

## Additional file 6

### The matrix domain contributes to the nucleic acid chaperone activity of HIV-2 Gag

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#### Primers used in this study.

Molecule	Sequence
Generation of templates for <i>in vitro</i> transcription	
HIV-1 TAR	5'-TAATACGACTCACTATAGGTCTCTCTTGTAGACCAGG-3' 5'-GGGTTCCCTTGCTAGCCAGAGAGCTCCCGGGCTGACCTGGTCTAACAA GAGAGACC-3'
tRNA <sup>Lys3</sup>	5'-TAATACGACTCACTATAGCCCCGATAGCTCAGTCGGTAGAGCATCAGAC TTTTAATCTGAGGGTCCAG-3' 5'-TGGCGCCCCAACAGGGACTTGAACCCCTGGACCCTCAGATT-3'
HIV-2 TARpA	5'-GAATTCTAATACGACTCACTATAGGGTCGCTCTGCGGAGAG-3' 5'-CACACACTTAACCTGCTTCT-3'
HIV-2 PBS	5'-GAATTCTAATACGACTCACTATAGTCCTAGTCGCCGCCT-3' 5'-TCCTGCCGCCCTACTGCCT-3'
HIV-2 $\Psi$	5'-GAATTCTAATACGACTCACTATAGACAAACCACGACGGAGTGCT-3' 5'-GTTTCTCGCGCCCCTACTCCCACAATCTTCTACCTG-3'
+1 – 444 HIV-2 RNA	5'-GAATTCTAATACGACTCACTATAGGGTCGCTCTGCGGAGAG-3' 5'-CGCTCCACACGCTGCCCTTG-3'
+1 – 560 HIV-2 RNA	5'-GAATTCTAATACGACTCACTATAGGGTCGCTCTGCGGAGAG-3' 5'-GTTTCTCGCGCCCCTACTCCCACAATCTTCTACCTG-3'
+1 – 891 HIV-2 RNA	5'-GAATTCTAATACGACTCACTATAGGGTCGCTCTGCGGAGAG-3' 5'-CTGCAGTTCTGTTCTGCCACTA-3'
Reverse transcription	
186	5'-CGACTAGGAGAGATGGGAGC-3'
540	5'-GTTTCTCGCGCCCCTACTCCCA-3'
787	5'-GCACCAAATGACGCAGACAG-3'

<sup>a</sup>Promotor of T7 polymerase is annotated in italic.