

DnaQ exonuclease-like domain of Cas2 promotes spacer integration in a type I-E CRISPR-Cas system

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1st Editorial Decision

9 January 2018

Thank you for your patience while your manuscript was peer-reviewed at EMBO reports. I am sorry for the delay in getting back to you; we have only now received the full set of enclosed referee reports as well as referee cross-comments.

As you will see, all referees acknowledge that the data are interesting. While referee 2 feels that in vivo data would be required to strengthen the study, the other 2 referees indicate in their cross-comments that in vivo data would go beyond the scope of this study, but that referee 2's concerns should be addressed in the discussion of the manuscript. All other points raised by the referees will need to be addressed.

Given these constructive comments, we would thus like to invite you to revise your manuscript with the understanding that the referee concerns must be fully addressed and their suggestions taken on board. Please address all referee concerns in a complete point-by-point response. Acceptance of the manuscript will depend on a positive outcome of a second round of review. It is EMBO reports policy to allow a single round of revision only and acceptance or rejection of the manuscript will therefore depend on the completeness of your responses included in the next, final version of the manuscript.

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I look forward to seeing a revised version of your manuscript when it is ready. Please let me know if you have questions or comments regarding the revision.

REFeree REPORTS

Referee #1:

In this paper, Siksys and colleagues describe biochemical analysis of an unusual CRISPR adaptation module from *S. thermophiles* where Cas2 is fused to a DnaQ exonuclease domain. The authors show that Cas1 and Cas2 form a complex as expected and support integration (probably half site integration) into a supercoiled plasmid. They also shown that the DnaQ domain has the expected 3' to 5' exonuclease activity. They then show that DnaQ is important to trim extended 3' overhangs from protospacers to a standard length (typically 5 nt) for integration, and demonstrate this both in vitro and by sequencing integration products.

This work is interesting as it is one of very few studies that have coupled protospacer processing to integration. The finding that the DnaQ exonuclease domain trims the 3' ends of protospacer to around 5 nt is a strong signal that other exonucleases will fulfil the same function in other systems, broadening the likely interest in this paper. The authors should cite and discuss the just-published work on prespacer processing and integration in the type I-A system, which is highly relevant to the work described here (<https://doi.org/10.1093/nar/gkx1232>).

There are some important issues that need to be addressed, as follows:

1. In the figure showing the integration site mapping, the authors show half-site integration at the leader-distal ends of repeat 1 and repeat 2. This is of course determined by their choice of pcr primers, but there is an emerging consensus that the first half integration reaction occurs at the leader-proximal end, and generally integration is much more efficient at this half-site. The choice of leader-distal site presented here is therefore surprising given the state of the art. The authors should repeat this experiment with PCR primers that amplify the products of integration at the leader-proximal site. This will allow them to compare the integration efficiency at the two half-sites and check if there is more specificity for the leader-repeat junction. These experiments are trivial - if they have not been carried out already they just need a new set of PCR primers.
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4. Since this paper was submitted, a highly relevant paper on integration in a type I-A system has been published (<https://doi.org/10.1093/nar/gkx1232>). In the revision, it would be sensible to discuss the related work, which is broadly consistent with the findings and interpretation of this manuscript.

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1st Revision - authors' response

6 April 2018

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Reply: Experiments suggested by reviewer were performed and results are included in Figure EV5. Taken together data show that the protospacers that are integrated have 3' end overhang distribution centered on 5nt, independent on which side of the first repeat the integration takes place. We updated text on page 8 to reflect this.

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Reply: We re-analysed metal ion requirements for integration from scratch using integration complexes with a catalytically active and dead DnaQ. The results show, that magnesium, calcium and manganese all support integration. It turned out that our previous observation that manganese ions did not support integration was due to the fact that Mn^{2+} activates DnaQ domain so strongly, that protospacers were degraded before integration could take place. Integration experiment with inactive DnaQ, shows that manganese ions indeed support integration. Calcium seems to support integration as well, however integration efficiency in the presence of calcium is lower than in the case of magnesium.

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Reply: We have changed the plot to show absolute values of relaxed plasmid, rather than relative values to the maximum relaxation observed. Following reviewers suggestion, we included a sentence about statistical treatment of the data in the legend of the figure EV4 on page 28. The error bars represent standard errors of the mean values of the samples.

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Reply: The findings of the relevant paper were cited and briefly discussed in relation to our findings on page 10.

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Reply: Following reviewer's comment we have included a sentence in the main text (Pages 8 and 9), that findings of this study may not be extrapolatable to *in vivo* systems, as per reviewer's observation.

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Reply: We indicated the strain in the abstract.

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Reply: We included quantification of the gel, as per reviewer's suggestion in the Figure 3B, just below timepoints. We also included a note in the legend of the figure to reflect this addition on page 23.

All sequencing data should be included as supplemental information with the manuscript. Also, the number of sequencing reactions performed should be included in the methods, simply stating the percentage is not sufficient.

Reply: Following referee's suggestion, all sequencing data will be uploaded as source data for Figure EV5. Number of sequencing reactions is indicated in the figure EV5 legend on page 29.

2nd Editorial Decision

17 April 2018

Referee 1 has reviewed all your responses to the referee comments and supports the publication of your study now. S/he only suggests one more change that I would like you to incorporate before we proceed with the official acceptance.

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The authors have considered the comments of all referees and made helpful changes to the data and the text. The work as it now stands looks suitable for publication, and is an interesting addition to the field. To bring the paper absolutely up to date, the authors could add a brief mention of the two papers recently published in *Molecular Cell*, and *Cell Reports* which report on the activity of Cas4 in prespacer processing in type I-C and I-D systems.

2nd Revision - authors' response

4 May 2018

Following issues were addressed in response to your request:

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