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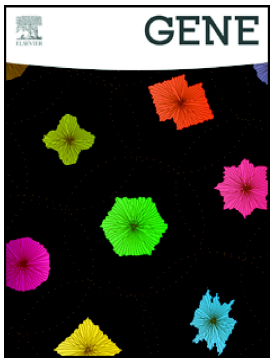


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## Abstract

The *PURA* gene encodes Pur-alpha, a 322 amino acid protein with repeated nucleic acid binding domains that are highly conserved from bacteria through humans. *PUR* genes with a single copy of this domain have been detected so far