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CAMIO for deletion analysis of endogenous DNA sequences in multicellular organisms

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Abstract

The genome is the blueprint for an organism. Interrogating the genome, especially locating critical cis-regulatory elements, requires deletion analysis. This is conventionally performed using synthetic constructs, making it cumbersome and non-physiological. Thus, we created Cas9-mediated Arrayed Mutagenesis of Individual Offspring (CAMIO) to achieve high-throughput analysis of native DNA. CAMIO utilizes CRISPR that is spatially restricted to generate independent deletions. Controlled by recombination, a single guide RNA is stochastically chosen from a set targeting a specific DNA region. Combining two sets increases variability, leading to either indels at 1-2 target sites or inter-target deletions. Cas9 restriction to male germ cells elicits autonomous double-strand-break repair, consequently creating offspring with diverse mutations. Thus, from a single population cross, we can obtain a deletion matrix covering a large expanse of DNA at both coarse and fine resolution. We demonstrate the ease and power of CAMIO by mapping 5'UTR sequences crucial for *chinmo's* post-transcriptional regulation.

Introduction

It never ceases to amaze that genomes, sequences composed of a seemingly simple four-letter code, serve as the fundamental blueprints for life. From these

four nucleotides emanate layers upon layers of complexity. The central dogma

depicts the basic information flow from DNA to RNA to protein. However,

numerous mechanisms increase the complexity at each step and can feed

backwards. Some examples include epigenetic modifications, promoter/enhancer

usage, alternative splicing, post-transcriptional and post-translational

modifications. Understanding how complex biology unfolds, advances, and

evolves from genomic sequences requires development of precise and efficient

tools to interrogate the genome. While spontaneous or induced mutations once

served as the basis of our understanding about many biological processes, we

now exploit sophisticated methods to directly manipulate genomes for systematic

mechanistic studies.

Pioneering geneticists, like Dr. Barbara McClintock, enlightened us with

fundamental understanding of genetic information and regulation at the level of

genes and chromosomes. More recently, to understand gene regulation,

molecular biologists have relied heavily on *in vitro* or cell culture-based assays to

assess the function of DNA fragments. One example of this is promoter bashing

used to pinpoint critical or regulatory sequence elements in a promoter[1,2]. Also, in

enhancer screening, larger DNA fragments upstream or downstream of a target

gene are fused to reporter genes[3-5]. This synthetic approach often fails to

recapitulate full endogenous patterns, and thus requires second-round rescue

experiments to draw solid conclusions. Such indirect methods are inefficient and

non-physiological, prompting the search for tailor-made sequence-specific DNA

nucleases that permit targeted mutagenesis of native sequences.

In the early 2000s, zinc-finger nucleases (ZFNs)[6], the first of the tailored

nucleases, were heavily adopted[7,8]. Although it seemed a promising strategy for

genome editing, major setbacks, especially off-target toxicity limited its utility[9].

Therefore, the enthusiasm for ZFNs declined after the arrival of transcription

activator-like effector nucleases (TALENs)[10-12]. The higher specificity of TALENs

led to fewer off-target disruptions, and hence less cytotoxicity[13]. However,

constructing a TALEN is technically challenging because the homologous

sequences encoding the TALEN repeats are prone to recombine with each

other[9].

The newest technology, CRISPR (clustered regularly interspaced short

palindromic repeats), was first exploited for targeted mutagenesis[14] and then

swiftly adopted to edit genomes of diverse organisms[15-20]. CRISPR's popularity

lies in its simplicity: a Cas9 nuclease plus an easily made guide RNA (gRNA)

induces a double-strand break (DSB) targeted by DNA-RNA base pairing[14,16].

Cells repair the DSBs either through nonhomologous end joining (NHEJ)[21],

leading to insertion or deletion (indel), or through homology-directed repair

(HDR)[22] which replaces discontinuous sequences with an available template.

The fact that CRISPR can produce targeted DNA modifications with near

unlimited specificity has ensured its rapid expansion throughout the biological

and biomedical fields[23]. Indeed, CRISPR technology has already transformed

studies from stem cell research and cancer biology to food production and pest

control[24].

Drosophila melanogaster has been a powerful model organism for decoding the

genome to understand complex biology[25]. However, even with existing genetic

tools, it remains quite challenging to interrogate the entire fly genome, especially

non-coding regions. Enhancing fly genetics with CRISPR is particularly needed

for large-scale genome-wide screens as well as focused, detailed sequence

analyses[26].

Here we describe a new high-throughput technology for deletion analysis called

CAMIO (Cas9-mediated Arrayed Mutagenesis of Individual Offspring). We built a

CRISPR-based mutagenesis pipeline in *Drosophila* male germ cells, to achieve

massive production of independent indels in targeted loci with germline

transmission[27,28]. We further created a transgenic system for simultaneously

targeting multiple sites with an array of gRNAs. This way, we can readily

generate a huge collection of organisms harboring either diverse, small, localized

indels or large, defined deletions (inter-target deletions). This will enable efficient

deletion analysis of sizable genomic regions *in vivo*. We include here an example

that demonstrates the power of CAMIO. In 2006 our lab discovered that the

expression of temporal protein Chinmo was regulated via its 5'UTR[29]. Using

CAMIO, we are able to rapidly ascribe a critical aspect of this temporal control to

a 300-bp sequence of the 2kb UTR. In conclusion, CAMIO enables high-

throughput organism-level genome structure-functional studies.

Results

Independent targeted mutagenesis in individual male germ cells

To mutate the genome in a high-throughput manner requires a germline pipeline

for independent mutagenesis in individual germ cells rather than germline stem

cells (GSCs). We have shown that the *bam* promoter can effectively and

specifically drive flippase induction in female germ cells, and not in GSCs[28].

bam's restriction to germ cells in both the male and female germline prompted us

to explore whether we could conduct independent mutagenesis in individual

germ cells.

