

# Genetic patterns for adaptive evolution of TTX in *Nassarius*

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## Abstract

Understanding the genetic basis of tetrodotoxin (TTX) accumulation and resistance in animals could provide us significant insights into adaptive evolution in ecological communities. It has been reported that TTX resistance is possibly due to gene mutation in sodium channels. Eating sea snail *Nassarius* has caused serious people poisoning and death incident due to tetrodotoxin (TTX) accumulation in their body. Here we conducted transcriptome analysis for both toxic and non-toxic communities in two *Nassarius* species (*Nassarius succinctus* and *Nassarius variciferus*) to reveal their genetic patterns of TTX accumulation and resistance. For genetic expression, the cellular and metabolic process, and binding and catalytic activity accounted for the top classification categories for both species. The toxic communities generally produced more up-regulated genes than non-toxic communities. The mostly different expression genes among toxic and non-toxic communities mainly included heat shock protein 83-like, cytochrome c oxidase subunit, WAS protein family member 2, delta-aminolevulinic acid dehydratase, protein transport protein Sec24D isoform X2 and so on, some of which referred to detoxification. In mutation level, the sodium channel gene of *N. succinctus* had one amino acid “L” that is different from that of other animals. The transcriptome analysis of both toxic and nontoxic communities in two *Nassarius* species provided important genetic basis for adaptive evolution research of TTX accumulation and resistance.

## INTRODUCTION

As potent neurotoxin, Tetrodotoxin (TTX) and Saxitoxin (STX) can specifically bind to sodium channels of animals by sharing one binding site with high affinities<sup>4,5,6</sup>, which could lead to poisoning and death of animals. However, some animals can accumulate TTX or STX in their body to defense the external environment since they possibly could be resistant to toxins by target site insensitivity, such as in fish, frog and mullusca<sup>1,2,3,32</sup>. Understanding how TTX is accumulated in animals and how animals resist to TTX in genetic level would be particularly critical for adaptive evolution research and toxin poisoning cure in medicine.

Some proteins which were possibly related with TTX binding and transportation were found in puffer fish<sup>2,17</sup>. Takashi et al (2000)<sup>34</sup> firstly purified some TTX-binding proteins in puffer fish. Yotsu-Yamashita et al (2010 and 2013)<sup>2,17</sup> reported the distribution and localization of TTX-binding protein and their homologous proteins in puffer fish, which possibly be related with TTX transportation. Feroudj et al (2014)<sup>19</sup> employed DNA microarray analysis revealed some gene candidates related with TTX accumulation in puffer fish<sup>19</sup>. But the detailed accumulation mechanism of TTX is needed to be well understood in a wide range of animals. Except pufferfish, STX and TTX resistance also appears in various kinds of animals, such as snails<sup>7</sup>, xanthid crab<sup>8</sup>, blue-ringed octopus<sup>9</sup>, and and frogs<sup>3,10-12</sup>. It has been reported that the mutation in sodium channel genes<sup>13</sup> can block the binding of toxin and thus result in the toxin resistance<sup>1,2,3,14-16</sup>. Understanding how organisms resist TTX on genetic level would contribute to investigate adaptive evolution in ecological communities.

*Nassarius*, a species-rich genus of Nassariinae, is important in maintaining the balance of marine ecological system. For a long time, *Nassarius* is consumed as popular food in Asian countries as economic species<sup>21</sup>.

However, eating nassariids of *Nassarius* have caused hundreds of food poisoning and death incidents in the last several years, especially in China. Our previous studies detected that the food poisoning incident was due to TTX accumulated in *Nassarius* sp's body and the toxicity of different *Nassarius* species and different populations within one *Nassarius* species was different<sup>22</sup>, which means that some *Nassarius* species and populations can accumulate TTX in their body but some others do not accumulate. This is possibly related with the sea environments they live which could lead to adaptive evolution for different communities.

Currently the genetic basis involving TTX accumulation and resistance in *Nassarius* is unclear. Here we performed transcriptional analysis for both toxic and non-toxic specimens in two *Nassarius* species (*Nassarius succinctus* and *Nassarius variciferus*), aiming to reveal their genetic patterns for TTX accumulation and resistance in genetic expression and mutation level for better understanding the adaptive evolution for toxin.

## MATERIALS AND METHODS

**Sample collection, treatment and toxicity test.** The samples used in this study have been tested for the TTX toxicity in our previous published research<sup>22</sup>. Based on the toxicity test, *N. succinctus* and *N. variciferus* were selected for transcriptional analysis since they included both toxic and non-toxic specimens. The liver and pancreas were treated for RNA extraction and sequencing since they contained more toxin. For RNA-seq protocol, the toxic and non-toxic specimens were sequenced as treatment group and control group respectively for each species. We selected three toxic specimens and three non-toxic specimens as triple repeat for treatment group and control group respectively, for each of *N. succinctus* and *N. variciferus*. The detailed sample collection was shown in Fig. 1.

**RNA library preparation, transcriptome and gene assembly.** After RNA extraction the mRNA were fragmented with fragmentation buffer and were used to synthesize cDNA. Short cDNA fragments were purified and then resolved with end reparation and adapter connection, from which fragments with suitable length were selected for PCR enrichment. Agilent 2100 Bioanalyzer and ABI StepOnePlus Real-Time PCR System was used for qualification. Finally, the library was sequenced using Illumina HiSeq 4000<sup>23</sup>.

