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**Sequence and organization of the mouse poly (ADP-ribose) polymerase gene**

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**ABSTRACT**

Using a human cDNA probe, we have isolated murine genomic and cDNA clones corresponding to the nuclear enzyme poly (ADP-ribose) polymerase (ADPRP). Northern analysis with the mouse cDNA clones reveals transcripts of 3.7–3.8kb corresponding in size to the human ADPRP transcript. DNA sequence comparisons between mouse and human clones reveals extensive amino acid sequence conservation within regions harboring DNA binding, NAD<sup>+</sup> binding or automodification domains. A survey among mouse inbred strains for restriction fragment length polymorphism (RFLP) reveals at least three distinct ADPRP alleles. The segregation of alleles among mouse genetic recombinants positions *ADPRP* on mouse chromosome 1 between the complement receptor-related gene *At-3* and the Fc receptor locus *FcR*. Furthermore, *ADPRP* is closely associated with the autoimmune locus *gld* (generalized lymphadenopathy).

**INTRODUCTION**

The nuclear enzyme poly (ADP-ribose) polymerase (ADPRP) utilizes the coenzyme NAD<sup>+</sup> as a substrate for the covalent transfer of multiple ADP-ribose units to various nuclear acceptors including nucleosomal core histones, histone H1, HMG proteins, topoisomerase I and II and SV40 large T antigen. This complex enzyme contains functional domains specific in binding NAD<sup>+</sup>, and DNA as well as an automodification domain. The activity of ADPRP is stimulated by DNA strand breaks suggesting ADPRP may function alone or with other enzymes in DNA repair, replication and differentiation (1,2). High levels of ADPRP have been detected in patients with rheumatic disorders suggesting aberrant or excessive ADPRP activity in lymphocytes may also be associated with certain autoimmune disorders (3). Indeed, many autoreactive human diseases such as Ataxia telangiectasia (AT), Fanconi's Anemia (FA), Bloom's syndrome and Cockayne Syndrome are characteristically associated with DNA repair defects (4).

Recent cDNA cloning of the full-length human ADPRP (huADPRP) gene has established the sequence (5–7) and chromosomal location of three closely-related ADPRP genes (6). We have determined that the expressed gene for huADPRP is located on human chromosome 1 and related genes or pseudogenes are found on chromosomes 13 and 14 (6). Studies from this laboratory and others have also identified potential regions in the mouse which harbor genes involved in effective DNA repair and/or reduced susceptibility to tumorigenesis. (8,9) We have now used the huADPRP cDNA probe to obtain genomic and cDNA clones corresponding to the mouse expressed gene for ADPRP. Identity in size of the human and mouse transcripts as well as direct sequence comparisons confirm the mouse gene is indeed the direct homologue of huADPRP.

Preliminary analysis of genomic phage clones of mouse ADPRP (moADPRP) indicate

the mouse locus must be larger than 22 kilobases (Kb) and consists of approximately 15–20 exons; each separated by more than 1 Kb of intervening sequence. Furthermore, Southern hybridization studies using the mouse cDNA probe have established restriction fragment length polymorphisms (RFLPs) among Hind III or Eco RV digested genomic DNA from inbred strains of mice. As a result, we are able to assign inbred strain haplotypes and to position the expressed moADPRP gene on chromosome 1 close to the autoimmune locus *gld* (*generalized lymphoproliferative disorder*) (10). In addition, cDNA clones homologous to ADPRP are also presumed to encode genes related to ADPRP functional domains and map to additional chromosomal loci (i.e., mouse chromosome 4).

### MATERIALS AND METHODS

#### *DNA and RNA resources-*

DNA was prepared as described previously (11) from spleen or liver tissue of inbred strains, recombinant inbred strains or congenic strains of mice: AKR/N, BALB/cAn, C3H/Fg, C57BL/10N, DBA/2N, NZB/B1NJ, SJL/JAn, BALB/cAn. DBA/2N (C.D2) C.D2 Fv-1<sup>n/n</sup>, C.D2 Pep3/Akp-1 (Hazleton Laboratories, Rockville MD), AU/SsJ, BSVS, C3H/HeJ, C57BL/6J, C57L/J, C57/BR, C58/J, CBA/J, CBA/N, Dwf/Dwf, HRS/J, I, MA/MyJ, MRL, NH, N2W, PL/J, RIII<sub>s</sub>/J, RF/J, SM/J, ST/bJ, SWR/J, 129/J, C57BL/6J X DBA/2N (BXD) recombinant inbred (RI) mice (The Jackson Labs), 020/A (J. Hilgers, Amsterdam).

RNA was prepared from tissue or tumors as described (12). The following mouse tumors were obtained from Hazleton laboratories: TEPC 2027, TEPC 1017, TEPC 1033, ABPC18, ABPC33, MOPC 104E. The human HeLa tumor sample is maintained in culture at Georgetown University.

