

Supplementary Information

Targeted mutagenesis in cotton (*Gossypium hirsutum* L.) using the CRISPR/Cas9 system

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GhCLAF-5': 5' - TTGGCCGGAATTACCGAAA - 3'
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GhCLAF-R6': 5' - GATTGGCAGTTGGCAGAG - 3'

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GhVP-F4': 5' - CAGTTAACCTGTGGATGTTACG - 3'
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GhVP-R4': 5' - CAACAGACTGCCATAGGAGATC - 3'

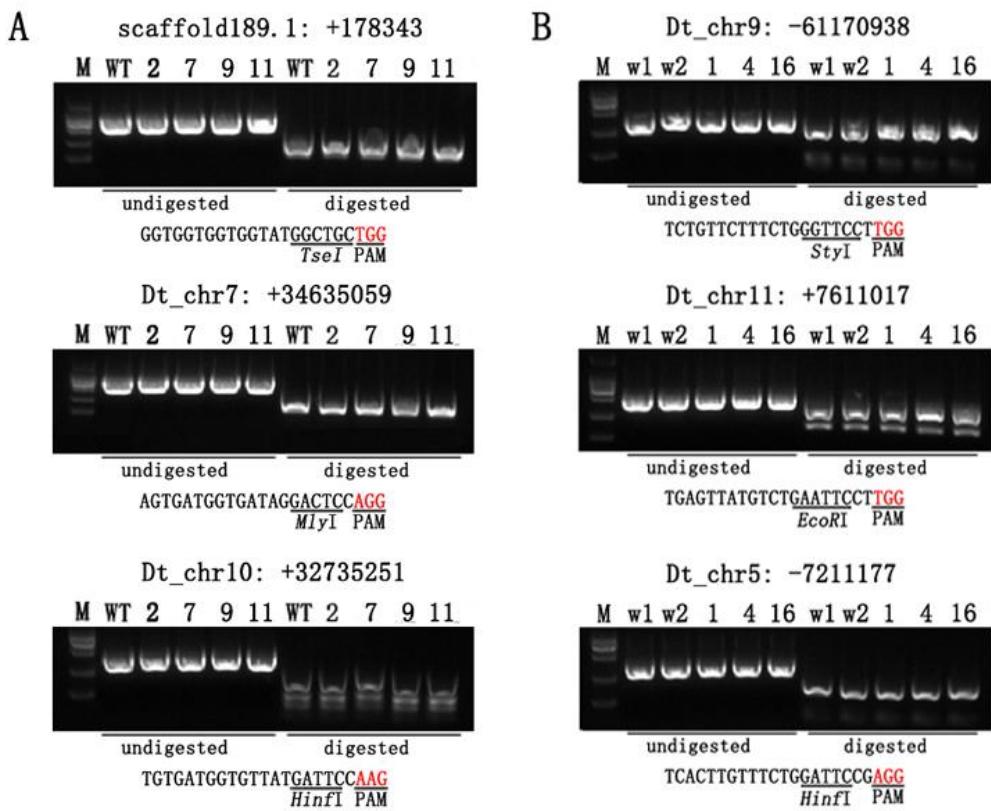
Supplementary Fig. S1. Identification of target sites and the primer sites

for PCR amplification of DNA in the two different genomes. (A)

Sequences of the PCR fragment of *GhCLA1*. **(B)** Sequences of the PCR

fragment of *GhVP*. Red letters represent the target sites, blue letters

represent the PAM sequence.



Supplementary Fig. S2. Examples of restriction-site loss assays with potential off-targets. **(A)** Analysis examples of potential off-targets from plants containing verified *GhCLA1* gene mutations. **(B)** Analysis examples of potential off-targets from plants containing verified *GhVP* gene mutations. The restriction enzyme sites are showed with an underscore. The PAMs are highlighted with red.

Supplementary Table S1. List of primers in this study.

| Usage | Primer name | Sequence (5'-3') |
|-----------------------|------------------|------------------------|
| Cloning | <i>Cas9-F</i> | TCCTGCAGACAGTGAAGGTG |
| | <i>Cas9-R</i> | GCCTTATCCAGTTCGCTCAG |
| Mutation detection | <i>GhCLA1-F5</i> | TTGGCCGGATTACGAAA |
| | <i>GhCLA1-R5</i> | GATTGGCAGTTGGCAGAG |
| | <i>GhVP-F4</i> | CAGTTAACCTGTGGATGTATCG |
| | <i>GhVP-R4</i> | CAAAGAGTGCCATAGAGGATC |

Supplementary Table S2. Target sequences of two genes in cotton and oligonucleotides used to express sgRNA in the vectors.

