

1 **Mutation-independent allele-specific editing by CRISPR-Cas9, a novel**
2 **approach to treat autosomal dominant disease**

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19 Abstract

20 CRISPR-Cas9 provides a tool to treat autosomal dominant disease by NHEJ gene disruption
21 of the mutant allele. In order to discriminate between wild-type and mutant alleles, *SpCas9*
22 must be able to detect a single nucleotide change. Allele-specific editing can be achieved by
23 employing either a guide-specific approach, in which the missense mutation is found within
24 the guide sequence; or a PAM-specific approach, in which the missense mutation generates
25 a novel PAM. While both approaches have been shown to offer allele-specificity in certain
26 contexts, in cases where numerous missense mutations are associated with a particular
27 disease, such as *TGFBI* corneal dystrophies, it is neither possible nor realistic to target each
28 mutation individually. Here we demonstrate allele-specific CRISPR gene editing independent
29 of the disease-causing mutation which is capable of achieving complete allele discrimination
30 and we propose it as a targeting approach for autosomal dominant disease. Our approach
31 utilises natural variants in the target region that contain a PAM on one allele which lies *in cis*
32 with the causative mutation, removing the constraints of a mutation-dependent approach.
33 Our innovative patient-specific guide design approach takes into account the patient's
34 individual genetic make-up allowing on and off target activity to be assessed in a
35 personalised manner.

36 Introduction

37 CRISPR-Cas9 holds immense promise for the treatment of single gene diseases, enabling
38 sequence specific genome modifications to be induced to remove or correct the genetic cause
39 ¹⁻³. The best characterised Cas nuclease, *S.pyogenes* Cas9 (*SpCas9*) in complex with a single
40 guide RNA (sgRNA) searches the genome for a NGG protospacer adjacent motif (PAM). Once
41 a NGG PAM is encountered *SpCas9* determines whether the 20bp guide sequence in the
42 sgRNA has complementarity with the flanking sequence. If there is global sequence similarity

43 Cas9 will bind and generate a double-strand break (DSB) at this location. NHEJ, the DNA repair
44 mechanism most often used in non-dividing cells, lacks fidelity and can introduce insertions
45 and deletions (indels) at the repair site. NHEJ-mediated indels introduced in the coding region
46 of a gene can result in a frameshifting mutation leading to premature termination of
47 translation or nonsense mediated decay of the mRNA and thus permanent disruption of the
48 target gene. One important application of this technology is the potential to treat autosomal
49 dominant disease by allele-specific NHEJ mediated gene disruption. Autosomal dominant
50 disease is predominantly caused by single base-pair, missense mutations⁴. Therefore, to
51 achieve allele-specific NHEJ mediated gene disruption of the mutant allele, *SpCas9* must be
52 able to discriminate between wild-type and mutant alleles which differ by only this single base
53 pair change. Allele-specific editing of missense mutations via CRISPR-Cas9 can be achieved by
54 employing either a guide-specific approach, in which the missense mutation is found within
55 the guide sequence; or a PAM specific approach, in which the missense mutation generates
56 a novel PAM. Utilising a guide-specific approach has been shown to achieve reasonable allele
57 discrimination with certain mutations⁵⁻⁷. However, successful application of this approach
58 requires the mutation of interest to have a usable PAM in close proximity. The position of the
59 missense mutation within the guide sequence, and critically within the first 8-12nt in the
60 guide sequence, is known to limit this approach through reduced allele discrimination
61 observed the more distal the mutation is from the PAM⁸. Similarly, although exploitation of a
62 novel PAM has been shown to confer stringent allele-specificity, only a fraction of missense
63 mutations will generate a novel PAM^{9,10}. While both approaches can be efficiently utilised
64 in the context of certain mutations, they both highlight the limitations of a mutation
65 dependent approach.

66 Corneal dystrophies comprise a group of inherited, bilateral genetic eye diseases that affect
67 the transparency or shape of the cornea, which can lead to progressive vision loss and
68 eventually blindness¹¹. Transforming growth factor β -induced (*TGFBI*) has been implicated as
69 the causative gene in some of the most commonly occurring epithelial and stromal corneal
70 dystrophies. TGFBIp is an extracellular matrix (ECM) protein and through its interaction with
71 integrins is involved in many key cellular processes, and has been shown to have a role in
72 wound healing, angiogenesis, cancer and inflammatory diseases^{12,13}. Despite the fact that
73 TGFBIp is widely expressed, mutations within *TGFBI* appear only to result in an adverse
74 phenotype in the cornea, although the mechanism behind the accumulation of mutant
75 TGFBIp in the cornea is incompletely understood. To date >70 different disease-causing,
76 predominantly missense mutations within *TGFBI* have been described. These mutations and
77 the dystrophies associated with them are classified as epithelial-stromal *TGFBI* corneal
78 dystrophies^{14,15}. A very strong genotype-phenotype correlation exists between each missense
79 mutation and the pattern of the mutant protein deposits that accumulate in the cornea.
80 Autosomal dominant missense mutations are not amenable to conventional gene
81 replacement therapy, as the production of mutant protein will persist. Repair of the *TGFBI*
82 R124H missense mutation has been demonstrated in patient-derived primary corneal
83 keratocytes¹⁶. However, template repair is considered a relatively infrequent event in most
84 cell types¹⁷. Heterozygous nonsense mutations in *TGFBI* associated with a normal phenotype
85 have been reported^{18,19}. Indicating that *TGFBI* is haplosufficient and disruption of the mutant
86 allele, whilst leaving the wild-type allele intact, would not lead to a more severe phenotype.
87 Allele-specific siRNAs targeted to a lattice corneal dystrophy (LCD1) (OMIM:122200) mutation
88 R124C have been shown to achieve potent and specific knockdown of the mutant allele²⁰.
89 However, as knockdown of mutant protein expression by siRNA is only transient and would

90 require continued application/injection into the eye, permanent disruption of the mutant
91 allele would be an attractive alternative strategy. In the case of *TGFBI* corneal dystrophies,
92 with over 70 missense mutations currently associated with disease, utilising either a guide-
93 specific or PAM-specific approach would require the design of a different guide for each
94 mutation. This is an insurmountable task, as greater than one third of these missense
95 mutations cannot be targeted by either approach and not all of the remaining mutations will
96 offer guides with good on-target and off-target profiles⁸.

97 Using autosomal dominant *TGFBI* corneal dystrophies as a model, we present a mutation-
98 independent allele-specific CRISPR editing approach that is capable of achieving stringent
99 allele discrimination with wild-type *SpCas9* and propose it as a targeting approach for
100 autosomal dominant disease. Genetic variation has been shown to affect the target specificity
101 of CRISPR by creating or abolishing prospective target sites^{21,22}. This enables allele-specificity
102 to be achieved in cases where phase cannot be pre-determined²³ utilising natural variants in
103 the target region that are associated with a PAM that lie *in cis* with the causative mutation.
104 Consequently, the targeting approach is no longer constrained by the location of the
105 mutation. At the same time, employing common variants ensures that a pool of well tested
106 guides can be used to treat the majority of affected individuals in a given population. Herein
107 we present a workflow for gene editing of genes associated with autosomal dominant disease
108 that will allow guide design based on the patient's individual genetic make-up. Therefore, on
109 and off target activity can be routinely assessed in a personalised manner for every
110 therapeutic application.

111 Results

112 Identification of mutation-independent PAM-associated SNPs in the *TGFBI* Gene

113 The *TGFBI* gene covers ~35kb and contains 17 coding exons. Mutations within *TGFBI* occur
114 in exons 4-16 but are clustered in hotspots found in exons 4, 11, 12 and 14. Previously, we
115 analysed all missense mutations in *TGFBI* to determine if they were targetable for allele-
116 specific NHEJ gene disruption by either a guide-specific or PAM-specific approach utilising
117 *S.pyogenes* Cas9⁸. Greater than a third were targetable by neither approach. In addition,
118 stringent allele-specificity could not be achieved for the 5 most prevalent mutations using a
119 guide-specific approach. The specificity of Cas9 for the mutant allele varied for each
120 mutation investigated and was dependent upon the position of the mutation in the guide
121 sequence⁸.

122 Thus, the feasibility of an alternative mutation-independent strategy was explored. We
123 proposed that allele-specificity could be achieved by targeting non-disease causing SNPs
124 that lie *in cis* with the disease causing mutation and contain a suitable PAM on only one
125 allele. To identify variants across the *TGFBI* locus suitable for this approach, SNPs were
126 filtered to select those with a minor allele frequency (MAF) of > 0.1 across all of the
127 individuals in the 1000 Genomes Project Phase 3 cohort. As *TGFBI* is highly conserved, SNPs
128 with a MAF of >0.1 were only located in intronic regions. These SNPs were then examined to
129 determine which contain a PAM on only one allele and 24 which fitted these criteria were
130 identified. (Figure 1a and Supplementary Table 1).

131 Haplotype Analysis of identified SNPs across *TGFBI*

132 Granular corneal dystrophy type II (GCD2) (OMIM: 607541) caused by the R124H *TGFBI*
133 mutation, is most prevalent in East Asia: in Korea, the reported prevalence is 1 in 870,
134 while in China it rises to 1 in 400²⁴. Although we have identified 24 suitable SNPs, their

135 usefulness would be reduced if the PAM-associated alleles all lie together in the same
136 linkage disequilibrium (LD) block. In order to determine whether the selected SNPs are
137 suitable for allele discrimination in these populations, we performed haplotype analysis
138 using the 1000 Genomes project phase 3 data for the East Asian cohort (EAS)
139 (Supplementary Figure 1a,b) and in the sub-populations of Han Chinese in Beijing, China
140 (CHB) (Supplementary Figure 1c,d) and Japanese in Tokyo, Japan (JPT) (Supplementary
141 Figure 1e,f) (Highlighted in red on Supplementary Table 1) and determined the extent of
142 the LD blocks. For both the EAS population and CHB sub-population LD blocks were located
143 in intron 1-2, spanning intron 2-3 to intron 13-14, and spanning intron 13-14 to intron 14-
144 15, with between three and four haplotypes described for each LD block (Supplementary
145 Figure 1 a-d). The structure of the LD blocks in the JPT sub-population differed somewhat,
146 with two LD blocks, spanning intron 1-2 to intron 10-11 (6 haplotypes) and intron 13-14 to
147 intron 15-16 (3 haplotypes) (Supplementary Figure 1e,f).

148 Our mutation independent approach relies on variation across the target locus. The
149 haplotypes identified in the large haploblocks (EAS-B2, CHB-B2, JPT-B1) were analysed to
150 determine the percentage of the population in which our approach could be used to
151 selectively disrupt only one allele. The fraction of homozygotes, in whom the two alleles
152 cannot be distinguished, was calculated using the Hardy-Weinberg equation for multiple
153 alleles. This showed that 66% of the EAS population and 67% of the CHB and 71% of the JPT
154 sub-populations are heterozygous for these alleles and therefore potentially targetable.
155 Critically, since this analysis was performed using only the largest haploblock in each
156 population, the actual proportion of the population that is potentially targetable may be
157 larger.

158 The distribution of the PAM-associated SNPs was then assessed in each allele and used to
159 calculate the number of targetable SNPs for each possible heterozygous combination of
160 alleles. This analysis (Supplementary Figure 2) reveals that, even when only considering the
161 largest haploblock, the proposed approach has the potential to target, for at least one
162 position, all heterozygous combinations across all populations investigated, indicating that
163 the 24 SNPs identified could be used to treat the majority of East Asian patients.

164 **Guide design based on patient haplotype**

165 To validate this approach we performed phased sequencing of a Japanese patient
166 harbouring a R124H *TGFBI* GCD2 mutation which allowed identification of SNPs associated
167 with a PAM on only one allele that lie *in cis* with the patient's R124H mutation. (Figure 2,
168 Supplementary Table 2). A range of guides targeted to the PAM located on the mutant
169 allele were then designed (Figure 3a, Supplementary Table 3). The ability of wild-type
170 *S.pyogenes* Cas9 to distinguish between 'PAM associated' and 'No PAM present' alleles was
171 assessed firstly by *in vitro* digestion. A PCR product containing either the allele associated
172 with a PAM or the allele with no PAM present (Figure 3b), was incubated with
173 ribonucleoprotein (RNP) complexes of Cas9 and sgRNA. Digestion products were then
174 electrophoresed on an agarose gel and the intensity of the digested products revealed the
175 *in vitro* specificity of each guide (Figure 3c). Of the 12 guides tested, 8 appeared to
176 preferentially cleave the PAM associated allele while 4 appeared to have little activity at
177 either the 'PAM associated' or 'No PAM' allele. It appeared that SNPs generating a non-
178 canonical PAM, which is a PAM sequence other than NGG that can still act as a weak PAM
179 for *S.pyogenes* Cas9 such as NAG or NGA^{25,26}, on the 'No PAM present' allele, only
180 conferred partial discrimination at best. These results suggest that, in order to achieve
181 stringent allele-specificity, the sequence of the non-target allele, *in trans* with the mutation,

182 should be NGC, NCG, NGT or NTG and an NGG PAM should be *in cis* with the mutation on
183 the targeted allele

184 Allele-specificity of single guides in R124H lymphocyte cell line

185 To test the mutation-independent allele-specific approach, a proliferating lymphocyte cell
186 line (LCL) was generated utilising peripheral blood mononuclear cells (PBMC) from the GCD2
187 patient harbouring a *TGFBI* R124H mutation. RNP complexes of SpCas9 and nine modified
188 synthetic sgRNAs, previously tested by *in vitro* digestion, were individually nucleofected into
189 the R124H LCLs. To determine the allele-specificity of each guide, targeted resequencing
190 across the on-target region, where Cas9 is predicted to cleave, was performed. The target
191 region for all 9 guides was PCR amplified and subjected to deep sequencing. Computational
192 analysis was performed to determine whether indels had occurred and with which allele
193 they were associated. For the guides screened, we found that all could efficiently distinguish
194 between 'PAM associated' and 'No PAM present' alleles (Figure 4a). On average only 3.7%
195 of indels occurred on the allele not associated with a PAM, in comparison to 96.3% of indels
196 on the allele that is associated with a PAM. This indicates that careful guide design and
197 testing can achieve stringent allele-specificity in a mutation-independent manner. However,
198 in contrast to the observations of the *in vitro* digestion of PCR products (Figure 3b),
199 stringent allele-specificity was observed regardless of whether of a non-canonical PAM was
200 present on the non-target allele. In addition, the guide targeting rs6860369 appeared
201 inactive in the *in vitro* screen but was active in a cellular context. This indicates that the *in*
202 *vitro* screen, while largely suitable as a means of selecting active guides, does not serve as a
203 predictive tool for allele specificity in a cellular context. For 7 out of 9 guides tested the

204 predominant indels observed were 1 or 2bp insertions, which occurred 3 or 4bp upstream
205 of the PAM (Figure 4b,c,d, Supplementary Figure 3).

