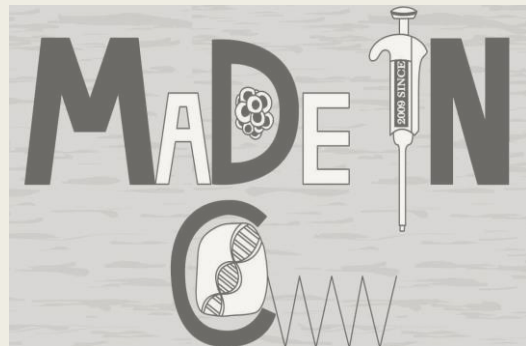


Mechanisms of the inhibitory effect of hinokitiol in repressing EZH2 expression in breast cancer cells



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Introduction



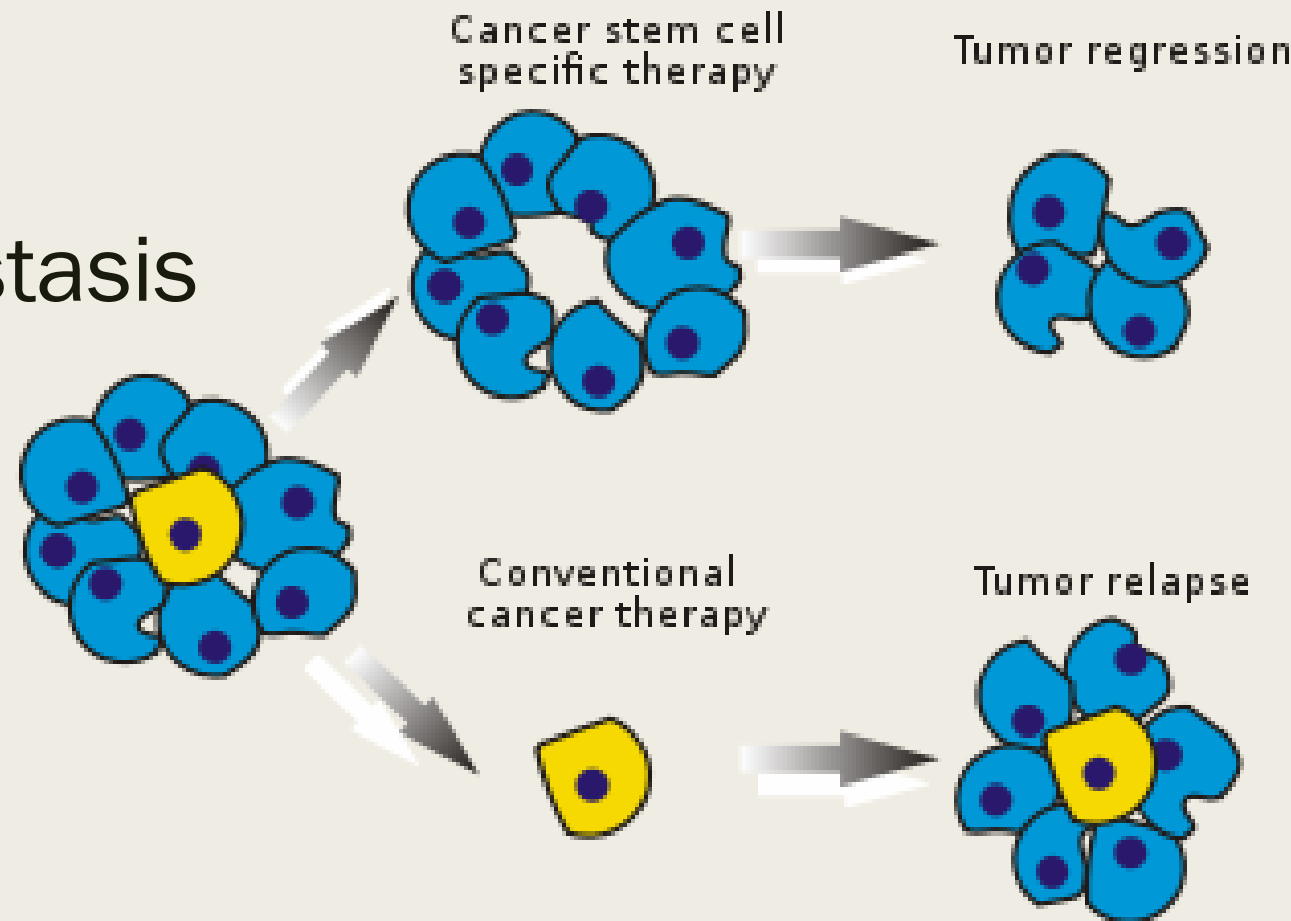
Breast Cancer

- Over 10 thousand people are diagnosed
- 5-year overall survival rate is 85%
- 10~40% of recurrence

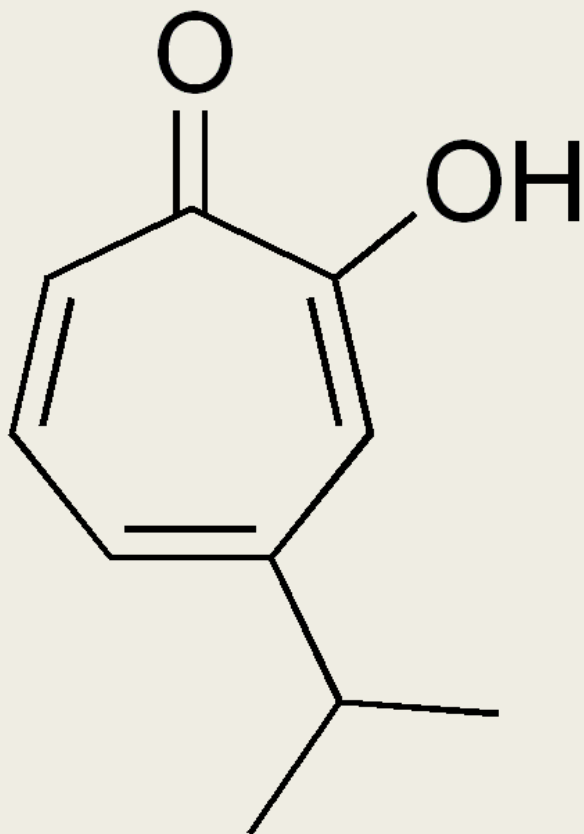
Cancer Stem Cells (CSCs)

