

Differentially expressed microRNAs between cattleyak and yak testis

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| Sample | miRNA | Precursor | Mt_tRNA | Mt_rRNA | rRNA | misc_RNA | mRNA | snoRNA | snRNA | linc_RNA | unannotated |
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| CY1 | 1,598,540 | 87,072 | 84,933 | 96,857 | 430,289 | 117,125 | 2,095,578 | 236,687 | 107,022 | 0 | 14,157,462 |
| CY2 | 2,802,887 | 140,948 | 92,537 | 154,890 | 780,308 | 146,864 | 2,029,634 | 341,671 | 113,487 | 0 | 15,567,627 |
| CY3 | 1,076,993 | 70,950 | 103,009 | 342,534 | 1,043,577 | 181,775 | 2,078,913 | 439,574 | 171,783 | 0 | 23,636,607 |
| YK1 | 3,975,469 | 143,865 | 278,957 | 418,914 | 1,327,922 | 433,379 | 4,356,065 | 740,771 | 273,545 | 0 | 37,310,411 |
| YK2 | 2,496,856 | 104,354 | 132,545 | 330,588 | 584,479 | 148,006 | 2,625,391 | 222,451 | 98,620 | 0 | 21,605,297 |
| YK3 | 2,040,259 | 92,021 | 72,883 | 80,794 | 538,848 | 122,537 | 3,129,987 | 197,924 | 101,599 | 0 | 28,880,074 |

Table S1. Statistics for classified small RNA from cattleyak and yak testis miRNA-seq data.

| MiRNA name | Sample name | Location | Sequence | Length | Genome hits | Hairpin length | Hairpin % G/C content | Minimum free energy | Adjusted MFE | Randfold p-value |
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| Bta-novel-miR-1 | YK1, YK3 | chr16:18872291-18872312:[-] | AAAAAACCAGTGGACTTTTTG | 22 | 1 | 110 | 44.54545 | -51.2 | -46.5455 | 0.009901 |
| Bta-novel-miR-2 | CY2 | chr23:24510595-24510617:[-] | AAAATCTGTATGGCATGATAACT | 23 | 2 | 161 | 32.29814 | -40.79 | -25.3354 | 0.019802 |
| Bta-novel-miR-3 | CY1 | chr13:38147531-38147550:[-] | AAATGCCCTGCAGTCTGCTG | 20 | 1 | 66 | 54.54545 | -21.9 | -33.1818 | 0.049505 |
| Bta-novel-miR- 4 | CY1,2, YK1,2 | chr12:50716633-50716654:[+] | AACGTAGAATATGCAGCAGGAC | 22 | 2 | 52 | 40.38462 | -13.2 | -25.3846 | 0.039604 |
| Bta-novel-miR- 5 | CY1,2 | chr19:23217212-23217234:[-] | AACTCTGTGTGGTCTGAGGCTC | 23 | 1 | 94 | 52.12766 | -33.9 | -36.0638 | 0.049505 |
| Bta-novel-miR- 6 | CY2, YK1,2 | NW_001503906.2:21904-21925:[+] | AACTGTTAGGAGGCTTGGCTGC | 22 | 1 | 124 | 53.22581 | -52.79 | -42.5726 | 0.009901 |
| Bta-novel-miR- 7 | CY3 | chr8:11265865-11265886:[-] | AAGGACCAGTGCAGAGAAGTGCC | 22 | 1 | 151 | 62.25166 | -67.6 | -44.7682 | 0.09901 |
| Bta-novel-miR- 8 | CY1 | chr11:317742-317763:[-] | AATACTGAGTTGGCTAGAAAAGT | 22 | 1 | 79 | 43.03797 | -36 | -45.5696 | 0.009901 |
| Bta-novel-miR- 9 | CY1,2 | chr4:101889395-101889417:[+] | ACACCACCTGAACGCGCCCGAT | 23 | 1 | 119 | 56.30252 | -48.8 | -41.0084 | 0.019802 |
| Bta-novel-miR- 10 | CY1 | chr6:72372959-72372976:[-] | ACAGGATTGACAGATTGA | 18 | 4 | 87 | 45.97701 | -28 | -32.1839 | 0.049505 |
| Bta-novel-miR- 11 | CY1,2, YK1,2,3 | chrX:17249212-17249233:[] | ACATAGTGCCTTTCTGGGTTGT | 22 | 1 | 79 | 45.56962 | -31.9 | -40.3797 | 0.009901 |
| Bta-novel-miR- 12 | CY2, YK1,2 | chr14:13270477-13270499:[-] | ACATGCAAAGGATCTCCCTGACT | 23 | 3 | 62 | 50 | -24.6 | -39.6774 | 0.019802 |
| Bta-novel-miR- 13 | CY1,2,3, YK1,2,3 | chr8:102341314-102341336:[+] | ACCTCCCGTGGAGCAGAAGGGCA | 23 | 10 | 158 | 51.26582 | -56.3 | -35.6329 | 0.069307 |
| Bta-novel-miR- 14 | YK3 | chr12:14453535-14453556:[-] | ACGCATCTATTGACAGACCTG | 22 | 2 | 136 | 42.64706 | -46.2 | -33.9706 | 0.009901 |
| Bta-novel-miR- 15 | YK2 | NW_001493008.1:277555-277576:[-] | ACGGGCGAGGGCATGGACGAGA | 22 | 6 | 88 | 62.5 | -36.7 | -41.7045 | 0.049505 |
| Bta-novel-miR- 16 | CY2 | chr21:65937137-65937159:[+] | ACGTGTCAGGAGCTCTGAGGTCC | 23 | 1 | 73 | 47.94521 | -22.8 | -31.2329 | 0.069307 |
| Bta-novel-miR- 17 | YK3 | NW_001508850.2:265452-265474:[+] | ACTAAGTCAAGTAGAACCAAGAA | 23 | 2 | 84 | 47.61905 | -42.9 | -51.0714 | 0.009901 |
| Bta-novel-miR- 18 | CY2, YK1,2 | chr14:13104096-13104117:[-] | ACTTCAGAGACTGGACTGTGCC | 22 | 8 | 100 | 60 | -41.1 | -41.1 | 0.089109 |
| Bta-novel-miR- 19 | CY2 | NT_186281.1:1869-1891:[+] | ACTTTTGCCCTAGTAACGGACT | 23 | 1 | 54 | 53.7037 | -23.22 | -43 | 0.009901 |
| Bta-novel-miR- 20 | CY2 | chr29:51173239-51173260:[+] | AGACTCAGAGCCTCCAGAGCCC | 22 | 1 | 114 | 58.77193 | -49.13 | -43.0965 | 0.009901 |
| Bta-novel-miR- 21 | CY1,2,3, YK1,2,3 | chr29:46149483-46149504:[-] | AGGGACAAGTGGCGTTAGCCA | 22 | 4 | 92 | 63.04348 | -39.3 | -42.7174 | 0.039604 |
| Bta-novel-miR- 22 | CY1,2, YK3 | chr8:37767631-37767649:[-] | AGGGGCTCTCGTTCTGGC | 19 | 5 | 96 | 78.125 | -54.7 | -56.9792 | 0.079208 |
| Bta-novel-miR- 23 | CY2 | chr10:77712450-77712468:[-] | AGGTGTCAGAAAAGTTACC | 19 | 6 | 132 | 40.90909 | -37.72 | -28.5758 | 0.079208 |
| Bta-novel-miR- 24 | CY2 | chr19:54656312-54656333:[+] | AGTTTCTGGACATCGAGGACCC | 22 | 1 | 93 | 56.98925 | -40.9 | -43.9785 | 0.019802 |
| Bta-novel-miR- 25 | YK1,2 | chr5:17677483-17677502:[+] | ATACATAGGGCTTGTTTCC | 20 | 3 | 153 | 39.21569 | -48 | -31.3725 | 0.009901 |
| Bta-novel-miR- 26 | YK2,3 | chr8:103403919-103403941:[+] | ATCATTCTTCACTCTGCTTCTCT | 23 | 1 | 99 | 49.49495 | -32.2 | -32.5253 | 0.039604 |
| Bta-novel-miR- 27 | CY1,2,3 | chr21:60626164-60626186:[-] | ATCTGTAGTCTCGGCGTCGCACT | 23 | 1 | 59 | 57.62712 | -22.1 | -37.4576 | 0.079208 |

