# Base Pairing and Miscoding Properties of $1, \mathrm{~N}^{6}$-Ethenoadenine and $\mathbf{3}, \mathrm{N}^{4}$ Ethenocytosine Containing Oligoribonucleotides 

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## Synthesis of $\varepsilon A$ - and $\varepsilon C$ - phosphoramidite building blocks



Scheme S1. a) $\mathrm{CIH}_{2} \mathrm{C}-\mathrm{CHO}, \mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}, \mathrm{rt}, 20-36 \mathrm{~h}$; b) 4,4'-dimethoxytriphenyl chloride, pyridine, rt, 2h, 61-66\% over 2 steps; c) $\mathrm{AgNO}_{3}$, pyridine, THF, TBSCI, rt, 6h, 40-54\% of 2A-1 and 2B-1; d) 2-cyanoethyl diisopropyl chlorophosphine, N -ethyl diisopropylamine, THF, rt, 20h, 81-89\%.

## 5'-0-(4,4'-Dimethoxytriphenyl)-etheno-adenine (1A)

Adenosine ( $3 \mathrm{gr}, 11.22 \mathrm{mmol}$ ) was dissolved in water ( 90 ml ). To the solution chloroacetaldehyde was added ( 35.4 ml of $50 \%$ solution in water, 20 eq.) and the pH was adjusted to 4.2 adding NaOH 1 M . The pH was monitored for four hours until it became stable. After 20 more hours the solution was evaporated in high vacuum and the yellow gum obtained was precipitated with ethyl acetate /hexane, to get a yellowish precipitate. The solid was coevaporated with pyridine ( $2 \times 30 \mathrm{ml}$ ) and dissolved in dry pyridine ( 140 ml ). 4,4'dimethoxytriphenyl chloride ( $2.10 \mathrm{gr}, 6.15 \mathrm{mmol}, 0.5 \mathrm{eq}$.) was added to the solution, and, after 1 hour a second batch of 4,4'-dimethoxytriphenyl chloride ( $2.10 \mathrm{gr}, 6.15 \mathrm{mmol}, 0.5 \mathrm{eq}$.) was added. The reaction was quenched after two more hours with ethanol ( 10 ml ) and the solvents were evaporated. The residual oil was dissolved in ethyl acetate and extracted with sat. $\mathrm{NaHCO}_{3}$ ( 2 times) and brine ( 2 times). The organic phase was dried over $\mathrm{Na}_{2} \mathrm{SO}_{4}$, filtered and evaporated.
The product was purified by flash chromatography (eluent: methylene chloride: methanol = 98:2 to $95: 5$ to 90:10 $+0.1 \%$ triethylamine), obtaining $1 \mathrm{~A}(4.04 \mathrm{gr}, 6.8 \mathrm{mmol}, 61 \%)$ as a pale yellow foam.
$\mathrm{R}_{\mathrm{f}}$ : $0.59\left(\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}\right.$ : methanol= 9:1)
${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}-\mathrm{NMR}(400 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{DMSO}): \delta 9.23(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 8.45(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 8.10(\mathrm{~d}, \mathrm{~J}=1.5 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.57$ (d, J=1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.387.14 (m, 9H), 6.84-6.77 (m, 4H), 6.08 (d, J=4.5 Hz, 1H), 5.63 (d, J=5.6 Hz, 1H), 5.27 (d, J=5.8 Hz, 1H), 4.75$4.67(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 4.36-4.26(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 4.15-4.06(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 3.70(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 3.69(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 3.29-3.20(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H})$.
${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR (101 MHz, DMSO): $\delta 158.0,157.9,144.8,140.5,140.2,138.2,136.8,135.5,132.8,129.7,129.6$, 127.7, 127.6, 126.6, 123.3, 113.1, 113.0, 112.2, 88.5, 85.4, 83.2, 73.3, 70.3, 63.7, 55.0, 54.9.

