

The Advance of GMO Cattle in China

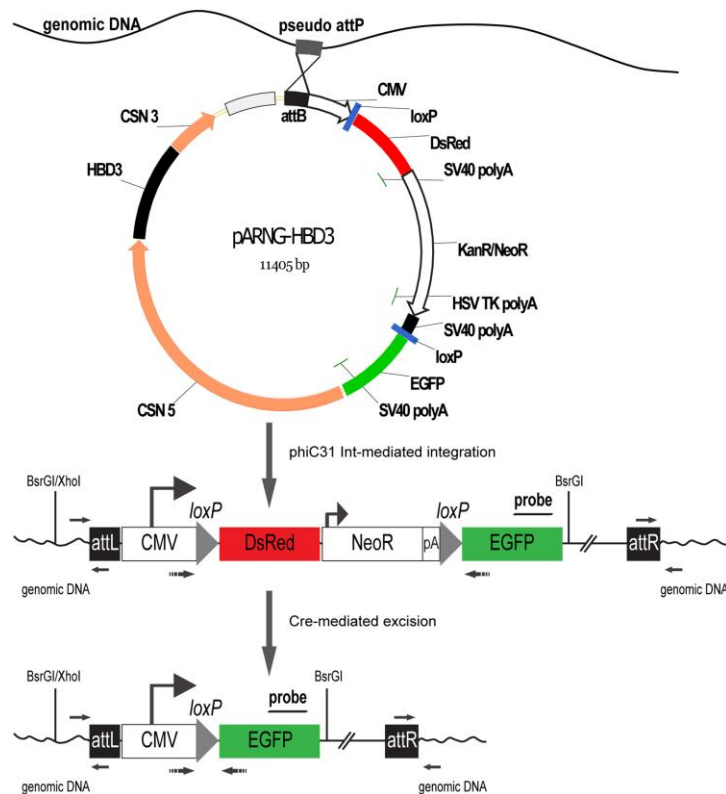
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1. Methods in improving GMO cattle

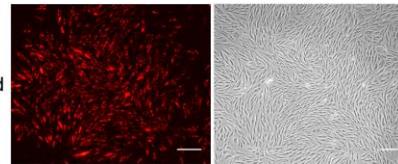
A Site-Specific Recombinase-Based Method to Produce Antibiotic Selectable Marker Free Transgenic Cattle



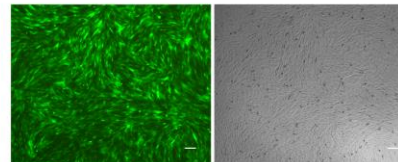
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Fluorescence Bright Field

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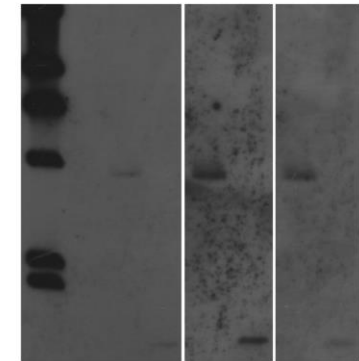


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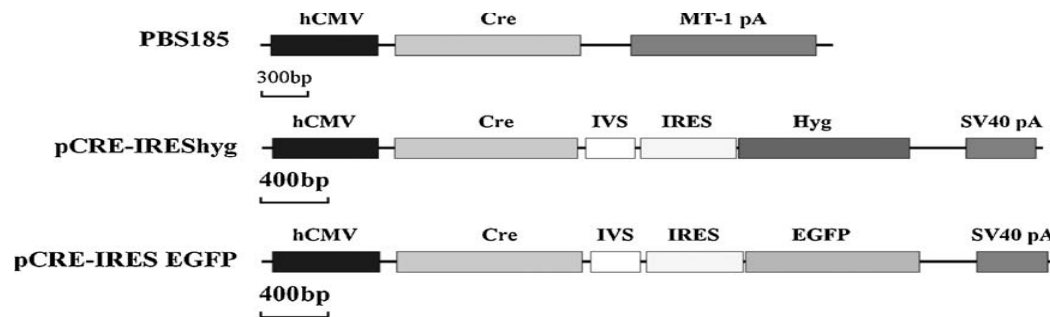


Identification of the antibiotic selectable neoR marker in the transgenic cells

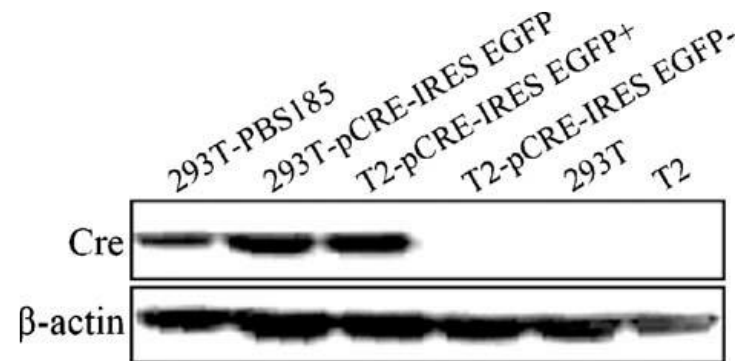
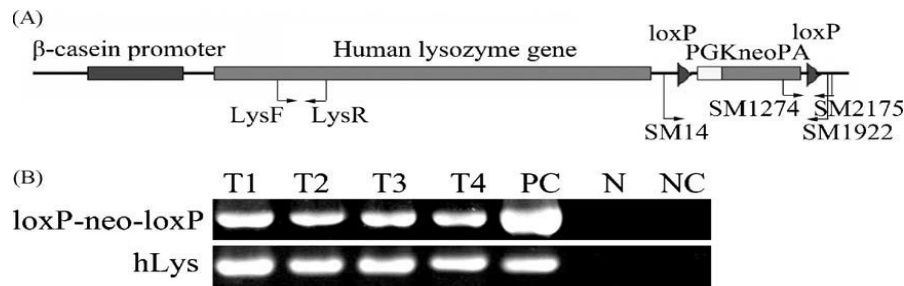
Schematic overview of the fluorescence double reporter construct pARNG-HBD3.

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Removal of selectable marker gene from fibroblast cells in transgenic cloned cattle by transient expression of Cre recombinase and subsequent effects on recloned embryo development



Construct of the transient Cre and GFP expression vector. IVS, synthetic intron; IRES, internal ribosome entry site; Hyg, hygromycin B phosphotransferase gene.



Expression of Cre recombinase in mammalian cells.

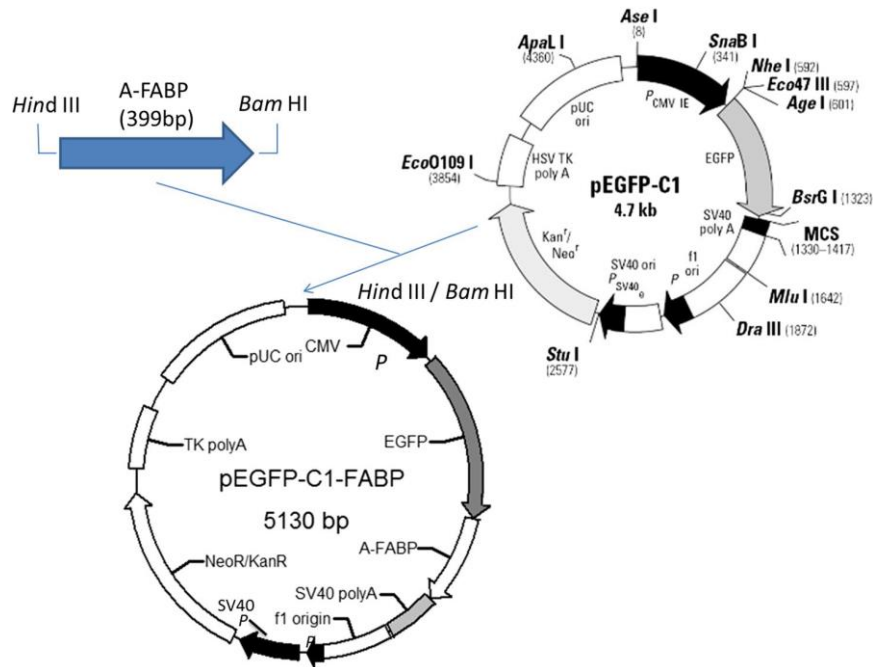
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Screening somatic cell nuclear transfer parameters for generation of transgenic cloned cattle with intragenomic integration of additional gene copies that encode bovine adipocyte-type fatty acid-binding protein (A-FABP)

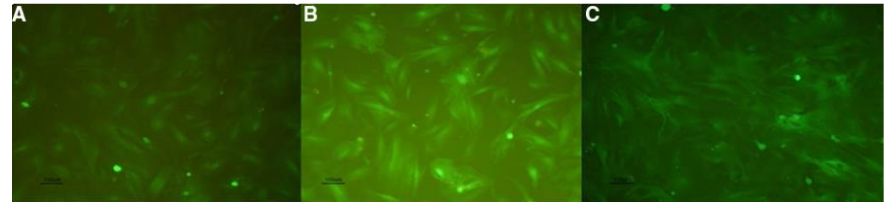
>*Bos taurus* fatty acid binding protein 4, adipocyte(FABP4), mutant cds mRNA

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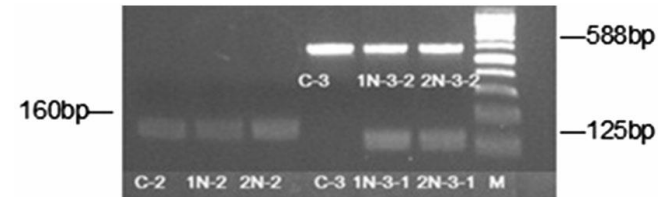
Mutant bovine A-FABP cDNA sequence synthesized.



Construction of the recombinant plasmid (eGFPC1-FABP)



Generation of transgenic bovine fetal fibroblasts.

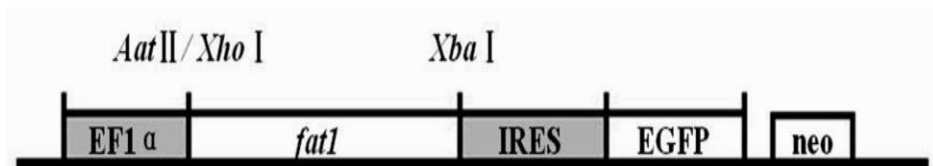


Identification of transgenic cattle by PCR analysis

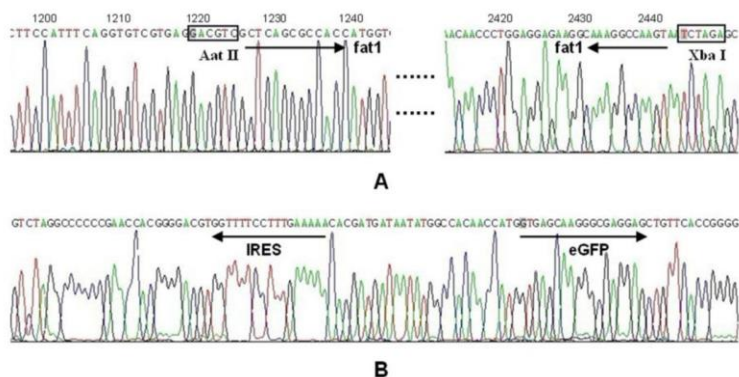


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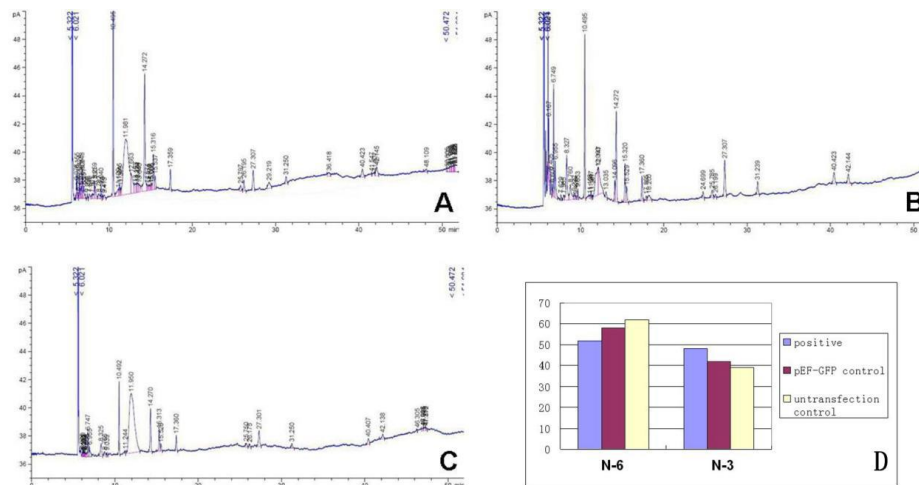
Construction of *fat1* Gene Expression Vector and Its Catalysis Efficiency in Bovine Fetal Fibroblast Cells



Structure of pEF-GFP-*fat1* vector. In this vector, *fat1* gene is driven by the EF1 promoter, followed by IRES and eGFP, containing the neo gene.



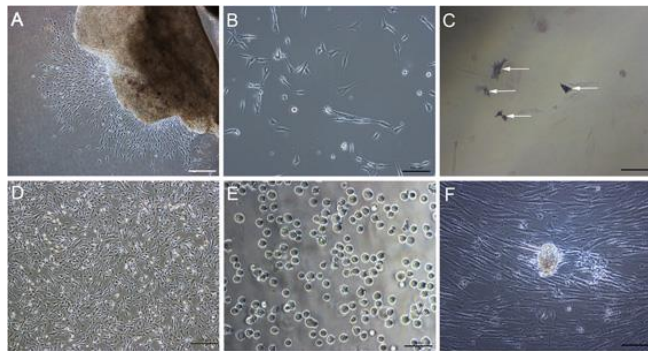
Results of sequencing of recombinant expression vector pEF-GFP-*fat1*



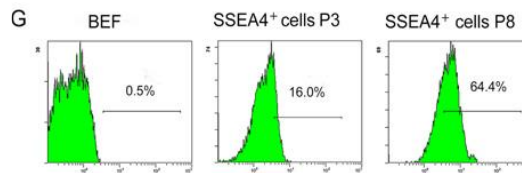
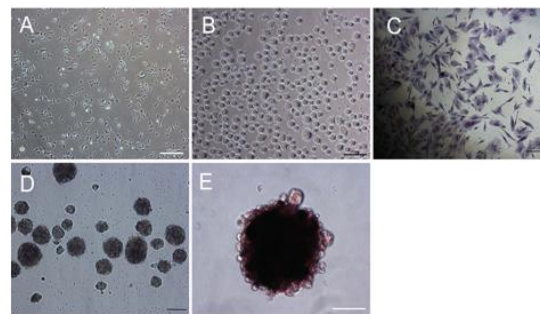
Results of gas chromatograph showing fatty acids profiles of total lipids extracted from cells. A : positive cells. B : pEF-GFP transgenic. C : non-transgenic control. D : concentration of n-6/n-3 PUFAs in positive cells, pEF-GFP control and non-transgenic control (%).

