

Profiling of milk miRNAs associated with the innate immune system and pathway analysis in dairy cows with *S. aureus*-infected subclinical mastitis

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SUPPLEMENTARY FILE

Supplementary Materials and methods

Detailed in-silico analysis descriptions

Gene Ontology and Pathway Analysis

The gene sets that play a role in the “*innate immune response*” of cattle were determined from the Gene Ontology (GO) databases, whose accession number is GO:0045087. Also, the genes involved in the “*defense response of gram-positive bacteria*” for *Bos taurus* have been obtained from GO databases, whose accession number is GO:0050830. The overlapping genes were determined by jvenn (Bardou et al. 2014). To confirm the determined gene sets, the KOBAS online analysis database (Xie et al. 2011) was used to perform the KEGG and Reactome pathways and GO analysis on the overlapping genes.

PPI Network and Identification of Hub Genes

The Cytoscape (Su et al. 2014) and STRING (Szklarczyk et al. 2021) tools were used to obtain the protein-protein interaction (PPI) network. Thereafter, the Cytoscape platform utilized applications to identify the hub genes MCODE (Molecular Complex Detection) and cytoHubba

(Chin et al. 2014). The utilization of applications was performed as described previously (Duman et al. 2021).

Prediction of microRNAs of the identified hub genes

Target microRNAs of identified hub genes, which are functional in *S. aureus* mastitis and the innate immune system, were determined by the miRNet database. The mirTbase (Hsu et al. 2011) and DIANA TarBase V.8 (Karagkouni et al. 2018) tools only predict experimentally validated microRNAs. Consequently, the miRNet database was used to identify experimentally validated mammary tissue-specific microRNAs in the mirTbase and Tarbase v.8 tools. The overlapping microRNAs were determined by jvenn. Co-predicted microRNAs identified by both systems were chosen for further research. The target gene 3'UTR sequence was retrieved from the ENSEMBL website. The miRNA-mRNA targets were validated using RNA22v2 (Miranda et al. 2006) and RNAhybrid (Rehmsmeier et al. 2004) tools.

Due to the insufficient database of the bovine miRNA target prediction tools, the human homology of the seed region of identified miRNAs (bta-miR-15a, bta-miR-16b, bta-miR-23a, bta-miR-27a-3p, bta-miR-103, bta-miR-146b, and bta-miR-374b) was examined. In addition, the homology analysis of the seed region in the BLAST (<https://blast.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/Blast.cgi>) database on the NCBI website was performed to verify that the miRNAs were conserved between species. An examination of homology revealed that the seed areas of the identified miRNAs are conserved between human and bovine species (Supplementary Table S2).

Furthermore, the DIANA-miRPath online software (<http://snf-515788.vm.okeanos.grnet.gr/>) was used to examine the miRNA pathway analyses. As a result, toll-like receptor pathways, immune system processes, and innate immune response were identified as the most important pathways for chosen miRNAs (bta-miR-15a, bta-miR-16b, bta-miR-23a, bta-miR-27a-3p, bta-miR-103, bta-miR-146b, and bta-mir-374b) by pathway analysis (Supplementary Figure S1).

Supplementary Tables

Supplementary Table S1. Description of the symptoms and parameters used for the group of subclinical animals.

CMT Results	Clinical Signs	Description
0	Negative	No signs of mastitis
(+)	Weak Positive	Mild subclinical mastitis signs
(++)	Positive	Noticeable subclinical mastitis signs
(+++)	Strong Positive	Severe subclinical mastitis signs

Supplementary Table S2. The milk composition, CMT score, SCC results, and lactation number information on cows. Cow1-6: The subclinical mastitis cows with *S. aureus*-infected; Cow7-16: healthy cows.

