

Genome Editing-Mutant Screening



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Where to start.....

Method

Crop?

Tissue culture?

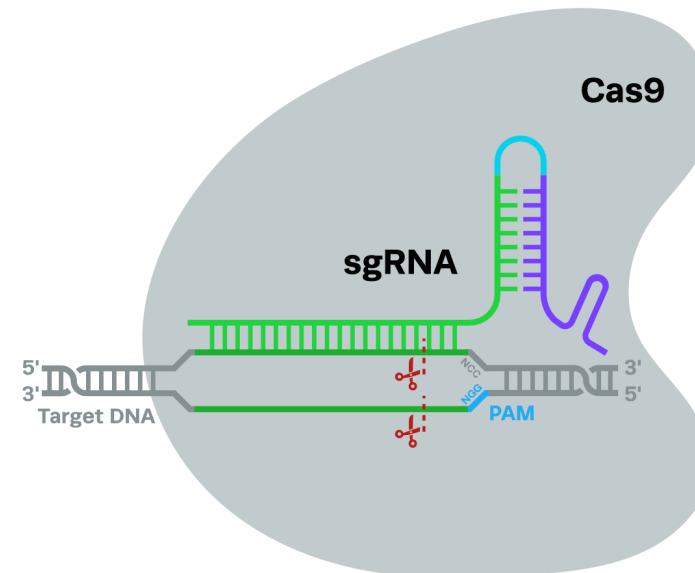
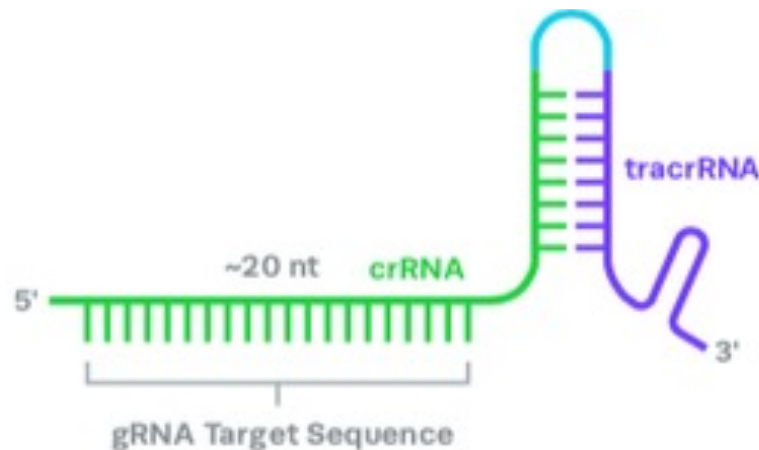
Gene Information and gRNA Design?

Mutant screening?

Regulation?

New Breeding Techniques (NBTs)-Targeted Gene Editing

- ❖ Clustered regularly interspaced short palindromic repeats and CRISPR-associated protein-9 (CRISPR-Cas9)
- ❖ Directing a guide RNA (gRNA) complementary to a defined target, together with a CRISPR-associated endonuclease, Cas9, to create double-stranded DNA cleavage
- ❖ gRNA: crispr RNA (crRNA), a 17-20 nucleotide sequence complementary to the target DNA, and a tracrRNA, which serves as a binding scaffold for the Cas nuclease



Molecular characterization of editing events

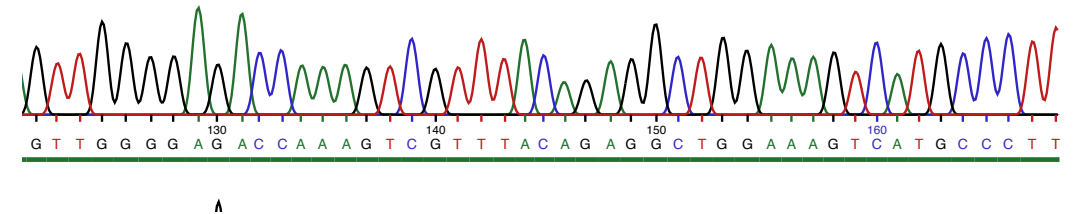
Medium-throughput assays

- T7 Endonuclease 1 (T7E1) Assay
- High-resolution fragment analysis (HRFA)