#### *Genomic and cDNA libraries-*

A partial EcoRI genomic library was made by size fractionation of partially digested high molecular weight DNA from BALB/cAn liver. The fractions (12–23 kb) were pooled and ligated to EcoRI digested Charon 30 arms and subsequently packaged in vitro.

A cDNA library was generated by synthesis of cDNA from poly A<sup>+</sup> enriched splenic mRNA of the autoimmune mouse BXSB. The inserts carrying EcoRI linkers were ligated to a  $\lambda$  gT10 vector.

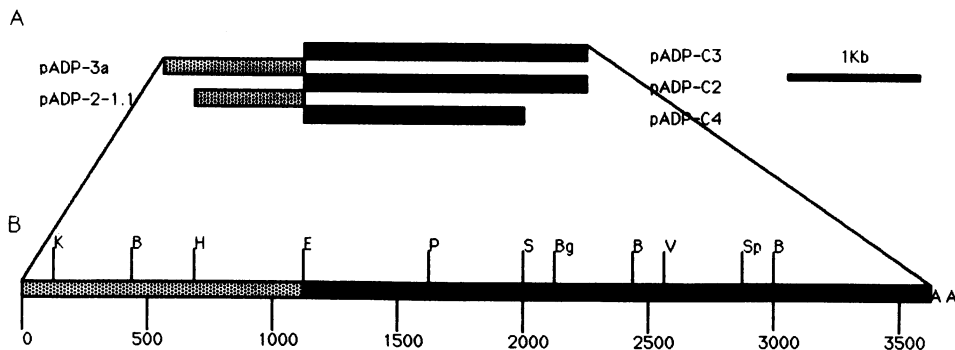
#### *DNA probes and hybridization conditions-*

A full-length 3.8kb cDNA probe for human ADPRP, pcD, was originally cloned and sequenced as described (6). The conditions for digestion of genomic DNA, agarose gel electrophoresis, southern transfer and hybridization have been described (11). For Northern hybridization analysis, poly A<sup>+</sup> selected mRNA was prepared (12) and electrophoresed on 4mM methylmercury hydroxide agarose gels (1.0%) in E buffer (50mM Boric Acid, 5mM sodium borate, 10mM sodium sulfate). Transfer was performed by blotting in 20 $\times$ SSC (SSC=0.15 M sodium chloride, 0.015 M sodium citrate) to Nytran filters followed by a 2 hour bake at 80°C. Hybridization was carried out at 42°C in 50% formamide, 5 $\times$ SSC, 0.1% sodium dodecyl sulfate (SDS), 5 $\times$ Denhardt's solution (Denhardt's = 0.02% each of bovine serum albumin, Ficoll, and polyvinylpyrrolidone) and 10% dextran sulfate. All final wash conditions, unless otherwise mentioned are 0.2 $\times$ SSC, 0.1% SDS and 5mM EDTA at 65°C.

#### *DNA Sequencing-*

All DNA sequencing reactions were performed on Sau3A, RsaI, EcoRI, BamHI-EcoRI,

## RESTRICTION MAPS-MOUSE ADPRP



**Figure 1**—Restriction Maps of Mouse ADPRP cDNA clones.

A). BXSB cDNA clones corresponding to the 5' (pADP-3a (pADP3-2.1), pADP-2-1.1) and 3' (pADP-C3, pADP-C2, pADP-C4) halves of mouse ADPRP with respect to the internal EcoRI site (res. 340).

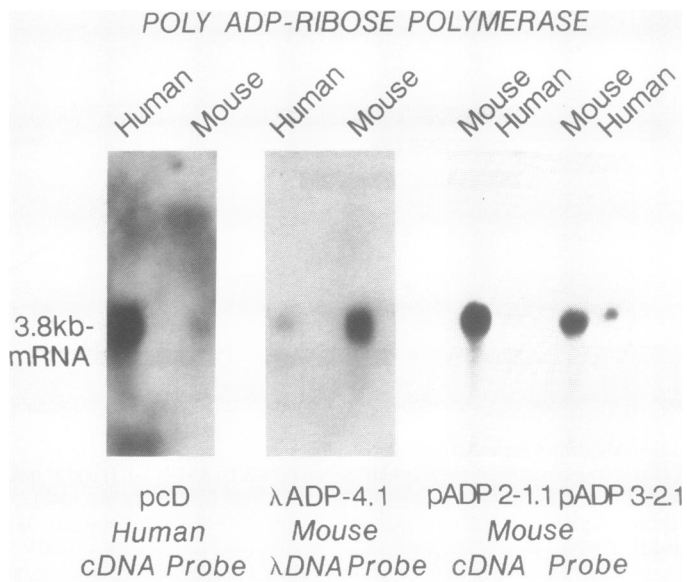
B). Detailed restriction map of entire coding region of mouse ADPRP (3.8kb) from pADP-3a and pADP-C3. K=KpnI, H=HindIII, P=PstI, Bg=BglII, Sp=SphI, E=EcoRI, B=BamHI, RV=EcoRV

SphI-EcoRI or HindIII-EcoRI M13 subclones by the dideoxysequencing protocol described by the manufacturer (N.E. Biolabs or BRL).

