

**Associations between microRNA binding site SNPs in *FGFs* and *FGFRs* and the risk of non-syndromic orofacial cleft**

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**Table S1.** Demographic characteristic information of cases and controls

Variables	Cases (N=602)		Controls (N=605)	
	N	%	N	%
Age <sup>a</sup>	1.0 (0.5, 3.0)	-	9.1(8.7, 9.7)	-
Gender				
Male	372	61.8	362	60.1
Female	230	38.2	243	39.9
Subgroups				
CLO	238	39.5		
CLP	305	50.6		
CPO	56	9.3		

CLO, cleft lip only; CLP, cleft lip and palate; CPO, cleft palate only

<sup>a</sup> Median (Percentiles 25, Percentiles 75)

**Table S2.** Stratified distribution of study subjects by subtypes of deformity

Genotype	Controls (n=593, %)	CLO (n=232, %)	CLP (n=289, %)	CPO (n=49, %)
<b>rs1048201</b>				
CC	158 (26.6)	81 (34.9)	96 (33.2)	16 (32.7)
CT	310 (52.3)	110 (47.4)	134 (46.4)	25 (51.0)
TT	125 (21.1)	41 (17.7)	59 (20.4)	8 (16.3)
<b>rs3733336</b>				
AA	308 (52.2)	139 (59.9)	170 (58.8)	34 (69.4)
GA	246 (41.7)	86 (37.1)	105 (36.3)	14 (28.6)
GG	39 (6.6)	7 (3.0)	14 (4.8)	1 (2.0)
<b>rs546782</b>				
AA	558 (94.1)	223 (96.1)	278 (96.2)	49 (100.0)
AT	34 (5.7)	9 (3.9)	11 (3.8)	0 (0.0)
TT	1 (0.2)	0 (0.0)	0 (0.0)	0 (0.0)

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**Table S3.** Stratified analysis by subtypes of deformity

Phenotype	Analysis model	rs1048201		rs3733336		rs546782	
		OR (95% CI)	<i>P</i>	OR (95% CI)	<i>P</i>	OR (95% CI)	<i>P</i>
CLO							
	Allelic comparison <sup>a</sup>	<b>0.78 (0.63-0.97)</b>	<b>0.028</b>	<b>0.70 (0.53-0.92)</b>	<b>0.010</b>	0.65 (0.31-1.35)	0.254
	Heterozygous comparison <sup>b</sup>	<b>0.69 (0.49-0.98)</b>	<b>0.038</b>	0.77 (0.56-1.06)	0.105	0.63 (0.32-1.44)	0.311
	Homozygous comparison <sup>c</sup>	<b>0.63 (0.40-0.99)</b>	<b>0.043</b>	<b>0.39 (0.17-0.91)</b>	<b>0.028</b>	—	0.982
	Additive model	<b>0.78 (0.63-0.97)</b>	<b>0.028</b>	<b>0.71 (0.55-0.93)</b>	<b>0.012</b>	0.65 (0.31-1.36)	0.255
CLP							
	Allelic comparison <sup>a</sup>	0.88 (0.72-1.07)	0.172	0.79 (0.62-1.00)	0.053	0.61 (0.30-1.19)	0.142
	Heterozygous comparison <sup>b</sup>	<b>0.72 (0.52-0.99)</b>	<b>0.046</b>	0.78 (0.58-1.05)	0.100	0.63 (0.31-1.26)	0.187
	Homozygous comparison <sup>c</sup>	0.79 (0.53-1.18)	0.248	0.65 (0.34-1.23)	0.181	—	0.981
	Additive model	0.87 (0.71-1.06)	0.170	0.79 (0.62-1.00)	0.053	0.60 (0.30-1.19)	0.142
CPO							
	Allelic comparison <sup>a</sup>	0.79 (0.52-1.22)	0.286	<b>0.50 (0.29-0.88)</b>	<b>0.017</b>	—	—
	Heterozygous comparison <sup>b</sup>	0.79 (0.41-1.52)	0.479	<b>0.51 (0.27-0.98)</b>	<b>0.043</b>	—	—
	Homozygous comparison <sup>c</sup>	0.63 (0.26-1.53)	0.309	0.23 (0.03-1.71)	0.150	—	—
	Additive model	0.79 (0.52-1.22)	0.286	<b>0.50 (0.29-0.88)</b>	<b>0.017</b>	—	—

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<sup>a</sup> Allelic comparison; rs1048201- T vs. C, rs3733336- G vs. A, rs546782-T vs. A

<sup>b</sup> Heterozygous comparison; rs1048201 - CT vs. CC, rs3733336 - AG vs. AA, rs546782 - AT vs. AA.

