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Analysis of single nucleotide variants in CRISPR-Cas9 edited zebrafish embryos shows no evidence of off-target inflation

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1 **Abstract**

2 Therapeutic applications of CRISPR-Cas9 gene editing have spurred innovation in Cas9
3 enzyme engineering and single guide RNA (sgRNA) design algorithms to minimize potential off-
4 target events. While recent work in rodents outlines favorable conditions for specific editing and
5 uses a trio design to control for the contribution of natural genome variation, the potential for
6 CRISPR-Cas9 to induce *de novo* mutations *in vivo* remains a topic of interest. In zebrafish, we
7 performed whole exome sequencing (WES) on two generations of offspring derived from the
8 same founding pair: 54 exomes from control and CRISPR-Cas9 edited embryos in the first
9 generation (F0), and 16 exomes from the progeny of inbred F0 pairs in the second generation
10 (F1). We did not observe an increase in the number of transmissible variants in edited
11 individuals in F1, nor in F0 edited mosaic individuals, arguing that *in vivo* editing does not
12 precipitate an inflation of deleterious point mutations.

13 **Introduction**

14 CRISPR-Cas9 gene editing technology has offered powerful investigative tools and opened new
15 potential avenues for the treatment of genetic disorders. Nonetheless, like preceding
16 technologies, the clinical implementation of CRISPR-Cas9 editing faces potential barriers.
17 These include restricted control over the delivery and activity of the system; immune responses
18 to the system components; and permanent alteration of unintended genomic targets (Ho et al.,
19 2018). In cell culture systems, the alteration of off-target regions decreases precipitously with
20 the use of stringently designed sgRNA sequences and Cas9 enzymes engineered for high
21 specificity (Doench et al., 2016; Fu et al., 2013; Hu et al., 2018), though recent work
22 demonstrates that precise control over the nature of editing even at on-target sites remains
23 challenging (Kosicki et al., 2018). In rodents, these same factors influence the efficiency and
24 specificity of CRISPR-Cas9 editing (Anderson et al., 2018). However, examination of atypical
25 CRISPR-Cas9 influence on organisms remains limited; it is often focused primarily on predicted
26 off-target assessment and is not always agnostic (Varshney et al., 2015).

27 Here, we evaluated the incidence and transmission of off-target effects in a cohort of
28 CRISPR-Cas9 edited zebrafish embryos derived from the same founding pair. Using 52
29 zebrafish embryos from the same clutch targeted with sgRNAs with variable on-target efficiency,
30 we whole-exome sequenced DNA from the entire cohort and their genetic parents and we
31 measured the transmission of variants to the next generation.

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34 **Results**

35 **Generating and sequencing CRISPR-Cas9-edited F0 and F1 individuals**

36 We focused on three different genes (*anln*, *kmt2d*, and *smchd1*) for which (a) we have
37 substantial experience in this model organism and (b) which give reproducible, quantitative
38 defects in kidney morphogenesis (Hall et al., 2018), mandibular and neuronal development
39 (Tsai et al., 2018), and craniofacial morphogenesis (Shaw et al., 2017). For each locus, we used
40 sgRNAs that had the following three characteristics. First, for each of the three genes, we
41 selected an sgRNA with demonstrated high efficiency (100%) and an sgRNA with low efficiency
42 (~30%), as determined by heteroduplex analysis and Sanger sequencing of cloned PCR
43 products (Hall et al., 2018; Shaw et al., 2017; Tsai et al., 2018) (Suppl. Figure 1). Second, we
44 mandated that all sgRNAs have a high specificity score (MIT specificity score 79-99 for each
45 sgRNA; Suppl. Table S1). Finally, we required that each sgRNA was predicted to generate off-
46 target effects with low cutting frequency determination (CFD) scores (mean = 0.17, range = 0-
47 0.73; Suppl. Figure 2).

48 Next, we co-injected each sgRNA and Cas9 protein into wild-type zebrafish embryos
49 from the same clutch at the 1-cell stage. For each sgRNA, we harvested DNA from six edited
50 individuals to serve as technical replicates. In addition, we collected DNA from two individuals
51 for each of the following conditions: uninjected, sgRNA alone, or Cas9 alone (Figure 1A).
52 Finally, to assess the potential transmission of *de novo* variants to the next generation, we
53 raised the F0 cohort for the *smchd1* high efficiency sgRNA and intercrossed adults to obtain the
54 F1 generation. In total, we performed whole exome sequencing (WES) on two parents, 52 F0
55 individuals and 16 F1 individuals (Figure 1A). WES resulted in 76x average target coverage in
56 F0 samples and 115x average target coverage in F1 individuals (Figure 1B, C). The F0
57 sequencing data covered 83% of the exome at $\geq 30x$ and 65% at $\geq 50x$. The F1 sequencing data
58 covered 88% of the exome at $\geq 30x$ and 78% of the exome at $\geq 50x$.

59 ***De novo* mutation counts are not inflated in F1 exomes**

60 Low-level mosaicism remains challenging to detect in WES data and it is prone to high false-
61 positive and false-negative rates (Sandmann et al., 2017). For this reason, we first focused on
62 transmitted events. If CRISPR-Cas9 editing does induce off-target *de novo* mutations, we
63 should observe an increase above baseline in the number of heterozygous variants fixed in the
64 CRISPR-edited F1 generation that were absent from the grandparents.

65 Given the estimated 0.01% gene level baseline mutation rate in zebrafish (Mullins et al.,
66 1994), we expect approximately 2-3 exonic changes per generation. To measure the observed
67 rates, we applied a trio sequencing workflow aligned with GATK best practices and we called
68 both single nucleotide variants and indels with two established variant callers: VarScan2 or
69 Mutect2 (Figure 1D). Starting with all calls, we performed multiple data filtering steps. First, we
70 removed variants present in either of the grandparental exomes. Second, since a small number
71 of variants might have appeared *de novo* because of missing data from either grandparent, we
72 also excluded alleles reported in the zebrafish ensembl dbSNP database. Third, we removed
73 variants from the on-target genome locations (Suppl. Figure 3). Together, these three filters
74 removed 79% of the MuTect2 and 99% of the VarScan2 calls. As an additional data filtering
75 step, we removed repetitive elements, regions of potential segmental duplication in zebrafish,
76 and indel variants containing homo-, dinucleotide, and trinucleotide repeats. This step improved
77 the transition-transversion ratio from 0.91 to 1.09 which approaches a previously reported ratio
78 of 1.2 for zebrafish (Stickney et al., 2002) (Suppl. Figure 4). Finally, we removed cross-noise
79 variants found in two or more samples that likely represent systematic technical error or
80 uncalled low-level mosaics from the grandparents.

81 Using this dataset (Suppl. Table S2), we then applied a filter for allele frequency (AF)
82 above 0.3 to capture the fixed heterozygous variants and we compared the variant count
83 differences between F1 embryos derived from edited and unedited F0 adults. VarScan2 reports
84 candidate variant counts closer to the expected natural accumulation of *de novo* mutations in F1

85 than MuTect2 (average 20 vs 66, respectively; Suppl. Table S3). We calculated the critical p-
86 value threshold Bonferroni correction for three groups ($p < 0.012$), and neither calling method
87 reports a significant difference between progeny of edited and control adults ($p > 0.11$; Wilcox
88 rank test, Suppl. Table S4).

