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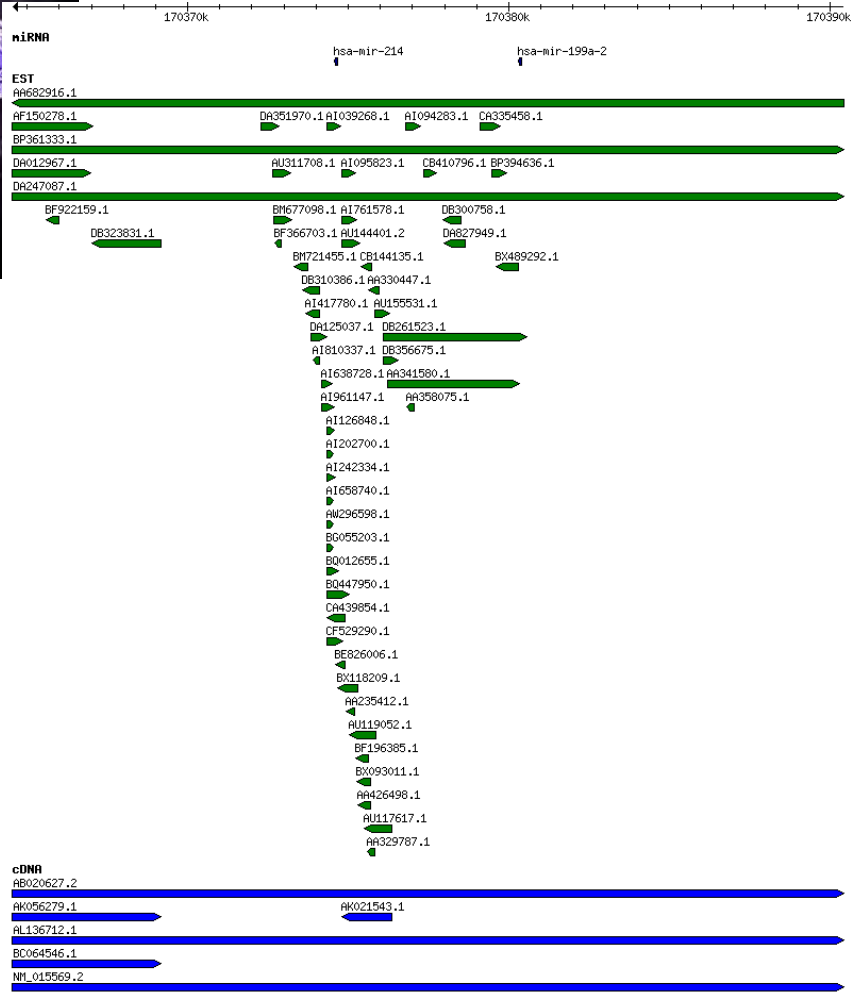
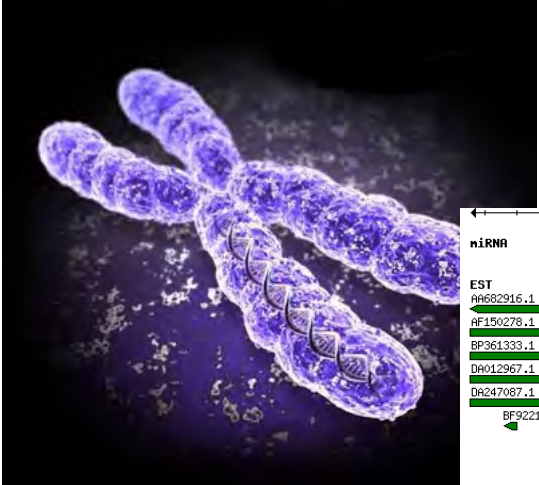
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The perfect storm of tiny RNAs

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Hey R, could you take
this message over to -

Aw, come on, D! Give me
something a little more challenging!
I can multitask! I can do it all!

Ha. Where do you think
we are? The RNA world?

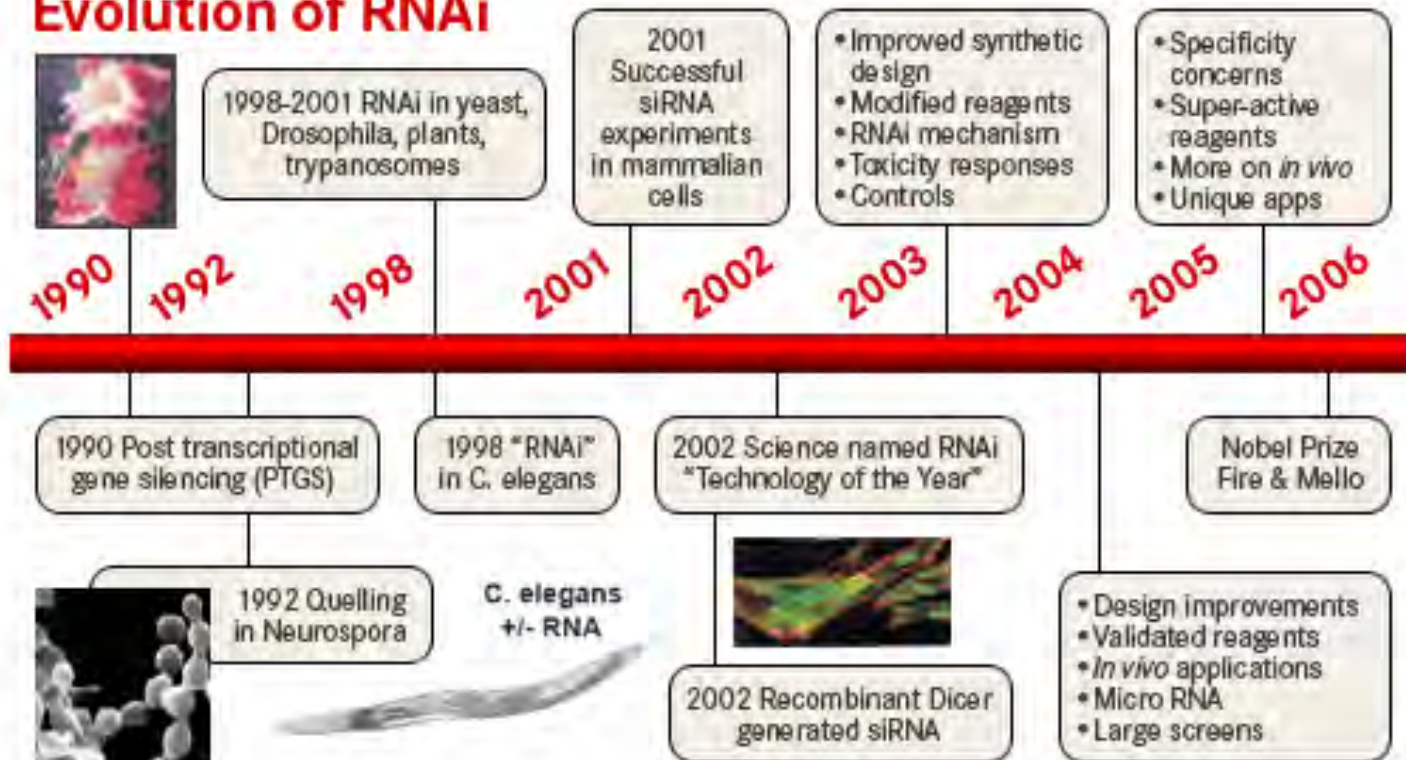


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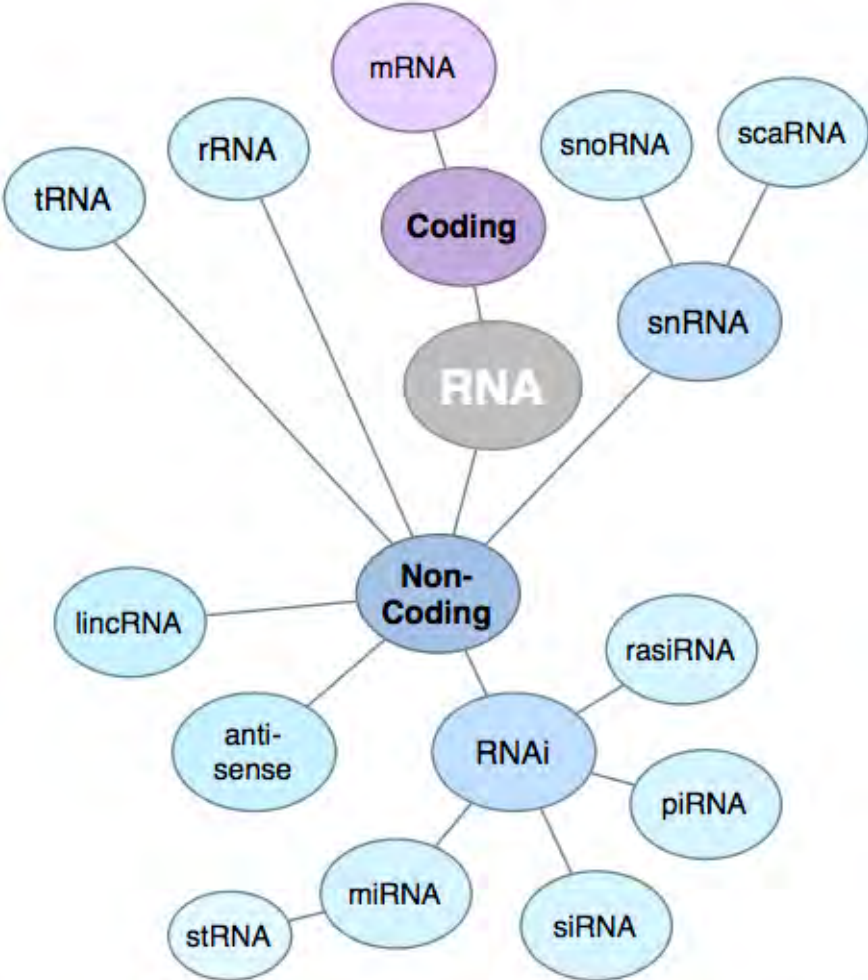
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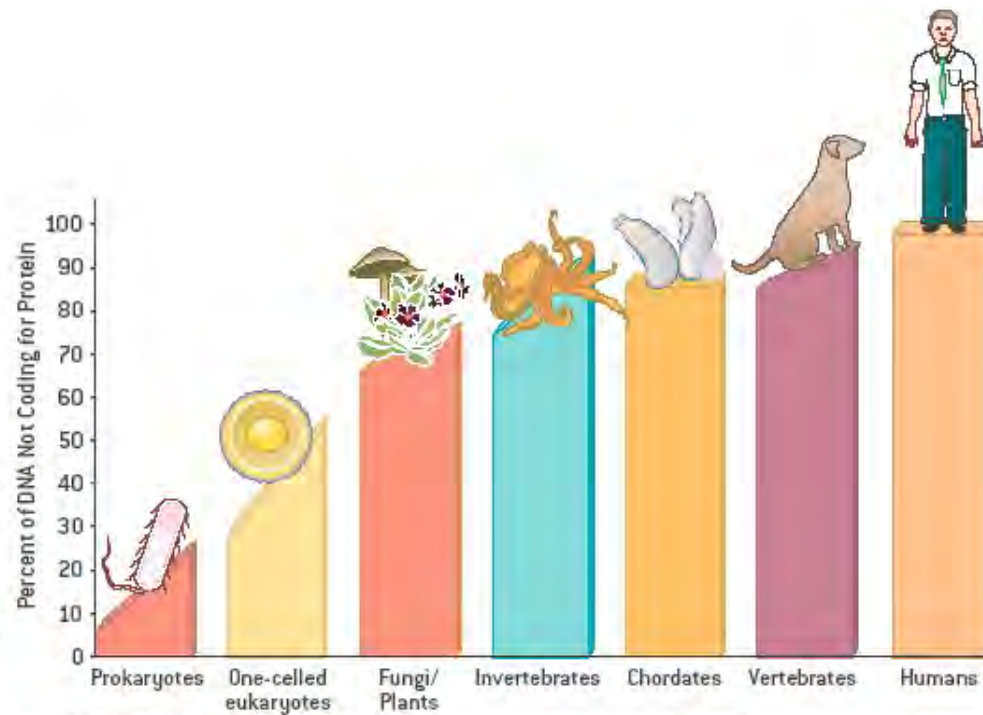


