



# CRISPR- Cas9

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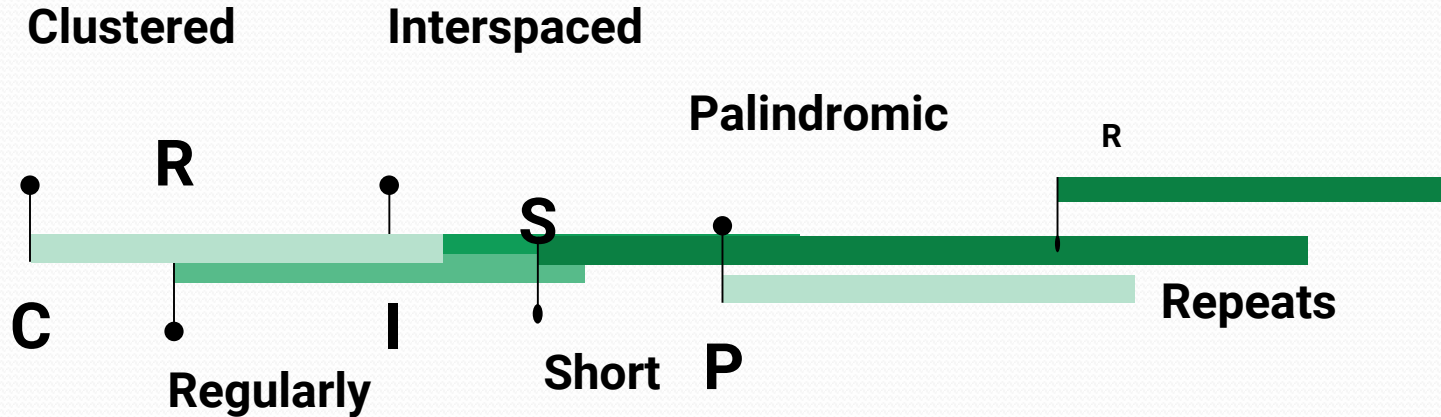
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**IS IT SO TODAY?  
CRISPR & CAS-9 are  
here...**

