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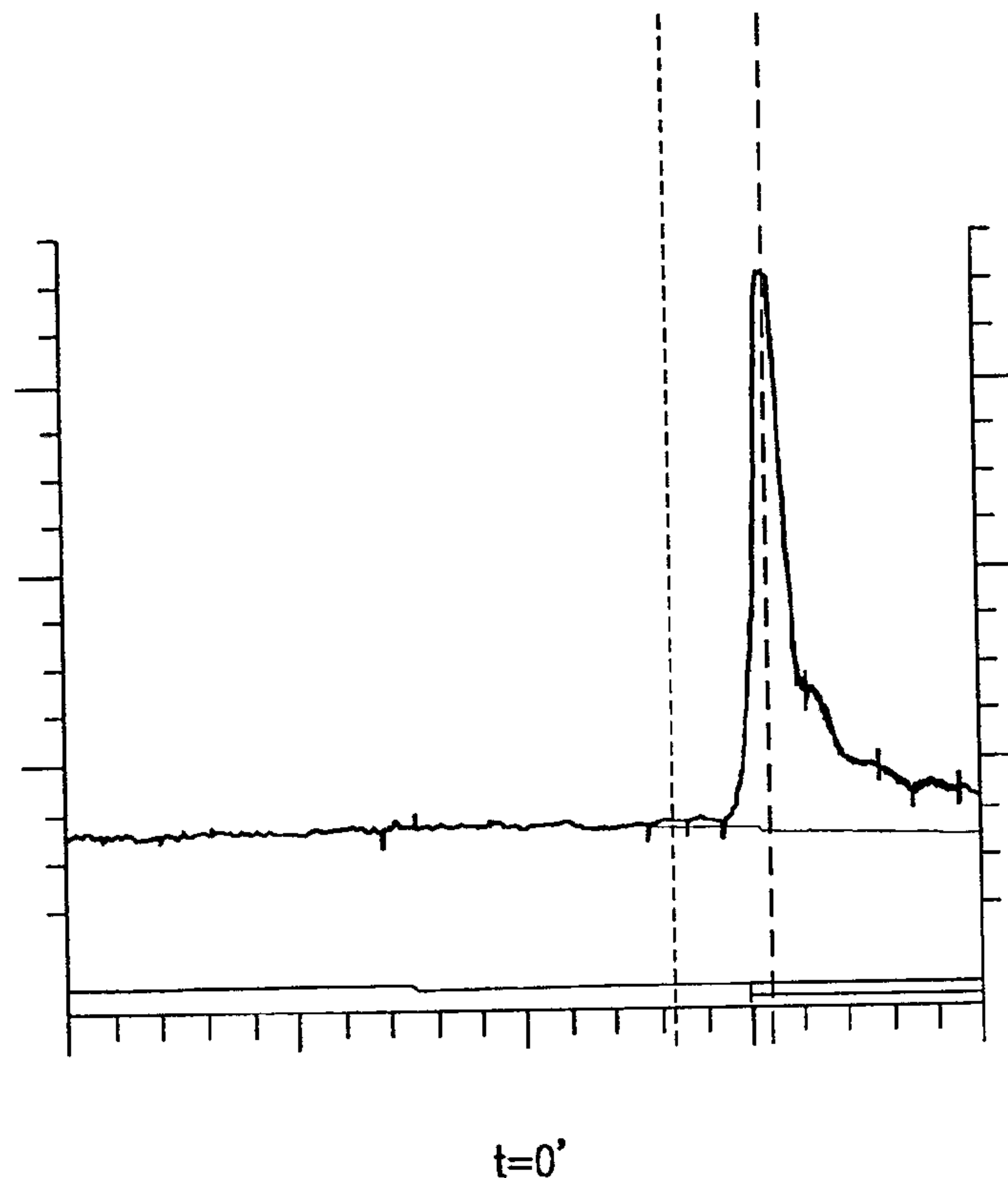
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(57) **Abrégé/Abstract:**

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Short interfering ribonucleic acid (siRNA) for oral administration

Background:

RNA interference initially discovered in plants as Post-Transcriptional Gene Silencing (PTGS), is a highly conserved mechanism triggered by double-stranded RNA (dsRNA) and able to down regulate transcript of genes homologous to the dsRNA¹. The dsRNA is first processed by Dicer into short duplexes of 21-23 nt, called short interfering RNAs (siRNAs)². Incorporated in RNA-induced silencing complex (RISC) they are able to mediate gene silencing through cleavage of the target mRNA in the center of the region of homology by Argonaute 2, a component of RISC³. In 2001, Elbashir et al⁴ demonstrated that the direct introduction of synthetic siRNAs would mediate RNA interference gene silencing in *Drosophila* but also in mammalian cells. Since then, siRNA-mediated gene silencing has become a powerful and widely-used molecular biology tool in both target identification target validation studies. Use of siRNAs for gene silencing in animal studies has been described in a limited amount of animal models. Unmodified siRNAs were delivered locally in the eye⁵, intrathecally or intracerebellarly in the central nervous system⁶, and intranasally for the inhibition of respiratory viruses⁷. Intravenous hydrodynamic tail vein injection of unmodified siRNAs has also been studied. This approach allows a rapid delivery, mainly to the liver⁸. A very limited number of studies have been reported on the systemic administration of unmodified siRNAs. Duxbury et al⁹ administered intravenously unmodified siRNAs targeting Focal Adhesion Kinase to an orthotopic tumor xenograft mice model, and observed a tumor growth inhibition as well as a chemosensitization to gemcitabine. Soutscheck et al reported the systemic use of highly chemically modified siRNAs for the endogenous silencing Apolipoprotein B. Intraperitoneal administration of most anti-ApoB siRNA at the high dose of 50 mg/kg reduced ApoB protein level and Lipoprotein concentration¹⁰. Despite these examples, *in vivo* use of siRNAs upon systemic delivery requires improvements in order to make this technology widely applicable for target validation or therapeutic applications. Indeed, unmodified siRNAs are subject to enzymatic digestion, mainly by nucleases abundant in the blood stream. In order to improve pharmacological properties of siRNAs several groups investigated chemical modification of these reagents. While the approaches described are very different among themselves and that no systematic study was yet performed, an overview of the results allows to determine the tolerance of siRNAs to chemical modifications. Several

chemistries such as phosphorothioates¹¹ or boranophosphates¹², 2'-O-Methyl¹³, 2'-O-allyl¹⁴, 2'-methoxyethyl (MOE) and 2'-deoxyfluoronucleotides¹⁵ or Locked Nucleic Acids (LNA)¹⁶ have been investigated. These studies highlighted that tolerance for modification is not only chemistry-dependent, but also position-dependent.

The present invention provides a minimally modified siRNA with improved pharmacological properties. The minimally modified siRNAs are 19bp double-stranded RNA modified on the 3'-end of each strand in order to prevent 3'-exonuclease digestion: the 3'-dideoxynucleotide overhang of 21-nt siRNA has been replaced by a universal 3'-hydroxypropyl phosphodiester moiety and the modification of the two first base-pairing nucleotides on 3'-end of each strand further enhances serum stability. Applied intraperitoneally or orally to adult mice, the modified siRNAs displayed higher potency in a growth factor induce angiogenesis model which correlates with their increased serum stability.

Summary:

In one aspect, the present invention provides a short interfering ribonucleic acid (siRNA) for oral administration, said siRNA comprising two separate RNA strands that are complementary to each other over at least 15 nucleotides, wherein each strand is 49 nucleotides or less, and wherein at least one of which strands contains at least one chemical modification.

In one embodiment, the siRNA comprises at least one modified nucleotide.

In another embodiment, the siRNA comprises at least one 3' end cap.

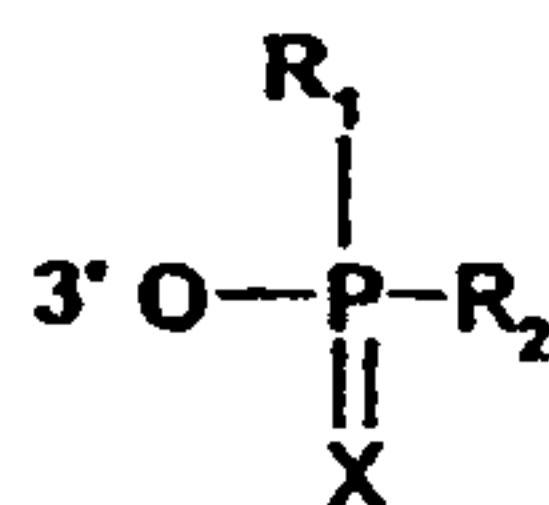
In another embodiment, said modified nucleotide is selected from among 2' alkoxyribonucleotide, 2' alkoxyalkoxy ribonucleotide, a locked nucleic acid ribonucleotide (LNA), 2'-fluoro ribonucleotide, morpholino nucleotide.

In another embodiment, said modified nucleotide is selected from among nucleotides having a modified internucleoside linkage selected from among phosphorothioate, phosphorodithioate, phosphoramidate, boranophosphonoate, and amide linkages.

In another embodiment, said two RNA strands are fully complementary to each other.

In another embodiment, said siRNA comprises a 1 to 6 nucleotide overhang on at least one of the 5' end or 3' end.

In another embodiment, the siRNA contains at least one 3' cap, which is chemical moiety conjugated to the 3' end via the 3' carbon and is selected from among compounds of Formula I:



[Formula I]

wherein

X is O or S

R₁ and R₂ are independently OH, NH₂, SH, alkyl, aryl, alkyl-aryl, aryl-alkyl, where alkyl, aryl, alkyl-aryl, aryl-alkyl can be substituted by additional heteroatoms and functional groups, preferably a heteroatom selected from the group of N, O, or S or a functional group selected from the group OH, NH₂, SH, carboxylic acid or ester;

or R₁ and R₂ may be of formula Y-Z where Y is O, N, S and Z is H, alkyl, aryl, alkyl-aryl, aryl-alkyl, where alkyl, aryl, alkyl-aryl, aryl-alkyl can be substituted by additional heteroatoms, preferably a heteroatom selected from the group of N, O, or S.

In another embodiment, the siRNA contains at least one strand which is complementary over at least 15 nucleotides to the mRNA or pre-mRNA of VEGFR-1, VEGFR-2, VEGFR3, Tie2, bFGFR, IL8RA, IL8RB, Fas, or IGF2R.

In another embodiment, the siRNA contains at least one strand which comprises a sequence selected from SEQ ID NO 1 - 900.

In another embodiment, the siRNA is chosen from the group consisting of SEQ ID NO 901-930.

In another embodiment, the siRNA has a stability in a standard gastric acid assay that is greater than an unmodified siRNA with the same nucleotide sequence.

In another embodiment, the siRNA has a stability in a standard gastric acid assay that is greater than or equal to 50% after 30 minutes exposure.

In another embodiment, the siRNA has a stability in a standard serum assay greater than unmodified siRNA.

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In another embodiment, the siRNA has a stability in a standard serum assay that is greater than or equal to 50% after 30 minutes exposure.

In another embodiment, the siRNA has a stability in a standard intestinal lavage assay that is greater than unmodified siRNA.

5 In another embodiment, the siRNA has an enhanced oral bioavailability compared to an unmodified siRNA of the same nucleotide sequence.

In one aspect, the invention provides a pharmaceutical composition comprising an siRNA with any one or more of the above properties.

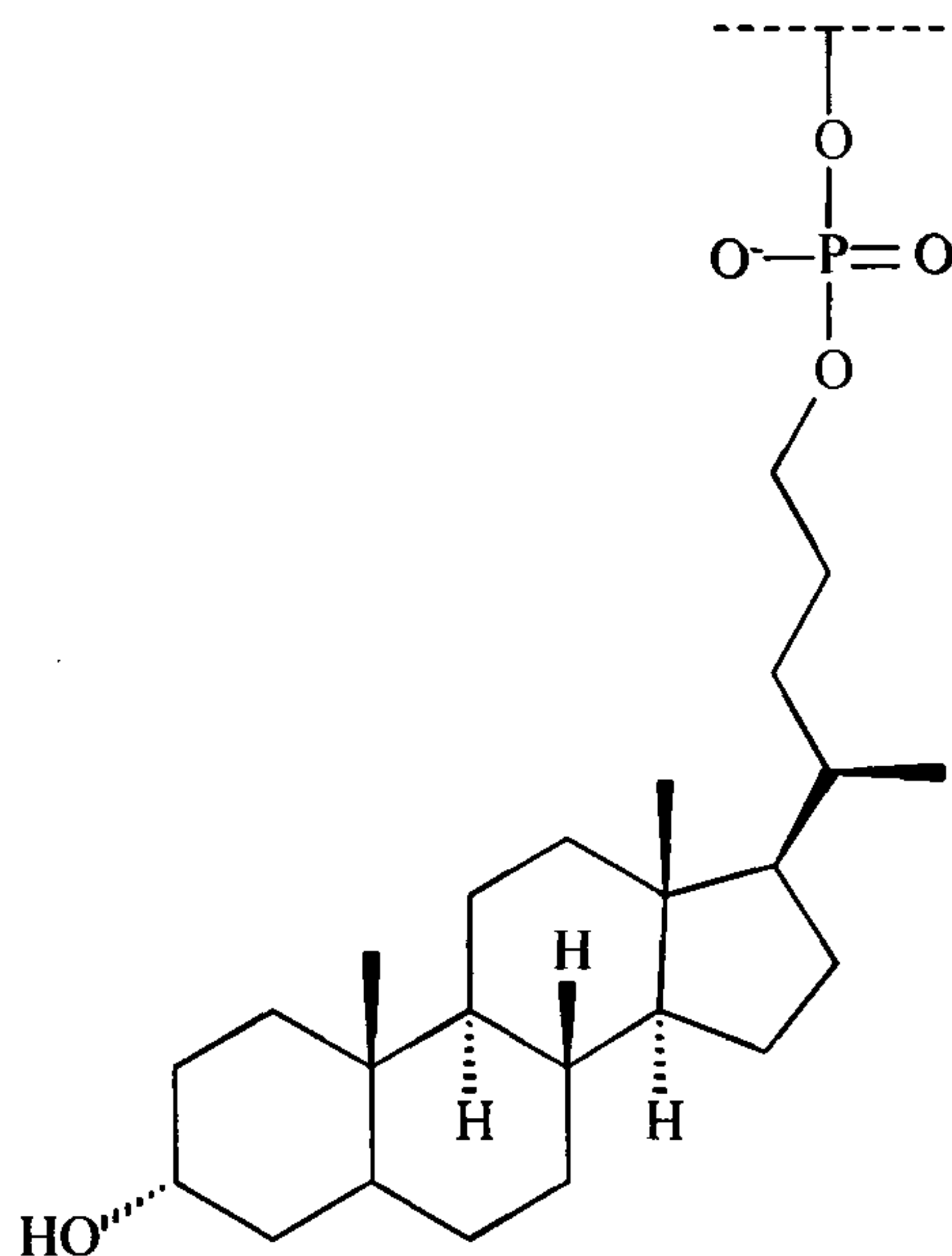
10 In another aspect, the invention provides an siRNA with any one or more of the above properties for use as a medicament.

In another aspect, the invention provides the use of an siRNA with any one or more of the above properties in the preparation of a medicament for treating an angiogenic disorder.

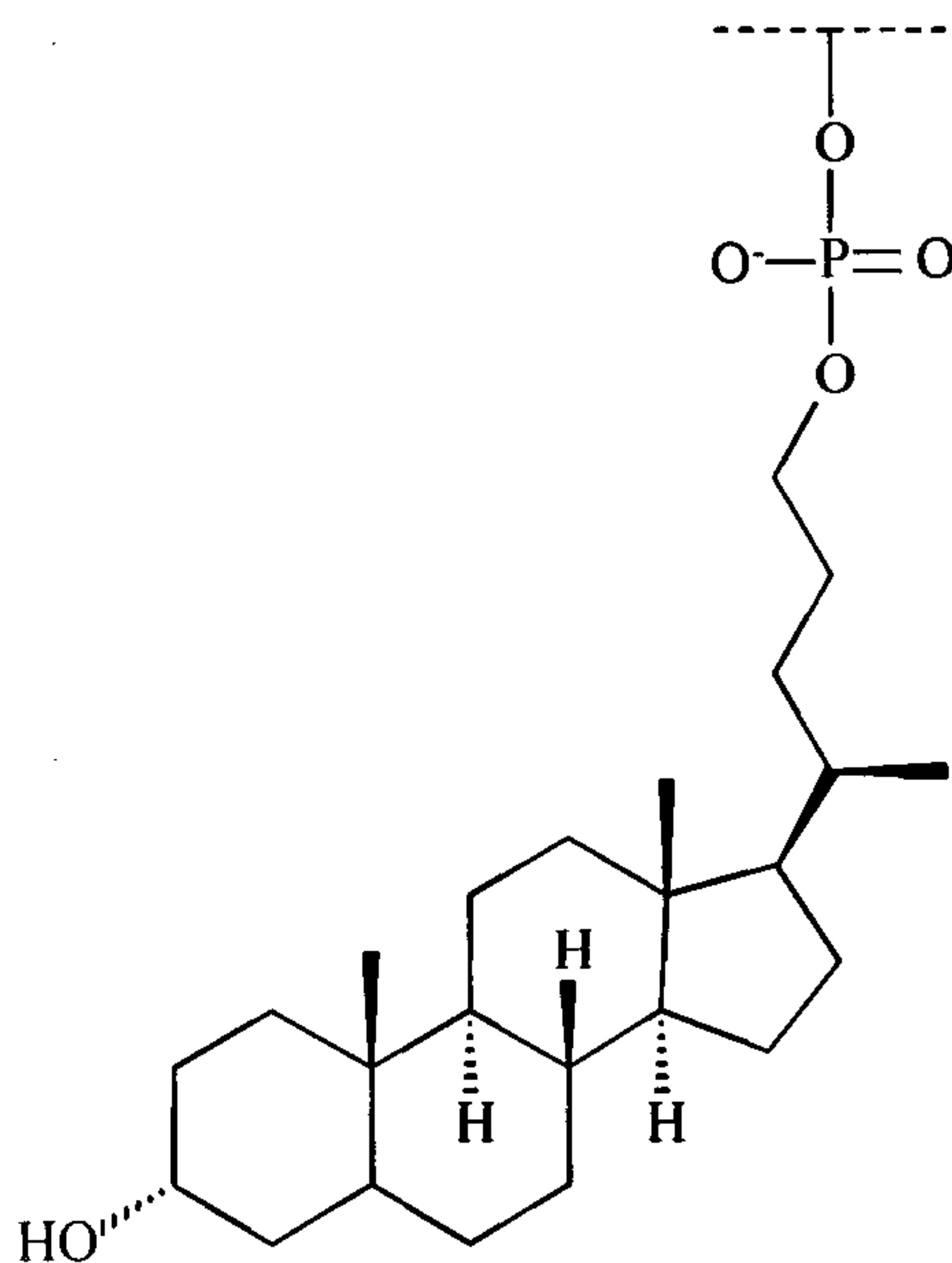
15 In another aspect, the invention provides the use of an siRNA with any one or more of the above properties to inhibit an angiogenic process *in vitro*.

