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## **Supplemental Information**

### **VSV-G-Enveloped Vesicles for Traceless**

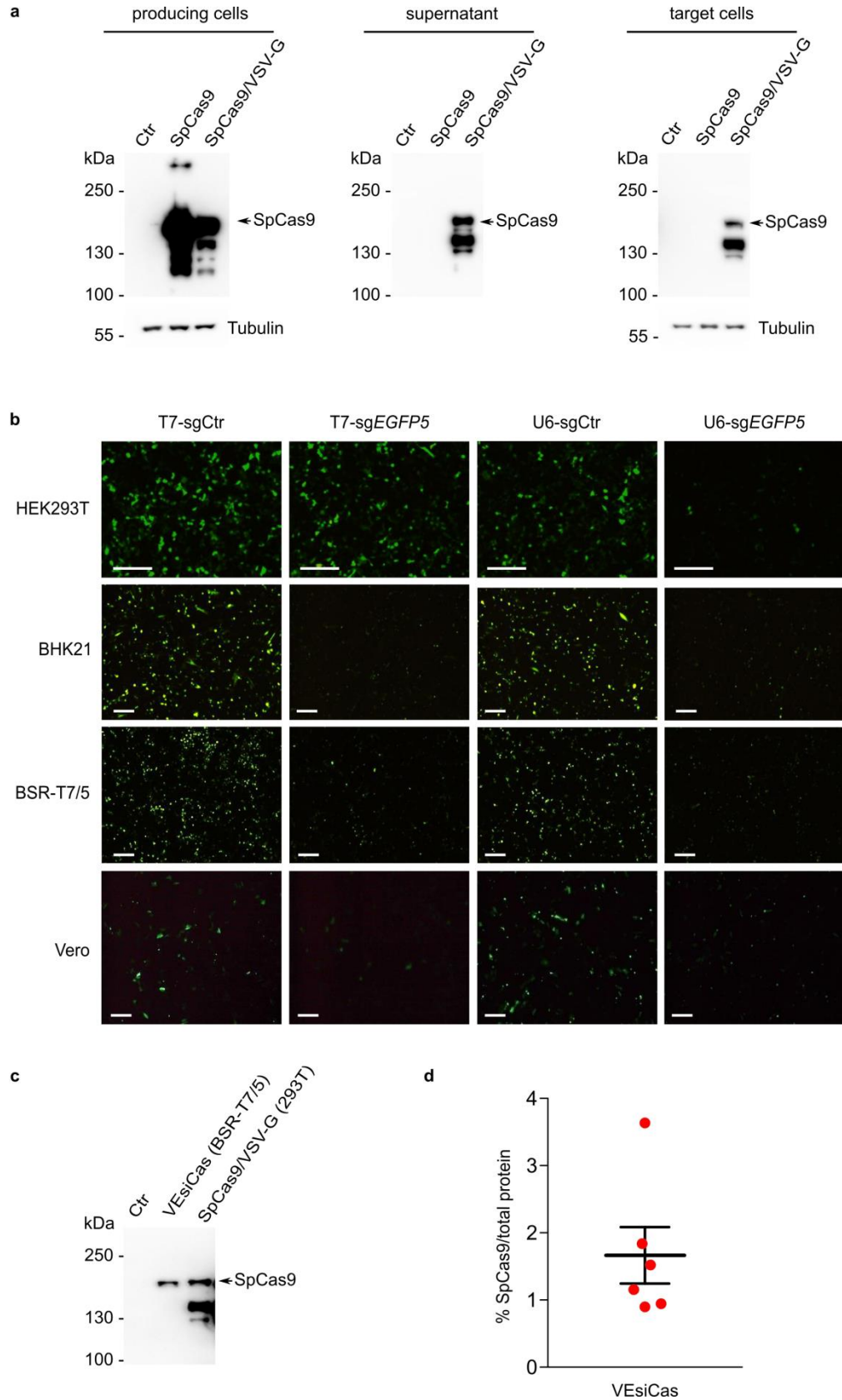
#### **Delivery of CRISPR-Cas9**

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# SUPPLEMENTARY MATERIALS

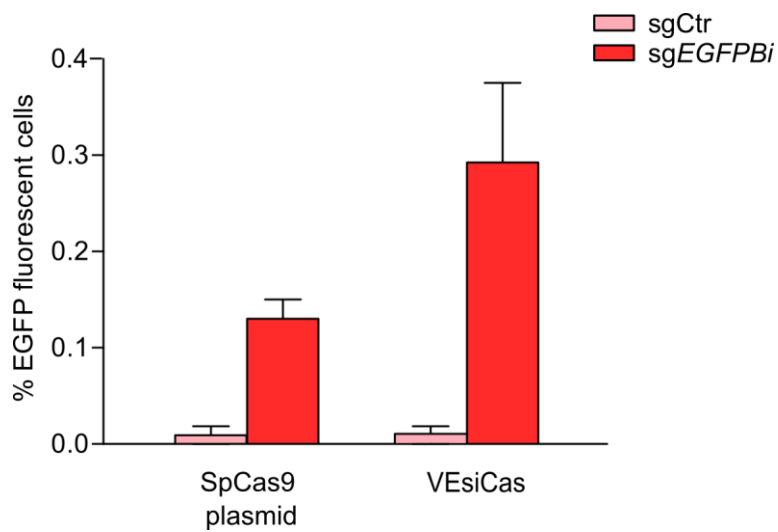
## FIGURES

### Figure S1



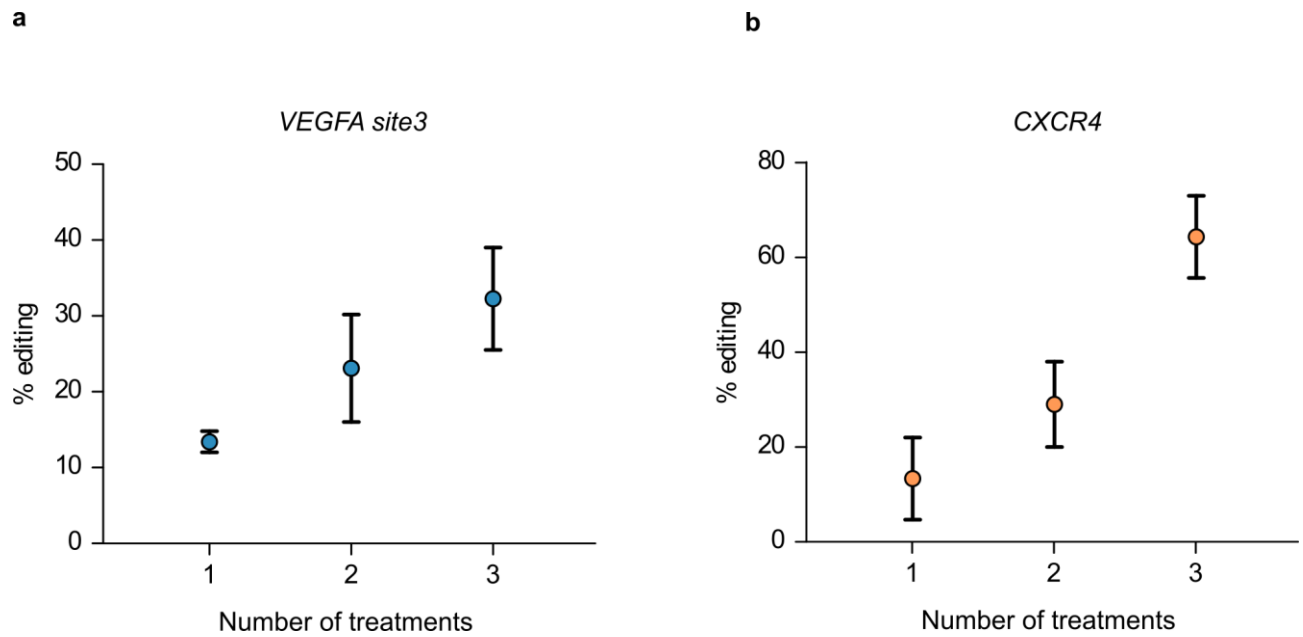
**Figure S1. Development of VSV-G Enveloped vesicles for SpCas9-sgRNA delivery.** (a) SpCas9/VSV-G vesicles production and delivery in HEK293T cells. Western blot analysis of SpCas9 expression in cell extracts of producing cells (left panel), in the supernatant of producing cells (middle panel) and in target cells 6 hours post transduction (right panel). Ctr corresponds to cells transfected with an empty control plasmid, SpCas9 corresponds