# What is CRISPR?

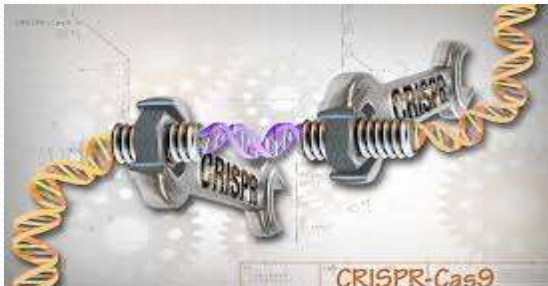


Clustered Regularly Interspaced Short  
Palindromic Repeats

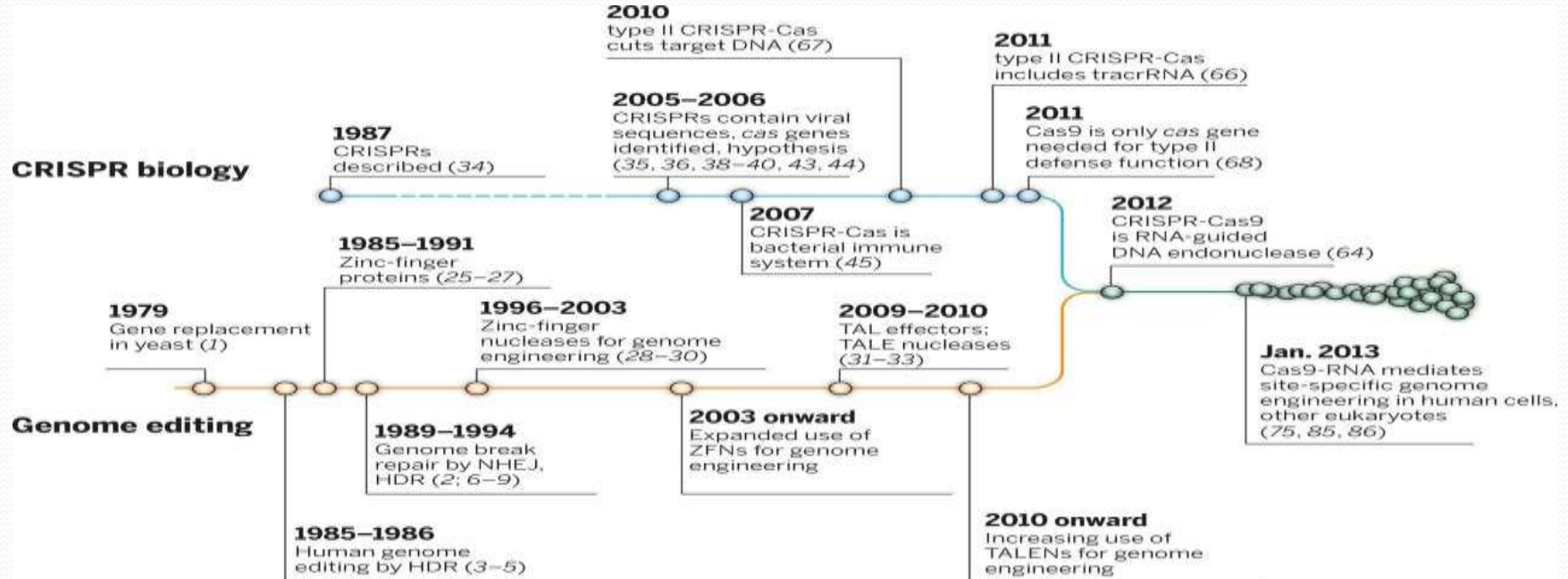
# CRISPR

- **CRISPR** (/ˈkrɪspər/) is a family of **DNA** sequences in bacteria.
- The sequences contain snippets of DNA from viruses that have attacked the bacterium.
- These snippets are used by the bacterium to detect and destroy DNA from further attacks by similar viruses

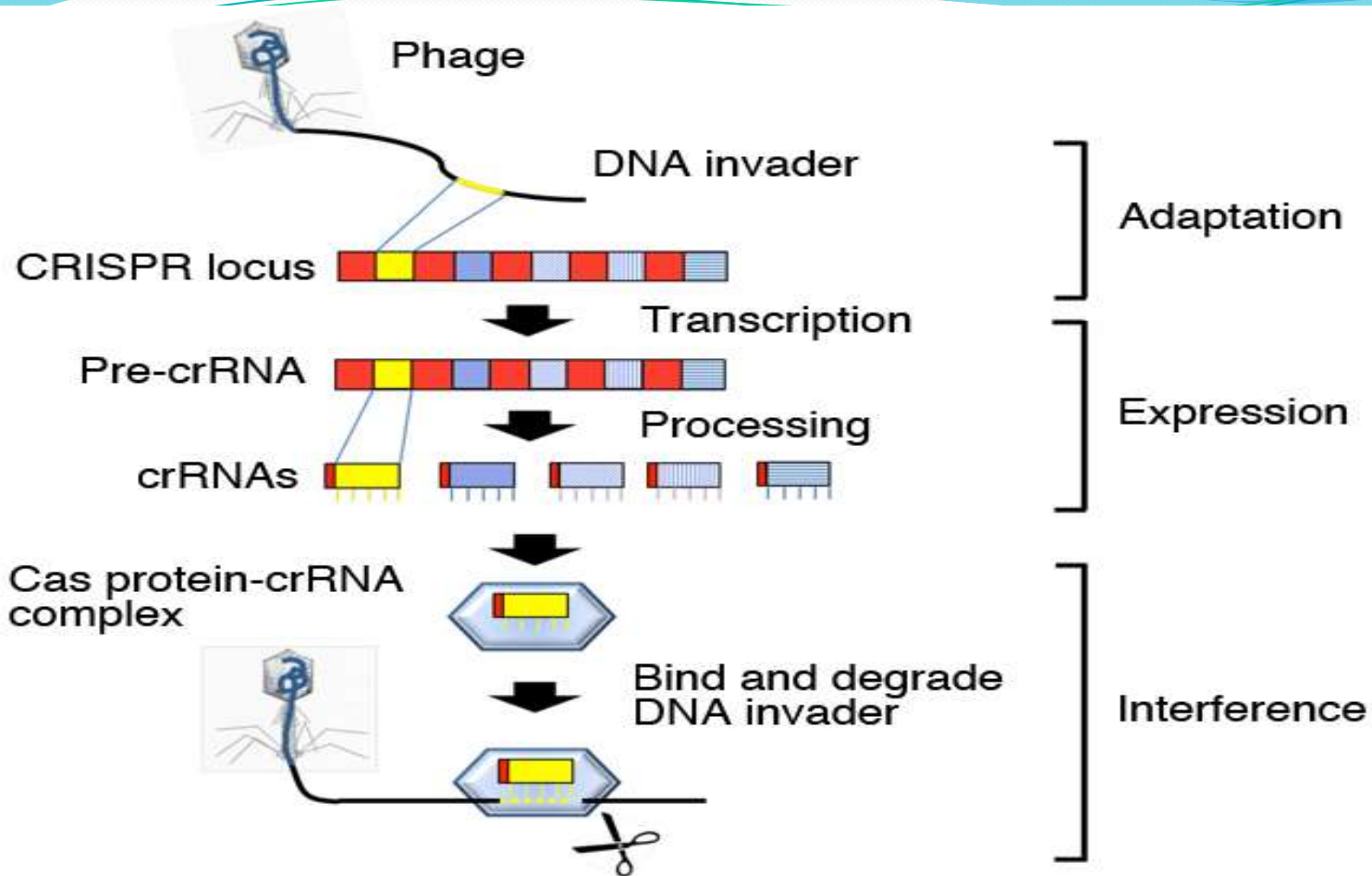
- a **palindromic** repeat, the sequence of **nucleotides** is the same in both directions.
- Each repetition is followed by short segments of **spacer DNA** from previous exposures to foreign DNA (e.g., a **virus** or **plasmid**).
- Small clusters of *cas* (CRISPR-associated system) genes are located next to CRISPR sequences.
- The CRISPR/Cas system is a prokaryotic **immune system** that confers resistance to foreign genetic elements such as those present within plasmids and **phages** that provides a form of **acquired immunity**.