In another embodiment, the present invention provides a short interfering ribonucleic acid (siRNA), said siRNA comprising two RNA strands that are complementary to each other over at least 15 nucleotides, wherein each strand is 49 nucleotides or less, and wherein the 3'-terminus of at least one strand comprises a modification at the 3' carbon,
20 wherein the modification is:

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In another embodiment, the present invention provides a short interfering ribonucleic acid (siRNA), said siRNA comprising two RNA strands that are complementary to each other over at least 15 nucleotides, wherein each strand is 49 nucleotides or less, and
5 wherein the 3'-terminus of each strand comprises a modification at the 3' carbon, wherein the modification is:



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Brief Description of the Drawings:

Figure 1a, 1b, 1c, 1d and 1e: Metabolic degradation of unmodified siRNA pG13-siRNA (wild-type siRNA in mouse serum); a-c) Ion Exchange-HPLC analysis of unmodified siRNAs after incubation in mouse serum for 0', 30' and 180'; After 30' of incubation at 37°C, major peak in the Ion Exchange HPLC was isolated and re-injected in LC-MS, d) table of detected molecular weights and their assignments; e) ESI-MS spectrum.

Figure 2: illustration of four double-stranded RNA formats: wild-type (or unmodified) siRNA. MOE o/h siRNA, C3-siRNA and C3-MOE siRNA.

Figure 3: Stability of siRNA in 3 different formats in mouse gastric acid. Samples were incubated at 37°C in mouse gastric acid at a 2 micromolar concentration. Disappearance of parent compound was followed over a 2-6 hours period by quantifying the parent compound band.

Lane 1-7: wild-type siRNA in gastric acid at t=0, 5, 10, 15, 30, 60 and 120 min

Lane 8: ds RNA ladder (30, 21, 19, 16, 13, 10 bp)
 Lane 9-15: C3 siRNA in gastric acid at t=0, 5, 10, 15, 30, 60 and 120 min
 Lane 16: ds RNA ladder (30, 21, 19, 16, 13, 10 bp)
 Lane 17-24: C3-MOE siRNA in gastric acid at t=0, 5, 10, 15, 30, 60 and 120 min

Figure 4: Stability of siRNA in 4 different formats in intestinal lavage. Samples were incubated at 37°C in liver microsomes at a 5 micromolar concentration.

(From left to right)

Lane 1: ds RNA ladder (30, 21, 19, 16, 13, 10 bp)
 Lane 2-7: wild-type siRNA in intestinal lavage at t=0, 15, 30, 60, 180 and 360 min
 Lane 8-13: moe o/h siRNA in intestinal lavage at t=0, 15, 30, 60, 180 and 360 min
 Lane 14-19: C3 siRNA in intestinal lavage at t=0, 15, 30, 60, 180 and 360 min
 Lane 20-25: C3-MOE siRNA in intestinal lavage at t=0, 15, 30, 60, 180 and 360 min

Figure 5: Stability of siRNA in 4 different formats in liver microsomes. Samples were incubated at 37°C in intestinal fluid from rat intestinal lavage at a 2 micromolar concentration.

(From left to right)

Lane 1: ds

Figure 6: Stability of siRNA in 4 different formats in mouse serum. Samples were incubated at 37°C in mouse serum at a 2 micromolar concentration. Disappearance of parent compound was followed over a 6 hours period by quantifying the parent compound band.

(From left to right)

Lane 1: ds RNA ladder (30, 21, 19, 16, 13, 10 bp) RNA ladder (30, 21, 19, 16, 13, 10 bp)
 Lane 2: wild-type siRNA untreated
 Lane 3: moe o/h siRNA untreated
 Lane 4: C3 siRNA untreated
 Lane 5: C3-MOE siRNA untreated
 Lane 6-9: same as 2-5 in liver microsomes t=0
 Lane 10-13: same as 2-5 in liver microsomes t=60'
 Lane 14-17: same as 2-5 in supernatant S12 t=0
 Lane 18-21: same as 2-5 in supernatant S12 t=60'
 Lane 2-7: wild-type siRNA in mouse serum at t=0, 15, 30, 60, 180 and 360 min

Lane 8-13: moe o/h siRNA in mouse serum at t=0, 15, 30, 60, 180 and 360 min

Lane 14-19: C3 siRNA in mouse serum at t=0, 15, 30, 60, 180 and 360 min

Lane 20-25: C3-MOE siRNA mouse serum at t=0, 15, 30, 60, 180 and 360 min

Figure 7: Characterization *in cellulo* of 3 formats of anti-VEGFR2 siRNA (2 independent sequences). Wild-type siRNA, C3-siRNA and C3-MOE siRNA were transfected into MS1 cells at three concentrations (1, 5, 10 nM). Silencing potency was assessed by measuring VEGFR2 cell surface level by FACS.

Figure 8a and 8b: *In vivo* testing of wild-type siRNA, C3-siRNA and C3-Moe siRNA in a growth factor induced angiogenesis "Agar Chamber" mouse model. Figure 8a shows the results of controls, unmodified VEGFR2 siRNA and C3 modified VEGFR2 siRNA at 1, 5 and 25 micrograms per mouse per day. Figure 8b shows controls, C3 modified VEGFR2 siRNA and of C3-MOE VEGFR2 siRNA at 0.2, 1 and 5 micrograms per mouse per day. In each case pools of 2 anti-VEGFR2 siRNAs were given daily intraperitoneally for three days.

Figure 9: *In vivo* testing of anti-VEGFR2 C3-MOE siRNA given intraperitoneally (i.p.) in a B16 homograft melanoma tumor mouse model at 5 and 20 micrograms per mouse per day. Figure 9a shows that i.p. treatment with modified VEGFR2 siRNA significantly reduces tumour development. Figure 9b also shows that i.p. injection of VEGFR2 siRNA at 20 ug per mouse results in significant inhibition of tumour growth.

Figure 10: *In vivo* testing of C3-MOE siRNA in a growth factor induced angiogenesis mouse model. anti-VEGFR2 siRNAs were given daily orally for three days at 20 micrograms per mouse per day.

Figure 11: *In vivo* testing of C3-MOE siRNA in a growth factor induced angiogenesis mouse model. anti-Tie2 siRNAs were given daily intraperitoneally (1 and 0.2 micrograms per mouse per day) or orally (20 and 5 micrograms per mouse per day) for three days. Figure 11a: weight of excised tissue; Figure 11b: Tie2 protein knock-down

Detailed Disclosure of the Invention:

The present invention relates to compositions and methods for treating angiogenic disorders in a mammal. Specifically, the invention relates to small-interfering RNA ("siRNA") which may be used to treat angiogenic disorders upon oral administration to a mammal.

Angiogenesis targets in vascular endothelial cells include the following targets/genes: VEGFR-1 (GenBank Accession # AF06365); VEGFR-2 (GenBank Accession # AF063658); VEGFR-3 (GenBank Accession # (NM_002020); Tie2 (TEK) (GenBank Accession # NM_000459); bFGFR (GenBank Accession # M60485); IL8RA (GenBank Accession # L19591); IL8RB (GenBank Accession # L19593); Fas (GenBank Accession # X89101); IGF2R (GenBank Accession # NM_000876).

The siRNA molecules according to the present invention mediate RNA interference ("RNAi"). The term "RNAi" is well known in the art and is commonly understood to mean the inhibition of one or more target genes in a cell by siRNA with a region which is complementary to the target gene. Various assays are known in the art to test siRNA for its ability to mediate RNAi (see for instance Elbashir et al., Methods 26 (2002), 199-213). The effect of the siRNA according to the present invention on gene expression will typically result in expression of the target gene being inhibited by at least 10%, 33%, 50%, 90%, 95% or 99% when compared to a cell not treated with the RNA molecules according to the present invention.

"siRNA" or "small-interfering ribonucleic acid" according to the invention has the meanings known in the art, including the following aspects. The siRNA consists of two strands of ribonucleotides which hybridize along a complementary region under physiological conditions. The strands are separate but they may be joined by a molecular linker in certain embodiments. The individual ribonucleotides may be unmodified naturally occurring ribonucleotides, unmodified naturally occurring deoxyribonucleotides or they may be chemically modified or synthetic as described elsewhere herein.

The siRNA molecules in accordance with the present invention comprise a double-stranded region which is substantially identical to a region of the mRNA of the target gene. A region with 100% identity to the corresponding sequence of the target gene is suitable. This

state is referred to as “fully complementary”. However, the region may also contain one, two or three mismatches as compared to the corresponding region of the target gene, depending on the length of the region of the mRNA that is targeted, and as such may be not fully complementary. In an embodiment, the RNA molecules of the present invention specifically target one given gene. In order to only target the desired mRNA, the siRNA reagent may have 100% homology to the target mRNA and at least 2 mismatched nucleotides to all other genes present in the cell or organism. Methods to analyze and identify siRNAs with sufficient sequence identity in order to effectively inhibit expression of a specific target sequence are known in the art. Sequence identity may be optimized by sequence comparison and alignment algorithms known in the art (see Gribskov and Devereux, *Sequence Analysis Primer*, Stockton Press, 1991, and references cited therein) and calculating the percent difference between the nucleotide sequences by, for example, the Smith-Waterman algorithm as implemented in the BESTFIT software program using default parameters (e.g., University of Wisconsin Genetic Computing Group).

Another factor affecting the efficiency of the RNAi reagent is the target region of the target gene. The region of a target gene effective for inhibition by the RNAi reagent may be determined by experimentation. A suitable mRNA target region would be the coding region. Also suitable are untranslated regions, such as the 5'-UTR, the 3'-UTR, and splice junctions. For instance, transfection assays as described in Elbashir S.M. et al, 2001 *EMBO J.*, 20, 6877-6888 may be performed for this purpose. A number of other suitable assays and methods exist in the art which are well known to the skilled person.

The length of the region of the siRNA complementary to the target, in accordance with the present invention, may be from 10 to 100 nucleotides, 12 to 25 nucleotides, 14 to 22 nucleotides or 15, 16, 17 or 18 nucleotides. Where there are mismatches to the corresponding target region, the length of the complementary region is generally required to be somewhat longer.

Because the siRNA may carry overhanging ends (which may or may not be complementary to the target), or additional nucleotides complementary to itself but not the target gene, the total length of each separate strand of siRNA may be 10 to 100 nucleotides, 15 to 49 nucleotides, 17 to 30 nucleotides or 19 to 25 nucleotides.

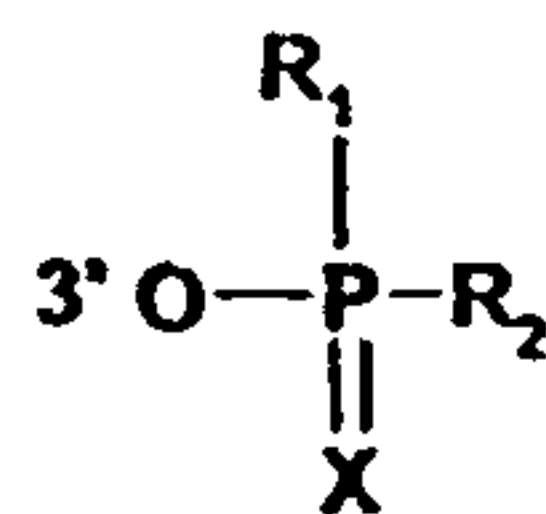
The phrase “each strand is 49 nucleotides or less” means the total number of consecutive nucleotides in the strand, including all modified or unmodified nucleotides, but

not including any chemical moieties which may be added to the 3' or 5' end of the strand. Short chemical moieties inserted into the strand are not counted, but a chemical linker designed to join two separate strands is not considered to create consecutive nucleotides.

The phrase "a 1 to 6 nucleotide overhang on at least one of the 5' end or 3' end" refers to the architecture of the complementary siRNA that forms from two separate strands under physiological conditions. If the terminal nucleotides are part of the double-stranded region of the siRNA, the siRNA is considered blunt ended. If one or more nucleotides are unpaired on an end, an overhang is created. The overhang length is measured by the number of overhanging nucleotides. The overhanging nucleotides can be either on the 5' end or 3' end of either strand.

The siRNA according to the present invention confer a high *in vivo* stability suitable for oral delivery by including at least one modified nucleotide in at least one of the strands. Thus the siRNA according to the present invention contains at least one modified or non-natural ribonucleotide. A lengthy description of many known chemical modifications are set out in published PCT patent application WO 200370918 and will not be repeated here. Suitable modifications for oral delivery are more specifically set out in the Examples and description herein. Suitable modifications include, but are not limited to modifications to the sugar moiety (i.e. the 2' position of the sugar moiety, such as for instance 2'-O-(2-methoxyethyl) or 2'-MOE) (Martin et al., *Helv. Chim. Acta*, 1995, 78, 486-504) i.e., an alkoxyalkoxy group) or the base moiety (i.e. a non-natural or modified base which maintains ability to pair with another specific base in an alternate nucleotide chain). Other modifications include so-called 'backbone' modifications including, but not limited to, replacing the phosphoester group (connecting adjacent ribonucleotides with for instance phosphorothioates, chiral phosphorothioates or phosphorodithioates). Finally, end modifications sometimes referred to herein as 3' caps or 5' caps may be of significance. As illustrated in Table 1, caps may consist of simply adding additional nucleotides, such as "T-T" which has been found to confer stability on an siRNA. Caps may consist of more complex chemistries which are known to those skilled in the art.

In an embodiment used in the Examples below, the 3' cap is a chemical moiety conjugated to the 3' end via the 3' carbon and is selected from among compounds of Formula I:



[Formula I]

wherein

X is O or S

R_1 and R_2 are independently OH, NH_2 , SH, alkyl, aryl, alkyl-aryl, aryl-alkyl, where alkyl, aryl, alkyl-aryl, aryl-alkyl can be substituted by additional heteroatoms and functional groups, preferably a heteroatom selected from the group of N, O, or S or a functional group selected from the group OH, NH_2 , SH, carboxylic acid or ester;

or R_1 and R_2 may be of formula Y-Z where Y is O, N, S and Z is H, alkyl, aryl, alkyl-aryl, aryl-alkyl, where alkyl, aryl, alkyl-aryl, aryl-alkyl can be substituted by additional heteroatoms, preferably a heteroatom selected from the group of N, O, or S.

Examples of modifications on the sugar moiety include 2' alkoxyribonucleotide, 2' alkoxyalkoxy ribonucleotide, locked nucleic acid ribonucleotide (LNA), 2'-fluoro ribonucleotide, morpholino nucleotide.

The internucleoside linkage may also be modified. Examples of internucleoside linkage include phosphorothioate, phosphorodithioate, phosphoramidate, and amide linkages.

R_1 may be OH.

R_1 and R_2 together may comprise from 1 to 24 C-atoms, from 1 to 12 C-atoms, from 2 to 10 C-atoms, from 1 to 8 or from 2 to 6 C-atoms. In another embodiment, R_1 and R_2 are independently OH, lower alkyl, lower aryl, lower alkyl-aryl, lower aryl-alkyl, where lower alkyl, lower aryl, lower alkyl-aryl, lower aryl-alkyl can be substituted by additional heteroatoms and functional groups as defined above. In another embodiment, R_1 and R_2 are not both OH.

The term "lower" in connection with organic radicals or compounds means a compound or radical which may be branched or unbranched with up to and including 7 carbon

atoms, preferably 1-4 carbon atoms. Lower alkyl represents, for example, methyl, ethyl, n-propyl, isopropyl, n-butyl, sec-butyl, tert-butyl, n-pentyl and branched pentyl, n-hexyl and branched hexyl.

Examples of alkoxys include O-Met, O-Eth, O-prop, O-but, O-pent, O-hex.

Methods for the synthesis of siRNA, including siRNA containing at least one modified or non-natural ribonucleotides are well known and readily available to those of skill in the art. For example, a variety of synthetic chemistries are set out in published PCT patent applications WO2005021749 and WO200370918. The reaction may be carried out in solution or, preferably, on solid phase or by using polymer supported reagents, followed by combining the synthesized RNA strands under conditions, wherein a siRNA molecule is formed, which is capable of mediating RNAi.

The present invention provides an siRNA containing at least one modified nucleotide which is suitable for oral delivery. In functional terms this means siRNA will have suitable pharmacokinetics and biodistribution upon oral administration to achieve delivery to the target tissue of concern. In particular this requires serum stability, lack of immune response, and drug like behaviour.. Many of these features of siRNA can be anticipated based on the standard gastric acid assays and standard serum assays disclosed elsewhere herein.

In another aspect, the present invention provides methods for the inhibition of a target gene comprising introducing into a cell and siRNA according to the present invention, which is capable of inhibiting at least one target gene by RNAi. Also, more than one species of siRNA, which are each specific for another target region, may be introduced into a cell at the same time or sequentially.

The present invention is not limited to any type of target gene or nucleotide sequence. For example, the target gene can be a cellular gene, an endogenous gene, a pathogen-associated gene, a viral gene or an oncogene. Angiogenic genes are of particular importance to the invention because some of the Examples highlight that the orally delivered siRNA of the invention may accumulate at sites of vasculogenesis, neovascularization or angiogenesis. An updated listing of angiogenic genes at these sites of particular interest for the invention are listed in AngioDB: database of angiogenesis and angiogenesis-related molecules Tae-Kwon

Sohn, Eun-Joung Moon¹, Seok-Ki Lee¹, Hwan-Gue Cho² and Kyu-Won Kim³, *Nucleic Acids Research*, 2002, Vol. 30, No. 1 369-371. Genes of particular significance have been analyzed in detail and are set out elsewhere herein.

In another aspect, the invention also provides a kit comprising reagents for inhibiting expression of a target gene in a cell, wherein said kit comprises dsRNA according to the present invention. The kit comprises at least one of the reagents necessary to carry out the *in vitro* or *in vivo* introduction of the dsRNA according to the present invention to test samples or subjects. In a preferred embodiment, such kits also comprise instructions detailing the procedures by which the kit components are to be used.

