

Kera Cas9-CKO Strategy

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Project Overview

Project Name

Kera

Project type

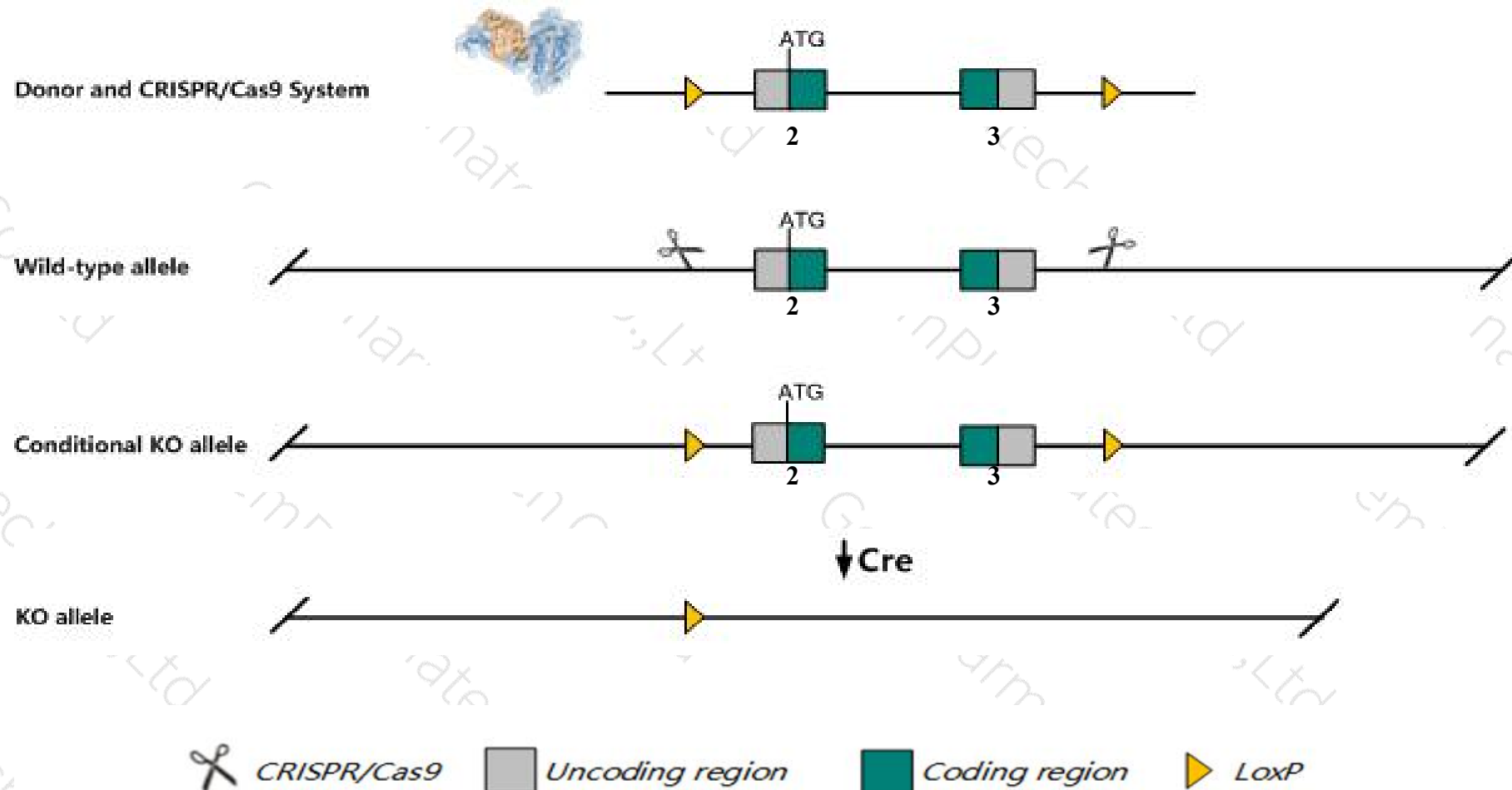
Cas9-CKO

Strain background

C57BL/6JGpt

Conditional Knockout strategy

This model will use CRISPR/Cas9 technology to edit the *Kera* gene. The schematic diagram is as follows:



- The *Kera* gene has 1 transcript. According to the structure of *Kera* gene, exon2-exon3 of *Kera-201* (ENSMUST00000105286.3) transcript is recommended as the knockout region. The region contains all of the coding sequence. Knock out the region will result in disruption of protein function.
- In this project we use CRISPR/Cas9 technology to modify *Kera* gene. The brief process is as follows: CRISPR/Cas9 system and Donor were microinjected into the fertilized eggs of C57BL/6JGpt mice. Fertilized eggs were transplanted to obtain positive F0 mice which were confirmed by PCR and sequencing. A stable F1 generation mouse model was obtained by mating positive F0 generation mice with C57BL/6JGpt mice.
- The flox mice will be knocked out after mating with mice expressing Cre recombinase, resulting in the loss of function of the target gene in specific tissues and cell types.