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| Bta-novel-miR- 28 | CY2, YK1 | NW_001506628.1:8333-8355:[+] | ATGTGGGCTAGTTTCGGACAAGG | 23 | 4 | 84 | 47.61905 | -29 | -34.5238 | 0.009901 |
| Bta-novel-miR- 29 | CY1,2,3 YK1,2,3 | NT_184731.1:59559-59579:[-] | ATTGGCATTCTTAGAGTGGA | 21 | 1 | 126 | 43.65079 | -55.6 | -44.127 | 0.009901 |
| Bta-novel-miR- 30 | CY1, YK3 | NT_185358.1:947-967:[+] | ATTGGCGCTCTTTGAGTGTG | 21 | 1 | 274 | 44.89051 | -94.3 | -34.4161 | 0.009901 |
| Bta-novel-miR- 31 | YK1 | chr3:73232436-73232458L:[-] | ATTTTAAAATGGCACTGAGACCT | 23 | 1 | 134 | 35.07463 | -36.3 | -27.0896 | 0.029703 |
| Bta-novel-miR- 32 | YK1 | chr1:82008274-82008296:[-] | CACCAAAAGTTTGTATTGGGGG | 23 | 1 | 91 | 39.56044 | -31.3 | -34.3956 | 0.009901 |
| Bta-novel-miR- 33 | CY1,2,3 YK1,2,3 | chr10:16545156-16545176:[+] | CACCTAGCACTCGCTCGCAC | 21 | 2 | 139 | 67.6259 | -65.6 | -47.1942 | 0.019802 |
| Bta-novel-miR- 34 | CY1 | chr14:13107101-13107119:[-] | CACCTGTGACTCCTGCAAC | 19 | 2 | 73 | 56.16438 | -25.82 | -35.3699 | 0.039604 |
| Bta-novel-miR- 35 | YK1 | chr12:67657872-67657893:[-] | CATACATAGGGCTGTTTTCCA | 22 | 3 | 175 | 41.14286 | -49.1 | -28.0571 | 0.079208 |
| Bta-novel-miR- 36 | CY1,2,3 YK1,2,3 | chr7:39694724-39694746:[-] | CATGTCCTGCAATTCTGAAGGGA | 23 | 1 | 212 | 51.88679 | -80.5 | -37.9717 | 0.049505 |
| Bta-novel-miR- 37 | CY2 | chr3:23597313-23597332:[+] | CCATTGATCGCCAGGGTTGA | 20 | 12 | 78 | 58.97436 | -32.8 | -42.0513 | 0.029703 |
| Bta-novel-miR- 38 | CY2 YK1 | chr2:130337511-130337532:[-] | CCCAACGTGGATACCCCGGAG | 22 | 1 | 55 | 67.27273 | -26.2 | -47.6364 | 0.079208 |
| Bta-novel-miR- 39 | CY1, YK1,2,3 | chr3:9025265-9025283:[-] | CCCGCCCCCGCCTCCCC | 19 | 6 | 97 | 75.25773 | -58.9 | -60.7216 | 0.019802 |
| Bta-novel-miR- 40 | CY1, YK1,2,3 | chr3:120901931-120901948:[] | CCCGCGAGGGGCGGGGC | 18 | 5 | 99 | 73.73737 | -54.6 | -55.1515 | 0.089109 |
| Bta-novel-miR- 41 | YK3 | NT_186807.1:12259-12280:[+] | CCCGCGCCCTGTCCCGCGCC | 22 | 2 | 253 | 78.65613 | -161.81 | -63.9565 | 0.029703 |
| Bta-novel-miR- 42 | CY1,2 YK1 | chr8:96283004-96283021:[-] | CCGGCGCGCGCGCGACT | 18 | 3 | 91 | 65.93407 | -45.1 | -49.5604 | 0.009901 |
| Bta-novel-miR- 43 | CY1, YK2 | NT_186807.1:11785-11806:[+] | CGCGTGTGCGCGGTCGGCCC | 22 | 3 | 114 | 81.57895 | -70.5 | -61.8421 | 0.09901 |
| Bta-novel-miR- 44 | CY2, YK3 | chr3:8805035-8805056:[-] | CGGCGCTCACCGCCGCGCC | 22 | 7 | 111 | 72.97297 | -61 | -54.955 | 0.039604 |
| Bta-novel-miR- 45 | CY2 | NW_001503883.1:46673-46694:[-] | CGGGGACGCAACTCATCTCGCC | 22 | 2 | 108 | 61.11111 | -42.1 | -38.9815 | 0.029703 |
| Bta-novel-miR- 46 | YK1,2 | chr8:62283764-62283786:[-] | CGGGGCTCATTCTCAGCACGTCT | 23 | 1 | 96 | 60.41667 | -37.8 | -39.375 | 0.009901 |
| Bta-novel-miR- 47 | CY1,2 YK2,3 | chr10:103609388-103609405:[+] | CGGGGCTGGGCGCGGCC | 18 | 2 | 86 | 79.06977 | -54.5 | -63.3721 | 0.019802 |
| Bta-novel-miR- 48 | CY1 | NT_186807.1:12611-12632:[+] | CGTCCCGGGCGTGGGTGGGAC | 22 | 2 | 143 | 79.02098 | -87 | -60.8392 | 0.089109 |
| Bta-novel-miR- 49 | YK1 | chr10:89648986-89649007:[+] | CTCATAATTTTGGAGGCTTTG | 22 | 2 | 59 | 44.0678 | -19.2 | -32.5424 | 0.039604 |
| Bta-novel-miR- 50 | CY1 YK2,3 | chr14:13179610-13179628:[-] | CTCCACCCTGTTGGGCAG | 19 | 3 | 141 | 50.35461 | -64.39 | -45.6667 | 0.009901 |
| Bta-novel-miR- 51 | YK2 | chr8:7406580-7406598:[-] | CTCCCGGGTTTCGGCACCA | 19 | 6 | 136 | 66.91176 | -69 | -50.7353 | 0.029703 |
| Bta-novel-miR- 52 | CY1 | chr12:21236132-21236154:[+] | CTCCTGCATCGAAAGTGATTGTG | 23 | 3 | 55 | 54.54545455 | -18.9 | -34.3636 3636 | 0.009901 |
| Bta-novel-miR- 53 | CY1 | chr13:67894471-67894493:[-] | CTCTGGACTCAAGTTCTGAGCC | 23 | 3 | 72 | 56.94444444 | -29.4 | -40.8333 3333 | 0.039604 |
| Bta-novel-miR- 54 | CY2 | chr7:51656870-51656891[-] | CTGAAGACTGGAGTGCTCAGCC | 22 | 1 | 104 | 57.69230769 | -45.6 | -43.8461 5385 | 0.049505 |

