

# The novel organization and complete sequence of the ribosomal RNA gene of *Nosema bombycis*

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## Abstract

We present here for the first time the complete DNA sequence data (4301 bp) of the ribosomal RNA (rRNA) gene of the microsporidian type species, *Nosema bombycis*. Sequences for the large subunit gene (LSUrRNA: 2497 bp, GenBank Accession No. AY211393), the internal transcribed spacer (ITS: 179 bp, GenBank Accession No. AY211394), the small subunit gene (SSUrRNA: 1232 bp), intergenic spacer (IGS: 279 bp), and 5S region (114 bp) are also given, and the secondary structure of the large subunit is discussed. The organization of the *N. bombycis* rRNA gene is LSUrRNA-ITS-SSUrRNA-IGS-5S. This novel arrangement, in which the LSU is 5' of the SSU, is the reverse of the organizational sequence (i.e., SSU-ITS-LSU) found in all previously reported microsporidian rRNAs, including *Nosema apis*. This unique character in the type species may have taxonomic implications for the members of the genus *Nosema*.

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## 1. Introduction

Microsporidia are tiny eukaryotic organisms (1–10 µm) that infest all major animal groups, more than 1200 species from 143 genera of animals are reported (Wittner, 1999). These obligate, intracellular parasites are well adapted in pathogenicity, transmission, ecology, and resistance to the defense mechanisms of their hosts. Insects in nearly all taxonomic orders are susceptible to this pathogen, but over half of the susceptible insect hosts occur in two orders, Lepidoptera and Diptera. Most of the entomopathogenic microsporidia occur in the genus *Nosema*, more than 150 described species found in 12 orders of insects (Becnel and Andreadis, 1999). *Nosema bombycis*, which is the type species of this genus (Sprague et al., 1992), has caused heavy losses in sericulture in

Europe, as well as in Asia and America, especially in the middle of 19th century (Steinhaus, 1949).

Since microsporidia lack mitochondria, for a long time they were considered to be extremely ancient eukaryotes (Vossbrinck et al., 1987). However, recent molecular data and phylogenetic analysis suggest that mitochondrial endosymbiosis occurred before the emergence of microsporidia (Germot et al., 1997; Hirt et al., 1997; Williams et al., 2002). The small genomic size (2.9–19.5 Mb) of these organisms indicates that they may have developed strategies of packing genetic information tightly into the genome or they may have lost genetic information for a metabolic pathway and depend on host cell sources for these compounds (Weiss and Vossbrinck, 1999). Evidence from protein coding genes, especially  $\alpha$ - and  $\beta$ -tubulins (Keeling, 2003; Keeling and Doolittle, 1996; Keeling and Fast, 2002; Keeling et al., 2000), and phylogenetic analysis of microsporidia based on LSUrRNA sequences (Van de Peer et al., 2000) now suggest that in fact microsporidia share a common origin with fungi.

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The sequences of microsporidian rRNAs are prokaryote-like and shorter than the known sequences of eukaryotic or prokaryotic rRNA (Galtier and Gouy, 1995; Vossbrinck et al., 1987). No distinct 5.8S rRNA gene has been found (Gatehouse and Malone, 1998; Tsai et al., 2002; Vossbrinck and Woese, 1986). The small subunit rRNAs of microsporidia are highly conserved, but in contrast to the many microsporidian SSUrRNA sequences in GenBank, only 4 complete LSUrRNA gene sequences have been published. These are for *Nosema apis* (Gatehouse and Malone, 1998), *Microsporidium* 57864 (GenBank Accession No. U90885), *Heterosporis anguillarum* (Tsai et al., 2002), and *Encephalitozoon cuniculi* (Peyretailade et al., 1998). There are also several partial sequences for microsporidian LSUrRNAs in GenBank, including a portion (approximately 350 nucleotides) of the LSUrRNA from *Vairimorpha* and *Nosema* species (Baker et al., 1994). Baker et al. (1995) noted that *N. apis* bears a closer resemblance (in terms of its SSUrRNA sequence) to some *Vairimorpha* species than it does to some other *Nosema* species. For *N. bombycis*, the full SSUrRNA sequence (1232 bp) but only a partial LSUrRNA sequence (292 bp) have been published (GenBank Accession Nos. D85503 and L28962) (Baker et al., 1994, 1995). Microsporidian rRNAs are hard to sequence completely, because it is difficult to design suitable primer sets when the microsporidian LSUrRNA sequences are highly diverse and, as we show here for *N. bombycis*, the rRNA gene has a novel organization.

