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TABLES

Table S1. siRNA sequences utilized in the siRNA screen

Tuble 51. Site at sequence	
Target Gene	siRNA sequence
ICP0 siRNA 1	GGGAGGGAGACAAGAGGAA
ICP0 siRNA 2	CCACCACGGACGAGGAUGA
ICP0 siRNA 3	GGACGAGGGAAAACAAUAA
RS1-ICP4 siRNA 1	ACGAGGACGACGACGGCAA
RS1-ICP4 siRNA 2	CCGCGGACCUGCUGUUUGA
RS1-ICP4 siRNA 3	CGGACUUCUGCGAGGAGGA
UL5 siRNA 1	CCAGCUAGACGGACAGAAA
UL5 siRNA 2	UCAUGAAGGUGCUGGAGUA
UL5 siRNA 3	GCUCAUAUUUAGCGGGCUU
UL8 siRNA 1	GCACGGGACUGGUGGUGAA
UL8 siRNA 2	GCUCAUCACCUGCGCGAAA
UL8 siRNA 3	CGACGGAGCUGCGGGAUUU
UL9 siRNA 1	CAACAAAUUCCGUUACAAA
UL9 siRNA 2	CAGUACACGUCGAGCGUAU
UL9 siRNA 3	CCAAUUACAUUAUGAACGA
UL29-ICP8 siRNA 1	ACUGCGACGUGCUGGGAAA
UL29-ICP8 siRNA 2	CCGACAAGCGCGUGGACAU
UL29-ICP8 siRNA 3	GCGAGGACAUCGAGACCAU
UL30 siRNA 1	CCAUCAAGGUCGUGUGUAA
UL30 siRNA 2	AGAAGAAGGACCUGAGCUA
UL30 siRNA 3	AGAUAAAGGUGAACGGCAU
UL39-40 siRNA 1	GGGAAAUGUUCAAGUUCUU
UL39-UL40 siRNA 2	GCAUAUAAGCGCGGACUAA
UL39-UL40 siRNA 3	GGGAGGAGUUCGAGAAGCU
UL42 siRNA 1	GGACACGGCCCUAAAGAAA
UL42 siRNA 2	GCGCCGAACUUAAUGGAAU
UL42 siRNA 3	CCGUUGAGCUAGCCAGCGA
UL48-VP16 siRNA 1	CAACAUGUCCAGAUCGAAAUU
UL48-VP16 siRNA 2	GGUACAGGGCCGAGCAGAAUU
UL48-VP16 siRNA 3	GCAAACAGCUCGUCGACCAUU
UL54-ICP27 siRNA 1	CGGACGAGGACAUGGAAGA
UL54-ICP27 siRNA 2	GCGCACAGGUCAUGCACGA
UL54-ICP27 siRNA 3	UGGCGGACAUUAAGGACAU
US1-ICP22 siRNA 1	GGAGUGUGAUCUUAGUAAU
US1-ICP22 siRNA 2	CGACAAGCGAUGAUGAAAU
US1-ICP22 siRNA 3	ACUGUUACCUGAUGGGAUA

siRNA, small interfering RNA.

Tissue	Normal	Malignant
Skin	4	14
Head & Neck	10	10
Lung	20	18
Breast	0	10
Liver	8	4
Pancreas	11	10
Colon	5	12
Bladder	18	7
Ovary	0	19
Brain	10	0
Heart	6	0
Spinal Cord	4	0
Nerve	4	0
Artery	3	0
Vein	6	0
Ganglion	1	0
Total	110	104

Table S2. Total number of normal and malignant human tissues assessed

Normal Tissue (Total)	Subtype(s) (Total)
Skin (4)	Skin structure (3), Skin and subcutaneous tissue (1)
Head & Neck (10)	Oral Cavity: Tongue (5), Larynx (1), Esophagus (1) Oropharynx (3)
Lung (20)	Lung normal adjacent uninvolved (20)
Liver (8)	Liver normal adjacent uninvolved (8)
Pancreas (11)	Pancreatic body, normal adjacent uninvolved (11)
Colon (5)	Colon normal adjacent uninvolved (5)
Bladder (18)	Bladder normal adjacent uninvolved (18)
Brain (10)	Temporal lobe (3), Parietal lobe (1), Normal brain (6)
Heart (6)	Heart normal adjacent uninvolved (6)
Spinal Cord (4)	Spine normal adjacent uninvolved (4)
Nerve (4)	Nerve normal adjacent uninvolved (4)
Artery (3)	Artery normal adjacent uninvolved (3)
Vein (6)	Vein normal adjacent uninvolved (6)

