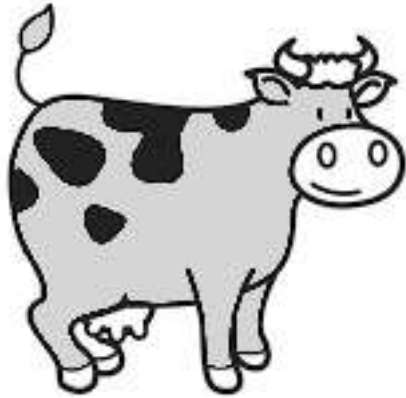**Las herramientas CRISPR: nuevas soluciones para la mejora genética animal**
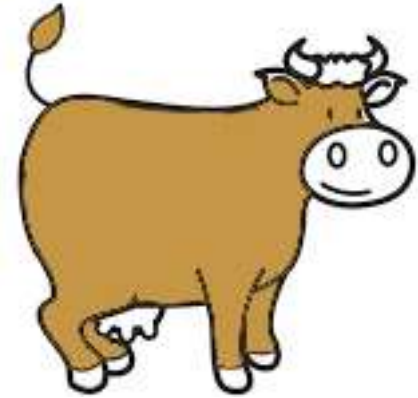
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The paradigm of genetic selection/improvement
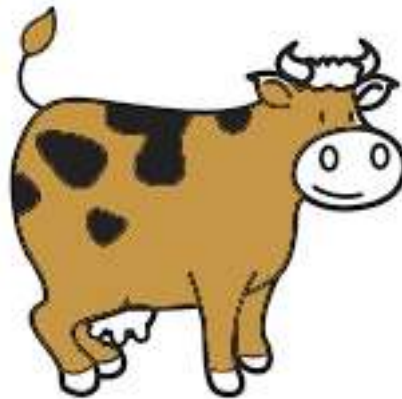
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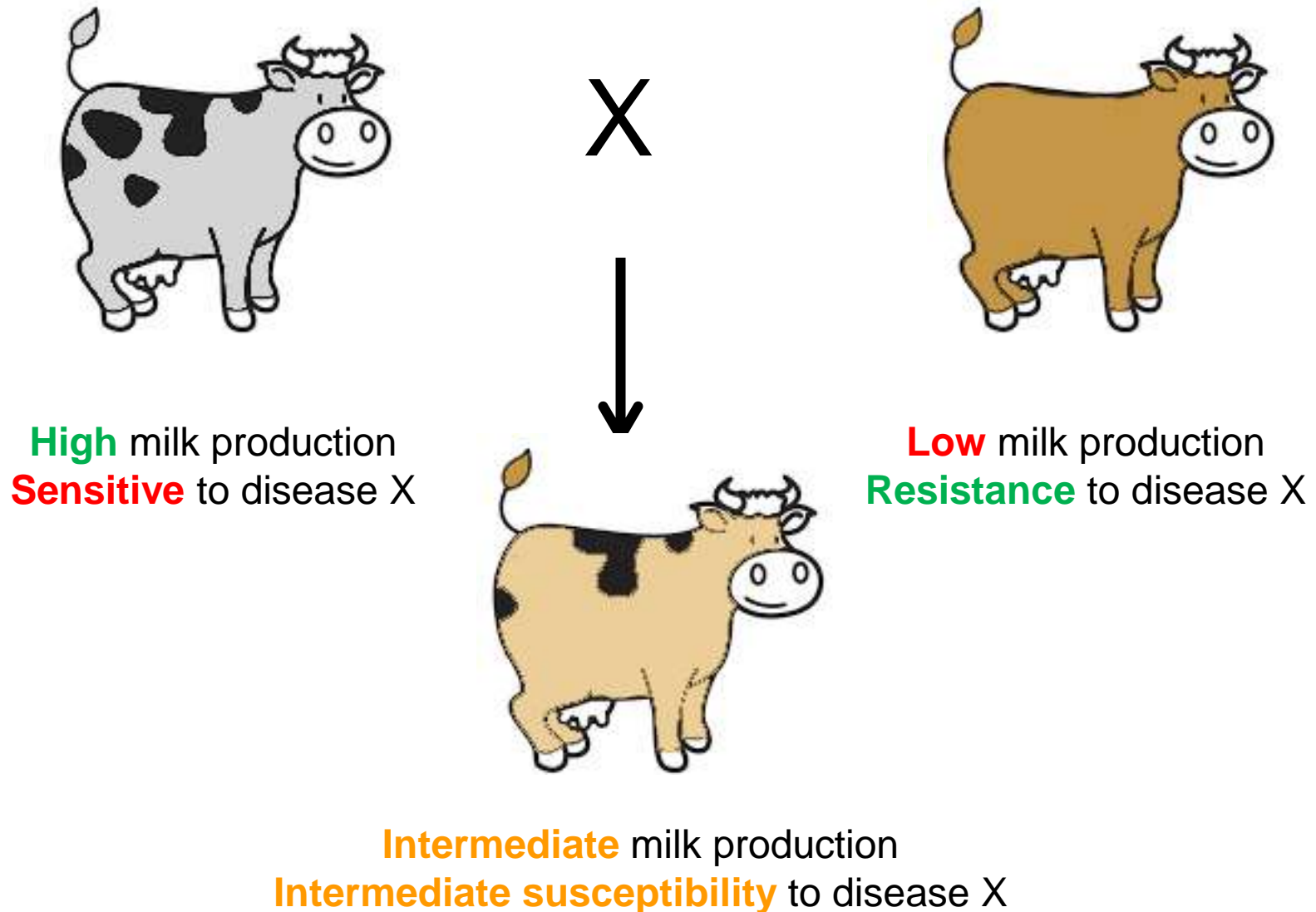**Sensitive** to disease X

Low milk production
Resistance to disease X

High milk production
Resistance to disease X

The paradigm of genetic selection/improvement

High milk production
Sensitive to disease X

X

Low milk production
Resistance to disease X

Intermediate milk production
Intermediate susceptibility to disease X

The paradigm of genetic selection/improvement

High milk production
Sensitive to disease X

Transgenesis

Low milk production
Resistance to disease X

Gene X

High milk production
~Sensitive to disease X

Low expression of transgene
Chromosomal position effects

The paradigm of genetic selection/improvement

High milk production
Sensitive to disease X

Low milk production
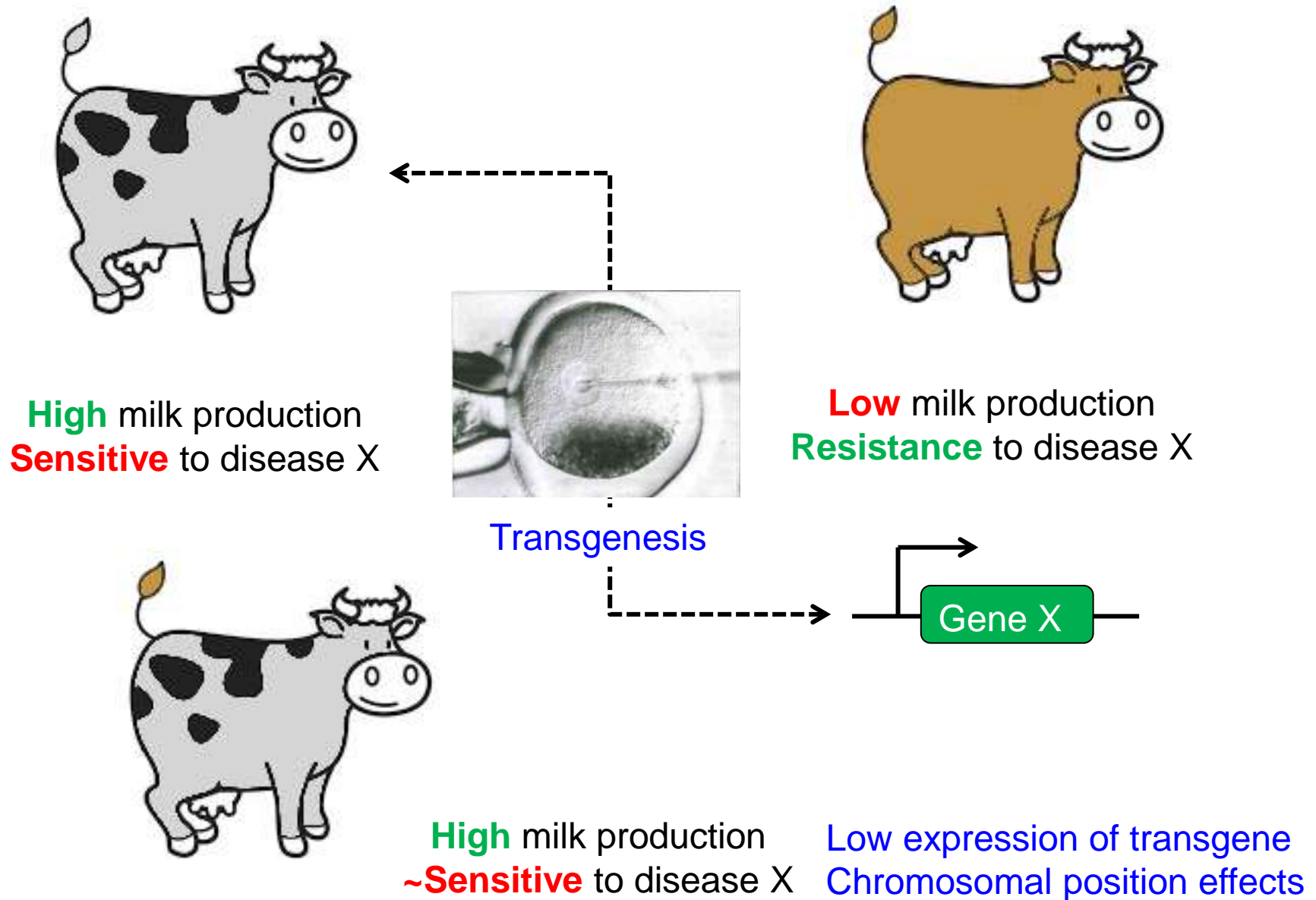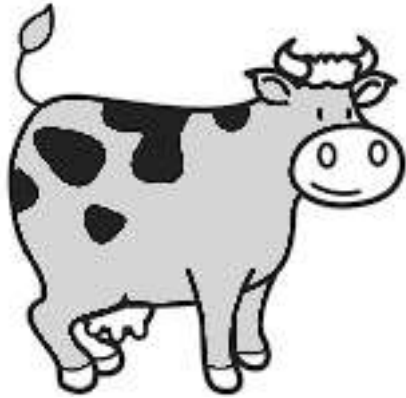**Resistance** to disease X

Gene Editing

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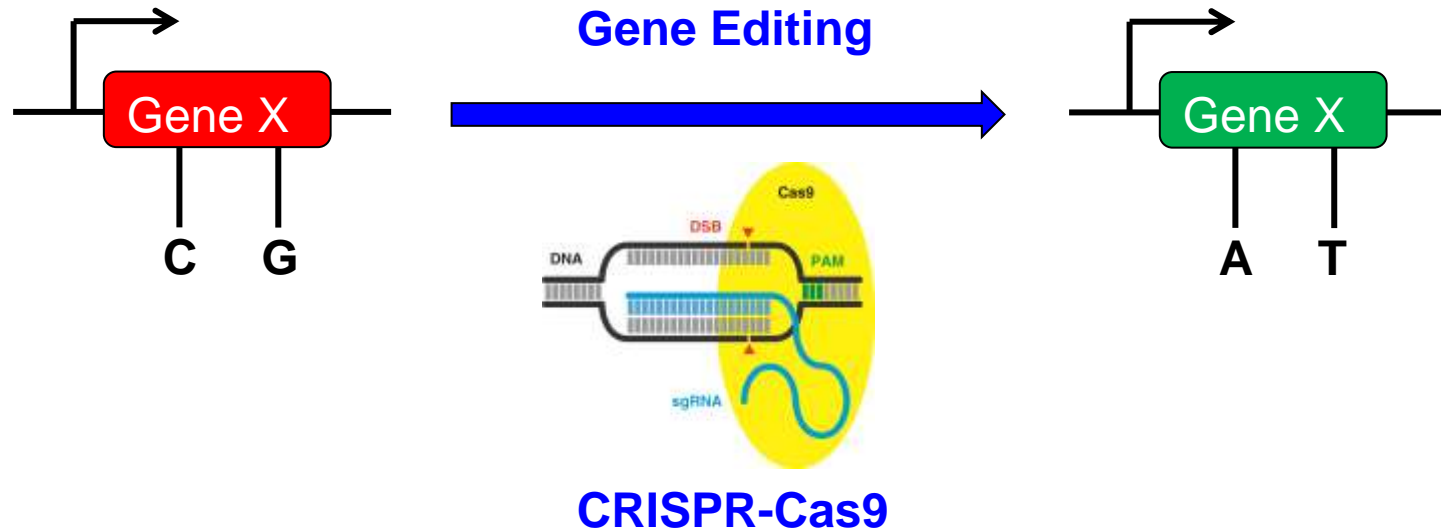
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Gene X

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CRISPR-Cas9

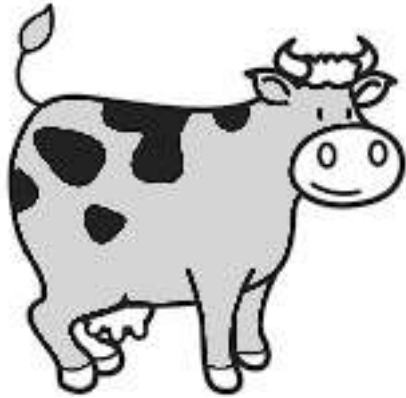# The paradigm of genetic selection/improvement

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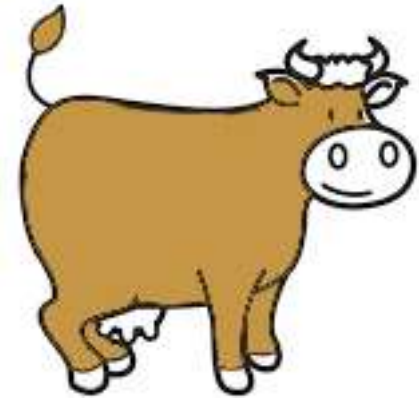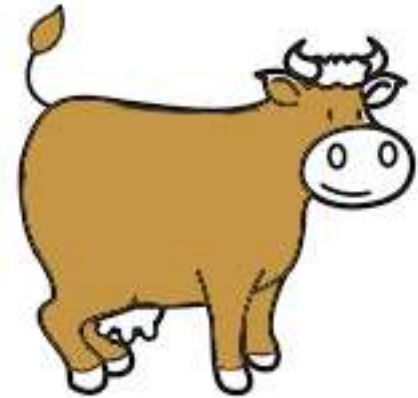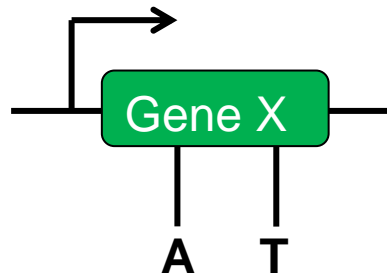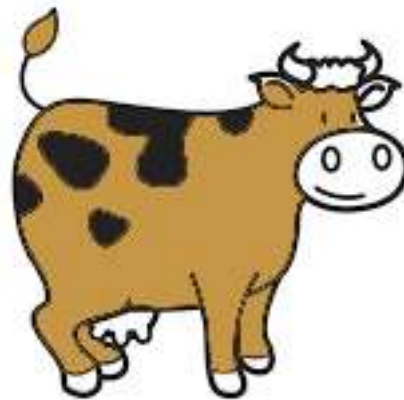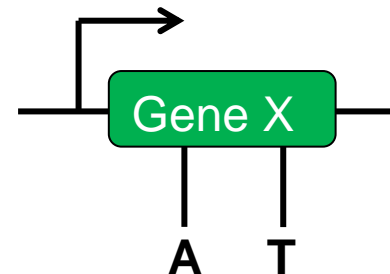
High milk production
Resistance to disease X

CRISPR

Modifying the Mammalian Genome

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Pronuclear microinjection

ES / iPS cells

SCNT

1980 → …

1986 → …
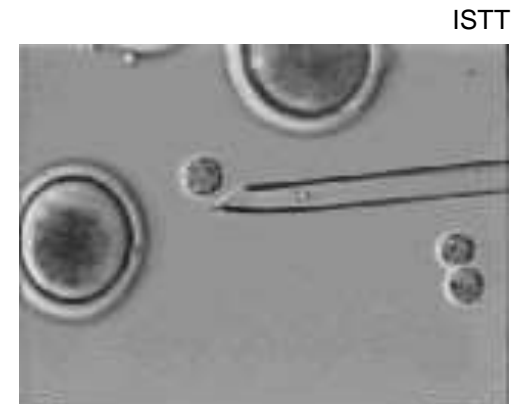
1996 → …

ADDING A GENE

DELETING A GENE

The most relevant and distinctive feature among all gene modifying methods is

Slides from 1991

Random versus Targeted genetic modification

Genomic Editing Tools: 2 elements to precisely target a gene modification
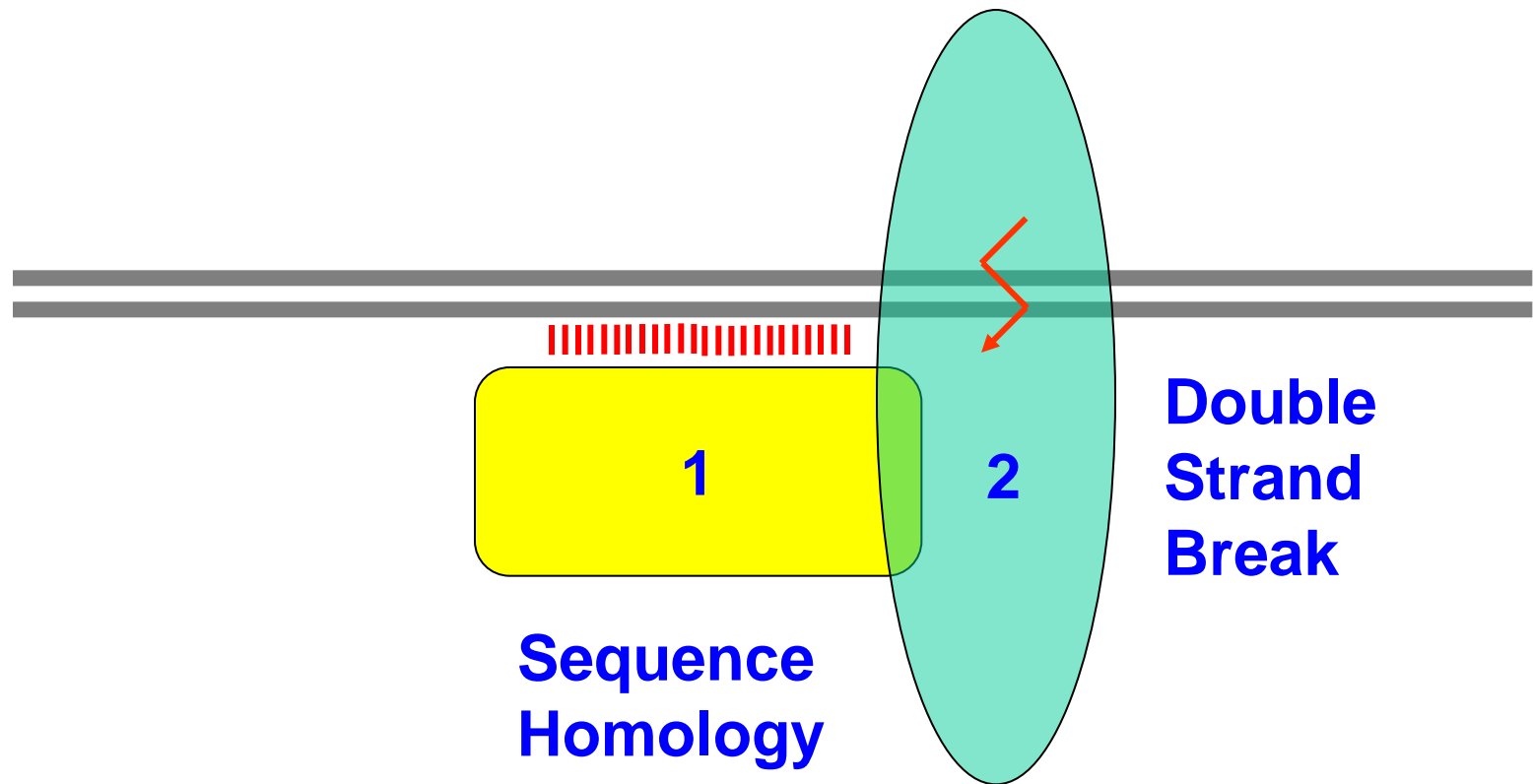
Genomic Editing Tools: 2 pathways to fix the Double Strand Break (DSB)

