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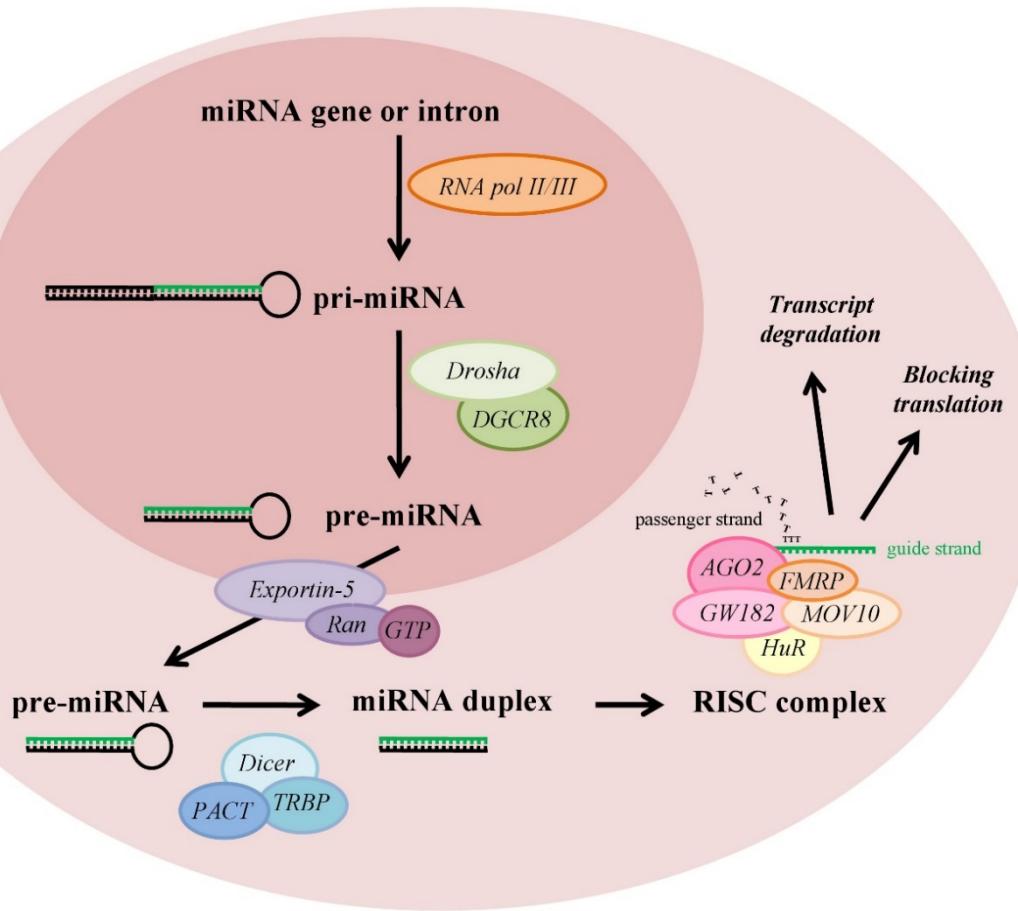
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# MicroRNAs analysis of patient-derived iPSCs and MNas as molecular therapy for ALS

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# MicroRNAs (miRNAs)

## MiRNAs biogenesis process

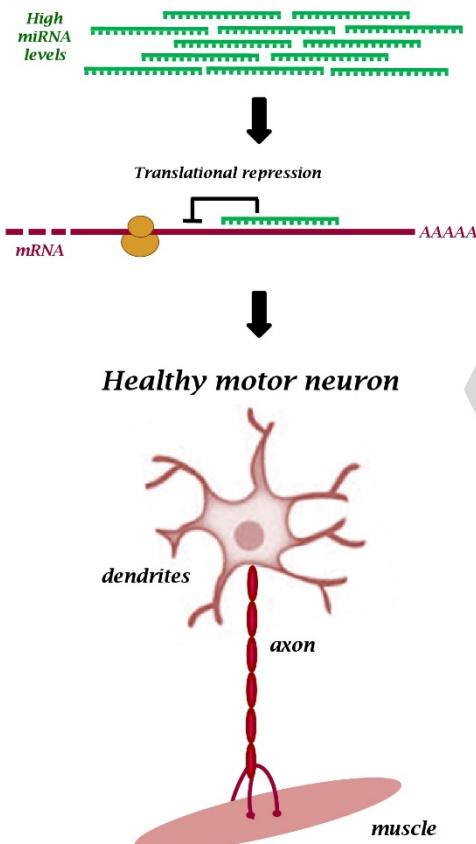


- miRNAs regulate mRNA: transcript degradation, translation blocking or post-transcriptional regulation
- miRNAs are highly expressed in CNS and are required for neuronal differentiation and survival
- A deregulation of miRNAs expression may be involved in aetiology or progression of neurodegenerative disorders, including ALS

# miRNA and ALS

## Role of miRNAs in motor neuron physiology and degeneration

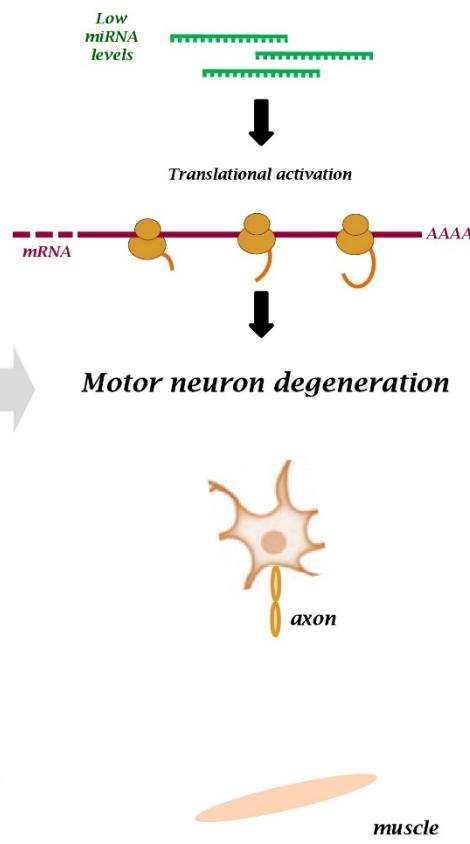
### Physiological condition



### miRNA homeostasis

- ✓ Synapses and NMJ structure/function ✗
- ✓ Neurofilaments ✗
- ✓ Neurogenesis ✗
- ✗ Inflammatory response ✓
- ✓ RNA and protein metabolism ✗

