



# System Biosciences

- Lentivirus technologies
- RNAi Libraries
- MicroRNA Tools
- Stem Cell Research

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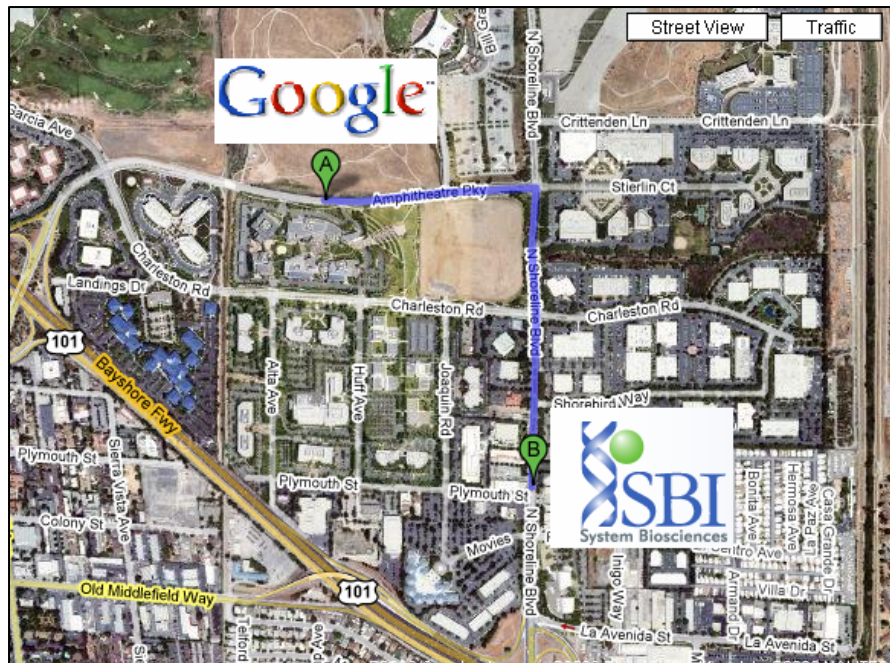
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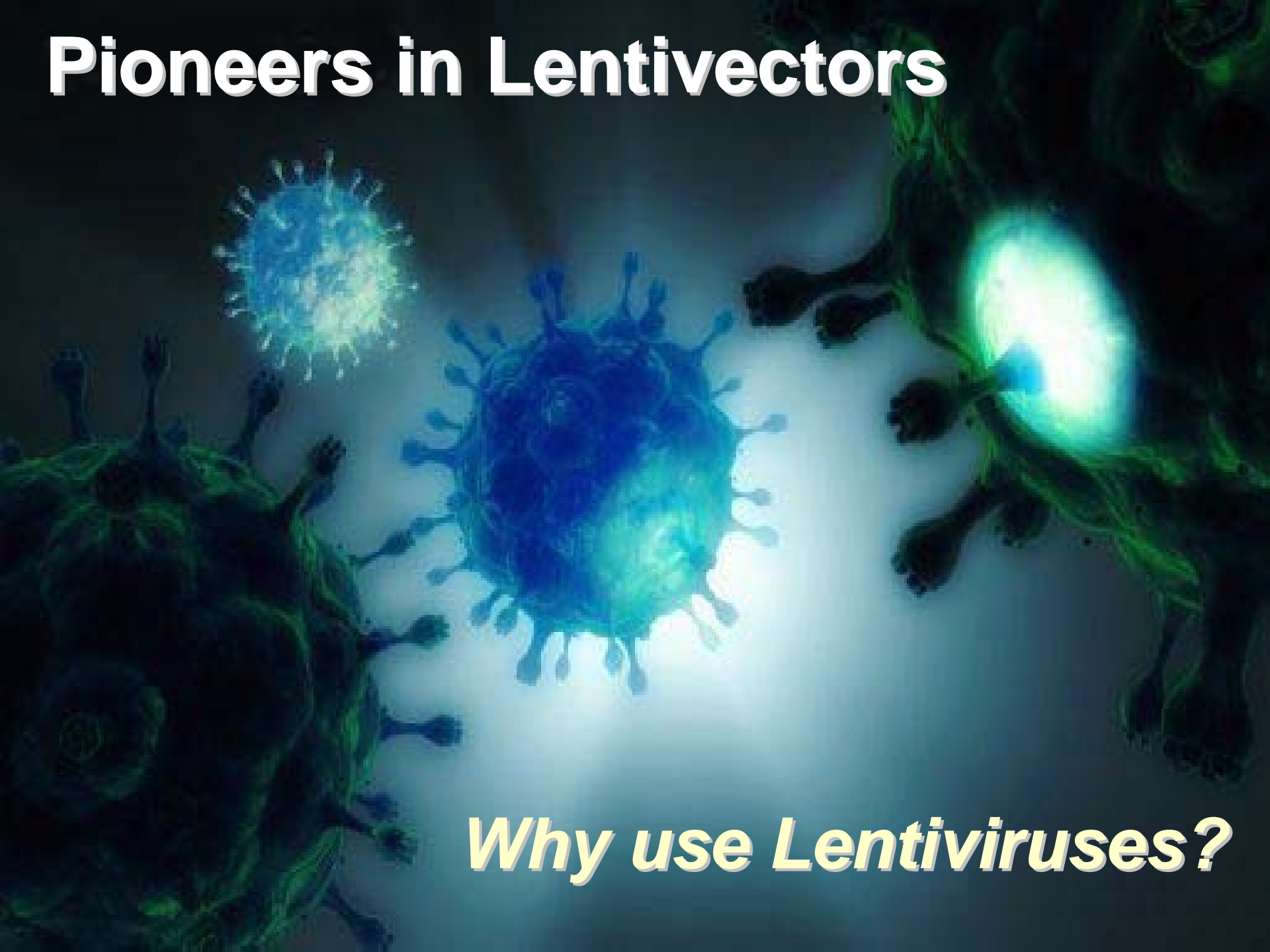
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# Pioneers in Lentivectors

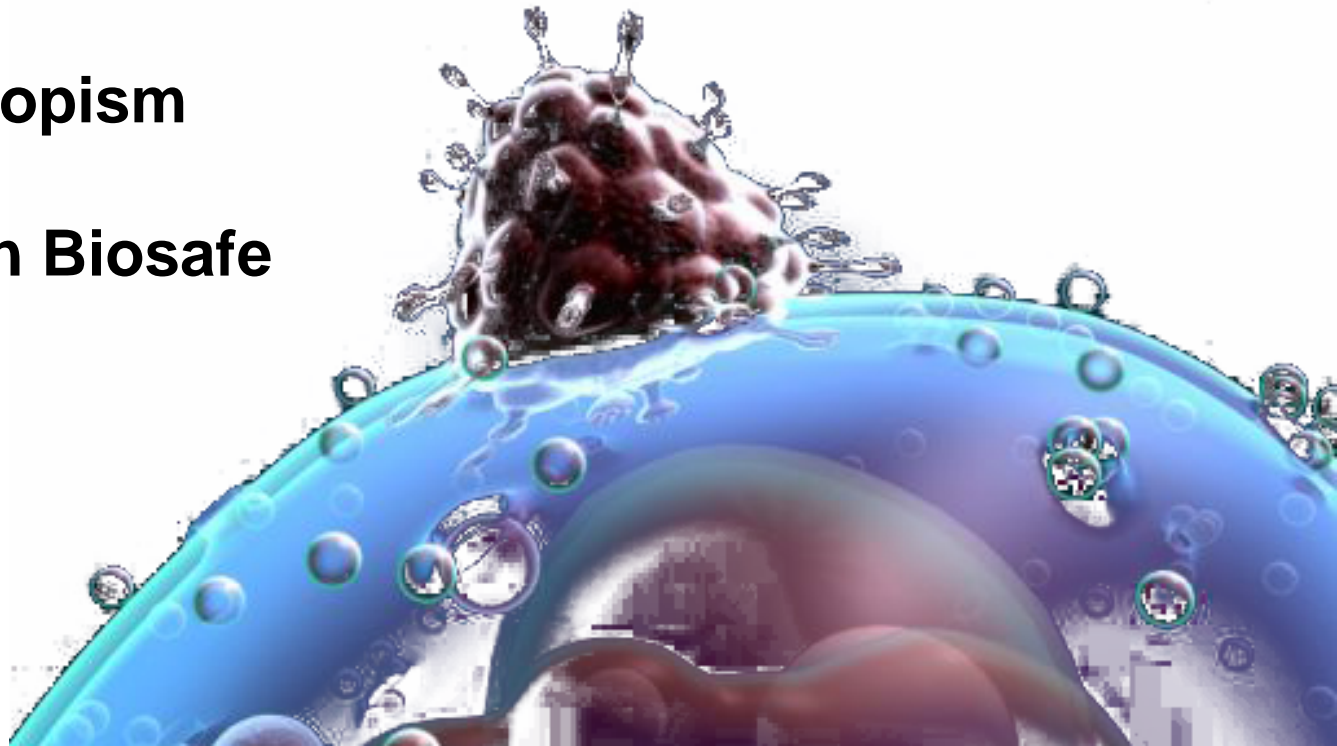


***Why use Lentiviruses?***



# Lentiviruses Get In

- **Dividing or Non-Dividing Cells**  
(Retroviruses only infect dividing cells)
- **Useful for slowly dividing Primary Cells**
- **Infect Embryonic Stem Cells and Embryoid Bodies**
- **Broad cellular tropism**
- **Third Generation Biosafe**

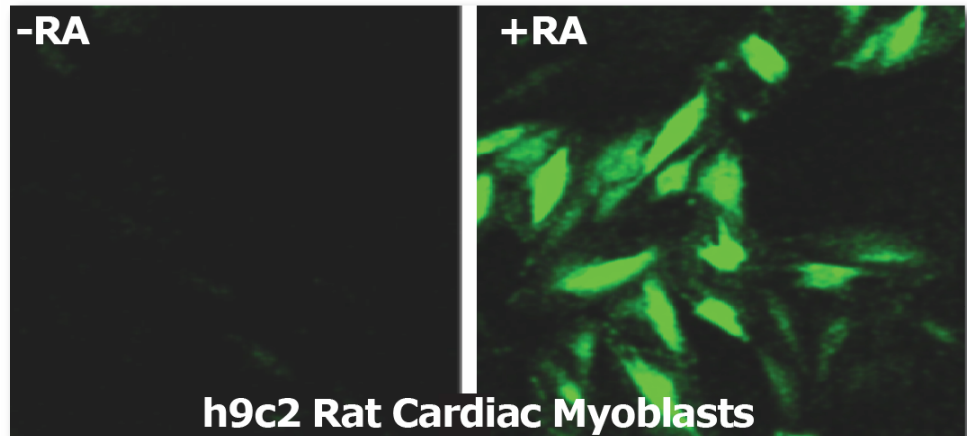




# Lentiviruses Stay In

- **Stable Integration of Constructs into Host Chromosome**
- **Good for Reporters, Knockdown & Overexpression**
- **Easily create Stable cell lines**

## **Mouse Troponin Reporter** **Differentiation with Retinoic Acid**



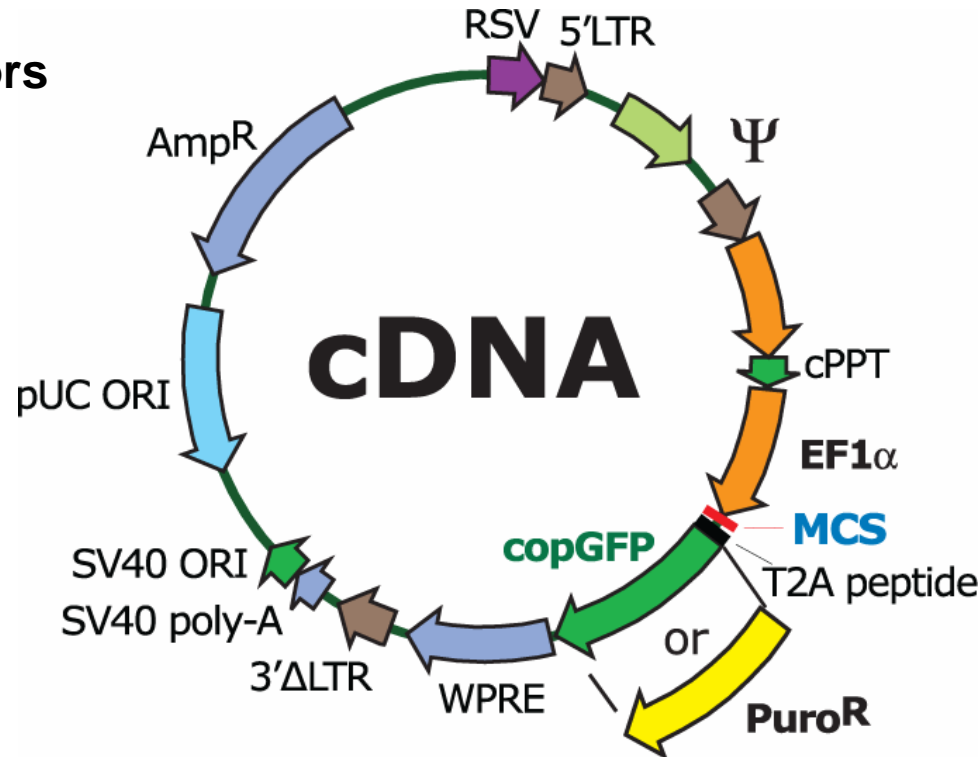
Data courtesy of TJ Bartosh and R. Roque - Touro University Nevada.

# Pioneers in Lentivectors

## Stably express cDNAs

Strong and ubiquitous expression of the gene of interest

- Single or double expression cassette with choice of reporter gene
- Target gene expressed from CMV, EF1, or MSCV promoter
- Choose from FIV- or HIV-based vectors

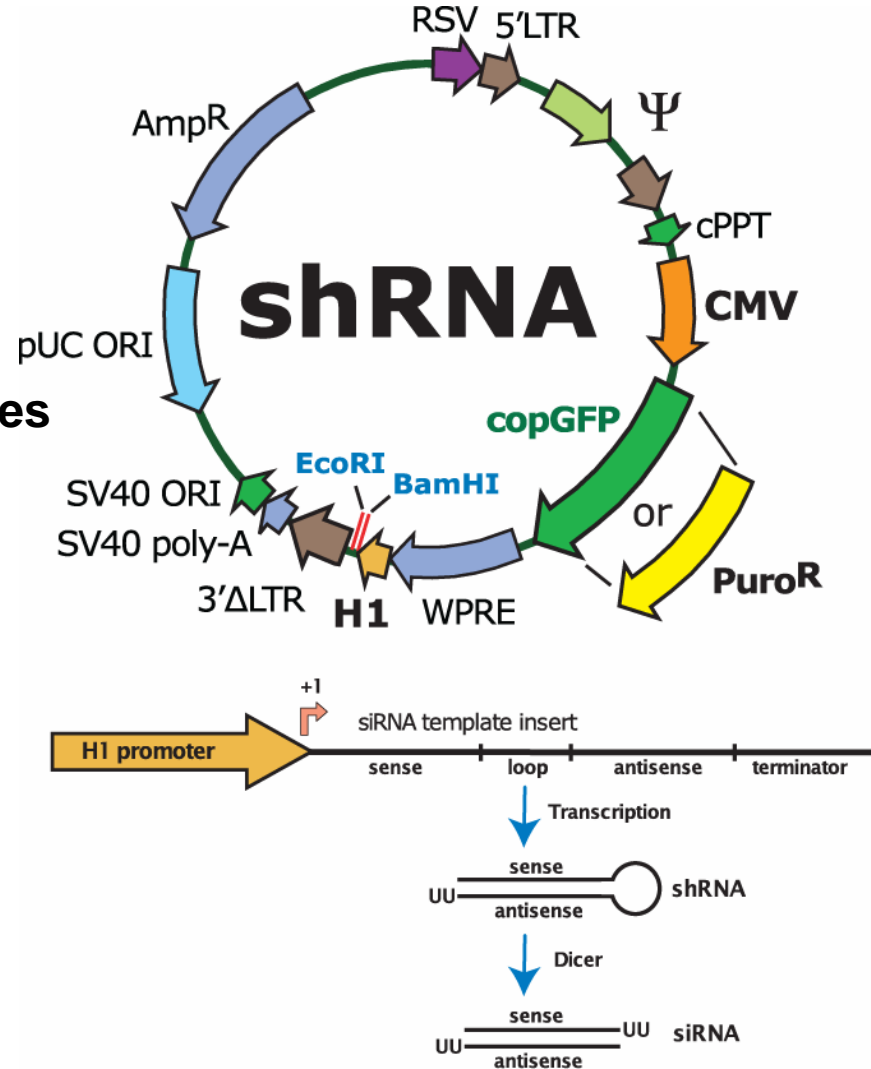


# Pioneers in Lentivectors

## Stably express shRNAs

### Permanent, heritable gene knockdown

- Efficient delivery and permanent Knock down
- Analyze the specific effects of Target genes
- Single or Double promoter formats





# Pioneers in Lentivectors

## Stably express microRNAs

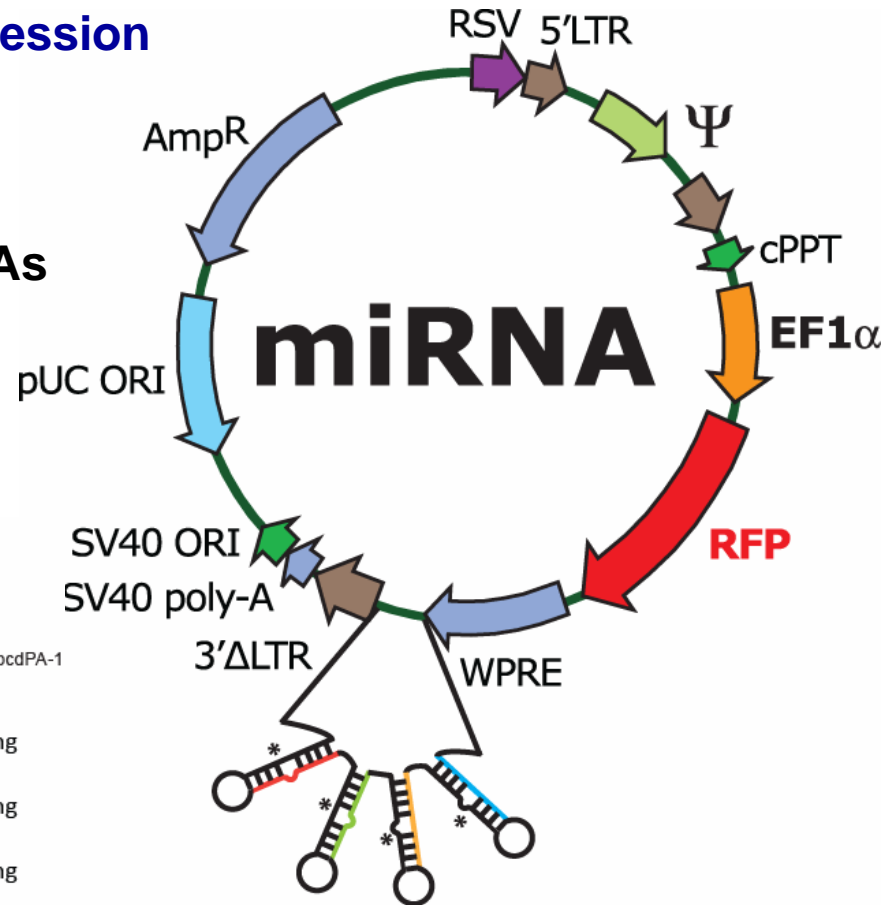
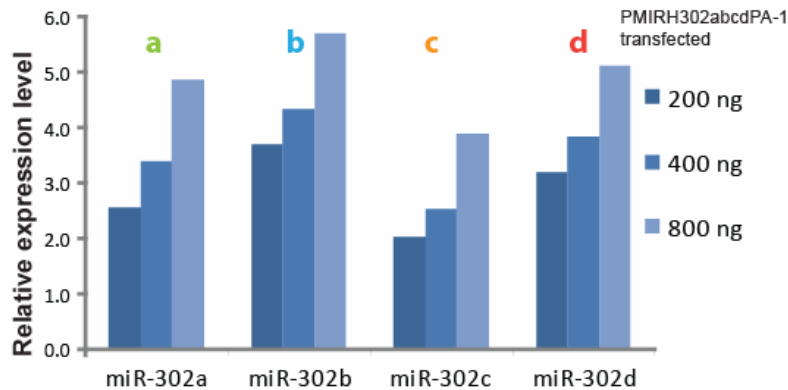
### Permanent, heritable microRNA overexpression

- Efficient delivery and robust expression
- Analyze the specific effects of MicroRNAs
- Express single microRNA precursors or clusters

### Co-expression validation



Each mature 302 microRNA is produced from the 302 cluster

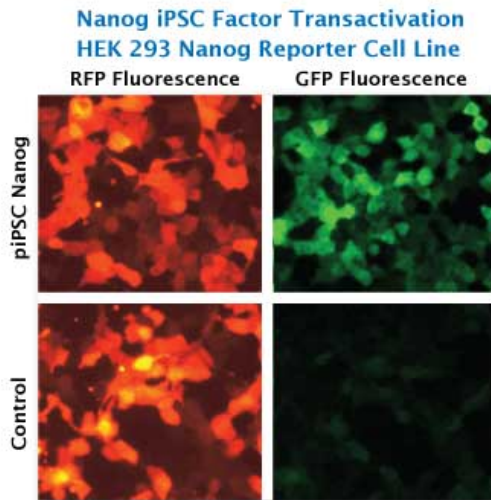
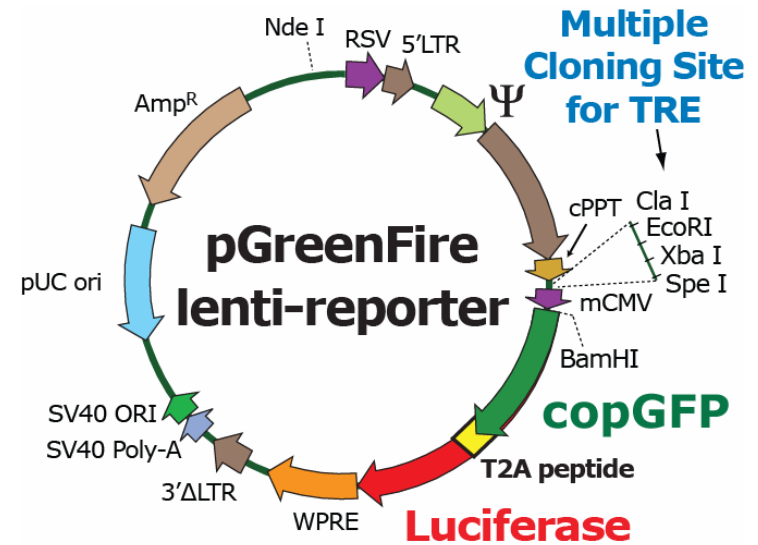
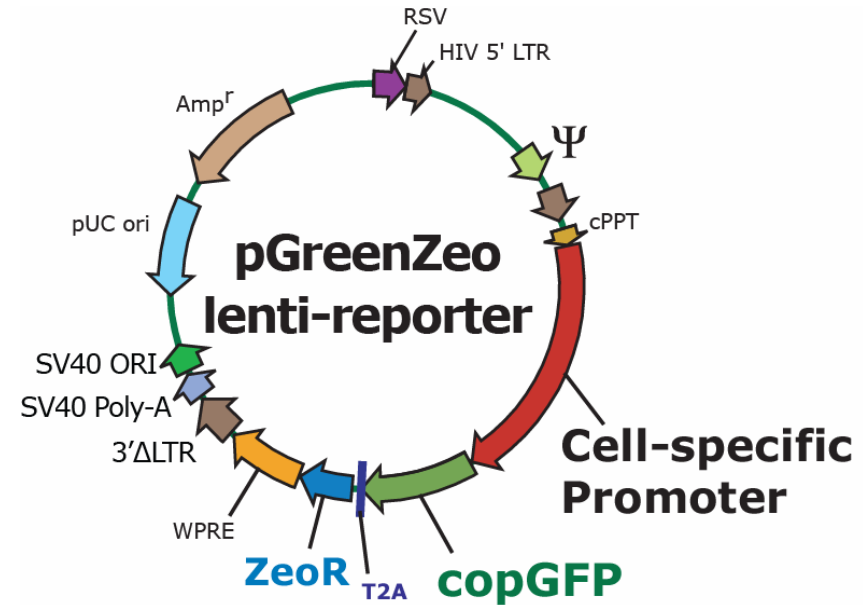


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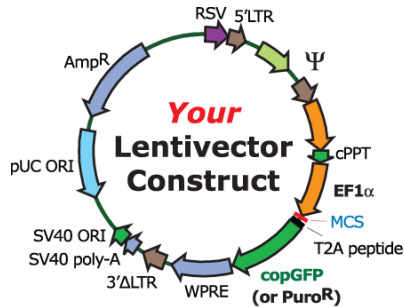
## Efficiently create reporter cell lines

Sort for GFP/RFP or Zeo/Puro Selection

- Report transcription network activity
- Track cell differentiation
- Quantify transcription response

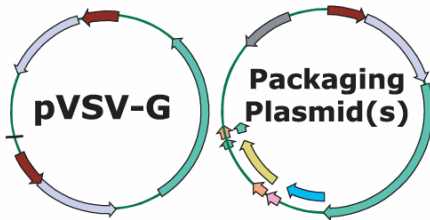


# High-titer Virus Production

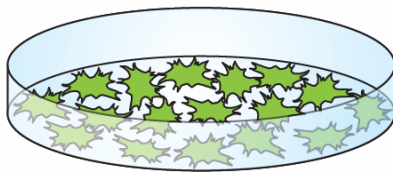


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## pPACK™ Packaging Mix

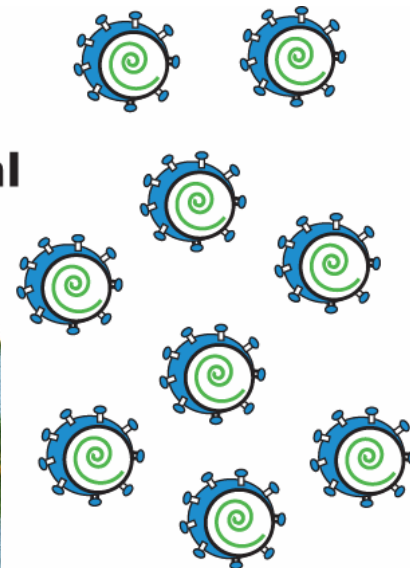


**293TN  
Producer  
Cells**



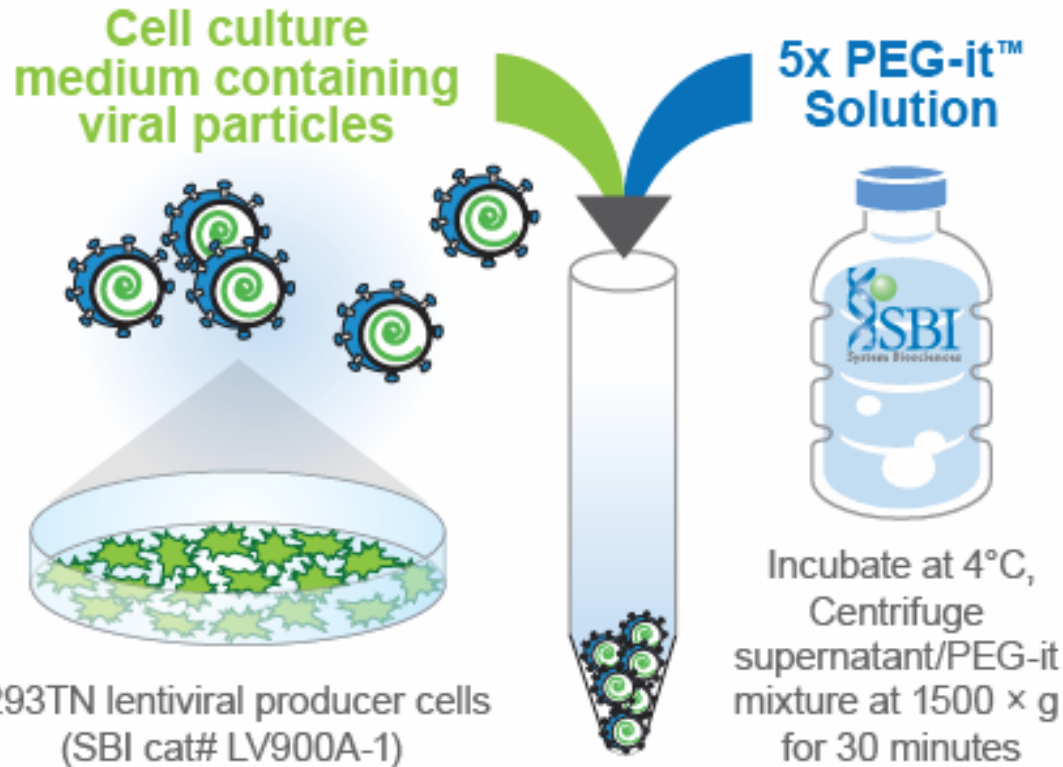
- Produce highly efficient, transduction-ready, and replication-incompetent FIV or HIV-based pseudoviral particles containing lentiviral constructs
- Introduce and stably express lentiviral constructs in virtually any mammalian cell, including hard-to-transfect primary cells, neuronal cells and stem cells
- SBI's 293TN producer cell line is optimized for high pseudoviral titers

## Pseudoviral Particles

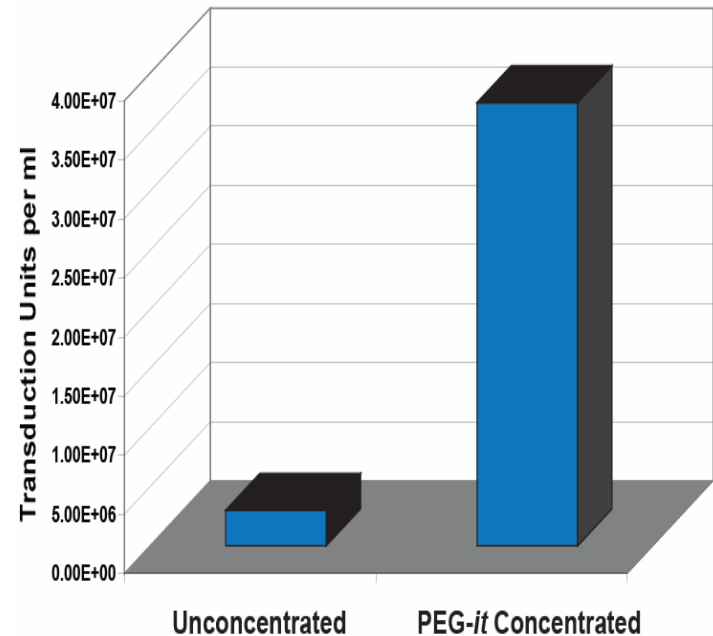




# Virus Concentration – *PEG-it*



**Safely concentrate Virus  
10- to 100-fold**



# Virus Titering – *UltraRapid Titer*

**Lyse infected cells  
(2 minutes, 95°C)**

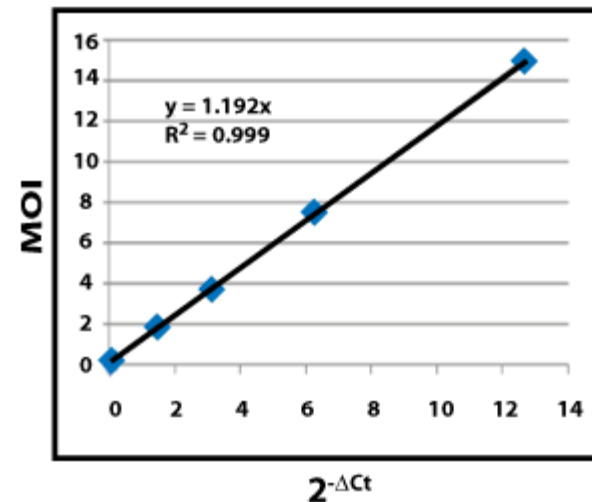
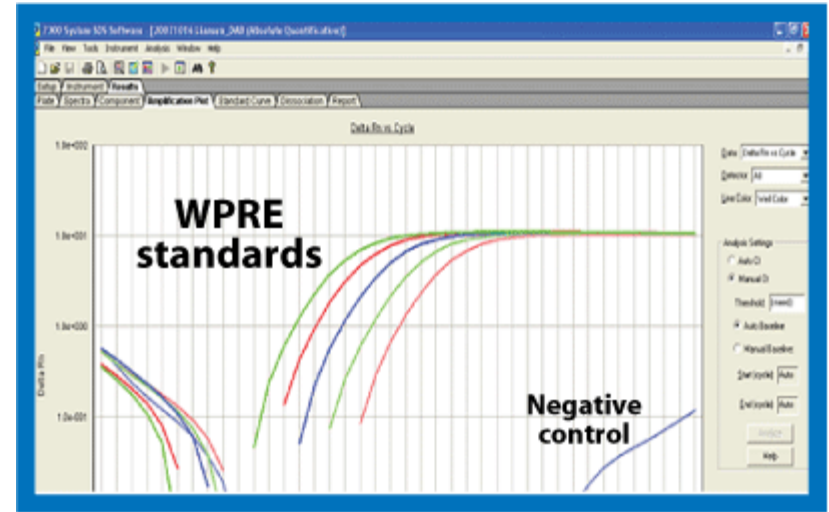