to cells over-expressing SpCas9 and sgRNA (*sgEGFP5*), SpCas9/VSV-G corresponds to cells over-expressing SpCas9, *sgEGFP5* and VSV-G. Western blot is representative of n=2 independent experiments. (b) *EGFP* disruption assay in different cell lines using a U6 or T7 promoter sgRNA expression systems. Fluorescence microscopy images obtained from HEK293T, BHK21, BSR-T7/5 (a BHK21 clone stably expressing the T7 RNA polymerase) and Vero cell lines transfected with *EGFP* and SpCas9 expression plasmids together with plasmids expressing either *EGFP*-targeting (*sgEGFP5*) or non-targeting (*sgCtr*) sgRNAs from a U6 or a T7 promoter, as indicated. All cells but BSR-T7/5 were also co-transfected with a plasmid expressing the T7 RNA polymerase. *EGFP* knock-out was detected with variable intensity in all cell lines expressing sgRNAs (*sgEGFP5*) driven by the U6 promoter (right panels). Conversely, the sgRNA driven by the T7 RNA Polymerase system was able to induce *EGFP* knock-out only in permissive cells (BHK-21, BSR-T7/5 and Vero cells) but not in HEK293T cells. Scale bar: 100  $\mu$ m. Data are representative of n=2 independent experiments. (c) Western blot analysis of SpCas9 detected in the supernatant of BSR-T7/5 (VEsiCas) or HEK293T producing cells (SpCas9/VSV-G). The gel was loaded with similar amounts of SpCas9 protein. Western blots were developed with anti-SpCas9 or anti-tubulin antibodies. Western blot is representative of n=2 independent experiments. (d) Efficiency of SpCas9 incorporation into VEsiCas. The dot plot shows the percentage of SpCas9 protein over the total amount of protein content in VEsiCas (mean  $\pm$  s.e.m. of n=6 independent experiments).

