

# *Piwil4* Cas9-KO Strategy

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# Project Overview

**Project Name**

*Piwil4*

**Project type**

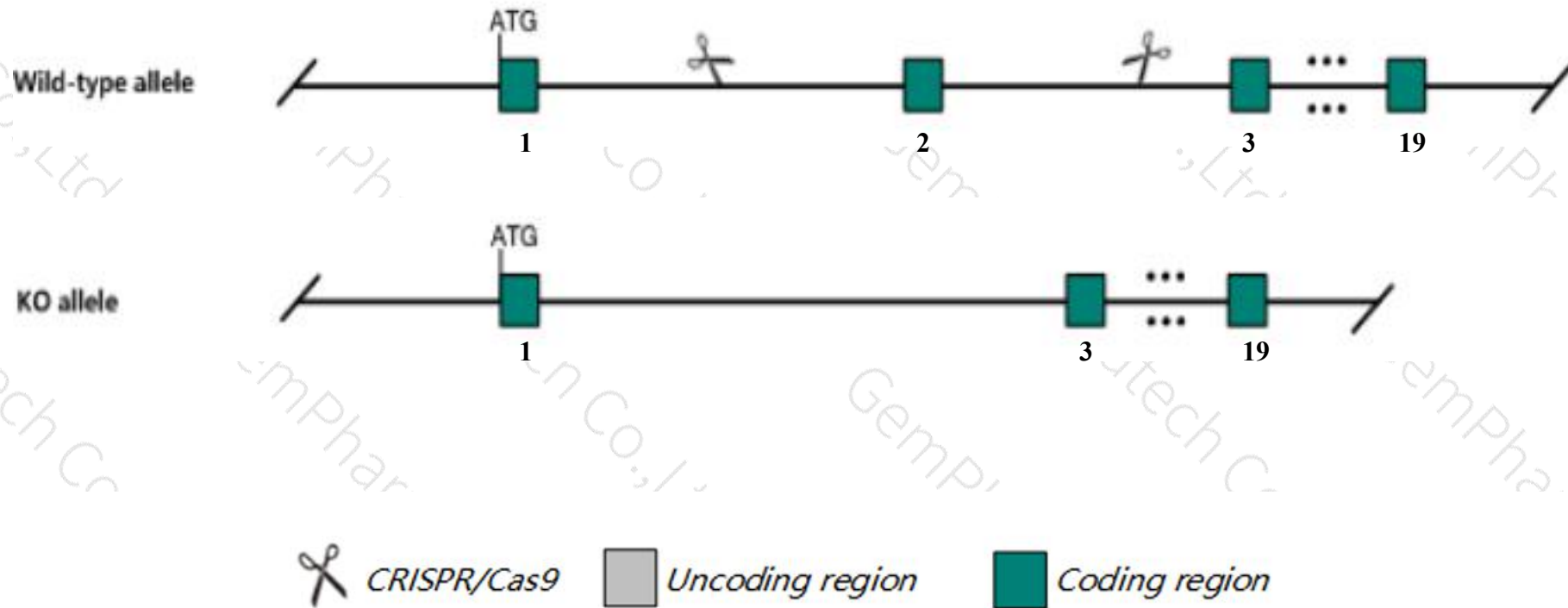
**Cas9-KO**

**Strain background**

**C57BL/6JGpt**

# Knockout strategy

This model will use CRISPR/Cas9 technology to edit the *Piwi4* gene. The schematic diagram is as follows:



- The *Piwil4* gene has 4 transcripts. According to the structure of *Piwil4* gene, exon2 of *Piwil4-201* (ENSMUST00000076946.3) transcript is recommended as the knockout region. The region contains 64bp coding sequence. Knock out the region will result in disruption of protein function.
- In this project we use CRISPR/Cas9 technology to modify *Piwil4* gene. The brief process is as follows: CRISPR/Cas9 system

- According to the existing MGI data, mice homozygous for a null allele exhibit male specific-infertility with a progressive loss of male germ cells, reduced testis size, abnormal male meiosis and increased apoptosis of spermatocytes in seminiferous tubules.
- Transcript *Piwil4-204* is incomplete, so the effect on it is unknown.
- The *Piwil4* gene is located on the Chr9. 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 the gene knockout on gene transcription, RNA splicing and protein translation cannot be predicted at the existing technology level.



