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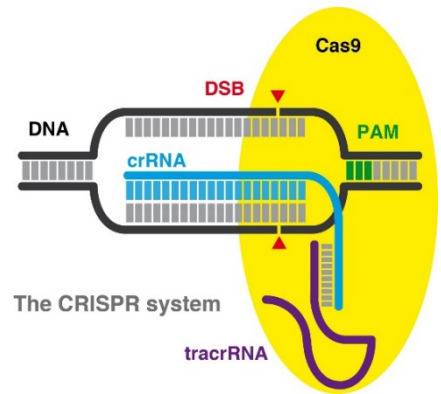
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# CRONOLOGÍA DE LOS PRINCIPALES DESCUBRIMIENTOS QUE HAN DADO LUGAR A LA DESCRIPCIÓN DEL SISTEMA CRISPR-Cas



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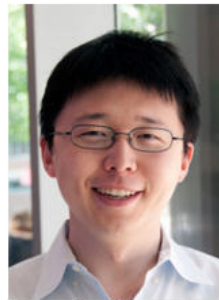
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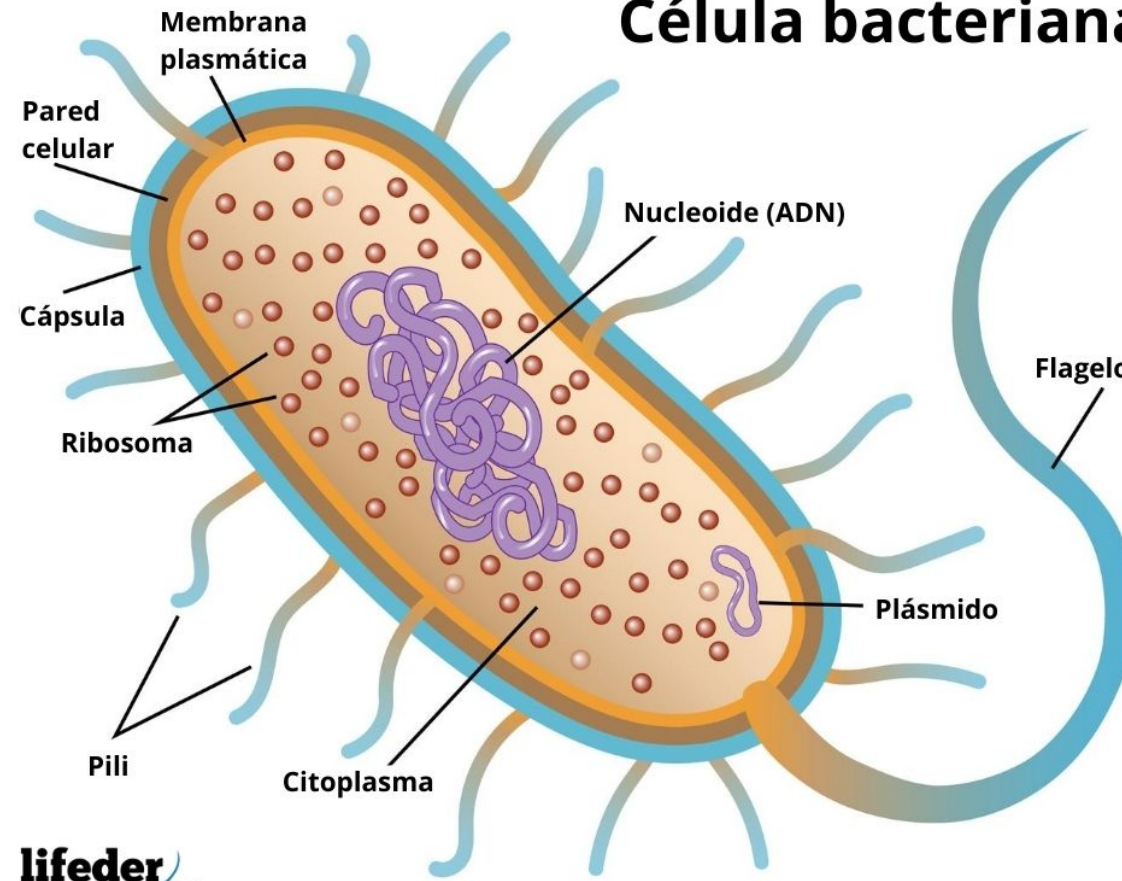


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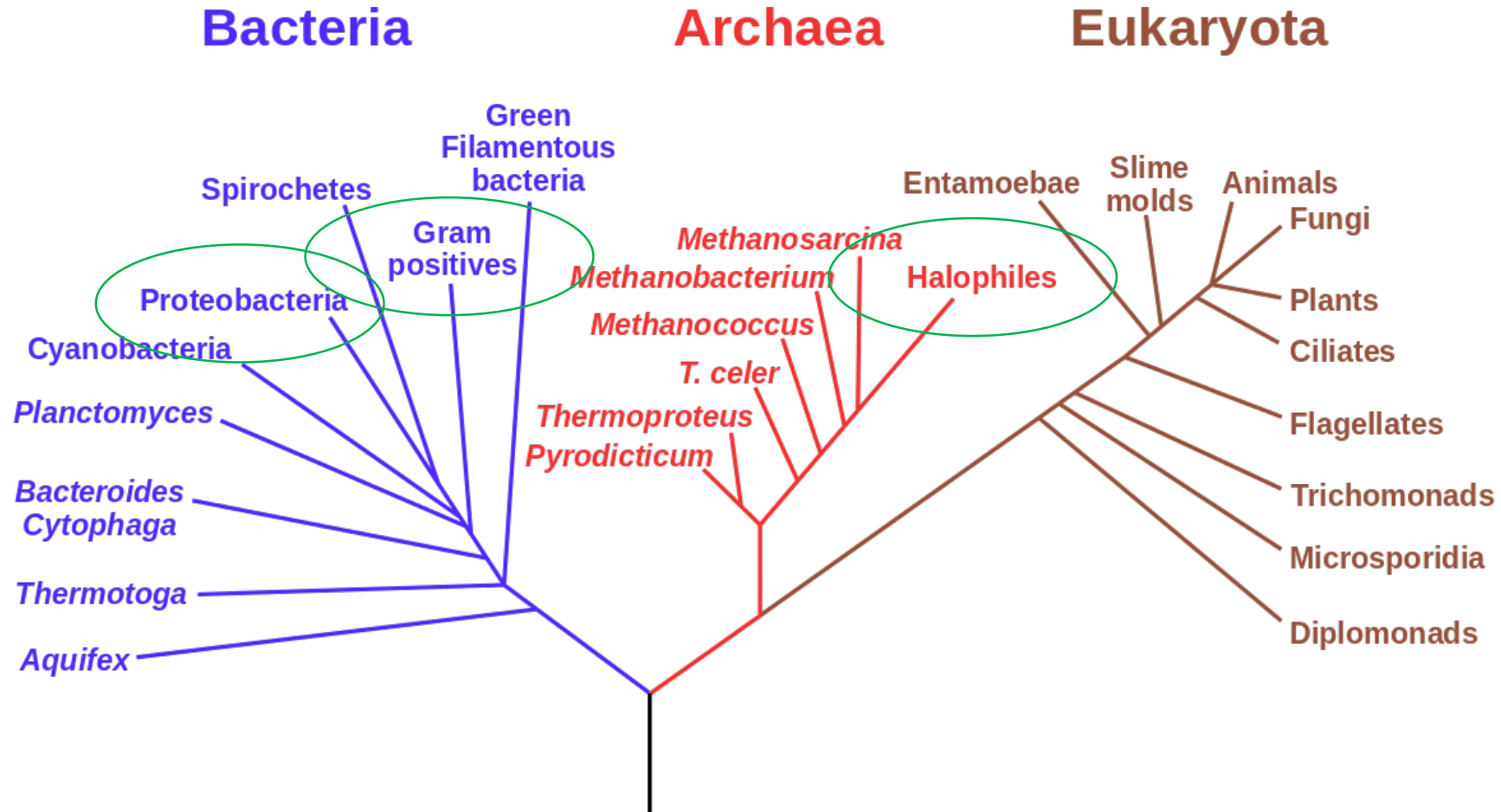