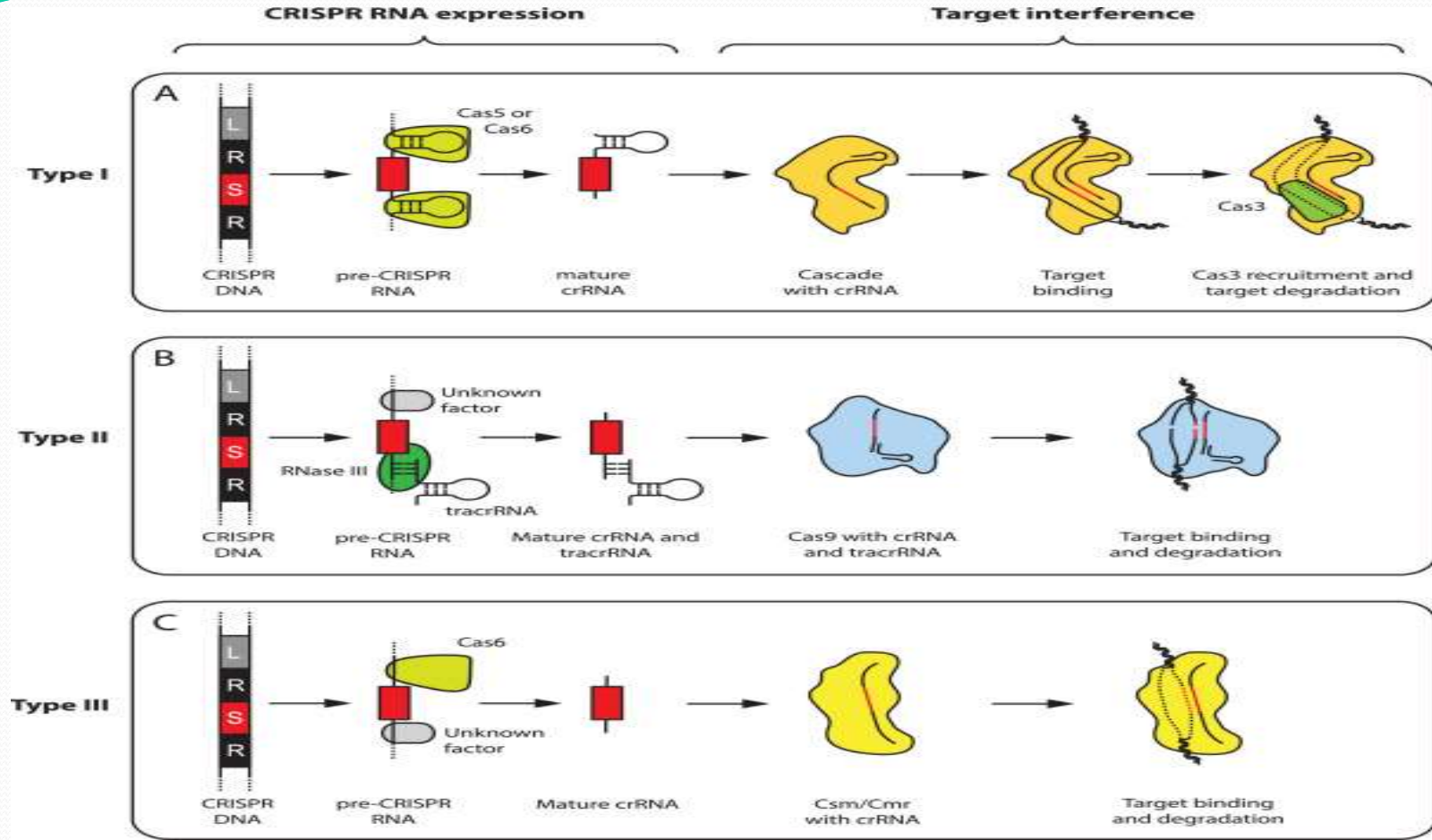
# Evolution of CRISPR



# CRISPR mode of action

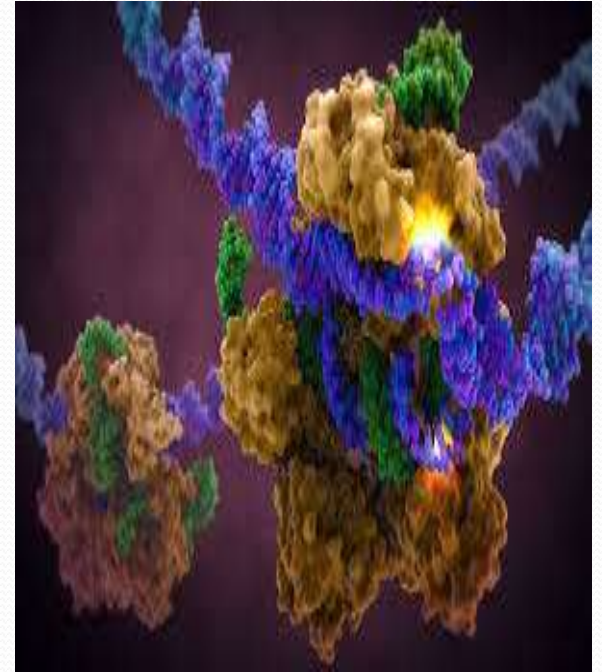


# Three types of CRISPR systems

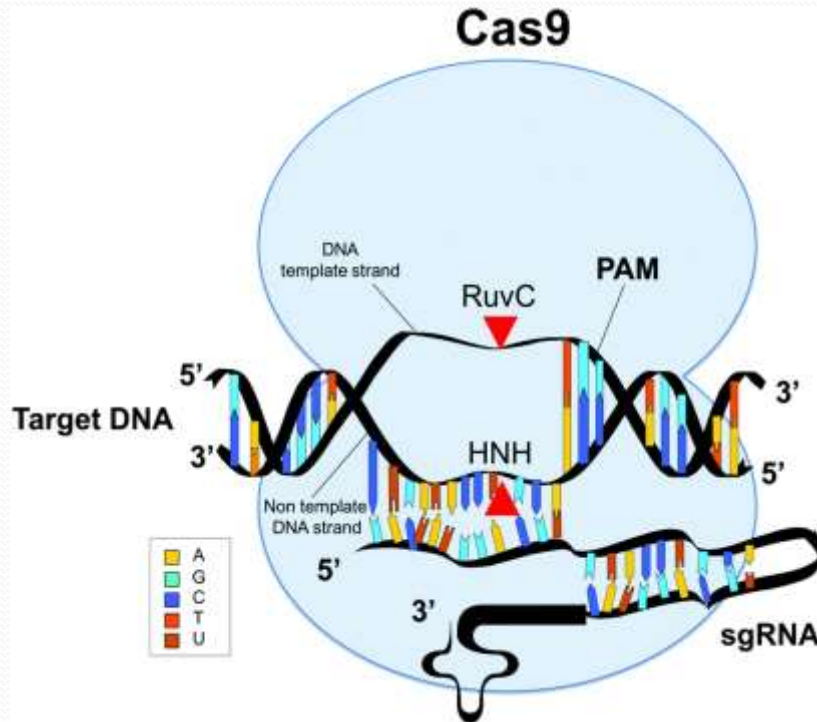


# Cas-9 (CRISPR associated protein 9)

- is an RNA guided DNA endonucleases enzyme.
- associated with CRISPR
- which plays an role in adaptive immunity system, found in bacteria *Streptococcus Pyogenes*.
- involved in Type II CRISPR mechanism