206 **Allele-specific excision of coding region in *TGFBI* utilising a dual cut approach**

207 The *in cis* PAM-associated approach presented here removes the limitations of a mutation-
208 dependent approach. All of the non-disease-causing SNPs matching the guide selection
209 criteria were located in intronic regions, thus indels introduced by single guides are unlikely
210 to have therapeutic potential. To overcome this an *in cis*, dual-guide approach targeted to the
211 mutant allele is required. Upon careful design, excision of the exon/s between the guides will
212 result in a clearly defined and consistent frameshift that will result in premature termination
213 of translation or nonsense mediated decay (NMD) of the resultant mRNA and selective
214 knockout of expression of the mutant allele. In order to reach a therapeutic threshold *in vivo*
215 the region between the dual-guides must be excised at a high frequency. However, the
216 minimum reduction of TGFBIp in the cornea required to achieve a therapeutic effect is
217 unknown.

218 In some cases, the target SNPs described lie substantial distances apart, up to >18kb
219 (Supplementary Table 4). As the efficiency of deletion drops with increasing intervening
220 distance²⁷, additional guides were designed that lie closer to a particular PAM discriminatory
221 guide yet still allow excision of exons (Supplementary Table 5). In contrast to the PAM
222 discriminatory guides, the additional guides are not allele-specific, they were selected to
223 target the intronic region of both alleles (Figure 5a). It was hypothesised that the PAM
224 discriminatory guide will only cut the mutant allele while the common-intronic guide will cut
225 both alleles. When both cuts are made on the mutant allele the chromosomal region between
226 these cuts may be deleted. The wild-type allele will only be cut by the common-intronic guide

227 which, provided meticulous design has been applied to avoid important regulatory elements,
228 should have no functional effect.

229 Five dual gRNA combinations ranging in intervening size from 419bp to 4008bp were tested
230 by nucleofection into R124H patient derived LCLs (Supplementary Table 6). One pair (Dual 2)
231 included the previously validated R124H specific gRNA, which cuts beside the mutation SNP
232 within Exon 4⁸. To confirm that the expected deletion was occurring, we performed PCR and
233 Sanger sequencing analysis on genomic DNA from cells nucleofected with each pair. PCR
234 amplification across the deletion site for all pairs revealed a band from DNA isolated from
235 treated cells corresponding to the expected size (Figure 5b). Sanger sequencing analysis of
236 each deletion PCR product using both the forward and reverse primer showed a wildtype
237 sequence trace until the gRNA cut site, followed by mixed trace, indicating that regions
238 outside of the deletion were unaffected (Figure 5c, Supplementary Figure 4). In some cases
239 (e.g. dual 4, Figure 5c), we were able to determine the precise deletion of the intervening
240 sequence as the trace after the cut site showed the expected truncation sequence or else
241 with a 1bp indel. Other traces were mixed after the cleavage site indicating that varied indel
242 events occurred alongside deletion which did not, however, extend beyond the predicted
243 Cas9 cleavage site. Importantly, we were also able to confirm allele specificity of the deletion
244 for many of the pairs when the strand recognised by the sgRNA placed the PAM on the
245 opposite side of the Cas9 cleavage site to the deletion. Thus, when the smaller, deletion band
246 was sequenced only the PAM-associated SNP allele and not the alternative non-PAM allele
247 was detectable in the trace (e.g. Figure 5c). Together these analyses confirm that the dual
248 gRNA approach for specifically editing the mutation allele in TGFBI affected patients produces
249 the expected deletions in genomic DNA.

250 **Whole genome analysis of CRISPR off-targets**

251 In addition to demonstrating on target allele specificity it is necessary to demonstrate that
252 the selected guides do not cause deleterious alterations elsewhere in the genome. We
253 performed an unbiased *in vitro* genome wide screen for potential off targets performed
254 using Circularization for In vitro Reporting of Cleavage Effects by sequencing (CIRCLE-seq)³⁰.
255 After employing a stringent cut-off threshold of greater than or equal to 25% of the top hit
256 by read count we still detected potential off target cleavage sites for all of the guides tested
257 (median 31, range 13-161) (Supplementary Table 7, Supplementary Figure 5). The *TGFBI* on-
258 target site was consistently detected with high read count, however it was not always the
259 top hit (Supplementary Table 8). The CIRCLE-seq results contained many of the Benchling *in*
260 *silico*-predicted off target sites at high read count but also many others that were not
261 predicted. Off targets were detected in gene coding regions (in 4/8 guides), none of which
262 were predicted by the *in silico* design programs used. CIRCLE-seq reproducibility was tested
263 by performing a technical replicate analysis on one guide; where separate CIRCLE-seq
264 libraries were prepared from the same DNA sample and sequenced on separate lanes on
265 different days. There was a high correlation between technical replicates when results were
266 ranked by read number ($r^2 = 0.83$).

267 To validate CIRCLE-seq results by an independent method we selected a number of off
268 target hits across all guides and performed Sanger sequencing and TIDE analysis³¹. Targets
269 to validate CIRCLE-seq results were selected as follows: 1. Top 5 off target hits by CIRCLE-seq
270 read count, 2. All off-targets in gene-coding regions above the CIRCLE-seq read count
271 threshold, 3. On target *TGFBI* location (if not included in 1.), 4. For two guides we selected
272 the top 5 off targets detected *in silico* by Benchling. The total number of selected targets

273 was 62; of these, 50 successfully passed primer design criteria and 24 produced Sanger
274 sequencing traces of sufficient quality for off target analysis by TIDE (Supplementary Tables
275 8, 9a and 9b). For the off targets that could be analysed by TIDE, 75% were validated as
276 being true off targets (18/24). There were 10 off targets in gene coding regions across all
277 guides that were detected by CIRCLE-seq and not by *in silico* design; seven failed validation,
278 one was not validated and two did validate, with *in vitro* cutting efficiencies of 12% and 5%
279 (Supplementary Table 9a).

280 Discussion

281 Conventionally, gene therapy refers to gene replacement strategies, whereby a functional
282 copy of the defective gene is introduced to ameliorate the disease³². This approach has been
283 widely adapted for the treatment of autosomal recessive retinal dystrophies³³. However,
284 gene replacement is not appropriate for the treatment of autosomal dominant diseases, such
285 as the *TGFBI* corneal dystrophies, due to the persistent production of mutant protein from
286 the still present mutant allele. Conversely, an approach that aims to correct or disrupt the
287 mutant allele can offer a viable treatment strategy for autosomal dominant disease.

288 Previous reports have described alternative approaches to treat the corneal dystrophy caused
289 by individual *TGFBI* mutations. Courtney *et al* demonstrated that allele-specific siRNAs
290 targeted to a lattice corneal dystrophy (LCD1) (OMIM:122200) R124C mutation could achieve
291 potent and specific knockdown of the mutant allele in patient-derived corneal epithelial
292 cells²⁰. However, as knockdown of mutant protein expression by siRNA is only transient
293 continued application would be required. Alternatively, repair of the *TGFBI* R124H missense
294 mutation by CRISPR-Cas9 mediated homology directed repair (HDR) has been demonstrated
295 in patient-derived primary corneal keratocytes¹⁶. However, despite extensive efforts to

296 improve the efficiency of HDR, template repair is considered a relatively rare event, limiting
297 *in vivo* use^{34,35}. Furthermore, as HDR is restricted to the G2 and S phases of the cell cycle,
298 non-dividing cells such as corneal endothelial cells are not targetable by this approach.

299 We have previously reported more than one third of the mutations associated with *TGFBI*
300 corneal dystrophies are not targetable by either a guide- or PAM-specific approach⁸.
301 Therefore, a strategy based on targeting each individual mutation would provide an
302 incomplete approach to treat these dystrophies. While SpCas9 has been shown to tolerate
303 single base-pair mismatches between the guide and target sequences^{8,36-38}, mutations
304 within the PAM are much less tolerated and have been shown to impair the cleavage
305 efficiency of Cas9³⁹⁻⁴¹. The use of truncated guide RNAs or high-fidelity variants could
306 improve specificity within the guide RNA⁴²⁻⁴⁵. However, we chose an approach, focused on
307 allelic differences resulting in a PAM site on one allele, to derive more stringent allele-
308 specificity that removes the requirement that the disease-causing mutation itself must
309 create a novel PAM. Nucleases with altered PAM specificities^{6,40,43,46-48} will broaden the
310 targeting capacity and allow additional dual-guide combinations, highly specific for the
311 mutant allele but in closer proximity to one another, to be designed. The method presented
312 provides a promising alternative to mutation-dependent approaches that can be used to
313 treat any patient affected with an autosomal dominant monogenic disease irrespective of
314 their causative mutation where phase cannot be pre-determined.

315 In order to prevent expression of the disease-causing mutant protein further considerations
316 for guide design are required. It is widely accepted that if a premature stop codon resides
317 $\geq 50-55$ nucleotides upstream of the 3' most exon-exon junction then the exon-junction
318 complex will not be removed and thus nonsense mediated decay (NMD) will be induced^{49,50}.

319 Therefore, to induce NMD and selectively degrade the mutant allele guides that target
320 exons early in the transcript will be most desirable. When this concept is applied to *TGFBI* a
321 premature termination codon no later than 50-55 nucleotides from the 5' splice site in exon
322 15 will result in NMD. This is evident from an examination of the corneal dystrophy-causing
323 mutations in *TGFBI* which are either missense mutations or in frame indels, with the
324 exception of a frameshifting single base deletion at codon 626 reported by Munier *et al*⁵¹.
325 The result of this frameshift mutation is the addition of 43 missense amino acids and
326 premature termination at codon 669, which is less than the required 50-55nt distance from
327 the 3' most exon-exon junction, therefore NMD is predicted not to occur and the nonsense
328 transcript is translated.

329 If common intronic guides are required to increase deletion frequency, care must be taken
330 to ensure any indels they may induce do not disrupt any regulatory elements. In a similar
331 approach used to target the Huntington gene (*HTT*), common intronic guides were found to
332 affect expression of the normal allele due to the targeting of intronic transcription factor
333 binding sites⁵², however in contrast to our approach these guides were designed to target
334 intron 1 where they are more likely to affect regulation of transcription. The use of
335 common-intronic guides assumes that any small indels induced in an intronic region will
336 have no functional effect. However, Kosicki *et al* recently reported single guides targeted to
337 intronic regions produced deletions of up to 2kb at significant frequencies; they
338 demonstrated that transfection of 10 different guides singly, located 263–520 bp from the
339 nearest exon, caused a 8–20% reduction in their gene of interest, while 2 guides > 2 kb away
340 caused a 5–7% loss of their gene of interest⁵³. While this would indicate that, provided they
341 are highly allele-specific, single guides could have a functional effect by inducing larger
342 deletions, it raises concerns about the types of alterations that Cas9 generates and whether

343 or not current detection methods are capturing a complete picture of the changes induced.
344 Furthermore, while we have shown encouraging results for the use of a dual-cut to induce a
345 therapeutically relevant deletion, Kosicki *et al* also reported that complex deletions and
346 rearrangements may also be occurring, which would be undetectable by our PCR based
347 assays.

348 The approach described within necessitates thorough genomic characterization of the
349 target loci. In this new era of personalised medicine, where progress will be made with great
350 caution, whole genome sequencing (WGS) will undoubtedly be a prerequisite for any
351 patient undergoing gene editing therapies to allow the potential for success or failure of
352 such therapies to be fully assessed. We would advocate that patients undergo whole-
353 genome phased sequencing to enable the design of guides in cis with the mutation for
354 autosomal disease. The phase information will also aid in the understanding of outcomes
355 should unwanted off-targets effects, such as those detected by the in vitro and ex vivo
356 assays used here, or chromosomal translocations occur. Other hurdles such as efficiency of
357 delivery of the gene editing components to the target cells remain to be addressed,
358 however the approach presented here offers a promising strategy to allele-specific gene
359 therapy in a mutation independent manner for autosomal dominant disease.

360 **Materials and Methods**

361 **Phased sequencing of R124H patient genome**

362 Genomic DNA was extracted from 3ml of whole blood with a MagAttract HMW DNA kit
363 (QIAGEN, Hilden, Germany). DNA fragment lengths of approximately 45 kb were enriched
364 for on a Blue Pippin pulsed field electrophoresis instrument (Sage Science, Beverly, MA,
365 USA). Fragment sizes averaging 51,802 bps were confirmed with a Large Fragment kit on
366 the Fragment Analyzer (Advanced Analytical, Ankeny, IA, USA). This high molecular weight

367 (HMW) DNA (1 ng) was partitioned across approximately 1 million synthetic barcodes
368 (GEMs) on a microfluidic Genome Chip with A Chromium™ System (10x Genomics,
369 Pleasanton, CA, USA) according to the manufacturer's protocol. Upon dissolution of the
370 Genome Gel Bead in the GEM, HMW DNA fragments with 16-bp 10x Barcodes along with
371 attached sequencing primers were released. A standard library prep was performed
372 according to the manufacturer's instructions resulting in sample-indexed libraries using 10x
373 Genomics adaptors. Prior to Illumina bridge amplification and sequencing, the libraries were
374 analyzed on the Fragment Analyzer with the high sensitivity NGS kit. One lane of whole
375 genome paired end short read (2 x 150 nt) sequencing was conducted on a HiSeq 4000
376 (Illumina, San Diego, CA, USA). The FASTQ files served as input into Long Ranger (10x
377 Genomics) which was used to assemble, align and give haplotype phasing information.

