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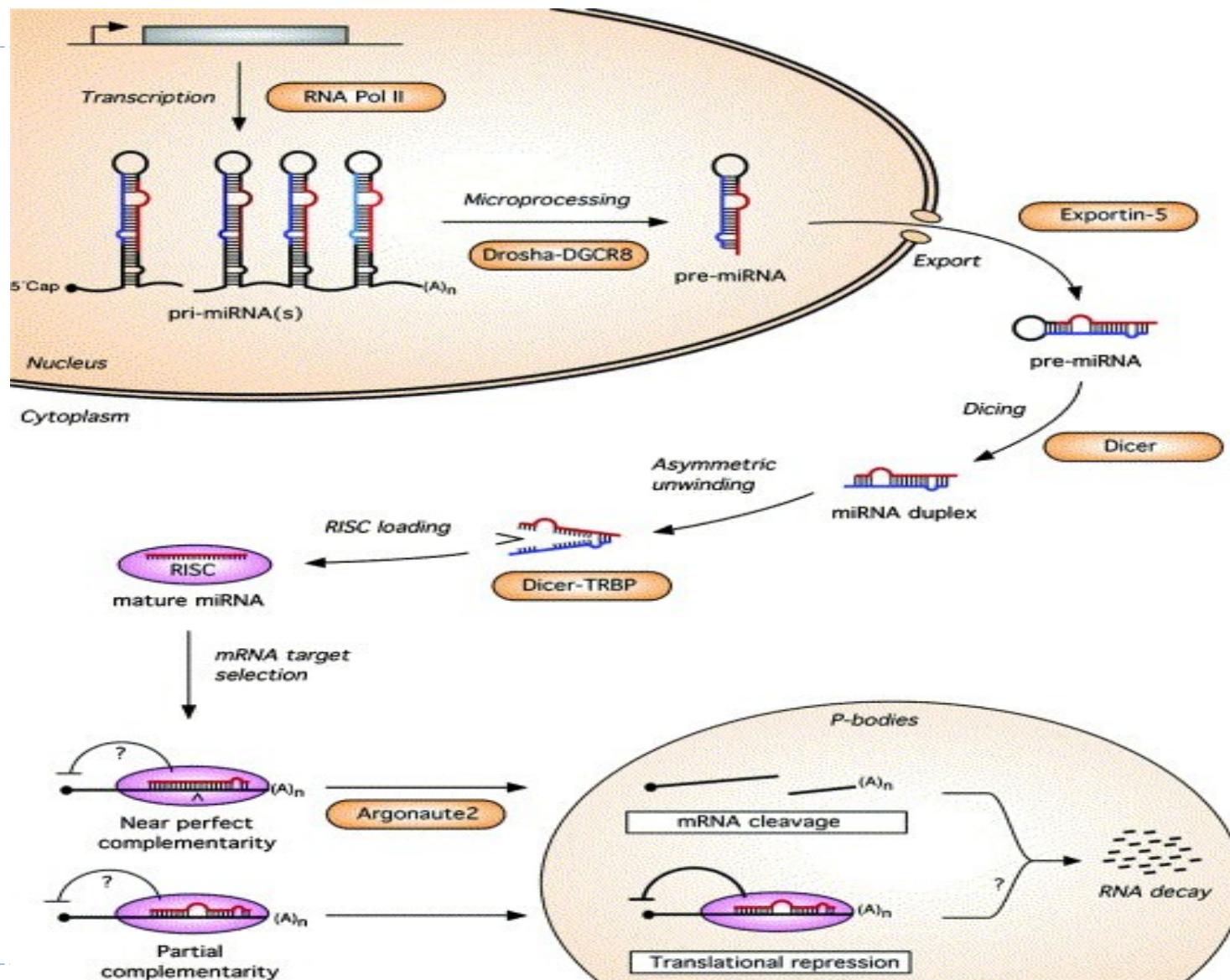
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# microRNA

- ▶ Small non-coding RNA, 18-22 nt
- ▶ Endogenous
- ▶ Conserved during evolution
- ▶ Expression : ubiquist, tissue-specifics
- ▶ Fonctions : post-transcriptionnally regulate gene expression

potentially regulate 30% of protein-encoding genes
- ▶ Biological processes : developmental changes, tissue morphogenesis, cell growth, differentiation, apoptosis,  
metabolism,
- ▶ also in diseases as diabetes, cancer, viral infection

# microRNA biosynthesis



# Cloning of new miRNA from normal mouse mammary gland

**BMC Genomics**



Research article

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From 455 sequences obtained from mammary gland (V8w, Gd2, Gd6, Gd18, Ld4, Id1),  
24 new miRNAs have been identified.

Tissue expression profiles :  
No miRNA mammary gland specific.

