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### *Drosophila simulans* Cu-Zn superoxide dismutase gene sequence

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The sequence of 1793 bp given below, isolated from a lambda EMBL4 genomic library of *Drosophila simulans*, codes for Cu-Zn superoxide dismutase (SOD). This sequence is very similar to that of *D. melanogaster* (1,2). The putative regulatory sequences found in *D. melanogaster* sequence are identifiable in homologous positions in *D. simulans*. These include the TATA box starting at position -26 and a polyadenylation signal at 1400. An open reading frame and a termination codon start at positions 69 and 1258, respectively. The overall identity of the sequence herein to the *D. melanogaster* SOD sequence from a Canton S strain (2) is 93.8%, but 4 and 10 gaps, constituting 95 nucleotides in all (the largest one of 28 nucleotides), are introduced in the *D. melanogaster* and *D. simulans* sequences, respectively. The transcribed region (capitalized; inferred by analogy with the *D. melanogaster* one) displays 95.3% identity. The coding region consists of two exons; the 729bp-long intron, spanning from position 135 to 864, separates the codons for amino acids 22 and 23, similarly as for *D. melanogaster*. The coding region is 97.6% identical in the two species (l.e., 11 substitutions out of 459 sites). The inferred sequence of 153 amino acids is the same as in *D. melanogaster*.

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