

Supporting Information

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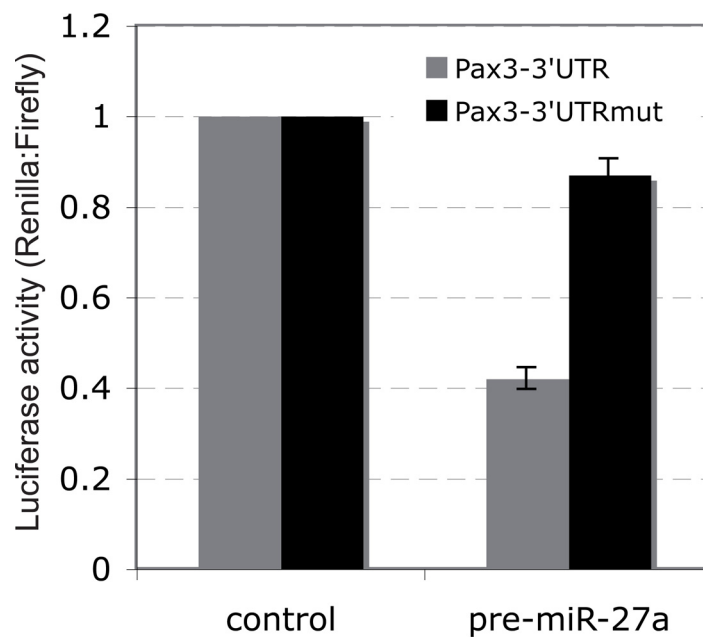


Fig. S1. Transfection of 293 cells, expressing the psicheck-2 luciferase vector containing the Pax3 3'UTR downstream of the Renilla luciferase (R. luc) sequence, with miR-27a precursors, resulted in reduced R. luc activity that was lost upon mutation of the miR-27 target site (Pax3-3'UTRmut).

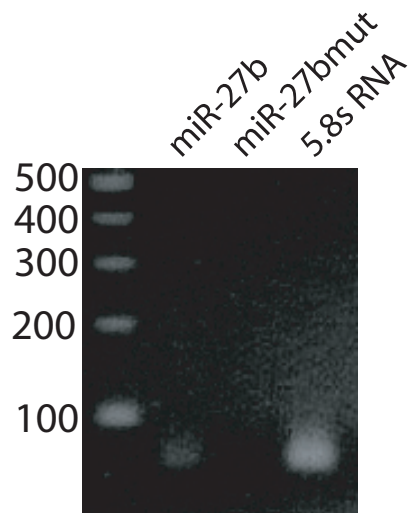


Fig. S2. Detection of miR-27b from 293 cells by reverse transcription followed by PCR was performed as previously described [Shi R, Chiang VL (2005) Facile means for quantifying microRNA expression by real-time PCR. *Biotechniques* 39:519–525] by using forward primers 5'-TTCACAGTGGCTAAGTTCTGCAA-3' (miR-27b) and 5'-TTCACAGTGGGAAAGTTCTGCAA-3' (negative control primer, with two mutations underlined; miR-27bmut) along with a 3' adapter primer (3' RACE outer primer in the FirstChoice RLM-RACE kit, Ambion; 5'-GCGAGCACAGAATTAATACGAC-3') as the reverse primer. 5.8 sRNA was detected as a positive control by using primer 5'-ACGTCTGCCTGGGTGCACAA-3'. DNA ladder is shown.

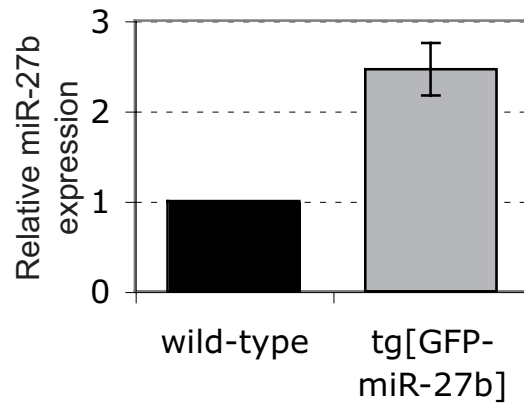


Figure S3. Increase in miR-27b expression in limb buds of tg[GFP-miR-27b] transgenic embryos, as assessed by qRT-PCR.

