

Fold Recognition and Structure Prediction for *Arabidopsis thaliana* PAP-specific Phosphatase (AtAHL)^{*}

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Abstract The three dimensional structure of *Arabidopsis thaliana* PAP-specific phosphatase was predicted by use of various existing methods on sequence comparison, secondary structure prediction, three dimensional structure prediction and simulation. It was a structure similar with that of Hal2p in *Saccharomyces cerevisiae*, consisting of an $\alpha+\beta$ N-terminal domain and an α/β C-terminal domain. In the predicted structure, possible binding sites for Mg^{2+} , as well as for other metal ions, and the structural base sensitive to Na^+ were found. These sites were related with the biochemical function of *Arabidopsis thaliana* PAP-specific phosphatase. The structural and functional analysis suggested that the theoretical structure of *Arabidopsis thaliana* PAP-specific phosphatase, having been deposited in PDB, is not reasonable.

Key words PAP-specific phosphatase (AtAHL), three dimensional structure, structure prediction, *Arabidopsis thaliana*

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