

**Supplemental Information**

**A New Tool for CRISPR-Cas13a-Based  
Cancer Gene Therapy**

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## Supplementary Data

Table S1. Guide sequences of Cas13a for interference experiments.

Name	Guide sequence	PFS
No transcript guide	TAGATTGCTGTTCTACCAAGTAATCCAT	N/A
EGFP guide	CTGTTGTAGTTGTACTCCAGCTTGTGCC	C
mCherry guide	CCTCGAAGTTCATCACGCGCTCCCACTT	C
hTERT guide	CCCTCTTCTCTGCGGAACGTTCTGGC	C
hEZH2 guide	CGGCTTCCTTATCATCTCGGTGATCCT	C
hRelA guide	CCTCTTCTGCACCTGTCACACAGTAG	A
mTERT guide	ACACGGTCCTCCCCGGGCTGCTGCGGA	C
mEZH2 guide	CCGTCCCTTTCAAGTTGTATCTTCTGC	C
mRelA guide	GGAAAGATGAGGGGAAACAGATCGTCCA	C
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mTER guide	ACACGGTCCTCCCCGGGCTGCTGCGGAGAACACCGATTAGACTACCC AAAAACGAAGGGGACTAAAACCGTCTTTCAGTTGTATCTTCTGCG AAACACCGATTTAGACTACCCAAAAACGAAGGGGACTAAAACCGGAAAG ATGAGGGGAAACAGATCGTCCA	

Note: h, human; m, mouse.

Table S2. Oligonucleotides used to construct pDCUg vectors.

Name	Sequence (5'→3')
NT-F	AGGAAGACTAAAAGTAGATTGCTGTTACCAAGTAATCCATTTGCGTCTCGA
NT-R	TCGAAGACGAAAAATGGATTACTTGGTAGAACAGCAATCTAGTTAGTCTCCT
EGFP-F	AGGAAGACTAAAACCTGTTGAGTTGACTCCAGCTGCGCTTTGCGTCTCGA
EGFP-R	TCGAAGACGAAAAGGCACAAGCTGGAGTACAACAAACAGGTTTAGTCTCCT
mCherry-F	AGGAAGACTAAAACCCTCGAAGTTCATCACGCCCTCCACTTTTGCGTCTCGA
mCherry-R	TCGAAGACGAAAAAGTGGAGCGCGTATGAACTTCGAGGGTTTAGTCTCCT
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hTERT-R	TCGAAGACGAAAAGCCAGAACGTTCCGCAGAGAAAAGAGGGTTTAGTCTCCT
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hEZH2-R	TCGAAGACGAAAAGGATCACCGAGATGATAAAGAAAGCCGGTTAGTCTCCT
hRelA-F	AGGAAGACTAAAACCCTTTCTGCACCTGTACACAGTAGTTTGCGTCTCGA
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Note: double-stranded hTER and mTER were prepared by PCR amplification using the listed single-stranded oligonucleotides as templates. Note: h, human; m, mouse.

Table S3. Primers for qPCR detection.

Name	Primer sequence (5'-3')	Name	Primer sequence (5'-3')
AAV-F	TGCATGACCAGGCTCAGCTA	AAV-R	GACAGGGAAAGGGAGCAGTG
Cas13a-F	GGAAAAGTACCAGTCGCCA	Cas13a-R	GAAGTCCAGGAACTTGCCGA
EGFP-F	GACGGCAACTACAAGACCCG	EGFP-R	CTGCCGTCCCTCGATGTTGT
mCherry-F	CGCGTGATGAACCTCGAGGA	mCherry-R	TCTGCTTGATCTGCCCTTC
hGAPDH-F	ATTGGTCGTATTGGCG	hGAPDH-R	CTCGCTCTGGAAAGATGG
hTERT-F	GGCACGGCTTTGTTCAGATG	hTERT-R	GCTGTTCACCTGCAAATCCA
hEZH2-F	ACATGCGACTGAGACAGCTC	hEZH2-R	GTCACTGGTCACCGAACACT
hRelA-F	CCTGGAGCAGGCTATCAGTC	hRelA-R	ATGGGATGAGAAAGGACAGG
mGAPDH-F	TCACCACCATGGAGAAGGC	mGAPDH-R	GCTAAGCAGTTGGTGGTGCA
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mCD31-F	ACCGGGTGCTGTTCTATAAGG	mCD31-R	TCACCTCGTACTCAATCGTGG
mMKi67-F	CAAGGCGAGCCTCAAGAGATA	mMKi67-R	TGTGCTGTTCTACATGCCCTG
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Note: h, human; m, mouse.

