

Guide identification for CRISPR-Cas9 engineering of allogeneic T cell therapies

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Caribou Biosciences company snapshot

Leading CRISPR genome editing company

- Caribou was founded in 2011 by CRISPR pioneers including Jennifer Doudna and Martin Jinek
- Foundational computational infrastructure and cell engineering expertise

Best-in-class, next-generation CRISPR technology

- Higher specificity than first generation CRISPR-Cas9
- Strong IP portfolio

Caribou is advancing a therapeutic product pipeline

- ex vivo, gene-edited cell therapies for immuno-oncology
- Bugs as drugs – engineered gut microbes to produce therapeutic metabolites, alter drug efficacy, or otherwise impart disease-modifying impact

Potential areas for partnering

- Lead Caribou program(s)
- Target-by-target, product-by-product collaboration in I/O, other cell therapies, gene therapies

Company snapshot



\$41.5M financing to date

Investors include F-Prime Capital, Novartis, Maverick

Own equity of Intellia Therapeutics (NASDAQ: NTLA)



~60 employees

~25 issued US patents

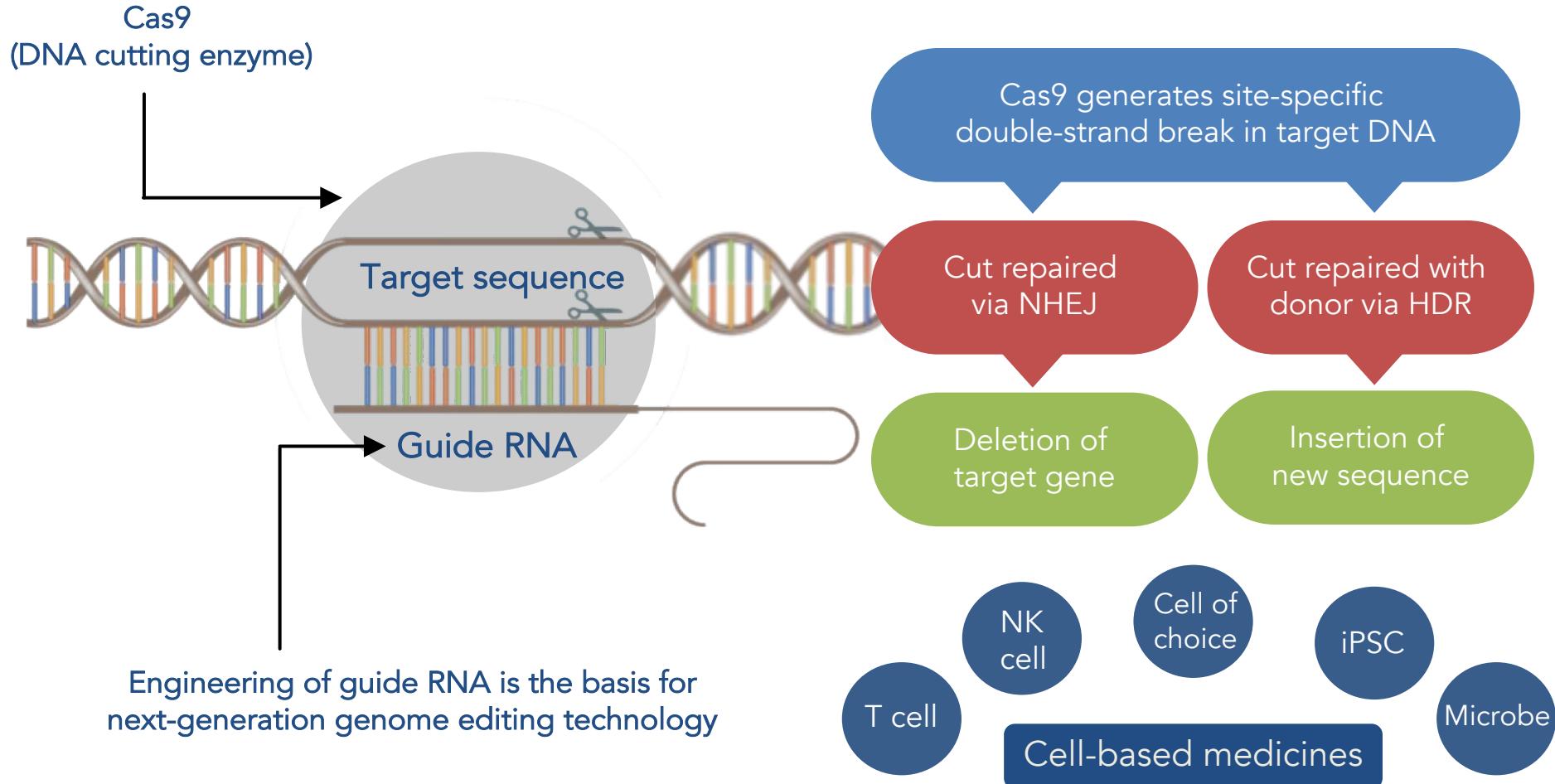
Caribou therapeutic pipeline

- ex vivo immune cell therapy
 - Caribou is using next-generation chRDNA platform to advance allogeneic CAR-T cell therapies
- Bugs as drugs
 - Caribou has built a dedicated team of microbial engineers to develop technology POC toward therapeutic applications

Program	Cell type	Target	Edit type	Discovery	IND-enabling
CB-010	T cell	CD19	CAR into TRAC, PDCD1 KO		
CB-011	T cell	Undisclosed	Multiplex: 2 knock-ins		
CB-020	Immune cell	Undisclosed	Undisclosed		
CB-031	Gut microbe	Undisclosed	Undisclosed		

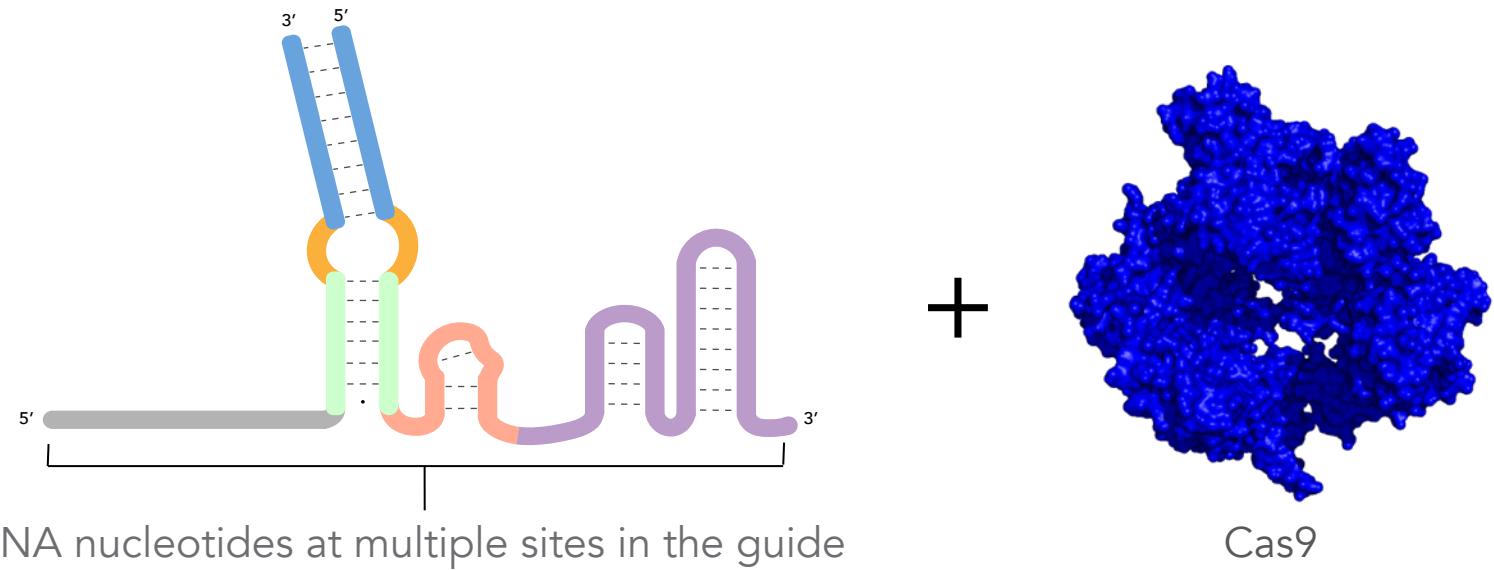
Caribou has retained commercial rights to all programs