<sup>c</sup> Homozygous comparison; rs1048201 - TT vs. CC, rs3733336 - GG vs. AA, rs546782-TT vs. AA.

**Table S4.** Multinomial logistic regression of deformity subtypes with additive model.

Phenotype	rs1048201		rs3733336		rs546782	
	OR (95% CI)	<i>P</i>	OR (95% CI)	<i>P</i>	OR (95% CI)	<i>P</i>
CLO	<b>0.78 (0.63-0.97)</b>	<b>0.028</b>	<b>0.71 (0.55-0.93)</b>	<b>0.012</b>	0.62 (0.29-1.28)	0.196
CLP	0.85 (0.70-1.04)	0.115	<b>0.77 (0.60-0.97)</b>	<b>0.027</b>	0.64 (0.33-1.24)	0.185
CPO	0.93 (0.62-1.39)	0.723	<b>0.50 (0.29-0.88)</b>	<b>0.013</b>	—	—

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**Table S5.** Combined effect of three SNPs in three subtypes

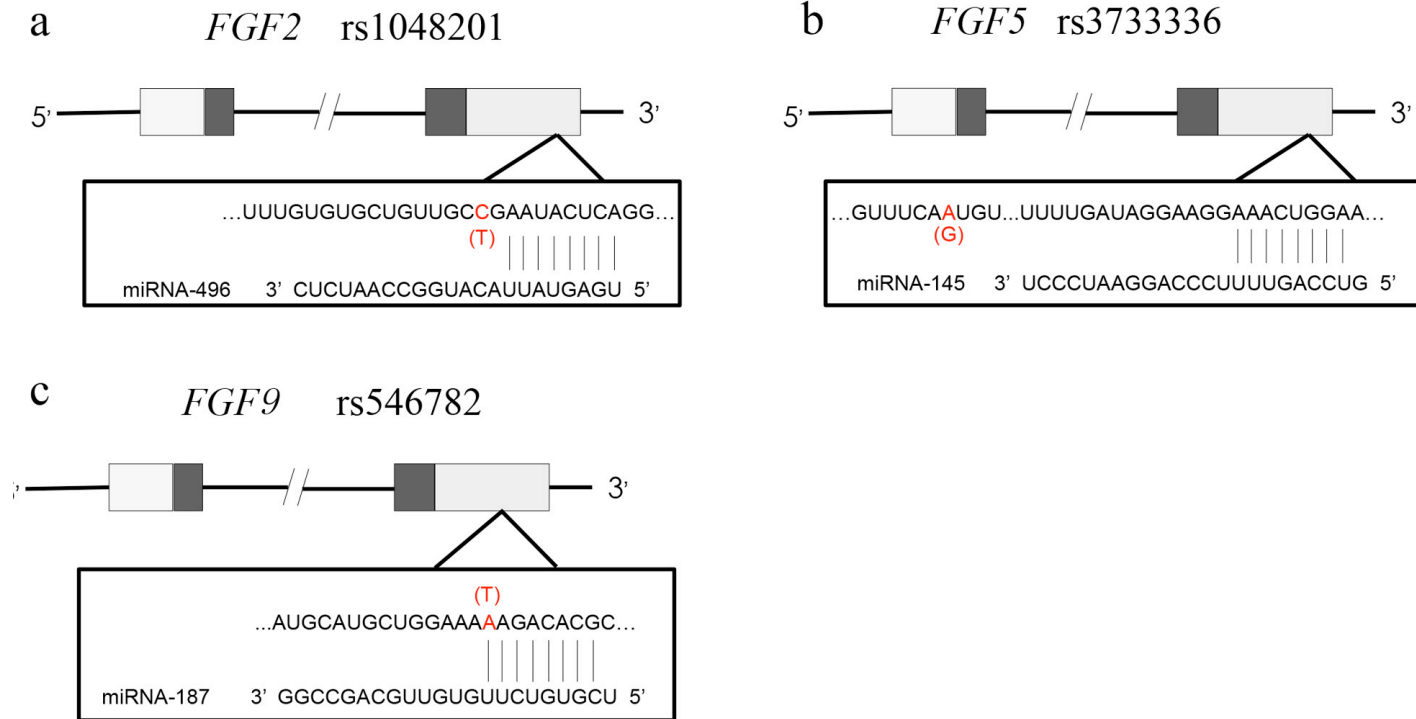
Protective allele number <sup>a</sup>	CLO		CLP		CPO	
	OR (95%CI) <sup>a</sup>	<i>P</i>	OR (95%CI) <sup>a</sup>	<i>P</i>	OR (95%CI) <sup>a</sup>	<i>P</i>
0	Reference		Reference		Reference	
1	0.86 (0.55-1.35)	0.523	<b>0.56 (0.37-0.85)</b>	<b>0.006</b>	0.53 (0.25-1.11)	0.094
2	<b>0.59 (0.37-0.94)</b>	<b>0.028</b>	<b>0.51 (0.33-0.77)</b>	<b>0.001</b>	<b>0.37 (0.16-0.83)</b>	<b>0.015</b>
3-6	<b>0.43 (0.24-0.79)</b>	<b>0.007</b>	<b>0.55 (0.33-0.91)</b>	<b>0.019</b>	<b>0.27 (0.08-0.85)</b>	<b>0.025</b>
1-6	0.68 (0.45-1.02)	0.064	<b>0.54 (0.37-0.78)</b>	<b>0.001</b>	<b>0.42 (0.21-0.82)</b>	<b>0.010</b>
<i>P</i> <sup>b</sup>	<b>0.048</b>		<b>0.001</b>		0.538	
2 vs. 1	0.78 (0.59-1.03)	0.083	0.68 (0.47-1.00)	0.050	0.70 (0.34-1.45)	0.334
3-6 vs. 2	0.91 (0.62-1.33)	0.653	0.72 (0.41-1.25)	0.248	0.73 (0.23-2.29)	0.585
3-6 vs. 1	0.71 (0.49-1.04)	0.081	<b>0.49 (0.29-0.83)</b>	<b>0.008</b>	0.51 (0.17-1.53)	0.228

