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DIANA-TARBASE v7: INDEXING HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS EXPERIMENTALLY SUPPORTED miRNA:mRNA INTERACTIONS

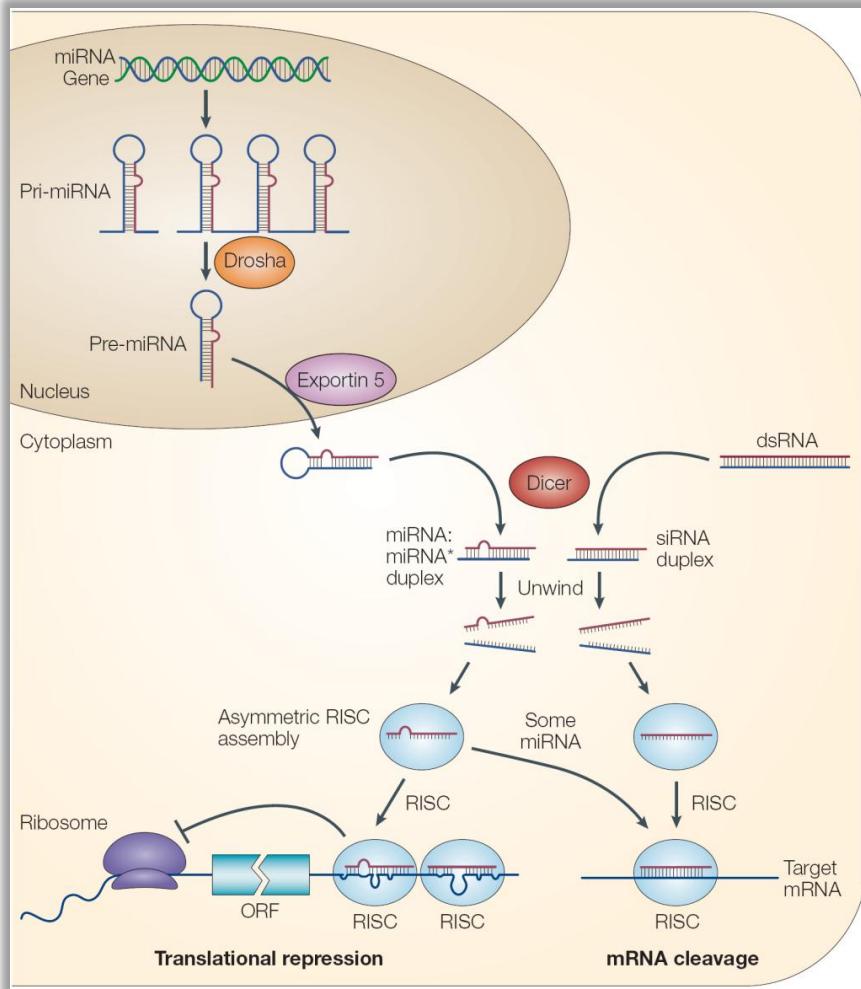
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microRNA Biogenesis



He, L., Hannon, G.J. **MicroRNAs: small RNAs with a big role in gene regulation.** Nat Rev Genet. 2004;5(7):522-31.

Role of microRNAs

Development **stem cell proliferation**
 Division **Differentiation**
 regulation of innate & adaptive immunity
apoptosis **cell signaling** **metabolism**

human pathologies

Cancer **viral infections** **cardiovascular diseases**
 metabolic disorders **neurological pathologies**
psychiatric disorders **renal disease** **hepatological conditions**
autoimmune diseases **gastroenterological conditions**
 obesity **reproductive disorders**
musculoskeletal disorders **periodontal pathologies**

Identification of miRNA targets

- Computational methods
 - In silico target predictions programs
- Experimental methods
 - Essential to identify genuine miRNA:targets
 - Limitations exist in different experimental procedures

In Silico Determination of miRNA – Gene Interactions

Widely used implementations:

- TargetScan: www.targetscan.org
- DIANA-microT: www.microrna.gr
- miRanda: www.microrna.org
- PicTar: pictar.mdc-berlin.de
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Even the most sophisticated implementations achieve 65% sensitivity and 32% specificity¹

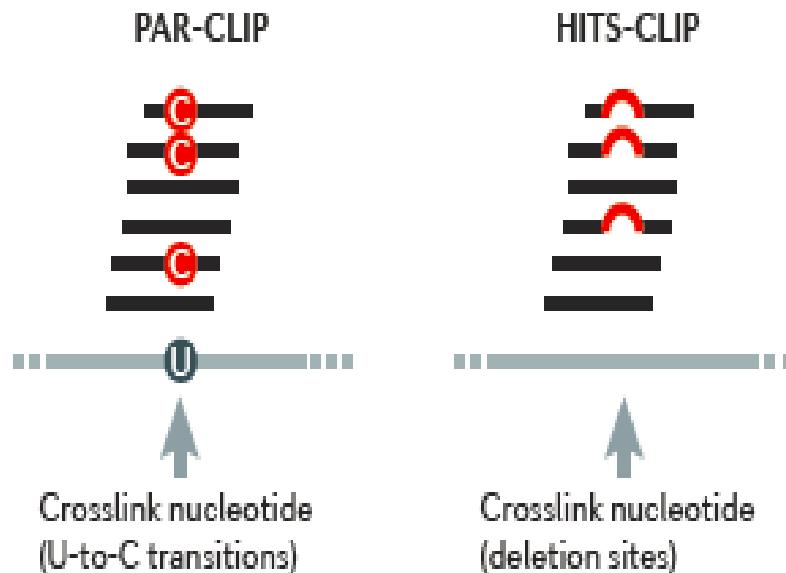
1: M. Reczko, M. Maragkakis, P. Alexiou, I. Grosse, and A. G. Hatzigeorgiou, "Functional microRNA targets in protein coding sequences," *Bioinformatics*, Jan 27 2012.