Evolution of RNAi

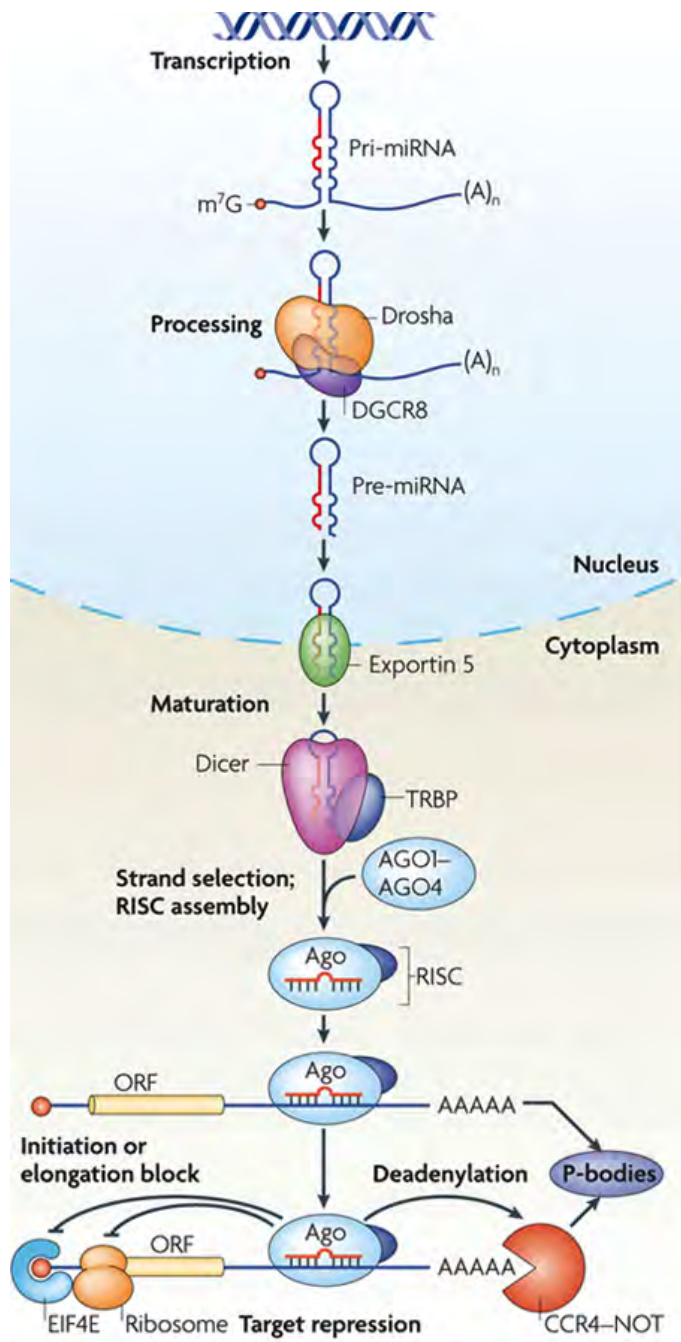


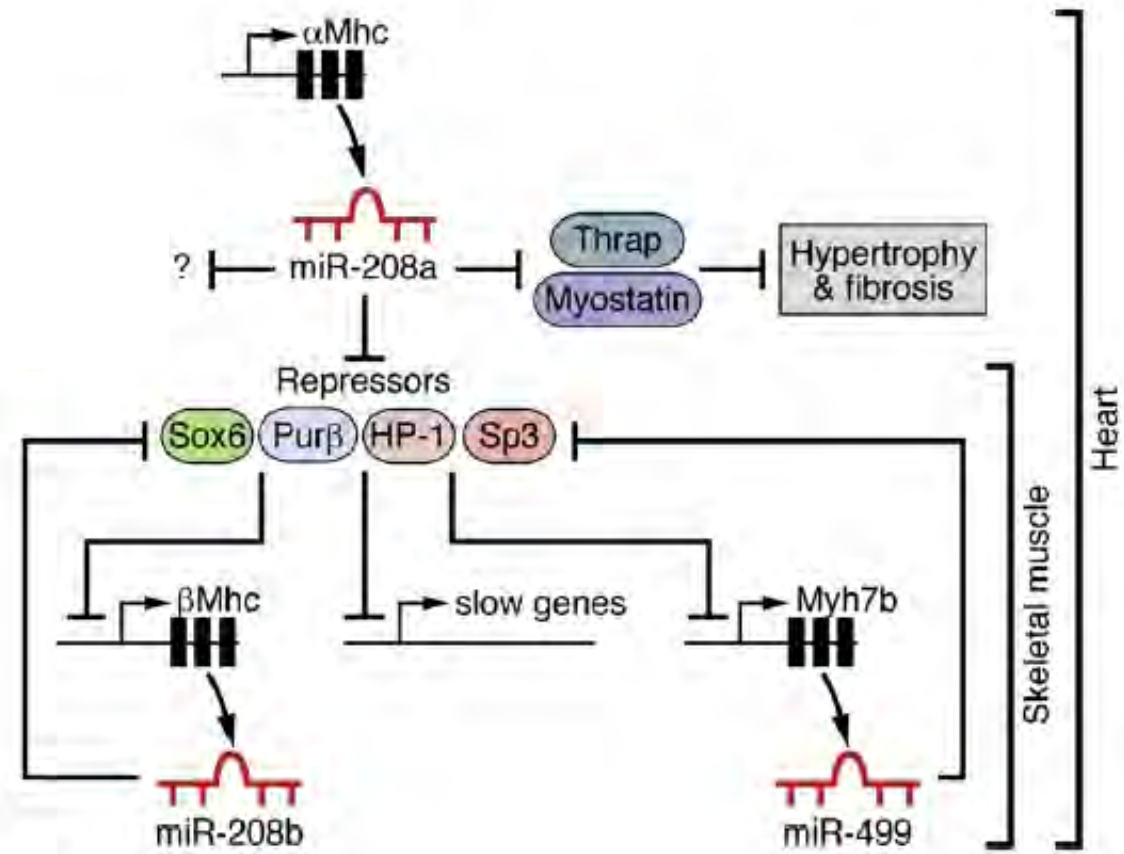
RNA World





NONPROTEIN-CODING SEQUENCES make up only a small fraction of the DNA of prokaryotes. Among eukaryotes, as their complexity increases, generally so, too, does the proportion of their DNA that does not code for protein. The noncoding sequences have been considered junk, but perhaps it actually helps to explain organisms' complexity.