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Nucleotide Sequence of the *iap* Gene, Responsible for Alkaline Phosphatase Isozyme Conversion in *Escherichia coli*, and Identification of the Gene Product

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## Insertion Element IS987 from *Mycobacterium bovis* BCG Is Located in a Hot-Spot Integration Region for Insertion Elements in *Mycobacterium tuberculosis* Complex Strains

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## Spacer Oligonucleotide Typing of *Mycobacterium bovis* Strains from Cattle and Other Animals: a Tool for Studying Epidemiology of Tuberculosis

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The spacer oligonucleotide typing (spoligotyping) method was evaluated for its ability to differentiate *Mycobacterium bovis* strains. This method detects the presence or absence of spacers of the direct repeat locus of the *M. bovis* genome. The spacers in the direct repeat locus are amplified by PCR and are detected by hybridization of the biotin-labelled PCR product with a membrane containing oligonucleotides derived from spacer sequences that have previously been bound to a membrane. One hundred eighty-two *M. bovis* isolates from domestic animals (cattle, goat, sheep, and cats) and wild animals (deer and wild boar) were spoligotyped, and the results were compared with those obtained by IS6110 restriction fragment length polymorphism analysis. Two rather homogeneous clusters of isolates containing 20 and 4 types, respectively, were identified by spoligotyping. The first cluster included isolates from cattle, cats, and feral animals. By spoligotyping, isolates from the Spanish wild boar and deer had the same pattern as some bovine isolates, suggesting transmission between these animals and cattle and highlighting the importance of the study of these reservoirs. The second cluster included all the caprine and ovine isolates. Within each cluster, the patterns of the different strains differed only slightly, suggesting that the spoligotypes may be characteristic of strains from particular animal species. Spoligotyping proved to be useful for studying the epidemiology of bovine *M. bovis* isolates, especially of those isolates containing only a single copy of IS6110. In view of our results, we suggest fingerprinting all *M. bovis* strains by the spoligotyping method initially and then by IS6110 restriction fragment length polymorphism typing of the strains belonging to the most common spoligotypes.

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## Transcription at different salinities of *Haloferax mediterranei* sequences adjacent to partially modified *PstI* sites

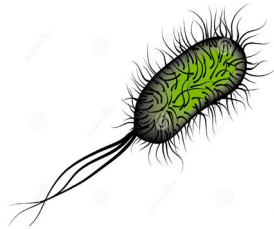
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Mol Microbiol. 1993 Aug;9(3):613-21.

**(1993)** Repeticiones semejantes descritas en otras bacterias y arqueas.



"Encontré unas secuencias repetidas en su genoma. Tenían que ser importantes para las células, porque muchas se morían cuando las manipulábamos [...] comprendí que debían cumplir una función importante para la célula"  
(Mojica)



Posteriormente encontradas *Mycobacterium tuberculosis*



**Arquea *Haloferax mediterranei***



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University of Alicante, Spain

**(1995) TREPs** (Repeticiones en Tándem) que se transcriben.

**(2000)** Nueva familia de ADN repetido a partir del análisis de 20 especies distintas de bacterias.

**SRSR, “Short Regularly Spaced Repeats”.**

## Long stretches of short tandem repeats are present in the largest replicons of the Archaea *Haloferax mediterranei* and *Haloferax volcanii* and could be involved in replicon partitioning

F. J. M. Mojica, C. Ferrer, G. Juez and  
F. Rodríguez-Valera\*

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Fig. 1. Nucleotide sequence showing the extension of the tandem repeats (underlined). Sequence identities to the consensus repeated sequence are underlined. *Hind*III and *Pst*I sites are in bold type. These sequence data appear in the EMBL/GenBank/ DDBJ Nucleotide Sequence Data Libraries under the Accession Number X73453.

