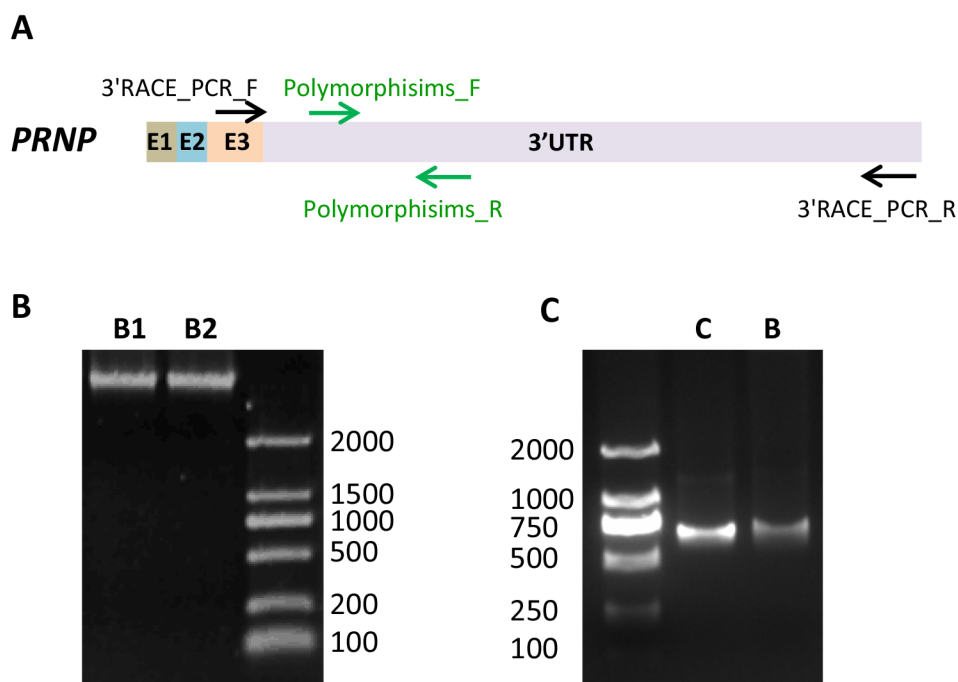


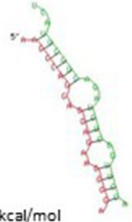
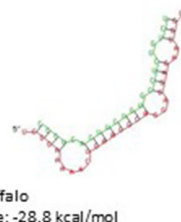
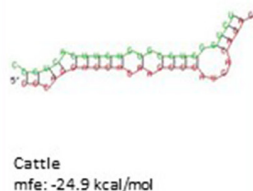
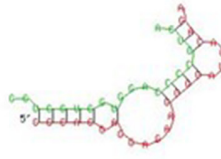
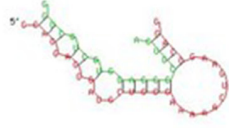
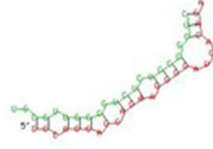

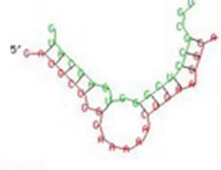
## Fixed differences in the 3'UTR of buffalo *PRNP* gene provide binding sites for miRNAs post-transcriptional regulation

### SUPPLEMENTARY MATERIALS


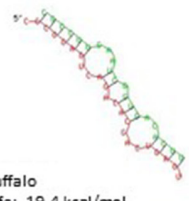
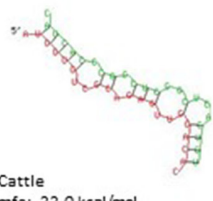


**Supplementary Figure 1: PCR to amplify the 3'UTR of buffalo *PRNP* and the fragments of UTR-C and UTR-B.** (A) The primer pair of 3'RACE\_PCR\_F and 3'RACE\_PCR\_R was developed to amplify the 3'UTR of buffalo *PRNP*. The primers of Polymorphisms\_F and Polymorphisms\_R were used to amplify the fragments of UTR-C and UTR-B for cattle and buffalo *PRNP*, respectively. (B) Representative PCR results for the 3'UTR of buffalo *PRNP* from two buffalo obex tissues (B1 and B2) are shown. (C) The PCR amplicons of UTR-C and UTR-B are presented in agarose gel.