89 Next, we focused on the VarScan2 results. Based on the >5-fold inflation of observed
90 versus expected variant calls across the cohort (mean of 20 vs 2-3, respectively; Figure 2A) we
91 hypothesized that these agnostically filtered calls still included false positives. Therefore, we
92 reviewed the variant calls in the Integrative Genomics Viewer (IGV). We found two sources of
93 false positives. First, a subset of read alignments filled into small deletions observed in the
94 grandparents rather than extend a gap (83% of calls). Second, local realignments involving
95 small deletions misalign in the progeny, even though an alternative placement of the deletion
96 results in a grandparental genotype (10% of calls).
97 Of the remaining calls, half were deemed unlikely to be *bona fide* variants for other reasons.
98 These included complex regions with many error prone reads; abundance of mis-mapped read
99 pairs; and remaining low level mosaicism in grandparents. The other half were unambiguous *de*
100 *novo* heterozygous variants (Figure 2B). Notably, most of the unambiguous variants were also
101 called by MuTect2 (10 of 11; Figure 2C). For this population of alleles, we observed no
102 difference between control and edited groups called by both callers (Suppl. Table S5). Crucially,
103 we confirmed all of the variants detected by both callers in F1 animals derived from
104 CRISPR/Cas edited individuals by Sanger sequencing. Taken together, we found that,
105 regardless of whether we consider agnostic or manually reviewed variant numbers, there is no
106 predilection toward inflated variant counts in F1 offspring derived from edited versus control
107 groups. Further, the observed number of *de novo* variants in F1s does not exceed the expected
108 rate of 2-3 per exome, per generation.

109 ***De novo* mutation counts are not inflated across the multigenerational cohort**

110 We then returned to the F0 cohort to investigate whether variant burden outside of the targeted
111 locus differed among individuals injected with sgRNA in the presence or absence of Cas9.
112 Importantly, the expected allelic series of variants are reported robustly at the on-target
113 locations of the sgRNAs against two of the target genes, *anln* on chromosome 19 and *kmt2d* on
114 chromosome 23 (Supplementary Figure 3A) (Hall et al., 2018; Tsai et al., 2018). No on-target
115 variants are observed for the *smchd1* locus because our exome capture did not include baits for
116 this locus in the Zv9 assembly of the zebrafish genome. However, we demonstrated
117 experimentally the on-target CRISPR-editing capability of the two *smchd1* sgRNAs and the
118 transmission of on-target variants produced by the high-efficiency sgRNA to the F1 generation
119 via Sanger sequencing (Supplementary Figure 3B), as described (Shaw et al., 2017).

120 We first considered the agnostic off-target VarScan2 variants called in the mosaic F0
121 generation (Suppl. Table S6). Initially, we applied the same arbitrary 0.3 AF threshold that we
122 used with the F1 calls, reasoning that editing occurs at the one-to-two cell stage and would
123 likely manifest as an off-target inflation at high allele frequencies. We determined the Bonferroni
124 correction threshold for four groups ($p < 0.012$), and again, we did not observe a significant
125 inflation in *de novo* variant counts between control and F0 edited groups, in either the
126 algorithmically predicted counts or the manually reviewed counts ($p > 0.15$; Wilcoxon rank test;
127 Figure 2A, B; Table S7). We then repeated the analysis on the agnostic MuTect2 call set, and
128 consistent with the filtered VarScan2 data, we did not observe an inflation in *de novo* mutation
129 counts between control and edited groups ($p > 0.04$; Suppl. Table S7). Finally, because a 0.3 AF
130 may fail to detect inefficient targeting events or lower mosaicism levels, we tested lower cutoff
131 frequencies. At either an arbitrary 0.1 AF threshold, or without applying a threshold, we still
132 observe no significant differences ($p > 0.08$; Suppl. Table S7).

133 For the VarScan2 dataset generated from F0 exomes, the variant count exceeded the
134 expected 2-3 *de novo* changes per exome in at least one individual in half of the edited

135 conditions (Figure 2A). To exclude the possibility that these could be false positive calls, similar
136 to what we observed in the F1 cohort, we inspected all variants exceeding the 0.3 AF cutoff
137 using IGV. We found that this dataset also was subject to similar technical artifacts as observed
138 for F1s; exclusion of these variants brought the *de novo* mutation call number within the
139 expected range (Figure 2B). Using the same Bonferroni correction for four groups ($p < 0.012$), we
140 were unable to detect a difference between control versus edited groups ($p > 0.38$; Suppl. Table
141 S8). Since we had observed that variants detected by both callers represented an unbiased way
142 to assess high confidence calls in F1, we also asked whether we could detect a difference in
143 variant counts in this subset of calls in F0 (7 of 8 unambiguous calls; Figure 2C). Again, we
144 observed no significant differences between controls and edited groups ($p > 0.78$; Suppl. Table
145 S9).

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147 ***De novo* mutations are not observed at predicted off-target sites**

148 To examine the potential incidence of off-target mutations more sensitively, we removed the
149 filters on the variant calls and searched predicted off target sites across our multigenerational
150 cohort using three algorithms: the MIT CRISPR design site, the CRISPR-direct engine, and
151 CAS-OFFinder, for any variants occurring within 100 bp flanking a predicted off-target site.
152 Consistent with previous reports (Hruscha et al., 2013; Varshney et al., 2015), we found no
153 support for single nucleotide variants or small indels occurring at predicted off-target locations in
154 the F1 generation, and sporadic low allele frequency calls near predicted off-target regions in
155 F0s. The number of reported variants in the F0 samples are not significantly different than
156 expected by chance ($p > 0.08$; Supplementary Table S10).

157 We reviewed the 15 reported variant calls near predicted off-target sites in F0s, and
158 found that none are supported by both variant callers (Supplementary Table S11). Seven are
159 also reported in siblings subjected to editing with alternative guides or control conditions,
160 making them unlikely to be induced by Cas9-mediated genome editing. Another four were not

161 supported by reads on both strands. Of the four remaining variants, one was only reported in a
162 control condition, making it unlikely to be a result of editing. The other three occur at a 5%
163 alternate allele frequency, near the limit of detection for the variant callers, increasing the
164 likelihood that they may be artifacts. We do note that one variant has features consistent with an
165 expected off-target cut. This is a small deletion reported directly at a predicted off-target cut site
166 detected by two prediction engines (Supplementary Table S10). Notably, this small deletion
167 occurs in an exonic region, has a high CFD risk score (CFD score = 0.52), and is observed at
168 the predicted locus in a few reads from the VarScan2 call set as well, even though it is not
169 called by that algorithm. Together, our analysis of reported variants near predicted off-target
170 sites detects one potential off-target variant at low allele frequency in a single individual and
171 does not demonstrate an inflated or transmissible mutation burden conjoint with expected on-
172 target deletions.

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174 **Discussion**

175 Trio sequencing designs enable off-target analyses to distinguish gene editing effects from
176 natural and inherited genetic variation. In our study, the bulk of variant calls in zebrafish exomes
177 are filtered out due to their existence in the parental strain. Our ability to recover transmissible
178 on-target deletions and Sanger-validated *de novo* mutations outside of predicted off-target
179 regions and in quantities indistinguishable from natural variation suggests that off-target
180 CRISPR events occur infrequently.

181 Our results are consistent with previous results in zebrafish demonstrating limited off-
182 target activity at select predicted regions (Hruscha et al., 2013; Varshney et al., 2015) and with
183 recent work in mice that found limited support for off-target effects genome-wide (Iyer et al.,
184 2018). However, we are limited to detecting potential off-target variation within the exon-capture
185 space of the genome. We did not assess large structural variants or long deletions at the on-
186 target site. In addition, we occasionally observed trends toward variant inflation in the predicted

187 variant call sets that were related to sequencing depth and did not survive visual inspection.
188 This observation suggests that even with trio designs and other precautionary measures, care
189 should be exercised in interpreting variant predictions agnostically and that sequencing even
190 more individuals per condition may be required to expose subtle differences in off-target effects.

