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wherein the crRNA comprises a portion that is complementary to a target DNA,

wherein the target DNA is the endogenous DNA of the eukaryotic cell; and

wherein the Cas9 protein is complexed with the guide RNA to form an active endonuclease before being introduced into the eukaryotic cell.

~~2. The method according to claim 1, wherein the guide RNA is:~~

~~i) a dual RNA comprising a crRNA and a tracrRNA; or~~

~~ii) a single-chain guide RNA (sgRNA) comprising a crRNA fused to a tracrRNA.~~

~~2. 3.~~ The method according to claim 1 ~~or claim 2,~~ wherein the guide RNA is *in vitro* transcribed RNA.

~~3. 4.~~ The method according to ~~any one of claims 1 to~~ or 2 3, wherein the portion of the crRNA that is complementary to the target DNA is 20 nucleotides in length.

~~4. 5.~~ The method according to any one of claims 1 to 3 4, wherein the Cas9 protein is derived from *Streptococcus pyogenes*.

~~5. 6.~~ The method according to any one of claims 1 to 4 5, wherein the Cas9 protein is expressed in and purified from *E. coli*.

~~6. 7.~~ The method according to any one of claims 1 to 5 6, wherein the composition is introduced into the cell by a method selected from microinjection, electroporation, DEAE-dextran treatment, lipofection, nanoparticle-mediated transfection, and protein transduction domain mediated transduction.

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wherein the sgRNA and the Cas9 protein are present in a mass ratio ranging from 100:225 to 100:22.5, and

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