## Supplementary Figure 1



Supplementary Figure 1. Negative controls have over 99.6\% wildtype GFP. Testing all combinations of Cas9 mRNA or protein injections and mRNA or DNA detection showed that no noticeable scars are created without the injection of sgRNA.

## Supplementary Figure 2



Supplementary Figure 2. Strong correlation between DNA and mRNA detection in the same embryo. Scar abundances in a 48 hpf embryo detected in DNA and mRNA have a Pearson correlation of 0.998 .

## Supplementary Figure 3



Supplementary Figure 3. The most probable scars are enriched in microhomologies. We sorted over 9000 scars by frequency of occurrence (x-axis), and we determined which percentage of scars exhibit a microhomology ( $y$-axis, cumulative plot). For details on the calculation see Materials and Methods.

## Supplementary Figure 4



Supplementary Figure 4. Average fraction of two different scars as a function of time. Experimental determination (black dots and red error bars) and fit to equation S2 (solid black line). Error bars are 95\% confidence intervals.

## Supplementary Figure 5



Supplementary Figure 5. Histogram of GFP reads in a collection of F1 embryos. Scarred heterozygote parent crossed with a wildtype parent. We detected a bimodal distribution, with approximately half of the embryos expressing GFP, as expected for a transgene that is integrated on one chromosome.

## Supplementary Figure 6



Supplementary Figure 6. Each fin piece has between 10 and 30 distinct scars.
We count scars that generate at least $0.1 \%$ of all reads in a sample. Pieces that did not pass our data quality filter are shown as blank.

## Supplementary Fig. 7



## Supplementary Fig. 7. Pairwise Pearson correlations of scar abundance

 between different embryos from the dynamics data. (a) Without normalization, and (b) after normalization by scar probability. This strategy was successful in removing correlations between different embryos caused by repeated creation of the same scars (see also Materials and Methods).
## Supplementary Figure 8



Supplementary Figure 8. In the original as well as the regenerated fins, we find a strong correlation within rays or interrays. Correlations of scar abundances between pieces taken at different AP distances within the same rays and interrays. Correlations across all rays/interrays are shown for comparison.

## Supplementary Figure 9



Supplementary Figure 9. Cumulative distribution of the number of different scars in the original and two regenerated fins. The number of scars is reduced only mildly in the regenerated fins.

Supplementary Table 1. Scar zoology. Ten most prevalent single deletions, single insertions and complex scars. Probabilities are
obtained from the fit to Equation S2.