191 In response to initial reports that CRISPR-Cas9 edited mammalian cells harbored off-
192 target variants (Fu et al., 2013; Zhang et al., 2015), many iterative improvements in technology
193 and experimental design have outlined conditions for achieving CRISPR-Cas9 gene editing
194 while limiting off-target events. Our experimental and sgRNA design incorporated such
195 advancements (high on-target MIT ranking, low off-target CFD scores, high cutting efficiency,
196 and short Cas9 exposure), minimizing the chance of inducing off-target events. However,
197 unexpected nuances of the CRISPR-Cas9 editing system continue to emerge. Varied biological
198 responses to CRISPR-Cas9, such as DNA damage repair (Haapaniemi et al., 2018), enzymatic
199 immunity (Crudele and Chamberlain, 2018), and alternative templating (Ma et al., 2017)
200 exemplify our still nascent understanding of DNA and RNA editing. Furthermore, natural human
201 genetic variation has been shown to influence both the efficaciousness of on-target editing and
202 the frequency of off-target editing (Lessard et al., 2017). Under these circumstances, use of
203 emergent computational, laboratory, and animal modeling tools and unbiased genome-wide off-
204 target assessments will facilitate the foundational knowledge required to reduce unnecessary
205 risk in practice.

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207 **Methods**

208 *CRISPR-Cas9 gene editing in zebrafish embryos*

209 We used CHOPCHOP (Labun et al., 2016) to identify sgRNAs targeting a sequence within the
210 coding regions of the target genes and sgRNAs were *in vitro* transcribed using the GeneArt
211 precision gRNA synthesis kit (Thermo Fisher, Waltham, MA) according to the manufacturer's
212 instructions. See Supplemental Figure S1, Table S1, and references (Hall et al., 2018; Shaw et

213 al., 2017; Tsai et al., 2018) for details on targeting sequences/locations and sgRNA efficiency.
214 Zebrafish embryos from a single clutch from a natural mating of a ZDR background founder pair
215 were either uninjected or injected into the cell at the 1-cell stage with a 1 nl cocktail of 100 pg/nl
216 sgRNA, 200 pg/nl Cas9 protein (PNA Bio, Newbury Park, CA), or a combination of both
217 reagents. We extracted genomic DNA (gDNA) from tail clips of parental zebrafish or whole
218 zebrafish embryos at 4 dpf.

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220 *Sample Selection for Sequencing*

221 The ZDR strain in our laboratory gives consistently robust clutch sizes of ~100 embryos. To
222 preserve enough individuals to generate an F1 generation, we anticipated that we would have
223 approximately 50 individuals available for exome sequencing. Using the CFD score cut-off of
224 0.2 as a threshold for the likelihood of inducing transmissible off-target mutations, we expected
225 that we would need at least 5-6 embryos per condition to observe one of these events. Thus, we
226 selected six independent embryos per gRNA plus Cas9 condition for comparison with controls
227 while maintaining the experiment within a single clutch to control for inherited variation.

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229 *Heteroduplex Editing Efficiency by PAGE*

230 For each sgRNA plus Cas9 condition we PCR-amplified gDNA from 12 embryos per batch using
231 site-specific primers and screened for heteroduplex formation as described (Zhu et al., 2014).
232 Five samples with evidence of heteroduplex formation were gel purified alongside a control
233 sample, 'A' overhangs were added to the PCR products, and the products were cloned into a
234 TOPO4 vector (Thermo Fisher). We picked 12 colonies per embryo to estimate targeting
235 efficiency by Sanger sequencing.

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237 *Whole Exome Sequencing*

238 We used the manufacturer protocol for the Agilent SureSelect Capture kit for non-human
239 exomes with 200 ng gDNA per individual (75 Mb capture designed on the zv9 version of the
240 zebrafish genome; Agilent SSXT Zebrafish All Exon kit; Agilent Technologies, Santa Clara, CA).
241 Samples were multiplexed and run across two lanes of the Illumina HiSeq 4000 as paired-end
242 150 bp reads. Sequence data were demultiplexed and Fastq files were generated using
243 Bcl2Fastq conversion software (Illumina, San Diego, CA).

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245 *Variant Calling*

246 Sequencing reads were processed using the TrimGalore toolkit (Krueger, 2017) which employs
247 Cutadapt to trim low quality bases and Illumina sequencing adapters from the 3' end of the
248 reads. Only reads that were 20 nt or longer after trimming were kept for further analysis. Using
249 the BWA (v. 0.7.15) MEM algorithm (Li, 2013), reads were mapped to the Zv9 version of the
250 zebrafish genome. Picard tools (*Picard*, 2017) (v. 2.14.1) were used to remove PCR duplicates
251 and to calculate sequencing metrics. The Genome Analysis Toolkit (McKenna et al., 2010)
252 (GATK, v. 3.8-0) MuTect2 caller was used to call variants between each experimental condition
253 and the adult male and adult female samples separately. Independently, aligned reads were
254 locally realigned with the GATK IndelRealigner and then processed with Samtools mpileup (Li,
255 2011) for variant calling with VarScan2 trio (Koboldt et al., 2013). VarScan2 variant call sets
256 were generated with the minimum coverage specified at 30x.

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258 *Variant analysis*

259 We used BEDOPS (Neph et al., 2012) and Bedtools (Quinlan and Hall, 2010) intersect, window,
260 and merge commands to exclude variants with support in either parent, variants reported to
261 occur in wild-type zebrafish strains ensembl dbSNP version 79, variants in repeat regions or
262 regions of predicted segmental duplication in the genome (Khaja et al., 2006), variants reported

263 in both control individuals and CRISPR-edited individuals, and variants reported at the on-target
264 locations for CRISPR-editing. The potential for variants to occur due to off-target CRISPR-
265 mediated editing was assessed by comparing variant counts between groups with either a
266 Wilcoxon rank test for two groups, or a Kruskal-Wallis rank test for more than two groups and
267 assessing the p-value against a Bonferroni critical value to correct for multiple testing. In
268 addition, variants from samples were compared with locations of predicted off-target regions
269 (formatted into a .bed file) from three algorithms: CRISPOR (Concordet and Haeussler, 2018),
270 the CRISPRdirect engine with 12-mer to 20-mer hits, or Cas9-OFFinder allowing 3-mismatches
271 and 1-bulge in either DNA or RNA. Hypergeometric p-values calculated with the Rothstein lab
272 hypergeometric calculator, use the capture space (74691693 bp) as the population size, and a
273 reasonable high vs low sequencing error rate for our Illumina platform (.24% vs .1%) (Pfeiffer et
274 al., 2018) to calculate the expected number of population variants called by chance at a position
275 covered at the F0 average read depth (4 or more errant reads at the position; $AF > .05$).

