

Identification of microRNAs of the Herpesvirus Family

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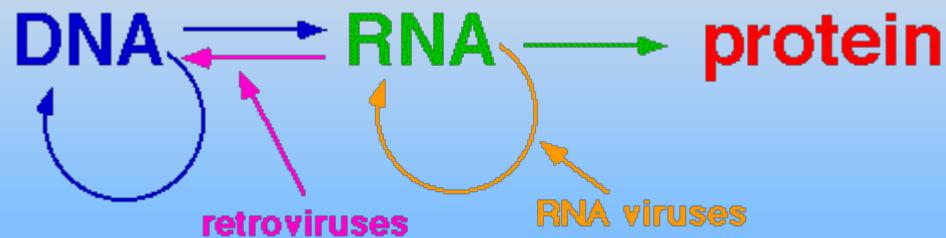
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Paper Focus

- Identify pathogenic viral miRNA
 - Driver: miRNA's found in EBV
- Previous methods:
 - Cross-species sequence conservation
- Novel Technique:
 - Local sequence composition
 - Prediction:
 - Support Vector Machine (SVM)
 - *RNAfold*
 - Cloning Virus Infected Cells
- Results:
 - Large DNA viruses → miRNA's

Background

- miRNA Importance
- miRNA Biogenesis
- Computation Methods
- RNA Polymerases

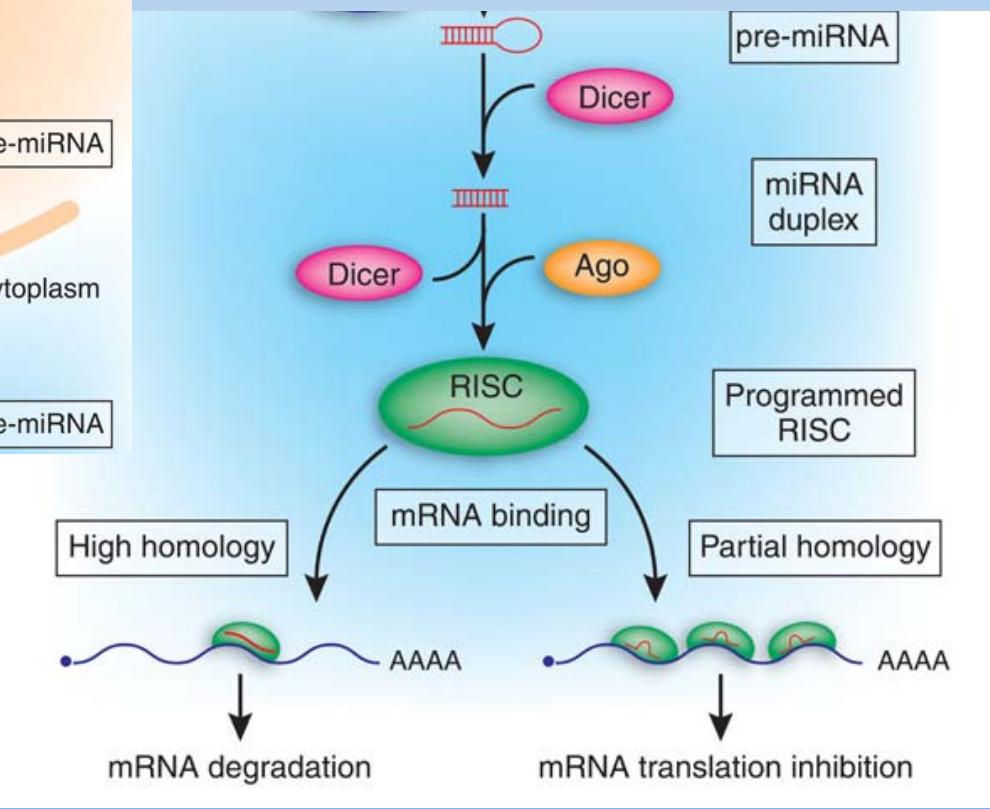
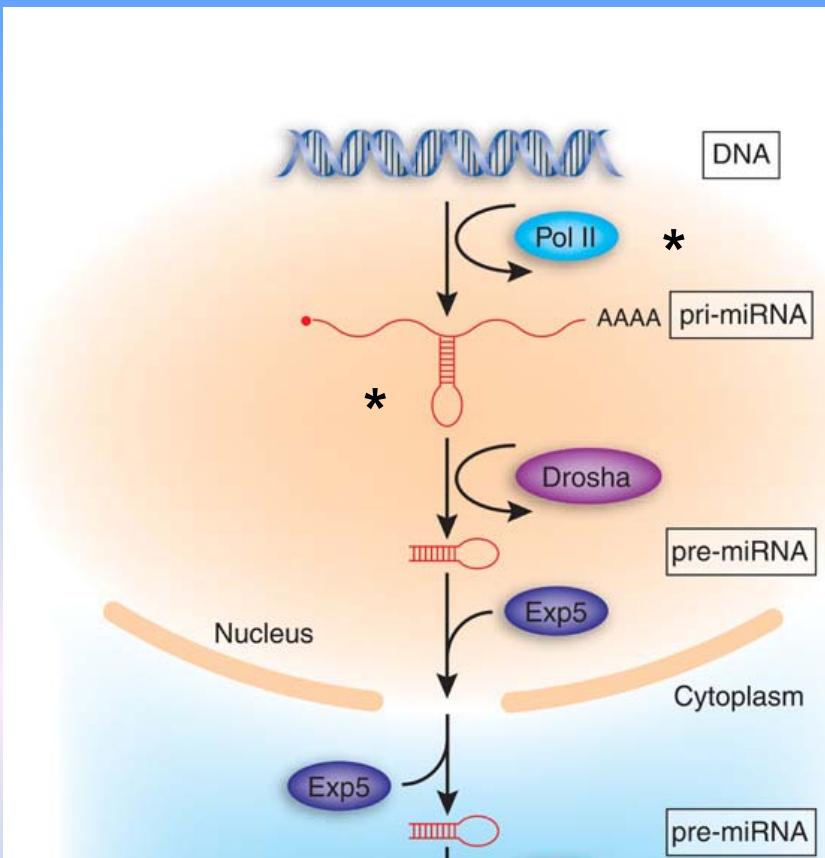


miRNA Importance

- Regulate (multiple) gene expression
 - Early development
 - Cell proliferation and death
 - Apoptosis and fat metabolism
 - Cell differentiation
 - Brain development
 - Chronic lymphocytic leukemia
 - Colonic adenocarcinoma
 - Burkitt's lymphoma
 - Viral infection
 - Link with viral disease, neurodevelopment, and cancer
- 100's known in human; 1000's predicted
 - RNA Family Data Base (Rfam)

