

Experimental Procedures

Plasmid Constructions

To generate split-CasRx and split-PspCas13b constructs, split fragments of CasRx, dCasRx, and PspCas13b were cloned with indicated primers (Table S1) using Phanta Max Super-Fidelity DNA Polymerase (Vazyme). The vector pXR001-EF1a-CasRx (Addgene plasmid no. 109049) was also linearized with the indicated primers using Phanta Max Super-Fidelity DNA Polymerase (Vazyme). Then the PCR products were fused to the linearized vector through homologous recombination using the ClonExpress Ultra One Step Cloning Kit (Vazyme). Note that sequences encode the XTEN linker (SGSETPGTSESATPES), SV40 NLS (SPKKKRKVEAS), and HIV NES (LQLPPLERLTL) are added to the 5' end of the primers.

For the dCasRx(C)-NES-M3 and -M3^{D395A} constructs, the RNA m⁶A methyltransferase domain of METTL3 (M3) was cloned from the cDNA of HEK293T cells. The methyltransferase-impaired M3^{D395A} was generated with the Mut Express II Fast Mutagenesis Kit V2 (Vazyme). Then the M3 or M3^{D395A} was fused to the C terminus of the FKBPdCasRx(C) fragment through homologous recombination using the ClonExpress Ultra One Step Cloning Kit (Vazyme).

The CasRx gRNAs were golden-gate cloned into the pXR003-CasRx-gRNA (Addgene plasmid no. 109053) with BbsI restriction enzyme (NEB) and T4 DNA ligase (NEB), which had constitutive gRNA expression driven by the U6 promoter. PspCas13b gRNAs were golden-gate cloned into the pC0043-PspCas13b crRNA backbone (Addgene plasmid no. 103854) with BbsI enzyme (NEB) and T4 DNA ligase (NEB). We amplified these plasmids using the TStbl3 (TSINGKE) competent cells.

The CasRx (Addgene plasmid no. 109049), dCasRx (Addgene plasmid no. 109050), CasRx gRNA cloning backbone (Addgene plasmid no. 109053), PspCas13b (Addgene plasmid no. 103862), and PspCas13b gRNA cloning backbone (Addgene plasmid no. 103854) were purchased from Addgene.

Guideline to determine the split site of Cas13 protein

First, because the members of Cas13 family have two HEPN domains which are both indispensable for RNA cleavage (Makarova et al., 2020), so we suggest choosing sites between two HEPN domains that allow for separation of two catalytic domains into N- and C- fragments. Second, we recommend referring to the determined crystal structure of the Cas13 protein, or predicting the structure of the Cas13 protein by AlphaFold if the structure has not been determined yet. This will allow for selecting split sites from the structure or non-structure region. Third, we suggest to choose split sites in both the structure and non-structure regions.

gRNA design

The cas13design [\(https://cas13design.nygenome.org\)](https://cas13design.nygenome.org/) is a flexible tool that is specifically developed to design optimal gRNAs with robust targeting efficiency for CasRx (Wessels et al., 2020). Thus, we applied cas13design to design optimal gRNAs for CasRx-mediated knockdown of *EGFR*, *VHL*, and *PNPLA2* mRNAs. To target *KRAS* mRNAs, gRNA used in the previous work by Abudayyeh et al. was adopted (Abudayyeh et al., 2017). To target *GAPDH* mRNAs, the gRNA used in the previous work by Wilson et al. was adopted (Wilson et al., 2020). All the gRNA spacer sequences were available in Supplementary Table S2.

Cell Culture

HEK293T cells were cultured with Dulbecco's Modification of Eagle's Medium (Corning) supplemented with 10% fetal bovine serum (Lonza). Plasmocin Prophylactic (Invivogen) was added to the culture medium at a concentration of 5 μ g/ml to prevent mycoplasma contamination. Cells were cultured at 37 °C and 5% CO₂ in a humidified atmosphere.

