

Arrayed CRISPR libraries for the genome-wide activation, deletion and silencing of human protein-coding genes

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Supplementary Methods

Primer information for real-time quantitative PCR

Gene	Forward primer sequence 5'-3'	Reverse primer sequence 5'-3'
<i>ACTB</i>	CATGTACGTTGCTATCCAGGC	CTCCTTAATGTCACGCACGAT
<i>CXCR4</i>	ACTACACCGAGGAAATGGGCT	CCCACAATGCCAGTTAAGAAGA
<i>NEUROD1</i>	GGATGACGATCAAAAGCCCAA	GCGTCTTAGAATAGCAAGGCA
<i>LINC00925</i>	AATTGTCCTGTGAAGTGAAG	TTCCTCTGTCTCCATTGTCA
<i>TINCR</i>	GGTCTGGGCTCCCAGGTGGA	TGTCAGGGACTGGGGCTCC
<i>POU5F1</i>	TATTTGGGAAGGTATTCAGC	CTTACACATGTTCTTGAAGC
<i>KLF4</i>	CTGGCGGGAGGAGCTCTCC	CGGCTCCGCCGCTCTCCA
<i>LIN28A</i>	GGGATGGATATATGAAGTAAGG	TAGCTACCATGACACTATTAAT
<i>IL1R2</i>	GCTGCCAGAAGCTGCCG	CTCAGGGCTACAGGCTCCC
<i>IL1B</i>	TCCTTCCAGGACCTGGACCT	CGGCCTGCCTGAAGCCC
<i>MYC</i>	CTGAGGAGGAACAAGAAGATGAGG	GTGGCCTCCAGCAGAAGG
<i>NANOG</i>	ccgtctctGGCTATAGATAAGTAG	ATCTTCATCACCAATTTGTACTTG
<i>EGFR</i>	GTTTGCCAAGGCACGAGTAA	GAGAAAATGATCTTCAAAGTGCCC
<i>HBG1</i>	AATGTGGAAGATGCTGGAGG	GCCAAAGCTGTCAAAGAACC
<i>TERT</i>	CGGGCTGCTCCTGCGTTT	ATAGCTGAGGAAGGTTTTCGCG
<i>ZFP42</i>	CAGGTGTTTGCTGAAGACAG	GTTGCTGGCTCATGTTTTCC
<i>LINC00028</i>	CACTCCCACACCCCAAC	TGCCAACTTTCCACAGCTAG
<i>LINC00514</i>	AGAAGTGTTTTGGGCGC	CCGTTTCCATTGTTGTATCCTG
<i>ASCL1</i>	CGCGGCCAACAAGAAGATG	CGACGAGTAGGATGAGACCG
<i>GAPDH</i>	ATGATCTTGAGGCTGTTG	CTCAGACACCATGGGGAA
<i>AGER</i>	TGGATGAAGGATGGTGTGCC	CACAGCTGTAGGTTCCCTGG
<i>APOE</i>	CTGCTCAGCTCCAGGTC	TTGTTCTCCAGTTCGGATT
<i>F2R</i>	CCGCAGGCCAGAATCAAAAG	ACAAAGAGTGTGAGCCAGGAG
<i>HES7</i>	CCCCAAGATGCTCAAGCCG	GGTCCGGAGGTTCTGGTC
<i>LPAR4</i>	GGCGGTATTTTCAGCCTCTTT	AGCAGGTGGTGGTTGCATTG
<i>ARG1</i>	TCCCGATGTGCCAGGATTCT	ACGTCTCTCAAGCCAATATA
<i>APP</i>	CTCGTCACGTGTTCAATATG	GGGTGTGCTGTCTGTCTTC
<i>HMBS</i>	GAAGGATGGGCAACTGTACC	ATGGTAGCCTGCATGGTCTC
<i>PRNP</i>	GTGCACGACTGCGTCAAT	CCTTCCTCATCCCACTATCAGG
<i>SOX2</i>	CAGCAAATGACAGCTGCAAA	ATCTCTCTCATAAAAGTTTTCTTGTC
<i>VEGFA</i>	AGATTATGCGGATCAAACCTCAC	CTGTAGGAAGCTCATCTCTCCT
<i>LTF</i>	ATGGTGGTTTTCATATACGAGGCA	CTTTCGGTCCCGTAGACTTCC
<i>ALX3</i>	GGAGAAGACCTCCAAAGCTGC	gtCTCTGGGGCCCCCTCG
<i>PBX1</i>	CATGCTGTAGCGGAAGGC	CTCCACTGAGTTGTCTGAACC
<i>ZFY</i>	AGAAAGCACATGCGAATCCAT	CGCACATCTCACACTTATGAGGA
<i>PPARA</i>	ATGGTGGACACGGAAAGCC	CGATGGATTGCGAAATCTCTTGG
<i>MIXL1</i>	GGCGTCAGAGTGGGAAATCC	GGCAGGCAGTTCACATCTACC
<i>ZNF121</i>	CTCATGCCTTAATGCACACATGG	AGGATTTGTCTCCTATCCACGTT
<i>KLF12</i>	CGGCAGTCAGAGTCAAAACAG	CGGCTTCCATATCGGGATAGT
<i>ZNF678</i>	TTACAGGGACTACTGGCATTCA	CAGCTTCTATGTCTTGTGAGTGT
<i>CLOCK</i>	TGCGAGGAACAATAGACCCAA	ATGGCCTATGTGTGCGTTGTA
<i>NEUROD4</i>	GAGAGCTAGTCAACACACCATC	GCATCCATAAGTACCTGGTCTG
<i>ZBTB33</i>	TGCTGAACTCCTTGAATGAGC	CGGAATTTTCGGTCTTCCACAA
<i>ZNF578</i>	GTAAGGAAGAATTAAGTGTGAGG	GAGAAACCTCTTTCACAAACCT
<i>CHCHD3</i>	GAGGCGGACGAGAATGAGAAC	ACCAGAATACCGCTGAGACTTC
<i>SETDB2</i>	TGCTCTGGTGTCTTGTCTGATG	TGCATGTCGTCTTTGGAAGTG
<i>GLIS3</i>	GTTCAGCGACTGGGACTCATT	CCCTCTGTAAGCTAGGACTGAT
<i>ZNF821</i>	AAGAGGAGACGACACAAGATGA	GCTCTACCACTTCGTTCCAC
<i>ZBTB38</i>	ACACTTGCCGAGCACTCATAC	CCCTGTGTTACCAGGTGAACT

<i>SIX5</i>	TTGGCGCAGTGGACAAGTATC	AAGCAGTAGACTGTCTCCTCG
<i>ZFP1</i>	ACCCACCAGTCAAACCTCATT	AGGGTCGCTCTCCTGTATGAA
<i>ZNF260</i>	ATGTGGTAAAGTGTGCTCTCG	GGTGTCTGATGATGGTTGGCA
<i>ZNF583</i>	CCATGCcctgattgggagtatg	CTGGGAtagtcaaggctataac
<i>BNC2</i>	AAATCAGAGGACAGGCTTAGTGA	TTGAGATGTATCAACCCCACAAC
<i>ZBTB9</i>	CCACGGACAATCCAGATCGAG	CTTTATGAGCCCTAAGTTCCCG
<i>ZNF445</i>	TGCTGCCTATCCAGCTCAG	GGCGGTTGAGAGTCTGTGG
<i>ZNF112</i>	GGAACCTGCTCTTAGTAGCACA	CGGGAGGAAAGCTCTTTGGG
<i>NR2F6</i>	GAGCGGCAAGCATTACGGT	GGCAGGTGTAGCTGAGGT
<i>HNF4A</i>	CGAAGGTCAAGCTATGAGGACA	ATCTGCGATGCTGGCAATCT
<i>GLI3</i>	GAAGTGCTCCACTCGAACAGA	GTGGCTGCATAGTGATTGCG
<i>ZNF227</i>	GCTTCCCCTTCATCCGAATGT	GCAACTGTGCGCATCTATAAGACT
<i>ZNF331</i>	TTCGCCGACGTAGCCATAGA	CGTCCCAGTACAGGTCCCT
<i>ZNF81</i>	GCAGTGCCTGTGAGGTATCAG	CGTCTTTGAGTAGAGTCCAGTTG
<i>TFEB</i>	ACCTGTCCGAGACCTATGGG	CGTCCAGACGCATAATGTTGTC
<i>ESRRB</i>	ATCAAGTGCGAGTACATGCTC	CGCCTCCGTTTGGTGATCTC
<i>ZNF519</i>	GGAAATGCCTAGACCCTGCC	GCTCTGGTAAAATGCCTTGTTG
<i>E2F3</i>	AGAAAGCGGTCATCAGTACCT	TGGACTTCGTAGTGACAGCTCT