www.ambion.com/techlib/resources/miRNA/mirna_intro.html

miRNA Biogenesis



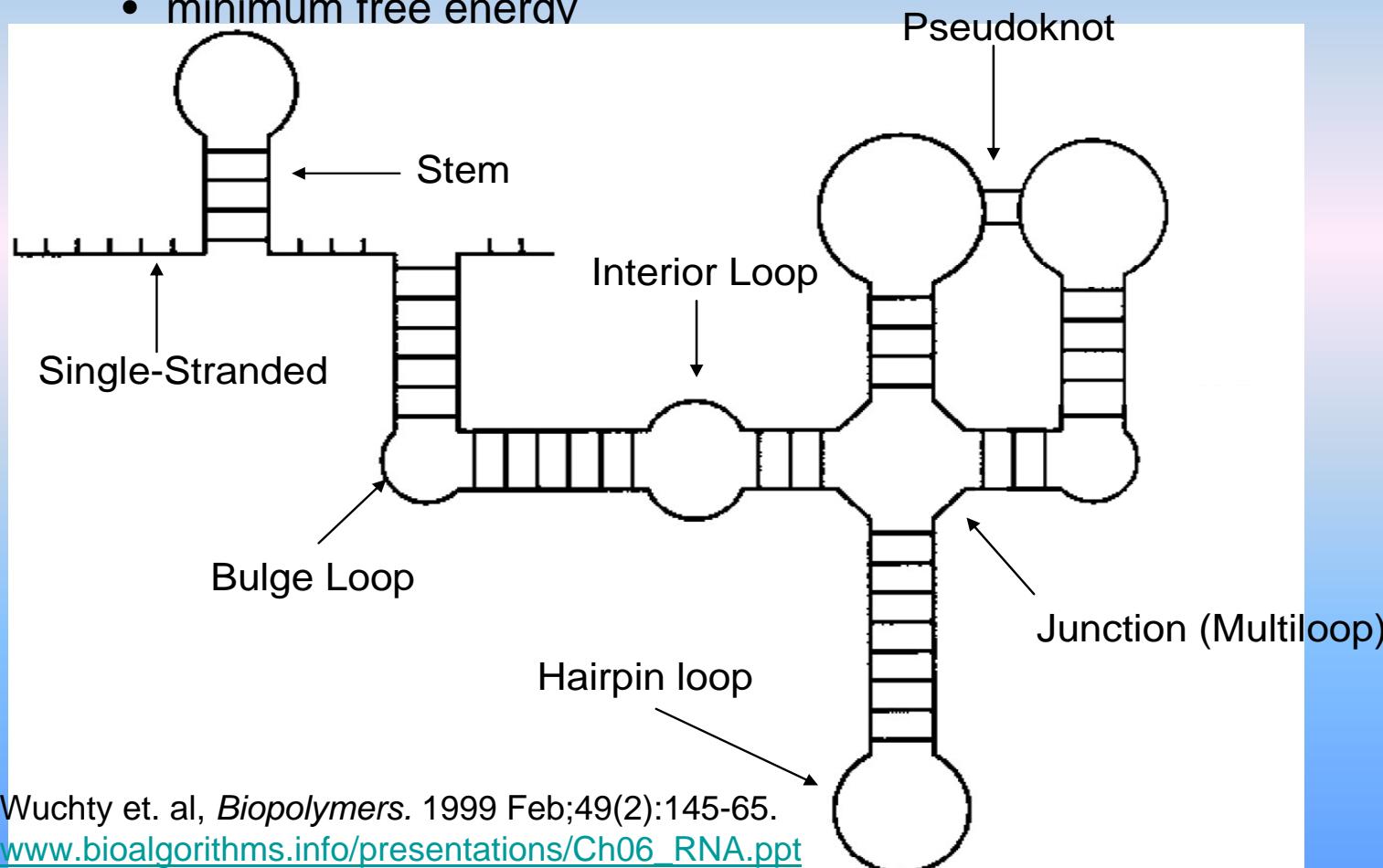
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Computation Methodologies

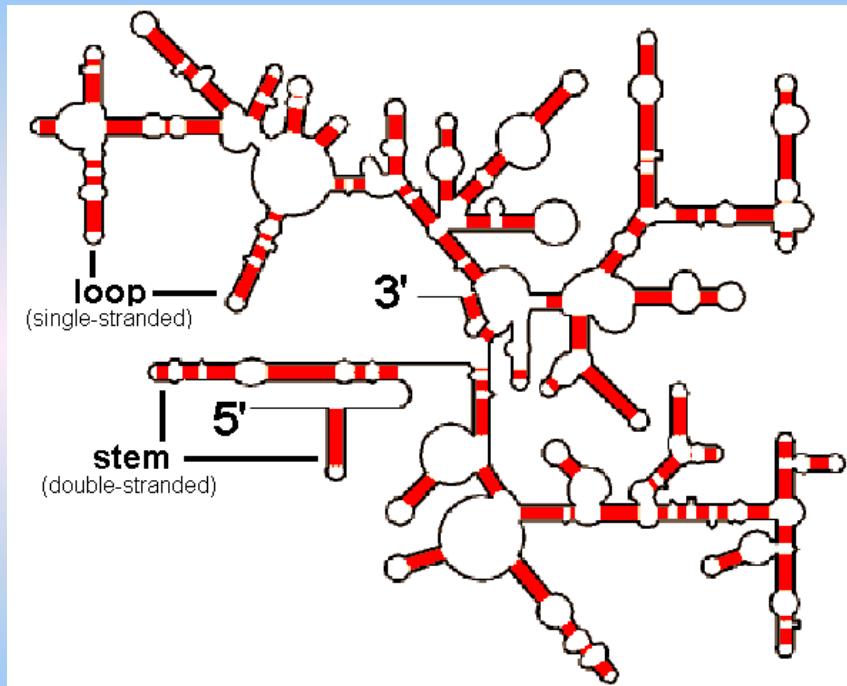
- SVM Methodology
 - predict new miRNA precursor
 - Vector requirements
 - Folding free energy
 - Length
 - Length longest symmetrical stem(ss)
 - Count of A, C, G, U in ss
 - A-U, G-C, G-U pair counts → minimal energy structure
 - ...
 - Trained SVM Classifier
 - + Control: = conserved stems human
 - - Control: = RNAi machinery avoids – rRNA, tRNA
 - Objective: 71% true positives, 3% false positives

Computation Methodologies

- *RNAfold Vienna Package*
 - calculate RNA secondary structures
 - minimum free energy



