## Erratum

## Sequences of initiator and elongator methionine tRNAs in bean mitochondria

Localization of the corresponding genes on maize and wheat mitochondrial genomes

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## Summary

Two bean mitochondria methionine transfer RNAs, purified by RPC-5 chromatography and two-dimensional gel electrophoresis, have been sequenced using *in vitro* post-labeling techniques.

One of these tRNAs<sup>Met</sup> has been identified by formylation using an *E. coli* enzyme as the mitochondrial  $tRNA_F^{Met}$ . It displays strong structural homologies with prokaryotic and chloroplast  $tRNA_F^{Met}$  sequences (70.1–83.1%) and with putative initiator  $tRNA_F^{Met}$  genes described for wheat, maize and *Oenothera* mitochondrial genomes (88.3-89.6%).

The other tRNA<sup>Met</sup>, which is the mitochondrial elongator tRNA<sup>Met</sup><sub>m</sub>, shows a high degree of sequence homology (93.3-96%) with chloroplast tRNA<sup>Met</sup><sub>m</sub>, but a weak homology (40.7%) with a sequenced maize mitochondrial putative elongator tRNA<sup>Met</sup><sub>m</sub> gene. Bean mitochondrial tRNA<sup>Met</sup><sub>F</sub> and tRNA<sup>Met</sup><sub>m</sub> were hybridized to Southern blots of the mitochondrial ge-nomes of wheat and maize, whose maps have been recently published (15, 22), in order to locate the position

of their genes.

Table 2. Percentage of sequence homology between bean mt  $tRNA_m^{Met}$  and various  $tRNAs_m^{Met}$  genes.

All these tRNA and tRNA gene sequences can be found in ref. 26 and 27 except that of Zea mays mt tRNA<sup>Met</sup> gene (19).

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with aminoacyl-tRNA synthetases extracted from