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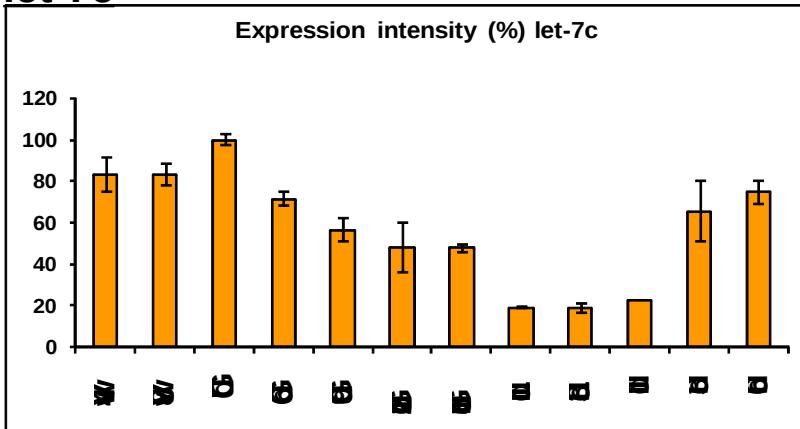
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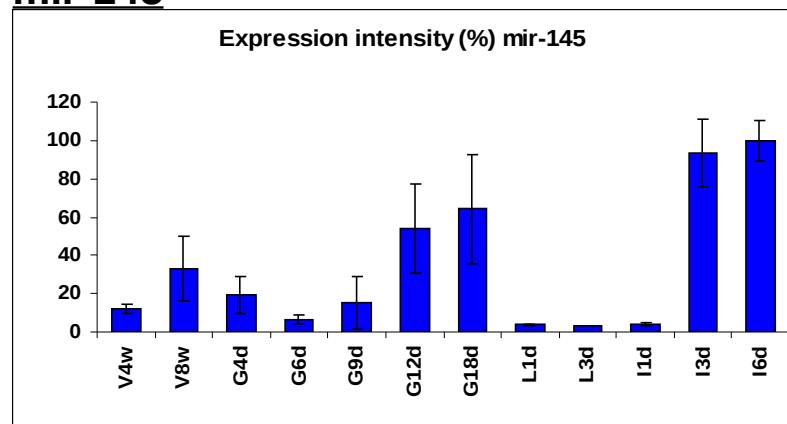
Abstract

# miR expression profils in mammary gland

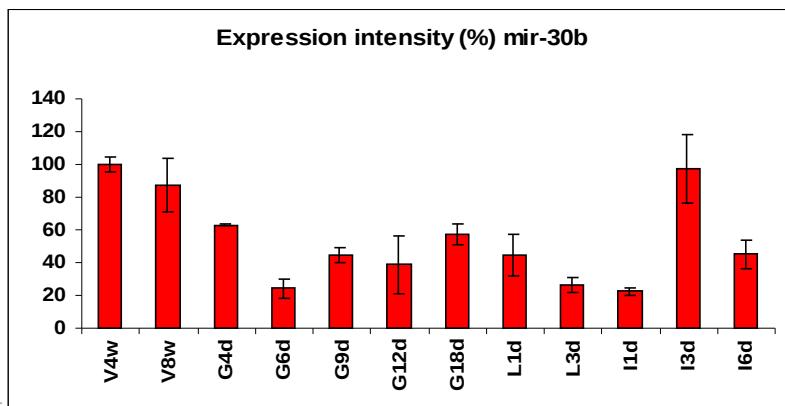
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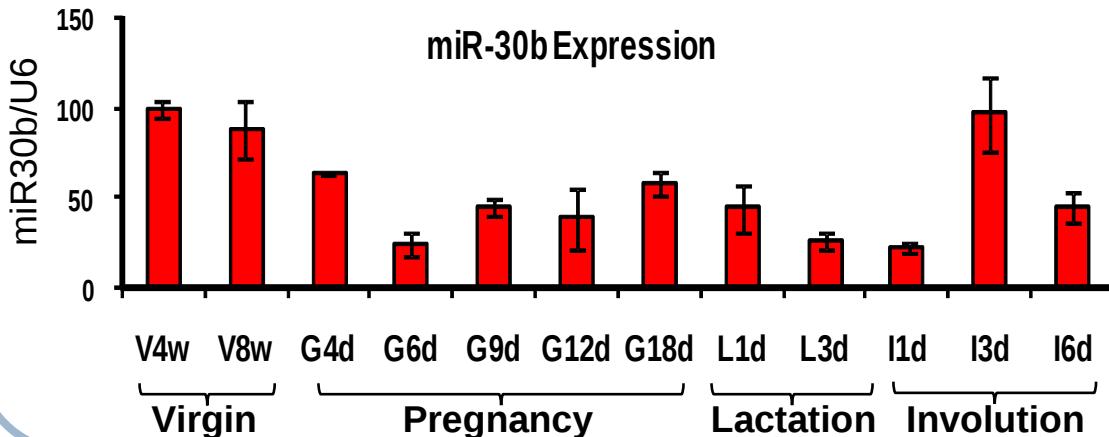
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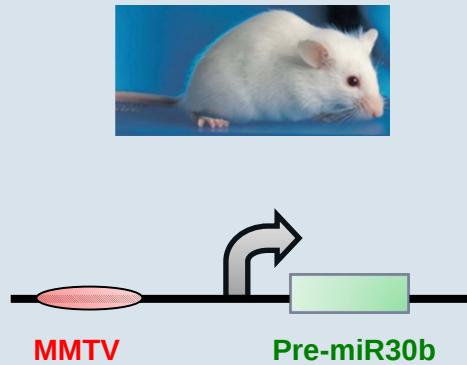
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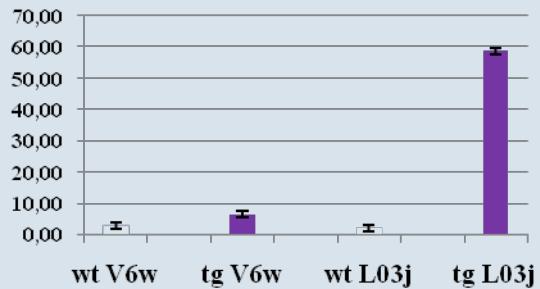
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Mice over-expressing miR-30b precursor