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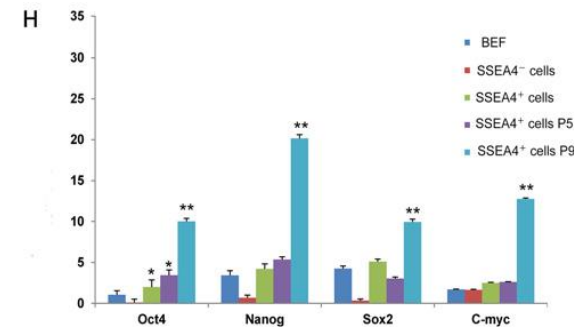
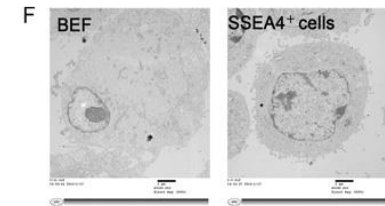
Application of a Novel Population of Multipotent Stem Cells Derived from Skin Fibroblasts as Donor Cells in Bovine SCNT



Culture of bovine embryonic fibroblasts

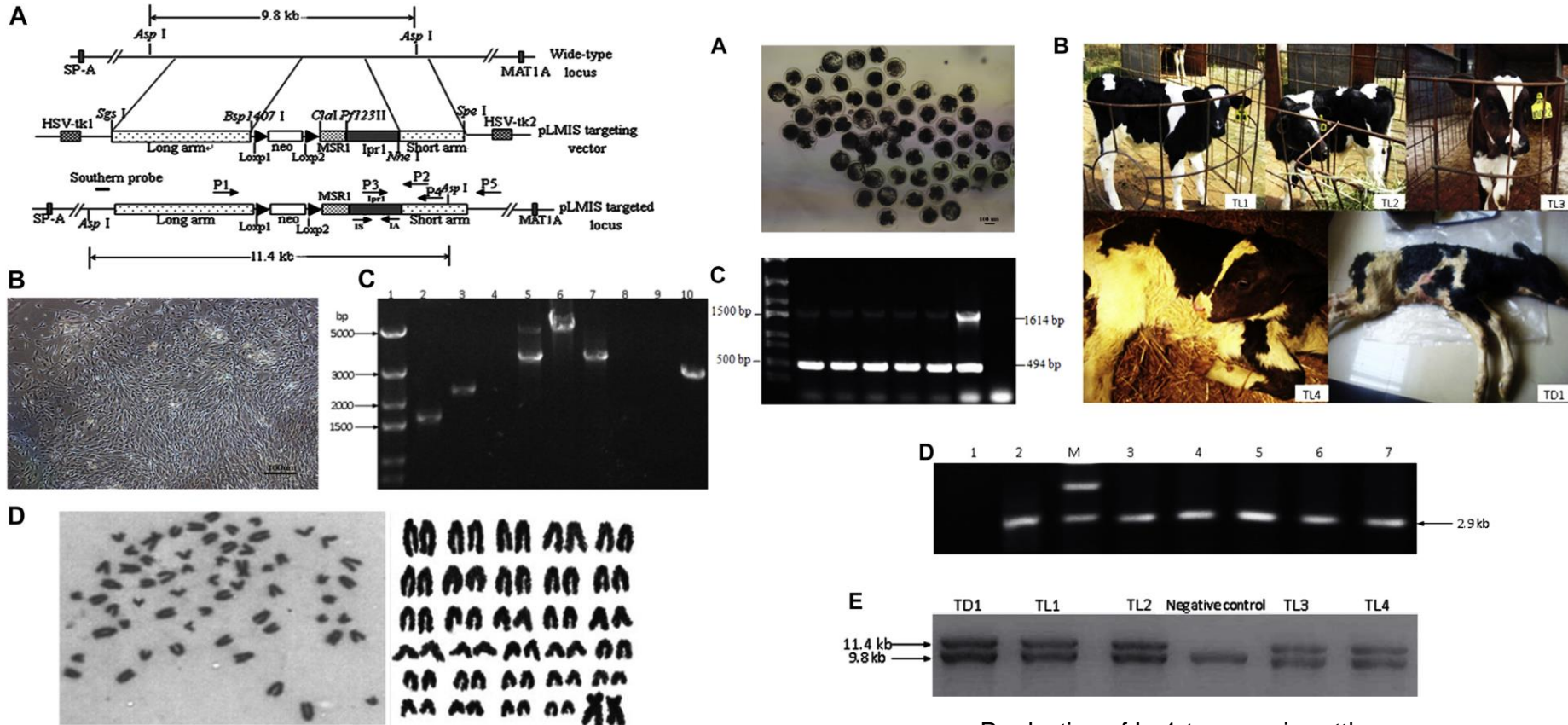


Isolation of SSEA-4+ cells



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Transgenic cattle produced by nuclear transfer of fetal fibroblasts carrying *Ipr1* gene at a specific locus

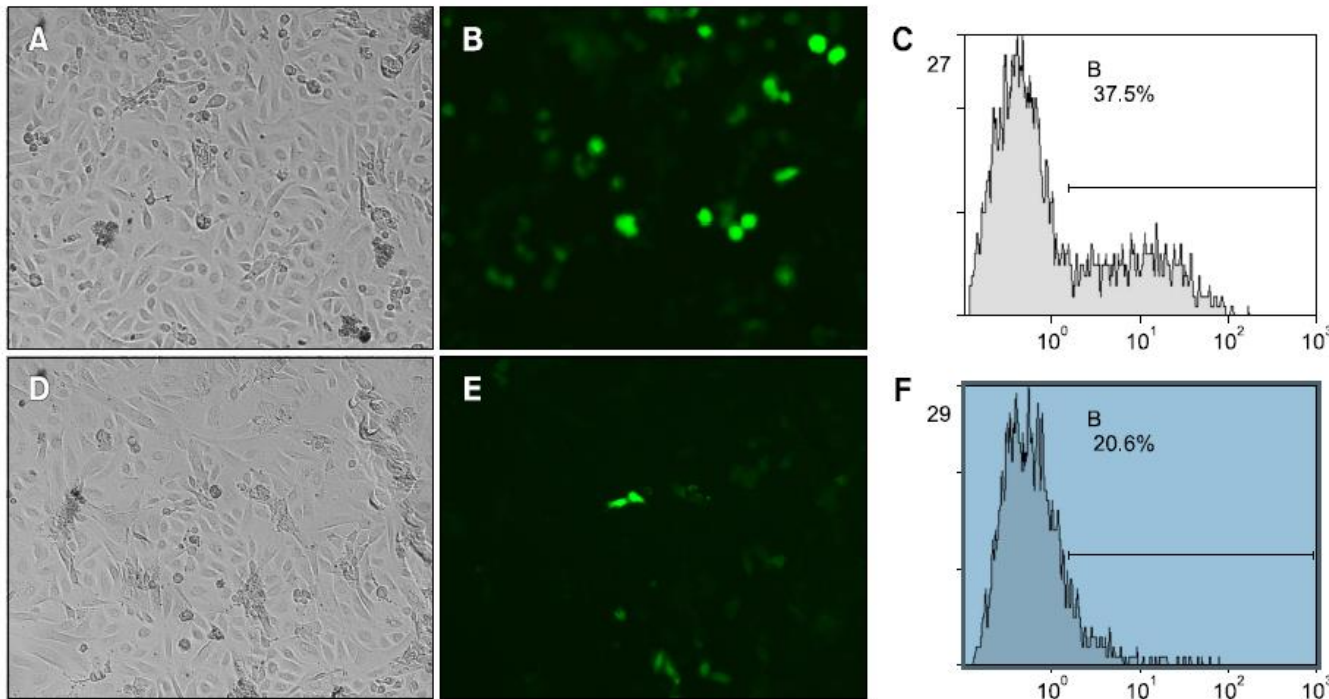


Production of *Ipr1*-transgenic cattle.

Preparation of *Ipr1*-transgenic nuclear donor cells.

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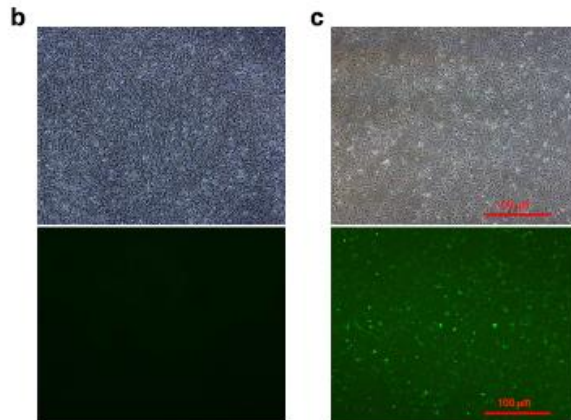
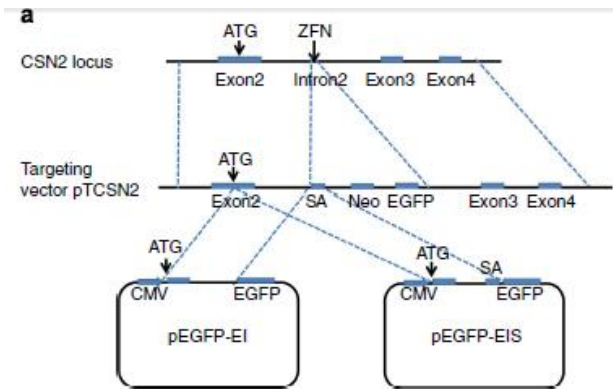
Improved development of somatic cell cloned bovine embryos by a mammary gland epithelia cells in vitro model



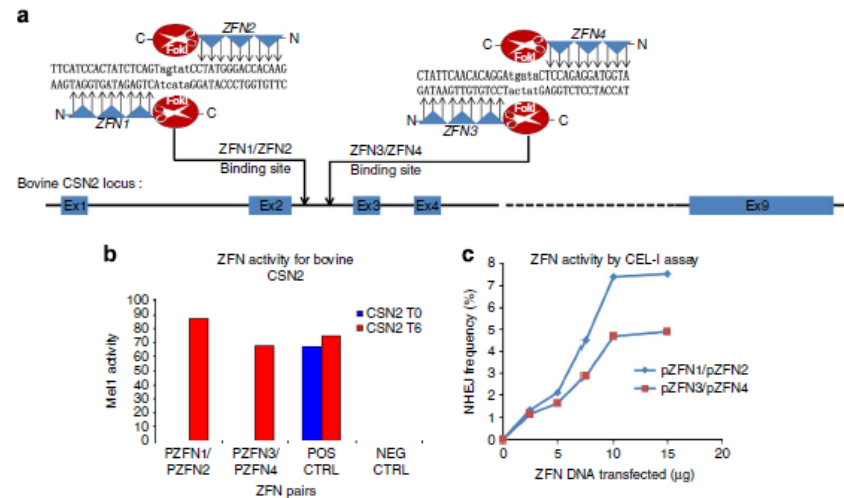
Detection of transgenic efficiency of hTERT-bMGEs and bMGEs by fluorescence images and FACS analysis. hTERT-bMGEs group was a mammary gland specific expression vector (pEBH) encoding human lysozyme (*hLYZ*) and GFP transfer into hTERT-bMGEs, which was obtained by transfecting the adenovirus-mediated hTERT gene into bovine mammary gland epithelia cells (bMGEs), with the bMGEs used as a control.

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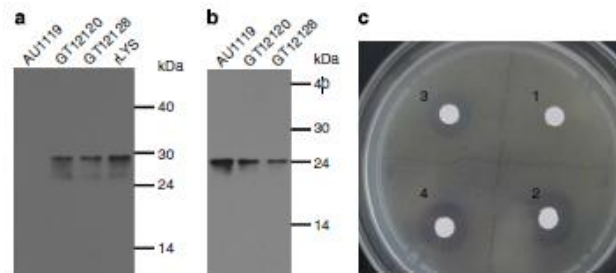
Zinc-finger nickase-mediated insertion of the lysostaphin gene into the beta-casein locus in cloned cows



Validation of splice acceptor activity in bovine fetal fibroblasts.

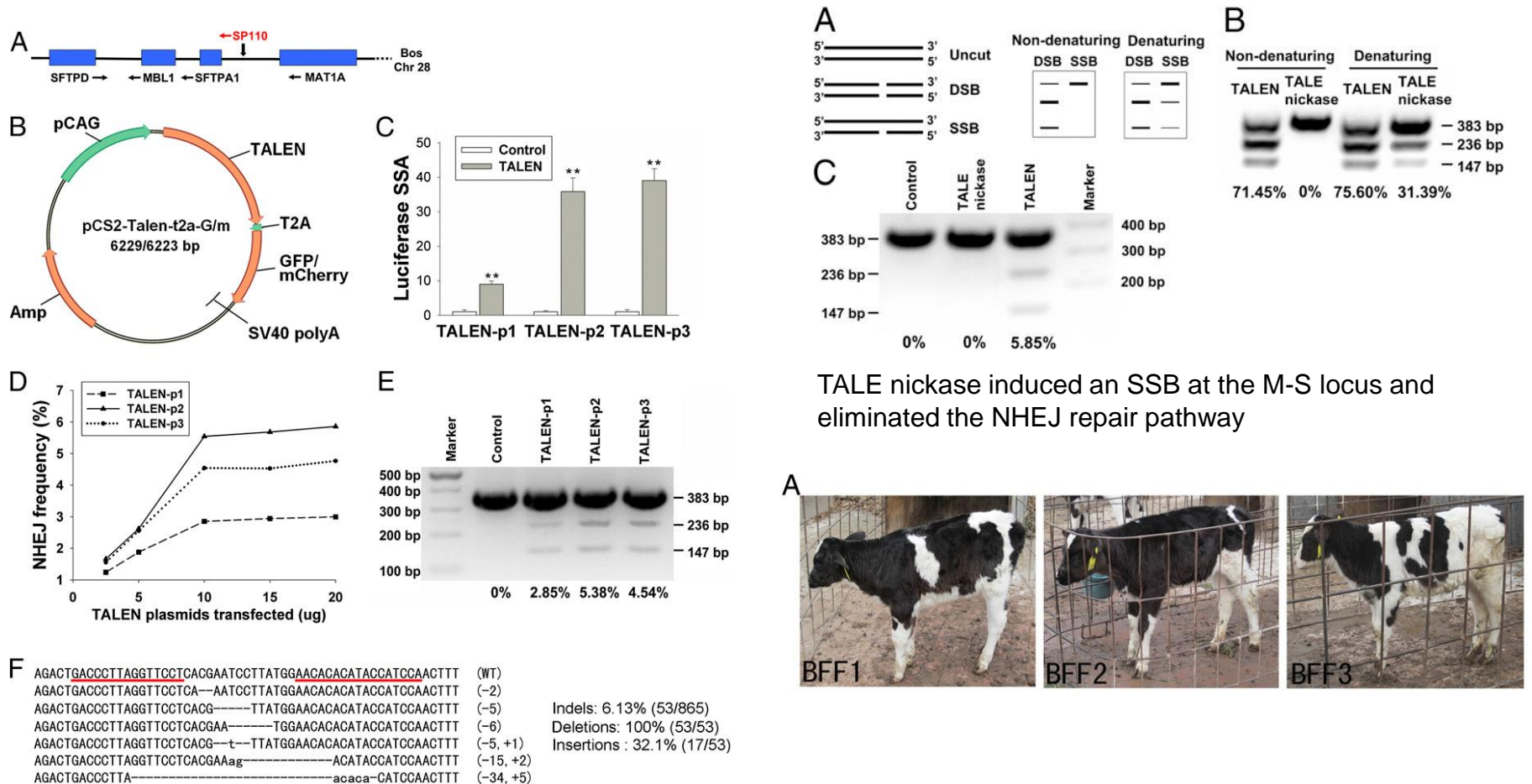


Targeting the bovine CSN2 locus with ZFNs and ZFNickases



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TALE nickase-mediated SP110 knockin endows cattle with increased resistance to tuberculosis

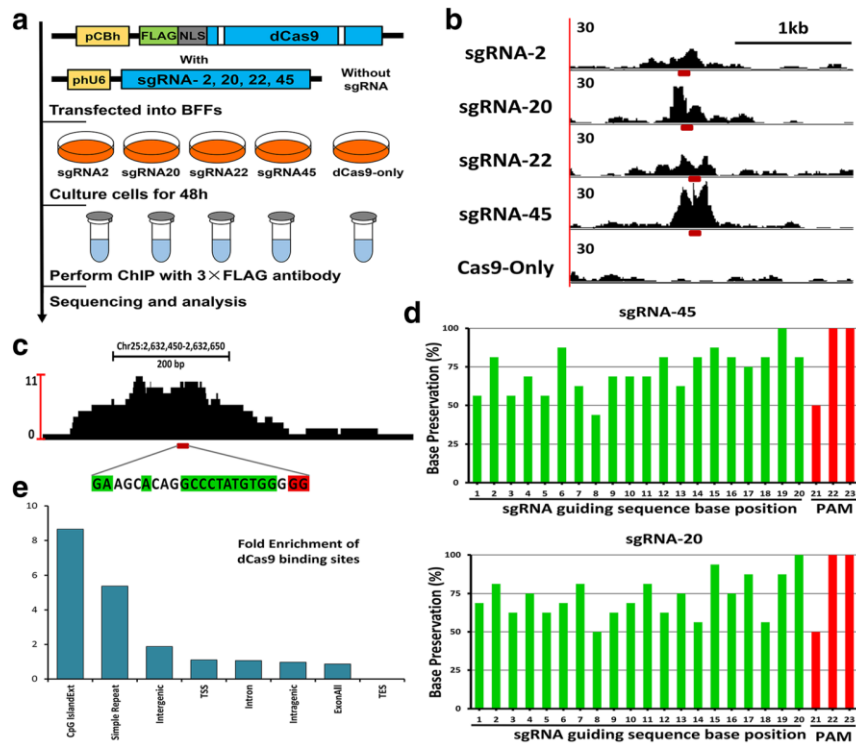


Activity assessment of TALENs

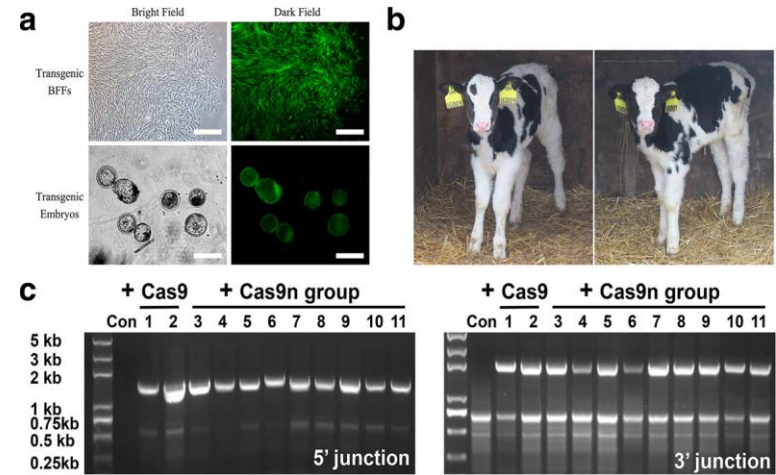


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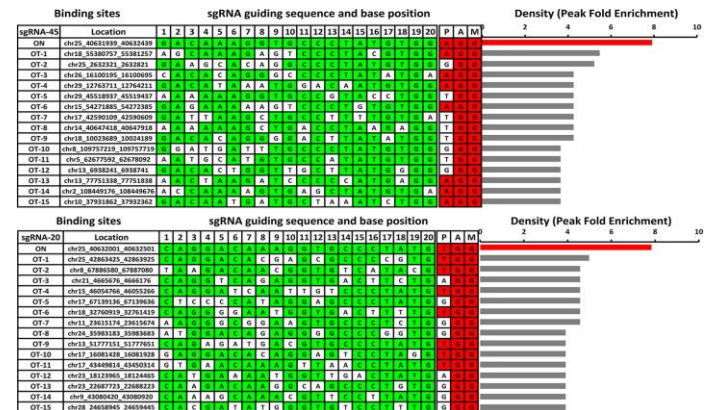
Single Cas9 nickase induced generation of NRAMP1 knockin cattle with reduced offtarget effects



