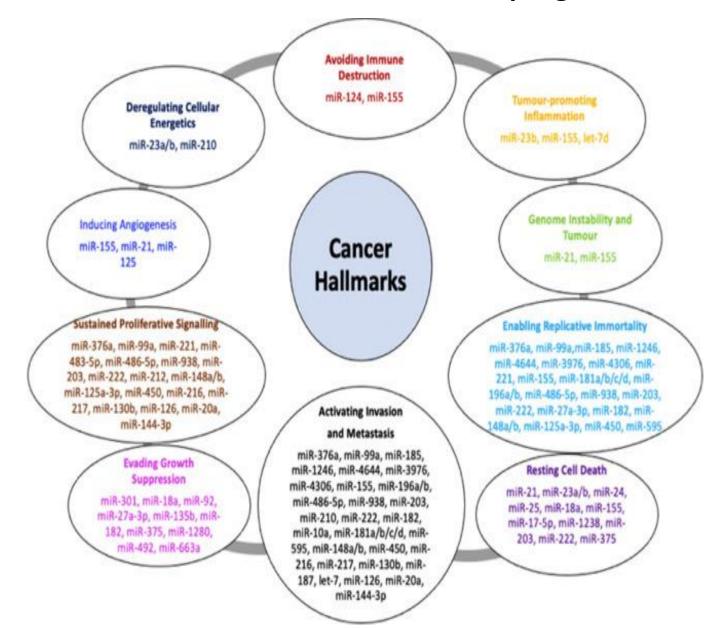


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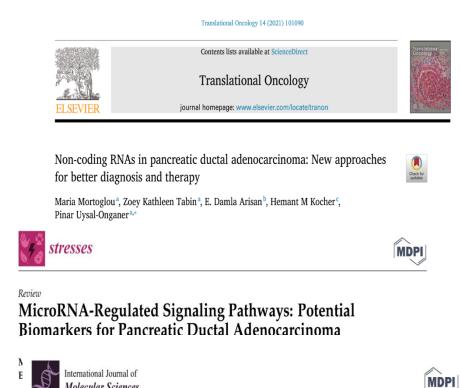
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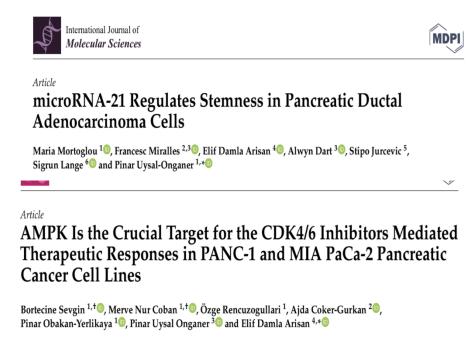