**A**

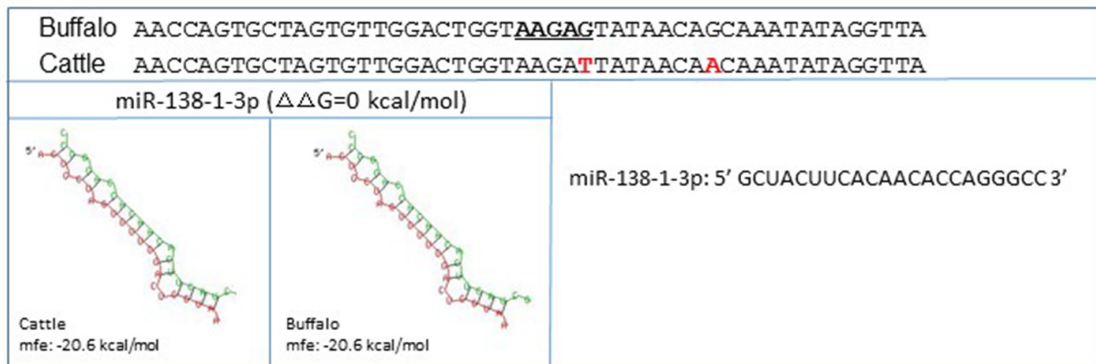
Buffalo	GGCAGGAGGGATGCTGGGAAAAA <u>CTGAAGGCAGGAGGAGAGAAGGGGACCACAGAGGATGAG</u>	
Cattle	GGCAGGAGG-----AGAAGGGGATGACAGAGGATGAG	
miR-212-5p ( $\Delta\Delta G=4.6$ kcal/mol)		miR-149-5p ( $\Delta\Delta G=3.9$ kcal/mol)
		
Cattle mfe: -24.2kcal/mol	Buffalo mfe: -28.8 kcal/mol	Buffalo mfe: -28.8 kcal/mol
miR-324-3p ( $\Delta\Delta G=3.6$ kcal/mol)		miR-328-3p ( $\Delta\Delta G=1.0$ kcal/mol)
		
Cattle mfe: -19.5 kcal/mol	Buffalo mfe: -23.1 kcal/mol	Buffalo mfe: -27.1 kcal/mol
miR-668-5p ( $\Delta\Delta G=8.1$ kcal/mol)		miR-212-5p: 5' ACCUUGGCUCUAGACUGCUUACU 3' miR-149-5p: 5' UCUGGCUCGUGUCUUCACUCCC 3' miR-324-3p: 5' ACUGCCCCAGGUGCUGCUGG 3' miR-328-3p: 5' CUGGCCUCUCUGCCCUUCCGU 3' miR-668-5p: 5' UGCGCCUCGGGUGAGCAUG 3'
		
Cattle mfe: -12.7 kcal/mol	Buffalo mfe: -20.8 kcal/mol	

**B**

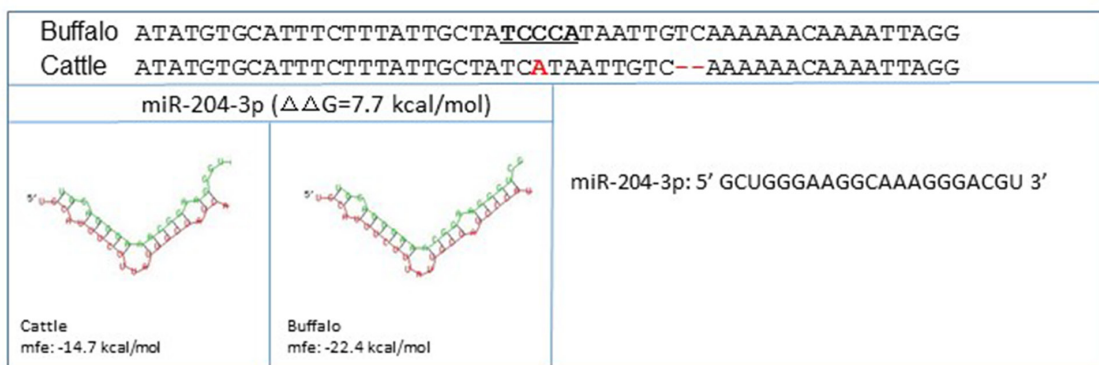
Buffalo	ATCGAC <u>AGGGAGTCCTGGTGT</u> CCTG	
Cattle	ATCGAC--GGAGTCCTGG <u>CAT</u> CCTG	
miR-27a-3p ( $\Delta\Delta G=2.3$ kcal/mol)		miR-331-3p ( $\Delta\Delta G=2.4$ kcal/mol)
		
Cattle mfe: -17.1 kcal/mol	Buffalo mfe: -19.4 kcal/mol	Buffalo mfe: -24.4 kcal/mol
miR-27a-3p: 5' UUCACAGUGGCUAAGUUCGC 3'		miR-331-3p: 5' GCCCCUGGGCCUAUCCUAGAA 3'

