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(54) SYNTHETIC PLANT GENES AND METHOD FOR PREPARATION

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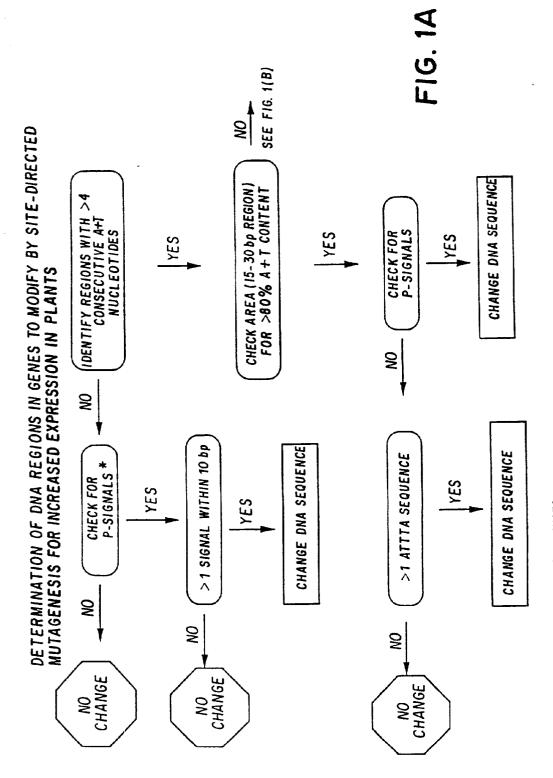
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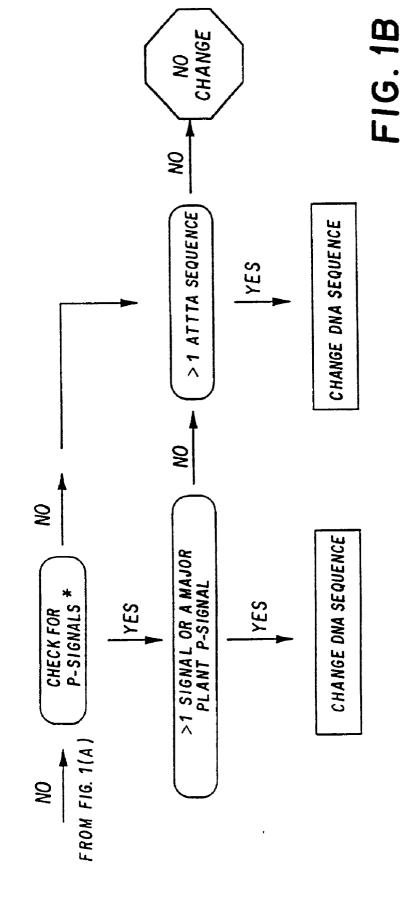
(57)ABSTRACT

A method for modifying structural gene sequences to enhance the expression of the protein product is disclosed. Also disclosed are novel structural genes which encode insecticidal proteins of B.t.k. HD-1, B.t.k. HD-73, B.t. tenebrionis, B.t. entomocidus, 2 protein of B.t.k. HD-1, and the coat protein of potato leaf roll virus.



*POLYADENYLATION SIGNAL SEQUENCES

DETERMINATION OF DNA REGIONS IN GENES TO MODIFY BY SITE-DIRECTED MUTAGENESIS FOR INCREASED EXPRESSION IN PLANTS



*POLYADENYLATION SIGNAL SEQUENCES

1	ATGGCTATAGAAACTGGTTACACCCCAATCGATATTTCCT	40
41	TGTCGCTAACGCAATTTCTTTTGAGTGAATTTGTTCCCGG	80
81	TGCTGGATTTGTGTTAGGACTAGTTGATATATATGGGGA T C	120
121	ATTTTTGGTCCCTCTCAATGGGACGCATTTCTTGTACAAA	160
161	TTGAACAGTTAATTAACCAAAGAATAGAAGAATTCGCTAG C C C G C G	200
201	GAACCAAGCCATTTCTAGATTAGAAGGACTAAGCAATCTT T	240
241	TATCAAATTTACGCAGAATCTTTTAGAGAGTGGGAAGCAG	280
281	ATCCTACTAATCCAGCATTAAGAGAAGAGATGCGTATTCA	320
321	ATTCAATGACATGAACAGTGCCCTTACAACCGCTATTCCT	360
361	CTTTTTGCAGTTCAAAATTATCAAGTTCCTCTTTTATCAG CC C C	400
401	TATATGTTCAAGCTGCAAATTTACATTTATCAGTTTTGAG G C C CC C CC C	440
441	AGATGTTTCAGTGTTTGGACAAAGGTGGGGATTTGATGCC	480
481	GCGACTATCAATAGTCGTTATAATGATTTAACTAGGCTTA	520
521	TTGGCAACTATACAGATCATGCTGTACGCTGGTACAATAC	560
561	GGGATTAGAGCGTGTATGGGGACCGGATTCTAGAGATTGG	600
601	ATAAGATATAATCAATTTAGAAGAGAATTAACACTAACTG C G C C G C GC T	640
641	TATTAGATATCGTTTCTCTATTTCCGAACTATGATAGTAG	680
681		720

FIG. 2A

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721	ATTTATACAAACCCA	AGTATTAGAAA	ATTTTGATGGT A G	TT 76	50
761	TTCGAGGCTCGGCTC	CAGGGCATAGA	AGGAAGTATTAGG	AG 80	00
801	TCCACATTTGATGGA	ATATACTTAAT	AGTATAACCATCT	AT 8	40
841	ACGGATGCTCATAGA		ATTGGTCAGGGCA C C T	TC 8: C	80
881	AAATAATGGCTTCTC	CCTGTAGGGTT	TTCGGGGCCAGAA	.TT 9	20
921	•	ATGGAACTATG	GGAAATGCAGCTO	CA 9	60
961	CAACAACGTATTGT	IGCTCAACTAG	GTCAGGGCGTGTA	ATA 1	000
1001	GAACATTATCGTCC	ACCTTATATAG	AAGACCTTTTAA:		040
1041	AGGGATAAATAATC	AACAACTATCI	GTTCTTGACGGG	ACA 1	080
1081		AACCTCCTCA <i>F</i>	ATTTGCCATCCG	CTG 1	120
1121	TATACAGAAAAAGC	GGAACGGTAG <i>I</i>	ATTCGCTGGATGA	AAT 1	.160
1161	ACCGCCACAGAATA	ACAACGTGCC	ACCTAGGCAAGGA	TTT 1	.200
1201	AGTCATCGATTAAG	CCATGTTTCA	ATGTTTCGTTCAG	GCT 1	1240
1241	TTAGTAATAGTAGT	GTAAGTATAA	TAAGAGCTCCTAT	GTT 1	280
1281	CTCTTGGATACATC		ATTTAATAATATA G C C C C		1320
1321	CCTTCATCACAAAT		CCTTTAACAAAAT AC C C G	CTA	1360
1361		• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	rccttd	AGG	1400

FIG. 2B

1401	ATTTACAGGAGGAGATATTCTTCGAAGAACTTCACCTGGC	1440
1441	CAGATTTCAACCTTAAGAGTAAATATTACTGCACCATTAT	1480
1481	CACAAAGATATCGGGTAAGAATTCGCTACGCTTCTACCAC	1520
1521	AAATTTACAATTCCATACATCAATTGACGGAAGACCTATT CC T G C	1560
1561	AATCAGGGGAATTTTTCAGCAACTATGAGTAGTGGGAGTA	1600
1601	ATTTACAGTCCGGAAGCTTTAGGACTGTAGGTTTTACTAC	1640
1641	TCCGTTTAACTTTTCAAATGGATCAAGTGTATTTACGTTA	1680
1681	AGTGCTCATGTCTTCAATTCAGGCAATGAAGTTTATATAG	1720
1721	ATCGAATTGAATTTGTTCCGGCA 1743	

FIG. 2C

1	ATGGATAACAATCCGAACATCAATGAATGCATTCCTTATA C C A C A C	40
41	ATTGTTTAAGTAACCCTGAAGTAGAAGTATTAGGTGGAGA C C G A T C T	80
81	AAGAATAGAAACTGGTTACACCCCAATCGATATTTCCTTG C C T C C C	120
121	TCGCTAACGCAATTTCTTTTGAGTGAATTTGTTCCCGGTG CT G A G GC C C G C A	160
161	CTGGATTTGTGTTAGGACTAGTTGATATATATGGGGAAT G C TC C C C T	200
201	TTTTGGTCCCTCTCAATGGGACGCATTTCTTGTACAAATT C A T C G G	240
241	GAACAGTTAATTAACCAAAGAATAGAAGAATTCGCTAGGA G G C G C G C	280
281	ACCAAGCCATTTCTAGATTAGAAGGACTAAGCAATCTTTA G C G G T G C	320
321	TCAAATTTACGCAGAATCTTTTAGAGAGTGGGAAGCAGAT C C T GAGC C C	360
361	CCTACTAATCCAGCATTAAGAGAAGAGATGCGTATTCAAT C TC CC C G A	400
401	TCAATGACATGAACAGTGCCCTTACAACCGCTATTCCTCT C C T G C A C AT	440
441	TTTTGCAGTTCAAAATTATCAAGTTCCTCTTTTATCAGTA G C C G C C C G C G	480
481	TATGTTCAAGCTGCAAATTTACATTTATCAGTTTTGAGAG C A T C T CC CAGC GC TC	520
521	ATGTTTCAGTGTTTGGACAAAGGTGGGGATTTGATGCCGC C AGC G C T	560
561	GACTATCAATAGTCGTTATAATGATTTAACTAGGCTTATT A C C C CC T G	600
601	GGCAACTATACAGATCATGCTGTACGCTGGTACAATACGG A C C CC C T T C T	640
541	GATTAGAGCGTGTATGGGGACCGGATTCTAGAGATTGGAT	680

FIG. 3A

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681	AAGATATAATCAAT T C C G		_	A 720 T
721	TTAGATATCGTTTC			A 760
761	CGTATCCAATTCGA C C T C T			T 800
801	TTATACAAACCCAG	TATTAGAAAATT TC T G C		T 840 C
841	CGAGGCTCGGCTCA T T T C	GGGCATAGAAG(A T C		C 880
881	CACATTTGATGGAT	ATACTTAATAG CT G C (C 920
921	GGATGCTCATAGAG C C	GAGAATATTAT G C	TGGTCAGGGCATCA T A C	
961		TGTAGGGTTTT(A T A CA(
1001	CTTTTCCGCTATAT C T C	GGAACTATGGGA	AAATGCAGCTCCAC C C	A 1040
1041	ACAACGTATTGTTG C	CTCAACTAGGT	CAGGGCGTGTATAG T C C	A 1080
1081	ACATTATCGTCCAC C G T	CTTATATAGAA(G C	GACCTTTTAATATA C C C	GG 1120
1121	GGATAAATAATCAA T C C C G		FCTTGACGGGACAG A	A 1160
1161	ATTTGCTTATGGAA G C C	CCTCCTCAAAT T T C		A 1200 T
1201	TACAGAAAAAGCGG G		CGCTGGATGAAATA CT C C	
1241	CGCCACAGAATAAC A C		FAGGCAAGGATTTA CT	
1281	TCATCGATTAAGCC C CA G G			
1321	AGTAATAGTAGTGT C C TCC		GAGCTCCTATGTTC	T 1360
1361	CTTGGATACATCGT			C 1400

FIG. 3B

FIG. 3C

FIG. 4A

A C C CC C T T C T

GATTAGAACGTGTATGGGGACCGGATTCTAGAGATTGGGT

C G G C T T

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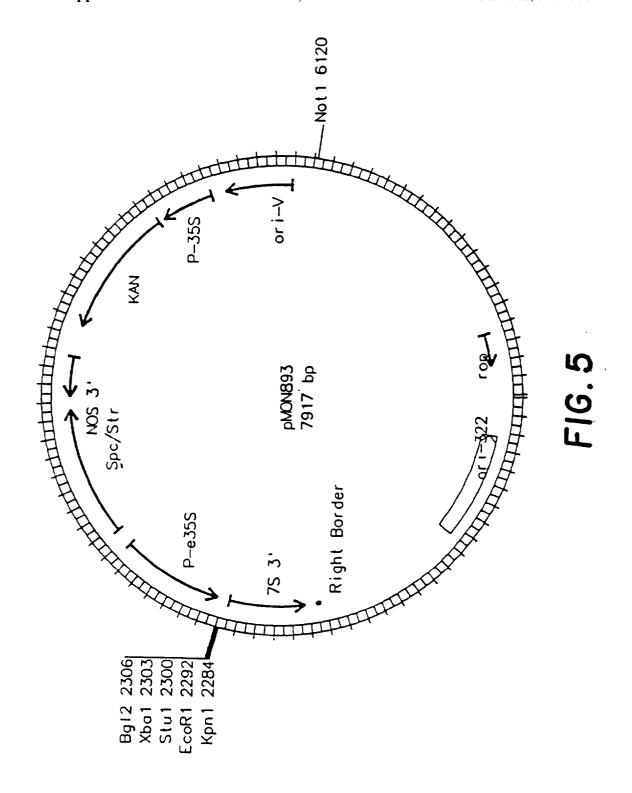
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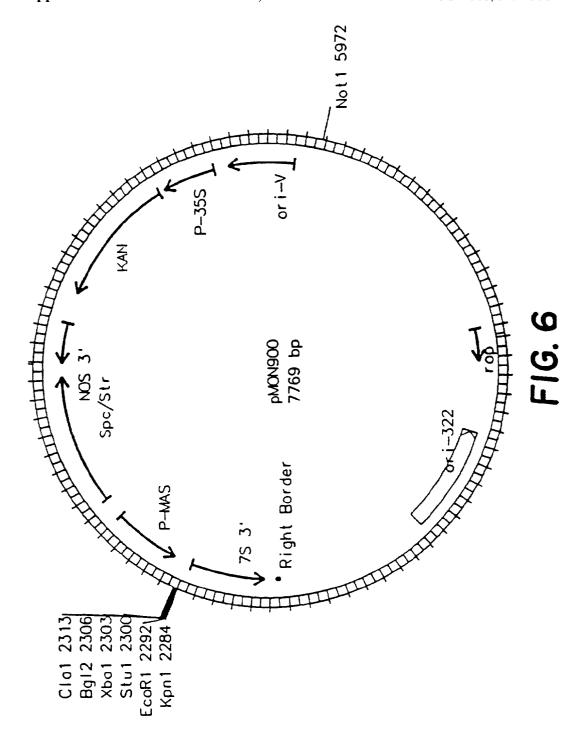
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761	GATATCCAATTCGAACAGTTTCCCAATTAACAAGAGAAAT CC C T C T G C T C	800
801	TTATACAAACCCAGTATTAGAAAATTTTGATGGTAGTTTT C T TC T G C C C C	840
841	CGAGGCTCGGCTCAGGGCATAGAAAGAAGTATTAGGAGTC T T T C A T C G CTCC C C	880
881	CACATTTGATGGATATACTTAACAGTATAACCATCTATAC C C CT G C T C	920
921	GGATGCTCATAGGGGTTATTATTATTGGTCAGGGCATCAA C C A AG G C T A C G	960
961	ATAATGGCTTCTCCTGTAGGGTTTTCGGGGCCAGAATTCA C C A T A CAGC C G T	1000
1001	CTTTTCCGCTATATGGAACTATGGGAAATGCAGCTCCACA C T C C C	1040
1041	ACAACGTATTGTTGCTCAACTAGGTCAGGGCGTGTATAGA C T C C	1080
1081	ACATTATCGTCCACTTTATATAGAAGACCTTTTAATATAG C G T C G C C C	1120
1121	GGATAAATAATCAACAACTATCTGTTCTTGACGGGACAGA T C C G T C A	1160
1161	ATTTGCTTATGGAACCTCCTCAAATTTGCCATCCGCTGTA G C C T T C T	1200
1201	TACAGAAAAAGCGGAACGGTAGATTCGCTGGATGAAATAC G C T CT C C	1240
1241	CGCCACAGAATAACAACGTGCCACCTAGGCAAGGATTTAG A C T C CTC	1280
1281	TCATCGATTAAGCCATGTTTCAATGTTTCGTTCAGGCTTT C CA G G C G C C A C	1320
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1361	CTTGGATACATCGTAGTGCTGAATTTAATAATATAATTGC	1400

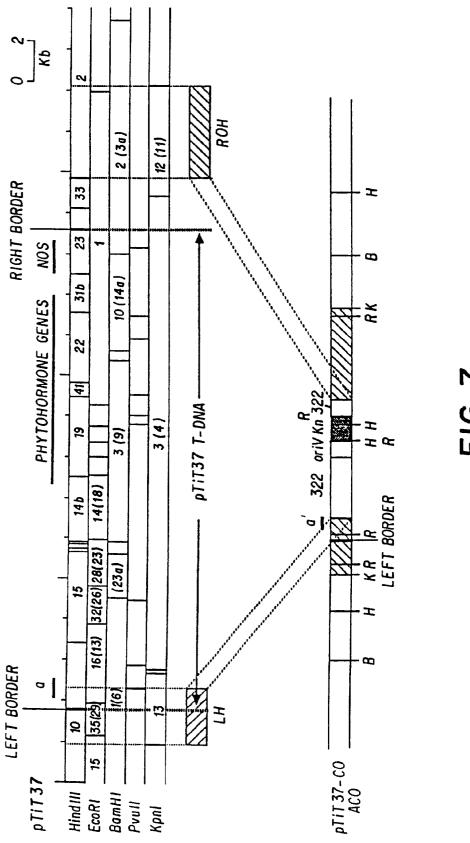
FIG. 4B

FIG. 4C

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1	GAAAGAATAGAAACTGGTTACACCCCAATCGATATTTCCT ATGGCC T C T C C C	40
41	TGTCGCTAACGCAATTTCTTTTGAGTGAATTTGTTCCCGG CT G A G GC C C G C A	80
81	TGCTGGATTTGTGTTAGGACTAGTTGATATATATGGGGA G C TC C C C T	120
121	ATTTTTGGTCCCTCTCAATGGGACGCATTTCTTGTACAAA C A T C G G	160
161	TTGAACAGTTAATTAACCAAAGAATAGAAGAATTCGCTAG G G C G C G C	200
201	GAACCAAGCCATTTCTAGATTAGAAGGACTAAGCAATCTT G C G G T G C	240
241	TATCAAATTTACGCAGAATCTTTTAGAGAGTGGGAAGCAG C C T GAGC C C	280
281	ATCCTACTAATCCAGCATTAAGAGAAGAGATGCGTATTCA C TC CC C G A	320
321	ATTCAATGACATGAACAGTGCCCTTACAACCGCTATTCCT C C T G C A C A	360
361	CTTTTTGCAGTTCAAAATTATCAAGTTCCTCTTTTATCAG T G C C G C C C G C	400
401	TATATGTTCAAGCTGCAAATTTACATTTATCAGTTTTGAG G C A T C T CC CAGC GC TC	440
441	AGATGTTTCAGTGTTTGGACAAAGGTGGGGATTTGATGCC C AGC G C T	480
481	GCGACTATCAATAGTCGTTATAATGATTTAACTAGGCTTA A C C C C CC T G	520
521	TTGGCAACTATACAGATTATGCTGTACGCTGGTACAATAC A C C CC C T T C	560
561	GGGATTAGAACGTGTATGGGGACCGGATTCTAGAGATTGG T C G G C T T	600
601	GTAAGGTATAATCAATTTAGAAGAGAATTAACACTAACTG A T A C C G C G G C A	640
641	TATTAGATATCGTTGCTCTGTTCCCGAATTATGATAGTAG T G C T GT C C CTCC	680

FIG.8A

681	AAGATATCCAATTCGAACAGTTTCCCAATTAACAAGAGAA CC C T C T G C T C	720
721	ATTTATACAAACCCAGTATTAGAAAATTTTGATGGTAGTT C T TC T G C C C	760
761	TTCGAGGCTCGGCTCAGGGCATAGAAGAAGTATTAGGAG C T T T C A T C G CTCC C	800
801	TCCACATTTGATGGATATACTTAACAGTATAACCATCTAT C C C CT G C T C	840
841	ACGGATGCTCATAGGGGTTATTATTATTGGTCAGGGCATC C C A AG G C T A C	880
881	AAATAATGGCTTCTCCTGTAGGGTTTTCGGGGCCAGAATT G C C A T A CAGC C G	920
921	CACTTTTCCGCTATATGGAACTATGGGAAATGCAGCTCCA T C T C C C	960
961	CAACAACGTATTGTTGCTCAACTAGGTCAGGGCGTGTATA C T C C	1000
1001	GAACATTATCGTCCACTTTATATAGAAGACCTTTTAATAT C G T C G C C C	1040
1041	AGGGATAAATAATCAACAACTATCTGTTCTTGACGGGACA C T C C G T C A	1080
1081	GAATTTGCTTATGGAACCTCCTCAAATTTGCCATCCGCTG G C C T T C	1120
1121	TATACAGAAAAAGCGGAACGGTAGATTCGCTGGATGAAAT T G C T CT C	1160
1161	ACCGCCACAGAATAACAACGTGCCACCTAGGCAAGGATTT C A C T C C	1200
1201	AGTCATCGATTAAGCCATGTTTCAATGTTTCGTTCAGGCT TCC CA G G C G C C A	1240
1241	TTAGTAATAGTAGTATAATAAGAGCTCCTATGTT C C C TCC G C C	1280
1281	CTCTTGGATACATCGTAGTGCTGAATTTAATAATATAAT	1320
1321	GCATCGGATAGTATTACTCAAATCCCTGCAGTGAAGGGAA C	1360
1361	ACTTTCTTTTTAATGGTTCTGTAATTTCAGGACCAGGATT	1400

FIG.8B

1401	TACTGGTGGGACTTAGTTAGATTAAATAGTAGTGGAAAT C A C C C C C	1440
1441	AACATTCAGAATAGAGGGTATATTGAAGTTCCAATTCACT	1480
1481	TCCCATCGACATCTACCAGATATCGAGTTCGTGTACGGTA C A GA	1520
1521	TGCTTCTGTAACCCCGATTCACCTCAACGTTAATTGGGGT G T	1560
1561	AATTCATCCATTTTTTCCAATACAGTACCAGCTACAGCTA C C T	1600
1601	CGTCATTAGATAATCTACAATCAAGTGATTTTTGGTTATTT C C G C C C C	1640
1641	TGAAAGTGCCAATGCTTTACATCTTCATTAGGTAATATA C C C C	1680
1681	GTAGGTGTTAGAAATTTTAGTGGGACTGCAGGAGTGATAA G C T	1720
1721	TAGACAGATTTGAATTTATTCCAGTTACTGCAACACTCGA C C G C	1760
1761	GGCTGAA 1767 G	

FIG.8C

1	ATGGATAACAATCCGAACATCAATGAATGCATTCCTTATA C C A C A C	40
41	ATTGTTTAAGTAACCCTGAAGTAGAAGTATTAGGTGGAGA C C G A T C T	80
81	AAGAATAGAAACTGGTTACACCCCAATCGATATTTCCTTG C C T C T C C C	120
121	TCGCTAACGCAATTTCTTTTGAGTGAATTTGTTCCCGGTG CT G A G GC C C G A	160
161	CTGGATTTGTGTTAGGACTAGTTGATATATATGGGGAAT G C TC C C T	200
201	TTTTGGTCCCTCTCAATGGGACGCATTTCTTGTACAAATT C G G	240
241	GAACAGTTAATTAACCAAAGAATAGAAGAATTCGCTAGGA G G C G C G C	280
281	ACCAAGCCATTTCTAGATTAGAAGGACTAAGCAATCTTTA G C G G T G C	320
321	TCAAATTTACGCAGAATCTTTTAGAGAGTGGGAAGCAGAT C C T GAGC C C	360
361	CCTACTAATCCAGCATTAAGAGAAGAGATGCGTATTCAAT C TC CC C G A	400
401	TCAATGACATGAACAGTGCCCTTACAACCGCTATTCCTCT C T G C A C AT	440
441	TTTTGCAGTTCAAAATTATCAAGTTCCTCTTTTATCAGTA G C C G C G C G	480
481	TATGTTCAAGCTGCAAATTTACATTTATCAGTTTTGAGAG C A T C T CC CAGC GC TC	520
521	ATGTTTCAGTGTTTGGACAAAGGTGGGGATTTGATGCCGC C AGC G C T	5 60
561	GACTATCAATAGTCGTTATAATGATTTAACTAGGCTTATT A C C C C CC T G	600
601	GGCAACTATACAGATTATGCTGTACGCTGGTACAATACGG A C C CC C T T C T	640
641	GATTAGAACGTGTATGGGGACCGGATTCTAGAGATTGGGT C G G C T T A	680

FIG. 9A

681	AAGGTATAATCAATTTAGAAGAGAATTAACACTAACTGTA T A C C G C G G C A T	720
721	TTAGATATCGTTGCTCTGTTCCCGAATTATGATAGTAGAA G C T GT C CTCC	760
761	GATATCCAATTCGAACAGTTTCCCAATTAACAAGAGAAAT CC C T C T G C T C	800
801	TTATACAAACCCAGTATTAGAAAATTTTGATGGTAGTTTT C T TC T G C C C C	840
841	CGAGGCTCGGCTCAGGGCATAGAAGAAGTATTAGGAGTC T T T C A T C G CTCC C C	880
881	CACATTTGATGGATATACTTAACAGTATAACCATCTATAC C C CT G C T C	920
921	GGATGCTCATAGGGGTTATTATTATTGGTCAGGGCATCAA C C A AG G C T A C G	960
961	ATAATGGCTTCTCCTGTAGGGTTTTCGGGGCCAGAATTCA C C A T A CAGC C G T	1000
1001	CTTTTCCGCTATATGGAACTATGGGAAATGCAGCTCCACA C T C C C	1040
1041	ACAACGTATTGTTGCTCAACTAGGTCAGGGCGTGTATAGA C T C C	1080
1081	ACATTATCGTCCACTTTATATAGAAGACCTTTTAATATAG C G T C G C C C	1120
1121	GGATAAATAATCAACAACTATCTGTTCTTGACGGGACAGA T C C G T C A	1160
1161	ATTTGCTTATGGAACCTCCTCAAATTTGCCATCCGCTGTA G C C T T C T	1200
1201	TACAGAAAAAGCGGAACGGTAGATTCGCTGGATGAAATAC G C T CT C C	1240
1241	CGCCACAGAATAACAACGTGCCACCTAGGCAAGGATTTAG A C T C CTC	1280
1281	TCATCGATTAAGCCATGTTTCAATGTTTCGTTCAGGCTTT C CA G G C G C C A C	1320
1321	AGTAATAGTGTAAGTATAATAAGAGCTCCTATGTTCT C C TCC G C C	1360
1361	CTTGGATACATCGTAGTGCTGAATTTAATAATATAATTGC	1400

FIG.9B

1401	ATCGGATAGTATTACTCAAATCCCTGCAGTGAAGGGAAAC C	1440
1441	TTTCTTTTTAATGGTTCTGTAATTTCAGGACCAGGATTTA C C C C C	1480
1481	CTGGTGGGGACTTAGTTAGATTAAATAGTAGTGGAAATAA A C C C C C C	1520
1521	CATTCAGAATAGAGGGTATATTGAAGTTCCAATTCACTTC	1560
1561	CCATCGACATCTACCAGATATCGAGTTCGTGTACGGTATG C A GA	1600
1601	CTTCTGTAACCCCGATTCACCTCAACGTTAATTGGGGTAA G T	1640
1641	TTCATCCATTTTTTCCAATACAGTACCAGCTACAGCTACG C C T C	1680
1681	TCATTAGATAATCTACAATCAAGTGATTTTGGTTATTTTG C G C C C C	1720
1721	AAAGTGCCAATGCTTTACATCTTCATTAGGTAATATAGT C C _ C C	1760
1761	AGGTGTTAGAAATTTTAGTGGGACTGCAGGAGTGATAATA G C T C	1800
1801	GACAGATTTGAATTTATTCCAGTTACTGCAACACTCGAGG C G C	1840
1841	CTGAATATAATCTGGAAAGAGCGCAGAAGGCGGTGAATGC	1880
1881	GCTGTTTACGTCTACAAACCAACTAGGGCTAAAAACAAAT	1920
1921	GTAACGGATTATCATATTGATCAAGTGTCCAATTTAGTTA	1960
1961	CGTATTTATCGGATGAATTTTGTCTGGATGAAAAGCGAGA	2000
2001	ATTGTCCGAGAAAGTCAAACATGCGAAGCGACTCAGTGAT	2040
2041	GAACGCAATTTACTCCAAGATTCAAATTTCAAAGACATTA	2080
2081	ATAGGCAACCAGAACGTGGGTGGGGCGGAAGTACAGGGAT	2120

FIG.9C

2121	TACCATCCAAGGAGGGGATGACGTATTTAAAGAAAATTAC	2160
2161	GTCACACTATCAGGTACCTTTGATGAGTGCTATCCAACAT	2200
2201	ATTTGTATCAAAAAATCGATGAATCAAAATTAAAAGCCTT	2240
2241	TACCCGTTATCAATTAAGAGGGTATATCGAAGATAGTCAA	2280
2281	GACTTAGAAATCTATTTAATTCGCTACAATGCAAAACATG	2320
2321	AAACAGTAAATGTGCCAGGTACGGGTTCCTTATGGCCGCT	2360
2361	TTCAGCCCAAAGTCCAATCGGAAAGTGTGGAGAGCCGAAT	2400
2401	CGATGCGCGCCACACCTTGAATGGAATCCTGACTTAGATT	2440
2441	GTTCGTGTAGGGATGGAGAAAAGTGTGCCCATCATTCGCA	2480
2481	TCATTTCTCCTTAGACATTGATGTAGGATGTACAGACTTA	2520
2521	AATGAGGACCTAGGTGTATGGGTGATCTTTAAGATTAAGA	2560
2561	CGCAAGATGGGCACGCAAGACTAGGGAATCTAGAGTTTCT	2600
2601	CGAAGAGAAACCATTAGTAGGAGAAGCGCTAGCTCGTGTG	2640
2641	AAAAGAGCGGAGAAAAAATGGAGAGACAAACGTGAAAAAT	2680
2681	TGGAATGGGAAACAAATATCGTTTATAAAGAGGCAAAAGA	2720
2721	ATCTGTAGATGCTTTATTTGTAAACTCTCAATATGATCAA	2760
2761	TTACAAGCGGATACGAATATTGCCATGATTCATGCGGCAG	2800
2801	ATAAACGTGTTCATAGCATTCGAGAAGCTTATCTGCCTGA	2840