"Treatment of an angiogenic disorder" as used in this disclosure means use of a modified siRNA of the invention in a pharmaceutical composition for the treatment of diseases involving the physiological and pathological processes of neovascularization, vasculogenesis and/or angiogenesis. As such, these pharmaceutical compositions are useful for treating diseases, conditions and disorders that require inhibition of neovascularization, vasculogenesis or angiogenesis, including but not limited to cancer tumour growth and metastasis, neoplasm, ocular neovascularization (including macular degeneration, diabetic retinopathy, ischemic retinopathy, retinopathy of prematurity, choroidal neovascularization), rheumatoid arthritis, osteoarthritis, chronic asthma, septic shock, inflammatory diseases, synovitis, bone and cartilage destruction, pannus growth, osteophyte formation, osteomyelitis, psoriasis, obesity, haemangioma, Kaposi's sarcoma, atherosclerosis (including atherosclerotic plaque rupture), endometriosis, warts, excess hair growth, scar keloids, allergic oedema, dysfunctional uterine bleeding, follicular cysts, ovarian hyperstimulation, endometriosis, osteomyelitis, inflammatory and infectious processes (hepatitis, pneumonia, glomerulonephritis), asthma, nasal polyps, transplantation, liver regeneration, leukomalacia, thyroiditis, thyroid enlargement, lymphoproliferative disorders, haematologic malignancies, vascular malformations, and pre-eclampsia.

As used herein, "treatment" means an action taken to inhibit or reduce a process of a disease, disorder or condition, to inhibit or reduce a symptom of a disease, disorder or condition, or to prophylactically prevent the onset or further development of a disease, disorder or condition. "Treat" is the cognitive verb thereof.

An effective dose of the therapeutic agent of the invention is that dose required to treat a disease state. The effective dose depends on the type of disease, the composition used, the

route of administration, the type of mammal being treated, the physical characteristics of the specific mammal under consideration, concurrent medication, and other factors that those skilled in the medical arts will recognize. Generally, an amount between 0.1 mg/kg and 100 mg/kg body weight/day of siRNA is administered dependent upon potency. The nucleic acid molecules of the invention and formulations thereof can be administered orally, topically, parenterally, by inhalation or spray, or rectally in dosage unit formulations containing conventional non-toxic pharmaceutically acceptable carriers, adjuvants and/or vehicles. The term parenteral as used herein includes percutaneous, subcutaneous, intravascular (e.g., intravenous), intramuscular, intraperitoneal, or intrathecal injection, or infusion techniques and the like. In addition, there is provided a pharmaceutical formulation comprising a nucleic acid molecule of the invention and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier. One or more nucleic acid molecules of the invention can be present in association with one or more non-toxic pharmaceutically acceptable carriers and/or diluents and/or adjuvants, and if desired other active ingredients. The pharmaceutical compositions containing nucleic acid molecules of the invention can be in a form suitable for oral use, for example, as tablets, troches, lozenges, aqueous or oily suspensions, dispersible powders or granules, emulsion, hard or soft capsules, or syrups or elixirs.

Compositions intended for oral use can be prepared according to any method known to the art for the manufacture of pharmaceutical compositions and such compositions can contain one or more such sweetening agents, flavoring agents, coloring agents or preservative agents in order to provide pharmaceutically elegant and palatable preparations. Tablets contain the active ingredient in admixture with non-toxic pharmaceutically acceptable excipients that are suitable for the manufacture of tablets. These excipients can be, for example, inert diluents; such as calcium carbonate, sodium carbonate, lactose, calcium phosphate or sodium phosphate; granulating and disintegrating agents, for example, corn starch, or alginic acid; binding agents, for example starch, gelatin or acacia; and lubricating agents, for example magnesium stearate, stearic acid or talc. The tablets can be uncoated or they can be coated by known techniques. Formulations for oral use can also be presented as hard gelatin capsules wherein the active ingredient is mixed with an inert solid diluent, for example, calcium carbonate, calcium phosphate or kaolin, or as soft gelatin capsules wherein the active ingredient is mixed with water or an oil medium, for example peanut oil, liquid paraffin or olive oil. Aqueous suspensions contain the active materials in a mixture with excipients suitable for the manufacture of aqueous suspensions.

Oral administration of the compositions of the invention include all standard techniques for administering substances directly to the stomach or gut, most importantly by patient controlled swallowing of the dosage form, but also by other mechanical and assisted means of such delivery.

Dosage levels of the order of from about 0.1 mg to about 140 mg per kilogram of body weight per day are useful in the treatment of the above- indicated conditions (about 0.5 mg to about 7 g per subject per day). The amount of active ingredient that can be combined with the carrier materials to produce a single dosage form varies depending upon the host treated and the particular mode of administration. Dosage unit forms generally contain between from about 1 mg to about 500 mg of an active ingredient. It is understood that the specific dose level for any particular subject depends upon a variety of factors including the activity of the specific compound employed, the age, body weight, general health, sex, diet, time of administration, route of administration, and rate of excretion, drug combination and the severity of the particular disease undergoing therapy.

Therapeutic effect of the therapeutic agents of the invention may be enhanced by combination with other agents. Typically such other agents will include agents known for use in treating similar diseases, such as angiogenic disorders. Alternatively, such agents may be used to reduce side-effects or unwanted effects caused by the therapeutic agents of the invention.

The siRNA of the invention also have important research uses. One such study includes research into an angiogenic process *in vitro*. By "angiogenic process *in vitro*" is meant any process for studying angiogenesis or vasculogenesis which does not employ a whole animal. As such, *in vitro* or *ex vivo* methods and assays which study the steps of the angiogenic process using markers or indicators of angiogenesis are included hereby.

RNA Strand Nucleotide Sequences

The siRNA strand sequences identified in Table 1 have been identified as suitable siRNA sequences against the following targets: VEGFR-1 (GenBank Accession # AF06365); VEGFR-2 (GenBank Accession # AF063658); VEGFR-3 (GenBank Accession # (NM_002020); Tie2 (TEK) (GenBank Accession # NM_000459); bFGFR (GenBank Accession # M60485); IL8RA (GenBank Accession # L19591); IL8RB (GenBank Accession

L19593); Fas (GenBank Accession # X89101); IGF2R (GenBank Accession # NM_000876).

Table 1: siRNAs against human VEGFR-1, VEGFR-2, VEGFR-3, Tie2, bFGFR, IL8RA, IL8RB, Fas, IGF2R

Target Name	pos	siRNA guide sequence	SEQ ID	siRNA complement	SEQ ID
			NO		NO
VEGFR-1	1731	UAUAAGAACUUGUUAACUGTG	1	CAGUUAACAAGUUCUUAUATT	451
VEGFR-1	1021	UACGGUUUCAAGCACCUGCTG	2	GCAGGUGCUUGAAACCGUATT	452
VEGFR-1	1209	UUUAUGCUCAGCAAGAUUGTA	3	CAAUCUUGCUGAGCAUAAATT	453
VEGFR-1	2904	UUAUCUCCUGAAAGCCGGAG	4	CCGGCUUUCAGGAAGAUAAATT	454
VEGFR-1	1363	UUGAGGGAUACCAUAUGCGGT	5	CGCAUAUGGUAUCCCUCAATT	455
VEGFR-1	1158	UUGAUAAUUAACGAGUAGCCA	6	GCUACUCGUUAAUUAUCAATT	456
VEGFR-1	1091	UUAACCAUACAACUCCGGCG	7	CCGGAAGUUGUAUGGUUAATT	457
VEGFR-1	471	UUAGGUGACGUAACCCGGCAG	8	GCCGGGUUACGUCACCUAATT	458
VEGFR-1	2751	UUGCUCUUGAGGUAGUUGGAG	9	CCAACUACCUCAGAGCAATT	459
VEGFR-1	636	UUUGUCUUAUACAAUGCCCA	10	GGCAUUUGUAUAAGACAAATT	460
VEGFR-1	1254	UUGACAAUAGAGUGGCAGTG	11	CUGCCACUCUAAUUGUCAATT	461
VEGFR-1	2375	UUUAUUUGAUAGGUAGUCAG	12	GACUACCUAUCAAUUUAUAAATT	462
VEGFR-1	3536	UUGAGUAUGUAAACCCACUAT	13	AGUGGGUUUACAUACUCAATT	463
VEGFR-1	2971	UUCCAUAUGAUGGGCUCCTT	14	GGAGCCCAUCACUAUGGAATT	464
VEGFR-1	1774	UCUGUUUUUAACUGUCCGCAG	15	GCGGACAGUUAAUAACAGATT	465
VEGFR-1	3494	UUGGGAUGUAGUCUUUACCAT	16	GGUAAAGACUACAUCCCAATT	466
VEGFR-1	2269	UGUUAGAGUGAUCAGCUCCAG	17	GGAGCUGAUCACUCUAAACATT	467
VEGFR-1	525	UUUCCAUCAGGGAUCAAGTG	18	CUUUGAUCCCUGAUGGAAATT	468
VEGFR-1	769	UUGAACUCUCGUGUUAAGGG	19	CUUGAACACGAGAGUUAATT	469
VEGFR-1	2246	UAGACUUGUCCGAGGUUCCTT	20	GGAACCUCGGACAAGUCUATT	470
VEGFR-1	732	UUGAGGACAAGAGUAUGGCCT	21	GCCAUACUCUUGUCCUCAATT	471
VEGFR-1	3813	UUACUGGUUACUCUCAAGUCA	22	ACUUGAGAGUAACCAGUAATT	472
VEGFR-1	3925	UUCCAGCUCAGCGUGGUCGTA	23	CGACCACGCUGAGCUGGAATT	473

VEGFR-1	1414	UGCUCGGAUGAUUAUGGTT	24	CCAUAUAUCCGAAGCATT	474
VEGFR-1	615	UUGACUGUUGCUUCACAGGTC	25	CCUGUGAAGCAACAGUCAATT	475
VEGFR-1	3300	UCAUCCAUUUGUACUCCUGGG	26	CAGGAGUACAAAUGGAUGATT	476
VEGFR-1	2845	UGGUUUCUUGCCUUGUUCAG	27	GGAACAAGGCAAGAAACCATT	477
VEGFR-1	2802	UUAGGCUCCAUGUGUAGUGCT	28	CACUACACAUGGAGCCUAATT	478
VEGFR-1	1564	UCUAGAGUCAGCCACAACCAA	29	GGUUGUGGCUGACUCUAGATT	479
VEGFR-1	1154	UAAUUAACGAGUAGCCACGAG	30	CGUGGCUACUCGUUAAUUATT	480
VEGFR-1	1090	UAACCAUACAACUCCGGCGA	31	GCCGGAAGUUGUAUGGUUATT	481
VEGFR-1	1260	UUCACAUUGACA AUUAGAGTG	32	CUCUAAUUGUCA AUGUGAATT	482
VEGFR-1	3530	AUGUAAACCCACU AUUUCCTG	33	GGAAAUAGUGGGUUUACAUTT	483
VEGFR-1	1177	AUCCUCUUCAGUUACGUCCTT	34	GGACGUAACUGAAGAGGAUTT	484
VEGFR-1	1193	UUGUAUAAU UCCCUGCAUCCT	35	GAUGCAGGGAAUUAUACAATT	485
VEGFR-1	1092	UUUAACCAUACAACUCCGGC	36	CGGAAGUUGUAUGGUUAAATT	486
VEGFR-1	627	UACAA AUGCCAUUGACUGTT	37	CAGUCA AUGGGCAUUGUATT	487
VEGFR-1	474	AUGUUAGGUGACGUAACCCGG	38	GGGUUACGUCACCUACAUTT	488
VEGFR-1	2761	UAAGUCACGUUUGCUCUUGAG	39	CAAGAGCAAACGUGACUUATT	489
VEGFR-1	2752	UUUGCUCUUGAGGUAGUUGGA	40	CAACUACCUCAAGAGCAAATT	490
VEGFR-1	3516	UUUCCUGUCAGUAUGGCAUTG	41	AUGCCAUACUGACAGGAAATT	491
VEGFR-1	1790	UACUGUAGUGCAUUGUUCUGT	42	AGAACA AUGCACUACAGUATT	492
VEGFR-1	1155	AUAAUUAACGAGUAGCCACGA	43	GUGGCUACUCGUUAAUUUATT	493
VEGFR-1	1370	UUGUAGGUUGAGGGAUACCAT	44	GGUAUCCCUCAACCUACAATT	494
VEGFR-1	2227	UUGAACAGUGAGGU AUGCUGA	45	AGCAUACCUACUGUUAATT	495
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VEGFR-1	1261	UUUCACAUUGACAAUAGAGT	47	UCUAAUUGUCA AUGUGAAATT	497
VEGFR-1	1791	AUACUGUAGUGCAUUGUUCTG	48	GAACAAUGCACUACAGUAUTT	498
VEGFR-1	3805	UACUCUCAAGUCAAUUCUUGAG	49	CAAGAUUGACUUGAGAGUATT	499
VEGFR-1	2764	AAAUAGUCACGUUUGCUCTT	50	GAGCAAACGUGACUUAUUUTT	500
VEGFR-2	617	UAAUAGACUGGUAA CUUUCAT	51	GAAAGUUACCAGUCUAUUATT	501

VEGFR-2	2686	UAGAAGGUUGACCACAUUGAG	52	CAAUGUGGUCAACCUUCUATT	502
VEGFR-2	561	UAGCUGAUGAUGUAGCUGGGA	53	CCAGCUACAUGAUCAGCUATT	503
VEGFR-2	525	UUGCUGUCCCAGGAAUUCTG	54	GAAUUUCCUGGGACAGCAATT	504
VEGFR-2	2277	AUGAUUUCCAAGUUCGUCUTT	55	AGACGAACUUGGAAAUCAUTT	505
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VEGFR-2	2007	UGAUUCUCCAGGUUUCUGTG	58	CAGGAAACCUGGAGAAUCATT	508
VEGFR-2	1323	UAGACCGUACAUGUCAGCGTT	59	CGCUGACAUGUACGGUCUATT	509
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VEGFR-2	3523	UGAUUUCGGAAGAACAUGTA	68	CAUUGUUCUUCGGAUAUCATT	518
VEGFR-2	1843	UGUGCUAUUAGAGAACAUGGT	69	CAUGUUCUCUAAUAGCACATT	519
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VEGFR-2	2088	UCUUUAAACCACAUGAUCUGT	71	AGAUCAUGUGGUUUAAAGATT	521
VEGFR-2	472	UCUUGCACAAAGUGACACGTT	72	CGUGUCACUUUGUGCAAGATT	522
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VEGFR-2	3769	AACCAUACCACUGUCCGUCTG	76	GACGGACAGUGGUAUGGUUTT	526
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VEGFR-2	1718	UCUCAACGUAGAUCUGUCTG	78	GACAGAUCUACGUUUGAGATT	528
VEGFR-2	2919	UCCUCCACAAAUCCAGAGCTG	79	GCUCUGGAUUUGUGGAGGATT	529

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VEGFR-2	56	UAGGCAAACCCACAGAGGCGG	82	GCCUCUGUGGGUUUGCCUATT	532
VEGFR-2	2453	UGGCAUCAUAAGGCAGUCGTT	83	CGACUGCCUUAUGAUGCCATT	533
VEGFR-2	1303	UUGAGUGGUGCCGUACUGGTA	84	CCAGUACGGCACCACUCAATT	534
VEGFR-2	1813	UUUCCAAAGAGUAUCCAAGTT	85	CUUGGAUACUCUUUGGAAATT	535
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VEGFR-3	2694	UUGAGCUCCGACAUCAGCGCG	102	CGCUGAUGUCGGAGCUCAATT	552
VEGFR-3	1689	UUGGAUUCGAUGGUGAAGCCG	103	GCUUCACCAUCGAAUCCAATT	553
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VEGFR-3	1556	UCACAGUCUUAUUCUUUCCT	113	GGAAAGAAUAAGACUGUGATT	563
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VEGFR-3	2337	AGGAUCACGAUCUCCAUGCTG	118	GCAUGGAGAUCGUGAUCCUTT	568
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VEGFR-3	426	UUGUUGAUGAAUGGCUGCUCA	127	AGCAGCCAUUCAUCAACAATT	577
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VEGFR-3	1755	UACUUGUAGCUGUCGGCUUGG	133	AAGCCGACAGCUACAAGUATT	583
VEGFR-3	3037	UCCAUGGUCAGCGGGCUCAG	134	GAGCCCGCUGACCAUGGAATT	584

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VEGFR-3	3883	UUCUUGUCUAUGCCUGCUCTC	141	GAGCAGGCAUAGACAAGAATT	591
VEGFR-3	4376	UAUUACCAAGGAAUAAUCGGC	142	CGAUUAUCCUUGGUAAUATT	592
VEGFR-3	2140	UUUGUACCACACGAUGCUGGG	143	CAGCAUCGUGUGGUACAAATT	593
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VEGFR-3	1109	UGUACCACUGGAACUCGGGCG	146	CCCAGAUCCAGUGGUACATT	596
VEGFR-3	319	UGUGUCGUUGGCAUGUACCTC	147	GGUACAUGCCAACGACACATT	597
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Tie-2 (TEK)	2350	UAUCUUCACAUCAACGUGCTG	152	GCACGUUGAUGUGAAGAUATT	602
Tie-2 (TEK)	706	UAUGUUCACGUUAUCUCCCTT	153	GGGAGAUAAACGUGAACAUATT	603
Tie-2 (TEK)	3561	UUUAAGGACACCAUAUCUGG	154	AGAUUAUUGGUGUCCUAAATT	604
Tie-2 (TEK)	2763	UGAAAUUUGAUGUCAUUCAG	155	GGAAUGACAUCAAAUUUCATT	605
Tie-2 (TEK)	174	UUGUUUACAAGUUAGAGGCAA	156	GCCUCUAACUUGUAAACAATT	606
Tie-2 (TEK)	1183	UUCAUUGCACUGCAGACCCTT	157	GGGUCUGCAGUGCAAUGAATT	607
Tie-2 (TEK)	805	UAGAAUAUCAGGUACUUCATG	158	UGAAGUACCUGAUUUCUATT	608
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Tie-2 (TEK)	2277	UAGCCAUCCAAUAUUGUCCAA	160	GGACAAUAUUGGAUGGCUATT	610
Tie-2 (TEK)	1366	UACUUCUAUAUGAUCUGGCAA	161	GCCAGAUCAUAUAGAAGUATT	611
Tie-2 (TEK)	32	UUUGGUUAUCAGCAGGGCUGGG	162	CAGCCCUGCUGAUACCAAATT	612