To this end, we made *bamP(898)-Cas9* and tested its ability to mutate gRNA-

targeted sites in male as well as female germline. For proof of principle, we

chose the *ebony* gene for targeted mutagenesis. Loss-of-*ebony* mutations are

easy to detect and there was a readily available transgenic gRNA targeting

ebony (Fig. 1a)[19]. We determined the mutagenesis efficiency in male versus

female founders (Fig. 1b). Surprisingly, over 25% of male gametes as opposed to

only ~3% of female gametes carried loss-of-function *ebony* mutations. This result

Figure 1. *bamP-Cas9* induces efficient CRISPR targeted mutagenesis in male germ cells. (A) Ebony transcript shown with UTRs in turquoise. U6 drives guide RNA (*gRNA-e*), which targets 5' end of *ebony* coding sequence. (B) Percent of progeny with ebony loss-of-function (LOF) mutations from female or male founders. Mean ± SEM (n=9). (C) Sequences of 10 randomly selected *ebony* LOF progeny from the same male founder. (D) Deletion profile of *UAS-shibire* transgene following CRISPR targeting collected from 919 phenotypically wildtype progeny. NGS data was analyzed and presented by Cas-analyzer, www.rgenome.net[30]. (E) Left, percentage of predicted indels (calculated by FORECasT[31] using *gRNA-shi* and *UAS-shibire* sequences) grouped into 3 reading frames, 0 represents the in-frame indels. Right) Actual reading frame percentages from phenotypically wildtype progeny, calculated from mapping results (obtained with CAS-analyzer). Chi-square test assuming equal distribution was used to assess the significance. The result is below machine precision and thus set to zero.

demonstrates that the male germline is particularly susceptible to *bamP-Cas9-*

mediated genome editing.

To address if the Cas9-mediated editing events occurred independently, we

sequenced a part of the *ebony* locus in individual mutants carrying *ebony*

deficiency. From a single male founder, we analyzed ten progeny with *ebony*

loss-of-function phenotypes. We uncovered seven different indels around the

Cas9 cut site (Fig. 1c). One identical *ebony* mutation occurred in three siblings,

possibly resulting from either differential deletion of GTC repeats or from

microhomology-mediated repair[32]. The recovery of many distinct indels from a

single founder argues for independent Cas9 actions in individual germ cells. This

result encouraged us to establish *bamP* induced CRISPR in the male germline

as a 'targeted mutagenesis pipeline'.

A mutagenesis pipeline could be useful for producing novel alleles of a protein of

interest. To explore this idea, we tested CRISPR's usefulness to produce novel

alleles of a well characterized gene, *shibire. shibire* encodes *Drosophila*

Dynamin, a motor protein crucial for synaptic vesicle endocytosis[33]. *shi^{ts1}*, a

temperature sensitive allele containing a missense mutation, is widely used in

behavioral assays to temporarily shut off neuronal activity[34]. We therefore

designed a gRNA against the *UAS-shibire* transgene at the region where the

temperature-sensitive *shi^{ts1}* point mutation is located, presuming that we could

produce additional temperature-sensitive or dominant negative alleles.

We tested our mutagenized transgene by expressing it in the eye with GMR-Gal4

and screening at 29 degrees. Unfortunately, the rough eye phenotype was not

confined to temperature-sensitive or dominant negative alleles, but was also the

result of high transgene expression in the eye. Frameshift mutations in the

beginning of *shibire* would lead to premature stop codons, and the resultant small

truncated proteins are likely non-functional. By contrast, in-frame mutations

would create essentially full-size proteins. However, loss of critical amino acids

could disrupt key catalytic functions but preserve the protein's ability to

polymerize, thus creating a dominant negative allele. We therefore surveyed

phenotypically wildtype offspring to see if they lacked in-frame mutations. We

pooled around 1000 phenotypically normal progeny collected from 20 male

founders for amplicon analysis with next generation sequencing (NGS). We

obtained a large collection of diverse indels, with the majority of deletions smaller

than 30 bps (Fig. 1d). Notably, there is a clear under-representation of in-frame

mutations (Fig. 1e). The selective loss of such in-frame mutations is noteworthy,

and supports the feasibility of making 'novel' useful proteins via deleting various

amino acids of interest in a high-throughput manner.

Taken together, our data demonstrate that *bamP(898)* effectively restricts Cas9-

mediated mutagenesis to germ cells. There is no evidence that clonal expansion

contributes to the exceptionally high mutation efficiency in male founders.

Therefore, transgenic CRISPR, induced by *bamP*, can effectively serve as a

pipeline for mass production of targeted mutations.

CAMIO: Cas9-mediated arrayed mutagenesis of individual offspring

Despite independent mutagenesis in each germ cell, using only one gRNA limits

the offspring variation, as all indels are anchored around the same Cas9 cut site.

To expand the diversity of deletions that one can recover from a single

population cross, we next explored the possibility of multiplexing gRNA-targeted

mutagenesis. Our vision for multiplexing gRNAs is to have a collection of gRNAs

from which one is stochastically selected, rather than simultaneously expressing

multiple gRNAs. Incorporating this multiplexed design into the male germline in

combination with *bamP(898)*-Cas9 would enable both stochastically chosen

gRNAs and offspring independent mutations. Supplying one gRNA at a time

prevents contamination of rare deletions by much more frequent second-site

mutations. This way, discrete clusters of simple deletions can be recovered from

a single population cross. Therefore, we can tile a sizable DNA region with

diverse small deletions with a repertoire of evenly spaced gRNAs.