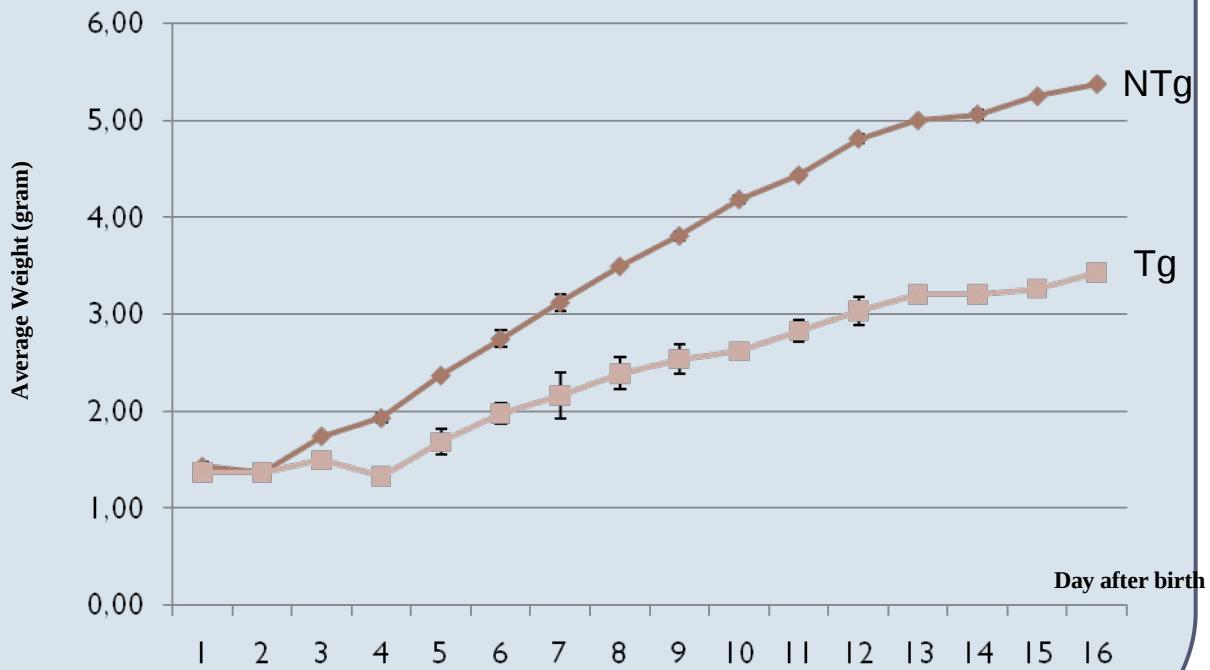


miR-30b expression in Tg mice



# Role of miR-30b : over-expression

Growth curves of pups feeding by Transgenic (Tg) or Non-transgenic (NTg) dams



# Role of miR-30b : over-expression

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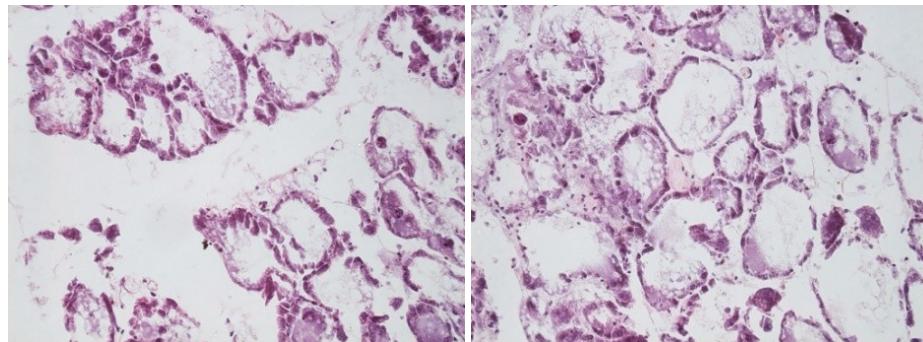
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  - ▶ Pregnancy 6d, 14d, 18d
  - ▶ Lactation 3d, 12d
  - ▶ Involution 1d, 3d, 6d, 11d