FIG.9D

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2841	GCTGTCTGTGATTCCGGGTGTCAATGCGGCTATTTTTGAA	2880
2881	GAATTAGAAGGGCGTATTTTCACTGCATTCTCCCTATATG	2920
2921	ATGCGAGAAATGTCATTAAAAATGGTGATTTTAATAATGG	2960
2961	CTTATCCTGCTGGAACGTGAAAGGGCATGTAGATGTAGAA	3000
3001	GAACAAAACAACCAACGTTCGGTCCTTGTTGTTCCGGAAT	3040
3041	GGGAAGCAGAAGTGTCACAAGAAGTTCGTGTCTGTCCGGG	3080
3081	TCGTGGCTATATCCTTCGTGTCACAGCGTACAAGGAGGGA	3120
3121	TATGGAGAAGGTTGCGTAACCATTCATGAGATCGAGAACA	3160
3161	ATACAGACGAACTGAAGTTTAGCAACTGCGTAGAAGAGGA	3200
3201	AATCTATCCAAATAACACGGTAACGTGTAATGATTATACT	3240
3241	GTAAATCAAGAAGAATACGGAGGTGCGTACACTTCTCGTA	3280
3281	ATCGAGGATATAACGAAGCTCCTTCCGTACCAGCTGATTA	3320
3321	TGCGTCAGTCTATGAAGAAAATCGTATACAGATGGACGA	3360
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3401	ACACGCCACTACCAGTTGGTTATGTGACAAAAGAATTAGA	3440
3441	ATACTTCCCAGAAACCGATAAGGTATGGATTGAGATTGGA	3480
3481	GAAACGGAAGGAACATTTATCGTGGACAGCGTGGAATTAC	3520
3521	TCCTTATGGAGGAA 3534	

FIG.9E

1	ATGGATAACAATCCGAACATCAATGAATGCATTCCTTATA C C A C A C	40
41	ATTGTTTAAGTAACCCTGAAGTAGAAGTATTAGGTGGAGA C C G A T C T	80
81	AAGAATAGAAACTGGTTACACCCCAATCGATATTTCCTTG C C T C T C C C	120
121	TCGCTAACGCAATTTCTTTTGAGTGAATTTGTTCCCGGTG CT G A G GC C G C G A	160
161	CTGGATTTGTGTTAGGACTAGTTGATATATATGGGGAAT G C TC C C C T	200
201	TTTTGGTCCCTCTCAATGGGACGCATTTCTTGTACAAATT C A T C G G	240
241	GAACAGTTAATTAACCAAAGAATAGAAGAATTCGCTAGGA G G C G C G C	280
281	ACCAAGCCATTTCTAGATTAGAAGGACTAAGCAATCTTTA G C G G T G C	320
321	TCAAATTTACGCAGAATCTTTTAGAGAGTGGGAAGCAGAT C C T GAGC C C	360
361	CCTACTAATCCAGCATTAAGAGAAGAGATGCGTATTCAAT C TC CC C G A	400
401	TCAATGACATGAACAGTGCCCTTACAACCGCTATTCCTCT C T G C A C AT	440
441	TTTTGCAGTTCAAAATTATCAAGTTCCTCTTTTATCAGTA G C C G C C C G C G	480
481	TATGTTCAAGCTGCAAATTTACATTTATCAGTTTTGAGAG C A T C T CC CAGC GC TC	520
521	ATGTTTCAGTGTTTGGACAAAGGTGGGGATTTGATGCCGC C AGC G C T	560
561	GACTATCAATAGTCGTTATAATGATTTAACTAGGCTTATT A C C C C C T G	600
601	GGCAACTATACAGATTATGCTGTACGCTGGTACAATACGG A C C CC T T C T	640

FIG. 10A

641	GATTAGAACGTGTATGGGGACCGGATTCTAGAGATTGGGT C G G C T T A	680
681	AAGGTATAATCAATTTAGAAGAGAATTAACACTAACTGTA T A C C G C G G C A T	720
721	TTAGATATCGTTGCTCTGTTCCCGAATTATGATAGTAGAA G C T GT C C CTCC	760
761	GATATCCAATTCGAACAGTTTCCCAATTAACAAGAGAAAT CC C T C T G C T C	800
801	TTATACAAACCCAGTATTAGAAAATTTTGATGGTAGTTTT C T TC T G C C C C	840
841	CGAGGCTCGGCTCAGGGCATAGAAAGAAGTATTAGGAGTC T T T C A T C G CTCC C C	880
881	CACATTTGATGGATATACTTAACAGTATAACCATCTATAC C C CT G C T C	920
921	GGATGCTCATAGGGGTTATTATTATTGGTCAGGGCATCAA C C A AG G C T A C G	960
961	ATAATGGCTTCTCCTGTAGGGTTTTCGGGGCCAGAATTCA C C A T A CAGC C G T	1000
1001	CTTTTCCGCTATATGGAACTATGGGAAATGCAGCTCCACA C T C C C	1040
1041	ACAACGTATTGTTGCTCAACTAGGTCAGGGCGTGTATAGA C T C C	1080
1081	ACATTATCGTCCACTTTATATAGAAGACCTTTTAATATAG C G T C G C C C	1120
1121	GGATAAATAATCAACAACTATCTGTTCTTGACGGGACAGA T C C G T C A	1160
1161	ATTTGCTTATGGAACCTCCTCAAATTTGCCATCCGCTGTA G C C T T C T	1200
1201	TACAGAAAAAGCGGAACGGTAGATTCGCTGGATGAAATAC G C T CT C C	1240
1241	CGCCACAGAATAACAACGTGCCACCTAGGCAAGGATTTAG A C T C CTC	1280
1281	TCATCGATTAAGCCATGTTTCAATGTTTCGTTCAGGCTTT C CA G G C G C C A C	1320
1321	AGTAATAGTAGTGTAAGTATAATAAGAGCTCCTATGTTCT	1360

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1361	CTTGGATACATCGTAGTGCTGAATTTAATAATATAATTGC C G C C C	1400
1401	ATCGGATAGTATTACTCAAATCCCTGCAGTGAAGGGAAAC C	1440
1441	TTTCTTTTTAATGGTTCTGTAATTTCAGGACCAGGATTTA C C C C C	1480
1481	CTGGTGGGGACTTAGTTAGATTAAATAGTAGTGGAAATAA A C C C C C	1520
1521	CATTCAGAATAGAGGGTATATTGAAGTTCCAATTCACTTC	1560
1561	CCATCGACATCTACCAGATATCGAGTTCGTGTACGGTATG C A GA	1600
1601	CTTCTGTAACCCCGATTCACCTCAACGTTAATTGGGGTAA G T	1640
1641	TTCATCCATTTTTCCAATACAGTACCAGCTACAGCTACG C C T C	1680
1681	TCATTAGATAATCTACAATCAAGTGATTTTGGTTATTTTG C G C C C C	1720
1721	AAAGTGCCAATGCTTTTACATCTTCATTAGGTAATATAGT C C C C	1760
1761	AGGTGTTAGAAATTTTAGTGGGACTGCAGGAGTGATAATA G C T C	1800
1801	GACAGATTTGAATTTATTCCAGTTACTGCAACACTCGAGG C G C	1840
1841	CTGAATATAATCTGGAAAGAGCGCAGAAGGCGGTGAATGC	1880
1881	GCTGTTTACGTCTACAAACCAACTAGGGCTAAAAACAAAT G C C G C	1920
1921	GTAACGGATTATCATATTGATCAAGTGTCCAATTTAGTTA G C G G	1960
1961	CGTATTTATCGGATGAATTTTGTCTGGATGAAAAGCGAGA C CC CAGC G C	2000
2001	ATTGTCCGAGAAGTCAAACATGCGAAGCGACTCAGTGAT	2040
2041	GAACGCAATTTACTCCAAGATTCAAATTTCAAAGACATTA	2080

FIG.10C

2081	ATAGGCAACCAGAACGTGGGTGGGGCGGAAGTACAGGGAT	2120
2121	TACCATCCAAGGAGGGGATGACGTATTTAAAGAAAATTAC G T C G C G C	2160
2161	GTCACACTATCAGGTACCTTTGATGAGTGCTATCCAACAT	2200
2201	ATTTGTATCAAAAATCGATGAATCAAAATTAAAAGCCTT CC C G G C G G	2240
2241	TACCCGTTATCAATTAAGAGGGTATATCGAAGATAGTCAA	2280
2281	GACTTAGAAATCTATTTAATTCGCTACAATGCAAAACATG CCCCC	2320
2321	AAACAGTAAATGTGCCAGGTACGGGTTCCTTATGGCCGCT	2360
2361	TTCAGCCCAAAGTCCAATCGGAAAGTGTGGAGAGCCGAAT	2400
2401	CGATGCGCGCCACACCTTGAATGGAATCCTGACTTAGATT	2440
2441	GTTCGTGTAGGGATGGAGAAAAGTGTGCCCATCATTCGCA	2480
2481	TCATTTCTCCTTAGACATTGATGTAGGATGTACAGACTTA	2520
2521	AATGAGGACCTAGGTGTATGGGTGATCTTTAAGATTAAGA	2560
2561	CGCAAGATGGGCACGCAAGACTAGGGAATCTAGAGTTTCT	2600
2601	CGAAGAGAAACCATTAGTAGGAGAAGCGCTAGCTCGTGTG	2640
2641	AAAAGAGCGGAGAAAAAATGGAGAGACAAACGTGAAAAAT G G	2680
2681	TGGAATGGGAAACAAATATCGTTTATAAAGAGGCAAAAGA G C C C C	2720
2721	ATCTGTAGATGCTTTATTTGTAAACTCTCAATATGATCAA	2760
2761	TTACAAGCGGATACGAATATTGCCATGATTCATGCGGCAG	2800

FIG. 10D

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2801	ATAAACGTGTTCATAGCATTCGAGAAGCTTATCTGCCTGA	2840
2841	GCTGTCTGTGATTCCGGGTGTCAATGCGGCTATTTTTGAA	2880
2881	GAATTAGAAGGGCGTATTTTCACTGCATTCTCCCTATATG C C	2920
2921	ATGCGAGAAATGTCATTAAAAATGGTGATTTTAATAATGG C C C C C C C	2960
2961	CTTATCCTGCTGGAACGTGAAAGGGCATGTAGATGTAGAA	3000
3001	GAACAAAACAACCAACGTTCGGTCCTTGTTGTTCCGGAAT	3040
3041	GGGAAGCAGAAGTGTCACAAGAAGTTCGTGTCTGTCCGGG	3080
3081	TCGTGGCTATATCCTTCGTGTCACAGCGTACAAGGAGGGA	3120
3121	TATGGAGAAGGTTGCGTAACCATTCATGAGATCGAGAACA	3160
3161	ATACAGACGAACTGAAGTTTAGCAACTGCGTAGAAGAGGA	3200
3201	AATCTATCCAAATAACACGGTAACGTGTAATGATTATACT	3240
3241	GTAAATCAAGAAGAATACGGAGGTGCGTACACTTCTCGTA	3280
3281	ATCGAGGATATAACGAAGCTCCTTCCGTACCAGCTGATTA	3320
3321	TGCGTCAGTCTATGAAGAAAAATCGTATACAGATGGACGA	3360
3361	AGAGAGAATCCTTGTGAATTTAACAGAGGGTATAGGGATT	3400
3401	ACACGCCACTACCAGTTGGTTATGTGACAAAAGAATTAGA	3440
3441	ATACTTCCCAGAAACCGATAAGGTATGGATTGAGATTGGA	3480
3481	GAAACGGAAGGAACATTTATCGTGGACAGCGTGGAATTAC	3520
3521	TCCTTATGGAGGAA 3534	

FIG. 10E

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1	ATGGATAAC	CAATO	CGAACATCA	ATGAATGCATT(CTTATA	40
	С	С	A	С	A C	
41	ATTGTTTAA	\GTAA	CCCTGAAGT	AGAAGTATTAG(GTGGAGA	80

•	C C A C A C	
41	ATTGTTTAAGTAACCCTGAAGTAGAAGTATTAGGTGGAGA C C G A T C T	80
81	AAGAATAGAAACTGGTTACACCCCAATCGATATTTCCTTG C C T C C C	120
121	TCGCTAACGCAATTTCTTTTGAGTGAATTTGTTCCCGGTG CT G A G GC C G C G A	160
161	CTGGATTTGTGTTAGGACTAGTTGATATATATGGGGAAT G C TC C C C T	200
201	TTTTGGTCCCTCTCAATGGGACGCATTTCTTGTACAAATT C G G	240
241	GAACAGTTAATTAACCAAAGAATAGAAGAATTCGCTAGGA G G C G C C	280
281	ACCAAGCCATTTCTAGATTAGAAGGACTAAGCAATCTTTA G C G G T G C	320
321	TCAAATTTACGCAGAATCTTTTAGAGAGTGGGAAGCAGAT C C T GAGC C C	360
361	CCTACTAATCCAGCATTAAGAGAAGAGATGCGTATTCAAT C TC CC C G A	400
401	TCAATGACATGAACAGTGCCCTTACAACCGCTATTCCTCT C C T G C A C AT	440
441	TTTTGCAGTTCAAAATTATCAAGTTCCTCTTTTATCAGTA G C C G C C C G C G	480
481	TATGTTCAAGCTGCAAATTTACATTTATCAGTTTTGAGAG C A T C T CC CAGC GC TC	520
521	ATGTTTCAGTGTTTGGACAAAGGTGGGGATTTGATGCCGC C AGC G C T	560
561	GACTATCAATAGTCGTTATAATGATTTAACTAGGCTTATT A C C C C T G	600
601	GGCAACTATACAGATTATGCTGTACGCTGGTACAATACGG A C C CC T T C T	640

FIG. 11A

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681	AAGGTATAATCAATTTAGAAGAGAATTAACACTAACTGTA T A C C G C G G C A T	720
721	TTAGATATCGTTGCTCTGTTCCCGAATTATGATAGTAGAA G C T GT C CTCC	760
761	GATATCCAATTCGAACAGTTTCCCAATTAACAAGAGAAAT CC C T C T G C T C	800
801	TTATACAAACCCAGTATTAGAAAATTTTGATGGTAGTTTT C T G C C C C C	840
841	CGAGGCTCGGCTCAGGGCATAGAAAGAAGTATTAGGAGTC T T T C A T C G CTCC C C	880
881	CACATTTGATGGATATACTTAACAGTATAACCATCTATAC C C CT G C T C	920
921	GGATGCTCATAGGGGTTATTATTATTGGTCAGGGCATCAA C C A AG G C T A C G	9 60
961	ATAATGGCTTCTCCTGTAGGGTTTTCGGGGCCAGAATTCA C C A T A CAGC C G T	1000
1001	CTTTTCCGCTATATGGAACTATGGGAAATGCAGCTCCACA C T C C C	1040
1041	ACAACGTATTGTTGCTCAACTAGGTCAGGGCGTGTATAGA C T C C	1080
1081	ACATTATCGTCCACTTTATATAGAAGACCTTTTAATATAG C G T C G C C C	1120
1121	GGATAAATAATCAACAACTATCTGTTCTTGACGGGACAGA T C C G T C A	1160
1161	ATTTGCTTATGGAACCTCCTCAAATTTGCCATCCGCTGTA G C C T T C T	1200
1201	TACAGAAAAAGCGGAACGGTAGATTCGCTGGATGAAATAC G C T CT C C	1240
1241	CGCCACAGAATAACAACGTGCCACCTAGGCAAGGATTTAG A C T C CTC	1280
1281	TCATCGATTAAGCCATGTTTCAATGTTTCGTTCAGGCTTTCCCCCCCC	1320
1321	AGTAATAGTAGTGTAAGTATAATAAGAGCTCCTATGTTCT C C TCC G C C C	1360

FIG. 11B

1361 CTTGGATACATCGTAGTGCTGAATTTAATAATATAATTGC
C G C C C C

1440	ATCGGATAGTATTACTCAAATCCCTGCAGTGAAGGGAAAC C	1401
1480	TTTCTTTTTAATGGTTCTGTAATTTCAGGACCAGGATTTA C C C C C	1441
1520	CTGGTGGGGACTTAGTTAGATTAAATAGTAGTGGAAATAA A C C C C C	1481
1560	CATTCAGAATAGAGGGTATATTGAAGTTCCAATTCACTTC	1521
1600	CCATCGACATCTACCAGATATCGAGTTCGTGTACGGTATG C A GA	1561
1640	CTTCTGTAACCCCGATTCACCTCAACGTTAATTGGGGTAA G T	1601
1680	TTCATCCATTTTTCCAATACAGTACCAGCTACAGCTACG C C T C	1641
1720	TCATTAGATAATCTACAATCAAGTGATTTTTGGTTATTTTG C G C C C C	1681
1760	AAAGTGCCAATGCTTTACATCTTCATTAGGTAATATAGT C C C C	1721
1800	AGGTGTTAGAAATTTTAGTGGGACTGCAGGAGTGATAATA G C T C	1761
1840	GACAGATTTGAATTTATTCCAGTTACTGCAACACTCGAGG C G C	1801
1880	CTGAATATAATCTGGAAAGAGCGCAGAAGGCGGTGAATGC G C T G C T C	1841
1920	GCTGTTTACGTCTACAAACCAACTAGGGCTAAAAAACAAAT C C C C T G T CT G T C	1881
1960	GTAACGGATTATCATATTGATCAAGTGTCCAATTTAGTTA T T C C C C C G C	1921
2000	CGTATTTATCGGATGAATTTTGTCTGGATGAAAAGCGAGA C CC TAGC G C C C G T	1961
2040	ATTGTCCGAGAAAGTCAAACATGCGAAGCGACTCAGTGAT C C T C C	2001
2080	GAACGCAATTTACTCCAAGATTCAAATTTCAAAGACATTA GA G C CT G C C C	2041
2120	ATAGGCAACCAGAACGTGGGTGGGGGGAAGTACAGGGAT C G T T C C	2081

FIG. 11C

2121	TACCATCCAAGGAGGGGATGACGTATTTAAAGAAAATTAC C C T G C G C	2160
2161	GTCACACTATCAGGTACCTTTGATGAGTGCTATCCAACAT C C C A T C C C T C	2200
2201	ATTTGTATCAAAAATCGATGAATCAAAATTAAAAGCCTT C C G G G C C C	2240
2241	TACCCGTTATCAATTAAGAGGGTATATCGAAGATAGTCAA C A G C T C C C C	2280
2281	GACTTAGAAATCTATTTAATTCGCTACAATGCAAAACATG C T C CG CA G C G C	2320
2321	AAACAGTAAATGTGCCAGGTACGGGTTCCTTATGGCCGCT G C G C T C C A	2360
2361	TTCAGCCCAAAGTCCAATCGGAAAGTGTGGAGAGCCGAAT T TC C T G T C	2400
2401	CGATGCGCGCCACACCTTGAATGGAATCCTGACTTAGATT A T G G C	2440
2441	GTTCGTGTAGGGATGGAGAAAAGTGTGCCCATCATTCGCA C C C C G C T	2480
2481	TCATTTCTCCTTAGACATTGATGTAGGATGTACAGACTTA C G C G T C G	2520
2521	AATGAGGACCTAGGTGTATGGGTGATCTTTAAGATTAAGA C A C C C C	2560
2561	CGCAAGATGGGCACGCAAGACTAGGGAATCTAGAGTTTCT C C A T C C T	2600
2601	CGAAGAGAAACCATTAGTAGGAGAAGCGCTAGCTCGTGTG G C T T C	2640
2641	AAAAGAGCGGAGAAAAAATGGAGAGACAAACGTGAAAAAT G A G G G C	2680
2681	TGGAATGGGAAACAAATATCGTTTATAAAGAGGCAAAAGA C T C C G C	2720
2721	ATCTGTAGATGCTTTATTTGTAAACTCTCAATATGATCAA G C G G C G	2760
2761	TTACAAGCGGATACGAATATTGCCATGATTCATGCGGCAG G C C C C C C C C	2800
2801	ATAAACGTGTTCATAGCATTCGAGAAGCTTATCTGCCTGA C G C T G CT	2840
	FIG. 11 D	

2841	GCTGTCTGTGATTCCGGGTGTCAATGCGGCTATTTTTGAA T C C T G C T C C G	2880
2881	GAATTAGAAGGGCGTATTTTCACTGCATTCTCCCTATATG C T G A C T C T G C	2920
2921	ATGCGAGAAATGTCATTAAAAATGGTGATTTTAATAATGG C C C G C C C	2960
2961	CTTATCCTGCTGGAACGTGAAAGGGCATGTAGATGTAGAA C CAG T T G C G G	3000
3001	GAACAAAACAACCAACGTTCGGTCCTTGTTGTTCCGGAAT G T G C G G T G	3040
3041	GGGAAGCAGAAGTGTCACAAGAAGTTCGTGTCCGGG T C G A A A	3080
3081	TCGTGGCTATATCCTTCGTGTCACAGCGTACAAGGAGGGA A A C T C G C T	3120
3121	TATGGAGAAGGTTGCGTAACCATTCATGAGATCGAGAACA C T G G C C	3160
3161	ATACAGACGAACTGAAGTTTAGCAACTGCGTAGAAGAGGA C C G T CTC C G A	3200
3201	AATCTATCCAAATAACACGGTAACGTGTAATGATTATACT C C C T T C C C	3240
3241	GTAAATCAAGAAGAATACGGAGGTGCGTACACTTCTCGTA G G G C AGC	3280
3281	ATCGAGGATATAACGAAGCTCCTTCCGTACCAGCTGATTA CA T C T T C	3320
3321	TGCGTCAGTCTATGAAGAAAAATCGTATACAGATGGACGA C C G C G C C CA	3360
3361	AGAGAGAATCCTTGTGAATTTAACAGAGGGTATAGGGATT C T C C G C T C C	3400
3401	ACACGCCACTACCAGTTGGTTATGTGACAAAAGAATTAGA A T C T C G GC T	3440
3441	ATACTTCCCAGAAACCGATAAGGTATGGATTGGAGATTGGAGGA	3480
3481	GAAACGGAAGGAACATTTATCGTGGACAGCGTGGAATTAC C G C C GC T	3520
521	TCCTTATGGAGGAA 3534	

FIG. 11E

1	ATGACTGCAGATAATAATACGGAAGCACTAGATAGCTCTA C C C C C C T	40
41	CAACAAAAGATGTCATTCAAAAAGGCATTTCCGTAGTAGG C T G T C G G T C T G	80
81	TGATCTCCTAGGCGTAGTAGGTTTCCCGTTTGGTGGAGCG A C T G G T A T C C C	120
121	CTTGTTTCGTTTTATACAAACTTTTTAAATACTATTTGGC C GAGC C C C C	160
161	CAAGTGAAGACCCGTGGAAGGCTTTTATGGAACAAGTAGA C G T A A C G T	200
201	AGCATTGATGGATCAGAAAAATAGCTGATTATGCAAAAAAT TC T G T A C G C	240
241	AAAGCTCTTGCAGAGTTACAGGGCCTTCAAAATAATGTCG G T G AC C G C G	280
281	AAGATTATGTGAGTGCATTGAGTTCATGGCAAAAAAATCC G C C TCCAGC G G C	320
321	TGTGAGTTCACGAAATCCACATAGCCAGGGGGGGGATAAGA T C CA T C A TA C	360
361	GAGCTGTTTTCTCAAGCAGAAAGTCATTTTCGTAATTCAA T C C TCC C CA A C	400
401	TGCCTTCGTTTGCAATTTCTGGATACGAGGTTCTATTTCT AGC T C T T C	440
441	AACAACATATGCACAAGCTGCCAACACACATTTATTTTA C T C C G C C	480
481	CTAAAAGACGCTCAAATTTATGGAGAAGAATGGGGATACG T G C G	520
521	AAAAAGAAGATATTGCTGAATTTTATAAAAGACAACTAAA G G C G C GC T T	560
561	ACTTACGCAAGAATATACTGACCATTGTGTCAAATGGTAT G C C G C C G	600
	AATGTTGGATTAGATAAATTAAGAGGTTCATCTTATGAAT C TC C GC C T C C G	640
641	CTTGGGTAAACTTTAACCGTTATCGCAGAGAGATGACATT G C A A CA G C	680

FIG. 12A

681	AACAGTATTAGATTTAATTGCACTATTTCCATTGTATGAT G T GC C C T C C C C	720
721	GTTCGGCTATACCCAAAAGAAGTTAAAACCGAATTAACAA GA A C G G T GC T C	760
761	GAGACGTTTTAACAGATCCAATTGTCGGAGTCAACAACCT GC C T C T	800
801	TAGGGGCTATGGAACAACCTTCTCTAATATAGAAAATTAT T AGC C C C	840
841	ATTCGAAAACCACATCTATTTGACTATCTGCATAGAATTC A G C C T C	880
881	AATTTCACACGCGGTTCCAACCAGGATATTATGGAAATGA C AA T C T C	920
921	CTCTTTCAATTATTGGTCCGGTAATTATGTTTCAACTAGA C C C C	9 60
961	CCAAGCATAGGATCAAATGATATAATCACATCTCCATTCT T T C C C	1000
1001	ATGGAAATAAATCCAGTGAACCTGTACAAAATTTAGAATT T C G G CC T G	1040
1041	TAATGGAGAAAAGTCTATAGAGCCGTAGCAAATACAAAT C C C C C	1080
1081	CTTGCGGTCTGGCCGTCCGCTGTATATTCAGGTGTTACAA C T G A A T C C C	1120
1121	AAGTGGAATTTAGCCAATATAATGATCAAACAGATGAAGC G G T G C G C G	1160
1161	AAGTACACAAACGTACGACTCAAAAAGAAATGTTGGCGCG C C C G T C C A	1200
1201	GTCAGCTGGGATTCTATCGATCAATTGCCTCCAGAAACAA TCT C C	1240
1241	CAGATGAACCTCTAGAAAAGGGATATAGCCATCAACTCAA C AT G G C C T	1280
1281	TTATGTAATGTGCTTTTTAATGCAGGGTAGTAGAGGAACA C G C G A TCC G C	1320
1321	ATCCCAGTGTTAACTTGGACACATAAAAGTGTAGACTTTT T G C C GTCC G C	1360
1361	TTAACATGATTGATTCGAAAAAATTACACAACTTCCGTT C C AGC G G C T C	1400

FIG.12B

1401	AGTAAAGGCATATAAGTTACAATCTGGTGCTTCCGTTGTC G G A C C C G	1440
1441	GCAGGTCCTAGGTTTACAGGAGGAGATATCATTCAATGCA C A C T T C C G	1480
1481	CAGAAAATGGAAGTGCGGCAACTATTTACGTTACACCGGA G C C A T C G T	1520
1521	TGTGTCGTACTCTCAAAAATATCGAGCTAGAATTCATTAT T G G CA G AC T C	1560
1561	GCTTCTACATCTCAGATAACATTTACACTCAGTTTAGACG A CAGC C C C G T	1600
1601	GGGCACCATTTAATCAATACTATTTCGATAAAACGATAAA A C C C G T C T C G C C	1640
1641	TAAAGGAGACACATTAACGTATAATTCATTTAACTA C T TC C A C AGC C C G	1680
1681	AGTTTCAGCACCATTCGAATTATCAGGGAATAACTTAC T C C C TC T	1720
1721	AAATAGGCGTCACAGGATTAAGTGCTGGAGATAAAGTTTA G C C TC C C C C	1760
1761	TATAGACAAAATTGAATTTATTCCAGTGAAT 1791 C C G G C C	

FIG.12C

1	ATG AATAATGTATTGAATAGTGGAAGAACAACTATTT GAC C C CTC T C C	40
41	GTGATGCGTATAATGTAGTAGCCCATGATCCATTTAGTTT C C A C C G T C C C	80
81	TGAACATAAATCATTAGATACCATCCAAAAAGAATGGATG C C GAGCC C C T T G G G	120
121	GAGTGGAAAAGAACAGATCATAGTTTATATGTAGCTCCTG A CT T C CTC C C C A	160
161	TAGTCGGAACTGTGTCTAGTTTTTTGCTAAAGAAAGTGGG G T A C C CC T C G C	200
201	GAGTCTTATTGGAAAAAGGATATTGAGTGAATTATGGGGG CTC C C C T C TCC C C T	240
241	ATAATATTCCTAGTGGTAGTACAAATCTAATGCAAGATA C C ATC GTCC T C C	280
281	TTTTAAGGGAGACAGACAATTCCTAAATCAAAGACTTAA C G C G T C C GC T C	320
321	TACAGATACCCTTGCTCGTGTAAATGCAGAATTGATAGGG C T T G A A C C T G C T	360
361	CTCCAAGCGAATATAAGGGAGTTTAATCAACAAGTAGATA A C TC T C C G G C	400
401	ATTTTTTAAACCCTACTCAAAACCCTGTTCCTTTATCAAT C C G T A G T G C T C	440
441	AACTTCTTCGGTTAATACAATGCAGCAATTATTTCTAAAT C C G C T C C C C	480
481	AGATTACCCCAGTTCCAGATACAAGGATACCAGTTGTTAT G T T T C CCC	520
521	TATTACCTTTATTTGCACAGGCAGCCAATATGCATCTTTC TC T AC C T T C CT G	560
561	TTTTATTAGAGATGTTATTCTTAATGCAGATGAATGGGGTCCCACTCACACACA	600
601	ATTTCAGCAGCAACATTACGTACGTATCGAGATTACCTGA C T C TC TA G A CA C T	640
641	GAAATTATACAAGAGATTATTCTAATTATTGTATAAATAC	680