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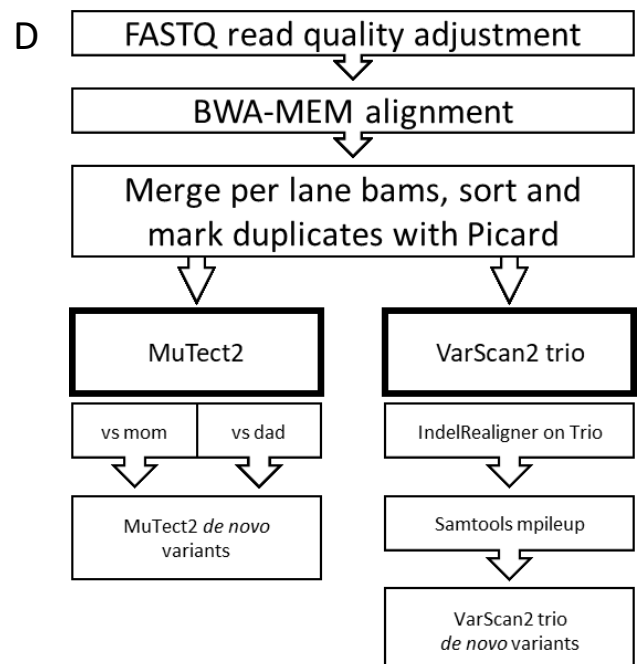
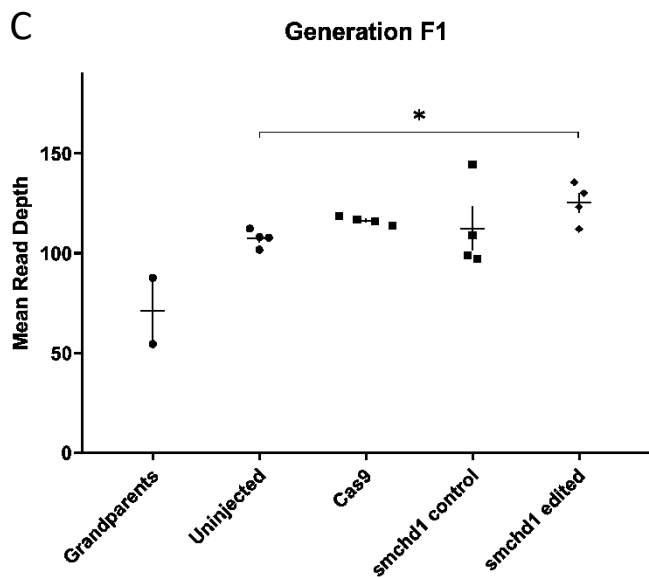
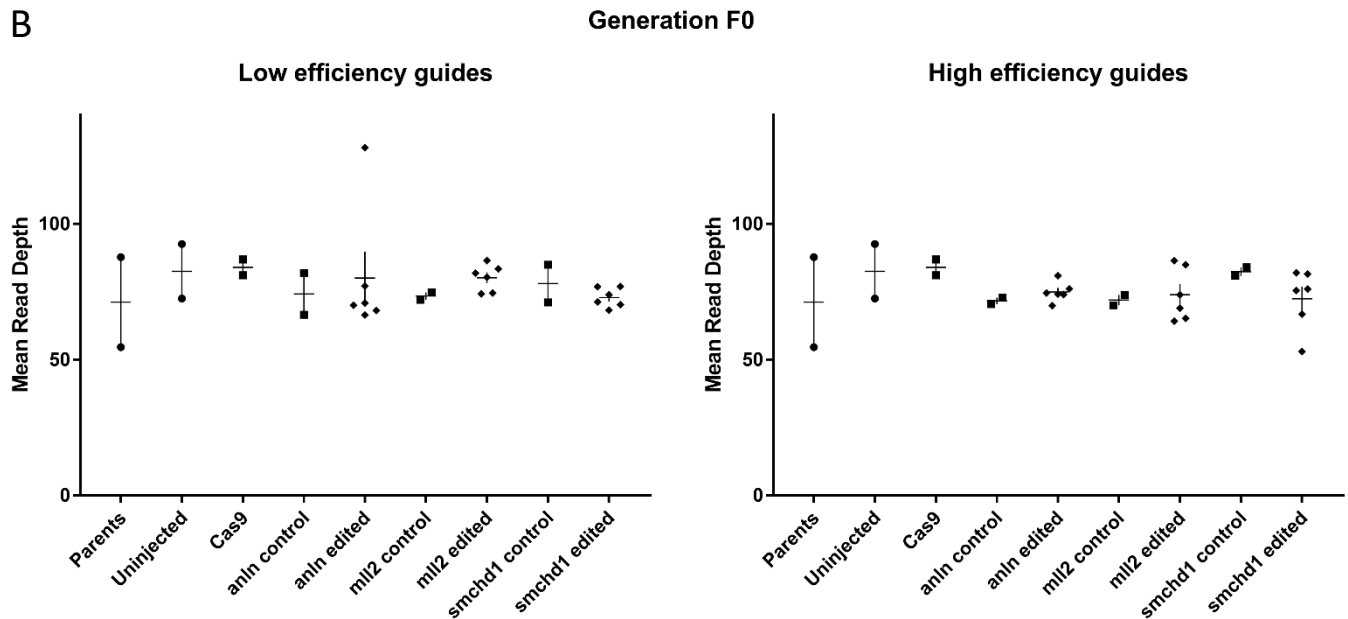
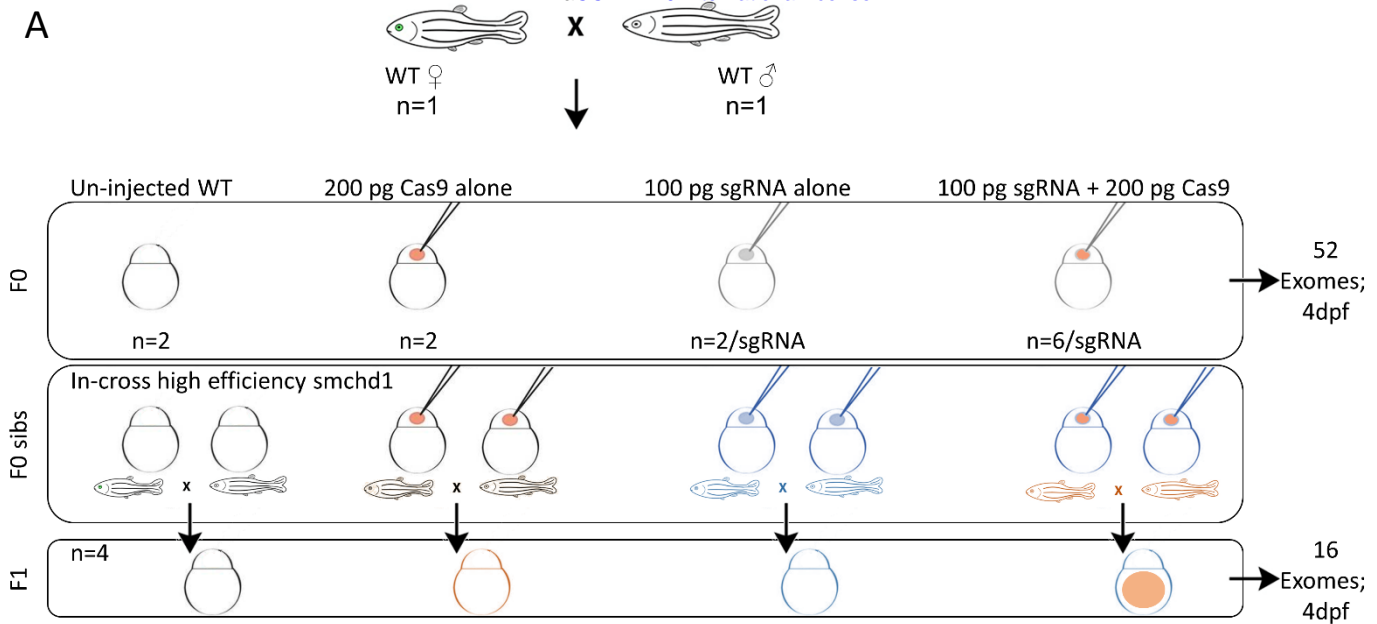
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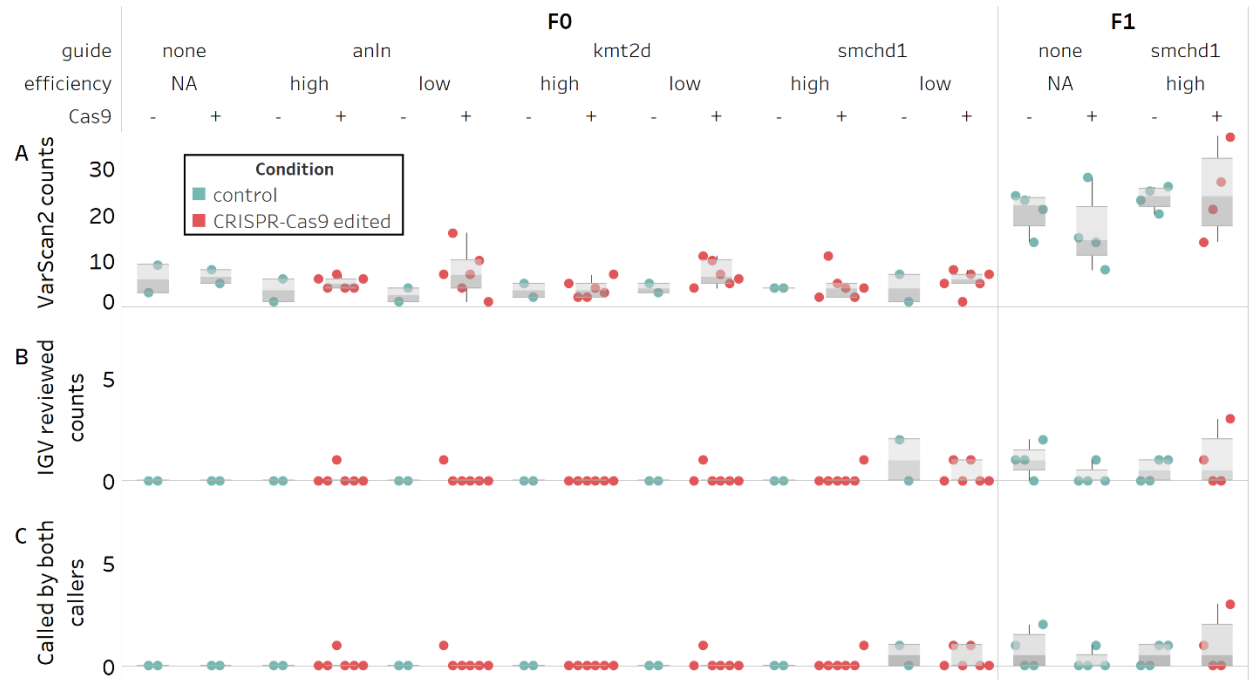
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406 **Figure 1. Whole exome sequencing in two generations of CRISPR-Cas9 edited zebrafish.**

