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**The primary structure of rat ribosomal protein L32**


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The amino acid sequence of rat ribosomal protein L32 was deduced from the sequence of nucleotides in a recombinant cDNA and confirmed from the sequence of amino acids at the NH<sub>2</sub>-terminus of the protein. A single synthetic DNA oligonucleotide (30-mer) encoding 10 of the amino acids in human ribosomal protein L32 (1) was used to screen a rat cDNA library. A number of clones were identified and the sequence of nucleotides in one, pL32-17, was determined. The open reading frame in pL32-17 is 405 nucleotides in length and encodes a protein containing 135 residues. The sequence of amino acids at the NH<sub>2</sub>-terminus of rat L32 determined from the protein is AALRPLVK. This corresponds precisely to the sequence encoded in pL32-17 except that the NH<sub>2</sub>-terminal methionine is removed after translation of the mRNA. Thus, the molecular weight of mature rat L32 is 15,730. Protein L32 has 39 basic residues and only 9 acid ones; 37 of the 134 amino acids are hydrophobic; and there are 6 prolys. Thus, L32 is very basic and quite hydrophobic.

Rat L32 is homologous with ribosomal proteins from other eukaryotic species: with L32 from humans (1); L32 from mouse (2); and rp49 from *Drosophila melanogaster* (3). The amino acid sequences of rat, mouse, and human L32 are identical. In the comparison of *D. melanogaster* rp49 and rat L32 there are 84 identities out of 123 possible matches (68%).

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          30
GGC ATC ATG GCT GCC CTT CGG CCT CTG GTG AAG CCC AAG ATC GTC AAA AAG AGG ACC AAG
      MET ALA ALA LEU ARG PRO LEU VAL LYS PRO LYS ILE VAL LYS LYS ARG THR LYS
          1
          90
AAG TTC ATC AGG CAC CAG TCG GAC CGA TAT GTG AAA ATT AAG CGA AAC TGG CGG AAA CCC
LYS PHE ILE ARG HIS GLN SER ASP ARG TYR VAL LYS ILE LYS ARG ASN TRP ARG LYS PRO
          20
          150
AGA GGC ATC GAC AAC AGG GTG CGG AGA AGA TTC AAG GGC CAG ATC CTG ATG CCC AAC ATT
ARG GLY ILE ASP ASN ARG VAL ARG ARG ARG PHE LYS GLY GLN ILE LEU MET PRO ASN ILE
          40
          210
GGT TAC GGG AGT AAC AAG AAA ACC AAG CAC ATG CTG CCT AGC GGC TTC CGG AAG TTT CTG
GLY TYR GLY SER ASN LYS LYS THR LYS HIS MET LEU PRO SER GLY PHE ARG LYS PHE LEU
          60
          270
GTC CAC AAT GTC AAG GAG CTG GAA GTG CTG CTG ATG TGC AAC AAA TCT TAC TGT GCT GAG
VAL HIS ASN VAL LYS GLU LEU GLU VAL LEU LEU MET CYS ASN LYS SER TYR CYS ALA GLU
          80
          330
ATT GCT CAC AAT GTG TCC TCT AAG AAC CGA AAA GCC ATC GTA GAA AGA GCA GCA CAG CTG
ILE ALA HIS ASN VAL SER SER LYS ASN ARG LYS ALA ILE VAL GLU ARG ALA ALA GLN LEU
          100
          390
GCC ATC AGA GTC ACC AAT CCC AAC GCC AGG CTA CGC AGC GAA GAG AAT GAA TAG ATG GCT
ALA ILE ARG VAL THR ASN PRO ASN ALA ARG LEU ARG SER GLU GLU ASN GLU END
          120
          420
TGT GTG CCT GIT TTG TGT TCA AAT AAA ACC ACA AAA ACT GCC AAA
          130

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