## 2. Materials and methods

### 2.1. Spore purification and nucleic acid preparation

Microsporidian spores of *N. bombycis* were a gift from Dr. R. Sugimoto of the MAFF GENE Bank of the National Institute of Agrobiological Science, Japan. The purification of spores was carried out as described previously (Huang et al., 1998; Tsai et al., 2002). Then, for DNA extraction, a suspension of purified spores ( $2 \times 10^7$  spores in 0.25 ml TE buffer) was mixed with an equal volume of zirconia/silica beads (0.1 mm diameter) in a  $10 \times 75$  mm glass tube and shaken at maximum speed on a vortex mixer for 1 min (Undeen and Cockburn, 1989). The DNA was extracted using the QIAamp DNA Mini Kit (Qiagen, Hilden, Germany) according to manufacturer's instructions. The DNA was eluted in TE buffer and stored at  $-20^\circ\text{C}$ . The DNA concentration was measured by a GeneQuant II RNA/DNA Calculator (Pharmacia, Uppsala, Sweden).

### 2.2. Amplification and sequencing strategy of rRNA genes

The primer sets used for rRNA gene amplification and the expected sizes of the amplicons are shown in Table 1 and Fig. 1. [Primer sets intended to amplify the ITS and adjoining 5' or 3' end of the LSUrRNA were also designed based on the published sequence for *N.*

Table 1  
Primers used for amplification and sequencing of *N. bombycis* rRNA

Primer	Sequence	Amplicon size (bp)
<b>Large subunit rRNA (LSU)</b>		
LS228F	5'-GGA GGA AAA GAA ACT AAC-3'	2108
ILSUR	5'-ACC TGT CTC ACG ACG GTC TAA AC-3'	
<b>5' end of LSU</b>		
LSUF	5'-ACT CTC CTC TTT GCC TCA ATC A-3'	
HG4R	5'-CGC CGA ATT AAA CTG AGT TG-3'	
<b>Internal transcribed spacer (ITS)</b>		
ILSUF	5'-TGG GTT TAG ACC GTC GTG AG-3'	501
S33R	5'-ATA GCG TCT ACG TCA GGC AG-3'	
<b>Small subunit rRNA (SSU)</b>		
18f	5'-CAC CAG GTT GAT TCT GCC-3'	1232
1537r	5'-TTA TGA TCC TGC TAA TGG TTC-3'	
<b>Intergenic spacer (IGS) and 5S rRNA</b>		
HG4F	5'-GCG GCT TAA TTT GAC TCA AC-3'	852
5SR	5'-TAC AGC ACC CAA CGT TCC CAA G-3'	
LS228R	5'-CCT CCT TTT CTT TGA TTG-3'	
<b><i>Nosema bombycis</i> putative pseudogene</b>		
KAI01N	5'-GTA GTA GAG ACC CAA ATA TC-3'	
KAI02N	5'-ACT GTT CAG ATA TGG TCC TTA TCG-3'	

(modified from KAI01 and KAI02 by removing the restriction enzyme site)

Primers LS228F, ILSUR, 18f, and 1537r are from Vossbrinck et al. (1993). HG4F and HG4R are from Gatehouse and Malone (1998). ILSUF (Tsai et al., 2002) is the complementary sequence to ILSUR. KAI01N and KAI02N (Tsai et al., 2003) are modified from Kawakami et al. (1994). 5SR was designed based on the conserved region of 5S, HG4R-c is the complementary sequence to HG4R, and S33R is the reverse sequence of the SSUrRNA located between nucleotides 14 and 33.

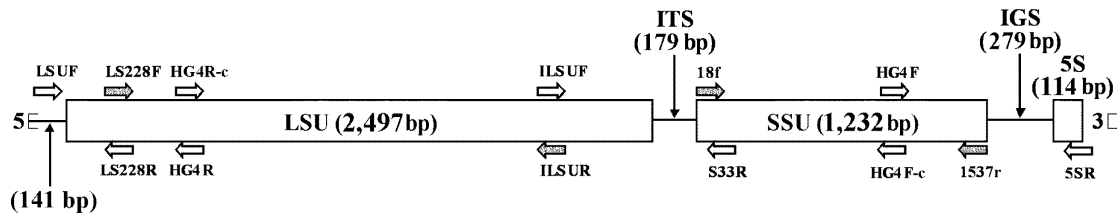


Fig. 1. Schematic diagram of *N. bombycis* rRNA gene. Mature rRNA gene domains are boxed. Details of the primers are given in Table 1. The gray-shaded primer sets were used to amplify the SSUrRNA coding region and the main part of the LSUrRNA coding region. HG4R-c and HG4F-c are the complementary sequences of HG4R and HG4F, respectively.

*apis* (Gatehouse and Malone, 1998), but these primer sets failed; data not shown.]