Tie-2 (TEK)	4085	UGUACUAUCAGGGUCAUUGTT	163	CAAUGACCCUGAUAGUACATT	613
Tie-2 (TEK)	3881	UUCUGAUUUCAGCCCAUUCTT	164	GAAUGGGCUGAAAUCAGAATT	614
Tie-2 (TEK)	646	UUGUUGACGCAUCUUCAUGGT	165	CAUGAAGAUGCGUCAACAATT	615
Tie-2 (TEK)	4021	AUAGCAUUCAACAUAAGGTA	166	CCUUUAUGUUGAAUGCUAUTT	616
Tie-2 (TEK)	209	UUUGUGACUUUCCAUAAGCAT	167	GCUAAUGGAAAGUCACAAATT	617
Tie-2 (TEK)	4223	UAAAUUGAAACGGGACUGGCTG	168	GCCAGUCCCGUUUCAUUUATT	618
Tie-2 (TEK)	3961	UACUAAUUGUACUCACGCCTT	169	GGCGUGAGUACAAUAGUATT	619
Tie-2 (TEK)	1771	UUGAAUAUGUUGCCAAGCCTC	170	GGCUUGGCAACAUAUUAATT	620
Tie-2 (TEK)	3909	UUAUUGCAUAUGAAACCACAA	171	GUGGUUUAUAUGCAAUAATT	621
Tie-2 (TEK)	3606	UAAAGCGUGGUUAUUCACGUAG	172	ACGUGAAUACCACGCUUUATT	622
Tie-2 (TEK)	477	AUUAAGGCUUCAAGUCCCTT	173	GGGACUUUGAAGCCUUAUUTT	623
Tie-2 (TEK)	3421	UUCUGCACAAGUCAUCCCGCA	174	CGGGAUGACUUGUGCAGAATT	624
Tie-2 (TEK)	2730	UAAAUUGUAGGAUCUGGGUTG	175	ACCCAGAUCCUACAAUUUATT	625
Tie-2 (TEK)	1800	UAGUUGAGUGUAACAAUCUCA	176	AGAUUGUUACACUCAACUATT	626
Tie-2 (TEK)	3385	UAAGCUAACAUCUCCCAUAG	177	AUGGGAGAUUGUUAGCUUATT	627
Tie-2 (TEK)	1692	UAAGGCUCAGAGCUGAUGUTG	178	ACAUCAGCUCUGAGCCUUAATT	628
Tie-2 (TEK)	1657	AUGUCCAGUGUCAAUACGTT	179	CGUGAUUGACACUGGACAUTT	629
Tie-2 (TEK)	3665	UUCUGUCCUAGGCCGCUUCTT	180	GAAGCGGCCUAGGACAGAATT	630
Tie-2 (TEK)	2091	UUAAGUAGCACCGAAGUCAAG	181	UGACUUCGGUGCUACUUAATT	631
Tie-2 (TEK)	2827	UAACCCAUCCUUCUUGAUGCG	182	CAUCAAGAAGGAUGGGUUATT	632
Tie-2 (TEK)	1979	UUGGUUGCCAGGUCAAAUUTA	183	AAUUUGACCUGGCAACCAATT	633
Tie-2 (TEK)	67	UAGAUUAGGAUGGGAAAGGCT	184	CCUUUCCCAUCCUAAUCUATT	634
Tie-2 (TEK)	3459	UUCUCCAGUCUGUAGCCUGG	185	AGGGCUACAGACUGGAGAATT	635
Tie-2 (TEK)	2764	UUGAAAUUUGAUGUCAUCCA	186	GAAUGACAUCAAAUUUAATT	636
Tie-2 (TEK)	3560	UUAAGGACACCAUAUCUGGG	187	CAGAUAUUGGUGUCCUUAATT	637
Tie-2 (TEK)	715	UUUGAAAGAUUAUGUUCACGTT	188	CGUGAACAUUAUCUUUCAATT	638
Tie-2 (TEK)	1368	UUUACUUCUAUAUGAUCUGGC	189	CAGAUCAUAUAGAAGUAAATT	639
Tie-2 (TEK)	2351	UUAUCUUCACAUCAACGUGCT	190	CACGUUGAUGUGAAGAUAAATT	640

Tie-2 (TEK)	205	UGACUUUCCAUAUAGCAUCGTC	191	CGAUGCUAAUGGAAAGUCATT	641
Tie-2 (TEK)	3957	AAUUGUACUCACGCCUUCCTA	192	GGAAGGCGUGAGUACAAUUTT	642
Tie-2 (TEK)	3962	AUACUAAUUGUACUCACGCCT	193	GCGUGAGUACAAUAGUAUTT	643
Tie-2 (TEK)	2352	UUUAUCUUCACAUCAACGUGC	194	ACGUUGAUGUGAAGAUAAATT	644
Tie-2 (TEK)	3963	UAUACUAAUUGUACUCACGCC	195	CGUGAGUACAAUAGUAUATT	645
Tie-2 (TEK)	1777	UGUCACUUGAAUAUGUUGCCA	196	GCAACAUUUCAAGUGACATT	646
Tie-2 (TEK)	3388	UCCUAAGCUAACAAUCUCCCA	197	GGAGAUUGUUAGCUUAGGATT	647
Tie-2 (TEK)	636	AUCUUCAUGGUUCGUAUCCTG	198	GGAUACGAACCAUGAAGAUTT	648
Tie-2 (TEK)	74	UCCUUUGUAGAUUAGGAUGGG	199	CAUCCUAAUCUACAAAGGATT	649
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IGF2R	8479	UUCUCUGACACCUCAACUCCA	433	GAGUUGAGGUGUCAGAGAATT	883
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IGF2R	7182	UUGUAGGACACGUUGGAACTT	448	GUUCCAACGUGUCCUACAATT	898
IGF2R	2941	AUCCCUUAUAGAGCAAGCCTG	449	GGCUUGCUCUAUAAGGGAUTT	899
IGF2R	3693	UCAAACGUGAUCCUGGUGGAG	450	CCACCAGGAUCACGUUUGATT	900

Chemical Modification of RNA Strand Nucleotides

The siRNA according to the invention may comprise at least one modified nucleotide in at least one of the RNA strands. A range of potential modified nucleotides are disclosed elsewhere herein. Useful modifications and combinations of modifications for use according to the invention are shown in Table 2:

[illegible][illegible]

4	Blunt-ended	$\text{NNNNNNNNNNNNNNNNNNNNNNNNNN}$ $\text{NNNNNNNNNNNNNNNNNNNNNNNNNN}$
5	2'-OMe o/h	$\text{NNNNNNNNNNNNNNNNNNNNNNNNNN}^{\text{P}}\text{N}^{\text{P}}$ $\text{N}^{\text{P}}\text{N}^{\text{P}}\text{NNNNNNNNNNNNNNNNNNNNNNNNNN}$
6	2'-OMe/2'F	$\text{NNNNNNNNNNNNNNNNNNNNNNNNNN}^{\text{P}}\text{N}^{\text{P}}$ $\text{N}^{\text{P}}\text{N}^{\text{P}}\text{NNNNNNNNNNNNNNNNNNNNNNNNNN}$
7	LNA (3-7 incorporations in ds region)	$\text{NNNNNNNNNNNNNNNNNNNNNNNNNNsn}$ $\text{nsnsNNNNNNNNNNNNNNNNNNNNNNNNNN}$

N = any unmodified RNA nucleotide

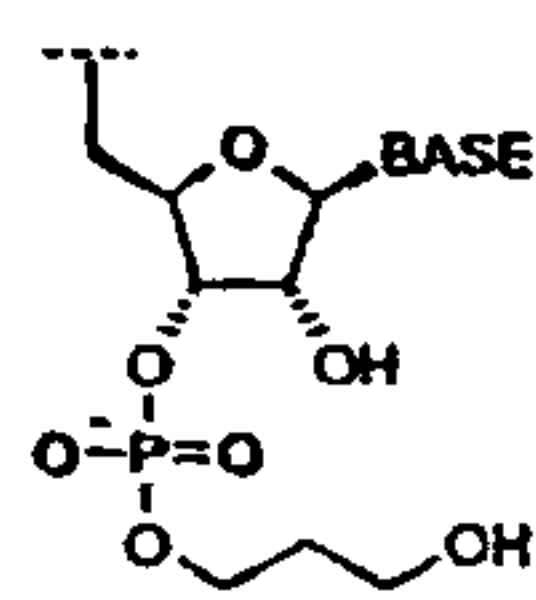
n = unmodified DNA nucleotide

N^P = modified RNA nucleotide

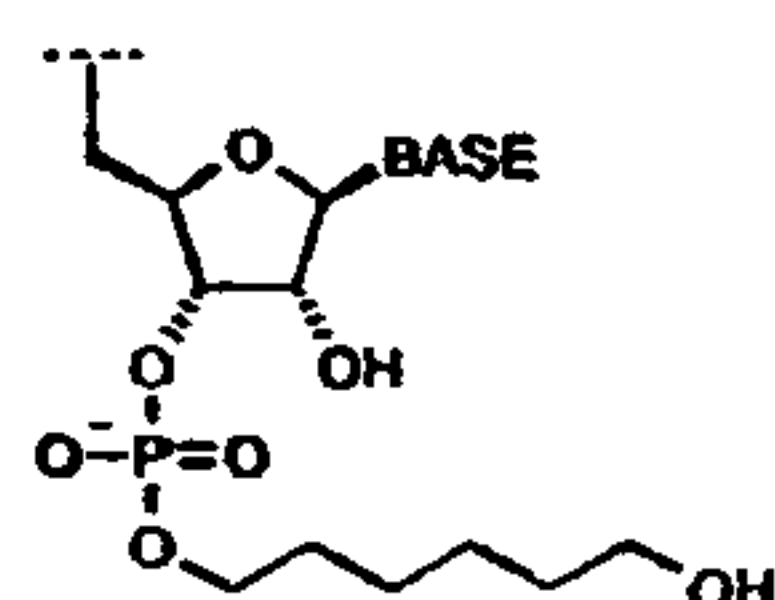
s = identifies phosphorothioate internucleoside linkage

o/h = overhang

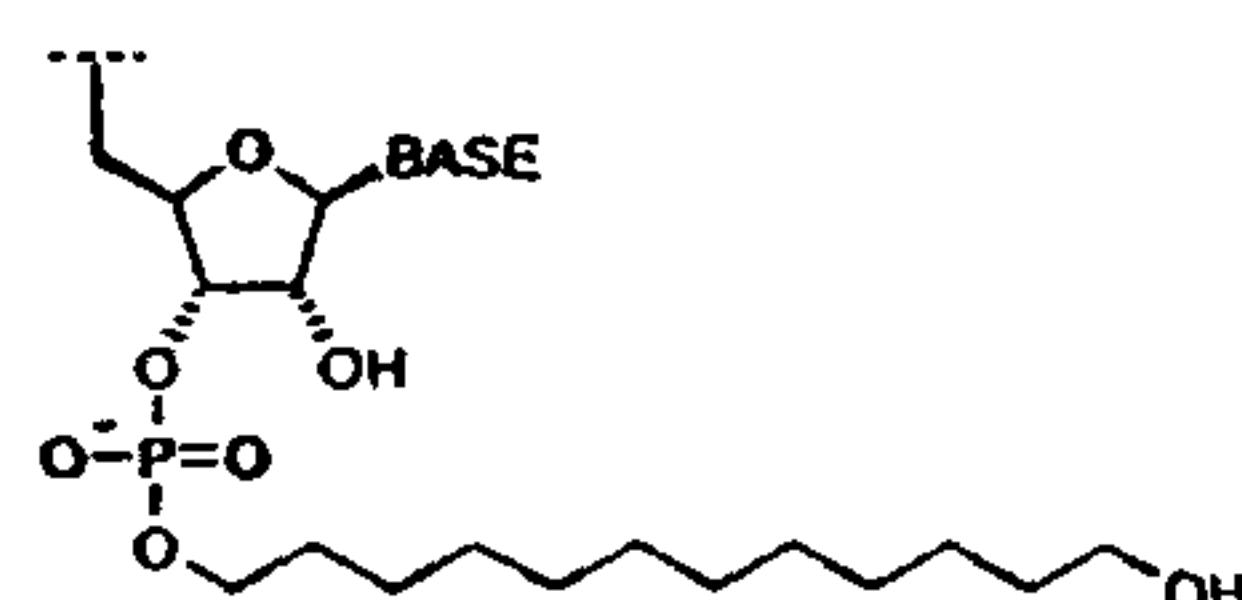
The following modifications added to the 3' position of the 3'-terminus of the siRNA strands, sometimes referred to as a '3' end cap' are also recognized as useful embodiments of the invention and may be used with any of the siRNA according to the invention:



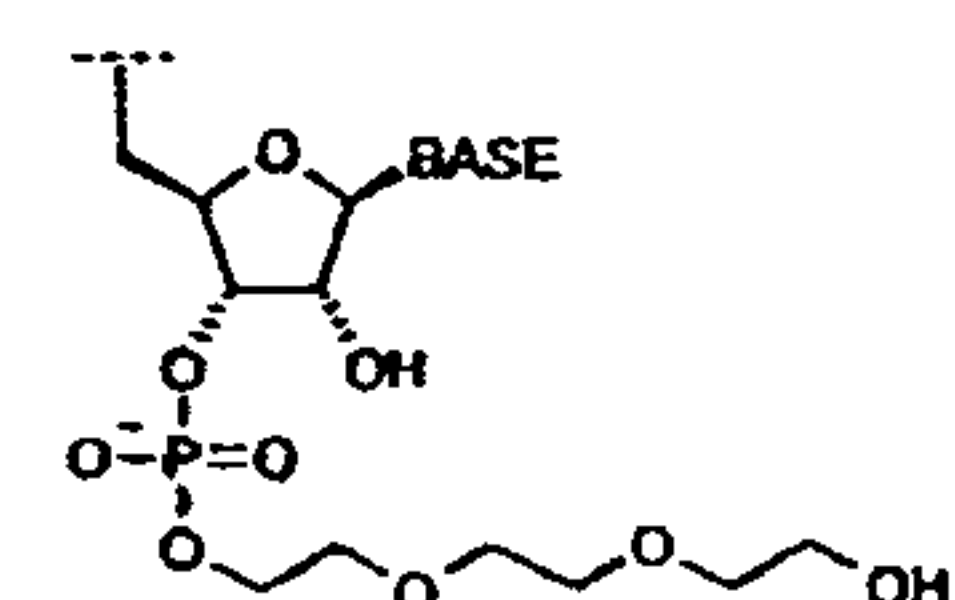
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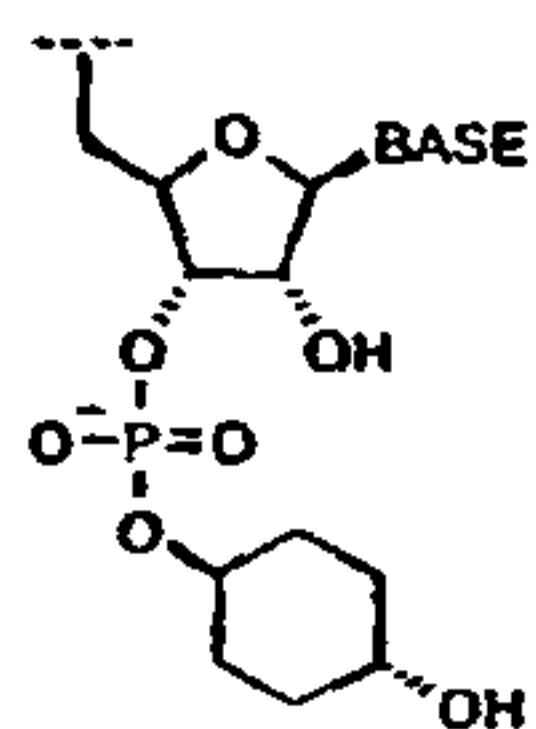
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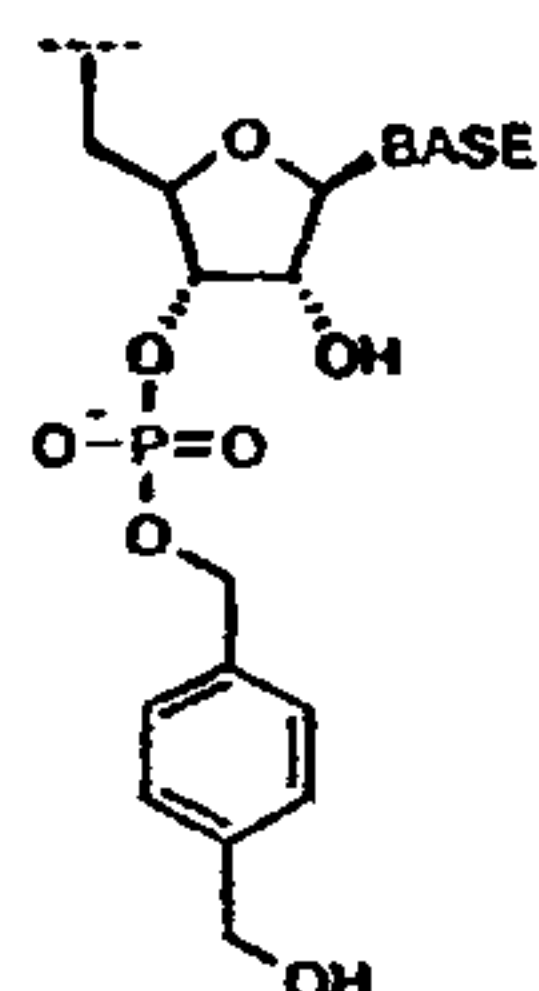
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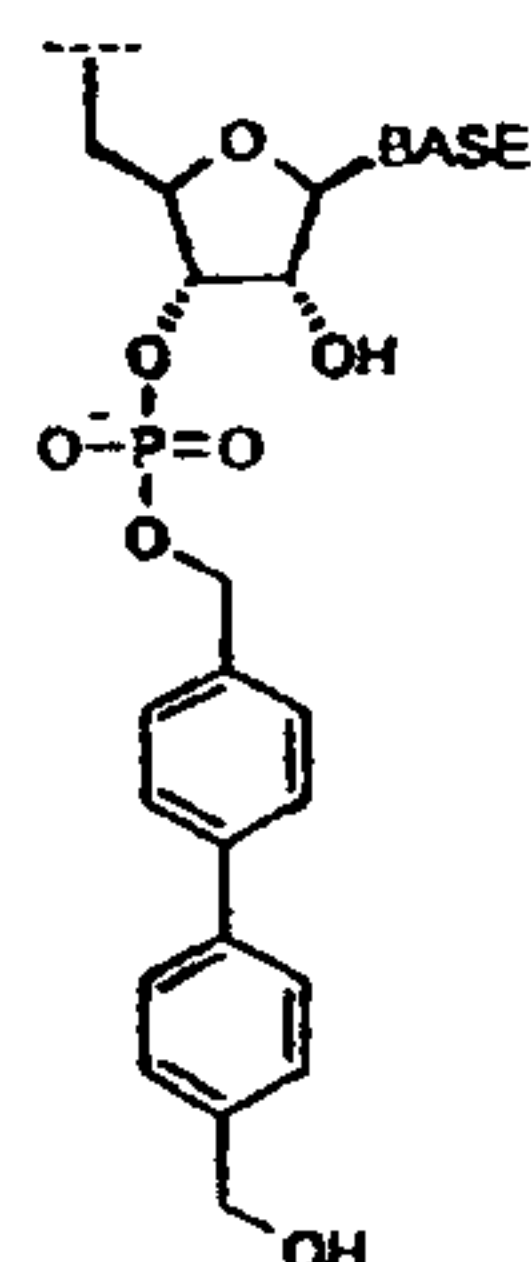
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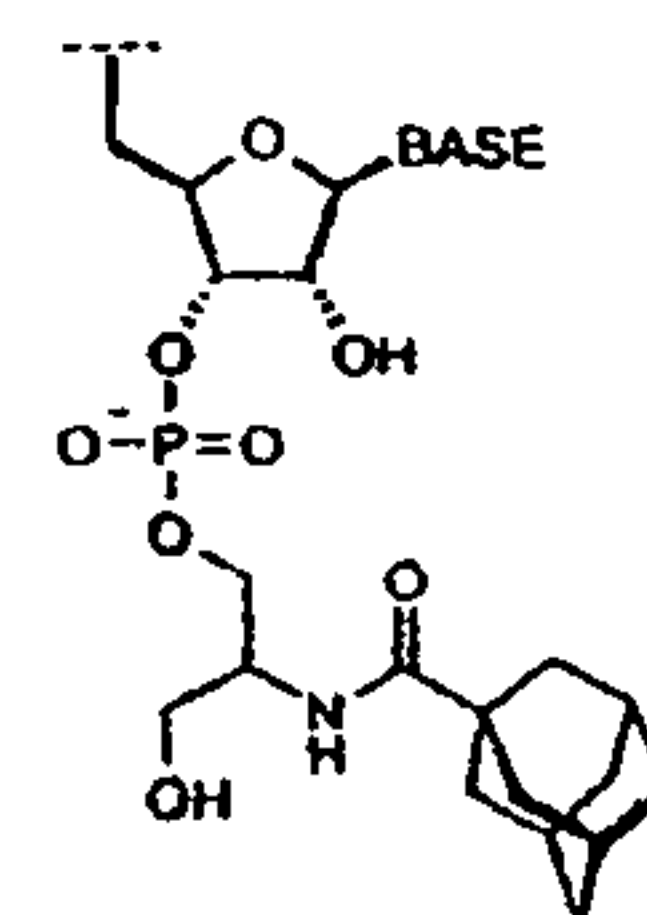
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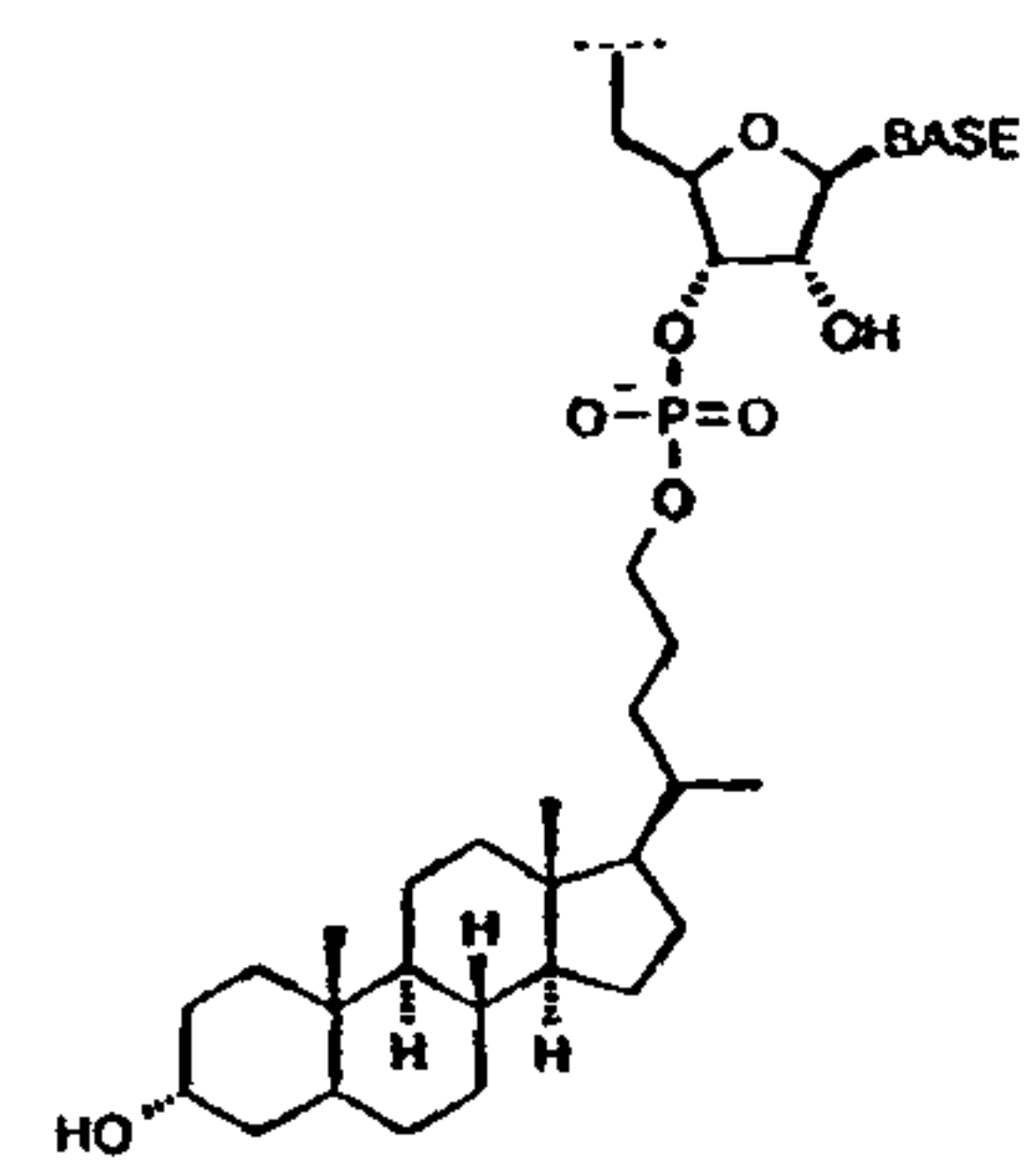
Phenyl



Biphenyl



Adamantane



Lithocholic acid

Specific compounds with activity according to the invention include the following, shown in Table 3:

Table 3: Sequences and Chemistries of siRNA used in Examples

Name	strand	Sequence (N: RNA; dN: DNA; n: 2'-moe RNA; s: phosphorothioate)	SEQ ID NO
pGI3-siRNA	guide strand	UCG AAG UAC UCA GCG UAA GdTdT	901
	complement strand	CUU ACG CUG AGU ACU UCG AdTdT	902
pGL3 MOE o/h siRNA	guide strand	CUU ACG CUG AGU ACU UCG Atst	903
	complement strand	UCG AAG UAC UCA GCG UAA Gtst	904
pGI3-C3-siRNA	guide strand	UCG AAG UAC UCA GCG UAA G-C3	905
	complement strand	CUU ACG CUG AGU ACU UCG A-C3	906
pGI3-C3-MOE-siRNA	guide strand	UCG AAG UAC UCA GCG UAa g-C3	907
	complement strand	CUU ACG CUG AGU ACU UCg a-C3	908
VEGFR2-siRNA1	guide strand	UUG AGG UUU GAA AUC GAC CdCdT	909
	complement strand	GGU CGA UUU CAA ACC UCA AdTdT	910
VEGFR2-siRNA2	guide strand	UAA UUU GUU CCU GUC UUC CdAdG	911
	complement strand	GGA AGA CAG GAA CAA AUU AdTdT	912
siRNA control	guide strand	ACG UGA CAC GUU CGG AGA AdTdT	913
	complement strand	UUC UCC GAA CGU GUC ACG UdTdT	914
VEGFR2-C3-siRNA1	guide strand	UUG AGG UUU GAA AUC GAC C-C3	915
	complement strand	GGU CGA UUU CAA ACC UCA A-C3	916
VEGFR2-C3-siRNA2	guide strand	UAA UUU GUU CCU GUC UUC C-C3	917
	complement strand	GGA AGA CAG GAA CAA AUU A-C3	918

C3-siRNA control	guide strand	ACG UGA CAC GUU CGG AGA A-C3	919
	complement strand	UUC UCC GAA CGU GUC ACG U-C3	920
VEGFR2-C3-MOE-siRNA1	guide strand	UUG AGG UUU GAA AUC GAc c-C3	921
	complement strand	GGU CGA UUU CAA ACC UC _a a-C3	922
VEGFR2-C3-MOE-siRNA2	guide strand	UAA UUU GUU CCU GUC UUc c-C3	923
	complement strand	GGA AGA CAG GAA CAA AU _u a-C3	924
Tie2-C3-MOE-siRNA1	guide strand	UUC UUC UUU AAU UAA CAc c-C3	925
	complement strand	GGU GUU AAU UAA AGA AG _a a-C3	926
Tie2-C3-MOE-siRNA2	guide strand	UCU GAG UUU GUA AAU AUc g-C3	927
	complement strand	CGA UAU UUA CAA ACU CAg a-C3	928
C3-MOE-siRNA control	guide strand	ACG UGA CAC GUU CGG AG _a a-C3	929
	complement strand	UUC UCC GAA CGU GUC ACg t-C3	930

Examples:

The following Examples illustrate aspects of the invention, and are not intended to limit the embodiments included in the claims recited below. The results and discussion section further below refers to experiments conducted according to the following protocols and employing the following materials. Materials and protocols that are not specifically described are considered to be routinely available to those skilled in the art.

Example 1*Preparation of siRNAs.*

Single strand siRNA derivatives were synthesized by standard 2'-O-TOM phosphoramidite technology and purified by Oasis® HLB Extraction Plates (Waters). Sense- and antisense

stranded siRNA were mixed in hybridization buffer (100 mM potassium acetate, 2 mM magnesium acetate, 30 mM Hepes, pH 7.6) heat-denatured at 90° C for 3 min and annealed at 37° C for 60 min. 100 µM stock solutions of siRNA duplexes were stored at -20° C.

Example 2

Incubation in Serum and analysis by IE-HPLC (LC-MS).

In a standard serum assay, 6 µL 20 µM of each siRNA were mixed with 54 µL serum or CSF and heated at 37° C in an incubator. 50 µL of the cooled mixture was loaded on an analytical DNA-pac PA-100 Column (Dionex) and analyzed with a NaCl gradient (0 – 0.6 M in 30 min) in a 1:10 Acetonitrile:Buffer (20 mM sodium acetate, 1 mM magnesium acetate, pH 6.5) solution.

For LC-MS analysis 100 µL (20 µM or 50 µM) each siRNA was mixed with 900 µL sterile fetal bovine serum (GIBCO) incubated at 37° C and separated by HPLC as indicated previously (except of the NaCl gradient: 0M - 0.36M in 9' / 0.36M - 0.6M in 12'). Degradation products were desalted on NAP columns and analyzed by LC-ESI-MS.

Example 3

Incubation in gastric acid

To prepare a standard gastric acid assay, FVB and C57BL6 mice, weighing 18 to 20 g (6 to 8 weeks old), were obtained from Charles River Laboratories (Les Oncins, France). Animals were sacrificed using CO₂, and then stomachs were quickly recovered. Gastric fluid as well as stomach contents were collected and pooled, then loaded on centrifugal filter devices (Ultrafree MC, Millipores). Filter units were spun for 10 minutes according to manufacturer's recommendations. The filtrate, corresponding to mouse gastric fluid, was recovered, aliquoted and frozen prior further experiments.

For each assay, 20 µM of siRNA solutions were diluted in 9x volume of gastric acid as above described and incubated at 37°C for 0, 5, 10, 15, 30, 60 and 120 min.

Example 4

Incubation in intestinal lavage

To prepare a standard intestinal lavage assay, Male Wistar rat were fasted, anesthetized with isoflurane. Intestinal lavage was obtained by in situ perfusion of the small intestine (duodenum, jejunum, ileum) with 10 mL saline (0.5 mL/min) followed by 20 mL water (1

mL/min). Outlet collected was centrifuged (3000 x g, 15 min, 22°C), and supernatant passed through a 1.2-µm filter and stored at -20°C.

For each assay, 20 µM siRNA solutions were diluted in 9x volume of intestinal lavage and incubated at 37°C for 0, 15, 30, 60, 180 and 360 min.

Example 5

Incubation in mouse liver microsomes

In a standard liver microsome assay, to 10 µl of a 250 µM solution of siRNA were added 25 µl of mouse liver microsomes (GEntest 452701 Charge 11) at 20 mg protein /ml, 365 µl of 100 mM phosphate buffer (pH 7.4), 50 µl of UDPGA cofactor (24 mM in water), 50 µl of NADPH. Incubation was quenched by freezing at t=0 min and t= 60 min.

Example 6

Incubation in rat S12 supernatant

For a standard rat S12 supernatant assay, 10 µl of a 250 µM solution of siRNA were added to 17 µl of rat liver S12 at 29.9 mg protein /ml, 373 µl of 100 mM phosphate buffer (pH 7.4), 50 µl of UDPGA cofactor (24 mM in water), 50 µl of NADPH. Incubation was quenched by freezing at t=0 min and t= 60 min.

Example 7

Incubation in mouse serum

For a standard incubation in mouse serum, 20 µM siRNA solutions were diluted in 9x volume of murine serum (Harlan nude mouse) and incubated at 37°C for 0, 15, 30, 60, 180 and 360 min.

Example 8

Gel electrophoresis stability assay.

A 10 µL aliquot of incubation solution was taken immediately after shaking and shock-frozen on dry ice, the mixtures were incubated at 37° C and aliquots were shock frozen at various time points. Aliquots were thawed in 30 µL (15 µL respectively) Loading Buffer (Elchrom Sc., Cham, Switzerland) and separated on a SF50 gels (Elchrom Sc., Cham, Switzerland) at 120 V, 8° C for 240 min. Bands were stained with SYBR Gold (Molecular Probes) and picture were taken with a BIORAD ChemiDoc™ XRS system.

Example 9*Cell culture*

The mouse immortalized endothelial cell line MS1 (ATCC CRL-2279) was grown in DMEM high glucose (4.5g/l) supplemented with L-Glutamine and 10% heat-inactivated FCS (AMIMED, Switzerland) on 1.5% Gelatine-coated culture dishes. MS1 cells were transfected in 24 well-format with siRNA using HiPerfect (QIAGEN) according to manufacturer procedure (tetraplicate, final siRNA concentration was 10nM or as indicated).

Example 10*FACS analysis*

Non-transfected and siRNA transfected MS1 cells were analyzed by FACS for VEGFR2 levels. Briefly, cells were trypsinized from duplicate or triplicate wells, pooled for each conditions, then washed twice with PBS+10% FCS and incubated 10 minutes on ice prior addition of RPE-conjugated anti-VEGFR2 Ab (1µg/10⁶ cells; Avas 12α1, BD Pharmingen). RPE-labeled isotype IgG2α were used as FACS control (BD Pharmingen). FACS acquisition and analysis were performed on a FACScalibur using Cell Quest Software (Becton-Dickinson).

Example 11*Animal studies*

Female FVB mice (6 to 8 weeks old), were obtained from Charles River Laboratories (Les Oncins, France). Mice were identified via ear markings and kept in groups (6 animals per cage) under normal conditions and observed daily. Six mice were used per treatment group and all animal experiments were performed in strict adherence to the Swiss law for animal protection.

The reference chamber model has been described in publications (e.g. Wood J, Bold G, Buchdunger E, et al. PTK787/ZK 222584, a novel and potent inhibitor of vascular endothelial growth factor receptor tyrosine kinases, impairs vascular endothelial growth factor-induced responses and tumor growth after oral administration. Cancer Res 2000;60:2178-89) In brief, porous tissue chambers made of perfluoro-alkoxy-Teflon (Teflon®-PFA, 21 mm x 8 mm diameter, 550 µl volume) were filled with 0.8% agar (BBL® Nr. 11849, Becton Dickinson, Meylan, France) and 20U/ml heparin, (Novo Nordisk A/S, Bagsvaerd, Denmark) supplemented with or without 3 µg/ml recombinant human VEGF and siRNAs as indicated.

Solutions were maintained at 42 °C prior the filling procedure. Mice were anesthetized using 3% Isoflurane (Forene®, Abbott AG, Cham, Switzerland) inhalation. For subcutaneous implantation, a small skin incision was made at the base of the tail to allow the insertion of an implant trocar. The chamber was implanted under aseptic conditions through the small incision onto the back of the animal. The skin incision was closed by wound clips (Autoclip 9 mm Clay Adams). Depending on the required dose, siRNAs were diluted in "injectable quality grade" 0.9% saline solution then delivered to animals either i.p. (200µL /dose) or p.o. by gavage (100µL /dose). The mice were receiving the first dose 2 to 4 hours before implanting chambers; then treated daily for 2 days. If not otherwise indicated, mice were sacrificed three days after implantation, chambers excised and the vascularized fibrous tissue formed around each implant carefully removed. Body weight was used to monitor the general condition of the mice. Statistical analysis was done using one-way ANOVA followed by Dunnett test.

Example 12

B16 melanoma xenograft model

The syngeneic B16/BL6 murine melanoma model, previously identified to be responsive to antiangiogenic therapy (e.g. LaMontagne K, Littlewood-Evans A, Schnell C, O'Reilly T, Wyder L, Sanchez T, Probst B, Butler J, Wood A, Liao G, Billy E, Theuer A, Hla T, Wood J. Antagonism of sphingosine-1-phosphate receptors by FTY720 inhibits angiogenesis and tumor vascularization. Cancer Res. 2006 Jan 1;66(1):221-31), was used to evaluate the antitumor activity of standard or modified siRNAs. Tumor cells (1 µL, $5 \times 10^4/\mu\text{L}$) were injected intradermally into the dorsal pinna of both ears of syngeneic female C57BL/6 mice. Measurements of primary tumor area (mm^2) were carried out on days 7, 14, and 21 after tumor cell inoculation using computer-assisted image analysis software (KS-400 3.0 imaging system, Zeiss) and a specifically designed macro. From days 7 to 21, mice were receiving siRNAs diluted in "injectable quality grade" 0.9% saline solution either i.p. (200µL /dose) or p.o. by gavage (100µL /dose) once a day. Mice were sacrificed on day 21, and cranial lymph node metastases were weighed and then frozen.