- Self-renewal
- Differentiation
- Tumor initiation, metastasis
, recurrence

(Neethan A.L. et al., Annu. Rev. Cell Dev. Biol, 2007)



Hinokitiol (檜木醇)



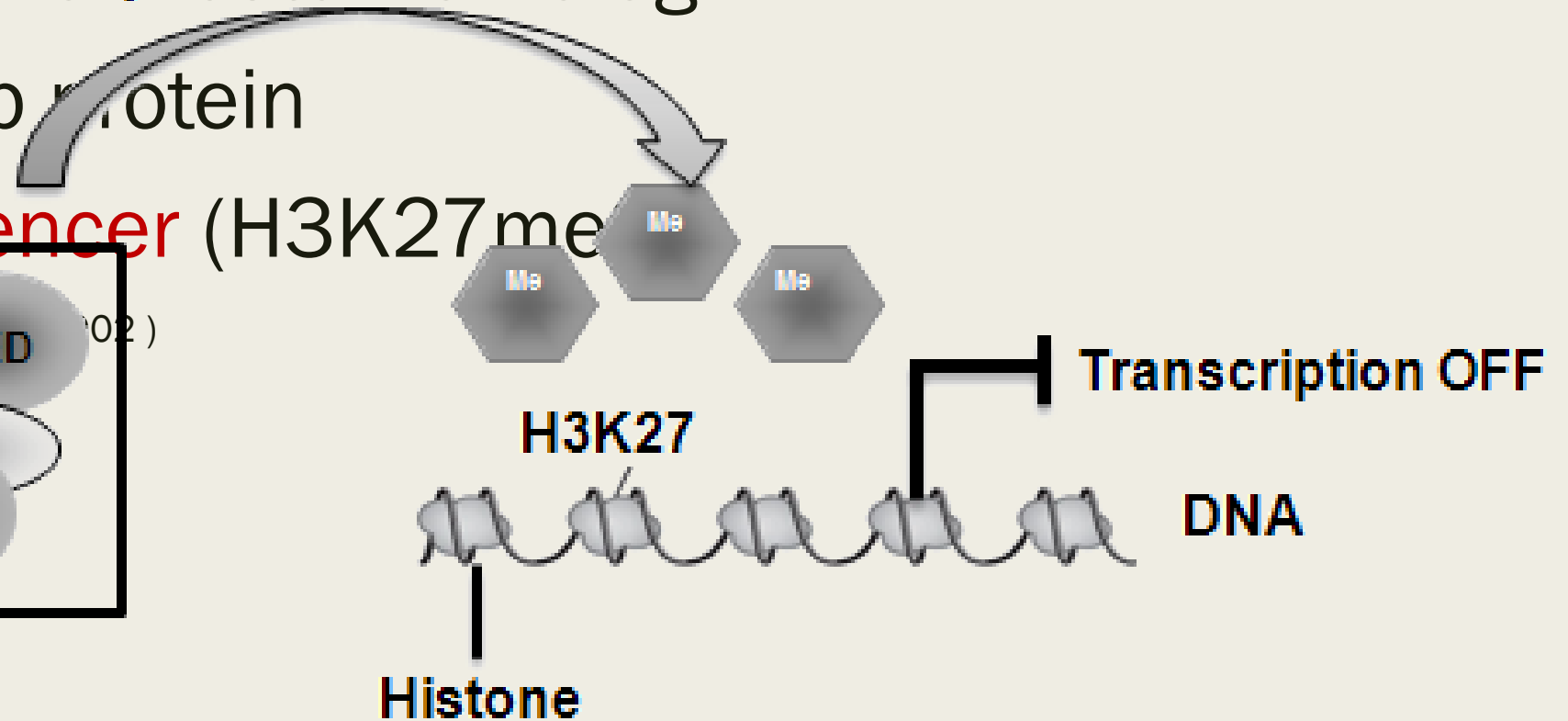
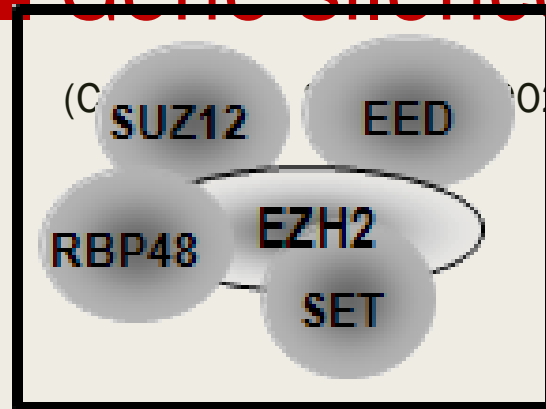
- A tropolone-related compound
- Isolated from Taiwanese hinoki
- Anti-microbe (Shih YH et al., PloS one, 2014)
- Anti-inflammation (Morita Y, et al., Biocontrol Sci, 2007)
- **Anti-tumor capacity** (Liu S, et al., Cancer letters, 2009)

EZH2

■ **EZH2 overexpression**
 ■ Enhancer of Zeste Homolog 2

■ Polycomb protein

■ **Gene silencer** (H3K27me)
 PRC2



EZH2

- Highly-expressed in gastric cancer

(Pan YM et al., Mol Cancer, 2016)

- Promotes liver cancer progression

(Chen S et al., J Exp Clin Cancer Res, 2018)

- Epigenetic silencing of the tumor suppressor gene in prostate cancer

(Kunderfranco P et al., PLoS One, 2010)

EZH2

- Up-regulation in ovarian cancer cells

(Garipov A et al., Mol Cancer Res. 2013)

- Down-regulation tumor suppressor miR
in glioblastoma (Michiel S et al., Oncotarget. 2010)

- EZH2 is a marker of aggressive cancer

micro RNA (miR)

- small non-coding RNAs with 19–23 nucleotides
- binding to the 3'-UTR to cause translation inhibition or mRNA degradation

