

| Construct | Cas13d binary complex | Cas13d ternary complex | Cas13d apo form |
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| Data collection and Image Processing | | | |
| Microscope | Arctica Talos | Titan Krios | Arctica Talos |
| Voltage (kV) | 200 | 300 | 200 |
| Camera | Gatan K2 Summit | Gatan K2 Summit | Gatan K2 Summit |
| Defocus range (μm) | 0.5-2.0 | 1.0-3.0 | 0.8-2.5 |
| Defocus mean \pm std (μm) | 1.1 \pm 0.3 | 2.0 \pm 0.4 | 1.6 \pm 0.5 |
| Exposure time (s) | 12 | 12 | 12 |
| Dose rate (e- /pixel/s) | 2.5 | 3.0 | 2.5 |
| Total dose (e- / \AA^2) | 56.8 | 57.3 | 56.8 |
| Pixel size (\AA) | 0.73 | 0.79 | 0.73 |
| Exposure rate (ms) | 100 | 200 | 100 |
| Number of micrographs | 1435 | 2205 | 1158 |
| Number of particles (processed) | 412591 | 684169 | 330986 |
| Number of particles (3D classification & refinement) | 207849 | 177910 | 154889 |
| Number of particles (in final map) | 43786 | 51885 | 15846 |
| Symmetry | C1 | C1 | C1 |
| Resolution (global) (\AA)* | 3.4 | 3.3 | 6.5 |
| Resolution range (homogeneous portion) (\AA) | 3.0-5.0 | 3.0-5.0 | 6.0-8.0 |
| Map sharpening | Spectral flattening between 8 \AA and 3.4 \AA | Spectral flattening between 8 \AA and 3.3 \AA | Spectral flattening between 10 \AA and 6.5 \AA |
| Sphericity @ threshold 0.75 | 0.98 | 0.89 | 0.97 |
| Model refinement | | | |
| Number of atoms (modeled) | 8163 | 8834 | |
| Protein | | | |
| Favored rotamers (%) | 97.4 | 94.6 | |
| Poor rotamers (%) | 0.26 | 0.0 | |
| Ramachandran favored (%) | 95.9 | 91.9 | |
| Ramachandran outliers (%) | 0.0 | 0.0 | |
| C β deviations >0.25 \AA (%) | 0.0 | 0.0 | |
| Cis prolines (%) | 0.0 | 0.0 | |
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| Bad bonds (%) | 0.0 | 0.0 | |
| Bad angles (%) | 0.0 | 0.0 | |
| Nucleic acid | | | |
| Probably wrong sugar puckers (%) | 0.0 | 0.0 | |
| Bad backbone conformations (%) | 11.8 | 12.7 | |
| Bad bonds (%) | 0.0 | 0.0 | |
| Bad angles (%) | 0.0 | 0.0 | |

*Resolution assessment based on frequency- limited refinement using the 0.143 threshold for resolution analysis

Supplementary Table 1. Cryo-EM data collection, image processing, and modeling summary.
Related to Figures 1 and 6