In these results, actual siRNA sequences and chemistries employed may be determined by reference to Table 3.

Wild-type siRNAs are degraded in mouse serum from both 3'-ends

Oligonucleotide degradation by nucleases is predominantly 3'-exonucleolytic. Modification of antisense oligonucleotides at their termini by the introduction of aromatic or lipophilic residues delays their nucleolytic degradation¹⁷. To verify whether this metabolic pathway would also be dominant for siRNA, we incubated at 37°C a unmodified siRNA (wild-type siRNA) in mouse serum for up to 3 hours.

The unmodified siRNA sequence employed was pG13-siRNA (see Table 3)

The mixtures were analyzed with Strong Anion Exchange HPLC at t=0 min., t=30 min, t= 180 min.

As shown in Figure 1a, 1b and 1c, at t= 30 min, a well defined peak corresponding to blunt ended siRNA was observed. By t=3h substantial degradation is observed. Figure 1d and 1e illustrate the metabolites identified by HPLC-ESI-MS analysis. This analysis revealed the presence of several metabolites corresponding to the loss of the 3' overhangs and of the 3'- terminal first base pairing ribonucleotide on both strands. Digestion of the 5'-terminal ribonucleotide of the guide strand was also observed.

Figure 1 suggests the degradation pathway of unmodified siRNAs in serum. DNA overhangs are first digested, possibly by 3'-exonucleases. In the LC-MS, additional metabolites were also detected which correspond to the loss of the first base-pairing 3'-ribonucleotide of both strands and also the first 5'-base-pairing ribonucleotide of the guide strand.

3'-modified siRNAs are stable through the GI tract

siRNAs with 2'-methoxyethyl ribonucleotides overhangs (MOE o/h siRNA), blunt-ended siRNAs 3'-capped with a hydroxypropoxy phosphodiester moiety (C3-siRNA), and hydroxypropoxy phosphodiester 3'-capped siRNAs where the two first base pairing nucleotide at 3'-end of each strand were modified by 2'-methoxyethyl ribonucleotides residues (C3-MOE siRNA) were synthesized. These compounds are illustrated schematically in Figure 2.

First siRNAs were incubated in mouse gastric acid for 2h (Figure 3). No degradation was observed in the cases of C3 siRNA and C3-MOE siRNA, while degradation of wild-type siRNA was observed after 30 minutes.

Stability in intestinal fluid obtained from intestinal lavage of rats revealed almost complete degradation of wild-type siRNA after 15 minutes whereas parent compound in the MOE o/h siRNA, C3-siRNA and C3-Moe siRNA were observed for 60 minutes. (Figure 4)

Stability in liver was evaluated using a liver microsome assay and a S12 assay (representative of liver cytosolic enzymatic activity). Results are shown in Figure 5. In both cases, no degradation was observed after 60 minutes of incubation.

Finally, siRNAs were tested in mouse serum by incubation at 2 micromolar for up to 6 hours at 37°C (results in Figure 6). Parent compound stability was followed by gel electrophoresis. In the cases of modified siRNAs (C3 siRNA, C3-MOE siRNA of MOE o/h siRNA), no significant degradation was observed while the wild-type siRNA

This study indicate that wild type (unmodified) siRNAs are metabolized in mouse gastric acid and in mouse serum. In case of 3'-ends modified siRNAs, no degradation was observed in the GI tract. Therefore it is likely that 3'-modified siRNAs will have a higher oral bioavailability than wild-type siRNAs

Systemically delivered 3'-modified siRNAs are more active in an *in vivo* growth factor induced angiogenesis model¹⁸.

Firstly, the ability of modified siRNAs (C3-siRNA and CE-MOE siRNA) to down regulate a target gene was checked in cellulo by measuring VEGFR2 surface level of MS1 cells transfected with anti-VEGFR2 siRNAs.

Pools of 2 anti VEGFR2 siRNAs as wild-type siRNAs, C3-siRNAs and C3-MOE siRNAs were administered intraperitoneally. Results are shown in Figure 7. Pooled Wild type siRNAs reduced significantly the VEGF induced vascularization at the higher dose of 25 micrograms per mice per day. The same level of inhibition was observed at a 5-fold lower dose with C3-siRNA. In the case of the C3-MOE siRNAs pool, significant reduction of vascularized tissue weight was observed at all tested doses including the lowest 0.2 microgram per mouse per day.

Figure 8a and 8b show that, when given intraperitoneally, both VEGFR2 - C3 and C3-MOE siRNAs were active at below 1 microgram per mouse per day dose.

In vivo testing of anti-VEGFR2 C3-MOE siRNA given intraperitoneally (i.p.) in a B16 homograft melanoma tumor mouse model. Figure 9a shows that i.p. treatment with modified VEGFR2-C3-MOE-siRNA significantly reduces tumour development. Figure 9b also shows that i.p. injection of VEGFR2-C3-MOE-siRNA at 20 ug per mouse results in significant inhibition of tumour growth.

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Figure 10 shows that given orally, at a dose of 20 micrograms per mouse per day, the VEGFR2-C3-MOE-siRNA1 reduced vascularization weight down to basal level (e.g. weight without growth factor induction). Actual siRNA sequences used are referred to in Table 3.

Anti Tie2 C3-MOE siRNAs were also tested in the growth factor induced angiogenesis model under both intraperitoneal and oral deliveries. Figure 11a and 11b show that given orally, both C3-MOE siRNAs directed at Tie2 were active at 20 microgram per mouse per day. Actual siRNA sequences used may be determined by reference to Table 3.

The data shows that 3'-end modified siRNAs with or without additional internal modifications are able to demonstrate therapeutic effect at reasonable doses upon oral administration.

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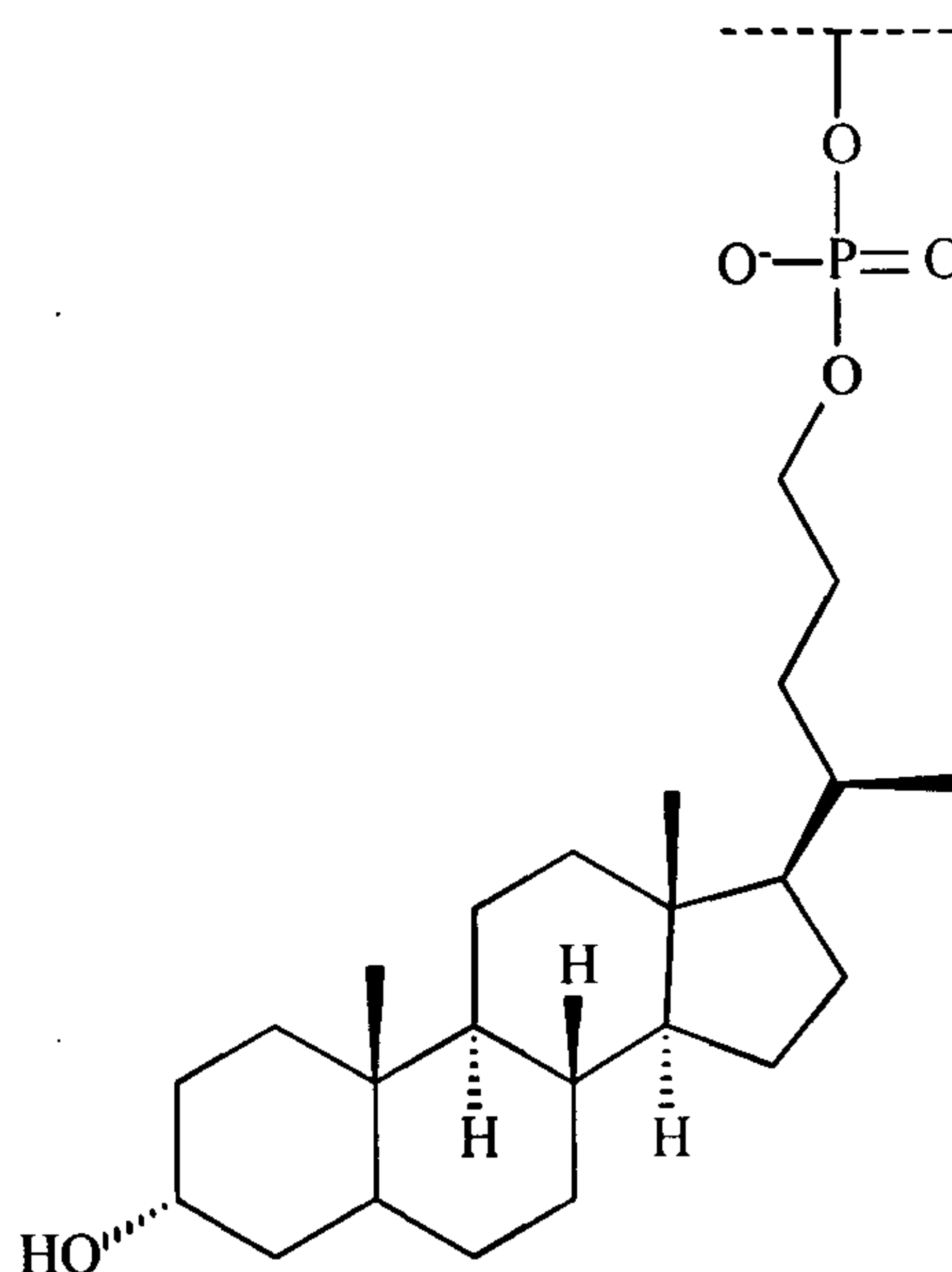
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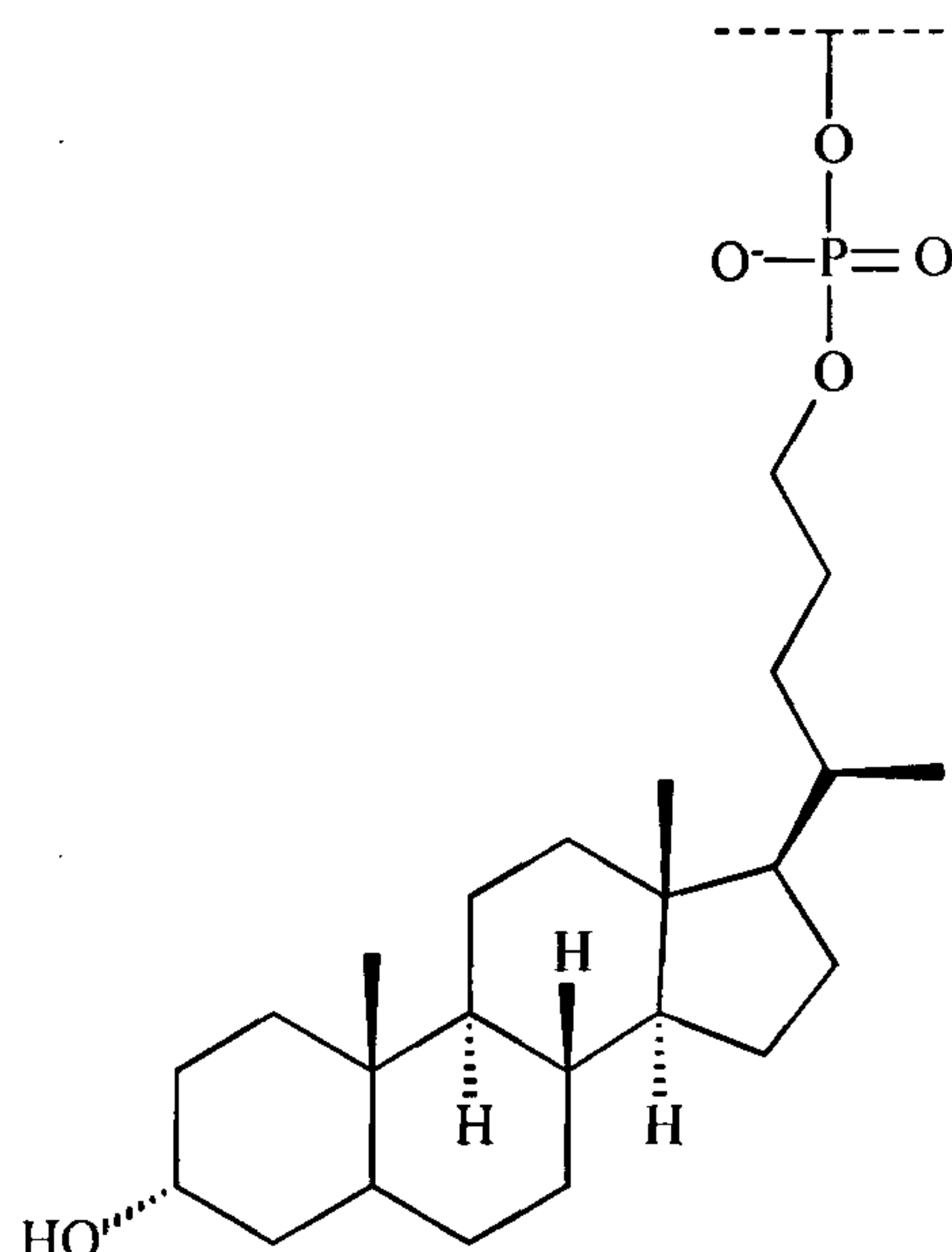
CLAIMS:

1. A short interfering ribonucleic acid (siRNA), said siRNA comprising two RNA strands that are complementary to each other over at least 15 nucleotides, wherein each strand is 49 nucleotides or less, and wherein the 3'-terminus of at least one strand comprises a
5 modification at the 3' carbon, wherein the modification is:



2. A short interfering ribonucleic acid (siRNA), said siRNA comprising two RNA strands that are complementary to each other over at least 15 nucleotides, wherein each strand is 49 nucleotides or less, and wherein the 3'-terminus of each strand comprises a modification
10 at the 3' carbon, wherein the modification is:

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3. The siRNA according to claim 1, wherein the first two base-pairing nucleotides at the 3' end of each strand are modified.

4. The siRNA according to claim 1, wherein the first two base-pairing nucleotides at the 3' end of each strand are 2'-methoxyethyl ribonucleotides residues.

5. The siRNA according to claim 1, wherein the two strands are complementary to each other over at least 19 nucleotides.

6. The siRNA according to claim 5, wherein each strand is 19 nucleotides.

7. The siRNA according to claim 1, wherein both ends of the siRNA are blunt-ended.

8. The siRNA according to claim 1, wherein each strand is 19 nucleotides.

9. The siRNA according to claim 1, wherein the two strands are fully complementary to each other over 19 nucleotides and wherein the siRNA is blunt-ended.

10. The siRNA according to claim 3, wherein at least one additional nucleotide is modified.

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11. The siRNA according to claim 1, having stability in a standard gastric acid assay that is greater than an unmodified siRNA with the same nucleotide sequence.
12. The siRNA according to claim 1, having stability in a standard gastric acid assay that is greater than or equal to 50% after 30 minutes exposure.
- 5 13. The siRNA according to claim 1, having stability in a standard serum assay is greater than an unmodified siRNA with the same nucleotide sequence.
14. The siRNA according to claim 1, having stability in a standard serum assay is greater than or equal to 50% after 30 minutes exposure.
15. The siRNA according to claim 1, having stability in a standard intestinal lavage
10 assay that is greater than an unmodified siRNA with the same nucleotide sequence.
16. The siRNA according to claim 1, having an enhanced bioavailability compared to an unmodified siRNA of the same nucleotide sequence.
17. Pharmaceutical composition comprising the siRNA according to claim 1, and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.
- 15 18. The siRNA according to claim 1, for use as a medicament.
19. The siRNA according to claim 1, wherein the first two base-pairing nucleotides at the 3' end of each strand are modified, wherein each modified nucleotide has an internucleoside linkage which is an amide linkage.
20. The siRNA according to claim 1, for use as a medicament which is
20 administered parenterally.
21. The siRNA according to claim 1, wherein the first two base-pairing nucleotides at the 3' end of each strand are modified, wherein each modified nucleotide is selected from among nucleotides having a modified internucleoside linkage selected from among phosphorothioate, phosphorodithioate, phosphoramidate, boranophosphonoate, and amide
25 linkages.

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22. The siRNA according to claim 5, wherein one end of the siRNA is blunt-ended.

23. The siRNA according to claim 1, comprising a 1 to 6 nucleotide overhang on at least one of the 5' end or 3' end.

5 24. The siRNA according to claim 1, for use as a medicament which is administered orally, topically, parenterally, by inhalation or spray, or rectally, or by percutaneous, subcutaneous, intravascular, intravenous, intramuscular, intraperitoneal, intrathecal or infusion technique.

