

Figure S1 The sequencing data of circ $\beta$ -catenin from database circBase.

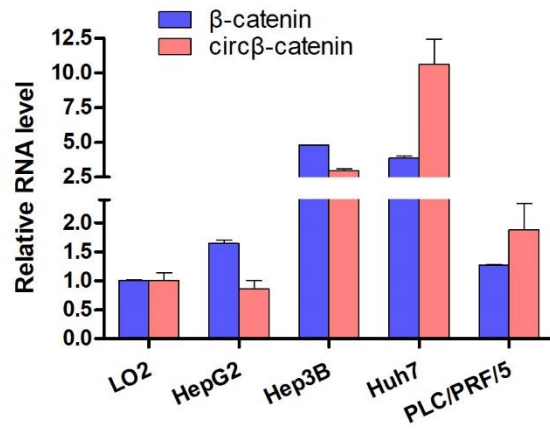


Figure S2 The RNA levels of circ $\beta$ -catenin were examined in the normal liver cell line LO2 and four liver cancer cell lines. RPLP0 gene was used as reference gene for normalization and its mRNA levels do not change across cell lines.

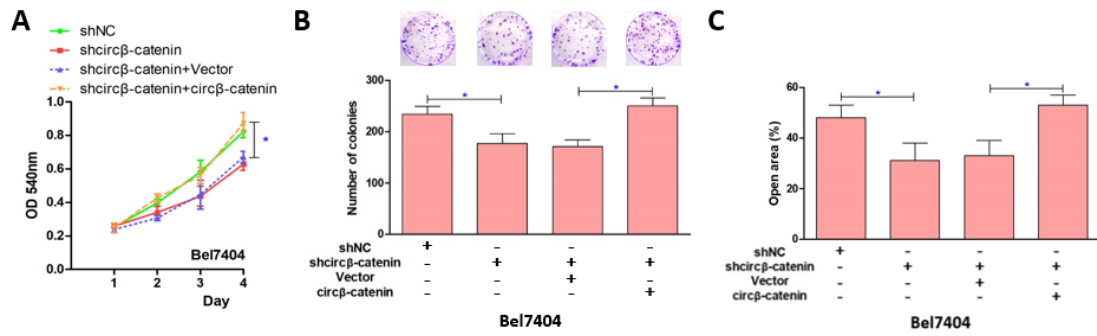


Figure S3 The Bel7404 cells with stable knock down of circβ-catenin were transfected with empty vector or circβ-catenin expression vector. MTT assay (A), colony formation assay (B) and wound healing assay (C) showed that the circβ-catenin overexpression vector could rescue the shRNA-mediated phenotypes. (n=4 ;\*,  $P < 0.05$ )

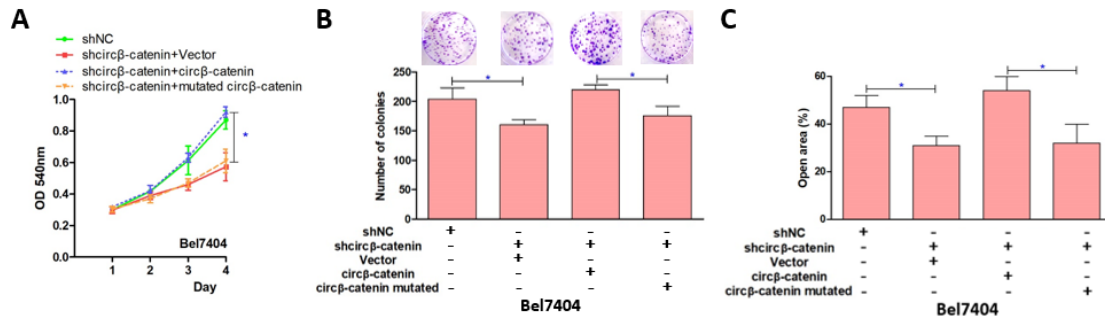


Figure S4 The Bel7404 cells with stable knock down of circ $\beta$ -catenin were transfected with empty vector, circ $\beta$ -catenin expression vector or circ $\beta$ -catenin expression vector with mutated start codon. MTT assay (A), colony formation assay (B) and wound healing assay (C) showed that the circ $\beta$ -catenin overexpression vector can rescue the shRNA-mediated phenotypes while the mutated expression vector failed to rescue them. (n=4 ;\*,  $P < 0.05$ )

