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(57) Abstract:



FIDGETIN-LIKE 2 AS A TARGET TO ENHANCE WOUND HEALING

CROSS-REFERENCE

[001] This application claims priority to United States Provisional Patent Application 62/983,193, filed February 28, 2020, which is incorporated by reference herein in its entirety.

BACKGROUND

[002] The development of safe and effective therapies for treating acute and chronic wounds is an issue currently of great interest to clinical scientists and industry, alike. Wound healing is an intricate, multi-stage process that relies heavily on the delivery of new cells to the wound zone. Two key elements of the wound healing response are fibroplasia and epithelialization when fibroblasts and epithelial cells, respectively, enter the wound to form a protective barrier from the external environment. This is stimulated by cell proliferation and migration from the wound edge. The identification of agents that increase the rate at which cells invade and close a wound would represent a major advance in wound healing therapeutics. Ideally, this would be a topically or locally applied agent that stimulates the proliferation and migration of fibroblasts and wound edge epithelial cells.

[003] The disclosures of all publications, patents, patent application publications and books referred to in this application are hereby incorporated by reference in their entirety into the subject application to more fully describe the art to which the present disclosure pertains.

SUMMARY

[004] In one aspect, a nucleic acid molecule is provided consisting of a sequence selected from the group consisting of:

5'-fUfUmA fCmAfC AGU AUU AAA GCG ATT (SEQ ID NO:17);

(Phos) 5'-U CGC UUU AAU ACU G UG UAA TT (SEQ ID NO:18);

5'-UUACACAGUAUUAAGCGATT-3' (SEQ ID NO:34);

(Phos) 5' – mUmCGCUUUAUACUGUGUAATT-3' (SEQ ID NO:35);

(Phos) 5' – mU(s)mC(s)GCUUUAUACUGUGUAATT-3' (SEQ ID NO:36);
 (Phos) 5' – fUfCGCUUUAUACUGUGUAATT -3' (SEQ ID NO:37);
 (Phos) 5' –fU(s)fC(s)GCUUUAUACUGUGUAATT-3' (SEQ ID NO:38);
 (Phos) 5' – mU(s)mC(s)GCUUUAUAmCfUmGfUmGfUmAmATT-3' (SEQ ID NO:39);
 (Phos) 5' – U(s)CGCUUUAUACUGUGUAATT-3' (SEQ ID NO:40);
 (Phos) 5' – mUfCmGfCmUfUmUAAfUmAfCmUGmUmGfUmAmATT (SEQ ID NO:41);
 5'-mUmUmAmCmAmCmAmGmUmAmUmUmAmAmAmGmCmGmAmUmU-3' (SEQ ID NO:42);
 (Phos) 5' – mUmCmGmCmUmUmUmAmAmUmAmCmUmGmUmGmUmAmAmUmU-3' (SEQ ID NO:43);
 5' mUmUmAmCmAmCmAmGmUmAmUmUmAmAmAmGdCdGdATT-3' (SEQ ID NO:44);
 5' mUmUmAmCmAmCmAmGmUmAmUmUmAmAmAmGdCmGmATT-3' (SEQ ID NO:45);
 5' UUACACAGUAUUAAGCGA-3' (SEQ ID NO:46);
 (Phos) 5' – U(s)CGCUUUAUACUGUGUAATT-3' (SEQ ID NO:47);
 (Phos) 5' – UCGCUUUAUACUGUGUAATT-3' (SEQ ID NO:48);
 (Phos) 5' – U(s)C(s)GCUUUAUACUGUGUAATT-3' (SEQ ID NO:49);
 5'-mUmUACACAGUAUUAAGCGA-3' (SEQ ID NO:50);
 (Phos) 5' – U(s)CGCUUUAUACUGUGUmAmATT-3' (SEQ ID NO:51);
 (Phos) 5' – UCGCUUUAUACUGUGUAATT-3' (SEQ ID NO:52);
 (Phos) 5' – U(s)C(s)GCUUUAUACUGUGUAA T(s)T-3' (SEQ ID NO:53);
 5' IUIUIAICIACAGUAUUAAGCGATT-3' (SEQ ID NO:54);
 (Phos) 5' – UCGCUUUAUACUGIUIGIUIAIA TT -3' SEQ ID NO:55);
 5' fUfUIAfCIACAGUAUUAAGCGA-3' (SEQ ID NO:56); or
 (Phos) 5' – mU(s)mCmGCUUUAUACUGUGUAATT -3' (SEQ ID NO:57),

wherein d(nucleotide) = deoxy-(nucleotide), m(nucleotide) = 2'-O-methyl nucleotide, T = thymidine, f(nucleotide) = 2'-fluorodeoxy nucleotide, (Phos) = phosphodiester cap; capital letter nucleotide = RNA nucleotide, l(nucleotide) = a locked nucleotide, and (s) = phosphorothioate. For example, in SEQ ID NO:17, fC represents 2'-fluorodeoxy cytidine ribonucleic acid, fU represents 2'-fluorodeoxy uracil ribonucleic acid, and mA represents 2'-O-methyl adenosine ribonucleic acid.

[005] In some embodiments, any of the foregoing sequences shown with a

phosphodiester cap may be provided without a phosphodiester cap, such as SEQ ID NOs:58-72 described herein.

[006] In some embodiments, the siRNA consists of any of the foregoing sequences. In some embodiments, the siRNA comprises of any of the foregoing sequences. In some embodiments, a double stranded nucleic acid is provided consisting of two nucleic acid molecules selected from among SEQ ID NOs: 17-18 and 34-72. In some embodiments, a double stranded nucleic acid is provided comprising at least one nucleic acid molecule selected from among SEQ ID NOs: 17-18 and 34-72.

[0001] In some embodiments, the siRNA has at least one modification selected from a 3' overhang, a 5' overhang, a 5' phosphorylation, a 2' sugar modification, a nucleic acid base modification, a phosphate backbone modification, and any combination of any of the foregoing. Any of the siRNA sequences may have a phosphodiester cap. In some embodiments, any of the foregoing sequences shown with a phosphodiester cap may be provided without a phosphodiester cap, such as SEQ ID NOs:58-72 described herein.

[007] In some embodiments, a double stranded nucleic acid is provided consisting of an antisense nucleic acid molecule and a sense nucleic acid molecule, each selected from among SEQ ID NOs: 17-18 and 34-72.

[008] In some embodiments, a double stranded nucleic acid is provided comprising an antisense nucleic acid molecule selected from among SEQ ID NOs: 17-18 and 34-72, and a sense nucleic acid molecule selected from among SEQ ID NOs: 17-18 and 34-72.

[009] In some embodiments, a double stranded nucleic acid is provided comprising two nucleic acid molecules selected from among SEQ ID NOs: 17-18 and 34-72. In some embodiments, the double stranded nucleic acid comprises a sense strand and an antisense strand.

[0010] In some embodiments, each strand of the double stranded nucleic acid has no more than 52 nucleotides.

[0011] In some embodiments, a double-stranded nucleic acid is provided consisting of SEQ ID NO:17 and SEQ ID NO:18; SEQ ID NO:34 and SEQ ID NO:35; SEQ ID NO:34 and

SEQ ID NO:36; SEQ ID NO:34 and SEQ ID NO:37; SEQ ID NO:34 and SEQ ID NO:38; SEQ ID NO:34 and SEQ ID NO:39; SEQ ID NO:17 and SEQ ID NO:40; SEQ ID NO:34 and SEQ ID NO:41; SEQ ID NO:42 and SEQ ID NO:43; SEQ ID NO:44 and SEQ ID NO:43; SEQ ID NO:45 and SEQ ID NO:43; SEQ ID NO:46 and SEQ ID NO:47; SEQ ID NO:46 and SEQ ID NO:48; SEQ ID NO:46 and SEQ ID NO:49; SEQ ID NO:50 and SEQ ID NO:51; SEQ ID NO:46 and SEQ ID NO:52; SEQ ID NO:46 and SEQ ID NO:53; SEQ ID NO:54 and SEQ ID NO:55; or SEQ ID NO:56 and SEQ ID NO:57.

[0012] In some embodiments, any one of the foregoing nucleic acids has at least one nucleotide is modified or further modified. In some embodiments, the modified nucleotide is selected from 2'-O-methyl-adenosine, 2'-O-methyl-uridine, 2'-O-methyl-cytosine, 2'-O-methyl-guanosine, 2'-O-methyl-thymidine, 2'-fluoro-adenosine, 2'-fluoro-cytidine, 2'-fluoro-guanosine, 2'-fluoro-uracil, 2'-fluoro-thymidine, deoxycytosine, deoxyguanosine, deoxyadenosine, deoxythymidine, deoxyuridine, a locked adenosine, a locked uridine, a locked guanosine, a locked cytidine, a phosphorothioate, and a phosphodiester cap. In some embodiments, at least one additional nucleotide or modified nucleotide is added to an end of the nucleic acid.

[0013] In one aspect, a composition is provided comprising any of the foregoing nucleic acid molecules or double-stranded nucleic acids, and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier, vehicle, excipient or diluent.

[0014] In some embodiments, the carrier comprises at least one of the following: saline, a sugar, a polypeptide, a polymer, a lipid, a cream, a gel, a micelle material, a wafer and a nanoparticle. In some embodiments, the carrier comprises at least one of the following: a glucose solution, a polycationic binding agent, a cationic lipid, a cationic micelle, a cationic polypeptide, a hydrophilic polymer grafted polymer, a non-natural cationic polymer, a cationic polyacetal, a hydrophilic polymer grafted polyacetal, a ligand functionalized cationic polymer, a nucleic acid delivery vehicle, a ligand functionalized-hydrophilic polymer grafted polymer, and a ligand functionalized liposome. In some embodiments, the carrier comprises a cationic polymer-nucleic acid complex. In some embodiments, the hydrophilic polymer is polyethylene glycol (PEG).

[0015] In some embodiments, the carrier comprises collagen. In some embodiments the

composition is collagen microparticles. In some embodiments the nucleic acid molecule is adsorbed to the collagen.

[0016] In some embodiments, the nanoparticle is a liposomal nanoparticle. In some embodiments, the liposome is further functionalized with at least one 2' sugar modification.

[0017] In one aspect, a method of treating a wound or inhibiting, reducing or preventing a scar in a subject is provided comprising administering to the subject a therapeutically effective amount of any of the foregoing compositions. In some embodiments, the wound or scar is of the skin, eye, central nervous system, peripheral nervous system, cardiac tissue, blood vessel, tendon, ligament, muscle, oral cavity, lips, palate, internal organs, surgical wounds, abdominal cavity, pelvic cavity or thoracic cavity. In some embodiments, the wound or scar of the eye is of the cornea or lens capsule. In some embodiments, the wound or scar results from eye surgery, LASIK surgery, LASEK surgery, PRK surgery, glaucoma filtration surgery, cataract surgery, and corneal cicatrization.

[0018] In some embodiments, inhibition of scarring reduces the number of incidences of adhesion formation and/or the size of adhesions formed. In some embodiments, the where the prevention, reduction or inhibition of scarring enhances neuronal reconnection and/or neuronal function. In some embodiments, the cardiac tissue wound is from a myocardial infarction. In some embodiments, the wound is a neuronal wound. In some embodiments, the wound results in a capsular contraction. In some embodiments, the wound is a surgical wound. In some embodiments, the wound is from a cosmetic procedure or a scar revision. In some embodiments, skin graft healing is enhanced using a composition of the disclosure.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

[0019] **Fig. 1** shows the cycle of steps involved in the solid phase synthesis of the sense and antisense strands of SEQ ID NOs: 17/18 API.

[0020] **Fig. 2** depicts the SEQ ID NO:17/18 API Manufacturing Scheme.

[0021] **Fig. 3A** depicts the structure of the sense strand SEQ ID NO:17.

[0022] **Fig. 3B** depicts the structure of the antisense strand SEQ ID NO:18.

[0023] **Fig. 4** shows that siRNA-mediated depletion of FL2 enhances cell migration.

[0024] **Fig. 5** shows the results of an initial scratch test screen of siRNAs for migration using U2OS cells.

[0025] **Fig. 6** shows a second scratch test screen of siRNAs for migration using U2OS cells.

[0026] **Fig. 7** shows a Western blot for FL2 using cells from the study of Fig. 6.

[0027] **Fig. 8** depicts the results of a time-lapse scratch test using SEQ ID NO:17/18.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION

[0028] The present subject matter may be understood more readily by reference to the following detailed description which forms a part of this disclosure. It is to be understood that this disclosure is not limited to the specific products, methods, conditions or parameters described and/or shown herein, and that the terminology used herein is for the purpose of describing particular embodiments by way of example only and is not intended to be limiting of the claimed disclosure.

[0029] Unless otherwise defined herein, scientific and technical terms used in connection with the present application shall have the meanings that are commonly understood by those of ordinary skill in the art. Further, unless otherwise required by context, singular terms shall include pluralities and plural terms shall include the singular.

[0030] As employed above and throughout the disclosure, the following terms and abbreviations, unless otherwise indicated, shall be understood to have the following meanings.

[0031] In the present disclosure, the singular forms "a," "an," and "the" include the plural reference, and reference to a particular numerical value includes at least that particular value, unless the context clearly indicates otherwise. Thus, for example, a reference to "a compound" is a reference to one or more of such compounds and equivalents thereof known to those skilled in the art, and so forth. The term "plurality", as used herein, means more than one. When a range of values is expressed, another embodiment includes from the one particular and/or to the other

particular value.

[0032] Similarly, when values are expressed as approximations, by use of the antecedent "about," it is understood that the particular value forms another embodiment. All ranges are inclusive and combinable. In the context of the present disclosure, by "about" a certain amount it is meant that the amount is within $\pm 20\%$ of the stated amount, or preferably within $\pm 10\%$ of the stated amount, or more preferably within $\pm 5\%$ of the stated amount.

[0033] As used herein, the terms "treat", "treatment", or "therapy" (as well as different forms thereof) refer to therapeutic treatment, including prophylactic or preventative measures, wherein the object is to prevent or slow down (lessen) an undesired physiological change associated with a disease or condition. Beneficial or desired clinical results include, but are not limited to, alleviation of symptoms, diminishment of the extent of a disease or condition, stabilization of a disease or condition (i.e., where the disease or condition does not worsen), delay or slowing of the progression of a disease or condition, amelioration or palliation of the disease or condition, and remission (whether partial or total) of the disease or condition, whether detectable or undetectable. Those in need of treatment include those already with the disease or condition as well as those prone to having the disease or condition or those in which the disease or condition is to be prevented.

[0034] As used herein, the terms "component," "composition," "formulation", "composition of compounds," "compound," "drug," "pharmacologically active agent," "active agent," "therapeutic," "therapy," "treatment," or "medicament," are used interchangeably herein, as context dictates, to refer to a compound or compounds or composition of matter which, when administered to a subject (human or animal) induces a desired pharmacological and/or physiologic effect by local and/or systemic action. A personalized composition or method refers to a product or use of the product in a regimen tailored or individualized to meet specific needs identified or contemplated in the subject.

[0035] The terms "subject," "individual," and "patient" are used interchangeably herein, and refer to an animal, for example a human, to whom treatment with a composition or formulation in accordance with the present disclosure, is provided. The term "subject" as used herein refers to human and non-human animals. The terms "non-human animals" and "non-

human mammals" are used interchangeably herein and include all vertebrates, e.g., mammals, such as non-human primates, (particularly higher primates), sheep, dog, rodent, (e.g. mouse or rat), guinea pig, goat, pig, cat, rabbits, cows, horses and non-mammals such as reptiles, amphibians, chickens, and turkeys. The compositions described herein can be used to treat any suitable mammal, including primates, such as monkeys and humans, horses, cows, cats, dogs, rabbits, and rodents such as rats and mice. In some embodiments, the mammal to be treated is human. The human can be any human of any age. In an embodiment, the human is an adult. In another embodiment, the human is a child. The human can be male, female, pregnant, middle-aged, adolescent, or elderly. According to any of the methods of the present disclosure and in some embodiments, the subject is human. In another embodiment, the subject is a non-human primate. In another embodiment, the subject is murine, which in some embodiments is a mouse, and, in another embodiment is a rat. In another embodiment, the subject is canine, feline, bovine, equine, laprine or porcine. In another embodiment, the subject is mammalian. As will be noted herein, treatment of a non-human animals (e.g., non-human primate, non-human mammal) using the teachings of the disclosure may require use of a siRNAs directed to the orthologue of fidgetin-like 2 in the particular species.

[0036] Conditions and disorders in a subject for which a particular drug, compound, composition, formulation (or combination thereof) is said herein to be "indicated" are not restricted to conditions and disorders for which that drug or compound or composition or formulation has been expressly approved by a regulatory authority, but also include other conditions and disorders known or reasonably believed by a physician or other health or nutritional practitioner to be amenable to treatment with that drug or compound or composition or formulation or combination thereof.

[0037] The present disclosure is directed to nucleic acid sequences that inhibit human fidgetin-like 2 activity, pharmaceutical compositions thereof, and methods of their use for preventing or treating various injuries, wounds and diseases.

[0038] Nucleic Acid Sequences

[0039] In some embodiments, the disclosure is directed to a nucleic acid molecule consisting of one of the following sequences:

Sense strand 5' - fUfUmAfCmAfCAGUAUUAAGCGATT (SEQ ID NO:17);

Antisense strand: (Phos) 5'-U CGC UUU AAU ACU G UG UAA TT (SEQ ID NO:18);

Sense strand: 5'- UUACACAGUAUUAAGCGATT-3' (SEQ ID NO:34);

Antisense strand: (Phos) 5' – mUmCGCUUUAUACUGUGUAATT - 3' (SEQ ID NO:35);

Antisense strand: (Phos) 5' – mU(s)mC(s)GCUUUAUACUGUGUAATT -3' (SEQ ID NO:36);

Antisense strand: (Phos) 5' – fUfCGCUUUAUACUGUGUAATT - 3' (SEQ ID NO:37);

Antisense strand: (Phos) 5' –fU(s)fC(s)GCUUUAUACUGUGUAATT- 3' (SEQ ID NO:38);

Antisense strand: (Phos) 5' – mU(s)mC(s)GCUUUAUAmCfUmGfUmGfUmAmATT- 3' (SEQ ID NO:39);

Antisense strand: (Phos) 5' – U(s)CGCUUUAUACUGUGUAATT- 3' (SEQ ID NO:40);

Antisense strand: (Phos) 5' –
mUfCmGfCmUfUmUAAfUmAfCmUGmUmGfUmAmATT- 3' (SEQ ID NO:41);

Sense strand: 5'-
mUmUmAmCmAmCmAmGmUmAmUmUmAmAmAmGmCmGmAmUmU-3' (SEQ ID NO:42);

Antisense strand: (Phos) 5' –
mUmCmGmCmUmUmUmAmAmUmAmCmUmGmUmGmUmAmAmUmU- 3' (SEQ ID NO:43);

Sense strand: 5'- mUmUmAmCmAmCmAmGmUmAmUmUmAmAmAmGdCdGdATT- 3' (SEQ ID NO:44);

Sense strand: 5'-
mUmUmAmCmAmCmAmGmUmAmUmUmAmAmAmGdCmGmATT-3' (SEQ ID NO:45);

Sense strand: 5'- UUACACAGUAUUAAGCGA-3' (SEQ ID NO:46);

Antisense strand: (Phos) 5' – U(s)CGCUUUAUACUGUGUAATT- 3' (SEQ ID NO:47);

Antisense strand: (Phos) 5' – UCGCUUUAAUACUGUGUAATT- 3' (SEQ ID NO:48);

Antisense strand: (Phos) 5' – U(s)C(s)GCUUUAAUACUGUGUAATT- 3' (SEQ ID NO:49);

Sense strand: 5'- mUmUACACAGUAUUAAAGCGA-3' (SEQ ID NO:50);

Antisense strand: (Phos) 5' – U(s)CGCUUUAAUACUGUGUmAmATT- 3' (SEQ ID NO:51);

Antisense strand: (Phos) 5' – UCGCUUUAAUACUGUGUAATT - 3' (SEQ ID NO:52);

Antisense strand: (Phos) 5' – U(s)C(s)GCUUUAAUACUGUGUAA T(s)T - 3' (SEQ ID NO:53);

Sense strand: 5'- IUUIAlCIACAGUAUUAAAGCGATT-3' (SEQ ID NO:54);

Antisense strand: (Phos) 5' – UCGCUUUAAUACUGIUIGIUAlA TT - 3' (SEQ ID NO:55);

