

either nonspecifically or specifically by means of operator-like genomic sequences. Such binding events will sometimes interfere with normal gene expression and lead to cellular disturbances that will be erroneously attributed to expression of the evaluated gene. This caveat is particularly applicable to evaluations of genes that are thought to function as growth suppressors (for example, 2, 5, 6, 9–11, 13).

Empty-vector cell lines serve as excellent controls for general cellular effects of the transactivator fusion protein. Of course, no single cell line can control for idiosyncratic induction effects that may occur in a given tet-inducible cell line. This shortcoming highlights the general importance that final conclusions regarding the function of an evaluated gene are based on polyclonal analyses or on at least two independently derived tet-inducible cell clones. This is another often overlooked consideration (2, 4, 5, 11–13). This requirement will safeguard against erroneous conclusions based on responses that depend on the integration site of the tet-operator test gene construct.

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CORRECTIONS AND CLARIFICATIONS

In "Solar homes for the masses" by Alexander Hellemans (*Energy*, 30 July, p. 679), the first sentence of the third paragraph contained an error. It should have read, "Amersfoot gets much less sunshine than the world average of 1360 watts per square meter."

In the Report "Equatorius: A new hominoid genus from the Middle Miocene of Kenya" by S. Ward *et al.* (27 Aug., p. 1382), the first full paragraph of the second column on page 1383 should have begun, "Etymology: The name reflects the proximity to the equator of all localities from which the genus has been recovered. **Type species:** *Equatorius africanus* (Le Gros Clark and Leakey, 1950)." The reference referred to is W. E. Le Gros Clark and L. S. B. Leakey, *Q. J. Geol. Soc. London* **105**, 260 (1950).

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