NHEJ

HDR

INDELs – Gene disruption

Gene repair / edit
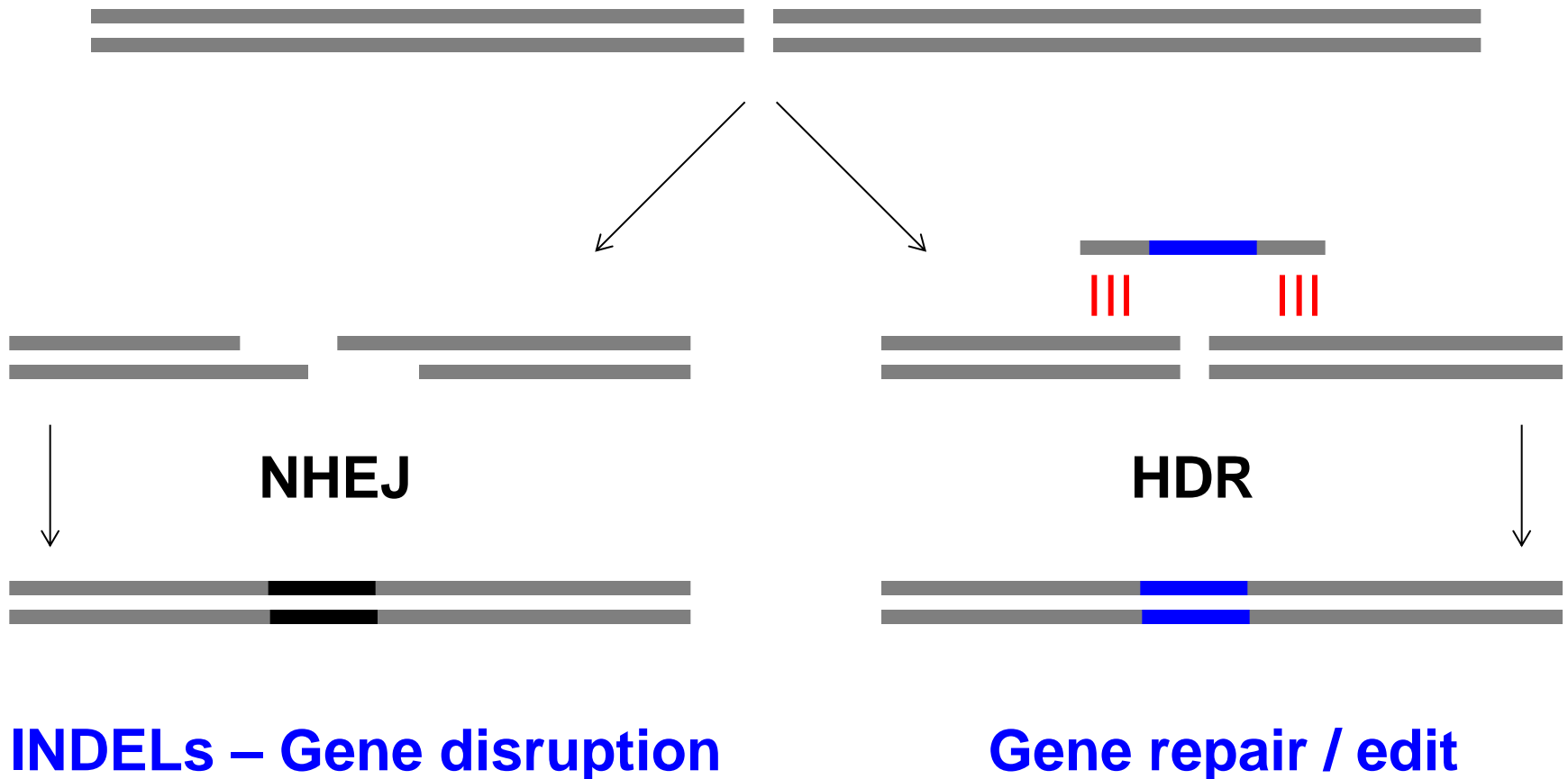
Genomic Editing Tools: 3 flavours

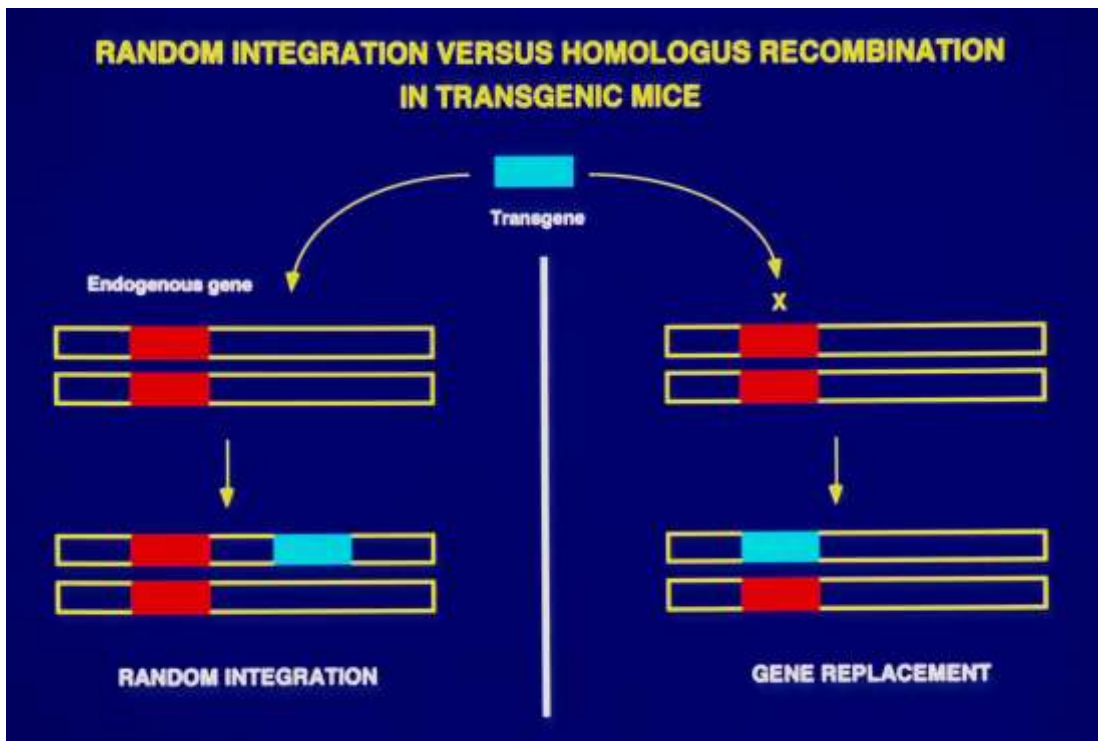| Type	Sequence Homology	Double Strand Break
Zinc-Finger Nuclease (ZFN)	**PROTEIN** 1 Zinc finger (3 AA) → 3 bp	**PROTEIN** FokI
TALEN	**PROTEIN** 2 AA → 1 bp	**PROTEIN** FokI
CRISPR-Cas9	**RNA** 1 ribonucleotide → 1 bp	**PROTEIN** Cas9

The Watson&Crick base pairing champions CRISPRs

Cas9

DSB

DNA

PAM

sgRNA
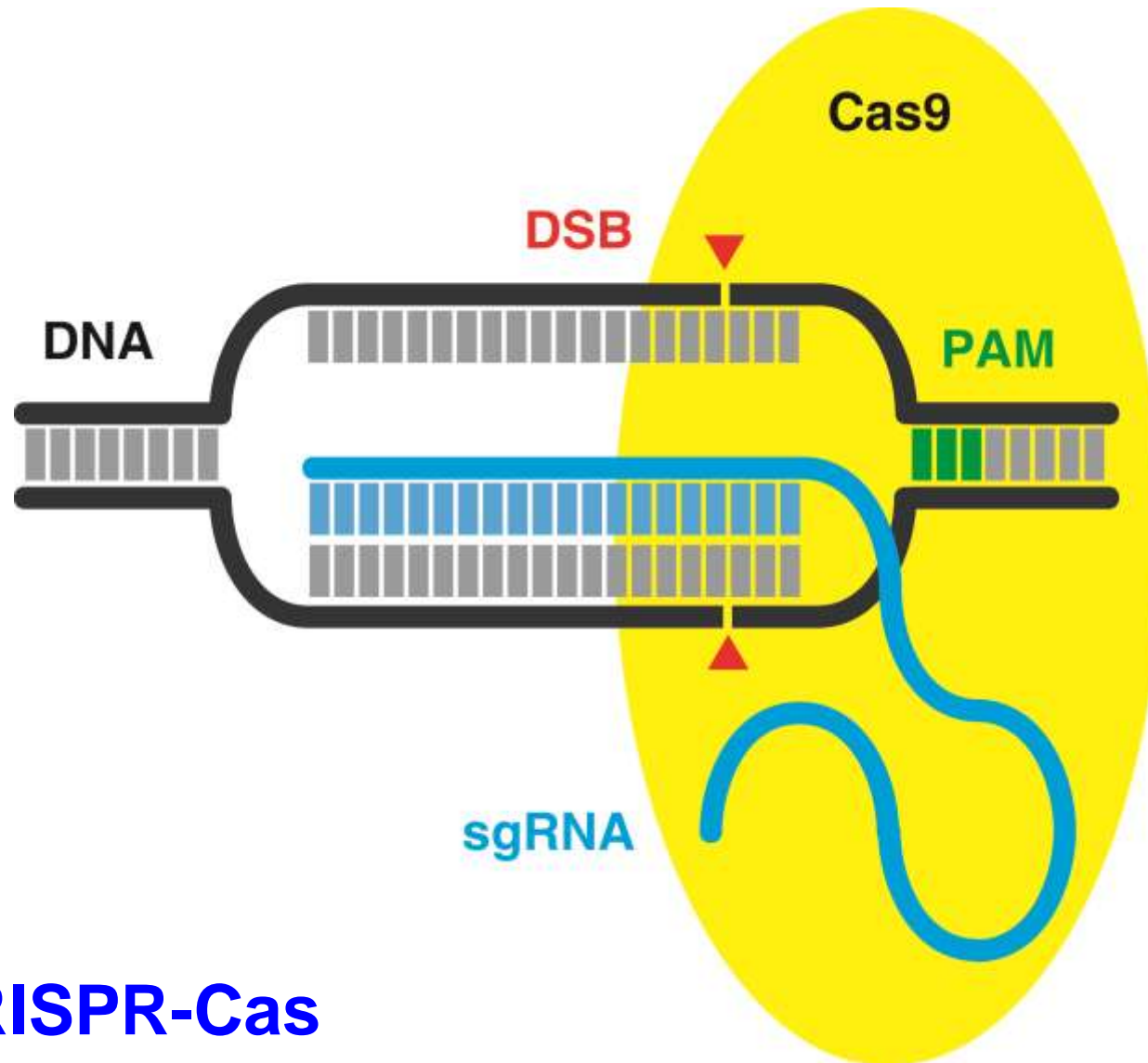
The CRISPR-Cas system

1993

Transcription at different salinities of *Haloferax mediterranei* sequences adjacent to partially modified *Pst*I sites

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Summary

Two genomic sequences from the halophilic archaeon *Haloferax mediterranei*, where we had found *Pst*I restriction-pattern modifications depending on the salinity of the growth medium, have been studied. A markedly salt-dependent differential expression has been detected in the nearby regions. Two of the open reading frames characterized correspond to two of the differentially expressed transcripts. In both cases the *Pst*I sites were included in purine–pyrimidine alternancies suggestive of Z-DNA structures and located in non-coding regions with frequent repetitive motifs. A long alternating adenine–thymine tract also appears in the upstream regions of one of these open reading frames. A possible role of local DNA configuration in osmoregulation in this organism is discussed.

involved in the high-affinity K⁺ transport, whose regulation is effected at transcriptional level and is being extensively studied (Csonka, 1989; May *et al.*, 1989; Mizuno and Mizushima, 1990; Sugiura *et al.*, 1992). A role for the topology of DNA and intracellular K⁺ concentrations in osmoregulation has been suggested (Sutherland *et al.*, 1986; Higgins *et al.*, 1987; 1988; Graeme-Cook *et al.*, 1989; Ramirez and Villarejo, 1991). In the case of halobacteria there is little evidence of the effect of salinity on gene expression. To our knowledge, the only reference to the subject concerns a markedly different expression of the *mc-vac* gene encoding the major gas vesicles protein of *Haloferax mediterranei* at different salinities (Englert *et al.*, 1990).

We previously described the existence of certain *Pst*I sites in the *H. mediterranei* genome which appeared to be more susceptible to cleavage, or less, depending on the salt concentration at which the cells were grown (Juez *et al.*, 1990). At least 5% of the clones from a genomic library of the organism used as probes revealed restriction-pattern modifications which appeared to be consistently associated with the salinity of the growth medium. To clarify whether this phenomenon could have any biological significance implicated in the adaptation of the

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CRISPR arrays discovered by Mojica et al. (1993) Molecular Microbiology, in *archeas*

The CRISPR-Cas system in prokaryotes

Repeats (CRISPR)
identical

(3-33)

Leader

cas genes
(**C**RISPR **as**sociated)

Spacers (?)
variable
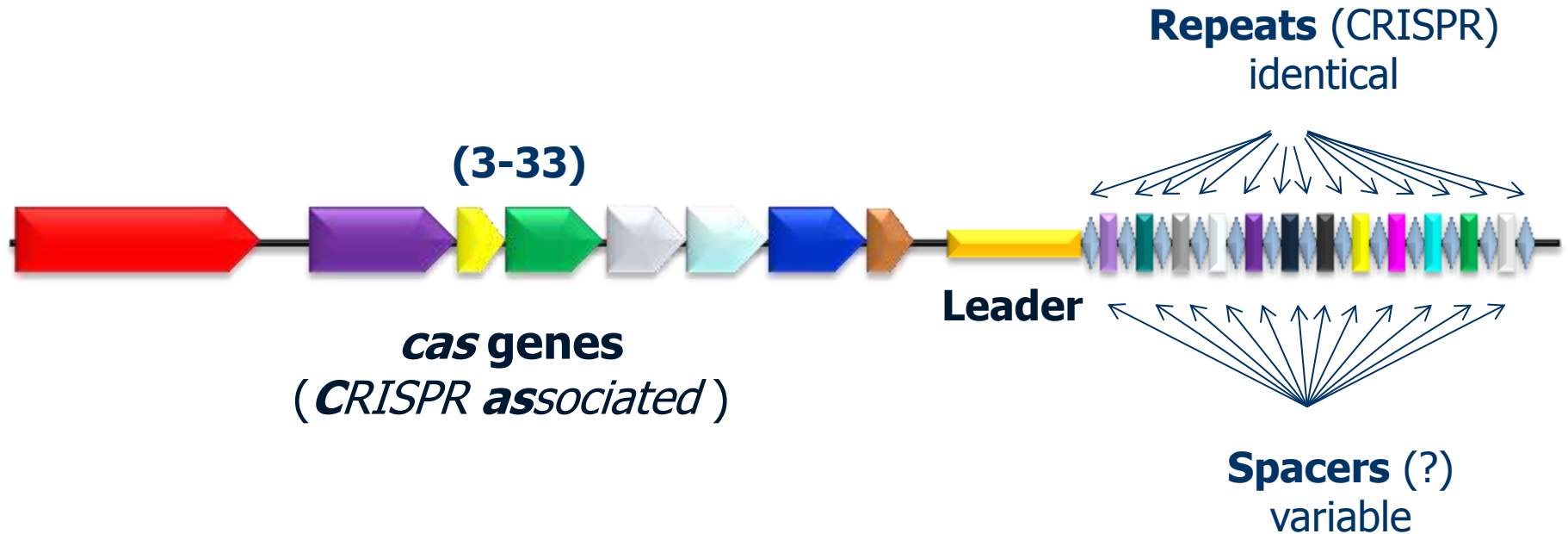
Intervening Sequences of Regularly Spaced Prokaryotic Repeats Derive from Foreign Genetic Elements

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Table 2. Distribution of CRISPR-spacer homologs

Strain	No. of spacers analyzed	No. of spacers with homologs in		
		Phages[a]	Plasmids	NF[b]
Chlorobium tepidum TLS	62		1	
Clostridium tetani Massachusetts E88	62	1		6
Corynebacterium efficiens YS-314T	22		1	2
Escherichia coli ECOR42	14		1	
Escherichia coli ECOR44	10	1		
Escherichia coli ECOR47	17	1		
Escherichia coli ECOR49	11		1	
Listeria innocua Clip11262	9	3		
Listeria monocytogenes EGD-e	4	1		
Methanothermobacter thermoautotrophicum ΔH	169	9		
Mycoplasma gallisepticum R	71			1
Neisseria meningitidis Z2491 (serogroup A)	16			4
Photorhabdus luminescens laumondii TT01	65	7		3
Porphyromonas gingivalis W83	44			4
Pyrobaculum aerophilum IM2	129			1
Salmonella typhimurium LT2 SGSC1412	57	1		
Shigella sonnei 53G	3			1
Streptococcus agalactiae NEM316	13	1		1
Streptococcus agalactiae 2603V/R	25	1	1	3
Streptococcus pyogenes M1 GAS SF370	9	8		
Sulfolobus solfataricus P2	424	6	3	
Sulfolobus tokodaii 7	471	2	2	
Thermoanaerobacter tengcongensis MB4T	306			5
Yersinia pestis CO-92 (Biovar Orientalis)	16	4		
Yersinia pestis KIM5P12 (Biovar Mediaevalis)	10	1		

[a]Prophages are included.
[b]Number of spacers with homology to chromosomal sequences not directly related to foreign DNA (prophages are excluded).

