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Chromosomal localization of the zinc finger protein 15, *Zfp15*, on Mouse Chromosome 4

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Species: Mouse

Locus name: Zinc finger protein 15

Locus symbol: Zfp15

Map position: Zfp15 is localized on mouse Chromosome (Chr) 4: centromere–D4Bir11– 7.4 ± 2.7 –Zfp15– 1.1 ± 1.1 –D4Mit4– 17.0 ± 3.9 –D4Bir16– 7.4 ± 2.7 –(D4Mit9, D4Bir20)– 4.3 ± 2.1 –D4Bir21– 10.6 ± 3.2 –D4Mit11– 5.4 ± 2.4 –D4Bir23– 3.2 ± 1.8 –D4Bir24– 8.5 ± 2.9 –(D4Mit13, Pnd, D4Bir25, D4Mit14)– 1.1 ± 1.1 –D4Mit42– 6.4 ± 2.5 –(Dvl, Rnr4)–telomere.

Method of mapping: Zfp15 was localized by haplotype analysis of 94 progeny from an interspecific backcross, (C57BL/6J \times *M. spretus*)F₁ \times C57BL/6J [1].

Molecular reagents used for mapping: The Zfp15 probe was obtained by polymerase chain reaction amplification of a 552-bp fragment from mouse pituitary cDNA with primers designed on the basis of the rat Zfp15 cDNA sequence [2]. The primers amplify 465 bp of coding sequence, outside of the conserved zinc finger regions, corresponding to the last 154 amino acids, and 87 bp of the 3' untranslated region. The RT-PCR product was cloned into the pGEM4Z vector and sequenced to confirm its correspondence with the rat Zfp15 cDNA.

Allele detection: A BgII polymorphism was detected in mouse genomic DNA with the Zfp15 probe, resulting in an M. spretus-specific restriction fragment of 15 kb and a common restriction fragment of 24 kb. The mapping was confirmed with a BamHI polymorphism, resulting in two M. spretus-specific restriction fragments of 8.9 and 6.6 kb and two common fragments of 18 and 5.5 kb.

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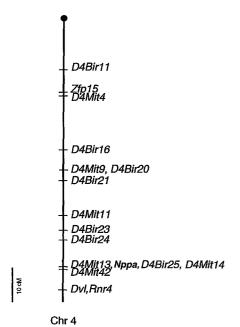


Fig. 1. Zfp15 maps on mouse Chr 4 proximal to D4Mit4.

Discussion: Zfp15, formerly called Zn-15, is a transcription factor that binds to a highly conserved DNA-binding site within the GH promoter between the proximal and distal Pit-1 binding sites. Its unique DNA-binding domain consists of three CysX₂₋₄CysX₁₁₋₁₆ HisX₃₋₆His zinc fingers in the context of 15 highly conserved zinc fingers. It has been shown that Zfp15 acts synergistically with Pit-1 to activate the GH promoter. In contrast to Pit-1, Zfp15 shows no tissue specificity, it has been found in many tissues including pituitary, spleen, and heart [2]. There are no endocrine defects known in the region of Chr 4 where *Zfp15* is localized.

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Localization of sequences related to the human RAD6 DNA repair gene on mouse Chromosomes 11 and 13

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Locus name: Ubiquitin conjugation enzyme E2B-related sequences 1 and 2

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Map position: Ube2b-rs1 is localized on mouse Chromosome (Chr) 13: centromere–D13Bir2–8.7 ± 2.9–D13Bir4–3.2 ± 1.8–D13Mit4–11.8 ± 3.3–D13Bir12–2.1 ± 1.5–D13Mit10–5.3 ± 2.3–D13Bir13–3.2 ± 1.8–D13Bir14–7.4 ± 2.7–D13Mit8–1.1 ± 1.1–D13Mit9–4.4 ± 2.1–D13Bir18–5.5 ± 2.4–D13Bir19–9.9 ± 3.1–(D13Mit31, *Ube2b-rs1*)–1.1 ± 1.1–Rnr13–telomere. *Ube2b-rs2* is localized on mouse Chr 11: centromere–Erbb–12.3 ± 3.7–(Adra1, Pad1)–3.2 ± 1.8–(Csfgm, Sparc)–1.0 ± 1.0–(Myhs, D11Mit5)–2.0 ± 1.4–(Rpo2-1, Asgr1)–5.6 ± 2.4–Tcf2–3.9 ± 2.2–Ube2b-rs2–15.9 ± 4.0–Erba–5.4 ± 2.4–Gh–telomere.

Method of mapping: Ube2b-rs1 was localized by haplotype analysis of 91 progeny from an interspecific backcross, (C57BL/6J \times M. spretus)F₁ \times C57BL/6J [1]. Ube2b-rs2 was assigned by haplotype analysis of 96 progeny from an intraspecific backcross (DF/B-df/df \times CASA/Rk)F₁ \times DF/B-df/df [2].

Molecular reagents used for mapping: The mouse brain cDNA clone, MBL 12-900, is homologous to the human RAD6B gene (HHR6B). A 900-kb EcoRI fragment containing the complete open reading frame was used for mapping. This is referred to as the Hhr6b probe [3].

Allele detection: In mapping Ube2b-rs1, a BamHI polymorphism was detected in mouse genomic DNA hybridized with the Hhr6b