

## Supplementary materials for

### RNA G-quadruplexes are stress-responsive elements in human cells

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**Supplementary Table 1. List of the rG4/ non-rG4 oligos**

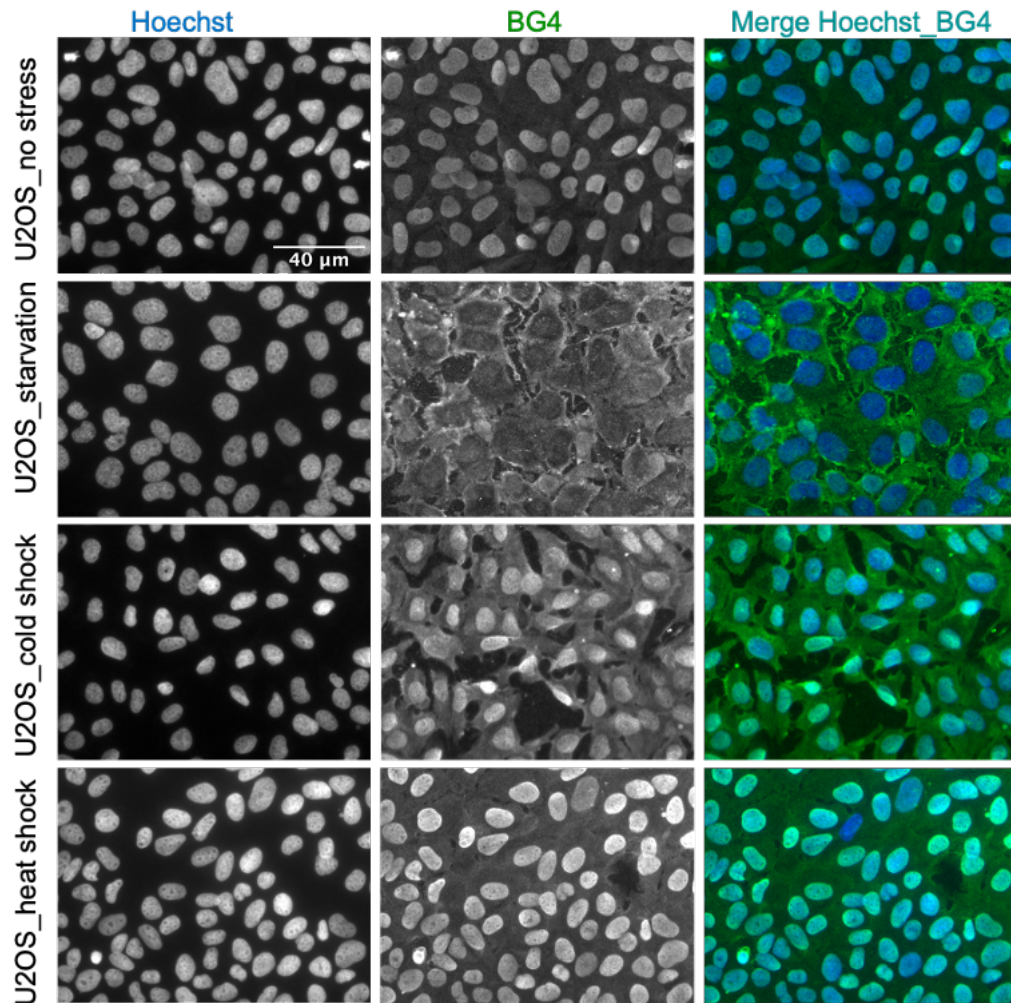
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5'tiRNA <sup>ala</sup>	r-GGGGGUGUAGCUCAGUGGUAGAGCGCGUGC
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**Supplementary Table 2. List of the primers**

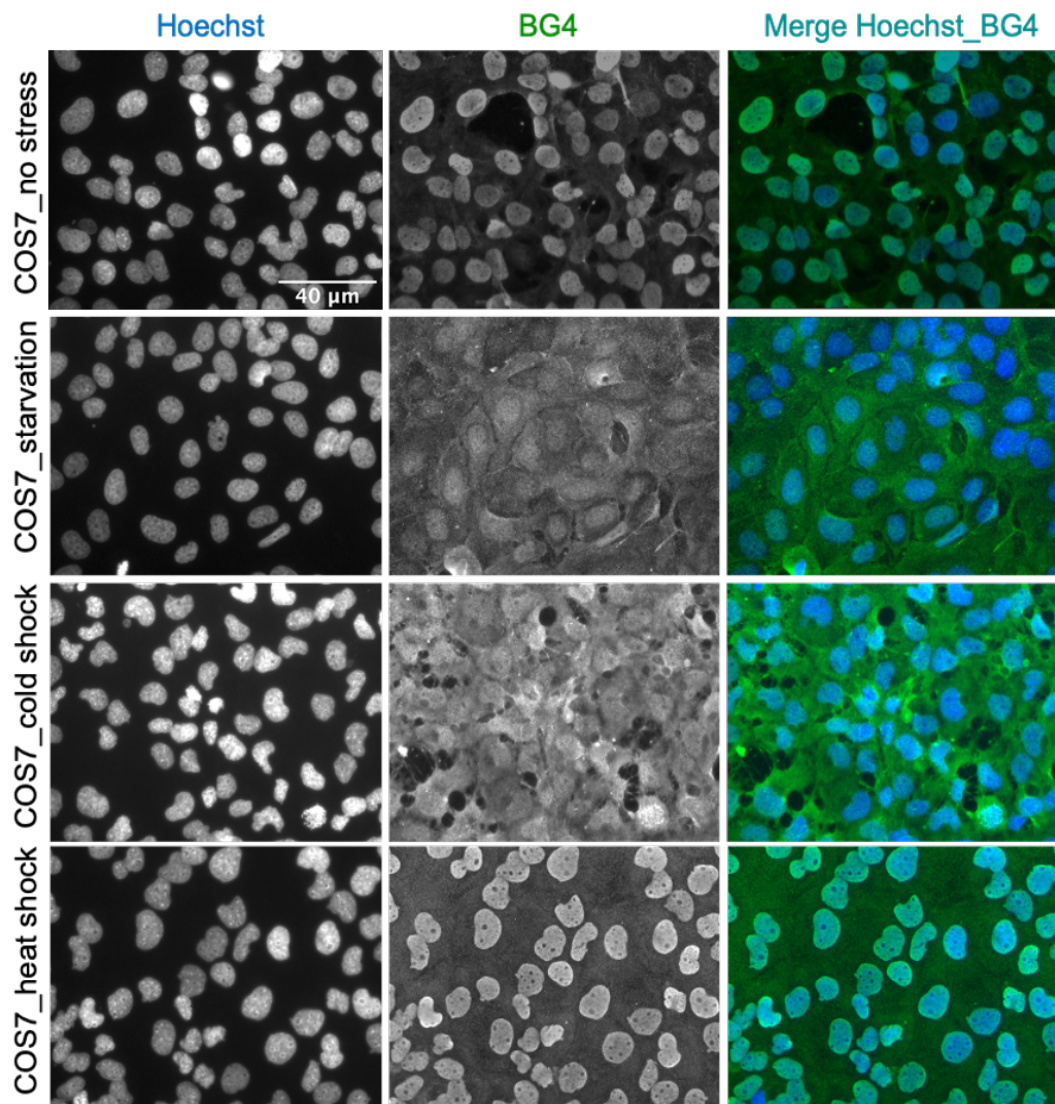
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28S rRNA R	CTGTGGTTTCGCTGGATAGT
18S rRNA F	ACGTCTGCCCTATCAACTTTC
18S rRNA R	CCGCGGTCCTATTCCATTATT

**Increased rG4 formation under different stresses in U2OS and COS7 cells**

RNA G-quadruplex formation was probed using starvation, cold shock, and heat shock stresses in U2OS cells and COS7 cells. Cold shock (10 °C overnight) and starvation stress affect rG4 formation similarly in both cell types. Both cell types showed slightly enhanced BG4 signals with heat shock (42 °C for 30 min).