**Directly add cleared  
lysate sample to qPCR**

**Mastermix**



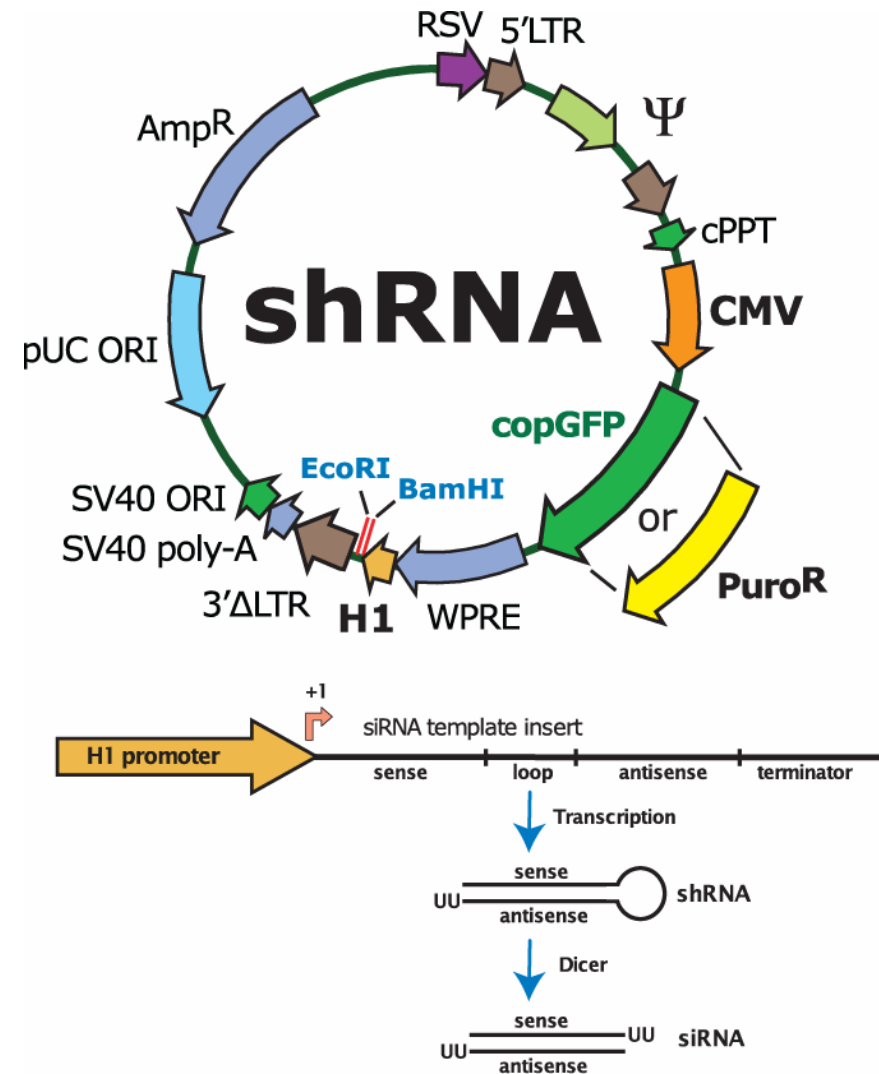
**Real-time PCR run  
(2 hours)**



# Lentivector-based RNAi

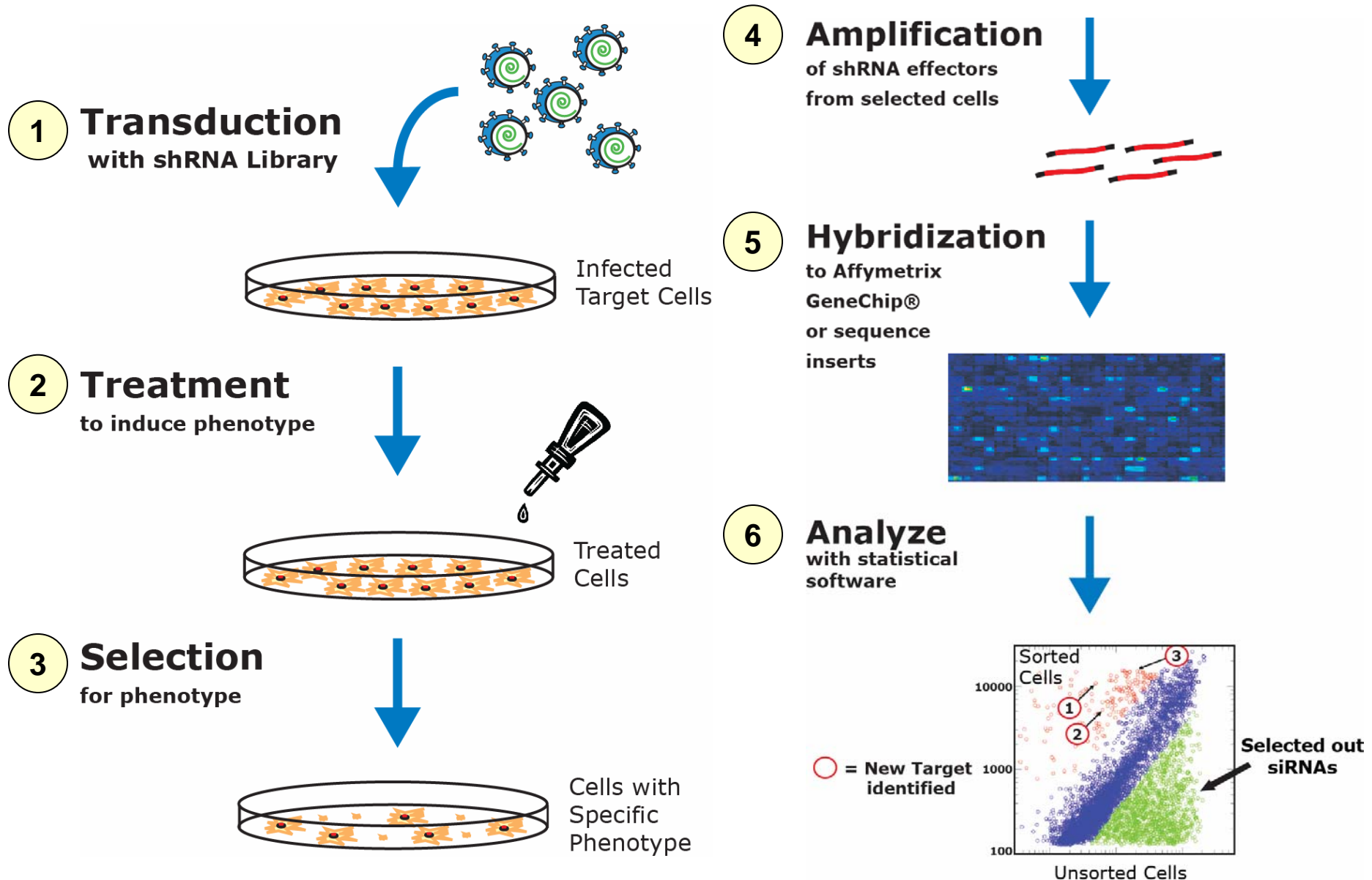
## GeneNet™ shRNA Libraries

- High-throughput gene knockdown studies on a genome-wide or pathway-focused basis.
- Simultaneously identify multiple genes that alter a specific cellular phenotype—in a single experiment.





# How to use Lentivirus Libraries



# SBI's RNAi Libraries

## Genome-wide

### GeneNet™ shRNA Libraries

<b>HIV-based Libraries</b>	<b>Transcripts Targeted</b>	<b># shRNAs</b>
Human 50K	47,400	200,000
Mouse 40K	39,000	150,000
<b>FIV-based Libraries</b>		
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## Pathway-focused

### GeneNet™ focused shRNA Libraries

<b>HIV-based Libraries</b>	<b>Targeted Genes</b>	<b># shRNAs</b>
Human Apoptosis	579	6,876
Human Kinase	897	10,453
Human Phosphatase	244	2,719

## How it works

### Knockdown

Each mRNA targeted by 4-5 separate shRNAs

### Screen

All genes simultaneously

### Dissect

Signaling pathways and cellular responses

### Discover

New drug targets and diagnostic markers

# Study and Analysis of MicroRNAs

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**2008**

The American Society  
for Cell Biology





# Areas of Investigation

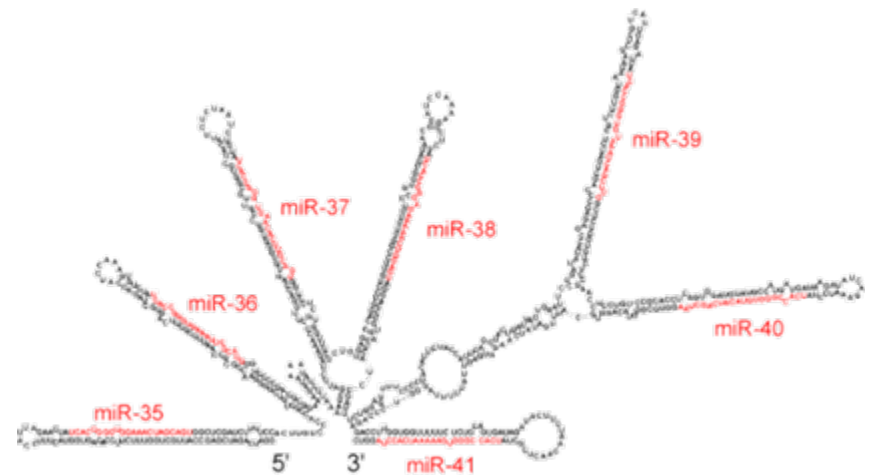
**MicroRNA  
Background**

**Overexpression  
Studies**

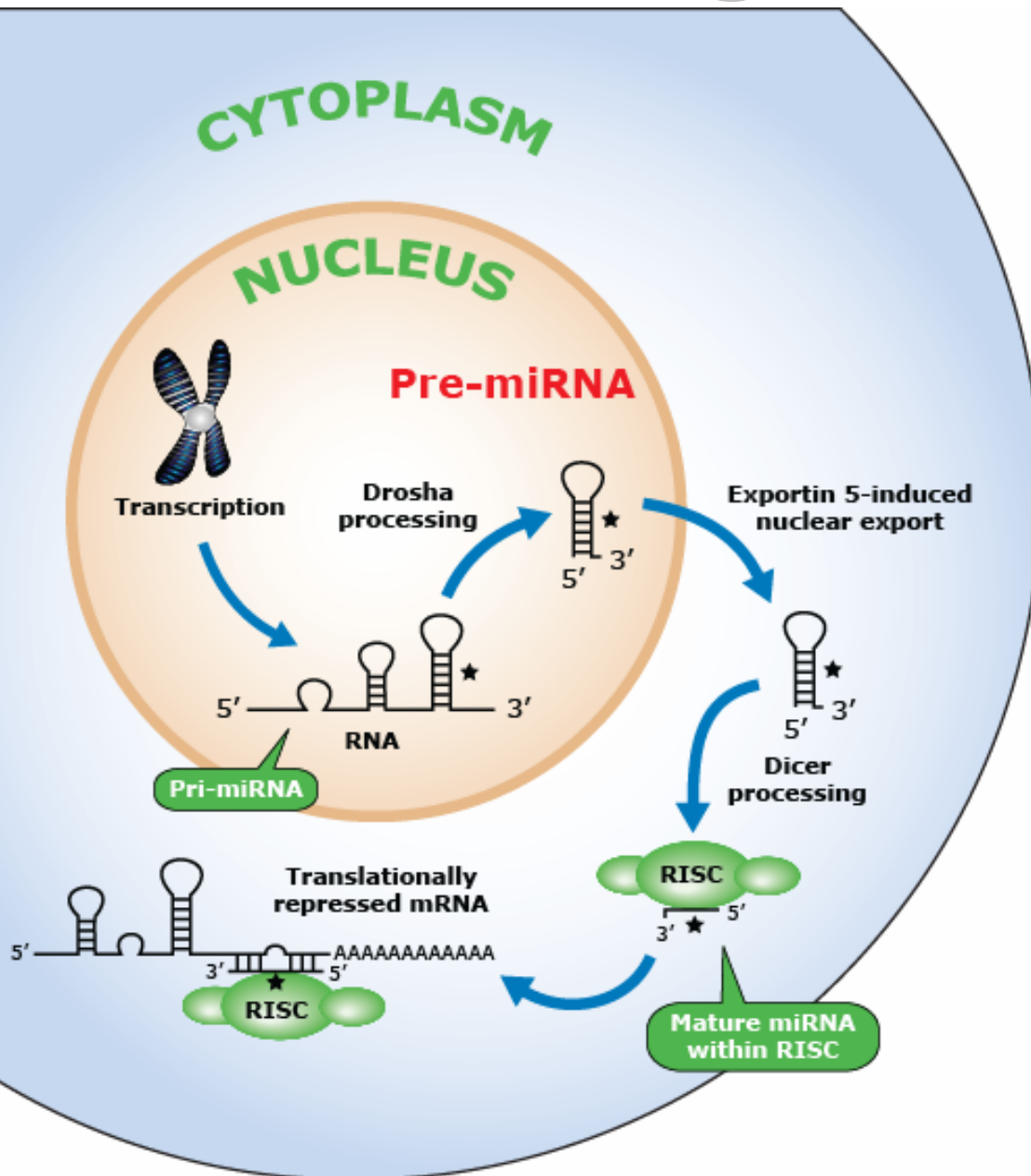
**Expression  
Profiling**

**Knockdown  
Studies**

**Discovery &  
Cloning**



# MicroRNA Biogenesis



Estimated number of  
MicroRNAs in  
Humans = ~ 3000

Number of MicroRNA  
entries in miRBase

Human = 868

Mouse = 627



<http://microrna.sanger.ac.uk/>

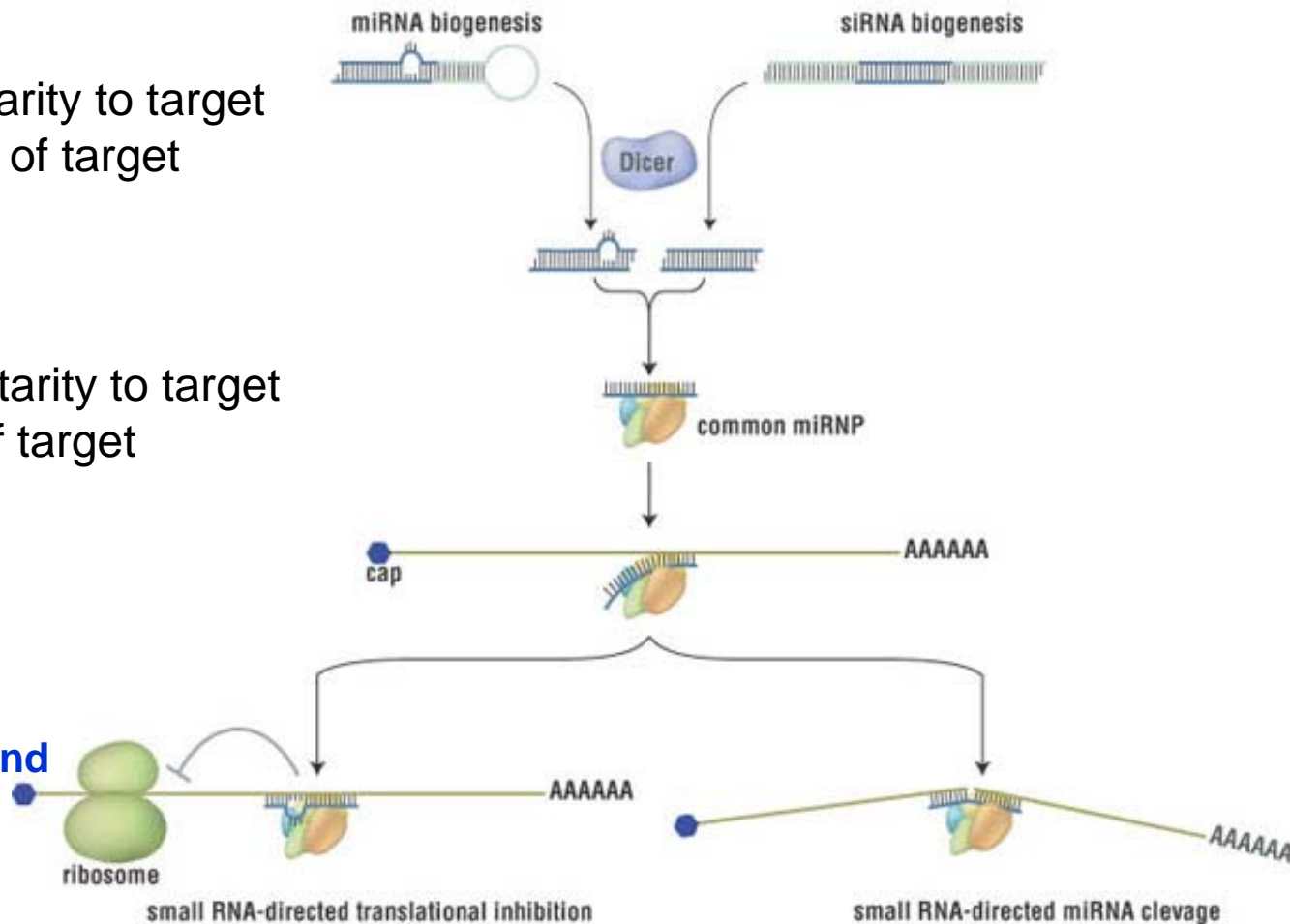
# Functional differences between miRNA and siRNA

## miRNA

- Partial complementarity to target
- Repress translation of target

## siRNA

- Perfect complementarity to target
- Elicit degradation of target
- **Both are involved in:**  
**Apoptosis,**  
**Differentiation &**  
**Cancer**
- **Demonstrate tissue and**  
**temporal-specific**  
**expression**



microRNA Pathway

siRNA Pathway

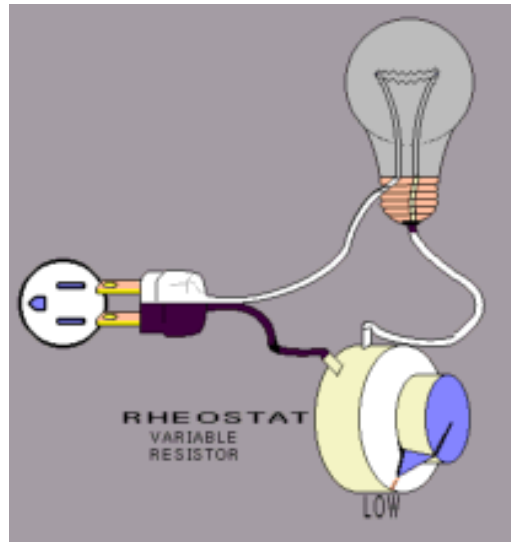
# New Paradigm

**mRNA**

Translation



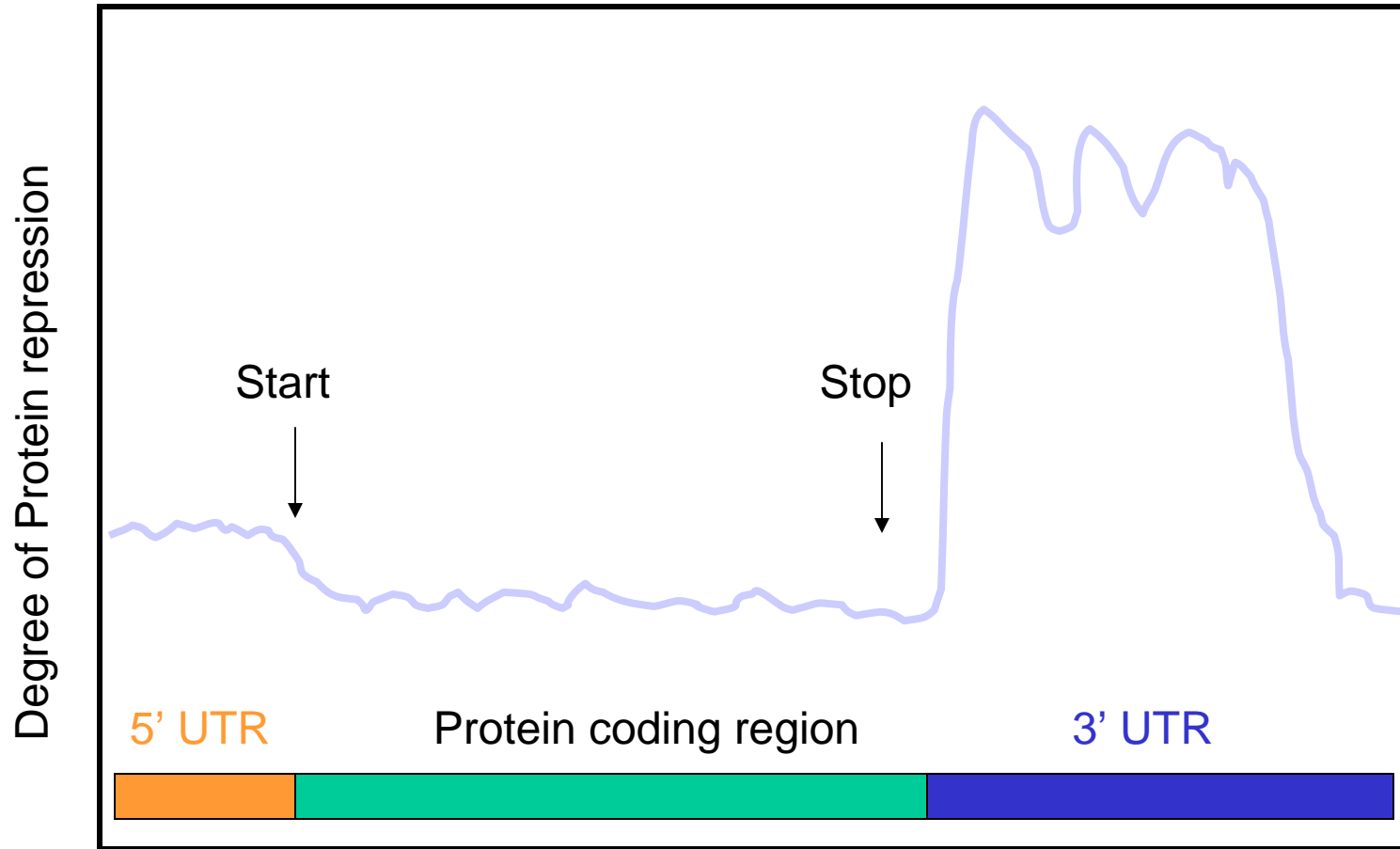
**Protein**



**Negative regulation**

- miRNA - inhibit translation
- siRNA – mRNA degradation

# MicroRNAs bind to 3' UTRs of messenger RNAs

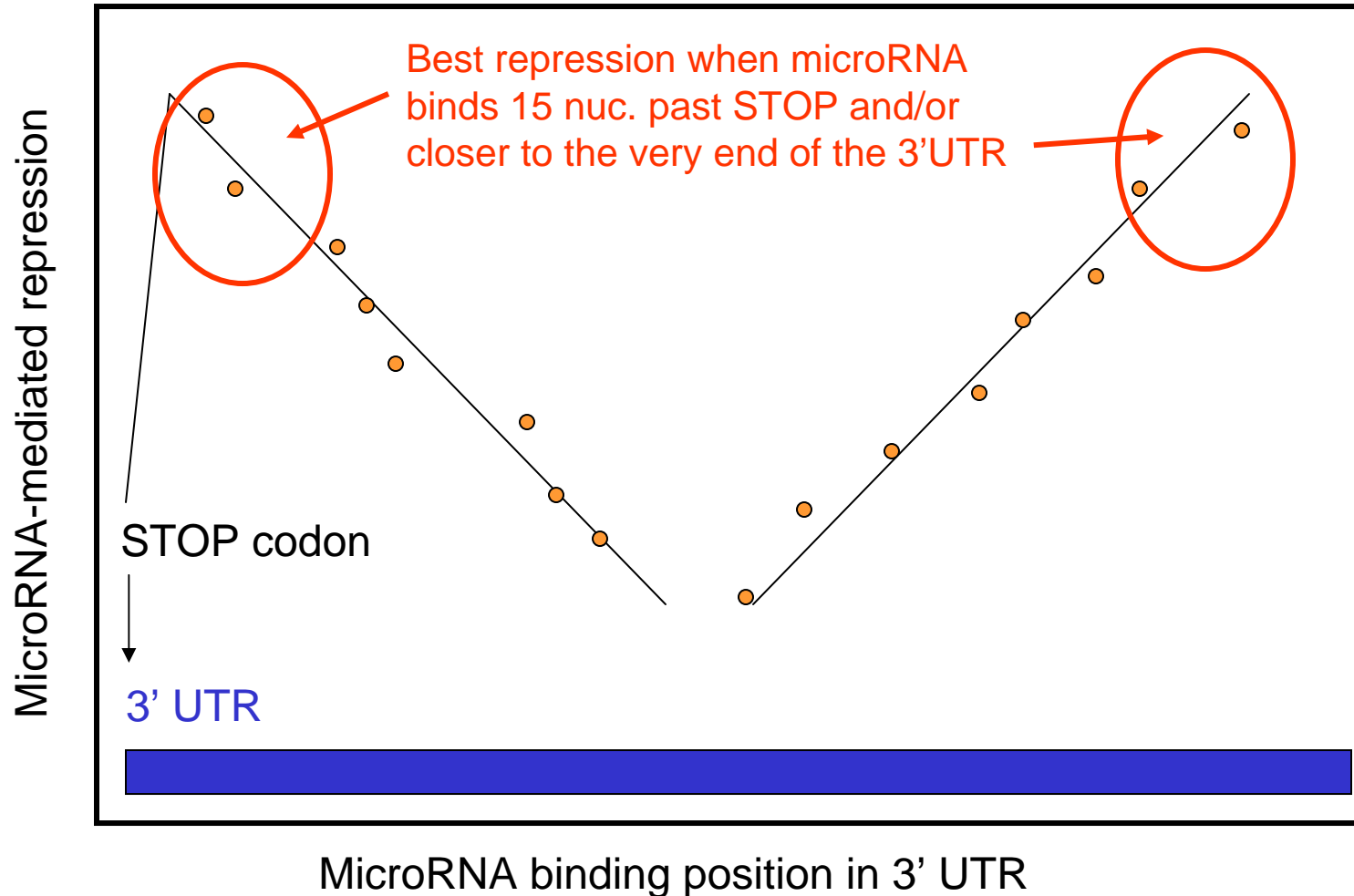


MicroRNA binding position in messenger RNA

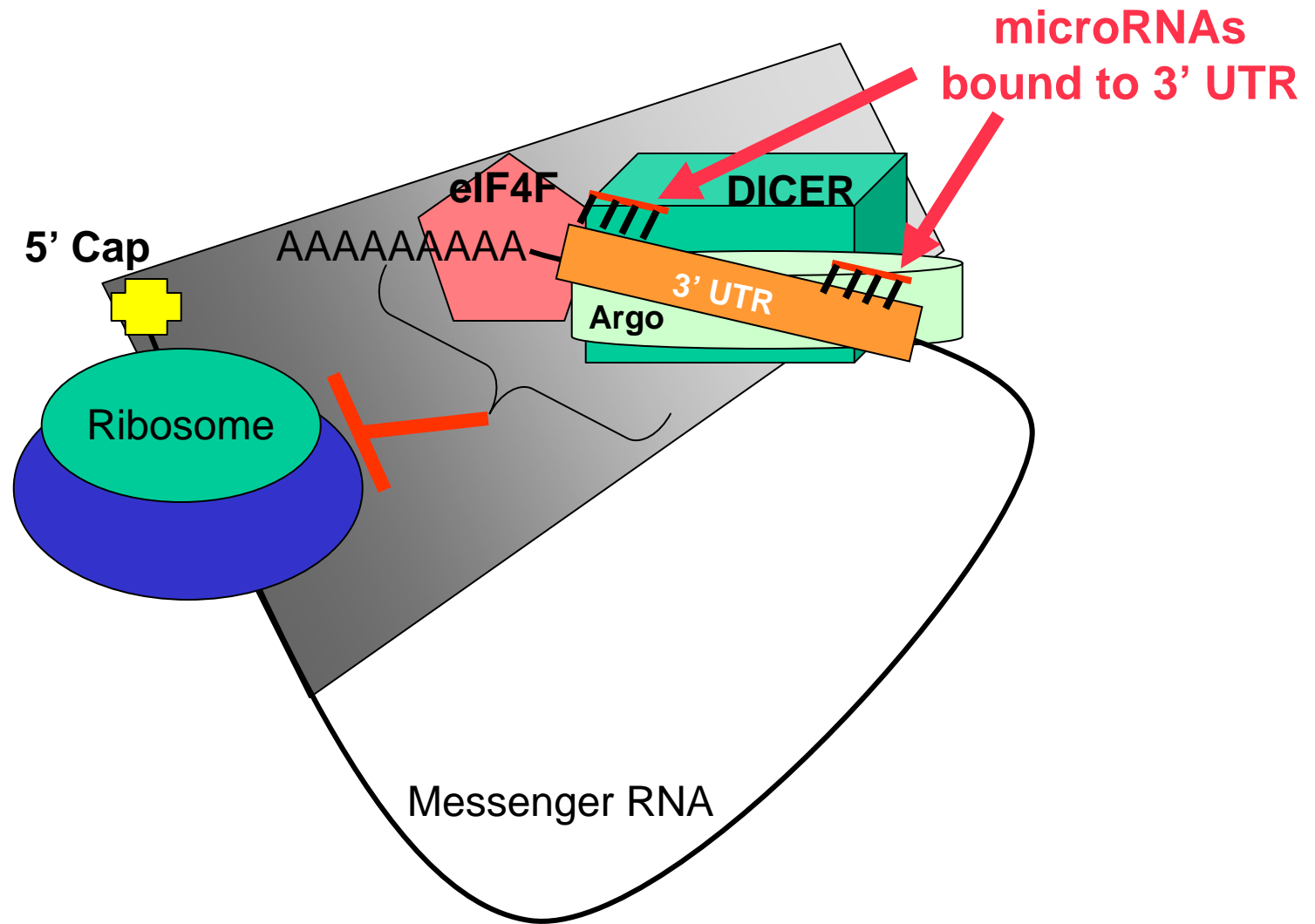
**MicroRNA Targeting Specificity in Mammals: Determinants Beyond Seed Pairing.** Grimson, A. & Bartel, D. *Molecular Cell* 27, 91–105, July 6, 2007.



# Preferred binding positions within 3' UTRs



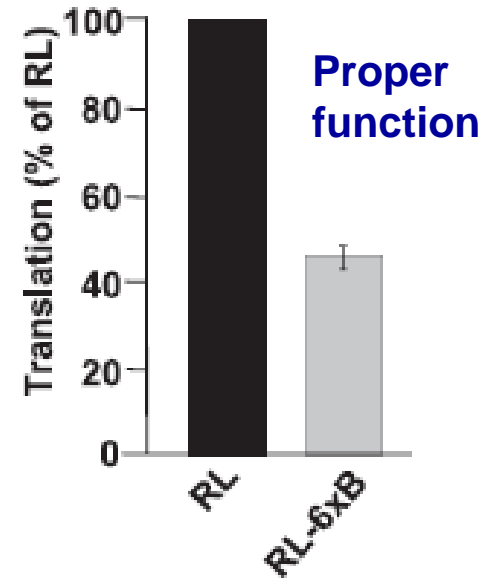
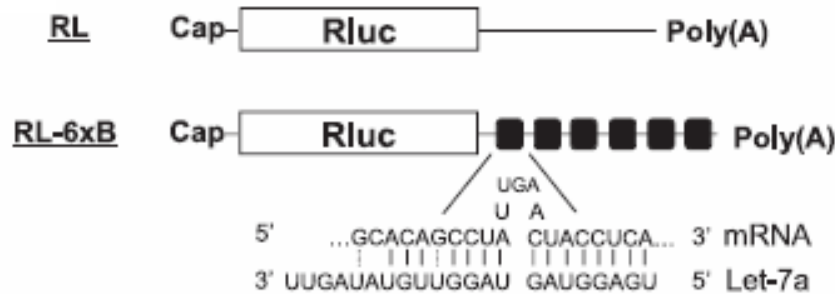
# Theory: “Ribosomal Shadow”



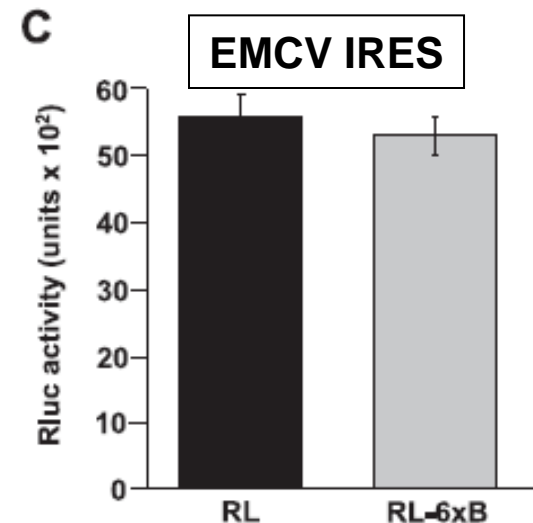
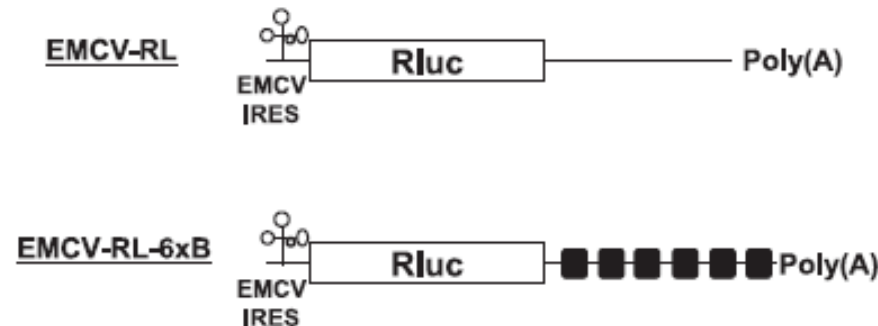
# 5' Cap Requirement



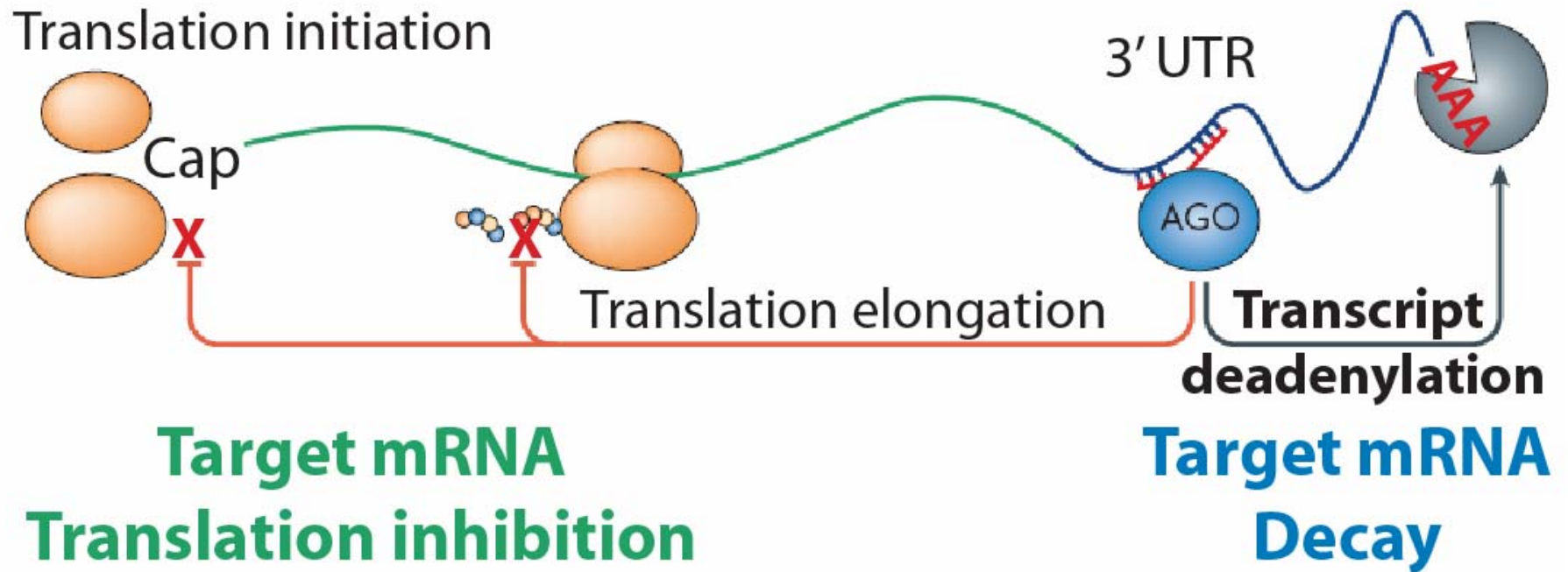
MicroRNA Inhibition of Translation Initiation in Vitro  
by Targeting the Cap-Binding Complex eIF4F  
Géraldine Mathonnet, *et al.*  
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DOI: 10.1126/science.1146067



No effect



# Mechanisms of MicroRNA Interference



# Expression Profiling

- Why profiling matters
- Example study of MicroRNA Dysregulation in Kidney Cancer
- Tools for expression profiling



# Why Profiling Matters

REVIEWS

Priority Report

## MicroRNA Gene Expression Deregulation in Human Breast Cancer

Marilena V. Iorio,<sup>1</sup> Manuela Ferracin,<sup>2</sup> Chang-Gong Liu,<sup>1</sup> Angelo Veronese,<sup>2</sup> Riccardo Spizzo,<sup>2</sup> Silvia Sabbioni,<sup>2</sup> Eros Magri,<sup>2</sup> Massimo Pedriali,<sup>2</sup> Muller Fabbri,<sup>1</sup> Manuela Campiglio,<sup>3</sup> Sylvie Ménard,<sup>3</sup> Juan P. Palazzo,<sup>4</sup> Anne Rosenberg,<sup>5</sup> Piero Musiani,<sup>6</sup> Stefano Volinia,<sup>1</sup> Italo Nenci,<sup>2</sup> George A. Calin,<sup>1</sup> Patrizia Querzoli,<sup>2</sup> Massimo Negrini,<sup>2</sup> and Carlo M. Croce<sup>1</sup>

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The NEW ENGLAND JOURNAL of MEDICINE

## Oncomirs — microRNAs with a role in cancer

Aurora Esquela-Kerscher and Frank J. Slack

ORIGINAL ARTICLE

Mounting evidence indicates microRNAs can be causative agents in Cancer = Potential Diagnostic development

## A MicroRNA Signature Associated with Prognosis and Progression in Chronic Lymphocytic Leukemia

George Adrian Calin, M.D., Ph.D., Manuel Amelia Cimmino, M.D., Ph.D., Gianpiero Masayoshi Shimizu, B.S., Sylwia E. Wojcik, M.Sc., Rosa Visone, Ph.D., Nurettin Ilfer Sever, Ph.D., Rodolfo Iuliano, Ph.D., Tiziana Palumbo, Ph.D., Claudia Roldo, M.D., Ramiro Garzon, M.D., Ci Laura Rassenti, Ph.D., Hansjuerg Alder, Ph.D., Chang-gong Liu, Ph.D., Thomas J. Kipp, Massimo Negrini, Ph.D., and Carlo M.

