sensitive photoreceptors in water striders.
 367 Moreover, given that the outer blue photoreceptors have been specifically implicated in the
 368 detection of contrast differences in water striders [66], it is tempting to speculate that the
 369 deployment of blue-shifted LWS opsins represents another parallel to the fast-tracking visual
 370 system of higher Diptera. While these predictions await physiological verification in water striders,
 371 the genomic exploration of *Gerris buenoi* vision identifies water striders and Heteroptera as a
 372 whole as an exceptionally relevant group in the molecular study of adaptive visual system
 373 evolution for comparison to Lepidoptera, Hymenoptera, and the higher Diptera (Brachycera).
 374 In addition to these five retinal opsins, three extra-retinal opsins were detected in the *Gerris*
 375 genome: The deeply conserved yet functionally still poorly understood Rh7 opsin subfamily [73,
 376 74], Arthropsin [75-77], and c-opsin (Supplementary Figure 2 and Supplementary Table 5). Only
 377 partial sequences Arthropsin and c-opsin were detectable in the *Gerris buenoi* genome assembly.
 378 However, complete transcript sequences were found in the transcriptome of the closely related
 379 water strider species *Limnoporus dissortis* (Supplementary Figure 2).

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381 **Chemoreceptor gene families**

382 The three chemoreceptor families addressed herein are the seven-transmembrane-domain
 383 Odorant and Gustatory Receptors that together comprise the insect chemoreceptor superfamily,
 384 and the unrelated three-transmembrane-domain Ionotropic Receptors [78, 79]. All three families
 385 have recently been fully documented from three other heteropterans with genome sequence used
 386 as comparators here, the kissing bug *Rhodnius prolixus* [80], the bedbug *Cimex lectularius* [81],
 387 and the milkweed bug *Oncopeltus fasciatus* [9]. More distant comparisons with other hemipteroid
 388 insects like the pea aphid *Acyrtosiphon pisum* [82] and the human body louse *Pediculus humanus*
 389 [17] are not included here as these chemoreceptors are mostly highly divergent from these four
 390 species, and comparisons including all five above species are available in Panfilio et al. [9].
 391 The Odorant Receptors (ORs) is a large family, which, at least in several endopterygotes, have
 392 been shown to mediate most of insect olfaction (e.g. [79]). The OR family evolved within basal
 393 insects [83, 84] and consists of the single highly conserved Odorant receptor Co-receptor protein
 394 and a set of “specific” ORs, each of which is co-expressed with OrCo, generally one specific OR per
 395 olfactory sensory neuron type. The OR family in *Gerris* consists of at least 153 genes, two of which

396 are modelled as being alternatively spliced in a fashion found in many other insects, with two long
397 first exons encoding most of the protein that are alternatively spliced into several short-shared
398 exons encoding the C-terminus. Thirteen of these OR genes are pseudogenic in the genome
399 assembly, so the total of seemingly intact ORs in this compilation is 146, however many are partial
400 models and many gene fragments remain. Phylogenetic analysis along with the other three
401 heteropterans reveals the usual high conservation of the single OrCo proteins (Supplementary Figure
402 4A). There are three possible simple orthologs of “specific” ORs across these four heteropterans,
403 indicated with an asterisk in Supplementary Figure 4A, and two more with simple duplications in one
404 or more species (two asterisks). Otherwise the relationships consist either of highly divergent
405 genes, or large expansions or “blooms” of ORs within a particular heteropteran lineage. In the case
406 of *Gerris* these include expansions of 4 (Or64-67), 8 (Or145-152), 9 (Or90-97a/b), 13 (Or72-84), 13
407 (Or98-110), 16 (Or111-125), 18 (Or44-61), and 44 proteins (Or1-43). Comparable expansions were
408 previously described in *Rhodnius* and *Oncopeltus* and are clear in this analysis as well (Supplementary
409 Figure 4A). In contrast, *Cimex* has almost no lineage-specific expansions, with OR clades consisting
410 of only 1, 2, or 3 genes.

411 The Gustatory Receptors (GRs) is also a large family and consist of subfamilies and lineages that
412 predate even the origins of the OR family [78, 84-86]. The most prominent of these are the sugar,
413 carbon dioxide, and fructose receptor subfamilies (Supplementary Figure 4B). The sugar receptors,
414 represented here by Gr1/2 from *Apis mellifera*, were lost from the obligate blood feeders *Cimex*
415 and *Rhodnius*, but are present as three genes each in *Oncopeltus* and this more general predator
416 (Gr7-9). The carbon dioxide receptor subfamily, represented here by the Gr21a/62a dimer in *D.*
417 *melanogaster* and Gr1-3 in *Tribolium castaneum*, was lost from most Hymenoptera as well as
418 *Rhodnius*, but multiple related GRs are present in *Cimex*, *Oncopeltus*, and *Gerris* (Gr1-6). It remains
419 to be shown whether these more distant relatives of the carbon dioxide receptors of
420 endopterygotes are involved in perception of this molecule in heteropterans. The fructose
421 receptor implicated also in brain nutrient sensing [87] has a single representative in each
422 heteropteran, although the *Gerris* gene is represented only by a fragment in the current genome
423 assembly (Gr10). This is the only GR lineage that is a simple ortholog across these four
424 heteropterans. The remaining GRs present a pattern similar to that of most of the ORs, that is, a
425 few highly divergent lineages, and several highly expanded lineages. In these GRs, however, these
426 expansions mostly involve large alternatively-spliced loci, comparable to those found in many
427 other insects from *D. melanogaster* [86] to *Calopteryx splendens* [83]. These loci consist of several

428 long first exons encoding most of the receptor (transmembrane domains 1-6) that are modelled as
429 being alternatively spliced into three short shared exons encoding the intracellular loop 3 and
430 TM7. The three largest of these loci, Gr35, 48, and 32 encode 11, 11, and 13 different and
431 sometimes quite divergent receptors, respectively (Supplementary Figure 4B). The largest of these GR
432 expansions consists of 80 proteins encoded by 27 genes (Gr22-48), while three smaller expansions
433 of 10, 12, and 14 proteins also involve alternatively-spliced loci (Gr45-47, 55-60, and 15-19,
434 respectively). This pattern of expansion of the “bitter” GRs in alternatively-spliced loci is shared
435 with *Oncopeltus* where it has resulted in an even larger repertoire of “bitter” GRs, but barely at all
436 in *Rhodnius* and *Cimex* both of which have comparatively small “bitter” GR subfamilies,
437 presumably reflecting the different chemical ecologies of these four heteropterans.

438 The Ionotropic Receptors (IRs) is a variant family of the large and ancient superfamily of ionotropic
439 glutamate receptors [78, 88]. The family contains two highly conserved co-receptors that are very
440 similar to the ionotropic glutamate receptors in sequence and structure, Ir8a and 25a
441 (Supplementary Figure 4C), as well as another widely expressed gene that might also encode a co-
442 receptor, Ir76b, specifically involved in perception of amino acids [89, 90]. These heteropterans
443 have four more single-copy IRs (21a, 40a, 68a, and 93a), most of which are implicated in
444 perception of a variety of stimuli from temperature to humidity [91, 92]. All of these are present
445 as single-copy clear orthologs of the named *Drosophila* genes, and indeed most are older gene
446 lineages than heteropterans [83]. An unusual exception is that there is a divergent duplicate of
447 Ir8a (Ir8a2L) immediately upstream of and in tandem with Ir8a. This gene is missing the first 1/3 of
448 the equivalent length of Ir8a, and there is no RNAseq support for it, unlike Ir8a and 25a, so it might
449 not be functional. As is commonly the case in other insects, there is a small expansion to four
450 genes of the lineage related to the Ir41a/76a/92a lineage in *D. melanogaster*, which for
451 consistency with other genomes are named in an Ir41 series (Ir41d is not shown in Supplementary
452 Figure 4C because it is a partial model that does not align well). In *Drosophila* Ir41a and 92a have
453 been implicated in detection of amines [93, 94]. A far larger expansion of 24 genes is related to the
454 Ir75a-d/64a/84a lineage in *D. melanogaster*, and again this lineage is also expanded in many other
455 insects, although seldom to this extent. Ir75a/b, 64a, and 84a in *Drosophila* flies have been shown
456 to be involved in perception of several acids [95-99]. Like the other heteropterans and many other
457 insects, there are several highly divergent IRs, falling into two groups with no simple relationships
458 to *D. melanogaster* IRs. These were therefore named in a series from Ir101 to avoid confusion with
459 *D. melanogaster* Ir genes, whose names only go to Ir100a because like the Or and Gr genes they

460 were named for their cytological location in the polytene chromosomes. Ir101-105 are weakly
461 related to a large expansion of so-called “divergent” IRs in *Drosophila*, including the Ir20a clade
462 that function as gustatory receptors [100, 101]. Ir106-109 form a small clade related only to some
463 other divergent heteropteran IRs, and are perhaps also involved in gustation. Thus, while not
464 nearly as large as the OR and GR families, these IRs probably contribute some well-conserved
465 functions shared with their orthologs with *Drosophila*, as well as perception of amines and diverse
466 acids, and contribute to gustation. The only lineage-specific expansion compared with the other
467 heteropterans is the IR75 clade implicated in perception of various acids, but it is unclear how this
468 relates to the chemical ecology of water striders.

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470 **Wing development and polyphenism**

471 The ability to produce different phenotypes from a single genome in response to environmental
472 cues is called ‘polyphenism’ [102]. Water striders express a seasonal wing polyphenism (Figure 1),
473 where adults are short-winged in the early summer generation when habitats are stable, but are
474 long-winged in the mid-summer generation when habitats become unstable [103, 104]. It is
475 thought that this wing polyphenism reflects an adaptive tradeoff between wing length and
476 reproduction, where in unstable habitats populations invest in long wings and produce fewer
477 offspring, but in stable habitats populations produce short wings and invest in more offspring
478 [103, 104]. The environmental cues that may affect wing morphology include photoperiod,
479 temperature, resource availability, and population density [104-106].

480 Wing polyphenism and adaptive tradeoffs between flight and reproduction are ecologically
481 important and phylogenetically widespread among insects. In wing polyphenic ants and aphids, for
482 example, previous studies used bioinformatics approaches to infer that the genes involved in the
483 development of wings and the ovaries have a different DNA methylation signature relative to the
484 rest of the genome [107-111]. This suggests that these genes are regulated by epigenetic
485 mechanisms [107-111]. Therefore, in the water strider *Gerris buenoi*, we predicted that genes
486 involved in wing patterning and reproduction will also have a different DNA methylation signature
487 relative to the rest of the genomes. Furthermore, previous studies have shown that juvenile
488 hormone (JH) and insulin signaling pathways are associated with regulation of reproduction and
489 wing polyphenism in insects [102, 112-114]. We therefore analyzed epigenetic signatures in genes
490 involved in both of these pathways relative to the rest of the genome. Finally, we compared genes
491 from *Gerris buenoi* to orthologues in *Rhodnius proxilus* because this closely related species serves

492 as a phylogenetically controlled outgroup, which has not evolved wing polyphenism.
493 We discovered that the mean CpG_{O/E} values for *Gerris buenoi* genes in the network related to wing
494 polyphenism, juvenile hormone, insulin signalling and reproduction are not significantly different
495 from the mean of the resampled distribution of CpG_{O/E} of all *Gerris buenoi* genes (Supplementary
496 Figure 8 and Supplementary Table 14 : List of genes in the networks underlying wing polyphenism,
497 reproduction, juvenile hormone, and insulin signalling included in the analysis and their CpG_{O/E}
498 value for *Gerris buenoi* and *Rhodnius prolixus*. Genes that were annotated in *Gerris buenoi* but
499 excluded from the analysis because they did not have a complete coding sequence are also listed but
500 without a CpG_{O/E} value.). The mean CpG_{O/E} of the *R. prolixus* orthologues related to wing
501 polyphenism, juvenile hormone regulation, insulin signalling and reproduction is also not
502 significantly different from the mean of the resampled distribution of CpG_{O/E} of all
503 *Rhodnius prolixus* (Supplementary Figure 8). These results indicate that genes in the network
504 related to wing polyphenism, juvenile hormone, insulin signalling and reproduction do not have a
505 distinct methylation signature relative to the rest of genes in *Gerris buenoi* and *Rhodnius prolixus*
506 genomes.

507 The sequencing of three ant genomes, each of which possess a dramatic wing and reproductive
508 polyphenism, showed significant methylation signature of genes known to be involved in wing and
509 reproductive development relative to the rest of the genes in the ant genomes [107-109]. We
510 therefore expected that genes involved in wing and reproductive development in the wing
511 polyphenic water strider *Gerris buenoi* would possess a similar methylation signature as in the
512 ants. To our surprise, the results of our analysis reveal that methylation signatures in genes
513 involved in wing and reproductive development are not significant relative to the rest of the
514 genome. This is also the case for the closely-related and non-wing polyphenic insect *Rhodnius*
515 *prolixus*. These findings suggest that more classical mechanisms for achieving differential gene
516 expression underlying polyphenism, such as endocrine-based mechanisms like hormone secretion
517 and neuropeptide release, are involved in regulating the expression of genes underlying wing
518 polyphenism as well as the trade-off between wing development and reproduction in water
519 striders [115]. Altogether, these results open up exciting future research possibilities for
520 understanding how wing polyphenism is regulated in water striders, and why they appear to differ
521 from other polyphenic insects.

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523 DNA methyltransferases

524 DNA methylation is an epigenetic mechanism known to be involved in the regulation of alternative
525 splicing and gene expression in insects [116-118]. In honeybees, it has been demonstrated that the
526 DNA methyltransferase, DNMT3, is critical in sizing, morphology and reproductive organ
527 development associated with caste determination as well as alternative splicing regulation [117-
528 119]. Furthermore, differential DNA methylation is associated with flexible behavioral castes
529 (nurses and foragers) in bees [120]. Therefore, this epigenetic mechanism is considered to be a
530 potentially key regulator of morphological development and behavioral differentiation in insects.
531 Paradoxically, many insects have lost key elements of the DNA methylation toolkit, including
532 DNMT1 and DNMT3, as is the case for *Drosophila melanogaster* [121]. In order to see if this
533 pathway may be worth further investigation for the study of morphological development in water
534 striders, we searched for several core elements that regulate this molecular process. Although we
535 found that the water strider genome does possess *DNMT1*, which is essential for the maintenance
536 of DNA methylation, and *DNMT2*, the protein of which functions to methylate tRNAs, the *Gerris*
537 *buenoi* genome does not contain an ortholog of *DNMT3*, which is essential for de novo DNA
538 methylation. It is hard to predict the significance of *Gerris buenoi* lacking *DNMT3* because the
539 presence versus absence of this gene is quite erratic across insects [122]. Although it may be
540 associated with the capacity for elaborate environmentally-dependent developing processes,
541 including those that are polyphenic as it is found in a range of invertebrates including the pea
542 aphid [123], *Daphnia* [124], termites [125] and various hymenoptera including bees and ants that
543 are highly plastic [107, 126, 127]. Still, there are other highly conserved epigenetic processes, such
544 as histone modifications, which are conserved in *Gerris buenoi*, and may serve as alternative
545 mechanisms for the regulation of developmental plasticity.

