Supporting Information for **A microRNA Network Regulates Expression and Biosynthesis of CFTR and CFTR-**Δ**F508**

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MATERIALS AND METHODS

Primary Human airway epithelia: Airway epithelia from human trachea and primary bronchus removed from organs donated for research were cultured at the air-liquid interface (ALI) (1). These studies were approved by the Institutional Review Board of the University of Iowa. Briefly, airway epithelial cells were dissociated from native tissue by pronase enzyme digestion. Permeable membrane inserts (0.6 cm² Millipore-PCF, 0.33 cm² Costar-Polyester) pre-coated with human placental collagen (IV, Sigma) were seeded with freshly dissociated epithelia. Seeding culture media used was DMEM/F-12 medium supplemented with 5% FBS, 50 units/mL penicillin, 50 µg/mL streptomycin, 50 µg/mL gentamicin, 2 µg/mL fluconazole, and 1.25 µg/mL amphotericin B. For epithelia from cystic fibrosis (CF) patients, the following additional antibiotics were used for the first 5 days: 77 µg/mL ceftazidime, 12.5 µg/mL imipenem and cilastatin, 80 µg/mL tobramycin, 25 µg/mL piperacillin and tazobactam. After seeding, the cultures were maintained in DMEM/F-12 medium supplemented with 2% Ultroser G (USG, Pall Biosepra) and the above listed antibiotics.

RNA isolation: Total RNA from human primary airway epithelial cultures, and cell lines (Calu-3, HEK293T, HeLa, CFBE) was isolated using the *mir*Vana™ miRNA isolation kit (Ambion) (2). Total RNA was tested on an Agilent Model 2100 Bioanalyzer (Agilent Technologies). Only samples with an RNA integrity number (RIN) over 7.0 were selected for downstream processing.

TaqMan Low Density microRNA Array (TLDA): Global microRNA (miRNA) expression profiling was performed using the TaqMan® Human MicroRNA Array Set v2.0 (Applied Biosystems), which screens for the expression of 667 human miRNAs plus endogenous controls. Total RNA was isolated from primary cultures (a minimum of 30 days post-seeding) from 4 human non-CF donors, reverse transcribed using the Megaplex™ RT primers, Human Pool Set v2.0 (Applied Biosystems), and quantitated on an Applied Biosystems 7900 HT Real-Time PCR system. The TLDA data were processed using the accompanying software RQ Manager (Applied Biosystems). For each sample, the normalization factor was calculated as a mean of the two endogenous controls, RNU44 and RNU48. ΔC_q was calculated for each miRNA as (C_q (miRNA)normalization factor). All protocols followed were as per the manufacturer's recommendation.

Oligonucleotide Transfections: Freshly dissociated human airway epithelial cells or immortalized cell lines were transfected in pre-coated 96 well plates (Costar) or Transwell™ Permeable Supports (0.33 cm² 0.4 µm polyester membrane, Costar 3470). LipofectamineTM RNAiMAX (Invitrogen) was used as a reverse transfection reagent. Pre-coated (with human placental collagen Type IV, Sigma) substrates were incubated with the transfection mix comprising of Opti-MEM (Invitrogen), oligonucleotide (Integrated DNA Technologies) and Lipofectamine™ RNAiMAX (Invitrogen). 15-20 minutes later, 200,000 freshly dissociated cells suspended in DMEM/F-12 were added to each well/insert. Between 4-6 hrs later, all media from the apical surface was aspirated and complete media added to the basolateral surface. Media on the basolateral surface were changed every 3-4 days. For human primary epithelial cultures, USG media described above was used. For cultures from immortalized cell lines: Calu-3, CFBE41o- (termed CFBE throughout (3)), complete media specific to each cell line was used $(Calu-3: MEM (Gibco) + 10\% FBS (Atlanta Biologicals) + 1\% Pen Strep (Gibco); CFBE:$ Advanced DMEM (Gibco) + 1% L-Glutamine (Gibco) + 10% FBS (Atlanta Biologicals) + 1% Pen Strep (Gibco)).

Oligonucleotide reagents: The DsiRNAs were designed (4, 5), synthesized and validated (6, 7) by Integrated DNA Technologies. The miRNA-mimic (6, 8) and anti-miRNA(9, 10) were also designed and synthesized by Integrated DNA Technologies. All accompanying control sequences (Scr) were also generated by Integrated DNA Technologies.

 $r = RNA$

 $m = 2$ 'OMe modification

SS = Sense strand

 $AS = Antisense strand$

* = Phosphorothioate linkages

 $+$ = Locked Nucleic Acid modification

 $SpC3 = C3$ Spacer modification

SIN3A DsiRNA

Sense strand sequence: /5Phos/rGrCrGrArUrArCrArUrGrArArUrUrCrArGrArUrArCrUrACC Antisense strand sequence:

/5Phos/rGrGrUrArGrUrArUrCrUmGrAmArUrUrCrArUrGrUmArUmCrGmCmUmC

CFTR DsiRNA

Sense strand sequence: /5Phos/rGrGrArArGrArArUrUrCrUrArUrUrCrUrCrArArUrCrCrAAT Antisense strand sequence:

/5Phos/rArUrUrGrGrArUrUrGrAmGrAmArUrArGrArArUrUmCrUmUrCmCmUmU **Scr (Negative control for DsiRNAs)**