**Figure S2**



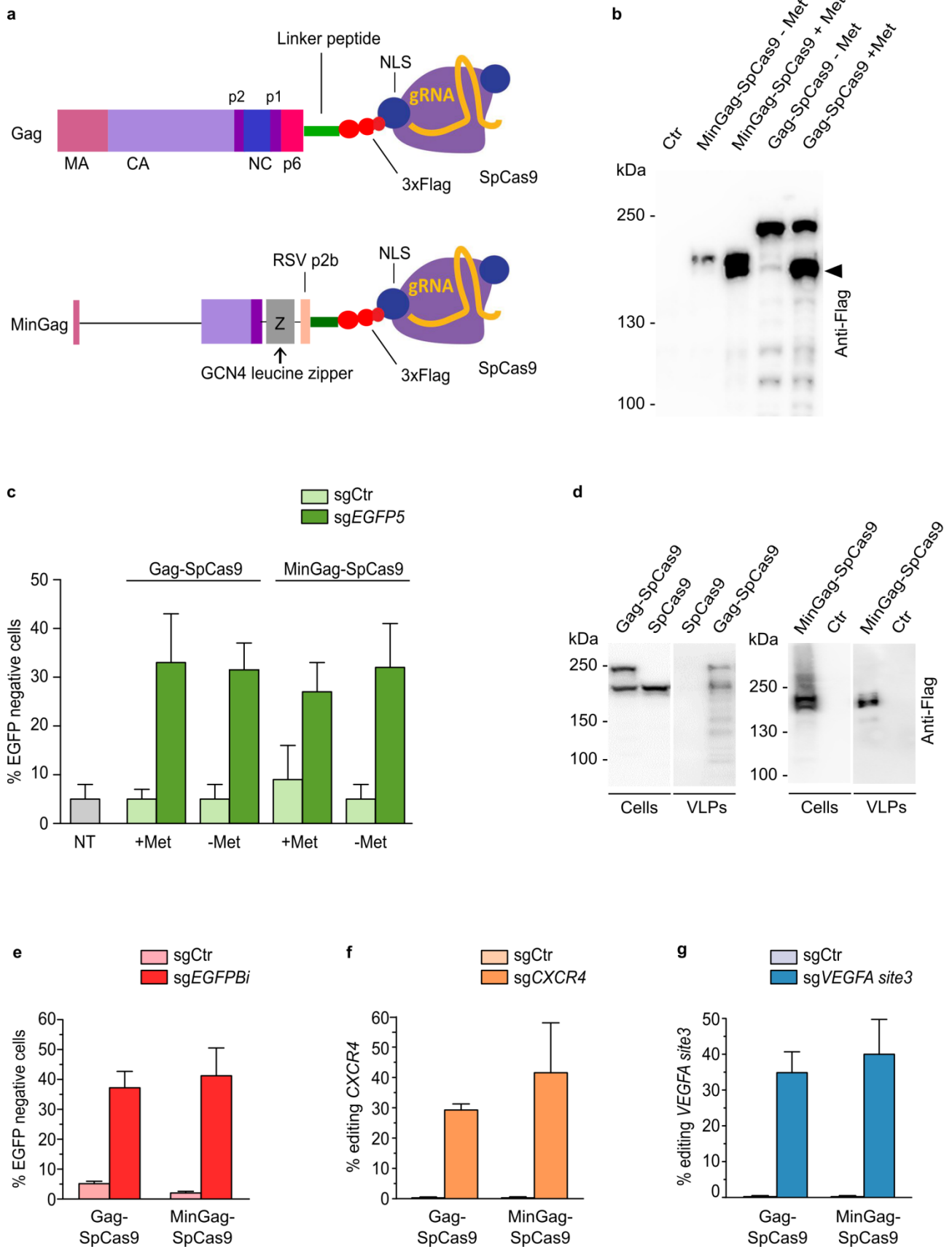
**Figure S2. Gene substitution of EGFP-Y66S gene mediated by VEsCas through homology-directed repair (HDR).** Percentage of fluorescent 293-iY66S cells obtained after transfection with a donor DNA plasmid (carrying a non-fluorescent fragment of wt-EGFP) and SpCas9-sgRNA delivery through either plasmid co-transfection or VEsCas transduction. HDR efficiencies using targeting (*EGFPBi*) or non-targeting (Ctr) sgRNAs are indicated. Data presented as mean  $\pm$  s.e.m. for n=2 independent experiments.

