Sequence of the gene for alkaline phosphatase from *Escherichia coli* JM83

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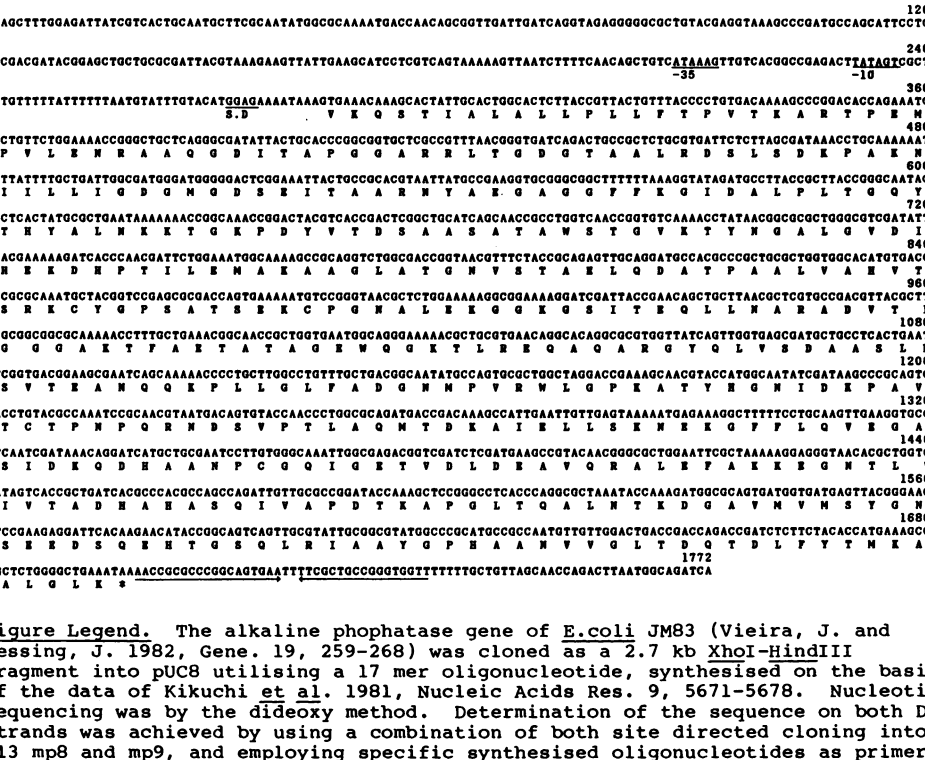

Figure Legend. The alkaline phophatase gene of E.coli JM83 (Vieira, J. and Messing, J. 1982, Gene. 19, 259-268) was cloned as a 2.7 kb XhoI-HindIII fragment into pUC8 utilising a 17 mer oligonucleotide, synthesised on the basis of the data of Kikuchi et al. 1981, Nucleic Acids Res. 9, 5671-5678. Nucleotide sequencing was by the dideoxy method. Determination of the sequence on both DNA strands was achieved by using a combination of both site directed cloning into M13 mp8 and mp9, and employing specific synthesised oligonucleotides as primers. The illustrated region extends 1772 bp from the cloned HindIII site (position 1). The translated amino acid sequence differs from that obtained by protein sequencing (Bradshaw et al. 1981, Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. 78, 3473-3477) at positions 16 and 36 (Asp for Asn), and at position 177 (Glu for Gln). The putative promoter region (-35 and -10), Shine-Delgarno sequence and transcription termination region (facing arrows) have been marked.