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547 Histone genes and histone modification machinery

548 Chromatin remodelling, via post-translational modifications of histones, is a key regulator of gene
549 expression. These epigenetic processes have been associated with environmental responsiveness
550 and phenotypic plasticity [128]. One of the most striking cases of plasticity in the Gerridae is
551 associated with wing development [129]. Most species of this family exhibit winged and wingless
552 morphs known as apterous and macropterous morphs [129, 130]. Wing development is influenced
553 by both genetic and environmental factors such as habitat stability, day/night cycle and latitude
554 [103, 104, 131]. Other cases of phenotypic plasticity include leg length, pigmentation, and a set of

555 secondary sexual traits in both males and females [132]. While our understanding of the ecology
556 of these cases of phenotypic plasticity is increasingly richer, the lack of a water strider genome has
557 hindered studies of the genetic and developmental factors associated with them. We therefore
558 analysed the *Gerris buenoi* genome content in search for components of the epigenetic
559 machinery.

560 In the *Gerris buenoi* genome we could identify 49 histone proteins encoding loci, a moderately
561 large number of genes similar to that found in *Cimex lectularius* and *Daphnia pulex*, but
562 substantially smaller than that detected in the *Aedes aegypti* or *Drosophila* genomes
563 (Supplementary Table 15). We identified genes encoding the five major classes of histone proteins
564 (H2A, H2B, H3, H4 and the linker histone H1) as well as copies of genes encoding the variant
565 histones H2AV and H3.3. In *Drosophila* the histone genes are present in the genome in large
566 numbers of quintet clusters, each cluster having one gene from each of the five classes of
567 histones. A similar organization was found in the *Gerris buenoi* genome where two canonical
568 quintet clusters were identified. Both of them consists of one copy of each of the four classes of
569 core histone proteins (H2A, H2B, H3 and H4) and a single copy of the linker histone (H1)
570 (Supplementary Figure 9). Additional clusters were identified, including one modified cluster
571 containing two copies of the linker histone (H1) and two copies of the H2B core histone, but no
572 copy of the core histone H3, as well as five truncated clusters made of three or four genes
573 including H3 core histone gene and combinations of the other histone genes (Supplementary
574 Figure 9). The number of these clusters is higher compared to the genomes of the milkweed bug
575 *Oncopeltus fasciatus* and the bed bug *Cimex lectularius*, which contain one and two clusters
576 respectively [9, 81]. The functional significance of these clusters remains unknown, thus opening
577 new avenues in the study of the relationship between epigenetics and phenotypic plasticity [133].
578 Histone proteins can be post-translationally modified to dynamically influence the structure of the
579 chromatin. We found in the *Gerris buenoi* genome genes responsible for all classes of histone
580 modifications: histone acetyltransferases, deacetylases, methylases and demethylases.
581 Interestingly, we found a duplication of the histone acetyltransferases *males absent on the first*
582 (*mof*) and *chameau* (*chm/HAT1*). *Mof* functions in dosage compensation and genome stability in
583 *Drosophila* [134, 135]. Duplications of *mof* and *chm* have previously been reported for
584 *Acyrtosiphon pisum* and were thought to be unique [136] although *mof* duplication was also
585 recently detected in *Oncopeltus fasciatus* [9] and *Cimex lectularius* [81]. Phylogenetic analysis
586 indicates the duplications that have occurred in these species are independent of the duplication

587 that occurred in *Acyrtosiphon pisum* and likely occurred early in the heteropteran lineage ~250
588 million years ago (Supplementary Figure 10). Unusually, we also identified a duplication of the
589 *Gerris buenoi* histone deacetylase *Sirt1* (*sir2*) and *Sirt5*; and the histone methyltransferase *grappa*.
590 *Sirt1* is a nuclear and cytoplasmic deacetylase that has a role in histone modifications [137] and
591 has been associated with enhanced stress response and life-span extension in numerous species
592 [136, 138, 139]. *Grappa*, histone methyltransferase, modifies the lysine (K)79 residue of histone H3
593 and has been implicated in the stress response in *Drosophila* providing protection against
594 oxidative and caloric stress [140]. Interestingly, duplications of *Grappa* have not been detected in
595 any other hemipteran species.

596 In conclusion, the high number of histone clusters found as well as the duplication of some post-
597 translational modifications of histones genes open up exciting future research possibilities for
598 understanding their role in environmental responsiveness and phenotypic plasticity in *Gerris*
599 *buenoi*.

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601 **Antioxidant Proteins**

602 Reactive oxygen species (ROS), including superoxide radicals (O_2^-), hydroxyl radicals (OH^\cdot), and
603 hydroperoxides (H_2O_2 , and $ROOH$), are generated by aerobic metabolism but may also be
604 encountered in an organism diet or environment [141-143]. Moderate levels of ROS drive a variety
605 of processes including cellular signaling, transcriptional regulation, as well many other
606 physiological processes. However, inability to regulate ROS concentrations can result in the
607 accumulation of ROS-induced damaged lipids, proteins, and nucleic acids [141-143]. Animals have
608 evolved a complex system of antioxidant enzymes and molecules, facilitating the modulation of
609 ROS levels [142, 144-146]. The enzymatic antioxidant system is comprised of a diverse suite of
610 proteins that can be divided into clades based on their modes of action. Catalase (CAT),
611 superoxide dismutase (SOD), and a variety of peroxidases make up the core of the antioxidant
612 response. Thioredoxins and methionine sulphoxide reductases form a secondary system for
613 managing ROS [144, 145].

614 Thirty putative proteins in seven families related to antioxidant capacity were identified within the
615 *G. buenoi* genome. The thirty antioxidant response proteins showed high homology to related
616 proteins in other published genomes including *Acyrtosiphon pisum*, *Apis mellifera*, *Bombyx mori*,
617 *Cimex lectularis*, *Drosophila melanogaster*, *Pediculus humanus*, and *Tribolium castaneum* (see
618 Supplementary Methods). In most comparisons, homologs in *C. lectularis* genome showed the

619 highest degree of similarity (Supplementary Table 16). Representatives of all major antioxidant
620 enzyme clades were identified in the *G. buenoi* genome assembly including a *Catalase*-like gene,
621 four heme-binding peroxidases, multiple glutathione-s-transferases, peroxidase, multiple
622 peroxiredoxins, and superoxide dismutases. This representation suggests that the *G. buenoi*
623 genome contains a complete suite of antioxidant enzymes. There is no apparent expansion or
624 reduction in the gene families that were surveyed in this analysis, however further investigation
625 through additional annotation and experimental validation may reveal otherwise.

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627 **Supplementary Methods**

628 **Genome sequencing and assembly**

629 *Gerris buenoi* is one of thirty arthropod species sequenced as a part of a pilot project for the i5K
630 arthropod genomes project at the Baylor College of Medicine Human Genome Sequencing Center.
631 For all of these species, an enhanced Illumina-ALLPATHS-LG sequencing and assembly strategy
632 enabled multiple species to be approached in parallel at reduced costs. For most species, including
633 *Gerris buenoi*, we sequenced four libraries of nominal insert sizes 180bp, 500bp, 3kb and 8kb. The
634 amount of sequence generated from each of these libraries is noted in Supplementary Table 17
635 with NCBI SRA accessions. The 180bp, 500bp and 3kb mate pair libraries were made from a single
636 male individual, and the 8kb mate pair library from female genomic DNA.

637 To prepare the 180bp and 500bp libraries, we used a gel-cut paired end library protocol. Briefly, 1
638 µg of the DNA was sheared using a Covaris S-2 system (Covaris, Inc. Woburn, MA) using the 180-bp
639 or 500-bp program. Sheared DNA fragments were purified with Agencourt AMPure XP beads, end-
640 repaired, dA-tailed, and ligated to Illumina universal adapters. After adapter ligation, DNA
641 fragments were further size selected by agarose gel and PCR amplified for 6 to 8 cycles using
642 Illumina P1 and Index primer pair and Phusion® High-Fidelity PCR Master Mix (New England
643 Biolabs). The final library was purified using Agencourt AMPure XP beads and quality assessed by
644 Agilent Bioanalyzer 2100 (DNA 7500 kit) determining library quantity and fragment size
645 distribution before sequencing.

646 The long mate pair libraries with 3kb or 8kb insert sizes were constructed according to the
647 manufacturer's protocol (Mate Pair Library v2 Sample Preparation Guide art # 15001464 Rev. A
648 PILOT RELEASE). Briefly, 5 µg (for 2 and 3-kb gap size library) or 10 µg (8-10 kb gap size library) of
649 genomic DNA was sheared to desired size fragments by Hydroshear (Digilab, Marlborough, MA),

650 then end repaired and biotinylated. Fragment sizes between 3-3.7 kb (3kb) or 8-10 kb (8kb) were
651 purified from 1% low melting agarose gel and then circularized by blunt-end ligation. These size
652 selected circular DNA fragments were then sheared to 400-bp (Covaris S-2), purified using
653 Dynabeads M-280 Streptavidin Magnetic Beads, end-repaired, dA-tailed, and ligated to Illumina PE
654 sequencing adapters. DNA fragments with adapter molecules on both ends were amplified for 12
655 to 15 cycles with Illumina P1 and Index primers. Amplified DNA fragments were purified with
656 Agencourt AMPure XP beads. Quantification and size distribution of the final library was
657 determined before sequencing as described above.

658 Sequencing was performed on Illumina HiSeq2000s generating 100bp paired end reads. Reads
659 were assembled using ALLPATHS-LG (v35218) [147] on a large memory computer with 1Tbyte of
660 RAM and further scaffolded and gap-filled using in-house tools Atlas-Link (v.1.0) and Atlas gap-fill
661 (v.2.2) (<https://www.hgsc.bcm.edu/software/>). This yielded an assembly of 1,000.16 Mb (653 Mb
662 without gaps within scaffolds) with a contig N50 of 3.8 kb and scaffold N50 of 344kb which has
663 been deposited in the NCBI: GenBank assembly accession GCA_001010745.1

664 665 **Automated Gene Annotation Using a Maker 2.0 Pipeline Tuned for Arthropods**

666 Of 30 attempted i5K pilot species, 28 i5K pilot genome assemblies including *G. buenoi* were
667 subjected to automatic gene annotation using a Maker 2.0 annotation pipeline tuned specifically
668 for arthropods. The pipeline is designed to be systematic providing a single consistent procedure
669 for the species in the pilot study, scalable to handle 100's of genome assemblies, evidence guided
670 using both protein and RNA-seq evidence to guide gen models, and targeted to utilize extant
671 information on arthropod gene sets. The core of the pipeline was a Maker 2 [148] instance,
672 modified slightly to enable efficient running on our computational resources. The genome
673 assembly was first subjected to de-novo repeat prediction and CEGMA analysis to generate gene
674 models for initial training of the ab-initio gene predictors. Three rounds of training of the Augustus
675 [149] and SNAP [150] gene predictors within Maker were used to bootstrap to a high quality
676 training set. Input protein data included 1 million peptides from a non-redundant reduction (90%
677 identity) of Uniprot Ecdysozoa (1.25 million peptides) supplemented with proteomes from
678 eighteen additional species (*Strigamia maritima*, *Tetranychus urticae*, *Caenorhabditis elegans*, *Loa*
679 *loa*, *Trichoplax adhaerens*, *Amphimedon queenslandica*, *Strongylocentrotus purpuratus*,
680 *Nematostella vectensis*, *Branchiostoma floridae*, *Ciona intestinalis*, *Ciona savignyi*, *Homo sapiens*,
681 *Mus musculus*, *Capitella teleta*, *Helobdella robusta*, *Crassostrea gigas*, *Lottia gigantea*,

682 *Schistosoma mansoni*) leading to a final 'nr' peptide evidence set of 1.03 million peptides. RNA-seq
683 transcription data derived from mixed sex embryo's and nymphs (Supplementary Table 17) was used
684 judiciously to identify exon-intron boundaries but with a heuristic script to identify and split
685 erroneously joined gene models. We used CEGMA models for QC purposes: for *Gerris buenoi*, of
686 1,977 CEGMA single copy ortholog gene models, 1,783 were found in the assembly and 1,895 in
687 the final predicted gene set – a reasonable result given the small contig sizes of the assembly. We
688 assume the gene predictors could pull together exons from different contigs with greater success
689 than the sequence comparison used to identify CEGMA genes in the assembly, generating the
690 larger number of control gene models found in the gene set than the underlying assembly. Finally,
691 the pipeline uses a nine-way homology prediction with human, *Drosophila* and *Caenorhabditis*
692 *elegans*, and InterPro Scan5 to allocate gene names. The automated gene sets are available from
693 the National Agricultural Library (https://i5k.nal.usda.gov/Gerris_buenoi) where a web-browser of
694 the genome, annotations, and supporting annotation data is accessible.

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697 **Bristle genes**

698 Bristle development genes were annotated by performing tblastn searches on the *Gerris buenoi*
699 scaffolds with the corresponding *Drosophila* gene protein sequences available in FlyBase (release
700 6)[151]. To confirm orthology, *Gerris buenoi* models were blasted into NCBI 'nr' database.
701 Homology, intron/exon boundary assessments, and protein sequence completeness were
702 identified by manual inspection using RNA-seq alignments available and protein alignments
703 generated with Clustal Omega (<http://www.ebi.ac.uk/Tools/msa/clustalo/>).

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705 **Cuticular proteins**

706 Sequence motifs that are characteristic of several families of cuticle proteins [152] were used to
707 search the genome of *Gerris buenoi* for putative cuticle proteins. 155 genes were identified,
708 analyzed with CutProtFam-Pred, a cuticular protein family prediction tool described in Ioannidou
709 et al. [153], and assigned to one of 5 families (CPR, CPAP1, CPAP3, CPF, and TWDL).

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711 **Prey detection and selection on water environments**

712 The approach for manual annotation is similar to that used to characterize these three gene

713 families in many other insects, including *Acyrtosiphon pisum* [82], *Pediculus humanus* [17],
714 *Rhodnius prolixus* [80], *Cimex lectularius* [81] and *Oncopeltus fasciatus* [9]. Briefly, exhaustive and
715 iterative tblastn searches of the genome assembly with the proteins from these other
716 heteropterans were used to find genes, which were modelled as best possible in the WebApollo
717 browser at the i5k site. This effort was sometimes assisted by RNA-seq reads that cross introns in
718 the available whole-body RNA-seq set, however most of these genes were not represented in that
719 dataset. In addition, like *Oncopeltus fasciatus* this genome assembly is rather fragmented, so many
720 of the models are incomplete, while some were joined across scaffolds and a few were improved
721 with raw reads. Several additional gene fragments too short to include in this compilation remain
722 for the OR and GR families and might represent additional intact genes, while some of the partial
723 models might actually be pseudogenes. Many of these proteins are extremely divergent, and
724 because almost none of them were modelled by the genome-wide automated annotation (models
725 that might have facilitated searches for distant relatives using BLASTP), TBLASTN searches to find
726 distant relatives used E values of 1000. The last two exons of the OR and GR families typically
727 encode the most conserved regions of these proteins and are flanked by phase 0 introns, so their
728 encoded protein sequences were used in TBLASTN searches with LQ before and VS afterwards,
729 representing consensus splice acceptor and donor sites, to assist in finding divergent relatives.
730 Multiple alignments of each family along with representatives from other species and maximum
731 likelihood phylogenetic analyses of the proteins were conducted, and the tree figures prepared, as
732 in Panfilio et al. [9]. All of the proteins are included at the end of this supplementary text, and the
733 gene models and transcribed mRNAs for most of them are available from the i5k Workspace at the
734 National Agriculture Library (<https://i5k.nal.usda.gov/>) and will eventually be available from the
735 NCBI.