Animal No.	Lactation No.	CMT Score	SCC	Fat, %	Protein, %	Lactose, %
Cow1	1	1: (+)	200,00	1,20	3,20	5,00
Cow2	1	2: (++)	1144,30	5,90	3,80	5,80
Cow3	3	2: (++)	1493,40	1,70	3,10	4,80
Cow4	3	2: (++)	887,40	0,90	3,30	5,00
Cow5	4	2: (++)	212,50	2,20	2,90	4,50
Cow6	4	2: (++)	1391,20	9,60	3,00	4,50
Cow7	1	(-)	<90,000	2,10	3,10	4,80
Cow8	1	(-)	<90,000	2,00	3,30	5,00
Cow9	1	(-)	<90,000	1,50	3,40	5,30
Cow10	1	(-)	<90,000	3,20	3,20	5,00
Cow11	1	(-)	<90,000	1,50	3,20	5,00
Cow12	1	(-)	<90,000	1,30	3,20	4,90
Cow13	1	(-)	<90,000	1,00	3,40	5,30
Cow14	1	(-)	<90,000	2,10	3,40	5,30
Cow15	1	(-)	<90,000	1,50	3,40	5,30
Cow16	1	(-)	<90,000	3,00	3,10	4,80

Supplementary Table S3 Primer sequence homology and miRBase Access numbers.

miRNAs	Sequence	miRBase Accession
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bta-miR-103	AGCAGCAUUGUACAGGGCUAUGA	MIMAT0003521
hsa-mir-146a-5p	UGAGAACUGAAUCCAUGGGUU	MIMAT0000449
bta-miR-146b	UGAGAACUGAAUCCAUGGCUGU	MIMAT0009235
hsa-mir-374a-5p	UUUAUAAUACAACCUGUAAGUG	MIMAT0000727
bta-mir-374b	AUUAUAAUACAACCUGCUAAGUG	MIMAT0009302
bta-miR-148	UCAGUGCACUACAGAACUUUGU	MIMAT0003522

Supplementary Table S4. Gene information

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Supplementary Table S5. KOBAS pathway and gene ontology results.

#Term	Database	ID	Input number	Background number	P-Value	Corrected P-Value	Input
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Tuberculosis	KEGG PATHWAY	bta05152	10	171	3,24E-01	1,81E+01	Q599T9 P19660 P54229 P54228 Q6E804 Q9TU73 P22226 P33046 Q3SZJ2 P56425
Staphylococcus aureus infection	KEGG PATHWAY	bta05150	7	62	1,14E+01	4,47E+02	O02659 P19660 P54229 P54228 P22226 P33046 P56425
Innate Immune System	Reactome	R-BTA-168249	11	475	3,23E+02	1,15E+03	Q599T9 G3MZA1 Q32P86 A5PKG9 Q5E9C1 Q6E804 Q8SPP7 E1BKP4 P33046 P08904 Q3SZJ2
Defense response to Gram-positive bacterium	Gene Ontology	GO:0050830	24	68	5,21E-37	2,04E-34	O02659 Q599T9 Q32P86 E1BKP4 Q3SZJ2 P40673 A6QPV3 Q8SPP7 F1N1I1 P56425 Q0V7P3 Q29RS5 P00593 P19660 P54229 A5PKG9 P05059 P22226 P54228 Q2KJC3 G3MZA1 C1ITJ8 P33046 P08904
Innate immune response	Gene Ontology	GO:0045087	20	211	7,25E-18	1,42E-15	Q599T9 P40673 Q29RS5 Q2KJC3 G3MZA1 P19660 P54229 A5PKG9 Q5E9C1 C1ITJ8 Q6E804 P05059 Q8SPP7 P22226 E1BKP4 P33046 P08904 P54228 Q3SZJ2 P56425