To examine the feasibility of our multiplexing design, we targeted a *UAS-*

mCD8::GFP transgene with four independent gRNAs. To stochastically activate

only one out of the four gRNAs, we made a conditional U6-gRNA(x4) transgene

that is dependent on PhiC31-mediated recombination (Fig 2a). Using the *nos*

Figure 2. CAMIO produces diverse arrayed mutations around selected gRNA target sites. (A) Schematic of a conditional U6 gRNA transgene: pCis-{4gRNAs_mCD8}. The U6 promoter is separated from the gRNAs by a large fragment containing a 3xP3-RFP marker. With phiC31 recombination, the attachment site, attB can recombine stochastically with any of the four attP sites (black arrows), creating attR. The phiC31 recombinase is expressed in GSCs, controlled by *nos*. After recombination, a single gRNA is under the control of the U6 promoter (yellow oval) (B) 4 gRNA target sites along the mCD8 coding sequence were selected for pCis-{4gRNAs_mCD8} to disrupt mCD8::GFP expression. Simple or combined multiplexing mutagenesis can be achieved by incorporating one or more pCis-{4gRNAs_mCD8} transgenes. Here, we show two transgenes, each represented by four pair of scissors. Stochastically chosen gRNAs in each set are further marked in yellow. (C) Three categories of deletions arose from applying two copies of pCis-{4gRNAs_mCD8}: single-site deletion, defined deletion, and double-site deletion. Deletion size and count are depicted for single-site deletions. Right, use matrix of gRNA choices, deduced from sequencing GFP negative progeny.

promoter, we control the induction of the phiC31 recombinase in GSCs. Thus, in

each of the 12-24 GSCs per male fly founder[35], the transgene is irreversibly

recombined to express a single gRNA. Recombination occurs between a single

attB site downstream of the U6 promoter and a choice of attP sites upstream of

each gRNA; once reconstituted, the ubiquitous U6 promoter drives expression of

only one of the gRNAs. The intra-chromosomal recombination excises an

intervening 3xP3-RFP. Given the rather small size of each gRNA as compared to

the large 3xP3-RFP, the differences in length between the attB site and the

choice of any one attP site is therefore relatively trivial. Based on a previous,

similar construct for multicolor imaging[36], we expect that each gRNA should be

expressed at comparable frequencies. For brevity, we name the conditional U6-

gRNA transgene pCis, and then, in braces, add the number of gRNAs and the

name of the targeted DNA. For example, to target the UAS-mCD8::GFP

transgene, we created pCis-{4gRNAs_mCD8}. Also, when we describe the

individual gRNAs, we number them in sequence from 5' to 3'.

For the multiplexed targeted mutagenesis of mCD8::GFP, we established male

founders carrying *UAS-mCD8::GFP*, *bamP(898)-Cas9*, *nos-phiC31*, and *pCis-*

{4gRNAs_mCD8}, and crossed them to *act5C-Gal4* females for easy scoring of

GFP fluorescence in the progeny. Overall, approximately 35% of the progeny lost

GFP expression. We collected 30 GFP-negative offspring from two founder

males. Sequencing the mCD8-coding region revealed that each GFP-negative

offspring carried an indel corresponding to a single gRNA (Supplementary Fig.

1). Encouragingly, we recovered various deletions resulting from activation of

each of the four gRNAs. However, the frequency of mutations at each target site

varied. Both founders yielded many more deletions around the gRNA#1/#4

targets than the gRNA#2/#3 targets, possibly reflecting their different on-target

potencies.

We found that the majority (83.3%) of deletions removed 20 or fewer bp and that

the largest one eliminated 85 bp. To tile a sizable DNA region with such small

deletions would require many gRNAs bombarding the region of interest at a

density of around one gRNA per 100 bp. Alternatively, we should be able to

create larger deletions spanning two Cas9 cuts elicited by two gRNAs acting at a

distance. To explore co-employment of two gRNAs, we provided two copies of

pCis-{4gRNAs_mCD8} for multiplexed dual mutagenesis of *UAS-mCD8::GFP*

(Fig. 2b). We obtained a comparable loss-of-GFP mutation rate at ~35% despite

co-expressing two identical or distinct U6-gRNAs. This phenomenon implicates

that Cas9 activity (either level or duration) limits the efficiency of gRNA-directed

mutagenesis in germ cells. Nonetheless, we could recover various diverse

mutations from the dual gRNA-derived GFP-negative progeny, including many

single-site deletions (76.4%) and quite a few double-site deletions (two target

sites with independent indels; 15.4%) as well as some large deletions spanning

two gRNA target sites (inter-target deletions; 8.2%) (Fig. 2c). Notably, the single-

site deletions greatly outnumbered those involving two sites. This outcome is

favored in large-scale deletion analysis, as it increases the chance of recovering

deletions without second-site contamination.

The above results demonstrate that using dual gRNA sets enables us to tile a

region of interest not only with indels, but also with defined deletions. Random

selection of a single gRNA from each of the two identical sets which contain four

gRNAs will yield six possible defined deletions. Encouragingly, from a collection

of only nine inter-target deletions, we recovered five of the six anticipated defined

deletions. Nevertheless, physical hindrance may prevent two Cas9 complexes

from acting simultaneously on very close gRNA targets. This may explain why we

failed to recover the smallest defined deletion of 37 bp between the Cas9 cut

sites of gRNA#2 and #3 targets. These results suggest that inter-target deletions

utilizing two gRNAs can support rapid systematic DNA deletion analysis.

In sum, we established an effective strategy to express various permutations of

two gRNAs in male GSCs. In combination with restricting Cas9 to male germ

cells, we built a germline pipeline for multiplex targeted mutagenesis. We dub

this genetic system CAMIO (Cas9-mediated arrayed mutagenesis of individual

offspring), which can derive from a single population cross a matrix of variable

deletions. This strategy enables deletion analysis of a substantial DNA region

with both coarse (inter-target deletions) and fine (a variety of single- or double-

site deletions) resolution. Below, we prove the power of CAMIO in structure-

functional analysis of a 2.2kb-long genomic fragment.

Structure-functional analysis of *chinmo* 5'UTR

The Chinmo BTB-zinc finger nuclear protein is dynamically expressed in intricate

spatiotemporal patterns in the developing *Drosophila* central nervous system.

Such dynamic Chinmo expression governs various aspects of temporally

patterned neurogenesis, including age-dependent neural stem cell

proliferation[37,38] and birth order-dependent neuronal cell fate[29,39,40]. Notably,

chinmo transcripts exist much more broadly than Chinmo proteins, indicating

involvement of negative post-transcriptional regulation[29,38]. Consistent with this

notion, *chinmo* transcripts have long UTRs, including a 2.2kb 5'UTR and an

8.5kb 3'UTR[41]. To locate the involved regulatory elements in such long UTRs by

conventional structure-functional analysis would be a daunting task.