HRMS $\left(\mathrm{MH}^{+}\right)$for $\mathrm{C}_{33} \mathrm{H}_{32} \mathrm{~N}_{5} \mathrm{O}_{6}$. Calculated: 594.2347. Found: 594.2345.

Cytidine ( $910 \mathrm{mg}, 3.74 \mathrm{mmol}$ ) was dissolved in water ( 30 ml ). To the solution chloroacetaldehyde was added ( 11.8 ml of $50 \%$ solution in water, 20 eq.), the pH was adjusted to 4.1 adding NaOH 1 M , and the reaction was warmed up to $37^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$. The pH was monitored for four hours until no more changes were observed.After 36 more hours, the solution was evaporated in high vacuum and the yellow gum obtained was precipitated with ethyl acetate /hexane, to get a yellowish precipitate. The solid was coevaporated with pyridine ( $2 \times 15$ ml ) and dissolved in dry pyridine ( 40 ml ). To the solution 4,4'-dimethoxytriphenyl chloride ( $610 \mathrm{mg}, 1.93$ $\mathrm{mmol}, 0.5$ eq.) was added, and after 1 hour, a second batch was added too. After two more hours the reaction was quenched with ethanol ( 4 ml ) and the solvents were evaporated. The residual oil was dissolved in ethyl acetate and extracted with sat. $\mathrm{NaHCO}_{3}(2$ times) and brine (2 times). The organic phase was dried over $\mathrm{NaSO}_{4}$, filtered and evaporated.
The product was purified by flash chromatography (eluent: methylene chloride: methanol = 98:2 to $95: 5$ to $90: 10+0.1 \%$ triethylamine), obtaining 1B ( $1.33 \mathrm{gr}, 2.3 \mathrm{mmol}, 66 \%$ ) as a pale yellow foam.
$\mathrm{R}_{\mathrm{f}}: 0.56\left(\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}\right.$ : methanol= 95:5)
${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}-\mathrm{NMR}(400 \mathrm{MHz}, ~ D M S O): ~ \delta 1 \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $\left.400 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{DMSO}\right) \delta 7.82$ (d, J= $1 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}$ ), $7.60(\mathrm{~d}, \mathrm{~J}=8.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H})$, $7.43-7.21(\mathrm{~m}, 10 \mathrm{H}), 6.94-6.88(\mathrm{~m}, 4 \mathrm{H}), 6.39(\mathrm{~d}, \mathrm{~J}=7.9 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 6.04(\mathrm{~d}, \mathrm{~J}=3.7 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 5.58(\mathrm{~d}, \mathrm{~J}=4.7$ Hz, 1H), 5.23 (d, J = $5.5 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 4.24-4.15(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 4.08-4.03(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 3.74(\mathrm{~s}, 6 \mathrm{H}), 3.36-3.26(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H})$.
${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR (101 MHz, DMSO): $\delta 158.1,145.6,144.7,144.4,135.4,135.1,132.6,129.8,128.1,127.9,127.7$, 126.8, 113.3, 112.9, 98.2, 89.8, 85.9, 82.8, 74.0, 69.6, 62.9, 55.0, 54.9.

HRMS $\left(\mathrm{MH}^{+}\right)$for $\mathrm{C}_{32} \mathrm{H}_{32} \mathrm{~N}_{3} \mathrm{O}_{7}$. Calculated: 570.2235. Found: 570.2236.

