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Nucleotide sequences of the penicillin-binding protein 5 and 6 genes of *Escherichia coli*

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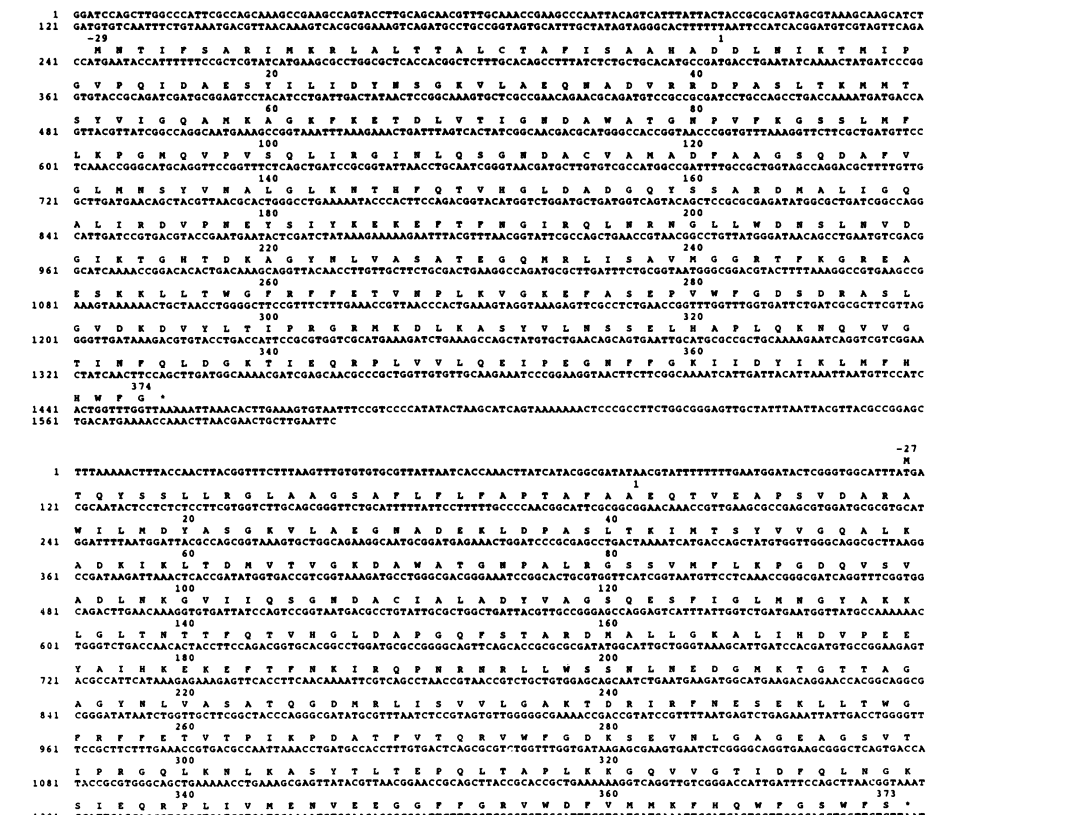
Penicillin-binding proteins (PBPs) 5 and 6 are the major D-alanine carboxypeptidases of Escherichia coli. The PBP 5 and PBP 6 genes (dacA and dacC respectively) have been cloned [1,2] and the nucleotide sequence of a 1597-bp BamHI-EcoRI fragment containing the dacA gene (upper sequence) and of a 1505-bp AhaIII-SalI fragment containing the dacC gene (lower sequence) are shown. PBP 5 and PBP 6 are cytoplasmic membrane proteins and are synthesised as pre-proteins[3]; the amino-termini of the mature proteins are assigned from published data[4]. PBP 5 and PBP 6 show 62% sequence identity.



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