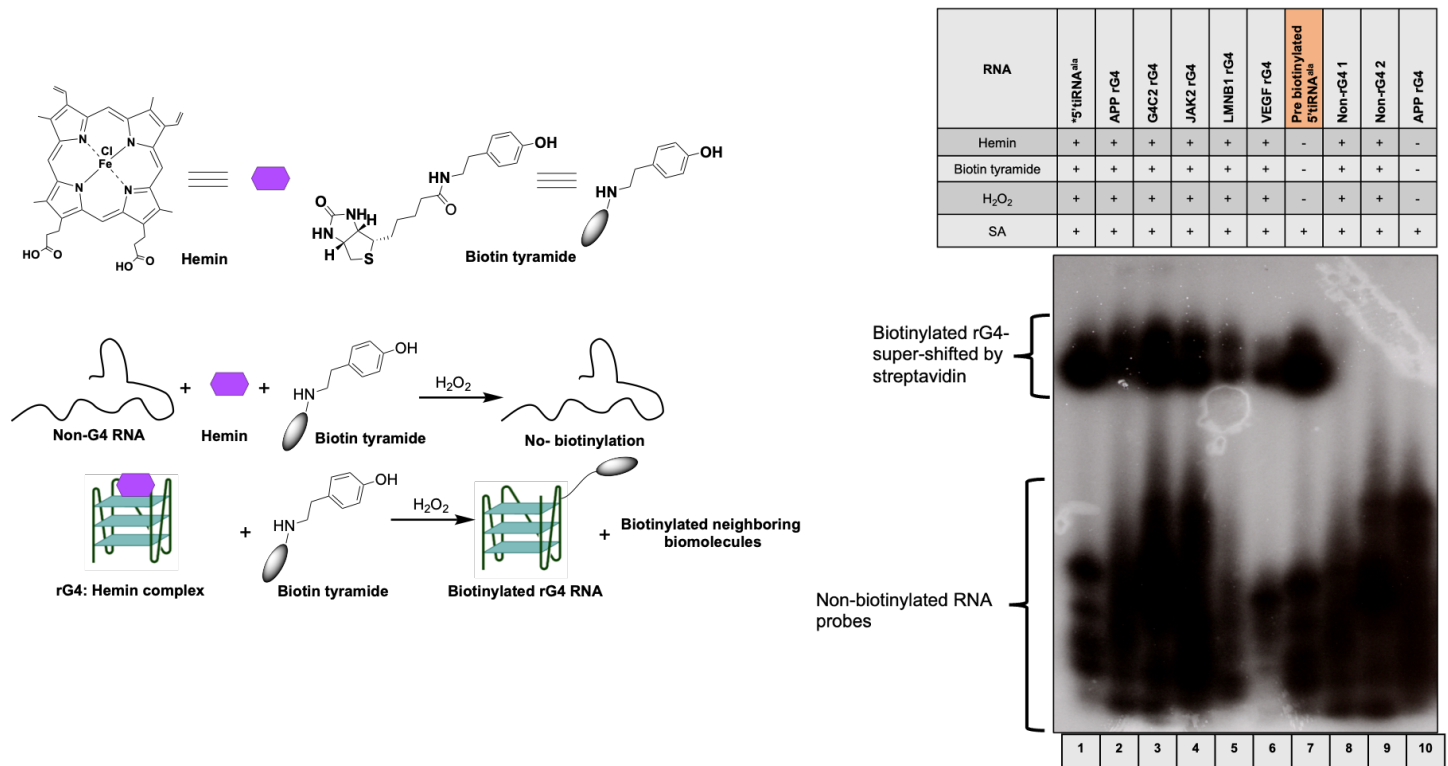


**Supplementary Figure 1. RNA G-quadruplex folding is enhanced in U2OS cells under different stresses.** From the top, no stress, starvation, cold shock, and heat shock, respectively.



**Supplementary Figure 2. RNA G-quadruplex folding is enhanced in COS7 cells under different stresses.** From the top, no stress, starvation, cold shock, and heat shock, respectively.

## Peroxidase-like activity of rG4-hemin complexes



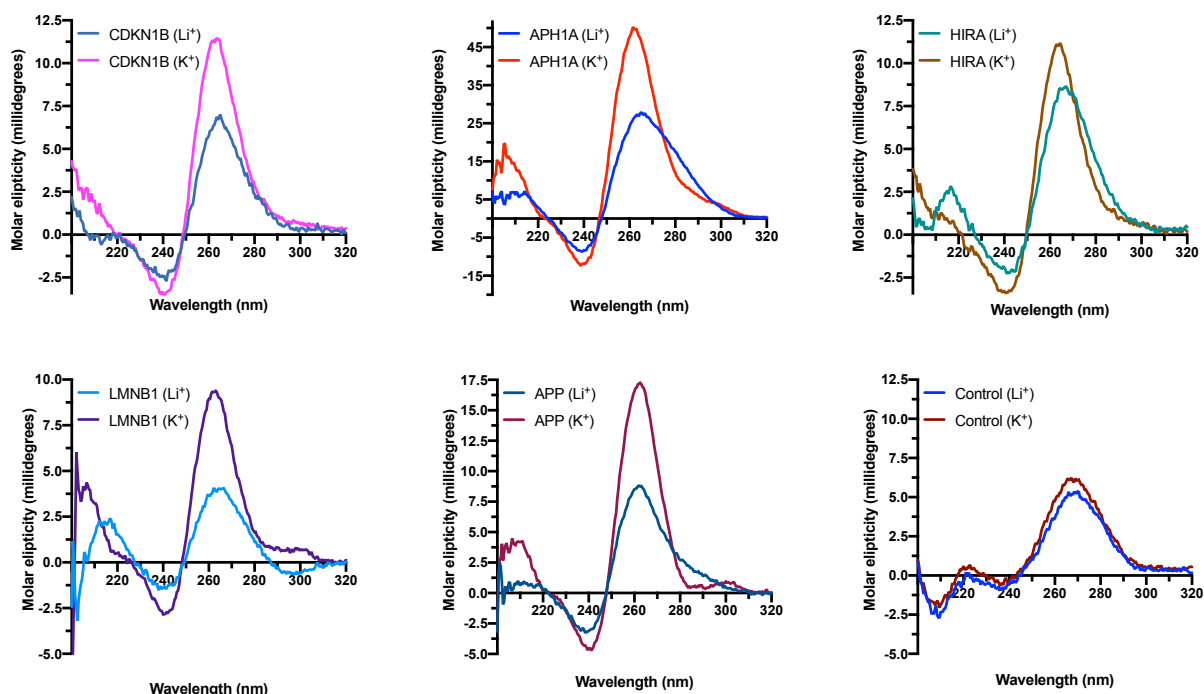
**Supplementary Figure 3. rG4 biotinylation scheme.** When rG4s are incubated with hemin, and sensitized with H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>, rG4s can be biotinylated in the presence of a suitable substrate (e.g., biotin-tyramide). On the right, the gel shift assay showing a super-shift of biotinylated rG4s in presence of streptavidin used for the biotin detection (Lanes 1-6); super-shift of a positive control (pre-biotinylated oligo), no shift of control RNAs (Lanes 8-9), and no shift of rG4 under non-biotinylating environment.

