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# Development of genome edited chickens for egg component regulation and production of recombinant proteins

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### Development of transgenic and genome editing system in avian species



- ✓ Microinjection of gRNA and Cas9 into egg
- $\checkmark\,$  Stem cell mediated gene editing
- Possibility of somatic cell nuclear transfer(SCNT)

- Microinjection and SCNT not possible due to different developmental physiology
- $\checkmark\,$  Germ cell transplantation and Germline Chimera
- $\checkmark\,$  Germ cell-mediated gene editing

(Han and Park, 2018, J Anim Sci Elotechnol)



### Significance of Primordial Germ Cells

Evolution of biotechnology in avian species has been achieved by development of the <u>avian germline transmission system</u> using primordial germ cells (PGCs)



*Germline Transmission* 



 $\checkmark$  Precice genome editing

 $\checkmark$  Conservation of endangered bird species

Wild type OVA EGFP Wild type OVA EGFP





### Genome editing for germ cell sterilization



Direct allele introgression into pure chicken breeds using Sire Dam Surrogate (SDS) mating

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100% pure breed edited offspring

#### (Ballantyne et al., 2021, Nat Comm)

### CRISPR/Cas9 system: genetic scissors

### Science

### A Programmable Dual-RNA–Guided DNA Endonuclease in Adaptive Bacterial Immunity







- Derived from bacterial immune system
- Cas9 + sgRNA induce double strand breaks





crRNA-tracrRNA chimera

### Egg components modulation by PGC genome editing



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(Lillico et al., 2005, Drug Discov Today)

Minor allergens in egg yolk

Major allergens in egg white

(Dona and Suphioglu, 2020, International journal of molecular sciences)

### Production of OVAL targeted genome edited chickens



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✓ Knock-out of OVAL gene using TALEN in cultured PGC

(Park et al., 2014, PNAS)

### Production of OVAL targeted genome edited chickens (CRISPR/Cas)





#### 5' junction sequencing



OVAL genome sequence	PAM + gRNA		Vector sequence
CTGTTGTAGCCTACTATAGAGTAC	CCTGCATGGTACTATGTACAG	CATTCCATCCTTACATTT	rcactgttctgctgtttgctctagacaactcagagttcacc
CTGTTGTAGCCTACTATAGAGTAC	CCFGCATGGTACTATGTACAG	CATTCCATCCTTACATTT	rcactgttctgctgtttgctctagacaactcagagttcacc
CTGTTGTAGCCTACTATAGAGTAC	CFGCATGGTACTATGTACAG	CATTCCATCCTTACATTT	ICACTGTTCTGCTGTTTGCTCTAGACAACTCAGAGTTCACC
	3' juncti	ion sequencing	



#### (Unpublished data)

### Production of OVAL targeted genome edited chickens









From OVAL<sup>+/-</sup>hen

From OVAL<sup>-/-</sup>hen





### Production of OVAL targeted genome edited chickens

Ovalbumin









Lysozyme



Ovomucin







Egg white volume





### Targeted nucleotide substitution (Base editing)

### nature Letter

Programmable editing of a target base in genomic DNA without double-stranded DNA cleavage

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### ARTICLE

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#### Programmable base editing of $A \cdot T$ to $G \cdot C$ in genomic DNA without DNA cleavage

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- $\checkmark$  dCas9 is a mutated Cas9 protein that does not have nuclease activity.
- Cytosine base editor (CBE) converts a C/G base pair into a T/A base pair, and adenosine base editor (ABE) converts an A/T base pair into a G/C base pair.



(Kornor et al., 2016, Nature; Gaudelli et al., Nature, 2017)

### Ovotransferrin (TF) KO-Applying base editing

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#### RESEARCH ARTICLE

Highly elevated base excision repair pathway in primordial germ cells causes low base editing activity in chickens

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#### Induction of premature stop codon in exon2 of TF gene



✓ The efficiency of the desired nucleotide substitution was 80.0% (12/15) in DF-1 cells, 28.0% (7/25) in PGCs





(Lee et al., 2020, FASEB.)



