

Nucleotide sequence of the cytochrome oxidase subunit I gene from rice mitochondria

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The cytochrome oxidase subunit I gene (coxI) from rice mitochondria was cloned and sequenced. Genomic library of rice mitochondrial DNA was constructed in Bluescript vector, and screened by using a 22 bases synthetic nucleotide encompassing the nucleotide region 673-694 of maize coxI (1). The amino acid sequence was deduced from the nucleotide sequence and translated according to the universal genetic code except that CGG was translated as tryptophan (W) as proposed (2). The predicted protein, 524 amino acids with a molecular weight of 57796 daltons, shows 99.2% homology with that of maize (1), 95.2% with soybean (3), 99.2% with sorghum (4), 93.3% with Oenothera (5), and 99.1% with wheat (6). The 3' untranslated region is highly AT-rich, together with a 29 bp direct repeat (boxed) and a possible stem-loop structure (arrowed).

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