

**Table S5** miRNAs expressed in mammary gland (adapted from Gu *et al.* 2007).

miRNA	Chr.	Location (bp)	Sequence	Overlapping QTL	Putative miRNA target sites in candidate genes
<i>bta-miR-15b</i>	1	108.876.544-108.876.641	UAGCAGCACAUCAUGGUUUACA	PY, MY	<i>LALBA, CHEK1, TNFAIP3, CSNIS2, PIN1, PTHLH, M1A, SLC39A8, BTN1AI, SSR2, APOD</i>
<i>bta-mir-16</i>	1	108.876.401-108.876.493	UAGCAGCACGUAAAUAUGGC	PY, MY	<i>LALBA, CHEK1, UCP3, BIN1, ELF2, CXCL2, ETS2, PTHLH, NBR1, ADFP, EGFR, BTN1AI, KRTCAP2, APOD</i>
<i>bta-mir-29a</i>	4	97.826.811-97.826.874	CUAGCACCAUCUGAAAUCGGUUA		<i>XDH, OXTR, MEOX2, FOS, B2M, SLC1A4, IGFA1S, MYL6, GPS1, FABP3, EGFR, SL39A8</i>
<i>bta-mir-148b</i>	5	28.577.700-28.577.789	UCAGUGGCAUCACAGAACUUUGU	MY, PC	<i>STAT5A, NCOR1, VGF, BCL2AI, CCL3, CBL, OSTF1, GUSB, RINT1, HOXC6, NIT1, CSF1, RAB20, ACTA2, DVL2, DPEP3, DHRS1, PFKL</i>
<i>bta-mir-26a</i>	5	60.085.852-60.085.935	UUCAAAGUAAUCCAGGAUAGGCC	FY, PY	<i>CSEN3, KCNK1, CDK8, IFNG, HOXC6, UCP3, HSPA8, HGF, CFB, GADD45B</i>
<i>bta-mir-145</i>	7	60.270.231-60.270.318	GUCCAGUUUCCCCAGGAAUCCCU	SCS, MY, PY, FP	<i>YES1, TIRAP, LBP, C5AR1, RINT1</i>
<i>bta-mir-23a</i>	7	10.102.128-10.102.200	AUCACAUUUGCCAGGGAUUUCC	FY, PY	<i>PTGS1, CSM2, YES1, LATSI, STAT5B, VRK2, IL6, AEBP1, NEO1, KCNK5, TNF</i>
<i>bta-mir-101</i>	8	41.898.819-41.898.897	UACAGUACUGUGAACUGAA	MSPD	<i>CHEK1, GJAI, CDK8, BCL2AI, LBP, PROKR2, HSPA8, CBL, PGR, JAK2, JUNB, FOS, GLB3, HOXC6, CXCL1, OXTR, CDH3, DUSP1, TNFSF11, MYL6, RAB3IP, CSRP2, STMN1</i>
<i>bta-mir-23b</i>	8	85.962.044-85.962.103	AUCACAUUUGCCAGGGAUUACCAC	PP	<i>PTGS1, YES1, LATSI, STST5B, VRK2, KCNK5, AEBP1, IL6, CXCL5, VRK2, LEP, CTSC, GK, DVL2, HSPD1</i>
<i>bta-let-7a</i>	8	89.743.299-89.743.378	UGAGGUAGGUUGUAUAGUU		<i>LALBA, TP53, CDK8, MFGE8, MKL1, HOXC6, RSC1AI, PROKR2, NTN1, CD14, CFB, IL6, CSN3, ELF2, SRPR, QSOX1, LLGL2, SLC35B1, CAPN6, NUCB2, TAGLN, NANs</i>

