
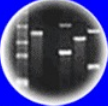



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21st Century Genetic Engineering Applications - Part Two

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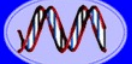
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Themes

1. What is the CRISPR-Cas Bacterial Immunity System?
2. What Are the Individual Components of the CRISPR-Cas Immunity System?
3. How Can CRISPER-Cas9 be Used For Gene Editing?
4. How Can Genetic Engineering Be Used To Eliminate or Reduce Mosquito Populations?
5. What is Gene Drive and How Can it Be Used To Fight Malaria?
6. What Are the Ethical and Regulatory Concerns of Using Gene Drive Systems?
7. What Are Other Applications of CRISPR-Cas9 Editing?


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Genetic Engineering Breakthroughs

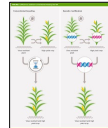
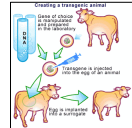

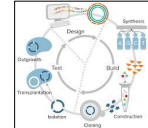
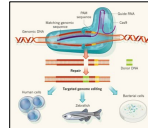
Classical Breeding - 8,000 BCE
Our Primitive Biotechnology Ancestors

Transgenic Genetic Engineering - 1973
Berg, Cohen, & Boyer

Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) - 1985
Mullis

Synthetic Genomes - 2,000
Venter

**Gene Editing or Clustered Regularly
Interspaced Short Palindromic Repeats
(CRISPR) - 2015**
Doudna & Carpentier

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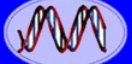
Genetic Engineering is the TECHNIQUE! That Generates GMOs

1. Classical Breeding By Selective Mating
(Thousands of Years)
2. Insertion of a New Gene Into An
Organism's Chromosomes (50 Years) -
Transgenic Organism
3. Editing Existing Genes Like A "Word
Program" (5 Years) - CRISPR Gene Editing
4. DNA Synthesis - Synthetic Genomes
(5 Years)


Breeding or DNA Manipulation - They Are the
SAME
&
Called *Gene Engineering*
So..... WHAT IS A GMO??



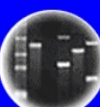

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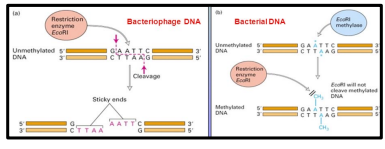


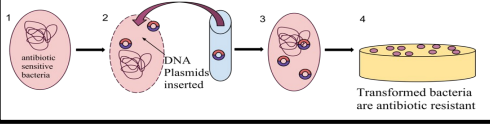
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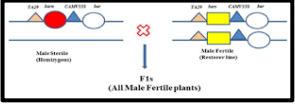


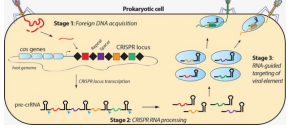
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Bacterial Defense Mechanisms Used For Genetic Engineering

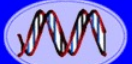
Restriction-Modification


Antibiotic Resistance



Barnase & Barstar


CRISPR


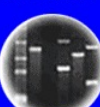
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The CRISPR-Cas Bacterial Immunity System

CRISPR LOCUS

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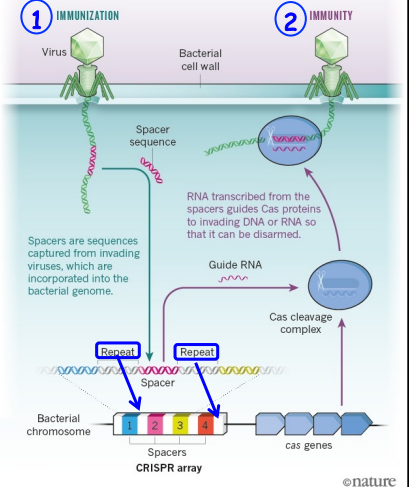
**CRISPR
Associated
System**

**CAS is an
Endonuclease
That Cleaves
dsDNA**

Spacer = Phage DNA

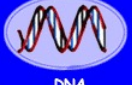
LASTING PROTECTION

About 90% of known archaea and one-third of bacteria have some form of CRISPR-Cas immunity. This is controlled by a cluster of short DNA repeats separated by 'spacer' sequences and a series of nearby genes that encode CRISPR-associated (Cas) proteins.