FIG. 13A

681	GTATCAAACTGCGTTTAGAGGGTTAAACACCCGTTTACAC T G C T AC C T TA GC T	720
721	GATATGTTAGAATTTAGAACATATATGTTTTTAAATGTAT C C T G C G C C CC T C G	760
761	TTGAATATGTATCCATTTGGTCATTGTTTAAATATCAGAG G C CAG AGTC C C G C	800
801	TCTTATGGTATCTTCTGGCGCTAATTTATATGCTAGCGGT CT G G C A C C C CTCT C	840
841	AGTGGACCACAGCAGACACAATCATTTACAGCACAAAACT A T GAGC C T G	880
881	GGCCATTTTTATATTCTCTTTTCCAAGTTAATTCGAATTA C G AGCT G C C C	920
921	TATATTATCTGGTATTAGTGGTACTAGGCTTTCTATTACC C TC CAG CTC G C A C C A	9 60
961	TTCCCTAATATTGGTGGTTTACCGGGTAGTACTACAACTC T C C AC T A CTCC C	1000
1001	ATTCATTGAATAGTGCCAGGGTTAATTATAGCGGAGGAGT AGCC T CTC A G C C T T	1040
1041	TTCATCTGGTCTCATAGGGGCGACTAATCTCAATCACAAC CAGC AT G T T A CT G C	1080
1081	TTTAATTGCAGCACGGTCCTCCCTCCTTTATCAACACCAT C TC C T G A C GAGC G	1120
1121	TTGTTAGAAGTTGGCTGGATTCAGGTACAGATCGAGAGGG G GTCC T CAGC T C A	1160
1161	CGTTGCTACCTCTACGAATTGGCAGACAGAATCCTTTCAA A C A C G C	1200
1201	ACAACTTTAAGTTTAAGGTGTGGTGCTTTTTCAGCCCGTG C C T CC TC A C T A	1240
1241	GAAATTCAAACTATTTCCCAGATTATTTTATCCGTAATAT G C T C C TA G C	1280
1281	TTCTGGGGTTCCTTTAGTTATTAGAAACGAAGATCTAACA C T C C C G T C C C	1320
1321	AGACCGTTACACTATAACCAAATAAGAAATATAGAAAGTC C T AC T T C G T G C C GTC	1360
1361	CTTCGGGAACACCTGGTGGAGCACGGGCCTATTTGGTATC A C T T A A T A A T CC C G	1400

FIG.13B

1401	TGTGCATAACAGAAAAATAATATCTATGCCGCTAATGAA C G G C C T C C G	1440
1441	AATGGTACTATGATCCATTTGGCGCCAGAAGATTATACAG C C T CC T A C T	1480
1481	GATTTACTATATCGCCAATACATGCCACTCAAGTGAATAA C C C T C T C C	1520
1521	TCAAACTCGAACATTTATTTCTGAAAAATTTGGAAATCAA G A C C C C G C	1560
1561	GGTGATTCCTTAAGATTTGAACAAAGCAACACGACAGCTC C G G C G TC T C A	1600
1601	GTTATACGCTTAGAGGGAATGGAAATAGTTACAATCTTTA G C TT G C C C	1640
1641	TTTAAGAGTATCTTCAATAGGAAATTCAACTATTCGAGTT C G TAGC C T T C C C T	1680
1681	ACTATAAACGGTAGAGTTTATACTGTTTCAAATGTTAATA C C AC T C A C T G C	1720
1721	CCACTACAAATAACGATGGAGTTAATGATAATGGAGCTCG T A G C T C C C CA	1760
1761	TTTTTCAGATATTAATATCGGTAATATAGTAGCAAGTGAT A CAGC C C T C C G CTC C	1800
1801	AATACTAATGTAACGCTAGATATAAATGTGACATTAAACT C C T TT G C C CC T	1840
1841	CCGGTACTCCATTGATCTCATGAATATTATGTTTGTGCC T A C C	1880
1881	AACTAATCTTCCACCACTTTAT 1902 C C T T G C	

FIG. 13C

1	ATGGAGGAAAATAATCAAAATCAATGCATACCTTACAATT G C C T A C	40
41	GTTTAAGTAATCCTGAAGAAGTACTTTTGGATGGAGAACG C G C A G T GC T	80
81	GATATCAACTGGTAATTCATCAATTGATATTTCTCTGTCA C T C C T C C C CT C	120
121	CTTGTTCAGTTTCTGGTATCTAACTTTGTACCAGGGGGAG T G C CAGC C G T T	160
161	GATTTTTAGTTGGATTAATAGATTTTGTATGGGGAATAGT G CC T C C T C C T C	200
201	TGGCCCTTCTCAATGGGATGCATTTCTAGTACAAATTGAA T A C G G G	240
241	CAATTAATTAATGAAAGAATAGCTGAATTTGCTAGGAATG G G C C G C C C	280
281	CTGCTATTGCTAATTTAGAAGGATTAGGAAACAATTTCAA C C C G G C T C	320
321	TATATATGTGGAAGCATTTAAAGAATGGGAAGAAGATCCT C C G C G G C	360
361	AATAATCCAGAAACCAGGACCAGAGTAATTGATCGCTTTC C G C C T G G C CA A CA	400
401	GTATACTTGATGGGCTACTTGAAAGGGACATTCCTTCGTT A CT G C CT G G A T C A C	440
441	TCGAATTTCTGGATTTGAAGTACCCCTTTTATCCGTTTAT CA C C C T T C G G C	480
481	GCTCAAGCGGCCAATCTGCATCTAGCTATATTAAGAGATT A T T C C CC TC CA	520
521	CTGTAATTTTTGGAGAAAGATGGGGATTGACAACGATAAA G C C G G C T C	560
561	TGTCAATGAAAACTATAATAGACTAATTAGGCATATTGAT C G T C C T C C	600
601	GAATATGCTGATCACTGTGCAAATACGTATAATCGGGGAT G C C T C C C T C	640
641	TAAATAATTTACCGAAATCTACGTATCAAGATTGGATAAC G C C T G T T	680
681	ATATAATCGATTACGGAGAGACTTAACATTGACTGTATTA C C CA G GA G CC C A T G	720

FIG. 14A

721	GATATCGCCGCTTTCTTTCCAAACTATGACAATAGGAGAT C T A C G C	760
761	ATCCAATTCAGCCAGTTGGTCAACTAACAAGGGAAGTTTA C T C A G T C A C	800
801	TACGGACCCATTAATTAATTTTAATCCACAGTTACAGTCT T C T C C T G AAG	840
841	GTAGCTCAATTACCTACTTTTAACGTTATGGAGAGCAGCC C C T C A C C TC	880
881	GAATTAGAAATCCTCATTTATTTGATATATTGAATAATCT T C G C A C G C C C	920
921	TACAATCTTTACGGATTGGTTTAGTGTTGGACGCAATTTT T C C C G T C C	960
961	TATTGGGGAGGACATCGAGTAATATCTAGCCTTATAGGAG T CA G C C CTCT T	1000
1001	GTGGTAACATAACATCTCCTATATATGGAAGAGAGGCGAA G T C C T A	1040
1041	CCAGGAGCCTCCAAGATCCTTTACTTTTAATGGACCGGTA A C TAGT C C C T A C	1080
1081	TTTAGGACTTTATCAAATCCTACTTTACGATTATTACAGC C A C G T C C GA GC C	1120
1121	AACCTTGGCCAGCGCCACCATTTAATTTACGTGGTGTTGA T T C CC TA A	1160
1161	AGGAGTAGAATTTCTACACCTACAAATAGCTTTACGTAT G C T G C T C CTC C T C	1200
1201	CGAGGAAGAGGTACGGTTGATTCTTTAACTGAATTACCGC A T A C C G C C A	1240
1241	CTGAGGATAATAGTGTGCCACCTCGCGAAGGATATAGTCA A C C CA G C CTCC	1280
1281	TCGTTTATGTCATGCAACTTTTGTTCAAAGATCTGGAACA CA G G C C C G GC T C T	1320
1321	CCTTTTTTAACAACTGGTGTAGTATTTTCTTGGACCGATC A CC C T A A T G C A T	1360
1361	GTAGTGCAACTCTTACAAATACAATTGATCCAGAGAGAAT T C T C C G	1400

FIG.14B

1401	TAATCAAATACCTTTAGTGAAAGGATTTAGAGTTTGGGGG C C A G C G T CC T G A	1440
1441	GGCACCTCTGTCATTACAGGACCAGGATTTACAGGAGGGG A T C C C T	1480
1481	ATATCCTTCGAAGAAATACCTTTGGTGATTTTGTATCTCT T A C T C C GAGC	1520
1521	ACAAGTCAATATTAATTCACCAATTACCCAAAGATACCGT C T C C T T T	1560
1561	TTAAGATTTCGTTACGCTTCCAGTAGGGATGCACGAGTTA C C G A TTCCC T C TA C	1600
1601	TAGTATTAACAGGAGCGGCATCCACAGGAGTGGGAGGCCA C GC C C A T T C T C T A	1640
1641	AGTTAGTGTAAATATGCCTCTTCAGAAAACTATGGAAATA CTCC G C A C G G C	1680
1681	GGGGAGAACTTAACATCTAGAACATTTAGATATACCGATT C G C G C C C	1720
1721	TTAGTAATCCTTTTTCATTTAGAGCTAATCCAGATATAAT CTC C CAGT CC T C C T C C	1760
1761	TGGGATAAGTGAACAACCTCTATTTGGTGCAGGTTCTATT C T C C A T AGC C	1800
1801	AGTAGCGGTGAACTTTATATAGATAAAATTGAAATTATTC TCATCT C T G C T C G G C	1840
1841	TAGCAGATGCAACATTTGAAGCAGAATCTGATTTAGAAAG T C C T CC C G T G ACA CC T G	1880
1881	AGCACAAAAGGCGGTGAATGCCCTGTTTACTTCTTCCAAT C G T C C CA	1920
1921	CAAATCGGGTTAAAAACCGATGTGACGGATTATCATATTG GC T C G TA C T T C C	1960
1961	ATCAAGTATCCAATTTAGTGGATTGTTTATCAGATGAATT C G C G CACC ACC TAGC G	2000
2001	TTGTCTGGATGAAAAGCGAGAAATTGTCCGAGAAAGTCAAA C C C C G T C C T	2040
2041	CATGCGAAGCGACTCAGTGATGAGCGGAATTTACTTCAAG C C T C C A C CT G	2080
2081	ATCCAAACTTCAGAGGGATCAATAGACAACCAGACCGTGG CT C A AC C G G A	2120

FIG. 14C

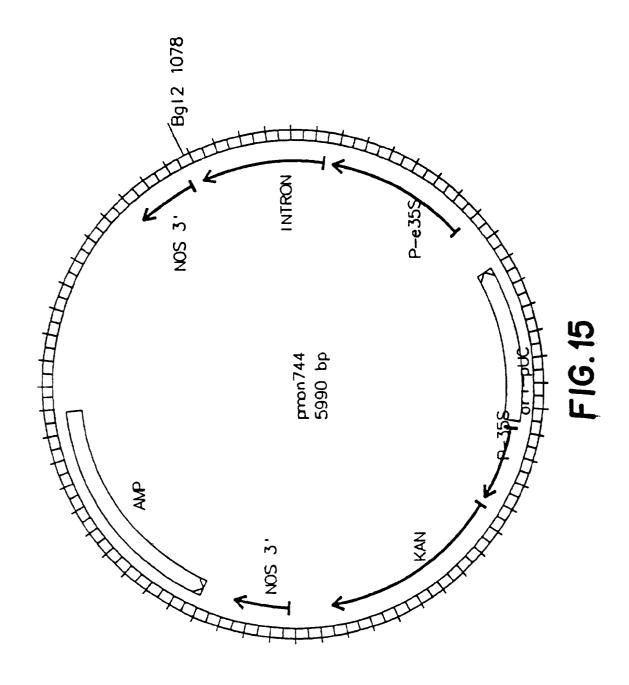
2121	CTGGAGAGGAAGTACAGATATTACCATCCAAGGAGGAGAT T G T C C GG C C C	2160
2161	GACGTATTCAAAGAGAATTACGTCACACTACCGGGTACCG T G G C CT C A TT	2200
2201	TTGATGAGTGCTATCCAACGTATTTATATCAGAAAATAGA C C C T C C G C G C	2240
2241	TGAGTCGAAATTAAAAGCTTATACCCGTTATGAATTAAGA C C C C TC A G C C T	2280
2281	GGGTATATCGAAGATAGTCAAGACTTAGAAATCTATTTGA C C C C T C C	2320
2321	TCCGTTACAATGCAAAACACGAAATAGTAAATGTGCCAGG A G C G C C	2360
2361	CACGGGTTCCTTATGGCCGCTTTCAGCCCAAATGCCAATC T T C C A T TCT C T	2400
2401	GGAAAGTGTGGAGAACCGAATCGATGCGCGCCACACCTTG G G T CA T	2440
2441	AATGGAATCCTGATCTAGATTGTTCCTGCAGAGACGGGGA G CT G C G T C	2480
2481	AAAATGTGCACATCATTCCCATCATTTCACCTTGGATATT G G C C T C T C C	2520
2521	GATGTTGGATGTACAGACTTAAATGAGGACTTAGGTGTAT G T C G C C A C	2560
2561	GGGTGATATTCAAGATTAAGACGCAAGATGGCCATGCAAG C C C C A C	2600
2601	ACTAGGGAATCTAGAGTTTCTCGAAGAGAAACCATTATTA T C C T GG C	2640
2641	GGGGAAGCACTAGCTCGTGTGAAAAGAGCGGAGAAGAAGT T T C G A	2680
2681	GGAGAGACAAACGAGAGAAACTGCAGTTGGAAACAAATAT G T CG A G T C	2720
2721	TGTTTATAAAGAGGCAAAAGAATCTGTAGATGCTTTATTT C C G C G C G C	2760
2761	GTAAACTCTCAATATGATAGATTACAAGTGGATACGAACA G C CAG G CC C	2800
2801	TCGCCATGATTCATGCGGCAGATAAACGCGTTCATAGAAT	2840

FIG. 14D

3561 GGAGGAA 3567

2841	CCGGGAAGCGTATCTGCCAGAGTTGTCTGTGATTCCAGGT T T G T CT T C C T	2880
2881	GTCAATGCGGCCATTTTCGAAGAATTAGAGGGACGTATTT G C T C G C T C	2920
2921	TTACAGCGTATTCCTTATATGATGCGAGAAATGTCATTAA C A TC G C C C	2960
2961	AAATGGCGATTTCAATAATGGCTTATTATGCTGGAACGTG G C T C C C CAGC T	3000
3001	AAAGGTCATGTAGATGTAGAAGAGCAAAACAACCACCGTT G C G G A G T G	3040
3041	CGGTCCTTGTTATCCCAGAATGGGAGGCAGAAGTGTCACA C G G G T G A T C	3080
3081	AGAGGTTCGTGTCCAGGTCGTGGCTATATCCTTCGT A A A C T C	3120
3121	GTCACAGCATATAAAGAGGGGATATGGAGAGGGCTGCGTAA G C T C G C T T G	3160
3161	CGATCCATGAGATCGAAGACAATACAGACGAACTGAAATT C C GA C C G T G	3200
3201	CAGCAACTGTGTAGAAGAGGAAGTATATCCAAACAACACA TC C C G A A C C C	3240
3241	GTAACGTGTAATAATTATACTGGGACTCAAGAAGAATATG T T C CG C C T A G G C	3280
3281	AGGGTACGTACACTTCTCGTAATCAAGGATATGACGAAGC GA G C AGC CAG T CA	3320
3321	CTATGGTAATAACCCTTCCGTACCAGCTGATTACGCTTCA TCC TCXXXXXXXXXXX T T C T C C	3360
	GTCTATGAAGAAAATCGTATACAGATGGACGAAGAGAGA G C G G C CA C T	3400
3401	ATCCTTGTGAATCTAACAGAGGCTATGGGGATTACACACC C C G TC T CA C	3440
3441	ACTACCGGCTGGTTATGTAACAAAGGATTTAGAGTACTTC T A T C T C GC T T	3480
	CCAGAGACCGATAAGGTATGGATTGAGATCGGAGAAACAG T C A G C T C	3520
3521	AAGGAACATTCATCGTGGATAGCGTGGAATTACTCCTTAT G C GC T T G	3560

FIG.14E



1	AGATCTAGAGGTAATTGTTATGAGTACTGTCGTGGTTAAG GATC	40
41	GGAAACGTCAACGGTGGTGTACAACAACCTAGAAGGAGGA G T A	80
81	GAAGGCAATCCCTTCGCAGGAGGGCTAACAGAGTACAGCC T A T	120
121	AGTGGTTATGGTCACTGCTCCTGGCGAACCCAGGAGGAGG GC A A A	160
161	AGACGCAGAAGAGGGGCAATCGCAGGTCAAGAAGAACTG A G T A	200
201	GAGTTCCCAGGGGAAGGGGCTCAAGCGAGACATTCGTGTT A A T	240
241	TACAAAGGACAACCTCGTGGGCAACTCCCAAGGAAGTTTC	280
281	ACCTTCGGACCAAGTGTATCAGACTGTCCAGCATTCAAGG	320
321	ATGGAATACTCAAGGCCTACCATGAGTACAAGATCACAAG T	360
361	TATCCTTCTCAGTTCGTCAGCGAGGCCTCTTCCACCTCA T G	400
401	CCAGGATCCATCGCTTATGAGTTGGACCCACATTGCAAAG C A T	440
441	TATCATCCCTCCAGTCCTACGTCAACAAGTTCCAAATCAC T	480
481	AAAGGGAGGAGCTAAGACCTATCAAGCTAGGATGATCAAC T T C T	520
521	GGAGTAGAATGGCACGATTCATCTGAGGATCAGTGCAGGA T A	560
561	TACTTTGGAAAGGAAGTGGAAAATCTTCAGACCCAGCAGG C A G T T	600
601	ATCTTTCAGAGTCACCATCAGAGTGGCTCTTCAAAACCCCC	640
641	AAGTAATAGACTCCGGATCAGAGCCTGGTCCAAGCCCACA A T	680

FIG. 16A

681	ACCAACACCCACTCCAACTCCCCAAAAGCATGAGCGATTT	720
721	ATTGCTTACGTCGGCATACCTATGCTGACCATTCAAGAAT	760
761	TC 762	

FIG. 16B

SYNTHETIC PLANT GENES AND METHOD FOR PREPARATION

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

[0001] The present invention relates to genetic engineering and more particularly to plant transformation in which a plant is transformed to express a heterologous gene.

[0002] Although great progress has been made in recent years with respect to transgenic plants which express foreign proteins such as herbicide resistant enzymes and viral coat proteins, very little is known about the major factors affecting expression of foreign genes in plants. Several potential factors could be responsible in varying degrees for the level of protein expression from a particular coding sequence. The level of a particular mRNA in the cell is certainly a critical factor.

[0003] The potential causes of low steady state levels of mRNA due to the nature of the coding sequence are many. First, full length RNA synthesis might not occur at a high frequency. This could, for example, be caused by the premature termination of RNA during transcription or due to unexpected mRNA processing during transcription. Second, full length RNA could be produced but then processed (splicing, polyA addition) in the nucleus in a fashion that creates a nonfunctional mRNA. If the RNA is properly synthesized, terminated and polyadenylated, it then can move to the cytoplasm for translation. In the cytoplasm, mRNAs have distinct half lives that are determined by their sequences and by the cell type in which they are expressed. Some RNAs are very short-lived and some are much more long-lived. In addition, there is an effect, whose magnitude is uncertain, of translational efficiency on mRNA half-life. In addition, every RNA molecule folds into a particular structure, or perhaps family of structures, which is determined by its sequence. The particular structure of any RNA might lead to greater or lesser stability in the cytoplasm. Structure per se is probably also a determinant of mRNA processing in the nucleus. Unfortunately, it is impossible to predict, and nearly impossible to determine, the structure of any RNA (except for tRNA) in vitro or in vivo. However, it is likely that dramatically changing the sequence of an RNA will have a large effect on its folded structure. It is likely that structure per se or particular structural features also have a role in determining RNA stability.

[0004] Some particular sequences and signals have been identified in RNAs that have the potential for having a specific effect on RNA stability. This section summarizes what is known about these sequences and signals. These identified sequences often are A+T rich, and thus are more likely to occur in an A+T rich coding sequence such as a B.t. gene. The sequence motif ATTTA (or AUUUA as it appears in RNA) has been implicated as a destabilizing sequence in mammalian cell mRNA (Shaw and Kamen, 1986). No analysis of the function of this sequence in plants has been done. Many short lived mRNAs have A+T rich 3' untranslated regions, and these regions often have the ATTTA sequence, sometimes present in multiple copies or as multimers (e.g., ATTTATTTA . . .). Shaw and Kamen showed that the transfer of the 3' end of an unstable mRNA to a stable RNA (globin or VA1) decreased the stable RNA's half life dramatically. They further showed that a pentamer of ATTTA had a profound destabilizing effect on a stable message, and that this signal could exert its effect whether it was located at the 3' end or within the coding sequence. However, the number of ATTTA sequences and/or the sequence context in which they occur also appear to be important in determining whether they function as destabilizing sequences. Shaw and Kamen showed that a trimer of ATTTA had much less effect than a pentamer on mRNA stability and a dimer or a monomer had no effect on stability (Shaw and Kamen, 1987). Note that multimers of ATTTA such as a pentamer automatically create an A+T rich region. This was shown to be a cytoplasmic effect, not nuclear. In other unstable mRNAs, the ATTTA sequence may be present in only a single copy, but it is often contained in an A+T rich region. From the animal cell data collected to date, it appears that ATTTA at least in some contexts is important in stability, but it is not yet possible to predict which occurences of ATTTA are destabiling elements or whether any of these effects are likely to be seen in plants.

[0005] Some studies on mRNA degradation in animal cells also indicate that RNA degradation may begin in some cases with nucleolytic attack in A+T rich regions. It is not clear if these cleavages occur at ATTTA sequences. There are also examples of mRNAs that have differential stability depending on the cell type in which they are expressed or on the stage within the cell cycle at which they are expressed. For example, histone mRNAs are stable during DNA synthesis but unstable if DNA synthesis is disrupted. The 3' end of some histone mRNAs seems to be responsible for this effect (Pandey and Marzluff, 1987). It does not appear to be mediated by ATTTA, nor is it clear what controls the differential stability of this mRNA. Another example is the differential stability of IgG mRNA in B lymphocytes during B cell maturation (Genovese and Milcarek, 1988). A final example is the instability of a mutant beta-thallesemic globin mRNA. In bone marrow cells, where this gene is normally expressed, the mutant mRNA is unstable, while the wild-type mRNA is stable. When the mutant gene is expressed in HeLa or L cells in vitro, the mutant mRNA shows no instability (Lim et al., 1988). These examples all provide evidence that mRNA stability can be mediated by cell type or cell cycle specific factors. Furthermore this type of instability is not yet associated with specific sequences. Given these uncertainties, it is not possible to predict which RNAs are likely to be unstable in a given cell. In addition, even the ATTTA motif may act differentially depending on the nature of the cell in which the RNA is present. Shaw and Kamen (1987) have reported that activation of protein kinase C can block degradation mediated by ATTTA.

[0006] The addition of a polyadenylate string to the 3' end is common to most eucaryotic mRNAs, both plant and animal. The currently accepted view of polyA addition is that the nascent transcript extends beyond the mature 3' terminus. Contained within this transcript are signals for polyadenylation and proper 3' end formation. This processing at the 3' end involves cleavage of the mRNA and addition of polyA to the mature 3' end. By searching for consensus sequences near the polyA tract in both plant and animal mRNAs, it has been possible to identify consensus sequences that apparently are involved in polyA addition and 3' end cleavage. The same consensus sequences seem to be important to both of these processes. These signals are typically a variation on the sequence AATAAA. In animal cells, some variants of this sequence that are functional have been identified; in plant cells there seems to be an extended

range of functional sequences (Wickens and Stephenson, 1984; Dean et al., 1986). Because all of these consensus sequences are variations on AATAAA, they all are A+T rich sequences. This sequence is typically found 15 to 20 bp before the polyA tract in a mature mRNA. Experiments in animal cells indicate that this sequence is involved in both polyA addition and 3' maturation. Site directed mutations in this sequence can disrupt these functions (Conway and Wickens, 1988; Wickens et al., 1987). However, it has also been observed that sequences up to 50 to 100 bp 3' to the putative polyA signal are also required; i.e., a gene that has a normal AATAAA but has been replaced or disrupted downstream does not get properly polyadenylated (Gil and Proudfoot, 1984; Sadofsky and Alwine, 1984; McDevitt et al., 1984). That is, the polyA signal itself is not sufficient for complete and proper processing. It is not yet known what specific downstream sequences are required in addition to the polyA signal, or if there is a specific sequence that has this function. Therefore, sequence analysis can only identify potential polyA signals.

[0007] In naturally occuring mRNAs that are normally polyadenylated, it has been observed that disruption of this process, either by altering the polyA signal or other sequences in the mRNA, profound effects can be obtained in the level of functional mRNA. This has been observed in several naturally occuring mRNAs, with results that are gene specific so far. There are no general rules that can be derived yet from the study of mutants of these natural genes, and no rules that can be applied to heterologous genes. Below are four examples:

[0008] 1. In a globin gene, absence of a proper polyA site leads to improper termination of transcription. It is likely, but not proven, that the improperly terminated RNA is nonfunctional and unstable (Proudfoot et al., 1987).

[0009] 2. In a globin gene, absence of a functional polyA signal can lead to a 100-fold decrease in the level of mRNA accumulation (Proudfoot et al., 1987).

[0010] 3. A globin gene polyA site was placed into the 3' ends of two different histone genes. The histone genes contain a secondary structure (stemloop) near their 3' ends. The amount of properly polyadenylated histone mRNA produced from these chimeras decreased as the distance between the stem-loop and the polyA site increased. Also, the two histone genes produced greatly different levels of properly polyadenylated mRNA. This suggests an interaction between the polyA site and other sequences on the mRNA that can modulate mRNA accumulation (Pandy and Marzluff, 1987).

[0011] 4. The soybean leghemoglobin gene has been cloned into HeLa cells, and it has been determined that this plant gene contains a "cryptic" polyadenylation signal that is active in animal cells, but is not utilized in plant cells. This leads to the production of a new polyadenylated mRNA that is nonfunctional. This again shows that analysis of a gene in one cell type cannot predict its behavior in alternative cell types (Wiebauer et al., 1988).

[0012] From these examples, it is clear that in natural mRNAs proper polyadenylation is important in mRNA

accumulation, and that disruption of this process can effect mRNA levels significantly. However, insufficient knowledge exists to predict the effect of changes in a normal gene. In a heterologous gene, where we do not know if the putative polyA sites (consensus sequences) are functional, it is even harder to predict the consequences. However, it is possible that the putative sites identified are disfunctional. That is, these sites may not act as proper polyA sites, but instead function as aberrant sites that give rise to unstable mRNAs.

[0013] In animal cell systems, AATAAA is by far the most common signal identified in mRNAs upstream of the polyA, but at least four variants have also been found (Wickens and Stephenson, 1984). In plants, not nearly so much analysis has been done, but it is clear that multiple sequences similar to AATAAA can be used. The plant sites below called major or minor refer only to the study of Dean et al. (1986) which analyzed only three types of plant gene. The designation of polyadenylation sites as major or minor refers only to the frequency of their occurrence as functional sites in naturally occurring genes that have been analyzed. In the case of plants this is a very limited database. It is hard to predict with any certainty that a site designated major or minor is more or less likely to function partially or completely when found in a heterologous gene such as B.t.

PA	AATAAA	Major consensus site
P1A	AATAAT	Major plant site
P2A	AACCAA	Minor plant site
P3A	ATATAA	и
P4A	AATCAA	н
P5A	ATACTA	и
P6A	ATAAAA	и
P7A	ATGAAA	и
P8A	AAGCAT	и
P 9 A	ATTAAT	и
P10A	ATACAT	н
P11A	AAAATA	п
P12A	ATTAAA	Minor animal site
P13A	AATTAA	н
P14A	AATACA	п
P15A	CATAAA	н

[0014] Another type of RNA processing that occurs in the nucleus is intron splicing. Nearly all of the work on intron processing has been done in animal cells, but some data is emerging from plants. Intron processing depends on proper 5' and 3' splice junction sequences. Consensus sequences for these junctions have been derived for both animal and plant mRNAs, but only a few nucleotides are known to be invariant. Therefore, it is hard to predict with any certainty whether a putative splice junction is functional or partially functional based solely on sequence analysis. In particular, the only invariant nucleotides are GT at the 5' end of the intron and AG at the 3' end of the intron. In plants, at every nearby position, either within the intron or in the exon flanking the intron, all four nucleotides can be found, although some positions show some nucleotide preference (Brown, 1986; Hanley and Schuler, 1988).

[0015] A plant intron has been moved from a patatin gene into a GUS gene. To do this, site directed mutagenesis was performed to introduce new restriction sites, and this mutagenesis changed several nucleotides in the intron and exon sequences flanking the GT and AG. This intron still functioned properly, indicating the importance of the GT and

AG and the flexibility at other nucleotide positons. There are of course many occurences of GT and AG in all genes that do not function as intron splice junctions, so there must be some other sequence or structrual features that identify splice junctions. In plants, one such feature appears to be base composition per se. Wiebauer et al. (1988) and Goodall et al. (1988) have analyzed plant introns and exons and found that exons have ~50% A+T while introns have ~70% A+T. Goodall et al. (1988) also created an artificial plant intron that has consensus 5' and 3' splice junctions and a random A+T rich internal sequence. This intron was spliced correctly in plants. When the internal segment was replaced by a G+C rich sequence, splicing efficiency was drastically reduced. These two examples demonsatrate that intron recognition in plants may depend on very general features splice junctions that have a great deal of sequence diversity and A+T richness of the intron itself. This, of course, makes it difficult to predict from sequence alone whether any particular sequence is likely to function as an active or partially active intron for RNA processing.