Supplementary Table S6. Target miRNAs of identified hub genes

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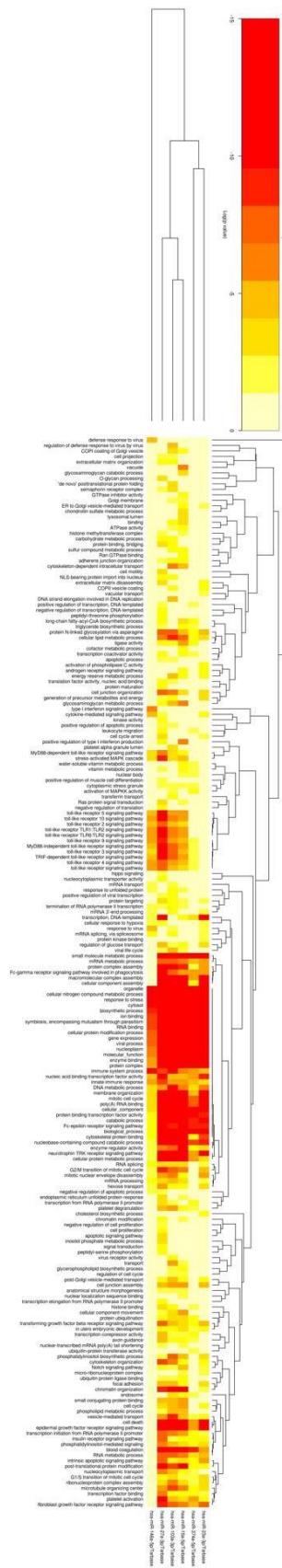
