

Supplementary Information

Peptide-LNA Oligonucleotide Conjugates

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Table S1. IE HPLC retention times and MALDI-MS of purified oligonucleotides.

| # | Sequence, 5'→3' | Ret. time, min | MALDI-MS | |
|------------|---|----------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|
| | | | Found m/z [M-H] ⁻ | Calc. m/z [M-H] ⁻ |
| ON1 | TGC ACT CTA TGM ¹ CTG TAT CAT | 24.04 | 6467 | 6468 |
| ON2 | TGC ACT CTA M ¹ GT CM ¹ G TAT CAT | 22.14 | 6575 | 6575 |
| ON3 | TGC ACM ¹ CTA TGT CTG TAM ¹ CAT | 24.18 | 6572 | 6575 |

Table S2. IE HPLC retention times and MALDI-MS of **POC1–POC6**.

| # | Sequence, 5'→3' | Ret. time, min | MALDI-MS | |
|-------------|---|----------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|
| | | | Found m/z [M-H] ⁻ | Calc. m/z [M-H] ⁻ |
| POC1 | TGC ACT CTA TGM ² CTG TAT CAT | 22.91 | 7550 | 7551 |
| POC2 | TGC ACT CTA M ² GT CM ² G TAT CAT | 21.13 | 8748 | 8741 |
| POC3 | TGC ACM ² CTA TGT CTG TAM ² CAT | 21.19 | 8745 | 8741 |
| POC4 | TGC ACT CTA TGM ³ CTG TAT CAT | 23.54 | 7533 | 7533 |
| POC5 | TGC ACT CTA M ³ GT CM ³ G TAT CAT | 21.25 | 8708 | 8705 |
| POC6 | TGC ACM ³ CTA TGT CTG TAM ³ CAT | 23.24 | 8706 | 8705 |

Figure S1. Representative IE HPLC traces of modified oligonucleotides prepared in this study.

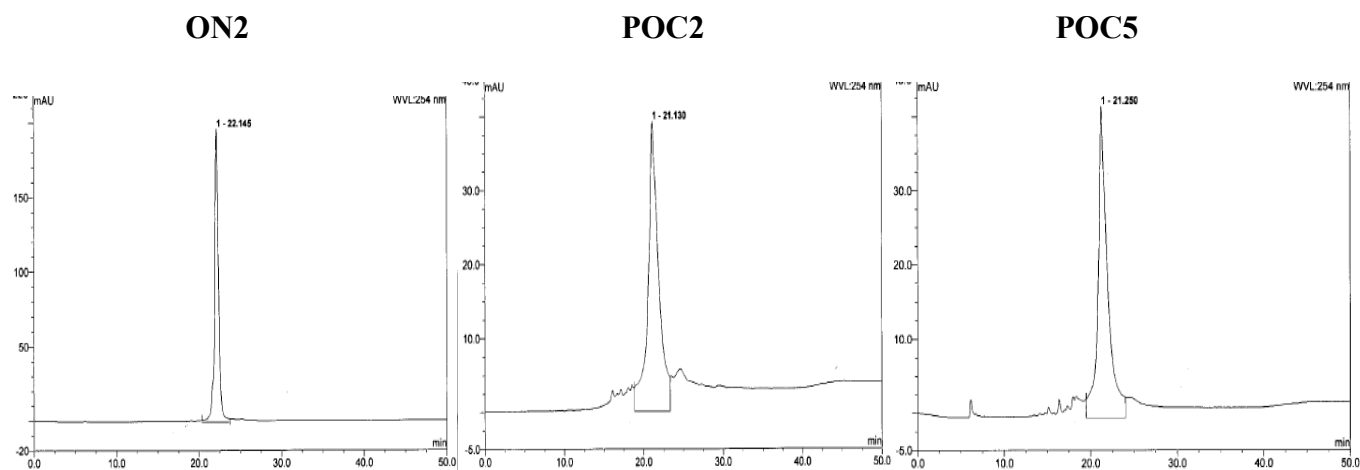


Figure S2. Representative MALDI-MS spectrum of peptide-oligonucleotide conjugate **POC2**.

