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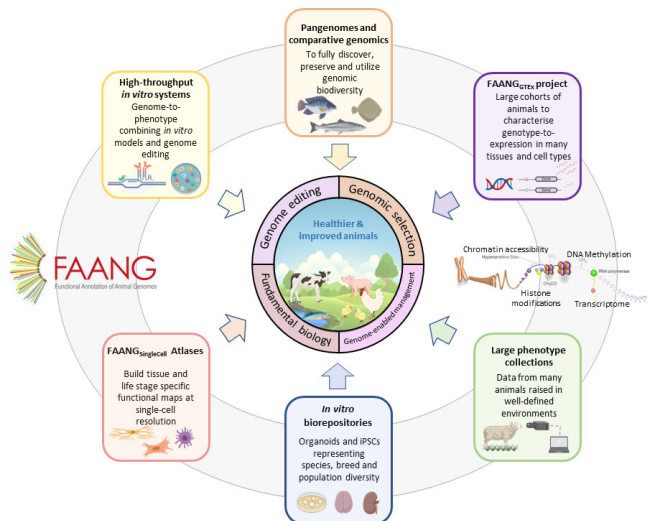
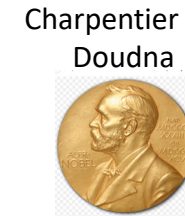
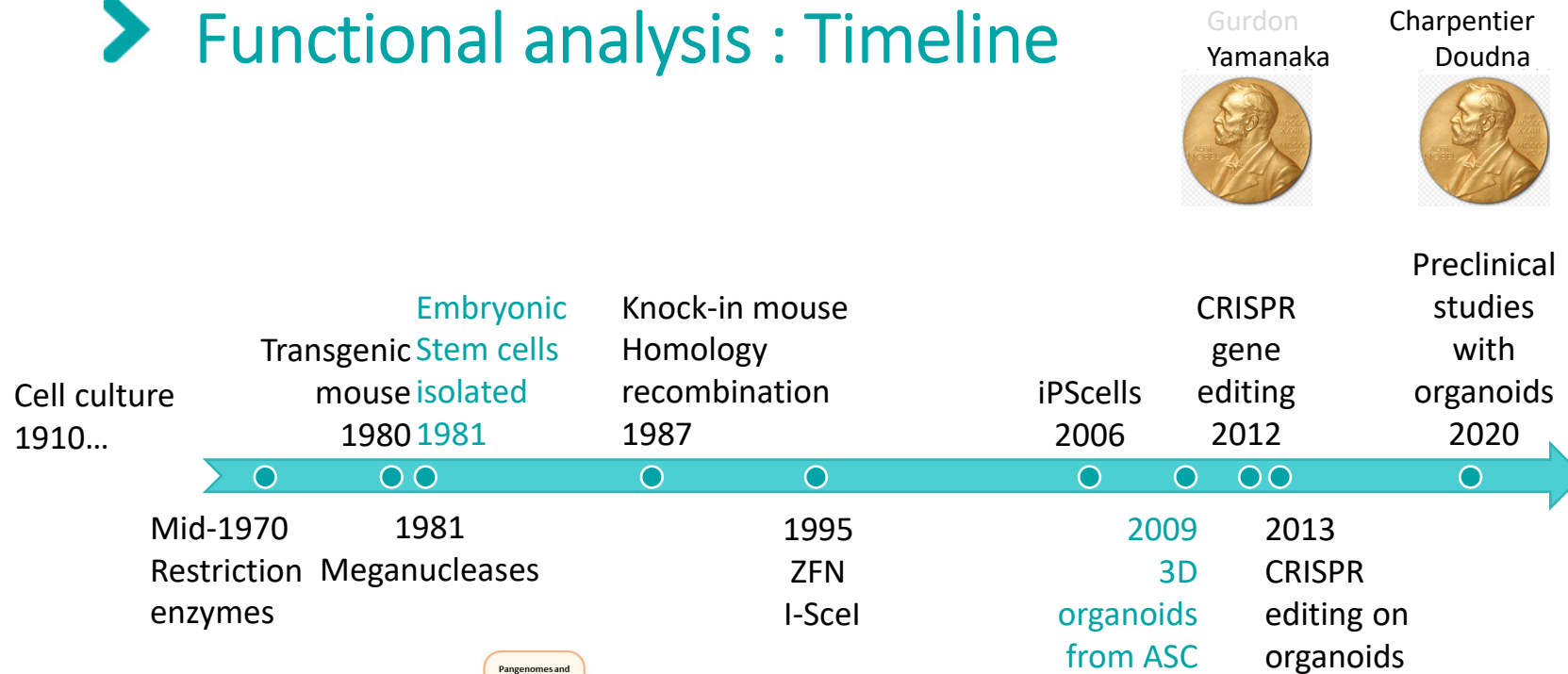
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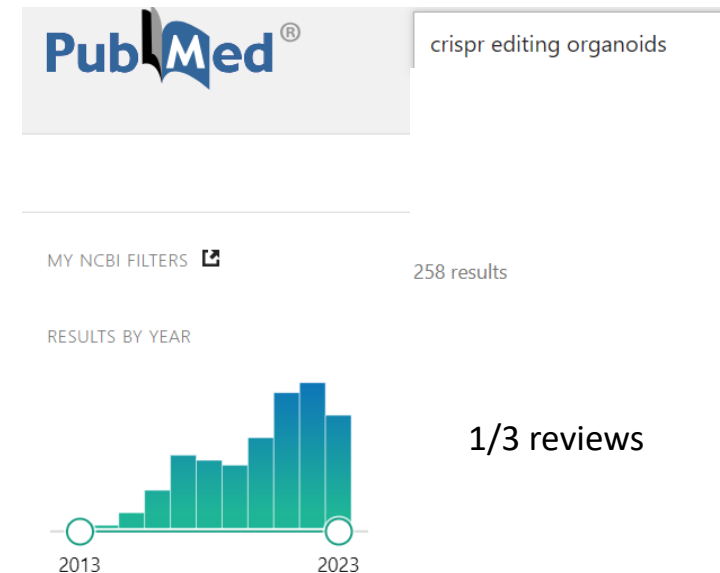
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➤ Functional analysis : Timeline



From FAANG to Fork. Clark et al. 2020 *Genome Biology*



➤ Transgenesis in organoids

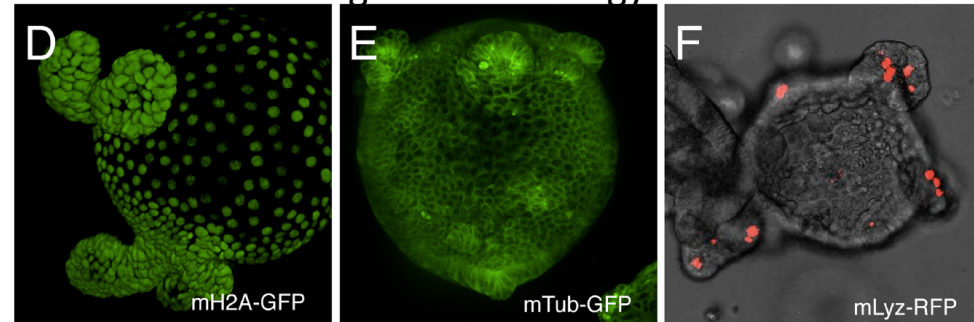
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Controlled gene expression in primary *Lgr5* organoid cultures

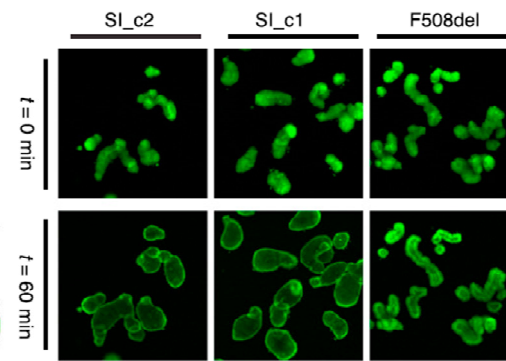
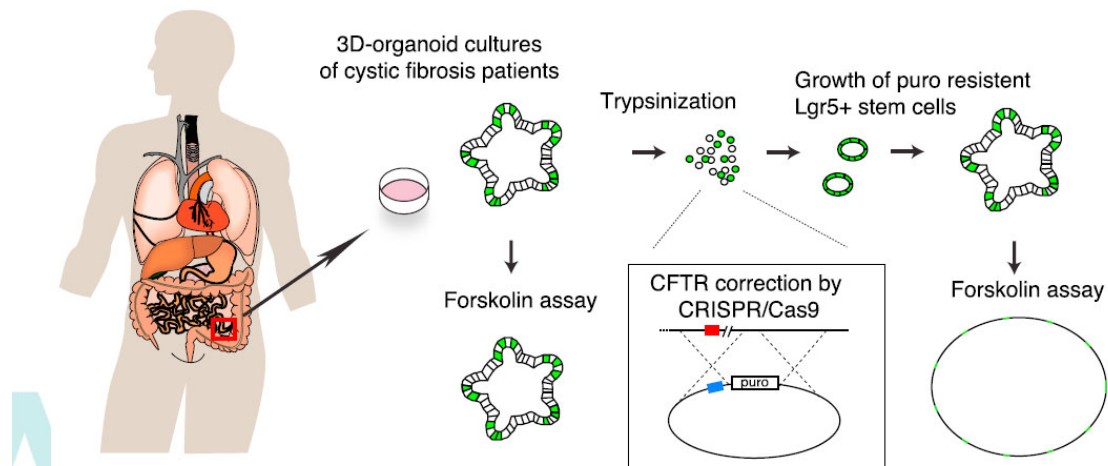
Bon-Kyoung Koo, Daniel E Stange, Toshiro Sato, Wouter Karthaus, Henner F Farin, Meritxell Huch, Johan H van Es & Hans Clevers ✉

