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1 SUPLEMENTARY MATERIAL

2 S1 Fig. Optimization of MB and miRNA oligo concentration. (A) MB for detecting miRNA-21
3 with 6-FAM attached and no quencher was detectable above background fluorescence (assay buffer
4 only) at concentrations of 25 nM and above. (B) miRNA-21 MB at 25 nM tested against miRNA-21
5 oligos at concentrations ranging from 0-1000 nM. All charts show mean fluorescence ratio +/- SEM.

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8 **S2 Fig. Purification of Poly-A MB and miRNA-21 specific MB constructs by HPLC.** Upper 9 figure- HPLC report obtained for the Poly-A MB construct. Peak 2 corresponds to the fraction 10 containing the poly-A MB construct with an area of \approx 96%. Lower figure- HPLC report obtained for 11 the miRNA-21 specific construct. Peak 3 corresponds to the fraction containing the miRNA-21 MB 12 construct with an area of \approx 97%.

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14 S3 Fig. Characterization of Poly-A MB and miRNA-21 specific MB constructs by Mass 15 Spectrometry. The sharp peaks of high intensity correspond to the observed M_W of the purified 16 constructs. Upper image- MS spectra obtained for the purified poly-A MB construct showing a 17 sharp, defined peak corresponding to the M_W of the construct (11384.78 Da). Lower image- MS 18 spectra obtained for the purified miRNA-21 specific MB construct showing a sharp, defined peak 19 corresponding to the M_W of the construct (12001.09 Da).

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S4 Fig. Fluorescence spectra of tryptophan present in the peptide coupled to the Poly-A MB structure. Fluorescence excitation spectrum was obtained upon fixing fluorescence emission at 350nm and fluorescence emission spectrum was obtained upon excitation at 295nm (specific for tryptophan).

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S5 Fig. Analysis of bioavailability of a LAMI immobilized poly-A MB array onto a SH derivatized quartz slide using CFM: Cy3 fluorescence emitted by the immobilized poly-A MB construct (left), Cy5 labeled non-complementary poly-A oligonucleotide fluorescence (centre) and overlapping of Cy3 and Cy5 fluorescence images (right)

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31 S6 Fig. Analysis of bioavailability of a LAMI immobilized miRNA-21 specific MB array onto a

32 SH derivatized quartz slide using CFM: Cy3 labeled miRNA-21 MB construct fluorescence (left),

33 Cy5 labeled non-complementary oligonucleotide Poly-A fluorescence (centre) and overlapping of

- 34 Cy3 and Cy5 fluorescence images (right).
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S1 Fig











miRNA-21 specific MB on SH derivatized quartz slides