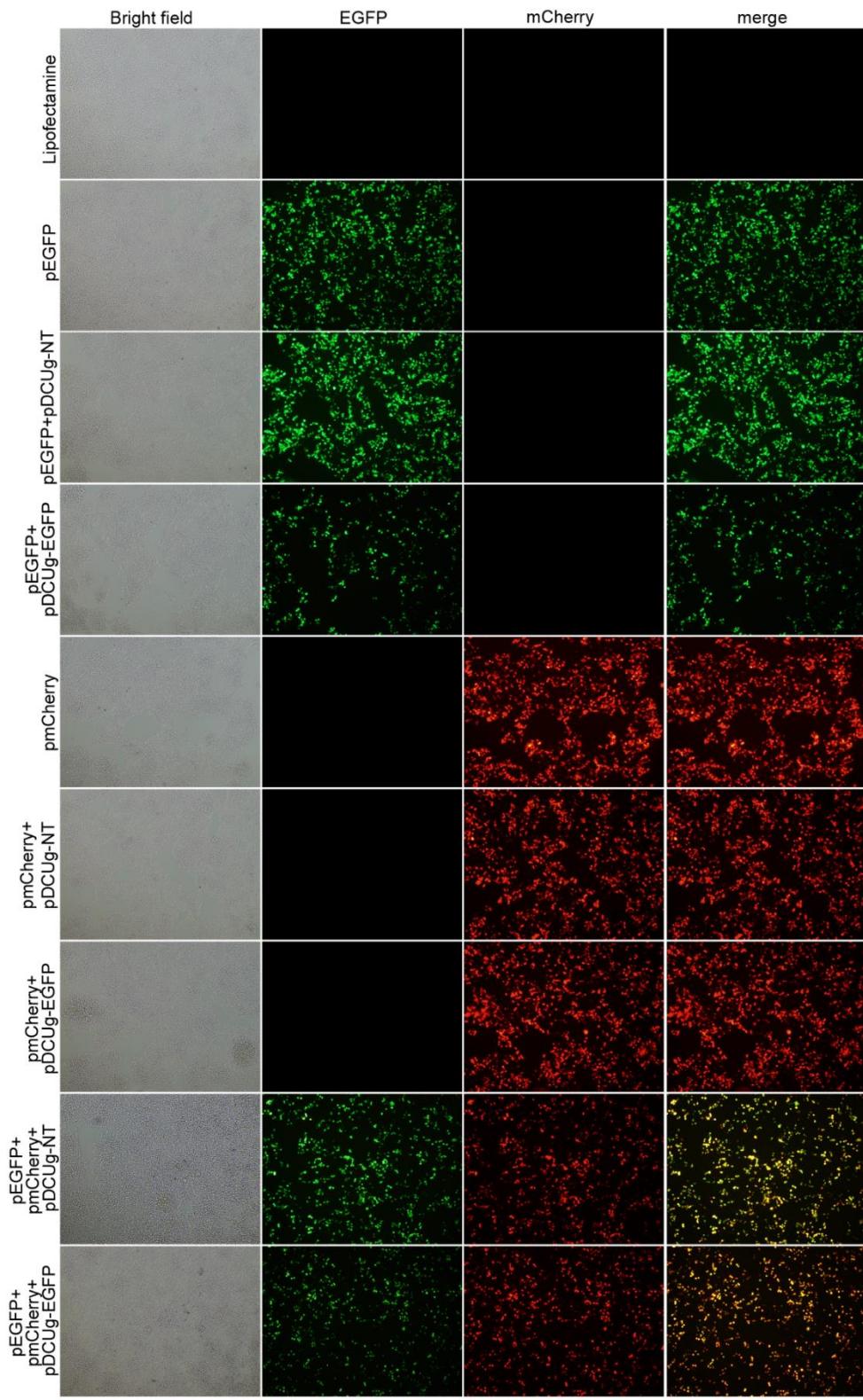


Fig.S1. Interference of ectopic EGFP/mCherry expression with DMP-Cas13a/U6-EGFP in HEK293T cells. Cells were transfected by various plasmid vectors and imaged with fluorescence microscope at 24 h post transfection. pEGFP/mCherry, plasmid expressing EGFP/mCherry under the control of CMV promoter; pDCUg-NT/EGFP, plasmid expressing DMP-controlled Cas13a and U6-controlled gRNA targeting no transcript (NT) or EGFP transcript. This figure shows the representative images of cells of three independent transfection.

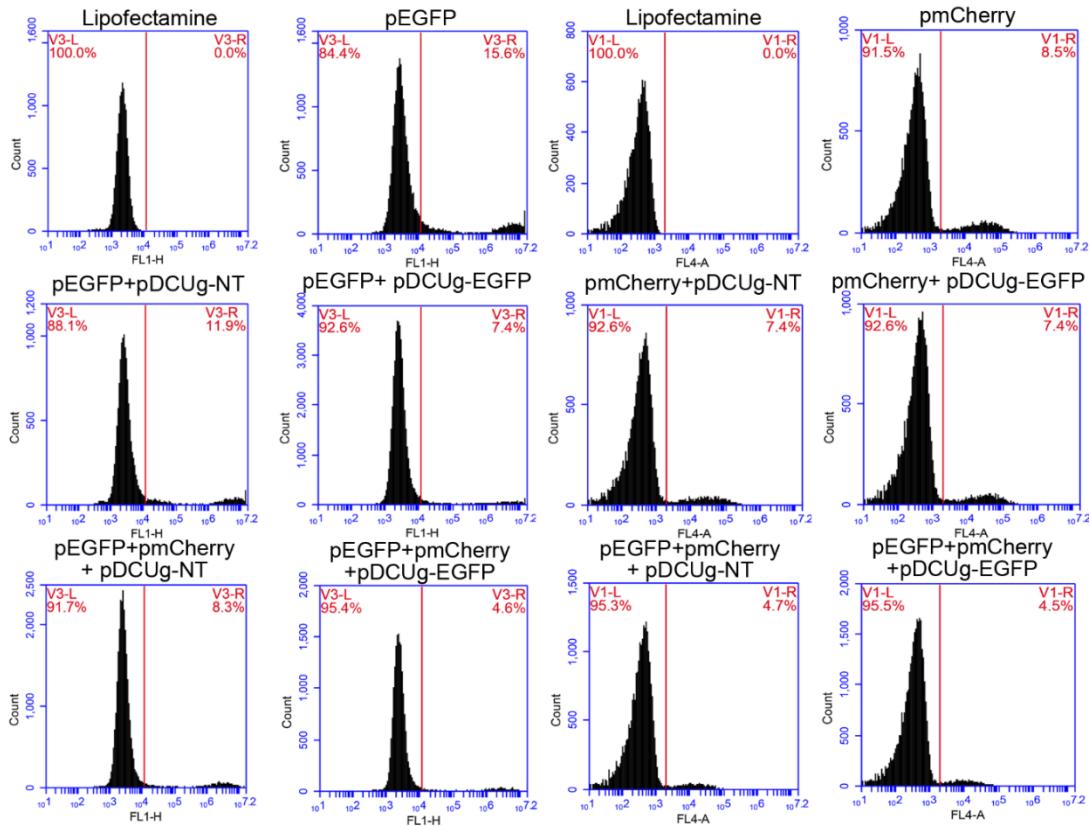


Fig.S2. Interference of ectopic EGFP/mCherry expression with DMP-Cas13a/U6-EGFP in HEK293T cells. Cells were transfected by various plasmid vectors and the fluorescence intensity of cells were quantified with flow cytometry (FC) at 24 h post transfection. The channel FL1 shows the green fluorescence and FL4 the red fluorescence. pEGFP/mCherry, plasmid expressing EGFP/mCherry under the control of CMV promoter; pDCUg-NT/EGFP, plasmid expressing DMP-controlled Cas13a and U6-controlled gRNA targeting no transcript (NT) or EGFP transcript. This figure shows the representative FC results of three independent transfection.