The Trinity (v2.0.6)<sup>24</sup> was used to perform de novo assembly after filtering out raw reads. The assembly quality was evaluated with N50 and ortholog hit ratios (OHR). Paired reads passing the filter were then concatenated using Concatenate datasets (version 1.0.0) in both the right and left direction. Transcript abundancies were calculated by RSEM version 1.1.1754<sup>25-26</sup> using the pool of non-normalized reads with default settings.

**Differentially expressed gene analysis.** The functional annotation was performed from databases of NT, NR, GO, COG, KEGG, SwissProt and InterPro. With BLASTX the final assembly was submitted to these databases with the threshold of E-value [?] 10<sup>-5</sup><sup>27</sup>. The NR and InterProScan5 were used to get GO annotation and InterPro annotation respectively. Unigenes were obtained from mapping clean reads by Bowtie2<sup>28</sup>. The gene expression level was calculated with RSEM. The PCA analysis was performed with all samples by princomp, a function of R. We detected DEGs (Differentially Expressed Genes) with Poisson Dis as requested<sup>29</sup>.

**Q-PCR confirmation.** Real-time PCR was performed with the SG Fast qPCR Master Mix (High Rox) using the cDNA synthesized above. Cycle threshold values were normalized to the gene 18S. A total of 18 DEGs closely related with coding toxin-binding protein were selected as target Q-PCR functional genes. Fold changes were determined with the relative expression software tool.

**Mutations in sodium channels genes.** Based on the transcript unigenes of all samples, we retrieved the sodium channels genes to which the TTX binds. We downloaded available sodium channels genes from mollusca, human, mouse and others in NCBI as reference database. Then all unigenes of *N. succinctus* and *N. variciferus* were mapped to the reference database. While the unigenes were best matched to the reference sequences specific primers were designed to sequence them for confirmation.

## RESULTS

**Quality of sequencing data and assembly.** A total of 12 samples were used for transcriptome sequencing in this study, half out of which were from *N. succinctus* and half out of which were from *N. variciferus*. For each of *N. succinctus* and *N. variciferus*, 3 specimens (triple repeat) were toxic as treat group and 3 specimens (triple repeat) were non-toxic as control group. A total of 39.96 Gb bases and 40.19 Gb bases were generated for all specimens of *N. succinctus* and all specimens of *N. variciferus* respectively based on Illumina Hiseq sequencing. The clean reads quality metrics after filtering sequences containing low-quality, adaptor-polluted and high content of unknown base (N) reads were shown in Table 1. The distribution of base content and quality were shown in Figure S1. These reads quality indicated that the transcriptome sequencing performed well for biological functional analysis. Accession numbers of 12 samples in Genbank were: SRR10582953, SRR10582959, SRR10582955, SRR10582954, SRR10582956, SRR10582961, SRR10582957, SRR10582958, SRR10582960, SRR10582963, SRR10582963, SRR10582964.

**Gene functional annotation.** For both *N. succinctus* and *N. variciferus*, the Nr and Nt databases got higher annotation proportion than other databases, with more than 30% (Table S1). The overall annotation proportion for *N. succinctus* and *N. variciferus* was 52.61% and 55.07% respectively. The distribution of annotated species with NR was shown in Fig. 2. The annotated species were generally consistent between *N. succinctus* and *N. variciferus*, including *Aplysia californica*, *Oncorhynchus mykiss*, *Octopus bimaculoides*, *Monosiga brevicollis* MX1, *Lottia gigantea*, *Biomphalaria glabrata*, *Crassostrea gigas*, *Trichuris suis*, *Exaerptasia pallida*, *Lingula anatine* and *Mus musculus*. Among these species annotated, *A. californica* showed the highest annotation proportion. The coding sequence (CDS) was selected from segment of unigenes that best mapped to functional databases. For some unigenes which were not annotated, the ESTScan was used to predict the CDS<sup>30</sup>. For both *N. succinctus* and *N. variciferus*, the total number of CDS was between 10000-80000 and the mean length was 300-500bp. There was no much difference for the CDS prediction between the two species.

**Gene expression patterns and different expressed genes.** After assembly and mapping clean reads to unigenes, the gene expression level for each sample was calculated by PCA analysis. As shown in Fig. 3, the expression level between the toxic and non-toxic specimens were generally different. The non-toxic *N. succinctus* specimens from Dalian showed more similar gene expression pattern. Two toxic specimens of *N. variciferus* from Lianyungang had different expression from the non-toxic samples from Dalian.

The different expressed genes (DEGs) revealed up-regulated and down-regulated genes between toxic and non-toxic specimens for both species (Fig. 4). Compared with the non-toxic specimens (ZD) in *N. variciferus*, each toxic specimens (ZL) showed more up-regulated genes. For *N. succinctus*, the toxic specimens (HL) also produced more up-regulated genes in comparison with the non-toxic specimens (HQ). The Gene Ontology (GO) classification and functional enrichment was performed for DEGs, including three ontologies of molecular function, cellular component and biological process. *N. variciferus* and *N. succinctus* produced coincident patterns of functional enrichment, for which the cellular and metabolic process from biological process, and binding and catalytic activity from molecular function accounted for the top classification categories (Figure S2).