**Figure S3**



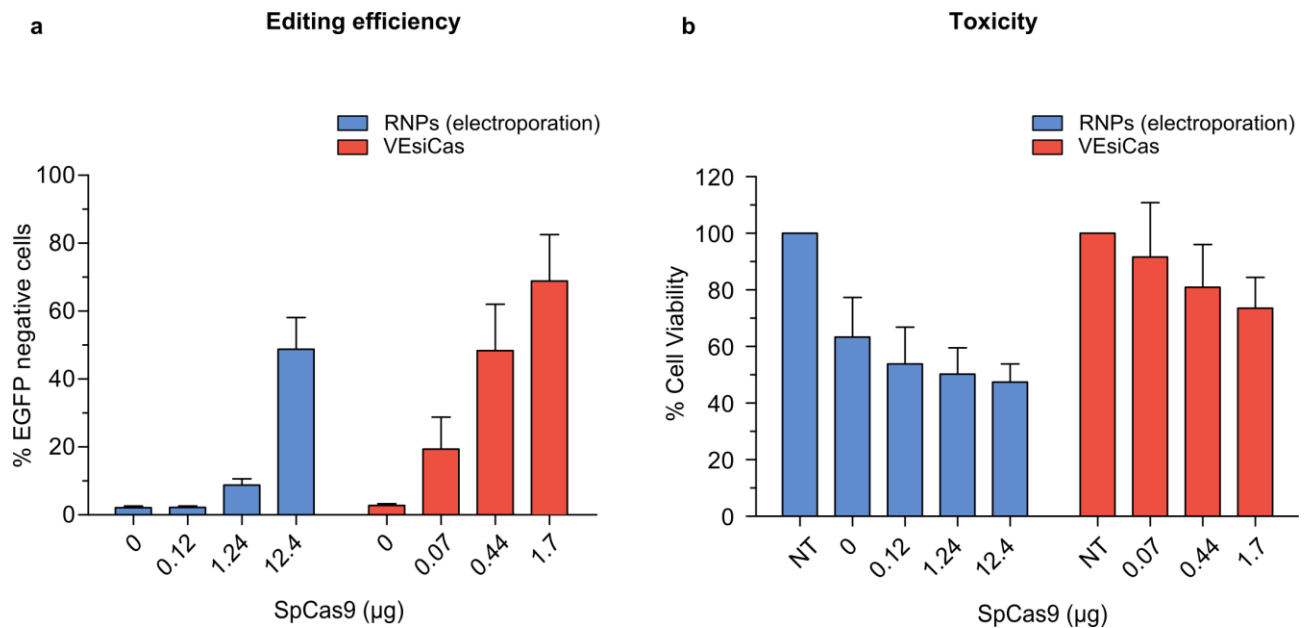
**Figure S3. Editing activity by VESiCas after multiple treatments.** (a) *VEGFA site3* and (b) *CXCR4* loci edited by VESiCas delivering SpCas9/sgRNA complexes in HEK293 cells after the indicated number of treatments performed at 48 hours distance. The percentage of indels was analyzed by TIDE. Data presented as mean  $\pm$  s.e.m. for n=3 independent experiments.

**Figure S4**



**Figure S4. Lentiviral-based viral-like particles (lenti-VLPs) for SpCas9 delivery.** (a) Scheme of the Gag-SpCas9 and MinimalGag-SpCas9 (MinGag-SpCas9) chimeras. The domains of Gag, Matrix (MA), Capsid (CA), Nucleocapsid (NC) and peptides p1, p2 and p6, are indicated. A linker peptide separates Gag from SpCas9. The position of the nuclear localization signals (NLS) and the 3xFLAG-tag are indicated. MinGag-SpCas9 fusion includes the N-terminal myristoylation signal of MA, the C-terminal part of CA and the p2 peptide. The NC was substituted with the GCN4 leucine zipper domain (Z) to maintain particle assembly. The RSV p2b peptide substitutes p6 for particle formation. (b) Western blot analysis of Gag-SpCas9 and MinGag-SpCas9. Cells were transfected with plasmid encoding Gag-SpCas9 and MinGag-SpCas9 either containing (+Met) or not (-Met) a methionine between the FLAG and the linker peptide. The arrowhead indicates free SpCas9 probably generated by translation starting from the internal Met. Ctr corresponds to cells transfected with an empty control plasmid. Western blot is representative of n=2 independent experiments. (c) Activity of Gag-SpCas9 and MinGag-SpCas9 chimeras in *EGFP* disruption assay. HEK293-EGFP cells were transfected with plasmids expressing Gag-SpCas9 or MinGag-SpCas9 with or without the methionine between the FLAG and the linker peptide. Cells were also co-transfected with *sgEGFP5* or *sgCtr*. NT = not treated. Data presented as mean  $\pm$  s.e.m. for n=2 independent experiments. (d) Western blot analysis of producing cells (Cells) and derived supernatants (VLPs) after overexpression of SpCas9, Gag-SpCas9 or MinGag-SpCas9 as indicated. Ctr corresponds to cells transfected with an empty control plasmid. Western blot is representative of n=2 independent experiments. (e-g) Genome editing with lenti-VLPs. Editing activity induced by VSV-G-decorated Gag-SpCas9 or MinGag-SpCas9 lenti-VLPs towards (e) the EGFP (percentage of EGFP negative cells), (f) the *CXCR4* or (g) the *VEGFA site3* loci in HEK293T cells. The percentage of indels was analyzed by TIDE. Data presented as mean  $\pm$  s.e.m. for n=2 independent experiments.

