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A CRISPR homing gene drive targeting a haplolethal gene removes resistance alleles and successfully spreads through a cage population

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SI Methods

Intermediate for construction of the drive plasmid:

AHDr352v2il	<i>Template</i>	<i>Oligo/Enzyme 1</i>	<i>Oligo/Enzyme 2</i>
<i>PCR Product</i>	gRpL35AG2	RpL35A2g_F	RpL35A2g_R
<i>Plasmid Digest</i>	pCFD4	BbsI	none

Intermediate for construction of the drive plasmid:

AHDr35Ni1	<i>Template</i>	<i>Oligo/Enzyme 1</i>	<i>Oligo/Enzyme 2</i>
<i>PCR Product</i>	Genomic DNA	R35Left_F	R35Left_R
<i>PCR Product</i>	gR35Left	gR35Left_F	gBlockLeft_R
<i>Plasmid Digest</i>	BHDrN1*	KpnI	XbaI

*Similar to previously constructed plasmid BHDrN1(1) for purposes of cloning in this study, but with the following sequence immediately 5' of the ApaI site sequence:

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CACACTGTGTGTGACAGCTCGAGGCTCTCCGTC AATCAAGTTCAAGGGCGACACAAAATTTATCTAAATGCATAATAAACTACTGATAACATCTTAT
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TTATTTAAAGTGCCTTGCTTTTTTCTCATTATAAGGTTAAATAATTCTCATATATCAAGCAAAGTGACAGGCGCCCTTAAATATTCTGACAAATGC
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Intermediate for construction of the drive plasmid:

AHDr35N2	<i>Template</i>	<i>Oligo/Enzyme 1</i>	<i>Oligo/Enzyme 2</i>
<i>PCR Product</i>	AHDr35g2	U61_2_U63_1_F	R35_g2_R
<i>PCR Product</i>	Genomic DNA	R35Right_F	R35Right_R
<i>Plasmid Digest</i>	AHDr35Ni1	SpeI	DraIII

Intermediate for construction of the drive plasmid:

AHDr352	<i>Template</i>	<i>Oligo/Enzyme 1</i>	<i>Oligo/Enzyme 2</i>
<i>PCR Product</i>	AHDr35N2	RA_1_F	AHDr35_2_1_R
<i>PCR Product</i>	AHDr35N2	AHDr352_2_F	RA_2_R
<i>PCR Product</i>	AHDr35N2	RA_3_F	RA_3_R

Note: there are a larger number of previous intermediates for construction of our final drive plasmid because (i) we initially decided to utilize a split drive approach for greater safety after initial construction, and (ii) we decided to use more closely spaced gRNAs to maximize drive conversion efficiency (and use the more efficient tRNA expression system for gRNAs).

AHDr352 was injected with a similar mix to the drive in this study, but it yielded no transformants. We therefore used gRNAs that are more closely spaced to allow for homology-directed repair even if both sites were not cut (if only one site is cut, end resection must proceed to meet the other site before homology-directed repair can occur, which is a difficult process that reduces the efficiency of homology-directed repair, see a multiplex gRNA modeling study(2) for this as applies to homing drives – it is likely that initial injection and transformation with a donor plasmid has similar considerations).

Plasmid for assembly of the gRNAs used in the drive:

AHDr_g2	<i>Template</i>	<i>Oligo/Enzyme 1</i>	<i>Oligo/Enzyme 2</i>
<i>PCR Product</i>	pCFD3	CFD5r35_1_F	CFD_1_R
<i>PCR Product</i>	pCFD5	CFDr35_12_F	CFDr35_12_R
<i>PCR Product</i>	pCFD5	CFD_2_F	CFD5r35_2_R

Intermediate for construction of the drive plasmid:

AHDr352v2il	<i>Template</i>	<i>Oligo/Enzyme 1</i>	<i>Oligo/Enzyme 2</i>
<i>PCR Product</i>	Genomic DNA	R35Leftv2_F	R35Leftv2_F
<i>PCR Product</i>	AHDr352	R35code_F	R35code_R