## Circular dichroism (CD) characterization of rG4 formation by DMSeq-identified mRNA-derived oligos representing putative rG4 regions

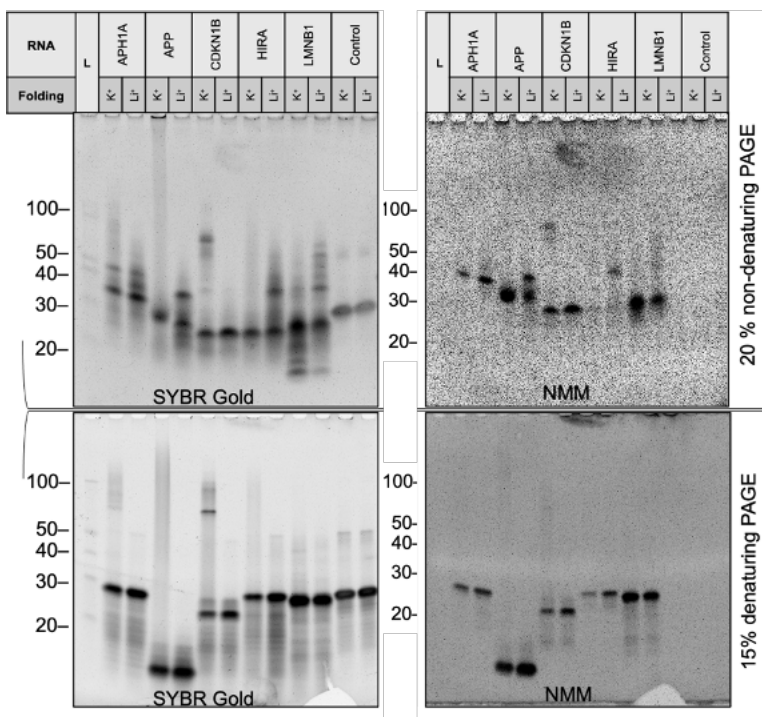
JASCO J815 spectropolarimeter was used to collect CD spectra. The oligonucleotides were dissolved in 150 mM K<sup>+</sup> in T<sub>10</sub>E<sub>0.1</sub> buffer. Quartz cuvettes (a 1 mm path length) were used with sample volumes of 200 μL to achieve a sample concentration of 5 μM. Spectra were collected in the range between 220 and 320 nm at 20 °C from three scans, and a buffer baseline was subtracted from each spectrum. CD was expressed as the difference in the molar absorption of the right-handed and left-handed circularly polarized light. An increased peak intensity of the oligo under K<sup>+</sup> environment at 260-265 nm and a trough at 240 nm, which shows a reduced peak intensity under Li<sup>+</sup> environment suggests the formation of a G4. All the selected candidates show the G4 characters in CD while the control oligo that cannot form a G4 structure shows no change in the CD behavior.

## Electromobility gel shift assay and NMM staining of the candidate oligos

40 pmoles of candidate oligos (folded as above) were run in 20% non-denaturing gel electrophoresis and stained with NMM and SYBR Gold separately.

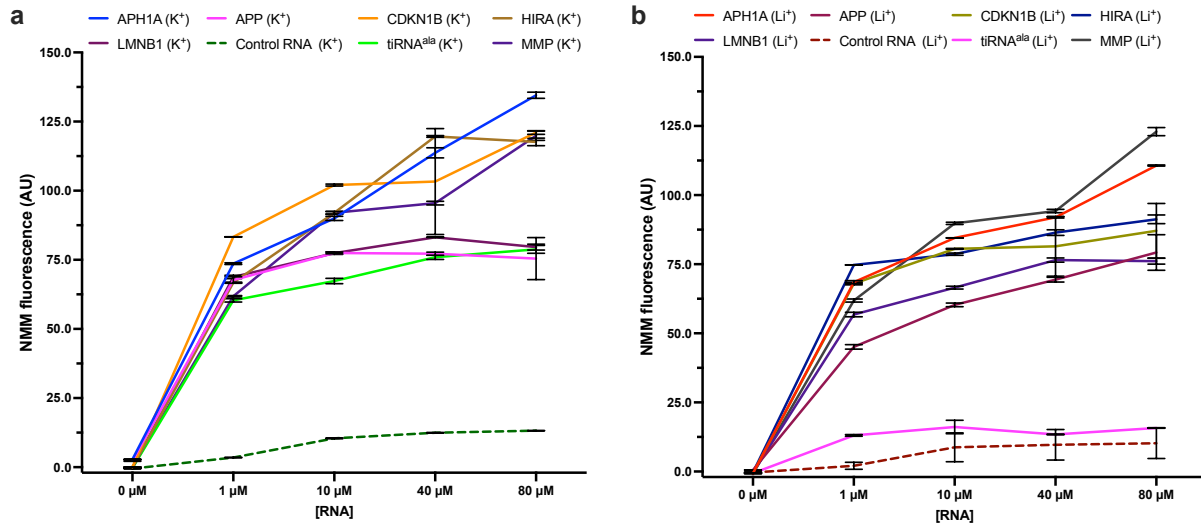


**Supplementary Figure 4.** CD spectra of candidate oligos show rG4 features which are absent in the control oligo.

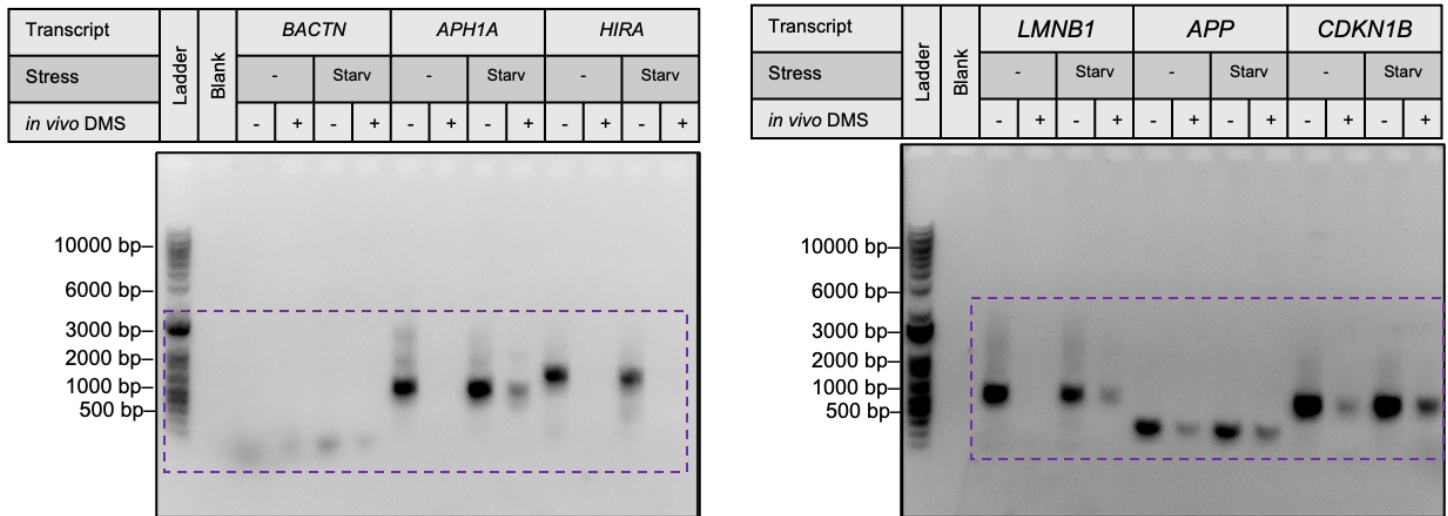


**Supplementary Figure 5.** Electromobility gel shift assay coupled with G4-specific dye (N-methyl Mesoporphyrin IX, NMM) staining indicates the formation of rG4s by the candidate oligos even under experimentally harsh conditions (Li<sup>+</sup> and denaturing PAGE). SYBR Gold detects nucleic acids non-

selectively while NMM selectively binds to parallel G4s. The ladders represent RNA size markers with molecular weight in Dalton.