Nature Methods 9, 81–83 (2012) | Cre inducible retroviral vector, mouse

Mouse intestinal organoids Homology recombination



Schwank et al., PLoS One 2013



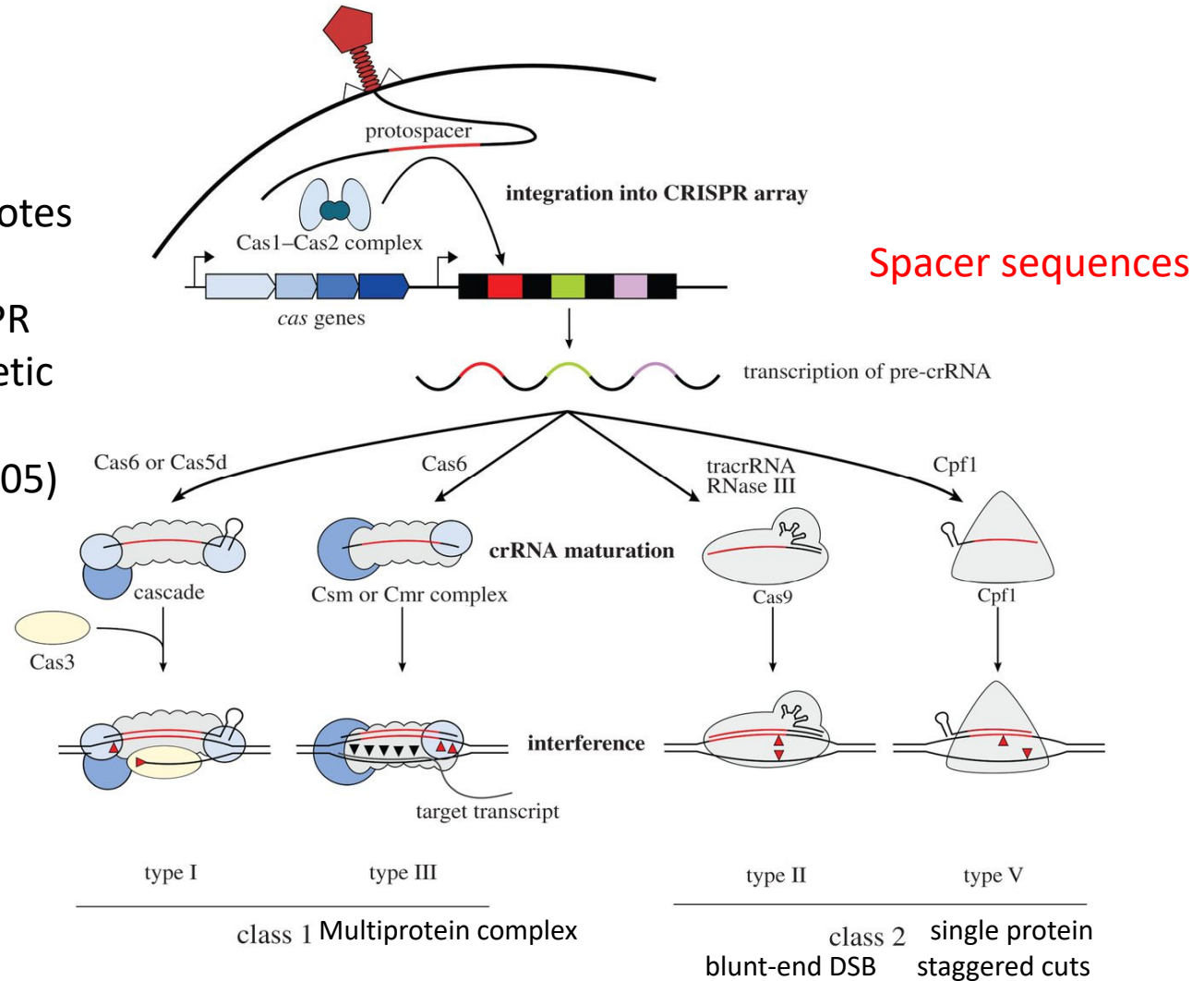
Schwank et al., Cell Stem Cell 2013

Clustered Regularly Interspaced Short Palindromic Repeats

Simplified model of the immunity mechanisms of class 1 and class 2 CRISPR-Cas systems.

CRISPR-Cas is an adaptive immune system in prokaryotes

Unique sequences in CRISPR originate from mobile genetic elements (bacteriophages, transposons, plasmids) (2005)



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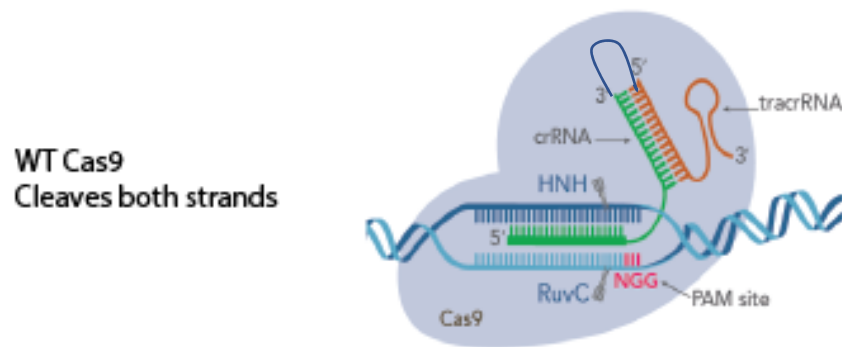
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Frank Hille, and Emmanuelle Charpentier *Phil. Trans. R. Soc. B* 2016;371:20150496

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➤ CRISPR/Cas9 programmable dual-RNA-guided DNA endonuclease

Cas9 programmed by single chimeric RNA



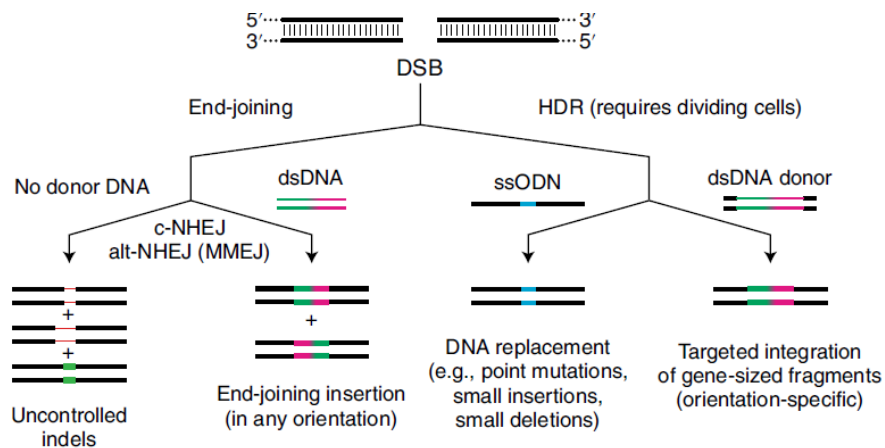
crRNA-tracrRNA chimera

20 nt Protospacer PAM

Protospacer Adjacent Motif:
requirement protecting genomic
DNA encoding the guides

NGG : restricting target sequences

Non-target DNA strand displaced by the guide
RNA spacer



Anzalone *et al.* Review Nat Biotech 2020



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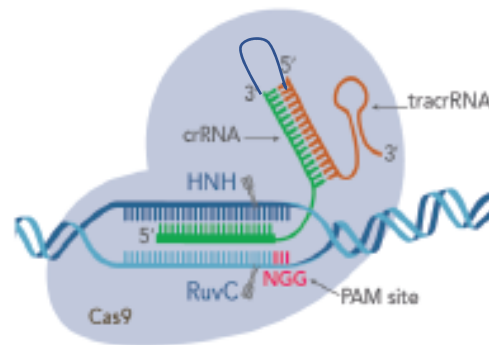
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Adapted from Jinek *et al.* Science 2012 & IDT-DNA.com

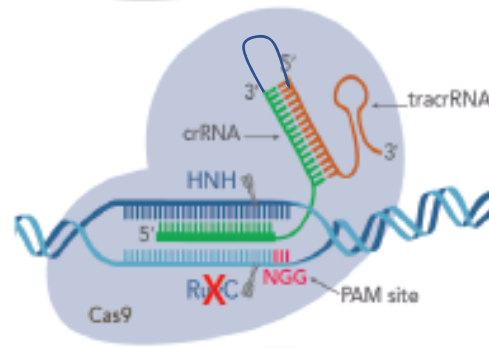
➤ CRISPR/Cas9 programmable dual-RNA-guided DNA endonuclease

Cas9 programmed by single chimeric RNA

WT Cas9
Cleaves both strands



Cas9 D10A nickase
Inactivated RuvC domain
Cleaves target strand



crRNA-tracrRNA chimera

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Protospacer Adjacent Motif:
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dCas9 : dead Cas9 still bind specific DNA sequences



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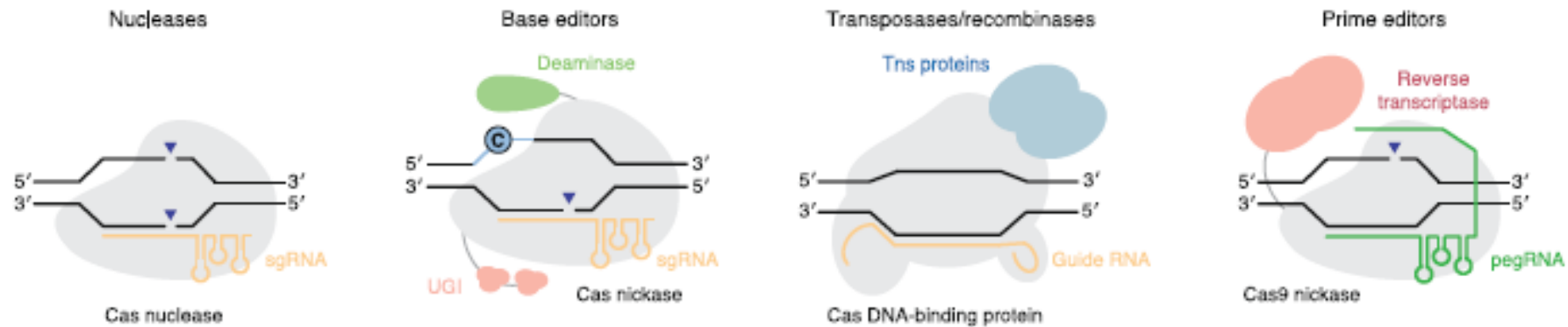
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➤ CRISPR-Cas genome editing technologies

Aim : to Install any genetic change at any position within the genome of any living cell with minimal unwanted genome modification or cellular perturbation

- Targeted alteration of genomic DNA sequence
- Transcriptional regulation
- Epigenetic modifications
- RNA editing
- Nucleic acid detection



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Anzalone *et al.* Review Nat Biotech 2020

➤ Genome editing w/o DSB: Base editing: C→T, G→A substitutions

Catalytically impaired CRISPR/Cas nuclease are fused to ssDNA deaminase
 These enzymes do not exist
 Extensive directed evolution of existing ones to obtain base editors
 Editing window is away from the Cas9 DSB site