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737 **Wing polyphenism**

738 First, we limited our analysis to genes whose complete coding sequences had been identified and
739 annotated in the following four categories: genes involved in wing polyphenism, juvenile hormone
740 regulation, the insulin signalling pathway, and reproduction. We then used the bioinformatics-
741 based metric described by Elango *et al.* [111] called CpG_{O/E} as a proxy for mutations induced by
742 methylation of CpG islands in the germ line over evolutionary time. This CpG_{O/E} metric uses a
743 historical (evolutionary) measure of the level of DNA methylation by estimating the amount of
744 CpG dinucleotide depletion normalized for GC content for each gene of interest. The CpG_{O/E}

745 metric, or CpG dinucleotide depletion normalized for GC, is a proxy for DNA methylation in the
 746 coding sequence of these genes. We define the $CpG_{O/E}$ for each gene as follows:

$$747 \quad C_pG_{O/E} = \frac{P_{CpG}}{P_C P_G}$$

748 where $CpG_{O/E}$ is an estimation of the DNA methylation levels, P_{CpG} is the frequency of CG
 749 dinucleotides, P_C is the frequency of cytosine nucleotides, and P_G is the frequency of guanine
 750 nucleotides [154, 155]. After cytosine is methylated, it is more amenable to deamination [155].
 751 Over time, this leads to the reduction of CpG dinucleotides from methylated CpG regions [155].
 752 Using a custom Perl script, we evaluated the $CpG_{O/E}$ in the coding sequences of all predicted genes
 753 in the *Gerris buenoi* genome and the $CpG_{O/E}$ in the coding sequences of our genes of interest
 754 (Supplementary Table 14).

755 Second, we compared the mean $CpG_{O/E}$ content for our genes of interest to the mean $CpG_{O/E}$ for all
 756 the genes in the genome by executing a Monte-Carlo randomization procedure as described
 757 previously [107-111]. Briefly, we randomly selected 50 $CpG_{O/E}$ values from the genome to produce
 758 a random distribution, calculated the mean, and repeated this process 10000 times. All mean
 759 $CpG_{O/E}$ values were plotted and this distribution was compared to the mean $CpG_{O/E}$ values for each
 760 of our candidate gene sets. Gene sets were determined to be significantly different from the
 761 randomly generated mean $CpG_{O/E}$ if they fell within the bottom or top 5% of values. These
 762 analyses were repeated for *Rhodnius proxilus* orthologues of the *Gerris buenoi* genes in our gene
 763 sets.

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765 **Wnt Signaling Pathway**

766 Protein sequences for *Wnt* ligands as well as receptors and downstream components
 767 (*armadillo/beta-catenin*, *dishevelled*, *frizzled*, *arrow*, *axin*, *shaggy*/ *GSK-3*) from *Drosophila*
 768 *melanogaster*, *Tribolium castaneum*, *Acyrtosiphon pisum* and *Oncopeltus fasciatus*, were
 769 retrieved from NCBI, and used to perform standalone tblastn searches on the *Gerris buenoi*
 770 scaffolds with a maximum e-value of $1e^{-10}$. Hits from all species together were ordered by scaffold
 771 and start position, and for each group of overlapping or closely adjacent hits from multiple
 772 orthologous queries, the putative gene name was identified by blasting back the hit sequence
 773 against GenBank, with a taxonomic restriction to Arthropoda accessions. The query sequences
 774 with the best hits (lowest e-values) for each gene were then used to identify the model to be
 775 curated, by doing a tblastn search into the *Gerris* scaffolds from the Blast instance at the National

776 Agricultural Library (https://i5k.nal.usda.gov/legacy_blast). The Blast results were visualized in the
777 Web Apollo instance for *Gerris buenoi* (<https://apollo.nal.usda.gov/gerbue/selectTrack.jsp>), where
778 the corresponding automated annotation models were edited. To confirm orthology, we then
779 Blasted the edited *Gerris buenoi* models back into GenBank. Homology, intron/exon boundary
780 assessments, and protein sequence completeness were identified by manual inspection and
781 correction of protein alignments generated with Clustal Omega
782 (<http://www.ebi.ac.uk/Tools/msa/clustalo/>).

783 The numbering (subfamily identification) for *Wnt* and *fz* orthologs was assigned based on the
784 corresponding vertebrate homolog (the naming of *Drosophila* orthologs was changed accordingly),
785 based on phylogenetic analyses done at <http://www.phylogeny.fr/>.

786 Possible gene loci duplications were identified by performing tblastn searches on the scaffolds
787 using the protein sequences of completed *Gerris* annotation models as queries, and then re-
788 blasting the resulting hit sequences into GenBank for Arthropoda hits.

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790 **Early Developmental Genes**

791 The choice of early developmental genes (Gap, Pair Rule, and Segment Polarity Genes) to annotate
792 was informed by GO term annotations in *Drosophila melanogaster* (long-germ) and *Tribolium*
793 *castaneum* (short-germ). Protein sequences for developmental genes for *D. melanogaster* and *T.*
794 *castaneum* were obtained from <http://flybase.org/> [151] and <http://beetlebase.org/> [156]
795 respectively. Contig sequences were searched for homology to the selected protein sequences
796 using tblastn. Gene models (Gbue v0.5.3-models) that aligned with the regions of highest
797 homology identified by tblastn search were selected for further analysis. If no official gene model
798 was present in the region of homology identified by tblastn a de novo model was generated using
799 models generated by the Augustus-masked or snap-masked programme. RNAseq mapped reads
800 were compared with the gene models to determine the transcribed regions. The transcribed
801 regions were used to determine protein sequences of the gene. Protein sequences were utilised in
802 a reciprocal blast (blastx NCBI) to confirm the homology of the orthologs. Gene models were
803 manually edited to produce gene models that resolved conflicts between RNAseq, blastx and
804 homology data.

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806 **Antioxidant genes**

807 Antioxidant proteins of *Drosophila melanogaster* were utilized to initially identify potential
808 antioxidant genes within the *Gerris buenoi* genome. The *Drosophila melanogaster* genes were
809 obtained from FlyBase by generating a query that searched for proteins with Gene Ontology terms
810 that were related to response to antioxidant activity and responses. These nucleotide sequences
811 were translated to peptides and were searched against the peptide models of *G. buenoi*. The
812 highest BLAST hit (blastp) was extracted and searched against arthropod entries of the NCBI non-
813 redundant database to confirm the identity of the model (blastp). The confirmed model was then
814 BLAST searched (blastp) against the peptide sequences of *Acyrtosiphon pisum*, *Apis mellifera*,
815 *Bombyx mori*, *Cimex lectularis*, *Drosophila melanogaster*, *Pediculus humanus*, and *Tribolium*
816 *castaneum* to extract homologs. The extracted *G. buenoi* model was then aligned to the homologs.
817 This information and the RNA-seq data present in the WebApollo were used to manually annotate
818 the model. The corrected model was then once more searched against the arthropod entries of
819 the NCBI non-redundant database (blastp) to ensure that the model was correctly identified.

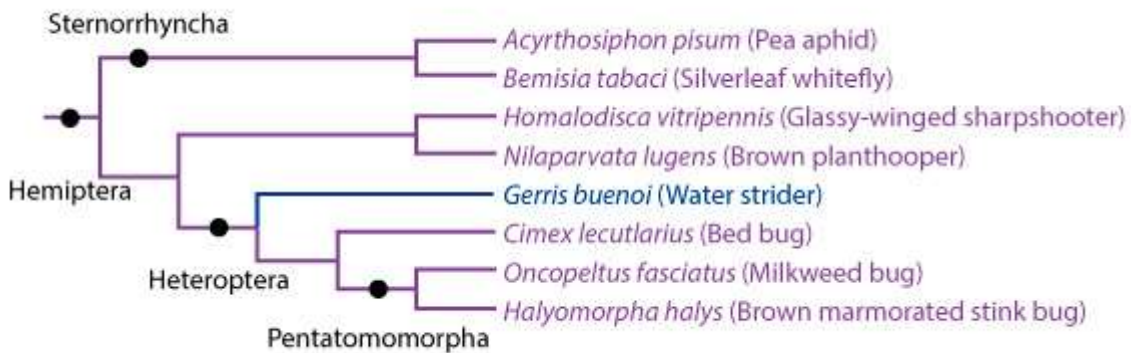
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823 **Supplementary Figures and Tables**

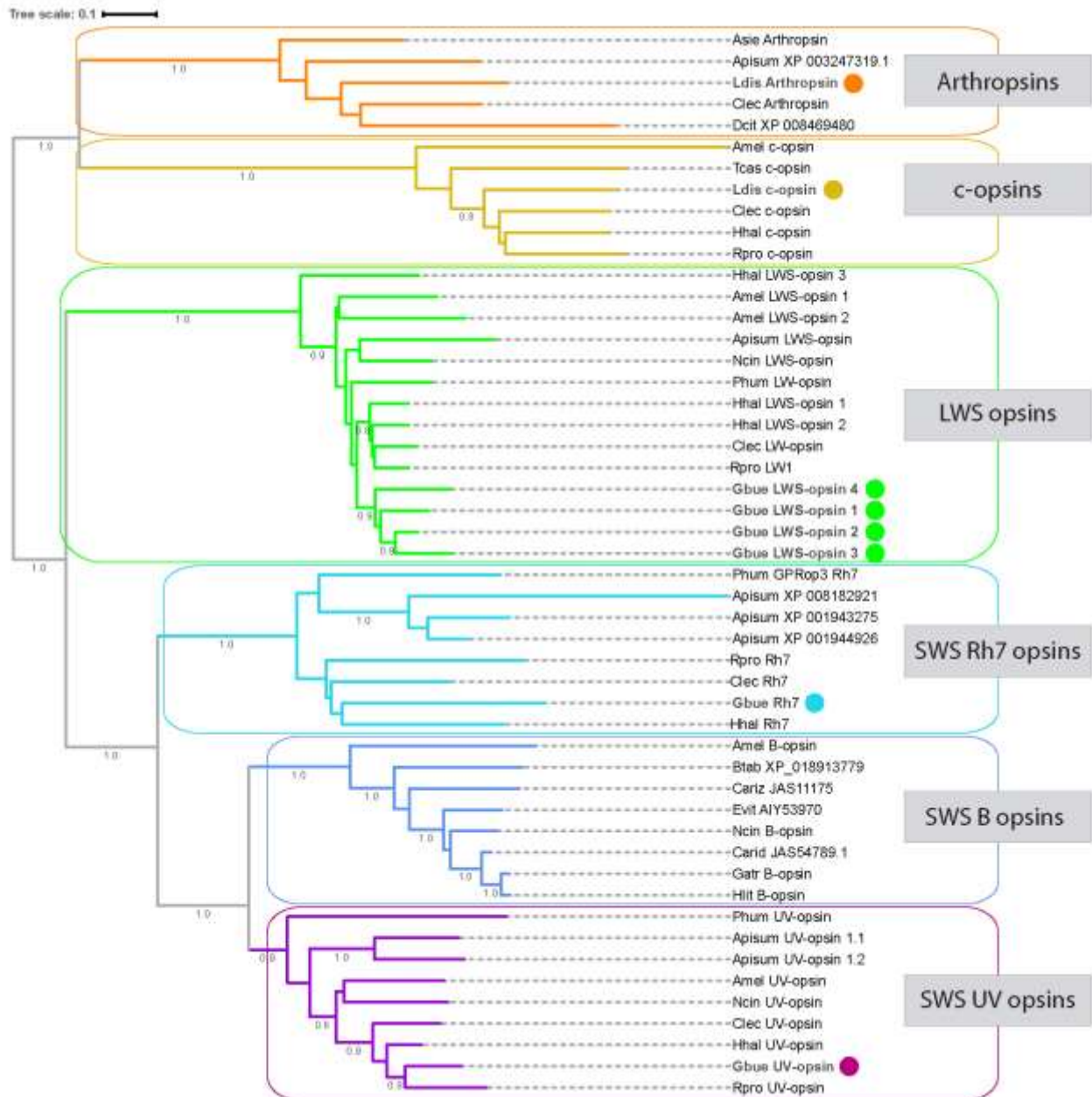
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825 Supplementary Figure 1 : Detailed cladogram of Hemiptera species used in Figure 3. The tree is
 826 based on phylogenetic analyses in [157]. Both trees combined with the absence of third InR copy
 827 in *C. lectularius*, *O. fasciatus* and *H. halys*, suggest that InR1-like duplication is unique to the
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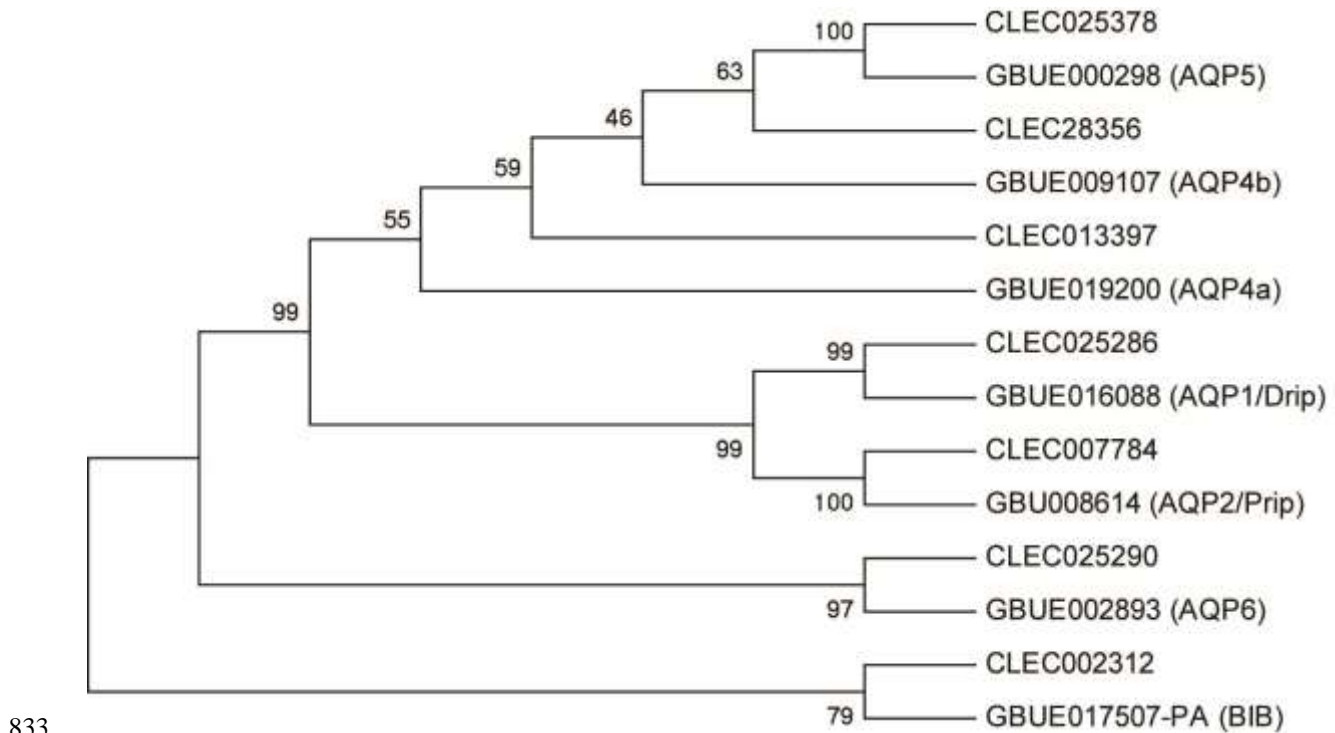
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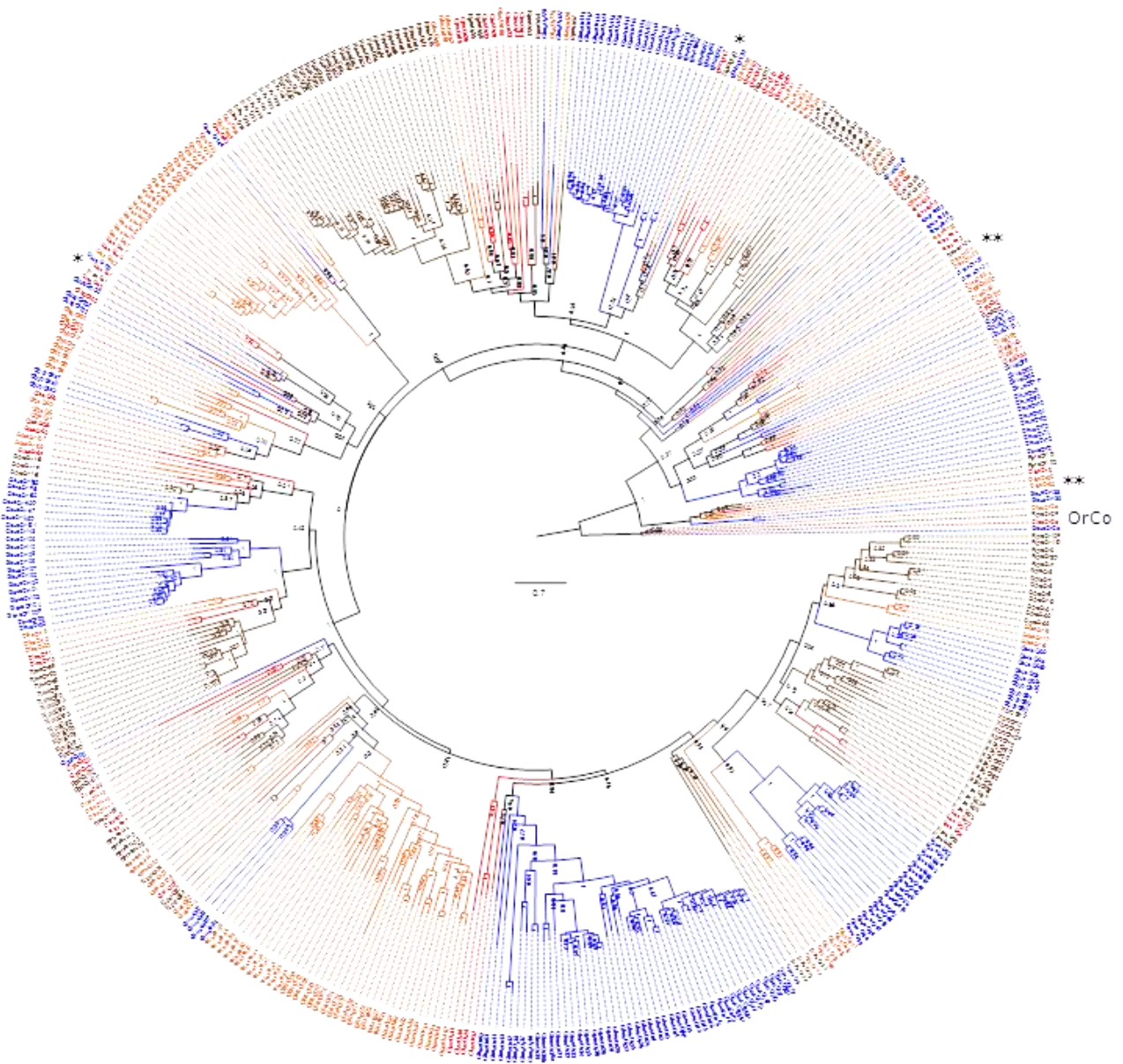
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Supplementary Figure 2 : Phylogenetic analysis and representative sequences from all major insect opsin subfamilies. Protein sequences were aligned with T-Coffee [158] and ambiguous multiple alignment alignment segments were removed applying the “gappyout” setting of TrimAl (v. 1.3) [159]. A neighbor joining tree was estimated in MEGA version 6.0 [160] using gamma-corrected Jones-Taylor-Thornton distances [161] and testing branch support with 1 000 bootstrap samples (numbers at branches). Species abbreviations: Amel = *Apis mellifera*, Apisum = *Acyrtosiphon pisum*, Asie = *Anotogaster sieboldii*, Btab = *Bemisia tabaci*, Cariz = *Clastoptera arizonana*, Clec = *Cimex lectularius*, Carid = *Cuerna arida*, Dcit = *Diaphorina citris*, Evit = *Empoasca vitis*, Gbue = *Gerris buenoi*, Gatr = *Graphocephala atropunctata*, Hhal = *Halyomorpha halys*, Hlit = *Homalodisca liturata*, Ldis = *Limnoporus dissortis*, Ncin = *Nephotettix cincticeps*, Phum = *Pediculus humanus*, Rpro = *Rhodnius prolixus*, Tcas = *Tribolium castaneum*.

