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Nucleotide Sequence of the *SAC2* Gene of *Saccharomyces cerevisiae*

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A temperature-sensitive mutation (*act1-1*) in the essential actin gene of *Saccharomyces cerevisiae* can be suppressed by mutations in the *SAC2* gene. A cloned genomic DNA fragment that complements the cold-sensitive growth phenotype associated with such a suppressor mutation (*sac2-1*) was sequenced. The fragment contained an open reading frame that encodes a 641 amino acid predicted hydrophilic protein with a molecular weight of 74 445. No sequences with significant similarity to *SAC2* were found in the GenBank and EMBL databases. A *SAC2* disruption mutation was constructed which had phenotypes similar to the *sac2-1* point mutation. A haploid *SAC2* disruption strain failed to grow at low temperature and the disruption allele suppressed the temperature-sensitive *act1-1* growth defect. The suppression phenotype was dependent on the strain background. The *SAC2* sequence has been submitted to the EMBL data library (Accession Number Z29988).

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INTRODUCTION

Major conserved elements of the eukaryotic cytoskeleton have been identified in yeast, among them actin, the main constituent of microfilaments (Gallwitz and Seidel, 1980; Ng and Abelson, 1980). Immunofluorescence microscopy of yeast cells reveals asymmetrically arranged actin cortical patches and actin cables (Adams and Pringle, 1984; Kilmartin and Adams, 1984). The cortical actin patches are predominantly associated with growing regions of the cell, like the bud, while the filamentous actin cables are mainly visible oriented along the mother-bud axis of the non-growing portions of the cell. This arrangement of actin structures suggests an involvement of actin in polarized membrane growth and secretion.

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Temperature-sensitive (ts) alleles of the single essential yeast actin gene have been constructed by *in vitro* mutagenesis (Shortle *et al.*, 1982, 1984), opening the way for a genetic analysis of the actin cytoskeleton. Pseudo-revertants of the ts *act1-1* mutant were isolated to identify factors which interact with actin (Adams *et al.*, 1989; Novick *et al.*, 1989). We are studying a series of recessive suppressor mutations (*sac*) that are cold sensitive (cs) for growth in addition to being able to suppress the ts growth phenotype of *act1-1*. We report here the sequence of the *SAC2* gene and the phenotypes of a *SAC2* disruption mutation.

MATERIALS AND METHODS

Strains, media and DNA manipulations

The yeast strains used in this paper are listed in Table 1. Descriptions of the genetic manipulations and the media used can be found in Sherman *et al.*

Table 1. Yeast strains.

Strain	Genotype
DBY1707	<i>MATa leu2-3,112/leu2-3,112 ura3-52/ura3-52 lys2-801/+</i>
DBY1918	<i>MATa sac2-1 ura3-52</i>
DBY5381	<i>MATa leu2-3,112 lys2-801 Δsac2::LEU2</i>
DBY5393	<i>MATa leu2-3,112/leu2-3,112 ura3-52/ura3-52 lys2-801/+ Δsac2::LEU2/+</i>
DBY5395	<i>MATα act1-1 ade2 leu2-3,112 TUB2::URA3 ura3-52</i>

(1974). Cold-sensitivity of *sac* mutants was assessed at 11, 14 and 16°C. Plates were incubated up to 10 days at 11°C. Temperature-sensitivity of *act1-1* and suppression by *SAC2* mutations were scored after 3 days at 37°C. Growth tests were performed by spotting suspensions of cells in water onto plates using a 32-point inoculator. Standard procedures were used for DNA manipulations (Maniatis *et al.*, 1982). The following subfragments of the *SAC2* plasmid pRB397 were cloned into the vector YCp50 (Rose *et al.*, 1987). pRK4: 4.3 kb *ClaI-SalI*; pRK5: 2.4 kb *ClaI-EcoRI*; pRK6: 3.2 kb *BglII-SalI*; pRK7: 3.8 kb *EcoRV-SalI*. Sequences 276 bp upstream of the *SalI* site are derived from YCp50 (*BamHI-SalI*).

