

## **Supplementary Information**

# **METTL3 promotes the differentiation of goat skeletal muscle satellite cells by regulating MEF2C mRNA stability in m<sup>6</sup>A-dependent manner**

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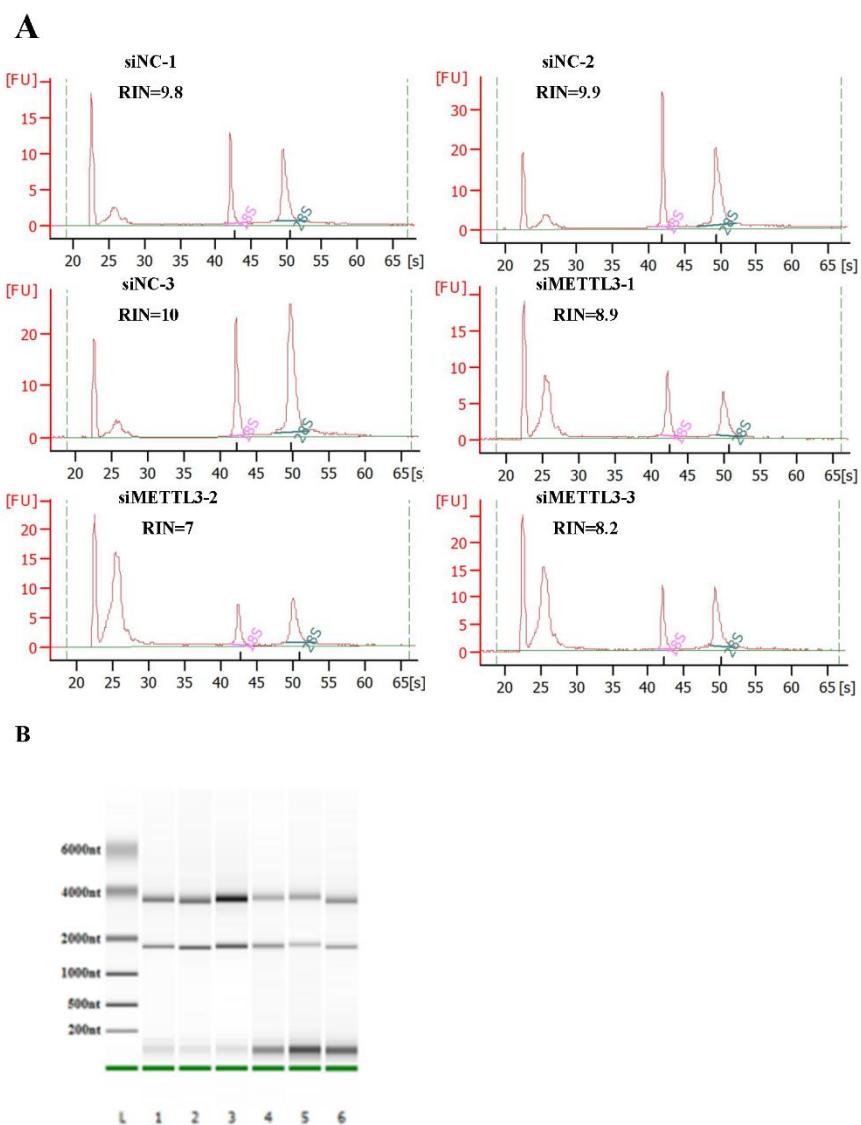
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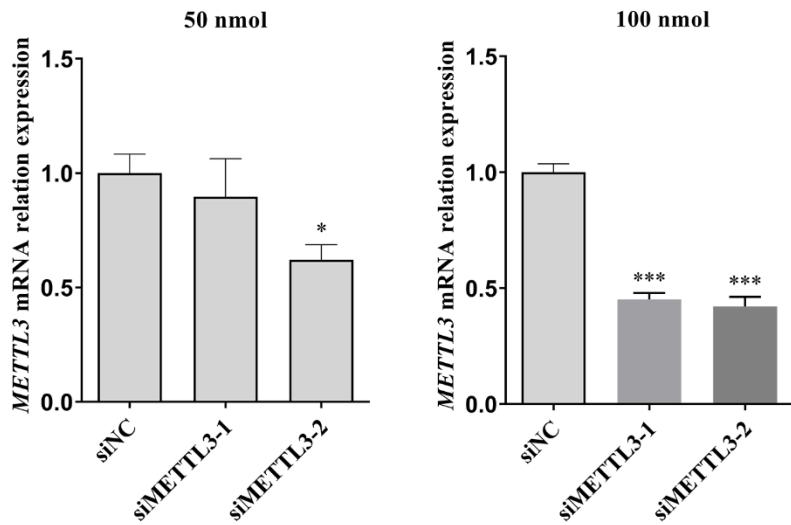
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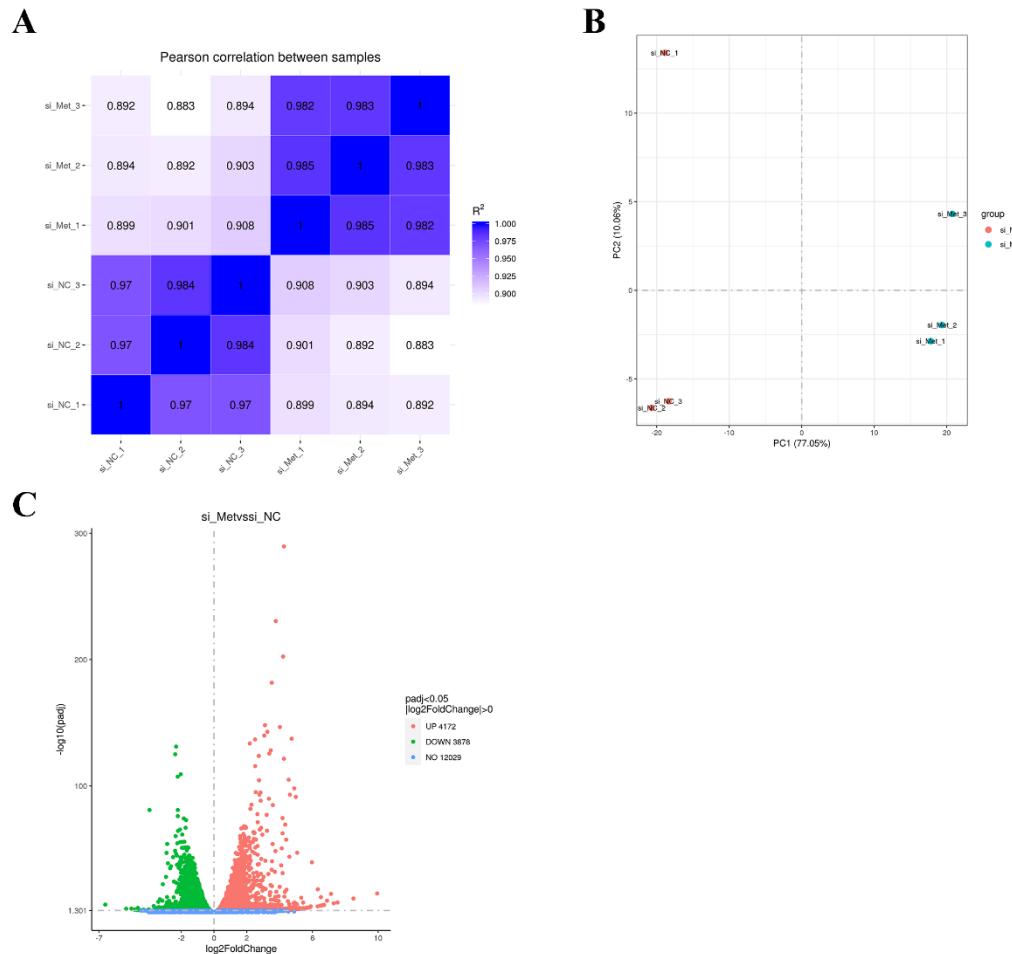
## Supplementary Figure