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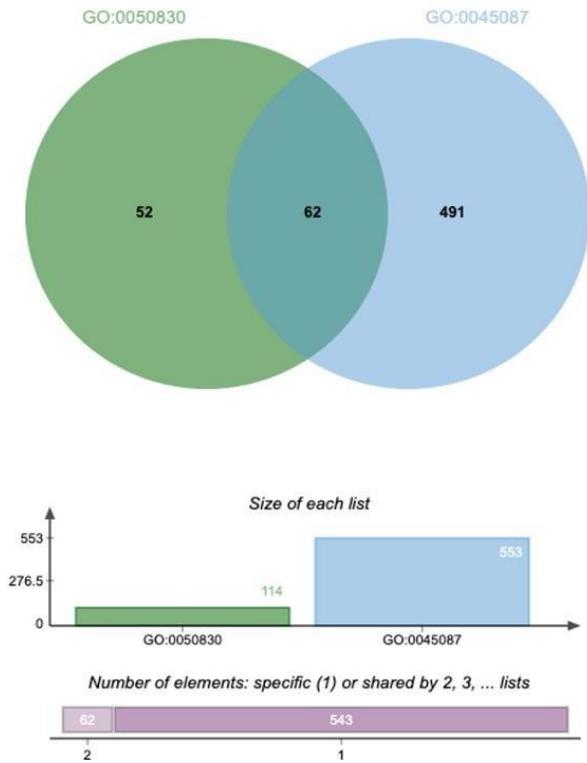
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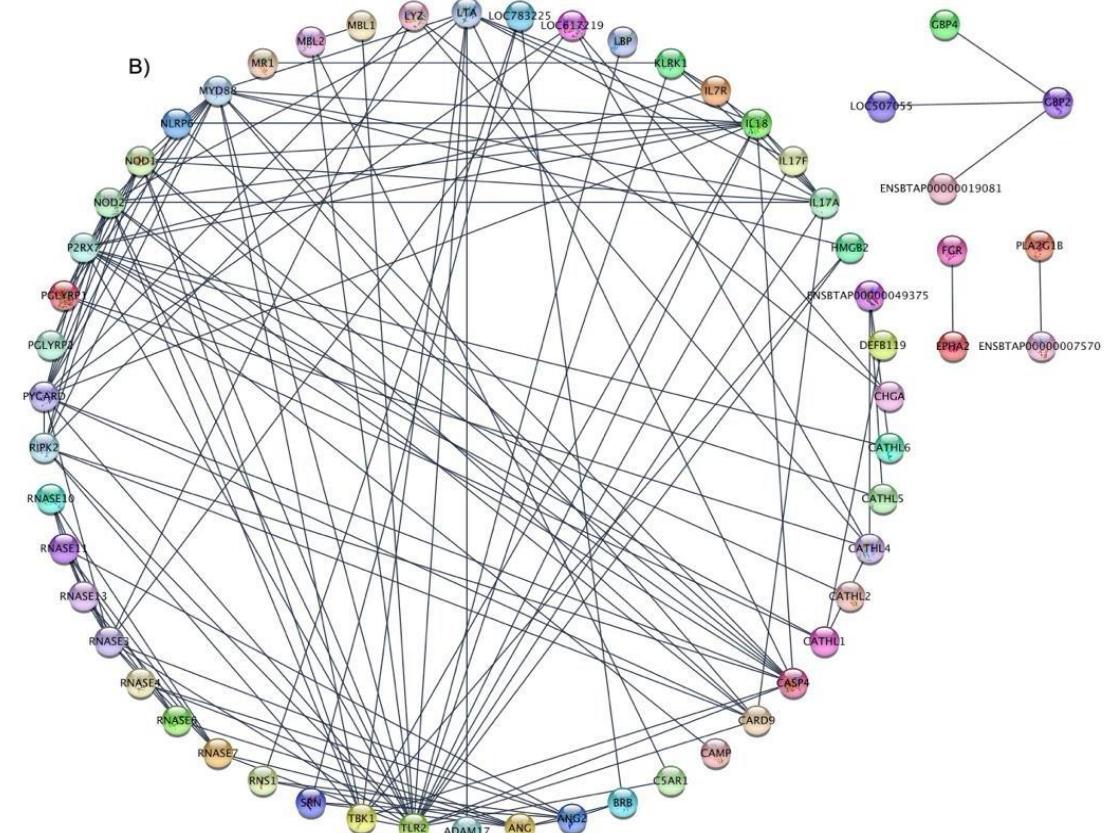


