



Supplementary

# An Exon-Specific Small Nuclear U1 RNA (ExSpeU1) Improves Hepatic OTC Expression in a Splicing-Defective *spf/ash* Mouse Model of Ornithine Transcarbamylase Deficiency

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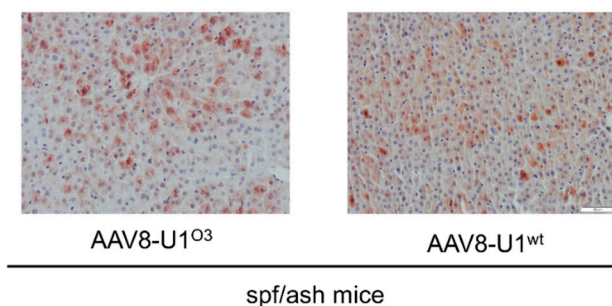
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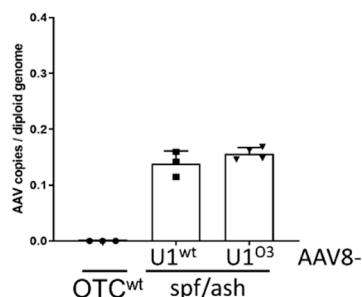
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**Supplementary Figure S1.** (A) eGFP expression in livers of *spf/ash* mice injected with the AAV8-U1<sup>wt</sup> or AAV8-U1<sup>O3</sup>. Representative examples of liver sections for both animal models are shown. Images are taken at 20× magnification. Scale bar, 50 μm. (B) eGFP gene copy number in liver expressed as AAV copies per diploid mouse genome.

Supplementary Table S1. Sequences of oligonucleotides.

Creation of mouse OTC minigene		
<b>4F</b>	forward	ttaa <u>ac</u> catatgctgtgtaacctggaagctctatgat
<b>4R</b>	reverse	ttaa <u>ac</u> catatgccttcaacattgccttgttatttc
Mutant mouse OTC minigene		
<b>OTC mut F</b>	forward	ctcacagacaccgctcagtttgtaaaacttttc
<b>OTC mut R</b>	reverse	gaaaagttttacaaactgagcgggtgctgtgag
Engineered U1snRNA variants for mouse OTC 5'ss		
<b>U1<sup>0</sup> F</b>	forward	aggcccaagatctgat <b>ACAAACCG</b> Agcaggggagataccat
<b>U1<sup>01</sup> F</b>	forward	aggcccaagatctgat <b>TTTACAAAC</b> Gcaggggagataccat
<b>U1<sup>02</sup> F</b>	forward	aggcccaagatctgat <b>AAGTTTTAC</b> Gcaggggagataccatgatca
<b>U1<sup>03</sup> F</b>	forward	aggcccaagatctgat <b>AGAAAAGTT</b> Gcaggggagataccatgatca
Engineered U7snRNA variant for mouse OTC 5'ss		
<b>U7<sup>0</sup></b>	forward	acagaggccttccgacttttaactaacccatcagagaattttggag
Plasmid-specific primers used to analyze splicing pattern		
<b>alfa</b>	forward	caactcaagctcctaagccactgc
<b>bra</b>	reverse	taggatccggtcaccaggaagttggtaaataca
Primers used to assess in vivo splicing		
<b>mOTCex3</b>	forward	aagaagtactcgaacaagactgtcc
Primers used to evaluate the correctly spliced transcripts		
<b>mOTCwtex4</b>	reverse	catctgtcatgctagataagacacgag
Primers used to evaluate the titer of AAV vectors		
<b>eGFP</b>	forward	GCGGGGCAAGTGACCGTGTG
	reverse	TGCGCAAACCCAGGGCTGCC
Primers used to evaluate U1 expression		
<b>U1<sup>wt</sup>Ex</b>	forward	agatctcactactacctg
<b>U1<sup>03</sup>Ex</b>	forward	agatctgatagaaaagtt
<b>U1Ex</b>	reverse	gaacgcagtccccactaccac
Primers used to evaluate the AAV8 gene copy number		
<b>GFP</b>	forward	catggctctgctggagttc
	reverse	gtcaggtcagcttggcttctc

The NdeI restriction site is underlined; mutated nucleotides are in bold; the replaced 9 nucleotides of 5' tail of U1snRNA variants are indicated in upper case.