Primer information for SMRT sequencing of genome-edited HEK293 cells

Primer name	Primer sequence (5'-3', lowercase nucleotides indicate barcodes, uppercase nucleotides indicate annealing sequence to the genome)
APEX1 Fwd bc1	aaacaaacacGTCTGTAGGCAACGCGGTA
APEX1 Fwd bc2	aaacaagggtGTCTGTAGGCAACGCGGTA
APEX1 Fwd bc3	aaacatctctGTCTGTAGGCAACGCGGTA
APEX1 Fwd bc4	aaaccctgacGTCTGTAGGCAACGCGGTA
APEX1 Rev bc1	aaacgggaacTTTGTTCCTTGGGGTTGC
APEX1 Rev bc2	aaattgtacgTTTGTTCCTTGGGGTTGC
TAZ Fwd bc1	aacagatgaaGAGGGGGATAGTCCCCAACA
TAZ Fwd bc2	aaccttagatGAGGGGGATAGTCCCCAACA
TAZ Fwd bc3	aactacttgcGAGGGGGATAGTCCCCAACA
TAZ Fwd bc4	aagaacgccgGAGGGGGATAGTCCCCAACA
TAZ Rev bc1	aagcgtgtgaACTGAAGGGCTTCCCGATCA
TAZ Rev bc2	acaaatcgagACTGAAGGGCTTCCCGATCA
PRNP Fwd bc1	acatgcaaccGCAGCTGATACCATTGCTATGC
PRNP Fwd bc2	acattcctgtGCAGCTGATACCATTGCTATGC
PRNP Fwd bc3	accacctaataGCAGCTGATACCATTGCTATGC
PRNP Fwd bc4	accggttcgtGCAGCTGATACCATTGCTATGC
PRNP Rev bc1	accgagccatCACCACCACTAAAAGGGCTG
PRNP Rev bc2	actcaacaggCACCACCACTAAAAGGGCTG
CSNK2A1 Fwd bc1	actgcggaagGGGTTACACAGGGTGACATTT
CSNK2A1 Fwd bc2	agaaggtcctGGGTTACACAGGGTGACATTT
CSNK2A1 Fwd bc3	agacctgttGGGTTACACAGGGTGACATTT
CSNK2A1 Fwd bc4	agagctagcgGGGTTACACAGGGTGACATTT
CSNK2A1 Rev bc1	agattactcaTGTAACCTCGGCAAAGACGGT

CSNK2A1 Rev bc2	agcataagtaTGTAACCTCGGCAAAGACGGT
TGFBR1 Fwd bc1	agccgtcacaTCCTGCCTAACCACCGTACT
TGFBR1 Fwd bc2	agggccgattTCCTGCCTAACCACCGTACT
TGFBR1 Fwd bc3	aggtcttcgTCCTGCCTAACCACCGTACT
TGFBR1 Fwd bc4	agtaacacccTCCTGCCTAACCACCGTACT
TGFBR1 Rev bc1	agtcagtggcAGCCCTTGGCAACTCAGAAC
TGFBR1 Rev bc2	agtggtttaaAGCCCTTGGCAACTCAGAAC
HPRT1 Fwd bc1	attagctgggCACGTGTGAACCAACCCGCC
HPRT1 Fwd bc2	attctgcatcCACGTGTGAACCAACCCGCC
HPRT1 Fwd bc3	caatacgaatCACGTGTGAACCAACCCGCC
HPRT1 Fwd bc4	cacgagttaaCACGTGTGAACCAACCCGCC
HPRT1 Rev bc1	cactctcaggCTGGTCCCTACAGAGTCCCA
HPRT1 Rev bc2	cagggatggcCTGGTCCCTACAGAGTCCCA
AP2B1 Fwd bc1	cagtgaccagTGAGGCTTCTGCATTGTTGGA
AP2B1 Fwd bc2	catcacctttTGAGGCTTCTGCATTGTTGGA
AP2B1 Fwd bc3	catcatagacTGAGGCTTCTGCATTGTTGGA
AP2B1 Fwd bc4	cattggtgccTGAGGCTTCTGCATTGTTGGA
AP2B1 Rev bc1	ccaaagttgcAACTGTTAGCCTCCTGGTGC
AP2B1 Rev bc2	ccaaccacaAACTGTTAGCCTCCTGGTGC
ADIPOR1 Fwd bc1	ccaggctcttGGA CTCTGCTAGCCCCATTC
ADIPOR1 Fwd bc2	cccatttagcGGA CTCTGCTAGCCCCATTC
ADIPOR1 Fwd bc3	cccgaaagagGGA CTCTGCTAGCCCCATTC
ADIPOR1 Fwd bc4	ccgtattcgaGGA CTCTGCTAGCCCCATTC
ADIPOR1 Rev bc1	cctccgtactAGTGCACTGGCACTCTAAGC
ADIPOR1 Rev bc2	cctggcaaatAGTGCACTGGCACTCTAAGC
FYN Fwd bc1	ccttgaagtGGGGAGGAAAACAACCCACA
FYN Fwd bc2	cgaaattcgtGGGGAGGAAAACAACCCACA
FYN Fwd bc3	cgactaaaccGGGGAGGAAAACAACCCACA
FYN Fwd bc4	cgagggcaatGGGGAGGAAAACAACCCACA
FYN Rev bc1	cgctttatacAGCTGTGGGTTGTGTAAGTCT
FYN Rev bc2	cggagagcctAGCTGTGGGTTGTGTAAGTCT

High-throughput lentiviral production in 384-well plates

Cell seeding. A monoclonal HEK293T cell line that produces higher titers of lentivirus was generated in-house and used for high-throughput lentiviral production. 6,800 cells were seeded with Integra Viaflo in 50 μ l of DMEM + 10% FBS medium per well.

Plasmid transfection. Around 24 hours after seeding, when cells reached 80–90% confluency, the mix was prepared according to the following table (the amount was for three 384-well plates of plasmid set, each plasmid set for three technical repeats, each plasmid set a 384-well plate of plasmids) for transfection:

	Opti-MEM	psPAX2	VSV-G	P3000	Lipofectamine
Tube 1	14.7 ml	69.34 μ g	46.23 μ g	441.3 μ l	
Tube 2	18.3 ml				441.3 μ l

Cells were transfected with the following procedure within 1 hour after the mix had been prepared:

1. Tube 1 was prepared and 38 μ l of the mix was transferred to each well of a 384-deep-well-plate using a multichannel pipette (plate with Mix 1).
2. 10.1 μ l (per well) of the above-mentioned Mix 1 was then transferred to three 384-well PCR-plates using the Viaflo (12.5 μ l-tips).
3. Tube 2 was prepared and 46 μ l (per well) of the mix was transferred to a 384-deep-well-plate using a multichannel pipette.
4. 72 ng (2.4 μ l of 30 ng/ μ l dilution) of qgRNA plasmid (from the library in 384-well-format) was added to the plate prepared at Step 2 and mixed for 10 cycles (Viaflo; speed up/down: 8), then incubated for 5 minutes at room temperature (RT).
5. 12.5 μ l (per well) of the Lipofectamine 3000 mix prepared at Step 3 was transferred to the plates prepared at Step 4 to obtain 25 μ l of transfection mix per well and mixed for 20 cycles (speed up/down: 8), then incubated for 20 minutes at RT.
6. 36 μ l of medium was removed from the cell culture plate (ViaFlo setting: 31.5 mm; speed up 3).
7. The plate prepared at Step 5 was centrifuged at 1500 rpm for 2 minutes.
8. 8 μ l of transfection mix was added to each replicate of the three replicate cell culture plates (ViaFlo setting: 16 mm; speed down 3); and incubated at 37 °C for 6–12 hours.

Virus harvesting medium addition. Virus Harvesting Medium (composition for a 500 ml: 434 ml of DMEM + 59 ml of 10% FBS + 6.82 grams of BSA + 6.8 ml of penicillin or streptomycin) was prepared and warmed up to 37 °C. Then 44 μ l per well of Virus Harvesting Medium was added to the plates with transfected cells (ViaFlo settings: 37mm, speed up: 8, speed down: 2).

Virus collection. 48–60 hours after the addition of the virus harvesting medium, check the transfection efficiency of the cells by visual inspection the percentage of TagBFP positive cells, a less than 50% transfection efficiency indicates the failure of viral production. If transfection efficiency is 50% or higher, 45 μ l of viruses of each replicate transfected plate was collected, and viruses from the three replicates of the same plasmid set were pooled together, mixed for 20 cycles and then centrifuged at 1500 rpm for 2 minutes to pellet cells. Viral supernatant was aliquoted into PCR plates for storage at –80°C, for later use and titer determination.