High-throughput assays

Sanger Sequencing

Amplicon Sequencing (NGS)



DNA Extraction and PCR for Initial Screening

Plant Genotyping Without DNA Purification

Requirements

- ❖ Dilution Buffer from Thermo Scientific Phire Plant Direct PCR Kit
- ❖ Sterile pipette tips (100 or 200 μL)
- ❖ Young leaves (0.5 – 1 cm)

Protocol

1. Take a leaf and place it in a 0.5 mL microcentrifuge tube, then add 15 μL of Dilution Buffer.
2. Crush the leaf sample with a pipette tip by pressing it briefly on the bottom or wall of the tube. The solution should have a greenish color.
3. Then, add 25 μL of sterile water. Centrifuge the tube until the leaf material settles to the bottom, and then transfer the supernatant to a new tube.
4. Use a 1.5- to 2- μL template for a 20- μL PCR reaction.
5. DNA Samples in dilution buffer can be stored for up to 4 weeks at 4 °C. For long-term storage, store at -20 °C (up to 6 months).

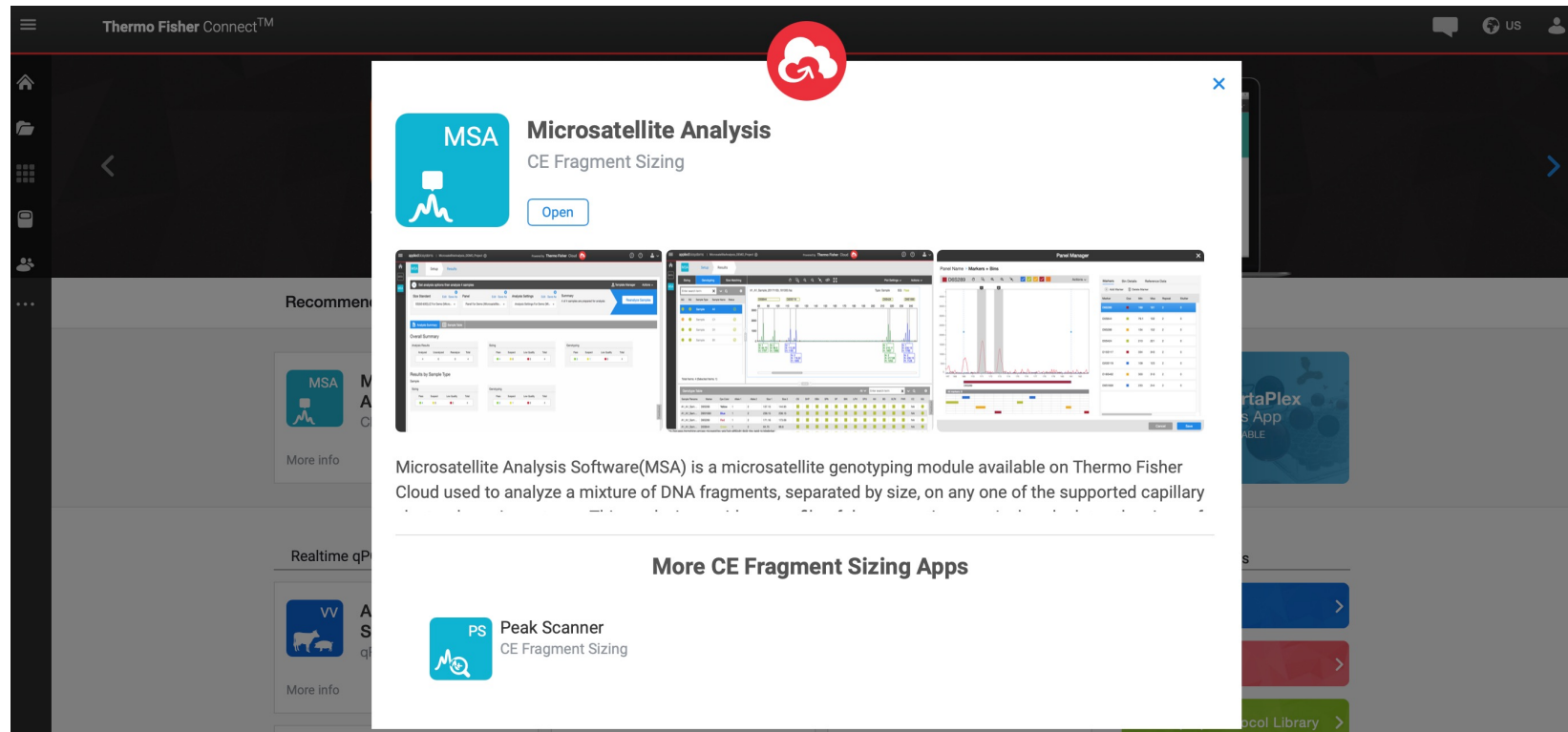
Tips for PCR

- Use 98°C for denaturation for 5 min.



High Resolution Fragment Analysis

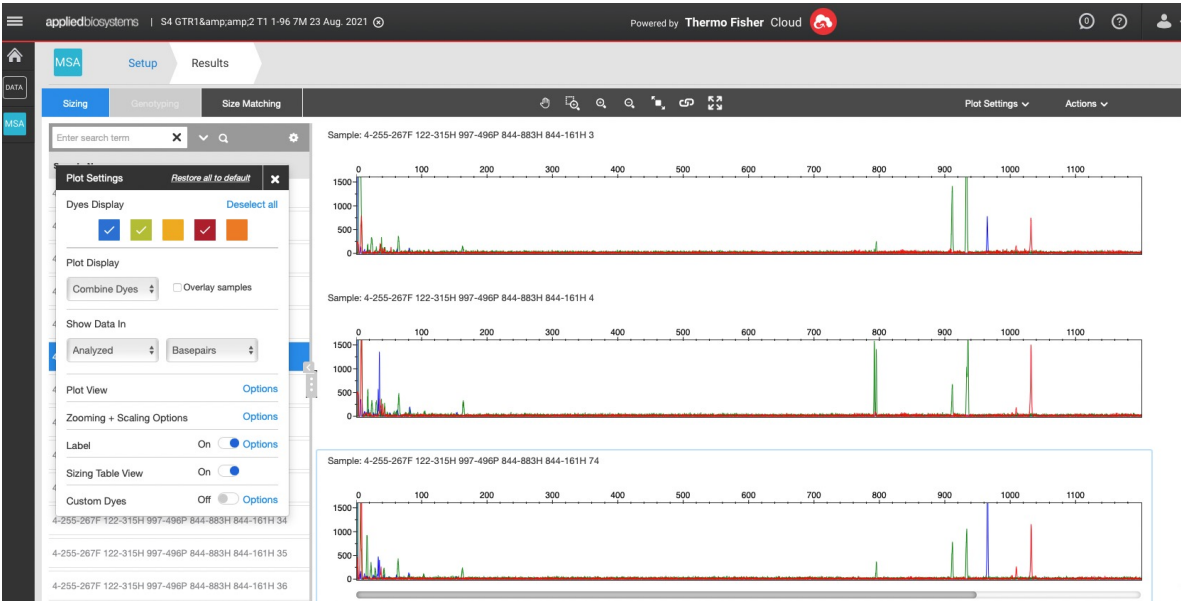
- ❖ 3500 Genetic analyzer
- ❖ PCR with one of the primer attached Florescent dyes
- ❖ 6 different dyes at the same time
- ❖ GeneMapper™ analysis
- ❖ Thermo Fisher Connect™