Experimental Determination of miRNA – Gene Interactions

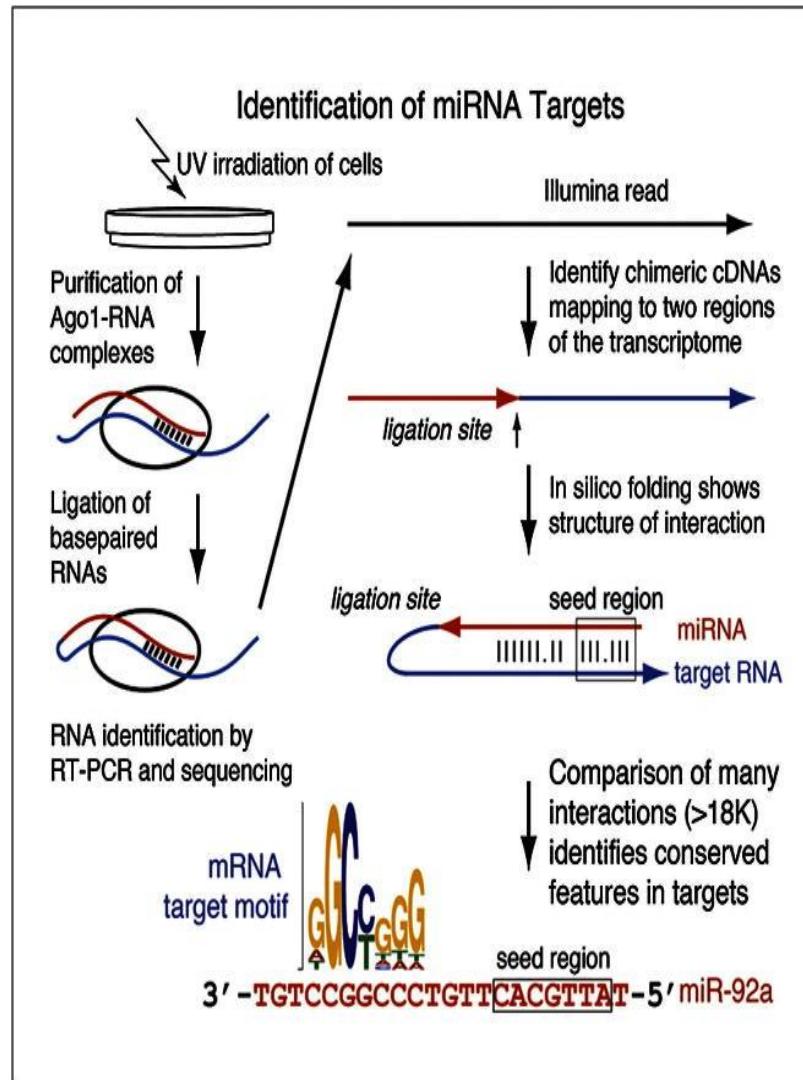
- **Gene Specific Techniques**
 - Reporter genes
 - Northern blotting
 - qPCR
 - Western blotting
 - ELISA
 - Immunohistochemistry
- **High Throughput Techniques**
 - MicroArrays
 - RNA-Seq
 - Proteomics (such as pSILAC)
 - CLIP-Seq (HITS-CLIP, PAR-CLIP, iCLIP)
 - CLASH
 - PARE-Seq
 - Degradome-Seq
 - Biotin tagged miRNA

CLIP experiments

- Ultraviolet Crosslinking and immunoprecipitation
- A method used to isolate and identify sequences that are bound by specific RNA-binding proteins



