

## Supplementary Information

### QbD Product Development: Rapid Optimization and Scale-Up of PBAE-Based siRNA Delivery via DOE-Guided Microfluidics

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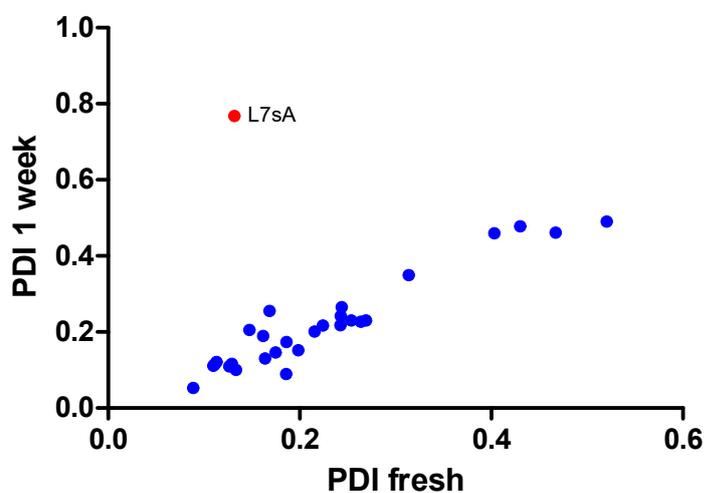
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Keywords

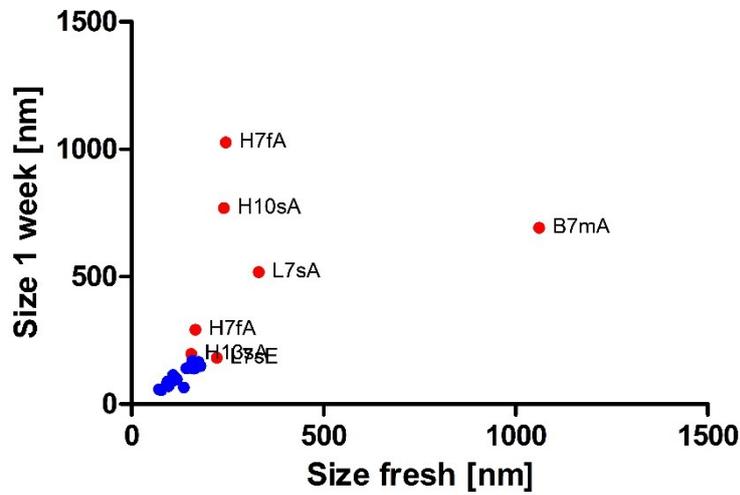
PBAE polymers, siRNA Delivery, Quality by Design, Design of Experiment, Scale Up

Supplementary Table S.1.: Reduced combinatorial design used for the microfluidic formulation optimization with respective nomenclature. Design was carried out with siLUC and with siNC.

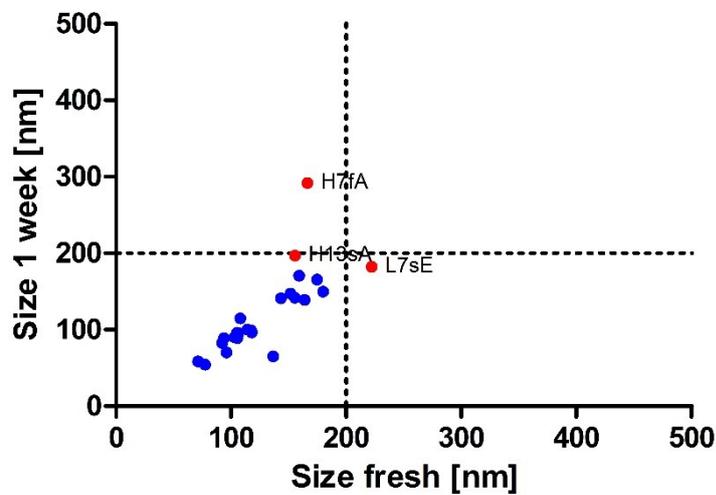
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B7MA	5	68	7	0.25
L10MA	5	93	10	0.25
H7FA	10	41	7	0.25
H10SA	1	41	10	0.25
H13SA	1	41	13	0.25
L7SA	1	93	7	0.25
B10MA	5	68	10	0.25
H13FE	10	41	13	0.5
H7ME	5	41	7	0.5
B10FE	10	68	10	0.5
L13ME	5	93	13	0.5
B7SE	1	68	7	0.5
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B13SE	1	68	13	0.5
L7SE	1	93	7	0.5
H10FO	10	41	10	0.75
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B13FO	10	68	13	0.75
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H13MO	5	41	13	0.75
L13FA	10	93	13	0.25
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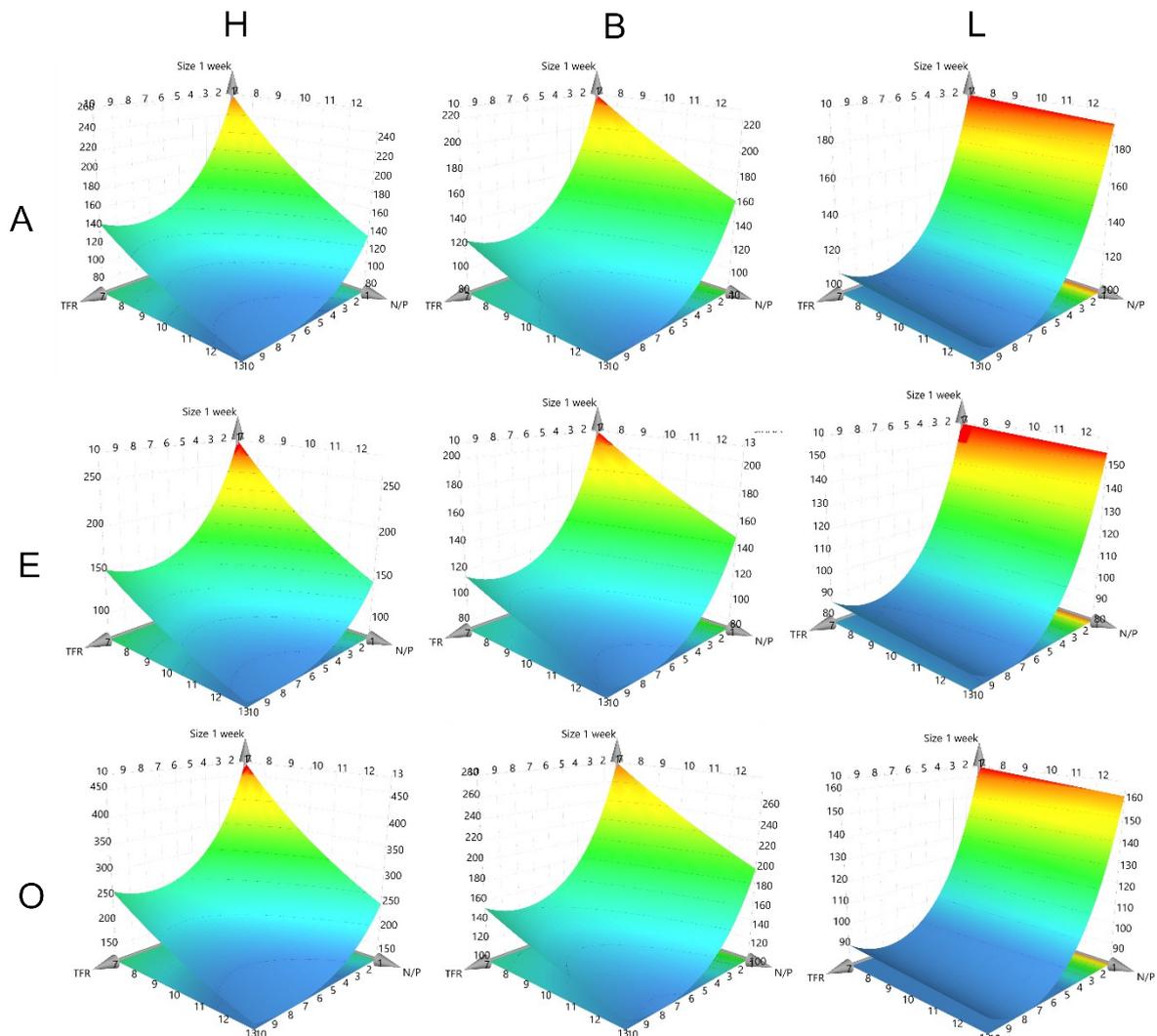
Supplementary Figure 1.: PDI comparison of freshly prepared particles with siLuc and siNC versus particles stored for one week at 4°C.