407 (A) The experimental design generates a single clutch of embryos from a founder pair of
408 parents from the ZDR laboratory strain of wild-type zebrafish. A total of 52 embryos were
409 selected for DNA extraction and sequencing at 4 dpf in the F0 generation (2 uninjected, 2 Cas9
410 injected, 2 sgRNA injected across 6 different sgRNAs targeting 3 genes for a total of 12
411 embryos, and 6 CRISPR-Cas9 embryos per sgRNA guide for a total of 36 edited individuals).
412 Additional embryos for each condition were injected concurrently, but raised to adulthood. The
413 *smchd1* high efficiency guide F0 in-cross generated F1 progeny for further sequencing (4
414 uninjected, 4 Cas9 injected, 4 sgRNA injected, and 4 CRISPR-Cas9 injected embryos were
415 selected for a total of 16 F1 exomes). (B) The first round of exome sequencing (F0 and parents)
416 generated a consistent read depth averaging 76x coverage. (C) The second round of exome
417 sequencing (F1) generated a consistently higher read depth averaging 115x coverage. The
418 *smchd1* edited individuals are also sequenced to a higher depth than the uninjected controls
419 ($p < .05$). (D) After sequencing quality control and alignment, variant calling was performed with
420 both somatic and germline callers to identify candidate *de novo* mutations.

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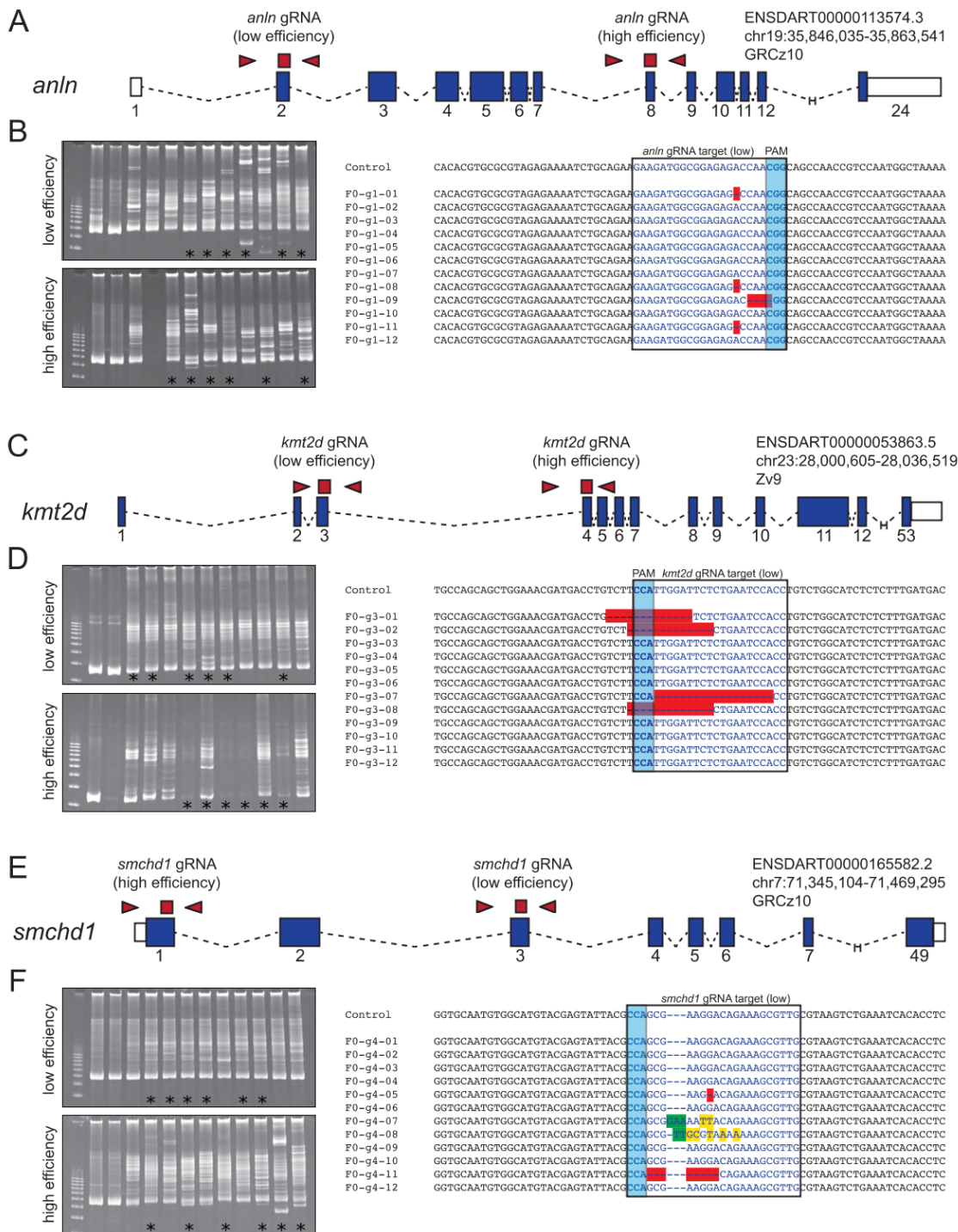
423 **Figure 2. Counts of candidate *de novo* mutations in control and edited individual**
 424 **zebrafish embryos.** Variants persisting after filtering and with an allele frequency ≥ 0.3 are not
 425 significantly different between control and CRISPR-Cas9 edited groups (N=68). (A) Predicted
 426 counts by VarScan2. (B) Unambiguous heterozygous variants determined by visual inspection
 427 of VarScan2 calls in IGV (C) Subset of predicted variants detected by both variants callers.