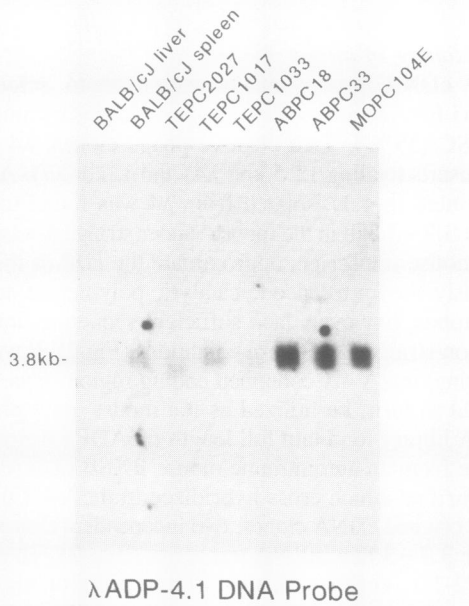
## RESULTS

### *Genomic and cDNA cloning of mouse ADPRP*

The human ADPRP cDNA probe, pCD, was used to screen approximately  $10^6$  recombinants of a BALB/cAn partial EcoRI genomic library under relaxed stringency conditions of  $0.2 \times \text{SSC}$  ( $55^\circ\text{C}$ ). Two positive phage clones,  $\lambda 4$  and  $\lambda 7$ , were purified and found to contain inserts totaling 12.5 kb ( $\lambda 4$ ) and 12kb ( $\lambda 7$ ). A genomic 4kb HindIII-EcoRI restriction fragment ( $\lambda 4.1$ ) isolated from  $\lambda 4$  was found to hybridize specifically to an mRNA doublet of 3.7–3.8kb in the mouse (under stringent wash conditions  $0.2 \times \text{SSC}$ ,  $65^\circ\text{C}$ ) (Fig. 2). The mouse transcripts approximate the size of the huADPRP transcript which we had previously shown to encode catalytic polymerase activity (5). The human and mouse ADPRP probes, however, lack sufficient sequence similarity that they cross-hybridize only under non-stringent Northern conditions (Fig.2). It was assumed (and shown later by direct sequencing) that  $\lambda 4.1$  contained coding region sequences of mouse ADPRP (moADPRP) and could in turn, be utilized as the mouse gene probe for more efficient screening of the cDNA library to obtain full length moADPRP clones. Among more than  $10^6$  recombinant phage from an autoimmune mouse BXSB cDNA library, 8 independent clones were initially purified which cross-hybridized to the  $\lambda 4.1$  probe under the relaxed stringency. Among the original cDNA clones, two independent clones continued to hybridize specifically to a mouse 3.7–3.8kb mRNA transcript (Fig. 2). These clones, pADP 3-2.1 (pADP3a) and pADP2-1.1, correspond to different sizes of moADPRP NH<sub>2</sub>-terminal sequence but are truncated from the carboxy-end of the ADPRP gene by an internal EcoRI site (used initially in the construction of the  $\lambda$  gt10 library) (Fig 1). A differential screening process was subsequently used to rescreen the BXSB cDNA library to obtain carboxy-end



MOUSE PLASMACYTOMA mRNA



POLY ADP-RIBOSE POLYMERASE

sequences of moADPRP. Three cDNA clones (pADP-C2,C3,C4) were obtained, among which pADP-C2 and pADP-C3 corresponded to mRNA from the internal EcoRI site in the 3' direction to the polyadenylation signal. The combination of cDNA inserts encompassing the NH<sub>2</sub>-terminal (1.2 Kb) pADP-3a and carboxy terminal (2.6 Kb) pADP-C3 or pADP-C2 sequences yields a complete mRNA for moADPRP. DNA sequence comparison with the full length huADPRP cDNA sequence reveals that, indeed, the combined mouse sequences of 5' pADP-3a and 3' pADP-C3 extend uninterrupted -84 from base pairs (bp) 5' of residue<sup>1</sup> (MET) to more than 400bp 3' of the termination signal. Furthermore, these sequences are contiguous and nonoverlapping (Fig.3). In fact only a single amino acid residue (Leu) at position 505 relative to the human sequence appears to be missing in the BXS mouse sequence (Fig.4). There are no other deletions between mouse and human cDNA sequences in the 1014 residues encoding huADPRP.

#### *Human and Mouse Sequence Comparisons*

The 5' untranslated region of the mouse contains very little sequence similarity with the corresponding region of huADPRP. In contrast, the 3' untranslated region of moADPRP is very strongly conserved with respect to the human sequence with the exception of an extra 120bp insertion just prior to the poly-adenylation site. This 120 bp sequence may be the murine counterpart to the human alternative splicing previously recognized (7) and may result in the observation of the doublet observed in Fig 2b.