The most common different expressed genes were obtained from toxic (treatment) and non-toxic (control) groups for both species (Table 2). Compared with the non-toxic groups, the most upregulated genes from toxic groups included heat shock protein 83-like, cytochrome c oxidase subunit I and II, protein transport protein Sec24D isoform X2, WAS protein family member 2, delta-aminolevulinic acid dehydratase, and others. The pathways related with the main upregulated genes were protein processing in endoplasmic reticulum, Oxidative phosphorylation, Metabolic pathways, Cardiac muscle contraction, Thermogenesis, Non-alcoholic fatty liver disease (NAFLD), Alzheimer disease, Parkinson disease, Huntington disease, Porphyrin and chlorophyll metabolism Metabolic pathways, and so on. On the other hand, the pathways related with the downregulated genes were mainly about transcription, like spliceosome, RNA transport, basal transcription factors.

For accuracy confirmation of transcriptome sequencing, multiple DEGs found as potential functional genes were selected for qPCR. The qPCR of these selected genes was performed for both toxic specimens (treat

group) and non-toxic specimens (control group). The 18S was selected as the reference gene. In general, the statistic results indicated that the 2- $^{-([?][?]Ct)}$  and actual expression level for treat and control groups showed consistent tendency as in the Fig. 5.

**Sodium channel genes.** Based on the transcript unigenes of both species, we tried to retrieve the sodium channel genes for both species. A total of 3425bp sequence (unigene CL8899.Contig1.All) from *N. succinctus* was best matched to the sodium channels genes in reference database with identify score with more than 80%. The amino acids of this matched unigene was identified as Domain II and Domain III of sodium channels. Among the amino acid sites, we found one new amino acid ‘L’ in Domain II, in comparison with all other species (Fig. 6). By PCR confirmation, we obtained the same sequence of this new found sodium channels gene from *N. succinctus*. Unfortunately, no perfect matched sodium channels genes were found from unigenes of *N. variciferus* even though we blasted the clean reads of both species (150bp) to all reference sequences.

## DISCUSSION

More and more researches pointed that animals could accumulate toxin, like PSP, TSX and TTX in their body and thus produce toxin resistance<sup>31,32</sup>. It is significant to reveal the genetic basis of toxin accumulation and resistance in various of animals accumulating toxin, not only for adaptive evolution understanding but also for food-poisoning cure in medicine. It has been reported that the toxin resistance could be due to the mutation of sodium channel genes in animals where the toxin specially bind to<sup>1,13,31-32</sup>. But the accumulation mechanism of TTX in animals was uncertain. Different environments can lead to the adaptive evolution of animals with TTX. Species in *Nassarius* have toxic and non-toxic communities from different sea areas. In this study, as typical TTX-resistant species, *N. succinctus* and *N. variciferus* were used to reveal their genetic expression and mutation patterns from toxic and non-toxic communities.

First of all, *N. succinctus* and *N. variciferus* demonstrated similar DEG patterns. Generally the toxic communities produced more up-regulated genes than the non-toxic communities. For *N. variciferus*, the up-regulated genes of toxic specimens was significantly more than that of non-toxic specimens. For *N. succinctus*, two toxic specimens showed more up-regulated genes. This may suggest that special mechanism activities associated with TTX accumulation and resistance occur in toxic samples. The PCA analysis of DEGs indicated that the gene expression patterns of toxic specimens was different from that of non-toxic specimens for both species. Furthermore, we selected the most common DEGs (both upregulated and downregulated genes) between the toxic and non-toxic groups for both species. Compared with the non-toxic groups, the heat shock protein and cytochrome c oxidase subunit were the most significant upregulated genes from toxic groups. The heat shock protein involved the pathway of protein processing in endoplasmic reticulum. One of the most important functions of endoplasmic reticulum is detoxification, which is the removal of all the toxic materials such as metabolic wastes or drugs<sup>35-36</sup>. This strongly suggest that the TTX in *Nassarius*’s body is possibly removed by special mechanism. Cytochrome c oxidase subunit I and II involve the pathways of various diseases like Oxidative phosphorylation, Metabolic pathways, Cardiac muscle contraction, Non-alcoholic fatty liver disease (NAFLD), Alzheimer disease, Parkinson disease and Huntington disease. The cytochrome c oxidase subunit plays key role in respiration. Thus, it is reasonable that the cytochrome c oxidase subunit is highly upregulated in specimens accumulating TTX.

All the transcriptome unigenes were clustered against the sodium channel gene references to get the sodium channel genes of *Nassarius*. We obtained D2 and D3 domains of *N. succinctus* with length of 3425bp where one amino acid site “L” was different from that of all other animals possessing TTX resistance. Whether this new amino acid “L” is a potential mutational site with TTX resistance should be further confirmed by electrophysiology. Unfortunately, the D1 and D4 domains of *Nassarius* could not be obtained by unigene blast, reads blast or RACE-PCR. We suggest the reasons may be that the RNA-seq sequences do not cover the sodium channel regions due to RNA degradation or that the sodium channel genes of *Nassarius* are complicated for assembly with RNA-seq. In the future studies, we would employ comprehensive samples and more advanced sequence technologies to explore the complete sodium channel genes of various toxic and non-toxic communities in different *Nassarius* species.

## Conclusion

This study revealed the genetic patterns of TTX accumulation and resistance in two *Nassarius* species by transcriptome analysis. For gene expression, the cellular and metabolic process and binding and catalytic activity accounted for the top classification categories for both *N. succinctus* and *N. variciferus*. The toxic specimens showed more upregulated genes compared with the non-toxic specimens both *N. succinctus* and *N. variciferus*. The heat shock protein and cytochrome c oxidase subunit were found as the most significant different expression genes between all the toxic and non-toxic groups, which are mainly related with the metabolic mechanism of detoxification and various diseases. Compared with other animals possessing toxin resistance, one new amino acid “L” was found in the sodium channels of *N. variciferus*, which could possibly be the mutation for blocking the TTX-binding. Future studies should focus on exploring the complete sodium channel genes of various *Nassarius* species and detailed metabolic pathways for TTX resistance in *Nassarius*.