Sense strand sequence: /5Phos/rCrGrUrUrArArUrCrGrCrGrUrArUrArArUrArCrGrCrGrUAT Antisense strand sequence:

/5Phos/rArUrArCrGrCrGrUrArUmUrAmUrArCrGrCrGrArUmUrAmArCmGmAmC **miR-138 anti-miRNA**

mC*mG*+G* mCmC+T mGmA+T mUmC+A mCmA+A mCmA+C mCmA*+G* mC*mU **Scr (negative control for anti-miRNA)**

mG*mC*+G* mU*mA*+T* mU*mA*+T* mA*mG*+C* mC*mG*+A* mU*mU*+A* mA*mC*+G* mA

miR-138 mimic

Sense strand sequence: /5SpC3/rCmG rGmC/iSpC3/ mUrGmA rUmUrC mArCmA rAmCrA mCrCmA rGmCrU

Antisense strand sequence: /5Phos/rArG rCrUrG rGrUrG rUrUrG rUrGrA rArUrC rArGrG mCmCmG

Specificity of oligonucleotide transfections: To ascertain the specificity of the following oligonucleotides: CFTR DsiRNA, SIN3A DsiRNA, miR-138 mimic, and miR-138 anti-miRNA, we harvested RNA from cells transfected with these oligonucleotides and measured the expression of multiple genes and miRNAs (SI Fig. S15). 24 hrs post-transfection, RNA was harvested from each sample and subjected to quantitative RT-PCR for the following genes: SFRS9 (normalizer for mRNA), GAPDH, HPRT, RNU48 (normalizer for miRNAs), miRs-21, - 24, -26a, -200c, -146a, -146b, -27a*, -134.

Quantitative RT-PCR (RT-qPCR): First-strand cDNA was synthesized using SuperScript® II (Invitrogen), and oligo-dT and random-hexamer primers.Sequence specific PrimeTime® qPCR Assays for human CFTR, SIN3A, GAPDH, HPRT, and SFRS9 were designed and validated (Integrated DNA Technologies). To quantitate miRNAs, TaqMan® microRNA Assays (Applied Biosystems) were obtained for miR-138, RNU48 (control) and 8 other miRNAs (negative control, miRs-21, -24, -26a, -200c, -146a, -146b, -27a*, -134). All reactions were setup using TaqMan® Fast Universal PCR Master Mix (Applied Biosystems) and run on the Applied Biosystems 7900 HT Real-Time PCR system. All experiments were performed in quadruplicate. mRNA and miRNA quantification in cell lines represents 8 independent transfections in 4 separate experiments. mRNA quantification in human primary airway epithelial cultures represent 8 independent transfections in 8 non-CF donors and 4 CF donors. /56-FAM/: single isomer 6-carboxyfluorescein /3IABkFQ/: Iowa Black FQ = dark quencher

CFTR:

Forward- CAACATCTAGTGAGCAGTCAGG Reverse- CCCAGGTAAGGGATGTATTGTG Probe- /56-FAM/TCCAGATCCTGGAAATCAGGGTTAGT/3IABkFQ/ **SIN3A**: Forward- GCACAGAAACCAGTATTTCTCCC Reverse- GGTCTTCTTGCTGTTTCCTTCC Probe- /56-FAM/TGCTCTCGACCACGTTGACACTTCC/3IABkFQ/ **GAPDH**: Forward- GGCATGGCCTTCCGTGT Reverse- GCCCAGGATGCCCTTGAG Probe- /56-FAM/CCTGCTTCACCACCTTCTTGATGTCATCAT/3IABkFQ/ **HPRT**: Forward- GACTTTGCTTTCCTTGGTCAG Reverse- GGCTTATATCCAACACTTCGTGGG Probe- /56-FAM/ATGGTCAAGGTCGCAAGCTTGCTGGT/3IABkFQ/ **SFRS9**: Forward- TGTGCAGAAGGATGGAGT Reverse- CTGGTGCTTCTCTCAGGATA Probe- /56-FAM/TGGAATATGCCCTGCGTAAACTGGA/3IABkFQ/ **Primers to distinguish between endogenous CFTR and transgene CFTR-HA:** Endogenous CFTR: Forward- AGTGGAGGAAAGCCTTTGGAGT Endogenous CFTR: Reverse- ACAGATCTGAGCCCAACCTCA CFTR-HA: Forward- CCCATATGATGTGCCTGATT CFTR-HA: Reverse- GTCGGCTACTCCCACGTAAA