Vol 439/19 January 2006/doi:10.1038/nature04367

nature

ARTICLES

## A brain-specific microRNA regulates dendritic spine development

Gerhard M. Schratt<sup>1,2,3</sup>, Fabian Tuebing<sup>4</sup>, Elizabeth A. Nigh<sup>1,2,3</sup>, Christina G. Kane<sup>1,2,3</sup>, Mary E. Sabatini<sup>3</sup>, Michael Kiebler<sup>4</sup> & Michael E. Greenberg<sup>1,2,3</sup>

Bio

## Molecular Cancer

Research

### Identification by Real-time PCR of 13 mature microRNAs differentially expressed in colorectal cancer and non-tumoral tissues

E Bandrés<sup>\*1</sup>, E Cubedo<sup>1</sup>, X Agirre<sup>2</sup>, R Malumbres<sup>1</sup>, R Zárte<sup>1</sup>, N Ramirez<sup>1</sup> A Abajo<sup>1</sup>, A Navarro<sup>3</sup>, I Moreno<sup>4</sup>, M Monzó<sup>3</sup> and J García-Foncillas<sup>1</sup>

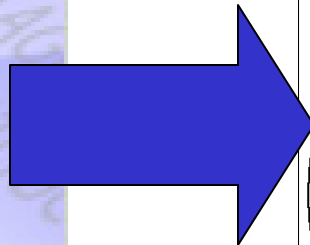
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ARTICLE

## Unique microRNA molecular profiles in lung cancer diagnosis and prognosis

Nozomu Yanaihara,<sup>1</sup> Natasha Caplen,<sup>2</sup> Elise Bowman,<sup>1</sup> Masahiro Seike,<sup>1</sup> Kensuke Kumamoto,<sup>1</sup> Ming Yi,<sup>3</sup> Robert M. Stephens,<sup>3</sup> Aikou Okamoto,<sup>4</sup> Jun Yokota,<sup>5</sup> Tadao Tanaka,<sup>4</sup> George Adrian Calin,<sup>6</sup> Chang-Gong Liu,<sup>6</sup> Carlo M. Croce,<sup>6</sup> and Curtis C. Harris<sup>1,\*</sup>

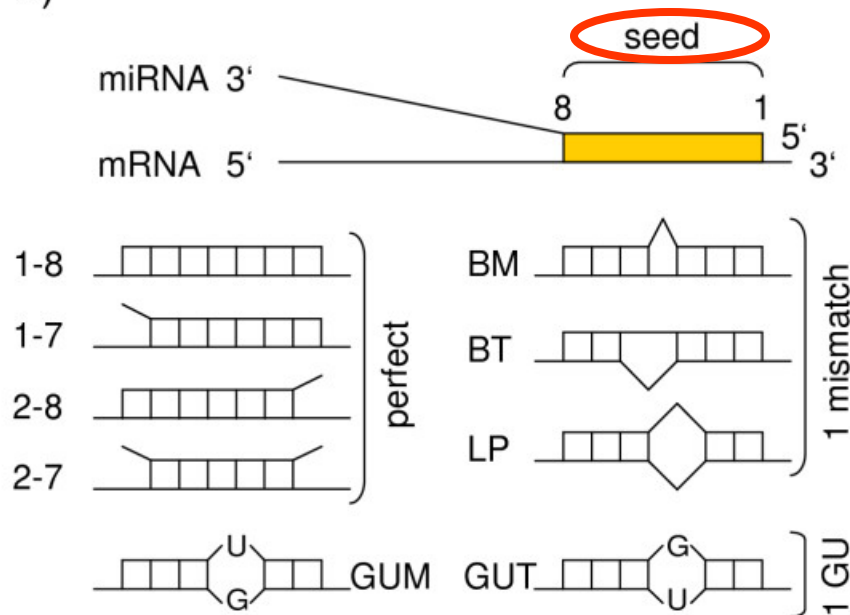
# What can microRNA expression profiling tell us about the molecular pathways affected ?



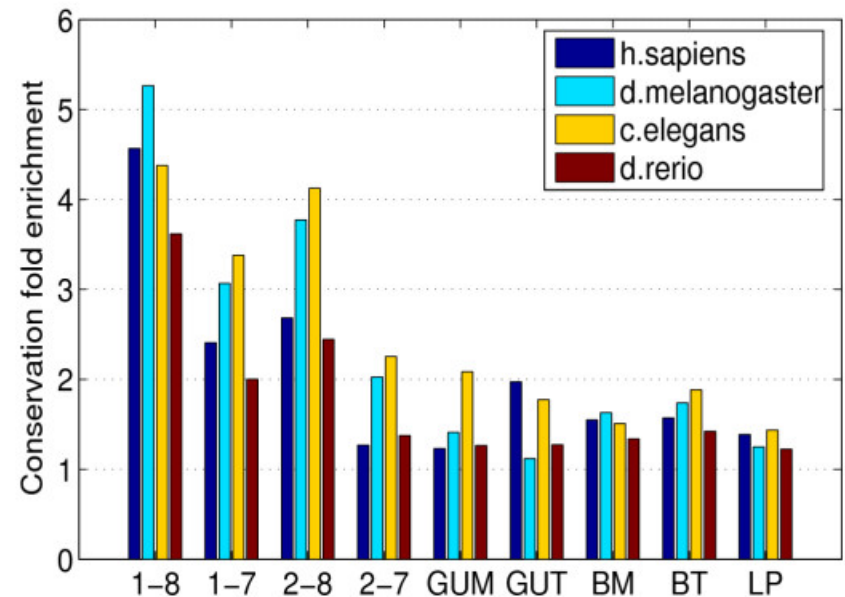
# MicroRNA : mRNA Targeting

How do microRNAs recognize their mRNA targets?

a)



b)

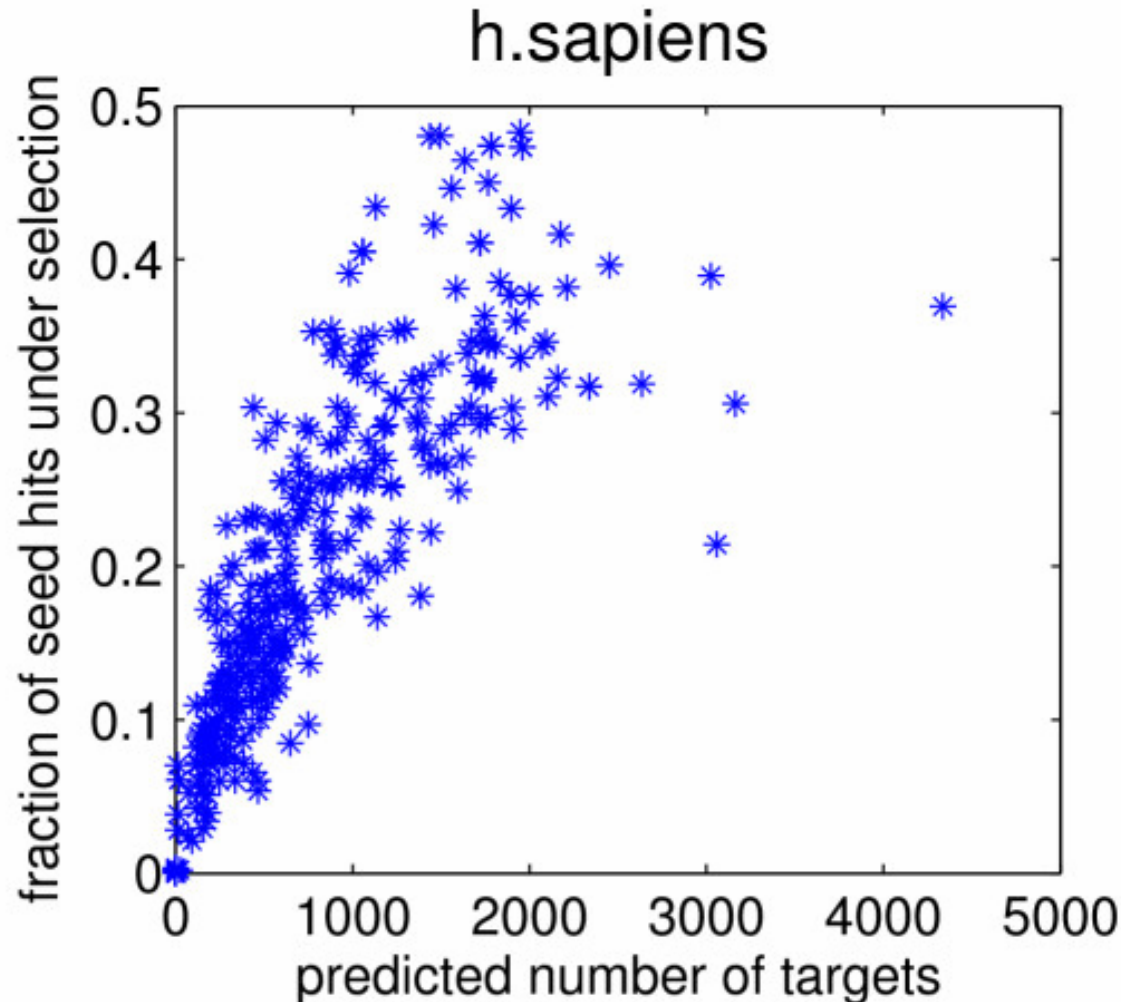


Inference of miRNA targets using evolutionary conservation and pathway analysis. Gaidatzis et al. BMC Bioinformatics 2007 8:69.

# MicroRNA : mRNA Targeting

How many mRNAs are targeted by a given microRNA?

\* = One individual  
microRNA

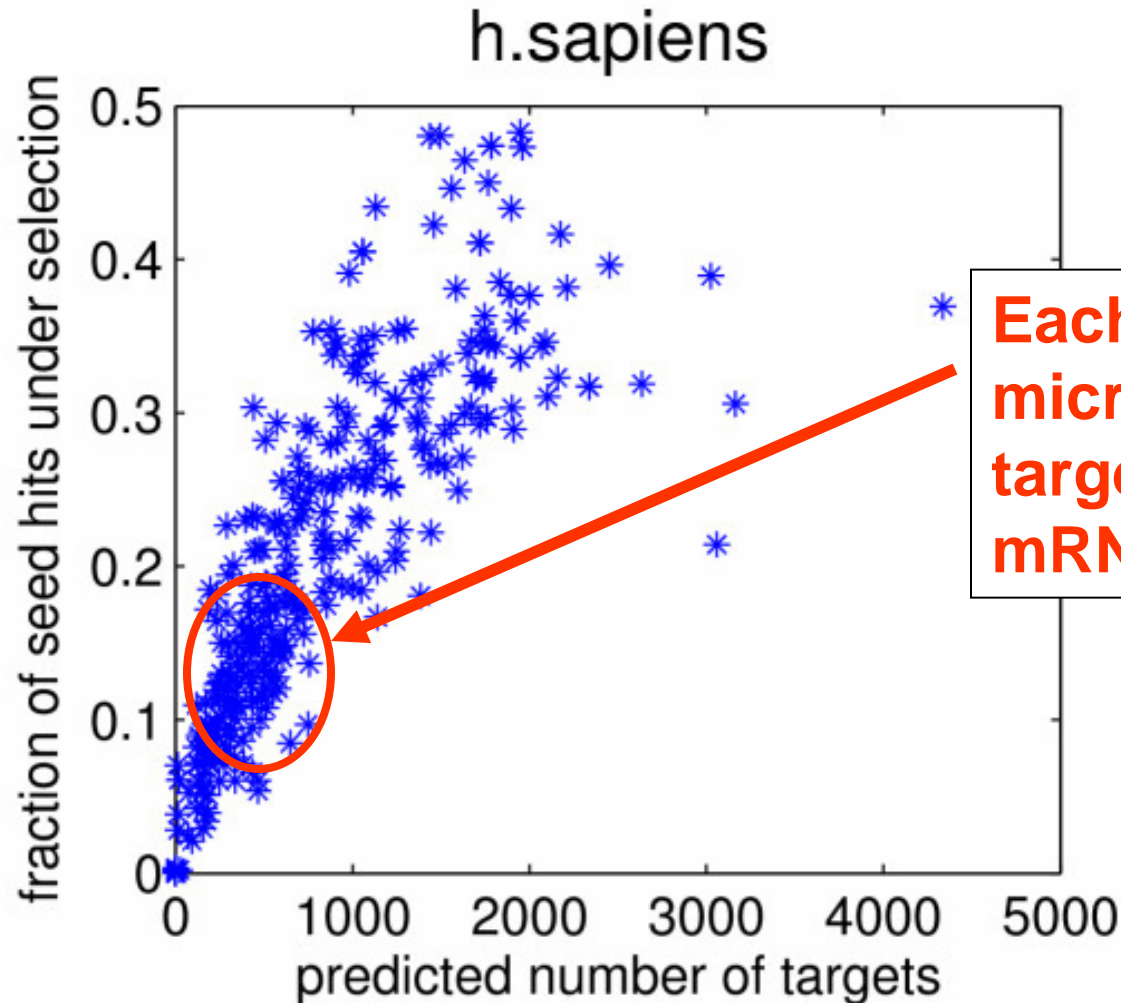


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# MicroRNA : mRNA Targeting



Release 4.2: April 2008

Search for predicted microRNA targets in mammals

[\[Go to TargetScanWorm\]](#)

[\[Go to TargetScanFly\]](#)

1. Select a species

AND

2. Enter an Entrez Gene symbol (e.g. "LIN28")

<http://www.targetscan.org/>

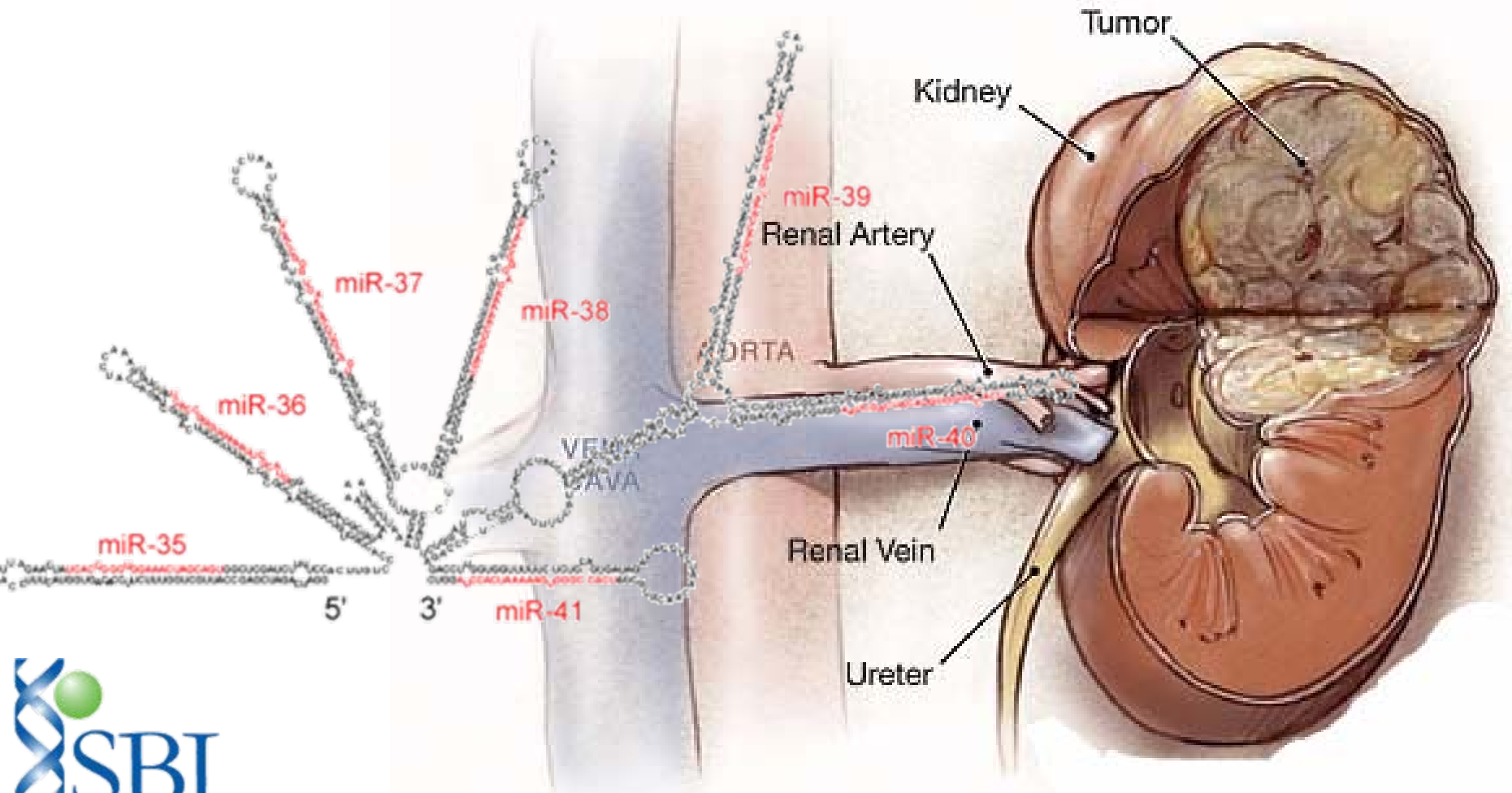
AND/OR

3. Do one of the following:

- Select a highly conserved\* microRNA family
- Select a conserved\* microRNA family
- Select a poorly conserved microRNA family
- Enter a microRNA name (e.g. "mmu-miR-1")

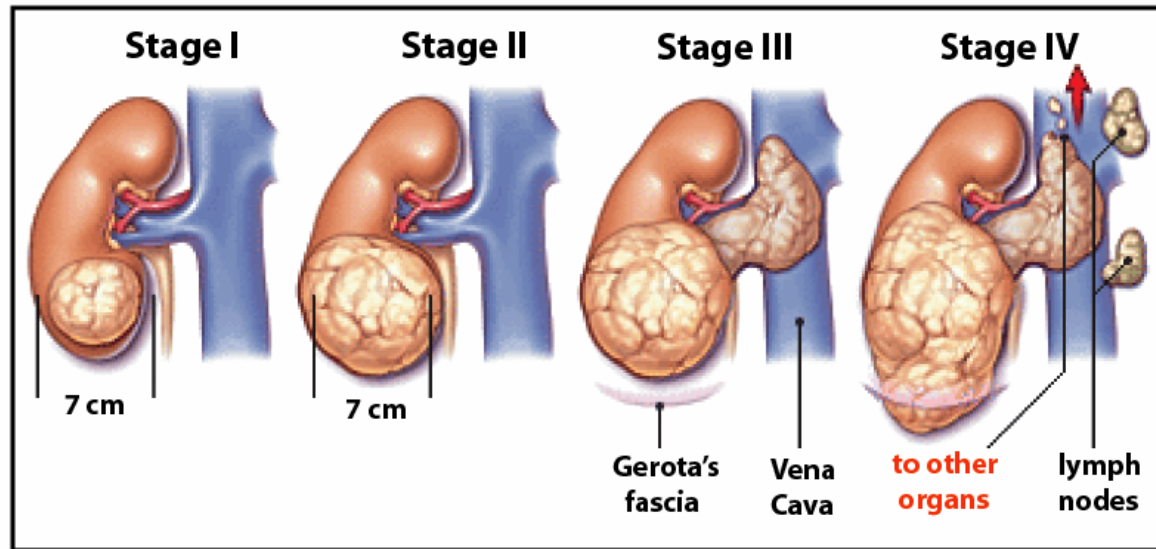
Go to [TargetScan Custom](#) if your RNA is not included in the microRNA families listed above.

# MicroRNA Dysregulation in Kidney Cancer



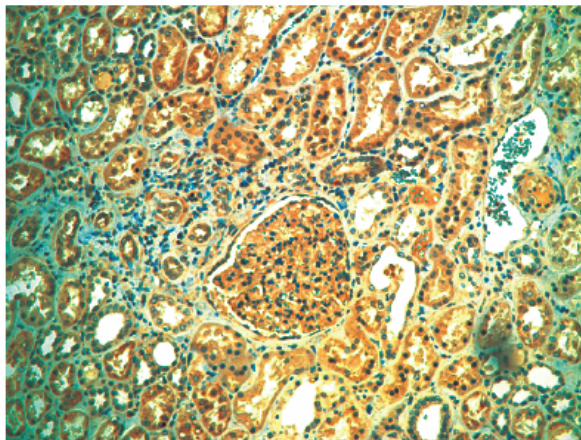
# Kidney Cancer

## Stages of Kidney Cancer (RCC)

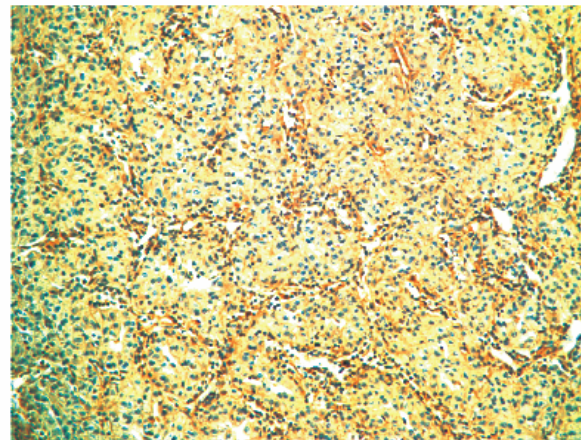


## Histopathological Comparisons

Normal

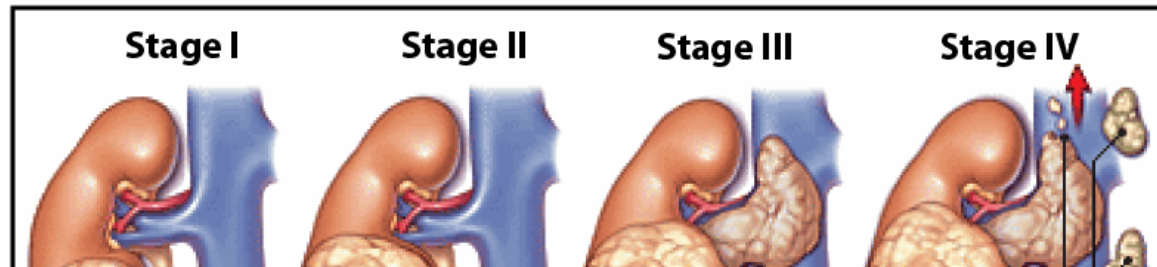


Tumor (RCC)

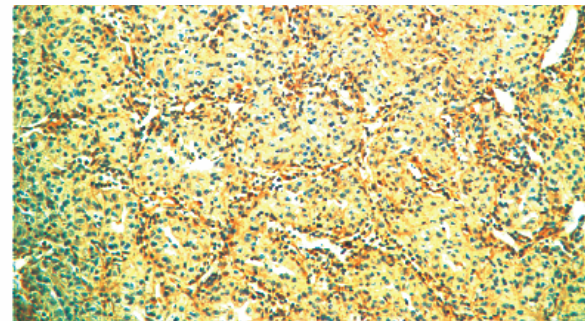
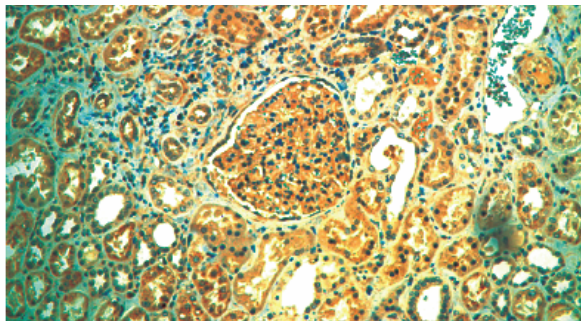


# Kidney Cancer

## Stages of Kidney Cancer (RCC)



**“There are no good screening tools, and once the cancer spreads from the kidney, there are no good treatments.”**

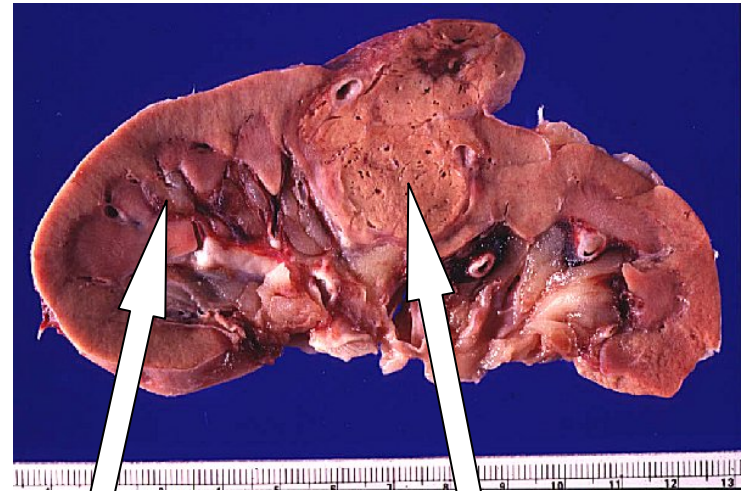




# Kidney Cancer Samples

## Boston University Kidney Cancer Patient Study

- 8 clear-cell RCC tissue specimens, along with their patient-matched normal kidney tissue, were obtained from patients at Boston Medical Center immediately after radical nephrectomy.
- Institutional Review Board-approved informed consent for the collection of specimens was obtained from all patients.
- Six of the tissue specimens were classified as high-grade RCC with a histological Fuhrman grade of three or four, while two of the specimens were classified as low-grade RCC with a Fuhrman grade of two.