There is approximately 88% nucleotide sequence similarity within the 3042bp encoding the ADPRP structural gene between human and mouse. The amino acid similarity between mouse and human is much higher (92%) and specific regions reveal greater amino acid sequence conservation than others (Fig. 4). For example, the region between mouse residues 727-812 contains nearly the same frequency of nucleotide changes as adjacent regions without a single amino acid substitution. Whereas nearly 50% of the amino acids are substituted between mouse residues 361-386. This area, in fact, lies between the DNA binding and automodification domains of the protein and therefore, may be less conserved.

Comparison of the huADPRP sequence similarities originally demonstrated several conserved sequence motifs. One motif identified corresponds to a consensus nucleotide binding fold characteristic of ATP requiring enzymes (5,6). As shown in Table I, this fold consists of an 'A' site at mouse residues 888-914 and a 'B' site at mouse residues 940-957. The mouse and human amino acid sequences have complete identity within these regions. The so-called Zn<sup>++</sup> finger motif (13) has also been identified within the human ADPRP protein sequence (6). This conclusion was based upon a specific arrangement of His and Cys residues as well as a precise duplication of sequence between fingers (Fig.5). The mouse sequence (res 2-res 198) now reveals considerable conservation among amino acid residues deemed important in the Zn<sup>++</sup> finger structure, despite the fact that there

**Figure 2(top)**—Northern Hybridization Analysis of Human and Mouse with ADPRP. Poly A+ mRNA from Human (HeLa) or BALB/cJ mouse (spleen) was hybridized to a Human cDNA probe pCD (Left), mouse  $\lambda$ 4.1 insert (center) or mouse cDNA probes pADP-3-2.1 (pADP-3a), pADP-2-1.1 (right) under stringent wash conditions (0.2 $\times$ SSC, 65°C).

**(bottom)**—Northern Analysis of mouse plasmacytomas with ADPRP  $\lambda$ 4.1 probe. The message levels from plasmacytoma ABPC18, ABPC33 and MOPC 104E are much more intense than from an equivalent amount of mRNA in liver, spleen, or TePC 2027, TePC 1017 and TePC 1033. The ADPRP message appears as a doublet of 3.7-3.8kb and is more intense in some tumors such as ABPC18, ABPC33, or MOPC 104E.

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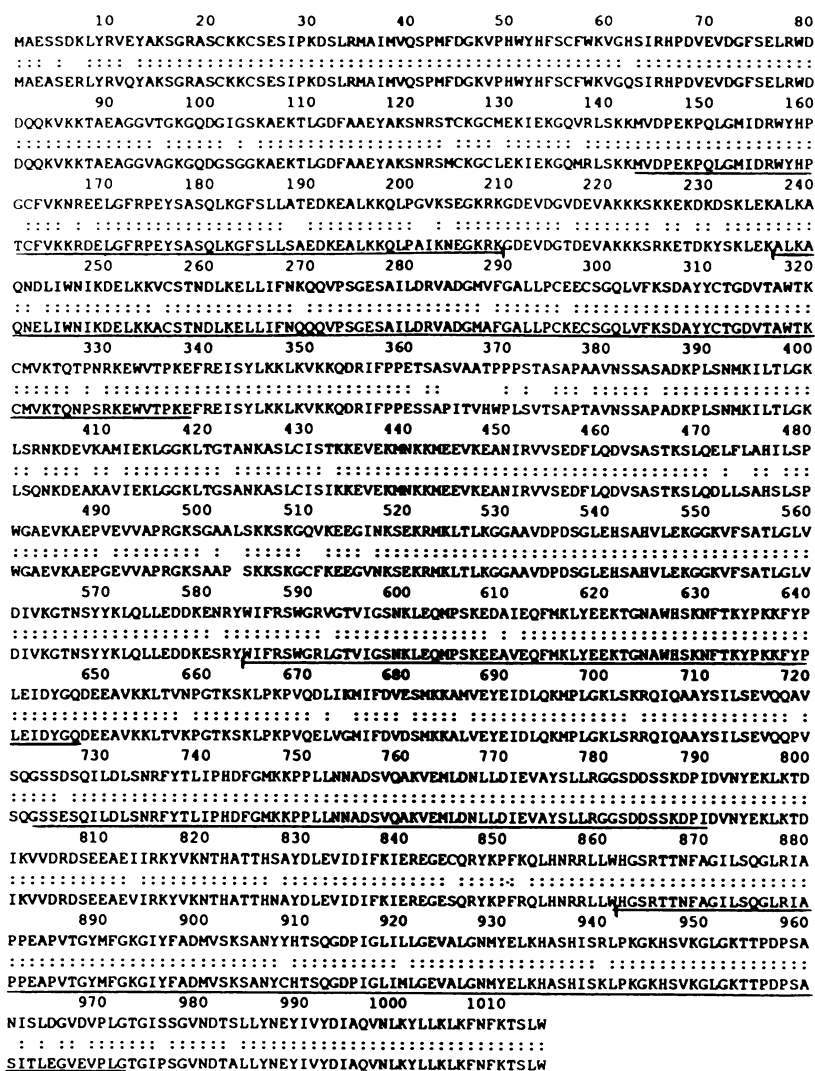
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**Figure 3**—Nucleotide Sequence of BXS<sub>B</sub> coding region—The BXS<sub>B</sub> cDNA sequence of pADP-3a begins at coding residue 1 and continues in an open reading frame to the internal EcoRI site at mouse residue 1012. The sequence extending 3' to the poly A<sup>++</sup> site is from pADP-C3. Only the coding region is shown for clarity. Sequences from -85bp 5' of residue 1 and 3' of residues 1012 can be found in EMBL/Genbank accession number X14206.