CRISPR editing enables target-specific changes in a variety of cell types



Next generation CRISPR guides for precision gene editing

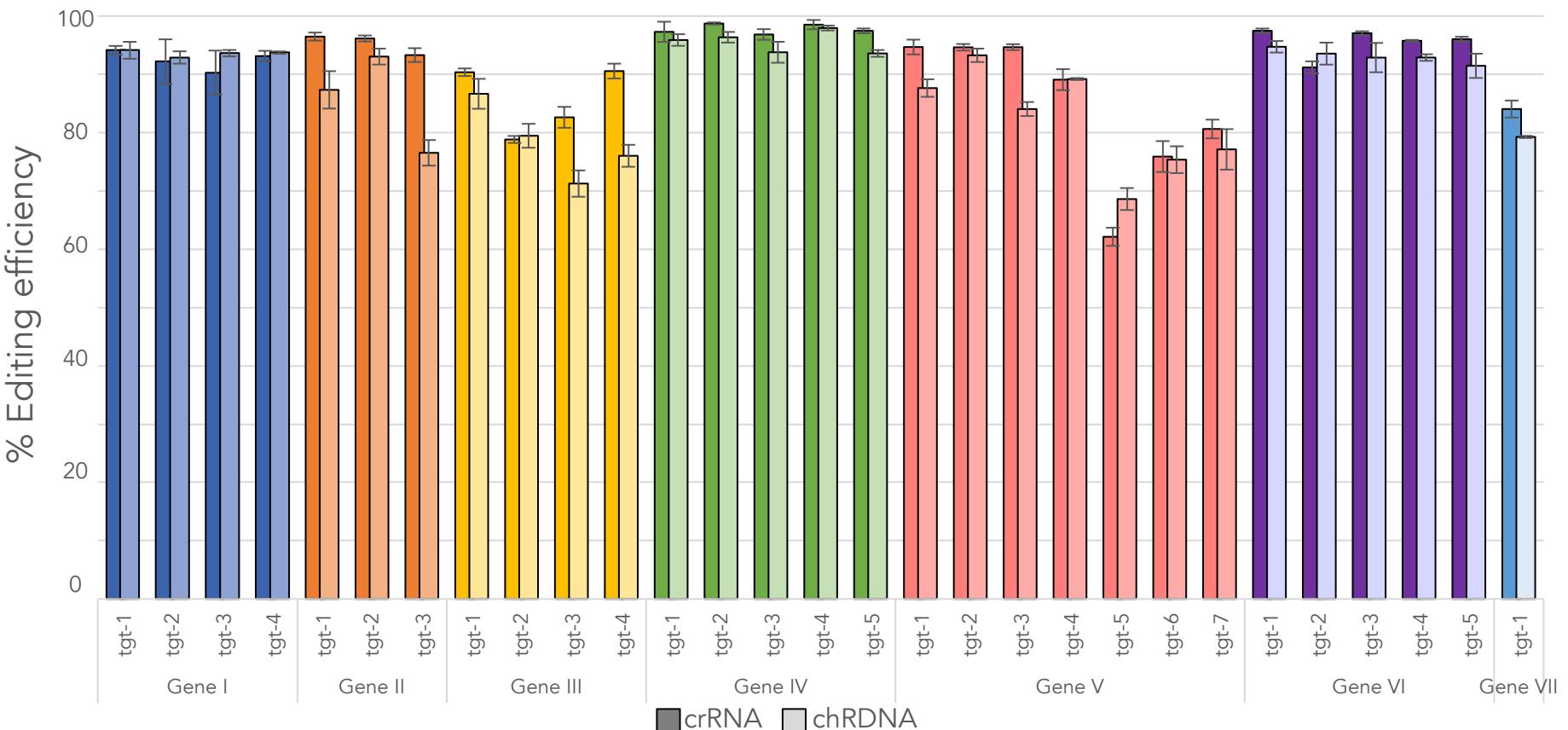
CRISPR hybrid RNA-DNA (chRDNA)