Supplementary Figure S1. Heat map of the enriched terms for the identified miRNAs.

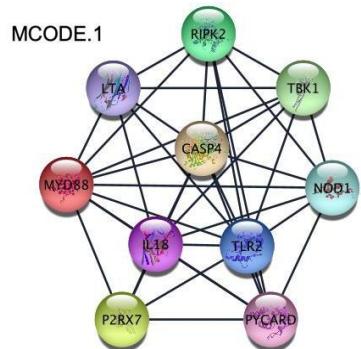
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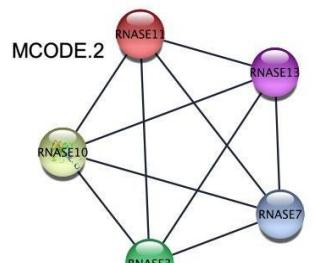
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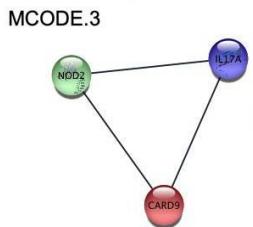
Supplementary Figure S2. The Venn diagram of the overlapping and unique genes among the “defense response of gram-positive bacteria” (GO:0050830) and “innate immune response” (GO:0045087). B) The PPI network of the 62 genes.



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GO:0050830	GO Biological Processes	defense response to Gram-positive bacterium	9	100.00	-21.80	-17.33
hsa04621	KEGG Pathway	NOD-like receptor signaling pathway	7	77.78	-14.00	-10.13
GO:0001819	GO Biological Processes	positive regulation of cytokine production	8	88.89	-13.42	-9.64
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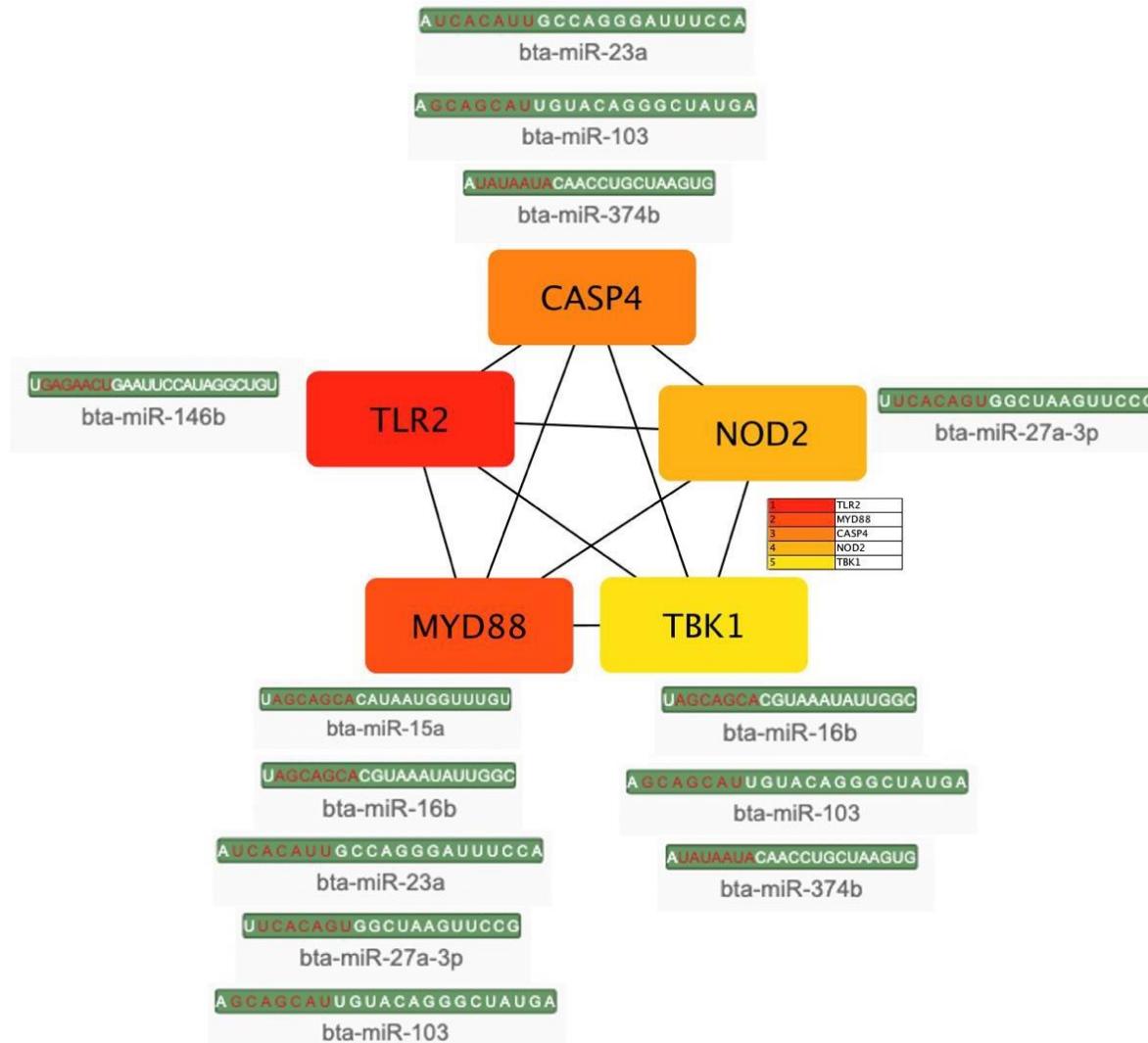