For amplification, the genomic DNA (80 ng) of *N. bombycis* was mixed in a 100  $\mu$ l PCR reaction mixture containing 10 mM Tris-HCl, pH 9.0, 50 mM KCl, 1.5 mM MgCl<sub>2</sub>, 100 mM of each dNTP, 100 pmol of each primer (Table 1), and 2.5 U *Taq* DNA polymerase (Promega). The amplification was performed in an AG-9600 Thermal Station (Biotronics) for 40 cycles, each with the following profile: 94 °C for 30 s, 50 °C for 30 s, and 72 °C for 2 min. A 10  $\mu$ l aliquot from each reaction was run on a 1.0% agarose gel to visualize the PCR products. The gel was photographed using the Eagle-Eye II photo-documentation system (Stratagene). The PCR products were eluted by an E.Z.N.A. Gel Extraction Kit (Omega Bio-tek). The eluted DNAs were then sequenced directly on an automated DNA Sequencer (DNA Sequencer 377, Applied Biosystems).

### 2.3. Confirmation of the rRNA gene organization of *N. bombycis*

The total length of *N. bombycis* rRNA was amplified by the primer set LSUF/5SR with Platinum *Pfx* DNA polymerase (Invitrogen). The amplicon was then eluted and used as a template to amplify fragments with the primer sets HG4R-c/HG4F-c and ILSUF/HG4F-c for partial LSUrRNA-ITS-partial SSUrRNA; ILSUF/1537R for partial LSUrRNA-ITS-SSUrRNA; and ILSUF/5SR for partial LSUrRNA-ITS-SSUrRNA-IGS-5S. The amplification protocol was as described above.

### 2.4. Secondary structure construction

The secondary structures of *N. bombycis* LSUrRNA were constructed by a combined manual and automatic method in which the *N. bombycis* LSUrRNA sequence was aligned to the rRNA database to generate DCSE alignment files (De Rijk and De Wachter, 1993). The helices in the LSUrRNA secondary structure elements were then located and labeled based on database on the LSUrRNA secondary structure (De Rijk et al., 1998a), while the hypervariable areas (V1-12) were numbered in accordance with *N. apis* and with all known eukaryotic

LSUrRNAs (De Rijk et al., 1998b; Wuyts et al., 2001). The final drawings were rendered by the RnaViz program (De Rijk and De Wachter, 1997; De Rijk et al., 2003). The secondary structures of *N. bombycis* SSUrRNA are already known and can be found in the European small subunit ribosomal RNA database (Van de Peer et al., 1998).

## 3. Results and discussion

### 3.1. The complete sequence and organization of *N. bombycis* rRNA

The complete DNA sequence of the *N. bombycis* rRNA gene contained 4301 bp (see Appendix A) and was submitted to the GenBank with Accession No. AY259631. The organization of the gene is shown in Fig. 1. Starting from the 5' end, the *N. bombycis* rRNA gene consists of the large subunit gene (LSUrRNA: 2497 bp; submitted to GenBank with Accession No. AY211393), the internal transcribed spacer (ITS: 179 bp; GenBank with Accession No. AY211394), the small subunit gene (SSUrRNA: 1232 bp), the intergenic spacer (IGS: 279 bp), and the 5S region (114 bp). This organizational sequence, in which, the LSU gene is 5' of the SSU, is unique among microsporidia and is the reverse of the organizational sequence for all previously reported microsporidian rRNAs (Gatehouse and Malone, 1998; Peyretailade et al., 1998; Tsai et al., 2002).

PCR results with various combinations of the primers listed in Table 1 are shown in Figs. 2 and 3. The amplicon yielded by the primer set ILSUF/S33R (Fig. 2, lane 4) specifically confirms the novel organization of this gene (i.e., LSU-ITS-SSU). Conversely, the primer set HG4F/LS228R would usually amplify the ITS region between the SSU and LSUrRNA, but the absence of any amplicon with these primers (Fig. 2, lane 7) provides further evidence that the LSU is 5' of the SSU (and also suggests that the *N. bombycis* rRNA gene is not a multiple gene). Further confirmation that the *N. bombycis* rRNA gene is organized as shown in Fig. 1 was provided by amplifying the whole rRNA gene with the LSUF/5SR