Nonetheless, we started by making reporter transgenes carrying *chinmo* 5'

and/or 3' UTR(s). For a functional readout, we utilized the development of the

Drosophila mushroom body (MB), which involves an orderly production of γ, $\alpha'\beta'$,

and $\alpha\beta$ neurons. We first determined the roles of the 5' vs. 3'UTR in

downregulation of Chinmo expression along MB neurogenesis[29], by examining

the change in expression of reporter transgenes (containing either or both UTRs)

from early to late larval stages (Supplementary Fig. 2). Notably, presence of the

chinmo 5'UTR drastically suppressed the reporter expression. Interestingly, only

in the absence of the 3'UTR did we detect an enhanced 5'UTR-dependent

suppression at the late larval stage. These phenomena ascribe the *chinmo*

downregulatory mechanism(s) to the 5'UTR, and unexpectedly revealed some

upregulation by the 3'UTR. This upregulation could potentially be a transgene-

specific artifact, arguing for the importance of performing assessments in the

native environment. We thus turned to CAMIO to carry out structure-functional

analysis of the native *chinmo* 5'UTR.

chinmo's 5'UTR is separated into 3 exons; the first two exons are neighboring

and the distant 3rd exon is separated from the 2nd by 36kb (Fig. 3a). A gRNA set

was designed to target each exon for CRISPR mutagenesis (Fig. 3b). We

provided two copies of the same set for induction of both indels and inter-target

deletions within an exon. Additionally, we paired gRNA sets for exon 1 and 2 to

create larger deletions that span the exon1/2 junction. Thus, we could delete

various parts of *chinmo* 5'UTR in its endogenous locus with simple fly pushing.

Based on the previously observed deletion rate of around 35%, we collected 300

male progeny from each CAMIO genetic cross. We hoped to saturate each

5'UTR exon with ~100 different deletions. In total, 1200 CAMIO males were

harvested from the four different gRNA array combinations (exons 1, 2, 3, and

1+2). We mapped potential indels by sequencing indexed PCR products in a

high-throughput manner.

Figure 3. Applying CAMIO on *chinmo* 5' UTR. (A) An illustration of the *chinmo* gene, UTRs are depicted in turquoise. (B) We selected 4 target sites on *chinmo* exon 1 (455 bps), 6 target sites on exon 2 (1061 bps), and 4 target sites on exon 3 (639 bps). Each exon was dissected by CAMIO with a pair of gRNA sets, depicted as a set of scissors. Additionally, we combined gRNA sets from exon1 and exon2. (C) Representation of larger deletions predicted by NGS of 984 offspring (300 each for individual exons and 84 for Ex1-Ex2). Predicted deletions over 100 bps were subject to Sanger sequencing for confirmation. Confirmed >100 bps deletions are marked in red and given an ID#. Selected homozygous viable deletions (marked in green) that cover larger proportions of each exons were selected for MB development studies.

We detected numerous indels around each gRNA target site (Supplementary Fig.

3) and also recovered many inter-target deletions that together allow efficient

coverage of the entire 5'UTR (Fig. 3c). We made organisms homozygous for the

large inter-target deletions and examined MB morphology. Markedly, we found

similar aberrant MB morphology with two exon 2 inter-target deletions,

chinmo^{Ex2L56} and *chinmo*^{Ex2L130} (Fig. 4a). These deletions overlap by ~300 bp.

Variable defects in the perpendicular projection of the bifurcated $\alpha\beta$ axon lobes

appeared at comparable frequencies (~30-50%) in homozygous as well as

transheterozygous brains. Further, the penetrance of this phenotype is sensitive

to Chinmo dosage, as a *chinmo* deficiency line effectively suppressed the

phenotype (Fig. 4b). Marchetti and Tavosanis recently proposed that Chinmo

downregulation plays a role in promoting $\alpha'\beta'$ to $\alpha\beta$ MB neuron fate transition at

the prepupal stage[42]. Therefore, we assessed Chinmo levels, and observed

aberrantly elevated Chinmo in young MB neurons around pupa formation in both

chinmo^{Ex2L56} and *chinmo*^{Ex2L130} homozygous mutants (Fig. 4c). This is consistent

with the notion that these overlapping deletions have uncovered the essential

region for this prepupal downregulation of Chinmo. In summary, a single round of

CAMIO allowed us to identify a 300 bp locus in the 2.2kb 5'UTR critical for proper

MB development.

Meanwhile, notably absent were indels or large deletions involving the target

sites g2_2 and g2_3. This area in exon 2 may carry essential sequences for

Chinmo regulation that is critical for organism viability. Alternative explanations

**Figure 4. Overlapping deletions in 5'UTR alter Chinmo expression and MB
morphology.** (A) Stacked confocal images of adult MBs stained for FasII (green, $\alpha\beta$ and
γ lobes) and Trio (red, $\alpha'\beta'$ and γ lobes). Missing or misshapen $\alpha\beta$ lobes (arrows). Scale
bars: 50 μm. (B) Percent of flies with abnormal $\alpha\beta$ lobes. Homozygous and
transheterozygous deletions have strong MB $\alpha\beta$ lobe defects, whereas hemizygous
deletions over a *chinmo* deficiency line (*Df*) are much less penetrant. (C) Single optical
sections of MB lineages (*OK107-Gal4*, *UAS-mCD8::GFP*) immunostained for GFP and
Chinmo at white pupa stage. Chinmo staining is elevated in newly derived MB neurons
(weaker GFP signal, outlined by white dashed lines) in homozygous *chinmo^{Ex2L56}* and
chinmo^{Ex2L130}. Green: GFP; Magenta: Chinmo. Scale bars: 20 μm.

for the failure in recovering indels from that region include: a relatively shallow

sequencing depth of the exon 2 region, our small sample size, unexpectedly low

gRNA on-target strength for these gRNAs, or flawed design in the exon 2 gRNA

set pCis-{6gRNAs_chinmo Exon2}. To address the last concern that bothered us

most, we assessed the usage of specific gRNAs for the exon 2 set in progeny

that do not contain Cas9 (Supplementary Fig. 4). While g2_2 and g2_3 were not

recruited as frequently as others, they each still emerged 6-7% of the time. A rate

of 6-7% should be sufficient for us to recover some indels, as gRNA#1 was

selected ~15% of the time and produced multiple indels in our CAMIO

experiment.