Electrophysiology studies: Transepithelial Cl- current measurements were made in Ussing chambers about 2 weeks post-seeding (11). Briefly, primary cultures were mounted in Ussing chambers (EasyMount P2300 chamber system, Physiologic Instruments, San Diego, CA) and voltage clamped (model VCCMC8-4S, Physiologic Instruments), and connected to a computerized data acquisition system (Acquire & Analyze 2.3.181, Physiologic Instruments) to record short-circuit currents and transepithelial resistance. Transepithelial Cl- current was measured under short-circuit current conditions. Cultures were incubated overnight with 10 µM forskolin and 100 µM 3-isobutyl-1-methylxanthine (IBMX). After measuring baseline current,

the transepithelial current (I_t) response to sequential apical addition of 100 μ M amiloride (Amil), 100 µM 4,4'-diisothiocyanoto-stilbene-2,2'-disulfonic acid (DIDS), 4.8 mM [Cl-], 10 µM forskolin and 100 µM 3-isobutyl-1-methylxanthine (IBMX), and 100 µM GlyH-101 was measured. Studies were conducted with a Cl⁻ concentration gradient containing 135 mM NaCl, 1.2 mM $MgCl_2$, 1.2 mM $CaCl_2$, 2.4 mM K_2PO_4 , 0.6 mM KH_2PO_4 , 5 mM dextrose, and 5 mM Hepes (pH 7.4) on the basolateral surface, and gluconate substituted for Cl on the apical side. Transepithelial current measurements were made in 24 Calu-3 ALI cultures, 6 each from four independent experiments, pre-transfected with reagents noted; 3 ALI cultures per condition in human primary airway epithelial cultures (*CFTR* Q493X/S912X); 8 ALI cultures per condition in human primary airway epithelia donors (wild-type *CFTR*, *CFTR* ΔF508/ΔF508, *CFTR* ΔF508/3659DC, *CFTR* ΔF508/R1162X). To confirm that the effects of oligonucleotide transfections persisted at the time of conducting the Ussing chamber studies, RT-qPCR and immunoblots measuring SIN3A and CFTR expression in Calu-3 cells (SI Fig. S16A, B) and CFBE cells (SI Fig. S16C) were performed 14 days post-transfection.

Dual-luciferase reporter assay: The 3'UTR of SIN3A was cloned into the Xho1/Not1 restriction enzyme sites in the 3'UTR of *Renilla* luciferase in the psiCHECK™-2 vector (Promega). HEK293T cells were cotransfected with 20ng of psiCHECK-2 vector and different concentrations of miR-138 mimic. The Lipofectamine™ RNAiMAX (Invitrogen) reverse transfection protocol was used as described above. The miR-138 binding sites on the SIN3A 3'UTR were mutated using the site-directed, ligase-independent mutagenesis (SLIM) protocol (12, 13). A plasmid with the scrambled miR-138 binding seed sequence was also cotransfected into HEK293T cells with different concentrations of miR-138 mimic using the Lipofectamine™ RNAiMAX reverse transfection protocol. The Luciferase Assay Reagent (Promega) was used to measure knockdown of *Renilla* luciferase with the SIN3A 3'UTR (wild type or scrambled) downstream in response to the miR-138 mimic. *Renilla* luciferase expression was normalized to firefly luciferase.

SIN3A 3'UTR:

5'- 1 CUGCAAAG………294**CACCAGCA**………726**CACCAGC**……2593AGGGCUAA-3' The miR-138 seed sequence binding site on the SIN3A 3'UTR is shown (bold). The nucleotides in bold were mutated to test for sequence specificity of miR-138 mediated repression. The seed sequences were mutated to 5-CUAAUCGC-3'.

Primer sequences to amplify SIN3A 3'UTR:

F- AAGTTTAAACCTGCAAAGCCAGAGC R- TTGCGGCCGCTTAAGTAAGAACCAAGC **SLIM primers for mutating miR-138 binding sites in the SIN3A 3'UTR**: First miR-138 binding site FS- GAGCTAAGACTGGAGTCTCC RS – TGTGCAAGCAAACTGCATGTC FT-GTTTGCTTGCACACGTTAATCGAGCTAAGACTGGAGTCTCCTGTGGCCTAACTTTCA ATG $RT -$ CATTGAAAGTTAGGCCACAGGAGACTCCAGTCTTAGCTCGATTAACGTGTGCAAGCA AAC Second miR-138 binding site FS – TTTACTCTCTGACACACACACG

RS – GATGGCACTAAGGTAGAC FT – GTCTACCTTAGTGCCATCCGTTAATTTTACTCTCTGACACACACACG RT – CGTGTGTGTGTCAGAGAGTAAAATTAACGGATGGCACTAAGGTAGAC