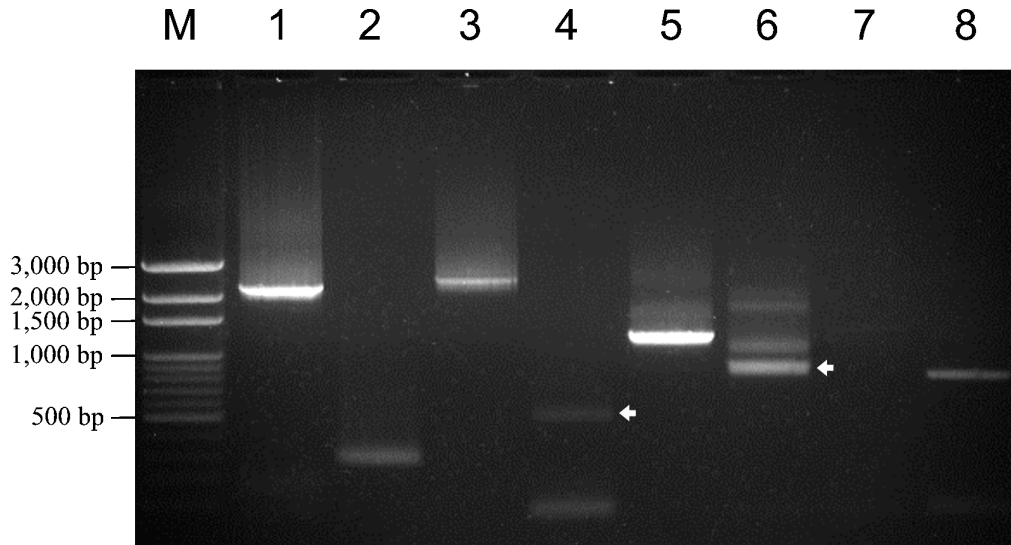


Fig. 2. Agarose gel electrophoresis of PCR products. Lane 1, main part of LSUrRNA (primer set LS228F/ILSUR; 2108 bp amplicon). Lane 2, 5' region of LSUrRNA (primer set LSUF/LS228R). Lane 3, 5' region and main part of LSUrRNA (primer set LSUF/ILSUR). Lane 4, 3' end of LSUrRNA- ITS-5'end of SSUrRNA (arrow) (primer set ILSUF/S33R). Lane 5, SSUrRNA (primer set 18f /1537r). Lane 6, 3' end of SSUrRNA-IGS-5S (arrow) (primer set, HG4F/5SR). Lane 7, the result of amplification with HG4F/LS228R. Lane 8, (DNA quality control) the result of amplification with the *N. bombycis* specific primer set KAI01N/KAI02N (Tsai et al., 2003).

primer set (Fig. 3A). The resultant amplicon was of the predicted length (4442 bp), and when four internal fragments were amplified (Fig. 3B) and sequenced, results were completely consistent with the DNA sequence listed in Appendix A.

### 3.2. LSUrRNA gene sequence

The main part of the LSUrRNA gene was amplified with the LS228F/ILSUR primer set, which produced an amplicon of 2108 bp (Fig. 2, lane 1). For sequencing the

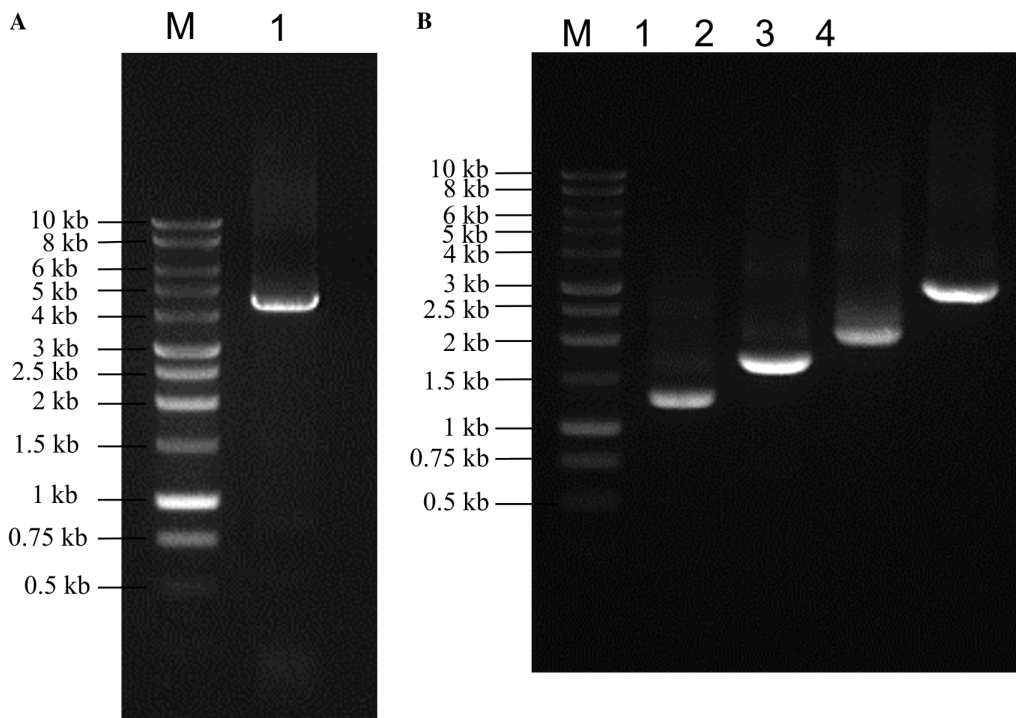


Fig. 3. Confirmation of the organization of the *N. bombycis* rRNA gene. (A) Amplification with the primer set LSUF/5SR yielded an amplicon of the predicted size (4442 bp). M, 1 kb DNA ladder (Promega). (B) Amplification of four internal rRNA fragments. Lane 1, 3' end of LSUrRNA- ITS-main part of SSUrRNA (1261 bp; primer set ILSUF/HG4F-c). Lane 2, 3' end of LSUrRNA-ITS-SSUrRNA (1700 bp; primer set ILSUF/1537R). Lane 3, 3' end of LSUrRNA-ITS-SSUrRNA-IGS-5S (2093 bp; primer set ILSUF/5SR). Lane 4, main part of LSUrRNA-ITS-main part of SSUrRNA (3031 bp; primer set HG4R-c/HG4F-c). M, 1 kb DNA ladder (Promega).

