

Supplementary Fig. S1

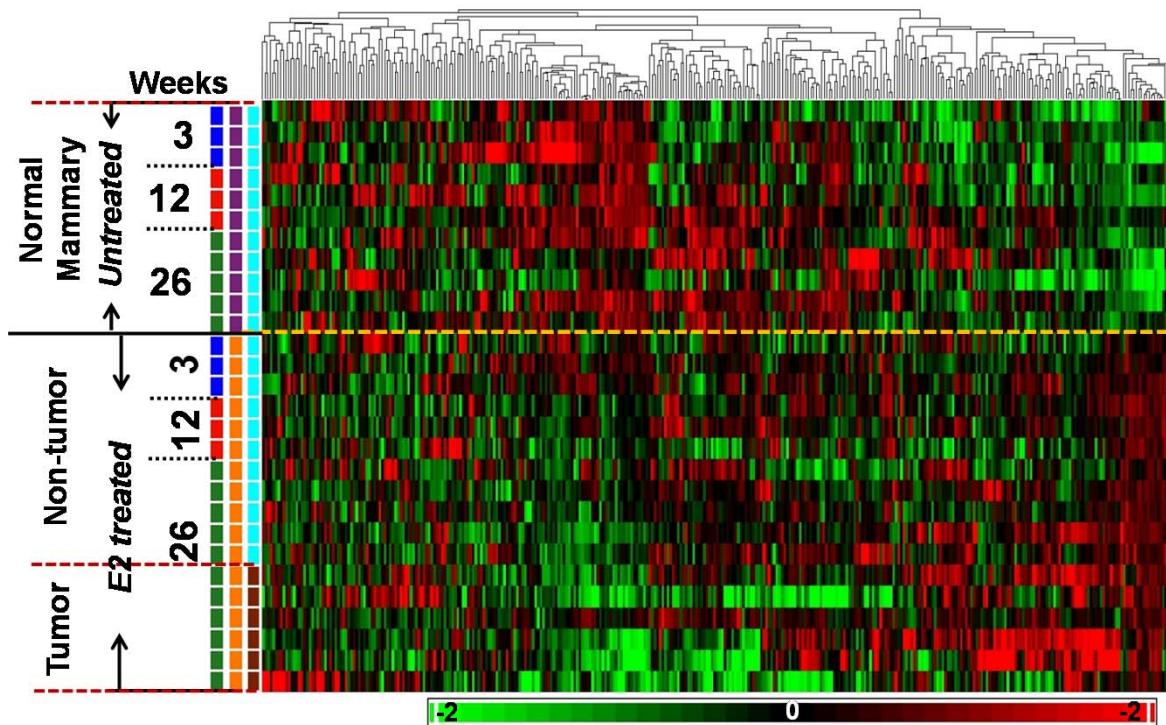


Figure S1: Hierarchical clustering of 28 samples and 351 miRNAs. Rows represent sample, and columns represent miRNA. The bar code at the bottom represents the color scales of the log2 values

Supplementary Fig S2

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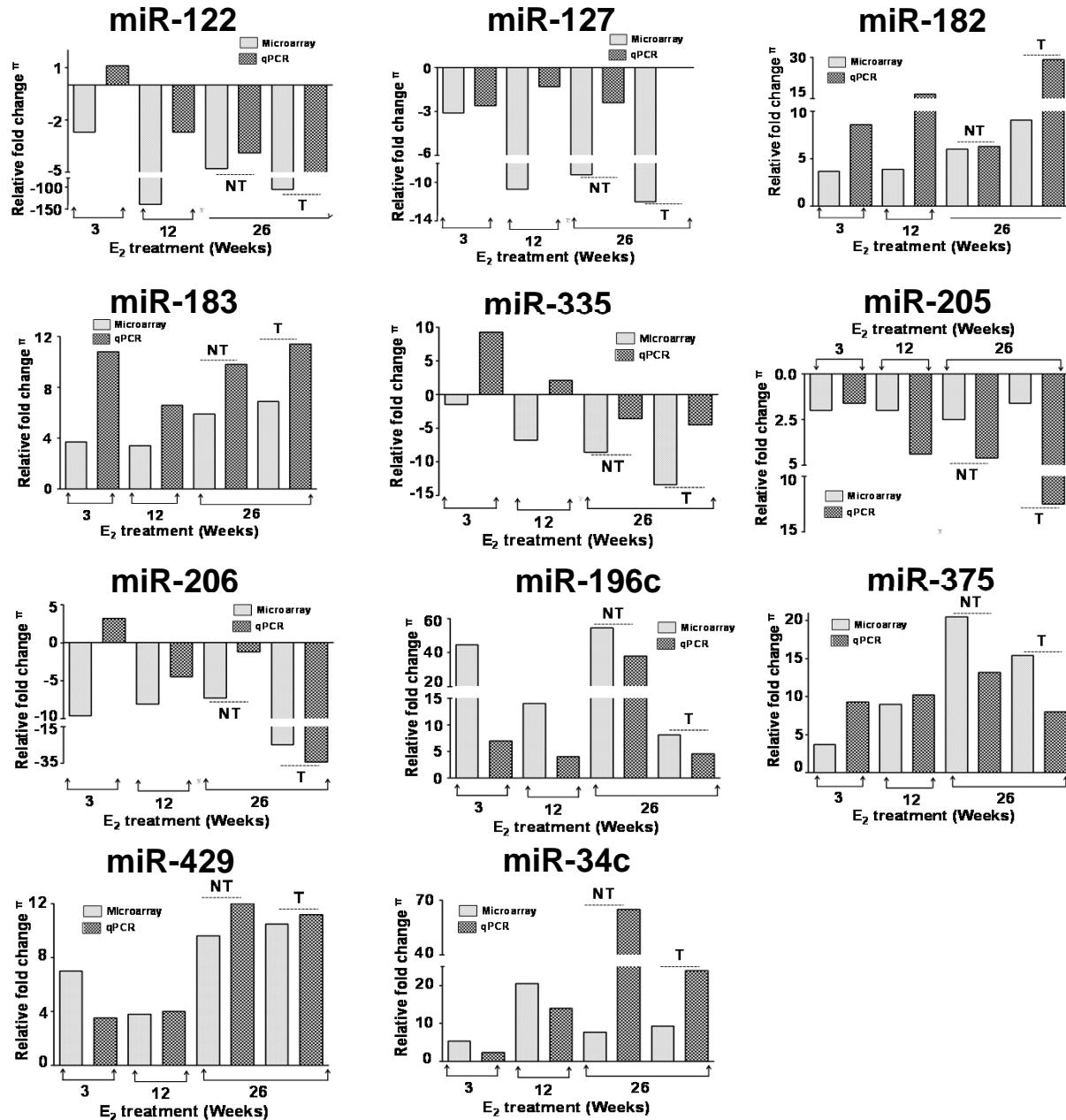


Figure S2a: miRNAs were analyzed by qRT-PCR in mammary and tumor tissues of E₂-alone and EA-treated ACI rats. Data represents mean fold change in mRNA expression relative to the untreated control of five animals each. NT represents non-tumor (distal normal mammary) and T represents tumor tissue.