## 5'-O-(4,4'-Dimethoxytriphenyl) 2',3'-O-tert-butyldimethylsilyl-etheno-adenine (2A-1, 2A-2) 5'-O-(4,4'-Dimethoxytriphenyl) 2',3'-O-tert-butyldimethylsilyl-etheno-cytidine (2B-1, 2B-2)

Compound $1 \mathrm{~A}(1.25 \mathrm{~g}, 2.1 \mathrm{mmol})$ or $1 \mathrm{~B}(1.20 \mathrm{~g}, 2.1 \mathrm{mmol})$ was dissolved in dry THF ( 20 ml ). $\mathrm{AgNO}_{3}(435.2$ $\mathrm{mg}, 2.56 \mathrm{mmol}, 1.2 \mathrm{eq}$.) and pyridine ( $568 \mu \mathrm{l}, 7.84 \mathrm{mmol}, 3.6 \mathrm{eq}$.) were added to the solution. In the case of compound 1A, when these reagents were added, the solution solidified to a thick white paste which was dissolved adding 60 ml more of dry THF. The solution obtained was stirred in the dark for 15 min , and tertbuthyldimethylsilyl chloride ( $416 \mathrm{mg}, 2.8 \mathrm{mmol}, 1.3 \mathrm{eq}$. ) was added. After 4 hours, a second batch of $\mathrm{AgNO}_{3}(215 \mathrm{mg}, 1.28 \mathrm{mmol})$, pyridine $(284 \mu \mathrm{l}, 3.92 \mathrm{mmol})$ and tert-buthyldimethylsilyl chloride ( $208 \mathrm{mg}, 1.4$ mmol ) was added. The reaction was quenched after two more hours filtering the mixture over celite into $5 \%$ $\mathrm{NaHCO}_{3}$. This suspension was extracted 2 times with $\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}$, and the organic phase was washed with sat. $\mathrm{NaHCO}_{3} 2$ times) and brine (2 times), dried over $\mathrm{Na}_{2} \mathrm{SO}_{4}$, filtrated and evaporated. The product was purified by flash chromatography (ethyl acetate: hexane $=7: 3$ to $8: 2$ to $9: 1$ for compound 1A and Ethyl acetate: hexane $=1: 1$ to $1.5: 1$ for compound 1 B ), obtaining a white solid ( $2 \mathrm{~A}-1: 587.2 \mathrm{mg}, 0.83 \mathrm{mmol}, 40 \%, 2 \mathrm{~A}-2$ : $503.8 \mathrm{mg}, 0.71 \mathrm{mmol}, 33 \%, 2 \mathrm{~B}-1: 774.7 \mathrm{mg}, 1.13 \mathrm{mmol}, 54 \% 2 \mathrm{~B}-2: 237.3 \mathrm{mg}, 0.35 \mathrm{mmol}, 17 \%)$.

## 5'-O-(4,4'-Dimethoxytriphenyl) 2'-O-tert-butyldimethylsilyl-etheno-adenine (2A-1)

$\mathrm{R}_{\mathrm{f}}: 0.31$ (ethyl acetate)
${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}-\mathrm{NMR}(400 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{DMSO}): ~ \delta 9.22$ (s, 1H), 8.45 (s, 1H), 8.10 (d, J = $\left.1.5 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}\right), 7.57$ (d, J = $1.4 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}$ ), $7.44-7.16(\mathrm{~m}, 9 \mathrm{H}), 6.87-6.80(\mathrm{~m}, 4 \mathrm{H}), 6.09(\mathrm{~d}, \mathrm{~J}=5.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 5.19(\mathrm{~d}, \mathrm{~J}=5.9 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 4.84-4.80(\mathrm{~m}$, $1 \mathrm{H}), 4.27-4.20(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 4.17-4.11(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 3.72(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 3.71(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 3.32-3.28(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 0.75(\mathrm{~s}, 9 \mathrm{H})$, 0.04 (s, 3H), -0.15 (s, 3H).
${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR (101 MHz, DMSO): $\delta 158.1,144.8,140.4,140.1,138.1,136.8,135.5,135.4,132.8,129.7,127.7$, $127.6,126.6,123.4,113.1,112.2,88.4,85.5,83.6,75.3,70.2,63.4,55.0,31.2,29.0,28.7,25.5,22.0,17.8$, 13.9, -4.9, -5.3.

HRMS ( $\mathrm{MH}^{+}$) for $\mathrm{C}_{39} \mathrm{H}_{46} \mathrm{~N}_{5} \mathrm{O}_{6}$ Si. Calculated: 708.3212. Found: 708.3210.