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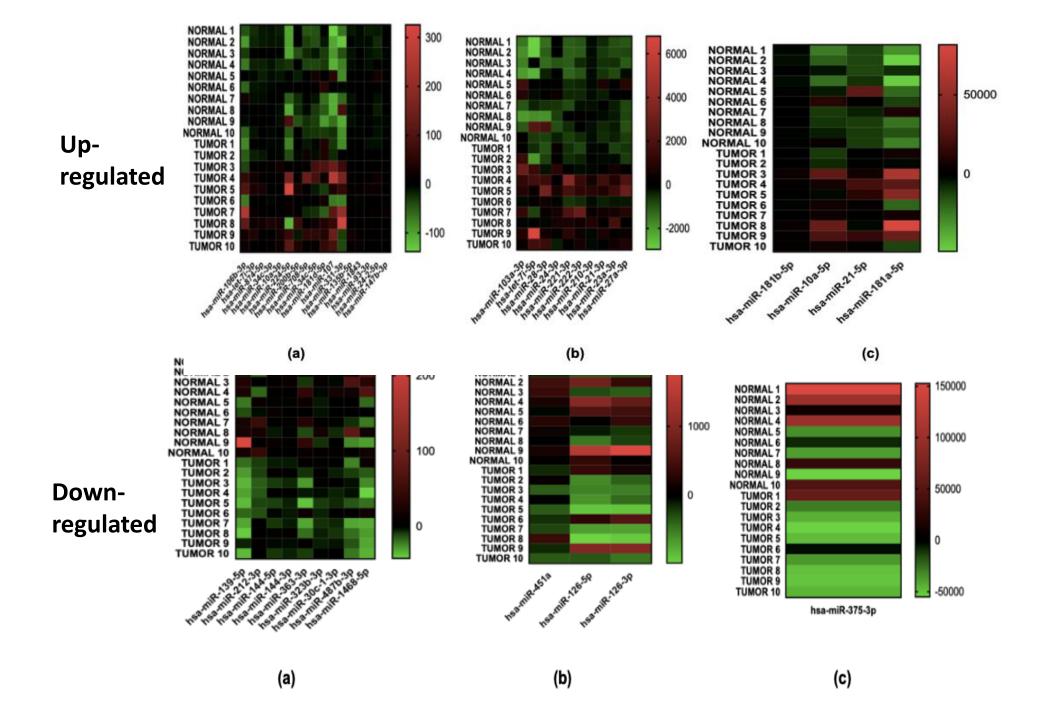
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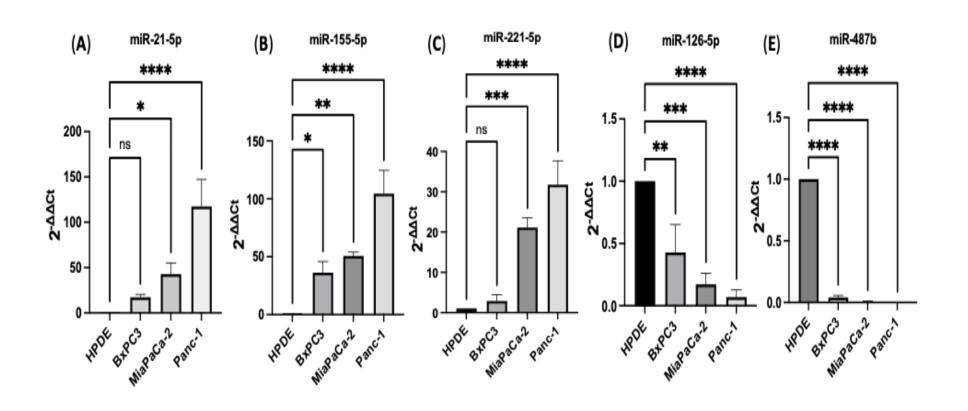
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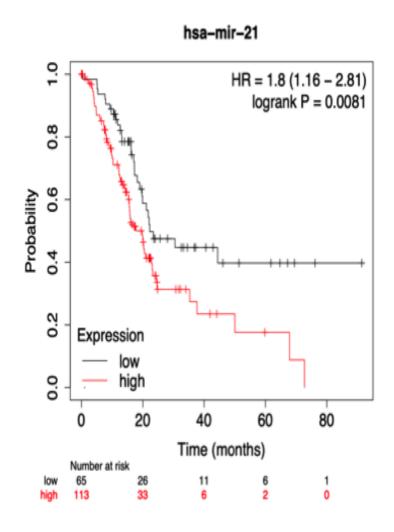