SVM Training Structures



**Secondary Structure of
ribosomal RNA (rRNA)**

www.mun.ca/biology/scarr/rRNA_folding.html

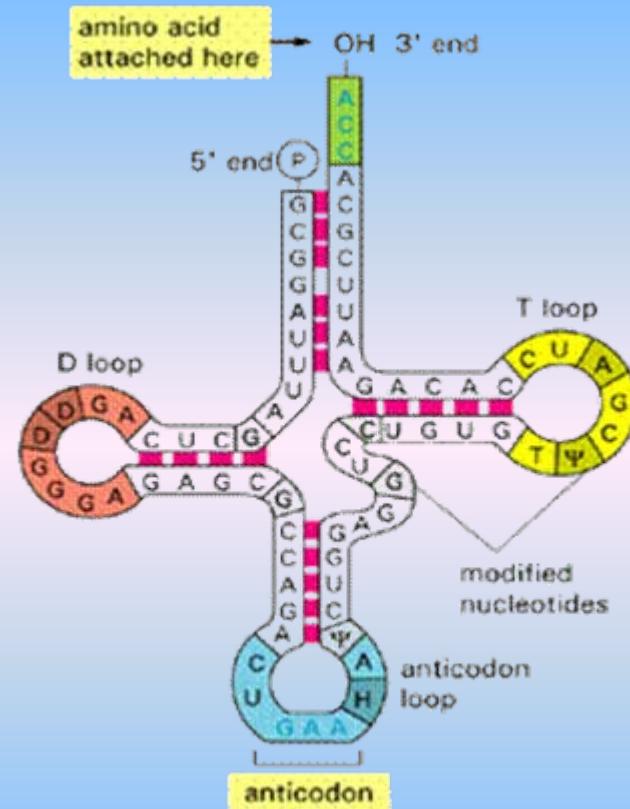


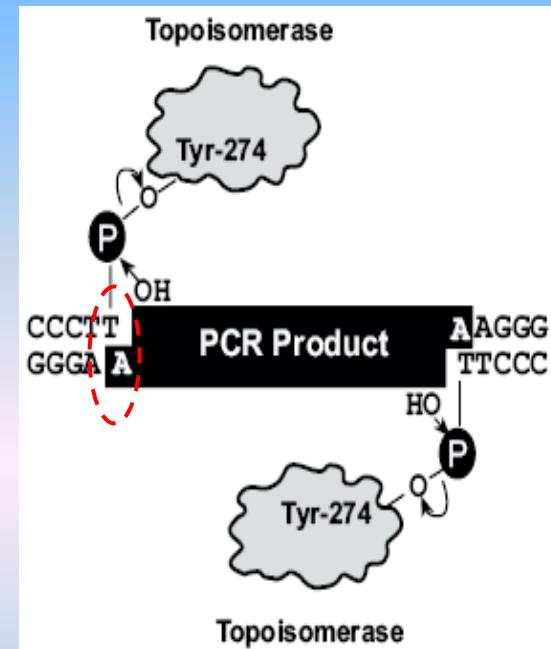
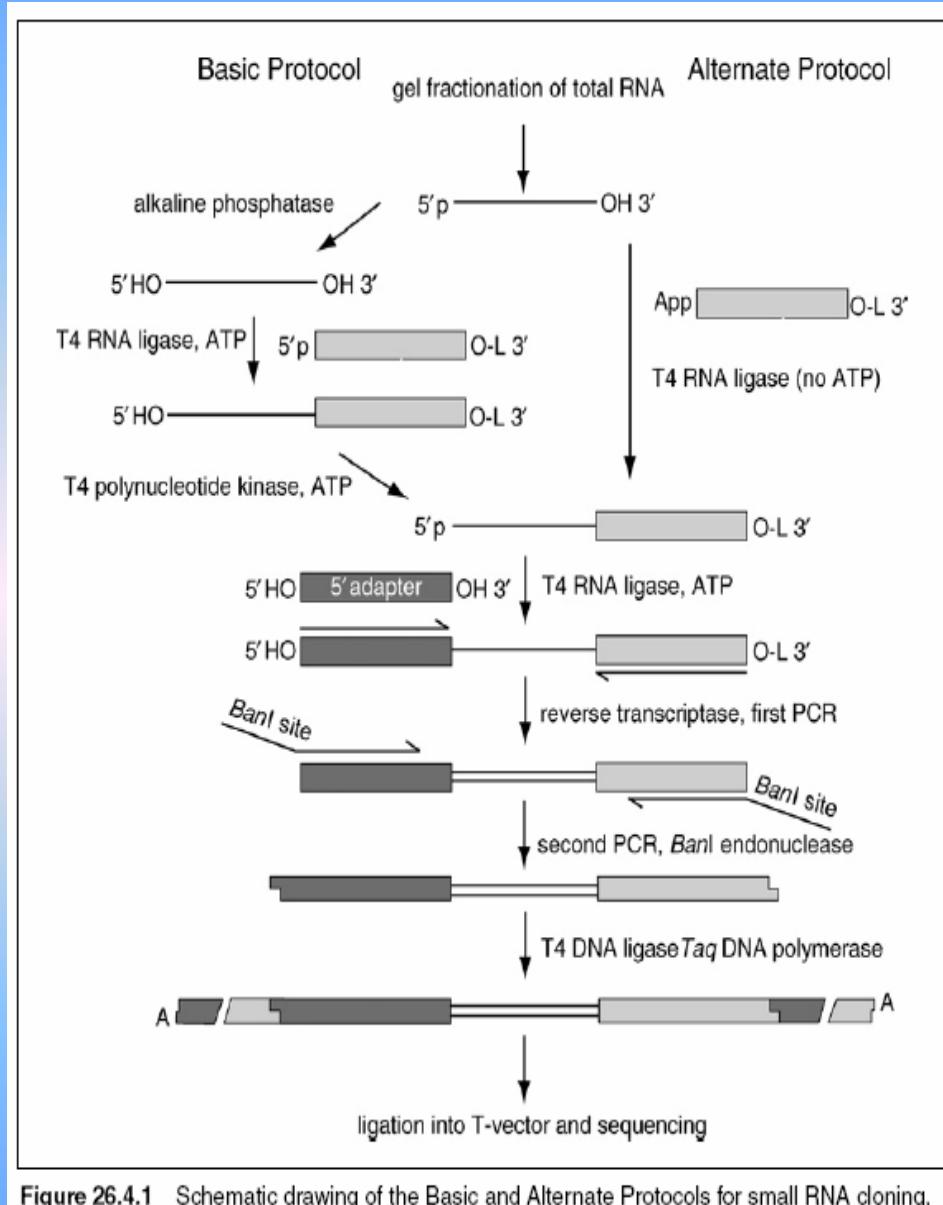
Figure 6-8. The "cloverleaf" structure of tRNA.
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www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/Class/NAWBIS/Modules/RNA/images/fig_rna10.gif

RNA Polymerases

- Prokaryotes
 - single polymerase
- Eukaryotes
 - pol I → rRNA sections of ribosome
 - Located in nucleolus
 - pol II → mRNA, most snRNA
 - Located in nucleus
 - pol III → tRNA, rRNA(5S), snRNA
 - Located in nucleus (nucleolar-nucleoplasm interface)