Sense strand: 5'- fUfUIAfCIACAGUAUUAAAGCGA-3' (SEQ ID NO:56)

Antisense strand: (Phos) 5' – mU(s)mCmGCUUUAAUACUGUGUAATT - 3' (SEQ ID NO:57);

Antisense strand: 5' – fUfCGCUUUAAUACUGUGUAATT -3' (SEQ ID NO:58);

Antisense strand: 5' –fU(s)fC(s)GCUUUAAUACUGUGUAATT-3'(SEQ ID NO:59);

Antisense strand: 5' – mU(s)mC(s)GCUUUAAUAmCfUmGfUmGfUmAmATT-3' (SEQ ID NO:60);

Antisense strand: 5' – U(s)CGCUUUAAUACUGUGUAATT-3' (SEQ ID NO:61);

Antisense strand: 5' – mUfCmGfCmUfUmUAAfUmAfCmUGmUmGfUmAmATT (SEQ ID NO:62);

Antisense strand: 5' –

mUmCmGmCmUmUmUmAmAmUmAmCmUmGmUmGmUmAmAmUmU-3' (SEQ ID NO:63);

Antisense strand: 5' – U(s)CGCUUUAAUACUGUGUAATT-3' (SEQ ID NO:64);

Antisense strand: 5' – UCGCUUUAAUACUGUGUAATT-3'(SEQ ID NO:65);

Antisense strand: 5' – U(s)C(s)GCUUUAAUACUGUGUAATT-3'(SEQ ID NO:66);

Antisense strand: 5' – U(s)CGCUUUAAUACUGUGUmAmATT-3'(SEQ ID NO:67);

Antisense strand: 5' – UCGCUUUAAUACUGUGUAATT-3' (SEQ ID NO:68);

Antisense strand: 5' – U(s)C(s)GCUUUAAUACUGUGUAA T(s)T-3' (SEQ ID NO:69);

Antisense strand: 5' – UCGCUUUAUACUGIUIGIUIAIA TT -3' (SEQ ID NO:70);

Antisense strand: 5' – mU(s)mCmGCUUUAUACUGUGUAATT -3' (SEQ ID NO:71); or

Antisense strand: 5' -U CGC UUU AAU ACU G UG UAA TT (SEQ ID NO:72);
and a complement;

wherein d(nucleotide) = deoxy-(nucleotide), m(nucleotide) = 2'-O-methyl nucleotide, T = thymidine, f(nucleotide) = 2'-fluorodeoxy nucleotide, (Phos) = phosphodiester cap; capital letter nucleotide = RNA nucleotide, l(nucleotide) = a locked nucleotide, and (s) = phosphorothioate. Thus, for example dT represents deoxythymidine, dC represents deoxycytidine, fC represents 2'-fluorodeoxy cytidine ribonucleic acid, fU represents 2'-fluorodeoxy uracil ribonucleic acid, mA represents 2'-O-methyl adenosine ribonucleic acid, mU represents 2'-O-methyl uracil ribonucleic acid, mC represents 2'-O-methyl cytosine ribonucleic acid, and mG represents 2'-O-methyl guanosine ribonucleic acid.

[0040] In some embodiments, complement refers to the complementary nucleic acid strand comprising a double-stranded nucleic acid. In some embodiments, if a sense strand is selected, its complement is an antisense strand. In some embodiments if an antisense strand is selected, its complement is a sense strand.

[0041] In some embodiments, the complement may be selected from any of SEQ ID NO:17-18 and 34-72. In some embodiments, if the siRNA molecule is a sense strand from among SEQ ID NOs: 17-18 and 34-72, the complement may be selected from an antisense strand from among SEQ ID NOs: 17-18 and 34-72. In some embodiments, if the siRNA molecule is an antisense strand from among SEQ ID NOs: 17-18 and 34-72, the complement may be selected from a sense strand from among SEQ ID NOs: 17-18 and 34-72.

[0042] In some embodiments, the complement may be selected from SEQ ID NOs:1-10. In some embodiments, if the siRNA molecule is a sense strand from among SEQ ID NOs: 17-18 and 34-72, the complement may be selected from an antisense strand from among SEQ ID NOs:1-10. In some embodiments, if the siRNA molecule is an antisense strand from among SEQ ID NOs: 17-18 and 34-72, the complement may be selected from a sense strand from among SEQ ID NOs:1-10. SEQ ID NOs:1-10 are: Sense strand: UUACACAGUAUUAAGCGAUU (SEQ ID NO:1);

Antisense strand: 5' UCGCUUUAUACUGUGUAAUU (SEQ ID NO:2); Sense strand: CAUCUGAAACCUAGGGUCUUU (SEQ ID NO:3); Antisense strand: 5' AGACCCUAGGUUUCAGAUGUU (SEQ ID NO:4); Sense strand: GUGACUUAUGCUAGGAGGAUU (SEQ ID NO:5); Antisense strand: 5' UCCUCCUAGCAUAAGUCACUU (SEQ ID NO:6); Sense strand: GGUCAGAAGCAGAAUGUAUUU (SEQ ID NO:7); Antisense strand: 5' AUACAUUCUGCUUCUGACCUU (SEQ ID NO:8); Sense: 5' CGCCGGCCCCACAAGUUGGAdTdT (SEQ ID NO:9); and Antisense: 5' UCCAACUUGUGGGCCGCGdTdT (SEQ ID NO:10).

[0043] In some embodiment, any of the nucleic acid sequences disclosed herein may be modified or further modified with one or more nucleotide modifications as described herein. In some embodiments, any unmodified nucleotide in a sequence described herein may be modified to one of the modified nucleotides such as but not limited to those described herein. In some embodiments, a modified nucleotide in a sequence described herein may be changed to a different modified nucleotide such as but not limited to one of the modified nucleotides described herein. Modified nucleotide or modified nucleic acid encompasses modified nucleotides, bonds between nucleotides or any component of a nucleotide, and addition of one or more modified or unmodified nucleotides to one or both ends of a sequence, or addition of a cap, as described herein.

[0044] In some embodiments, a double stranded nucleic acid is provided consisting of two nucleic acid molecules selected from among SEQ ID NOs: 17-18 and 34-72.

[0045] In some embodiments, a double stranded nucleic acid is provided consisting of complementary nucleic acid molecules selected from among SEQ ID NOs: 17-18 and 34-72.

[0046] In some embodiments, a double stranded nucleic acid is provided consisting of a sense strand selected from SEQ ID NOs: 17, 34, 42, 44, 45, 46, 50 and 54; and an antisense strand selected from SEQ ID NOs: 2, 18, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 43, 47, 48, 49, 51, 52, 53, 55 and 57.

[0047] In some embodiments, a double stranded nucleic acid is provided consisting of a

sense strand selected from SEQ ID NOs: 17, 34, 42, 44, 45, 46, 50, 54 and 56; and an antisense strand selected from SEQ ID NOs: 2, 4, 6, 8 and 10.

[0048] In some embodiments, a double stranded nucleic acid is provided consisting of a sense strand selected from SEQ ID NOs: 1, 3, 5, 7 and 9; and an antisense strand selected from SEQ ID NOs: 18, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 43, 47, 48, 49, 51, 52, 53, 55 and 57.

[0049] In some embodiments, a double stranded nucleic acid is provided consisting of a sense strand selected from SEQ ID NOs: 17, 34, 42, 44, 45, 46, 50 and 54; and an antisense strand selected from SEQ ID NOs: 2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 18, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 43, 47, 48, 49, 51, 52, 53, 55 and 57.

[0050] In some embodiments, a double stranded nucleic acid is provided comprising a sense strand selected from SEQ ID NOs: 1, 3, 5, 7, 9, 17, 34, 42, 44, 45, 46, 50 and 54; and an antisense strand selected from SEQ ID NOs: 18, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 43, 47, 48, 49, 51, 52, 53, 55 and 57.

[0051] In some embodiments, a double-stranded nucleic acid is provided consisting of SEQ ID NO:17 and SEQ ID NO:18; SEQ ID NO:34 and SEQ ID NO:35; SEQ ID NO:34 and SEQ ID NO:36; SEQ ID NO:34 and SEQ ID NO:37; SEQ ID NO:34 and SEQ ID NO:38; SEQ ID NO:34 and SEQ ID NO:39; SEQ ID NO:17 and SEQ ID NO:40; SEQ ID NO:34 and SEQ ID NO:41; SEQ ID NO:42 and SEQ ID NO:43; SEQ ID NO:44 and SEQ ID NO:43; SEQ ID NO:45 and SEQ ID NO:43; SEQ ID NO:46 and SEQ ID NO:47; SEQ ID NO:46 and SEQ ID NO:48; SEQ ID NO:46 and SEQ ID NO:49; SEQ ID NO:50 and SEQ ID NO:51; SEQ ID NO:46 and SEQ ID NO:52; SEQ ID NO:46 and SEQ ID NO:53; SEQ ID NO:54 and SEQ ID NO:55; or SEQ ID NO:56 and SEQ ID NO:57.

[0052] In some embodiments, a double stranded nucleic acid is provided comprising at least one nucleic acid molecule selected from among SEQ ID NOs: 17-18 or 34-57.

[0053] In some embodiments, a double stranded nucleic acid is provided comprising two nucleic acid molecules selected from among SEQ ID NOs: 17-18 or 34-57. In some embodiments, the double stranded nucleic acid comprises a sense strand and an antisense strand.

[0054] In some embodiments, each strand of the double stranded nucleic acid has no more than 52 nucleotides.

[0055] In some embodiments, a double stranded nucleic acid is provided comprising a sense strand comprising a nucleic acid molecule selected from SEQ ID NOs: 1, 17, 34, 42, 44, 45, 46, 50, 54 and 56; and an antisense strand comprising a nucleic acid molecule selected from SEQ ID NOs: 18, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 43, 47, 48, 49, 51, 52, 53, 55 and 57.

[0056] In some embodiments, a double stranded nucleic acid is provided comprising a sense strand comprising a nucleic acid molecule selected from SEQ ID NOs: 17, 34, 42, 44, 45, 46, 50, 54 and 56; and an antisense strand comprising a nucleic acid molecule selected from SEQ ID NOs: 4, 6, 8, and 10.

[0057] In some embodiments, a double stranded nucleic acid is provided comprising a sense strand comprising a nucleic acid molecule selected from SEQ ID NOs: 1, 3, 5, 7 and 9; and an antisense strand comprising a nucleic acid molecule selected from SEQ ID NO: 18, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 43, 47, 48, 49, 51, 52, 53, 55 and 57.

[0058] In some embodiments, the double-stranded nucleic acid comprises nucleic acid molecules comprising SEQ ID NO:17 and SEQ ID NO:18; SEQ ID NO:34 and SEQ ID NO:35; SEQ ID NO:34 and SEQ ID NO:36; SEQ ID NO:34 and SEQ ID NO:37; SEQ ID NO:34 and SEQ ID NO:38; SEQ ID NO:34 and SEQ ID NO:39; SEQ ID NO:17 and SEQ ID NO:40; SEQ ID NO:34 and SEQ ID NO:41; SEQ ID NO:42 and SEQ ID NO:43; SEQ ID NO:44 and SEQ ID NO:43; SEQ ID NO:45 and SEQ ID NO:43; SEQ ID NO:46 and SEQ ID NO:47; SEQ ID NO:46 and SEQ ID NO:48; SEQ ID NO:46 and SEQ ID NO:49; SEQ ID NO:50 and SEQ ID NO:51; SEQ ID NO:46 and SEQ ID NO:52; SEQ ID NO:46 and SEQ ID NO:53; SEQ ID NO:54 and SEQ ID NO:55; or SEQ ID NO:56 and SEQ ID NO:57.

[0059] In some embodiments, a double stranded nucleic acid is provided consisting of a sense strand selected from SEQ ID NOs: 1, 17, 34, 42, 44, 45, 46, 50 and 54; and an antisense strand selected from any one of SEQ ID NOs: 58-72.

[0060] In some embodiments, a double stranded nucleic acid is provided consisting of a sense strand selected from SEQ ID NOs: 1, 3, 5 and 7; and an antisense strand selected from any

one of SEQ ID NOs: 58-72.

[0061] In some embodiments, a double stranded nucleic acid is provided consisting of a sense strand selected from SEQ ID NOs: 1, 3, 5, 7, 9, 17, 34, 42, 44, 45, 46, 50 and 54; and an antisense strand selected from any one of SEQ ID NOs: 58-72.

[0062] In some embodiments, a double stranded nucleic acid is provided comprising a sense strand selected from SEQ ID NOs: 1, 3, 5, 7, 9, 17, 34, 42, 44, 45, 46, 50 and 54; and an antisense strand selected from any one of SEQ ID NOs: 58-72.

[0063] In some embodiments, a double-stranded nucleic acid is provided consisting of SEQ ID NO:34 and SEQ ID NO:58; SEQ ID NO:34 and SEQ ID NO:59; SEQ ID NO:34 and SEQ ID NO:60; SEQ ID NO:17 and SEQ ID NO:61; SEQ ID NO:34 and SEQ ID NO:62; SEQ ID NO:42 and SEQ ID NO:63; SEQ ID NO:44 and SEQ ID NO:63; SEQ ID NO:45 and SEQ ID NO:63; SEQ ID NO:46 and SEQ ID NO:64; SEQ ID NO:46 and SEQ ID NO:65; SEQ ID NO:46 and SEQ ID NO:66; SEQ ID NO:50 and SEQ ID NO:67; SEQ ID NO:46 and SEQ ID NO:69; SEQ ID NO:54 and SEQ ID NO:70; SEQ ID NO:17 and SEQ ID NO:72, or SEQ ID NO:56 and SEQ ID NO:71.

[0064] In some embodiments, a double-stranded nucleic acid is provided consisting of SEQ ID NO:17 and any one of the following: SEQ ID NO:2, SEQ ID NO:18, SEQ ID NO:35, SEQ ID NO:36, SEQ ID NO:37, SEQ ID NO:38, SEQ ID NO:39, SEQ ID NO:40, SEQ ID NO:41, SEQ ID NO:42, SEQ ID NO:43, SEQ ID NO:44, SEQ ID NO:47, SEQ ID NO:48, SEQ ID NO:49, SEQ ID NO:51, SEQ ID NO:52, SEQ ID NO:53, SEQ ID NO:55, SEQ ID NO:57, SEQ ID NO: 58, SEQ ID NO: 59, SEQ ID NO:60, SEQ ID NO:61, SEQ ID NO:62, SEQ ID NO:63, SEQ ID NO:64, SEQ ID NO:65, SEQ ID NO:66, SEQ ID NO:67, SEQ ID NO:68, SEQ ID NO:69, SEQ ID NO:70, SEQ ID NO:71 or SEQ ID NO:72.

[0065] In some embodiments, a double-stranded nucleic acid is provided consisting of SEQ ID NO:17 and SEQ ID NO:2; SEQ ID NO:17 and SEQ ID NO:18; SEQ ID NO:17 and SEQ ID NO:35; SEQ ID NO:17 and SEQ ID NO:36; SEQ ID NO:17 and SEQ ID NO:37; SEQ ID NO:17 and SEQ ID NO:38; SEQ ID NO:17 and SEQ ID NO:39; SEQ ID NO:17 and SEQ ID NO:40; SEQ ID NO:17 and SEQ ID NO:41; SEQ ID NO:17 and SEQ ID NO:42; SEQ ID NO:17

and SEQ ID NO:43; SEQ ID NO:17 and SEQ ID NO:44; SEQ ID NO:17 and SEQ ID NO:47; SEQ ID NO:17 and SEQ ID NO:48; SEQ ID NO:17 and SEQ ID NO:49; SEQ ID NO:17 and SEQ ID NO:51; SEQ ID NO:17 and SEQ ID NO:52; SEQ ID NO:17 and SEQ ID NO:53; SEQ ID NO:17 and SEQ ID NO:55; SEQ ID NO:17 and SEQ ID NO:57; SEQ ID NO:17 and SEQ ID NO: 58; SEQ ID NO:17 and SEQ ID NO: 59; SEQ ID NO:17 and SEQ ID NO:60; SEQ ID NO:17 and SEQ ID NO:61; SEQ ID NO:17 and SEQ ID NO:62; SEQ ID NO:17 and SEQ ID NO:63; SEQ ID NO:17 and SEQ ID NO:64; SEQ ID NO:17 and SEQ ID NO:65; SEQ ID NO:17 and SEQ ID NO:66; SEQ ID NO:17 and SEQ ID NO:67; SEQ ID NO:17 and SEQ ID NO:68; SEQ ID NO:17 and SEQ ID NO:69; SEQ ID NO:17 and SEQ ID NO:70; SEQ ID NO:17 and SEQ ID NO:71 or SEQ ID NO:17 and SEQ ID NO:72.

[0066] In some embodiments, a double-stranded nucleic acid is provided consisting of SEQ ID NO:18 and any one of SEQ ID NO:1, SEQ ID NO:17, SEQ ID NO:34, SEQ ID NO:44, SEQ ID NO:45, SEQ ID NO:46, SEQ ID NO:50, SEQ ID NO:54, or SEQ ID NO:56.

[0067] In some embodiments, a double-stranded nucleic acid is provided consisting of SEQ ID NO:18 and SEQ ID NO:1, SEQ ID NO:18 and SEQ ID NO:17; SEQ ID NO:18 and SEQ ID NO:34; SEQ ID NO:18 and SEQ ID NO:44; SEQ ID NO:18 and SEQ ID NO:45; SEQ ID NO:18 and SEQ ID NO:46; SEQ ID NO:18 and SEQ ID NO:50; SEQ ID NO:18 and SEQ ID NO:54; or SEQ ID NO:18 and SEQ ID NO:56.

[0068] In some embodiments, a double stranded nucleic acid is provided comprising at least one nucleic acid molecule selected from among SEQ ID NOs: 58-72.

[0069] In some embodiments, a double stranded nucleic acid is provided comprising two nucleic acid molecules selected from among SEQ ID NOs: 17-18 or 34-72. In some embodiments, the double stranded nucleic acid comprises a sense strand and an antisense strand.

[0070] In some embodiments, each strand of the double stranded nucleic acid has no more than 52 nucleotides.

[0071] In some embodiments, a double stranded nucleic acid is provided comprising a sense strand comprising a nucleic acid molecule selected from SEQ ID NOs: 1, 17, 34, 42, 44, 45, 46, 50, 54 and 56; and an antisense strand comprising a nucleic acid molecule selected from

any one of SEQ ID NOs: 58-72.

[0072] In some embodiments, a double stranded nucleic acid is provided comprising a sense strand comprising a nucleic acid molecule selected from SEQ ID NOs: 1, 3, 5, 7 and 9; and an antisense strand comprising a nucleic acid molecule selected from any one of SEQ ID NOs:58-72.

[0073] In some embodiments, the double-stranded nucleic acid comprises nucleic acid molecules comprising SEQ ID NO:34 and SEQ ID NO:58; SEQ ID NO:34 and SEQ ID NO:59; SEQ ID NO:34 and SEQ ID NO:60; SEQ ID NO:17 and SEQ ID NO:61; SEQ ID NO:34 and SEQ ID NO:62; SEQ ID NO:42 and SEQ ID NO:63; SEQ ID NO:44 and SEQ ID NO:63; SEQ ID NO:45 and SEQ ID NO:63; SEQ ID NO:46 and SEQ ID NO:64; SEQ ID NO:46 and SEQ ID NO:65; SEQ ID NO:46 and SEQ ID NO:66; SEQ ID NO:50 and SEQ ID NO:67; SEQ ID NO:46 and SEQ ID NO:69; SEQ ID NO:54 and SEQ ID NO:70; SEQ ID NO:17 and SEQ ID NO:72, or SEQ ID NO:56 and SEQ ID NO:71.

[0074] In some embodiments, a double-stranded nucleic acid is provided comprising SEQ ID NO:17 and comprising any one of the following: SEQ ID NO:2, SEQ ID NO:18, SEQ ID NO:35, SEQ ID NO:36, SEQ ID NO:37, SEQ ID NO:38, SEQ ID NO:39, SEQ ID NO:40, SEQ ID NO:41, SEQ ID NO:42, SEQ ID NO:43, SEQ ID NO:44, SEQ ID NO:47, SEQ ID NO:48, SEQ ID NO:49, SEQ ID NO:51, SEQ ID NO:52, SEQ ID NO:53, SEQ ID NO:55, SEQ ID NO:57, SEQ ID NO: 58, SEQ ID NO: 59, SEQ ID NO:60, SEQ ID NO:61, SEQ ID NO:62, SEQ ID NO:63, SEQ ID NO:64, SEQ ID NO:65, SEQ ID NO:66, SEQ ID NO:67, SEQ ID NO:68, SEQ ID NO:69, SEQ ID NO:70, SEQ ID NO:71 or SEQ ID NO:72.

