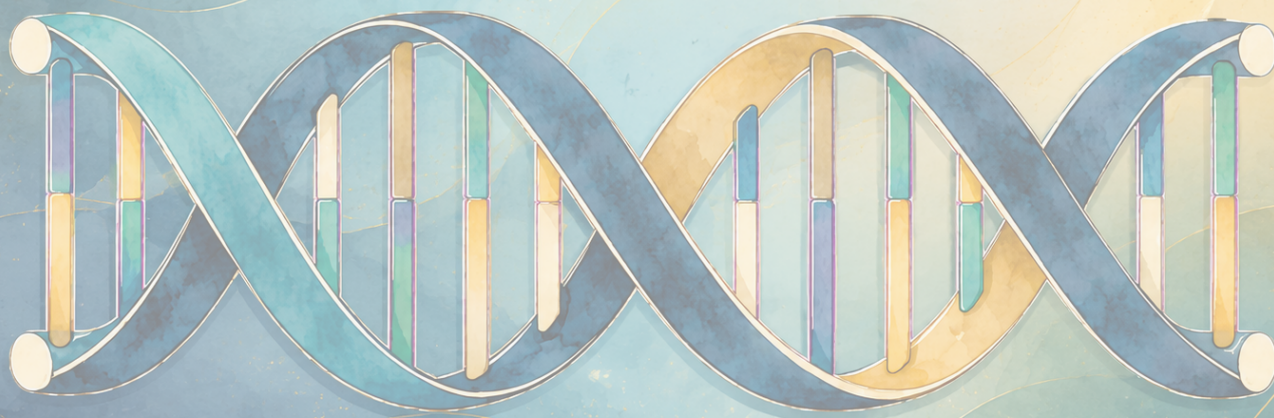




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Family tuntun ti RNA-guided DNA-targeting systems — yàtò sí CRISPR, kò sì tîl jẹ gene-editing tool

Nípa mining microbial genomes pèlú protein structures, researchers rí TIGR-Tas, family tuntun ti RNA-guided systems tí ñ cut DNA pèlú two-part guide àti láiní “PAM” landing site. Wón fí hàn pé version kan programmable nínú human cells, sùgbón efficiency kéré, wón sì trace deep evolutionary links sí RNA-guided machines mǐràn. Real expansion ti RNA-guided biology ni, possible starting point fún future tools — basic-science discovery àti proof of concept, kì í ẹ mature editor tàbí therapy.

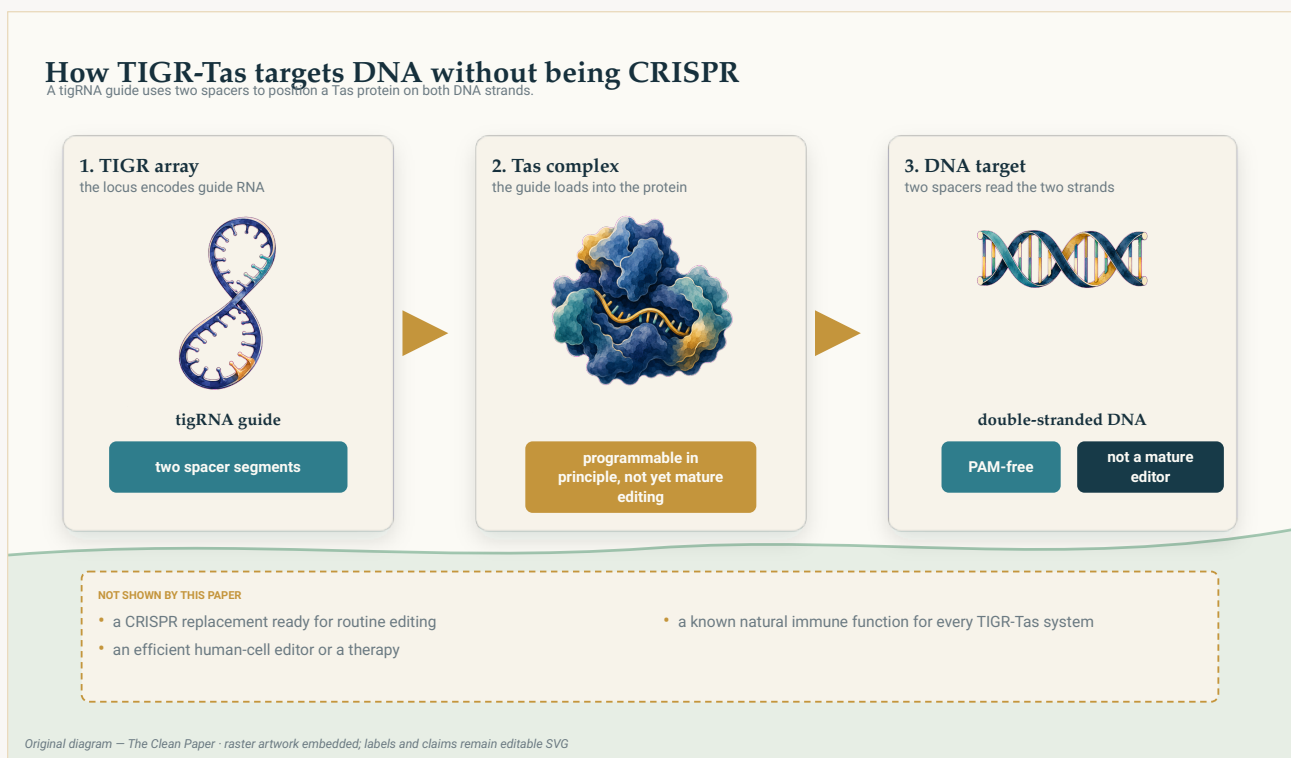
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Èka tuntun kan lórí igi àwọn RNA-guided machines