 Table S3. Summary of the normal tissue specimens used in this study

Malignant Tissue (Total)	Subtype(s) (Total)
Skin (14)	Primary melanoma (4), Melanoma metastases (9), Uveal melanoma (1)
Head & Neck (10)	Nasopharynx (1), Tongue (1), Squamous cell carcinoma: Larynx (1),
	Oropharynx (1), Tongue (5), Soft palate (1)
Lung (18)	Carcinoma: Bronchioalveolar (1), Non-small cell (2), Adenocarcinoma (5),
	Squamous cell (6), Adenoid cystic (1), Mucosa-associated lymphoma (1),
	Adenosquamous (2)
Breast (10)	Carcinoma: Infiltrating ductal (5), Triple negative (5)
Liver (4)	Carcinoma: Hepatocelluar (1), Neuroendocrine (1), Adenocarcinoma (1),
	Invasive ductal (1)
Pancreas (10)	Ductal Adenocarcinoma (7), Neuroendocrine (1), Endocrine (1), Metastatic
	liver carcinoma (1)
Colon (12)	Adenocarcinoma (12)
Bladder (7)	Urothelial carcinoma (6) Squamous cell (1)
Ovary (19)	Carcinoma (17), Sarcoma (2)

Table S4. Summary of the malignant tissue specimens used in this study

miRNA	Species	Mature miRNA sequence	Homology
miR-124-3p	Human	uaaggcacgcggugaaugccaa	100%
	Mouse	uaaggcacgcggugaaugcc	100%
miR-1-3p	Human	uggaauguaaagaaguauguau	100%
	Mouse	uggaauguaaagaaguauguau	100%
miR-143-3p	Human	ugagaugaagcacuguagcuc	100%
	Mouse	ugagaugaagcacuguagcuc	100%
miR-128-3p	Human	ucacagugaaccggucucuuu	100%
	Mouse	ucacagugaaccggucucuuu	100%
miR-137-3p	Human	uuauugcuuaagaauacgcguag	100%
	Mouse	uuauugcuuaagaauacgcguag	100%
miR-122-5p	Human	uggagugugacaaugguguuug	100%
	Mouse	uggagugugacaaugguguuug	100%
miR-219a-1-5p	Human	ugauuguccaaacgcaauucu	100%
	Mouse	ugauuguccaaacgcaauucu	100%
miR-126-3p	Human	ucguaccgugaguaauaaugcg	100%
	Mouse	ucguaccgugaguaauaaugcg	100%
miR-204-5p	Human	uucccuuugucauccuaugccu	100%
	Mouse	uucccuuugucauccuaugccu	100%
miR-217-5p	Human	uacugcaucaggaacugauugga	100%
	Mouse	uacugcaucaggaacugacugga	100%

Table S5. Mouse homology and seed conservation with human mature miRNA

Table S6.	miRNA	mimics	used in	this	study
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miRNA	miRNA ID	Mature miRNA Sequence ¹	miRBase Accession #	miRvana miRNA mimic Assay ID ²	ThermoFisher Lot #
Neg	Neg ³	SCRAMBLED	NA		
hsa-mir-124-3p	124	UAAGGCACGCGGUGAAUGCCAA	MIMAT0000422	MC10060	ASO2B3UW
hsa-mir-1-3p	1	UGGAAUGUAAAGAAGUAUGUAU	MIMAT0000416	MC10617	ASO28P3N
hsa-mir-143-3p	143	UGAGAUGAAGCACUGUAGCUC	MIMAT0000435	MC10883	ASO28P30
hsa-mir-128-3p	128	UCACAGUGAACCGGUCUCUUU	MIMAT0000424	MC11746	ASO28P3M
hsa-mir-219a-5p	219a	UGAUUGUCCAAACGCAAUUCU	MIMAT0000276	MC10664	ASO28W92
hsa-mir-122-5p	122	UGGAGUGUGACAAUGGUGUUUG	MIMAT0000421	MC11012	ASO28ASS
hsa-mir-137-3p	137	UUAUUGCUUAAGAAUACGCGUAG	MIMAT0000429	MC10513	ASO29BRX
hsa-mir-217-5p	217	UACUGCAUCAGGAACUGAUUGGA	MIMAT0000274	MC12774	ASO2AYTD
hsa-mir-126-3p	126	UCGUACCGUGAGUAAUAAUGCG	MIMAT0000445	MC12841	ASO28W50

miRNA, microRNA; NA, not applicable; Neg, negative.
 ¹Mature miRNA resulting from Drosha and Dicer processing, the sequence as defined by miRbase is shown here.
 ²miRvana miRNA mimics are mature miRNA (20-22 nucleotides long), chemically modified, double stranded RNA molecules designed to bind and mimic endogenous miRNA molecules.
 ³The negative control for cognate miRNA mimic assays (Neg mimic) is a scrambled, non-targeting sequence.

