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# 2'-O-Methyl at 20-mer Guide Strand 3' Termini

### May Negatively Affect Target Silencing Activity

## of Fully Chemically Modified siRNA

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**Supplemental Figures** 



Figure S1. 2'-O-methyl at 3' termini of 20-mer guide strands decreases activity of fully modified, asymmetric siRNAs with 14-mer passenger strands. (A) Schematic representations of chemical modification scaffolds used; symbols next to each schematic are used in graphs shown in (B). Legend shows corresponding chemical structures for 2'-ribose modifications. (B) Dose response results (n=3, mean  $\pm$  SD). Target name and start site of target sequence indicated in each graph. WM-115 cells were treated with siRNAs at concentrations shown for 72 hours. mRNA levels were measured using the Quantigene 2.0 RNA Assay and calculated as a percent of those from untreated cell controls. p-values displayed on each graph calculated by two-way ANOVA. (C) Target mRNA expression with 1.5  $\mu$ M of each siRNA with 2'-F at guide strand position 20. (D) Differences in target mRNA expression with 1.5  $\mu$ M of each siRNA when 2'-OMe replaces 2'-F at guide strand position 20. (E) Percent differences in AUCs. (F) Fold changes in IC<sub>50</sub> values, calculated by dividing the value obtained from siRNAs with 2'-OMe at guide strand position 20 by the value obtained from siRNAs with 2'-F at guide strand position 20. (D, E, F) Positive values indicate increases in values when 2'-OMe replaces 2'-F at guide strand position 20.



Figure S2. 2'-fluoro at position 5 but not 7 of 20-mer guide strands increases activity of fully modified, asymmetric siRNAs with 2'-O-methyl at 3' guide strand termini. (A) Schematic representations of chemical modification scaffolds used; symbols next to each schematic are used in graphs shown in (B). Legend shows corresponding chemical structures for 2'-ribose modifications. (B) Dose response results (n=3, mean  $\pm$  SD). Target name and start site of target sequence indicated in each graph. HeLa cells were treated with siRNAs at concentrations shown for 72 hours. mRNA levels were measured using the Dual-Glo® Luciferase Assay System and calculated as a percent of those from untreated cell controls. Statistical outliers are excluded from analysis, but are shown in the graphs as solid data points. Non-linear regression curves with R<sup>2</sup><0.8 are displayed as dashed rather than solid lines. p-values displayed on each graph calculated by two-way ANOVA. (C) Target mRNA expression with 1.5  $\mu$ M of each siRNA with 2'-OMe at guide strand position 20. (D) Differences in target mRNA expression with 1.5  $\mu$ M of each siRNA when 2'-F replaces 2'-OMe at guide strand position 5 or 7. (E) Percent differences in AUCs. (F) Fold changes in IC<sub>50</sub> values, calculated by dividing the value obtained from siRNAs with 2'-F at guide strand position 5 or 7 by the value obtained from siRNAs with 2'-F at guide strand position 5 or 7; if this number was <1 the negative reciprocal is shown. (D, E, F) Positive or negative values indicate increases or decreases in values when 2'-F replaces 2'-OMe at guide strand position 5 or 7.



Figure S3. 2'-O-methyl at 3' termini of 19-mer guide strands does not impact activity of fully modified, asymmetric siRNAs. (A) Schematic representations of chemical modification scaffolds used; symbols next to each schematic are used in graphs shown in (B). Legend shows corresponding chemical structures for 2'-ribose modifications. (B) Dose response results (n=3, mean  $\pm$  SD). Target name and start site of target sequence indicated in each graph. HeLa cells were treated with siRNAs at concentrations shown for 72 hours. mRNA levels were measured using the Quantigene 2.0 RNA Assay and calculated as a percent of those from untreated cell controls. Statistical outliers were excluded from analyses, but are shown in the graphs as solid data points. Non-linear regression curves with  $R^2 < 0.8$  are displayed as dashed rather than solid lines. p-values displayed on each graph calculated by two-way ANOVA. (C) Target mRNA expression with 1.5 µM of each siRNA with 2'-F at guide strand position 19. (D) Differences in target mRNA expression with 1.5 µM of each siRNA when 2'-OMe replaces 2'-F at guide strand position 19. (E) Percent differences in AUCs. (F) Fold changes in  $IC_{50}$  values, calculated by dividing the value obtained from siRNAs with 2'-OMe at guide strand position 19 by the value obtained from siRNAs with 2'-F at guide strand position 19; if this number was <1 the negative reciprocal is shown. "N/A" is shown if the Prism calculated IC<sub>50</sub> value for one or both siRNAs for that sequence is greater than the top treatment dose (i.e.  $1.5 \mu$ M). (D, E, F) Positive or negative values indicate increases or decreases in values when 2'-OMe replaces 2'-F at guide strand position 19.