- According to the existing MGI data, Mice homozygous for disruptions in this gene have a thinner than normal corneal stroma with thicker collagen fibers which were less regularly packed.
- The *Kera* gene is located on the Chr10. If the knockout mice are crossed with other mice strains to obtain double gene positive homozygous mouse offspring, please avoid the two genes on the same chromosome.
- This Strategy is designed based on genetic information in existing databases. Due to the complexity of biological processes, all risk of loxp insertion on gene transcription, RNA splicing and protein translation cannot be predicted at existing technological level.

Gene information (NCBI)

Kera keratocan [*Mus musculus* (house mouse)]

Gene ID: 16545, updated on 12-Aug-2019

Summary

Official Symbol	Kera provided by MGI
Official Full Name	keratocan provided by MGI
Primary source	MGI:MGI:1202398
See related	Ensembl:ENSMUSG00000019932
Gene type	protein coding
RefSeq status	VALIDATED
Organism	Mus musculus
Lineage	Eukaryota; Metazoa; Chordata; Craniata; Vertebrata; Euteleostomi; Mammalia; Eutheria; Euarchontoglires; Glires; Rodentia; Myomorpha; Muroidea; Muridae; Murinae; Mus; Mus
Also known as	KTN; CNA2; SLRR2B
Expression	Restricted expression toward limb E14.5 (RPKM 43.4) See more
Orthologs	human all

Genomic context

Location: 10 C3; 10 50.34 cM

See Kera in [Genome Data Viewer](#)

Exon count: 4

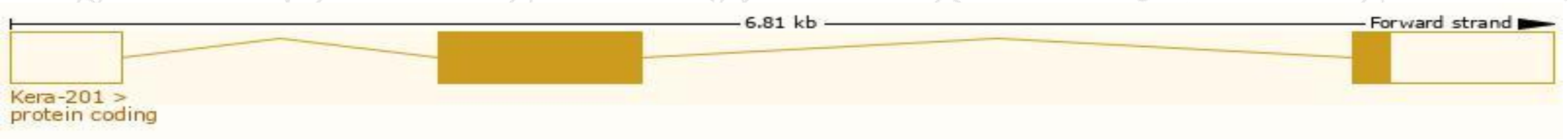
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Transcript information (Ensembl)