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| Bta-novel-miR- 55 | YK2 | chr19:40379828-40379850[-] | CTGCAGATCAAGAGGTCCCGGT | 23 | 10 | 84 | 52.38095238 | -27 | -32.1428 5714 | 0.029703 |
| Bta-novel-miR- 56 | YK1 | chr15:54113191-54113212[] | CTTCAGTGATGACACGATGACG | 22 | 1 | 61 | 50.81967213 | -22.7 | -37.2131 1475 | 0.009901 |
| Bta-novel-miR- 57 | YK1 | chr5:25967046-25967068[+] | CTTGCAAAGTCTGAATTTGCC | 22 | 1 | 61 | 50.81967213 | -22.7 | -37.2131 1475 | 0.009901 |
| Bta-novel-miR- 58 | CY3, YK3 | chr17:5453362-5453379[+] | CTTTTCTTTGTGAAGGGC | 18 | 7 | 79 | 36.70886076 | -20.5 | -25.9493 6709 | 0.089109 |
| Bta-novel-miR- 59 | CY1 | chr19:56436571-56436592[-] | AAAACAATCTGTTCTGAGGCT | 22 | 1 | 105 | 52.38095238 | -36.8 | -35.0476 1905 | 0.019802 |
| Bta-novel-miR- 60 | YK1 | chr20:67344124-67344146[-] | GAAATGATGAATTCTGGGCGC | 23 | 1 | 163 | 38.65030675 | -44.1 | -27.0552 1472 | 0.059406 |
| Bta-novel-miR- 61 | CY1,2 YK2,3 | chr19:8789290-8789309[-] | GAGAACGTAATCTGAGTGGT | 20 | 2 | 124 | 42.74193548 | -41.9 | -33.7903 2258 | 0.009901 |
| Bta-novel-miR- 62 | CY1,2 | chr19:17961259-17961279[+] | GAGCACTGTTCTGACCTGCT | 21 | 1 | 149 | 56.37583893 | -60.6 | -40.6711 4094 | 0.079208 |
| Bta-novel-miR- 63 | CY2 | chr2:124743810-124743827[-] | GATAGTCAAGTCTGATC | 18 | 1 | 126 | 38.0952381 | -39.5 | -31.3492 0635 | 0.009901 |
| Bta-novel-miR- 64 | CY3 | chr29:42383956-42383976[-] | GATATTGACATCTCGGACCC | 21 | 7 | 160 | 52.5 | -60.8 | -38 | 0.019802 |
| Bta-novel-miR- 65 | CY1 | NW_001497819.1_608-627[+] | GATATTGACATCTCGGACC | 20 | 7 | 186 | 53.22580645 | -69.5 | -37.3655 914 | 0.019802 |
| Bta-novel-miR- 66 | YK2,3 | chr13:52907883-52907904[-] | GATGTCTCCATGTCTCTGAGCA | 22 | 1 | 92 | 46.73913043 | -25.5 | -27.7173 913 | 0.089109 |
| Bta-novel-miR- 67 | YK2 | chr3:24239329-24239348[-] | GCACTCTGGACTTTGAATCC | 20 | 14 | 71 | 53.52112676 | -24.4 | -34.3661 9718 | 0.079208 |
| Bta-novel-miR- 68 | CY2 | chr7:17175965-17175986[-] | GCAGCCAAGAAGGACTGAGCCC | 22 | 4 | 87 | 57.47126437 | -35.7 | -41.0344 8276 | 0.009901 |
| Bta-novel-miR- 69 | CY2,3 YK1,2 | chr2:72367568-72367585[+] | GCATGGGTGGTTCAGTGG | 18 | 14 | 112 | 48.21428571 | -35.6 | -31.7857 1429 | 0.039604 |
| Bta-novel-miR- 70 | CY1 | NW_001506399.2_8831-8853[-] | GCCCTGACCTTCGGTCTCCTGTC | 23 | 4 | 94 | 71.27659574 | -50.5 | -53.7234 0426 | 0.059406 |
| Bta-novel-miR- 71 | CY1 YK1,3 | chr2:101406972-101406993[+] | GCGTTGGTGGTATAGTGGTGAG | 22 | 11 | 51 | 49.01960784 | -17.3 | -33.9215 6863 | 0.019802 |
| Bta-novel-miR- 72 | CY2 | chr6:93932574-93932596[+] | GCTGAGAATTGTGGAGCCATACA | 23 | 11 | 53 | 43.39622642 | -18.3 | -34.5283 0189 | 0.009901 |
| Bta-novel-miR- 73 | YK1 | chr19:26645281-26645302[+] | GCTGCAGGATGAGAAATTACC | 22 | 2 | 137 | 50.3649635 | -39.62 | -28.9197 0803 | 0.059406 |
| Bta-novel-miR- 74 | CY2 | chr4:89153590-89153608[-] | GGAAACTCTGGTGGAGGTC | 19 | 4 | 152 | 45.39473684 | -50.3 | -33.0921 0526 | 0.019802 |
| Bta-novel-miR- 75 | YK3 | chr21:52035490-52035510[-] | GGCCGTGTGCCGCTCGTTGCC | 21 | 3 | 61 | 83.60655738 | -49.1 | -80.4918 0328 | 0.009901 |
| Bta-novel-miR- 76 | CY1 | chr6:78036670-78036687[+] | GGCTGGTCCGATGGTAGT | 18 | 2 | 94 | 43.61702128 | -32.61 | -34.6914 8936 | 0.009901 |