Virus titration. One day before virus titration, 6,000 HEK293T cells were seeded in 384-well plates. Lentiviruses produced in 384-well plates were thawed from –80 °C and 0.5 μ l of viruses (per well) were transduced into the HEK293T cells. Three days post-transduction, cell culture medium was removed, and cells were dissociated with 15 μ l of PBS-EDTA (2 mM EDTA in 1× PBS) for 15–20 min at 37 °C. Later, 20 μ l of FACS buffer (10 mM EDTA + 5% FBS in 1× PBS) was added to each well and mixed with the Viaflo until a single-cell suspension was obtained. Then the percentage of TagBFP-positive cells was analysed by flow cytometry. If 90% of wells in the plate reaches a virus titer of 10^6 transducing unit per ml, the plate of virus is considered a successful lentiviral production. Otherwise, the plate needs to be reproduced until filling the criterion. Our protocol reaches 81.5% successful rate for the T.gonfio library lentiviral packaging. The success rate is calculated by dividing the number of successful plates by the total number of plates produced during the procedure of virus production.

ALPA cloning high-throughput generation of libraries

Oligo synthesis. Twenty-nucleotide sgRNA sequences were incorporated into oligonucleotide sequences with appended constant sequences and synthesized in 384-well plates using the high affinity purification (HAP) purification method by Sangon Biotech (China). The sgRNA1 (sgRNA1 sequence, N_{20sg1}) oligonucleotide sequence is: 5'-ttgtggaaggacgaacaccGN_{20sg1}GTTTAAGAGCTAAGCTG-3'; the sgRNA2 (sgRNA2 sequence, N_{20sg2}) oligo sequence is: 5'-cttgagaaaagcctgtttGN_{20sg2}GTTTGAGAGCTAAGCAGA-3'; the sgRNA3 (sgRNA3 sequence, N_{20sg3}) oligo sequence is: 5'-gtatgagaccactcttcccGN_{20sg3}GTTTCAGAGCTAAGCACA-3'; and the sgRNA4 (reverse complement sequence of sgRNA4, N_{20 crsg4}) oligo sequence is 5' - ATTTCTGCTGTAGCTCTGAAACN_{20 crsg4}Cgaggtaccaagcggc-3'. The oligonucleotides were diluted with ddH₂O to a working concentration of 4 μ M.

Three-fragment PCRs. A total of 10 μ l PCR reaction per well was produced in 384-well plates. The C1 fragment (amplicon size 761 bp) PCR mix was prepared as follows:

Volume/well	Reagent
0.2 μ L	C1 fragment 1 ng/ μ L
0.2 μ L	mU6 Rev primer 10 μ M (common primer, sequence attached)
2 μ L	5X HF buffer
0.2 μ L	dNTPs 10 mM
0.1 μ L	Phusion High-Fidelity DNA polymerase
6.8 μ L	ddH ₂ O

9.5 μ L of the mix were aliquoted in each well of the 384-well plate, and 0.5 μ L of sgRNA1 primer (at 4 μ M concentration) was added to each well and mixed.

The M fragment (amplicon size 360 bp) PCR mix was prepared as follows:

volume/well	Reagent
0.2 μ L	M fragment 1 ng/ μ L
0.2 μ L	M Rev primer 10 μ M (common primer, sequence attached)
2 μ L	5X HF buffer
0.2 μ L	dNTPs 10 mM
0.1 μ L	Phusion High-Fidelity DNA polymerase
6.8 μ L	ddH ₂ O

9.5 μ L of the mix were aliquoted in each well of the 384-well plate, and then 0.5 μ L of sgRNA2 primer (at 4 μ M concentration) was added to each well and mixed.

C2s fragment (amplicon size 422 bp) PCR mix was prepared as follows:

vol/well	Reagent
0.2 μ L	C2s fragment 1ng/ μ L
2 μ L	5X HF buffer
0.2 μ L	dNTPs 10 mM
0.1 μ L	Phusion High-Fidelity DNA polymerase
6.5 μ L	ddH ₂ O

9 μ L of the mix were aliquoted in each well of the 384-well plate, and then 0.5 μ L of sgRNA3 primer (at 4 μ M concentration) and 0.5 μ L of sgRNA4 primer (also at 4 μ M concentration) were added to each well and mixed.

The Integra ViaFlo 384-well pipetting system was used for all 384-well liquid handling. All PCR plates were sealed tightly and centrifuged at 2000 rpm for 2 minutes, and placed in thermocyclers with the following program: Preheat the lid at 99 °C; Initial denaturation at 98 °C for 30 seconds, 36 cycles comprising 98 °C for 10 seconds, 60 °C for 30 seconds, and 72 °C for 25 seconds, and final extension at 72 °C for 5 minutes, followed by cooldown to 20 °C. All PCR products were then diluted with 9 μ L of ddH₂O for later Gibson assembly. The success of PCR on each plate was confirmed by DNA agarose gel electrophoresis of several random samples on the plate.

Gibson assembly. Assembly of the three fragment PCR products into the pYJA5 vector was performed in a 384-well plate by Gibson assembly, with the following reaction mix:

Volume	Reagent
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2 μ L	C1 amplified fragment (estimated around 16 ng/ μ L)
1 μ L	M amplified fragment (estimated around 16 ng/ μ L)
1 μ L	C2s amplified fragment (estimated around 20 ng/ μ L)
1 μ L	pYJA5 <i>Bbs</i> I digested purified vector, diluted to 120 ng/ μ L
5 μ L	2X homemade HiFi Gibson master mix

The mix was incubated in the thermocycler at 50 °C for 1 hour, and then used for the transformation of competent cells or stored immediately at –20 °C.

In silico qgRNA libraries design

Pooling existing libraries. To provide a starting point for guide RNA selection, we collected sgRNAs from previously published and validated libraries and tools, each of which employed their own algorithms to select sgRNAs with high predicted on-target efficacy. We included the Calabrese¹ and hCRISPRa v2(ref.²) libraries for T.gonfio, and the TKOv3(ref.³) and Brunello^{1, 4} libraries for T.spiezzo. We complemented these source libraries with sgRNAs from the CRISPick tool (formerly GPP sgRNA Designer, <https://portals.broadinstitute.org/gppx/crispick/public>), to ensure optimal coverage of difficult-to-target and newly annotated genes (the website was accessed in April 2020, following the update of 20 March 2020).

Gene definitions. Entrez gene identifiers were used to provide common gene definitions for sgRNAs from all sources. If the source library did not provide Entrez identifiers, the official gene symbols were mapped to Entrez IDs, and the genomic location was used to disambiguate gene symbols when necessary. Genes that were not defined as protein-coding by NCBI or Ensembl were excluded according to the following annotation files:

ftp://ftp.ncbi.nih.gov/gene/DATA/GENE_INFO/Mammalia/Homo_sapiens.gene_info.gz
ftp://ftp.ensembl.org/pub/release-99/tsv/homo_sapiens/Homo_sapiens.GRCh38.99.entrez.tsv.gz

Both files were downloaded on 25 March 2020. The final libraries included 19839 protein-coding genes for T.gonfio and 19820 for T.spiezzo; the difference in gene counts arises from genes that were present for only one modality in our source libraries. For example, highly polymorphic genes related to adaptive immunity, such as the T Cell Receptor Alpha Locus (TRA) gene, are available for T.gonfio, but not T.spiezzo.

Transcriptional start site (TSS) definitions. To ensure good coverage of alternative transcripts and the broad applicability of the T.gonfio library in multiple cell lines, we adopted the alternative transcription start site (TSS) definitions from the hCRISPRa-v2 library². The authors of this library used the FANTOM5 CAGE-seq dataset⁵, supplemented by Ensembl⁶ transcript models, to define TSS positions. Additional TSSs were targeted by a separate set of sgRNAs if the FANTOM5 scores indicated significant transcriptional activity, and if they were spaced more than one kilobase apart from the primary TSS. We chose a separate set of four sgRNAs for each TSS, treating multiple TSSs as if they were distinct genes. To group sgRNAs by TSS, we mapped sgRNAs from all sources (including the top five sgRNAs from the CRISPick sgRNA Designer) to their genomic locations. We then iterated through each sgRNA, starting with the lowest genomic coordinate; a new TSS group was defined if the distance from one guide to the next exceeded 1000 base pairs. Additional TSSs were only targeted if a valid combination of four guides was available. Multiple TSSs were included for 2,311 genes using 4,803 four-guide combinations, whereas a single TSS was targeted for the remaining 17,528 genes.