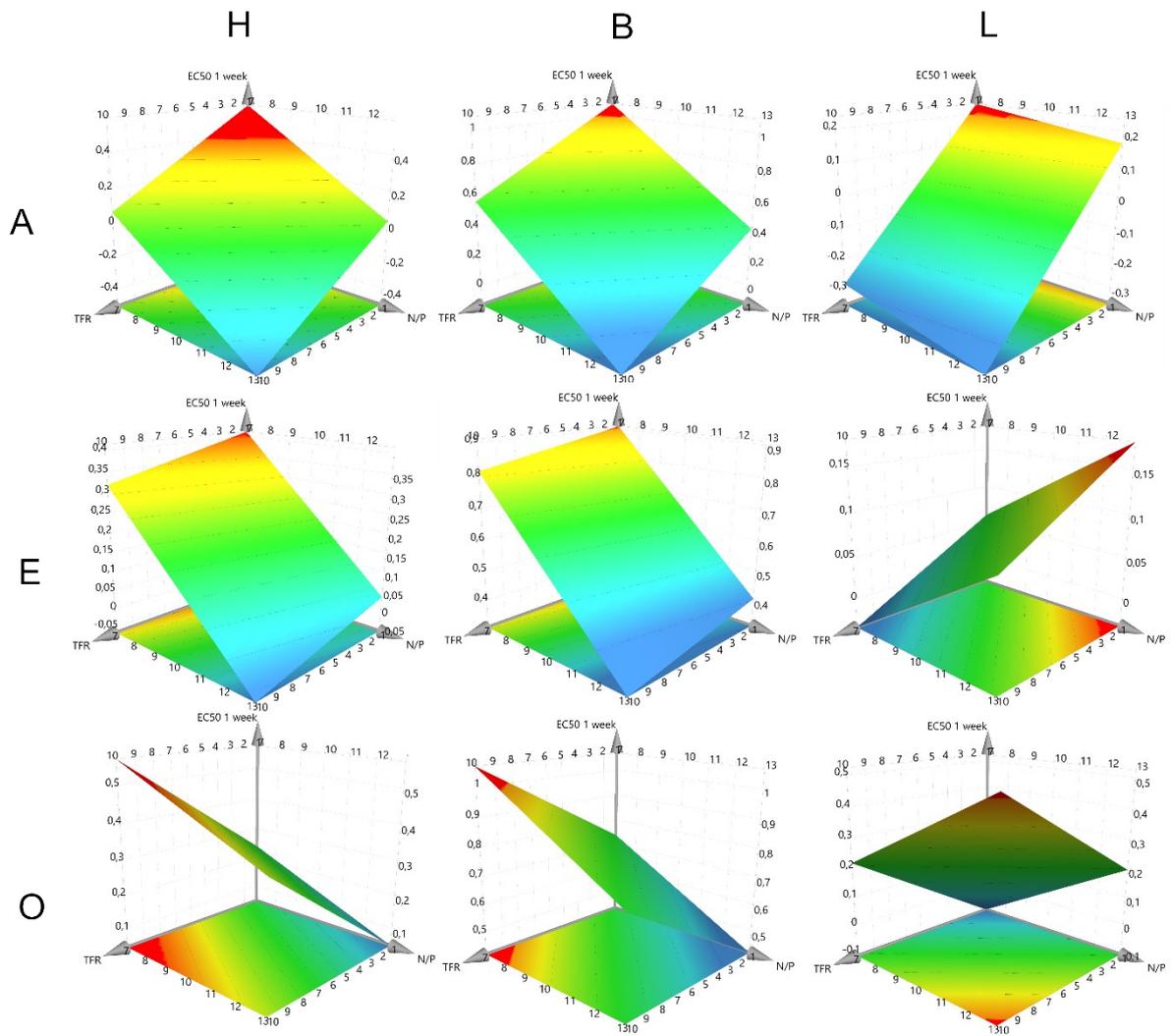
Supplementary Figure 2.: Size comparison of freshly prepared particles with siNC versus particles stored for one week at 4°C.