CLASH experiment



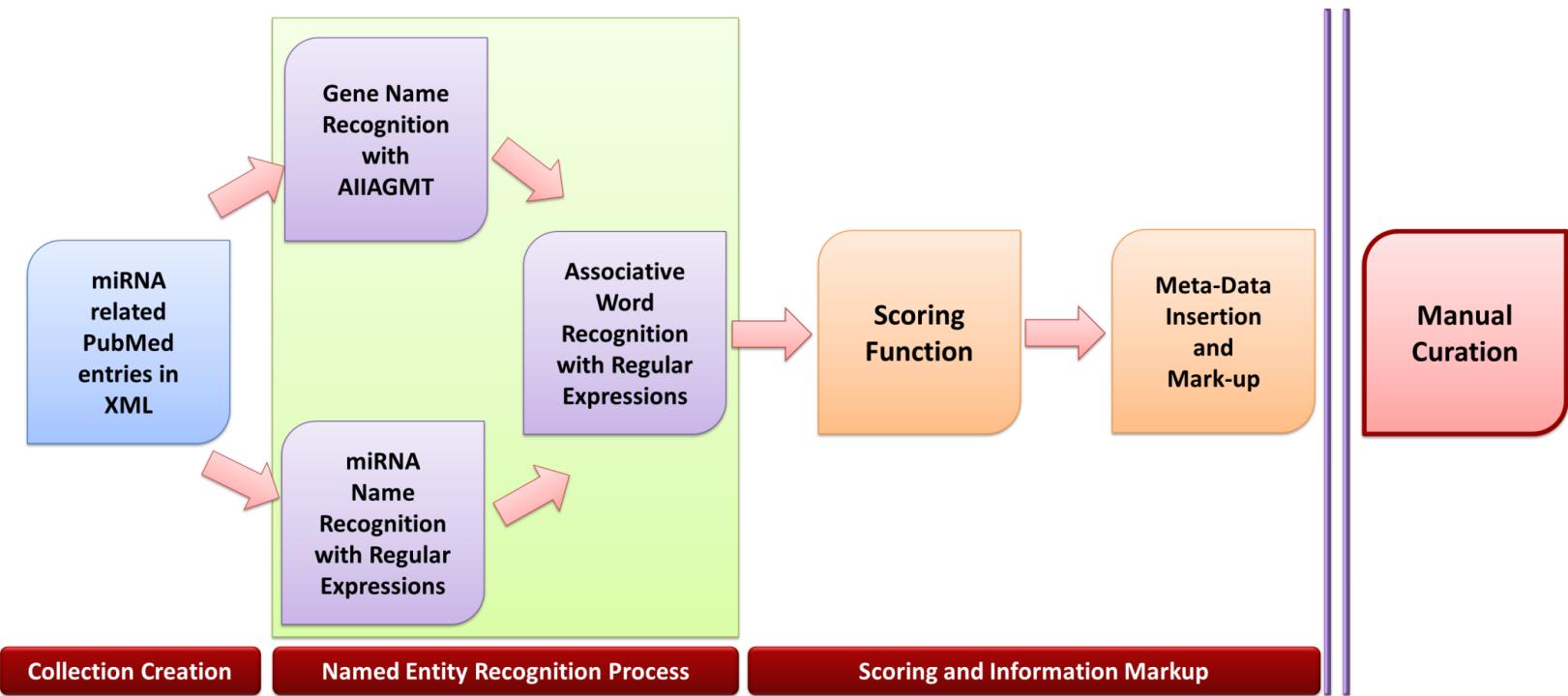
Aleksandra Helwak *et al*, Cell
153, 654–665, April 25, 2013

DIANA-TarBase

- Initially released in 2006
 - The first database aiming to catalog published experimentally validated miRNA:gene interactions
- The largest experimentally validated repository with miRNA:gene interactions
- Last update DIANA-TarBase v7¹
- <http://www.microrna.gr/tarbase>

¹:I. S. Vlachos, M. D. Paraskevopoulou, D. Karagkouni, G. Georgakilas, T. Vergoulis, I. Kanellos, I-L. Anastasopoulos, S. Maniou, K. Karathanou, D. Kalfakakou, A. Fevgas, T. Dalamagas and A. G. Hatzigeorgiou. DIANA-TarBase v7.0: indexing more than half a million experimentally supported miRNA:mRNA interactions. Nucl. Acids Res. (2014)

DIANA-TarBase Semi – Automatic Curation Pipeline



Named Entity Recognition Process

Abstract link: [20735361](#) **Score:** 11

Title: [Identification of microRNAs expressed highly in pancreatic islet-like cell clusters differentiated from human embryonic stem cells.](#)

Journal: Cell biology international (Cell Biol. Int.),

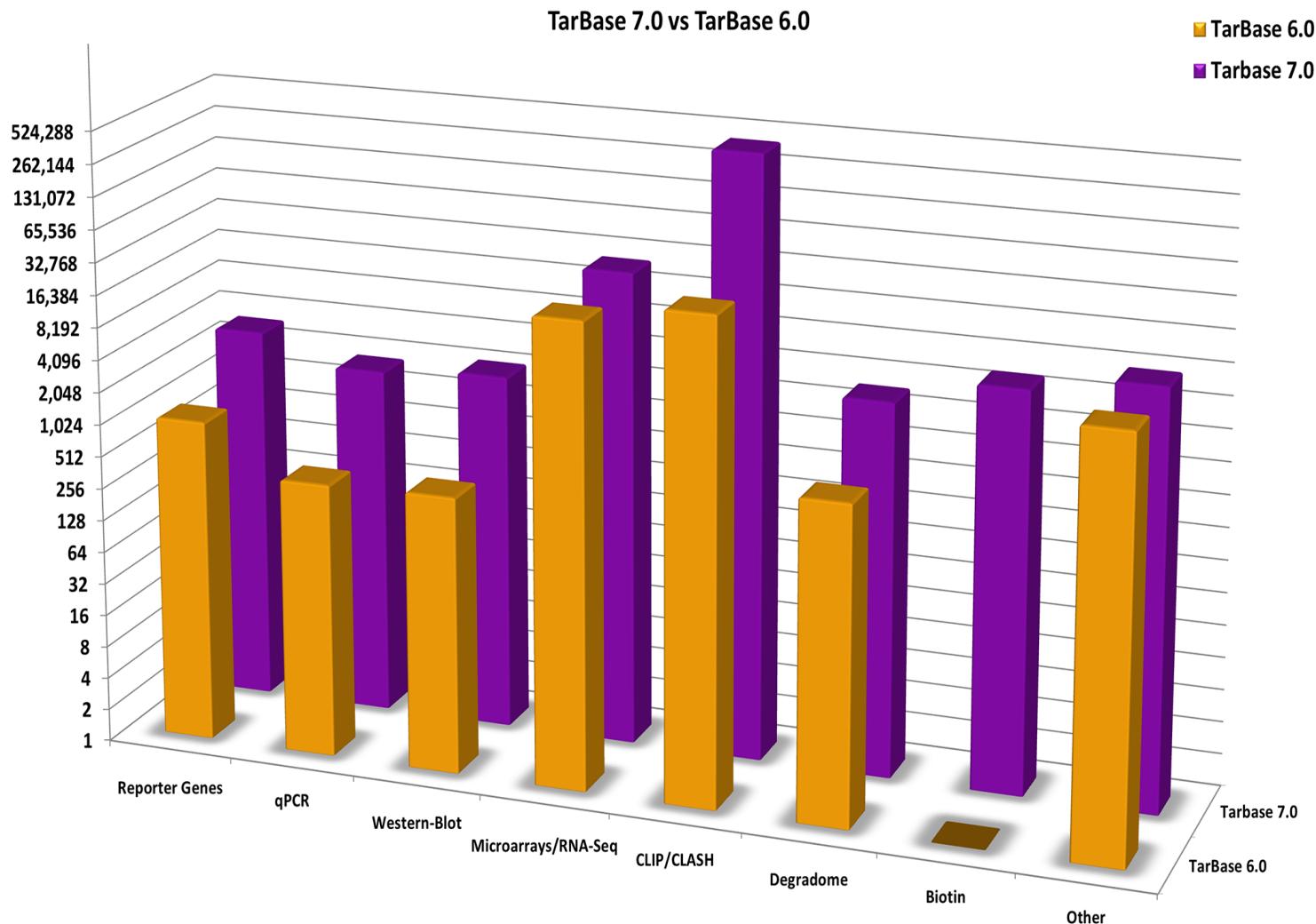
ISSN: 1065-6995, **Date:** 01 / 12 / 2010