Avoidance of genetic polymorphisms. For each sgRNA, we checked for overlaps with regions of frequent genetic polymorphism in human populations. We considered both the 20-nucleotide target sequence and the two guanosine nucleotides of the NGG PAM; however, the first nucleotide of the PAM was allowed to vary. We avoided sgRNAs whose target region contained any genetic polymorphisms with frequencies greater than 0.1%. Variant frequencies were derived from the Kaviar

database⁷, which includes curated genomic data on single nucleotide variants, indels, and complex variants from over 77,000 individuals (including over 13,000 whole genomes). The dataset (only variants seen more than 3 times, version 160204-hg38) was downloaded on 7 August 2019. The polymorphism frequencies in the Kaviar database were generally similar to those from TOPMED, gnomAD, and the 1000 Genomes Project.

Specificity scores. To select a four-guide combination with minimal off-target effects, we computed specificity scores for each sgRNA from our source libraries. We used the approach introduced by the authors of the GuideScan⁸ tool: For each guide, potential off-target sites were weighted by their CFD (cutting frequency determination) scores⁴, and CFD scores were aggregated into a single score using the formula: $1 / (1 + \text{sum of CFD scores from all off-target sites})$ ⁹. Because the pre-computed GuideScan Cas9 database does not contain all sgRNAs (it excludes those with perfect-match or one-mismatch off-target sites in the reference genome), we annotated sgRNAs using both the GuideScan and CRISPOR^{10, 11} tools. Local installations of these tools were used, and the source code was downloaded in December 2020 (GuideScan version 2018-05-16, and CRISPOR version 4.97). The output of the local installations was confirmed to be identical to that of the web-based tools. When available, we used GuideScan specificity scores (considering up to three mismatches); otherwise, CRISPOR specificity scores were used (considering up to four mismatches). CRISPOR three-mismatch (3MM) and four-mismatch (4MM) specificity scores analogous to those from GuideScan were computed, using the detailed output files listing each off-target site. GuideScan and CRISPOR specificity scores were highly correlated, but not identical, due to slight differences in the number of off-target sites identified for the same sequence. When selecting sgRNAs, we avoided low-specificity guides with 3MM scores below 0.2; this cut-off point was recently shown to have good predictive power for identifying sgRNAs with significant off-target activity¹². However, this criterion had to be relaxed in cases where all eligible sgRNAs had specificity scores below 0.2, for example, when targeting genes present in multiple copies in the genome, or those belonging to large gene families with many closely related paralogs and pseudogenes. Finally, to choose among all eligible four-guide combinations, we computed an aggregate specificity score using the formula: $1 / (1 + \text{sum of CFD scores from all four guides})$, and picked the combination with the highest score, indicating high predicted specificity.

sgRNA spacing. To allow for unhindered multiple binding for synergistic effect, we selected, whenever possible, four sgRNAs whose “cut” locations were spaced at least 50 base pairs apart. However, for CRISPRa, target sequences should be located within a window of about 400 base pairs upstream of the TSS for optimal activity¹³, which is reflected in the selection of sgRNAs in the source libraries. Thus, overlaps were unavoidable for some genes. For CRISPRko, on the other hand, overlaps were often inevitable when targeting genes with very short coding sequences. In those cases, we nevertheless aimed to minimize the total number of overlaps between neighbouring guides. Furthermore, all four-guide combinations strictly adhered to another criterion: No two sgRNAs were allowed to share identical sub-sequences of more than seven base pairs. This was done primarily to minimize recombination events between identical regions during Gibson assembly of the plasmid. However, this also enforced minimal spacing of the four selected guides.

Selection of four sgRNAs. After integration and annotation of sgRNAs from the source libraries, we selected the final combination of four sgRNAs for each gene or TSS. First, sgRNAs containing a stretch of four or more T nucleotides were excluded, since this sequence can induce termination of transcription. Next, all possible four-guide combinations for each gene were generated, and combinations that shared identical subsequences greater than seven base pairs in length were excluded. The potential combinations were then ranked, using a list of criteria that were applied in order; if multiple combinations were tied in first place, the decision was made using the next criterion down the list. The criteria were as follows: 1) Maximize the number of sgRNAs (from zero to four) that fulfil certain minimal requirements – the sgRNA can be mapped to a defined genomic location in the reference genome with an N(GG) PAM; there are no overlaps with frequent genetic polymorphisms (>0.1%); the 3MM specificity score is at least 0.2; and for T.spiezzo only, the guide conforms to the criteria of ref.¹⁴; 2) maximize the number of sgRNAs with exactly one perfect match location in the reference genome, 3) minimize the number of overlaps between two neighbouring sgRNAs spaced fewer than 50 base pairs apart, 4) minimize the number of sgRNAs derived from the CRISPick sgRNA

Designer tool, rather than the previously published libraries, 5) for T.gonfio, minimize the number of sgRNAs derived from the “supplemental 5” rather than “top 5” sgRNAs for the hCRISPRa-v2 library, and for T.spiezzo, minimize the number of CRISPick-derived sgRNAs ranked outside the top 10, and 6) maximize the aggregate specificity score from all 4 guides. The highest-ranked four-guide combination was chosen. Since the aggregate specificity score was the only quantitative criterion, it acted as a tiebreaker and had the greatest impact on the choice of guides.

Sublibrary allocation. To facilitate focussed screens of a subset of the genome, we divided the entire set of protein-coding genes into mutually exclusive sub-libraries. Two of our sub-libraries – Transcription Factors, and Secretome – were based on recent publications that combined bioinformatics analyses with expert curation to arrive at a comprehensive list of genes in those categories^{15, 16}. These lists were obtained from the publication’s supplemental data (for the secretome) or the authors’ website (for the transcription factors; humantfs.ccb.utoronto.ca, database version 1.01). Ensembl gene IDs were translated to Entrez gene IDs, making use of HUGO gene symbols to disambiguate one-to-many mappings for a few genes. A third sub-library was based on a list of G-protein coupled receptors, curated by the HUGO Gene Nomenclature Committee (HGNC)¹⁷ (<https://www.genenames.org/cgi-bin/genegroup/download?id=139&type=branch>, accessed on 11 March 2020). An additional seven thematic sub-libraries were adopted from the hCRISPRa-v2 library²: Membrane Proteins, Kinases/Phosphatases/Drug Targets, Mitochondria/Trafficking/Motility, Stress/Proteostasis, Cancer/Apoptosis, Gene Expression, and Unassigned. The first two of these thematic sub-libraries were updated to incorporate a small number of additional transmembrane receptors, transporters, kinases and phosphates, using Gene Ontology terms (exported from BioMart¹⁸ on 25 March 2020) and a list of membrane proteins provided by the Human Protein Atlas project¹⁹ (https://www.proteinatlas.org/search/protein_class:Predicted+membrane+proteins, accessed on 11 March 2020). If a gene belonged to multiple categories, it was assigned to the first sub-library (in the order in which they are listed in this section), and all remaining genes were added to the Unassigned sub-library.

Classification of unintended gene perturbations. Some sgRNAs are expected to perturb additional genes other than the intended target gene. In certain cases, this occurs at a different locus than the intended target site: For example, gene families of very close paralogs can often only be targeted with sgRNAs that have multiple perfect-match binding sites in the genome. However, in most cases, this involves a single locus – the intended binding site – where a sgRNA may perturb more than one gene. In the case of T.gonfio, the same promoter region is often shared by two genes located on opposite strands of the chromosome, so that their transcription start sites (TSSs) lie only a few hundred base pairs apart. In this case, guide RNAs that effectively activate one gene would inevitably also activate the other. As a guide for users of the library, and to aid the interpretation of hit genes, we annotated sgRNAs with a complete list of all genes they target. For the purpose of summarizing this phenomenon across the entire library, we classified each sgRNA as 1) only targeting the intended gene, 2) targeting unintended genes, but in a single location (on-site off-target effects), or 3) targeting unintended genes at other locations (off-site off-target effects). If two perfect-match sgRNA binding sites had any target genes in common, they were considered to target unintended genes at the same location. This ensured that sgRNAs targeting the pseudoautosomal region of chromosomes X and Y were classified correctly. Genes in this region technically map to two different chromosomes, but they are present in only two copies in diploid cells, just like any other gene. Unless they have additional target sites, they should not be included in the “off-site” category.

Annotation of unintended target genes. To annotate each sgRNA with all its potential target genes, a database of TSS locations was constructed by merging the FANTOM5 dataset (lifted over to the hg38 genome²⁰, version 3) with data from BioMart¹⁸ (exported on 25 March 2020), using Entrez gene IDs as a common identifier. Similarly, data on coding sequence (CDS) and exon locations were compiled from BioMart, the “TxDb.Hsapiens.UCSC.hg38.knownGene” Bioconductor package (version 3.10.0), and GENCODE²¹ annotation data (Release 33), and location data were merged using Entrez gene identifiers (if available) or Ensembl gene identifiers. Genes annotated as pseudogenes, or whose categorization was unclear, were excluded from further analysis. For T.gonfio, perfect-match sgRNA binding sites within a window of 1000 base pairs around TSSs were considered. For

T.spiezzo, sgRNA cut locations had to lie within the coding sequences (CDSs) of protein-coding genes, or within the exons of non-coding RNAs.

