

Supplementary Information:

miR-24-3p Is Antiviral Against SARS-CoV-2 by Downregulating Critical Host Entry Factors

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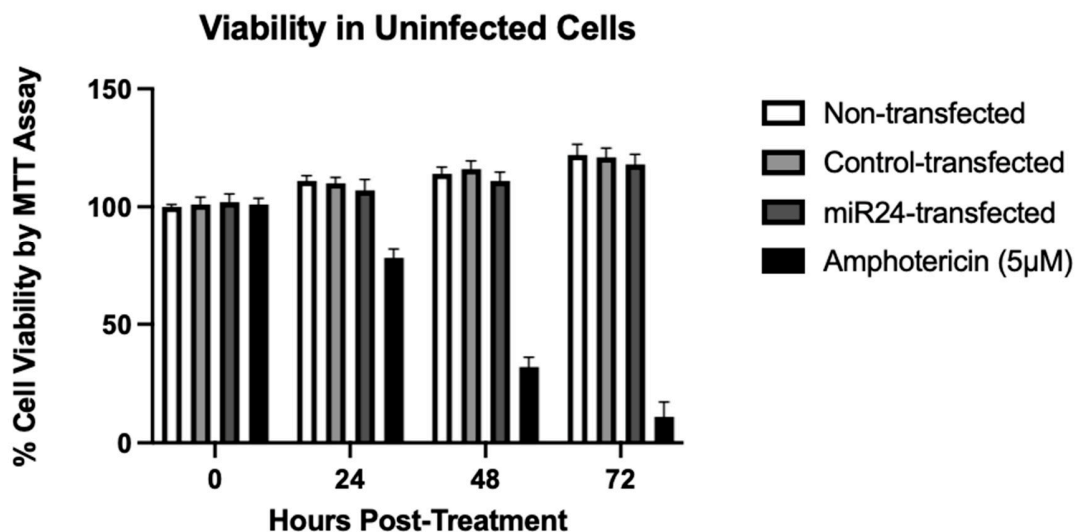


Figure S1. MTT Calu-3 cell viability assay during transfection with miR-24. Calu-3 cells were treated with 100 nM of miR-24 or con-miR for 24-72h before incubation with 2.5 mg/mL formazan and quantifying by absorbance at 570 nm. Amphotericin was included as a positive control for cytotoxicity.

