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Understanding the function of miRNAs in vivo



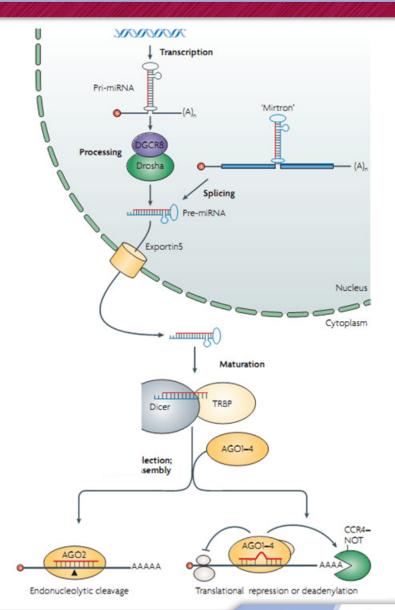




Knockout mice: > 25 reports

Over-expression in mice: > 5 reports

Deletion/mutation of target sequences of miRNAs: ?

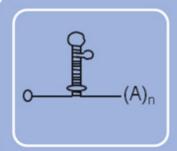


Modifications of miRNA expression









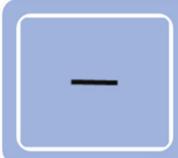
Pri-miRNA

- Knockout of single miRNAs or cluster
- Overexpression of single miRNA or cluster



Pre-miRNA

- Overexpression
- (Knockout)



Mature miRNA

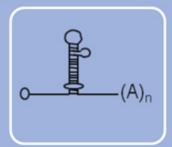
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Inducible miRNA expression







No expression of miRNA in the absence of doxycycline

H1_tetO miRNA CAG-itetR-pA

doxycycline tet • R miRNA CAG-itetR-pA H1_tetO miRNA expression Æ upon induction

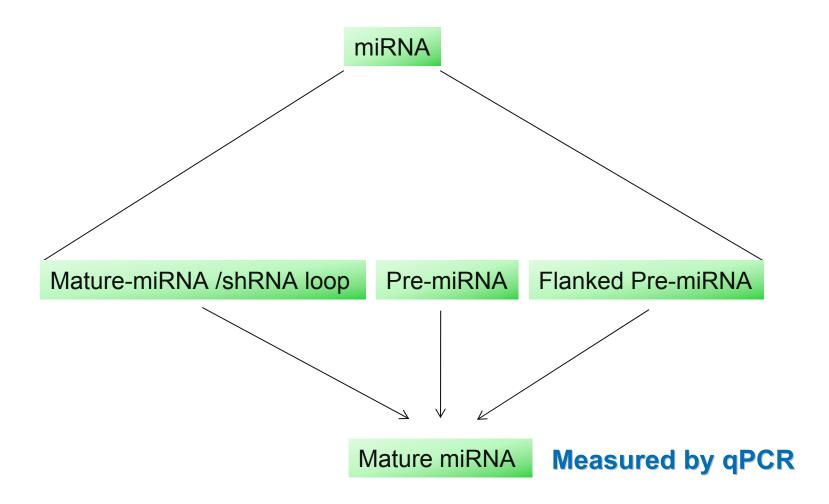
miRNA expression upon induction with doxycycline