[0075] In some embodiments, a double-stranded nucleic acid is provided comprising SEQ ID NO:17 and SEQ ID NO:2; SEQ ID NO:17 and SEQ ID NO:18; SEQ ID NO:17 and SEQ ID NO:35; SEQ ID NO:17 and SEQ ID NO:36; SEQ ID NO:17 and SEQ ID NO:37; SEQ ID NO:17 and SEQ ID NO:38; SEQ ID NO:17 and SEQ ID NO:39; SEQ ID NO:17 and SEQ ID NO:40; SEQ ID NO:17 and SEQ ID NO:41; SEQ ID NO:17 and SEQ ID NO:42; SEQ ID NO:17 and SEQ ID NO:43; SEQ ID NO:17 and SEQ ID NO:44; SEQ ID NO:17 and SEQ ID NO:47; SEQ ID NO:17 and SEQ ID NO:48; SEQ ID NO:17 and SEQ ID NO:49; SEQ ID NO:17 and SEQ ID NO:51; SEQ ID NO:17 and SEQ ID NO:52; SEQ ID NO:17 and SEQ ID NO:53; SEQ

ID NO:17 and SEQ ID NO:55; SEQ ID NO:17 and SEQ ID NO:57; SEQ ID NO:17 and SEQ ID NO: 58; SEQ ID NO:17 and SEQ ID NO: 59; SEQ ID NO:17 and SEQ ID NO:60; SEQ ID NO:17 and SEQ ID NO:61; SEQ ID NO:17 and SEQ ID NO:62; SEQ ID NO:17 and SEQ ID NO:63; SEQ ID NO:17 and SEQ ID NO:64; SEQ ID NO:17 and SEQ ID NO:65; SEQ ID NO:17 and SEQ ID NO:66; SEQ ID NO:17 and SEQ ID NO:67; SEQ ID NO:17 and SEQ ID NO:68; SEQ ID NO:17 and SEQ ID NO:69; SEQ ID NO:17 and SEQ ID NO:70; SEQ ID NO:17 and SEQ ID NO:71 or SEQ ID NO:17 and SEQ ID NO:72.

[0076] In some embodiments, a double-stranded nucleic acid is provided comprising SEQ ID NO:18 and comprising any one of SEQ ID NO:1, SEQ ID NO:17, SEQ ID NO:34, SEQ ID NO:44, SEQ ID NO:45, SEQ ID NO:46, SEQ ID NO:50, SEQ ID NO:54, or SEQ ID NO:56.

[0077] In some embodiments, a double-stranded nucleic acid is provided comprising SEQ ID NO:18 and SEQ ID NO:1, SEQ ID NO:18 and SEQ ID NO:17; SEQ ID NO:18 and SEQ ID NO:34; SEQ ID NO:18 and SEQ ID NO:44; SEQ ID NO:18 and SEQ ID NO:45; SEQ ID NO:18 and SEQ ID NO:46; SEQ ID NO:18 and SEQ ID NO:50; SEQ ID NO:18 and SEQ ID NO:54; or SEQ ID NO:18 and SEQ ID NO:56.

[0078] Any of the compositions and uses of siRNA directed to FL2 as described elsewhere herein may utilize any of the foregoing single stranded nucleic acid sequences SEQ ID NOs:58-72, or a double stranded nucleic acids comprising or consisting of any of SEQ ID NOs:58-72.

[0079] In an embodiment, the 5' terminal residue of a strand of the siRNA is phosphorylated. In an embodiment the 5' terminal residue of the antisense strand of the siRNA is phosphorylated. In an embodiment, the 5' terminal residue of a strand of the siRNA is not phosphorylated. In an embodiment the 5' terminal residue of the antisense strand of the siRNA is not phosphorylated.

[0080] In an embodiment, the siRNA comprises a double-stranded portion (duplex). In an embodiment, the siRNA is 20-25 nucleotides in length. In an embodiment the siRNA comprises a 19-21 core RNA duplex with a one or two nucleotide 3' overhang, on, independently, either one or both strands. The siRNA can be 5' phosphorylated, or not, and may be modified or

further modified with any of the known modifications in the art to improve efficacy and/or resistance to nuclease degradation. In an embodiment the siRNA can be administered such that it is transfected into one or more cells. In an embodiment, the siRNA is 5' phosphorylated. In some embodiments, any of the nucleic acid sequences disclosed herein may be modified or further modified with one or more nucleotide modifications as described herein.

[0081] As defined herein, the abbreviation “d(nucleotide)” refers to the deoxy-nucleotide. The abbreviation “m(nucleotide)” refers to the 2'-O-methyl nucleotide. The abbreviation “T” refers to thymidine. The abbreviation f(nucleotide) refers to the 2'-fluorodeoxy nucleotide. The abbreviation “(Phos)” refers to a phosphodiester cap. A capital letter residue refers to an RNA residue. The abbreviation “l(nucleotide)” refers to a locked nucleotide. A locked nucleotide has an extra bridge connecting the 2' oxygen and 4' carbon. The abbreviation “(s)” refers to phosphorothioate, i.e., a phosphorothioate bond between the adjacent nucleotides or modified nucleotides. Otherwise, the abbreviations for nucleotides and ribonucleotides have the meaning known in the art.

[0082] The abbreviations of the modifications of nucleotides described herein are as follows. mU refers to 2'-O-methyl-uridine. mA refers to 2'-O-methyl-adenosine. mC refers to 2'-O-methyl-cytidine. mG refers to 2'-O-methyl-guanosine. fA refers to 2'-fluoro-adenosine. fC refers to 2'-fluoro-cytidine. fG refers to 2'-fluoro-guanosine. fU refers to 2'-fluoro-uridine. dC refers to deoxycytidine. dG refers to deoxyguanosine. dA refers to deoxyadenosine. A refers to adenine. The abbreviations for the bases of unmodified nucleotides include A refers to adenine; U refers to uracil; G refers to guanine; C refers to cytosine; T refers to thymine. lA (lower case L A) refers to a locked adenosine. lU refers to a locked uridine. lG refers to a locked guanosine. lC refers to a locked cytidine.

[0083] In some embodiments, any of the nucleic acid sequences disclosed herein may be modified or further modified with one or more modifications or additional modifications as described herein. In addition to the modifications described above present in the sequences listed herein, and may be further included in any of the nucleic acids at other positions not modified or replacements for those already modified, other nucleic acid modifications are fully encompassed herein. Such other modifications include 2'-O-methyl thymidine, 2'-fluoro thymidine, and

deoxyuridine.

[0084] It should be noted that the abbreviations herein of the unmodified and modified nucleic acid abbreviations may refer to the nucleic acid base, the nucleoside (i.e., the base and the sugar), or the nucleotide (the nucleoside and the phosphate group). One of skill in the art will recognize the unmodified or modified nucleic acid components therefrom.

[0085] A locked nucleic acid (LNA), often referred to as inaccessible RNA, is a modified RNA nucleotide in which the ribose moiety is modified with an extra bridge connecting the 2' oxygen and 4' carbon. In some embodiments, a nucleic acid comprises a locked adenosine. In some embodiments a nucleic acid comprises a locked cytosine. In some embodiments a nucleic acid comprises a locked guanosine. In some embodiments a nucleic acid comprises a locked uridine. In some embodiments a nucleic acid comprises a locked thymidine.

[0086] In an embodiment, the 5' terminal residue of a strand of the siRNA is phosphorylated. In an embodiment the 5' terminal residue of the antisense strand of the siRNA is phosphorylated.

[0087] In some embodiments, a single strand component of a siRNA of the disclosure is from 14 to 50 nucleotides in length. In another embodiment, a single strand component of a siRNA of the disclosure is 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, or 28 nucleotides in length. In yet another embodiment, a single strand component of a siRNA of the disclosure is 21 nucleotides in length. In yet another embodiment, a single strand component of a siRNA of the disclosure is 22 nucleotides in length. In yet another embodiment, a single strand component of a siRNA of the disclosure is 23 nucleotides in length. In some embodiments, a siRNA of the disclosure is from 28 to 56 nucleotides in length. In another embodiment, a siRNA of the disclosure is 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, or 52 nucleotides in length.

[0088] In another embodiment, an siRNA of the disclosure comprises at least one 2'-sugar modification. In another embodiment, an siRNA of the disclosure comprises at least one nucleic acid base modification. In another embodiment, an siRNA of the disclosure comprises at least one phosphate backbone modification. As used herein, "at least one" means one or more.

[0089] The NCBI reference sequence: NM 001013690.4 (SEQ ID NO:19), to the nucleic

acid encoding human fidgetin-like 2, is:

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[0010] The nucleic acid sequences are disclosed herein.

RNA sequence	Sequence ID
UUACACAGUAUUAAAGCGAUU (sense)	SEQ ID NO:1
UCGCUUUAAUACUGUGUAAUU (antisense)	SEQ ID NO:2
CAUCUGAAACCUAGGGUCUUU (sense)	SEQ ID NO:3
AGACCCUAGGUUUCAGAUGUU (antisense)	SEQ ID NO:4
GUGACUUAUGCUAGGAGGAUU (sense)	SEQ ID NO:5
UCCUCCUAGCAUAAGUCACUU (antisense)	SEQ ID NO:6
GGUCAGAAGCAGAAUGUAUUU (sense)	SEQ ID NO:7
AUACAUUCUGCUUCUGACCUU (antisense)	SEQ ID NO:8
CGCCGGCCCACAAGUUGGAdTdT (sense)	SEQ ID NO:9
UCCAACUUGUGGGCCGGCGdTdT (antisense)	SEQ ID NO:10
fUfUmA fCmAfC AGU AUU AAA GCG ATT (sense)	SEQ ID NO:17
(Phos) U CGC UUU AAU ACU G UG UAA TT (antisense)	SEQ ID NO:18
5'-UUACACAGUAUUAAAGCGATT-3' (sense)	SEQ ID NO:34
(Phos) 5' – mUmCGCUUUAAUACUGUGUAATT-3' (antisense)	SEQ ID NO:35
(Phos) 5' – mU(s)mC(s)GCUUUAAUACUGUGUAATT-3' (antisense)	SEQ ID NO:36
(Phos) 5' – fUfCGCUUUAAUACUGUGUAATT -3' (antisense)	SEQ ID NO:37
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5' UUACACAGUAUUAAAGCGA-3' (sense)	SEQ ID NO:46
(Phos) 5' – U(s)CGCUUUAAUACUGUGUAATT-3' (antisense)	SEQ ID NO:47
(Phos) 5' – UCGCUUUAAUACUGUGUAATT-3' (antisense)	SEQ ID NO:48
(Phos) 5' – U(s)C(s)GCUUUAAUACUGUGUAATT-3' (antisense)	SEQ ID NO:49
5'-mUmUACACAGUAUUAAAGCGA-3' (sense)	SEQ ID NO:50
(Phos) 5' – U(s)CGCUUUAAUACUGUGUmAmATT-3' (antisense)	SEQ ID NO:51
(Phos) 5' – UCGCUUUAAUACUGUGUAATT-3' (antisense)	SEQ ID NO:52
(Phos) 5' – U(s)C(s)GCUUUAAUACUGUGUAA T(s)T-3' (antisense)	SEQ ID NO:53
5' IUUIAICIACAGUAUUAAAGCGATT-3' (sense)	SEQ ID NO:54
(Phos) 5' – UCGCUUUAAUACUGIUIGIUIAIA TT -3' (antisense)	SEQ ID NO:55
5' fUfUIAfCIACAGUAUUAAAGCGA-3' (sense)	SEQ ID NO:56
(Phos) 5' – mU(s)mCmGCUUUAAUACUGUGUAATT -3' (antisense)	SEQ ID NO:57
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5' – fU(s)fC(s)GCUUUAAUACUGUGUAATT-3' (antisense)	SEQ ID NO:59
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5' – mUfCmGfCmUfUmUAAfUmAfCmUGmUmGfUmAmATT (antisense)	SEQ ID NO:62
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5' – U(s)CGCUUUAAUACUGUGUAATT-3' (antisense)	SEQ ID NO:64
5' – UCGCUUUAAUACUGUGUAATT-3' (antisense)	SEQ ID NO:65
5' – U(s)C(s)GCUUUAAUACUGUGUAATT-3' (antisense)	SEQ ID NO:66
5' – U(s)CGCUUUAAUACUGUGUmAmATT-3' (antisense)	SEQ ID NO:67
5' – UCGCUUUAAUACUGUGUAATT-3' (antisense)	SEQ ID NO:68
5' – U(s)C(s)GCUUUAAUACUGUGUAA T(s)T-3' (antisense)	SEQ ID NO:69

5' – UCGCUUUAUACUGIUIGIUIAIA TT -3' (antisense)	SEQ ID NO:70
5' – mU(s)mCmGCUUUAUACUGUGUAATT -3' (antisense)	SEQ ID NO:71
5' -U CGC UUU AAU ACU G UG UAA TT (antisense)	SEQ ID NO:72

wherein d(nucleotide) = deoxy-(nucleotide), m(nucleotide) = 2'-O-methyl nucleotide, T = thymidine, f(nucleotide) = 2'-fluorodeoxy nucleotide, (Phos) = phosphodiester cap; capital letter nucleotide = RNA nucleotide, l(nucleotide) = a locked nucleotide, and (s) = phosphorothioate. Thus, for example dT represents deoxythymidine, dC represents deoxycytidine, fC represents 2'-fluorodeoxy cytidine ribonucleic acid, fU represents 2'-fluorodeoxy uracil ribonucleic acid, mA represents 2'-O-methyl adenosine ribonucleic acid, mU represents 2'-O-methyl uracil ribonucleic acid, mC represents 2'-O-methyl cytosine ribonucleic acid, and mG represents 2'-O-methyl guanosine ribonucleic acid.

[0090] The disclosure embraces modifications of the nucleic acids sequences disclosed herein that are useful for treatment of a non-human animals (e.g., non-human primate, non-human mammal). Such modifications of the nucleic acids disclosed herein comprise siRNAs directed to the orthologue of fidgetin-like 2 in the particular species.

Pharmaceutical Compositions

[0091] In some embodiments, a formulation, pharmaceutical composition, or delivery system of any of the nucleic acids described herein is provided. In some embodiments, the formulation, pharmaceutical composition, or delivery system comprises a nucleic acid consisting of or comprising any of those nucleic acids described herein, such as single stranded and double stranded or a duplex. In some embodiments, the formulation comprises one or more nucleic acids selected from among SEQ ID NO:17-18 and 34-72, or a duplex or double-stranded nucleic acid comprising a nucleic acid consisting of two nucleic acid molecules selected from among SEQ ID NO: 17-18 and 34-72. In some embodiments, the formulation, pharmaceutical composition, or delivery system comprises a nucleic acid comprising a sequence selected from SEQ ID NO: 17-18 or 34-72, or a duplex or double-stranded nucleic acid comprising SEQ ID NO: 17-18 or 34-72. In any of the following descriptions of formulations, pharmaceutical compositions, or delivery systems, any of the foregoing nucleic acids or those described elsewhere herein are embodied, and may be referred to as an inhibitor of fidgetin-like 2. In some embodiments,

compounds of the disclosure inhibit activity of fidgetin-like 2 (nucleic acid sequence SEQ ID NO:1; protein sequence SEQ ID NO:20).

[0092] In an embodiment of the disclosure the inhibitor of fidgetin-like 2 is provided by a subcutaneous implant or depot medicament system for the pulsatile delivery of the inhibitor to a wound or to a site where a wound is expected to be formed, for example, after surgery, to promote wound healing. The inhibitor can be provided, for example, in a therapeutically effective amount to each centimeter of a wound margin or each centimeter of a site at which a wound is expected to be formed.

[0093] A medicament in accordance with this aspect of the disclosure may be formulated in any appropriate carrier, vehicle, diluent, excipient or other delivery system. Suitable carriers are pharmaceutically acceptable carriers, preferably those consistent with administration topically or administration by injection.

[0094] It will be appreciated that, while the inhibitor of fidgetin-like 2 may be administered by the same route and in the same form in each incidence of treatment, different incidences of treatment may provide the inhibitor of fidgetin-like 2 by different medicaments and/or different routes of administration. In embodiments of the disclosure the initial incidence of treatment may provide the inhibitor of fidgetin-like 2 by means of an injection, such as an intradermal injection, while the second (and any subsequent) incidences of treatment may involve provision of the inhibitor of fidgetin-like 2 by alternative routes, such as topical formulations, or vice versa. In an embodiment, multiple administrations of the inhibitor of fidgetin-like 2 may be affected by the same means or route.

[0095] In some embodiments the inhibitor of fidgetin-like 2 is provided in a pharmaceutical composition comprising saline. In some embodiments the pharmaceutical composition is normal saline or phosphate-buffered saline.

[0096] In some embodiments the inhibitor of fidgetin-like 2 is provided in a pharmaceutical composition comprising a sugar. In some embodiments, the pharmaceutical composition is a glucose solution.

[0097] In some embodiments the inhibitor of fidgetin-like 2 is provided in a

pharmaceutical composition comprising a polypeptide. In some embodiments the polypeptide is a cationic polypeptide. In some embodiments, the cationic polypeptide is a histidine-lysine copolypeptide.

[0098] In some embodiments the inhibitor of fidgetin-like 2 is provided in a pharmaceutical composition comprising a polymer. In some embodiments, the hydrophilic polymer is polyethylene glycol (PEG). In some embodiments, the polymer is a hydrophilic polymer grafted polymer, a non-natural cationic polymer, a cationic polyacetal, a hydrophilic polymer grafted polyacetal, a ligand functionalized cationic polymer, or a ligand functionalized-hydrophilic polymer grafted polymer. In some embodiments the hydrophilic polymer is polyethylene glycol (PEG).

[0099] In some embodiments, the pharmaceutical composition comprises a polycationic binding agent.

[00100] In some embodiment, the pharmaceutical composition comprises a nucleic acid delivery vehicle.

[00101] In some embodiments, the pharmaceutical composition comprises a cationic polymer-nucleic acid complex.

[00102] In some embodiments the inhibitor of fidgetin-like 2 is provided in a pharmaceutical composition comprising a lipid. In some embodiments the lipid is a cationic lipid.

[00103] In some embodiments the inhibitor of fidgetin-like 2 is provided in a pharmaceutical composition comprising a cream.

[00104] In some embodiments the inhibitor of fidgetin-like 2 is provided in a pharmaceutical composition comprising an eye drop.

[00105] In some embodiments the inhibitor of fidgetin-like 2 is provided in a pharmaceutical composition comprising a gel.

[00106] In some embodiments the inhibitor of fidgetin-like 2 is provided in a pharmaceutical composition comprising a micelle material.

[00107] In some embodiments the inhibitor of fidgetin-like 2 is provided in a pharmaceutical composition comprising a wafer. In some embodiments, a wafer comprises collagen, chondroitin sulfate, polyvinylpyrrolidone and polyethylene glycol 400. One non-limiting example of a wafer is described in an example herein.

[00108] In some embodiments, the inhibitor of fidgetin-like 2 is provided in or associated with a collagen particle. In some embodiments the collagen particle is a microparticle. In some embodiments the collagen particle is in a surfactant polymer dressing such as but not limited to PluroGel®.

[00109] In some embodiments the inhibitor of fidgetin-like 2 is provided in a pharmaceutical composition comprising a microemulsion of nanoparticles. One non-limiting example of a microemulsion is described in an example herein.

[00110] In some embodiments the inhibitor of fidgetin-like 2 is provided in a pharmaceutical composition comprising a liposome. In some embodiments, the liposome is a ligand functionalized liposome. In some embodiments, the liposome is further functionalized with at least one 2' sugar modification.

[00111] In some embodiments the inhibitor of fidgetin-like 2 is provided in a pharmaceutical composition comprising a nanoparticle. In an embodiment, the inhibitor of fidgetin-like 2 is encapsulated in a nanoparticle. In an embodiment the nanoparticle is a liposomal nanoparticle.