<https://apps.thermofisher.com/apps/spa/#/dashboard>

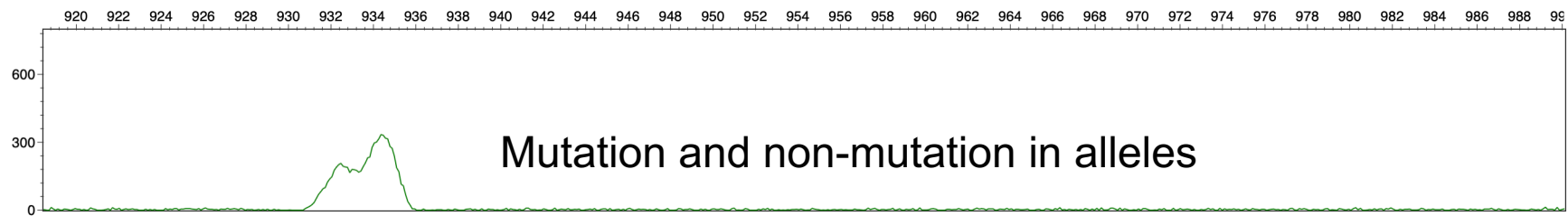
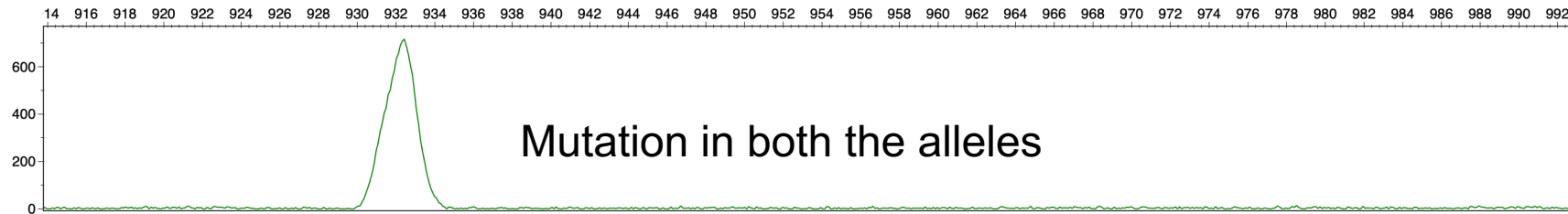
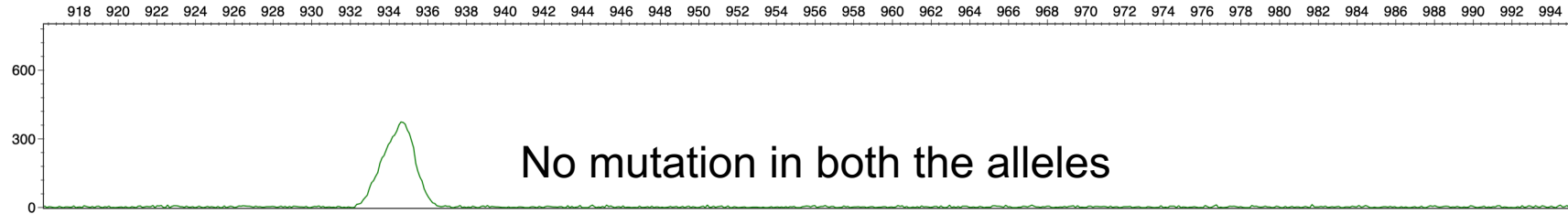
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Fragment analysis using Thermo Fisher Connect™