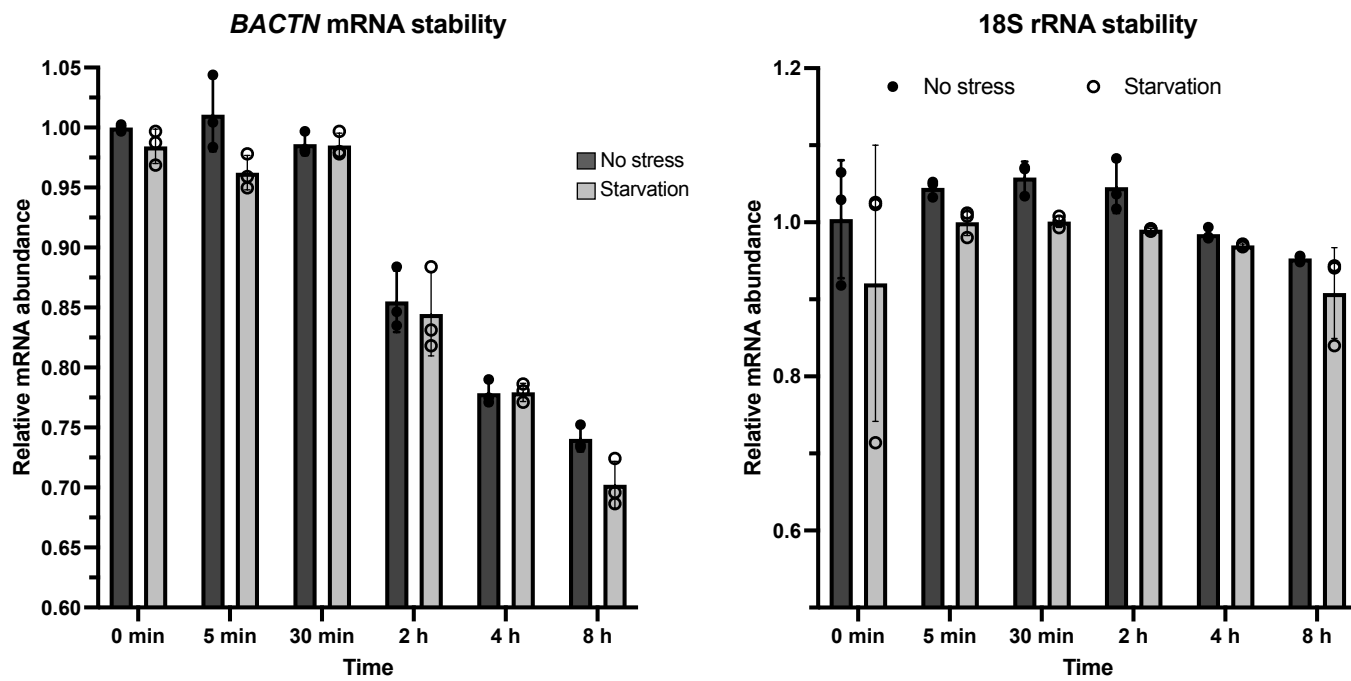


**Supplementary Figure 6.** NMM fluorescence assay further confirms the formation of rG4s by candidate oligos (both in  $K^+$  and  $Li^+$  conditions). Control RNA is a non-rG4 oligo, and 5'tiRNA<sup>ala</sup> and MMP are positive controls (as it has been previously shown that 5'tiRNA<sup>ala</sup> mostly stays in the non-rG4 form under  $Li^+$  environment<sup>1</sup> while MMP can stay in rG4 form even under  $Li^+$  environment<sup>2</sup>). **a.** NMM fluorescence under  $K^+$  environment, Data are presented as mean values  $\pm$  SD,  $n=3$  and **b.** NMM fluorescence under  $Li^+$  environment, Data are presented as mean values  $\pm$  SD,  $n=3$ .



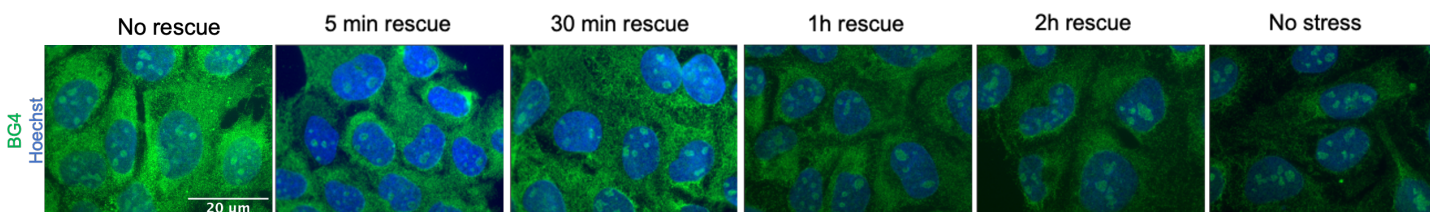
**Supplementary Figure 7. Source image for Fig. 3.i.** The purple boxes indicate the areas cropped to demonstrate the results in Fig. 3.i. The ladder represents DNA base pair size markers with molecular weight in Dalton.

**Stability of control (non-rG4) RNAs under stress**



**Supplementary Figure 8.** Stability of control RNAs over time. There is no significant difference in the stability of non-rG4 RNAs (BACTN and 18S rRNA) under no-stress vs starvation environment. Data are presented as mean values  $\pm$  SD of different transcripts at different time points,  $n=3$ . Multiple paired t-tests.

### Reversible nature of stress-induced rG4 folding



**Supplementary Figure 9.** Representative images illustrating the kinetics and the reversibility of starvation-induced rG4 folding upon the rescue of the stress (Quantification of relative BG4 fluorescence is presented in Fig. 4c).