<sup>a</sup> rs1048201-T, rs3733336-G and rs546782-T were assumed as protective alleles based on the association study in Table 2.

<sup>b</sup> *P* value of multi degree-of-freedom likelihood ratio test.

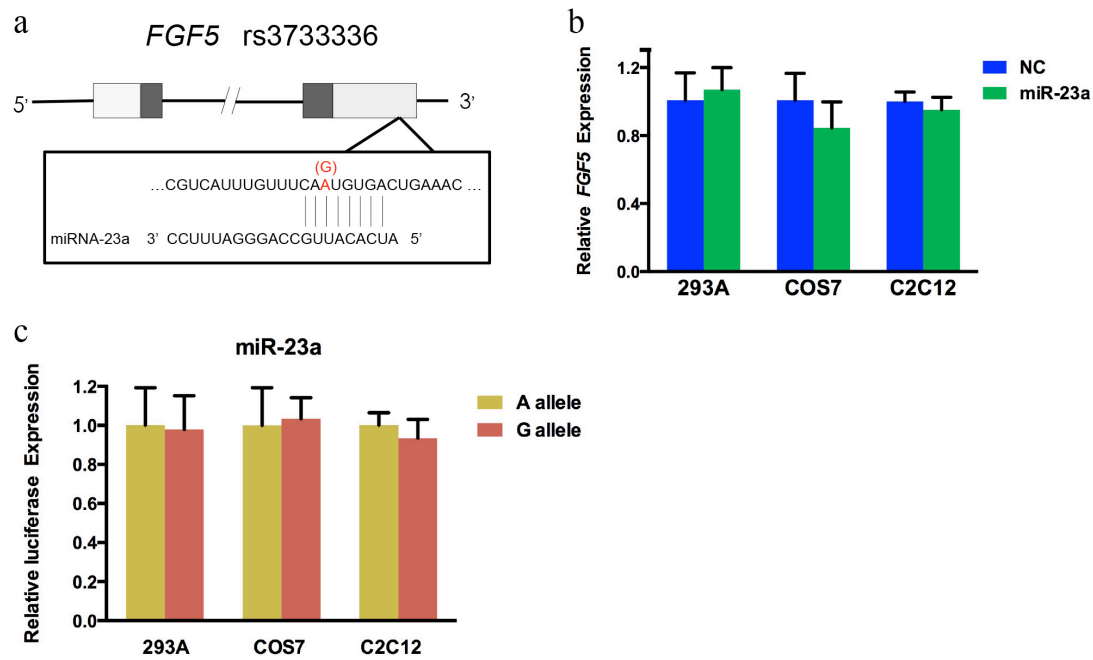
**Table S6.** Primers of microRNAs for quantitative PCR