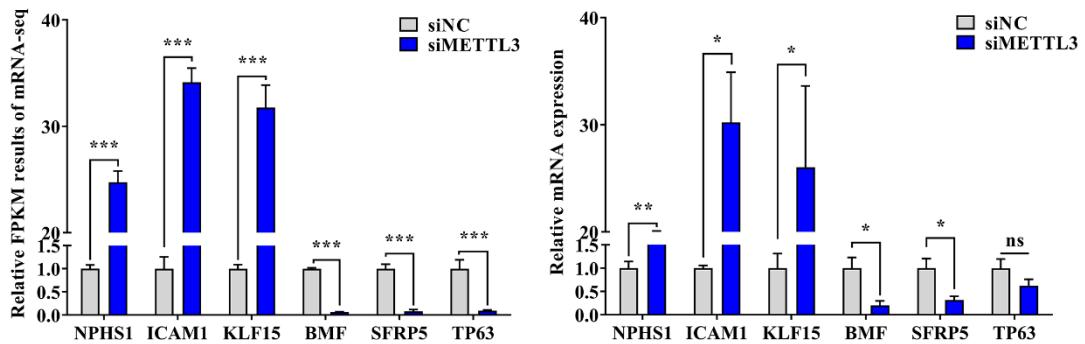
**Figure S1. RNA quality detection for mRNA-Seq.** (A) RNA quality was analyzed using an Agilent 2100 bioanalyzer, and RIN values were used to assess integrity. (B) Gel electrophoresis of total RNA.