378 *TGFBI* linkage disequilibrium analysis

379 Chromosome 5 1000 Genomes⁵⁴ Phase III data in gzipped variant call format (VCF)⁵⁵ for
380 build GRCh37 / hg19 was downloaded from the Department of Biostatistics at the University
381 of Washington in November 2014. Indels were left-aligned, multi-allelic calls split, and the
382 data converted to binary call format (BCF) using BCFtools v1.3.1⁵⁶. Variants spanning *TGFBI*
383 (+/-1Kbp) were then extracted, also using BCFtools. The resulting dataset was then
384 temporarily converted to plain-text VCF to allow for the manual recoding of rs11348106 (a
385 variant of interest) from an indel variant to a dummy single nucleotide variant to allow for
386 later compatibility with downstream tools, before being converted back to BCF. From this
387 dataset, sample groups were then extracted into separate BCF files for the following 1000
388 Genomes populations: CHB - Han Chinese in Beijing, China (n=103), EAS - East Asian super
389 population (n=504), JPT - Japanese in Tokyo, Japan (n=104). Each file representing each
390 population was then converted into a separate PLINK dataset using PLINK v1.90b3.38⁵⁷.

391 From PLINK, each dataset was then recoded into HaploView-compatible format using the
392 options `--chr 5 --from-bp 135364584 --to-bp 135399507 --snps-only no-DI --recodeHV`.
393 Recoded datasets (as PED files) were then read separately into HaploView v4.2⁵⁸ with
394 default parameters: ignoring pairwise comparisons of markers > 500 Kbp apart; excluding
395 individuals with > 50% missing genotypes. Within HaploView, from the 'Check Markers' tab,
396 24 variants of interest were selected. A LD heatmap plot was then output in PNG format for
397 each dataset from the 'LD Plot' tab. Colour scheme and numerical values for display were
398 both set to 'R-squared'. The default method for identifying haploblocks, i.e., confidence
399 intervals⁵⁹, was used. The different haplotypes for each identified haploblock were then
400 output in PNG format from the 'Haploblocks' tab. Again, default parameters were used: only
401 including haplotypes > 1%; connecting with thin lines if > 1%; connecting with thick lines if >
402 10%. All subsequent figure editing was performed using GNU Image Manipulation Program
403 v2.8.16 and R Programming Language 3.5.1.

404 *In vitro* digestion to determine on-target specificity

405 A 50bp insert of *TGFBI* sequence encompassing the target site and PAM for either the 'No
406 PAM' or 'PAM present' allele was cloned into the MCS of psiTEST-LUC-Target (York
407 Bioscience Ltd, York, UK). A 587bp double-stranded DNA template was prepared by
408 amplifying a region of the template plasmid using the primers listed in Supplementary Table
409 10. A cleavage reaction was set up by incubating 30nM *S.pyogenes* Cas9 nuclease (NEB UK)
410 with 30nM synthetic sgRNA (Synthego) for 10 minutes at 25°C. The Cas9:sgRNA complex
411 was then incubated with 3nM of DNA template at 37°C for 1 hour. Fragment analysis was
412 then carried out on a 1% agarose gel.

413 Preparation of primary human PBMC

414 A whole blood sample was collected from a patient with Avellino corneal dystrophy. PBMCs
415 were isolated by centrifugation on a Ficoll density gradient. PBMCs were washed in RPMI
416 1640 media containing 20% FBS and incubated with EBV at 37°C for 1 hour. After infection
417 RPMI 1640 containing 20% FBS was added to a total volume of 3ml and 40µl of 1mg/ml
418 phytohaemagglutinin was added. 1.5ml of the lymphocyte mixture was added to two wells
419 of a 24-well plate and allowed to aggregate. Lymphoblastoids were cultured in RPMI 1640
420 media containing 20% FBS.

421 Nucleofection of lymphocyte cell line (LCL) with ribonucleoprotein (RNP) complexes

422 *S.pyogenes* Cas9 nuclease (NEB) and modified synthetic sgRNAs (Synthego) were complexed
423 to form RNPs. RNPs were formed directly in the Lonza Nucleofector SF solution (SF Cell line
424 4D-Nucleofector X kit - Lonza), and incubated for 10 minutes at room temperature. Desired
425 number of cells were spun down (300g x 5mins) and resuspended in Nucleofector solution.
426 5µl of each cell solution was added to 25µL of corresponding preformed RNPs, mixed and
427 transferred to the nucleofector 16-well strip. The cells were electroporated using the 4D
428 Nucleofector (Lonza) and program DN-100, cells were allowed to recover at room
429 temperature for 5mins and 70µl of pre-warmed media was added to each well of Lonza strip
430 to help recovery. The transfected cells were then transferred to 24-well plate with 200µl
431 media. After 48hrs of incubation at 37°C, gDNA was extracted using the QIAmp DNA Mini Kit
432 (Qiagen), the target region was PCR amplified using primer pairs listed in Supplementary
433 Table 10 and targeted resequencing was performed.

434 Targeted resequencing across target locus

435 48 hours post nucleofection gDNA was extracted from cells and PCR amplified using primer
436 pairs listed in Supplementary Table 10. PCR products were purified using the Wizard® PCR

437 Preps DNA Purification System (Promega) and subjected to TruSeq PCR free library
438 preparation. Samples then underwent paired end sequencing using an Illumina MiSeq
439 instrument as per the manufacturer's instructions. For genomic DNA samples, paired FASTQ
440 files first underwent read filtration and trimming with Trim Galore! V0.4.0
441 (https://www.bioinformatics.babraham.ac.uk/projects/trim_galore/) (utilising Cutadapt
442 v1.15 and FastQC v0.11.5), using default parameters and `--qual 20 --length 70 --paired`.
443 Reads from human samples were then aligned to the reference genome GRCh38 / hg38 /
444 GCA_000001405.15 (downloaded from the UCSC), using BWA v0.7.12 (mem algorithm with
445 default settings)⁶⁰. Aligned reads in SAM format were converted to BAM, sorted, and
446 indexed with SAMtools v1.3.1⁵⁶. PCR and optical duplicates were marked with Picard v1.119
447 (<https://broadinstitute.github.io/picard/>) and then expunged with SAMtools view function
448 with parameter `-F` set to `0x400`. Reads with MAPQ below 30 were also expunged using
449 SAMtools view with parameter `-q` set to 30. Output BAMs were then sorted and indexed
450 using SAMtools. Reads in each sample's BAM file were then split based on the SNP of
451 interest. This was achieved using SAMtools view to first extract reads overlapping the target
452 SNP region, and then dividing these into allele-specific reads by using the shell function `grep`
453 `-e` to extract reads containing each SNP of interest flanked by 3 bases in both the 3' and 5'
454 directions. Allele-specificity of the resulting reads was visually checked for each sample in
455 IGV v2.3.97 (<http://www.broadinstitute.org/igv>). The number of properly-paired reads in
456 each allele-specific BAM file with and without indels was then tabulated by using SAMtools
457 view in combination with the shell function `awk` to filter on the CIGAR string. For example:
458 Reads with indels: `samtools view -f 0x02 Allele1.BAM | awk '$6 ~ "I|D"'`, reads with no
459 indels: `samtools view -f 0x02 Allele2.BAM | awk '$6 !~ "I|D"'`. Separately, for each allele-
460 specific BAM file, pindel v0.2.5b9⁶¹ was used to identify indels and substitutions using

461 default settings. Output for each input file was then converted to VCF using pindel2vcf with
462 default parameters plus --min_coverage 1 --het_cutoff 0.1 --hom_cutoff 0.9 to allow for low
463 frequency variants to be retained. Output VCFs were bg-zipped and tab-indexed, and then
464 BCFtools was used to filter out variants that did not have any genotype call by using
465 BCFtools view function with --exclude-uncalled --min-ac=1.

466 PCR and Sanger sequencing of genomic deletions

467 Genomic DNA extracted from LCLs transfected with each pair of sgRNAs and untransfected
468 control was amplified using primers >80bp outside the cleavage site for each dual pair
469 (Supplementary Table 10) and run on 1% agarose gel to visualise deletions. Bands
470 corresponding to the size predicted to result from deletion were gel extracted or PCR purified
471 (Wizard SV Gel and PCR purification system, ProMega) and Sanger sequenced (DNA
472 sequencing facility, University of Cambridge, UK) from both the forward and reverse primer.
473 Sequencing traces were analysed using A plasmid Editor (ApE) and aligned using Benchling.

474 Whole genome off-target analysis

475 Whole genome CRISPR off-target analysis was performed in-vitro on gDNA from the PBMC
476 EBV transformed cell line described above using CIRCLE-seq as previously described³⁰. Briefly,
477 for each guide, 25 µg DNA was sheared to 300bp by sonication. For each guide to be tested,
478 4 x 4µg aliquots of sheared DNA was subject to end repair, A-tailing and ligation to a uracil-
479 containing stem loop adapter using the KAPA HTP Library Preparation Kit PCR Free (Roche)
480 followed by circularization and enzymatic digestion of non-circularized DNA. Circularized DNA
481 was pooled to obtain 125ng DNA for in vitro sgRNA guided Cas9 digestion and linearized DNA
482 fragments were subject to sequencing library preparation followed by PCR amplification with
483 barcoded universal primers NEBNext Multiplex Oligos for Illumina (NEB). All samples were

484 subject to 150bp paired-end sequencing on an Illumina MiSeq instrument as per the
485 manufacturer's instructions.

486 CIRCLE-seq data analysis was performed with CIRCLEseq (v1.1)³⁰ using Python 2.7 in a
487 dedicated Conda environment. BWA (v0.7.17) and SAMtools (v1.9) were also installed in this
488 environment and utilised by the CIRCLEseq algorithm. The UCSC December 2013 release
489 of GRCh38 / hg38 was used as the reference genome
490 (download: <http://hgdownload.soe.ucsc.edu/goldenPath/hg38/bigZips/>). The parameters in
491 the config files passed to the CIRCLEseq 'all' algorithm were: 'window_size: 3;
492 mapq_threshold: 50; start_threshold: 1; gap_threshold: 3; mismatch_threshold: 6;
493 merged_analysis: False; variant_analysis: True'. Annotation of regions identified by
494 CIRCLEseq was performed with ANNOVAR (release 2015-06-17) against 'refGene' and
495 'cytoBand' resources. Generation of Manhattan plots was performed in R Programming
496 Language (v3.5.2) using custom scripts and the *qqman* package.

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498 Validation of off-targets identified by CIRCLE-seq

499 The top 5 off target sites identified by CIRCLE-seq by read count and any off targets located
500 in gene coding regions were selected for validation by Sanger sequencing and TIDE
501 analysis³¹; an automated method to report on the mutation spectrum and efficiency of
502 genome editing by sanger sequence trace decomposition. In total 62 sites across 8 tested
503 guides were selected for validation. Genomic DNA extracted from the corresponding RNP
504 transfected lymphoblastoid cell line ex vivo model described above was subject to PCR
505 amplification, sanger sequencing of the target region, followed by TIDE analysis using the

506 online analysis tool (<https://tide.nki.nl/>). The same steps were completed for DNA extracted
507 from the untreated lymphoblastoid cell line to act as a control for analysis purposes.

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678 **Figure 1:** Non-disease causing mutations within the *TGFBI* locus with a MAF of >0.1 are
679 identified, these SNPs are then analysed to determine if they generate a novel *S.pyogenes*
680 PAM (NGG) on only one allele. Allele-specific guides are designed, and prospective guides are
681 analysed using *in silico* design programs.

682 **Figure 2:** Haplotype analysis of R124H Japanese patient a) Phased sequencing, of a Japanese
683 corneal dystrophy patient harbouring a R124H mutation, revealed the patients haplotype
684 blocks; comparison to our haplotype analysis of the *TGFBI* locus in the Japanese population
685 revealed the patient had JPT-B1H1 which co-segregated with JPT-B2H1 and JPT-B1H2 which
686 co-segregated with JPT-B2H2, the patient differed at one position (rs11738979) in JPT-B1H1
687 as the patient was homozygous for the major allele. Blue indicates the major allele and red
688 indicates the minor allele. b) The determination of the R124H patients haploblocks by phased
689 sequencing allowed the identification of SNPs that contain a PAM on only the allele associated
690 with the R124H mutation. Yellow shading and ticks indicate a combination of haplotypes that
691 generate a heterozygote at this position, offering only one PAM-generating allele, therefore
692 providing a potential SNP allele-specific gene-editing, grey indicates that either there is no
693 PAM-associated allele present on either haplotype or each haplotype has the same PAM-
694 associated allele at this position.

695 **Figure 3:** *In vitro* assessment of guide allele-specificity a) Based on the phased sequencing
696 data 12 guides were designed that i) are associated with a PAM only on one allele ii) lie in cis
697 with the R124H mutation and iii) have high on-target scores scores using Benchling an *in silico*
698 off-target predictor tool. The *TGFBI* gene is shown in green. Location of the 12 guides and the
699 R124H mutation are depicted by grey arrows. The R124H mutation is shown in red. b)
700 Schematic to shown how the cleavage templates were generated. A 50bp region containing

701 the target site and PAM was cloned into the MCS of a reporter plasmid. Primers flanking this
702 region were to generate a 587bp product with an offset target site. c) Initially *in vitro* digests
703 were used to determine the allele-specificity of the 12 guides. RNP complexes were incubated
704 with templates containing 'No-PAM allele' or 'PAM-associated allele' sequences for the
705 respective SNPs, for each digest lane 1 = 'No PAM' digested, lane 2 = 'PAM-associated'
706 digested, lane 3 = 'No PAM' undigested, lane 4 = 'PAM associated' undigested.

707 **Figure 4 a)** LCLs were transfected with RNPs for each of the 12 guides. Targeted resequencing
708 across the on-target cut site was used to determine the allele-specificity of each guide.
709 Orange indicates % of indels that occurred on the 'PAM-associated' allele and blue indicated
710 % of indels that occurred on the 'No PAM' allele. **b)** Representative DNA repair outcomes for
711 the 'PAM associated' allele for the rs7725702 guide shown in Figure 6a. Numbering indicates
712 the frequency of the edit observed, with 1 being the most frequently observed indel.
713 Insertions are shown in green and deletions are shown in red, SNP resulting in a PAM shown
714 in yellow **c)** Respective schematic for the 'No PAM' allele for the rs7725702 guide shown in
715 Figure 6a **d)** Frequency of indels for the rs7725702 guide shown for the 'PAM associated' and
716 'No PAM' allele.