Figure S4. 2'-O-methyl at 3' termini of 21-mer guide strands does not impact activity of fully modified, asymmetric siRNAs. (A) Schematic representations of chemical modification scaffolds used; symbols next to each schematic are used in graphs shown in (B). Legend shows corresponding chemical structures for 2'-ribose modifications. (B) Dose response results (n=3, mean  $\pm$  SD). Target name and start site of target sequence indicated in each graph. HeLa cells were treated with siRNAs at concentrations shown for 72 hours. mRNA levels were measured using the Quantigene 2.0 RNA Assay and calculated as a percent of those from untreated cell controls. Statistical outliers were excluded from analyses, but are shown in the graphs as solid data points. Non-linear regression curves with R<sup>2</sup><0.8 are displayed as dashed rather than solid lines. p-values displayed on each graph calculated by two-way ANOVA. (C) Target mRNA expression with 1.5  $\mu$ M of each siRNA when 2'-OMe replaces 2'-F at guide strand position 21. (E) Percent differences in AUCs. (F) Fold changes in IC<sub>50</sub> values, calculated by dividing the value obtained from siRNAs with 2'-OMe at guide strand position 21 by the value obtained from siRNAs with 2'-OMe at guide strand position 21 by the value obtained from siRNAs with 2'-F at guide strand position 21; if this number was <1 the negative reciprocal is shown. (D, E, F) Positive or negative values indicate increases or decreases in values when 2'-OMe replaces 2'-F at guide strand position 21; if this number was <1 the negative reciprocal is shown. (D, E, F) Positive or



Figure S5. Sequences tested do not tolerate change from asymmetric to more symmetric 21-/19-mer siRNA structure. (A) Schematic representations of chemical modification scaffolds used; symbols next to each schematic are used in graphs shown in (B). Legend shows corresponding chemical structures for 2'-ribose modifications. (B) Dose response results (n=3, mean  $\pm$  SD). Target name and start site of target sequence indicated in each graph. HeLa cells were treated with siRNAs at concentrations shown for 72 hours. mRNA levels were measured using the Quantigene 2.0 RNA Assay and calculated as a percent of those from untreated cell controls. Statistical outliers were excluded from analyses, but are shown in the graphs as solid data points. Non-linear regression curves with  $R^2 < 0.8$ are displayed as dashed rather than solid lines. p-values displayed on each graph calculated by two-way ANOVA. Note that a p-value could not be calculated for HTT\_10125 because all 3 points at the lowest test concentration for HTT\_10125 siRNA with 3'-end 2'-F were excluded as statistical outliers. (C) Target mRNA expression with 1.5 μM of each siRNA with 2'-F at guide strand position 21. (D) Differences in target mRNA expression with 1.5 µM of each siRNA when 2'-OMe replaces 2'-F at guide strand position 21. (E) Percent differences in AUCs. (F) Fold changes in  $IC_{50}$  values, calculated by dividing the value obtained from siRNAs with 2'-OMe at guide strand position 21 by the value obtained from siRNAs with 2'-F at guide strand position 21; if this number was <1 the negative reciprocal is shown. "N/A" is shown if the Prism calculated  $IC_{50}$  value for one or both siRNAs for that sequence is greater than the top treatment dose (i.e. 1.5 µM). (D, E, F) Positive or negative values indicate increases or decreases in values when 2'-OMe replaces 2'-F at guide strand position 21.