SDS-PAGE and Immunoblotting: Cell lines or primary cultures were washed with PBS and lysed in freshly prepared lysis buffer (1% Triton, 25mM Tris pH 7.4, 150mM NaCl, protease inhibitors (cOmpleteTM, mini, EDTA-free, Roche)) for 30 min at 4° C. The lysates were centrifuged at $14,000$ rpm for 20 min at 4° C, and the supernatant quantified by BCA Protein Assay kit (Pierce). 20 µg (Calu-3) and 50 µg (human primary airway epithelial cultures, HeLa, HEK293T) of protein per lane was separated on a 7% SDS-PAGE gel for western blot analysis. Antibodies were procured for SIN3A (1:1000, Thermo Scientific), CTCF (1:500, Cell Signaling Technology), CFTR (R-769 (1:2000, CFFT), MM13-4 (1:1000, Millipore), M3A7 (1:500, Millipore), 24-1 (1:1000, R&D Systems)), hemagglutinin (1:1000, Covance) and α -tubulin (1:10000, Sigma). Protein abundance was quantified by densitometry using an AlphaInnotech Fluorochem Imager (AlphaInnotech). For CFTR, band B and C were quantified separately. All bands were normalized to α -tubulin. Experiments were performed in triplicates per donor and mean and standard error of the mean determined using unpaired two-tailed t-test. SIN3A and CFTR immunoblots in cell lines shown represent 8 independent transfections pooled. Densitometry measurements in cell lines represents western blots performed in triplicate from 4 separate experiments. SIN3A and CFTR immunoblots in human primary airway epithelial cultures shown represent 8 independent transfections. Densitometry measurements in human primary airway epithelial cultures represent 8 independent transfections in 8 non-CF donors each and 4 CF donors each. Western blots were probed, stripped and re-probed as follows. PVDF membranes were first probed with the R-769 anti-CFTR antibody. After imaging, the PVDF membrane was stripped with Restore Western Blot Stripping Buffer (Thermo Scientific) for 15 minutes, washed in Tris Buffered Saline-Tween (TBS-T) and blocked in 5% Bovine Serum Albumin (BSA, Pierce) for 1 hr. The membrane was washed in TBS-T and incubated with the goat anti-mouse secondary antibody (1:10000, Sigma) for 1 hr and imaged. If signal was detected, the stripping procedure was repeated till no signal was observed. The membrane was washed in TBS-T, blocked for 1 hr in 5% BSA and re-probed with the M3A7+MM13-4 anti-CFTR antibody cocktail or the anti-HA antibody. The following pairs of western blots were probed with R-769, and re-probed with M3A7+MM13-4): SI Fig. S6B-both panels, Fig. S13Bboth panels, Fig. S15E-both panels.

Measuring cell surface display of CFTR: Hela cells stably expressing wild-type CFTR or CFTR-ΔF508 were kindly provided by Dr. G. Lukacs (14, 15). Cell surface ELISA was performed on these cells (16) 6 hrs, 12 hrs, and 24 hrs after transfecting with oligonucleotides. HeLa cells were transfected in 96 well plates (Costar) with the SIN3A DsiRNA and miR-138 mimic as described earlier using the Lipofectamine™ RNAiMAX (Invitrogen) recommended reverse transfection protocol. Briefly, the plate containing the cells was moved to a cold room (4^oC), and all media used was ice cold. Cells were washed with PBS, and blocked for 30 min with PBS containing 5% BSA. Anti-HA primary antibody (Covance) was added in 5% BSA-PBS at a 1:1000 concentration for 1 hr. Cells were washed with PBS, and anti-mouse secondary antibody HRP conjugated (Amersham) was added to cells at 1:1000 concentration in 5% BSA-PBS for 1 hr. Cells were washed through, and signal developed using SureBlue Reserve™ TMB Microwell Substrate (KPL). The reaction was stopped and read on a VersaMax™ Microplate Reader (Molecular Devices) at 540 nm using the SoftMax® Prof Software (Molecular Devices). For normalization, cells were lysed and total protein quantitated using the BCA Protein Assay kit (Pierce). The experiment was performed in quadruplicate, and the data presented as a mean \pm

standard deviation of individual data points. Statistical significance between groups was determined using Student's t-test.

Transduction of human primary airway epithelial cultures: Primary airway epithelial cell cultures were transduced with an adenovirus expressing either wild-type CFTR or CFTR-ΔF508 (17, 18) at a MOI of 100. The primary culture insert was inverted, the virus was suspended in 50 µl of DMEM, and added to the basolateral surface of the culture for a period of 4 hrs. The similar step was then repeated for the apical surface. Throughout, the cultures were kept at 37° C in a 5% CO2 incubator. For primary airway epithelial cultures from the CF donor (*CFTR* Q493X/S912X) transfected with oligonucleotides, transduction with the Ad-CFTR-ΔF508 was performed 11 days post-seeding. CFTR immunoblot, $RT-qPCR$ and transepithelial current (I_t) measurements were made 14 days post-seeding.

Microarrays: Calu-3 cells were transfected with SIN3A DsiRNA and miR-138 mimic by reverse transfection as described above. Total RNA was isolated 48 hrs after transfection using the *mir*Vana™ miRNA isolation kit (Ambion), and only samples that had a RIN >7.0 were selected for microarray analysis. Microarrays were performed at the University of Iowa DNA Core (2). Briefly, RNA samples were processed with the NuGEN WT-Ovation™ Pico RNA Amplification System, v1.0 along with the WT-Ovation™ Exon Module, v1.0 (NuGEN Technologies) according to the manufacturer's recommended protocols. The GeneChip® Human Exon 1.0 ST Array (Affymetrix) was used to probe the samples. Arrays were scanned using the Affymetrix Model 3000 (7G) scanner and the data collected using the GeneChip® Operating Software (GCOS), v.1.4. Data analysis was performed on Partek® Genomics Suite™ (Partek) using the one-way ANOVA and Student's t-test to determine differentially expressed genes.