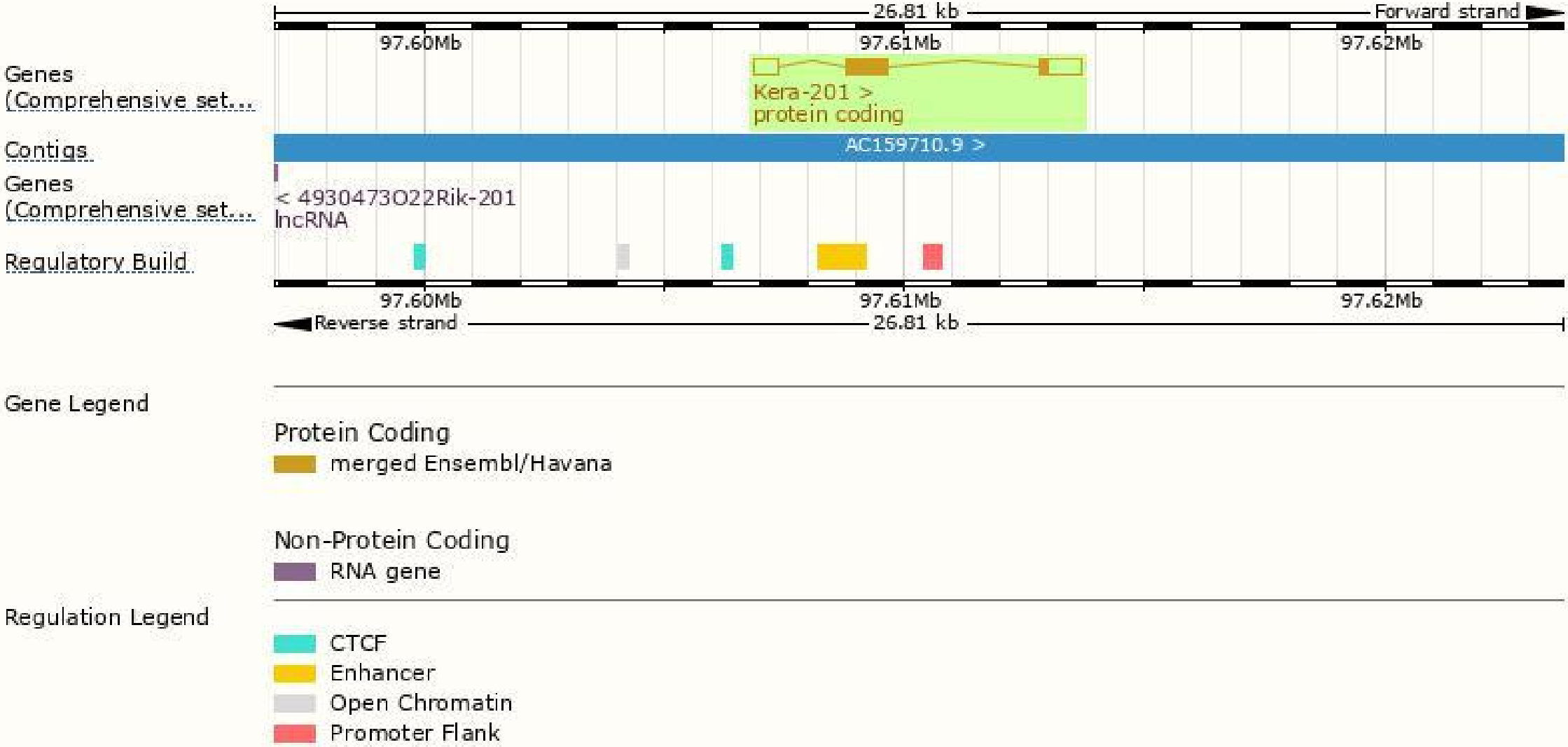
The gene has 1 transcript, and the transcript is shown below:

Name	Transcript ID	bp	Protein	Biotype	CCDS	UniProt	Flags
Kera-201	ENSMUST00000105286.3	2280	351aa	Protein coding	CCDS36044	A4FUJ3 O35367	TSL:1 GENCODE basic APPRIS P1

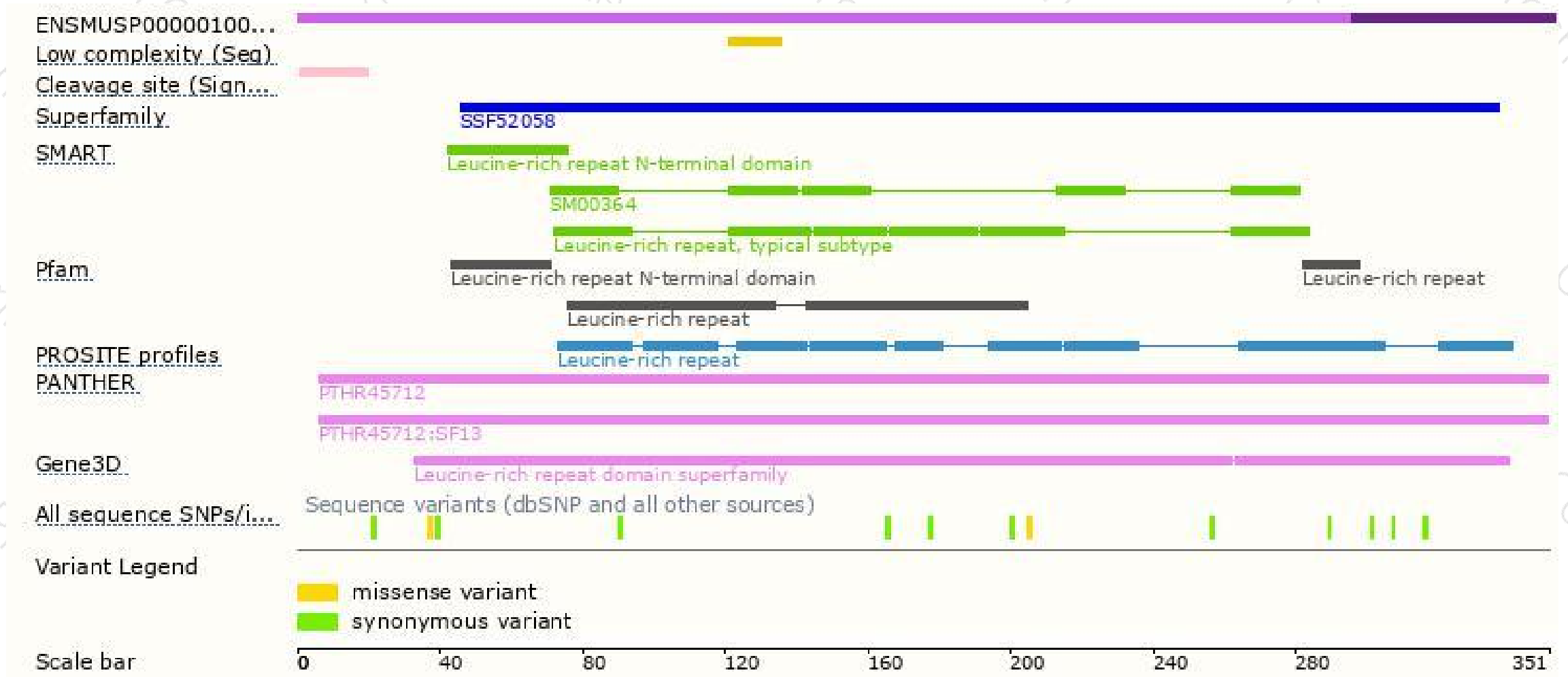
The strategy is based on the design of *Kera-201* transcript, The transcription is shown below