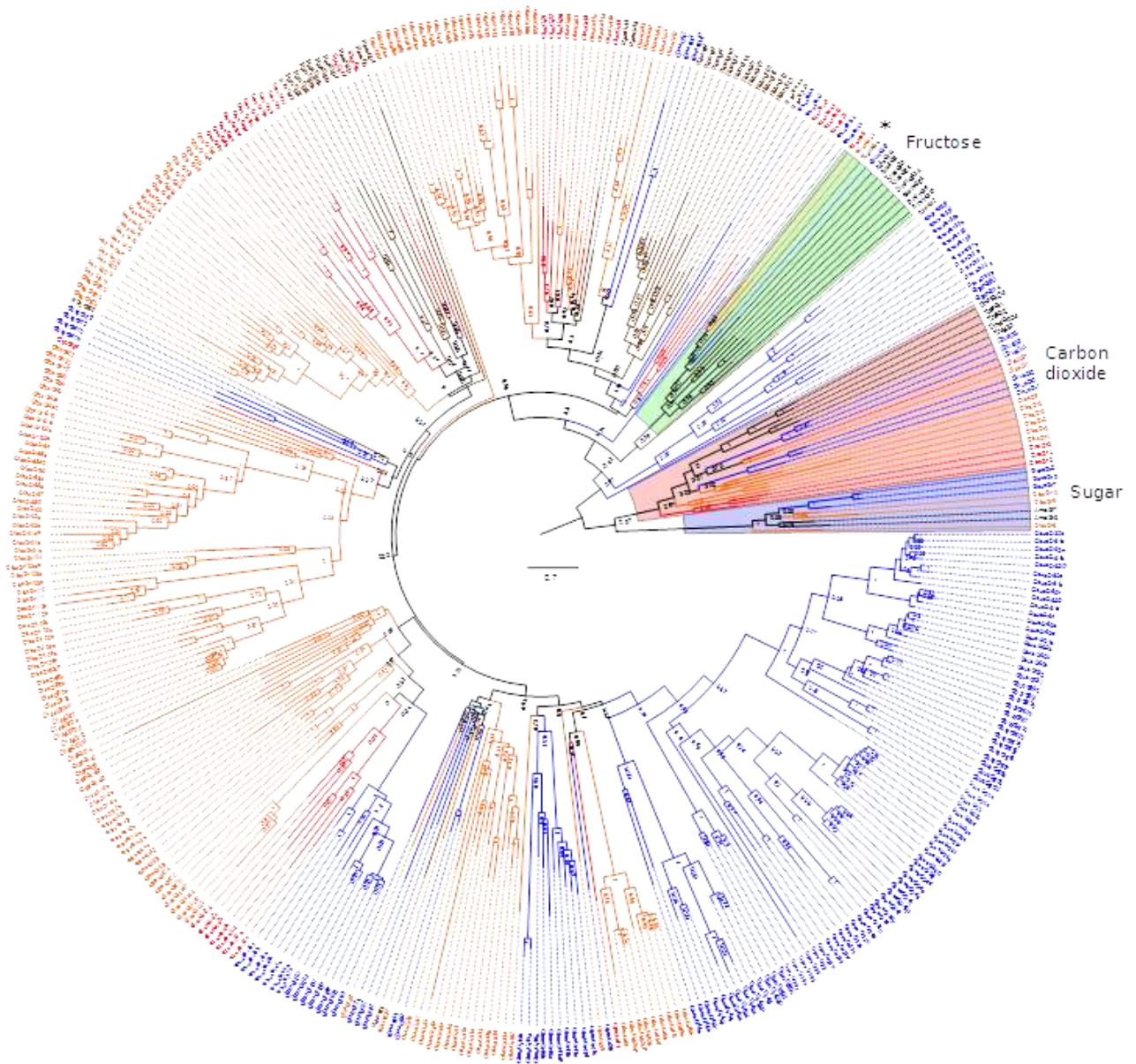
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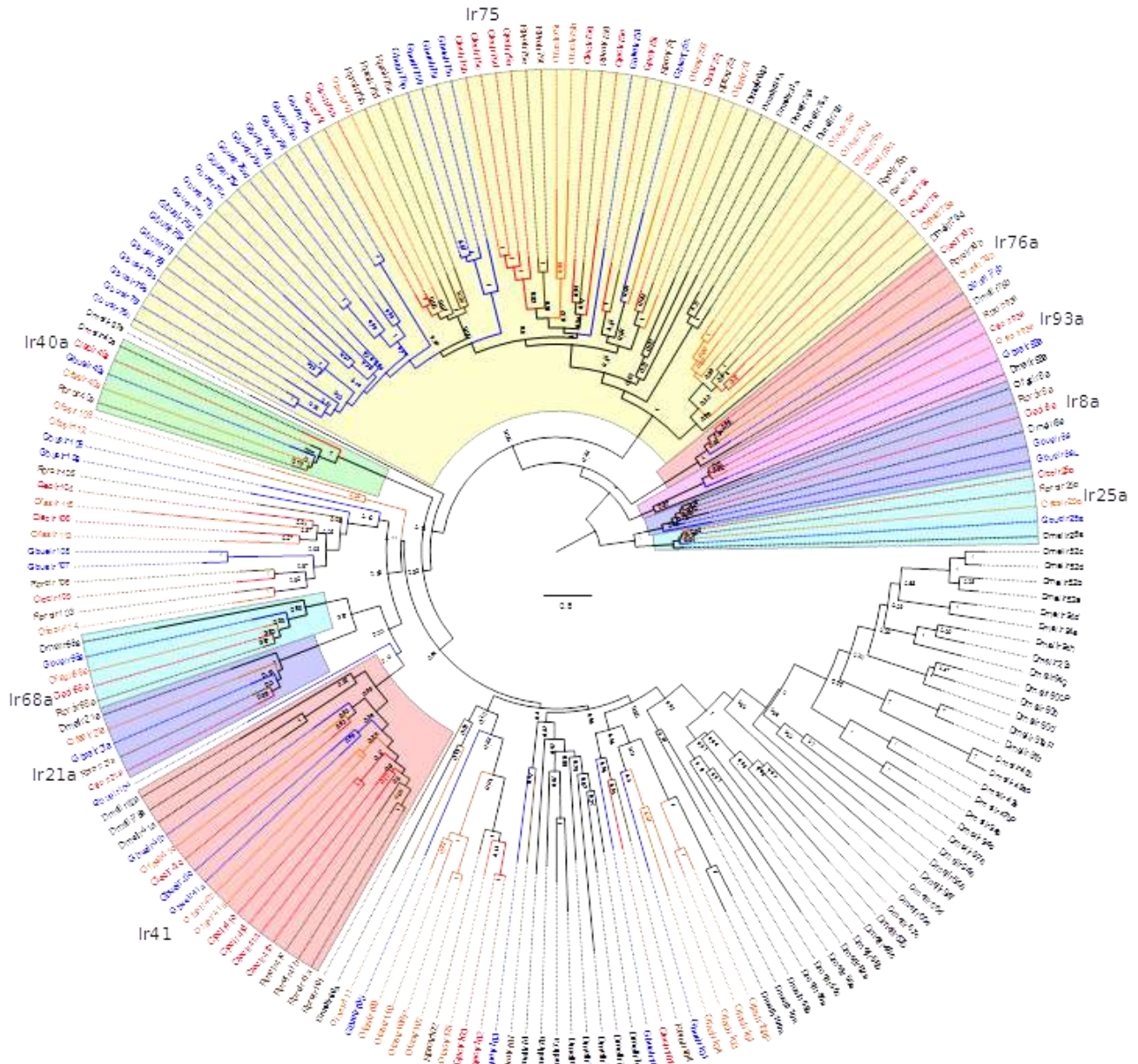
Supplementary Figure 3 : Comparison of predicted aquaporins from *Gerris* and *Cimex* using Neighbor-joining tree produced using MEGA6 using Dayhoff model and pairwise matching; branch values indicate support following 1500 bootstraps; values below 50% are omitted. It includes the seven putative aquaporin (AQP) genes identified from the water strider that includes the typical *Drosophila* integral protein (Drip), AQP2, AQP4 (Two genes), AQP5, AQP6 and Big brain (Bib) genes. In addition to these seven, we identified one other predicted partial sequences with matches to AQP sequences from other insects. Overall the number of aquaporins falls within the range of most insects (6-8) and *Gerris* has members of each group previously identified for insects [81].



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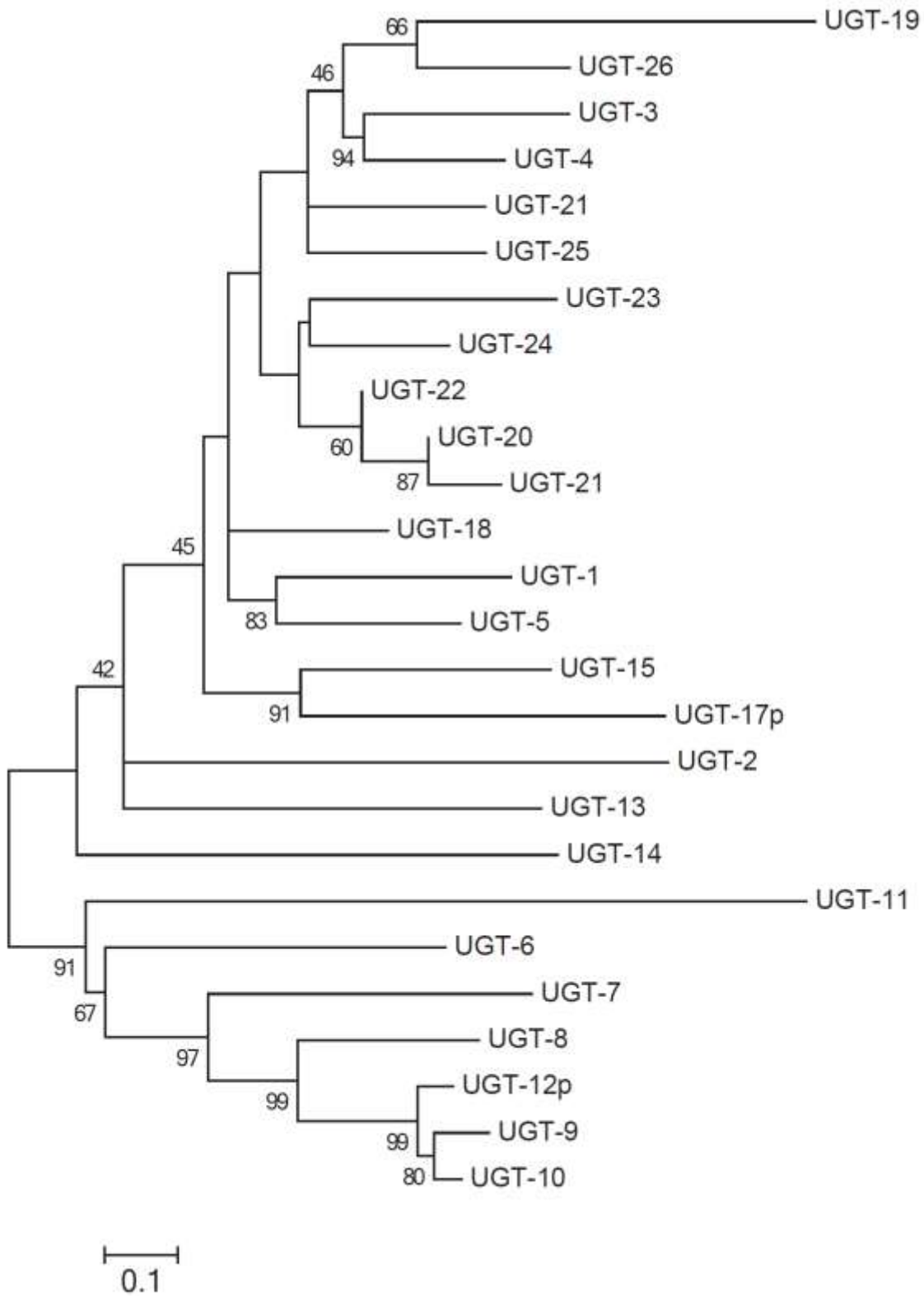
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Supplementary Figure 4 : Phylogenetic analysis of the Chemoreceptor families. **(A) Olfactory Receptor family.** The tree was rooted with the highly conserved and basal OrCo proteins. A single asterisk indicates possible simple orthologous relationships and two asterices indicate slightly more complicated relationships involving independent duplications in one or more species. Protein names and the branches leading to them are colored in blue for *Gerris*, brown for *Rhodnius*, red for *Cimex*, and orange for *Oncopeltus*. A suffix of P after the protein number indicates a pseudogene, while alternatively-spliced ORs are indicated by lower case letters after the protein number. Support for nodes is the aLRT value from PhyML v3.0. **(B) Gustatory Receptor family.** The tree was rooted with the conserved sugar and carbon dioxide receptor subfamilies. These two subfamilies and the fructose receptor subfamily are highlighted by colored background wedges. **(C) Ionotropic Receptor family.** The tree was rooted with the conserved co-receptor Ir8a and 25a lineages, which closely resemble the ionotropic glutamate receptors from which these variant Ionotropic Receptors evolved. The entire *D. melanogaster* IR repertoire was included for comparison. Lower case suffixes do not indicate alternative-splicing, but rather either orthology with particular *Drosophila* IRs, or the Ir41 and 75 series of genes.