## Identification of a Novel Family of Sequence Repeats among Prokaryotes

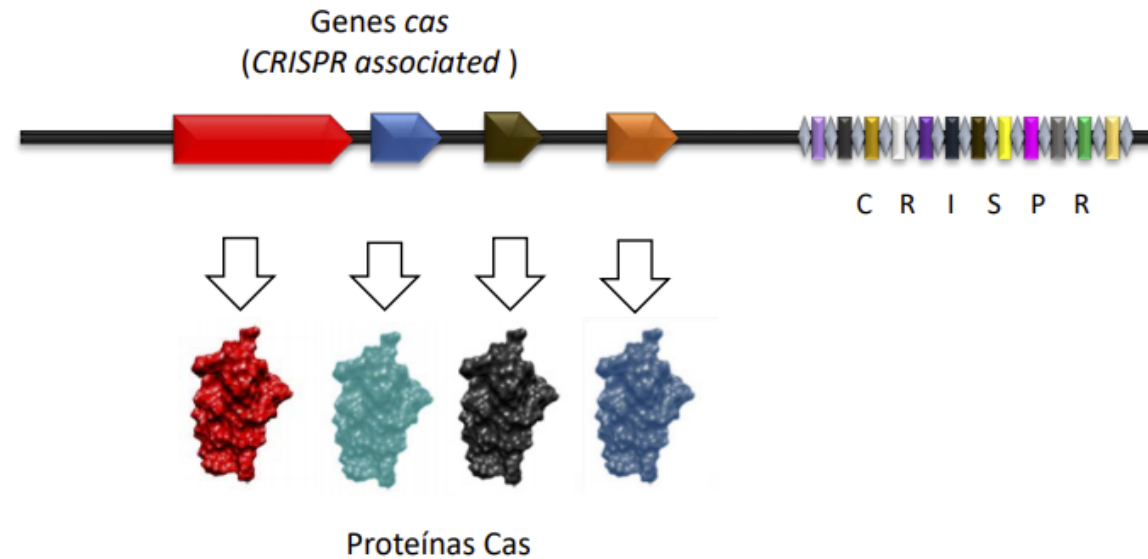
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### ABSTRACT

“A distinct class of interspersed SSRs was recognized in 1987 in *E. coli* K12 (Ishino et al., 1987; Nakata et al., 1989). Since then, similar interspersed SSRs were identified in *Haloferax mediterranei*, *Streptococcus pyogenes*, *Anabaena*, and *Mycobacterium tuberculosis* (Groenen et al., 1993; Hoe et al., 1999; Masepohl et al., 1996; Mojica et al., 1995). Loci containing this class of repeats will be designated as SPacer Interspersed Direct Repeat (SPIDR) loci. **The structural relationship for some of the SPIDR loci was recognized by Mojica et al. (2000) and is designated Short Regularly Spacer Repeats (SRSRs).** The SPIDR loci differs from other SSRs in their regular structure. The repeat sequences have the same orientation, and each repeat is separated from its neighbor by a spacer sequence that has a size similar to the repeat. In contrast to the repeats, no mutual sequence similarity exists between the spacer sequences.”

## Identification of genes that are associated with DNA repeats in prokaryotes

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## Sistemas CRISPR

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(Asociados a CRISPR)



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Only recently, this class of repeats was recognized as one family with members in many prokaryotic species (Mojica *et al.*, 2000). Each member of this family of repeats was designated differently by the original authors, leading to a confusing nomenclature. To acknowledge the joining of this class of repeats as one family and to avoid confusing nomenclature, Mojica *et al.* and our research group have agreed to use in this report and future publication the acronym CRISPR, which reflects the characteristic features of this family of clustered regularly interspaced short palindromic repeats.

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We enjoyed pleasant discussions with Francisco Mojica of the University of Alicante, Spain, about the renaming of CRISPRs. This work was financially supported by the Dutch Foundation for Technical Sciences and the European Union

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CRISPR**

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Dear Francis

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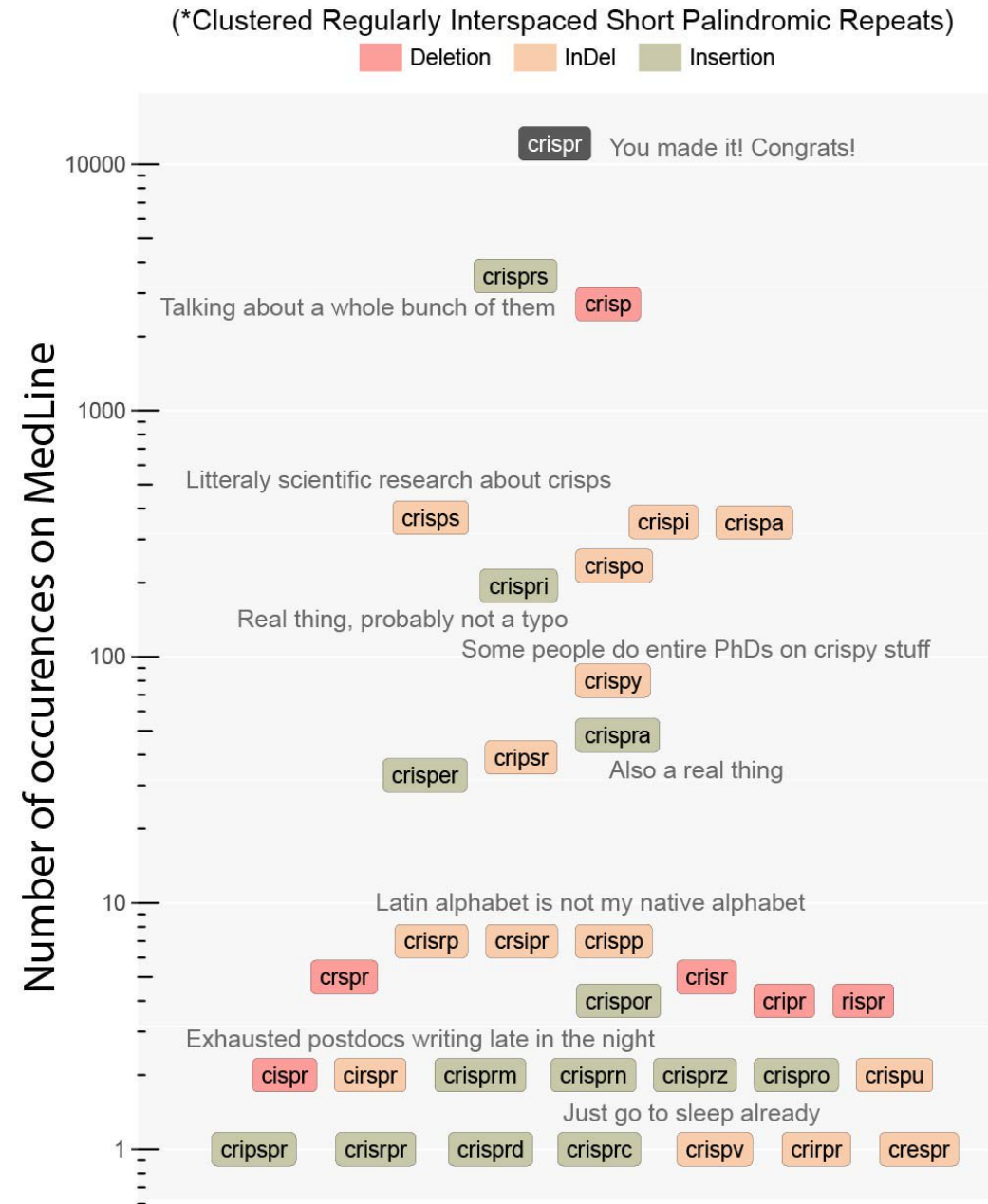
I feel that every letter that was removed in the alternatives made it less crispy so I prefer the snappy CRISPR over SRSR and SPIDR. Also not unimportant is the fact that in MedLine CRISPR is a unique entry, which is not true for some of the other shorter acronyms.