Supplementary Fig S2

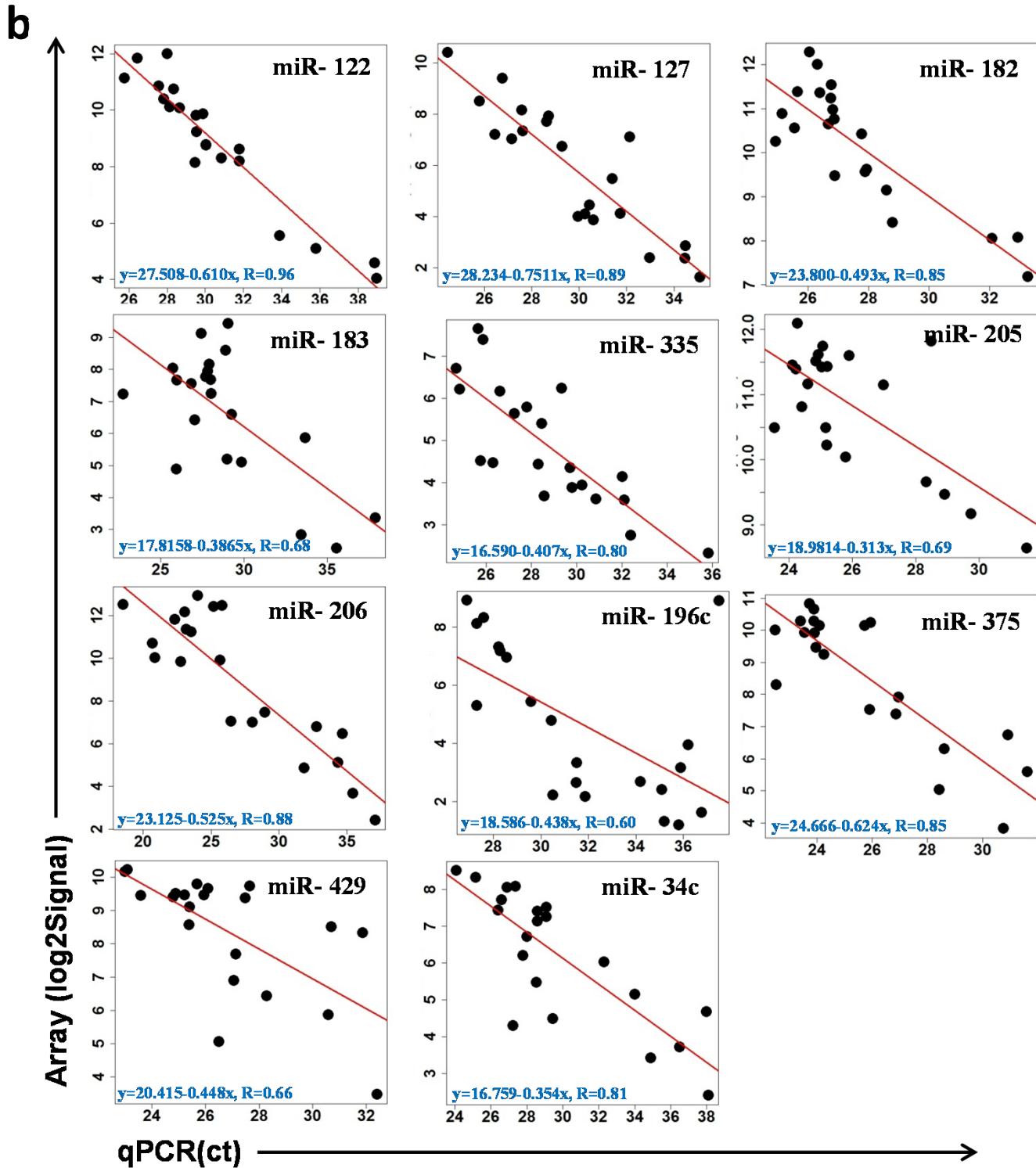


Figure S2b: Correlation analysis of the qPCR and microarray results were compared by plotting the qPCR cycle threshold (Ct) value versus the log₂ of the array signal for each miRNA at 3, 12 and 26 week. The correlation between the two methods was 0.96-0.60