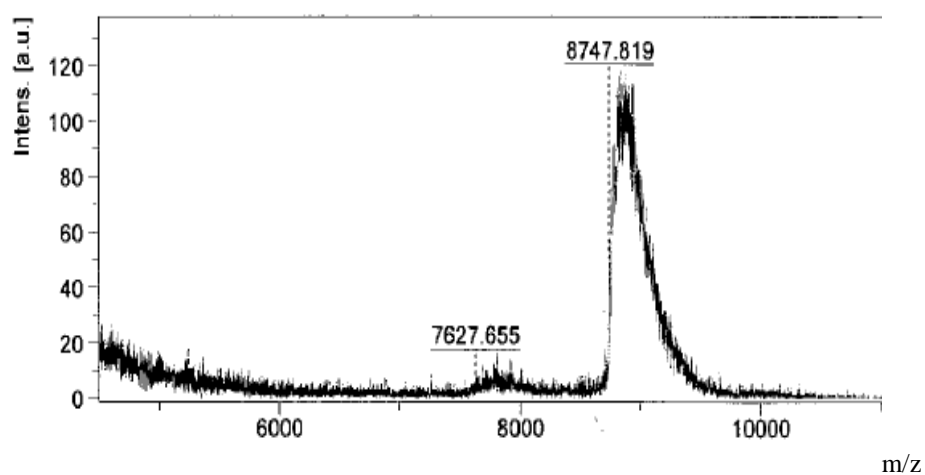
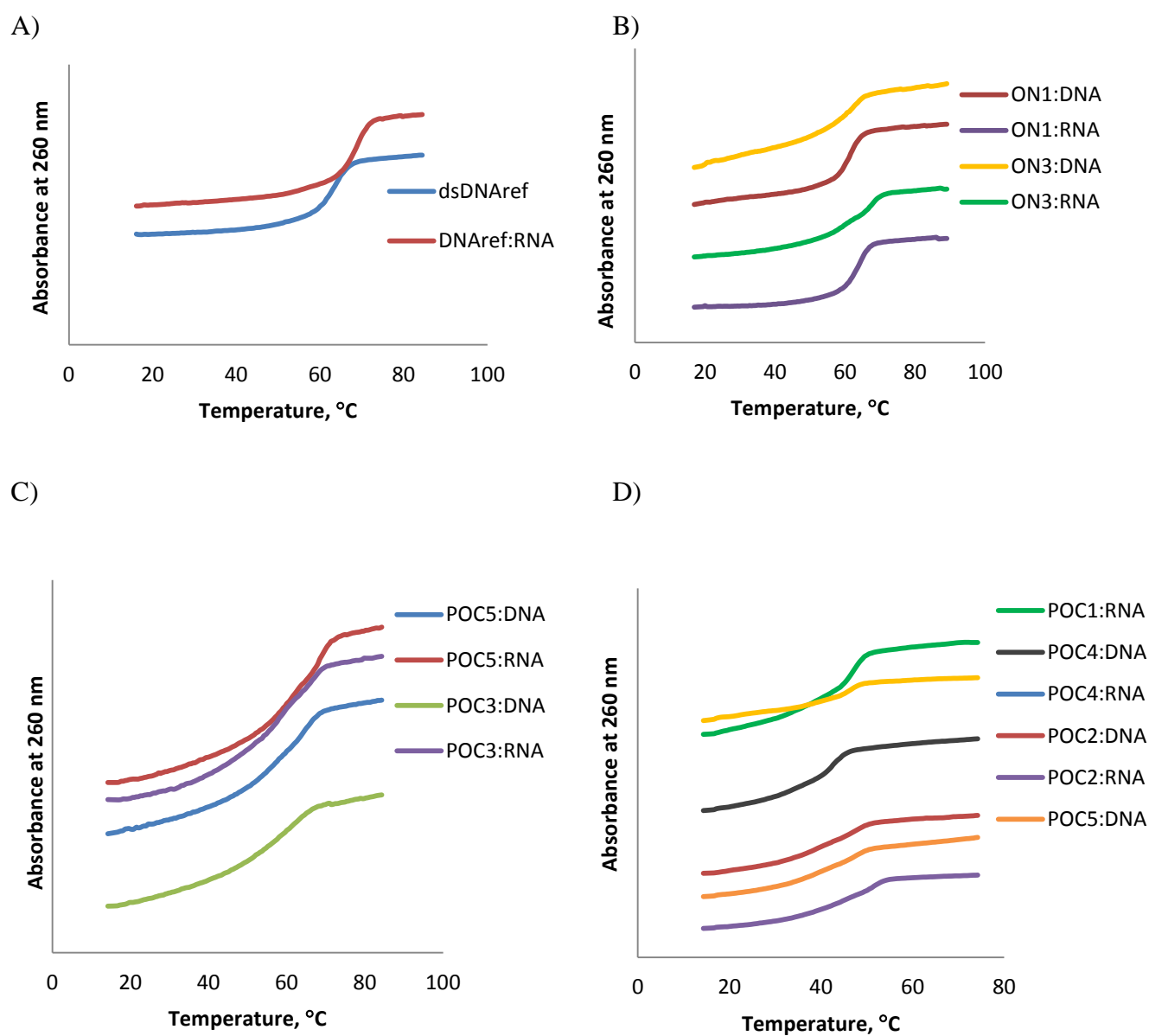


