

## Complete nucleotide sequence of the group-reactive antigen VP7 gene of bluetongue virus

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The sequence of the double-stranded RNA segment S7 of bluetongue virus serotype 10 (encoding the VP7 which elicits group-specific antibody, Huismans and Erasmus, 1981) was determined from a complete cDNA clone inserted into pBR 322. The S7 RNA was deduced to be 1156 base pairs in length and coded for a 349 amino acids protein (38,548 Daltons; net charge +1 at pH 7.0). The 5' non-coding region is short (17 base pairs) while the 3' noncoding region is relatively long (96 base pairs).

M D T A R A L R A L T V M R A C A T L Q K A R I V L V N H E I L G I  
 GTTAAAAATCTATAGAGGATGGACACTATCGGCCAAGAGCCTACTGTGAGCAGCATGTCAGCTTCAGAGGCCAAGAAATTGTTGGAGCCATATGTGATGQAATTTTGGGA  
 120  
 A I N R Y N G L T L R G V T M R P T S L A R K N E H F M C L D M L S A A G I  
 TAGCTATCAATAGGTAACATGGACTACTTGAGGACTGAGCTGGCCGCACCTGCGACACAAGAAATGAGATTTTTTTATGTTGTTGATGATGTCGTCGCTGCGGAA  
 240  
 N V G P I S P D F Y T H S H M A T G V Y L A T P K I F T E T A A N E I I A R V T P G E  
 TAAATGGTGGACCGATATGCCGAGACTATACATGGTACGGATTGTTGTTGACTAGCAACACCGGAAATACCTTTAACACGGAGCGGCAATGAAATCTCGAGTACTGGG  
 360  
 T S T W M G F P A R Q G P G F F L E T F E T F Q P O R G V T A A C G A T V A T Y V P C G  
 AGACTTGACATGGGGCAACGGGGCGACCGGCTACGGCTTATGGTTTCTCTCTGGAAACTGAGGAACCTTCACACCGGGAGGTTGTCATGGCGGCGCCTCAACCGAGTA  
 480  
 P D M I Q V S P L N H A G A R G D V Q G I F Q G R Q M H N I Y L V M R R I E N F A  
 GTCCGGATATGATTCAGTGTCACTTATGTCGAGCGAGGAGATOTACACAGATATTTCAGGGTCATAATGATCCCATGATGATATTTAGTGTGAGGAAATCGAAA  
 600  
 H A Q G N S Q Q T Q G A V G P T V S V G G V D M R A G R I I A A W D Q G P V H W H N  
 CTAGGGCGCAAGGTTAACACAGCAACACAGCGGGTGTGACTGTCAGTTGGTGTGAGGATACATGAGGGCGGGACCCATTATACCGTGGGATGACAGGGCCCGCTGCA  
 720  
 P T Q M A M N V A Y Q V V F Y I S M D H T P Y T A L T A R N F V T Y P R D  
 ATCCGACACACAGAGATGCGATGGCAAAATCACAGGTTGTTGTTCTATATATGATGAAACATTAAACCGAGTACCCCGTTGACTGTCAGATTTCATGTTACAGCTTCAGGG  
 840  
 H T N W H G L R G T R F R P P L P P I F N P M R G P L T R F D T A L L L L S T  
 ACCACACAGTCGGATGGCTAAAGAGCGGCAATTAAACAGAACACACTGGCCAAACATGCTGGCCACCAATTCTCCGCCAACAAATGCGAGATAGCCTACCTTCTACTTCT  
 960  
 C A C T T G G D Y T V L R F R P P L P P I F N P M R G P L T R F D T A L L L L S T  
 CACTTGGCTATGATTTAACCTGAGGTTGGCAGGTTGCGGATTAACCGGCTAACATGCGGAGGCGCCGCTCACACGTCATGTTACAGCTGTCAGCTTCTACTTCT  
 1080  
 GGTGTTGGGTATCATATCGGGTGTGCGGTGTTGGAAAATATTGTAACCCATTAAACCTTCTTCAAGGTTGATGTTACAGCTGTCAGCTTCTACTTCT  
 1156

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