# **Supplementary information**

# Sugar-thioacetamide Backbone in Oligodeoxyribonucleosides for

### **Specific Recognition of Nucleic Acids**

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General Experimental Procedure: Melting points of samples were determined in open capillary tubes and are uncorrected. IR spectra were recorded on an infrared Fourier Transform spectrophotometer using Chloroform, Nujol and KBr pellets. Column chromatographic separations were performed using silica gel 60-120 mesh, and 230-400 mesh, solvent systems EtOAc/Pet ether and pure MeOH/DCM. <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C were obtained using Bruker AC-200 (200 MHz) and 500 MHz NMR spectrometers. The chemical shifts are reported in delta ( $\delta$ ) values. The optical rotations were recorded in an ADP220 Polarimeter. Mass spectra were obtained either by LCMS and MALDI-TOF mass spectrometry techniques. Oligomers were purified and analyzed by RP HPLC, C18 column and MALDI-TOF mass spectrometry.

3'-[9-fluorenylmethoxycarbonyloxy]-amino-3'deoxy thymidin -5'-thioacetic acid, 6.

M.p.147-150 °C.  $[\alpha]_D^{20}$  +16° (*c* 0.5;CH<sub>3</sub>OH). IR, v(cm<sup>-1</sup>), (Chlroform) 3326.98.2927.74.2358.78,1704.96,1677.95,1529.45,1463.87.

<sup>1</sup>HNMR:(DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>,200MHz) δ1.78(s,3H;5-CH<sub>3</sub>),2.06-2.28(m,2H;2',2''-H),3.15-3.38(m,2H;S-CH<sub>2</sub>),3.4-4.32(m,6H; 4'-H,3'-H;5',5''-H,-CH2 Fmoc),6.06-6.12(t,1H;1'-

H),7.27-7.96(m,10H;6-H,Fmoc-H),11.33(s,b,1H,-NH).

<sup>13</sup>C(DMSOd<sub>6</sub>,200MHz)&c12.63(CH<sub>3</sub>),34.68(CH<sub>2</sub>),36.41(CH<sub>2</sub>),47.28(CH),53.75(CH),,62. 66(CH<sub>2</sub>)&64.39(CH<sub>2</sub>),83.25(CH),83.83(CH),110.57(C),120.67(CH),125.64(CH),127.68(C H),128.25(CH),136.76(CH),141.31(C),144.29(C),150.94(C=O),156.44(C=O),164.48(C=O),172.04(C=O). Anal Calcd (%) forC<sub>27</sub>H<sub>27</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>7</sub>S: C 60.19; H 5.246; N 7.805, S 5.955; Found C 60.79; H 5.02; N 7.46; S 6.03. MS, M+Na<sup>+</sup>, Calculated 560.33; Observed, MALDI-TOF 560.38, LCMS 560.06.

**3'-[9-fluorenylmethoxycarbonyloxy]-amino-3'deoxy 5-methyl cytidine 5'-thioacetic acid, 14** M.p.160-163°C. [α]<sub>D</sub><sup>20</sup> +18° (*c* 0.5;CH<sub>3</sub>OH). IR, v(cm<sup>-1</sup>), (nujol) 3238.26, 2923.88, 2854.45, 1714.6,1666.38 (cm<sup>-1</sup>). <sup>1</sup>HNMR: (CDCl<sub>3</sub>+CD<sub>3</sub>OD,200MHz) δ2.08(s,3H;5-Me),2.26-2.55(m,2H;2',2''-H),3.2(m,2H;-CH<sub>2</sub>,Fmoc)3.22-3.44(m,2H;-SCH<sub>2</sub>),3.7-4.39(m,4H;4'-H,5',5''-H,3'-H),6.09(s,1H;1'-H),7.29-8.07(m,10H;6-H,Fmoc-H). <sup>13</sup>C(DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>)

13.4(CH<sub>3</sub>),34.07(CH<sub>2</sub>),35.97(CH<sub>2</sub>),46.67(CH),53.9(CH),62.78(CH<sub>2</sub>)66.06(CH<sub>2</sub>),83.94(C H),83.97(CH),110.71(C),120.74(CH),125.69(CH),127.9(CH),128.45(CH),137.02(CH),14 1.9(C),144.53(C),151.2(C),156.49(C=O),166.23(C=O),172.32(C=O). MS\_M: M+Na<sup>+</sup> Calculated 536.60, 559.39: Observed MAL DI-TOF, 559.43: LCMS

MS, M; M+Na<sup>+</sup> Calculated 536.60, 559.39; Observed MALDI-TOF, 559.43; LCMS 537.06

MALDI-TOF mass of compound 6





LCMS of compound 6



MALDI-TOF of compound 14



# LCMS of compound 14





			5718461	100.0000
2	13.439	0.0	70642	1.2353
1	12.288	7.5	5647819	98.7647



### HPLC profile of TANA18



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### HPLC profile of aeg PNA 20



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MALDI-TOF mass of TANA15



### MALDI-TOF mass of TANA16



# MALDI-TOF of TANA17



MALDI-TOF mass of TANA18



# MALDI-TOF mass of TANA19



# MALDI-TOF mass of aeg PNA 20

**UV-***Tm* **measurements:** The complementary DNA and RNA oligomers were synthesized on an Applied Biosystems DNA Synthesizer. The concentration was calculated on the basis of absorbance from the molar extinction coefficients of the corresponding nucleobases. The complexes were prepared in 10 mM sodium phosphate buffer, pH 7.4 containing NaCl (10 mM) and were annealed by keeping the samples at 90°C for 5 minutes followed by slow cooling to room temperature. Absorbance versus temperature profiles were obtained by monitoring at 260 nm with Perkin-Elmer Lambda 35 spectrophotometer scanning from 10 to 85°C at a ramp rate of 0.2/0.5°C per minute. The data were processed using Microcal Origin 6.0 and Tm values derived from the derivative curves.



Fig A. Melting curve of TANA 17, 18, 19 & *aegPNA20* with RNA 22 B. Corresponding derivative curve.



Fig: C. Melting curve of TANA15and16 with RNA22 and 23, 10mM phosphate buffer (pH= 5.5) and 10 mM NaCl concentration. B. Corresponding derivative curve



Fig: E UV-melting curve of TANA 15 & 16, DNA 24 with complementary RNA 22 and 23 F. Corresponding derivative curves.



Fig: G UV-Jobs Plot of TANA15 with RNA22