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## Figure legends

**FIGURE 1** Toxic and non-toxic communities of *N. succinctus* and *N. variciferus* collected from China coast.

**FIGURE 2** Distribution of annotated species for both *N. succinctus* and *N. variciferus* which show similar annotated patterns. The *Aplysia californica* species take accounted for the top proportion.

**FIGURE 3** PCA plot for difference of expression level between the toxic and non-toxic communities (ZD & HD: non-toxic specimens, ZL & HL: toxic specimens). It indicated that the toxic and non-toxic communities generally show similar expression patterns.

**FIGURE 4** DEGs patterns between toxic and non-toxic specimens of *N. succinctus* and *N. variciferus*. HD in *N. succinctus* and ZD in *N. variciferus* (non-toxic samples) were set as control group and HL and ZL were set as treatment group. Examples: HD1-VS-HL3 means that the HL3 generated more up-regulated genes (blue) than down-regulated (orange) in comparison with HD1. ZD1-VS-ZL3 means that the ZL3 generated more up-regulated genes (orange) than down-regulated (blue) in comparison with ZD1.

**FIGURE 5** Consistency of 2 -([?][?]Ct) and actual expression level by RT-PCR. Six potential DEGs related with TTX accumulation and resistance was performed.

**FIGURE 6** Potential amino acids mutation site related with TTX resistance on sodium channel of *N. succinctus*. The site indicated in yellow is newly identified by our study.

**FIGURE S1** Distribution of base content and quality for all specimens studied.

**FIGURE S2** The top classification categories for the DEGs of both species.

**TABLE S1** Functional annotation for both *Nassarius* species from 7 databases

**Table 1** . The clean reads quality metrics after Quality control.

Sample	Total Raw Reads(Mb)	Total Clean Reads(Mb)	Total Clean Bases(Gb)	Clean Reads Q20(%)	Clean Reads
HL1	58.37	44.66	6.7	98.09	94.47
HL2	59.9	44.32	6.65	97.88	93.98
HL3	55	44.12	6.62	98.27	94.7
HD1	60.43	44.31	6.65	98.19	94.59

Sample	Total Raw Reads(Mb)	Total Clean Reads(Mb)	Total Clean Bases(Gb)	Clean Reads Q20(%)	Clean Reads
HD2	60.55	44.24	6.64	98.42	95.42
HD3	62.14	44.67	6.7	98.45	95.53
ZL1	63.16	44.59	6.69	96.85	90.95
ZL2	63.16	44.47	6.67	96.75	90.71
ZL3	63.16	44.86	6.73	96.74	90.65
ZD1	59.92	44.65	6.7	96.88	91.04
ZD2	59.92	44.91	6.74	96.86	91.05
ZD3	61.54	44.41	6.66	96.85	91.03

**Table 2** Most different expressed genes among all toxic (treatment) and non-toxic (control) groups of two species

Definition	Expression trend	Length	Pathway
heat shock protein 83-like	up	1906	Protein processing in
cytochrome c oxidase subunit II	up	673	Oxidative phosphory
cytochrome c oxidase subunit I	up	1855	Oxidative phosphory
histone H1E-like	up	686	NA
secreted frizzled-related protein 5	up	597-737	Wnt signaling pathw
WAS protein family member 2	up	436-611	Adherens junction; F
serine-rich adhesin for platelets-like isoform X1	up	3044-3563	NA
mucin-2	up	1507-1399	Amoebiasis Gastric o
ATP-dependent RNA helicase A	up	415-678	NA
DEAH (Asp-Glu-Ala-His) box polypeptide 9	up	382-852	NA
keratin, type II cytoskeletal 1-like	up	453	NA
ATP-dependent RNA helicase A-like	up	953	NA
uncharacterized protein LOC102093901	up	1369	NA
heterogeneous nuclear ribonucleoprotein A2/B1	up	570	NA
delta-aminolevulinic acid dehydratase	up	2207	Porphyrin and chloro
signal recognition protein	up	2221-3222	Protein export
aminolevulinate, delta-, dehydratase	up	986	Porphyrin and chloro
GH24401 gene product from transcript GH24401-RA	up	465	NA
heterogeneous nuclear ribonucleoprotein A1b	up	376	Spliceosome
human immunodeficiency virus type I enhancer binding protein 1	up	263	NA
protein transport protein Sec24D isoform X2	up	1124	Protein processing in
LOW QUALITY PROTEIN: RNA-binding protein 25	up	979	Spliceosome
tissue factor pathway inhibitor	up	861-1061	Complement and coa
AGAP011395-PA	up	823	Hedgehog signaling p
mucin-5B	down	1533-1556	IL-17 signaling pathv
uncharacterized protein	down	1315	NA
myosin light polypeptide 6-like	down	738	NA
myosin heavy chain, striated muscle isoform X1	down	4214-7132	NA
oviductin [EC:3.4.21.120]	down	1079	NA
protocadherin-15b precursor	down	632	NA
pre-mRNA-processing factor 40 homolog B	down	736	Spliceosome
troponin T isoform X1	down	2844	NA
histone-lysine N-methyltransferase 2C	down	1826	Lysine degradation M
low-density lipoprotein receptor-related protein 4-like	down	751	NA
ligand-gated ion channel 4-like	down	484	NA
mucin-13	down	1028	NA