Disruption of the *SAC2* gene

The plasmid pNB280 (provided by Peter Novick) was used for the construction of a *SAC2* deletion. pNB280 had been obtained by cloning the 4.3 kb *ClaI-SalI* fragment, which is equivalent to the insert in pRK4, into the integrating vector YIp5. The 8.5 kb *BglII-PvuII* fragment was isolated after digestion with *BglII* and partial digestion with *PvuII* and ligated to the 2.5 kb *LEU2* fragment of pRB684 cut with *BamHI* and *SalI*. The *SalI* end had been made blunt by treatment with Klenow polymerase. The plasmid pRK23 was recovered where the 1.6 kb *BglII-PvuII* fragment of the *SAC2* gene is replaced by the *LEU2* marker gene. Transcription of *LEU2* is in the opposite direction to *SAC2*. This plasmid was cut with *PstI* and transformed into the diploid yeast strain DBY1707 by the method of Ito *et al.* (1983). Five *Leu*⁺ transformants were analysed by southern hybridization. *EcoRI*-digested chromosomal DNA was probed with a 1.3 kb *EcoRI SAC2* fragment. All five transformants were identical in that they showed, in addition to the 1.3 kb wild-type band, a 2.1 kb band which is the size expected for the fragment from the *SAC2* locus with the integrated *LEU2* marker gene (Figure 1B).

Sequencing of the *SAC2* gene

The 3.8 kb *EcoRV-SalI* fragment was subcloned into M13 derivatives (Messing, 1983) and sequenced by standard dideoxy sequencing methods (Sanger *et al.*, 1977).

RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

The *SAC2* gene had been cloned by complementation of the *cs* phenotype of the *sac2-1* mutant (Novick *et al.*, 1989). In order to localize the *SAC2* gene on the 9.7 kb insert of the original plasmid isolate (pRB397), fragments were subcloned into the low-copy centromere-containing vector YCp50. These subclones were used to transform the *sac2-1* mutant strain DBY1918 and tested for their ability to complement the *cs* defect of the *sac2-1* mutant (Figure 1A). We sequenced the smallest insert that gave rise to cold-resistant transformants, a 3.8 kb *EcoRV-SalI* fragment. The sequence contained an open reading frame with the capacity to code for a 74 kDa hydrophilic protein and part of another reading frame (Figure 2). The complementation data in Figure 1A show that the longer open reading frame corresponds to the *SAC2* gene. The other reading frame just upstream of *SAC2* is the *MNT1* gene that encodes the α -1,2-mannosyltransferase, which had been sequenced previously by Hausler and Robbins (1992). This linkage with *MNT1* places *SAC2* on chromosome IV. By searching the GenBank and EMBL databases we were unable to detect any significant sequence similarities between *SAC2* and other proteins, indicating that *SAC2* encodes a novel protein.

To assess the *SAC2* null phenotypes, we created a *SAC2* gene disruption replacing most of the chromosomal *SAC2* gene with the *LEU2* marker gene. Only 16 N-terminal codons and about 100 codons at the C-terminus remained in the disrupted gene (Figure 1B). By transformation of the *Leu2*⁻ diploid DBY1707, we produced a