To examine whether this region of the 5'UTR is indeed critical, we exploited

mosaic analysis to create somatic mutations in different tissues. A transgene,

dU6_g2+3, was hence assembled to ubiquitously express both g2_2 and g2_3.

We began with MB-specific CRISPR mutagenesis by inducing *UAS-Cas9*

specifically in the MB lineage using a MB specific Gal4 (*OK107-Gal4*). We saw

no temporal fate changes in the MB, the classic phenotype of *chinmo*

misregulation in the MB. We next elicited CRISPR mutagenesis in all neural stem

cells (neuroblast: NB) with NB-restricted Cas9 (*dpn-Cas9*) and *dU6_g2+3*. These

animals were viable and showed no abnormal tumor-like NBs in larval or adult

brains (typical of Chinmo overexpression)[38]. These data failed to provide

evidence in support of presence of critical brain regulatory elements in the region

targeted by g2_2 and g2_3. We strengthened this negative conclusion by

directly removing various small-to-large fragments around g2_2 and g2_3 targets

from the above *chinmo* UTR-containing GFP transgene. In developing MBs, we

observed indistinguishable GFP expression profiles between wild-type and

modified 5'UTRs (Supplementary Fig. 5). In contrast to our negative findings in

the brain, we found severe embryonic or early larval lethality when we induced

early ubiquitous somatic mutations with *act5C-Cas9* and *dU6_g2+3*. This

dominant lethality provides a direct explanation for our failure in recovering viable

organisms carrying g2_2 or g2_3 induced indels. Together, these data suggest

an essential role for *chinmo* 5'UTR outside of the brain.

In conclusion, a single round of CAMIO successfully led us to uncover two critical

regions of the *chinmo* 5' UTR. The first critical region lies around the g2_2 and

g2_3 targets and carries essential sequences for organism viability, unrelated to

Chinmo's functions in the brain. The second critical region of the chinmo 5'UTR

was uncovered by the overlapping *chinmo^{Ex2L56}* and *chinmo^{Ex2L130}* deletions. We

determined that this ~300bp region is essential to down-regulate Chinmo

expression, ensuring proper MB development. This fruitful case-study

exemplifies the power of CAMIO in high-throughput unbiased deletion analysis of

the genome.

Discussion

Two innovations synergistically enable CAMIO, a germline pipeline for arrayed

CRISPR mutagenesis. First, the *bamP* promoter can specifically limit Cas9

endonuclease activity to individual male germ cells—thus individual offspring

receive independent mutations. Second, the random-choice gRNA arrays provide

extensive coverage for deletion analysis, with both small indels and large

deletions. Hence, the combination of bamP-Cas9 and gRNA arrays used in

CAMIO enables *in vivo* targeted deletion analysis with both minimal molecular

biology and minimal fly pushing.

We were happily surprised to discover a much higher CRISPR mutagenesis rate

in male compared to female germ cells using *bamP*. This sex difference was also

observed in CRISPR-induced gene targeting in our effort to improve Golic+

(manuscript in preparation). Currently, we do not know what leads to this

phenomenon. *bamP* has a striking similar expression pattern in both the female

and male germline: absence in GSCs and an early onset of expression during

the four incomplete mitoses that produce the 16-cell germline cysts[43]. One

possibility is that the *bamP* activity is higher in the male than the female germline.

Another possibility has to do with the sex differences in meiotic recombination—

meiotic recombination does not occur in male *Drosophila*. Perhaps reduced

access to homologous chromosomes as templates for homology-mediated repair

favors indels. In any case, this feature allows us to utilize *bamP* to build a high-

efficiency pipeline for targeted CRISPR mutagenesis in male germ cells.

Conventional gRNA multiplexing provides all gRNAs at once as a cocktail, which

expands indel diversity but inevitably creates complex and often biased deletion

patterns. The off-target effects of a gRNA cocktail also accumulate in an additive

manner. By contrast, CAMIO selects a single gRNA from each set and

complexity can be added by increasing the number of sets. Thus, CAMIO confers

every gRNA with some autonomy while achieving multiplexed mutagenesis as a

whole. Off-target concerns in CAMIO can be adequately addressed by examining

multiple independent mutations of similar kinds. Also, arrays of targeted

mutations can be introduced into specific genetic backgrounds with CAMIO. For

example, when performing CAMIO on the *chinmo* 5' UTR, we purposefully

targeted a 2L chromosome arm that also carries transgenes for twin-spot

MARCM [44]. Hence, all the CAMIO *chinmo* indels were immediately ready for

mosaic analysis. Independent indels can be directly screened for visible

phenotypes in mosaic organisms. However, we favor mapping the indels first by

NGS, which can be conducted in a high-throughput manner via combinatorial

sample indexing. We have also reduced the costs by pooling distinct amplicons

for co-indexing.

In general, we recovered similar indel spectrums to what has been commonly

described. For gRNAs that are inherently potent, like g1_4 for *chinmo* 5' UTR, we

obtained many indels around the cut site. Despite recovering numerous single-

site deletions, we rarely see single-site deletions exceeding 30 bps in length.

Therefore, the observed ease in creating diverse inter-target deletions by CAMIO

is particularly valuable for systematic DNA dissection. In the case of CAMIO on

chinmo 5'UTR, we recovered most of the predicted inter-target deletions with the

exception of the 'toxic' g2_2 and g2_3. Notably, the largest inter-target deletion

we have identified exceeds 2 kb in length. These observations suggest that we

can be more aggressive in choosing more disperse gRNA targets to cover larger

genomic regions.