Process and characteristics of dCas9 binding in BFFs



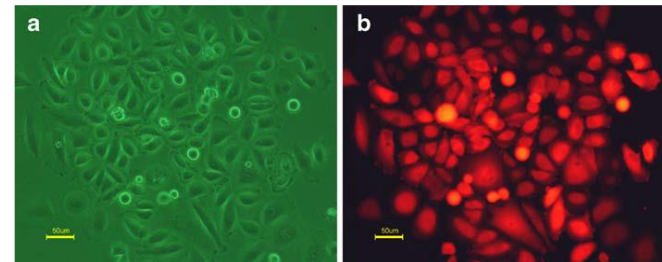
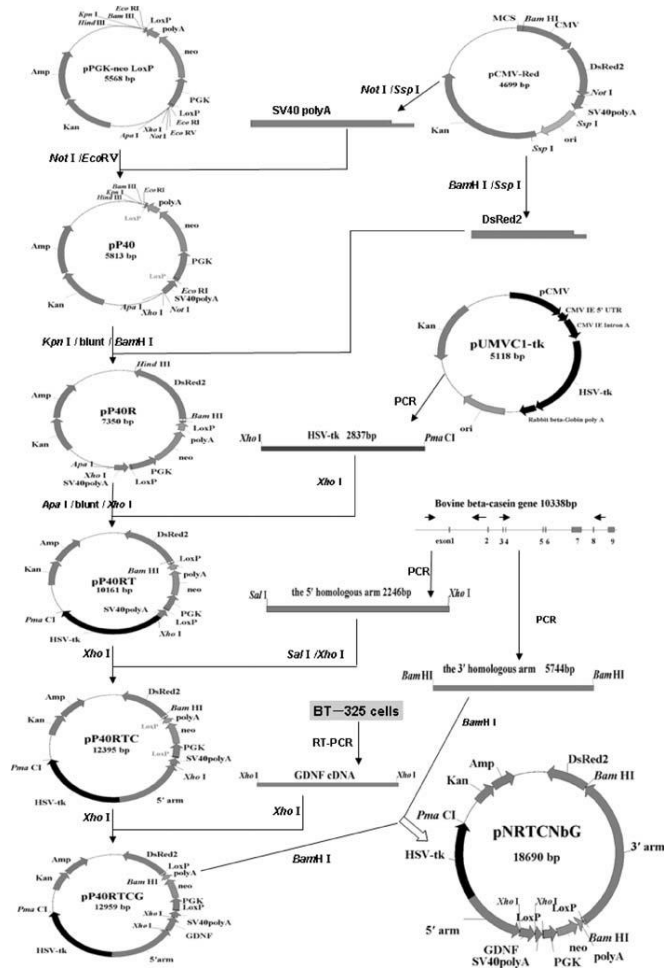
Assessment of the transgenic cattle



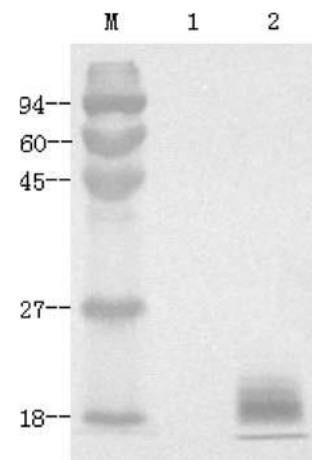
Off-target sites of sgRNA 45 and 20 with the top 15 ChIP-seq binding densities

2. Mammary Gland Reactor

Construction of Targeting Vector for Expressing Human GDNF in Cattle Mammary Gland



G418 resistant cell clones transfected with pNRTCnbG.

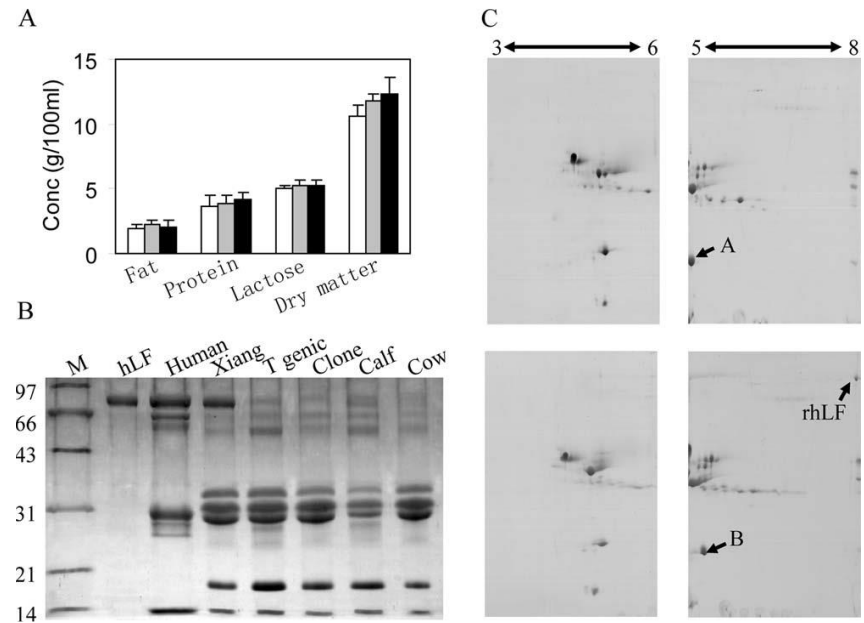
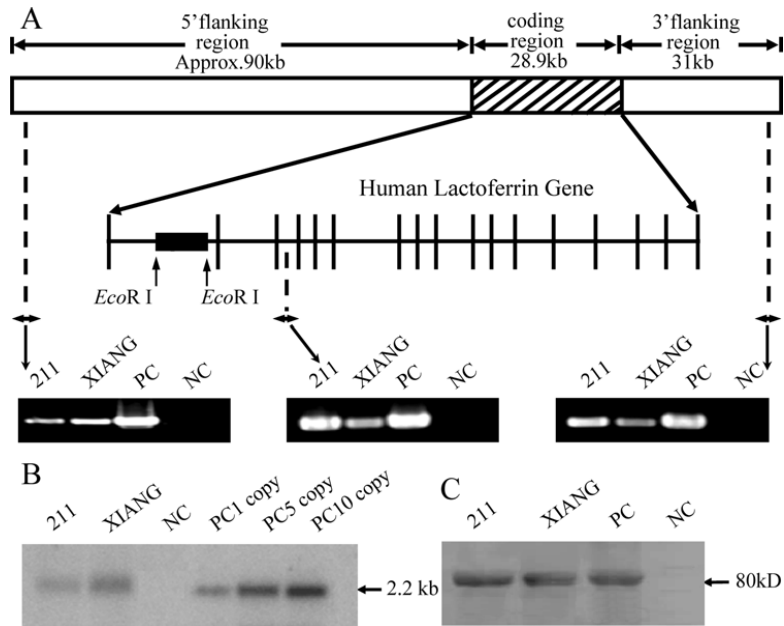


GDNF protein secretion detected by western blot. M: marker.

- 1: Supernatant of induction culture of the Bcap-37 cells at 48 h.
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Cattle Mammary Bioreactor Generated by a Novel Procedure of Transgenic Cloning for Large-Scale Production of Functional Human Lactoferrin

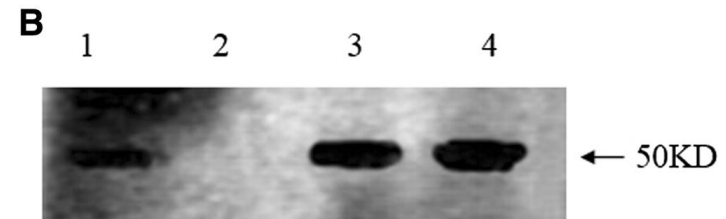
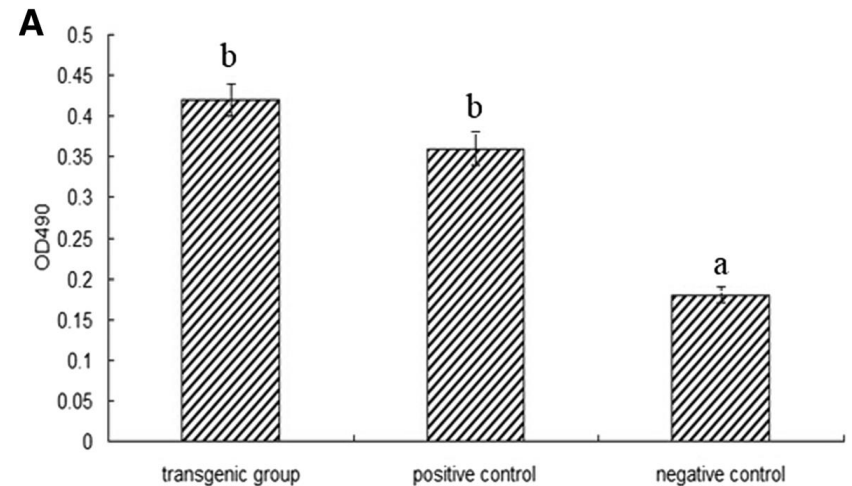
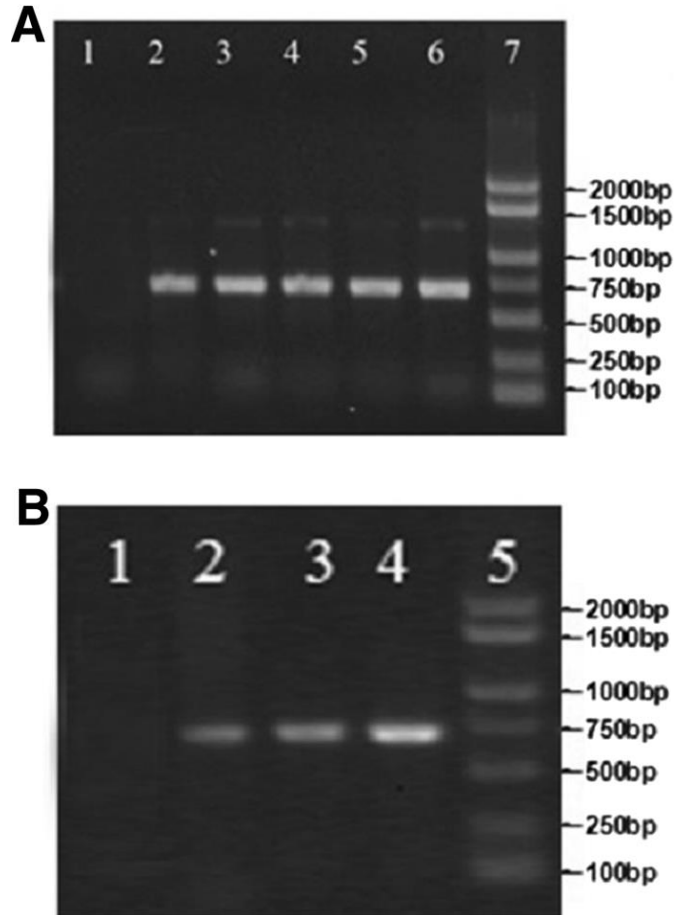


Results of determination of the hLF transgene

Composition analysis of transgenic milk.

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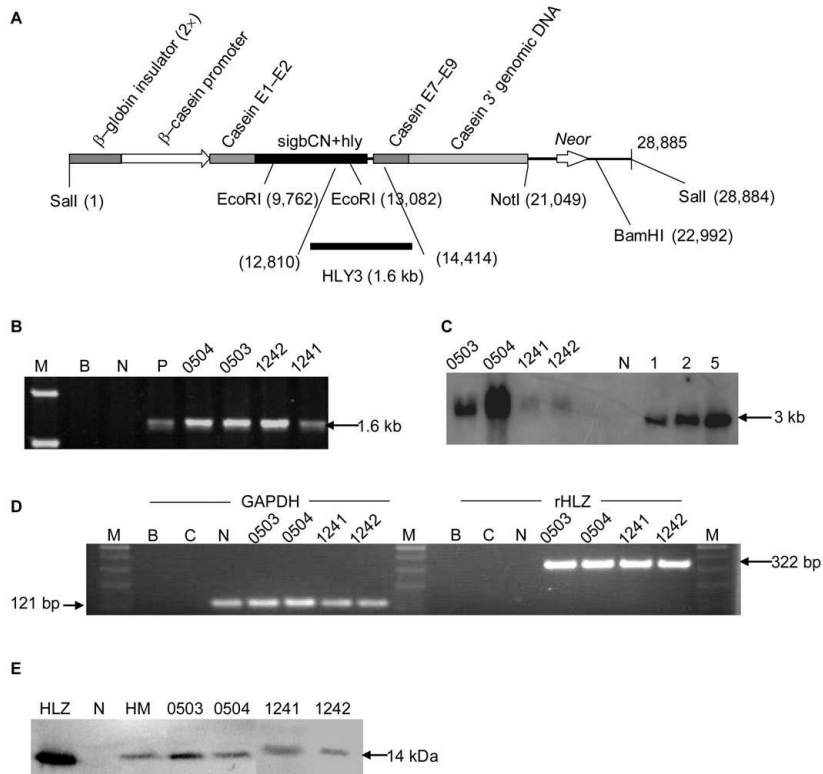
A transgenic ginseng vaccine for bovine viral diarrhea



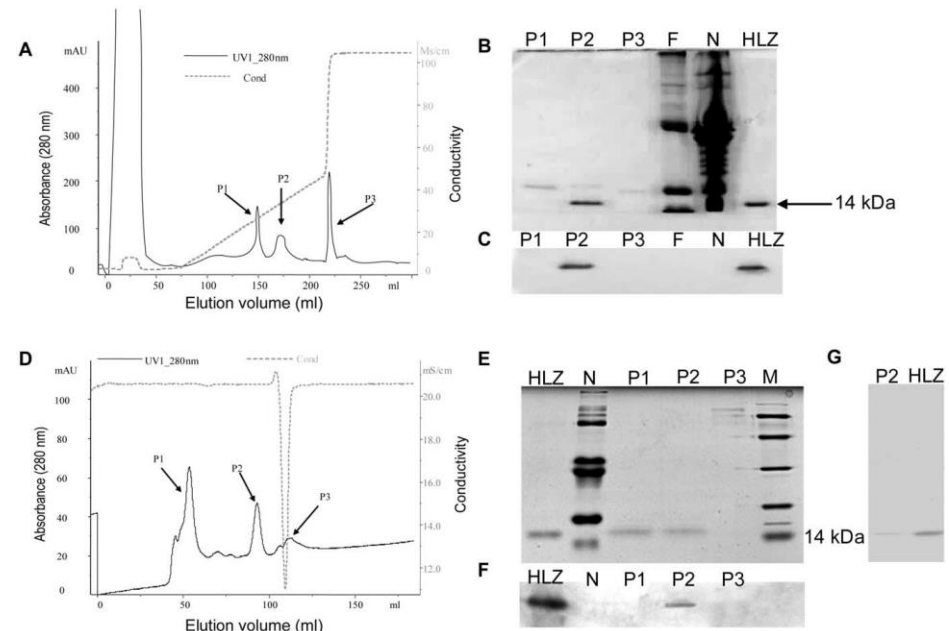
we report the use of *Panax ginseng* as an alternative production platform for the expression of glycoprotein E_{ns} via *Agrobacterium* mediated transformation.