(Kawarabayasi et al. 2001). Indeed, the preferential occurrence of CRISPR spacers derived from genetic elements that fail to infect the corresponding spacer-carrier strain, but not from those successfully propagated in the population, strongly suggests a relationship between CRISPR and such immunity. Most

2005

CRISPR-Cas system first suggested by Mojica et al. as immunity system (2005) J. Mol. Evol.

CRISPR-Cas System

(adaptive immunological system in archaeas and bacterias)

Clustered
Regularly
Interspaced
Short
Palindromic
Repeats

CRISPR
associated
proteins

Horvath & Barrangou (Science, 2010)

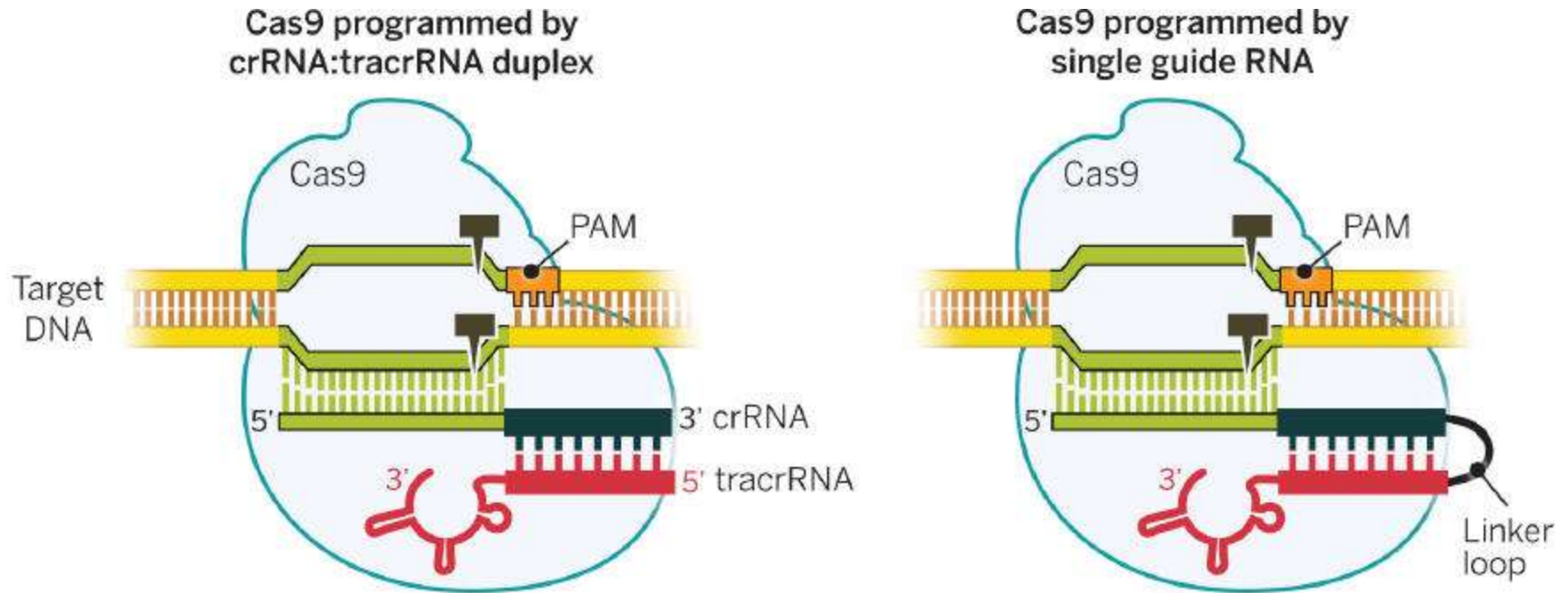# The CRISPR-Cas System: targeting nucleases to specific DNA sequences
a binary system: Cas9 protein and sgRNA

Fig. 3. **Evolution and structure of Cas9.** The structure of *S. pyogenes* Cas9 in the unliganded and RNA-DNA–bound forms [from (77, 81)].

Jennifer Doudna
Emmanuelle Charpentier

Jinek et al. (2012) Science
Doudna & Charpentier (2014) Science

sgRNA
binding to
Cas9

Matching DNA
target sequence

PAM
sequence
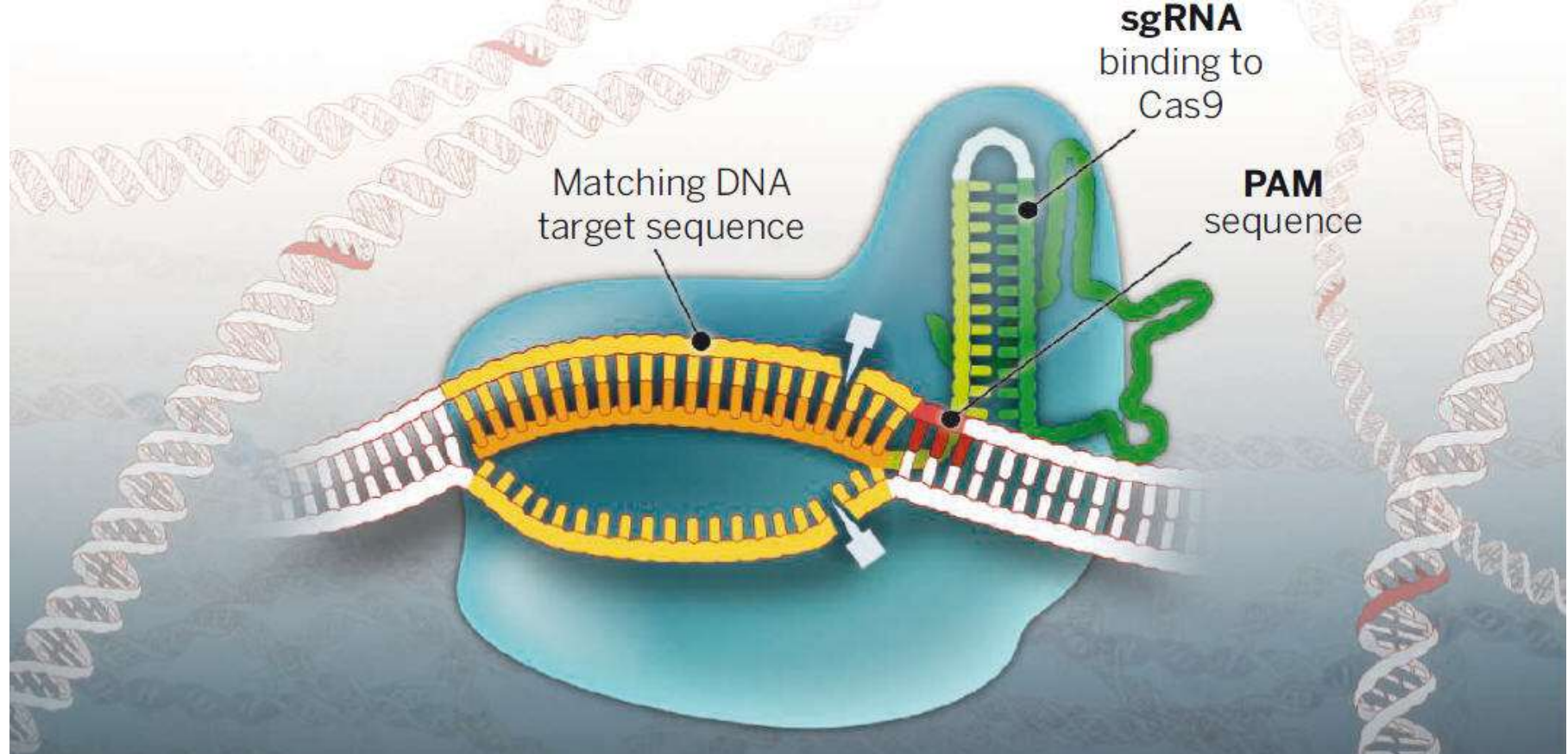
CRISPR-Cas9 development

- ▶ DNA deletion
- ▶ DNA insertion
- ▶ DNA replacement
- ▶ DNA modification
- ▶ DNA labeling
- ▶ Transcription modulation
- ▶ RNA targeting
- ▶ ...

CRISPR-Cas9 applications

- ▶ Biological research
- ▶ Research and development
- ▶ Human medicine
- ▶ Biotechnology
- ▶ Agriculture
- ▶ ...

CRISPR-Cas9 tools & Animal Models

Deletions, Inversions, Disruptions, Editions, Knockins

We use the Tyrosinase gene (*Tyr*) in mice as experimental model to study mammalian gene regulation and …

…as animal models of albinism, a human rare disease

The non-coding genome

DNA coding sequences represent 2% genome
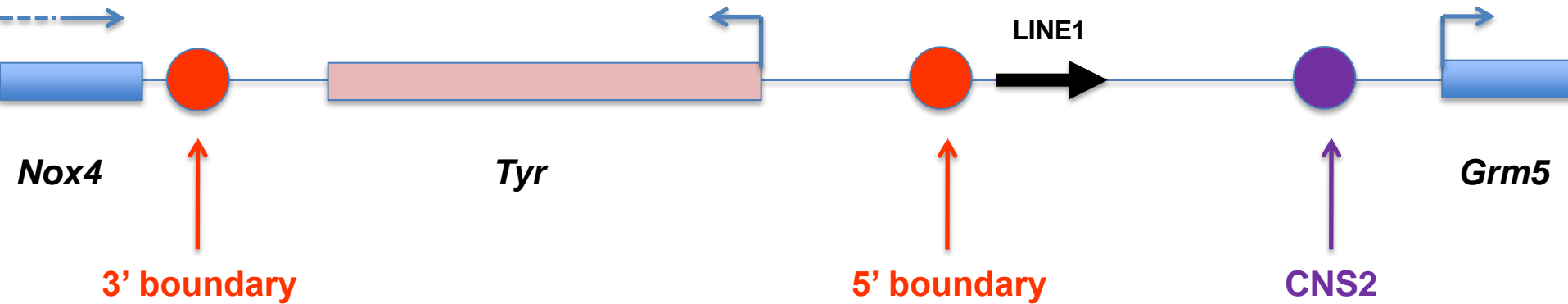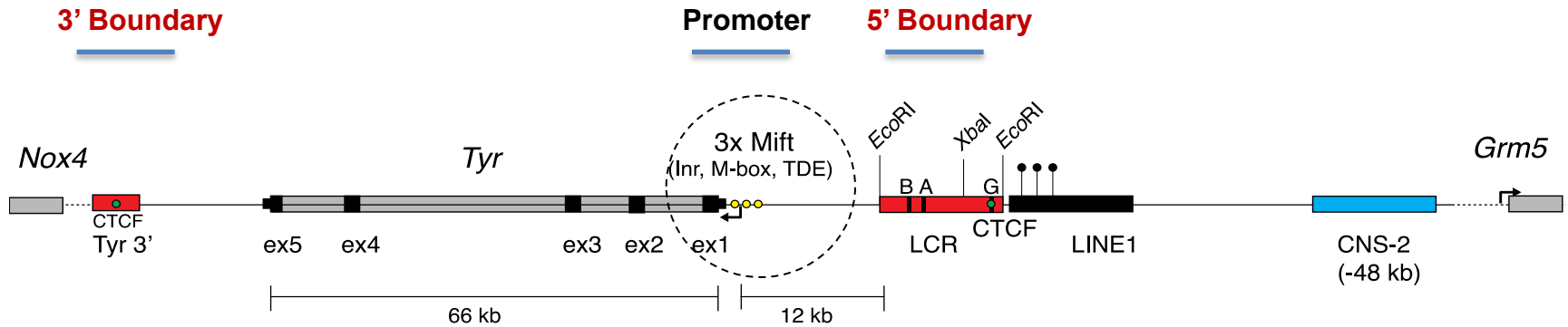
DNA non-coding sequences represent 98% genome
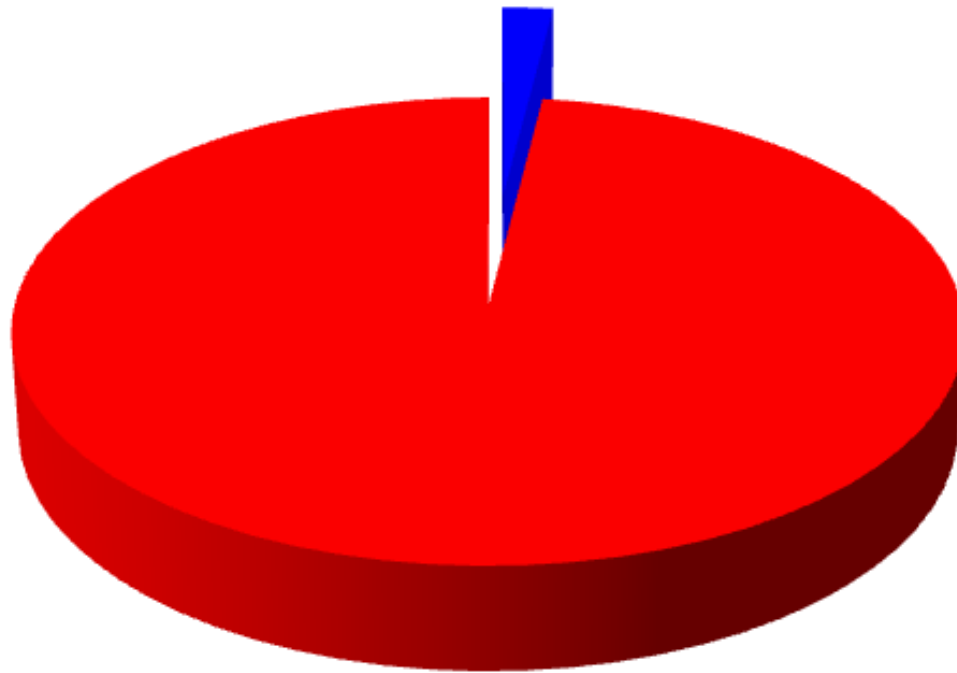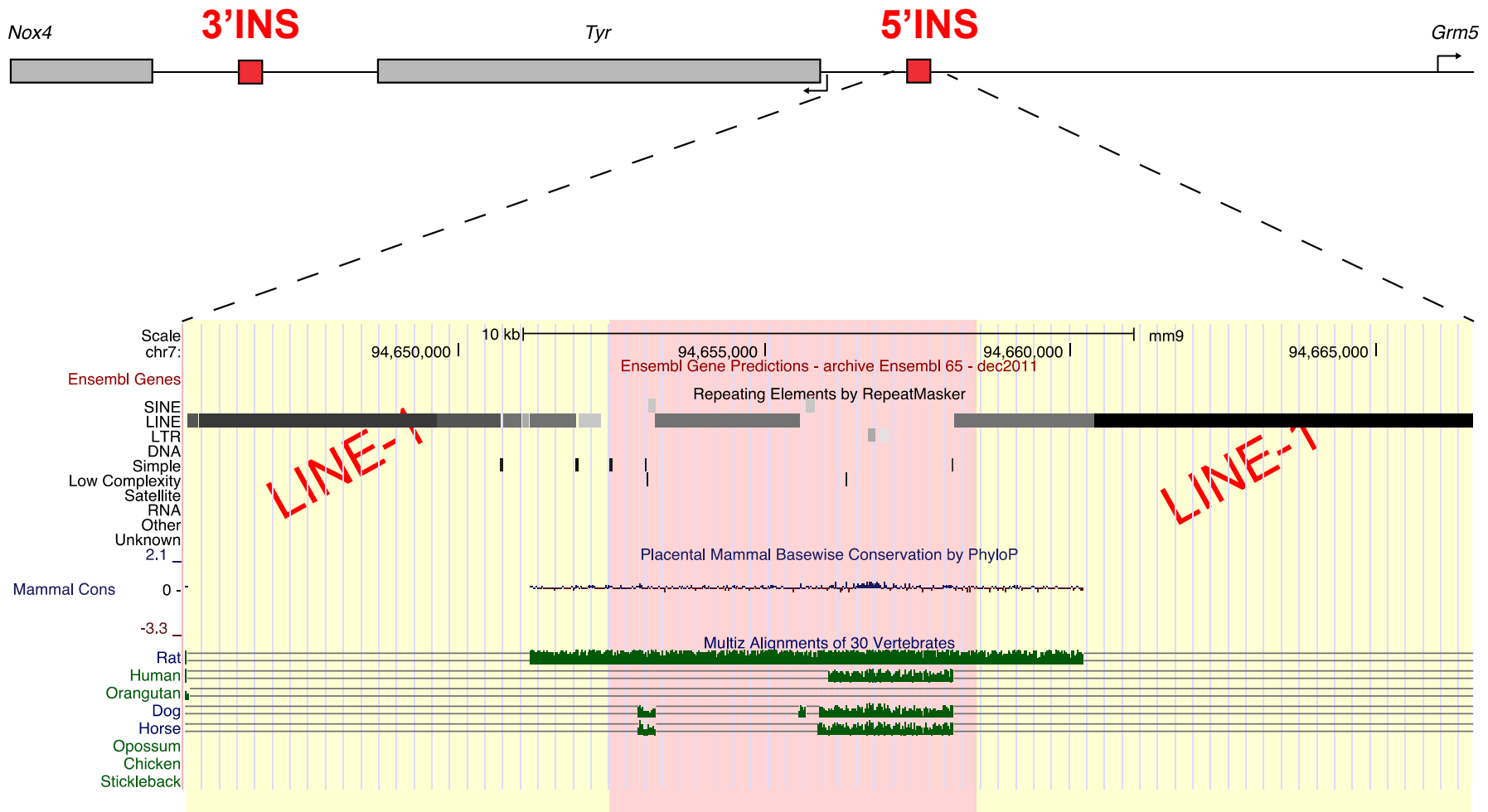

