Adenine Base-Editing

KGD Laboratory Workshop

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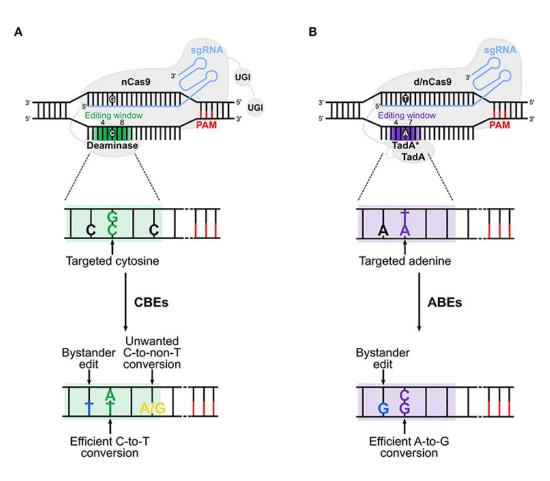
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Base Editors:

Precisely targets bases in the gene.

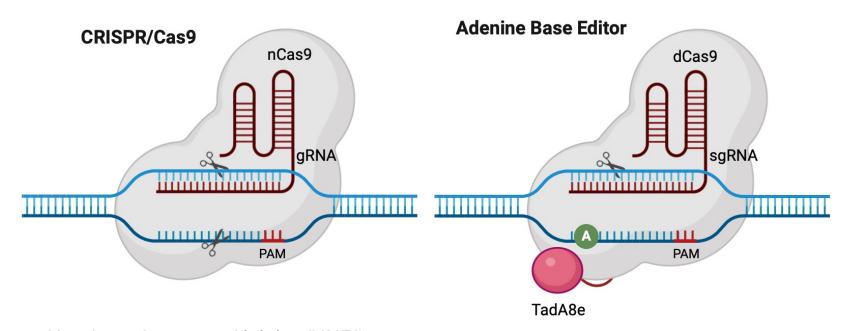
A. Cystosine Base Editors (CBEs)- Cytosine to Thymine (C to T).

B. Adenine Base Editors (ABEs)-Adenine to Guanine (A to G).



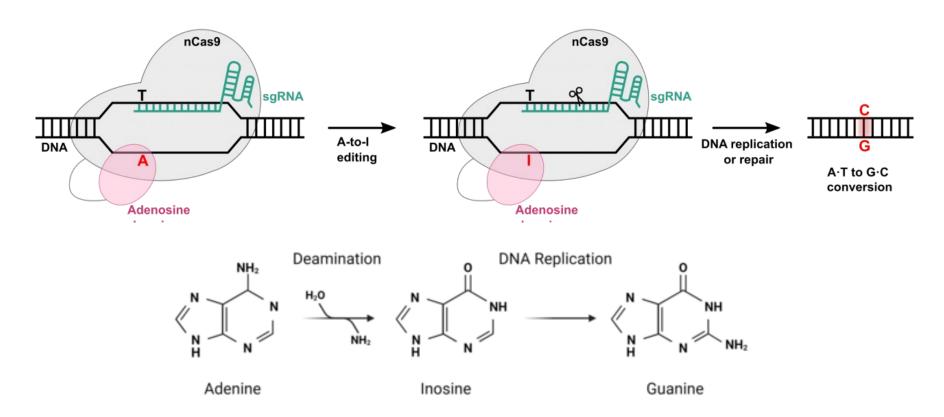
Antoniou et al., Front. Genome Ed. 2021

CRISPR/Cas9 vs. Adenine Base Editor



Non-homologous end joining (NHEJ) Homology directed repair (HDR)

Adenine Base Editors (ABE) converts Adenine to Inosine.



Requirements for ABE:

- 1. Enzyme: ABE8e
- 2. Single guide RNA
- 3. Mode of delivery:
 - a. Electroporation
 - b. Lipofection
- 4. Cells to be edited:
 - a. iPSC-RDEB
 - b. iPSC-RDEB-FB.





Neon Transfection System®

How to determine the sgRNA for ABE?

Step 1:

Use ~25 bases of your gene of interest.

Target base is flanked.

Step 2:

Use **CRISPR RGen Tools** to
determine
possible sgRNA.

Step 3:

Choose which suggested sgRNA targets your base of interest.

Example: sgRNA for RDEB iPSC and FB

DNA Sequence: col7a1 c.1573C>T, p.Arg525Ter
AGCTGCCCGGGCAGCGGGTGTGAGTGTCCTGGAG

CRISPR RGen Tools Site: CRISPR RGEN Tools (rgenome.net)

Conditions: ABE, 13 to 17 editing window

ABE Protocol for iPSC:

(Imogen Brooks; PI: Dr. Joanna Jackow, King's College London)

Step 1:	Step 2:	Step 3:
Prepare:	Combine:	Add:
A. Lipofectamine+	A+B	AB and AC to cells
media	A+C	
B. ABE8e+sgRNA+ media		
C. Media (NC)		
(10 min)	(5 min)	(15 min)

How to determine the % editing efficiency?