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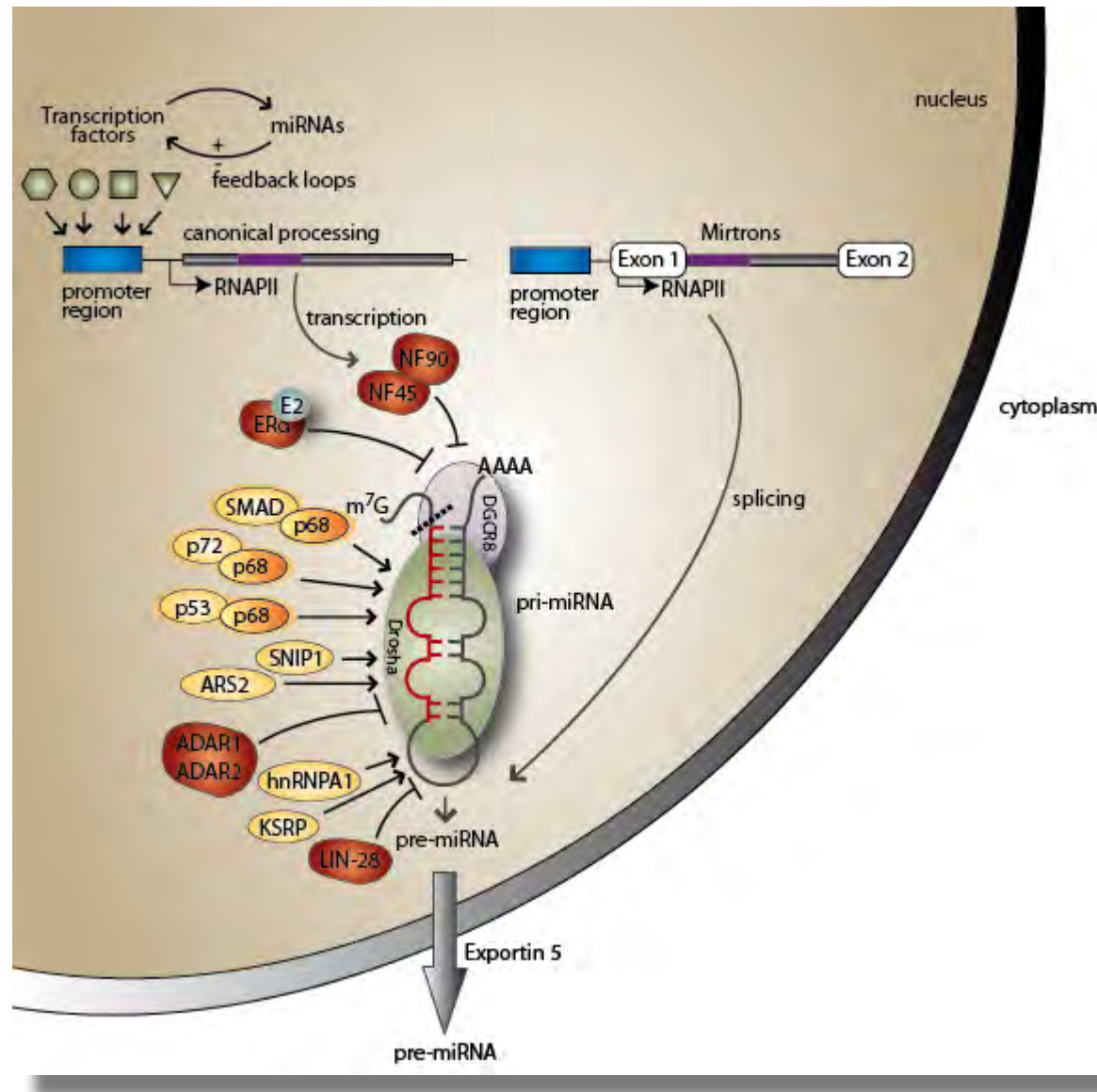
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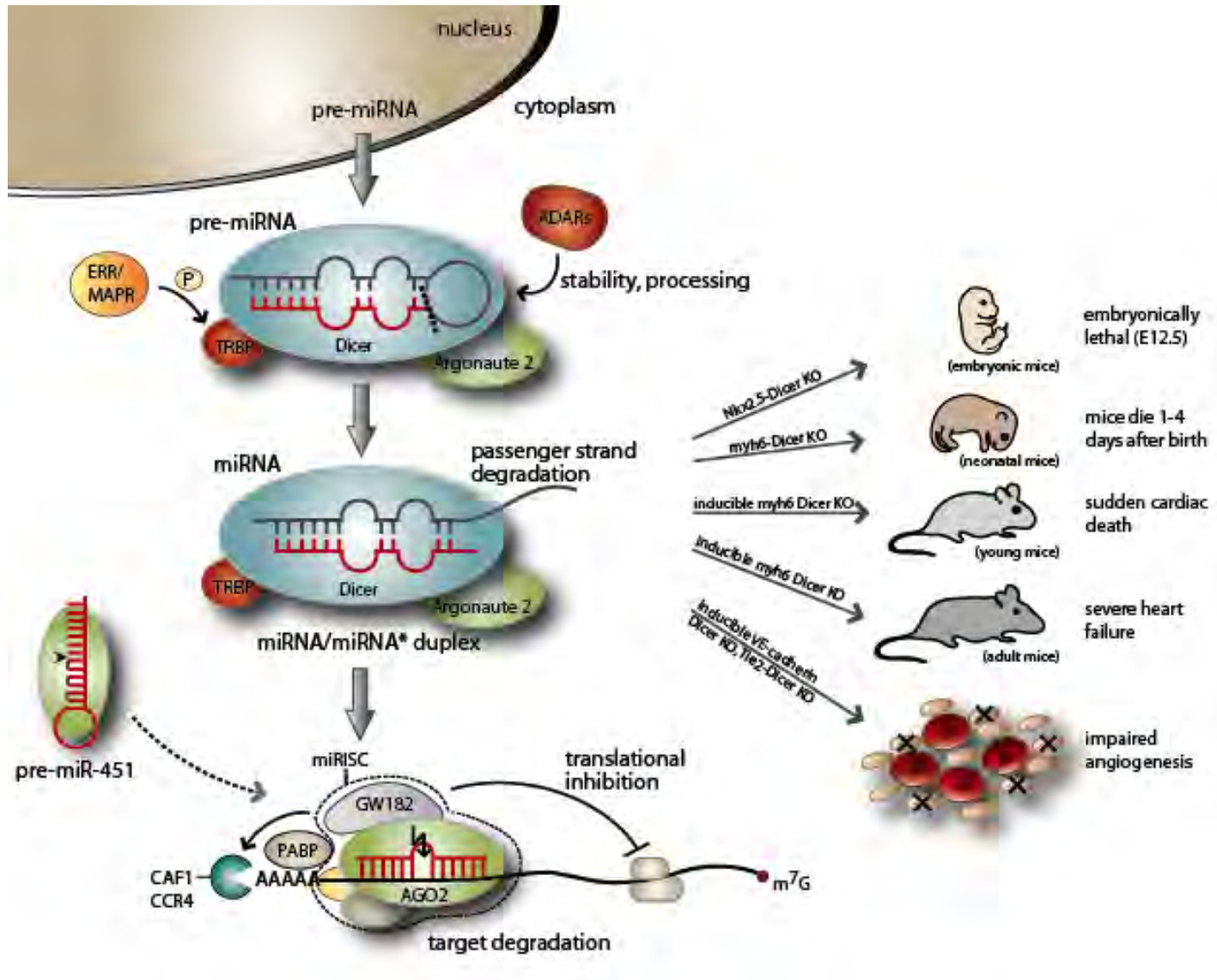
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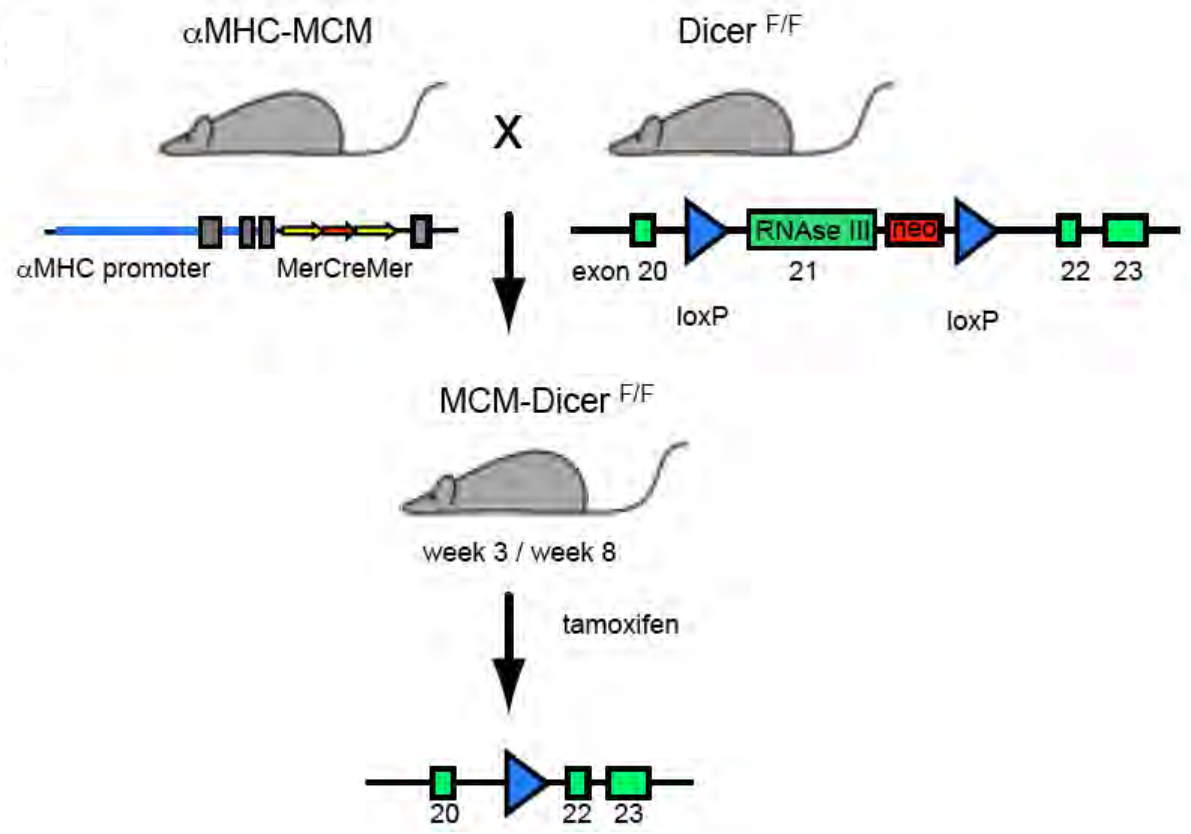
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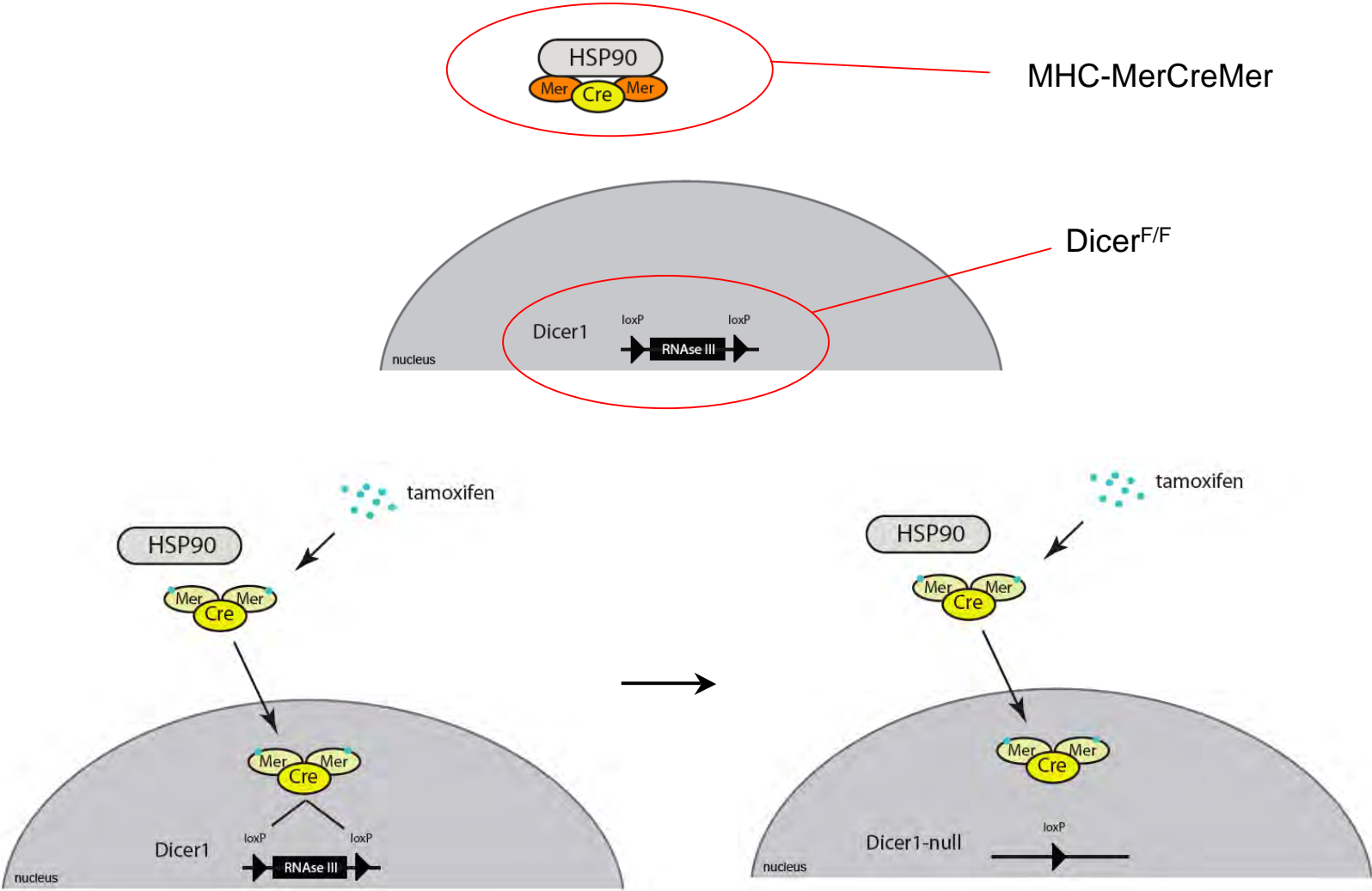
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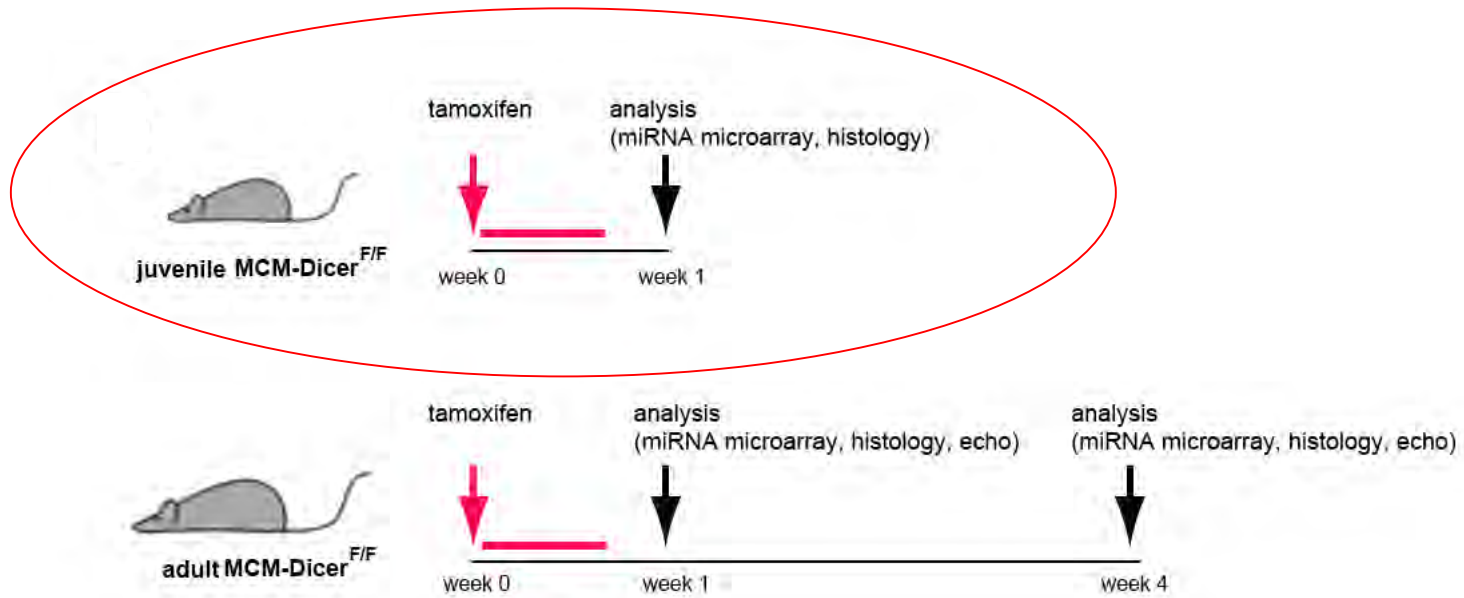
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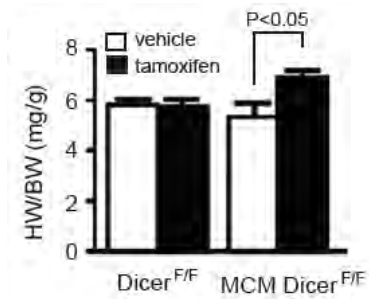
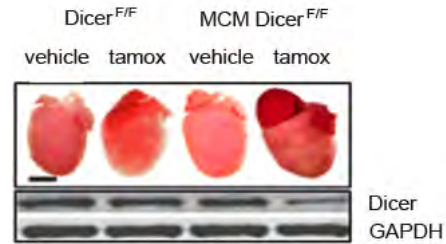
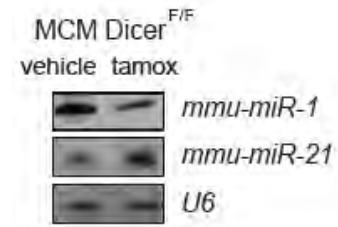
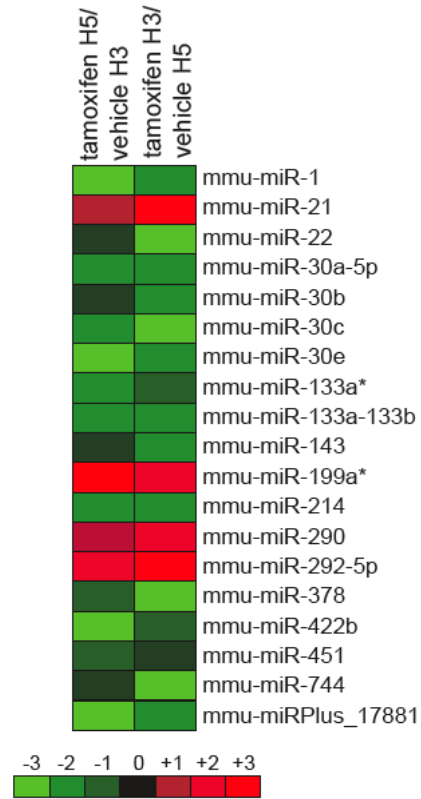
Conditional, heart-restricted knockout approach



