

EXPRESSED PSEUDOGENES

Wikipedia defines pseudogenes as “non-functional segments of cDNA that resemble functional genes. Most arise as superfluous copies of functional genes, either directly by DNA duplication or indirectly by reverse transcription of an mRNA transcript”.

Descartes suggested that we must doubt everything. [Troskie et al.](#) (Genome Biology) did just that – doubted pseudogenes. Using long-read DNA sequencing, they identified hundreds of new transcribed pseudogenes expressed in tissue-specific patterns.