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Isolation and Mapping of a Mutation in *Escherichia coli* with Altered Levels of Ribonuclease H

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was isolated after mutagenesis with ethyl methane sulfonate. A procedure for

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resulting [^{32}P]poly(A) was separated from unincorpo-

Bacterial and phage strains. Strains of *E. coli*

column (1 by 60 cm) which had been previously equil-

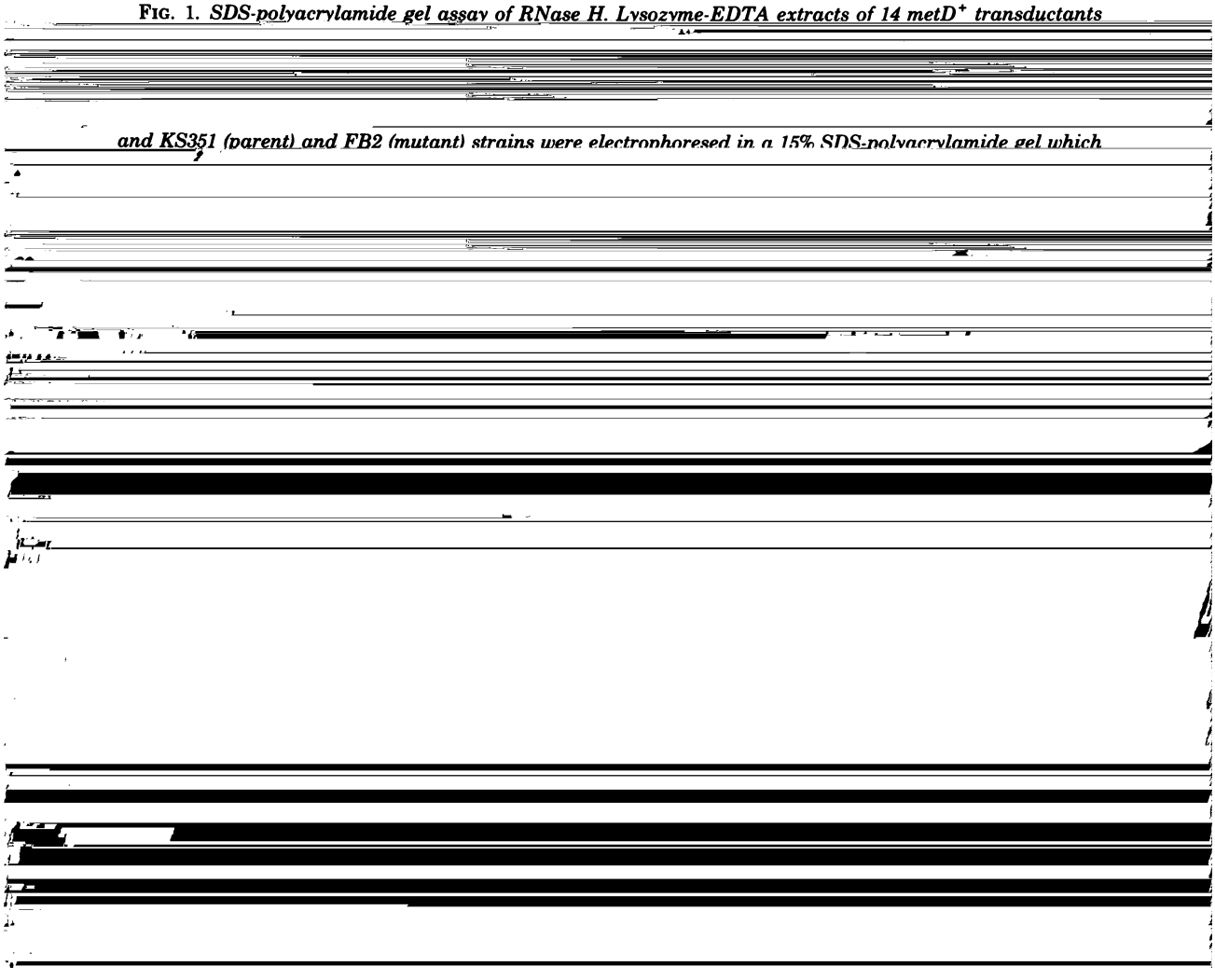
then added, and incubation was continued for 10 min. terminations were used to adjust the size of aliquot to

To freeze-thaw the extracts, the trays were placed in be assayed (0.2 μg of protein per 25-μl assay). Acid

a slurry of dry ice-ethanol and then placed in a water bath at room temperature. When thawing was com- solubility was determined as described previously (13). Type C was based on the reconstitution of

plete, the trays were returned to an ice-water bath. RNase H in SDS-polyacrylamide gels containing

FIG. 1. *SDS-polyacrylamide gel assay of RNase H. Lysozyme-EDTA extracts of 14 metD$^+$ transductants and KS351 (parent) and FB2 (mutant) strains were electrophoresed in a 15% SDS-polyacrylamide gel which*



chromosome. P1 transduction experiments

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