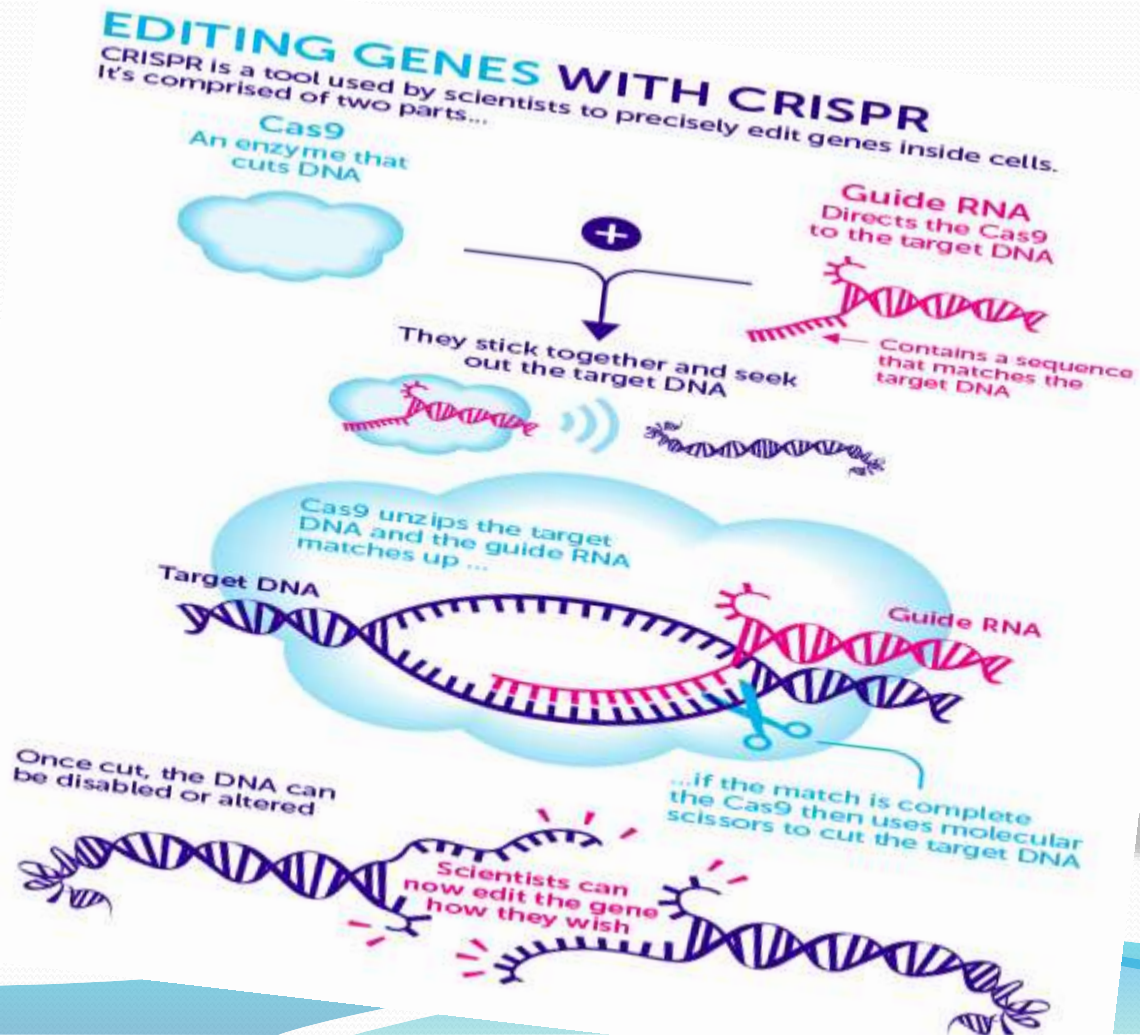
# Biological structure of Cas-9



Cas9 protein has six domains-

1. REC I-responsible for **binding guide RNA**
2. REC II-not yet well understood
3. Bridge Helix-(arginine-rich) is crucial for initiating cleavage activity upon **binding of target DNA**
4. PAM Interacting domain-confers PAM specificity;responsible for initiating binding to target DNA
5. HNH and RuvCdomains -are nuclease domains that cut single-stranded DNA. They are highly homologous to HNH and RuvC domains found in other proteins

# COMMON MODE OF ACTION:



# 3 types of Cas-9 nucleases

## Wild-type Cas9

- can site-specifically cleave double-stranded DNA, resulting in the activation of the double-strand break (DSB) repair machinery.
- insertions and/or deletions
- precise replacement mutations

## Cas9D10A

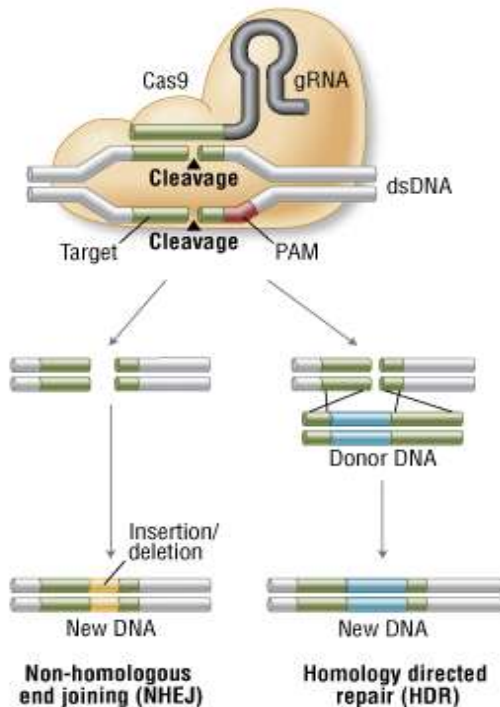
- it cleaves only one DNA strand
- only nickase activity
- target specificity when loci are targeted by paired Cas9 complexes designed to generate adjacent DNA nicks

