

Supporting Information

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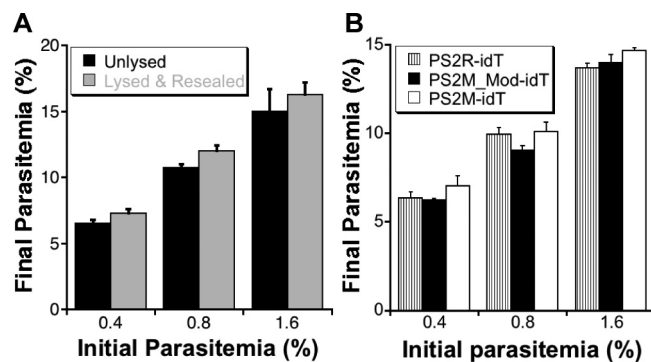


Fig. S1. (A) Parasites infect and grow equally well in sham-loaded (lysed and resealed using the HL/R procedure) as intact erythrocytes. (B) Excluding RBC bound aptamer as an explanation for aptamer induced toxicity. Erythrocytes were incubated in isotonic buffer (no lysis) under conditions simulating loading with 300 μ M *PS2R-idT*, *PS2M_Mod-idT* and *PS2M-idT*, washed exactly according to the post resealing step of the HL/R protocol and used in parasite growth assays.

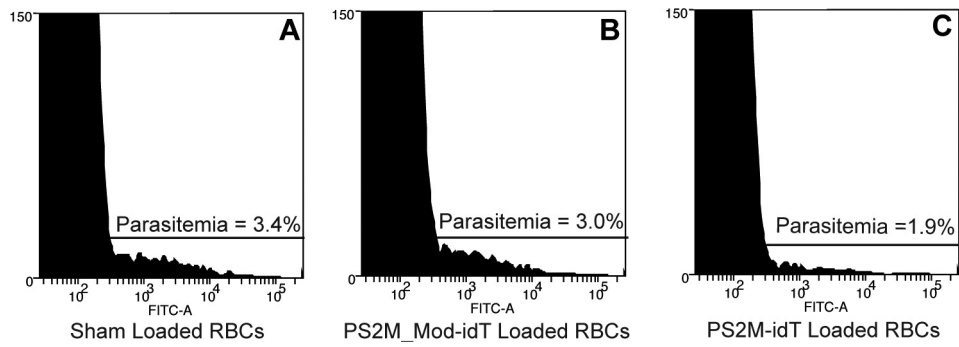


Fig. S2. Several representative FACS histograms used to determine parasite growth in experiments with: (A) Sham-loaded RBCs; (B) control oligonucleotide *PS2M_Mod-idT* (300 μ M) preloaded RBCs; and (C) heme-binding aptamer *PS2M-idT* (300 μ M)-preloaded RBCs.