5' end of LSUrRNA, the primer set LSUF/LS228R was used (Fig. 2, lane 2). The putative start and terminal regions were determined by comparison to the *N. apis* LSUrRNA sequence (Gatehouse and Malone, 1998) and by the secondary structure construction of *N. bombycis* LSUrRNA gene (Fig. 4). The LSUrRNA gene

contains 2497 bp and its base composition is 31.9% G + C, which is the lowest G + C content of all known microsporidian LSUrRNA genes. The LSUrRNA sequence identities between *N. bombycis* and *N. apis* (GenBank accession no. U97150; Gatehouse and Malone, 1998), *Microsporidium* 57864 (GenBank

### *Nosema bombycis* LSU rRNA

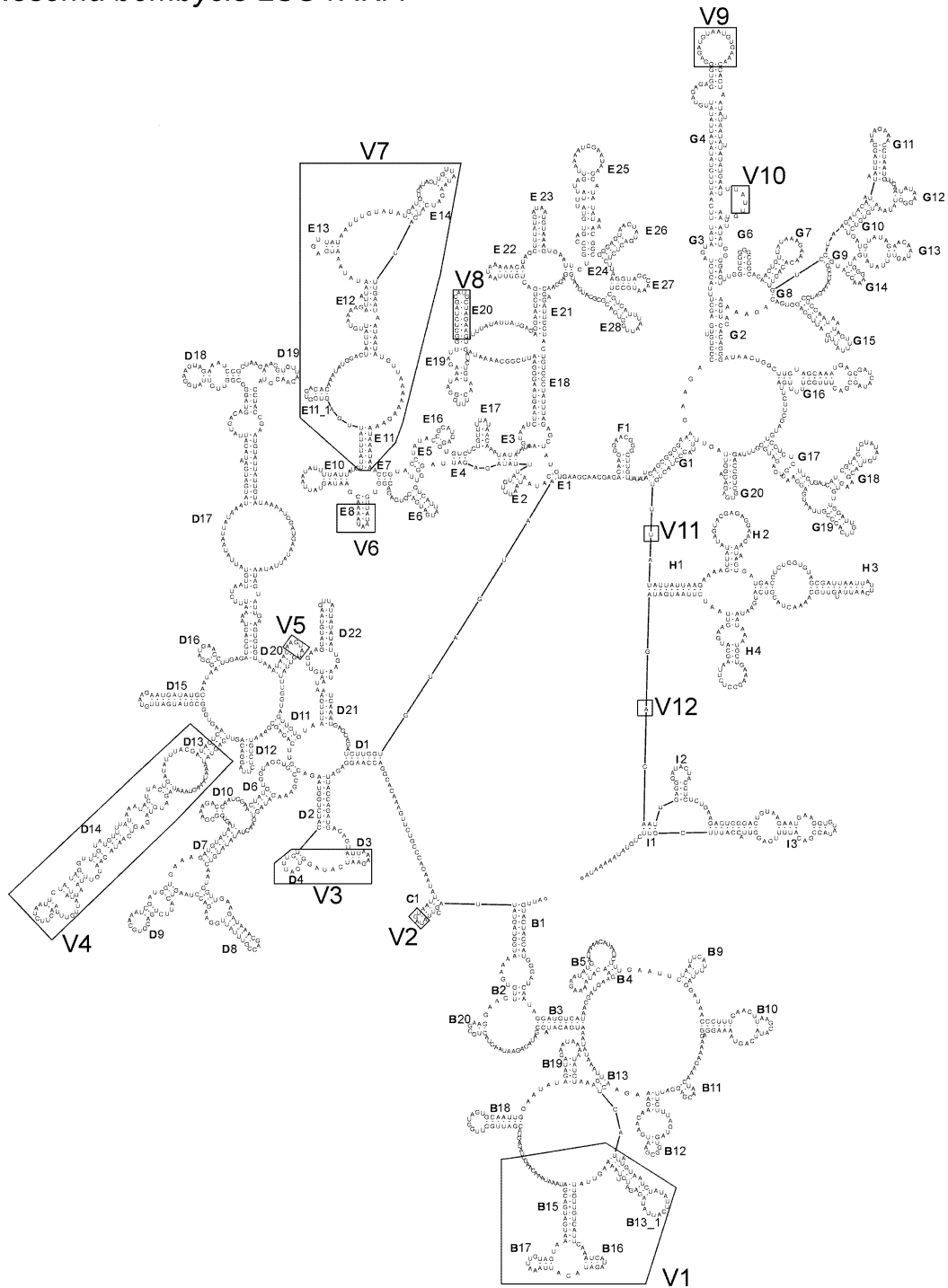


Fig. 4. A model of the secondary structure of *N. bombycis* large subunit (LSU) rRNA. Helix numbering is according to De Rijk et al. (1998a). The boxed regions indicate parts of the structure where hypervariable areas are found in the eukaryotic rRNAs (De Rijk et al., 1998b; Wuyts et al., 2001).