Identification of microRNAs expressed highly in pancreatic islet-like cell clusters differentiated from human embryonic stem cells. Type 1 diabetes is an autoimmune destruction of pancreatic islet beta cell disease, making it important to find a new alternative source of the islet beta cells to replace the damaged cells. hES (human embryonic stem) cells possess unlimited self-renewal and pluripotency and thus have the potential to provide an unlimited supply of different cell types for tissue replacement. The hES-T3 cells with normal female karyotype were first differentiated into EBs (embryoid bodies) and then induced to generate the T3pi (pancreatic islet-like cell clusters derived from T3 cells), which expressed pancreatic islet cell-specific markers of insulin, glucagon and somatostatin. The expression profiles of microRNAs and mRNAs from the T3pi were analyzed and compared with those of undifferentiated hES-T3 cells and differentiated EBs. MicroRNAs negatively regulate the expression of protein-coding mRNAs. The T3pi showed very high expression of microRNAs, miR-186, miR-199a and miR-339, which down-regulated the expression of LIN28, PRDM1, CALB1, GCNT2, RBM47, PLEKHH1, RBPMS2 and PAK6. Therefore, these microRNAs and their target genes are very likely to play important regulatory roles in the development of pancreas and/or differentiation of islet cells, and they may be manipulated to increase the proportion of beta cells and insulin synthesis in the differentiated T3pi for cell therapy of type I diabetics.

DIANA-TarBase v7

- >500,000 interactions
 - 9 – to 250-fold increased compared to
 - Tarbase v6.0
 - other manually curated databases-miRTarBase,miRecords
- >7,500 interactions from specific techniques
- >500,000 derived from high-throughput techniques
- Data derived from
 - Hundreds of manually curated articles
 - Selected by our text mining pipeline

DIANA-TarBase v7



Experimental techniques

- ~3,000 Reporter Genes entries
- miRNA binding site identification
 - Information retrieved from manuscripts, figures, supplemental material
 - Genomic/transcript coordinates
 - Primer sequences
 - Mutation sites

CLIP-Seq data in Tarbase v7.0

~20-fold increase compared to Tarbase v6

CLIP-Seq	TarBase v6.0	TarBase v7.0
Studies	3	23
Conditions	6	68
Libraries	10	154

Analysis of raw
data

- 1 CLASH
- 31 PAR-CLIP
- 122 HITS-CLIP
libraries

DIANA-TarBase v7.0 – Statistics

- **24** different species
- **28** different experimental techniques
- **356** cell types
- **59** different tissues

TarBase v7.0 Interface

1. Database Search Terms

hsa-miR-34a-5p

2. Interaction info

3. Filters

4. Methods

5. Click (i) for further information

Gene name miRNA name Methods Pred.Score

ACSL4 (hsa) hsa-miR-34a-5p IP RS Pr 1.000

Publication	Methods	Tissue	Cell line	Tested cell line	Exp. condition
Skalsky Rebecca L. et al. 2012	IP	NA	EF3DAGO2	N/A	N/A
Balakrishnan I et al 2014	IP	Bone Marrow	HS5	N/A	N/A
Kaller M et al. 2011	Pr	NA	NA	N/A	N/A
Kaller M et al. 2011	RS	Intestine	SW480	H1299	N/A

Location	Method	Result	Regulation	Valid. type	Source
chrX:109641508-109644016 (3UTR)	Luciferase Reporter Assay	POSITIVE	↓	DIRECT	Tarbase 7.0
Kishore S et al. 2011	IP	Kidney	HEK293	N/A	mild MNase digestion

Location	Method	Result	Regulation	Valid. type	Source
chrX:109642109-109642134 (UNKNOWN)	HITS-CLIP	POSITIVE	↓	DIRECT	Tarbase 7.0

Related Pathways

Filters

Species

Method Type

Method

Regulation type

Validation type

Validated as

Source

Publication year
1900
Only publications published after the selected year will be presented.

Apply Filter!