Definition	Expression trend	Length	Pathway
nuclear pore complex protein Nup205	down	548	RNA transport
C-type lectin domain family 4 member M-like	down	780	NA
TATA-box binding protein associated factor 3 L homeolog	down	751	Basal transcription f
tektin-3	down	3356	NA
mucin 2, oligomeric mucus/gel-forming	down	1396	NA
very low density lipoprotein receptor	down	1456	Spinocerebellar ataxi
ncharacterized protein	down	255	NA
N-acetylated-alpha-linked acidic dipeptidase [EC:3.4.17.21]	down	1035	NA

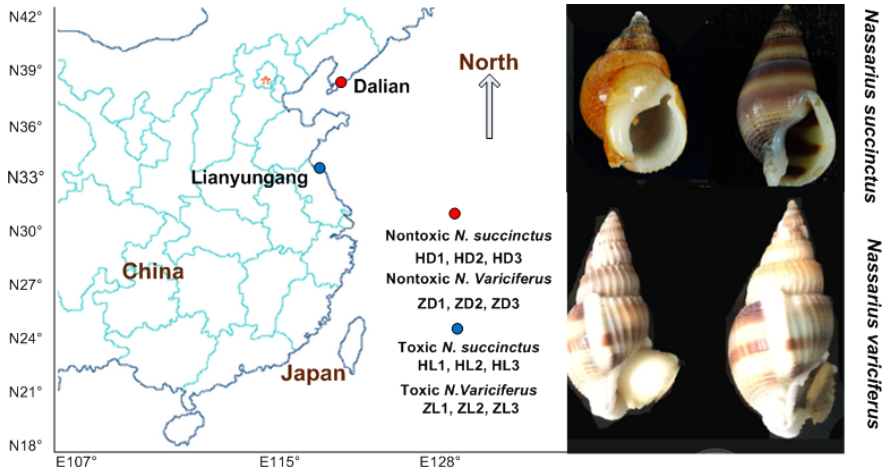


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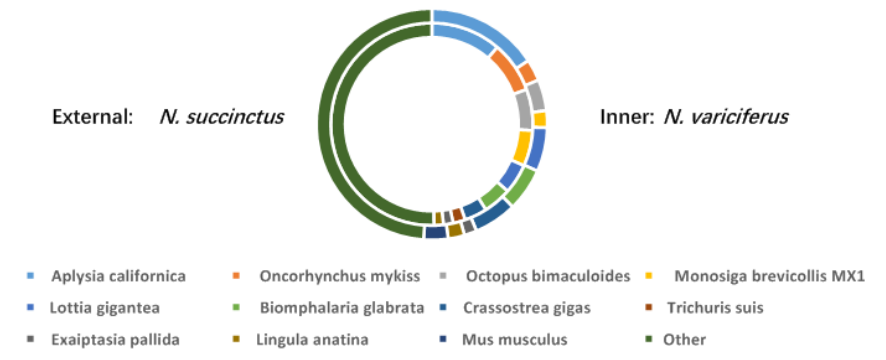


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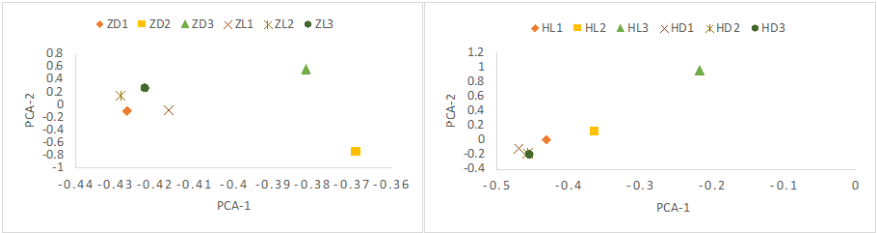