### ALS pathology



- ALS-linked genes can affect miRNA biogenesis
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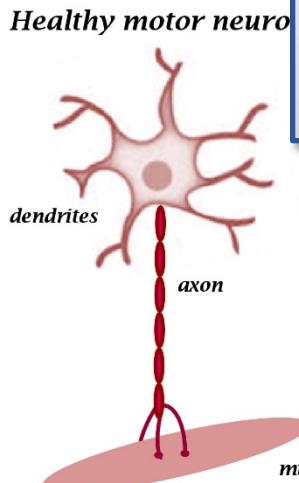
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Translational repression

mRNA



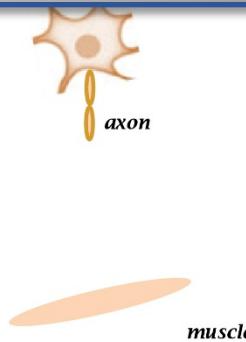
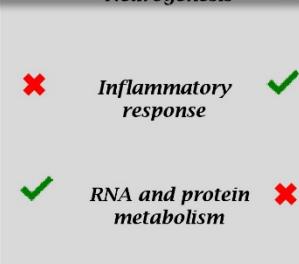
Which are the specific  
miRNAs implicated?  
Which are the events  
downstream?

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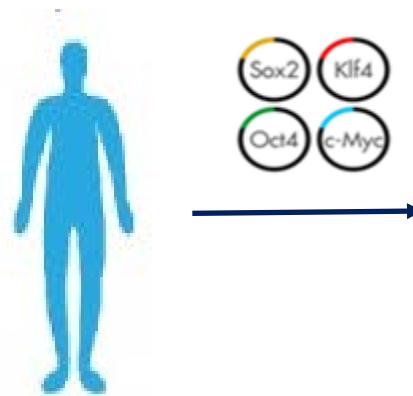
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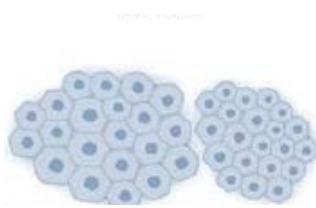
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# smallRNALS project

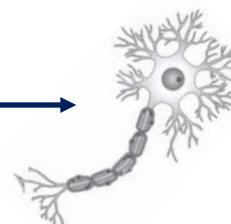
ALS patient



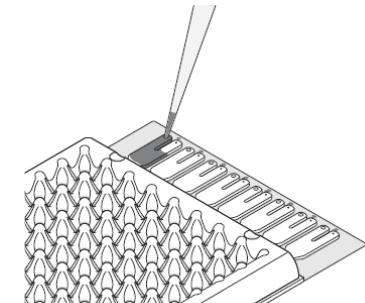
ALS iPSCs



MNs

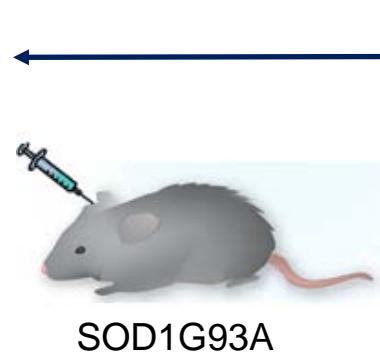
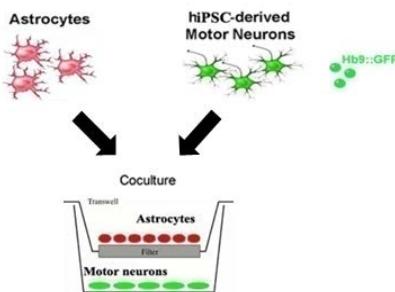


miRNA expression analysis



1. Investigation of miRNAs dysregulation in ALS iPSCs and ALS iPSC-derived motor neurons compared with the control lines

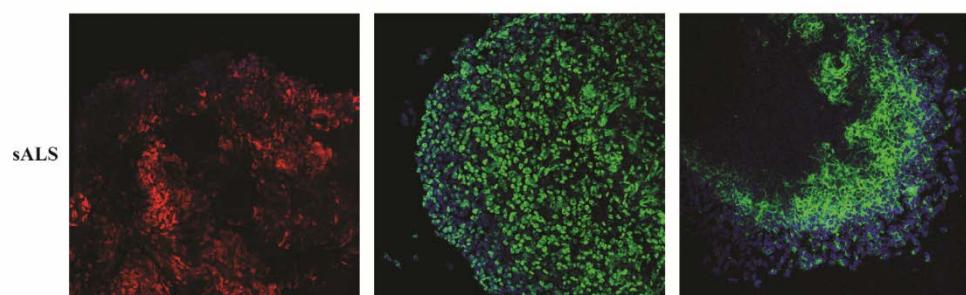
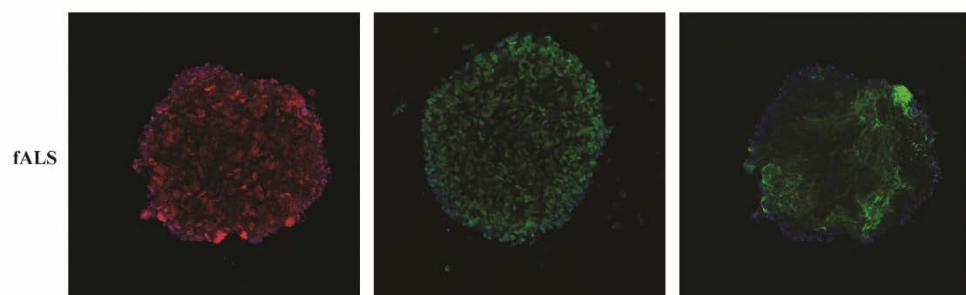
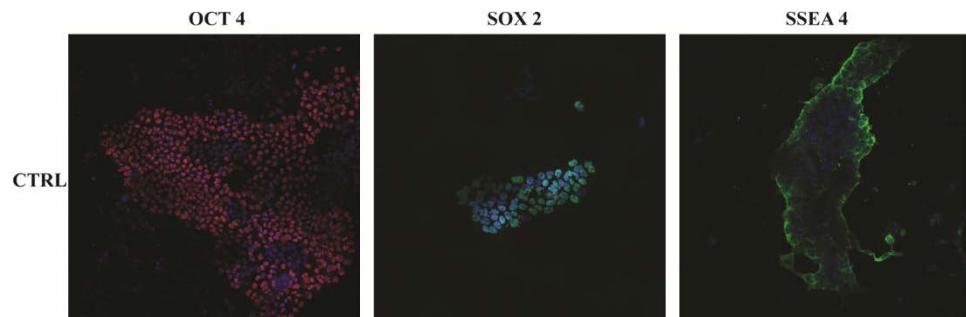
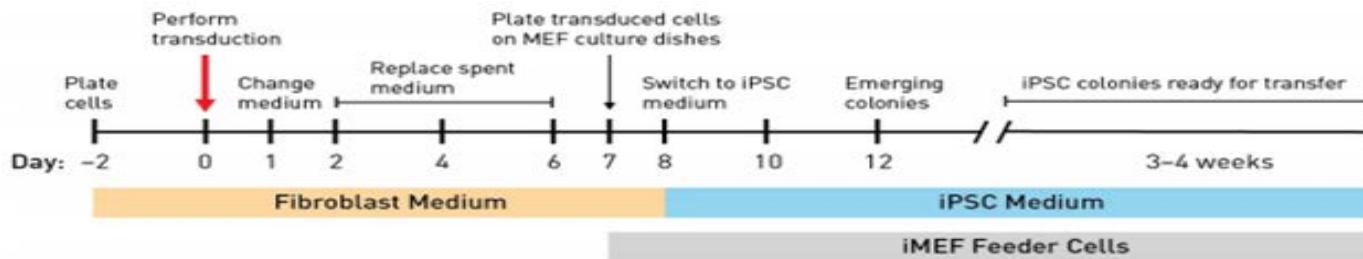
MNs-astrocytes co-culture