## 5'-O-(4,4'-Dimethoxytriphenyl) 3'-O-tert-butyldimethylsilyl-etheno-adenine (2A-2)

## $\mathrm{R}_{\mathrm{f}}: 0.17$ (ethyl acetate)

${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}-\mathrm{NMR}(400 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{DMSO}): \delta 9.25(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 8.51(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 8.11(\mathrm{~d}, \mathrm{~J}=1.5 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.57(\mathrm{~d}, \mathrm{~J}=1.5 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H})$, $7.37-7.14(\mathrm{~m}, 9 \mathrm{H}), 6.88-6.75(\mathrm{~m}, 4 \mathrm{H}), 6.04(\mathrm{~d}, \mathrm{~J}=4.9 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 5.47(\mathrm{~d}, \mathrm{~J}=6.1 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 4.86-4.80(\mathrm{~m}$, $1 \mathrm{H}), 4.55-4.50(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 4.09-4.07(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 3.70(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 3.69(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 3.39-3.32(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 3.19-3.12(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H})$, 0.85 (s, 9H), 0.08 (s, 3H), 0.04 (s, 3H).
${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR (101 MHz, DMSO): $\delta 158.0,144.7,140.8,140.4,138.1,136.7,135.5,135.4,132.8,129.6,129.5$, 127.7, 126.6, 123.5, 113.0, 112.2, 88.6, 85.6, 83.4, 72.5, 72.1, 63.0, 55.0, 31.3, 29.0, 28.7, 25.7, 22.1, 18.0, 13.9, -4.5, -5.1 .

## 5'-O-(4,4'-Dimethoxytriphenyl) 2'-O-tert-butyldimethylsilyl-etheno-cytidine (2B-1)

$\mathrm{R}_{\mathrm{f}}: 0.47$ (ethyl acetate: hexane $=2: 1$ )
${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR (400 MHz, DMSO) $\delta 7.85$ (s, 1H), 7.66 (d, J = $\left.8.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}\right), 7.44-7.23$ (m, 10H), 6.94-6.89 (m, 4H), 6.36 (d, J = $7.9 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}$ ), $6.02(\mathrm{~d}, \mathrm{~J}=3.7 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 5.20(\mathrm{~d}, \mathrm{~J}=6.1 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 4.36-4.32(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 4.20-4.14(\mathrm{~m}$, $1 \mathrm{H}), 4.12-4.06(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 3.74(\mathrm{~s}, 6 \mathrm{H}), 3.42-3.30(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 0.83(\mathrm{~s}, 9 \mathrm{H}), 0.04(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 0.02(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H})$.
${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR (101 MHz, DMSO) $\delta 158.2,145.5,144.7,144.3,135.2,135.0,132.6,129.8,127.9,127.7,127.6$, 126.8, 113.2, 112.9, 98.1, 89.6, 86.0, 82.9, 76.1, 69.3, 62.5, 55.0, 25.6, 17.9, -4.8, -5.2.

HRMS ( $\mathrm{MH}^{+}$) for $\mathrm{C}_{38} \mathrm{H}_{46} \mathrm{~N}_{3} \mathrm{O}_{7} \mathrm{Si}$. Calculated: 684.3100. Found: 684.3098.