Fig. 3



Fig. 4

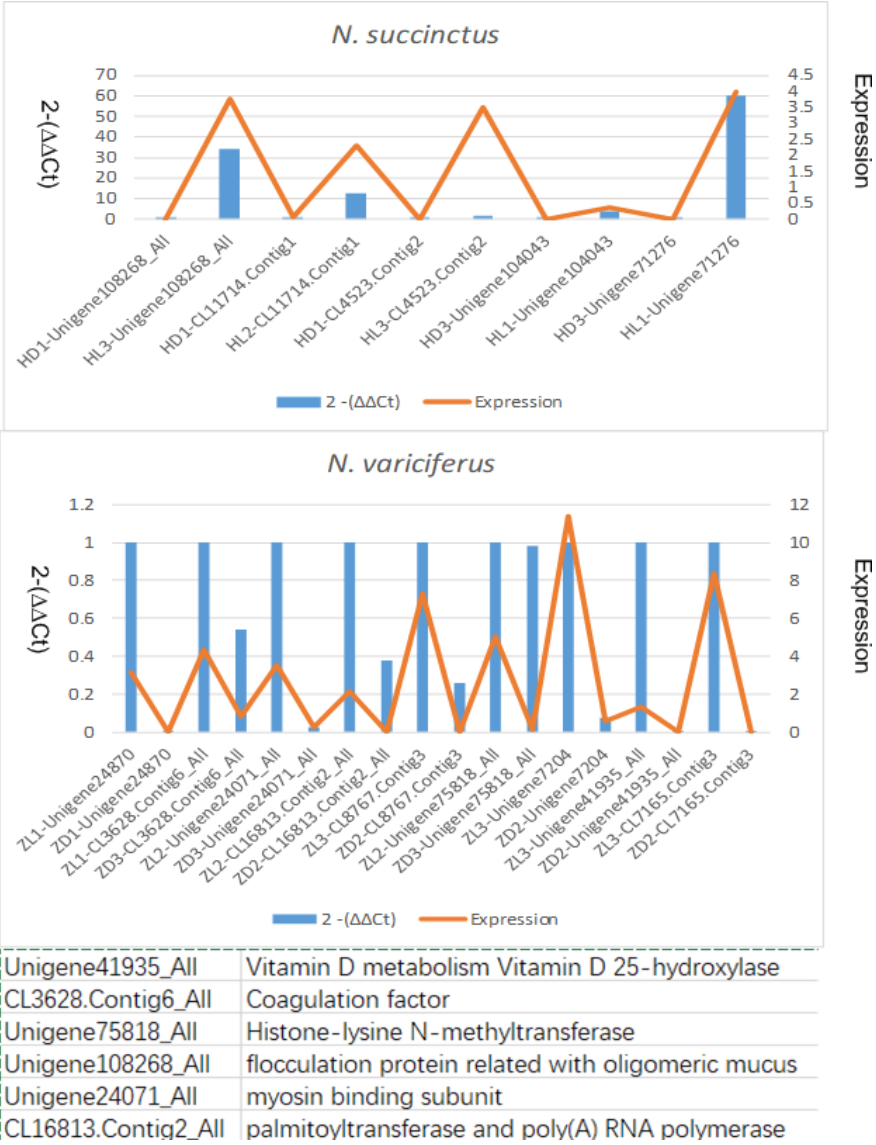
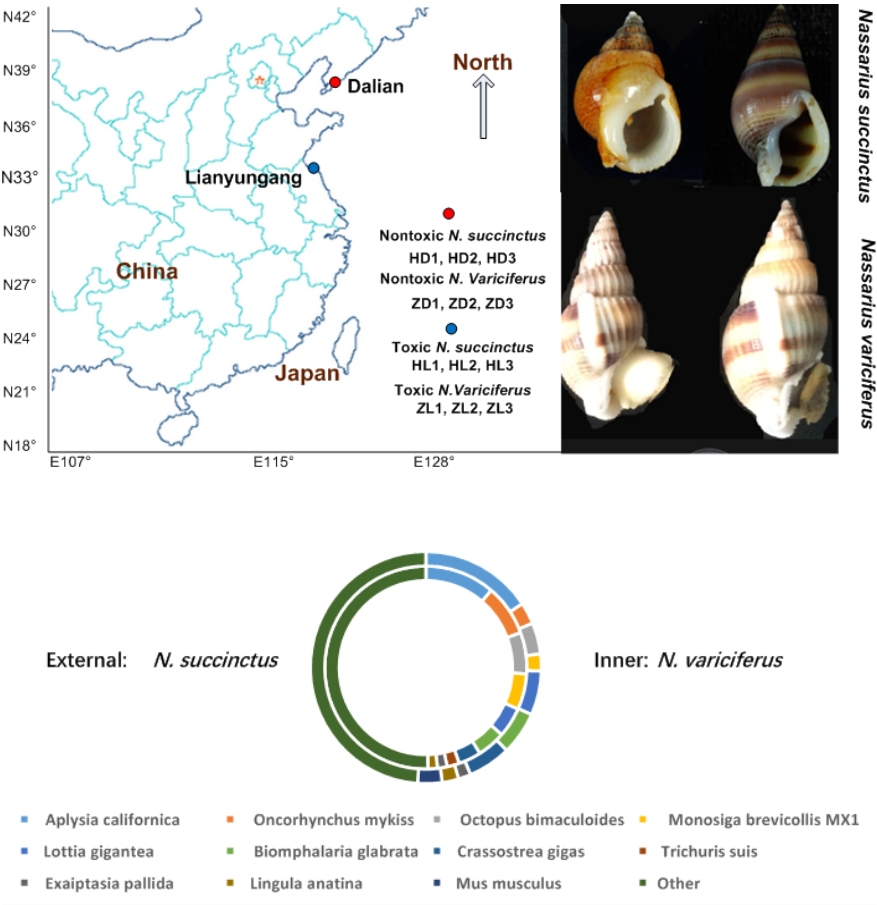