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| Bta-novel-miR- 77 | CY3 | chr3:17413311-17413332[-] | GGGCATACTTGTAGACCTTGCC | 22 | 1 | 59 | 57.62711864 | -30.3 | -51.3559 322 | 0.019802 |
| Bta-novel-miR- 78 | CY2 YK1,2 | NT_183129.1_192-213[-] | GGGCCGTGTGCCGCTCGTTGCC | 22 | 3 | 55 | 81.81818182 | -40 | -72.7272 7273 | 0.009901 |
| Bta-novel-miR- 79 | YK1 | chr4:91654916-91654933[-] | GGGCGCGCGCCGCGGCTG | 18 | 2 | 141 | 77.30496454 | -81 | -57.4468 0851 | 0.079208 |
| Bta-novel-miR- 80 | CY1 | chr23:30072999-30073018[+] | GGGGGTGTAGCTCAGTGGTA | 20 | 16 | 138 | 52.89855072 | -54.1 | -39.2028 9855 | 0.009901 |
| Bta-novel-miR- 81 | YK2 | chr23:29130547-29130567[+] | GGGGGTGTAGCTCAGTGGTAG | 21 | 15 | 132 | 56.06060606 | -50.8 | -38.4848 4848 | 0.089109 |
| Bta-novel-miR- 82 | YK1 | chr19:28098913-28098934[-] | GGGTAGTTGAGTGTAGTATATT | 22 | 1 | 141 | 50.35460993 | -49.2 | -34.8936 1702 | 0.089109 |
| Bta-novel-miR- 83 | CY1 | chr12:41034461-41034478[-] | GGTGGCGGGGGAGGTCT | 18 | 3 | 90 | 50 | -34.12 | -37.9111 1111 | 0.009901 |
| Bta-novel-miR- 84 | CY1,3 | chr24:23779081-23779102[+] | GTCACCCATTGATGCCAGGG | 22 | 13 | 53 | 58.49056604 | -18.6 | -35.0943 3962 | 0.039604 |
| Bta-novel-miR- 85 | CY1 | chr18:24839516-24839535[+] | GTCAGGATGGCCGAGCGGTC | 20 | 6 | 132 | 57.57575758 | -49.42 | -37.4393 9394 | 0.019802 |
| Bta-novel-miR- 86 | CY1 | chr15:42769991-42770012[-] | GTCGAGGCTAGAGTCACGCTTG | 22 | 1 | 84 | 51.19047619 | -33.7 | -40.1190 4762 | 0.009901 |
| Bta-novel-miR- 87 | YK2 | NW_001502870.1_32207-32229[-] | GTGTAGACTTTGGATCGCAGCC | 23 | 11 | 152 | 46.71052632 | -44.14 | -29.0394 7368 | 0.019802 |
| Bta-novel-miR- 88 | CY1 | chr7:33295607-33295624[-] | GTTTAGTGGCAGAGCCC | 18 | 1 | 86 | 50 | -30.7 | -35.6976 7442 | 0.019802 |
| Bta-novel-miR- 89 | YK1 | chr6:101595666-101595686[+] | TAAGGGACCTTGATACAACCT | 21 | 1 | 96 | 52.08333333 | -31.31 | -32.6145 8333 | 0.049505 |
| Bta-novel-miR- 90 | YK2 | chr23:8347899-8347921[-] | TAATCCAGATATCTTGATCCACC | 23 | 1 | 50 | 50 | -16.5 | -33 | 0.039604 |
| Bta-novel-miR- 91 | YK3 | chr28:32838063-32838084[+] | TACATTCTGGCCAAATGCATC | 22 | 1 | 67 | 37.31343284 | -16.8 | -25.0746 2687 | 0.09901 |
| Bta-novel-miR- 92 | YK2,3 | chr7:13844661-13844683[+] | TACCAGTTCTACCTGGCTAGGAT | 23 | 1 | 50 | 60 | -18.8 | -37.6 | 0.039604 |
| Bta-novel-miR- 93 | YK3 | chr10:47899820-47899840[-] | TACTGGGCAGAACTGATTC | 21 | 1 | 88 | 50 | -28.4 | -32.2727 2727 | 0.019802 |
| Bta-novel-miR- 94 | YK1 | ChrX:17248143-17248163[+] | TACTGTGCCCTGGATGGGTAG | 21 | 1 | 82 | 54.87804878 | -36.6 | -44.6341 4634 | 0.009901 |
| Bta-novel-miR- 95 | CY1 | ChrX:17253954-17253974[+] | TACTGTGCCCTGTATGGGTAG | 21 | 1 | 111 | 53.15315315 | -49 | -44.1441 4414 | 0.009901 |
| Bta-novel-miR- 96 | CY1 | ChrX:17221885-17221902[+] | TACTGTGCCTGAATGGG | 18 | 4 | 82 | 51.2195122 | -37.5 | -45.7317 0732 | 0.009901 |
| Bta-novel-miR- 97 | CY1 | ChrX:17224842-17224860[+] | TACTGTGCCTGAATGGGT | 19 | 4 | 73 | 52.05479452 | -31.6 | -43.2876 7123 | 0.009901 |
| Bta-novel-miR- 98 | YK2 | chr21:29889678-29889700[+] | TACTTGAAGAAGCTATTTAAA | 23 | 2 | 109 | 48.62385321 | -35.2 | -32.2935 7798 | 0.079208 |
| Bta-novel-miR- 99 | YK3 | chr10:102366159-102366181[-] | TAGCCTGTGAACCTTGTGGTTTC | 23 | 2 | 143 | 38.46153846 | -39.8 | -27.8321 | 0.039604 |