Nígba díẹ̀, biology iwé iwádíí kan máa n dé pèlú àkólé tí kò béèrè fún. Tí èyí gba ni “CRISPR tuntun kan.” Iṣẹ̀ tó wà lẹ́yìn rẹ̀ fanimọ̀ra ju bẹ̀ẹ̀ lọ — ó sì tún dín síi, bí ó ẹ̀ sáà rí.

È jẹ́ ká bẹ̀rẹ̀ pèlú ohun tí CRISPR mú di olókíkí: **RNA-guided ètò**. Ètan náà ni pé prótínì kò nílò kí a hard-wire rẹ̀ láti recognize target kan. Dípò bẹ̀ẹ̀, ó gbe short piece of RNA — guide kan — ó sì lọ sí ibi tí sequence guide náà bá match. Yí guide padà, target náà yí. Programmability yí ni ìdí tí CRISPR fi di irinṣẹ̀. Şùgbọ̀n CRISPR kì í ẹ̀ RNA-guided ètò kan ọ̀so nínú nature, ibèèrè iwé iwádíí yí sì jẹ́ èyí tó ní sùúrù: irú ètò *mùràn* méléò ní wà, kí ni wọn lè kọ̀ wà?



TIGR-Tas lo guide tí ó ní spacers méjì láti ka opposite strands tí DNA. Architecture tuntun ni, kì í ẹ̀ ready-made jínì editor.

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Láti wá wọn, òhàkòwé kò search fún matching jínì sequences — wọn máa n yí púpò kọ́já evolutionary àkókò, nítorí náà distant relatives lè ọ̀nù. Wọn search fún *shapes*. Wọn bẹ̀rẹ̀ láti apá CRISPR Cas9 prótínì tí ó di guide RNA mú, wọn sì wá predicted prótínì ịṣètò databases fún ohun tí a kọ̀ ní ọ̀nà kan náà. Trail yẹn lọ — nípasẹ̀ bacterial “jumping jínì” kan àti machinery tí ordinary ẹ̀ṣẹ̀lì nì ló láti chemically tweak RNA ara wọn — sí ohun tuntun gidi.

Ohun tí àwọn olùkòwé ẹ̀

Structural search náà rí previously unrecognised family of prótínì, tí a encode púpò jù lọ nínú bacteriophages (viruses tí nì infect bacteria), viruses of archaea, àti tiny parasitic bacteria. Ọ̀kọ̀ọ̀kan wà lẹ́gbẹ̀ẹ̀ distinctive stretch

of DNA: long repeating array tí òhàkòwé pé ní **TIGR array** (Tandem Interspaced Guide RNA). Wọn pé prótínì náà ní **Tas** (TIGR-associated). Díẹ Tas prótínì jẹ bare RNA-gripping part nìkan; àwọn mífàràn ní DNA-cutting irinṣẹ́ — ọkàn nínú molecular scissors méjì (RuvC tàbí HNH) — tí a so mó wọn.

Léyìn tí wọn rí family náà nínú database, wọn gbe e wọ lab: wọn express ètò náà nínú *E. coli*, wọn sequence small RNAs tí wọn ẹ, wọn mọ òfin tí RNAs yẹn fi ní rí DNA target, wọn ìdánwò bóyá cutting versions ní cut gan-an, wọn gbìyànjú láti program ọkàn fún editing ènìyàn ẹẹlì, níkẹhin wọn freeze working complex kan wọn sì image ìṣètò rẹ ní near-atomic resolution.

Ohun tí wọn rí

Guide náà wà ní apá méjì. TIGR array ní a ìlànà sí short RNAs tó ní nípa 36 letters, ọkọọkan ní *targeting segments* méjì tó yàtò. Segment kan ka strand kan tí target DNA; omì kan opposite strand. Mejeeji ẹṣẹ pọ láti pin site kan mó. Èyí jẹ mechanistic departure gidi láti CRISPR, tí guide rẹ ní match single strand nínú continuous stretch kan.

