

## Nucleotide sequence of the mouse *ypt1* gene encoding a *ras*-related GTP-binding protein

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Mostly by cDNA cloning, well over 20 significantly related, GTP-binding proteins have been identified in mammalian cells. According to distinct structural features, these proteins, constituting the *ras* superfamily, can be separated into at least three families: *ras*, *rho* and *ypt* proteins (1). The genomic sequences of the H-, K-, N- and R-*ras* genes only have been elucidated (2,3,4,5). Here we present the genomic sequence of the mouse *ypt1* gene which was determined from 3 overlapping fragments of recombinant  $\lambda$ -phages identified by hybridization with the previously cloned mouse *ypt1* cDNA (1). The *ypt1* gene is roughly 24 kb long, with 5 introns of about 14 kb (I), 3 kb (II), 4.3 kb (III), 1187 bp (IV) and 149 bp (V) interrupting the protein-coding region of 205 codons. None of the intron positions matches those of the H-, K- and N-*ras* genes (3 introns) on the one hand or those of the R-*ras* gene (5 introns) on the other. Interestingly, the position of intron III perfectly matches the location of one of the three introns of the *ypt1* gene of the fission yeast *Schizosaccharomyces pombe* (6). A star above residue +682 signifies the beginning of the poly (A) tail of the 1.6 kb mRNA, the end of the 3.2 kb mRNA (1) has not been identified.

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