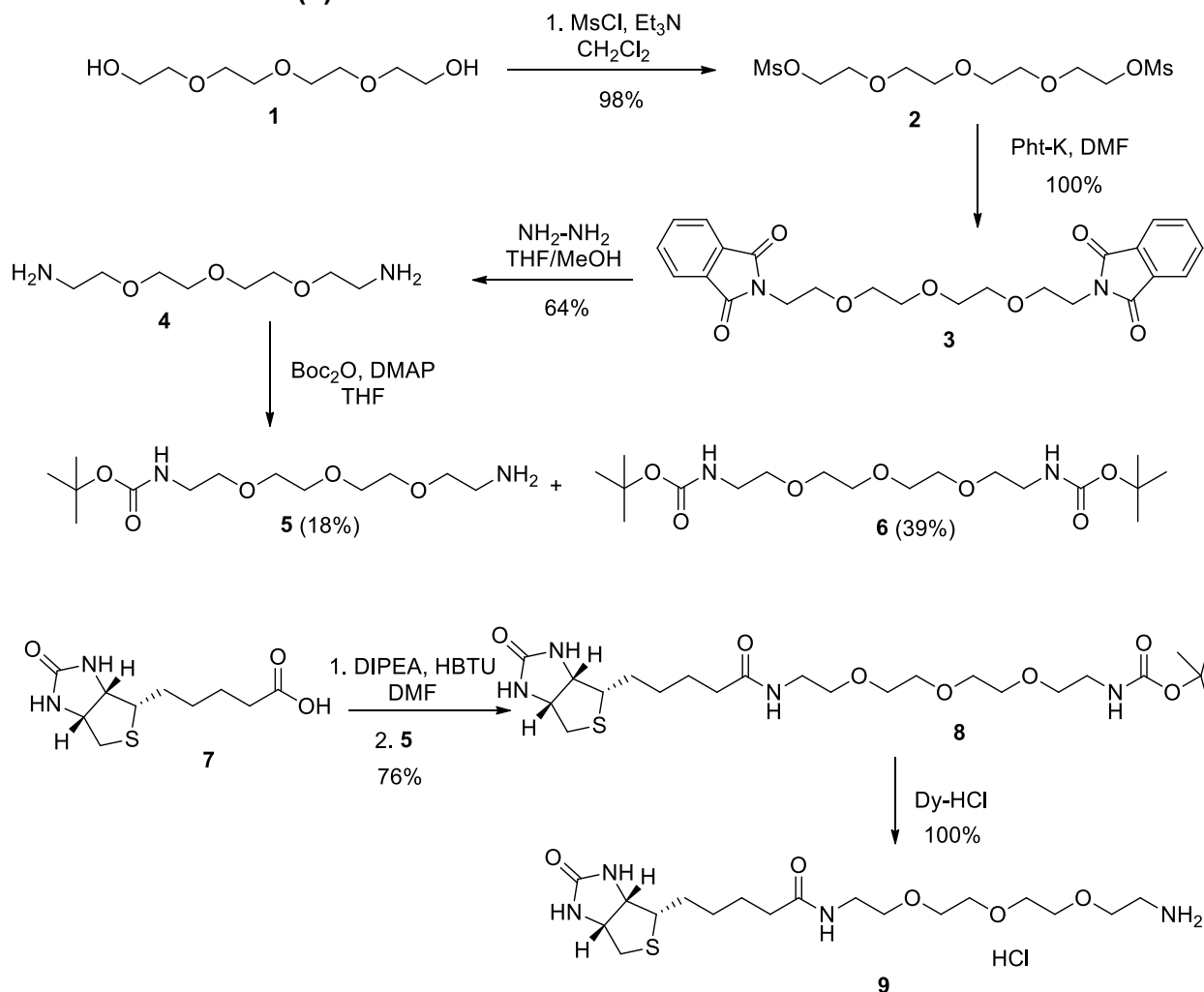
### Synthesis and characterization of biotinylated NMM

Common reagents and solvents were purchased from commercial suppliers and used without further purification unless otherwise stated. Tetrahydrofuran (THF) was distilled from sodium-benzophenone under an argon atmosphere. Reaction progress was monitored using analytical thin-layer chromatography (TLC) on pre-coated silica gel GF254 plates (Macherey Nagel GmbH & Co. KG, Düren, Germany), and spots were detected under UV light (254 and 366 nm). Compounds were purified with flash column chromatography with a silica gel and particle size of 40–63  $\mu\text{m}$  (Merck, Darmstadt, Germany) as the stationary phase and hexane/ethyl acetate or dichloromethane/methanol mixtures as eluent systems. Nuclear magnetic resonance spectra were measured on a Bruker AV-400 NMR instrument (Bruker, Karlsruhe, Germany) in deuterated solvents (DMSO- $d_6$  or  $\text{CDCl}_3$ ). Chemical shifts are expressed in ppm relative to DMSO- $d_6$  or  $\text{CDCl}_3$  (2.50/7.26 for  $^1\text{H}$ ; 39.52/77.16 for  $^{13}\text{C}$ ). The following abbreviations are used to set multiplicities: s = singlet, d = doublet, t = triplet, q = quartet, m



= multiplet, br. = broad. Measurements for verification and purity of the compounds were performed by LC/MS. LC–MS/MS data were obtained using a Dionex Ultimate 3000 liquid chromatograph (Dionex, USA) connected to an AB Sciex Qtrap 3200 mass spectrometer (AB Sciex, Canada). LC separation was carried out on a Shim-pack GIST C18-AQ (150 mm × 2.1 mm, 3 μm, Shimadzu, Japan) column. Mobile phase consisted of the mixture of 0.1% (v/v) formic acid in water (A) and acetonitrile (B). Separation was performed in isocratic mode 10% : 90% (A : B). The mobile phase flow rate was 0.3 mL/min. The injection volume was 10 μL. Compounds were detected at  $\lambda = 254$  nm. All high-resolution mass spectra (HRMS) were measured on AB Sciex TripleTOF 5600+ instrument equipped with DuoSpray (ESI) ion source. Samples were directly injected in the ion source in acetonitrile or methanol solutions acidified by formic acid. The melting points were measured in open capillaries and presented without correction. Synthetic details are available in supplementary materials.

## Synthesis of Biotin-linker (1)



## Tetraethylene glycol dimethanesulfonate (2)

Methanesulfonyl chloride (6 mL, 76.82 mmol) was added dropwise to a stirred solution of PEG4-di-OH **1** (4.455g, 22.59 mmol) and TEA (15 mL, 107.08 mmol) in dichloromethane (20 mL) at 0 °C. After the addition was complete, the resulting mixture was stirred at room temperature for one day. Water was added to quench the reaction. The organic phase was separated, and the aqueous phase was extracted with dichloromethane (2 x 50 mL). The combined organic layers were washed with brine (3 x 60 mL), dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, filtered, and the solvent removed under reduced pressure to afford the desired product. Yield 7.75 g (98%).

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz)  $\delta$ : 4.37-4.34 (m, 4 H), 3.76-3.73 (m, 4 H), 3.67 -3.60 (m, 8 H), 3.05 (s, 6 H).

## 1,11-Diphthalimido-3,6,9-trioxaundecane (3)

A suspension of 3.03 g (8.65 mmol) **2** and 3.85 g (20.77 mmol) potassium phthalimide in 100 mL abs. DMF was heated for 16 h at 80 °C. The solvent was removed in vacuum and the residue was suspended in 150 mL DCM and filtrated. The filtrate was washed with water (3 x 100 mL), dried over Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, filtrated and concentrated in vacuum. Yield 3.93 g (100%).

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz)  $\delta$ :  $\delta$  = 7.83 (m, 4H, 2 x 5H,6H-Isoindol), 7.69 (m, 4H, 2 x 4H,7H-Isoindol), 3.86 (t, 4H, *J* = 5.7 Hz, 2 x -CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>-NPht), 3.69 (t, 4H, *J* = 5.7 Hz, 2 x -CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>-NPht), 3.54 (m, 8H, PhtN-EtO-[(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>2</sub>-O]<sub>2</sub>-Et-NPht).