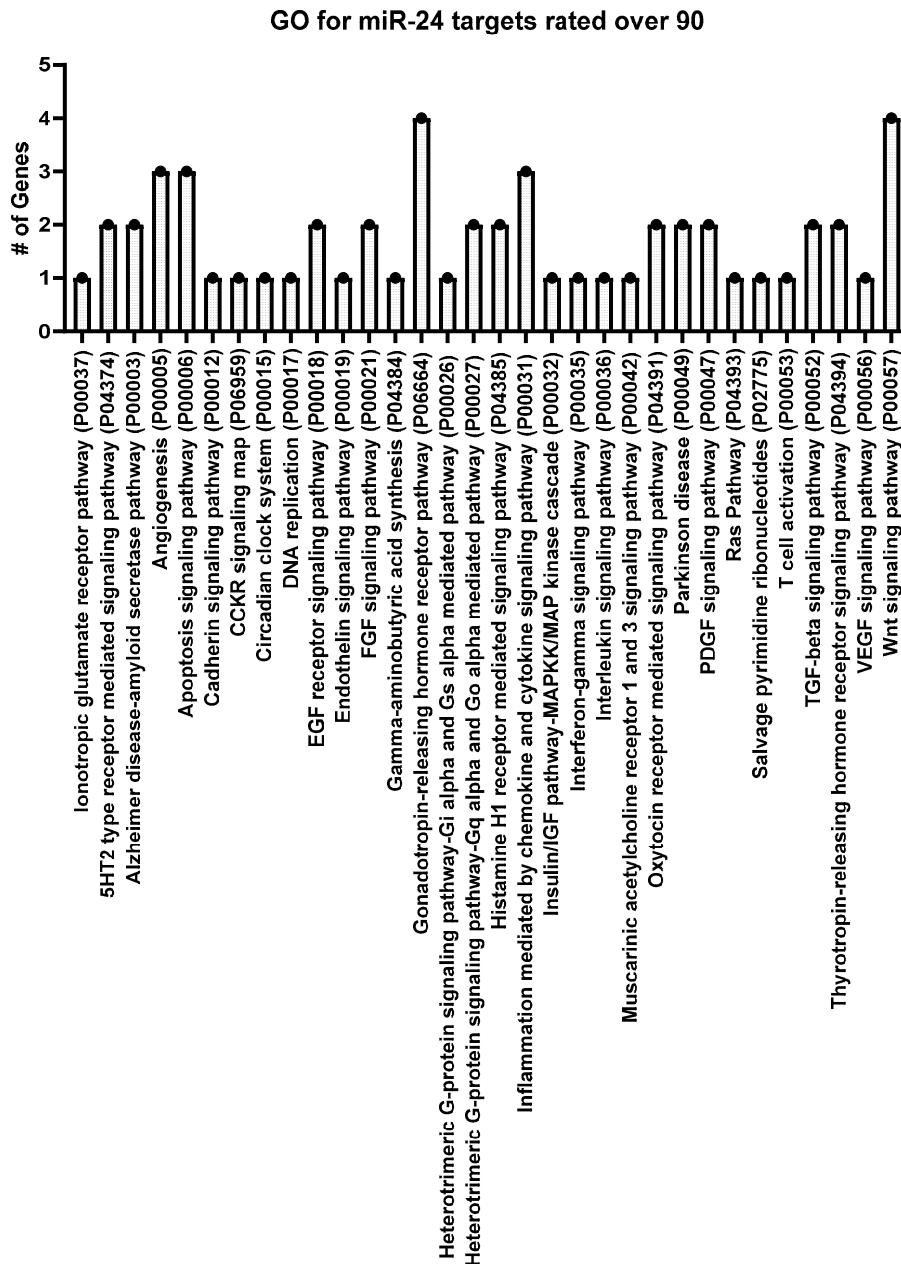


Figure S2. Gene Ontology for predicted miR-24 targets with a score of 90 or greater. Panther GO was performed on all miRDB predicted targets regardless of target expression. Most genes belonged to unclassified categories; however, these were removed for clarity. Of the 959 targets, the targets with a miRDB score of 90 or over (n = 130) were included for generating the following GO analysis.

Example Gene, 3'UTR nucleotide position: ABC-XYZ	5' ...XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX...	Calculated ΔG	Conservation
hsa-miR-24-3p	3' GACAAGGACGACUUGACUCGGU	Calculated Maximum ΔG	
NRP1 3'UTR nucleotide position : 110-117	5' ...GUGUGUUGAUGACCAUGAGCCA...	Calculated ΔG = -16.23 kcal/mol	Highly conserved
hsa-miR-24-3p	3' GACAAGGACGACUUGACUCGGU	Calculated Maximum ΔG = -41.48 kcal/mol	
NRP2 3'UTR nucleotide position: 2935-2942	5' ...UCGACCAUUCACUGGUGAGCCU...	Calculated ΔG = -12.93 kcal/mol	Highly conserved
hsa-miR-24-3p	3' GACAAGGACGACUUGACUCGGU	Calculated Maximum ΔG = -45.71 kcal/mol	
NRP2 3'UTR nucleotide position: 2346-2352	5' ...UGCUGUCAUGCUCAG--UGAGCCAU...	Calculated ΔG = -13.29 kcal/mol	Poorly conserved
hsa-miR-24-3p	3' GACAAGGACGACUUGACUCGGU	Calculated Maximum ΔG = -42.91 kcal/mol	
Furin 3' UTR nucleotide position: 724-730	5' ...CCAAGUCCUGUUU--CUGAGCCU...	Calculated ΔG = -19.77kcal/mol	Highly conserved
hsa-miR-24-3p	3' GACAAGGACGACUUGACUCGGU	Calculated Maximum ΔG = -42.51 kcal/mol	
Furin 3' UTR nucleotide position: 1211-1217	5' ...GGCAGUGUGGCGCUGAGCCC...	Calculated ΔG = -14.28 kcal/mol	Poorly conserved
hsa-miR-24-3p	3' GACAAGGACGACUUGACUCGGU	Calculated Maximum ΔG = -51.07 kcal/mol	
SR-B1 3' UTR nucleotide position: 117-123	5' ...CCCCGAAACAGCCUGAGCCU...	Calculated ΔG = -12.93 kcal/mol	Highly conserved
hsa-miR-24-3p	3' GACAAGGACGACUUGACUCGGU	Calculated Maximum ΔG = -45.8 kcal/mol	
SR-B1 3' UTR nucleotide position: 715-721	5' ...ACAUCAUCCUUAUGGA--CUGAGCCG...	Calculated ΔG = -14.28 kcal/mol	Highly conserved
hsa-miR-24-3p	3' GACAAGGACGACUUGACUCGGU	Calculated Maximum ΔG = -42.94 kcal/mol	
SR-B1 3' UTR nucleotide position: 17-23	5' ...GUCCUGAGGACCCGUGAGCCAG...	Calculated ΔG = -13.29 kcal/mol	Poorly conserved
hsa-miR-24-3p	3' GACAAGGACGACUUG--ACUCGGU	Calculated Maximum ΔG = -44.9 kcal/mol	
SREBP2 3' UTR nucleotide position 4123-4146	5' ...TCCCTCCCTGGGCCUGACUGAGCCU...	Calculated ΔG = -14.28 kcal/mol	Poorly conserved
hsa-miR-24-3p	3' GACAAGGACGACUUGACUCGGU	Calculated Maximum ΔG = -57.0 kcal/mol	
PTGER4 3' UTR nucleotide position: 1274-1280	5' ...GGUUGUAAUUAUUUGAGCCU...	Calculated ΔG = -12.93 kcal/mol	Highly Conserved
hsa-miR-24-3p	3' GACAAGGACGACUUGACUCGGU	Calculated Maximum ΔG = -41.48 kcal/mol	
CDH7 3' UTR nucleotide position: 1020-1027	5' ...AUUAAUUGUUCUUUGAGCCU...	Calculated ΔG = -12.93 kcal/mol	Highly conserved
hsa-miR-24-3p	3' GACAAGGACGACUUGACUCGGU	Calculated Maximum ΔG = -41.48 kcal/mol	
CDH7 3' UTR nucleotide position: 4752-4759	5' ...CUGGGAUUCAGGCGUGAGCCAC...	Calculated ΔG = -13.29 kcal/mol	Poorly conserved
hsa-miR-24-3p	3' GACAAGGACGACUUGACUCGGU	Calculated Maximum ΔG = -46.33 kcal/mol	
TOP1 3' UTR nucleotide position 163-170	5' ...AUUUUAAGGGAGAGCUGAGCCU...	Calculated ΔG = -12.93 kcal/mol	Highly conserved
hsa-miR-24-3p	3' GACAAGGACGACUUGACUCGGU	Calculated Maximum ΔG = -42.46 kcal/mol	
TOP1 3' UTR nucleotide position: 62-68	5' ...GGAAAGAUUGGAUAAACUGAGCCU...	Calculated ΔG = -16.22 kcal/mol	Poorly conserved
hsa-miR-24-3p	3' GACAAGGACGACUUGACUCGGU	Calculated Maximum ΔG = -41.98 kcal/mol	