Identification of targets

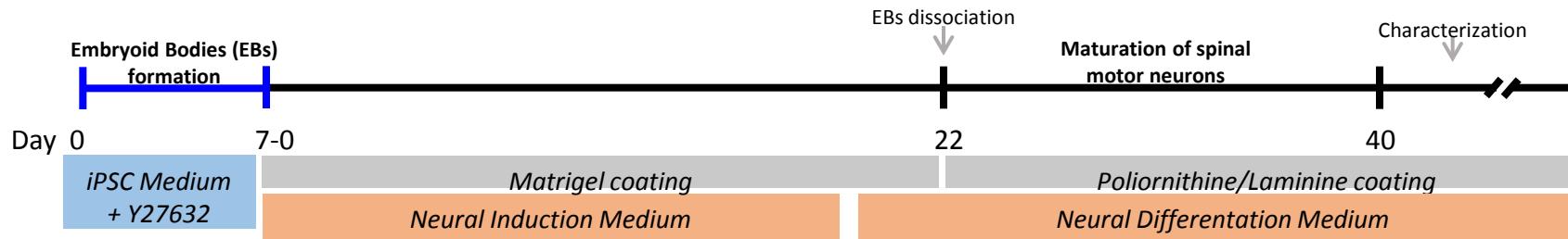
2. Modulation of identified miRNA targets evaluating MN protection from degeneration in ALS *in vitro* co-culture and in the SOD1G93A animal model