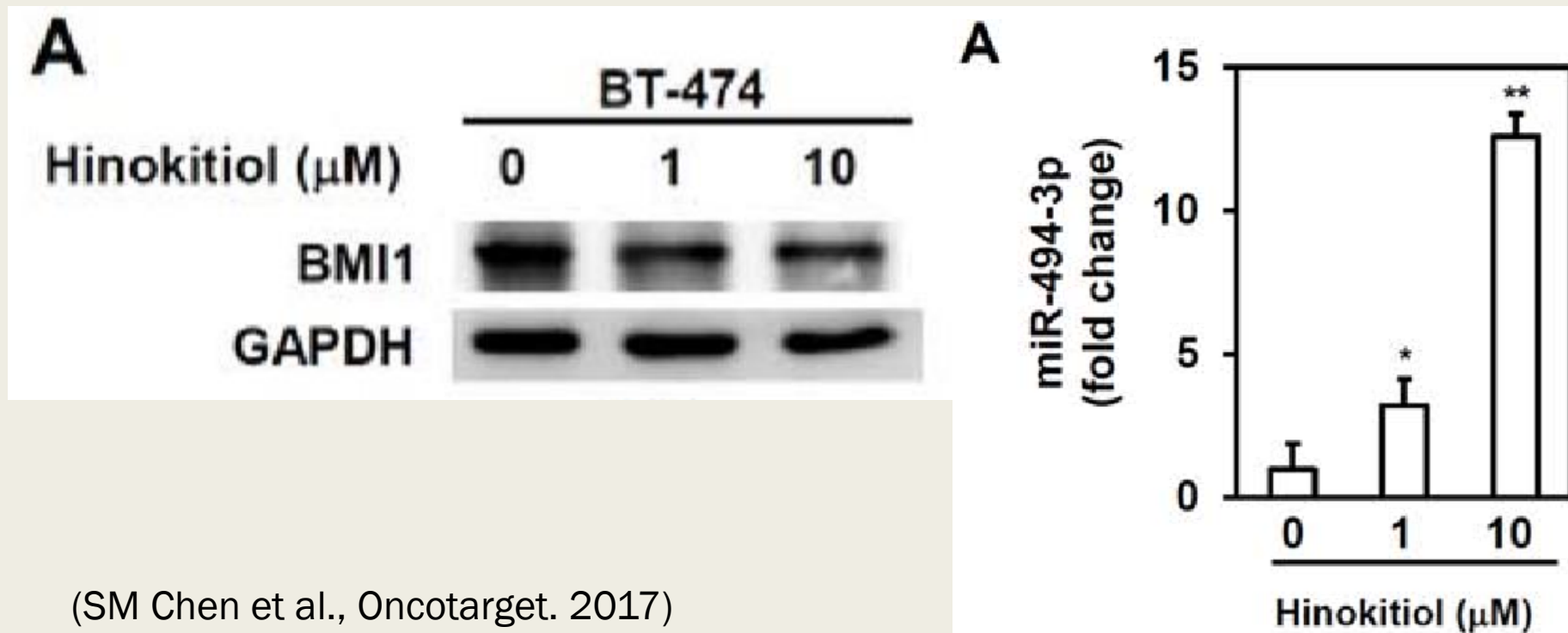
micro RNA (miR)

- miR-145-5p acts **as a tumor suppressor** in head and neck cancer (Yamada Y et al., Int J Oncol. 2018)
- miR-494-3p inhibits cell **proliferation and metastasis** in osteosarcoma (Yuan W et al., Mol Med Rep. 2017)
- EZH2 can **suppress other tumor-suppressor miR** in liver cancer (Chen S et al., J Exp Clin Cancer Res. 2018)

Motivation

Previous study of our lab

- Hinokitiol **inhibits BMI1** protein expression
- And **up-regulates miR-494-3p**