After all, the capacity of CAMIO is mainly determined by how many gRNAs one

can pack into a single set. Given the small size of gRNAs, we expect no problem

in packing six or even more gRNAs without compromising the system. This

intuition was largely supported by seeing reasonable recruitment frequencies for

all six tandem gRNAs in the *chinmo* exon 2 set. Further, there is still room for

improvement on the gRNA selection process. For instance, increasing the

distance between the U6 promoter and the gRNA set would make the selection

more impartial. In sum, we have shown that the CAMIO system holds great

promise for *in vivo* deletion analysis. Yet, our demonstrations have not nearly

reached the limitations of CAMIO as far as the number of targets and size of

DNA that can be evaluated in a single experiment.

We used CAMIO to perform deletion analysis on the 5'UTR of *chinmo,* which has

important roles in governing Chinmo protein levels. There evidently exist multiple

mechanisms governing *chinmo* expression throughout development. We

successfully identified a region responsible for Chinmo downregulation in the MB

around pupa formation. The resulting elevated Chinmo expression affected MB

morphogenesis, possibly due to abnormal neuronal fate transition. In addition, we

found a large region critical for embryo viability. While roles for Chinmo have

been described in the brain and as a downstream target of JAK/STAT in the

testes[45], our data suggest another essential role for Chinmo in embryonic

development. The identification of discrete non-coding regions regulating

different biological processes within a single UTR has exemplified the utility of

CAMIO in resolving complex UTR functions. Given its multiplex and

combinatorial power, CAMIO should also greatly aid the dissection of promoters,

enhancers, long non-coding RNAs, DNA repeats and more.

In theory, CAMIO should work for any organism where a *bamP*-like promoter

exists. Particularly, if a founder parent (possibly a father) can produce a large

number of targeted mutants, CAMIO may become a desirable genetic screening

platform for interrogating the genome. A mouse gene, *Gm114*, was identified as

a putative ortholog of *Drosophila bam*[46]. Encouragingly, strikingly similar to *bam,*

Gm114 is greatly enriched in undifferentiated spermatocytes and spermatids but

absent or extremely low in undifferentiated spermatogonia. Orthologs of *bam* and

Gm114 were also found in zebrafish, chicken, macaque, and others. We have

pioneered CAMIO as a germline pipeline for arrayed CRISPR mutagenesis in

Drosophila. CAMIO can expedite systematic structure-functional analysis of the

genome across diverse model organisms.

Methods

Fly strains.

We used the following fly strains in this work: (1) *bamP(898)-Cas9* in *attP2*; (2) *U6:3-gRNA-e*[19]; (3) *Df(3R)ED10838/TM2* (BDSC #9485); (4) *dU6-3-gRNA-shi* in *attP40*; (5) *UAS-shibire* in *attP2*; (6) *GMR-Gal4*; (7) *nos-phiC31-nls #12*; (8) *10XUAS-mCD8::GFP* in *attP40*[47]; (9) *act5C-Gal4/TM6B*; (10) *pCis-{4gRNAs_mCD8}* P element insertion line #3, #10 on II, and #9, #12 on III; (11) *13XLexAop2-5' UTR-smGFP-OLLAS* in *VK00027*, *13XLexAop2 –smGFP-cMyc-3' UTR* in *attP40*, and *13XLexAop2-5' UTR-smGFP-V5-3' UTR* in *su(Hw)attP5*; (12) *41A10-KD*; (13) *DpnEE-KO-LexAp65*; (14) *pCis-{4gRNAs_chinmo Exon1}* P element insertion line #23, #25 on II, and #4, #5 on III; *pCis-{6gRNAs_chinmo Exon2}* #7, #11 on II, and #14 on III; *pCis-{4gRNAs_chinmo Exon3}* #5 on II, and #2, #3 on III; (15) *FRT40A,UAS–mCD8::GFP,UAS–Cd2-Mir/CyO,Y*[44]; (16) *OK107-Gal4*; (17) *UAS-Cas9*[19]; (18) *dU6_g2+3* in *VK00027*; (19) *Dpn-Cas9* (unpublished reagent); (20) *act5C-Cas9*[19]; (21) *13XLexAop2-53UTR-smGFP-V5-d*, *13XLexAop2-53UTR-smGFP-V5-bD*, and *13XLexAop2-53UTR-smGFP-V5-D23* in *attP40*.

Molecular biology.

To create *bamP(898)-Cas9*, the full *bam* promoter (-898)[27] was ordered from gBlocks, IDT, and Cas9 was also flanked by *bam* 3' UTR. To create UAS-shibire,

codon-optimized *shibire* coding sequence that carries the gRNA-shi target site

was ordered from GeneArt gene synthesis, and then cloned into pJFRC28[48]. To

generate dU6-3-gRNAs, we replaced 10XUAS-IVS-GFP-p10 of pJFRC28 with

dU6-3 promoter and gRNA scaffold fragment from pTL2[28]. For dU6-3-gRNA-shi,

GTATGGGGTATCAAGCCGAT was selected as the spacer. To create

dU6_g2+3, we first generated dU6-3-g2_2 and dU6-3-g2_3 separately, and

cloned dU6-3-g2_2 into the backbone of dU6-3-g2_3.

To create conditional U6-gRNA set construct, pCis-{4gRNAs_mCD8}, a U6

promoter-AttB fragment was synthetized by PCR amplification from pCFD3[19] and

cloned into pCaST-elav-VP16AD, which contained the p-Element inverted repeats

(Addgene, #15308). Then, we inserted a DNA fragment (Genscript) containing 4

different gRNAs targeting the mCD8 protein tag. These gRNAs were selected

based on their ON and OFF target scores (Benchling). Each of these gRNAs was

preceded by an AttP site and a HammerHead ribozyme[49]. Finally, a 3Xp3-RFP-

polyA(α-tubulin) fragment was synthetized by PCR amplification, using pure

genomic DNA from a fly line in which this cassette was used as a marker

(Bloomington, #54590). Then, this fragment was inserted upstream of this gRNA

region. In the final construct, the AttB and AttP sites were separated by a 3.7 Kb

region containing an ampicillin resistance gene, an origin of replication in bacteria

and the 3Xp3-RFP-polyA marker.

pCis-{gRNAs_chinmo-Exon1/Exon2/Exon3}: following the same design

described above, a DNA fragment was synthetized (Genscript), which contained

4 gRNAs (6 for Exon2) either targeting the corresponding exon or the exon-intron

junction. This fragment was then inserted into pCis-{4gRNAs_mCD8}, thus

removing the previous gRNAs cassette.