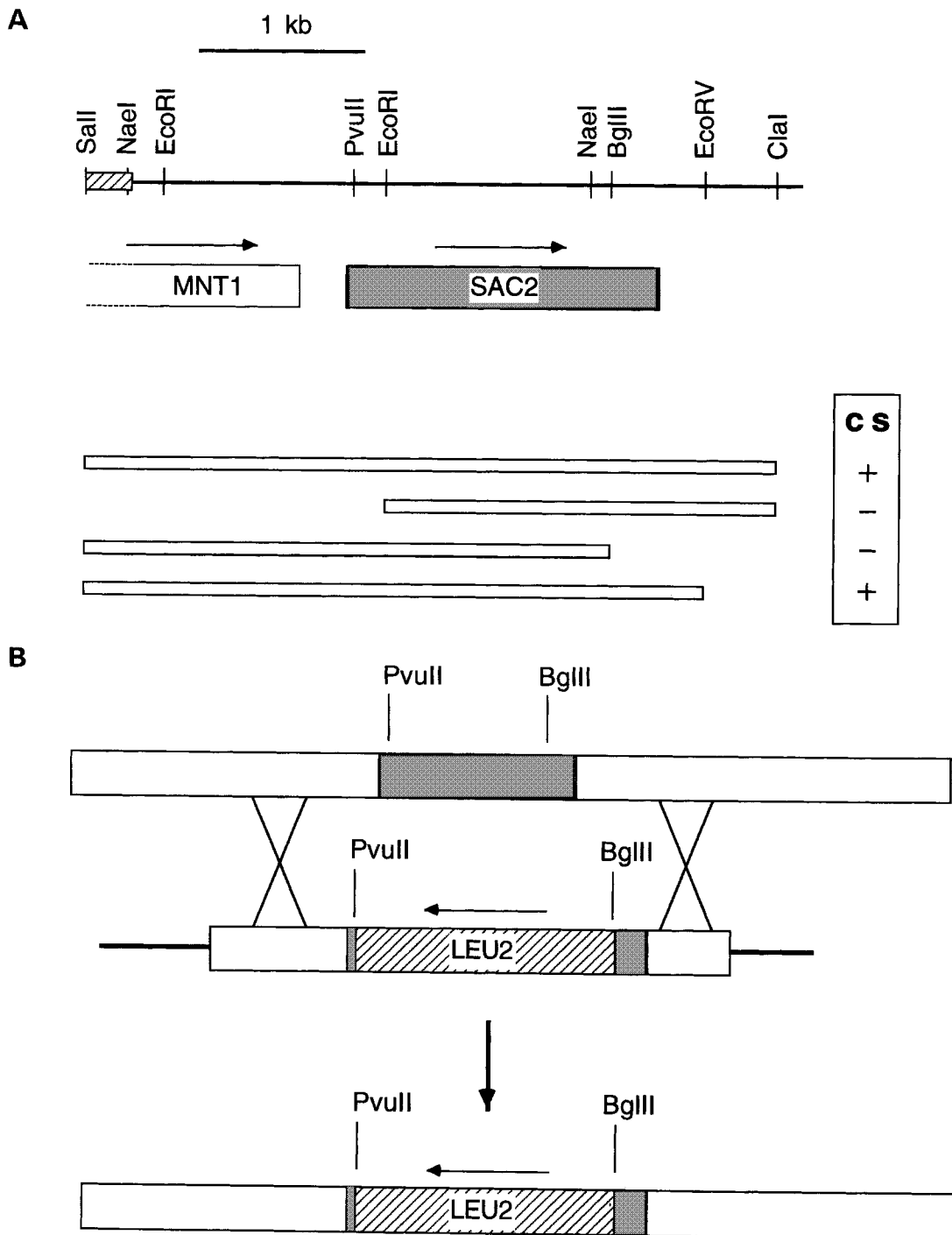


Figure 1. (A) Mapping of the *SAC2* gene by complementation. *SAC2* subclones were transformed into the *sac2-1* strain DBY1918. Transformants were tested for growth at 14°C (*cs*+ = growth, *cs*- = no growth). Indicated are the *SAC2* and *MNT1* open reading frames. The arrows point in the direction of transcription. (B) Disruption of the *SAC2* gene. Part of the *SAC2* gene (dark grey box) was replaced by the *LEU2* gene (hatched box) by homologous recombination between the chromosomal *SAC2* gene and the pRK23 fragment containing the truncated *SAC2* gene. The structure of the *SAC2* locus after the integration/deletion event is shown on the bottom of the diagram.