[0016] B.t. genes being A+T rich contain numerous stretches of various lengths that have 70% or greater A+T. The number of such stretches identified by sequence analysis depends on the length of sequence scanned.

[0017] As for polyadenylation described above, there are complications in predicting what sequences might be utilized as splice sites in any given gene. First, many naturally occuring genes have alternative splicing pathways that create alternative combinations of exons in the final mRNA (Gallega and Nadal-Ginard, 1988; Helfman and Ricci, 1988; Tsurushita and Korn, 1989). That is, some splice junctions are apparently recognized under some circumstances or in certain cell types, but not in others. The rules governing this are not understood. In addition, there can be an interaction between processing paths such that utilization of a particular polyadenylation site can interfere with splicing at a nearby splice site and vice versa (Adami and Nevins, 1988; Brady and Wold, 1988; Marzluff and Pandey, 1988). Again no predictive rules are available. Also, sequence changes in a gene can drastically alter the utilization of particular splice junctions. For example, in a bovine growth hormone gene, small deletions in an exon a few hundred bases downstream of an intron cause the splicing efficiency of the intron to drop from greater than 95% to less than 2% (essentially nonfunctional). Other deletions however have essentially no effect (Hampson and Rottman, 1988). Finally, a variety of in vitro and in vivo experiments indicate that mutations that disrupt normal splicing lead to rapid degradation of the RNA in the nucleus. Splicing is a multistep process in the nucleus and mutations in normal splicing can lead to blockades in the process at a variety of steps. Any of these blockades can then lead to an abnormal and unstable RNA. Studies of mutants of normally processed (polyadenylation and splicing) genes are relevant to the study of heterologous genes such as B.t. B.t. genes might contain functional signals that lead to the production of aberrant nonfunctional mRNAs, and these mRNAs are likely to be unstable. But the B.t. genes are perhaps even more likely to contain signals that are analogous to mutant signals in a natural gene. As shown above these mutant signals are very likely to cause defects in the processing pathways whose consequence is to produce unstable mRNAs.

[0018] It is not known with any certainty what signals RNA transcription termination in plant or animal cells. Some studies on animal genes that indicate that stretches of sequence rich in T cause termination by calf thymus RNA polymerase II in vitro. These studies have shown that the 3' ends of in vitro terminated transcripts often lie within runs of T such as T5, T6 or T7. Other identified sites have not been composed solely of T, but have had one or more other nucleotides as well. Termination has been found to occur within the sequences TATTTTTT, ATTCTC, TTCTT (Dedrick et al., 1987; Reines et al., 1987). In the case of these latter two, the context in which the sequence is found has been C+T rich as well. It is not known if this is essential. Other studies have implicated stretches of A as potential transcriptional terminators. An interesting example from SV40 illustrates the uncertainty in defining terminators based on sequence alone. One potential terminator in SV40 was identified as being A rich and having a region of dyad symmetry (potential stem-loop) 5' to the A rich stretch. However, a second terminator identified experimentally downstream in the same gene was not A rich and included no potential secondary structure (Kessler et al., 1988). Of course, due to the A+T content of B.t. genes, they are rich in runs of A or T that could act as terminators. The importance of termination to stability of the mRNA is shown by the globin gene example described above. Absence of a normal polyA site leads to a failure in proper termination with a consequent decrease in mRNA. There is also an effect on mRNA stability due the translation of the mRNA. Premature translational termination in human triose phosphate isomerase leads to instability of the mRNA (Daar et al., 1988) Another example is the beta-thallesemic globin mRNA described above that is specifically unstable in bone marrow cells (Lim et al., 1988). The defect in this mutant gene is a single base pair deletion at codon 44 that leads to translational termination (a nonsense codon) at codon 60. Compared to properly translated normal globin mRNA, this mutant RNA is very unstable. These results indicate that an improperly translated mRNA is unstable. Other work in yeast indicates that proper but poor translation can have an effect on mRNA levels. A heterologous gene was modified to convert certain codons to more yeast preferred codons. An overall 10-fold increase in protein production was achieved, but there was also about a 3-fold increase in mRNA Hoekema et al., 1987). This indicates that more efficient translation can lead to greater mRNA stability, and that the effect of codon usage can be at the RNA level as well as the translational level. It is not clear from codon usage studies which codons lead to poor translation, or how this is coupled to mRNA stability.

[0019] Therefore, it is an object of the present invention to provide a method for preparing synthetic plant genes which express their respective proteins at relatively high levels when compared to wild-type genes. It is yet another object of the present invention to provide synthetic plant genes which express the crystal protein toxin of *Bacillus thuringiensis* at relatively high levels.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

[0020] FIG. 1 illustrates the steps employed in modifying a wild-type gene to increase expression efficiency in plants.

[0021] FIG. 2 illustrates a comparison of the changes in the modified B.t.k. HD-1 sequence of Example 1 (lower

line) versus the wild-type sequence of B.t.k. HD-1 which encodes the crystal protein toxin (upper line).

[0022] FIG. 3 illustrates a comparison of the changes in the synthetic B.t.k. HD-1 sequence of Example 2 (lower line) versus the wild-type sequence of B.t.k. HD-1 which encodes the crystal protein toxin (upper line).

[0023] FIG. 4 illustrates a comparison of the changes in the synthetic B.t.k. HD-73 sequence of Example 3 (lower line) versus the wild-type sequence of B.t.k. HD-73 (upper line).

[0024] FIG. 5 represents a plasmid map of intermediate plant transformation vector cassette pMON893.

[0025] FIG. 6 represents a plasmid map of intermediate plant transformation vector cassette pMON900.

[0026] FIG. 7 represents a map for the disarmed T-DNA of *A. tumefaciens* ACO.

[0027] FIG. 8 illustrates a comparison of the changes in the synthetic truncated B.t.k. HD-73 gene (Amino acids 29-615 with an N-terminal Met-Ala) of Example 3 (lower line) versus the wild-type sequence of B.t.k. HD-73 (upper line).

[0028] FIG. 9 illustrates a comparison of the changes in the synthetic/wild-type full length B.t.k. HD-73 sequence of Example 3 (lower line) versus the wild-type full-length sequence of B.t.k. HD-73 (upper line)

[0029] FIG. 10 illustrates a comparison of the changes in the synthetic/modified full length B.t.k. HD-73 sequence of Example 3 (lower line) versus the wild-type full-length sequence of B.t.k. HD-73 (upper line).

[0030] FIG. 11 illustrates a comparison of the changes in the fully synthetic full-length B.t.k. HD-73 sequence of Example 3 (lower line) versus the wild-type full-length sequence of B.t.k. HD-73 (upper line).

[0031] FIG. 12 illustrates a comparison of the changes in the synthetic B.t.t. sequence of Example 5 (lower line) versus the wild-type sequence of B.t.t. which encodes the crystal protein toxin (upper line).

[0032] FIG. 13 illustrates a comparison of the changes in the synthetic B.t. P2 sequence of Example 6 (lower line) versus the wild-type sequence of B.t.k. HD-1 which encodes the P2 protein toxin (upper line).

[0033] FIG. 14 illustrates a comparison of the changes in the synthetic B.t. entomocidus sequence of Example 7 (lower line) versus the wild-type sequence of B.t. entomocidus which encodes the Btent protein toxin (upper line).

[0034] FIG. 15 illustrates a plasmid map for plant expression cassette vector pMON744.

[0035] FIG. 16 illustrates a comparison of the changes in the synthetic potato leaf roll virus (PLRV) coat protein sequence of Example 9 (lower line) versus the wild-type coat protein sequence of PLRV (upper line).

STATEMENT OF THE INVENTION

[0036] The present invention provides a method for preparing synthetic plant genes which genes express their protein product at levels significantly higher than the wildtype genes which were commonly employed in plant transformation heretofore. In another aspect, the present invention also provides novel synthetic plant genes which encode non-plant proteins. For brevity and clarity of description, the present invention will be primarily described with respect to the preparation of synthetic plant genes which encode the crystal protein toxin of Bacillus thuringiensis (B.t.). Suitable B.t. subspecies include, but are not limited to, B.t. kurstaki HD-1, B.t. kurstaki HD-73, B.t. sotto, B.t. berliner, B.t. thuringiensis, B.t. tolworthi, B.t. dendrolimus, B.t. alesti, B.t. galleriae, B.t. aizawai, B.t. subtoxicus, B.t. entomocidus, B.t. tenebrionis and B.t. san diego. However, those skilled in the art will recognize and it should be understood that the present method may be used to prepare synthetic plant genes which encode non-plant proteins other than the crystal protein toxin of B.t. as well as plant proteins (see for instance, Example 9).

[0037] The expression of B.t. genes in plants is problematic. Although the expression of B.t. genes in plants at insecticidal levels has been reported, this accomplishment has not been straightforward. In particular, the expression of a full-length lepidopteran specific B.t. gene (comprising DNA from a B.t.k. isolate) has been reported to be unsuccessful in yielding insecticidal levels of expression in some plant species (Vaeck et al., 1987 and Barton et al., 1987).

[0038] It has been reported that expression of the full-length gene from B.t.k. HD-1 was detectable in tomato plants but that truncated genes led to a higher frequency of insecticidal plants with an overall higher level of expression. Truncated genes of *B.t. berliner* also led to a higher frequency of insecticidal plants in tobacco (Vaeck et al., 1987). On the other hand, insecticidal plants were provided from lettuce transformants using a full-length gene.

[0039] It has also been reported that the full length gene from B.t.k. HD-73 gave some insecticidal effect in tobacco (Adang et al., 1987). However, the B.t. mRNA detected in these plants was only 1.7 kb compared to the expected 3.7 kb indicating improper expression of the gene. It was suggested that this truncated mRNA was too short to encode a functional truncated toxin, but there must have been a low level of longer mRNA in some plants or no insecticidal activity would have been observed. Others have reported in a publication that they observed a large amount of shorter than expected mRNA from a truncated B.t.k. gene, but some mRNA of the expected size was also observed. In fact, it was suggested that expression of the full length gene is toxic to tobacco callus (Barton et al., 1987). The above illustrates that lepidopteran type B.t. genes are poorly expressed in plants compared to other chimeric genes previously expressed from the same promoter cassettes.

[0040] The expression of B.t.t. in tomato and potato is at levels similar to that of B.t.k. (i.e., poor). B.t.t. and B.t.k. genes share only limited sequence homology, but they share many common features in terms of base composition and the presence of particular A+T rich elements.

[0041] All reports in the field have noted the lower than expected expression of B.t. genes in plants. In general, insecticidal efficacy has been measured using insects very sensitive to B.t. toxin such as tobacco hornworm. Although it has been possible to obtain plants totally protected against tobacco hornworm, it is important to note that hornworm is up to 500 fold more sensitive to B.t. toxin than some agronomically important insect pests such as beet army-

worm. It is therefore of interest to obtain transgenic plants that are protected against all important lepidopteran pests (or against Colorado potato beetle in the case of *B.t. tenebrionis*), and in addition to have a level of *B.t.* expression that provides an additional safety margin over and above the efficacious protection level. It is also important to devise plant genes which function reproducibly from species to species, so that insect resistant plants can be obtained in a predictable fashion.

[0042] In order to achieve these goals, it is important to understand the nature of the poorer than expected expression of B.t. genes in plants. The level of stable B.t. mRNA in plants is much lower than expected. That is, compared to other coding sequences driven by the same promoter, the level of B.t. mRNA measured by Northern analysis or nuclease protection experiments is much lower. For example, tomato plant 337 (Fischhoff et al., 1987) was selected as the best expressing plant with pMON9711 which contains the B.t.k. HD-1 KpnI fragment driven by the CaMV 35S promoter and contains the NOS-NPTII-NOS selectable marker gene. In this plant the level of B.t. mRNA is between 100 to 1000 fold lower than the level of NPTII mRNA, even though the 35S promoter is approximately 50-fold stronger than the NOS promoter (Sanders et al., 1987).

[0043] The level of B.t. toxin protein detected in plants is consistent with the low level of B.t. mRNA. Moreover, the insecticidal efficacy of the transgenic plants correlates with the B.t. protein level indicating that the toxin protein produced in plants is biologically active. Therefore, the low level of B.t. toxin expression may be the result of the low levels of B.t. mRNA.

[0044] Messenger RNA levels are determined by the rate of synthesis and rate of degradation. It is the balance between these two that determines the steady state level of mRNA. The rate of synthesis has been maximized by the use of the CaMV 35S promoter, a strong constitutive plant expressible promoter. The use of other plant promoters such as nopaline synthase (NOS), mannopine synthase (MAS) and ribulose bisphosphatecarboxylase small subunit (RUBISCO) have not led to dramatic changes in the levels of B.t. toxin protein expression indicating that the effects determining B.t. toxin protein levels are promoter independent. These data imply that the coding sequences of DNA genes encoding B.t. toxin proteins are somehow responsible for the poor expression level, and that this effect is manifested by a low level of accumulated stable mRNA.

[0045] Lower than expected levels of mRNA have been observed with four different lepidopteran specific genes (two from B.t.k. HD-1; B.t. berliner and B.t.k. HD-73) as well as the gene from the coleopteran specific B.t. tenebrionis. It appears that for lepidopteran type B.t. genes these effects are manifest more strongly in the full length coding sequences than in the truncated coding sequences. These effects are seen across plant species although their magnitude seems greater in some plant species such as tobacco.

[0046] The nature of the coding sequences of B.t. genes distinguishes them from plant genes as well as many other heterologous genes expressed in plants. In particular, B.t. genes are very rich (~62%) in adenine (A) and thymine (T) while plant genes and most bacterial genes which have been expressed in plants are on the order of 45-55% A+T. The A+T content of the genomes (and thus the genes) of any

organism are features of that organism and reflect its evolutionary history. While within any one organism genes have similar A+T content, the A+T content can vary tremendously from organism to organism. For example, some Bacillus species have among the most A+T rich genomes while some Steptomyces species are among the least A+T rich genomes (~30 to 35% A+T).

[0047] Due to the degeneracy of the genetic code and the limited number of codon choices for any amino acid, most of the "excess" A+T of the structural coding sequences of some Bacillus species are found in the third position of the codons. That is, genes of some Bacillus species have A or T as the third nucleotide in many codons. Thus A+T content in part can determine codon usage bias. In addition, it is clear that genes evolve for maximum function in the organism in which they evolve. This means that particular nucleotide sequences found in a gene from one organism, where they may play no role except to code for a particular stretch of amino acids, have the potential to be recognized as gene control elements in another organism (such as transcriptional promoters or terminators, polyA addition sites, intron splice sites, or specific mRNA degradation signals). It is perhaps surprising that such misread signals are not a more common feature of heterologous gene expression, but this can be explained in part by the relatively homogeneous A+T content (~50%) of many organisms. This A+T content plus the nature of the genetic code put clear constraints on the likelihood of occurence of any particular oligonucleotide sequence. Thus, a gene from E. coli with a 50% A+T content is much less likely to contain any particular A+T rich segment than a gene from B. thuringiensis.

[0048] As described above, the expression of B.t. toxin protein in plants has been problematic. Although the observations made in other systems described above offer the hope of a means to elevate the expression level of B.t. toxin proteins in plants, the success obtained by the present method is quite unexpected. Indeed, inasmuch as it has been recently reported that expression of the full-length B.t.k. toxin protein in tobacco makes callus tissue necrotic (Barton et al., 1987); one would reasonably expect that high level expression of B.t. toxin protein to be unattainable due to the reported toxicity effects.

[0049] In its most rigorous application, the method of the present invention involves the modification of an existing structural coding sequence ("structural gene") which codes for a particular protein by removal of ATTTA sequences and putative polyadenylation signals by site directed mutagenesis of the DNA comprising the structural gene. It is most preferred that substantially all the polyadenylation signals and ATTTA sequences are removed although enhanced expression levels are observed with only partial removal of either of the above identified sequences. Alternately if a synthetic gene is prepared which codes for the expression of the subject protein, codons are selected to avoid the ATTTA sequence and putative polyadenylation signals. For purposes of the present invention putative polyadenylation signals include, but are not necessarily limited to, AATAAA, AATAAT, AACCAA, ATATAA, AATCAA, ATACTA, ATAAAA, ATGAAA, AAGCAT, ATTAAT, ATACAT, AAAATA, ATTAAA, AATTAA, AATACA and CATAAA. In replacing the ATTTA sequences and polyadenylation signals, codons are preferably utilized which avoid the codons which are rarely found in plant genomes.

[0050] Another embodiment of the present invention, represented in the flow diagram of FIG. 1, employs a method for the modification of an existing structural gene or alternately the de novo synthesis of a structural gene which method is somewhat less rigorous than the method first described above. Referring to FIG. 1, the selected DNA sequence is scanned to identify regions with greater than four consecutive adenine (A) or thymine (T) nucleotides. The A+T regions are scanned for potential plant polyadenylation signals. Although the absence of five or more consecutive A or T nucleotides eliminates most plant polyadenylation signals, if there are more than one of the minor polyadenylation signals identified within ten nucleotides of each other, then the nucleotide sequence of this region is preferably altered to remove these signals while maintaining the original encoded amino acid sequence.

[0051] The second step is to consider the 15 to 30 nucleotide regions surrounding the A+T rich region identified in step one. If the A+T content of the surrounding region is less than 80%, the region should be examined for polyadenylation signals. Alteration of the region based on polyadenylation signals is dependent upon (1) the number of polyadenylation signals present and (2) presence of a major plant polyadenylation signal.

[0052] The extended region is examined for the presence of plant polyadenylation signals. The polyadenylation signals are removed by site-directed mutagenesis of the DNA sequence. The extended region is also examined for multiple copies of the ATTTA sequence which are also removed by mutagenesis.

[0053] It is also preferred that regions comprising many consecutive A+T bases or G+C bases are disrupted since these regions are predicted to have a higher likelihood to form hairpin structure due to self-complementarity. Therefore, insertion of heterogeneous base pairs would reduce the likelihood of self-complementary secondary structure formation which are known to inhibit transcription and/or translation in some organisms. In most cases, the adverse effects may be minimized by using sequences which do not contain more than five consecutive A+T or G+C.

Synthetic Oligonucleotides for Mutagenesis

[0054] The oligonucleotides used in the mutagenesis are designed to maintain the proper amino acid sequence and reading frame and preferably to not introduce common restriction sites such as BglII, HindIII, SacI, KpnI, EcoRI, Ncol, PstI and SalI into the modified gene. These restriction sites are found in multi-linker insertion sites of cloning vectors such as plasmids pUC118 and pMON7258. Of course, the introduction of new polyadenylation signals, ATTTA sequences or consecutive stretches of more than five A+T or G+C, should also be avoided. The preferred size for the oligonucleotides is around 40-50 bases, but fragments ranging from 18 to 100 bases have been utilized. In most cases, a minimum of 5 to 8 base pairs of homology to the template DNA on both ends of the synthesized fragment are maintained to insure proper hybridization of the primer to the template. The oligonucleotides should avoid sequences longer than five base pairs A+T or G+C. Codons used in the replacement of wild-type codons should preferably avoid the TA or CG doublet wherever possible. Codons are selected from a plant preferred codon table (such as Table I below)

so as to avoid codons which are rarely found in plant genomes, and efforts should be made to select codons to preferably adjust the G+C content to about 50%.

TABLE I

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[0055] Regions with many consecutive A+T bases or G+C bases are predicted to have a higher likelihood to form hairpin structures due to self-complementarity. Disruption of these regions by the insertion of heterogeneous base pairs is

preferred and should reduce the likelihood of the formation of self-complementary secondary structures such as hairpins which are known in some organisms to inhibit transcription (transcriptional terminators) and translation (attenuators). However, it is difficult to predict the biological effect of a potential hairpin forming region.

[0056] It is evident to those skilled in the art that while the above description is directed toward the modification of the DNA sequences of wild-type genes, the present method can be used to construct a completely synthetic gene for a given amino acid sequence. Regions with five or more consecutive A+T or G+C nucleotides should be avoided. Codons should be selected avoiding the TA and CG doublets in codons whenever possible. Codon usage can be normalized against a plant preferred codon usage table (such as Table I) and the G+C content preferably adjusted to about 50%. The resulting sequence should be examined to ensure that there are minimal putative plant polyadenylation signals and ATTTA sequences. Restriction sites found in commonly used cloning vectors are also preferably avoided. However, placement of several unique restriction sites throughout the gene is useful for analysis of gene expression or construction of gene variants.

Plant Gene Construction

[0057] The expression of a plant gene which exists in double-stranded DNA form involves transcription of messenger RNA (mRNA) from one strand of the DNA by RNA polymerase enzyme, and the subsequent processing of the mRNA primary transcript inside the nucleus. This processing involves a 3' non-translated region which adds polyadenylate nucleotides to the 3' end of the RNA. Transcription of DNA into mRNA is regulated by a region of DNA usually referred to as the "promoter." The promoter region contains a sequence of bases that signals RNA polymerase to associate with the DNA and to initiate the transcription of mRNA using one of the DNA strands as a template to make a corresponding strand of RNA.

[0058] A number of promoters which are active in plant cells have been described in the literature. These include the nopaline synthase (NOS) and octopine synthase (OCS) promoters (which are carried on tumor-inducing plasmids of Agrobacterium tumefaciens), the Cauliflower Mosaic Virus (CaMV) 19S and 35S promoters, the light-inducible promoter from the small subunit of ribulose bis-phosphate carboxylase (ssRUBISCO, a very abundant plant polypeptide) and the mannopine synthase (MAS) promoter (Velten et al. 1984 and Velten & Schell, 1985). All of these promoters have been used to create various types of DNA constructs which have been expressed in plants (see e.g., PCT publication WO84/02913 (Rogers et al., Monsanto)

[0059] Promoters which are known or are found to cause transcription of RNA in plant cells can be used in the present invention. Such promoters may be obtained from plants or plant viruses and include, but are not limited to, the CaMV35S promoter and promoters isolated from plant genes such as ssRUBISCO genes. As described below, it is preferred that the particular promoter selected should be capable of causing sufficient expression to result in the production of an effective amount of protein.

[0060] The promoters used in the DNA constructs (i.e. chimeric plant genes) of the present invention may be

modified, if desired, to affect their control characteristics. For example, the CaMV35S promoter may be ligated to the portion of the ssRUBISCO gene that represses the expression of ssRUBISCO in the absence of light, to create a promoter which is active in leaves but not in roots. The resulting chimeric promoter may be used as described herein. For purposes of this description, the phrase "CaMV35S" promoter thus includes variations of CaMV35S promoter, e.g., promoters derived by means of ligation with operator regions, random or controlled mutagenesis, etc. Furthermore, the promoters may be altered to contain multiple "enhancer sequences" to assist in elevating gene expression.

[0061] The RNA produced by a DNA construct of the present invention also contains a 5' non-translated leader sequence. This sequence can be derived from the promoter selected to express the gene, and can be specifically modified so as to increase translation of the mRNA. The 5' non-translated regions can also be obtained from viral RNA's, from suitable eukaryotic genes, or from a synthetic gene sequence. The present invention is not limited to constructs, as presented in the following examples. Rather, the non-translated leader sequence can be part of the 5' end of the non-translated region of the coding sequence for the virus coat protein, or part of the promoter sequence, or can be derived from an unrelated promoter or coding sequence. In any case, it is preferred that the sequence flanking the initiation site conform to the translational consensus sequence rules for enhanced translation initiation reported by Kozak (1984).

[0062] The DNA construct of the present invention also contains a modified or fully-synthetic structural coding sequence which has been changed to enhance the performance of the gene in plants. In a particular embodiment of the present invention the enhancement method has been applied to design modified and fully synthetic genes encoding the crystal toxin protein of *Bacillus thuringiensis*. The structural genes of the present invention may optionally encode a fusion protein comprising an amino-terminal chloroplast transit peptide or secretory signal sequence (see for instance, Examples 10 and 11).

[0063] The DNA construct also contains a 3' non-translated region. The 3' non-translated region contains a polyadenylation signal which functions in plants to cause the addition of polyadenylate nucleotides to the 3' end of the viral RNA. Examples of suitable 3' regions are (1) the 3' transcribed, non-translated regions containing the polyadenylation signal of Agrobacterium tumor-inducing (Ti) plasmid genes, such as the nopaline synthase (NOS) gene, and (2) plant genes like the soybean storage protein (7S) genes and the small subunit of the RuBP carboxylase (E9) gene. An example of a preferred 3' region is that from the 7S gene, described in greater detail in the examples below.

Plant Transformation

[0064] A chimeric plant gene containing a structural coding sequence of the present invention can be inserted into the genome of a plant by any suitable method. Suitable plants for use in the practice of the present invention include, but are not limited to, soybean, cotton, alfalfa, oilseed rape, flax, tomato, sugarbeet, sunflower, potato, tobacco, maize, rice and wheat. Suitable plant transformation vectors include

those derived from a Ti plasmid of Agrobacterium tumefaciens, as well as those disclosed, e.g., by Herrera-Estrella (1983), Bevan (1983), Klee (1985) and EPO publication 120,516 (Schilperoort et al.). In addition to plant transformation vectors derived from the Ti or root-inducing (Ri) plasmids of Agrobacterium, alternative methods can be used to insert the DNA constructs of this invention into plant cells. Such methods may involve, for example, the use of liposomes, electroporation, chemicals that increase free DNA uptake, free DNA delivery via microprojectile bombardment, and transformation using viruses or pollen.

[0065] A particularly useful Ti plasmid cassette vector for transformation of dicotyledonous plants is shown in FIG. 5. Referring to FIG. 5, the expression cassette pMON893 consists of the enhanced CaMV35S promoter (EN 35S) and the 3' end including polyadenylation signals from a soybean gene encoding the alpha-prime subunit of beta-conglycinin. Between these two elements is a multilinker containing multiple restriction sites for the insertion of genes.

[0066] The enhanced CaMV35S promoter was constructed as follows. A fragment of the CaMV35S promoter extending between position –343 and +9 was previously constructed in pUC13 by Odell et al. (1985). This segment contains a region identified by Odell et al. (1985) as being necessary for maximal expression of the CaMV35S promoter. It was excised as a ClaI-HindIII fragment, made blunt ended with DNA polymerase I (Klenow fragment) and inserted into the HincII site of pUC18. This upstream region of the 35S promoter was excised from this plasmid as a HindIII-EcoRV fragment (extending from –343 to –90) and inserted into the same plasmid between the HindIII and PstI sites. The enhanced CaMV35S promoter thus contains a duplication of sequences between –343 and –90 (Kay et al., 1987).

[0067] The 3' end of the 7S gene is derived from the 7S gene contained on the clone designated 17.1 (Schuler et al., 1982). This 3' end fragment, which includes the polyadenylation signals, extends from an AvaII site located about 30 bp upstream of the termination codon for the beta-conglycinin gene in clone 17.1 to an EcoRI site located about 450 bp downstream of this termination codon.

[0068] The remainder of pMON893 contains a segment of pBR322 which provides an origin of replication in *E. coli* and a region for homologous recombination with the disarmed T-DNA in Agrobacterium strain ACO (described below); the oriV region from the broad host range plasmid RK1; the streptomycin/spectinomycin resistance gene from Tn7; and a chimeric NPTII gene, containing the CaMV35S promoter and the nopaline synthase (NOS) 3' end, which provides kanamycin resistance in transformed plant cells.

[0069] Referring to FIG. 6, transformation vector plasmid pMON900 is a derivative of pMON893. The enhanced CaMV35S promoter of pMON893 has been replaced with the 1.5 kb mannopine synthase (MAS) promoter (Velten et al. 1984). The other segments are the same as plasmid pMON893. After incorporation of a DNA construct into plasmid vector pMON893 or pMON900, the intermediate vector is introduced into *A. tumefaciens* strain ACO which contains a disarmed Ti plasmid. Cointegrate Ti plasmid vectors are selected and used to transform dicotyledonous plants.

[0070] Referring to FIG. 7, A. tumefaciens ACO is a disarmed strain similar to pTiB6SE described by Fraley et

al. (1985). For construction of ACO the starting Agrobacterium strain was the strain A208 which contains a nopaline-type Ti plasmid. The Ti plasmid was disarmed in a manner similar to that described by Fraley et al. (1985) so that essentially all of the native T-DNA was removed except for the left border and a few hundred base pairs of T-DNA inside the left border. The remainder of the T-DNA extending to a point just beyond the right border was replaced with a novel piece of DNA including (from left to right) a segment of pBR322, the oriV region from plasmid RK2, and the kanamycin resistance gene from Tn601. The pBR322 and oriV segments are similar to the segments in pMON893 and provide a region of homology for cointegrate formation.

[0071] The following examples are provided to better elucidate the practice of the present invention and should not be interpreted in any way to limit the scope of the present invention. Those skilled in the art will recognize that various modifications, truncations etc. can be made to the methods and genes described herein while not departing from the spirit and scope of the present invention.

EXAMPLE 1

Modified B.t.k. HD-1 Gene

[0072] Referring to FIG. 2, the wild-type B.t.k. HD-1 gene is known to be expressed poorly in plants as a full length gene or as a truncated gene. The G+C content of the B.t.k. gene is low (37%) containing many A+T rich regions, potential polyadenylation sites (18 sites; see Table II for the list of sequences) and numerous ATTTA sequences.

TABLE II

List of Sequences of the Potential Polyadenylation Signals			
AATAAA*	AAGCAT		
AATAAT*	ATTAAT		
AACCAA	ATACAT		
ATATAA	AAAATA		
AATCAA	ATTAAA**		
ATACTA	AATTAA**		
ATAAAA	AATACA**		
ATGAAA	CATAAA**		

^{*}indicates a potential major plant polyadenylation site.

[0073] Table III lists the synthetic oligonucleotides designed and synthesized for the site-directed mutagenesis of the B.t.k. HD-1 gene.