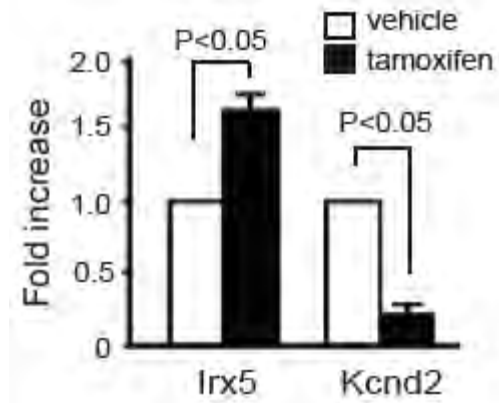
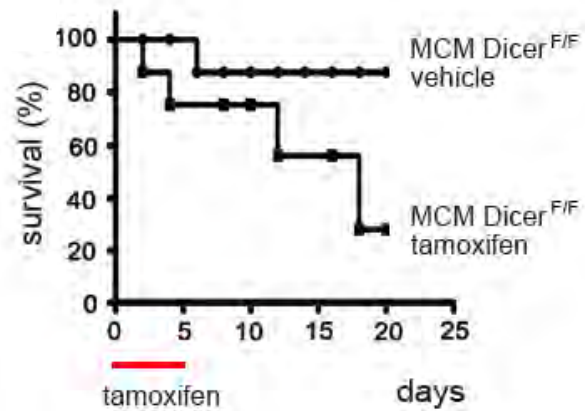
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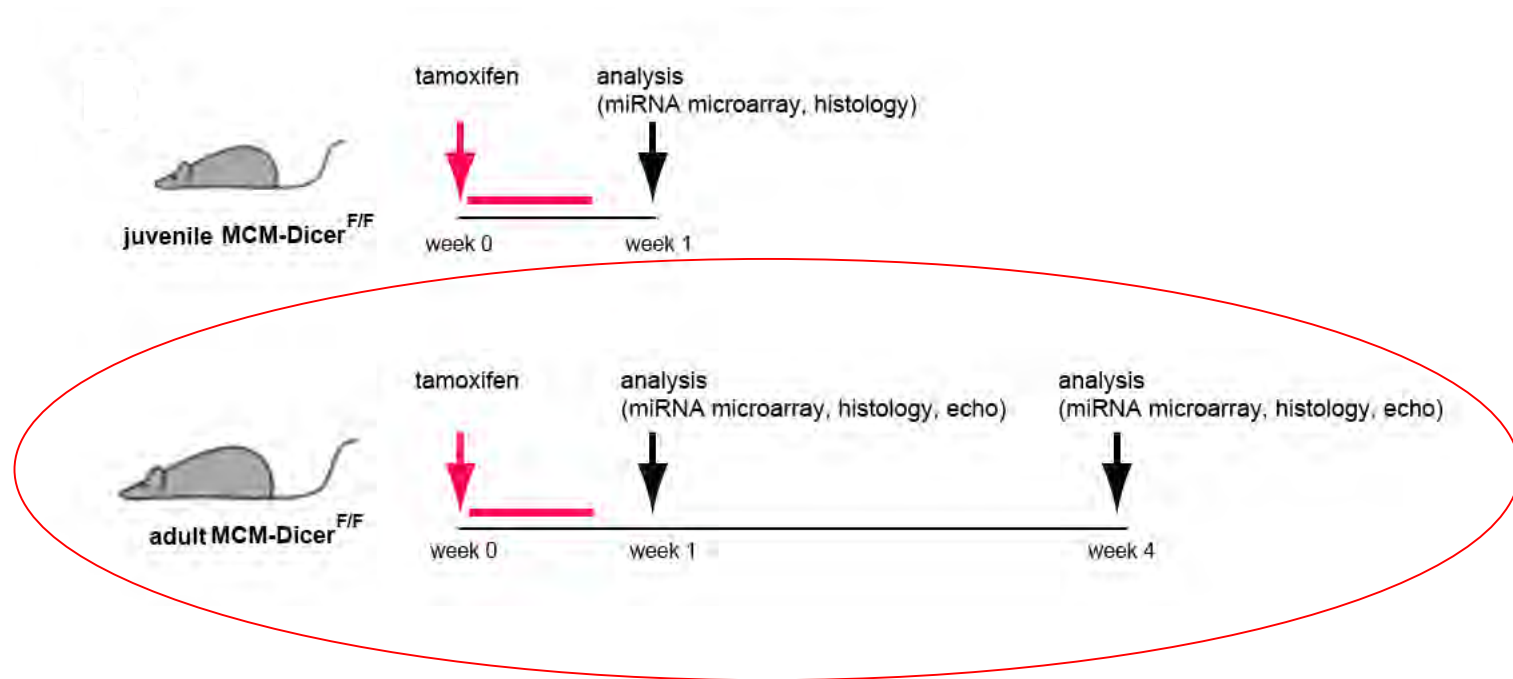
Dicer depletion in juvenile mice



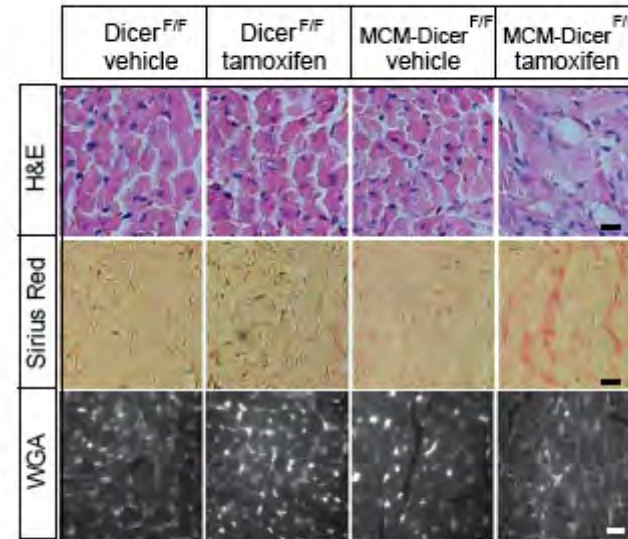
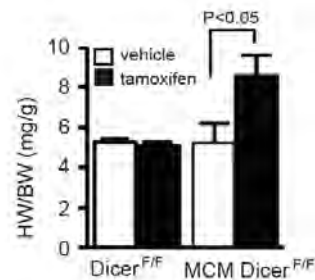
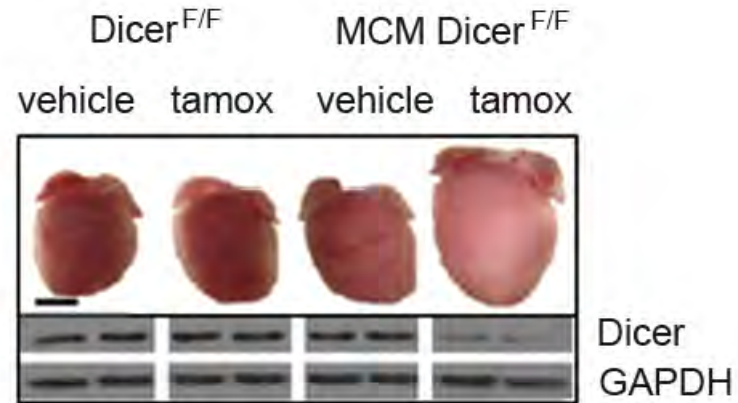
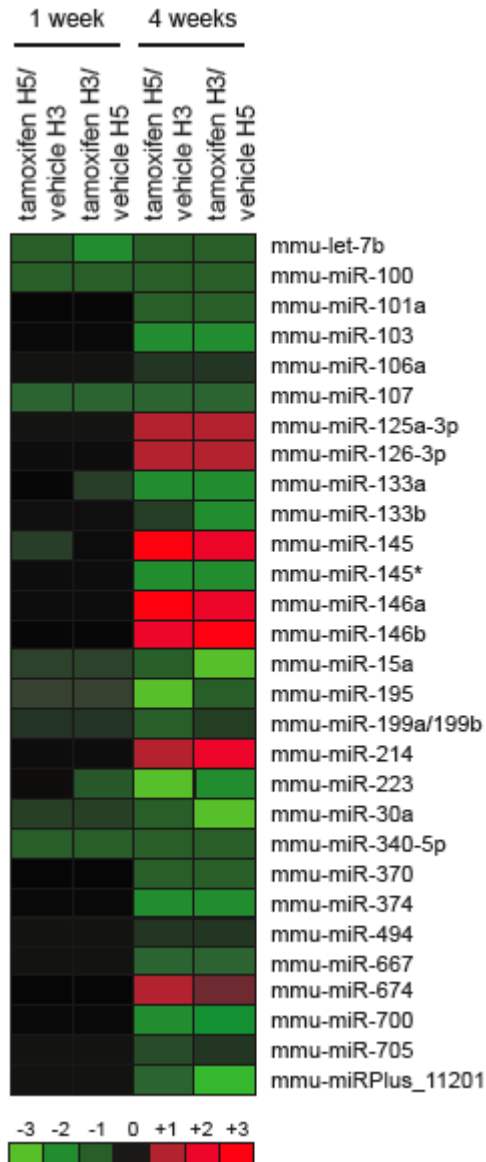
Dicer depletion in juvenile mice causes sudden death



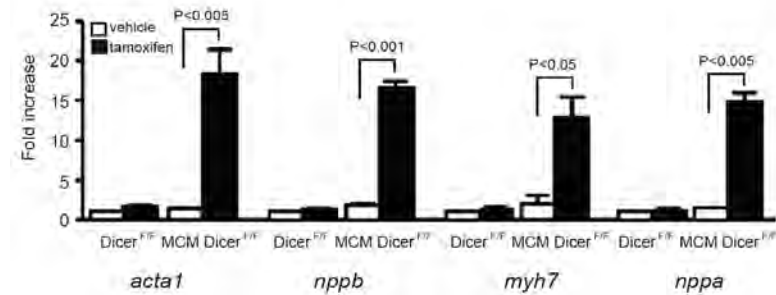
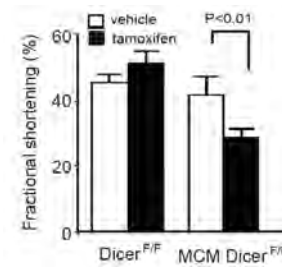
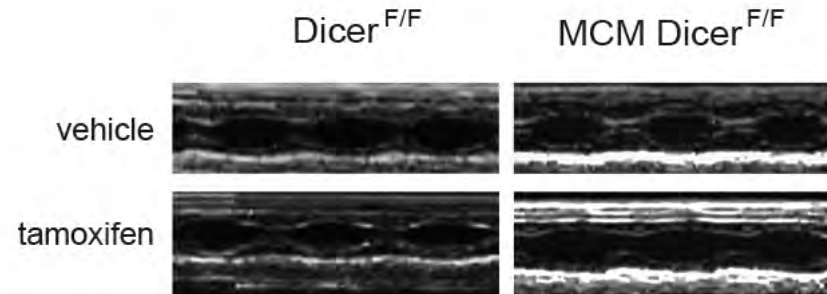
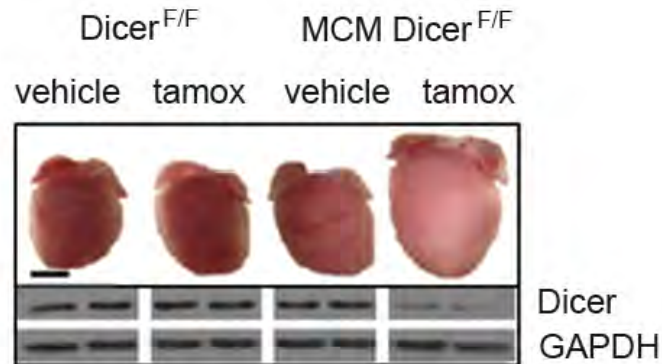
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Adult-onset Dicer depletion provokes spontaneous remodeling