Supplementary Figure 3.: Size comparison of freshly prepared particles with siNC below 500 nm against particles stored for one week at 4°C. Red dots depict particles above 200 nm.

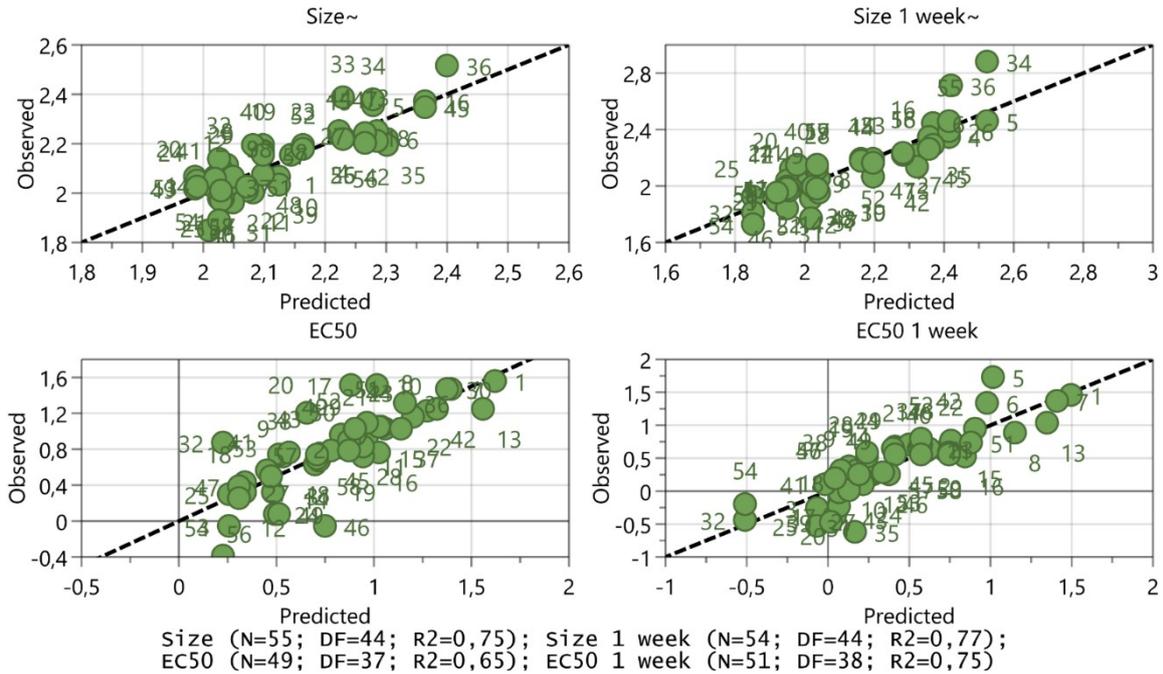


**Supplementary Figure 4.:** RSM of particle hydrodynamic diameters after 1 week of storage at 4°C. X-axes depict N/P ratios, Y-axes depict TFR, horizontal alignment presents polymer type and vertical alignment presents FRR. Z-axes depict the model response.



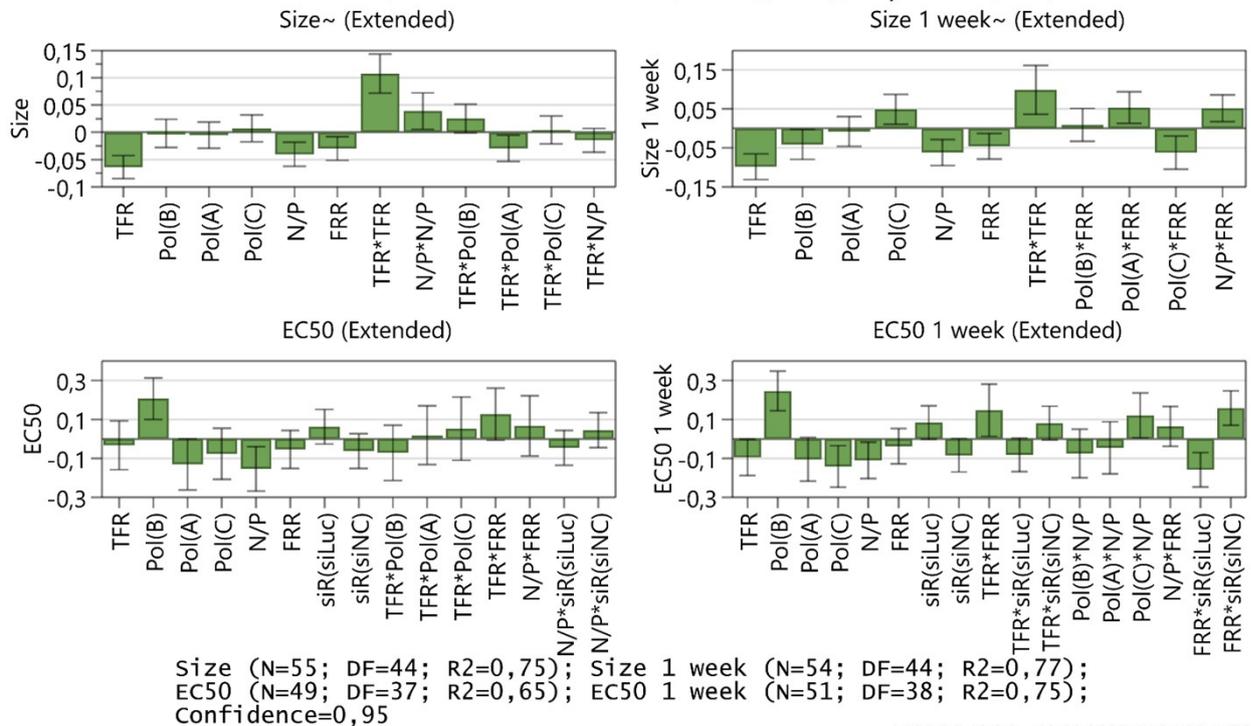
*Supplementary Figure 5.: RSM of intraparticle stability after 1 week of storage at 4°C. X-axes depict N/P ratios, Y-axes depict TFR, horizontal alignment presents polymer type and vertical alignment presents FRR. Z-axes depict the model response.*