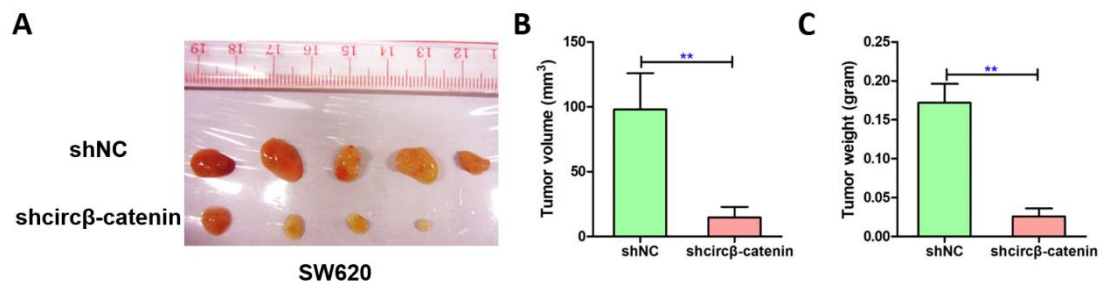


Figure S5 Knockdown of circ $\beta$ -catenin suppressed *in vivo* tumor growth.

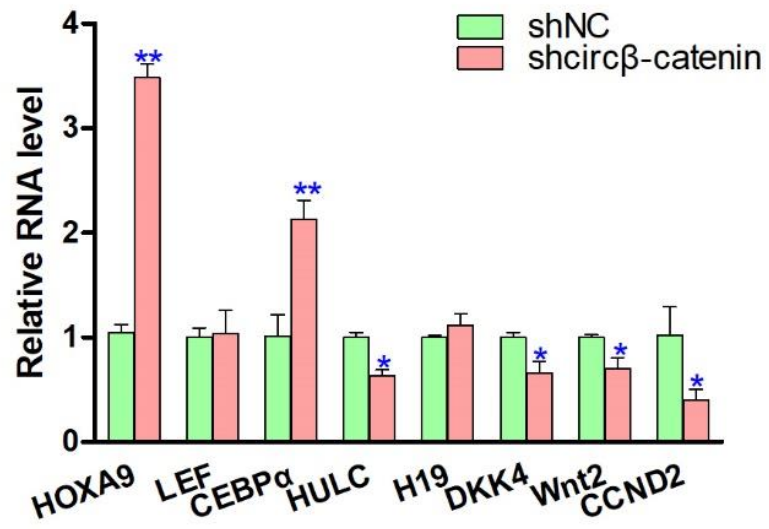


Figure S6 Validation of the sequencing data by using RT-PCR examination.


Transcript id	Exon information			
NM_001904, NM_001098209, NM_001098210	Spliced_len	Exon Number	Exon Sizes	Exon Offsets
	1129	6	61, 228, 254, 239, 202, 145	0, 505, 933, 1313, 1639, 3187
 <b>Protein coding potential</b>				
<b>IRES Elements</b>	Parameter Index			
	Position (start--end)	R Score	With Pseudoknot (Y/N)	
	760--866	1.543406	Y	
	46--70	1.366318	Y	
<b>Open Reading Frame (ORF)</b>	Start Position	End Position	Protein Length	
	49	1r+32	370 aa	
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<p>Note:  (1). nr represents n rounds(n&lt;3);      (2). * represents a stop codon.</p>				

Figure S7 Evaluation of the coding capacity of circ $\beta$ -catenin.

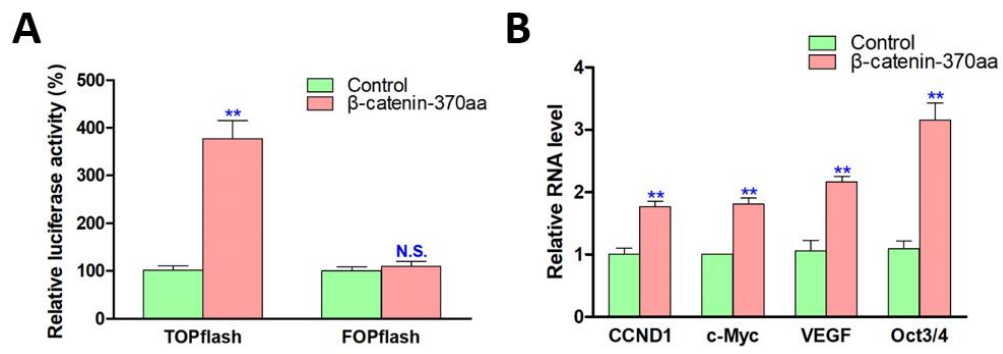


Figure S8  $\beta$ -catenin-370aa activated Wnt/ $\beta$ -catenin pathway.