

The obstacles and potential solution clues of prime editing applications in tomato

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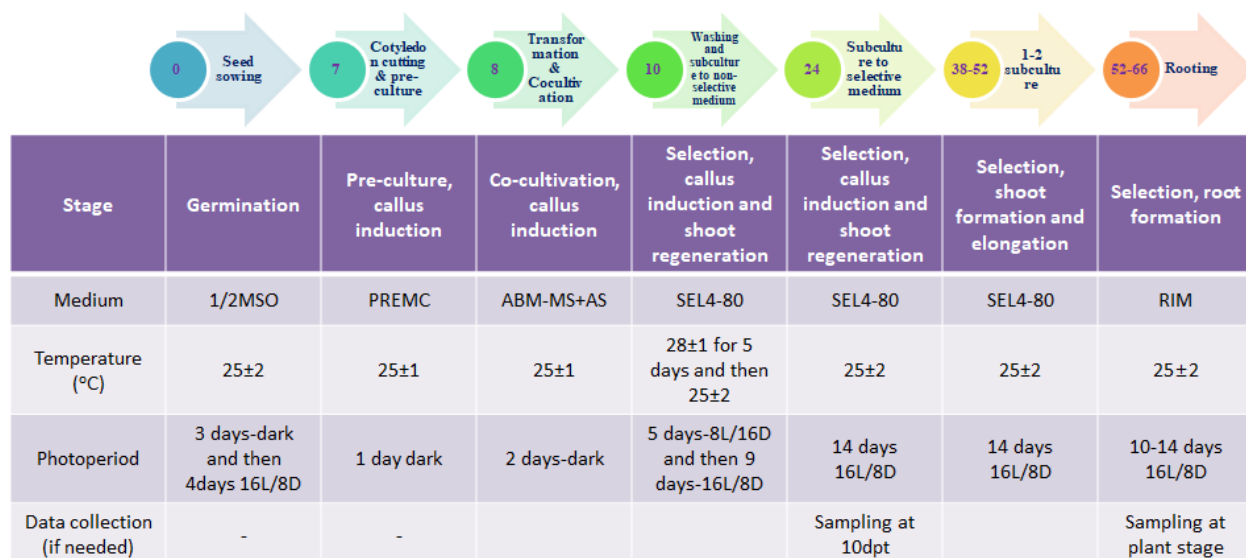
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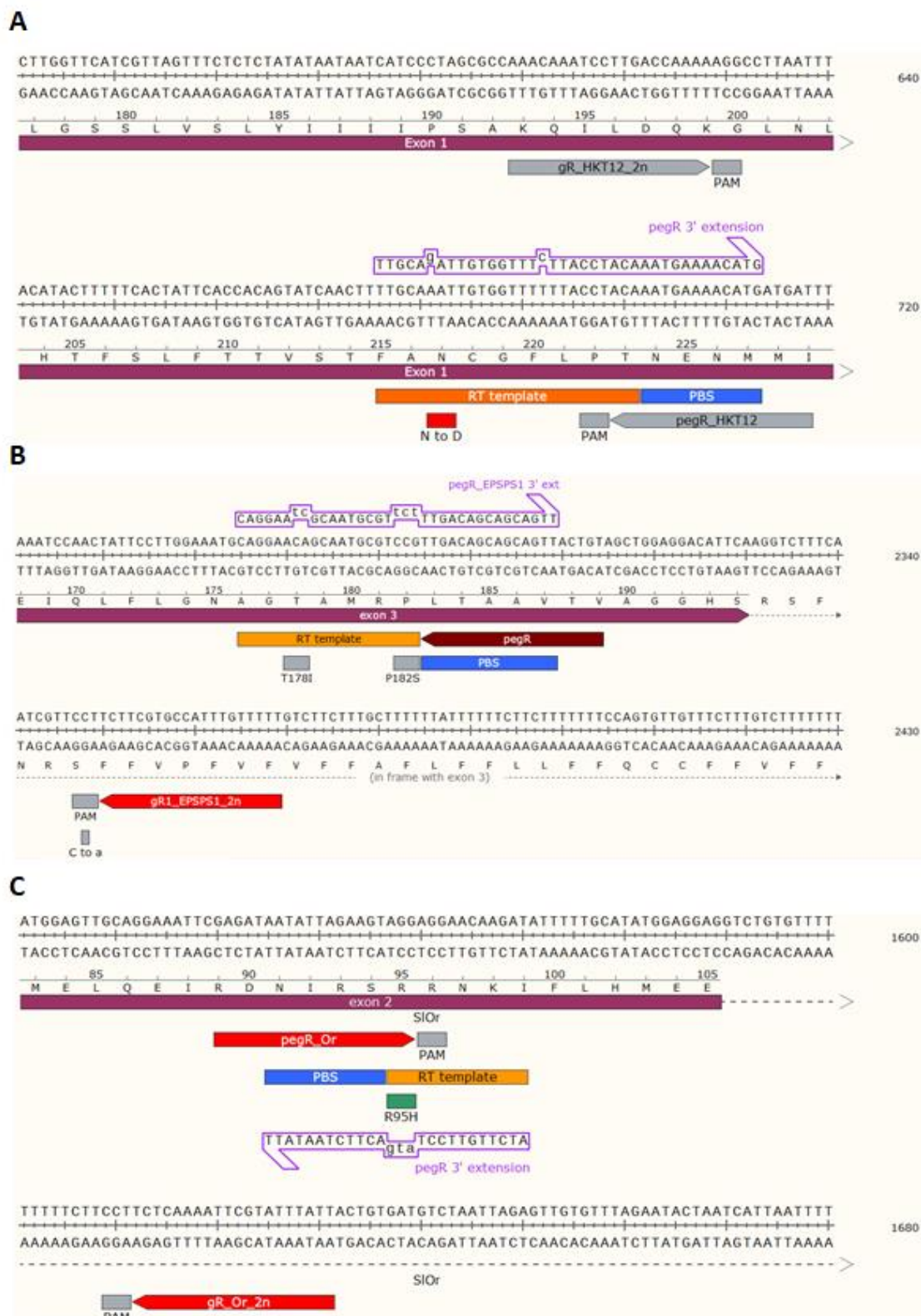
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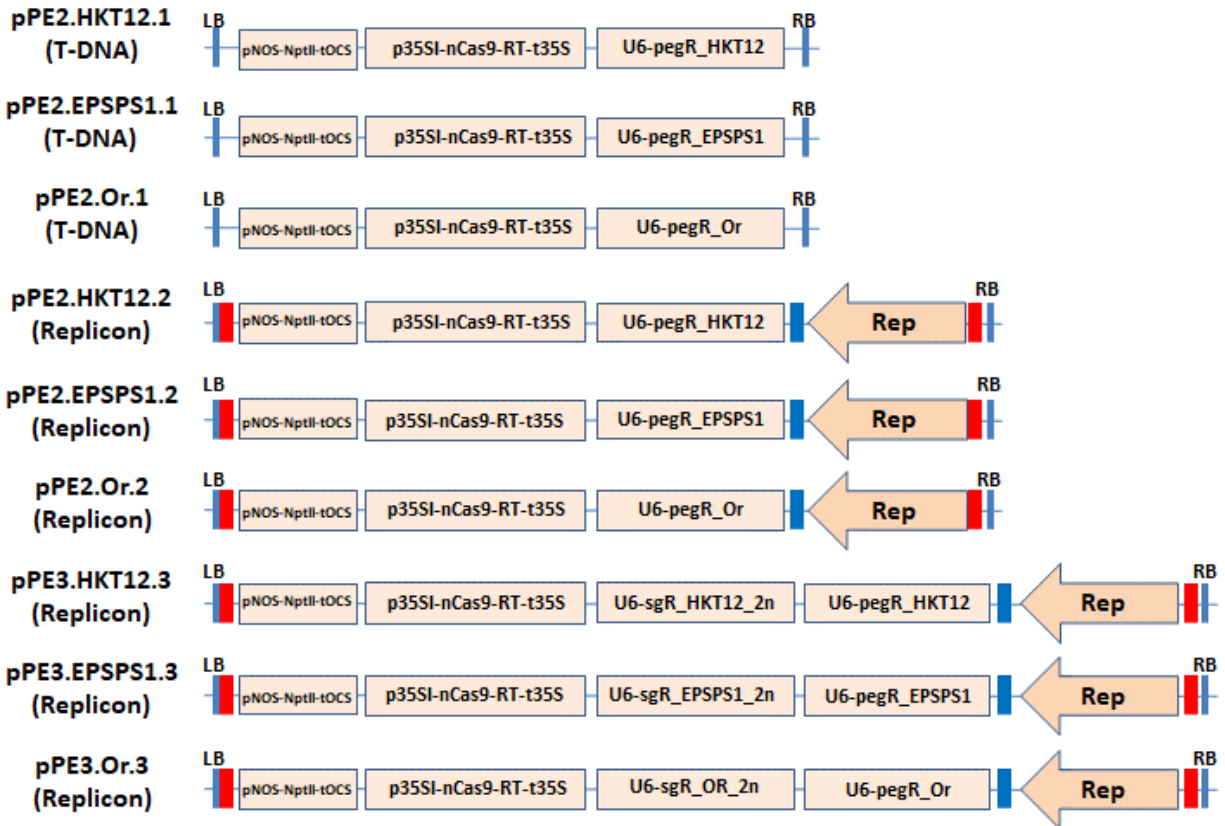
Supplemental Figure 1: Failure of prime editing in tobacco cells in transient assays. (a) Schematic processes of primed editing. The nontargeted strand is nicked by CRISPR/Cas9 nickase (H840A), and the 3' nicked end binds to a complementary RNA (priming binding site, PBS, 13-15 nt) introduced by extending the 3' end of the sgRNA (RT template) and primes reverse transcription by the nCas9-fused RT using its free OH group. RT copies the genetic information from the RNA template that is complementary to the sequence downstream from the nicked site and includes intentionally introduced base modifications (indicated by red and bright orange lines). The RT product appears as a 3'-flap sequence that competes with the full complement of the original 5'-flap during the repair process, and a precisely edited sequence could be fixed to the targeted site after 5'-flap removal and subsequent replication of the DNA. A second nick is introduced during the improvement of the prime editor for supporting 3'-edited flap fixation. (b) Selected synthetic target and pegRNA design. pegRNA and its 3' extension and second nick spacer sequences are indicated. A PmCDA1-based C->T editing tool is designed in parallel for comparison, and its spacer sequence is also shown. Intended base modifications are denoted and explained. (c) Vector arrangements for the study. The nCas9(D10A)-PmCDA1 base editing system is designed with the control plasmid (pCEc, -gRNA), T-DNA (pCE1), and replicon (pCE2)-based editors. The prime editors are designed with a dual vector system for T-DNA (pPEsubc1 + pPEsub1) and replicon (pPEsubc2 + pPEsub2)-based tools for editing C->T and C->A (shown in b). (d-e) Sequencing data showing C->T editing by T-DNA- (d) and replicon-based (e) tools (Supplemental Table 2, (e)). The -sgRNA (pCEc) chromatogram represents all the temperature tested. (f) Editing efficiency of the base editors. The T-DNA construct represents the pCE1 plasmid, and the replicon construct is for the pCE2 plasmid. The editing efficiencies at different temperatures are plotted for the 15th, 17th, and 19th bases counted from the PAM site to its upstream spacer sequence. (g-h) Failure of the T-DNA- (g) and replicon-based (g) prime editors to edit the intended bases. The -pegRNA (pPEsubc1) and -pegRNA (pPEsubc2) chromatograms represent for all the temperature tested. Discontinuous red boxes denote the intended modifications in each of the editing conditions (25, 31, and 37°C) for the editors and the control.