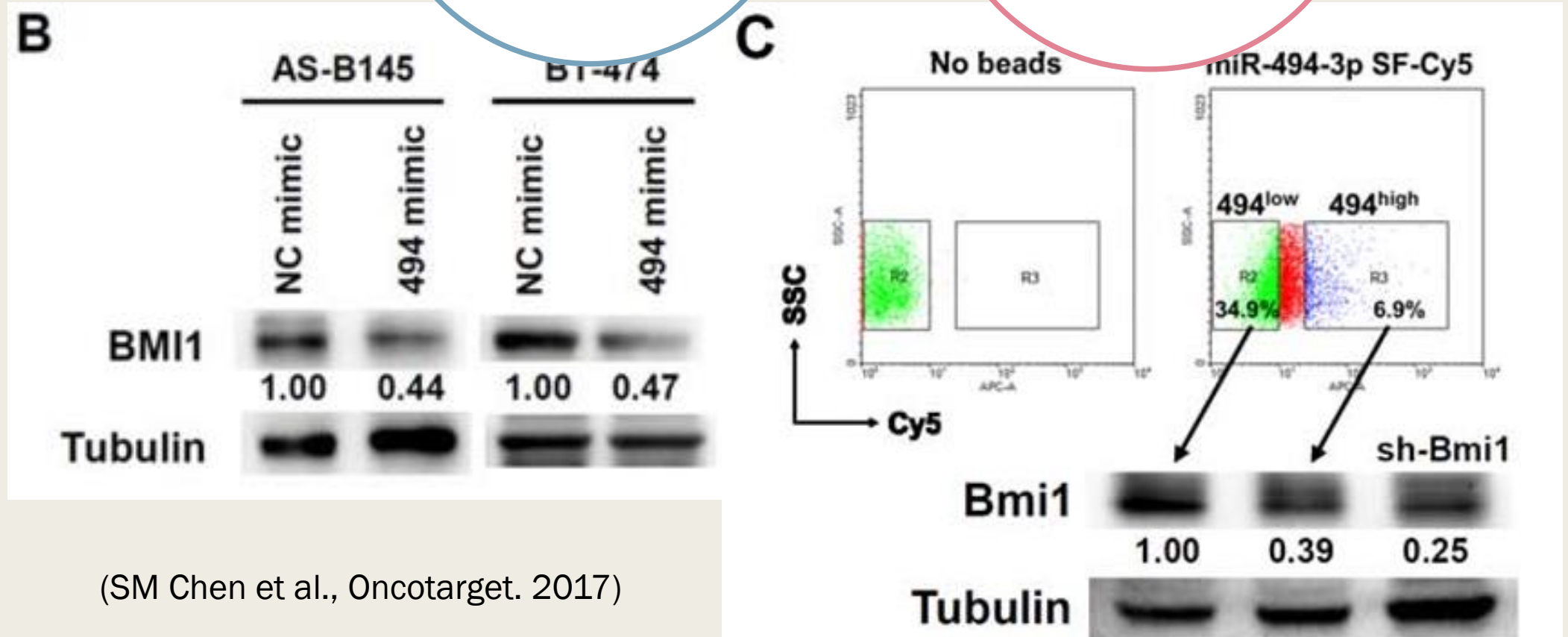


Previous studies on miR-494-3p

■ miR-494 inhibits BMI1 protein

High miR-494-3p
expression

Low miR-494-3p
expression

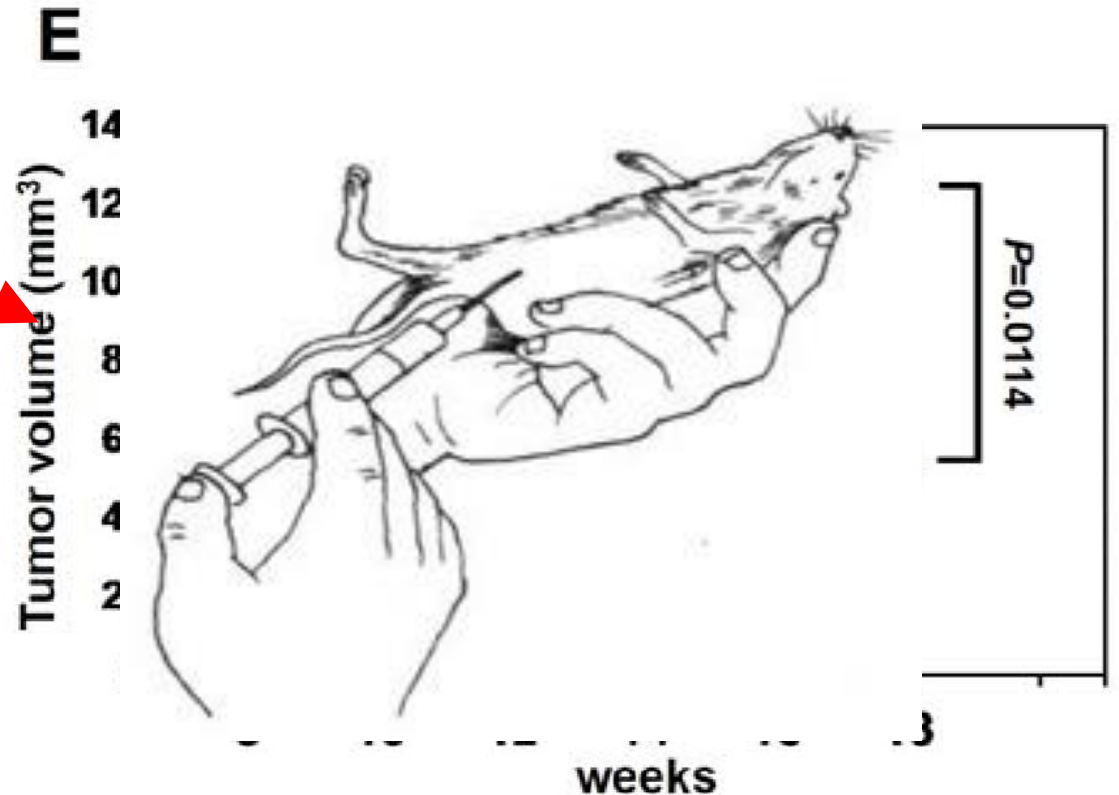


(SM Chen et al., Oncotarget. 2017)

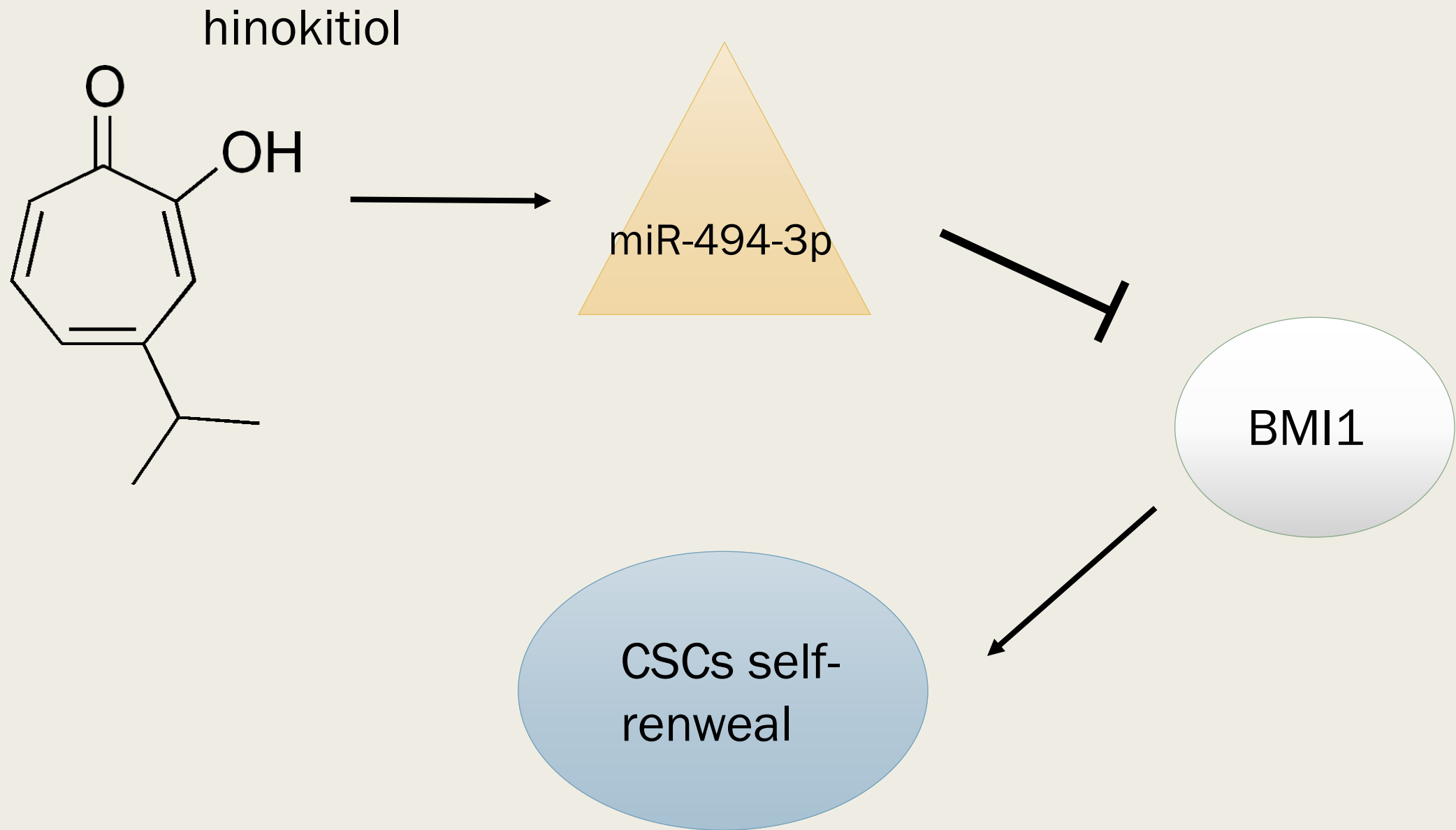
Previous study of

miR-494-3p

- The growth of miR494-3p overexpressed BT-474 cells is significantly slower



(SM Chen et al., Oncotarget. 2017)