Drive plasmid designed to incorporate the drive into the genome:

AHDr352v2	<i>Template</i>	<i>Oligo/Enzyme 1</i>	<i>Oligo/Enzyme 2</i>
<i>PCR Product</i>	AHDr _g 2	U6_r_F	U6_r_R
<i>PCR Product</i>	AHDr352	R35Rightv2_F	R35Rightv2_R
<i>Plasmid Digest</i>	AHDr352v2il	AgeI	DraIII

Construction primers

AHDr35_2_1_R: TGAATTAGATCCCGGGAGTAGGGAAAGTCAAACCGAA
 AHDr352_2_F: TGACTTTCCCTACTCCCGGGATCTAATTCAATTAGAGACTAATTCAA
 CFD_1_R: GGCTATGCGTTGTTTGTCTGTC
 CFD_2_F: AACAGTAGGCAGAACAAACAACGC
 CFD5r35_1_F: GTGCAGCGTTGCGTCTATGTCTACAGTTTTAGAGCTAGAAATAGCAAGTTAAA
 CFD5r35_2_R: AAAACACGTAGAAGGATCCGTGCTCTGCATCGGCCGGGAATCGAAC
 CFDr35_12_F: ATGCAGAGCACGGATCCTTCTACGTGTTTTAGAGCTAGAAATAGCAAGTTAAA
 CFDr35_12_R: AAAACTGTAGACATAGACGCAACGCTGCACCAGCCGGGAATCGAAC
 gBlockLeft_R: CGAAAAGGGCCAGGAAGGAGCA
 gR35Left_F: AGGCGCCTAAGGCCGAGAAGC
 R35_g2_R: TGGTCTCGGCCTTGTATGCATACGCATTAAGCGAACA
 R35code_F: GCACGGATCCTTCTATGTGGGCAAGCGCTGCGT
 R35code_R: AATTGAATTAGTCTCTAATTGAATTAGATCCCGGGAGTAGGGAAAGTCAAACCGAACAGC
 R35Left_F: ATTAACCAATTCTGAACATTATCGCCTAGGGTACCAACAGCACACTTTTCGAGCAACGGCG
 R35Left_R: AGGCGGCGGGCTTCTCGGCCTTAG
 R35Leftv2_F: ACCAATTAACCAATTCTGAACATTATCGCCTAGGGTACCAACAGCACACTTTTCGAGCAAC
 R35Leftv2_R: CAGCGCTTGCCACATAGAAGGATCCGTGCTCCTTG
 R35Right_F: TTAATGCGTATGCATACAAGGCCGAGACCAAGAAGTGC
 R35Right_R: GACGGAAGAGCCTCGAGCTGCACACACAGTGTCTCGGCTATAATTCTGACACATACCAAATG
 R35Rightv2_F: TTAATGCGTATGCATACAAGGCCGAGACCAAGAAG
 R35Rightv2_R: GATTGACGGAAGAGCCTCGAGCTGCACACACAGTGTCTCGGCTATAATTCTGACACATACCA
 RA_1_F: ATTTATCAGCAATAAACCGCCA
 RA_2_R: GAACAACTCTCAGGCTCCAG
 RA_3_F: TTTTGCCTACCTGGAGCCTGA
 RA_3_R: TTCCGGCTGGCTGGTTTATTG
 RpL35A2g_F: GGAAAGATATCCGGGTGAACTTCGCGTTGC
 RpL35A2g_R: CTTGCTATTTCTAGCTCTAAAACCCCTCAGAGGCTAA
 U6_r_F: TTGTCCAAACTCATCAATGTATCTTAACCGGTGAGCTCTTTTTTGTCTACCTGTGATTGC
 U6_r_R: TGGTCTCGGCCTTGTATGCATACGCATTAAGCGAACA
 U61_2_U63_1_F: GTATGCTATACGAAGTTATAGAAGAGCACTAGTATTTTCAACGTCCTCGATAGTATAGT

