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Published: Gene Editing using the powerful new CRISPR-Cas9 system demonstrates perspective as a tool to develop potential treatments for hereditary diseases, especially for those caused by single genetic defects. Examples of these diseases include cystic fibrosis, muscular dystrophy and a lesser known and relatively rare immune disorder called X-related chronic granulomatosis. Patients with X-CGD do not have a functional immune system, and are vulnerable to repeated and sometimes life-threatening bacterial and fungal infections and shortened lifespans. Patients are subjected to lifelong antimicrobials. A recent collaboration by the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, Frederick's National Laboratory, and others focused on X-associated chronic granulomatous diseases, using CRISPR-Cas9 to correct a major genetic defect and show the preservation of gene correction in the animal model. Their findings were published in the journal Science Translational Medicine. In chronic granulomatous diseases associated with X, a genetic mutation leads to white blood cells with little or no function. These cells can be replaced by stem cell transplantation from another healthy person, but this approach carries the risks of donor cells attacking the patient (organ transplant against the host) and is limited by the presence of stem cells that correspond to the patient. Direct repair of the genetic defect will overcome these problems. In the current study, researchers targeted parental (primitive) white blood cells called stem cells found in the bone marrow. The team took stem cells from two patients with X-related chronic granulomatous disease due to a specific disease-causing mutation. Working in a laboratory dish, they confirmed that the genetic defect could be corrected with CRISPR-Cas9. The technology is home to a gene mutation (a bug in sequence) and makes an accurate incision in the DNA. This results in a natural cell repair system to correct the mutation when copying from the normal pattern that is provided. The result is a corrected sequence of genes. In this case, it worked in about 30 percent of the targeted stem cells, enough to restore immune function. The team then placed between 500,000 and 1 million repaired stem cells in each of the 36 mice whose immune systems were suppressed to make room for human cells. After five months, about 10 to 20 percent of the corrected blood cells are still active, enough to produce an effective army of white blood cells and a functional immune system. The area (gene therapy) has made a big in the last couple of decades, but still fraught with concern regarding vector integration into unwanted places in the genome, said Xiaolin Wu, Ph.D., of the Frederick National Laboratory for Cancer Research Technology program and research officer. This new targeted approach really takes gene therapy therapy level of control and accuracy, which is essential. However, there are serious issues that have yet to be resolved. These include security, scalability and, of course, the transition from mouse to human. The use of gene editing technology also requires careful consideration of any related ethical issues that may arise. The Wu Group is developing experimental and computational tools to help detect unintended effects from CRISPR-Cas9 technology, or off-target effects. The technology is effective in targeting genes for correction, but little is known about the potential impact on other areas of the human genome. The tools are in development to ensure the safety of information for the Food and Drug Administration, and if the risks are identified, it will improve risk reduction projects, Wu said. The FDA's concern is our concern. The study's principal investigator was Harry Maleh, M.D., head of the host protection laboratory at the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases. The lead author was his colleague, Suk Xi de Ravin, M.D., Ph.D. Frank Blanchard, staff writer Image: This image is an infection-fighting cell called neutrophil. In this artist's visualization, DNA cells are being edited to help restore their ability to fight bacterial invaders. Picture: NIAID, NIH Tagged: Home - Publications - Additional information from CRISPR Cas9... Rosenbluh J, Syu H, Harrington W, Jill S, Wang X, Vazquez F, Root DE, SrinniaK A, Han WC. Nature Communications CRISPR-Cas9 provides tools for genome editing and facilitates the loss of functional screens. However, we and others have demonstrated that Cas9 endonuclease expression causes a genetically independent response that correlates with the number of target sequences in the genome. An alternative approach to gene expression suppression is to block transcription using catalytically inactive Cas9 (dCas9). Here we directly compare the editing of the CRISPR-Cas9 genome (cutting, CRISPRc) and gene suppression using KRAB-dCas9 (CRISPRi) in function loss