<b>Gene Name</b>	<b>Forward (5'-3')</b>	<b>Reverse (5'-3')</b>
miR-496	ACACTCCAGCTGGGTGAGTATTACATGGCC	TGGTGTCGTGGAGTCG
miR-23a	ACACTCCAGCTGGGATCACATTGCCAGGG	TGGTGTCGTGGAGTCG
miR-145	ACACTCCAGCTGGGGUCCAGUUUCCCAGGA	TGGTGTCGTGGAGTCG
miR-187	ACACTCCAGCTGGGTCGTGTCTTGTGTTGC	TGGTGTCGTGGAGTCG
<i>U6</i>	CTCGCTTCGGCAGCACA	AACGCTTCACGAATTTGCGT
<i>FGF2</i>	AGAAGAGCGACCCTCACATCA	CGGTTAGCACACACTCCTTTG
<i>FGF5</i>	CACTGATAGGAACCCTAGAGGC	CAGATGGAAACCGATGCCC
<i>FGF9</i>	GGCCTGGTCAGCATTCGAG	GTATCGCCTTCCAGTGTCCAC
<i>GAPDH</i>	GCACCGTCAAGGCTGAGAAC	TGGTGAAGACGCCAGTGGA



**Figure S1.** The presumed miRNA binding sequences.  
 (a) The putative binding of miR-496 and *FGF2* mRNA.  
 (b) The putative binding of miR-145 and *FGF5* mRNA.  
 (c) The putative binding of miR-187 and *FGF9* mRNA.





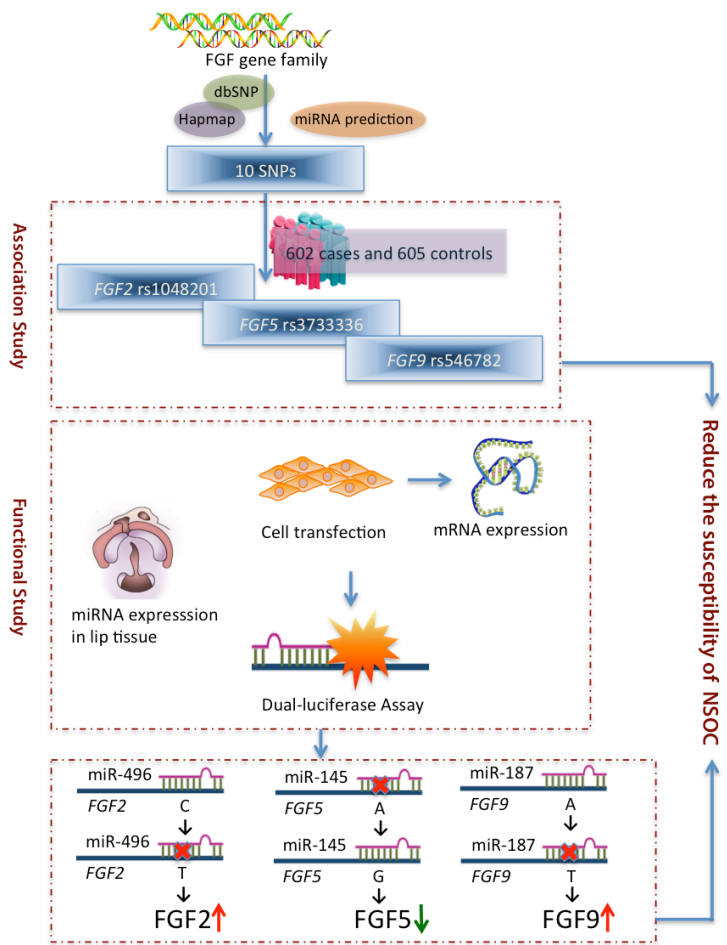
**Figure S2.** The binding ability test of miR-23a and 3'-UTR of *FGF5*.