**Figure 4**—Derived Amino Acid Sequence Comparison of human (top) versus mouse (bottom) ADPRP cDNA and genomic clones. Direct sequence analysis between the human sequence derived from pCD (6) is scored as a match with the mouse sequences (:). Additional comparisons was made with genomic sequences from BALB/c genomic clones λ4 and λ7 and those regions are underlined Exon–intron boundaries identified by a genomic sequencing are indicated by a '+'. Only one amino acid residue was found to differ between BXS and BALB/c at residue 724 (ser Gly). There 5 additional substitutions between BXS and BALB/c which at the third base position of codons 174, 259, 271, 285, 972 and therefore are silent changes.

are 9% amino acid substitutions within this domain (Fig 5). These observations further support the role this region may play as recognition sites for DNA binding. Interestingly, a region between the DNA-binding fingers containing an unusual amount of glycine residues (6/12 residues) which may allow a considerable amount of flexibility between fingers was



Table I. Consensus nucleotide binding fold

"A"	Gly	Xaa <sub>4</sub>	Gly	Lys	Gly	Xaa <sub>6</sub>	Val	Xaa <sub>12-14</sub>	Asp
HuADPRP (888-914)	Gly	TyrMetPhe	Gly	Lys	Gly	IleTyrPheAlaAspMet	Val		Asp
MoADPRP	Gly	TyrMetPHe	Gly	Lys	Gly	IleTyrPheAlaAspMet	Val		Asp
"B"	Arg	Xaa <sub>2-3</sub>	Gly	Xaa <sub>3</sub> (hydrophobic)	4-6				Asp
HuADPRP (940-957)	Arg	LeuProLys	Gly	LysHisSerValLysGlyLeuGlyLysThrThrPro					Asp
MOADPRP	Lys	LeuProLys	Gly	LysHisSerValLysGlyLeuGlyLysThrThrPro					Asp

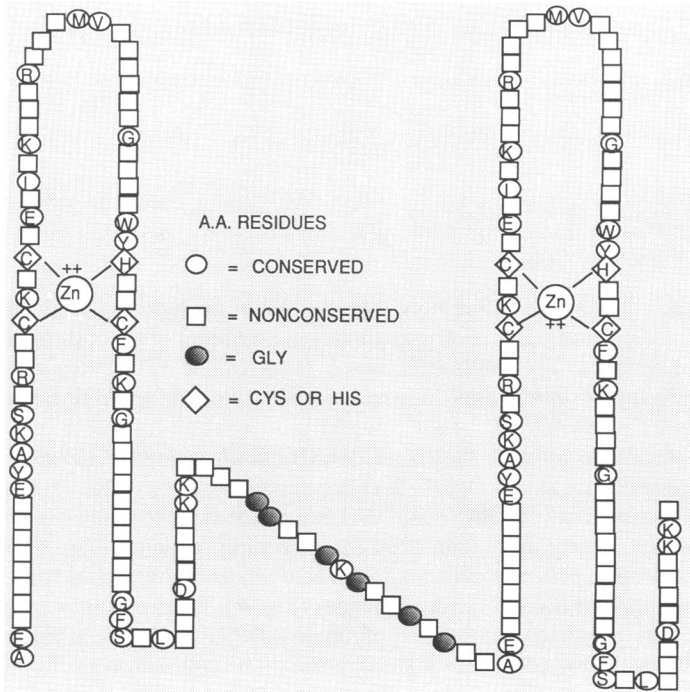
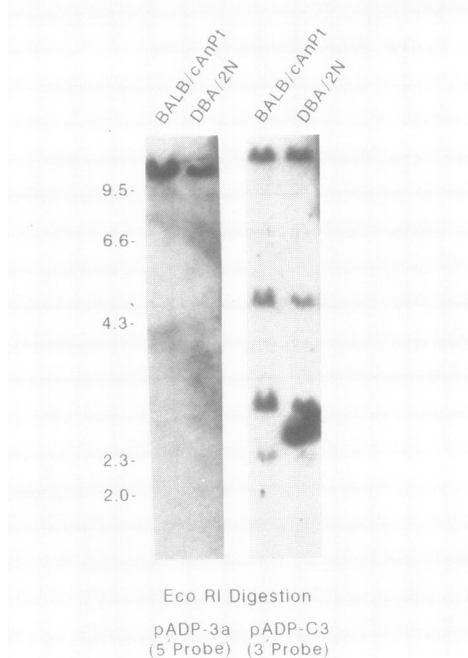


Figure 5—Schematic comparison of human and mouse amino acid residues in the putative  $Zn^{++}$  binding region of ADPRP. A computer generated ADPRP molecule shows the location of the  $Zn^{++}$  binding regions starting at residue 2 through highlights conserved or nonconserved amino acid substitutions by designating the mouse residue in the indicated box or circle. Glycine, Cysteine and Histidine residues which are conserved are also designated.