### Observed vs. Predicted - All\_RNA\_sequence (PLS)

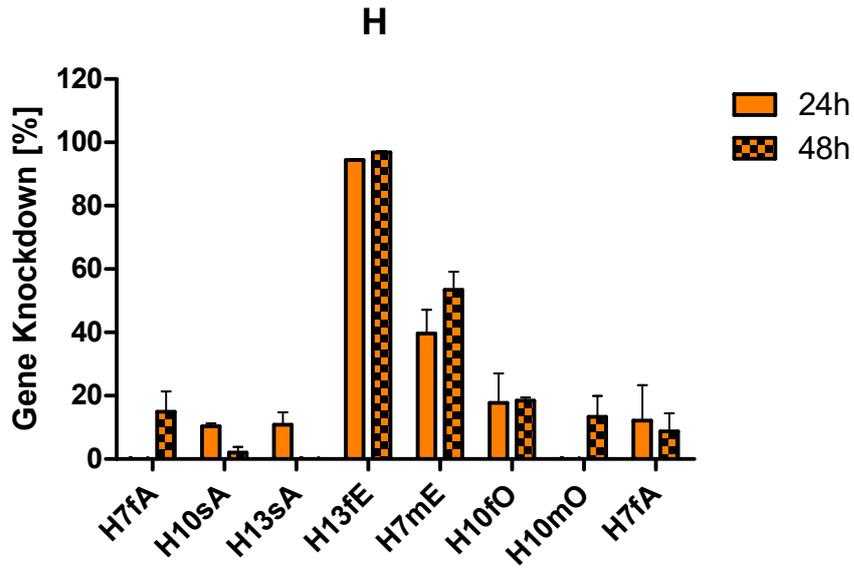


Supplementary Figure 6.: Observed vs. Predicted plots for the Size and EC50 model of freshly prepared particles and particles which were stored for one week at 4°C containing samples with both siRNA sequences.

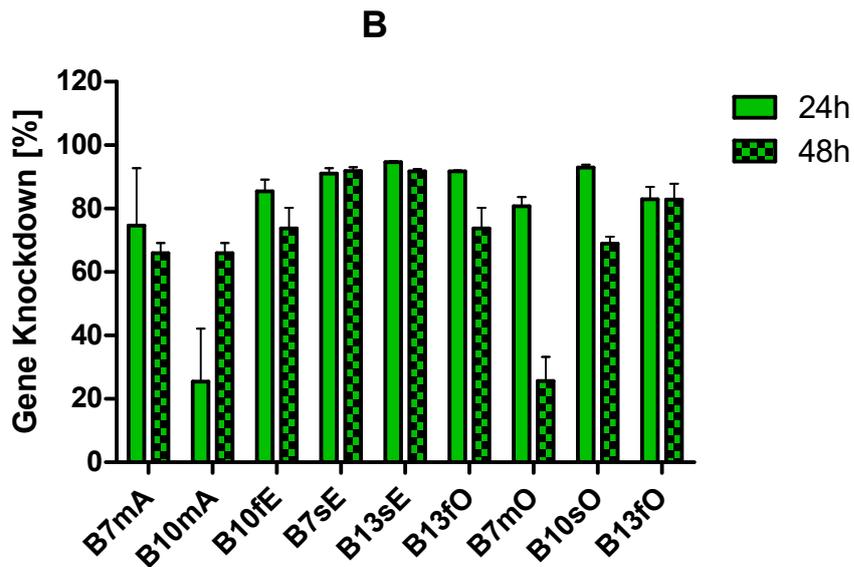
### Coefficients (scaled and centered) - All\_RNA\_sequence (PLS)