Figure S3. All 3'-UTR binding interactions and associated binding free energy for selected predicted targets. Target seed sites were predicted using miRDB [29] and additional interactions outside the seed, in addition to binding energies, were calculated/determined using Oligo Analyzer. Watson-crick pairs within the seed site are indicated by solid black lines (—) while Watson-Crick pairs and non-Watson-Crick pairs outside the seed site are indicated by a colon (:). The degree of evolutionary conservation is not part of the miRDB parameters for prediction [29]; however, the degree of conservation has been determined using Targetscan [60] and included for each target.

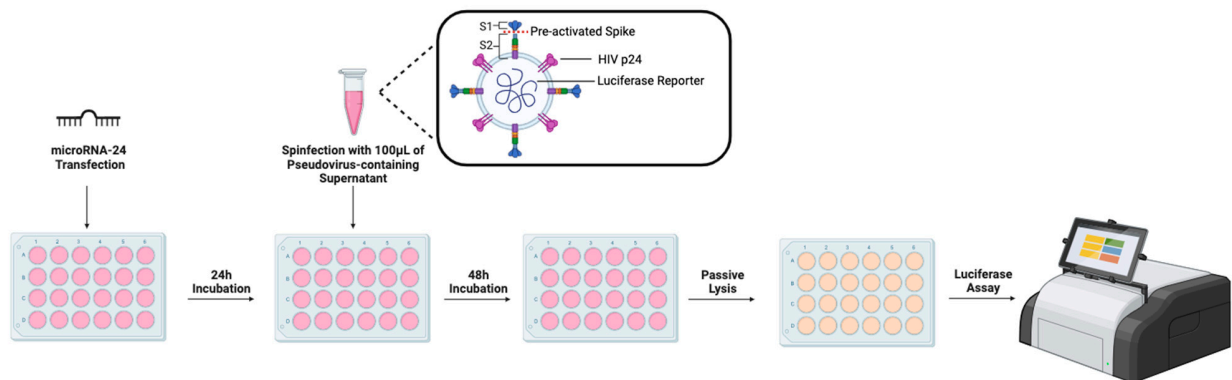


Figure S4. Scheme depicting the quantification of SARS-CoV-2 S pseudovirus entry assay.