## Mouse Poly(ADP-Ribose) Polymerase



**Figure 6**—EcoRI Southern hybridization analysis of mouse DNA with moADPRP. EcoRI restricted genomic DNA from BALB/cAnPt or DBA/2N was hybridized to 5' (pADP-3a) or 3' (pADP-C3) molecular probes and washed under stringent wash conditions.

also found to be conserved. Furthermore, comparison of the human and mouse sequences in the region of the automodification domain (mouse residues 400–550) identified 15/16 conserved Glu residues. The single exception is (Glu residue 471 to Asp which is buried in a very strong hydrophobic area, not necessarily accessible to ADP-ribosylation.

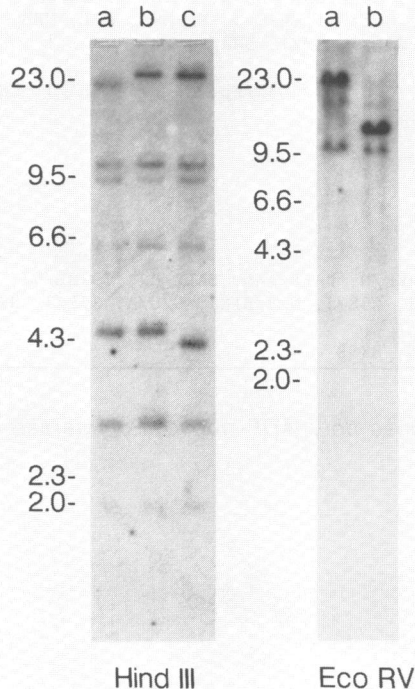
#### *Exon Boundaries of moADPRP*

Comparison was made between the mouse BXSB cDNA sequence and exon nucleotide sequences obtained from the  $\lambda$ 4 and  $\lambda$ 7 BALB/c genomic clones. (Fig. 4). Coding region sequence comparisons between BXSB and BALB/c revealed 5 silent mutations at the codon third base position among more than 1200 bp. of coding sequence (Fig. 4) We are able to establish some intron–exon boundaries at points of sequence divergence between BALB/c genomic clones and the BXSB cDNA sequences (Fig. 4). From this information, we can determine a preliminary exon composition of mouse ADPRP as being comprised of perhaps 10–15 exons (each separated by 1–2 kb of intron). The established exons do not appear to interrupt functional domains such as the nucleotide binding folds at the A or B sites nor any of the  $Zn^{++}$  finger motifs. Thus, exon structure of ADPRP closely approximates the domain structure.

#### *Chromosomal Localization of moADPRP*

The human loci corresponding to ADPRP are polymorphic and genes associated with huADPRP map to three distinct chromosomes (6). Therefore, it is interesting to compare

## MOUSE INBRED STRAIN HAPLOTYPES-ADPRP



**Figure 7**—Mouse Inbred strain genotypes for ADPRP A HindIII (Left panel) or EcoRV (right panel) RFLP segregates most mouse inbred strains. Three distinct HindIII haplotypes and two EcoRV haplotypes are distinguishable with the probe pADP-C3 as listed in table II.

the abundance and corresponding chromosomal positions in the mouse. Hybridization of the pADP-3a 5' probe to EcoRI restricted genomic DNA from the BALB/c inbred mouse exhibits a single 10 kb RF band (Fig 6). The 3' probe, pADP-C3, hybridizes to four EcoRI RF bands of 2.3 Kb, 3.0 Kb, 4.3 Kb and 12 kb in BALB/c (Fig. 6). Since the genomic clones  $\lambda$ 4 and  $\lambda$ 7 can account for the 10 kb and 12 kb bands, we suspect that the 3' most exons are probably contained within the small EcoRI fragments. Direct comparison of two inbred mouse strains, DBA/2N and BALB/c, by hybridization with pADP3a or pADP-C3 revealed that among multiple enzymes only HindIII, or EcoRV are polymorphic. In an expanded survey of inbred mice, three distinct HindIII RF patterns and two distinct EcoRV patterns are found (Fig. 7 and Table II).