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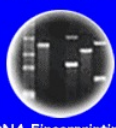
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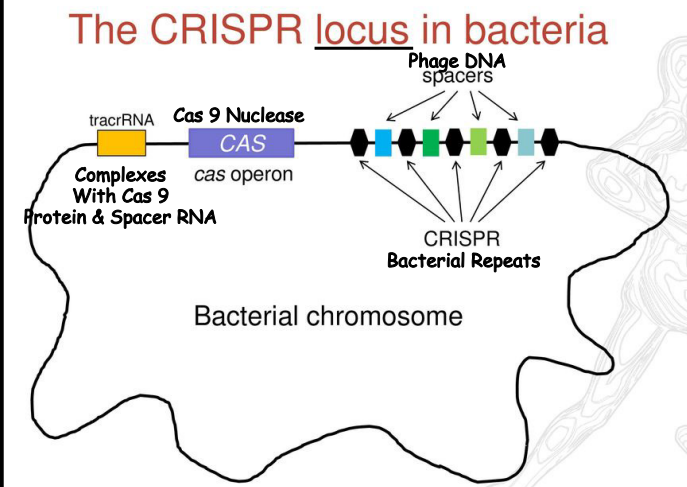
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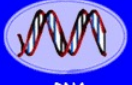
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Components of the CRISPR-Cas Bacterial Immunity System Can Be Cloned and Engineered to Work Like "Legos" in Eukaryotic Cells


The CRISPR locus in bacteria




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The CRISPR-Cas Bacterial Immunity System


2002 to Present



Discovered CRISPR Repeats by Bacterial Genome Sequencing
2002



Hypothesized That CRISPR is a Bacterial Immunity System
2005



Experimental Proof of CRISPR Immunity Functions in Bacterial Cells
2007-2011

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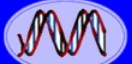


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The CRISPR-Cas Bacterial Immunity & Gene Editing System



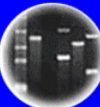
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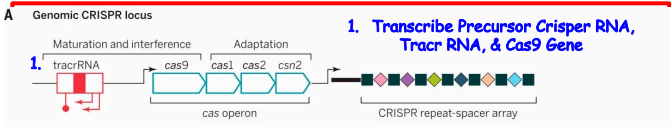
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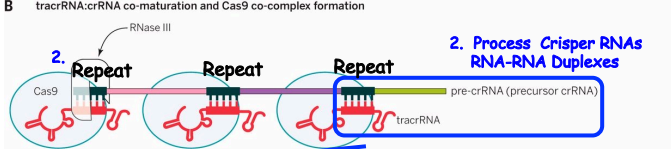
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A Genomic CRISPR locus



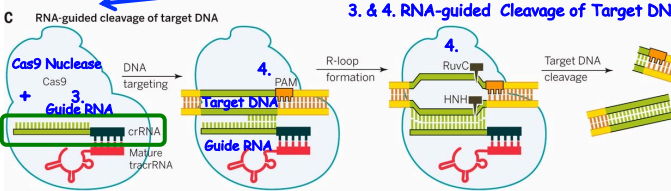
1. Transcribe Precursor Crispr RNA, Tracr RNA, & Cas9 Gene

B tracrRNA:crRNA co-maturation and Cas9 co-complex formation



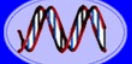
2. Process Crispr RNAs RNA-RNA Duplexes

C RNA-guided cleavage of target DNA




3. & 4. RNA-guided Cleavage of Target DNA


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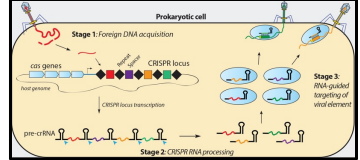
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The CRISPR-Cas Bacterial Immunity System

1. Phage Infects Bacteria
2. **Spacer (Phage) DNA "Captured"**
3. Spacer DNA Incorporated Into CRISPR Locus in Bacterial Genome
4. **Spacer DNA Transcribed Into Guide RNA**
5. Guide RNA Complexes With Cas Endonuclease Protein to Form Cleavage Complex
6. **Cleavage Complex Recognizes Phage DNA With Complementary DNA Sequences in Subsequent Infection**
7. Cas Endonuclease Digests Phage DNA and Infection Is Stopped



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Jennifer Doudna, Emmanuelle Charpentier, and Feng Zhang

CRISPR-Cas9 Editing (Molecular Typewriter)







