

CLAIMS

1. A nucleic acid molecule comprising:
 - (a) a first polynucleotide having at least 95% nucleotide sequence identity to the nucleotide sequence set forth in SEQ ID NO: 1 or SEQ ID NO: 2; and
 - (b) a second polynucleotide having at least 95% nucleotide sequence identity to the nucleotide sequence set forth in SEQ ID NO: 4;wherein (a) and (b) are joined 5'-3' in this order either contiguously or wherein 1-10 linker nucleotides are present between the first and second polynucleotides, and wherein said nucleic acid molecule is capable of promoting transcription of an operably-linked heterologous polynucleotide in a mammalian cell.
2. A nucleic acid molecule as claimed in claim 1, wherein the first polynucleotide has at least 95%, 96%, 97%, 98%, 99% or 100% nucleotide sequence identity to one of the nucleotide sequences set forth in SEQ ID NO: 1 or SEQ ID NO: 2.
3. A nucleic acid molecule as claimed in any one of the preceding claims, wherein the second polynucleotide has at least 95%, 96%, 97%, 98%, 99% or 100% nucleotide sequence identity to the polynucleotide sequence set forth in SEQ ID NO: 4.
4. A nucleic acid molecule as claimed in any one of the preceding claims, wherein the nucleic acid molecule comprises:
 - (a) a first polynucleotide having the nucleotide sequence set forth in SEQ ID NO: 1 or SEQ ID NO: 2; and
 - (b) a second polynucleotide having the nucleotide sequence set forth in SEQ ID NO: 4.
5. A nucleic acid molecule as claimed in any one of the preceding claims, wherein the nucleic acid molecule additionally comprises:
 - (c) a third polynucleotide having at least 95% nucleotide sequence identity to the nucleotide sequence set forth in SEQ ID NO: 5, SEQ ID NO: 6 or SEQ ID NO: 7;

wherein (a), (b) and (c) are joined 5'-3' in this order either contiguously or wherein 1-10 linker nucleotides are present between the first, second and/or third polynucleotides, and wherein said nucleic acid molecule is capable of promoting transcription of an operably-linked heterologous polynucleotide in a mammalian cell.

6. A nucleic acid molecule as claimed in claim 5, wherein the third polynucleotide has at least 95%, 96%, 97%, 98%, 99% or 100% nucleotide sequence identity to one of the nucleotide sequences set forth in SEQ ID NO: 5, SEQ ID NO: 6 or SEQ ID NO: 7.

7. A nucleic acid molecule as claimed in any one of the preceding claims, wherein the nucleic acid molecule comprises:

(a) a first polynucleotide having the nucleotide sequence set forth in SEQ ID NO: 1 or SEQ ID NO: 2;

(b) a second polynucleotide having the nucleotide sequence set forth in SEQ ID NO: 4; and

(c) a third polynucleotide having the nucleotide sequence set forth in SEQ ID NO: 5, SEQ ID NO: 6 or SEQ ID NO: 7;

wherein (a), (b) and (c) are joined 5'-3' in this order either contiguously or wherein 1-10 linker nucleotides are present between the first, second and/or third polynucleotides, and wherein said nucleic acid molecule is capable of promoting transcription of an operably-linked heterologous polynucleotide in a mammalian cell.

8. A nucleic acid molecule as claimed in any one of the preceding claims, wherein the nucleic acid molecule additionally comprises an inducible element, preferably a repressible element or an activatable element.

9. A nucleic acid molecule as claimed in any one of the preceding claims, wherein mammalian cell is a mouse, rat, hamster, monkey or human cell.

10. An expression vector comprising a nucleic acid molecule as claimed in any one of the preceding claims.

11. An expression vector as claimed in claim 10, wherein the expression vector is an adenoviral vector, a pSV or pCMV plasmid vector, a vaccinia or retroviral vector, a baculovirus vector, preferably a lentiviral vector.
12. An expression vector as claimed in claim 10 or claim 11, wherein the nucleic acid molecule is operably-linked to a heterologous polynucleotide.
13. A mammalian host cell comprising an expression vector as claimed in any one of claims 10 to 12.
14. A kit comprising an expression vector as claimed in any one of claims 10-12 and/or a host cell as claimed in claim 13, optionally together with one or more additional components selected from the group consisting of:
 - (i) a helper plasmid;
 - (ii) a virus genome plasmid;
 - (iii) a buffer solution;
 - (iv) a restriction enzyme;
 - (v) transfection media; and
 - (vi) mammalian cells.

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