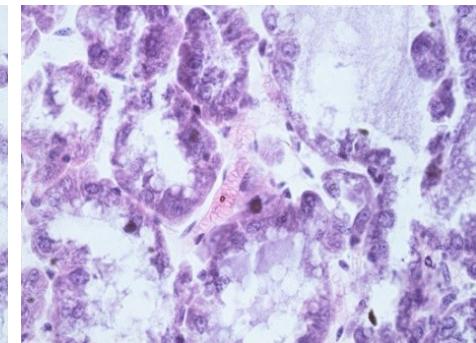
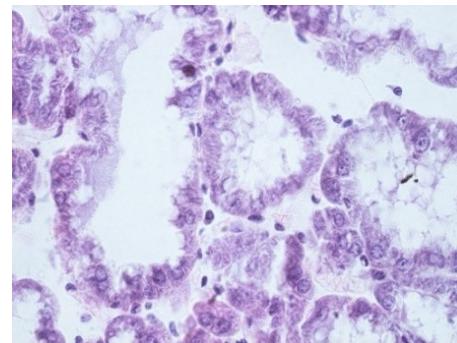
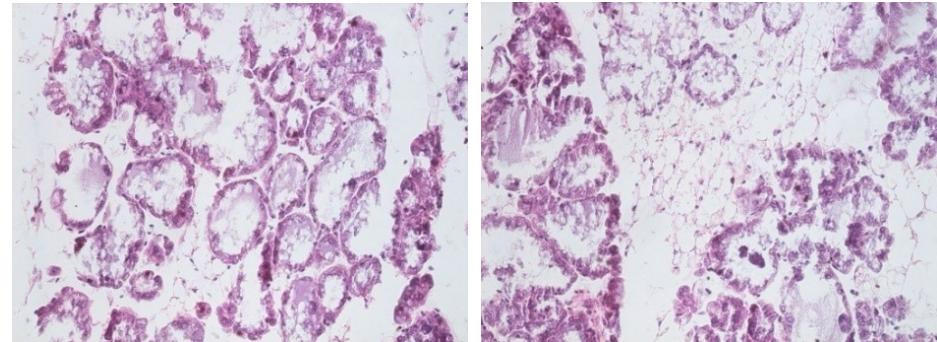
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Lactation day-12

Non Tg



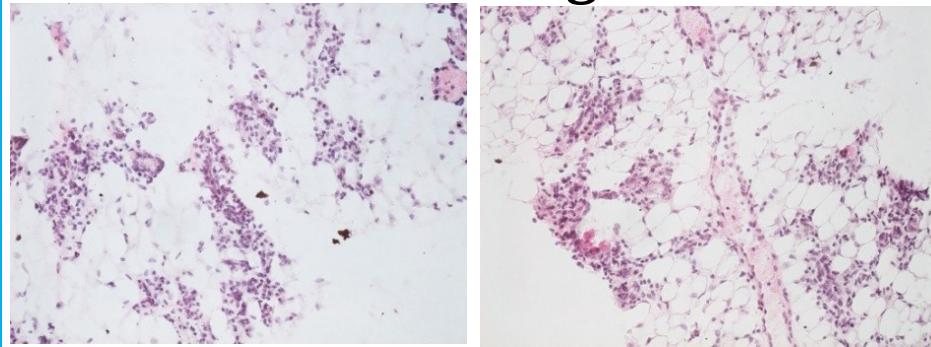
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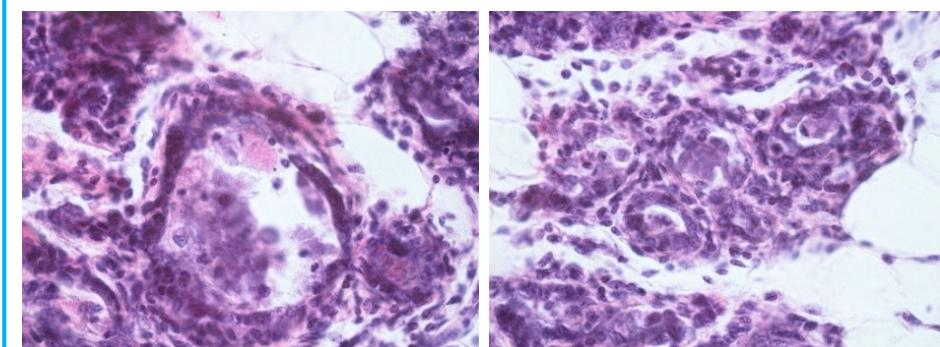
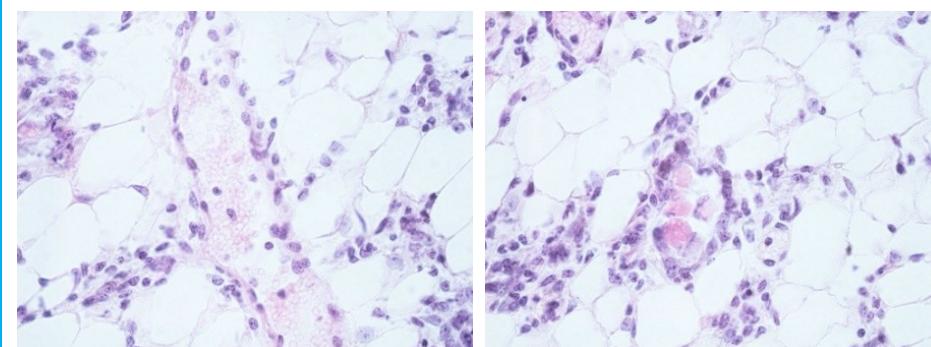
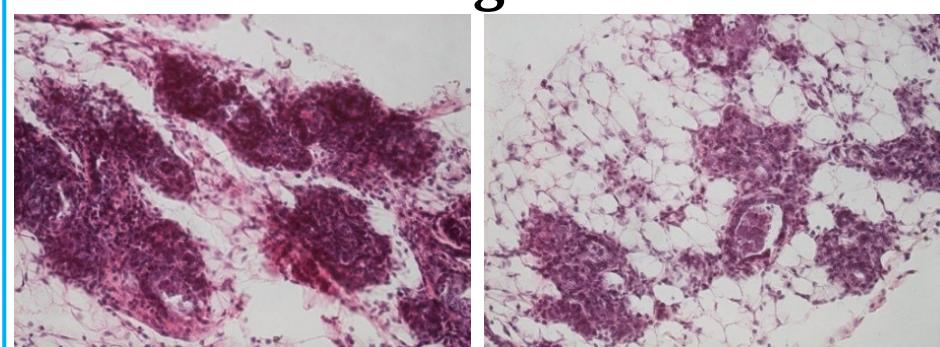
# Role of miR-30b : over-expression

