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Answers

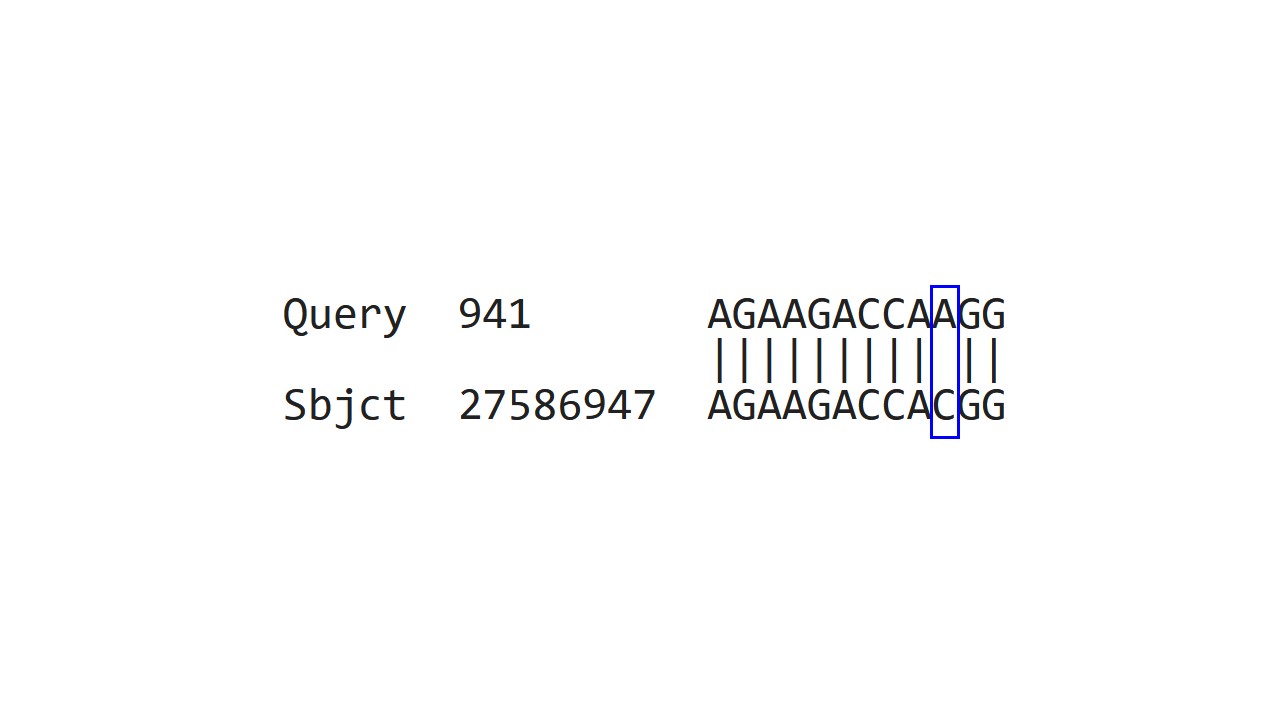
**QUESTION 1.** L-gulonolactone oxidase.

**QUESTION 2**. It is found in the house mouse (*Mus musculus*).

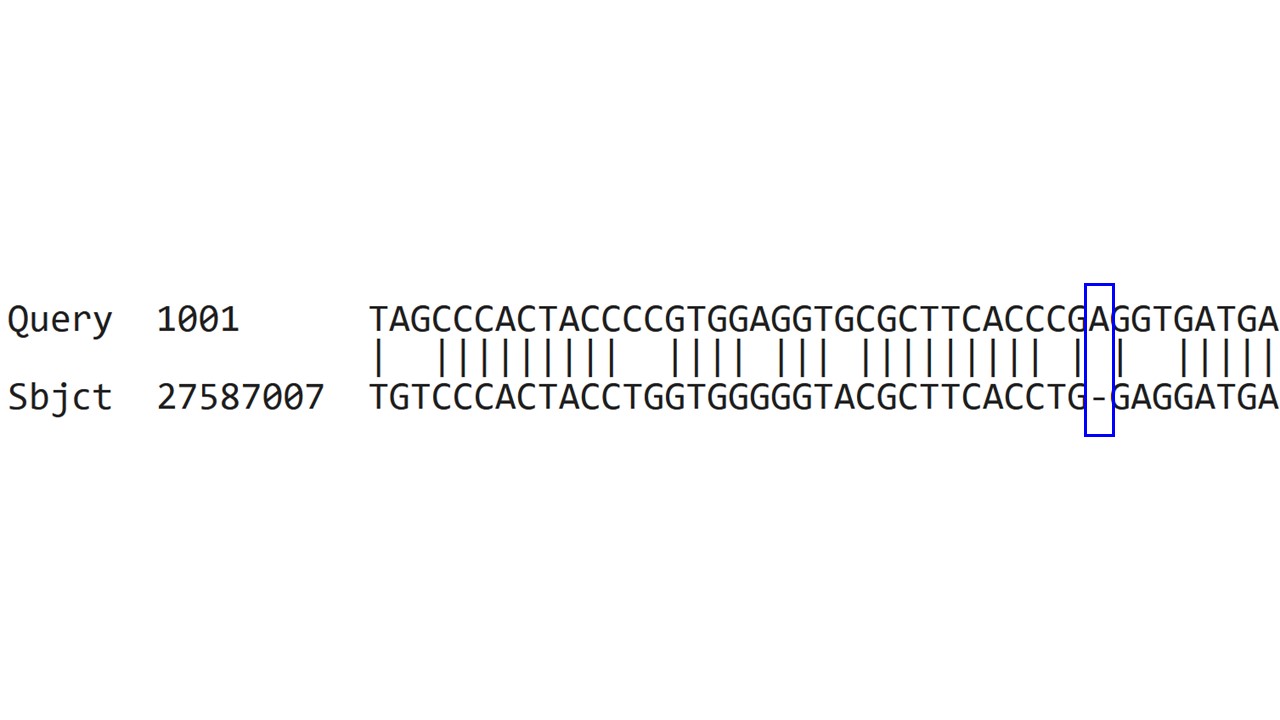
**QUESTION 3**. It is an enzyme responsible for the synthesis of Vitamin C.

**QUESTION 4**. Chromosome 8.

**QUESTION 5**. Yes, there is evidence of substitution mutations, for example this one, highlighted by the blue box:



**QUESTION 6.** Yes, there is evidence of insertion or deletion mutations, for example this one, highlighted by the blue box:



(Your own sketch may be smaller, which is fine.)

**QUESTION 7**. There is a pseudogene in the human genome, because the regions of similarity include a frameshift mutation, as highlighted in the answer to Question 6.

**QUESTION 8.** The mouse does not have to eat fresh fruit and vegetables to stay healthy, because it can synthesize vitamin C using L‑gulonolactone oxidase. Humans do have to eat large amounts of fresh fruit and vegetables, because humans do not have a functional version of the gene that codes for this enzyme.

**QUESTION 9.** These results represent a pseudogene, because there is a frameshift mutation. This is the same conclusion we drew from the search using the NCBI Web site.

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