Additional data file 4: Proteins similar to DFPs as determined by protein BLAST in NCBI. The *B. mori* proteins similar to DFPs were obtained by blastp analysis at the website-http://silkworm.genomics.org.cn/. The corresponding gene number has been mentioned. The hits were grouped into 3 categories based on their origin - lepidopteran insects, insects other than Lepidoptera and vertebrates

PROTE	LEPIDOPTERA			OTHER INSECTS			VERTEBRATES		
-IN	Organism	Function	Accession No.	Name	Function	Accession No.	Name	Function	Accession No.
DFP-1, DFP-3	B. mori Samia cynthia ricini L. obliqua	Unknown	Bmb041147 BAD05929 AAV91350	A. gambiae D. melanogaster	Unknown	ENSANGP0000000 354 CG8399-PA	Pan troglodytes Mus musculus	Predicted- stromal cell receptor factor - 2	XP_517470 AAH27770
DFP-2	B. mori Rest same as DFP-1 and 3.	Unknown	Bmb024557	Same as DFP-1 and 3	Same as DFP-1 and 3	Same as DFP-1 and 3	Same as DFP-1 and 3	Same as DFP-1 and 3	Same as DFP-1 and 3
DFP-4	L. obliqua B. mori H. armigera	Cecropin	AAV91462 BAE53371 AAX51193	None	-	-	No significant similarity	-	-