Adult-onset Dicer depletion provokes cardiac dysfunction



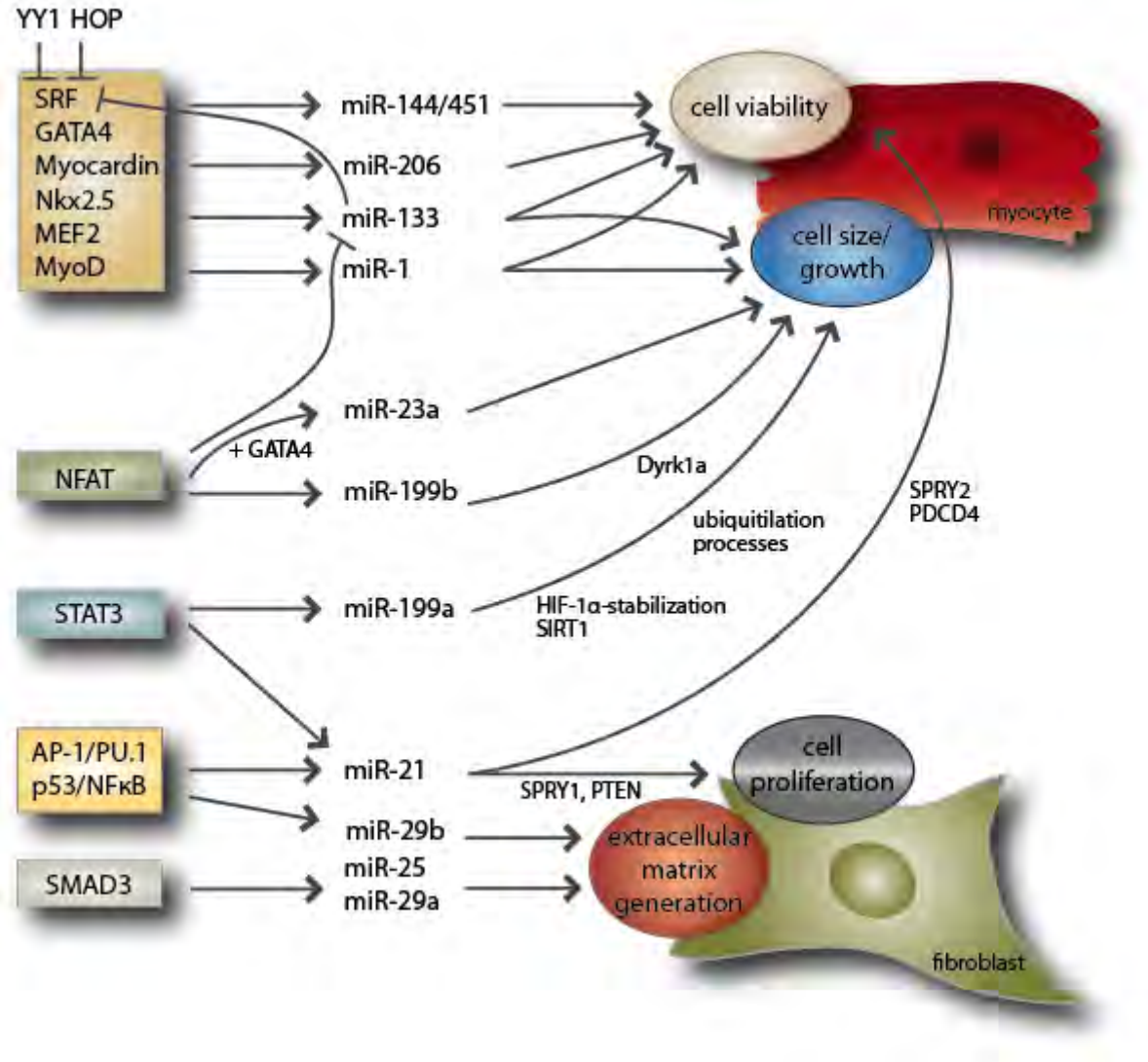
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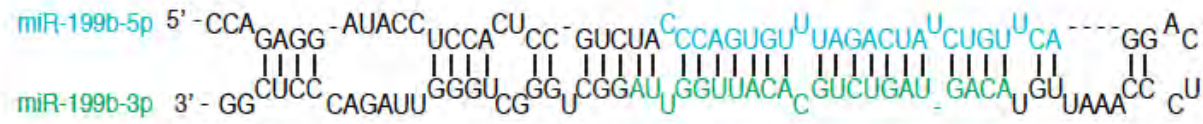
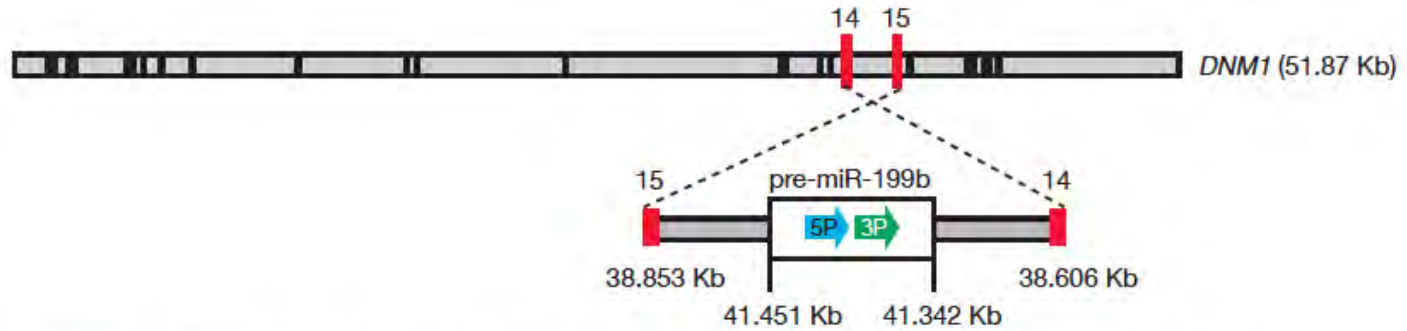
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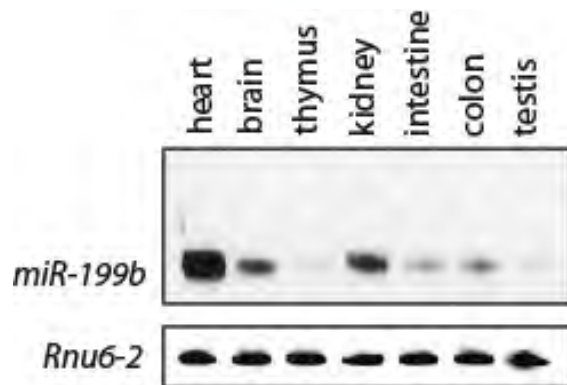


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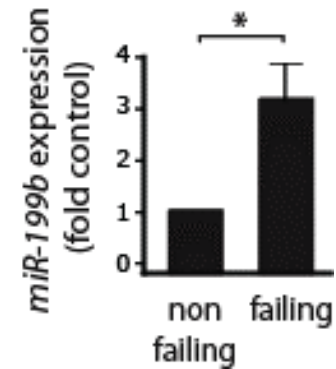
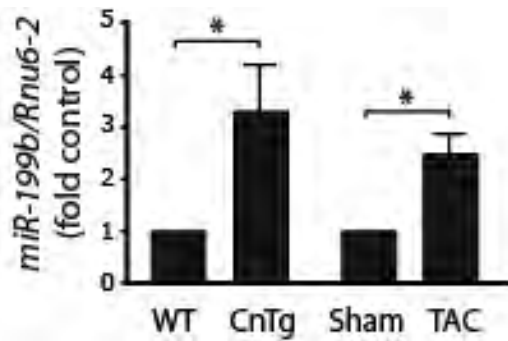
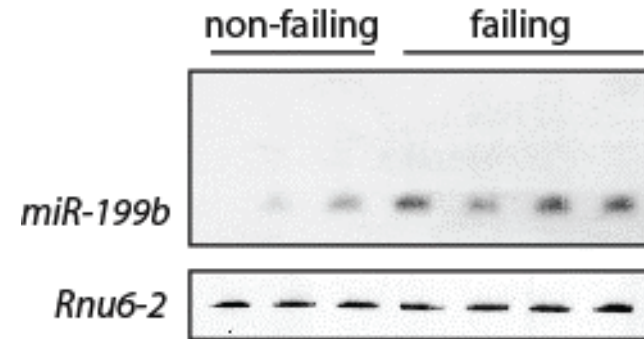
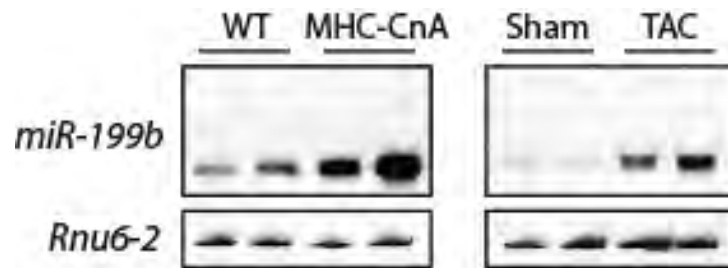
microRNA-199b



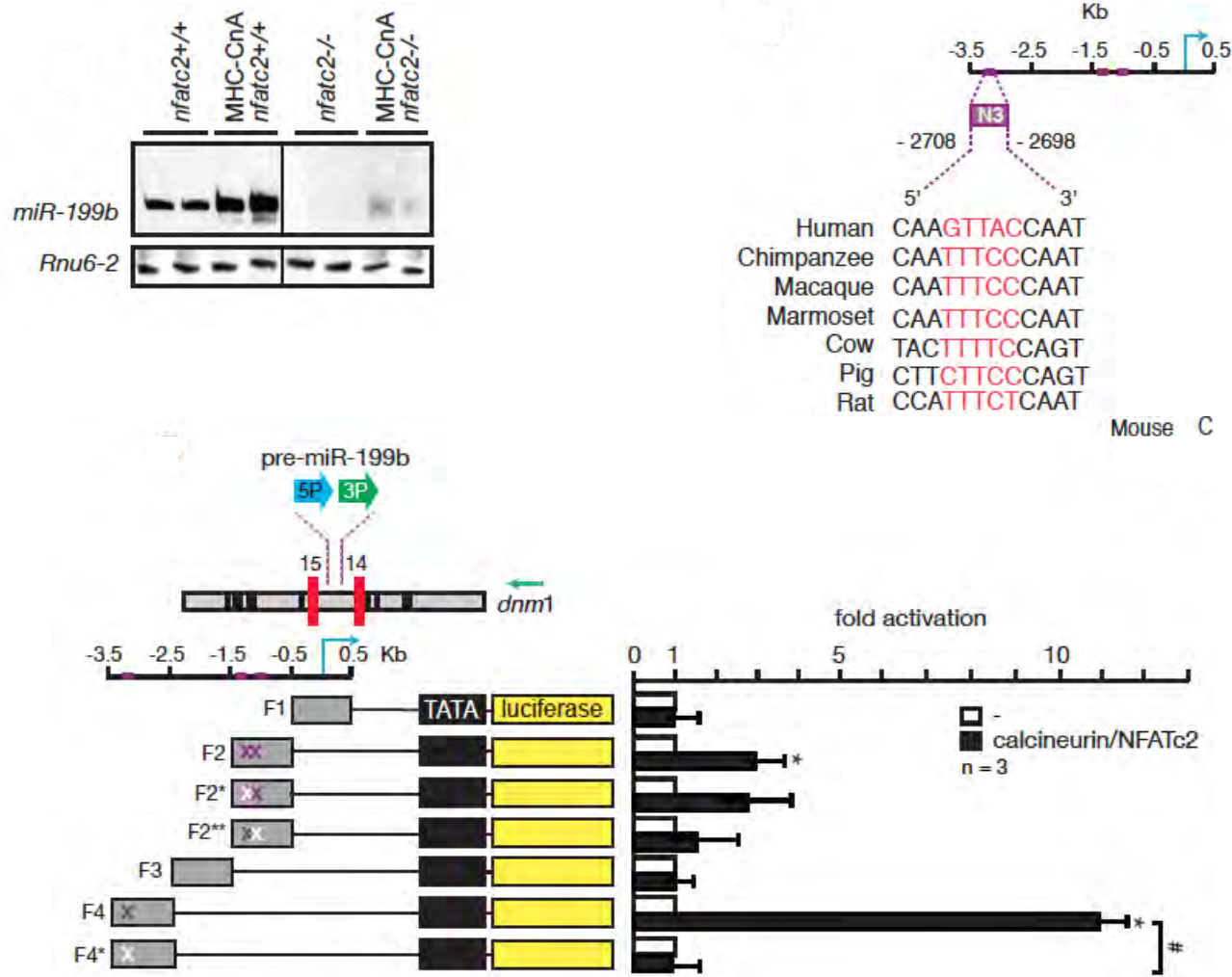
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miR-199b is upregulated in rodent and human heart failure