#### **1,11-Diamino-3,6,9-trioxaundecane (4)**

**Product 3** (3.0 g, 6.6 mmol) was dissolved in anhydrous THF–MeOH (1 : 1 (v/v)). To the THF–MeOH solution, 4.0 mL of hydrazine monohydrate was added and the resultant mixture was stirred at room temperature. After 12 h, the white precipitate was removed by filtration. This filtrating process was repeated at least three times to remove the precipitate. The filtrate was concentrated under reduced pressure to give **4** as a yellow oil. Yield 0.815 g (164%) (815 mg, 64%).

$^1\text{H NMR}$  ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 400 MHz)  $\delta$ : 3.61–3.66 (m, 16H).

#### **Boc-amine-11-Amino-3,6,9-trioxaundecane (5)**

The diamine **4** (3.83 g, 0.02 mol, 1 equiv) in DCM solution (10 mL / mmol) was treated with  $\text{Boc}_2\text{O}$  in default (4.80 g, 0.022 mol, 1.1 equiv) and DMAP (0.024g, 0.2 mmol, 0.01 equiv) for 0.5h at 0 °C. The reaction was stirred at room temperature for 12h. The solvent was removed under reduced pressure. The crude product was purified by silica gel chromatography (EtOAc: hexane 1:1) to yield **5** as a colorless oil (1.08 g, 18% yield) and **6** as a colorless oil (3.04 g, 39% yield).

$^1\text{H NMR}$  ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 400 MHz)  $\delta$ : 5.27 (s, 1H), 3.65 (m, 12H), 3.52 (q, 3J = 5.9 Hz, 2H), 3.31 (q, 3J = 6.8 Hz, 2H), 2.87 (t, 3J = 5.2 Hz, 2H), 1.45 (s, 9H)

#### **N-Boc-N'-biotinyl-3,6,9-trioxaundecane-1,11-diamine (8)<sup>3</sup>**

Biotin **7** (0.731 g, 2.99 mmol, Sigma, 1.0 equiv) was weighed directly into the reaction flask. This was dissolved in anhydrous DMF (25 mL). HBTU (98%, 0.18 g, 9.00 mmol, 1.1 equiv) was added next. The reaction flask was placed under an argon atmosphere and was stirred for 2 h at room temperature. To this solution was added a solution of **5** (1.05 g, 3.591 mmol, 1.2 equiv) and DIPEA (98%, 0.467 g, 0.61 mL, 0.528 mmol, 1.2 equiv) in anhydrous DMF (10 mL) and the solution mixture was stirred overnight at room temperature under argon to ensure a complete reaction. The reaction mixture was then evaporated and subjected to silica gel chromatography in 9:1  $\text{CHCl}_3/\text{MeOH}$  as eluent to afford **6** (1.18 g, 76% yield) as a white solid.

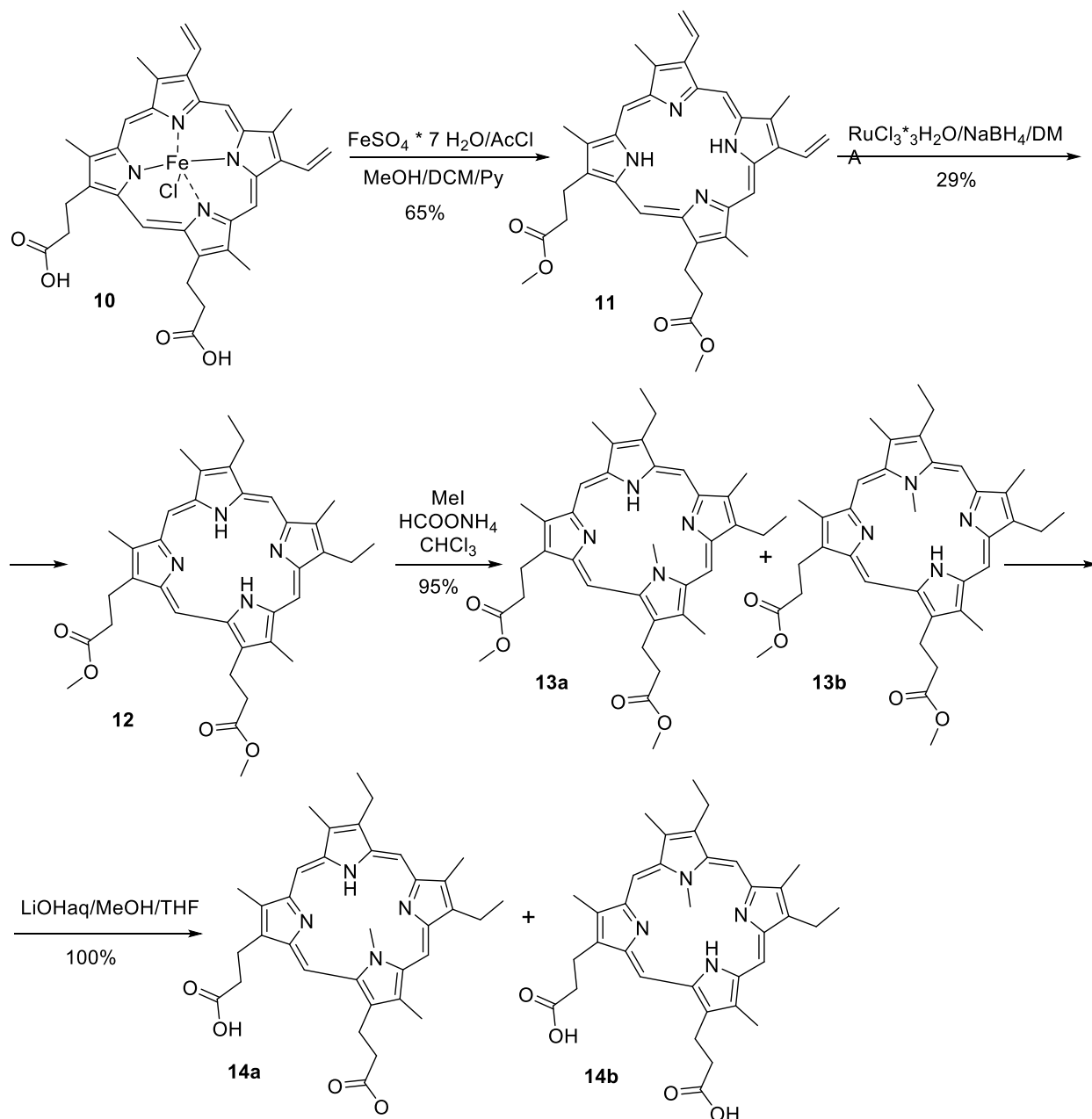
$^1\text{H NMR}$  ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 400 MHz)  $\delta$ : 6.92 (br t, 1H,  $\text{CH}_2\text{NHCO}$ ), 6.82 (s, 1H,  $\text{NH}_{\text{biotin}}$ ), 6.22 (s, 1H,  $\text{NH}_{\text{biotin}}$ ), 5.15 (br t, 1H,  $\text{NH}_{\text{carbamate}}$ ), 4.33 (m, 1 H,  $\text{CHN H}_{\text{biotin}}$ ), 4.14 (m, 1H,  $\text{CHN H}_{\text{biotin}}$ ), 3.35 - 3.47 (m, 12H,  $(\text{CH}_2\text{--O})_6$ ), 3.26 (br q, 2H,  $J = 4.7, 9.5$  Hz, CHS), 3.14 (app q, 2H,  $J = 5.0$  Hz,  $\text{CH}_2\text{NHCO}$ ), 2.98 (br q, 1H,  $J = 4.5$  Hz, CHS), 2.73 (dd, 1H,  $J = 5.0, 13.2$  Hz, CHS), 2.58 (d, 1H,  $J = 12.7$  Hz, CHS), 2.06 (t, 2H,  $J = 7.4$  Hz,  $\text{CH}_2\text{CONH}$ ), 1.51 (m, 4H,  $(\text{CH}_2)_{2\text{biotin}}$ ), 1.27 (br s, 11H,  $(\text{CH}_3)_3, \text{CH}_2\text{biotin}$ ).