Transfection

HEK293T cells were cultured and passaged in the 6-well plate until they reached approximately 80% confluency. Cells were co-transfected with the indicated Cas13 split constructs and the corresponding gRNA plasmid at a mass ratio of 2:1 using Lipofectamine 3000 (Thermo) according to the manufacturer's instructions. DMSO or rapamycin (200 nM) was added to the culture medium at 24 h after the transfection. After 48 h of rapamycin induction, cells were washed with PBS and followed by subsequent experiments.

RIP-qPCR

HEK293T cells were first transfected with the split-dCasRx conjugated with M3 or M3D395A plasmids for 24 h, then DMSO or rapamycin (200 nM) was added to the culture medium and maintained for 48 h. Next, the total RNA was extracted using TRIzol reagent (Invitrogen). Then 50 µg total RNA was fragmented to 200 nt at 94°C for 4 min using the Magnesium RNA Fragmentation Module (NEB E6150S). The RNA fragments were purified and concentrated by ethanol precipitation. One-tenth of the fragmented RNA was saved as input. Then, the fragmented RNA was incubated with 2 μ g m⁶A antibody (SYSY, 202003) or IgG (Beyotime A7028) and 5 μ l RNase Inhibitor (Beyotime R0102) in 1 ml RIP buffer (10 mM Tris-HCl pH 7.4, 150 mM NaCl, and 0.1% NP-40) at 4 °C for shaking overnight. 40 µl protein A/G beads (MCE, HY-K0202) were washed twice with RIP buffer, and then incubated in RNA-RIP buffer mix and RNase Inhibitor (Beyotime R0102) at 4 °C for 4 h. RNA fragments containing m⁶A on the beads was eluted with 200 µl IPP buffer containing 6.7 mM N^6 -methyladenosine (MCE) and 5 µl RNase Inhibitor (Beyotime R0102), and then purified by RNA clean & concentrator kit (ZYMO), as IP. The m⁶A level of certain transcripts was subsequently analyzed by RT-qPCR.

RNA isolation and RT-qPCR

Total RNA was isolated using TRIzol Reagent (Invitrogen), and complementary DNA was generated by HiScript® III All-in-one RT SuperMix (Vazyme). RT-qPCR was performed using the ChamQ Universal SYBR qPCR Master Mix (Vazyme) on the CFX96 Real-Time PCR System (Bio-Rad). The housekeeping gene 18S RNA was used as the internal control. Primers used for RT-qPCR are listed in Supplementary Table S1.

Immunofluorescence staining

HEK293T cells were transfected with sCasRx plasmids, followed by DMSO or rapamycin (200 nM) treatment after 24 h. Cells were passaged and cultured on coverslips for 24 h and then fixed with 4% paraformaldehyde for 10 min at room temperature, followed by methanol treatment for 10 min at -20°C. The fixed cells were washed with IF buffer (PBS supplemented with 0.2% TritonX) three times, blocked with 5% BSA in IF buffer for 30 min, and then incubated with rabbit anti-Flag (Sigma, F7425) or mouse anti-HA (Sigma, F3663) antibody for 2 h at room temperature. After washing with IF buffer three times, cells were then incubated with anti-rabbit (Abcam, Alexa Fluor® 488, ab150077) or anti-mouse secondary antibody (Abcam, Alexa Fluor® 647, ab150115) for 40 min at

room temperature, stained with DAPI (Abcam, ab228549) for 10 min and washed again with IF buffer for three times. Coverslips were finally mounted onto slides with ProLong Gold antifade reagent (Invitrogen) and images were acquired using a confocal microscope (OLYMPUS IX83-FV3000-OSR).