Cloning Protocol: Confirm miRNA Predictions



Topo-TA Cloning ®
www.invitrogen.com

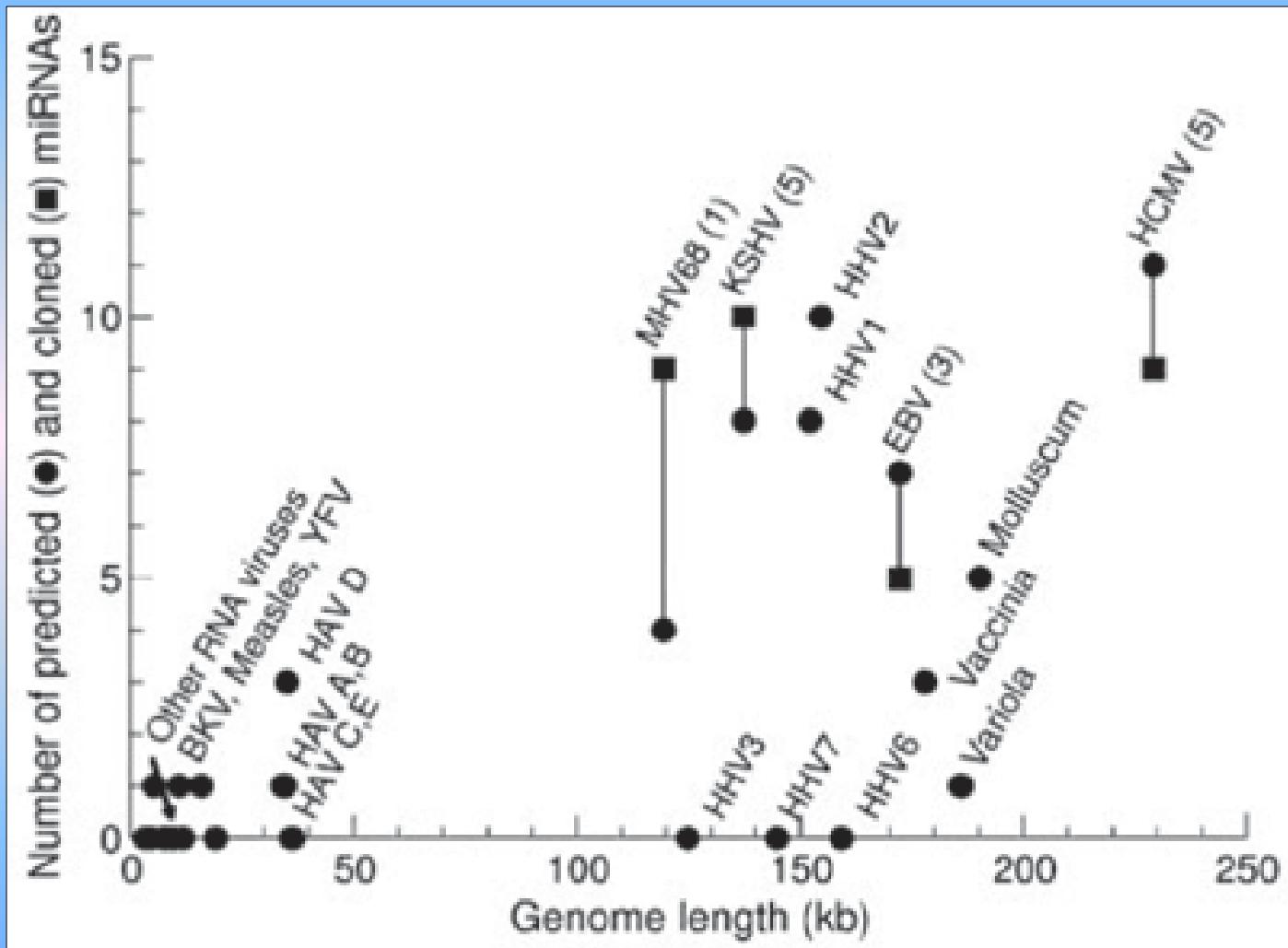
Predictions

Table 1 Summary of pre-miRNA predictions for selected human and mouse DNA and RNA viruses