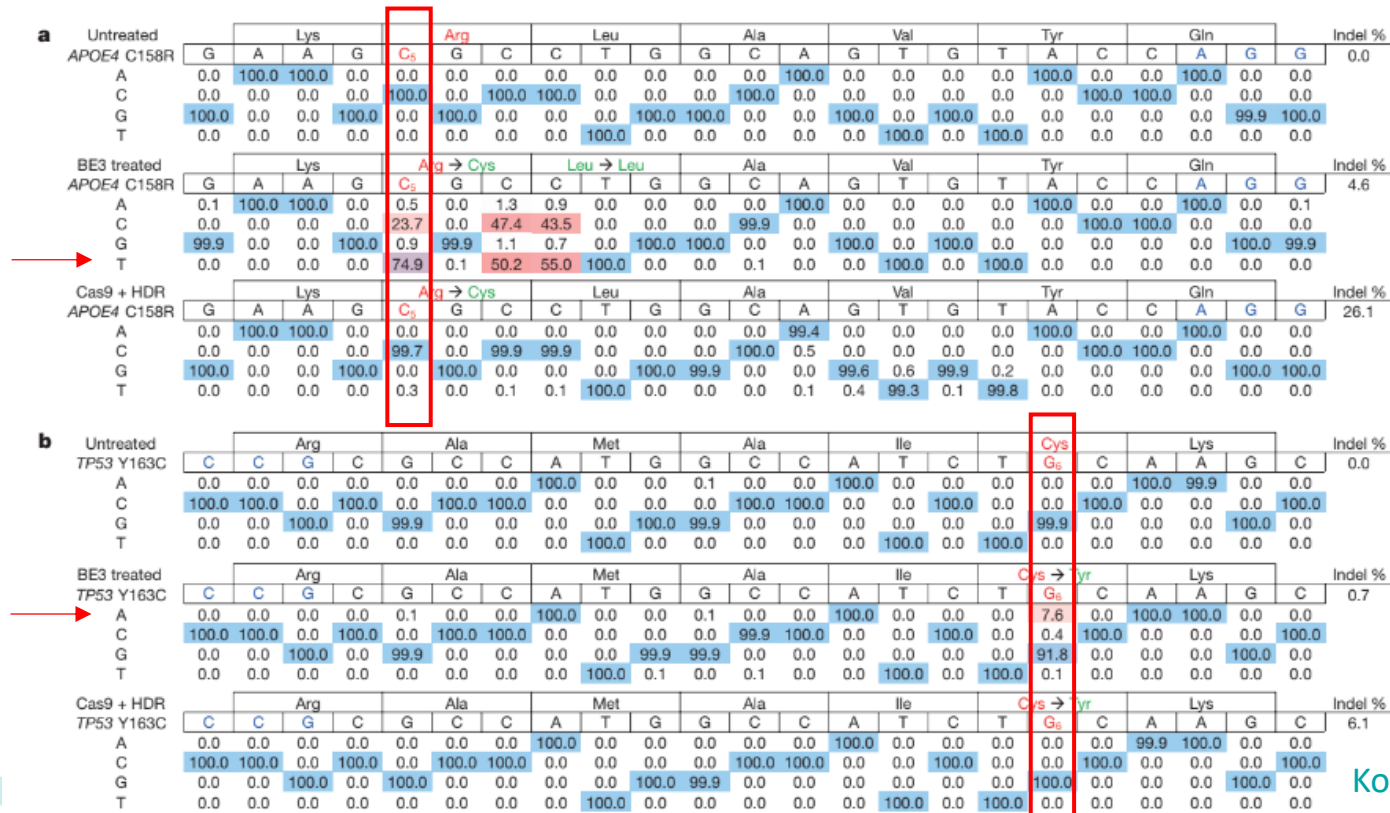
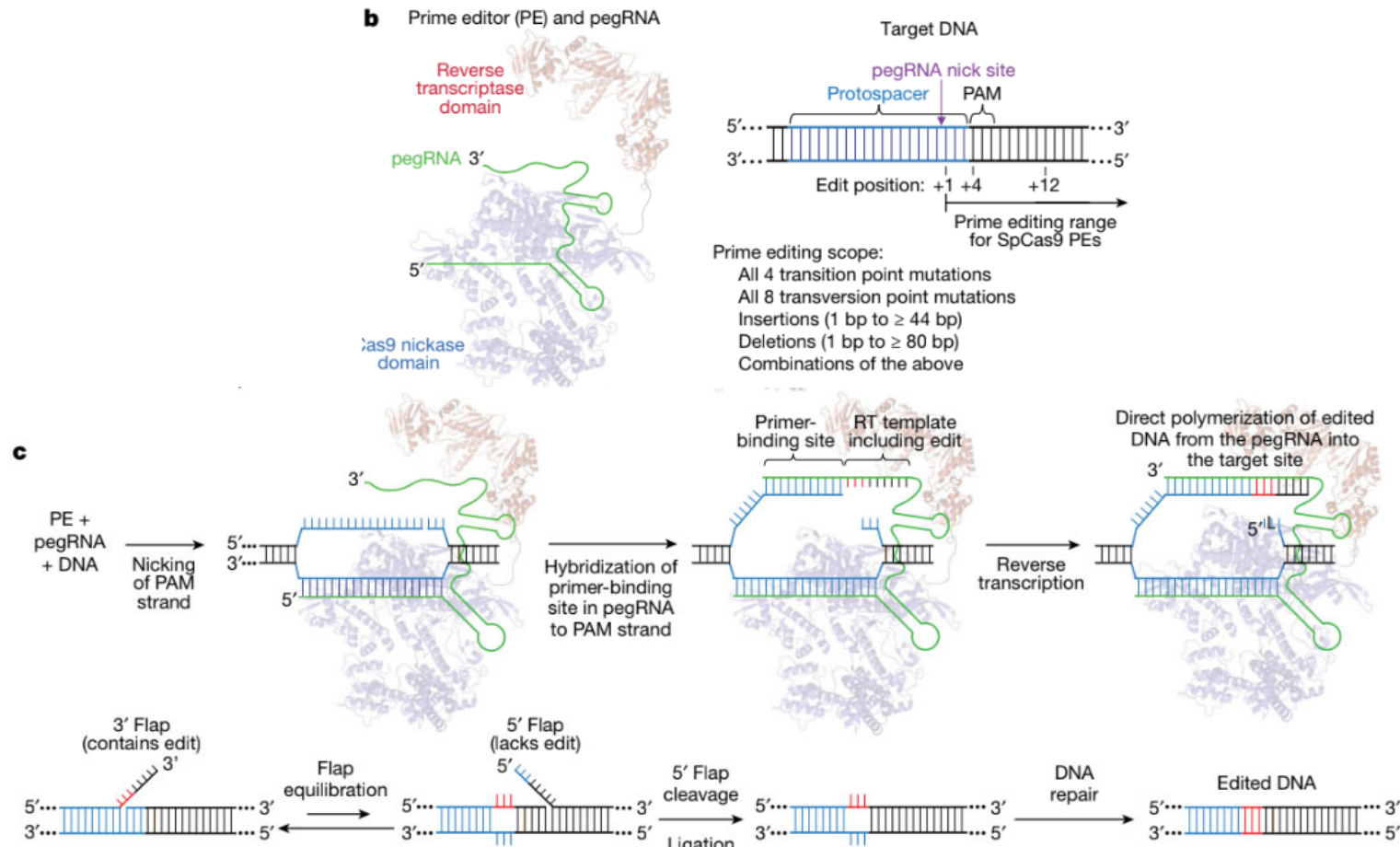


Figure 4 | BE3-mediated correction of two disease-relevant mutations in mammalian cells. The sequence of the protospacer is shown to the left of the mutation. 12/09/2023 G. Egidy

Two nearby Cs are also converted to Ts, but with no change to the predicted sequence of the resulting protein. Identical treatment of these

Komor et al., Nature 2016

➤ Genome editing w/o DSB or donor DNA: Prime editor



BE performed better C.G to T.A conversion for bases in the center of the window
Efficiency of prime editing exceeds that of base editing (no by stander editing)



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Anzalone et al., Nature 2019

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➤ Genome editing with relaxed PAM requirement

doi:10.1038/nature26155

Evolved Cas9 variants with broad PAM compatibility and high DNA specificity

Johnny H. Hu^{1,2,3}, Shannon M. Miller^{1,2,3}, Maarten H. Geurts^{1,2,3}, Weixin Tang^{1,2,3}, Liwei Chen^{1,2,3}, Ning Sun^{1,2,3}, Christina M. Zeina^{1,2,3}, Xue Gao^{1,2,3}, Holly A. Rees^{1,2,3}, Zhi Lin^{1,2,3} & David R. Liu^{1,2,3}

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Nature 2018
Science 2018

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Engineered CRISPR-Cas9 nuclease with expanded targeting space

Hiroshi Nishimasu^{1*}, Xi Shi^{2,3}, Soh Ishiguro^{4,5,6}, Linyi Gao^{2,7}, Seiichi Hirano¹, Sae Okazaki¹, Taichi Noda⁸, Omar O. Abudayyeh^{2,3,9}, Jonathan S. Gootenberg^{2,3,9}, Hideto Mori^{4,5,6}, Seiya Oura^{8,10}, Benjamin Holmes^{2,3}, Mamoru Tanaka⁴, Motoaki Seki⁴, Hisato Hirano¹, Hiroyuki Aburatani⁴, Ryuichiro Ishitani¹, Masahito Ikawa^{8,10,11}, Nozomu Yachie^{1,4,5,6}, Feng Zhang^{2,3,7,9}, Osamu Nureki^{1*}

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➤ CRISPR genome editing efficient in livestock

CRISPR-mediated gene ko in livestock: Agricultural applications
Biomedical applications

CRISPR-mediated knockin in livestock

TABLE 3 | CRISPR-mediated gene knockin in livestock.

Species	Gene	Purpose of manipulation	Type of KI	Approach	SCNT or MI	KI Animals produced	Mosaicism (%)	References
<u>Agriculture: improvements in</u>								
Sheep	<i>SOC2</i>	Reproductive traits	Point mutation	Crispr/Cas9 BE	MI	3/4 (25%)	3/3 (100%)	Zhou et al. (2019)
	<i>BMPR1B</i>	Reproductive traits	Point mutation	Crispr/Cas9	MI	5/21 (23.8%)	Not stated	Zhou et al. (2018)
Goat	<i>Tβ4</i>	CCR5-targeted KI, cashmere yield	Gene insertion	Crispr/Cas9	SCNT	1	N/A	Li X. et al. (2019)
	<i>FGF5</i>	Cashmere yield	Point mutation	Crispr/Cas9 BE	MI	5/5 (100%)	5/5 (100%)	Li G. et al. (2019)
	<i>GDF9</i>	Reproductive traits	Point mutation	Crispr/Cas9	MI	4/17 (23.5%)	2/4 (50.0%)	Niu et al. (2018)
	<i>FAT-1</i>	Disease resistance	Gene insertion	Crispr/Cas9	SCNT	1 from 8 pregnancies	N/A	Zhang J. et al. (2018)
Cattle	<i>Pc</i>	Generation of a polled genotype	Gene insertion	Crispr/Cas12a	SCNT	1, died on D1 after birth	N/A	Schuster et al. (2020)
	<i>NRAMP1</i>	Tuberculosis resistance	Gene insertion	Crispr/Cas9n	SCNT	9	N/A	Gao et al. (2017)
	<i>IARS</i>	Correction of IARS syndrome	Gene insertion	Crispr/Cas9	SCNT	5 viable fetuses	N/A	Ikeda et al. (2017)
Pig	<i>PBD-2</i>	Disease-resistant pigs	Gene insertion	Crispr/Cas9	SCNT	5 pigs	N/A	Huang et al. (2020)
	<i>MSTN</i>	Meat production	Gene insertion	Crispr/Cas9	SCNT	2 pigs	N/A	Zou Y.-L. et al. (2019)
	<i>UCP1</i>	Reproduction traits	Gene insertion	Crispr/Cas9	SCNT	12 piglets	N/A	Zheng et al. (2017)
	<i>MSTN</i>	Meat production	Point mutation	Crispr/Cas9	SCNT	1 stillborn piglet	N/A	Wang K. et al. (2016)
	<i>MSTN</i>	MSTN-KO without selectable marker	Gene insertion	Crispr/Cas9	SCNT	2 piglets	No	Bi et al. (2016)
	<i>RSAD2</i>	Generation of pigs with viral resistance	Gene insertion	Crispr/Cas9	SCNT	1 pig	No	Xie et al. (2020)
<u>Biomedical applications:</u>								
Sheep	<i>ALPL</i>	Model of hypophosphatasia	Point mutation	Crispr/Cas9	MI	6/9 (66.6%)	No	Williams et al. (2018)
	<i>PPT1</i>	Infantile neuronal ceroid lipofuscinoses	Point mutation	Crispr/Cas9	MI	6/24 (25.0%)	Not stated	Eaton et al. (2019)
	<i>tGFP</i>	Rosa26-targeted KI	Gene insertion	Crispr/Cas9	MI	1/8 (12.5%)	Not stated	Wu et al. (2016)
	<i>OTOF</i>	Hearing loss phenotype	Point mutation	Crispr/Cas9	MI	8/73 (11.0%)	2/8 (25.0%)	Menchaca et al. (2020b)
Cattle	<i>CMAH</i>	Xenotransplantation	Point mutation	Crispr/Cas12a	SCNT	2	N/A	Perota et al. (2019)
Pig	<i>hF9</i>	Gene therapy for hemophilia B pigs	Gene insertion	Crispr/Cas9	SCNT	5 pigs	N/A	Chen et al. (2020)
	<i>BgEgXyAp</i>	Salivary gland as bioreactor	Gene insertion	Crispr/Cas9	SCNT	4 piglets (1/4 alive)	N/A	Li G. et al. (2020)
	<i>hAPP</i>	Type 2 diabetic miniature pig model	Gene insertion	Crispr/Cas9	SCNT	24	N/A	Zou X. et al. (2019)
	<i>SNCA</i>	Parkinson's disease model	Gene insertion	Crispr/Cas9	SCNT	8 piglets	N/A	Zhu et al. (2018)
	<i>HTT</i>	Huntingtin KI model	Gene insertion	Crispr/Cas9	SCNT	6 piglets	N/A	Yan et al. (2018)
	<i>GGTA1</i>	Xenotransplantation	Gene insertion	FokI-dCas9	SCNT	2 piglets	N/A	Nottle et al. (2017)
	<i>tdTomato</i>	porcine Oct4 reporter system	Gene insertion	Crispr/Cas9	SCNT	2 piglets	N/A	Lai et al. (2016)
	<i>hALB</i>	Tg animals as bioreactors	Gene insertion	Crispr/Cas9	MI	16/16 (100%)	1/16 (6.3%)	Peng et al. (2015)
	<i>GFP</i>	H11-targeted KI	Gene insertion	Crispr/Cas9	SCNT	1 piglet	N/A	Ruan et al. (2015)

somatic cell nuclear transfer; MI, zygote microinjection; BE, base editing; N/A, not applicable.