| Target gene | Target site sequences | Oligo forward (5'-3') | Oligo reverse (5'-3') | Enzyme |
|---------------|---|--|--|--------------|
| <i>GhCLA1</i> | GGTGATGGTGC <u>TATGACTGC</u> AGG | CAGGAAACAGCTATG ACCATATT <u>CATT</u> CGGA GTTTTGTATC | gctatttctagctctaaacGCAGTC ATAGCACC <u>CATCAC</u> Caatcaact acttgcact | <i>PstI</i> |
| <i>GhVP</i> | TCAGTTCTT <u>CTGGATT</u> CCTTGG | CAGGAAACAGCTATG ACCATATT <u>CATT</u> CGGA GTTTTGTATC | gctatttctagctctaaacAGGAAT CCAGAAAGAA <u>CTGAC</u> aatc actacttgcact | <i>HinfI</i> |

The restriction enzyme sites are showed with an underscore. The PAMs are highlighted with red.

Supplementary Table S3. List of potential off-target sites identified for the *GhCLA1* target sequence in the *G. hirsutum* genome.

| Sequence of the putative off-target site | Putative off-target locus | Number of matching bases (include PAM) | Available restriction enzyme cutting site | Tested? |
|--|---------------------------|--|---|---------|
| GGAGATGGAGCTATGACTGCTGG | At_chr10: -32691215 | 20 | NO | YES |
| | Dt_chr8: -13606802 | 20 | NO | YES |
| GGTGATGGAGCAATGACTGCTGG | Dt_chr13: +22584502 | 20 | NO | YES |
| | Dt_chr13: +22620167 | 20 | NO | YES |
| | scaffold72.1: -1097120 | 20 | NO | YES |
| | scaffold72.1: -1130168 | 20 | NO | NO |
| | scaffold72.1: -1164191 | 20 | NO | NO |
| GGTGGTGGTGGTATGGCTGCTGG | scaffold189.1: +178343 | 19 | Tsel | YES |
| | At_chr9: -4372202 | 19 | Tsel | YES |
| AGTGATGGTGATAGGACTCCAGG | scaffold2376.1: -159740 | 19 | MlyI | YES |
| | Dt_chr7: +34635059 | 19 | MlyI | YES |
| GGTGATGGTGCTGGCCTGCTGG | Dt_chr13: +16377109 | 19 | Cac8I | YES |
| GGTGGTGGTAAATGACTGGGG | Dt_chr7: +14078964 | 18 | Bsrl | YES |
| TGTGATGGTGTATGATTCCAAG | Dt_chr10: +32735251 | 18 | HinfI | YES |
| GGTGATGGTGGTGGCAATGCTGG | At_chr8: -16619447 | 18 | BtsI | YES |
| GGTGATGGTGGTGGCAATGCTGG | Dt_chr13: -46985487 | 17 | BsrDI | NO |
| GGTGATGGTGGGATGACACCAGG | Dt_chr13: +20112017 | 19 | NO | NO |
| | Dt_chr7: -19747713 | 19 | NO | NO |
| GGTTATGGTGTATGATTGCAGG | Dt_chr13: -15976702 | 19 | NO | NO |
| GGTGATGGAGCAATGACGGCTGG | Dt_chr13: +22563464 | 19 | NO | NO |
| GATGATGGTGTAGGACTACAAG | Dt_chr4: -32253836 | 19 | NO | NO |
| GGTGACTGTGCTAACCTGCTGG | Dt_chr7: -35412683 | 18 | NO | NO |
| AGTGAGGGTTGCTATGAGTGCAAG | Dt_chr1: -63423097 | 18 | NO | NO |
| GGTGAGGGTTGCTGTGGCTGCTGG | scaffold3130.1: +69411 | 18 | NO | NO |
| GGTTATGGTACTATGAGTGTAAG | Dt_chr5: -59686925 | 18 | NO | NO |
| GGTTATGGCACTATGAGTGTAAG | Dt_chr1: +11783798 | 18 | NO | NO |
| | Dt_chr1: -80500846 | 18 | NO | NO |

The restriction sites are shown with an underscore; mismatching bases are shown in blue.