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1  GTCGACGCTCTCCCTTATGCGACTCCTGCATTAGGAAGCAGCCAGTAGTAGGTGAGGCGGTTGAGCACCGCGCCGCAAGGAATGCTC 90
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211  GAGCCCGATCTTCCCATCGGTGATGTGGCGGATATAGGCGCCAGCAACCGCACCTGTGGCGCGGTGATGCCGGCCAGGATGGTCCGG 270
271  CGTAGAGGATCGACACTAAAAACCACTGGAATATATCACTCCCATCTTTTGCTAAACAAAGCTGGTAAGCCAAAAGCTTGTACGTCACCT 360
361  TGGTGAGAAAACAGGAGTTGAAAAGTTGCTAAGCTCCAATAAATATGTGGAAAAACAAAATTAACAAGAAAATCCCATATCCCTTGGGTTT 450
451  TCCTAAAACGATGAACCTTTTACTGAAGAAATCAAGGAAGCAGTCACCAAGGCTGTTTCTTCGGAAGTTAAGTTTGGTATTTTGGCCAAAG 540
541  AACATTGGTTCATATCCCTGAATGGATTAATCAAAACCAAGGCTGCTGAAATTCGTGAGATGCTGCCACCAATATACATATACCGTGGCTCCG 630
631  AATCTTATAGACACATGTGTCGTTCCAACTCGGGTTTTTCTGAGACATGAAATTAATTAAGAGAGTACGATTTGGTACTGGCGCTGTGGAAC 720
721  CAGACATCAAGTTATATCTGTGATTAATTAACGACTTTTAACTGGATGCAAGAAAACGAAAAAGTTTACGGCTTTACCGTTTACTATTTTC 810
811  ATGAATAGAAGTGAAGTCCCAACACTATGGCAAACGCTCCATGGAATTTTCATCAAAAAGAAACCCGGAATCTTAGATGAAAAACCAACTGA 900
901  TGAGTTTCTTTTGAACGATTAATGGTAAAACATACAACTGTGCGCATTTCTGGTCAAACTTTGAAATTTGAAACTTGAATTTGTGGAGGT 990
991  CACCAGCCTACAGAGAGTATTTTGAACCTTTGGATCACTAAGGTGGAATTTTCTACGAAGATGGGGCGATGCTCCCGTTCACTTCTATTG 1080
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1351  CTATTTATATTTTATTTTATACTGGTTAAGTACACATAGGACTGCGTATCAACATATAAGTGAAGCAATCCCACTTTTPTTAAAGA 1440
1441  TPCGAATATTTTATTTCTCATTTAGCGTATTTCCGAGAATAGTTGAAAAATATAAGGTATATCAAGAGTTTTCACAGCTGAGAGGAAAGA 1530
1531  GGAATAAGCTATAGCAACAAAACGCTAAAAAAATTTAGCTGAAGACATAGAAGTATGATTTCTCAAGAGGTTGGTCACTAGACCAA 1620
    M D V L K E V L S L D Q 12
1621  GATAAATTTGACAGCTGAAGGAAACGAGCGAGATAAAACAATGAAACGGAATGATCTCTTTGAAAACATTTGAAAGGATTTGAAATTT 1710
    D K F D I L K E T S R D K T N E T D D P F E N Y L K D C K F 42
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2521  ACATCCGCTTCAAATGCTTTCTATAATAAACTCCCTGTAACAGATGAGAAAATGATAAATACCTTCAGATAAAGAAAAGATTTGAACATTT 2610
    313 T S A S N A F Y N K L P V T D E K I D K Y F Q I K K R L N I 342
2611  TTAACACAAGAGACAAATCGGTAATGGTATCCCAAAATTCAGAAAATAACACAACGAAAACCTACATTTGAATTTGGAATTTAAAATTTA 2700
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2701  AACCTTGAATTTTAGATAACTGTAAGGTGGAGTACCAATTTTAAAAGATTTCTTCGCTATGAAATGGCGATAATTTGAGGAAATTAAT 2790
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2791  GGTTTATTTGGAACAAATTTTCAAACCACTTTTGAATGAAGCCACAACCTACCACTCAACCTGATCCAAATTAATTTATGCAATTTTGGT 2880
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2971  CAATTAATTTCAATTTAGCCCTCGATTTTCAGCAATGCTGATTTTCAATGCGAGAGCTTACGAAAAGCGGCAATTAACATCAATTTGCGCA 3060
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3061  AAATATGCGGCAACTCAAGCAATCCAAATGATGAGCCTTTGACCTCACCTCATGAGTTAACTGTACAGTTCCGTTAAATTTTATCAAGC 3150
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3151  TTCTTGAAGCTGGCAATTAACAATAGCAGTCCATAGACGAAAGATCTGAAACCTTATACAATTTCAATCAATTTAGATTAAGAAATGATTT 3240
    523 F L T L A I T H K Q S I D E R S E P L Y N S I I R L R N D F 552
3241  GAAACAGTCAATGACAAAGTGCAGTAAAAAGCAAAATCACCAGAAAGATTTCTGGCTACAAATTAATGATTTTATCAATAACCTACAG 3330
    553 E T V M T K C S K K T K S P E R F L A T N Y M Y L Y N N L Q 582

