A CRISPy tale on microalgal genome editing *ft. Nannochloropsis oceanica*

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Nannochloropsis spp – Strain improvement



MIS Naduthodi, NJ Claassens et al. (2021)

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CRISPR-Cas nuclease based genome editing



Naduthodi et al. (2018)

CRISPR-Cas in Nannochloropsis spp.



- Possibility of low off target effects
- Dispensability of regulatory systems and gene sequence
- Possibility of using the mutants as non-GMO
- HDR for precise generation of mutants in place of generating indels













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CRISPR–Cas ribonucleoprotein mediated homology-directed repair for efficient targeted genome editing in microalgae *Nannochloropsis oceanica* IMET1

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Summary

- Developed RNP based genome editing strategy in *N. oceanica*
- HDR based strategy was shown for the first time in *N. oceanica* for generation of precise mutants
- This strategy was combined with high throughput selection by FACS to obtain markerless mutants