Supplementary Fig. S3

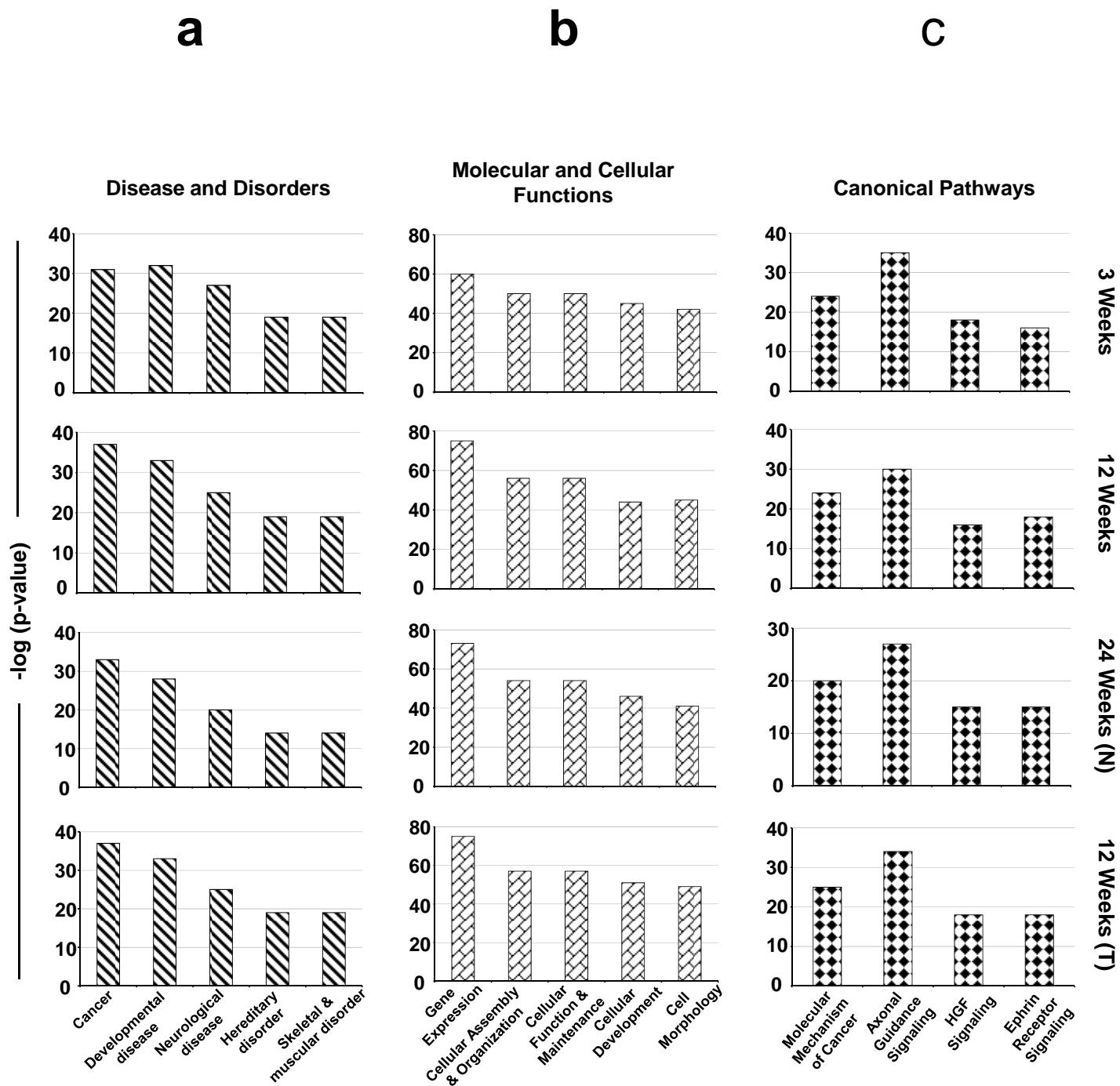


Figure S3: Ingenuity Pathway Analysis (IPA) software was used to determine the related functions and pathways of the miRNA target genes identified by TargetScan, a) top 5 diseases and disorders, b) top 5 molecular and cellular functions and c) top 4 canonical pathways.

Supplementary Fig.S4

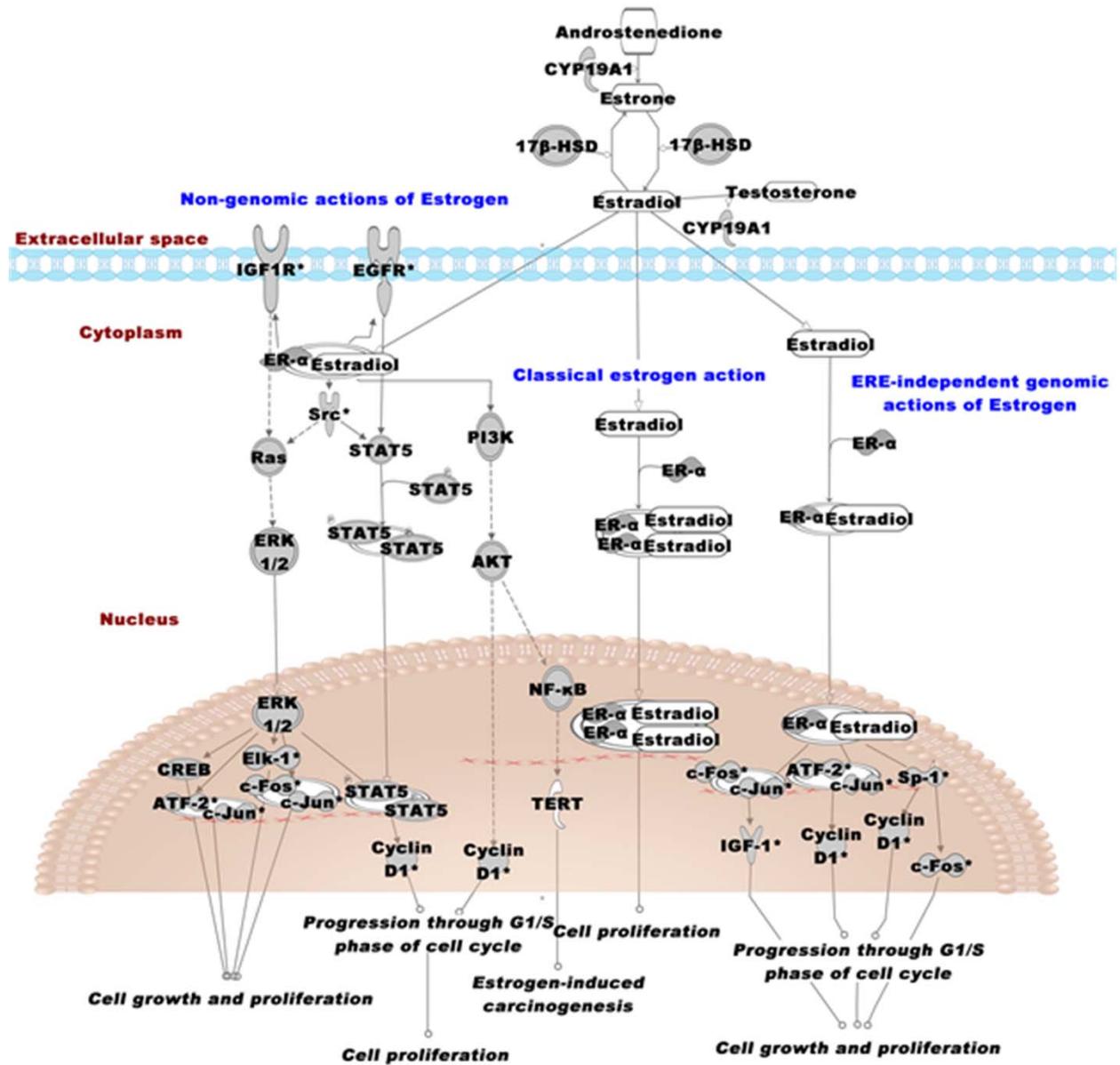


Figure S4: An overlay of predicted targets from 26 week tumor tissue on E₂-mediated breast cancer pathways