<i>bta-let-7f</i>	8	89.743.299-89.743.378	UGAGGUAGUAGAUUAGUAUAGUU	<i>LALBA</i> , <i>TP53</i> , <i>CDK8</i> , <i>MKLI</i> , <i>HOXC6</i> , <i>RSC1AI</i> , <i>NTNI</i> , <i>ELF2</i> , <i>CFB</i> , <i>IL6</i> , <i>CSN3</i> , <i>SRPR</i> , <i>QSOXI</i> , <i>LLGL2</i> , <i>SLC35BI</i> , <i>CAPN6</i> , <i>NUCB2</i> , <i>DHRSI</i> , <i>CD320</i>
<i>bta-mir-126</i>	11	108.009.392-108.009.464	CGUACCGUGAGUAUAUAGCG	<i>TRAP</i> , <i>SELP</i> , <i>CXCL16</i> , <i>MNT</i> , <i>ELF2</i> , <i>ACTA2</i> , <i>NUCB2</i>
<i>bta-mir-199b</i>	11	102419001-102419100	CCAGUGUUAGACUAUCGUUUC	<i>CSN3</i> , <i>PTGSI</i> , <i>NRG3</i> , <i>NTNI</i> , <i>CXCL16</i> , <i>STAT1</i> , <i>DUSP1</i> , <i>GUSB</i> , <i>NEO1</i> , <i>DDR1</i> , <i>JUNB</i> , <i>CSF2</i> , <i>MAP3K11</i> , <i>CSR2P</i> , <i>PIGR</i> , <i>CYB56I</i> , <i>ENO3</i>
<i>bta-mir-15a</i>	12	18.887.743-18.887.825	UAGCAGCACAUAAUGGUUGU	<i>LALBA</i> , <i>CHEKI</i> , <i>HR</i> , <i>DDR1</i> , <i>CSN1S2</i> , <i>KCNN4</i> , <i>PTHLH</i> , <i>NBRI</i>
<i>bta-mir-30b</i>	14	6.477.866-6.477.953	UGUAAAACAUCUACACUCAGCU	<i>MY</i> , <i>PY</i> , <i>PP</i> , <i>FY</i> , <i>PY</i> , <i>PP</i> , <i>FY</i> , <i>FP</i>
<i>bta-mir-125b</i>	15	31.406.340-31.406.427	UCCCUGAGACCCUAAACUUGUGA	<i>SCS</i>
<i>bta-mir-199a</i>	16	36.247.788-36.247.891	ACAGUAGUCUGCACACAUUGGUUA	<i>PLG</i> , <i>MAP3K11</i> , <i>CSR2P2</i> , <i>LLGL2</i>
<i>bta-mir-205</i>	16	72.083.257-72.083.325	UCCUUCAUUCACCGGAGUCUG	<i>CSF1R</i> , <i>INHBB</i> , <i>SLC6A3</i> , <i>KCNN4</i> , <i>ROGDI</i>
<i>bta-mir-214</i>	16	36.241.995-36.242.104	GUACAGCAGGCACAGACAGGCAGU	<i>LALBA</i> , <i>MFGE8</i> , <i>HOXC6</i> , <i>SELP</i> , <i>CFB</i> , <i>APML</i> , <i>LTF</i> , <i>MAP3K11</i> , <i>COX8</i> , <i>FAM110A</i> , <i>NBRI</i> , <i>LCN2</i> , <i>TCN2</i> , <i>LAMB3</i> , <i>EGF</i> , <i>BTNL1A</i> , <i>CTSS</i> , <i>APOD</i> , <i>ST6GAL1</i>
<i>bta-mir-29c</i>	16	73.887.217-73.887.304	UAGCACCAUUUGAAAUCGGUUA	<i>ID2</i> , <i>BRCA2</i> , <i>OXCT1</i> , <i>FOS</i> , <i>NT1</i> , <i>EHHADH</i> , <i>RBM9</i> , <i>MYL6</i> , <i>TFAP2C</i> , <i>CA2</i> , <i>ITGA7</i>
<i>bta-mir-195</i>	19	27.179.312-27.179.398	UAGCAGCACAGAAAAUUGGCA	<i>SCS</i> , <i>FY</i>
<i>bta-mir-142</i>	19	8.516.953-8.517.039	CCCAUAAAGUAGAAAAGCACUA	<i>KRTCP2</i>
<i>bta-mir-142b</i>	19	1.061.191-1.061.105	CAUAAAAGUAGAAAAGCACUACUA	<i>CSN2</i> , <i>LBP</i> , <i>CDKL5</i> , <i>C5ARI</i> , <i>PPARG</i> , <i>NEO1</i> , <i>RORA</i> , <i>B2M</i> , <i>CD9</i> , <i>ITGA7</i>
<i>bta-mir-21</i>	19	10.049.133-10.049.204	UAGCUCUAUCAGACUGAUGUGACU	<i>CSN2</i> , <i>LBP</i> , <i>CDKL5</i> , <i>C5ARI</i> , <i>PPARG1</i> , <i>NEO1</i> , <i>RORA</i> , <i>B2M</i> , <i>CD9</i> , <i>ITGA7</i> , <i>TMEVMI65</i> , <i>PPYRL</i> , <i>GLD2</i> , <i>C5ARI</i> , <i>B2M</i> , <i>DCDC2</i> , <i>NR3C1</i> , <i>CSR2P</i> , <i>MK67</i>

<i>bta-mir-497</i>	19	27.179.621-27.179.732	CAGCAGCACACUGGUUUGUA	SCS, FY	<i>LALBA, CHEK1, TNFAIP3, ACSL1, KCNN4, RINT1, PTHLH,</i>
<i>bta-mir-103</i>	20	2.864.127-2.864.198	AGCAGCAUUGUACAGGGCUAUGA	PY, FY	<i>CHEK1, PLG, TMP3, ACLY, CCL3, HOXD9, VRK2, SEPXL, PEX14</i>
<i>bta-mir-342</i>	21	65.160.823-65.160.916	UCUCACACAGAAAUCGCCACCAUCU		<i>CDKL5, PTCH1, MYBLL1, DUSP1, SLC6A3, CDH3, KCNK5, GADD45B, CTBP2, QSOX1</i>
<i>bta-mir-191</i>	22	51.902.736-51.902.826	CAA CG GAA AU CCC AAA AG CAG CUG	EY, PP, FY	<i>LALBA, XDH, HOXD9, TP73L, CD9, MGP, FOLR1, FABP3, IRX3, GNA15</i>
<i>bta-mir-374</i>	X	46.871.549-46.871.620	UUUAUAAUACAAACCUGAUAAAGUG		<i>BIRC2, LAT51, PTGS2, HSPA8, ZFPM2, RBMS1, MSXI1, HOXC6, NR3C1, PYCR2</i>
<i>bta-mir-210</i>	NA	NA	ACUGUGCGUGUGACAGGGCUGA		<i>NCOA1, YES1, HOXC6, PROKR2, FASN, TBX2, GUSB, NME1, AEBP1, ROGDI</i>
<i>bta-mir-143</i>	NA	NA	UGAGAUGAAGC'ACUGUAGCUC	NA	
<i>bta-mir-339</i>	NA	NA	UACCUUGGUCCUCCAGGAGCUCA	NA	

NA, not available; FY, fat yield; MY, milk yield; CM, clinical mastitis; SCS, somatic cell score; PY, protein yield; FP, fat percentage; PP, protein percentage; EY, energy yield.