# iPSCs reprogramming

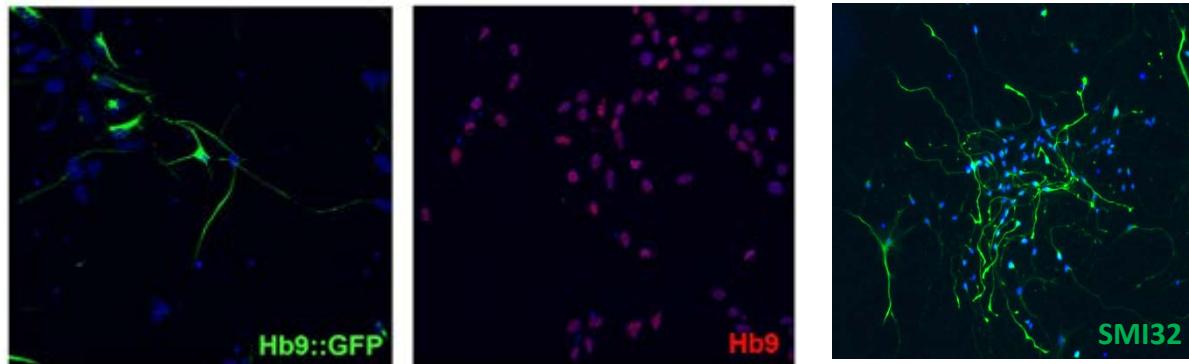


iPSCs	Number of lines
WILD-TYPE	3
C9ORF72	2
TDP43	2
SOD1	2

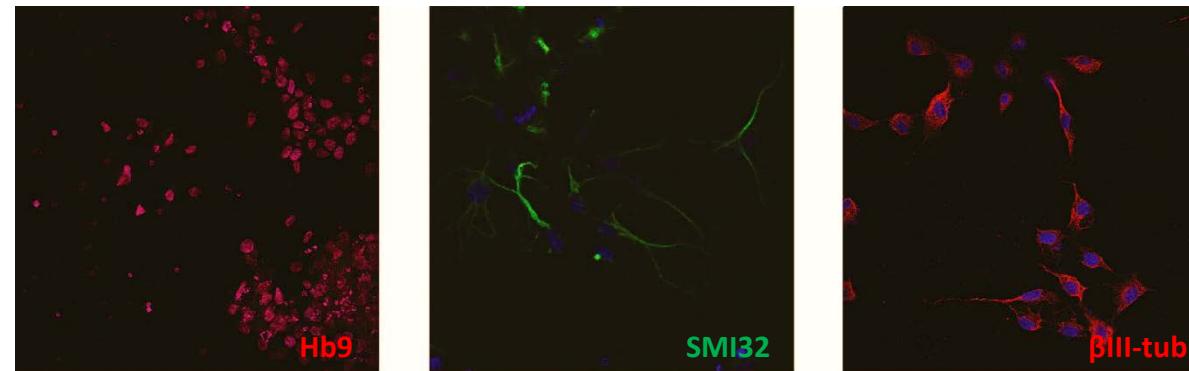
# Motor neurons (MNs) differentiation



Ng et al., 2015

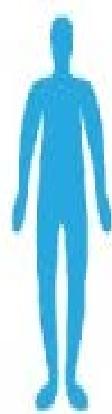


Obtained MNs express specific motoneuronal markers

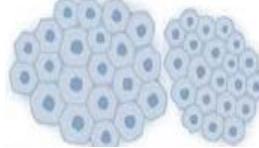


# miRNAs expression analysis

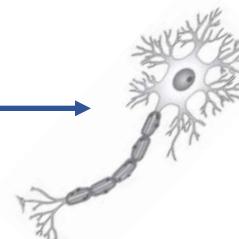
Human fibroblasts



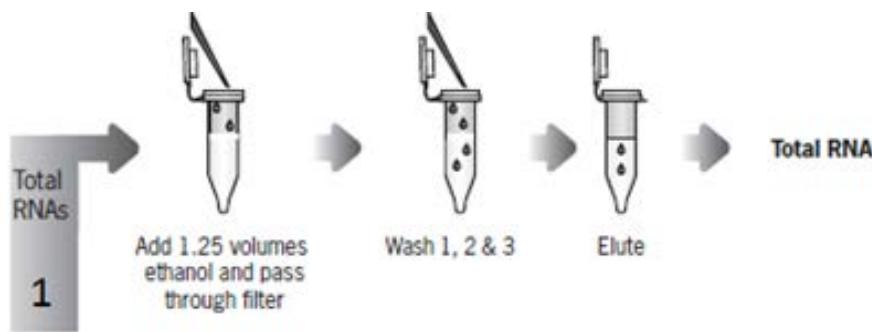
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MNs

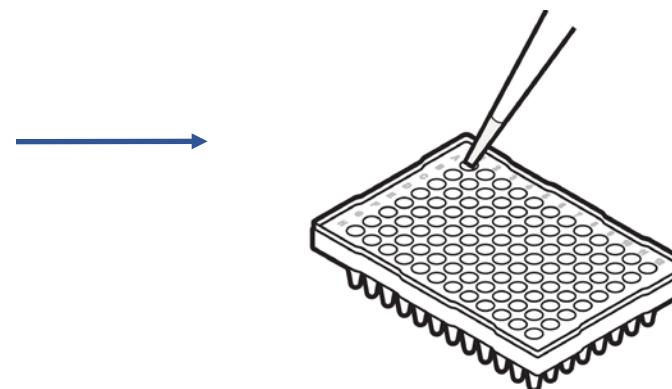


- wild-type iPSCs
- ALS iPSCs
- wild-type MNs
- ALS MNs



miRNAs isolation

Human Array MicroRNA Cards



# Taqman array miRNA cards

TaqMan® Array Human MicroRNA Card A v2

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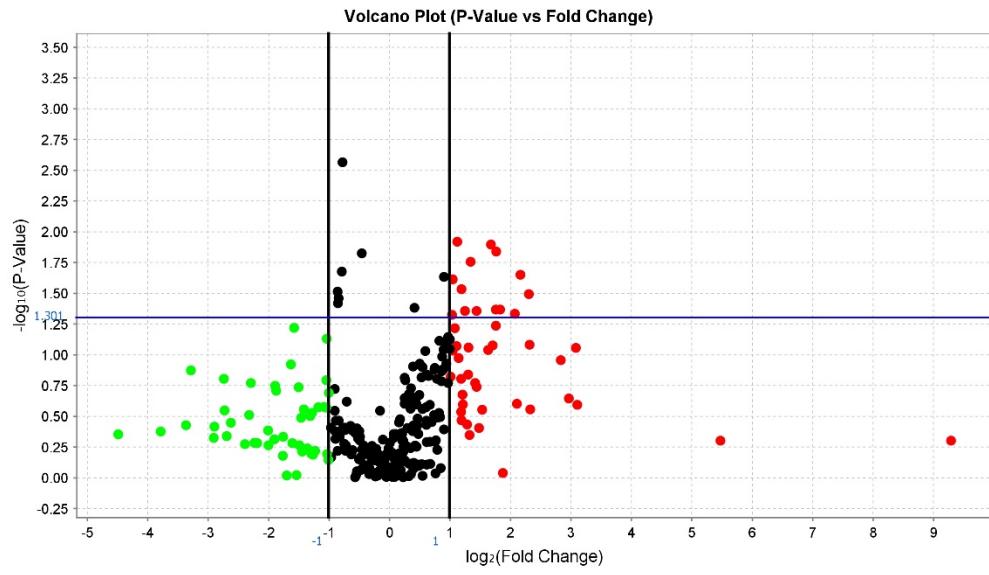
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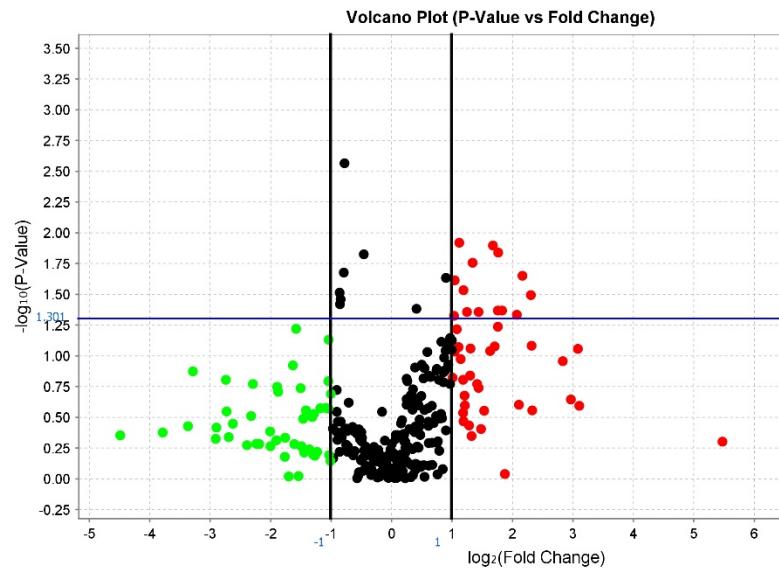
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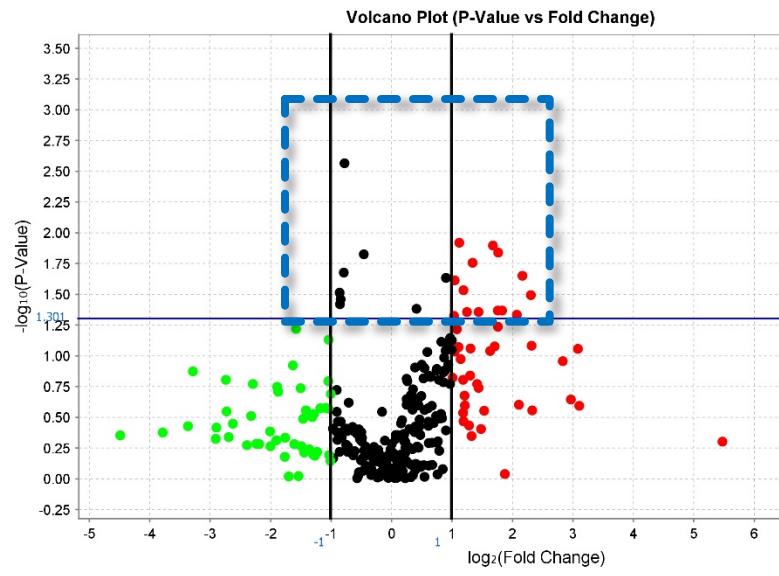
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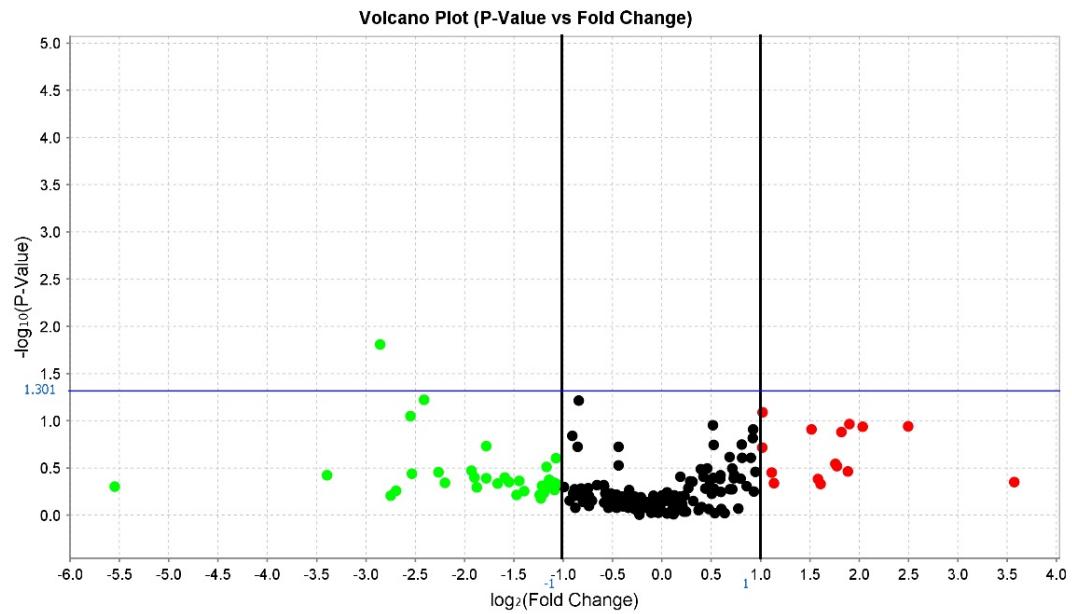
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List of the most significant deregulated miRNAs

