

# Clone and Sequence Analysis of Trehalose Synthesis from *Pseudomonas Stutzeri*

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**Abstract:** We have cloned Trehalose Synthesis gene using PCR from *Pseudomonas Stutzeri*. We linked this gene with pGEM-T-Easy Vector , analysis the whole gene sequence and transformation the recombinant gene into *Escherichia coli* JM109 .The result of sequence of this gene showed :cloned gene whole length is 2070 bp, has 96.66% homology compared with recorded sequence AF113617in GenBank, encoded 689 amino acids , has 99.71% homology compared with AF113617 . This cloned gene has been recorded by GenBank, accession number is DQ452614. [Nature and Science. 2006;4(4):26-31].

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## Introduction

Trehalose is a deoxidizing disaccharide containing two glucoses which are combined with  $\alpha$ ,  $\alpha-1$ , 1 glucosidic linkage. It is abundant in animals, plants and microbe. Trehalose has an important function in protecting plant stress tolerance. It usually produced in the condition of intimidating. The content of the trehalose varies as the condition changes. Trehalose is a irritability metabolite. The reason that why some species performance stress tolerance in inclemency environment is trehalose can have the protection effect on biological giant molecule, such as biomembrane, protein and nucleic acid etc. So according to that, the species which are rich in trehalose can show the peculiar biological speciality. The function of the biological protection of trehalose is that it strongly binds up the water molecules, owning the bound water together with membrane lipid. Or it can instead the function of combining water with the membrane. Consequently preventing the denaturalization of biomembrane and membrane protein. Because of the potential applications of the trehalose on food, cosmetic, medicament and the biological production, the clone and expression of Trehalose synthesis gene become a hotspot of biological researching. In *Pseudomonas Stutzeri*, maltose is used as a substrate. With the help of Trehalose Synthesis, Trehalose changes the maltose which is combined with  $\alpha$ ,  $\alpha-1$ , 4 glucosidic linkage into Trehalose which is combined with  $\alpha$ ,  $\alpha-1$ , 1 glucosidic linkage.

## 1. Materials

### 1.1 Bacteria and Plasmid

*Pseudomonas stutzeri* 1.1803, from the Conservation of microorganism bacteria; *E. coli*

JM109, from Bao Bioengineering Co. of Da Lian, China; pGEM-T-Easy, from Promega Co., USA

### 1.2 Reagent

Enzymes and IPTG, X-gal, dNTP, from Bao Bioengineering Co.of Da Lian ,China and Promega Co; T4DNA ligase from GIBCO Co.; UNTQ-10 Kit from Shang Hai Bioengineering Ltd. Co. Primer was synthesized by Bao Bioengineering Co. of Da Lian ,China; Gene sequence analysis was done by Shang Hai Boya Bioengineering Ltd. Co., USA.

## 2. Methods

### 2.1 Isolation plasmid

Inoculating the *E. coli* containing pGEM-T-Easy plasmid into LB liquid culture medium which has specific concentrations overnight. And then isolation plasmid with the method of alkaline lysis.

### 2.2. PCR Amplification of TreS gene

Based on the sequence of TreS gene on Genebank, the accession number is AF113617, we designed two primers for PCR reaction. And inserted the restriction enzyme sites of the BamH I and Sac I on the 5' end and 3' end.

P<sub>1</sub>(5' primer) 5'GGGATCCATGAGCATCCCAGA CAACAC 3', BamH I ;  
P<sub>2</sub>(3' primer) 5'GGAGCTCTCAGATCACCGGGCGCGGG 3', Sac I .

Isolating the whole DNA of *Pseudomonas stutzeri* as the template for PCR amplification. Conditions: 94 °C 5 min, 94°C 30 s, 54°C 30 s, 72°C 1 min, 72°C 7 min, 4 °C hold, 40 cycles. The PCR product was tested through 0.8% agarose gel electrophoresis, and purified and reclaimed by 0.8% agarose in order to use in next step.

### 2.3 TreS gene clone

Using BamH I and Sac I sites on pGEM-T-Easy, T<sub>4</sub>ligase link PCR product with pGEM-T-Easy vector. Transforming *Escherichia coli* JM109, screen positive clone on LB plate with Amp, IPTG and X-gal. Identifying the recombinant by digestion, and analyze the gene sequence.

