
Nucleotide sequence of a genomic fragment of the rat IGF-I gene spanning an alternate 5' non coding exon


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A 480 bp IGF-I cDNA clone spanning the entire coding region was isolated from a rat liver cDNA library by cross-hybridization with a human IGF-I cDNA probe (1). A recombinant phage containing the 5' region of the rat IGF-I gene was isolated from a DNA library in Charon4A after hybridization with the IGF-I cDNA clone. A map of the genomic clone was established. The position of the first coding exon (Ex2) and of two alternate 5' non coding regions (Ex1, Ex1A) was determined with oligonucleotides corresponding to the cDNA sequences (2-4). The isolation of cDNA clones with alternate 5' non coding sequences and the location and sequences of a 5' non coding region and of the coding exons of the rat IGF-I gene have been reported (2-4). A genomic *HindIII-EcoRV* 1449 bp fragment, located between the 5' non coding Ex1 and the first coding Ex2, hybridized to an alternate 5' non coding cDNA sequence (2). This fragment was subcloned in M13mp18 and sequenced by the dideoxy chain terminating method.



aagctttcttaaaaaagcgtctttggagccaagaattgggagttctttgcaactctgcccagaaggtcaaggttaaagtgaagttgtatgtctctgttaaagccttccgacagtgc 120
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 CAAGGGACTTGTGAATTTGACTTCAGCAGGATCATTTGCBGTTTGGAAATGCTCCCAATGAACTTTTTCBCTGTGTGTGTGTGTGTGTGTGTGTGTGTGTGTGTGTGTGTGTGTGTGTGT 840
 TBCCTCAACTTTTTTCCCGGCTTTCGACGAGATGCTGCAAGGAGCTGCTGCTGCTGCTGCTGCTGCTGCTGCTGCTGCTGCTGCTGCTGCTGCTGCTGCTGCTGCTGCTGCTGCTGCT 960
 GCACGGCTGCTGCTGCTGCTGCTGCTGCTGCTGCTGCTGCTGCTGCTGCTGCTGCTGCTGCTGCTGCTGCTGCTGCTGCTGCTGCTGCTGCTGCTGCTGCTGCTGCTGCTGCTGCT 1080
 BATAAGCATACAATGAAATGATGCTCAACTTGTGTGTGTGTGTGTGTGTGTGTGTGTGTGTGTGTGTGTGTGTGTGTGTGTGTGTGTGTGTGTGTGTGTGTGTGTGTGTGTGTGTGT 1200
 ATACTGCTTGGGCTCCTCAATGATGCTTTCACAAACCCACCACCAACCAACACATGTTCTTAGCTCTGGGCTTTGTTTTCACCTTCBGGCTCATATAACCCACTTGACC 1320

▲

TBCGTGTAAACBACCCGGAGCTACCAAAATGAGCCACCTCCAGtgagaccctctacaactgttgcctctcatatitggacagcattttcttctgctgctcagacatctgaacca 1440
 attgatc

The fragment contained the entire 5' non coding cDNA sequence previously reported (nts. 594-1365, capital letters) and a canonical splice donor site at the 5' of the intron. These data therefore establish the genomic location and confirm that alternate 5' non coding exons are spliced to the coding ones. Another cDNA clone with a different 5' region has been reported (3) and inferred to represent a third class of alternatively spliced IGF-I transcripts generated from the single-copy rat gene (5). The cDNA diverges from the genomic sequence at nt. 1308 (▲), where no canonical consensus for an acceptor splice site exists, and continues at the 5' with 29 nts. complementary to the 3' end of the mature IGF-I transcripts (3). The origin of such cDNA clones remains to be established.

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