■ coding sequences

■ non-coding sequences

DNA non-coding sequences contain mainly:
DNA repetitive elements, mobile elements and
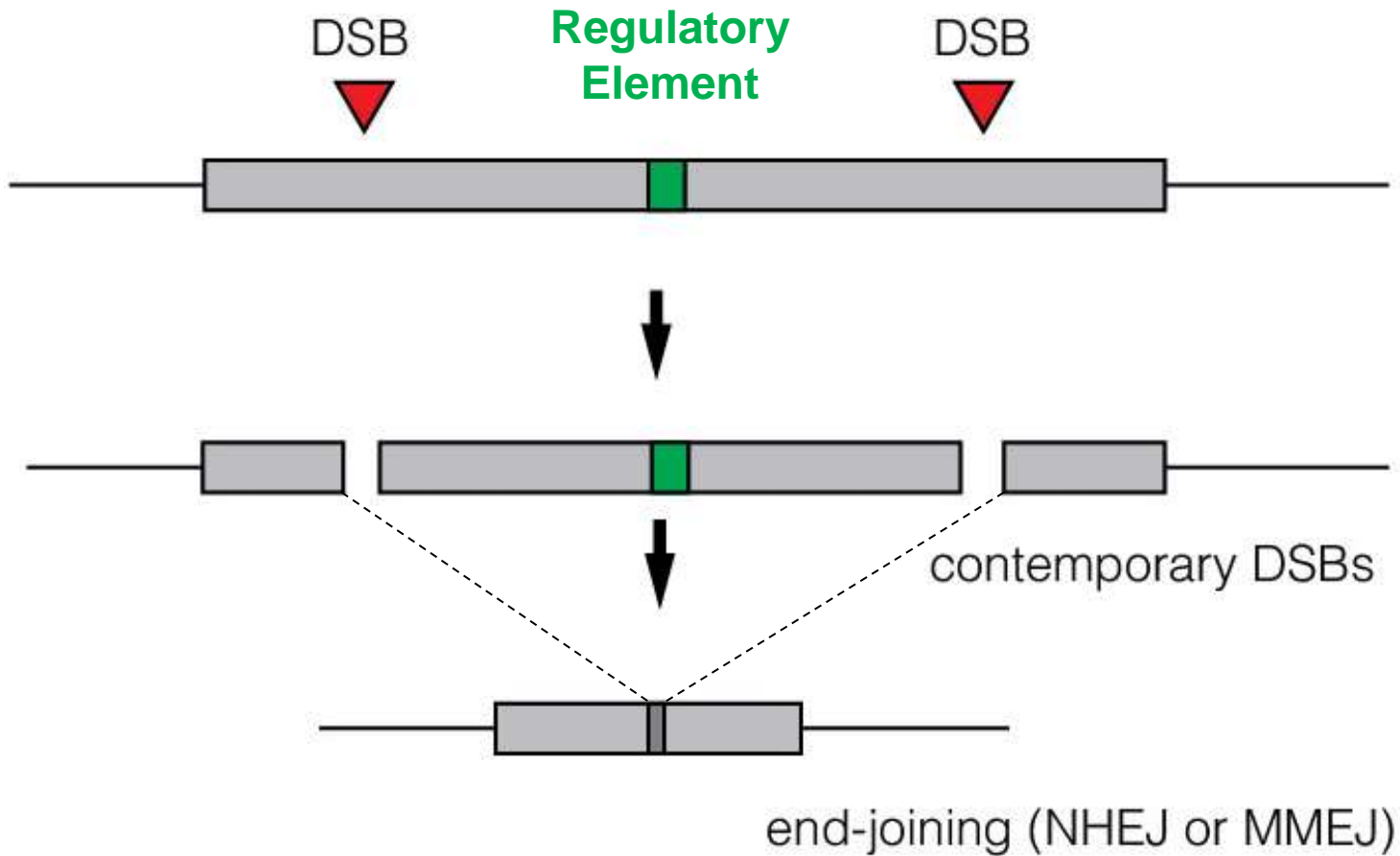**DNA regulatory elements**

The known DNA regulatory elements at the mouse *Tyr* locus

Deleting mouse *Tyr* intergenic regions is challenging due to the presence of repetitive DNA elements
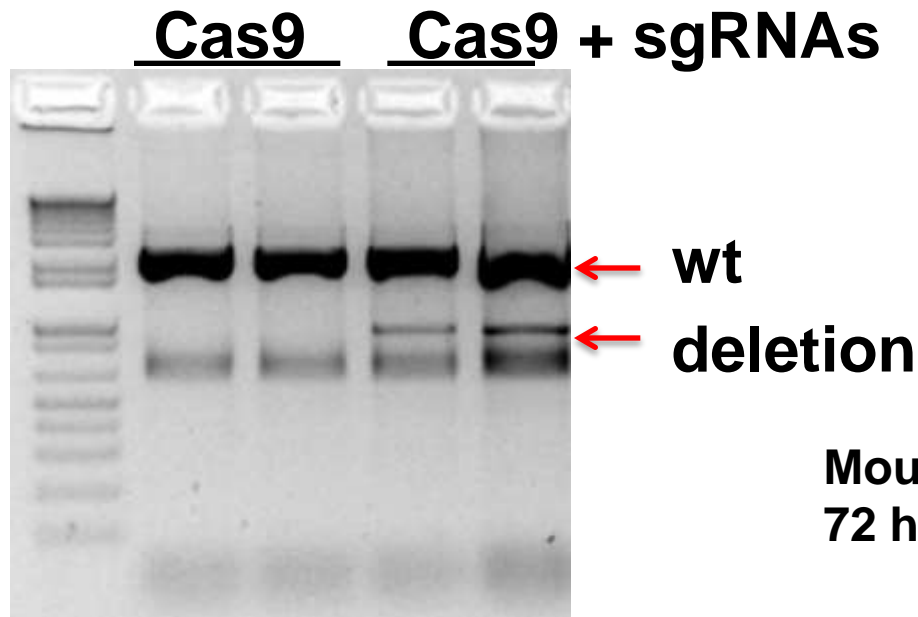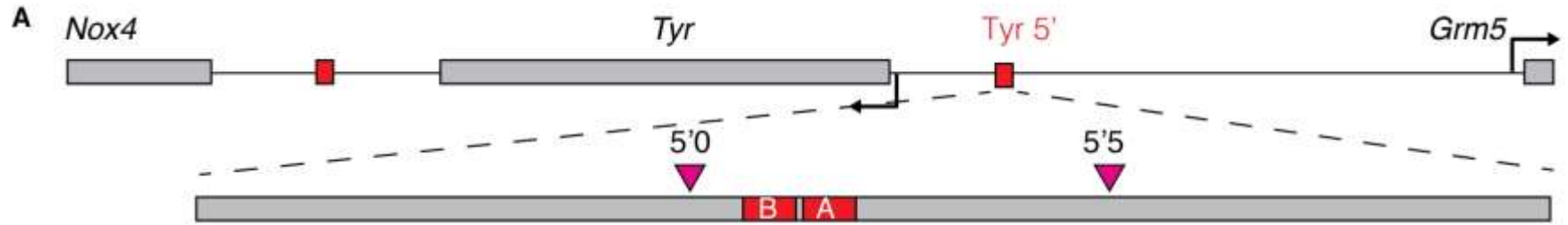
Alternative: using CRISPR-Cas9 genome editing to target *Tyr* regulatory elements

CRISPR-Cas9 genome editing

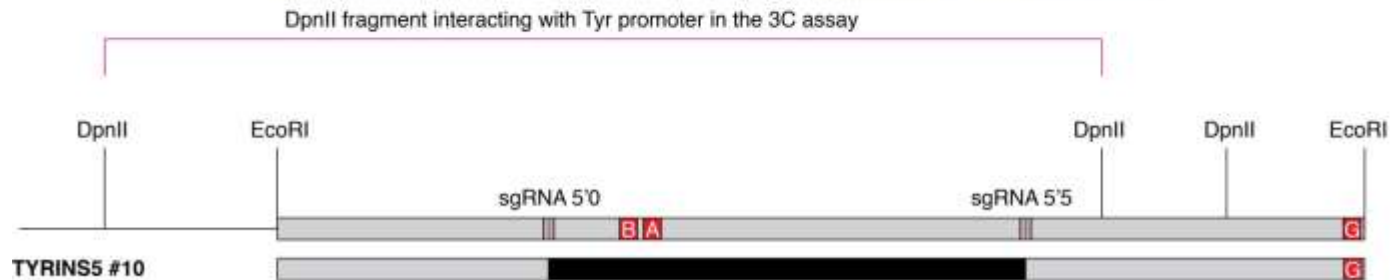# Deletion of the *Tyr* 5' insulator with CRISPR *in vitro*

Cas9   Cas9 + sgRNAs

← **wt**

← **deletion**

Davide Seruggia

Mouse N2a cells, unsorted
72 hours post transfection

CRISPR-Cas9 genome editing: First always testing *in vitro*, then *in vivo*

Deleting *Tyr* 5' boundary with CRISPRs

Founder mosaic mice with clear coat colour pigmentation phenotype carrying BIALLELIC deletion of *Tyr* 5' boundary

DpnII fragment interacting with Tyr promoter in the 3C assay

| DpnII | EcoRI | | | | DpnII | DpnII | EcoRI |

sgRNA 5'0   sgRNA 5'5

B A

TYRINS5 #10

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reference:      CAAGAATTAAGTGTGACAGTGCAAGATAACAGGAAAATAA......1170bp........CTCTAGGCCAAAATTGCCTAGTTTTATCACTACAAAACTT
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Many mutant alleles generated upon targeting the 5' *Tyr* Boundary by CRISPR-Cas9

Table 1. CRISPR-Cas9 RNA microinjection into B6CBAF2 fertilized eggs

RNA concentration	Microinjected mouse fertilized eggs	Transferred mouse embryos (% microinjected)	Number of fosters used	Live pups obtained (% transferred)	Positive mouse lines (deletions) (% live pups)
35 ng/µl Cas9 60 ng/µl sgRNA	163	86 (52%)	5	31 (36%)	7 (23%)
50 ng/µl Cas9 90 ng/µl sgRNA	225	99 (44%)	7	33 (33%)	12 (36%)
TOTAL	**388**	**185 (47%)**	**12**	**64 (35%)**	**19 (30%)**

Out of **64 pups produced** in various injection sessions:
54 founder mice (84%) carry indels in at least one of the two sites
19 founder mice (30%) carry indels in both target sites
19 founder mice (30%) carry the expected deleted alleles
7 founder mice (11%) carry inverted-region alleles
**4 founder mice (6%)** carry biallelic deletions and show a phenotype

One CRISPR-Cas9 experiment: far too many lines to analyze!

RNA injections done by Belén Pintado (CNB-CSIC)

Many mutant deletion alleles generated upon targeting the 5' *Tyr* Boundary by CRISPR-Cas9
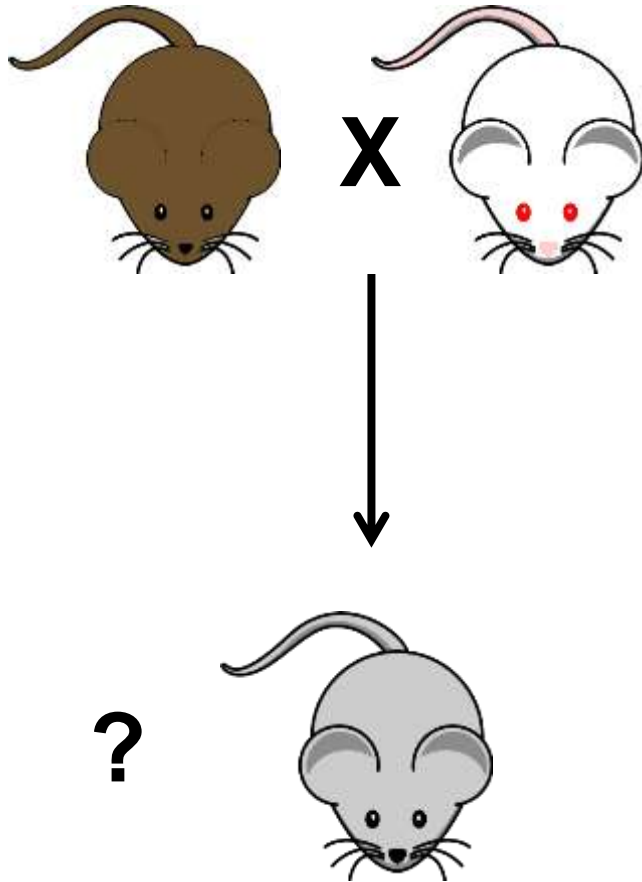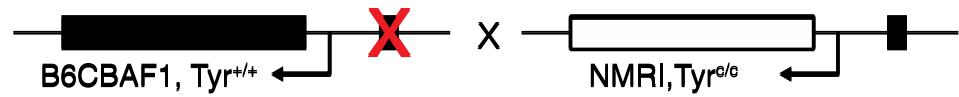

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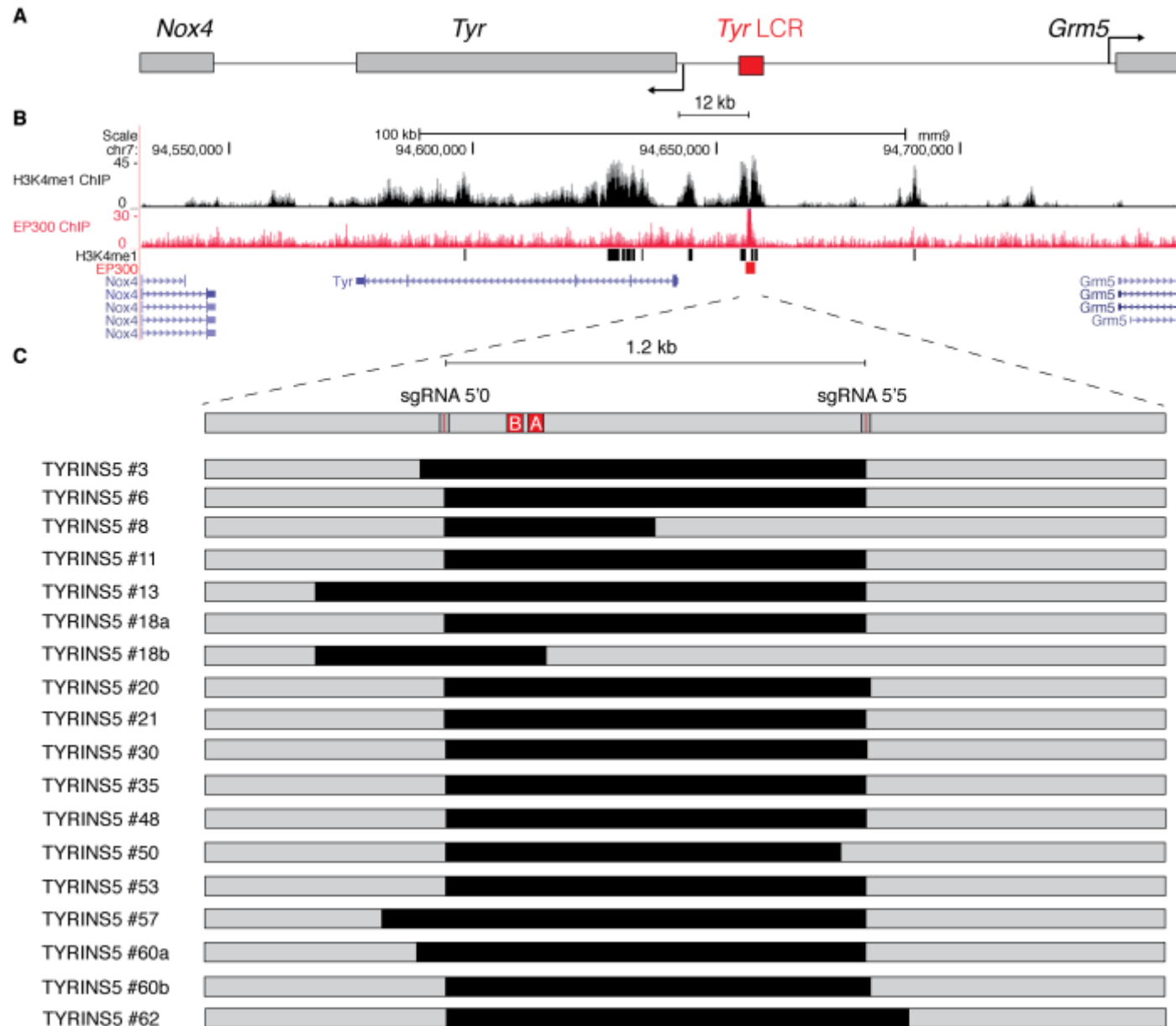
Inversion deletion alleles generated upon targeting the 5' *Tyr* Boundary by CRISPR-Cas9

