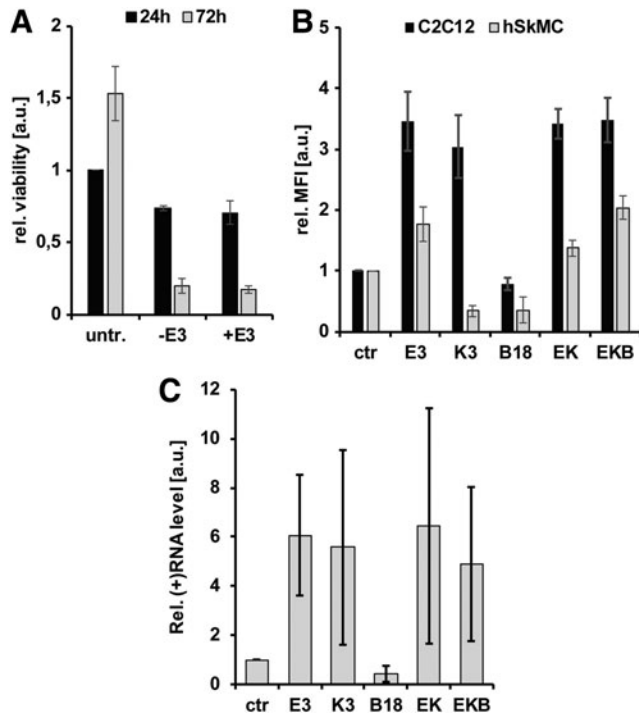


Supplementary Data



Supplementary Figure S1. (A) E3 does not affect saRNA cytotoxicity. Human foreskin fibroblasts were electroporated with saRNA and VACV E3 mRNA. Twenty-four hours and 72 h after electroporation, the viability of the cells was assessed using XTT assay, according to the manufacturer's instructions. To evaluate the influence of E3 on the saRNA-related cytotoxicity, the data were normalized to the untreated control at the 24 h time point (mean of two experiments \pm SD). (B) saRNA expression benefits from VACV proteins in mouse and human muscle cells. Murine C2C12 cells and primary human skeletal muscle cells (hSkMC) were lipofected with GFP-encoding saRNA RNA and either irrelevant mRNA encoding luciferase or mRNA encoding VACV proteins (mean of three experiments \pm SD). (C) VACV proteins improve saRNA replication. Human foreskin fibroblasts were electroporated with GFP-encoding saRNA with or without VACV proteins encoding mRNAs. Eight hours after electroporation, total RNA was extracted and reverse transcribed. GFP specific primers were used for quantitative real-time PCR, thereby reflecting the amount of plus-stranded RNA (genomic and subgenomic) resulting from replication (mean of three experiments \pm SD).