

Figure S1. Suppressive effect of the conditioned ECM prepared from COMMA-1D cells overexpressing MFG-E8 on β -casein gene expression. (A) The MFG-E8-L stable clone (E8L) and parental wild type COMMA-1D cells (WT) were cultured in the presence (+) or the absence (-) of the lactogenic hormones (LH) for 5 days. Expression of β -casein (β -CN), MFG-E8, and GAPDH were analyzed by RT-PCR. Single and double asterisks (*) and **) respectively indicate the positions of MFG-E8-L and MFG-E8-S. (B) Conditioned dishes were prepared from wild type COMMA-1D cells and the MFG-E8-L and -S transformant clones. Wild type COMMA-1D cells on the conditioned culture dishes were cultured in the presence (+) or the absence (-) of the lactogenic hormones for 40 h. Total RNAs were subjected to RT-PCR analysis for the expression of β -casein and GAPDH.

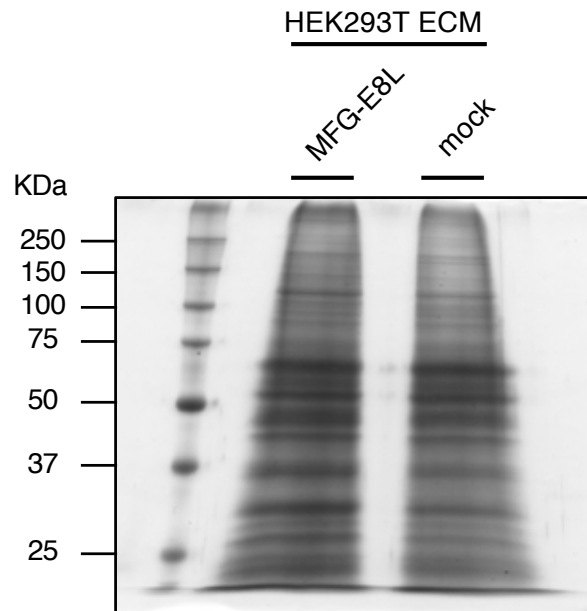


Figure S2. Total proteins in the conditioned ECM produced by HEK293T cells overexpressing MFG-E8.

HEK293T cells in 100 mm dishes (1.2×10^6 cells/dish) were transfected with the MFG-E8-L expression vector and an empty vector (mock). After 48-hour culture, the conditioned ECM was harvested. Solubilized proteins in the same volume of ECM solutions were separated by SDS-PAGE and then silver-stained.

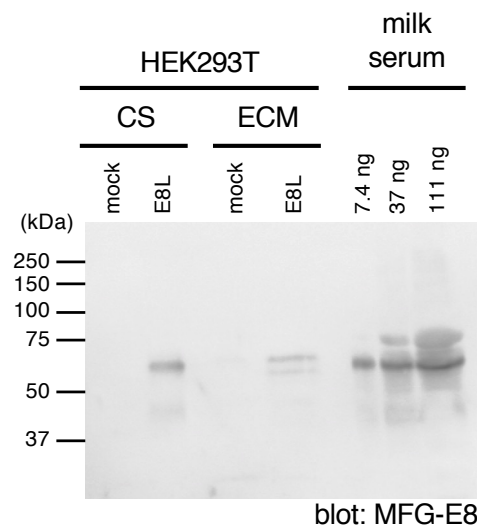


Figure S3. Quantitative comparison of MFG-E8 originated from mouse milk and overexpressing cells. HEK293T cells were transiently transfected with MFG-E8-L in a 100 mm dish culture with 6 ml of culture medium. MFG-E8 protein expressed in the halves of cellular substrata (ECM) and 3 ml of culture supernatants (CS) were compared with 7.4, 37, and 111 ng of MFG-E8 in mouse milk serum, which represented approximately 40, 200, and 600 pM when they were diluted in 3 ml of medium, respectively.

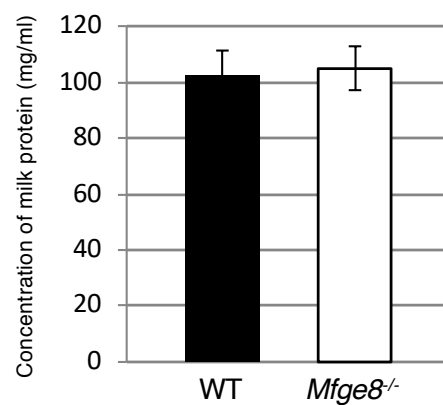


Figure S4. Quantitative comparison of the milk protein concentrations collected from the involuting mammary glands. Milk samples were obtained from the wild type (WT) and *MFG-E8*-deficient (*Mfge8*^{-/-}) mice at 48 hours after withdrawal of suckling pups. Protein concentration of whole milk was measured by Bradford assay.