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Supplemental Information

miR-31-5p Is a Potential Circulating Biomarker and Therapeutic Target for Oral Cancer

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Supplementary Table S1 The serum miRNA levels in oral cancer patients detected by qRT-PCR

Factors	miR-99a-5p (Δ Ct)	<i>p</i>	miR-31-5p (Δ Ct)	<i>p</i>	miR-138-5p (Δ Ct)	<i>p</i>	miR-21-5p (Δ Ct)	<i>p</i>	miR-375-3p (Δ Ct)	<i>p</i>
Age \geq 60	2.61 \pm 1.75	0.919	-3.41 \pm 1.87	0.394	2.21 \pm 1.56	0.332	-3.34 \pm 1.46	0.919	2.30 \pm 1.48	0.516
Age<60	2.47 \pm 1.28		-3.63 \pm 1.95		2.35 \pm 1.23		-3.40 \pm 1.81		2.39 \pm 1.22	
Male	2.72 \pm 1.51	0.068	-3.48 \pm 2.00	0.754	2.40 \pm 1.51	0.193	-3.25 \pm 1.65	0.290	2.25 \pm 1.40	0.075
Female	2.02 \pm 1.47		-3.63 \pm 1.61		1.94 \pm 0.95		-3.70 \pm 1.58		1.90 \pm 1.10	
T ₁₊₂	2.45 \pm 1.54	0.141	-3.28 \pm 2.42	0.274	2.19 \pm 1.39	0.200	-2.95 \pm 1.44	0.151	2.23 \pm 1.34	0.070
T ₃₊₄	2.82 \pm 1.47		-3.59 \pm 1.73		2.59 \pm 1.41		-3.49 \pm 1.68		2.72 \pm 1.34	
C _{I+II}	2.26 \pm 1.48	0.012	-3.12 \pm 2.20	0.100	1.92 \pm 1.25	0.001	-3.19 \pm 1.58	0.545	2.01 \pm 1.23	0.001
C _{III+IV}	2.95 \pm 1.52		-3.79 \pm 1.63		2.81 \pm 1.45		-3.49 \pm 1.68		2.84 \pm 1.39	
LN ⁻	2.43 \pm 1.48	0.135	-2.85 \pm 1.78	0.156	2.14 \pm 1.35	0.068	-3.34 \pm 1.63	0.475	2.20 \pm 1.32	0.059
LN ⁺	2.89 \pm 1.65		-3.72 \pm 1.90		2.73 \pm 1.51		-3.45 \pm 1.68		2.28 \pm 1.38	
Well	2.86 \pm 1.70	0.144	-3.38 \pm 2.09	0.530	2.54 \pm 1.77	0.590	-2.99 \pm 1.89	0.028	2.52 \pm 1.68	0.431
Moderate-Poor	2.30 \pm 1.35		-3.63 \pm 1.76		2.09 \pm 1.02		-3.65 \pm 1.37		2.22 \pm 1.03	

Supplementary Table S2 ROC curve analyses of serum miRNAs for distinguishing pre- from postoperation oral cancer patients in cohort 4.

	AUC	Sensitivity	Specificity	<i>p</i> value	95% CI
miR-99a-5p	0.506	18.3%	91.5%	0.908	0.403-0.610
miR-31-5p	0.666	74.5%	52.4%	0.002	0.571-0.761
miR-138-5p	0.547	93.9%	21.3%	0.373	0.440-0.654
miR-21-5p	0.611	59.6%	58.5%	0.037	0.507-0.714
miR-375-3p	0.505	59.6%	45.1%	0.926	0.401-0.609
Combination*	0.780	81.7%	63.8%	0.000	0.693-0.868

*Combination of miR-99a-5p, miR-31-5p, miR-138-5p, miR-21-5p and miR-375-3p.