Sequencing primers (for confirming plasmid sequences)

pCFD5_S_R: ACGTCAACGGAAAACCATTGTCTA
RpL35ALeft_S_F: GCATGCAAATGATCGAAACCCT
RpL35ALeft_S_R: AGTGGACTTGGCTTGTGTGTC
RpL35ARight_S_F: CGCATCCGCATCGTTAGTTCA
RpL35ARight_S_R: TGCAGGTCAGTAATTC AAGTCGG
RpL35ARight_S2_R: CGTTTCCATCGTCTTCATCTGC

gBlocks

gR35Left:

AGGCGCCTAAGGCCGAGAAGCCCGCCGCTCCGAGGCCAAGGTGAGCGCCAAGAAGTATAAGCGCCATGGCCGCTG
TTTGCCAAGGCCGTGTTTACGGGATATAAGCGCGCCTGCGCAATCAGCATGAGAATCAGGCCATTCTGAAGATCGA
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GTATATCGATTGATGGCTGTTTCGGTTTGACTTTCCCTACTTCTAGACATGCTCCTTCCTGGCCCTTTTCGA

gRpL35AG2:

GGAAAGATATCCGGGTGAACTTCGCGTTGCGTCTATGTCTACAGTTTTAGAGCTAGAAATAGCAAGTTAAAATAAGG
CTAGTCCGTTATCAACTTGAAAAAGTGGCACCGAGTCGGTGCTTTTTTGTCTACCTGTGATTGCTCCTACTCAAATA
CAAAAACATCAAATTTTCTGTCAATAAAGCATATTTATTTATATTTATTTTACAGGAAAGAATTCCTTTTAAAGTGT
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AAAATTCATTTACATCGTTTTATAACTTATGCCCTAAGTATTTTTGACCATAGTGTTCATTTCTACATTAATTT
TACAGAGTAGAATGAAACGCCACCTACTCAGCCAAGAGGCGAAAAGGTTAGCTCGCCAAGCAGAGAGGGGCCAGTG
CTCACTACTTTTTATAATTCTCAACTTCTTTTTCCAGACTCAGTTCGTATATATAGACCTATTTTCAATTTAACGTC
GGAAACTTTAGCCTCTGAGGGTTTTAGAGCTAGAAATAGCAAG

original	ATTGAGGGCGCCCGCCGCAAGGAGCACGGATCCTTCTACGTTGGGAAGCGTTGCGTCTAT	60	first recoded codon
recoded	ATTGAGGGCGCCCGCCGCAAGGAGCACGGATCCTTCTATGTGGGAAGCGCTGTGTGTAC	60	

original	GTCTACAAGGCCGAGACCAAGAAGTGCCTGCCACAGCATCCCGAGCGCAAGACCCGCGTC	120	
recoded	GTGTATAAGGCCGAGACGAAGAAGTGCCTGCCACAGCATCCCGAGCGCAAGACCGCGGTG	120	
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original	CGCGCTGTCTGGGGCAAGGTCACCCGCATCCACGGCAACACCGGCGCTGTGCGTGCCCGT	180	
recoded	CGCGCCGTGTGGGAAAGGTGACGCGCATTCATGGAAATACGGGAGCCGTCGCGCCCGC	180	

original	TTCAACAGGAACCTGCCCGGTTCATGCCATGGGCCACCGCATCCGCATCATGCTGTACCCA	240	intron in original sequence
recoded	TTTAATCGCAATCTGCCGGGCCACGCCATGGGACATCGCATTCGCATTATGCTGTATCCC	240	
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original	TCAAGGATTTAA	252	
recoded	AGCCGCATCTAA	252	
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FIGURE S1. Recoded *RpL35A* sequence alignment. Alignment between the original *RpL35A* sequence (starting at exon 4, the second coding exon) and the recoded version is shown, with “*” indicating an identical nucleotide. The locations of the first recoded codon and the last intron of the gene are also shown.