**Involution day-6**

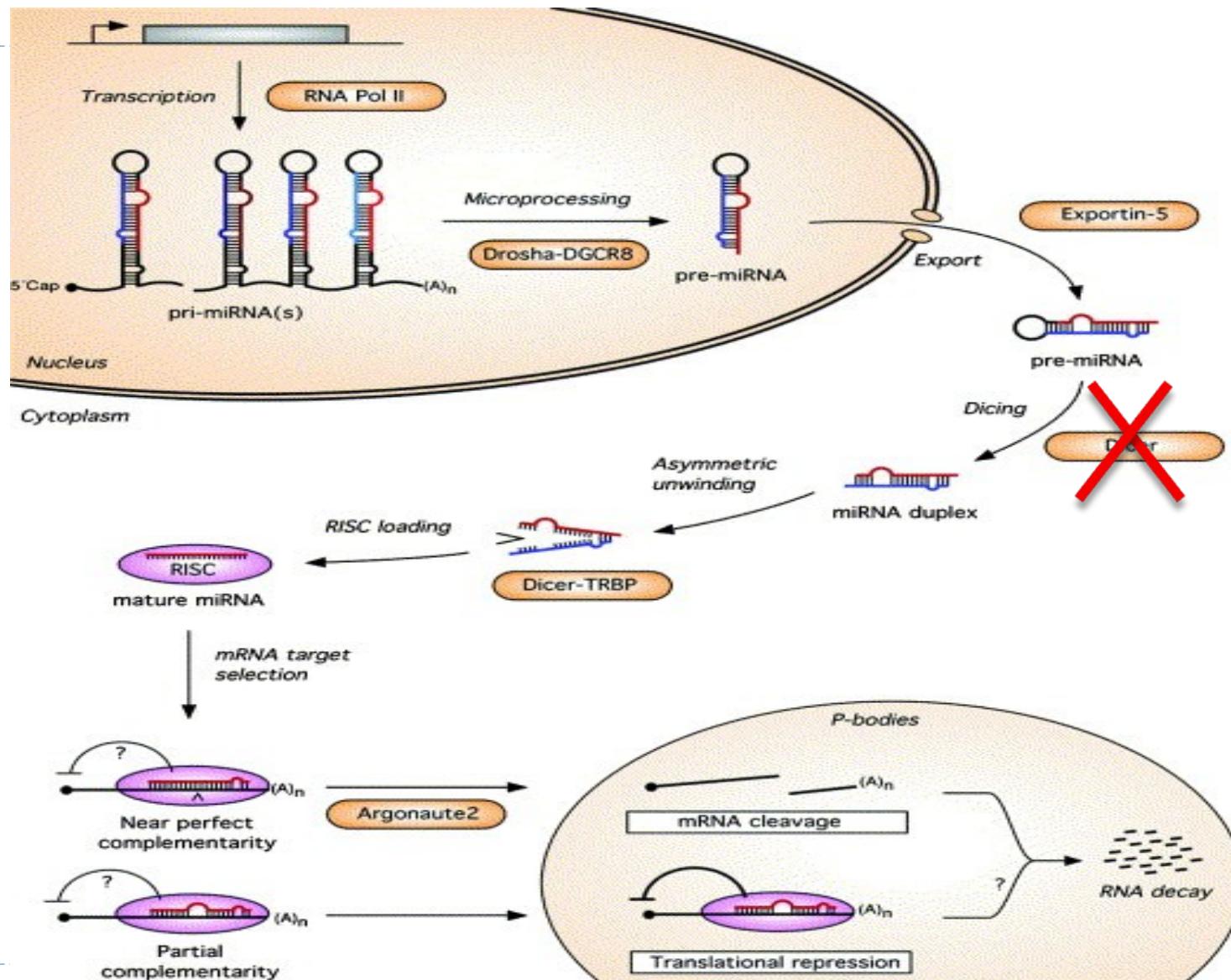
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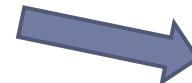
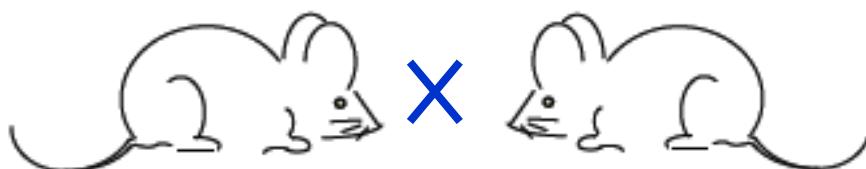
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# Down regulation of miRNAs biosynthesis



