Supplementary Material

Conformational and thermodynamic properties modulate the nucleotide excision repair of 2-aminofluorene and 2-acetylaminofluorene dG adducts in the *Nar*I sequence

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Figure S1: Schematic representation of strategy used for nucleotide excision repair by *E.coli* UvrABC for FAAF- and FAF-modified *Nar*I duplexes.



Figure S2: (a) HPLC chromatogram of a reaction mixture between 12-mer *Nar*I sequence (5'-CTCG₁G₂CG₃CCATC-3') and N-acetoxy-N-2-(acetylamino)-7-fluorofluorene. The mono-, di-, and tri-FAAF adducts were eluted in the 33-41, 47-65, and 76-78 min ranges. The asterisked peaks could not be resolved. The gradient condition was 3-15% acetonitrile in ammonium acetate buffer (pH 7.0, 100 mM) for 40 min, followed by 15-35% for 60 min, and back to 3% acetonitrile in 10 min, flow rate 2 mL/min.



Figure S3: Molecular ion spectra of peak 1 obtained from FAAF-modification of *Nar*I 16-mer template conducted on Waters SYNAPT ESI-QTOF-mass spectrometer in negative ion and V-modes.

*Nar*l **G**₁ 3'exonuclease digestion



Figure S4: Molecular ion spectra of peak 1 after 3'-exonuclease digestion conducted on Waters SYNAPT ESI-QTOF-mass spectrometer in negative ion and V-modes.



Figure S5: Molecular ion spectra of peak 2 after 5'-exonuclease digestion conducted on Waters SYNAPT ESI-QTOF-mass spectrometer in negative ion and V-modes (a) complete m/z range and (b) m/z range from 900-1240. The 5'-exonuclease digest products are labeled Y consistent with the accepted nomenclature first proposed by McLuckey and Habibigoudarzi (*J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **1993**, *115*, 12085–12095).





Figure S6: Molecular ion spectra of peak 3 after 3'-exonuclease digestion conducted on Waters SYNAPT ESI-QTOF-mass spectrometer in negative ion and V-modes.



Figure S7: Molecular ion spectra of peak 3 after 5'-exonuclease digestion conducted on Waters SYNAPT ESI-QTOF-mass spectrometer in negative ion and V-modes.



Figure S8: UV-melting curves of the three FAAF-*Nar*I duplexes and an unmodified control duplex, all at 6.4 μ M in 0.2 M NaCl, 10 mM sodium phosphate, and 0.2 mM EDTA at pH 7.



Figure S9: Line simulation of fully paired FAAF-modified NarI 16-mer (5'-CTCTCG₁G₂CG₃CCATCAC-3') duplexes at 5 °C.



Figure S10: Imino proton region (10-15 ppm) of proton NMR of fully paired FAAF-modified NarI 16-mer duplexes at 5 °C.



Figure S11: ¹⁹F NMR chemical shifts comparison of FAAF-modified *Nar*I 16-mer and FAAF-modified non-*Nar*I 12-mer duplexes. a) -CGG-, b) -GGC-, and c) -CGG- sequence context at 5 °C. * unknown conformers; # impurity.



Figure S12: The 5'-terminally labeled DNA substrates containing the FAAF modified *Nar*I sequence (2 nM) were incubated with UvrABC (UvrA, 10 nM, UvrB, 250 nM, and UvrC, 100 nM) in UvrABC reaction buffer at 37°C for the time period mentioned above. The incision products were then analyzed on a 12% polyacrylamide sequencing gel under denaturing condition. The 55-mer represents the intact DNA substrates, and the 18mer, 19mer and 21mer represent the 5'-incised DNA fragments for *Nar*I G₁, *Nar*I G₂ and *Nar*I G₃, respectively.

Supplementary Table S1. Thermal and thermodynamic parameters of FAAF modified *Nar*I duplexes obtained from UV-melting curves

	5'-CTCTCG ₁ G ₂ CG ₃ CCATCAC-3' 3'-GAGAGC C GCGGTAGAG-5'							
	-∆H kcal/mol	-∆S eu	-ΔG _{37°C} kcal/mol	$T_m^{\ b} {}^{o}C$	<u>ДДН</u> с kcal/mol	ΔΔS ^d eu	$\Delta\Delta G_{37^{\circ}C}^{e}$ kcal/mol	$\Delta T_m^{\ f}_{oC}$
Control ^a	121.9	324.7	21.2	70.6	-	-	-	-
NarI-G ₁ -FAAF ^a	117.2	315.8	19.2	66.0	4.7	8.9	2.0	-4.6
NarI-G ₂ -FAAF ^a	116.2	317.1	17.9	61.9	5.7	7.6	3.3	-8.7
NarI-G ₃ -FAAF ^a	111.9	304.4	17.5	61.8	10.0	20.3	3.7	-8.8

a) The results of curve fit and $T_{\rm m}$ -lnC_t dependence were within 15% of each other, and these numbers are averages of the two methods. The average standard deviations for $-\Delta G$, $-\Delta H$, and $T_{\rm m}$ are ± 0.2 , ± 3.2 , and ± 0.4 , respectively.

b) $T_{\rm m}$ values at 0.1mM extrapolated from these two methods.

c) $\Delta \Delta H = \Delta H$ (modified duplex) - ΔH (control duplex).

d) $\Delta \Delta S = \Delta S$ (modified duplex) - ΔS (control duplex).

e) $\Delta\Delta G = \Delta G$ (modified duplex) - ΔG (control duplex).

f) ΔTm = Tm (modified duplex) - Tm (control duplex).

FAAF modified duplexes	¹⁹ F	Chemical S (ppm	hifts at 5°C	
	Minor conformers	В	S	W
$NarI-CG_1G_2$		-115.4	-116.4	-117.4
$NarI-G_1G_2C$	-114.4, -114.7	-115.4	-115.8	-116.7
<i>Nar</i> I-CG ₃ C	-114.7	-115.5	-115.8	-117.3
non-NarI-C <mark>G</mark> G		-115.6	-116.4	-117.4
non-NarI-GGC	-115.0	-115.6	-115.8	-116.9
non-NarI-CGC		-115.4	-116.2	-117.8

Supplementary Table S2. Chemical shift information of different conformers exhibited by FAAF-modified *Nar*I and non-*Nar*I duplexes