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A Toxic RNA Catalyzes the Cellular Synthesis of Its Own Inhibitor, Shunting It to Endogenous Decay Pathways

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SUPPLEMENTAL TABLES AND FIGURES

Table S1. Sequences of primers used for PCR (related to STAR Methods).			
Gene	Forward Primer (5'-3')	Reverse Primer (5'-3')	Purpose
MAP4K4	CCTCATCCAGTGAGGAGTCG	TGGTGGGAGAAATGCTGTATGC	RT-PCR
IR	CCAAAGACAGACTCTCAGAT	AACATCGCCAAGGGACCTGC	RT-PCR
<i>CNBP</i> i1 3" SS	GAACTTTCAGTGGTTTAATGCTG	CCGCAGTTATAGCAGGCTTC	RT-PCR
GAPDH	AAGGTGAAGGTCGGAGTCAA	AATGAAGGGGTCATTGATGG	qPCR
CNBP Intron1	ATTCCAAGGTTGGTTGAAGC	AACCCAAACCAATGAAGCTG	qPCR
CNBP mature mRNA	AAACTGGTCATGTAGCCATCAAC	AATTGTGCATTCCCGTGCAAG	qPCR
MBNL1	TTCATCCACCCCCACATTTA	TTGGCTAGTTGCATTTGCTG	qPCR



Figure S1: *MBNL1*'s effect on *CNBP*-intron 1 retained species in DM2 patient-derived fibroblasts (related to Figure 1). (*A*) Abundance of *CNBP* intron 1 in WT fibroblasts compared to DM2 fibroblasts, as evaluated by RT-qPCR. (*B*) *CNBP* intron 1 retention levels in WT fibroblasts compared to DM2 fibroblasts, as evaluated by RT-PCR (left) and its quantification (right). Schematic of the *CNBP* i1 3'ss (2 primers - arrows) RT-PCR assay. *i* indicates intron and *E* indicates Exon. (*C*, *D*) Effect of MBNL1 knock-down on *CNBP* isoforms using an siRNA in DM2 fibroblasts. (*C*) Relative abundance of *MBNL1* measured by RT-qPCR. (*D*) Representative gel image of *CNBP* intron 1 retention levels as measured by RT-qPCR. (*D*) Representative gel image of *CNBP* intron 1 retention levels as measured by RT-qPCR (left) and its quantification (right). (*E*, *F*) MBNL1 knock-in using a plasmid encoding MBNL1 in DM2 fibroblasts. (*E*) Relative abundance of *MBNL1* as measured by RT-qPCR. (*F*) and its quantification (right). (*B*, *F*) MBNL1, as measured by RT-qPCR (left) and its quantification (right). (*G*) Effect of siRNA *MBNL1* on expression of MBNL1 protein, determined by Western blot. Error bars represent SD. ***P* < 0.01, ****P* < 0.001, *****P* < 0.0001, as determined by a one-way ANOVA (n = 3).



Figure S2: Effect of 1 treatment on DM2 and WT fibroblasts (related to Figure 3). (*A*, *B*) Ability of 1 to rescue aberrant splicing events in DM2 patient-derived fibroblasts. (*A*) Representative gel image of the alternative splicing of *Insulin Receptor* (*IR*) exon 11 in DM2 fibroblasts treated with 1. (*B*) Quantification of RT-PCR analysis of the *IR* exon 11 splicing defect treated with 1. (*C*, *D*) Evaluation of 1 in healthy fibroblasts. (*C*) Representative gel image of *IR* exon 11 splicing defect. (*E*) Representative gel image of *MAP4K4* exon 22a alternative splicing (non-MBNL1 regulated) in DM2 fibroblasts treated with 1. (*F*) Quantification of *MAP4K4* exon 22a splicing. (*G*, *H*) Ability of 1 to rescue aberrant *CNBP* splicing in DM2 fibroblasts treated with 1. (*I*) Quantification of *R* exon 11 splicing of *R* even 11 retention in DM2 fibroblasts treated with 1. (*H*) Quantification of RT-PCR analysis of *CNBP* intron 1 retention treated with 1. (*I*) Effect of 1 on abundance of *CNBP* mature mRNA. (*J*) Evaluation of 1 in healthy fibroblasts. RT-qPCR analysis of *CNBP* intron 1 abundance in WT fibroblasts treated with 2. Error bars represent SD. **P* < 0.5; ****P* < 0.001, as determined by a one-way ANOVA relative to 0 (n = 3).



Figure S3. Impact of 2 in DM2 and WT fibroblasts (related to Figure 4). (A, B, C) Results of mass spectral analysis of in cellulis click reactions between 2 and 3 in DM2 and healthy fibroblasts. (A) MALDI MS spectrum of compounds isolated from healthy fibroblast cells. (B) MALDI MS spectrum of compounds isolated from DM2 fibroblasts, showing that a trimer and tetramer were formed. (C) Chemical structures of the in cellulis click products (trimer and tetramer). (D, E, F, G, H, I) Ability of 2 to rescue aberrant MBNL1-regulated splicing events in DM2 fibroblasts. (D) Representative gel image of IR exon 11 alternative splicing in DM2 fibroblasts treated with 2. (E) Quantification of RT-PCR analysis of the IR exon 11 splicing defect upon treatment with 2. (F) Representative gel image of CNBP intron 1 retention in DM2 fibroblasts treated with 2. (G) Quantification of RT-PCR analysis of CNBP intron 1 retention in cells treated with 2. (H) Representative gel image of MAP4K4 exon 22a alternative splicing (non-MBNL1 regulated) treated with 2. (I) Quantification of MAP4K4 exon 22a splicing. (J, K, L) Evaluation of 2 in healthy (WT) fibroblasts. (K) Representative gel image of IR exon 11 alternative splicing in WT fibroblasts treated with 2. (L) Quantification of IR exon 11 splicing defect. (M) RT-qPCR analysis of CNBP intron 1 abundance in WT fibroblasts treated with 2. Error bars represent SD. *P < 0.05, **P < 0.01, ***P < 0.001, as determined by a one-way ANOVA relative to 0 (n = 3).



Figure S4: Evaluation of control compounds 3, 4 and 5 in DM2 fibroblasts (related to Figure 4). (*A*, *B*) Evaluation of nuclear foci using fluorescence *in situ* hybridization (FISH). (*A*) Representative images of $r(CCUG)^{exp}$ -MBNL1 foci in DM2 fibroblasts treated with **3**. (*B*) Quantification of $r(CCUG)^{exp}$ -MBNL1 foci/cell. Error bars represent SD (n=3 biological replicates; 40 nuclei counted per replicate). (*C*) RT-qPCR analysis of *CNBP* intron 1 abundance in DM2 fibroblasts treated with **3**. (*D*) Representative gel image of *IR* exon 11 alternative splicing in DM2 fibroblasts treated with **3**. (*E*) Quantification of *IR* exon 11 splicing. (*F*) Structure of compound **4**, the dimer formed by a reaction between two copies of **2**. (*G*) RT-qPCR analysis of *CNBP* intron 1 abundance in DM2 fibroblasts treated with **4**. (*H*) Structure of compound **5** (6"-azido kanamycin A). (*I*) RT-qPCR analysis of *CNBP* intron 1 abundance in DM2 fibroblasts treated with **5**. Error bars represent SD. **P* < 0.05, as determined by a one-way ANOVA relative to 0 (n = 3).