RNA sequencing and analysis to evaluate off-target effects of the sCasRx system

HEK293T cells were transfected with sCasRx.v2 plasmids expressing CasRx(N), CasRx(C) and *EGFR* or nontargeting gRNA, the rapamycin (200 nM) was added to the culture medium at 24 h after the transfection. After 48 h of rapamycin induction, cells were washed with PBS and followed by subsequent experiments. For *EGFR* knockdown by the intact CasRx, the plasmids expressing CasRx and *EGFR* or non-targeting gRNA were transfected to HEK293T cells and cells were harvested at 48 h after transfection. Total RNA was extracted following the protocol of TRIzol reagent (Invitrogen). All RNA-Seq libraries were constructed using the NEBNext Ultra Directional RNA Library Prep Kit for Illumina (NEB) according to the manufacturer's instructions. The library quality was assessed using Agilent 4200 Bioanalyzer, which includes the product size and concentration. Then, RNA-seq libraries were subjected to paired-end 150-bp (PE150) sequencing on the Illumina NovaSeq 6000 platform (Illumina). Raw reads were filtered by removing adapters and low-quality reads with the fastp (v.0.23.2). The filtered RNA-seq reads of RNA knockdown experiments were aligned to the hg38 reference genome with HISAT2 (v.2.2.1). All uniquely mapped reads were processed by featureCount (v.2.0.3) to generate a read count matrix. DESeq2 (v.1.38.3) was used to calculate differentially expressed genes. Genes with |log2 (fold change) |>1 and *P* value < 0.01 were classified as differentially expressed genes. A customized python script was used to calculate fragments per kilobase per million mapped fragments (FPKM) values from the read count matrix for plotting visualization.

Protein structure prediction

Prediction runs were executed using AlphaFold (v2.2.0) and a modified version of ColabFold (v1.5.0) which was available at github (https://github.com/sokrypton/ColabFold). The max_release_date parameter was set to 10-05- 2022 when the simulations were run such that template information was used for structure modeling. For all targets, five models were generated and all presets were kept the same.

Statistical analysis

P values were calculated using unpaired two-sided Student's *t*-tests on GraphPad Prism 9. **P* < 0.05, ***P* < 0.01, ****P* < 0.001. n.s. stands for not significant. The values represent technical replicates, and all the experiments are replicated at least three independent times. Error bars represent mean \pm s.d.

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Supplementary Figure S1. The predicted structure and split sites of the CasRx protein. (**A**) The predicted structure of the CasRx protein by AlphaFold2. Red arrows indicate three split sites. (**B**) Three split sites were determined by combining the protein structure and domain organization of the CasRx protein. Two blue arrows marked the number 1 and 2 split sites located in the structured region, while the red arrow marked the number 3 split site located in the unstructured region.

Supplementary Figure S2. The targeting efficiency of CasRx gRNAs. (**A**) The targeting efficiency of *EGFR* gRNAs. (**B**) The targeting efficiency of *VHL* and *KRAS* gRNAs. RNA levels were determined by RT-qPCR. NT stands for non-targeting gRNA. Values and error bars represent mean±s.d., ****P* < 0.001.

Supplementary Figure S3. The predicted structure and split sites of the PspCas13b protein. (**A**) The predicted structure of the PspCas13b protein by AlphaFold2. Red arrows indicate three split sites. (**B**) Three split sites were determined by combining the protein structure and domain organization of the PspCas13b protein. Two blue arrows marked number 1 and 3 split sites located in the structured region, while the red arrow marked the number 2 split site located in the unstructured region.

Supplementary Figure S4. Validation of the inducible split-Cas13b system. (**A**) The targeting efficiency of *PNPLA2* gRNA in the CRISPR-PspCas13b system. (**B**) The rapamycin-induced knockdown efficiency of split-PspCas13b on *PNPLA2* mRNAs. (**C**) The targeting efficiency of *VHL* and *KRAS* gRNAs in the CRISPR-PspCas13b system. (**D**) The rapamycin-induced knockdown efficiency of split-PspCasR13b on *VHL* and *KRAS* mRNAs. RNA levels were determined by RT-qPCR. NT stands for non-targeting gRNA. Values and error bars represent mean \pm s.d., $**P*$ < 0.01, $**P*$ < 0.001, n.s. stands for not significant.

