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Two *Oryza sativa* Genomic DNA Clones Encoding 16.9-Kilodalton Heat-Shock Proteins[1]

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When all living organisms are exposed to elevated temperatures, they exhibit induced synthesis of a set of proteins known as HSPs.[2] Using rice heat-shock cDNA pTSS.1 (5) as a probe, we isolated two 16.9-kD HSP genes from a rice genomic library (Table I). The rice genomic library was constructed in a λgt10 vector using *Eco*RI-digested rice genomic DNA fragments (size between 2.0 and 4.0 kb) as inserts that were eluted from agarose gel pieces by a NA 45 DEAE membrane (Schleicher and Schuell). The heat-shock cDNA pTS1 hybridized to 2.5- and 3.4-kb *Eco*RI-digested rice genomic DNA fragments in Southern hybridization. The DNA sequences of the two rice genomic HSP genes, Oshsp16.9A and Oshsp16.9B, were determined and analyzed as shown in Figure 1. Oshsp16.9A contained the sequence of cDNA pTS1. Comparison of Oshsp16.9A and Oshsp16.9B genes reveals that they share 98.8% homology in terms of the nucleotide sequence in the coding regions and 99.3% homology at the level of the deduced amino acid sequence. Multiple copies of the HSE-like sequence, similar to the *Drosophila* heat-shock consensus sequence (4), can be identified upstream from the putative TATA box, TATAAATA. The initiation site of the transcription of Oshsp16.9A and Oshsp16.9B, which was identified by the primer extension method (1), is located 131 bases upstream from the coding region and 26 bases downstream from the TATA-like region. The deduced polypeptide sequence of the Oshsp16.9A gene exhibits 73 and 84% homology to Gmhsp17.5E from soybean (2) and c5–8 from wheat (3), respectively.

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Table I. *Characteristics of Two 16.9-kD Heat-Shock Genes from Oryza sativa*

Organism:
Oryza sativa L. (rice), cv Tainon 67.
Location on Chromosome:
Unknown.
Gene Designation:
Oshsp16.9A and Oshsp16.9B.
Source:
Obtained from a λgt10 subgenomic library using rice 16.9-kD heat shock cDNA pTS1 as a probe. Fragments subcloned in M13 mp18 vector and sequenced by dideoxy sequencing method.
Method of Identification:
Sequence comparison with cDNA pTS1. (100 and 98.8% nucleotide homology to coding region of pTS1 in Oshsp16.9A and Oshsp16.9B, respectively).
Regulation:
The putative regulatory sequences, HSE-like sequences, are located in the 5′-upstream regions of the genes and may possibly be recognition sites of heat-shock transcription factors.
Features of Gene Structure:
TATA box, polyadenylation signal, HSE, and transcriptional initiation site (Fig. 1).
Structural Features of Protein:
Open reading frame of 450 base pairs encoding a polypeptide of 150 amino acid residues of 16.9 kD. Isoelectric point 6.4. Belonging to low molecular mass HSPs.
Tissue Location:
Found in rice seedlings.
EMBL Accession Nos:
M80938 and M80939.

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[2] Abbreviations: HSP, heat-shock protein; HSE, heat-shock element.

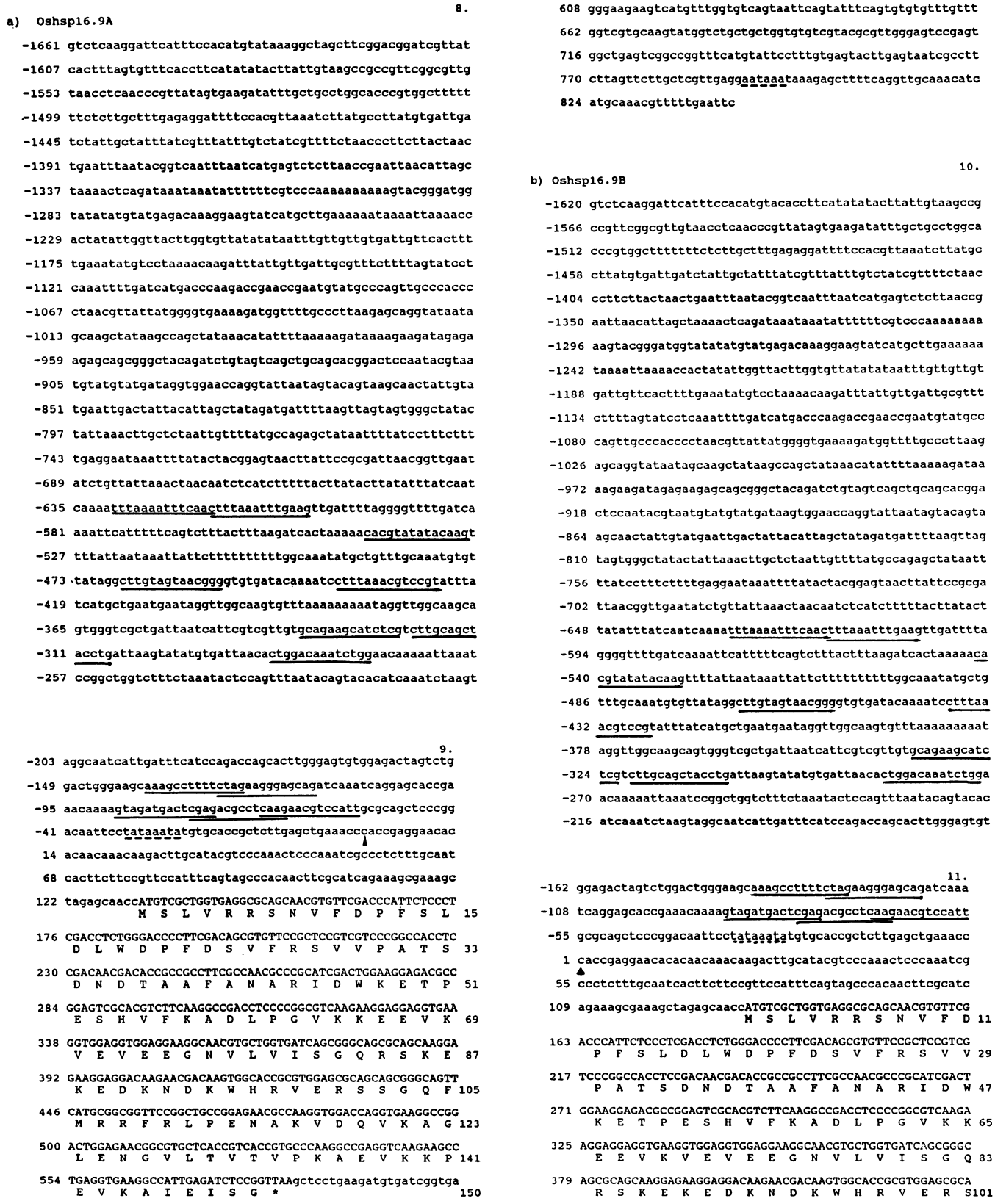

Figure 1. DNA sequence of rice heat shock genes, (a) Oshsp16.9A and (b) Oshsp16.9B, putative TATA boxes and polyadenylation signals are designated by dashed underlines. The sites of initiation of transcription are indicated by filled triangles. The HSE-like sequences are underlined.

433 GCAGCGGGCAGTTCATGCGGCGGTTCCGGCTGCCGGAGAACGCCAAGGTGGACC
S G Q F M R R F R L P E N A K V D Q119

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V K A G M E N G V L T V T V P K A E137

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