#### **N-Biotinyl-3,6,9-trioxaundecane-1,11-diamine (9)**

To a warm solution of compound **8** (0.655 g, 1.26 mmol) in dioxane (4 ml) was added a 4M solution of HCl in dioxane (2 mL). The mixture was stirred at 50 °C for 0.5 h while oil dropped out in the mixture. TLC (10% MeOH in  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$ ) indicated the reaction was complete. The oil was dissolved in methanol and the resulting solution was evaporated, the residue was co-evaporated several times with  $\text{CHCl}_3$ ,  $\text{Et}_2\text{O}$  and  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$ . Yield 0.574 g (100%).

$^1\text{H NMR}$  ( $\text{DMSO-d}_6$ , 400 MHz)  $\delta$ : 7.98 - 8.26 (m, 3H), 7.83 - 7.98 (m, 1H), 4.24 - 4.39 (m, 1H), 4.06 - 4.19 (m, 1H), 3.61 (t,  $J=5.2$  Hz, 2H), 3.53 (d,  $J=16.3$  Hz, 8H), 3.32 - 3.45 (m, 2H), 3.13 - 3.24 (m, 2H), 3.05 - 3.13 (m, 1H), 2.87 - 3.01 (m, 2H), 2.82 (dd,  $J=12.4, 4.98$  Hz, 1H), 2.58 (d,  $J=12.5$  Hz, 1H), 2.07 (t,  $J=7.3$  Hz, 2H), 1.56 - 1.69 (m, 1H), 1.39 - 1.55 (m, 3H), 1.16 - 1.38 (m, 2H).

### **Synthesis of NMM-IX**



#### Protoporphyrin IX dimethyl ester (11)<sup>4</sup>

Hemin (**10**) (0.5 g, 0.76 mmol) and pyridine (0.5 mL) were placed in a three-necked flask, then MeOH (30 ml),  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$  (30 ml) and Mohr's salt (1.42 g, 5.1 mmol) were added. Acetylchloride (15 ml, 21.0 mmol) was gradually added under stirring and cooling, while the temperature was kept below 35 °C. The mixture was stirred for 1 h and then diluted with  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  (50 ml). The bottom organic layer was separated, washed with aqueous ammonia (25%, 30 ml), then with  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  (20 ml) and dried over anhydrous  $\text{Na}_2\text{SO}_4$ . The product was purified by chromatography on silica gel 60 mesh using  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$  as the eluent. M.p.: 238 - 240 °C. Yield 0.29 g (65%).

$^1\text{H}$  NMR ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 400 MHz)  $\delta$ : 9.67 - 9.98 (m, 4 H), 7.99 - 8.25 (m, 2 H), 6.29 (dd,  $J=17.6, 12.32$  Hz, 2 H), 6.14 (t,  $J=10.3$  Hz, 2 H), 4.22 - 4.39 (m, 4 H), 3.69 (s, 6 H), 3.40 - 3.60 (m, 12 H), 3.13 - 3.32 (m, 4 H)

#### Mesoporphyrin IX dimethyl ester (12)<sup>5</sup>

A 100 mL three-neck-round-bottom flask was fitted with a reflux condenser and an oil-bubbler was charged with a solution of **11** (0.591 g, 1.00 mmol, 1 equiv) in DMA (20 mL, 0.05M), RuCl<sub>3</sub>·3H<sub>2</sub>O (0.131 g, 0.50 mmol, 0.5 equiv), then to this mixture NaBH<sub>4</sub> (0.393 g, 10.40 mmol, 10.40 equiv) was added with portions for three times in less than 30 min under N<sub>2</sub> atmosphere and then stirred at 25 °C. After 30 min, the UV-vis spectrum of a sample aliquot showed complete conversion. The mixture was flushed with Ar for 5 min, opened to the atmosphere, and concentrated to 5 mL. The result mixture was transformed into 200 mL water and extracted with 300 mL CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>. The organic phase was collected and washed for three times with water to remove DMA and Ru salts. The crude product was purified by column chromatography (60-80 mesh silica gel). The filtrate was collected and evaporated to dryness to afford **12** as brownish, red, or black solids. M.p.: 211 - 213 °C. Yield: 0.25 g (42%).

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ: 10.21 (s, 1H, 20-H), 10.10 (s, 2H, 5-, 15-H), 9.93 (s, 1H, 10-H), 4.29 - 4.58 (m, 4H, 13-, 17-β-CH<sub>2</sub>, α to carbonyl), 4.12 (q, J<sub>HH</sub>=7.6 Hz, 4H, 3-, 8-CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>), 3.54 - 3.82 (m, 18H, 2-, 7-, 12-, 18-CH<sub>3</sub> and 13-, 17-OCH<sub>3</sub>), 3.29 (t, J<sub>HH</sub>=7.5 Hz, 4H, 13-, 17-α-CH<sub>2</sub>, α to carbonyl), 1.89 (t, J<sub>HH</sub>=7.6 Hz, 6H, 3-, 8-CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>), 3.71 (s, 2H, NH).

### N-Methylmesoporphyrin IX dimethyl ester (**13**)<sup>6</sup>

Mesoporphyrin IX dimethyl ester **12** (0.242 g, 0.407 mmol, 1.0 equiv) was dissolved in CHCl<sub>3</sub>, (20 mL, 0.02M) and MeI (3.9 mL, 8.886 g, 62.6 mmol, 154.0 equiv) and excess ammonium formate (0.256 g, 4.065 mmol, 10.0 equiv) was added. The mixture was boiled under reflux for 12 hr. cooled and the inorganic salts removed by filtration. The filtrate was concentrated and purified by column chromatography (60-80 mesh silica gel). MeOH-DCM (1:10) eluted a red-brown fraction which on work up and crystallization from CHCl<sub>3</sub>-MeOH afforded N-Methylmesoporphyrin IX dimethyl ester (**13**) as the mixture of two products (**13a** and **13b**) as purple plates. M.p.: 245 - 250 °C. Yield: 0.23 g (95%). R<sub>f</sub> = 0.2 (CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>/MeOH 20:1). **13a**. rt = 1.91 min. LC-MS: m/z [M+H]<sup>+</sup> = 609 Da, **13b**. rt = 1.98 min. LC-MS: m/z [M+H]<sup>+</sup> = 609 Da.