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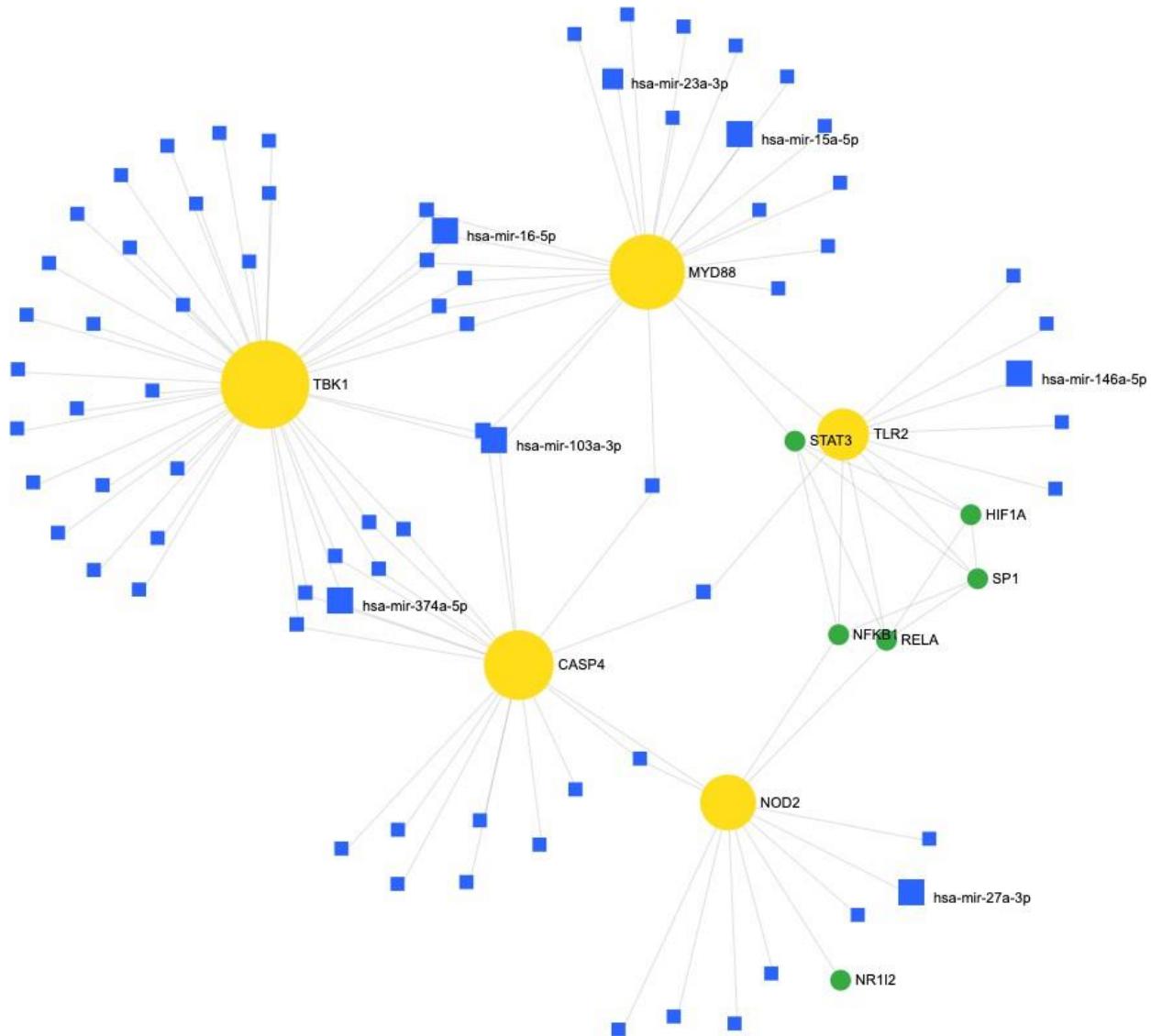