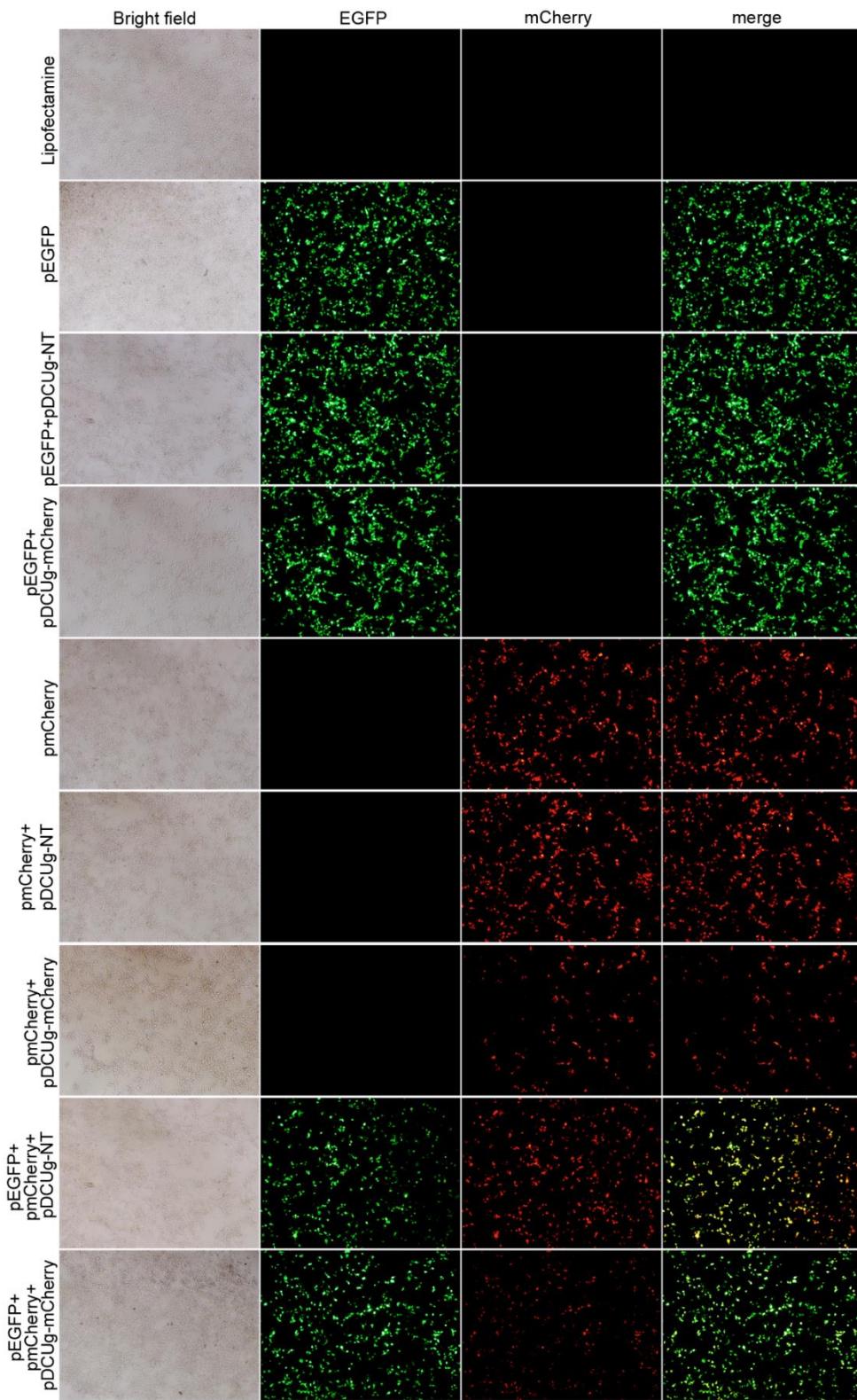


Fig.S3. Interference of ectopic EGFP/mCherry expression with DMP-Cas13a/U6-mCherry in HEK293T cells. Cells were transfected by various plasmid vectors and imaged with fluorescence microscope at 24 h post transfection. pEGFP/mCherry, plasmid expressing EGFP/mCherry; pDCUg-NT/mCherry, plasmid expressing DMP-controlled Cas13a and U6-controlled gRNA targeting no transcript (NT) or mCherry transcript. This figure shows the representative images of cells of three independent transfection.

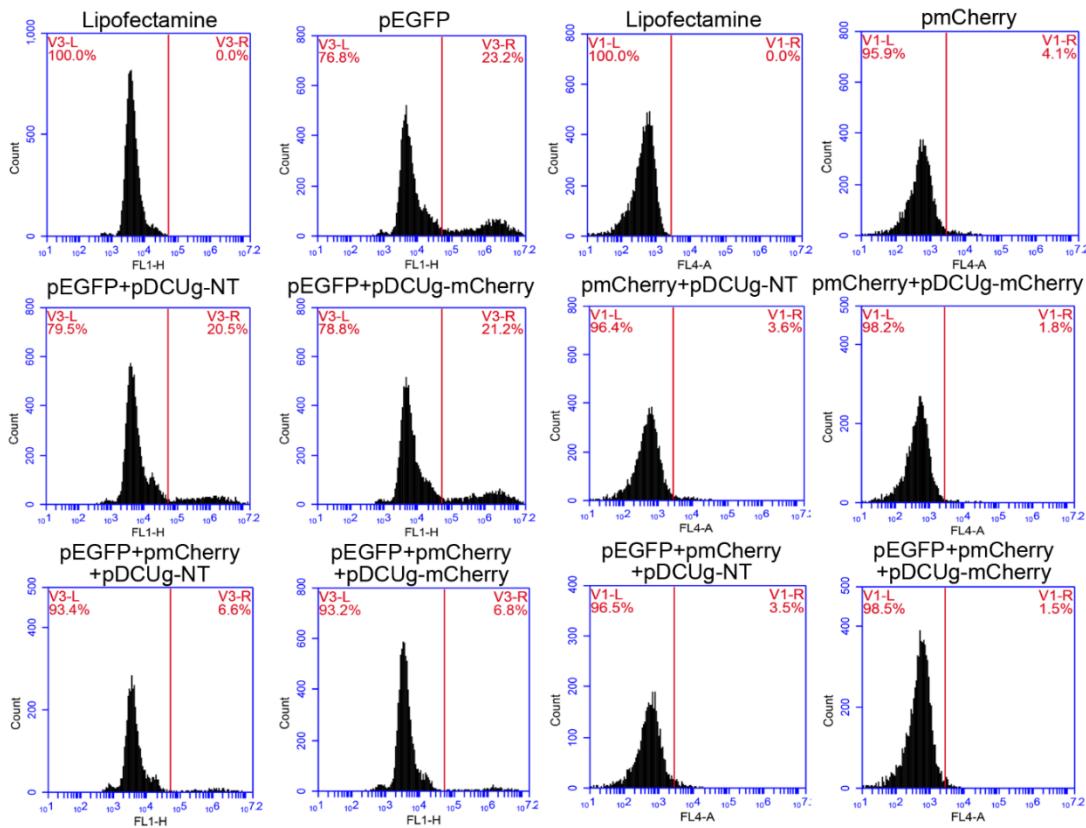


Fig.S4. Interference of ectopic EGFP/mCherry expression with DMP-Cas13a/U6-mCherry in HEK293T cells. Cells were transfected by various plasmid vectors and the fluorescence intensity of cells were quantified with flow cytometry (FC) at 24 h post transfection. The channel FL1 shows the green fluorescence and FL4 the red fluorescence. pEGFP/mCherry, plasmid expressing EGFP/mCherry under the control of CMV promoter; pDCUg-NT/mCherry, plasmid expressing DMP-controlled Cas13a and U6-controlled gRNA targeting no transcript (NT) or mCherry transcript. This figure shows the representative FC results of three independent transfection.