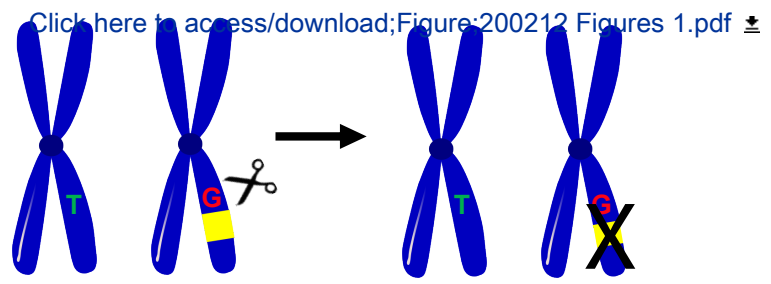
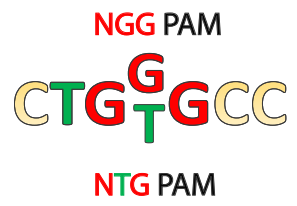
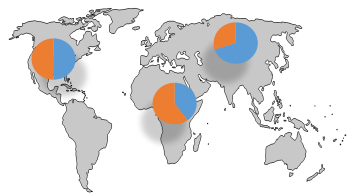
717 **Figure 5: Allele-specific dual gRNA editing in patient derived LCLs.** a) Schematic of dual
718 editing approach when using a common intronic gRNA (CI-gRNA) on one side. The wildtype
719 allele has only the CI-gRNA PAM (green). The mutation-associated allele has a SNP associated
720 PAM (purple) and a CI-gRNA PAM. When editing takes place, a double-stranded break (DSB)
721 is induced and the region between the two cuts is excised on the mutation-associated allele,
722 while, at most, only a small indel should occur in the intron of the wildtype allele leaving the
723 exon intact. b) PCR products revealing deletion of the region lying between dual-guides. A

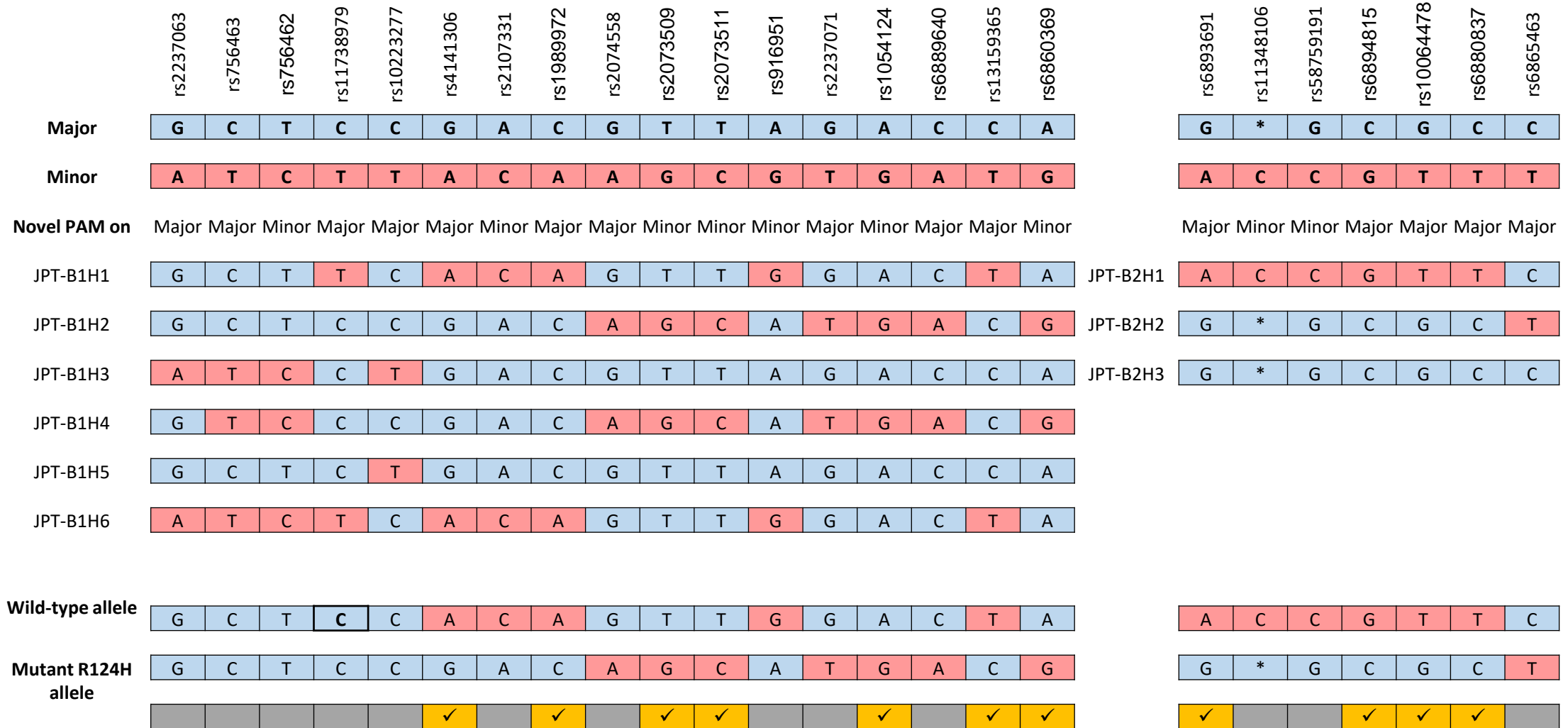
724 forward primer upstream of target site 1 and reverse primer downstream of target site 2 was
725 used to amplify across the intended deletion. There is no band in the untreated lane (UT)
726 when the primer sites are too far apart for PCR amplification and a PCR product of the
727 expected size (red box) is only obtained in the treated cells (T) when the deletion brings them
728 within amplification range. Water controls remain negative for amplification (H₂O). c)
729 Example of Sanger sequencing chromatograms showing editing events when cells were
730 transfected with dual pair 4 (creating a 419bp deletion). Sanger sequencing was performed
731 on gel-extracted deletion bands PCR-product and sequenced from the forward (F) and reverse
732 (R) primer. The reverse chromatogram is displayed as a reverse complement to aid
733 visualization. The wildtype (WT) and R124H mutation-associated allele sequences are
734 displayed across the top of the trace. gRNA target sequences and direction are indicated
735 above and NGG PAM highlighted in red. The SNP nucleotide is underlined in bold. *denotes
736 where the PAM-associated allele SNP matches the chromatogram. The predicted deletion
737 sequence is shown below.

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Figure 1



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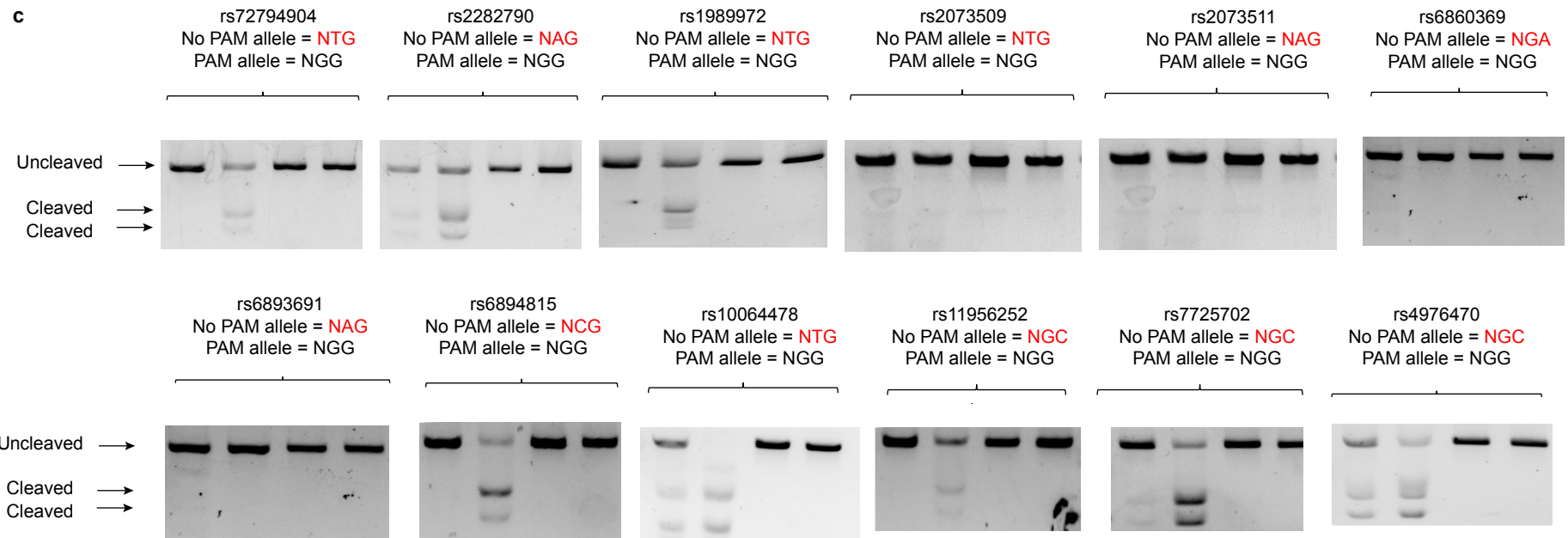
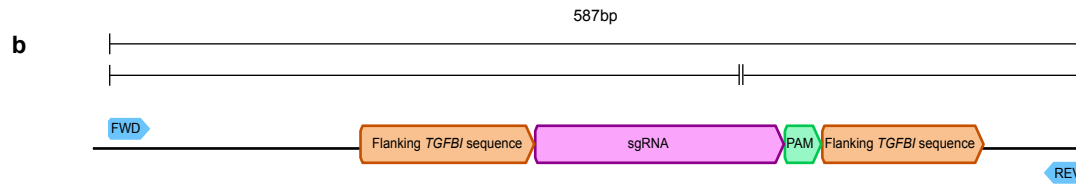
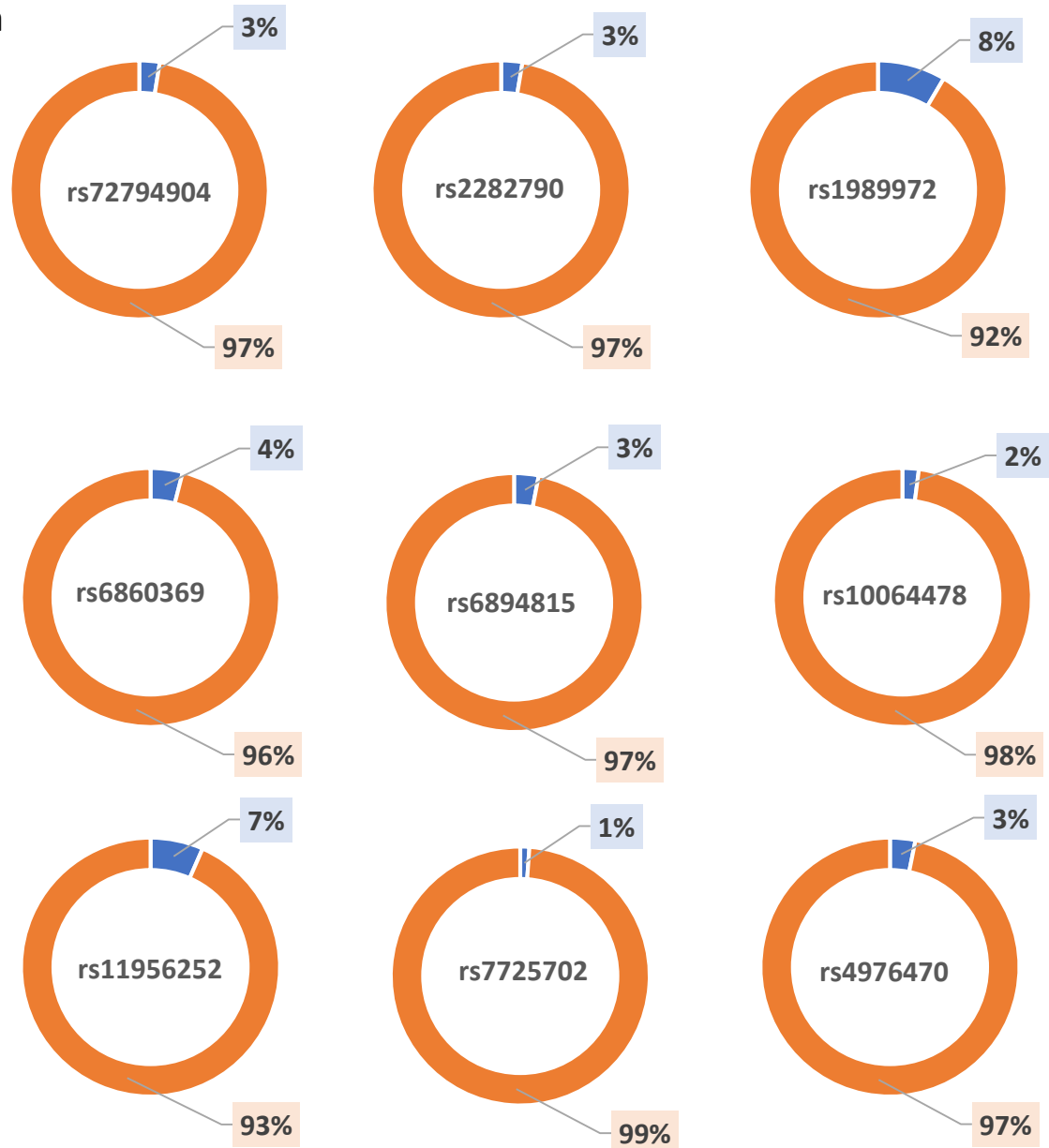