Supplementary Figure 5 : Genomic orientation of UGT genes in a *Gerris buenoi* genomic scaffold. Ten UGT genes are arrayed in a row in Scaffold1549, probably multiplied by gene duplication events.

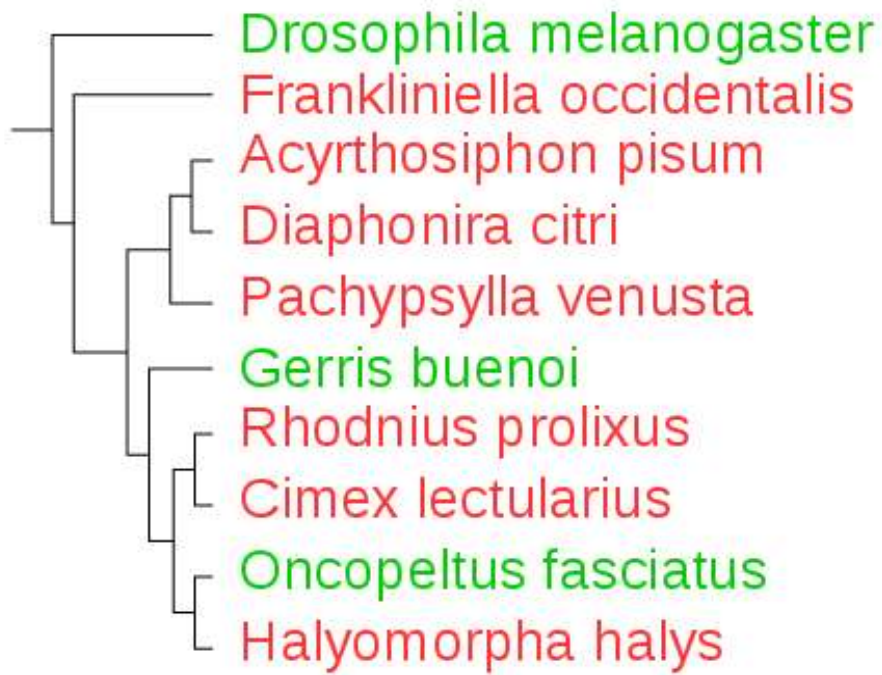


Supplementary Figure 6 : A consensus Maximum-likelihood tree of C-terminal half of the deduced amino acid sequences of *Gerris buenoi* UGTs. The phylogeny was inferred by the method based on the JTT matrix-based model. Bootstrap value was 1 000.

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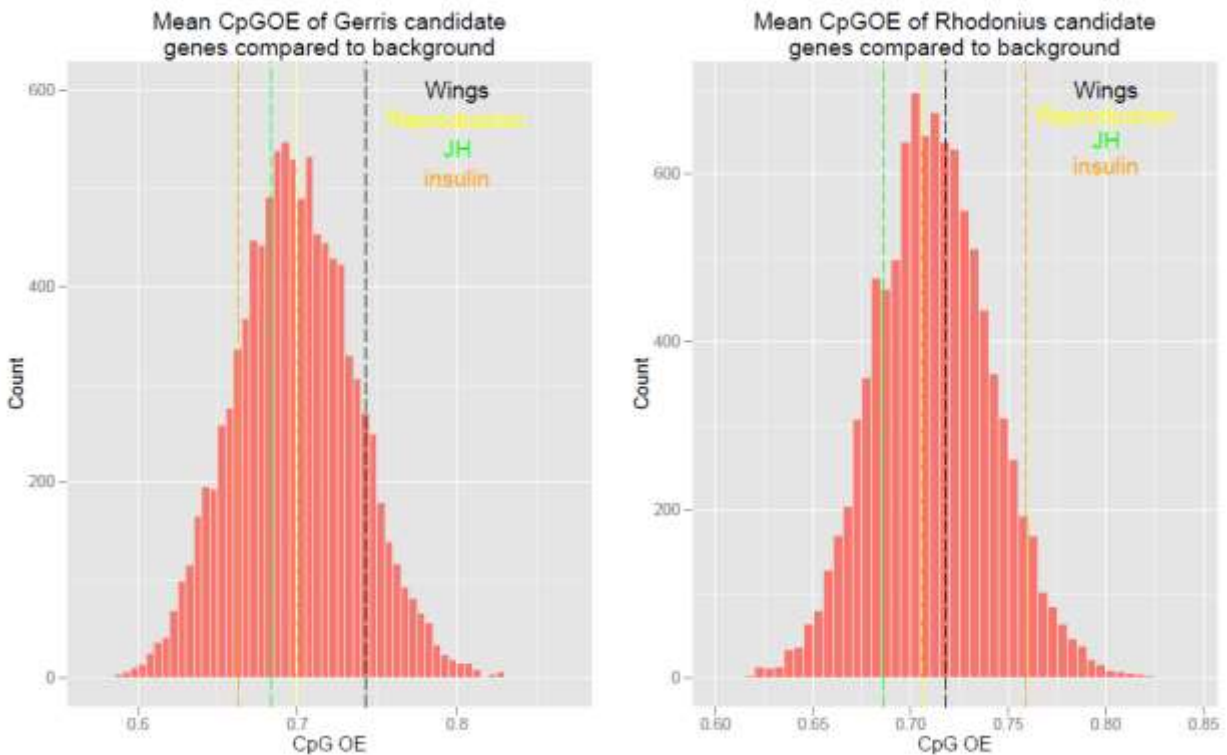


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Supplementary Figure 7 : Simplified cladogram of Hemiptera based on [157] depicting IMD presence (green) and absence (red).

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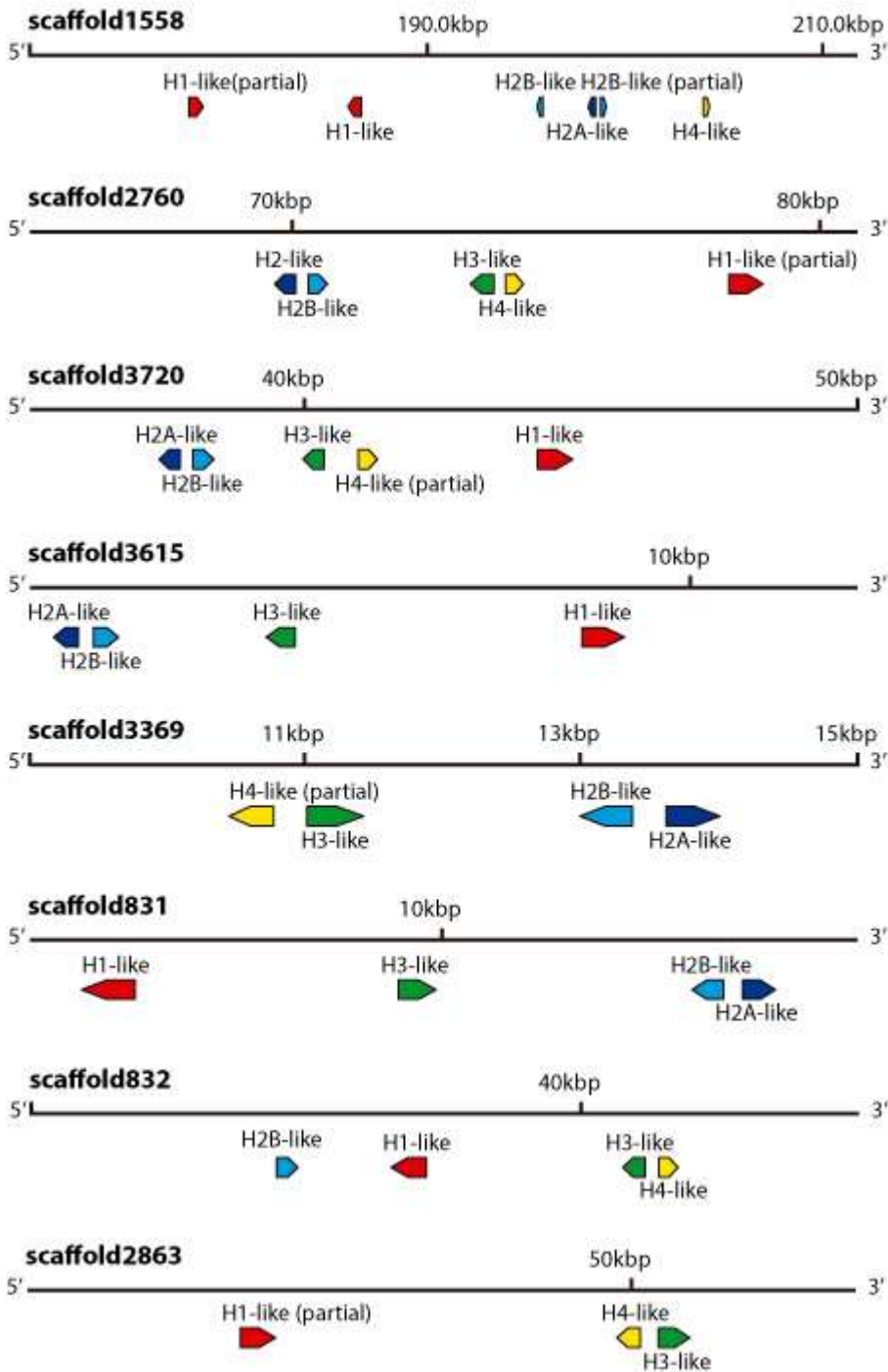
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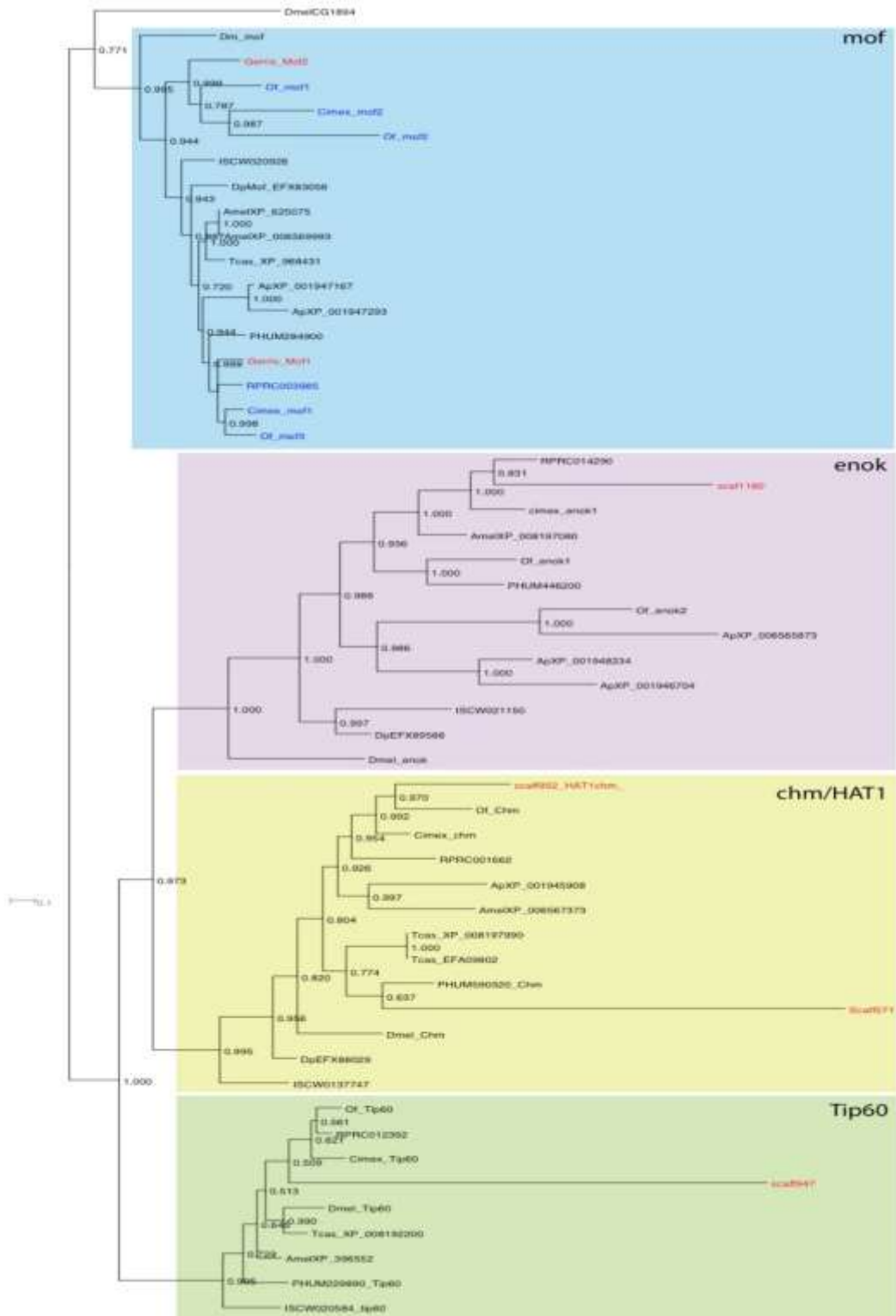
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Supplementary Figure 8 : Density plot of frequency (y-axis) versus mean CpG_{O/E} (x-axis) for (A) *Gerris buenoi* (n = 20 949; overall mean = 0.70; mean of wing genes = 0.74; mean of juvenile hormone genes = 0.68; mean of insulin signalling genes = 0.66; mean of reproduction genes = 0.70; p > 0.05) and (B) *Rhodnius prolixus* (n = 15 081; overall mean = 0.71; mean of wing genes = 0.72; mean of juvenile hormone genes = 0.69; mean of insulin signalling genes = 0.76; mean of reproduction genes = 0.71; p > 0.05). The observed mean for genes in the networks underlying wing polyphenism (black line), reproduction (yellow line), juvenile hormone (green line), and insulin signalling (orange line) plotted relative to the distribution of CpG_{O/E} values for all genes in the genome (random resampling of mean CpG_{O/E} from 50 genes in the genome).