TABLE III

Mutagen	esis Primers f	or B.t.k. HD-1 Gene
Primer	Length(bp)	Sequence
BTK185	18	TCCCCAGATA ATATCAAC
BTK240	48	GGCTTGATTC CTAGCGAACT CTTCGATTCT CTGGTTGATG AGCTGTTC
BTK462	54	CAAAACTGAG AGGTGGAGGT TGGCAGCTTG AACGTACACG GAGAGGAGGAGGAAC

^{**}indicates a potential minor animal polyadenylation site. All others are potential minor plant polyadenylation sites.

TABLE III-continued

Mutagene	sis Primers	for B.t.k. HD-1 Gene
Primer	Length(bp)	Sequence
BTK669	48	AGTTAGTGTA AGCTCTCTTC TGAACTGGTT GTACCTGATC CAATCTCT
BTK930	39	AGCCATGATC TGGTGACCGG ACCAGTAGTA TTCTCCTCT
BTK1110	32	AGTTGTTGGT TGTTGATCCC GATGTTAAAA GG
BTK1380A	37	GTGATGAAGG GATGATGTTG TTGAACTCAG CACTACG
BTK1380T	100	CAGAAGTTCC AGAGCCAAGA TTAGTAGACT TGGTGAGTGG GATTTGGGTG ATTTGTGATG AAGGGATGAT GTTGTTGAAC TCAGCACTAC GATGTATCCA
BTK1600	27	TGATGTGTGG AACTGAAGGT TTGTGGT

[0074] The B.t.k. HD-1 gene (BgIII fragment from pMON9921 encoding amino acids 29-607 with a Met-Ala at the N-terminus) was cloned into pMON7258 (pUC118 derivative which contains a BgIII site in the multilinker cloning region) at the BgIII site resulting in pMON5342. The orientation of the B.t.k. gene was chosen so that the opposite strand (negative strand) was synthesized in filamentous phage particles for the mutagenesis. The procedure of Kunkle (1985) was used for the mutagenesis using plasmid pMON5342 as starting material.

[0075] The regions for mutagenesis were selected in the following manner. All regions of the DNA sequence of the B.t.k. gene were identified which contained five or more consecutive base pairs which were A or T. These were ranked in terms of length and highest percentage of A+T in the surrounding sequence over a 20-30 base pair region. The DNA was then analysed for regions which might contain polyadenylation sites (see Table II above) or ATTTA sequences. Oligonucleotides were designed which maximized the elimination of A+T consecutive regions which contained one or more polyadenylation sites or ATTTA sequences. Two potential plant polyadenylation sites were rated more critical (see Table II) based on published reports. Codons were selected which increased G+C content, did not generate restriction sites for enzymes useful for cloning and assembly of the modified gene (BamHI, BgIII, SacI, NcoI, EcoRV) and did not contain the doublets TA or GC which have been reported to be infrequently found in codons in plants. The oligonucleotides were at least 18 bp long ranging up to 100 base pairs and contained at least 5-8 base pairs of direct homology to native sequences at the ends of the fragments for efficient hybridization and priming in sitedirected mutagenesis reactions. FIG. 2 compares the wildtype B.t.k. HD-1 gene sequence with the sequence which resulted from the modifications by site-directed mutagenesis.

[0076] The end result of these changes was to increase the G+C content of B.t.k. gene from 37% to 41% while also

decreasing the potential plant polyadenylation sites from 18 to 7 and decreasing the ATTTA regions from 13 to 7. Specifically, the mutagenesis changes from amino (5') terminus to the carboxy (3') terminus are as follows:

[0077] BTK185 is an 18-mer used to eliminate a plant polyadenylation site in the midst of a nine base pair region of A+T.

[0078] BTK240 is a 48-mer. Seven base pairs were changed by this oligonucleotide to eliminate three potential polyadenylation sites (2 AACCAA, 1 AATTAA). Another region close to the region altered by BTK240, starting at bp 312, had a high A+T content (13 of 15 base pairs) and an ATTTA region. However, it did not contain a potential polyadenylation site and its longest string of uninterrupted A+T was seven base pairs.

[0079] BTK462 is a 54-mer introducing 13 base pair changes. The first six changes were to reduce the A+T richness of the gene by replacing wild-type codons with codons containing G and C while avoiding the CG doublet. The next seven changes made by BTK462 were used to eliminate an A+T rich region (13 of 14 base pairs were A or T) containing two ATTTA regions.

[0080] BTK669 is a 48-mer making nine individual base pair changes eliminating three possible polyadenylation sites (ATATAA, AATCAA, and AATTAA) and a single ATTTA site.

[0081] BTK930 is a 39-mer designed to increase the G+C content and to eliminate a potential polyadenylation site (AATAAT—a major site). This region did contain a nine base pair region of consecutive A+T sequence. One of the base pair changes was a G to A because a G at this position would have created a G+C rich region (CCGG(G)C). Since sequencing reactions indicate that there can be difficulties generating sequence through G+C consecutive bases, it was thought to be prudent to avoid generating potentially problematic regions even if they were problematic only in vitro.

[0082] BTK1110 is a 32-mer designed to introduce five changes in the wild-type gene. One potential site (AATAAT—a major site) was eliminated in the midst of an A+T rich region (19 of 22 base pairs).

[0083] BTK1380A and BTK1380T are responsible for 14 individual base pair changes. The first region (1380A) has 17 consecutive A+T base pairs. In this region is an ATTTA and a potential polyadenylation site (AATAAT). The 100mer (1380T) contains all the changes dictated by 1380A. The large size of this primer was in part an experiment to determine if it was feasible to utilize large oligonucleotides for mutagenesis (over 60 bases in length). A second consideration was that the 100-mer was used to mutagenize a template which had previously been mutageneized by 1380A. The original primer ordered to mutagenize the region downstream and adjacent to 1380A did not anneal efficiently to the desired site as indicated by an inability to obtain clean sequence utilizing the primer. The large region of homology of 1380T did assure proper annealing. The extended size of 1380T was more of a convenience rather than a necessity. The second region adjacent to 1380A covered by 1380T has a high A+T content (22 of 29 bases are A or T).

[0084] BTK1600 is a 27-mer responsible for five individual base pair changes. An ATTTA region and a plant polyadenylation site were identified and the appropriate changes engineered.

[0085] A total of 62 bases were changed by site-directed mutagenesis. The G+C content increased by 55 base pairs, the potential polyadenylation sites were reduced from 18 to seven and the ATTTA sequences decreased from 13 to seven. The changes in the DNA sequence resulted in changes in 55 of the 579 codons in the truncated B.t.k. gene in pMON5342 (approximately 9.5%).

[0086] Referring to Table IV modified B.t.k. HD-1 genes were constructed that contained all of the above modifications (pMON5370) or various subsets of individual modifications. These genes were inserted into pMON893 for plant transformation and tobacco plants containing these genes were analyzed. The analysis of tobacco plants with the individual modifications was undertaken for several reasons. Expression of the wild type truncated gene in tobacco is very poor, resulting in infrequent identification of plants toxic to THW. Toxicity is defined by leaf feeding assays as at least 60% mortality of tobacco hornworm neonate larvae with a damage rating of 1 or less (scale is 0 to 4; 0 is equivalent to total protection, 4 total damage). The modified HD-1 gene (pMON5370) shows a large increase in expression (estimated to be approximately 100-fold; see Table VIII) in tobacco. Therefore, increases in expression of the wild-type gene due to individual modifications would be apparently a large increase in the frequency of toxic tobacco plants and the presence of detectable B.t.k. protein. Results are shown in the following table:

TABLE IV

Relative effects of Regional Modifications within the B.t.k. Gene			
Construct	Position Modified	# of Plants	# of Toxic Plants
pMON5370	185, 240, 669, 930, 1110, 1380a+b, 1600	38	22
pMON10707	185, 240, 462, 669	48	19
pMON10706	930, 1110, 1380a+b, 1600	43	1
pMON10539	185	55	2
pMON10537	240	57	17
pMON10540	185, 240	88	23
pMON10705	462	47	1

[0087] The effects of each individual oligonucleotides' changes on expression did reveal some overall trends. Six different constructs were generated which were designed to identify the key regions. The nine different oligonucleotides were divided in half by their position on the gene. Changes in the N-terminal half were incorporated into pMON10707 (185,240, 462,669). C-terminal half changes were incorporated into pMON10706 (930,1110,1380a+b,1600). The results of analysis of plants with these two constructs indicate that pMON10707 produces a substantial number of toxic plants (19 of 48). Protein from these plants is detectable by ELISA analysis. pMON10706 plants were rarely identified as insecticidal (1 of 43) and the levels of B.t.k. were barely detectable by immunological analysis. Investigation of the N-terminal changes in greater detail was done with 4 pMON constructs; 10539 (185 alone), 10537 (240 alone), 10540 (185 and 240) and 10705 (462 alone). The

results indicate that the presence of the changes in 240 were required to generate a substantial number of toxic plants (pMON10540; 23 of 88, pMON10537; 17 of 57). The absence of the 240 changes resulted in a low frequency of toxic plants with low B.t.k. protein levels, identical to results with the wild type gene. These results indicate that the changes in 240 are responsible for a substantial increase in B.t.k. expression levels over an analogous wild-type construct in tobacco. Changes in additional regions (185,462, 669) in conjunction with 240 may result in increases in B.t.k. expression (>2 fold). However, changes at the 240 region of the N-terminal portion of the gene do result in dramatic increases in expression.

[0088] Despite the importance of the alteration of the 240 region in expression of modified genes, increased expression can be achieved by alteration of other regions. Hybrid genes, part wild-type, part synthetic, were generated to determine the effects of synthetic gene segments on the levels of B.t.k. expression. A hybrid gene was generated with a synthetic N-terminal third (base pair 1 to 590 of FIG. 2: to the XbaI site) with the C-terminal wild type B.t.k. HD-1 (pMON5378) Plants transformed with this vector were as toxic as plants transformed with the modified HD-1 gene (pMON5370). This is consistent with the alteration of the 240 region. However, pMON10538, a hybrid with a wildtype N-terminal third (wild type gene for the first 600 base pairs, to the second XbaI site) and a synthetic C-terminal last two-thirds (base pair 590 to 1845 of FIG. 3 was used to transform tobacco and resulted in a dramatic increase in expression. The levels of expression do not appear to be as high as those seen with the synthetic gene, but are comparable to the modified gene levels. These results indicate that modification of the 240 segment is not essential to increased expression since pMON10538 has an intact 240 region. A fully synthetic gene is, in most cases, superior for expression levels of B.t.k. (See Example 2.)

EXAMPLE 2

Fully Synthetic B.t.k. HD-1 Gene

[0089] A synthetic B.t.k. HD-1 gene was designed using the preferred plant codons listed in Table V below.

[0090] Table V lists the codons and frequency of use in plant genes of dicotyledonous plants compared to the frequency of their use in the wild type B.t.k. HD-1 gene (amino acids 1-615) and the synthetic gene of this example. The total number of each amino acid in this segment of the gene is listed in the parenthesis under the amino acid designated.

TABLE V

Codon in Usage Synthetic B.t.k. HD-1 Gene					
Amino Acid	Percent Usage in Amino Acid Codon Plants/Wt B.l.k./Syn				
ARG	CGA	7	11	2	
(43)	CGC	11	5	5	
	CGG	5	2	0	
	CGU	25	14	27	
	AGA	29	55	41	
	AGG	23	14	25	
LEU	CUA	8	16	4	
(49)	CUC	20	0	20	
` /	CUG	10	2	6	

TABLE V-continued

Codon in Usage Synthetic B.t.k. HD-1 Gene				
Amino Acid	Codon		ercent Usage nts/Wt B.t.k.	
	CUU	28	22	24
	UUA	5	50	0
	UUG	30	10	45
SER	UCA	14	27	5
(64)	UCC	26	9	28
	UCG	3	8	0
	UCU	21	19	31
	AGC	21	6	32
	AGU	15	31	5
THR	ACA	21	31	14
(42)	ACC	41	19	53
	ACG	7	14	0
	ACU	31	36	33
PRO	CCA	45	35	53
(34)	CCC	19	6	12
	CCG	9	21	3
	CCU	26	38	32
ALA	GCA	23	38	26
(31)	GCC	32	9	29
	GCG	3	3	0
	GCU	41	50	45
GLY	GGA	32	52	45
(46)	GGC	20	17	15
	GGG	11	15	6
	GGU	37	15	34
ILE	AUA	12	39	2
(46)	AUC	45	11	67
X74 Y	AUU	43	50	30
VAL	GUA	9	45	3
(38)	GUC GUG	20 28	5	16 37
	GUU	43	11 39	45
LYS	AAA	36	100	33
(3)	AAG	64	0	67
ASN	AAC	72	27	80
(44)	AAU	28	73	20
GLN	CAA	64	77	61
(31)	CAG	36	23	39
HIS	CAC	65	0	80
(10)	CAU	35	100	20
ĞLÜ	GAA	48	87	50
(30)	GAG	52	13	50
ASP	GAC	48	17	65
(23)	GAU	52	83	35
TYR	UAC	68	20	72
(25)	UAU	32	80	28
CYS	UGC	78	50	100
(2)	UGU	22	50	0
PHE	UUC	56	17	83
(36)	UUU	44	83	17
MET	AUG	100	100	100
(9)		230	200	230
TRP	UGG	100	100	100
(9)				
<u></u>				

[0091] The resulting synthetic gene lacks ATTTA sequences, contains only one potential polyadenylation site and has a G+C content of 48.5%. FIG. 3 is a comparison of the wild-type HD-1 sequence to the synthetic gene sequence for amino acids 1-615. There is approximately 77% DNA homology between the synthetic gene and the wild-type gene and 356 of the 615 codons have been changed (approximately 60%).

EXAMPLE 3

Synthetic B.t.k. HD-73 Gene

[0092] The crystal protein toxin from B.t.k. HD-73 exhibits a higher unit activity against some important agricultural pests. The toxin protein of HD-1 and HD-73 exhibit substantial homology (~90%) in the N-terminal 450 amino acids, but differ substantially in the amino acid region 451-615. Fusion proteins comprising amino acids 1-450 of HD-1 and 451-615 of HD-73 exhibit the insecticidal properties of the wild-type HD-73. The strategy employed was to use the 5'-two thirds of the synthetic HD-1 gene (first 1350 bases, up to the SacI site) and to dramatically modify the final 590 bases (through amino acid 645) of the HD-73 in a manner consistent with the algorithm used to design the synthetic HD-1 gene. Table VI below lists the oligonucleotides used to modify the HD-73 gene in the order used in the gene from 5' to 3' end. Nine oligonucleotides were used in a 590 base pair region, each nucleotide ranging in size from 33 to 60 bases. The only regions left unchanged were areas where there were no long consecutive strings of A or T bases (longer than six). All polyadenylation sites and ATTTA sites were eliminated.

TABLE VI

Mutage	enesis Primers	for B.t.k.	HD-73
Primer	Length (bp)	Sequence	
73K1363	51		GATGCGATGA CTCAGCACTA A
73K1437	33	TCCTGAAATG TGAAGAGAAA	ACAGAACCGT GTT
73K1471	48		CTGTTGAGTC TCCACCAGTG
73K1561	60	CATACCTCAC	GTCACAGAAG ACGAACTCTA ATGTTGGATGG
73K1642	33	TGTAGCTGGA AGAAGATGGA	ACTGTATTGG TGA
73K1675	48		CCGAAATCGC ATTATCCAAG
73K1741	39	ACTAAAGTTT CGATGTTACC	CTAACACCCA GAGTGAAGA
73K1797	36	AACTGGAATG TGTCGATAAT	AACTCGAATC CACTCC
73KTERM	54		TCTTAGTGAT ATTTGTCTTG GGTT

[0093] The resulting gene has two potential polyadenylation sites (compared to 18 in the WT) and no ATTTA sequence (12 in the WT). The G+C content has increased from 37% to 48%. A total of 59 individual base pair changes were made using the primers in Table VI. Overall, there is 90% DNA homology between the region of the HD-73 gene modified by site directed mutagenesis and the wild-type sequence of the analogous region of HD-73. The synthetic

HD-73 is a hybrid of the first 1360 bases from the synthetic HD-1 and the next 590 bases or so modified HD-73 sequence. **FIG. 4** is a comparison of the above-described synthetic B.t.k. HD-73 and the wild-type B.t.k. HD-73 encoding amino acids 1-645. In the modified region of the HD-73 gene 44 of the 170 codons (25%) were changed as a result of the site-directed mutagenesis changes resulting from the oligonucleotides found in Table VI. Overall, approximately 50% of the codons in the synthetic B.t.k. HD-73 differ from the analogous segment of the wild-type and HD-73 gene.

[0094] A one base pair deletion in the synthetic HD-73 gene was detected in the course of sequencing the 3' end at base pair 1890. This results in a frame-shift mutation at amino acid 625 with a premature stop codon at amino acid 640 (pMON5379). Table VII below compares the codon usage of the wild-type gene of B.t.k. HD-73 versus the synthetic gene of this example for amino acids 451-645 and codon usage of naturally occurring genes of dicotyledonous plants. The total number of each amino acid encoded in this segment of the gene is found in the parentheses under the amino acid designation.

TABLE VII

Codon Usage in Synthetic B.t.k. HD-73 Gene				
Amino Acid	Codon		Percent Usage ints/Wt HD-7	
ARG	CGA	7	10	0
(10)	CGC	11	0	8
	CGG	5	10	0
	CGU	25	20	23
	AGA	29	60	62
	AGG	23	0	8
LEU	CUA	8	25	8
(12)	CUC	20	17	58
	CUG	10	17	8
	CUU	28	8	0
	UUA UUG	5 30	33	8 17
SER	UCA	30 14	0 24	17 18
(21)	UCC	26	10	18 27
(21)	UCG	3	10	0
	UCU	21	24	18
	AGC	21	0	14
	AGU	15	33	23
THR	ACA	21	47	38
(15)	ACC	41	13	31
(15)	ACG	7	13	0
	ACU	31	27	31
PRO	CCA	45	71	71
(7)	CCC	19	0	0
(-)	CCG	9	14	0
	CCU	26	14	29
ALA	GCA	23	29	31
(14)	GCC	32	7	8
` ′	GCG	3	21	15
	GCU	41	43	46
GLY	GGA	32	33	43
(15)	GGC	20	0	0
	GGG	11	27	14
	GGU	37	40	43
ILE	AUA	12	33	7
(15)	AUC	45	7	40
	AUU	43	60	53
VAL	GUA	9	40	7
(15)	GUC	20	0	7
	GUG	28	20	36
	GUU	43	40	50

TABLE VII-continued

Codon Usage in Synthetic B.t.k. HD-73 Gene				
Amino Acid	Codon		Percent Usage nts/Wt HD-7	
LYS	AAA	36	67	100
(3)	AAG	64	33	0
ASN	AAC	72	20	53
(20)	AAU	28	80	47
GLN	CAA	64	60	67
(5)	CAG	36	40	33
HIS	CAC	65	67	100
(3)	CAU	35	33	0
GLU	GAA	48	86	57
(7)	GAG	52	14	43
ASP	GAC	48	40	50
(5)	GAU	52	60	50
TYR	UAC	68	0	20
(5)	UAU	32	100	80
CYS	UGC	78	0	0
(0)	UGU	22	0	0
PHE	UUC	56	8	67
(13)	UUU	44	92	33
MET	AUG	100	100	100
(2)				
TŔP	UGG	100	100	100
(2)				

[0095] Another truncated synthetic HD-73 gene was constructed. The sequence of this synthetic HD-73 gene is identical to that of the above synthetic HD-73 gene in the region in which they overlap (amino acids 29-615), and it also encodes Met-Ala at the N-terminus. FIG. 8 shows a comparison of this truncated synthetic HD-73 gene with the N-terminal Met-Ala versus the wild-type HD-73 gene.

[0096] While the previous examples have been directed at the preparation of synthetic and modified genes encoding truncated B.t.k. proteins, synthetic or modified genes can also be prepared which encode full length toxin proteins.

[0097] One full length B.t.k. gene consists of the synthetic HD-73 sequence of FIG. 4 from nucleotide 1-1845 plus wild-type HD-73 sequence encoding amino acids 616 to the C-terminus of the native protein. FIG. 9 shows a comparison of this synthetic/wild-type full length HD-73 gene versus the wild-type full length HD-73 gene.

[0098] Another full length B.t.k. gene consists of the synthetic HD-73 sequence of FIG. 4 from nucleotide 1-1845 plus a modified HD-73 sequence ending amino acids 616 to the C-terminus of the native protein. The C-terminal portion has been modified by site-directed mutagenesis to remove putative polyadenylation signals and ATTTA sequences according to the algorithm of FIG. 1. FIG. 10 shows a comparison of this synthetic/modified full length HD-73 gene versus the wild-type full length HD-73 gene.

[0099] Another full length B.t.k. gene consists of a fully synthetic HD-73 sequence which incorporates the synthetic HD-73 sequence of FIG. 4 from nucleotide 1-1845 plus a synthetic sequence encoding amino acids 616 to the C-terminus of the native protein. The C-terminal synthetic portion has been designed to eliminate putative polyadenylation signals and ATTTA sequences and to include plant preferred codons. FIG. 11 shows a comparison of this fully synthetic full length HD-73 gene versus the wild-type full length HD-73 gene.

[0100] Alternatively, another full length B.t.k. gene consists of a fully synthetic sequence comprising base pairs 1-1830 of B.t.k. HD-1 (FIG. 3) and base pairs 1834-3534 of B.t.k. HD-73 (FIG. 11).

EXAMPLE 4

Expression of Modified and Synthetic B.t.k. HD-1 and Synthetic HD-73

[0101] A number of plant transformation vectors for the expression of B.t.k. genes were constructed by incorporating the structural coding sequences of the previously described genes into plant transformation cassette vector pMON893. The respective intermediate transformation vector is inserted into a suitable disarmed Agrobacterium vector such as A. tumefaciens ACO, supra. Tissue explants are cocultured with the disarmed Agrobacterium vector and plants regenerated under selection for kanamycin resistance using known protocols: tobacco (Horsch et al., 1985); tomato (McCormick et al., 1986) and cotton (Trolinder et al., 1987).

[0102] a) Tobacco.

[0103] The level of B.t.k. HD-1 protein in transgenic tobacco plants containing pMON9921 (wild type truncated), pMON5370 (modified HD-1, Example 1, FIG. 2) and pMON5377 (synthetic HD-1, Example 2, FIG. 3) were analyzed by Western analysis. Leaf tissue was frozen in liquid nitrogen, ground to a fine powder and then ground in a 1:2 (wt:volume) of SDS-PAGE sample buffer. Samples were frozen on dry ice, then incubated for 10 minutes in a boiling water bath and microfuged for 10 minutes. The protein concentration of the supernatant was determined by the method of Bradford (Anal. Biochem. 72:248-254). Fifty ug of protein was run per lane on 9% SDS-PAGE gels, the protein transferred to nitrocellulose and the B.t.k. HD-1 protein visualized using antibodies produced against B.t.k. HD-1 protein as the primary antibody and alkaline phosphatase conjugated second antibody as described by the manufacturer (Promega, Madison, Wis.) Purified HD-1 tryptic fragment was used as the control. Whereas the B.t.k. protein from tobacco plants containing pMON9921 was below the level of detection, the B.t.k. protein from plants containing the modified (pMON5370) and synthetic (pMON5377) genes was easily detected. The B.t.k. protein from plants containing pMON9921 remained undetectable, even with 10 fold longer incubation times. The relative levels of B.t.k. HD-1 protein in these plants is estimated in Table VIII. Because the protein from plants containing pMON9921 was not observed, the level of protein in these plants was estimated from the relative mRNA levels (see below). Plants containing the modified gene (pMON5370) expressed approximately 100 fold more B.t.k. protein than plants containing the wild-type gene (pMON9921). Plants containing the fully synthetic B.t.k. HD-1 gene (pMON5377) expressed approximately five fold more protein than plants containing the modified gene. The modified gene contributes the majority of the increase in B.t.k. expression observed. The plants used to generate the above data are the best representatives from each construct based either on a tobacco hornworm bioassay or on data derived from previous Western analysis.

TABLE VIII

	Expression of in Trans	_	
Gene Description	Vector	B.t.k. Protein* Concentration	Fold Increase in B.t.k. Expression
Wild type Modified Synthetic	pMON9921 pMON5370 pMON5377	10 1000 5000	1 100 500

*B.t.k. protein concentrations are expressed in ng/mg of total soluble protein. The level of B.t.k. protein for plants containing the wild type gene are estimated from mRNA levels.

[0104] Plants containing these genes were tested for bioactivity to determine whether the increased quantities of protein observed by Western analysis result in a corresponding increase in bioactivity. Leaves from the same plants used for the Western data in Table 1 were tested for bioactivity against two insects. A detached leaf bioassay was first done using tobacco hornworm, an extremely sensitive lepidopteran insect. Leaves from all three transgenic tobacco plants were totally protected and 100% mortality of tobacco hornworm observed (see Table IX below). A much less sensitive insect, beet armyworm, was then used in another detached leaf bioassay. Beet armyworm is approximately 500 fold less sensitive to B.t.k. HD-1 protein than tobacco hornworm. The difference in sensitivity of these two insects was determined using purified HD-1 protein in a diet incorporation assay (see below). Plants containing the wild-type gene (pMON9921) showed only minimal protection against beet armyworm, whereas plants containing the modified gene showed almost complete protection and plants containing the fully synthetic gene were totally protected against beet armyworm damage. The results of these bioassays confirm the levels of B.t.k. HD-1 expression observed in the Western analysis and demonstrates that the increased levels of B.t.k. HD-1 protein correlates with increased insecticidal activity.

TABLE IX

Protection of Tobacco Plants from Tobacco Hornworm and Beet Armyworm						
Gene Tobacco Hornworm Beet Armyworm Description Vector Damage* Damage*						
None	None	NL	NL			
Wild type	pMON9921	0	3			
Modified	pMON5370	0	1			
Synthetic	pMON5377	0	0			

*Extent of insect damage was rated: 0, no damage; 1, slight; 2, moderate; 3, severe; or NL, no leaf left.

[0105] The bioactivity of the B.t.k. HD-1 protein produced by these transgenic plants was further investigated to more accurately quantitate the relative activities. Leaf tissue from tobacco plants containing the wild-type, modified and synthetic genes were ground in 100 mM sodium carbonate buffer, pH 10 at a 1:2 (wt:vol) ratio. Particulate material was removed by centrifugation. The supernatant was incorporated into a synthetic diet similar to that described by Marrone et al. (1985). The diet medium was prepared the

day of the test with the plant extract solutions incorporated in place of the 20% water component. One ml of the diet was aliquoted into 96 well plates.

[0106] After the diet dried, one neonate tobacco budworm larva was added to each well. Sixteen insects were tested with each plant sample. The plants were incubated at 27° C. After seven days, the larvae from each treatment were combined and weighed on an analytical balance. The average weight per insect was calculated and compared to a standard curve relating B.t.k. protein concentrations to average larval weight. Insect weight was inversely proportional (in a logarithmic manner) to the relative increase in B.t.k. protein concentration. The amount of B.t.k. HD-1 protein, based on the extent of larval growth inhibition was determined for two different plants containing each of the three genes. The specific activity (ng of B.t.k. HD-1 per mg of plant protein) was determined for each plant. Plants containing the modified HD-1 gene (pMON5370) averaged approximately 1400 ng (1200 and 1600 ng) of B.t.k. HD-1 per mg of plant extract protein. This value compares closely with the 1000 ng of B.t.k. HD-1 protein per mg of plant extract protein as determined by Western analysis (Table I). B.t.k. HD-1 concentrations for the plants containing the synthetic HD-1 gene averaged approximately 8200 ng (7200 and 9200 ng) of B.t.k. HD-1 protein per mg of plant extract protein. This number compares well to the 5000 ng of HD-1 protein per mg of plant extract protein estimated by Western analysis. Likewise, plants containing the synthetic gene showed approximately a six-fold higher specific activity than the corresponding plants containing the modified gene for these bioassays. In the Western analysis the ratio was approximately 10 fold, again both are in good agreement. The level of B.t.k. protein in plants containing the wild-type HD-1 gene (pMON9921) was too low to give a significant decrease in larval weight and hence was below a level that could be quantitated in this assay. In conclusion, the levels of B.t.k. HD-1 protein determined by both the bioassays and the Western analysis for these plants containing the modified and synthetic genes agree, which demonstrates that the B.t.k. HD-1 protein produced by these plants is biologically active.

[0107] The levels of mRNA were determined in the plants containing the wild-type B.t.k. HD-1 gene (pMON9921) and the modified gene (pMON5370) to establish whether the increased levels of protein production result from increased transcription or translation. mRNA from plants containing the synthetic gene could not be analyzed directly with the same DNA probe as used for the wild-type and modified genes because of the numerous changes made in the coding sequence. mRNA was isolated and hybridized with a singlestranded DNA probe homologous to approximately the 5' 90 bp of the wild-type or modified gene coding sequences. The hybrids were digested with S1 nuclease and the protected probe fragments analyzed by gel electrophoresis. Because the procedure used a large excess of probe and long hybridization time, the amount of protected probe is proportional to the amount of B.t.k. mRNA present in the sample. Two plants expressing the modified gene (pMON5370) were found to produce up to ten-fold more RNA than a plant expressing the wild-type gene (pMON9921).

[0108] The increased mRNA level from the modified gene is consistent with the result expected from the modifications introduced into this gene. However, this 10 fold increase in mRNA with the modified gene compared to the wild-type

gene is in contrast to the 100 fold increase in B.t.k. protein from these genes in tobacco plants. If the two mRNAs were equally well translated then a 10 fold increase in stable mRNA would be expected to yield a 10 fold increase in protein. The higher increase in protein indicates that the modified gene mRNA is translated at about a 10 fold higher efficiency than wild-type. Thus, about half of the total effect on gene expression can be explained by changes in mRNA levels and about half to changes in translational efficiency. This increase in translational efficiency is striking in that only about 9.5% of the codons have been changed in the modified gene; that is, this effect is clearly not due to wholesale codon usage changes. The increased translational efficiency could be due to changes in mRNA secondary structure that affect translation or to the removal of specific translational blockades due to specific codons that were changed.