Perisse et al., Frontiers in Genetics 2021



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➤ Guide RNA design other than mouse and human

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Enter up to 10 FASTA Sequences.
Please enter sequences in standard FASTA formatting.
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Haeussler et al. *Genome Biology* (2016) 17:148
DOI 10.1186/s13059-016-1012-2

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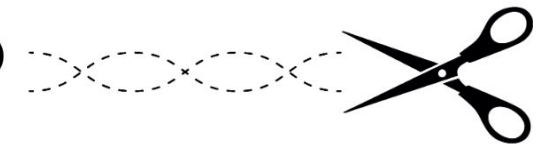
Evaluation of off-target and on-target scoring algorithms and integration into the guide RNA selection tool CRISPOR

Maximilian Haeussler^{1*}, Kai Schönig², Hélène Eckert³, Alexis Eschstruth⁴, Joffrey Mianné⁵, Jean-Baptiste Renaud⁶, Sylvie Schneider-Maunoury⁴, Alena Shkumatava³, Lydia Teboul⁵, Jim Kent¹, Jean-Stephane Joly⁶ and Jean-Paul Concordet^{7*}

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Target: e.g. EXT1
RefSeq/ENSEMBL/gene name or genomic coordinates.

In: Sus scrofa (Sscrofa11.1)

Using: CRISPR/Cas9 nickase

For: knock-out

adjusted in Options.

- Oryzias latipes (ASM223467v1)
- Oncorhynchus mykiss (Omyk_1.0)
- Oreochromis niloticus (ASM185804v2)
- Ovis aries (Oar_v3.1)
- Peromyscus californicus (GCA_007827085.3)
- Rattus norvegicus (rn6)
- Rattus norvegicus (mRatBN7.2)
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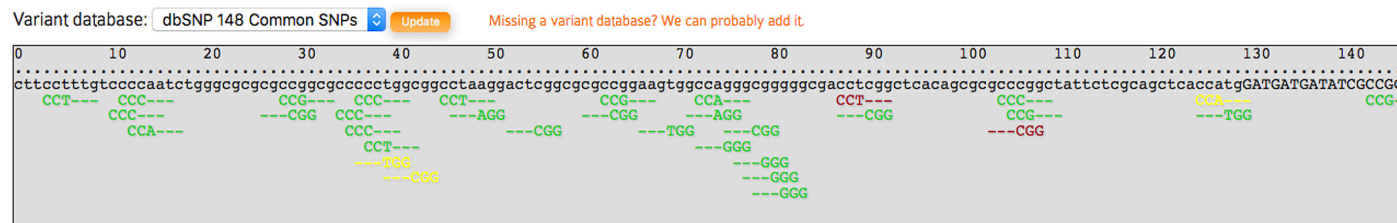


➤ Main output of CRISPOR – sg design tool

Homo sapiens (hg38), [chr7:5529546-5529784](#), reverse genomic strand

Found 52 possible guide sequences in input (239 bp). Click on a PAM NGG match to show its 20 bp guide sequence. Shown below are the PAM site and the expected cleavage position located -3bp 5' of the PAM site. Colors **green**, **yellow** and **red** indicate high, medium and low specificity of the PAM's guide sequence in the genome.

At the top, a graphical representation of the input sequence with variants and CRISPR sg



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Predicted guide sequences for PAMs

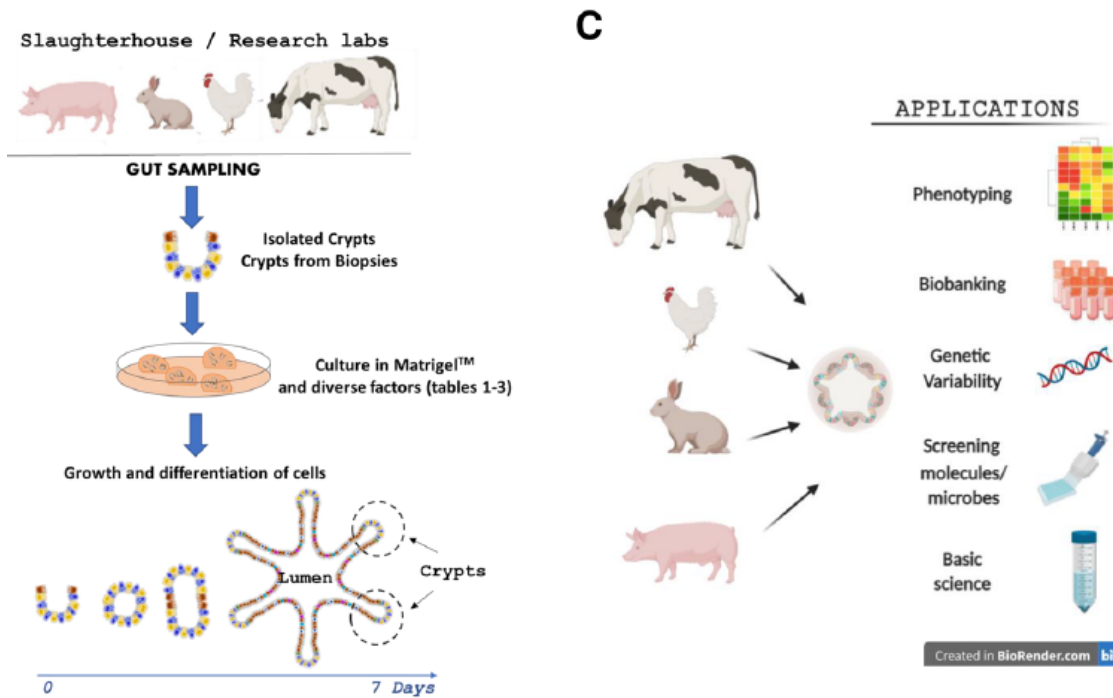
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Position/ Strand	Guide Sequence + PAM + Restriction Enzymes + Variants <input type="checkbox"/> Only G- <input type="checkbox"/> Only GG- <input type="checkbox"/> Only A-	Specificity Score	Predicted Efficiency <input type="button" value="Show all"/> scores	Out-of- Frame score	Off-targets for 0-1-2-3-4 mismatches + next to PAM	Genome Browser links to matches sorted by CFD off- target score <input type="checkbox"/> exons only <input type="checkbox"/> chr7 only
46 / rev	TTCGGGGCGCGAGTCCTT AGG Enzymes: <i>BshFI</i> , <i>Bse21I</i> , <i>TauI</i> , <i>BstDEI</i> , <i>SsiI</i> , <i>Fsp4HI</i> Cloning / PCR primers	97	49	57	67	4:intergenic:SYNJ2BP-COX16/SYNJ2BP-RP11-486013.4 4:intergenic:AC013275.2-SCTR 4:intron:DAZAP1 show all... 15 off-targets
12 / rev	CGCCGGCGCGCCAGATT GGG ⚠ High GC content Enzymes: <i>BsiFI</i> , <i>BsiI</i> Cloning / PCR primers	96	21	58	71	4:exon:LMF1 4:intergenic:MIR4291-RP11-53B5.1 4:intron:DAZAP1 show all... 31 off-targets

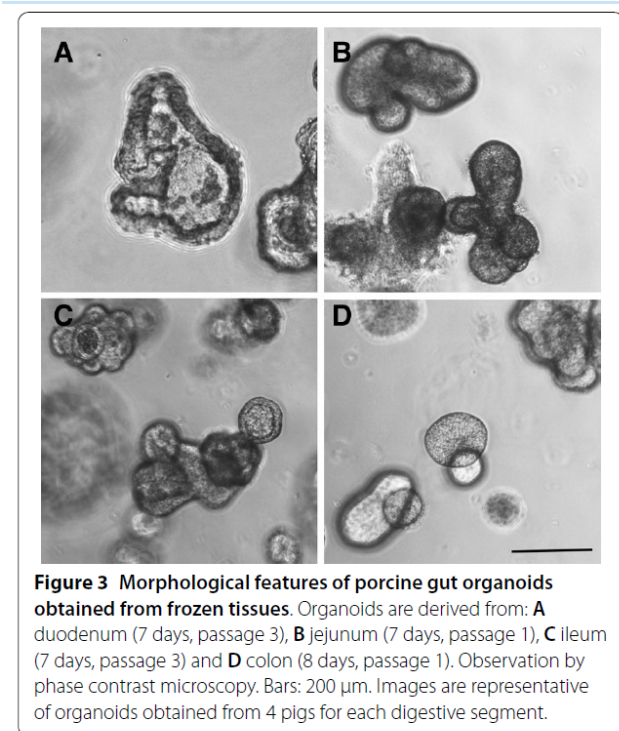
Allows evaluation of off-target effects: Indels/mutations away from target, present with nuclease use

➤ Organoids from livestock



Expansion
Differentiation
Screening

Virtually all organs: brain, skin, airways, gut, liver, kidney, pancreas, testis, retina
But they are not immortalized cell lines.



Beaumont *et al.* Vet Res 2021



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➤ Editing strategies depend on phenotype selection