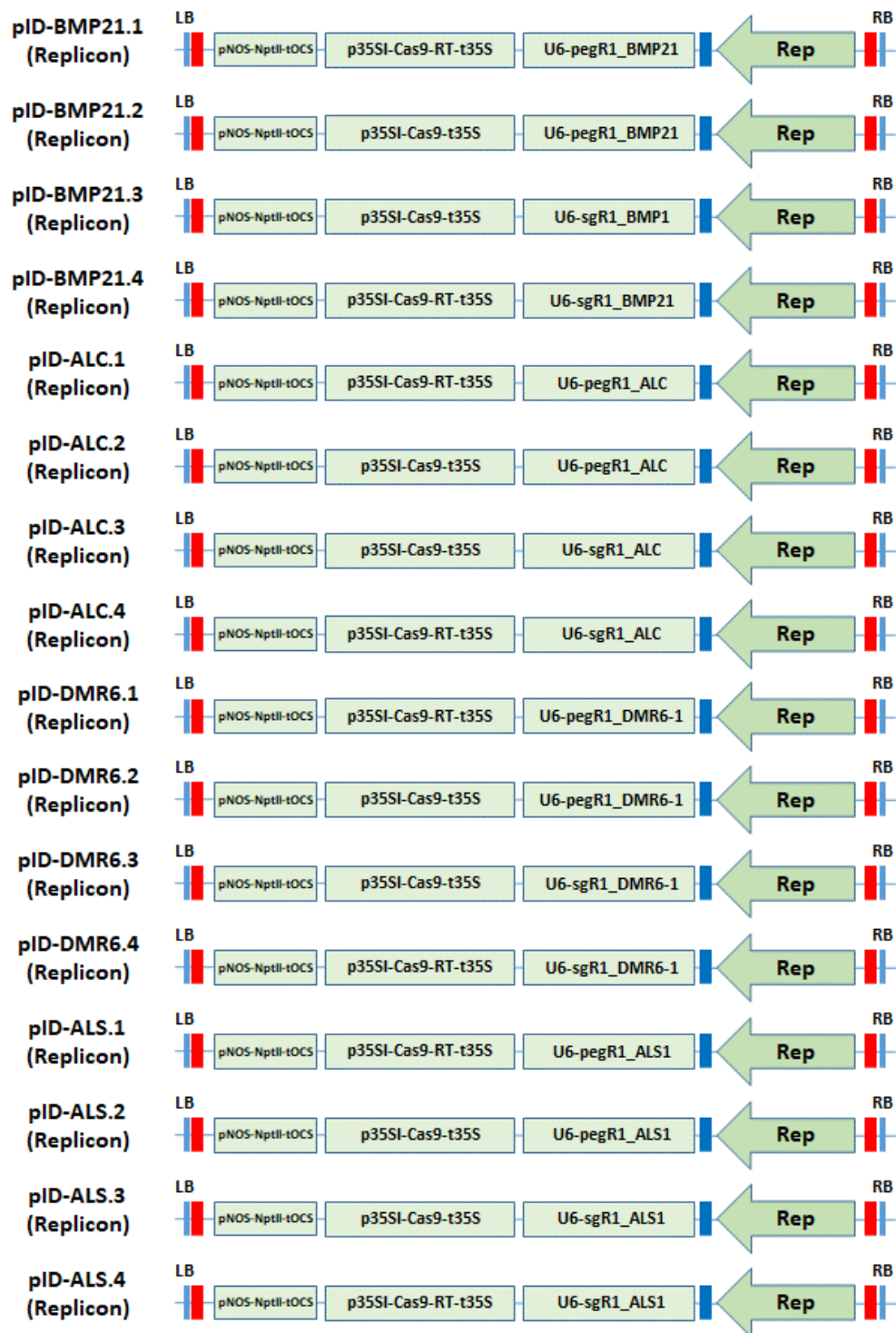
Supplemental Figure 2: *Agrobacterium*-mediated transformation protocol used in this work. The step-by-step protocol is presented with each number in the circles indicating the number of days after seed sowing (upper panel), and the treatments used in each step are shown in the lower panel.