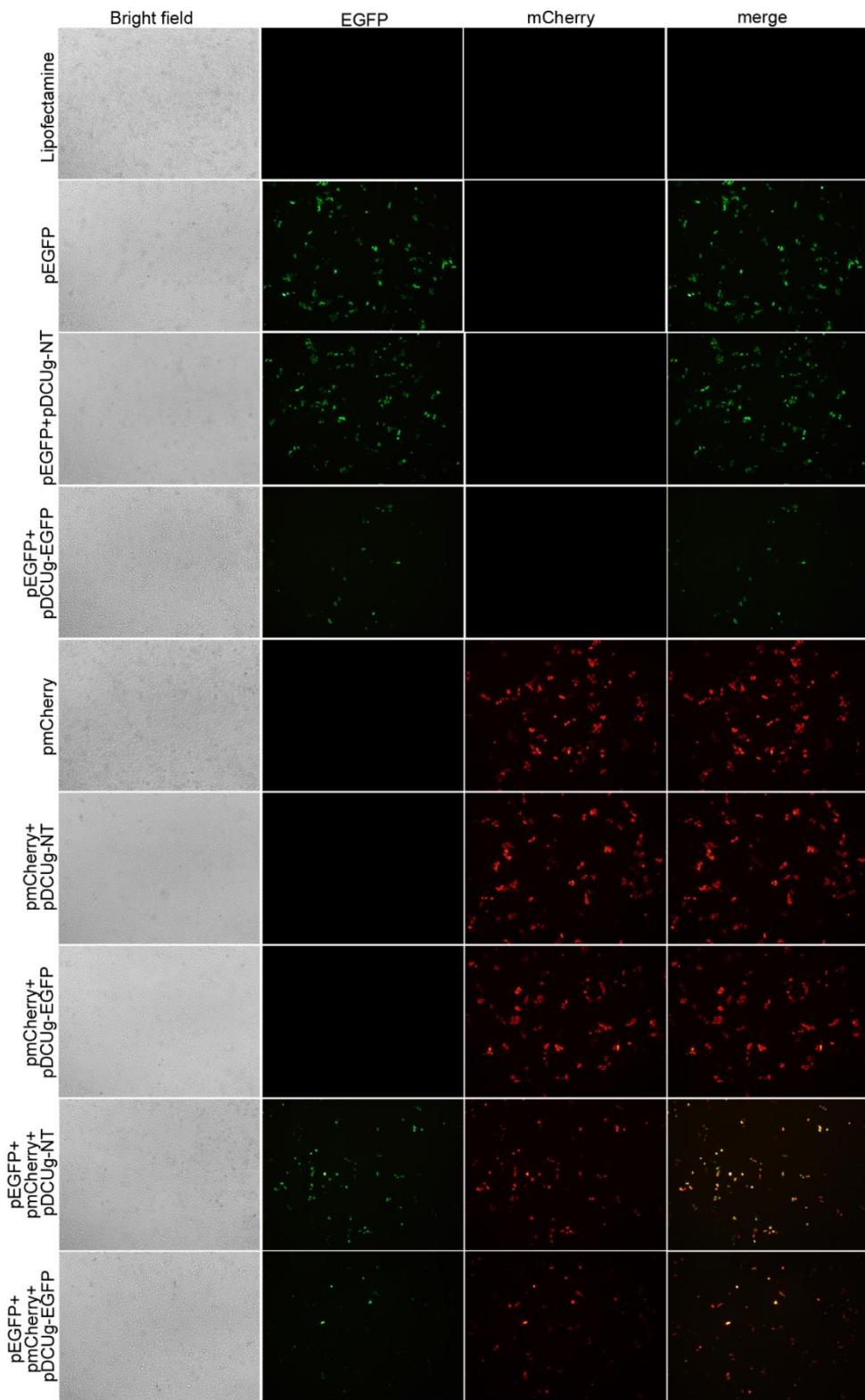


Fig.S5. Interference of ectopic EGFP/mCherry expression with DMP-Cas13a/U6-EGFP in HepG2 cells. Cells were transfected by various plasmid vectors and imaged with fluorescence microscope at 24 h post transfection. pEGFP/mCherry, plasmid expressing EGFP/mCherry under the control of CMV promoter; pDCUg-NT/EGFP, plasmid expressing DMP-controlled Cas13a and U6-controlled gRNA targeting no transcript (NT) or EGFP transcript. This figure shows the representative images of cells of three independent transfection.