Iodide Efflux assay: Iodide efflux measurements in HeLa cells were made using a protocol adapted by Lukacs and colleagues (14, 19). Briefly, HeLa cells were transfected with oligonucleotides in 24 well plates (Costar), and the assay was performed 48 hrs post-transfection (8 wells per condition). As controls, HeLa cells stably expressing wild-type CFTR were plated in 24 well plates (4 wells for cAMP induction and 4 wells for DMSO mock). Cells were observed prior to the experiment to ensure ~90% confluence. Wells were washed thrice with 2 ml loading buffer, and incubated in 2 ml loading buffer for 1hr. Wells were washed 7 times in 5 min with 200 µl efflux buffer. 200 µl of efflux buffer was added to each well with a repeat pippetor, and aspirated after 30 sec and stored. After 8 minutes, wells designated for the DMSO control received efflux buffer containing DMSO. Wells designated as test received efflux buffer containing 10 μ M forskolin and 100 μ M IBMX. 12 such washes were performed in as many minutes. Iodide concentrations in the samples stored were read using iodide selective electrodes that were calibrated with a standard curve.

Chromatin Immunoprecipitation (ChIP): ChIP was carried out using the EZ-ChIP kit from Millipore (Upstate Protocol). Human primary airway epithelial cells were grown on 150 mm dishes and 5 x $10⁷$ cells were used. Cells were crosslinked with 1% formaldehyde for 10 min and reaction stopped with 0.125 M glycine. Cells were washed with PBS and lysed in 1 ml of 1% SDS, 10 mM EDTA, 50 mM Tris/HCl (pH 8.1) with protease inhibitors. Sample was sonicated to generate fragments under 500 bp. Immunoprecipitation was performed overnight at 4° C with the SIN3A antibody (Santa Cruz Biotechnology). Manufacturer's recommended protocol were followed with modifications (20-23) and immunoprecipitation from each donor was performed in triplicate. Primer sequences used for amplifying DNase I hypersensitive sites (DHS) regions 17a DHS (normalizer), -20.9 DHS, +6.8 DHS and +15.6 DHS (negative control) were obtained

from the literature (20, 21). Intron 17a DHS has been reported to not have a putative CTCF binding site or bind CTCF (20, 21). -20.9 DHS, +6.8 DHS and +15.6 DHS have been shown to have a putative CTCF binding site, but CTCF has been demonstrated to bind only the -20.9 DHS and +6.8 DHS (20, 21). Additional controls used were: co-immunoprecipitation of CTCF with an anti-SIN3A antibody (24), ChIP with anti-SIN3A antibody without formaldehyde crosslinking, and ChIP without the use of anti-SIN3A antibody. As a positive control, ChIP with anti-CTCF antibody was performed and enrichment was confirmed at -20.9 kb relative to 17a.

DHS17A

Forward- GGATAGTGCTGCTATTACTAAAGGTTTCT Reverse- ATGGCAGCTCCAACACATGA Probe- /56-FAM/TCTGAAGACAACAAGCCAAAGGGACAAATTT/3IABkFQ/ **DHS -20.9** Forward- CCGGGATGTTGTTTGAAGCTT Reverse- TTTAAATAGTTGAATAGAGGACGAGATACTTT Probe- /56-FAM/ATAGTATTTTCTTCTCTCTTCCTTACCTGCCCTCTGCT/3IABkFQ/ **DHS +15.6** Forward- ATCCATTTTCTTCAAGTCTCTCTCCAT Reverse- GGAATGAGGATTGTTTATGATTTG Probe- /56-FAM/CCTCTTTATGGAATCTCCTTTTGATTTGAACTTTGA/3IABkFQ/ **DHS +6.8** Forward- TCTTCTTTCCCATTCACCTTTGTC Reverse- TTTTGGTTTCATTTATACGCACATC Probe- /56-FAM/CCATTGCTGATAAAGATTGCTCCTTCTATTATTCCA/3IABkFQ/

CFTR-Associated Gene Network: Gene products shown previously to interact with CFTR were curated from published literature (16, 25-27) and were collated to generate a list of CFTRassociated genes. The complete gene list is presented in SI Table S2. This list was cross referenced with the differentially expressed genes from the miR-138 mimic or SIN3A DsiRNA intervention in Calu-3 cells and used to assess the enrichment significance for genes influencing CFTR biogenesis. The complete enrichment profile is available in SI Table S3.

LDH cytotoxicity assay: Calu-3 cells and CFBE cells were transfected with the following reagents- miR-138 mimic, miR-138 anti-miR, SIN3A DsiRNA, CFTR DsiRNA, and Scr. Cells were seeded onto pre-coated filters. The apical surface was washed, and the basolateral media collected on days 4, 8, 12 and 16 post-transfection. LDH cytotoxicity assay kit (Cayman chemical) was used to measure the levels of lactate dehydrogenase in the washes and basolateral media. Percentage toxicity and viability were computed based on LDH levels. Data were normalized to untransfected cells and are presented in SI Fig. S14.

Epistatic relationship between SIN3A and miR-138: HEK293T and Calu-3 cells were transfected with the following reagents: miR-138 mimic/anti-miR, Scr (mimic/antimiR/DsiRNA), SIN3A DsiRNA, human SIN3A cDNA expression plasmid (CMV driven cassette, OriGene, RC227622), or empty expression plasmid, using lipofectamine RNAiMAX by reverse transfection (Fig. S17). The plasmid transfection efficiency for Calu-3 cells was 20-40% based on a GFP reporter control.

Statistical Analysis: Data are presented as a mean ± standard error of individual data points. Statistical significance between groups was determined using Student's t-test or one-way ANOVA as indicated. A *P*-value <0.05 was considered significant.

