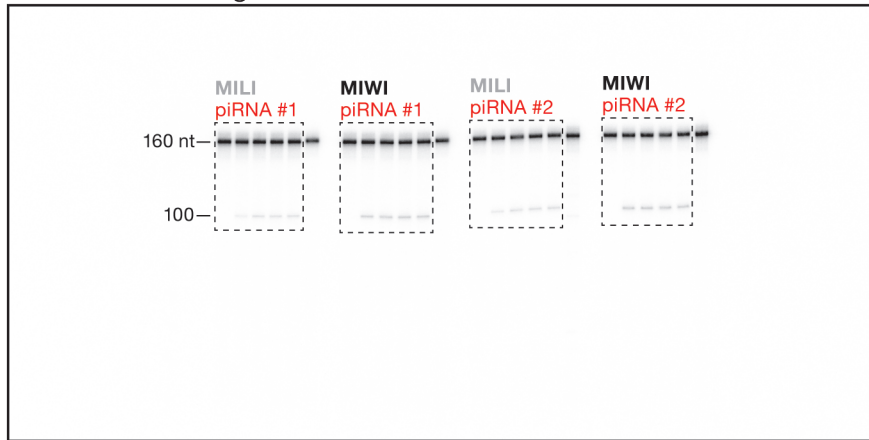


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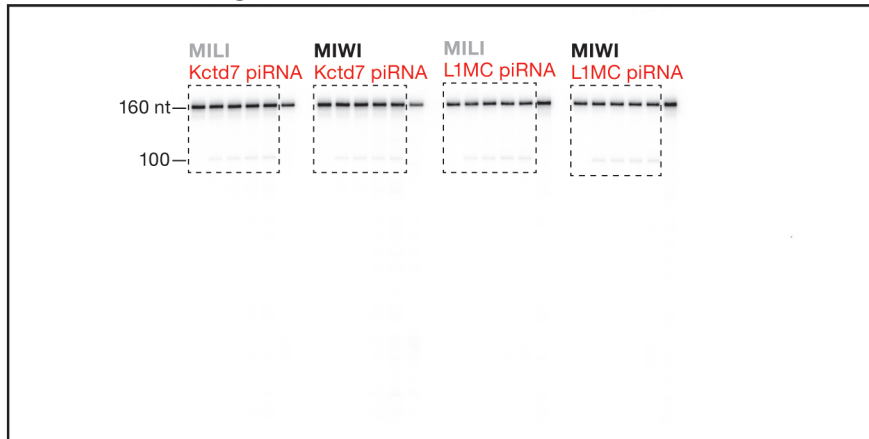
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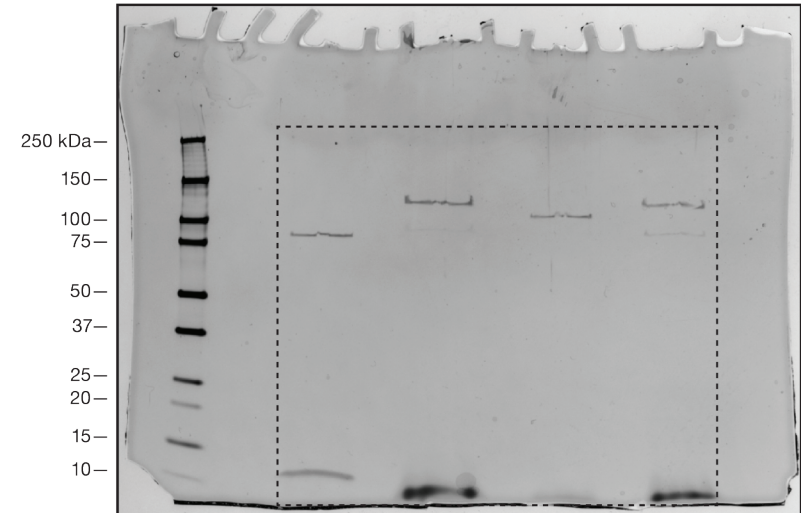