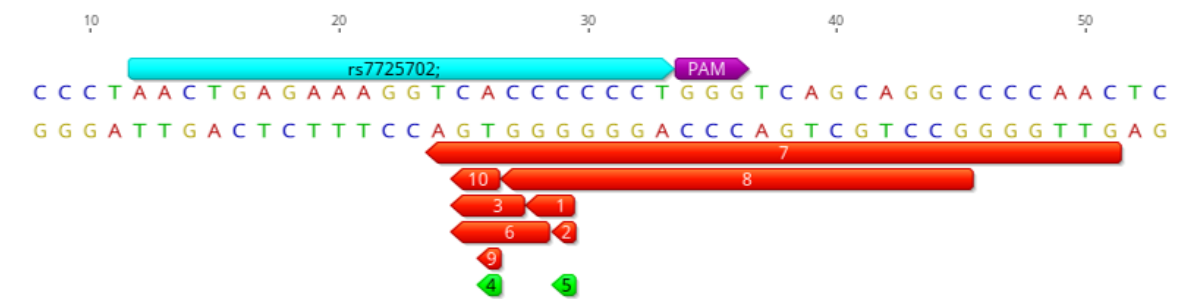
Figure 4
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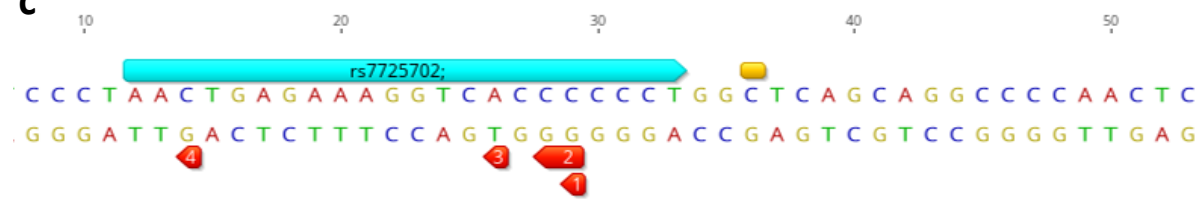
% of indels reported on mutant allele % of indels reported on wild-type allele

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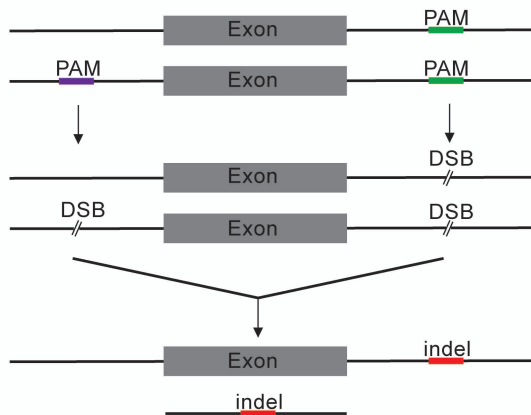


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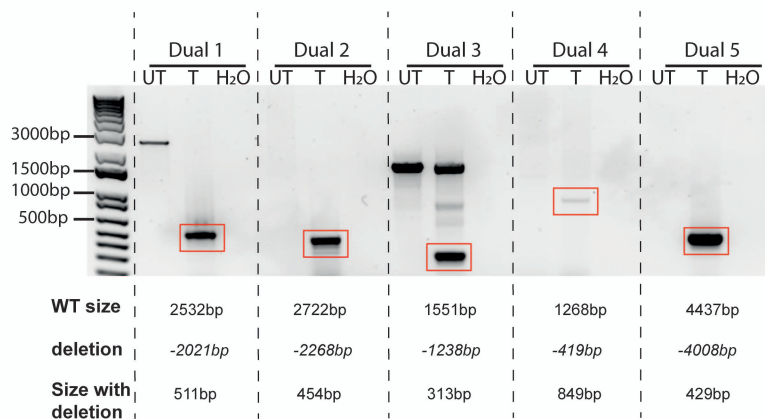
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-	CAC	2219	0.60
A	-	2064	0.56
C	-	637	0.17
-	CACC	494	0.13
-	TCACCCCTGGGTCAGCAGGCCCAAC	368	0.10
-	CACCCCTGGGTCAGCAGGC	338	0.09
-	A	171	0.05
-	CA	162	0.04
'No PAM' allele			
Insertion	Deletion	Reads	Efficiency estimate %
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Figure 5

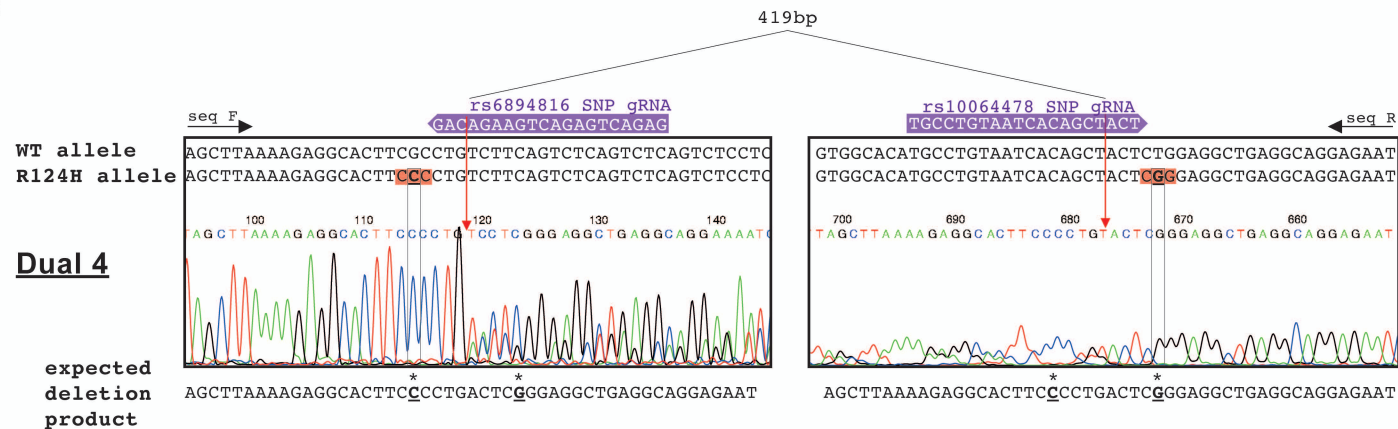
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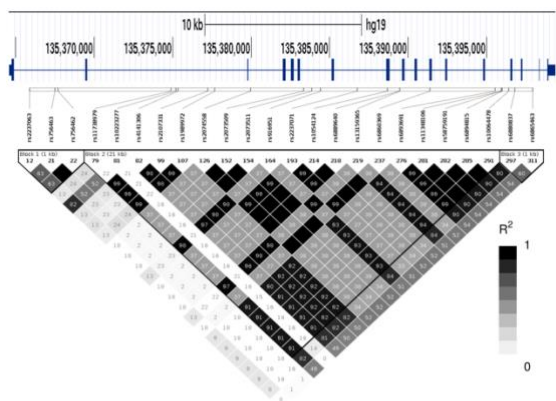
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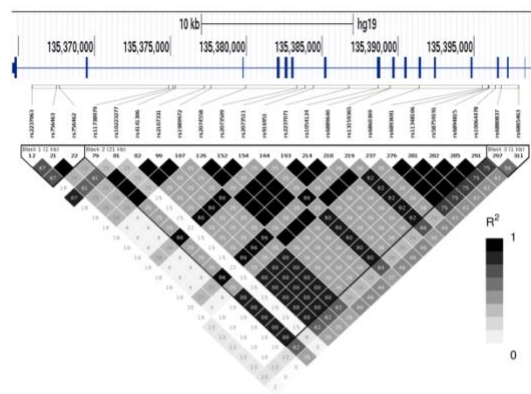
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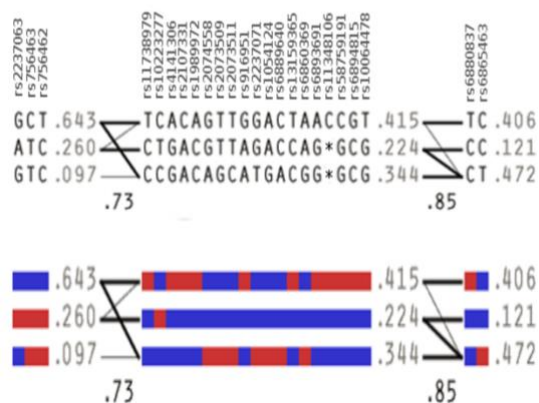
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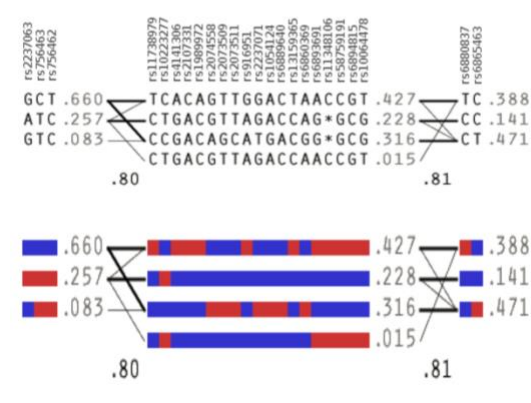
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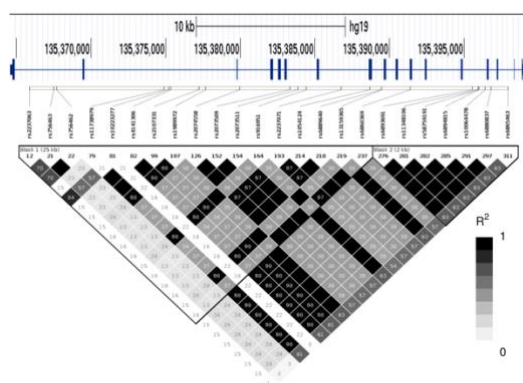
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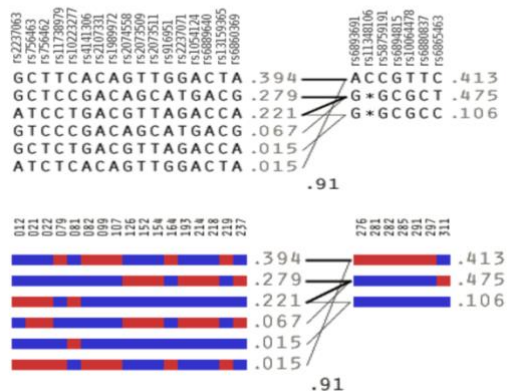
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Supplementary Figure 1: Linkage disequilibrium of the identified allele-discriminatory SNPs in the coding region of the TGFBI gene – plots were generated using the 1000 Genomes Project phase 3 data for EAS, CHB and JPT populations, black indicates very strong LD, while a white indicates no LD

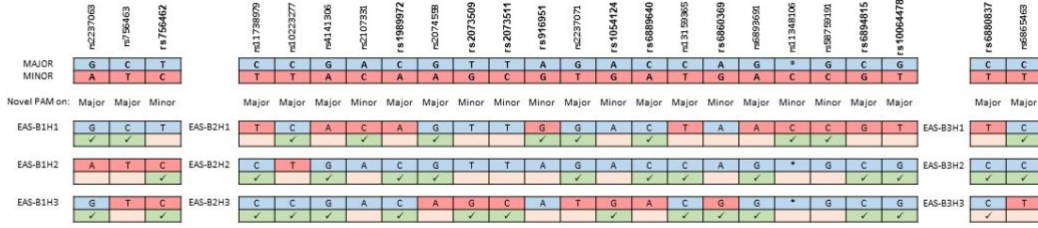
a) LD plot showing the association between the 24 SNPs containing a PAM on only allele identified across the TGFBI locus for the EAS population; 3 LD blocks were found, the first block (EAS-B1) spans 1kb within intron 1-2 (rs2237063- rs756462), the second block (EAS-B2) spans 21kb from intron 2-3 (rs11738979) to intron 13-14 (rs10064478) and finally the third block (EAS-B3) spans 1kb from intron 14-15 (rs6880837) to intron 15-16 (rs6865463)

b) LD plot showing the association between the 24 SNPs containing a PAM on only allele identified across the TGFBI locus for the CHB population; 3 LD blocks were identified, ; the first block (CHB-B1) spans 1kb within intron 1-2 (rs2237063- rs756462), the second block (CHB-B2) spans 21kb from intron 2-3 (rs11738979) to intron 13-14 (rs10064478) and finally the third block (CHB-B3) spans 1kb from intron 14-15 (rs6880837) to intron 15-16 (rs6865463)

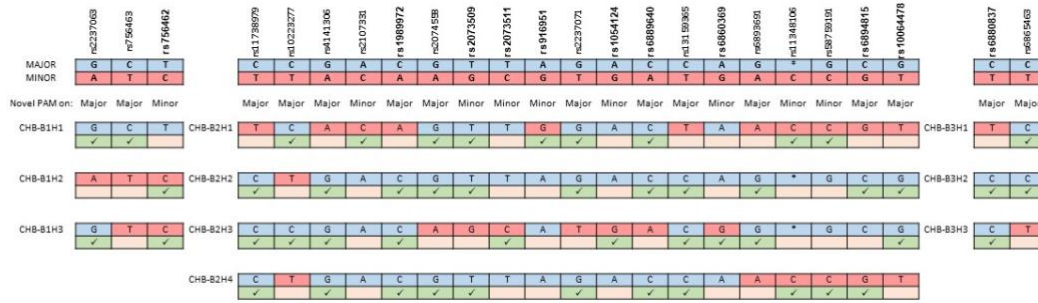
c) LD plot showing the association between the 24 SNPs containing a PAM on only allele identified across the TGFBI locus for the JPT population, 2 LD blocks were found in the 1000 Genomes JPT population; the first block spans 25kb from intron 1-2 (rs2237063) to intron 10-11 (rs6860369) and the second block spans 2kb from intron 13-14 (rs6880837) to intron 15-16 (rs6865463)

d,e,f) Haplotype frequencies of the identified SNPs in the TGFBI gene in the d) EAS e) CHB and f) JPT populations. The blue indicates the major allele and red indicates the minor allele, numbers next to each haplotype bar are haplotype frequencies, in the crossing areas a value of multiallelic D' is shown to represent the level of recombination between the two blocks.