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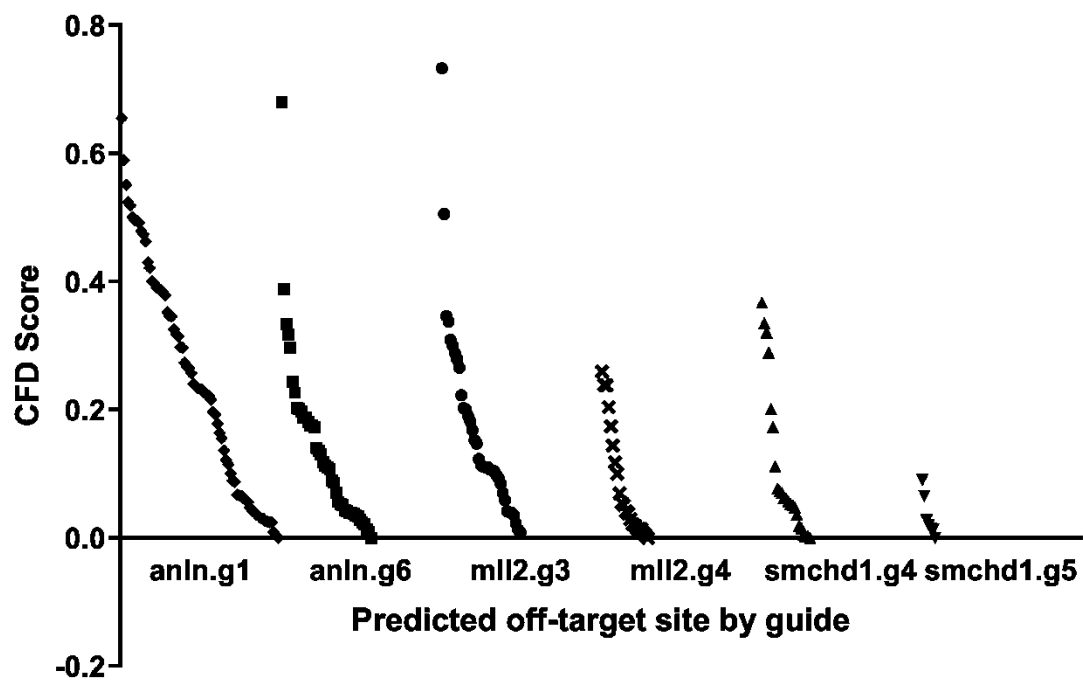
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Figure S1



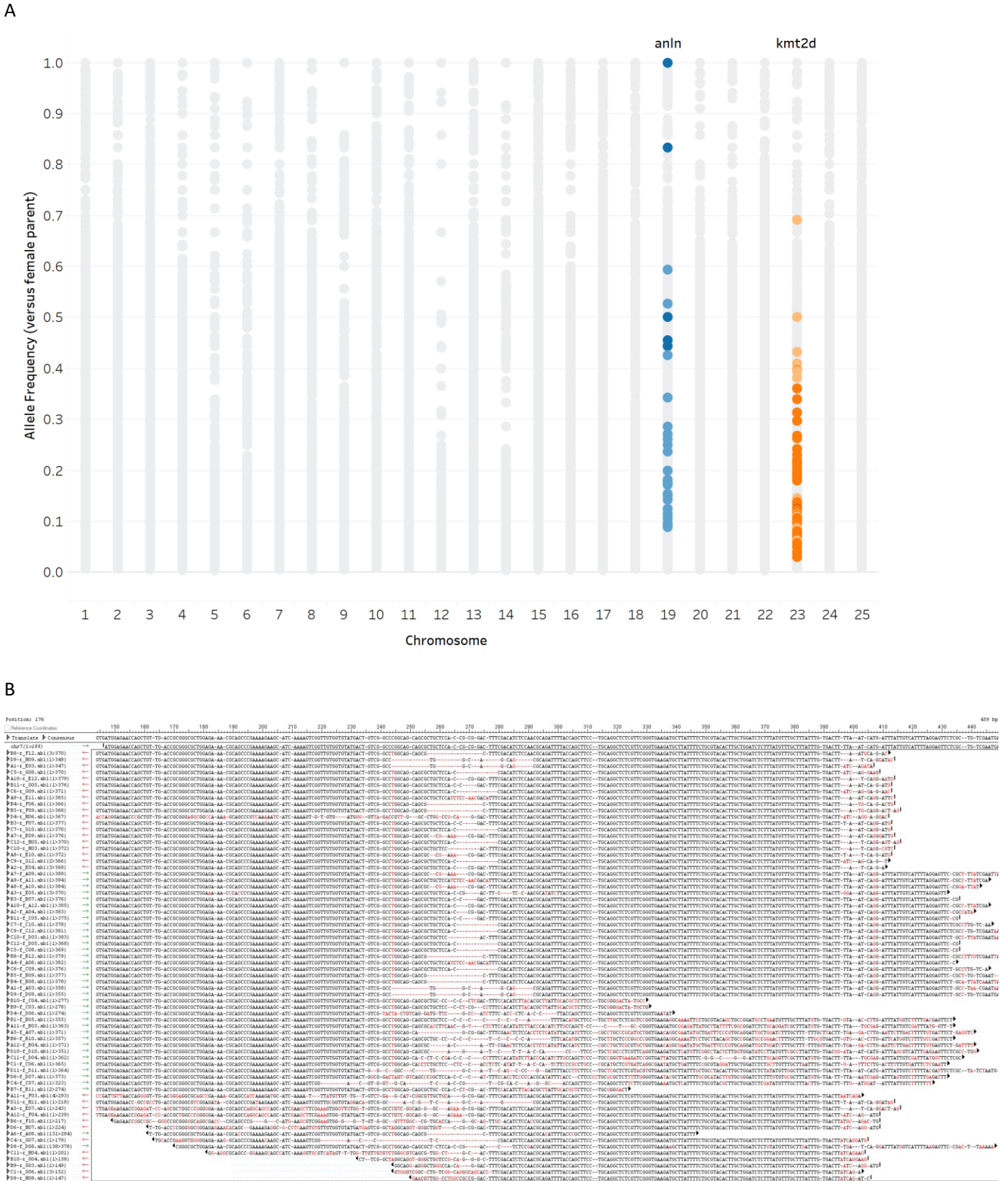
Confirmation of CRISPR editing efficiencies. Efficiency data for the high efficiency guides have been published previously. (A, C, E) Schematic of the *D. rerio* locus, sgRNA targeted regions (red squares) and primers used to determine sgRNA efficiency (red triangles) for each gene of interest. (B, D, F) Heteroduplex analysis (left) and Sanger sequencing of 12 clones amplified from a single representative embryo injected with the low efficiency sgRNA plus Cas9 for each target gene (right). Efficiency was estimated by taking the average number of targeted clones across five embryos per sgRNA. * denotes samples from the heteroduplex analysis chosen for sequencing; PAM, protospacer adjacent motif.