5'-O-(4,4'-Dimethoxytriphenyl) 3'-O-tert-butyldimethylsilyl-etheno-cytidine (2B-2)
$R_{f}: 0.29$ (ethyl acetate: hexane $=2: 1$ )
${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $400 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{DMSO}$ ) $\delta 7.82(\mathrm{~s}, \mathrm{~J}=1.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.67(\mathrm{~d}, \mathrm{~J}=8.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.43-7.23(\mathrm{~m}, 10 \mathrm{H})$, 6.94$6.86(\mathrm{~m}, 4 \mathrm{H}), 6.43(\mathrm{~d}, \mathrm{~J}=7.9 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 6.01(\mathrm{~d}, \mathrm{~J}=3.5 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 5.41(\mathrm{~d}, \mathrm{~J}=5.4 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 4.28-4.19(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H})$, $4.07-3.97(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 3.74(\mathrm{~s}, 6 \mathrm{H}), 3.46-3.38(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 3.28-3.17(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 0.79(\mathrm{~s}, 9 \mathrm{H}), 0.03(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}),-0.02$ (s, 3H).
${ }^{3}$ C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO) $\delta 158.2,145.6,144.5,135.2,135.1,132.60,129.8,128.1,127.9,127.7,126.8$, $113.2,112.9,98.2,90.1,86.1,83.0,73.4,71.2,62.5,55.0,25.7,17.9,-4.6,-5.3$.


Figure $\mathrm{S} 1 .{ }^{1} \mathrm{H},{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}-\mathrm{COSY}-\mathrm{NMR}$ of $2 \mathrm{~A}-1$


Figure $\mathrm{S} 2 .{ }^{1} \mathrm{H},{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}-\mathrm{COSY}-\mathrm{NMR}$ of $2 \mathrm{~A}-2$


Figure $\mathrm{S} 3 .{ }^{1} \mathrm{H},{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}-\mathrm{COSY}-\mathrm{NMR}$ of $2 \mathrm{~B}-1$


Figure $\mathrm{S} 4 .{ }^{1} \mathrm{H},{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$-COSY-NMR of $2 \mathrm{~B}-2$

5'-O-(4,4'-Dimethoxytriphenyl) 2'-O-tert-butyldimethylsilyl-3'-O-(diisopropylamino cyanoethoxy)phosphino-etheno-adenine (3A)
5'-0-(4,4'-Dimethoxytriphenyl) 2'-O-tert-butyldimethylsilyl-3'-O-(diisopropylamino cyanoethoxy)phosphino-etheno-cytidine (3B)

Compound 2A-1 ( $300 \mathrm{mg}, 0.42 \mathrm{mmol}$ ) or 2B-1 ( $200 \mathrm{mg}, 0.29 \mathrm{mmol}$ ) was dissolved in dry THF ( 9 or 4 ml ) under argon. N -ethldiisopropylamine ( $208 \mu \mathrm{l}, 1.20 \mathrm{mmol}$, or $168 \mu \mathrm{l}, 0.96 \mathrm{mmol}, 2.9 \mathrm{eq}$.) and 2-cyanoethyl diisopropylamino chlorophosphine ( $136 \mu \mathrm{l}, 0.61 \mathrm{mmol}$, or $107 \mu \mathrm{l}, 0.48 \mathrm{mmol}, 1.45 \mathrm{eq}$.) were added to the solution and the system was stirred in argon atmosphere for 20 hours. The suspension was diluted with 30 ml of $\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}$ and extracted with sat. $\mathrm{NaHCO}_{3}(2$ times) and brine (brine). The organic phase was dried over $\mathrm{Na}_{2} \mathrm{SO}_{4}$, filtered and evaporated to dryness. The residue was purified by flash chromatography (ethyl acetate: hexane $=8: 2$ to $85: 15$ or $40: 60$ to $50: 50$ ) to obtain the product $3 \mathrm{~A}(312 \mathrm{mg}, 0.34 \mathrm{mmol}, 81 \%)$ or 3B ( $230 \mathrm{mg}, 0.26 \mathrm{mmol}, 89 \%$ ) as a white foam.