|  | CIGAR | Sequence | Probability |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\begin{aligned} & 0 \\ & 0 \\ & 0.0 \\ & \frac{0}{0} \\ & \frac{8}{0} \\ & \frac{0}{0} \\ & \text { © } \end{aligned}$ | 29M6D47M | CATCGAGGACGGCAGCGTGCAGCTCGCCGACCAGCAGAACACCCCCATCGGCGACGGCCCCGTGCTGCTGCCCGAC | $1.44 * 10^{-1}$ |
|  | 26M3D50M | CGAGGACGGCAGCGTGCAGCTCGCCGACTACCAGCAGAACACCCCCATCGGCGACGGCCCCGTGCTGCTGCCCGAC | $7.54 * 10^{-2}$ |
|  | 27M11D49M | CACAACATCGAGGACGGCAGCGTGCAGCTACCAGCAGAACACCCCCATCGGCGACGGCCCCGTGCTTGCTGCCCGAC | $7.00 * 10^{-2}$ |
|  | 31M18D45M | GATCCGCCACAACATCGAGGACGGCAGCGTGCAGCAGAACACCCCCATCGGCGACGGCCCCGTGCTGCTGCCCGAC | 6.50 * $10^{-2}$ |
|  | 27M2D49M | GAGGACGGCAGCGTGCAGCTCGCCGACCTACCAGCAGAACACCCCCATCGGCGACGGCCCCGTGCTGCTGCCCGAC | $3.65 * 10^{-2}$ |
|  | 33M21D43M | CAAGATCCGCCACAACATCGAGGACGGCAGCGTGCAGAACACCCCCATCGGCGACGGCCCCGTGCTGCTGCCCGAC | 2.78 * $10^{-2}$ |
|  | 27M9D49M | CAACATCGAGGACGGCAGCGTGCAGCTCTACCAGCAGAACACCCCCATCGGCGACGGCCCCGTGCTGCTGCCCGAC | $2.68 * 10^{-2}$ |
|  | 30M10D46M | ACAACATCGAGGACGGCAGCGTGCAGCTCGCCAGCAGAACACCCCCATCGGCGACGGCCCCGTGCTGCTGCCCGAC | 2.66 * $10^{-2}$ |
|  | 27M6D49M | CATCGAGGACGGCAGCGTGCAGCTCGCCTACCAGCAGAACACCCCCATCGGCGACGGCCCCGTGCTGGCTGCCCGAC | $2.65 * 10^{-2}$ |
|  | 27M7D49M | ACATCGAGGACGGCAGCGTGCAGCTCGCTACCAGCAGAACACCCCCATCGGCGACGGCCCCGTGCTGCTGCCCGAC | $9.67 * 10^{-3}$ |
|  | 25M1I50M | GACGGCAGCGTGCAGCTCGCCGACCAACTACCAGCAGAACACCCCCATCGGCGACGGCCCCGTGCTGCTGCCCGAC | 2.45 * $10^{-2}$ |
|  | 22M3151M | CGGCAGCGTGCAGCTCGCCGACCAGCAGAACCAGCAGAACACCCCCATCGGCGACGGCCCCGTGCTGCTGCCCGAC | 2.57 * $10^{-3}$ |
|  | 25M1I50M | GACGGCAGCGTGCAGCTCGCCGACCTTGTACCAGCAGAACACCCCCATCGGCGACGGCCCCGTGCTGCTGCCCGAC | $2.20 * 10^{-3}$ |
|  | 20M6I50M | CAGCGTGCAGCTCGCCGACCAGCAGAACTACCAGCAGAACACCCCCATCGGCGACGGCCCCGTGCTGCTGCCCGAC | $1.82 * 10^{-3}$ |
|  | 21M5I50M | GCAGCGTGCAGCTCGCCGACCAGCAGACTACCAGCAGAACACCCCCATCGGCGACGGCCCCGTGCTGCTGCCCGAC | 1.67 * $10^{-3}$ |
|  | 23M1I52M | GACGGCAGCGTGCAGCTCGCCGACCCACTACCAGCAGAACACCCCCATCGGCGACGGCCCCGTGCTGCTGCCCGAC | 9.75 * $10^{-4}$ |
|  | 17M8I51M | GCGTGCAGCTCGCCGACCAGCAGAACACCACCAGCAGAACACCCCCATCGGCGACGGCCCCGTGCTGCTGCCCGAC | 9.48 * $10^{-4}$ |
|  | 26M1I49M | GACGGCAGCGTGCAGCTCGCCGACCAGCTACCAGCAGAACACCCCCATCGGCGACGGCCCCGTGCTGCTGCCCGAC | 9.37 * $10^{-4}$ |
|  | 16M4I56M | GGCAGCGTGCAGCTCGAACACCGCCCTCTACCAGCAGAACACCCCCATCGGCGACGGCCCCGTGCTGCTGCCCGAC | $7.28 * 10^{-4}$ |
|  | 20M4I52M | GGCAGCGTGCAGCTCGCCGAACACCCCCTACCAGCAGAACACCCCCATCGGCGACGGCCCCGTGCTGCTGCCCGAC | $7.20 * 10^{-4}$ |
|  | 21M6I2M1D47M | GCAGCGTGCAGCTCGCCGACCAGCAGAACACCAGCAGAACACCCCCATCGGCGACGGCCCCGTGCTGCTGCCCGAC | $2.17{ }^{*} 10^{-3}$ |
|  | 24M6D5M1D47M | ACATCGAGGACGGCAGCGTGCAGCAGAACACCAGCAGAACACCCCCATCGGCGACGGCCCCGTGCTTGCTGCCCGAC | $1.88 * 10^{-3}$ |
|  | 24M4D2M2D50M | CATCGAGGACGGCAGCGTGCAGCTGAACTACCAGCAGAACACCCCCATCGGCGACGGCCCCGTGCTGGCTGCCCGAC | $1.44 * 10^{-3}$ |
|  | 20M4I2M2D50M | ACGGCAGCGTGCAGCTCGCCAGCAGAACTACCAGCAGAACACCCCCATCGGCGACGGCCCCGTGCTGCTGCCCGAC | $8.21 * 10^{-4}$ |
|  | 23M3D7M2D46M | ATCGAGGACGGCAGCGTGCAGCTCGAACACCCAGCAGAACACCCCCATCGGCGACGGCCCCGTGCTGCTGCCCGAC | 7.91 * $10^{-4}$ |
|  | 20M3D5M1150M | GAGGACGGCAGCGTGCAGCTCTACCAACTACCAGCAGAACACCCCCATCGGCGACGGCCCCGTGCTGCTGCCCGAC | $7.25 * 10^{-4}$ |
|  | 28M111M12D46M | CACAACATCGAGGACGGCAGCGTGCAGCGTCCAGCAGAACACCCCCATCGGCGACGGCCCCGTGCTGCTGCCCGAC | $6.24 * 10^{-4}$ |
|  | 25M4D4M3D47M | ACATCGAGGACGGCAGCGTGCAGCTGAACACCAGCAGAACACCCCCATCGGCGACGGCCCCGTGCTGCTGCCCGAC | 5.79 * $10^{-4}$ |
|  | 19M3I5M2D49M | GACGGCAGCGTGCAGCTCGTCCTCGTCCTACCAGCAGAACACCCCCATCGGCGACGGCCCCGTGCTGCTGCCCGAC | 5.52 * $10^{-4}$ |
|  | 27M4D5M5D44M | CAACATCGAGGACGGCAGCGTGCAGCTGACCATGCAGAACACCCCCATCGGCGACGGCCCCGTGCTGCTGCCCGAC | 5.49 * $10^{-4}$ |