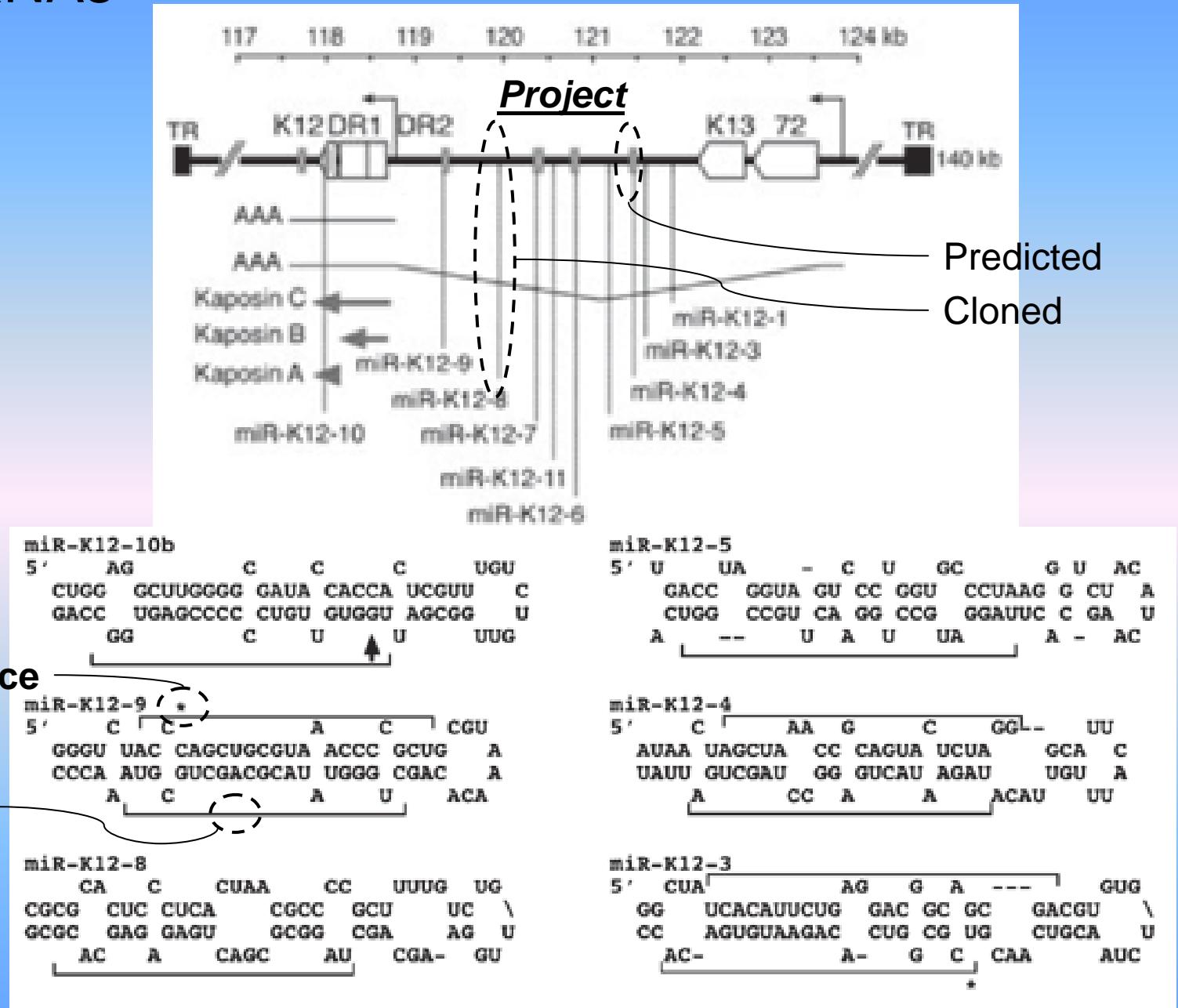
Family (subfamily)	Genus	Species	Accession ^a	Prob. ^b	Pred. ^c	Valid. ^d	Cloned ^e
				(%) ^b			
dsDNA viruses							
Herpesviridae	Simplexvirus	HHV1	NC_00180699.9	8 (7)	NT	NT	
(Alphaherpesvirinae)		HHV2	NC_001798100	10 (6)	NT	NT	
	Varicellovirus	HHV3	NC_00134854.7	0	NT	NT	
(Betaherpesvirinae)	Cytomegalovirus	HHV5/HCMV	AC146907 99.9	11 (9)	5 (5)	9	
	Roseolovirus	HHV6	NC_00166484.2	0	NT	NT	
		HHV7	NC_00171645.8	0	NT	NT	
(Gammaherpesvirinae)	Lymphocryptovirus	HHV4/EBV	NC_00134599.0	7 (6)	2 (3)	5	
	Radinovirus	HHV8/KSHV	NC_003409100	8 (6)	5 (5)	10	
		MHV68	NC_00182697.6	4 (2)	1 (1)	9	
Poxviridae							
(Chordopoxvirinae)	Orthopoxvirus	Vaccinia virus	U94848	88.9	3 (3)	NT	NT
		Variola virus	L22579	92.1	1 (1)	NT	NT
	Molluscipoxvirus	Molluscum contagiosum virus	NC_00173199.1	5 (5)	NT	NT	
Adenoviridae	Mastadenovirus	HAVA	NC_00094240.6	1 (1)	NT	NT	
		HAVB	NC_00400146.5	1 (1)	NT	NT	
		HAVC	NC_00140543.7	0	NT	NT	
		HAVD	NC_00206767.7	3 (3)	NT	NT	
		HAVE	NC_00145436.8	0	NT	NT	
Papillomaviridae	Papillomavirus	HPV18	f	0.90	0	NT	NT
Polyomaviridae	Polyomavirus	BK virus	NC_00153831.9	1 (1)	NT	NT	

Others: ssDNA, DNA/RNA reverse transcriptase, -ssRNA, +ssRNA ...

