Supplemental Information

Cell-penetrating peptide-conjugated Morpholino rescues SMA in a symptomatic preclinical model

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Supplementary materials

Supplementary Figures

Figure S1

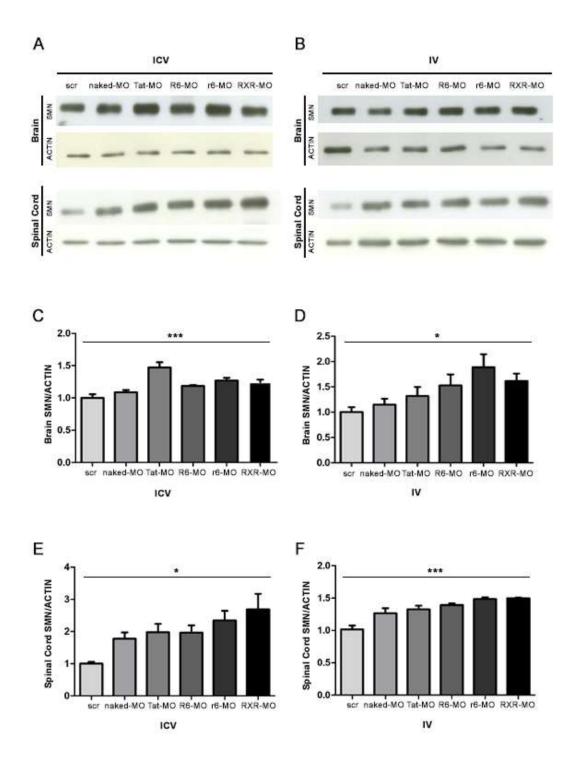


Fig. S1. r6 and RXR peptides are the most efficient in carrying MO to CNS

Representative image of WB for SMN and actin (**A**) and densitometric analysis of brain (**B**, **D**) and spinal cord (**C**, **E**) of heterozygous SMA mice treated ICV (**B**, **C**) and IV (**D**, **E**) at P1 with 12 nmoles/gr dose of naked MO, Tat-MO, R6-MO, r6-MO, RXR-MO, and sacrificed at P7. Scr-animals were used as controls. Relative amounts of SMN were normalized on the actin levels as mean value (n=6 mice/group). Statistical significance was determined using ANOVA (*P < 0.05, ***P < 0.001) and Student's t test for r6- and RXR- vs naked MO (P < 0.05).

Figure S2

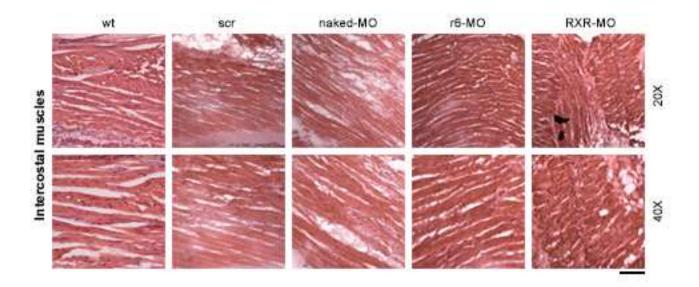


Fig. S2. CPPs-MO ameliorate muscle fibers organization

Representative image of haematoxylin/eosin staining of intercostal muscles from SMA mice treated with scr-MO, naked MO, r6-MO, or RXR-MO and wild type mice, sacrificed at P10. Magnification: 20X, 40X; scale bar: $90 \mu m$.

Supplementary Movies

Movie S1. P5 SMA Δ 7 mice failing righting test

Representative video of SMA Δ 7 mice showing first symptoms of the disease, like motor disability, at P5. When turned on their back, pups were not able to stand on four paws again.

Movie S2. CPP-MO SMAA7 mice maintain good motor skills

Representative video of mice treated with 12 nmoles/gr CPPs-MO at P5 by IP injection maintaining motor ability after 1 month from the first treatment.

Movie S3. CPP-MO SMAA7 mice are able to perform righting test

Representative video of mice treated with 12 nmoles/gr CPP-MO at P5 by IP injection successfully performing righting test at P14.

Movie S4. CPP-MO SMAA7 mice are able to complete rotarod test

Mice treated with 12 nmoles/gr CPP-MO at P5 by IP injection were able to undergo and complete 300 seconds of rotarod test at P45, while scr and naked MO mice could not survive long enough to be tested.