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My PhD student Antoine Vigouroux just made this. Thought it was too funny not to share :-)

How do you write [#CRISPR](#) ?



## Intervening Sequences of Regularly Spaced Prokaryotic Repeats Derive from Foreign Genetic Elements

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**Abstract.** Prokaryotes contain short DNA repeats known as CRISPR, recognizable by the regular spacing existing between the recurring units. They represent the most widely distributed family of repeats among prokaryotic genomes, suggesting a biological function. The origin of the intervening sequences, at present unknown, could provide clues

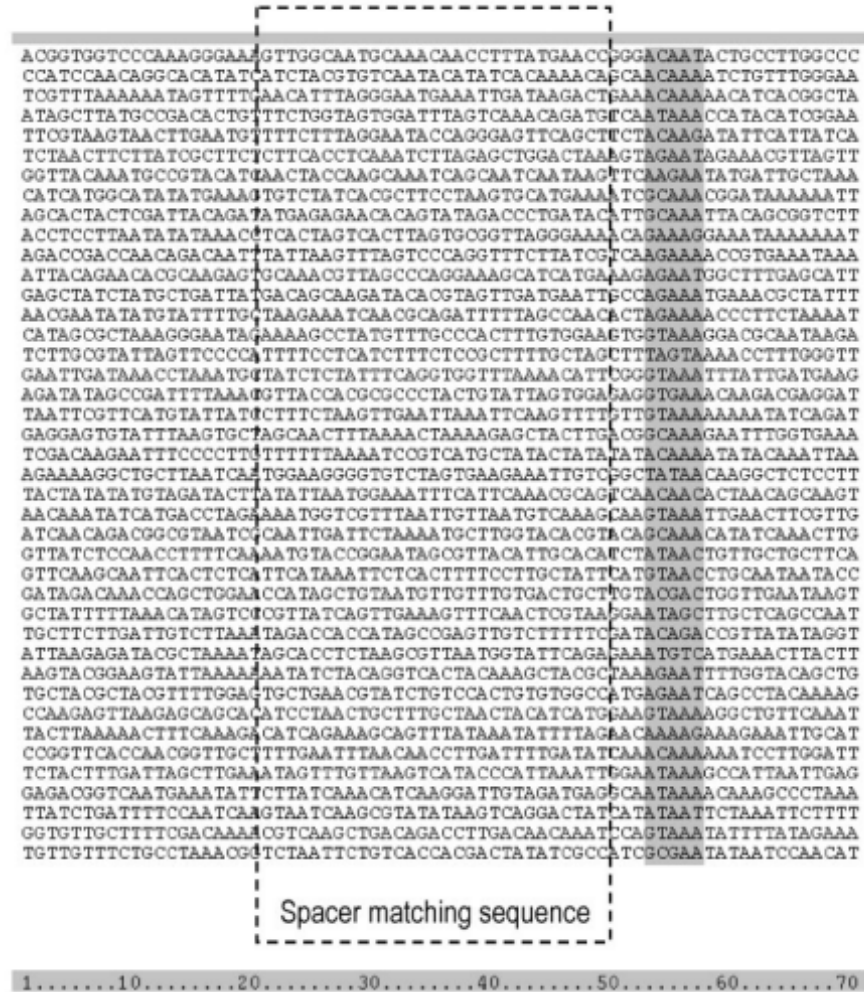
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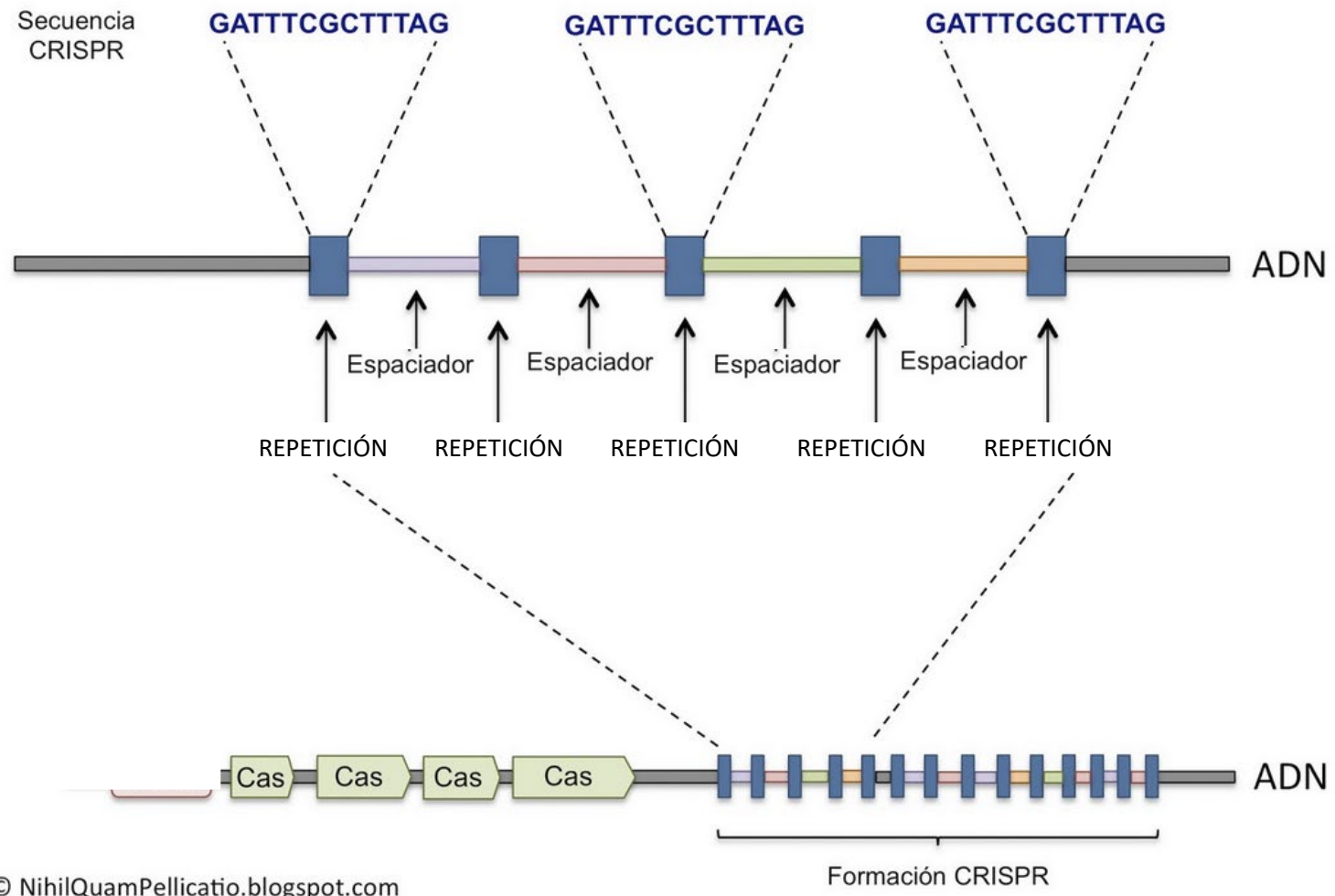
Prokaryotic genomes contain a peculiar family of repeated DNA sequences. They consist of 24- to 40-nucleotide (nt) recurrent motifs regularly spaced by intervening sequences of sizes similar to that of the repeated unit. These repetitive elements were defined