Inversions are often found in humans and associated with disease
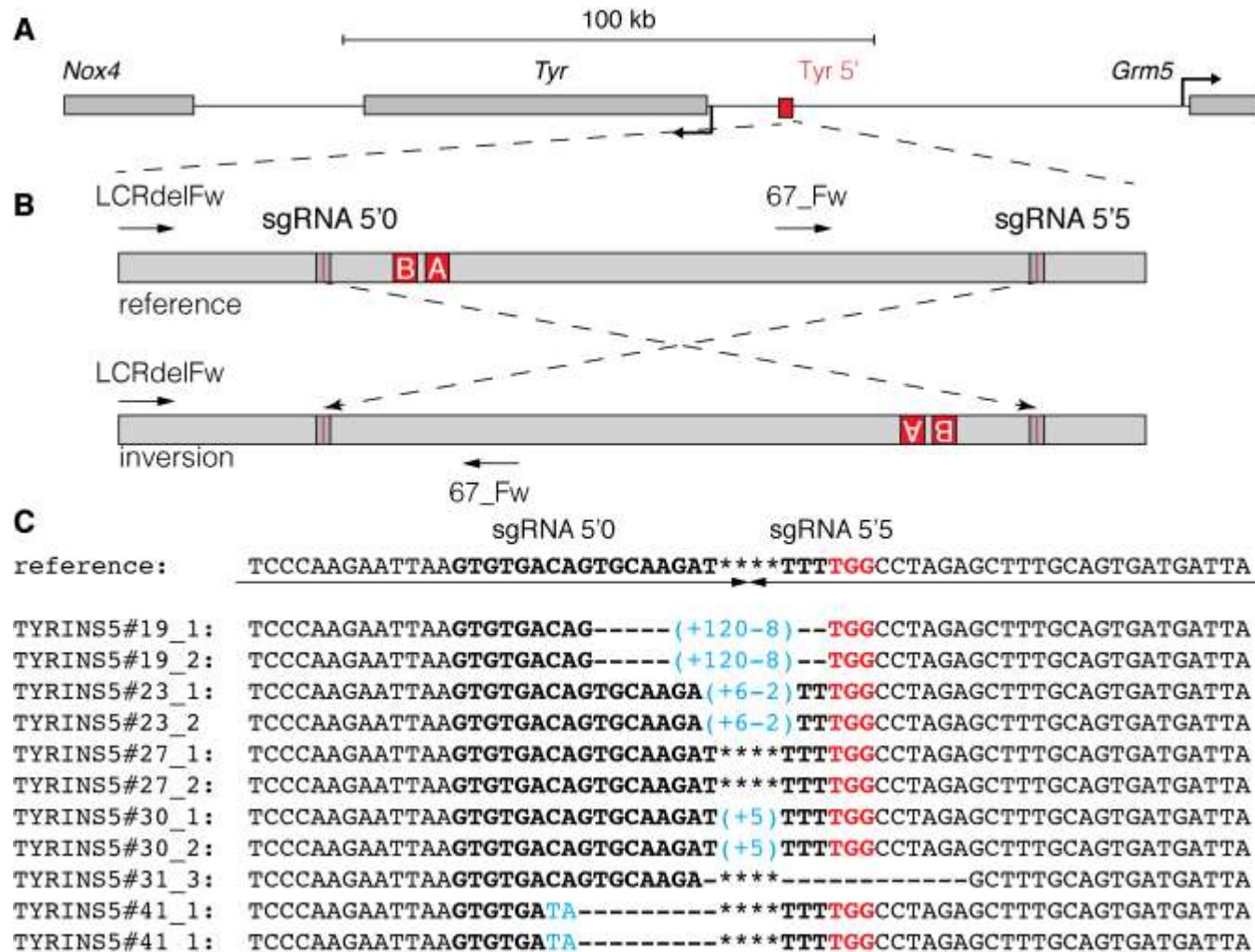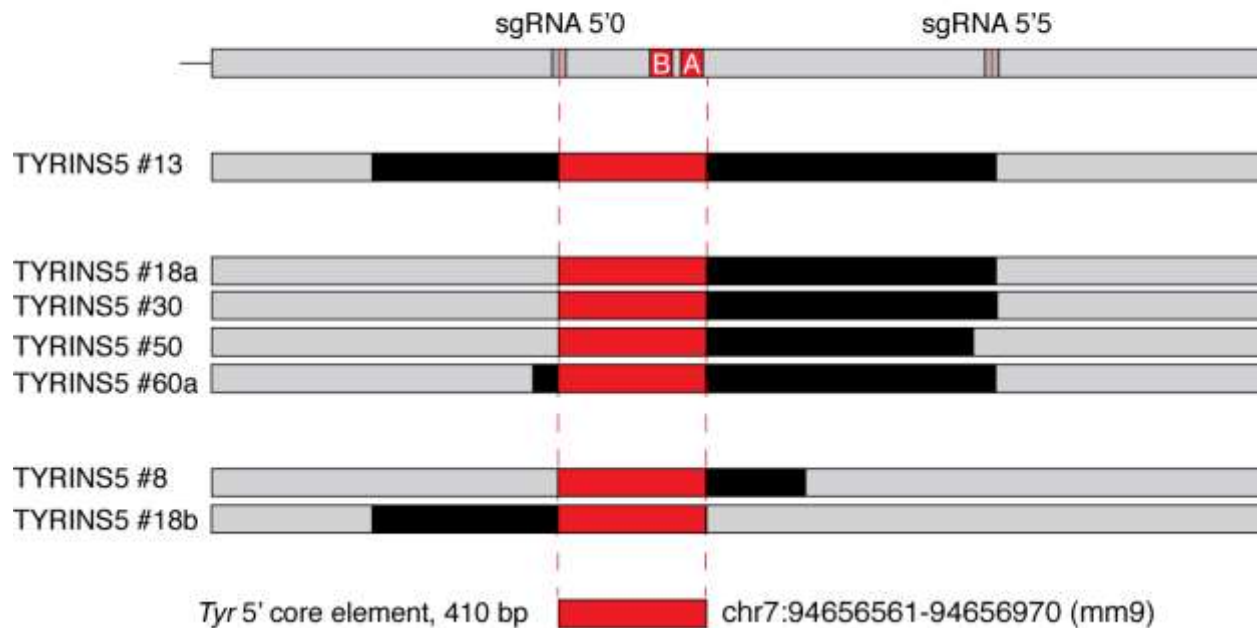
Phenotype of *Tyr* 5' Boundary CRISPR genome-edited mice
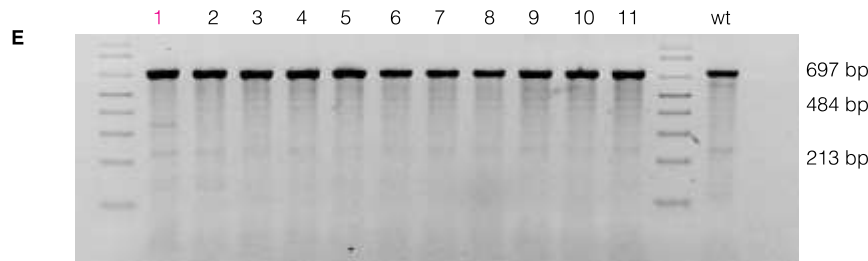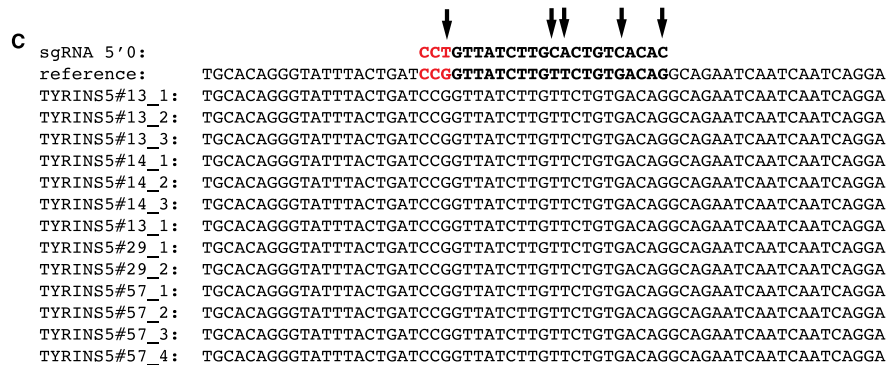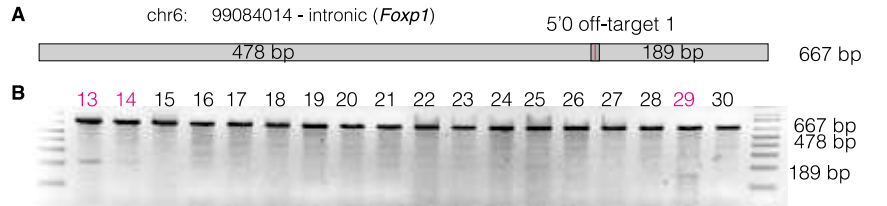## crossing F0 founder mice with albino mice

Comparing different *Tyr* 5' Boundary targeted alleles with similar phenotypes reveals the location of the functionally relevant endogenous regulatory DNA sequences

Genetic analysis now possible in mice!

Seruggia et al. 2015 NAR

We have not found off-target sites with altered sequences

We have found some (very few) animals positive to the T7 assay (very sensitive to detect mismatches), that are probably mosaic or polymorphisms between the various mouse strains involved

Off-target mutations are rare in Cas9-modified mice

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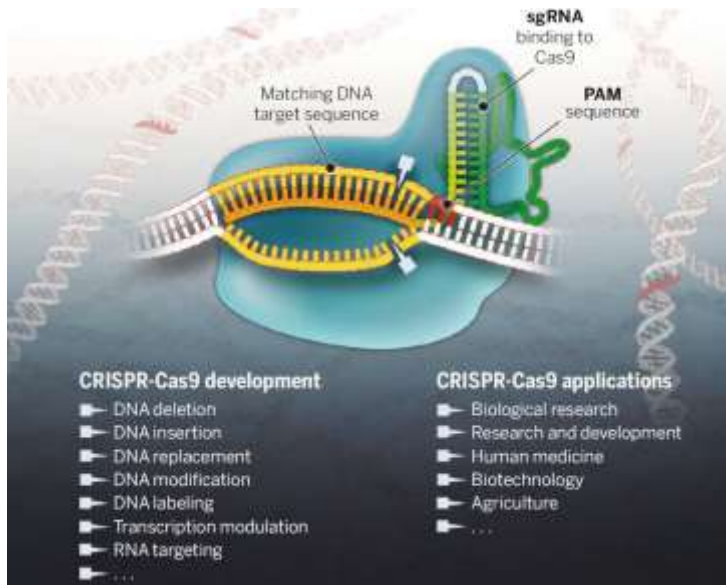
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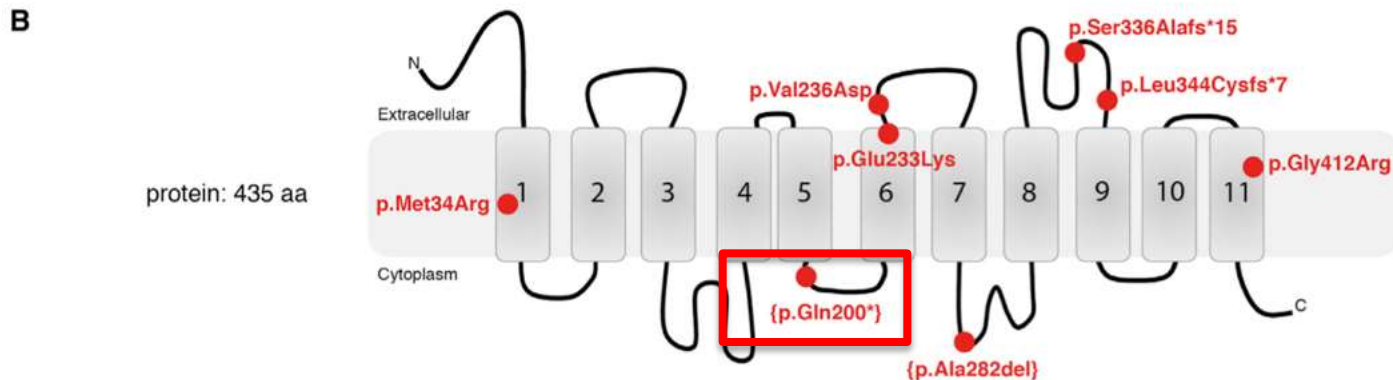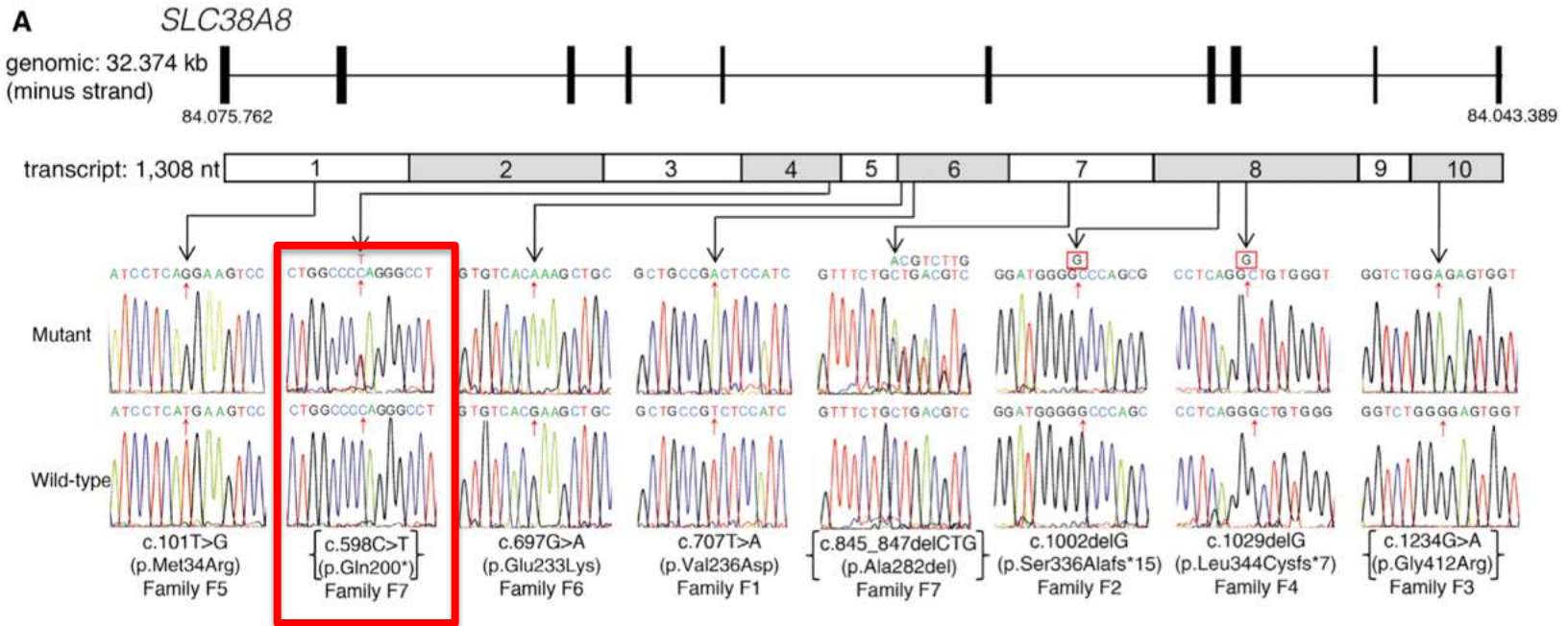
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Confirmed by NGS

AVATAR CRISPR mice

- Easier approach to reproduce human mutations in animal models

- Easier way to functionally assess the relevance of coding and non-coding DNA sequences
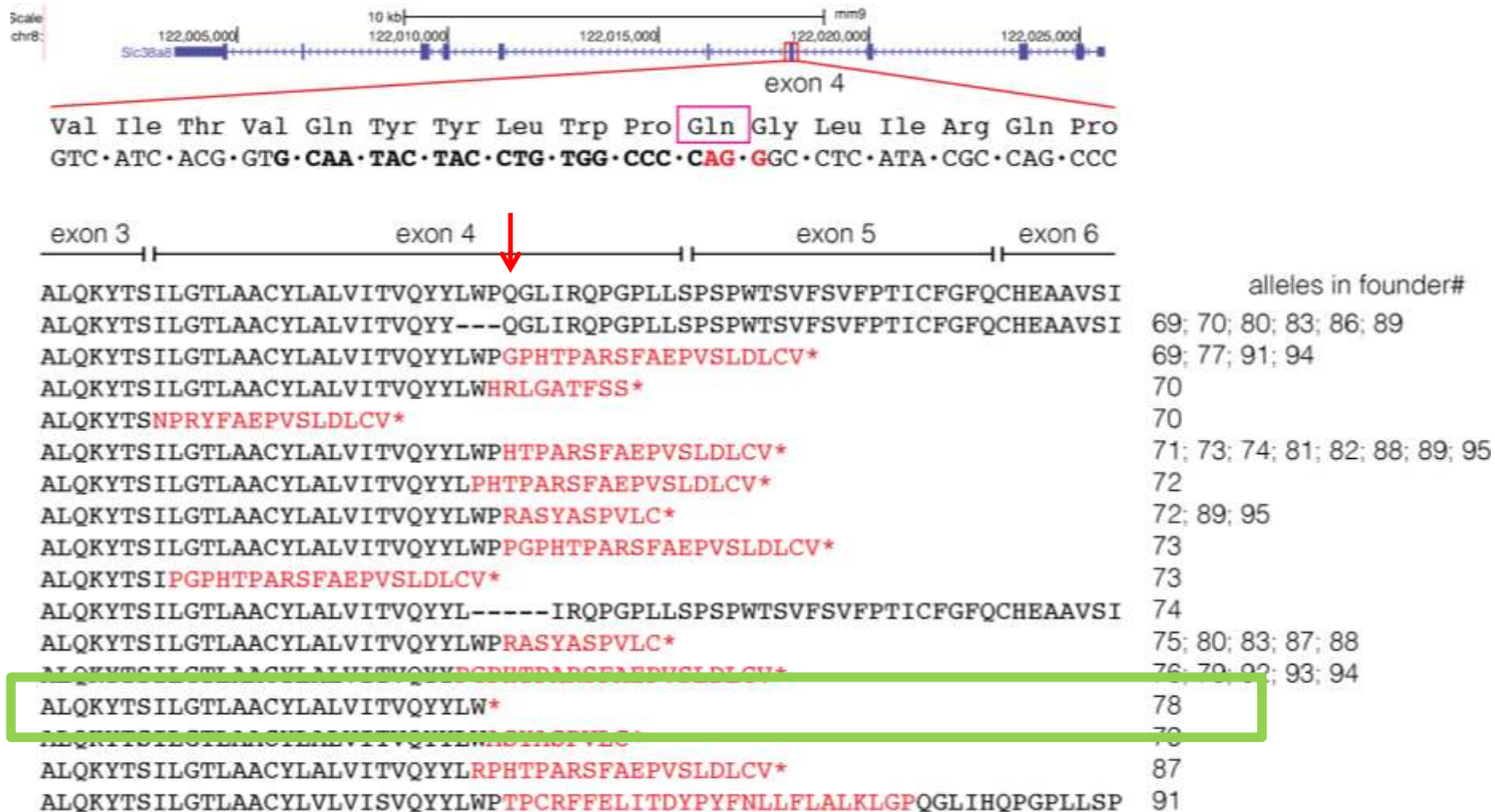
A SLC38A8

