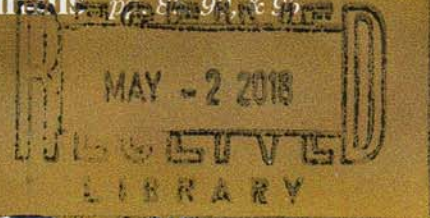


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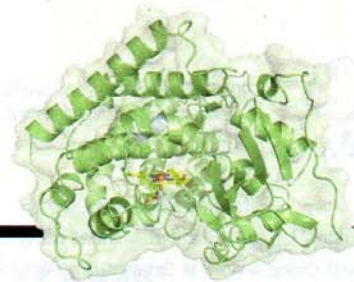
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Przewalski's horses, represented by this mare and foal from Orenburg Reserve, Russia, are a distinct and endangered lineage previously thought to have purely wild origins. Archaeological

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