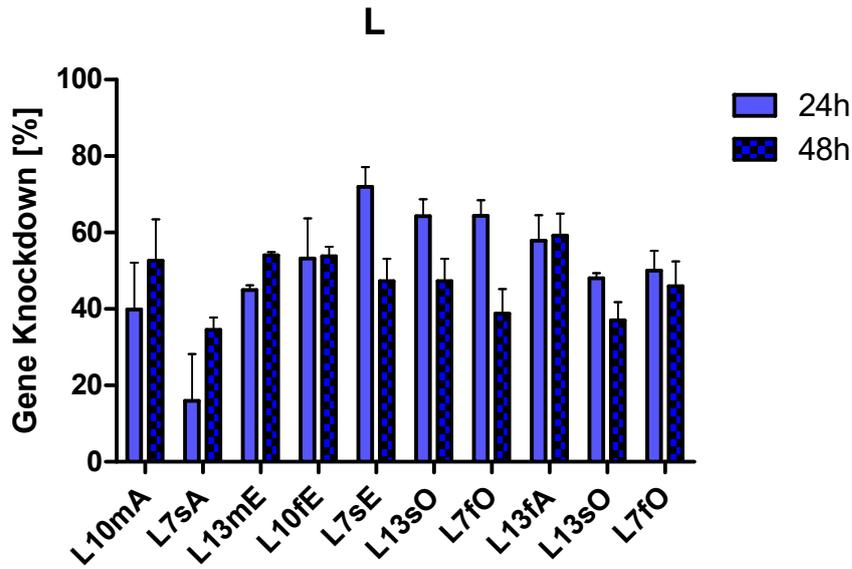
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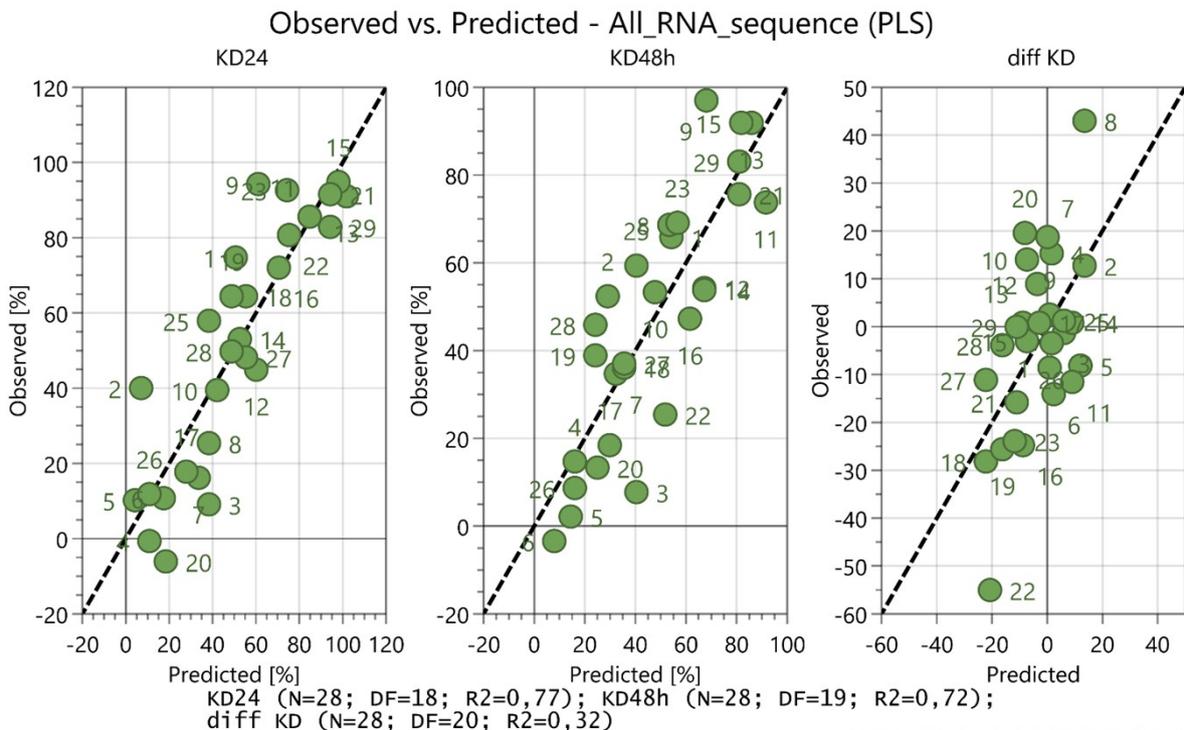
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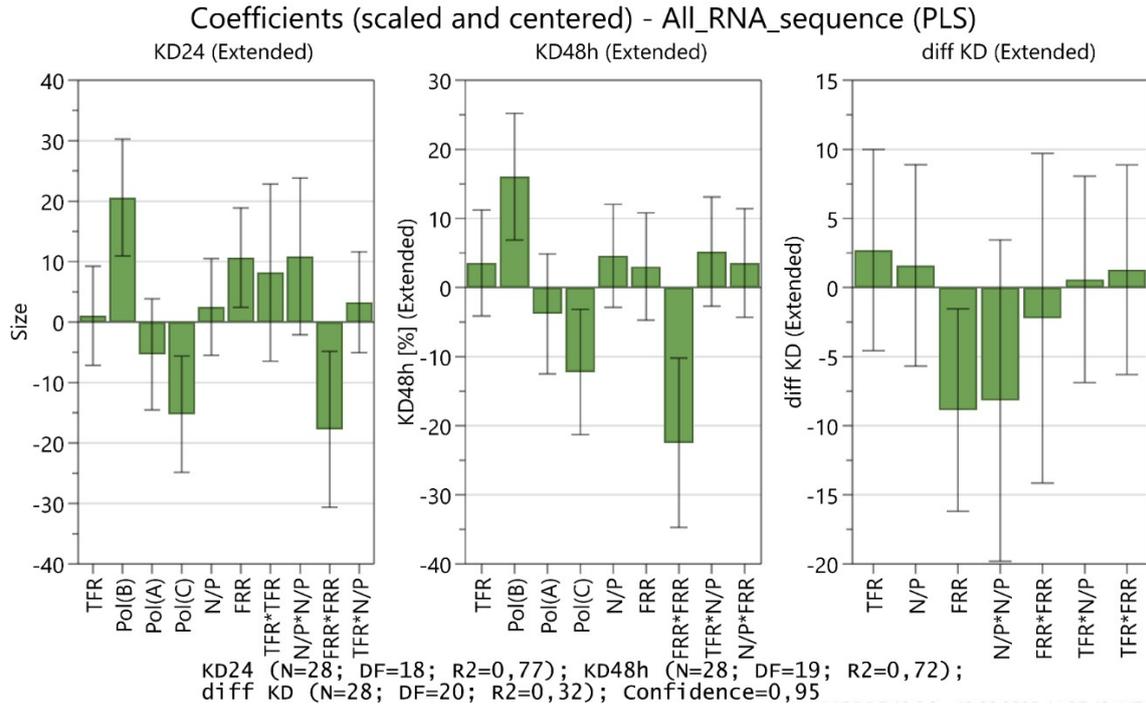
Supplementary Figure 9.: Gene Knockdown of different formulations of the balanced polymer (B) after 24 h and 48 h at 50 nM in H1299 Luc cells. Error bars depicting standard error of technical triplicates (n=3).