The *Chinmo* UTRs were amplified from Drosophila genomic DNA. smGFP[50]

fused to V5, cmyc or ollas were amplified from previously existing plasmids.

Standard molecular biology techniques were used to clone the smGFP fusions

containing one or two *Chinmo* UTRs into 13XLexAop2 (pJFRC15,[47]). If the

construct ended with *Chinmo* 3'UTR, the SV40 signal was removed from the

vector backbone. *13XLexAop2-5' UTR-GFP-3' UTR* was further modified to

create d, bD, and D23 reporters containing various deletions in the 5' UTR.

***Drosophila* genetics.**

***ebony* and UAS-shibire mutagenesis by *bamP(898)-Cas9*.** Female or male

founders (*bamP(898)-Cas9/U6:3-gRNA-e*) were mated to *Df(3R)ED10838/TM6B*,

and chromosomes over *Df(3R)ED10838* were scored for ebony loss-of-function

phenotype. In total, 709 progeny from 5 female founders and 1574 progeny from

9 male founders were collected and phenotype was assessed. Male *UAS-shibire*

mutagenesis founders were crossed with *GMR-Gal4*, and the wildtype-eyed 919

progeny were sacrificed for next generation sequencing (NGS).

CAMIO on UAS-mCD8::GFP. Male founders (*UAS-mCD8::GFP*, *bamP(898)-*

Cas9, *nos-phiC31*, and one or two copies of *pCis-{4gRNAs_mCD8}* were mated

with *act5C-Gal4* females for scoring of loss of green fluorescence in the progeny.

For one copy of *pCis-{4gRNAs_mCD8}*, we screened 807 progeny from 20

founder males. 30 loss-of-GFP progeny from two founders were further subject to

sequence analysis. For two copies of *pCis-{4gRNAs_mCD8}*, we screened 570

progeny from 16 founders. 110 loss-of-GFP progeny were analyzed and grouped

into three deletion categories.

CAMIO on *chinmo* 5' UTR. After mating with females carrying a second

chromosome balancer for stock keeping, 1200 male progeny from 4 CAMIO on

chinmo 5' UTR gRNA set combinations were sacrificed for genomic study. We

designed primer sets that produce amplicons covering exon 1, 2, 3, and exons

1+2. Males from combination 1 were intentionally numbered 1-300, and their

genomic amplicons were carefully matched and mixed with counterparts from

combination 2 and 3. Finally, 300 DNA mixtures plus 84 amplicons from

combination 4 were tagmented (Nextera XT DNA Library Prep Kit, illumina) and

barcoded (Nextera XT Index Kit v2) for NGS.

Immunohistochemistry and confocal imaging.

Fly brains at indicated larval, pupal, and adult stages were dissected, fixed, and

immunostained as described previously[29,44]. The following primary antibodies

were used in this study: chicken GFP polyclonal antibody (1:500, Invitrogen,

A10262); rat anti-Deadpan (1:100, abcam, ab195173); mouse 1D4 anti-Fasciclin

II (1:50, DSHB); rabbit polyclonal anti-Trio (1:1000)[51]; rat anti-Chinmo (1:500, a

gift from the Sokol lab)[41]. Secondary antibodies from Molecular Probes were all

used in a 1:200 dilution. The immunofluorescent signals were collected using

Zeiss LSM 880 confocal microscope and processed using Fiji and Adobe

Illustrator.

Bioinformatics.

Sequence reads (FASTQ data) were first processed with cutadapt

[https://github.com/marcelm/cutadapt] to remove adapter sequences with

options: --overlap=7 --minimum-length=30 -a

"CTGTCTCTTATACACATCTCTGAGCGGGCTGGCAAGGCAGACCG". Then

they were mapped to the genomic sequence corresponding to the *chinmo* region

using Bowtie2[52] with the following options: --local --score-min G,20,0 -D 20 -R 3 -

L 20 -i S,1,0.50 --no-unal. Resulting SAM files were parsed with Pysam

[https://github.com/pysam-developers/pysam] to extract deletion/insertion

information from the Cigar strings. When the cigar string contained 'D' or 'N', we

extracted mapped sequences as deletions and designated them as type D.

When the cigar string contained 'I', we extracted them as insertions and

designated them as type I. While parsing the SAM file, soft clipped reads (reads

partially mapped to the genome) were detected and clipped (unmapped) portions

were set aside in a FASTA file. The sequences in this FASTA file were then re-

mapped using bowtie2 to the genomic sequence encompassing the *chinmo*

gene. Then, mapped portions of the first mapping and that of the second

mapping (when the second one existed) were merged to form a deletion event

which we denoted as type L (large gap). This type of gap often contained

inserted sequences in the middle. We discarded any events with less than 10

reads.

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Competing interests

The authors declare no competing interests.

 Figure legends

 Figure 1. *bamP-Cas9* induces efficient CRISPR targeted mutagenesis in

 male germ cells. (A) Ebony transcript shown with UTRs in turquoise. U6 drives

 guide RNA (*gRNA-e*), which targets 5' end of *ebony* coding sequence. (B)

 Percent of progeny with ebony loss-of-function (LOF) mutations from female or

 male founders. Mean ± SEM (n=9). (C) Sequences of 10 randomly selected

 ebony LOF progeny from the same male founder. (D) Deletion profile of *UAS-*

 shibire transgene following CRISPR targeting collected from 919 phenotypically

 wildtype progeny. NGS data was analyzed and presented by Cas-analyzer,

 www.rgenome.net[30]. (E) Left, percentage of predicted indels (calculated by

 FORECasT[31] using *gRNA-shi* and *UAS-shibire* sequences) grouped into 3

 reading frames, 0 represents the in-frame indels. Right) Actual reading frame

 percentages from phenotypically wildtype progeny, calculated from mapping

 results (obtained with CAS-analyzer). Chi-square test assuming equal distribution

 was used to assess the significance. The result is below machine precision and

 thus set to zero.