miRNA expression







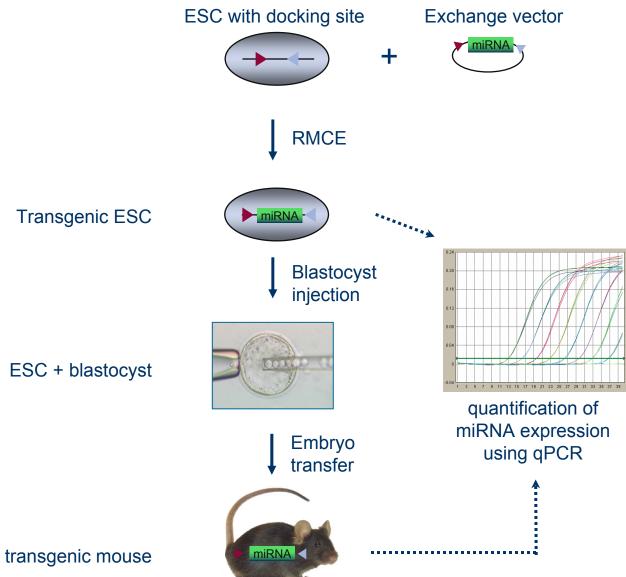


miRNA expression in ESC and mice









miRNA transgenic mouse

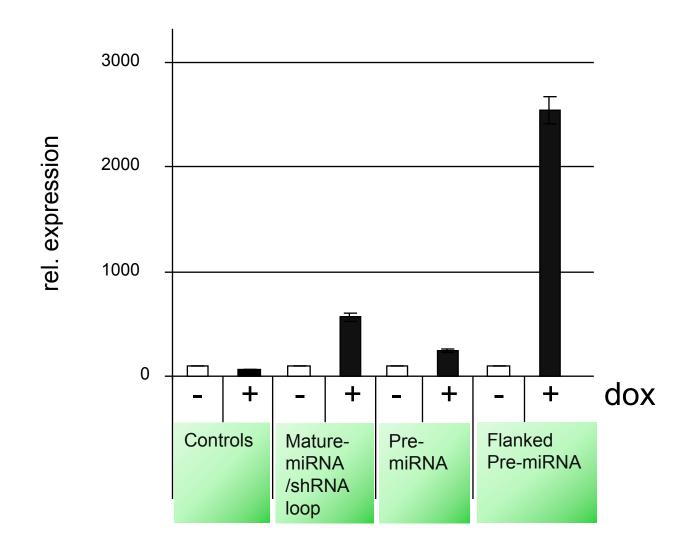


Example #1: miR-138 in ES cells







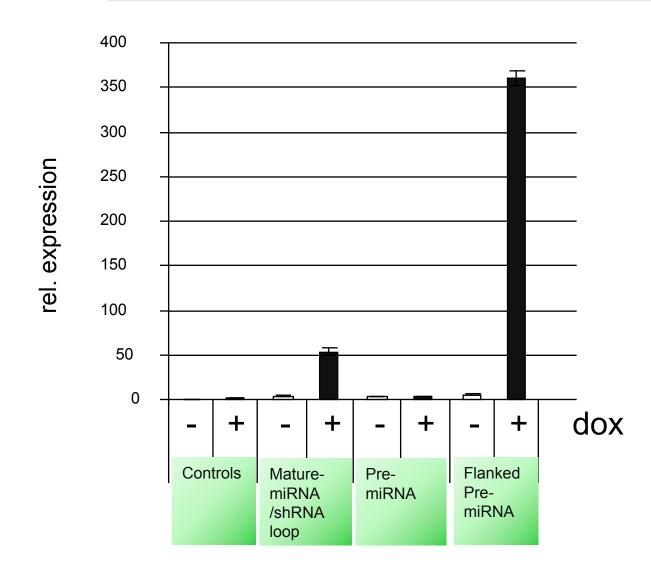


Example #2 in ES cells









Example #3







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Obesity-induced overexpression of miRNA-143 inhibits insulin-stimulated AKT activation and impairs glucose metabolism

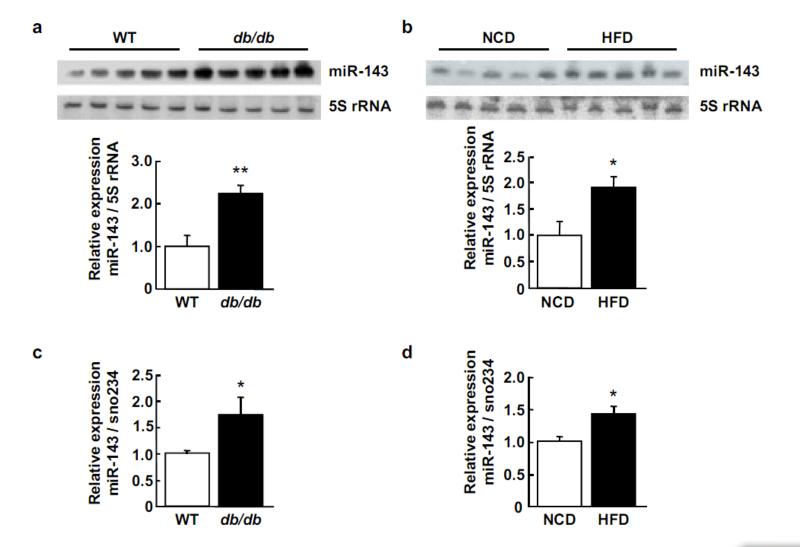
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miR-143 over expressed in liver of obesity models