Supplementary Table S3 Clinical characterization of the cohorts used in this study*

Factors	Cohort 1		Cohort 2	Cohort 3	Cohort 4	
	OC (82)	NC (53)			Pre-op (82)	Post-op (47)
Age						
≥60	41(50%)	12 (22.6%)	5 (45.5%)	13 (54.2%)	41(50%)	19 (22.6%)
<60	41 (50%)	41 (77.4%)	6 (54.5%)	11 (45.8%)	41 (50%)	28 (77.4%)
Gender						
Male	61 (74.4%)	27 (50.9%)	9 (81.8%)	19 (79.2%)	61 (74.4%)	32 (50.9%)
Female	21 (25.6%)	26 (50.1%)	2 (18.2%)	5 (20.8%)	21 (25.6%)	15 (50.1%)
T classification						
T ₁₊₂	63 (76.8%)		8 (72.7%)	17 (70.8%)	63 (76.8%)	36 (76.6%)
T ₃₊₄	19 (23.2%)		3 (27.3%)	7 (29.2%)	19 (23.2%)	11 (23.4%)
Clinical stage						
C _{I+II}	49 (59.8%)		5 (45.5%)	10 (41.7%)	49 (59.8%)	27 (57.4%)
C _{III+IV}	33 (40.2%)		6 (54.5%)	14 (58.3%)	33 (40.2%)	20 (42.6%)
LN metastases						
Negative	63 (76.8%)		7 (63.6%)	16 (66.7%)	63 (76.8%)	34 (72.3%)
Positive	19 (23.2%)		4 (36.4%)	8 (33.3%)	19 (23.2%)	13 (27.7%)
Differentiation						
Well	35 (42.7%)		5 (45.5%)	11 (45.8%)	35 (42.7%)	18 (38.3%)
Moderate-Poor	47 (57.3%)		6 (54.5%)	13 (54.2%)	47 (57.3%)	29 (61.7%)

* OC: oral cancer patients, the pathologic diagnosis of all patients was squamous cell carcinoma; NC: normal subjects; Oral cancer cases of cohorts 2, 3 and 4 came from cohort 1; Cohort 2: 11 paired match tumor tissues and adjacent normal tissues; Cohort 3: 24 paired match tumor tissues and preoperation sera.

Supplementary Table S4 The primer sequences of miRNAs used for qRT-PCR.

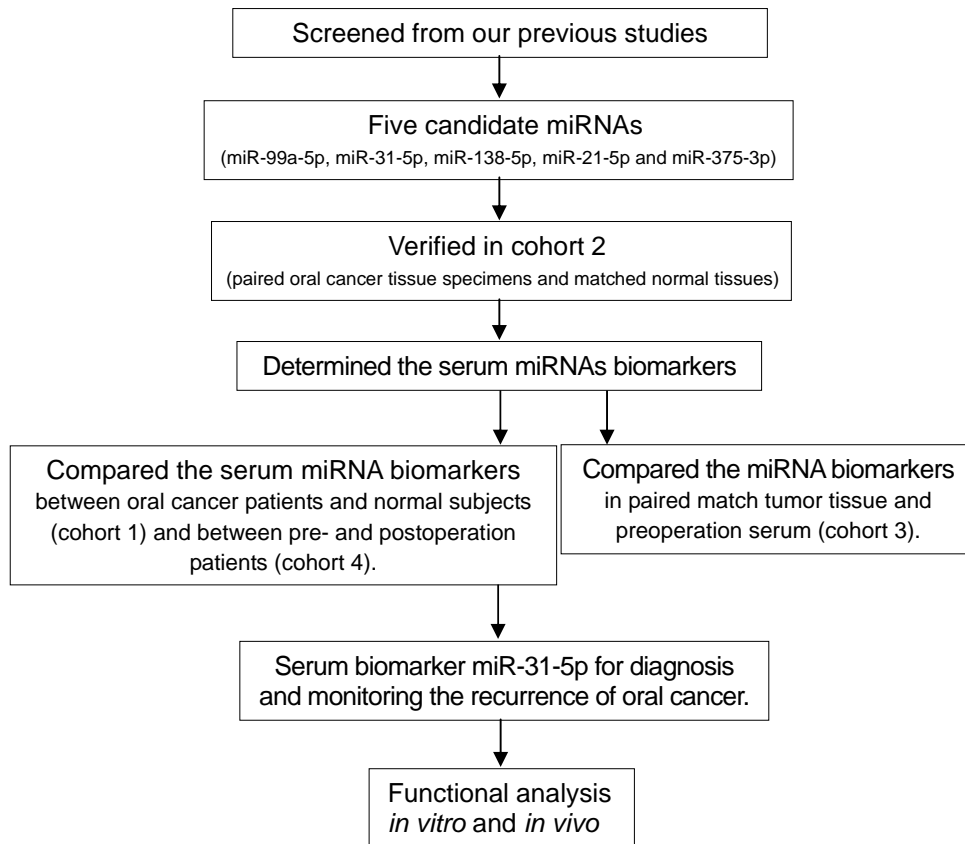
	Primer sequences
hsa-miR-99a-5p	AACCCGTAGATCCGATCTTGTG
hsa-miR-31-5p	AGGCAAGAGGCTGGCATAGC
hsa-miR-138-5p	TGCTGGTGTTGTGAATCAGGC
hsa-miR-21-5p	GCAGCATACCAGACTGATGTTGA
hsa-miR-375-3p	ACTTTGTTCGTTTCGGCTCGC
hsa-U6	CTCGCTTCGGCAGCACA

