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En nuestro laboratorio estamos interesados en el estudio de mecanismos **eventos contingentes** sobre la historia evolutiva de familias génicas. Para ello abordamos el estudio evolutivo de genes no esenciales, en los cuales los mecanismos clásicos de selección tienen un rol menor o marginal. Esto permite estudiar procesos como deriva génica, duplicación y pérdida de genes parálogos, transferencia horizontal de genes, reclutamiento de nuevos dominios, entre otros.
Para ello extraemos información disponible en bases de datos genómicas y transcriptómicas. Las mismas son analizadas empleando estrategias *in silico* (inferencias filogenéticas, reconstrucción de secuencias ancestrales), en combinación con diferentes estrategias experimentales (PCR convencional y de tiempo real, RT-PCR, clonado, expresión, purificación y caracterización de proteínas recombinantes, entre otras).

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