## dCas9

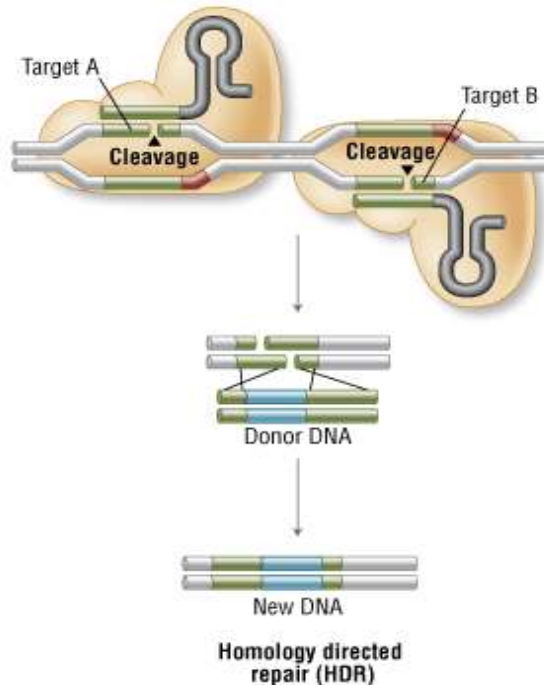
- nuclease-deficient Cas9
- inactivate cleavage activity, but do not prevent DNA binding
- a gene silencing or activation tool

# Biologic Mechanism of action of Cas9

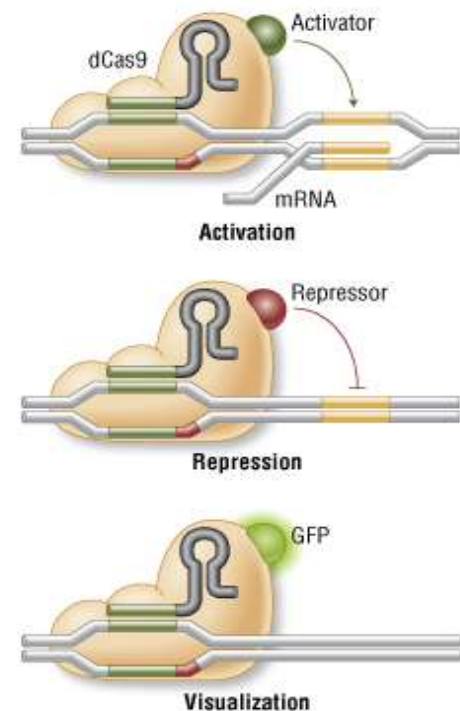
A. Genome Engineering With Cas9 Nuclease