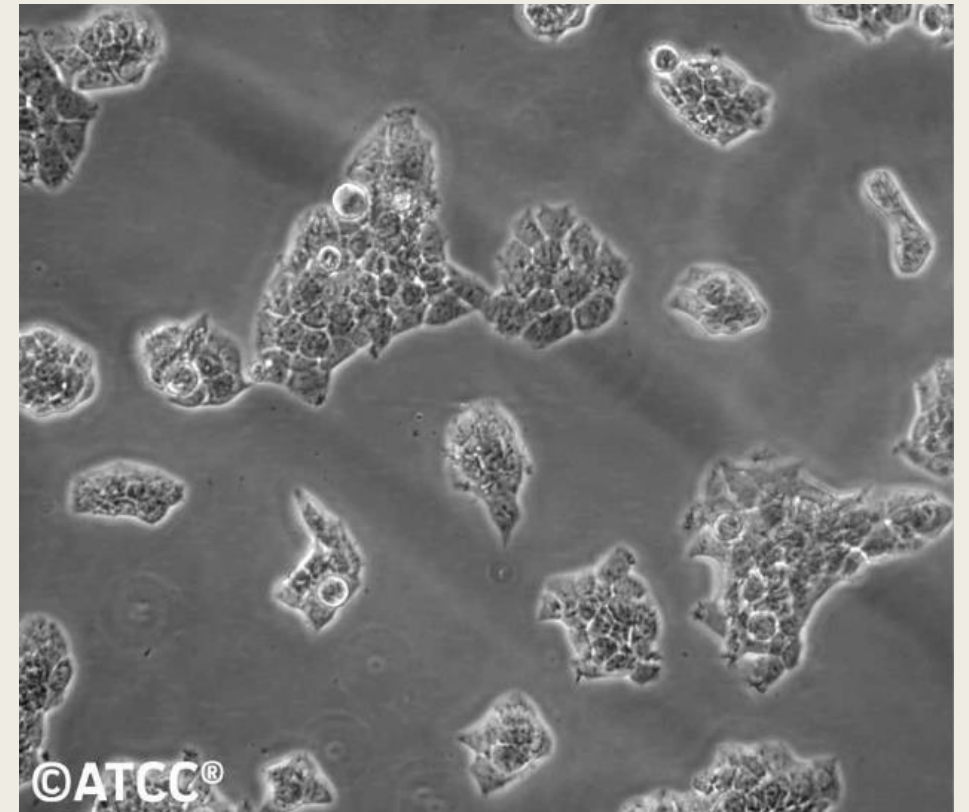


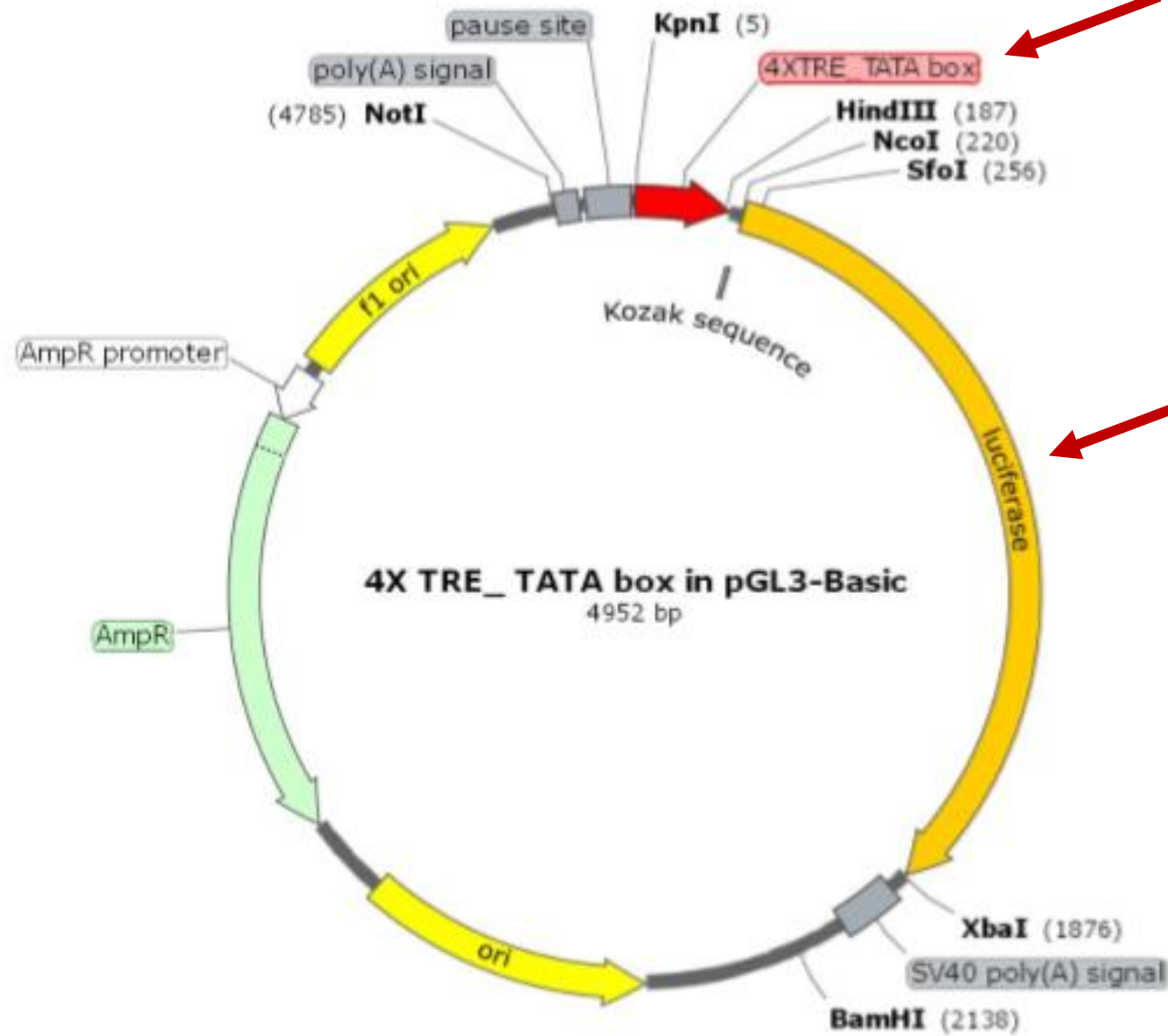
Materials & Methods



Cell line & Treatment

- BT-474 human **breast carcinoma** cell line
- Treated with **hinokitiol** for 48 hours in different concentration