### Ovotransferrin (TF) KO-Applying base editing





Desired substitution

Amino Acid Change

Nucleolide Change

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Desired	GCT CCC CCC AAG TCA GTC ATC AG 14 TA 15 G 20 TG 22 ACC ATA TCC TCT CCA GAA GAG AAG	(5x)	(G19; G to A)	(W28 stop)
Substrumon	GCT CCC CCC AAG TCA GTC ATC AA. A TG , G 20 TG 22 C ACC ATA TCC TCT CCA GAA GAG AAG	(2x)	(G16; G to A)	(R27K)
	GCT CCC CCC AAG TCA GTC ATC AA. A TA JO 20 TO 20 ACC ATA TCC TCT CCA GAA GAG AAG	(27x)	(G16; G to A/ G19; G to A)	(R27K, W28 stop)
	GCT CCC CCC AAG TCA GTC ATC AA. A TG A TG CAC ATA TCC TCT CCA GAA GAG AAG	(3x)	(G16; G to A/ G20; G to A)	(R27K, W28 stop)
	GCT CCC CCC ANG TCA GTC ATC AA 10 TA 10 A30 TG 27C ACC ATA TCC TCT CCA GAA GAG AAG	(7x)	(G16; G to A/ G19; G to A/ G20; G to A)	(R27K, W28 stop)
Unwanted	GCT CCC CCC AAG TCA GTC ATC AG 10A TC 11G 20 TG 20C ACC ATA TCC TCT CCA GAA GAG AAG	(ttx)	(G19; G to C)	(W285)
substrution	GCT CCC CCC AAG TCA GTC ATC AG 10 ATT 10 G20 TG22C ACC ATA TCC TCT CCA GAA GAG AAG	(1x)	(G19; G to 7)	(W28L)
	GCT CCC CCC ANG TCA GTC ATC AT 10 A TG 10 30 TG 22 C ACC ATA TCC TCT CCA GAA GAG ANG	(1x)	(G16; G to 7)	(R27I)
	GCT CCC CCC AAG TCA GTC ATC AC 10 A TG 10 G 20 TG 22 C ACC ATA TCC TCT CCA GAA GAG AAG	(1x)	(G16; G to C)	(R27T)
	GCT CCC CCC AAG TCA GTC ATC AC A TA G20 TG20 ACC ATA TCC TCT CCA GAA GAG AAG	(7x)	(G16; G to C/G19; G to A)	(R27T, W28 stop)
	GCT CCC CCC AAG TCA GTC ATC AT A A G B TG 20 ACC ATA TCC TCT CCA GAA GAG AAG	(1x)	(G16; G to 7/ G19; G to A)	(R271, W28 stop)
Indel	GCT CCC CC	(1x)	(+18 bp)	(Inframe mutation)
	GCT CCC CCC AAG TCA GTC ATC A TO 16 TO 16 TO 16 TO 17 C ACC ATA TCC TCT CCA GAA GAG AAG	(3x)	(+1 bp)	(Frameshift mutation)
	GCT CCC CCC AAG TC+ CTC ATC AS IN TO DO TO TO TO TO TO TO TAKE AS	(1x)	(-38 bp)	(Frameshift mutation)
	GCT C	(1x)	(-22 bp)	(Frameshift mutation)
	GCT CCC CCC A-C-TCA GTC ATC AG 10A TG 10G 20 TG 22C ACC ATA TCC TCT CCA GAA GAG AAG	(3x)	(-4 bp)	(Frameshift mutation)
	GCT CCC CCC	(1x)	(-13 bp)	(Frameshift mutation)
	GCT CCC CCC AAG TCA GTC ATC A TO TO GIA GAS TO 20 TO 20 ACC ATA TCC TCT CCA GAA GAG AAG	(1x)	(-3 bp)	(Inframe mutation)
	GCT CCC CCC AACTER GTC ATC AG 10 ATG 10 G20 TG 22 ACC ATA TCC TCT CCA GAA GAG AAG	(1x)	(-4 bp)	(Frameshift mutation)
	GCT CCC CCC AAG TC	(1x)	(-11 bp)	(Frameshift mutation)
	GET CCC CCC AAG TCA GIC ATC AGTA TG G CACC ACTA TCC TCT CCA GAA GAG AAG	(1x)	(-7 bp)	(Frameshift mutation)



- ✓ 55.0% (44/80): the desired nucleotide substitution, 27.5% (22/80): unwanted nucleotide substitutions, 17.5% (14/80): deletion mutations.
- ✓ The efficiency of nucleotide substitution within the targeting window was highest at G in the 19th position (G19) and lowest at G20; no base editing occurred at G22



### Ovotransferrin (TF) KO-Applying base editing



- ✓ TF null mutant: embryonic lethality between HH stages 16 and 46
- ✓ TF concentration of the KO heterozygotes (10.70 mg/ml) was ~60% of WT (16.70mg/ml)



















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(Kimet al., 2023, Poultry Science)



DAPI DAPI DAPI DAPI DAPI

(Scale bar = 50 um)

EGFP









(Kimet al., 2023, Poultry Science)





- ✓ Hitrap Q hp column and Superdex G75 analytical size exclusion chromatography.
- ✓ Most egg white derived human ADPN: form a hexamer (≥150 kDa) or HMW (≥360 kDa or more).



(Kimet al., 2023, Front Nutr)



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**Biomaterials** 

The transgenic chicken derived anti-CD20 monoclonal antibodies exhibits greater anti-cancer therapeutic potential with enhanced Fc effector functions

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#### N-glycosylation of ovomucin from hen egg white





(Offengenden et al., 2011, Glycoconj J)

 The N-glycosylation pattern of egg white proteins is predominantly consist of terminal mannose and N-acetylglucosamine with absence of core fucosylation (afucosylation)



- ✓ CD20 mAb from EW. 14 N-glycan patterns with highmannose, afucosylation and terminal galactosylation
- Afucosylated CD20 mAb exhibited 8- to 16- fold increase of antibody dependent cell cytotoxicity (ADCC) effect compared to commercial Rituximab.

#### (Kimet al., Bornaterials, 2018)



(Park et al., 2023, Communications Biology)

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### Egg Yolk: Production of recombinant proteins



 $\checkmark$  Accumulation of hlgG1 Fc in serum and egg yolks was verified by ELISA and western blot.

(Park et al., 2023, Communications Bology)

### Conclusion

"Genome edited chicken: egg component regulation and production of recombinant proteins in egg"



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