Supplementary Fig. S5

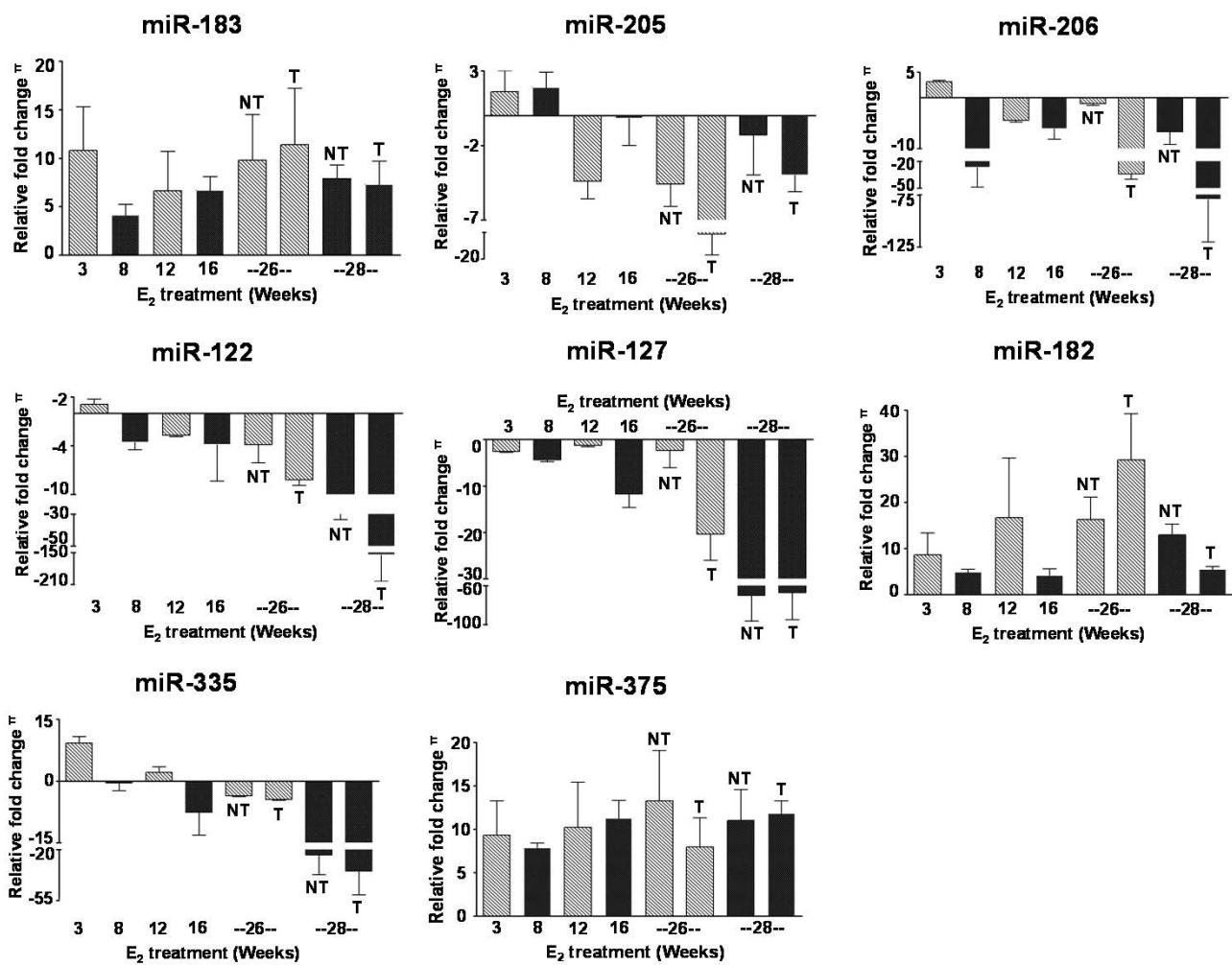


Figure S5: miRNA expression trends between the Study 1 and Study 2.