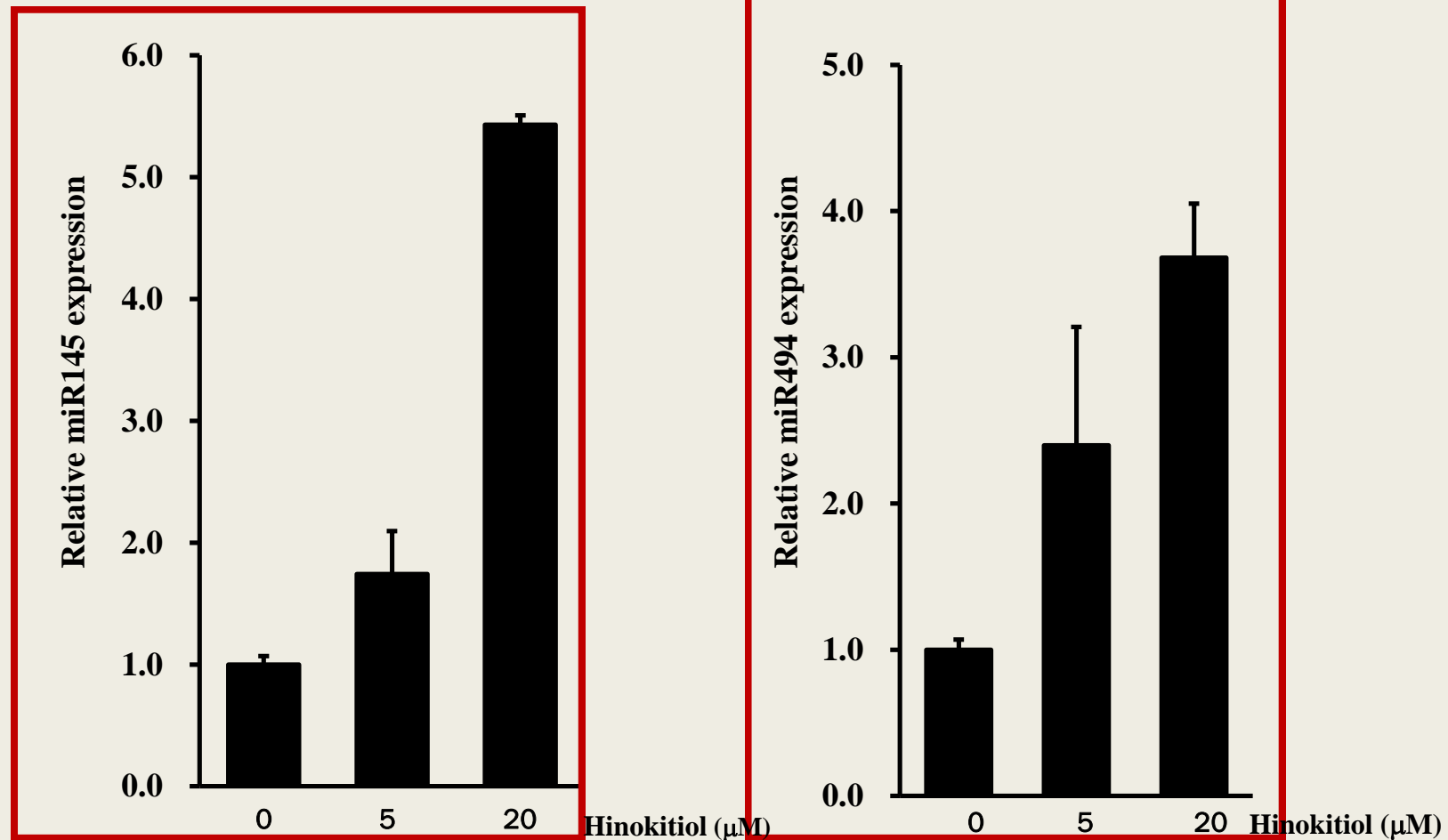




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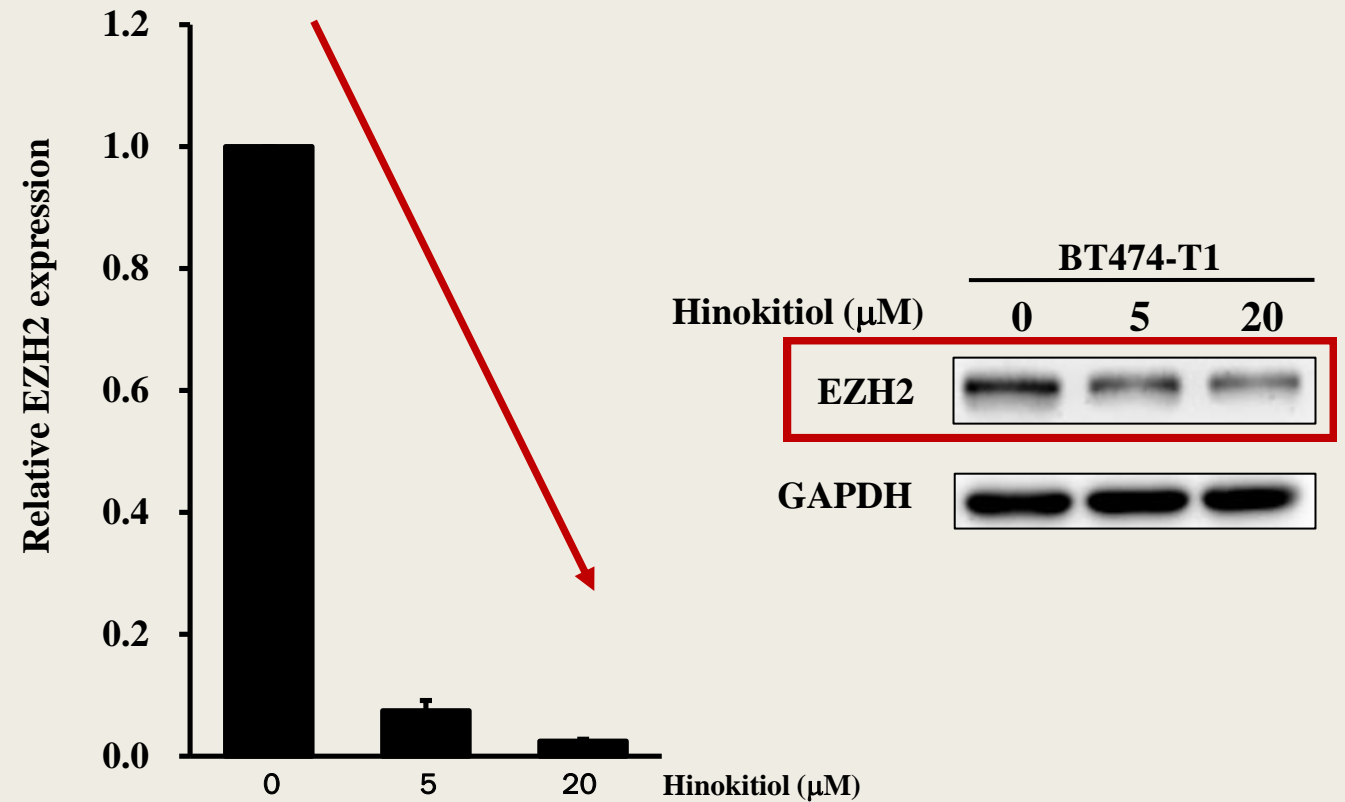
Hinokitiol up-regulates miRs

- miR-145-5p(A) and miR-494-3p(B) both up-regulated after hinokitiol treatment



EZH2 expression being suppressed

- EZH2 expression is **suppressed** both in **RNA** and **protein** level
- **Transcriptional inhibition**



Transcription Factors

which are indicated to **regulate EZH2** in different pathway

