[CLAIMS]

[Claim 1]

A polynucleotide having promoter activity, in which the nucleotides at positions 218, 219, 220, 221, 222, 225, and 227 in the polynucleotide sequence of SEQ ID NO: 1 are substituted with other nucleotides,

wherein the nucleotide at position 218, cytosine (C), is substituted with thymine (T), the nucleotide at position 219, cytosine (C), is substituted with guanine (G), the nucleotide at position 220, adenine (A), is substituted with thymine (T), the nucleotide at position 221, adenine (A), is substituted with guanine (G), the nucleotide at position 222, thymine (T), is substituted with guanine (G), the nucleotide at position 225, adenine (A), is substituted with thymine (T), and the nucleotide at position 227, cytosine (C), is substituted with adenine (A).

[Claim 2]

The polynucleotide of claim 1, wherein the polynucleotide is composed of a nucleotide sequence of SEQ ID NO: 2.

[Claim 3]

The polynucleotide of any one of claims 1 to 2, wherein the polynucleotide is operably linked to a gene encoding a target protein.

[Claim 4]

A gene expression cassette, comprising: the polynucleotide of any one of claims 1 to 2; and a gene encoding a target protein which is operably linked to the polynucleotide.

[Claim 5]

The gene expression cassette of claim 4, wherein the target protein is transketolase.

[Claim 6]

A host cell, comprising: the polynucleotide of any one of claims 1 to 2; and a gene encoding a target protein which is operably linked to the polynucleotide.

[Claim 7]

The host cell of claim 6, wherein the target protein is transketolase.

[Claim 8]

The host cell of claim 6, wherein the host cell is a microorganism of the genus *Corynebacterium*.

[Claim 9]

The host cell of claim 8, wherein the microorganism of the genus *Corynebacterium* is *Corynebacterium glutamicum*.

[Claim 10]

A method for producing a target material, comprising: culturing the host cell of claim 6 in a medium; and recovering the target material from the medium.

[Claim 11]

The method of claim 10, wherein the target material is an amino acid.

[Claim 12]

The method of claim 10, wherein the target material is at least one selected from the group consisting of lysine, threonine, *O*-acetyl homoserine, isoleucine, tryptophan, tyrosine, and phenylalanine.