Figure S6. Sequences tested tolerate 20-/15-mer but not 19-/15-mer asymmetric siRNA structure. (A) Schematic representations of chemical modification scaffolds used; symbols next to each schematic are used in graphs shown in (B). Legend shows corresponding chemical structures for 2'-ribose modifications. (B) Dose response results (n=3, mean  $\pm$  SD). Target name and start site of target sequence indicated in each graph. HeLa cells were treated with siRNAs at concentrations shown for 72 hours. mRNA levels were measured using the Quantigene 2.0 RNA Assay and calculated as a percent of those from untreated cell controls. Statistical outliers were excluded from analyses, but are shown in the graphs as solid data points. Non-linear regression curves with  $R^2 < 0.8$  are displayed as dashed rather than solid lines. p-values displayed on each graph calculated by two-way ANOVA. (C) Target mRNA expression with 1.5 µM of each siRNA with a 20-mer guide strand and 2'-F at guide strand position 20. (D) Differences in target mRNA expression with  $1.5 \,\mu\text{M}$  of each siRNA when 1 nucleotide is removed from the 3' end of the guide strand. (E) Percent differences in AUCs. (F) Fold changes in IC<sub>50</sub> values, calculated by dividing the value obtained from siRNAs with 19-mer guide strands by the value obtained from siRNAs with 20-mer guide strands; if this number was <1 the negative reciprocal is shown. "N/A" is shown if the Prism calculated IC<sub>50</sub> value for one or both siRNAs for that sequence is greater than the top treatment dose (i.e.  $1.5 \mu$ M). (D, E, F) Positive or negative values indicate increases or decreases in values when 1 nucleotide is removed from the 3' end of the guide strand.



**Figure S7. Sequences tested tolerate 20-/15-mer and 21-/15-mer asymmetric siRNA structure.** (A) Schematic representations of chemical modification scaffolds used; symbols next to each schematic are used in graphs shown in (B). Legend shows corresponding chemical structures for 2'-ribose modifications. (B) Dose response results (n=3, mean  $\pm$  SD). Target name and start site of target sequence indicated in each graph. HeLa cells were treated with siRNAs at concentrations shown for 72 hours. mRNA levels were measured using the Quantigene 2.0 RNA Assay and calculated as a percent of those from untreated cell controls. Statistical outliers were excluded from analyses, but are shown in the graphs as solid data points. Non-linear regression curves with R<sup>2</sup><0.8 are displayed as dashed rather than solid lines. p-values displayed on each graph calculated by two-way ANOVA. (C) Target mRNA expression with 1.5  $\mu$ M of each siRNA with a 20-mer guide strand and 2'-F at guide strand position 20. (D) Differences in target mRNA expression with 1.5  $\mu$ M of each siRNA when 1 nucleotide is added to the 3' end of the guide strand. (E) Percent differences in AUCs. (F) Fold changes in IC<sub>50</sub> values, calculated by dividing the value obtained from siRNAs with 21-mer guide strands by the value obtained from siRNAs with 20-mer guide strands; if this number was <1 the negative reciprocal is shown. (D, E, F) Positive or negative values indicate increases or decreases in values when 1 nucleotide is added to the 3' end of the guide strand.

#### **Supplemental Tables**

**Table S1. Values from Figure S1.** When looking at differences, positive values indicate an increase in values with the application of the indicated modification change.  $IC_{50}$  fold change was calculated by dividing the value obtained with the indicated modification change by the value obtained without it. However, if this number was <1 the negative reciprocal is listed (e.g. 0.75, or a drop of 25% from the original value is reported as -1.3 fold change).

Guide Strand Modification Pattern	2'-OMe/ -F	2'-OMe at Position 20	+ 2'-OMe at Position 20
Target	% Target mRNA Expression with 1.5 uM		Difference % Target mRNA
	SIRNA		Expression with 1.5 uM siRNA
sFLT1-i13_2283	18.9	32.3	13.4
Target	Area Under Curve		% Difference Area Under Curve
sFLT1-i13_2283	622.4	760.0	19.9
Target	IC50 Value (nM)		Fold Change IC <sub>50</sub> Value
sFLT1-i13_2283	204.1	292.8	1.4

**Table S2. Values from Figure S2.** When looking at differences, positive or negative values indicate an increase or decrease in values with the application of the indicated modification change.  $IC_{50}$  fold change was calculated by dividing the value obtained with the indicated modification change by the value obtained without it. However, if this number was <1 the negative reciprocal is listed (e.g. 0.75, or a drop of 25% from the original value is reported as -1.3 fold change).