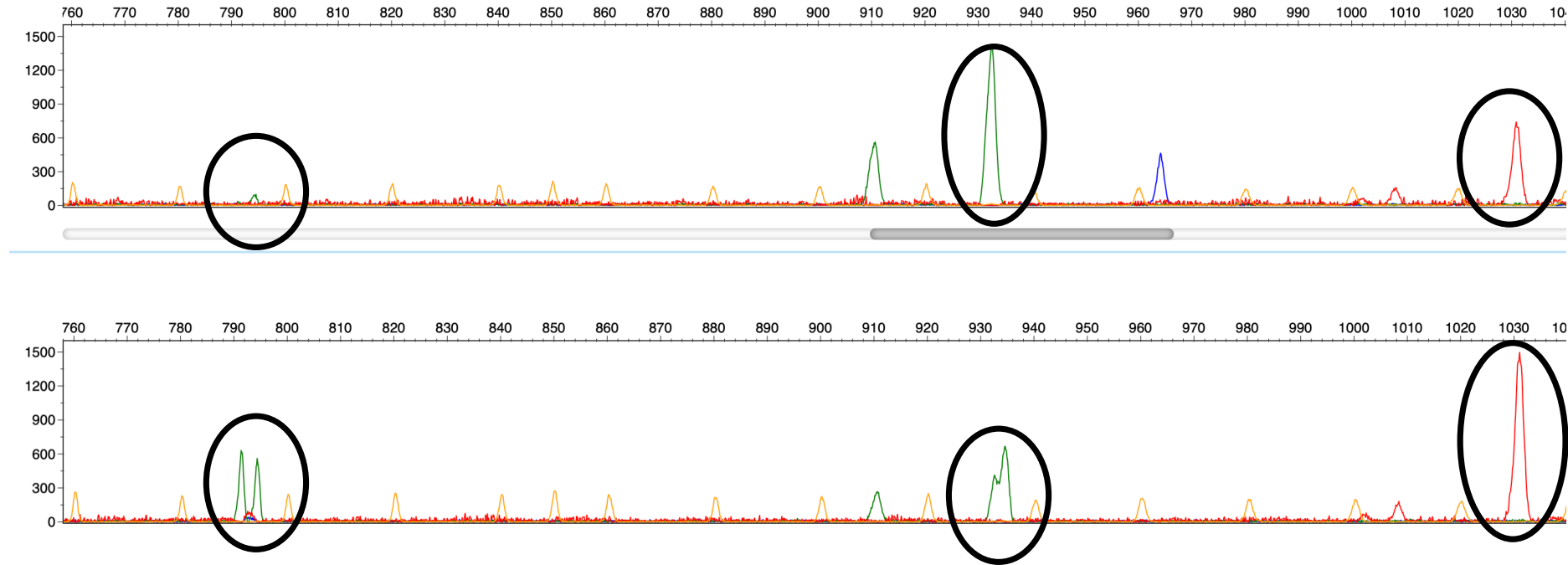


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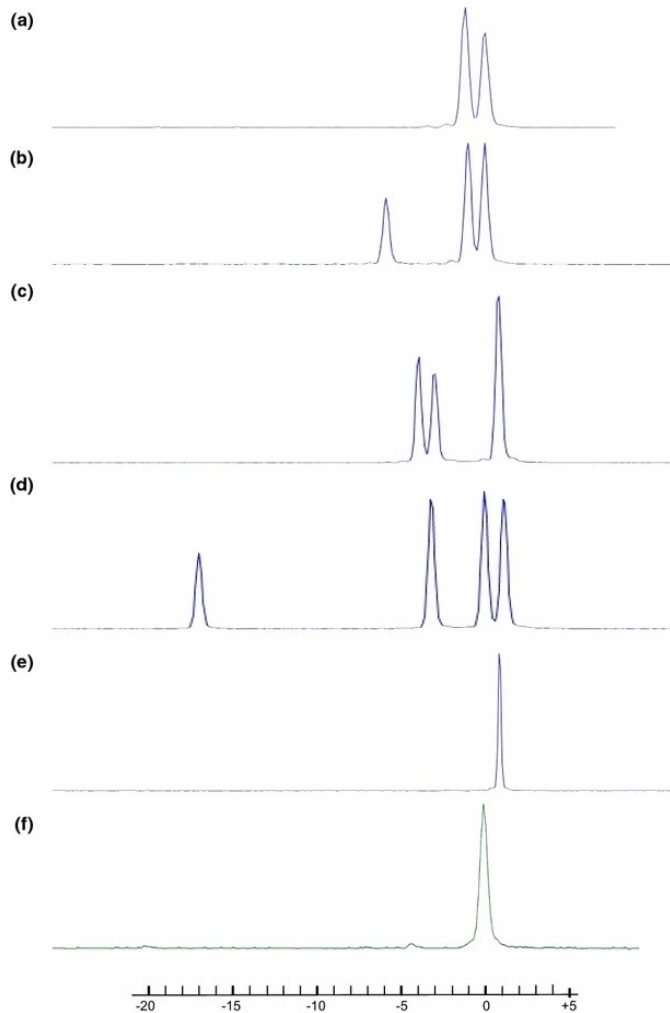