[00112] In one non-limiting example of nanoparticles are prepared as follows. Five hundred μ l of tetramethyl orthosilicate (TMOS) was hydrolyzed in the presence of 100 μ l of 1 mM HCl by sonication on ice for about 15 min, until a single phase formed. The hydrolyzed TMOS (100 μ l) was added to 900 μ l of 20 μ M of siRNA solution containing 10 mM phosphate, pH 7.4. A gel was formed within 10 minutes. The gel was frozen at -80°C for 15 minutes and lyophilized.

[00113] In some exemplary, but non-limiting, embodiments, the nanoparticle comprises a poly(lactic-co-glycolic acid) (PLGA, PLG), a copolymer, produced using methods known in the art. In some embodiments, the nanoparticle is sized between 1-100 nm. In some embodiments,

the nanoparticle is biocompatible and/or biodegradable. This addition may in certain embodiments enhance purification of microparticles or nanoparticles using methods well known in the art.

[00114] In a non-limiting embodiment, the inhibitor of fidgetin-like 2 is provided in a bulk-eroding system such as polylactic acid and glycolic acid (PLGA) copolymer-based microspheres or microcapsules systems containing the inhibitor of fidgetin-like 2. In an embodiment, blends of PLGA:ethylcellulose systems may be used as an appropriate carrier. A further medicament in accordance with this aspect of the disclosure may be formulated in a surface-eroding system wherein the inhibitor of fidgetin-like 2 is embedded in an erodible matrix such as the poly(ortho) ester and polyanhydride matrices wherein the hydrolysis of the polymer is rapid.

[00115] In some embodiments, the inhibitor of fidgetin-like 2 may also be formulated by combining a pulsatile delivery system as described above and an immediate release system such as a lyophilized injectable composition described above.

[00116] The inhibitor of fidgetin-like 2 may be used in a composition with additives. Examples of suitable additives are sodium alginate, as a gelatinizing agent for preparing a suitable base, or cellulose derivatives, such as guar or xanthan gum, inorganic gelatinizing agents, such as aluminum hydroxide or bentonites (termed thixotropic gel-formers), polyacrylic acid derivatives, such as Carbopol®, polyvinylpyrrolidone, microcrystalline cellulose and carboxymethylcellulose. Amphiphilic low molecular weight and higher molecular weight compounds, and also phospholipids, are also suitable. The gels can be present either as water-based hydrogels or as hydrophobic organogels, for example based on mixtures of low and high molecular weight paraffin hydrocarbons and vaseline. The hydrophilic organogels can be prepared, for example, on the basis of high molecular weight polyethylene glycols. These gelatinous forms are washable. Hydrophobic organogels are also suitable. Hydrophobic additives, such as petroleum jelly, wax, oleyl alcohol, propylene glycol monostearate and/or propylene glycol monopalmitostearate, in particular isopropyl myristate can be included. In an embodiment the inhibitor is in a composition comprising one or more dyes, for example yellow and/or red iron oxide and/or titanium dioxide for the purpose of matching as regards color.

[00117] Compositions may be in any suitable form including gels, lotions, balms, pastes, sprays, powders, bandages, wound dressing, emulsions, creams and ointments of the mixed-phase or amphiphilic emulsion systems (oil/water-water/oil mixed phase), liposomes and transfersomes or plasters/band aid-type coverings. Emulsifiers which can be employed in compositions comprising the inhibitor of fidgetin-like 2 include anionic, cationic or neutral surfactants, for example alkali metal soaps, metal soaps, amine soaps, sulphurated and sulphonated compounds, invert soaps, higher fatty alcohols, partial fatty acid esters of sorbitan and polyoxyethylene sorbitan, e.g. lanette types, wool wax, lanolin or other synthetic products for preparing the oil/water and/or water/oil emulsions.

[00118] Compositions comprising the inhibitor of fidgetin-like 2 can also comprise vaseline, natural or synthetic waxes, fatty acids, fatty alcohols, fatty acid esters, for example as monoglycerides, diglycerides or triglycerides, paraffin oil or vegetable oils, hydrogenated castor oil or coconut oil, hog fat, synthetic fats (for example based on caprylic acid, capric acid, lauric acid or stearic acid, such as Softisan®), or triglyceride mixtures, such as Miglyol®, can be used as lipids, in the form of fatty and/or oleaginous and/or waxy components for preparing the ointments, creams or emulsions of the compositions comprising the inhibitor of fidgetin-like 2 used in the methods described herein.

[00119] In some embodiments, the pharmaceutical composition comprises an osmotically active acid or alkaline solution, for example hydrochloric acid, citric acid, sodium hydroxide solution, potassium hydroxide solution, sodium hydrogen carbonate, may also be ingredients of the compositions and, in addition, buffer systems, such as citrate, phosphate, tris buffer or triethanolamine, for adjusting the pH. It is possible to add preservatives as well, such as methyl benzoate or propyl benzoate (parabens) or sorbic acid, for increasing the stability.

[00120] Pastes, powders and solutions are additional forms of compositions comprising the inhibitor of fidgetin-like 2 which can be applied topically. As consistency-imparting bases, the pastes frequently contain hydrophobic and hydrophilic auxiliary substances, preferably, however, hydrophobic auxiliary substances containing a very high proportion of solids. In order to increase dispersity, and also flowability and slipperiness, and also to prevent agglomerates, the powders or topically applicable powders can, for example, contain starch species, such as

wheat or rice starch, flame-dispersed silicon dioxide or siliceous earth, which also serve as diluent.

[00121] In an embodiment, the compositions comprise further active ingredients suitable for protecting or aiding in healing of the wound, for example one or more antibiotics, antiseptics, vitamins, anesthetics, antihistamines, anti-inflammatory agents, moisturizers, penetration-enhancing agents and/or anti-irritants.

[00122] Preferably the inhibitor of fidgetin-like 2 is biomembrane-permeable or is conjugated or otherwise attached to a moiety which renders the inhibitor biomembrane-permeable.

[00123] In some embodiments, the carrier further comprises a targeting ligand. In some embodiments the targeting ligand is a protein. In some embodiments, the targeting ligand binds an epithelial cell, a vascular endothelial cell, a vascular smooth muscle cell, a myocardial (heart) cell or a passenger leukocyte cell resident in cutaneous tissue at a time of wound healing.

[00124] In some embodiments, the carrier comprises: (a) a histidine-lysine co-polymer; (b) a hydrophilic polymer comprising PEG; and, optionally, (c) a targeting ligand.

[00125] In an embodiment, the composition may further comprise one or more additional nucleic acid molecules that induce RNA interference and decrease the expression of a gene of interest. In an embodiment, the one or more additional nucleic acid molecules decrease the expression of a gene selected from the group consisting of fidgetin and fidgetin-like 2.

Methods of Use

[00126] In some embodiments, methods of use of any of the nucleic acids described herein and their pharmaceutical compositions are provided. In some embodiments, methods of use are provided using a nucleic acid consisting of SEQ ID NO:17-18 or 34-72, or a duplex or double-stranded nucleic acid comprising nucleic acids consisting of from SEQ ID NO:17-18 or 34-72. In some embodiments, the methods of use are provided using a nucleic acid comprising a sequence selected from SEQ ID NO:17-18 or 34-72, or a duplex or double-stranded nucleic acid comprising two sequences from among SEQ ID NO:17-18 or 34-72. In some embodiments,

methods of use are provided using a nucleic acid consisting of any one of SEQ ID NO:17-18 or 34-72, and any complementary nucleic acid disclosed herein. In some embodiments, methods of use are provided using a duplex or double-stranded nucleic acid comprising a nucleic acid comprising any of from SEQ ID NO:17-18 or 34-72, and any complementary nucleic acid disclosed herein. In some embodiments, modifications or additional modifications to the nucleic acid such as but not limited to those described herein is embraced herein. In any of the following descriptions of methods of use, any of the foregoing nucleic acids or those described elsewhere herein are embodied. The term “an inhibitor of fidgetin-like 2” is meant to encompass any of the nucleic acid sequences described herein and modifications thereof. In some embodiments each individual strand within the double-stranded nucleic acid is no longer than 52 nucleotides. The disclosure embraces method of use for treatment of a non-human animals (e.g., non-human primate, non-human mammal) comprising modifications of the nucleic acids sequences disclosed herein. Such modifications of the nucleic acids disclosed herein comprise siRNAs directed to the orthologue of fidgetin-like 2 in the particular species. In some embodiments, the nucleic acids and siRNA disclosed herein are cross-reactive and therefore useful in at least one other species.

[00127] The following descriptions provide non-limiting guidance as to the various wounds, injuries and diseases, among other conditions, that the compounds and compositions of the disclosure may benefit. The following descriptions are categorized by bodily system or site, with the recognition that such categorizations are for convenience only, and that certain aspects are shared among the categories and such categorization is not intended to be limiting to the particular conditions, diseases, wounds or injuries of any particular bodily system or site.

Treatment of Skin

[00128] A method of treating a wound in a subject is provided comprising administering to the subject an amount of an inhibitor of fidgetin-like 2 effective to treat the wound.

[00129] In an embodiment, the amount of inhibitor of fidgetin-like 2 is effective to accelerate wound healing.

[00130] In an embodiment, the wound is an epidermal wound. In an embodiment, the wound is a skin wound. Non-limiting examples of specific wounds in which healing may be

promoted using the medicaments and methods of the disclosure include, but are not limited to, the results of sun damage such as wrinkles, non-responsive skin after a facelift, lasabrasion, aged or sun-damaged skin, skin liver spots, birthmark, wart, enlarged oil glands, port wine stains, hemangiomas, telangiectasias, or to change the appearance of skin complexion. In an embodiment of the methods, the birthmark is a linear epidermal nevus. In some embodiments, the method is directed to enhancing skin health recovery from a skin procedure comprising laser application to the skin. In some embodiments, the method is directed to rejuvenating skin from a skin procedure comprising laser application to the skin.

[00131] In some embodiments, compounds of the disclosure are useful for improving or accelerating healing of skin grafting sites, such as on burns, scar revision, plastic surgery, or other procedures involving placement of a skin graft. As described elsewhere, the healing of the skin site from which a graft is take is also a benefit of the compounds described herein.

[00132] In some embodiments, compounds of the disclosure are useful in enhancing healing of a skin graft or a skin grafting site. In some embodiments, the skin grafting is provided to treat a burn. In some embodiments the burn is a partial-thickness burn. In some embodiments the burn is a full-thickness burn. In some embodiments, the skin grafting is provided to treat an injury, such as from a large open wound. In some embodiments, the skin grafting is provided to treat an ulcer such as but no limited to a bedsore. In some embodiments, the skin grafting is provided to treat a skin infection. In some embodiments, the skin grafting is provided to treat a skin cancer surgery site. In some embodiments, the skin grafting is provided to cover a larger surface area than available from the supply of donor skin.

[00133] In some embodiments, a method of enhancing hair follicle growth in skin comprises directly administering to the skin an amount of an inhibitor of fidgetin-like 2 effective to enhance hair follicle growth in skin. In some embodiments, the method increases hair growth in skin.

Treatment of the Heart

[00134] In an embodiment, the wound is a cardiac tissue wound. In an embodiment, the wound is a cardiovascular wound, for example resulting from a myocardial infarction. In some

embodiments, a compound of the disclosure promotes cardiac angiogenesis. In some embodiments, a compound of the disclosure improves cardiac function post myocardial infarction. .

Treatment of the Nervous System

[00135] In an embodiment, the wound is a neuronal wound.

[00136] In an embodiment, the wound is a wound of the central nervous system. In some embodiments, the wound is a spinal cord injury. In some embodiments, the prevention, reduction or inhibition of scarring may enhance neuronal reconnection and/or neuronal function. In some embodiments, a compound of the disclosure promotes nerve growth. In some embodiments, a compound of the disclosure reduces neuronal inflammation. In some embodiments, a compound of the disclosure promotes recovery from nerve transection. In some embodiments, a compound of the disclosure promotes nerve regeneration after injury. In some embodiments, the wound is a wound of the peripheral nervous system. In some embodiments the wound is a cavernous nerve injury. In some embodiments, the prevention, reduction or inhibition of scarring may enhance neuronal reconnection and/or neuronal function. In some embodiments, a compound of the disclosure promotes peripheral nerve growth. In some embodiments, a compound of the disclosure reduces neuronal inflammation. In some embodiments, a compound of the disclosure promotes recovery from nerve transection. In some embodiments, a compound of the disclosure promotes nerve regeneration after injury. In some embodiments, a compound of the disclosure has anti-inflammatory activity in neuronal and other tissues.

[00137] In some embodiments, a compound of the disclosure treats or prevents neuropraxia.

[00138] In some embodiments, a compound of the disclosure treats or prevents adverse sequelae of nerve sparing surgery.

[00139] In some embodiments, a compound of the disclosure promotes recovery of erectile response after unilateral or bilateral cavernous nerve transection. In some embodiments, a compound of the disclosure recovery of erectile response within two weeks of cavernous nerve injury. In some embodiments, cavernous nerve injury is a result of a surgical procedure such as

prostatectomy. In some embodiments, prostatectomy is radical prostatectomy. In some embodiments, a wafer comprising a siRNA of the disclosure is implanted at the site of surgery. In some embodiments, siRNA concentrations of about 6.6, about 13.3 or about 26.6 micrograms per 100 mg wafer is implanted. In some embodiments, the wafer comprises about 2.5% collagen, about 7.5% chondroitin sulfate, about 82.5% polyvinylpyrrolidone, and about 7.5% polyethylene glycol 400.

Treatment of the Eye

[00140] In an embodiment, the wound is a wound of the eye (including the inhibition of scarring resulting from eye surgery such as LASIK surgery, LASEK surgery, PRK surgery, glaucoma filtration surgery, cataract surgery, or surgery in which the lens capsule may be subject to scarring) such as those giving rise to corneal cicatrization; wounds subject to capsular contraction (which is common surrounding breast implants).

Treatment of the Vasculature

[00141] In an embodiment, the wound is a wound of the circulatory system, such as but not limited to a blood vessel, venous or arterial valves, heart valves, or enhancing the integration of a replacement heart valve, bypass graft, vasculature of a transplanted organ, by way of non-limiting examples.

Treatment of the Musculoskeletal System

[00142] In an embodiment, the wound is a wound of tendons, ligaments or muscle.

Treatment of the Oral Cavity

[00143] In an embodiment, the wound is a wound of the oral cavity, including the lips and palate. In some embodiments, the method inhibits scarring resulting from treatment of cleft lip or palate.

Treatment of Organs and Cavities

[00144] In an embodiment, the wound is a wound of an internal organ such but not limited

to the liver, heart, brain, digestive tissues and reproductive tissues.

[00145] In an embodiment, the wound is a wound a body cavity such as but not limited to the abdominal cavity, pelvic cavity and thoracic cavity. In some embodiments, inhibition of scarring may reduce the number of incidences of adhesion formation and/or the size of adhesions formed.

Treatment of Surgical Wounds

[00146] In an embodiment, the wound is a surgical wound, such as but not limited to particular wounds associated with cosmetic procedures, such as scar revision. It is particularly preferred that the medicaments and methods of the disclosure be used to promote healing of wounds of the skin. Other non-limiting examples include surgical procedures to the eye and other parts of the body. As noted herein, the compound or composition of the disclosure may be applied to a site before the injury or wound occurs, such as a surgical incision.

Other Aspects of the Disclosure

[00147] In an embodiment of the methods and compositions described herein the subject is a mammal. In an embodiment the subject is human.

[00148] As used herein, "promotion" of wound healing, or grammatical equivalent, means an acceleration in any one or more of visual appearance of wound recovery, reduction in wound size, reduction in distance between wound margins, scab formation, fibroplasia and re-epithelialization as compared to the corresponding parameter in an untreated wound.

[00149] As used herein, "wound" is a break or discontinuity in the structure of an organ or tissue (including skin), which includes epithelium, connective tissue, and muscle tissue, caused by an external agent. Examples of wounds include, but are not limited to, skin wounds, ulcerations, bedsores, grazes, tears, cuts, punctures, tympanic membrane perforations, burns, and those that are a consequence of plastic surgery procedures.

Methods of Administration

[00150] The benefits that may be derived from the present disclosure may be applicable

to wounds at any site throughout the body. In some embodiments, the wound for which healing is promoted is a skin wound. For illustrative purposes, the embodiments of the disclosure will generally be described with reference to skin wounds, although they remain applicable to other tissues and organs. Merely by way of example, in another preferred embodiment the wound may be a wound of the circulatory system, particularly of a blood vessel. Other wounds in which wound healing may be promoted in accordance with the present disclosure include as a result of surgery or as a result of a burn. Other wounds in which wound healing may be promoted in accordance with the present disclosure include skin ulcers caused by pressure, venous stasis, or diabetes mellitus. In some embodiments, the result of a wound is a scar, which may be treated as described herein to prevent or reduce scarring of a wound at any site in or on the body.

[00151] In an embodiment, the inhibitor of fidgetin-like 2 is administered locally to the wound. In an embodiment, the inhibitor of fidgetin-like 2 is administered via a vein or artery. In an embodiment, the inhibitor of fidgetin-like 2 is administered by injection, catheterization or cannulation. In an embodiment, the inhibitor of fidgetin-like 2 is administered from an implant that elutes the inhibitor, for example an eluting stent or an eluting skin patch.

[00152] The dosage of the inhibitor administered in treatment will vary depending upon factors such as the pharmacodynamic characteristics of a specific inhibitor and its mode and route of administration; the age, sex, metabolic rate, absorptive efficiency, health and weight of the recipient; the nature and extent of the symptoms; the kind of concurrent treatment being administered; the frequency of treatment with the inhibitor and the desired therapeutic effect.

[00153] A dosage unit of the inhibitor may comprise a single compound, or a mixture of the compound with one or more anti-infection compound(s) or wound healing-promoting compound(s).

[00154] In some embodiments, the inhibitor of fidgetin-like 2 is applied to the wound once. In some embodiments, the inhibitor of fidgetin-like 2 is applied to the wound more than once. In some embodiments, the inhibitor of fidgetin-like 2 is applied to the wound in the form of an controlled delivery device such as but no limited to a stent, wafer, implant, bandage, or any other slow release device. In some embodiments, the inhibitor of fidgetin-like 2 is applied to the wound each time the dressing is changed.

[00155] In some embodiments, the inhibitor of fidgetin-like 2 is applied to the wound until healing occurs. In some embodiments, the inhibitor of fidgetin-like 2 is applied to or maintained at the site for 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13 or 14 days. In some embodiments, the inhibitor of fidgetin-like 2 is implanted or placed in a surgical site at the time of surgery. In some embodiments such placement is in the form of a controlled release composition such that the inhibitor of fidgetin-like 2 can act at the site for a period of time.

[00156] All combinations of the various elements described herein are within the scope of the disclosure unless otherwise indicated herein or otherwise clearly contradicted by context.