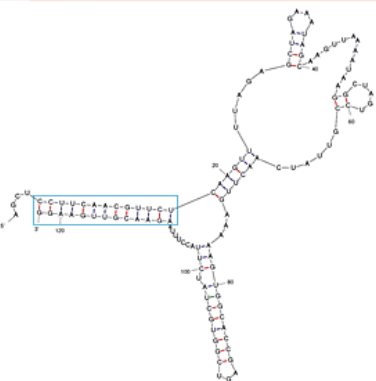
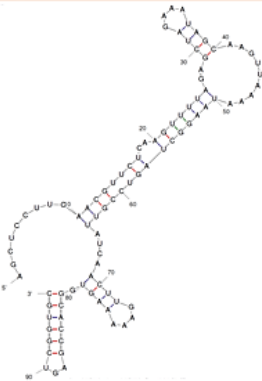
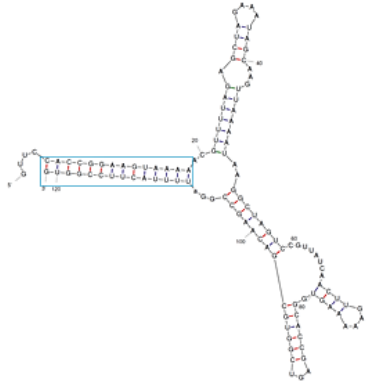
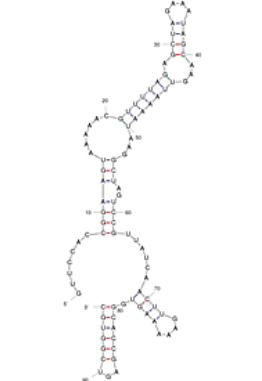
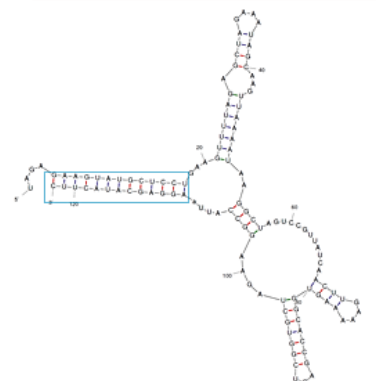
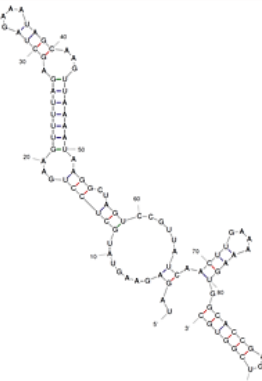
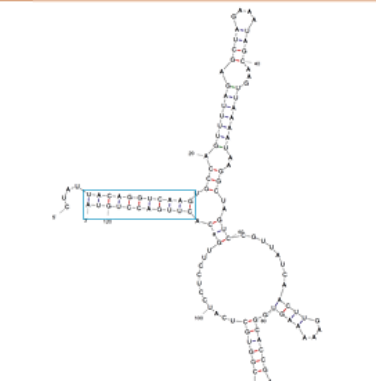
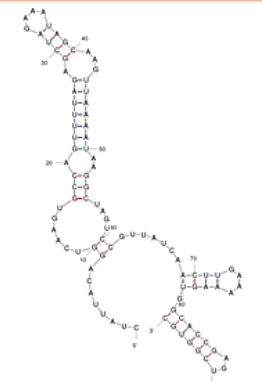
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Supplemental Figure 4: PE constructs for editing the SIHKT1;2, SIEPSPS1 and SIOOr loci by PE2 and PE3 approaches.