Figure S2



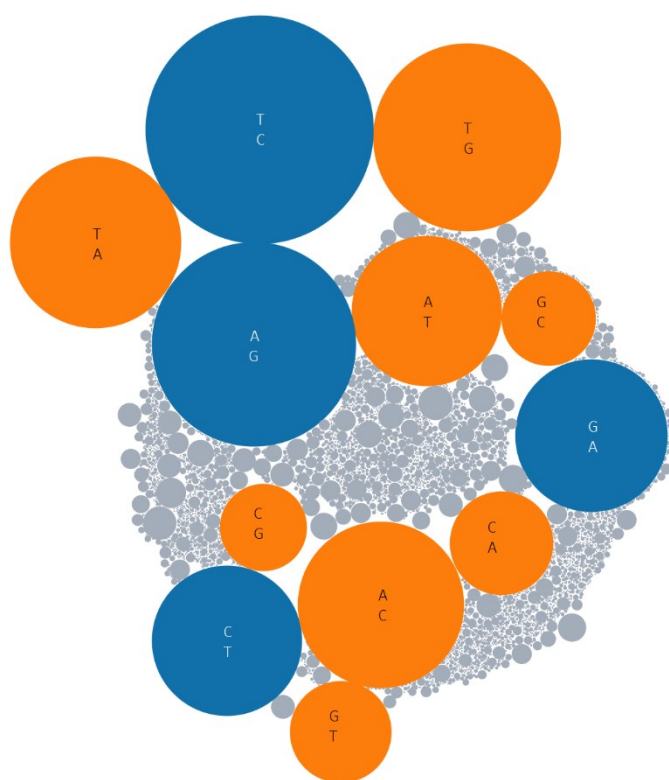
CFD score distribution of MIT-predicted off-target sequences by sgRNA.

Figure S3



On-target germline CRISPR-Cas9 edited transmitted to F1. (A) Grey circles represent all variants calls. On-target allelic series at the *anln* locus (blue) and *kmt2d* locus (orange). (B) Sequencing at the on-target *smchd1* locus in F1s originating from F0s injected with high-efficiency sgRNA plus Cas9.

Figure S4



Transversions

Transitions	55,178
60,191	29,319

Transition-Transversion ratio in F1 exomes compared to grandparental exomes. Sizes of circles represent the number of observations for each variant class: transitions (blue), transversions (orange), indels (grey). After filtering, the transition-transversion ratio is 1.09.

Table S1: sgRNA gene targets, efficiencies, and quality scores

Gene	sgRNA number	Efficiency (%)	Targeted genomic sequence	Genomic location	MIT quality score
<i>anln</i>	g1	Low (32)	GAAGATGGCGGAGAGACCAACGG	chr19:36997110-36997132	89
	g6	High (100)	GAAGGCTTATTATCATGCAGTGG	chr19:36992519-36992541	84
<i>kmt2d</i>	g3	Low (30)	GGTGGATTCAGAGAATCCAATGG	chr23:28003803-28003825	79
	g4	High (100)	GGGTGAGGTGCTGATAAACGTGG	chr23:28007878-28007900	91
<i>smchd1</i>	g4	Low (31)	CAACGCTTTCTGTCCTTCGCTGG	chr7:75276576-75276598	97
	g5	High (100)	GAGATGTGCGAAAGTCCGCGGTGG	chr7:75274461-75274483	99

Table S2: Variant counts during filtering in F1 individuals

Sample	MuTect2			VarScan2		
	originally reported*	exclude grand-parent & dbSNP	passing filters + AF \geq 0.3	originally reported	exclude grand-parent & dbSNP	passing filters + AF \geq 0.3
smchd1-S1	107784	16467	93	721082	4836	23
smchd1-S2	91320.5	14343	65	720522	5444	14
smchd1-S3	93910	14820	75	722006	5175	23
smchd1-S4	98067	16162	77	721454	4983	19
smchd1-Cas9-S5	99133.5	15695	70	722267	5152	28
smchd1-Cas9-S6	98879	18379	47	722224	5048	13
smchd1-Cas9-S7	90394.5	16366	79	722826	5074	15
smchd1-Cas9-S8	102871.5	15899	48	722018	4847	8
smchd1-g5-S9	111667.5	22892	82	721814	5790	25
smchd1-g5-S10	93602.5	13941	51	718963	5279	19
smchd1-g5-S11	102256.5	12190	86	718274	4909	23
smchd1-g5-S12	100041	14611	73	718720	5157	25
smchd1-g5-Cas9-S13	96334.5	18489	52	721700	5327	21
smchd1-g5-Cas9-S14	91999	18250	63	720369	5059	27
smchd1-g5-Cas9-S15	98719	18893	46	720855	5252	13
smchd1-g5-Cas9-S16	97144.5	17803	70	720601	5114	34

*Reported count is an average of the counts called against the female grandparent and the counts called against the male grandparent.

Table S3: Average count of candidate *de novo* mutations by generation and calling method

sgRNA	Efficiency	Cas9	Condition	MuTect2		VarScan2	
				F0	F1	F0	F1
none		absent	control	41	76	6	19
		present	control	24	60	6	16
smchd1	high	absent	control	21	72	4	23
		present	edited	26	55	4	23
	low	absent	control	27		3	
		present	edited	22		5	
anln	high	absent	control	19		3	
		present	edited	29		5	
	low	absent	control	13		2	
		present	edited	33		7	
kmt2d	high	absent	control	23		3	
		present	edited	27		3	
	low	absent	control	22		4	
		present	edited	39		7	
Average				26	66	4	20

Table S4: Wilcoxon comparison p-values in F1

Sample	MuTect2	Varscan2
Control vs edited	0.11	0.47
Cas9 present vs absent	0.03	0.71
Guide present vs absent	0.64	0.15

Table S5: Wilcoxon comparison p-values on variants called by both callers in F1

Sample	AF \geq 0.3
Control vs edited	0.78
Cas9 present vs absent	0.57
Guide present vs absent	
High vs none	1.0