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| Bta-novel-miR- 100 | YK3 | chr8:18009183-18009205[+] | TAGGATGCAAAATCACTGCTGCT | 23 | 1 | 50 | 48 | -15.3 | -30.6 | 0.039604 |
| Bta-novel-miR- 101 | YK2 | chr24:43778631-43778653 | TAGTTAGGGCAGTGTGAGTCAGG | 23 | 1 | 53 | 47.16981132 | -13.5 | -25.4716 9811 | 0.089109 |
| Bta-novel-miR- 102 | YK3 | chr8:18011864-18011886[+] | TATAGATAGAGCGTCCAGCAGCT | 23 | 1 | 154 | 55.19480519 | -63.2 | -41.0389 6104 | 0.089109 |
| Bta-novel-miR- 103 | YK3 | chr8:18023359-18023379[+] | TATTCAGACTGGGTCAAGCC | 21 | 1 | 119 | 57.98319328 | -49.3 | -41.4285 7143 | 0.059406 |
| Bta-novel-miR- 104 | YK2,3 | chr21:9058366-9058388[+] | TCAAAGGTTCTGTCTTCTGGCT | 23 | 1 | 100 | 49 | -35.4 | -35.4 | 0.019802 |
| Bta-novel-miR- 105 | YK3 | chr24:43826159-43826179[-] | TCAAGATTGAGTTCTGAGCC | 21 | 1 | 73 | 52.05479452 | -29.4 | -40.2739 726 | 0.019802 |
| Bta-novel-miR- 106 | YK3 | chr3:15252738-15252755[+] | TCAAGTAGAACCAAGAAA | 18 | 5 | 70 | 48.57142857 | -37.6 | -53.7142 8571 | 0.009901 |
| Bta-novel-miR- 107 | CY1,2 YK1,2 | NT_186680.1_401-422[+] | TCAAGTCCCTGTTGGGCGCCA | 22 | 16 | 104 | 51.92307692 | -38 | -36.5384 6154 | 0.039604 |
| Bta-novel-miR- 108 | CY1,2 YK1 | chr7:11067820-11067842[+] | TCAAGTGATGGAGATGACAACCT | 23 | 1 | 101 | 59.40594059 | -34.3 | -33.9603 9604 | 0.009901 |
| Bta-novel-miR- 109 | YK2 | chr7:99031284-99031305[+] | TCAGAACTCTGCAGCATGACCC | 22 | 9 | 142 | 47.88732394 | -49.1 | -34.5774 6479 | 0.079208 |
| Bta-novel-miR- 110 | YK3 | chr12:29284074-29284094[+] | TCATTTGTGGAACCTGGCGC | 21 | 1 | 81 | 49.38271605 | -26.3 | -32.4691 358 | 0.09901 |
| Bta-novel-miR-111 | YK3 | chr10:59259806-59259824[-] | TCGCATTTGAGCTGGACCT | 19 | 1 | 60 | 55 | -22.5 | -37.5 | 0.019802 |
| Bta-novel-miR- 112 | CY1,2,3 YK2 | chr29:43141286-43141306[+] | TCGCTTTTGTATCCTTCGATG | 21 | 5 | 102 | 40.19607843 | -33.5 | -32.8431 3725 | 0.009901 |
| Bta-novel-miR- 113 | CY2 | NW_001503085.2_25882-25903[-] | TCTGCAGAAGCCTTACATAA | 22 | 1 | 57 | 47.36842105 | -21.1 | -37.0175 4386 | 0.049505 |
| Bta-novel-miR- 114 | YK3 | NW_001505770.1_2174-2196[+] | TCTGTAGTCTGAATAGATATCA | 23 | 2 | 62 | 40.32258065 | -17.1 | -27.5806 4516 | 0.059406 |
| Bta-novel-miR- 115 | YK3 | NT_185358.1_6106-6124[+] | TCTGTCACCTTCTTGAGTG | 19 | 1 | 166 | 46.98795181 | -76.3 | -45.9638 5542 | 0.009901 |
| Bta-novel-miR- 116 | YK3 | chr19:56252028-56252050[-] | TCTGTCTGTAGTGAGGACCT | 23 | 9 | 113 | 38.9380531 | -35.87 | -31.7433 6283 | 0.019802 |
| Bta-novel-miR- 117 | CY2 | chr5:10822635-10822656[+] | TCTTAAAGGCACGAGAGGACAG | 22 | 1 | 71 | 53.52112676 | -31.5 | -44.3661 9718 | 0.019802 |
| Bta-novel-miR- 118 | CY3 | chr10:58883419-58883440[+] | TCTTAAAGATTTGGTGCAATATG | 22 | 3 | 87 | 42.52873563 | -27.8 | -31.9540 2299 | 0.009901 |
| Bta-novel-miR- 119 | YK2,3 | chr18:38632177-38632199[+] | TCTTAGAATTCCTACTTGAAGA | 23 | 1 | 110 | 61.81818182 | -45.29 | -41.1727 2727 | 0.019802 |
| Bta-novel-miR- 120 | YK1 | chr23:30042338-30042360[-] | TCTTTACAGGCCTCGTGAACCC | 23 | 2 | 98 | 43.87755102 | -27.8 | -28.3673 4694 | 0.009901 |
| Bta-novel-miR- 121 | YK3 | chr9:34664277-34664297[+] | TCTTTGAGACTCCACGGACTG | 21 | 14 | 103 | 51.45631068 | -38.4 | -37.2815 534 | 0.029703 |
| Bta-novel-miR- 122 | CY2 | chr29:662873-662895[+] | TGAACTAAAACCTAATTCTGATA | 23 | 3 | 119 | 34.45378151 | -31 | -26.0504 | 0.019802 |