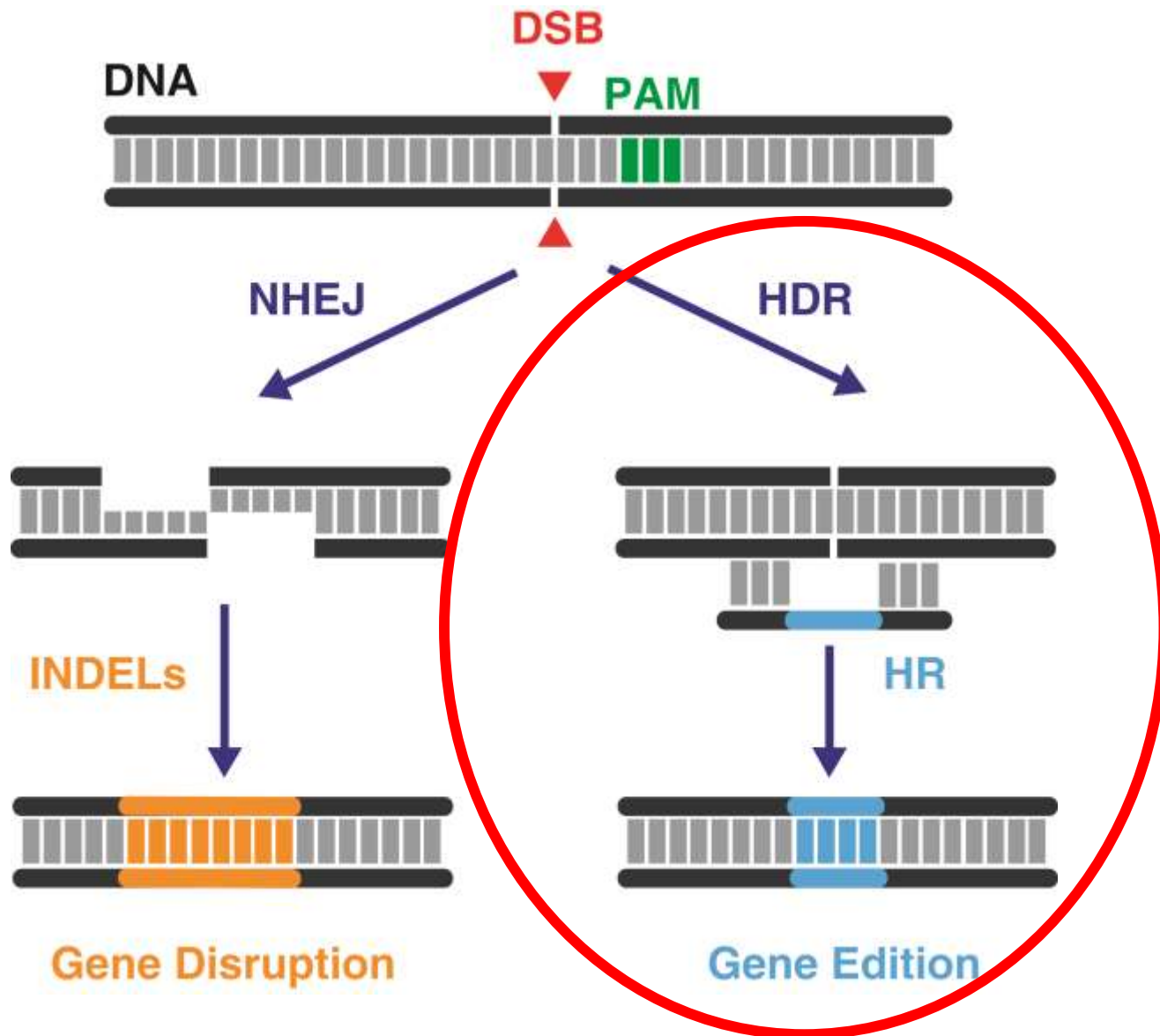**B** protein: 435 aa

Mouse model of FHONDA syndrome

We set to reproduce the Gln200* in mice using CRISPR-Cas9

Mouse model of FHONDA (*Slc38a8*)

Prediction of protein sequence after mutagenesis: 16 different proteins

NHEJ vs HDR (towards genome edition)

Aim: to introduce a single base pair substitution resulting in AA change

-Identify a sgRNA within 50 bp from the desired mutation
-Design a donor DNA including the desired mutation
-study a silent mutation to introduce a convenient novel restriction site

target sequence

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 D   T   F   L   E   H   M   C   R   L   D   I   D   S   A   P   I   T   A   R   N   T   G   I   I   C   T   I   G   E
GACACCTTCCTGGAACACATGTGCCGCCTGGACATTGACTCTGCCCCCATCACGGCCCGCAACACTGGCATCATTTGTACCATTGGTGAG
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GACACCTTCCTGGAACACATGTGCCGCCTGGACATTGACTCTCCCCCGATCACGGCCCGCAACACTGGCATCATTTGTACCATTGGTGAG
 D   T   F   L   E   H   M   C   R   L   D   I   D   S   P   P   I   T   A   R   N   T   G   I   I   C   T   I   G   E
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donor DNA
(90 bp oligo)

point mutation
(Ala to Pro)

silent mutation
(MboI site)

Collaboration with Guadalupe Sabio (CNIC)   unpublished

Silent mutation associated with a new restriction site useful to identify genome-edited mice

T7EI   MboI

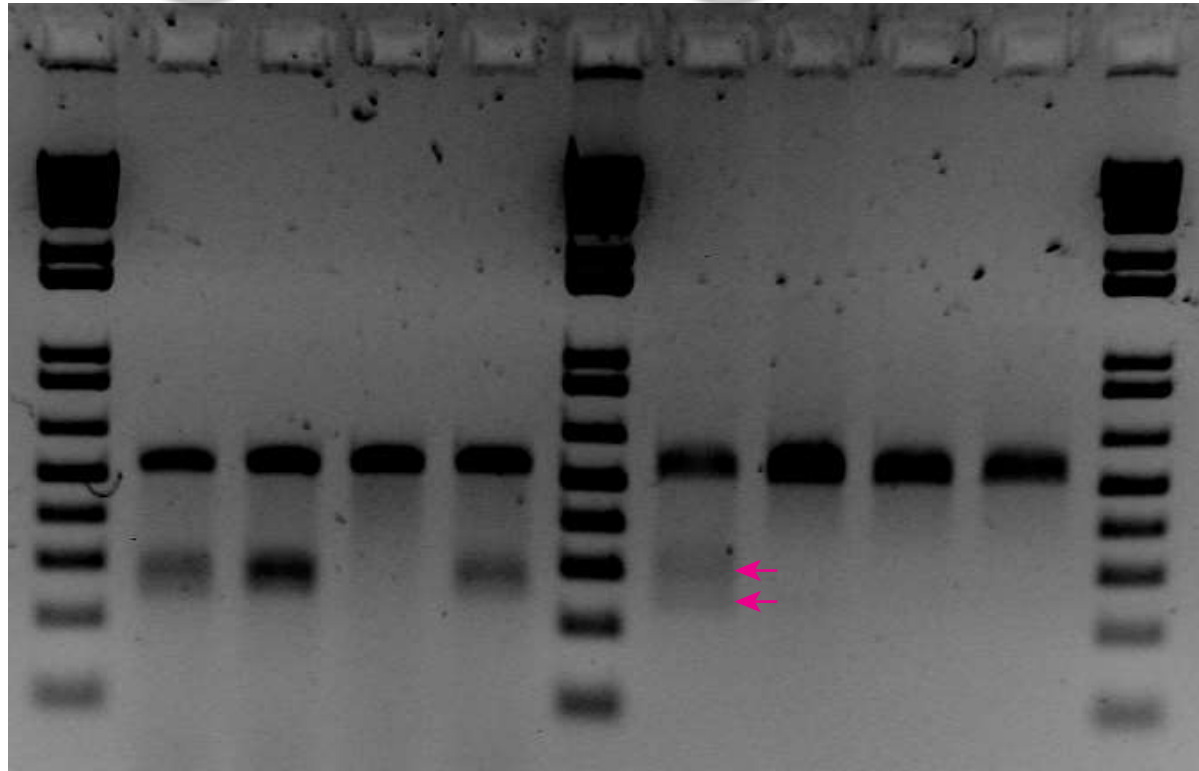32   33   34   6   32   33   34   6
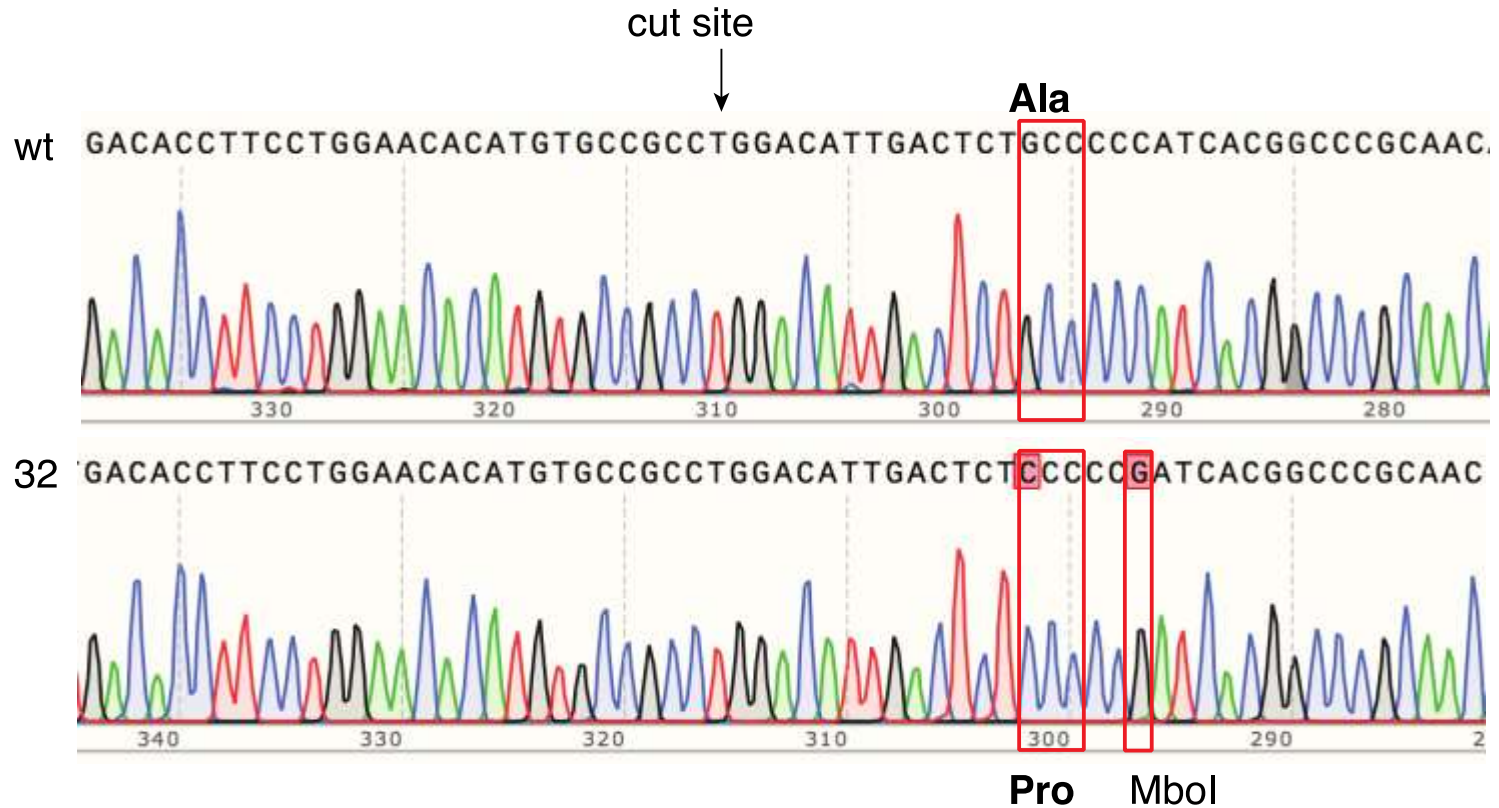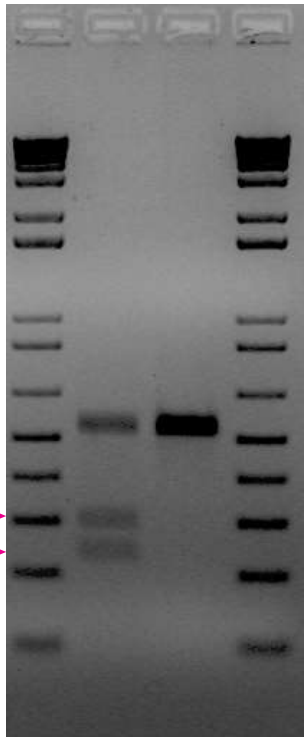
Founder 32 is pos
At the T7EI and by
MboI digestion

Sequencing of founder #32: the two mutations are introduced

MboII (hdr)

32   33

cut site

Ala

wt   GACACCTTCCTGGAACACATGTGCCGCCTGGACATTGACTCTGCCCCCATCACGGCCCGCAAC

32   GACACCTTCCTGGAACACATGTGCCGCCTGGACATTGACTCTCCCCCGATCACGGCCCGCAAC

Pro   MboI

Founder 32 has been genome edited as we planned

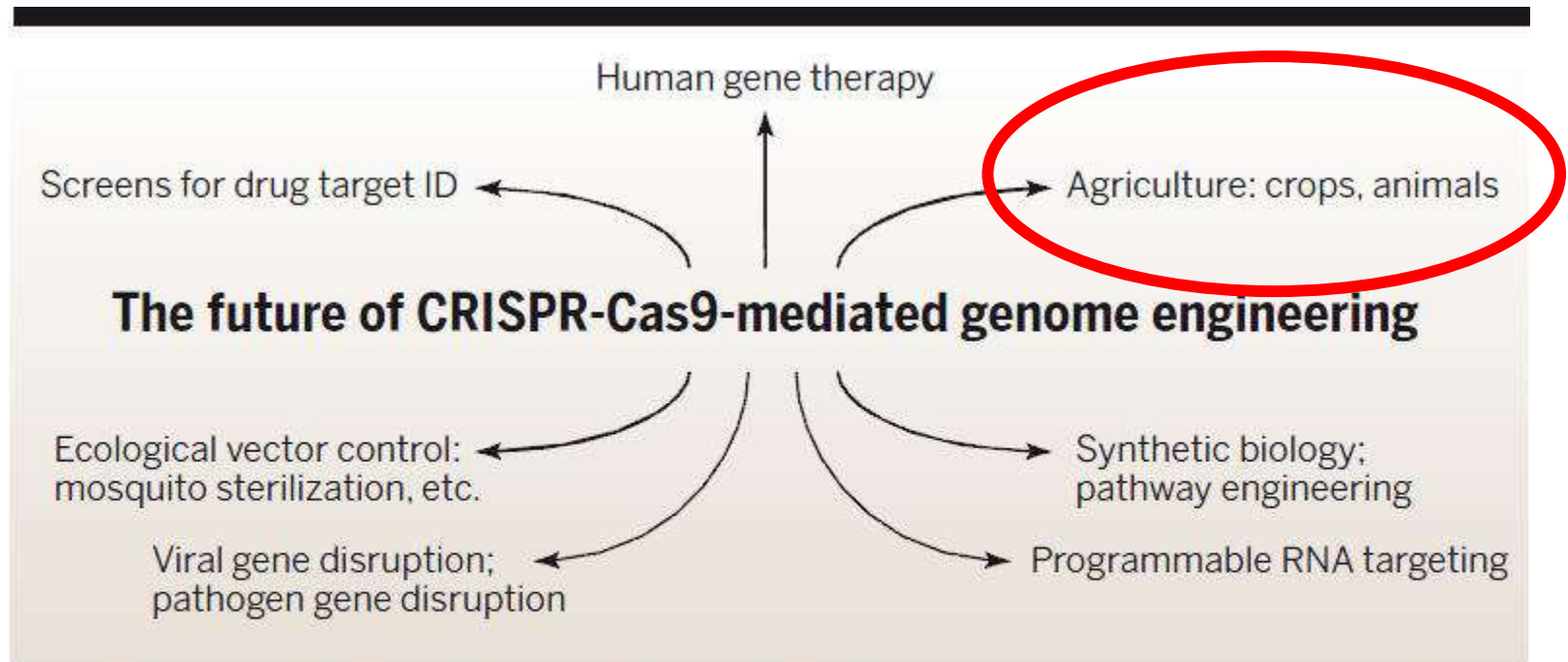# CRISPR-Cas is the beginning of the future

Fig. 6. Future applications in biomedicine and biotechnology. Potential developments include establishment of screens for target identification, human gene therapy by gene repair and gene disruption, gene disruption of viral sequences, and programmable RNA targeting.