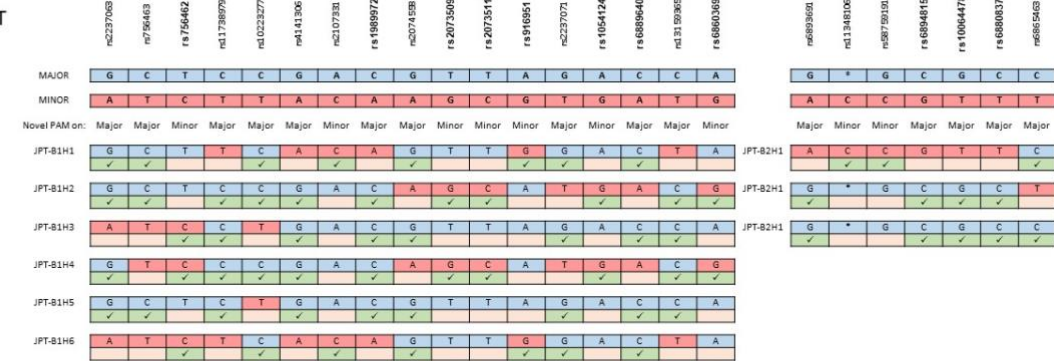
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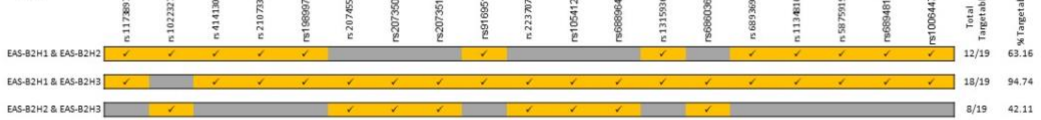
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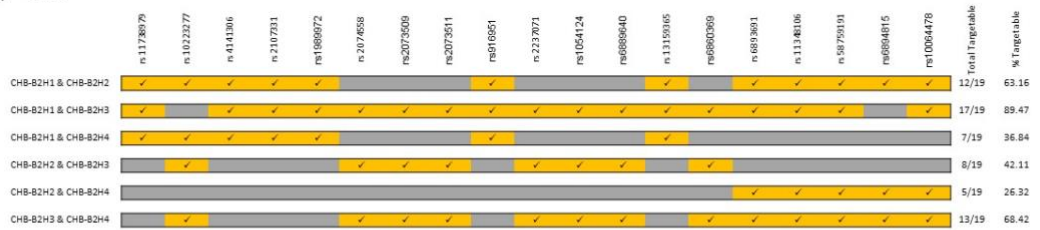
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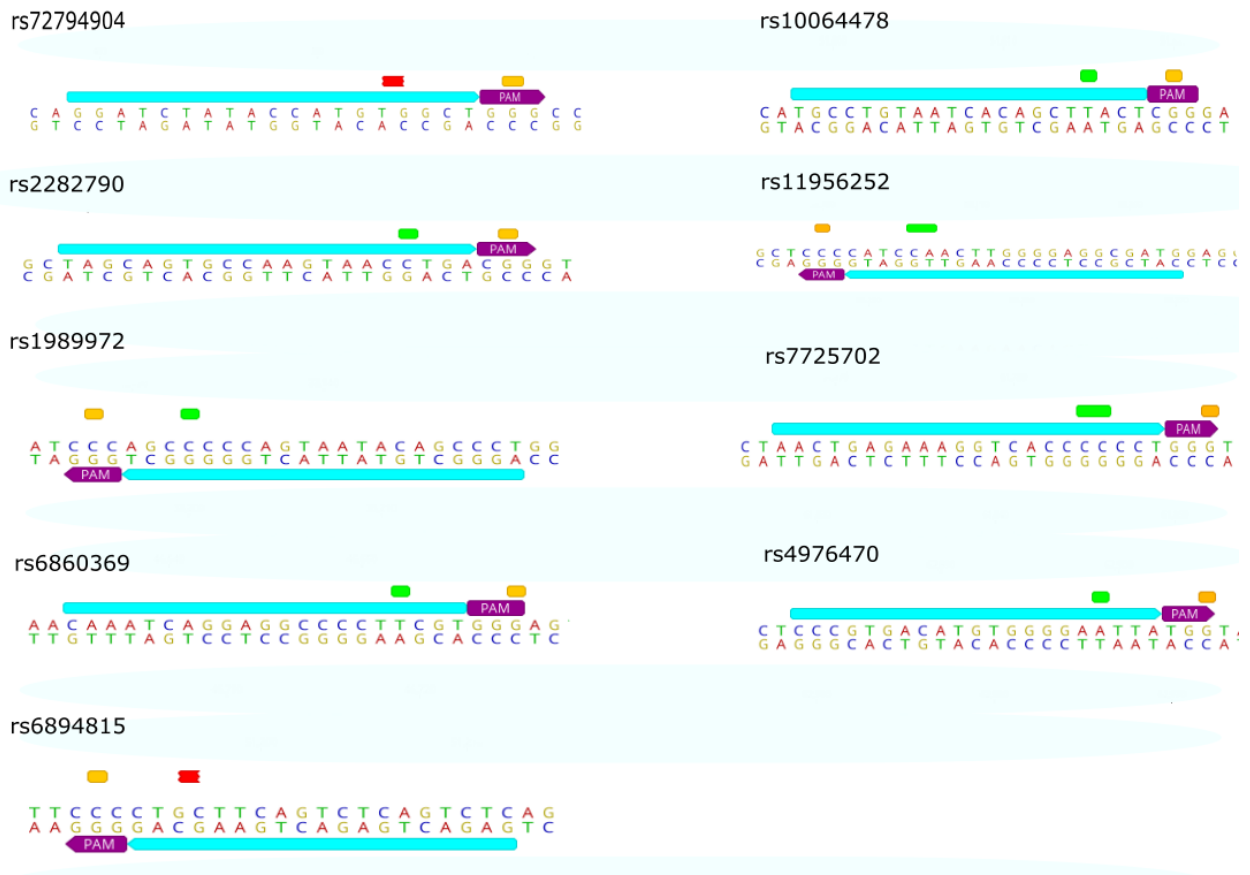
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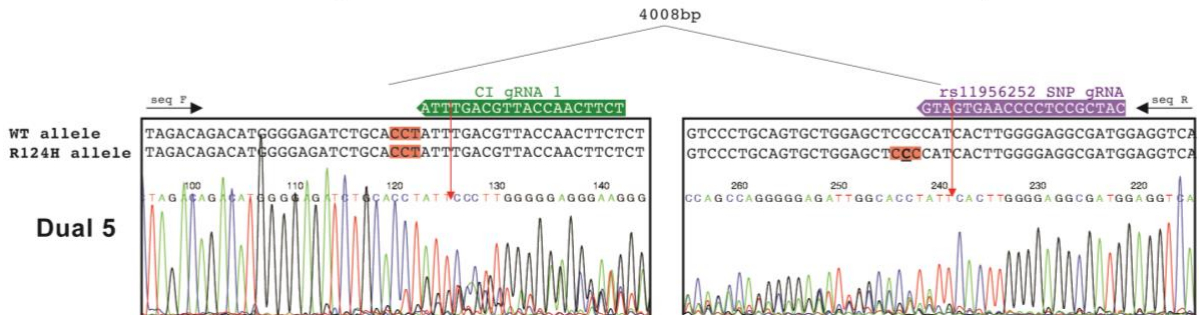
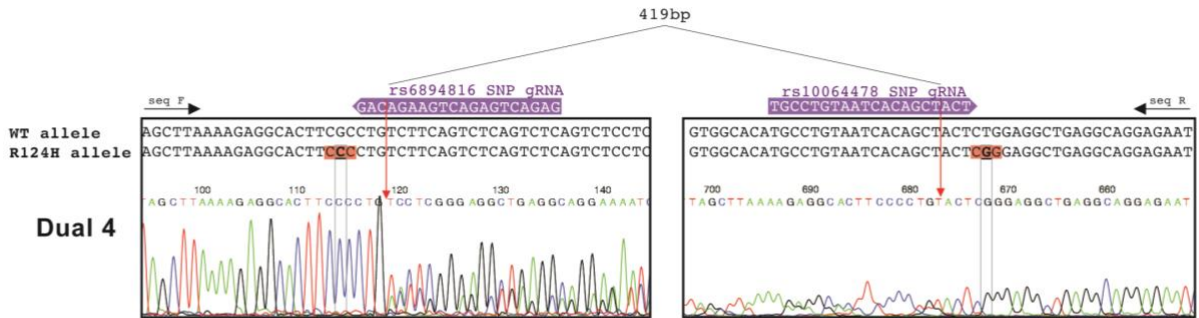
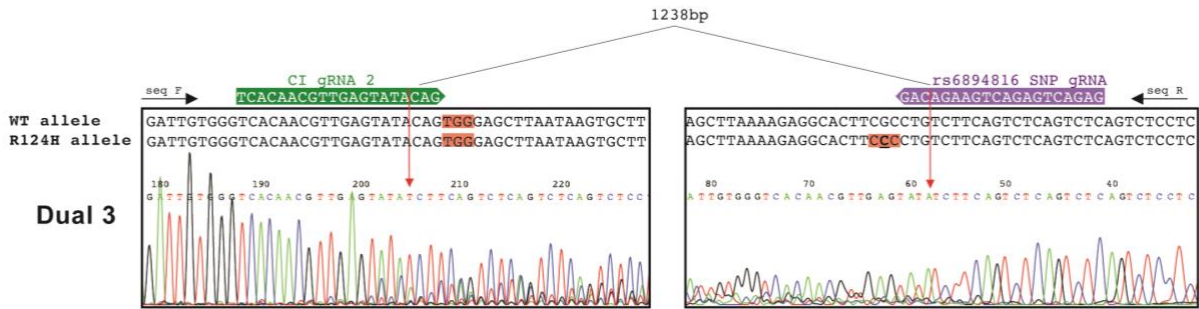
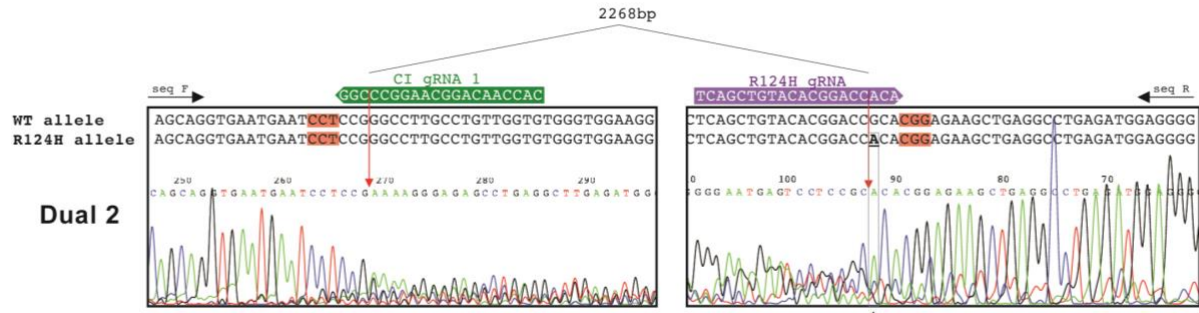
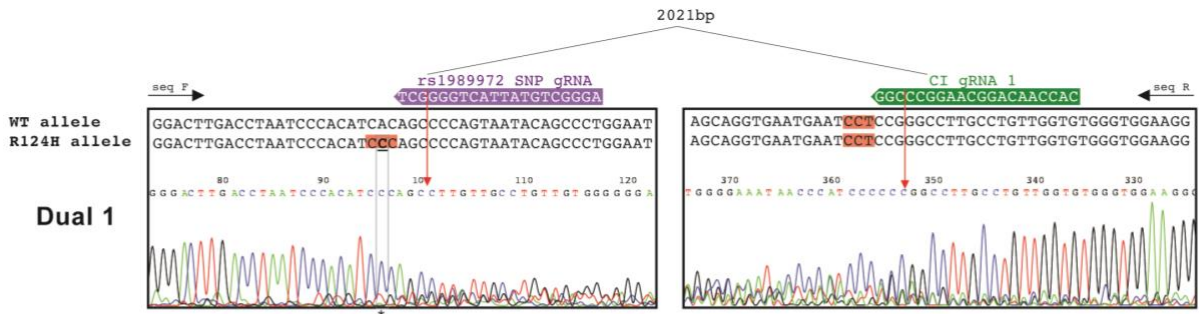
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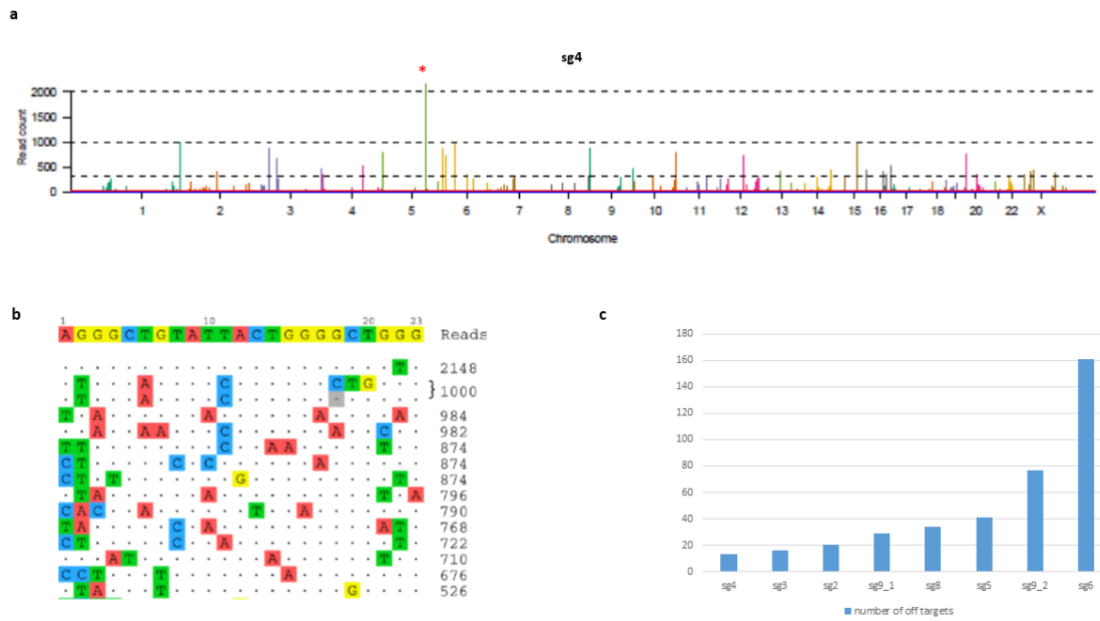
Supplementary Figure 2: Haplotype analysis to determine proportion of population targetable by the identified SNPs. **a,b,c)** Identified SNPs across each haplotype in the a) EAS population b) CHB population and c) JPT population were assessed to determine which have the PAM generating allele and which are not targetable. Blue indicates the major allele and red indicates the minor allele, green indicates a PAM-generating allele is present while orange indicates it is not targetable at this position. **d,e,f)** All possible heterozygous haplotype combinations for the d) EAS population e) CHB population and f) JPT population were assessed using only the large haploblock (EAS-B2, CHB-B2 and JPT-B1) to determine the total % of each haplotype that has targetable SNPs. Yellow shading and ticks indicate a combination of haplotypes that generate a heterozygote at this position, offering only one PAM-generating allele, therefore providing a potential SNP for allele-specific gene-editing. Grey indicates that either there is no PAM-associated allele present on either haplotype or each haplotype has the same PAM-associated allele at this position.