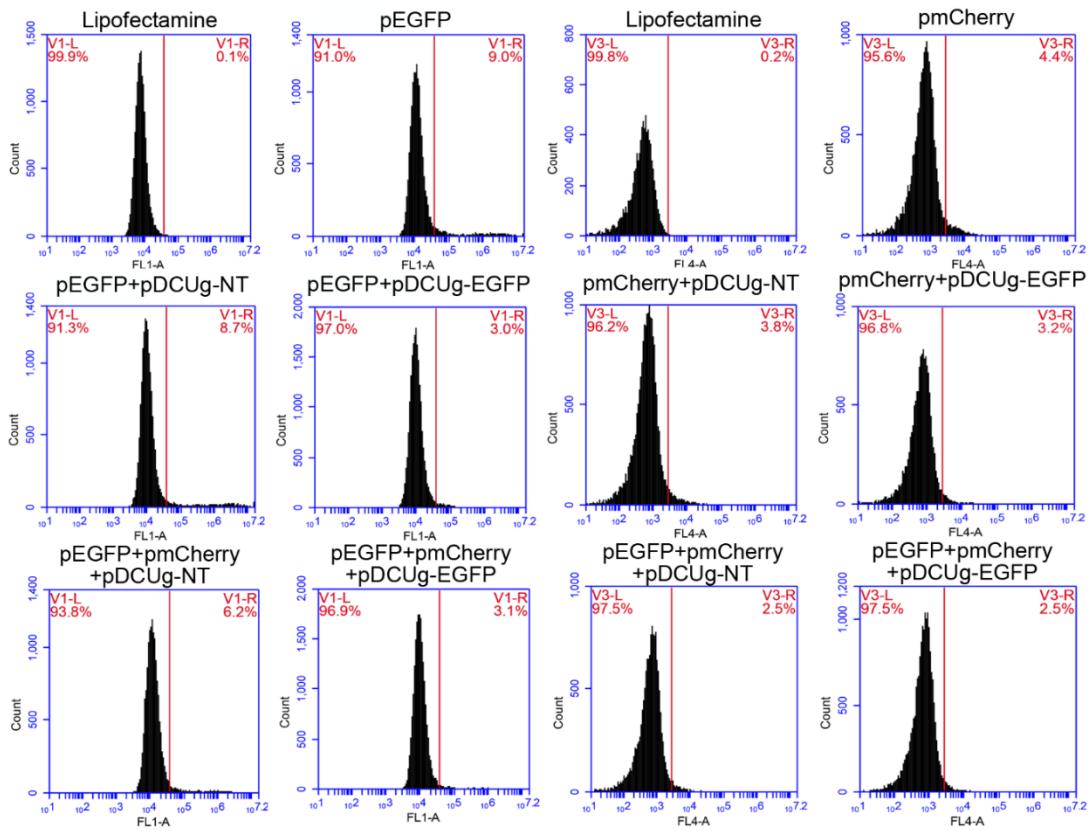


Fig.S6. Interference of ectopic EGFP/mCherry expression with DMP-Cas13a/U6-EGFP in HepG2 cells. Cells were transfected by various plasmid vectors and the fluorescence intensity of cells were quantified with flow cytometry (FC) at 24 h post transfection. The channel FL1 shows the green fluorescence and FL4 the red fluorescence. pEGFP/mCherry, plasmid expressing EGFP/mCherry under the control of CMV promoter; pDCUg-NT/EGFP, plasmid expressing DMP-controlled Cas13a and U6-controlled gRNA targeting no transcript (NT) or EGFP transcript. This figure shows the representative FC results of three independent transfection.

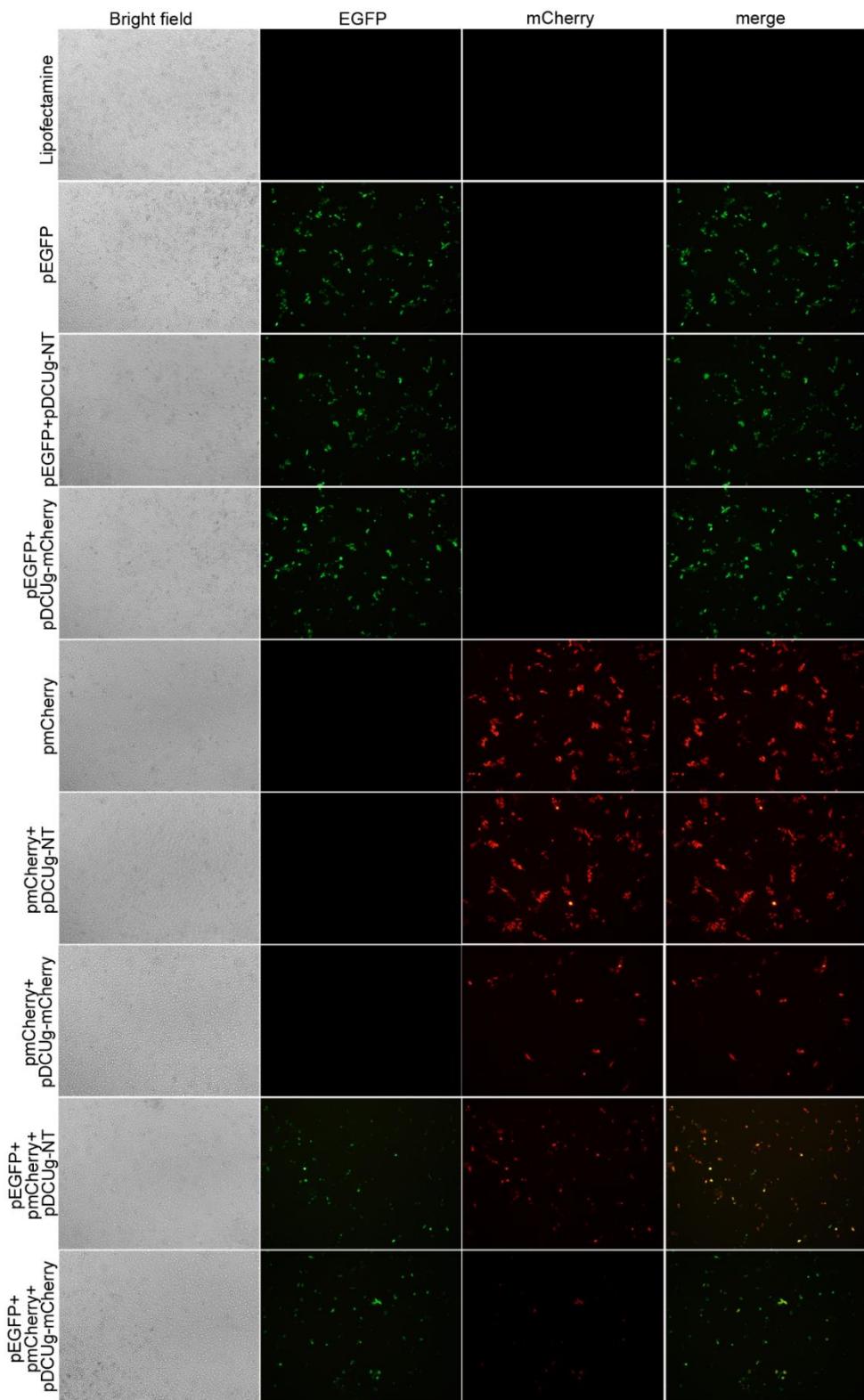


Fig.S7. Interference of ectopic EGFP/mCherry expression with DMP-Cas13a/U6-mCherry in [HepG2](#) cells. Cells were transfected by various plasmid vectors and imaged with fluorescence microscope at 24 h post transfection. pEGFP/mCherry, plasmid expressing EGFP/mCherry under the control of CMV promoter; pDCUg-NT/mCherry, plasmid expressing DMP-controlled Cas13a and U6-controlled gRNA targeting no transcript (NT) or mCherry transcript. This figure shows the representative images of cells of three independent transfection.