Step 1:

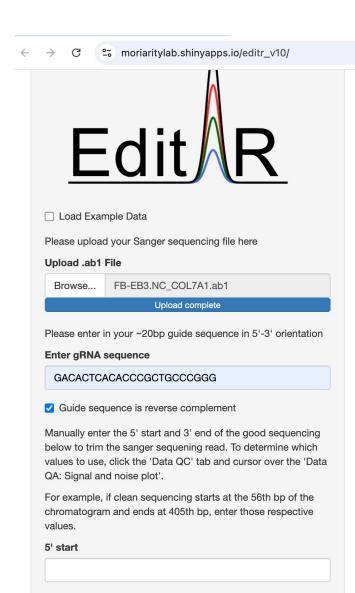
Send samples for sequencing.

Step 2:

Use **EditR** to estimate the gene editing efficiency.

Step 3:

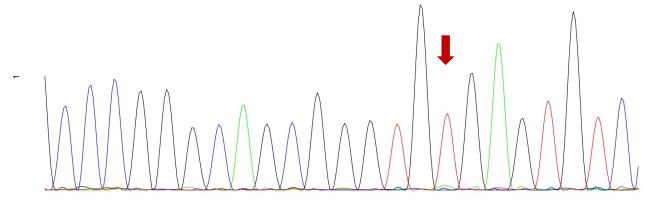
Compare the negative control with the edited cells.

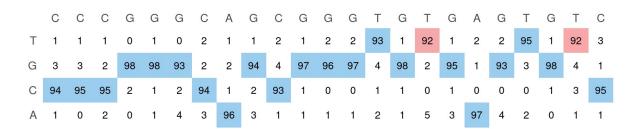


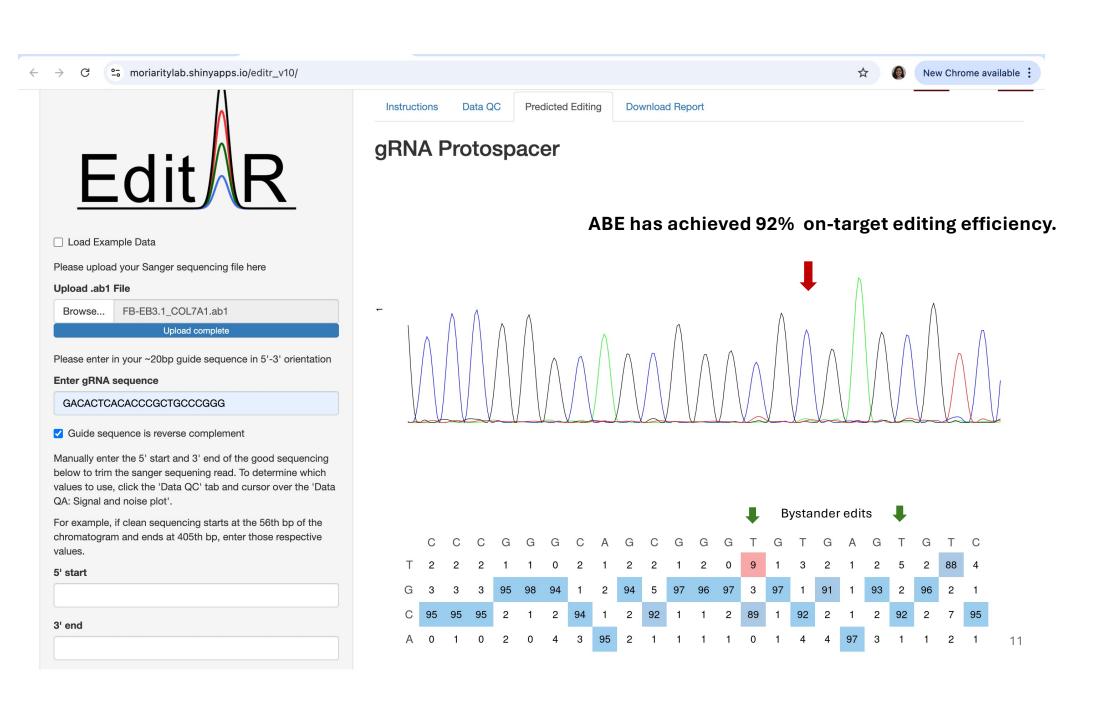
3' end



gRNA Protospacer







Summary

Adenine base editing (ABE) is a powerful gene editing tool that can be used to correct point mutations in the genes.

Careful designing of single guide RNAs (sgRNA) is key to achieve a high on-target editing efficiency.

Bystander edits and off-target effects are unavoidable, thus their effects should be determined.