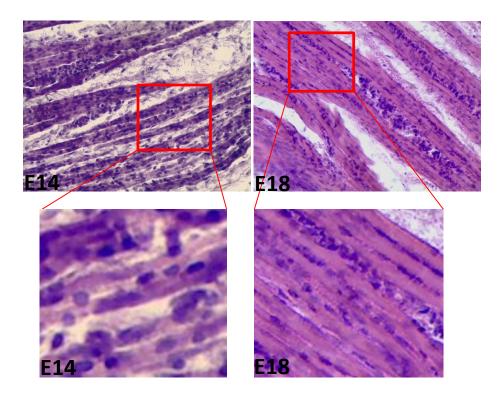
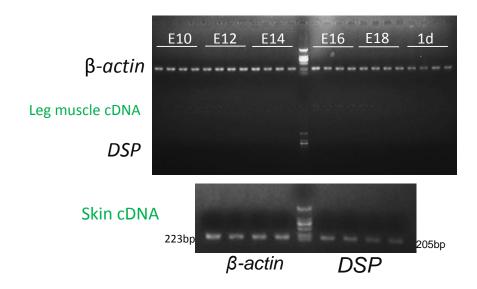


Supplementary file 1. miR-203 expression in normal chicken leg muscles, and in different sex of dwarf chickens leg muscles.

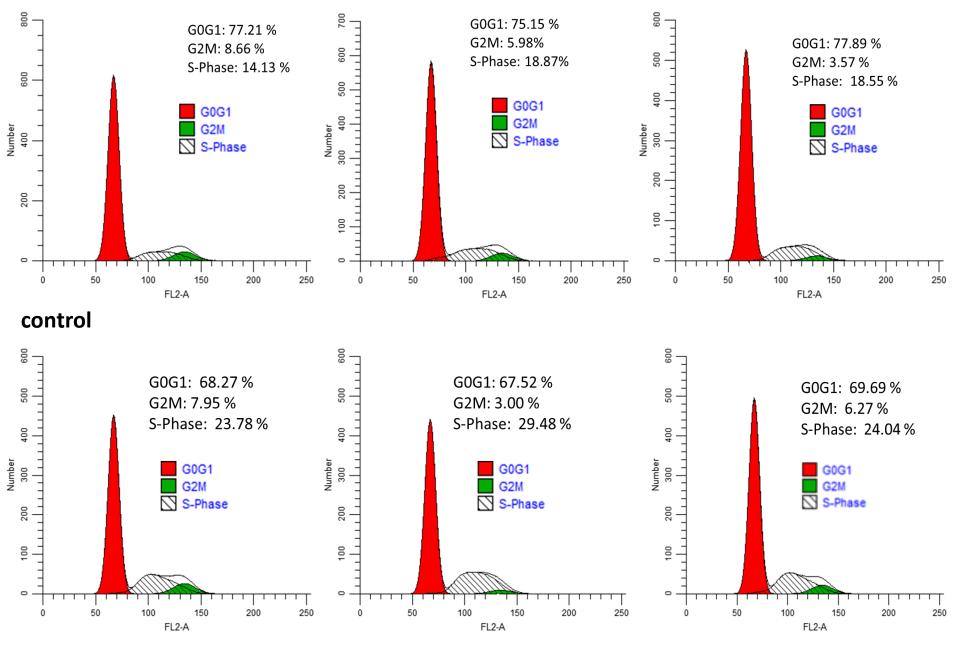


Supplementary file 2. H-E staining of leg muscle fiber vertical section of E14 and E18 dwarf chicken.



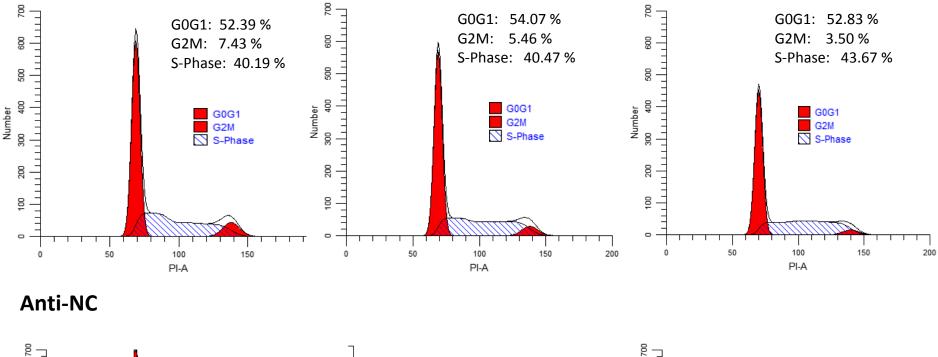
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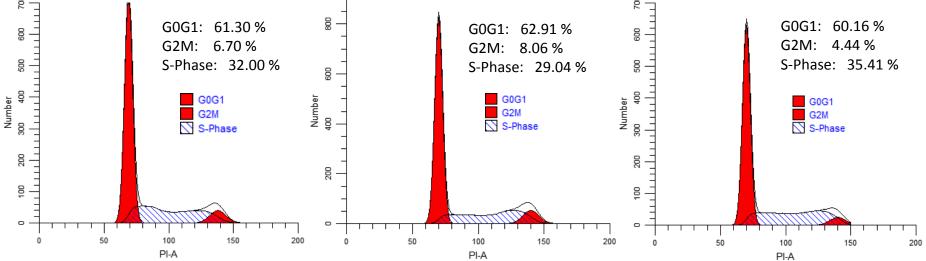