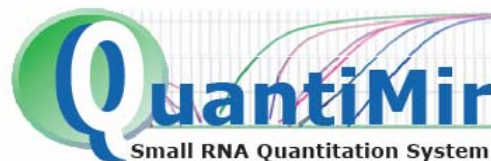


Normal  
Kidney  
Tissue

Tumor  
Kidney  
Tissue



# QuantiMir Technology



## How QuantiMir Works

**Single-Tube,  
3-Step Assay**

10 pg - 10  $\mu$ g  
total RNA



microRNA  
anchor-tailed\*

**1** Tag small RNA



Incubate at 37°C, 30 min



Anneal oligo-dT adaptor  
60°C, 5 min



RT to create first strand  
cDNAs  
42°C, 60 min

cDNA pool of anchor-tailed microRNAs



Single cDNA synthesis  
Profile all microRNAs

cDNA templates ready for qPCR



# qPCR Array Setup

Control Sample

Test Sample



Total RNA



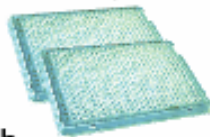
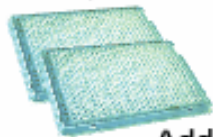
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QuantiMir  
cDNA synthesis



Combine:  
QuantiMir cDNA  
Universal 3' Primer  
2X SYBR Green



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Pipet mastermix  
into 384-well plates

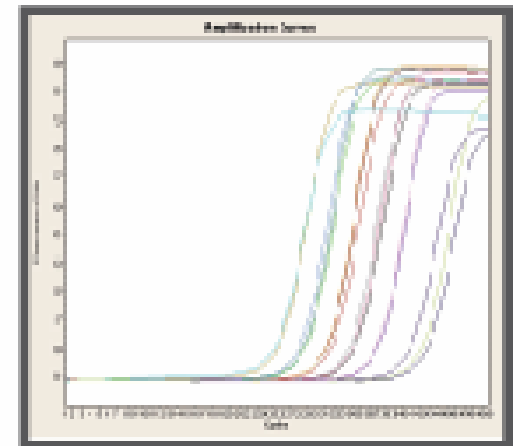


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Add 1  $\mu$ l of each  
microRNA assay  
to each well

↓  
Perform real-time  
qPCR runs



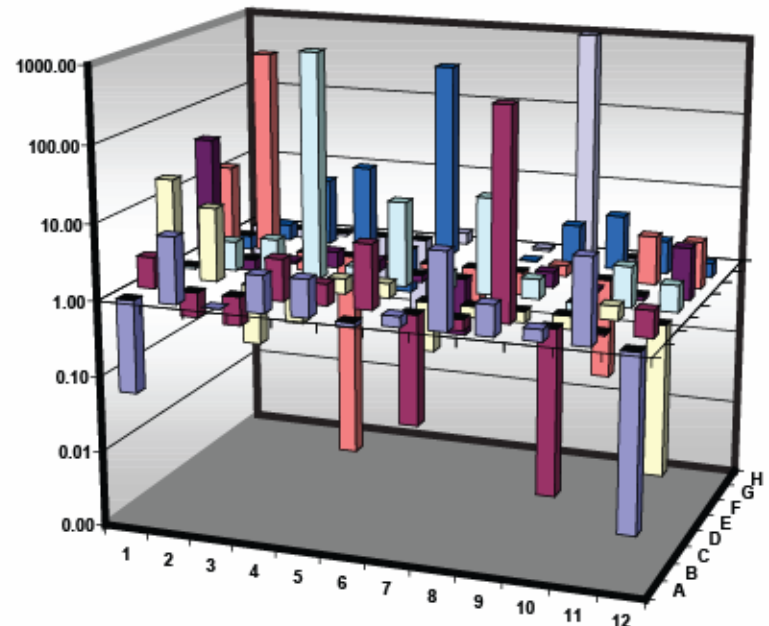
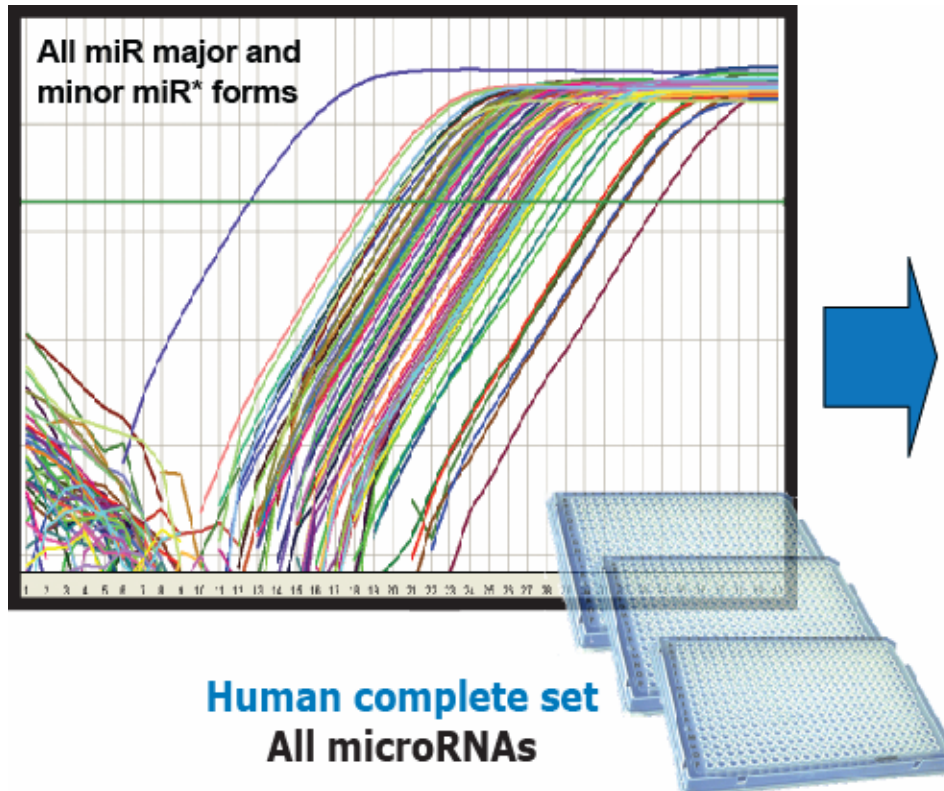
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Cross-compare  $\Delta\Delta C_t$  measurements  
between Control and Tumor Samples

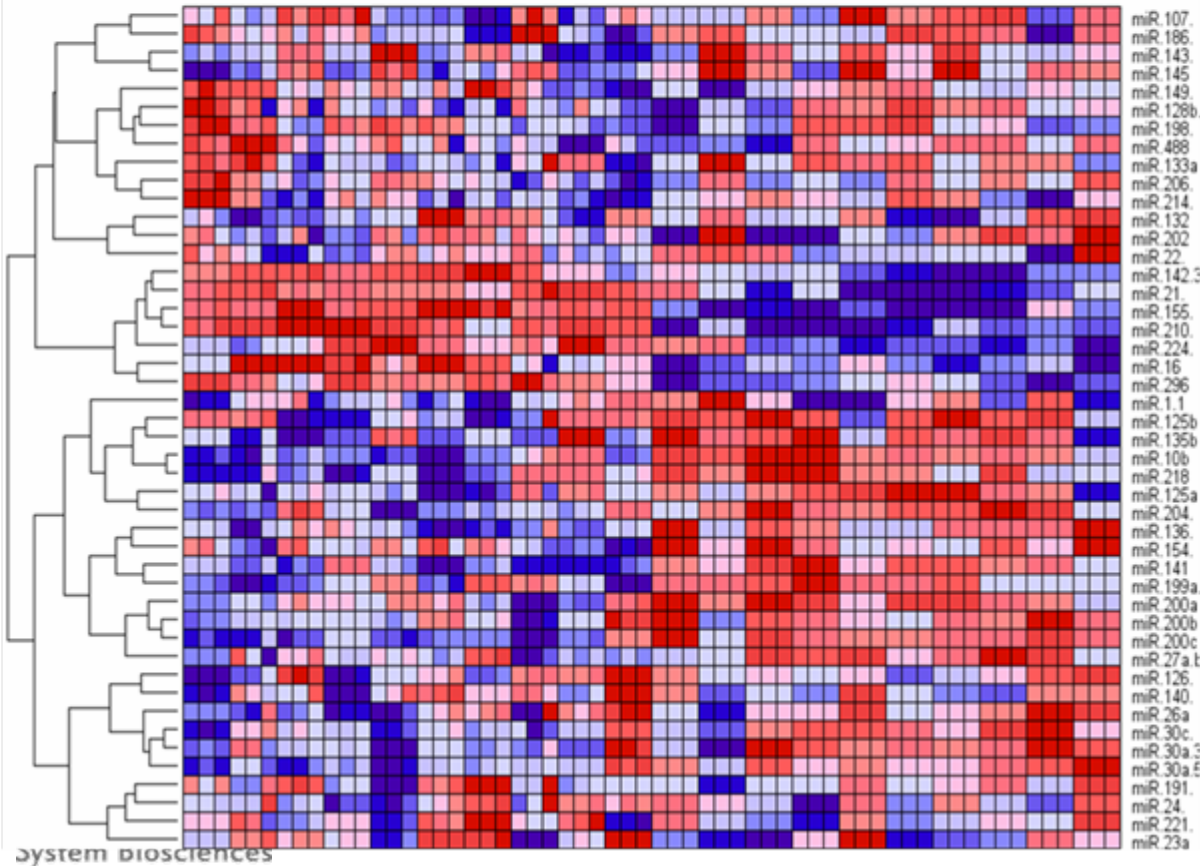
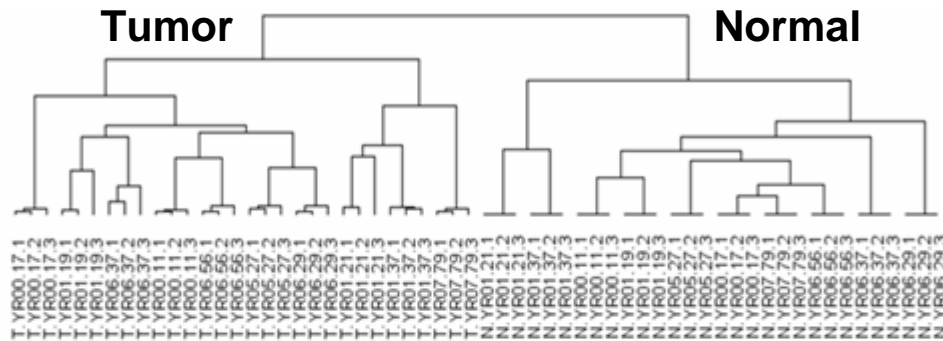
# qPCR Runs and Data Analyses

Easy to use software included



- 8 Patients
- 2 samples
- Triplicates

# Heatmap View of Study Data



## MicroRNA expression Is able to classify normal Kidney from Tumor

Red = high expression  
Blue = low expression

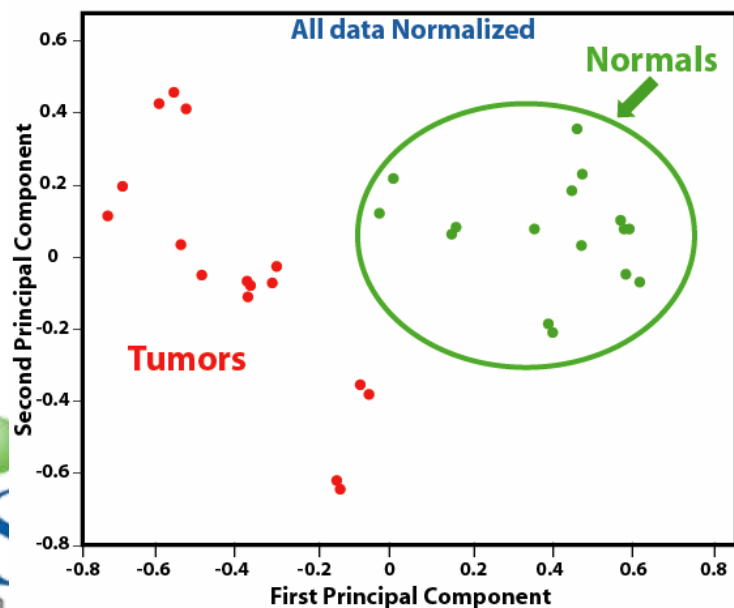
Heat map comparing ratios of expression in replicate tumor and normal samples using miR-106b as reference using the 38 down-regulated and the top 7 up-regulated microRNA. Note that the tumors seem to split into two clusters which have the samples **YR00.17, YR01.19, YR06.37, YR00.11, YR06.56, YR05.27, YR06.29** in the first group and the samples **YR01.21, YR01.37, YR07.79** in the second group. The bold samples were scored as High Grade by pathological analysis. **Thus the natural clustering of the tumors by microRNA expression does not seem to assort them by pathological grade.** The normal samples on the other hand show no discernable organized sub-structure for these microRNA.

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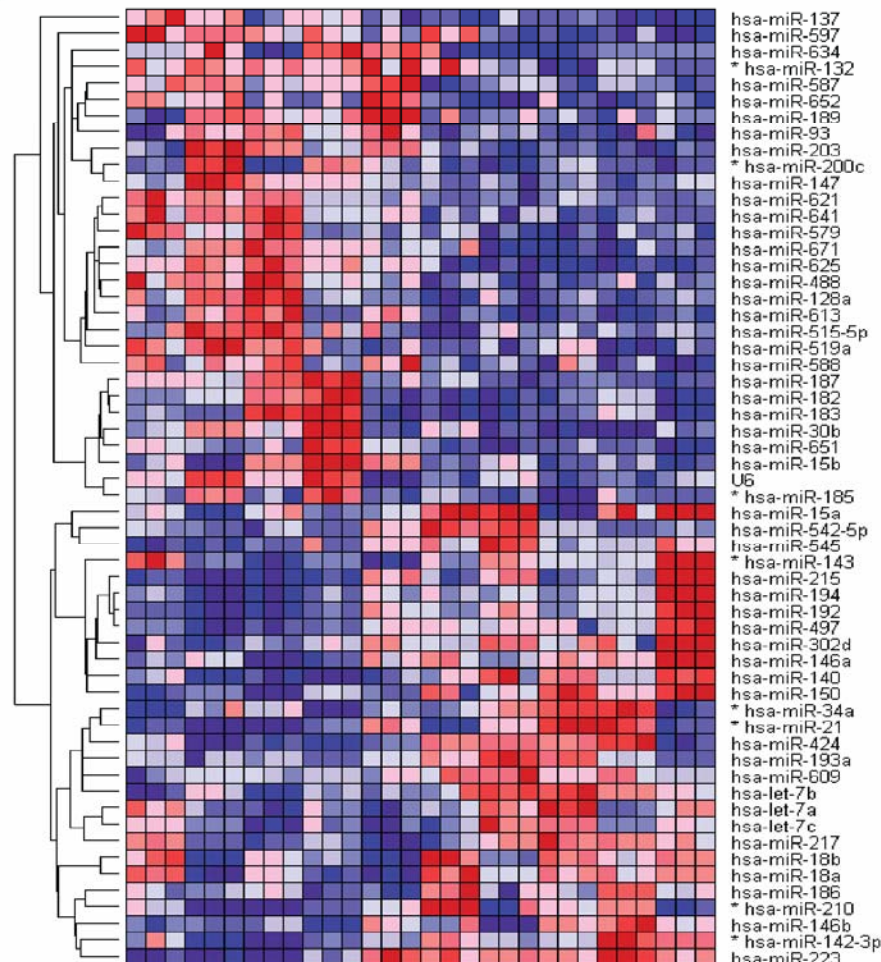
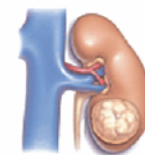
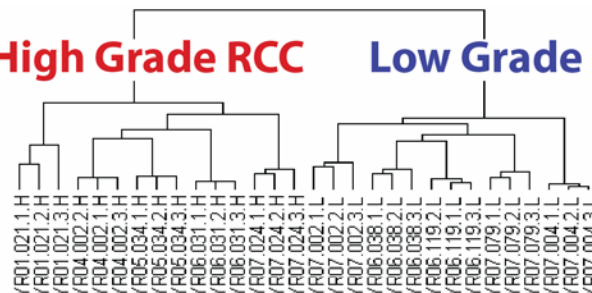


# MicroRNA Signatures Stratify Stage of Kidney Cancer

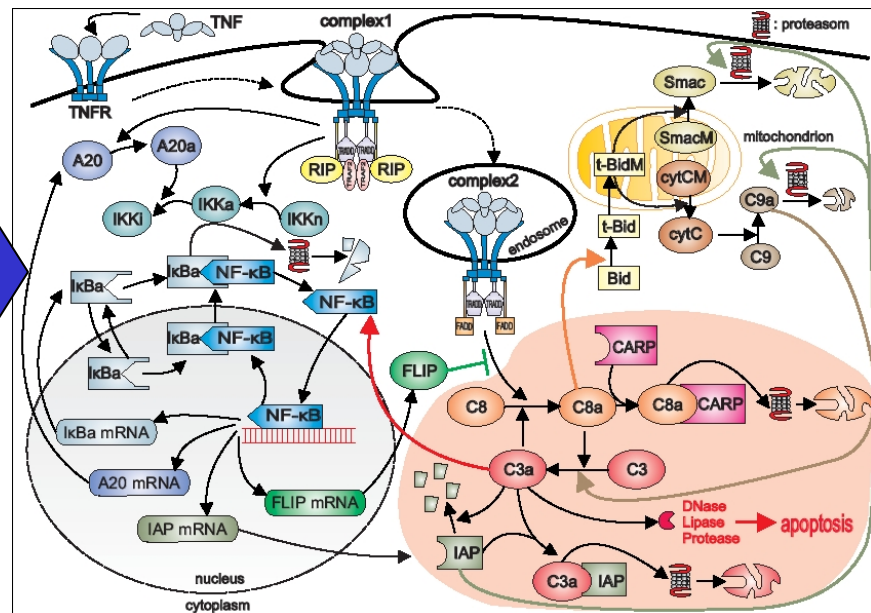
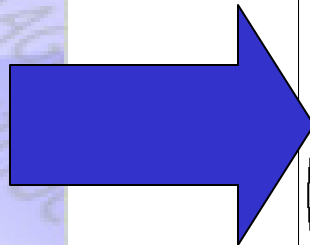
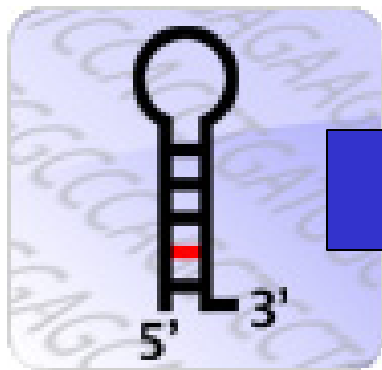
MicroRNA Signatures Stratify RCC samples from Normal samples with High Confidence



High Grade RCC Low Grade RCC



# What can microRNA expression profiling tell us about the molecular pathways affected ?



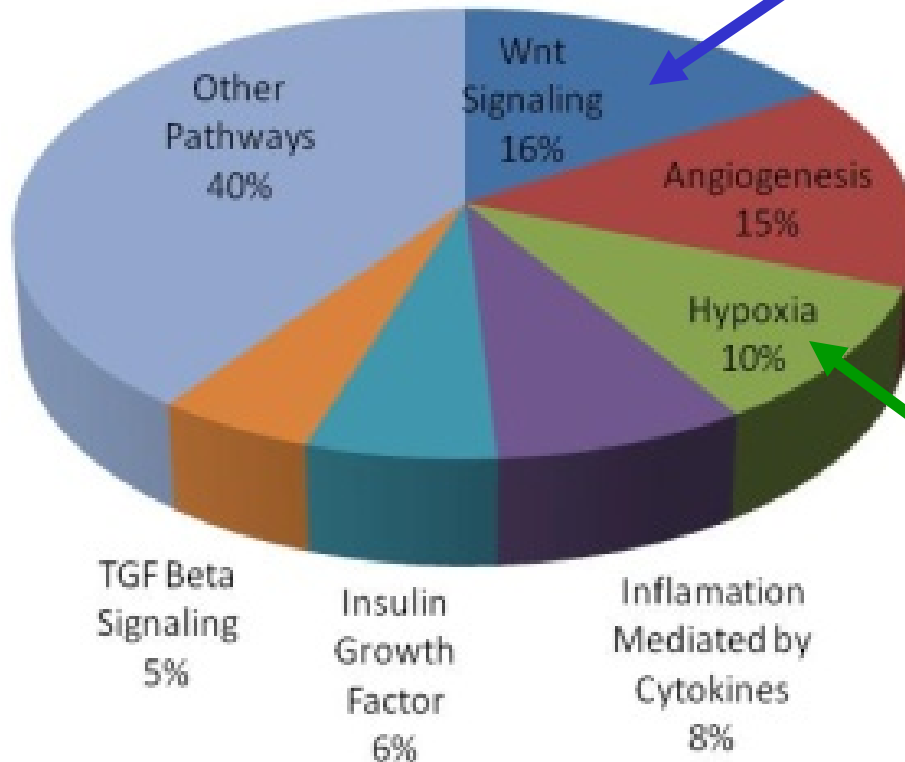


# Potential Targets of Kidney Cancer MicroRNAs

## Pathways Associated with Dysregulated MicroRNAs in RCC



MicroRNA Target  
Prediction algorithms



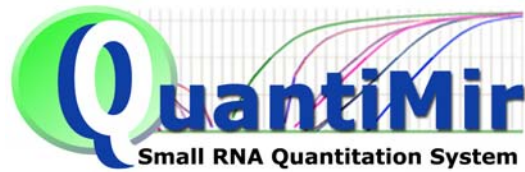
Already thought to be involved in kidney cancer

Ectopic Expression of Wnt-5a in Human Renal Cell Carcinoma Cells Suppresses in vitro Growth and Telomerase Activity. Daniel J. Olson, Mitsuo Oshimura, Arie P. Otte, Rakesh Kumar. *Tumor Biology* 1998;19:244-252

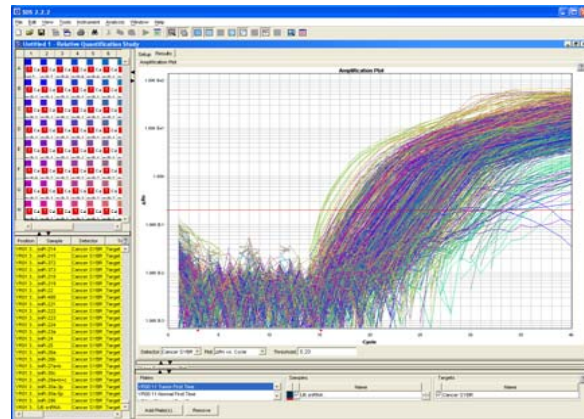
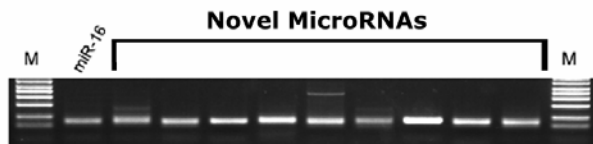
Hypoxia observed in RCC kidneys

Hypoxia-inducible factor determines sensitivity to inhibitors of mTOR in kidney cancer. George V Thomas, Chris Tran, Ingo K Mellinghoff, Derek S Welsbie, Emily Chan, Barbara Fueger, Johannes Czernin & Charles L Sawyers. *Nature Medicine* 12, 122 - 127 (2006).

# MicroRNA qPCR Arrays



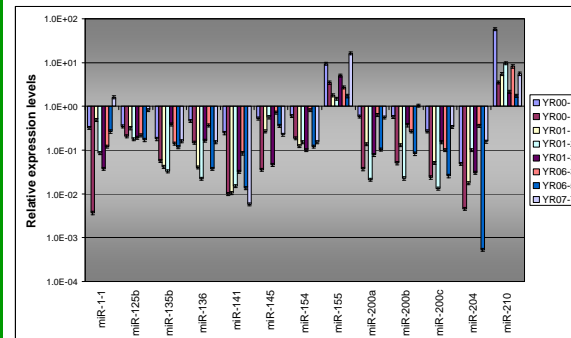
Design your own  
microRNA assays



**The OncoMir Collection**  
Preformatted Cancer  
microRNA assays –  
most commonly found microRNAs in  
carcinogenesis

Plate Array Arrangement

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
A	let-7 family	miR-7	miR-92	miR-93	miR-93-1	miR-101-1	miR-103	miR-106a	miR-106b	miR-107	miR-10b	miR-1-1
B	miR-122a	miR-125a	miR-125b	miR-126	miR-128b	miR-132	miR-133a	miR-134	miR-135b	miR-136	miR-137	miR-140
C	miR-141	3p	miR-143	miR-145	miR-146a	miR-149	miR-150	miR-151	miR-153	miR-154	miR-155	miR-15a
D	miR-15b	miR-16	miR-17-3p	miR-17-5p	miR-181a	miR-181b	miR-181c	miR-184	miR-183	miR-195	miR-196	miR-188
E	miR-18a	miR-190	miR-191	miR-192	miR-193	miR-195	miR-196a	miR-197	miR-198	miR-199a+b	miR-200	miR-199a+b
F	miR-95	miR-20a	miR-200a	miR-200b	miR-200c	miR-202	miR-203	miR-204	miR-205	miR-206	miR-21	miR-210
G	miR-214	miR-215	miR-372	miR-373	miR-218	miR-219	miR-22	miR-221	miR-222	miR-223	miR-224	miR-224
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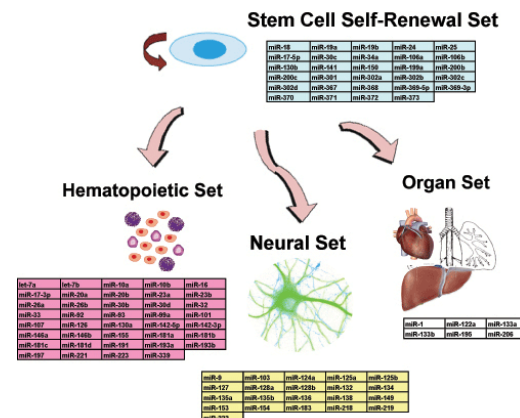


**The Stem Cell Collection**  
Preformatted  
Differentiation  
microRNA assays –  
Monitor renewal, hematopoiesis,  
neural progression and tissue-  
specific patterning

Convenient 96-well Plate Format, segmented into 4 separate Stem Cell Pathways

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
A	miR-18	miR-18a	miR-19b	miR-24	miR-25	miR-47-5p	miR-28c	miR-34a	miR-196a	miR-196b	miR-128b	miR-141
B	miR-15b	miR-193a	miR-240b	miR-240c	miR-341	miR-342a	miR-342b	miR-342c	miR-342d	miR-347	miR-348	miR-348-5
C	miR-369-3p	miR-378	miR-371	miR-372	miR-373	let-7a	miR-58a	miR-596	miR-95	miR-17-3p	miR-29a	miR-29b
D	miR-24b	miR-27a	miR-27b	miR-24a	miR-24b	miR-30b	miR-30d	miR-32	miR-33	miR-57	miR-53	miR-55a
E	miR-181	miR-187	miR-126	miR-138a	miR-142-3p	miR-142-5p	miR-148a	miR-148b	miR-155	miR-181a	miR-181b	miR-181c
F	miR-181d	miR-191	miR-192a	miR-192b	miR-197	miR-221	miR-222	miR-223	miR-9	miR-182	miR-124a	miR-125a
G	miR-125b	miR-127	miR-128a	miR-128b	miR-132	miR-134	miR-135a	miR-135b	miR-136	miR-138	miR-149	miR-153
H	miR-454	miR-483	miR-218	miR-219	miR-222	miR-4	miR-127a	miR-133a	miR-433b	miR-495	miR-296	306

Stem Cell Signature Set  
Neuronal Set  
Hematopoietic Set  
Organ Set



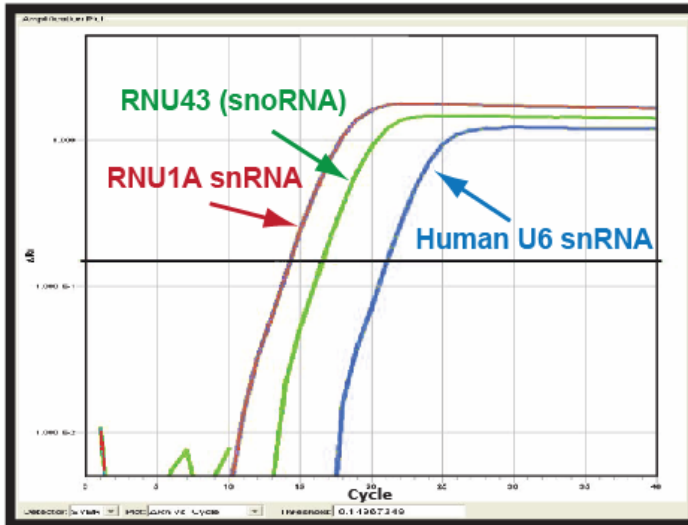
Pre-designed microRNA Profiling Panels

# MicroRNA miRNome Profilers

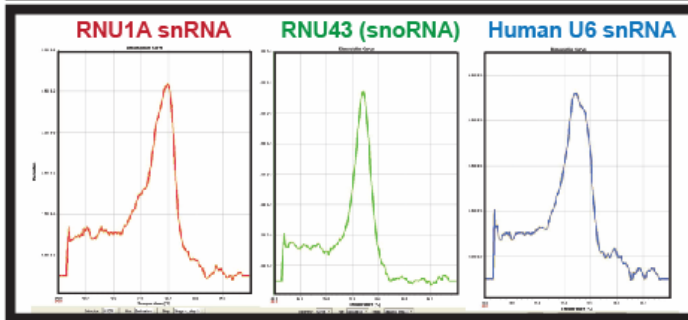
**Validated reference controls**

**100% miRBase updated**

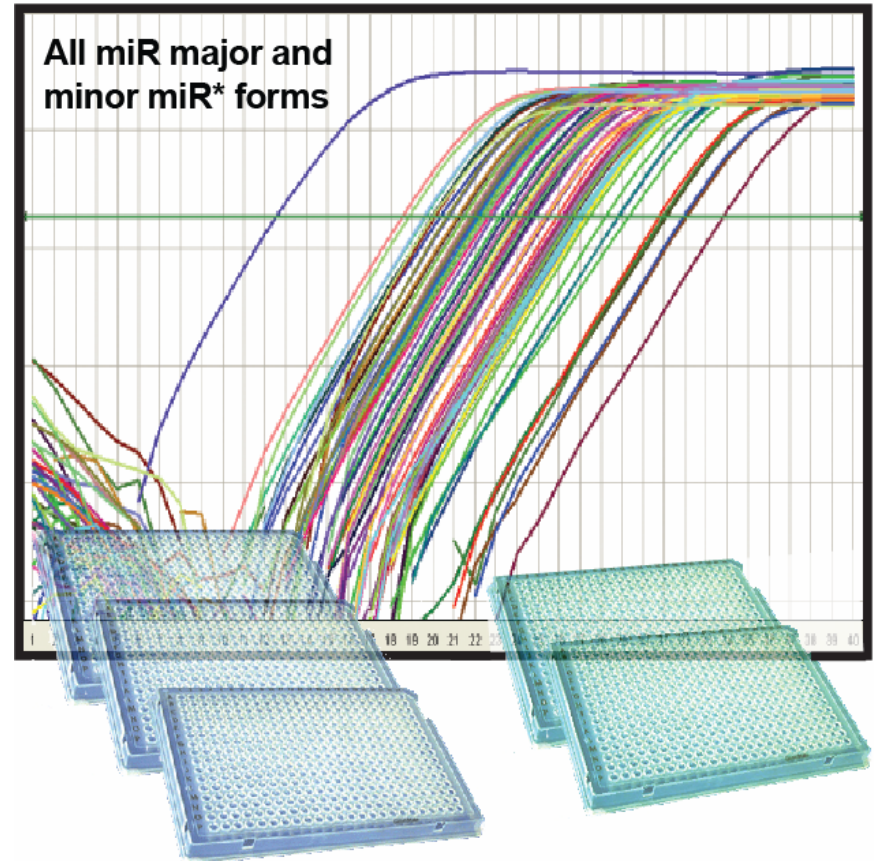
Amplification plots



Dissociation



All miR major and minor miR\* forms



**Human complete set**  
All microRNAs

**Mouse complete set**  
All microRNAs

# Other QuantiMir Applications

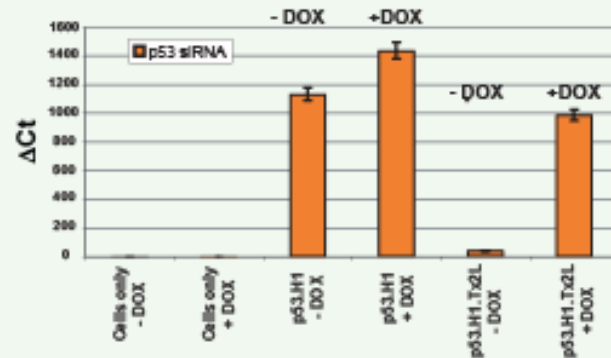
## Measure siRNA expression from Knockdown experiments

shRNA Expression Molecule:

p53 siRNA

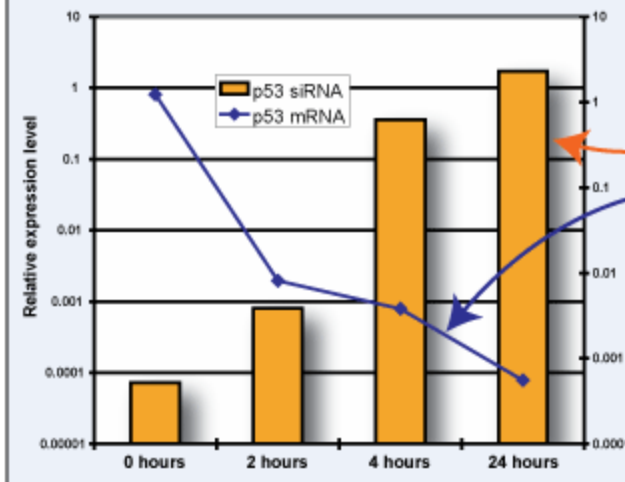


5' - GATCTGGATTCATCAAGATTGTTGTGAAACAACTCTTGGTGGATCCAGATCTT - 3'



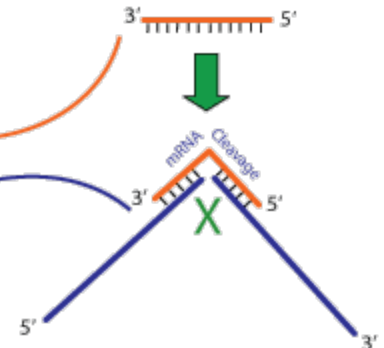
Example of siRNA detection and quantitation from short hairpin RNA expression constructs.