# Gene information (NCBI)

## Piwi4 piwi-like RNA-mediated gene silencing 4 [ *Mus musculus* (house mouse) ]

Gene ID: 330890, updated on 3-May-2020

### Summary

**Official Symbol** Piwi4 provided by [MGI](#)

**Official Full Name** piwi-like RNA-mediated gene silencing 4 provided by [MGI](#)

**Primary source** [MGI:MGI:3041167](#)

**See related** [Ensembl:ENSMUSG00000036912](#)

**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** Miwi2; mAgo5; 9230101H05Rik

**Expression** Biased expression in genital fat pad adult (RPKM 2.0), colon adult (RPKM 1.2) and 10 other tissues [See more](#)

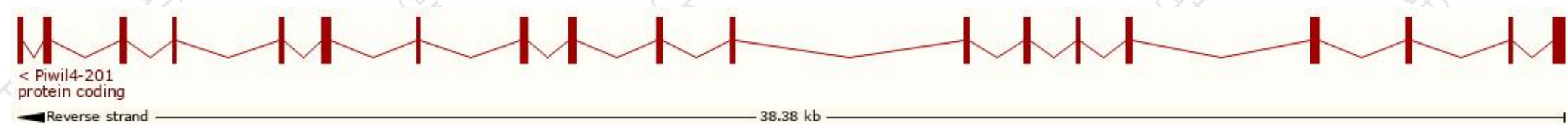
**Orthologs** [human](#) [all](#)

# Transcript information (Ensembl)

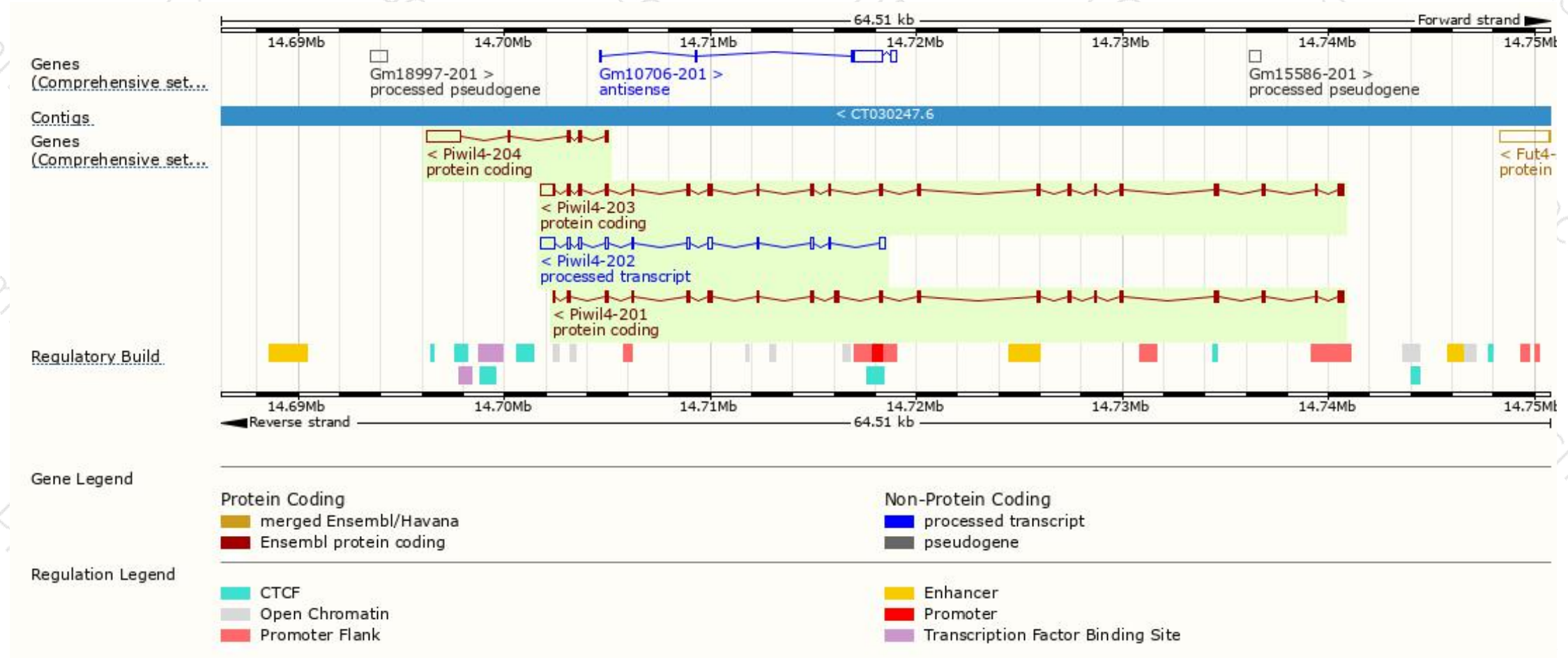
The gene has 4 transcripts,all transcripts are shown below:

Name	Transcript ID	bp	Protein	Biotype	CCDS	UniProt	Flags
Piwil4-201	<a href="#">ENSMUST00000076946.3</a>	2637	<a href="#">878aa</a>	Protein coding	<a href="#">CCDS22824</a>	<a href="#">A0A0R4J0Y7</a>	TSL:2 GENCODE basic
Piwil4-203	<a href="#">ENSMUST00000115644.9</a>	3323	<a href="#">911aa</a>	Protein coding	-	<a href="#">Q8CGT6</a>	TSL:5 GENCODE basic APPRIS P1
Piwil4-204	<a href="#">ENSMUST00000136399.7</a>	2190	<a href="#">174aa</a>	Protein coding	-	<a href="#">F6VRE5</a>	CDS 5' incomplete TSL:1
Piwil4-202	<a href="#">ENSMUST00000115643.7</a>	2111	No protein	Processed transcript	-	-	TSL:1

The strategy is based on the design of *Piwil4-201* transcript, the transcription is shown below

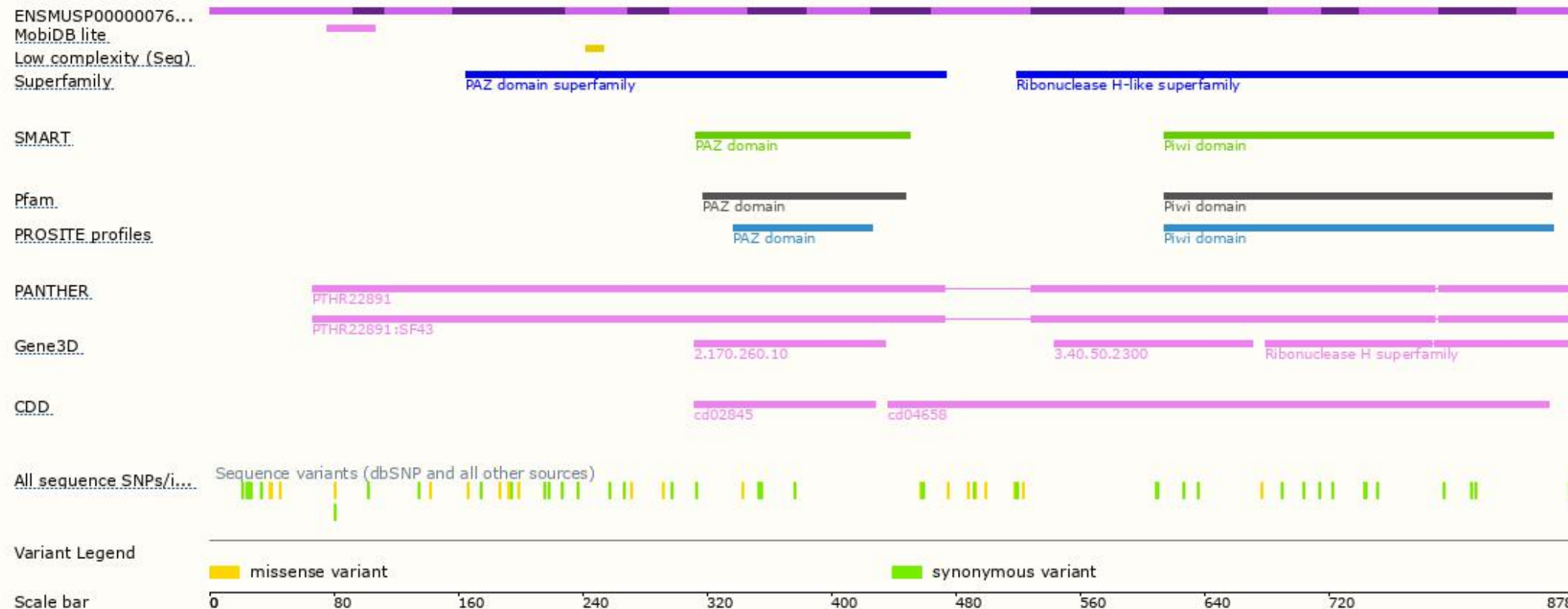


# Genomic location distribution



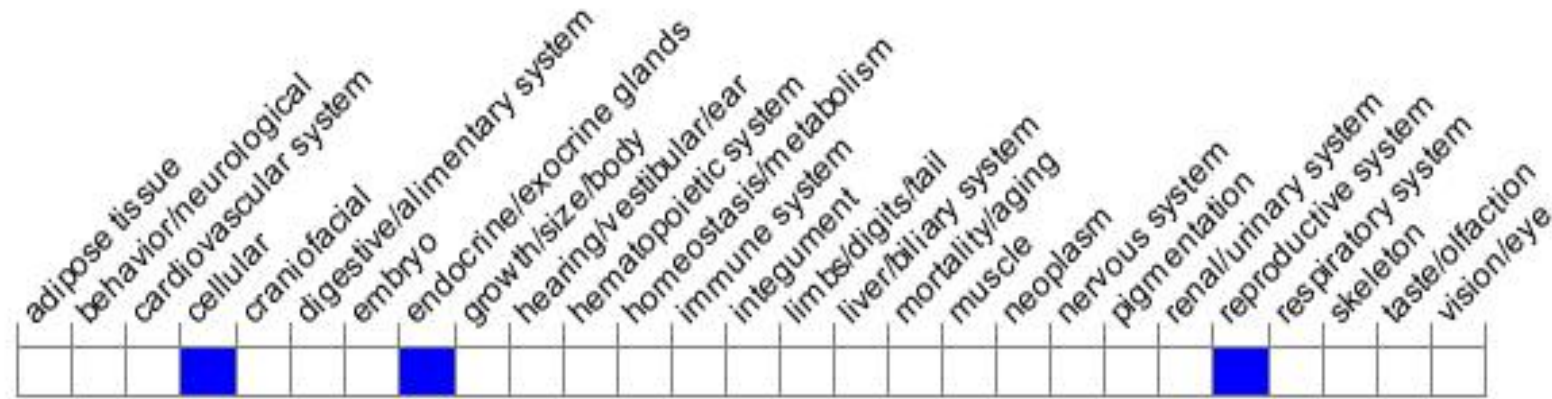


# Protein domain



# Mouse phenotype description(MGI)

## Phenotype Overview



*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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