# Clustered regularly interspaced short palindrome repeats (CRISPRs) have spacers of extrachromosomal origin

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## CRISPR Provides Acquired Resistance Against Viruses in Prokaryotes

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DOI: 10.1126/science.1138140

**(2007)** Se demuestra el papel en el **sistema inmunitario** de procariontas de CRISPR.



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## Small CRISPR RNAs Guide Antiviral Defense in Prokaryotes

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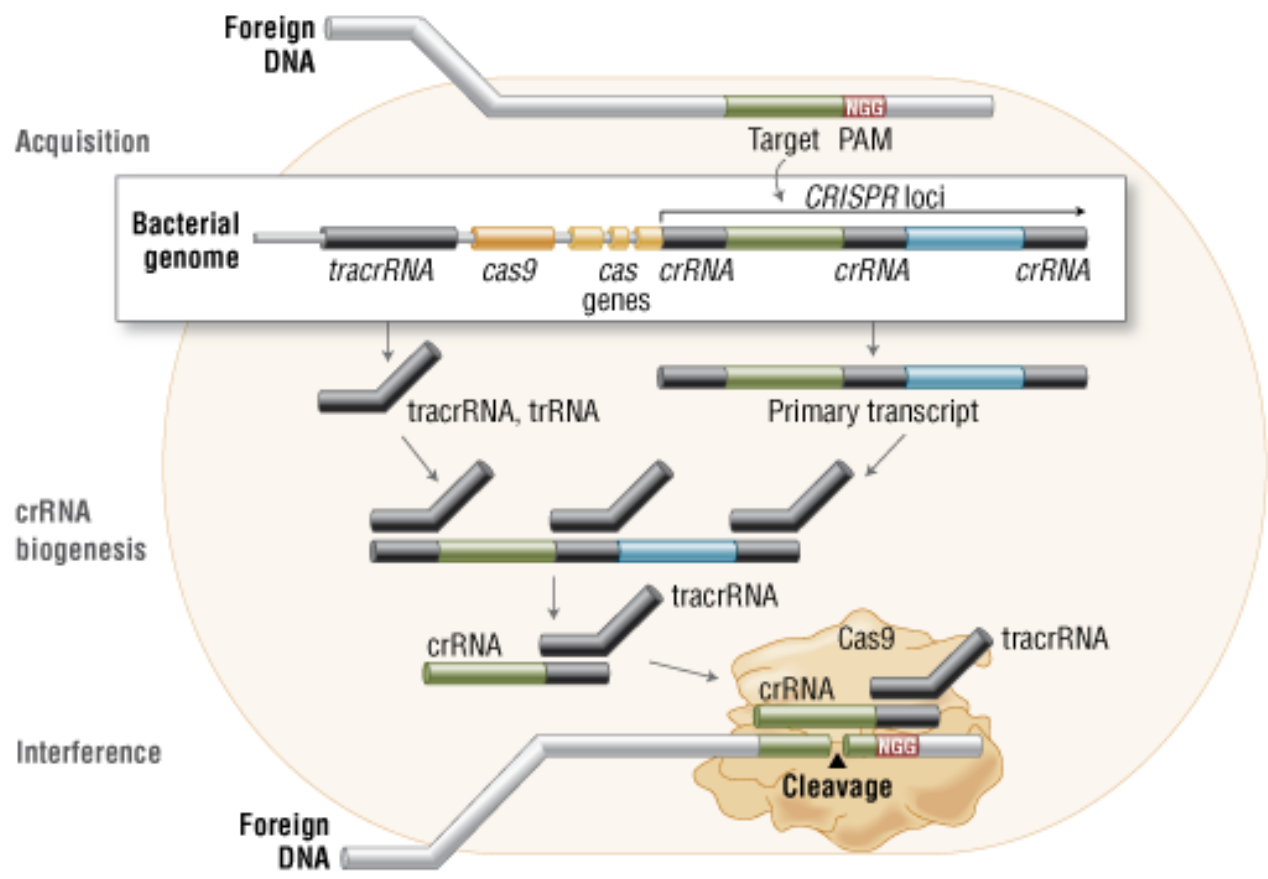
*Science* 15 Aug 2008:  
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**(2008)** Función de los genes Cas y del crRNA.  
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Science 17 Aug 2012:  
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**(2012)** Identifican los elementos mínimos de CRISPR con los que se puede cortar el ADN, abriéndose así la puerta a la **edición de genomas** (el llamado “*corta y pega genético*”). Cortan y sustituyen ADN de una bacteria por primera vez.