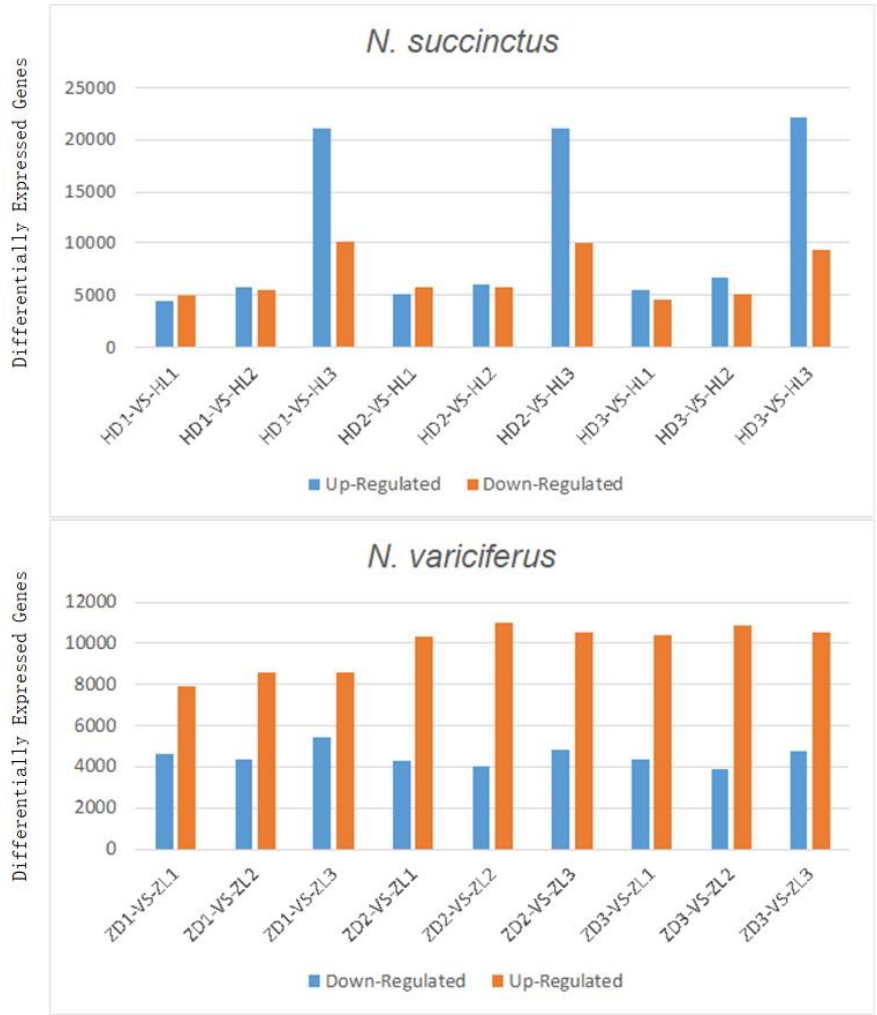
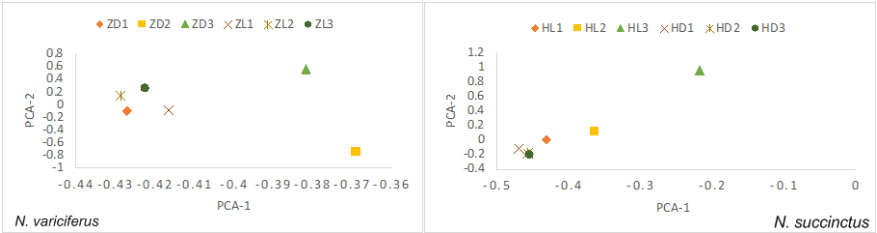