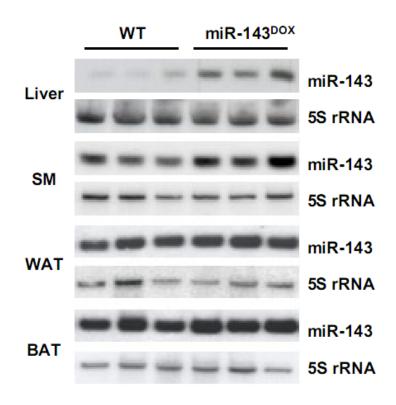


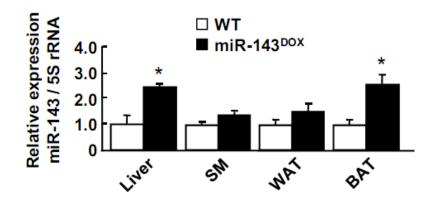
miR-143 over expressed in transgenic mice









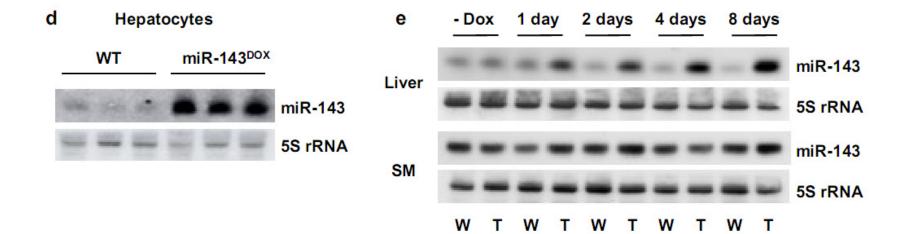


miR-143 over expressed in liver







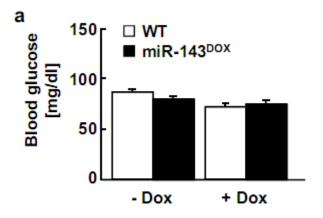


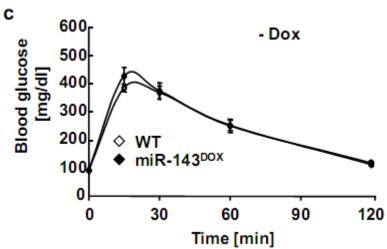
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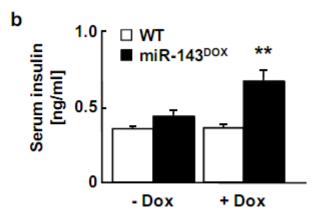


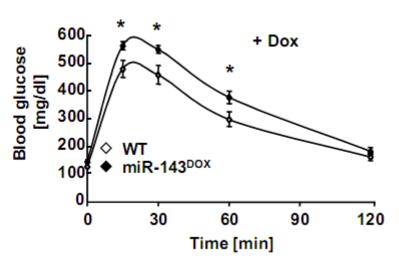










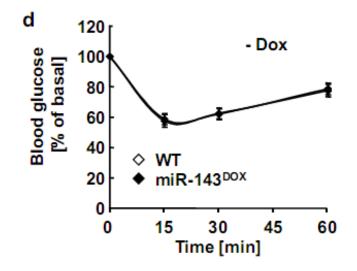


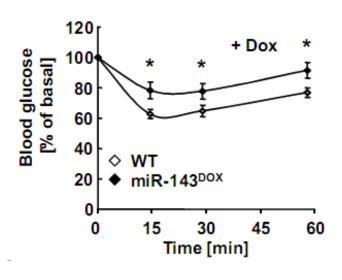
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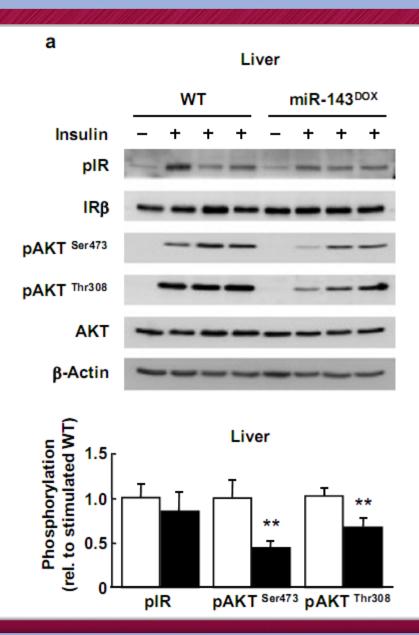