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| | YK1,2 | | | | | | | | 2017 | |
| Bta-novel-miR- 123 | YK3 | chr17:19180002-19180024[+] | TGAAGAACTGAGGCACAAAGAG | 23 | 9 | 61 | 34.42622951 | -19 | -31.1475 4098 | 0.009901 |
| Bta-novel-miR- 124 | CY1 YK1,2 | NW_001508724.2_22332-22352[-] | TGAGCACACCTGCCTGAGCAG | 21 | 1 | 278 | 48.56115108 | -98.8 | -35.5395 6835 | 0.009901 |
| Bta-novel-miR- 125 | YK3 | chr8:12932677-12932696[+] | TGAGGATATCAGAGAACTG | 20 | 1 | 75 | 45.33333333 | -21.9 | -29.2 | 0.09901 |
| Bta-novel-miR- 126 | CY1 YK1 | chr29:662550-662571[+] | TGAGGTCTATCCCGATGGGGCT | 22 | 1 | 56 | 46.42857143 | -18.2 | -32.5 | 0.029703 |
| Bta-novel-miR- 127 | CY2 YK1 | chr1:84407381-84407403[-] | TGATGGAAGTGGATCTGAGGA | 23 | 1 | 126 | 56.34920635 | -49.3 | -39.1269 8413 | 0.09901 |
| Bta-novel-miR- 128 | CY2,3 YK2 | NT_184731.1_63275-63297[-] | TGATTGGTACTTCTTAGAGTGGA | 23 | 1 | 130 | 47.69230769 | -63.17 | -48.5923 0769 | 0.009901 |
| Bta-novel-miR- 129 | CY1 YK2,3 | NW_001505770.1_358-377[+] | TGATTGGTCTTTGAATGAC | 20 | 9 | 166 | 41.56626506 | -54 | -32.5301 2048 | 0.009901 |
| Bta-novel-miR- 130 | YK3 | NW_001502712.2_78872-78894[+] | TGCAACTGAAGATCTGCATGCC | 23 | 12 | 71 | 49.29577465 | -26.1 | -36.7605 6338 | 0.009901 |
| Bta-novel-miR- 131 | YK3 | chr24:43821835-43821856[-] | TGCACATCCAGAGGGCTGTGTA | 22 | 1 | 155 | 65.16129032 | -88.1 | -56.8387 0968 | 0.009901 |
| Bta-novel-miR- 132 | YK3 | chr5:108928753-108928775[+] | TGCAGGTGGATTCTGTACCAACT | 23 | 15 | 51 | 52.94117647 | -15.8 | -30.9803 9216 | 0.09901 |
| Bta-novel-miR- 133 | CY2 YK1,2 | chr4:18492683-18492704[-] | TGCCAGGTGGGGAGTTGACTG | 22 | 8 | 67 | 58.20895522 | -27 | -40.2985 0746 | 0.009901 |
| Bta-novel-miR- 134 | YK2 | chr23:8333587-8333609[-] | TGCCCTGGGTGATGTAAGAGCT | 23 | 1 | 153 | 48.36601307 | -51.16 | -33.4379 085 | 0.019802 |
| Bta-novel-miR- 135 | YK3 | chr10:59243811-59243833[-] | TGCCTGTGGACAGATGTATACCC | 23 | 1 | 180 | 47.22222222 | -60.8 | -33.7777 7778 | 0.009901 |
| Bta-novel-miR- 136 | YK2 | chr12:29260374-29260396[+] | TGCCTTGACGTTCTGTGTTC | 23 | 1 | 107 | 54.20560748 | -44.6 | -41.6822 4299 | 0.029703 |
| Bta-novel-miR- 137 | YK3 | chr23:8322655-8322676[-] | TGCCTTTTGCAGAGCCTGAGC | 22 | 1 | 65 | 53.84615385 | -27.8 | -42.7692 3077 | 0.039604 |
| Bta-novel-miR- 138 | CY1 | chr23:30930402-30930424[+] | TGCGAAGAATAGGAAGCTGGCCT | 23 | 1 | 71 | 46.47887324 | -21.44 | -30.1971 831 | 0.069307 |
| Bta-novel-miR- 139 | YK3 | chr21:13755899-13755917[-] | TGCTAAGTGACTAGACACC | 19 | 1 | 153 | 41.83006536 | -42 | -27.4509 8039 | 0.039604 |
| Bta-novel-miR- 140 | YK3 | chr15:75962626-75962648[-] | TGCTAGAGAAATCGGAGAGAATC | 23 | 1 | 115 | 40 | -32.81 | -28.5304 3478 | 0.029703 |
| Bta-novel-miR- 141 | CY1 | ChrX:84354759-84354780[+] | TGCTCCTGCTTGAACATAGTCT | 22 | 1 | 75 | 46.66666667 | -35.9 | -47.8666 6667 | 0.009901 |
| Bta-novel-miR- 142 | CY1,2 | chr20:61846085-61846102[-] | TGGGAATGATGATTCTC | 18 | 2 | 78 | 33.33333333 | -22.3 | -28.5897 4359 | 0.029703 |
| Bta-novel-miR- 143 | YK3 | chr10:59243054-59243075[-] | TGGGAGTTGCAGGCCACTATAC | 22 | 1 | 138 | 45.65217391 | -48.6 | -35.2173 913 | 0.029703 |
| Bta-novel-miR- 144 | YK3 | chr17:68154352-68154371[-] | TGGGCCTGAAGTCTGTTTTG | 20 | 1 | 141 | 43.97163121 | -44.4 | -31.4893 | 0.029703 |

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| Bta-novel-miR- 145 | YK2 | NW_001503331.1_59376-59397[+] | TGGTGACTGTCTCGCCGTGCC | 22 | 6 | 74 | 67.56756757 | -41.3 | -55.8108 1081 | 0.009901 |
| Bta-novel-miR- 146 | CY2,3 YK1 | NW_001502565.1_23006-23024[-] | TGTCCCTGTTGGGGCGCCA | 19 | 9 | 81 | 67.90123457 | -38.2 | -47.1604 9383 | 0.049505 |
| Bta-novel-miR- 147 | YK3 | chr28:32833691-32833713[+] | TGTCTGCAGACTGGCCACCCTGA | 23 | 1 | 159 | 57.86163522 | -68.4 | -43.0188 6792 | 0.039604 |
| Bta-novel-miR- 148 | YK2,3 | NW_001502911.2_20709-20729[+] | TGTGATGAGATATCAAGAACC | 21 | 8 | 146 | 50 | -57.64 | -39.4794 5205 | 0.009901 |
| Bta-novel-miR- 149 | YK3 | chr19:56279222-56279243[+] | TGTGGACTTTCCAGTTCCGGCC | 22 | 1 | 183 | 58.46994536 | -82.1 | -44.8633 8798 | 0.019802 |
| Bta-novel-miR- 150 | YK3 | chr16:29541773-29541794[-] | TGTGGCCTCTGGGTGTGTACCC | 22 | 1 | 140 | 49.28571429 | -55.3 | -39.5 | 0.019802 |
| Bta-novel-miR- 151 | YK3 | chr28:32822141-32822160[+] | TGTTACTGATTAGGAAATA | 20 | 1 | 99 | 36.36363636 | -28.6 | -28.8888 8889 | 0.009901 |
| Bta-novel-miR- 152 | YK2 | NW_001503327.2_21068-21089[+] | TTAGTATCTTGGATGGGAGACC | 22 | 14 | 59 | 50.84745763 | -23 | -38.9830 5085 | 0.029703 |
| Bta-novel-miR- 153 | YK3 | chr16:3016477-3016498[+] | TTATGTCCGACTCTTGCAACCC | 22 | 6 | 85 | 37.64705882 | -21.4 | -25.1764 7059 | 0.069307 |
| Bta-novel-miR- 154 | CY1,2 YK1,2,3 | NT_184731.1_45171-45191[-] | TTCATAGGAAGGTGCATTCA | 21 | 1 | 126 | 43.65079365 | -55.6 | -44.1269 8413 | 0.009901 |
| Bta-novel-miR- 155 | YK3 | chr5:81025290-81025311[-] | TTCCAGGACTTTCTTCAACCT | 22 | 1 | 193 | 47.15025907 | -67.1 | -34.7668 3938 | 0.079208 |
| Bta-novel-miR- 156 | YK3 | chr1:78325647-78325669[+] | TTCCAGTTGAGCTGTTCAAACC | 23 | 13 | 97 | 45.36082474 | -32 | -32.9896 9072 | 0.009901 |
| Bta-novel-miR- 157 | YK1,2 | chr3:32871458-32871475[-] | TTCCCGGCCCATGCACCA | 18 | 13 | 81 | 46.91358025 | -30.6 | -37.7777 7778 | 0.009901 |
| Bta-novel-miR- 158 | CY2 YK2 | chr13:54407150-54407171[-] | TTCTCAGTTGGACAGTCTGA | 22 | 1 | 146 | 63.01369863 | -65.71 | -45.0068 4932 | 0.059406 |
| Bta-novel-miR- 159 | YK3 | chr8:18014879-18014901[+] | TTCTCATGACTGTGGGATTCCCC | 23 | 1 | 81 | 46.91358025 | -26.5 | -32.7160 4938 | 0.029703 |
| Bta-novel-miR- 160 | CY2,3 | chr3:107182820-107182841[+] | TTCTCTCAGATCGTATAAATC | 22 | 5 | 60 | 38.33333333 | -16 | -26.6666 6667 | 0.039604 |
| Bta-novel-miR- 161 | YK3 | chr23:8331616-8331638[-] | TTCTGGTCTCTGGAAGCTTGGA | 23 | 1 | 130 | 60.76923077 | -62.8 | -48.3076 9231 | 0.019802 |
| Bta-novel-miR- 162 | YK3 | chr12:29274750-29274772[+] | TTCTTCTGTTGTTGCGATCAC | 23 | 1 | 68 | 48.52941176 | -25.2 | -37.0588 2353 | 0.019802 |
| Bta-novel-miR- 163 | CY1 | NW_001502372.2_16452-16470[-] | TTGGCATGTCTTGAATGA | 19 | 1 | 122 | 47.54098361 | -50.2 | -41.1475 4098 | 0.009901 |
| Bta-novel-miR- 164 | YK2,3 | chr23:8350407-8350428[+] | TTGTAGATAACTTGGATGTGCC | 22 | 1 | 107 | 47.6635514 | -52.2 | -48.7850 4673 | 0.009901 |
| Bta-novel-miR- 165 | YK3 | ChrX:57562783-57562805[-] | TTGTGCTGACTCTGCGACCC | 23 | 11 | 79 | 48.10126582 | -23.8 | -30.1265 8228 | 0.019802 |