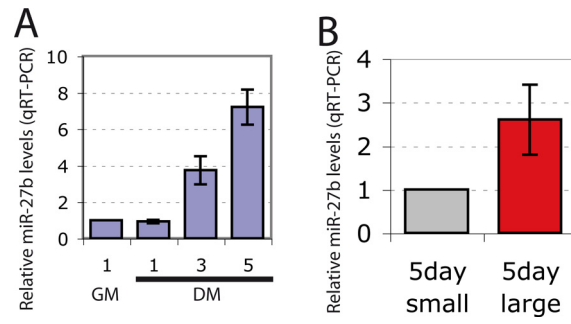


Fig. S4. miR-27b is up-regulated and maintained as myogenic cells differentiate. (A) qRT-PCR indicates mature miR-27b is up-regulated starting at 3 days after C2 cells are induced to differentiate by serum starvation. (B) *Pax3^{GFP/+}* satellite cells were grown in culture for 5 days. After gentle trypsin treatment, cells were sorted between small undifferentiated cells and large, differentiated fibers. qRT-PCR indicates that mature miR-27b expression is maintained in the differentiated cell population.

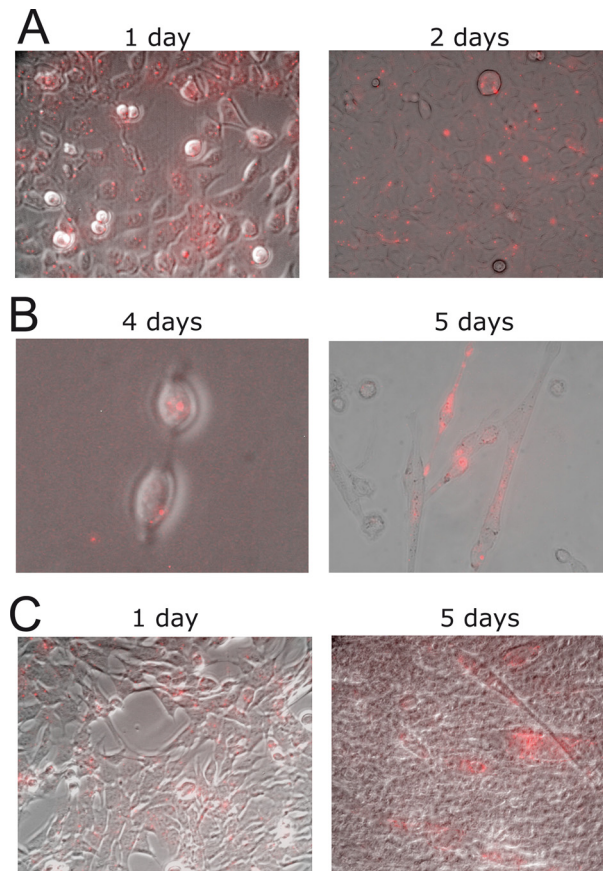


Fig. S5. Inhibitor molecules are stable in cell culture. Cy3-labeled control oligonucleotides (Ambion) were transfected into 293 cells (A), Pax3^{GFP/+} satellite cells (B), and C2 cells (C). Cy3 fluorescence was observed at the indicated time points, corresponding to assay times used in cell culture systems employing these cell types.

Table S1. The miR-27 target site on the Pax3 3'UTR is energetically accessible

	Position	ΔG for 5'70 bp, kcal/mol	ΔG for 3'70 bp, kcal/mol	Structural elements	
				SE	DS
miR-27	422	12.5	12.3	None	ML

Although 70-bp sequences 5' and 3' to the target site have predicted free energies (ΔG) similar to the average for mouse 3'UTRs (13.4 kcal/mol), the 80-bp sequence that includes the target site has no stabilizing elements (SE), but rather a multiple loop (ML) destabilizing element (DS), indicating that the predicted target site is energetically accessible.