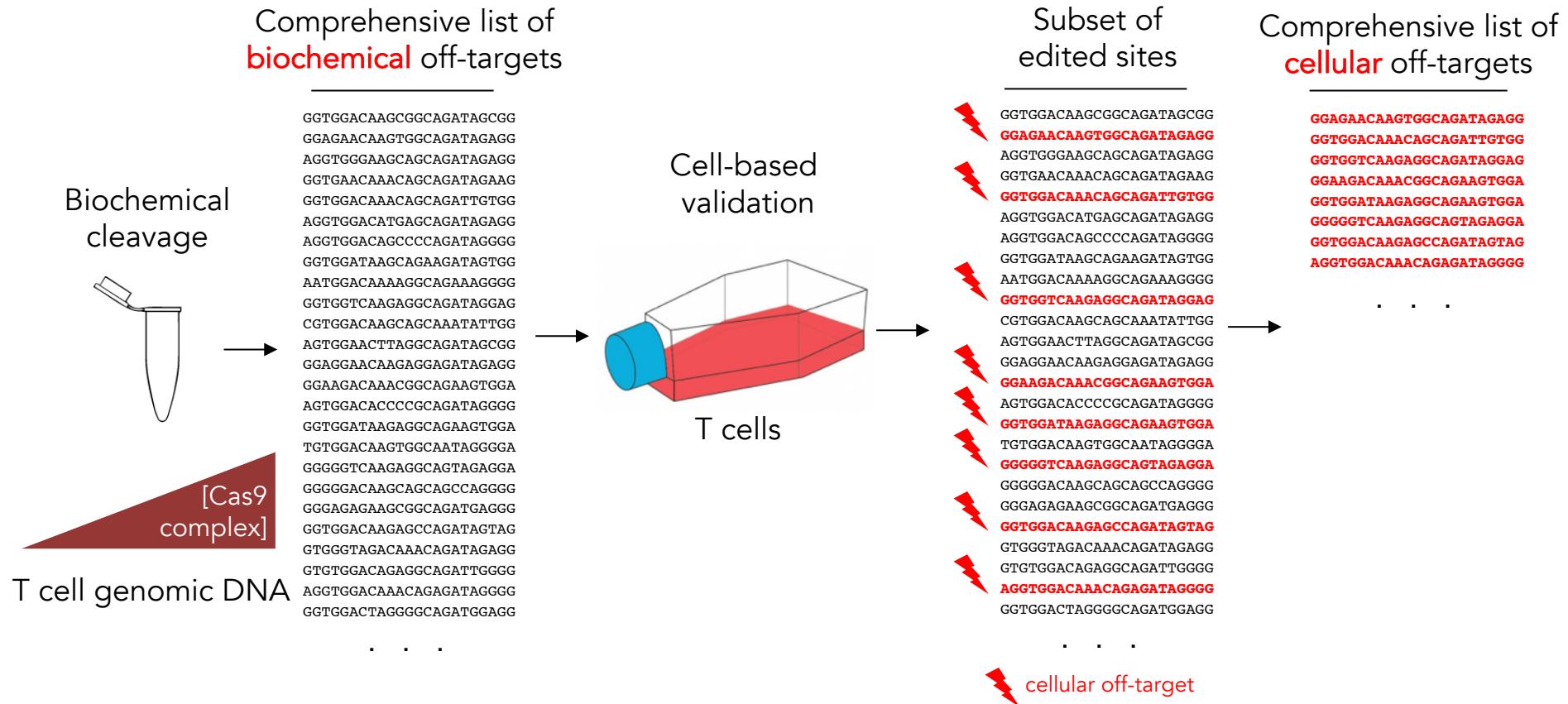
While retaining high on-target editing efficiency, chRDNAAs significantly reduce off-target editing relative to first-gen CRISPR in human primary cells