High Resolution Fragment Analysis



Multiple PCR products in one sample

High Resolution Fragment Analysis (HRFA) to Detect Mutations in Potato



a 1–2 allele mutated in the target region

b 2–3 alleles mutated in the target region

c 4 alleles mutated in the target region

d 3 alleles mutated in the target region

e 4 alleles mutated in the target region

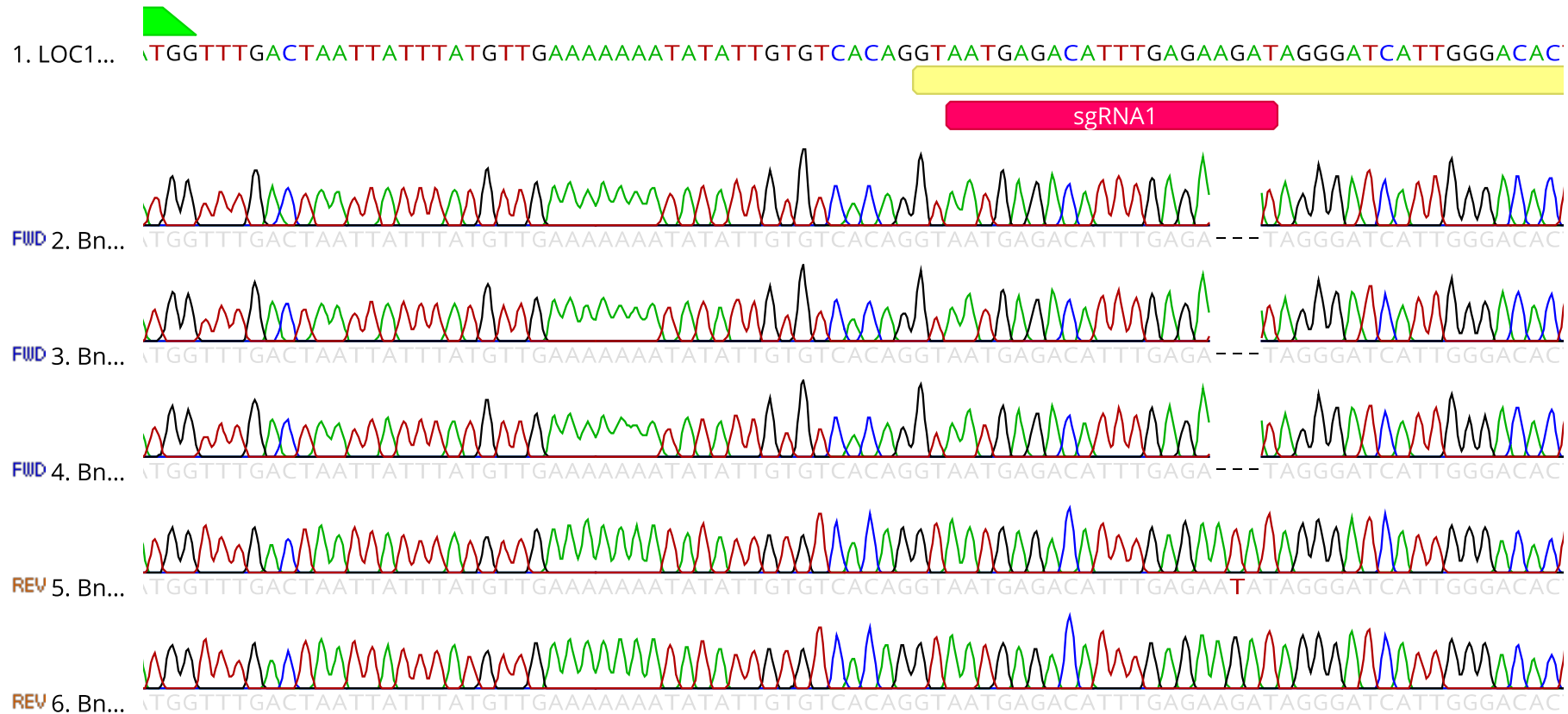
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Wild-type fragment is set to 0 on the bp scale.