Supplementary Figure 3: Predominant indels of each of the ASNIP guides shown in Figure 4a. PAM is shown in purple, gRNA is shown in blue, SNP associated with a PAM on only one allele is shown in yellow, insertions depicted in green and deletions depicted in red.



Supplementary Figure 4: Sanger sequencing chromatograms showing editing events when cells were transfected with dual pairs. Sanger sequencing was performed on gel-extracted or PCR purified deletion bands PCR-product and sequenced from the forward (F) and reverse (R) primer. The reverse chromatogram is displayed as a reverse complement to aid visualization. The wildtype (WT) and R124H mutation-associated allele sequences are displayed across the top of the trace. gRNA target sequences and direction are indicated above and NGG PAM highlighted in red. The SNP nucleotide is underlined in bold. *denotes where the PAM-associated allele SNP matches the chromatogram. The predicted deletion sequence is shown below.



Supplementary Figure 5: Off-target cleavage by CRISPR/Cas9 single guides investigated using CIRCLE-seq. Off targets were identified for each sample and analysed for genome location, read count (a) and mismatch number to target sequence (b). A threshold of >25% reads of top hit was used to rank guides by off-target cleavage and identify the most specific guides (c)

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TGG	TGA	YES - NGA
TGG	TCG	YES - NCG
GGG OR GGG	GCG OR GGC	YES - NCG OR NCG
CGG	CTG	NO - NTG

TGG	TGA	YES - NGA
GGG OR AGG	GAG OR AAG	YES - NAG OR NGA
AGG	AGA	YES - NGA
GGG OR GGG	CGG OR GCG	YES - CGG OR NCG
GGG	GTG	NO - NTG
GGG	GGC	YES - NGC
AGG OR GGG	AAG OR AGG	YES - NAG OR NAG
TGG	TGA	YES - NGA
CGG	CGA	YES - NGA
CGG	CAG	YES - NAG
GGG OR TGG	GAG OR TGA	YES - NAG OR NGA
AGG	AGA	YES - NGA
TGG OR GGG	TGA OR GAG	YES - NAG OR NGA
CGG	CAG	YES - NAG
GGG	GGA	YES - NGA
GGG OR TGG	GAG OR TGA	YES - NAG OR NGA
TGG	TAG	YES - NAG
AGG OR GGG	AGA OR GAG	YES - NAG OR NGA
CGG	CTG	NO - NTG
AGG	AGA	YES - NGA
TGG	TAG	YES - NAG
GGG	GGT	YES - NGT
GGG	GGT	YES - NGT
TGG	TGA	YES - NGA
GGG	GGA	YES - NGA

AGG	AGT	YES - NGT
TGG	TGC	YES - NGC
TGG	TGA	YES - NGA
CGG	CGA	YES - NGA
AGG	AAG	YES - NAG
AGG	ATG	NO - NTG

Supplementary Table 1: Table showing the CRISPR mutational analysis for the *TGFBI* locus. Initially SNPs in the 50kb flanking regions and across the *TGFBI* coding region were filtered to leave only those with a MAF of >0.1. Each SNP and flanking sequence was then individually assessed to determine if it generates a novel *S.pyogenes* Cas9 PAM. Those that did generate a PAM were then further investigated to determine if a non-canonical PAM exists on the alternative allele. These SNPs (both with and without non-canonical PAMs on the alternative allele) were then cross-checked to the phased sequencing data from the R124H Avellino corneal dystrophy patient to determine if the PAM generating SNP lies in cis with the R124H mutation. Guides were then designed for those that were associated with a PAM on the same chromosome as the mutation. Guide sequences were then inputted into the *in silico* MIT CRISPR and Benchling design tools and sgRNAs were synthesised for those that generated the best on and off target scores.

chromStart	chromEnd	SNP	Alleles	Novel PAM	PAM 5' - 3'
135314845	135314846	rs72793185	C,T	No	
135314876	135314880	rs373839451	-,TAAG,	No	
135314879	135314880	rs2346012	A,G	No	
135315167	135315168	rs17169582	A,G	No	
135316486	135316487	rs2158351	G,T	No	
135318158	135318158	rs559931571	-,T,	No	
135319760	135319761	rs257480	A,T	No	
135322719	135322720	rs6868908	A,G	No	
135323867	135323868	rs6874348	A,G	No	
135327490	135327491	rs1859295	C,T	No	
135327678	135327679	rs17688533	A,G	No	
135328361	135328362	rs10076250	A,G	No	
135329914	135329915	rs12520800	G,T	No	
135330053	135330054	rs17739831	C,N,T	No	
135331391	135331391	rs113921691	-,T,	No	
135333390	135333391	rs6881712	A,T	No	
135333505	135333506	rs12332587	A,G	No	
135334846	135334847	rs10074474	A,G	Yes	GGG
135334927	135334928	rs10074539	A,G	No	
135335228	135335229	rs10079806	A,C	No	
135335396	135335396	rs10522532	-,GTGT,	No	
135335578	135335579	rs6882087	A,G	No	
135335676	135335677	rs11747904	A,T	No	
135336560	135336561	rs13157444	A,G	Yes	AGG
135337231	135337232	rs57104529	C,G	Yes	CGG(-) OR CGG (+)
135338598	135338599	rs916950	C,T	No	
135339463	135339464	rs17740150	C,G	Yes	TGG
135342086	135342087	rs2525490	A,G	Yes	CGG
135343546	135343547	rs9327738	C,T	No	
135344162	135344163	rs6892697	A,G	Yes	AGG
135345183	135345184	rs72794904	G,T	Yes	GGG OR TGG
135345816	135345817	rs9327739	C,T	Yes	AGG
135351182	135351183	rs72794907	A,G	No	
135352328	135352329	rs7728408	A,T	No	
135354323	135354324	rs4976360	A,T	No	
135355037	135355038	rs6894906	A,G	No	
135355436	135355437	rs6895177	A,G	Yes	CGG
135357723	135357724	rs146020713	-,T,	No	
135360737	135360738	rs35901765	C,T	No	
135361140	135361141	rs35636600	A,C	No	
135362549	135362550	rs34098140	C,T	No	
135362572	135362573	rs4976459	C,G	Yes	GGG
135362681	135362682	rs10463536	C,T	No	
135362716	135362716	rs111308112	-,CATT,	Yes	TGG
135362719	135362720	rs55821461	C,T	Yes	AGG
135363874	135363875	rs2282790	A,G	Yes	CGG
135364189	135364190	rs17169707	C,T	No	
135366135	135366136	rs2237063	A,G	Yes	CGG

135367219	135367220	rs2237065	A,G,	No	
135367602	135367603	rs2237066	C,T,	No	
135367756	135367757	rs756463	C,T,	Yes	CGG
135367944	135367945	rs756462	C,T,	Yes	AGG
135374314	135374315	rs10053962	C,T,	No	
135375041	135375042	rs11738979	C,T,	Yes	AGG
135375330	135375331	rs10223277	C,T,	Yes	TGG
135375472	135375473	rs4141306	A,G,	Yes	CGG
135375596	135375597	rs739866	A,G,	No	
135375604	135375605	rs739867	A,G,	No	
135377348	135377349	rs2107331	A,C,	Yes	AGG
135377565	135377566	rs7719624	C,T,	No	
135377729	135377730	rs2282791	G,T,	No	
135377801	135377802	rs1989972	A,C,	Yes	GGG OR TGG
135378238	135378239	rs1989973	C,G,	No	
135378363	135378363	rs540142018	-,A,	No	
135380058	135380059	rs2074558	A,G,	Yes	TGG
135380763	135380764	rs6897320	C,T,	No	
135383356	135383357	rs2073508	A,G,	No	
135383376	135383377	rs2073509	G,T,	Yes	AGG OR GGG
135383429	135383430	rs2073510	A,G,	No	
135383892	135383893	rs2073511	C,T,	Yes	AGG
135384080	135384081	rs45554435	A,G,	No	
135384442	135384443	rs916951	A,G,	Yes	CGG
135384844	135384845	rs6596281	A,T,	No	
135385315	135385316	rs17169753	C,T,	No	
135385699	135385700	rs1060433	C,T,	No	
135385777	135385778	rs1137550	C,T,	No	
135386023	135386024	rs10706409	-,A,	No	
135386729	135386730	rs2237070	A,G,	No	
135386752	135386753	rs2237071	G,T,	Yes	AGG OR GGG
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135387802	135387803	rs17169768	A,G,	No	
135388662	135388663	rs1054124	A,G,	Yes	TGG
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135389432	135389433	rs13159365	C,T,	Yes	GGG
135391325	135391326	rs6860369	A,G,	Yes	GGG
135391373	135391374	rs1133170	C,T,	No	
135392425	135392426	rs4669	C,T,	No	
135392734	135392735	rs7727725	A,T,	No	
135393137	135393138	rs17689879	C,T,	No	
135393196	135393197	rs6871571	A,G,	No	
135395432	135395433	rs6893691	A,G,	Yes	CGG
135395625	135395626	rs10036667	C,T,	No	
135395825	135395826	rs11348106	-,C,	Yes	TGG
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135395863	135395864	rs6894815	C,G,	Yes	GGG OR GGG
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135396291	135396292	rs10064478	G,T,	Yes	CGG
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135396668	135396669	rs6880837	C,T,	Yes	TGG
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135397784	135397785	rs6865463	C,T,	Yes	GGG OR AGG
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135400056	135400057	rs10043360	A,T,	No	

135400380	135400381	rs45543842	A,G	No	
135401118	135401119	rs59239478	C,T	No	
135401677	135401678	rs17169786	A,G	No	
135402851	135402852	rs11956252	C,G	Yes	GGG OR GGG
135403528	135403529	rs6899012	A,G	No	
135403764	135403765	rs6880582	G,T	Yes	GGG
135403850	135403851	rs34319360	A,G	No	
135404172	135404173	rs9986124	G,T	No	
135404612	135404613	rs9986287	C,T	No	
135404659	135404660	rs10051650	G,T	No	
135405333	135405333	rs372125340	-,A	No	
135406458	135406459	rs7725702	C,G	Yes	GGG
135406533	135406534	rs7725447	A,G	Yes	AGG OR GGG
135406780	135406781	rs2881285	C,T	No	
135407571	135407572	rs4976470	A,G	Yes	TGG
135407746	135407747	rs6892173	C,G	No	
135408324	135408325	rs4976471	A,T	No	
135409013	135409014	rs6861956	C,T	No	
135409123	135409124	rs12521108	A,G	Yes	CGG
135410862	135410863	rs11742191	A,G	Yes	CGG
135411280	135411281	rs11749522	C,T	Yes	GGG OR TGG
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135412674	135412675	rs35137944	A,G	Yes	TGG OR GGG
135413025	135413026	rs7724672	A,G	No	
135414454	135414455	rs4246798	A,G	Yes	CGG
135414509	135414510	rs4246799	A,G	Yes	GGG
135414865	135414866	rs17169806	C,T	Yes	GGG OR TGG
135414892	135414893	rs34134607	C,T	Yes	TGG
135415063	135415064	rs62365993	A,G	Yes	AGG OR GGG
135415299	135415300	rs2346018	A,C	Yes	CGG
135415725	135415726	rs2346019	A,G	Yes	AGG
135416546	135416547	rs9327740	A,G	Yes	TGG
135417202	135417203	rs4976364	A,C	Yes	GGG
135417897	135417898	rs12653557	G,T	No	
135418716	135418717	rs4976472	C,G	No	
135419158	135419159	rs4976473	A,C	Yes	GGG
135419340	135419341	rs13159052	A,C	No	
135420142	135420143	rs5871594	-,A	No	
135420944	135420944	rs56382516	-,A	No	
135422382	135422383	rs72794938	C,T	No	
135422442	135422443	rs11242311	C,T	Yes	TGG
135422507	135422507	rs34835264	-,A	No	
135422597	135422598	rs11242312	A,G	Yes	GGG
135422697	135422698	rs10900843	A,G	No	
135422737	135422738	rs10900844	A,G	No	
135422747	135422748	rs72794940	A,G	No	
135422863	135422864	rs11242313	A,G	No	
135423028	135423029	rs11242314	C,T	No	
135424755	135424756	rs13186426	A,C	Yes	AGG
135424847	135424849	rs4035982	-,AT	No	
135427081	135427082	rs1008345	G,T	No	
135427460	135427460	rs142812848	-,TA	No	
135429019	135429020	rs7715300	A,G	No	
135434182	135434182	rs72338288	-,A	No	
135435800	135435801	rs7720483	C,T	No	
135436979	135436980	rs12519122	C,G	Yes	TGG

135439728	135439729	rs6863438	A,G,	No	
135439739	135439740	rs17691375	A,G,	Yes	TGG
135440363	135440364	rs12521857	A,G,	Yes	CGG
135441173	135441174	rs13182074	C,T,	Yes	AGG
135441312	135441313	rs17748071	A,G,	No	
135441558	135441559	rs12515040	C,T,	No	
135443166	135443166	rs369404371	-,G,T,	No	
135443622	135443623	rs740371	C,G,	No	
135444985	135444986	rs7726617	G,T,	Yes	AGG
135446553	135446554	rs17169841	C,T,	No	
135447745	135447746	rs34082824	C,T,	No	
135448004	135448005	rs35809977	-,T,	No	
135448504	135448505	rs2346361	G,T,	No	

T	C	1 1	Homozygous Alternative SNP	
A	G	0 1	Yes	TTGAGGCCTTTGTTGGTAGA
C	A	0 1	No	
A	C	0 1	Yes	AGGGCTGTATTACTGGGGCT CAGGGCTGTATTACTGGGGC
G	A	0 1	No	
T	G	0 1	Yes	TGTGTGGCTGCAGCAGCACA GTGTGTGGCTGCAGCAGCAC
T	C	0 1	Yes	GGAGAGGAGCTTAGACAGCG
A	G	1 0	No	
G	T	0 1	No	
A	G	0 1	Yes	CATCGTTGCGGGGCTGTCTG
C	A	0 1	No	
C	T	1 0	No	
A	G	0 1	Yes	CAAATCAGGAGGCCCTCGT
A	G	0 1	Yes	AATCTCCCTGGCTGCACCTG
C	-	0 1	No	
C	G	0 1	No	
G	C	0 1	Yes	GAGACTGAGACTGAAGACAG TGAGACTGAGACTGAAGACA
T	G	0 1	Yes	TGCCTGTAATCACAGCTACT
T	C	0 1	Yes	TCTCTCCACCAACTGCCACA
C	T	0 1	No	
A	G	1 0	No	

G	A	0 1	No	
T	G	1 0	No	

Supplementary Table 2: Haplotype analysis of the TGFBI locus following phased sequencing of the R124H patient, allowing identification of SNPs that contain a PAM on only the allele associated with the mutation.