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Fig. S1. miR-138 regulates SIN3A in a dose-dependent and site-specific manner. HEK293T cells were co-transfected with the psiCHECK-2 vector (containing the SIN3A 3'UTR) and increasing concentrations of Scr or miR-138 mimic (Scr: non-targeting control oligonucleotide). To test site-specificity, the two predicted binding sites of miR-138 on SIN3A 3'UTR cloned in the psiCHECK-2 vector were mutated and the experiment repeated. Error bars indicate mean \pm SE; $(n=4, 3$ replicates each); $*P < 0.01$, relative to Scr.

Fig. S2. miR-138 regulates endogenous SIN3A protein expression. Densitometry and relative fold change of SIN3A protein abundance in 6 human donors of primary airway epithelial cultures (8 replicates each). Immunoblots were performed 72 hrs post-transfection. SIN3A DsiRNA (positive control), UnT (Un-transfected cells). Error bars indicate mean ± SE, **P* <0.01, relative to Scr.

Fig. S3. miR-138 regulates endogenous CFTR protein expression in Calu-3 cells. (*A*) Representative CFTR immunoblot in Calu-3 cells 72 hrs post-transfection (M3A7+MM13-4 antibody cocktail). (*B*) Densitometry and relative fold change of CFTR protein abundance (R769 antibody) from (n=4, 3 replicates each). Error bars indicate mean \pm SE, $^{#}P$ <0.01, relative to Scr

Fig. S4. miR-138 regulates endogenous CFTR protein expression in primary human airway epithelia. (*A*) CFTR immunoblot from one human donor of primary airway epithelial 72 hrs posttransfection (M3A7+MM13-4 antibody cocktail). (*B*) Densitometry and relative fold change of CFTR protein abundance (R769 antibody) in primary airway epithelia from 6 different human donors (8 replicates each). Error bars indicate mean \pm SE, p^*P < 0.01, relative to Scr CFTR Band B; ^{III}P <0.01, relative to Scr CFTR Band C.

Fig. S5. miR-138 regulates CFTR expression in HeLa cells. (*A*) Relative *CFTR* and *SIN3A* mRNA abundance in HeLa cells 24 hrs post-transfection (n=4, 8 replicates each). (*B*) Representative CFTR immunoblot (n=4, 3 replicates each) performed 72 hrs post-transfection (M3A7+MM13-4 antibody cocktail). Densitometry not shown as no CFTR protein detected in HeLa cells. Error bars indicate mean \pm SE, $*P \le 0.01$, relative to Scr (for CFTR); $*P \le 0.01$, relative to Scr (for SIN3A).

Fig. S6. miR-138 regulates CFTR expression in HEK293T cells. (*A*) Relative *CFTR* and *SIN3A* mRNA abundance in HEK293T cells 24 hrs post-transfection (n=4, 8 replicates each). (*B*) Representative CFTR immunoblots (done in triplicate from 4 separate experiments) performed 72 hrs post-transfection. PVDF membrane was first probed with R769 antibody (top panel), stripped and re-probed with the M3A7+MM13-4 antibody cocktail (bottom panel). Densitometry not shown as no CFTR protein detected in HEK293T cells. Error bars indicate mean ± SE, **P* <0.01, relative to Scr (CFTR); ***P* <0.01, relative to Scr (SIN3A).

Fig. S7. HeLa cells exhibit CFTR channel activity. (*A* and *B*) Iodide efflux assay performed in HeLa cells 48 hrs post-transfection with the miR-138 mimic and SIN3A DsiRNA (8 independent transfections per condition). HeLa cells stably expressing the wild-type CFTR (CFTR-3HA-HeLa) were used as controls. Each data point represents 8 transfections. ⁺P < 0.01. F&I denotes addition of forskolin and IBMX as described in Methods.

Fig. S8. miR-138 improves CFTR processing. (*A*) Cell surface ELISA to detect CFTR with an anti-HA antibody in HeLa-CFTR cells 6, 12, and 24 hrs post-transfection with noted reagents (n=3, 6 replicates each). (*B*) Relative *CFTR* mRNA abundance in Hela-CFTR cells 24 hrs posttransfection. Primers were designed to distinguish between endogenous *CFTR* mRNA and the CFTR-HA transgene (n=3, 6 replicates each). (*C* and *D*) Densitometry and relative fold change of CFTR protein abundance (n=4, 8 replicates each) in HeLa cells stably expressing the wild type CFTR-3HA. (*C*) Anti-HA antibody (Covance). (*D*) Anti-CFTR antibody (R769 antibody). Based on results in HeLa cells (Fig. 2E, SI Fig. S5) and the increase in endogenous *CFTR* mRNA (SI Fig. S8B) in response to miR-138 mimic or SIN3A DsiRNA, the increased abundance of CFTR band C represents the sum of both CFTR-3HA biogenesis and endogenous CFTR protein expression. Error bars indicate mean \pm SE; $*P < 0.01$ relative to Scr; $*P < 0.01$, relative to Scr CFTR band B; $^{tt\#}P$ < 0.01, relative to Scr CFTR band C.