# miRNA cards on iPSC-derived MNs



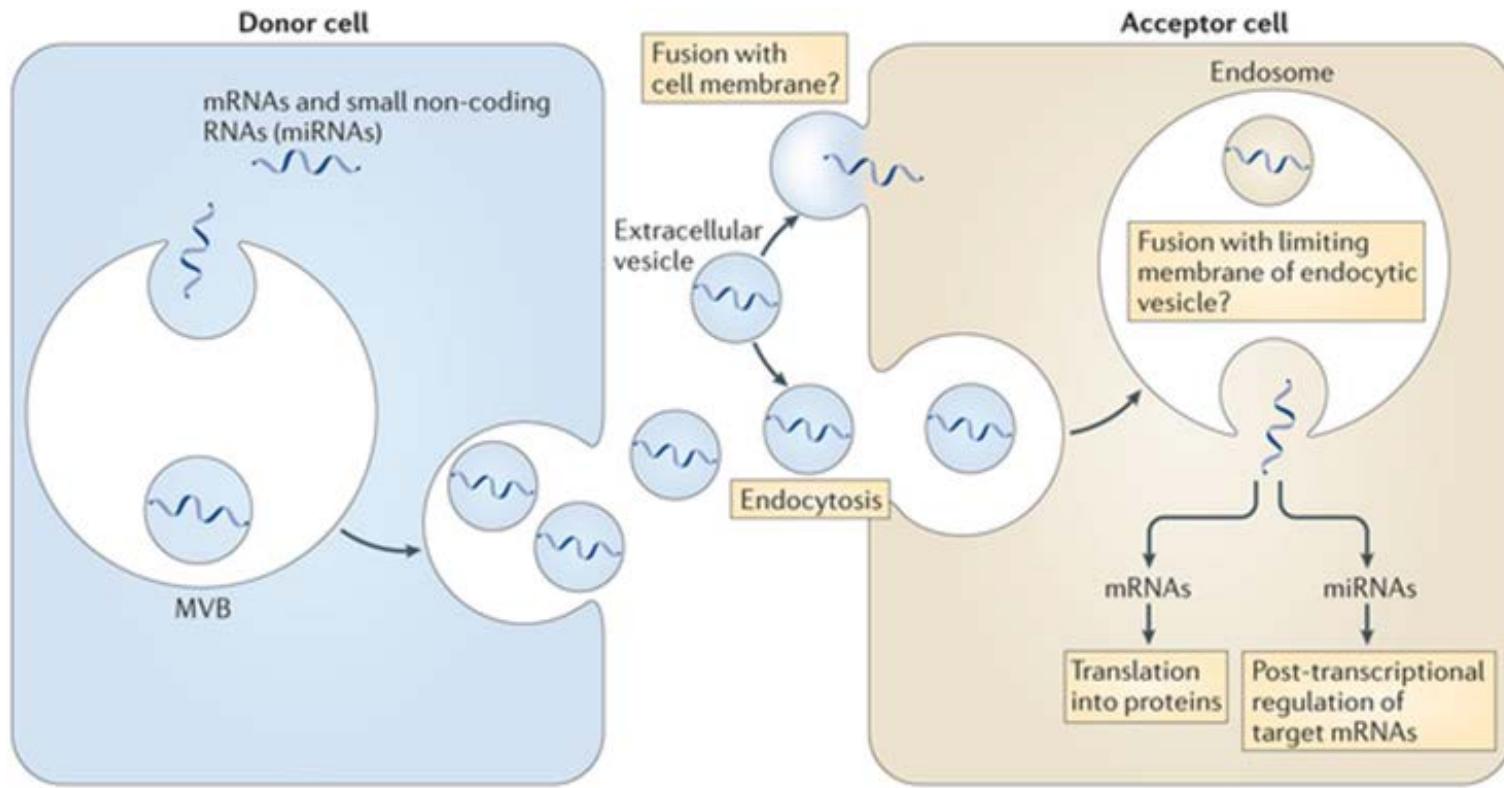
Vulcano plot

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# Extracellular vesicles (EVs) miRNAs