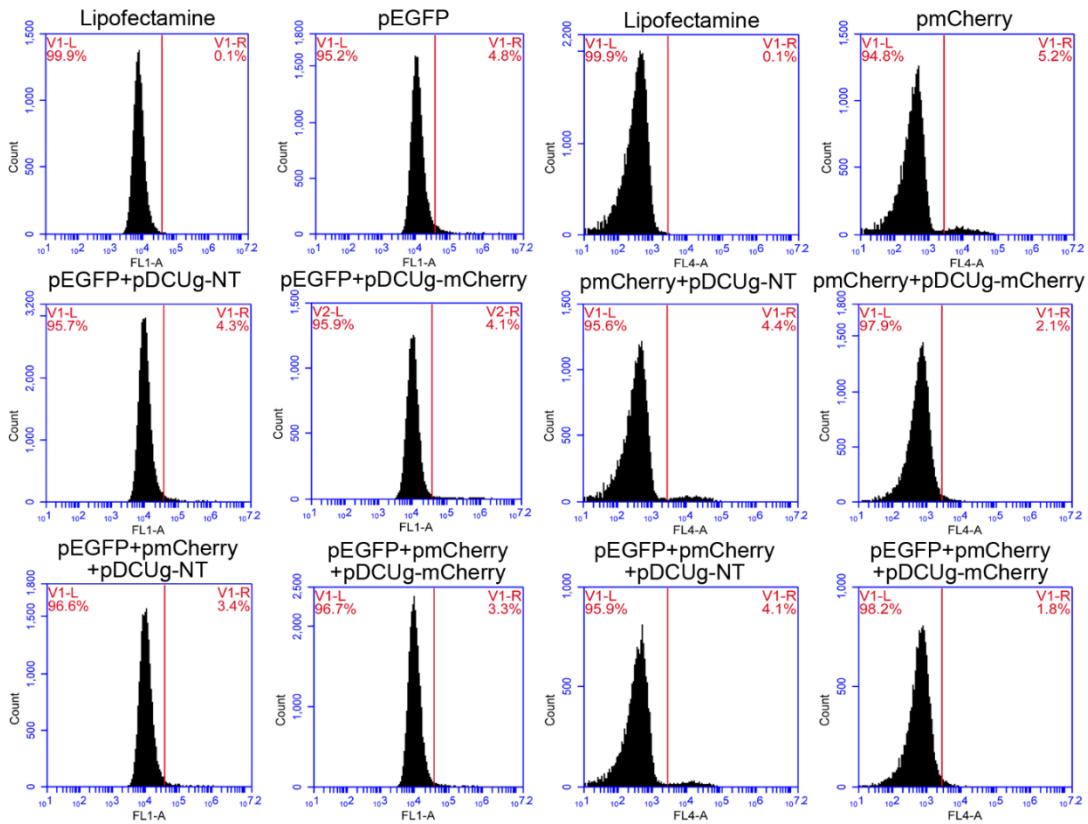


Fig.S8. Interference of ectopic EGFP/mCherry expression with DMP-Cas13a/U6-mCherry in HepG2 cells. Cells were transfected by various plasmid vectors and the fluorescence intensity of cells were quantified with flow cytometry (FC) at 24 h post transfection. The channel FL1 shows the green fluorescence and FL4 the red fluorescence. pEGFP/mCherry, plasmid expressing EGFP/mCherry under the control of CMV promoter; pDCUg-NT/mCherry, plasmid expressing DMP-controlled Cas13a and U6-controlled gRNA targeting no transcript (NT) or mCherry transcript. This figure shows the representative FC results of three independent transfection.

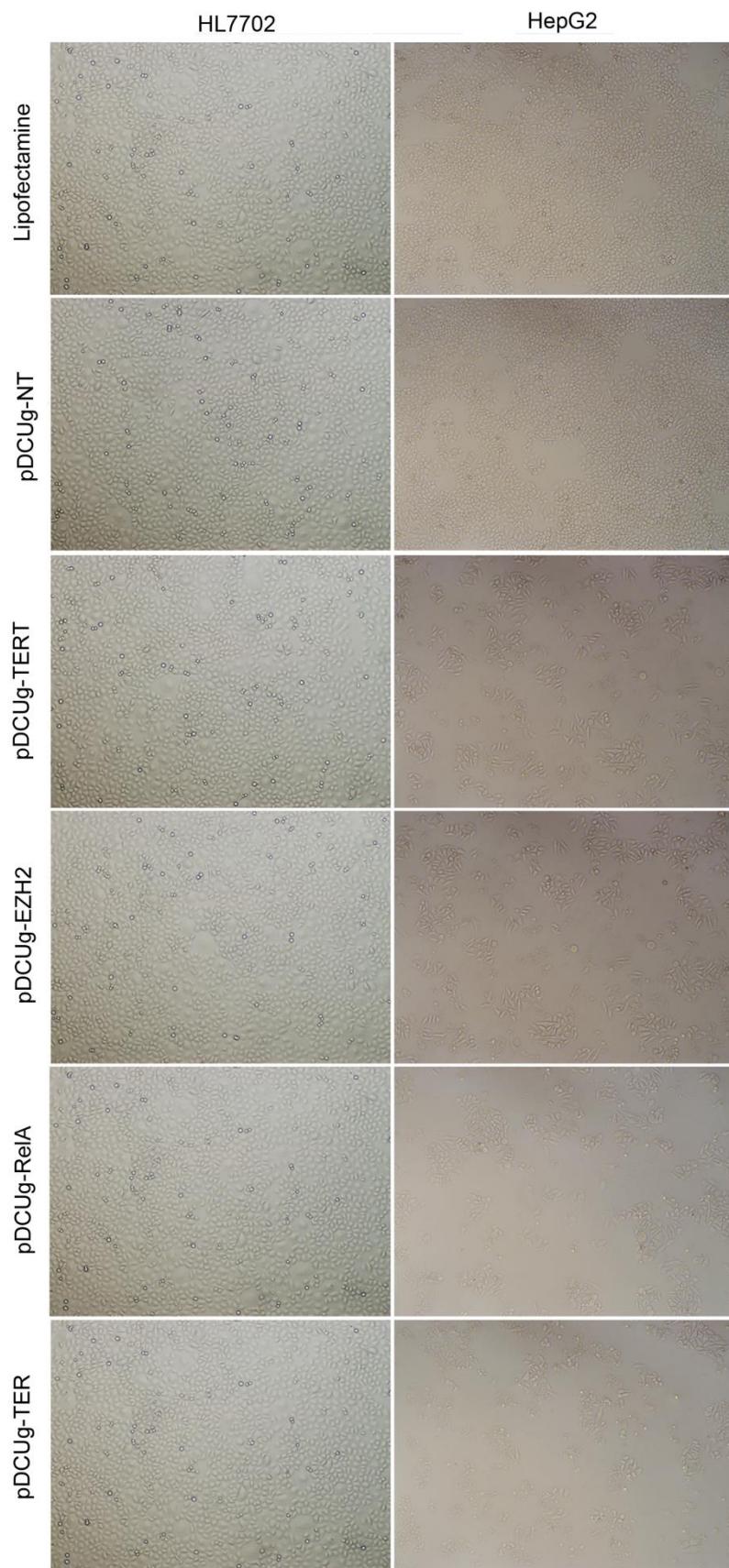


Fig.S9. Interference of endogenous gene expression with DMP-Cas13a/U6-gRNA. Cells were transfected by various vectors and detected at 24 h post transfection. Representative images of cells.

