## **Supporting information**

## Short-RNA selective binding of oligonucleotides modified using adenosine and guanosine derivatives that possess cyclohexyl phosphates as substituents

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## General methods

The dry solvents were purchased and stored over molecular sieves 4A. <sup>1</sup>H, <sup>13</sup>C, and <sup>31</sup>P NMR spectra were obtained at 500, 126, and 203 MHz, respectively. The chemical shifts were measured from CDCl<sub>3</sub> (7.26 ppm), DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub> (2.50 ppm) for <sup>1</sup>H NMR, CDCl<sub>3</sub> (77.0 ppm), DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub> (39.5 ppm) for <sup>13</sup>C NMR and 85% phosphoric acid (0.0 ppm) for <sup>31</sup>P NMR. Oligonucleotides were purified on anion-exchange high performance liquid chromatography (HPLC) at 50 °C with a linear gradient (10–67%) of solvent I (1 M NaCl in 25 mM phosphate buffer (pH 6.0)) in solvent II (25 mM phosphate buffer (pH 6.0)) was used at a flow rate of 1.0 mL/min for 40 min. MALDI-TOF mass was performed using 3-hydoroxypicolinic acid (100 mg/mL) in H<sub>2</sub>O-diammoniumhydrogen citrate (100 mg/mL) in H<sub>2</sub>O (10 : 1, v/v) as a matrix.



Figure S1. AMBER atom types and the partial charges of the base moiety of dG<sup>CmcmP</sup>.



**Reagents and conditions**: i) **13b**, Activator42, CH<sub>3</sub>CN, then 0.1 M DMAP, Ac<sub>2</sub>O-pyridine (1:9, v/v); ii) 0.5 M NH<sub>2</sub>NH<sub>2</sub>/pyridine-AcOH (3:2, v/v); iii) {(*i*-Pr)<sub>2</sub>N-P(OCE)(OCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>ODMTr), *I*H-tetrazole, CH<sub>3</sub>CN, 1 min}x2, then 0.1 M I<sub>2</sub>/pyridine-H<sub>2</sub>O (9:1, v/v); iv) 28% aq. NH<sub>3</sub> 8h, then 2% aq. TFA on C18-cartridge column.

**SCHEME S1.** Preparation of **ON-7** incorporating  $A_m^{ChcmP}$ .



Reagentsandconditions:i)3%dichloroaceticacid/CH2Cl2;ii) ${(i-Pr)_2N-P(OCE)(OCH_2CH_2SO_2CH_2CH_2ODMTr), 1H-tetrazole, CH_3CN, 1 min}x2, then 0.1 M I_2/pyridine-H_2O(9:1, v/v); iv) 28% aq. NH_3, then 2% aq. TFA on C18-cartridge column.$ 

Scheme S2. Preparation of ON-9 and ODN-1.



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