

Bacillus sphaericus strain 2297: nucleotide sequence of 41.9 kDa toxin geneJohn Hindley and Colin Berry¹

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We previously reported the nucleotide and deduced amino acid sequences of *B. sphaericus* 1593 and 2362 41.9kDa larvicidal toxin genes (1 & 2). Both these strains belonged to the same H-flagellar antigen group (H 5a, 5b) and possessed identical coding sequences in an open reading frame of 1110 nucleotides. Using restriction fragment probes derived from these sequences we have identified and cloned in pUC12 a 3.5kb HindIII fragment from *B. sphaericus* 2297 which contains the entire toxin coding sequence. This strain belongs to a different antigenic group (H 25) and showed 15 nucleotide changes and a 2 nucleotide insertion when compared with the corresponding sequences from strains 1593 and 2362. Three of these occur upstream of the ORF as does the 2 nucleotide insertion (CT) at position 159-160 (ACTCTTTAA). Within the coding region 12 nucleotide changes were found of which 5 resulted in amino acid changes; V>F (99), A>S (104), H>N (125), Y>F (135), R>K (267). The total length of the toxin coding sequence was unchanged (370 amino acids). The putative SD sequence is boxed and the nucleotide changes are underlined.

ACCTTAACTAATCCACTTAGCTAACAAAACATAACATTATGGATGTCGAAATAGTTTAGCGATGGCACATATTAAACACCTTAATATCTTAAAAAGTGGAAGGTATGTAAAAC
 120
 GAATGAAGAATTAATACCTAAAATTAACCAGTGTACTCTTTAAATTCAAAATTCATACCATGTATTTAAAAAGTAGATAGATGATAAATTAAAGCAACA
 240
 ATTTTGACACATAAGAAATATTTAAATGTATAATAGTTTAGTGTTTATCCAAATATTTTTAGAAGGAGCTAAAAGACATAGAATTGGATTTATAGACAAATCTGTAGCAGAAAT
 360
 P T E G K Y I R V M D F Y N S E Y P F C I H A P S A P N G D I M T E I C S R E N
 CCCACAGAGGAAGTACATGGCTTATGGTATGGTATCCTCTGTATCAGCCCTCAGGGCTTAATGGGATTTATAGACAAATCTGTAGCAGAAAT
 480
 N O Y F I F F P T D D G R V I I A N R H N G S V F T G E A T S V V S D I Y T G S
 AACCCATATTTATTTTTCTACTGATGGTCGATTATGCAATAGGGCTCGTTTACCGGGAAGCTACAGTGTATCAGATATCTTACTGGTAGC
 600
 P L Q F F R E F K R T M S T Y L A I Q N P E S A T D V R A L E P N S H E L P S
 CCATACAGTTTTAGAGTTCAAAGAATCTCACTATTTAGCCATAAATCTGACAAGATGGAGCTAGACCCAATTCCCAAGCTGGACATCCCAATGGCTCCATGGCTCCAT
 720
 R L Y F T T N N I E N N S N I L I S N K E Q I Y L T L P S L P E N E Q Y P K T P V
 CGCCCTATTTCTACTACAAATTTGAAAATTAAGCCACATTTTATTCTACTGTCCCTTCTCCGAAAGGGACAAATCCCTAAACCTCGAT
 840
 L S G I D D I G P N Q S E K S I I G L S T L I P C I M V S D F I S L G E R M K T T
 TTAGGGGTATCGATTAAGCCAACTACTCAGGAATCTCTATCCATGTATGGGTTTATAGGGCCAGAAGTAAACCTCG
 960
 P Y Y Y V K H T Q Y W Q S M W S A L F P G S K E T K T E K S G I T G I T D T S Q I S
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 1080
 M T D G I N V S I G A D F G L K F G N K T F G I K G G F T Y D T K T Q I T N T S
 ATGACTAGCGGGATTAGTTCAATCGGACAGTTGGATAAAGGTTTAGGGGGGTTCCCATGTATCAAAAGCTAATAACAACCCC
 1200
 Q L L I E T T Y T R E Y T N T E N F P V R Y T G Y V L A S E F T L H R S D G T Q
 CAATGTTAAGAAACCTATTACTAGGAAAATTCCCGTATTCACGTGTATGGACCTCG
 1320
 V N T I P W V A L N D N Y T T I A R Y P H F A S E P L L G N T K I I T D D Q N *
 GTTAACGATCCAATGGGTGTTTAAAGGAATTACAACATAGCAGTGACCTTACAGGAATAAACATAA
 1440
 ATTTAAACAAATTCTCGACTAATAAGATGTAAAGCAATTAACTTAGGTATGGCCTTAAGGGT
 1560
 T T T T G G T T T T G A A G A T G A T G A T G G C T A C A C T A C A T G T G G A C G

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