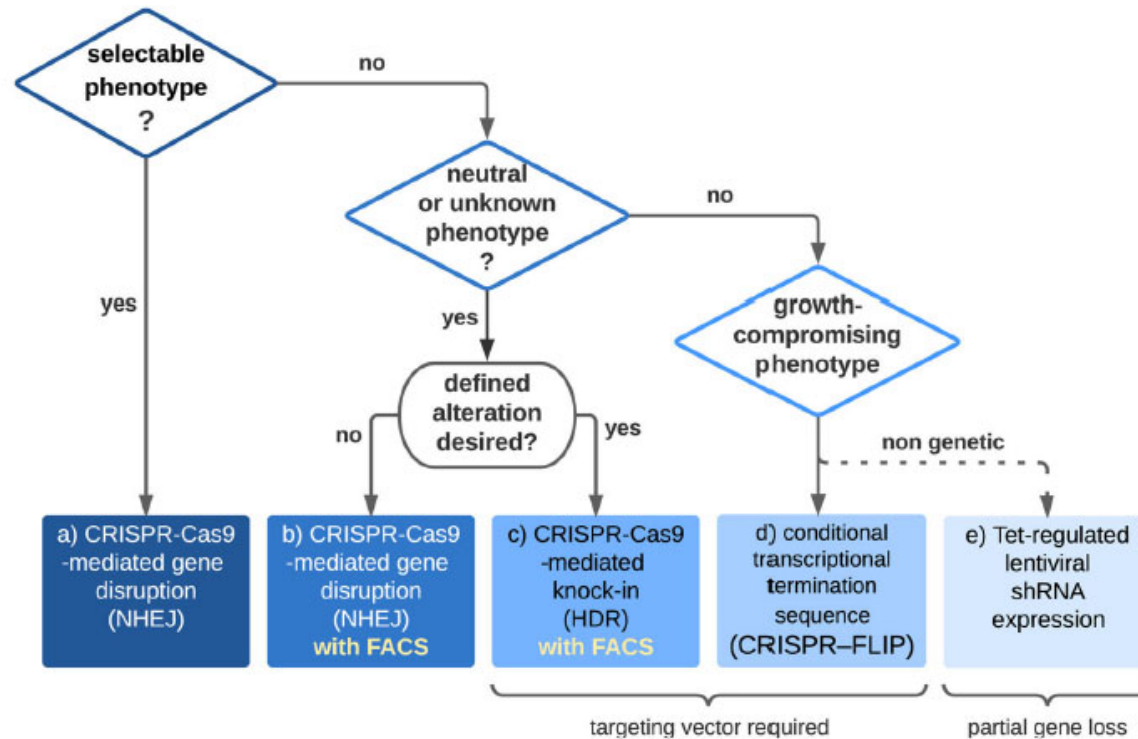


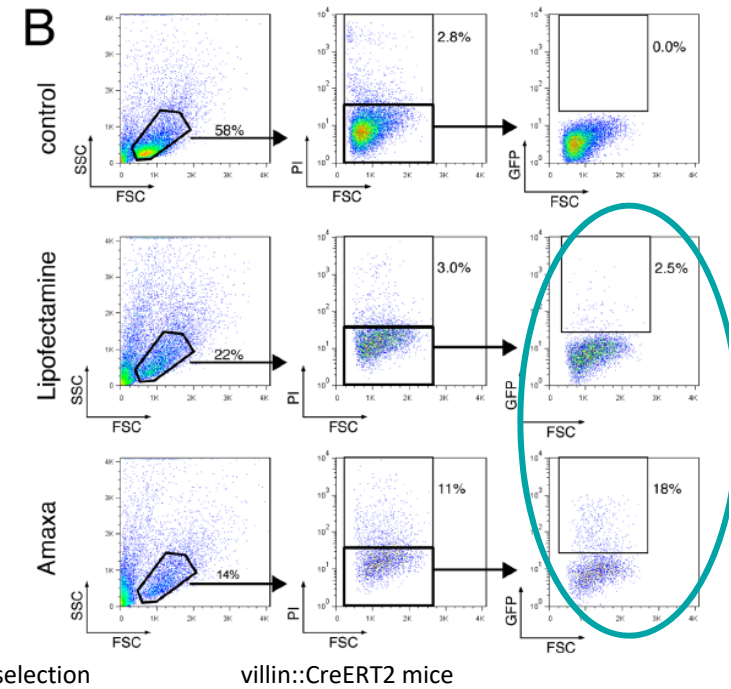
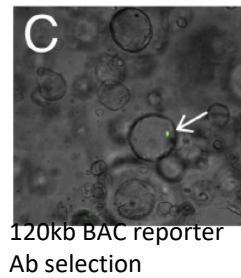
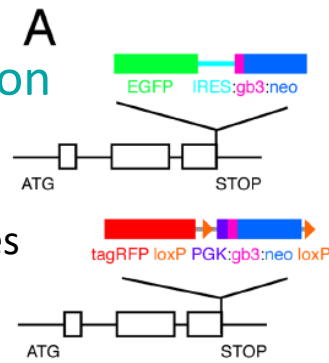
Fig. 4 Considerations for successful modification of gene function in organoids. Flowchart depicting key questions that determine which strategies are most effective to obtain a desired transgenic organoid line. A factor is the anticipated phenotype of the gene of interest. Positively selectable traits such as growth advantages or discernable morphologic changes can be used to identify clonal organoids after NHEJ-mediated gene loss (a). For modifications that result in neutral or unknown phenotypes, a pre-enrichment strategy (e.g., by FACS) should be considered (b). If a defined alteration rather than gene loss is desired, classical HDR-mediated knock-in is recommended (c). To address phenotypes that result in compromised growth, inducible strategies, e.g., insertion of a conditional transcriptional termination sequence (d) or by knockdown using Tet-regulated lentiviral shRNA (e), are required. For additional information on the different approaches (a–e), please refer to Table 1.



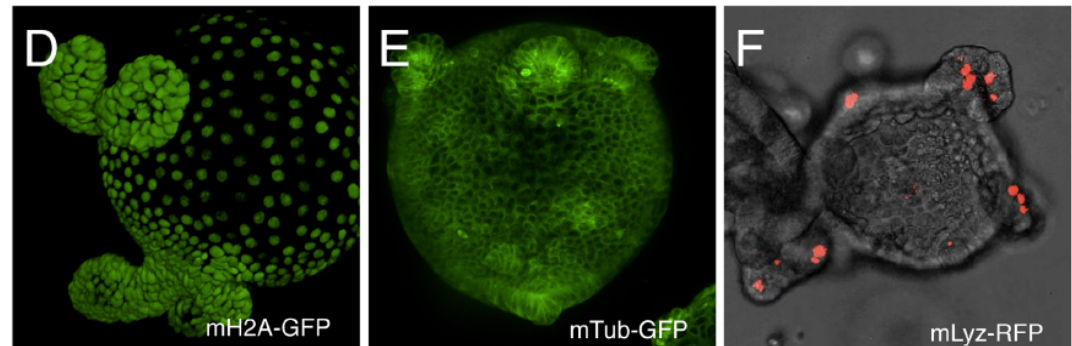
➤ Delivery methods and Efficiency of transgenesis in organoids

Electroporation outperforms lipofection

- Trypsinized organoids
- Transfection by electroporation or liposomes
- Resuspension in cold matrigel
- After 2 days: selection of stable organoids
- After selection: budding organoids medium



Efficiency of delivery in organoids (mouse/human) is LOW!



Schwank et al., PLoS One 2013

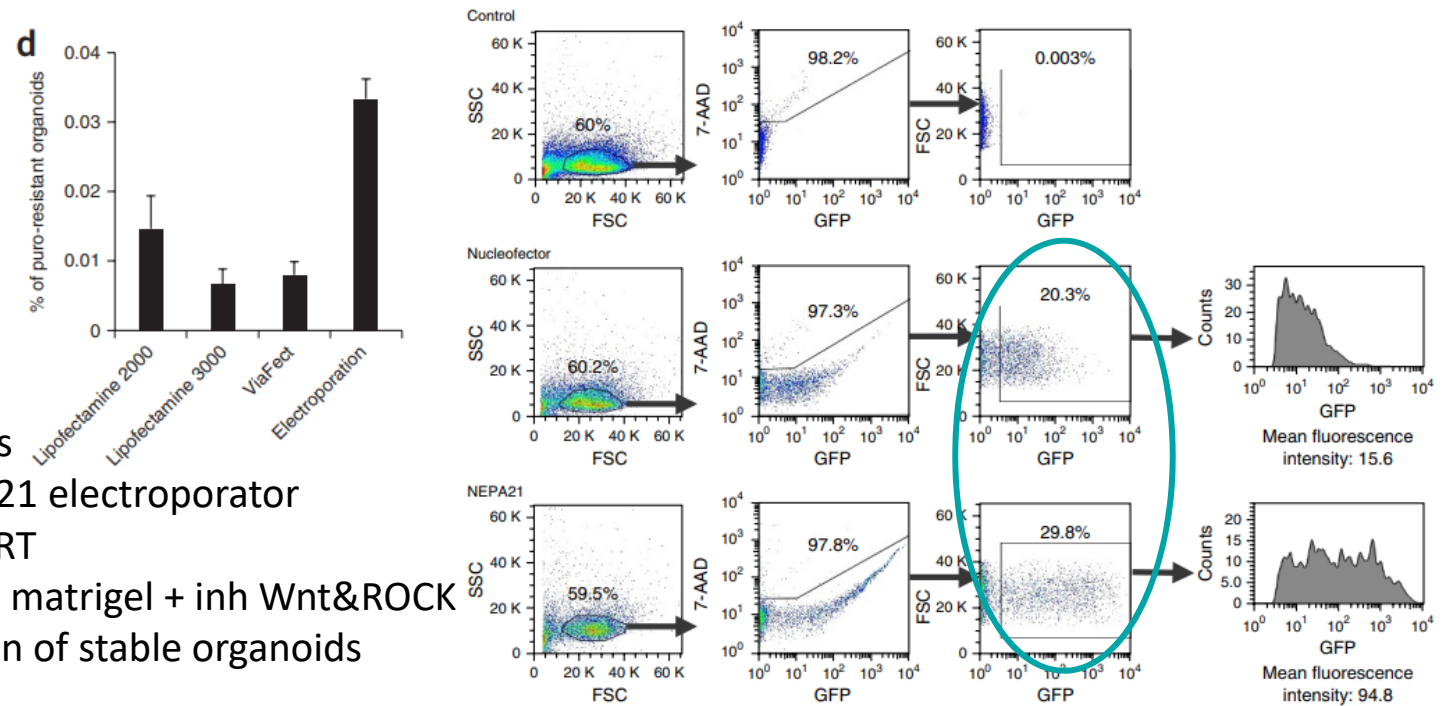


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➤ Delivery methods and Efficiency of transgenesis in organoids

Electroporation gene delivery protocol for organoids



- Trypsinized organoids
- Transfection in NEPA21 electroporator
- Recover cells 30min RT
- Resuspension in cold matrigel + inh Wnt&ROCK
- After 7 days: selection of stable organoids

piggyBAC transposase system or CRISPR/Cas9 with refined protocol: BTXpress, DMSO

Limitations of the method:

6 wells /24WP

24 wells /24WP



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Fujii et al Nat Protocols 2015

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➤ Delivery methods and Efficiency of transgenesis in organoids

CRISPR-Cas9 editing system to KO lentiviral transduction and single cell cloning

- Lentiviral transduction
- genetic knockout HIE line within 2-3 months
- HIEs as an *ex vivo* model to assess host restriction factors for viral replication by ko host attachment factors or innate immunity genes

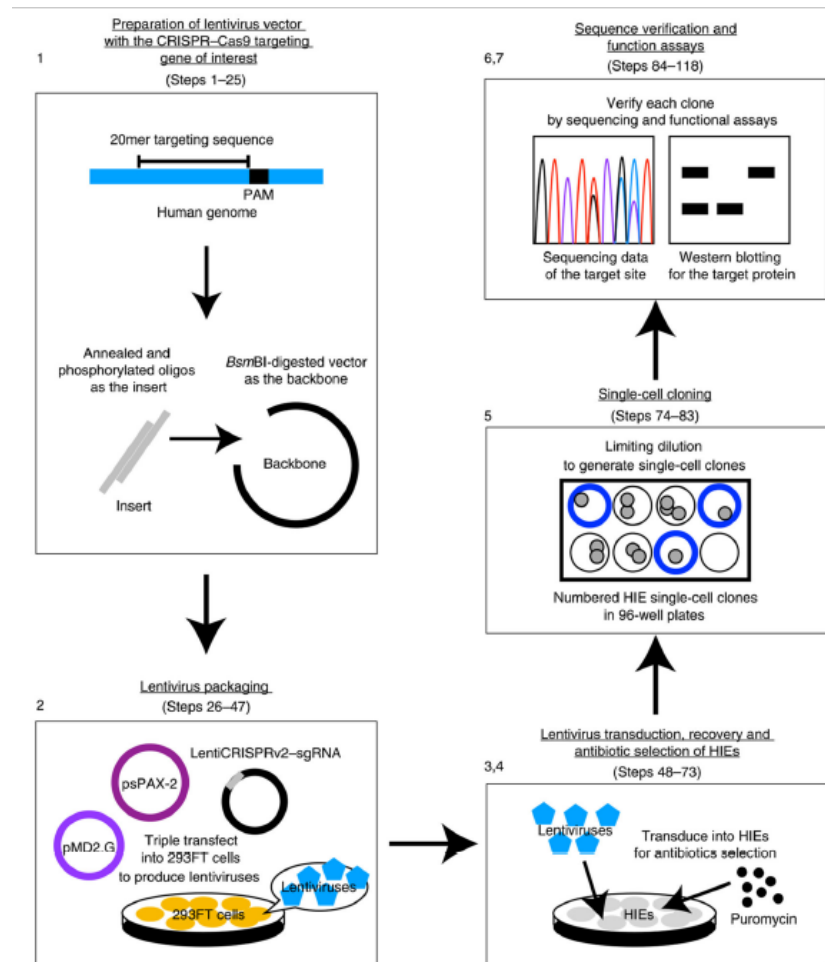


Fig. 1 | The steps of lentivirus packaging and transduction. The protocol has seven parts: (1) preparation of lentivirus vector with the CRISPR-Cas9 targeting gene of interest; (2) lentivirus packaging; (3) lentivirus transduction of HIEs; (4) HIE recovery and antibiotic selection; (5) single-cell cloning; (6) sequencing verification of single-cell clones; (7) using KO lines to evaluate host gene function in viral replication or other biological processes.