miR-199b is a direct NFAT target gene

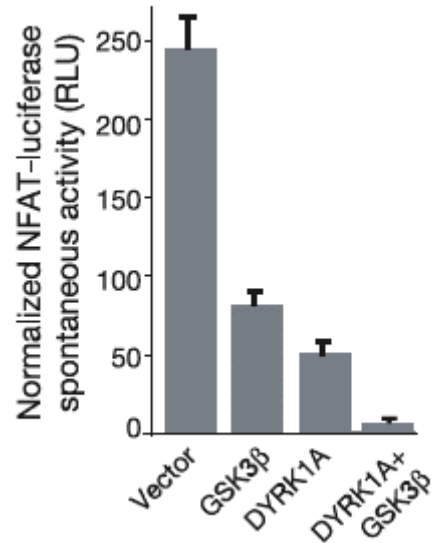


Dyrk1a: Dual-specificity tyrosine-(Y)-phosphorylation regulated kinase 1a

A genome-wide *Drosophila* RNAi screen identifies DYRK-family kinases as regulators of NFAT

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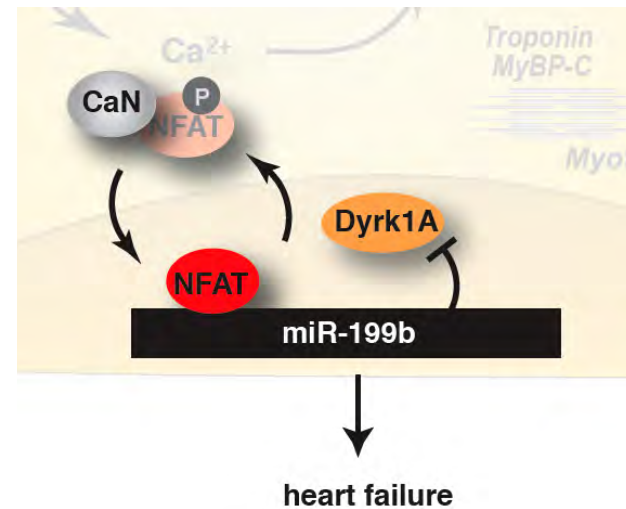
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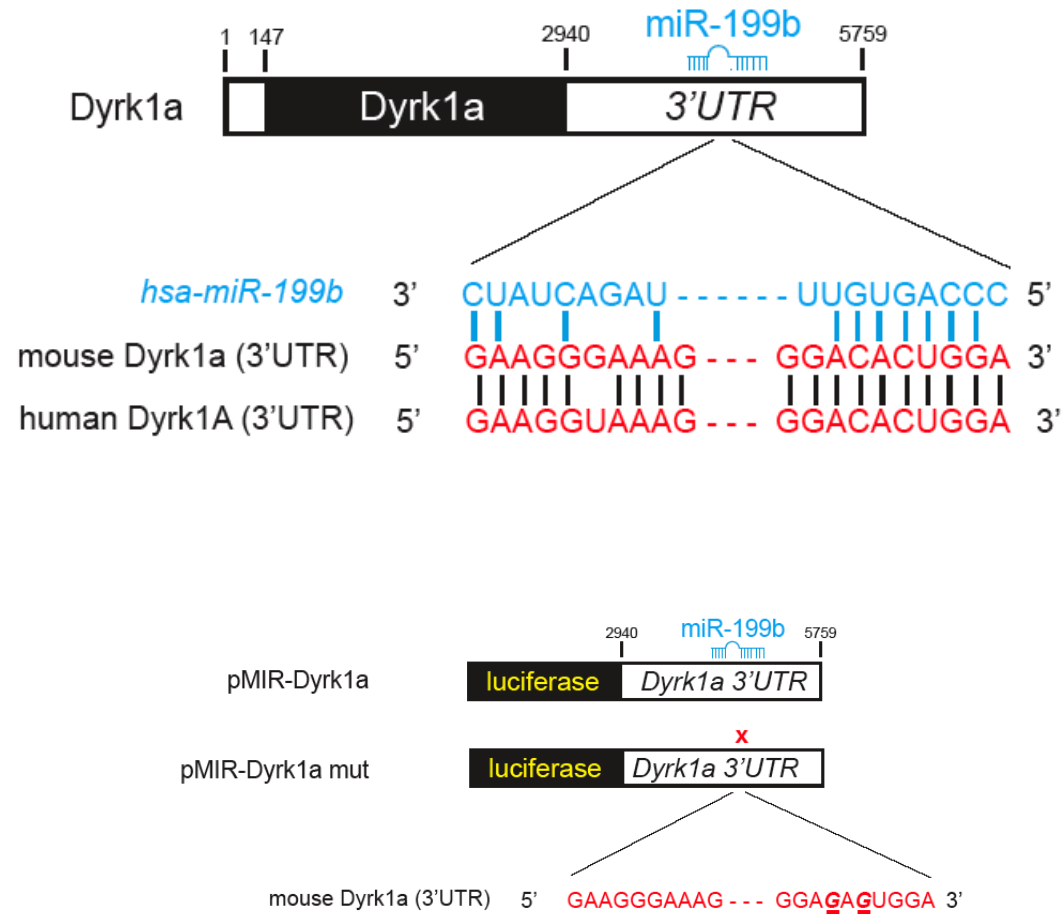
NFAT dysregulation by increased dosage of *DSCR1* and *DYRK1A* on chromosome 21

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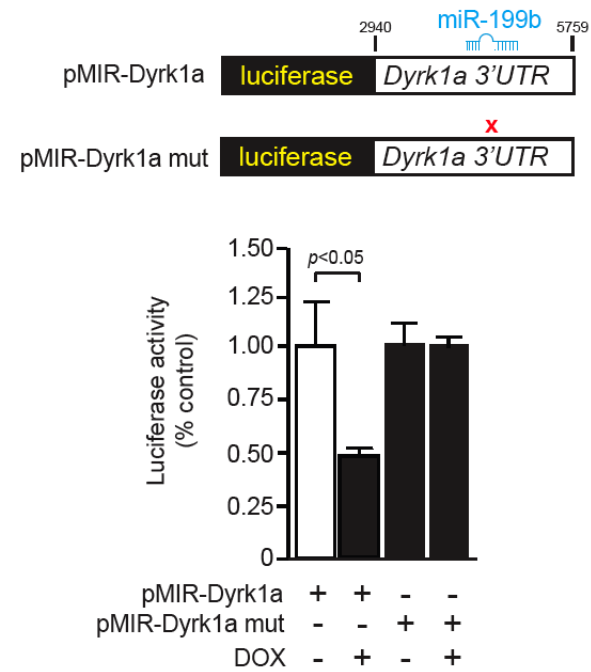
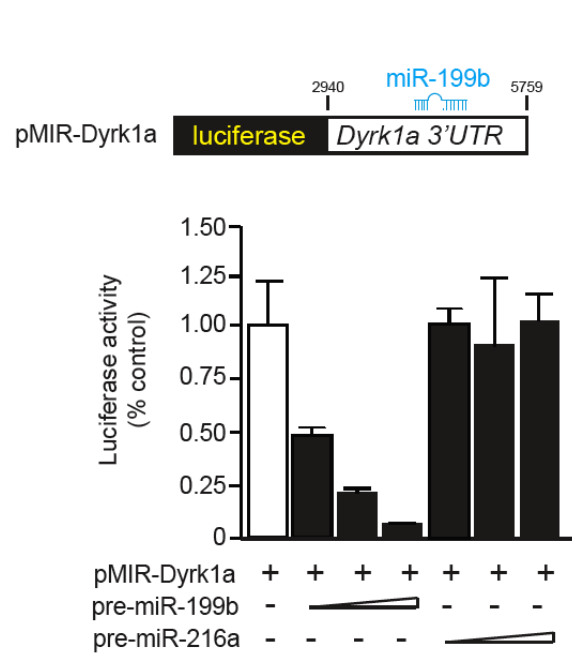
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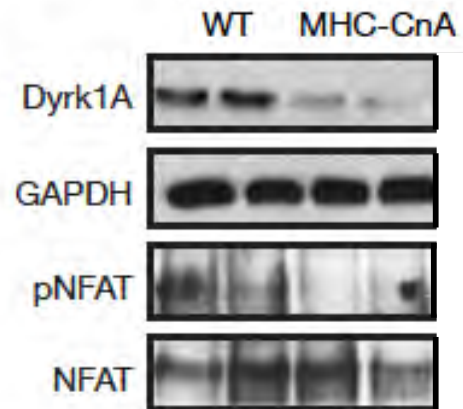
A conserved seed region in the 3'UTR of Dyrk1a