Supplemental Figure 5: Constructs used for the assessment of indel mutation formation by different combinations of either Cas9-RT or Cas9 with either sgRNAs or pegRNAs at the SIBMP21, SIALC, SIDMR6 and SIALS1 loci. All the component were expressed with the geminiviral replicon system.

| | pegRNA secondary structure | sgRNA secondary structure |
|----------|---|--|
| SIBMP21 |  dG=-36.96 kcal/mol |  dG=-22.70 kcal/mol |
| SIALC |  dG=-44.98 kcal/mol |  dG=-23.20 kcal/mol |
| SIDMR6-1 |  dG=-41.57 kcal/mol |  dG=-21.50 kcal/mol |
| SIALS1 |  dG=-37.28 kcal/mol |  dG=-24.20 kcal/mol |

Supplemental Figure 6: MFOLD-predicted secondary structures of pegRNAs and sgRNAs of SIBMP21, SIALC, SIDMR6-1 and SIALS1. The pegRNA structures (left panel) and sgRNA structures (right panel) were predicted using MFOLD software. The deltaG (dG) of each structure is denoted at the bottom of it. The discontinuous light blue boxes indicate the intermolecular annealing of the PBS and spacer sequences.

| No. | Locus | pegR name | PBS (nt) | RT template | Tm of PBS-spacer (oC) | pegRNA (5'-3') |
|-----|---------|------------|----------|-------------|-----------------------|---|
| 1 | SIBMP21 | pegR.BMPm0 | 11 | 13 | 30 | AGCTCCTTCAACGTTCTCAAAGTTTATAGAGCTAGAAATAGCAAGTTAAATAAAGGCTAGTCC GTTATCAACTTGAAAAAGTGGCACCAGTCGGTGCATCTTACCTTTaAGAACGTTGAA |
| 2 | | pegR.BMPm1 | 13 | 13 | 30 | AGCTCCTTCAACGTTCTCAAAGTTTATAGAGCTAGAAATAGCAAGTTAAATAAAGGCTAGTCC GTTATCAACTTGAAAAAGTGGCACCAGTCGGTGCATCTTACCTTTaAGAACGTTGAAACC |
| 3 | | pegR.BMPm2 | 13 | 13 | 32 | AGCTCCTTCAACGTTCTCAAAGTTTATAGAGCTAGAAATAGCAAGTTAAATAAAGGCTAGTCC GTTATCAACTTGAAAAAGTGGCACCAGTCGGTGCATCTTACCTTTaAGAACGTTGCAGC |
| 4 | | pegR.BMPm3 | 10 | 13 | 22 | AGCTCCTTCAACGTTCTCAAAGTTTATAGAGCTAGAAATAGCAAGTTAAATAAAGGCTAGTCC GTTATCAACTTGAAAAAGTGGCACCAGTCGGTGCATCTTACCTTTaAGAACGTTAC |
| 5 | | pegR.BMPm4 | 10 | 13 | 24 | AGCTCCTTCAACGTTCTCAAAGTTTATAGAGCTAGAAATAGCAAGTTAAATAAAGGCTAGTCC GTTATCAACTTGAAAAAGTGGCACCAGTCGGTGCATCTTACCTTTaAGAACGCTGC |
| 6 | SIALC | pegR.ALcm0 | 11 | 12 | 32 | GTTCCACCGGAAGTAAAAACGTTTATAGAGCTAGAAATAGCAAGTTAAATAAAGGCTAGTCC GTTATCAACTTGAAAAAGTGGCACCAGTCGGTGACAAGCCGgaTTTACTTCCGG |
| 7 | | pegR.ALcm1 | 13 | 12 | 32 | GTTCCACCGGAAGTAAAAACGTTTATAGAGCTAGAAATAGCAAGTTAAATAAAGGCTAGTCC GTTATCAACTTGAAAAAGTGGCACCAGTCGGTGACAAGCCGgaTTTACTTCCGGCA |
| 8 | | pegR.ALcm2 | 13 | 12 | 30 | GTTCCACCGGAAGTAAAAACGTTTATAGAGCTAGAAATAGCAAGTTAAATAAAGGCTAGTCC GTTATCAACTTGAAAAAGTGGCACCAGTCGGTGACAAGCCGgaTTTACTTCTGTa |
| 9 | | pegR.ALcm3 | 10 | 12 | 20 | GTTCCACCGGAAGTAAAAACGTTTATAGAGCTAGAAATAGCAAGTTAAATAAAGGCTAGTCC GTTATCAACTTGAAAAAGTGGCACCAGTCGGTGACAAGCCGgaTTTACTTCAT |
| 10 | | pegR.ALcm4 | 10 | 12 | 22 | GTTCCACCGGAAGTAAAAACGTTTATAGAGCTAGAAATAGCAAGTTAAATAAAGGCTAGTCC GTTATCAACTTGAAAAAGTGGCACCAGTCGGTGACAAGCCGgaTTTACTCCCT |
| 11 | SIALS1 | pegR.ALsm0 | 10 | 13 | 30 | CTATTACAGGTCAAGTGCCAAGTTTATAGAGCTAGAAATAGCAAGTTAAATAAAGGCTAGTCC GTTATCAACTTGAAAAAGTGGCACCAGTCGGTGATCTCTCTTgaCACTTGACCT |
| 12 | | pegR.ALsm1 | 13 | 13 | 34 | CTATTACAGGTCAAGTGCCAAGTTTATAGAGCTAGAAATAGCAAGTTAAATAAAGGCTAGTCC GTTATCAACTTGAAAAAGTGGCACCAGTCGGTGATCTCTCTTgaCACTTGACCTGCT |
| 13 | | pegR.ALsm2 | 13 | 13 | 34 | CTATTACAGGTCAAGTGCCAAGTTTATAGAGCTAGAAATAGCAAGTTAAATAAAGGCTAGTCC GTTATCAACTTGAAAAAGTGGCACCAGTCGGTGATCTCTCTTgaCACTTGACCCGTT |
| 14 | | pegR.ALsm3 | 10 | 13 | 24 | CTATTACAGGTCAAGTGCCAAGTTTATAGAGCTAGAAATAGCAAGTTAAATAAAGGCTAGTCC GTTATCAACTTGAAAAAGTGGCACCAGTCGGTGATCTCTCTTgaCACTTGACCC |
| 15 | | pegR.ALsm4 | 10 | 13 | 26 | CTATTACAGGTCAAGTGCCAAGTTTATAGAGCTAGAAATAGCAAGTTAAATAAAGGCTAGTCC GTTATCAACTTGAAAAAGTGGCACCAGTCGGTGATCTCTCTTgaCACTTGTCCTC |