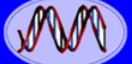





CRISPR Technology
Editing Human Cells
2012



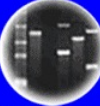
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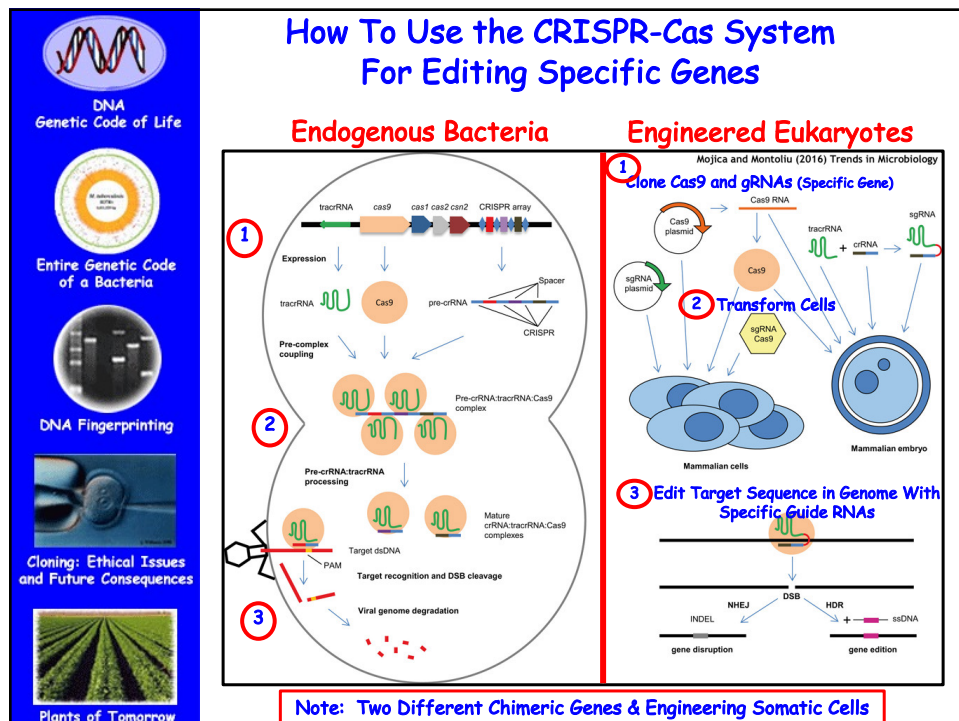


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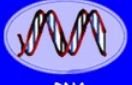
Advantages of Gene Editing Over "Cohen-Boyer" Transgenic Genetic Engineering

- Simple Method to Edit, Correct, or Modify Any Endogenous Gene**
- Multiple Genes Can Be Corrected at Once**
- Dominant Alleles Can Be Mutated & Turned Off**


Disadvantages of Gene Editing Over "Cohen-Boyer" Genetic Engineering

- Cannot Add Foreign Genes (e.g., GFP)**
- Limited to Species-Specific Gene Corrections**

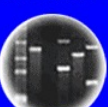
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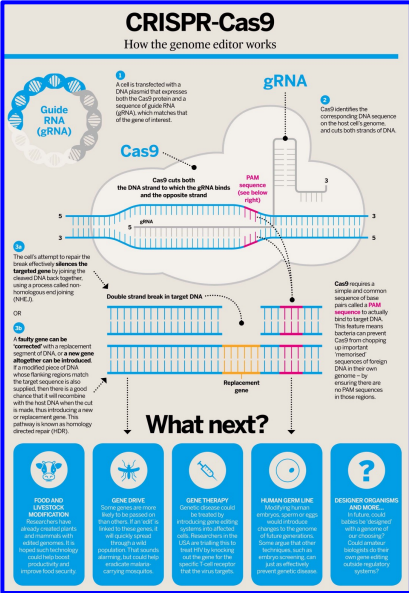


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How Can Gene Editing Be Used in Genetic Engineering?




CRISPR-Cas9
How the genome editor works


What next?




FOOD AND LIVESTOCK
New food crops and livestock have been developed with improved traits, such as drought resistance and increased yield.




GENE DRIVE
Gene drives can spread a desired trait through a population, even if it is not beneficial to the organism.



GENE THERAPY
Gene editing can be used to treat genetic diseases by correcting the faulty gene.



HUMANIZING LIVES
Gene editing can be used to create human-like organs for transplantation.



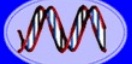
DESIGNED ORGANISMS AND WEAPONS
Gene editing can be used to create organisms with specific traits, such as resistance to disease or the ability to produce a toxin.