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| Bta-novel-miR- 166 | YK1 | chr9:100277893-100277915[-] | TTTCCCATTTGACTACCACATTA | 23 | 1 | 88 | 42.04545455 | -23 | -26.1363 6364 | 0.049505 |
| Bta-novel-miR- 167 | CY2 YK2 | chr11:40070993-40071011[+] | TTCCCGGCCCATGCACCA | 19 | 12 | 88 | 50 | -33.5 | -38.0681 8182 | 0.009901 |
| Bta-novel-miR- 168 | YK1 | chr17:68324312-68324333[+] | TTGCCCGGATTTTCTGTAAC | 22 | 1 | 195 | 36.41025641 | -62.37 | -31.9846 1538 | 0.009901 |

Table S2. Statistics for novel miRNAs identified from testis of cattleyak and yak.

| MiRNA | Total score | Total energy | Gene symbol | Gene description |
|-----------------|--------------------|---------------------|-------------------------|--|
| bta-miR-126-3p | 174 | -24.64 | ZBTB20 | zinc finger and BTB domain containing 20 |
| bta-miR-130b | 179 | -31.3 | TMEM194A | Bos taurus transmembrane protein 194A |
| | 179 | -26.11 | ERAP1 | endoplasmic reticulum aminopeptidase 1 |
| | 321 | -47.22 | DLG5 | Bos taurus discs, large homolog 5 (Drosophila) |
| bta-miR-135a | 175 | -20.59 | THRSP | Bos taurus thyroid hormone responsive |
| | 176 | -22.47 | ANKRD17 | ankyrin repeat domain 17 |
| | 177 | -21.47 | TMC2 | Bos taurus transmembrane channel-like 2 |
| | 178 | -23.59 | PALM3 | paralemmin 3 |
| | 180 | -25.04 | CUBN | Bos taurus cubilin (intrinsic factor-cobalamin receptor) |
| | 182 | -22.55 | CSPP1 | centrosome and spindle pole associated protein 1 |
| | 185 | -21.19 | RABGAP1L | Bos taurus RAB GTPase activating protein 1-like |
| | 304 | -42.05 | ZNF2 | Bos taurus zinc finger protein 2 |
| | 312 | -47.58 | ZNF596 | Bos taurus zinc finger protein 596 |
| | 314 | -43.26 | ZNF154 | zinc finger protein 154 |
| | 322 | -46.3 | ZNF76 | zinc finger protein 76 |
| | 323 | -49.58 | ZNF169 | zinc finger protein 169 |
| | 326 | -44.44 | ZNF226 | Bos taurus zinc finger protein 226 |
| | 332 | -45.71 | ZNF167 | Bos taurus zinc finger protein 167 |
| | 335 | -43.08 | MTF1 | Bos taurus metal-regulatory transcription factor 1 |
| | 337 | -44.8 | ZBTB24 | zinc finger and BTB domain containing 24 |
| | 337 | -45.9 | MYNN | Bos taurus myoneurin |
| 800 | -110 | ZNF845 | zinc finger protein 845 | |
| bta-miR-19b | 177 | -21.12 | SPEF2 | sperm flagellar 2 |
| | 181 | -22.07 | CCNT2 | cyclin T2 |
| bta-miR-2318 | 186 | -21.6 | RABEP1 | rabaptin, RAB GTPase binding effector protein 1 |
| | 315 | -45.18 | ZNF133 | Bos taurus zinc finger protein 133 |
| bta-miR-2332 | 175 | -23.64 | STOM | stomatin |
| | 175 | -20.26 | HAUS5 | HAUS augmin-like complex, subunit 5 |
| | 177 | -25.03 | IFI35-201 | Bos taurus interferon-induced protein 35 (IFI35) |
| | 179 | -24.44 | IL6ST | interleukin 6 signal transducer |
| | 179 | -26.79 | CDK2 | Bos taurus cyclin-dependent kinase 2 |
| | 186 | -25.4 | RP2 | Bos taurus retinitis pigmentosa 2 (X-linked recessive) |
| bta-miR-2419-5p | 174 | -24.94 | PRKCD | protein kinase C, delta |
| | 317 | -50.07 | FLYWCH1 | FLYWCH-type zinc finger 1 |
| bta-miR-2435 | 174 | -31.81 | AGAP3 | ArfGAP with GTPase domain, ankyrin repeat and PH domain 3 |
| bta-miR-2483-5p | 176 | -22.68 | ME2 | Bos taurus malic enzyme 2, NAD(+)-dependent, mitochondrial |
| | 179 | -28.69 | ENO4 | enolase family member 4 |
| | 320 | -48.37 | LRP12 | low density lipoprotein receptor-related protein 12 |
| | 324 | -45.71 | GOLGA4 | golgin A4 |
| bta-miR-2484 | 178 | -21.32 | RHCG | Bos taurus Rh family, C glycoprotein |
| | 178 | -22.48 | DDX50 | Bos taurus DEAD (Asp-Glu-Ala-Asp) box polypeptide 50 |

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| | 180 | -25.73 | ASB15 | Bos taurus ankyrin repeat and SOCS box containing 15 |
| | 180 | -23.67 | CHST2 | carbohydrate (N-acetylglucosamine-6-O) sulfotransferase 2 |
| bta-miR-503-3p | 174 | -21.99 | HMGH4 | Bos taurus high mobility group nucleosomal binding domain 4 |
| | 347 | -51.32 | AFF2 | AF4/FMR2 family, member 2 |
| bta-miR-592 | 174 | -27.36 | ATP5A1 | ATP synthase, H ⁺ transporting, mitochondrial F1 complex, alpha subunit 1 |
| | 175 | -20.09 | TPP2 | tripeptidyl peptidase II |
| bta-miR-9-5p | 178 | -26.64 | NIN | ninein (GSK3B interacting protein) |
| | 323 | -45.21 | DOCK7 | dedicator of cytokinesis 7 |
| | 340 | -47.12 | KANK1 | KN motif and ankyrin repeat domains 1 |