miR-23a was predicted to have the binding ability with *FGF5* mRNA (**Figure S2, a**). However, *FGF5* expression was not affected by miR-23a mimics in all kinds of cells (**Supplementary Figure S2, b**). At the same time, rs3733336 was unable to affect miR-23a and *FGF5* interaction regarding the similar luciferase expressions between two alleles (**Supplementary Figure S2, c**). Therefore, miR-23a was demonstrated to not bind *FGF5* as predicted.

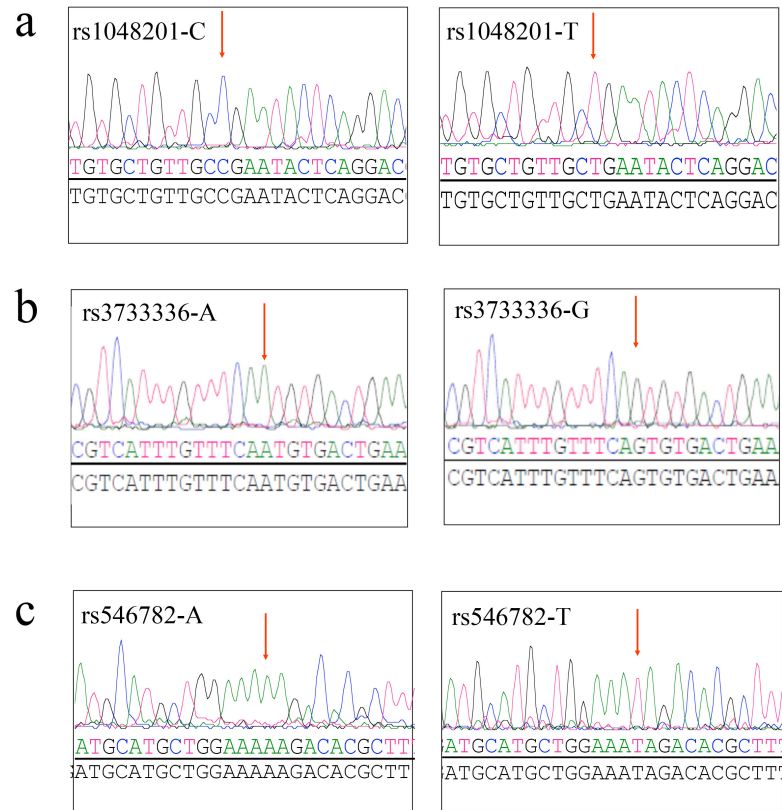
(a) The putative binding of miR-23a and *FGF5* mRNA.

(b) *FGF5* expression levels in HEK-293A cells, COS7 cells and C2C12 cells transfected with miR-23a mimics and nonsense RNA fragments (NC) respectively.

(c) Binding ability assay of plasmids construct with 3'-UTR fragment of *FGF5* and miR-23a in HEK-293A cells, COS7 cells and C2C12 cells. Ratio of Firefly luciferase to *Renilla* luciferase was considered as relative luciferase expression. Independent triplicate experiments were performed.



**Figure S3.** Sketch map of the experiment process.



**Figure S4.** Diagram of three fragments and the mutations

(a) Result of sequencing showed that 3'-UTR fragment containing rs1048201 C allele or T allele was successfully synthesized and inserted into psiCHECK<sup>TM</sup>-2 vector.

(b) 3'-UTR fragment of *FGF5* containing A allele or G allele of rs3733336.

(c) 3'-UTR fragment of *FGF9* containing A allele or T allele of rs546782.