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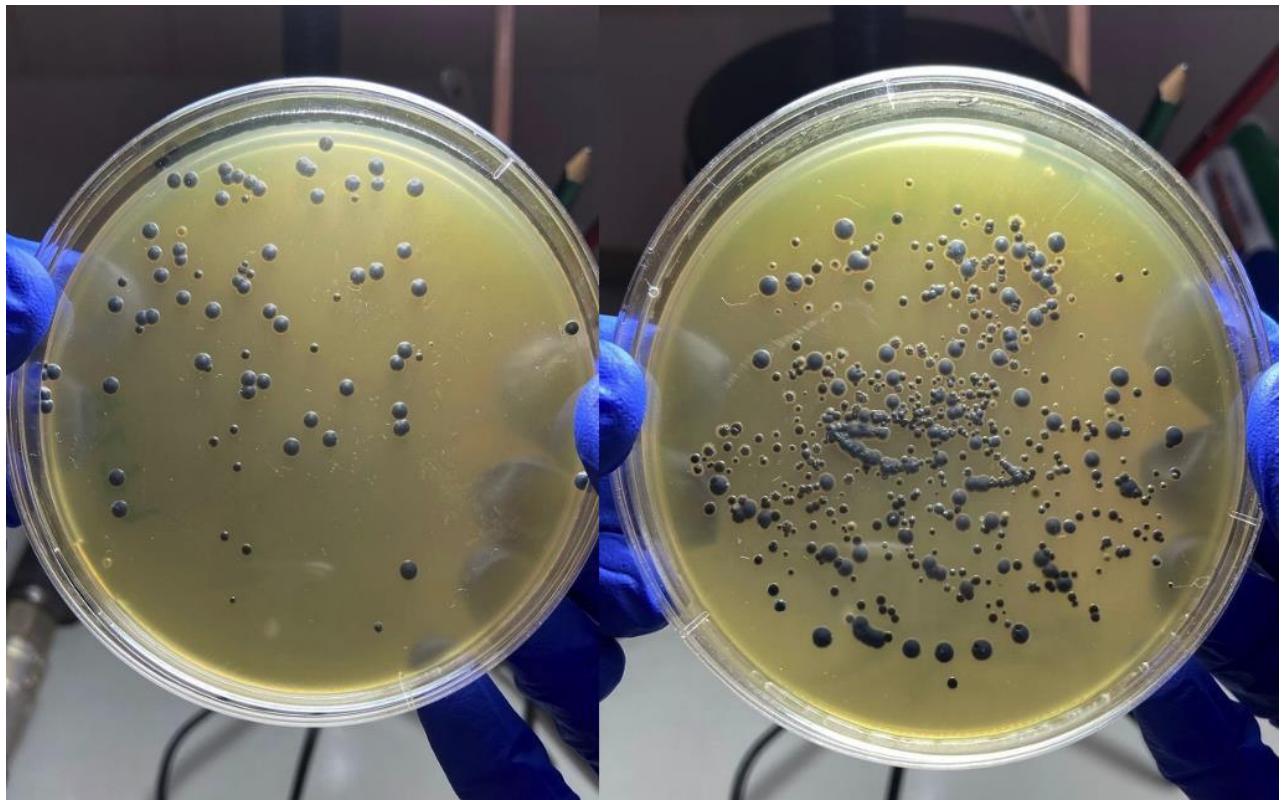
Supplementary Figure S3. The three significant modules identified from the PPI network and top-ranked clusters of enrichment terms of the target genes MCODE1-3; MCODE.1: Module 1; MCODE.2: Module 2; MCODE.3: Module 3.