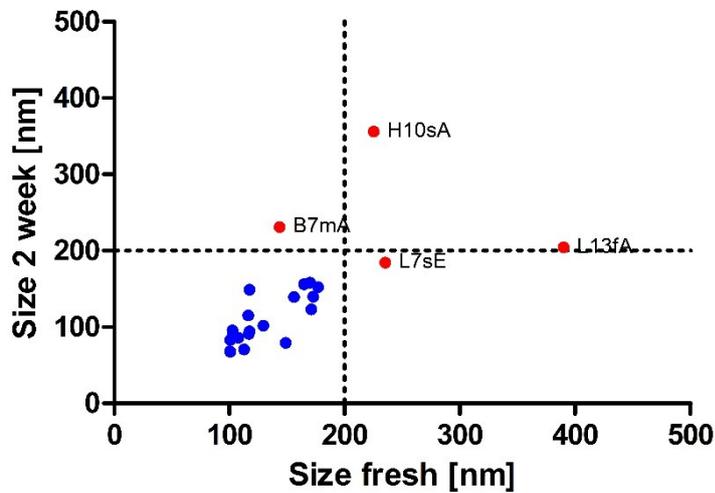
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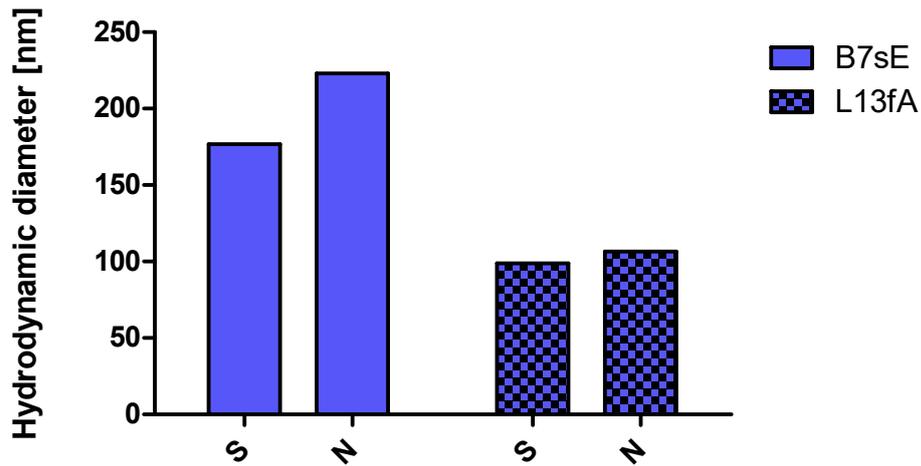
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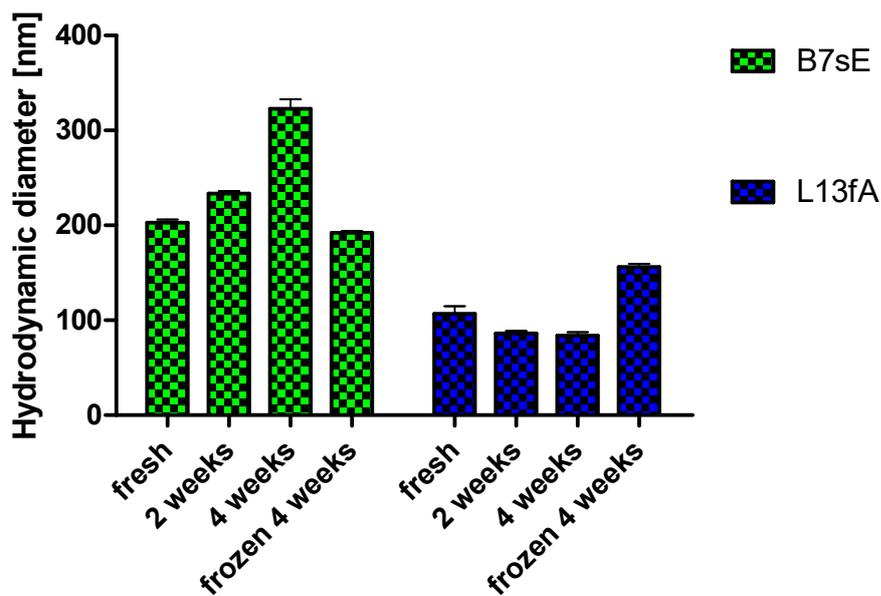
Supplementary Figure 12.: Coefficient plots for gene knockdown models after 24 h, 48 h and the difference between them, presenting the percentual KD difference.



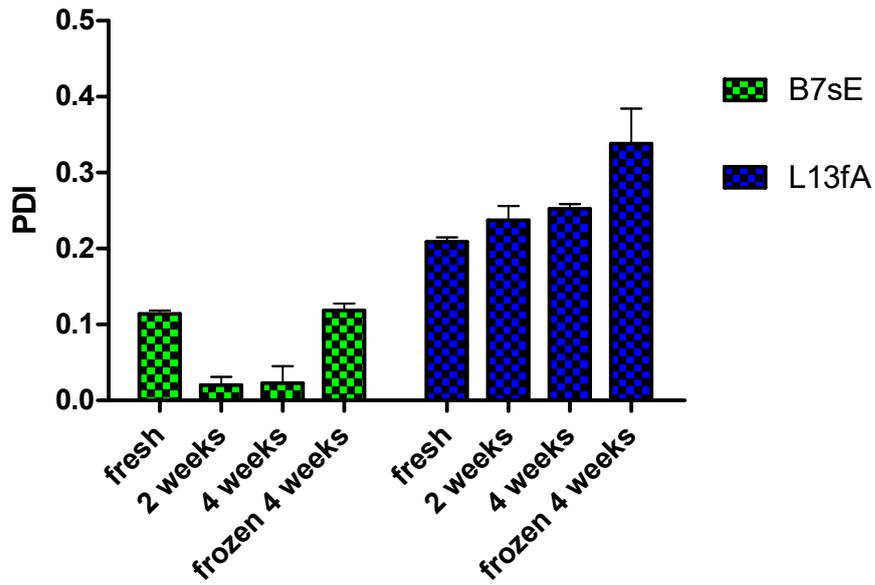
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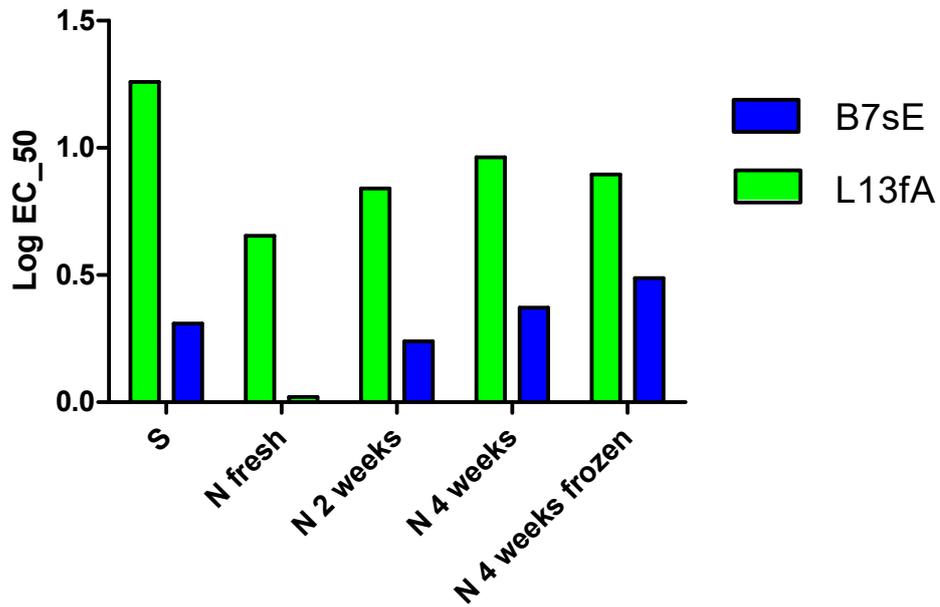
Supplementary Figure 14.: Size of lead formulation (B7sE) and comparison formulation (L13fA) freshly prepared with the Sunscreen Microfluidic device (S) or the Knauer NanoScaler jet impingement mixer (N).