(Continued)

C



D



E



**Supplementary Figure 2: The miRNA-mRNA interaction in the presence of cattle or buffalo *PRNP* allele.** Shown are the predicted miRNAs interact with the fragments from g.961-1020 and g.969-1000 (A), g.1082-1106 and g.1062-1084 (B), g.1222-1271 and g.1204-1253 (C), g.1305-1356 and g.1287-1336 (D), and g.1422-1471 and g.1402-1451 (E) in buffalo and cattle *PRNP* 3'UTR, respectively. The Gibbs-free energy ( $\Delta G$ ) of miRNA-mRNA binding was measured using the RNAhybrid program.  $\Delta\Delta G = \Delta G_{\text{cattle}} - \Delta G_{\text{buffalo}}$ . The miRNA sequence is presented in green and the mRNA sequence in red. The miRNA recognition element in the buffalo mRNA are in bold and underline. The fixed differences in cattle sequence are indicated in red.

has-miR-125b-5p	uccugagaccuaacuuguga	has-miR-132-3p	uaacagucuacagccauggucg
mmu-miR-125-5p	uccugagaccuaacuuguga	mmu-miR-132-3p	uaacagucuacagccauggucg
rno-miR-125-5p	uccugagaccuaacuuguga	rno-miR-132-3p	uaacagucuacagccauggucg
ssc-miR-125	uccugagaccuaacuuguga	ssc-miR-132	uaacagucuacagccauggucg
chi-miR-125-5p	uccugagaccuaacuugu - -	bta-miR-132	uaacagucuacagccauggucg
bta-miR-125	uccugagaccuaacuuguga		
has-miR-145-5p	guccaguuuuccaggaauccu	has-miR-331-3p	gccccugggccuauccuagaa -
mmu-miR-145-5p	guccaguuuuccaggaauccu	mmu-miR-331-3p	gccccugggccuauccuagaa -
rno-miR-145-5p	guccaguuuuccaggaauccu	rno-miR-331-3p	gccccugggccuauccuagaa -
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chi-miR-145-5p	guccaguuuuccaggaauccu	chi-miR-331-3p	- cccccugggccuauccuagaa -
bta-miR-145	guccaguuuuccaggaauccu	bta-miR-338	gccccugggccuauccuagaa -
has-miR-338-3p	uccagcaucagugauuuuguug -		
mmu-miR-338-3p	uccagcaucagugauuuuguug -		
rno-miR-338-3p	uccagcaucagugauuuuguuga		
ssc-miR-338	uccagcaucagugauuuuguug -		
chi-miR-338-3p	uccagcaucagugauuuuguu - -		
bta-miR-338	uccagcaucagugauuuuguuga		

**Supplementary Figure 3: The evolutionary conservation of five miRNAs.** The miRNA sequences were downloaded from miRBase (<http://www.mirbase.org/>). has-: human; mmu-: mouse; rno-: rat; ssc-: pig; chi-: goat; bta-: cattle.

**Supplementary Table 1: Primers used for amplifying and sequencing the 3'UTR of *PRNP* gene in buffalo**

PCR Primers	Primer sequences (5'→3')	Position <sup>a</sup>	Orientation
3'RACE_PCR_F	AAGATGATGGAGCGAGTG		F
3'RACE_PCR_R	TGGAGTGGGTTGCTATTT		R
Sequencing Primer_1	AAGATGATGGAGCGAGTG	66221	F
Sequencing Primer_2	ATCCTTAGTTCATAGACCC	66720	F
Sequencing Primer_3	TTCCACTCTGAATGTATC	67808	R
Sequencing Primer_4	AAGCTGAGTGCTGAAGAA	67158	F
Sequencing Primer_5	AGTATTGTCACCTAGCAGAT	67863	F
Sequencing Primer_6	GAGCATTGTCACCTAGCAGAT	68580	R
Sequencing Primer_7	TTTTGATGAACAGTGGATAC	68860	F
Sequencing Primer_8	TGAATACAGCAGGTGAAT	69197	R
T-vector_sequencing primer	CGCCAGGGTTTTCCCAGTCACGAC		F
T-vector_sequencing primer	AACAGGCTATGACCATG		R

<sup>a</sup> Indicates position in sequence AJ298878 of GeneBank.

**Supplementary Table 2: Overview of the fixed differences in the 3'UTR of *PRNP* gene between cattle and buffalo**

**See Supplementary file 1**

**Supplementary Table 3: Target segment fixed point mutation of *PRNP* 3'UTR**

**See Supplementary file 2**