## Quantitate Gene Knockdown and siRNA in same cDNA



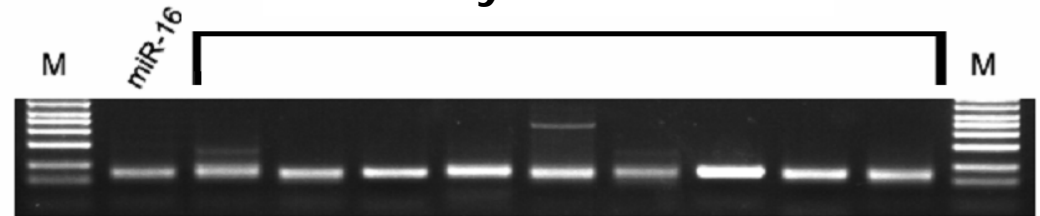
From the same cDNA:

Quantitate siRNA



Measure mRNA Knockdown

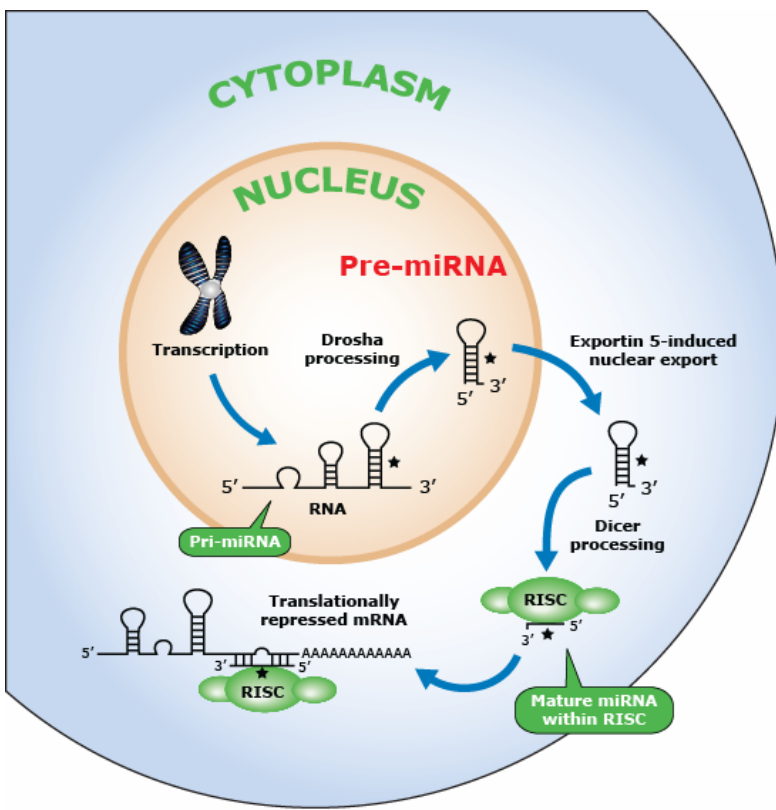
## Gel analysis of siRNAs



**QuantiMir**  
Small RNA Quantitation System



# Discovery & Cloning

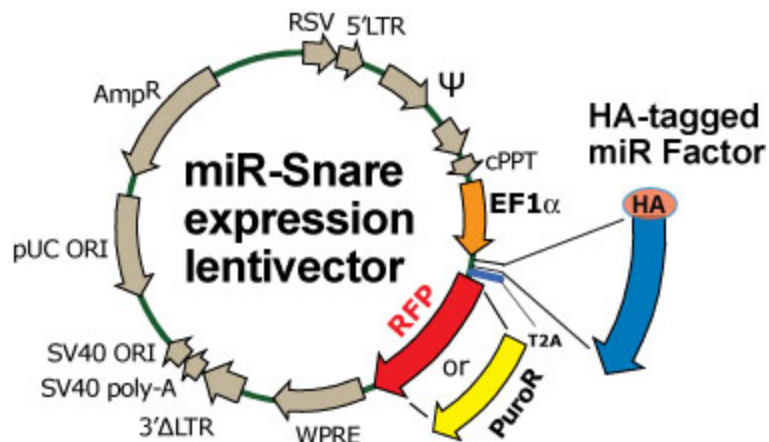


- **MicroRNA “Snare”**
- **Global Amplify & Clone**

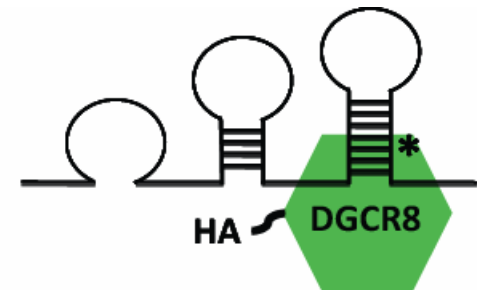
# miR-SNaRES

## Small Non-coding RNA Enrichment Systems

Immunopurify microRNA complexes and their associated RNAs



Pri-microRNA



DROSHA/DGCR8 processing

Precursor microRNA

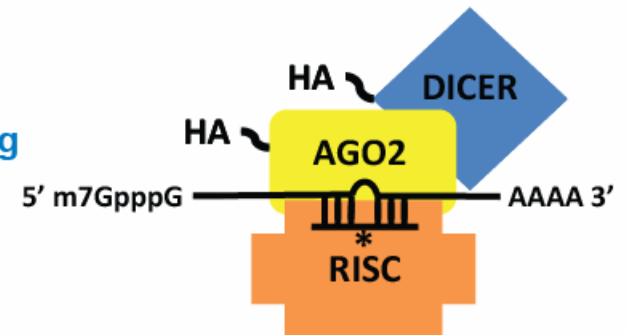


DICER processing

Mature microRNA



RISC loading

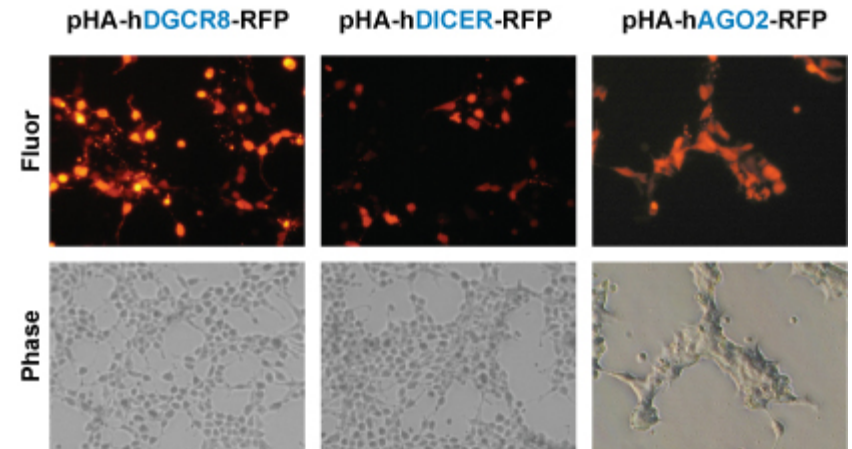
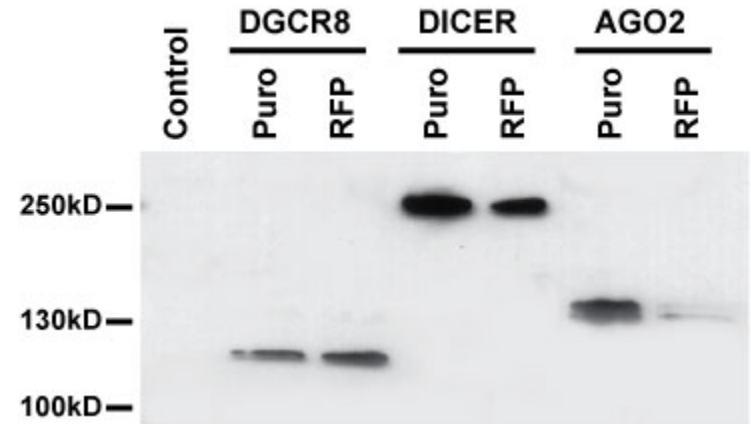




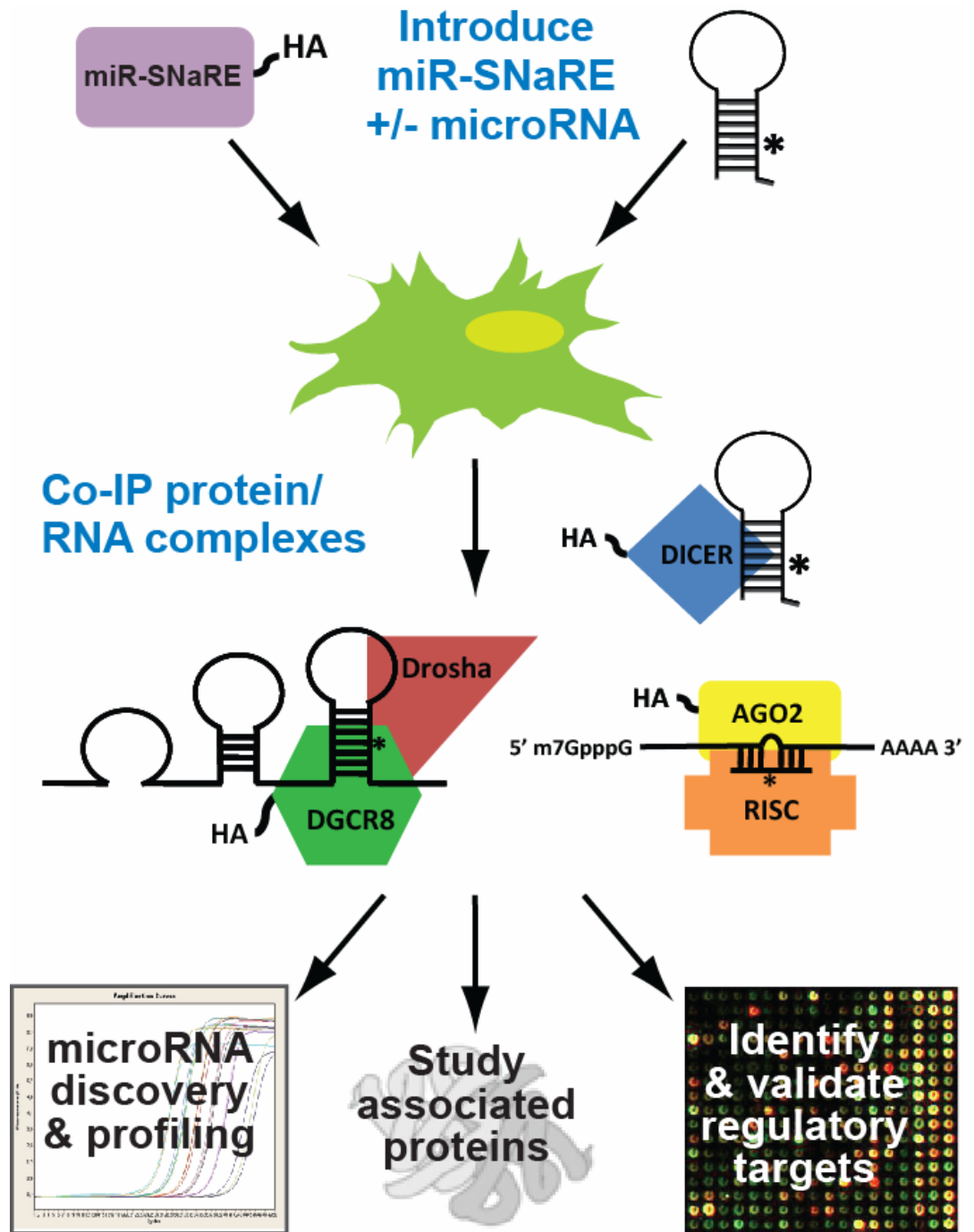
# miR-SNaRES

## Small Non-coding RNA Enrichment Systems

- Create SNaRE Cell line
- IP pull-down MicroRNAs
- Enrich for RISC-associated mRNAs
- Discover low abundance microRNAs
- Identify new RISC protein factors
- Constructs fully sequence-verified and protein expression validated



# miR-SNaRE Applications



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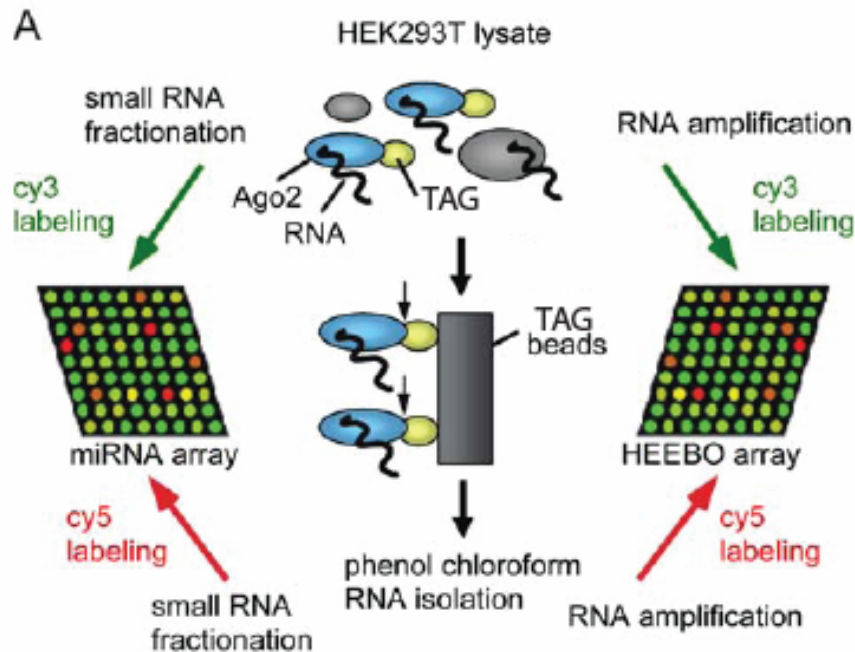


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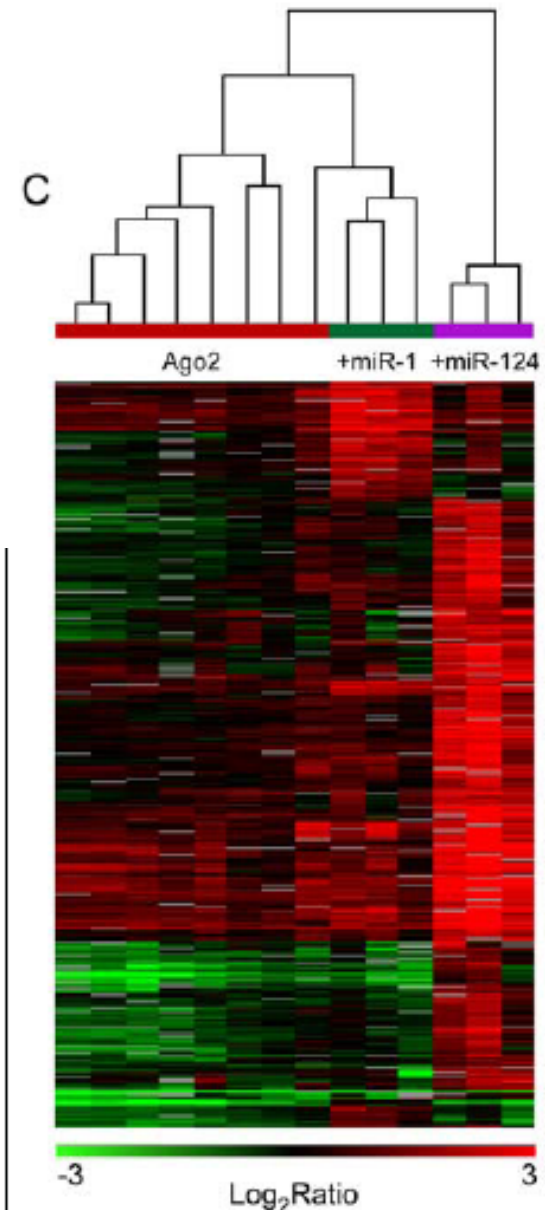
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mRNAs Associated with Ago2



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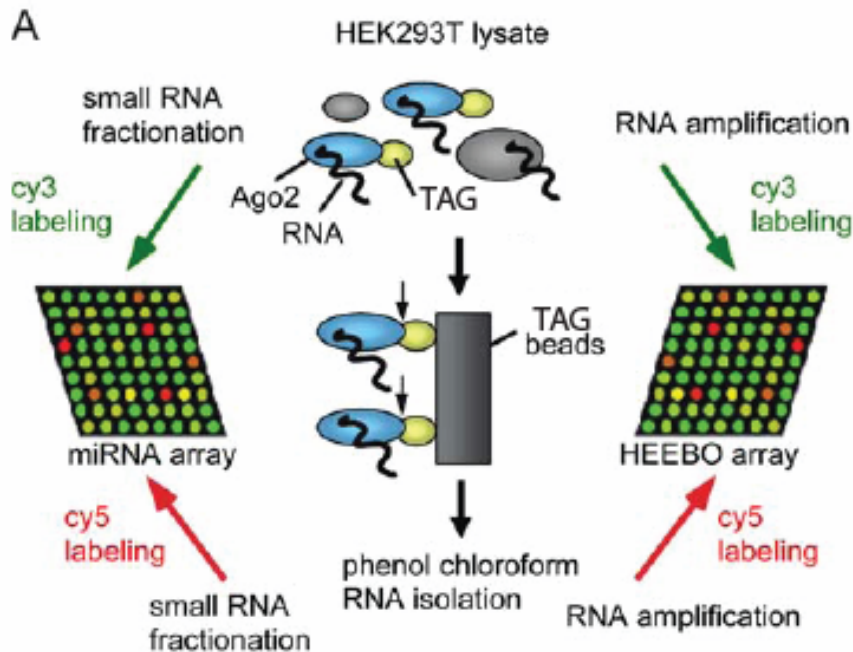


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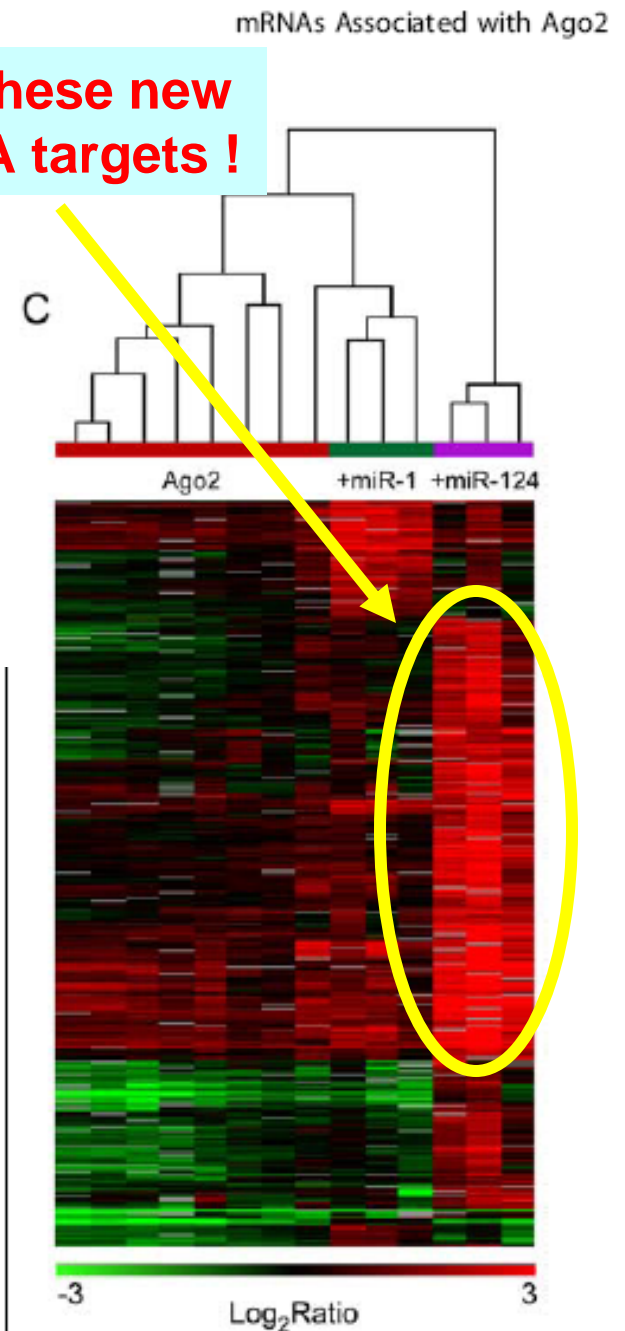
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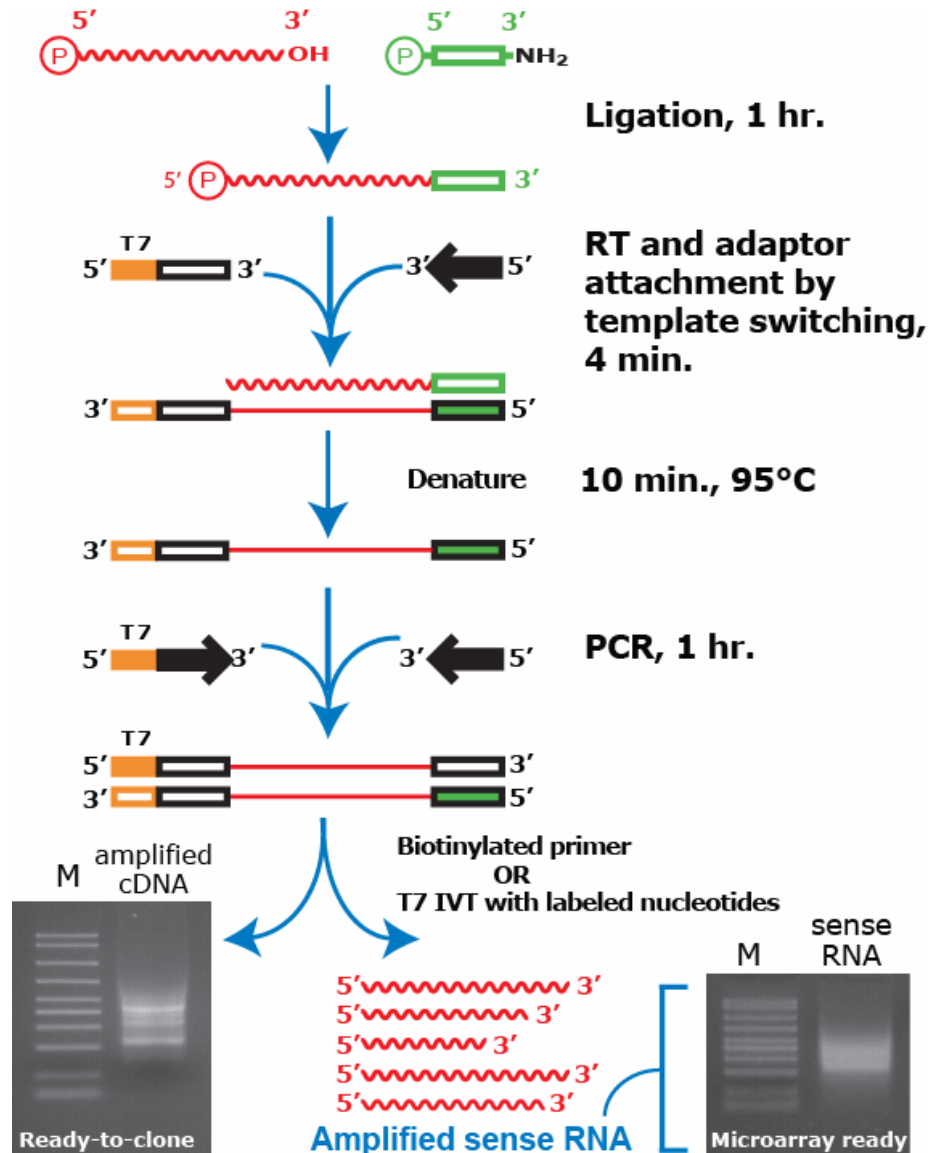
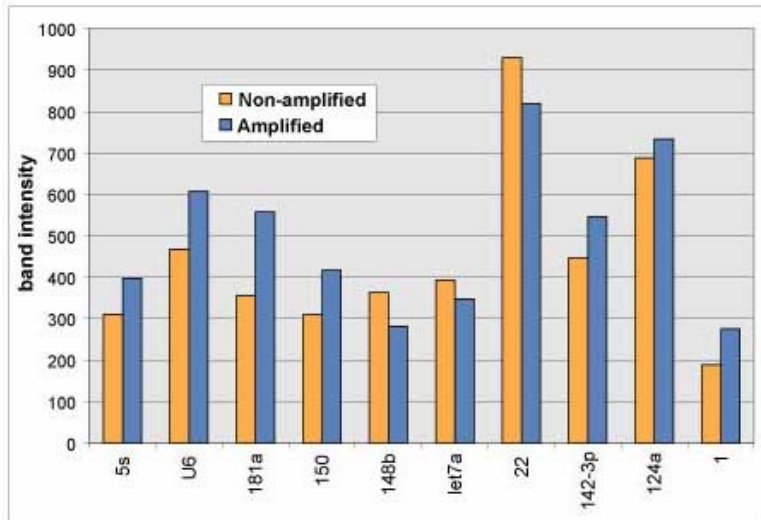
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Look at all of these new miR-124 mRNA targets !

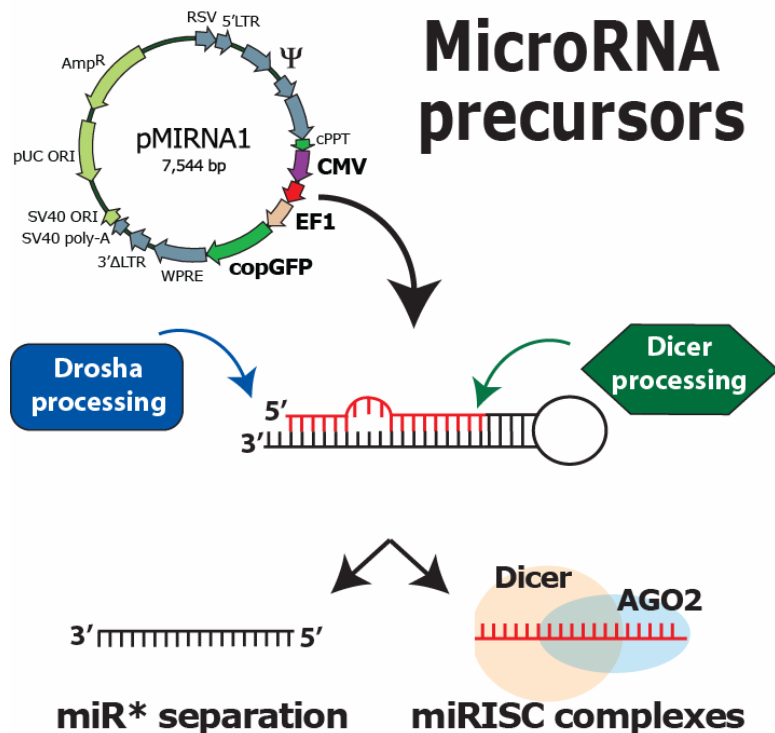


# Global MicroRNA Amplification and Cloning





# Overexpression Studies



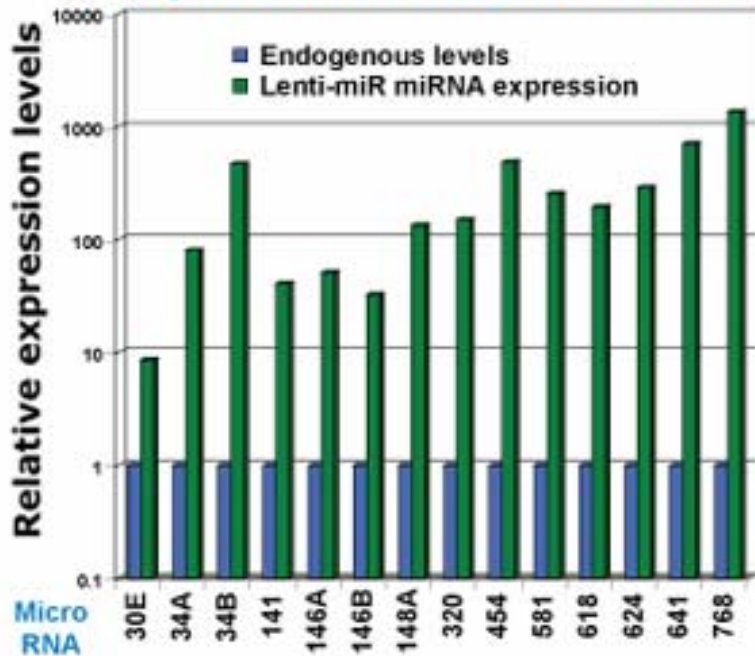
- **MicroRNA Precursor Clone Collection**
- **Multiplexed Precursor Virus Library**



# Lenti-miR Precursor Clones

## Transfection Overexpression

Sample microRNA expression validation data



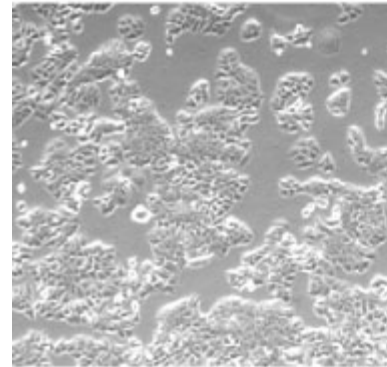
Lenti-miR constructs transfected into HEK 293 cells. MicroRNA expression measured using qPCR.



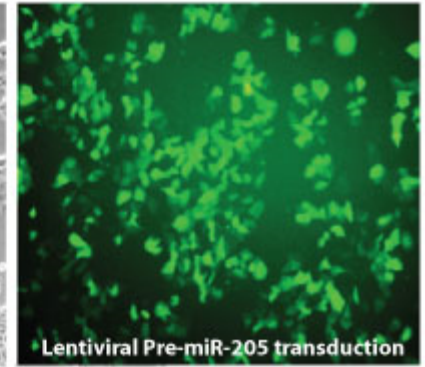
## Stable Overexpression

### MCF-7 cells transduced with Lenti-miR-205

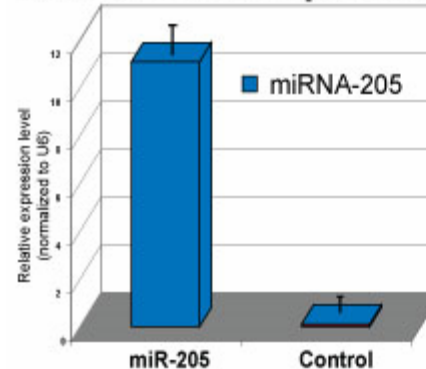
Phase Contrast



GFP Fluorescence



### Mature miRNA Expression

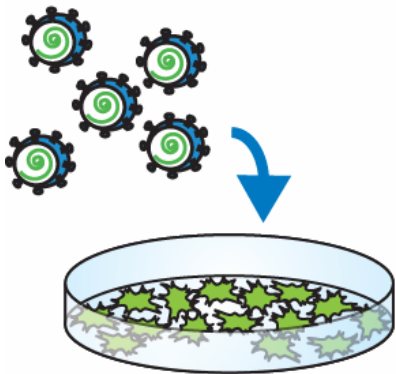


MCF-7 Cells infected (MOI 5:1) with Lentivirus made from PMIRH205PA-1 (pre-miR-205) construct. Images taken after 48 hours. Expression of mature miR-205 was validated and quantitated using ABI TaqMan assays.

# Lenti-miR Multiplexed Virus Library

## HT Screens for MicroRNA Effectors

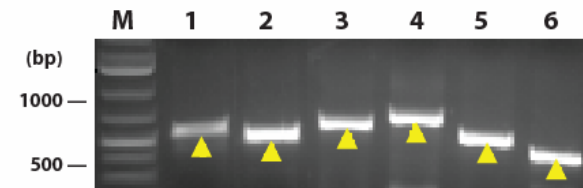
Transduce Lenti-miR  
Virus Library



Select for Phenotype

Tumor migration  
Hematopoiesis  
Metastatic potential  
Apoptosis

Recover Precursors



Identify MicroRNA Effectors

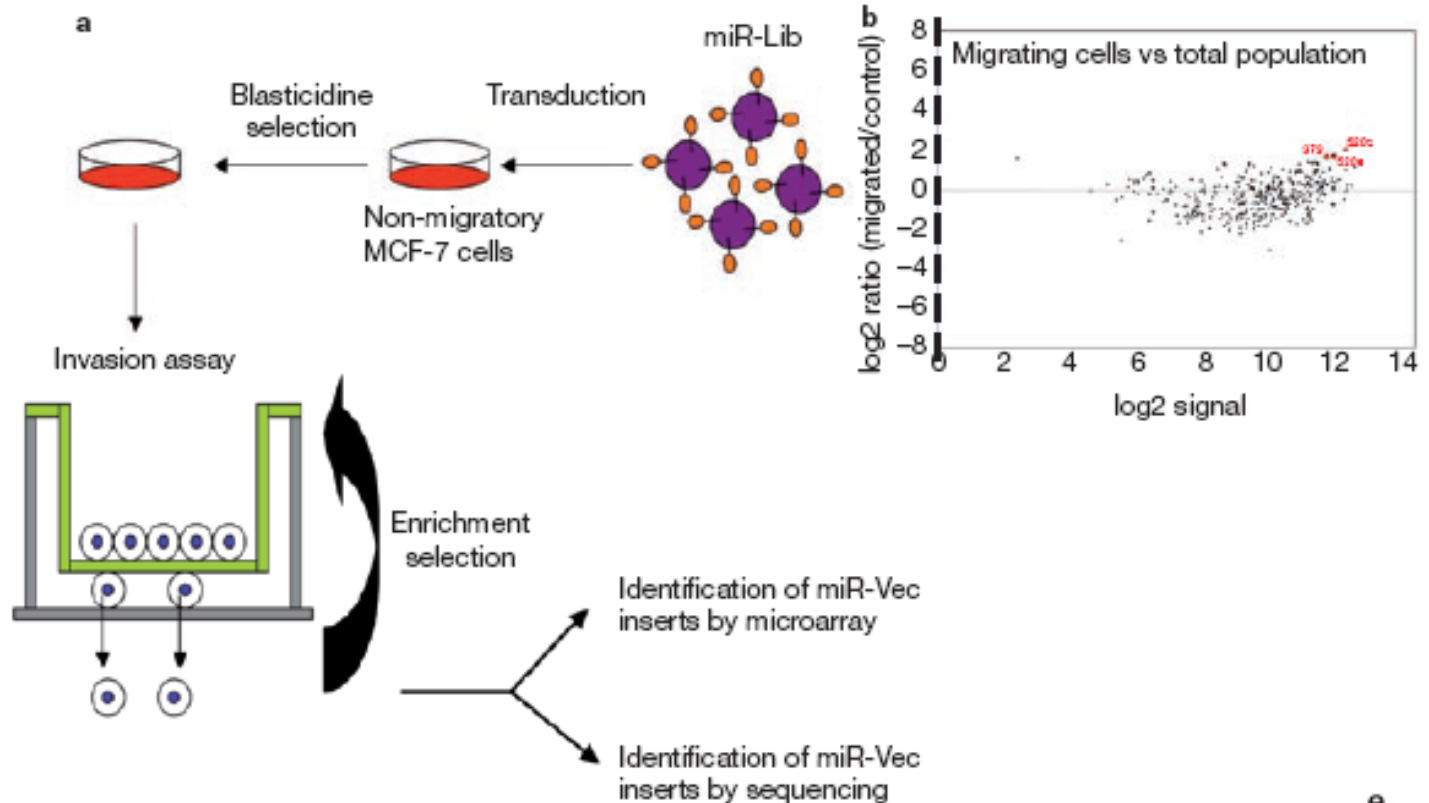
# MicroRNA Virus Libraries

nature  
cell biology

The microRNAs miR-373 and miR-520c promote tumour invasion and metastasis

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# Knockdown Studies

**miRZips™ permanent  
microRNA knockdown**

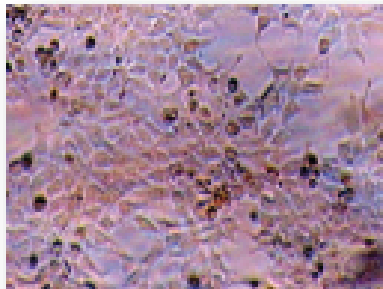


- **Stable & permanent anti-microRNA expression**
- **Select for positive expressing cells with either GFP or Puro selection**
- **Uncover phenotypes using powerful anti-microRNA interference**

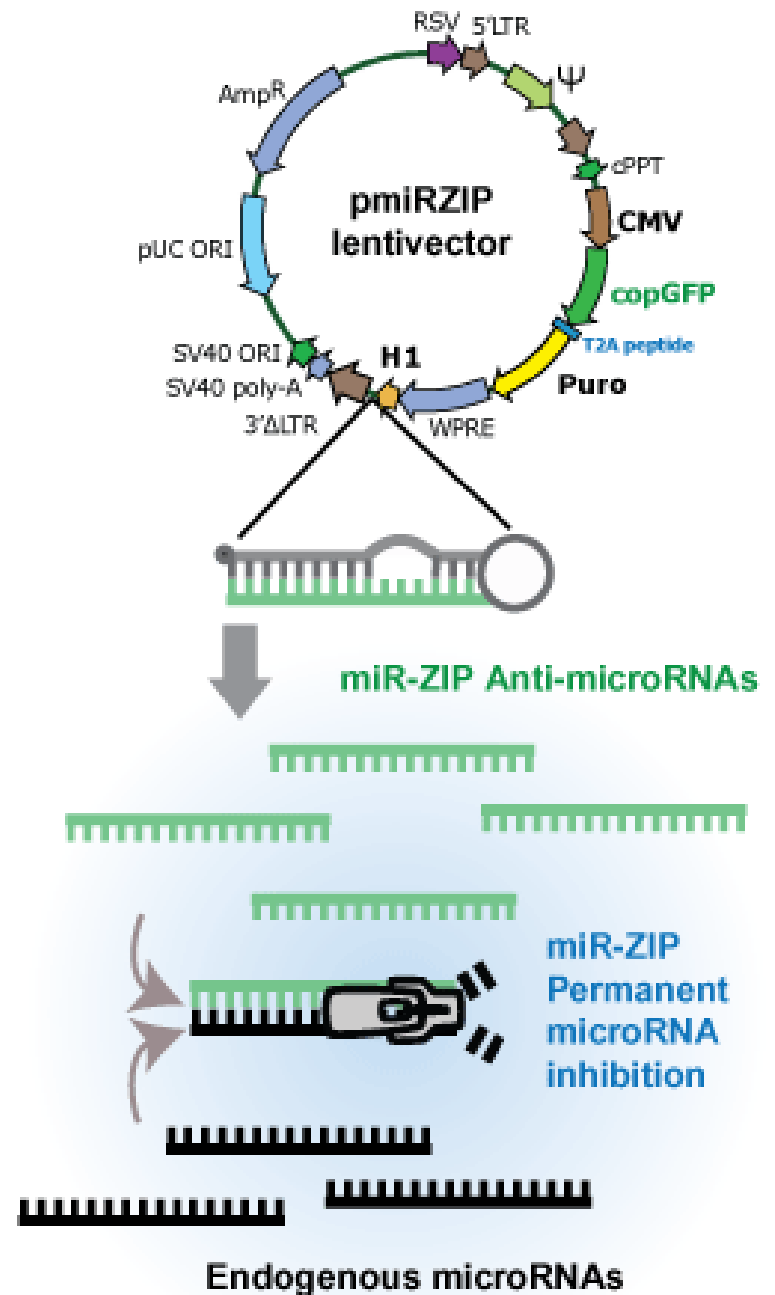
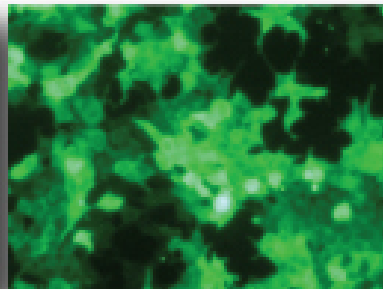
# miRZips

miRZip lentivector constructs can be used for both GFP sorting and Puromycin selection for stable cell lines.

