

Publications using guide RNA with MS2 RNA aptamers for CRISPR modulation

These publications demonstrate the application of MS2 guide RNAs for a wide array of CRISPR-dCas9 based genome modulation techniques.

Highlighted

Horizon Discovery scientists have developed chemically modified synthetic guide RNA, including an MS2 containing tracrRNA ([CRISPRmod MS2 tracrRNA](#), Cat# U-102005-XX) compatible with the CRISPRa SAM system, for high throughput, arrayed screening applications as well as individual gain of function hit validation.

Strezoska, Z., et al. [CRISPR-mediated transcriptional activation with synthetic guide RNA](#). *Journal of Biotechnology*. **319**:25-35 (2020)

2021

1. Malik, R., & Svoboda, P. [CRISPR-Induced Expression of N-Terminally Truncated Dicer in Mouse Cells](#). *Genes*. **12**(4), 540. <https://doi.org/10.3390/genes12040540>
Application: CRISPRa using gRNA with MS2 domains and enhanced dimerization MS2 variants to activate Dicer expression in mouse embryonic stem cells.

2020

1. Khosravi, S., et al. [Application of Aptamers Improves CRISPR-Based Live Imaging of Plant Telomeres](#). *Frontiers in Plant Science*. **11**:1254. doi: 10.3389/fpls.2020.01254.
Application: Improved live cell imaging using gRNA with MS2 domains and CRISPR-based targeting of fluorescent protein to DNA.
2. Krawczyk, K., Scheller, L., Kim, H. & Fussenegger, M. [Rewiring of endogenous signaling pathways to genomic targets for therapeutic cell reprogramming](#). *Nature Communications*. **11**(608). doi.org/10.1038/s41467-020-14397-8
Application: CRISPRa using gRNA with MS2 domains, dCas9 and transactivators fused to MS2 coat protein to rewire endogenous signal responses from natural receptors.

3. Moghadam, F., et al. [Synthetic immunomodulation with a CRISPR super-repressor in vivo](#). *Nature Cell Biology*. **22**, 1143–1154.
Application: CRISPRi using gRNA with MS2 domains, Cas9, and a MS2 coat protein fused to HP1a-KRAB dual repressor to reprogram immune homeostasis *in vivo*.
4. Raffener, P., et al. [An MXD1-derived repressor peptide identifies noncoding mediators of MYC-driven cell proliferation](#). *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences of the United States of America*. **117**(12): 6571–6579.
Application: CRISPRi using gRNA with MS2 domains, dCas9, and a MS2 coat protein fused to KRAB or SID repressors to identify MYC-regulated lncRNAs and *Cocloxygenase-2*. *Journal of Immunology* **183**(12), 8119–27 (2009). [RAW264.7 macrophages]

2019

1. Cunningham-Bryant, D., Sun, J., Fernandez, B., & Zalatan, J.G. [CRISPR-Cas-Mediated Chemical Control of Transcriptional Dynamics in Yeast](#). *Chembiochem*. Jun 14; **20**(12): 1519–1523.
Application: Inducible CRISPRa using gRNA with MS2 domains to recruit a complex containing MS2 coat protein fused to inducible activators and dCas9.
2. Taghbalout, A., et al. [Enhanced CRISPR-based DNA demethylation by Casilio-ME-mediated RNA-guided coupling of methylcytosine oxidation and DNA repair pathways](#). *Nature Communications*. **10**(4296). doi.org/10.1038/s41467-019-12339-7
Application: Activation of methylation-silenced genes using gRNA with MS2 domains, dCas9, and a MS2 coat protein fused to a DNA demethylation domain.
3. Tran, N.T., et al. [Enhancement of Precise Gene Editing by the Association of Cas9 with Homologous Recombination Factors](#). *Frontiers in Genetics*. **10**(365). doi:10.3389/fgene.2019.00365
Application: DNA knock-in is enhanced using a gRNA with MS2 domains along with Cas9 and MS2 coat protein fused to enhancers of homology directed repair (HDR).

2019

1. Kunii, A., *et al.* [Three-Component Repurposed Technology for Enhanced Expression: Highly Accumulable Transcriptional Activators via Branched Tag Arrays](#). *CRISPR J.* Oct 1; **1**(5): 337–347.
Application: CRISPRa using gRNA with MS2 domains to target and accumulate a branched system of transcriptional activators with dCas9 for enhanced gene transcription.
2. Nakade, S., *et al.* [Biased genome editing using the local accumulation of DSB repair molecules system](#). *Nature Communications*. **9**(3270). doi: 10.1038/s41467-018-05773-6
Application: DNA knock-in is enhanced using a gRNA with MS2 domains along with Cas9 and MS2 coat protein fused to an enhancer of homology directed repair (HDR)

2016

1. Fu, Y., *et al.* [CRISPR-dCas9 and sgRNA scaffolds enable dual-colour live imaging of satellite sequences and repeat-enriched individual loci](#). *Nature Communications*. **7**(11707). <https://doi.org/10.1038/ncomms11707>
Application: Live cell imaging using gRNA with MS2 domains and CRISPR-based targeting of fluorescent protein to DNA to study cellular processes such as DNA replication and transcription.
2. Xu, X., *et al.* [A CRISPR-based approach for targeted DNA demethylation](#). *Cell Discovery*. **2**(16009). doi:10.1038/celldisc.2016.9
Application: Activation of methylation-silenced genes using gRNA with MS2 domains, dCas9, and a MS2 coat protein fused to a DNA demethylation domain.

2015

1. Konermann, S., *et al.* [Genome-scale transcriptional activation by an engineered CRISPR-Cas9 complex](#). *Nature*, **517**(7536), 583–588.
Application: CRISPRa using gRNA with MS2 domains and the development of a CRISPR-based SAM system for transcriptional activation.

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