
Nucleotide sequence of the structural genes for the mitochondrial asp, lys, ser-tRNAs from chicken

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A 2.3-kb *Hind*III fragment of the mitochondrial genome (mtDNA) of chicken liver encoding tRNA(asp), tRNA(lys) and tRNA(ser) in addition to the whole cytochrome C oxidase subunit II (COII) gene, was cloned (1). The gene arrangement is virtually identical to those found in the other vertebrate mtDNA: the tRNA(asp) and tRNA(lys) are positioned at the upstream and downstream of the COII gene respectively, while tRNA(ser) is transcribed from the opposite strand (2). The genes show good homology (asp-64%, lys-56%, ser-64%) to the equivalent tRNA genes from human (3).

tRNA(asp).

GAGACGTTAGTAAACCAATTACATAGACCTGTCAAGACTAAATCACAGGTGCAAACCTGTACATCTCA

tRNA(lys).

CATTAAGAAGCTATGCACCAGCACTAGCCTTTTAAGCTAGAGAGAGGGGACACCCTCCCCTTAATGA

tRNA(ser).

AAGAAAGAAGCATTAAAGTGTTTGATGCGTTGGCTTAAACCAACATGTGAGGGTTCGATTCTTCCTTCTTG

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