Supplemental Figure 7. Modifications of the pegRNAs for improving PE performance. At each locus, four modifications that introduce mismatches (purple font) to the original PBS sequences (13 nt in length, pegR.BMPm1, pegR.BMPm2, pegR.ALcm1, pegR.ALcm2, pegR.ALsm1 and pegR.ALsm2 for the BMP21, ALC, and ALS1) or shortened PBS (10nt, pegR.BMPm3, pegR.BMPm4, pegR.ALcm3, pegR.ALcm4, pegR.ALsm3 and pegR.ALsm4 for the BMP21, ALC, and ALS1) with mismatches. As controls, shortened and exactly matched PBS with Tm ~30°C (pegR.BMPm0, pegR.ALcm0, and pegR.ALsm0) were also used at each locus. The PBS and RT lengths and calculated Tm of the PBS-spacer pairing are also shown. In the pegRNA sequences, the red font letters denote spacer sequences; black font letters are SpCas9 gRNA scaffold sequences; orange font letters represent the RT template sequences; blue font letters are PBS sequences, and small red letters are introduced bases.

Supplemental Table 1. Sequences and primers used in this study

| No. | Name | Sequence (5'-3') | Note |
|---|-----------|--|--|
| Primers for PCR amplification of sequences flanking targeted sites | | | |
| 1 | t35S-F1 | TGTGTGAGTAGTCCCAGATAAG | Sequences flanking the (CA) _n substrate of pCEc and pCE02 |
| 2 | RRA-R8 | CTGACGAGGACTGGATGTTATC | |
| 3 | RB-qF2 | CTCTTAGGTTTACCCGCCAATA | Sequences flanking the (CA) _n substrate of pCE01 |
| 4 | PmCDA1-R1 | GATGGTTTCCGAGCACTATCA | |
| 5 | RT-F1 | AGGCTAGAGGTAACCGGATG | Sequences flanking the (CA) _n substrate of pEsubc1 |
| 6 | PE-R1 | TCGGTCACATGTGCATCCTC | |
| 7 | RT-F1 | AGGCTAGAGGTAACCGGATG | Sequences flanking the (CA) _n substrate of pEsubc2 |
| 8 | PE-R2 | CTGCGATATTACCGAGGACTAC | |
| 9 | t35S-sF1 | TAGGGTTTCGCTCATGTGTTG | sequencing |
| Primers for targeted deep sequencing sample preparation | | | |
| 9 | HKPE-F1 | ACAAAGATTATGAGCTAGGGAATGT | First PCR for SIHKT1;2 |
| 10 | HKPE-R1 | CCTTCAGAATTCCACTCCAATGA | |
| 11 | HKPE-F2 | ACACTCTTTCCCTACACGACGCTCTTCCGATCT CGCCAAACAAATCCTTGACC | Second PCR for SIHKT1;2 |
| 12 | HKPE-R2 | GTGACTGGAGTTCAGACGTGTGCTCTTCCGAT CTTGAGGGATAAGAATGAGAAGAAGAC | |
| 13 | EPPE-F1 | TGAGTTACTTACAACCTGTGCT | First PCR for SIEPSPS1 |
| 14 | EPPE-R1 | GTAATTTATCACCAGGGCAACTATTATC | |
| 15 | EPPE-F2 | ACACTCTTTCCCTACACGACGCTCTTCCGATCT GGCAGTTTCCTGTCGGTAA | Second PCR for SIEPSPS1 |
| 16 | EPPE-R2 | GTGACTGGAGTTCAGACGTGTGCTCTTCCGAT CTAAACAAATGGCACGAAGAAGG | |
| 17 | ORPE-F1 | ATGCGAATCGTAGAAATGGAATTAG | First PCR for SIOr |
| 18 | ORPE-R1 | ACTCGTTTCTTCGGTCCTTAAT | |
| 19 | ORPE-F2 | ACACTCTTTCCCTACACGACGCTCTTCCGATCT AGGACCTGAGACAGTAGA | Second PCR for SIOr |
| 20 | ORPE-R2 | GTGACTGGAGTTCAGACGTGTGCTCTTCCGAT CTAGACATCACAGTAATAAATACGA | |
| 21 | BMP-F1 | CCGGTTAGTGATACTCAGGTATTG | First PCR for SIBMP21 |
| 22 | BMP -R1 | TGACTGCTTCCTAAGATGCTAAA | |
| 23 | BMP-F2 | ACACTCTTTCCCTACACGACGCTCTTCCGATCT CTCGACGTTTTTCTTTCAACAGAT | Second PCR for SIBMP21 |
| 24 | BMP-R2 | GTGACTGGAGTTCAGACGTGTGCTCTTCCGAT CTCACTTATTAATAAATCTATGTAAATCTAAC | |
| 25 | WH9-F1 | GGAGTCTATATAAGAAGTGTGTTAGGG | First PCR for SIWH9 |
| 26 | WH9-R1 | TCATTAAGAAGAAGTCCAGAAGAAGA | |
| 27 | WH9-F2 | ACACTCTTTCCCTACACGACGCTCTTCCGATCT CAGAGCCAAAGCCTCGAT | Second PCR for SIWH9 |