Table S6: Variant counts during filtering in F0 individuals

Sample	MuTect2			≥30x VarScan2		
	originally reported*	exclude parent & dbSNP	passing filters + AF ≥ 0.3	originally reported	exclude parent & dbSNP	passing filters + AF ≥ 0.3
uninjected-3	98730	18231	19	714178	4281	3
uninjected-5	153632.5	38063	63	724678	6727	9
Cas9-4	133284	25688	25	719479	4405	8
Cas9-5	133735	25761	24	713112	4663	5
anIn-g1-1	117437.5	16151	12	706727	4899	1
anIn-g1-3	140097	28430	15	720890	5970	4
anIn-g1-Cas9-10	125951.5	19246	26	706488	4593	1
anIn-g1-Cas9-4	109913	21248	23	712796	4419	4
anIn-g1-Cas9-5	125363.5	27518	23	717865	5235	7
anIn-g1-Cas9-6	152948.5	43391	84	726997	7228	16
anIn-g1-Cas9-7	123259.5	19800	25	711674	4780	10
anIn-g1-Cas9-9	113957.5	16139	19	704081	4497	6
anIn-g6-3	122569.5	26063	17	712519	4386	1
anIn-g6-4	131988.5	22096	21	710221	4236	6
anIn-g6-Cas9-10	139893.5	30275	21	718040	5273	6
anIn-g6-Cas9-3	116501	26021	36	713070	4956	6
anIn-g6-Cas9-4	123799.5	26379	48	717711	5671	4
anIn-g6-Cas9-5	132917.5	25629	28	715359	5025	4
anIn-g6-Cas9-6	137644	29799	19	715692	4722	4
anIn-g6-Cas9-8	120272.5	24997	25	719710	4659	6
kmt2d-g3-4	116601.5	20554	22	722869	5663	5
kmt2d-g3-5	139178	28685	23	714383	5739	3
kmt2d-g3-Cas9-1	118623	24801	60	720884	4646	10
kmt2d-g3-Cas9-2	116798	20458	46	715781	5446	7
kmt2d-g3-Cas9-4	133515.5	34500	45	722333	5807	10
kmt2d-g3-Cas9-5	111948.5	25153	32	715519	4491	5
kmt2d-g3-Cas9-6	119867.5	24248	28	719554	5316	4
kmt2d-g3-Cas9-9	133272	30346	23	720748	5624	6
kmt2d-g4-1	123010.5	31250	26	716594	5504	5
kmt2d-g4-5	124993.5	26831	21	713325	5172	2
kmt2d-g4-Cas9-4	119952.5	24033	28	707322	4837	2
kmt2d-g4-Cas9-5	119101.5	22956	20	705218	4510	4
kmt2d-g4-Cas9-6	122240	26406	31	711825	5501	2

kmt2d-g4-Cas9-7	119373	33534	31	717861	5671	3
kmt2d-g4-Cas9-8	137530	33943	23	722359	5524	5
kmt2d-g4-Cas9-9	134129	37854	32	721268	5812	7
smchd1-g4-1	128430.5	26487	32	721553	5109	6
smchd1-g4-2	122734.5	32737	22	714473	5452	1
smchd1-g4-Cas9-2	112519.5	21120	18	712893	4548	1
smchd1-g4-Cas9-3	133350.5	28182	31	715977	4646	6
smchd1-g4-Cas9-4	129172.5	26522	17	709164	4852	7
smchd1-g4-Cas9-5	120364	26252	24	716579	4391	5
smchd1-g4-Cas9-7	125670.5	24490	28	718073	4766	5
smchd1-g4-Cas9-8	124193.5	26396	17	713050	4667	7
smchd1-g5-2	139507	34868	16	719051	5491	4
smchd1-g5-3	133208.5	32225	27	721170	5669	4
smchd1-g5-Cas9-10	125004	27506	13	707974	4411	3
smchd1-g5-Cas9-2	128403	29684	33	716875	4833	5
smchd1-g5-Cas9-4	127675.5	27174	24	717089	5516	4
smchd1-g5-Cas9-6	126063	31473	42	721368	5204	11
smchd1-g5-Cas9-8	95182.5	15438	14	668596	3244	2
smchd1-g5-Cas9-9	107702	24169	33	721002	6121	2

*Reported count is an average of the counts called against the female parent and the counts called against the male parent.

Table S7: Wilcoxon comparison p-values on predicted variants in F0

Sample	MuTect2			VarScan2		
	AF \geq 0.3	AF \geq 0.1	All calls	AF \geq 0.3	AF \geq 0.1	All calls
Control vs edited	0.04	0.08	0.89	0.15	0.48	0.82
Cas9 present vs absent	0.04	0.15	0.74	0.05	0.34	0.89
Guide present vs absent						
High vs none	0.90	0.31	0.58	0.16	0.26	0.41
Low vs none	0.69	0.86	0.87	0.69	0.49	0.58

Table S8: Wilcoxon comparison p-values on reviewed variants in F0 (VarScan2 only)

Sample	AF \geq 0.3
Control vs edited	0.38
Cas9 present vs absent	0.32
Guide present vs absent	
High vs none	0.50
Low vs none	0.61

Table S9: Wilcoxon comparison p-values on variants called by both callers in F0

Sample	AF \geq 0.3	AF \geq 0.1	No filter
Control vs edited	0.78	0.49	0.97
Cas9 present vs absent	0.96	0.77	0.51
Guide present vs absent			
High vs none	1.0	1.0	0.25
Low vs none	0.89	0.86	0.44

Table S10: Expected off-target observations in region by chance, hypergeometric p-value

Guide	Sample size (# off-target sites x 200bp)	Max. observed variants in individual	p-value (under- represented) vs population max. variant rate	p-value (under- represented) vs population min. variant rate
anln-g1	317200	2	1.07e-17	.531
anln-g6	524400	1	5.63e-32	.077
kmt2d-g3	269200	1	4.2e-16	.363
kmt2d-g4	169200	1	5.5e-10	.606
smchd1-g4	183400	0	NA	NA
smchd1-g5	151400	1	.367	.657

Hypergeometric p-values calculated with the Rothstein lab hypergeometric calculator, using the capture space (74691693 bp) as the population size, and a high or low estimate for the expected population variant counts (10975 vs 608, respectively).

Table S11: Variants at predicted off-target loci

Sample	Condition	Variant	Ref	Alt	Variant Caller	Predicted off-target	Prediction algorithm	Allele Frequency
anln-g1-3	Guide only	24:28102298*	A	C	VarScan2	24:28102339-61	Cas-OFFinder	0.05
anln-g1-Cas9-7	Edited	24:28102298*	A	C	VarScan2	24:28102339-61	Cas-OFFinder	0.05
anln-g1-3	Guide only	2:44898792**	C	T	VarScan2	2:44898891-913	MIT CRISPOR	0.06
anln-g1-Cas9-9	Edited	2:44898798**	G	T	VarScan2	2:44898891-913	MIT CRISPOR	0.06
anln-g1-Cas9-6	Edited	7:65593684**	AC	A	VarScan2	7:65593592-602	CRISPR-direct	0.1
anln-g6-Cas9-10	Edited	16:54853302-9**	Clustered event		MuTect2	16:54853401-11	CRISPR-direct	<0.05
kmt2d-g4-Cas9-7	Edited	5:62586647**	A	ACAC	VarScan2	5:62586546-56	CRISPR-direct	0.26
anln-g6-Cas9-3	Edited	16:10603230†	C	A	VarScan2	16:10603172-82	CRISPR-direct	0.06
kmt2d-g3-Cas9-1	Edited	22:20459578†	C	T	VarScan2	22:20459646-56	CRISPR-direct	0.08
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kmt2d-g3-Cas9-4	Edited	22:20459578†	C	T	VarScan2	22:20459646-56	CRISPR-direct	0.1
smchd1-g5-3	Guide only	2:50824997-9	CTG	AAA	MuTect2	2:50824943-53	CRISPR-direct	0.05
kmt2d-g4-Cas9-5	Edited	14:2529163	A	G	VarScan2	14:2529206-28	Cas-OFFinder	0.05
smchd1-g5-Cas9-2	Edited	25:21049069-77	ACTAGCGTG	A	MuTect2	25:21048965-75	CRISPR-direct	<0.05
anln-g1-Cas9-6	Edited	14:11156689	GAGACC	A	MuTect2	14:11156666-99	MIT CRISPOR, Cas-OFFinder	<0.05

*Variant at off-target site reported in both control and edited samples for this guide

**Variant observed in siblings from other conditions

† Variant at off-target site not supported by reads on both strands