- Editing Crop Gene Genomes (e.g., drought resistance)**
- Editing Farm Animals (e.g., pathogen resistance)**
- Eliminating Mosquito Borne Diseases**
- Correcting Human Genetic Defects - Gene Therapy**
- Human Trait Enhancement**


- Editing Alters Endogenous Genes Because Specific Targets Are Needed!**
- Foreign Genes Are Not Added to the Genome!**

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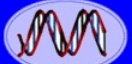
Using Genetic Engineering Animals to Fight Major Insect-Born Diseases


ANOPHELES	Diseases spread	AEDES MOSQUITO
Malaria	Which mosquitoes bite?	Dengue, Yellow Fever, Chikungunya, Lymphatic filariasis
Pregnant females	When do they bite?	Pregnant females
Night	Resting position	Day
With abdomen sticking upwards	Location	Lies parallel to resting surface
Predominantly rural	Breeding ground	Predominantly urban
Bodies of water		Shallow water surfaces

1.4 Million Deaths Per Year!!

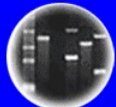
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Using Genetic Engineering to Fight Mosquito-Transmitted Diseases

More killing power ©NewScientist


The "sterile insect technique" has been used against disease-carriers since the 1950s but genetically engineered "autocidal" animals should be even more effective

Sterile insect technique


ZAP MALE FLIES WITH RADIATION
TO MAKE THEM STERILE




RELEASE MILLIONS OF STERILE MALES



MALES MATE WITH WILD FEMALES




BUT EGGS DON'T HATCH




Autocidal technique

ADD GENE TO MOSQUITO THAT KILLS
OR DISABLES ADULT FEMALES



Add Female Lethal Gene




RELEASED MALES MATE WITH WILD FEMALES



EGGS HATCH AS NORMAL AND LARVAE DEVELOP

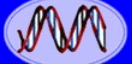



MALE OFFSPRING DEVELOP NORMALLY AND PASS ON
GENE TO MORE WILD MOSQUITOES. FEMALES DIE




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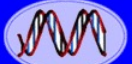
Releases of the genetically engineered Oxitec mosquito, commonly known as 'Friendly *Aedes aegypti*', reduced the dengue mosquito population in an area of Juazeiro, Brazil by 95%, well below the modelled threshold for epidemic disease transmission.

Genetically engineered moths can knock down crop pests, but will they take off?


Genetically Modified Mosquitoes Stunt Malaria Parasite Growth, Prevent Transmission

September 23, 2012

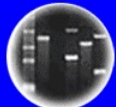
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FDA approves releasing GMO mosquitoes to fight Zika in Florida

The Florida Keys approve a trial release of genetically modified mosquitoes to combat Zika

Other tests have reduced mosquito populations by 90 percent



Guidance for Industry




Regulation of Mosquito-Related Products

Examples of New Animal Drugs – Regulated by FDA


- a. Products intended to reduce the virus/pathogen load within a mosquito, including reduction in virus/pathogen replication and spread within the mosquito and/or reduction in virus/pathogen transmissibility from mosquitoes to humans.
- b. Products intended to prevent mosquito-borne disease in humans or animals.

2. Example of Pesticide Products – Regulated by EPA

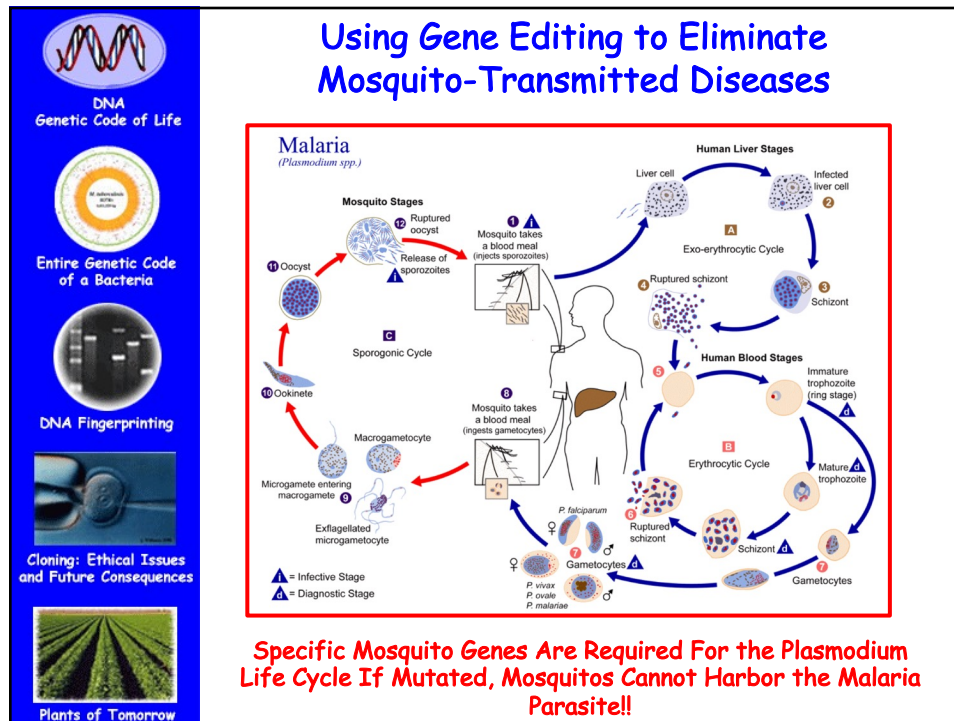
Products intended to reduce the population of mosquitoes (for example, by killing them at some point in their life cycle, or by interfering with their reproduction or development).¹