| | | | |
|----|------------|---|---|
| 28 | WH9-R2 | GTGACTGGAGTTCAGACGTGTGCTCTTCCGAT CTAGCATCACCTACTTGACCATATT | |
| 29 | KD1-F1 | TTTGGTTACAACGTGTGAGATAAC | First PCR for SIKD1 |
| 30 | KD1-R1 | ACCATGTATAGTAGTCGTGTATGTT | |
| 31 | KD1-F2 | ACACTCTTTCCCTACACGACGCTCTTCCGATCT ACACACAATCTGTAACAATGATAGTAAT | Second PCR for SIKD1 |
| 32 | KD1-R2 | GTGACTGGAGTTCAGACGTGTGCTCTTCCGAT CT CCTGACTAGTTTGAAGGGTATGT | |
| 33 | PRD-F1 | GTGAATATTATTGCTGGCCTGTT | First PCR for SIPRD |
| 34 | PRD-R1 | CAACTAGTACAACAGGTCTCGT | |
| 35 | PRD-F2 | ACACTCTTTCCCTACACGACGCTCTTCCGATCT GGTGCTGTTTCTTCAGGGAA | Second PCR for SIPRD |
| 36 | PRD-R2 | GTGACTGGAGTTCAGACGTGTGCTCTTCCGAT CT TAGCCATCTCAAGCTGTTCAAG | |
| 37 | ALC-F1 | AAGTAGTGGAACAACATAAAGTAGTGG | First PCR for SIALC |
| 38 | ALC-R1 | AATAATCTATGTGGAACCTCTTTCGG | |
| 39 | ALC-F2 | ACACTCTTTCCCTACACGACGCTCTTCCGATCT ATATCCTAACGGGGCGAGGCCAAAT | Second PCR for SIALC |
| 40 | ALC-R2 | GTGACTGGAGTTCAGACGTGTGCTCTTCCGAT CT GCATGATCCAATTAGTTTTTACCCCT | |
| 41 | DMR-F1 | CTTTCAGGTTCTTATCGTTGGATTC | First PCR for SIDMR6-1 |
| 42 | DMR-R1 | AGGTTAGCTAGGTAGATTAGGTAGT | |
| 43 | DMR-F2 | ACACTCTTTCCCTACACGACGCTCTTCCGATCT GGAGACAGTTCATAATTGGAGAGATTAT | Second PCR for SIDMR6-1 |
| 44 | DMR-R2 | GTGACTGGAGTTCAGACGTGTGCTCTTCCGAT CT TTGAAGTATGACTCAGATAGCA | |
| 45 | ALS-F1 | CCTCACCATCTCCATGTTTCTC | First PCR for SIALS1 |
| 46 | ALS-R1 | GTCTCAGCTCCTCACTTGATTG | |
| 47 | ALS-F2 | ACACTCTTTCCCTACACGACGCTCTTCCGATCT GCTACAAATCTTGTTAGTGGTCTTG | Second PCR for SIALS1 |
| 48 | ALS-R2 | GTGACTGGAGTTCAGACGTGTGCTCTTCCGAT CT GCTTCGTAATAGATCTCGTTACCTC | |
| 49 | HKT12-sF1 | CAAAGATTATGAGCTAGGGAATGT | Sequencing primer for the SIHKT1;2 targeted site |
| 50 | EPSPS1-sF3 | GGAGATATTTGTTAGAGTACCATCA | Sequencing primer for the SIEPSPS1 targeted site |
| 51 | WH9-sR1 | CACCGAAGAAGTAGGAGAATTGA | Sequencing primer for the SIWH9 targeted site |
| 52 | ALC-sF1 | CATGTGTTTAACGCAGCTAAGG | Sequencing primer for the SIALC targeted site |
| 53 | ALS1-sF1 | CCCAGAAAGGGTTGTGATGT | Sequencing primer for the SIALS1targeted site |

Supplemental Table 2. Base editing efficiency obtained in the tobacco leaf infiltration assay

| Position counted from PAM | T-DNA | | | Replicon | | |
|---------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| | 25°C | 31°C | 37°C | 25°C | 31°C | 37°C |
| 15th | 4.57 ± 0.14 | 3.37 ± 0.55 | 3.64 ± 1.5 | 7.06 ± 0.41 | 5.59 ± 0.25 | 2.82 ± 1.02 |
| 17th | 1.38 ± 0.21 | 0.36 ± 0.22 | 0.70 ± 1.5 | 13.67 ± 1.74 | 10.55 ± 1.63 | 5.84 ± 2.03 |
| 19th | 1.63 ± 0.41 | 1.73 ± 0.10 | 1.86 ± 0.03 | 10.46 ± 0.10 | 9.87 ± 0.57 | 11.36 ± 0.83 |