B. Genome Engineering By Double Nicking With Paired Cas9 Nickases



C. Localization With Defective Cas9 Nuclease

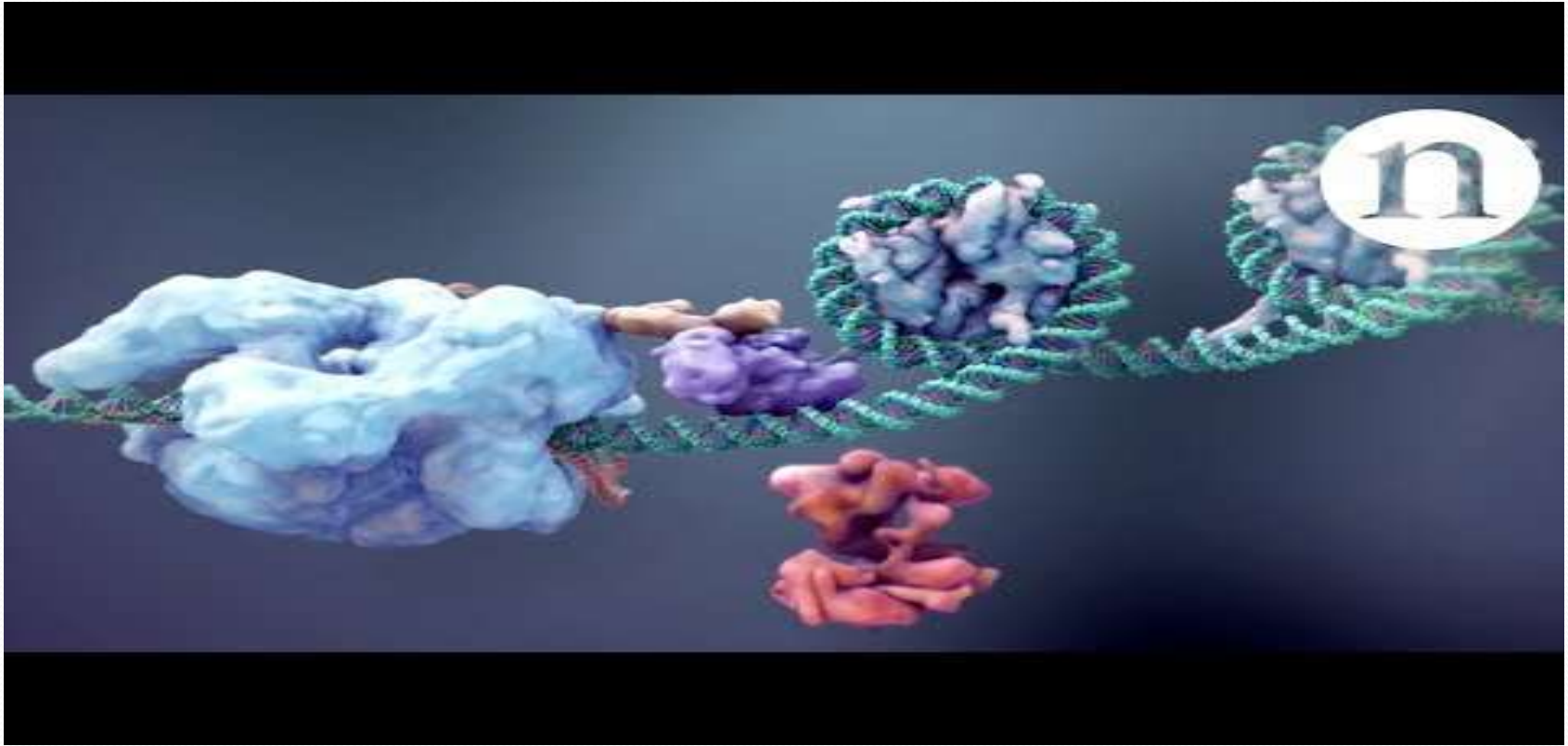


# Applications:

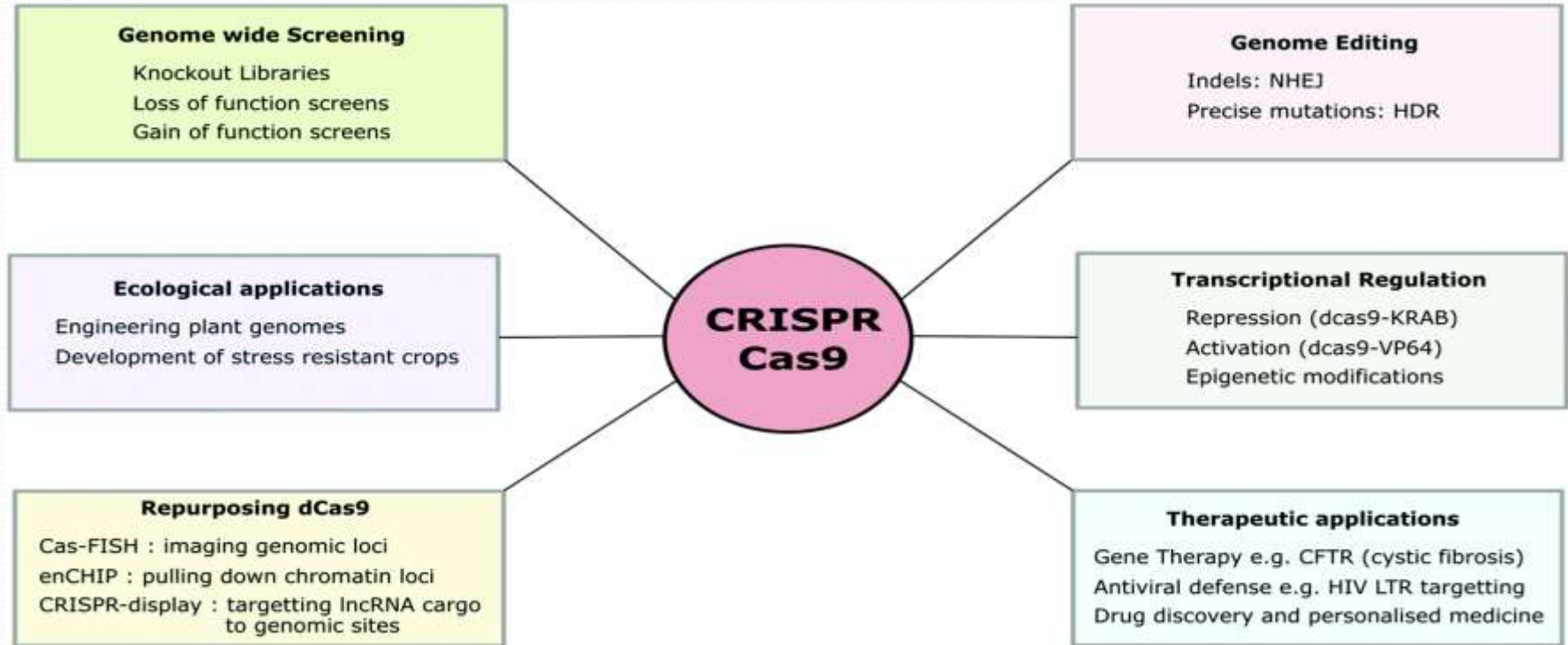
- **Gene silencing**
- **DNA-free CRISPR-Cas9 gene editing**
- **Homology-directed repair (HDR)**
- **Transient gene silencing or transcriptional repression (CRISPRi)**
- **Transient activation of endogenous genes (CRISPRa or CRISPRon)**
- **Embryonic stem cell and transgenic animals**
- **Pooled genome-scale knockout screening**



# Be clearer



# Implications:



## Clinical trials :

The first clinical trial involving CRISPR started in 2016.