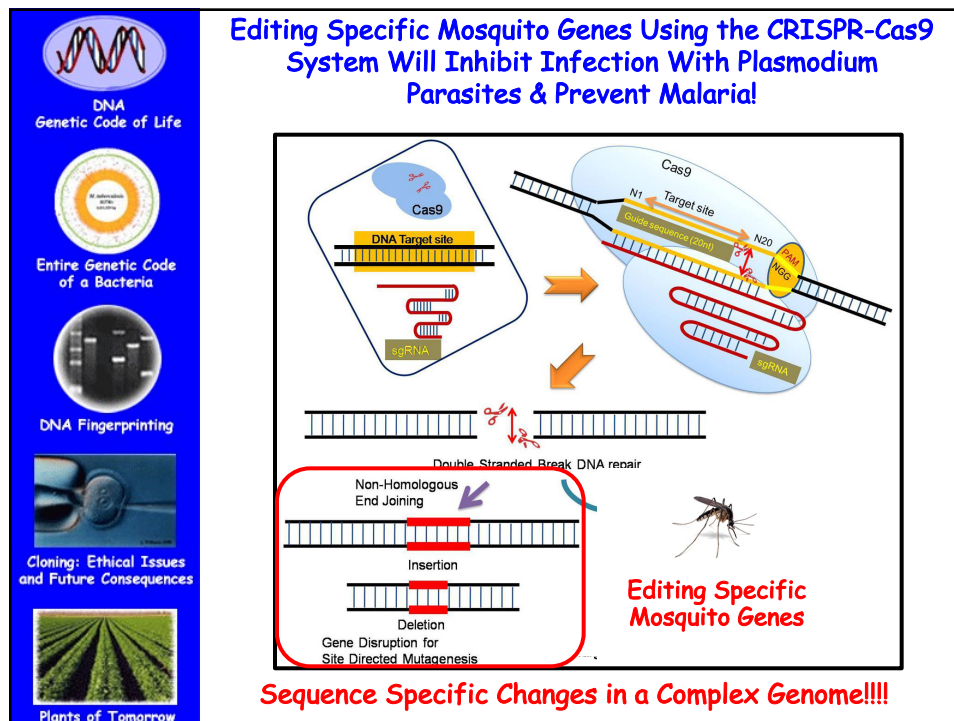
Self-limiting fall armyworm: a new approach in development for sustainable crop protection and resistance management



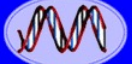
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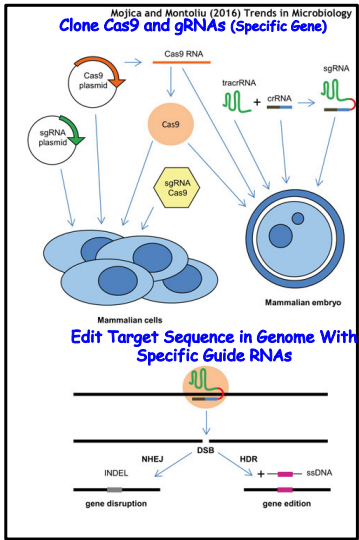


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How To Use the CRISPR-Cas System For Editing Specific Genes

Engineered Mosquitos

Mojica and Montolli (2016) Trends in Microbiology
Clone Cas9 and gRNAs (Specific Gene)

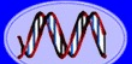


Edit Target Sequence in Genome With Specific Guide RNAs


Note: Two Different Chimeric Genes For Engineering Cells

Cas9 & Guide Genes Will Separate From Each Other in Next Generation Thus - Only Edit One Generation

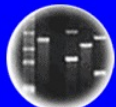
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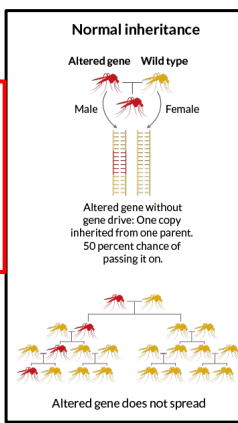


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Genetic Engineering Mosquitos - "Gene Drive"

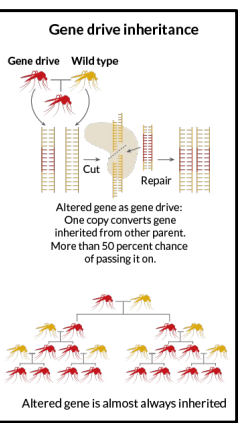
Spreading Resistance to Plasmodium Throughout the Mosquito Population!