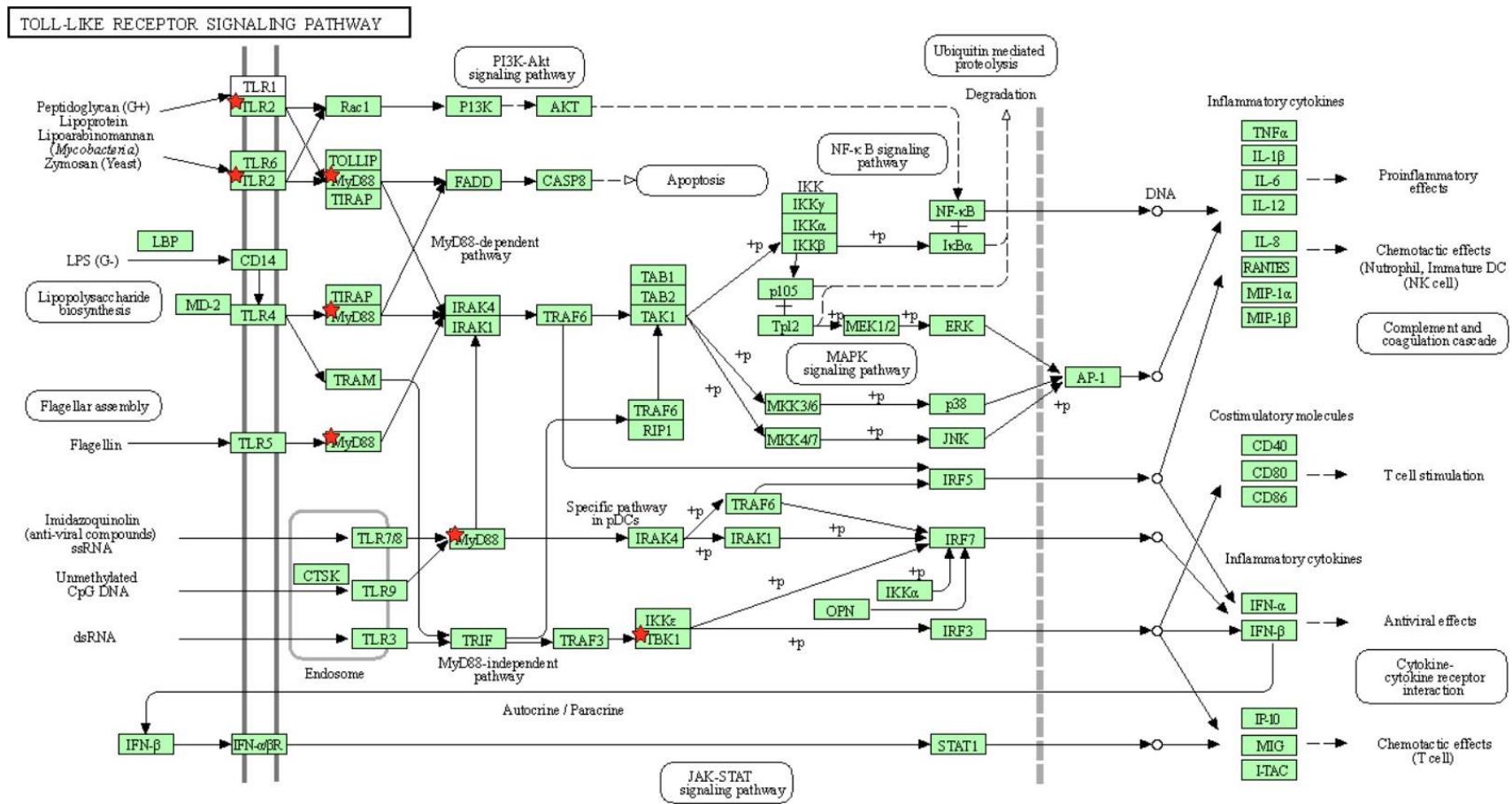
Supplementary Figure S4. The networks of the top 5 hub genes and their target miRNAs sequence.



Supplementary Figure S5 Determined hub gene-miRNA interaction network. Yellow colors represent target genes; Blue colors represent microRNAs; Green color represents Transcription Factors (TFs).



Supplementary Figure S6. Culture results of Baird-Parker agar-specific to *S. aureus* colonies.



Supplementary Figure S7. Enriched pathway result for determined five hub genes. Genes marked with a red asterisk represent *TLR2*, *MYD88*, and *TBK1*, which are functional in the Toll-like receptors (TLRs) signaling pathway.

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