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**(2012)** Reconstrucción del funcionamiento de CRISPR-Cas y propuesta de su uso en ingeniería genética

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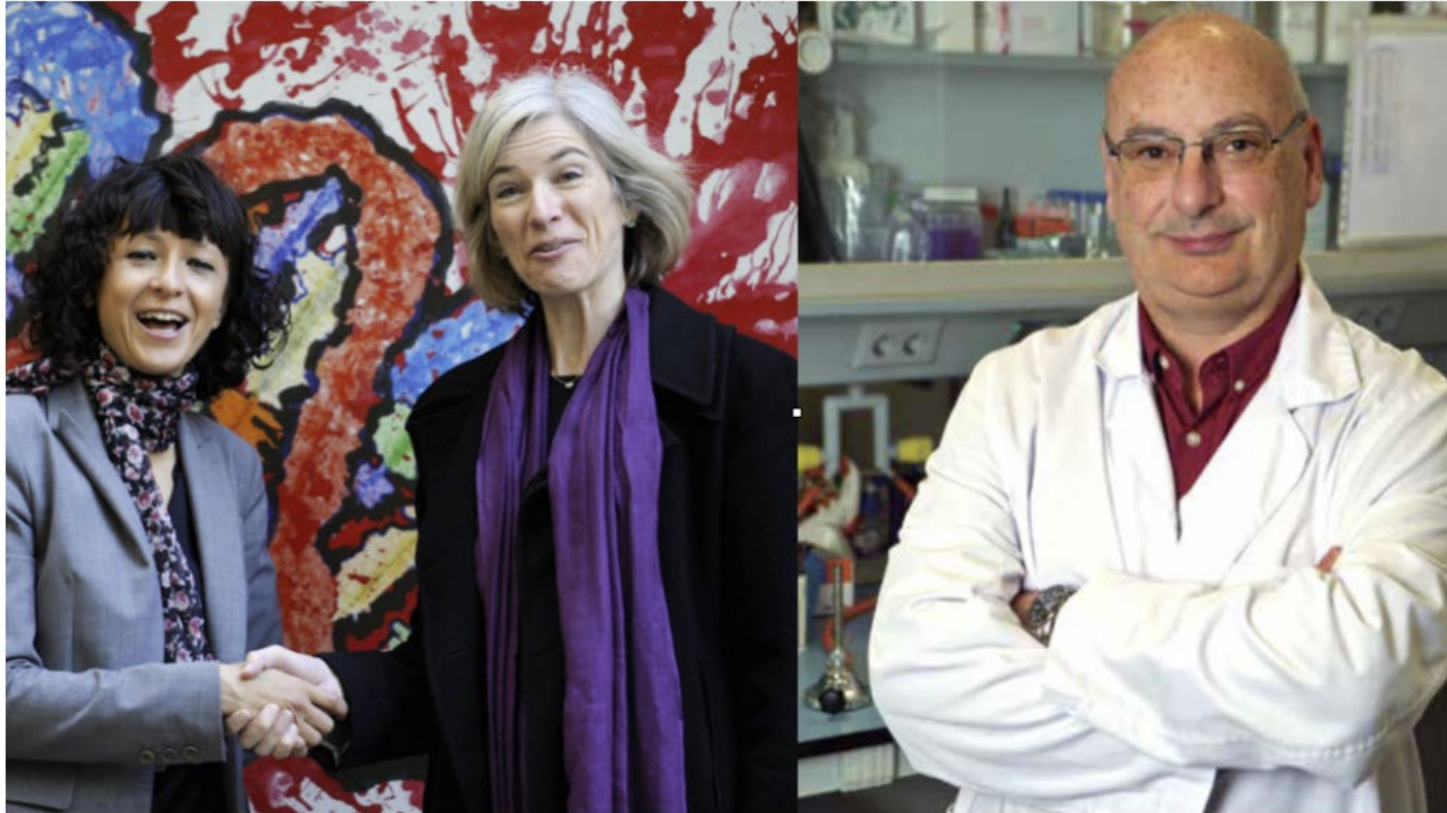
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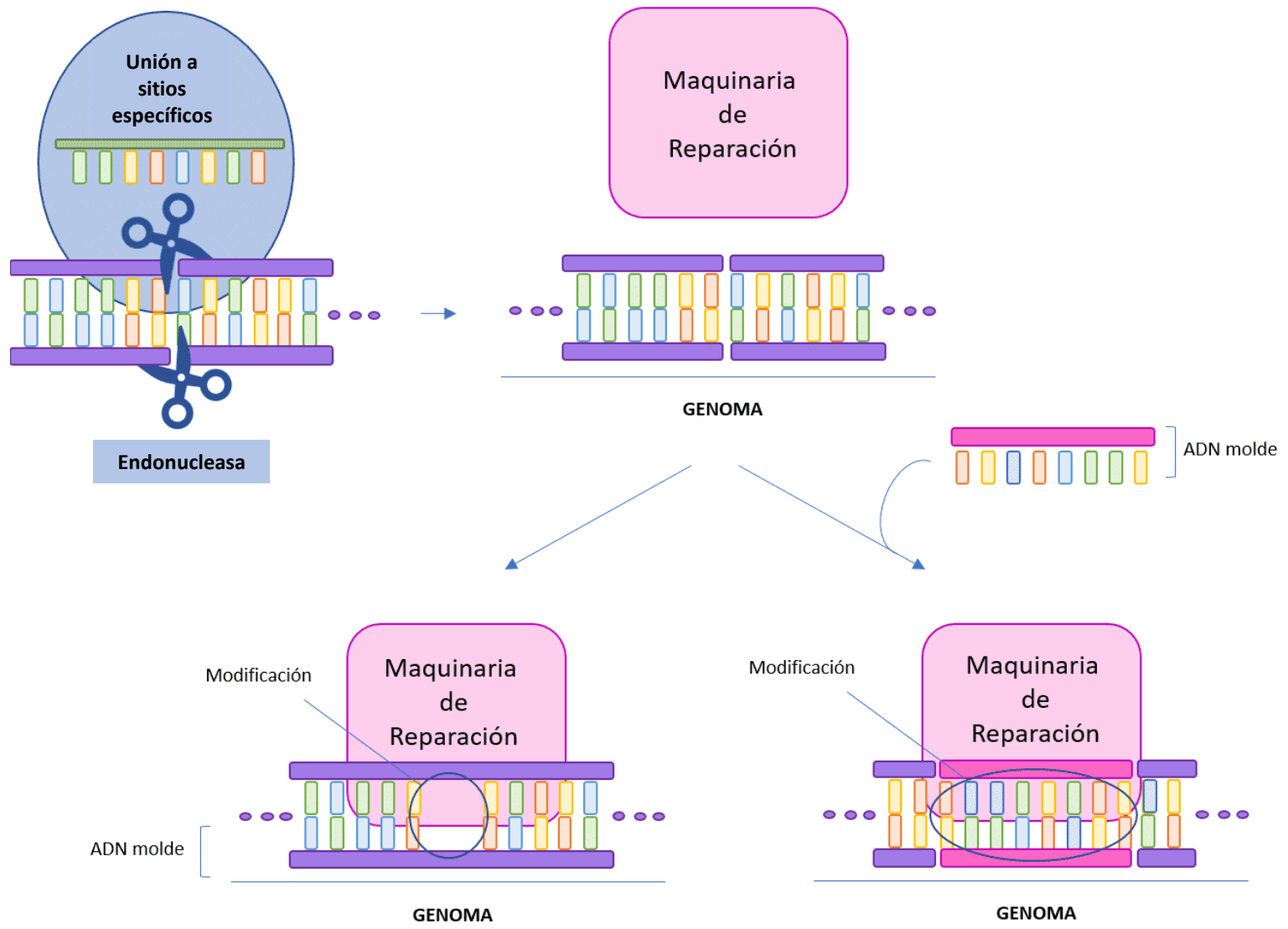
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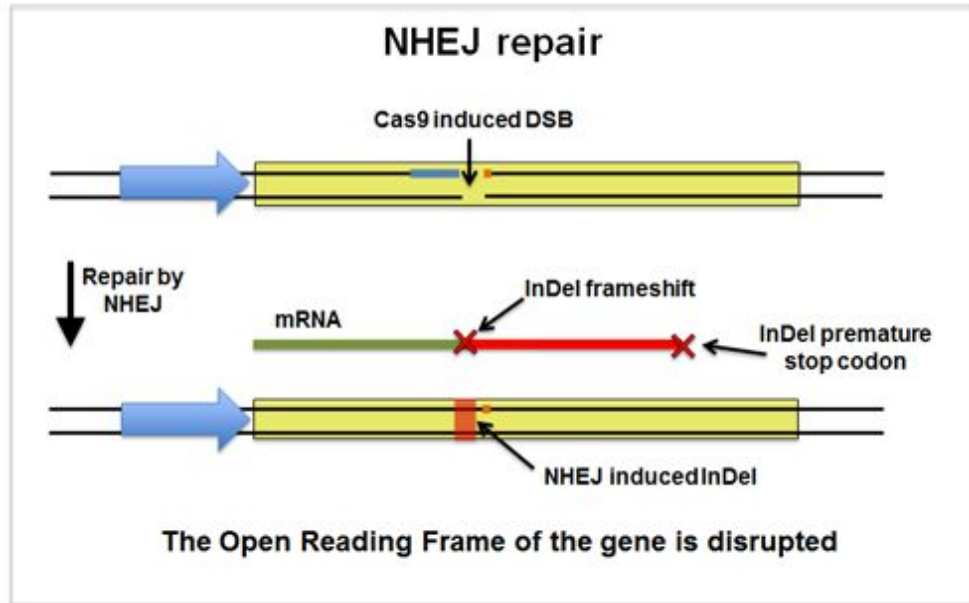
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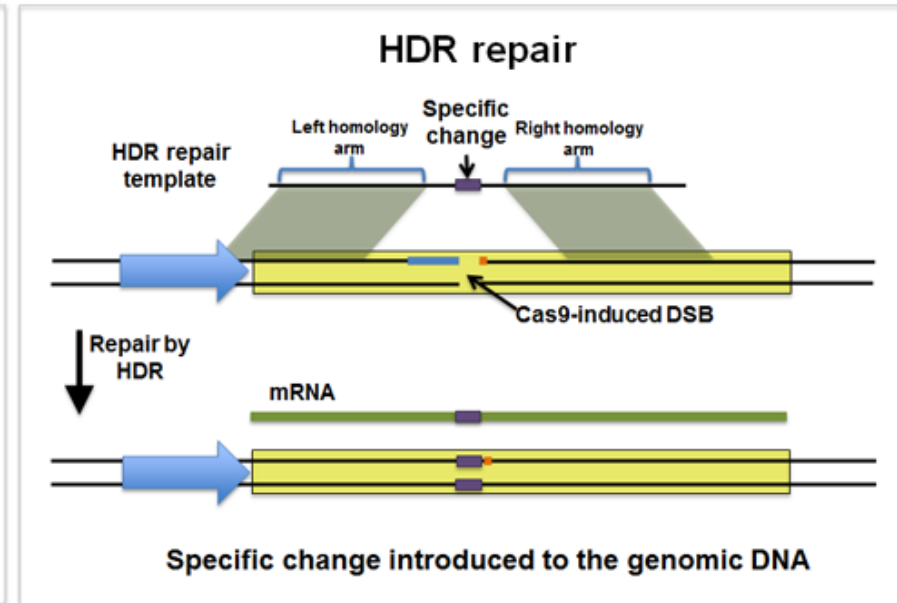
## Inserciones/deleciones (Knock outs)