Figure S3. Representative T_m curves.



The melting curves were recorded in a medium salt (A–C) and low salt (D) phosphate buffer using 0.5 μM concentration of complementary strands.

Table S3. Effect of single mismatches on binding affinities of single-labeled **ON1**, **POC1** and **POC2** to DNA/RNA targets in a medium salt phosphate buffer.^a

| Conjugate:Target | T_m (°C) | | | | | | | | | |
|--|------------|--------------------|--------------------|------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|------|--------------------|--|
| | X= | DNA target | | | | RNA target | | | | |
| | | A | C | T | G | A | C | U | G | |
| (ON1) 5' - TGC ACT CTA TGM ¹ CTG TAT CAT 3' - ACG TGA GAT AXA GAC ATA GTA | | 50.5 | 62.0 ^{cc} | 53.5 | 53.0 | 54.5 | 65.0 ^{cc} | 56.0 | 57.0 | |
| (ON1) 5' - TGC ACT CTA TGM ¹ CTG TAT CAT 3' - ACG TGA GAT ACX GAC ATA GTA | | 62.0 ^{cc} | 53.0 | 54.0 | 54.0 | 65.0 ^{cc} | 54.5 | 55.0 | 58.0 | |
| (ON1) 5' - TGC ACT CTA TGM ¹ CTG TAT CAT 3' - ACG TGA GAT ACA XAC ATA GTA | | 49.0 | 49.0 | 49.0 | 62.0 ^{cc} | 54.0 | 50.0 | 50.0 | 65.0 ^{cc} | |
| (POC1) 5' - TGC ACT CTA TGM ² CTG TAT CAT 3' - ACG TGA GAT AXA GAC ATA GTA | | 51.0 | 60.0 ^{cc} | 55.0 | 53.0 | 53.0 | 63.5 ^{cc} | 56.0 | 55.0 | |
| (POC1) 5' - TGC ACT CTA TGM ² CTG TAT CAT 3' - ACG TGA GAT ACX GAC ATA GTA | | 60.0 ^{cc} | 52.0 | 52.0 | 53.0 | 63.5 ^{cc} | 54.0 | 55.0 | 57.0 | |
| (POC1) 5' - TGC ACT CTA TGM ² CTG TAT CAT 3' - ACG TGA GAT ACA XAC ATA GTA | | 50.0 | 50.0 | 51.0 | 60.0 ^{cc} | 52.5 | 49.0 | 49.5 | 63.5 ^{cc} | |
| (POC2) 5' - TGC ACT CTA TGM ³ CTG TAT CAT 3' - ACG TGA GAT AXA GAC ATA GTA | | 45.0 | 62.0 ^{cc} | 43.0 | 40.0 | 53.0 | 64.5 ^{cc} | 55.0 | 55.5 | |
| (POC2) 5' - TGC ACT CTA TGM ³ CTG TAT CAT 3' - ACG TGA GAT ACX GAC ATA GTA | | 62.0 ^{cc} | 55.0 | 50.0 | 52.0 | 64.5 ^{cc} | 55.0 | 55.0 | 57.5 | |
| (POC2) 5' - TGC ACT CTA TGM ³ CTG TAT CAT 3' - ACG TGA GAT ACA XAC ATA GTA | | 52.5 | 51.0 | 53.0 | 62.0 ^{cc} | 52.0 | 50.0 | 50.5 | 64.5 ^{cc} | |

^a Sequences of DNA target variants are presented; *cc* = complementary complex.