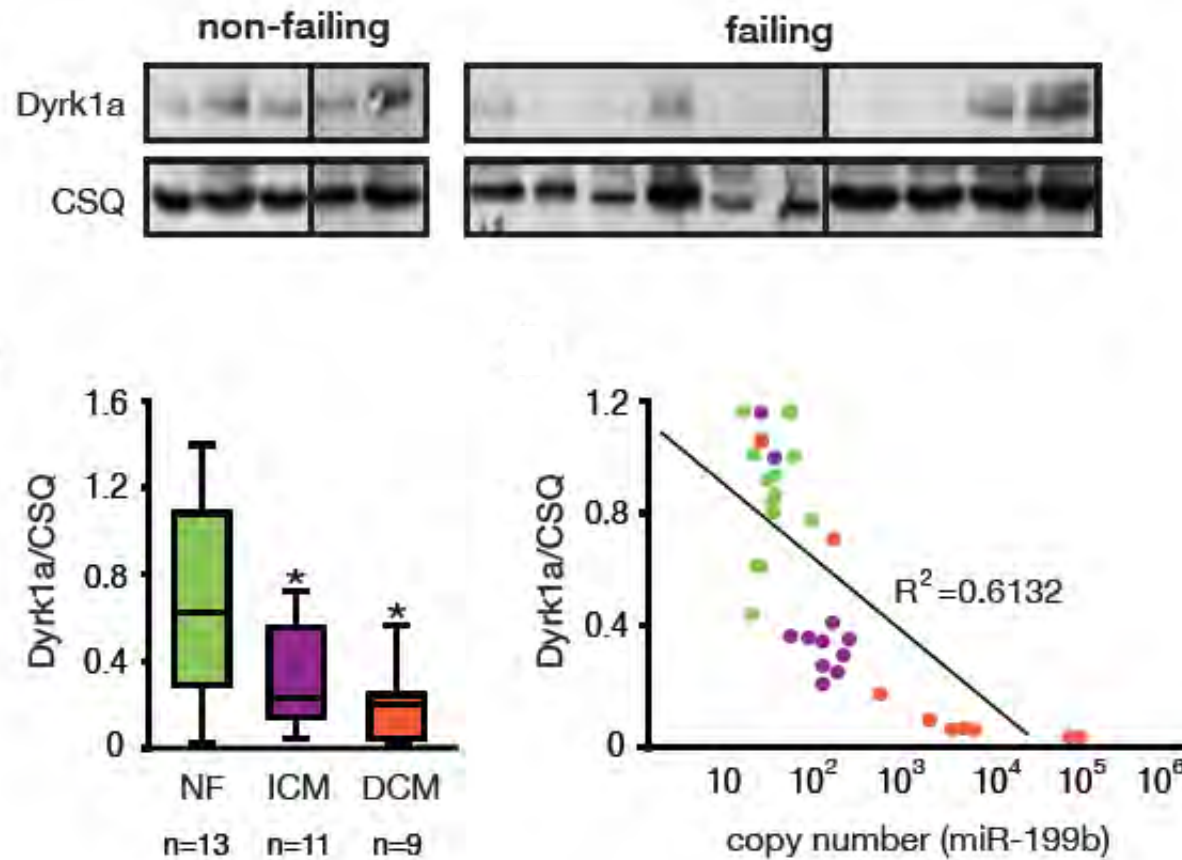
Dyrk1a is a direct target of miR-199b



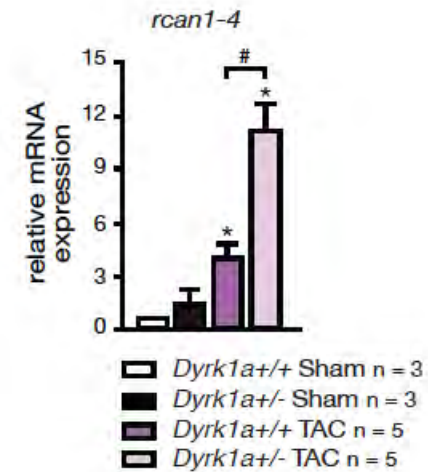
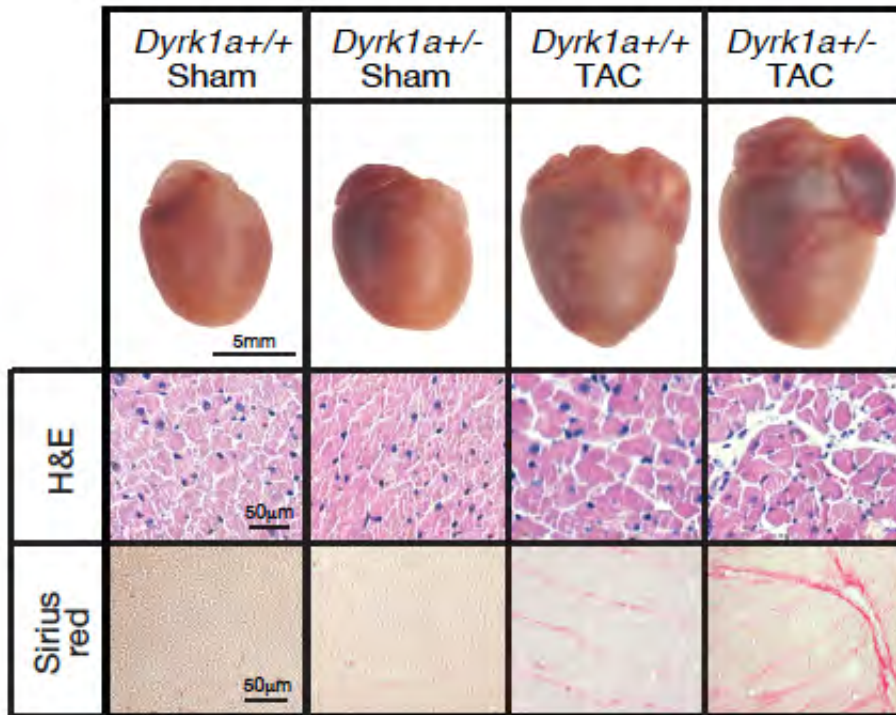
Dyrk1a and miR-199b expression inversely correlate in the failing mouse heart



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Dyrk1a haploinsufficient mice are sensitized to stress stimuli



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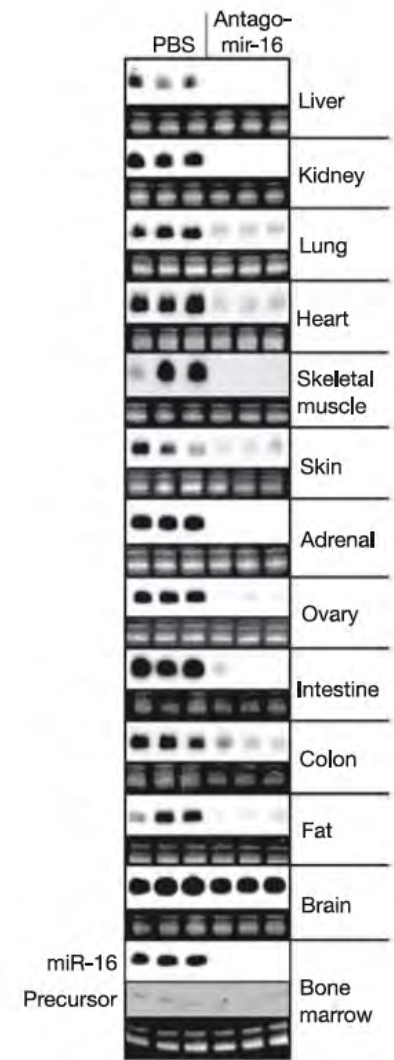
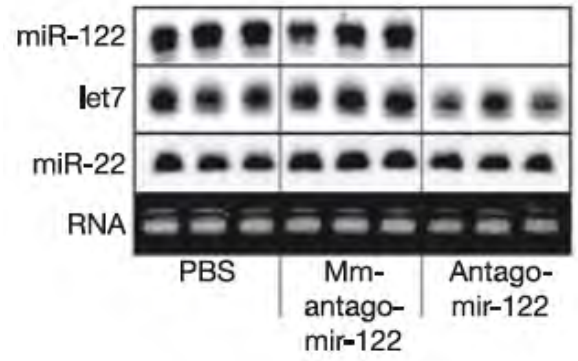
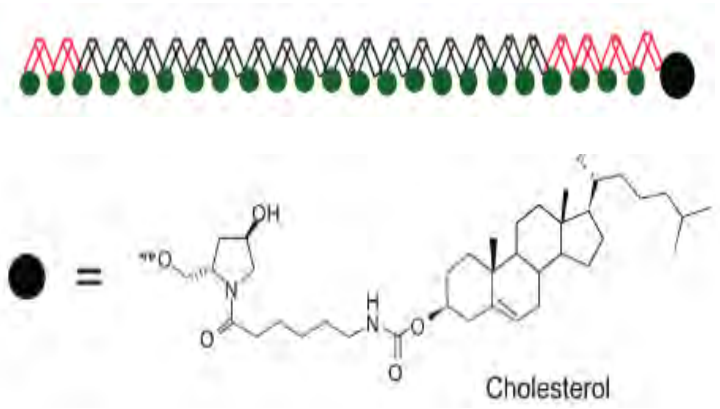
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Silencing of microRNAs *in vivo* with 'antagomirs'

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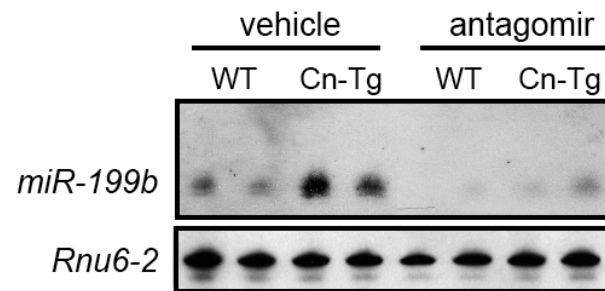
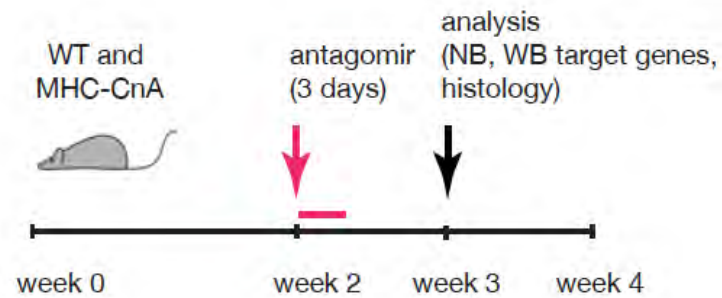


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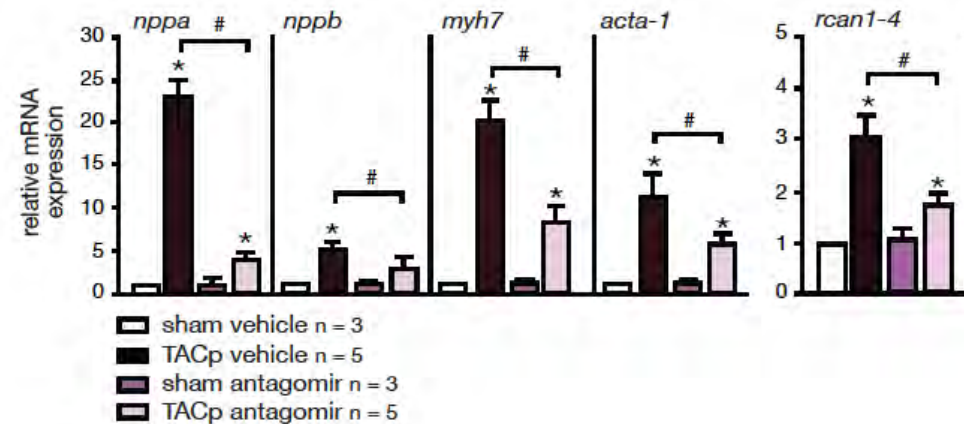
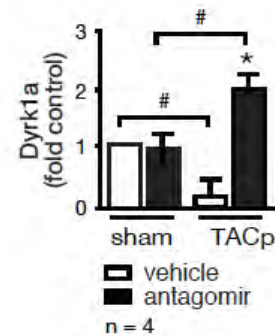
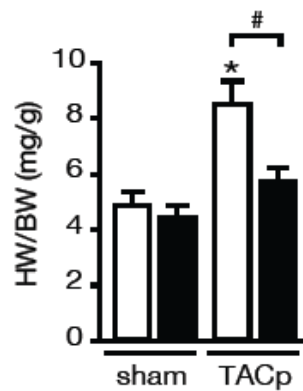
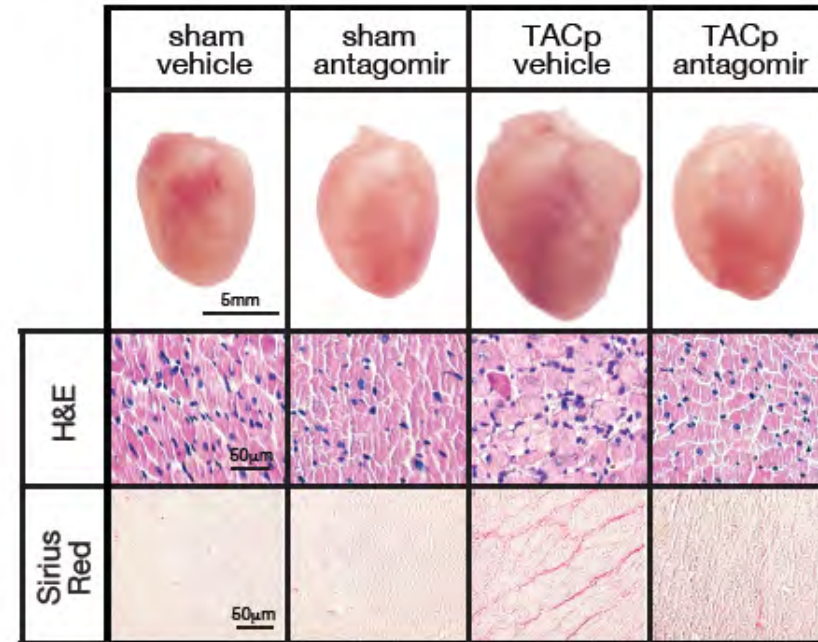
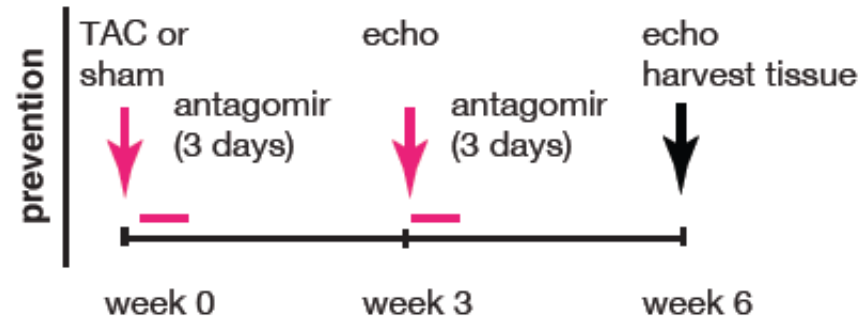
Technology Applies to Multiple Areas Using Therapeutics that either Antagonize (anti-miRs) or Agonize (mimics) microRNAs

