

枯草芽孢杆菌中的分子克隆和单体杂种质粒转化的研究

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摘要 枯草芽孢杆菌感受态细胞的质粒转化与质粒的分子构型有关。用琼脂糖凝胶电泳法分离纯化的pUB110质粒DNA单体是很少或没有转化活性的。在pUB110质粒DNA上插入一段受体菌染色体DNA, 这种杂种质粒的单体可以转化感受态细胞, 但受体菌必须是重组型的。转化效率和插入片段的大小有关, 片段愈大转化活性愈高, 片段小于0.6kb, 就和pUB110 DNA单体一样, 几乎没有转化活性。在pUB110质粒DNA上插入一段解淀粉芽孢杆菌染色体DNA, 这种杂种质粒的单体转化效率都很低。本文还讨论了用鸟枪法在枯草芽孢杆菌中进行分子克隆的一些问题。

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Molecular Cloning and Monomeric Hybrid Plasmid Transformation in *Bacillus subtilis*

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Abstract

The transformability of plasmid DNA in *B. subtilis* competent cell depends on its molecular structure. Monomeric plasmid DNA of pUB110 isolated from agarose gel electrophoresis is found to be inactive in transformation, but both monomeric plasmid DNA and unfractionated plasmid DNA preparations could transform *B. subtilis* protoplasts.

When an enough length of DNA fragment homologous to the recipient chromosomal DNA was inserted into the plasmid molecule, the monomeric form of such hybrid plasmids became active in transformation, provided the recipient cells were recombination proficient.

A series of hybrid plasmids consisting of pUB110 with an insert of *B. subtilis* BR151 chromosomal DNA were constructed. The specific activity of the monomeric hybrid plasmids increased with the size (~1.2—3.5 kb) of the inserted chromosomal DNA fragments, but when the inserted fragment was smaller than 0.8 kb, the transforming activity markedly decreased, and when the cloned fragment was smaller than 0.6 kb activity markedly decreased, and when the cloned fragment was smaller than 0.6 kb there was nearly no activity.

We also constructed a series of hybrid plasmids consisting pUB110 with an insert of *B. amyloliquefaciens* chromosomal DNA of (~0.5—4.6 kb). The transforming activity of all these hybrid plasmids so constructed was very low.

In shotgun cloning experiment, homologous chromosomal DNA fragments were used as donor DNA, pUB110 as cloning vector. Plasmid DNA's were extracted from 387 Neo R clones transformed. Fifty nine plasmids, which were larger than pUB110 as judged by agarose gel electrophoresis, represented 15.2% of transformants and small fragments were preferentially cloned. The cloned fragments of 72.9% of the hybrid plasmids were smaller than 0.6 kb. The main problem in shotgun cloning in competent *B. subtilis* seems to be the difficulty in cloning large fragments of DNA and the requirement for oligomeric DNA in plasmid transformation.

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