The cellular protein hnRNP A2/B1 enhances HIV-1 transcription by unfolding LTR promoter G-quadruplexes

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Assay	Name	Sequence 5'-3'					
Pull Down	LTR-	d(TTTTTGGGGACTTTCCAGGGAGGCGTGGCCTGGGCGGG					
	II+III+IV	CTGGGGAGTGGTTTTT-BtnTg)					
	LTR- II+III+IV M4+5	d(TTTTTGGGGACTTTCCAGGGAGGCGTGGCCTGTGCGTGA CTGGGGAGTGGTTTTT- <i>BtnTg</i>)					
	Random	d(AAAAACTACTGCACGCTCGCTACGACGACACTGTCGCGC ATACAAGCTGCAAAAA-BtnTg)					
SPR	LTR-	TTTTTGGGGACTTTCCAGGGAGGCGTGGCCTGGGCGGGAC					
	II+III+IV	TGGGGAGTGGTTTTT					
	LTR- II+III+IV M4+5	TTTTTGGGGACTTTCCAGGGAGGCGTGGCCTGTGCGTGACT GGGGAGTGGTTTTT					
	LTR- II+III+IV random	AAAAACTACTGCACGCTCGCTACGACGACACTGTCGCGCA TACAAGCTGCAAAAA					
	Taq Primer	GGCAAAAAGCAGCTGCTTATATGCAG					
	LTR-	TTTTTGGGGACTTTCCAGGGAGGCGTGGCCTGGGCGGGAC					
T	II+III+IV	TGGGGAGTGGTTTTTCTGCATATAAGCAGCTGCTTTTTGCC					
Tuq	LTR-	TTTTTGGGGACTTTCCAGGGAGGCGTGGCCTGTGCGTGACT					
polymerase	II+III+IV	GGGGAGTGGTTTTTCTGCATATAAGCAGCTGCTTTTTGCC					
stop assay	M4+5						
	LTR-III+IV	TTTTTGGGAGGCGTGGCCTGGGGGGGGACTGGGGAGTGGTT					
		TTTCTGCATATAAGCAGCTGCTTTTTGCC					
	LTR-III	TTTTTGGGAGGCGTGGCCTGGGCGGGACTGGGGTTTTTCTG CATATAAGCAGCTGCTTTTTGCC					
FRET	LTR- II+III+IV	d(6FAM- TGGGGACTTTCCAGGGAGGCGTGGCCTGGGCGGGACTGGG GAGTGGT- <i>TAMRA</i>) d(6FAM-					
	LTR-III+IV	TGGGAGGCGTGGCCTGGGCGGGACTGGGGAGTGGT- <i>TAMRA</i>)					

	LTR-III	d(6FAM-TGGGAGGCGTGGCCTGGGCGGGACTGGGGT-				
		TAMRA)				
	LTR-IV	d(6FAM-TGGGCGGGACTGGGGAGTGGT-TAMRA)				
CD	LTR-	GGGGACTTTCCAGGGAGGCGTGGCCTGGGCGGGACTGGGG				
	II+III+IV	AGTGG				
	LTR-III+IV	GGGAGGCGTGGCCTGGGCGGGACTGGGGAGTGG				
	LTR-III	GGGAGGCGTGGCCTGGGCGGGACTGGGG				
	LTR-IV	GGGCGGGACTGGGGAGTGG				

Table S2. Energy Transfer (E), Energy Transfer Difference (ΔE) and Radius (Å) of LTRs in the absence or presence of hnRNPA2 or BSA, at different K⁺ concentrations.

		E			ΔΕ*			R (Å)		
LTR	K ⁺ (mM)	G4	A2	BSA	G4	A2	BSA	G4	A2	BSA
II+III+ IV	100	$0,84{\pm}0,002$	0,53±0,02	$0,82{\pm}0,002$	0,727	0,309	0,018	38,1	49,1	38,9
	50	0,81±0,002	0,22±0,009	0,81±0,006	0,716	0,564	0,024	38,6	59,4	39,6
	25	0,83±0,003	0,26±0,02	$0,80\pm 0,0008$	0,705	0,592	0,006	39,0	61,6	39,3
III+IV	100	0,72±0,006	0,50±0,01	0,70±0,002	0,709	0,222	0,017	42,8	50,2	43,4
	50	0,68±0,002	0,35±0,002	0,66±0,006	0,675	0,334	0,025	44,0	55,5	44,8
	25	0,65±0,002	0,34±0,02	0,63±0,005	0,646	0,317	0,028	43,6	56,0	45,9
III	100	0,80±0,004	0,73±0,006	0,77±0,012	0,781	0,066	0,021	39,6	42,2	40,8
	50	0,81±0,002	0,70±0,015	0,77±0,001	0,791	0,106	0,037	39,2	42,2	40,7
	25	0,81±0,006	0,66±0,01	0,77±0,002	0,786	0,141	0,033	39,4	44,6	40,8
IV	100	0,60±0,0007	0,46±0,01	0,53±0,02	0,452	0,141	0,053	46,6	51,3	48,9
	50	0,61±0,003	0,46±0,03	0,63±0,02	0,465	0,153	0,004	46,2	51,3	46,4
	25	0,61±0,002	0,39±0,01	0,57±0,003	0,461	0,218	0,039	46,4	53,8	47,6

*For free G-quadruplex, ΔE was calculated between the single-stranded oligonucleotide and the corresponding duplex.

Fig. S1. FRET-melting curves of untreated LTR-II+III+IV in the absence and presence of hnRNPA2 1:10, or of BSA as control, at a) K⁺ 25 mM and b) 50 mM. c) and d) Corresponding first derivative curves, dF/dT versus T.



Fig. S2. FRET-melting curves of untreated LTR-III+IV in the absence and presence of hnRNPA2 1:10, or of BSA as control, at a) K^+ 25 mM, b) 50 mM and c) 100 mM. d), e) and f) Corresponding first derivative curves, dF/dT versus T.



Fig. S3. A) FRET-melting curves of untreated LTR-III in the absence and presence of hnRNPA2 1:10, or of BSA as control, at a) K^+ 25 mM, b) 50 mM and c) 100 mM. d), e) and f) Corresponding first derivative curves, dF/dT versus T.



Fig. S4. A) FRET-melting curves of untreated LTR-IV in the absence and presence of hnRNPA2 1:10, or of BSA as control, at a) K^+ 25 mM, b) 50 mM and c) 100 mM. d), e) and f) Corresponding first derivative curves, dF/dT versus T.



Fig. S5. Activity of hnRNP A2/B1 on the HIV-1 LTR promoter in TZM-bl cells. A) hnRNP A2/B1 depletion in TZM-bl cells by siRNAs analysed by western blot with anti hnRNP A2/B1 antibody. Scra indicates scrambled siRNAs. Detection of α -tubulin (α t) was used as control. NT indicates untreated cells. The symbol / indicates cells treated only with Lipofectamine RNAiMAX . B) Analysis of the luciferase activity of the LTR wt promoter in TZM-bl cells treated with hnRNP A2/B1 siRNAs, normalized to protein content.