[0109] The increased expression seen with the synthetic HD-1 gene was also seen with a synthetic HD-73 gene in tobacco. B.t.k. HD-73 was undetected in extracts of tobacco plants containing the wild-type truncated HD-73 gene (pMON5367), whereas B.t.k. HD-73 protein was easily detected in extracts from tobacco plants containing the synthetic HD-73 gene of FIG. 4 (pMON5383). Approximately 1000 ng of B.t.k. HD-73 protein was detected per mg of total soluble plant protein.

[0110] As described in Example 3 above, the B.t.k. HD-73 protein encoded in pMON5383 contains a small C-terminal extension of amino acids not encoded in the wild-type HD-73 protein. These extra amino acids had no effect on insect toxicity or on increased plant expression. A second synthetic HD-73 gene was constructed as described in Example 3 (FIG. 8) and used to transform tobacco (pMON5390). Analysis of plants containing pMON5390 showed that this gene was expressed at levels comparable to that of pMON5383 and that these plants had similar insecticidal efficacy.

[0111] In tobacco plants the synthetic HD-1 gene was expressed at approximately a 5-fold higher level than the synthetic HD-73 gene. However, this synthetic HD-73 gene still was expressed at least 100-fold better than the wild-type HD-73 gene. The HD-73 protein is approximately 5-fold more toxic to many insect pests than the HD-1 protein, so both synthetic HD-1 and HD-73 genes provide approximately comparable insecticidal efficacy in tobacco.

[0112] The full length B.t.k. HD-73 genes described in Example 3 were also incorporated into the plant transformation vector pMON893 so that they were expressed from the En 35S promoter. The synthetic/wild-type full length HD-73 gene of FIG. 9 was incorporated into pMON893 to create pMON10505. The synthetic/modified full length HD-73 gene of FIG. 10 was incorporated into pMON893 to create pMON10526. The fully synthetic HD-73 gene of FIG. 11 was incorporated into pMON893 to create pMON10518. These vectors were used to obtain transformed tobacco plants, and the plants were analyzed for insecticidal efficacy and for B.t.k. HD-73 protein levels by Western blot or ELISA immunoassay.

[0113] Tobacco plants containing all three of these full length B.t.k. genes produced detectable B.t.k. protein and showed 100% mortality of tobacco hornworm. This result is surprising in light of previous reported attempts to express

the full length B.t.k. genes in transgenic plants. Vaeck et al. (1987) reported that a full length B.t.k. berliner gene similar to our HD-1 gene could not be detectably expressed in tobacco. Barton et al. (1987) reported a similar result for another full length gene from B.t.k. HD-1 (the so called 4.5 kb gene), and further indicated that tobacco callus containing this gene became necrotic, indicating that the full length gene product was toxic to plant cells. Fischhoff et al. (1987) reported that the full length B.t.k. HD-1 gene in tomato was poorly expressed compared to a truncated gene, and no plants that were fully toxic to tobacco hornworm could be recovered. All three of the above reports indicated much higher expression levels and recovery of toxic plants if the respective B.t.k. genes were truncated. Adang et al. reported that the full length HD-73 gene yielded a few tobacco plants with some biological activity (none were highly toxic) against hornworm and barely detectable B.t.k. protein. It was also noted by them that the major B.t.k. mRNA in these plants was a truncated 1.7 kb species that would not encode a functional toxin. This indicated improper expression of the gene in tobacco. In contrast to all of these reports, the three full length B.t.k. HD-73 genes described above all lead to relatively high levels of protein and high levels of insect toxicity.

[0114] B.t.k. protein and mRNA levels in tobacco plants are shown in Table X for these three vectors. As can be seen from the table, the synthetic/wild-type gene (pMON10506) produces B.t.k. protein as about 0.01% of total soluble protein; the synthetic/modified gene produces B.t.k. as about 0.02% of total soluble protein; and the fully synthetic gene produces B.t.k. as about 0.2% of total soluble protein. B.t.k. mRNA was analyzed in these plants by Northern blot analysis using the common 5' synthetic half of the genes as a probe. As shown in Table X, the increased protein levels can largely be attributed to increased mRNA levels. Compared to the truncated modified and synthetic genes, this could indicate that the major contributors to increased translational efficiency are in the 5' half of the gene while the 3' half of the gene contains mostly determinants of mRNA stability. The increased protein levels also indicate that increasing the amount of the full length gene that is synthetic or modified increases B.t.k. protein levels. Compared to the truncated synthetic B.t.k. HD-73 genes (pMON5383 or pMON5390), the fully synthetic gene (pMON10518) produces as much or slightly more B.t.k. protein demonstrating that the full length genes are capable of being expressed at high levels in plants. These tobacco plants with high levels of full length HD-73 protein show no evidence of abnormality and are fully fertile. The B.t.k. protein levels in these plants also produce the expected levels of insect toxicity based on feeding studies with beet armyworm or diet incorporation assays of plant extracts with tobacco budworm. The B.t.k. protein detected by Western blot analysis in these tobacco plants often contains a varying amount of protein of about 80 kDa which is apparently a proteolytic fragment of the full length protein. The C-terminal half of the full length protein is known to be proteolytically sensitive, and similar proteolytic fragments are seen from the full length gene in E. coli and B.t. itself. These fragments are fully insecticidal. The Northern analysis indicated that essentially all of the mRNA from these full length genes was of the expected full length size. There is no evidence of truncated mRNAs that could give rise to the 80 kDa protein fragment. In addition, it is possible that the fragment is not present in intact plant cells and is merely due to proteolysis during extraction for immunoassay.

TABLE X

Full Length B.t.k. HD-73 Protein and mRNA Levels in Transgenic Tobacco Plants				
Gene description	Vector	B.t.k. protein concentration	Relative B.t.k. mRNA level	
Synthetic/wild type Synthetic/modified Fully synthetic	pMON10506 pMON10526 pMON10518	>100 400 >2000	0.5 1 40	

[0115] Thus, there is no serious impediment to producing high levels of B.t.k. HD-73 protein in plants from synthetic genes, and this is expected to be true of other full length lepidopteran active genes such as B.t.k. HD-1 or B.t. ento-mocidus. The fully synthetic B.t.k. HD-1 gene of Example 3 has been assembled in plant transformation vectors such as pMON893.

[0116] The fully synthetic gene in pMON10518 was also utilized in another plant vector and analyzed in tobacco plants. Although the CaMV35S promoter is generally a high level constitutive promoter in most plant tissues, the expression level of genes driven the CaMV35S promoter is low in floral tissue relative to the levels seen in leaf tissue. Because the economically important targets damaged by some insects are the floral parts or derived from floral parts (e.g., cotton squares and bolls, tobacco buds, tomato buds and fruit), it may be advantageous to increase the expression of B.t. protein in these tissues over that obtained with the CaMV35S promoter.

[0117] The 35S promoter of Figwort Mosaic Virus (FMV) is analogous to the CaMV35S promoter. This promoter has been isolated and engineered into a plant transformation vector analogous to pMON893. Relative to the CaMV promoter, the FMV 35S promoter is highly expressed in the floral tissue, while still providing similar high levels of gene expression in other tissues such as leaf. A plant transformation vector, pMON10517, was constructed in which the full length synthetic B.t.k. HD-73 gene of FIG. 11 was driven by the FMV 35S promoter. This vector is identical to pMON10518 of Example 3 except that the FMV promoter is substituted for the CaMV promoter. Tobacco plants transformed with pMON10517 and pMON10518 were obtained and compared for expression of the B.t.k. protein by Western blot or ELISA immunoassay in leaf and floral tissue. This analysis showed that pMON10517 containing the FMV promoter expressed the full length HD-73 protein at higher levels in floral tissue than pMON10518 containing the CaMV promoter. Expression of the full length B.t.k. HD-73 protein from pMON10517 in leaf tissue is comparable to that seen with the most highly expressing plants containing pMON10518. However, when floral tissue was analyzed, tobacco plants containing pMON10518 that had high levels of B.t.k. protein in leaf tissue did not have detectable B.t.k. protein in the flowers. On the other hand, flowers of tobacco plants containing pMON10517 had levels of B.t.k. protein nearly as high as the levels in leaves at approximately 0.05% of total soluble protein. This analysis showed that the FMV promoter could be used to produce relatively high levels of B.t.k. protein in floral tissue compared to the CaMV pro[0118] b) Tomato.

[0119] The wild-type, modified and synthetic B.t.k. HD-1 genes tested in tobacco were introduced into other plants to demonstrate the broad utility of this invention. Transgenic tomatoes were produced which contain these three genes. Data show that the increased expression observed with the modified and synthetic gene in tobacco also extends to tomato. Whereas the B.t.k. HD-1 protein is only barely detectable in plants containing the wild type HD-1 gene (pMON9921), B.t.k. HD-1 was readily detected and the levels determined for plants containing the modified (pMON5370) or synthetic (pMON5377) genes. Expression levels for the plants containing the wild-type, modified and synthetic HD-1 genes were approximately 10, 100 and 500 ng per mg of total plant extract see Table XI below). The increase in B.t.k. HD-1 protein for the modified gene accounted for the majority of increase observed; 10 fold higher than the plants containing the wild-type gene, compared to only an additional five-fold increase for plants containing the synthetic gene. Again the site-directed changes made in the modified gene are the major contributors to the increased expression of B.t.k. HD-1.

TARLE XI

TABLE XI				
B.t.k. HD-1 Expression in Transgenic Tomato Plants				
Gene Description	Vector	B.t.k. Protein* Concentration	Fold Increase in B.t.k. Expression	
Wild type Modified Synthetic	pMON9921 pMON5370 pMON5377	10 100 500	1 10 50	

*B.t.k. HD-1 protein concentrations are expressed in ng/mg of total soluble plant protein. Data for plants containing the wild-type gene are estimates from mRNA levels and protein levels determined by ELISA.

[0120] These differences in B.t.k. HD-1 expression were confirmed with bioassays against tobacco hornworm and beet armyworm. Leaves from tomato plants containing each of these genes controlled tobacco hornworm damage and produced 100% mortality. With beet armyworm, leaves from plants containing the wild-type HD-1 gene (pMON9921) showed significant damage, leaves from plants containing the modified gene (pMON5370) showed less damage and leaves from plants containing the synthetic gene (pMON5377) were completely protected (see Table XII below).

TABLE XII

	Protection of Tomato Plants from Tobacco Hornworm and Beet Armyworm			
Gene Description	Vector	Tobacco Hornworm Damage*	Beet Armyworm Damage*	
None Wild type Modified Synthetic	None pMON9921 pMON5370 pMON5377	NL 0 0 0	NL 3 1	

^{*}Damage was rated as shown in Table IX.

[0121] The generality of the synthetic gene approach was extended in tomato with a synthetic B.t.k. HD-73 gene.

[0122] In tomato, extracts from plants containing the wild-type truncated HD-73 gene (pMON5367) showed no detectable HD-73 protein. Extracts from plants containing the synthetic HD-73 gene (pMON5383) showed high levels of B.t.k. HD-73 protein, approximately 2000 ng per mg of plant extract protein. These data clearly demonstrate that the changes made in the synthetic HD-73 gene lead to dramatic increases in the expression of the HD-73 protein in tomato as well as in tobacco

[0123] In contrast to tobacco, the synthetic HD-73 gene in tomato is expressed at approximately 4-fold to 5-fold higher levels than the synthetic HD-1 gene. Because the HD-73 protein is about 5-fold more active than the HD-1 protein against many insect pests including Heliothis species, the increased expression of synthetic HD-73 compared to synthetic HD-1 corresponds to about a 25-fold increased insecticidal efficacy in tomato.

[0124] In order to determine the mechanisms involved in the increased expression of modified and synthetic B.t.k. HD-1 genes in tomato, S1 nuclease analysis of mRNA levels from transformed tomato plants was performed. As indicated above, a similar analysis had been performed with tobacco plants, and this analysis showed that the modified gene produced up to 10-fold more mRNA than the wild-type gene. The analysis in tomato utilized a different DNA probe that allowed the analysis of wild-type (pMON9921), modified (pMON5370) and synthetic (pMON5377) HD-1 genes with the same probe. This probe was derived from the 5' untranslated region of the CaMV35S promoter in pMON893 that was common to all three of these vectors (pMON9921, pMON5370 and pMON5377). This S1 analysis indicated that B.t.k. mRNA levels from the modified gene were 3 to 5 fold higher than for the wild-type gene, and that mRNA levels for the synthetic gene were about 2 to 3 fold higher than for the modified gene. Three independent transformants were analyzed for each gene. Compared to the fold increases in B.t.k. HD-1 protein from these genes in tomato shown in Table XI, these mRNA increases can explain about half of the total protein increase as was seen in tobacco for the wild-type and modified genes. For tomato the total mRNA increase from wild-type to synthetic is about 6 to 15 fold compared to a protein increase of about 50 fold. This result is similar to that seen for tobacco in comparing the wild-type and modified genes, and it extends to the synthetic gene as well. That is, about half of the total fold increase in B.t.k. protein from wild-type to modified genes can be explained by mRNA increases and about half to enhanced translational efficiency. The same is also true in comparing the modified gene to the synthetic gene. Although there is an additional increase in RNA levels, this mRNA increase can explain only about half of the total protein increase.

[0125] The full length B.t.k. genes described above were also used to transform tomato plants and these plants were analyzed for B.t.k. protein and insecticidal efficacy. The results of this analysis are shown in Table XIII. Plants containing the synthetic/wild-type gene (pMON10506) produce the B.t.k. HD-73 protein at levels of about 0.01% of their total soluble protein. Plants containing the synthetic/modified gene (pMON10526) produce about 0.04% B.t.k. protein, and plants containing the fully synthetic gene (pMON10518) produce about 0.2% B.t.k. protein. These results are very similar to the tobacco plant results for the same genes. mRNA levels estimated by Northern blot analy-

sis in tomato also increase in parallel with the protein level increase. As for tobacco with these three genes, most of the protein increase can be attributed to increased mRNA with a small component of translational efficiency increase indicated for the fully synthetic gene. The highest levels of full length B.t.k. protein (from pMON10518) are comparable to or just slightly lower than the highest levels observed for the truncated HD-73 genes (pMON5383 and pMON5390). Tomato plants expressing these full length genes have the insecticidal activity expected for the observed protein levels as determined by feeding assays with beet armyworm or by diet incorporation of plant extracts with tobacco hornworm.

TABLE XIII

Full Length	B.t.k.	HD-73	Protein and mRNA
Levels	in Tra	nsgenic	Tomato Plants

Gene description	Vector	B.t.k. protein concentration	Relative B.t.k. mRNA level
Synthetic/wild type	pMON10506	100	1
Synthetic/modified	PMON10526	400	2–4
Fully synthetic	PMON10518	2000	10

[0126] c) Cotton.

[0127] The generality of the increased expression of B.t.k. HD-1 and B.t.k. HD-73 by use of the modified and synthetic genes was extended to cotton. Transgenic calli were produced which contain the wild type (pMON9921) and the synthetic HD-1 (pMON5377) genes. Here again the B.t.k. HD-1 protein produced from calli containing the wild-type gene was not detected, whereas calli containing the synthetic HD-1 gene expressed the HD-1 protein at easily detectable levels. The HD-1 protein was produced at approximately 1000 ng/mg of plant calli extract protein. Again, to ensure that the protein produced by the transgenic cotton calli was biologically active and that the increased expression observed with the synthetic gene translated to increased biological activity, extracts of cotton calli were made in similar manner as described for tobacco plants, except that the calli was first dried between Whatman filter paper to remove as much of the water as possible. The dried calli were then ground in liquid nitrogen and ground in 100 mM sodium carbonate buffer, pH 10. Approximately 0.5 ml aliquotes of this material was applied to tomato leaves with a paint brush. After the leaf dried, five tobacco hornworm larvae were applied to each of two leaf samples. Leaves painted with extract from control calli were completely destroyed. Leaves painted with extract from calli containing the wild-type HD-1 gene (pMON9921) showed severe damage. Leaves painted with extract from calli containing the synthetic HD-1 gene (pMON5377) showed no damage (see Table XIV below).

TABLE XIV

Protection against Tobacco Hornworm by Tomato Leaves Painted with Extracts Prepared from Cotton Calli Containing a Control, the Wild-Type B.t.k. HD-1 Gene. Synthetic HD-1 Gene or Synthetic HP-73 Gene

Gene Description	Vector	Tobacco Hornworm Damage*
Control	Control	NL
Wild type HD-1	pMON9921	3

TABLE XIV-continued

Protection against Tobacco Hornworm by Tomato Leaves
Painted with Extracts Prepared from Cotton Calli Containing
a Control, the Wild-Type B.t.k. HD-1 Gene. Synthetic
HD-1 Gene or Synthetic HP-73 Gene

Gene Description	Vector	Tobacco Hornworm Damage*
Synthetic HD-1	pMON5377	0
Synthetic HD-73	pMON5383	0

*Damage was rated as shown in Table VIII.

[0128] Cotton calli were also produced containing another synthetic gene, a gene encoding B.t.k. HD-73. The preparation of this gene is described in Example 3. Calli containing the synthetic HD-73 gene produced the corresponding HD-73 protein at even higher levels than the calli which contained the synthetic HD-1 gene. Extracts made from calli containing the HD-73 synthetic gene (pMON5383) showed complete control of tobacco hornworm when painted onto tomato leaves as described above for extracts containing the HD-1 protein. (See Table XIV).

[0129] Transgenic cotton plants containing the synthetic B.t.k. HD-1 gene (pMON5377) or the synthetic B.t.k. HD-73 gene (pMON5383) have also been examined. These plants produce the HD-1 or HD-73 proteins at levels comparable to that seen in cotton callus with the same genes and comparable to tomato and tobacco plants with these genes. For either synthetic truncated HD-1 or HD-73 genes, cotton plants expressing B.t.k. protein at 1000 to 2000 ng/mg total protein (0.1% to 0.2%) were recovered at a high frequency. Insect feeding assays were performed with leaves from cotton plants expressing the synthetic HD-1 or HD-73 genes. These leaves showed no damage (rating of 0) when challenged with larvae of cabbage looper (Trichoplusia ni), and only slight damage when challenged with larvae of beet armyworm (Spodoptera exigua). Damage ratings are as defined in Table VIII above. This demonstrated that cotton plants as well as calli expressed the synthetic HD-1 or HD-73 genes at high levels and that those plants were protected from damage by Lepidopteran insect larvae.

[0130] Transgenic cotton plants containing either the synthetic truncated HD-1 gene (pMON5377) or the synthetic truncated HD-73 gene (pMON5383) were also assessed for protection against cotton bollworm at the whole plant level in the greenhouse. This is a more realistic test of the ability of these plants to produce an agriculturally acceptable level of control. The cotton bollworm (Heliothis zea) is a major pest of cotton that produces economic damage by destroying terminals, squares and bolls, and protection of these fruiting bodies as well as the leaf tissue will be important for effective insect control and adequate crop protection. To test the protection afforded to whole plants, R1 progeny of cotton plants expressing high levels of either B.t.k. HD-1 (pMON5377) or B.t.k. HD-73 (pMON5383) were assayed by applying 10-15 eggs of cotton bollworm per boll or square to the 20 uppermost squares or bolls on each plant. At least 12 plants were analyzed per treatment. The hatch rate of the eggs was approximately 70%. This corresponds to very high insect pressure compared to numbers of larvae per plant seen under typical field conditions. Under these

conditions 100% of the bolls on control cotton plants were destroyed by insect damage. For the transgenics, significant boll protection was observed. Plants containing pMON5377 (HD-1) had 70-75% of the bolls survive the intense pressure of this assay. Plants containing pMON5383 (HD-73) had 80% to 90% boll protection. This is likely to be a consequence of the higher activity of HD-73 protein against cotton bollworm compared to HD-1 protein. In cases where the transgenic plants were damaged by the insects, the surviving larvae were delayed in their development by at least one instar.

[0131] Therefore, the increased expression obtained with the modified and synthetic genes is not limited to any one crop; tobacco, tomato and cotton calli and cotton plants all showed drastic increases in B.t.k. expression when the plants/calli were produced containing the modified or synthetic genes. Likewise, the utility of changes made to produce the modified and synthetic B.t.k. HD-1 gene is not limited to the HD-1 gene. The synthetic HD-73 gene in all three species also showed drastic increases in expression.

[0132] In summary, it has been demonstrated that: (1) the genetic changes made in the HD-1 modified gene lead to very significant increases in B.t.k. HD-1 expression; (2) production of a totally synthetic gene lead to a further five-fold increase in B.t.k. HD-1 expression; (3) the changes incorporated into the modified HD-1 gene accounted for the majority of the increased B.t.k. expression observed with the synthetic gene; (4) the increased expression was demonstrated in three different plants—tobacco plants, tomato plants and cotton calli and cotton plants; (5) the increased expression as observed by Western analysis also correlated with similar increases in bioactivity, showing that the B.t.k. HD-1 proteins produced were comparably active; (6) when the method of the present invention used to design the synthetic HD-1 gene was employed to design a synthetic HD-73 gene it also was expressed at much higher levels in tobacco, tomato and cotton than the wild-type equivalent gene with consequent increases in bioactivity; (7) a fully synthetic full length B.t.k. gene was expressed at levels comparable to synthetic truncated genes.

EXAMPLE 5

Synthetic *B.t. tenebrionis* Gene in Tobacco. Tomato and Potato

[0133] Referring to FIG. 12, a synthetic gene encoding a Coleopteran active toxin is prepared by making the indicated changes in the wild-type gene of *B.t. tenebrionis* or de novo synthesis of the synthetic structural gene. The synthetic gene is inserted into an intermediate plant transformation vector such as pMON893: Plasmid pMON893 containing the synthetic B.t.t. gene is then inserted into a suitable disarmed Agrobacterium strain such as *A. tumefaciens* ACO.

Transformation and Regeneration of Potato

[0134] Sterile shoot cultures of Russet Burbank are maintained in vials containing 10 ml of PM medium (Murashige and Skoog (MS) inorganic salts, 30 g/l surcose, 0.17 g/l NaH₂PO₄H₂O, 0.4 mg/l thiamine-HC1, and 100 mg/l myoinositol, solidified with 1 g/l Gelrite at pH 6.0). When shoots reached approximately 5 cm in length, stem internode segments of 7-10 mm are excised and smeared at the cut ends

with a disarmed Agrobacterium tumefaciens vector containing the synthetic B.t.t. gene from a four day old plate culture. The stem explants are co-cultured for three days at 23° C. on a sterile filter paper placed over 1.5 ml of a tobacco cell feeder layer overlaid on 1/10 P medium (1/10 strength MS inorganic salts and organic addenda without casein as in Jarret et al. (1980), 30 g/l surcose and 8.0 g/l agar). Following co-culture the explants are transferred to full strength P-1 medium for callus induction, composed of MS inorganic salts, organic additions as in Jarret et al. (1980) with the exception of casein, 3.0 mg/l benzyladenine (BA), and 0.01 mg/l naphthaleneacetic acid (NAA) (Jarret, et al., 1980). Carbenicillin (500 mg/l) is included to inhibit bacterial growth, and 100 mg/l kanamycin is added to select for transformed cells. After four weeks the explants are transferred to medium of the same composition but with 0.3 mg/l gibberellic acid (GA3) replacing the BA and NAA (Jarret et al., 1981) to promote shoot formation. Shoots begin to develop approximately two weeks after transfer to shoot induction medium; these are excised and transferred to vials of PM medium for rooting. Shoots are tested for kanamycin resistance conferred by the enzyme neomycin phosphotransferase II, by placing a section of the stem onto callus induction medium containing MS organic and inorganic salts, 30 g/l surcrose, 2.25 mg/l BA, 0.186 mg/l NAA, 10 mg/l GA3 (Webb, et al., 1983) and 200 mg/l kanamycin to select for transformed cells.

[0135] The synthetic B.t.t. gene described in FIG. 12, was placed into a plant expression vector as described in example 5. The plasmid has the following characteristics; a synthetic BgIII fragment having approximately 1800 base pairs was inserted into pMON893 in such a manner that the enhanced 35S promoter would express the B.t.t. gene. This construct, pMON1982, was used to transform both tobacco and tomato. Tobacco plants, selected as kanamycin resistant plants were screened with rabbit anti-B.t.t. antibody. Crossreactive material was detected at levels predicted to be suitable to cause mortality to CPB. These target insects will not feed on tobacco, but the transgenic tobacco plants do demonstrate that the synthetic gene does improve expression of this protein to detectable levels.

[0136] Tomato plants with the pMON1982 construct were determined to produce B.t.t. protein at levels insecticidal to CPB. In initial studies, the leaves of four plants (5190, 5225, 5328 and 5133) showed little or no damage when exposed to CPB larvae (damage rating of 0-1 on a scale of 0 to 4 with 4 as no leaf remaining). Under these conditions the control leaves were completely eaten. Immunological analysis of these plants confirmed the presence of material cross-reactive with anti-B.t.t. antibody. Levels of protein expression in these plants were estimated at approximately 1 to 5 ng of B.t.t. protein in 50 ug of total extractable protein. A total of 17 tomato plants (17 of 65 tested) have been identified which demonstrate protection of leaf tissue from CPB (rating of 0 or 1) and show good insect mortality. Results similar to those seen in tobacco and tomato with pMON1982 were seen with pMON1984 in the same plant species. pMON1984 is identical to pMON1982 except that the synthetic protease inhibitor (CMTI) is fused upstream of the native proteolytic cleavage site. Levels of expression in tobacco were estimated to be similar to pMON1982, between 10-15 ng per 50ug of total soluble protein.

[0137] Tomato plants expressing pMON1984 have been identified which protect the leaves from ingestion by CPB. The damage rating was 0 with 100% insect mortality.

[0138] Potato was transformed as described in example 5 with a vector similar to pMON1982 containing the enhanced CaMV35S/synthetic B.t.t. gene. Leaves of potato plants transformed with this vector, were screened by CPB insect bioassay. Of the 35 plants tested, leaves from 4 plants, 16a, 13c, 13d, and 23a were totally protected when challenged. Insect bioassays with leaves from three other plants, 13e, 1a, and 13b, recorded damage levels of 1 on a scale of 0 to 4 with 4 being total devestation of the leaf material. Immunological analysis confirmed the presence of B.t.t. crossreactive material in the leaf tissue. The level of B.t.t. protein in leaf tissue of plant 16a (damage rating of 0) was estimated at 20-50 ng of B.t.t. protein/50 ug of total soluble protein. The levels of B.t.t. protein seen in 16a tissue was consistent with its biological activity. Immunological analysis of 13e and 13b (tissue which scored 1 in damage rating) reveal less protein (5-10 ng/50 ug of total soluble protein) than in plant 16a. Cuttings of plant 16a were challenged with 50 to 200 eggs of CPB in a whole plant assay. Under these conditions 16a showed no damage and 100% mortality of Insects while control potato plants were heavily damaged.

EXAMPLE 6

Synthetic B.t.k. P2 Protein Gene

[0139] The P2 protein is a distinct insecticidal protein produced by some strains of B.t. including B.t.k. HD-1. It is characterized by its activity against both lepidopteran and dipteran insects (Yamamoto and Iizuka, 1983). Genes encoding the P2 protein have been isolated and characterized (Donovan et al., 1988). The P2 proteins encoded by these genes are approximately 600 amino acids in length. These proteins share only limited homology with the lepidopteran specific P1 type proteins, such as the B.t.k. HD-1 and HD-73 proteins described in previous examples.

[0140] The P2 proteins have substantial activity against a variety of lepidopteran larvae including cabbage looper, tobacco hornworm and tobacco budworm. Because they are active against agronomically important insect pests, the P2 proteins are a desirable candidate in the production of insect tolerant transgenic plants either alone or in combination with the other B.t. toxins described in the above examples. In some plants, expression of the P2 protein alone might be sufficient to provide protection against damaging insects. In addition, the P2 proteins might provide protection against agronomically important dipteran pests. In other cases, expression of P2 together with the B.t.k. HD-1 or HD-73 protein might be preferred. The P2 proteins should provide at least an additive level of insecticidal activity when combined with the crystal protein toxin of B.t.k. HD-1 or HD-73, and the combination may even provide a synergistic activity. Although the mode of action of the P2 protein is unknown, its distinct amino acid sequence suggests that it functions differently from the B.t.k. HD-1 and HD-73 type of proteins. Production of two insect tolerance proteins with different modes of action in the same plant would minimize the potential for development of insect resistance to B.t. proteins in plants. The lack of substantial DNA homology between P2 genes and the HD-1 and HD-73 genes minimizes the potential for recombination between multiple insect tolerance genes in the plant chromosome.

[0141] The genes encoding the P2 protein although distinct in sequence from the B.t.k. HD-1 and HD-73 genes share many common features with these genes. In particular, the P2 protein genes have a high A+T content (65%), multiple potential polyadenylation signal sequences (26) and numerous ATTTA sequences (10). Because of its overall similarity to the poorly expressed wild-type B.t.k. HD-1 and HD-73 genes, the same problems are expected in expression of the wild-type P2 gene as were encountered with the previous examples. Based on the above-described method for designing the synthetic B.t. genes, a synthetic P2 gene has been designed which gene should be expressed at adequate levels for protection in plants. A comparision of the wild-type and synthetic P2 genes is shown in FIG. 13.

EXAMPLE 7

Synthetic B.t. Entomocidus Gene

[0142] The *B.t. entomocidus* ("Btent") protein is a distinct insecticidal protein produced by some strains of B.t. bacteria. It is characterized by its high level of activity against some lepidopterans that are relatively insensitive to B.t.k. HD-1 and HD-73 such as Spodoptera species including beet armyworm (Visser et al., 1988). Genes encoding the Btent protein have been isolated and characterized (Honee et al, 1988). The Btent proteins encoded by these genes are approximately the same length as B.t.k. HD-1 and HD-73. These proteins share only 68% amino acid homology with the B.t.k. HD-1 and HD-73 proteins. It is likely that only the N-terminal half of the Btent protein is required for insecticidal activity as is the case for HD-1 and HD-73. Over the first 625 amino acids, Btent shares only 38% amino acid homology with HD-1 and HD-73.