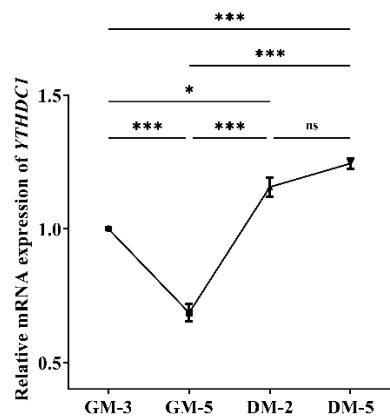
**Figure S2. Determine the optimal transfection concentration of siMETTL3.** The knockdown efficiency of different siMETTL3 was verified by qPCR analysis in MuSCs. Mean values  $\pm$  SEM, \* $p < 0.05$ , \*\*\* $p < 0.001$ .



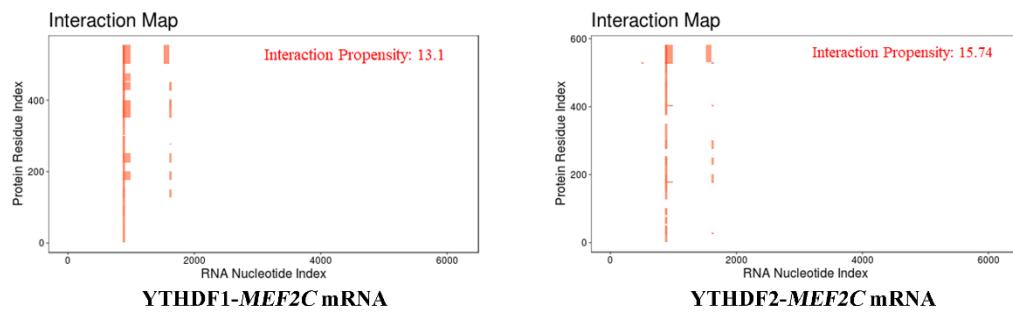
**Figure S3. Identification of DEGs between siNC and siMETTL3-transfected cells.** (A) Heat map of correlation (B) Results of principal component analysis. (C) Volcano map of DEGs.



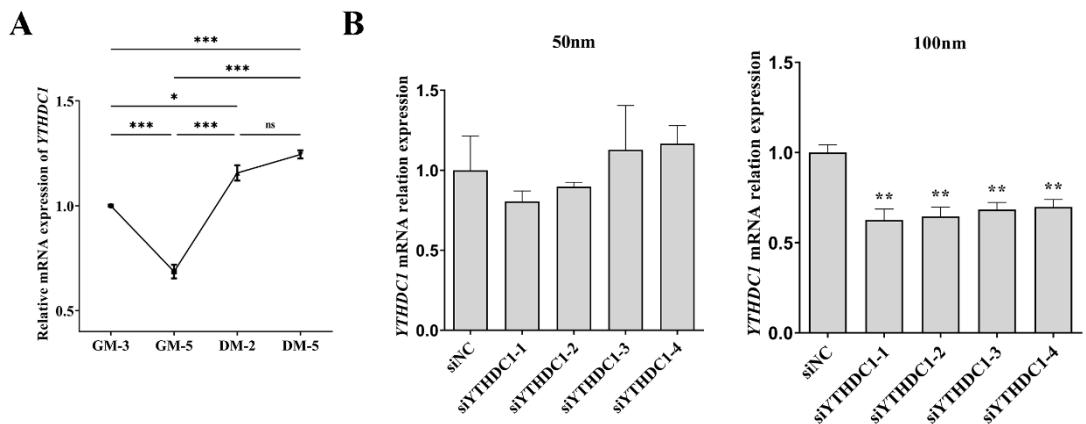
**Figure S4. Verify mRNA-seq results.** qPCR was used to validate some randomly selected DEGs (up and down-regulated) from mRNA-seq. Mean values  $\pm$  SEM, \* $p$  < 0.05, \*\* $p$  < 0.01, \*\*\* $p$  < 0.001, ns, no significance.



