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# **Involvement of microRNA-718, a new regulator of EGR3, in regulation of malignant phenotype of HCC cells**

**Key words:** miR-718; MicroRNA; EGR3; HCC; Malignant phenotype

# ***Research Article***

**This manuscript mainly focused on the role of miR-718 and EGR3 in HCC cells, and summarized the key roles they played in the following aspects:**

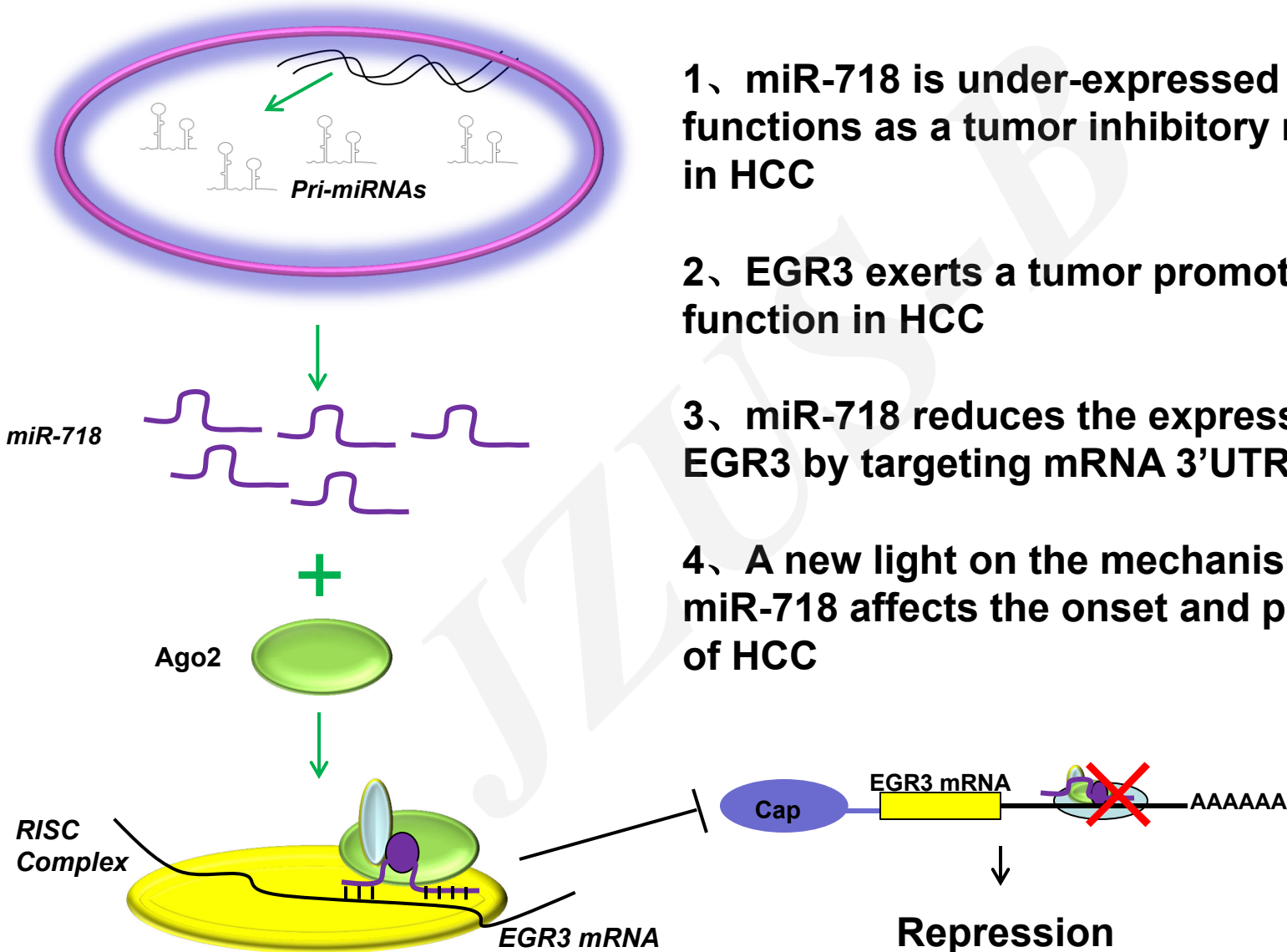


**miR-718 reduces cellular viability, colony formation ability, the migration and invasion of HepG2 and SMMC-7721 cells**

**miR-718 represses the expression of EGR3 through directly targeting its 3'UTR**

**EGR3 increases cellular viability, colony formation ability, the migration and invasion of HepG2 and SMMC-7721 cells**

# Innovation points



1、 miR-718 is under-expressed and functions as a tumor inhibitory microRNA in HCC

2、 EGR3 exerts a tumor promoting function in HCC

3、 miR-718 reduces the expression of EGR3 by targeting mRNA 3'UTR

4、 A new light on the mechanism of how miR-718 affects the onset and progression of HCC

Repression