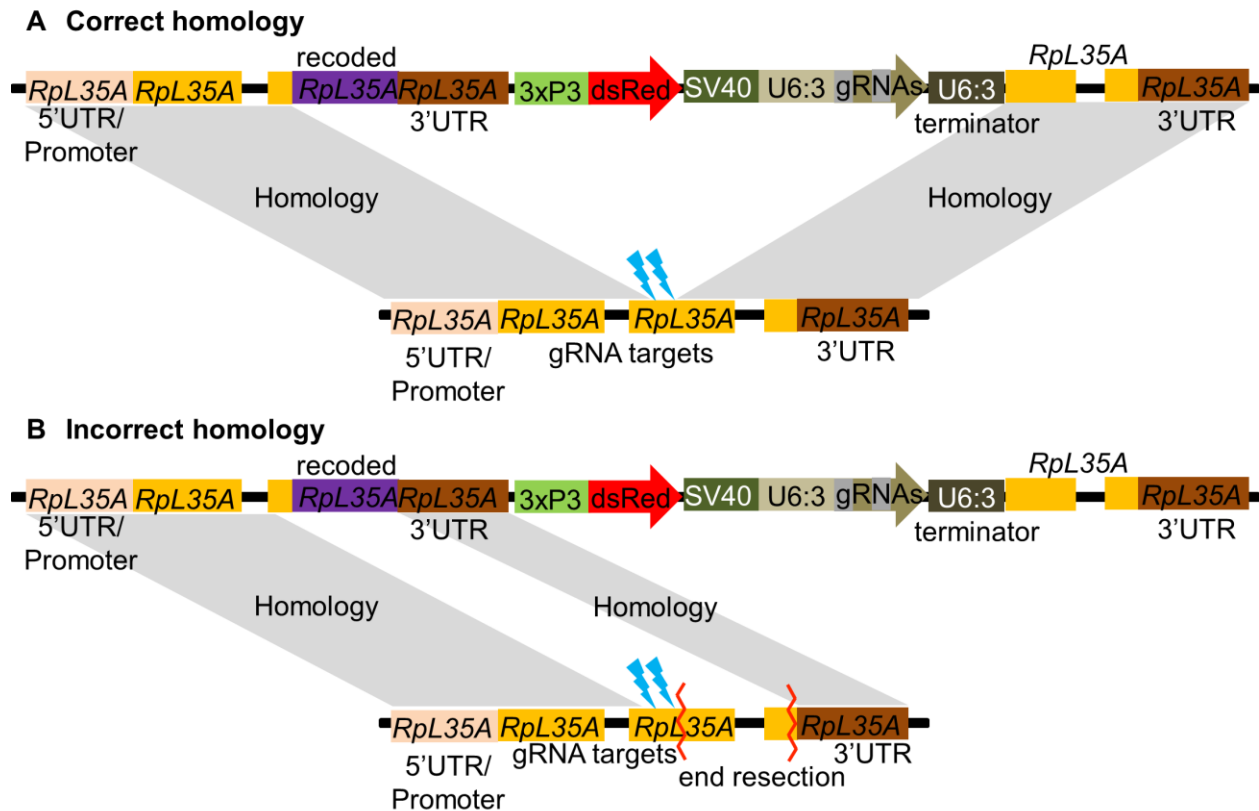


FIGURE S2. Drive homology. (A) The homology between the drive construct and wild-type allele during “correct” homology-directed repair that results in copying the entire drive allele. (B) During homology-directed repair, if the right side of the cut undergoes substantial end resection up to the 3’ UTR (red lines), a small region would have homology to the wrong end of the drive element, resulting in copying of only the recoded region (“incorrect” homology-directed repair), thus forming a functional r1 resistance allele. This was not observed in our study.

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