**Figure S5. Expression patterns of MEF2C in MuSCs.** qPCR analysis of MEF2C expression during the GM and DM of MuSCs. Mean values  $\pm$  SEM,  $*p < 0.05$ ,  $***p < 0.001$ , ns, no significance.



**Figure S6. catRAPID Omics v2.0 predicted the binding potential of YTHDF1 and DF2 to MEF2C mRNA.**  
Interaction Propensity represents the probability of protein and RNA interaction.



**Figure S7. The expression of YTHDC1 and the optimal transfection concentration of siYTHDC1 were determined in MuSCs.** (A) qPCR analysis of YTHDC1 expression during the GM and DM of MuSCs. The knockdown efficiency of different siYTHDC1 was verified by qPCR analysis in MuSCs. Mean values  $\pm$  SEM,  $*p < 0.05$ ,  $**p < 0.01$ ,  $***p < 0.001$ , ns, no significance.

**Table S1.** Details for siRNA sequence.

siRNA Name	Sequence
siMETTL3	CCCGGTTCAAGCAAAGATA
siYTHDC1-1	CGAGATAGAGGACGTGATA
siYTHDC1-2	CGTGATAGAGAAAGAGAAA
siYTHDC1-3	CCACATGAAGCAAGATAACA

**Table S2.** Sequences of primers.

Target genes	Forward primer (5'-3')	Reverse primer (5'-3')
CDS cloning		—
MEF2C-CDS	ATGGGGAGAAAAAAAGATTCA GAT TA Xho1-F:	TGTTGCCCATCCTTCAGAGAG HindIII-R:
HR-MEF2C	CTACCGGACTCAGATCTCGAGATG GGGAGAAAAAAAGATTCA GATTA	CGACTGCAGAATTGAAGCTTGTG GCC CATCCTTCAGAGAG
RT-qPCR		
METTL3	TGTGCAACCCA ACTGGATCA	ATCTTGCTGAACC GGGGCA
MEF2C	ATCCTGA TGCAGACG ATTCA G	GGTGGAACAGCACACA ATCTT
GAPDH	GCAAGTTCC ACGGCACAG	GGTCACGCC CATCACAA
MyoD	GTGCAAAC CGCAAGAC GACTA	GCTGGTTGGGTTG CTAGAC
MyoG	GGACCCTACAGATGCC CAC A	TTGGTATGGTT CATCTGGG
MyHC	CCACATCTTCT CCATCTCTG	GGTCCTC CTTCTTCTC
MEF2C-1728	ATTGGACTC ACCAGAC CTT	TCATGTTGCC CATCCTC
YTHDC1	TGGACGTGATGG ACAGGA	TTGATCGGGCTG AGAATGC

**Table S3.** Information of dual-luciferase primers.

Target genes	Forward primer (5'-3')	Reverse primer (5'-3')
HR-MEF2C- 1728	Xho1-F: AATTCTAGGCGATCGCTCGAGAT TGGACTCACCAAGACCTTCGC	Not1-R: ATTTTATTGCGGCCAGCGGCCGCTC ATGTTGCCCATCCTTCAGA

**Table S4.** Quality summary of mRNA-seq data.

Sample	raw_reads	clean_reads	clean_bases	Q20	Q30	GC_pct
si_NC_1	45303764	40764966	6.11G	97.75	93.89	52.56
si_NC_2	45943492	43164328	6.47G	97.75	93.73	51.36
si_NC_3	41434124	39277494	5.89G	97.86	93.92	51.33
si_Met_1	42041002	38468530	5.77G	97.75	93.7	49
si_Met_2	44244506	40880020	6.13G	97.12	92.39	48.61
si_Met_3	42134598	38663824	5.8G	97.96	94.09	48.62

**Table S5.** The genomic mapping results of clean reads.

Sample	total_reads	total_map(%)	unique_map(%)	multi_map(%)
si_NC_1	40764966	39546334 (97.01%)	37229398 (91.33%)	2316936 (5.68%)
si_NC_2	43164328	41942797 (97.17%)	39230233 (90.89%)	2712564 (6.28%)
si_NC_3	39277494	38108689 (97.02%)	33813297 (86.09%)	4295392 (10.94%)
si_Met_1	38468530	37384668 (97.18%)	35831944 (93.15%)	1552724 (4.04%)
si_Met_2	40880020	39446827 (96.49%)	37678609 (92.17%)	1768218 (4.33%)
si_Met_3	38663824	37689485 (97.48%)	36025393 (93.18%)	1664092 (4.3%)