

Billie Swalla - *Marax* - A Novel Ascidian Gene Implicated in Chordate Development

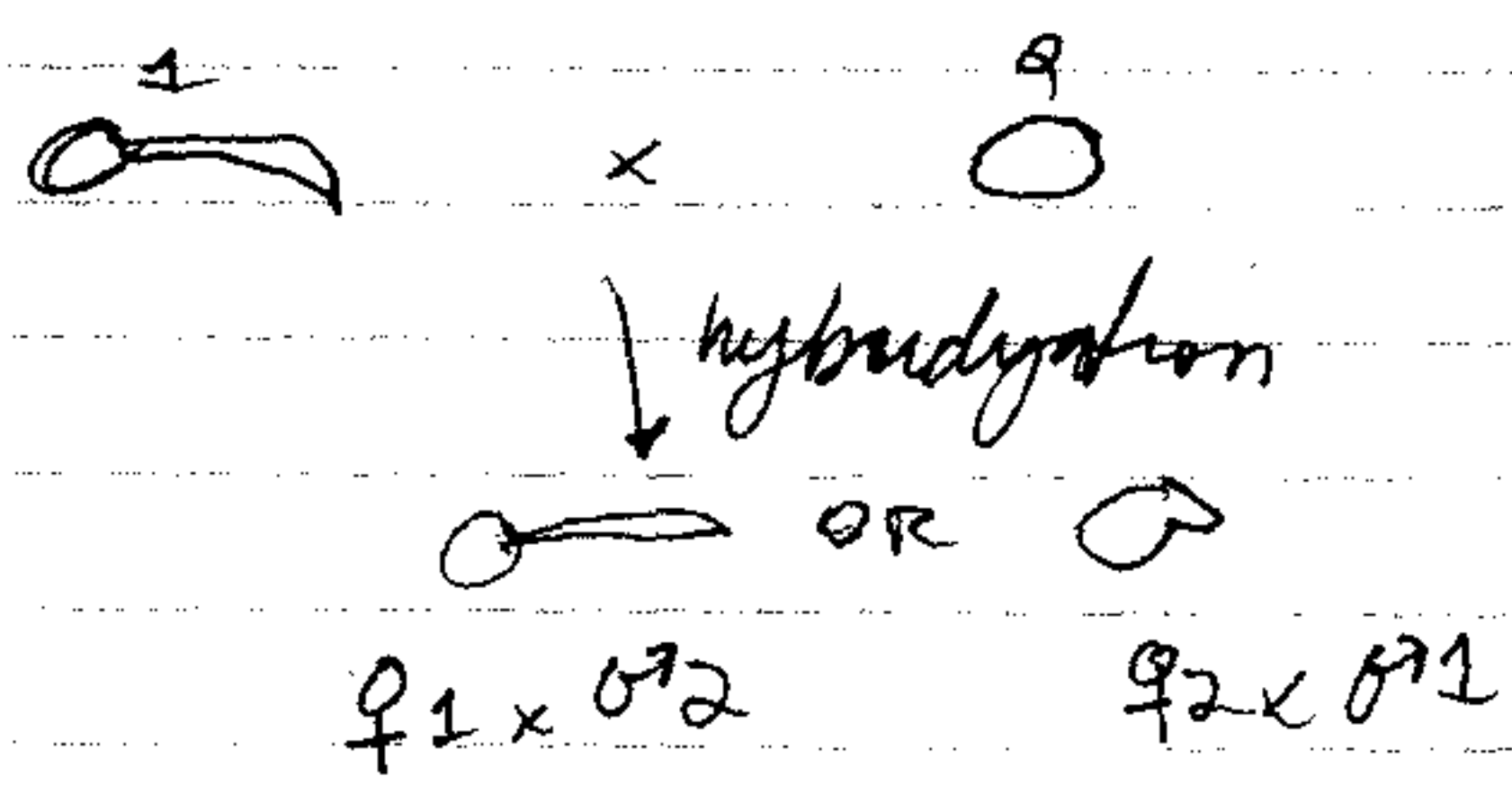
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How many genes does it take to change a body plan?

Ascidians

- adults are sedentary filter feeders
- juveniles - mobile
- v. simple chordate body plan
- except this is missing in some species

- Study two sister sympatric species
 - 1 with chordate larva
 - 1 without



Cloned RNAs that are diff. expressed