Normal inheritance



Altered gene does not spread

Gene drive inheritance



Altered gene is almost always inherited

Add One Lethal Gene or Add CRISPR System on Two Different Plasmids

Add CRISPR System on One Plasmid. Cas9 & Guide Genes Are Linked and Transmitted Together to Next Generation & All Other Generations!!

Mutate Plasmodium-Required Gene & Add Cas9 + Guide RNA Into One Locus of Mosquito Germ Cell Genome
Autocatalytic Gene Editing!!

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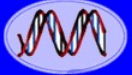
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What Are Gene Drives?

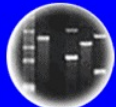
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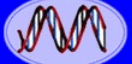


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Potential Gene Drive Applications

 <p>Public Health</p> <p><i>Aedes aegypti</i> Image Source: US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Control or alter organisms that carry infectious diseases that affect humans, such as dengue, malaria, Chagas, and Lyme disease Control or alter organisms that directly cause infection or disease, such as schistosomes Control or alter organisms that serve as reservoirs of disease, such as bats and rodents
 <p>Ecosystem Conservation</p> <p><i>Hemignathus munroii</i> (Akupipi/ao honeycreeper) Image Source: US Department of Fish and Wildlife Service</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Control or alter organisms that carry infectious diseases that threaten the survival of other species Eliminate invasive species that threaten native ecosystems and biodiversity Alter organisms that are threatened or endangered.
 <p>Agriculture</p> <p>Fruit damage from spotted wing drosophila infestation Image Source: US Department of Agriculture</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Control or alter organisms that damage or carry crop diseases Eliminate weedy plants that compete with cultivated crops
 <p>Basic Research</p> <p>DNA Double Helix Image Source: National Institutes of Health</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Alter model organisms to carry out research on gene-drive function and effects, species biology, and mechanisms of disease


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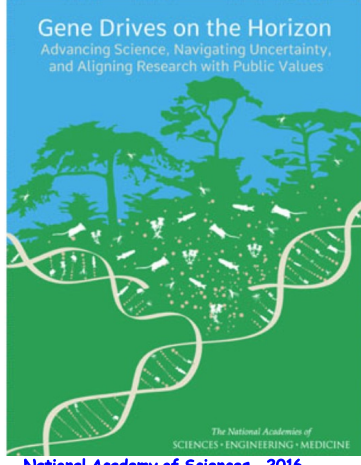


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Potential Gene Risks & Benefits



- Resistance
- Escape to Non-Target Organism
- Altering Ecological Balances
- Unforeseen Consequences in the Wild

- Eliminating Mosquito Borne Diseases & Saving Millions of Lives
- Reducing Ecological Impacts of Invasive Species
- Preventing Lyme Disease By Eliminating Animal Vectors

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Recommendations For Using Gene Drive Systems

- More Research Needs To Be Performed Before Gene Drive Modified Organisms Are Released Into The Environment
- Phased Testing of Gene Drive Modified Organisms From Laboratory to the Field Should Be Carried Out Under the Relevant Regulatory Oversight
- Robust Ecological Assessment Needs to be Carried Out Before Each Gene Drive Test Should Be Approved
- Public Engagement Must Be Built Into the Risk Assessment, and Policies Should Be Developed For How Public Engagement Will Factor Into Research sand Policy Decisions
- Current Regulatory Framework For Assessing Risks and Potential Environmental Impacts of Releasing Gene Drive Modified Organisms Are Inadequate. Regulations Does Not Fit Within Purview of USDA, EPA, or FDA
- There Are Regulatory Concerns About Biosafety,
- Biosecurity, and Potential for Misuse For Harmful Purposes

Gene Drives on the Horizon - National Academy of Sciences - 2016

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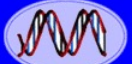


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Other Uses Of CRISPR-Cas9 Editing