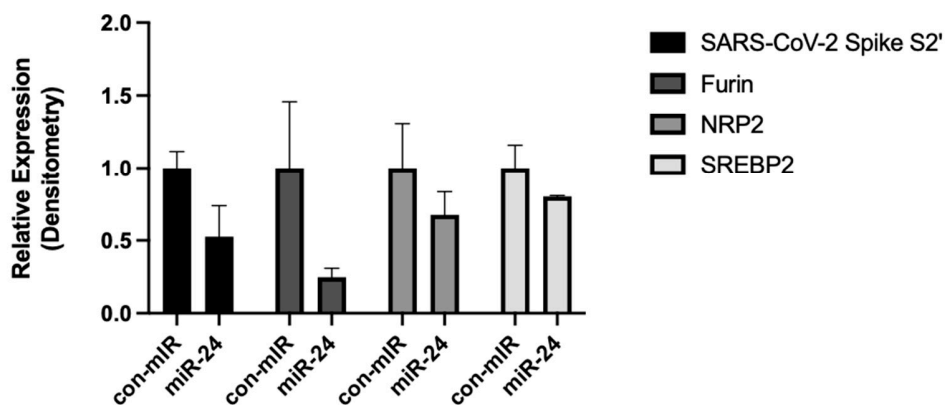


Figure S5. Densitometric analysis of western blots of miR-24 pre-treated cell lysates. HEK293T cells were pre-treated with miR-24 or con-miR 24h before transfection with the plasmids to produce pseudovirions. After 48h, the pseudovirus was collected and the pseudovirus produced during miR-24 treatment or con-miR treatment were then used to infect healthy untreated Huh7 cells. A luciferase assay performed on these Huh7 cells to quantify amount of pseudovirus produced. The densitometry is performed on the blot shown in Figure 6B & 6C. n = 2; error bares represent SEM.

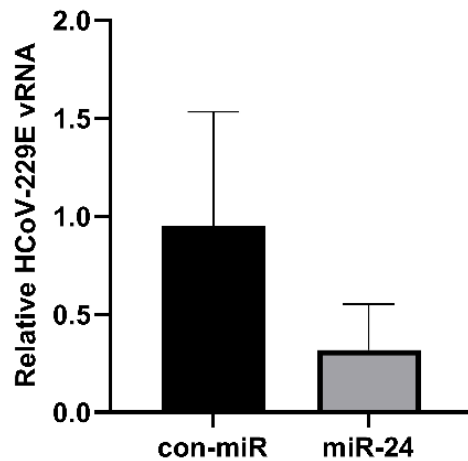


Figure S6. miR-24-3p shows a trending inhibition against Human coronavirus 229E. A549 cells were reverse transfected with miR-24-3p or a control miRNA for 24h before infecting with HCoV-229E, MOI of 0.05, for 48h. Following infection, cells were lysed and RT-qPCR was performed (technical duplicate) for vRNA of HCoV-229E normalized to GAPDH mRNA. n = 2. Error bars represent SEM. p = 0.2907.

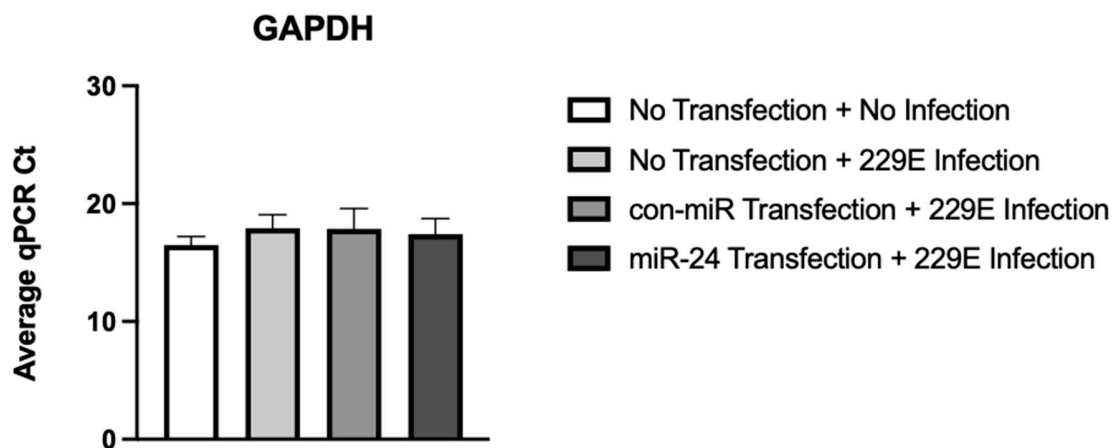


Figure S7. GAPDH is **not** affected by transfection of miR-24 followed by HCoV-229E infection. A549 cells were reverse transfected with miR-24 or a control miRNA for 24h before infecting with HCoV-229E, MOI of 0.05, for 48h. Following infection, cells were lysed and RT-qPCR was performed in technical duplicate. n = 2. Error bars represent SEM.