

**Developmental Biology.** In the article "A thyroid hormone-regulated gene in *Xenopus laevis* encodes a type III iodothyronine 5-deiodinase" by Donald L. St. Germain, Robert A. Schwartzman, Walburga Croteau, Akira Kanamori, Zhou Wang, Donald D. Brown, and Valerie Anne Galton, which appeared in number 16, August 2, 1994, of *Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA* (91, 7767-7771), the authors request that the following correction be noted. The cDNA sequence and deduced amino acid sequence of XL-15 reported in Fig. 1 is incorrect. The correct cDNA sequence, shown below in a corrected Fig. 1, has an additional deoxycytidylic acid nu-

cleotide after position 162. The open reading frame of the XL-15 cDNA is thus extended in the 5' direction by 207 nt and encodes a protein with a predicted size of 271 amino acids and a molecular mass of 30 kDa. Included in the open reading frame is the in-frame TGA triplet, noted previously, which encodes selenocysteine. As shown in the corrected Fig. 1, homology between the XL-15 and G21 cDNAs and proteins is found only in the central and 3' regions of the open reading frame. The XL-15 cDNA sequence has been corrected in the GenBank data base (accession no. L28111).

1 CGGAGGGGGTGGGGCTGAGCACCATGTGCACTGCGCGGACCCACACCGGTAACCT  
M L H C A G P H T G K L  
61 GTGAAACAGGTGGCCGCTGCTGCCCTGCTGCCCTGCCCCGCTTCCTGCTCACGGGGCTGATG  
V K Q V A A C C L L P R F L L T G L M  
121 CTGTGCTGCTGGATTCCAGGTACAGGAGGAGGCTCTGCTGACGCCAGGGAGGAG  
L W L D F Q C I R R R V L L T A R E  
181 AGCACCGCCGAGCACGAAGACCCCCCGCTGCGTGCTCGACTCCAACCGAATGTCACCC  
S T A E H E D P P L C V S D S N R M C T  
241 GTGGAGTCGCTGCGAGCCGTGTCGACGGCAGAACGCTGGACTACTTCAGTCGGGCAC  
V E S L R A V W H G Q K L D Y F K S A H  
301 CTGGCTGCTCGGCCAACACGGAGGTTGGTGTGGCTGGAAAGGGCGCAGGGCTGCAAG  
L G C S A P N T E V Y M L E G R R L C K  
361 ATCCTGGACTTCTCCCAGGGCAAGAGACCGCTGGTGTCAATTTCGGCAGTCACCTGA  
I L D P E S Q G K R E L V V N E G S C T S C  
421 CCCCCGGTCTATGGCTCGCTGCAAGCTATCGCCGCTGGCAGCCAGCACGGTGGCATC  
P P F M A R L Q A Y R R L A A Q H V G I  
481 CGGGATTCTCGCTGGTGTACATAGAAGAACGGCACCGTCAGACGGCTGGCTCAGCACC  
A D E L L V Y I E E A H P S D Q G W L S T  
541 GACGCCCTACCAAAATCCCCCAGCACCCAGTGCCTGGCAGGCCAGCCTGGCGCTCAG  
D A S Y Q I P O H Q C I L Q D R L A A A Q  
601 CTCATGCTCCAAGGGCGCCCGCTGGCGGGTGGTGGACACCATGGACAACCTCTCC  
L M L Q G A P G Q R V V P D T M D N S S  
661 AACGGCGCTACGGTGCCTACTTTGAGAGACTTTACATCGTCTGGAGGGCAAAGTGGTC  
N A A Y G A Y F E R L Y I V L E G K V V  
721 TACCAAGGGGGTGGGGGCCGGAGGGCTACAAAGATCTGAACTGAGGATGTGGCTGGAG  
X Q G G R G P E G Y K I S E L R M W L E  
781 CAGTACAGCAGGGCTTGTGGGACCAAGGGCAGGCCAACGTGGTCAATCAGGTAA  
Q Y Q O G L M G T K G S G Q V V I Q V \*  
841 TTGTCATCAGCAGCACGAGCACCAAGGCACAGGGACACAATAACCAACCCACAGCAGC  
901 AGCAGTATTACTATTGTATTATTATGTCAATTATAGAGGAGGGTGGAAACCTGT  
961 TAGGTGAAGTGAAGTAAAGTACACAAAAAGTGCAGGACAAACGACTCTTCTTAAATCC  
1021 CAGTGCAGACAAATAGTAGTAAACTGCAACAAGGGAAAGGCATCCACATGCGCACCTCG  
1081 GCTCAATCGCAACTTCAACAGTCAGTCCCCCGACTCATCAGGGAGTTGCCATTGAA  
1141 CAAATGCCGGAGGGTGGCGGTTCAAGATGTCATTGCGAGAAATAAAGTCAACTGCGTGT  
1201 CTGTCATGCTCCCGACTGGTGTGCGACTAACAGCCGCTGTGTGAGTGGGGCGGGGATACAA  
1261 GGTGGTGTGACTGGAGCCACCCACTCCGACTCTGGCAGGTGGTGTGCAATGACGGAT  
1321 TTGGATGGTCTCGGCCAAAATAGTGTCCGAGCATCAACCCCTTCCTCAAAACTAC  
1381 CTGCAAGCTCCGGTGTGGGCTCCAGTCCAGTAGATTATTTATGTGATTTGTAA  
1441 GCAGACTTTATATAAAGGATTTTACGATTAACCATGACCAACATAAAAAAAAAAAA  
1501 AAAAAAAAAAA

FIG. 1. Nucleotide and deduced amino acid sequence of the XL-15 cDNA. Underlined nucleotide sequences in the open reading frame represent five regions with significant homology to the rat G21 5'DI cDNA (7). Underlined amino acid residues have been conserved between the XL-15 and G21 proteins. The underlined nucleotides in the 3'-untranslated region between 1307 and 1352 are similar to the selenocysteine insertion element required to translate the UGA codon into a selenocysteine residue (22). The double-underlined nucleotides are identical to the eukaryotic consensus sequences of this element (22).