Annotation of predicted deletions. In the case of T.spiezzo, when four sgRNAs are active within the same cell, the multiple, closely spaced double-strand breaks commonly lead to the loss of a DNA segment between the sgRNA cut locations. Thus, in addition to annotating individual sgRNAs, we also determined which genes are affected by the predicted deletion – the segment between the first and last cut site. We also took deletions induced by (perfect-match) off-target binding sites into consideration. Because deletions may be less likely to occur if the cut sites are very far apart, we imposed a maximum distance of one megabase between cut sites, so that multiple predicted deletions (or isolated cut positions) on the same chromosome were possible.

Primer information for SMRT long-read sequencing of the libraries

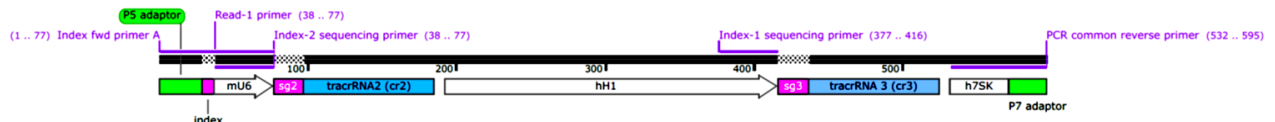
The barcoded primers were HPLC-purified and are listed below (lowercase nucleotides indicate barcodes, uppercase nucleotides indicate the sequence annealing to the plasmid vector):

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Illumina sequencing of T.spiezzo/T.gonfio pooled screen

A schematic of the sequencing strategy:



