3-4-6. Cloning of Fibroin Gene from Oak Silkworm, *Antheraea yamamai* and Its Complete Genomic Sequence

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The nucleotide sequences containing an entire genomic region and 5 upstream region of *Antheraea yamamai* fibroin gene have been determined by primer walking and serial-deleted gene cloning. The gene consists of an initial exon encoding 14 amino acids, an intron (150 bp), and a long second exon coding for 2,641 amino acids. The fibroin coding sequence shows a specialized organization with a highly repetitive region flanked by non repetitive 5 and 3 ends. Northern blot hybridization confirmed that fibroin gene is actively expressed in the posterior silk gland of the final instar larvae of *Antheraea yamamai.*