Phase contrast



GFP fluorescence



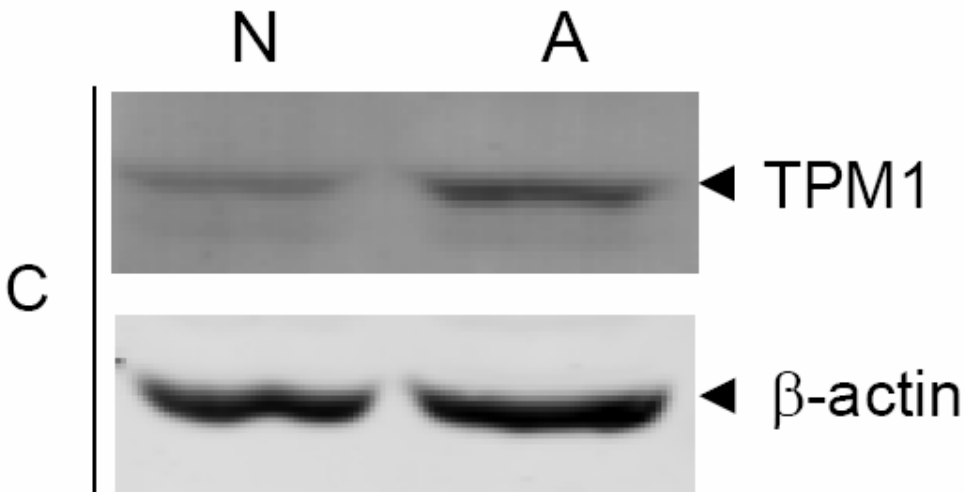


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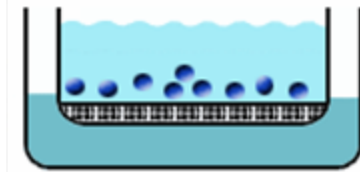
Uncover Novel Phenotypes  
using MicroRNA Interference

↓ microRNA = ↑ target protein levels

**TPM1 Identified as miR-21 Target**



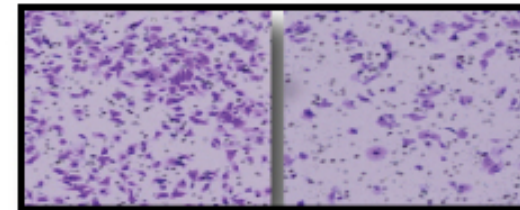
Tumor invasion assay  
with miRZip-21 virus



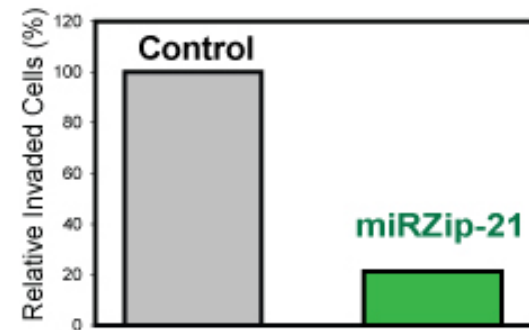
- Media/FBS
- Serum Free Media
- Membrane w/8  $\mu$ m pores
- Cells

Control

miRZip-21



Number of invasive cells imaged



**Invasive cells reduced by 80%  
permanently by miRZip-21 lentivirus**

MDA-MB-231 breast cancer cells

# Areas of Investigation

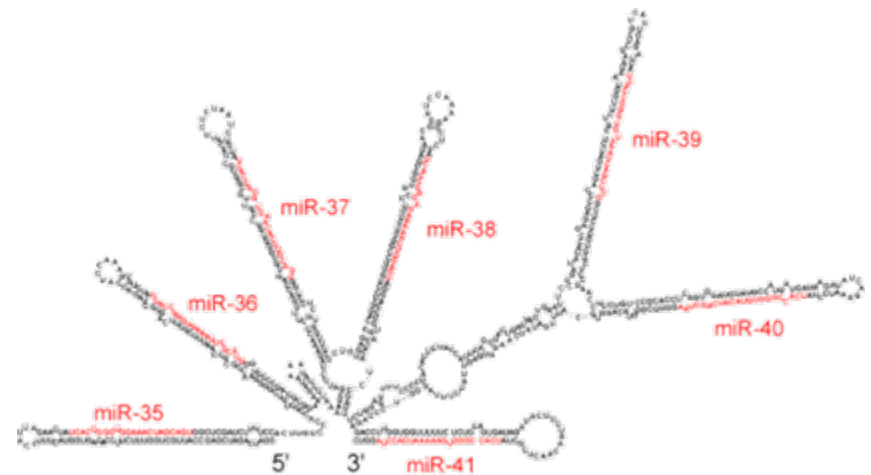
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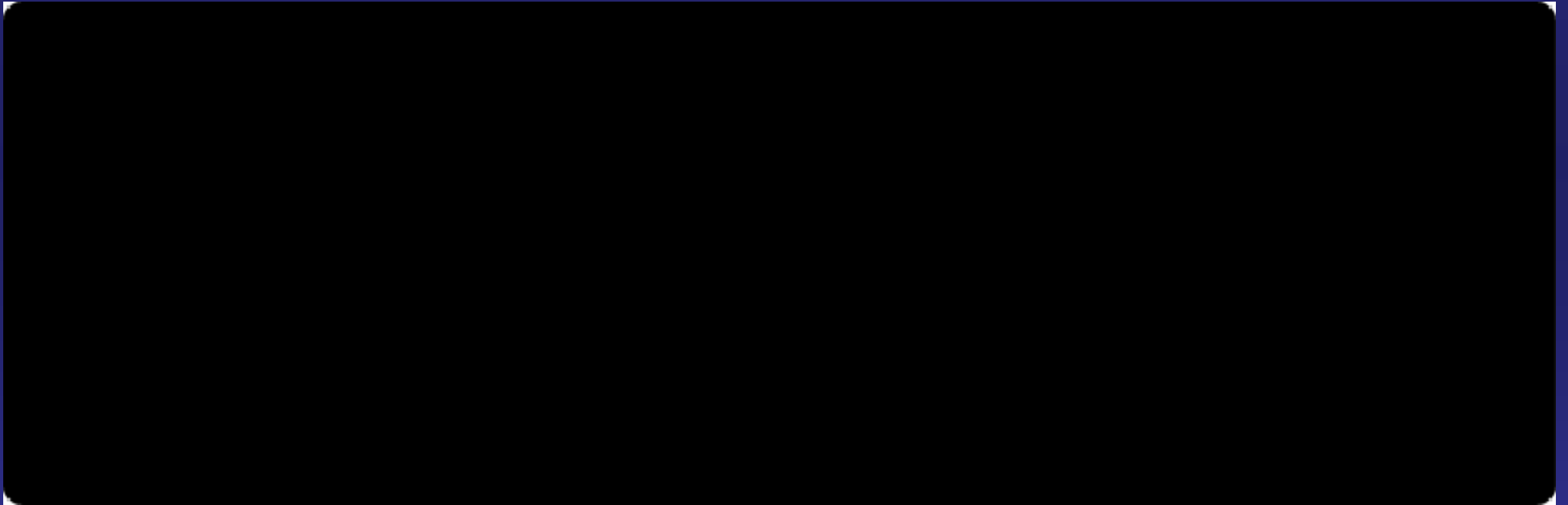
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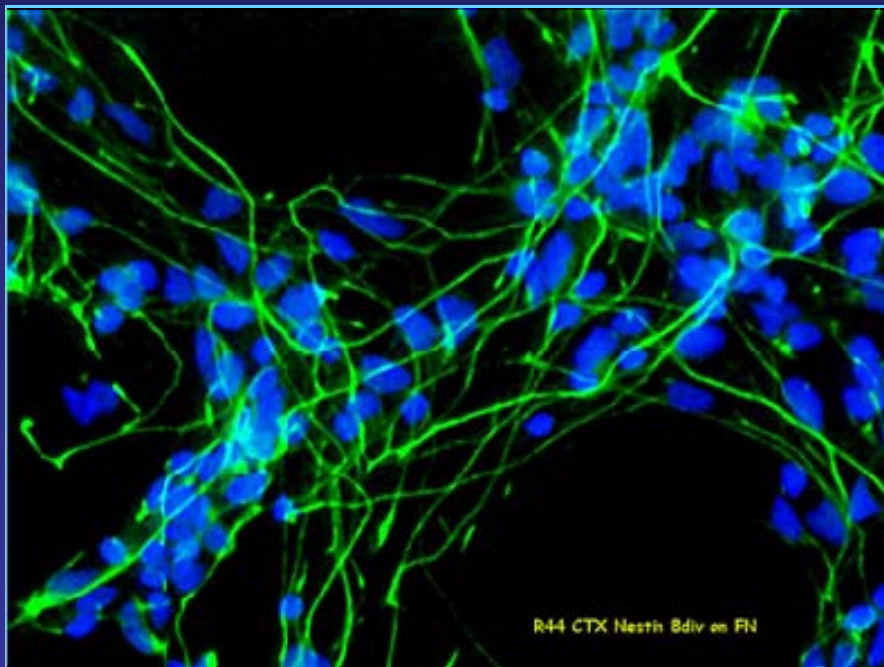
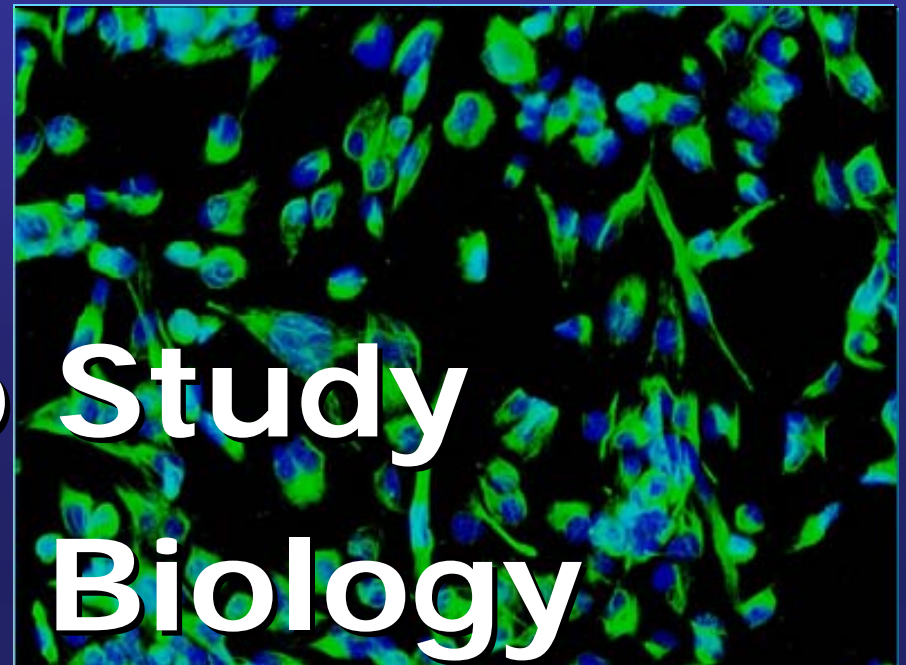
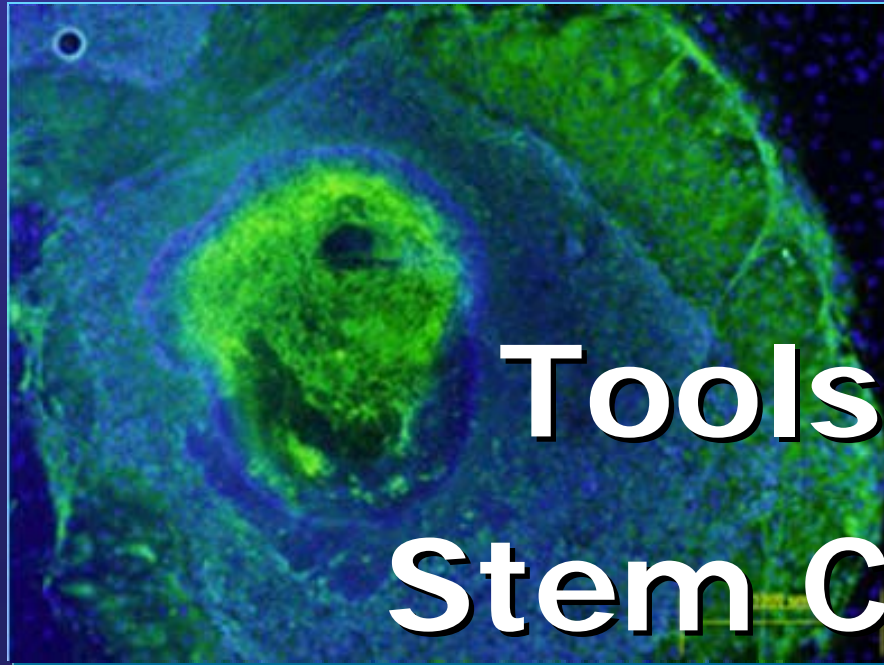


# System Biosciences (SBI)





## Tools to Study Stem Cell Biology

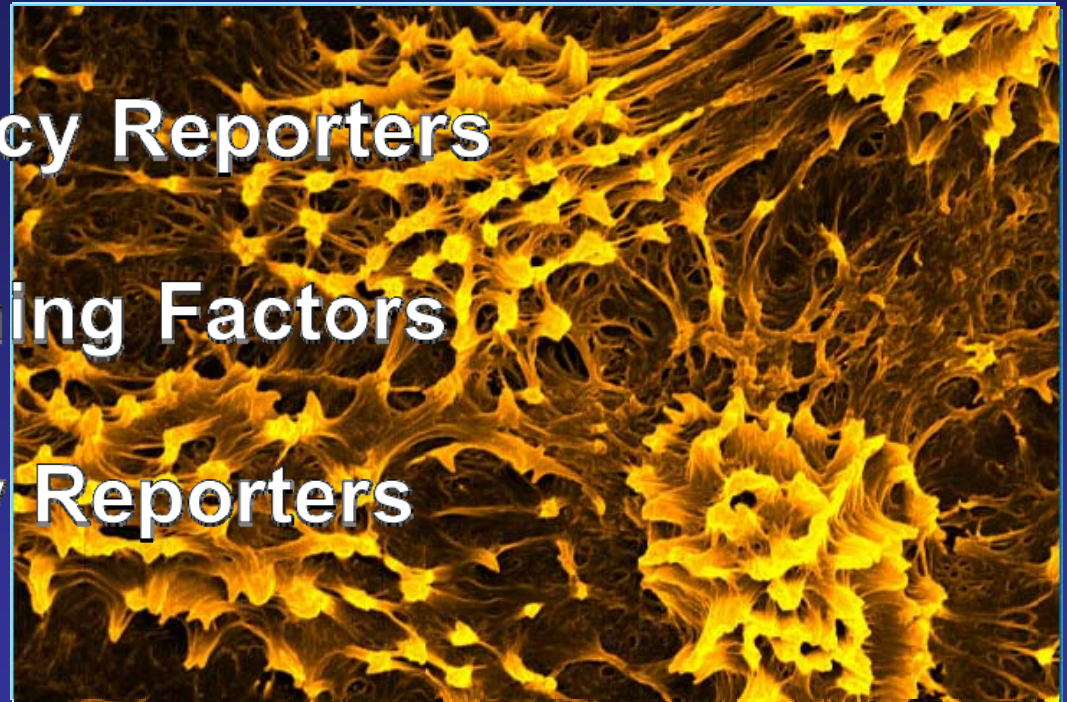


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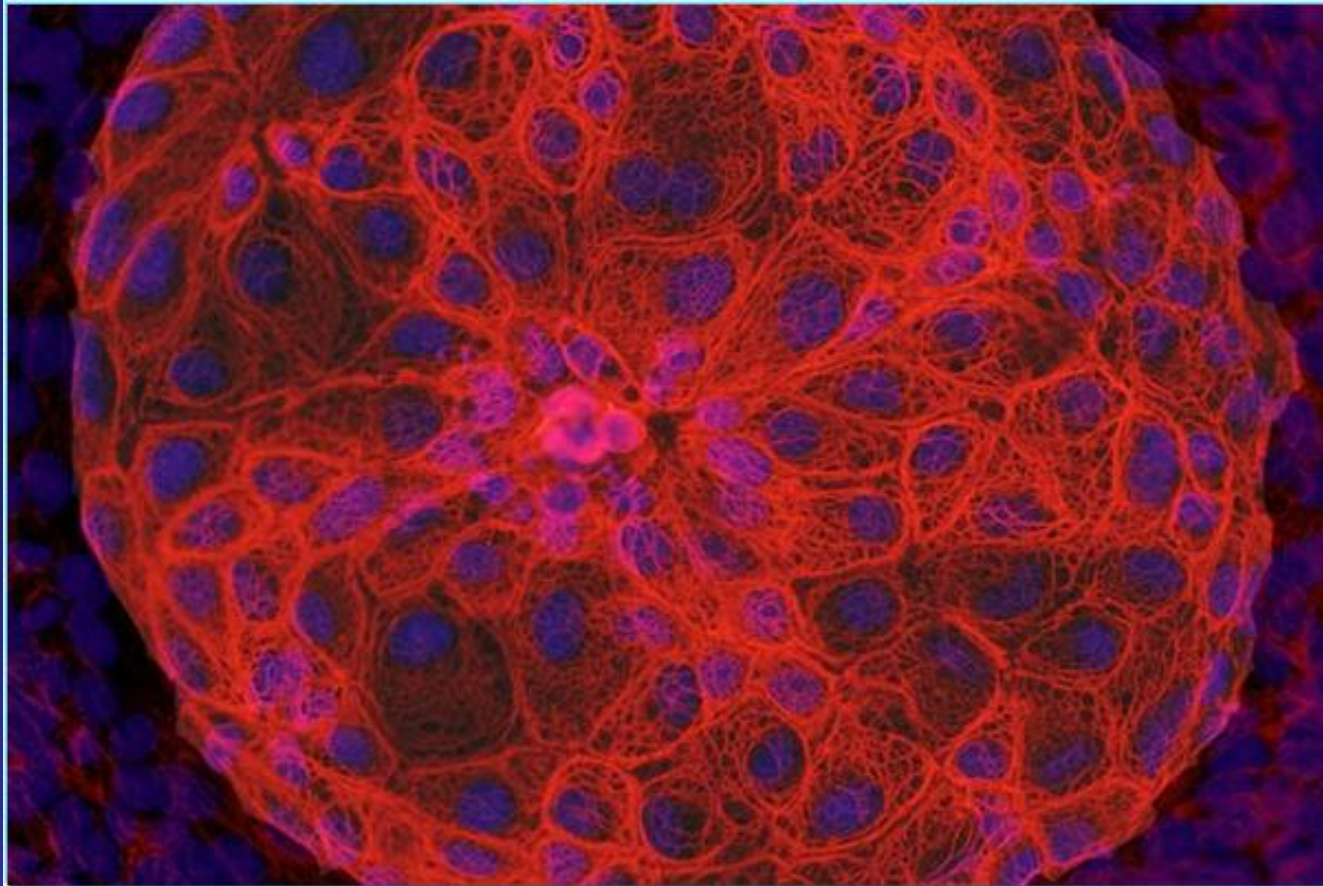
# SBI's Suite of Tools for Studying Stem Cells

- Stem Cell Differentiation Reporters
- ES Cell Pluripotency Reporters
- iPSC Reprogramming Factors
- Signaling Pathway Reporters



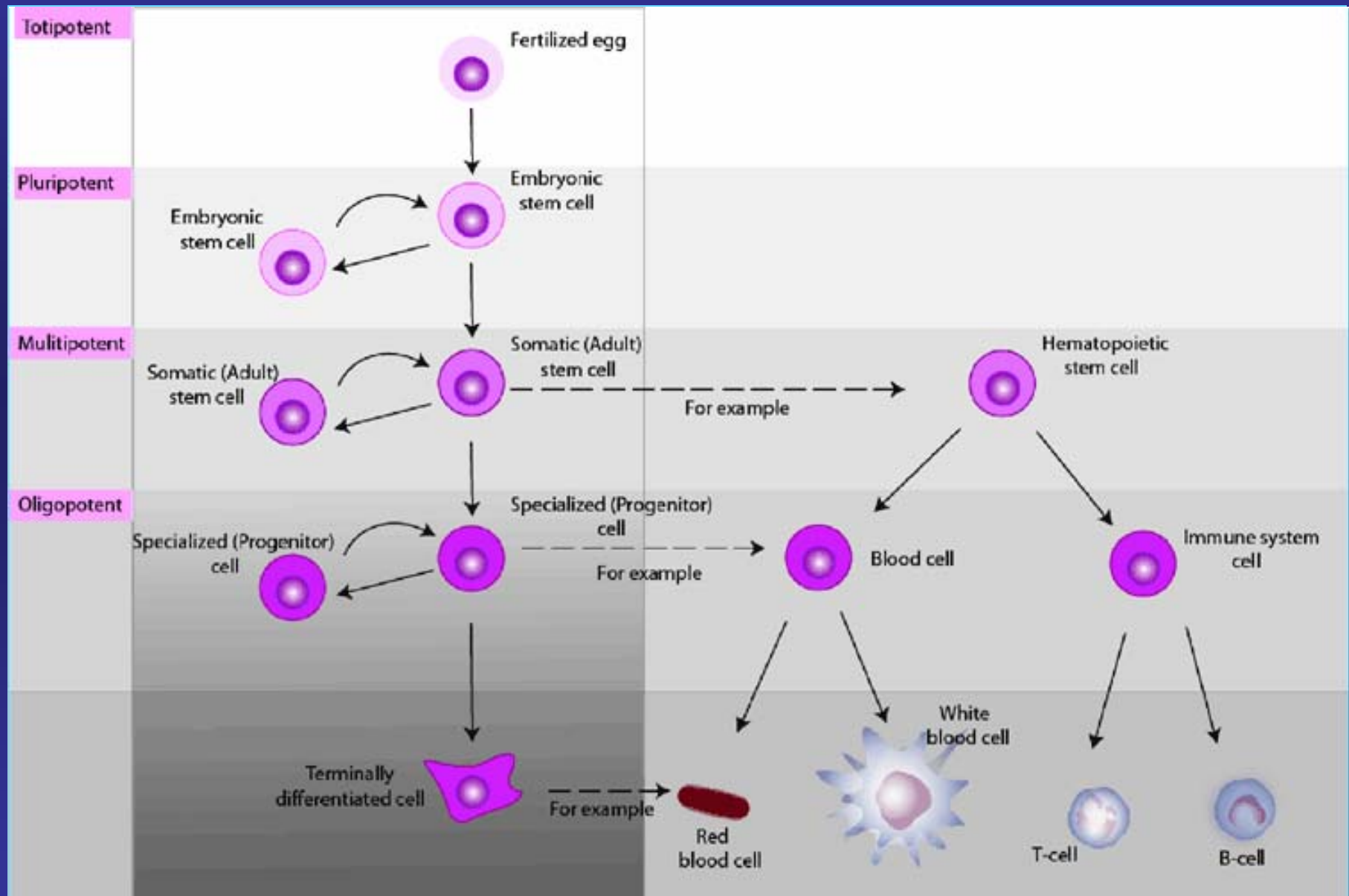
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## Types of Stem Cells



**Cluster of epithelial progenitor cells grown from hES cells.**  
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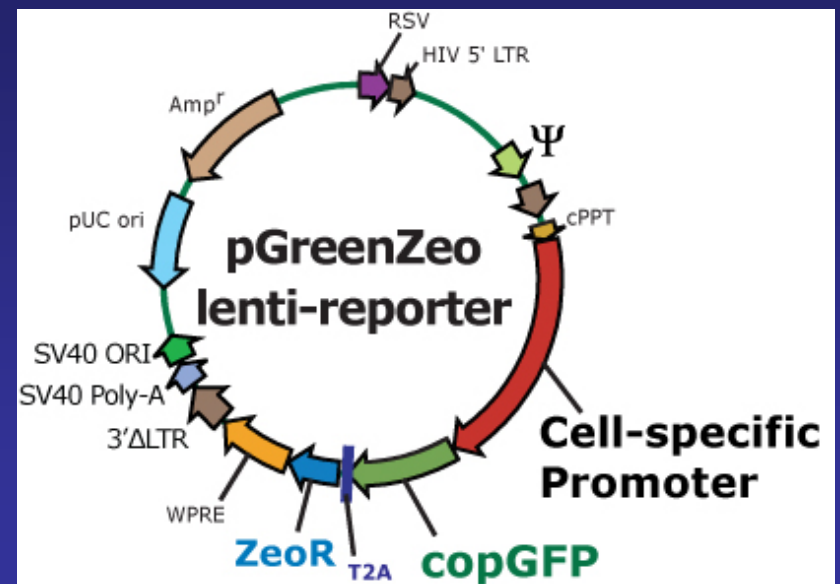




## Stem Cell Differentiation Reporters

- Cell-specific promoters drive GFP and Zeocin selection in differentiated cells – **monitor differentiation in real time**
- Rapidly create transgenic lines and ES reporter cells

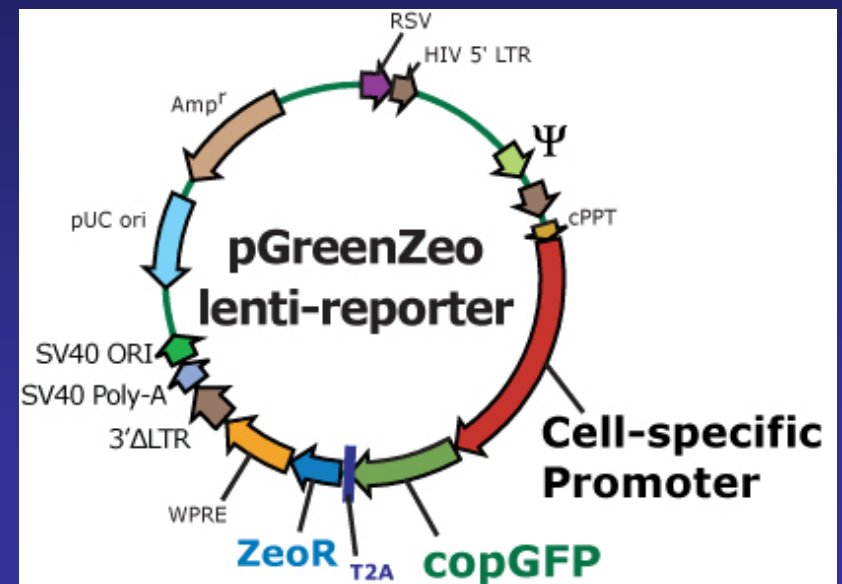
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## Sorting & Selection

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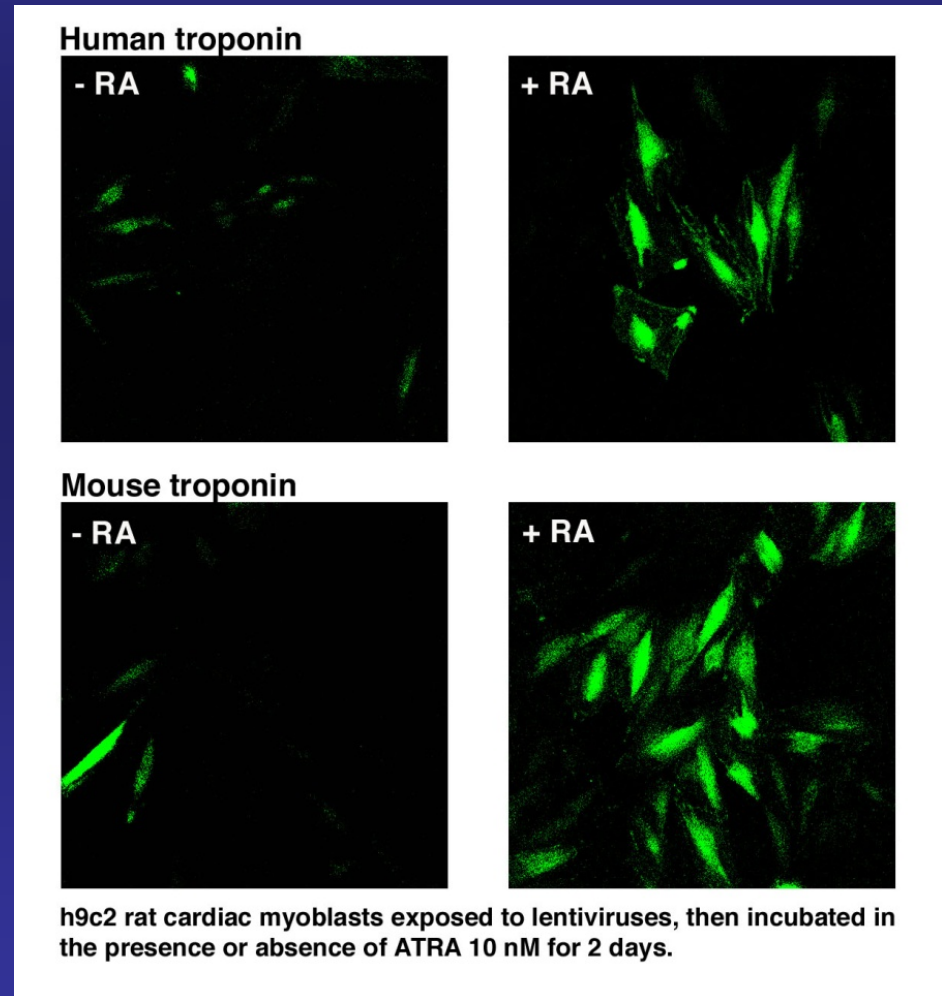




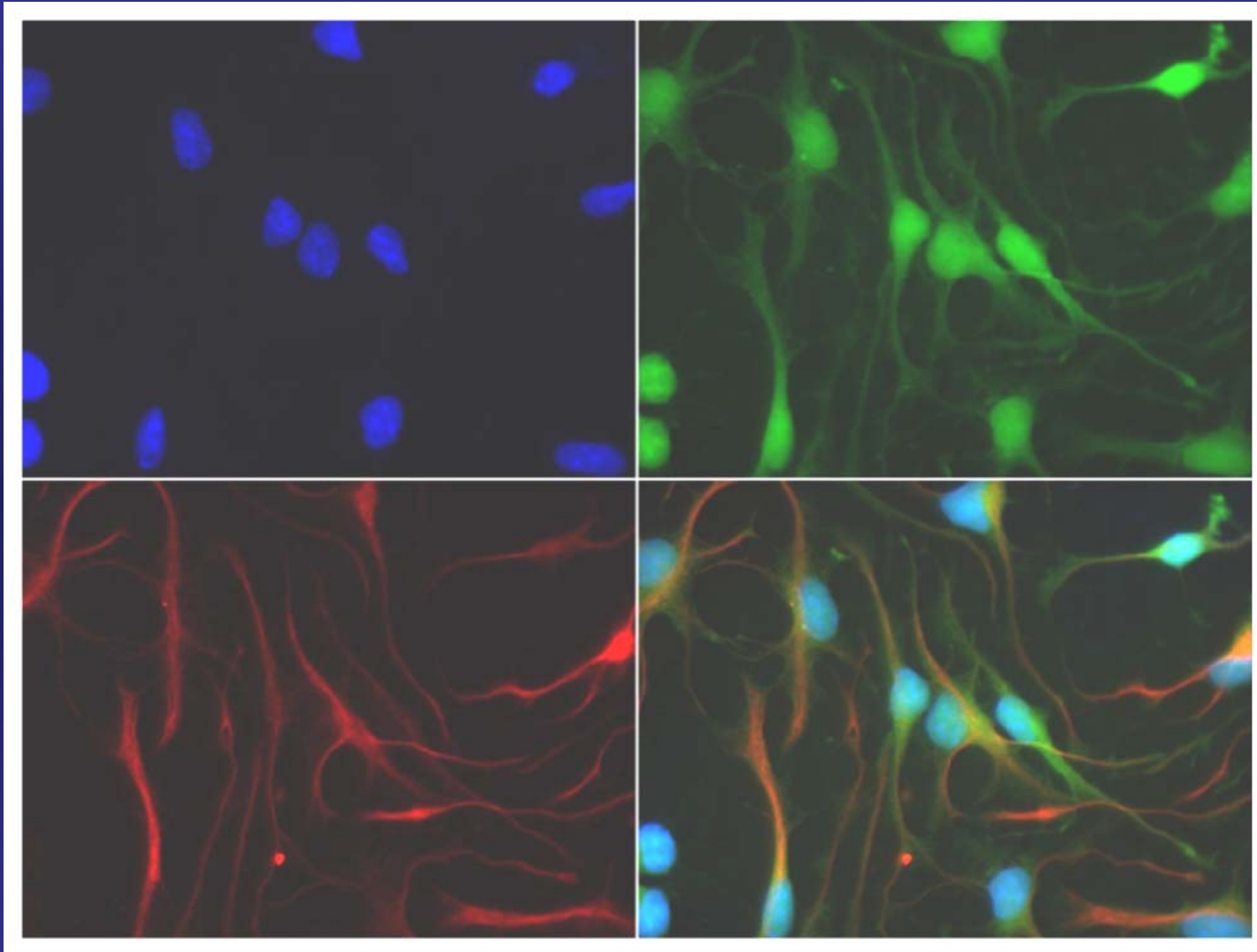
# Stem Cell Differentiation Reporters

- Data from collaborator:  
Dr. Rouel Roque and TJ Bartosh
- Testing the effect of retinoic acid (RA) on cardiomyocyte differentiation.
- Infected cells with human and murine TNNT2 reporter virus and differentiated with RA