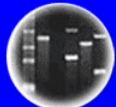
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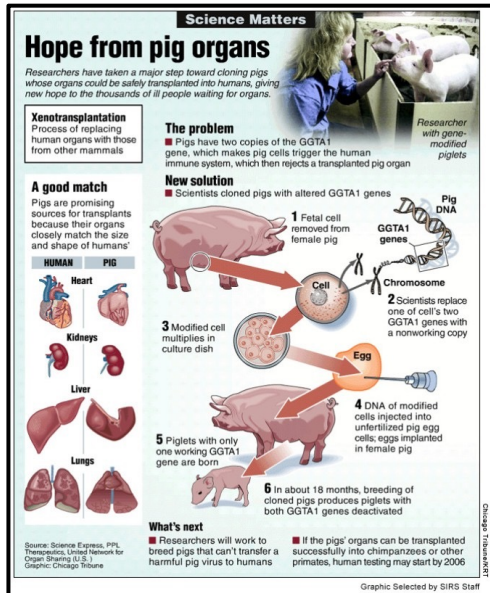


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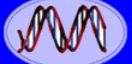


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Removing Viral Sequences and Genes That Cause Human Tissue Rejection From Pig Genomes To Facilitate Human Pig Organ Transplants



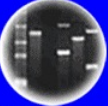
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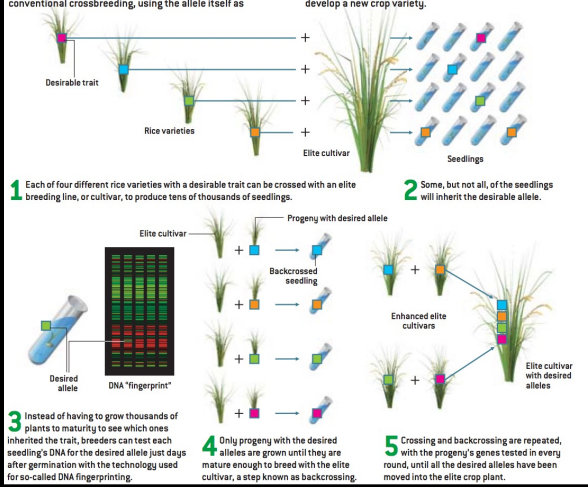


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Using CRISPR-Cas9 Editing For Crop Improvement

DESIGNING AND BUILDING NEW CROPS

When scientists know which gene controls a specific plant trait, such as seed size, they can search different varieties of the domesticated plant and its wild relatives to find a preferable version, or allele, of the gene. A breeder could then move a desirable allele from one plant into another through conventional crossbreeding, using the allele itself as a traceable marker for the trait. Instead of waiting a full growing season for plants to mature, the breeder could rapidly find out if seedlings have the desired trait by testing them for the allele in each round of breeding. Such marker-assisted breeding would dramatically shorten the time required to develop a new crop variety.



- 1** Each of four different rice varieties with a desirable trait can be crossed with an elite breeding line, or cultivar, to produce tens of thousands of seedlings.
- 2** Some, but not all, of the seedlings will inherit the desirable allele.
- 3** Instead of having to grow thousands of plants to maturity to see which ones inherited the trait, breeders can test each seedling's DNA for the desired allele just days after germination with the technology used for so-called DNA fingerprinting.
- 4** Only progeny with the desired alleles are grown until they are mature enough to breed with the elite cultivar, a step known as backcrossing.
- 5** Crossing and backcrossing are repeated, with the progeny's genes tested in every round, until all the desired alleles have been moved into the elite crop plant.

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Using Gene Editing to Improve Crop Plants

Geneticists Have Used CRISPR Gene Editing to Create Crops That Grow More Food

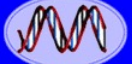
We're editing our way through global food shortage

SCIENTISTS USE CRISPR-CAS9 TECHNOLOGY TO IMPROVE DROUGHT AND SALT TOLERANCE IN RICE


GM Wheat Used to Make Bread with Less Gluten

Researchers Engineer Potyvirus Resistance Using CRISPR/Cas9


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CRISPR-Edited Crops Have Non-regulated Status in US!!!!

USDA Will Not Regulate CRISPR-Edited Crops

Restrictions will remain on transgenic plants, which contain artificially inserted genes from other species.

CRISPR-Cas9 Triple Gene Edited Camelina Plant Receives Nonregulated Status

Section: News from Around the World

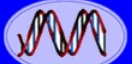
GENE-EDITED SOYBEANS BEING HARVESTED IN THE US

Farmers in three US states are harvesting 16,000 acres (~6,475 hectares) of [soybeans](#) developed through [gene editing](#) technique. The soybeans are expected to be sold to consumers for use in frying oil, salad dressings, and granola bars. It is the first commercialized crop in the US developed using the new promising technique.


In March 2018, US Agriculture Secretary, Sonny Perdue, issued a statement that products of new breeding innovations such as [genome editing](#) will not be regulated because there are no risks present in using the techniques. According to Perdue, the new techniques expand traditional plant breeding tools because they can introduce new characteristics precisely and rapidly, making improved crops available to farmers earlier than using other techniques.