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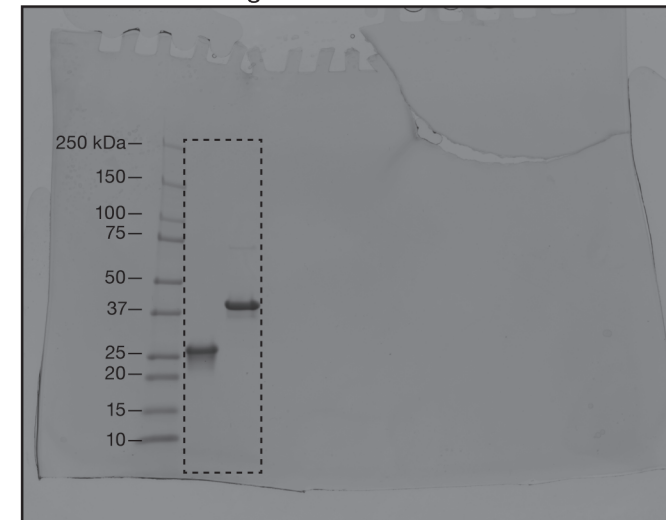
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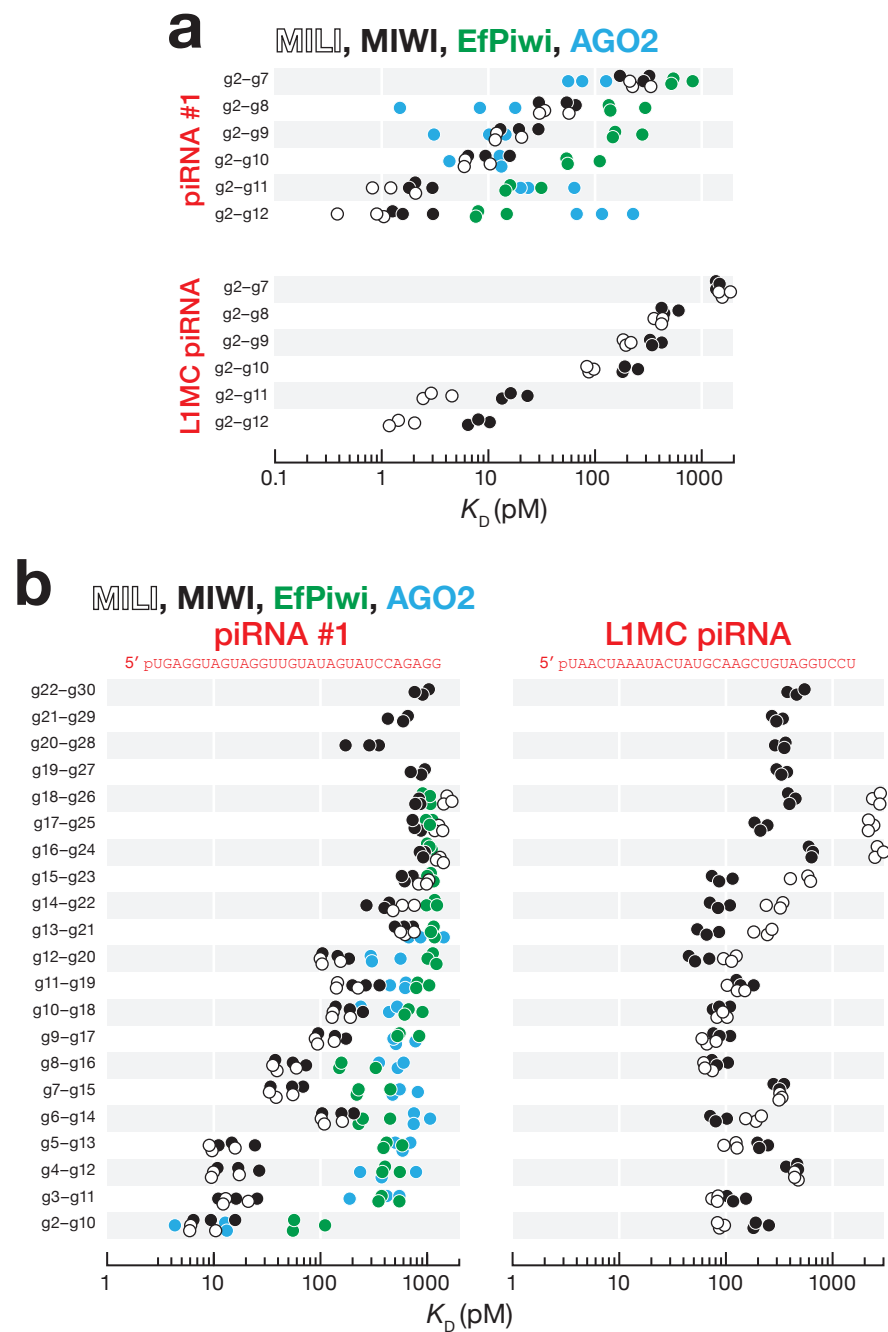


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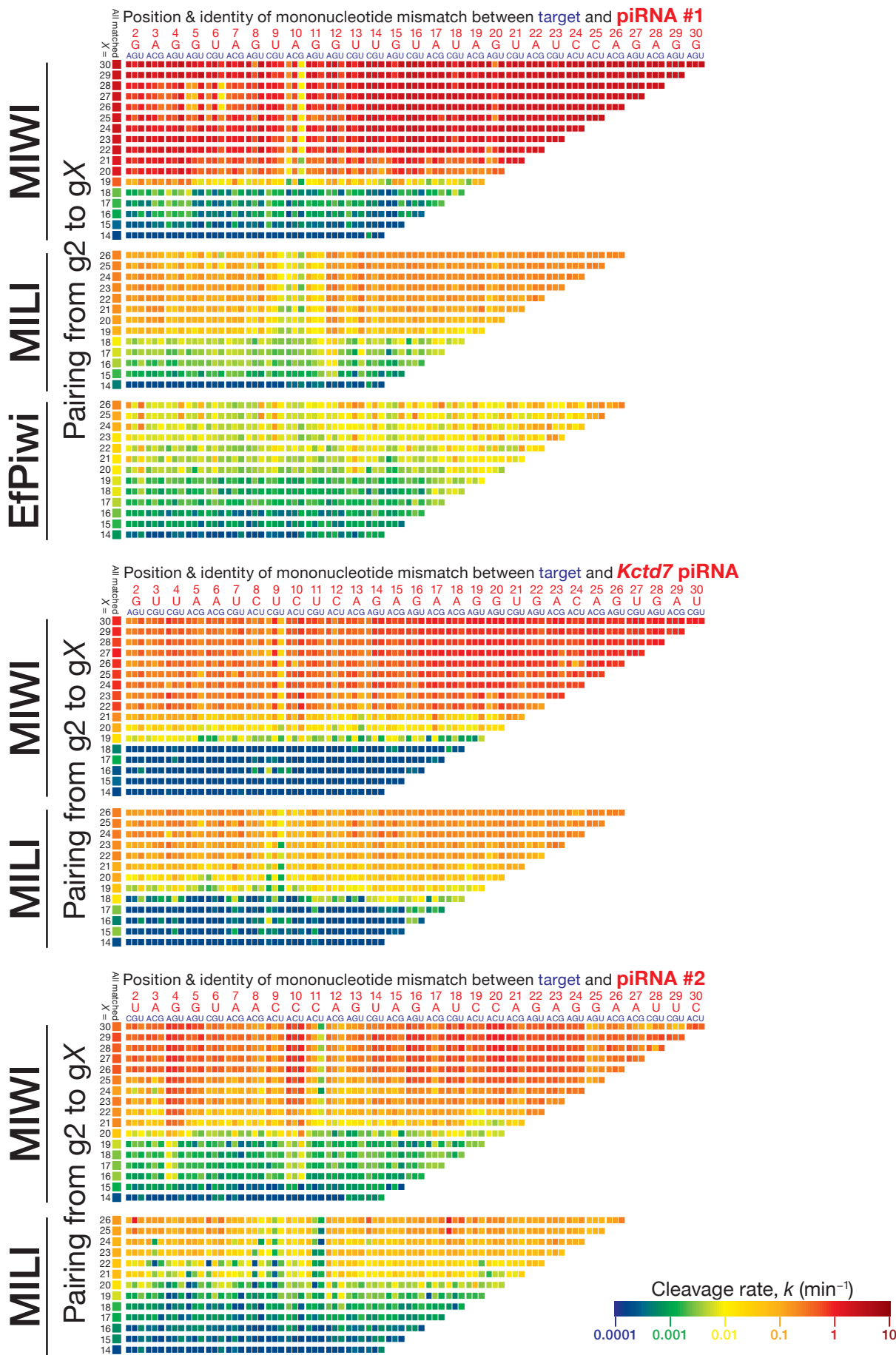


