

**Nucleotide sequence of a rat glutathione peroxidase cDNA**

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Glutathione peroxidase is present in both cytosols and mitochondria of the cells to protect membranes and DNAs against peroxidative damage (1). We have isolated cDNA clones coding for the rat enzyme by screening a Sprague-Dawley rat liver cDNA library constructed in  $\lambda$ gt11 (Clontech Laboratories, Inc., Palo Alto, CA) with a synthetic oligonucleotide with sequence according to the known nucleotide residues 113 to 187 of the mouse gene (2). One hundred forty hybridized clones were obtained from approximately 350,000 recombinant bacteriophages. The nucleotide sequence of one of the longest cDNA inserts showed that, similar to the mouse and human genes (2-4), the selenocysteine in the active site is encoded by the nonsense codon "TGA" (Fig. 1, as indicated by the underline). The deduced amino acid sequence of the rat enzyme is 94% and 86% homologous to those of the mouse and human enzymes, respectively (2-4).

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G TCAATACCAC GTGGATATTC ATACAGCAAT TCGCGCTTTC TCACAGAGCT GTGACCTTTA TCCAGGAGAT GATTGTGTTG AACTCATCTCC CAGAGATGC CGTGGCT 108
GCC CCAGGGAGAT ACCTGTATGAC AGCCCGGAGC TGAAGGAGCC ACTGTGTCAT TCCTATGAC ACCTATATGC ACGAGTACAC CAGTATTCTT ATTTCAGAT TGACA 216
CCGTG AAAAAAGCAA CATCAAGGT GTTCTCTGGA GTAAATATG TGATTTAGTT CKIKAGCCGA GAACCTACT GTTCCAGCA AAGTAAACA GACTGACG CCG 324
1
Met Ser Ala Ala Arg Leu Ser Ala Val Ala Gln Ser Thr Val Tyr Ala Phe Ser Ala Arg Pro Leu
ATTITTG AGTCANAT CTCTACAGT ATG TCT GCT GCT CCG CTC TOC GGG GTG GCA CAG TOC ACC GTG TAT GCC TTC TOC GGG GGC CCG CTG 417
30
Ala Gly Gly Glu Pro Val Ser Leu Gly Ser Leu Arg Gly Lys Val Leu Leu Ile Glu Asn Val Ala Ser Leu Sec Gly Thr Thr Thr Arg
GGC GGC GGC GAG CCC GTG AGC CTG GGC TOC CTC GGG GGC AAG GTG CTC CTC ATT GAG AAT GTC GGG TOC CTC TGA GGC ACC ACG ACC CCG 507
60
Asp Tyr Thr Glu Met Asn Asp Leu Gln Lys Arg Leu Gly Pro Arg Gly Leu Val Val Leu Gly Phe Pro Cys Asn Gln Phe Gly His Gln
GAC TAC ACC GAA ATG AAT GAT CTG CAG AAG CTT CTG GGG CTT GGC CTC GTG GTG CTC GGT TTC CCG TGC AAT CAG TTC GGA CMT CAG 597
90
Glu Asn Gly Lys Asn Glu Glu Ile Leu Asn Ser Leu Lys Tyr Val Arg Pro Gly Gly Gly Phe Glu Pro Asn Phe Thr Leu Phe Glu Lys
GAC AAT GGC AAG AAT GAA GAG AAT CTG AAT TOC CTC AAG TAT GTC CCA CCC GGT GGT GGC TTC GAG CCC AAC TTT ACA TTG TTT GAG AAG 687
120
Cys Glu Val Asn Gly Glu Lys Ala His Pro Leu Phe Thr Phe Leu Arg Asn Ala Leu Pro Ala Pro Ser Asp Asp Pro Thr Ala Leu Met
TGC GAG GTG AAT GGT GAG AAG GCT CAC CCG CTC TTT ACC TTC CTC GGG AAT GCC TTG CCA CCA CCC AGT GAC GAT CCC ACT CCG CTC ATG 777
150
Thr Asp Pro Lys Tyr Ile Ile Thr Ser Pro Val Cys Arg Asn Asp Ile Ser Trp Asn Phe Glu Lys Phe Leu Val Gly Pro Asp Gly Val
ACC GAC CCC AAG TAC ATC AIT TGG TCC CCG GTG TGC GGC AAC GAC AIT TCC TGG AAC TTT GAG AAG TTC CTG GTA GGT CCA GAC GGT GTT 867
180
Pro Val Arg Tyr Ser Arg Phe Arg Thr Ile Asp Ile Glu Pro Asp Ile Glu Ala Leu Leu Ser Lys Gln Pro Ser Asn Pro
CCA GTG CCG GCA TAC ACC AAG CCC TTT CCG ACC ATC GAC ATC GAA CCC GAT ATA GAA GGC CTG TOC AAG CAG CCT AGC AAC CCC TAA 957
GGCATCTCG GTATCTGGC TTGTGTGAGC CTGGCTGCC TCGGGGGGA GGTITTTTCA TGAAGTGTT TCCCTCAAT TCAATGGAG AATCACTGA TTTCAGAA 1066
A ATTCCTCCA GATGGGCTT GGTCTGTCTC ATTCGAGT CCCTTTCGCC TAAAGAAGG CGTTCAC CACTAGATA AAGTCGTA TC 1161
    
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Figure 1. Nucleotide sequence and deduced amino acid sequence of rat glutathione peroxidase cDNA.

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