### 2.4 Sequence Analysis

Commission Shang Hai Boya Bioengineering Ltd., Co. sequence the target whole gene clone. Using BLAST and GeneBank data to analysis the homology of the target sequence.

## 3. Result

### 3.1 Amplification of TreS gene

We use the whole DNA of *Pseudomonas stutzeri* as the template and the designed oligonucleotide as the primers to amplify the TreS gene. PCR product is 2.07 Kb, consistent with result of anticipate (Chart 1). And reclaimed by 0.8% agarose in support.

### 3.2 Amplification product clone and analysis

Link the PCR amplification product purified by low melting point agarose with pGEM-T-Easy and then transform into *E. coli* JM109, then cut the recombinant plasmid with the restriction enzymes of BamH I and Sac, and test it use PCR. (Chart 2.3) The result shows that the vector has been inserted the 2.07 kb DNA fragment.

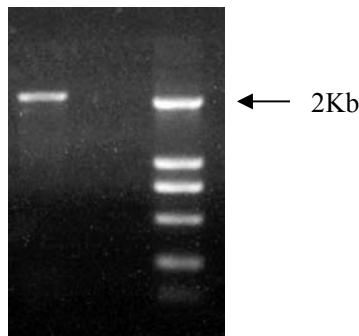


Chart 1. cDNA PCR amplification

### 3.3 The result of sequence analysis of TreS gene and the homologous searches with the reported gene

After determining one sequence of the recombinant, the result shows that this fragment whole length is 2070 bp, encoding 331 amino acid. Comparing with the sequence on GeneBank AF113617 (Chart 4). It have 18 differences on 52、225、231、249、831、843、972、1038、1213、1299、1561、1563、1564、1569、1809、1824、1848、2031sites. The results show homologous rate of correspond region are almost 96.66% compared with AF113617.

### 3.4 Putative Amino Acid Sequence and the homologous analysis

Translating the ORF of TreS gene into amino acid, putative molecular weight 75.7KD, isoelectric point 5.14. Homologous rate of correspond region are almost 99.71% copare with AF113617. The differences between them only on 521 and 522 sites. Send TreS amino acids sequence to the server of NCBI, use BLASTP tool to homologous searches, the result shows the sequences which have high homologous sequence with TreS amino acids sequence (Chart 5). They are the amino acids sequence of glycosidase, putative and hypothetical protein. By using DNAMAN4.0 to compare homologous sequence of TreS gene with 3 items of TreS genes which were published in GeneBank, the result shows that the homologous rate of all of them are above 86.07% (Chart 6).

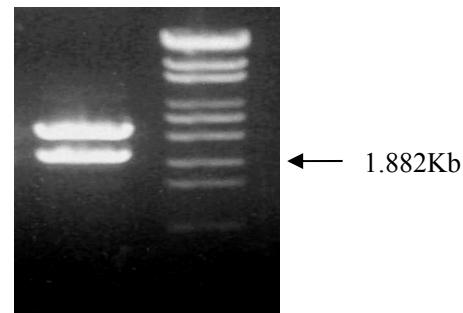


Chart 2. Recombinant of TreS gene plasmid was cutted by BamH I and Sac I

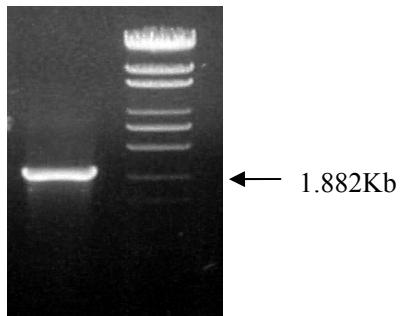


Chart 3. PCR identification of recombinant plasmid

1 ATG...ATGTTG...GGT...GAT...CTG...GCA...CAT....CTT...ATA...
2 ATG...ATGCTG...GGC...GAC...CTC...GCG...CAC...CTC...ATC...
1 ...CTG...CTA...CCCGCCGAA...CCC...CCA...GAA...CTC
2... TTG...CTG...GCGCCCGAG...CCG...CCG...GAG...CTT