TarBase v7.0 Interface

Gene information/expression

miRNA information

The screenshot shows a search bar at the top containing "hsa-miR-34a-5p". Below it is a table with columns: Gene name, miRNA name, Methods, and Pred.Score. The Gene name is "ACSL4 (hsa)", the miRNA name is "hsa-miR-34a-5p", the Methods column contains three green icons (IP, RS, Pr), and the Pred.Score is "1.000". Below this table is another table showing experimental data from four publications. The columns are Publication, Methods, Tissue, Cell line, Tested cell line, and Exp. condition. The publications are: Skalsky Rebecca L. et al. 2012 (IP, NA, EF3DAGO2, N/A, N/A), Balakrishnan I et al 2014 (IP, Bone Marrow, HS5, N/A, N/A), Kaller M et al. 2011 (Pr, NA, NA, N/A, N/A), and Kaller M et al. 2011 (RS, Intestine, SW480, H1299, N/A). At the bottom, there is a summary row with columns: Location, Method, Result, Regulation, Valid. type, and Source. The Location is "chrX:109641508-109644016 (3UTR)", the Method is "Luciferase Reporter Assay", the Result is "POSITIVE", the Regulation is "DIRECT", the Valid. type is "Tarbase 7.0", and the Source is "Tarbase 7.0". Arrows point from the "Gene name" and "miRNA name" in the first table to the corresponding rows in the second table. Arrows also point from the "Location", "Method", "Result", "Regulation", and "Valid. type" in the third table back to their respective columns in the second table.

Gene name	miRNA name	Methods	Pred.Score
ACSL4 (hsa)	hsa-miR-34a-5p	IP RS Pr	1.000

Publication	Methods	Tissue	Cell line	Tested cell line	Exp. condition
Skalsky Rebecca L. et al. 2012	IP	NA	EF3DAGO2	N/A	N/A
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Kaller M et al. 2011	Pr	NA	NA	N/A	N/A
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Location	Method	Result	Regulation	Valid. type	Source
chrX:109641508-109644016 (3UTR)	Luciferase Reporter Assay	POSITIVE	DIRECT	Tarbase 7.0	Tarbase 7.0

TarBase v7.0 Interface

- Interconnected to other DIANA-Tools
 - DIANA-miRPath v2.0
 - www.microrna.gr/miRPathv2
 - microT-CDS
 - www.microrna.gr/microT-CDS
 - LncBase
 - www.microrna.gr/LncBase



TarBase v7.0 Interface

Connection with microT-CDS

Connection with miRPath v2.0

Gene name	miRNA name	Methods	Prevalence		
ACSL4 (hsa)	hsa-miR-34a-5p	IP RS Pr	1.000		
Publication	Methods	Tissue	Cell line	Tested cell line	Exp. condition
Skalsky Rebecca L. et al. 2012	IP	NA	EF3DAGO2	N/A	N/A
Balakrishnan J et al 2014	IP	Bone Marrow	HSS	N/A	N/A
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chrX:109642109-109642134 (UNKNOWN)	HITS-CLIP	POSITIVE	↓	DIRECT	Tarbase 7.0

[Related Pathways](#)

Filters

Selected:
Species: KSHV, Homo sapiens
Regulation: -
Validation: -
Validated: -
Sources: -
Methods: 3LIFE, AGO-IP, Biotin-Microarrays, Biotin-Seq, CLASH, Degradome, HITS-CLIP, iCLIP, IMPACT-Seq, Microarrays, PAR-CLIP, pSILAC, RNA-Seq

[Remove all](#)

Species (2)

Diana microT-CDS Interface

The screenshot illustrates the Diana microT-CDS Interface with several highlighted features:

- Personalized search space:** A green callout points to the search bar at the top labeled "Search terms" containing "hsa-mir-1".
- Tool-specific history panel:** A green callout points to the left sidebar titled "History" which lists search history for "hsa-mir-1" and "hsa-miR-424-5p".
- Visualization of MREs in UCSC:** A green callout points to the bottom-left section showing a UCSC-style visualization of MREs.
- Advanced filtering options:** A green callout points to the top right of the search interface.
- Results summary:** A green callout points to the top right of the main results area.
- Gene & miRNA details:** A green callout points to the detailed results table for hsa-mir-1.
- MRE-specific information:** A green callout points to the sequence alignment and conservation details below the main results table.

Search terms: hsa-mir-1

Please cite:
Reczko M, Maragakis M, Alexiou P, Grosse I, Hatzigeorgiou AG. Functional microRNA targets in protein coding sequences. Bioinformatics. 2012;28:771–776.
Paraskevopoulou MD, Georgakilas G, Kostoulas N, Vlachos IS, Vergoulis T, Reczko M, Filippidis C, Dalamagas T, Hatzigeorgiou AG. DIANA-microT web server v5.0: service integration into miRNA functional analysis workflows. Nucleic Acids Res. 2013 Jul;41(Web Server issue):W169–73. doi: 10.1093/nar/gkt393. Epub 2013 May 16.

Results: 1041 targets for miRNAs hsa-mir-1. Threshold is set to 0.7.

Ensembl Gene Id	miRNA name	miTG score	Also Predicted
1 ENSG00000059728 (MXD1)	hsa-miR-1	1.000	

Gene details: hsa-miR-1

miRNA details: hsa-miR-1

PubMed links: miRNA | gene | both

UCSC graphic: Region: UTR3, Binding Type: 9mer, Transcript position: 205-233, Score: 0.128346633186705, Conservation: 9

Position on chromosome: 2:70165622-70165650

Conserved species: panTro2,rheMac2,oryCun2,bosTau4,dasNov2,loxAfr3,echTel1,monDom5,galGal3

Binding area:

UTR3	6mer	3'	5'
536-564	CU UACAUCCA	A A	
1319-1347	GA AUGUAAGGU		
1745-1773			
2 ENSG00000127124 (HIVEP3)	hsa-miR-1	1.000	
3 ENSG00000070214 (SLC44A1)	hsa-miR-1	1.000	green red

miRPath v2.0 Interface

DIANA LAB DNA Intelligent Analysis

Mirpath

Species: Human

Gene filter: determine a list of genes (optional)