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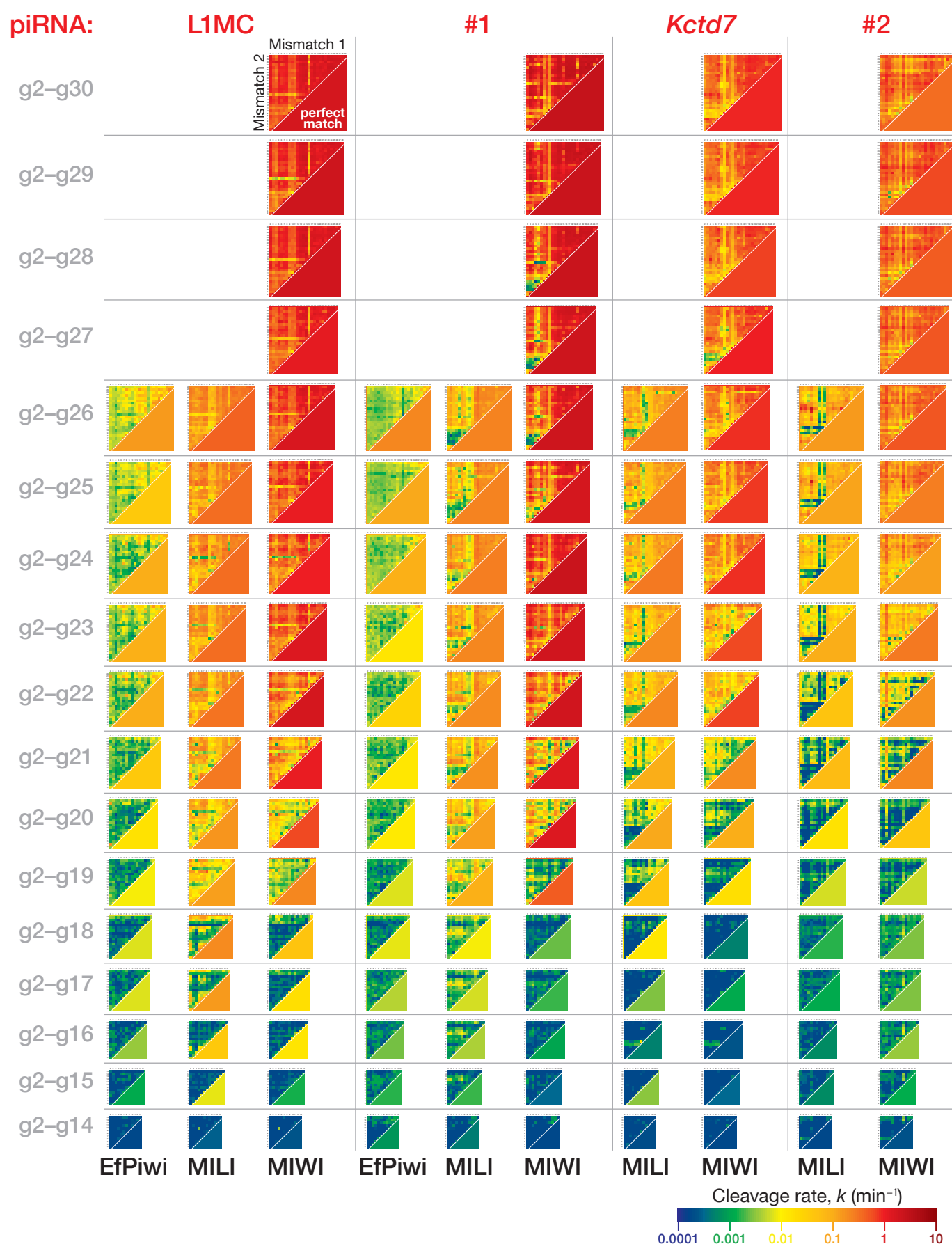




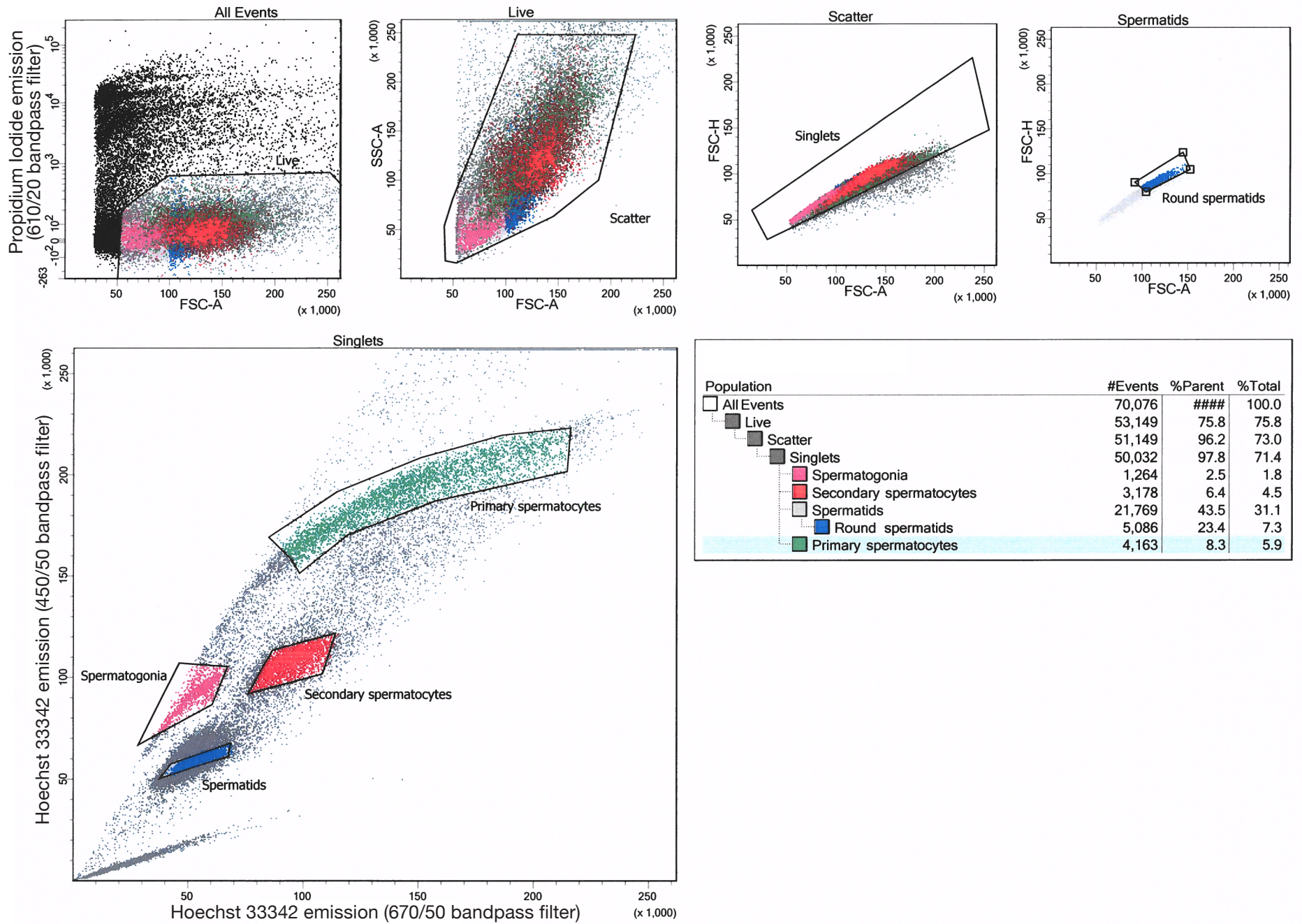
Supplementary Figure 2. Binding affinities (K_D) of MIWI, MILI, EfPiwi, and mouse AGO2 for canonical (a) and non-canonical (b) target sites. Data are from three independent trials. Mean and the standard deviation of the data are shown in Figs. 1c and 1d.



Supplementary Figure 3. MILI, MIWI, and EfPiwi pre-steady-state cleavage rates for piRNA #1, Kctd7 piRNA, or piRNA #2 targets with a single unpaired nucleotide.



Supplementary Figure 4. MILI, MIWI, EfPiwi pre-steady-state cleavage rates for L1MC piRNA, piRNA #1, *Kctd7* piRNA, or piRNA #2 targets with two unpaired nucleotides.



Supplementary Figure 5. FACS gating strategy to purify mouse primary germ cells