Accession No. U90885), *H. anguillarum* (GenBank Accession No. AF402839; Tsai et al., 2002), and *E. cuniculi* (GenBank Accession No. AJ005581; Peyretailade et al., 1998) are 71, 69, 46, and 53%, respectively. A previously reported partial sequence of the *N. bombycis* LSUrRNA gene (GenBank Accession No. L28962; Baker et al., 1994) had 100% identity with the sequence from 132 to 423 bp from the 5' end.

Like all microsporidia, the internal transcribed spacer (ITS) region of *N. bombycis* lacks the 5.8S rRNA gene. However, as in *Vairimorpha necatrix* and *N. apis*, in which the 5' ends of the LSUrRNA genes include a sequence that corresponds to 5.8S (Gatehouse and Malone, 1998; Vossbrinck and Woese, 1986), the sequence of nucleotides in the *N. bombycis* LSUrRNA gene located at 1–160 from the 5' end corresponds to the known fungal 5.8S rRNA sequences. Compared to *Cystofilobasidium bisporidii* (GenBank Accession No. M94511), *Lactarius acerrimus* (GenBank Accession No. AJ278139), *Thanatephorus cucumeris* (GenBank Accession No. AB019008), *Trichoderma reesei* (GenBank Accession No. L27800), and *Tuber cf. rapedorum* (GenBank Accession No. AJ278140), the homologies are 34, 44, 44, 44, and 42%, respectively, by Clustal X and GeneDoc.

The secondary structure of the LSUrRNA of *N. bombycis* (Fig. 4) is basically similar to that of *N. apis* and *H. anguillarum* (De Rijk et al., 1998b; Tsai et al., 2002; Van de Peer et al., 2000). Based on the secondary structures of the eukaryotic LSUrRNA of *Xenopus laevis* (De Rijk et al., 1998a) and the eukaryotic database (Wuyts et al., 2001), eight helical groups (B–I) can be distinguished clockwise from a core area. Eleven hypervariable areas (V1–5; V7–12) are also shown in Fig. 4. Nine helices (B6, B7, B8, B14, B21, D5, E9, E15, and G5) are missing. Six areas of the hypervariable areas are also almost entirely missing (V2, V3, V8, V10, V11, and V12), and two areas are extremely reduced (V5 and V9). V6 is almost absent. The secondary structure of *N. bombycis* LSUrRNA diverges most markedly from the LSUrRNAs of *N. apis*, *Microsporidium 57864*, *H. anguillarum*, and *E. cuniculi* in the V4 area. The V3 areas of *N. bombycis* and *N. apis* LSUrRNAs are similar in conformation. By comparison, the LSUrRNA of *E. cuniculi* has its own specific conformation in V3 (lack of the D3 helix), while the LSUrRNA of *H. anguillarum* has specific conformations in five other areas (V5, V6, V7, V9, and V10).

### 3.3. ITS sequence

In contrast to all known microsporidian rRNA genes, the ITS region of *N. bombycis* is 3' of the LSU and 5' of the SSUrRNA. It consists of 179 bp located between nucleotides 2498–2576 from the 5' end of rRNA gene (Fig. 1), and its G + C content is 19.6%. The *N. bombycis*

ITS region has no homology to the known microsporidian ITS sequences (Gresoviac et al., 2000).

### 3.4. SSUrRNA gene sequence

The SSUrRNA gene contains 1232 bp and is located between nucleotides 2677–3908 relative to the 5' end of the rRNA gene (Fig. 1). The G + C content of the SSUrRNA gene is 34.2%. The complete DNA sequence of the SSUrRNA gene of *N. bombycis* has 99% homology to the *N. bombycis* SSUrRNA sequence already held in GenBank (GenBank Accession No. D85503; different nucleotides at 3497 and 3874), to another microsporidian isolate from Japan (GenBank Accession No. D85504; Hatakeyama et al., 1997), and also to five *Nosema* isolates from Taiwan (Tsai et al., 2003).

### 3.5. IGS

The IGS region consisted of a 279 bp sequence located between the SSU and 5S rRNA genes (nucleotides 3909–4187). Its G + C content is 30%. Homology with other known microsporidian ITS or IGS sequences is low; comparisons using standard nucleotide–nucleotide BLAST [blastn], Nucleotide Blast, and NCBI found only 20 matching nucleotides.