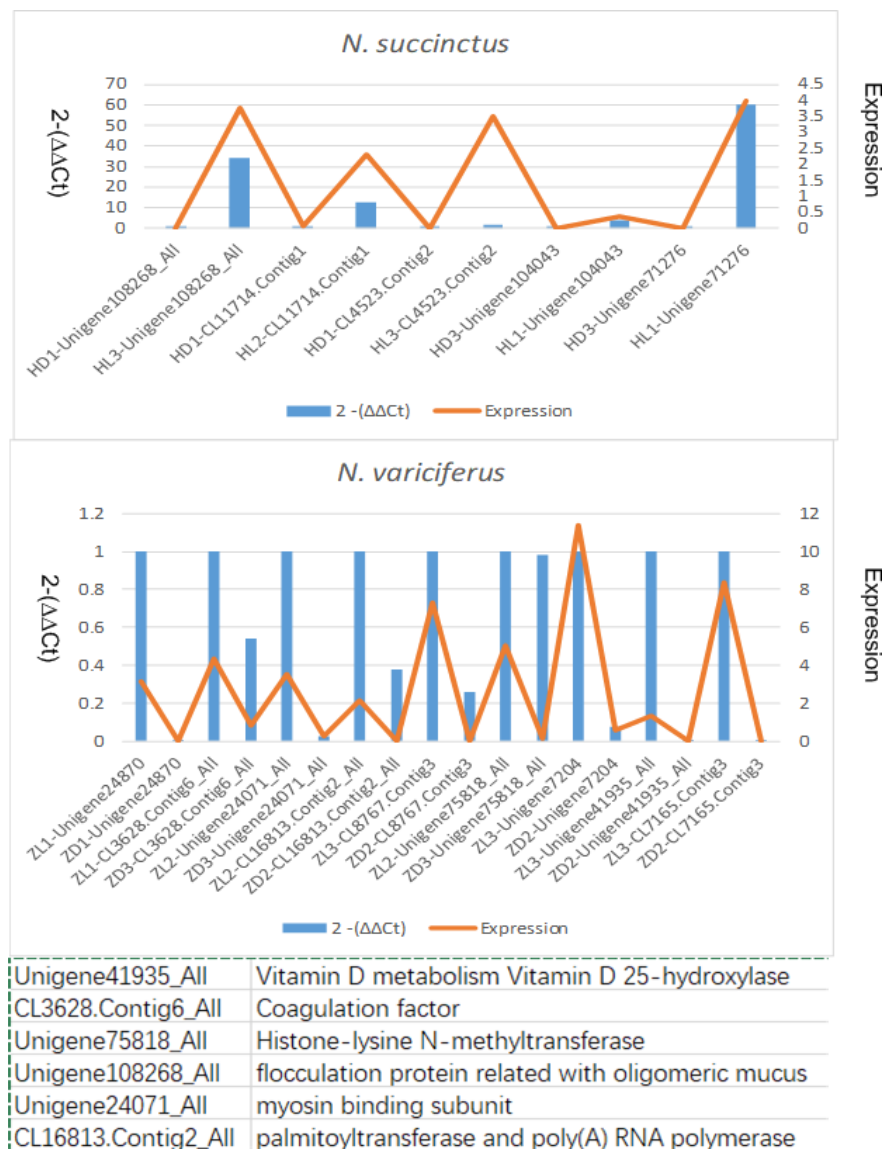
Fig. 5

Species name	Domain II										Domain III									
<i>Rattus norvegicus</i>	R	V	L	C	G	E	W	I	E	T	V	A	T	F	K	G	W	M	D	I
<i>Takifugu pardalis</i>	R	I	L	C	G	E	W	I	E	T	I	A	T	F	K	G	W	M	D	I
<i>Drosophila melanogaster</i>	R	V	L	C	G	E	W	I	E	S	V	A	T	F	K	G	W	I	Q	I
<i>Loligo opalescens</i>	R	V	L	C	G	E	W	I	E	S	V	A	T	F	K	G	W	I	N	I
<i>Aplysia californica</i>	R	V	L	C	G	E	W	I	E	S	V	A	T	Y	K	G	W	I	D	I
<i>Bdelloura candisda</i>	R	V	L	C	G	E	Y	I	E	S	V	A	T	F	K	G	W	T	D	I
<i>Cyanea capillata</i>	R	I	L	C	G	K	W	I	E	P	T	A	T	L	E	G	W	F	E	E
<i>Mya areneria sensitive</i>	R	V	L	C	G	E	W	I	E	S	V	A	T	Y	K	G	W	I	D	I
<i>Mya areneria resistant</i>	R	V	L	C	G	E	W	I	D	S	V	A	T	Y	K	G	W	I	D	I
<i>Homo sapiens</i>	R	I	L	C	G	E	W	I	E	T	V	A	T	F	K	G	W	M	D	I
<i>Tetraodon nigroviridis-a</i>	R	I	L	C	G	E	W	I	E	N	I	A	T	F	K	G	W	T	A	I
<i>Tetraodon nigroviridis-b</i>	R	V	L	C	G	E	W	I	D	T	V	A	T	F	K	G	W	M	E	I
<i>Takifugu rubripes</i>	R	V	L	C	G	E	W	I	E	S	V	A	T	F	K	G	W	T	D	I
<i>Chlamys farreri</i>	R	V	L	C	G	E	W	I	E	S	V	A	T	Y	K	G	W	T	V	I
<i>Crassostrea gigas</i>	R	V	L	C	G	E	W	I	Q	S	V	A	T	Y		G	W	I	E	V
<i>Solemya velum</i>	R	V	L	C	G	E	W	I	Q	S	V	A	T	Y	K	G	W	I	E	I
<i>Patinopecten yessoensis</i>	R	V	L	C	G	E	W	I	E	S	V	A	T	Y	K	G	W	T	V	I
<i>N. succinctus</i> (TTX-resistance)	R	V	L	C	G	E	W	I	E	L	V	A	T	F	E	G	W	I	E	I

Fig. 6







Species name	Domain II										Domain III									
<i>Rattus norvegicus</i>	R	V	L	C	G	E	W	I	E	T	V	A	T	F	K	G	W	M	D	I
<i>Takifugu pardalis</i>	R	I	L	C	G	E	W	I	E	T	I	A	T	F	K	G	W	M	D	I
<i>Drosophila melanogaster</i>	R	V	L	C	G	E	W	I	E	S	V	A	T	F	K	G	W	I	Q	I
<i>Loligo opalescens</i>	R	V	L	C	G	E	W	I	E	S	V	A	T	F	K	G	W	I	N	I
<i>Aplysia californica</i>	R	V	L	C	G	E	W	I	E	S	V	A	T	Y	K	G	W	I	D	I
<i>Bdelloura candisda</i>	R	V	L	C	G	E	Y	I	E	S	V	A	T	F	K	G	W	T	D	I
<i>Cyanea capillata</i>	R	I	L	C	G	K	W	I	E	P	T	A	T	L	E	G	W	F	E	E
<i>Mya arenaria sensitive</i>	R	V	L	C	G	E	W	I	E	S	V	A	T	Y	K	G	W	I	D	I
<i>Mya arenaria resistant</i>	R	V	L	C	G	E	W	I	D	S	V	A	T	Y	K	G	W	I	D	I
<i>Homo sapiens</i>	R	I	L	C	G	E	W	I	E	T	V	A	T	F	K	G	W	M	D	I
<i>Tetraonon nigroviridis-a</i>	R	I	L	C	G	E	W	I	E	N	I	A	T	F	K	G	W	T	A	I
<i>Tetraonon nigroviridis-b</i>	R	V	L	C	G	E	W	I	D	T	V	A	T	F	K	G	W	M	E	I
<i>Takifugu rubripes</i>	R	V	L	C	G	E	W	I	E	S	V	A	T	F	K	G	W	T	D	I
<i>Chlamys farreri</i>	R	V	L	C	G	E	W	I	E	S	V	A	T	Y	K	G	W	T	V	I
<i>Crassostrea gigas</i>	R	V	L	C	G	E	W	I	Q	S	V	A	T	Y		G	W	I	E	V
<i>Solemya velum</i>	R	V	L	C	G	E	W	I	Q	S	V	A	T	Y	K	G	W	I	E	I
<i>Patinopecten yessoensis</i>	R	V	L	C	G	E	W	I	E	S	V	A	T	Y	K	G	W	T	V	I
<i>N. succinctus</i> (TTX-resistance)	R	V	L	C	G	E	W	I	E	L	V	A	T	F	E	G	W	I	E	I