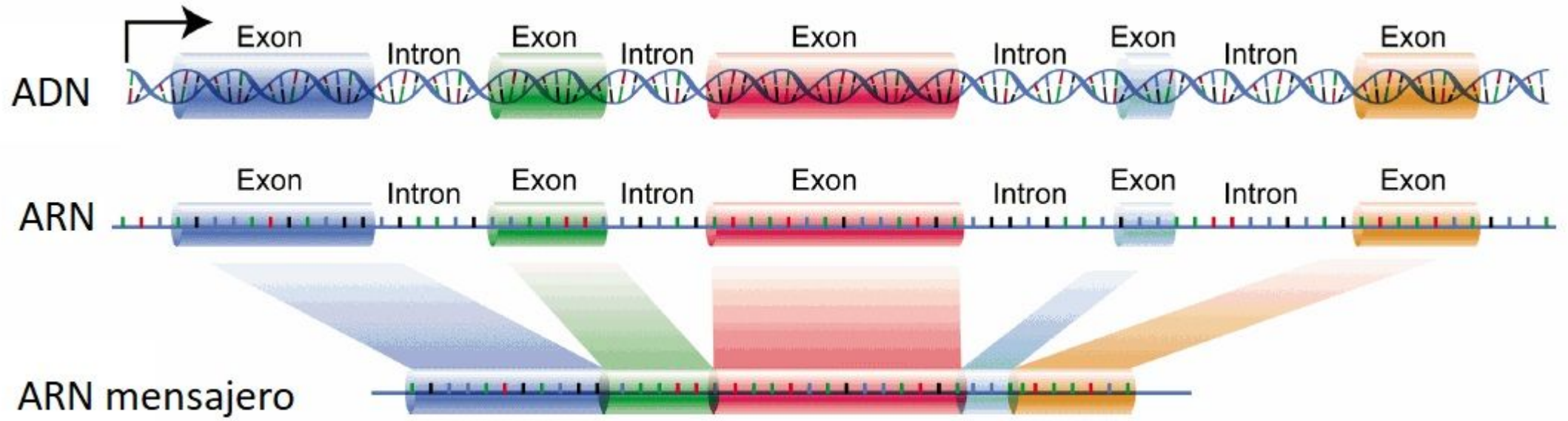
**NHEJ:** (Non-homologous end joining)  
**Recombinación No Homóloga.** Los extremos de las dobles roturas se ligan sin la intervención de un ADN molde.