[00157] The following numbered embodiments, while non-limiting, are exemplary of certain aspects of the disclosure:

1. A nucleic acid molecule consisting of a sequence selected from the group consisting of:

5'-fUfUmA fCmAfC AGU AUU AAA GCG ATT (SEQ ID NO:17);

(Phos) 5'-U CGC UUU AAU ACU G UG UAA TT (SEQ ID NO:18);

5'-UUACACAGUAUUAAGCGATT-3' (SEQ ID NO:34);

(Phos) 5' – mUmCGCUUUAUACUGUGUAATT-3' (SEQ ID NO:35);

(Phos) 5' – mU(s)mC(s)GCUUUAUACUGUGUAATT-3' (SEQ ID NO:36);

(Phos) 5' – fUfCGCUUUAUACUGUGUAATT -3' (SEQ ID NO:37);

(Phos) 5' – fU(s)fC(s)GCUUUAUACUGUGUAATT-3' (SEQ ID NO:38);

(Phos) 5' – mU(s)mC(s)GCUUUAUAmCfUmGfUmGfUmAmATT-3' (SEQ ID NO:39);

(Phos) 5' – U(s)CGCUUUAUACUGUGUAATT-3' (SEQ ID NO:40);

(Phos) 5' – mUfCmGfCmUfUmUAAfUmAfCmUGmUmGfUmAmATT (SEQ ID NO:41);

5'-mUmUmAmCmAmCmAmGmUmAmUmUmAmAmAmGmCmGmAmUmU-3' (SEQ ID NO:42);

(Phos) 5' – mUmCmGmCmUmUmUmAmAmUmAmCmUmGmUmGmUmAmAmUmU-3' (SEQ ID NO:43);

5' mUmUmAmCmAmCmAmGmUmAmUmUmAmAmAmGdCdGdATT-3' (SEQ ID NO:44);

5' mUmUmAmCmAmCmAmGmUmAmUmUmAmAmAmGdCmGmATT-3' (SEQ ID

NO:45);

5' UUACACAGUAUUAAGCGA-3' (SEQ ID NO:46);

(Phos) 5' – U(s)CGCUUUAUACUGUGUAATT-3' (SEQ ID NO:47);

(Phos) 5' – UCGCUUUAUACUGUGUAATT-3' (SEQ ID NO:48);

(Phos) 5' – U(s)C(s)GCUUUAUACUGUGUAATT-3' (SEQ ID NO:49);

5'-mUmUACACAGUAUUAAGCGA-3' (SEQ ID NO:50);

(Phos) 5' – U(s)CGCUUUAUACUGUGUmAmATT-3' (SEQ ID NO:51);

(Phos) 5' – UCGCUUUAUACUGUGUAATT-3' (SEQ ID NO:52);

(Phos) 5' – U(s)C(s)GCUUUAUACUGUGUAA T(s)T-3' (SEQ ID NO:53);

5' IUIUIAICIACAGUAUUAAGCGATT-3' (SEQ ID NO:54);

(Phos) 5' – UCGCUUUAUACUGIUIGIUIAIA TT -3' SEQ ID NO:55);

5' fUfUIAfCIACAGUAUUAAGCGA-3' (SEQ ID NO:56); or

(Phos) 5' – mU(s)mCmGCUUUAUACUGUGUAATT -3' (SEQ ID NO:57),

wherein d(nucleotide) = deoxy-(nucleotide), m(nucleotide) = 2'-O-methyl nucleotide, T = thymidine, f(nucleotide) = 2'-fluorodeoxy nucleotide, (Phos) = phosphodiester cap; capital letter nucleotide = RNA nucleotide, , l(nucleotide) = a locked nucleotide, and (s) = phosphorothioate.

2. A double stranded nucleic acid consisting of two nucleic acid molecules of embodiment 1.
3. A double stranded nucleic acid of embodiment 2 consisting of a sense strand selected from SEQ ID NOs: 17, 34, 42, 44, 45, 46, 50 and 54; and an antisense strand selected from SEQ ID NOs: 2, 18, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 43, 47, 48, 49, 51, 52, 53, 55 and 57.
4. A double-stranded nucleic acid of embodiment 2 consisting of SEQ ID NO:17 and SEQ ID NO:18; SEQ ID NO:34 and SEQ ID NO:35; SEQ ID NO:34 and SEQ ID NO:36; SEQ ID NO:34 and SEQ ID NO:37; SEQ ID NO:34 and SEQ ID NO:38; SEQ ID NO:34 and SEQ ID NO:39; SEQ ID NO:17 and SEQ ID NO:40; SEQ ID NO:34 and SEQ ID NO:41; SEQ ID NO:42 and SEQ ID NO:43; SEQ ID NO:44 and SEQ ID NO:43; SEQ ID NO:45 and SEQ ID NO:43; SEQ ID NO:46 and SEQ ID NO:47; SEQ ID NO:46 and SEQ ID NO:48; SEQ ID NO:46 and SEQ ID NO:49; SEQ ID NO:50 and SEQ ID NO:51; SEQ ID NO:46 and SEQ ID NO:52; SEQ ID NO:46 and SEQ ID NO:53; SEQ ID NO:54 and SEQ

ID NO:55; or SEQ ID NO:56 and SEQ ID NO:57.

5. A double stranded nucleic acid comprising a nucleic acid molecule of embodiment 1.
6. The double stranded nucleic acid of embodiment 5 wherein each strand has no more than 52 nucleotides.
7. The double stranded nucleic acid of embodiment 5 consisting of a sense strand comprising a nucleic acid molecule selected from among SEQ ID NOs: 17, 34, 42, 44, 45, 46, 50 and 54; and an antisense strand comprising a nucleic acid molecule selected from among SEQ ID NOs: 2, 18, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 43, 47, 48, 49, 51, 52, 53, 55 and 57.
8. The double-stranded nucleic acid of embodiment 5 comprising SEQ ID NO:17 and SEQ ID NO:18; SEQ ID NO:34 and SEQ ID NO:35; SEQ ID NO:34 and SEQ ID NO:36; SEQ ID NO:34 and SEQ ID NO:37; SEQ ID NO:34 and SEQ ID NO:38; SEQ ID NO:34 and SEQ ID NO:39; SEQ ID NO:17 and SEQ ID NO:40; SEQ ID NO:34 and SEQ ID NO:41; SEQ ID NO:42 and SEQ ID NO:43; SEQ ID NO:44 and SEQ ID NO:43; SEQ ID NO:45 and SEQ ID NO:43; SEQ ID NO:46 and SEQ ID NO:47; SEQ ID NO:46 and SEQ ID NO:48; SEQ ID NO:46 and SEQ ID NO:49; SEQ ID NO:50 and SEQ ID NO:51; SEQ ID NO:46 and SEQ ID NO:52; SEQ ID NO:46 and SEQ ID NO:53; SEQ ID NO:54 and SEQ ID NO:55; or SEQ ID NO:56 and SEQ ID NO:57.
9. The double stranded nucleic acid of embodiment 5 wherein each strand has no more than 52 nucleotides.
10. The nucleic acid molecule of any one of embodiments 1-9, wherein at least one nucleotide is modified or further modified.
11. The nucleic acid of embodiment 10 wherein the modified or further modified nucleotide is selected from 2'-O-methyl-adenosine, 2'-O-methyl-uridine, 2'-O-methyl-cytosine, 2'-O-methyl-guanosine, 2'-O-methyl-thymidine, 2'-fluoro-adenosine, 2'-fluoro-cytidine, 2'-fluoro-guanosine, 2'-fluoro-uracil, 2'-fluoro-thymidine, deoxycytosine, deoxyguanosine, deoxyadenosine, deoxythymidine, deoxyuridine, a locked adenosine, a locked uridine, a locked guanosine, a locked cytidine, a phosphorothioate, and a phosphodiester cap.

12. A composition comprising the nucleic acid molecule of any one of embodiments 1-11 and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier, vehicle, excipient or diluent.
13. The composition of embodiment 12, wherein said carrier comprises at least one of the following: saline, a sugar, a polypeptide, a polymer, a lipid, a cream, a gel, a micelle material, a wafer and a nanoparticle.
14. The composition of embodiment 12, wherein said carrier comprises at least one of the following: a glucose solution, a polycationic binding agent, a cationic lipid, a cationic micelle, a cationic polypeptide, a hydrophilic polymer grafted polymer, a non-natural cationic polymer, a cationic polyacetal, a hydrophilic polymer grafted polyacetal, a ligand functionalized cationic polymer, a nucleic acid delivery vehicle, a ligand functionalized-hydrophilic polymer grafted polymer, and a ligand functionalized liposome.
15. The composition of embodiment 14, wherein the carrier comprises a cationic polymer-nucleic acid complex.
16. The composition of embodiment 14, wherein the hydrophilic polymer is polyethylene glycol (PEG).
17. The composition of embodiment 13, wherein the nanoparticle is a liposomal nanoparticle.
18. The composition of embodiment 17, wherein the liposome is further functionalized with at least one 2' sugar modification.
19. A method of treating a wound or inhibition, reducing or preventing a scar in a subject comprising administering to the subject a therapeutically effective amount of the composition of embodiment 12.
20. The method of embodiment 19 wherein the wound or scar is of the skin, eye, central nervous system, peripheral nervous system, cardiac tissue, blood vessel, tendon, ligament, muscle, oral cavity, lips, palate, internal organs, surgical wounds, abdominal cavity, pelvic cavity or thoracic cavity.
21. The method of embodiment 20 wherein the wound or scar of the eye is of the cornea or

lens capsule.

22. The method of embodiment 20, wherein the wound or scar results from eye surgery, LASIK surgery, LASEK surgery, PRK surgery, glaucoma filtration surgery, cataract surgery, and corneal cicatrization.
23. The method of embodiment 19, wherein inhibition of scarring reduces the number of incidences of adhesion formation and/or the size of adhesions formed.
24. The method of embodiment 19, wherein the where the prevention, reduction or inhibition of scarring enhances neuronal reconnection and/or neuronal function.
25. The method of embodiment 20, wherein the cardiac tissue wound is from a myocardial infarction.
26. The method of embodiment 20, wherein the wound is a neuronal wound.
27. The method of embodiment 20, wherein the wound results in a capsular contraction.
28. The method of embodiment 20, wherein the wound is a surgical wound.
29. The method of embodiment 20, wherein the wound is from a cosmetic procedure or a scar revision.
30. A method of accelerating or improving the healing of a skin graft or skin grafting site in a subject comprising administering to the subject an amount of composition of embodiment 12 effective to accelerate healing of the skin graft or skin grafting site.

[00158] This disclosure will be better understood from the Experimental Details, which follow. However, one skilled in the art will readily appreciate that the specific methods and results discussed are merely illustrative of the disclosure as described more fully in the claims that follow thereafter.

EXAMPLES

Example 1. siRNA Synthesis

Oligonucleotide sequences SEQ ID NOs: 17-18 and 34-57 were prepared by synthesizing the two single strands of oligonucleotide (sense and antisense) by conventional solid-phase oligonucleotide synthesis using phosphoramidite chemistry. Assembly of an oligonucleotide chain by the phosphoramidite method on a solid support such as controlled pore glass (CPG) or polystyrene is shown in **Figure 1**.

Each cycle consists of 5' deprotection, coupling, oxidation, and capping. Each coupling step is carried out by reaction of the appropriate activated amidite with the free 5' hydroxyl group of a support-immobilized protected nucleoside or oligonucleotide. The oligonucleotide is then deprotected and cleaved from the support. The 2' TBDMS protecting group is then cleaved to yield the crude sense or antisense strand. The sense and antisense strands are then individually purified. The purified single strands are analyzed to confirm the correct molecular weight and impurity profile prior to annealing into the siRNA duplex (referred to as SiFi2 in **Figure 2**). The annealed duplex is freeze-dried to yield the active pharmaceutical ingredient (API). The API is stored at -20°C.

Figure 3 depicts the chemical structure of one pair of oligonucleotides, sense nucleic acid molecule SEQ ID NO:17 (Figure 3A) and antisense nucleic acid molecule SEQ ID NO:18 (Figure 3B). The calculated mass, found mass (via mass spectrometry), and chemical formula of SEQ ID NO:17/18 is found in Table 1. The designation 17/18 refers to a duplex of SEQ ID NO:17 and SEQ ID NO:18.

Table 1:

Compound	Exact Mass (Daltons)	Average Mass (Daltons)	Chemical Formula
Sense Strand (SEQ ID NO:17)	6696.98	6700.14	C ₂₀₄ H ₂₅₂ F ₄ N ₇₈ O ₁₃₈ P ₂₀
Antisense Strand (SEQ ID NO:18)	6683.85	6686.98	C ₂₀₀ H ₂₅₀ N ₆₉ O ₁₅₁ P ₂₁
SiFi2 Duplex	13380.83	13387.12	C ₄₀₄ H ₅₀₂ F ₄ N ₁₄₇ O ₂₈₉ P ₄₁

(SEQ ID NO:17/18)

The other nucleic acid molecules described herein were prepared in the same manner.

Example 2. siRNA transfection of U2OS cells

[00159] The following methods are used to transfect U2OS cells in preparation for testing the efficacy of nucleic acids and siRNAs described herein.

[00160] siRNA transfection protocol (6 well plate). Seed 100,000 U2OS cells per well (6 well dish) and culture for 2 days (~80% confluency). The cells should be serum free media 12 hours before transfection. Lipofectamine RNAiMAX: Dilute 3.5 μ L of siRNA (20 μ M stock)/transfection (70 pmol) into 250 μ L OptiMEM. Then dilute 3.5 μ L of Lipofectamine 3000 into 250 μ L of OptiMEM. Mix siRNA/OptiMEM into Lipofectamine/OptiMEM solution. Incubate for 5 minutes at room temperature. Add mixture dropwise to wells. Add 500 μ L of serum free media.

[00161] siRNA transfection protocol (24 well plate). Seed 20,000 U2OS cells per well (6 well dish) and culture for 2 days (~80% confluency). Follow Lipofectamine 3000 protocol. Dilute .7 μ L of siRNA (20 μ M stock)/transfection (70 pmol) into 125 μ L OptiMEM. Dilute .7 μ L of Lipofectamine 3000 into 125 μ L of OptiMEM. Mix siRNA/OptiMEM into Lipofectamine/OptiMEM solution. Incubate for 15 minutes at room temperature. Add mixture dropwise to wells. Add 250 μ L of serum free media.

Example 3. siRNA nucleofection of HUVECs

[00162] The following nucleofection protocol was followed for HUVECs.

Solution 1: 125 mM Na_2HPO_4 (1.4998 g in 100 ml H_2O), 12.5 mM KCl (0.09318 g in 100 mL H_2O). **Solution 2:** 55 mM MgCl_2 (0.9524 g in 100 mL H_2O). Working solution: 80% solution 1, 20% solution 2. Use 100 μ L per nucleofection.

[00163] Protocol. Have warm M200 media in plates ready in the incubator. Select HUVEC Nucleofection protocol (CM-104 for U2OS) on Nucleofector before starting. Best if

cells have been split 48 hours prior to nucleofection. Work as quickly as possible, minimize the amount of time cells spend in nucleofection solution.

[00164] Procedure: Trypsinize 1 T75 of HUVECs and count. Usually ~1.3 million cells/flask. Pellet cells at 1200 rpm for 5 mins. Resuspend pellet in nucleofection solution and evenly split between the number of Nucleofection cuvettes. 100 μ L/nucleofection. Nucleofect between 1×10^4 - 1×10^6 cells per cuvette. Add nucleic acid to be nucleofected directly to cuvette (30 pmol siRNA = 1.5 μ L of 20 μ M stock siRNA/1-2 ug plasmid DNA). Flick sides to remove any bubbles. Place cuvettes into Nucleofector and run. Add 500 μ L warm media directly to cuvettes. Plate cells into well plates filled with warm media waiting. Swirl plates to even distribute cells. Analyse knockdown/gene expression 24 to 48 hours later.

Example 4. Efficacy Testing – Migration Assay

[00165] U2OS cells were seeded into wells (100,000 cells per well) on a 6-well dish and cultured for two days until reaching ~80% confluency. As described above, cells were transfected with 3.5 μ L of 20 μ M siRNA (70 pmol) using 3.75 μ L Lipofectamine 3000, following the manufacturer's protocol. After 24 hours cells were washed and grown until harvest at either 24, 48, or 72 hours.

[00166] Migration of U2OS cells and HUVEC comprising siRNA as described above were monitored using time-lapse phase-contrast images showing representative results from scratch assays performed with U2OS cells after treatment with control non-targeting siRNA (siN) or FL2 siRNA. Figure 4A shows an example of images taken during the assay; scale bar is 100 μ m. (4B) Graphs comparing the average migration rate in control and FL2-depleted cells. Data were accumulated from three independent scratch assay experiments. (4C) Graphs comparing the directional persistence of migrating control vs. FL2-depleted cells. Directionality was determined as the distance (D) between the start and endpoints divided by the total path length (L) of each trajectory. Error bars show Standard Error of the Mean (SEM). ***P<0.05.

[00167] Using the same assay, the following double-stranded siRNA from among SEQ ID NOs:17-57 were tested to demonstrate that these siRNAs impacted cellular phenotypes. The siRNA tested were SEQ ID NO:17 and SEQ ID NO:18; SEQ ID NO:34 and SEQ ID NO:35;

SEQ ID NO:34 and SEQ ID NO:36; SEQ ID NO:34 and SEQ ID NO:37; SEQ ID NO:34 and SEQ ID NO:38; SEQ ID NO:34 and SEQ ID NO:39; SEQ ID NO:17 and SEQ ID NO:40; SEQ ID NO:34 and SEQ ID NO:41; SEQ ID NO:42 and SEQ ID NO:43; SEQ ID NO:44 and SEQ ID NO:43; SEQ ID NO:45 and SEQ ID NO:43; SEQ ID NO:46 and SEQ ID NO:47; SEQ ID NO:46 and SEQ ID NO:48; SEQ ID NO:46 and SEQ ID NO:49; SEQ ID NO:50 and SEQ ID NO:51; SEQ ID NO:46 and SEQ ID NO:52; SEQ ID NO:46 and SEQ ID NO:53; SEQ ID NO:54 and SEQ ID NO:55; SEQ ID NO:56 and SEQ ID NO:57; U2OS were transfected as described above with each of the siRNAs and grown to confluency. Wells were then scratched and imaged over the course of healing. Data are shown in **Figure 5** of an initial screen in U2OS cells.

[00168] Certain candidates identified in the initial screen were tested in larger samples sizes $n=4$, as shown in **Figure 6**.

[00169] HUVEC cells were nucleofected as described above with either control siRNA, or FL2 targeting siRNA, plated and allowed to reach confluence before performing a time-lapse scratch assay. Individual cells were tracked in using FIJI and cell migration speed was analyzed using the Diper Excel macros. Student's t test was performed to determine significant differences. $n \geq 49$ cells. Cells were harvested for Western Blot and probed to confirm siRNA mediated FL2 knockdown. GAPDH was used as a loading control.

[00170] Cell tracking indicated that these modifications improved cell migration speed while effectively producing a knockdown. Knock-down results for siRNA comprising SEQ ID NOs: 17/18 is shown in **Figure 7**, and migration data in **Figure 8**.

[00171] In vitro, depletion of FL2 by SEQ ID NO:17/18 siRNA from human tissue culture cells results in an increase in the rate of cell movement, due in part to an increase in directional motility. Other siRNA sequences comprising a nucleic acid molecule from among SEQ ID NO:17-57 also show an increase in migration speed.

Example 5. siRNA compositions

[00172] Nanoparticles (np) comprising a siRNA of the disclosure were formulated using five hundred μl of tetramethyl orthosilicate (TMOS) was hydrolyzed in the presence of 100 μl of 1 mM HCl by sonication on ice for about 15 min, until a single phase formed. The hydrolyzed

TMOS (100 μ l) was added to 900 μ l of 20 μ M of siRNA (mouse FL2 (Sigma-Aldrich, SASI_Mm02_00354635) or the negative control) solution containing 10 mM phosphate, pH 7.4. A gel was formed within 10 minutes. The gel was frozen at -80°C for 15 minutes and lyophilized.

[00173] A wafer comprising siRNA of the disclosure is made from 2.5% collagen, 7.5% chondroitin sulfate, 82.5% polyvinylpyrrolidone, and 7.5% polyethylene glycol 400. Such wafers are made to contain 6.6, 13.3 or 26.6 micrograms siRNA per 100 mg wafer. A wafer is implanted at a surgical site, such as during nerve-sparing surgery or procedures with high risk of neuronal dysfunction such as a radical prostatectomy.

Example 6. Nanoparticle Microemulsion Formulation

[00174] Constituents needed for the methodology: Zonyl FSO-100 (FSO), Poloxamer 188, Perfluorodecalin (PFD), DNase/RNase free water, siRNA as described herein, or Control.

[00175] Pre-procedure precautions before starting the formulation. The protocol is performed in a sterile environment at room temperature using DNase/RNase free water. The containers necessary to process the formulation is pre- cleaned with RNase zap, autoclaved and rinsed with DNase/RNase free water in a sterile laminar hood.

[00176] Preparation of organic phase. A 20% solution of PFD is made in FSO in a tissue culture laminar hood. For a batch formulation of 100mL, weigh 20 grams of FSO and add PFD to make the volume to 80 mL. The mixture was vortexed and sonicated in an ultrasonic water bath alternatively every 10 min for 1h followed by 4h stirring. Periodically the mixture should be checked for consistency since the FSO is sparingly soluble in PFD. In order to avoid big chunks of FSO and entrapment of air, the mixture should be sonicated in an ultrasonic water bath making sure not to expose the mixture to moisture or water. The solubility could take somewhere between overnight stirring and 24hrs at room temperature. If large chunks of undissolved FSO is present it should be separated from the mixture by slow centrifugation @300 g for 5 minutes at room temperature. The dissolved phase should be carefully decanted into sterile falcon tubes. Keep the supernatant aside, and add 10 mL of PFD to the larger chunks of FSO, vortex the mixture with the cap tightly closed followed by sonication in an ultrasonic water bath. The procedure should be repeated until the larger chunks of PFD are completely dissolved in

PFD. Pool both the PFD mixtures to make it to 90mL. This should result in a homogeneous suspension.