Add miRNAs: Tarbase or upload a file

Select by pathway Reverse Search New Search Help Run example Show/Hide miRNAs (lists) Hide lists added ^

Selected miRNAs (lists)

Selected miRNAs (lists): hsa-let-7a-5p, microT-CDS; hsa-miR-21-5p, Tarbase; hsa-miR-140-5p, Tarbase

Add extra miRNAs (lists): Tarbase, disable; Tarbase, disable; Tarbase, disable

Show genes for this list: (496), (451), (0)

Merging and meta-analysis options: genes union, genes intersection, pathways union, pathways intersection

Statistical analysis options: FDR Correction: Conservative Stats:

Select the way to merge results: genes union, genes intersection, pathways union, pathways intersection

p-value threshold: 0.05, Apply, default

MicroT threshold: 0.8, Apply, default

In order to see HeatMap select pathway intersection or pathway union.

Heatmap & clustering options

Significance Clusters/Heatmap, Targeted Pathways Clusters/Heatmap

Download results in file, Upload results

Click to show the pathway graph

KEGG pathway

Click for advanced visualizations

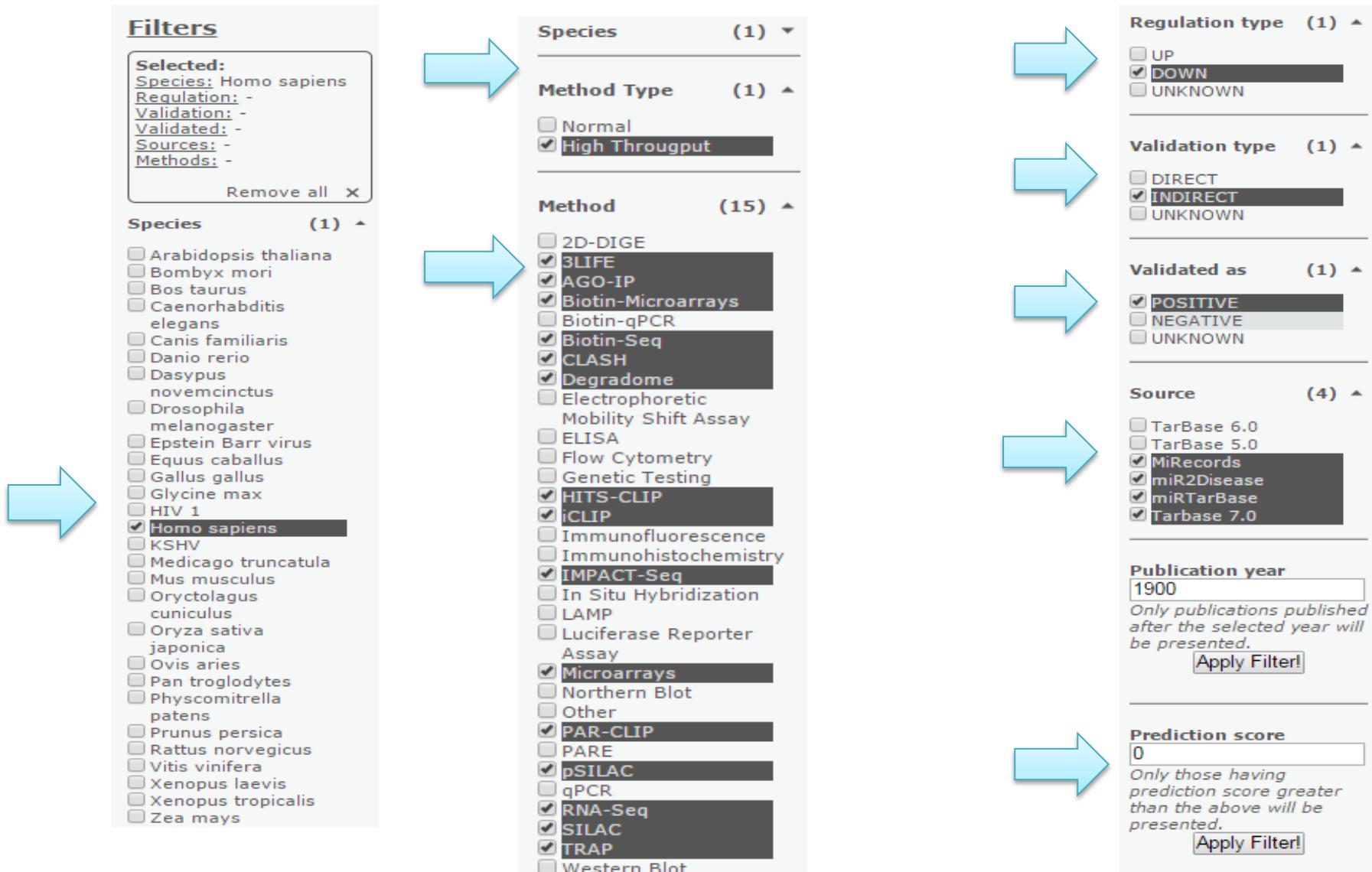
Show Heatmap, **Show microRNA/Pathway Clusters**

List of related miRNAs

KEGG pathway	p-value	#genes	#miRNAs	details
1. ECM-receptor interaction (hsa04512)	<1e-16	8 see genes	2	details
hsa-let-7a-5p/microT-CDS	2.915217e-20	6 see genes		
hsa-miR-21-5p/Tarbase	0.04394519	4 see genes		
2. Glycosaminoglycan biosynthesis - heparan sulfate (hsa00534)	0.0006455011	3 see genes	1	details