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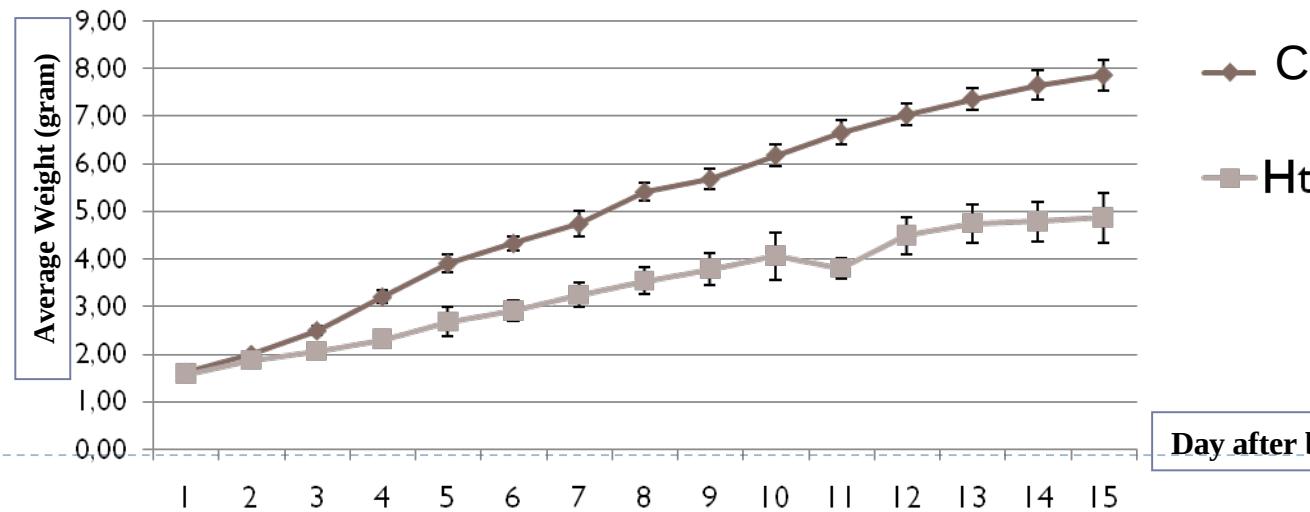
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Growth curves of pups feeding by Heterozygote (Ht) or Control (C) dams.



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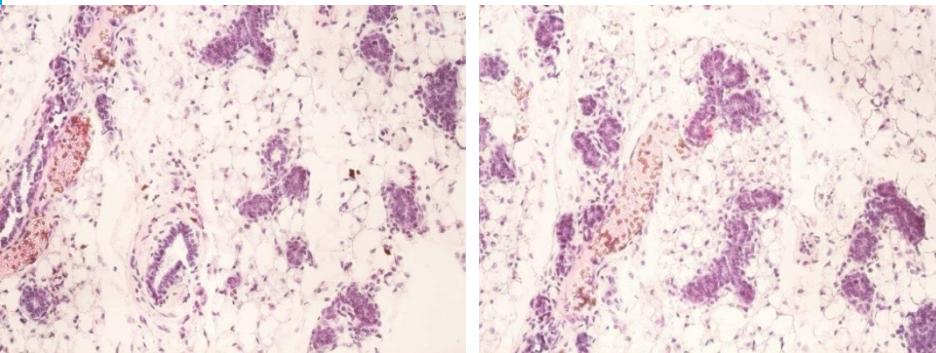
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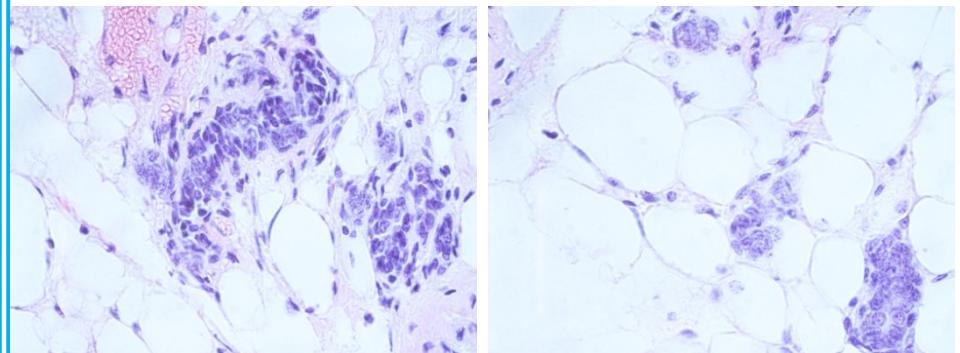
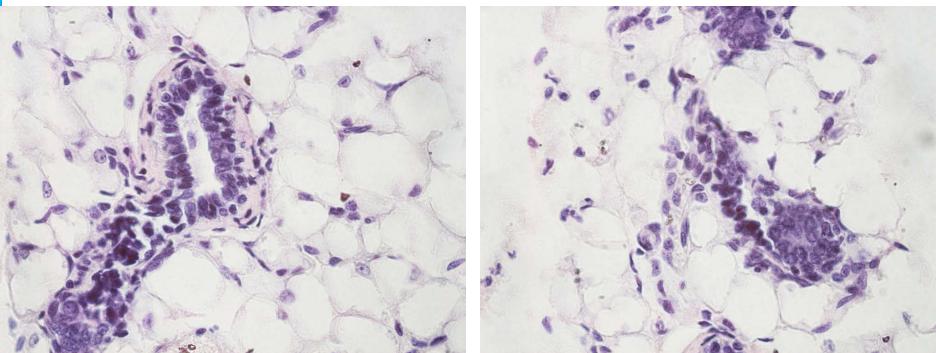
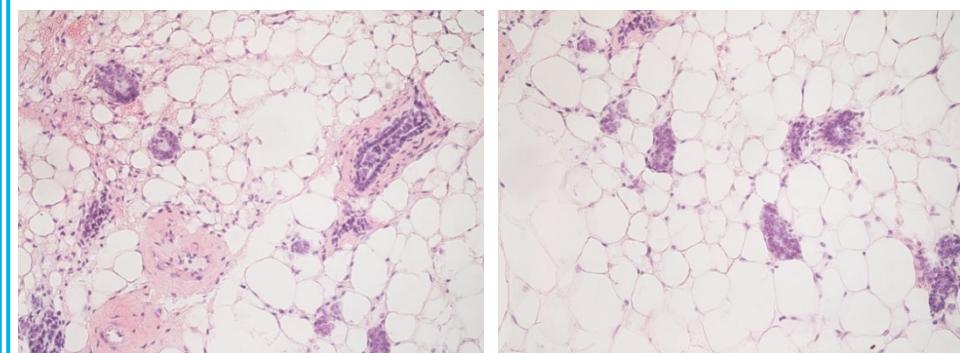
# Down regulation of miRNAs biosynthesis