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Supplementary Figure 9 : Genomic organisation of the histone loci gene clusters annotated in the *Gerris buenoi* genome. Clusters were defined as more than one histone encoding gene present on a genomic scaffold. No clusters were found that were interrupted by non-histone gene encoding loci. Clusters were visualized using genomertools v1.5.5 and coloured according to orthology group (Histone H1 (red), Histone H2A (dark blue), Histone H2B (light blue), Histone H3 (green), Histone H4 (yellow)).



Supplementary Figure 10 : Phylogeny of histone acetyltransferases in Heteropteran lineage. Results show a duplication of *males absent on the first (mof)* and *chameau (chm/HAT1)* in *Gerris buenoi* similar to previous results in *Oncopeltus fasciatus* [9] and *Cimex lectularius* [81] but also a unique duplication of *Gerris buenoi* histone deacetylase *Sirt1 (sir2)* and *Sirt5*; and the histone methyltransferase *grappa*.

1 739	Complete Single-copy BUSCOs
81	- of which duplicated
490	Fragmented BUSCOs
446	Missing BUSCOs
2 675	Total BUSCO groups searched

Supplementary Table 1 : Summarized benchmarks in BUSCO notation

	Complete	- of which duplicated	Fragmented	Missing
<i>Drosophila melanogaster</i>	98	6,4	0.6	0.3
<i>Danaus plexipus</i>	83	8.6	11	4.3
<i>Apis mellifera</i>	93	2.9	5.1	0.9
<i>Pediculus humanus</i>	92	3.9	6.1	1.6
<i>Daphnia pulex</i>	83	3.9	11	5.1
<i>Tribolium castaneum</i>	95	5.8	3.9	0.8
<i>Acyrtosiphon pisum</i>	72	6.1	15	12
<i>Cimex lectularius</i>	78	9.7	1,4	7.4
<i>Gerris buenoi</i>	65	3.02	18.32	16.67

Supplementary Table 2 : BUSCO Genome assessment based on percentage of BUSCO genes identified (<ftp://cegg.unige.ch/OrthoDB7/BUSCO/README.txt>). Species results other than *Gerris buenoi* extracted from supplementary data in [81].

Gene	Scaffold: start..end	Locus length (nt)	Protein length (aa)	Number of CDS exons
<i>labial -part 1 of 2</i>	Scaffold2148:49081..49463	383 (partial)	208 (concatenated)	2 (concatenated)
<i>labial -part 2 of 2</i>	Scaffold688:18951..20594	1 644 (partial)		
<i>proboscipedia</i>	Scaffold917:82996..178853 - strand	95 858	498	3
<i>zerknüllt</i>	Scaffold917:254614..264809 + strand	10 196	360	3
<i>Deformed</i>	Scaffold927:71079..127936	56 858	339	2
<i>Sex combs reduced</i>	Scaffold111:113209..227662 - strand	114 454	279	2
<i>fushi tarazu</i>	Scaffold111:292364..296153 - strand	3 790	298	2
<i>Antennapedia</i>	Scaffold111:608939..620195 - strand	11 257	284	2
<i>Ultrabithorax*</i>	Scaffold280:506616..507456	841 (partial)	178 (partial)	1 (partial)
<i>abdominal-A</i>	Scaffold259:352274..461324	109 051	320	3
<i>Abdominal-B*</i>	Scaffold464:255292..399249	143 958	254 (partial)	2 (partial)
<i>iroquois</i>	Scaffold451:304431-432356	127 926	426	6
<i>mirror</i>	Scaffold2206:85783-151112	65 330	362	5

Supplementary Table 3 : Positional information for the annotated homeobox genes. Incomplete gene models are marked with an asterisk (*). Colored shading highlights gene linkage, and coding strand is also indicated for these gene models.

Gene name	Gene abbreviation	<i>Gerris buenoi</i>	<i>Oncopeltus fasciatus</i>	<i>Cimex lectularius</i>
<i>abrupt</i>	<i>ab</i>	Yes	Yes	Yes
<i>Achaete-scute complex</i>	<i>ac</i>	Yes	No	No
<i>Actin 5C</i>	<i>Act5C</i>	Yes	Yes	Yes
<i>amphiphysin</i>	<i>Amph</i>	Yes	Yes	Yes
<i>aralar1</i>	<i>aralar1</i>	Yes	Yes	Yes
<i>arrow</i>	<i>arr</i>	Yes	Yes	Yes
<i>Asense</i>	<i>ase</i>	No	Yes	No
<i>astray</i>	<i>aay</i>	Yes	Yes	Yes
<i>bantam</i>	<i>ban</i>	No	No	No
<i>beadex</i>	<i>Bx</i>	Yes	Yes	Yes
<i>bendless</i>	<i>ben</i>	Yes	Yes	Yes
<i>bifocal</i>	<i>bif</i>	Yes	No	No
<i>bonus</i>	<i>bon</i>	Yes	No	Yes
<i>buttonless</i>	<i>btn</i>	No	No	No
<i>calreticulin</i>	<i>Crc</i>	Yes	Yes	Yes
<i>capricious</i>	<i>caps</i>	Yes	Yes	Yes
<i>caupolican</i>	<i>caup</i>	No	Yes	Yes
<i>center divider</i>	<i>cdi</i>	Yes	Yes	Yes
<i>cornetto</i>	<i>corn</i>	No	Yes	No
<i>corto</i>	<i>corto</i>	No	No	No
<i>couch potato</i>	<i>cpo</i>	Yes	Yes	Yes
<i>crooked legs</i>	<i>crol</i>	No	Yes	Yes
<i>dacapo</i>	<i>dap</i>	No	Yes	No
<i>dalmatian</i>	<i>dmt</i>	No	No	No
<i>Darkener of apricot</i>	<i>Doa</i>	No	Yes	Yes
<i>daughterless</i>	<i>da</i>	Yes	Yes	No
<i>deadpan</i>	<i>dpn</i>	Yes	Yes	Yes
<i>Delta</i>	<i>DI</i>	No	Yes	Yes
<i>diminutive</i>	<i>dm</i>	No	No	No
<i>division abnormally delayed</i>	<i>dally</i>	No	Yes	Yes
<i>dorsotonals (homothorax)</i>	<i>hth</i>	No	Yes	Yes
<i>E(spl) region transcript m7</i>	<i>E(spl)m7-HLH</i>	Yes	Yes	Yes
<i>E2F transcription factor</i>	<i>E2f</i>	Yes	Yes	Yes
<i>Eb1</i>	<i>Eb1</i>	Yes	Yes	Yes

<i>effete</i>	<i>eff</i>	Yes	No	No
<i>egghead</i>	<i>egh</i>	Yes	Yes	Yes
<i>enabled</i>	<i>ena</i>	Yes	Yes	Yes
<i>Enhancer-of-split</i>	<i>E(spl)m8-HLH</i>	No	Yes	Yes
<i>EP2237 (cabut)</i>	<i>cbt</i>	Yes	No	Yes
<i>escargot</i>	<i>esg</i>	Yes	No	Yes
<i>extra macrochaetae</i>	<i>emc</i>	Yes	Yes	Yes
<i>flightless</i>	<i>flil</i>	Yes	Yes	Yes
<i>frizzled</i>	<i>fz</i>	Yes	Yes	Yes
<i>frizzled 2</i>	<i>fz2</i>	Yes	Yes	Yes
<i>ftz transcription factor 1</i>	<i>ftz-f1</i>	No	Yes	Yes
<i>gliolectin</i>	<i>glec</i>	No	No	No
<i>gliotactin</i>	<i>Gli</i>	No	No	Yes
<i>Glutathione S transferase 2</i>	<i>GstS1</i>	Yes	Yes	Yes
<i>grapes</i>	<i>grp</i>	Yes	Yes	Yes
<i>groucho</i>	<i>gro</i>	Yes	Yes	Yes
<i>Hairless</i>	<i>H</i>	Yes	Yes	Yes
<i>hairy</i>	<i>h</i>	Yes	Yes	Yes
<i>headcase</i>	<i>hdc</i>	Yes	Yes	Yes
<i>hephaestus</i>	<i>heph</i>	Yes	Yes	Yes
<i>Hormone receptor-like in 39</i>	<i>Hr39</i>	No	Yes	Yes
<i>IGF-II mRNA-binding protein</i>	<i>Imp</i>	Yes	Yes	Yes
<i>kekkon-1</i>	<i>kek1</i>	Yes	Yes	Yes
<i>kuzbanian</i>	<i>kuz</i>	Yes	Yes	Yes
<i>Laminin A</i>	<i>LanA</i>	Yes	Yes	Yes
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<i>liquid facets</i>	<i>lqf</i>	Yes	Yes	Yes
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<i>longitudinals lacking</i>	<i>lola</i>	Yes	Yes	Yes
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<i>mushroom body defect</i>	<i>mud</i>	No	No	No
<i>nebbish</i>	<i>neb</i>	Yes	Yes	No
<i>nejire</i>	<i>nej</i>	Yes	Yes	Yes
<i>neuralized</i>	<i>neur</i>	Yes	Yes	Yes
<i>notch</i>	<i>N</i>	Yes	Yes	Yes
<i>nuclear fallout</i>	<i>nuf</i>	No	No	No
<i>pavarotti</i>	<i>pav</i>	Yes	Yes	Yes

<i>pebble</i>	<i>pbl</i>	Yes	Yes	Yes
<i>pipsqueak</i>	<i>psq</i>	Yes	Yes	Yes
<i>pointed</i>	<i>pnt</i>	Yes	Yes	Yes
<i>Poly(ADP-ribose) glycohydrolase</i>	<i>Parg</i>	Yes	Yes	Yes
<i>polychaetoid</i>	<i>pyd</i>	Yes	Yes	Yes
<i>prospero</i>	<i>pros</i>	Yes	Yes	Yes
<i>Protein kinase 61C</i>	<i>Pdk1</i>	Yes	Yes	Yes
<i>Protein tyrosine phosphatase 10D</i>	<i>Ptp10D</i>	Yes	Yes	Yes
<i>pumilio</i>	<i>pum</i>	Yes	Yes	Yes
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<i>quemao</i>	<i>qm</i>	Yes	Yes	Yes
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<i>raspberry</i>	<i>ras</i>	Yes	Yes	Yes
<i>Rhomboid</i>	<i>rho</i>	Yes	Yes	Yes
<i>Ribosomal protein S5</i>	<i>RpS5a</i>	Yes	Yes	Yes
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<i>sanpodo</i>	<i>spdo</i>	Yes	Yes	Yes
<i>scabrous</i>	<i>sca</i>	Yes	Yes	Yes
<i>scalloped</i>	<i>sd</i>	Yes	Yes	Yes
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<i>scribbler</i>	<i>sbb</i>	Yes	Yes	Yes
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<i>seven up</i>	<i>svp</i>	Yes	Yes	Yes
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<i>singed</i>	<i>sn</i>	Yes	Yes	Yes
<i>smooth</i>	<i>sm</i>	Yes	Yes	Yes
<i>Sp1</i>	<i>Sp1</i>	No	Yes	No
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<i>spitz</i>	<i>spi</i>	No	No	No
<i>split ends</i>	<i>spen</i>	Yes	Yes	Yes
<i>string</i>	<i>stg</i>	Yes	Yes	Yes
<i>sugarless</i>	<i>sgl</i>	Yes	Yes	Yes
<i>taranis</i>	<i>tara</i>	Yes	Yes	Yes
<i>Tcp-1eta</i>	<i>Tcp-1eta</i>	Yes	Yes	Yes

<i>Tollo</i>	<i>Tollo</i>	Yes	Yes	Yes
<i>tout-velu</i>	<i>ttv</i>	No	Yes	Yes
<i>tramtrack</i>	<i>ttk</i>	Yes	Yes	Yes
<i>Trehalose receptor 1 (Trapped in endoderm 1)</i>	<i>Tre1</i>	No	Yes	No
<i>tribbles</i>	<i>trbl</i>	Yes	Yes	Yes
<i>tweety</i>	<i>tty</i>	Yes	Yes	Yes
<i>Twin of m4</i>	<i>Tom</i>	No	No	No
<i>u-turn (ventral veins lacking)</i>	<i>wl</i>	Yes	Yes	Yes
<i>Ubiquitin activating enzyme 1</i>	<i>Uba1</i>	Yes	Yes	Yes
<i>Ubiquitin conjugating enzyme 2</i>	<i>UbcD2</i>	Yes	Yes	No
<i>Vacuolar H+ ATPase 16kD subunit</i>	<i>Vha16-1</i>	Yes	Yes	Yes
<i>β-amyloid protein precursor-like</i>	<i>Appl</i>	Yes	Yes	Yes

Supplementary Table 4 : Annotation of genes involved in bristle number and neural development based on *Drosophila melanogaster* quantitative analyses [162].

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Species	Order	Suborder	LWS	SWS-B	SWS-UV	Rh7	Arthropsin	c-Opsin
<i>Gerris buenoi</i>	Hemiptera	Heteroptera	4	-	1	1	1	1
<i>Cimex lectularius</i>	Hemiptera	Heteroptera	1	-	1	1	-	1
<i>Rhodnius prolixus</i>	Hemiptera	Heteroptera	1	-	1	1	-	1
<i>Acyrtosiphon pisum</i>	Hemiptera	Sternorrhyncha	1	-	2	4	1	1
<i>Megoura viciae</i>	Hemiptera	Sternorrhyncha	1	-	1	na	na	na
<i>Nephotettix cincticeps</i>	Hemiptera	Auchenorrhyncha	1	1	1	na	na	na

Supplementary Table 5 : Opsin conservation in Hemiptera. [80, 81, 163-165]

Species	CPR_RR-1	CPR_RR-2	CPR_Uncl	CPAP1	CPAP3	CPF	TWDL	Total
<i>Drosophila melanogaster</i>	61	42	34	29	10	5	29	210
<i>Glossina morsitans</i>	33	27	17	11	6	1	9	104
<i>Culex quinquefasciatus</i>	49	97	30	10	8	5	9	208
<i>Aedes aegypti</i>	66	150	28	14	9	3	6	276
<i>Anopheles gambiae</i>	43	103	21	13	10	4	12	206
<i>Bombyx mori</i>	47	78	19	13	6	1	4	168
<i>Danaus plexippus</i>	47	57	18	16	10	1	5	154
<i>Apis mellifera</i>	13	15	10	15	7	4	2	66
<i>Nasonia vitripennis</i>	19	32	18	16	6	5	2	98
<i>Pediculus humanus</i>	9	15	17	12	6	0	2	61
<i>Daphnia pulex</i>	101	36	152	20	12	0	0	321
<i>Tetranychus urticae</i>	0	7	31	14	5	0	0	57
<i>Tribolium castaneum</i>	34	55	21	13	7	5	3	138
<i>Acyrtosiphon pisum</i>	9	84	20	10	8	2	3	136
<i>Cimex lectularius</i>	18	70	32	15	6	5	3	149
<i>Gerris buenoi</i>	22	74	30	10	6	3	10	155

Supplementary Table 6 : Detection and classification of putative structural cuticular proteins. Information from other species than *Gerris buenoi* adapted from Ioannidou, et al. [153] and Benoit, et al. [81].