Table S4. Effect of single-base mismatch on binding affinity of **ON2–ON3** to DNA/RNA targets in a medium salt phosphate buffer.^a

| ON:TARGET | T_m (°C) | | | | | | | | | |
|--|------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--|
| | X= | DNA target | | | RNA target | | | | | |
| | | A | C | T | G | A | C | U | G | |
| 5' - TGC ACT CTA M ¹ GT CM ¹ G TAT CAT 3' - ACG TGA GAT ACA GAX ATA GTA | | 54.0 | 63.5 ^{cc} | 57.0 | 54.0 | 57.0 | 69.0 ^{cc} | 61.0 | 59.0 | |
| 5' - TGC ACT CTA M ¹ GT CM ¹ G TAT CAT 3' - ACG TGA GAT ACA GXC ATA GTA | | 63.5 ^{cc} | 50.0 | 57.0 | 57.0 | 69.0 ^{cc} | 61.0 | 60.0 | 64.0 | |
| 5' - TGC ACT CTA M ¹ GT CM ¹ G TAT CAT 3' - ACG TGA GAT XCA GAC ATA GTA | | 63.5 ^{cc} | 55.0 | 56.0 | 57.0 | 69.0 ^{cc} | 62.0 | 62.0 | 65.0 | |
| 5' - TGC ACT CTA M ¹ GT CM ¹ G TAT CAT 3' - ACG TGA GAX ACA GAC ATA GTA | | 55.5 | 55.0 | 63.5 ^{cc} | 59.5 | 62.0 | 60.0 | 69.0 ^{cc} | 65.0 | |
| 5' - TGC ACM ¹ CTA TGT CTG TAM ¹ CAT 3' - ACG TGA GAT ACA GA ATA XTA | | 54.0 | 53.0 | 55.0 | 63.0 ^{cc} | 59.0 | 55.0 | 60.0 | 68.0 ^{cc} | |
| 5' - TGC ACM ¹ CTA TGT CTG TAM ¹ CAT 3' - ACG TGA GAT ACA GA ATX GTA | | 63.0 ^{cc} | 53.0 | 54.0 | 55.0 | 68.0 ^{cc} | 60.0 | 60.0 | 62.0 | |
| 5' - TGC ACM ¹ CTA TGT CTG TAM ¹ CAT 3' - ACG TGA GAT ACX GA ATA BTA | | 63.0 ^{cc} | 52.0 | 53.0 | 55.0 | 68.0 ^{cc} | 58.8 | 58.8 | 63.0 | |
| 5' - TGC ACM ¹ CTA TGT CTG TAM ¹ CAT 3' - ACG TGA XAT ACA GA ATA BTA | | 50.0 | 52.0 | 50.0 | 63.0 ^{cc} | 55.0 | 53.0 | 56.0 | 68.0 ^{cc} | |

^a Sequences of DNA target variants are presented; *cc* = complementary complex.

Figure S4. Representative CD spectra of single-stranded (ss) POCs and their duplexes with complementary DNA/RNA.