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Characterization of Bioactive Recombinant Human Lysozyme Expressed in Milk of Cloned Transgenic Cattle



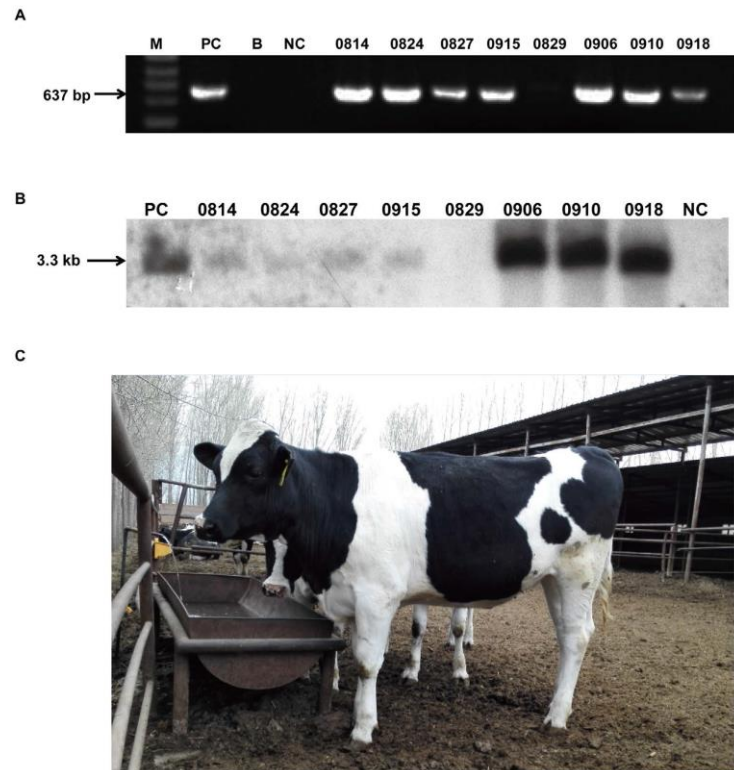
Expression of rHLZ



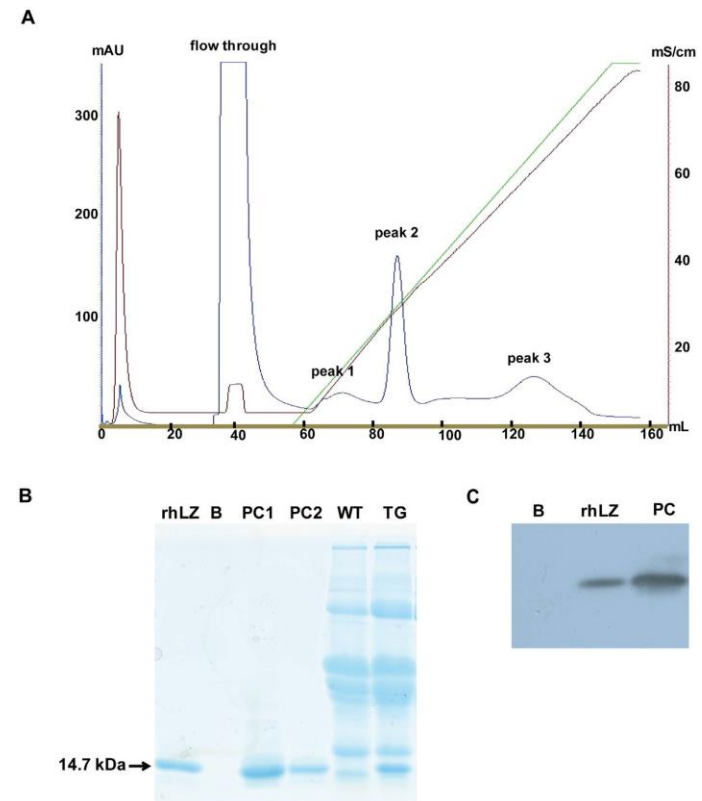
Purification of rHLZ by cation-exchange chromatography and gel filtration chromatography.

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Large-scale production of functional human lysozyme from marker-free transgenic cloned cows



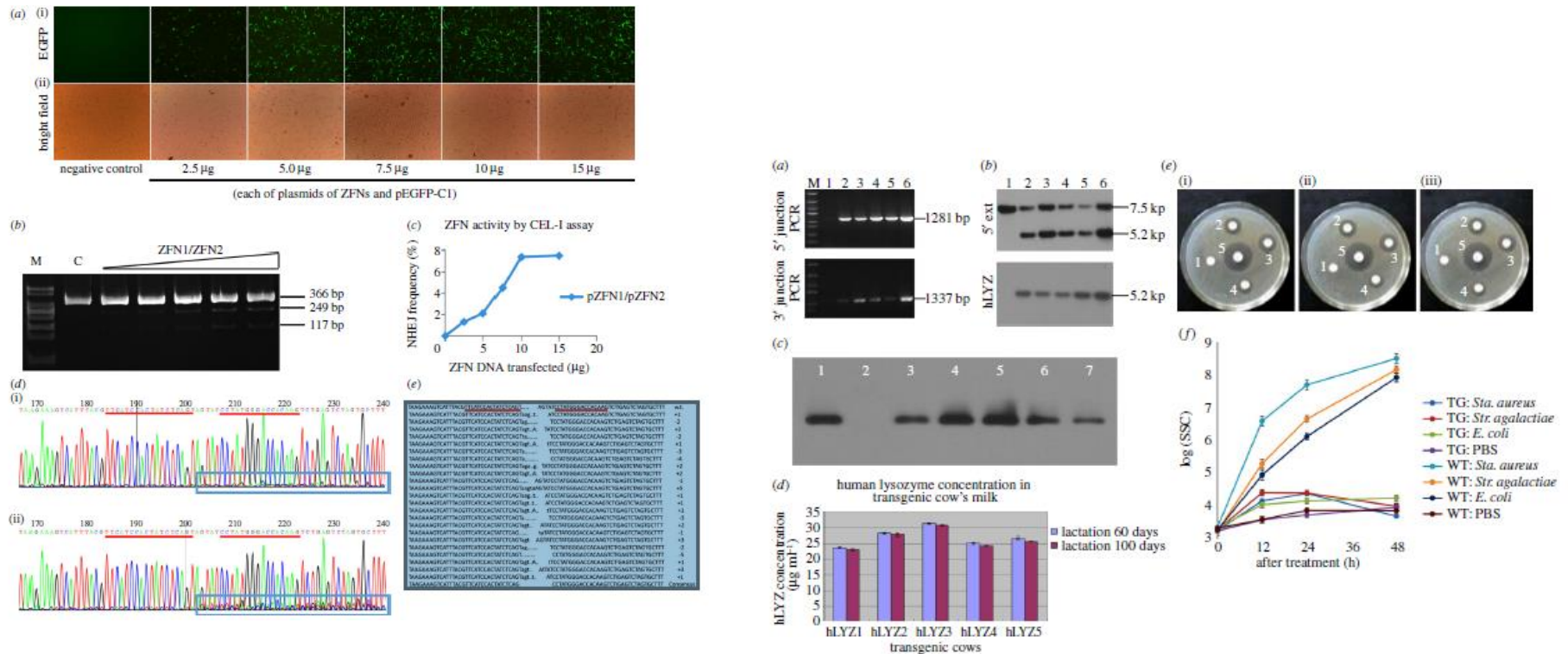
Integration of transgene in genome of transgenic cloned cows.



Identification of purified rhLZ from transgenic milk.

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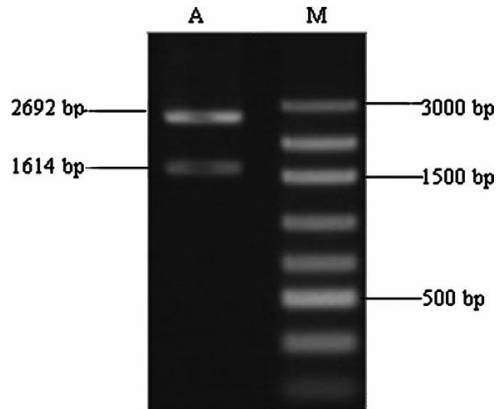
Generation of mastitis resistance in cows by targeting human lysozyme gene to b-casein locus using zinc-finger nucleases



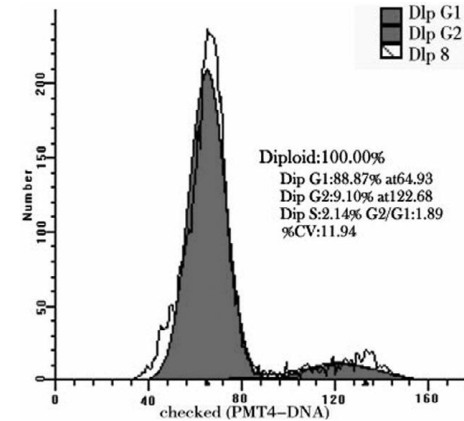
Validation of ZFNs for the CSN2 locus in bovine fibroblasts

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Construction of *lpr1* expression vector and development of cloned embryos *in vitro*



The restriction endonuclease double digestion of *plpr1*. Lanes: A, *plpr1* was digested with *EcoRI* and *PstI*; M, DNA marker VII (TIANGEN).



Karyotype analysis of donor cells by flow cytometry.

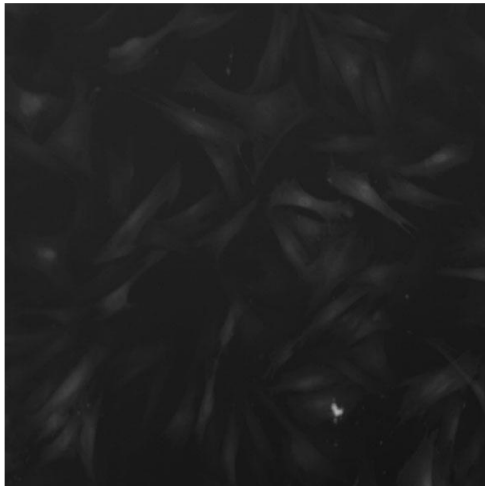


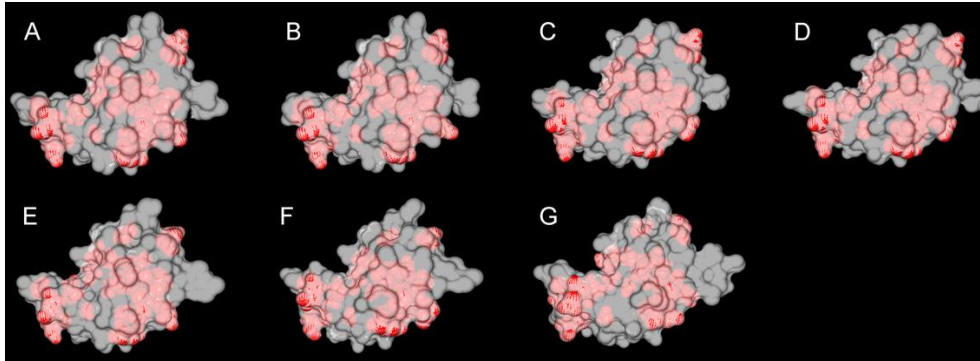
Table 1 *In vitro* development of bovine somatic cloned embryos

Donor cells	No. couples	No. embryo fused (%)	No. cleavages (%)	No. blastocysts (%)
Transgenic cells	60	43 (71.7)	35 (81.4)	8 (18.6) ^a
Non-transgenic cells	60	45 (75.0)	38 (84.5)	14 (31.1) ^b

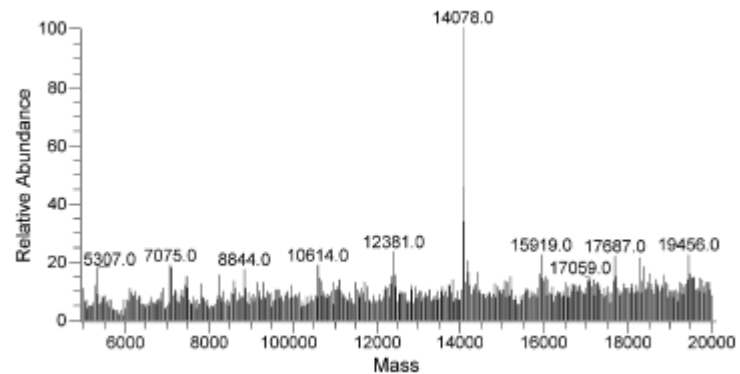
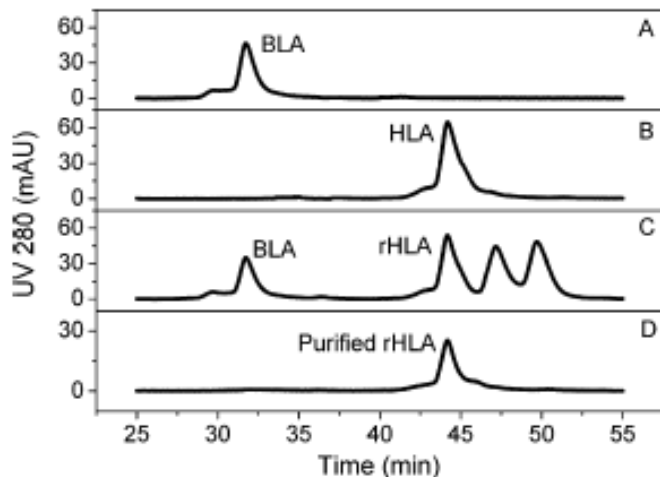
^{a,b}Values for individual different letters in the same column are significantly different ($P < 0.05$).

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Efficient separation of homologous α -lactalbumin from transgenic bovine milk using optimized hydrophobic interaction chromatography



A schematic diagram of three-dimensional molecular structures of BLA (A–F for chain A–F) and HLA (G) to illustrate the influence of different amino acids on the protein surface properties. Solution structure of BLA (PDB code: 2G4N) and HLA (PDB code: 1A4V) [12].

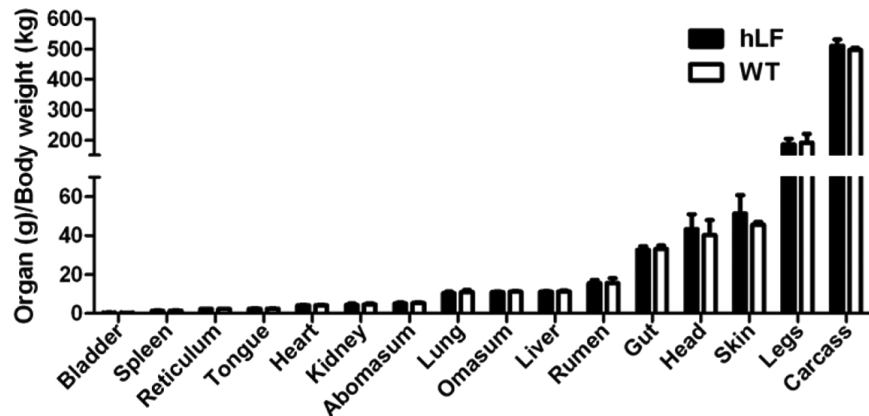


Molecular weight analysis of rHLA by mass spectrometry

HPRPC chromatograms of whey protein standards (A–B), acid whey (C) and purified rHLA product (D).