Fig. S9. miR-138 improves CFTR-ΔF508 processing. (*A*) Cell surface ELISA to detect CFTR-ΔF508 with an anti-HA antibody in HeLa-CFTR-ΔF508 cells 6, 12 and 24 hrs post-transfection with noted reagents (n=3, 6 replicates each). (*B*) Relative *CFTR* mRNA abundance in Hela-CFTR cells 24 hrs post-transfection. Primers were designed to distinguish between endogenous *CFTR* mRNA and the CFTR-HA transgene (n=3, 6 replicates each). (*C* and *D*) Densitometry and relative fold change of CFTR-ΔF508 protein abundance (n=4, 8 replicates each) in HeLa cells stably expressing HA-tagged CFTR-ΔF508. Fold change of band C not shown, as no band C detected in Scr and UnT samples. (*C*) Anti-HA antibody (Covance). (*D*) Anti-CFTR antibody (R769 antibody). Based on results in HeLa cells (Fig. 2E, SI Fig. S5) and the increase in endogenous *CFTR* mRNA (SI Fig. S9B) in response to miR-138 mimic or SIN3A DsiRNA, the increased abundance of CFTR band C represents the sum of both the increased abundance of HA-tagged CFTR-ΔF508 processing as well as endogenous CFTR protein expression. Error bars indicate mean \pm SE; **P* <0.01 relative to Scr; $^{#}P$ <0.01, relative to Scr CFTR band B.

Fig. S10. SIN3A inhibition yields partial rescue of Cl transport in CF epithelia. (A) Representative tracings of transepithelial current (I_t) responses after sequential apical application of noted reagents in primary *CFTR* null human airway epithelial (*CFTR* Q493X/S912X). (*B*) Average transepithelial current (I_t) responses after sequential apical application of noted reagents in primary airway epithelia (*CFTR* Q493X/S912X). Aml=Amiloride. Each data point represented by 3 cultures. Basal transepithelial resistance range: 279-360 ohms*cm². Error bars indicate mean \pm SE, $*P \le 0.01$, relative to Scr (SIN3A); $**P \le 0.01$, relative to Scr after F&I stimulation.

Fig. S11. miR-138 regulates endogenous CFTR and SIN3A expression in CF primary airway epithelia. Relative *CFTR-*ΔF508 and *SIN3A* mRNA abundance in 4 human donors of CF (ΔF508/ΔF508) primary airway epithelia 24 hrs post-transfection (8 replicates per donor). Error bars indicate mean \pm SE, $*P$ <0.01, relative to Scr (for CFTR); $*P$ <0.01, relative to Scr (for SIN3A).

Fig. S12. SIN3A inhibition yields partial rescue of Cl transport in CF epithelia. (A) CFTR-ΔF508 immunoblot in a human donor of primary CF (ΔF508/ΔF508) primary airway epithelia 72 hrs post-transfection (8 replicates, Donor #2 on Fig. 4D; M3A7+MM13-4 antibody cocktail). (B) Representative tracings of transepithelial current (I_t) response after sequential apical application of noted reagents in primary airway epithelia (*CFTR* ΔF508/ΔF508). (*C*) Average transepithelial current (I_t) responses after sequential apical application of noted reagents. Each data point represented by 8 cultures. Basal transepithelial resistance range: $488-691$ ohms*cm². Error bars indicate mean \pm SE, $*P$ <0.01 relative to Scr after F&I stimulation.

Fig. S13. miR-138 regulates endogenous CFTR and SIN3A expression in CFBE cells. (A) Relative *CFTR-*ΔF508 and *SIN3A* mRNA abundance in CFBE cells (*CFTR* ΔF508/ΔF508) 24 hrs post-transfection (n=4, 8 replicates). (*B*) Representative CFTR immunoblot in CFBE cells performed 72 hrs post-transfection (n=4, 8 replicates). PVDF membrane was first probed with R769 antibody (top panel), stripped and re-probed with the M3A7+MM13-4 antibody cocktail (bottom panel). (*C*) Representative tracings of transepithelial current (I_t) response after sequential apical application of noted reagents in CFBE cells (*CFTR* ΔF508/ΔF508). (*D*) Average transepithelial current (I_t) responses after sequential apical application of noted reagents. Each data point represented by 8 CFBE ALI cultures. Basal transepithelial resistance range: 478-611 ohms*cm². (*E*) Change in transepithelial current (ΔI_t) after stimulation with Forskolin + IBMX (F&I) and GlyH. Each data point represented by 8 CFBE ALI cultures. All panels, Error bars indicate mean \pm SE. **P* < 0.01, relative to Scr (CFTR); ***P* < 0.01, relative to Scr (SIN3A); $^{#}P$ <0.01 relative to I_t in Scr transfected samples upon F&I addition; ⁺ ⁺⁺*P* <0.01 relative to ΔI_t in Scr transfected samples upon F&I or GlyH-101 stimulation respectively. SIN3A expression in CFBE

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Fig. S14. Oligonucleotide transfection does not cause decrease in cell viability. Percentage viability calculated in (*A*) Calu-3 cells and (*B*) CFBE cells as a measure of lactate dehydrogenase release 4, 8, 12, and 16 days post-transfection with noted oligonucleotides. Measurements were normalized to untransfected cells. Each bar represents three independent experiments

Fig. S15. Specificity of oligonucleotide transfections. Relative expression by RT-qPCR of GAPDH and HPRT (normalized to SFRS9), and miRs -21, -24, -26a, -200c, -146a, -146b, -27a*, -134 (normalized to RNU48). Experiment performed 24 hrs post-transfection in (*A*) Primary airway epithelia from human non-CF donor #1 (6 replicates), (*B*) Primary airway epithelia from human non-CF donor #2 (6 replicates), (*C*) Primary airway epithelia from human non-CF donor #3 (6 replicates), (*D*) Calu-3 cells (n=4, 6 replicates each), (*E*) HEK293T cells (n=4, 6 replicates each), (*F*) HeLa cells (n=4, 6 replicates each), and (*G*) CFBE (*CFTR* ΔF508/ΔF508) cells (n=4, 6 replicates each). All panels, Error bars indicate mean \pm SE. UnD= Undetected by RT-qPCR.