Sanger Sequencing Result Analysis

PCR with gene-specific primers amplifying gRNA targeting DNA

Cloning and transformation



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NGS-Illumina-Next Generation Sequencing Technologies



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Sequencing Data

File Type:

Paired-end reads

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Read 2 (fastq or gzipped fastq):

no file selected

Basic Information

Full reference sequence (5' to 3'):

Nuclease Type:

Single nuclease

Select Nuclease:

Analysis Parameters

Comparison range (R) [\[?\]](#)

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☐ or use both ends

Minimum frequency (n) [\[?\]](#)

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☒ (Optional) WT marker (r) [\[?\]](#)

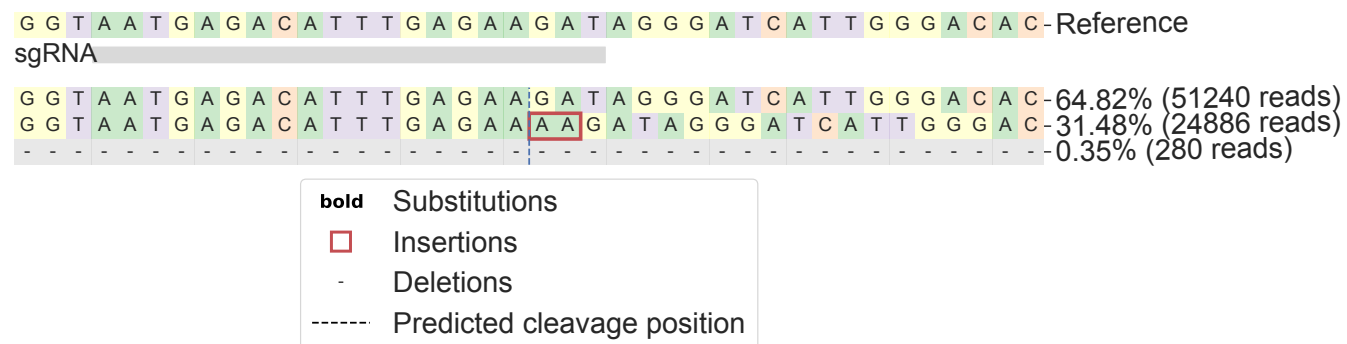
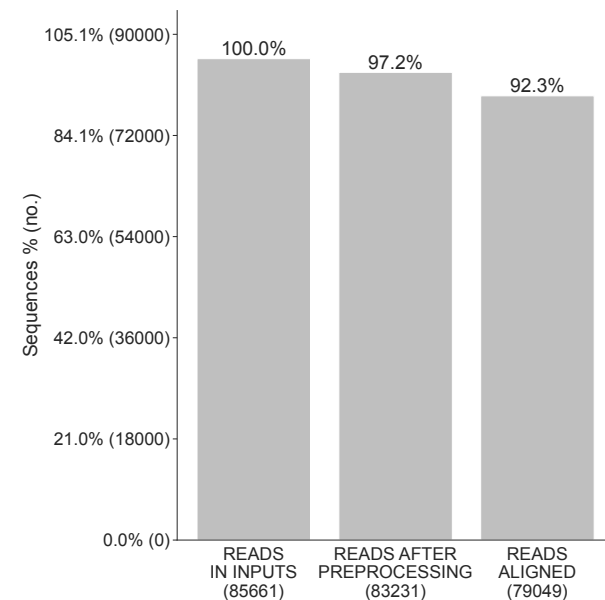
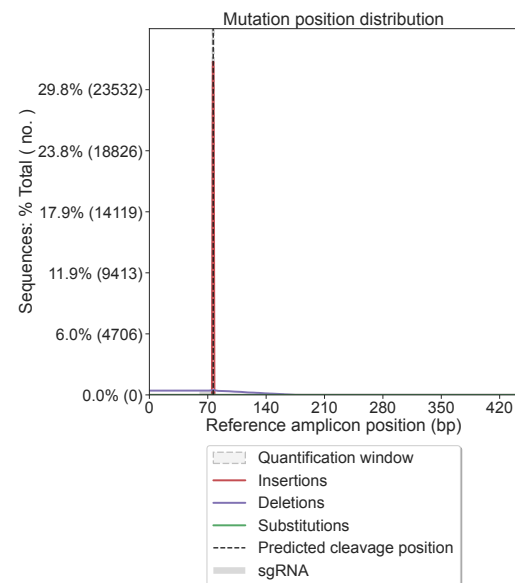
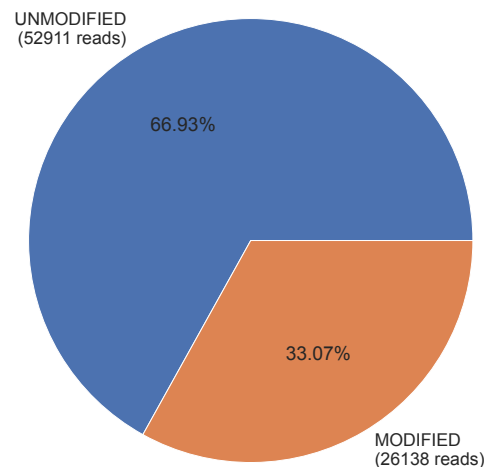
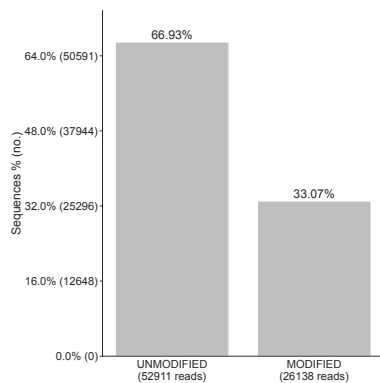
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Amplicon Sequencing Analysis