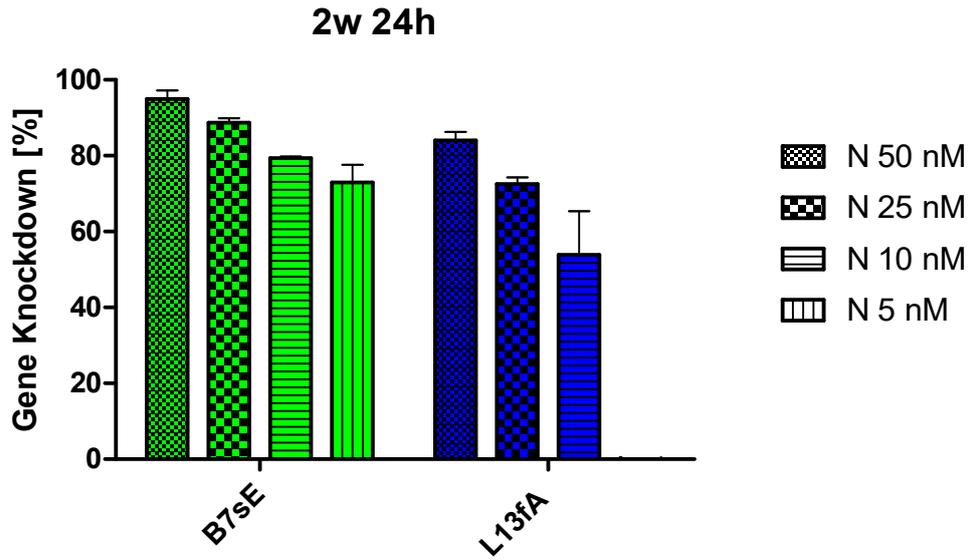
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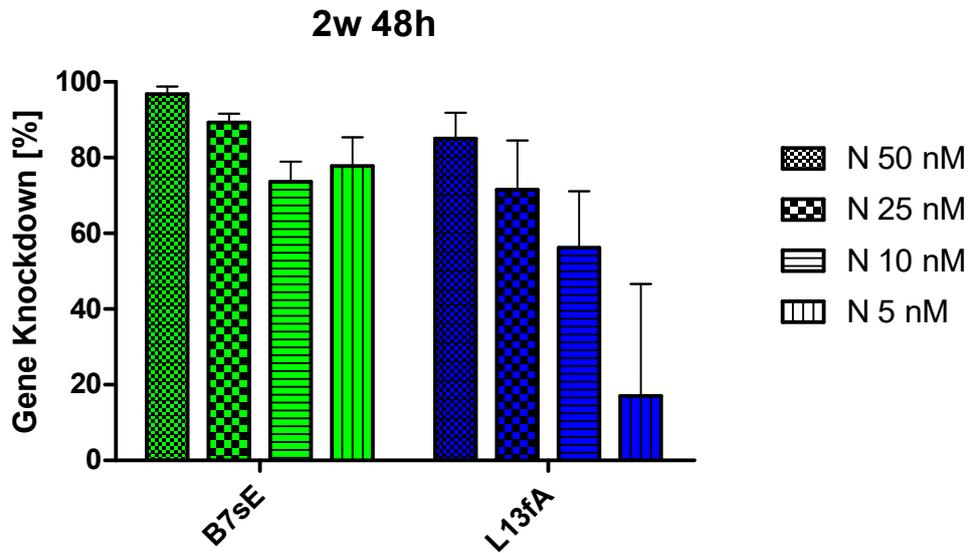
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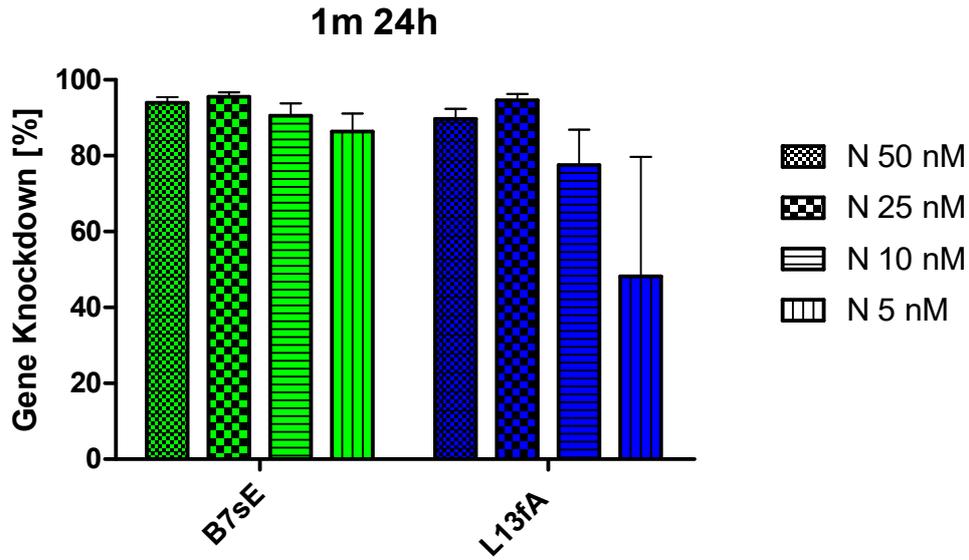
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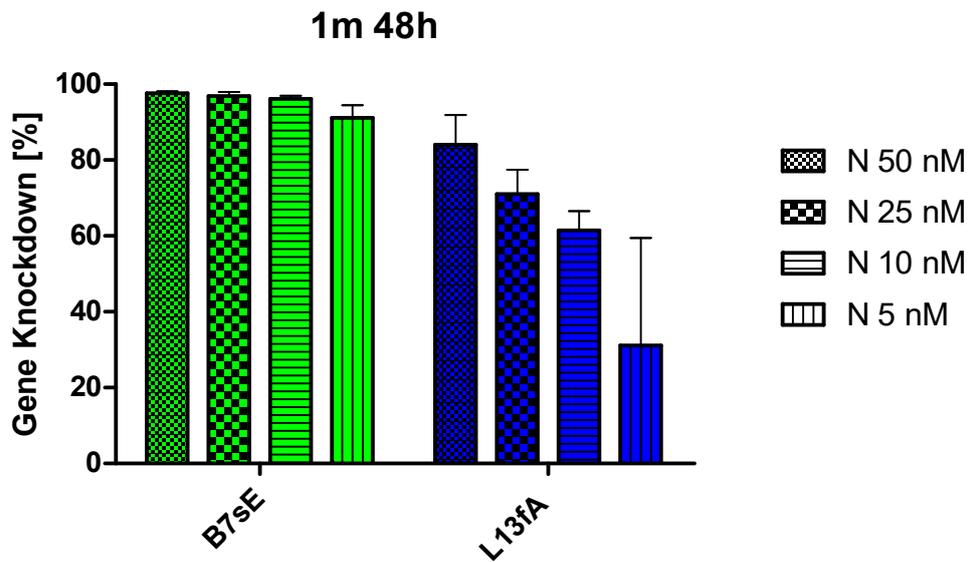
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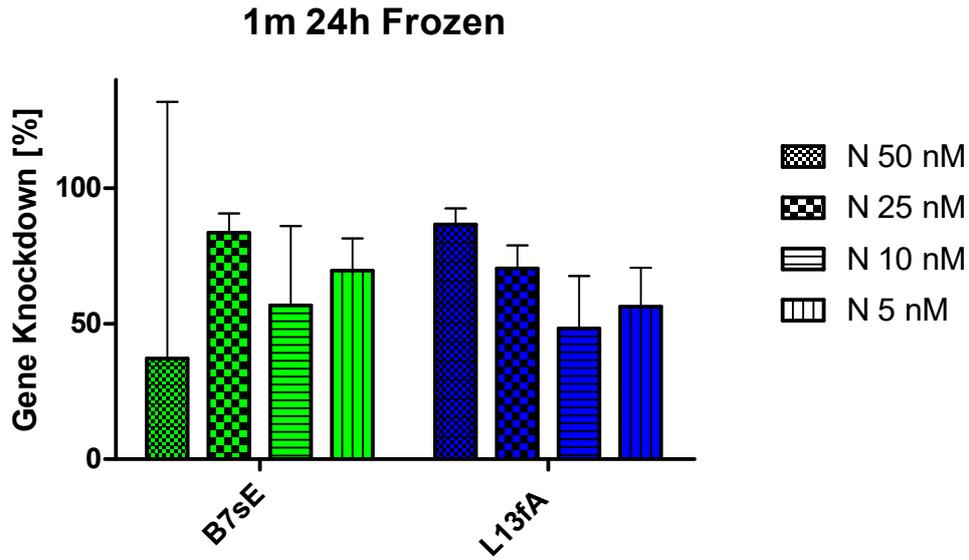
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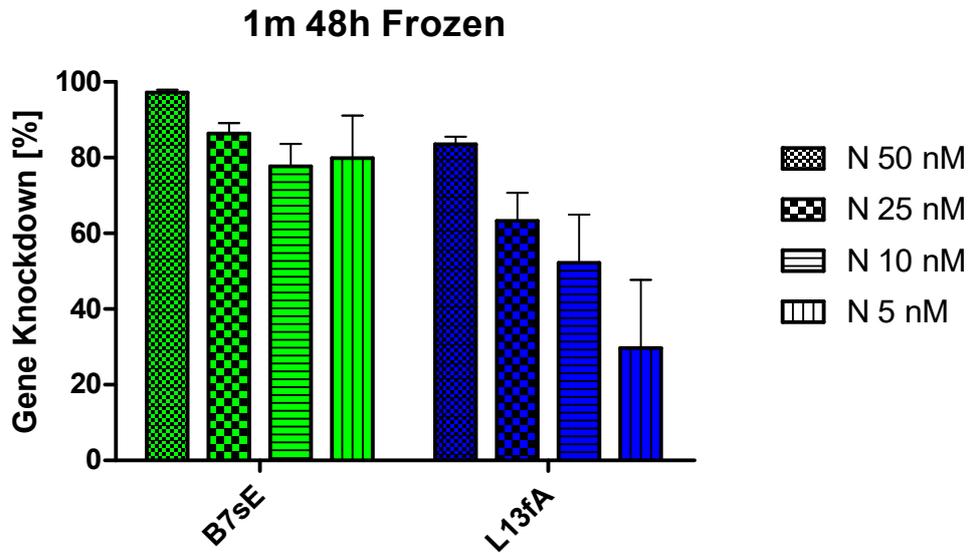
Supplementary Figure 20.: Gene knockdown 24 h after transfection with lead formulation (B7sE) and comparison formulation (L13fA) at different concentrations after 1 month of storage at 4 °C (Error bars indicate standard deviation, n=3)



Supplementary Figure 21.: Gene knockdown 48 h after transfection with lead formulation (B7sE) and comparison formulation (L13fA) at different concentrations after 1 month of storage at 4 °C (Error bars indicate standard deviation, n=3)



Supplementary Figure 22.: Gene knockdown 24 h after transfection with lead formulation (B7sE) and comparison formulation (L13fA) at different concentrations after 1 month of storage at -20 °C (Error bars indicate standard deviation, n=3)



Supplementary Figure 23.: Gene knockdown 48 h after transfection with lead formulation (B7sE) and comparison formulation (L13fA) at different concentrations after 1 month of storage at -20 °C (Error bars indicate standard deviation, n=3)