- SIRT1 (sirtuin 1)

(Lu L et al., Chin Med Sci J. 2011)

- STAT3 (Signal transducer and activator of transcription 3)

(Pan YM et al., Mol Cancer. 2016)

- Erg1/2/3 (ETS transcription factors)

(Kunderfranco P et al., PLoS One. 2010)

- HIF-1 α (hypoxia-inducible factor 1- alpha)

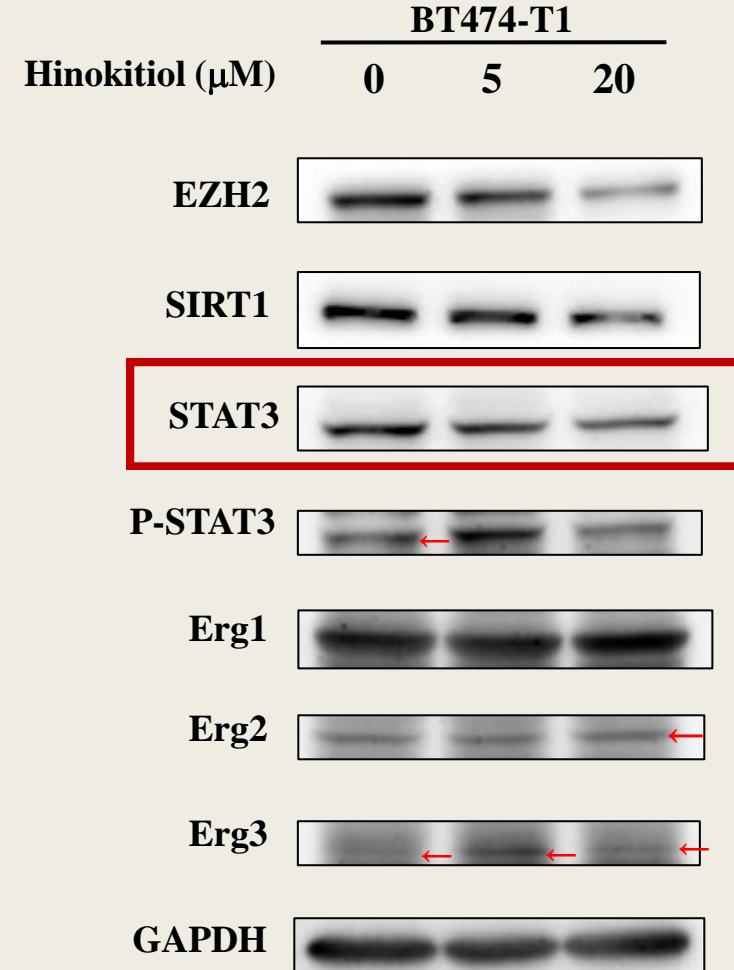
(Pang B et al., Oncotarget. 2016)

- NF-YA (Nuclear transcription factor Y subunit alpha)

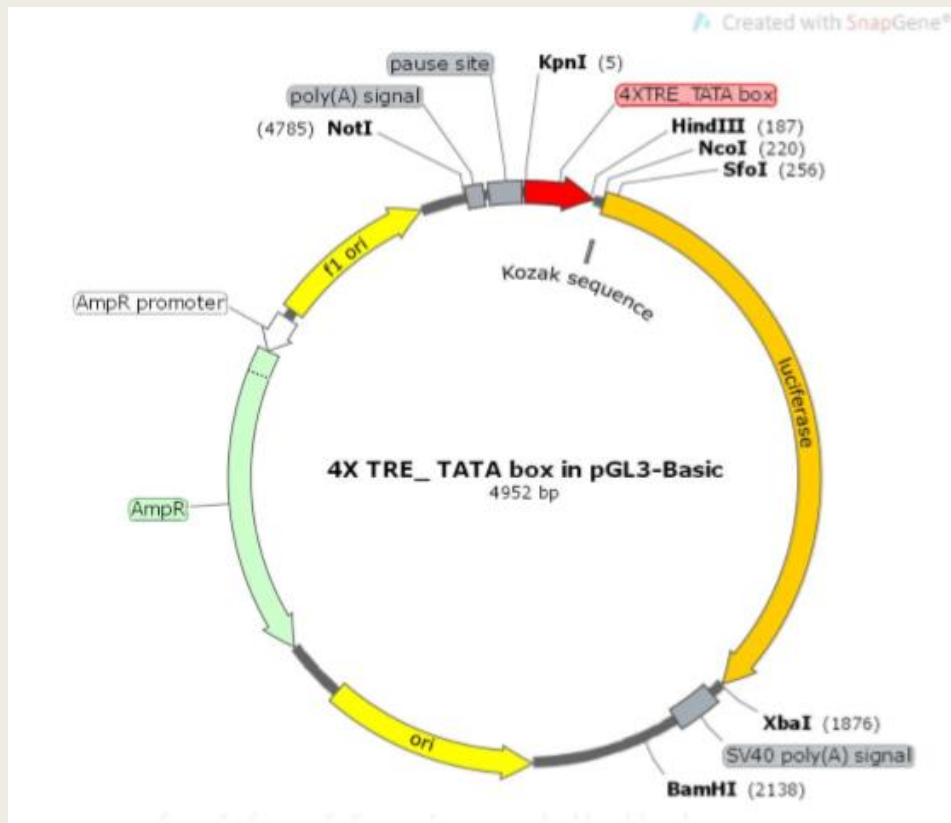
(Garipov A et al., Mol Cancer Res. 2013)

