

# The URK1 gene of *Saccharomyces cerevisiae* encoding uridine kinase

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Uridine kinase (EC 2.7.1.48) catalyses the conversion of uridine into UMP in the pyrimidine salvage pathway of *Saccharomyces cerevisiae* (1, 2). The *URK1* gene was cloned by complementation of an uridine kinase deficient strain and is included in a 2.7 kb DNA segment. A single large ORF following the ATG codon at nucleotide 774 with a stop codon at nucleotide 2276 encodes a polypeptide chain of 501 amino acid residues. Two putative ORF are located on the complementary strand. ORF1, of at least 179 amino acids, initiates upstream from the *URK1* gene at nucleotide 537. ORF2, at least 111 amino acids, ends at nucleotide 2367. The screening of the EMBL Data Library did not allow the identification of these ORF.

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