Supplementary Table 3: Guide sequences of 12 guides designed based on the phased sequencing results of the R124H Japanese Avellino corneal dystrophy patient

SNP	Guide Sequence (5'-3')	MIT CRISPR	Benchling On-target	Benchling Off-target
rs72794904	GGATCTATACCATGTGGGCT	76	44.5	74.4
rs2282790	TAGCAGTGCCAAGTAACTGA	74	62.9	71.7
rs1989972	AGGGCTGTATTACTGGGGCT	68	41.2	66.1
rs2073509	GTGTGTGGCTGCAGCAGCAC	41	39.5	42.6
rs2073511	GGAGAGGAGCTTAGACAGCG	74	64.8	72.1
rs6860369	CAAATCAGGAGGCCCTCGT	82	63.6	80.8
rs6893691	AATCTCCCTGGCTGCACCTG	52	58.7	51
rs6894815	GAGACTGAGACTGAAGACAG	41	69.3	45
rs10064478	TGCCTGTAATCACAGCTACT	55	51	60.1
rs11956252	CATCGCCTCCCAAGTGATG	77	59.9	75.5
rs7725702	AACTGAGAAAGGTCACCCCT	73	62.5	70.4
rs4976470	CCCGTGACATGTGGGGATTA	78	37.9	75.7

Supplementary Table 4: Distance in base pairs between dual combinations consisting of guides designed based on the haplotype analysis

Guide Combo	Distance	
rs72794904 & rs2282790	18691	Both in 5' UTR
rs2282790 & rs1989972	14,131	
rs1989972 & rs6860369	13524	
s6860369 & rs6894815	4582	
rs6894815 & rs10064478	419	
rs10064478 & rs11956252	6560	
rs11956252 & rs7725702	3607	Both in 3' UTR
rs7725702 & rs4976470	1113	Both in 3' UTR

Supplementary Table 5: Common-intron guide sequences

Common intronic guides	Guide sequences (5' - 3')
Common Intron 1 (CI-1)	CACCAACAGGCAAGGCCCGG
Common Intron 2 (CI-2)	TCACAACGTTGAGTATACAG
Common Intron 3 (CI-3)	CCCAGTTTTCTGTATTCGCG
Common Intron 4 (CI-4)	AGAAGTTGGTAACGTCAAAT

Supplementary Table 6: Table depicting all dual-guide combinations used

	Guide combinations	Guide 1 (5' - 3')	Guide 2 (5' - 3')	Distance apart (base pairs)	Coding region excised (base pairs)	Frameshift?
Dual 4 (5 & 6)	rs6894815 & rs10064478	GAGACTGAGACTGAAGACAG	TGCCTGTAATCACAGCTACT	419	Only remove intronic region	N/A
Dual 3 (C2 & 5)	CI-2 & rs6894815	TCACAACGTTGAGTATACAG	GAGACTGAGACTGAAGACAG	1238	125	41.66666667
Dual 1 (3 & C1)	rs1989972 & CI-1	AGGGCTGTATTACTGGGGCT	CACCAACAGGCAAGGCCCGG	2021	65	21.66666667
Dual 2 (C1 & H)	CI-1 & R124H	CACCAACAGGCAAGGCCCGG	TCAGCTGTACACGGACCACA	2268	Cut site in exon, difficult to predict	Unknown
Dual 5 (C4 & 7)	CI-4 & rs11956252	AGAAGTTGGTAACGTCAAAT	CATCGCCTCCCAAGTGATG	4008	632	210.6666667

Supplementary Table 7: Number of off-targets detected for all guides investigated

Guide ID	Target SNP	Total off targets	Off targets above threshold (>25% of top hit)	Number of top 10 in silico targets identified by CIRCLE-seq	Mismatch range in off-targets above threshold	Rank position of on-target in CIRCLE-seq	Read count for top hit	Read count of on-target in CIRCLE-seq	On-target % cleavage in vitro	On-target % cleavage by deep seq	On-target % cleavage by TIDE analysis
sg2	rs72794904	155	20	6	3-6	18	1324	390	60	2.15	NA - F
sg3	rs2282790	221	16	8	4-6	1	1892	1892	55	0.51	8
sg4	rs1989972	305	13	7	4-6	1	2148	2148	25	3.68	12
sg5	rs6860369	426	41	10	3-6	8	1814	898	80	2.3	NA - F
sg6	rs6894815	1448	161	8	2-6	10	2492	1556	0	1.75	NA - F
sg8	rs11956252	1554	34	4	2-6	2	796	646	45	4.6	9
sg9_1	rs7725702	782	29	9	4-6	1	2536	2536	75	39.82	27
sg9_2	rs7725702	761	77	10	3-6	20	1318	690	75	39.82	27

Supplementary Table 8: Top off-target sites detected for each guide investigated

guide ID	PCR target ID	Target type	TIDE result	% Efficiency	Validation result
sg2	2.1	TOP HITS	F		FAIL
sg2	2.2	TOP HITS	F		FAIL
sg2	2.3	TOP HITS	Y	8.3	POSITIVE VALIDATION
sg2	2.4	TOP HITS	F		FAIL
sg2	2.5	TOP HITS	F		FAIL
sg2	2.6	TGFBI	F		FAIL
sg2	2.7	EXONIC	F		FAIL
sg3	3.1	TGFBI	Y	7.6	POSITIVE VALIDATION
sg3	3.2	TOP HITS	Y	5.1	POSITIVE VALIDATION
sg3	3.3	TOP HITS	Y	54.7	POSITIVE VALIDATION
sg3	3.4	TOP HITS	Y		FAIL
sg3	3.5	TOP HITS	F		FAIL
sg3	3.6	TOP HITS	Y	2.3	POSITIVE VALIDATION
sg4	4.1	TOP HITS - TGFBI	Y	11.6	POSITIVE VALIDATION
sg4	4.2	TOP HITS	Y	2.4	POSITIVE VALIDATION
sg4	4.3	TOP HITS	F		FAIL
sg4	4.4	TOP HITS	Y	0.5	NEGATIVE VALIDATION
sg4	4.5	TOP HITS	Y		FAIL
sg4	4.6	TOP HITS	F		FAIL
sg4	4.7	TOP HITS	F		FAIL
sg4	4.8	BENCHLING	F		FAIL
sg4	4.9	BENCHLING	F		FAIL
sg5	5.1	TOP HITS	Y	16.1	POSITIVE VALIDATION
sg5	5.2	TOP HITS	F		FAIL
sg5	5.3	TOP HITS	Y	0	NEGATIVE VALIDATION
sg5	5.4	TOP HITS	F		FAIL
sg5	5.5	TOP HITS	F		FAIL
sg5	5.6	TGFBI	F		FAIL
sg5	5.7	EXONIC	F		FAIL
sg5	5.8	EXONIC	Y	1.2	NEGATIVE VALIDATION
sg5	5.9	EXONIC	F		FAIL
sg6	6.1	TOP HITS	Y		FAIL
sg6	6.2	TOP HITS	Y	3	POSITIVE VALIDATION
sg6	6.3	TOP HITS	Y		FAIL
sg6	6.4	TOP HITS	Y	3.1	POSITIVE VALIDATION
sg6	6.5	TOP HITS	Y	4.2	POSITIVE VALIDATION
sg6	6.6	TGFBI	F		FAIL
sg6	6.7	BENCHLING	Y	16.7	POSITIVE VALIDATION
sg6	6.8	BENCHLING	Y	1.7	POSITIVE VALIDATION
sg6	6.9	BENCHLING	F		FAIL
sg6	6.10	BENCHLING	Y		FAIL
sg6	6.11	BENCHLING	F		FAIL
sg6	6.12	BENCHLING	Y	0.9	NEGATIVE VALIDATION
sg6	6.13	EXONIC	F		FAIL
sg6	6.14	EXONIC	F		FAIL
sg6	6.15	EXONIC	Y		FAIL
sg6	6.16	EXONIC	Y	10.7	POSITIVE VALIDATION
sg6	6.17	EXONIC	Y	4.6	POSITIVE VALIDATION
sg8	8.1	TOP HITS	F		FAIL
sg8	8.2	TOP HITS TGFBI	Y	9.3	POSITIVE VALIDATION
sg8	8.3	TOP HITS	F		FAIL
sg8	8.4	TOP HITS	Y	7.9	POSITIVE VALIDATION
sg8	8.5	TOP HITS	F		FAIL
sg8	8.6	EXONIC	F		FAIL
sg8	8.7	TOP HITS	F		FAIL
sg9	9.1	TGFBI	Y	26.7	POSITIVE VALIDATION
sg9	9.2	TOP HITS	Y	0.80%	NEGATIVE VALIDATION
sg9	9.3	TOP HITS	F		FAIL
sg9	9.4	TOP HITS	F		FAIL
sg9	9.5	TOP HITS	Y	0.40%	NEGATIVE VALIDATION
sg9	9.6	TOP HITS	F	F	FAIL
sg9	9.7	TOP HITS	F	F	FAIL

Supplementary Table 10: List of oligo nucleotides used

Oligo Name	Oligo Sequence (5' - 3')
Cleavage template FWD	ACCCCAACATCTTCGACGCGGGC
Cleavage template REV	TGCTGTCCTGCCCCACCCA
rs72794904 956bp FWD	GGCAGTGTATTTCTTTCAGAGGA
rs72794904 956bp REV	GAGCCGAGATCATGCCACT
rs72794904 238bp FWD	CCAAGTGCCAGTCAATCCTG
rs72794904 238bp REV	TGCAAGAGAGGACATCAATTTGA
rs2282790 748bp FWD	GGCCTCAGAGCAGGTATCAC
rs2282790 748bp REV	TAGGTCCCTTAGGCCTCCTG
rs2282790 240bp FWD	TGGGCTACGGATCTTCCCAA
rs2282790 240bp REV	CATCTCTGCAACAGTACCTGC
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rs1989972 708bp REV	CAGGCTATTGTCTTGGGACTCA
rs1989972 249bp FWD	GCCCTGACATGAGGACTTTGA
rs1989972 249bp REV	CCAGCTAAATCCAGGGAGAGC
rs6860369 762bp FWD	GGGGCCTCTCTAACCGTTCT
rs6860369 762bp REV	GCCGGGCAAGAAAACAACT
rs6860369 215bp FWD	TCCCAGCCTTAATAACCCATCC
rs6860369 215bp REV	GGTCCATCGTGAACAGGGTC
rs6894815 797bp FWD	ATAGATTTGCCCTGGGTGGG
rs6894815 797bp REV	AAGAAAAACAGAGTAGTGTTGAAA
rs6894815 241bp FWD	GGCCTGAGATAGATTTGCC
rs6894815 241bp REV	CTCAGTCCTCACAGCAGTGTAT
rs10064478 961bp FWD	TCCCAGTCTAACACAGGAC
rs10064478 961bp REV	GAGGCAGGACTGAGGTTCAA
rs10064478 150bp FWD	AAAATTAGCTGGGCGTGGTG
rs10064478 150bp REV	TGGAGTTTCAATCTTGTCGCC
rs11956252 741bp FWD	AGCCAGGAGAGAAAGTCATGG
rs11956252 741bp REV	TCCCCCAACTAAAACCCTCC
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rs11956252 210bp REV	CCCCACCCTCTTCATTCTTCAG
rs7725702 702bp FWD	GGCTCCTTCAGTCAACAAGGT
rs7725702 702bp REV	TCCCTCACCTCCGATTCTG
rs7725702 247bp FWD	TCTTCTCAGGAAAGCAGGGTG
rs7725702 247bp REV	CTCCCCAGAAGGGTTAGAGG
rs4976470 829bp FWD	ATGTAGCCTCAAATCCCAGCC
rs4976470 829bp REV	GCACACCTGACTATGGCTCT
rs4976470 168bp FWD	GCAACAGATCAAGTGACACCT
rs4976470 168bp REV	GGGGCTTGATATGGTTTGGC
R124H 988bp FWD	TGAGTTCACGTAGACAGGCA

R124H 988bp REV	ACAGCTTAAACCCCAGAAACCA
R124H 187bp FWD	CCTTTACGAGACCCTGGGAG
R124H 187bp REV	GTTCCCCATAAGAGTCCCCC
CI-1 703bp FWD	CCAGTTGGTTGGCTGTAGGT
CI-1 703bp REV	ATCCCATCGGCTCTCTAGCA
CI-1 73bp FWD	TCCAGCAGGTGAATGAATCC
CI-1 73bp REV	TACTCCTCTCTCCCACCATTCC
CI-2 925bp FWD	CTGGAAAGGTCCCTGGCTTT
CI-2 925bp REV	GGCTCACAGAGCAAGTGTC
CI-2 117bp FWD	TGCTTTGTGTCCTCTGACCAT
CI-2 117bp REV	AGTGGTCACCCCTGAAATGAA
CI-3 736bp FWD	GTTGCCGAGCCTGACATCAT
CI-3 736bp REV	CGCAAACCTAGCAGGCATCT
CI-3 173bp FWD	GACACATTGCTCTTTGCGGA
CI-3 173bp REV	GAGAGGCAGGACTGAGGTTC
CI-4 818bp FWD	TCAGAACAGCAGGGTGACTTG
CI-4 818bp REV	CCAGCTGTGCAAGGGCTTTA
CI-4 253bp FWD	AGAAAACCAGAACATCGGGC
CI-4 253bp REV	TGGTGCATTCTCCTGTAGTG

The well documented propensity of CRISPR/Cas9 to cleave at unintended off-target sites has impeded the progression of this promising tool to the clinic. In the case of autosomal dominant disease, the most perilous off-target site exists as the wild-type allele, which differs to the mutant allele by only a single base pair. This manuscript presents an innovative approach to selectively cleaving the mutant allele in a mutation-independent manner. Using corneal dystrophy as a model we show successful allele-specific editing of TGFBI and importantly offer a potential targeting strategy for all autosomal dominant disease, in which selective disruption of the mutant allele offers a viable treatment approach.

