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Alu Element

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A family of short interspersed nuclear elements found in the human genome that are substrates for the *Arthrobacter luteus* restriction endonuclease. Alu elements are highly conserved within primate genomes and have been used in the investigation of human population genetics, primate and human evolution, and human diseases, including cancer.