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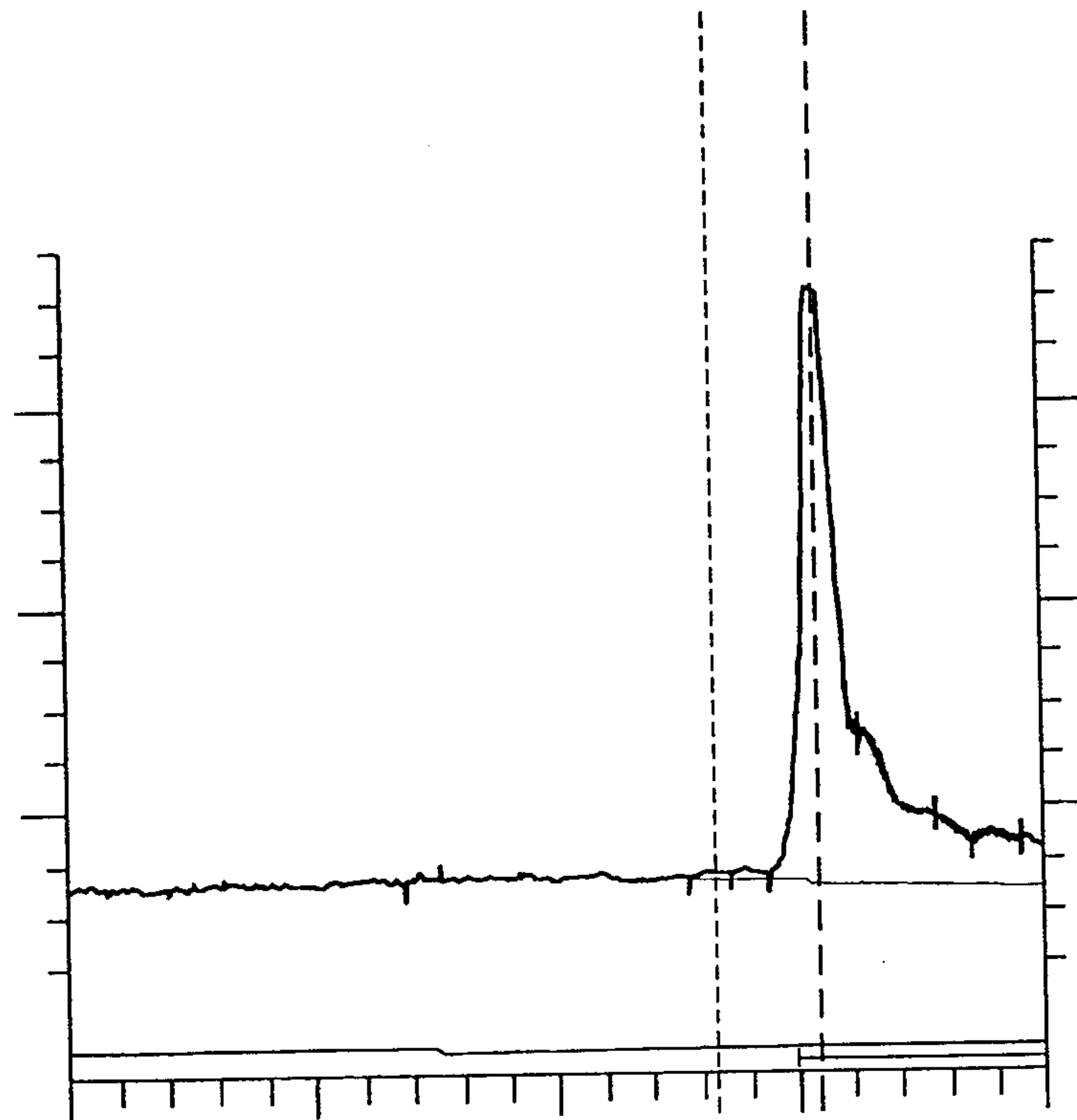
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FIG. 1a

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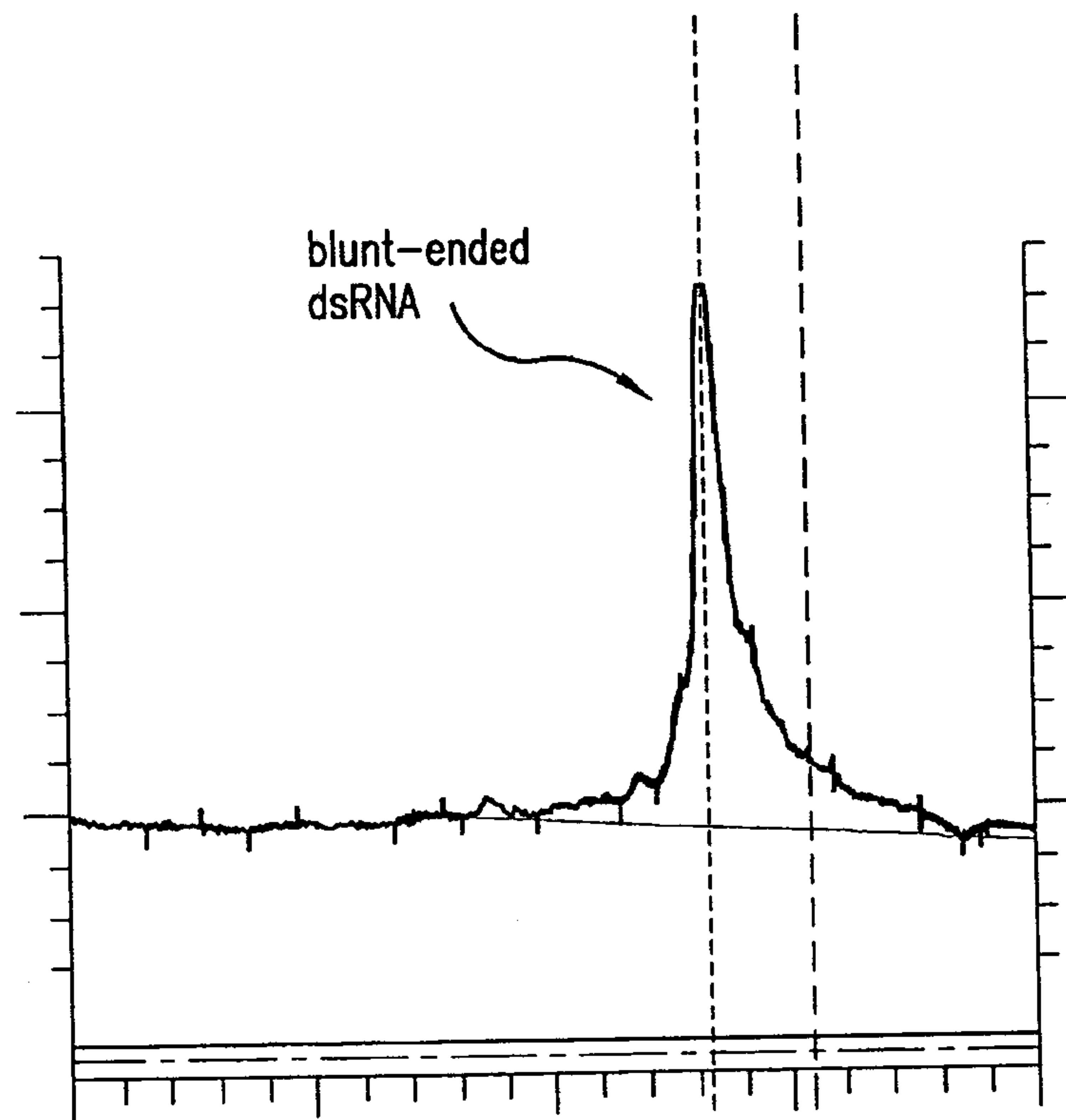
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FIG.1b

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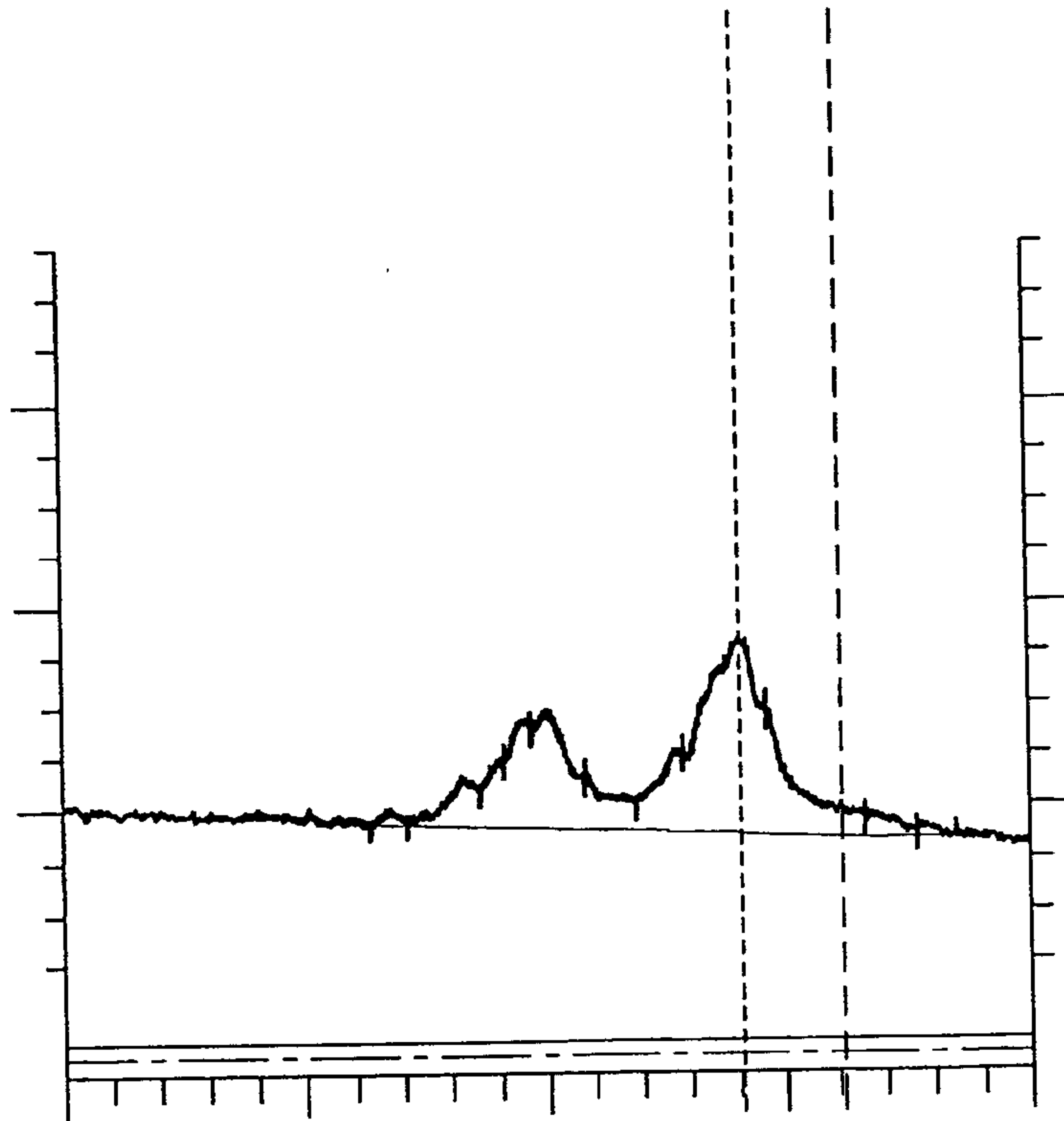
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FIG.1c

LC-MS analysis

Compound	Sequence	Mth	found
parent_complement	CUUACGCUGAGUACUUCGATT	6607.32	
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complement -TpTp	CUUACGCUGAGUACUUCGA__	5998.7	5996.8
complement -TpTp -3'Ap	CUUACGCUGAGUACUUCG___	5669.5	5670.9
parent_guide	UCGAAGUACUCAGCGUAAGTT	6693.37	
guide -Tp	UCGAAGUACUCAGCGUAAGT_	6389.1	6387.5
guide -TpTp	CGAAGUACUCAGCGUAAG__	6084.8	6084.2
guide -TpTp -3'Gp	UCGAAGUACUCAGCGUAA___	5739.6	5740.6
guide -TpTp -5'Tp	_CGAAGUACUCAGCGUAAG__	5778.7	5775.2

FIG.1d

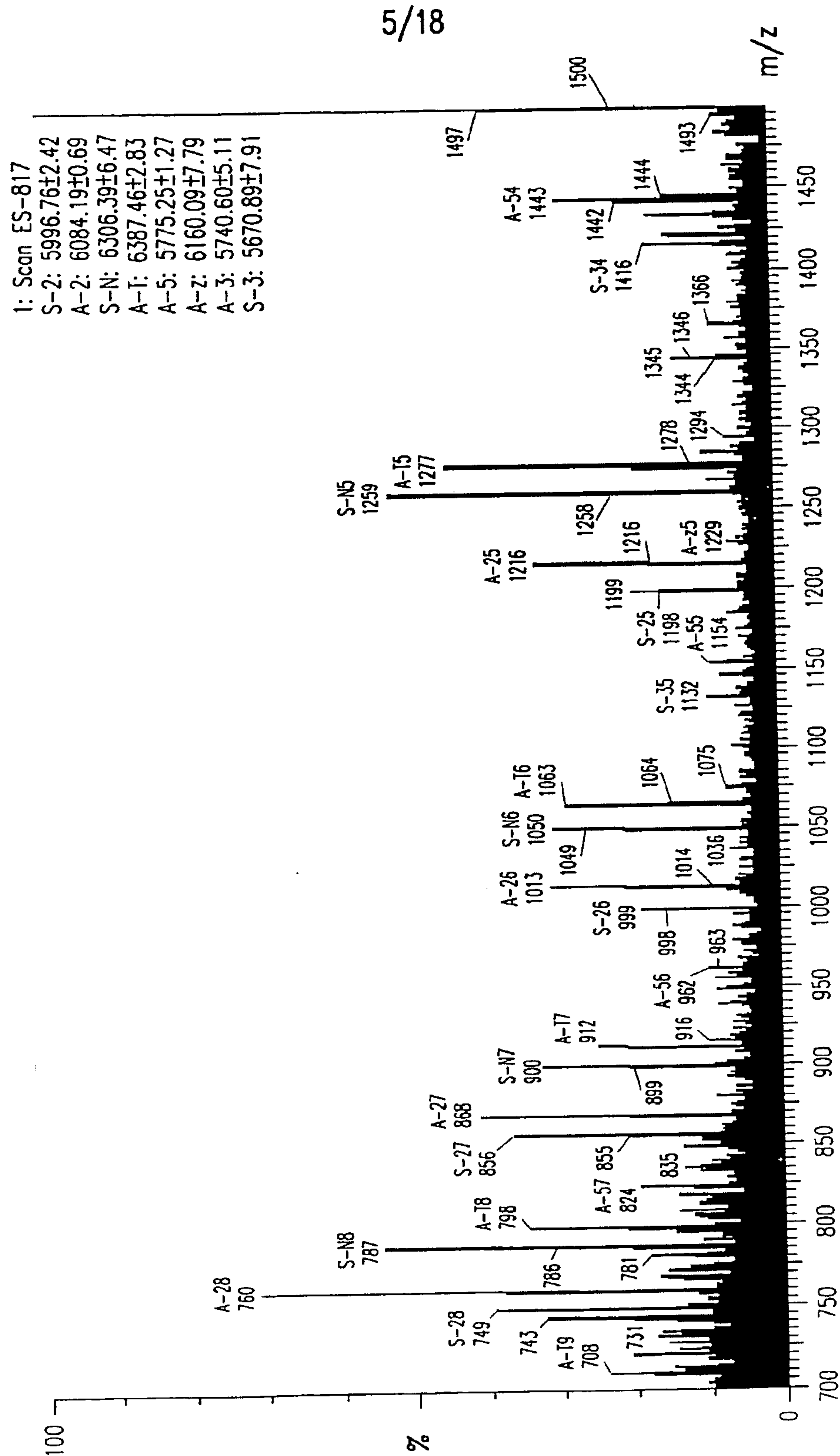


FIG.1e

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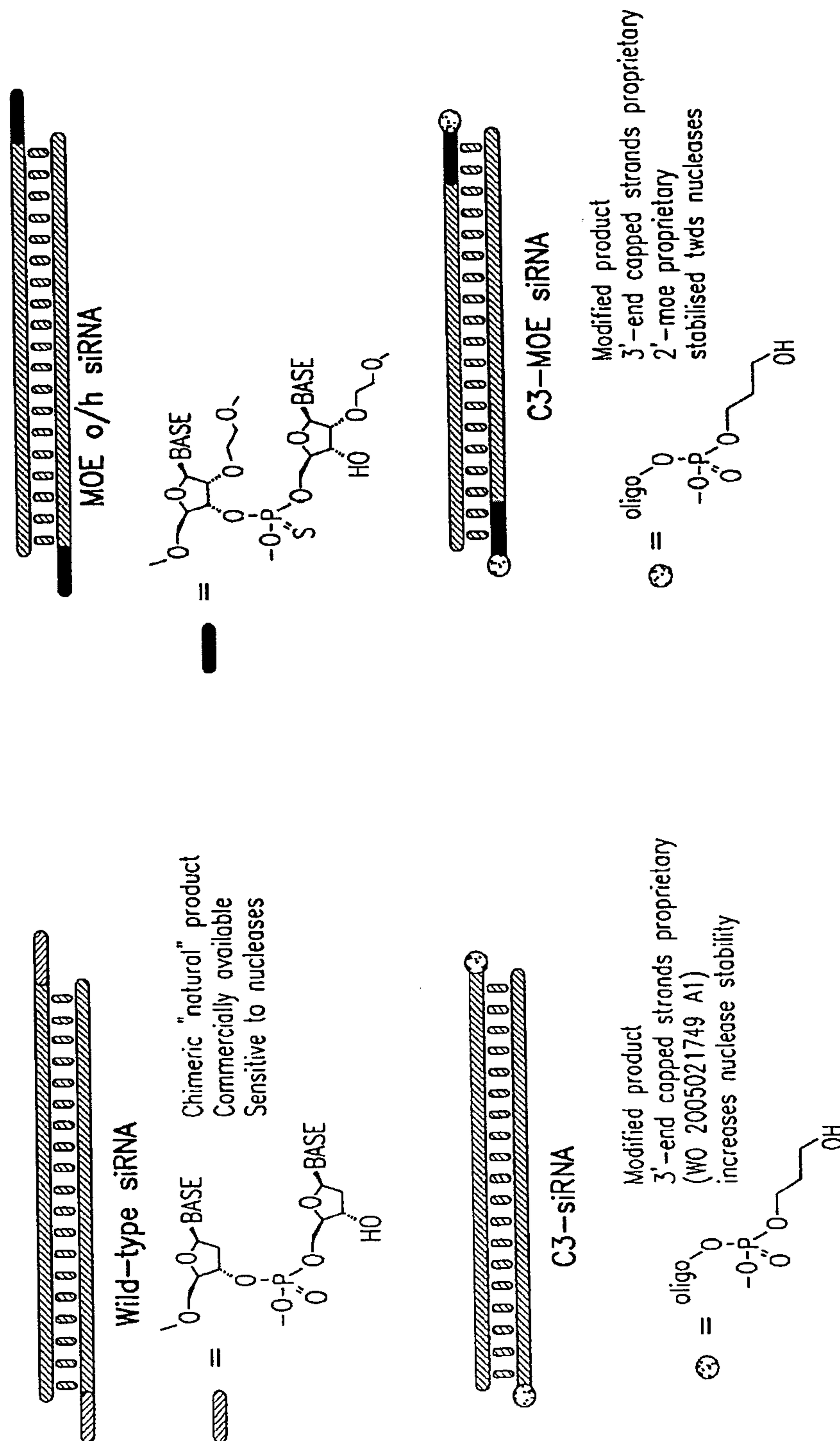