Lin *et al.*, Nature Protocols 2022
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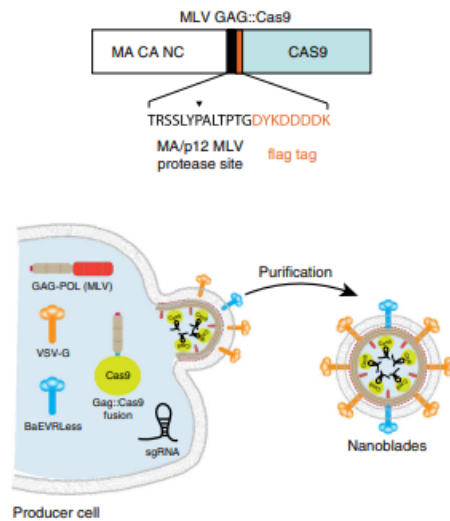
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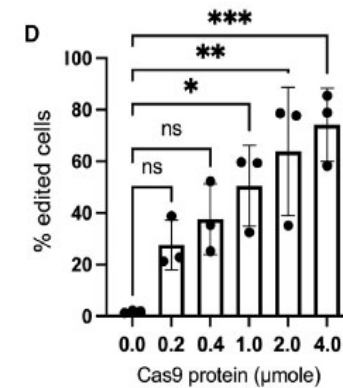
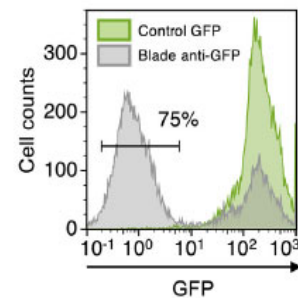
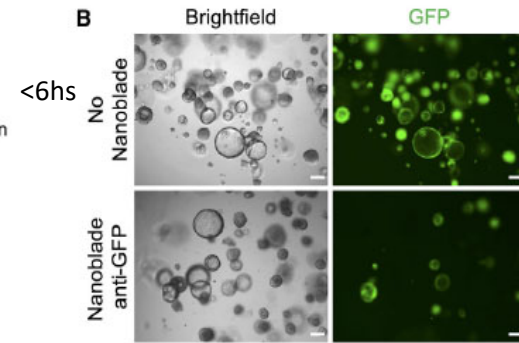
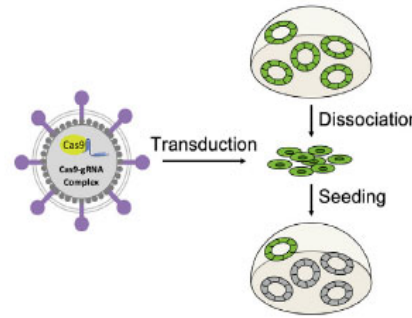
➤ Delivery methods and Efficiency of transgenesis in organoids

Nanoblades achieve high % gene editing in organoids with low toxicity

Nanoblades: protein-delivery vector (MLV) transferring Cas9-sgRNA RNP in vitro & in vivo



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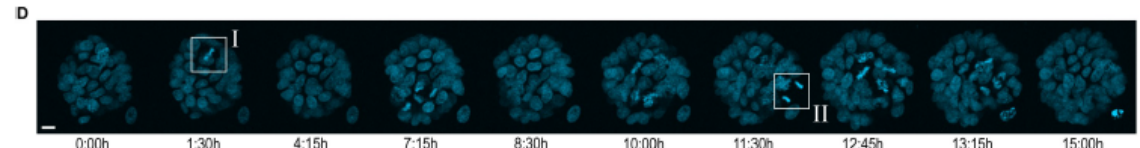
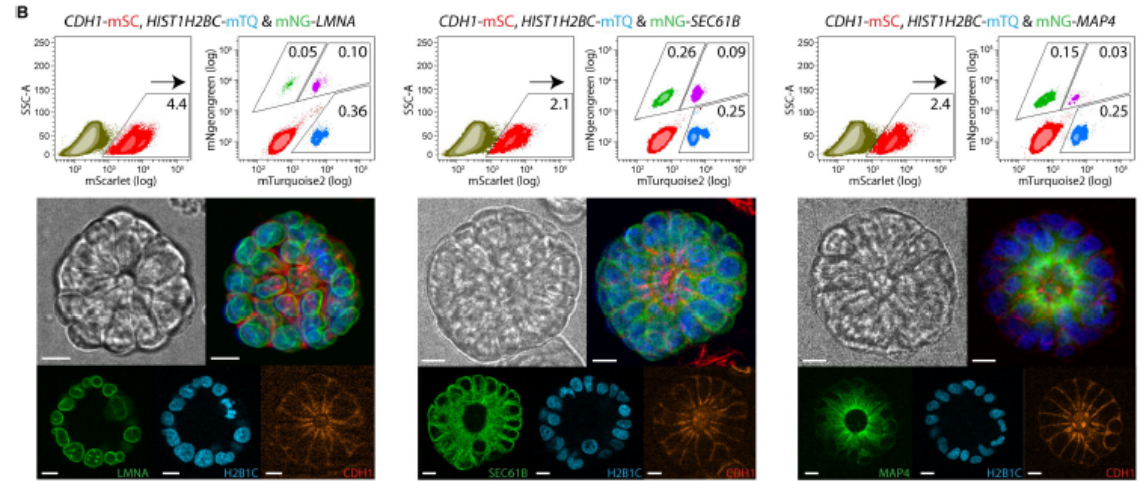
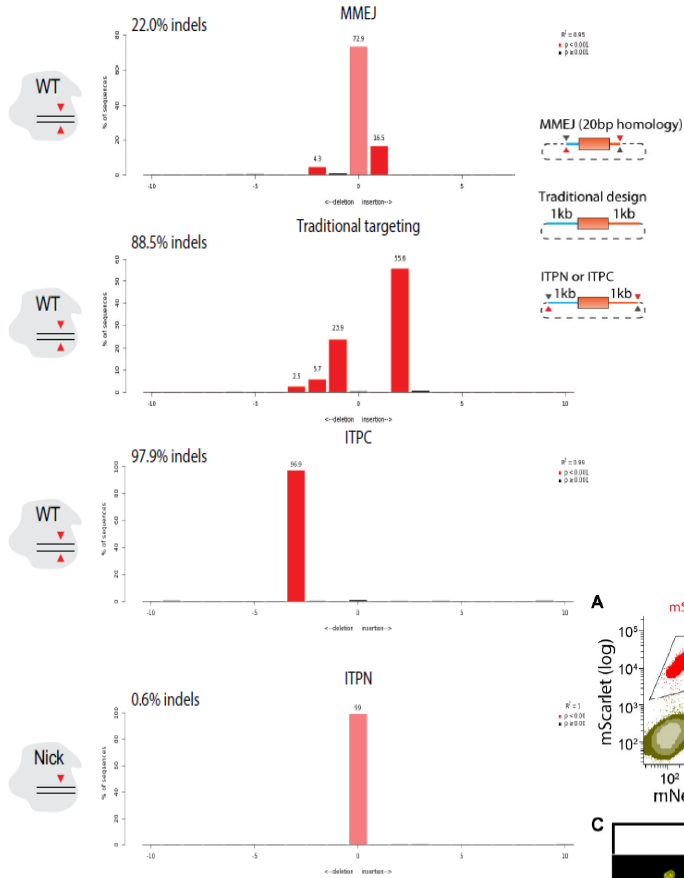


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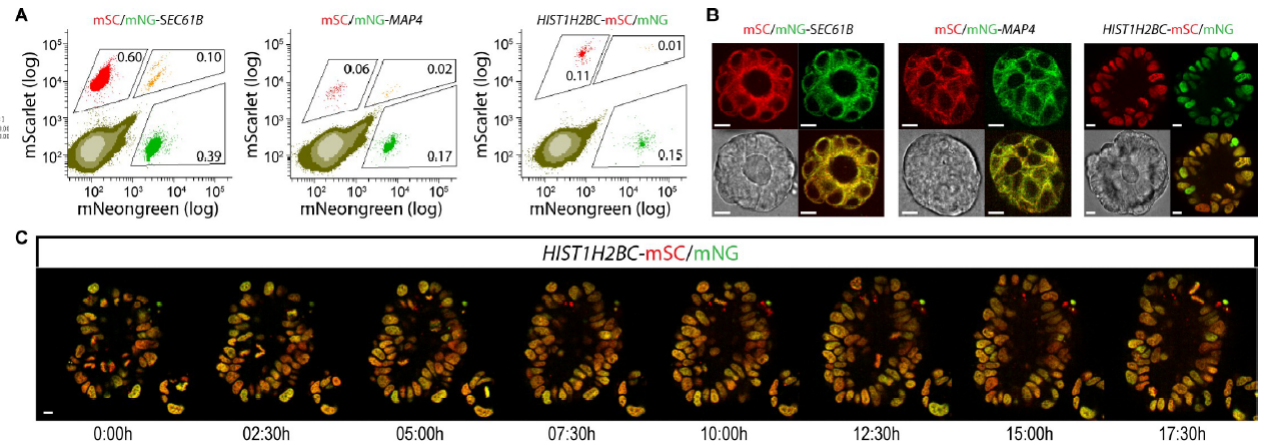
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➤ In trans paired-nicking w/o DSB allows allelic analysis

rgTIDE analysis of different knock-in strategies at the *SEC61B* locus



E-cadherin, histone1, laminaA, ER translocation complex, microtubule-associated prot

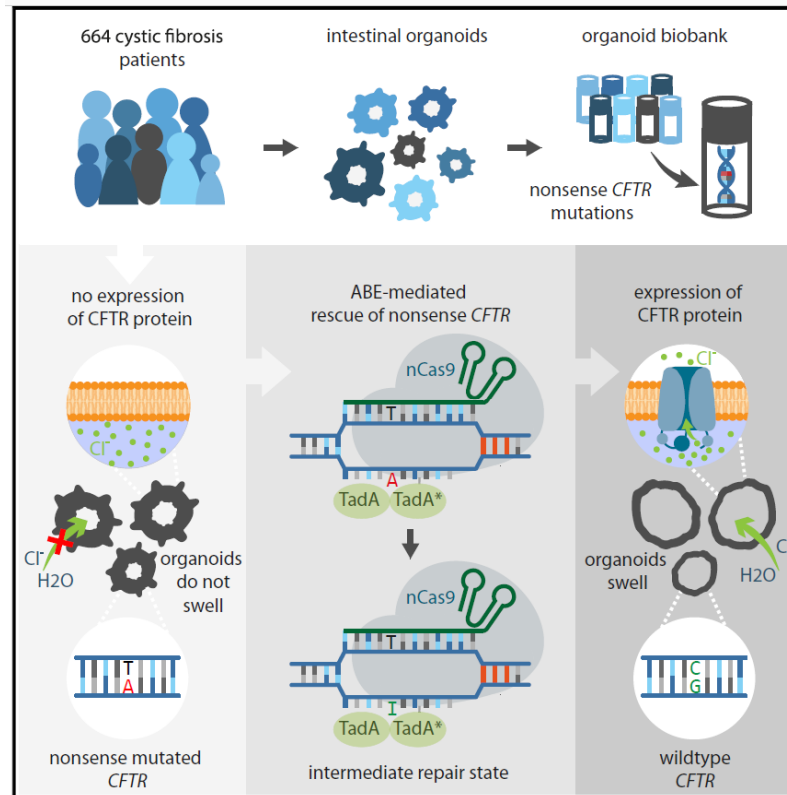


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➤ Base editors to correct a genetic defect: CFTR



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In Brief

Here, we show the generation of an extensive cystic fibrosis patient-derived intestinal organoid biobank. We use this biobank to study gene correction by adenine base editors and show genetic repair of four selected nonsense mutations in *CFTR* without any genome-wide off-target effects on canonical and non-canonical PAMs.