## 5'-O-(4,4'-Dimethoxytriphenyl) 2'-O-tert-butyldimethylsilyl-3'-O-(diisopropylamino cyanoethoxy)phosphino-etheno-adenine (3A)

$\mathrm{R}_{\mathrm{f}}: 0.31$ (ethyl acetate)
${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR $\left(300 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right) \delta 8.65-8.60(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 8.23-8.15(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.68-7.63(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 7.55-7.17(\mathrm{~m}$, $10 \mathrm{H}), 6.85-6.77(\mathrm{~m}, 4 \mathrm{H}), 6.18-6.01(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 5.13-5.00(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 4.50-4.33(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 4.05-3.83(\mathrm{~m}$, $1 \mathrm{H}), 3.78(\mathrm{~s}, 6 \mathrm{H}), 3.70-3.23(\mathrm{~m}, 5 \mathrm{H}), 2.73-2.60(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 2.37-2.21(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 1.23-1.01(\mathrm{~m}, 12 \mathrm{H}), 0.76$ (s, 9H), $0.00-0.27(\mathrm{~m}, 6 \mathrm{H})$.
${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR ( $101 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ) $\delta 158.8,144.9,144.8,141.7,140.3,140.0,139.0,136.0,135.8,135.2,135.0$, $134.1,130.4,130.3,128.5,128.3,128.1,127.2,124.9,124.8,117.7,117.4,113.4,113.3,110.9,88.9,88.4$, $87.0,86.8,84.5,84.1,75.8,74.9,73.7,73.1,72.9,63.7,63.6,59.2,59.0,57.9,57.7,55.5,47.5,43.7,43.6$, 43.2, 43.1, 25.8, 25.7, 25.0, 24.9, 24.8, 20.7, 20.6, 20.3, 19.6, 18.2, -4.4, -4.9.
${ }^{31} \mathrm{P}$ NMR ( $122 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ) ठ 151.28, 149.24.
HRMS $\left(\mathrm{MH}^{+}\right)$for $\mathrm{C}_{48} \mathrm{H}_{63} \mathrm{~N}_{7} \mathrm{O}_{7}$ PSi. Calculated: 908.4290. Found: 908.4287.

5'-O-(4,4'-Dimethoxytriphenyl) 2'-O-tert-butyldimethylsilyl-3'-O-(diisopropylamino cyanoethoxy)phosphino-etheno-cytidine (3B)
$\mathrm{R}_{\mathrm{f}}: 0.47$ (ethyl acetate: hexane $=2: 1$ )
${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR $\left(300 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right) \delta 7.87-7.69(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 7.51-7.20(\mathrm{~m}, 11 \mathrm{H}), 6.92-6.79(\mathrm{~m}, 4 \mathrm{H}), 6.33-6.16(\mathrm{~m}$, $2 \mathrm{H}), 4.58-4.24(\mathrm{~m}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 4.05-3.83(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 3.80(\mathrm{~s}, 6 \mathrm{H}), 3.75-3.35(\mathrm{~m}, 5 \mathrm{H}), 2.71-2.60(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 2.43-$ $2.33(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 1.22-0.99(\mathrm{~m}, 12 \mathrm{H}), 0.86(\mathrm{~s}, 9 \mathrm{H}), 0.12-0.00(\mathrm{~m}, 6 \mathrm{H})$.
${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR (101 MHz, $\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ) $\delta 159.0,146.3,146.2,145.3,145.2,144.6,144.5,135.6,135.5,135.4,135.3$, $132.9,130.5,130.4,128.5,128.4,128.2,128.1,127.5,127.4,117.8,117.5,113.6,113.5,113.4,113.1$, $113.0,99.5,99.3,89.6,89.0,87.5,87.4,83.4,83.2,76.4,75.8,72.6,72.4,72.2,63.1,62.5,59.0,58.8,58.1$, $57.9,55.5,43.6,43.5,43.3,43.1,25.9,25.0,24.9,24.8,24.7,20.7,20.4,18.2,-4.4,-4.5,-4.6$.
${ }^{31} \mathrm{P}$ NMR ( $122 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ) $\delta 150.35,149.61$.
HRMS $\left(\mathrm{MH}^{+}\right)$for $\mathrm{C}_{47} \mathrm{H}_{63} \mathrm{~N}_{5} \mathrm{O}_{8}$ PSi. Calculated: 884.4178. Found: 884.4175 .