 Figure 2. CAMIO produces diverse arrayed mutations around selected

 gRNA target sites. (A) Schematic of a conditional U6 gRNA transgene: pCis-

 {4gRNAs_mCD8}. The U6 promoter is separated from the gRNAs by a large

 fragment containing a 3xP3-RFP marker. With phiC31 recombination, the

attachment site, attB can recombine stochastically with any of the four attP sites

(black arrows), creating attR. The phiC31 recombinase is expressed in GSCs,

controlled by *nos.* After recombination, a single gRNA is under the control of the

U6 promoter (yellow oval) (B) 4 gRNA target sites along the mCD8 coding

sequence were selected for pCis-{4gRNAs_mCD8} to disrupt mCD8::GFP

expression. Simple or combined multiplexing mutagenesis can be achieved by

incorporating one or more pCis-{4gRNAs_mCD8} transgenes. Here, we show

two transgenes, each represented by four pair of scissors. Stochastically chosen

gRNAs in each set are further marked in yellow. (C) Three categories of

deletions arose from applying two copies of pCis-{4gRNAs_mCD8}: single-site

deletion, defined deletion, and double-site deletion. Deletion size and count are

depicted for single-site deletions. Right, use matrix of gRNA choices, deduced

from sequencing GFP negative progeny.

Figure 3. Applying CAMIO on *chinmo* 5' UTR. (A) An illustration of the *chinmo*

gene, UTRs are depicted in turquoise. (B) We selected 4 target sites on *chinmo*

exon 1 (455 bps), 6 target sites on exon 2 (1061 bps), and 4 target sites on exon

3 (639 bps). Each exon was dissected by CAMIO with a pair of gRNA sets,

depicted as a set of scissors. Additionally, we combined gRNA sets from exon1

and exon2. (C) Representation of larger deletions predicted by NGS of 984

offspring (300 each for individual exons and 84 for Ex1-Ex2). Predicted deletions

over 100 bps were subject to Sanger sequencing for confirmation.

Confirmed >100 bps deletions are marked in red and given an ID#. Selected

homozygous viable deletions (marked in green) that cover larger proportions of

each exons were selected for MB development studies.

Figure 4. Overlapping deletions in 5'UTR alter Chinmo expression and MB

morphology. (A) Stacked confocal images of adult MBs stained for FasII (green,

$\alpha\beta$ and γ lobes) and Trio (red, $\alpha'\beta'$ and γ lobes). Missing or misshapen $\alpha\beta$ lobes

(arrows). Scale bars: 50 μm. (B) Percent of flies with abnormal $\alpha\beta$ lobes.

Homozygous and transheterozygous deletions have strong MB $\alpha\beta$ lobe defects,

whereas hemizygous deletions over a *chinmo* deficiency line (*Df*) are much less

penetrant. (C) Single optical sections of MB lineages (*OK107-Gal4*, *UAS-*

mCD8::GFP) immunostained for GFP and Chinmo at white pupa stage. Chinmo

staining is elevated in newly derived MB neurons (weaker GFP signal, outlined

by white dashed lines) in homozygous *chinmo^{Ex2L56}* and *chinmo^{Ex2L130}*. Green:

GFP; Magenta: Chinmo. Scale bars: 20 μm.

Supplementary information

Supplementary figure legends

Supplementary Figure 1. Targeted mutagenesis of mCD8::GFP with pCis-

{4gRNAs_mCD8}. pCis-{4gRNAs_mCD8} was created to target four different

sites along the mCD8 coding sequence of UAS-mCD8::GFP. We analyzed 30

GFP-negative progeny from two different male founders. Each GFP-negative

progeny carried a indel located at one of the four target sites. The location, size,

and overall counts of these 30 indels are summarized here.

Supplementary Figure 2. Three *13XLexAop2-GFP* reporters for

investigating *chinmo* 5' and 3' UTRs. Top: diagram of 13XLexAop2-GFP

reporters flanked by both *chinmo* 5' and 3' UTRs, only the 5' UTR, or only the 3'

UTR. Bottom: GFP transgene expression was induced and restricted in MB

lineages by immortalizing a transient MB NB expression (*41A10-KD*) into a

sustained MB NB production of these three GFPs, with this genetic setup:

DpnEE-KO-LexAp65; 13XLexAop2-GFP-UTRs; 41A10-KD. Their expression

profile is shown by immunostaining for GFP at two time points (48 and 72 hours

after larval hatching, ALH). GFP with the 3' UTR is expressed at a much higher

level than GFP with both 5' and 3' UTRs. Expression of GFP with the 5' UTR

decreases over time. Green: GFP; Red: Deadpan. Scale bars: 20 μm.

Supplementary Figure 3. The small indels created by CAMIO in *chinmo*

Exon 1, 2, and 3. We sequenced 984 progeny (300 each for individual exons,

and additional 84 for Ex1-Ex2) from our CAMIO on *chinmo* 5' UTR experiment.

The size, location, and corresponding stock ID of the predicted deletions (marked

in red) and insertions (marked in blue) are depicted here.

Supplementary Figure 4. Examining gRNA array selection of *pCis-*

***(6gRNAs_chinmo Exon2)*.** We studied how frequently each gRNA gets selected

after nos-phiC31 mediated recombination by scoring progeny of male *nos-*

phiC31; pCis-(6gRNAs_chinmo Exon2). (A) gRNA choices of 92 progeny from 9

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Supplementary figures

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Founder A	10	0	1	4
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Overall	62%	7%	7%	24%

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and overall counts of these 30 indels are summarized here.
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UTR. Bottom: GFP transgene expression was induced and restricted in MB
lineages by immortalizing a transient MB NB expression (*41A10-KD*) into a
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profile is shown by immunostaining for GFP at two time points (48 and 72 hours
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The size, location, and corresponding stock ID of the predicted deletions (marked
in red) and insertions (marked in blue) are depicted here.

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