Originally, we utilized the Hind III RFLP between the inbred strains DBA/2N, BALB/cAn or C57BL/6J for the purpose of genetic mapping of moADPRP. Two Hind III RF bands of approximately 4.3kb and 23.0 kb differ between the DBA/2N haplotype (RF<sup>c</sup>) and the BALB/c or C57BL/6J haplotype (RF<sup>a</sup>). An extensive panel of BALB/c by DBA/2N (C.D2) congenics mice have been maintained in our laboratory by which the DBA/2N genes have been introgressively backcrossed onto the BALB/cAn background and selected

Table II. Mouse Inbred Genotypes - ADPRP

ADPRP alleles - HindIII	
a.	AU/SsJ, BALB/cAn, BSVS, BXSb, C57BL/6J, C57BL/10N, C57/BR, C58/J, Dwf/Dwf, HRS/J, MA/MyJ, MRL, NZB, NZW, PL/J, RIII/sJ, RF/J, SJL/J, SM/J, SWR/J
b.	AKR/N, C3H/HeJ, C3H/Fg, C57L/J, CBA/J, CBA/N, I, NH, 020/A, ST/bJ, 129/J
c.	DBA/2N
ADPRP alleles - EcoRV	
a.	A/J, AKR/N, FALB/cAn, BALB/cJ, C57BL/6J, C57BL/10N, C57L/J, C58/J, NZB/B1NJ, 020/A, SJL/J, SWR/J
b.	DBA/2N, BXSb

Mouse poly(ADP-ribose) Polymerase

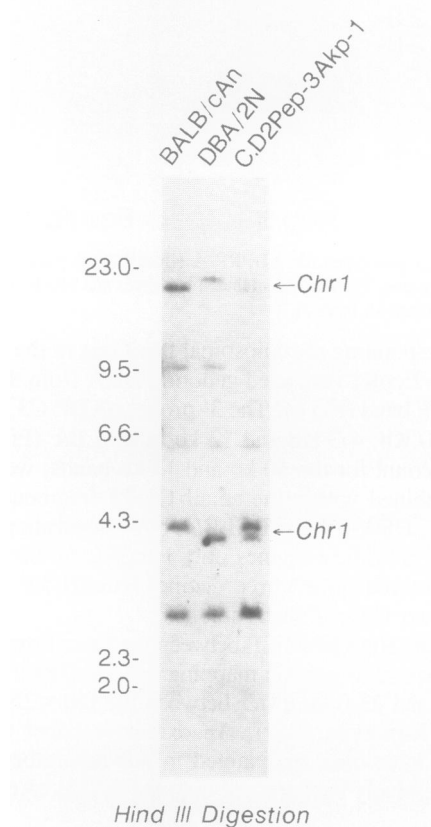


Table III. Segregation of ADPRP on Mouse Chromosome 1

A. BXD Recombinant Inbreds**		1	2	5	6	9	11	12	13	14	15	16	19	21	22	24	25	27	28	29	30	32
Pep-3	B	B	D	D	B	D	B	D	B	D	B	B	B	B	B	D	B	D	D	D	D	D
Lamb-2	B	B	D	-	D	D	B	D	B	B	B	D	B	D	D	D	B	D	D	D	D	B
At-3	B	B	D	-	D	D	B	D	B	B	B	B	B	B	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D
ADPRP	B	B	D	B	D	D	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D
FcR	B	D	D	-	D	D	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	D	D	D	D	D	B	D	D

\*Data for Pep-3, Lamb-2, FcR and At-3 are from (16).  
 +B refers to C57BL/6J alleles, whereas D refers to DNA/2J alleles.

B. C.D2 Congenics		BALB/c	DBA/2N	C. D2 Pep3 Akp-1
Pep-3		a	b	b
ADPRP		a	c	c
FcR		a	c	c

\*FcR refers to Fc $\epsilon$  RI $\alpha$  (14)

for markers on various mouse chromosomes. We screened this panel of congenics with the pADP-C3 probe looking for specific retention of the HindIII RF<sup>c</sup> haplotype. A single congenic, C.D2 Pep3-Akp-1 (N6), specific to a region of mouse chromosome 1 between Pepsinogen (*Pep-3*) and *Alkaline Phosphatase-1* (*Akp-1*), was found to contain the Hind III RF<sup>c</sup> component (Fig. 8). Since the C.D2 Pep-3/Akp-1 (N6) congenic has been determined to be restricted in DBA/2N genes exclusively to this region of mouse chromosome 1 including the genetic loci for Fc receptors of IgE and IgG (14, and unpublished, KH), we concluded that moADPRP is contained within this region.

An EcoRV RFLP between BALB/c and DBA/2 enabled us to reexamine the C.D2 Pep-3/Akp-1 congenic for the presence of the DBA/2 EcoRV RF<sup>b</sup> pattern. Since there are only two EcoRV RF bands, and one EcoRV site falls within the moADPRP coding region, it is likely that the entire moADPRP gene is contained within both bands. As predicted, the C.D2 Pep-3 Akp-1 congenic displayed an EcoRV RF<sup>b</sup> pattern (data not shown). Therefore, it is likely that the chromosome 1 structural gene is also the expressed moADPRP.