FIBROSIS	* Demonstrated therapeutic activity in multiple animal models of fibrosis	
HCV	* Developing HCV therapy; Regulus controls key IP	
IMMUNO-INFLAMMATORY	* Multiple targets for immune-related diseases	
METABOLISM & CV	* Multiple targets for metabolic & cardiovascular diseases	
ONCOLOGY	* Novel therapeutic approach for HCC	
EXPLORATORY	* Multiple and diverse global collaborations with leading academic institutions: over 30	

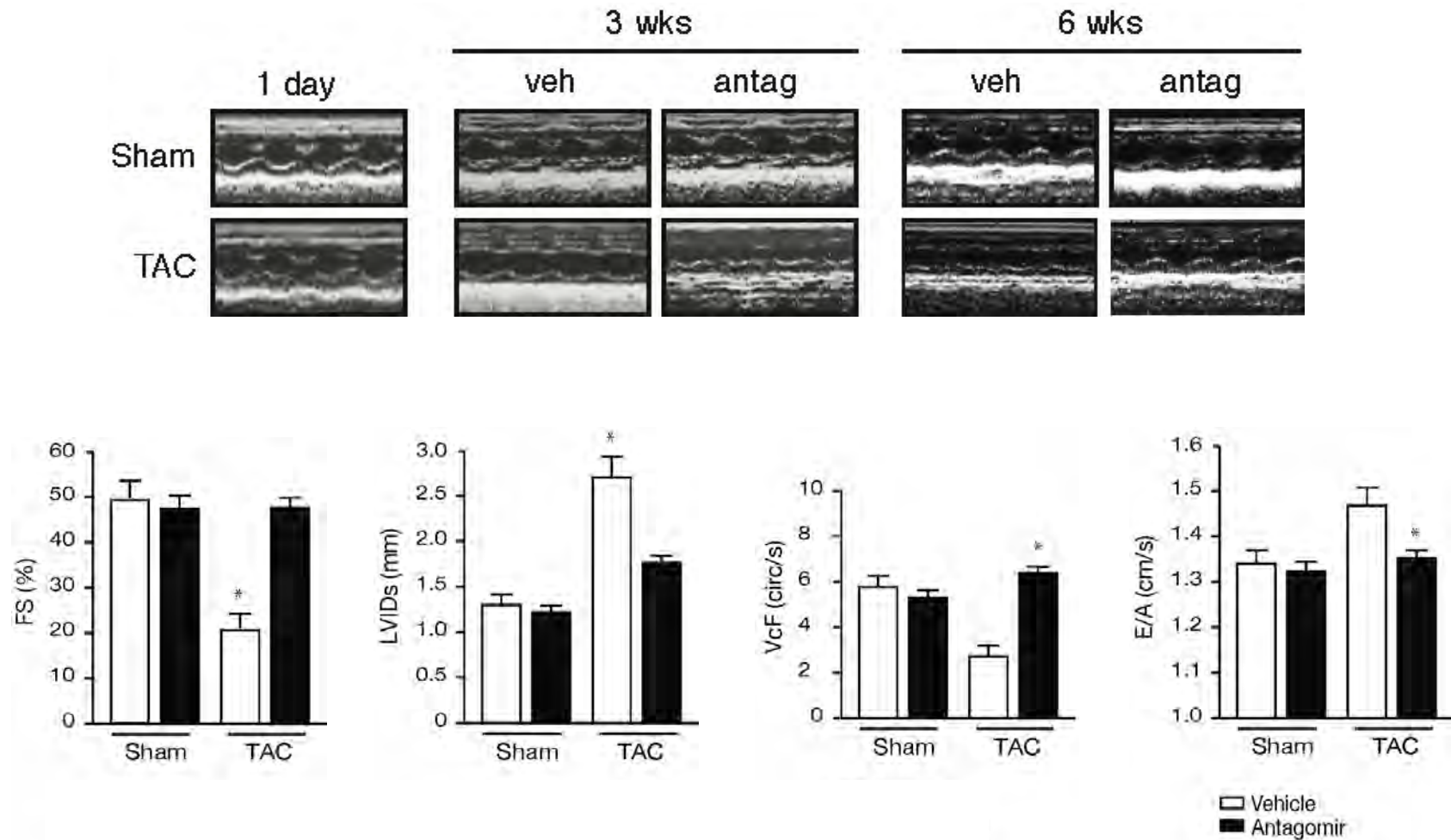
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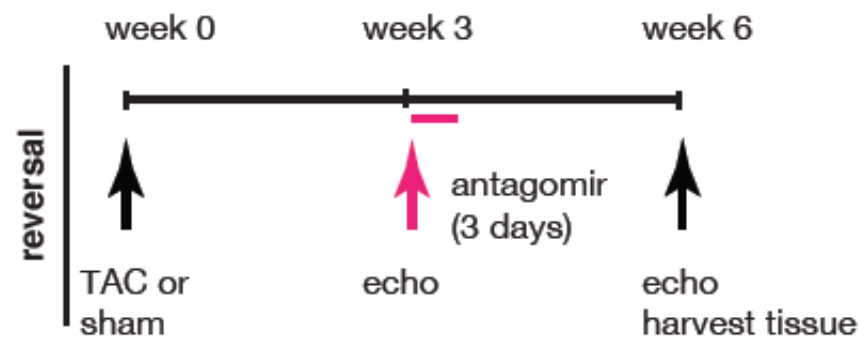


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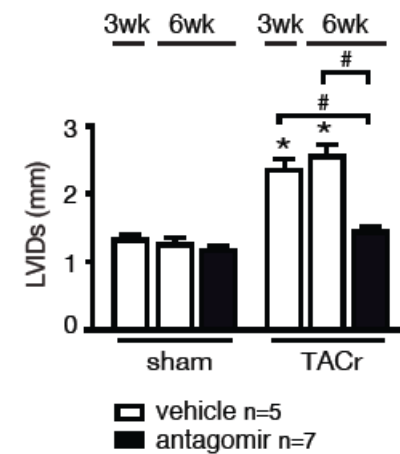
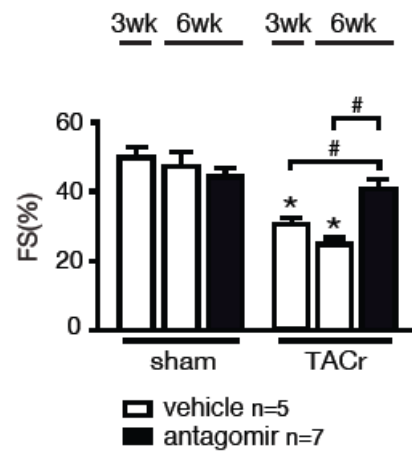
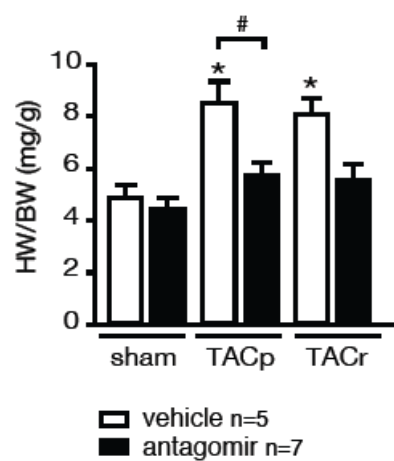
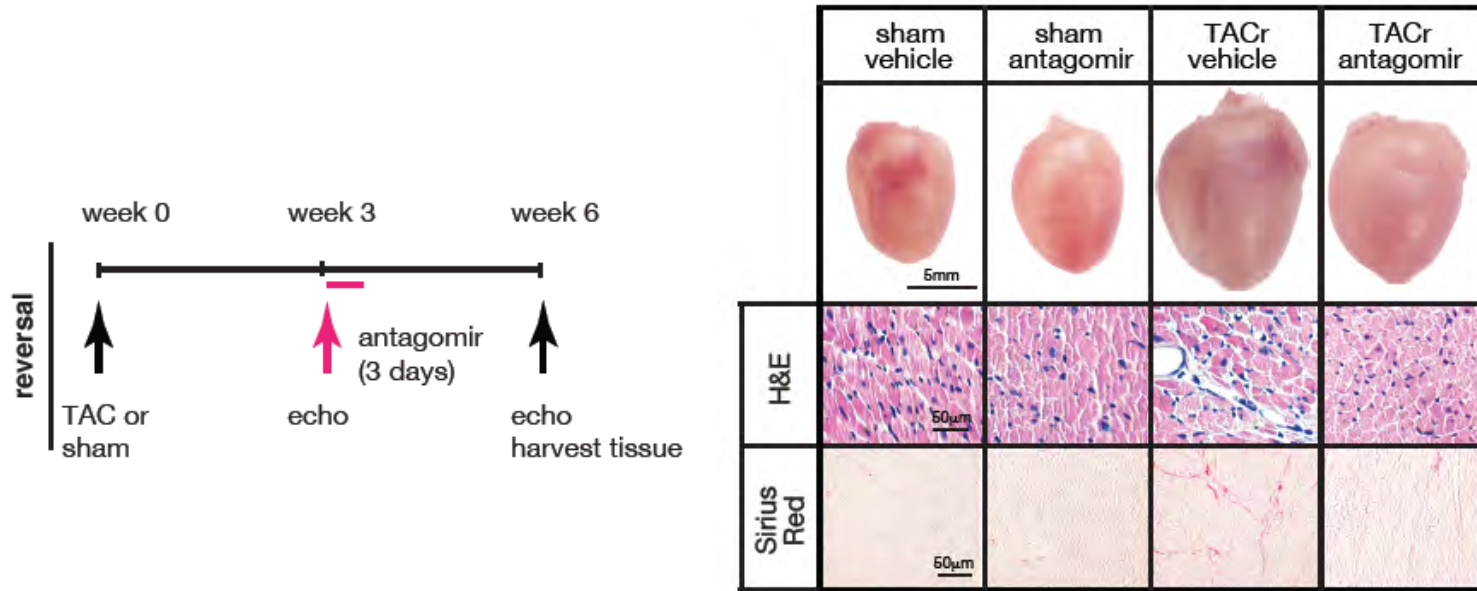


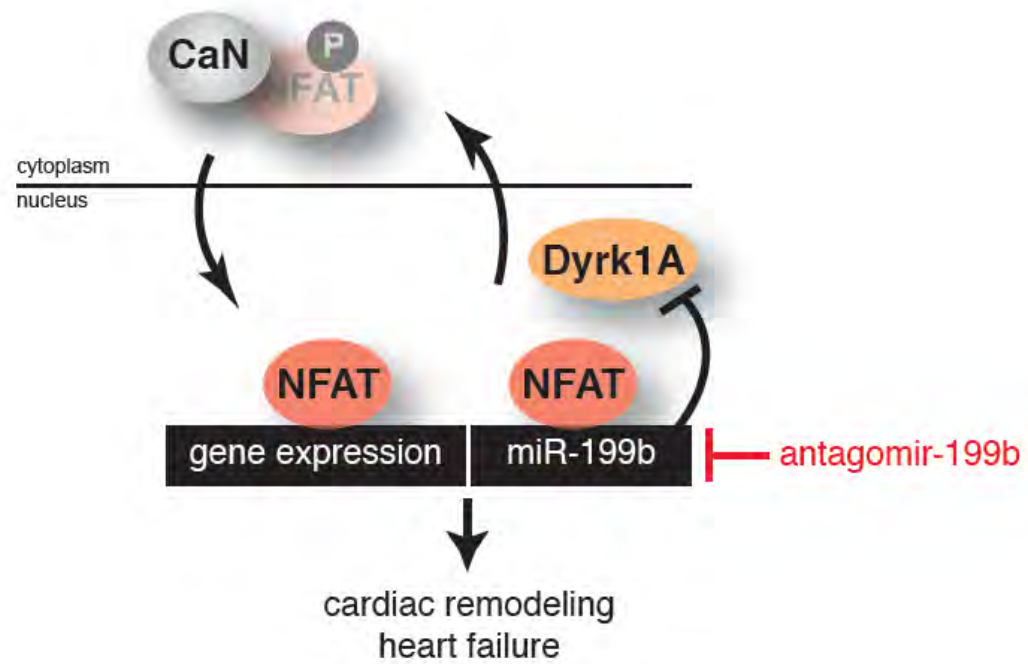
Antagomir-199b restores cardiac geometry and contractility





Antagomir-199b reverses cardiac remodeling, dysfunction and dilation





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