[0143] Because of their higher activity against Spodoptera species that are relatively insensitive to HD-1 and HD-73, the Btent proteins are a desirable candidate for the production of insect tolerant transgenic plants either alone or in combination with the other B.t. toxins described in the above examples. In some plants production of Btent alone might be sufficient to control the agronomically important pests. In other plants, the production of two distinct insect tolerance proteins would provide protection against a wider array of insects. Against those insects where both proteins are active, the combination of the B.t.k. HD-1 or HD-73 type protein plus the Btent protein should provide at least additive insecticidal efficacy, and may even provide a synergistic activity.

[0144] In addition, because of its distinct amino acid sequence, the Btent protein may have a different mode of action than HD-1 or HD-73. Production of two insecticidal proteins in the same plant with different modes of action would minimize the potential for development of insect resistance to B.t. proteins in plants. The relative lack of DNA sequence homology with the B.t.k. type genes minimizes the potential for recombination between multiple insect tolerance genes in the plant chromosome.

[0145] The genes encoding the Btent protein although distinct in sequence from the B.t.k. HD-1 and HD-73 genes share many common features with these genes. In particular, the Btent protein genes have a high A+T content (62%), multiple potential polyadenylation signal sequences (39 in the full length coding sequence and 27 in the first 1875

nucleotides that is likely to encode the active toxic fragment) and numerous ATTTA sequences (16 in the full length coding sequence and 12 in the first 1875 nucleotides) Because of its overall similarity to the poorly expressed wild type B.t.k. HD-1 and HD-73 genes, the wild-type Btent genes are expected to exhibit similar problems in expression as were encountered with the wild-type HD-1 and HD-73 genes. Based on the above-described method used for designing the other synthetic B.t. genes, a synthetic Btent gene has been designed which gene should be expressed at adequate levels for protection in plants. A comparision of the wild type and synthetic Btent genes is shown in **FIG. 14**.

EXAMPLE 8

Synthetic B.t.k. Genes for Expression in Corn

[0146] High level expression of heterologous genes in corn cells has been shown to be enhanced by the presence of a corn gene intron (Callis et al., 1987). Typically these introns have been located in the 5' untranslated region of the chimeric gene. It has been shown that the CaMV35S promoter and the NOS 3' end function efficiently in the expression of heterologous genes in corn cells (Fromm et al., 1986).

[0147] Referring to FIG. 15, a plant expression cassette vector (pMON744) was constructed that contains these sequences. Specifically the expression cassette contains the enhanced CaMV 35S promoter followed by intron 1 of the corn Adh1 gene (Callis et al., 1987). This is followed by a multilinker cloning site for insertion of coding sequences; this multilinker contains a BgIII site among others. Following the multilinker is the NOS 3' end. pMON744 also contains the selectable marker gene 35S/NPTII/NOS 3' for kanamycin selection of transgenic corn cells. In addition, pMON744 has an *E. coli* origin of replication and an ampicillin resistance gene for selection of the plasmid in *E. coli*.

[0148] Five B.t.k. coding sequences described in the previous examples were inserted into the BgIII site of pMON744 for corn cell expression of B.t.k. The coding sequences inserted and resulting vectors were:

- [0149] 1. Wild type B.t.k. HD-1 from pMON9921 to make pMON8652.
- [0150] 2. Modified B.t.k. HD-1 from pMON5370 to make pMON8642.
- [0151] 3. Synthetic B.t.k. HD-1 from pMON5377 to make pMON8643.
- [**0152**] 4. Synthetic B.t.k. HD-73 from pMON5390 to make pMON8644.
- [0153] 5. Synthetic full length B.t.k. HD-73 from pMON10518 to make pMON10902.

[0154] pMON8652 (wild-type B.t.k. HD-1) was used to transform corn cell protoplasts and stably transformed kanamycin resistant callus was isolated. B.t.k. mRNA in the corn cells was analyzed by nuclease S1 protection and found to be present at a level comparable to that seen with the same wild-type coding sequence (pMON9921) in transgenic tomato plants.

[0155] pMON8652 and pMON8642 (modified HD-1) were used to transform corn cell protoplasts in a transient

expression system. The level of B.t.k. mRNA was analyzed by nuclease S1 protection. The modified HD-1 gave rise to a several fold increase in B.t.k. mRNA compared to the wild-type coding sequence in the transiently transformed corn cells. This indicated that the modifications introduced into the B.t.k. HD-1 gene are capable of enhancing B.t.k. expression in monocot cells as was demonstrated for dicot plants and cells.

[0156] pMON8642 (modified HD-1) and pMON8643 (synthetic HD-1) were used to transform Black Mexican Sweet (BMS) corn cell protoplasts by PEG-mediated DNA uptake, and stably transformed corn callus was selected by growth on kanamycin containing plant growth medium. Individual callus colonies that were derived from single transformed cells were isolated and propagated separately on kanamycin containing medium.

[0157] To assess the expression of the B.t.k. genes in these cells, callus samples were tested for insect toxicity by bioassay against tobacco hornworm larvae. For each vector, 96 callus lines were tested by bioassay. Portions of each callus were placed on sterile water agar plates, and five neonate tobacco hornworm larvae were added and allowed to feed for 4 days. For pMON8643, 100% of the larvae died after feeding on 15 of the 96 calli and these calli showed little feeding damage. For pMON8642, only 1 of the 96 calli was toxic to the larvae. This showed that the B.t.k. gene was being expressed in these samples at insecticidal levels. The observation that significantly more calli containing pMON8643 were toxic than for pMON8642 showed that significantly higher levels of expression were obtained when the synthetic HD-1 coding sequence was contained in corn cells than when the modified HD-1 coding sequence was used, similar to the previous examples with dicot plants. A semiquantitative immunoassay showed that the pMON8643 toxic samples had significantly higher B.t.k. protein levels than the pMON8642 toxic sample.

[0158] The 16 callus samples that were toxic to tobacco hornworm were also tested for activity against European corn borer. European corn borer is approximately 40-fold less sensitive to the HD-1 gene product than is tobacco hornworm. Larvae of European corn borer were applied to the callus samples and allowed to feed for 4 days. Two of the 16 calli tested, both of which contained pMON8643 (synthetic HD-1), were toxic to European corn borer larvae.

[0159] To assess the expression of the B.t.k. genes in differentiated corn tissue, another method of DNA delivery was used. Young leaves were excised from corn plants, and DNA samples were delivered into the leaf tissue by microprojectile bombardment. In this system, the DNA on the microprojectiles is transiently expressed in the leaf cells after bombardment. Three DNA samples were used, and each DNA was tested in triplicate.

- [0160] 1. pMON744, the corn expression vector with no B.t.k. gene.
- [0161] 2. pMON8643 (synthetic HD-1).
- [0162] 3. pMON752, a corn expression vector for the GUS gene, no B.t.k. gene.

[0163] The leaves were incubated at room temperature for 24 hours. The pMON752 samples were stained with a substrate that allows visual detection of the GUS gene

product. This analysis showed that over one hundred spots in each sample were expressing the GUS product and the the triplicate samples showed very similar levels of GUS expression. For the pMON744 and pMON8643 samples 5 larvae of tobacco hornworm were added to each leaf and allowed to feed for 48 hours. All three samples bombarded with pMON744 showed extensive feeding damage and no larval mortality. All three samples bombarded with pMON8643 showed no evidence of feeding damage and 100% larval mortality. The samples were also assayed for the presence of B.t.k. protein by a qualitative immunoassay. All of the pMON8643 samples had detectable B.t.k. protein. These results demonstrated that the the synthetic B.t.k. gene was expressed in differentiated corn plant tissue at insecticidal levels.

EXAMPLE 9

Synthetic Potato Leaf Roll Virus Coat Protein Gene

[0164] Expression in plants of the coat protein genes from a variety of plant viruses has proven to be an effective method of engineering resistance to these viruses. In order to achieve virus resistance, it is important to express the viral coat protein at an effective level. For many plant virus coat protein genes, this has not proved to be a problem. However, for the coat protein gene from potato leaf roll virus (PLRV), expression of the coat protein has been observed to be low relative to other coat protein genes, and this lower level of protein has not led to optimal resistance to PLRV.

[0165] The gene for PLRV coat protein is shown in FIG. 16. Referring to FIG. 16, the upper line of sequence shows the gene as it was originally engineered for plant expression in vector pMON893. The gene was contained on a 749 nucleotide BgIII-EcoRI fragment with the coding sequence contained between nucleotides 20 and 643. This fragment also contained 19 nucleotides of 5' noncoding sequence and 104 nucleotides of 3' noncoding sequence. This PLRV coat protein gene was relatively poorly expressed in plants compared to other viral coat protein genes.

[0166] A synthetic gene was designed to improve plant expression of the PLRV coat protein. Referring again to FIG. 16, the changes made in the synthetic PLRV gene are shown in the lower line. This gene was designed to encode exactly the same protein as the naturally occurring gene. Note that the beginning of the synthetic gene is at nucleotide 14 and the end of the sequence is at nucleotide 654. The coding sequence for the synthetic gene is from nucleotide 20 to 643 of the figure. The changes indicated just upstream and downstream of these endpoints serve only to introduce convenient restriction sites just outside the coding sequence. Thus the size of the synthetic gene is 641 nucleotides which is smaller than the naturally occurring gene. The synthetic gene is smaller because substantially all of the noncoding sequence at both the 5' and 3' ends, except for segments encoding the BgIII and EcoRI restriction sites has been removed.

[0167] The synthetic gene differs from the naturally occurring gene in two main respects. First, 41 individual codons within the coding sequence have been changed to remove nearly all codons for a given amino acid that constitute less than about 15% of the codons for that amino acid in a survey of dicot plant genes. Second, the 5' and 3' noncoding

sequences of the original gene have been removed. Although not strictly conforming to the algorithm described in **FIG. 1**, a few of the codon changes and especially the removal of the long 3' noncoding region is consistent with this algorithm.

[0168] The original PLRV sequence contains two potential plant polyadenylation signals (AACCAA and AAGCAT) and both of the these occur in the 3' noncoding sequence that has been removed in the synthetic gene. The original PLRV gene also contains on ATTTA sequence. This is also contained in the 3' noncoding sequence, and is in the midst of the longest stretch of uninterrupted A+T in the gene (a stretch of 7 A+T nucleotides). This sequence was removed in the synthetic gene. Thus, sequences that the algorithm of FIG. 1 targets for change have been changed in the synthetic PLRV coat protein gene by removal of the 3' noncoding segment. Within the coding sequence, codon changes were also made to remove three other regions of sequence described above. In particular, two regions of 5 consecutive A+T and one region of 5 consecutive G+C within the coding sequence have been removed in the synthetic gene.

[0169] The synthetic PLRV coat protein gene is cloned in a plant transformation vector such as pMON893 and used to transform potato plants as described above. These plants express the PLRV coat protein at higher levels than achieved with the naturally occurring gene, and these plants exhibit increased resistance to infection by PLRV.

EXAMPLE 10

Expression of Synthetic B.t. Genes with RUBISCO Small Subunit Promoters and Chloroplast Transit Peptides

[0170] The genes in plants encoding the small subunit of RUBISCO (SSU) are often highly expressed, light regulated and sometimes show tissue specificity. These expression properties are largely due to the promoter sequences of these genes. It has been possible to use SSU promoters to express heterologous genes in transformed plants. Typically a plant will contain multiple SSU genes, and the expression levels and tissue specificity of different SSU genes will be different. The SSU proteins are encoded in the nucleus and synthesized in the cytoplasm as precursors that contain an N-terminal extension known as the chloroplast transit peptide (CTP). The CTP directs the precursor to the chloroplast and promotes the uptake of the SSU protein into the chloroplast. In this process, the CTP is cleaved from the SSU protein. These CTP sequences have been used to direct heterologous proteins into chloroplasts of transformed plants.

[0171] The SSU promoters might have several advantages for expression of B.t.k. genes in plants. Some SSU promoters are very highly expressed and could give rise to expression levels as high or higher than those observed with the CaMV35S promoter. The tissue distribution of expression from SSU promoters is different from that of the CaMV35S promoter, so for control of some insect pests, it may be advantageous to direct the expression of B.t.k. to those cells in which SSU is most highly expressed. For example, although relatively constitutive, in the leaf the CaMV35S promoter is more highly expressed in vascular tissue than in some other parts of the leaf, while most SSU promoters are most highly expressed in the mesophyll cells of the leaf.

Some SSU promoters also are more highly tissue specific, so it could be possible to utilize a specific SSU promoter to express B.t.k. in only a subset of plant tissues, if for example B.t. expression in certain cells was found to be deleterious to those cells. For example, for control of Colorado potato beetle in potato, it may be advantageous to use SSU promoters to direct B.t.t. expression to the leaves but not to the edible tubers.

[0172] Utilizing SSU CTP sequences to localize B.t. proteins to the chloroplast might also be advantageous. Localization of the B.t. to the chloroplast could protect the protein from proteases found in the cytoplasm. This could stabilize the B.t. protein and lead to higher levels of accumulation of active protein. B.t. genes containing the CTP could be used in combination with the SSU promoter or with other promoters such as CaMV35S.

[0173] A variety of plant transformation vectors were constructed for the expression of B.t.k. genes utilizing SSU promoters and SSU CTPs. The promoters and CTPs utilized were from the petunia SSU11a gene described by Tumer et al. (1986) and from the Arabidopsis ats1A gene (an SSU gene) described by Krebbers et al. (1988) and by Elionor et al. (1989). The petunia SSU11a promoter was contained on a DNA fragment that extended approximately 800 bp upstream of the SSU coding sequence. The Arabidopsis ats1A promoter was contained on a DNA fragment that extended approximately 1.8 kb upstream of the SSU coding sequence. At the upstream end convenient sites from the multilinker of pUC18 were used to move these promoters into plant transformation vectors such as pMON893. These promoter fragments extended to the start of the SSU coding sequence at which point an NcoI restriction site was engineered to allow insertion of the B.t. coding sequence, replacing the SSU coding sequence.

[0174] When SSU promoters were used in combination with their CTP, the DNA fragments extended through the coding sequence of the CTP and a small portion of the mature SSU coding sequence at which point an NcoI restriction site was engineered by standard techniques to allow the in frame fusion of B.t. coding sequences with the CTP. In particular, for the petunia SSU11a CTP, B.t. coding sequences were fused to the SSU sequence after amino acid 8 of the mature SSU sequence at which point the NcoI site was placed. The 8 amino acids of mature SSU sequence were included because preliminary in vitro chloroplast uptake experiments indicated that uptake was of B.t.k. was observed only if this segment of mature SSU was included. For the Arabidopsis ats1A CTP, the complete CTP was included plus 24 amino acids of mature SSU sequence plus the sequence gly-gly-arg-val-asn-cys-met-gln-ala-met, terminating in an NcoI site for B.t. fusion. This short sequence reiterates the native SSU CTP cleavage site (between the cys and met) plus a short segment surrounding the cleavage site. This sequence was included in order to insure proper uptake into chloroplasts. B.t. coding sequences were fused to this ats1A CTP after the met codon. In vitro uptake experiments with this CTP construction and other (non-B.t.) coding sequences showed that this CTP did target proteins to the chloroplast.

[0175] When CTPs were used in combination with the CaMV 35S promoter, the same CTP segments were used. They were excised just upstream of the ATG start sites of the

CTP by engineering of BgIII sites, and placed downstream of the CaMV35S promoter in pMON893, as BgIII to NcoI fragments. B.t. coding sequences were fused as described above

[0176] The wild type B.t.k. HD-1 coding sequence of pMON9921 (see FIG. 1) was fused to the ats1A promoter to make pMON1925 or the ats1A promoter plus CTP to make pMON1921. These vectors were used to transform tobacco plants, and the plants were screened for activity against tobacco hornworm. No toxic plants were recovered. This is surprising in light of the fact that toxic plants could be recovered, albeit at a low frequency, after transformation with pMON9921 in which the B.t.k. coding sequence was expressed from the enhanced CaMV35S, promoter in pMON893, and in light of the fact that Elionor et al. (1989) report that the ats1A promoter itself is comparable in strength to the CaMV35S promoter and approximately 10-fold stronger when the CTP sequence is included. At least for the wild-type B.t.k. HD-1 coding sequence, this does not appear to be the case.

[0177] A variety of plant transformation vectors were constructed utilizing either the truncated synthetic.

[0178] HD-73 coding sequence of FIG. 4 or the full length B.t.k. HD-73 coding sequence of FIG. 11. These are listed in the table below.

TABLE XV

	Gene Constructs with CTPs			
Vector	Promoter	СТР	B.t.k. HD-73 Coding Sequence	
pMON10806	En 35S	ats1A	truncated	
pMON10814	En35S	SSU11a	full length	
pMON10811	SSU11a	SSU11a	truncated	
pMON10819	SSU11a	none	truncated	
pMON10815	ats1A	none	truncated	
pMON10817	ats1A	ats1A	truncated	
pMON10821	En 35S	ats1A	truncated	
pMON10822	En 35S	ats1A	full length	
pMON10838	SSU11a	SSU11a	full length	
pMON10839	ats1A	ats1A	full length	

[0179] All of the above vectors were used to transform tobacco plants. For all of the vectors containing truncated B.t.k. genes, leaf tissue from these plants has been analyzed for toxicity to insects and B.t.k. protein levels by immunoassay. pMON10806, 10811, 10819 and 10821 produce levels of B.t.k. protein comparable to pMON5383 and pMON5390 which contain synthetic B.t.k. HD-73 coding sequences driven by the En 35S promoter itself with no CTP. These plants also have the insecticidal activity expected for the B.t.k. protein levels detected. For pMON10815 and pMON10817 (containing the ats1A promoter), the level of B.t.k. protein is about 5-fold higher than that found in plants containing pMON5383 or 5390. These plants also have higher insecticidal activity. Plants containing 10815 and 10817 contain up to 1% of their total soluble leaf protein as B.t.k. HD-73. This is the highest level of B.t.k. protein yet obtained with any of the synthetic genes.

[0180] This result is surprising in two respects. First, as noted above, the wild type coding sequences fused to the ats1A promoter and CTP did not show any evidence of

higher levels of expression than for En 35S, and in fact had lower expression based on the absence of any insecticidal plants. Second, Elionor et al. (1989) show that for two other genes, the ats1A CTP can increase expression from the ats1A promoter by about 10-fold. For the synthetic B.t.k. HD-73 gene, there is no consistent increase seen by including the CTP over and above that seen for the ats1A promoter alone.

[0181] Tobacco plants containing the full length synthetic HD-73 fused to the SSU11A CTP and driven by the En 35S promoter produced levels of B.t.k. protein and insecticidal activity comparable to pMON1518 which contains does not include the CTP. In addition, for pMON10518 the B.t.k. protein extracted from plants was observed by gel electrophoresis to contain multiple forms less than full length, apparently due the cleavage of the C-terminal portion (not required for toxicity) in the cytoplasm. For pMON10814, the majority of the protein appeared to be intact full length indicating that the protein has been stabilized from proteolysis by targeting to the chloroplast.

EXAMPLE 11

Targeting of B.t. Proteins to the Extracellular Space or Vacuole through the Use of Signal Peptides

[0182] The B.t. proteins produced from the synthetic genes described here are localized to the cytoplasm of the plant cell, and this cytoplasmic localization results in plants that are insecticidally effective. It may be advantageous for some purposes to direct the B.t. proteins to other compartments of the plant cell. Localizing B.t. proteins in compartments other than the cytoplasm may result in less exposure of the B.t. proteins to cytoplasmic proteases leading to greater accumulation of the protein yielding enhanced insecticidal activity. Extracellular localization could lead to more efficient exposure of certain insects to the B.t. proteins leading to greater efficacy. If a B.t. protein were found to be deleterious to plant cell function, then localization to a noncytoplasmic compartment could protect these cells from the protein.

[0183] In plants as well as other eucaryotes, proteins that are destined to be localized either extracellularly or in several specific compartments are typically synthesized with an N-terminal amino acid extension known as the signal peptide. This signal peptide directs the protein to enter the compartmentalization pathway, and it is typically cleaved from the mature protein as an early step in compartmentalization. For an extracellular protein, the secretory pathway typically involves cotranslational insertion into the endoplasmic reticulum with cleavage of the signal peptide occuring at this stage. The mature protein then passes thru the Golgi body into vesicles that fuse with the plasma membrane thus releasing the protein into the extracellular space. Proteins destined for other compartments follow a similar pathway. For example, proteins that are destined for the endoplasmic reticulum or the Golgi body follow this scheme, but they are specifically retained in the appropriate compartment. In plants, some proteins are also targeted to the vacuole, another membrane bound compartment in the cytoplasam of many plant cells. Vacuole targeted proteins diverge from the above pathway at the Golgi body where they enter vesicles that fuse with the vacuole.

[0184] A common feature of this protein targeting is the signal peptide that initiates the compartmentalization pro-

cess. Fusing a signal peptide to a protein will in many cases lead to the targeting of that protein to the endoplasmic reticulum. The efficiency of this step may depend on the sequence of the mature protein itself as well. The signals that direct a protein to a specific compartment rather than to the extracellular space are not as clearly defined. It appears that many of the signals that direct the protein to specific compartments are contained within the amino acid sequence of the mature protein. This has been shown for some vacuole targeted proteins, but it is not yet possible to define these sequences precisely. It appears that secretion into the extracellular space is the "default" pathway for a protein that contains a signal sequence but no other compartmentalization signals. Thus, a strategy to direct B.t. proteins out of the cytoplasm is to fuse the genes for synthetic B.t. genes to DNA sequences encoding known plant signal peptides. These fusion genes will give rise to B.t. proteins that enter the secretory pathway, and lead to extracellular secretion or targeting to the vacuole or other compartments.

[0185] Signal sequences for several plant genes have been described. One such sequence is for the tobacco pathogenesis related protein PR1b described by Cornelissen et al. The PR1b protein is normally localized to the extracellular space. Another type of signal peptide is contained on seed storage proteins of legumes. These proteins are localized to the protein body of seeds, which is a vacuole like compartment found in seeds. A signal peptide DNA sequence for the beta subunit of the 7S storage protein of common bean (Phaseolus vulgaris), PvuB has been described by Doyle et al. Based on the published these published sequences, genes were synthesized by chemical synthesis of oligonucleotides that encoded the signal peptides for PR1b and PvuB. The synthetic genes for these signal peptides corresponded exactly to the reported DNA sequences. Just upstream of the translational intiation codon of each signal peptide a BamHI and BgIII site were inserted with the BamHI site at the 5' end. This allowed the insertion of the signal peptide encoding segments into the BgIII site of pMON893 for expression from the En 35S promoter. In some cases to achieve secretion or compartmentalization of heterologous proteins, it has proved necessary to include some amino acid sequence beyond the normal cleavage site of the signal peptide. This may be necessary to insure proper cleavage of the signal peptide. For PR1b the synthetic DNA sequence also included the first 10 amino acids of mature PR1b. For PvuB the synthetic DNA sequence included the first 13 amino acids of mature PvuB. Both synthetic signal peptide encoding segments ended with NcoI sites to allow fusion in frame to the methionine initiation codon of the synthetic B.t. genes.

[0186] Four vectors encoding synthetic B.t.k. HD-73 genes were constructed containing these signal peptides. The synthetic truncated HD-73 gene from pMON5383 was fused with the signal peptide sequence of PvuB and incorporated into pMON893 to create pMON10827. The synthetic truncated HD-73 gene from pMON5383 was also fused with the signal peptide sequence of PR1b to create pMON10824. The full length synthetic HD-73 gene from pMON10518 was fused with the signal peptide sequence of PvuB and incorporated into pMON893 to create pMON10828. The full length synthetic HD-73 gene from pMON10518 was also fused with the signal peptide sequence of PR1b and incorporated into pMON893 to create pMON10825.

[0187] These vectors were used to transform tobacco plants and the plants were assayed for expression of the B.t.k. protein by Western blot analysis and for insecticidal efficacy. pMON10824 and pMON10827 produced amounts of B.t.k. protein in leaf comparable to the truncated HD-73 vectors, pMON5383 and pMON5390. pMON10825 and pMON10828 produced full length B.t.k. protein in amounts comparable to pMON10518. In all cases, the plants were insecticidally active against tobacco hornworm.

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- 1. In a method for improving the expression of a heterologous gene in plants by modifying the structural coding sequence of said gene, the improvement which comprises reducing the occurrence of polyadenylation signals selected from the group consisting of AATAAA, AATAAT, AACCAA, ATATAA, AATCAA, ATACAT, ATAAAA, ATGAAA, AAGCAT, ATTAAT, ATACAT, AAAATA, ATTAAA, AATTAAA, AATTAAA, AATTAAA.
- 2. The method of claim 1 further comprising the improvement of reducing the occurrence of ATTTA sequences within the structural coding sequence.
- 3. A method for modifying a wild-type structural gene sequence which encodes an insecticidal protein of *Bacillus thuringiensis* to enhance the expression of said protein in plants which comprises:
 - a) removing polyadenylation signals contained in said wild-type gene while retaining a sequence which encodes said protein; and
 - b) removing ATTTA sequences contained in said wildtype gene while retaining a sequence which encodes said protein.
- **4.** A method of claim 3 further comprising the removal of self-complementary sequences and re-placement of such sequences with nonself-complementary DNA comprising plant preferred codons while retaining a structural gene sequence encoding said protein.
- **5**. A method of claim 4 further comprising the use of plant preferred sequences in the removal of the polyadenylation signals and ATTTA sequences.