Supplementary Fig. S6

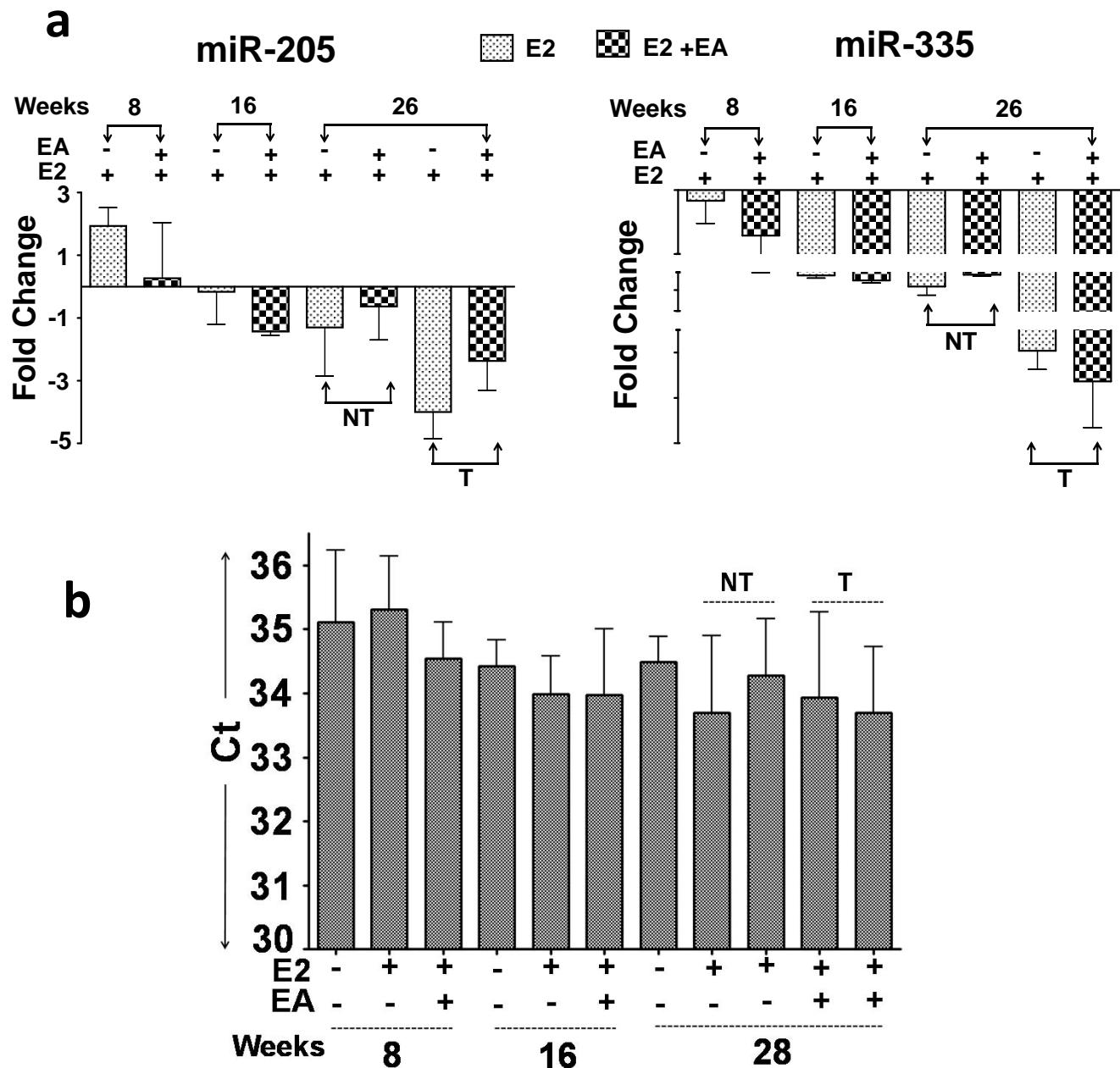


Figure S6: a) The effect of EA on miRNAs miR-205 and miR-335 did not attain statistical significance, b) The raw Ct values of housekeeping gene 5S rRNA of untreated, the E₂ alone and E₂+EA at different time points showing no significant influence of E₂ alone or in combination with EA on its expression.

Supplementary Fig. 7

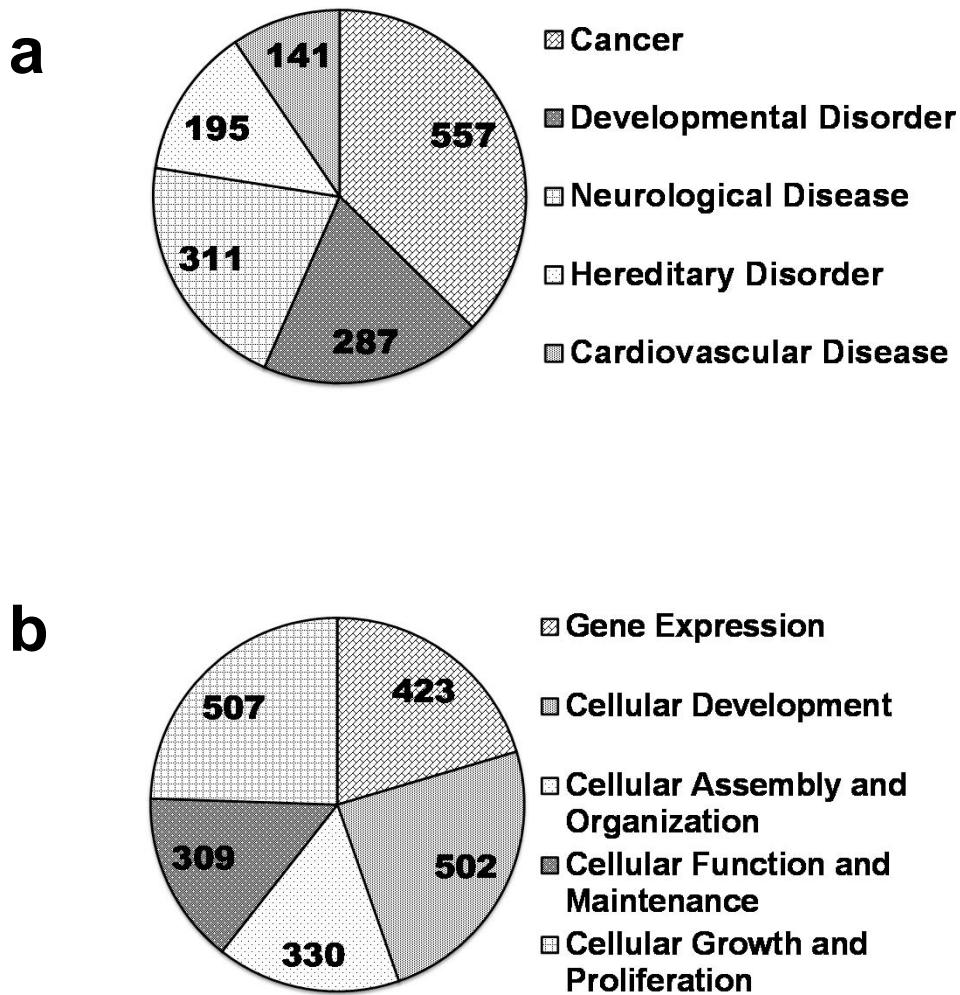


Figure S7: The 5 top overrepresented - a) disorders; and b) molecular and cellular functions are shown. The number of targets involved in the functions is also represented in the pie-diagram.