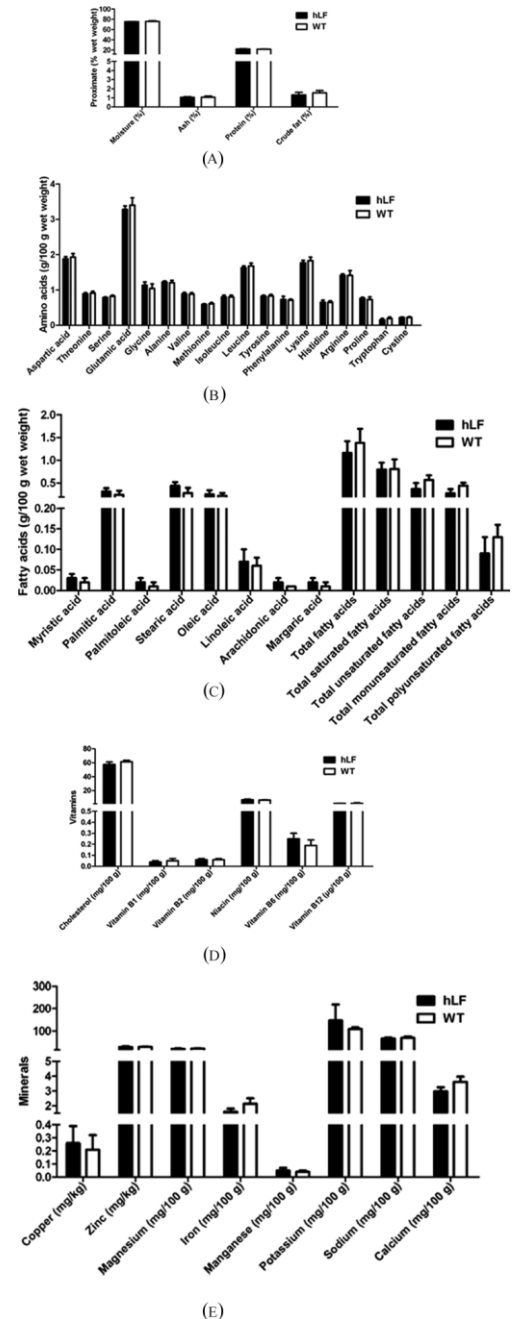
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Nutritional Composition Analysis of Meat From Human Lactoferrin Transgenic Bulls



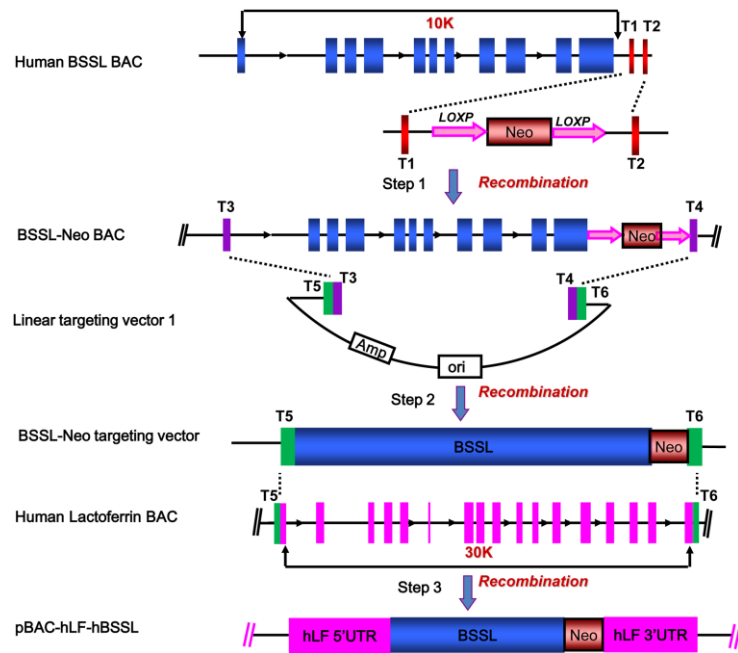
Proportions (mean SD) of organ or body part (g) over body weight (kg) for hLF bulls (n=6) and WT bulls (n=3).

Meat nutritional composition analysis of hLF bulls versus WT bulls

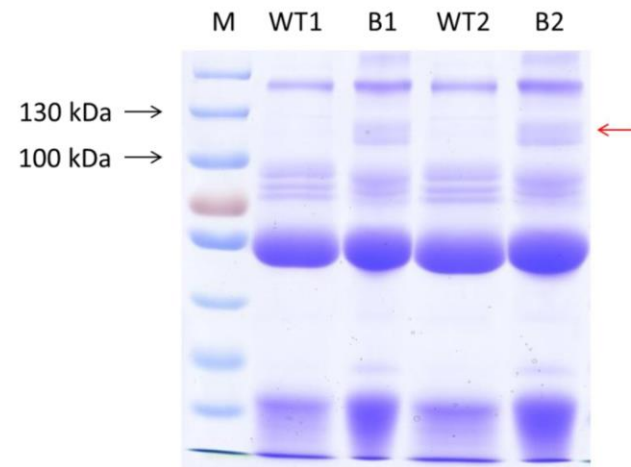


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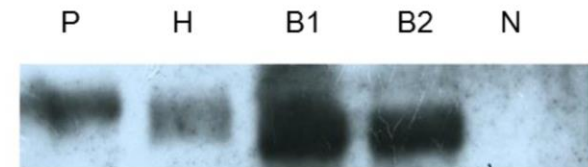
Purification and characterization of recombinant human bile salt stimulated lipase expressed in milk of transgenic cloned cows



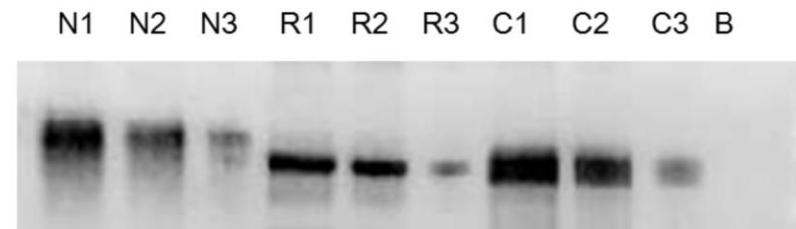
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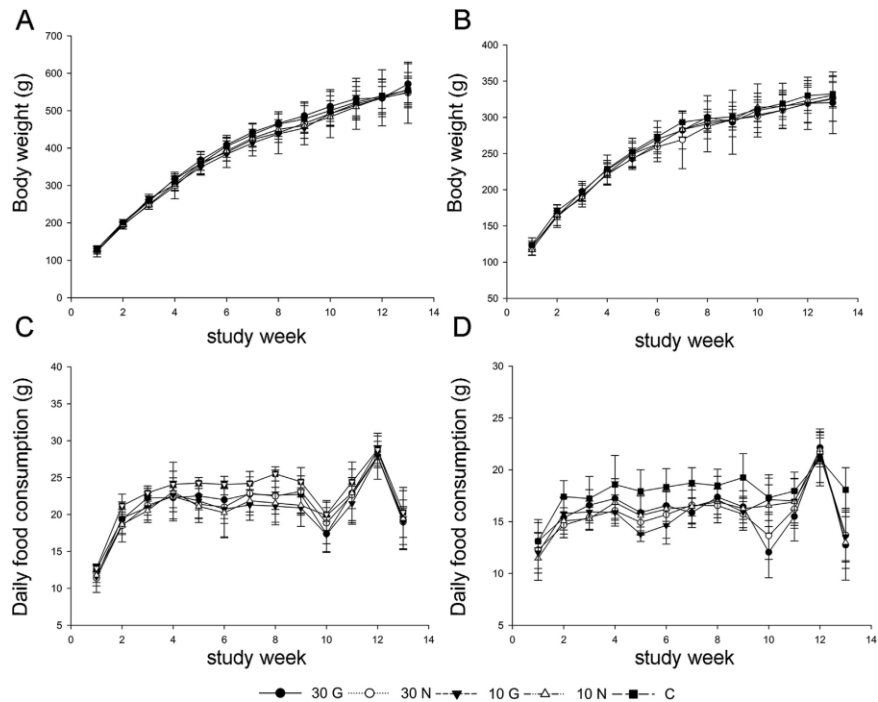


Expression of rhBSSL in transgenic milk.

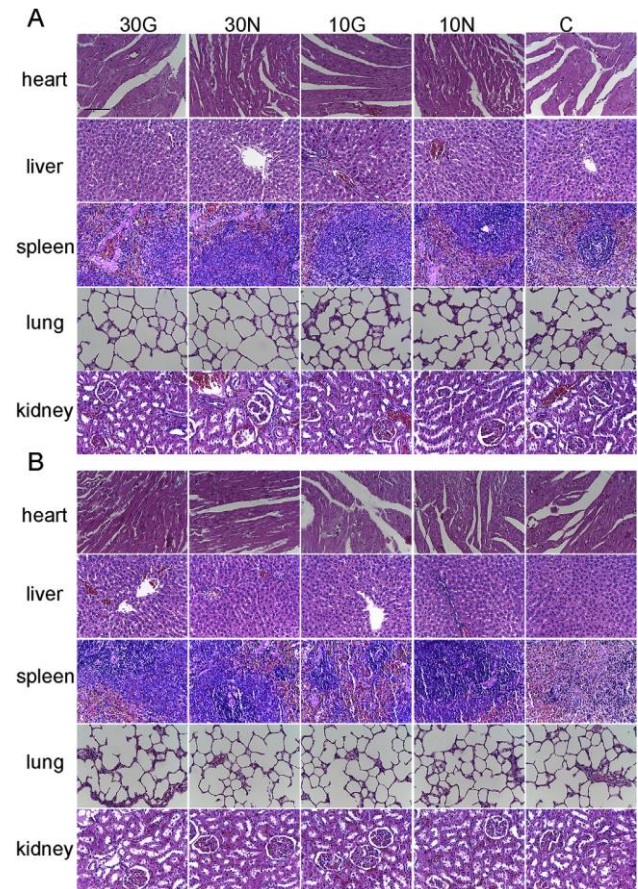
Construction of the *hBSSL* expression vector pBAC-hLF-hBSSL and strategy for replacing 28.9 kb of hLF genomic sequence with 9.8 kb of hBSSL genomic DNA on the hLF BAC

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Safety assessment of genetically modified milk containing human beta-defensin-3 on rats by a 90-day feeding study



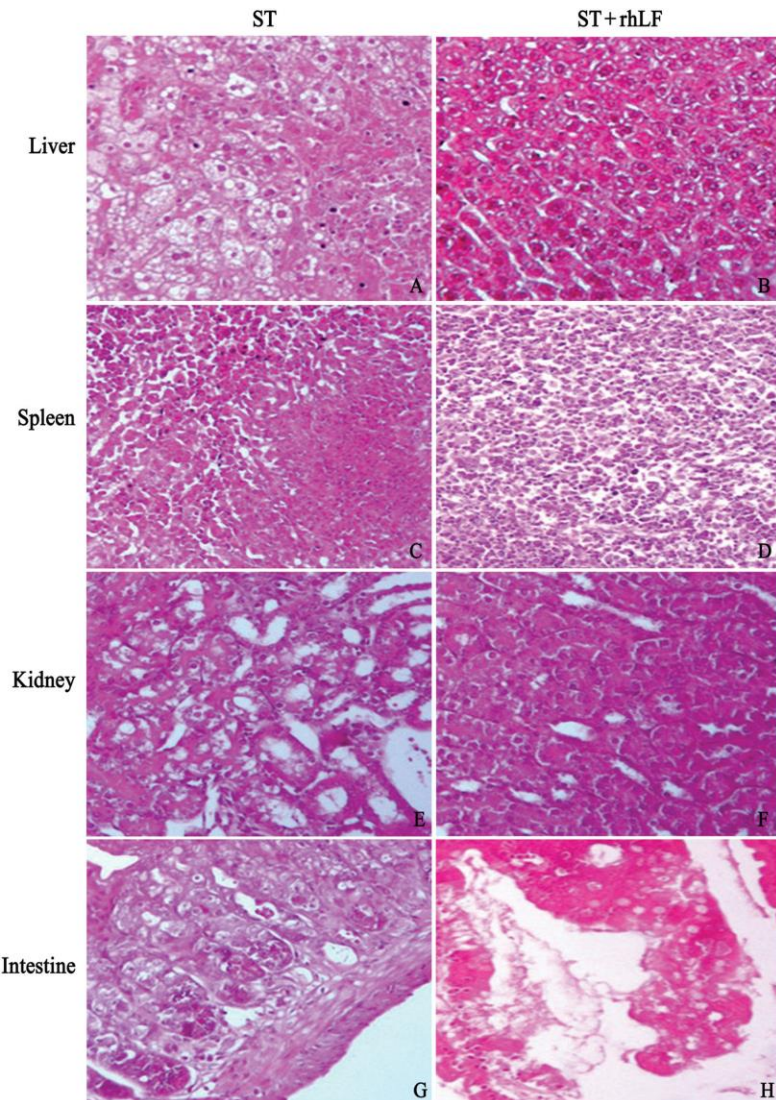
Body weight and daily food consumption



Histopathological results of main organs by HE staining

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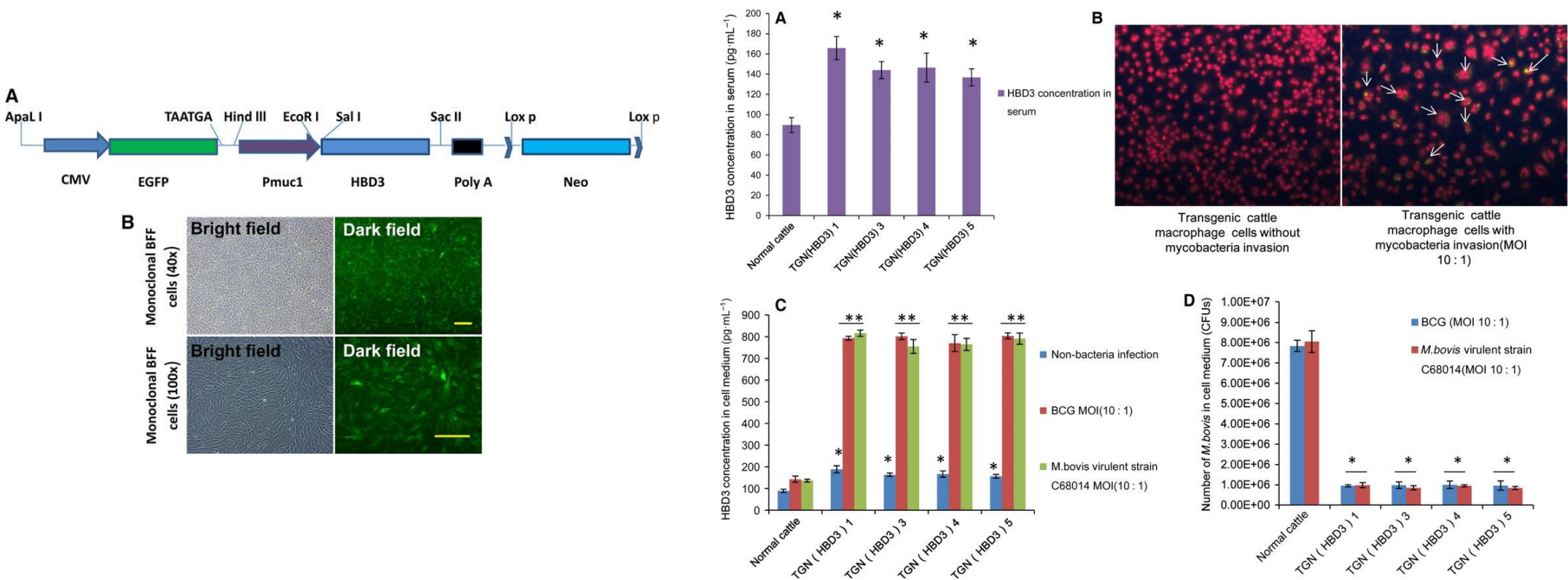
The effect of recombinant human lactoferrin from the milk of transgenic cows on *Salmonella enterica* serovar typhimurium infection in mice



the present study demonstrated that recombinant human lactoferrin has considerable protective efficacy at combating *Salmonella enterica* serovar typhimurium infection in vivo. Therefore, rhLF might also have protective effects on inhibiting enteropathogenic bacteria and preventing foodborne disease. Further work is needed to determine the large potential applications of this valuable protein.

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Generation of transgenic cattle expressing human b-defensin 3 as an approach to reducing susceptibility to *Mycobacterium bovis* infection

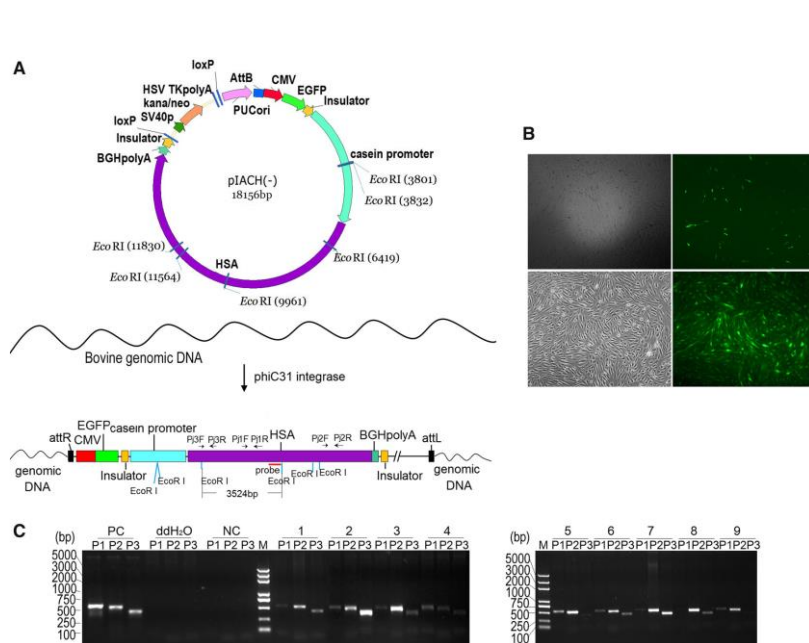


Construction of the expression vector and monoclonal BFF cell selection.