Show/Hide miRNAs related to the pathway

TarBase v7.0 Interface - Advanced filter options

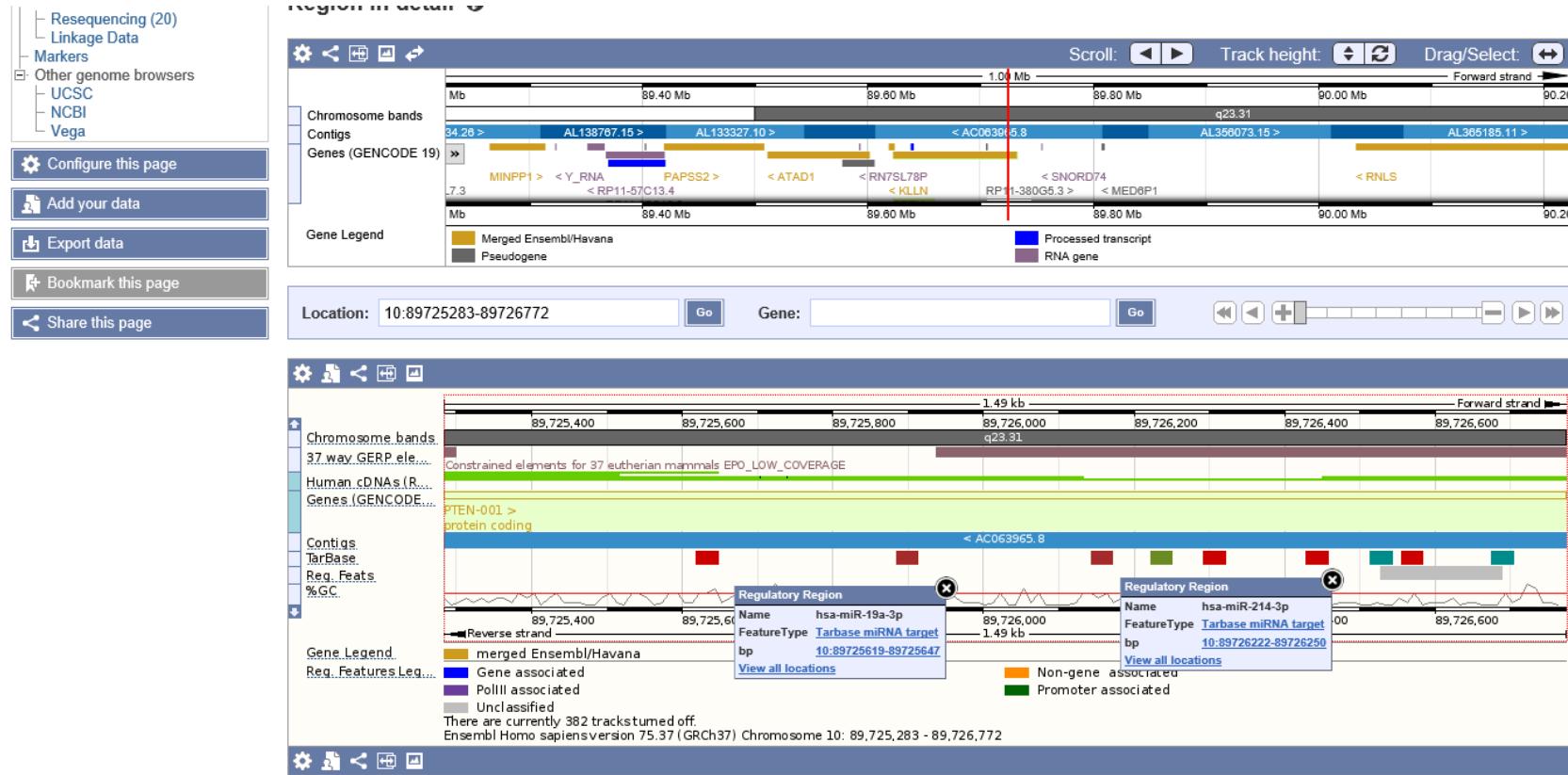


ENSEMBL Integration

ENSEMBL integration:

- Integrated in ENSEMBL since February 2014!
- TarBase substituted *in silico* predicted targets track