Table S3. Target genes for the first 13 differentially expressed known miRNAs in testis from cattleyak (CY) versus yak (YK) are shown, using target mining software of miRanda. MiRNAs with >300 predicted targets in genome were excluded, whereas target genes with ≥ 174 total score were shown.

| MiRNA | Total score | Total energy | Gene symbol | Gene description |
|------------------|-------------|--------------|-------------|--|
| bta-novel-miR-10 | 173 | -24.3 | TRIM33 | tripartite motif containing 33 |
| | 172 | -25.57 | SIK2 | salt-inducible kinase 2 |
| | 178 | -23.19 | MAP3K8 | Bos taurus mitogen-activated protein kinase kinase kinase 8 |
| | 307 | -42.9 | TTN | titin |
| | 317 | -43.86 | F9 | Bos taurus coagulation factor IX (F9) |
| | 329 | -43.52 | CCDC176 | coiled-coil domain containing 176 |
| bta-novel-miR-11 | 172 | -20.38 | ZMYM6 | Bos taurus zinc finger, MYM-type 6 |
| | 173 | -25.23 | C1orf110 | chromosome 1 open reading frame 110 |
| | 173 | -20.07 | RTN1 | Reticulon |
| | 174 | -22.6 | PDGFRL | Bos taurus platelet-derived growth factor receptor-like (PDGFRL) |
| | 175 | -21.36 | C1orf101 | chromosome 1 open reading frame 101 |
| | 175 | -20.13 | C16H1orf227 | Bos taurus chromosome 16 open reading frame, human C1orf227 |
| | 179 | -20.58 | MOK | MOK protein kinase |
| | 180 | -22.75 | JAKMIP1 | Bos taurus janus kinase and microtubule interacting protein 1 |
| | 322 | -41.44 | TAF1D | Bos taurus TATA box binding protein (TBP)-associated factor, RNA polymerase I, D |
| bta-novel-miR-2 | 329 | -50.64 | ANKRD24 | ankyrin repeat domain 24 |
| | 330 | -50.15 | FLNB | filamin B, beta |
| | 344 | -48.16 | UTRN1 | utrophin |
| bta-novel-miR-4 | 172 | -29.16 | SLC7A6-202 | Bos taurus solute carrier family 7 (amino acid transporter light chain, y+L system), member 6 (SLC7A6) |
| bta-novel-miR-6 | 173 | -26.07 | NXPE3 | NXPE family member 3 |
| | 173 | -24.45 | PFDN4 | prefoldin subunit 4 |
| | 174 | -27.59 | SLIT2 | slit homolog 2 (Drosophila) |
| | 175 | -24.11 | ANO4 | Bos taurus anoctamin 4 (ANO4) |
| bta-novel-miR-9 | 172 | -20.05 | HIF3A-201 | Bos taurus hypoxia inducible factor 3, alpha subunit |
| | 173 | -23.59 | DGKE | diacylglycerol kinase, epsilon |
| | 174 | -20.88 | CD46 | CD46 molecule, complement regulatory protein |
| | 175 | -20.75 | LRR63 | leucine rich repeat containing 63 |
| | 177 | -21.97 | PHKA2 | phosphorylase kinase, alpha 2 |
| | 178 | -23.1 | DPY19L2 | dpy-19-like 2 (C. elegans) |
| | 179 | -27.72 | CCNG2 | cyclin G2 |

Table S4. Target genes for the 6 differentially expressed novel miRNAs in testis from cattleyak (CY) versus yak (YK) are shown, using target mining software of miRanda. MiRNAs with > 300 predicted targets in genome were excluded, whereas target genes with ≥ 172 total score were shown.

| MiRNA ID | Stem-loop RT primer (5'-3') | MiRNA specific forward primer (5'-3') | Universal reverse primer (5'-3') |
|------------------|---|---------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| bta-miR-449a | gtgatccagtcggfccgaggtcagattccgactggatcacACCAGCTA | gcgcgTGGCAGTGATTGTT | gtcgggccgaggtcag |
| bta-miR-449b | gtgatccagtcggfccgaggtcagattccgactggatcacGCCAGCTA | gcgcgAGGCAGTGATTGTT | gtcgggccgaggtcag |
| bta-miR-19b | gtgatccagtcggfccgaggtcagattccgactggatcacTCAGTTTTG | gcgcTGTGCAAATCCATGC | gtcgggccgaggtcag |
| bta-miR-184 | gtgatccagtcggfccgaggtcagattccgactggatcacACCCTTATC | gcgTGGACGGAGAACTGA | gtcgggccgaggtcag |
| bta-miR-378 | gtgatccagtcggfccgaggtcagattccgactggatcacGCCTTCTG | gcgACTGGACTTGGAGTC | gtcgggccgaggtcag |
| bta-miR-135 | gtgatccagtcggfccgaggtcagattccgactggatcacTCACATAGG | gcgcgcTATGGCTTTTTATTCC | gtcgggccgaggtcag |
| bta-novel-miR-10 | gtgatccagtcggfccgaggtcagattccgactggatcacTCCACTCT | gcgcgcTGATTGGTACTTCTT | gtcgggccgaggtcag |
| bta-novel-miR-11 | gtgatccagtcggfccgaggtcagattccgactggatcacGATTATAC | gcgcgTTCTCTTCAGATCGT | gtcgggccgaggtcag |

Table S9. Stem-loop RT-PCR primers for real-time quantification of selected differentially expressed miRNAs in testis between cattleyak and yak.

| Gene symbol | Forward primer (5'-3') | Reverse primer (5'-3') | PCR product (bp) |
|----------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------|
| E2F5 | acctatccacgtgctgctta | gctcgttcagagacaggtg | 178 |
| CCNT2 | tgatgaaggcagtggaaga | gtattccgtcagcactgtg | 171 |
| NCOR2 | gaccgaaagctgacatccac | ggattcctcgggtatggag | 181 |
| MAPK1IP1L | ttctgagctccaagacca | tggccctggagatggatag | 152 |
| ZNF226 | ccttcagtcaccagagag | tgaagactgaagccgact | 174 |
| MAP3K8 | cctcagtcagatacgggacc | tgtaggtcagctccaaggg | 189 |
| JAKMIP1 | tcagatcgagtccagcagg | tccttggtctctcctctg | 150 |
| β -actin | aagttctacagtgaggcca | gactggcccccttctccttag | 150 |
| RPS18 | cgccgcatgtctctagtaa | aggtcgatgtctgcttctct | 162 |

Table S10. Primer sequences for real-time quantification of the target genes of selected differentially expressed miRNAs.