Large Animals

CRISPR-Cas and animal biotechnology

Xenotransplantation

PERV

1997

2016

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In the 1990s, concerns about potential transfer of porcine retroviruses to xenotransplant recipients shut down commercial programs, even though **transmission had not (and still has not) been demonstrated** *in vivo*. Given the continuing shortage of human organs for transplant, **return of commercial funding to xenotransplantation is encouraging**.
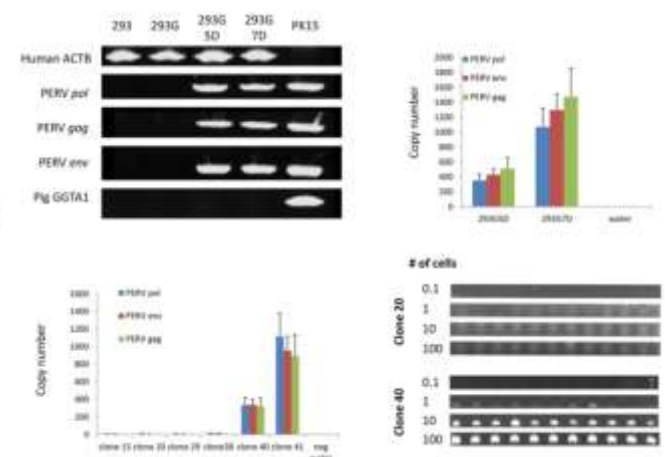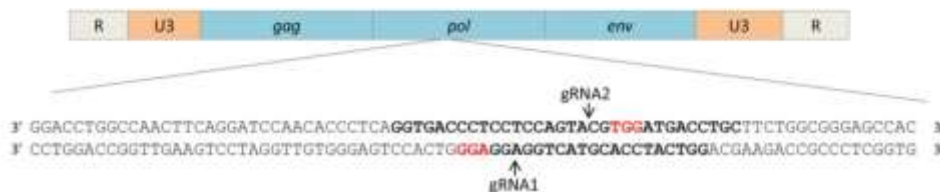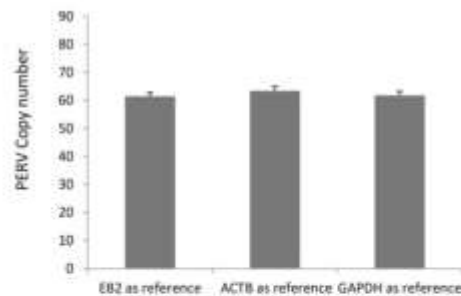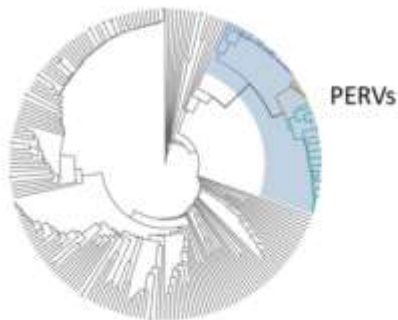
Government funders should take note. Yes, stem cell–derived therapies offer great long-term promise for degenerative diseases. But **xenotransplants represent an additional intriguing option - one with potentially shorter horizons to the clinic.**

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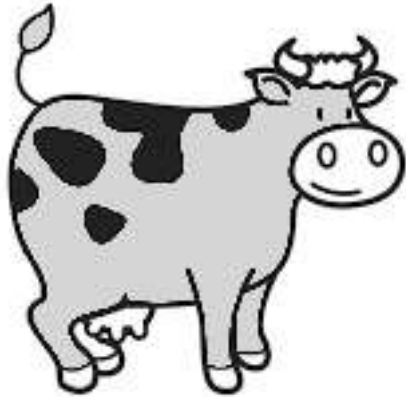VOLUME 34   NUMBER 1   JANUARY 2016

Inactivation of 62x PERV integrated in the pig genome via CRISPR-Cas9

Yang et al. 2015 (Science)

The paradigm of genetic selection/improvement
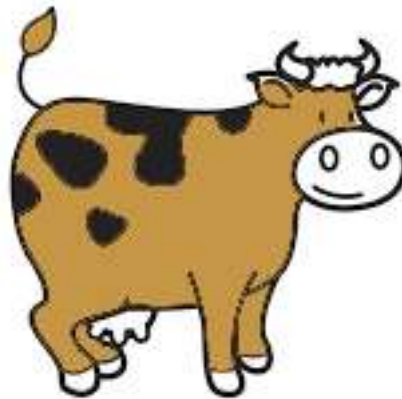

High milk production
Sensitive to disease X

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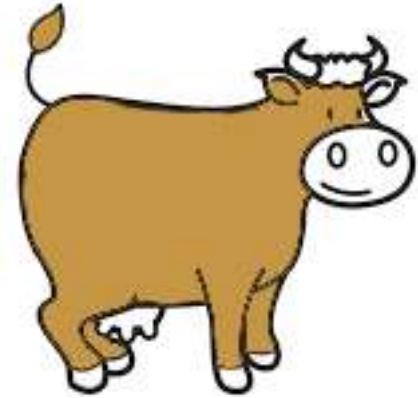
Low milk production
Resistance to disease X

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CRISPR-Cas and animal biotechnology

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MSTN (myostatin) natural mutation

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Merina

Merina MSTN-
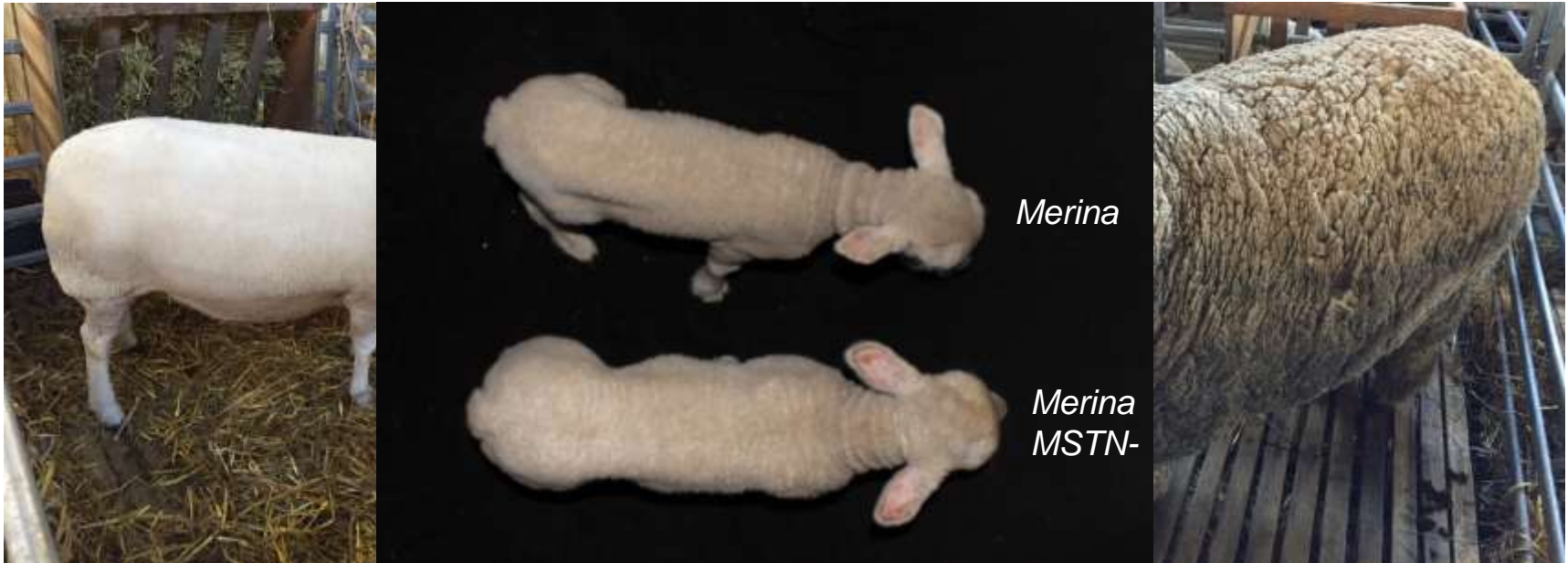
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Crispo et al. PLoS ONE 2015

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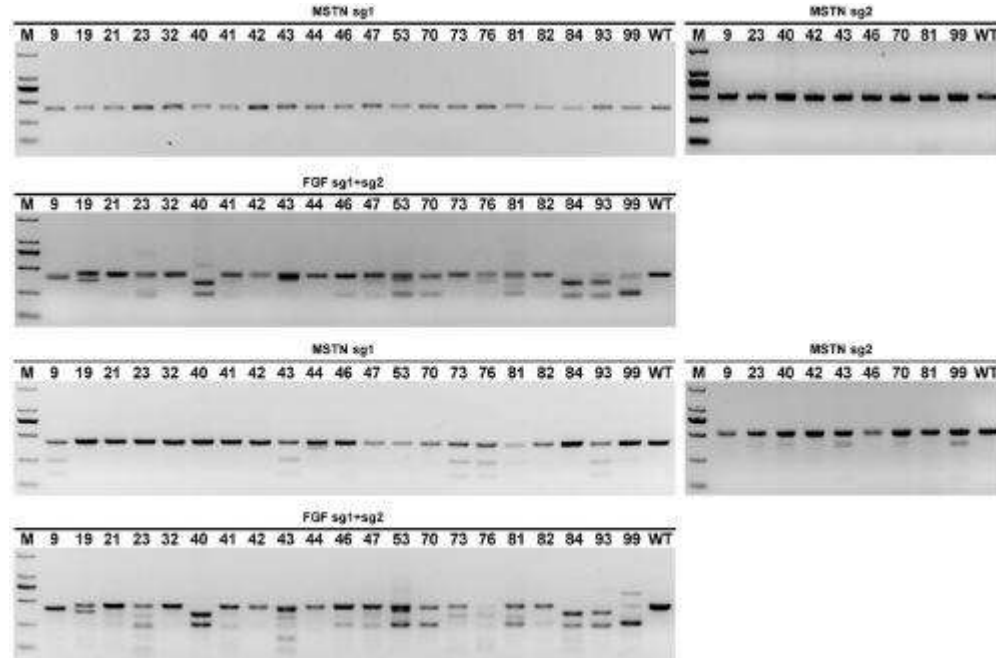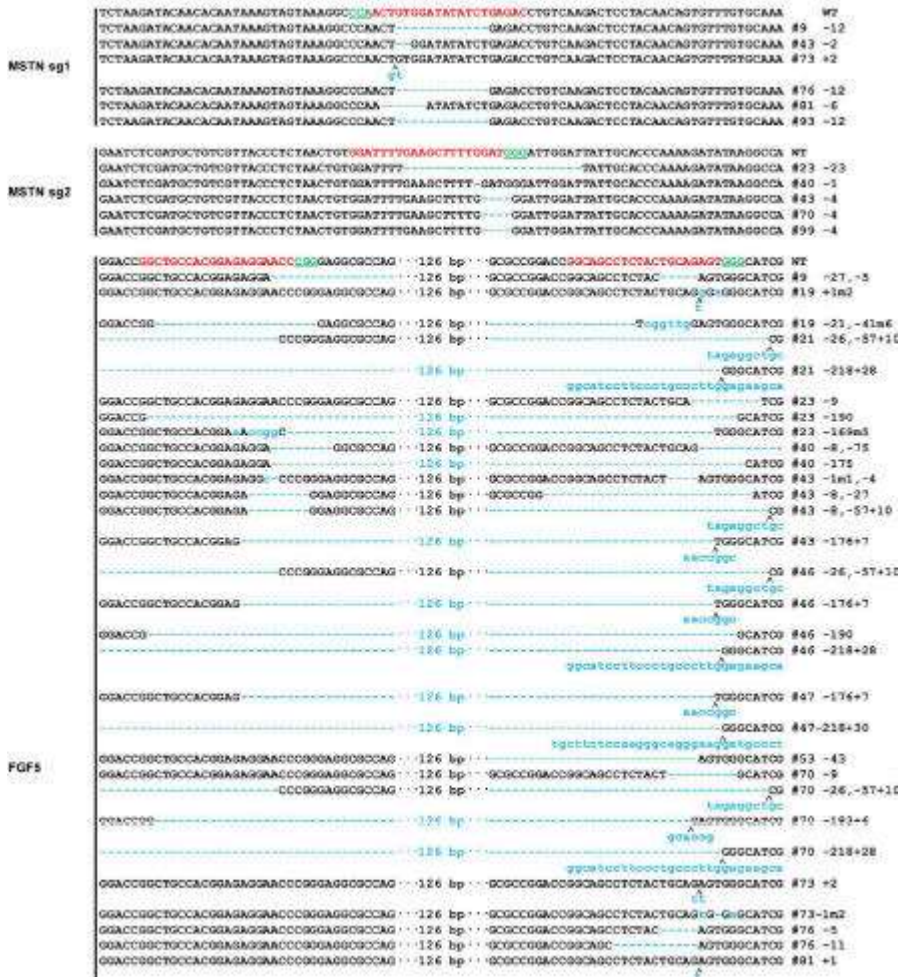
Founder animals
are complex mosaic

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Founder animals show off-target gene editions

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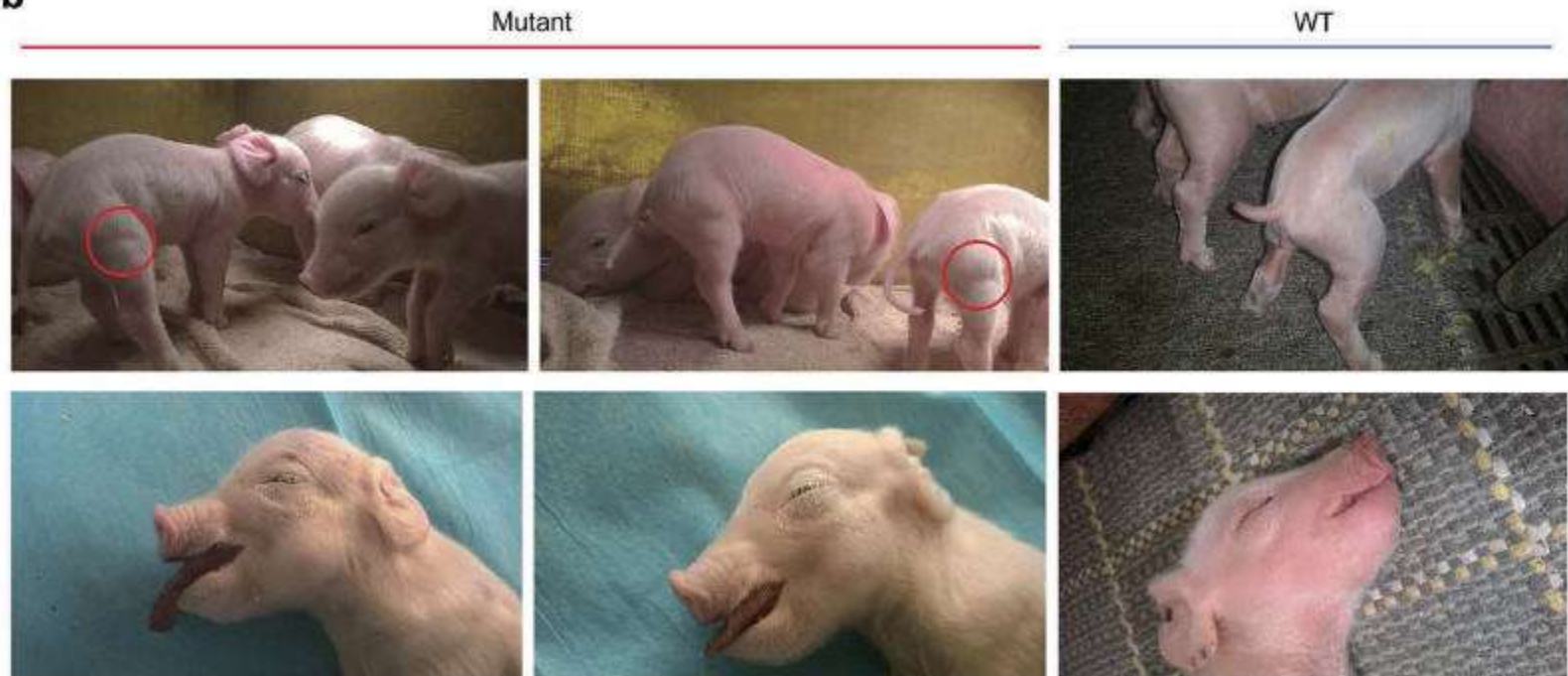
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Qian et al. 2015 *Sci. Rep.*

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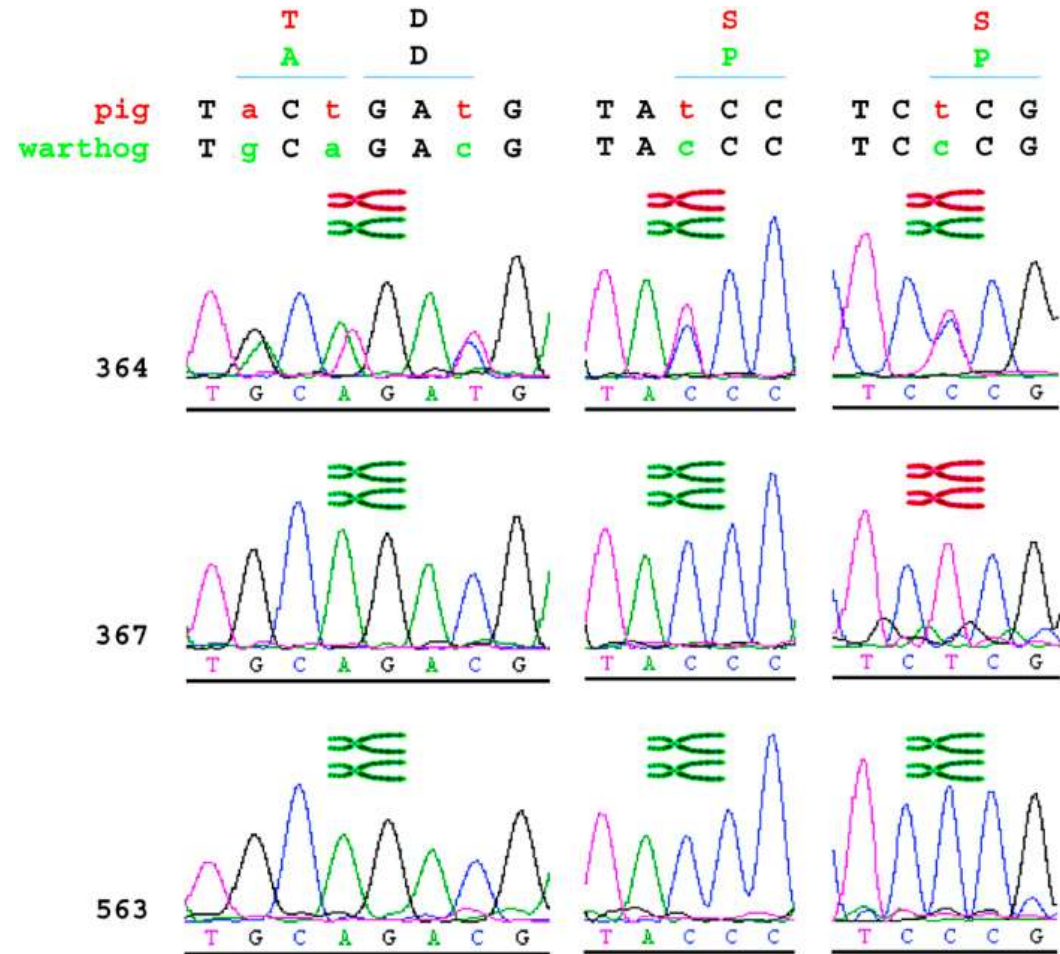
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HORNS

Holsteins dairy cattle (80%)
Angus beef cattle (20%)