Fig. S16. Persistence of oligonucleotide effects 2 weeks post-transfection. (*A*) Representative SIN3A immunoblot in Calu-3 air-liquid interface (ALI) cultures 14 days post-transfection (6 replicates). (*B*) Relative SIN3A mRNA abundance in Calu-3 ALI cultures 14 days post transfection (6 replicates). (*C*) Representative CFTR immunoblot in Calu-3 ALI cultures 14 days post-transfection (8 replicates). PVDF membrane was first probed with R769 antibody (top panel), stripped and re-probed with the M3A7+MM13-4 antibody cocktail (bottom panel). (*D*) Relative *CFTR* mRNA abundance in Calu-3 ALI cultures 14 days post transfection (6 replicates). (*E*) Representative CFTR immunoblot in CFBE (*CFTR* ΔF508/ΔF508) ALI cultures 14 days post-transfection (6 replicates) (top panel-R769 antibody, bottom panel-M3A7+MM13-4 antibody cocktail). (*F*) Relative *CFTR* mRNA abundance in CFBE ALI cultures 14 days posttransfection (6 replicates). All panels, Error bars indicate mean \pm SE. $*P$ <0.01, relative to Scr.

Fig. S17. Epistatic relationship between SIN3A and miR-138. (*A*) SIN3A expression in HEK293T cells assessed by western blot 48 hrs post transfection with empty vector (Empty ExP) or SIN3A cDNA (SIN3A ExP). (*B*) SIN3A expression in Calu-3 cells assessed by western blot 48 hrs post transfection with empty vector or SIN3A cDNA. (*C* and *E*) Relative *SIN3A* and *CFTR* mRNA levels in Calu-3 cells 48 hrs post transfection (3 replicates). (*D* and *F*) Representative SIN3A and CFTR immunoblots in Calu-3 cells 48 hrs post transfection (3 replicates). All panels, Error bars indicate mean \pm SE. **P* < 0.05, relative to UnT (SIN3A); ***P* <0.05, relative to UnT (CFTR). ExP denotes expression plasmid.

Table S1. Expression of microRNAs in human airway epithelia

AB TaqMan® Low Density MicroRNA Array (TLDA) was performed on 4 human non-CF primary well-differentiated airway epithelial cultures. With a C_q cut-off \leq 30, 115 miRNAs were deemed expressed in the human airway epithelium. Of these, 31 miRNAs (**bold**) were highly expressed with an average C_q value <25. MiRNAs arranged in order of their decreasing average abundance.

Table S2. CFTR-Associated Gene Network (16, 25-28)

This gene list was curated from the published literature (16, 25-28) and includes gene products as identified as directly or indirectly involved in CFTR biosynthesis.

Table S3. Enrichment significance for genes influencing CFTR biogenesis

Differentially expressed genes from the miR-138 mimic or SIN3A DsiRNA microarray experiment in Calu-3 cells were cross-referenced with the CFTR-Associated Gene Network (Fig. 3C). Fisher's Exact Test was used to generate an enrichment score for genes in the CFTR-Associated Gene Network from either one or both array datasets and referenced against the background (expressed genes with fold change <1.5 and *P* value >0.05).

Table S4. Genes in the CFTR-Associated Gene Network identified as differentially expressed in Calu-3 cells following miR-138 or SIN3A DsiRNA treatment

The 125 genes in the CFTR-Associated Gene Network identified as differentially expressed in Calu-3 cells following treatment with SIN3A DsiRNA, miR-138 mimic, or negative control (Scr) (Fig. 3C). RNA was isolated from Calu-3 cells 48 hrs post-transfection for each experiment. The cellular compartments where each gene product has been demonstrated to function are indicated. The green shading indicates the 29 differentially expressed genes (Fig. 3C, SI Table S3) found by intersecting the SIN3A DsiRNA array, miR-138 mimic array, and the CFTR-Associated Gene Network. Orange shading indicates the 52 differentially expressed genes (Fig. 3C, SI Table S3) identified by intersecting the SIN3A DsiRNA array and the CFTR-Associated gene network. The blue shading denotes the 44 differentially expressed genes (Fig. 3C, SI Table S3) found by intersecting the miR-138 mimic array and the CFTR-Associated Gene Network. A literature survey identified that several of the differentially expressed gene products are known to influence CFTR protein biogenesis (references indicated). The microarray data are available from Genbank (accession no. XXXX).

Table S5. Gene Ontology enrichment of genes co-regulated in Calu-3 cells following miR-138 mimic or SIN3A DsiRNA treatment

