Supplemental Information

Sequence-Selective Interaction of the Minor-Groove Interstrand Cross-Linking Agent SJG-136 with Naked and Cellular DNA: Footprinting and Enzyme Inhibition Studies

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LEGENDS

SI-1 (Relating to Figure 4)

Analysis of footprint intensities (from the footprinting gel shown in **Figure 4**) for the interaction of SJG-136 (**3**) with the MS2 T7 sequence at 3, 10 and 30 μ M dose levels. Top Panel = nucleotides 22-119 of the MS2 fragment (from footprinting of forward-labeled MS2); Bottom Panel = nucleotides 123-233 of the MS2 fragment (from footprinting of reverse-labeled MS2).

SI-2 (Relating to Figures 5 to 7)

Analysis of the intensity of each T-stop was carried out by first measuring the 'raw' intensity of each band using ImageQuant v1.2. Then, assuming 100% efficiency of incorporation of radiolabeled cytidine into each fragment, normalised intensities were obtained by dividing the 'raw' intensities of each band by the number of cytidine residues in the corresponding transcript (taken from the sequence).

SI-3

T-stop assay showing the concentration-dependent effect of GD113 (4) on the inhibition of T7 RNA polymerase at concentrations ranging from 0.5 to 50 μ M. Although GD113 is a PBD dimer, it is constructed from C7/C7'-linked PBD units and so is unable to form effective interstrand DNA cross-links due to its geometrical shape. Thus the stop sites at 5'-¹⁹²TCT¹⁹⁴-3' and 5'-¹²⁷TCC¹²⁹-3' (i.e., 5'-AGA-3' and 5'-GGA-3', respectively, on the lower strand) observed between 15-50 μ M are thought to be due to mono-covalent adducts.

SI-4 (Relating to Figure 9B)

Analysis of footprint intensities (from the footprinting gel shown in **Figure 9B**) for the interaction of SJG-136 (**3**) with the pGL3-C plasmid at 1, 3, and 10 μ M dose levels. The prominent interstrand cross-linking sequence at 5'-AGATCT-3' is co-incidental with the *Bgl*II cleavage site.

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T-stops on MS2 T7 DNA produced in the presence of SJG136