Robbins and Morelli, 2014



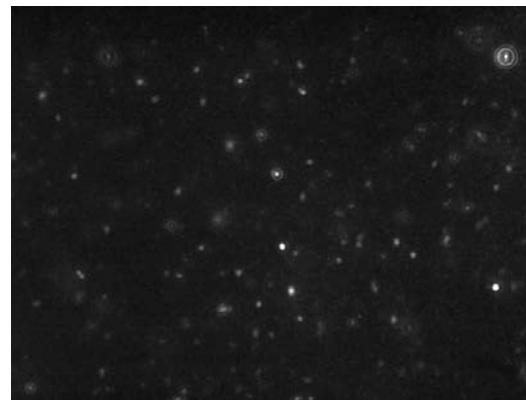
- extracellular vesicles (EVs) are small membrane vesicles containing proteins, lipids and RNA species and can regulate intercellular communication
- many cells in the nervous system release EVs
- miRNAs are one of the EV cargos

Are EV-miRNAs implicated in ALS spread?

# EVs and miRNAs isolation

EVs miRNAs isolation from:

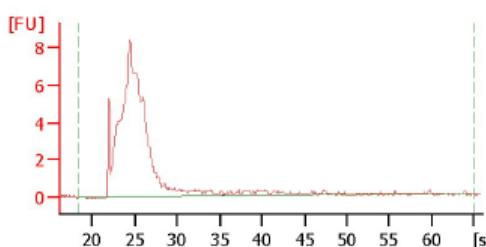
- iPSC culture medium
- MN culture medium



NANOSIGHT:  
particle size 100 nm

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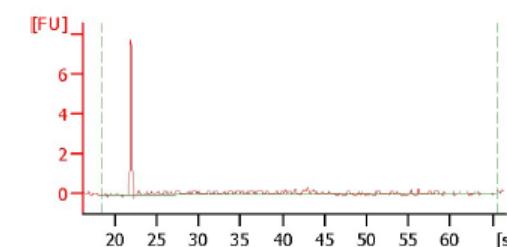
miRNA sample



Overall Results for sample 8 :

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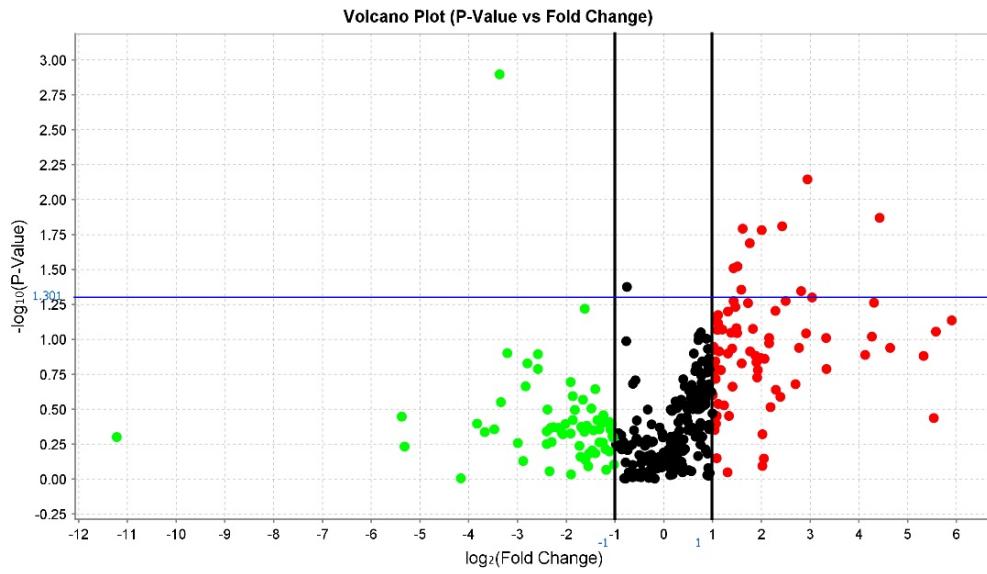
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## BIOANALYZER



