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PP2  
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PP3  
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PP4  
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CGAGCTGCC TAATCCCACC-3'

PP5  
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PP6  
5'-GTGAGGTTGG AGTCCGACCT GGAATCTCAG CCTGACGTGC CATGCGGTGC GATGTCACGC CGCGCCACGG TATAGTATGG  
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PP7  
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PP8  
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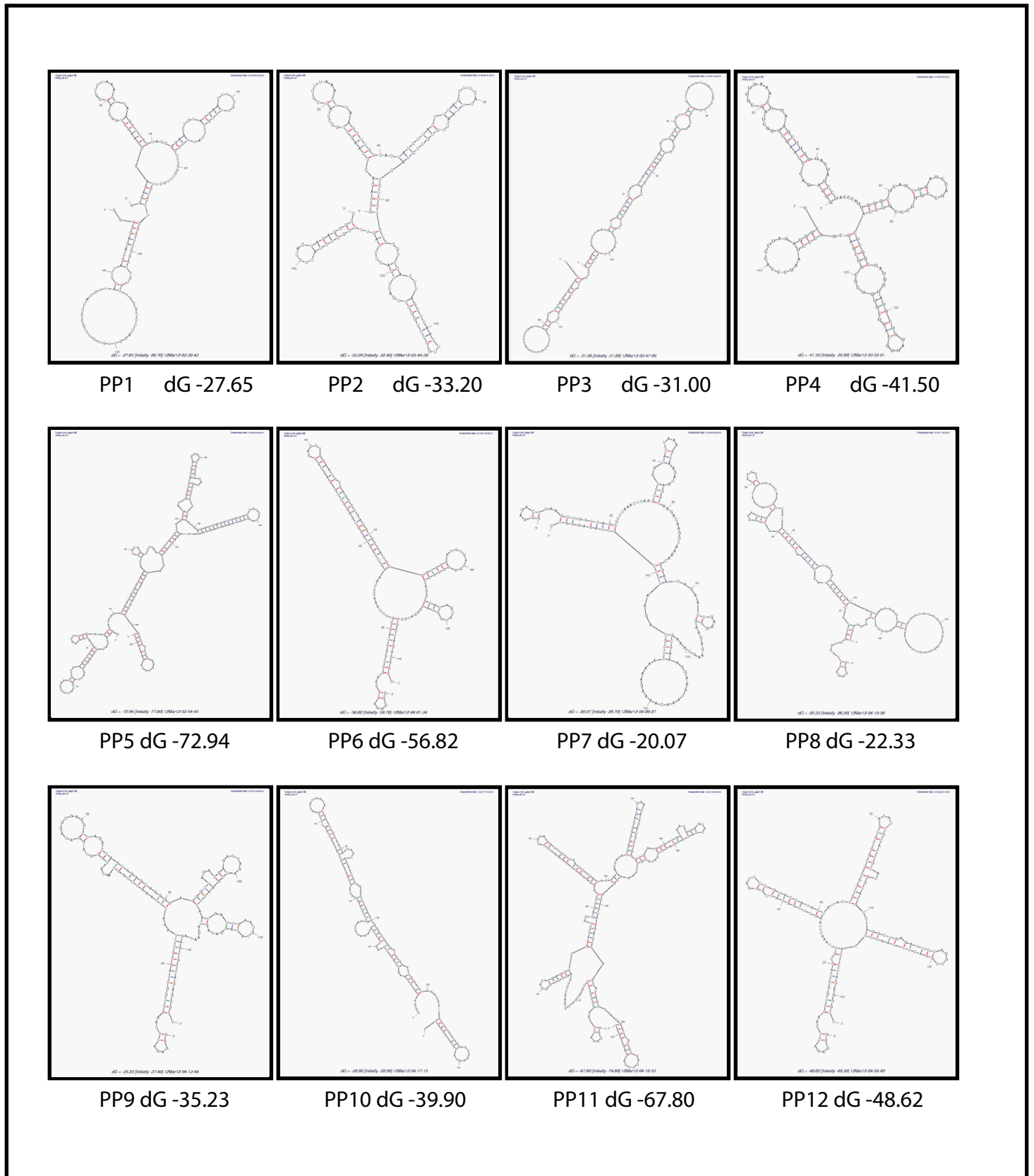
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PP11  
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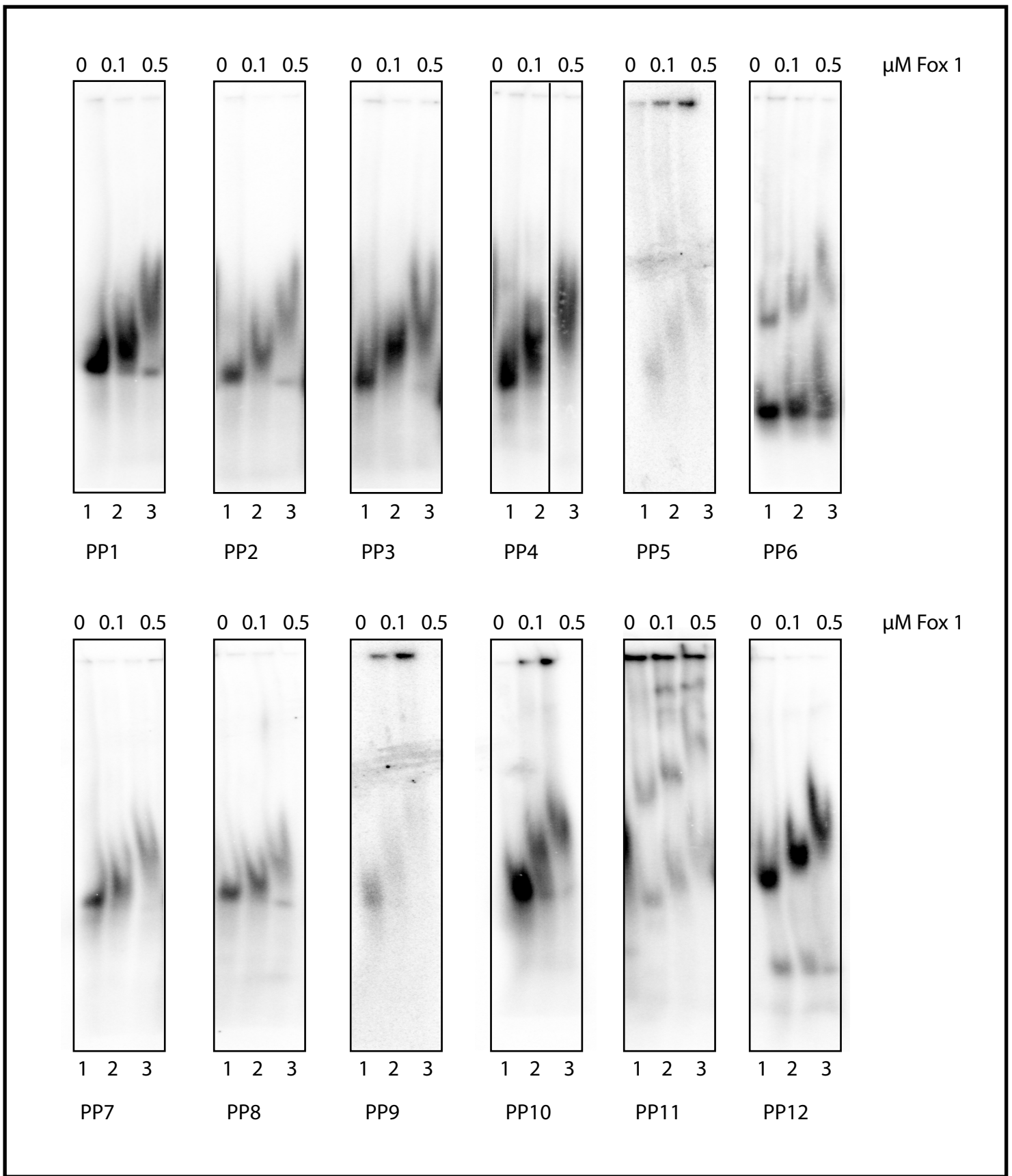
### Supplementary Figure S1. List of Pentaprobe sequences encoding every possible 5 nt long motif

DNA versions of all synthetic, single stranded Pentaprobcs, which together encode every possible 5 nt sequence. PP1 is reverse complementary to PP7, PP2 to PP8, and so forth, which enables production of dsDNA sequences.



**Supplementary Figure S2. Secondary structure of RNA pentaprobe predicted by the Mfold web server**

Each pentaprobe is represented as one secondary structure, predicted by Mfold web server, and the according free energy is indicated below each structure. In each case we show the structure with the lowest free energy, any other structure observed is energetically less favourable.



**Supplementary Figure S3. Fox 1 binding to each of the Pentaprobe sequences**

Each Pentaprobe is shown bound to Fox 1. Lane 1 represents the probe alone, lane 2 and 3 show 0.1 and 0.5 μM protein, respectively.