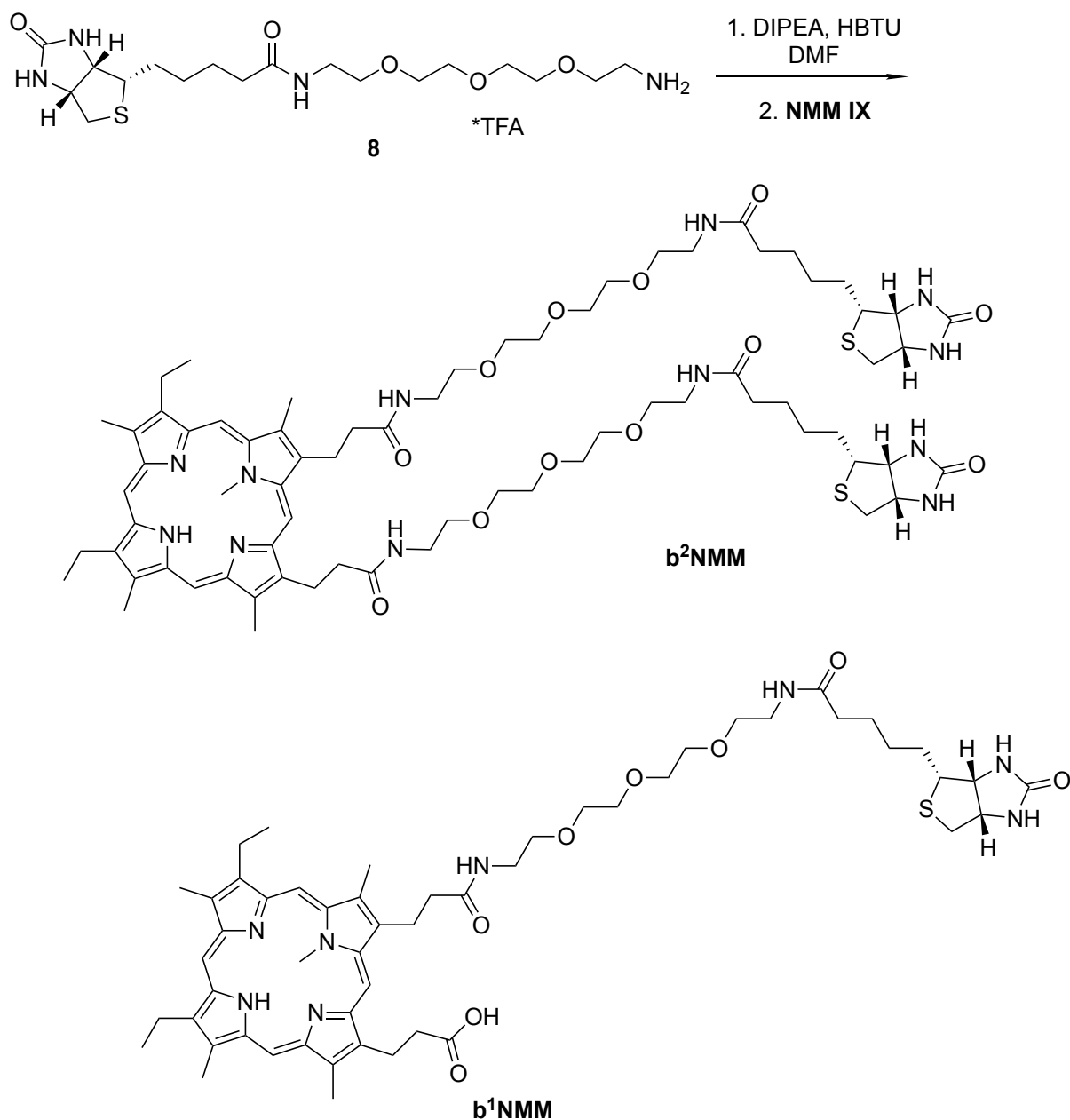
<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ: 10.34 - 11.01 (m, 4 H), 3.74 - 4.80 (m, 15 H), 3.50 - 3.73 (m, 13 H), 3.27 - 3.50 (m, 4 H), 2.97 - 3.08 (m, 1 H), 1.92 - 2.02 (m, 3 H), 1.88 (t, J=7.6 Hz, 1H), 1.50 (td, J=7.6, 2.60 Hz, 2H).

### NMM-IX (**14**)<sup>7</sup>

N-Methylmesoporphyrin IX dimethyl ester **13** (0.14 g, 0.23 mmol, 1.0 equiv) was dissolved in a THF/MeOH/H<sub>2</sub>O mixture (15 mL, 1:1:1). LiOH·H<sub>2</sub>O (0.096 g, 2.3 mmol, 10.0 equiv) was added and the reaction mixture was stirred for 8 h at room temperature. The reaction mixture was filtered, and the volume of the filtrate was reduced under vacuum (5 mL). Citric acid (1N, 2 mL) was slowly added to this solution with stirring to precipitate the dark violet solid, which was filtered off and then washed with water (5 mL) to give **14** as a dark violet solid (the mixture **14a** and **14b**). Yield: 0.134 g (100%). R<sub>f</sub> = 0.8 (CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>/MeOH 1:1). **14a**. rt = 1.67 min. LC-MS: m/z [M+H]<sup>+</sup> = 581 Da, **14b**. rt = 1.68 min. LC-MS: m/z [M+H]<sup>+</sup> = 581 Da.

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ: 11.86 - 12.93 (m, 2 H), 9.72 - 10.98 (m, 4 H), 3.40 - 4.83 (m, 19 H), 2.55 - 3.30 (m, 6 H), 1.70 - 1.91 (m, 4 H), 1.18 - 1.34 (m, 2 H)

## Synthesis of biotinylated NMM derivatives



### Preparation of b<sup>2</sup>NMM and b<sup>1</sup>NMM

HBTU (98%, 0.18 g, 9.00 mmol, 2.2 equiv) was added to a solution of NMM-IX **14** (0.123 g, 0.211 mmol, 1.0 equiv) in anhydrous DMF (5 mL), which was stirred for 2 h at room temperature. To this solution was added a solution of **9**·HCl (0.294 g, 0.561 mmol, 2.66 equiv.) and DIPEA (98%, 0.07 g, 0.09 mL, 0.528 mmol, 2.5 equiv) in anhydrous DMF (4 mL) and the solution mixture was stirred for 48 h at room temperature. After filtering, the filtrate was evaporated to dryness. The residual solid was dissolved in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> and the solution was washed with water, dried over anhydrous Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, and evaporated under reduced pressure to obtain a purple solid. The crude material was purified via preparative LC/MS with the following conditions: Column: YMC-Actus Pro C18, 20×250 mm, 12-μm particles; Mobile Phase A: 2:98 CH<sub>3</sub>CN:H<sub>2</sub>O with 0.1% formic acid; Mobile Phase B: 95:5 CH<sub>3</sub>CN:H<sub>2</sub>O with 0.1% formic acid; Gradient: 25-65% B over 15 minutes, then a 5-minute hold at 100% B; Flow: 20

mL/min. Fractions containing the desired products were combined and dried via centrifugal evaporation.

The yield of the **b<sup>2</sup>NMM** was 35.6 mg, and its estimated purity by LCMS analysis was 100%. Retention time=2.22 min; HRMS (ESI-MS) calcd for C<sub>71</sub>H<sub>105</sub>N<sub>12</sub>O<sub>12</sub>S<sub>2</sub> [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 1381.7411, found 1381.7338.

The yield of the **b<sup>1</sup>NMM** was 8.7 mg, and its estimated purity by LCMS analysis was 100%. Retention time=2.31 min; HRMS (ESI-MS) calcd for C<sub>53</sub>H<sub>73</sub>N<sub>8</sub>O<sub>9</sub>S [M+H]<sup>+</sup> 997.5222, found 997.5216.

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