A simple line drawing of a cup of coffee with steam rising from it. The cup is filled with a dark liquid, and three wavy lines represent steam rising from the surface. The drawing is minimalist, using only black outlines on a white background.

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 Choose File : GTR1/un231...fastq.gz

Read 2 (fastq or gzipped fastq):
 Choose File : GTR1/un231...fastq.gz

Basic Information

Full-reference sequence (5' to 3'):

Nucleotide Type:
☒ Single nucleotide
☐ All

Select Nuclease:
 SpCas9 from Streptococcus pyogenes - 1-NGG-2'

Target DNA sequence (5' to 3', without PAM sequence):

(Optional) Donor DNA sequence for homology directed repair (HDR) (5' to 3'):

Analysis Parameters

Comparison range (bp) [?]
 or use both ends

Minimum frequency (bp) [?]

☒ (Optional) WT marker (bp) [?]

Cleavage point

 Left indicator sequence (12bp)
 27bp, TALENs, Cpf1 or Cpf1 nuclease
 Right indicator sequence (12bp)
 Comparison range (R)
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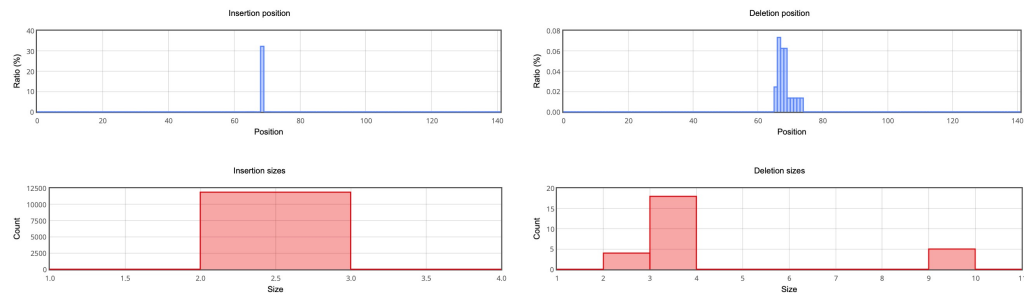
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Comparison range (R) [?]	WT marker (r) [?]
70	5
Minimum frequency (n) [?] 1	
Run again with different values	

Result Summary

Total Sequences	With both indicator sequences	More than minimum frequency	Insertions	Deletions	Indel frequency	HDR frequency
75987	37251	36781	11891	27	11918 (32.4%)	0 (0.0%)

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Insertions and Deletions



Sequence Information

As WT and Substitutions Insertions Deletions ☐ Show HDR only				Download table			
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Questions?

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