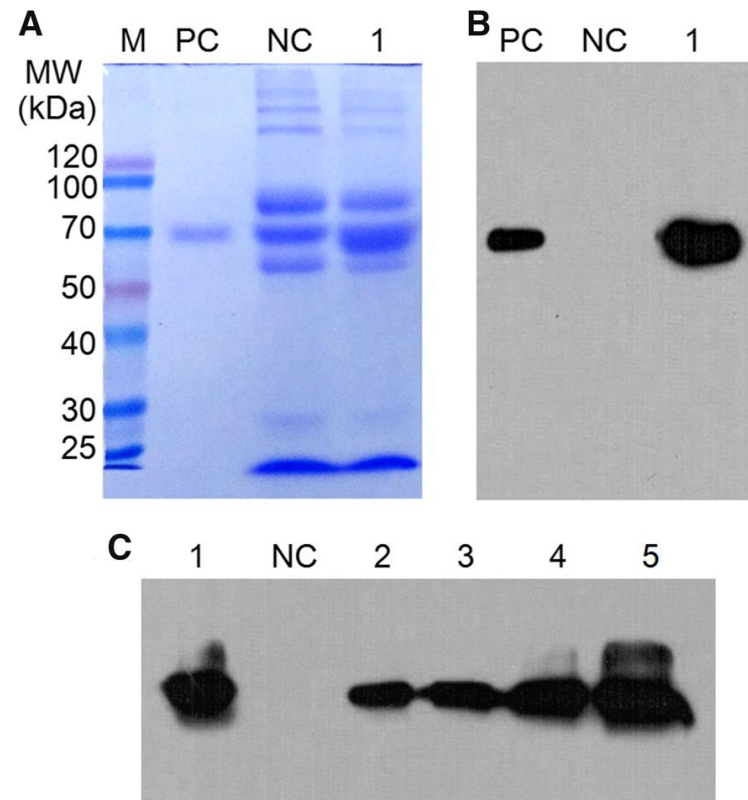
Anti-mycobacterial analysis of the four cattle that did not die

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Production of transgenic cattle highly expressing human serum albumin in milk by phiC31 integrase-mediated gene delivery



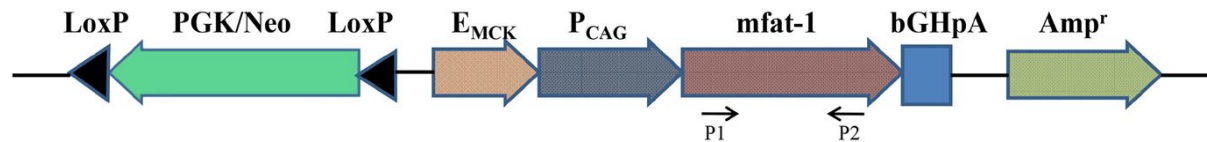
Cell transfection and detection of HSA gene integration in the clonal cells



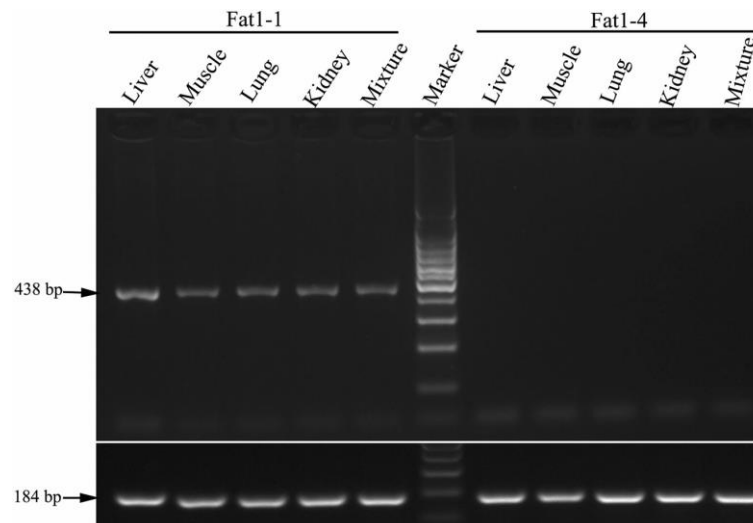
Analysis of recombinant HSA expression in the milk of transgenic cattle.

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Production of transgenic beef cattle rich in n-3 PUFAs by somatic cell nuclear transfer



Schematic diagram of constructs for expression of *mfat-1* gene.



Detection of *mfat1* expression by RT-PCR

Table 3 Fatty acids composition analysis

Fatty acids ^a	Fat1-1 ⁽⁺⁾ (%)	Fat1-2 ⁽⁺⁾ (%)	Fat1-10 ⁽⁺⁾ (%)	Fat1-15 ⁽⁺⁾ (%)	Fat1-4 ⁽⁻⁾ (%)
MA (14:0)	3.02 ± 0.02	2.6 ± 0.32	5.17 ± 0.13	2.56 ± 0.08	4.07 ± 0.12
PA (16:0)	33.97 ± 0.75	28.5 ± 1.25	27.18 ± 1.02	30.82 ± 0.94	24.98 ± 1.2
PLOA (16:1)	6.3 ± 0.04	5.57 ± 0.12	3.1 ± 0.09	4.9 ± 0.65	3.64 ± 0.55
SA (18:0)	9.98 ± 0.32	12.86 ± 0.28	9.24 ± 0.17	13.09 ± 0.44	8.44 ± 0.37
OA (18:1 n-9)	44.86 ± 1.80	47.9 ± 1.87	31.18 ± 1.75	46.8 ± 1.50	30.28 ± 1.91
LA (18:2 n-6)	0.78 ± 0.05	1.05 ± 0.03	1.5 ± 0.03	0.9 ± 0.11	1.6 ± 0.09
ALA (18:3 n-3)	0.35 ± 0.02	0.5 ± 0.02	0.64 ± 0.05	0.36 ± 0.03	0.18 ± 0.03
ARA (20:0)	0.06 ± 0.01	0.08 ± 0.01	0.22 ± 0.02	0.06 ± 0.01	0.58 ± 0.03
EIA (20:1)	0.56 ± 0.02	0.64 ± 0.05	0.7 ± 0.04	0.4 ± 0.04	5.55 ± 0.06
EPA (20:5 n-3)	0.02 ± 0.01	0.02 ± 0.01	0.18 ± 0.03	0.03 ± 0.01	ND
DHA(22:6 n-3)	0.3 ± 0.04	0.33 ± 0.02	0.78 ± 0.05	0.18 ± 0.01	0.12 ± 0.01
Total n-3 fatty acids	0.69 ± 0.02	0.82 ± 0.07	1.58 ± 0.13	0.57 ± 0.03	0.3 ± 0.04
Total n-6 fatty acids	0.78 ± 0.05	1.05 ± 0.03	1.5 ± 0.03	0.9 ± 0.11	1.6 ± 0.09
n-6/n-3 ratio ^b	1.13 ± 0.07	1.28 ± 0.32	0.95 ± 0.06	1.58 ± 0.12	5.33 ± 0.08

14:0 Myristic acid (MA), 16:0 Palmitic acid (PA), 16:1 Palmitoleic acid (PLOA), 18:0 Stearic acid (SA), 18:1 n-9 Oleic acid (OA), 18:2 n-6 Linoleic acid (LA), 18:3 n-3 α -Linolenic acid (ALA), 20:0 Arachidic acid (ARA), 20:1 Eicosenoic acid (EIA), 20:5 n-3 Eicosapentaenoic acid (EPA), 22:6 n-3 Docosahexaenoic acid (DHA)

^a The hindquarter muscle samples from dead transgenic positive (fat1-1, fat1-2, fat1-10 and fat1-15) and negative calves (fat1-4) were used for fatty acid analysis. Each value represents mean \pm SD of three (n = 3) measurements

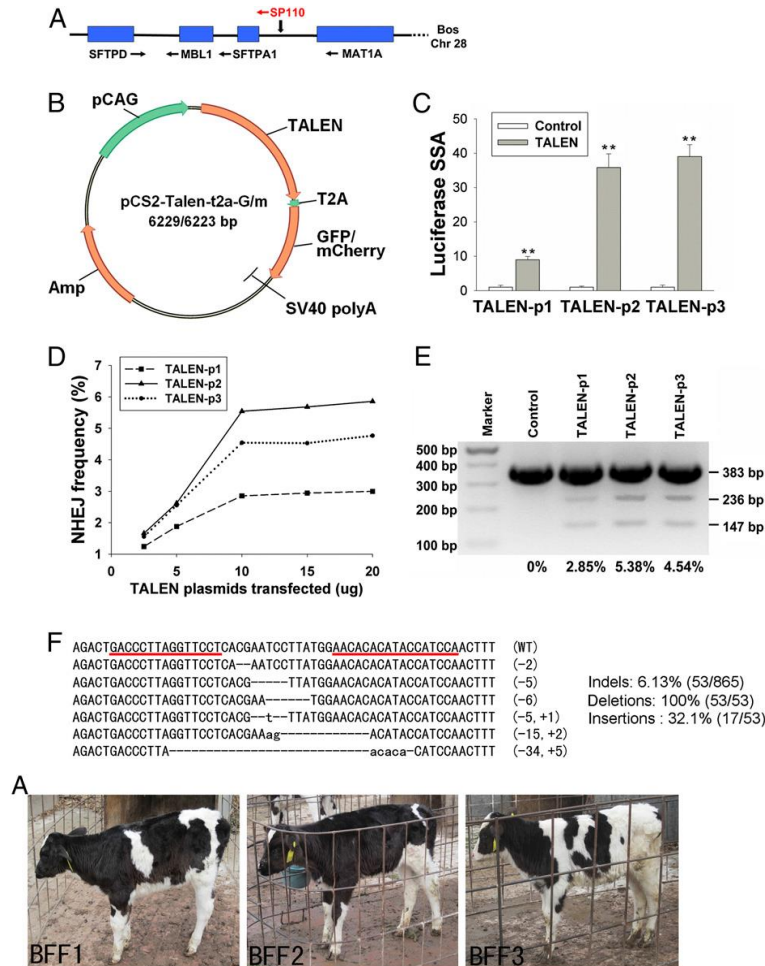
^b n-6/n-3 ratio was calculated from n-6 fatty acid (LA) versus n-3 fatty acids (ALA, EPA and DHA)

⁽⁺⁾ Represents transgenic positive cattle

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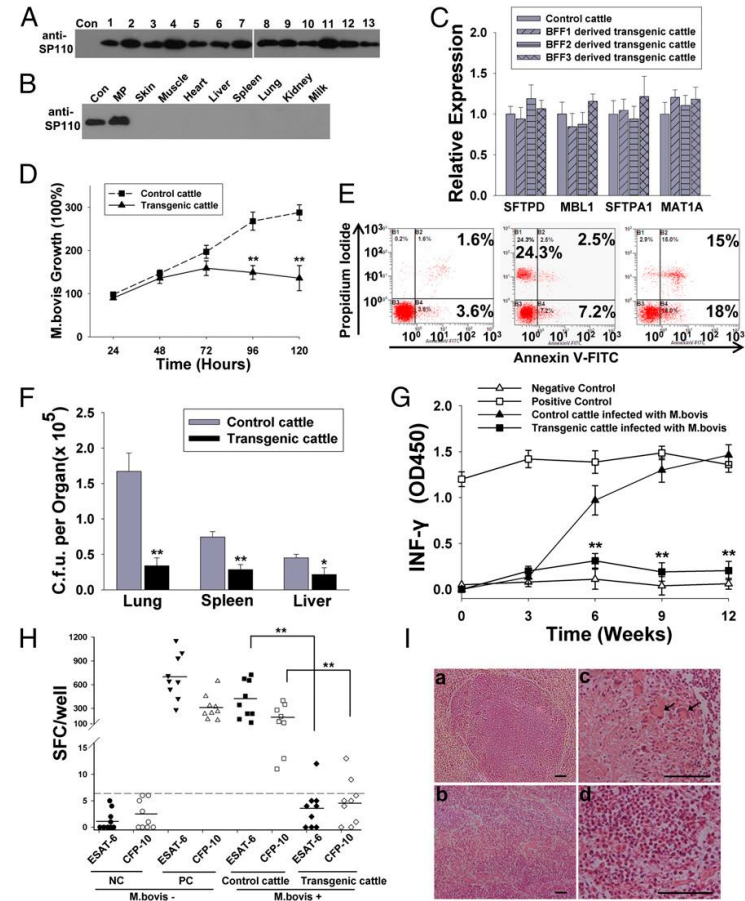
3. Trait Improvement

TALE nickase-mediated SP110 knockin endows cattle with increased resistance to tuberculosis



Activity assessment of TALENs

Assessment of the ability of transgenic cattle to resist tuberculosis



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Supplementation transgenic cow's milk containing recombinant human lactoferrin enhances systematic and intestinal immune responses in piglets

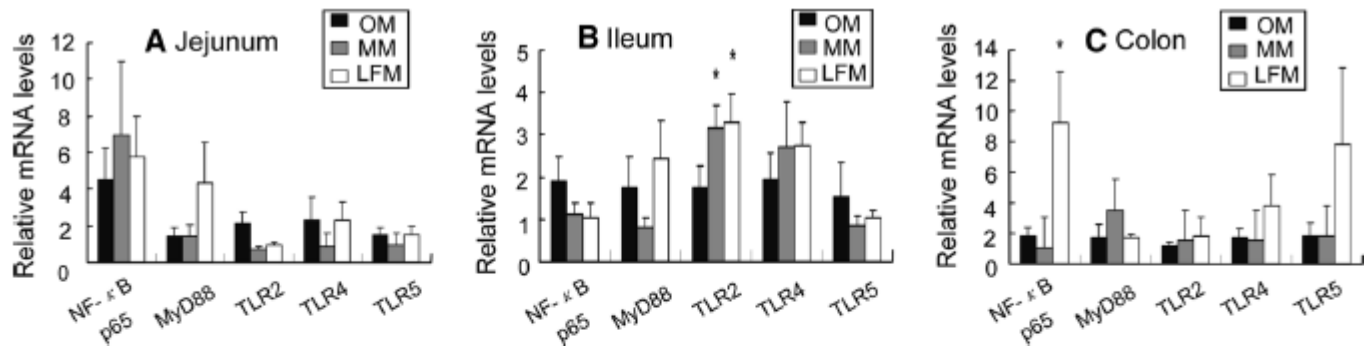
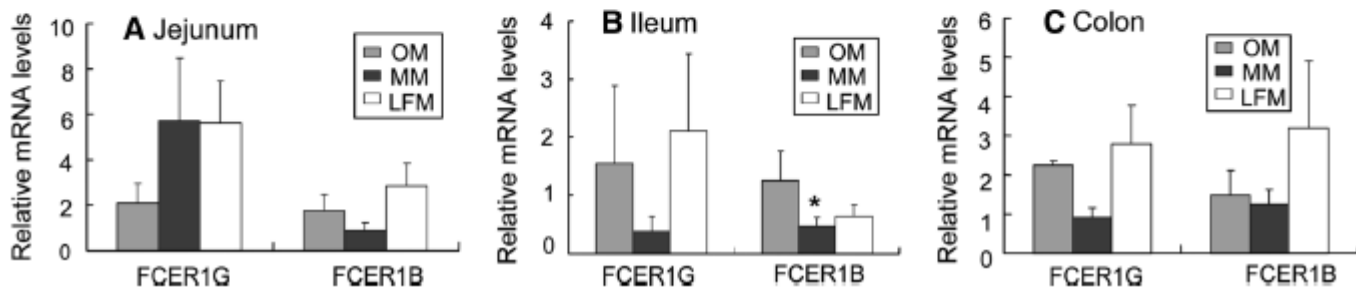


Fig. 1 Relative mRNA levels of *NF-κB p65*, *MyD88*, *TLR2*, *TLR4*, and *TLR5*. **A** Jejunum, **B** Ileum, **C** Colon. * The difference compare to OM group at $P < 0.05$. OM ordinary milk, MM a 1:1 mix of ordinary milk and rhLF milk, LFM rhLF milk



Relative mRNA levels of *FCER1G* and *FCER1B*. **A** Jejunum, **B** Ileum, **C** Colon.