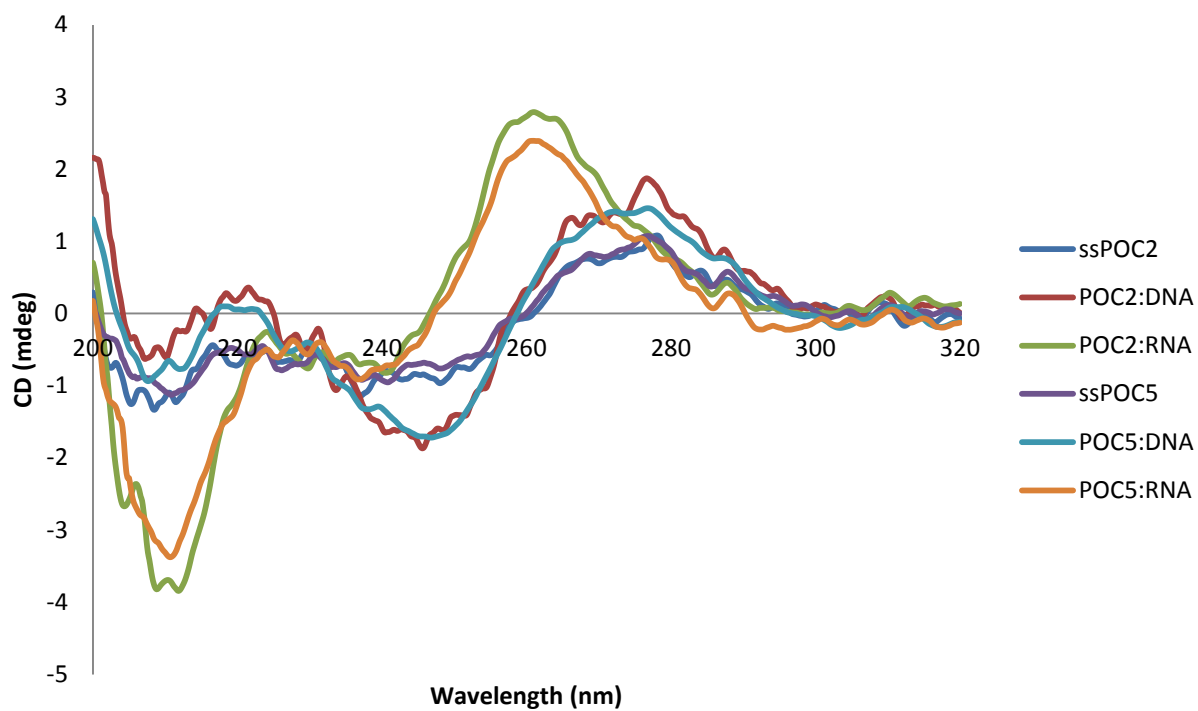
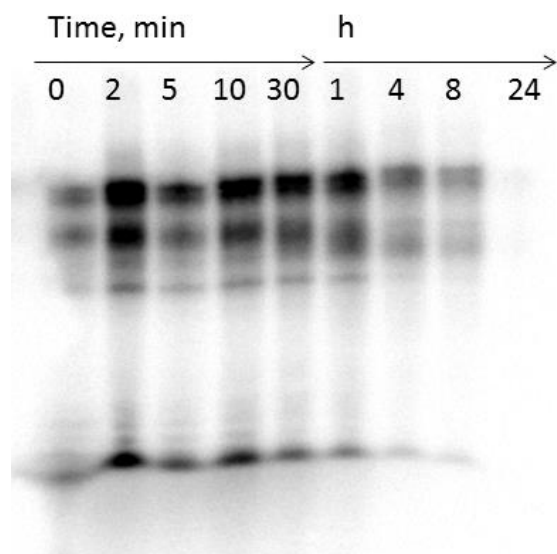
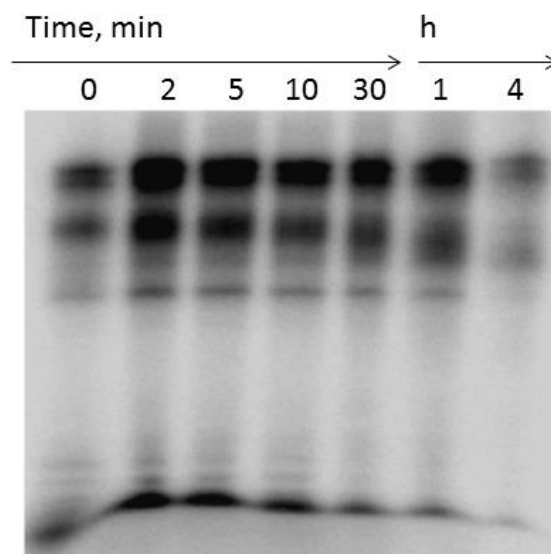


Figure S5. Gel electrophoresis of 5'-³²P-labeled oligonucleotides incubated with HS.

