

Genetic variation of gene expression pattern among echinoderm populations.

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We compared the gene expression patterns among local populations of *Peronella japonica*, a species of Japanese sand dollar. We detected significant variation for several genes among populations. I discuss the impact of these findings on the evolutionary history of metazoans.

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