EU verdict on CRISPR crops dismays scientists

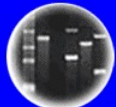
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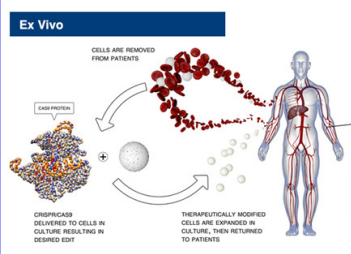


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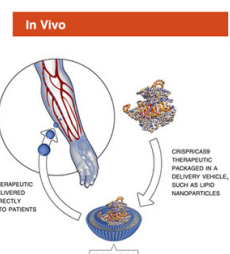
Using CRISPR-Cas9 Editing For Correcting Human Genetic Disorders

Somatic Cell Gene Therapy

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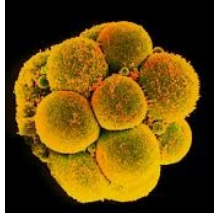


Germline Gene Therapy + Gene Enhancement

Editing humanity

The prospect of genetic enhancement





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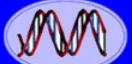
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Genetic Engineering is the TECHNIQUE! That Generates GMOs


1. Classical Breeding By Selective Mating (Thousands of Years)
2. Insertion of a New Gene Into An Organism's Chromosomes (50 Years) - Transgenic Organism
3. Editing Existing Genes Like A "Word Program" (5 Years) - CRISPR Gene Editing
4. **DNA Synthesis - Synthetic Genomes (5 Years)**

Breeding or DNA Manipulation - They Are the SAME & Called *Gene Engineering* So.....WHAT IS A GMO??


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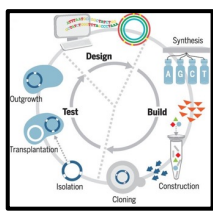


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The Gene-Synthesis Revolution

As first lab-made yeast genome nears completion, scientists set sights on improved human ones

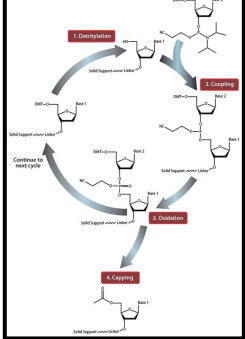
Creation of a Bacterial Cell Controlled by a Chemically Synthesized Genome



How scientists created the first artificial life

1. Decode DNA from a bacterium (single-celled organism), in this case *Mycoplasma mycoides*.
2. Synthesize the DNA, a "blueprint" for the cell, and add a "backbone" to make it functional.
3. Transplant the artificial DNA into a living bacterium (in this case *Mycoplasma mycoides*) with its own synthetic DNA.
4. Allow the bacterium, which now contains artificial and authentic DNA, to grow. "Daughter" bacteria, some of which contain artificial DNA, and others that contain authentic DNA, are produced.
5. Add an antibiotic that kills the bacteria with authentic DNA, but not the bacteria with artificial DNA.
6. Allow the artificial bacteria to produce proteins.

RESULT: The artificial DNA produces proteins from the original bacterium, the *Mycoplasma mycoides*, resulting in the world's first artificial cell.



MINIMAL CELL 473 GENES

CELL MAKE UP

Component	Percentage
Genome Expression Information	41%
Protein	17%
Cellular Machinery	17%
Unassigned Function	7%

531,560 BASE PAIRS

149 GENES OF UNKNOWN FUNCTION

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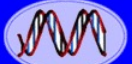
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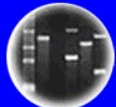
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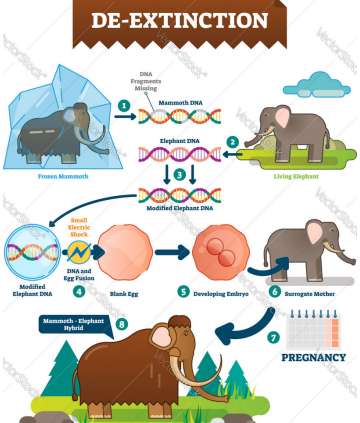



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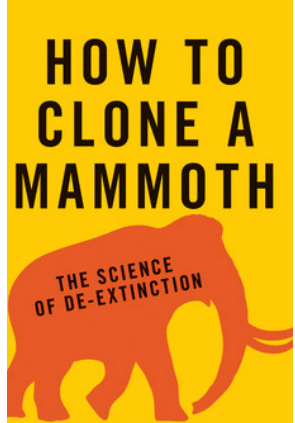
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A 21st Century Noah's Ark!
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