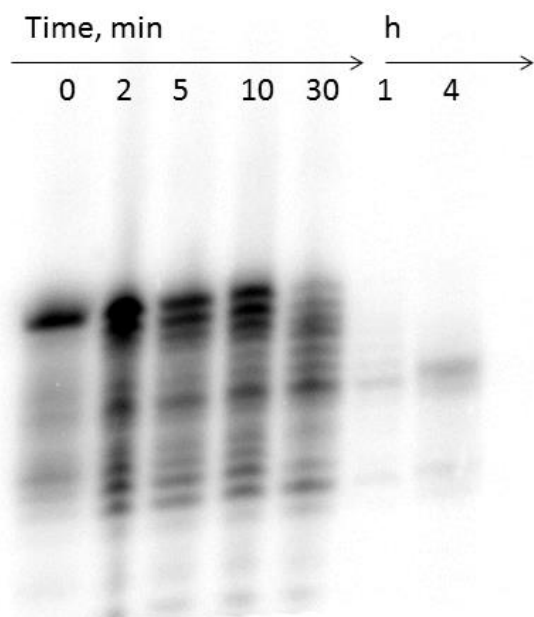
A) POC3



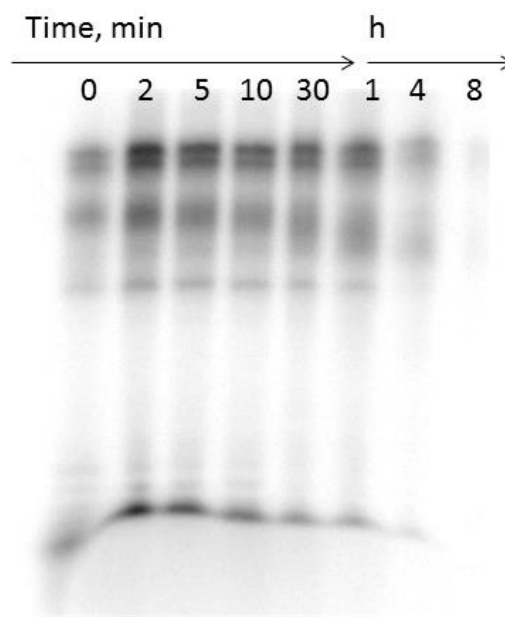
B) POC4



C) ON2

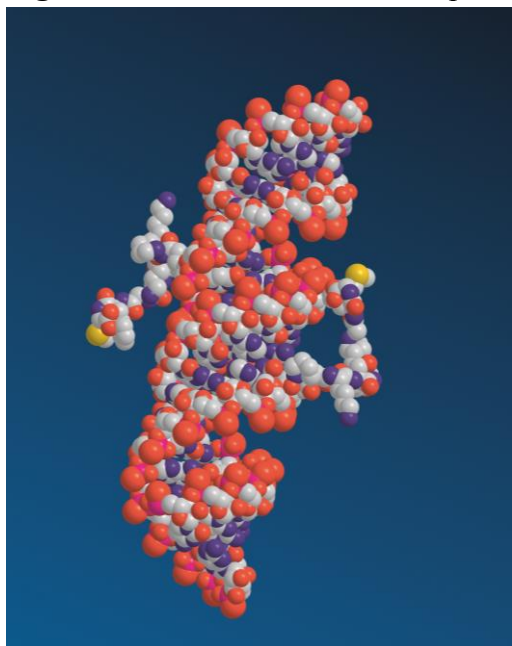


D) POC5



Assay conditions: (A–B) 90% HS in HBSS buffer; (C–D) 90% HS pre-treated with 1 mM paraoxon-ethyl, HBSS buffer.

Figure S6. Molecular model of duplex **POC2:DNA**.



White, red, pink, blue and yellow balls represent carbon, oxygen, phosphorus, nitrogen and sulphur atoms, respectively; hydrogen atoms are not shown.