Supplemental Table 3. PE targets in tomato used in the study

| No. | Gene/allele name | Accession no. | Genotype vs WT | Phenotype | Reference |
|-----|---|-------------------------------|---|---|---|
| 1 | <i>jointless-2</i> /SIMBP21 | Solyc12g038510 | L169Stop (T->A) | Absence of abscission layer in Pedicels/short pedicels | Roldan et al., 2017 |
| 2 | WUSCHEL HOMEODOMAIN 9 (SIWH9)/ <i>compound inflorescence (s)</i> | Solyc02g077390.1 | G69D (s-classic) | Mutant alleles of s dramatically increase branch and flower number | Lippman et al., 2008 |
| 3 | <i>Petroselinum</i> (Pts) allele/ <i>KNOTTED 1-LIKE HOMEODOMAIN (KNOX)/SIKD1 (TOMATO KNOX-LIKE HOMEODOMAIN PROTEIN 1)</i> | AF375969/ Solyc06g072480.1 | 1 bp deletion at 1266 bp upstream of the open reading frame (ORF) | A semidominant KD1 mutant in tomato with multiply compound leaves. TKD1 silencing delay abscission. | Kimura et al., 2008 |
| 4 | PROCERA D/DELLA D allele (SIPRD) | Solyc11g011260 | A46 deletion: DELLAVLG to DELLVLG | Dwarf/gibberellin-responsive dominant dwarf DELLA allele | Nir et al., 2017; Tomlinson et al., 2019 |
| 5 | SIALC (Alcobaca) | FJ404469 | ALC to alc allele: T to A; V106D | Long-shelf life | Garg et al., 2008 |
| 6 | SIDMR6-1 | Solyc03g080190.2 | small deletions in the <i>SIDMR6-1</i> gene that result in frameshift and premature truncation of the protein | No significant detrimental effects in terms of growth and development under greenhouse conditions and show disease resistance against different pathogens, including <i>P. syringae</i> , <i>P. capsici</i> and <i>Xanthomonas</i> spp. | Thomazella et al., 2016 |
| 7 | SIALS1 gene | Solyc03g044330 | Any substitution to change Pro186 amino acid to Ser, Ala or Thr residues | Strong resistance to chlorsulfuron. After two weeks, explants were transferred onto a fresh culture medium with 40 ng/mL chlorsulfuron. | Yu et al., 2009 |

Supplemental Table 4. Comparisons of indel mutation efficiency of the Cas9 complexes containing the PE components compared to the normal complex.

| Gene/allele name | Accession no. | Construction | PBS length (nt) | RT length (nt) | Total reads | Indel mutation efficiency (%) | | | | | p value** (Uncorrected Fisher's LSD) |
|------------------|----------------|-----------------------|-----------------|----------------|-------------|-------------------------------|-------------|-------------|---------|-------|--------------------------------------|
| | | | | | | Replicate 1 | Replicate 2 | Replicate 3 | Average | SEM | |
| SIBMP21 | Solyc12g038510 | -* | - | - | 49819 | 0.026 | - | - | 0.026 | - | - |
| | | Cas9-RT + pegR_BMP21 | 13 | 13 | 132955 | 0.018 | 0.007 | 0.023 | 0.016 | 0.005 | 0.0877 |
| | | Cas9 + pegR_BMP21 | 13 | 13 | 139784 | 0.092 | 0.190 | 0.058 | 0.113 | 0.040 | 0.3248 |
| | | Cas9 + gR_BMP21 | 0 | 0 | 127696 | 0.355 | 0.238 | 0.089 | 0.227 | 0.077 | |
| | | Cas9-RT + gR_BMP21 | 0 | 0 | 128919 | 0.411 | 0.023 | 0.038 | 0.158 | 0.127 | 0.5375 |
| SIALC | FJ404469 | - | - | - | 51907 | 0.075 | - | - | 0.075 | - | - |
| | | Cas9-RT + pegR_ALC | 13 | 12 | 140946 | 0.119 | 0.108 | 0.093 | 0.107 | 0.007 | 0.2103 |
| | | Cas9 + pegR_ALC | 13 | 12 | 140852 | 0.170 | 0.155 | 0.114 | 0.146 | 0.017 | 0.2748 |
| | | Cas9 + gR_ALC | 0 | 0 | 129357 | 0.714 | 0.111 | 0.349 | 0.391 | 0.175 | |
| | | Cas9-RT + gR_ALC | 0 | 0 | 121087 | 0.091 | 0.808 | 0.102 | 0.334 | 0.237 | 0.7896 |
| SIDMR6-1 | Solyc03g080190 | - | - | - | 37540 | 0.019 | - | - | 0.019 | - | - |
| | | Cas9-RT + pegR_DMR6-1 | 13 | 13 | 108382 | 0.010 | 0.021 | 0.020 | 0.017 | 0.004 | 0.0023 |
| | | Cas9 + pegR_DMR6-1 | 13 | 13 | 106969 | 0.254 | 0.161 | 0.025 | 0.147 | 0.067 | 0.0332 |
| | | Cas9 + gR_DMR6-1 | 0 | 0 | 124113 | 0.423 | 0.382 | 0.181 | 0.329 | 0.075 | |
| | | Cas9-RT + gR_DMR6-1 | 0 | 0 | 106991 | 0.006 | 0.017 | 0.019 | 0.014 | 0.004 | 0.0022 |
| SIALS1 | Solyc03g080190 | - | - | - | 56500 | 0.000 | - | - | 0.000 | - | - |
| | | Cas9-RT + pegR_ALS1 | 13 | 13 | 131194 | 0.000 | 0.032 | 0.023 | 0.018 | 0.009 | <0.0001 |
| | | Cas9 + pegR_ALS1 | 13 | 13 | 145331 | 0.033 | 0.106 | 0.018 | 0.052 | 0.027 | <0.0001 |
| | | Cas9 + gR_ALS1 | 0 | 0 | 144979 | 1.055 | 1.513 | 0.884 | 1.151 | 0.188 | |
| | | Cas9-RT + gR_ALS1 | 0 | 0 | 129222 | 0.039 | 0.057 | 0.031 | 0.042 | 0.008 | <0.0001 |

*WT sample. **Multiple comparisons were conducted between the normal Cas9+gRNA combination and the complex containing either or both the PE components with the Uncorrected Fisher's LSD test using the Graphpad 9.0 software.