Supplementary Table S5 The sequences of the miR-31-5p mimic and antagomiR-31-5p

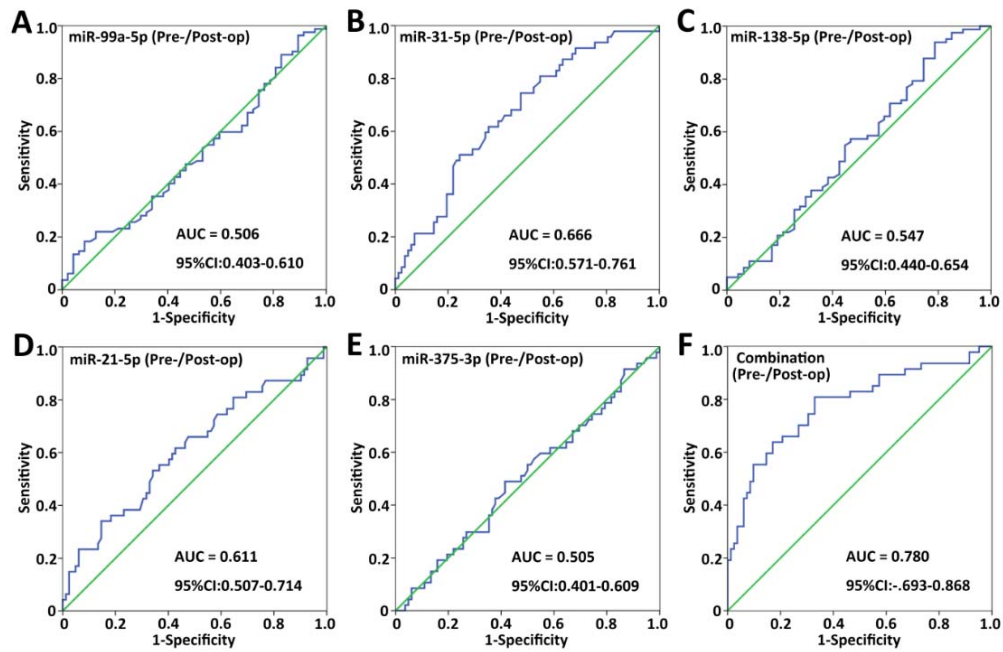
Sequences	
miR-31-5p mimic	5'-AGGCAAGAUGCUGGCAUAGCU-3'
antagomiR-31-5p	5'-CAGCUAUGCCAGCAUCUUGCCU-3'

Supplementary Table S6 Clinicopathological characterization of two oral cancer patients for PDX models

	Case 1	Case 2
Age (years)	41	42
Gender	Male	Male
T classification	T ₄	T ₂
Clinical stage	C _{IV} (T4N0M0)	C _{IV} (T2N2M0)
LN metastases	Negative	Positive
Differentiation	Moderate	Moderate
Molecular pathology	Ki-67(40%+); E-cad(+); Vim(+); c-Myc(+); P53(80%+); HPV(-)	Ki-67(15%+); E-cad(+); Vim(-); c-Myc(+); P53(1%+); HPV(-)