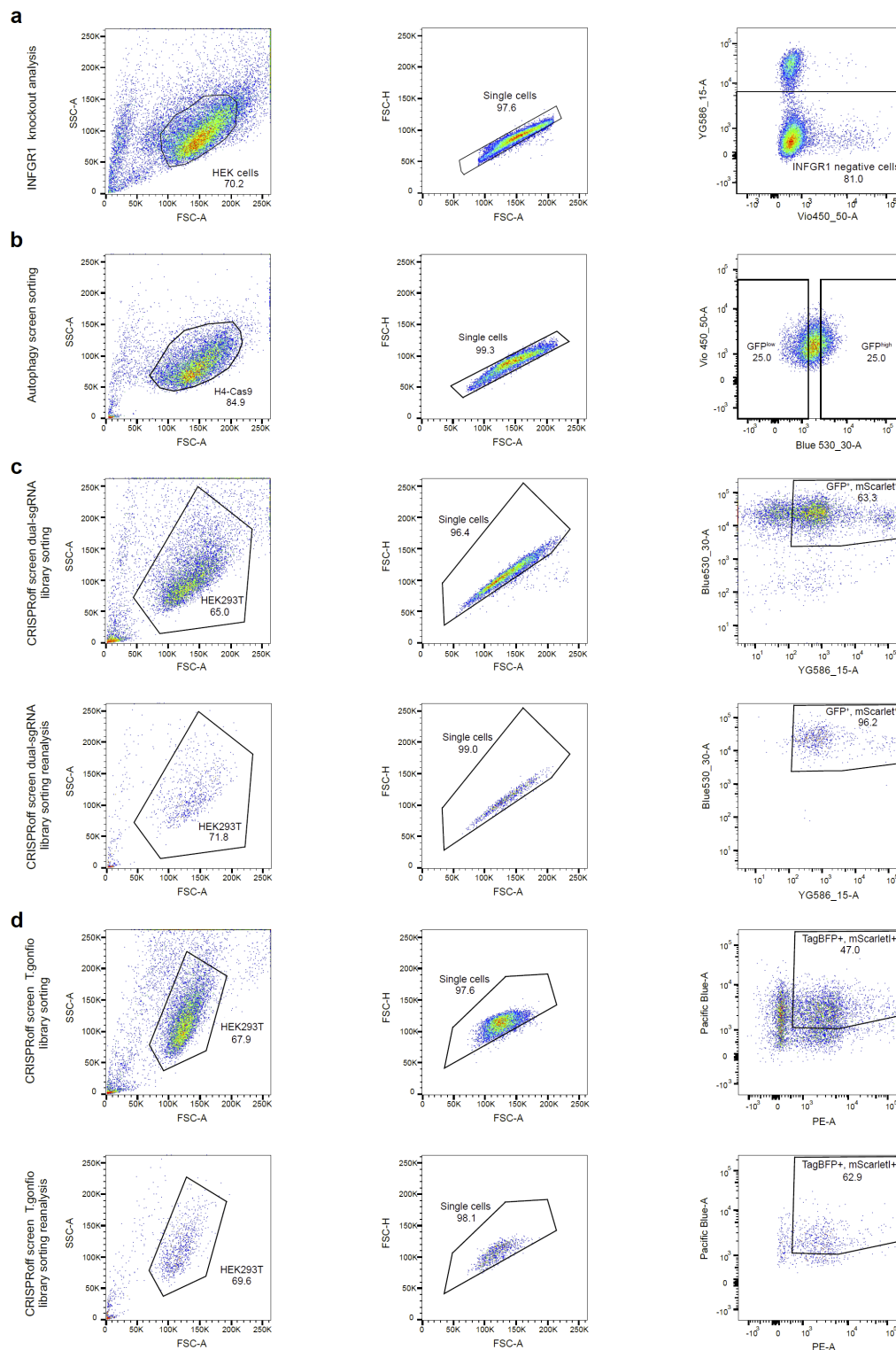
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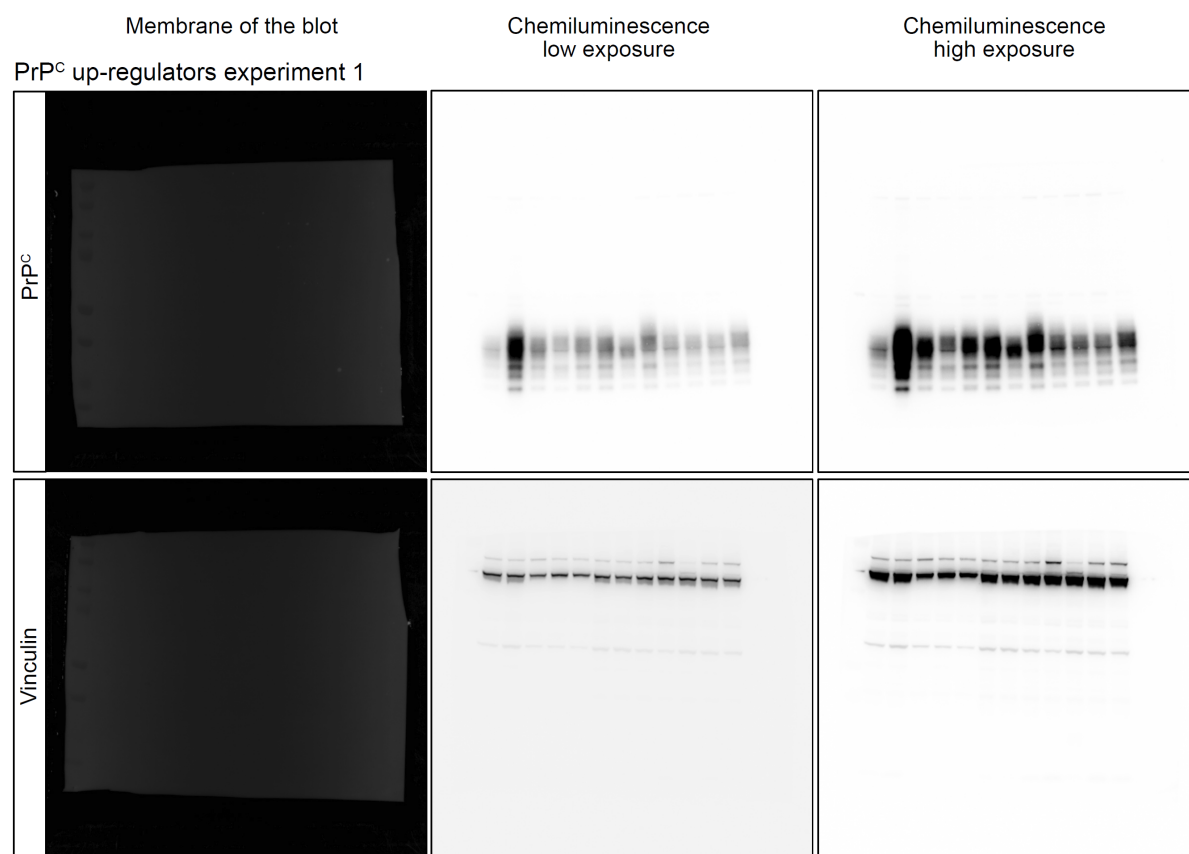
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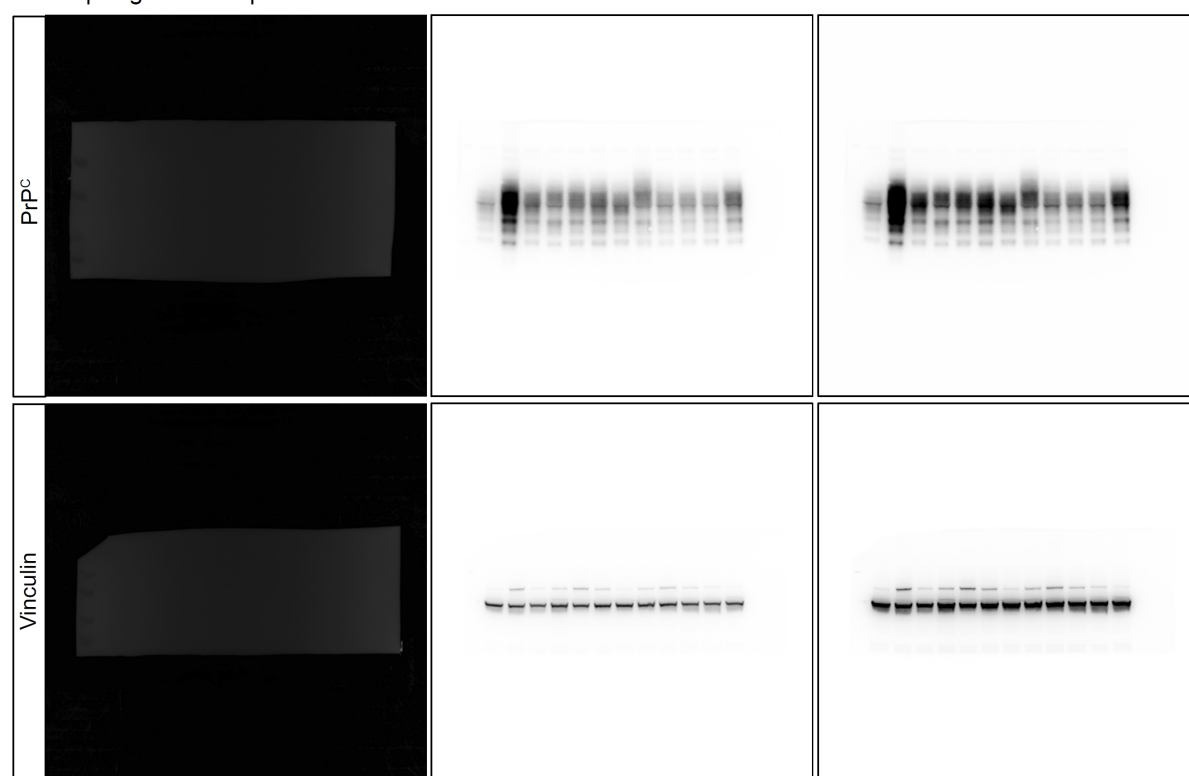
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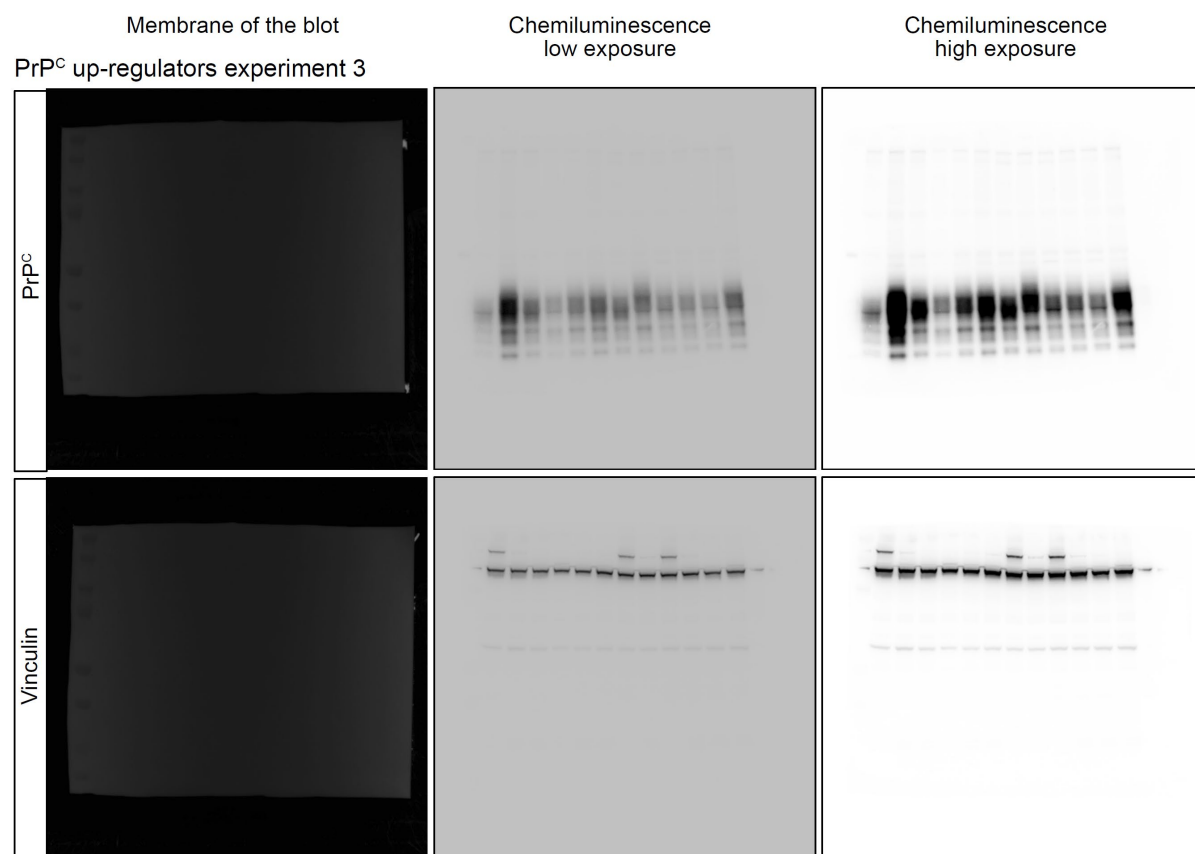
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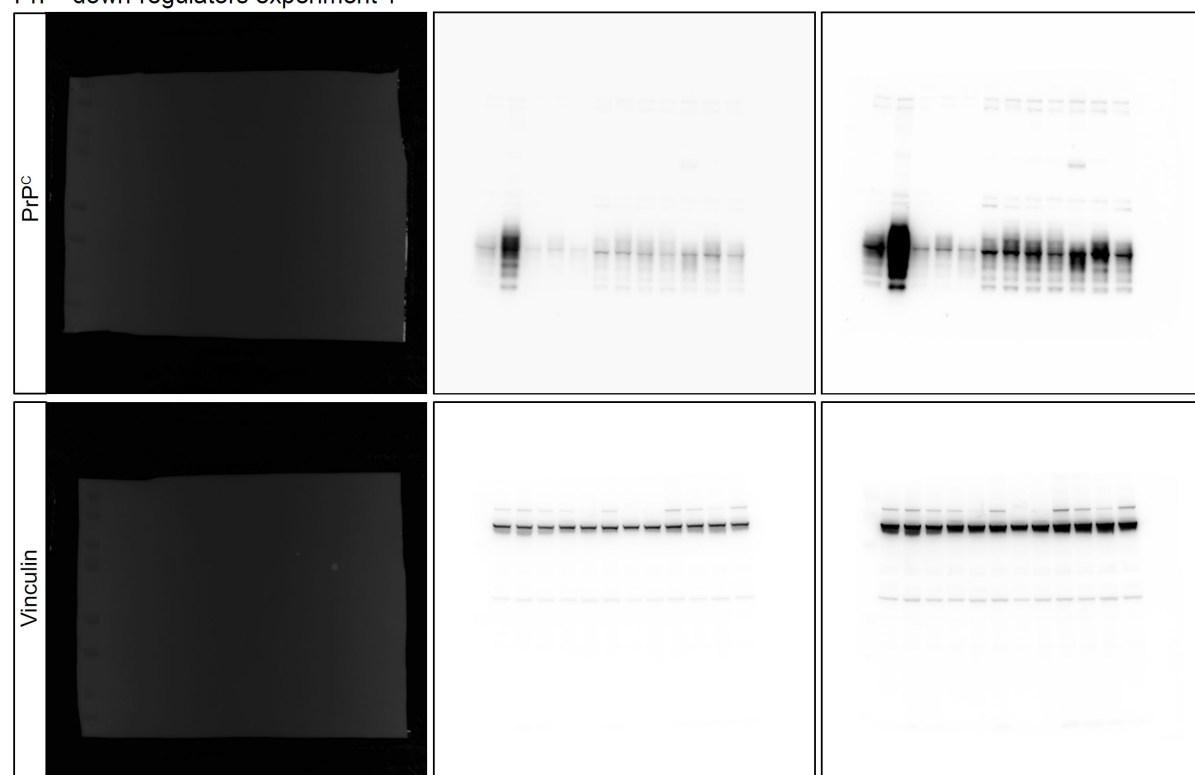
