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Beyond nucleases: Diversity and life cycle of CRISPR-associated transposases

CRISPR-Cas nucleases are powerful tools for manipulating nucleic acids; however, targeted insertion of DNA remains a challenge, as it requires host cell repair machinery. We have been exploring the function of CRISPR-associated transposases from that microbial world which remarkably perform RNA-guided DNA transposition. These elements have evolved independently on several occasions and have co-opted multiple CRISPR-Cas effectors to promote their transmission. These diverse mobile elements reveal both common and unique properties in their life cycle and establishe a paradigm for precision DNA insertion.