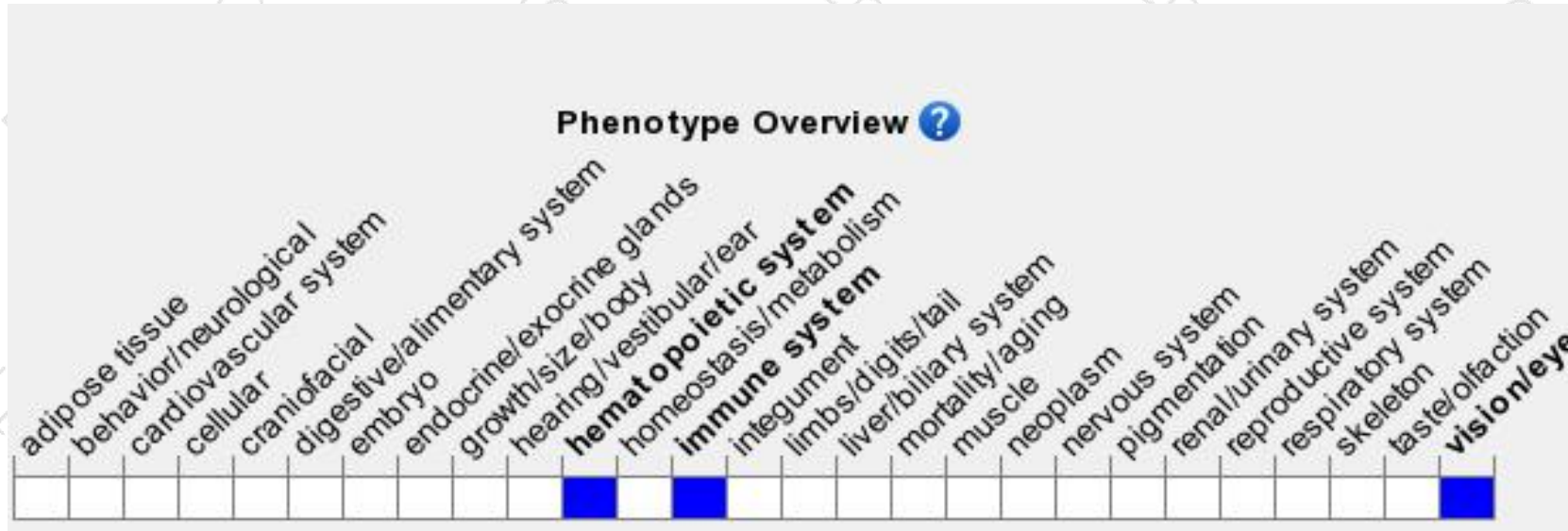
Genomic location distribution



Protein domain



Mouse phenotype description(MGI)



Phenotypes affected by the gene are marked in blue. Data quoted from MGI database(<http://www.informatics.jax.org/>).

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If you have any questions, you are welcome to inquire.

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