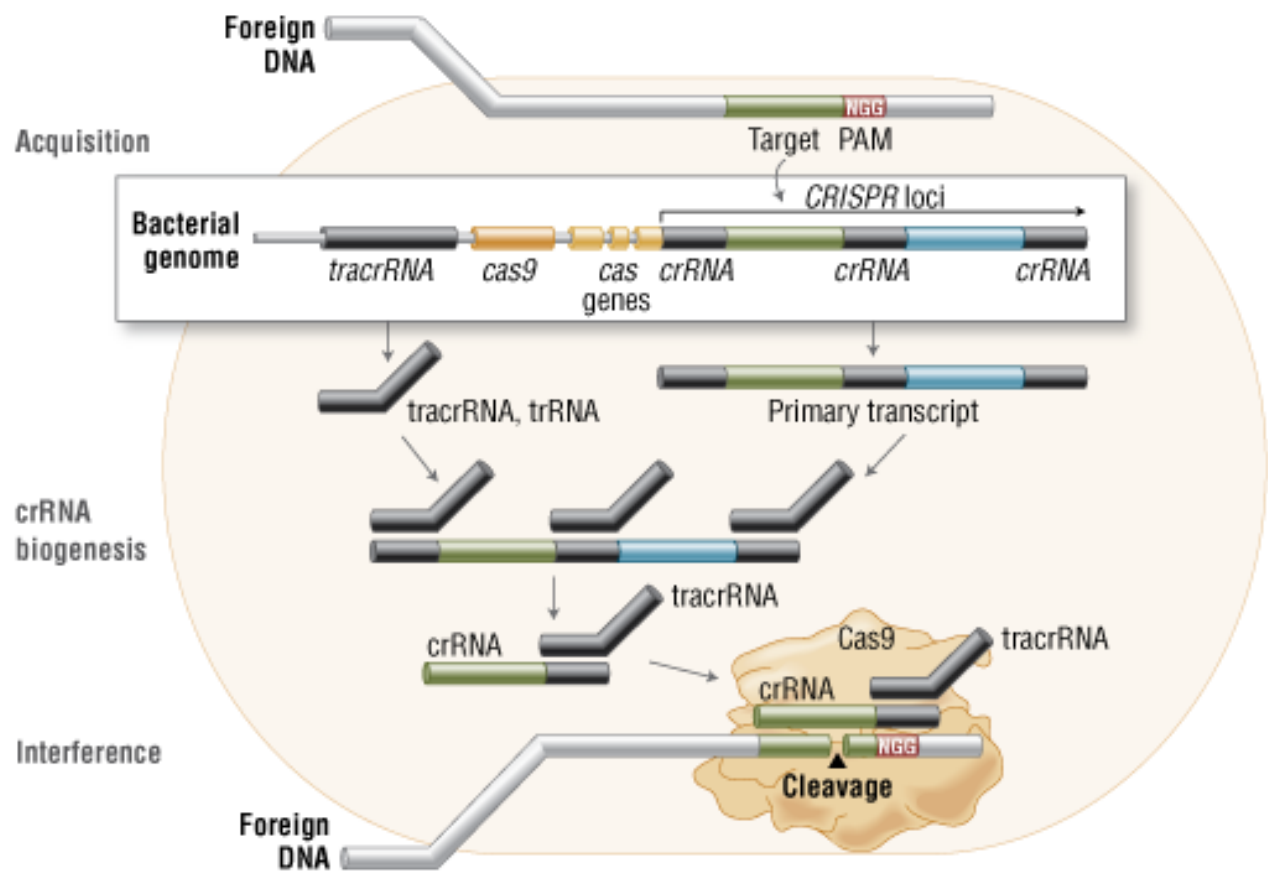
## Cambios precisos en el ADN

**HDR:** (*Homology Directed Repair*) o  
**Recombinación Homóloga.** Las dobles roturas se reparan utilizando un ADN homólogo como molde.





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**(2013)** Primera vez que se usa CRISPR para cortar ADN en células animales *in vitro* (ratón y humanos).



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# RNA-Guided Human Genome Engineering via Cas9

Prashant Mali,<sup>1,5</sup> Luhan Yang,<sup>1,3,5</sup> Kevin M. Esvelt,<sup>2</sup> John Aach,<sup>1</sup> Marc Guell,<sup>1</sup> James E. DiCarlo,<sup>4</sup> Julie E. Norville,<sup>1</sup> George M. Church<sup>1,2\*</sup>

*Science* 15 Feb 2013:  
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**(2013)** Puesta a punto de protocolos CRISPR/Cas para la modificación de distintos genomas (incluidos el humano y el de mamut).