Supplemental Table 5. Comparisons of indel mutation efficiency of the Cas9 complexes containing the PE components compared to the normal complex.

| Locus | PBS sequence (5'-3') | Tm of PBS (oC) | PE efficiency (%) | | | | SEM | p value* (Uncorrected Fisher's LSD) |
|---------|----------------------|----------------|-------------------|-------------|-------------|---------|-------|--|
| | | | Replicate 1 | Replicate 2 | Replicate 3 | Average | | |
| SIBMP21 | AGAACGTTGAAGG | 38 | 0.024 | 0.009 | 0.045 | 0.026 | 0.010 | |
| | AGAACGTTGAACC** | 30 | 0.017 | 0.031 | 0.016 | 0.021 | 0.005 | 0.5505 |
| | AGAACGTTGCAGC | 32 | 0.020 | 0.016 | 0.025 | 0.020 | 0.003 | 0.4705 |
| | AGAACGTTAC | 22 | 0.022 | 0.020 | 0.026 | 0.023 | 0.002 | 0.6684 |
| | AGAACGCTGC | 24 | 0.026 | 0.024 | 0.025 | 0.025 | 0.001 | 0.8973 |
| SIALC | TTTACTTCCGGTG | 38 | 0.020 | 0.024 | 0.000 | 0.015 | 0.007 | |
| | TTTACTTCCGGCA | 32 | 0.019 | 0.024 | 0.019 | 0.020 | 0.002 | 0.3563 |
| | TTTACTTCCTGTA | 30 | 0.014 | 0.009 | 0.023 | 0.015 | 0.004 | 0.9166 |
| | TTTACTTCAT | 20 | 0.012 | 0.009 | 0.023 | 0.015 | 0.004 | >0.9999 |
| | TTTACTCCCT | 22 | 0.010 | 0.015 | 0.016 | 0.014 | 0.002 | 0.8752 |
| SIALS | CACTTGACCTGTA | 38 | 0.109 | 0.082 | 0.041 | 0.077 | 0.020 | |
| | CACTTGACCTGCT | 34 | 0.098 | 0.113 | 0.040 | 0.084 | 0.022 | 0.8227 |
| | CACTTGACCCGTT | 34 | 0.128 | 0.079 | 0.046 | 0.084 | 0.024 | 0.8044 |
| | CACTTGACCC | 24 | 0.113 | 0.072 | 0.052 | 0.079 | 0.018 | 0.9529 |
| | CACTTGTCCT | 26 | 0.086 | 0.083 | 0.052 | 0.074 | 0.011 | 0.8967 |

*Multiple comparisons were conducted between PE complexes with the original PBS containing pegRNAs and that of the complexes containing modified PBS sequences with the Uncorrected Fisher's LSD test using the Graphpad 9.0 software. **red font: mismatches introduced between the PBSs and spacers.

Supplemental Table 6. Targeted deep sequencing data revealed from PE tools using shortened PBS and mismatched PBS

| Locus | PBS sequence (5'-3') | Tm of PBS-spacer (oC) | Replicate 1 | | | Replicate 2 | | |
|-------|----------------------|-----------------------|-------------|-------------------|----------------------|-------------|-------------------|----------------------|
| | | | Total reads | PE efficiency (%) | Indel efficiency (%) | Total reads | PE efficiency (%) | Indel efficiency (%) |
| BMP | AGAACGTTGAA | 30 | 39192 | 0.015 | 0.013 | 22412 | 0.031 | 0.022 |
| | AGAACGTTGAACC* | 30 | 47378 | 0.019 | 0.015 | 25443 | 0.039 | 0.000 |
| | AGAACGTTGCAGC | 32 | 55099 | 0.015 | 0.018 | 27979 | 0.032 | 0.025 |
| | AGAACGTTAC | 22 | 52535 | 0.015 | 0.017 | 23439 | 0.026 | 0.013 |
| | AGAACGCTGC | 24 | 54017 | 0.020 | 0.015 | 26156 | 0.031 | 0.011 |
| ALC | TTTACTTCCGG | 32 | 50025 | 0.014 | 0.056 | 25835 | 0.012 | 0.081 |
| | TTTACTTCCGGCA | 32 | 52284 | 0.019 | 0.069 | 31389 | 0.019 | 0.076 |
| | TTTACTTCCTGTA | 30 | 38566 | 0.026 | 0.078 | 23446 | 0.013 | 0.060 |
| | TTTACTTCAT | 20 | 47192 | 0.030 | 0.087 | 26248 | 0.015 | 0.057 |
| | TTTACTCCCT | 22 | 46943 | 0.013 | 0.066 | 29077 | 0.014 | 0.079 |
| ALS | CACTTGACCT | 30 | 47374 | 0.103 | 0.017 | 29667 | 0.101 | 0.007 |
| | CACTTGACCTGCT | 34 | 47803 | 0.096 | 0.013 | 25106 | 0.068 | 0.028 |
| | CACTTGACCCGTT | 34 | 47225 | 0.104 | 0.017 | 26736 | 0.094 | 0.022 |
| | CACTTGACCC | 24 | 44622 | 0.083 | 0.011 | 26242 | 0.088 | 0.015 |
| | CACTTGTCCT | 26 | 41949 | 0.098 | 0.019 | 25926 | 0.093 | 0.004 |

*red font: mismatches introduced between the PBSs and spacers.