### 3.6. 5S rRNA gene

The 5S rRNA of *N. bombycis* consists of 114 bp (including the putative end), and is located between nucleotides 4188 and 4301 from the 5' end of the rRNA gene. Its G + C content is 47.3%. The sequence has a high homology, 91 and 92%, respectively, with the 5S rRNAs of two *N. bombycis* isolates from Japan (GenBank Accession Nos. D14631 and AB097401; Kawakami et al., 1992), but a homology of only 77% with the 5S region of *Microsporidium 57864* (GenBank Accession No. U90885).

The members of the genus *Nosema* are often considered the most important and widely distributed group of insect microsporidia (150 described species found in 12 orders of insects) (Becnel and Andreadis, 1999; Tanada and Kaya, 1993). As *N. bombycis* is the type species of this genus, its characteristics—not only as they relate to life cycle, development, and morphology, but also in terms of their biochemical and molecular characteristics—are critical. The unique organization of the *N. bombycis* rRNA therefore has implications for the taxonomy of the *Nosema* group.

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*N. bombycis*. We would also like to thank Dr. J. Wuyts, University of Antwerp, Belgium, for his assistance with the secondary structure.

## Appendix A. The complete sequence of *N. bombycis* rRNA

### LSUF

-141 A CTCTCTCTT TGCCTCAATC AATCAATTC ATCAAATCAA ACATCACCCA TCAACCCCAT  
-81 CATTGACCAG AACTTCCAGA AAATAAAGAC GTGAAAGAAG AAGTAATAGT ATTCTTTCAT  
AATTATAAAA CATTGATA