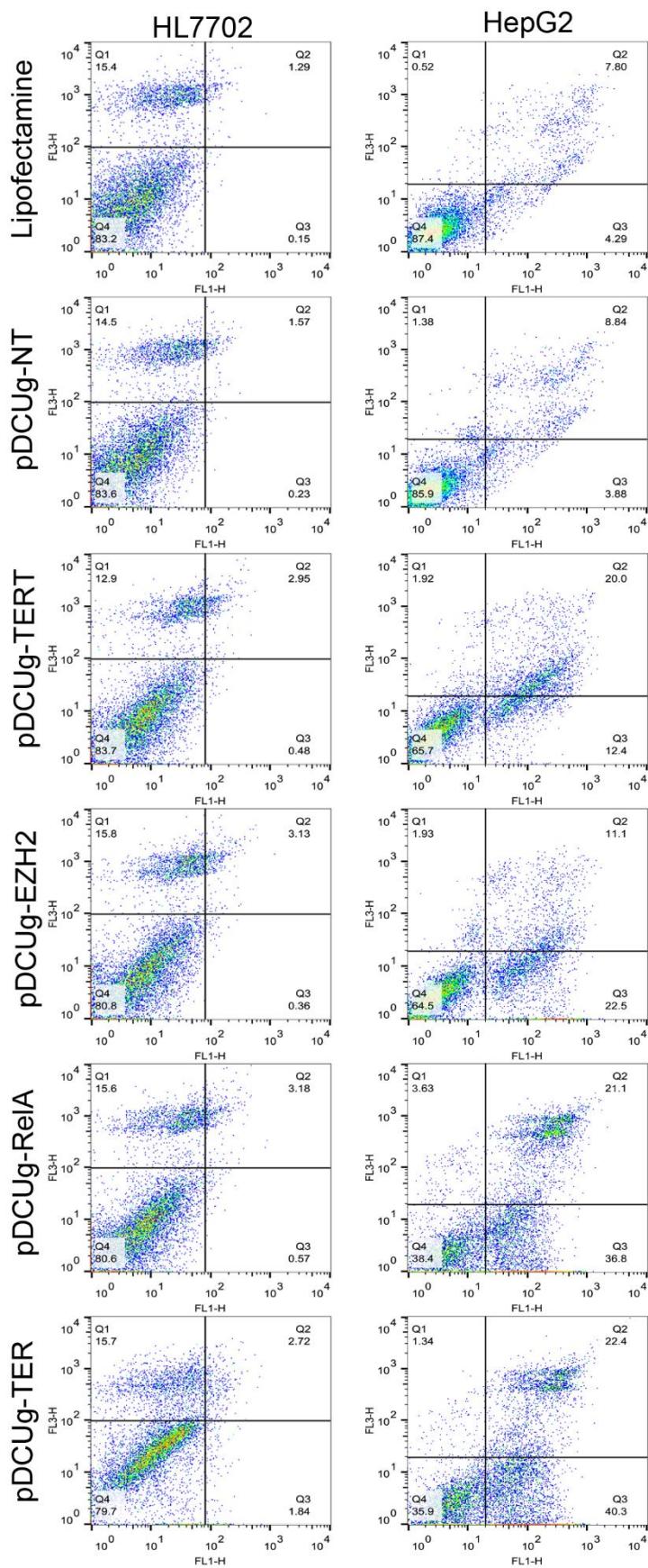


Fig.S10. Interference of endogenous gene expression with DMP-Cas13a/U6-gRNA. Cells were transfected by various vectors and detected at 24 h post transfection. Flow cytometry analysis of cell apoptosis.

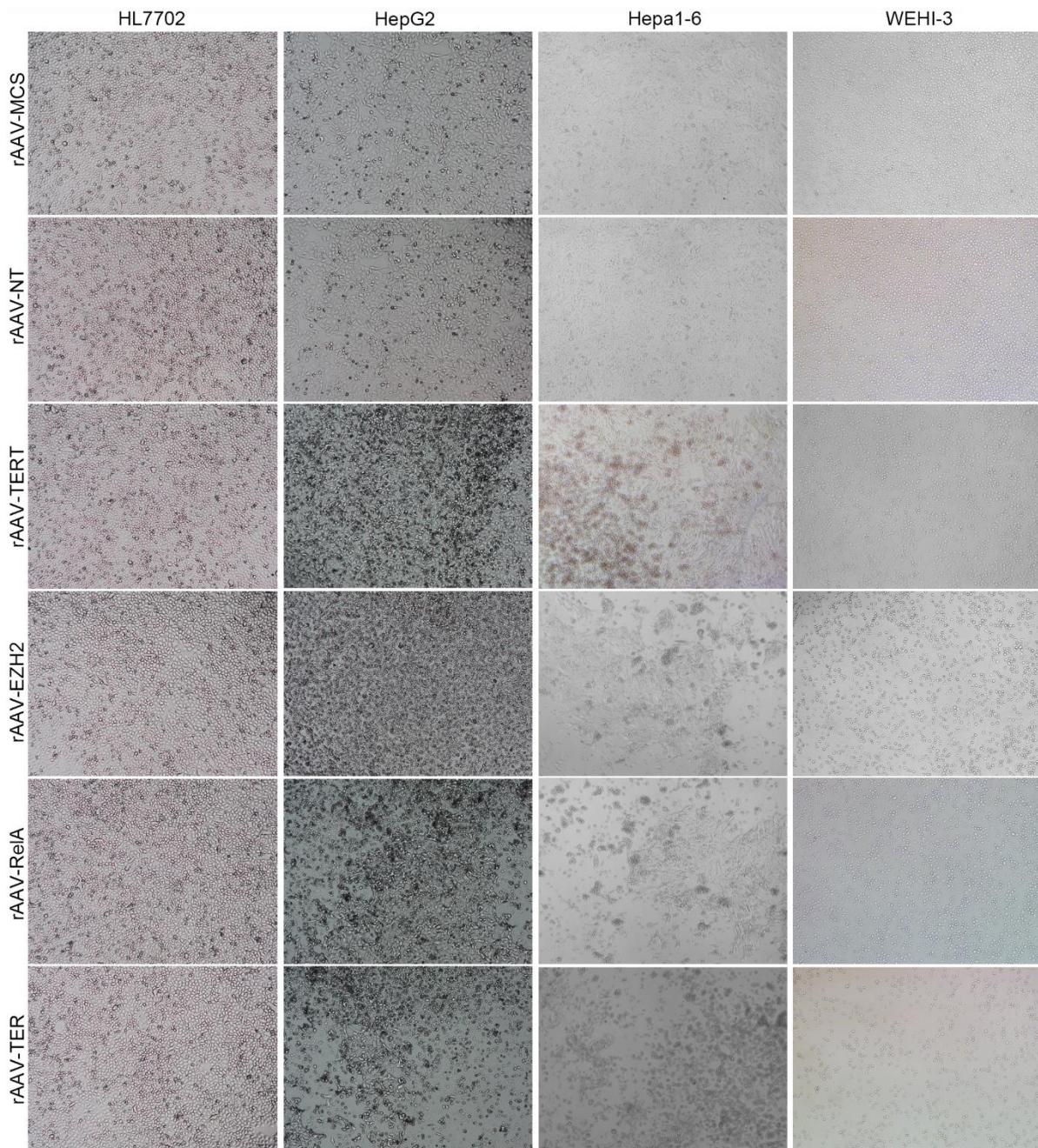


Fig.S11. Antitumor effects of DMP-Cas13a/U6-gRNA virus in vitro. Cells were inoculated in 24-well plate ( $1 \times 10^5$  cells/well) and cultured for 12 h. Cells were then treated with viruses ( $5 \times 10^{10}$  vg/well) including rAAV-MCS, rAAV-NT, rAAV-TERT, rAAV-EZH2, rAAV-RelA, and rAAV-TER, respectively. Cells were cultured for 72 h and imaged at 24 h post transfection.