Guide Strand Modification Pattern	2'-OMe at Position 20	2'-OMe at Position 20 and 2'-F at Position 5	2'-OMe at Position 20 and 2'-F at Position 7	+ 2'-F at Position 5	+ 2'-F at Position 7
Target	% Target mRNA Expression with 1.5 uM siRNA		Difference % Target mRNA Expression with 1.5 uM siRNA		
sFLT1-i13_2283	32.3	7.3	19.7	-25.0	-12.7
sFLT1-e15a_2519	23.0	19.0	46.3	-4.0	23.3
Target	Area Under Curve		% Difference Area Under Curve		
sFLT1-i13_2283	605.4	399.6	623.5	-41.0	2.9
sFLT1-e15a_2519	700.5	493.6	635.5	-34.7	-9.7
Target	IC50 Value (nM)		Fold Change	e IC50 Value	
sFLT1-i13_2283	78.7	12.0	149.7	-6.6	1.9
sFLT1-e15a_2519	110.1 <sup>a</sup>	55.5	135.5	-2.0	1.2

<sup>a</sup>The  $R^2$  value for the fitted curve used to calculate the IC<sub>50</sub> value <0.8.

**Table S3. Values from Figure S3.** When looking at differences, positive or negative values indicate an increase or decrease in values with the application of the indicated modification change.  $IC_{50}$  fold change was calculated by dividing the value obtained with the indicated modification change by the value obtained without it. However, if this number was <1 the negative reciprocal is listed (e.g. 0.75, or a drop of 25% from the original value is reported as - 1.3 fold change). "N/A" = not applicable.

Guide Strand Modification	2'-F at Position	2'-OMe at Position	+ 2'-OMe at Position 19
Pattern	19	19	
Target	% Target mRNA Expression with 1.5 µM siRNA		Difference % Target mRNA Expression with 1.5 uM siRNA
HTT_462	36.6	40.6	4.0
HTT_10125	19.4	19.3	-0.2
HTT_10146	55.1	58.5	3.4
HTT_1219	52.7	51.8	-0.9
HTT_1257	39.2	65.0	25.8
Target	Area Under Curve	2	% Difference Area Under Curve
HTT_462	600.6	608.3	1.3
HTT_10125	493.5	515.6	4.4
HTT_10146	666.3	665.8	-0.1
HTT_1219	638.1	674.4	5.5
HTT_1257	592.9	627.2	5.6
Target	IC <sub>50</sub> Value (nM)	·	Fold Change IC <sub>50</sub> Value
HTT_462	506.7	893.8ª	1.8
HTT_10125	106.9	171.3	1.6
HTT_10146	252.8	>1500 <sup>b</sup>	N/A
HTT_1219	146.8	146.7 <sup>a</sup>	-1.0
HTT_1257	35.61	25.01 <sup>a</sup>	-1.4

<sup>a</sup>The  $R^2$  value for the fitted curve used to calculate the IC<sub>50</sub> value <0.8.

<sup>b</sup>The Prism calculated IC<sub>50</sub> value is greater than the top treatment dose (i.e.  $1.5 \mu$ M) and is therefore excluded from analysis (see Materials & Methods).

Table S4. Dose response data at top three treatment concentrations for HTT\_10125 with 20- and 19-mer guide strands. When looking at differences, positive or negative values indicate an increase or decrease in values with the application of the indicated modification change.

	Guide Strand Modification Pattern	2'-F at 3' end of Guide Strand	2'-OMe at 3' end of Guide Strand	+ 2'-OMe at 3' e	nd of Guide Strand
siRNA	Dose (µM)	% Target mRNA	Expression	Difference % Target mRNA Expression	Average Difference % Target mRNA Expression
HTT_10125	1.5	28.7	33.4	4.7	7.5
with 20-mer	0.75	32.2	39.5	7.3	
Guide Stralid	0.375	36.7	47.3	10.6	
HTT_10125	1.5	19.4	19.3	-0.2	1.8
with 19-mer	0.75	20.0	22.3	2.3	
Guide Strand	0.375	26.3	29.7	3.4	

**Table S5. Values from Figure S4.** When looking at differences, positive or negative values indicate an increase or decrease in values with the application of the indicated modification change.  $IC_{50}$  fold change was calculated by dividing the value obtained with the indicated modification change by the value obtained without it. However, if this number was <1 the negative reciprocal is listed (e.g. 0.75, or a drop of 25% from the original value is reported as - 1.3 fold change).