| → LSU rRNA

1 ATTGTACTAC CATGGGATCA ATAGGATGTC ATAACGATGA AGAACATAAA AGAATATGAT  
AAAACATAAT CTTTGAATTC

### LS228F

81 TAATTCATTT TAGGATAACC CTTTGAACCT AAGCATATCA GTAAAAGGAG GAAAAGAAAC  
TAACAAGGAT TTCTTTAGTA

161 GTGGCGAATG AACAAGAAAG AACTCATTAT GTAATCTATA TTCATTATAG AGATGTTAAA  
AGTTATTGTT GTCATTCAA

241 TCATAGATAC ATTAAATTGT AGTAAATGAT GACGATAAAT AAACAATGTA GAGTACGATT  
GCTTGGTAGT GCAATTGGAA

321 TATAGATAGA ATAAGATATC TAAGTTAAAT ATAAATGACA TACCGATAGA GAATAAGTAC  
TGCGAAGGAA CTTGTGAAAA

401 TGGTAGTATT AGCTTATAGT AATTATATAA GACCCGCTT GAAACACGGA CCAAGGAGAT  
TACCAGATGA CAGAATTAAA

### HG4R

481 GAATCATAGG TGATTTGTC TCTGGTAAAG CCCGAAACAT AGTGAECTAT ATATGTCAAT  
GGTTGAAGAT AAACGACCGT

561 TTATTGGAAG ACCTAAGTCA TTCTGACGTG CAAATCGATG GTGAAAGATG TATATAGTGG  
CGAAAGACCA ATCGAACTAT

641 GTGGTAGCTG GTTCACAGCG AAATGTCTCT TGGGACAGTT GAGTATAAAT AAAGTAAATA  
GATGTAGAGT CAATACAATG

721 TTTAATTATA TTGTTTAACT TCTAATTCTA TAGGTTTGTA TGTTTTATAA ATACTTACTG ATATTTACGA  
TACTCAAGTG

801 GGCGTATGAT TGTAAGAATG ATATGCAATA AGGGATGAAC CTTGAGATGC ACTAAAATTT  
CTAATTGTAT TATAATTATA

881 AATATGATGA ATACATTATG ACAGTAGGGC GGTGTTATG GAAGTAGAAA TCCGCTAAGA  
AACGTGTTAC AACGTACCTA

961 CCGAATGTAT TATTGTATAA AATGGATGAA TATTATAATA GTATTGAAGT GTGTAAATA  
ACAAGTATGT TATTGGTAG

1041 TTGTGTAATT TGAATATGTT GAAGTATGTA AGTTATTATA TATTGAATAA TCAAATGAGC  
AGATCTGGT GTAGTAACAT

1121 AATAATTTGT ATTTATAGAG ATTAGGGTTG TCATTATGAT GACGTGAGAC GGTGTTATAA  
TAAAACGAAT AGTATTAATA

1201 TTTTATTATC TTATTTATTG AGTGGTGACA CAAATATGGA CTATTATTGT AAAAGATTAT  
AATATAAATG AGTTATAATT

1281 TGTATATGAT GTGATAGTTG TTATAAGATC ATCATTGAA TAATAATATG TAAAAAAGA  
AATAAATAAA CCGTACCTAT

1361 ACCGCATCAG GTGTCTCTGT TTTATAACAA ATATATATAA AGTAATCTAA GTAAGGGAAT  
TCGGCAAAAT AGATCTGTAA

1441 CTTTGGGATA AAGATTGGCT CTAGCATGCT AGAACTTTTT ATATTATGAG AGGAATCTGA  
CTGTTTAAATA AAAACATAGC

1521 TTTATGATAA TGTAAGTGA ATTCTGCCCA GTGTATTTAT TAGTTAAAT CGAATAAGCA  
TATATAAACG GCGGGAGTAA

1601 CTATGACTCT CTAAAGGTAG CCAAATGCCT CGTCATTTAA TTGGTGACGC GCATGAATGG  
AGCAACGAGA TTCCTACTGT

1681 CCCTATTTAG AGCTATGTGA AGCAACGAGA CAAGGGAACG GGCTTGTTAT ATATCAGCGG  
GGAAAGAAGA CCCTGTTGAG

1761 CTTTACTCTA GTATTTTCA ATTTGTATAT ATTATATTGT AGAGAGGTGG GAGATGTAAT  
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AGAAACACAG TTGTCTAAG

1921 ATACAATTA TTAGGATAGA AACCTAATGT TCAATATAAG GGTATAAATG TGTCTGATGT  
ATAGAACAAT AGTTTTATAT

2001 GATGGGAAAC CATGGCCTAA AGATCCTCCA ATAATAGTTT TATTTGATTG GAGGTGACAG  
AAAAGTTACC ACAGGGATAA

2081 CTGGCTTGTA GCAAATGAGC GATCATAGCG ACTTTGCTTT TTGATTCTTC GATGTCGTCT  
CTTCTGATCA TCGTAGTGTA

|-----ILSUF-----|

2161 TATGTTACGA AGTGTGGAT TGTTACCCCG TTAATGAGGA ACGTGAGATG GGTTTAGACC  
GTCGTGAGAC AGGTTAGTTT

|-----ILSUR-----|

2241 TACCTACTG TTTATATTAT TAAGAAAAGT TATATAGTAC GAGAGGAACA ATAAGTGATG  
ACCTCTGGTG TAGCGATTAA

2321 TTATTCAATT ATGTTGCAAA ACTACGTCAT GAATAATAAA TGCTGAAAGC CTCTTAAGCA  
TGAAGTTAAT CTTAATGATA

2401 GACAATTGAG GGATACTACC TCTCTGAAGA GTGGGACTGT AAGAATGAAG GTGTATACCG  
ACATTTTGAG GTTACCATT

LSU rRNA ←|→ ITS region

2481 CGTTCTGTAT AAAAATAcct tcacgtgga cagaatgat tgattatgt ttatcaatc taaaagatc aactgtatt

2561 tttttatatt catattgtgt attgtgttt taattttgat tattatatt tatcattctt ttattatta ttttctagt

ITS region ←□→ SSU rRNA

|-----18f-----|

2641 ggtttatcgt attttcattt ataataagt tgtaaaCACC AGGTTGATTC TGCCTGACGT AGACGCTATG CTCTAAGATT

|-----S33R-----|

2721 AACCCATGCA TGTTTATTGA ATATAAAGAA AAGACGAACA GCTCAGTAAC TCTTATTGTA  
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HG4F

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3601 GTGATACATA TGAAGGAGAG GATTAATAACA GGTCCGTTAT GCCCTAAGAT AATCTGGGTT  
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3681 TTTGATATTA TAAGGGATAA TATAATGTAA GATATATTG AACATGGAAT TGCTAGTAAA  
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3761 TGAATGAGTC CCTGTTCTTT GTACACACCG CCCGTCGCTA TCTAAGATGG TATTATCTAT  
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SSU rRNA ←|→ IGS region

3841 TAGATAGTAC TAGACTGAT ATAAGTCGTA ACATGGTTGC TGTTGGAGAA CCATTAGCAG  
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1537r

3921 ggattattat aatgaaagt tatgctgaca ttataataat cttgtctatg ttctaaatac aaaataacct cagaggttc

4001 agaatgggtg atataaggag gttattatgg ctaaaattat gtatgtgaga aaatgatgt gtgatgttaa aaggcgtgtg

4081 tagttatgtg tagagaattt tattcaagta taatgtatgt gtttctgct ttgctttata cttttatgt tcaggtagca

IGS region ←□→ 5S rRNA

4161 tacatataac aacacactgt gttcatcAGA TACGGTCATA TCTACTGAAA ACCACTGGAA CCCACCAGAA  
CTCCGAAGTT

5S rRNA ←□

4241 AAACCAGATG AGCTTAATCA GACTAAGAA GGGAGACCAC TTGGGAACGT TGGGTGCTGT A

5SR



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