	Scaffold #	# Genes	Family	Length (Kbp)	Density (Kbp/gene)
1	431	14	CPR RR-1/CPR Uncl	398	28.4
2	32	13	CPR RR-2	183	14.1
3	41	9	CPR RR-2	92	10.2
4	349	8	CPR RR-2	224	27.9
5	996	6	CPR RR-2	73	12.2
6	683	4	CPAP3	250	62.5
7	2496	4	CPR RR-2/CPR Uncl	92	23.0
8	46	3	CPF	49	16.2
9	80	3	TWDL	62	20.6
10	132	3	CPR Uncl	249	83.1
11	706	3	CPR Uncl	66	21.9

Supplementary Table 7 : Clusters of genes coding cuticle proteins in the genome of *Gerris buenoi*

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	Ionotropic	Gustatory	Odorant
<i>Gerris buenoi</i>	45/45	60/135	153/155
<i>Oncopeltus fasciatus</i>	37/37	115/169	120/121
<i>Rhodnius prolixus</i>	33/33	28/30	116/116
<i>Cimex lectularius</i>	30/30	24/36	48/49
<i>Drosophila melanogaster</i>	65/65	60/68	60/62

Supplementary Table 8 : Numbers of genes and encoded proteins in three chemoreceptor families in heteropterans with genome sequences, and *Drosophila melanogaster* for comparison.

Gene name	OGS name	Genomic scaffold	Length (aa)	Remark
UGT-01	GBUE014547-RA	Scaffold1506	530	complete
UGT-02	GBUE015333-RA	Scaffold1907	515	complete
UGT-03	GBUE018966-RA	Scaffold3228	533	complete
UGT-04	GBUE018967-RA	Scaffold3228	515	complete
UGT-05	GBUE018968-RA	Scaffold3228	543	complete
UGT-06	GBUE014164-RA	Scaffold2126	524	complete
UGT-07	GBUE014165-RA	Scaffold2126	527	complete
UGT-08	GBUE013499-RA-1	Scaffold1323	529	complete
UGT-09	GBUE013499-RA-2	Scaffold1323	512	complete
UGT-10	GBUE013499-RA-3	Scaffold1323	527	complete
UGT-11	GBUE013500-RA	Scaffold1323	218	partial
UGT-12p*	GBUE019125-RA	Scaffold3054	470	partial
UGT-13	GBUE010586-RA	Scaffold838	524	complete
UGT-14	GBUE012986-RA	Scaffold1320	697	complete
UGT-15	GBUE013062-RA	Scaffold1042	437	partial
UGT-16	GBUE020555-RA	Scaffold5464	326	partial
UGT-17p	GBUE020560-RA	Scaffold6284	243	partial
UGT-18	GBUE012772-RA	Scaffold1549	422	partial
UGT-19	GBUE012773-RA	Scaffold1549	347	partial
UGT-20	GBUE012774-RA	Scaffold1549	434	partial
UGT-21	GBUE012775-RA	Scaffold1549	201	partial
UGT-22	GBUE012776-RA	Scaffold1549	378	partial
UGT-23	GBUE012777-RA	Scaffold1549	522	complete
UGT-24	GBUE012778-RA	Scaffold1549	540	complete
UGT-25	GBUE012779-RA	Scaffold1549	519	complete
UGT-26	GBUE012780-RA	Scaffold1549	534	complete
UGT-27	GBUE012781-RA	Scaffold1549	529	complete
UGT-28	no OGS name	Scaffold4983	235	partial

Supplementary Table 9 : List of UDP-glycosyltransferase genes in *Gerris buenoi* genome. (*refers to pseudogene.)

Gene type	Gene name	Location [Accession#]	Protein Length	Domains
Gap	<i>orthodenticle</i>	Scaffold177:468498-481641 + strand GbueTmpM005873-RA	542	zinc finger C2H2
	<i>buttonhead</i>	Scaffold1076:201924-220125 + strand GbueTmpM009254-RA	437	zinc finger M2C2

	<i>collier</i>	Scaffold128:650434 - 661155 + strand GbueTmpM003852-RA GbueTmpM003853-RA	236	IPT Superfamily
	<i>cap-n-collar</i>	Scaffold1737:125742 - 180215 + strand GbueTmpA013482-RA	414	bZIP Superfamily
	<i>crocodile</i>	Scaffold417:94048 -94890 – strand GbueTmpA005876-RA	280	Forkhead Superfamily
	<i>Krüppel</i>	Scaffold66:273659 - 274706 + strand GbueTmpA001375-RA	246	zinc finger M2C2
	<i>huckebein</i>	Scaffold1050:35145-36625 + strand GbueTmpA011673-RA	153	zinc finger C2H2
	<i>empty spiracles</i>	Scaffold640:42899 - 108829 + strand GbueTmpA010166-RA GbueTmpA010167-RA GbueTmpA010168-RA	237	Homeobox Superfamily
	<i>giant</i>	Scaffold1313:205754 - 259477 – strand GbueTmpM012482-RA	290	bZIP Superfamily
	<i>gomdangi</i>	Scaffold177:546605-551844 + strand GbueTmpM005874-RA	101	⊠meth_res Superfamily
Segment polarity	<i>shifted</i>	Scaffold4383:9065-11975 + strand	268	WIF Superfamily
	<i>roadkill</i>	Scaffold7:1346380-1347546 + strand	388	MATH superfamily BTB Domain
	<i>perli-like</i>	Scaffold542:114112-120587 – strand GbueTmpM009219-RA	214	Perli Domain
	<i>microtubule star</i>	Scaffold83:875664-876641 + strand	325	MPP Superfamily
	<i>flapwing</i>	Scaffold362:255357-260899 - strand	240	MPP Superfamily
	<i>cullin1</i>	Scaffold15:198529-200865 - strand	778	Cullin Superfamily
	<i>dispatched</i>	Scaffold2487:39972-52586 - strand	434	ND
	<i>costa</i>	Scaffold666:175038-178490 + strand	1150	Kinesin Domain

	<i>paxillin</i>	Scaffold927:228836-245479 - strand	300	LIM Superfamily
Terminal patterning	<i>Torso</i>	Scaffold626:104429-114052 + strand GbueTmpA010687-RA	412	PKc_like superfamily FN3 superfamily
	<i>Torso-like</i>	Scaffold7:1642089-1661652 + strand	356	MACPF Superfamily
General	<i>decapentaplegic</i>	Scaffold488:247243-262588 – strand GbueTmpA009289-RA	323	TGF-Beta Domain
	<i>cubitus interruptus</i>	Scaffold2762:18072-42310 – strand GbueTmpA017830-RA	960	zinc finger-H
	<i>lipophorin-like</i>	Scaffold940:71827-78984 + strand GbueTmp8010317-RA	1202	DUF1943 Superfamily

Supplementary Table 10 : Current Early Developmental Genes identified in the *Gerris buenoi* genome. The table lists Gap Genes and Segment Polarity Genes models, model location and accession number, protein length, and protein domain identified in the model.

<i>Gerris buenoi</i> early patterning genes	
Gap Genes	
<i>caudal</i>	?
<i>hunchback</i>	Yes
<i>orthodenticle</i>	Yes
<i>buttonhead</i>	Yes
<i>collier</i>	Yes
<i>cap-n-collar</i>	Yes
<i>crocodile</i>	Yes
<i>Krüppel</i>	Yes
<i>huckebein</i>	Yes
<i>sloppy-paired</i>	Yes
<i>empty spiracles</i>	Yes
<i>giant</i>	Yes
<i>knirps</i>	Yes
<i>tailless</i>	Yes
<i>gomdanji</i>	Yes
Pair Rule Genes	
<i>even-skipped</i>	Yes
<i>paired</i>	Yes
<i>odd-skipped</i>	Yes
<i>paired</i>	Yes
<i>runt</i>	Yes
<i>hairy</i>	Yes
<i>Tenascin major</i>	Yes
<i>sister-of-odd-and-bowl</i>	Yes
Segment Polarity Genes	
<i>engrailed</i>	Yes
<i>invected</i>	Yes
<i>shifted</i>	Yes
<i>roadkill</i>	Yes
<i>peril-like</i>	Yes
<i>patched</i>	Yes
<i>nejire</i>	Yes
<i>microtubule star</i>	Yes
<i>flapwing</i>	Yes
<i>cullin1</i>	Yes
<i>dispatched</i>	Yes
<i>costa</i>	Yes
<i>paxillin</i>	Yes
Terminal Patterning Genes	
<i>torso</i>	Yes
<i>PTTH</i>	?
<i>torso-like</i>	Yes
<i>trunk</i>	No

Supplementary Table 11 : Presence/absence of *Drosophila melanogaster* early patterning genes in the genomes of *Gerris buenoi*.

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Gene type	Gene name	<i>Drosophila melanogaster</i>		<i>Tribolium castaneum</i>	
		QC (ID)	Bit Score	QC (ID)	Bit Score
Gap	<i>orthodenticle</i>	24% (98%)	94	42% (71%)	97
	<i>buttonhead</i>	26% (61%)	145	29% (70%)	187
	<i>collier</i>	43% (70%)	94	47% (62%)	90
	<i>cap-n-collar</i>	19% (43%)	47	56% (34%)	116
	<i>crocodile</i>	81% (52%)	234	39% (65%)	166
	<i>Krüppel</i>	70% (71%)	242	77% (59%)	240
	<i>huckebein</i>	71% (68%)	174	ND	ND
	<i>empty spiracles</i>	86% (71%)	179	90% (60%)	281
	<i>giant</i>	33% (62%)	77	40% (48%)	117
	<i>gomdANJI</i>	64% (34%)	45	ND	ND
Segment polarity	<i>shifted</i>	95% (55%)	286	92% (68%)	350
	<i>roadkill</i>	96% (56%)	424	96% (57%)	437
	<i>peril-like</i>	77% (56%)	194	96% (61%)	262
	<i>microtubule star</i>	84% (50%)	295	ND	ND
	<i>flapwing</i>	87% (42%)	184	ND	ND
	<i>cullin1</i>	99% (61%)	956	100% (79%)	1274
	<i>dispatched</i>	98% (25%)	181	96% (31%)	181
	<i>costa</i>	72% (36%)	227	70% (27%)	159
Terminal patterning	<i>paxillin</i>	89% (65%)	367	81% (66%)	330
	<i>Torso</i>	93% (53%)	140	92% (31%)	194
General	<i>Torso-like</i>	90% (46%)	321	89% (49%)	335
	<i>decapentaplegic</i>	55% (34%)	173	58% (39%)	295
	<i>cubitus interruptus</i>	94% (46%)	301	98% (42%)	280
	<i>lipophorin-like</i>	77% (23%)	215	95% (33%)	587

Supplementary Table 12 : Represents Query Coverage (Identity) and E-value of the annotated gene models pairwise aligned to orthologues in other species. Pairwise alignment was performed using NCBI blast. ND – Not Determined.

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Gene	Scaffold: start..end	Locus length (nt)	Protein length (aa)	Number of CDS exons
<i>axin</i>	Scaffold136:602832..659508	56 677	1496	16
<i>armadillo*</i>	Scaffold2236:76533..96972	20 440 (partial)	716 (partial)	11
<i>arrow</i>	Scaffold136:139587..222403	82 817	1490	24
<i>dishevelled -RA</i>	Scaffold441:78333..107479	29 147	602	15
<i>dishevelled -RB</i>	Scaffold441:78333..124793	46 461	597	14
<i>frizzled</i>	Scaffold288:270554..271759	1 206	401	1
<i>frizzled-2</i>	Scaffold1053:141773..14578 1	4 009	597	1
<i>frizzled-3</i>	Scaffold304:383672..482292	98 621	500	2
<i>glycogen synthase kinase-3 beta -RA -part 1 of 2*</i>	Scaffold1391:148463..17482 2	26 360 (partial)	302 (partial)	6
<i>glycogen synthase kinase-3 beta -RB -part 1 of 2*</i>	Scaffold1391:148463..17482 2	26 360 (partial)	286 (partial)	6
<i>glycogen synthase kinase-3 beta -part 2 of 2*</i>	Scaffold10229:2..3044	3 043 (partial)	150 (partial)	2
<i>wingless</i>	Scaffold2771:12925..70979	58 055	331	3
<i>Wnt7</i>	Scaffold163:273675..338565	64 891	456	10
<i>Wnt8</i>	Scaffold1136:57077..65015	7 939	302	5
<i>Wnt5</i>	Scaffold3063:28070..66680	38 611	321	6
<i>Wnt10</i>	Scaffold2796:27374..49167	21 794	273	5

<i>WntA*</i>	Scaffold20: 632685..638039	5 355 (partial)	287 (partial)	5
<i>wntless</i>	Scaffold190:240723..250315	9 593	538	11

Supplementary Table 13 : Positional information for the 18 Wnt signaling genes annotated. Incomplete gene models are marked with an asterisk (*).

Gene set	Gene name	<i>Gerris buenoi</i> CpG_{O/E} value	<i>Rhodnius proxilus</i> CpG_{O/E} value
Insulin signalling	<i>Chico</i>	0.658374618	
Insulin signalling	<i>forkhead box protein O</i>		
Insulin signalling	<i>Foxo</i>	1.014152563	0.963514594
Insulin signalling	<i>Insulin receptor 1</i>	1.090538511	1.133882478
Insulin signalling	<i>Insulin receptor 1-like</i>	0.865210624	
Insulin signalling	<i>Insulin receptor 2</i>	0.394382326	0.781348977
Insulin signalling	<i>Insulin receptor substrate</i>		
Insulin signalling	<i>Phosphatase and tensine homologue</i>	0.444946289	
Insulin signalling	<i>Phosphoinositide 3-kinase Pi3K21B</i>	0.730078776	0.783423219
Insulin signalling	<i>Phosphoinositide 3-kinase Pi3K92E</i>	0.438681484	0.575389176
Insulin signalling	<i>Protein Kinase B</i>	0.395861448	0.563182964
Insulin signalling	<i>Rheb/Ras homolog enriched in brain</i>	0.540547798	
Insulin signalling	<i>RPS6-p70-protein kinase</i>	0.731629717	0.704464786
Insulin signalling	<i>Slimfast</i>	0.77679356	0.7171875
Insulin signalling	<i>Target of rapamycin</i>	0.648267284	0.641665967
Insulin signalling	<i>Thor</i>	0.910084034	0.907818533
Insulin signalling	<i>Tsc1 Tuberous sclerosis complex 1</i>	0.383532463	0.517120208
Insulin signalling	<i>Tsc2/gigas/Tuberin</i>	0.580956324	0.815878378
Juvenile Hormone	<i>Allostatin C</i>		
Juvenile Hormone	<i>broad</i>	0.905797101	0.973075749
Juvenile Hormone	<i>Chd64</i>		
Juvenile Hormone	<i>FK506-binding protein 1</i>	0.480397835	0.498673415