Supplementary Figure S5. Rapamycin treatment shows no obvious effect on target RNAs. (**A**) Differential gene expression analysis of RNA-seq of DMSO or rapamycin treatment in HEK293T cells (two biological replicates). (**B**) The mRNA level of target genes was examined by RT-qPCR. Values and error bars represent mean±s.d., n.s. stands for not significant.

Supplementary Figure S6. Optimization of the split-CasRx system. (**A**) Optimized construction of NLS-CasRx(N)- FRB-NLS and FKBP-CasRx(C)-NES fusions of sCasRx.v2. (**B**) Proposed working model for the optimized sCasRx.v2 in the absence (left panel) or presence (right panel) of rapamycin.

sCasRx.v2 + EGFR/VHL/GAPDH gRNA

Supplementary Figure S7. Inducible knockdown of multiple mRNAs by sCasRx.v2. The mRNA level of *EGFR*, *VHL*, and *GAPDH* was determined by RT-qPCR. ***P* < 0.01, ****P* < 0.001.

Supplementary Figure S8. Construction of the inducible RNA m⁶A editing tool by conjugating split-dCasRx and RNA m⁶A methyltransferase domain of METTL3 (M3).

Supplementary Table S1. Primers used in this work

Supplementary Table S2. Guide RNA spacer sequences used in this study

Supplementary Sequences 1. Amino acid sequences of sCasRx.v1 fusions.

NLS-CasRx(N)#3-XTEN-FRB-NLS-FLAG

MSPKKKRKVEASIEKKKSFAKGMGVKSTLVSGSKVYMTTFAEGSDARLEKIVEGDSIRSVNEGEAFSA EMADKNAGYKIGNAKFSHPKGYAVVANNPLYTGPVQQDMLGLKETLEKRYFGESADGNDNICIQVIHN ILDIEKILAEYITNAAYAVNNISGLDKDIIGFGKFSTVYTYDEFKDPEHHRAAFNNNDKLINAIKAQYDEFD NFLDNPRLGYFGQAFFSKEGRNYIINYGNECYDILALLSGLRHWVVHNNEEESRISRTWLYNLDKNLD NEYISTLNYLYDRITNELTNSFSKNSAANVNYIAETLGINPAEFAEQYFRFSIMKEQKNLGFNITKLREVM LDRKDMSEIRKNHKVFDSIRTKVYTMMDFVIYRYYIEEDAKVAAANKSLPDNEKSLSEKDIFVINLRGSF NDDQKDALYYDEANRIWRKLENIMHNIKEFRGNKTREYKKKDAPRLPRILPAGRDVSAFSKLMYALTM FLDGKEINDLLTTLINKFDNIQSFLKVMPLIGVNAKFVEEYAFFKDSAKIADELRLIKSFARMGEPSGSET PGTSESATPESEMWHEGLEEASRLYFGERNVKGMFEVLEPLHAMMERGPQTLKETSFNQAYGRDLM EAQEWCRKYMKSGNVKDLTQAWDLYYHVFRRISKQSPKKKRKVEASDYKDDDDK

NLS-FKBP-XTEN-CasRx(C)#3- NLS-HA

MSPKKKRKVEASGVQVETISPGDGRTFPKRGQTCVVHYTGMLEDGKKFDSSRDRNKPFKFMLGKQE VIRGWEEGVAQMSVGQRAKLTISPDYAYGATGHPGIIPPHATLVFDVELLKLESGSETPGTSESATPES IADARRAMYIDAIRILGTNLSYDELKALADTFSLDENGNKLKKGKHGMRNFIINNVISNKRFHYLIRYGDP AHLHEIAKNEAVVKFVLGRIADIQKKQGQNGKNQIDRYYETCIGKDKGKSVSEKVDALTKIITGMNYDQF DKKRSVIEDTGRENAEREKFKKIISLYLTVIYHILKNIVNINARYVIGFHCVERDAQLYKEKGYDINLKKLE EKGFSSVTKLCAGIDETAPDKRKDVEKEMAERAKESIDSLESANPKLYANYIKYSDEKKAEEFTRQINR EKAKTALNAYLRNTKWNVIIREDLLRIDNKTCTLFRNKAVHLEVARYVHAYINDIAEVNSYFQLYHYIMQ RIIMNERYEKSSGKVSEYFDAVNDEKKYNDRLLKLLCVPFGYCIPRFKNLSIEALFDRNEAAKFDKEKKK **VSGNSSPKKKRKVEASYPYDVPDYA**

Supplementary Sequences 2. Amino acid sequences of sCasRx.v2 fusions.