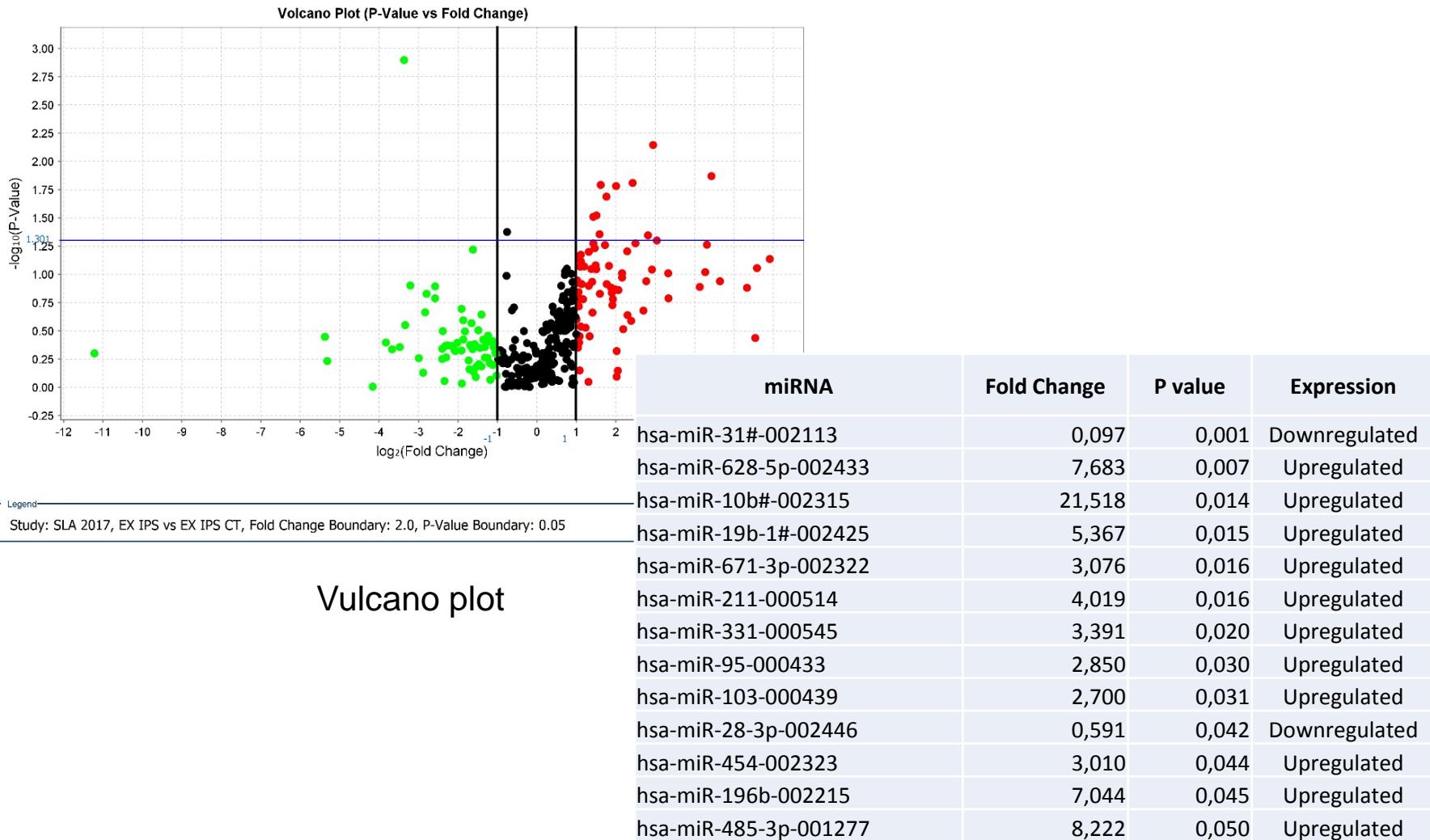
TaqMan® Array  
miRNA cards

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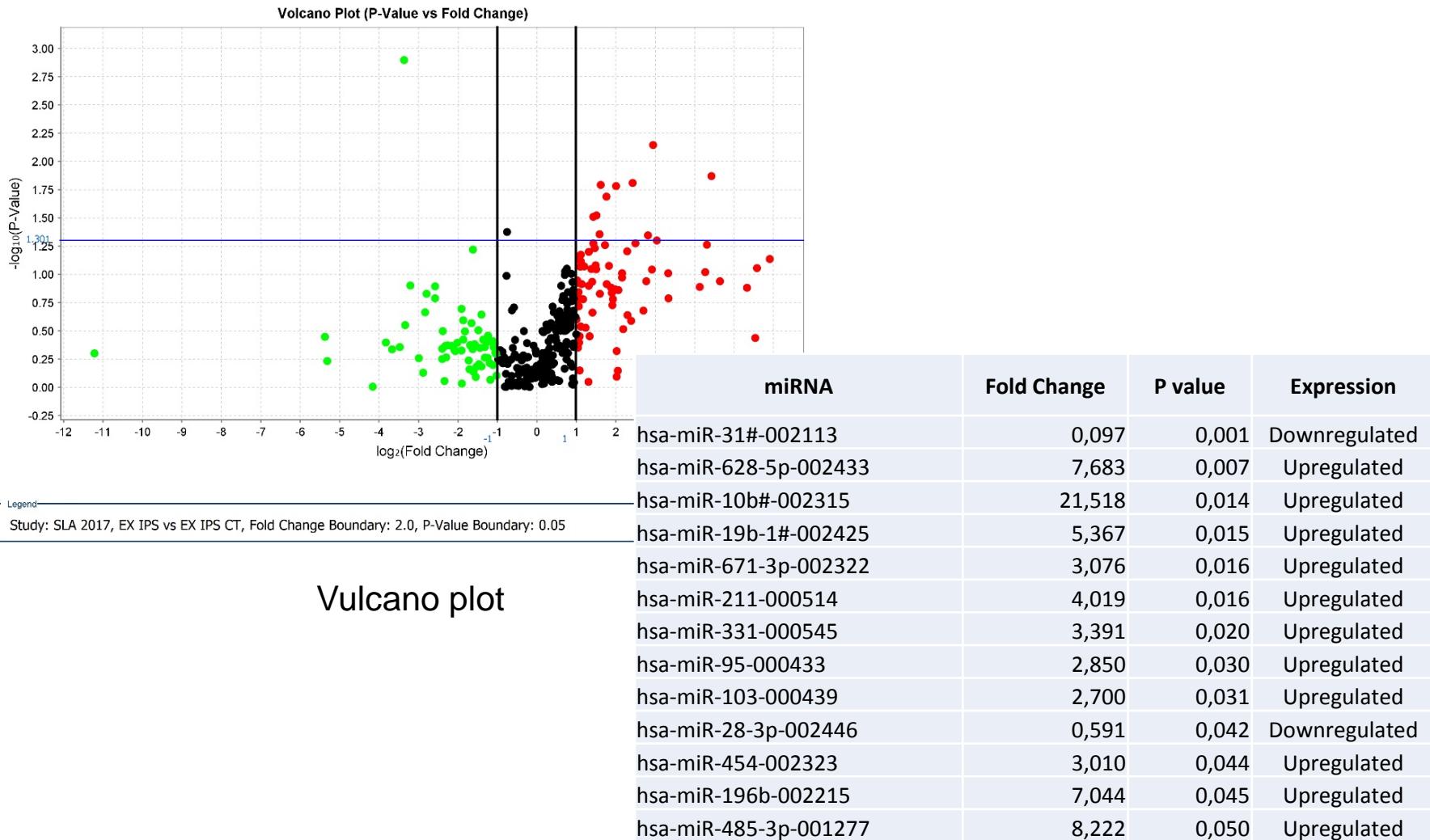


