

**Nucleotide sequence of the penicillin-binding protein 2B gene of *Streptococcus pneumoniae* strain R6**

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Previously only part of the penicillin-binding protein 2B gene (*penA*) of *Streptococcus pneumoniae* had been cloned and sequenced (1). The whole of *penA* was isolated on a 3.2-kb *EcoRV* fragment and cloned into pBGS9 (2). *E. coli* TG1 containing the resulting plasmid (pCGD3) expressed large amounts of a novel penicillin-binding protein of 74kD. A fragment of the insert, containing the previously unsequenced amino-terminal coding region of *penA*, was subcloned into bacteriophage M13 and sequenced on both strands using a series of oligonucleotide primers.

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**Fig. 1.** The sequence shown is that of the *penA* gene of *S. pneumoniae* strain R6. The active site serine is marked with an asterisk.

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