Gestation day-6

Control



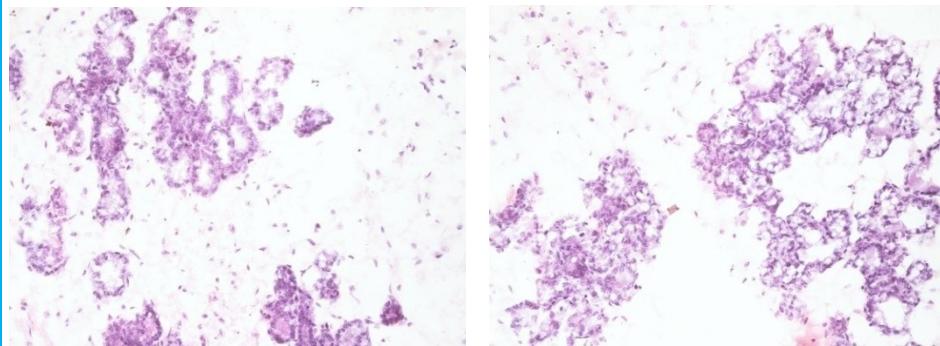
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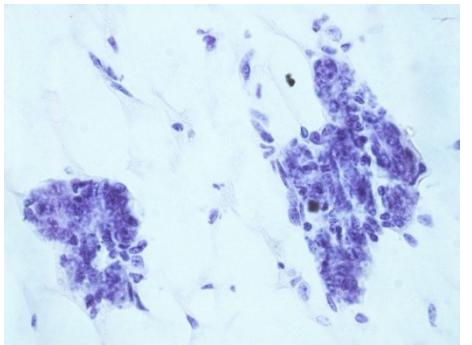
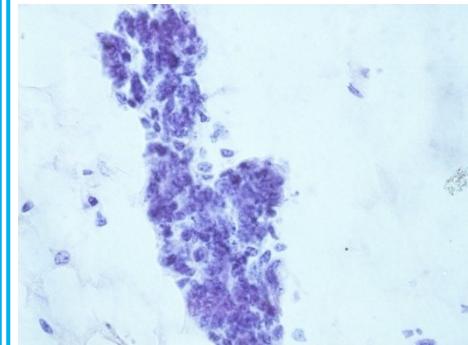
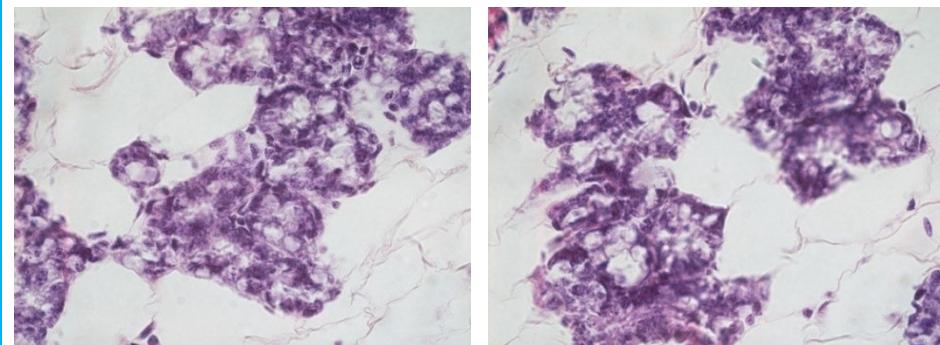
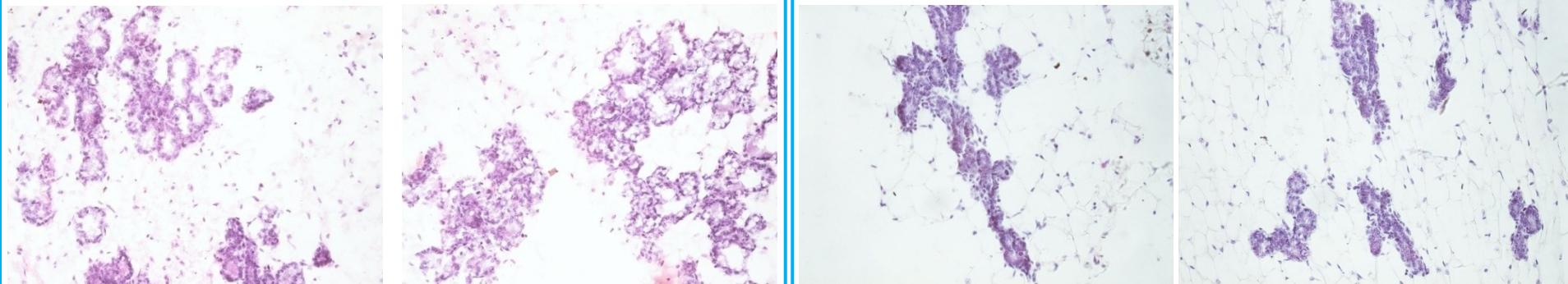
# Down regulation of miRNAs biosynthesis