- Caribou has an exclusive license in a broad field of therapeutics
- 3 issued U.S. patents related to Cas9 chRDNAAs
- Patent expiration dates in 2036+

chRDNA can be designed to efficiently edit a variety of genes

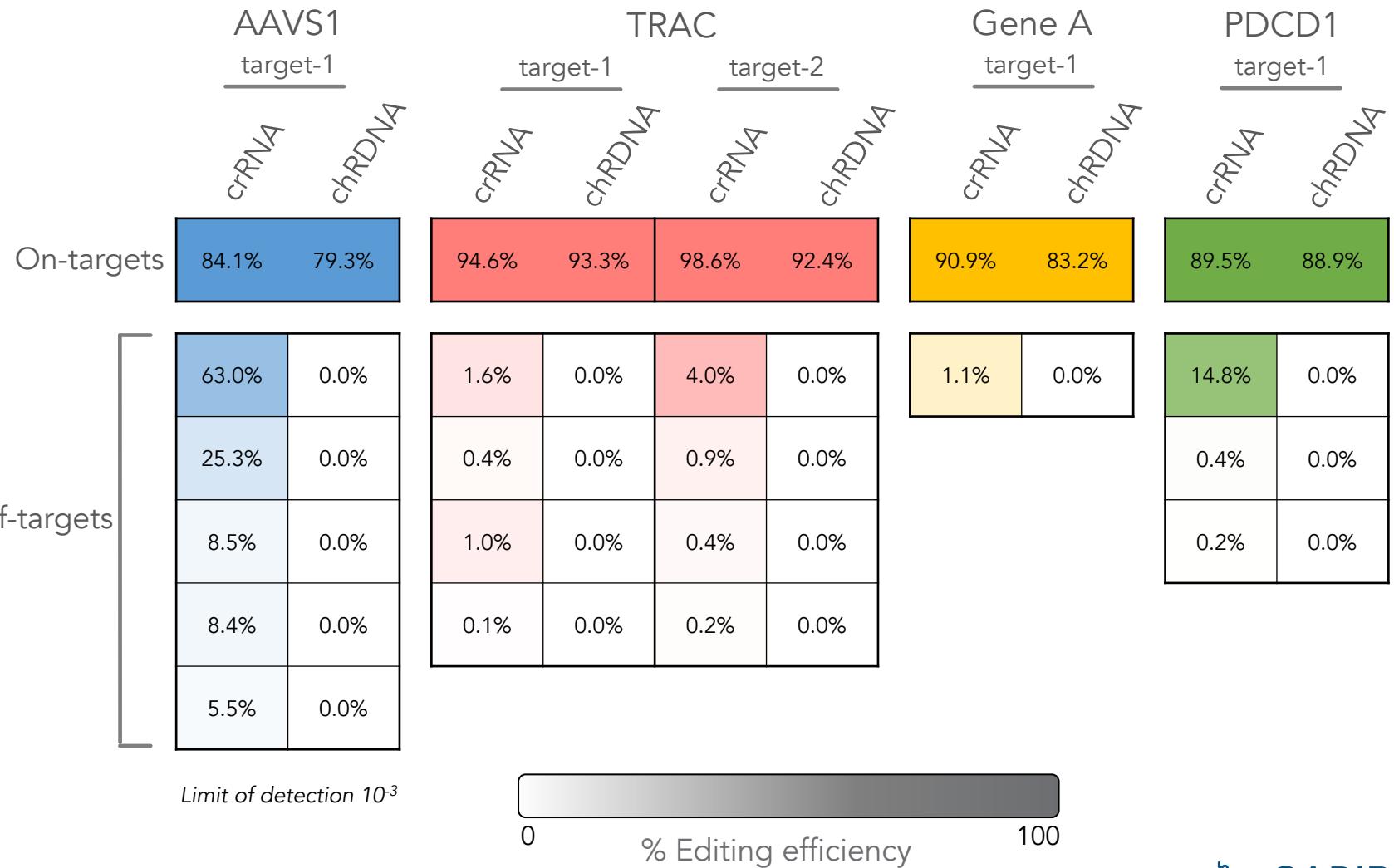


Off-target analysis and validation using the SITE-Seq® assay



Cameron et al, Mapping the genomic landscape of CRISPR-Cas9 cleavage, Nature Methods, 2017