Plasmids electroporation (Fijii method) with BE Cas9-ABE or xCas9-ABE

Editing efficiencies vary, depending on Cas9 and sgRNA usage, with a max of 9,3%

10% of residual CFTR function is associated with mild disease

No genome-wide off-targets (multiple consecutive ABE treatment possible)



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➤ CRISPaint : modular base-specific gene tagging through NHEJ

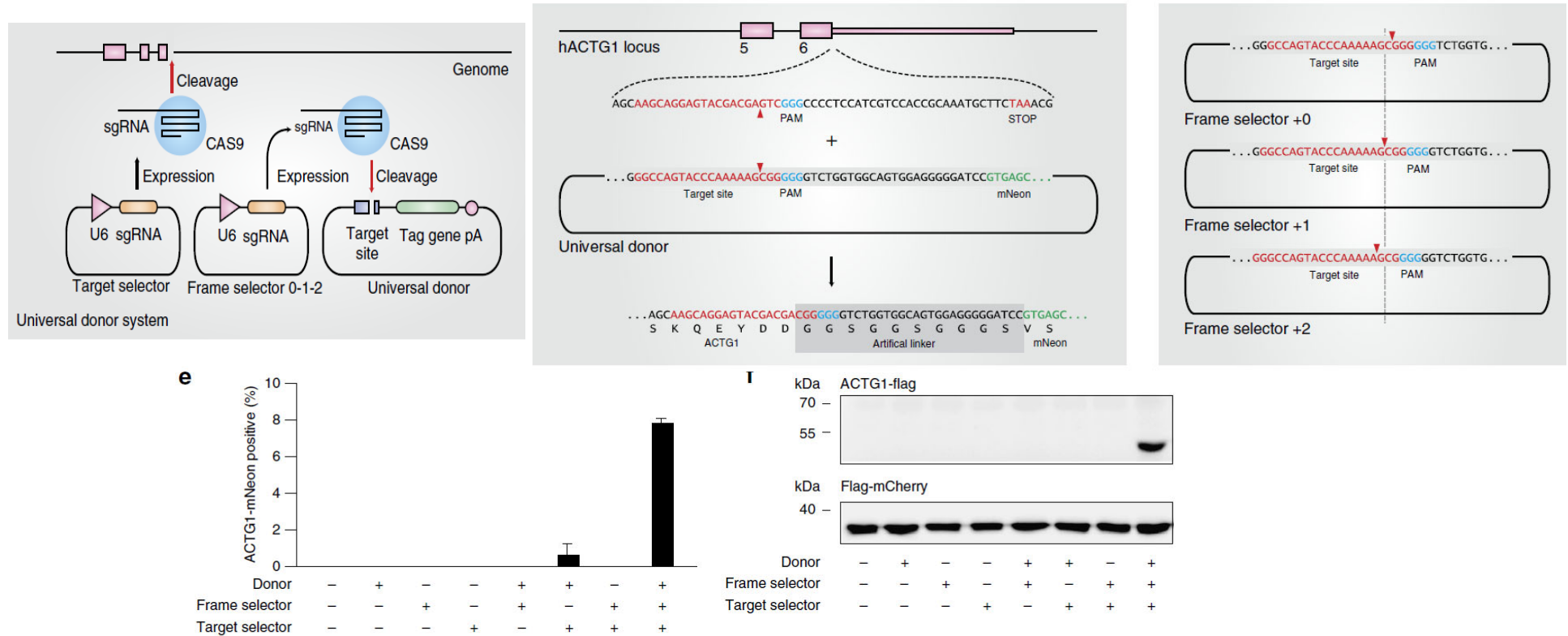
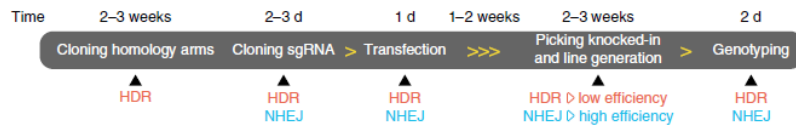


Figure 2 | Modular three-plasmid gene tagging system. (a) Three-plasmid tagging system. A target selector plasmid expresses an sgRNA targeting a gene of interest. A frame selector plasmid expresses an sgRNA targeting the donor plasmid. A universal donor plasmid contains the tag gene. (b) Sequence details of the universal donor plasmid when integrating into the human *ACTG1* gene. (c) Due to a poly-G stretch within the target site of the universal donor plasmid it can be cleaved at three adjacent nucleotide positions, which allows specifying the frame of integration at the time of transfection. (d) Fluorescence imaging and deep sequencing analysis of *ACTG1*-mNeon gene tagging using a three-plasmid system and different plasmid combinations. ND, not determined. (e) Image quantification of *ACTG1*-mNeon-positive cells. Shown are mean values + s.e.m. from three independent biological replicates. (f) Immunoblotting of *ACTG1*-Flag gene tagging using a three-plasmid system and different plasmid combinations.



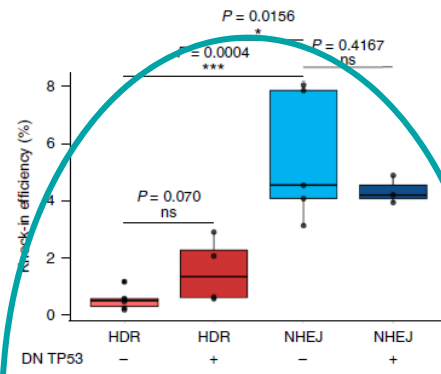
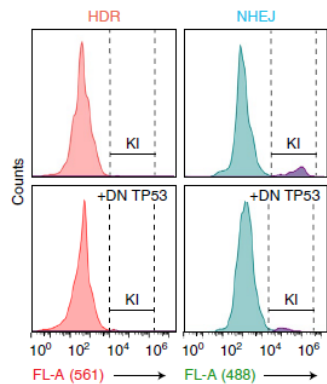
➤ CRISPR-HOT minimizes the need of molecular cloning

Using CRISPaint:

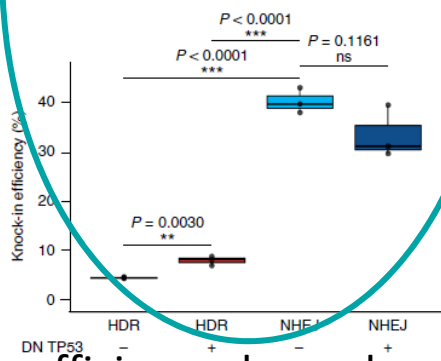
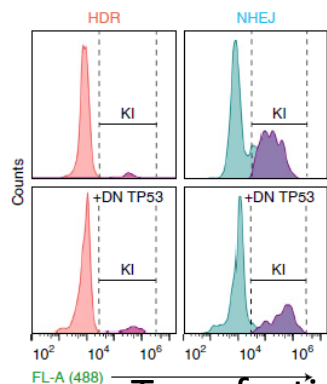


Tagging rare differentiated cells in organoids, with differentiation pulse to detect fluo organoids

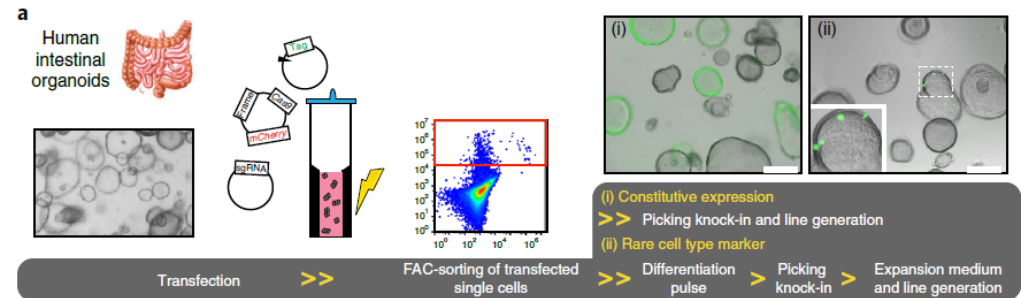
b *KRT19* knock-in in human liver ductal organoids



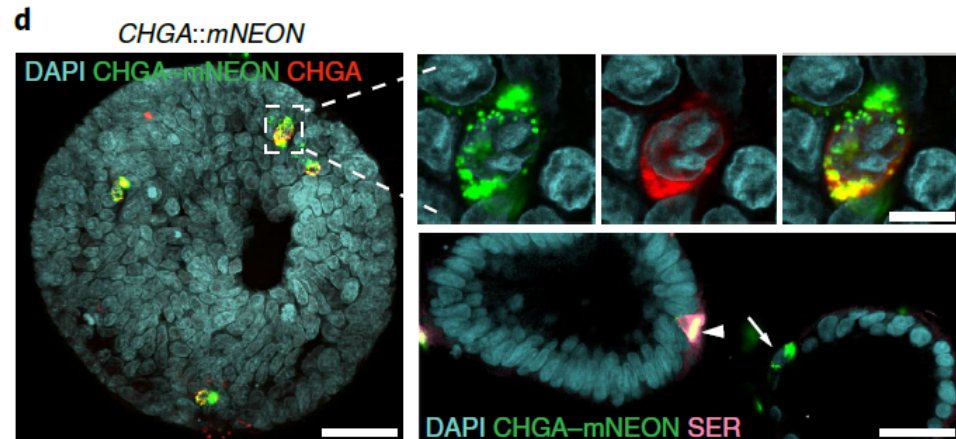
c *TUBB* knock-in in human hepatocyte organoids



