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Supplemental Information

Endogenous MicroRNA Competition

as a Mechanism of shRNA-Induced Cardiotoxicity

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Figure S1. 19-nt and 21-nt sh-*lacZ* processing.

Shown are the predicted structures of the 19-nt and 21-nt hairpins, their flattened sequences, and the top four reads that are produced from the hairpins along with their relative abundance (n = 3, proportion is the mean average of reads in three hearts analyzed at 6-weeks post-injection). The reads produced from the 19-nt hairpin are not observed to an appreciable degree in the 21-nt-treated hearts, nor are the reads produced from the 21-nt hairpin observed in the 19-nt-treated hearts.



Figure S2. Hierarchical clustering of all samples. Tissue groups cluster into three broad categories: heart, liver, and all other muscles (diaphragm, quadriceps, tibialis anterior, and gastrocnemius). They do not cluster by time point (2, 6, or 12 weeks) or by treatment paradigm (no shRNA, 19-nt, or 21-nt).



Figure S3. MiR-122-5p isoforms in liver tissues of 19-nt and 21-nt injected mice.

MiR-122-5p isoform expression in liver tissues after injection of the 19-nt shRNA and the 21-nt shRNA. The 22-nt isoform is not depleted relative to the 21-nt isoform. n = 3 mice per group. Data are mean \pm SD.



Figure S4. MiR-451 in muscle tissues of 19-nt and 21-nt injected mice.

MiR-451 expression in muscle tissues other than the heart after injection of the 19-nt shRNA and the 21-nt shRNA. n = 5-7 mice per group. Data are mean \pm SD. RPM is reads per million. NS means "not significant," as determined by a Student's t-test.



Figure S5. Primary miRNA transcripts in muscle tissues of 19-nt and 21-nt injected mice.

qRT-PCR for primary miRNA transcripts in heart and quadriceps tissues of 19- and 21-nt injected mice. n = 3 mice per group. NS means "not significant." Analyses performed were one-way ANOVA tests followed by Tukey's multiple comparisons for heart tissue, and Student's t-tests for quadriceps tissue. Data are mean \pm SD.