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## Pyrene-labeled pyrrolidinyl peptide nucleic acid as a hybridization-responsive DNA probe: Comparison between internal and terminal labeling

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**Fig. S21.** CD spectra of unlabeled acpcPNA **M12** (a) and internally PyBtl-labeled acpcPNA **M12\_AT(Btl)** (b) and their hybrids with complementary DNA (3'-TCAATAGGG ACG-5'): single stranded PNA (blue); single stranded DNA (red); mixture of acpcPNA:DNA (green); sum CD spectra of acpcPNA and DNA (purple). The CD spectra were measured in 10 mM sodium phosphate buffer, pH 7.0, [PNA] =  $2.5 \mu$ M, [DNA] =  $3.0 \mu$ M.



**Fig. S22.** Kinetics of nuclease S1 digestion of hybrids between internally PyBtrlabeled acpcPNA **M11\_TT** with complementary and single base mismatched DNA; [PNA] = 1.0  $\mu$ M, [DNA] = 1.0  $\mu$ M in 30 mM sodium acetate buffer pH 4.6, 1 mM zinc acetate, 5% glycerol. Excitation wavelength was 345 nm. DNA sequence (3' $\rightarrow$ 5'): GATTT<u>AAGTCT</u>; GATTT<u>AAGTCT</u>; GATTT<u>AATTCT</u>; GATTT<u>TAGTCT</u>; GATTT<u>AAGTCT</u>; GATT<u>AAGTCT</u>; GATTT<u>AAGTCT</u>; GATTT<u>AAGTCT</u>; GATT<u>AAAGTCT</u>; GATT<u>AAGTCT</u>; GATT<u>AAGTCT</u>; GATT<u>AAGTCT</u>; GATT<u>GAAGTCT</u>; GATT<u>GAAGTC</u>; GATT<u>GAAGTC</u>; GATT<u>GAAGTC</u>; GATT<u>GAAGTC</u>; GATT<u>GAAGTC</u>; GATT<u>GAAGTC</u>; GATT<u>GAAGTC</u>; GATT<u>GAAGTC</u>; GATT<u>GAAGTC</u>; GATT<u>GAAG</u>; GATT