Transfection efficiency depends on locus

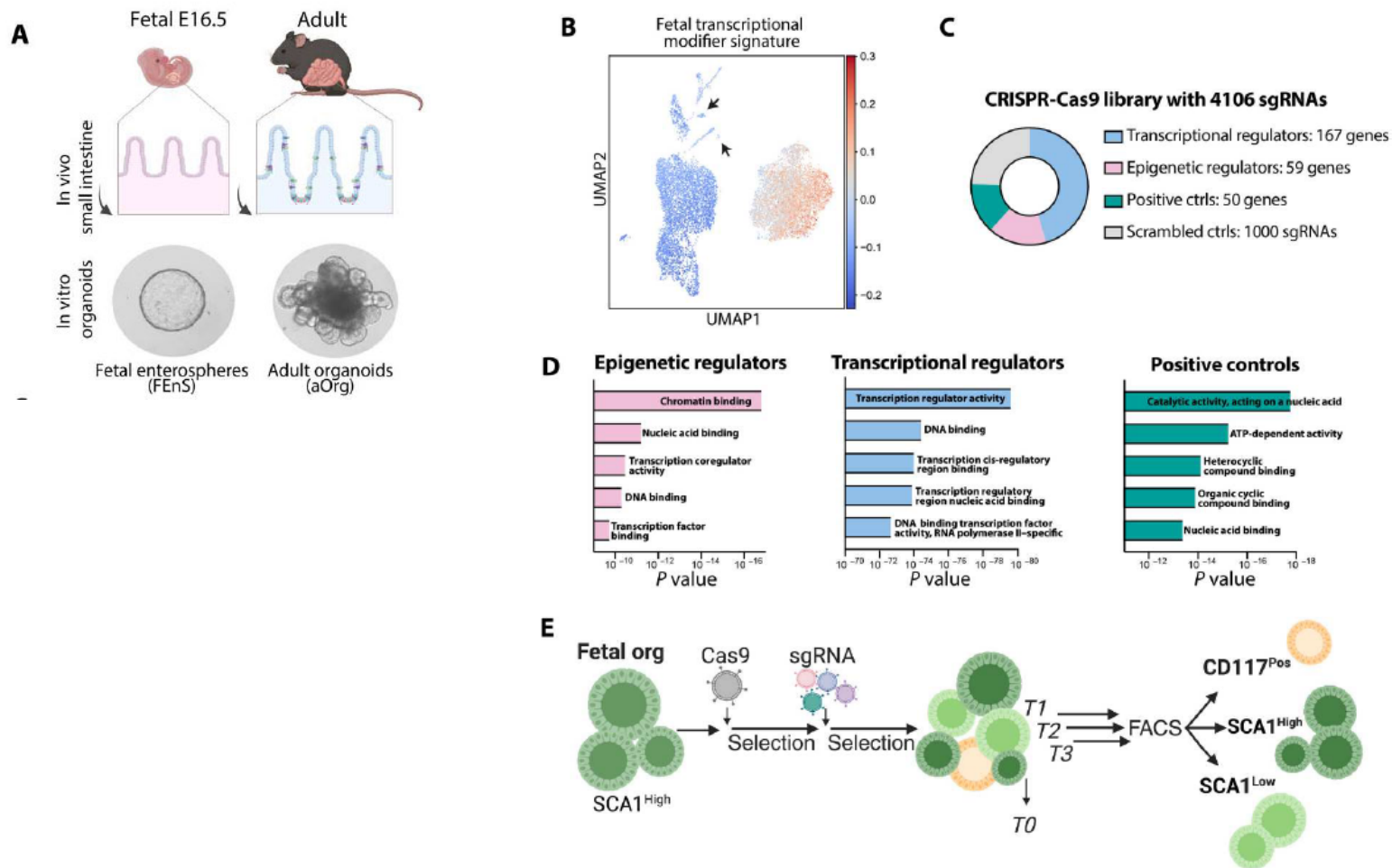


Electroporation as Fujii 2015, sorting day7



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➤ Regulators of intestinal epithelial maturation and cell fate



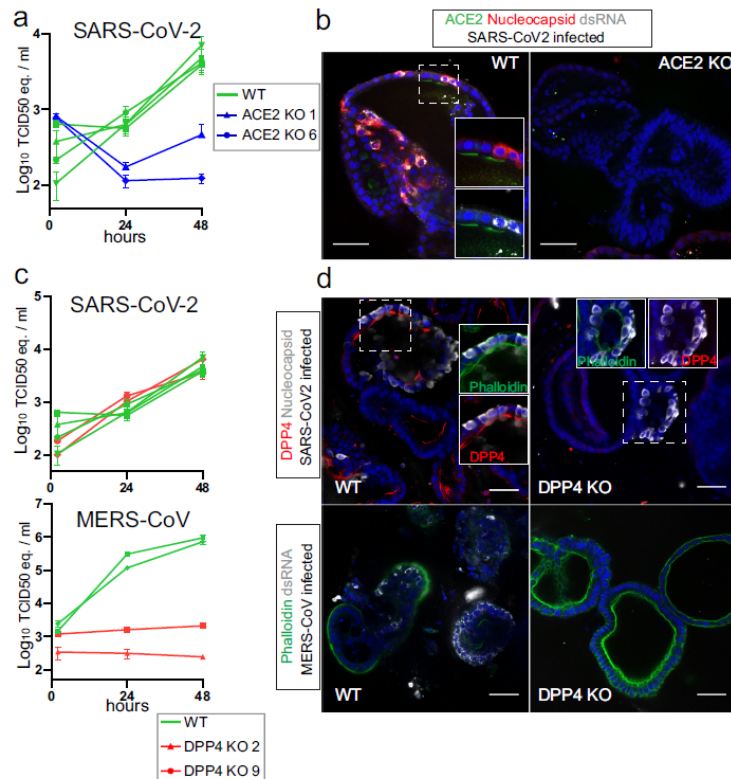
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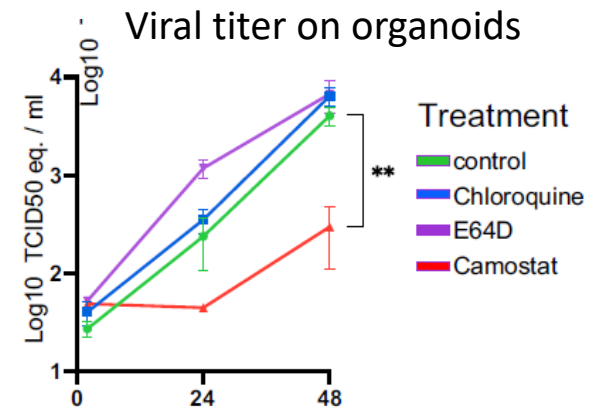
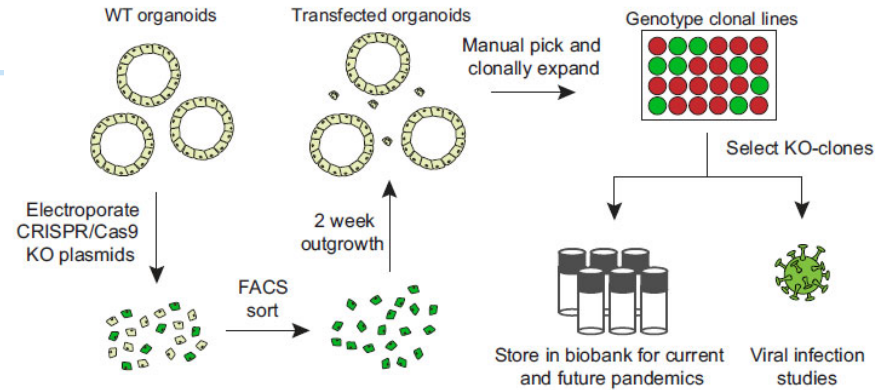
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➤ Organoid biobanks to identify therapeutic targets



ACE2 and DPP4 are the obligate entry receptors for SARS-CoV-2 and MERS-CoV, respectively. a qPCR analysis targeting the



While chloroquine effectively inhibited viral replication in VeroE6 cells

Beumer *et al* Nat Comm 2021

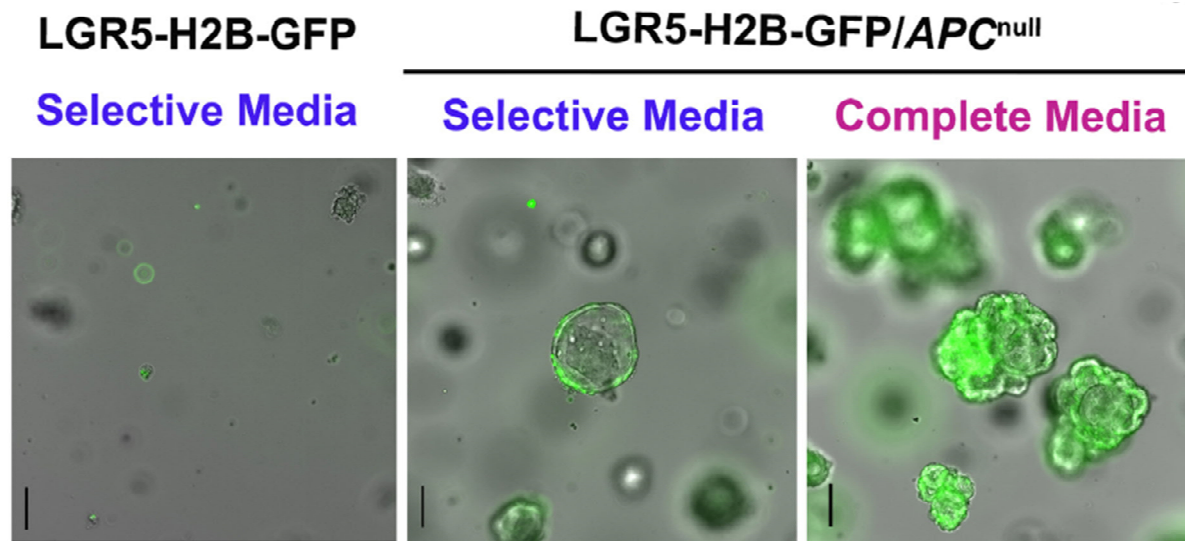
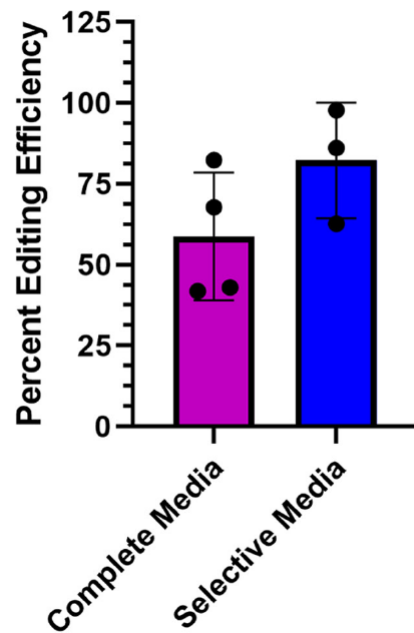


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➤ LGR5-H2B-GFP Pigs organoids $APC^{-/-}$ developed cystic growth

- LGR5-H2B-GFP colonoids dissociated to single cells (TrypLE + Y-27632)
- 250 000 cells + 5 μ g sgRNA + 5 μ g Cas9/nucleofection
- Washed cells plated 5000 cells/50 μ l Matrigel
- Selection: growth factors reduced media (w/o Wnt-3A, R-spondin, CHIR)



➤ Editing Organoids

Pros

- Time saver & 3R compliant
- Non transformed cell cultures, relevant *in vitro* models for normal physiology
- Biobanking : reduce geographic proximity to research lab, platforms to study developmental diseases
- Virtually from any ASC type from animal realm (less for iPS)
- Establishing genotype-phenotype correlations
- High throughput
- Imaging
- Potentially complexifiable with autologous vascularization, muscle or glial cells, fibroblasts
- Physiologic, immunologic, nutritional differences between mouse, human, livestock impede immediate translation of findings

Cons

- Standards Operation Protocols still to be optimized
- Some off-targets & difficulties creating complex modifications
- Targeting of SC necessary for maintenance of genetic modifications
- Expansion of SC before genetic manipulation to increase efficacy of colony outgrowth
- Loss of variability of stem cells -neutral drift- during organoid passaging,
- Gentle digestion of organoids necessary to preserve stem cells
- Addition of niche factors or activators of stem cells



➤ Potential uses

- Relaunch species specific fundamental biology
- Understanding different levels of interactions regulating tissue homeostasis
- Confirm genetic association of a mutation with a disease phenotype/ trait
- Bring back functioning alleles

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