miR-143 inhibits insulin-stimulated signaling at AKT phosphorylation







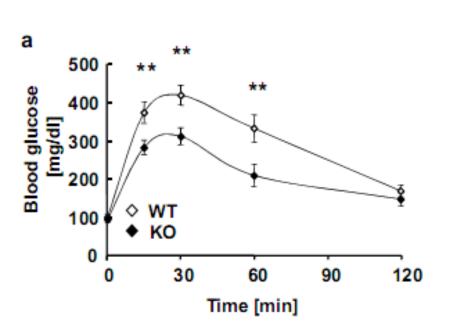


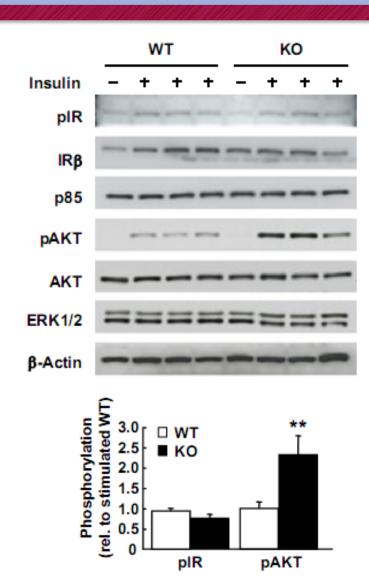
KO of miR-143 has opposite effects











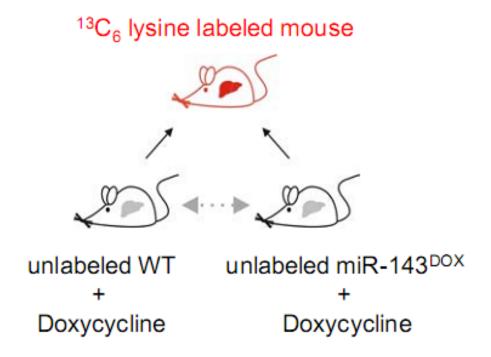
In vivo SILAC to find miR-143 targets







Combination of inducible miR-143 overexpression with quantitative proteomics:



Orp8 as target of miR-143



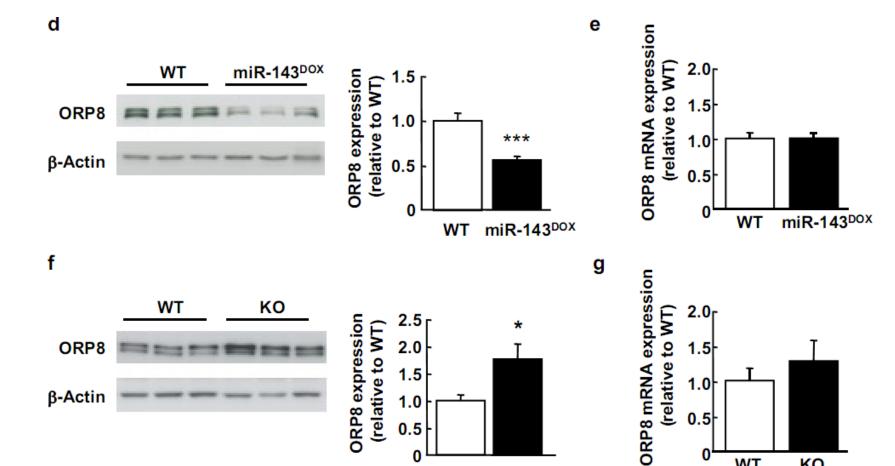
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KO







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Summary of miR-143 function







- miR-143 up regulation leads to insulin resistance
- miR-143 inhibits insulin-stimulated AKT activation
- KO of miR-143/145 cluster are protected from obesity-associated insulin resistance
- ORP8 seems to be the relevant target in liver

Technology overview







 Over-expression and knockout technologies allowing in depth understanding of miRNA function in vivo

- Modifications of the mouse genome
 - Constitutive, Tissue Specific or Inducible Knockout
 - Constitutive, Tissue Specific or Inducible Overexpression

- Next: Expression of two miRNAs in parallel
 - One transcript
 - Two independent H1-miRNA cassettes

