

## 34. Cloning of the Mitochondria-localized Small Heat Shock Protein Gene in Rice (*Oryza sativa* L.)

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### 벼의 미토콘드리아에 있는 small heat shock protein 유전자의 클로닝

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#### <Objectives>

The diversity of small HSPs (small heat shock proteins) is specific to plants, since other eukaryotes have far fewer sHSPs. It has been shown that small HSPs act as molecular chaperone. However, the roles of small HSPs in the molecular mechanism of the heat shock response *in vivo* are mostly unknown. we therefore tried to isolate cDNA for the mitochondria-localized small heat shock protein from rice gene for novel molecular characterization.

#### <Materials and Methods>

1. Materials: Rice (*Oryza sativa* L.) cv. Dongjin
2. Methods: A cDNA for rice mitochondrial small HSP was isolated by RT-PCR. Southern and Northern blot analyses.

#### <Results and Discussion>

A rice cDNA clone, *Osmthsp*, encoding the mitochondria-localized small heat shock protein was isolated. DNA sequence analysis of *Osmthsp* revealed that the cDNA has only one open reading frame (ORF) of 663 bp which encodes a polypeptide of 220 amino acid residues with a predicted molecular mass of 27 KDa (Fig. 1). The amino acid sequence deduced from the nucleotide sequence of the *Osmthsp* has a structure characteristic of the mitochondria-localized small HSP (Fig. 2). Southern blot analysis revealed that *Osmthsp* is encoded by a single gene. Expression of the *Osmthsp* gene under heat-stress and other oxidative stress conditions will be investigated by Northern blot analysis.