ENSEMBL Integration

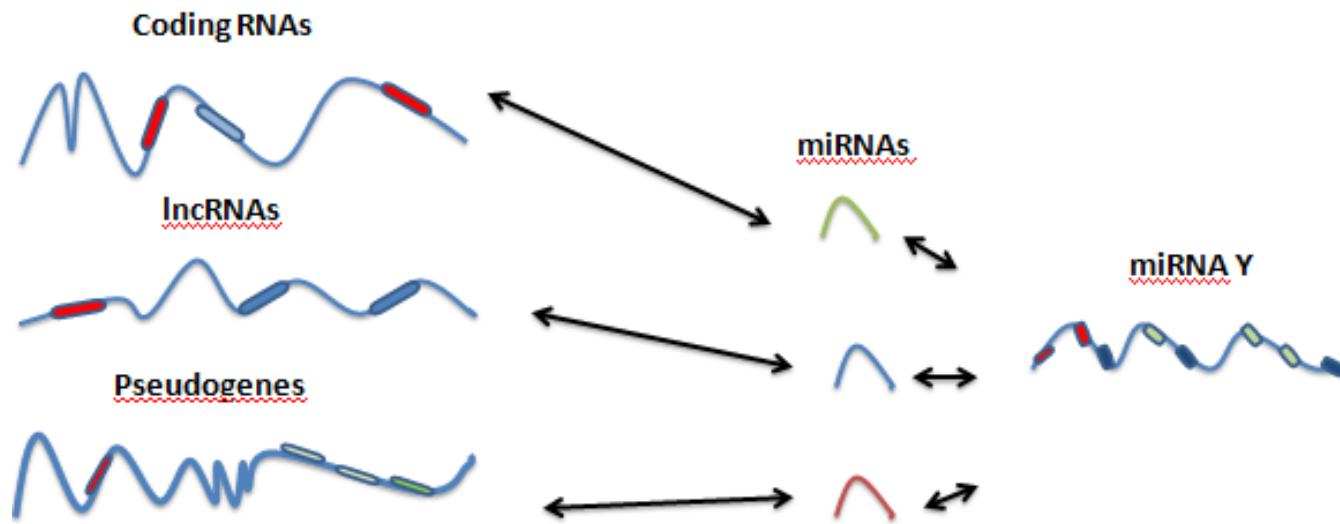


DIANA-TarBase v7.0

Conclusion

- > 500,000 entries
- Analysis >150 raw NGS data
- Hundreds of manually curated articles
- Completely redesigned
- Detailed information for each interaction
- Tissue specific results
- Overcomes Target prediction bottleneck
 - Enrich or substitute in silico predicted interactions
- Utilization in exploratory studies

LncBase Update (upcoming)



Competing endogenous RNA (ceRNA) network

LncBase Update (*upcoming*)

- Experimental Module
- >5,000 interactions
- 2,958 lncRNAs and 120 miRNAs
- Prediction Module
- >10 million interactions
- 56,097 lncRNAs and 3,078 miRNAs

- Currently working on an extension of LncBase database
- Data from Ensembl/NCBI
- CLIP-Seq Data analysis

LncBase Update (upcoming)

The screenshot shows the Diana Lab LncBase experimental interface. At the top, there is a red header bar with the text "DIANA LAB" on the left and "DNA Intelligent Analysis" on the right. Below the header, there is a navigation bar with links for "HOME", "SOFTWARE", "MEMBERS", and "PUBLICATIONS". A "Search field" is located at the top center, containing the query "hsa-miR-424-5p XLOC008185". To the right of the search field are several filters: "Select species" (Homo Sapiens, Mus Musculus), "Select ver. method" (Reporter Gene Assay, Western Blot, PCR, Proteomics, microarray, Sequencing, Other, Degradome, Northern Blot), "Select publ. year" (1900, Apply Filter), and "Select pred. score thr." (0, Apply Filter). There is also an "Advanced search options" button. On the left side, there is a "Personalized search space" section with a user profile (georgaki) and a "Need for help? Check out our FAQ!". Below this, there are sections for "Personal info" (Username: georgaki, Email: geo2mandos@gmail.com, Queries performed: 9, Last query on: 2012-09-26 13:47:11, Stored bookmarks: 0). In the center, there is a table for "Interaction related information" showing a single entry: Gene name (hsaLOCG410001027 (XLOC008185)) and miRNA name (hsa-miR-424-5p). The table includes columns for Methods (R, N, W, Q, P, M, A, D, O) and Pred. score (0.986). Below the table, there are "Gene details" (Gene ID: hsaLOCG410001027, Gene Name: XLOC008185, Description: intergenic, Chromosome: X, Transcripts: hsaLOCT410001027) and "miRNA details" (Name: hsa-miR-424-5p, Alternative description: MIMAT0001341, Related names: There are no related names for this entry, miRNA sequence: CAGCAGCAAUUCAUGUUUUGAA, External links: miRBase). A red box highlights the "Anoxia" term under "Related MeSH terms". At the bottom, there is a summary table with columns for Authors (Hafner M. et al.), Year (2010), Methods (R, N, W, Q, P, M, A, D, O), Regulation (DIRECT), Valid. type (VALIDATED), and Region (EUROPE). The table also lists Cell types: HEK293, Original sources: LncBase, and Comments: PAR-CLIP.

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DNA Intelligent Analysis

hsa-miR-424-5p XLOC008185

logged in as georgaki

Personal info

Username: georgaki
Email: geo2mandos@gmail.com
Queries performed: 9
Last query on: 2012-09-26 13:47:11
Stored bookmarks: 0

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Personalized search space

Select species:

Select ver. method:

Select publ. year:

Select pred. score thr.:

Advanced options:

Please cite:
LncBase

Gene name

miRNA name

Methods

Pred. score

Gene ID: hsaLOCG410001027

Gene Name: XLOC008185

Description: intergenic

Chromosome: X

Transcripts: hsaLOCT410001027

miRNA details

Name: hsa-miR-424-5p

Alternative description: MIMAT0001341

Related names: There are no related names for this entry.

miRNA sequence: CAGCAGCAAUUCAUGUUUUGAA

External links: miRBase

Anoxia Chronic Disease Colonic Neoplasms Disease Models, Animal Endometriosis Heart Diseases Hypertension, Pulmonary Leukemia, Lymphocytic, Chronic, B-Cell Neoplasms Neovascularization, Pathologic Neurodegenerative Diseases Precursor B-Cell Lymphoblastic Leukemia-Lymphoma Precursor T-Cell Lymphoblastic Leukemia-Lymphoma

Authors: Hafner M. et al.

Year: 2010

Methods: R, N, W, Q, P, M, A, D, O

Regulation: DIRECT

Valid. type: VALIDATED

Region: EUROPE

Cell types: HEK293

Original sources: LncBase

Comments: PAR-CLIP

Publication related information

Interaction related information

Gene and miRNA details

Advance search options

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