Guide Strand Modification	2'-F at Position	2'-OMe at Position	+ 2'-OMe at Position 21
Pattern	21	21	
Target	% Target mRNA Expression with 1.5		Difference % Target mRNA
	uM siRNA		Expression with 1.5 uM siRNA
HTT_462	27.4	23.4	-4.0
HTT_10125	32.8	30.7	-2.1
HTT_10146	37.7	29.7	-8.0
HTT_10150	20.9	16.4	-4.5
HTT_1219	32.6	27.0	-5.6
HTT_1257	36.0	27.0	-9.0
Target	Area Under Curve		% Difference Area Under Curve
HTT_462	674.4	551.6	-20.0
HTT_10125	586.0	576.9	-1.6
HTT_10146	585.6	587.3	0.3
HTT_10150	665.4	601.6	-10.1
HTT_1219	608.1	663.3	8.7
HTT_1257	681.4	599.8	-12.7
Target	IC50 Value (nM)		Fold Change IC <sub>50</sub> Value
HTT_462	321.8	372.9 <sup>a</sup>	1.2
HTT_10125	149.1	70.2	-2.1
HTT_10146	489.5 <sup>a</sup>	310.5	-1.6
HTT_10150	228.5	546.1 <sup>a</sup>	2.4
HTT_1219	178.8	181.1	1.0
HTT_1257	248.6	113.6	-2.2

<sup>a</sup>The  $R^2$  value for the fitted curve used to calculate the IC<sub>50</sub> value <0.8.

**Table S6. Values from Figure S5.** When looking at differences, positive or negative values indicate an increase or decrease in values with the application of the indicated modification change.  $IC_{50}$  fold change was calculated by dividing the value obtained with the indicated modification change by the value obtained without it. However, if this number was <1 the negative reciprocal is listed (e.g. 0.75, or a drop of 25% from the original value is reported as - 1.3 fold change). "N/A" = not applicable.

Guide Strand Modification	2'-F at Position	2'-OMe at Position	+ 2'-OMe at Position 21
Pattern	21	21	
Target	% Target mRNA Expression with 1.5 uM siRNA		Difference % Target mRNA Expression with 1.5 uM siRNA
HTT_462	59.0	51.9	-7.1
HTT_10125	22.3	22.6	0.3
HTT_10146	56.8	55.2	-1.6
HTT_1219	71.2	59.8	-11.4
HTT_1257	76.5	72.9	-3.6
Target	Area Under Curve	e	% Difference Area Under Curve
HTT_462	660.7	666.6	0.9
HTT_10125	601.9	565.8	-6.2
HTT_10146	644.6	661.9	2.6
HTT_1219	684.4	637.7	-7.1
HTT_1257	622.7	684.4	9.4
Target	IC <sub>50</sub> Value (nM)		Fold Change IC <sub>50</sub> Value
HTT_462	>1500 <sup>a, b</sup>	309.3	N/A
HTT_10125	121.9	109.1	-1.1
HTT_10146	>1500 <sup>b</sup>	424.2	N/A
HTT_1219	151.3 <sup>a</sup>	56.2	-2.7
HTT_1257	12.87 <sup>a</sup>	69.6ª	5.4

<sup>a</sup>The  $\mathbb{R}^2$  value for the fitted curve used to calculate the IC<sub>50</sub> value <0.8.

<sup>b</sup>The Prism calculated  $IC_{50}$  value is greater than the top treatment dose (i.e. 1.5  $\mu$ M) and is therefore excluded from analysis (see Materials & Methods).

**Table S7. Values from Figure S6.** When looking at differences, positive or negative values indicate an increase or decrease in values with the application of the indicated modification change.  $IC_{50}$  fold change was calculated by dividing the value obtained with the indicated modification change by the value obtained without it. However, if this number was <1 the negative reciprocal is listed (e.g. 0.75, or a drop of 25% from the original value is reported as - 1.3 fold change). "N/A" = not applicable.

Guide Strand Modification	2'-OMe/ -F	2'-OMe/ -F	- 1 Nucleotide
Pattern	20-mer	19-mer	
Target	% Target mRNA Expression with 1.5 uM siRNA		Difference % Target mRNA Expression with 1.5 uM siRNA
HTT_462	18.3	40.6	22.3
HTT_10125	28.7	19.3	-9.4
HTT_10146	39.5	58.5	19.0
HTT_1219	30.1	58.5	28.4
HTT_1257	30.9	65.0	34.1
Target	Area Under Curv	e	% Difference Area Under Curve
HTT_462	531.1	608.3	13.6
HTT_10125	592.9	515.6	-13.9
HTT_10146	550.2	665.8	19.0
HTT_1219	666.7	674.4	1.1
HTT_1257	553.0	627.2	12.6
Target	IC <sub>50</sub> Value (nM)		Fold Change IC <sub>50</sub> Value
HTT_462	91.6	893.8	9.8
HTT_10125	122.9	171.3	1.4
HTT_10146	643.3 <sup>a</sup>	>1500 <sup>b</sup>	N/A
HTT_1219	164.0	146.7 <sup>a</sup>	-1.1
HTT_1257	227.3	25.0ª	-9.1

<sup>a</sup>The  $\mathbb{R}^2$  value for the fitted curve used to calculate the IC<sub>50</sub> value <0.8.