miRNA	Cellular/Tissue expression	Reported Function	Reference
hsa-miR-1-3p	Skeletal / Cardiac Muscle	Promotes myoblast differentiation, known and to suppress tumor growth.	3, 4
hsa-miR-122-5p	Liver	Most abundant liver miRNA, tumor suppressor.	5, 6
hsa-miR-124-3p	CNS / Neurons	Neuron specific. Inhibits cellular proliferation.	7, 8
hsa-miR-126-3p	Endothelium	Required for endothelial development and healing. Downregulated in tumors.	9-11
hsa-miR-128-3p	CNS / Neurons	Important for neural development. Reported use for neuron miR-T development.	12, 13
hsa-miR-137-3p	CNS / Neurons	Enriched in neurons, important for neural development.	14
hsa-miR-143-3p	Smooth Muscle	Enriched in muscle, tumor suppressor.	15, 16
hsa-miR-204-5p	Brain	Loss associated with glioma progression.	17
hsa-miR-217-5p	Pancreas, other	Downregulates MALAT1, the miRNA-216 (contains miR-217) cluster is considered a tumor suppressor cluster.	18-20
hsa-miR-219a-5p	Brain, oligodendrocytes	Important for oligodendrocyte differentiation and myelination. Depleted in hepatocellular carcinoma tissue and glioblastoma, potential tumor suppressive effects.	21-23

 Table S7: miRNA in-situ hybridization citations for miRNAs included in ONCR-159

FIGURES



Figure S1. Efficiency of siRNA pool mediated HSV-1 transcript repression. Both nanoString TagSet and RTqPCR were utilized to assess transcriptional knockdown achieved by pooled siRNA for each target HSV-1 gene. (A) Heatmap expression levels comparing target siRNA to negative siRNA using a custom nanoString TagSet consisting of 20 HSV-1 genes. (B) nanoString TagSet comparison of gene expression as a percentage (%) of negative siRNA. (C) 4 target genes not included in the nanoString TagSet were evaluated by $\Delta\Delta$ RT-qPCR and plotted as a percentage (%) of negative siRNA. One-way ANOVA Dunnett's multiple comparisons test was used for statistical analysis. ***p<0.005; ****p<0.0001.



Figure S2. Comparison of miRNA Fold Change Expression by nanoString vs. miRNA RT-qPCR. miRNA RTqPCR was performed in technical triplicate to quantify miRNA expressed in endogenous tissue from 5 normal human brain, 5 heart, 4 liver, 5 malignant lung, and 4 malignant liver tissue isolates. For each bar shown in the figure, normal tissue fold change/malignant between miRNA copy number and nanoString miRNA counts are compared. Values are plotted in Log2 to compare significantly different readouts. miRNA, microRNA; RT-qPCR, reverse transcriptase quantitative polymerase chain reaction.



Figure S3. Global Expression Profiling of Human Normal and Malignant Tissue miRNAs to Identify miRNAs for Host Tissue Protection. Individual nanoString miRNA counts of multiple tissues of interest for additional host tissue protection are compared to each malignant tissue profiled. Highly-expressed normal tissue miRNAs are shown for cardiac and smooth muscle (A & B), pancreas (C), and endothelium (D). Mal, malignant.



Figure S4. Comparison of Expression Levels of miRNA in Human and Murine Tissues. Individual miRNA counts of multiple tissue types were compared between species for individual miRNA expression. 216 miRNA (100% conserved mature miRNA sequence overlap between both human and mouse miRNA nanoString panels) counts are plotted in Log2 scale. Mouse miRNA are plotted on the Y-axis and human miRNA are plotted on the X-axis. Each graph is fit by a linear regression curve. In panels **A-D**, 6 heart, 8 liver, 4 spine and 10 brain human tissues are compared to 3 mouse tissue samples of each tissue type. Linear regression (Goodness of fit test) was calculated with GraphPad Prism (8.0).



