

Nucleotide sequence of a gene from *Caldocellum saccharolyticum* encoding for exocellulase and endocellulase activity

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Presented is the sequence of the *ceB* gene of *Caldocellum saccharolyticum*; a cellulolytic, obligate anaerobe which grows at temperatures up to 80°C (1). This isolate from a λ library was able to degrade both carboxymethyl cellulose and umbelliferyl- β -D-celluloside. The one open reading frame encodes both of these activities. Analysis of deletion mutants showed that MUCase activity is derived from the N-terminal half of the protein and CMCCase from the C-terminus. Highlighted is a putative leader sequence, an *E.coli* like promoter and two 'PT' boxes which divide the protein into three domains. Each of these domains has homology with previously published sequences (2-4). A full description of these data is presented elsewhere.

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