*Figure: Cardiac myoblasts infected with TNNT2 reporter in presence or absence of ATRA*

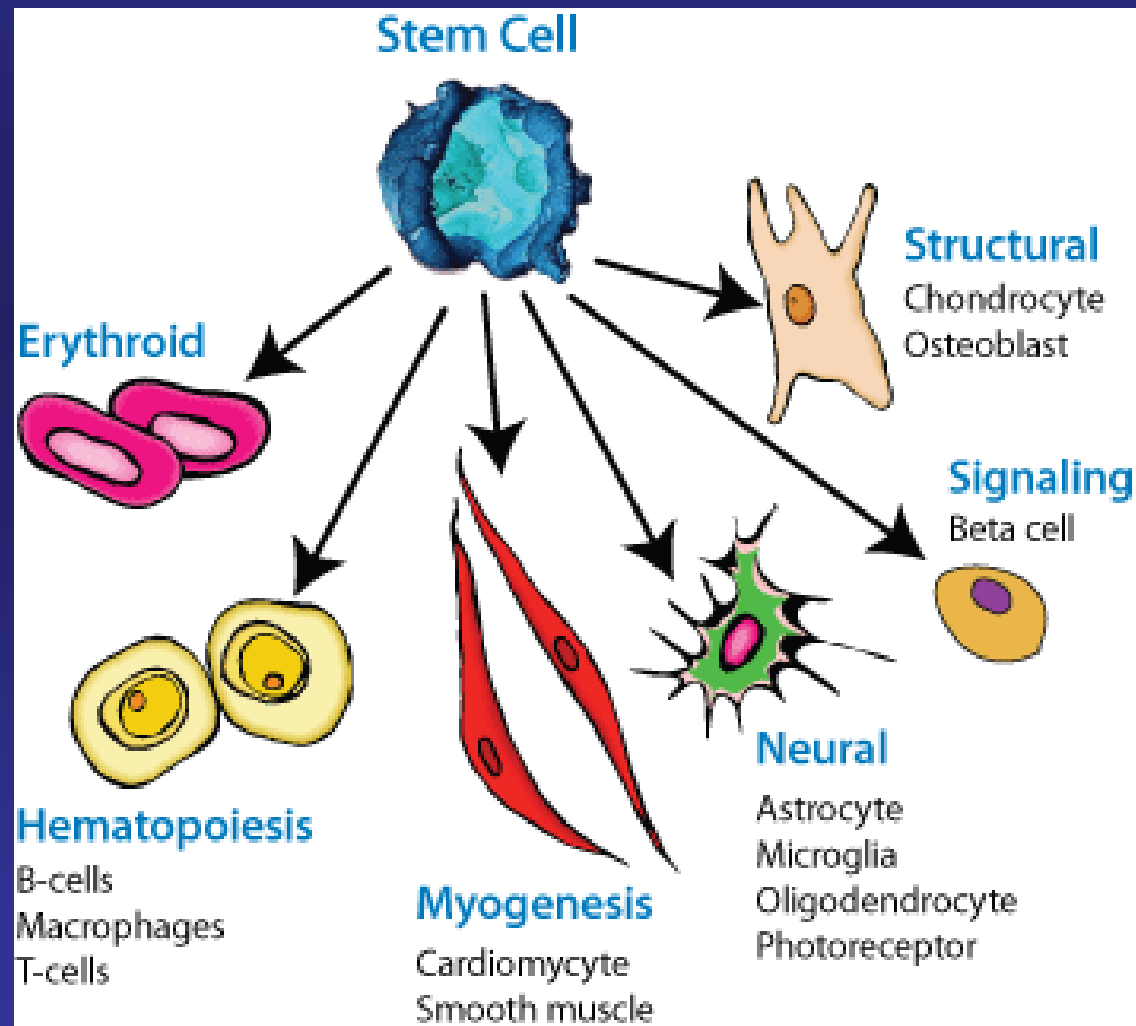


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**Astrocytes derived from neural stem cells co-express endogenous GFAP and GFP from a lentiviral mGFAP promoter. Clockwise from top left; DAPI (blue), mGFAP\_GFP (green), merge, GFAP (red). Data provided courtesy of Dan Hoeppner, McKay Lab, NINDS.**

## Stem Cell Differentiation Reporters



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- Available as prepackaged virus or plasmid off the shelf
- Custom construction for any Reporter Gene also offered

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Hematopoietic	CD8 T-cell	Mouse	CD8
Hematopoietic	Erythroid	Human	HLA-DRA
Hematopoietic	Macrophage, microglia	Mouse	CD68
Hematopoietic	Pan T-cell	Human	CD2 (ciii)
Myogenesis	Cardiomyocyte	Mouse	ACTC
Myogenesis	Cardiomyocyte	Human	MLC-2v
Myogenesis	Cardiomyocyte	Human	Tnnt2
Myogenesis	Cardiomyocyte	Mouse	Tnnt2
Myogenesis	Smooth muscle myocyte	Mouse	SM22a
Neural	Astrocyte	Human	GFAP
Neural	Astrocyte	Mouse	GFAP
Neural	Microglia	Human	CD11b
Neural	Microglia	Mouse	EMR1
Neural	Microglia	Mouse	iba-1
Neural	Muller glia	Mouse	CD44
Neural	Neuron	Human	BM88
Neural	Neuron	Mouse	CAMK2a
Neural	Neuron	Mouse	GAD67
Neural	Neuron	Rat	NSE
Neural	Neuron	Mouse	Tα1 α-tubulin
Neural	Oligodendrocyte	Mouse	MBP
Neural	Photoreceptor	Human	Opsin
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**Astrocyte  
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**Beta cell  
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## Potency and Fate Specification in CNS Stem Cell Populations In Vitro

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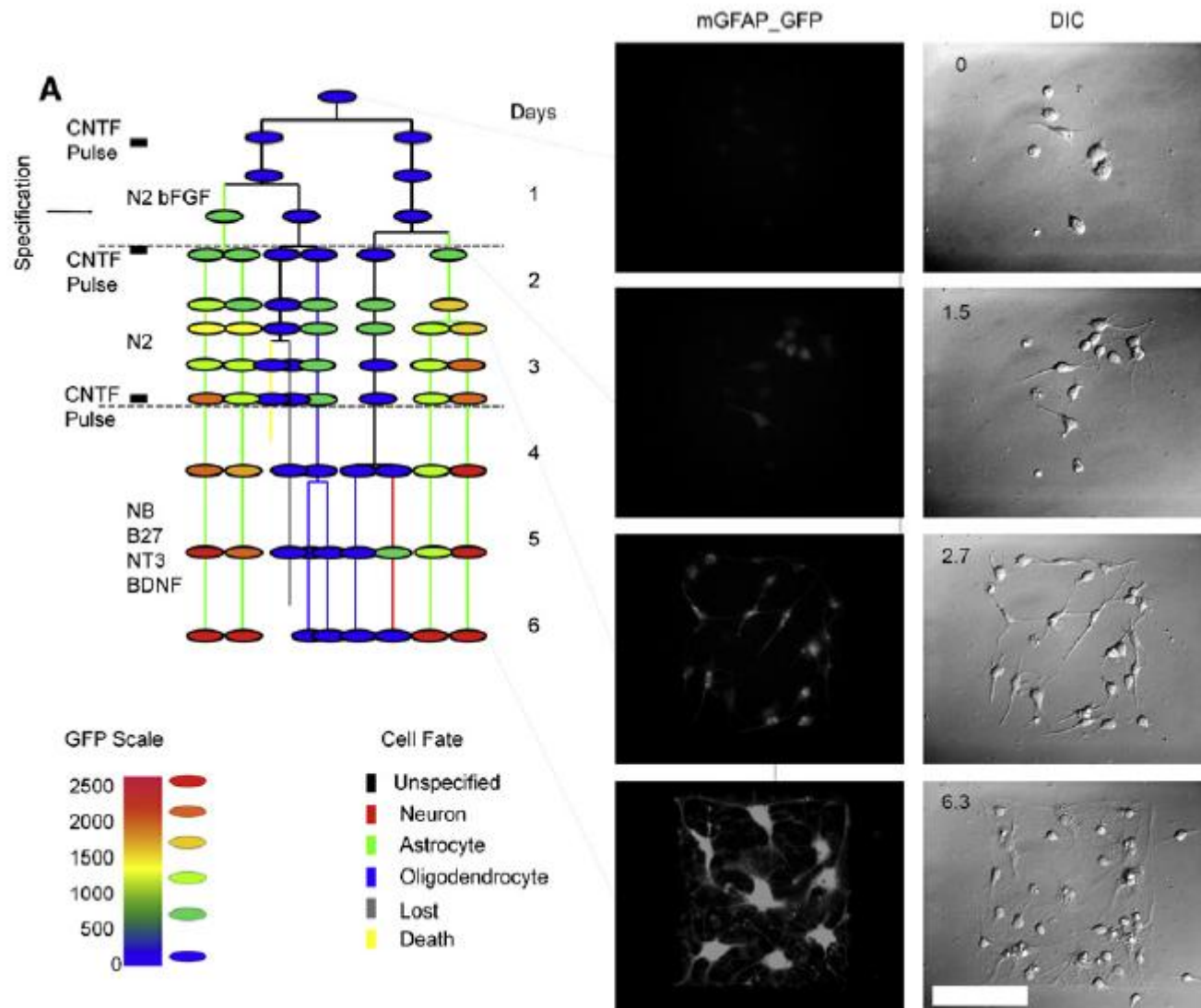
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### SUMMARY

A complete stem cell lineage remains to be determined for the hematopoietic system or any other nonneural tissue. In vitro

## mGFAP Reporter used to trace Astrocyte Differentiation



**Figure 6. GFAP Reporter Expression in Neural Stem Cell Lineages Validates Early Astrocytic Fate Specification**

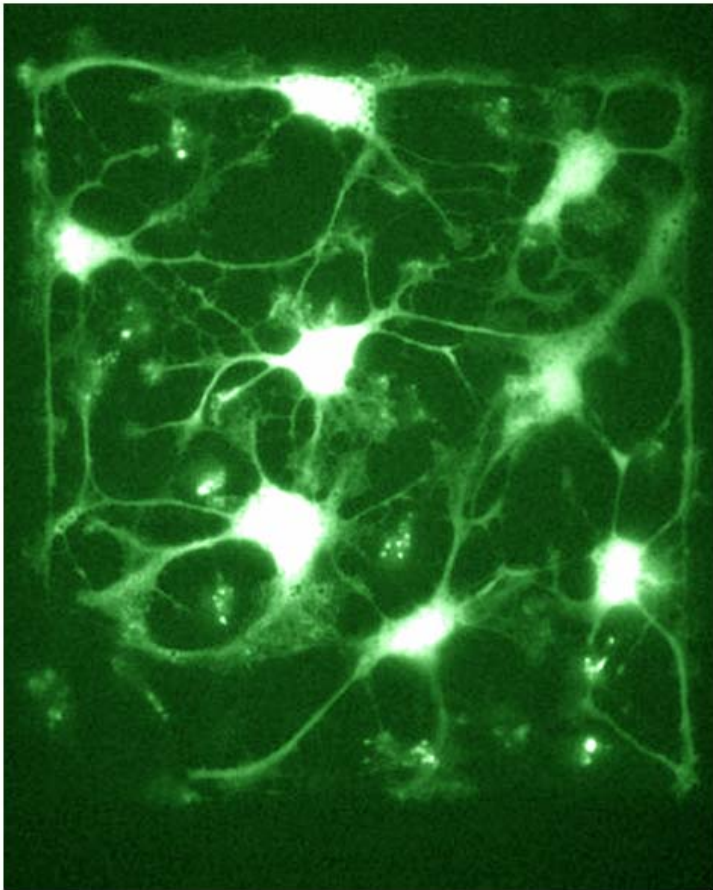
(A) Lineage fate map from a single infected founder cell. The vertical colored lines represent fate. The colored ovals indicate GFP expression level at each point of fluorescence imaging. The GFP scale represents mean fluorescence, in arbitrary units, as discrete colors. Example fluorescence micrographs and corresponding DIC micrographs demonstrate the background-subtracted signal for each cell. Scale bar, 100  $\mu$ m. Media conditions and CNTF pulse chase are shown to the left (black boxes represent the duration of CNTF pulse).

(B)  $\Delta F/F$  at the indicated time points. The inset magnifies the low values centered at day 2.5. Error bars reflect SEM.

ablation discussion above). There is significant interest in the mechanism of reprogramming somatic cells to a pluripotent state after viral transduction (Takahashi and Yamanaka, 2006). It has also been demonstrated that it is harder to reprogram fully differentiated B cells in

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mGFAP\_GFP



all cells

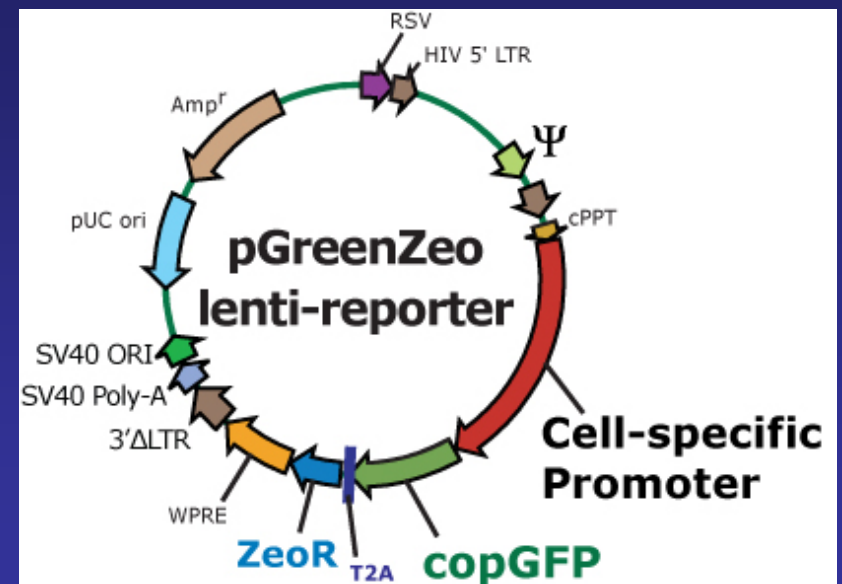




# Stem Cell **Pluripotency** Reporters

- Reporters for Human and Mouse **Nanog** & **Oct4** allow easy monitoring of undifferentiated ES cells

*Figure: New generation of dual reporter vector uses both GFP and ZeoR reporters*



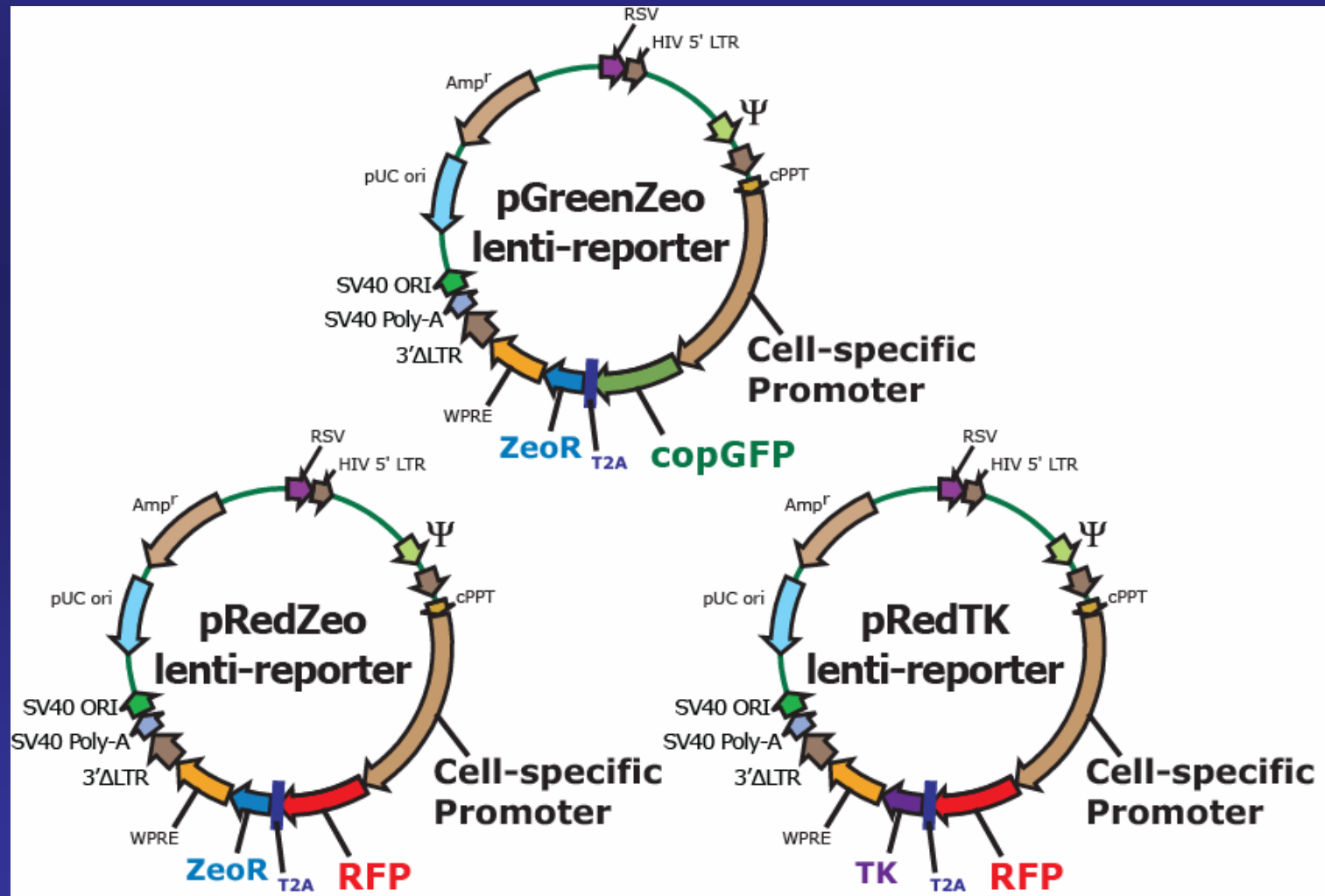
## Stem Cell Pluripotency Reporters

**Nanog & Oct4**  
Reporters  
available in 3  
different  
backbones:

**pGreenZeo**

**pRedZeo**

**pRedTK**

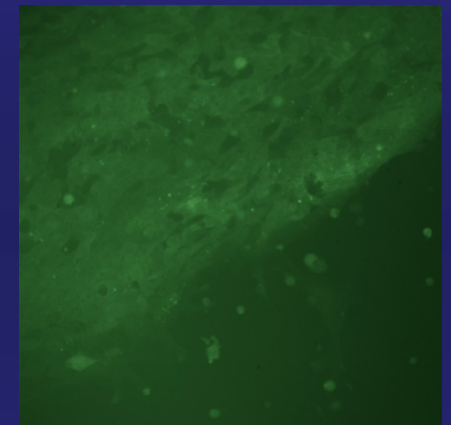
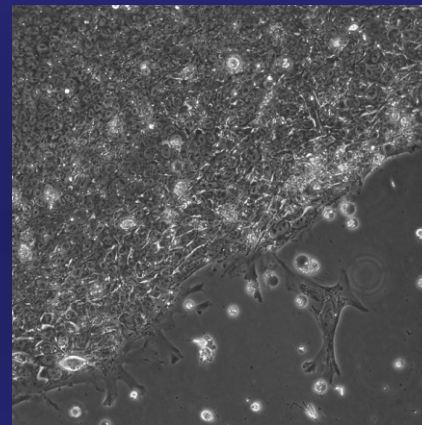
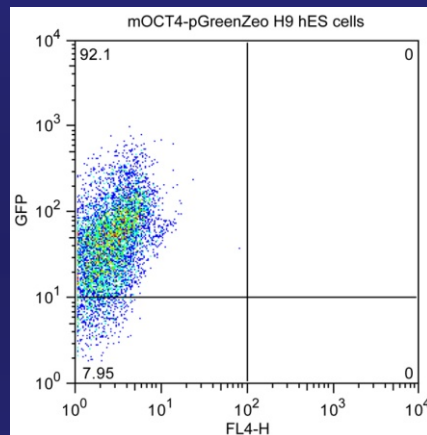




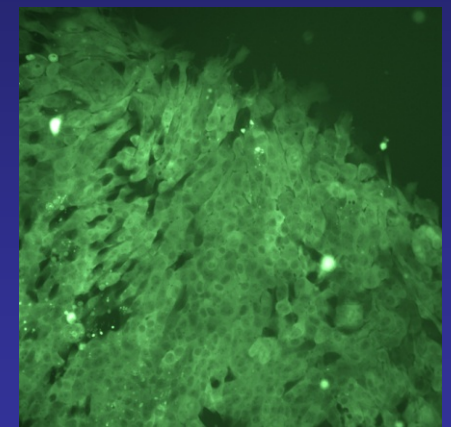
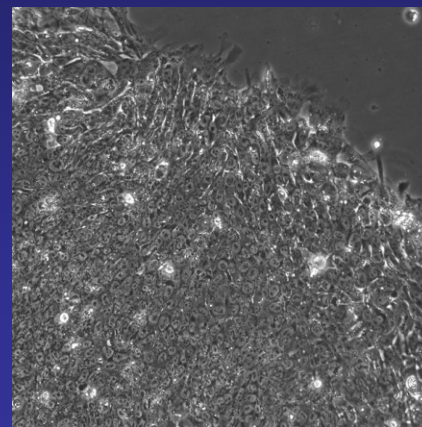
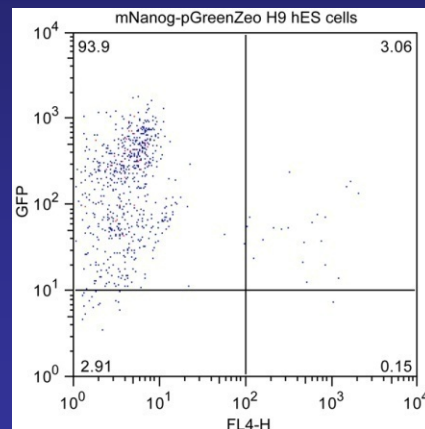
## Stem Cell Pluripotency Reporters

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pGreenZeo-mOct4



pGreenZeo-mNanog



**Figure: Transduced H9 hES cells showing Oct4 and Nanog expression**

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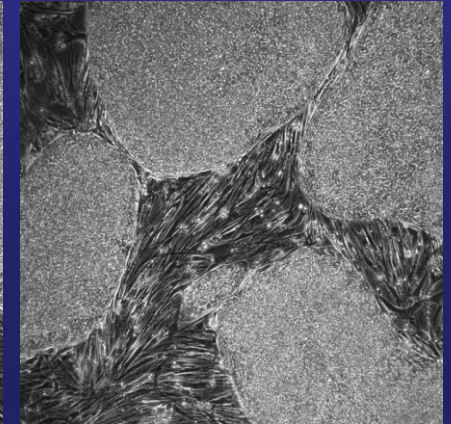
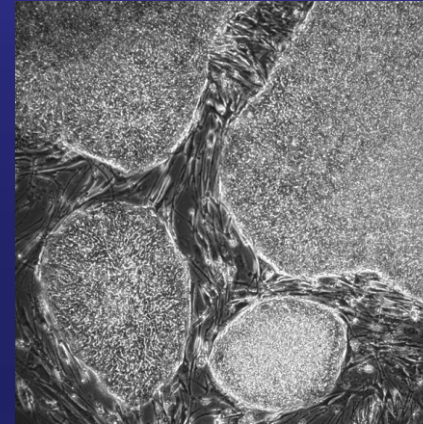
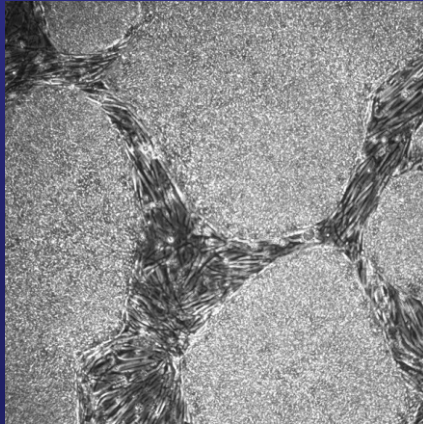
H9 hES cells

pGreenZeo-CMV  
Transduced  
H9 hES cells

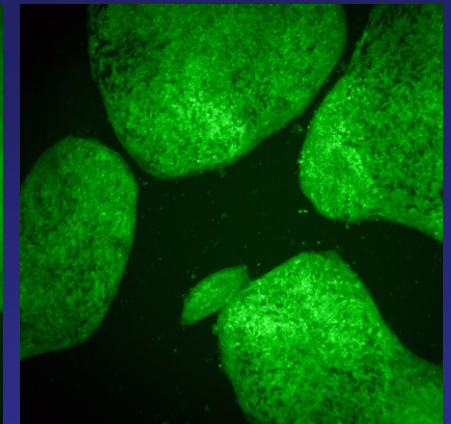
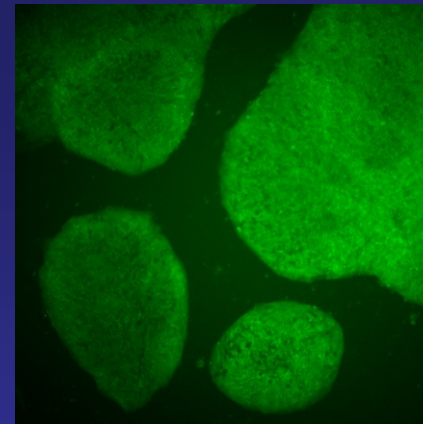
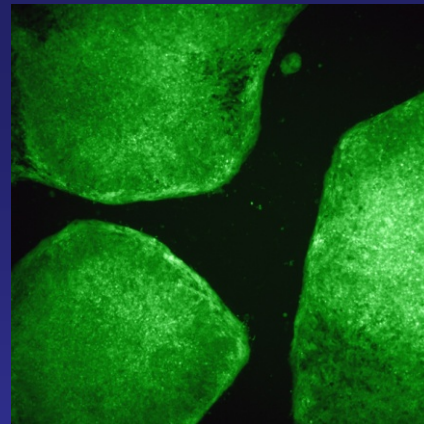
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GFP



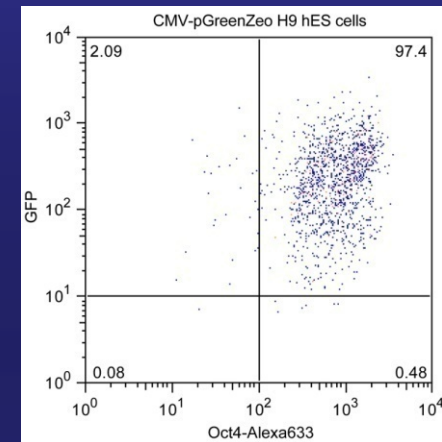
H9 hES cells were transduced with pGreenZeo reporter constructs containing specific promoters for CMV, mOCT4, or mNANOG. Cells were cultured for 8 weeks on Matrigel coated plates with MEF conditioned medium containing 1 ug/ml Zeocin. Cells photographed here were split and grown on MEF feeders layer for four days. Data courtesy of Dr. Timothy Kamp and Chad H. Koonce, UW-Madison Medical School & WiCell Research Institute.



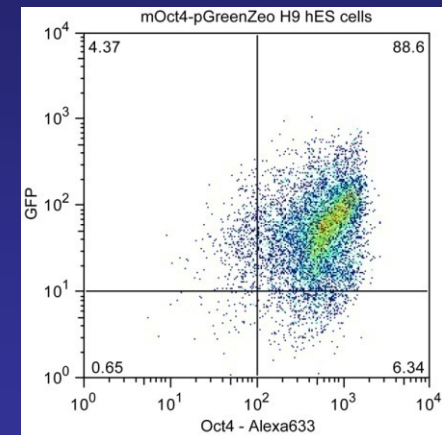
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pGreenZeo-CMV transduced cells



pGreenZeo-mOct4 transduced cells

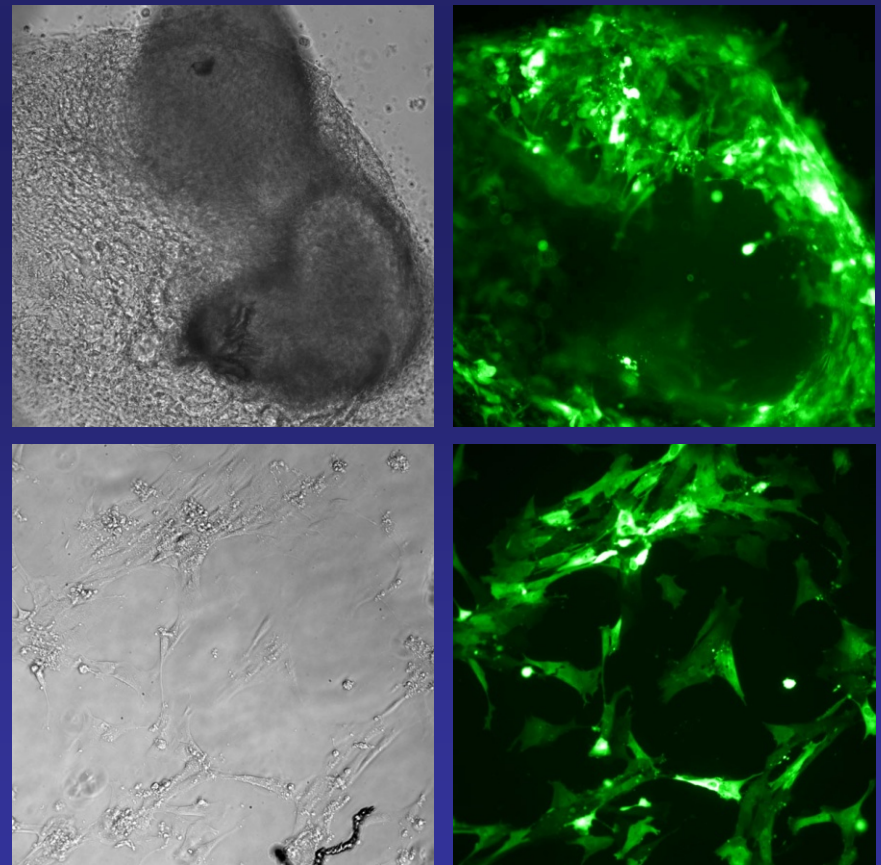


**Figure: GFP-Reporter and Oct4-Immunostained *Double Positive Cells***

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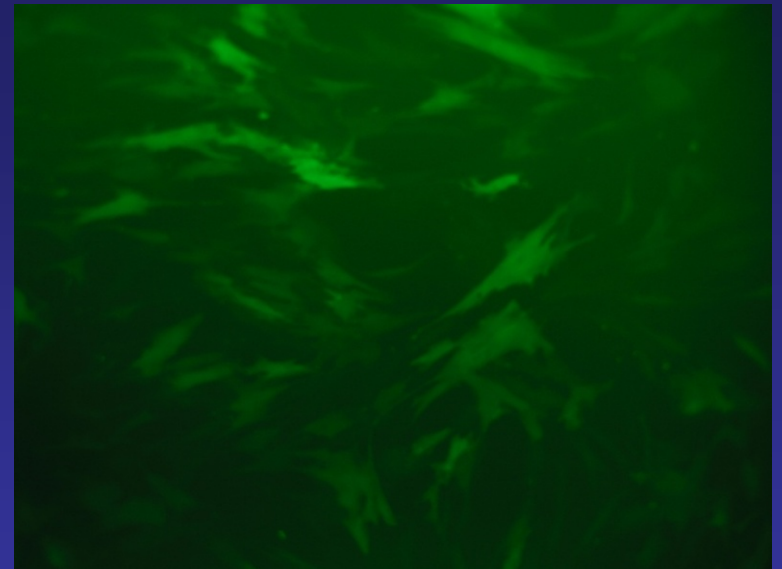


*Figure: Embryoid bodies  
transduced with lentivirus*

## Stem Cell Reporters

- Also can use positive control (CMV promoter) to create Tracer Lines for tracing cell lineage