[00177] An alternative scale-up process can be done by preparing the organic phase in smaller quantities and then pool all the fractions in the end to obtain a homogeneous suspension.

[00178] Characterization of particle size in the organic phase. The mixture of PFD should be of a specific particle size preferably below 5 microns. After overnight stirring of the FSO in PFD, an aliquot (10 μ L) of the mixture diluted and subjected to dynamic light scattering (DLS) to monitor the particle size optimized to have maximum stability. At higher particle sizes the stability of the formulation is less viable and to have the maximum efficiency, it is better to have the particle size around or less than 5 micrometers. If the particle size is larger than 5 microns by DLS measurements, an additional step of sonication using a probe is performed with slow pulse with 20 sec interval. Care should be taken not to exceed the sonication procedure for more than 10 minutes. If there are still larger particles more than 5 microns by DLS measurements, the mixture should be stirred overnight under sterile conditions to have a mixture of uniform particle size.

[00179] DLS Result: 3.433 $\pm$ 0.215 microns. Instrument: Brookhaven Instruments Corporation, particle size analyzer

[00180] Preparation of aqueous phase. In a separate 50 mL falcon tube, prepare 4% of Poloxamer solution in DNase/RNase free water. Weigh 400mg of Poloxamer in 9mL of DNase/RNase free water and mix in a nutator for 2 hours checking for consistency every 30 minutes. Poloxamer should dissolve completely in DNase/RNase free water. The Poloxamer solution should be chilled in an ice water bath till use or refrigerated. The Poloxamer solution should be made in the clean laminar hood and could be mixed using a nutator after tight capping outside the hood. (Note: The Poloxamer solution is made in 9mL of water and later 1mL of siRNA mixed in DNase/RNase free water is added to make the aqueous phase of Poloxamer).

[00181] Addition of the siRNA/control in the aqueous phase. The siRNA powder or liquid is mixed in pre-chilled DNase/RNase free water and made up to 1mL. The siRNA is quickly thawed and diluted with DNase/RNase free water in an ice bucket just before making the

formulation. Do not thaw the siRNA until everything is ready for the formulation. Gently add the 1mL of siRNA solution to the 9mL of pre-chilled Poloxamer solution in the laminar hood, and mix well to obtain homogeneous solution. This procedure should be performed in a certified biosafety hood.

[00182] Preparation of the emulsion formulation. Stir the PFD mixture at a constant speed of 1200rpm using a magnetic stir bar inside the laminar hood on an ice bath. The consistency and stability of the micro emulsion formation is checked by an optical microscope periodically. Gently add the aqueous phase of Poloxamer and siRNA mixture slowly using a micropipette. The slow addition of the aqueous phase is critical and faster addition may result in separation of the organic and the aqueous phase. The total 10 mL of the aqueous phase is added over a period of 20 minutes or more at the rate of 0.5mL/minute or less to obtain a stable emulsion. The stability of the emulsion should be tested by monitoring the phase separation while the solution stands for 1h at 4 °C.

[00183] Characterization of emulsion formulation Microscopic image. DLS Result: 4.358 ± 0.657 microns. Instrument: Brookhaven Instruments Corporation, particle size analyzer

[00184] Zeta potential Result: -16.97 ± 2.09 mV. Instrument: Brookhaven Instruments Corporation, PALS zeta potential analyzer

[00185] Emulsion stability (1h) = 100%;

[00186] Using $(Vb - Va) / Vb \times 100\%$; wherein Vb is the volume of the aqueous phase before emulsification; Va is the volume of the aqueous phase after emulsification

[00187] pH: 6.0

[00188] Charge: Neutral

[00189] Storage and use. Store the emulsion or the spray formulation at 4°C until use (do not freeze). The emulsion should be shaken well before use.

Example 7. siRNA collagen – surfactant polymer dressing

[00190] A dressing for treating wounds, burns and other injuries using a collagen microparticle and surface polymer dressing (SPD) is made as follows: 10 g of sodium bis(2-ethylhexyl) sulfosuccinate (AOT) (Sigma-Aldrich) is dissolved in 34 ml of n-hexane and 2 ml of 5% collagen-I dissolved in acetic acid is added. The resulting microemulsion is stirred for 45 min until it becomes clear. This solution is then evaporated to remove the hexane. The residue is washed and is then suspended in nuclease free water and lyophilized. The 100 mg of lyophilized powder is then treated with 1000 μ l of 25 μ M siRNA solution and re-lyophilized. This material is then suspended in 1.25 mL of SPD, at 4 degrees for 2 hours, and is then lyophilized. The lyophilized powder is then added with 1.25mL of nuclease free water and 1.25mL of SPD.

Example 8. siRNA improves outcome of radical prostatectomy

[00191] A radical prostatectomy is performed on a prostate cancer patient. Such surgeries may have an up to 50% risk of erectile dysfunction. To reduce the possibility of erectile function and other neurologic complications post-surgery, a 100 mg wafer prepared as described herein comprising 10 micrograms of siRNA of SEQ ID NOs:17/18 is implanted at the surgical site proximal to the cavernous nerves. The patient recovers erectile function post-surgery.

Example 9. siRNA improves excisional wound healing

[00192] A double blind, placebo controlled, randomized excisional wound clinical trial in normal healthy volunteers is conducted to evaluate the rate of wound healing in split thickness skin graft (STSG) donor sites. In normal volunteers, a 0.08 inch thickness STSG of dimension one inch by one inch will be taken using a calibrated microdermatome from the upper outer aspect of each buttock. Subjects will receive initial hemostasis management using standard techniques (pressure, thrombin spray, epinephrine). A wound photograph will be taken to fill 80% of the camera frame with a calibration ruler within the field of the photo. Using a side by side randomization designation, a Telfa® pad saturated with fixed dose of SEQ ID NOs: 17/18 will be applied to one side STSG donor site. In addition, a Telfa® pad saturated with the vehicle will be administered to the opposite side. A sterile, non-adhesive film will be placed over the Tegaderm™, followed by a gauze bolster that will be taped in place. During repeat dosing, the dressing will be taken down to include the film but not the Telfa pad. Repeat doses will be used to saturate the Telfa pad, as did the first dose. The dressing will then be restored, as above. One

day after the final dose is administered, the bolster will be removed, and both Telfa® pads will be gently soaked away from the donor sites using saline irrigation. A second, similar photograph will be taken. The wound will then be dried and covered with a transparent, breathable filmic dressing, allowing visualization of wound healing thereafter. Photographs will be taken daily for two weeks or until complete epithelialization has occurred. The filmic dressing will be removed when the clinician deems that 100% wound epithelialization has occurred or if otherwise clinically indicated. Photographic planimetry will be performed by a blinded observer and rates of wound healing at all time points and time to complete epithelialization will be measured and reported.

[00193] Subjects will return for photographs at one, three, and six months to ascertain durability of healing and quality of scar using Category 1 of the Hamilton Scar Assessment Scale.

[00194] Frequency of dosing (qd, bid, and tid) will be explored among three cohorts.

[00195] Primary Objective: Demonstrate that STSG donor site treatment with SiFi2 supports more rapid wound healing than STSG donor site areas treated with vehicle alone.

[00196] Secondary Objectives: Demonstrate that wound healing after treatment of STSG donor sites with SiFi2 endures and is not associated with hypertrophic scarring as determined by the Hamilton Scar Assessment Scale, as compared to STSG donor site areas treated with vehicle.

[00197] Primary Endpoint: Rate and completion of STSG donor site wound healing, as determined by interpretation of standardized photography at Days 5-19.

[00198] Secondary Endpoints: (1) Maintenance of healed wound at one, three, and six months; (2) Degree of hypertrophic scarring in each treatment arm as assessed by Category 1 of the Hamilton Scar Assessment Scale⁶ score on photographs of the STSG donor sites at one, three, and six months as interpreted by three independent expert wound care surgeon reviewers; (3) Degree of pain and pruritus on the treated and untreated sides.

[00199] Inclusion Criteria: (1) Male and female healthy subjects of all races; (2) Age Range: 21-65 inclusive; (3) Basal Metabolic Index between 18 and 30; (4) Willing and able to provide Informed Consent and to participate in scar evaluation postoperatively; (5) Willingness

to adhere to the follow up evaluation schedule. Exclusion Criteria: (1) Inability to provide Informed Consent; (2) Unwillingness to participate in scar evaluation postoperatively; (3) Cutaneous disease (scleroderma or other collagen vascular disease, prior keloid, severe skin thinning with prior skin tears); (4) The use of systemic steroids or dermatological steroids in the last six months; (5) Pregnancy or trying to become pregnant; (6) On anticoagulants; (7) Immune deficiency state; (8) Diabetes mellitus; (9) Malnourished; (10) Platelet or NSAID use in the prior two weeks; (11) Known hypersensitivity to suture or bandage materials; (12) Known hypersensitivity to epinephrine or thrombin; (13) Infection within the previous two weeks; (14) Any condition that in the opinion of the investigator will not allow the subject to successfully complete the clinical trial.

[00200] Safety: All adverse events, clinically significant laboratory abnormalities from baseline, abnormal bleeding, infection, and hypertrophic scar formation will be monitored.

[00201] Number of Subjects: Approximately 15 completed subjects across three cohorts (five subjects per cohort). One cohort would receive the treatment once per day (qd), the second cohort twice per day (bid), and the third cohort three times per day (tid).

[00202] Study Participation: Six months

[00203] Each subject would receive four days of drug applied on Telfa® absorptive pad beneath a tie over bolster at STSG donor sites either qd (cohort 1), bid (cohort 2), or tid (cohort 3) on Days 1, 2, 3, and 4. Total surgical time in any instance is estimated to be less than 2 hours.

[00204] Estimated Time to Complete Enrollment: Three months.

[00205] The results will show that STSG donor site treatment with SEQ ID NOs:17/18 supports more rapid wound healing than STSG donor site areas treated with vehicle alone, and that wound healing after treatment of STSG donor sites with SiFi2 endures and is not associated with hypertrophic scarring as determined by the Hamilton Scar Assessment Scale, as compared to STSG donor site areas treated with vehicle.

[00206] While certain features of the disclosure have been illustrated and described herein, many modifications, substitutions, changes, and equivalents will now occur to those of ordinary

skill in the art. It is, therefore, to be understood that the appended claims are intended to cover all such modifications and changes as fall within the true spirit of the disclosure.

What is claimed is:

1. A nucleic acid molecule consisting of a sequence selected from the group consisting of:

5'-fUfUmA fCmAfC AGU AUU AAA GCG ATT (SEQ ID NO:17);

(Phos) 5'-U CGC UUU AAU ACU G UG UAA TT (SEQ ID NO:18);

5'-UUACACAGUAUUAAGCGATT-3' (SEQ ID NO:34);

(Phos) 5' – mUmCGCUUUAAUACUGUGUAATT-3' (SEQ ID NO:35);

(Phos) 5' – mU(s)mC(s)GCUUUAAUACUGUGUAATT-3' (SEQ ID NO:36);

(Phos) 5' – fUfCGCUUUAAUACUGUGUAATT-3' (SEQ ID NO:37);

(Phos) 5' – fU(s)fC(s)GCUUUAAUACUGUGUAATT-3' (SEQ ID NO:38);

(Phos) 5' – mU(s)mC(s)GCUUUAAUAmCfUmGfUmGfUmAmATT-3' (SEQ ID NO:39);

(Phos) 5' – U(s)CGCUUUAAUACUGUGUAATT-3' (SEQ ID NO:40);

(Phos) 5' – mUfCmGfCmUfUmUAAfUmAfCmUGmUmGfUmAmATT (SEQ ID NO:41);

5'-mUmUmAmCmAmCmAmGmUmAmUmUmAmAmAmGmCmGmAmUmU-3' (SEQ ID NO:42);

(Phos) 5' – mUmCmGmCmUmUmUmAmAmUmAmCmUmGmUmGmUmAmAmUmU-3' (SEQ ID NO:43);

5' mUmUmAmCmAmCmAmGmUmAmUmUmAmAmAmGdCdGdATT-3' (SEQ ID NO:44);

5' mUmUmAmCmAmCmAmGmUmAmUmUmAmAmAmGdCmGmATT-3' (SEQ ID NO:45);

5' UUACACAGUAUUAAGCGA-3' (SEQ ID NO:46);

(Phos) 5' – U(s)CGCUUUAAUACUGUGUAATT-3' (SEQ ID NO:47);

(Phos) 5' – UCGCUUUAAUACUGUGUAATT-3' (SEQ ID NO:48);

(Phos) 5' – U(s)C(s)GCUUUAAUACUGUGUAATT-3' (SEQ ID NO:49);

5'-mUmUACACAGUAUUAAGCGA-3' (SEQ ID NO:50);

(Phos) 5' – U(s)CGCUUUAAUACUGUGUmAmATT-3' (SEQ ID NO:51);

(Phos) 5' – UCGCUUUAAUACUGUGUAATT-3' (SEQ ID NO:52);

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5' IUIUIAICIACAGUAUUAAGCGATT-3' (SEQ ID NO:54);

(Phos) 5' – UCGCUUUAAUACUGIUIGIUIAIA TT -3' SEQ ID NO:55);

5' fUfUIAfCIACAGUAUUAAGCGA-3' (SEQ ID NO:56); or

(Phos) 5' – mU(s)mCmGCUUUAAUACUGUGUAATT -3' (SEQ ID NO:57),

wherein d(nucleotide) = deoxy-(nucleotide), m(nucleotide) = 2'-O-methyl nucleotide, T = thymidine, f(nucleotide) = 2'-fluorodeoxy nucleotide, (Phos) = phosphodiester cap; capital letter nucleotide = RNA nucleotide, , l(nucleotide) = a locked nucleotide, and (s) = phosphorothioate.

2. A double stranded nucleic acid consisting of two nucleic acid molecules of claim 1.
3. A double stranded nucleic acid of claim 2 consisting of a sense strand selected from SEQ ID NOs: 17, 34, 42, 44, 45, 46, 50 and 54; and an antisense strand selected from SEQ ID NOs: 2, 18, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 43, 47, 48, 49, 51, 52, 53, 55 and 57.
4. A double-stranded nucleic acid of claim 2 consisting of SEQ ID NO:17 and SEQ ID NO:18; SEQ ID NO:34 and SEQ ID NO:35; SEQ ID NO:34 and SEQ ID NO:36; SEQ ID NO:34 and SEQ ID NO:37; SEQ ID NO:34 and SEQ ID NO:38; SEQ ID NO:34 and SEQ ID NO:39; SEQ ID NO:17 and SEQ ID NO:40; SEQ ID NO:34 and SEQ ID NO:41; SEQ ID NO:42 and SEQ ID NO:43; SEQ ID NO:44 and SEQ ID NO:43; SEQ ID NO:45 and SEQ ID NO:43; SEQ ID NO:46 and SEQ ID NO:47; SEQ ID NO:46 and SEQ ID NO:48; SEQ ID NO:46 and SEQ ID NO:49; SEQ ID NO:50 and SEQ ID NO:51; SEQ ID NO:46 and SEQ ID NO:52; SEQ ID NO:46 and SEQ ID NO:53; SEQ ID NO:54 and SEQ ID NO:55; or SEQ ID NO:56 and SEQ ID NO:57.
5. A double stranded nucleic acid comprising a nucleic acid molecule of claim 1.
6. The double stranded nucleic acid of claim 5 wherein each strand has no more than 52 nucleotides.
7. The double stranded nucleic acid of claim 5 consisting of a sense strand comprising a nucleic acid molecule selected from among SEQ ID NOs: 17, 34, 42, 44, 45, 46, 50 and 54; and an antisense strand comprising a nucleic acid molecule selected from among SEQ ID NOs: 2, 18, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 43, 47, 48, 49, 51, 52, 53, 55 and 57.

8. The double-stranded nucleic acid of claim 5 comprising SEQ ID NO:17 and SEQ ID NO:18; SEQ ID NO:34 and SEQ ID NO:35; SEQ ID NO:34 and SEQ ID NO:36; SEQ ID NO:34 and SEQ ID NO:37; SEQ ID NO:34 and SEQ ID NO:38; SEQ ID NO:34 and SEQ ID NO:39; SEQ ID NO:17 and SEQ ID NO:40; SEQ ID NO:34 and SEQ ID NO:41; SEQ ID NO:42 and SEQ ID NO:43; SEQ ID NO:44 and SEQ ID NO:43; SEQ ID NO:45 and SEQ ID NO:43; SEQ ID NO:46 and SEQ ID NO:47; SEQ ID NO:46 and SEQ ID NO:48; SEQ ID NO:46 and SEQ ID NO:49; SEQ ID NO:50 and SEQ ID NO:51; SEQ ID NO:46 and SEQ ID NO:52; SEQ ID NO:46 and SEQ ID NO:53; SEQ ID NO:54 and SEQ ID NO:55; or SEQ ID NO:56 and SEQ ID NO:57.
9. The double stranded nucleic acid of claim 5 wherein each strand has no more than 52 nucleotides.
10. The nucleic acid molecule of any one of claims 1-9, wherein at least one nucleotide is modified or further modified.
11. The nucleic acid of claim 10 wherein the modified or further modified nucleotide is selected from 2'-O-methyl-adenosine, 2'-O-methyl-uridine, 2'-O-methyl-cytosine, 2'-O-methyl-guanosine, 2'-O-methyl-thymidine, 2'-fluoro-adenosine, 2'-fluoro-cytidine, 2'-fluoro-guanosine, 2'-fluoro-uracil, 2'-fluoro-thymidine, deoxycytosine, deoxyguanosine, deoxyadenosine, deoxythymidine, deoxyuridine, a locked adenosine, a locked uridine, a locked guanosine, a locked cytidine, a phosphorothioate, and a phosphodiester cap.
12. A composition comprising the nucleic acid molecule of any one of claims 1-11 and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier, vehicle, excipient or diluent.
13. The composition of claim 12, wherein said carrier comprises at least one of the following: saline, a sugar, a polypeptide, a polymer, a lipid, a cream, a gel, a micelle material, a wafer and a nanoparticle.
14. The composition of claim 12, wherein said carrier comprises at least one of the following: a glucose solution, a polycationic binding agent, a cationic lipid, a cationic micelle, a cationic polypeptide, a hydrophilic polymer grafted polymer, a non-natural cationic polymer, a cationic polyacetal, a hydrophilic polymer grafted polyacetal, a ligand functionalized cationic polymer,

a nucleic acid delivery vehicle, a ligand functionalized-hydrophilic polymer grafted polymer, and a ligand functionalized liposome.

15. The composition of claim 14, wherein the carrier comprises a cationic polymer-nucleic acid complex.
16. The composition of claim 14, wherein the hydrophilic polymer is polyethylene glycol (PEG).
17. The composition of claim 13, wherein the nanoparticle is a liposomal nanoparticle.
18. The composition of claim 17, wherein the liposome is further functionalized with at least one 2' sugar modification.
19. A method of treating a wound or inhibition, reducing or preventing a scar in a subject comprising administering to the subject a therapeutically effective amount of the composition of claim 12.
20. The method of claim 19 wherein the wound or scar is of the skin, eye, central nervous system, peripheral nervous system, cardiac tissue, blood vessel, tendon, ligament, muscle, oral cavity, lips, palate, internal organs, surgical wounds, abdominal cavity, pelvic cavity or thoracic cavity.
21. The method of claim 20 wherein the wound or scar of the eye is of the cornea or lens capsule.
22. The method of claim 20, wherein the wound or scar results from eye surgery, LASIK surgery, LASEK surgery, PRK surgery, glaucoma filtration surgery, cataract surgery, and corneal cicatrization.
23. The method of claim 19, wherein the where inhibition of scarring reduces the number of incidences of adhesion formation and/or the size of adhesions formed.
24. The method of claim 19, wherein the where the prevention, reduction or inhibition of scarring enhances neuronal reconnection and/or neuronal function.
25. The method of claim 20, wherein the cardiac tissue wound is from a myocardial infraction.

26. The method of claim 20, wherein the wound is a neuronal wound.
27. The method of claim 20, wherein the wound results in a capsular contraction.
28. The method of claim 20, wherein the wound is a surgical wound.
29. The method of claim 20, wherein the wound is from a cosmetic procedure or a scar revision.
30. A method of accelerating or improving the healing of a skin graft or skin grafting site in a subject comprising administering to the subject an amount of composition of claim 12 effective to accelerate healing of the skin graft or skin grafting site.