Supplementary Table S3. List of potential off-target sites identified for the *GhCLA1* target sequence in the *G. hirsutum* genome (continued).

| Sequence of the putative off-target site | Putative off-target locus | Number of matching bases (including PAM) | Available restriction enzyme cutting site | Tested? |
|--|---------------------------|--|---|---------|
| GGTGACTGTGCTGAGCCTGCTGG | Dt_chr1: +65502164 | 17 | NO | NO |
| | At_chr2: +58074573 | 17 | NO | NO |
| | Dt_chr11: +25261498 | 17 | NO | NO |
| | Dt_chr11: +54287243 | 17 | NO | NO |
| | Dt_chr10: -39718103 | 17 | NO | NO |
| | Dt_chr4: +25237184 | 17 | NO | NO |
| GGTGACTATGCTAAGCCTGCTGG | At_chr2: +58103544 | 17 | NO | NO |
| GTTGCTTATGCTATGACTGATGG | Dt_chr5: +1180457 | 17 | NO | NO |
| GTTGATGGTGCCATAAGTGGTGG | Dt_chr13: +21995540 | 17 | NO | NO |

The restriction sites are shown with an underscore; mismatching bases are shown in blue.

Supplementary Table S4. List of potential off-target sites identified for the *GhVP* target sequence in the *G. hirsutum* genome.

| Sequence of the putative off-target site | Putative off-target locus | Number of matching bases (include PAM) | Available restriction enzyme cutting site | Tested? |
|--|---------------------------|--|---|---------|
| TCTGTTCTTCTGG <u>GG</u> TTCCTTGG | Dt_chr9: -61170938 | 21 | Styl | YES |
| TCAGTTCTT <u>AT</u> GGATT <u>G</u> CTTGG | Dt_chr4: +27630888 | 20 | Tth111II | YES |
| | Dt_chr4: +27631776 | 20 | Tth111II | YES |
| | At_chr4: +87726589 | 20 | Tth111II | YES |
| | At_chr4: +87727477 | 20 | Tth111II | YES |
| | At_chr4: +87728332 | 20 | Tth111II | NO |
| TCAGGTCTT <u>GAGG</u> ATTCCCTTGG | Dt_chr9: +42031687 | 20 | HinfI | YES |
| TGAGTT <u>AT</u> GTCTGAATTCCCTTGG | Dt_chr11: +7611017 | 19 | EcoRI | YES |
| | At_chr4: +71425367 | 19 | EcoRI | YES |
| TGAGTT <u>AT</u> ATCTGAATTCCCTTGG | At_chr11: -60320285 | 19 | EcoRI | YES |
| TCAC <u>TT</u> GTG <u>GG</u> ATTCCGAGG | Dt_chr5: -7211177 | 19 | HinfI | YES |
| TCTGTT <u>GTT</u> ACT <u>GG</u> ATTCCCTTAG | At_chr6: +53150767 | 19 | HinfI | YES |
| TCAGATCATT <u>CTT</u> <u>GATTCCAC</u> GG | At_chr12: -22967324 | 18 | HinfI | YES |
| | At_chr3: +27499491 | 18 | HinfI | YES |
| TCTGTT <u>GTAA</u> CTGGATTCCCTAG | Dt_chr6: +11310880 | 18 | HinfI | YES |
| TCAGATCATT <u>CTT</u> <u>GATTCCGC</u> GG | Dt_chr9: -42381100 | 18 | HinfI | YES |
| TC <u>CTT</u> CTT <u>GTGGAT</u> GCCTCGG | scaffold165.1: +486549 | 18 | SfaNI | YES |
| TTAGT <u>AG</u> TT <u>TCAGG</u> ATTCCCTAG | Dt_chr11: -41707429 | 18 | HinfI | YES |
| TC <u>ATT</u> CTT <u>CG</u> GGAT <u>GC</u> CTCGG | At_chr2: -22997961 | 17 | SfaNI | NO |
| TC <u>ATT</u> CTT <u>CG</u> GGAT <u>GC</u> CTCGG | At_chr9: -47177313 | 17 | SfaNI | NO |
| TC <u>CTT</u> CTT <u>GTAG</u> AT <u>GC</u> CTCGG | At_chr3: -41473876 | 17 | SfaNI | NO |
| | Dt_chr1: +10912255 | 17 | SfaNI | NO |
| | At_chr9: +49349713 | 17 | SfaNI | NO |
| TCAGAT <u>CTT</u> CTT <u>GTT</u> CCCTAGG | scaffold4724.1: -30530 | 19 | NO | NO |
| TC <u>ATT</u> CTT <u>TTT</u> GGATT <u>TTA</u> GG | Dt_chr8: +15208796 | 18 | NO | NO |
| TA <u>ATT</u> GT <u>TTT</u> CTGG <u>GG</u> TTCC <u>TT</u> AG | Dt_chr11: +12832761 | 18 | NO | NO |
| TA <u>ATT</u> GT <u>TTT</u> CTGG <u>GG</u> TT <u>CTT</u> AG | Dt_chr2: +13309509 | 17 | NO | NO |
| | At_chr2: +60047189 | 17 | NO | NO |

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