Supplementary Table 1: List of miRNAs modulated significantly during estrogen mediated mammary carcinogenesis in female ACI rats

S.No	Column ID	3 Week		S.No	Column ID	12 Week	
		p-value	Fold-Change			p-value	Fold-Change
1	<i>rno-mir-1</i>	0.0158	-15.23	1	<i>rno-mir-1</i>	2.3E-02	-9.93
2	rno-mir-101a	0.0368	2.24	2	rno-mir-106b	3.9E-02	1.63
3	rno-mir-106b	0.0059	1.98	3	rno-mir-107	2.2E-02	1.55
4	rno-mir-10a	0.0213	3.74	4	rno-mir-10a	2.3E-02	-3.66
5	rno-mir-10b	0.0471	4.37	5	<i>rno-mir-122</i>	6.6E-06	-139.40
6	<i>rno-mir-122</i>	0.0244	-2.70	6	rno-mir-124	2.1E-02	-10.59
7	rno-mir-124	0.0110	-13.88	7	rno-mir-125b	5.6E-03	-3.05
8	<i>rno-mir-127</i>	0.0128	-3.15	8	rno-mir-125b	3.6E-02	-1.96
9	rno-mir-133b	0.0415	-24.86	9	<i>rno-mir-127</i>	3.6E-03	-10.70
10	<i>rno-mir-140</i>	0.0200	2.97	10	rno-mir-129	3.7E-02	4.46
11	rno-mir-15b	0.0378	2.92	11	rno-mir-132	4.6E-02	-5.61
12	rno-miR-17	0.0176	2.07	12	rno-mir-134	6.4E-04	-6.35
13	rno-miR-17-3p	0.0218	2.18	13	<i>rno-mir-140</i>	9.7E-03	-2.08
14	rno-miR-17-5p	0.0290	1.99	14	<i>rno-mir-141</i>	4.0E-02	5.27
15	<i>rno-mir-181c</i>	0.0003	5.52	15	rno-miR-17	4.5E-02	1.87
16	<i>rno-mir-181d</i>	0.0000	6.45	16	rno-miR-17-5p	3.4E-02	1.90
17	<i>rno-mir-182</i>	0.0046	3.69	17	rno-mir-181a	1.4E-02	2.46
18	<i>rno-mir-183</i>	0.0075	7.00	18	rno-mir-181b	1.6E-02	2.22
19	<i>rno-mir-18a</i>	0.0004	4.81	19	<i>rno-mir-181c</i>	2.0E-03	4.06
20	<i>rno-mir-196c</i>	0.0000	44.54	20	<i>rno-mir-181d</i>	1.0E-04	5.18
21	rno-mir-19a	0.0136	5.29	21	<i>rno-mir-182</i>	3.2E-03	3.94
22	rno-mir-19b	0.0005	2.89	22	<i>rno-mir-183</i>	2.8E-02	4.73
23	<i>rno-mir-200b</i>	0.0213	3.54	23	<i>rno-mir-18a</i>	1.9E-02	2.57
24	<i>rno-mir-200c</i>	0.0136	2.96	24	rno-mir-193	3.1E-03	-4.39
25	<i>rno-mir-205</i>	0.0140	-1.98	25	rno-mir-195	2.2E-02	-1.93
26	<i>rno-mir-206</i>	0.0238	-9.56	26	<i>rno-mir-196c</i>	2.0E-03	13.99
27	<i>rno-mir-20a</i>	0.0000	2.86	27	rno-mir-19b	3.5E-02	1.79
28	rno-mir-21	0.0405	5.36	28	<i>rno-mir-200a</i>	1.0E-02	3.42
29	<i>rno-mir-25</i>	0.0010	2.96	29	<i>rno-mir-200c</i>	4.0E-02	2.42
30	rno-mir-26b	0.0245	-2.04	30	<i>rno-mir-205</i>	1.3E-02	-2.02
31	rno-mir-26b	0.0437	2.87	31	<i>rno-mir-206</i>	2.7E-02	-8.11
32	rno-mir-301a	0.0399	4.56	32	<i>rno-mir-20a</i>	2.6E-02	1.55
33	<i>rno-mir-31</i>	0.0036	4.39	33	<i>rno-mir-214</i>	2.9E-03	-3.54
34	rno-mir-327	0.0093	-2.67	34	rno-mir-24	1.5E-03	-2.53
35	rno-mir-329	0.0229	-1.99	35	rno-mir-25	1.4E-02	2.13
36	rno-mir-331	0.0399	2.77	36	<i>rno-mir-25</i>	1.3E-02	2.16

37	rno-mir-342	0.0498	5.82
38	rno-mir-347	0.0184	-3.16
39	<i>rno-mir-34a</i>	0.0008	-3.02
40	<i>rno-mir-34c</i>	0.0000	13.22
41	<i>rno-mir-34c-star</i>	0.0048	5.27
42	rno-mir-384	0.0473	-1.82
43	rno-mir-410	0.0241	-2.09
44	<i>rno-mir-429</i>	0.0064	7.00
45	rno-mir-434	0.0109	-3.68
46	rno-mir-455	0.0215	4.78
47	rno-mir-485	0.0107	-2.73
48	rno-mir-487b	0.0202	-3.45
49	rno-mir-540	0.0263	-2.03
50	rno-mir-92a	0.0109	2.44
51	<i>rno-mir-99a</i>	0.0049	-1.96

37	rno-mir-29a	2.3E-04	-1.92
38	<i>rno-mir-29b</i>	2.3E-02	-2.54
39	<i>rno-mir-31</i>	2.4E-02	3.01
40	<i>rno-mir-335</i>	2.5E-03	-6.76
41	<i>rno-mir-34a</i>	3.2E-04	-3.35
42	rno-mir-34b	9.9E-03	4.99
43	<i>rno-mir-34c</i>	1.0E-03	6.82
44	<i>rno-mir-34c-star</i>	1.1E-05	20.46
45	<i>rno-mir-375</i>	3.8E-03	8.99
46	rno-mir-379	1.5E-02	-7.96
47	rno-mir-382	4.4E-03	-6.63
48	rno-mir-411	4.4E-02	-2.71
49	<i>rno-mir-429</i>	1.5E-02	3.77
50	<i>rno-mir-489</i>	7.5E-03	-3.61
51	<i>rno-mir-497</i>	1.1E-02	-2.64
52	rno-mir-532	2.4E-02	-2.50
53	rno-mir-541	3.8E-02	-3.41
54	<i>rno-mir-672</i>	3.0E-02	4.11
55	<i>rno-mir-708</i>	3.8E-02	-3.62
56	rno-mir-880	2.6E-02	-1.64
57	rno-mir-92a	1.2E-02	2.40
58	<i>rno-mir-99a</i>	2.3E-04	-2.59