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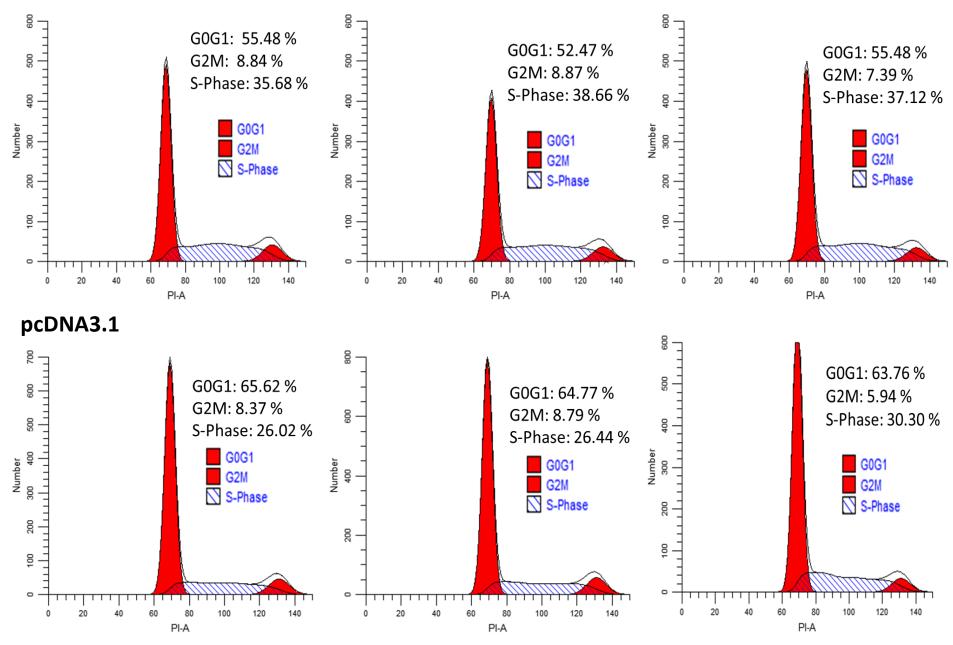
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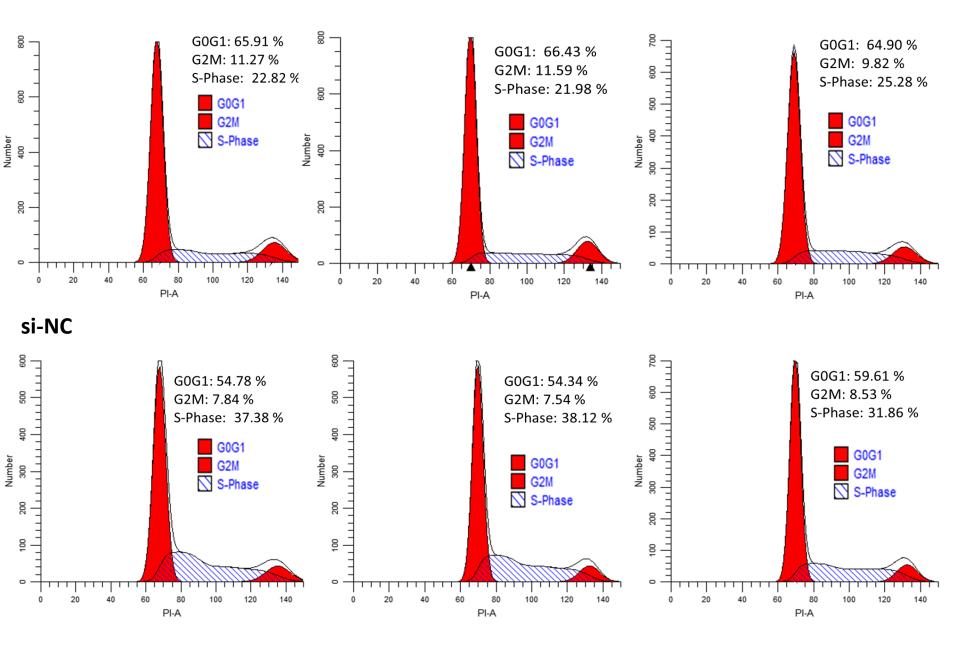
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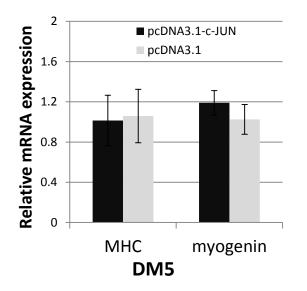


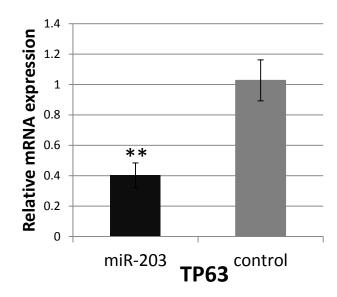
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Supplementary file 7. The histograms of cell cycle analyzed by flow cytometry





Supplementary file 8. Overexpression of *c-JUN* has no effect on the mRNA expression of *MHC* and *myogenin*.

Supplementary file 9. miR-203 overexpression significantly inhibit *TP63* mRNA expression.