STAT3 down-regulated

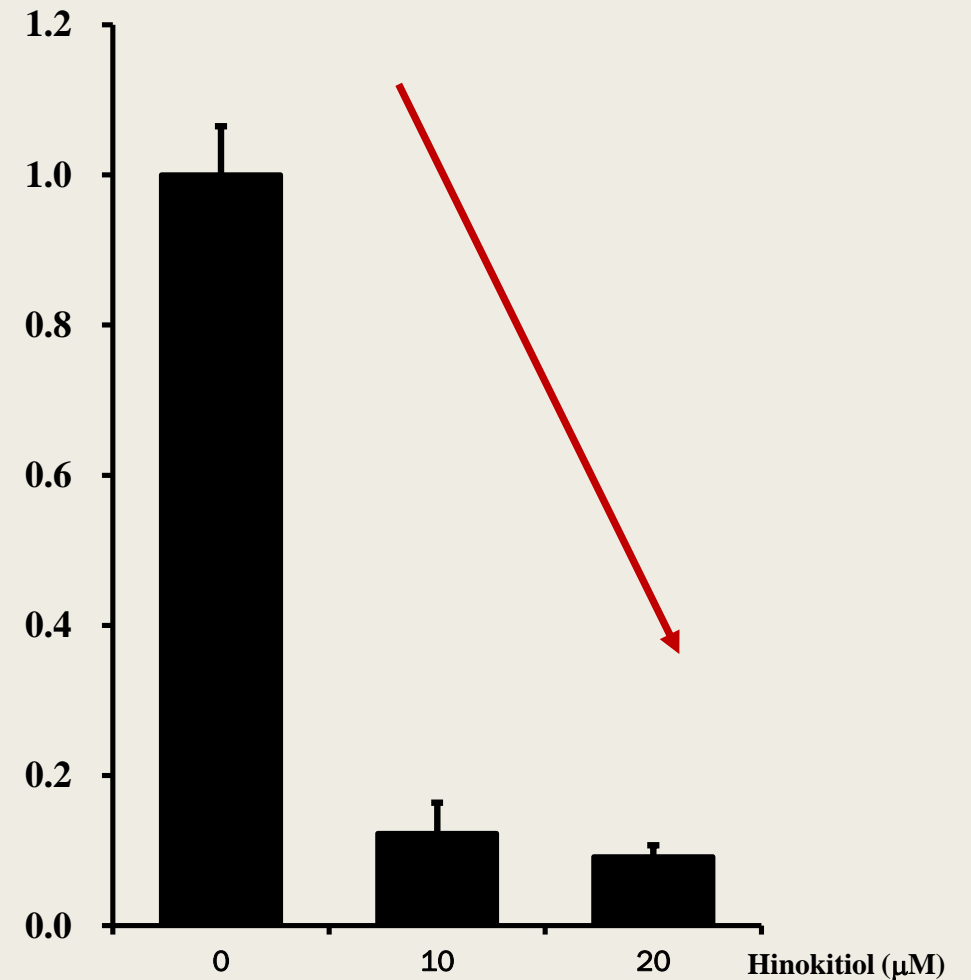
- We assumed that **STAT3** is related to the inhibitory effect of hinokitiol in EZH2 suppression



Decreased STAT3 activity

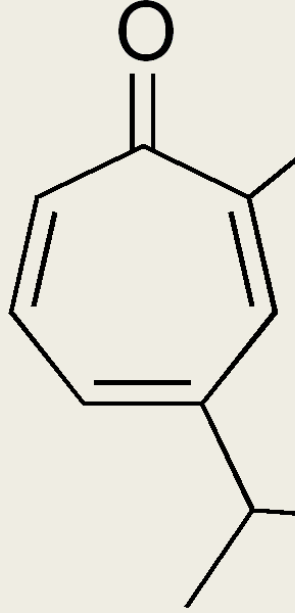


BT474 Relative Luciferase Activity



Summary

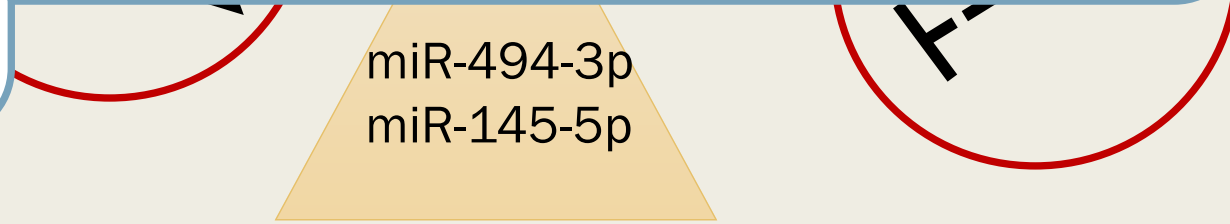
hinokitiol



Suppression of self-renewal and differentiation capacity of cancer stem cells

miR-494-3p
miR-145-5p

EZH2



Future Work



- Investigate the molecular mechanisms between EZH2 and miR-494-3p & miR-145-5p
- Further confirm whether STAT3 can affect the expression of EZH2, through knockdown or overexpression STAT3 in BT-474 cells



Thanks for Your Attention