*Figure: Human Mesenchymal  
Stem Cell Reporter Line*

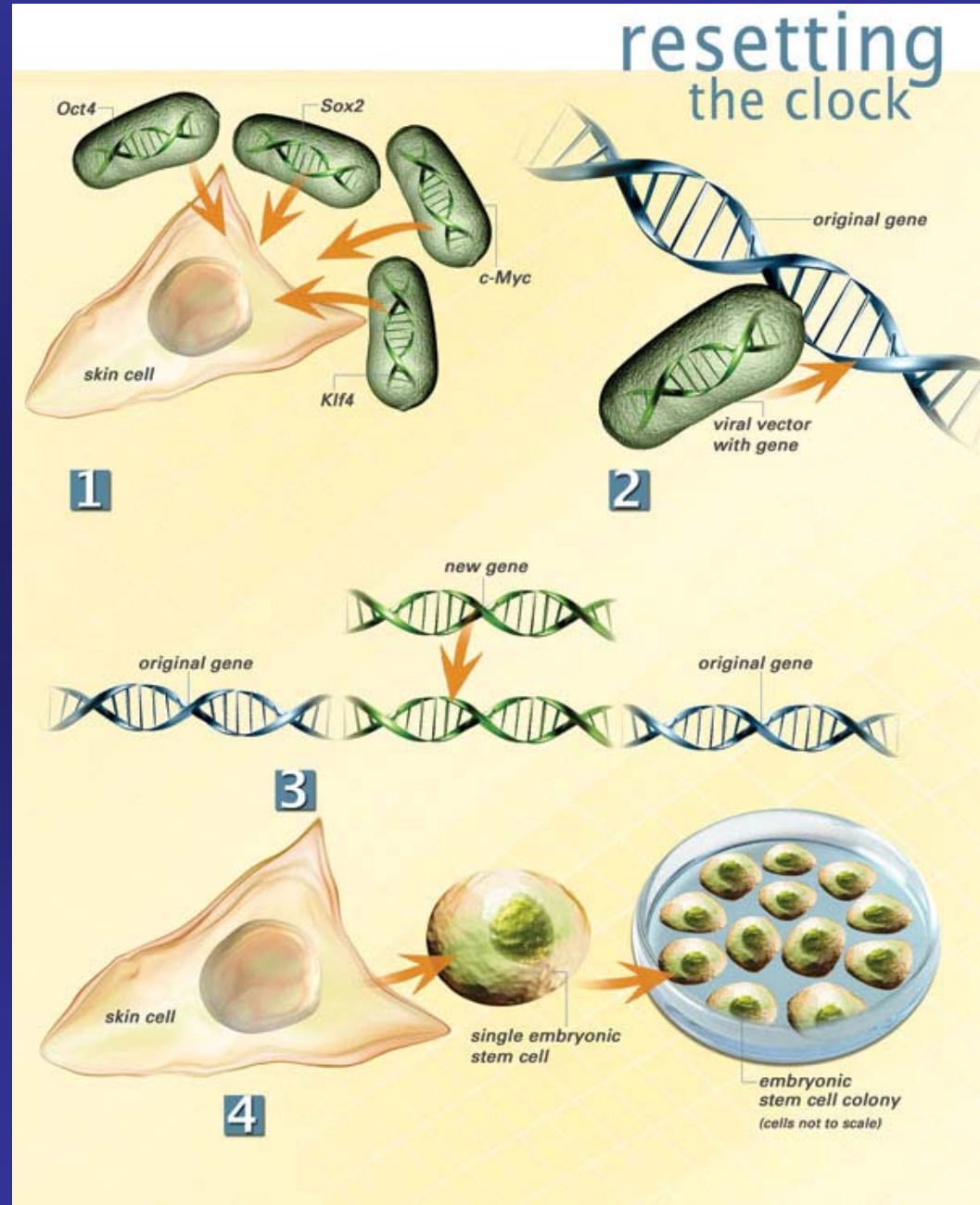


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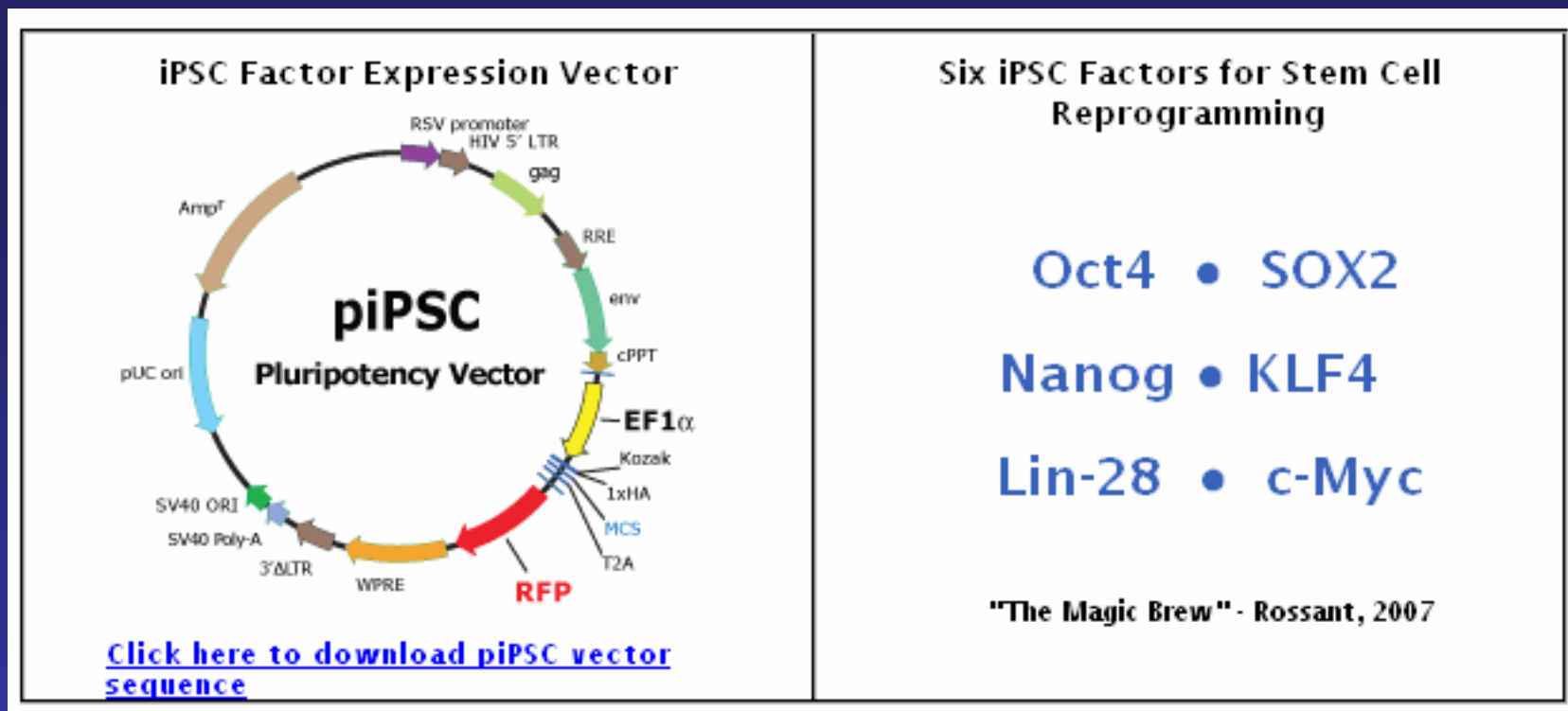
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## Induce Pluripotency with iPSC Factors

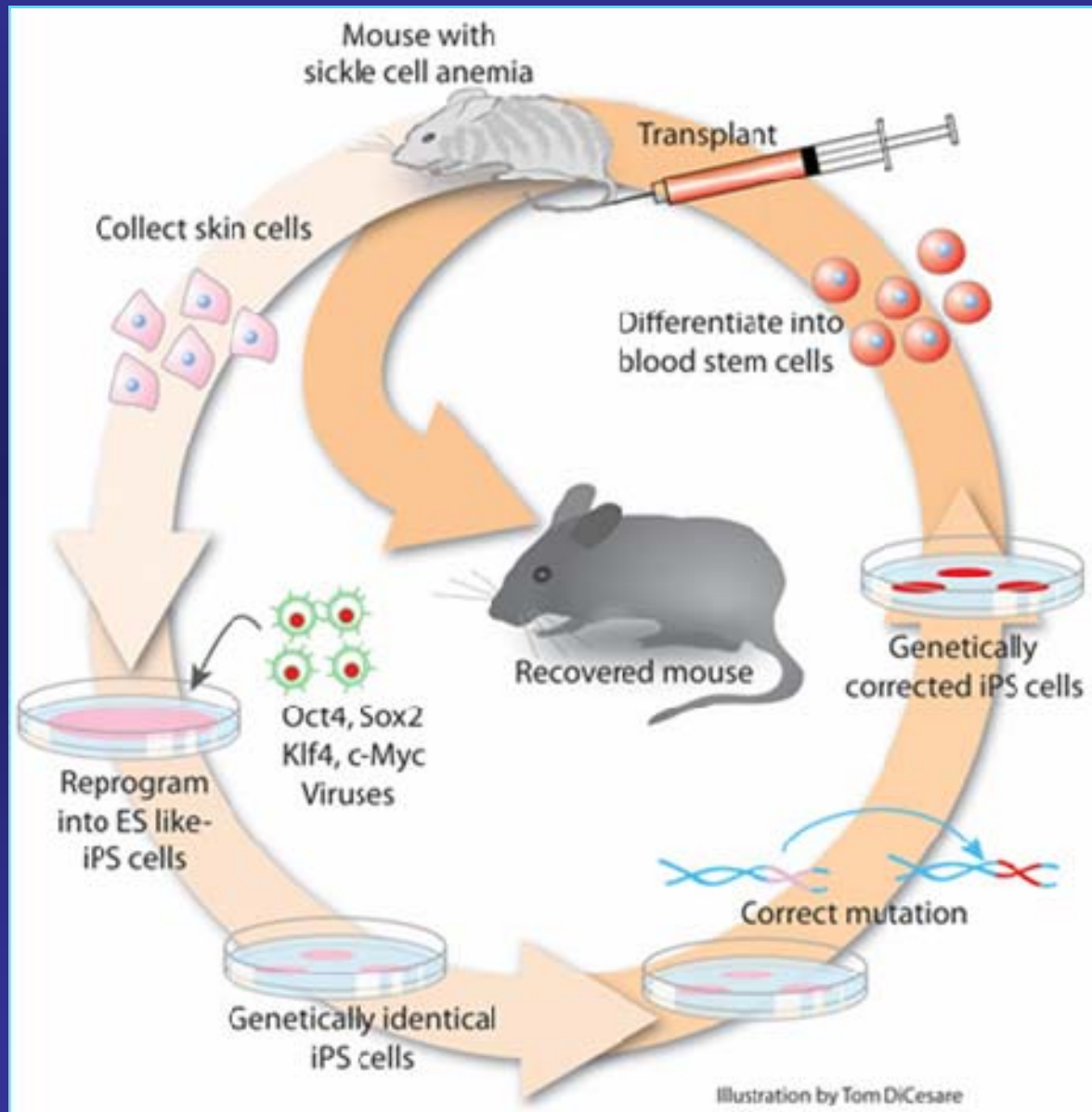


## Induce Pluripotency with iPSC Factors

Reprogram adult cells to create iPS cells with SBI's pluripotency factor constructs



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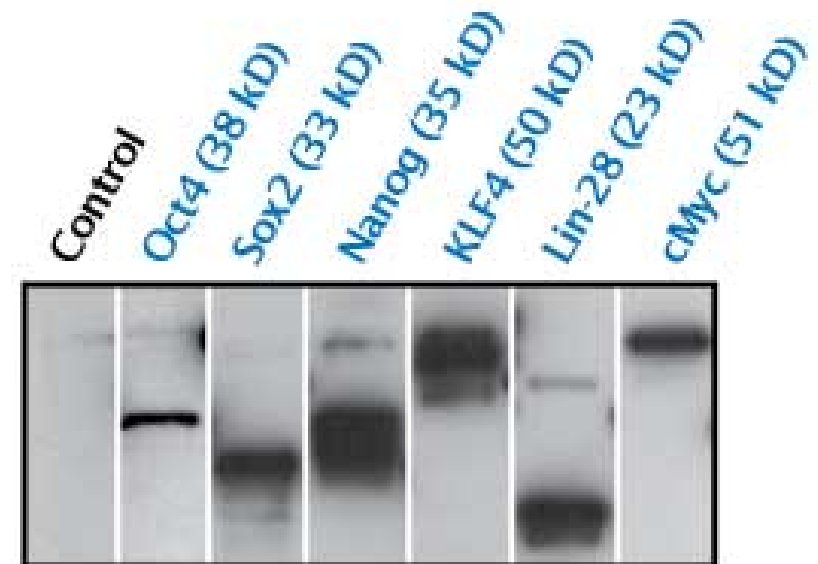
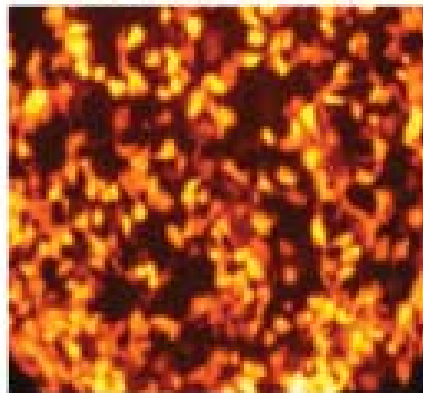
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### Transfected 293 Cells

piPSC

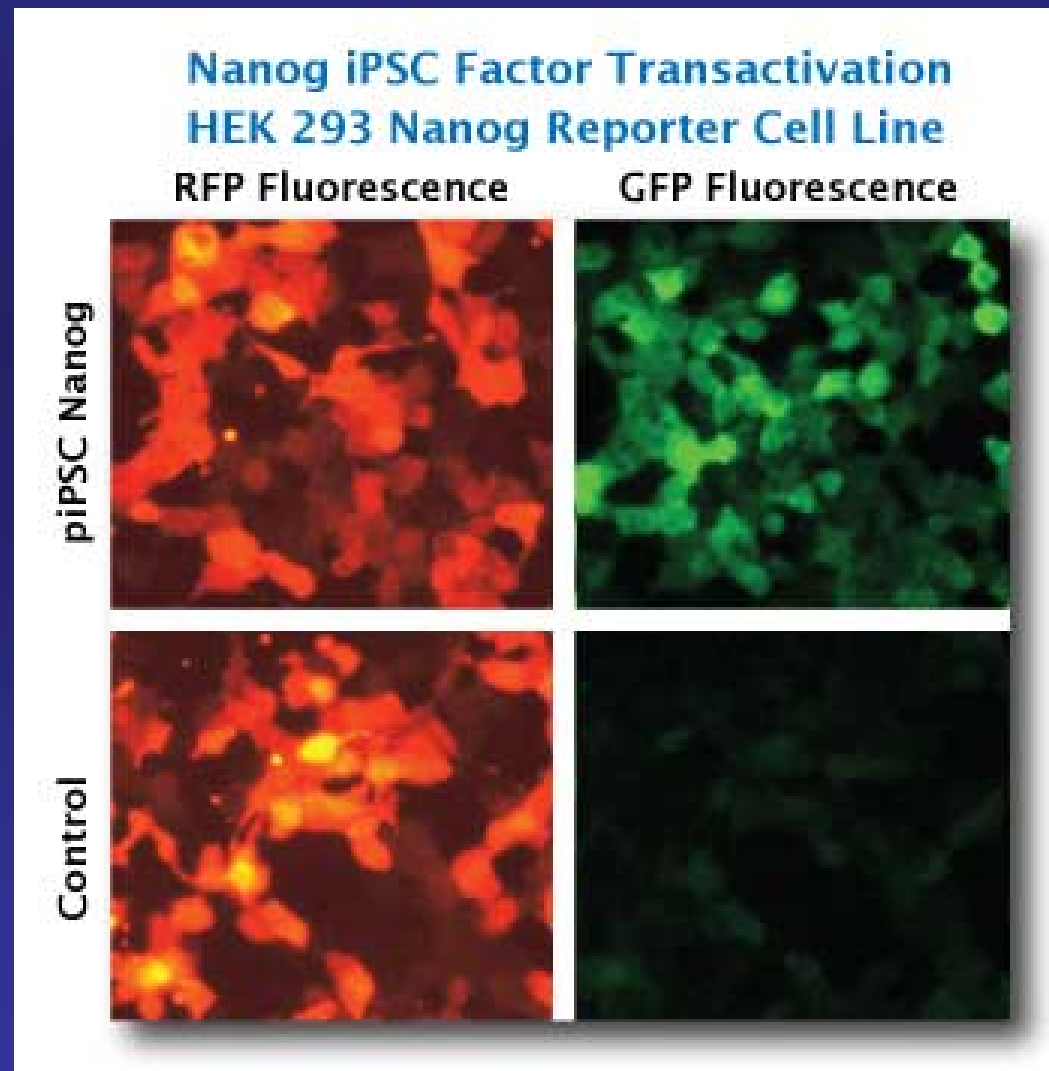


piPSC-Nanog



Transiently expressed proteins in 293 cells  
Western Blot probed with  $\alpha$ -HA Antibody

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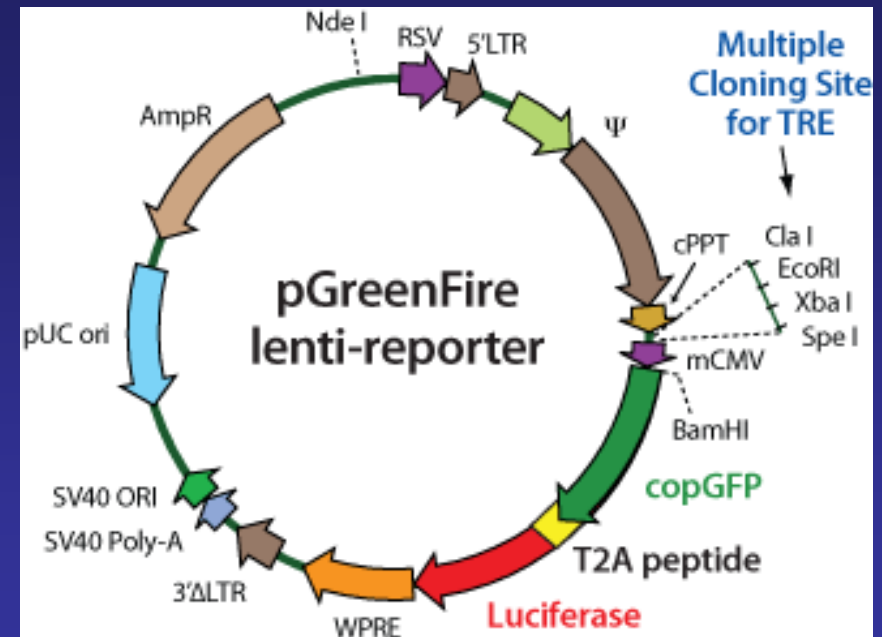




## pGreenFire Pathway Reporters

- Accurately monitor activity of transcriptional factors natively
- Easily construct stable reporter cell lines
- pGreenFire: New generation of dual reporter vector uses both GFP and Luciferase reporters

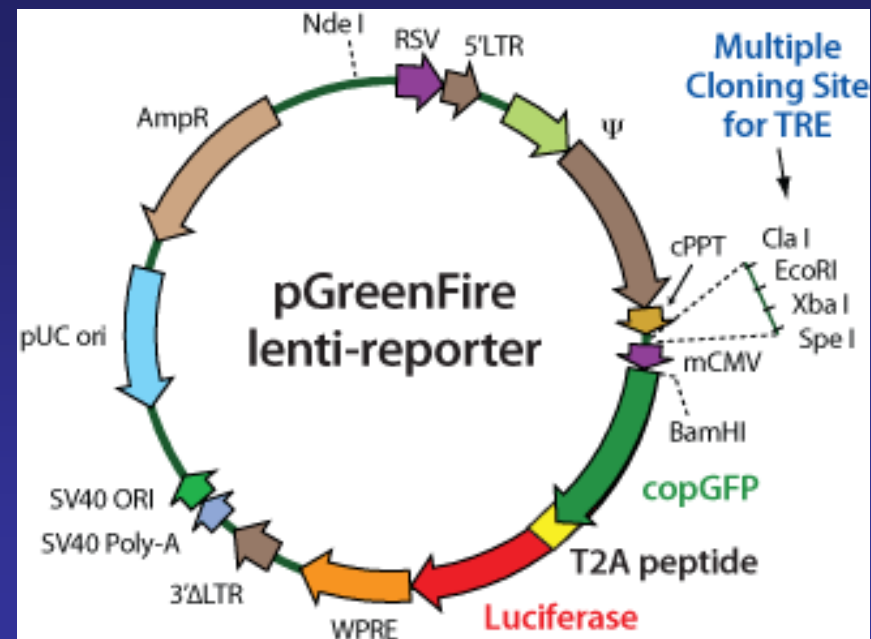
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## pGreenFire Pathway Reporters

### Sorting & Quantitation

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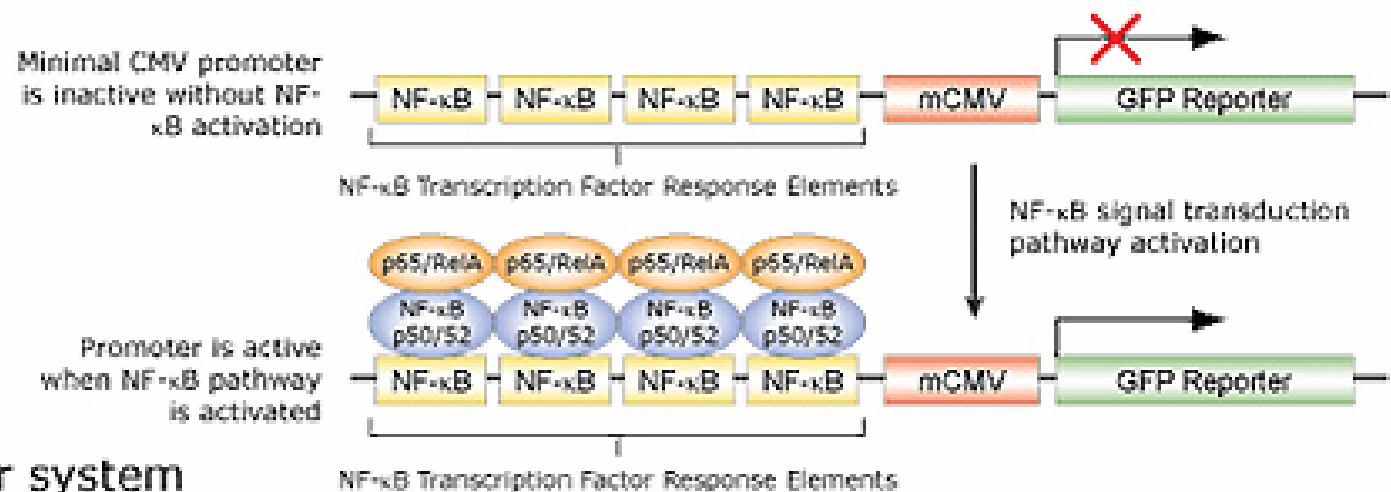


## pGreenFire Pathway Reporters

### Example of NF $\kappa$ B Reporter Structure used to create Stable Cell Lines:

#### NF $\kappa$ B Reporter Structure

Figure 1.  
Overview of the NF- $\kappa$ B transcriptional reporter system

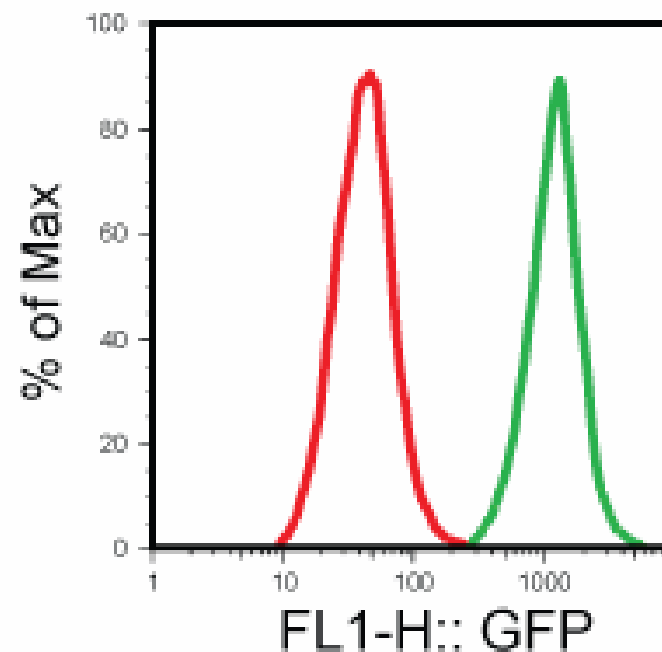


## pGreenFire Pathway Reporters

Easily Sort cells based on Transcriptional Activation:

*Figure:  
Jurkat/NFkB/GFP  
reporter cells  
sorted after  
treatment with  
TNF-alpha*

### Robust GFP Signaling for Distinct Sorting by FACS



**30X Increase  
in GFP Signal**

■ No TNF $\alpha$  added

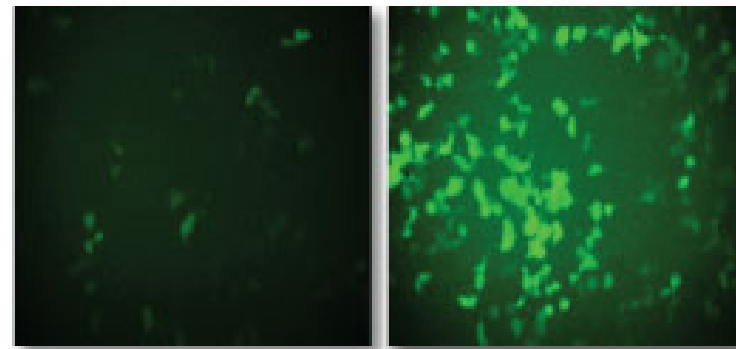
■ + TNF $\alpha$

Figure 2.

## pGreenFire-LXRE Sample Data

### LXRE GreenFire™ Transactivation

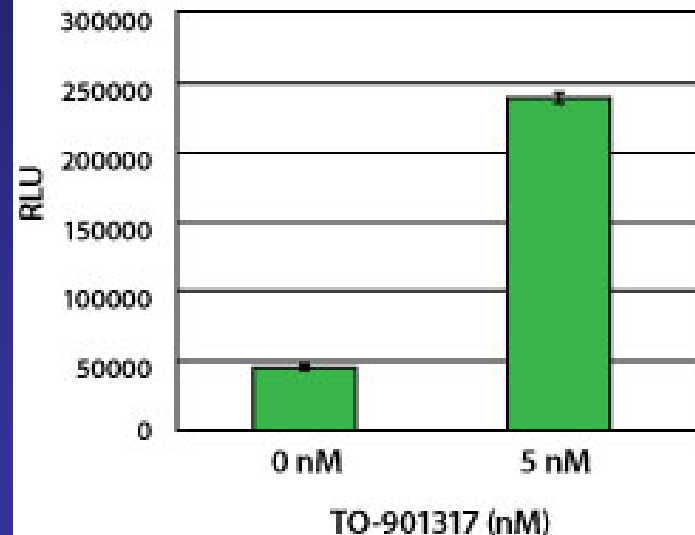
GFP



Control

+ TO-901317

Luciferase





## GeneNet™ Genome-wide shRNA Libraries

**Figure: Example of high-throughput screen using an siRNA library**

### A high-throughput siRNA library screen identifies osteogenic suppressors in human mesenchymal stem cells

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Tissue-specific (or adult) stem/progenitor cells are regarded as the source for normal tissue homeostasis and tissue repair. They also provide tremendous promise for regenerative medicine because of their capacity to proliferate and differentiate into a variety of mature cell types. Human mesenchymal stem cells (hMSCs) can differentiate into osteocytes, adipocytes, chondrocytes, muscle cells, and neurons. However, the molecular mechanisms underlying these differentiation processes are poorly understood. We screened a synthetic siRNA library targeting 5,000 human genes to identify the endogenous repressors of osteogenic specification, which when silenced could initiate differentiation of hMSCs into osteoblasts. This screen yielded 53 candidate suppressors, and 12 of those were further confirmed for their dynamic roles in suppressing osteogenic specification in hMSCs. Furthermore, cAMP was identified to play opposing roles in osteogenesis vs. adipogenesis. This study provides a basis for further elucidation of the genetic network controlling osteogenesis and, potentially, the molecular rationale for treating bone diseases.

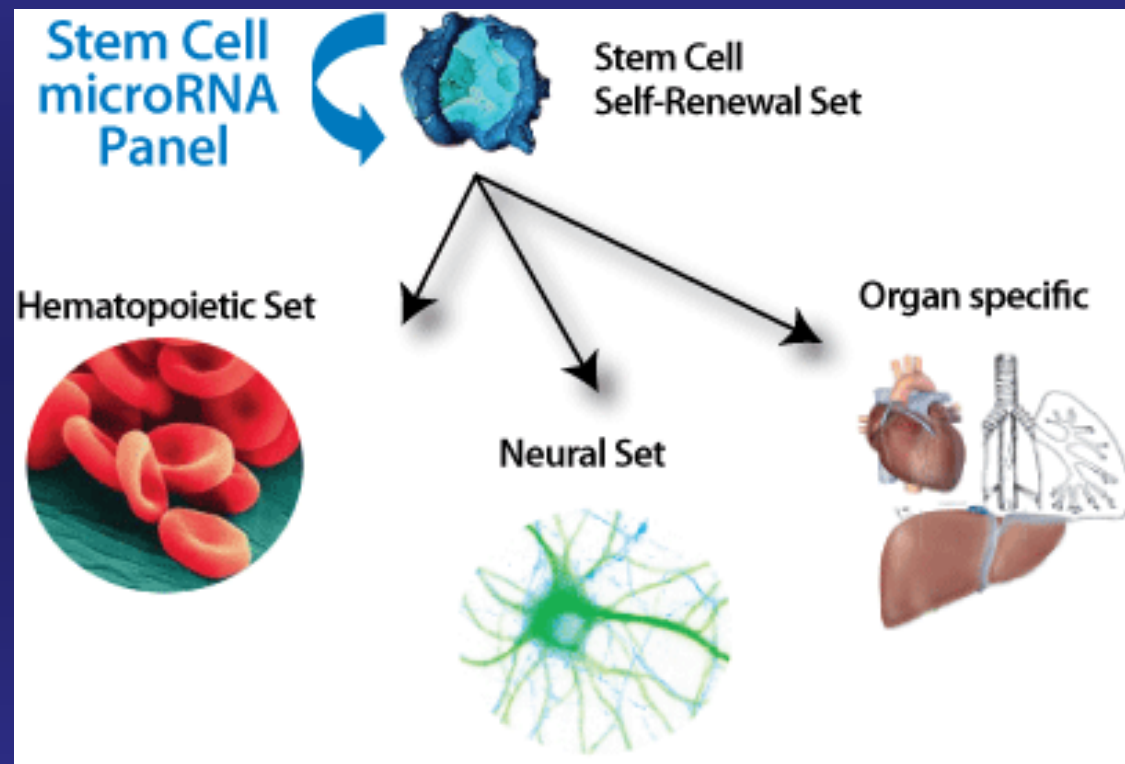
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**R**NAi is a highly conserved gene-silencing mechanism functioning through targeted destruction of individual mRNA by a homologous double-stranded siRNA (1). siRNAs generated by both chemical synthesis and *in vitro* or *in vivo* transcription through vector-based expression systems have been proven very useful tools in studying gene loss-of-function in mammalian cells (2–10). Although high-throughput screens using genome-scale siRNA libraries have been successfully carried out in mammalian cells (11–13), effective application of arrayed synthetic siRNA library in stem cells has not been reported. Human mesenchymal stem cells (hMSCs) can be easily isolated from adults and expanded rapidly *in vitro*.

transfection efficiency and minimum cellular toxicity in hMSCs [supporting information (SI) Fig. 4] (also see *Materials and Methods* for details). This highly effective siRNA transfection method was then implemented into a high-throughput screen that was based on enzymatic assay of alkaline phosphatase (ALP), an early marker for osteogenic differentiation (26). Fifty-five hits that gave rise to a significant increase of ALP activity on day 7 after siRNA transfection in hMSCs were identified and confirmed (Fig. 1*a* and SI Table 1). Each image was taken from a representative field of the whole well (and the same applies to all other cell culture images thereafter).

Among the primary siRNA hits, the corresponding genes encode proteases, kinases, ion channels, protein receptors, ligands, transcription factors, extracellular matrix proteins, hypothetical proteins, etc., some of which are members of the same gene family (integrin family, angiopoietin family, adenylate cyclase family, and olfactory receptor family) (SI Table 1). Although the majority of the identified genes have not been implicated in bone development, two genes, *TBX3* (T-box 3) and *GNAS*, have been found to cause skeletal abnormalities when mutated in mouse and human, respectively (24, 25, 27–29). To verify the screen, we picked 12 targeted genes (SI Fig. 5), including *GNAS* (human GNAS complex locus, transcript variant 2, isoform b of the alpha subunit of G<sub>i</sub>; NM\_080426), *ADCY8* (adenylate cyclase 8; NM\_001115), *ADK* (adenosine kinase; NM\_001123), *P2RY11* (purinergic receptor P2R, G protein coupled, 11; NM\_002566), *TBX3* (T-box 3 or ulnar mammary syndrome; NM\_005996), *BIRC4* (baculoviral IAP repeat-containing 4; NM\_001167), *BCL2L2* (BCL2-like 2; NM\_004050), *SLC12A2* (solute carrier family 12, member 2; NM\_001046), *KCNT1* (potassium channel, subfamily T, member 1; XM\_029962.2), *GDBR1* (putative glial blastoma cell differentiation-related; NM\_016172), *DUSP6* (dual specificity

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**qPCR Array for 95 miRNAs involved in self-renewal and development.**

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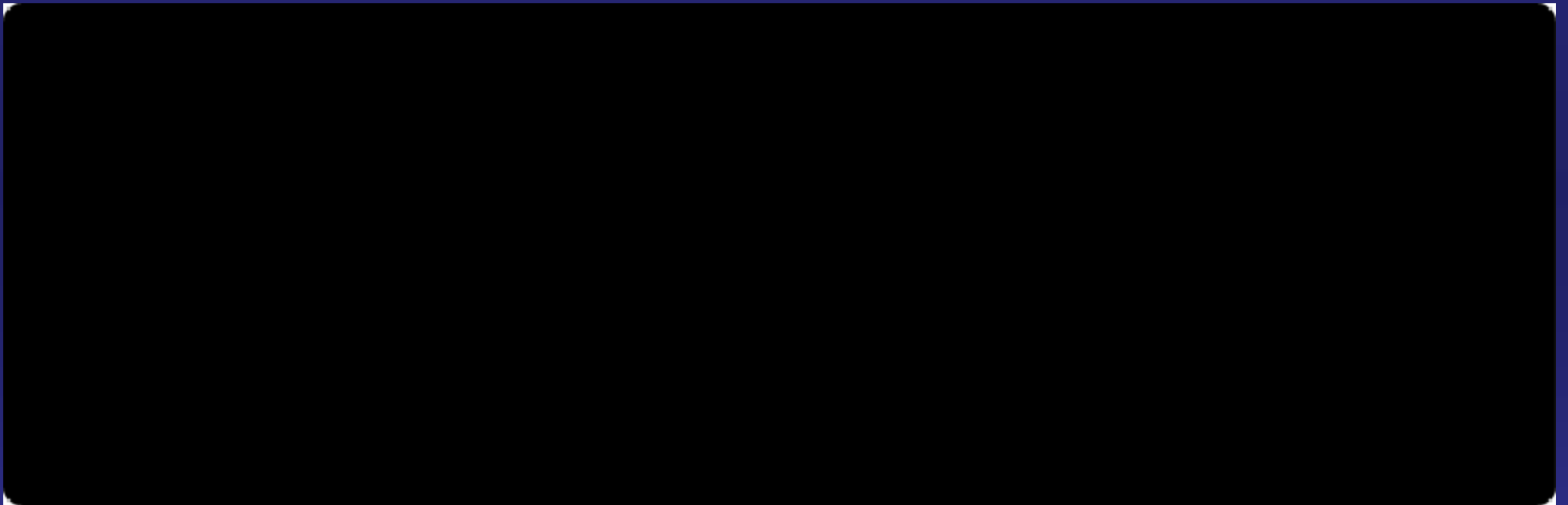
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