Chart 4. TreS gene sequence

1. DQ452614 bacteria 2. AF113617 bacteria

Sequences producing significant alignments:	(Bits)	Value
<a href="#">gi 6724082 gb AAF26837.1 </a> trehalose synthase [Pseudomonas stutzeri]	<a href="#">1387</a>	0.0
<a href="#">gi 66045972 ref YP_235813.1 </a> glycosidase, putative [Pseudomonas syringae]	<a href="#">1144</a>	0.0
<a href="#">gi 71557609 gb AAZ36820.1 </a> trehalose synthase [Pseudomonas syringae]	<a href="#">1141</a>	0.0
<a href="#">gi 28870130 ref NP_792749.1 </a> glycosidase, putative [Pseudomonas syringae]	<a href="#">1139</a>	0.0
<a href="#">gi 82737280 ref ZP_00900131.1 </a> Trehalose synthase [Pseudomonas putida]	<a href="#">1056</a>	0.0
<a href="#">gi 26989637 ref NP_745062.1 </a> trehalose synthase, putative [Pseudomonas putida]	<a href="#">1055</a>	0.0
<a href="#">gi 67987823 gb EAM75610.1 </a> hypothetical protein KradDRAFT_254...	<a href="#">776</a>	0.0

Chart 5. The result of the searches on GeneBank of TreS amino acids sequence

ZP_00900131.pro	MTQPDPDSYVKWLDRAMLKASQARASLYSGQSRLWQQPYA	40
AAF26837.pro	MSIPDNTYIEWLVSQSMIHAARERSRHAGQARLWQRPYA	40
DQ452614.pro	MSIPDNTYIEWLVSQSMIHAARERSRHAGQARLWQRPYA	40
NP_745062.pro	MTQPDPDSYVKWLDRAMLKASQDRASLYSGQSRLWQQPYA	40
Consensus	msipdndsyiewledqamlhaaquerarhyaggqrlwqqpya	
ZP_00900131.pro	EAQPRRATEIASVWLTVYPDAIIAPEGCSVILGALAHEALW	80
AAF26837.pro	QARPDRDASAIAASVWFTAYPAAITPEGGTIVLEALGDDRLW	79
DQ452614.pro	QARPDRDASAIAASVWFTAYPAAITPEGGTIVLEALGDDRLW	80
NP_745062.pro	EAQPRRATEIASVWLTVYPDAIIAPEGCSVILGALAHEALW	80
Consensus	eaqprdasaiasvwftaypdaiiapegcsvlealaddalw	
ZP_00900131.pro	KRLSEIGVQGLHHTGPIKLSGGIRGRELTTPSVVDGNFDRISF	120
AAF26837.pro	SALSELGVQGIHNGPMKRSGGLRGREFPTPIDGNFDRISF	119
DQ452614.pro	SALSELGVQGIHNGPMKRSGGLRGREFPTPIDGNFDRISF	120
NP_745062.pro	KRLSEIGVQGLHHTGPIKLSGGIRGRELTTPSVVDGNFDRISF	120