chRDNA consistently improve specificity across multiple targets



chRNAs enable high efficiency multiplex editing with reduced translocations

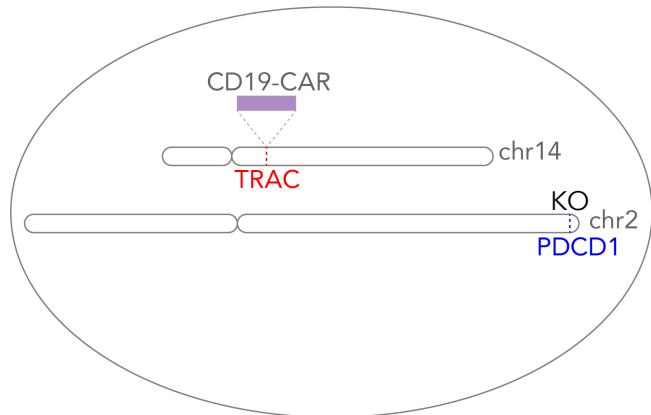
Multiplex editing TRAC + PDCD1

	Standard delivery		Proprietary delivery	
	Editing	Translocation	Editing	Translocation
TRAC	80%		90%	
PDCD1	66%	3.5%	70%	0.1%

Proprietary delivery approach for chRNAs results in robust editing efficiency and significantly decreases translocation frequency