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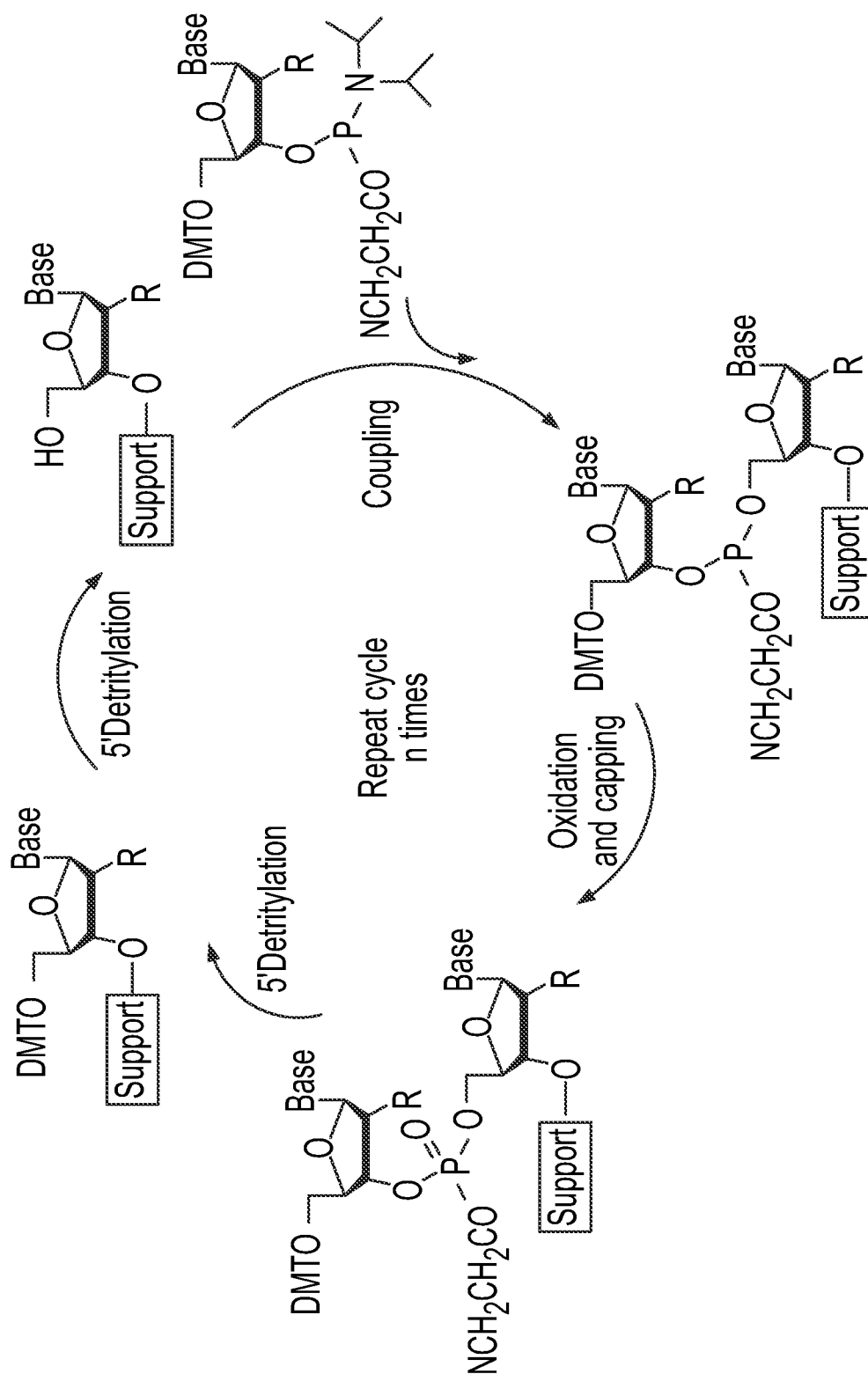


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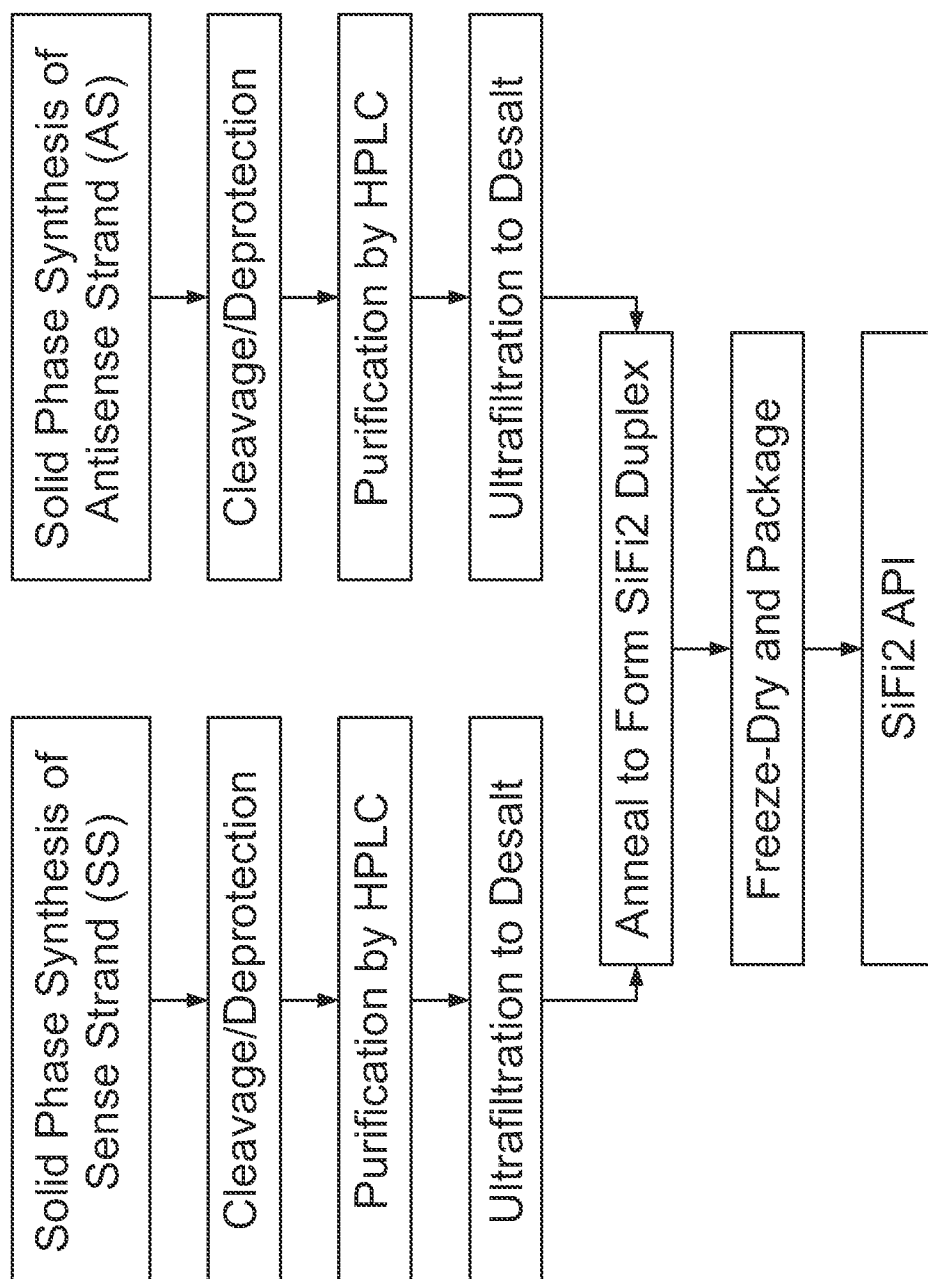


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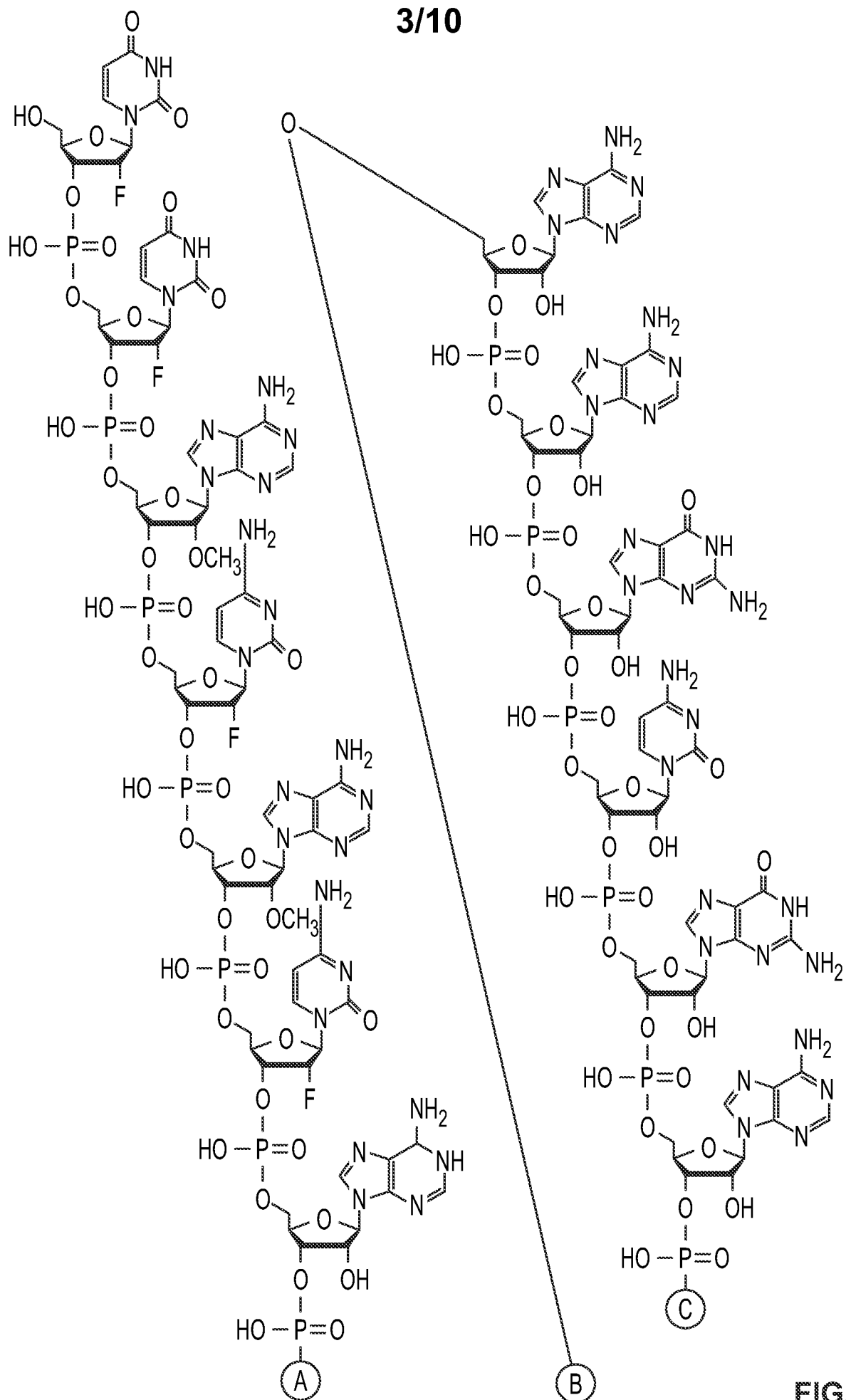


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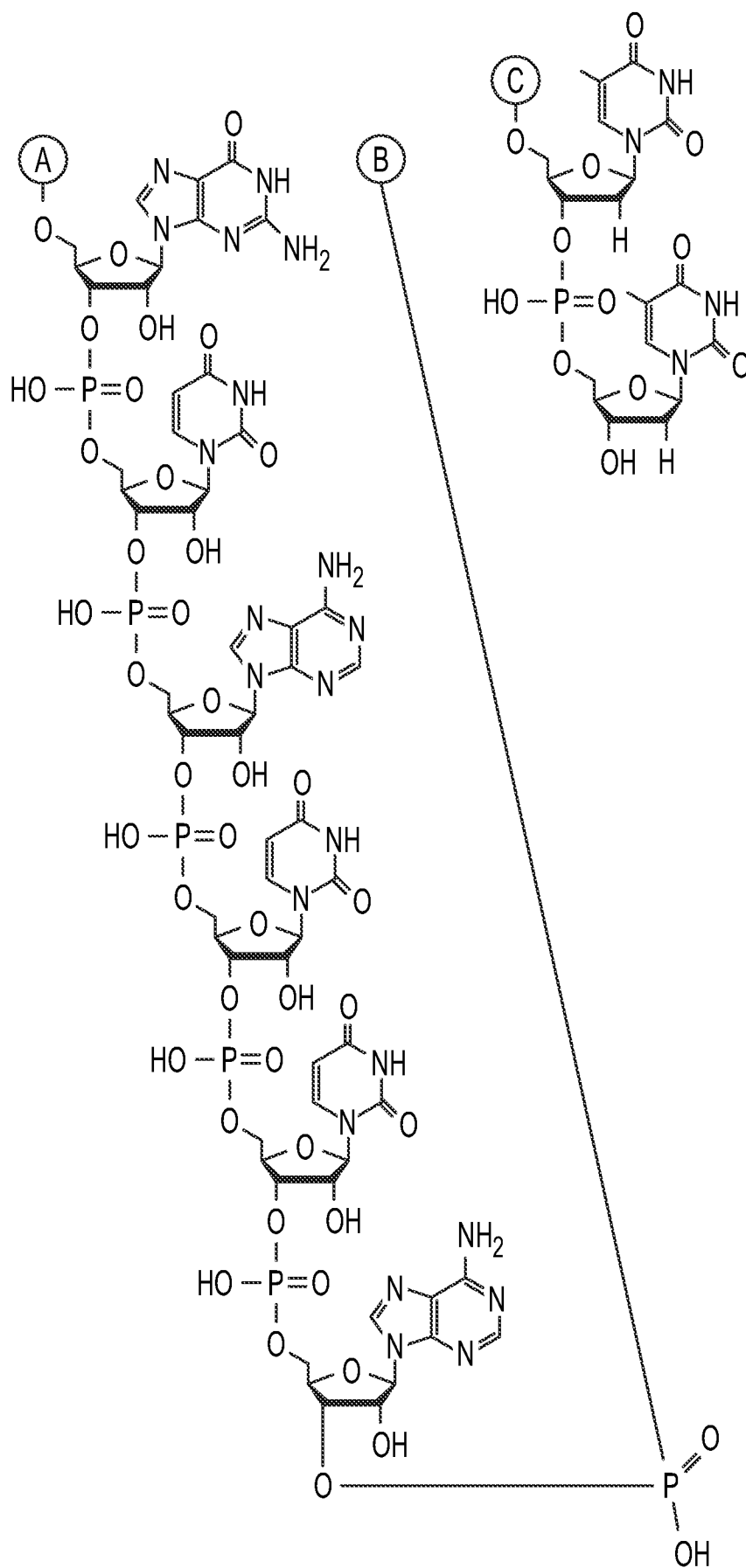


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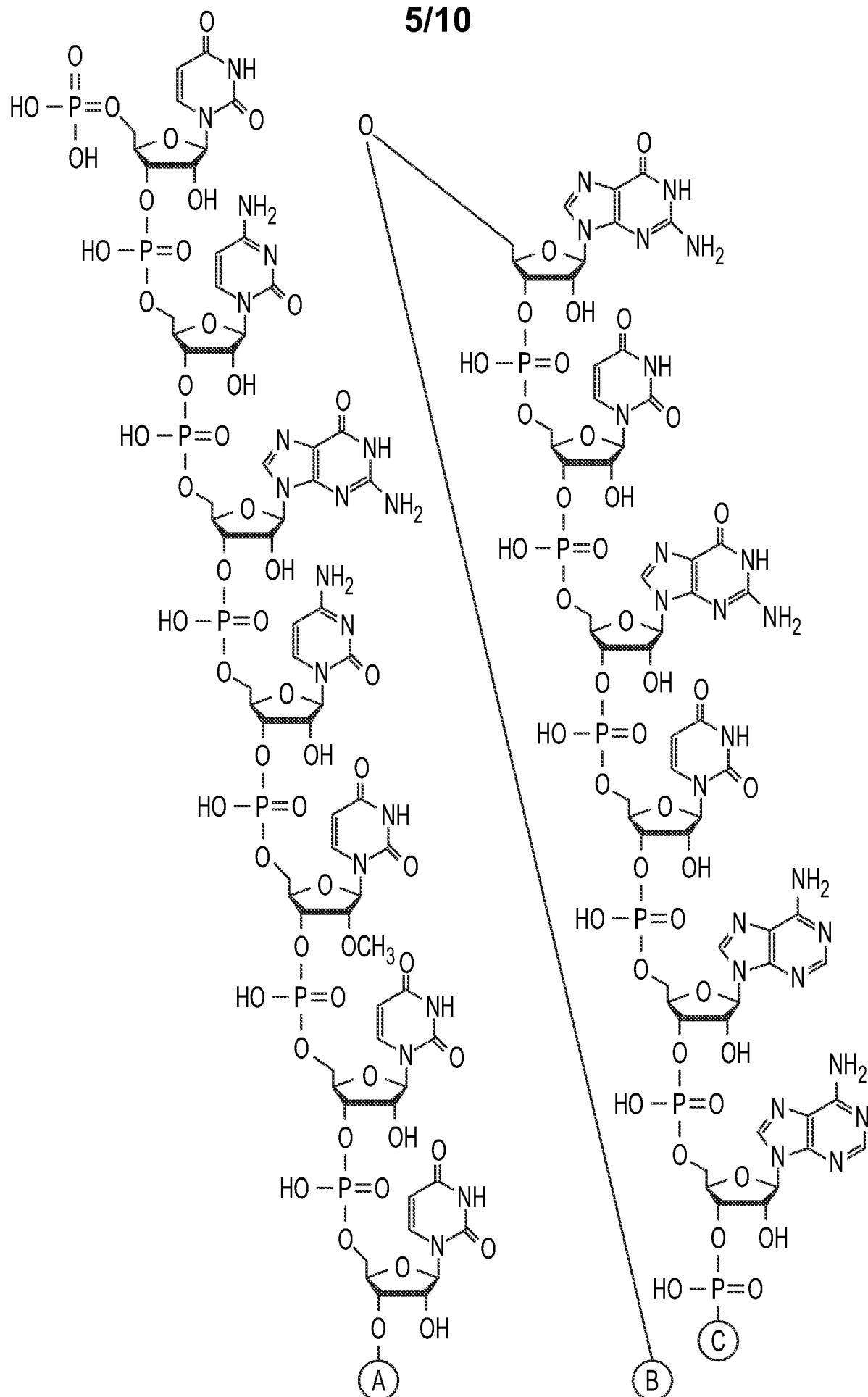


