## Physical Locations of *bglA* and *serA* on the *Escherichia coli* K-12 Chromosome

## KATHRYN O'DAY,<sup>1</sup> JANE LOPILATO,<sup>2\*</sup> AND ANDREW WRIGHT<sup>1</sup>

Department of Molecular Biology and Microbiology, Health Sciences Campus, Tufts University School of Medicine, Boston, Massachusetts 02111,<sup>1</sup> and Department of Biology, Simmons College, 300 The Fenway, Boston, Massachusetts 02115<sup>2</sup>

We determined that the bglA7 mutation was linked by P1 transduction to *serA*, which is located at 63 min on the *Escherichia coli* genetic map (details to be presented elsewhere). Previously bglA, which encodes phospho- $\beta$ -glucosidase A, was mapped to 84 min (1, 3). The gene product of *serA* is phosphoglycerate dehydrogenase and is required for serine synthesis (4). The Kohara phages (2) were used in complementation-recombination tests to determine the physical locations of *bglA* and *serA* (Table 1).

## **ACKNOWLEDGMENTS**

This work was supported by grant GM38035 to A.W. from the National Institutes of Health and by a Simmons Fund for Research grant to J.L.

## REFERENCES

- 1. Bachmann, B. J. 1990. Linkage map of *Escherichia coli* K-12, edition 8. Microbiol. Rev. 54:130–197.
- 2. Kohara, Y., K. Akiyama, and K. Isono. 1987. The physical map of the whole *E. coli* chromosome: application of a new strategy for rapid analysis and sorting of a large genomic library.

TABLE 1.	Physical	mapping	of bglA	and serA
----------	----------	---------	---------	----------

Mutation	Physical map location <sup>a</sup>	Phages <sup>b</sup>		Stania C
		Tested	Positive <sup>d</sup>	Strain <sup>c</sup>
bglA7	3050-3060	465-474	468, 469	JL630
serA27	3068-3073	465-474	470, 471	JL628

" The physical map locations are in kilobase pairs and were derived by using reference 2.

<sup>b</sup> The Miniset names of the Kohara phages have been used; they are listed in reference 2a.

<sup>c</sup> Strains JL628 (bglR67 bglB:: $\lambda lacZ$  bglA::Tn10 serA27) and JL630 (bglR67 bglB:: $\lambda lacZ$  bglA7) are derived from laboratory strain RV (F<sup>-</sup>  $\Delta lacX74$  thi).

Cell 50:495-508.

- 2a.Komine, Y., T. Adachi, H. Inokuchi, and H. Ozeki. 1990. Genomic organization and physical mapping of the transfer RNA genes in *Escherichia coli* K12. J. Mol. Biol. 212:579–598.
- Prasad, I., and S. Schaefler. 1974. Regulation of the β-glucoside system in *Escherichia coli* K-12. J. Bacteriol. 120:638-650.
- Umbarger, H. E., M. A. Umbarger, and P. M. L. Siu. 1963. Biosynthesis of serine in *Escherichia coli* and *Salmonella typhi*murium. J. Bacteriol. 85:1431–1439.

<sup>\*</sup> Corresponding author.