		26 Week (Non-tumor)	
S.No	Column ID	p-value	Fold-Change
1	<i>rno-mir-1</i>	0.0074	-15.03
2	rno-mir-103	0.0042	1.50
3	rno-mir-106b	0.0177	1.56
4	<i>rno-mir-122</i>	0.0228	-4.85
5	rno-mir-125b	0.0468	-2.65
6	rno-mir-125b-star	0.0091	-2.24
7	<i>rno-mir-127</i>	0.0007	-9.18
8	rno-mir-129	0.0202	4.37
9	rno-mir-129-star	0.0024	6.03
10	rno-mir-134	0.0231	-2.40
11	<i>rno-mir-140</i>	0.0021	-2.01
12	<i>rno-mir-141</i>	0.0015	8.56
13	rno-mir-146b	0.0057	2.12
14	rno-mir-154	0.0484	-2.14
15	rno-mir-17	0.0293	1.67
16	rno-mir-17-5p	0.0292	1.70
17	<i>rno-mir-181c</i>	0.0159	2.24
18	<i>rno-mir-181d</i>	0.0000	5.60
19	<i>rno-mir-182</i>	0.0000	5.96
20	<i>rno-mir-183</i>	0.0001	11.79
21	<i>rno-mir-18a</i>	0.0019	2.78
22	rno-mir-193	0.0083	-2.72
23	rno-mir-195	0.0308	-1.61
24	<i>rno-mir-196c</i>	0.0000	54.64
25	rno-mir-19a	0.0254	3.17
26	rno-mir-19b	0.0073	1.81
27	<i>rno-mir-200a</i>	0.0046	5.89
28	<i>rno-mir-200b</i>	0.0002	5.99
29	<i>rno-mir-200c</i>	0.0000	5.22
30	<i>rno-mir-205</i>	0.0138	-2.53
31	<i>rno-mir-206</i>	0.0182	-7.30
32	<i>rno-mir-20a</i>	0.0001	1.92
33	rno-mir-210	0.0157	2.70
34	<i>rno-mir-214</i>	0.0022	-2.75
35	rno-mir-22	0.0125	-2.00
36	rno-mir-24	0.0155	-1.68
37	<i>rno-mir-25</i>	0.0091	1.88
38	rno-mir-28	0.0443	1.67

		26 Week (Tumor)	
S.No	Column ID	p-value	Fold-Change
1	<i>rno-mir-122</i>	0.0000	-105.28
2	rno-mir-133a	0.0121	-27.05
3	<i>rno-mir-1</i>	0.0289	-25.50
4	rno-mir-139	0.0000	-25.13
5	<i>rno-mir-206</i>	0.0298	-24.83
6	rno-mir-133b	0.0098	-22.62
7	<i>rno-mir-708</i>	0.0000	-21.89
8	<i>rno-mir-335</i>	0.0000	-13.38
9	rno-mir-150	0.0000	-12.16
10	<i>rno-mir-127</i>	0.0001	-12.02
11	rno-mir-196a	0.0056	-9.67
12	rno-mir-199a	0.0000	-9.37
13	<i>rno-mir-214</i>	0.0000	-7.97
14	rno-mir-138-2	0.0001	-7.52
15	rno-mir-379	0.0025	-7.36
16	rno-mir-124-1	0.0113	-6.98
17	rno-mir-10b	0.0012	-6.93
18	rno-mir-199a-star	0.0004	-6.41
19	rno-mir-196b	0.0008	-5.79
20	<i>rno-mir-497</i>	0.0000	-4.78
21	<i>rno-mir-489</i>	0.0001	-4.67
22	rno-mir-342-star	0.0237	-4.62
23	rno-mir-29c	0.0085	-4.41
24	rno-mir-100	0.0001	-4.38
25	rno-mir-10a	0.0014	-4.25
26	<i>rno-mir-29b</i>	0.0001	-3.85
27	rno-mir-125b-3p	0.0001	-3.69
28	rno-mir-342	0.0144	-3.44
29	rno-mir-532	0.0003	-3.32
30	rno-mir-382	0.0136	-3.26
31	rno-mir-532-star	0.0064	-3.09
32	rno-mir-30e	0.0004	-2.90
33	rno-mir-541	0.0240	-2.72
34	rno-mir-30a	0.0152	-2.71
35	rno-mir-195	0.0001	-2.70
36	<i>rno-mir-193</i>	0.0139	-2.42
37	<i>rno-mir-140</i>	0.0126	-2.40
38	rno-mir-22	0.0018	-2.38

39	<i>rno-mir-29b</i>	0.0036	-2.62
40	rno-mir-29c	0.0408	-2.13
41	<i>rno-mir-31</i>	0.0005	4.18
42	rno-mir-329	0.0028	-2.08
43	<i>rno-mir-335</i>	0.0001	-8.64
44	rno-mir-338	0.0370	-2.53
45	rno-mir-344	0.0115	1.73
46	rno-mir-34b	0.0117	3.36
47	<i>rno-mir-34c</i>	0.0001	7.68
48	<i>rno-mir-34c-star</i>	0.0000	9.36
49	<i>rno-mir-375</i>	0.0000	20.50
50	rno-mir-379	0.0142	-5.09
51	rno-mir-383	0.0484	-2.18
52	<i>rno-mir-429</i>	0.0002	9.63
53	<i>rno-mir-489</i>	0.0000	-5.82
54	<i>rno-mir-497</i>	0.0042	-2.39
55	rno-mir-532	0.0213	-2.07
56	rno-mir-541	0.0288	-2.74
57	<i>rno-mir-672</i>	0.0002	8.06
58	<i>rno-mir-708</i>	0.0049	-4.10
59	rno-mir-93	0.0237	1.68
60	rno-mir-96	0.0002	4.67
61	<i>rno-mir-99a</i>	0.0002	-2.09