NLS-CasRx(N)#3-XTEN-FRB-NLS-FLAG

Same as the correlated one with sCasRx.v1

FKBP12-XTEN-CasRx(C)#3-NES-HA

MGVQVETISPGDGRTFPKRGQTCVVHYTGMLEDGKKFDSSRDRNKPFKFMLGKQEVIRGWEEGVAQ MSVGQRAKLTISPDYAYGATGHPGIIPPHATLVFDVELLKLESGSETPGTSESATPESIADARRAMYIDA IRILGTNLSYDELKALADTFSLDENGNKLKKGKHGMRNFIINNVISNKRFHYLIRYGDPAHLHEIAKNEAV VKFVLGRIADIQKKQGQNGKNQIDRYYETCIGKDKGKSVSEKVDALTKIITGMNYDQFDKKRSVIEDTG RENAEREKFKKIISLYLTVIYHILKNIVNINARYVIGFHCVERDAQLYKEKGYDINLKKLEEKGFSSVTKLC AGIDETAPDKRKDVEKEMAERAKESIDSLESANPKLYANYIKYSDEKKAEEFTRQINREKAKTALNAYL RNTKWNVIIREDLLRIDNKTCTLFRNKAVHLEVARYVHAYINDIAEVNSYFQLYHYIMQRIIMNERYEKSS GKVSEYFDAVNDEKKYNDRLLKLLCVPFGYCIPRFKNLSIEALFDRNEAAKFDKEKKKVSGNSLQLPPL ERLTLYPYDVPDYA

Supplementary Sequences 3. Amino acid sequences of split-dCasRx-M3/M3^{D395A} fusions.

NLS-dCasRx(N)#3-XTEN-FRB-NLS-FLAG

MSPKKKRKVEASIEKKKSFAKGMGVKSTLVSGSKVYMTTFAEGSDARLEKIVEGDSIRSVNEGEAFSA EMADKNAGYKIGNAKFSHPKGYAVVANNPLYTGPVQQDMLGLKETLEKRYFGESADGNDNICIQVIHN ILDIEKILAEYITNAAYAVNNISGLDKDIIGFGKFSTVYTYDEFKDPEHHRAAFNNNDKLINAIKAQYDEFD NFLDNPRLGYFGQAFFSKEGRNYIINYGNECYDILALLSGLAHWVVANNEEESRISRTWLYNLDKNLDN EYISTLNYLYDRITNELTNSFSKNSAANVNYIAETLGINPAEFAEQYFRFSIMKEQKNLGFNITKLREVML DRKDMSEIRKNHKVFDSIRTKVYTMMDFVIYRYYIEEDAKVAAANKSLPDNEKSLSEKDIFVINLRGSFN DDQKDALYYDEANRIWRKLENIMHNIKEFRGNKTREYKKKDAPRLPRILPAGRDVSAFSKLMYALTMFL DGKEINDLLTTLINKFDNIQSFLKVMPLIGVNAKFVEEYAFFKDSAKIADELRLIKSFARMGEPSGSETPG TSESATPESEMWHEGLEEASRLYFGERNVKGMFEVLEPLHAMMERGPQTLKETSFNQAYGRDLMEA **QEWCRKYMKSGNVKDLTQAWDLYYHVFRRISKQ**SPKKKRKVEASDYKDDDDK