Figure S5. Comparison of miRNA Level of Expression in a Subset of miRNA. Individual miRNA counts of multiple tissue types were compared between species for multiple miRNAs that comprise the ONCR-159 miR-T configuration. In panels A-D, 6 heart, 8 liver, 4 spine and 10 brain human tissues are compared to 3 mouse tissue samples of each tissue type.

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1) Randomly interleave tissue specific miRNAs and generate spacers

2) Remove OncomiR targets, select candidiates with minimal structure.



Figure S6. Next-generation of Minimal Size and Maximize Efficacy of miR-T Cassettes. (A) Description of the bioinformatics processes for miR-T cassette designs. Briefly, cassettes were made *in silico* and were scanned to reduce secondary structure and spurious miRNA targeting. (B-E) Dual-luciferase constructs were constructed with psiCHECK^M-2 and tested in a mimic titration to validate efficient repression *in vitro* for the cassettes included in the ICP4, ICP27, UL8, and ICP34.5 loci, respectively. miRvana miRNA mimic titrations were co-transfected in HEK293 cells using Lipofectamine 2000 and 50 ng of plasmid DNA for the vector containing the miR-T in biological and technical triplicate. miRNA, microRNA; miR-T, miRNA-binding cassettes; Neg, negative. One-way ANOVA Dunnett's multiple comparisons test was used for statistical analysis. *p<0.05; **p<0.01; ***p<0.005; ****p<0.0001.



Figure S7. Individual miRNA Attenuates ONCR-159 Viral Replication. Viral replication was assessed in A253 cells transfected with the indicated mimics and infected with ONCR-159 for 72 hrs. Viral replication is shown as total PFU counts determined by virus plaque titer assay. PFU is plotted across 3 individual replicas. Statistical significance was calculated using Bonferroni-Dunn Student's T-test, *p<0.05; **p<0.01; ****p<0.005; **** p<0.00001. PFU, plaque forming units. miRNA, microRNA; miR-T, Neg, negative; PFU, plaque-forming unit.

Figure S8. Physiologic Validation of Mimic Amounts Used in miRNA Mimic Assay. A253 cells transiently transfected with miRNA mimics were collected for RNA isolation at 24 hours post-transfection. This parallels the time point at which viral infection is performed for viral replication assessment. miRNA RT-qPCR was performed in technical triplicate to quantify transient miRNA expressed *in vitro* in relation to endogenous miRNA levels from 5 human brain tissue isolates. Fold change (FC) was determined by normalizing miRNA copy number from cells transiently transfected miRNA mimics to miRNA levels expressed in human brain normal tissue. Assessment of levels of expression of (**A**) hsa-miR-124-3p, (**B**) hsa-miR-128-3p, and (**C**) hsa-miR-137-3p. Supernatant from A253 cells transiently transfected with mimic miRNA and infected with ONCR-159 at 0.1 multiplicity of infection were collected after 3 days. Viral production was determined in a plaque assay in Vero cells. (**D**) Three miRNA endogenously expressed in human brain tissue, hsa-miR-124-3p, hsa-miR-128-3p, and hsa-miR-137-3p. Were titrated to define a dynamic threshold to assess miRNA-mediated viral replication of ONCR-159. Titer ratio was determined by normalizing by normalizing the plaque counts obtained by the negative mimic control. Statistical significance was calculated using Bonferroni-Dunn student's T-test, ****p<0.00001; **p=0.003. FC, fold change; miRNA, microRNA; Neg, negative; RT-qPCR, reverse transcriptase quantitative polymerase chain reaction.

Figure S9. **ONCR-159 Viral Biodistribution Kinetics in the A20 Syngeneic Bilateral Tumor Model.** Viral genomic (US6/gD locus) DNA levels were quantified within the indicated tissues by a qRT-PCR assay either (**A**) 24 hours after a $3x10^5$ PFU IT dose or (**B**) at the indicated time point after a $3x10^6$ PFU IT dose of ONCR-159. The sensitivity limit of the assay (40 genome copies/µg DNA) is indicated as a dashed line. (**A**) N=5/group; (**B**) N=7/group.

Figure S10. Efficacy of ONCR-157 and ONCR-159 on the A20, MC38, and B16F10N1 Tumor Models. Individual tumor volume curves for each treatment are shown after IT administration of PBS or $3x10^6$ PFU (A20; MC38) or $6x10^6$ (B16F10N1) PFU of ONCR-159 or ONCR-157. Dosing occurred on days 1, 4, and 7, where Day 1 = day of dose initiation. N=8-10 mice/group.

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