Trinucleotide Repeat-Targeting dCas9 as a Therapeutic Strategy for Fuchs' Endothelial

Corneal Dystrophy

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dCas9-GFP/RNA foci/DAPI



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sgRNA	sgRNA spacer sequence
Non-targeting control	GTGATAAGTGGAATGCCATG
(CUG) _n	СТӨСТӨСТӨСТӨСТӨСТ
(CAG) _n	AGCAGCAGCAGCAGCAGCAG

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