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Figure 2.

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3421 GAGCAGCAATAATGATTCAAGCGTACCACCTAATAATCAGAGAGACCGAAAAATCAATTTCAAAAACCTTAGTTGAAGCTTTCACCAGAAATTTGA 3510
613 D D D N D S S V P L I I R E T E N H F K T L V E A F T R N * 642
3511 TGAATGTAACGATTTGTAAGACATGGAGCGTATRAAGTATATTTTTATGTAAAAATGATCTTTATGATTTCTTATTTTGTGTGGAATATA 3600
3601 GTCAAATGTTTAAAGACCTACCAATTATATAGTCTGCTCAATTA AAAATCCTTCAGGAACACCTTTTGCAGGTCCTTTGACCTTAAATCAAGG 3690
3691 TAAATACCGCCGTTTTTGAACCCAAACCACCTTGAATCTCACTTGATCGTCACTCTCCTCATTTTGTGCTTTCATCAACCGCTTGATATC 3776

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Figure 2. *Continued*Figure 2. The *SAC2* sequence.

strain (DBY5393), which is *Leu*⁺ and heterozygous for this *SAC2* disruption allele. This diploid was sporulated and dissected. As was observed with the original *SAC2* alleles, haploid spores bearing the disruption proved to be unable to grow at 14°C. Cold-sensitivity segregated 2:2 in eight tetrads examined; as expected, all the cs spores were *Leu*⁺ and all the cold-resistant spores were *Leu*⁻.

The ability of the *SAC2* deletion to suppress the *act1-1* ts growth defect was tested by crossing DBY 5395 (*act1-1 TUB2::URA3*; the *URA3* gene is integrated near an intact *TUB2* gene) to DBY 5381 (*SAC2::LEU2*). The *URA3* gene was placed nearby to facilitate the scoring of suppression of the *act1-1* allele; *ACT1* and the *TUB2* gene are immediately adjacent to each other with only about 1 kb of DNA separating them. The diploid was sporulated and dissected. Out of 14 complete tetrads examined, 14 putative double mutant spores with the phenotype *Ura3*⁺ *Leu2*⁺ were obtained. Roughly half of these double mutant spores were *ts*⁺, i.e. showed suppression of the *act1-1* ts defect. No reciprocal suppression was observed since all double mutant spores were cs, as expected from the presence of the *SAC2* deletion. Although suppression was always linked to the *SAC2* deletion (no *ts*⁺ *Ura3*⁺ *Leu2*⁻ spores), the presence of the *SAC2* deletion alone was not sufficient for suppression. Since only 50% of all double mutant spores showed the *ts*⁺ phenotype, another factor must be involved in suppression. It was noted before that suppression of *act1-1* by *sac2-1* is dependent on the strain background (Novick *et al.*, 1989).

In conclusion, we have characterized the *SAC2* gene, showing that it encodes a heretofore undescribed protein. The complete loss of this gene results in two phenotypes: cs growth and suppression, in some strain backgrounds, of the *ts* growth phenotype of the *act1-1* mutation.

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