Vulcano plot

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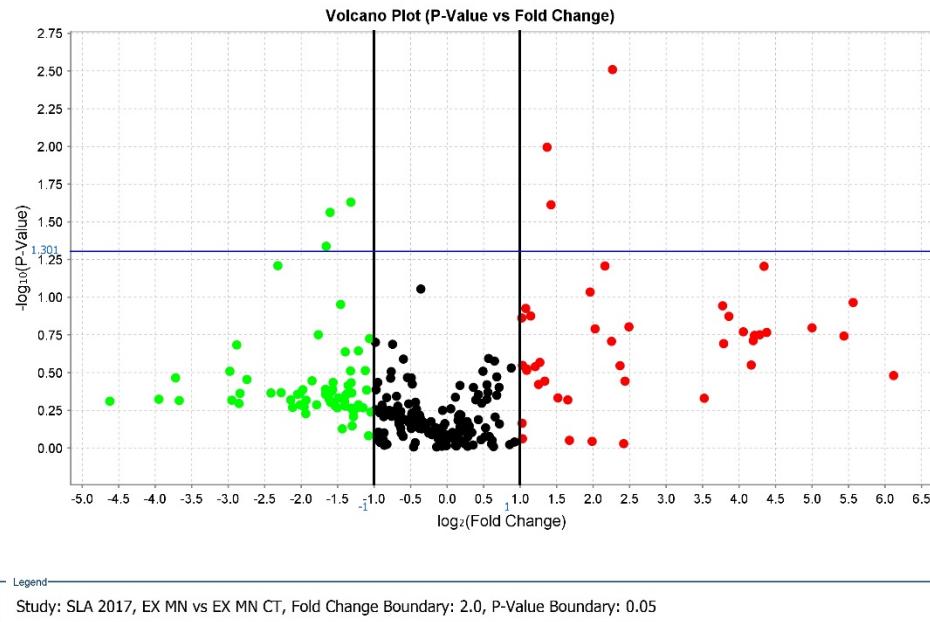


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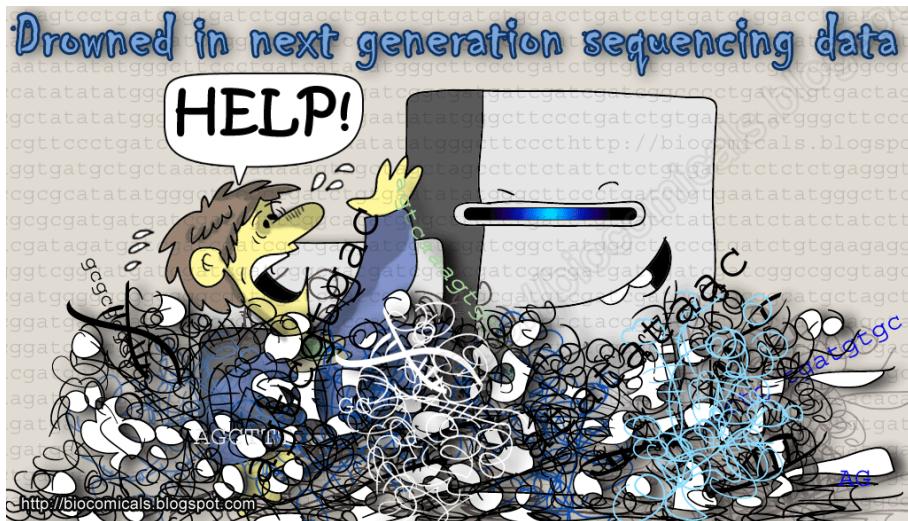
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hsa-miR-192-000491	2,687	0,024	Upregulated
hsa-miR-9-000583	0,329	0,027	Downregulated
hsa-miR-1267-002885	0,318	0,046	Downregulated

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# Bioinformatic analysis

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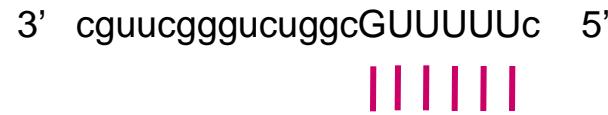
- ❖ mirGate and mirtarbase database to screen for predicted genes targeted by identified miRNAs;
- ❖ Gene Ontology Enrichment analysis to identify biological processes affected;
- ❖ Reactome analysis to identify molecular pathways (and related genes) regulated by identified miRNAs.



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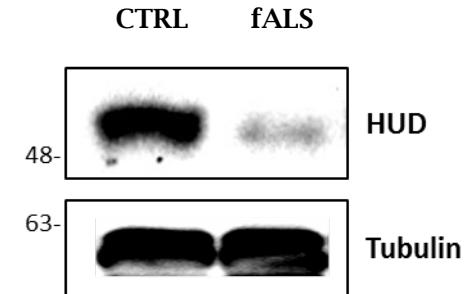
# miR-129-5p is upregulated in ALS

Spinal cord of SOD1G93A mice and PBMCs of sALS patients



miR-129-5p

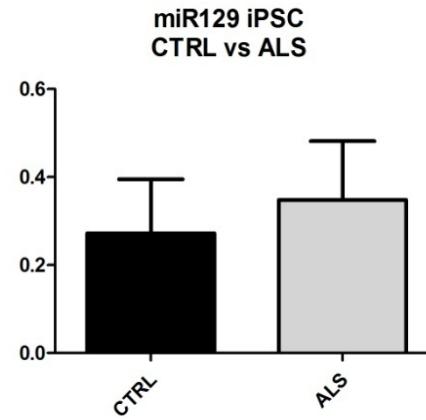
ELAVL4/HuD



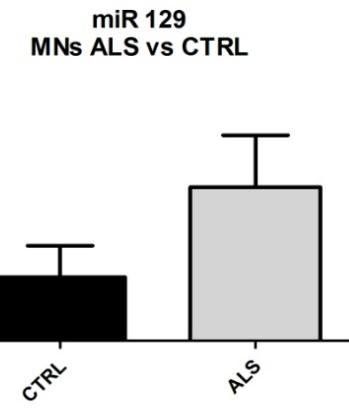
MiR-129-5p target gene HuD is downregulated in ALS

## Pathways regulated by HuD

- ✓ Neuronal cell identity
- ✓ Neuronal maturation
- ✓ Neuronal survival



qPCR miR129-5p in iPSCs



# Next steps

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## **TARGET IDENTIFICATION**

- ❖ To complete the analysis with the last four MNs lines and to compare results among the different groups
- ❖ To define miRNAs target genes and pathways by the bioinformatical analysis

## **TARGET MODULATION**

- ❖ To modulate targets *in vitro* on ALS iPSC-derived MNs to evaluate their potential therapeutic effect
- ❖ To modulate targets *in vivo* by AAV9-mediated over-expression or by Morpholino-mediated silencing into the SOD1G93A mouse model to study their neuropathological or neuroprotective role

Elucidate ALS pathogenesis and  
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