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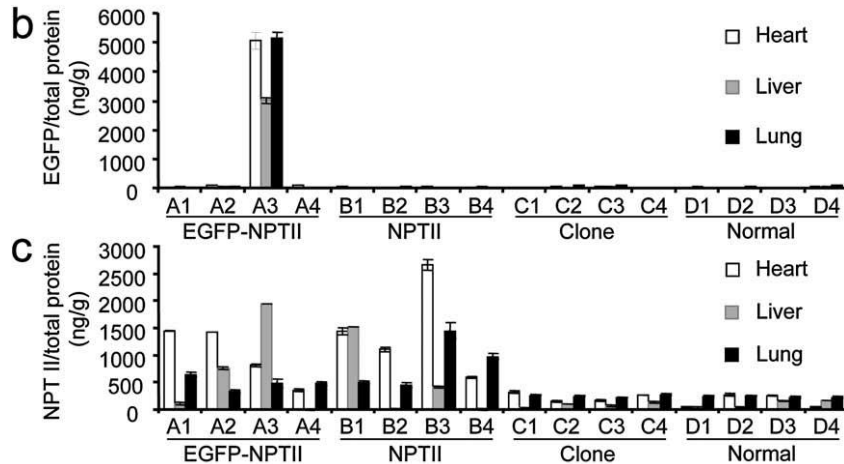
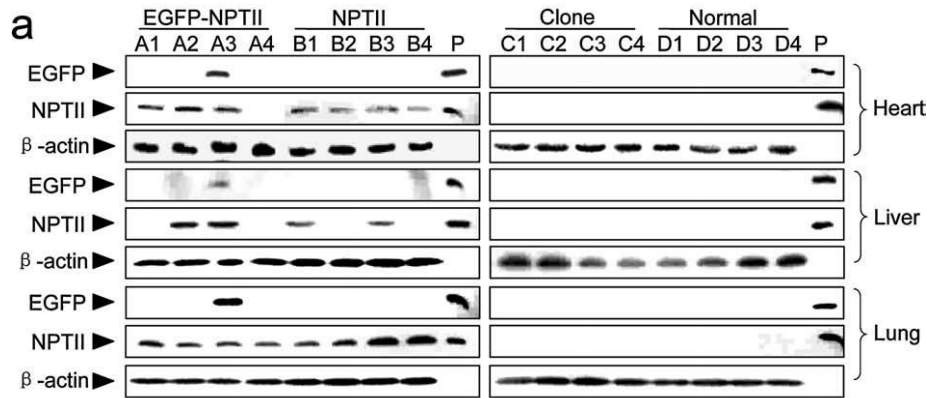
Fat-1 transgenic cattle as a model to study the function of ω -3 fatty acids

Table 1 Gene expression that either upregulated or downregulated in the whole genome of fat-1 transgenic cattle (p-value ≤ 0.05 and $\log_2 \geq 1$) (Continued)

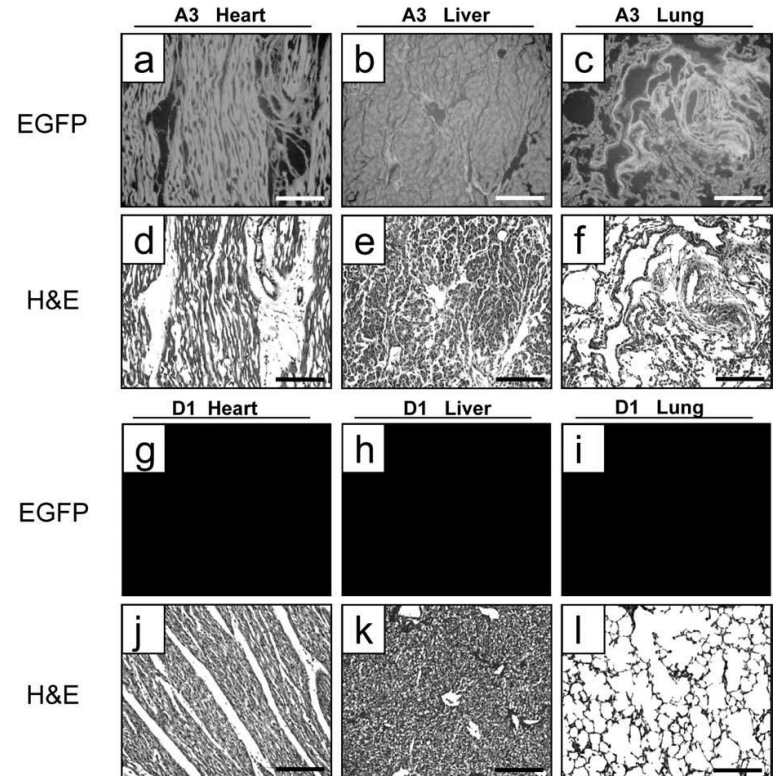
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Expression of EGFP and NPTII Protein Is Not Associated with Organ Abnormalities in Deceased Transgenic Cloned Cattle



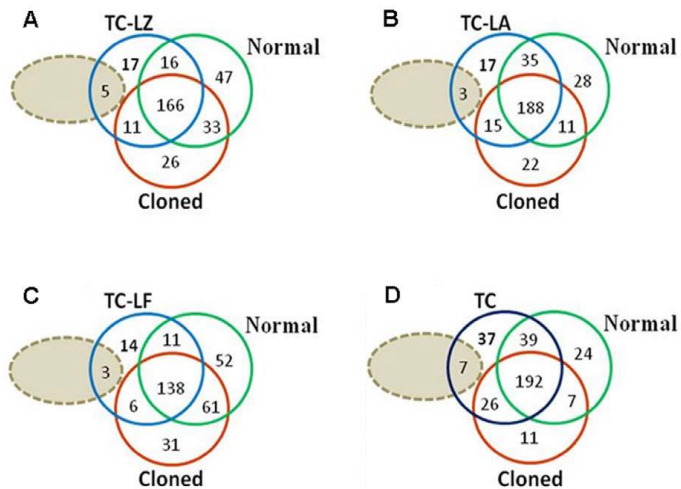
Detection of EGFP and NPTII protein in heart, liver, and lung samples in the four groups.



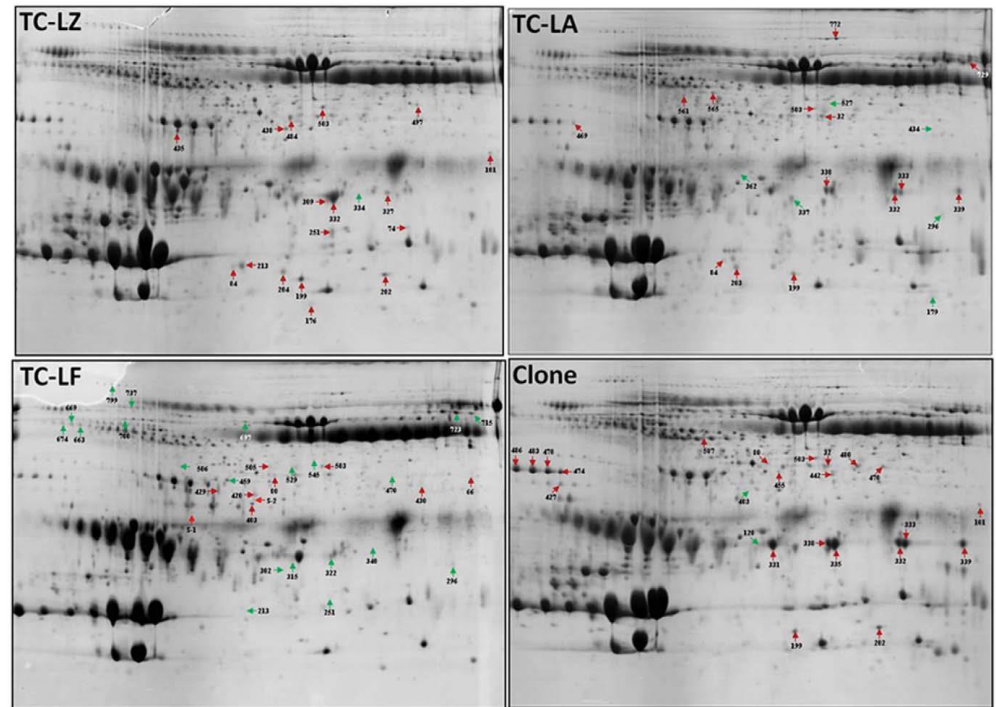
Histological analysis of EGFP by direct fluorescence under blue light. Paraffin sections were dyed by H&E (hematoxylin-eosin). D1 was a normal age-matched nontransgenic cow.

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Comprehensive Assessment of Milk Composition in Transgenic Cloned Cattle



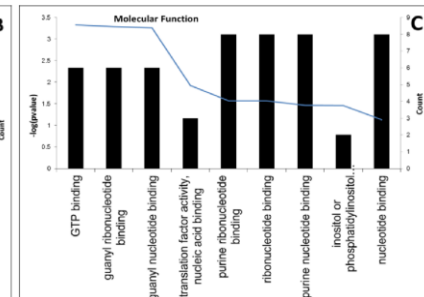
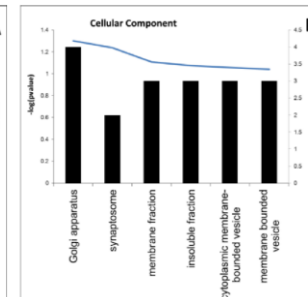
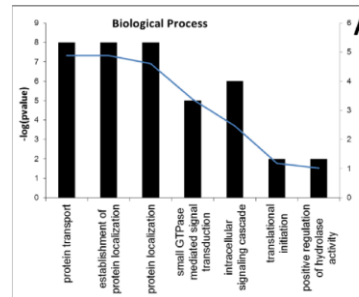
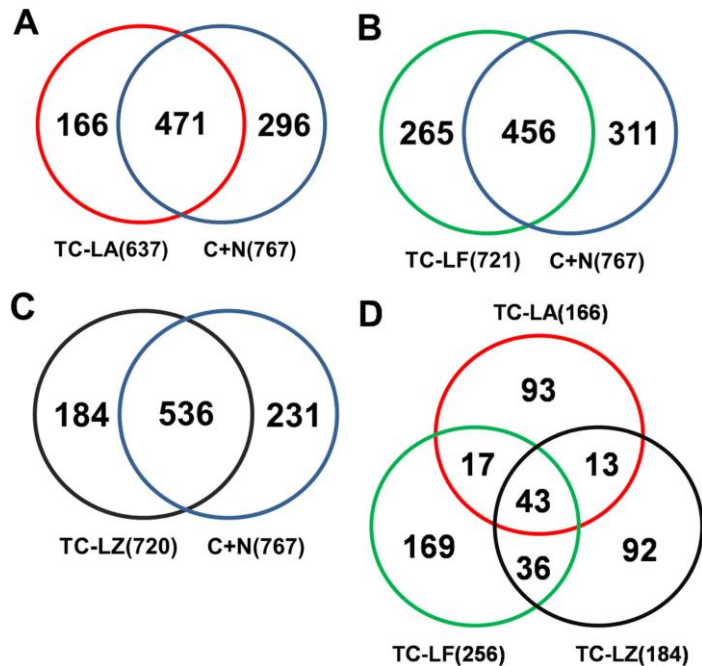
Venn diagrams representation of whey protein profiles comparison of the TC-LZ (A), TC-LA (B), TC-LF (C) and all TC (D) groups were created with respect to the C and N groups, respectively.



Differentially expressed protein spots with great than 2-fold changes ($p \leq 0.05$) in the TC and the C group compared to N group

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Comparative Proteomics of Milk Fat Globule Membrane Proteins from Transgenic Cloned Cattle

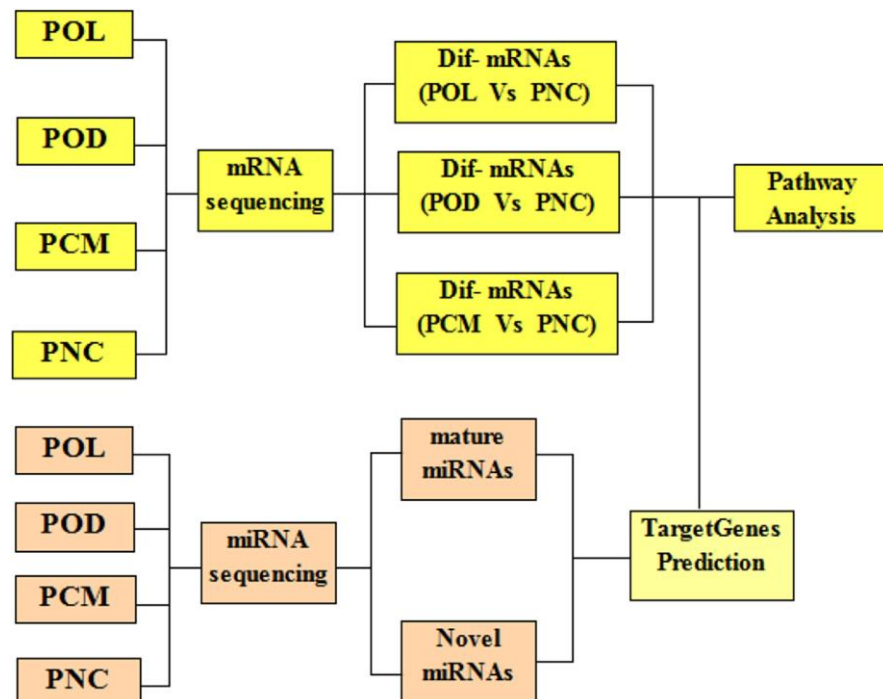


Functional analysis of MFGM proteins specifically expressed in the transgenic cloned animals

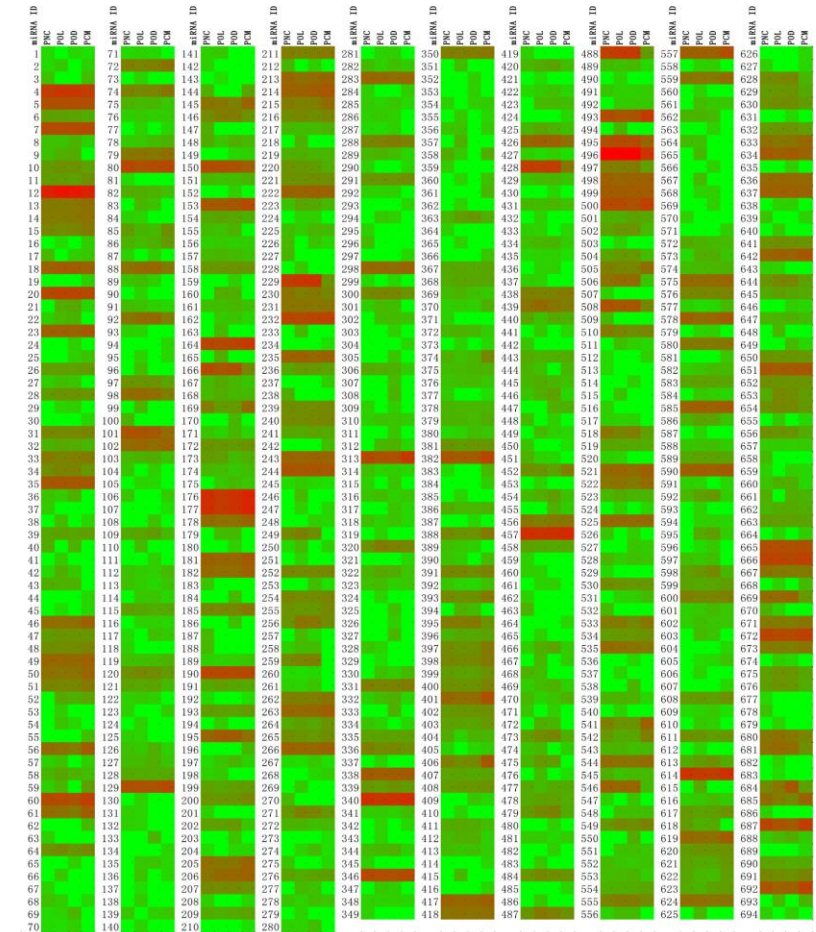
Comparison of MFGM proteins from the different TC and control lines

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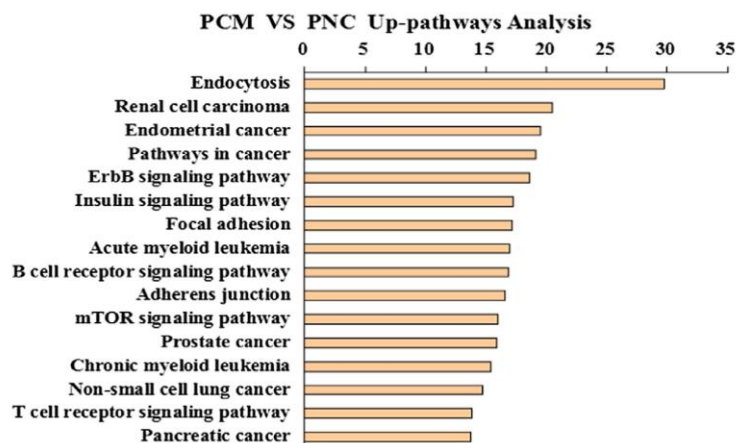
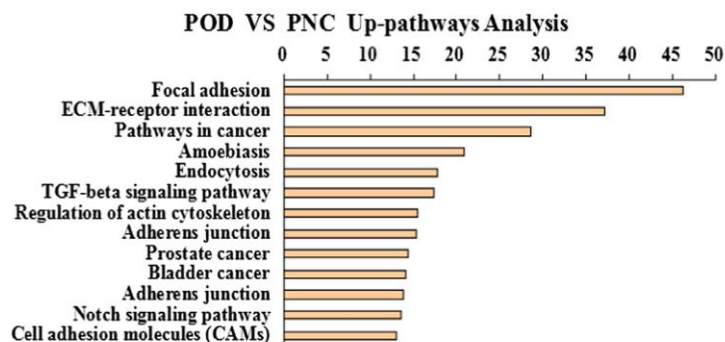
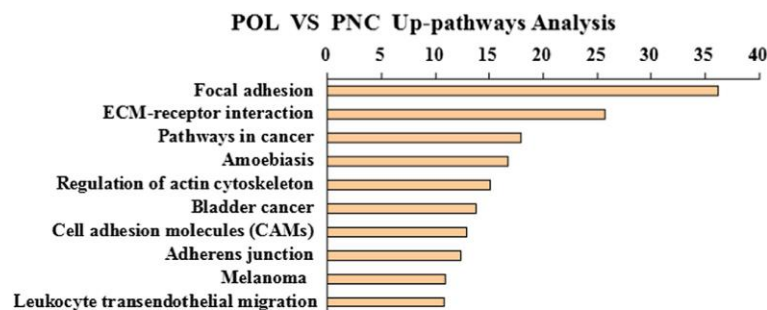
Differentially expressed microRNAs and affected signaling pathways in placentae of transgenic cloned cattle