Consensus	kalseigvqgihngpiklsggirgreftpsidgnfdrisf	
ZP_00900131.pro	DIDPLYGSEQELIQMSRMAAHNAVTIDDLIPSHTGKGAD	160
AAF26837.pro	DIDPSLGLTTEEQMLQLSRVAAAHHNAIVIDDIVPAHTGKGAD	159
DQ452614.pro	DIDPSLGLTTEEQMLQLSRVAAAHHNAIVIDDIVPAHTGKGAD	160
NP_745062.pro	DIDPLYGSEQELIQMSRMAAHNAVTIDDLIPSHTGKGAD	160
Consensus	didpllgseeeliqlsrmaahhnaitiddiipantgkgad	
ZP_00900131.pro	FRLAEIAHGPYPGLYHMVEIREEDWTLLPEVPAGRDAVN	200
AAF26837.pro	FRLAEMAYGDYPGLYHMVEIREEDWELLPEVPAGRDSVNL	199
DQ452614.pro	FRLAEMAYGDYPGLYHMVEIREEDWELLPEVPAGRDSVNL	200
NP_745062.pro	FRLAELAHGPYPGLYHMVEIREEDWALLPEVPAGRDAVN	200
Consensus	frlaemahgdypglyhmveireedwellpevpagrdavn	
ZP_00900131.pro	LPAQCDELKARHYIVGQLQRVIFFEPGVKETDWSATPPIT	240
AAF26837.pro	LPPVVDRLKEKHYIVGQLQRVIFFEPGIKDTDWSVTGEVT	239
DQ452614.pro	LPPVVDRLKEKHYIVGQLQRVIFFEPGIKDTDWSVTGEVT	240
NP_745062.pro	LPAQCDELKARHYIVGQLQRVIFFEPGVKETDWSATPPIT	240
Consensus	lpaqcodelkakhhyivgqlqriviffepgikdtdwsatgeit	
ZP_00900131.pro	GVDGKTRRWVYLHYFKEGQPSLNWLDPFFAAQQMIIIGDAL	280
AAF26837.pro	GVDGKVRRWVYLHYFKEGQPSLNWLDPFFAAQQMIIIGDAL	279
DQ452614.pro	GVDGKVRRWVYLHYFKEGQPSLNWLDPFFAAQQMIIIGDAL	280
NP_745062.pro	GVDGKTRRWVYLHYFKEGQPSLNWLDPFFAAQQMIIIGDAL	280
Consensus	gvdgktrrwvylhyfkegqpslnwl dpffaaqqmiiigdal	
ZP_00900131.pro	HAIIDCLGARGLRLDANGFLGVETRASGTAWSESHPLSLVG	320
AAF26837.pro	HAIIDVTGARVLRLDANGFLGVERRAEGTAWSEGHPLSVTG	319
DQ452614.pro	HAIIDVTGARVLRLDANGFLGVERRAEGTAWSEGHPLSVTG	320
NP_745062.pro	HAIIDCLGARGLRLDANGFLGVETRASGTAWSESHPLSLVG	320
Consensus	haiidclgarglrl dangflgvverraegtawseg hpls lvg	
ZP_00900131.pro	NQIIGGMIRKAGGFQELNLTIDDIQMSRGGAQDSL	360
AAF26837.pro	NQILAGAIRKAGGFQELNLTIDDIAMSHGGADLSYDF	359
DQ452614.pro	NQILAGAIRKAGGFQELNLTIDDIAMSHGGADLSYDF	360
NP_745062.pro	NQIIGGMIRKAGGFQELNLTIDDIQMSRGGAQDSL	360
Consensus	nqliagairkaggfsfqelnltiddiaamshggadlsydf	