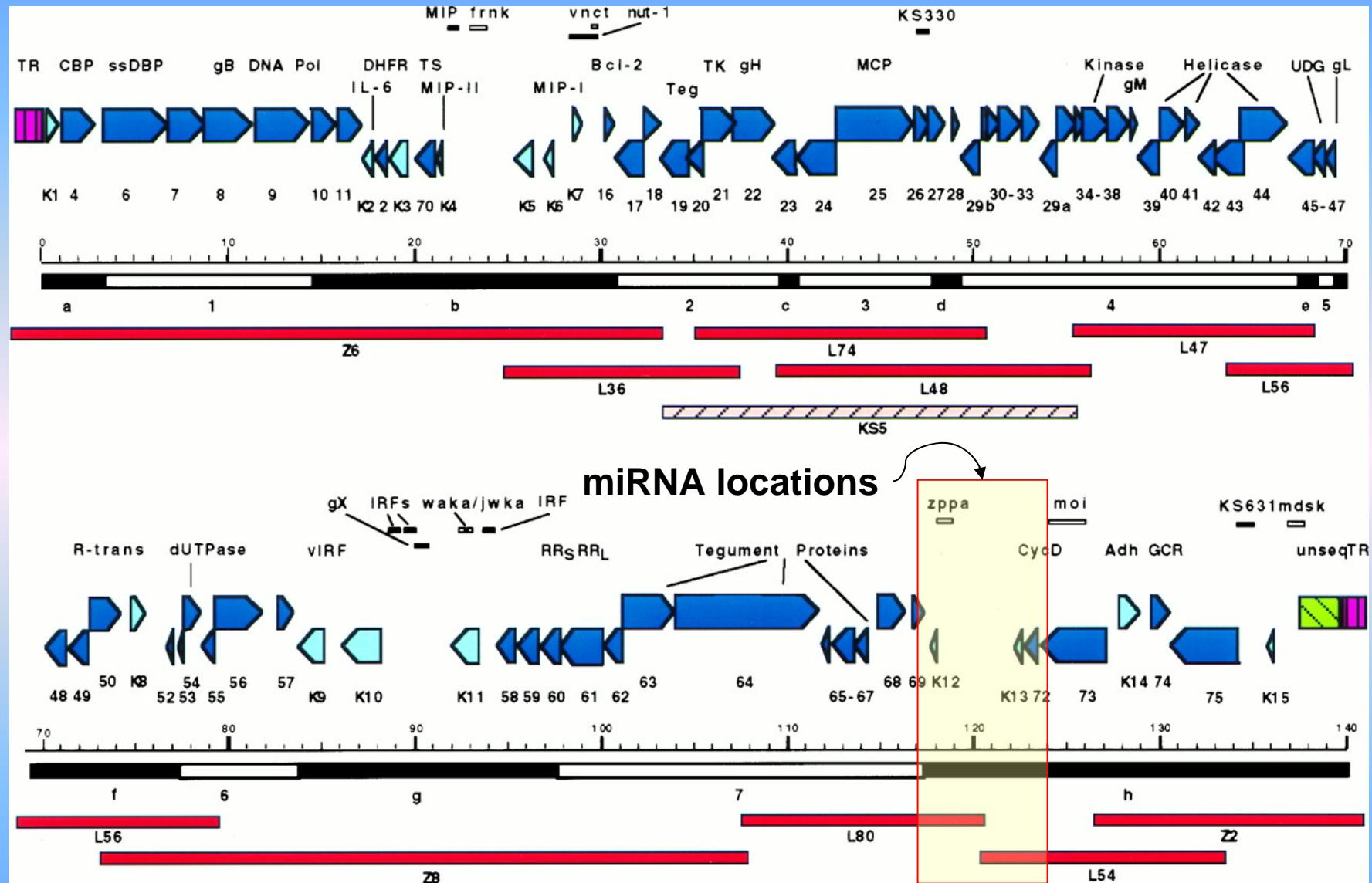
Predicted or Cloned vs Genome Length



KSHV miRNAs



KSHV Genome



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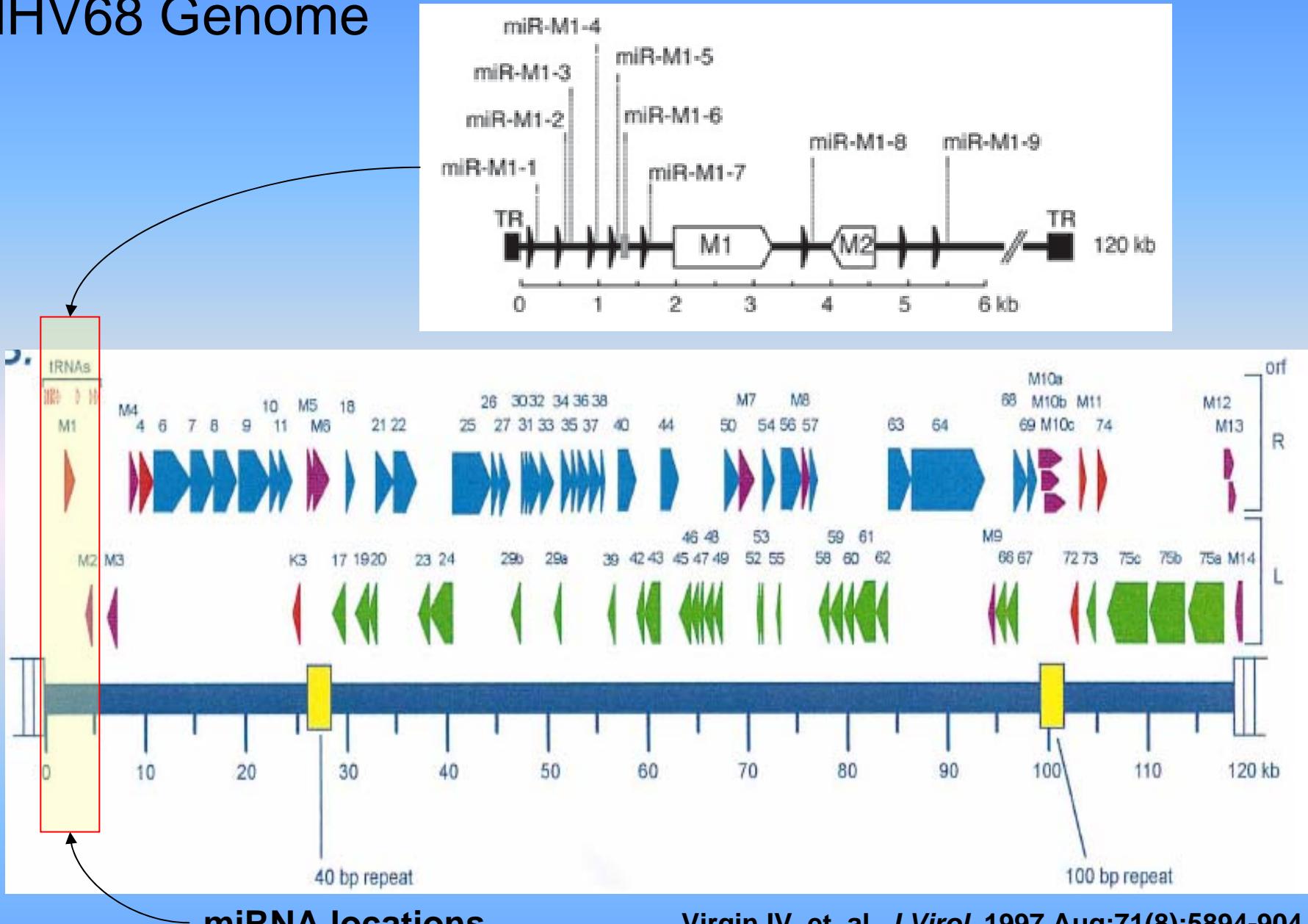
Kaposi Sarcoma