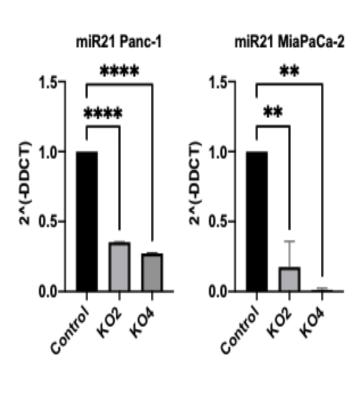
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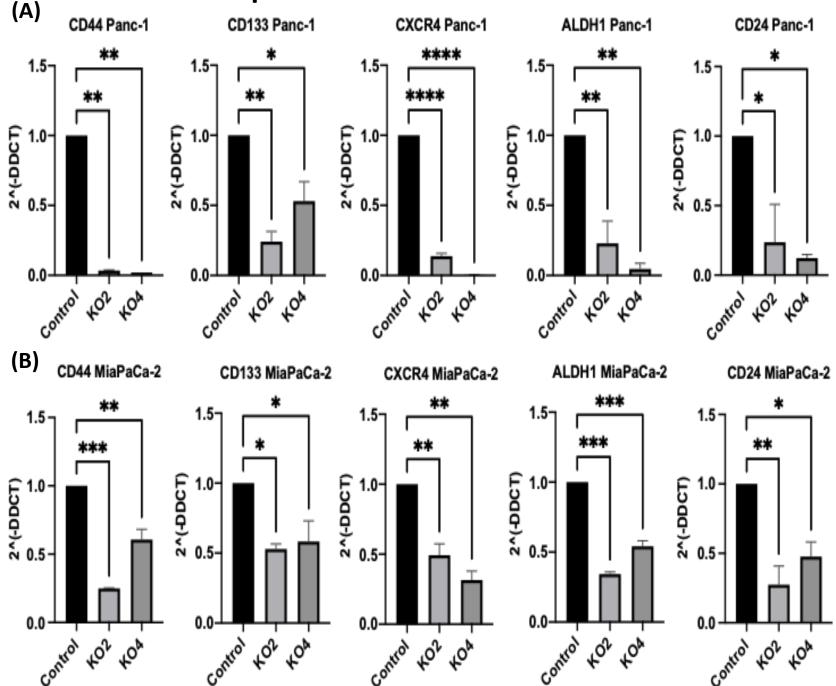
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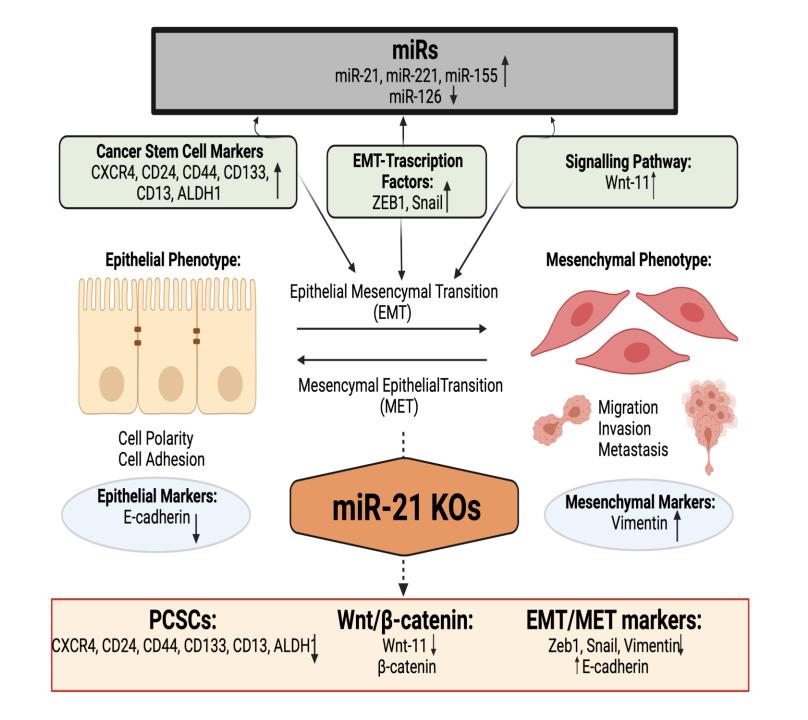
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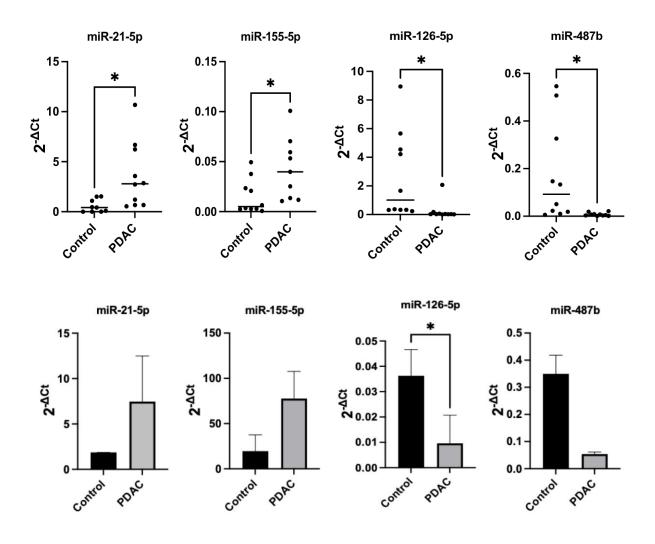