Juvenile Hormone	<i>FK506-binding protein 14 ortholog</i>		
Juvenile Hormone	<i>FK506-binding protein FKBP59</i>	0.553441364	0.759341109
Juvenile Hormone	<i>Juvenile hormone acid methyltransferase</i>	0.853085106	0.627682228
Juvenile Hormone	<i>Juvenile hormone epoxide hydrolase 1</i>	0.497504096	0.823006391
Juvenile Hormone	<i>Juvenile hormone esterase</i>		
Juvenile Hormone	<i>Juvenile hormone esterase duplication</i>		
Juvenile Hormone	<i>Juvenile hormone-inducible protein 1</i>	0.437671182	0.579799692
Juvenile Hormone	<i>Juvenile hormone-inducible protein 26</i>	0.90600823	0.302261307
Juvenile Hormone	<i>Kruppel homolog 1</i>	0.883615819	1.019771301
Juvenile Hormone	<i>Methoprene-tolerant</i>	0.633364098	0.59144385
Juvenile Hormone	<i>taiman</i>		
Reproduction	<i>Armitage</i>	0.900408271	0.735040693
Reproduction	<i>Aubergine (annotated as Piwi-like)</i>	0.497755107	
Reproduction	<i>Bazooka/PAR-3</i>		0.68762606
Reproduction	<i>cappuccino</i>		
Reproduction	<i>capsuleen</i>		
Reproduction	<i>Dynein light chain 90F</i>	1.006892418	0.784722222
Reproduction	<i>eIF5B</i>	0.66963049	0.699717583
Reproduction	<i>Heat shock protein 83/90</i>	0.661795474	0.78564613
Reproduction	<i>Heat shock protein 83/90 2</i>		0.558785904
Reproduction	<i>Hunchback</i>	1.00601711	0.902307812
Reproduction	<i>Laminin A</i>		
Reproduction	<i>Laminin B2</i>		
Reproduction	<i>loki/Chk2</i>		
Reproduction	<i>maelstrom</i>		
Reproduction	<i>meiotic 41/ATR</i>	0.318670549	
Reproduction	<i>Merlin</i>		
Reproduction	<i>Moesin</i>		
Reproduction	<i>nanos</i>	0.392635135	
Reproduction	<i>N-ethylmaleimide-sensitive factor 2</i>		
Reproduction	<i>Par - 6</i>	0.493019601	0.75739645
Reproduction	<i>Par-1</i>		
Reproduction	<i>pebble/ECT2</i>	0.346433041	0.556323529

Reproduction	<i>Piwi (annotated as piwi-like)</i>		
Reproduction	<i>Rab11</i>	1.21100186	0.891789661
Reproduction	<i>sevenless</i>		
Reproduction	<i>Smaug</i>		0.374331551
Reproduction	<i>Spindle-D</i>		
Reproduction	<i>Spindle-E</i>		
Reproduction	<i>staufen</i>	0.335958039	0.63898769
Reproduction	<i>Stellate</i>		
Reproduction	<i>telomere fusion</i>		
Reproduction	<i>tudor</i>	1.249130153	0.799734986
Reproduction	<i>vasa</i>	0.693071093	
Wing	<i>Acetylcholine esterase</i>	1.056863669	0.931578947
Wing	<i>apterous</i>		
Wing	<i>argos</i>		
Wing	<i>armadillo</i>	0.404645677	0.517999969
Wing	<i>baboon</i>	0.516144578	0.667751211
Wing	<i>basket</i>	0.740959251	0.7426405
Wing	<i>bifid</i>		
Wing	<i>blistered</i>		
Wing	<i>brinker</i>	0.876838162	0.574162679
Wing	<i>Buffy</i>	0.602699055	
Wing	<i>capricious</i>	0.914409241	0.819466248
Wing	<i>clot</i>	0.872160934	1.03902439
Wing	<i>cut</i>	0.362195409	0.754880803
Wing	<i>Death regulator Nedd2-like caspase</i>	1.146718147	
Wing	<i>Death related ICE-like caspase</i>	0.6890625	0.804121212
Wing	<i>Death-associated inhibitor of apoptosis 1</i>		
Wing	<i>Decapping protein 1</i>	1.189357953	0.711444547
Wing	<i>division abnormally delayed</i>	0.535155846	0.513011152
Wing	<i>eiger</i>	0.838224085	0.839430894
Wing	<i>engrailed</i>	1.247013856	0.814175728
Wing	<i>Epidermal growth factor receptor</i>	0.697416093	0.659715546
Wing	<i>fringe</i>	1.294816794	0.638368984
Wing	<i>hedgehog</i>	0.964415584	0.773176471
Wing	<i>Keren</i>	0.754096776	
Wing	<i>Mad1</i>	0.517751479	
Wing	<i>Mad2</i>	0.414863782	0.499577603
Wing	<i>Mad3</i>	0.440286166	0.555261005
Wing	<i>mastermind</i>	0.516834008	0.690080382
Wing	<i>Medea</i>	0.497130418	0.534404253
Wing	<i>mind bomb 1</i>	0.533591731	0.771083019
Wing	<i>nemo</i>	1.09630137	0.58400637

Wing	<i>Nipped-A</i>		
Wing	<i>patched</i>	0.475015567	0.732220161
Wing	<i>punt</i>	0.990559836	0.428825279
Wing	<i>punt 2</i>	0.451908397	
Wing	<i>Ras oncogene at 85D</i>	1.040664452	0.743847875
Wing	<i>saxophone</i>	0.949921557	
Wing	<i>schnurri</i>	0.347452969	
Wing	<i>Serrate</i>		
Wing	<i>smoothened</i>	0.431910569	
Wing	<i>spalt major</i>	0.925619236	0.699655862
Wing	<i>Star</i>	0.658335154	
Wing	<i>Suppressor of Hairless</i>	0.542231327	0.624452765
Wing	<i>tartan</i>	0.732986444	1.144366197
Wing	<i>thickveins</i>	0.586962236	
Wing	<i>wingless</i>	1.124115983	1.017095821

Supplementary Table 14 : List of genes in the networks underlying wing polyphenism, reproduction, juvenile hormone, and insulin signalling included in the analysis and their CpG_{O/E} value for *Gerris buenoi* and *Rhodnius prolixus*. Genes that were annotated in *Gerris buenoi* but excluded from the analysis because they did not have a complete coding sequence are also listed but without a CpG_{O/E} value.

	Core histones				
	H1	H2A	H2B	H3	H4
<i>Aedes aegypti</i>	6	19	11	18	15
<i>Apis mellifera</i>	2	6	5	6	4
<i>Acyrtosiphon pisum</i>	6	5	5	7	5
<i>Oncopeltus fasciatus</i>	1	3	4	3	2
<i>Cimex lectularius</i>	4	14	6	13	8
<i>Gerris buenoi</i>	10	11	9	10	9
<i>Daphnia pulex</i>	5	10	12	10	6
<i>Tetranychus urticae</i>	1	4	7	6	3
<i>Ixodes scapularis</i>	4	6	4	4	1
<i>Strigamia maritima</i>	3	7	15	4	4

Supplementary Table 15 : Number of loci within the genomes of arthropod species encoding the five classes of histones. Orthologs for *Aedes aegypti*, *Daphnia pulex*, *Tetranychus urticae* and *Ixodes scapularis* were obtained by BLAST analysis. Orthologs for *Apis mellifera* and *Acyrtosiphon pisum* were obtained from published literature [136, 166]. Orthologs for *Oncopeltus fasciatus* (manuscript in preparation) and *Cimex lectularius* [81] were obtained during genome annotation.

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Species	Number of antioxidant genes
<i>Acyrtosiphon pisum</i>	6
<i>Apis mellifera</i>	1
<i>Bombyx mori</i>	2
<i>Cimex lectularis</i>	16
<i>Drosophila melanogaster</i>	0
<i>Pediculus humanus</i>	0
<i>Tribolium castaneum</i>	5

Supplementary Table 16 : Number of genes for each species compared to that had highest similarity to *G. Buenoi* antioxidant genes.

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Bio Projects	i5K Pilot NCBI Bio-project	PRJNA163973 https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/bioproject/163973
	<i>Gerris buenoi</i> NCBI Bio-project	PRJNA203045 https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/bioproject/203045
	NCBI Bio-sample	SAMN02800617 https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/biosample/2800617
Genome Sequence	180bp insert <i>male</i> DNA	1 Illumina HiSeq 2000 run: 122.1M read pairs, 24.7Gbp
	500bp insert <i>male</i> DNA	1 Illumina HiSeq 2500 run: 36.4M read pairs, 7.4Gbp
	3kb insert <i>male</i> DNA	1 Illumina HiSeq 2000 run: 137.4M read pairs, 27.8 Gbp
	8kb insert <i>female</i> DNA	1 Illumina HiSeq 2000 run: 135.9M read pairs, 27.4 Gbp
	180bp insert NCBI SRA Accession	SRX493944 https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/sra/SRX493944
	500bp insert NCBI SRA Accession	SRX493946 https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/sra/SRX493946
	3kb insert NCBI SRA Accession	SRX493945 https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/sra/SRX493945
	8kb insert NCBI SRA Accession	SRX493943 https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/sra/SRX493943
Genome Assembly	Number of contigs	304,893
	Contig N50	3,812 bp
	Number of scaffolds	20,259
	Scaffold N50	344,118 bp
	Size of final assembly	1,000,161,732 bp
	Size of final assembly - without gaps	653,297,297 bp
	NCBI Genome Assembly Accession	GCA_001010745.1 https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/assembly/GCA_001010745.1
RNAseq data	<i>Gerris buenoi</i> Transcriptome Bio-project	PRJNA275657 https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/bioproject/275657
	Mixed sex embryos and nymphs RNAseq reads	32M read pairs, 6.5 Gbp
	Mixed sex embryos and nymphs SRA Accession	SRX896710 https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/sra/SRX896710
Automated Genome Annotation (Gbue_0.5.3)	Genes (Gbue_0.5.3)	20 949
	Average Transcript length	1 298
	Average CDS length	954 bp (318 aa)
	Exons per gene	4.81
	Genome Annotation Link	National Agricultural Library https://i5k.nal.usda.gov/Gerris_buenoi

Supplementary Table 17 : Sequencing, assembly, annotation statistics and accession numbers

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854 **Supplementary Sequences**

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857 155 GbueOr protein sequences

858 135 GbueGr protein sequences

859 45 GbueIR protein sequences

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862 **Serosins nucleotide sequences**

>Serosin_1 (Scaffold3130)

ATGGCTCGCTACACTCTTCTGTGTGTTATTGCTTCATGCCTGGTTGCCCTTGCTGTTTTCGGTGCCTTTTGAGCAGAAAAC
 AGCTTTCGAGTTAAAGGAACGTCACGACTTCTACAACCCTAGGAGCGACAACCCGTTTCAGCACGTCTGGATCGGATGCAC
 ACATGAAGACACAAAGCGCTAGAGTAGAGCATGACTTCATCGGAGGCAAGAAGCTGGGCTGCTGGTGGTTACGCTCAACAT
 GAAAGACAGAGCATGTTTCGGACAGACCCGTCGTAACAACGAAGGTGGATTCCAATTTAAAGCGAGATTTTAG

>Serosin_2 (Scaffold2193)

ATGGCCCGCTACACTCTCCTCTGTGTTATCGCTTCATGCCTGGTTGCTCTTGCTGTTTTCGGTGCCGTTTCGAACAGAAAAC
 AGCTTTCGAGTTAAAGGAACGTCACGACTTCTACAACCCTAGGAGCGACAACCCGTTTCAGCACGTCTGGATCGGATGCAC
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 GAAAGACAGAGCATGTTTCGGACAGACCCGTCGTAACAACGAAGGTGGATTCCAATTTAAAGCAAGATTTTAG

>Serosin_3 (Scaffold3130)

ATGGCCCGTTACACTCTCCTCTGTGTTATTGCTTCCTGCCTGGTGGCTCTTGCTGTTTTCGGTGCCGTTTCGAGCAGAAAAC
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>Serosin_4 (Scaffold2193)

ATGGCTCGCTACACTCTCCTTTGTGTTATCGCTTCCTGCCTGGTTGCTCTTGCTGTTTTCGGTGCCGTTTCGAACAGAAAAC
 AGCTTTCGAGTTGAAGGAACGTCACGACTTCTACAACCCTAGGAGCGACAACCCGTTTCAGCACGTCTGGATCGGATGCAC
 ACATGAAGACTCAAAGCGCTAGAATAGAGCATGACTTTATCGGAGGCAAGAAGCTGGGCTGCTGGTGGTTACGCTCAACAT
 GAAAGACAGAGCATGTTTCGGACAGACCCGACGAAACAACGAAGGTGGATTCCAATTTAAAGCAAGATTTTAG

>Serosin_5 (Scaffold3130)

ATGGCTCGCTACACTCTCCTCTGTGTTATCGCTTCCTGCCTGGTGGCTCTTGCTGTTTTCGGTGCCGTTTCGAACAGAAAAC
 ATCTTTCGACTATAAGGAACGTCACGACTTCCAGGACAACCCGCTCTGGATCGGATGCCACATGAAGACCCAAAGAGCTA
 GAGTAGAACATGACTTTTGTGGAGGCAAGAAGCTGGGCTGCTGGTGGTTACGTTCAACACGAAAGACAGACTATGTACGGA
 GAGACACGTAAGCAAACGAAGGAGGAGTCCAAGTTAAAGTAACATTTTAG

>Serosin_6 (Scaffold3130)

ATGGTCCGCCACGCTTTGTTTTGTGTTATCGCTTTCTGCCTGGTTACTCTCGCTGTTTTCGGTGCCATTTGAGCAGAAAAC
 AGCTTTTGACTACAAGGAACGTCACGACTTCTATAATCCTAAGAACGACAACCCGTTTCAGTACGTCTGGATCGGATGCAC
 ACATGAAGACACAAAGCGCTAGAGTAGAGCATGACTTTGCCGAGGCAAGAATTGGGCTGCTGGTTTTTTACGCTCAACAT
 GAAAGACAGAATATGAACGGACAGTCCCCTCGTAACAACGAAGCTGGATTCCAATTTAAAGGAACATTTTAG

863 **Serosins protein sequences**

>Serosin_1 (Scaffold3130)

MARYTLLCVIASCLVALAVSVPFEQKTAFELKERHDFYNPRSDNPFSTSGSDAHMKTQSARVEHDFIGGKNWAAGGYAQH
 ERQSMFGQTRRNNEGGFQFKARF

>Serosin_2 (Scaffold2193)

MARYTLLCVIASCLVALAVSVPFEQKTAFELKERHDFYNPRSDNPFSTSGSDAHMKTQSARVEHDFIGGKNWAAGGYAQH
 ERQSMFGQTRRNNEGGFQFKARF

>Serosin_3 (Scaffold3130)

MARYTLLCVIASCLVALAVSVPFEQKTAFELKERHDFYNPRSDNPFSTSGSDAHMKTQSARVEHDFIGGKNWAAGGYAQH
 ERQSMFGQTRRNNEGGFQFKARF

>Serosin_4 (Scaffold2193)

MARYTLLCVIASCLVALAVSVPFEQKTAFELKERHDFYNPRSDNPFSTSGSDAHMKTQSARIEHDFIGGKNWAAGGYAQH
 ERQSMFGQTRRNNEGGFQFKARF

>Serosin_5 (Scaffold3130)

MARYTLLCVIASCLVALAVSVPFEQKTSFDYKERHDFQDNPSGSDAHMKTQRARVEHDFVGGKNWAAGGYVQHERQTMYG
 ETRKQNEGGVQVKVTF

>Serosin_6 (Scaffold3130)

MVRHALFCVIAFCLVTLAVSVPFEQKTAFDYKERHDFYNPKNDNPFSTSGSDAHMKTQSARVEHDFAGGKNWAAGFYAQH
ERQNMNGQSRRNNEAGFQFKGTF

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