

The nucleotide sequence of potato virus X RNA

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The complete nucleotide sequence of potato virus X (PVX, a potexvirus) genomic RNA was determined using dideoxy method on M13-cloned cDNA templates. The RNA is 6435 nucleotides long (excluding poly(A)). Computer analysis of the (+)RNA primary structure revealed five open reading frames coding for the proteins with Mr 165,405 (165K), Mr 24,563 (24.5K), Mr 12,201 (12K), Mr 7,595 (8K) and Mr 25,055 (25K). The corresponding gene positions are: 85-4452 (165K); 4486-5163 (24.5K); 5147-5490 (12K); 5427-5636 (8K); 5650-6360 (25K). Amino acid sequence analysis predicts following functions of these polypeptides: 25K - coat protein (1); 12K and 8K polypeptides are the potential membrane-bound proteins (2); 165K - RNA-replicating protein (3); the central domain of the 165K and 24.5K proteins - putative NTP-binding helicase(s) (4,5). The 165K protein is translated directly from the PVX genomic RNA (6). Expression of the coat protein gene requires the specific subgenomic RNA which starts at position 5645, as it was shown by primer extension analysis; start sites for the two minor subgenomic mRNAs were predicted at the positions 4479 and 5089 (S.Yu.Morozov, unpublished).

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