| Name | Sequence (5' to 3') | Figure |
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| ternary target | ACGUUUUGAUCUGAAAUAUUCAGGUCUAUA | 1E-G, 2 |
| ssRNA-1 target 1 | UACGUACGCCAUCUCAUCCUGCGUGUCUCCUACGAUUUG AUCUGAAAUAAGAGGUCUCGUACAUCACCGACUGCCCAU AGAGAGGUUAUCCGCUCACAAUCCACACAACAUCGAGC CGGAAGCAUAAAG | 3F |
| ssRNA-2 target 2 | UACGUACGCCAUCUCAUCCUGCGUGUCUCCUACGAUUUG AUCUGAAAUAUUCAGGUCUCGUACAUCACCGACUGCCCAU AGAGAGGUUAUCCGCUCACAAUCCACACAACAUCGAGC CGGAAGCAUAAAG | 3G, S3G |
| competitor 1 - WT | UCCUUUUGAUCUGAAAUAUUCAGGUCUCCU | 4D-E |
| competitor 1 - MM1 | UCCUAAACAUCUGAAAUAUUCAGGUCUCCU | 4D-E |
| competitor 1 - MM2 | UCCUUUUGAAGACAAAUAUUCAGGUCUCCU | 4D-E |
| competitor 1 - MM3 | UCCUUUUGAUCUGUUUAAUUCAGGUCUCCU | 4D-E |
| competitor 1 - MM4 | UCCUUUUGAUCUGAAAUAAGAGGUCUCCU | 4D-E |
| competitor 1 - MM5 | UCCUUUUGAUCUGAAAUAUUCACCAGUCCU | 4D-E |
| competitor 2 - WT | UCCUGAGUUCAUCCAGUGUAUCCUUCUCCU | 4D-E |
| competitor 2 - MM1 | UCCUCUCAUCAUCCAGUGUAUCCUUCUCCU | 4D-E |
| competitor 2 - MM2 | UCCUGAGUUGUAGCAGUGUAUCCUUCUCCU | 4D-E |
| competitor 2 - MM3 | UCCUGAGUUCAUCGUCAGUAUCCUUCUCCU | 4D-E |
| competitor 2 - MM4 | UCCUGAGUUCAUCCAGUCAUACCUUCUCCU | 4D-E |
| competitor 2 - MM5 | UCCUGAGUUCAUCCAGUGUAUCGAAGUCCU | 4D-E |
| competitor 3 - WT | UCCUCA AUGCGUGAGUGUGAAGAUAGUCCU | 4D-E |
| competitor 3 - MM1 | UCCUGUAGCGUGAGUGUGAAGAUAGUCCU | 4D-E |
| competitor 3 - MM2 | UCCUCA AUGGCACAGUGUGAAGAUAGUCCU | 4D-E |
| competitor 3 - MM3 | UCCUCA AUGCGUGUCACUGAAGAUAGUCCU | 4D-E |
| competitor 3 - MM4 | UCCUCA AUGCGUGAGUGACUUGAUAGUCCU | 4D-E |
| competitor 3 - MM5 | UCCUCA AUGCGUGAGUGUGAAGUAUCUCCU | 4D-E |
| competitor 4 - WT | UCCUCCA UAGAGAGGUUAUCCGCUCAUCCU | 4D-E |
| competitor 4 - MM1 | UCCUGGUAAGAGAGGUUAUCCGCUCAUCCU | 4D-E |
| competitor 4 - MM2 | UCCUCCA UACUCUGGUUAUCCGCUCAUCCU | 4D-E |
| competitor 4 - MM3 | UCCUCCA UAGAGACCAAUCCGCUCAUCCU | 4D-E |
| competitor 4 - MM4 | UCCUCCA UAGAGAGGUUUAGGGCUCUCCU | 4D-E |
| competitor 4 - MM5 | UCCUCCA UAGAGAGGUUAUCCGGAGUCCU | 4D-E |

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| DR mut crRNA WT | CACCCGUGCAAAA AUGCAGGGGUCUAAAACGACCUCUAA UUUCAGAUCAA | 3F |
| DR mut crRNA G22A | CACCCGUGCAAAA AUGCAGGGCUCUAAAACGACCUCUAA UUUCAGAUCAA | 3F |
| DR mut crRNA U23A | CACCCGUGCAAAA AUGCAGGGGACUAAAACGACCUCUAA UUUCAGAUCAA | 3F |
| DR mut crRNA A26C | CACCCGUGCAAAA AUGCAGGGGUCUCAACGACCUCUAA UUUCAGAUCAA | 3F |
| DR mut crRNA A27C | CACCCGUGCAAAA AUGCAGGGGUCUACAACGACCUCUAA UUUCAGAUCAA | 3F |
| DR mut crRNA A28C | CACCCGUGCAAAA AUGCAGGGGUCUAAACGACCUCUAA UUUCAGAUCAA | 3F |
| DR mut crRNA A29C | CACCCGUGCAAAA AUGCAGGGGUCUAAACCGACCUCUAA UUUCAGAUCAA | 3F |
| DR mut crRNA C30G | CACCCGUGCAAAA AUGCAGGGGUCUAAAAGGACCUCUAA UUUCAGAUCAA | 3F |
| crRNA-1-Es | CACCCGUGCAAAA AUGCAGGGGUCUAAAACGACCUGAAUA UUUCAGAUCAA | 1, 2, 3G, 4D-E, S3D, S3G |
| crRNA-1-Ur | CACUGGUGCAAAU UAGCACUAGUCUAAAACGACCUGAAUA UUUCAGAUCAA | 3G |
| crRNA-1-Rff | UAGUAGUGUGAAUUUACACUACUCUAAAACGACCUGAAUA UUUCAGAUCAA | 3G |
| crRNA-1-Rfx | AACCCCUACCAACUGGUCGGGGUUUGAAACGACCUGAAUA UUUCAGAUCAA | 3G |
| crRNA-2 | CACCCGUGCAAAA AUGCAGGGGUCUAAAACGAAGGAUACA CUGGAUGAACUC | 4D-E |
| crRNA-3 | CACCCGUGCAAAA AUGCAGGGGUCUAAAACCUAUCUUCAC ACUCACGCAUUG | 4D-E |
| crRNA-4 | CACCCGUGCAAAA AUGCAGGGGUCUAAAACUGAGCGGAUA ACCUCUCUAUGG | 4D-E |
| pre-crRNA-1 | GAACUACACCCGUGCAAAA AUGCAGGGGUCUAAAACGACC UGAAUAUUUCAGAUCAAAAUAGCAAUGAACUACACCCGUG CAAAA AUGCAGGGGUCUAAAACAUUCCUUAUCUAAAUAGC AUAUGCUUCUGU | S3A, S3C, S3G-H |

Supplementary Table 2. Oligonucleotides used in this study. Related to Figures 1-4, and S3