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59 Supplementary Fig.1 Sanger sequencing of AjTadA.v1 at *PIK3CA* loci.



<sup>99,6%</sup>
 Supplementary Fig.2 Conservative site analysis of TadA protein
 sequence based on multiple sequence alignment.

The red triangle indicates highly conserved amino acids. The yellow, green, purple and blue squares represent adjacent amino acids with different distances from highly conserved sites. The amino acid frequency visualized by webogo(https://weblogo.berkeley.edu/logo.cgi).



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Supplementary Fig.3 ATdCBE enables robust C-to-T genomic editing in
 mammalian cells.

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- 75 biological replicates. All of the above base editors contain UGI.
- <sup>76</sup> Source data are provided as a Source Data file.



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78 Supplementary Fig.4 A-to-G genomic editing of base editors in 79 mammalian cells.

- <sup>80</sup> Data are presented as means ± S.D. Values represent n = 3 independent
- 81 biological replicates. All of the above base editors contain UGI.
- 82 Source data are provided as a Source Data file.





Supplementary Fig.5 AjTadA-derived base editors with high specificity
 in mammalian cells.

**a.** The gRNA-dependent off-target levels at the potential off-target sites. **b.** The gRNA-independent off-target activity at five R-loops formed by dSaCas9. **c.** Transcriptome-wide off-target analysis of aTdCBE and TadCBEd. Data are presented as means  $\pm$  S.D. Values represent n = 3 independent biological replicates. All of the above base editors contain UGI. Source data are provided as a Source Data file.

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# Supplementary Fig.6 Compare the editing products of the base editors without UGI at three endogenous loci.

Data are presented as means ± S.D. Values represent n = 3 independent
 biological replicates. All of the above base editors do not contain UGI.
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100 Supplementary Fig.7 Comparing the editing efficiency of CBEs at the 101 exon 55 SAS of *DMD* gene in HEK293T cells.

102 SpG Cas9 were used to targeting the SAS-containing sequence with 103 3'-TGT PAM. Data are presented as means  $\pm$  S.D. Values represent n = 3 104 independent biological replicates. All of the above base editors 105 contain UGI. Source data are provided as a Source Data file.



## Supplementary Fig.8 Establishment and characterization of a humanized DMD mouse model.

a. Strategy for generating a humanized DMD mouse model. CRISPR-Cas9 109 editing was employed to delete human DMD exon54. b. RT-PCR analysis of 110 TA muscles to validate deletion of human exon 54. c. Dystrophin 111 immunohistochemistry from indicated muscles of WT and DMD<sup>ΔE54 mdx</sup> mice. 112 WT mice were derived from crosses between STOCK Tg (DMD) 72Thoen/J 113 mice (#018900) and mdx mice, which carry a c.2977C>T, p.Gln993\* mutation 114 in exon 23 on Chr.X. Dystrophin (Abcam, ab15277) and spectrin (Millipore, 115 MAB1622) are shown in green and mangenta, respectively. d. Western blot 116 confirming the absence of dystrophin (Sigma, D8168) in indicated muscle 117 tissues. f. Serum CK, a marker of muscle damage and membrane leakage, 118 was measured in WT and DMD<sup>ΔE54 mdx</sup> mice. e. Sirius red staining and HE 119 staining of TA, DI, and heart muscle of WT and DMD<sup> $\Delta$ E54</sup> mdx mice. **g.** WT and 120 DMD<sup>ΔE54 mdx</sup> mice were subjected to forelimb grip strength testing to measure 121 muscle performance. All mice were 4 weeks old at the time of the experiment. 122 Data are represented as mean  $\pm$  s.e.m (n=6 independent biological replicates). 123

Each dot represents an individual mouse. *P*-value was calculated using an unpaired two-tailed Student's t-test. Scale bar, 100  $\mu$ m. Source data are provided as a Source Data file.

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6 weeks after intramuscular injection with aTdCBE



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Supplementary Fig.9 Rescue of dystrophin expression following
 intramuscular injection of aTdCBE after 6 weeks.

Dystrophin immunohistochemistry of TA muscle. Control mice were injected with saline. Images shown in both Fig. 4e and Supplementary Fig.8 were obtained from the same tissue at 20x magnification. Fig. 4e showed the local region staining image rather than the reconstituted whole-tissue scanning image in Supplementary Fig.8, and highlighted with white boxes. Dystrophin is shown in green. Scale bar, 500 µm.



139 Supplementary Fig.10 Uncropped images.

140 The red rectangles indicate the cropping location.



142 Supplementary Fig.11 Flow cytometry gating strategy.

143 Cell singletons were first gated out via forward scatter (FSC) and side scatter 144 (SSC) parameters. Fluorescent cells were then gated for gene editing 145 analysis.