

Nucleotide sequence of MnNPV polyhedrin gene.

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We have constructed a baculovirus expression vector based on *Malacosoma neustria* nuclear polyhedrosis virus (MnNPV). The vector showed itself as an effective tool for the expression of foreign gene(s). Presented here is the complete nucleotide sequence of MnNPV polyhedrin gene which is used for the insertion of genes to be expressed.

1 tcggccgaccgggttcaaaagcacaatgttgcgtagtgaacgttaatttt  
61 aaacactgtacatttcagaatgcacaaatgagcaaggcgccggatcggtataagt  
121 catggccgtcgacgcacacatgtacaatgtaaatattataattacgtcacatc  
181 acagaataaactttttattttcgtaaaaaatttagaaaaataaaaataaaATGTAT  
241 ACACGTTACAGTTATAATCCCACACTGGGCCACCTATGTTTATGATAATAATTAC  
301 AAAAACCTCGGACATGTGATCAAAACGCCAACGCCAAGGAAGAATGCCGAGCACGAG  
361 CTAGAAGAGCGCAACCTGGATCCCCCGACAAGTACTTGTGGCCGAAGATCTTTCTTG  
421 GGACCTGGCAAAACCAAAACTCACATTGTCAGGAAATTGTAATGTCACACCGGAC  
481 ACGATGAAACTCATCGTAAACTGGAGCGCAAAGAGTTCTGCCTGAAACTGGACCCGT  
541 TTCAATGGAAGACAGCTCCCCATTGTCACACGACCAGGAATAATGGACGTGTTCTAGTG  
601 GTCAACATGCGCCAACGAAACCGAACCGTTGTCGGTTTGCTCAACACCGTTACGG  
661 TGC GACTCTGACTATGTC CCGCACGAGGTGATCAGGATTGTGAAACCTCGTACGTAGGT  
721 AGCAACAAACGAGTACCGCATCAGTTGGCAAACGATAACGGATGCCAGTTATGAAC  
781 TTGCATTCAAGAGTACACCAATTGTTGAAGATTTCATCAACCGAGTGATCTGGAAAAAC  
841 TTCTACAAACCTCTCGTGTACATTGGTAGCGATTCTGCCAAGGAAGAGGAATACTCTTA  
901 GAGGTGTTGGTTCAAATCAAAGAGTTCGCTCCGACGCCACCTCTATACACTGGA  
961 CCCGCATACTAAgcttcaactttctctatatttaacgagattcatgacgtttcaacaga  
1021 cgaatatatagttttatttagttggacgcataatctatcgcttctgttaaagcatcttgtca  
1081 acgctcaaatggccgtcat

The coding sequence shares 73% homology on the nucleotide level and 88% homology on the amino acid level with the corresponding region of AcMNPV (2). The 5'-flanking sequence of the gene is less conservative ( 62% homology with AcMNPV ), though it contains stretches of highly conserved sequences (underlined) common to all hyperexpressed late genes of baculoviruses (3).

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