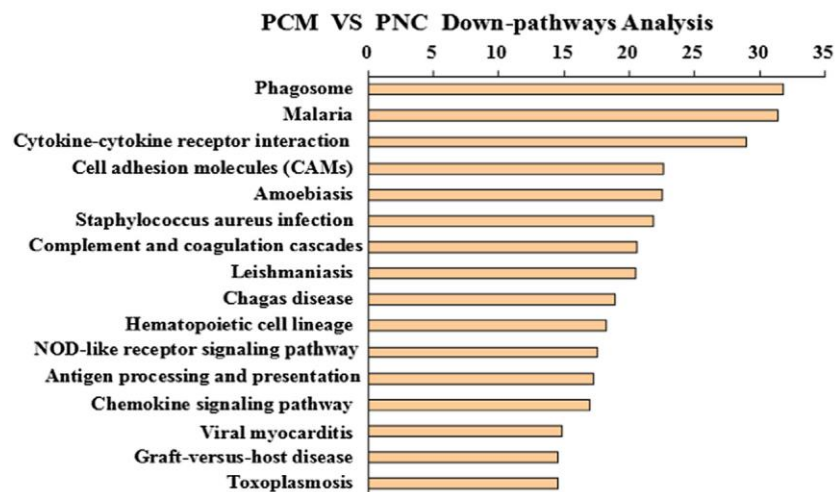
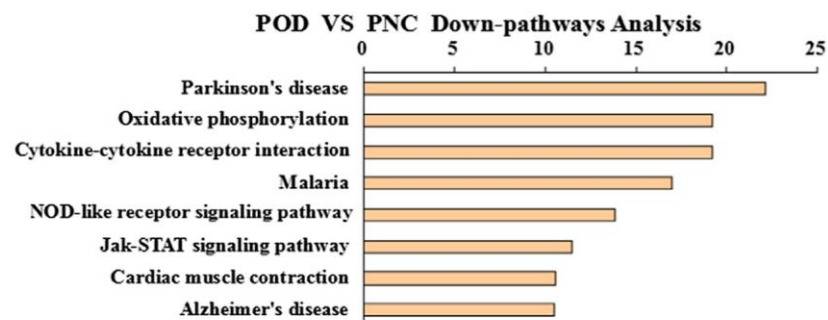
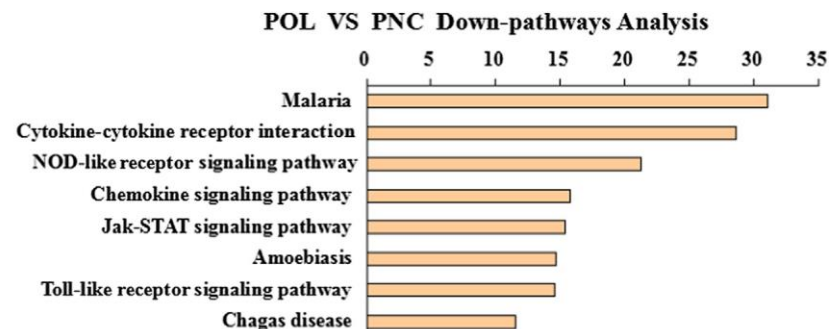
Flow diagram of bioinformatics analysis. miRNAs, microRNA



Differential expression levels of 694 miRNAs in four placental samples



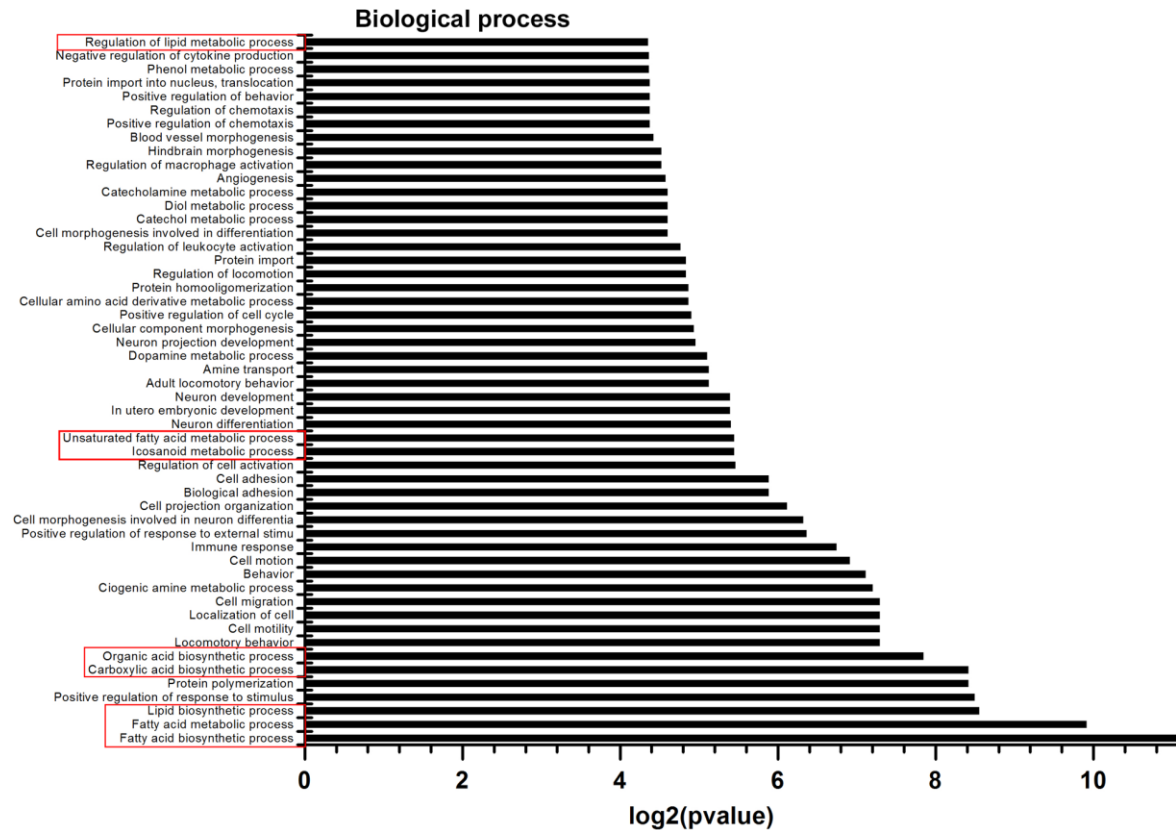
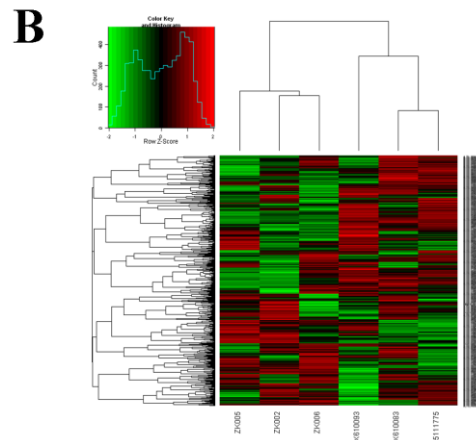
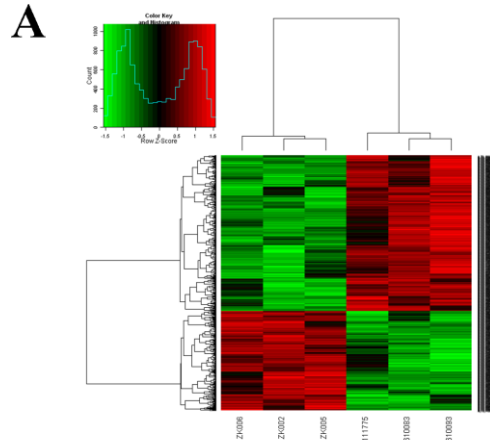
Significantly upregulated signaling pathways analysis



Significantly downregulated signaling pathways analysis

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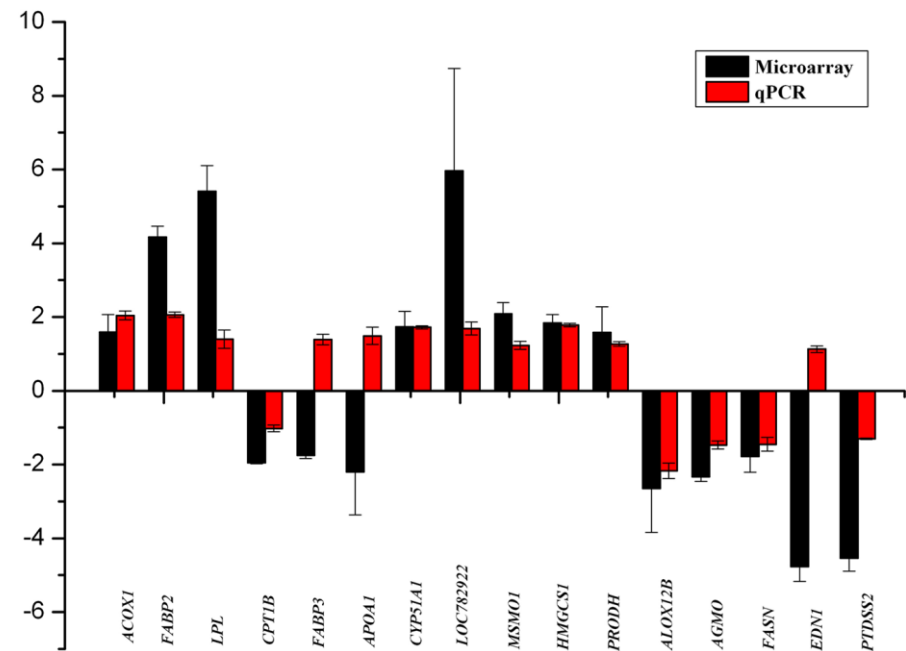
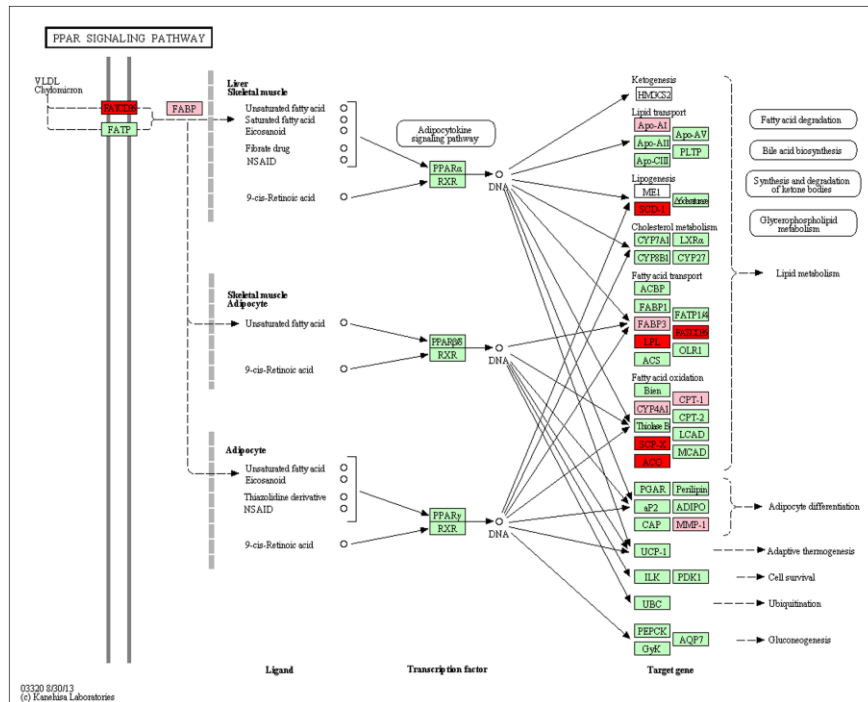
Microarray Analysis of the Gene Expression Profile and Lipid Metabolism in Fat-1 Transgenic Cattle



Microarray biological process (GO Ontology) classification

The hierarchical clustering analysis of fat-1 transgenic cattle and wild-type cattle

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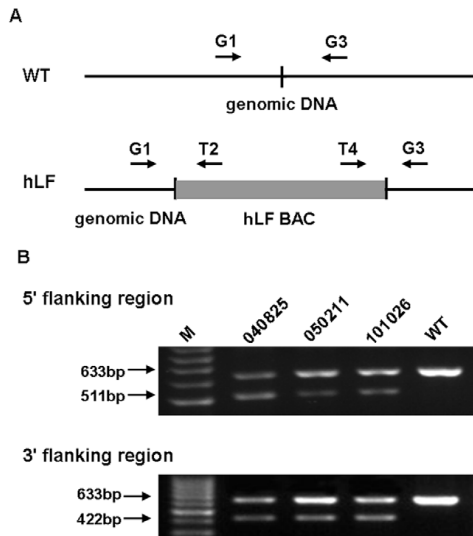


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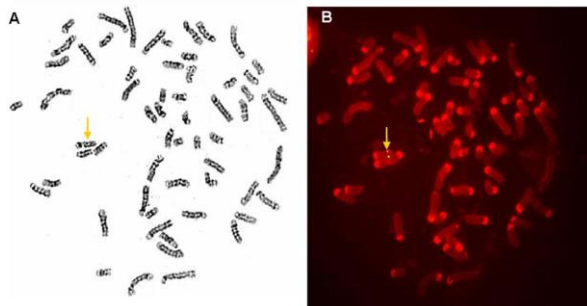
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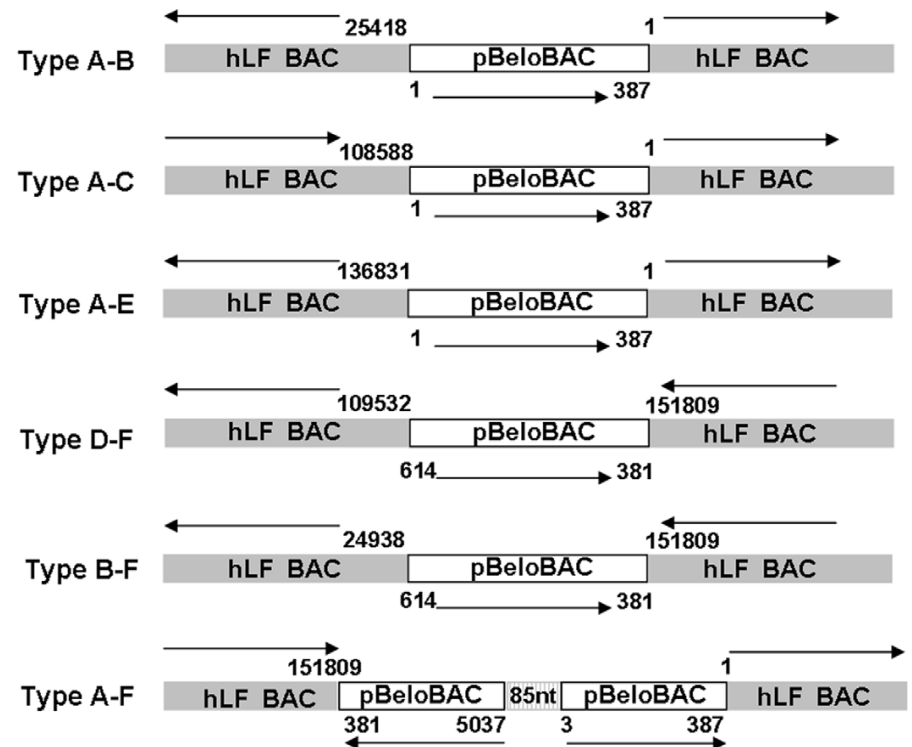
Molecular Characterization of Transgene Integration by Next-Generation Sequencing in Transgenic Cattle



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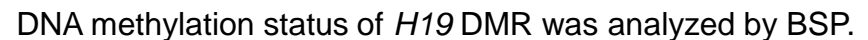
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Schematic representation of the BAC rearrangements in transgenes

Expression and methylation status of imprinted genes in placentas of deceased and live cloned transgenic calves

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Relative mRNA levels of six imprinted genes in bovine placentas
which were analyzed by quantitative real-time PCR

Conclusion:

1. Many new methods have been used to the GMO cattle breeding.
2. Mammary Reactor has been used to produce active reagents for industry.
3. Many genes have been transduced into cattle to improve its traits.
4. Genome stability is widely considered.

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