It involved removing immune cells from people with lung cancer, using CRISPR to edit out the gene expressed PD-1, then administrating the altered cells back to the same person.

20 other trials were under way or nearly ready, mostly in China, as of 2017.

CRISPR/Cas9 Preclinical Trials			
Company	Disease	Disrupt/Correct	In vivo/Ex vivo
CRISPR Therapeutics/Vertex	Beta-thalassemia	Disrupt	Ex vivo
CRISPR Therapeutics/Vertex	Sickle cell disease	Disrupt	Ex vivo
Editas	Hereditary blindness	Disrupt	In vivo
Editas	Hereditary deafness and blindness	Disrupt	In vivo
Editas/Juno	Engineered T-cells	Disrupt	Ex vivo
Intellia/Regeneron	Transthyretin amyloidosis	Disrupt	In vivo
Intellia/Novartis	Engineered T-cells	Disrupt/insert	Ex vivo

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# Limitations:

Targeting efficiency, or the percentage of desired mutation achieved, is one of the most important parameters by which to assess a genome-editing tool.

-T7 Endonuclease I mutation detection assay

- incidence of off-target mutations ???

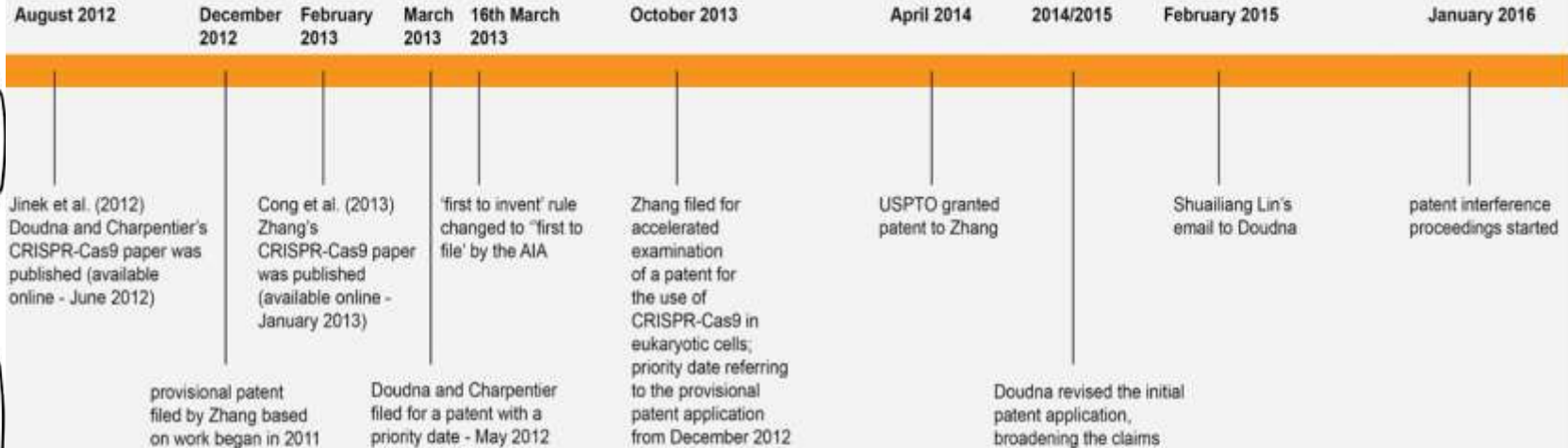
-Recent improvements to the CRISPR system for reducing off-target mutations have been made through the use of truncated gRNA (truncated within the crRNA-derived sequence) or by adding two extra guanine (G) nucleotides to the 5' end. Another method is use D10A Cas9 and two sgRNAs complementary

-How far is targeting efficiency in humans???

-CRISPR Design Tool-webbased tools to facilitate the identification of potential CRISPR target sites and assess their potential for off-target cleavage.

- Potential to edit **germline?**  
(reproductive) cells.
- Because any changes made in germline cells will be passed on from generation to generation.
- Ethical implications???

# CRISPR PATENT DISPUTE HIGHLIGHTS



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# What's the future of CRISPR-Cas9?

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CRISPR-BASED SKIN GRAFTS DEVELOPED  
**TO REPLACE INSULIN SHOTS**