Kò sì nílò “landing pad.” Ọpọ CRISPR nucleases lè cut nìkan ní lẹgbẹẹ short specific DNA motif (“PAM”) tó wà beside target — constraint tó ní ààlà ibi tí wọn lè aim. TIGR ètò kò fi requirement bẹẹ hàn: target sequence funra rẹ ní wọn gbára lẹ. System tí kò nílò PAM lè, ní principle, target sí i places.

Cutting versions náà cut precisely. Pẹlú little RNA guide, RuvC- àti HNH-bearing Tas prótínì ẹ clean, sequence-specific breaks nínú DNA — wọn kò sì ẹ nìkan láísí guide.

Èdà kan lè program fún editing ènìyàn ẹẹlì — ẹ̀gbọn barely. Nígbà tí a gbe wọ ènìyàn ẹẹlì nínú dish, a sì aim sí jínì mífà, Tas prótínì kan ẹ edits, tó confirm pé ètò programmable nínú ẹẹlì wa. Ẹ̀gbọn efficiency kéré: best ọràn jẹ few percent of ẹẹlì. Fún ìfiwéra, today’s optimized CRISPR irinṣẹ́ routinely edit large fraction of ẹẹlì. Èyí jẹ proof pé ó lè ẹṣẹ, kì í ẹ irinṣẹ́ tí ní ẹṣẹ *dáadàa*.

Structure ẹ̀làyé ọ̀nà ẹṣẹ — ó sì hint origins rẹ. Imaged complex jẹ mirror-symmetric pair of prótínì tí ó clasp figure-eight-shaped guide RNA, pẹlú target DNA tí a bend sharply. Strikingly, architecture náà jọ machine kan nínú relatives tí ẹẹlì wa — box C/D **snoRNP**, tí ó guide chemical edits sí RNA dípò kó cut DNA.

Natural job rẹ kò dájú. Nígbà òhàkòwé express ètò kan nínú *E. coli*, kò *fend off* invading viruses tàbí plasmids — day job tí CRISPR. Dípò bẹẹ ó gradually purge targeted plasmid kọjá generations púpọ, tó hint pé gidi role rẹ lè wà nínú slow competition láàárín mobile DNA pieces dípò frontline immune defence. Ẹ̀gbọn artificial borrowed setting ní, honest answer ní pé a kò tì mọ ohun tí ètò wònyí ẹ nínú wild.

Ohun tí èyí likely túmọ sí

Nìkan méjì, pẹlú ìpele of ìgbẹkẹlẹ tó yàtò.

Solid ọkàn: known world of RNA-guided ètò tóbi, ó sì varied ju CRISPR àti recently rí cousins rẹ lọ. TIGR-Tas jẹ branch tuntun gidi, pẹlú own two-part, PAM-free way of recognizing DNA. Èyí jẹ gidi addition sí map.

Deeper, sí i speculative ọkàn: nítorí TIGR machinery jẹ built bí snoRNP tí ní edit RNA nínú ẹẹlì bí tiwa, àti bí

known jumping jini kan, ó lè mark evolutionary link láàárín RNA-guided RNA-modifying ètò àti RNA-guided DNA-targeting ètò — see se missing piece nínú itàn bí programmable RNA guides se arise kojá life.

Ohun tí èyí kò fi èrí múlẹ̀

- Kì í se **ready gene-editing irinṣẹ́**. Editing nínú ènìyàn seṣẹ́li hàn, ṣùgbọ́n weak — few percent best ọ̀ràn. Proof of programmability ni, kì í se mature editor, ó sì jìn sí iṣẹ̀gùn lò.
- Kì í se **“CRISPR 2.0.”** Bí irinṣẹ́ lónlẹ́, CRISPR-Cas9 out-edits rẹ̀ ní púpọ̀. TIGR-Tas jẹ́ tuntun *architecture* ní proof-of-concept stage, kì í se better èdà of existing product.
- **Biological role rẹ̀ unknown.** Kò act bí anti-virus immune ètò nínú ọ̀kan idánwò; “tuntun bacterial immune ètò” kò established.
- Ọ̀pọ̀ **basic ọ̀nà iṣẹ́ sì open** — pẹ̀lú bí guide RNA se cut sí final length àti ohun tí ètò target nínú nature (ọ̀pọ̀ wà nínú microbes tí ó nira láti culture).
- **Kò sí therapy níhìn-ín.** Discovery àti characterization nínú microbes àti seṣẹ́li culture ni — no disease, no itoju, no aláìsàn.

Báwo ni èrí se lágbára tó?