CB-010 is an allogeneic CAR-T cell therapy

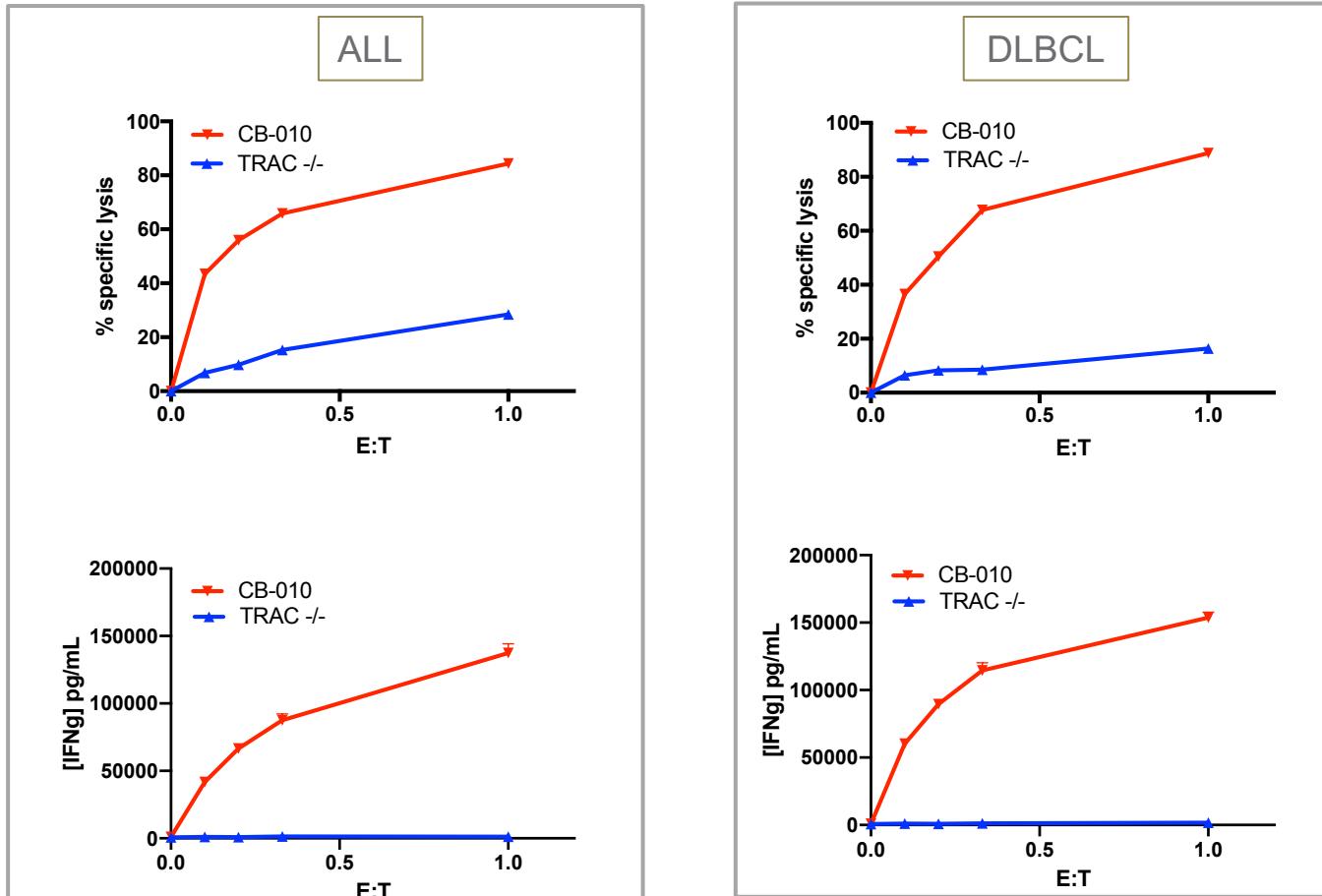
PBMC donor-derived T cell



CB-010 is an allogeneic anti-CD19 CAR-T cell therapy to treat patients with B-cell malignancies

- AAV-mediated site-specific insertion of anti-CD19 CAR into TRAC locus
 - This modification results in the knockout of the TCR to prevent graft vs host disease
- PDCD1 knockout
 - This edit results in persistence of T cell polyfunctionality during tumor cell interaction
- chRDNA reagents used for editing reduce off-target frequencies

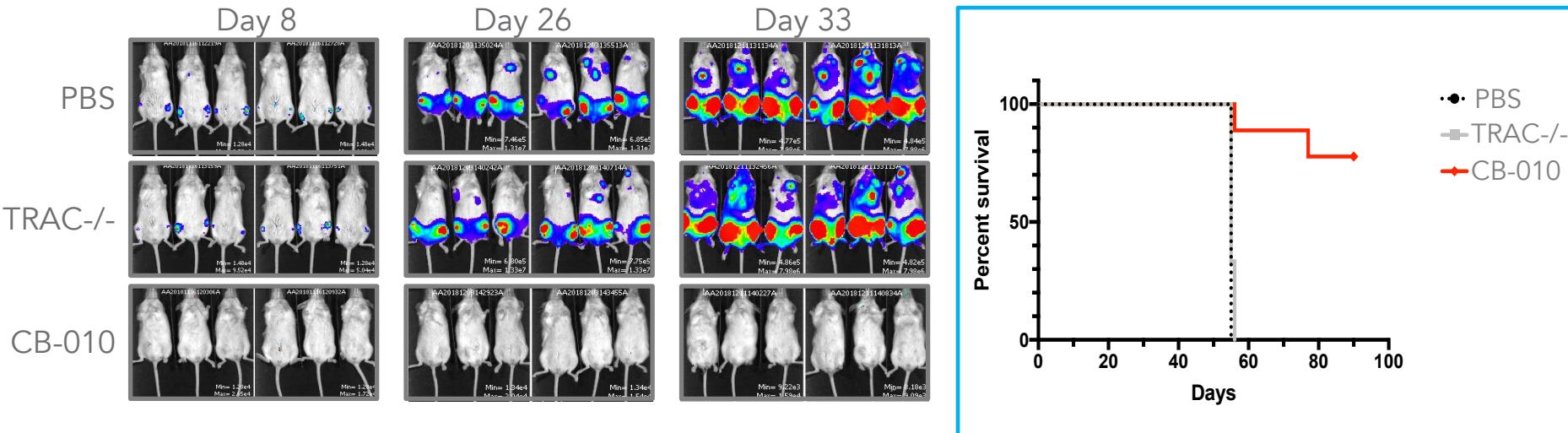
CB-010 *in vitro* cytotoxicity



CB-010 demonstrates specific *in vitro* cytotoxicity in models of ALL and DLBCL

CB-010 *in vivo* efficacy

Nalm6_PD-L1 tumor cells were implanted orthotopically 5 days prior to CAR-T treatment



Reduction of tumor burden observed after
a single injection of allogeneic CB-010 CAR-T cells

Summary

- Caribou chRDNA technology enables high efficiency, high specificity cell engineering in any cell type
 - Significantly improved specificity over traditional all-RNA systems
 - Compatibility with therapeutic engineering workflows including multiplex gene editing and site-specific donor insertion
 - Strong IP portfolio including 3 issued US patents related to Cas9 chRDNA
- chRDNA technology is used for CB-010, an allogeneic anti-CD19 CAR-T cell engineered for enhanced function
- Other Caribou therapeutic platforms use chRDNA technology for novel engineering of additional immune cell therapies