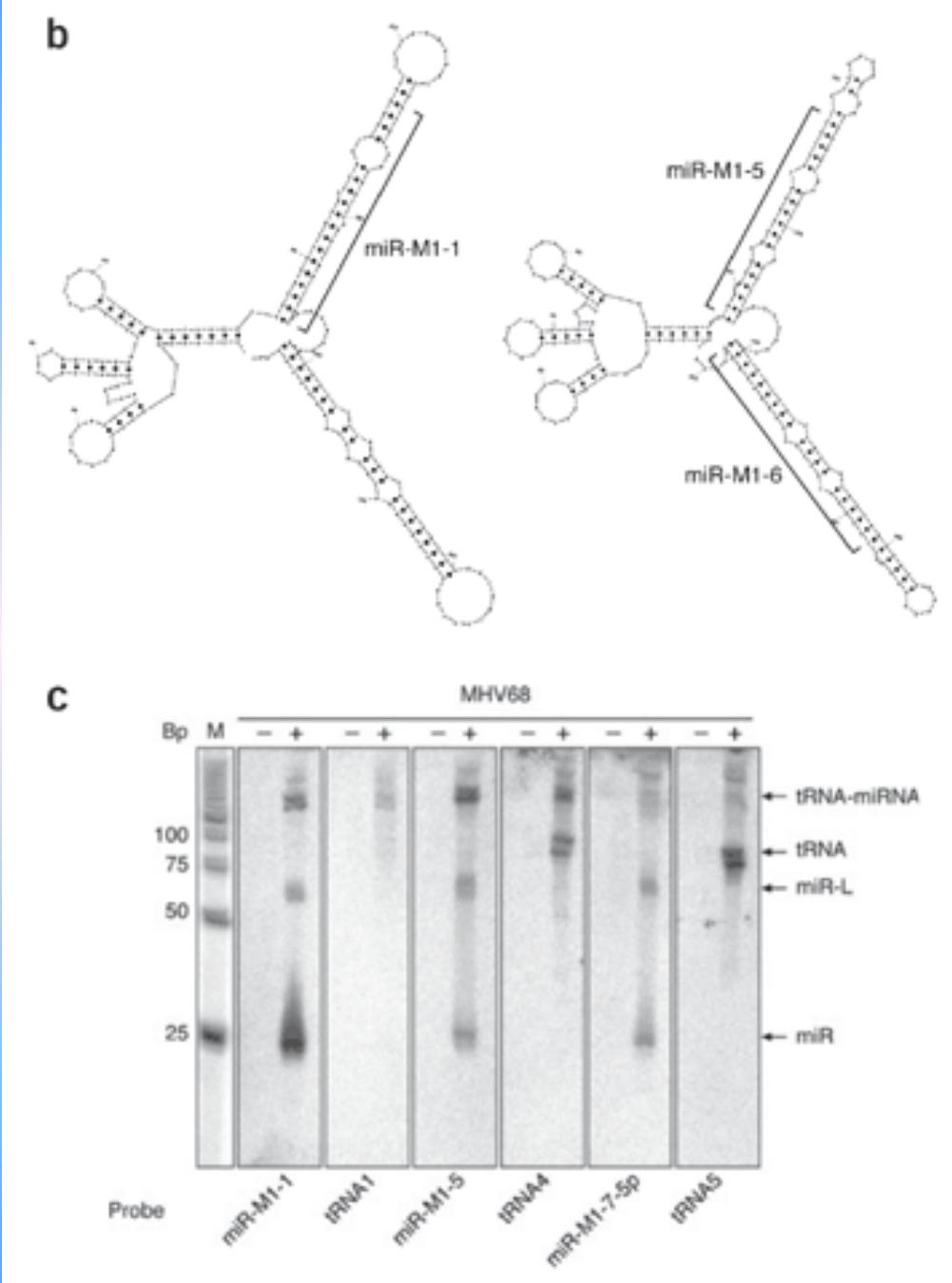
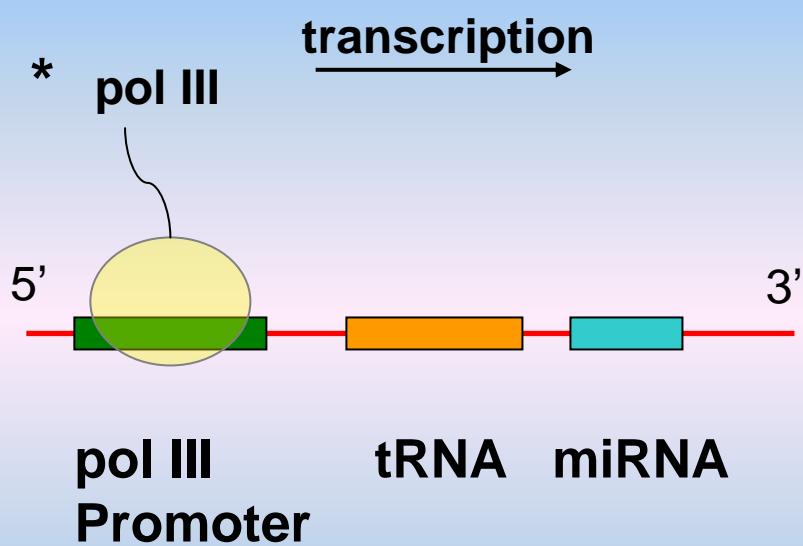


Figure 5–2. Red, nodular KS lesions on the foot of a patient.
Courtesy of Susan E. Krown, MD, Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center.

Volderbering, Polefsky, Walsh
Viral and Immunological Malignancies (2006)
www.bedecker.com