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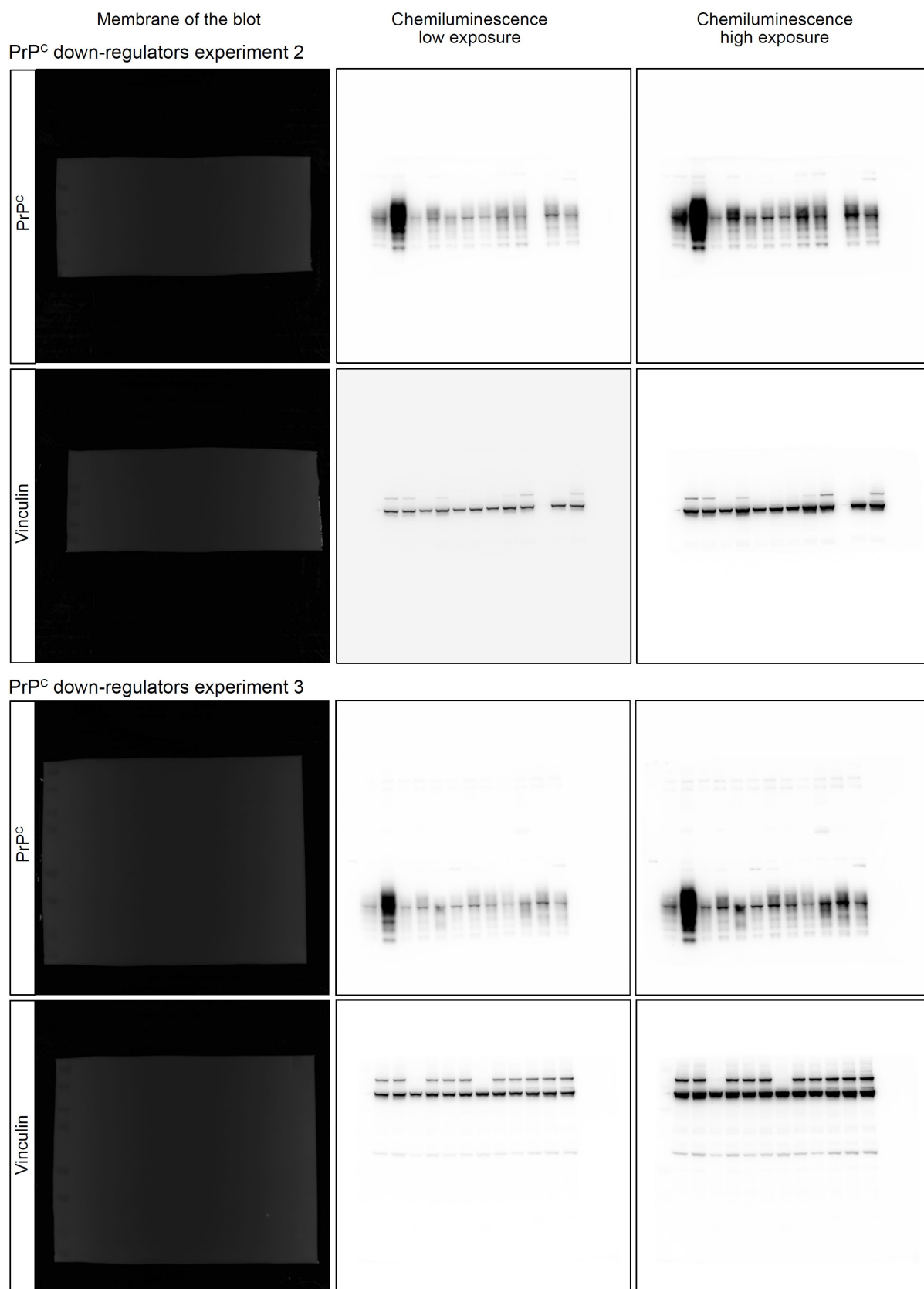
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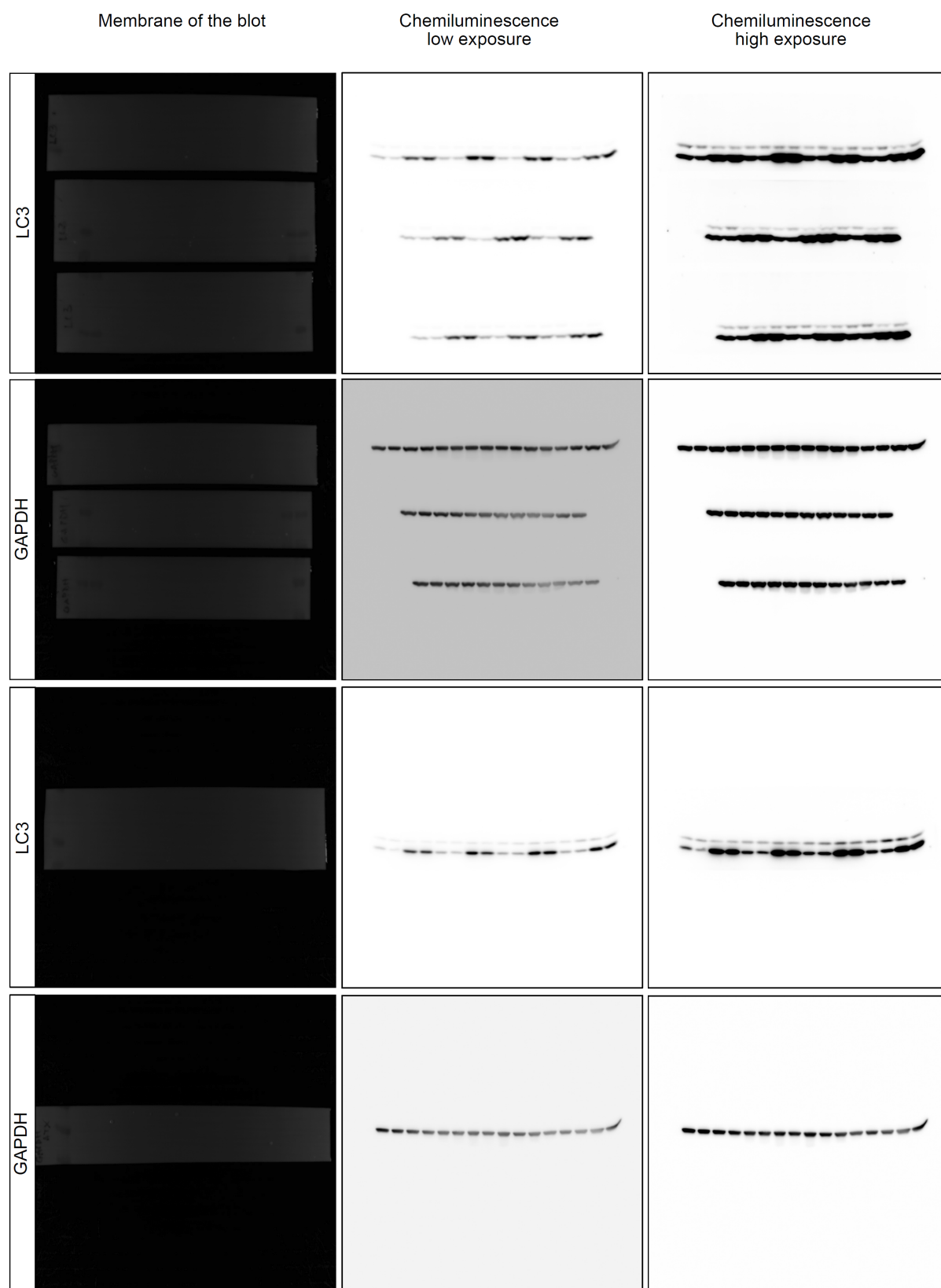
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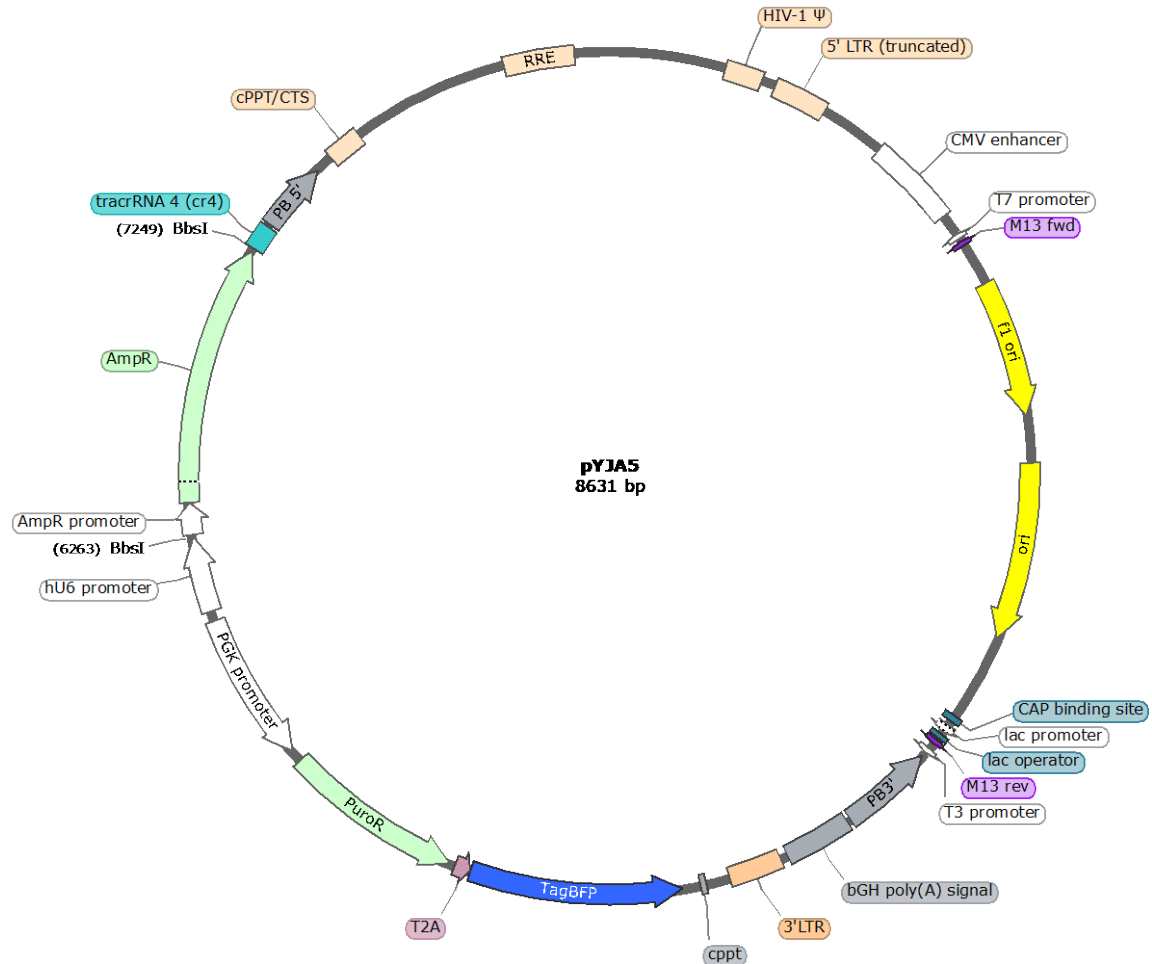
Supplementary Fig.4| Original uncropped gel images of PrP^C western blot for down-regulators experiment 2 and 3.