Gestation day-16

Control



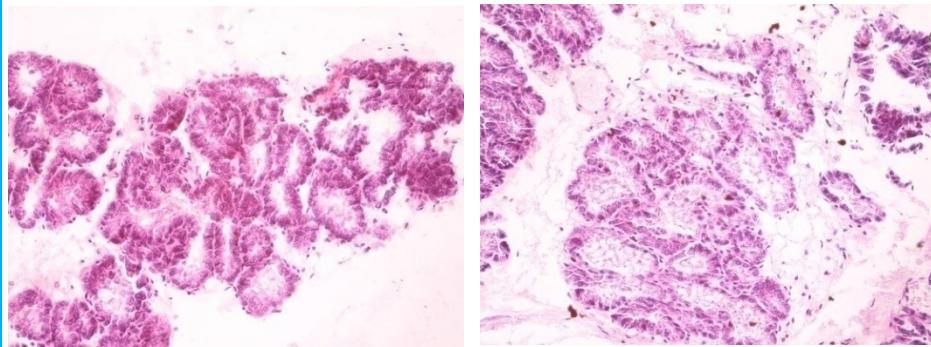
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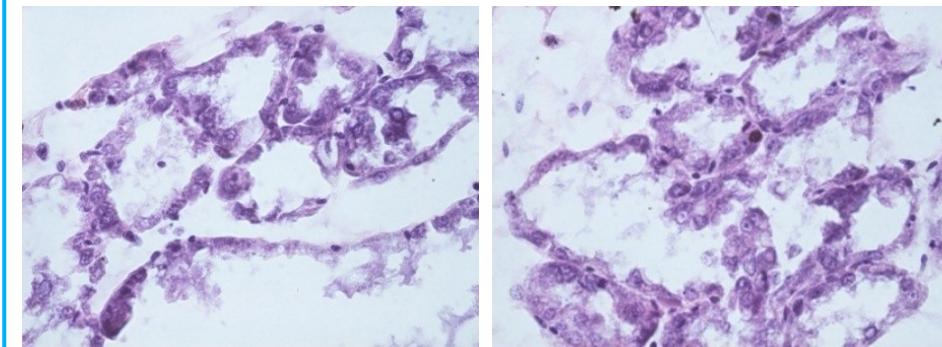
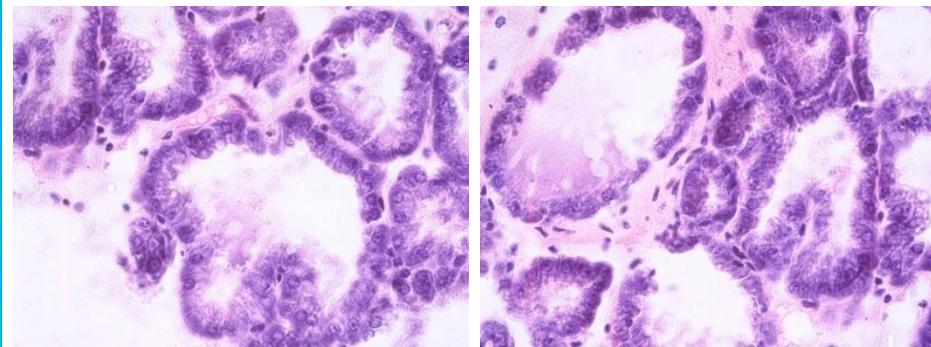
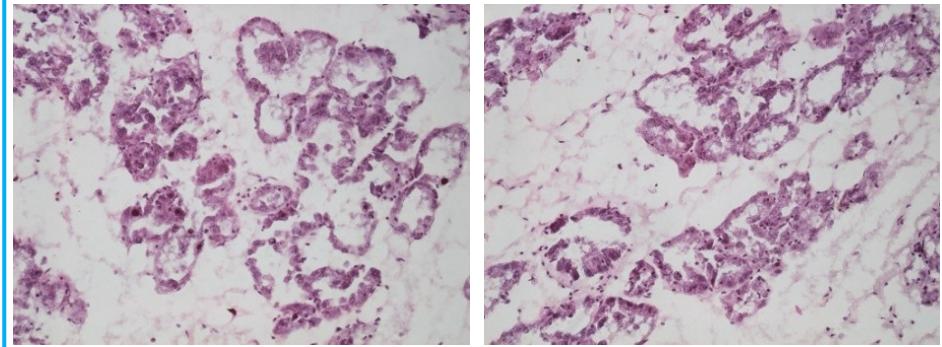
# Down regulation of miRNAs biosynthesis

Lactation day-7

Control



MD Heterozygote



# Conclusions

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miRNAs are important to normal  
mammary gland development  
and differentiation

- ▶ Currently
  - ▶ Phenotype characterization :
    - ▶ Tissue structure by electronic microscopy
    - ▶ Specific cell markers by immunostaining
    - ▶ Epithelial cell populations analyses by FACS
  - ▶ Transcriptomic studies to characterize the signaling pathways involved
  - ▶ miR-30b targets



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# miR library