Discovery funra rẹ̀ dúró lórí ground tó firm, ó sì well-rounded: large-scale structural mining, lab confirmation ti bí RNA se form àti bí ó se rí/cut DNA, near-atomic iṣètò of complex in action, plus human-cell idánwò. Claim pé “tuntun distinct RNA-guided DNA-targeting family ni” well supported láti itọ́sọ̀nà púpọ̀.

Ohun tó *early* ni usefulness. Editing works barely, gbogbo optimization tí yí CRISPR láti curiosity sí irinṣẹ́ sì wà níwájú fún TIGR. Ohun tó *inferential* ni rest of itàn — natural role jẹ́ reasonable guess láti artificial idánwò, evolutionary link jẹ́ elegant argument láti shared iṣètò, kì í se settled history. ìwé iwádìí sọ́ra nípa which is which.

Kí nìdí tí ó fi se pàtàkì?

Several widenings ti RNA-guided catalogue sáájú ti pay off níkeyì. Systems léyìn today’s irinṣẹ́ — Cas9, Cas12, Cas13, àti recently smaller IscB/OMEGA prótínì àti eukaryotic Fanzors — jẹ́, ní ìbèrẹ̀, newly described biology nìkan. Kò sí ọ̀kan tó dé bí finished irinṣẹ́. System pẹ̀lú two-part guide àti no PAM requirement jẹ́ genuinely yàtò starting kókó, PAM-free targeting sì jẹ́ flexibility tí tool-builders fẹ́.

Ṣùgbọ́n quieter èsì lè se pàtàkì jù irinṣẹ́ prospect. Nípa tying DNA-cutting ètò sí RNA-editing snoRNP machinery àti jumping jini, iṣẹ́ yí sketch see se thread tó connect very yàtò RNA-guided ètò kojá tree of life. Irú àwàrí bèẹ̀ lè reorganize bí field se lóye origin irinṣẹ́ rẹ̀ — tó lè ní iye púpọ̀ ju àkọlé mû nípa scissors lọ ní long run.

Àkótán kedere

Nípa search fún prótínì *shapes* dípò sequences, olùwádíí discover TIGR-Tas: previously unknown family of RNA-guided DNA-targeting ètò, mostly nínú bacterial viruses àti parasitic bacteria. Guide RNA rẹ unusual — nípa 36 letters pèlú targeting segments méjì tí ní ka opposite strands of DNA — àti unlike CRISPR, kò nílò adjacent “PAM” motif. DNA-cutting members cut precisely, oṣan lè program fún human-cell editing (ṣùgbọ̀n efficiency few percent nìkan), near-atomic ìṣètò sì fi complex tó jọ snoRNP machinery tí ní edit RNA nínú sẹ̀lì wa hàn — suggesting deep evolutionary link láàárín RNA-guided RNA-modifying àti DNA-targeting ètò. Èyí jẹ gidi expansion ti RNA-guided biology àti sẹ́ sẹ́ chassis fún future irinṣẹ́ — basic-science discovery àti proof of concept, **kì í sẹ** mature jínì editor, **kì í sẹ** “CRISPR 2.0,” **kì í sẹ** therapy. Natural job rẹ nínú wild sì unknown.

Àyèwò láìsí àṣejù

Ohun tí iwé iwádíí fi hàn: New distinct RNA-guided DNA-targeting family (TIGR-Tas) nínú prokaryotes àti viruses wọ̀n; two-segment PAM-free guide RNA (~36 nt) tó target DNA strands méjì; precise RNA-guided cleavage; programmable low-efficiency human-cell editing; near-atomic cryo-EM ìṣètò; structural/evolutionary links sí box C/D snoRNPs àti IS110 transposons.

Ohun tó sẹ́ gbà ṣùgbọ̀n unproven: Natural biological role; proposed evolutionary bridge láàárín RNA-modifying àti DNA-targeting ètò.

Ohun tí kò fi hàn: Mature/high-efficiency editor; superiority sí CRISPR; confirmed natural function; guide-RNA maturation ọ̀nà ìṣẹ́; therapeutic application.

Main limitations: Human-cell editing efficiency low; most ètò live nínú hard-to-study metagenomes; biological-role àti evolutionary-origin claims inferential; characterization nínú microbes/sẹ̀lì culture, **kì í sẹ** disease context.

Ìgbẹ̀kẹ̀lẹ̀ wo ni olùkà gbogboogbo yẹ kí ó ní? Gíga pé èyí jẹ genuine distinct family pèlú novel two-part PAM-free ọ̀nà ìṣẹ́. Gíga pé **kì í sẹ** ready gene-editing irinṣẹ́, “CRISPR 2.0” tàbí therapy. Kéré lórí natural role àti how far it yòdò go as a irinṣẹ́. Stance tó yẹ: excitement nípa tuntun biology, patience nípa applications.

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