Molecular Therapies of Atherosclerosis

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Description:

**Endothelium-specific delivery of let-7 miR for treating Atherosclerosis**

- Atherosclerosis is responsible for the vast majority of cardiovascular disease. Currently available therapy (statins) slow down, but do not reduce the disease.
- Suppression of TGF, FGF and let-7 miRNA signaling in the endothelium can be used to reduce the size of atherosclerotic plaque and decrease overall atherosclerosis burden.
- A genetic proof of this concept has been obtained in mice using endothelial-specific TGFR1/2 knockout.
- Additional supporting data available from human samples
- **Indications**: atherosclerosis, CAD/MI/angina, stroke, peripheral vascular disease
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- **References**: Unpublished work
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Endothelium-specific delivery of let-7 miR reduces atherosclerosis: ~ 60% reduction in total plaque burden in Apoe-/−