Supplementary Fig.5| Original uncropped gel images of LC3 western blot with two biological repeats.

Supplementary Information

1. Plasmid map (created with SnapGene) and DNA sequence of the pYJA5 empty vector (hU6, AmpR, and tracrRNA4 are coloured, for the other features, refer to the annotation of qgRNA-pYJA5).



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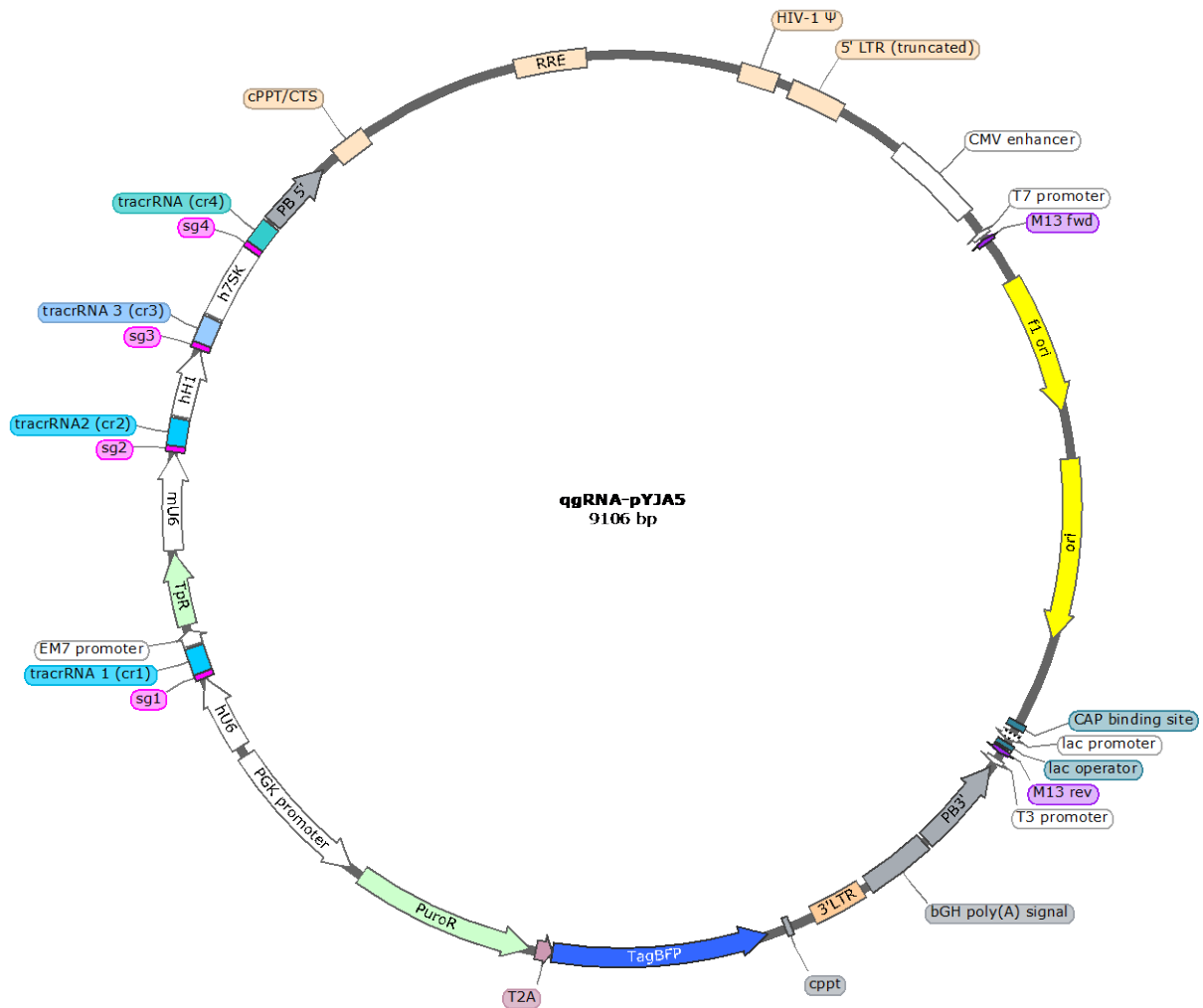
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2. **Plasmid map (created with SnapGene) and DNA sequence of the qgRNA-pYJA5 vector (N₂₀ indicates sgRNA sequence, all the qgRNA features annotated)**



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Annotation of qgRNA features (feature and position in the sequence):

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CMV enhancer	953..1256
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Four sgRNA primer sequence (5'-3', N₂₀ in sgRNA1 primer Fwd, sgRNA2 primer Fwd, sgRNA3 primer Fwd is exactly the sgRNA sequence, however, in sgRNA4 primer Rev it should be the reverse complement sequence of the sgRNA sequence):

sgRNA1 primer Fwd: ttgtgaaaggacgaaacaccGN₂₀GTTTAAGAGCTAAGCTG

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sgRNA4 primer Rev: ATTTCTGCTGTAGCTCTGAAACN₂₀Cgaggtaccaagcggc

Common primer sequences (5'-3'):

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M Rev: Cgggaaagagtgtctcataca

Constant template sequences (5'-3')

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