FKBP12-XTEN-dCasRx(C)#3-NES-M3-HA

MGVQVETISPGDGRTFPKRGQTCVVHYTGMLEDGKKFDSSRDRNKPFKFMLGKQEVIRGWEEGVAQ MSVGQRAKLTISPDYAYGATGHPGIIPPHATLVFDVELLKLESGSETPGTSESATPESIADARRAMYIDA IRILGTNLSYDELKALADTFSLDENGNKLKKGKHGMRNFIINNVISNKRFHYLIRYGDPAHLHEIAKNEAV VKFVLGRIADIQKKQGQNGKNQIDRYYETCIGKDKGKSVSEKVDALTKIITGMNYDQFDKKRSVIEDTG RENAEREKFKKIISLYLTVIYHILKNIVNINARYVIGFHCVERDAQLYKEKGYDINLKKLEEKGFSSVTKLC AGIDETAPDKRKDVEKEMAERAKESIDSLESANPKLYANYIKYSDEKKAEEFTRQINREKAKTALNAYL RNTKWNVIIREDLLRIDNKTCTLFANKAVALEVARYVHAYINDIAEVNSYFQLYHYIMQRIIMNERYEKSS GKVSEYFDAVNDEKKYNDRLLKLLCVPFGYCIPRFKNLSIEALFDRNEAAKFDKEKKKVSGNSLQLPPL ERLTLQEFCDYGTKEECMKASDADRPCRKLHFRRIINKHTDESLGDCSFLNTCFHMDTCKYVHYEIDA CMDSEAPGSKDHTPSQELALTQSVGGDSSADRLFPPQWICCDIRYLDVSILGKFAVVMADPPWDIHM ELPYGTLTDDEMRRLNIPVLQDDGFLFLWVTGRAMELGRECLNLWGYERVDEIIWVKTNQLQRIIRTG RTGHWLNHGKEHCLVGVKGNPQGFNQGLDCDVIVAEVRSTSHKPDEIYGMIERLSPGTRKIELFGRP HNVQPNWITLGNQLDGIHLLDPDVVARFKQRYPDGIISKPKNLYPYDVPDYA

FKBP12-XTEN-dCasRx(C)#3-NES-M3^{D395A}-HA

MGVQVETISPGDGRTFPKRGQTCVVHYTGMLEDGKKFDSSRDRNKPFKFMLGKQEVIRGWEEGVAQ MSVGQRAKLTISPDYAYGATGHPGIIPPHATLVFDVELLKLESGSETPGTSESATPESIADARRAMYIDA IRILGTNLSYDELKALADTFSLDENGNKLKKGKHGMRNFIINNVISNKRFHYLIRYGDPAHLHEIAKNEAV VKFVLGRIADIQKKQGQNGKNQIDRYYETCIGKDKGKSVSEKVDALTKIITGMNYDQFDKKRSVIEDTG RENAEREKFKKIISLYLTVIYHILKNIVNINARYVIGFHCVERDAQLYKEKGYDINLKKLEEKGFSSVTKLC AGIDETAPDKRKDVEKEMAERAKESIDSLESANPKLYANYIKYSDEKKAEEFTRQINREKAKTALNAYL RNTKWNVIIREDLLRIDNKTCTLFANKAVALEVARYVHAYINDIAEVNSYFQLYHYIMQRIIMNERYEKSS GKVSEYFDAVNDEKKYNDRLLKLLCVPFGYCIPRFKNLSIEALFDRNEAAKFDKEKKKVSGNSLQLPPL ERLTLQEFCDYGTKEECMKASDADRPCRKLHFRRIINKHTDESLGDCSFLNTCFHMDTCKYVHYEIDA CMDSEAPGSKDHTPSQELALTQSVGGDSSADRLFPPQWICCDIRYLDVSILGKFAVVMAAPPWDIHM ELPYGTLTDDEMRRLNIPVLQDDGFLFLWVTGRAMELGRECLNLWGYERVDEIIWVKTNQLQRIIRTG RTGHWLNHGKEHCLVGVKGNPQGFNQGLDCDVIVAEVRSTSHKPDEIYGMIERLSPGTRKIELFGRP HNVQPNWITLGNQLDGIHLLDPDVVARFKQRYPDGIISKPKNLYPYDVPDYA