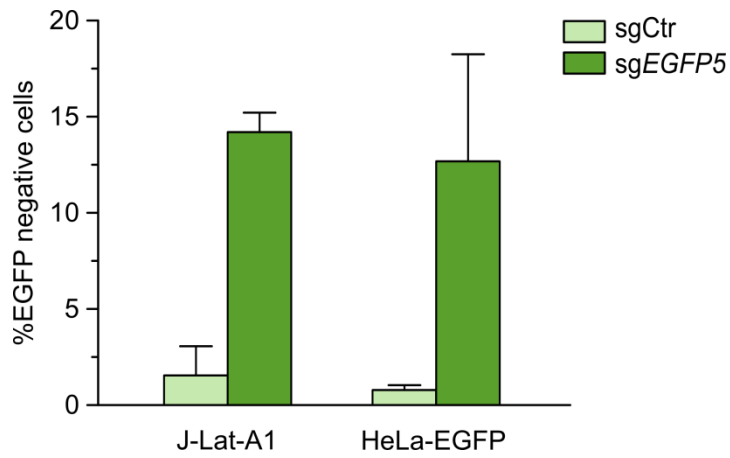
**Figure S5**



**Figure S5. Comparative analysis of editing efficiency and cell toxicity obtained with VEsiCas and SpCas9-sgRNA RNPs electroporation.** (a) *EGFP* disruption assay in HEK293-EGFP cells treated with scalar amounts of SpCas9 delivered through VEsiCas or RNPs electroporation. Both RNPs and VEsiCas were loaded with the same sgRNA (*sgEGFPB1*) transcribed by T7 RNA Polymerase either *in vitro* or in BSR-T7/5 cells respectively. (b) Toxicity of VEsiCas compared to RNPs delivered by electroporation. The bar graph shows the percentage of cell viability normalized to untreated cells (NT) 48 hours following delivery different amount of SpCas9 by electroporation or VEsiCas. Data reported as mean  $\pm$  s.e.m. of n=3 independent experiments.



**Figure S6**



**Figure S6. VEsCas mediated *EGFP* knock-out in J-Lat-A1 and HeLa cells using VEsCas.**

J-Lat-A1 and HeLa stably expressing EGFP were treated with VEsCas carrying *EGFP* targeting (sg*EGFP5*) or control (sgCtrl) sgRNAs. The graph reports the percentages of non-fluorescent cells seven days following treatment (mean  $\pm$  s.e.m. of n=2 independent experiments).

## SEQUENCES

### pVAX-T7-sgRNA sequence

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T7 promoter, protospacer, sgRNA-optimised scaffold, HDV ribozyme, T7 terminator.

**pVAX-T7-sgRNA sequence.** BsmBI restriction sites to clone protospacer oligonucleotides are underlined, sgRNA sequence is in bold.

## pX-Gag-SpCas9 sequence

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Gag, linker, 3X-FLAG, SV40 NLS, SpCas9, nucleoplasmin NLS

**pX-Gag-SpCas9 sequence.** Coding sequence of Gag-SpCas9. The internal linker methionine, which mutated to alanine, was identified as responsible of free SpCas9 production is labelled in bold and underlined.

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Gag-derived domains, Gcn4, RSV-p2b, linker, 3X-FLAG, SV40 NLS, SpCas9, nucleoplasmin NLS.