- **6**. A method of claim 3 in which the poly-adenylation signals are selected from the group consisting of AATAAA, AATAAT, AACCAA, ATATAA, AATCAA, ATACAA, ATACAA, ATAAAA, ATGAAA, AAGCAT, ATTAAT, ATACAT, AAAATA, ATTAAA, AATTAAA, AATACA and CATAAA.
- 7. A method of claim 4 in which the polyadenylation signals are selected from the group consisting of AATAAA, AATAAT, AACCAA, ATATAA, AATCAA, ATACTA, ATAAAA, ATGAAA, AAGCAT, ATTAAT, ATACAT, AAAATA, ATTAAA, AATTAAA, AATACA and CATAAA.
- **8**. A method of claim 5 in which the polyadenylation signals are selected from the group consisting of AATAAA, AATAAT, AACCAA, ATATAA, AATCAA, ATACAA, ATACAA, ATGAAA, AAGCAT, ATTAAT, ATACAT, AAAATA, ATTAAA, AATTAAA, AATACA and CATAAA.
- **9**. A method for modifying a wild-type structural gene sequence which encodes an insecticidal protein of *Bacillus thuringiensis* to enhance the expression of said protein in plants which comprises:
 - a) identifying regions within said sequence with greater than four consecutive adenine or thymine nucleotides;
 - b) modifying the regions of step (a) which have two or more polyadenylation signals within a ten base sequence to remove said signals while maintaining a gene sequence which encodes said protein; and
 - c) modifying the 15-30 base regions surrounding the regions of step (a) to remove major plant polyadenylation signals, consecutive sequences containing more than one minor polyadenylation signal and consecutive sequences containing more than one ATTTA sequence while maintaining a gene sequence which encodes said protein.
- **10**. A method of claim 9 in which the major plant polyadenylation signals are selected from the group consisting of AATAAA and AATAAT.
- 11. A method of claim 10 in which the polyadenylation signals are selected from the group consisting of AATAAA, AATAAT, AACCAA, ATATAA, AATCAA, ATACTA, ATAAAA, ATGAAA, AAGCAT, ATTAAT, ATACAT, AAAATA, ATTAAA, AATTAAA, AATACA and CATAAA.
- 12. A method of claim 11 further comprising the use of plant preferred sequences in the removal of polyadenylation signals and ATTTA sequences.
- 13. A structural gene which encodes an insecticidal protein of *Bacillus thuringiensis*, said gene being substantially devoid of polyadenylation signals and ATTTA sequences.
- 14. A structural gene of claim 13 which is substantially devoid of polyadenylation signals selected from the group consisting of AATAAA, AATAAT, AACCAA, ATATAA, AATCAA, ATACTA, ATAAAA, ATGAAA, AAGCAT, ATTAAT, ATACAT, AAAATA, ATTAAA, AATTAA, AATACA and CATAAA.
- **15**. A structural gene of claim 13 which encodes an insecticidal protein of B.t.k. HD-1 having the sequence:

1	ATGGCTATAGAAACTGGTTACACCCCAATCGATATTTCCT $% \left($	40
1	TGTCGCTAACGCAATTTCTTTTGAGTGAATTTGTTCCCGG	80

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81	TGCTGGATTTGTGTTAGGACTAGTTGATATTATCTGGGGA	120	1121 TATACAGAAAAAGCGGAACGGTAGATTCGCTGGATGAAAT 1	160
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161	TTGAACAGCTCATCAACCAGAGAATCGAAGAGTTCGCTAG	200		240
201	GAATCAAGCCATTTCTAGATTAGAAGGACTAAGCAATCTT	240		280
241	TATCAAATTTACGCAGAATCTTTTAGAGAGTGGGAAGCAG	280		320
281	ATCCTACTAATCCAGCATTAAGAGAAGAGATGCGTATTCA	320		360
321	ATTCAATGACATGAACAGTGCCCTTACAACCGCTATTCCT	360		400
361	CTTTTTGCAGTTCAAAATTATCAAGTTCCTCTCCTCCCG	400		440
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481	$ \begin{array}{cccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$	520		560
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681	$ \begin{array}{cccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$	720		
721	$ \begin{array}{cccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccccc$	760	16. A structural gene of claim 13 which encodes insecticidal protein of B.t.k. HD-73 having the sequence	
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801	TCCACATTTGATGGATATACTTAATAGTATAACCATCTAT	840	1 ATGGCCATTGAAACCGGTTACACTCCCATCGACATCTCCT 4	0
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881	AGATCATGGCTTCTCCTGTAGGGTTTTCGGGGCCAGAATT	920	81 TGCTGGGTTCGTCTCGGACTAGTTGACATCATCTGGGGT 1:	20
921	CACTTTTCCGCTATATGGAACTATGGGAAATGCAGCTCCA	960	121 ATCTTTGGTCCATCTCAATGGGATGCATTCCTGGTGCAAA 1	60
961	CAACAACGTATTGTTGCTCAACTAGGTCAGGGCGTGTATA	1000		00
1001	GAACATTATCGTCCACCTTATATAGAAGACCTTTTAACAT	1040	201 GAACCAGGCCATCTCTAGGTTGGAAGGATTGAGCAATCTC 2	40
1041	. CGGGATCAACAACCAACAACTATCTGTTCTTGACGGGACA	1080		80
1081		1120	281 ATCCTACTAACCCAGCTCTCCGCGAGGAAATGCGTATTCA 3	20

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401	TGTACGTTCAAGCAGCTAATCTTCACCTCAGCGTGCTTCG	440	1441 AACATTCAGAATAGAGGGTATATTGAAGTTCCAATTCACT 1480
441	$. \\$ AGACGTTAGCGTGTTTGGGCAAAGGTGGGGATTCGATGCT \\	480	
481	GCAACCATCAATAGCCGTTACAACGACCTTACTAGGCTGA	520	
521	TTGGAAACTACACCGACCACGCTGTTCGTTGGTACAACAC	560	1561 AATTCATCCATCTTCTCCAATACAGTTCCAGCTACAGCTA 1600
561	TGGCTTGGAGCGTGTCTGGGGTCCTGATTCTAGAGATTGG	600	
601	ATTAGATACAACCAGTTCAGGAGAGAATTGACCCTCACAG	640	
641	TTTTGGACATTGTGTCTCTCTCCCGAACTATGACTCCAG	680	1681 GTGGGTGTTAGAAACTTTAGTGGGACTGCAGGAGTGATTA 1720
681		720	
721	ATCTATACTAACCCAGTTCTTGAGAACTTCGACGGTAGCT	760	1761 GGCTGAG 1767.
761		800	17. A structural gene of claim 13 encoding a insecticidal protein of B.t.k. HD-1 having the sequence:
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961		1000	121 TCCTTGACACAGTTTCTGCTCAGCGAGTTCGTGCCAGGTG 160
1001		1040	161 CTGGGTTCGTCTCGGACTAGTTGACATCATCTGGGGTAT 200
1041		1080	201 CTTTGGTCCATCTCAATGGGATGCATTCCTGGTGCAAATT 240
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1241	. $. \\ . \\ . \\ . \\ . \\ . \\ . \\ . \\ . \\ .$	1280	401 TCAACGACATGAACAGCGCCTTGACCACAGCTATCCCATT 440
1281	. CTCTTGGATACACCGTAGTGCTGAGTTCAACAACATCATC	1320	441 GTTCGCAGTCCAGAACTACCAAGTTCCTCTTTGTCCGTG 480
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			1721 CTTTCAACTTCTCTAACGGATCAAGCGTTTTCACCCTTAG 1760
721	${\tt TTGGACATTGTGTCTCTCTTCCCGAACTATGACTCCAGAA}$	760	
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801	CTATACTAACCCAGTTCTTGAGAACTTCGACGGTAGCTTC	840	1841 AGTAC 1845.
0.44		000	18. A structural gene of claim 13 encoding an insecticidal
841	CGTGGTTCTGCCCAAGGTATCGAAGGCTCCATCAGGAGCC	880	protein derived from B.t.k. HD-73 having the sequence:
881		920	
001	CACACITOMICONCATCITOMICONCATALITY INCAC	320	
921		960	1 ATGGACAACAACCCAAACATCAACGAATGCATTCCATACA 40
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1201	TACAGAAAGAGCGGAACCGTTGATTCCTTGGACGAAATCC	1240	281 ACCAGGCCATCTCTAGGTTGGAAGGATTGAGCAATCTCTA 320
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841	CGTGGTTCTGCCCAAGGTATCGAAGGCTCCATCAGGAGCC	880	1881 CTGTTTACGTCTACAAACCA 1920.
881	CACACTTGATGGACATCTTGAACAGCATAACTATCTACAC	920	GCTTGGACTCAAGACAAATG
921		960	19. A structural gene of claim 13 encoding the full-length insecticidal protein of B.t.k. HD-73 having the sequence:
961	ATCATGGCCTCTCCAGTTGGATTCAGCGGGCCCGAGTTTA	1000	
1001		1040	1 ATGGACAACAACCCAAACATCAACGAATGCATTCCATACA 40
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1081	ACCTTGTCTTCCACCTTGTACAGAAGACCCTTCAATATCG	1120	81 ACGCATTGAAACCGGTTACACTCCCATCGACATCTCCTTG 120
1121		1160	121 TCCTTGACACAGTTTCTGCTCAGCGAGTTCGTGCCAGGTG 160
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1201		1240	201 CTTTGGTCCATCTCAATGGGATGCATTCCTGGTGCAAATT 240
1241		1280	241 GAGCAGTTGATCAACCAGAGGATCGAAGAGTTCGCCAGGA 280
1281		1320	281 ACCAGGCCATCTCTAGGTTGGAAGGATTGAGCAATCTCTA 320
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3201	AATCTATCCAAATAACACGGTAACGTGTAATGATTATACT	3240	601	GGAAACTACACCGACCACGCTGTTCGTTGGTACAACACTG	640
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3281	ATCGAGGATATAACGAAGCTCCTTCCGTACCAGCTGATTA	3320	681	TAGATACAACCAGTTCAGGAGAGAATTGACCCTCACAGTT	720
3321	TGCGTCAGTCTATGAAGAAAAATCGTATACAGATGGACGA	3360	721	TTGGACATTGTGTCTCTCTCCCGAACTATGACTCCAGAA	760
3361	AGAGAGAATCCTTGTGAATTTAACAGAGGGTATAGGGATT	3400	761	CCTACCCTATCCGTACAGTGTCCCAACTTACCAGAGAAAT	800
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3521	TCCTTATGGAGGAA 3534.		921	CGATGCTCACAGAGGAGAGTATTACTGGTCTGGACACCAG	960
	A structural gene of claim 13 encoding a full- ticidal protein of B.t.k. HD-73 having the seque		961	ATCATGGCCTCTCCAGTTGGATTCAGCGGGCCCGAGTTTA	1000
_		4.0	1001	CCTTTCCTCTATGGAACTATGGGAAACGCCGCTCCACA	1040
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3481		3520		920
3521	. TCCTTATGGAGGAA 3534.		921 CGATGCTCACAGAGGAGAGTATTACTGGTCTGGACACCAG	960
	. A structural gene of claim 13 encoding a full-ticidal protein of B.t.k. HD-73 having the seque		961 ATCATGGCCTCTCCAGTTGGATTCAGCGGGCCCGAGTTTA 1	1000
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521	ACGTTAGCGTGTTTGGGCAAAGGTGGGGATTCGATGCTGC	560	1561 CCATCCACATCTACCAGATATAGAGTTCGTGTGAGGTATG 1	1600
561	. AACCATCAATAGCCGTTACAACGACCTTACTAGGCTGATT	600		

1641 TTCATCCATCTTCTCCAATACAGTTCCAGCTACAGCTACC	1680
	1720
1721 AAAGTGCCAATGCTTTTACATCTTCACTCGGTAACATCGT	1760
1761 GGGTGTTAGAAACTTTAGTGGGACTGCAGGAGTGATTATC	1800
1801 GACAGATTCGAGTTCATTCCAGTTACTGCAACACTCGAGG	1840
1841 CTGAGTACAACCTTGAGAGAGCCCAGAAGGCTGTGAACGC	1880
	1920
1921 GTTACTGACTATCACATTGACCAAGTGTCCAACTTGGTCA	1960
1961 CCTACCTTAGCGATGAGTTCTGCCTCGACGAGAAGCGTGA	2000
2001 ACTCTCCGAGAAAGTTAAACACGCCAAGCGTCTCAGCGAC	2040
	2080
2081 ACAGGCAGCCAGAACGTGGTTGGGGTGGAAGCACCGGGAT	2120
2121 CACCATCCAAGGAGGCGACGATGTGTTCAAGGAGAACTAC	2160
2161 GTCACCCTCTCCGGAACTTTCGACGAGTGCTACCCTACC	2200
2201 ACTTGTACCAGAAGATCGATGAGTCCAAACTCAAAGCCTT	2240
2241 CACCAGGTATCAACTTAGAGGCTACATCGAAGACAGCCAA	2280
2281 GACCTTGAAATCTACTCGATCAGGTACAATGCCAAGCACG	2320
2321 AGACCGTGAATGTCCCAGGTACTGGTTCCCTCTGGCCACT	2360
2361 TTCTGCCCAATCTCCCATTGGGAAGTGTGGAGAGCCTAAC	2400
2401 AGATGCGCTCCACACCTTGAGTGGAATCCTGACTTGGACT	2440
2441 GCTCCTGCAGGGATGGCGAGAAGTGTGCCCACCATTCTCA	2480
2481 TCACTTCTCCTTGGACATCGATGTGGGATGTACTGACCTG	2520
2521 AATGAGGACCTCGGAGTCTGGGTCATCTTCAAGATCAAGA	2560
	2600
	2640

2641	-continued AAGAGAGCAGAGAAGAAGTGGAGGACAAACGTGAGAAAC	2680
2681	. TCGAATGGGAAACTAACATCGTTTACAAGGAGGCCAAAGA	2720
0701		0760
2/21	GTCCGTGGATGCTTTGTTCGTGAACTCCCAATATGATCAG	2760
2761	TTGCAAGCCGACACCAACATCGCCATGATCCACGCCGCAG	2800
2801	ACAAACGTGTGCACAGCATTCGTGAGGCTTACTTGCCTGA	2840
2841		2880
2881	GAACTTGAGGGACGTATCTTTACCGCATTCTCCTTGTACG	2920
2921	. ATGCCAGAAACGTCATCAAGAACGGTGACTTCAACAATGG	2960
2961	. CCTCAGCTGCTGGAATGTGAAAGGTCATGTGGACGTGGAG	3000
3001	GAACAGAACAATCAGCGTTCCGTCCTGGTTGTGCCTGAGT	3040
3041	. GGGAAGCTGAAGTGTCCCAAGAGGTTAGAGTCTGTCCAGG	3080
3081	. TAGAGGCTACATTCTCCGTGTGACCGCTTACAAGGAGGGA	3120
3121		3160
3161		3200
3201	AATCTATCCCAACAACACCGTTACTTGCAACGACTACACT	3240
3241	GTGAATCAGGAAGAGTACGGAGGTGCCTACACTAGCCGTA	3280
3281		3320
3321		3360
3361	. CGTGAGAACCCTTGCGAGTTCAACAGAGGTTACAGGGACT	3400
3401		3440
3441	GTACTTTCCTGAGACCGACAAAGTGTGGATCGAGATCGGT	3480
3481	GAAACCGAGGGAACCTTCATCGTGGACAGCGTGGAGCTTC	3520
3521	TCTTGATGGAGGAA. 3534	
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22. A structural gene of claim 13 which encodes an insecticidal protein of B.t.t. having the sequence:

1 ATGACTGCAGACAACAACACCGAAGCCCTCGACAGTTCTA 40

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41 CCACTAAGGATGTTATCCAGAAGGGTATCTCCGTTGTGGG	80	1081 CTCGCTGTGTGGCCATCCGCAGTTTACTCAGGCGTCACAA 1120
81 AGACCTCTTGGGCGTGGTTGGATTTCCCTTCGGTGGAGCC	120	
121 CTCGTGAGCTTCTATACAAACTTTCTCAACACCATTTGGC	160	1161 CAGCACCCAGACTTACGACTCCAAACGTTACGTTGGCGCA 1200
161 CAAGCGAGGACCCTTGGAAAGCATTCATGGAGCAAGTTGA	200	
201 AGCTCTTATGGATCAGAAGATTGCAGATTATGCCAAGAAC	240	
241 AAGGCTTTGGCAGAACTCCAGGGCCTTCAGAACAATGTGG	280	1281 CTATGTGATGTGCTTCTTGATGCAAGGTTCCAGAGGGACC 1320
281 AGGACTACGTGAGTGCATTGTCCAGCTGGCAGAAGAACCC	320	1321 ATTCCAGTGTTGACCTGGACACACAAGTCCGTGGACTTCT 1360
321 TGTTAGCTCCAGAAATCCTCACAGCCAAGGTAGGATCAGA	360	1361 TCAACATGATCGATAGCAAGAAGATCACTCAACTTCCCTT 1400
	400	1401 GGTGAAAGCCTACAAGCTGCAATCTGGTGCTTCCGTTGTC 1440
	440	
	480	
	520	
	560	
	600	1601 GAGCACCCTTCAACCAGTATTACTTTGACAAGACCATCAA 1640
	640	1641 CAAAGGTGACACTCTCACATACAATAGCTTCAACTTGGCA 1680
	680	1681 AGTTTCAGCACACCATTTGAACTCTCAGGCAACAATCTTC 1720
	720	1721 AGATCGGCGTCACCGGTCTCAGCGCCGGAGACAAAGTCTA 1760
	760	1761 CATCGACAAGATTGAGTTCATCCCAGTGAAC. 1791
	800	23. A structural gene of claim 13 which encodes an
	840	insecticidal protein of $B.t.$ entomocidus having the sequence:
	880	1 ATGGAGGAGAACAACCAAAACCAATGCATTCCATACAACT 40
	920	41 GCTTGAGTAACCCAGAAGAGGTATTGCTTGATGGAGAACG 80
	960	81 CATTTCAACCGGTAACTCTTCCATCGACATCTCCTTGTCC 120
961 CCAAGCATTGGATCTAATGACATCATCACATCTCCCTTCT	1000	121 TTGGTCCAGTTTCTGGTCAGCAACTTCGTGCCAGGTGGTG 160
	1040	161 GGTTCCTTGTCGGACTAATTGACTTCGTCTGGGGTATCGT 200
	1080	201 TGGTCCATCTCAATGGGATGCATTCCTGGTGCAAATTGAG 240

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241 CAGTTGATCAACGAGAGGATCGCTGAGTTCGCCAGGAACG	280
281 CTGCCATCGCTAACTTGGAAGGATTGGGCAATAACTTCAA	320
	360
	400
	440
	480
	520
	560
	600
	640
	680
	720
	760
	800
	840
	880
	920
	960
	1000
	1040
	1080
	1120
	1160
	1200
	1240
1241 CAGAGGACAATAGCGTGCCACCCAGGGAAGGCTACTCCCA	1280

1281 CAGGTTGTGCCACGCAACCTTCGTGCAGCGTTCCGGAACT	1320
1321 CCATTCCTCACTACAGGAGTTGTGTTCTCATGGACTGATC	1360
1361 GTAGTGCTACTCTCACTAATACCATTGATCCCGAGAGGAT	1400
1401 CAATCAAATCCCATTGGTCAAGGGTTTCCGTGTGTGGGGA	1440
1441 GGAACTTCTGTCATCACAGGACCAGGCTTCACAGGAGGTG	1480
1481 ATATTCTTAGAAGAAACACTTTTGGCGACTTTGTGAGCCT	1520
1521 CCAAGTTAACATCAACTCTCCAATTACTCAAAGATATCGT	1560
1561 CTCAGGTTTCGTTACGCATCTTCCCGTGACGCTAGAGTCA	1600
1601 TCGTGCTCACCGGAGCAGCTTCTACCGGTGTCGGTGGACA	1640
1641 AGTCTCCGTGAACATGCCACTCCAGAAGACTATGGAGATC	1680
1681 GGCGAGAACTTGACATCCAGGACCTTCAGATACACCGACT	1720
1721 TCTCTAACCCTTTCAGTTTCCGTGCCAACCCTGACATCAT	1760
1761 TGGCATTAGCGAACAACCTCTCTTTGGAGCTGGTAGCATC	1800
1801 TCATCTGGCGAATTGTACATTGACAAGATTGAGATCATTC	1840
1841 TTGCCGACGCTACCTTCGAGGCTGAGTCTGACCTTGAGAG	1880
1881 AGCCCAGAAGGCTGTGAACGCCCTCTTTACCTCCTCTAAT	1920
1921 CAGATTGGCTTGAAAACTGACGTTACTGACTATCACATTG	1960
1961 ACCAAGTGTCCAACTTGGTCGACTGCCTTAGCGATGAGTT	2000
2001 CTGCCTCGACGAGAAGCGTGAACTCTCCGAGAAAGTTAAA	2040
2041 CACGCCAAGCGTCTCAGCGACGAGAGGAATCTCTTGCAAG	2080
2081 ACCCCAACTTCAGAGGCATCAACAGGCAGCCAGACCGTGG	2120
2121 TTGGAGAGGAAGCACCGACATCACCATCCAAGGAGGCGAC	2160
2161 GATGTGTTCAAGGAGAACTACGTCACCCTCCCAGGAACTG	2200
2201 TGGACGAGTGCTACCTACTTGTACCAGAAGATCGA	2240
2241 TGAGTCCAAACTCAAAGCCTACACCAGGTATGAACTTAGA	2280

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3321 TTAC	2320	GGCTACATCGAAGACAGCCAAGACCTTGAAATCTACCTCA	2281
3361 GTGT	2360	TCAGGTACAATGCCAAGCACGAGATCGTGAATGTCCCAGG	2321
3401 ACCC	2400	PACTGGTTCCCTCTGGCCACTTTCTGCCCAAATGCCCATT	2361
3441 ACTT	2440	GGGAAGTGTGGAGAGCCTAACAGATGCGCTCCACACCTTG	2401
3481 CCTG	2480	AGTGGAATCCTGACTTGGACTGCTCCTGCAGGGATGGCGA	2441
	2520	GAAGTGTGCCCACCATTCTCATCACTTCACCTTGGACATC	2481
3521 AGGG 3561 GGAG	2560	GATGTGGGATGTACTGACCTGAATGAGGACCTCGGAGTCT	2521
24 . A s	2600		2561
insecticida	2640	ACTTGGCAACCTTGAGTTTCTCGAAGAGAAACCATTGCTC	2601
1 ATGG	2680	GGTGAAGCTCTCGCTCGTGTGAAGAGAGCAGAGAAGAAGT	2641
41 GCGA	2720	GGAGGGACAAACGTGAGAAACTCCAACTCGAGACTAACAT	2681
81 CGAA	2760	CGTTTACAAGGAGGCCAAAGAGTCCGTGGATGCTTTGTTC	2721
121 GAAT	2800	GTGAACTCCCAATATGATAGGTTGCAAGTGGACACCAACA	2761
161 TGGT	2840	TCGCCATGATCCACGCTGCAGACAAACGTGTGCACAGGAT	2801
201 CTCT	2880	TCGTGAGGCTTACTTGCCTGAGTTGTCCGTGATCCCTGGT	2841
241 ATCA	2920	GTGAACGCTGCCATCTTCGAGGAACTTGAGGGACGTATCT	2881
281 TCTT	2960	TTACCGCATACTCCTTGTACGATGCCAGAAACGTCATCAA	2921
321 CACT	3000	GAACGGTGACTTCAACAATGGCCTCTTGTGCTGGAATGTG	2961
361 CTCC	3040	AAAGGTCATGTGGACGTGGAGGAACAGAACAATCACCGTT	3001
401 ACTT	3080	. CCGTCCTGGTTATCCCTGAGTGGGAAGCTGAAGTGTCCCA	3041
441 CACT	3120	AGAGGTTAGAGTCTGTCCAGGTAGAGGCTACATTCTCCGT	3081
481 AGAT	3160	GTGACCGCTTACAAGGAGGGATACGGTGAGGGTTGCGTGA	3121
521 TTCT	3200	CCATCCACGAGATCGAGGACAACACCGACGAGCTTAAGTT	3161
561 CTTC	3240	CTCCAACTGCGTCGAGGAAGAAGTCTATCCCAACAACACC	
601 ATCT	3280	GTTACTTGCAACAACTACACTGGGACCCAGGAAGAGTACG	
641 GGAA		AAGGTACCTACACTAGCCGTAACCAAGGTTACGACGAAGC	
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3321 TTACGGAAACAATCCTTCCGTTCCTGCTGACTATGCCTCC	3360
	3400
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	3480
	3520
	3560
3561 GGAGGAA.	3567

24. A structural gene of claim 13 which encodes a P2 insecticidal protein having the sequence:

1		40
41		80
81		120
121		160
161		200
201		240
241		280
281		320
321	CACTGATACCTTGGCTAGAGTCAACGCTGAGTTGATCGGT	360
361		400
401		440
441		480
481	. AGATTGCCTCAGTTTCAGATTCAAGGCTACCAGTTGCTCC	520
521	. TTCTTCCACTCTTTGCTCAGGCTGCCAACATGCACTTGTC	560
561	. CTTCATACGTGACGTGATCCTCAACGCTGACGAATGGGGA	600
601	. ATCTCTGCAGCCACTCTTAGGACATACAGAGACTACTTGA	640
641		680

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681 TTATCAGACTGCCTTTCGTGGACTCAATACTAGGCTTCAC	720
721 GACATGCTTGAGTTCAGGACCTACATGTTCCTTAACGTGT	760
761 TTGAGTACGTCAGCATTTGGAGTCTCTTCAAGTACCAGAG	800
801 CTTGATGGTGTCCTCTGGAGCCAATCTCTACGCCTCTGGC	840
	880
	920
	960
	1000
	1040
	1080
	1120
	1160
	1200
	1240
	1280
	1320
	1360
	1400
	1440
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	1520
	1560
	1600
	1640
	1680
1681 ACCATCAACGGACGTGTTTACACAGTCTCTAATGTGAACA	1720

1721 CTACAACGAACAATGATGCGTTAACGACAACGGAGCCAG	1760
1761 ATTCAGCGACATCAACATTGGCAACATCGTGGCCTCTGAC	1800
1801 AACACTAACGTTACTTTGGACATCAATGTGACCCTCAATT	1840
1841 CTGGAACTCCATTTGATCTCATGAACATCATGTTTGTGCC	1880
1881 AACTAACCTCCCTCCATTGTACTAA 1905	

- 25. A plant transformation vector comprising a plant gene containing a structural gene of claim 13.
- **26**. A structural gene sequence of claim 13 encoding a fusion protein comprising the N-terminal 610 amino acids of B.t.k. HD-1 and the C-terminal 567 amino acids of B.t.k. HD-73, said gene having the sequence:

1	ATGGACAACACCCAAACATCAACGAATGCATTCCATACA	40
41	$\tt ACTGCTTGAGTAACCCAGAAGTTGAAGTACTTGGTGGAGA$	80
81		120
121	. TCCTTGACACAGTTTCTGCTCAGCGAGTTCGTGCCAGGTG	160
161		200
201		240
241		280
281	ACCAGGCCATCTCTAGGTTGGAAGGATTGAGCAATCTCTA	320
321		360
361		400
401		440
441		480
481		520
521	. ACGTTAGCGTGTTTGGGCAAAGGTGGGGATTCGATGCTGC	560
561		600
601		640
641	GCTTGGAGCGTGTCTGGGGTCCTGATTCTAGAGATTGGAT	680
681		720

721 TTGGACATTGTGTCTCTCTCCCGAACTATGACTCCAGAA	760
761 CCTACCCTATCCGTACAGTGTCCCAACTTACCAGAGAAAT	800
	840
. 841 CGTGGTTCTGCCCAAGGTATCGAAGGCTCCATCAGGAGCC	880
. 881 CACACTTGATGGACATCTTGAACAGCATAACTATCTACAC	920
921 CGATGCTCACAGAGGAGAGTATTACTGGTCTGGACACCAG	960
961 ATCATGGCCTCTCCAGTTGGATTCAGCGGGCCCGAGTTTA	1000
1001 CCTTTCCTCTATGGAACTATGGGAAACGCCGCTCCACA	1040
1041 ACAACGTATCGTTGCTCAACTAGGTCAGGGTGTCTACAGA	1080
1081 ACCTTGTCTTCCACCTTGTACAGAAGACCCTTCAATATCG	1120
1121 GTATCAACAACCAGCAACTTTCCGTTCTTGACGGAACAGA	1160
1161 GTTCGCCTATGGAACCTCTTCTAACTTGCCATCCGCTGTT	1200
1201 TACAGAAAGAGCGGAACCGTTGATTCCTTGGACGAAATCC	1240
1241 CACCACAGAACAACAATGTGCCACCCAGGCAAGGATTCTC	1280
1281 CCACAGGTTGAGCCACGTGTCCATGTTCCGTTCCGGATTC	1320
1321 AGCAACAGTTCCGTGAGCATCATCAGAGCTCCTATGTTCT	1360
1361 CATGGATTCATCGTAGTGCTGAGTTCAACAATATCATTCC	1400
1401 TTCCTCTCAAATCACCCAAATCCCATTGACCAAGTCTACT	1440
1441 AACCTTGGATCTGGAACTTCTGTCGTGAAAGCACCAGGCT	1480
1481 TCACAGGAGGTGATATTCTTAGAAGAACTTCTCCTGGCCA	1520
1521 GATTAGCACCCTCAGAGTTAACATCACTGCACCACTTTCT	1560
1561 CAAAGATATCGTGTCAGGATTCGTTACGCATCTACCACTA	1600
1601 ACTTGCAATTCCACACCTCCATCGACGGAAGGCCTATCAA	1640
1641 TCAGGGTAACTTCTCCGCAACCATGTCAAGCGGCAGCAAC	1680
1681 TTGCAATCCGGCAGCTTCAGAACCGTCGGTTTCACTACTC	1720

2761 C	AAGCCGAC	ACCAACATCO	GCCATGATCCA	ACGCCGCAGACA	2800
2801 A	ACGTGTGC	ACAGCATTCO	• GTGAGGCTTAC	CTTGCCTGAGTT	2840
2841 G	TCCGTGAT	· CCCTGGTGTC	GAACGCTGCCA	ATCTTCGAGGAA	2880
2881 C	TTGAGGGA	.CGTATCTTT#	ACCGCATTCTC	· CCTTGTACGATG	2920
2921 C	CAGAAACG	• TCATCAAGAA	ACGGTGACTTC	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	2960
2961 C	AGCTGCTG	• GAATGTGAA	• AGGTCATGTGG	GACGTGGAGGAA	3000
3001 C	AGAACAAT	· CAGCGTTCC	FTCCTGGTTGT	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	3040
3041 A	AGCTGAAG	• TGTCCCAAG <i>I</i>	• AGGTTAGAGTC	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	3080
3081 A	GGCTACAT	· TCTCCGTGT	• SACCGCTTACA	AAGGAGGGATAC	3120
3121 G	GTGAGGGT	TGCGTGACC <i>I</i>	ATCCACGAGAT	CGAGAACAACA	3160
3161 C	CGACGAGC	• TTAAGTTCT(· CCAACTGCGTC	CGAGGAAGAAAT	3200
3201 C	TATCCCAA	CAACACCGTT	PACTTGCAACG	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	3240
3241 A	ATCAGGAA	GAGTACGGA	• GGTGCCTACAC	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	3280
3281 G	AGGTTACA	ACGAAGCTCC	· CTTCCGTTCCI	· CGCTGACTATGC	3320
3321 C	TCCGTGTA	• .CGAGGAGAA	ATCCTACACAG	SATGGCAGACGT	3360
3361 G	AGAACCCT	• TGCGAGTTC <i>I</i>	• AACAGAGGTTA	ACAGGGACTACA	3400
3401 C	ACCACTTC	CAGTTGGCT <i>I</i>	ATGTTACCAAG	GGAGCTTGAGTA	3440
3441 C	TTTCCTGA	GACCGACAA	AGTGTGGATCG	GAGATCGGTGAA	3480
3481 A	.CCGAGGGA	ACCTTCATC	• GTGGACAGCGT	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	3520
3521 ጥ	САТССАСС	ΔΔ. 3531			

- 27. A method of claim 4 further comprising removal of sequences comprising more than five consecutive A+T or G+C bases.
- **28**. A structural gene sequence of claim 13 comprising a majority of plant preferred codons.
- 29. A structural gene encoding the coat protein of potato leaf roll virus, said gene having the sequence:

1	ATGAGTACTGTCGTGGTTAAGGGAAACGTGAACGGTGGTG	40
41	TTCAACAACCTAGAAGGAGAAGAAGGCAATCCCTTCGTAG	80

GAGAGCTAACAGAGTTCAGCCAGTGGTTATGGTCACTGCT 120

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121	CCTGGGCAACCAAGAAGGAGAAGAAGAAGAAGAAGAGAGGTA	160
161		200
201		240
241		280
281		320
321		360
361		400
401		440
441		480
481		520
521		560
561		600
601	AGAGTTGCTCTTCAAAACCCAAAG 624.	

- **30.** A chimeric plant gene which comprises a structural coding sequence encoding an insecticidal protein of *Bacillus thuringiensis*, said structural coding sequence being modified to reduce the number of putative polyadenylation signals within said structural coding sequence.
- **31**. A chimeric plant gene of claim 30 in which the polyadenylation signals are selected from the group consisting of AATAAA, AATAAT, AACCAA, ATATAA, AATCAA, ATACTA, ATAAAA, ATGAAA, AAGCAT, ATTAAT, ATACAT, AAAATA, ATTAAA, AATTAA, AATACA and CATAAA.
- **32.** A chimeric plant gene of claim 31 in which said structural coding sequence is further modified to reduce the number of ATTTA sequences within said structural coding sequence.
- **33**. A chimeric plant gene of claim 32 in which said structural coding sequence is substantially devoid of polyadenylation signals and ATTTA sequences.
 - **34**. A transformed plant cell containing a gene of claim 33.
- **35.** A transformed plant cell of claim 34 selected from the group consisting of soybean, cotton, alfalfa, oilseed rape, flax, tomato, sugarbeet, sunflower, potato, tobacco, maize, rice and wheat.
- **36**. A plant comprising transformed plant cells of claim 34
- **37**. A plant of claim 36 which comprises plant cells of claim 35.
 - 38. A seed produced by a plant of claim 36.

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