## Mass Spectra of Oligoribonucleotides

All the oligonucleotide samples to be characterized by mass spectrometry were prepared in $\mathrm{H}_{2} 0: \mathrm{CH}_{3} \mathrm{CN}=1: 1$ $+1 \%$ of triethylamine. Masses were measured by ESI-MS (negative ion mode).

ON 1. Calculated for $\mathrm{M}: 3843,4$; for $\mathrm{M}-\mathrm{H}+\mathrm{Na}: 3865.4$. Obtained by mass spectrum deconvolution: 3843.0, 3866.0

ON 2. Calculated for M: 3819.4 for M-H+Na: 3841.4. Obtained by mass spectrum deconvolution: 3819.0, 3842.0

ON 5. Calculated for M-4H+Na+3K: 10054.3; for M-4H+4K: 10070.5; for M-5H+4K+Na: 10092.4; for M$6 \mathrm{H}+4 \mathrm{~K}+2 \mathrm{Na}: 10114.4$. Obtained by mass spectrum deconvolution: 10054.8; 10071.0; 10092.8; 10112.4

ON 6. Calculated for $\mathrm{M}-4 \mathrm{H}+\mathrm{Na}+3 \mathrm{~K}$ : 10030.3 ; for $\mathrm{M}-4 \mathrm{H}+4 \mathrm{~K}$ : 10046.4; for $\mathrm{M}-5 \mathrm{H}+4 \mathrm{~K}+\mathrm{Na}$ : 10068.4. Obtained by mass spectrum deconvolution: 10030.5; 10048.6; 10067.8


Figure S5. ESI-MS spectrum (negative mode) of ON 1


Figure S6. ESI-MS spectrum (negative mode) of ON 2


Figure S7. ESI-MS spectrum (negative mode) of ON 5


Figure S8. ESI-MS spectrum (negative mode) of ON 6

## Quantitative data of dNTP incorporation (\%)

Table 1. Quantitative data of dNMP incorportation in the primer extension reaction (normalized, in \%).

| ON 5 AMV |  |  |  |  |  |  | ON 5 HIV |  |  |  |  |  | ON 5 MMLV |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | A | C | G | T | N | Nat | A | C | G | T | N | Nat | A | C | G | T | N | Nat |
| -2 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 3.2 | 2.7 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| -1 | 0.0 | 47.8 | 35.0 | 36.2 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 7.3 | 0.0 | 21.2 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| 0 | 100.0 | 52.2 | 61.8 | 61.2 | 100.0 | 21.4 | 17.8 | 78.3 | 71.8 | 57.4 | 20.3 | 4.4 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 91.2 | 98.8 | 11.2 |
| +1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 4.0 | 56.7 | 14.4 | 6.4 | 11.0 | 3.8 | 1.8 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 8.8 | 0.0 | 7.8 |
| +2 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 25.4 | 0.0 | 19.3 | 1.2 | 1.8 | 4.7 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| +3 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 1.7 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 7.7 | 4.8 | 5.4 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 2.5 |
| +4 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 2.5 | 1.5 | 5.9 | 1.8 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 1.9 |
| +5 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 3.2 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 1.2 | 1.7 |
| +6 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 2.8 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| +7 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.6 | 0.8 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 1.0 |
| +8 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 2.2 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 1.4 | 1.5 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 1.9 |
| +9 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 4.5 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 3.3 | 4.3 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 3.7 |
| +10 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 8.5 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 11.8 | 10.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 5.5 |
| full | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 57.7 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 40.2 | 65.6 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 62.8 |