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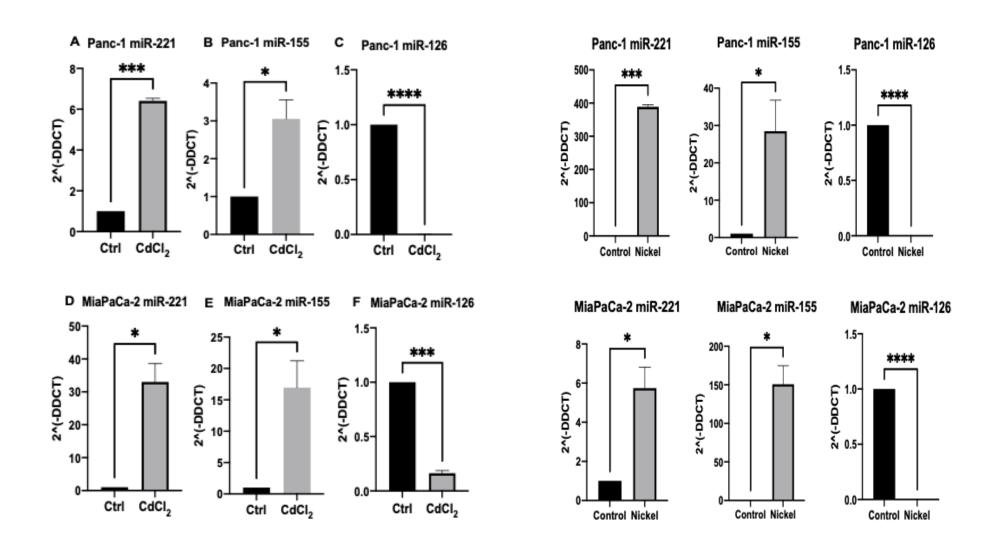




### Work in Progress: Differential expression of miRs in PDAC in vivo:



#### **Environmental Toxins and miRs**



## Project 2: What are the effects of environmental toxins on PDAC?

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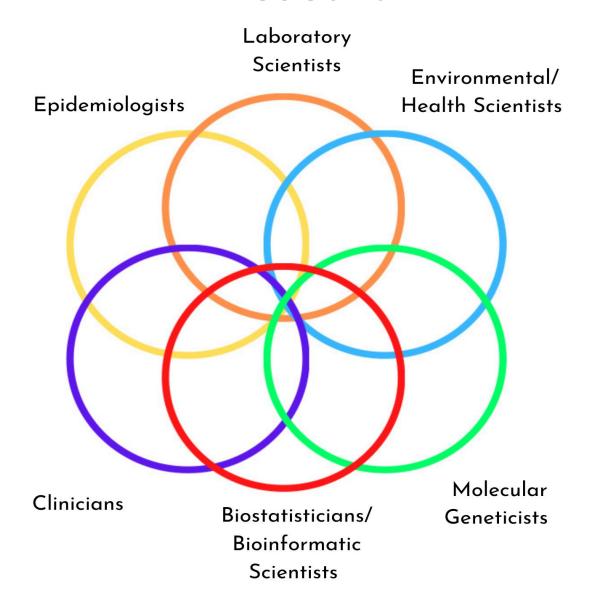
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