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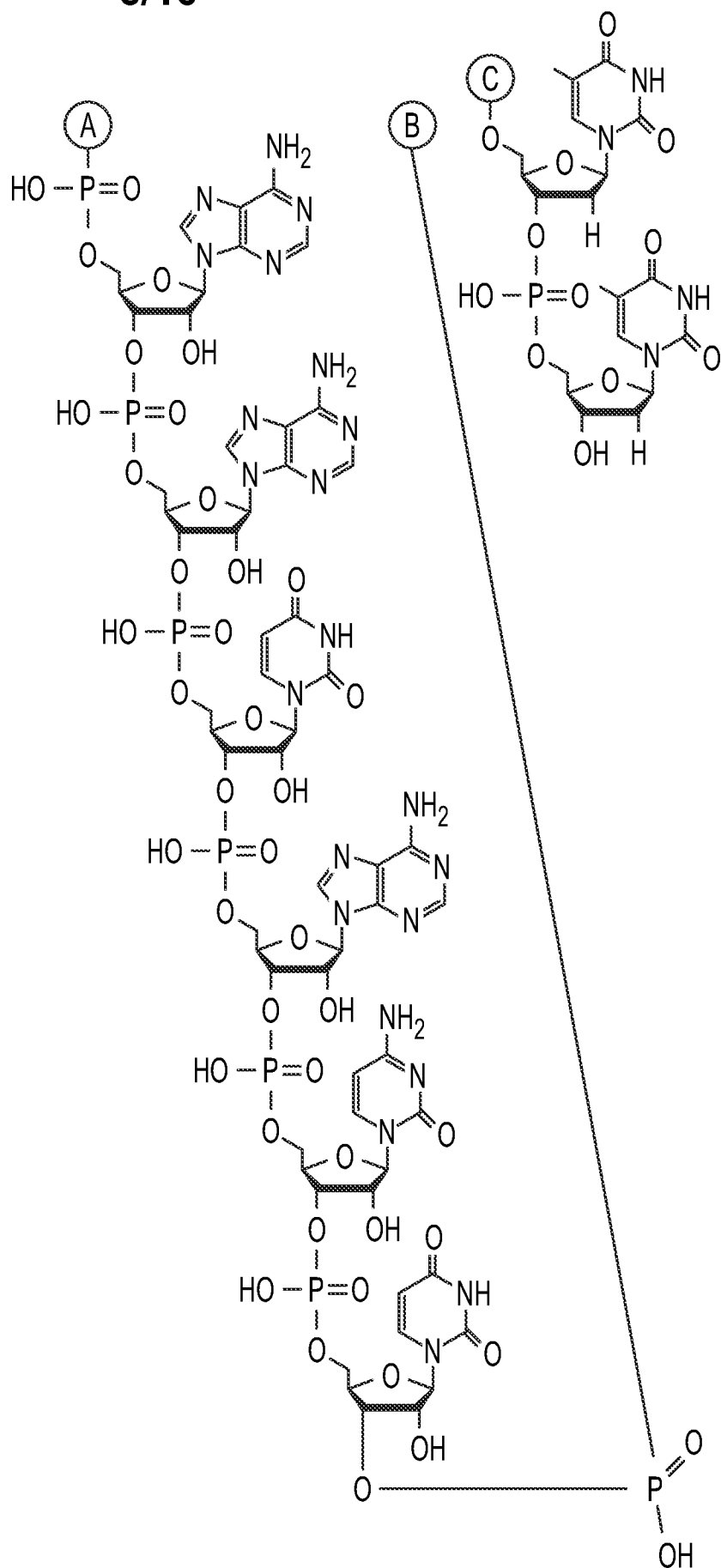


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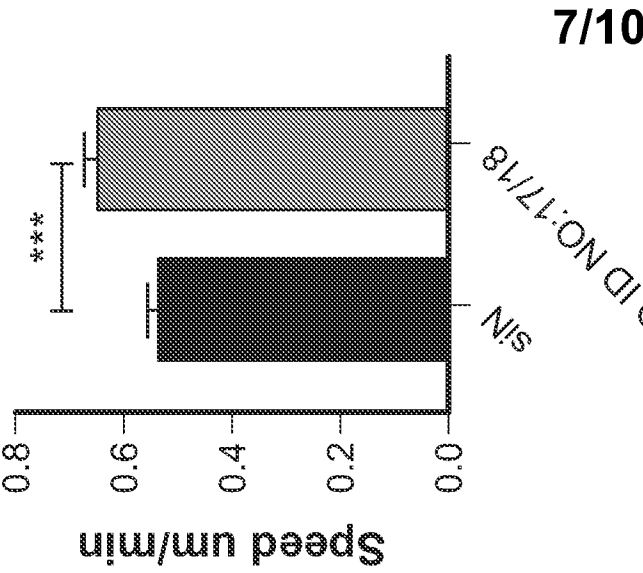


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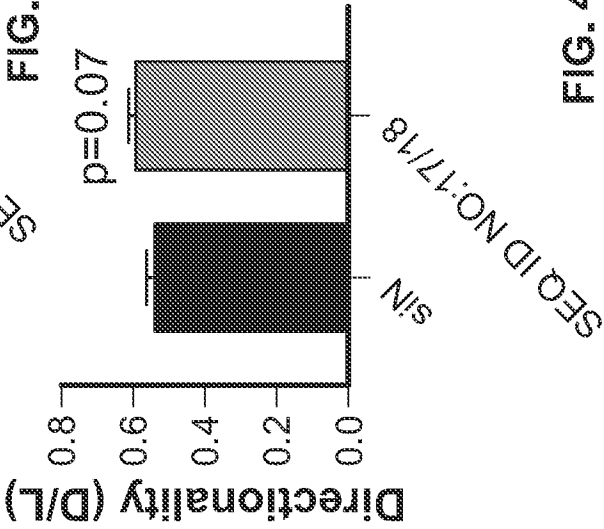


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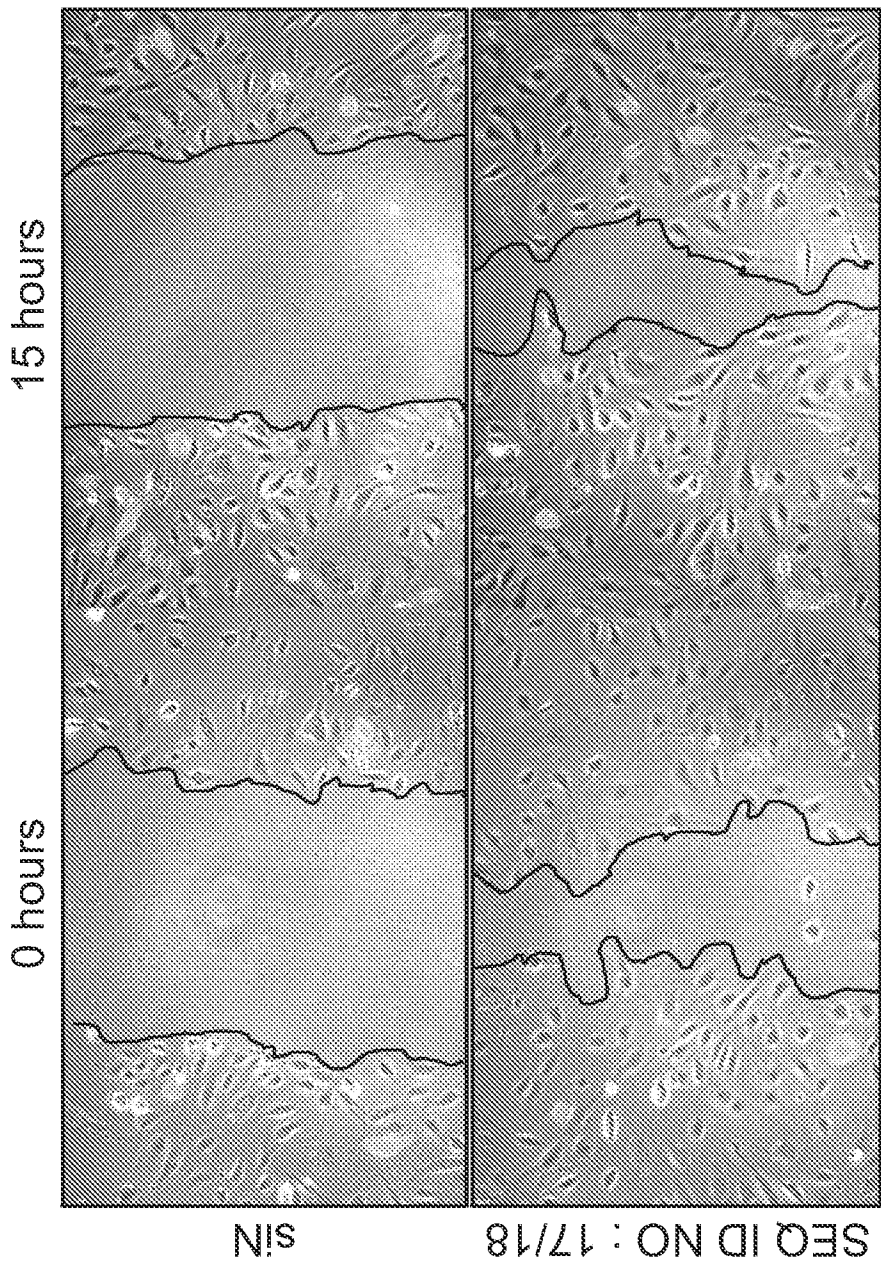


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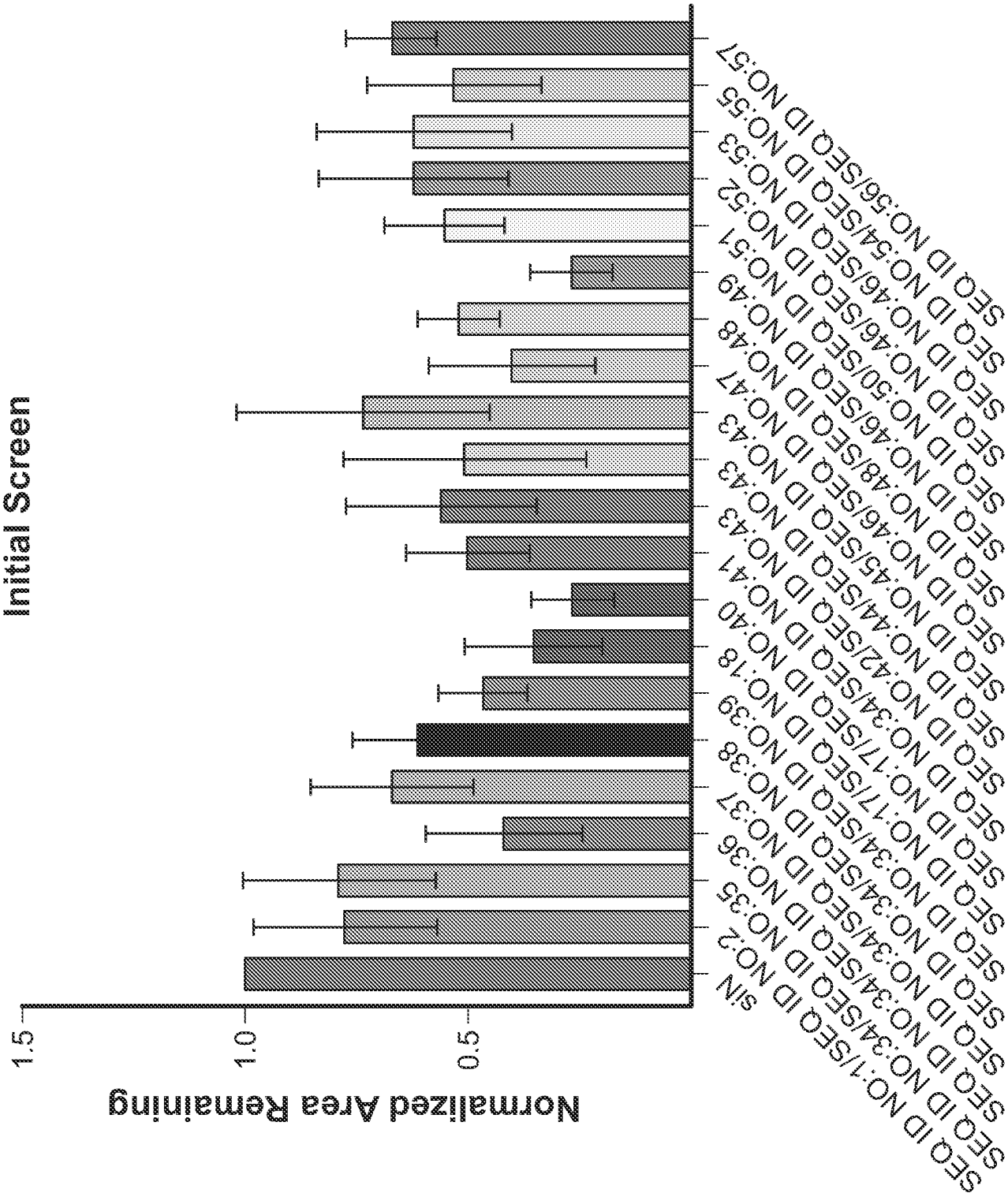
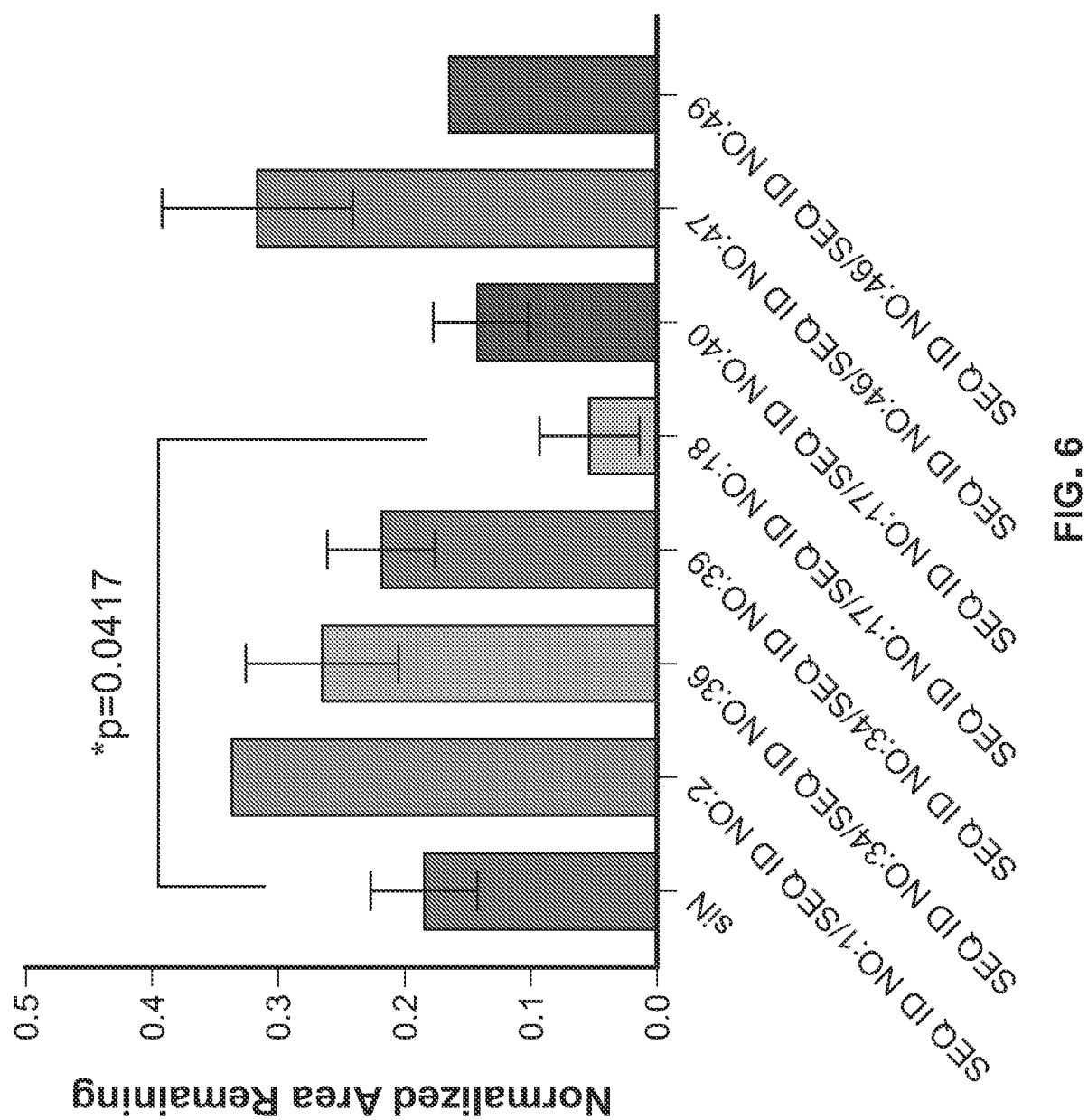


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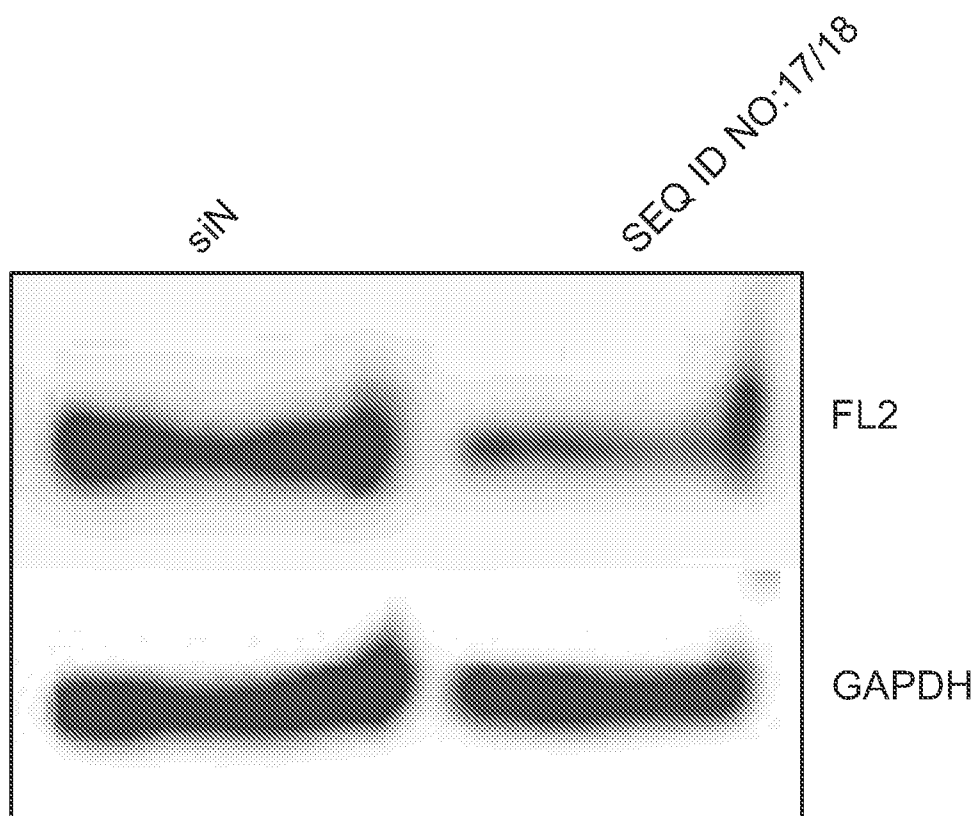


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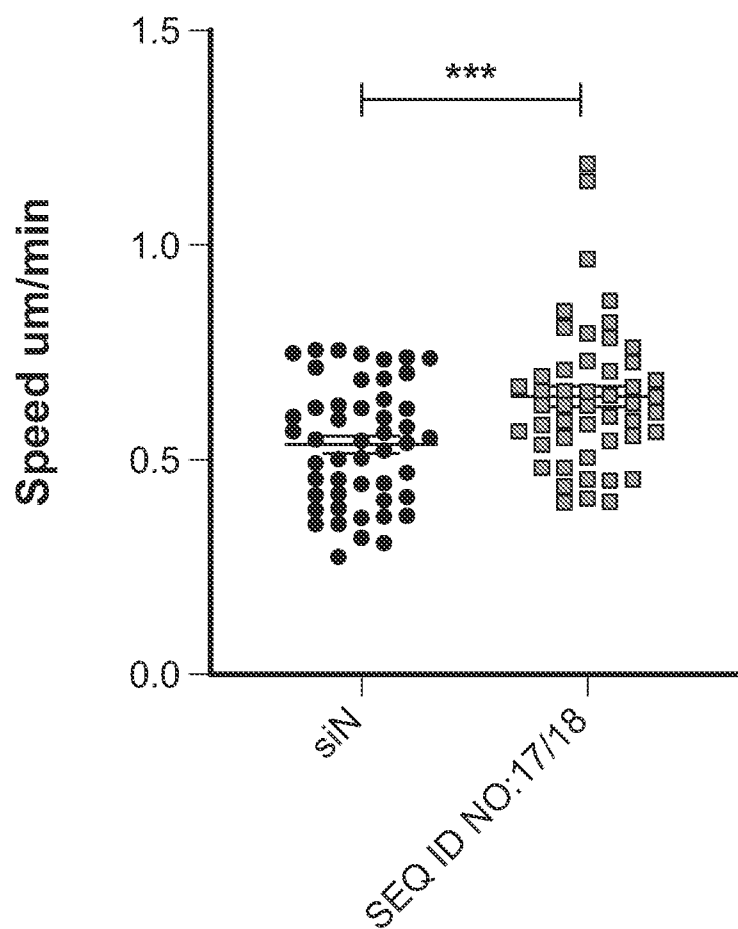


FIG. 8

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