responsible for its ability to remain bound to the DNA as the RNA polymerase transcribes through the gene^{22,23}. In the case of the POU domain, the bipartite structure may envelope the DNA such that the protein surrounds the DNA. Such a structure could avoid stereo-specific constraints on interactions with other transcription factors or allow interactions with multiple factors simultaneously on opposite sides of the helix. Such properties may aid the formation of stable transcription complexes as may be expected in generally expressed genes (small nuclear RNAs or histones for Oct-1) or genes that confer a stable differentiated phenotype.

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