39	rno-mir-125b-5p	0.0012	-2.30
40	rno-mir-154	0.0269	-2.28
41	rno-mir-30e	0.0338	-2.21
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43	rno-mir-339	0.0420	-2.14
44	<i>rno-mir-99a</i>	0.0001	-2.12
45	rno-mir-29a	0.0000	-2.06
46	rno-mir-370	0.0156	-2.05
47	rno-mir-134	0.0492	-2.04
48	rno-mir-126	0.0021	-2.03
49	rno-mir-378	0.0355	-2.02
50	rno-mir-27b	0.0004	-1.92
51	rno-mir-152	0.0063	-1.90
52	rno-mir-27a	0.0003	-1.89
53	rno-mir-24	0.0043	-1.83
54	rno-mir-222	0.0329	-1.78
55	rno-mir-378-star	0.0223	-1.73
56	rno-mir-143	0.0120	-1.73
57	rno-mir-145	0.0093	-1.72
58	rno-mir-329	0.0222	-1.67
59	rno-mir-142-star	0.0238	-1.59
60	rno-mir-146a	0.0320	-1.57
61	<i>rno-mir-34a</i>	0.0386	-1.54
62	rno-mir-130a	0.0500	-1.53
63	rno-mir-30c	0.0054	-1.52
64	rno-mir-107	0.0057	1.50
65	<i>rno-mir-205</i>	0.0199	-1.55
66	rno-mir-19b	0.0180	1.63
67	<i>rno-mir-181c</i>	0.0091	1.68
68	rno-mir-17-1	0.0032	2.01
69	rno-mir-28	0.0003	2.02
70	rno-mir-483	0.0043	2.02
71	rno-mir-125a	0.0114	2.05
72	rno-mir-17-1-star	0.0026	2.10
73	rno-mir-96	0.0342	2.11
74	rno-mir-297	0.0203	2.16
75	<i>rno-mir-20a</i>	0.0000	2.18
76	rno-mir-28-star	0.0024	2.22
77	rno-mir-673	0.0333	2.25
78	<i>rno-mir-25</i>	0.0009	2.26
79	rno-mir-330	0.0483	2.28

80	rno-mir-99b	0.0389	2.39
81	rno-mir-21	0.0469	2.45
82	rno-mir-106b	0.0158	2.46
83	rno-mir-760	0.0358	2.49
84	rno-mir-106b-star	0.0000	2.58
85	rno-mir-93	0.0001	2.59
86	rno-mir-203	0.0492	2.69
87	rno-mir-34b	0.0273	2.71
88	rno-mir-598	0.0403	2.89
89	<i>rno-mir-18a</i>	0.0003	3.29
90	rno-mir-130b	0.0269	3.61
91	rno-mir-351	0.0039	3.84
92	<i>rno-mir-31</i>	0.0003	4.16
93	rno-mir-503	0.0045	4.50
94	rno-mir-204	0.0145	4.52
95	rno-mir-210	0.0004	4.57
96	rno-mir-146b	0.0000	4.89
97	rno-mir-322	0.0141	5.04
98	rno-mir-542	0.0022	5.56
99	<i>rno-mir-200c</i>	0.0000	5.74
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101	<i>rno-mir-200a</i>	0.0016	6.92
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112	<i>rno-mir-375</i>	0.0000	15.43
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114	rno-mir-129-2-star	0.0000	32.87

Supplementary Table 2: Top Biofunctions and Canonical Pathways of aberrant miRNAs

	3 Wk		12 wk		26 Wk N		26 Wk T	
TOP BIO FUNCTIONS	p-value	# Molecules						
Diseases and Disorders								
Cancer	9.37E-31 - 4.98E-07	1653	2.76E-37 - 4.39E-07	1722	6.45E-33 - 4.41E-07	1597	7.54E-34 - 1.58E-07	2252
Developmental Disease	2.40E-32 - 4.21E-07	818	5.98E-33 - 9.93E-08	771	7.86E-28 - 5.29E-07	714	2.52E-39 - 7.99E-08	933
Neurological Disease	1.01E-27 - 6.95E-08	1008	3.79E-25 - 3.42E-07	968	5.85E-20 - 2.01E-07	887	4.39E-32 - 1.02E-07	1213
Hereditary Disorder	8.13E-19 - 6.95E-08	528	1.99E-19 - 2.14E-10	506	3.57E-14 - 1.07E-08	452	4.55E-22 - 1.43E-11	606
Skeletal and Muscular Disorders	8.13E-19 - 1.60E-07	524	1.99E-19 - 3.06E-07	578	3.57E-14 - 2.63E-08	529	4.55E-22 - 2.24E-08	649
Molecular and Cellular Functions								
Gene Expression	2.98E-60 - 1.45E-07	1105	3.84E-75 - 5.12E-10	1192	6.48E-73 - 7.91E-12	1115	9.88E-75 - 2.09E-08	1347
Cellular Assembly and Organization	3.20E-50 - 3.91E-07	898	5.32E-56 - 3.32E-07	953	3.17E-54 - 3.03E-07	895	4.29E-57 - 7.12E-08	1079
Cellular Function and Maintenance	3.20E-50 - 1.79E-07	1195	5.32E-56 - 3.32E-07	1296	3.17E-54 - 3.49E-07	1177	4.29E-57 - 1.17E-07	1438
Cellular Development	2.06E-45 - 5.84-07	1428	4.92E-44 - 3.20E-07	1508	3.10E-46 - 4.80E-07	1425	4.35E-51 - 1.33E-07	1783
Cell Morphology	1.30E-42 - 5.69E-07	1150	8.97E-45 - 3.02E-07	1205	1.99E-41 - 2.00E-07	1117	8.63E-49 - 1.39E-07	1734
TOP CANONICAL PATHWAYS	p-value	Ratio	p-value	Ratio	p-value	Ratio	p-value	Ratio
Molecular Mechanism of Cancer	3.22E-24	185/366 (0.505)	2.41E-24	186/378 (0.492)	8.19E-20	167/378 (0.442)	4.27E-25	255/430 (0.563)
Axonal Guidance Signaling	2.06E-35	227/422 (0.538)	1.31E-30	219/430 (0.509)	1.84E-27	202/430 (0.470)	4.49E-34	213/378 (0.593)
HGF Signaling	3.69E-18	70/102 (0.686)	9.82E-16	67/105 (0.638)	1.44E-15	64/105 (0.610)	1.70E-18	106/162 (0.654)
Ephrin Receptor Signaling	1.09E-16	101/195 (0.518)	3.39E-18	104/199 (0.523)	2.84E-15	94/199 (0.472)	3.48E-18	117/195 (0.600)