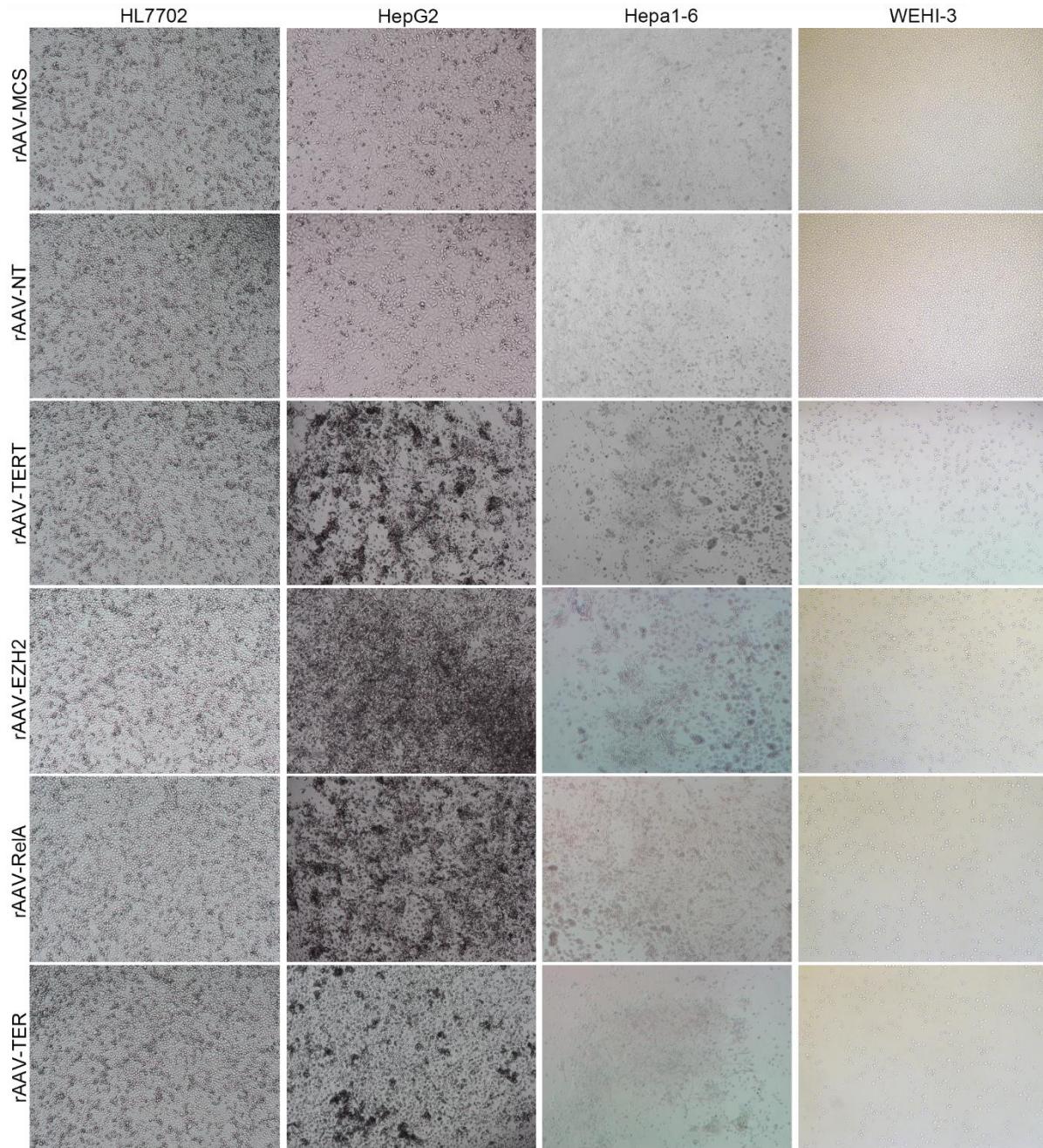
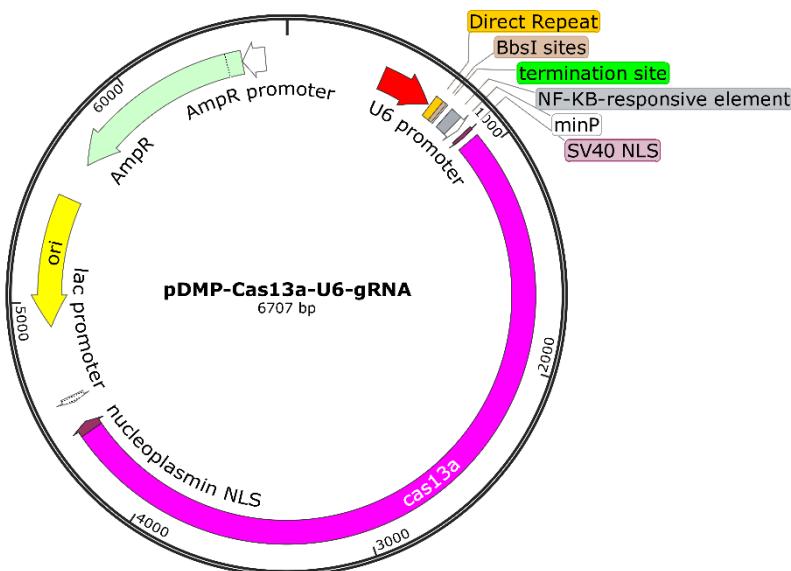


Fig.S12. Antitumor effects of DMP-Cas13a/U6-gRNA virus in vitro. Cells were inoculated in 24-well plate ( $1 \times 10^5$  cells/well) and cultured for 12 h. Cells were then treated with viruses ( $5 \times 10^{10}$  vg/well) including rAAV-MCS, rAAV-NT, rAAV-TERT, rAAV-EZH2, rAAV-RelA, and rAAV-TER, respectively. Cells were cultured for 72 h and imaged at 48 h post transfection.

## Plasmids and the functional sequences

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pDMP-Cas13a-U6-gRNA

U6+Direct repeat+Spacer+DMP+Cas13a+SV40 poly(A) signal

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hEZH2: CGGCTTCCTTATCATCTCGGTGATCCT  
hRelA: CCTCTTCCTGCACCTGTCACACAGTAG  
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