ZP_00900131.pro	ITRPAYQHALLTGDTEFLRLMLKEMHAFGIDPASLIHALQ	400
AAF26837.pro	ITRPAYHHALLTGDTEFLRMMREVHAFGIDPASLIHALQ	399
DQ452614.pro	ITRPAYHHALLTGDTEFLRMMREVHAFGIDPASLIHALQ	400
NP_745062.pro	ITRPAYQHALLTGDTEFLRLMLKEMHAFGIDPASLIHALQ	400
Consensus	itrpayhhalltgdtelfrlmlkemhafgidpaslihalq	
ZP_00900131.pro	NHDELTVELVHFWTLHAAHDMLYKGQTLPGSILREHIREE	440
AAF26837.pro	NHDELTLELVHFWTLHAYDHYHYKGQTLPGGHILREHIREE	439
DQ452614.pro	NHDELTLELVHFWTLHAYDHYHYKGQTLPGGHILREHIREE	440
NP_745062.pro	NHDELTVELVHFWTLHAAHDMLYKGQTLPGSILREHIREE	440
Consensus	nhdeltlelvhfwtlhahdhyhykgqtlpgghlrehiree	
ZP_00900131.pro	IYERLSGEHAPYNLRFVTNGIACTTASLIAAALGIRDLEQ	480
AAF26837.pro	MYERLTGEHAPYNLKFVTNGVSCTTASVIAALNIRDLDA	479
DQ452614.pro	MYERLTGEHAPYNLKFVTNGVSCTTASVIAALNIRDLDA	480
NP_745062.pro	IYERLSGEHAPYNLRFVTNGIACTTASLIAAALGIRDLEQ	480
Consensus	iyerlsgehapynlkfvtngiacttasliaaaalgirdlda	
ZP_00900131.pro	IGATDIELIKKVHLLLVMYNAMQPGWVALSGWDLVGALPL	520
AAF26837.pro	IGPAEVEQIQRLLHILLVMFNAMQPGVFALSGWDLVGALPL	519
DQ452614.pro	IGPAEVEQIQRLLHILLVMFNAMQPGVFALSGWDLVGALPL	520
NP_745062.pro	IGVADIELIKKVHLLLVMYNAMQPGWVALSGWDLVGALPL	520
Consensus	igpadielikkhlllvmfnamqpgvfalsgwdlvgalpl	
ZP_00900131.pro	PAEAVAAERMIDGDTRWIHRGGYDLAGLDPQAVASVRGMPR	560
AAF26837.pro	APEQVEHLMGDGDTWRWINRGGYDLADLAPEASVSAEGLPK	559
DQ452614.pro	PAEQVEHLMCDGDTWRWINRGGYDLADLAPEASVSAEGLPK	560
NP_745062.pro	PAEAVAAERMIDGDTRWIHRGGYDLAGLDPQAEASVRGMPR	560
Consensus	paeavaelmgdgttrwihrggyladlapenasasaeglpk	
ZP_00900131.pro	ARSLYGSILDSQLDEGDSFACQVKKILAVRQAYGIATSRQV	600
AAF26837.pro	ARSLYGSLAEQLQRPGSFACQLKRILSVRQAYDIAASKQI	599
DQ452614.pro	ARSLYGSLAEQLQRPGSFACQLKRILSVRQAYDIAASKQI	600
NP_745062.pro	ARALYGSILDRQLESDSFACKVKKILAVRQAYGIATSRQV	600
Consensus	arslygslaeqldepdsfacqlkkilavrqaydiaaskqi	
ZP_00900131.pro	LVPFVRSPG LLVMVHELPAGRGIQITALNFGQEAIAEELL	640
AAF26837.pro	LIPDVQAPG LLVMVHELPAGKGVIITALNFSAEPVSETIC	639
DQ452614.pro	LIPDVQAPG LLVMVHELPAGKGVIITALNFSAEPVSETIC	640
NP_745062.pro	LVPFVSSP G LLVMVHELPAGRGIQITALNFGQDAIAEELL	640
Consensus	lipdvqapgllmvvhelpagkgiqitalnfgaeaiaeic	
ZP_00900131.pro	LTGFTPPGPVVDMINETVEGDLTEDGRLMVNLDPYEALCLR	680
AAF26837.pro	LPGVAPPGP VVDIHESEVEGDLTDNCELQINLDPYEGLALR	679
DQ452614.pro	LPGVAPPGP VVDIHESEVEGDLTDNCELQINLDPYEGLALR	680
NP_745062.pro	LTGFTPPGPVVDMINETVEGDLTEDGRLMVNLDPYEALCLR	680
Consensus	lpgfapgpvvdihesvegdltdcelminldpyealalr	
ZP_00900131.pro	IVNSSSGHV.	688
AAF26837.pro	VVSAPPVI	688
DQ452614.pro	VVSAPPVI	689
NP_745062.pro	IVNSSSGHV.	688
Consensus	ivnaaghvi	

Chart 6. Compare Deduce Amino Acid Sequence of TreS Gene with published Amino Acid Sequence of TreS Gene. The Accession Number of Genbank of Comparing Sequence: ZP\_00900131、AAF26837、NP\_745062

#### 4. Discussion

Through the experiment analysis, the expression product of ORF sequence which is from *Pseudomonas stutzeri* is Trehalose Synthesis gene. The homologous rate of the DNA sequence and reported TreS geneAF113617 is very high. We only searches one TreS gene on GenBank through BLAST. We compared the deduce amino acid sequence with the published amino acid sequence, it has the almost same region with the unknown function amino acid sequence, indicant enzyme and TreS gene sequence. It is reported that these regions correlate to the catalyze of amylose enzyme family and the substrate bind sites. So it has the similar structure domain. It is shows that the differences between amino acid sequences are not the reason of the different functions. So it has the deeply significance to research the third dimensional structure of Trehalose Synthesis protein, and further knows the mechanism of Trehalose Synthesis gene recognizing the substrate and the energy coupling in transferring between two indicans in the process of catalyzing.

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