# Exploring the effect of aminoglycoside guanidinylation on ligands for Tau Exon 10 Splicing Regulatory Element RNA

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#### 1. UV melting curves of RNA-ligand complexes



Fig. S1 UV melting profiles for the wt RNA oligonucleotide and its ligand complexes at a [ligand]/RNA ratio of 1.0.



Fig. S2 UV melting profiles for the +3 mutated RNA oligonucleotide and its ligand

complexes at a [ligand]/RNA ratio of 1.0.



Fig. S3 UV melting profiles for the +14 mutated RNA oligonucleotide and its ligand complexes at a [ligand]/RNA ratio of 1.0.

#### 2. NMR titration experiments



**Fig. S4** Imino region of the NMR spectra of wt RNA alone and in the presence of increasing amounts of the ligands (left: **Acr1-Nea**, right: **Acr1-NeaG4**; from bottom to top, ratio ligand/RNA: 0.0, 0.5, 1.0, 2.0 and 4.0). Imino proton signals are labelled according to the numbering scheme shown in Scheme 1. Assignments were taken from Varani *et al.*<sup>[9a,10c]</sup> The RNA concentration was 70  $\mu$ M in a 10 mM sodium phosphate buffer, pH 6.8, in a 90%/10% H<sub>2</sub>O/D<sub>2</sub>O mixture (T = 5°C).

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3. Synthesis of the guanidinylated ligands



Fig. S5 Reversed-phase HPLC traces for the ligands Acr1-NeaG4 (A), Acr2-NeaG4 (B) and Acr2-Nea2G4 (C): reaction crude (left) and purified (right).

## 4. <sup>1</sup>H spectra of monomers and ligands

#### (Boc)<sub>8</sub>NeaG4



## (Boc)<sub>8</sub>NeaG4-SS<sup>t</sup>Bu







Acr1-NeaG4



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Acr2-NeaG4