Dehorning…

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Tan et al. 2013 PNAS
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Introgression of the Pc (*POLLED*) allele through TALENS in Holstein bovine fibroblasts and using homozygous clones to obtain hornless cattle by SCNT
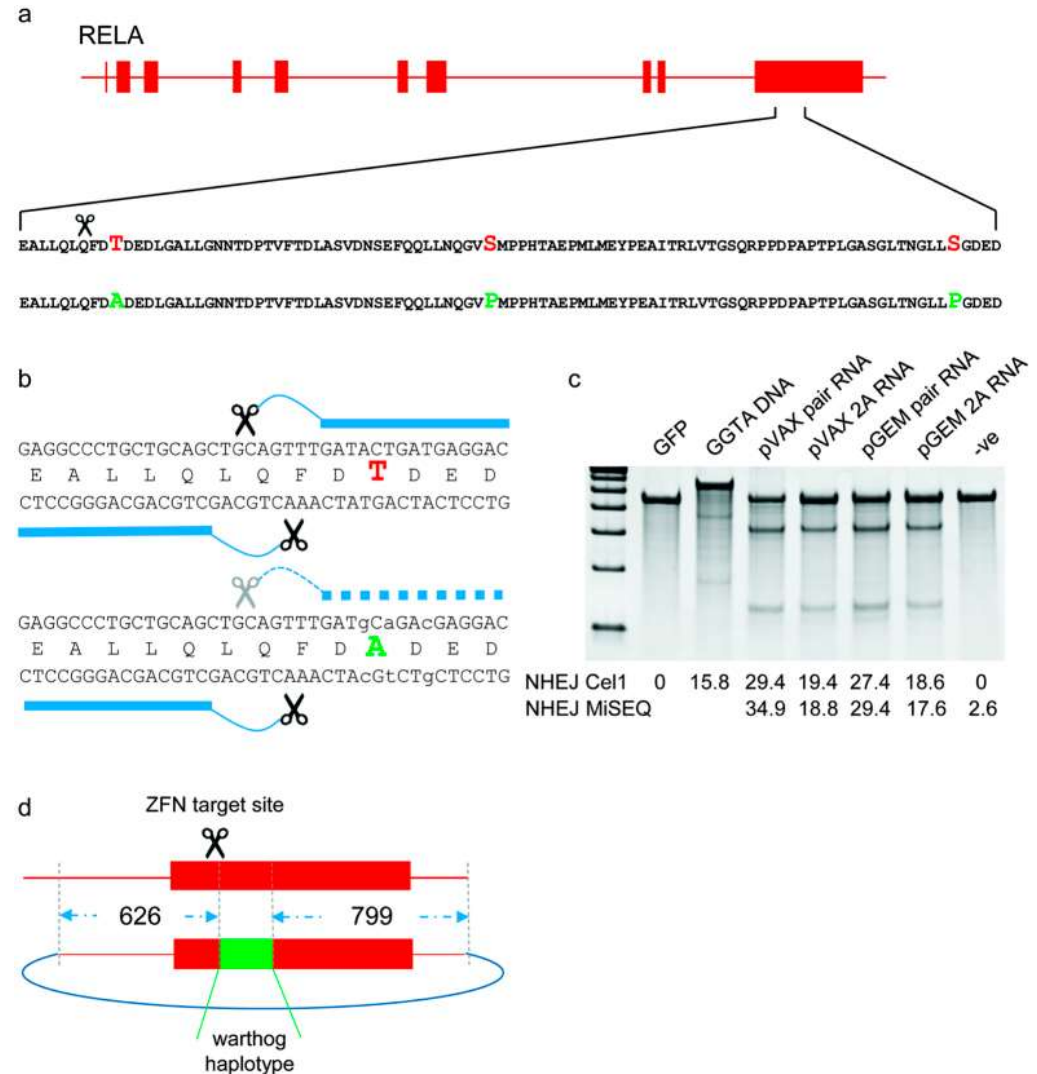
Table 1 Animal production statistics

Cell line	Parental cells	Genotype	SCNT rep	Blast rate (%)	Embryos/ recipients	Pregnant at day 40	Pregnant at day 90	Liveborn	Alive at 60 d
HP14-B6	2122	Homozygous *POLLED*	1	27/64 (42)	9/9	6	0	0	0
HP14-B4	2122	Homozygous *POLLED*	1	3/15 (20)	1/1	1	1	1[a]	0
HP7-P4-A1	2120	Homozygous *POLLED*	2	25/82 (30)	9/9	2	2	2	2[b]
HP-24.8	2120	Heterozygous *POLLED*	3	35/151 (23)	7/7	5	2	2[a]	0
Summary				70/295 (24%)	26/26	14/26 (54%)	5/26 (19%)	5/26 (19%)	2/26 (7%)

[a]RCI-001 (HP14-B6), RCI-004 and RCI-005 (HP-24.8). Consistent with known cloning inefficiencies, these animals were not viable and were humanely euthanized within 24 h of birth[11].
[b]Spotigy (RCI-002) and Buri (RCI-003). SCNT rep, somatic cell nuclear transfer replicates.
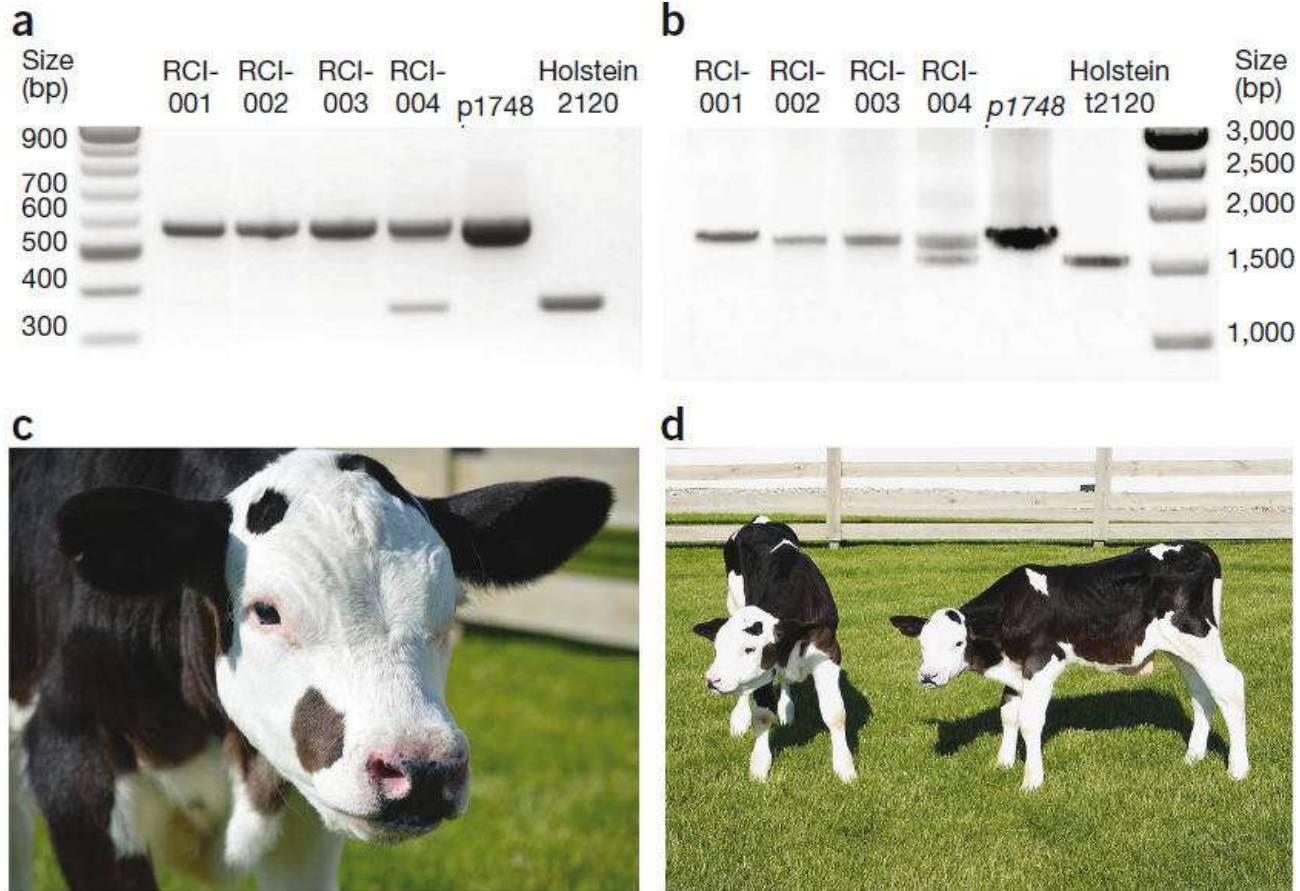
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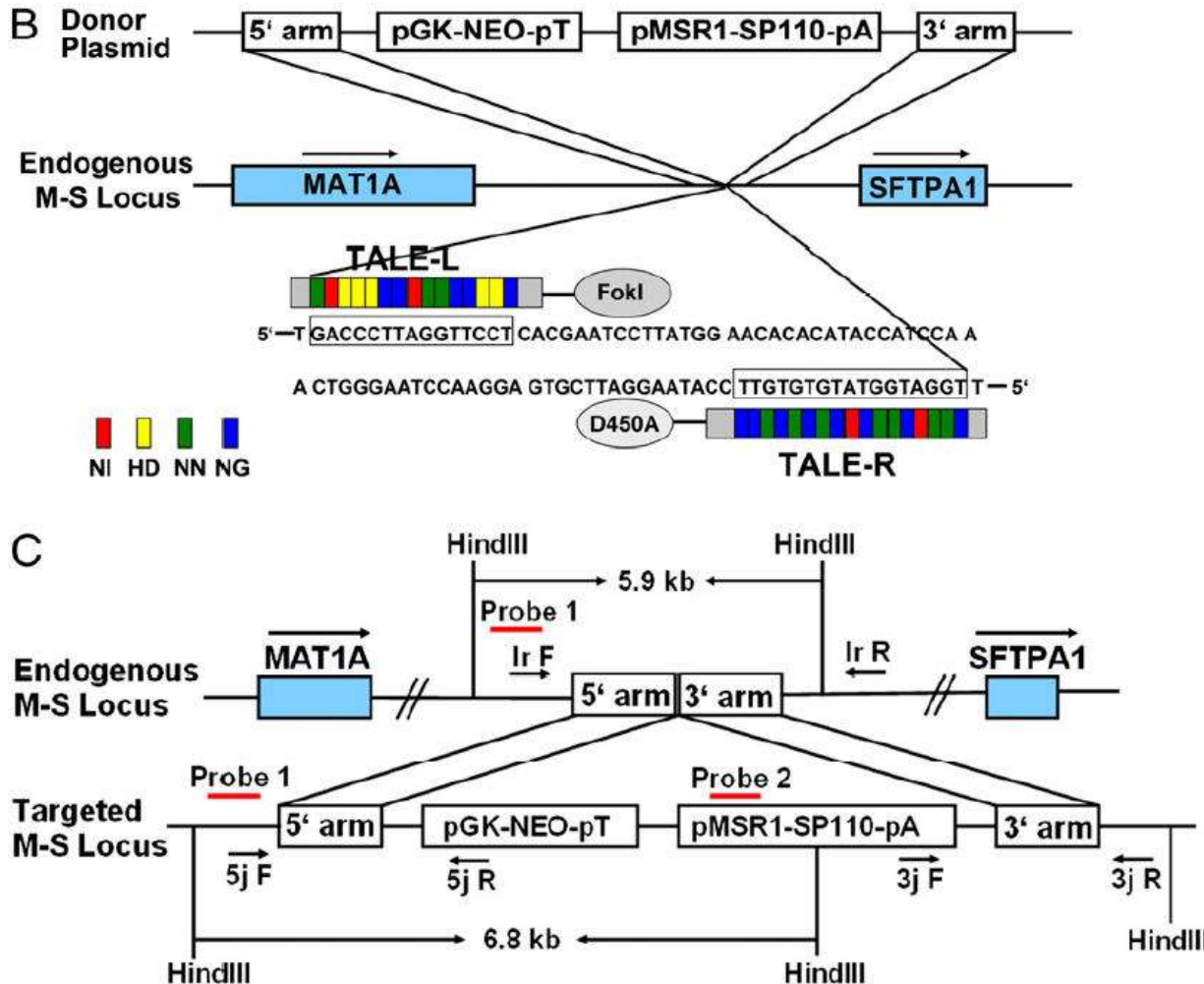
-Knockin of a SP110-expressing transgene in an intergenic area in cells

-SCNT from selected clones to derive transgenic cattle

Wu et al. 2015 PNAS

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Table 2. Gross pathology of transgenic cattle challenged with *M. bovis* by endobronchial instillation

Animal	No. of lobes infected*	Lung score	No. of lymph nodes infected[†]	Lymph node score	Total pathology score	Mean[‡]
Transgenic 1	2	4	3	4	8	6.5
Transgenic 2	1	2	2	3	5	
Transgenic 3	0	0	0	0	0	
Control 1	5	21	6	14	35	32.0
Control 2	4	15	8	18	33	
Control 3	4	14	6	14	28	

Wu et al. 2015 PNAS

Genomic Editing Tools: 4 flavours!

Type	Sequence Homology	Double Strand Break
Zinc-Finger Nuclease (**ZFN**)	**PROTEIN** 1 Zinc finger (3 AA) → 3 bp	**PROTEIN** FokI
TALEN	**PROTEIN** 2 AA → 1 bp	**PROTEIN** FokI
CRISPR-Cas9	**RNA** 1 ribonucleotide → 1 bp	**PROTEIN** Cas9
Argonaute	**DNA** 1 nucleotide → 1 bp	**PROTEIN** Ago

Argonaute
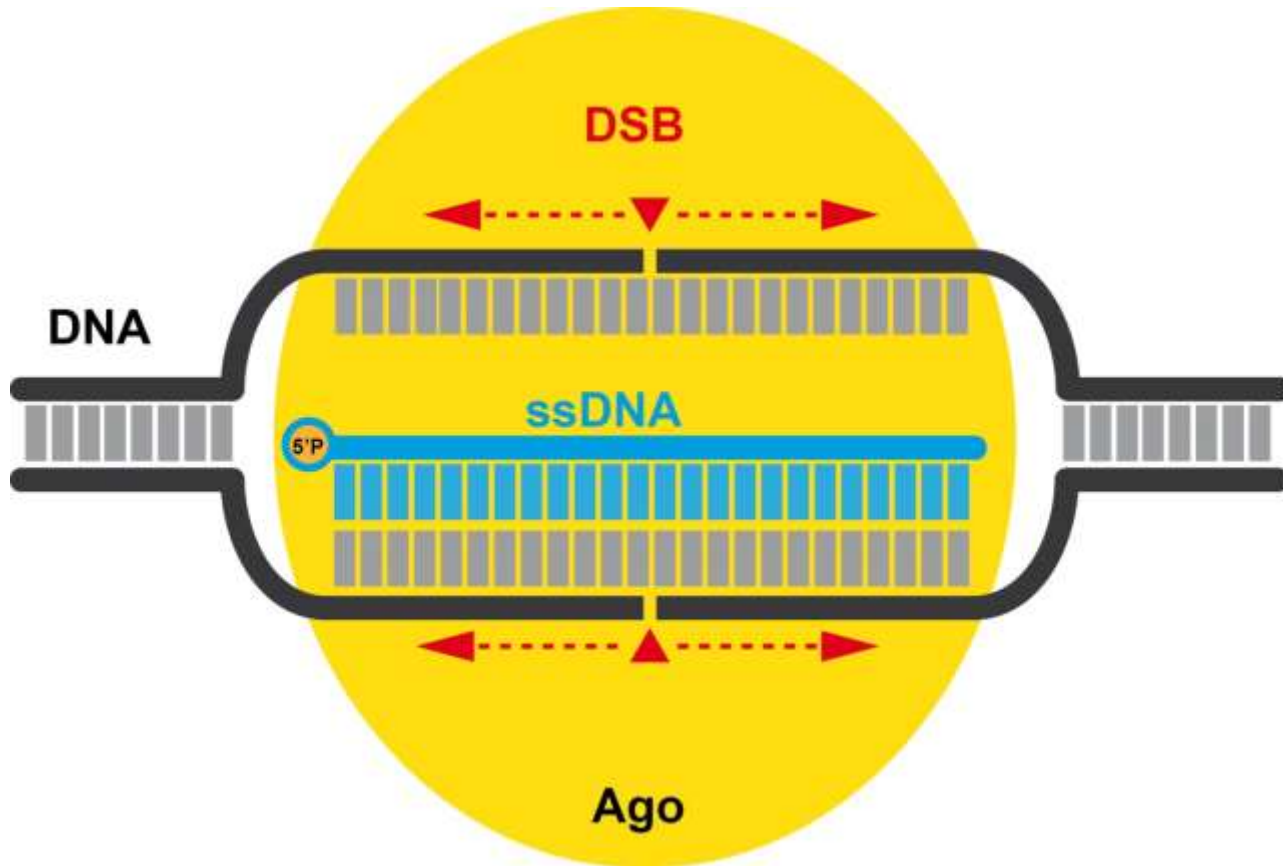
5' Phosphorylated single-strand DNA guides (24 nucleotides)
PAM sequences is not required
Less tolerance to mismatches (lower risk for off-targets)

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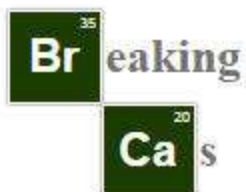with help and comments from Davide Seruggia (Boston Children's Hospital) and Francisco Mojica (Universidad de Alicante)

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Breaking-Cas

Oligo guide design tool for CRISPR based genome editing. Any eukaryote genomic sequence available in ENSEMBL (release 84) or ENSEMBLGENOMES (release 31) can be used as reference.

Tutorial

1 Choose organism: (alphabetic list) [_____] *Write 3 letters or more and select it.*

2 Paste one or several query DNA sequences in FASTA format (up to 20.000 nucleotides in total):

[_____]

Or upload FASTA file (DNA): [Seleccionar archivo] Ningún archivo seleccionado

3 Select nuclease settings: [Cas9: Streptococcus pyogenes Cas9 (SpCas9) ("NGG" in 3') ▼]

Or set your own parameters:

PAM sequence: NGG
PAM position: ○ 5' ● 3'
Guide length: 20 nts. ▼
Mismatches: Up to 4 ▼

Use predefined settings for Cas9 or Cpf1, or set custom parameters for other nucleases. If necessary, write a different PAM sequence (in IUPAC notation). For Cas9, positional weights based on Hsu et al. (2013) are used by default. See tutorial pages for details on off-targets score's calculation.

Position-dependant weights [Edit]

	#1	#2	#3	#4	#5	#6	#7	#8	#9	#10	#11	#12	#13	#14	#15	#16	#17	#18	#19	#20	(PAM)
5'-	0	0	0.014	0	0	0.395	0.317	0	0.389	0.079	0.445	0.508	0.613	0.851	0.732	0.828	0.615	0.804	0.685	0.583	NGG -3'

Confirmation email (optional): [_____] *To receive a message as soon the job finishes. **Write it carefully** (it will not be checked).*

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Oliveros *et al.* Nucleic Acids Res. 2016

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