

Nucleotide sequence of the mouse *hck* gene

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A cDNA clone coding for the mouse hck gene was identified. The clone was isolated from a mouse macrophage cDNA library (Clontech Laboratories, Inc., Palo Alto, CA, catalogue number ML 1005) using a 1.7 Kb cDNA insert from the mouse lck gene as a hybridization probe (1). Clone 13.5, containing the largest insert was characterized in detail. The nucleotide sequence revealed an open reading frame of 503 amino acids (M.W. = 55,300 daltons). The nucleotide sequence is identical with the nucleotide sequence of a genomic clone containing part of the mouse hck gene (underlined) (2). Four differences at nucleotide positions 1103, 1104, 1107, and 1108 in the genomic sequence have recently been corrected to agree with the cDNA sequence (R. Perlmutter, personal communication). The mouse hck protein sequence has 90% homology with human hck (2,3), 65% with mouse lck (1), 65% with v-yes (4) and 57% with chicken c-src (5). Based on this homology, it is likely that the mouse hck cDNA identified is a member of the src family of related tyrosine kinases.

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