MHV68 Genome



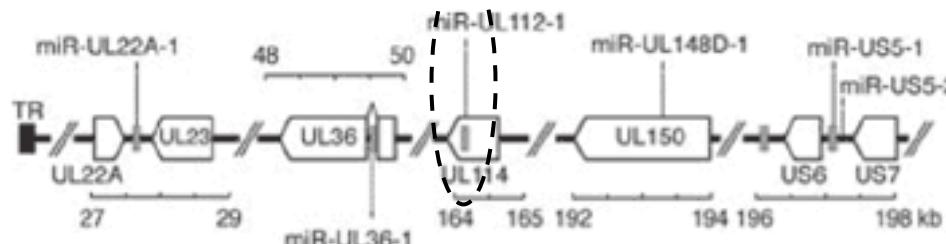


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HCMV miRNAs

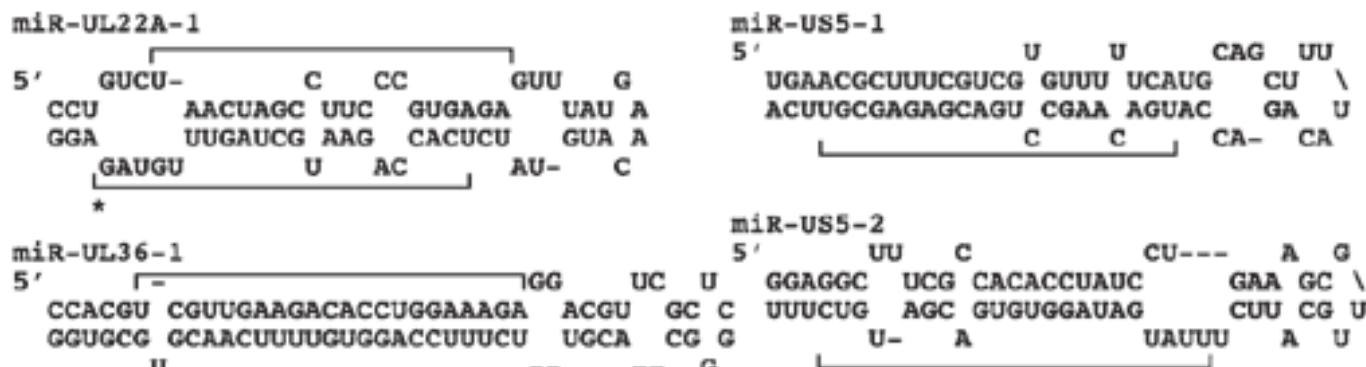
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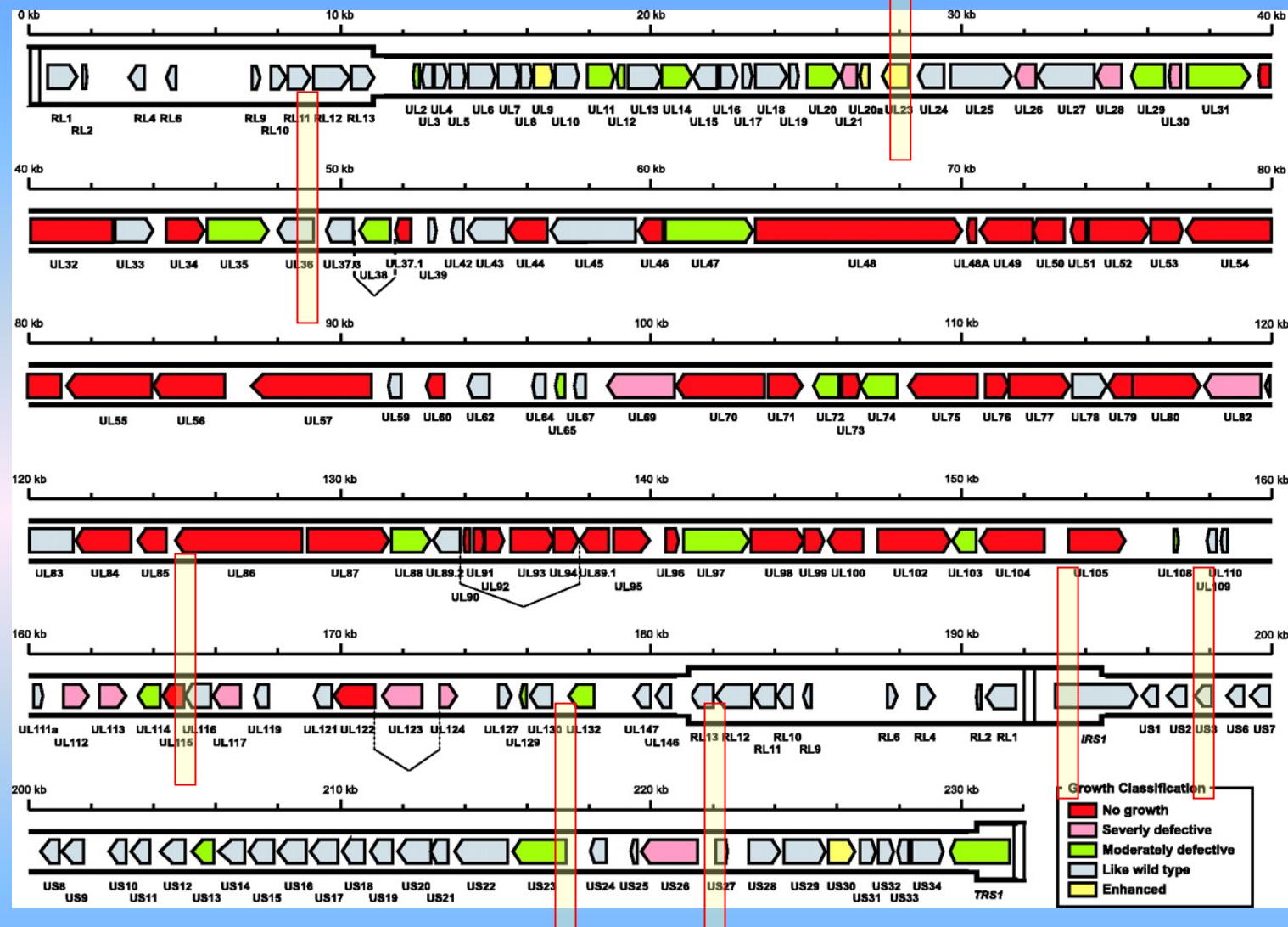


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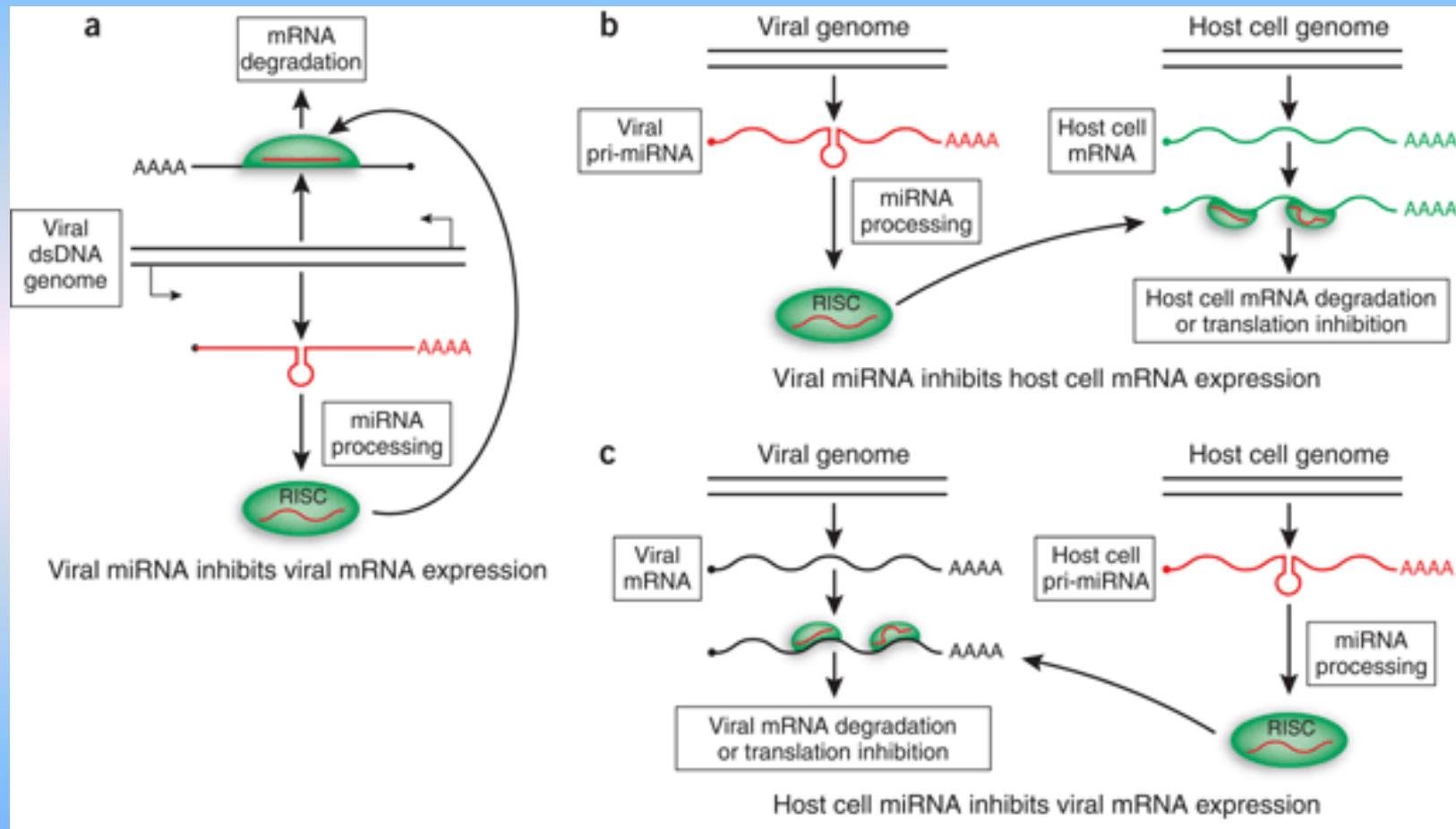


HCMV Genome



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microRNA actions further investigation...



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