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# CASX NICKASE DESIGNS, TANS CLEAVAGE DESIGNS & STRUCTURE

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#### PATENT STATUS

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## **BRIEF DESCRIPTION**

Metagenomic analysis of microbial DNA from groundwater samples revealed a new protein, CasX, that prevented bacterial transformation by plasmid DNA when expressed with cognate crRNAs targeting the plasmid<sub>8</sub>. Sequence analysis of CasXrevealed no similarity to other CRISPR-Cas enzymes, except for the presence of a RuvC nuclease domain similar to that found in both Cas9 and Cas12a enzyme families as well as transposases and recombinases. The evolutionary ambiguity of CasX hinted at a distinct structure and mechanism for DNA targeting, but without reconstitution of a functional CasX enzyme it was not possible to determine its mechanism of plasmid interference.

UC Berkeley inventors found variant CasX polypeptides that induce programmable, site-specific genome repression in E. coli and genome editing in human cells, distinct from Cas9 and Cas12a, which establishes this enzyme family as a third CRISPR-Cas system for genetic manipulation.

## SUGGESTED USES

- » Genome editing
- » Gene therapy
- » Research tools
- » Genomic imaging

## **ADVANTAGES**

- » Functions under different conditions than currently used CRISPR-Cas proteins
- » Nucleotide sequence encoding the CasX is short, therefore especially useful when using a viral vector for deliver to cell

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## OTHER INFORMATION

**KEYWORDS** 

CRISPR, gene editing, genome,

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### **CATEGORIZED AS**

- » Biotechnology
  - >> Genomics
- » Imaging
  - » Medical
- » Medical
  - » Gene Therapy
  - » Research Tools
  - » Screening
  - » Therapeutics
- » Research Tools
  - » Nucleic Acids/DNA/RNA
- » Veterinary
  - » Other
  - » Therapeutics

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#### ADDITIONAL TECHNOLOGIES BY THESE INVENTORS

- ▶ COMPOSITIONS AND METHODS FOR IDENTIFYING HOST CELL TARGET PROTEINS FOR TREATING RNA VIRUS INFECTIONS
- ▶ Genome Editing via LNP-Based Delivery of Efficient and Stable CRISPR-Cas Editors
- ► Tissue-Specific Genome Engineering Using CRISPR-Cas9
- ▶ Type III CRISPR-Cas System for Robust RNA Knockdown and Imaging in Eukaryotes
- ► Cas9 Variants With Altered DNA Cleaving Activity
- ► Cas12-mediated DNA Detection Reporter Molecules
- ▶ Improved guide RNA and Protein Design for CasX-based Gene Editing Platform
- ▶ Compositions and Methods for Delivering Molecular Cargo to Cells
- Cas13a/C2c2 A Dual Function Programmable RNA Endoribonuclease
- ▶ Miniature Type VI CRISPR-Cas Systems and Methods of Use
- ▶ RNA-directed Cleavage and Modification of DNA using CasY (CRISPR-CasY)
- ▶ In Vivo Gene Editing Of Tau Locus Via Liponanoparticle Delivery
- ▶ Methods and Compositions for Modifying a single stranded Target Nucleic Acid
- ► A Dual-RNA Guided CasZ Gene Editing Technology
- ▶ CRISPR-CAS EFFECTOR POLYPEPTIDES AND METHODS OF USE THEREOF ("Cas-VariPhi")
- ► A Protein Inhibitor Of Cas9
- RNA-directed Cleavage and Modification of DNA using CasX (CRISPR-CasX)
- ► Compositions and Methods for Genome Editing
- ► IS110 and IS1111 Family RNA-Guided Transposons
- Methods to Interfere with Prokaryotic and Phage Translation and Noncoding RNA
- ▶ Variant Cas12a Protein Compositions and Methods of Use
- In Vitro and In Vivo Genome Editing by LNP Delivery of CRISPR Ribonucleoprotein
- ► CRISPR CASY COMPOSITIONS AND METHODS OF USE
- ▶ Single Conjugative Vector for Genome Editing by RNA-guided Transposition
- ▶ Improved Cas12a Proteins for Accurate and Efficient Genome Editing
- ▶ CRISPR-CAS EFFECTOR POLYPEPTIDES AND METHODS OF USE THEREOF
- ▶ Engineered/Variant Hyperactive CRISPR CasPhi Enzymes And Methods Of Use Thereof
- ▶ Methods Of Use Of Cas12L/CasLambda In Plants
- ▶ Type V CRISPR/CAS Effector Proteins for Cleaving ssDNA and Detecting Target DNA
- ▶ THERMOSTABLE RNA-GUIDED ENDONUCLEASES AND METHODS OF USE THEREOF (GeoCas9)
- ► Variant TnpB and wRNA Proteins
- ▶ Efficient Site-Specific Integration Of New Genetic Information Into Human Cells
- ▶ Class 2 CRISPR/Cas COMPOSITIONS AND METHODS OF USE
- ► Compositions and Methods of Use for Variant Csy4 Endoribonucleases
- ▶ Immune Cell-Mediated Intercellular Delivery Of Biomolecules
- Methods and Compositions for Controlling Gene Expression by RNA Processing



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