To confirm the positioning of moADPRP on chromosome 1, we tested a series of 26 recombinant inbred (RI) mice developed between C57BL/6J (RF<sup>a</sup>) and DBA/2J (RF<sup>b</sup>)

**Figure 8**—Mouse ADPRP maps to chromosome 1. The segregation of a DBA/2N RRF<sup>c</sup> allele in a C.D2 Pep-3/Akp-1 congenic reveals that the moADPRP 23.0 kb and 4.0 kb HindIII RF bands map to mouse chromosome 1. For the purpose of ongoing breeding, the C.D2 Pep-3/Akp-1 congenic is a heterozygote and carries one BALB/c and one DBA/2 chromosome 1 complement, hence, the congenic appears heterozygous for moADPRP. The 9.0 kb HindIII RF band is absent in comparison to Fig. 6. The reason is unclear but may be related to slight variation in wash stringency (see Discussion).

(BXD) (15) by following the genetic segregation distribution with an EcoRV RFLP (Table III). The BXD distribution of moADPRP is 100% concordant with the chromosome 1 loci Epoxide hydratase-1 (*Eph-1*) and *Mtv-7*, the integration site of mouse mammary tumor virus. Further examination of the segregation patterns of ADPRP indicates close linkage to the complement receptor-related gene *At-3* (19/20 concordancies) and the *Ly-17* locus (18/20 concordancies) (16). Using accepted statistical parameters for linkage analysis among RI lines, moADPRP lies within 1.3cM (.995) of *At-3* and 2.9cM (.972) of *Ly-17* (17). Examination of the BXD segregation patterns from Table III and attempting to minimize double crossover frequency suggests moADPRP is between these loci and may be close to the autoimmune locus *gld* (16).

## DISCUSSION

ADPRP is activated by DNA strand breaks and thereby becomes critical in DNA repair, differentiation and regulation of transcription. Although seemingly multifaceted in its interactions, ADPRP probably serves a much more uniform role in cellular metabolism. Most likely, this role is a stabilizing effect utilizing two functional domains of ADPRP, DNA binding and NAD binding. ADPRP has been found in such divergent organisms as fish, birds and snails. Comparisons between human and mouse ADPRP support strict sequences conservation across species boundaries. Furthermore, we have been able to predict some regions of greater conservation between mouse and human which may ultimately aid in the definition of the various functional domains of ADPRP.

The positioning of the moADPRP locus to chromosome 1 suggests: i). that the expressed ADPRP gene lies within a syntenic unit in the region of human 1q23-q25(16) and ii). that the moADPRP and huADPRP are homologues. Furthermore, the establishment of inbred mouse haplotypes for ADPRP allows for more detailed examination of the segregation among inbred strains or between genetic crosses of inbred strains. This has permitted us to precisely position *moADPRP* between *At-3* and *FcR*, and near the mouse autoimmune locus *gld* (10). The close proximity of *ADPRP* and *gld* is provocative in view of the finding that excessive stimulation of the immune response which occurs in autoimmune reactions leads to a concomitant increase of ADPRP activity (18). Excessive ADPribosylation causes hyperutilization of NAD and consumes ATP, which in turn leads to energy poor cells. Disruption of the normal interaction of ADPRP with its target has been suggested as a causative agent leading to transformation and/or autoimmunity. In fact, several forms of lymphoid neoplasia display defective DNA repair as well as immunological abnormalities (i.e. autoimmunity). Moreover, the involvement of ADP-ribosylation in the integration of foreign DNA into Eucaryotic cells suggests ADPRP is associated with DNA recombination events (19). The genetic distribution of moADPRP haplotypes shows an interesting segregation with autoimmune strains such as BXSB, C3H/HeJ, AKR, CBA/N, C57L/J and 129/J (20). We are presently investigating whether different ADPRP alleles encode structurally distinct proteins or whether regulatory differences in expression of ADPRP may result in changes of expression patterns of ADPRP. More directly, expression of ADPRP in MRL/*gld*, C57BL/6J/*gld* or C3H/HeJ *gld* mice carrying the autosomal recessive trait needs to be examined in order to unambiguously derive any relationship between expressed ADPRP and *gld*. Preliminary evidence from the additional 6 cDNA clones isolated in this laboratory suggest ADPRP-like domains may also be associated with other related genes. For example ADPRP-like sequences lie on human chromosomes 13

and 14; in addition to the expressed gene on human chromosome 1. However, it has not been determined whether these sequences represent pseudogenes or fragments of genes relating to DNA or NAD binding domains. Preliminary evidence reveals that a 9.0 kb HindIII RF band (see Fig. 8 legend) identified by pADP-C3 may map to the distal end of mouse chromosome 4 (data not shown). The distal end of mouse chromosome 4 encodes both a tumor suppressor locus(21) as well as DNA repair genes (8,9), which could conceivably encode domains related to DNA binding. This region may be analogous to a region on human chromosome 13 which carries chromosomal deletions of associated regions of ADPRP-like sequences frequently associated with some hematopoietic malignancies such as Burkitt Lymphoma (K.B. manuscript in preparation).

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