<sup>b</sup>The Prism calculated  $IC_{50}$  value is greater than the top treatment dose (i.e. 1.5  $\mu$ M) and is therefore excluded from analysis (see Materials & Methods).

**Table S8. Values from Figure S7.** When looking at differences, positive or negative values indicate an increase or decrease in values with the application of the indicated modification change.  $IC_{50}$  fold change was calculated by dividing the value obtained with the indicated modification change by the value obtained without it. However, if this number was <1 the negative reciprocal is listed (e.g. 0.75, or a drop of 25% from the original value is reported as -1.3 fold change).

<b>Guide Strand Modification</b>	2'-OMe/ -F	2'-OMe/ -F	+ 1 Nucleotide
Pattern	20-mer	21-mer	
Target	% Target mRNA Expression with 1.5		Difference % Target mRNA
	uM siRNA	1	Expression with 1.5 uM siRNA
HTT_462	18.3	23.4	5.1
HTT_10125	28.7	30.7	2.0
HTT_10146	39.5	29.7	-9.7
HTT_10150	16.2	16.4	0.1
HTT_1219	30.1	27.0	-3.1
HTT_1257	30.9	27.0	-3.9
Target	Area Under Curve		% Difference Area Under Curve
HTT_462	531.1	551.6	3.8
HTT_10125	592.9	576.9	-2.7
HTT_10146	550.2	587.3	6.5
HTT_10150	528.8	601.6	12.9
HTT_1219	666.7	663.3	-0.5
HTT_1257	553.0	599.8	8.1
Target	IC <sub>50</sub> Value (nM)		Fold Change IC50 Value
HTT_462	91.61	372.9	4.1
HTT_10125	122.9	70.2	-1.8
HTT_10146	643.3ª	310.5	-2.1
HTT_10150	50.3	546.1 <sup>a</sup>	10.9
HTT_1219	164.0	181.0	1.1
HTT_1257	227.3	113.6	-2.0

<sup>a</sup>The  $R^2$  value for the fitted curve used to calculate the IC<sub>50</sub> value <0.8.

**Table S9. Oligonucleotides examined in PyMol.** 'P' denotes phosphate; 'VP-T' denotes 2'-O-MOE-thymidine-(E)-5'-vinylphosphonate; '#' denotes phosphorothioate instead of phosphodiester; 'm' denotes 2'-O-methyl; 'f' denotes 2'-fluoro; 'me' denotes 2'-methoxyethyl; 'A' denotes Adenine; 'U' denotes Uracil; 'G' denotes Guanosine; 'C' denotes Cysteine.

PDB	Guide Strand Sequence with Chemical Modification Pattern
Reference	
Number	
4W5N,	P(U)(U)(C)(A)(C)(A)(U)(U)(G)(C)(C)(C)(A)(A)(G)(U)(C)(U)(C)(U)(U)
4W5Q	
5JS2	VP-T#(fU)#(mA)(fU)#(mC)(fU)#(mA)(fU)#(mA)(fA)#(mU)(fG)#(mA)(fU)#(mC)#(fA)#(mG)#(fG)#(mU)#(meA)#(meA)=0
3MJ0	(C)(G)(U)(U)(A)(C)(G)(C)(mU)

**Table S10. Oligonucleotide duplexes used in in vitro efficacy and thermal melt studies.** Information for each duplex is boxed with a thick outside border. 'P' denotes phosphate; '#' denotes phosphorothioate instead of phosphodiester; 'm' denotes 2'-O-methyl; 'f' denotes 2'-fluoro; 'r' denotes 2'-OH; 'A' denotes Adenine; 'U' denotes Uracil; 'G' denotes Guanosine; 'C' denotes Cysteine; 'TegChol' denotes Triethylene Glycol linker + Cholesterol conjugate.