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**Mutation Spectrum of Manganese Peroxidase Gene  
in the *Pleurotus ostreatus* Mutants Induced by  
Gamma-Ray Radiation**

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To investigate the mutational spectrum of gamma-ray radiation, manganese peroxidase gene (*mnp*) involved in degrading lignin which is the recalcitrant cell wall polymer were cloned by PCR in the *Pleurotus ostreatus* mutants induced by gamma-ray radiation. Among the 1941 base pairs(*mnp* genes) of 4 mutants (PO-5, -6, -15 and -16), nine mutational hot spots in which mutations occurred simultaneously between mutants were found and additionally 6 mutations were also found at different positions. These mutation-spectra were predominantly A:T→ G:C transitions (50.1%). By the analysis of putative amino acid sequences, PO-5 and PO-16 mutants have 3 and 1 mutated residue, respectively. These results suggest that the mutational hot spots resulted from gamma-ray radiation could be in some gene, at least *mnp* of *P. ostreatus*.