screens to identify the main cell genes. CRISPRc identified 98% of previously defined genes needed by cells. After optimizing library construction by analyzing transcription launch pads (TSS), CRISRPi identified 92% of the underlying cell genes and found no bias towards the regions involved in changing the number of copies. However, bidirectional promoters scored as false positives in CRISRPi. We have concluded that CRISPRc and CRISPRi have different extra-cellar effects, and combining these approaches provides additional information in genetic function loss screens. Podcast: Download (Duration: 1:04 - Subscription: Android RSS Anchor Lead: An even more powerful new gene editing tool has arrived, Elizabeth Tracy reports CRISPR Cas 9, a gene editing tool, has been in the news for some some now that Chinese and Russian scientists are announcing the editing of human embryos. Now an even more powerful version has arrived, and Jeffrey Kahn, director of the Berman Institute of Bioethics at Johns Hopkins, says we need to develop guidelines for its use. Kang: It's called Prime CRISPR, and it's more accurate, more manageable. It will offer an even better tool. This is a very promising and exciting time in molecular biology and applying this. For human health, and we can even talk about agriculture and food production, all kinds of things where CRISPR and genome editing have applications, but when there is a tool that is even more accurate and tempting to use we need to talk about how to create appropriate control. :28 Kahn notes that international organizations address this issue, but participation is voluntary in the global scientific community. At Johns Hopkins University, I'm Elizabeth Tracy. Podcast: Download (Duration: 1:02 - 1.4MB) Subscription: Android RSS Anchor Lead: CRISPR Gene Editing Technology is currently used to treat cancer, Elizabeth Tracy reports CRISPR is an acronym for technology that allows genetic material to be edited, and it has been in the news to change embryos to remove potentially harmful genes. Now researchers have revealed its use to try to treat cancer. William Nelson, director of the Kimmel Cancer Center at Johns Hopkins, describes the study. Nelson: The CRISPR-Cas9 system has been commanded by various people to create a set of tools that allow what we call gene editing. What they did here, they removed the T cells from the body and they try to gin up the immune system response to go attack cancer. They have treated three people so far in this way, and what they report is that they have been successfully able to build T cells. I suspect that in cancer medicine you will see many more applications of this type of CRISPR-Cas9 technology. :31 Nelson is optimistic about this approach and is waiting for the results. At Johns Hopkins University, I'm Elizabeth Tracy. HIV treatment has come a long way over the years, thanks in large part to antiretroviral drugs that stop the replication of the HIV virus in the body. This gives the immune system a chance to repair itself and stop further damage. Thanks to these amazing achievements, HIV is no longer a death sentence, as it was in previous decades. However, antiretroviral drugs keep HIV at bay only as long as they are taken. A drug default means the HIV virus is coming back. Worse still, this could lead to patients becoming more resistant to antiretroviral drugs so that they don't work so effectively Future. In other words, there is still room for improvement when it comes to treatment. Fortunately, researchers from the University of California-San Diego School of Medicine are willing to assist, courtesy of a new genetic sequencing approach that possibly provide a kill switch to clear dormant HIV tanks inside cells. The most exciting part of this discovery has not seen before, Tariq Rana, a professor of pediatrics and genetics at the University of California,000 San Diego School of Medicine, said in a statement. Genetically modifying long-non-coding RNA, we prevent HIV recurrences in T cells and microglia after discontinuation of antiretroviral treatment, which suggests that we have a potential therapeutic goal to eradicate HIV and AIDS. The work is based on the discovery of a newly emerging gene that appears to regulate HIV replication in immune cells, including macrophages, microglia and T cells. The team calls it HIV-1 enchanced LncRNA (HEAL), and it is elevated in people with HIV. Using CRISPR-Cas9 gene editing, their work suggests that this could stop HIV from happening again if antiretroviral treatment is stopped. This has the potential for treatment, but, we will have to wait for animal research, Rana told Digital Trends. As for the next steps, Rana said future research will determine if the inclusion of this heal regulator off can remove viral reservoirs, which are a key source of viral rebound when therapy stops. Recently, an article describing the work was published in the journal mBio. Editors' recommendations