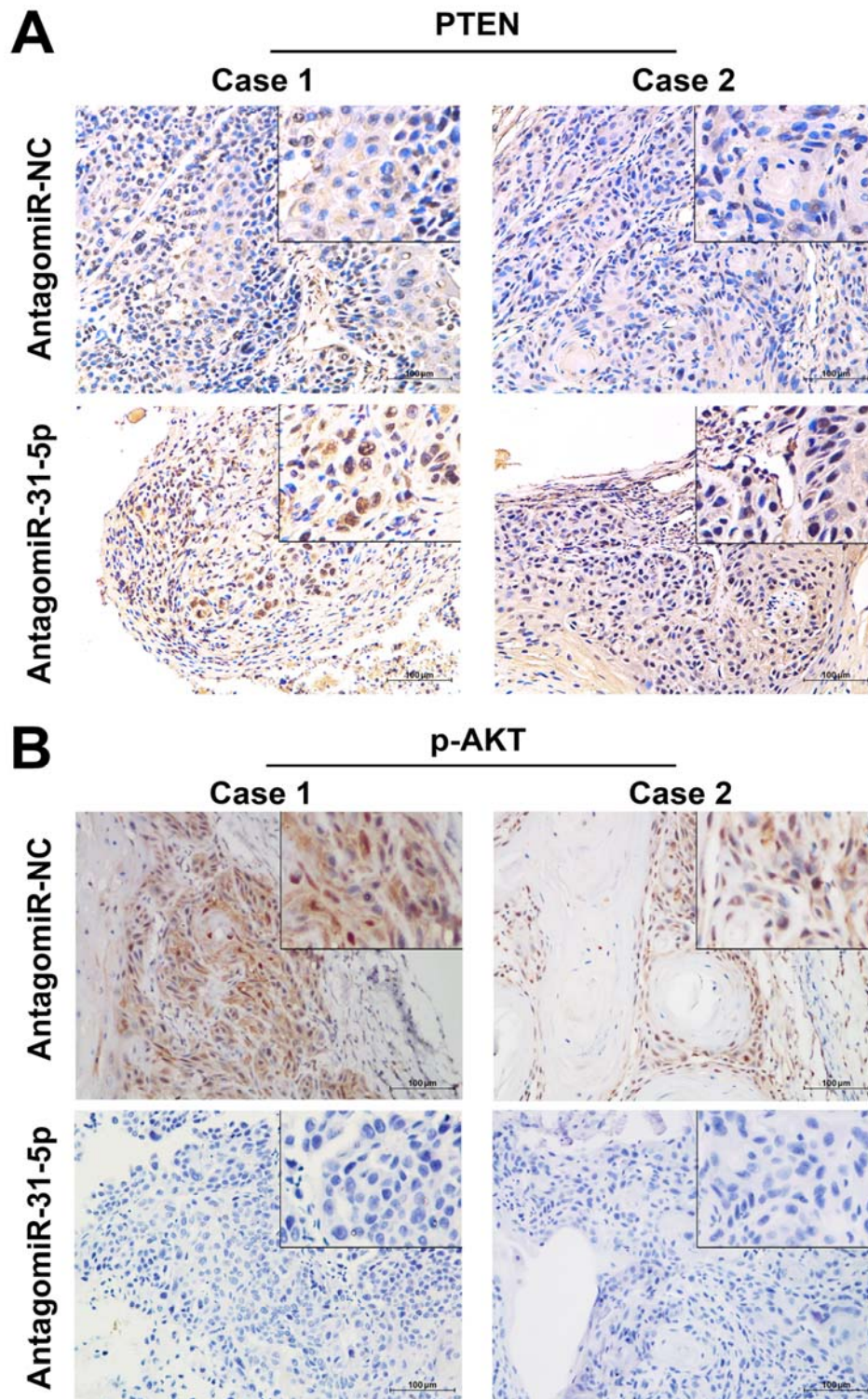


Supplementary Figure S1 Flow-chart of the overall study design.



Supplementary Figure S2 Predictive value of five serum miRNAs in pre- and postoperative oral cancer patients.

ROC curves of serum miR-99a-5p (A), miR-31-5p (B), miR-138-5p (C), miR-21-5p (D) and miR-375-3p (E) levels and the five-miRNA panel (F) were used to differentiate pre- from postoperation oral cancer patients (n=47) in cohort 4.



Supplementary Figure S3 AntagomiR-31 inhibited the growth of PDX through the PTEN/AKT pathway

(A-B) Representative immunohistochemical staining of PTEN (A) and p-AKT (B) expression in xenograft tissues (magnification, $\times 200$).