

Nucleotide sequence of the F₁-ATPase α subunit gene of sunflower mitochondria

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Mitochondrial DNA of the sunflower (*Helianthus annuus* L.) line Baso was cloned into pUC18 vector after digestion with SalI and probed with the *atpA* gene of *Oenothera* (1). Sequence analysis of the *atpA* gene revealed a region of 1530 nucleotides encoding a polypeptide with a predicted molecular weight of 55474 Da. The DNA sequence was 94.1% homologous to the *Oenothera* (1) and 92.4% homologous to the maize (2) *atpA* gene. The deduced amino acid sequence and the molecular weight were estimated assuming no mRNA editing (3, 4, 5). An imperfect inverted repeat of 25 bp downstream of the *atpA* gene (underlined) might play a role in transcription termination or processing. A homology to the *orfB* of *Oenothera* (6) is indicated by a line above the sequence.

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1 ATGGAATTCTCCGAGAGCTGCTGAACTAACGACTCTATTAGAAAGTAGAATTAGCAACTTTACACGAAATTTCAGTGGATGAGATTGGCTGAGGTGCTCAGTTGGAGATGGGATT
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41 A R V Y G L N E I Q A G E M V E P A S G V K G I A L N E N V G I V V F G S

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1441 CAATCCCTTTAGAAAAAGGGCTTAACTACGAAAGAAAATGGAACCGAGATACTTCTAAAGGAATGCCTTGTGCTTACACAATATAAAAGAAAAAGAGAAATAAAATAGAAA
481 Q S L L E K G G L T N E R K M E P D T F L K E C A L P Y T I *

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