| ON 7 AMV |  |  |  |  |  | ON 7 HIV |  |  |  |  | ON 7 MMLV |  |  |  |  |  |
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|  | A | C | G | T | N | A | C | G | T | N | A | C | G | T | N |  |
| -2 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 4.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |  |
| -1 | 0.0 | 30.9 | 27.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |  |
| 0 | 100.0 | 69.1 | 65.4 | 15.9 | 17.3 | 100.0 | 42.4 | 91.7 | 0.0 | 15.9 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 96.1 | 8.6 | 10.4 |  |
| +1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 81.1 | 4.8 | 0.0 | 57.6 | 0.0 | 6.5 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 89.8 | 9.5 |  |
| +2 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 3.4 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 8.3 | 0.0 | 2.6 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 3.9 | 0.0 | 0.0 |  |
| +3 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 3.0 | 1.7 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 73.9 | 4.2 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 1.6 | 1.7 |  |
| +4 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.8 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 19.6 | 1.8 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 1.2 |  |
| +5 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.9 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 1.2 |  |
| +6 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.7 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.7 |  |
| +7 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 1.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 1.0 |  |
| +8 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 2.2 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 2.1 |  |
| +9 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 4.4 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 2.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 4.2 |  |
| +10 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 8.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 6.7 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 6.9 |  |
| full | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 58.3 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 66.8 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 61.2 |  |


| ON 6 AMV |  |  |  |  |  |  | ON 6 HIV |  |  |  |  |  | ON 6 MMLV |  |  |  |  |  |
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|  | A | C | G | T | N | Nat | A | C | G | T | N | Nat | A | C | G | T | N | Nat |
| -2 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 4.5 | 3.6 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| -1 | 0.0 | 72.6 | 55.4 | 52.4 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 5.5 | 0.0 | 11.7 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| 0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 17.7 | 10.4 | 61.3 | 93.0 | 19.2 | 9.0 | 13.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 10.3 |
| +1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 79.2 | 33.1 | 0.0 | 61.8 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 2.2 |
| +2 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 10.4 | 0.0 | 4.8 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 1.1 |
| +3 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 1.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 2.2 | 5.4 | 2.3 | 0.9 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 1.2 |
| +4 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 1.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 1.8 | 1.1 | 1.9 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 2.5 |
| +5 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 1.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 3.0 |
| +6 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.7 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 1.4 |
| +7 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 1.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 1.1 |
| +8 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 1.4 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 1.6 |
| +9 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 2.4 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 1.6 |
| +10 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 18.3 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 9.0 | 8.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 5.3 |
| full | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 57.5 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 76.1 | 76.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 68.9 |


| ON 8 AMV |  |  |  |  |  | ON 8 HIV |  |  |  |  | ON 8 MMLV |  |  |  |  |  |
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|  | A | C | G | T | N | A | C | G | T | N | A | C | G | T | N |  |
| -2 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |  |
| -1 | 0.0 | 28.2 | 0.0 | 7.7 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 12.1 | 0.0 | 12.5 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |  |
| 0 | 100.0 | 71.8 | 18.0 | 92.3 | 11.7 | 16.9 | 87.9 | 0.0 | 15.2 | 4.0 | 100.0100 .0 |  | 14.5 | 100.0 | 10.1 |  |
| +1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 3.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 14.5 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 50.3 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 4.2 | 0.0 | 1.7 |  |
| +2 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 76.6 | 0.0 | 1.4 | 58.5 | 0.0 | 56.7 | 7.6 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 77.0 | 0.0 | 1.0 |  |
| +3 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 2.4 | 0.0 | 0.7 | 10.0 | 0.0 | 12.5 | 14.3 | 1.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 4.4 | 0.0 | 1.2 |  |
| +4 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 1.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 19.7 | 0.0 | 1.5 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 2.2 |  |
| +5 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 1.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 9.9 | 0.0 | 2.6 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 3.0 |  |
| +6 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.6 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 1.3 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.8 |  |
| +7 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 1.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 1.1 |  |
| +8 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 1.6 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 1.6 |  |
| +9 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 1.6 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 1.8 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |  |
| +10 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 8.9 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 8.4 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 5.7 |  |
| full | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 70.5 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 80.6 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 71.5 |  |

