

Nucleotide sequence of the 17S-25S spacer region from tomato rDNA

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Probing a tomato (*Lycopersicon esculentum* Mill) genomic library (kindly provided by Dr. R.W. Breidenbach) with 3' end-labeled cytosolic 5.8S rRNA, a ribosomal (rRNA) operon was cloned, mapped and partially sequenced by the dideoxy method in combination with unidirectional digestion with exonuclease III (1). The nucleotide sequence of a 1.1 kbp Eco RI - Eco RI fragment carrying the 3' end region of 17S (18S) rDNA, the first internal transcribed spacer (ITS1), 5.8S rDNA, the second internal transcribed spacer (ITS2) and the 5' end region of 25S rDNA is presented in Fig. 1.

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1  GAATTCCTAG TAAGCCGCGAG TCATCAGCTC GCGTTGACTA CGTCCCTGCC CTTTGTACAC ACCGCGCCGC GCTCTACCG ATTGAATGAT CCGGTGAAT
17S 101  GTTCGGATCG CCGCGACGTG GCGCGTTCGC TGCCCGCGAC CTCGCGAGAA GTCCATTGAA CCTTATCATT TAGAGGAAGG AGAAGTCTGA ACAAGGTTTT
201  CTTAGGTGAA CTTCCGGAAG GATCATTGTC GAAACCTGCA CAGCAGAAGC ACCCGCGAAC TCGTTTTAAA CACCGGGGGC GCGCTCGCT CGTCGCGCGC
ITS1 301  CTCGCCGCTC GCCCGAGGGC GCAAGCTCTT CCGGCGACCA ACCGACCCCG GCGCGGAAAG CGCCAAGGAA TACTACAATC GACAGCCCTC CCCCCTGGCC
401  CCCGTTCCGG GATCGTGGCG GGGGAAGCGC GCTGCTCTGT TAACAWAAAC GACTCTCGGC AACGGATATC TCGGCTCTCG CATCGATGAA GAACGTAGCG
5.8S 501  AAATGGGATA CTTGGTGTGA ATTWCGAGAAT CCCGTGAACC ATCGAGTCTT TGAACGCAAG TTGCGCCCGA AGCCATTTGG CCGAGGGCAC GTCTGCCWTGG
601  GCGTCACGAT CCGCTCGCCC CTCGCACGCC GCAAGGCTTT AGCGCGGGGG CGGAAGCTGG CCTCCCGTGC GCCCGAGCGG CCGCGCCGGC CTAWAATCGGA
ITS2 701  GTCCACGTGG ACGGACGTGG CCGCAAGTGG TGGTGAWAAC TCAACTCTCT CTTGTGTGCG CCGCTACAGC CCGTGGCGGG TCCGACCTCC CCGACCTCA
801  CCGCGCTCA CCAGCGGCTC GCACCWCGCAC CCCAGGTCAG GCGGGATTAC CCGCTGAGTT TAAGCATATC AATAAGCGGA GGAAAAGAAA CTTACAAGGA
901  TTCCCCTAGT AACCGCGAGC GAACCGGAA CAGCCCAGCC TTAGAATCGG GCGGCTCCGT CGTCCGAAWTT GTAGTCTGGA GAAGGCTCCT CAGCGCGCGA
25S 1001 CCGGGCCCAA GTCCCTGGAA GGGCGCGCGG AGAGGGTGAG AGCCCCGTCG TGCCCGGACC CTGTCCGACC ACGAGGCGCT GTCTACGAG CCGGTTGTTT
1101 GGGAAWTGAG CCCAAATCGG GCGGTGAATT C

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Fig. 1. Nucleotide sequence of the tomato 17S-25S spacer region. Coding regions are underlined. The complete primary structure of tomato 5.8S rRNA was determined by chemical sequencing (2). Base and sugar modifications in the RNA sequence are indicated above and below the sequence, respectively. The 3' end terminus of 17S rRNA and the 5' end terminus of 25S rRNA are shown in analogy to those of rice (3) and have not been determined experimentally.

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