**pCDNA3 MinimalGag-SpCas9 sequence.** Minimal-Gag coding sequence is labelled in bold. The internal linker methionine, which mutated to alanine, was identified as responsible of free SpCas9 production is underlined.

**Table S1.** Sequences of oligonucleotides used to construct pVAX-T7-sgRNA expression plasmids and sequences of relative target sites

<b>sgRNA</b>	<b>oligo 1 (*)</b>	<b>oligo2 (*)</b>	<b>target site (**)</b>
<i>EGFP5</i>	tataGGAAGTTCGAGGG CGACACCC	aaacGGGTGTCGCCCTC GAACTTCCCC	ggtGAAGTTCGAGGGCGACACCCTG <b>Gtga</b>
<i>EGFPBi</i>	tataGGGCACGGGCAG CTTGCCGG	aaacCCGGCAAGCTGCC CGTGCCCCC	ccaCCGGCAAGCTGCCCCGTGCCCTG <b>Gccc</b>
<i>EGFP3g</i> <i>W</i>	tataGGGCTCGTGACCA CCCTGACCTA	aaacTAGGTCAGGGTGG TCACGAGCCCCC	accCTCGTGACCACCCTGACCTA <b>CGG</b> cgt
<i>GFPI2</i>	tataGGTGGGCACCGG CTTCCCCG	aaacCGGGGAAGCCGGT GCCACCCCC	ggtGGTGGGCACCGGCTTCCCC <b>GAG</b> <b>Gaca</b>
<i>VEGFA</i> <i>site3</i>	tataGGTGAGTGAGTGT GTGCGTG	aaacCACGCACACACTCA CTCACC	gtgGGTGAGTGAGTGTGTGCGT <b>GTG</b> <b>Gggt</b>
<i>VEGFA</i> OT1	--	--	gtg <b>A</b> GTGAGTGAGTGTGT <b>G</b> GT <b>GGG</b> <b>Gggg</b>
<i>VEGFA</i> OT3	--	--	atg <b>T</b> GT <b>G</b> GGTGAGTGTGTGCGT <b>GAG</b> <b>Gaca</b>
<i>CXCR4</i>	tataGGAAGCGTGATGA CAAAGAGG	aaacCCTCTTTGTCATCA CGCTTCCCC	aagGGAAGCGTGATGACAAAG <b>AGG</b> a gg

(\*) Lowercase indicates sticky ends used for cloning into pVAX-T7-sgRNA plasmid.

(\*\*) Mismatches are highlighted in red, PAM is in bold. Context sequence around target site are in lowercase.

**Table S2.** Sequences of the oligonucleotides used for PCR amplifications.

<b>oligo</b>	<b>sequence</b>
T7 fw - HindIII	ACTAAGCTTGTGACCATGAACACGATTAACATCG
T7 rev - XbaI	TAATCTAGATTACGCGAACGCGAAGTC
T7 promoter fw	GAAATTAATACGACTCACTATAGG
gRNA end rev	AAGCACCGACTCGGTGCCA
<i>EGFP</i> fw	ACCATGGTGAGCAAGGGCGAGGA
<i>EGFP</i> rev	AGCTCGTCCATGCCGAGAGTGATC
<i>VEGFA site3</i> ON fw	GCATACGTGGGCTCCAACAGGT
<i>VEGFA site3</i> ON rev	CCGCAATGAAGGGGAAGCTCGA
<i>VEGFA site3</i> OT1 fw	CAGGCGCCTTGGGCTCCGTCA
<i>VEGFA site3</i> OT1 rev	CCCCAGGATCCGCGGGTCAC
<i>VEGFA site3</i> OT3 fw	AGTCAGCCCTCTGTATCCCTGGA
<i>VEGFA site3</i> OT3 rev	GAGATATCTGCACCCTCATGTTCAC
<i>CXCR4</i> fw	AGAGGAGTTAGCCAAGATGTGACTTTGAAACC
<i>CXCR4</i> rev	GGACAGGATGACAATACCAGGCAGGATAAGGCC