FIG.2

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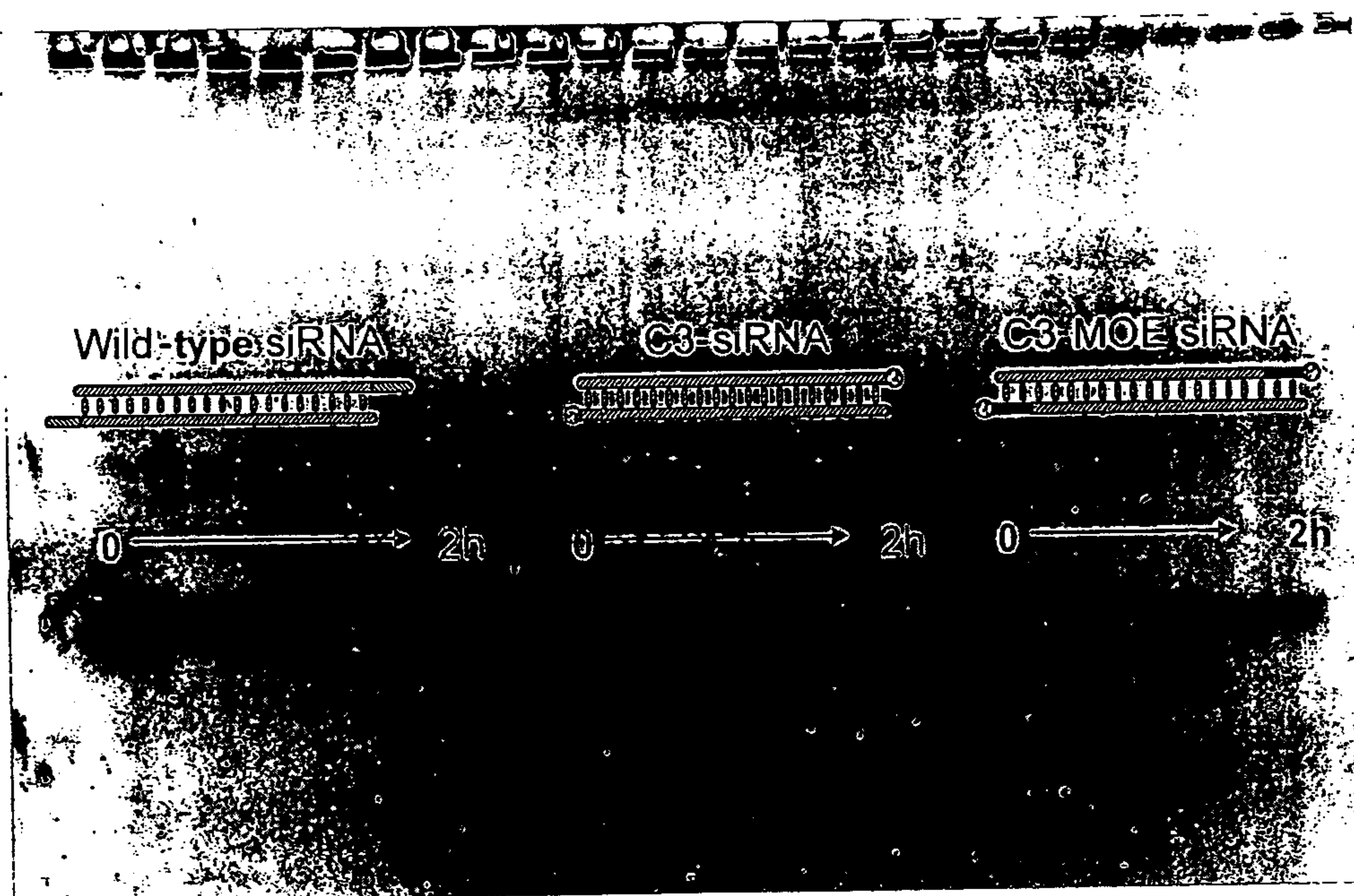


FIG.3

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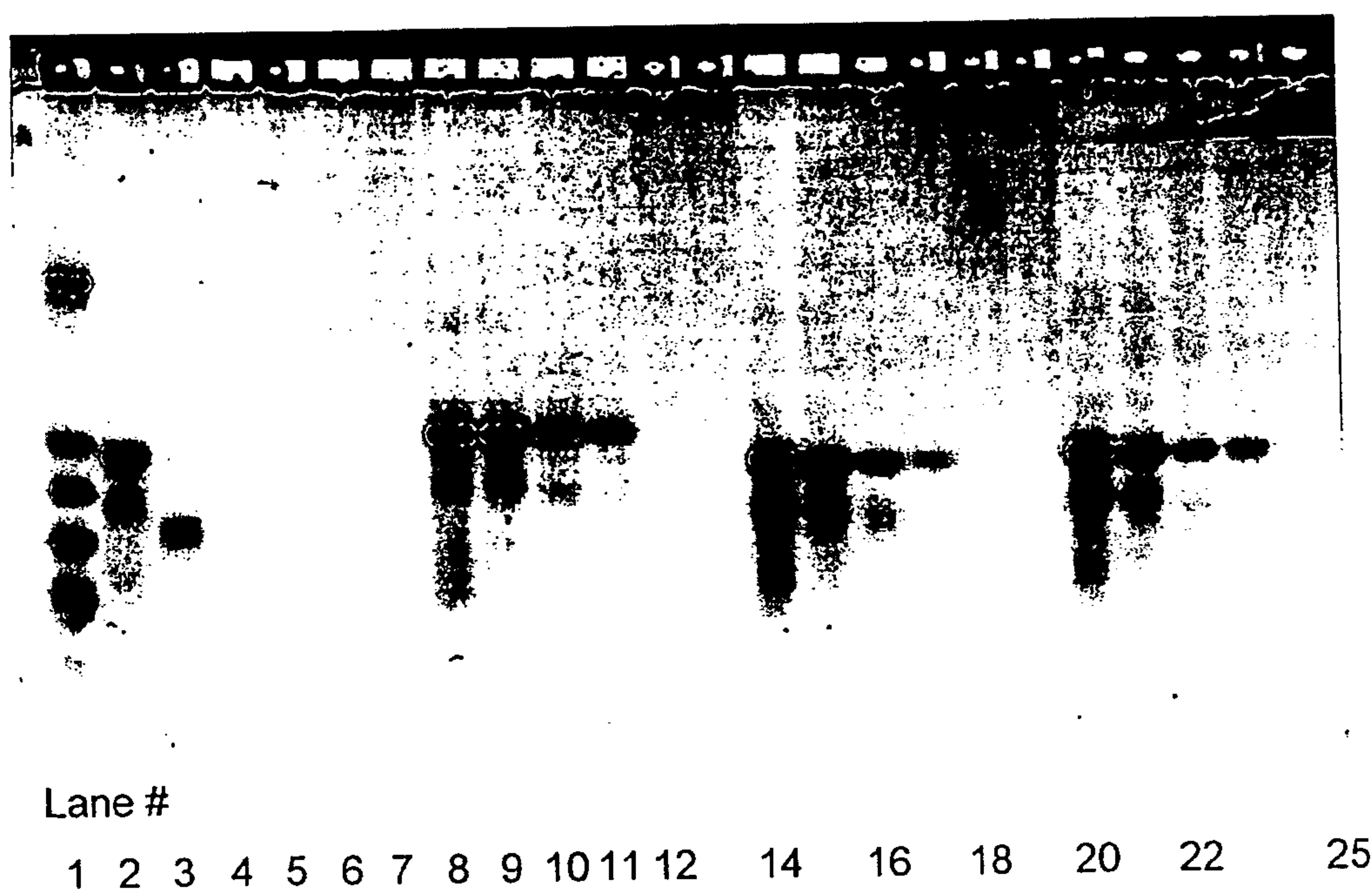


FIG.4

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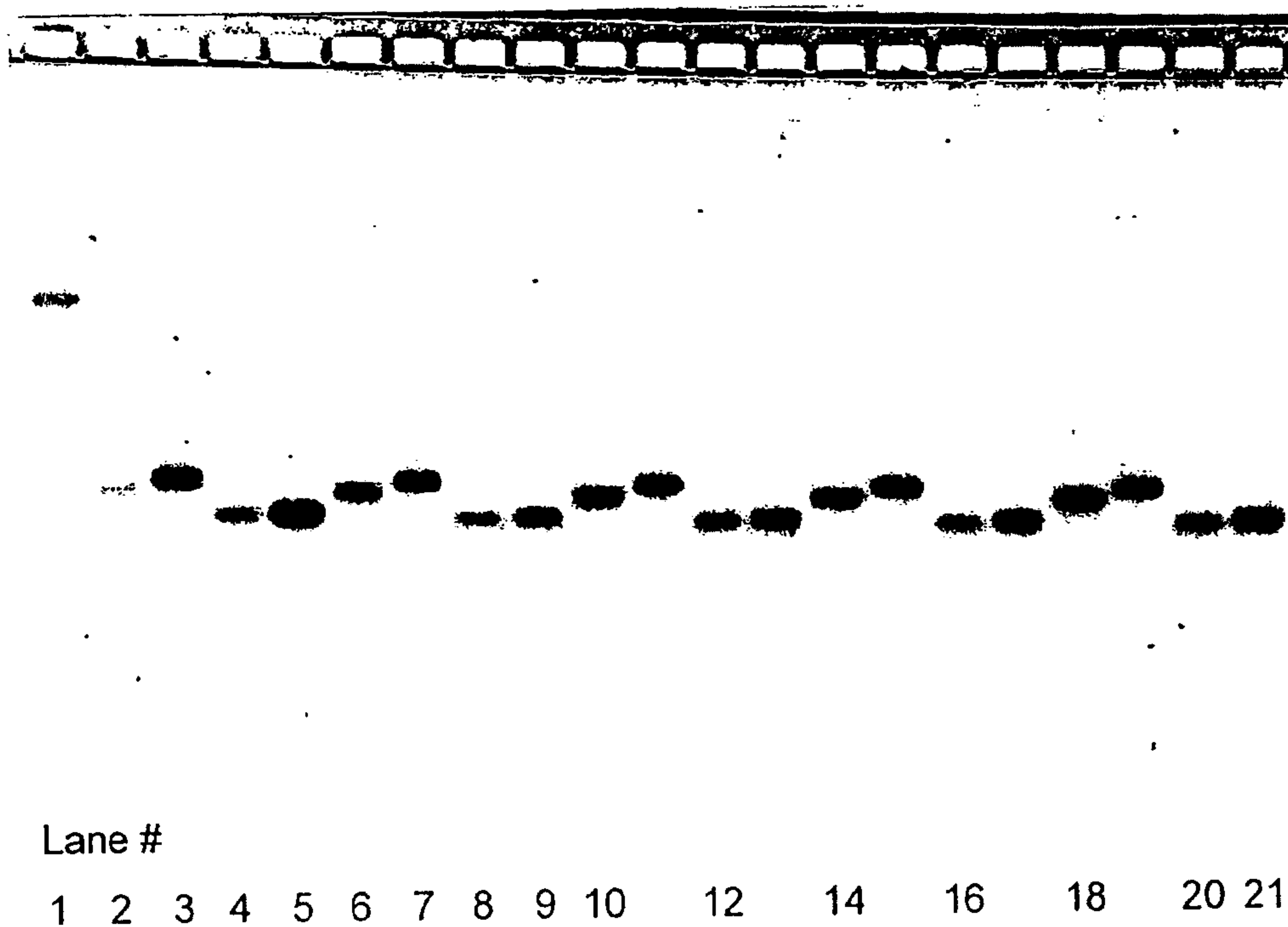


FIG.5

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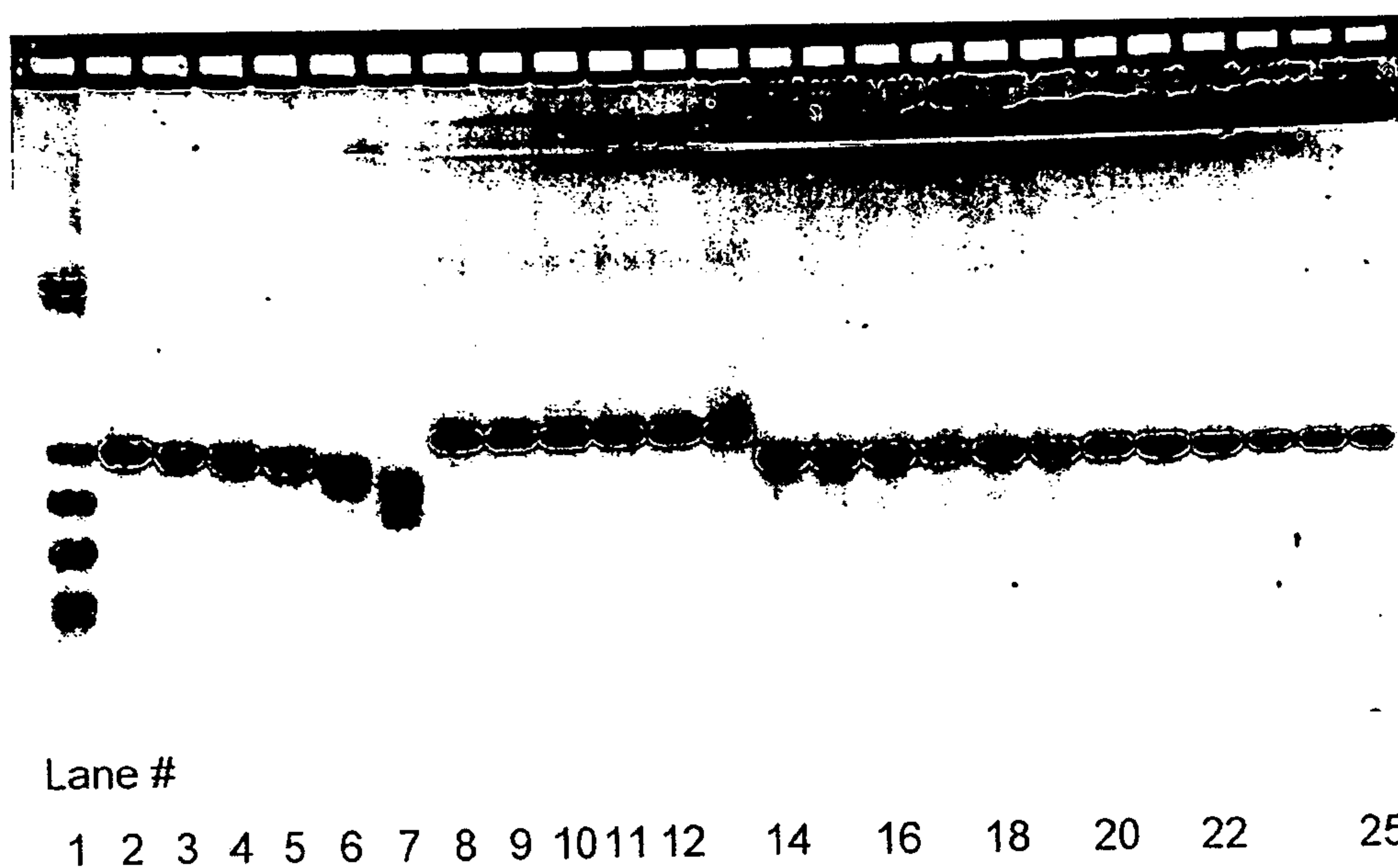
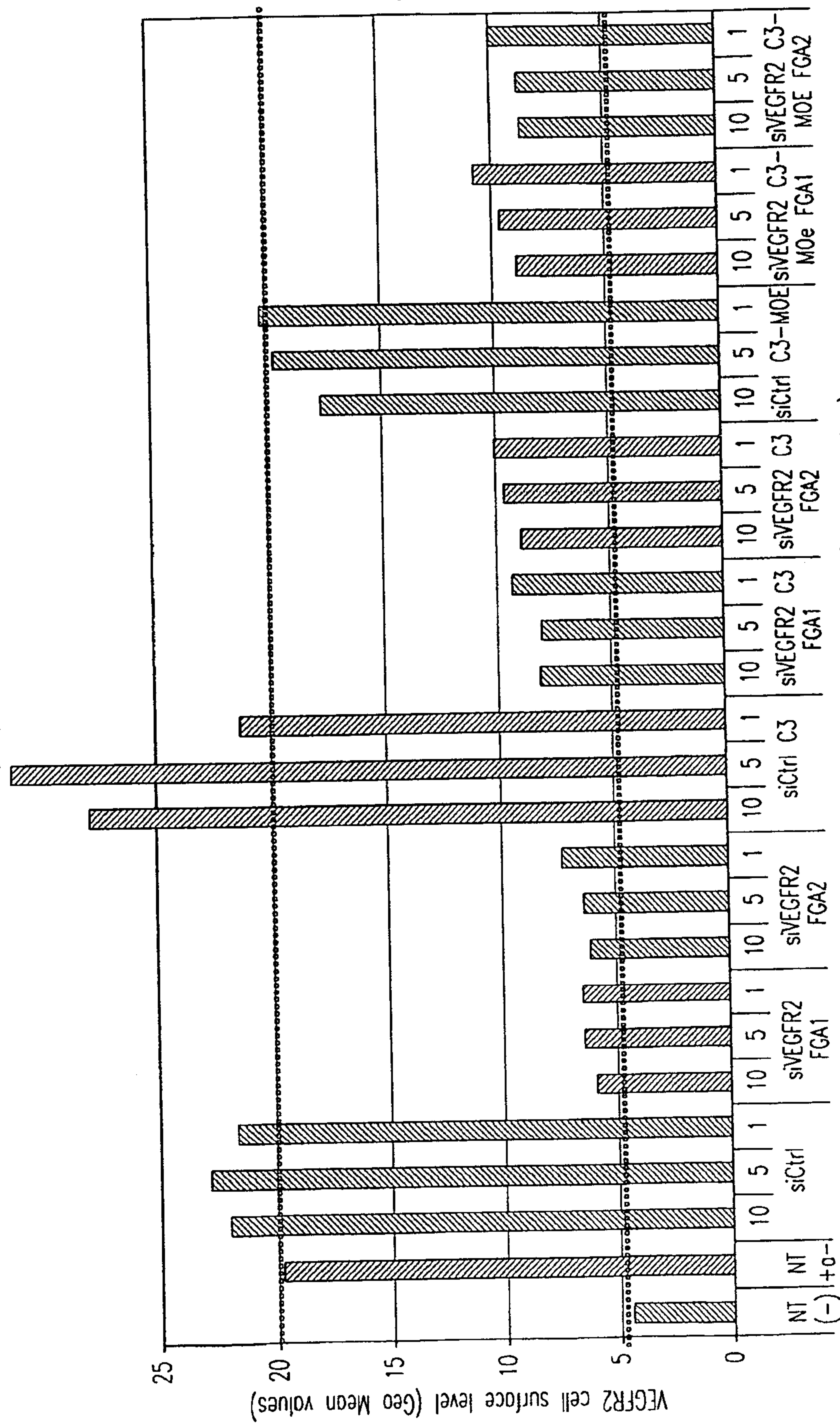


FIG.6

Effect of stabilization groups on siRNA potency in cellulose



conditions – siRNA transfected in MS1 cells (1, 5 and 10nM)

FIG. 7

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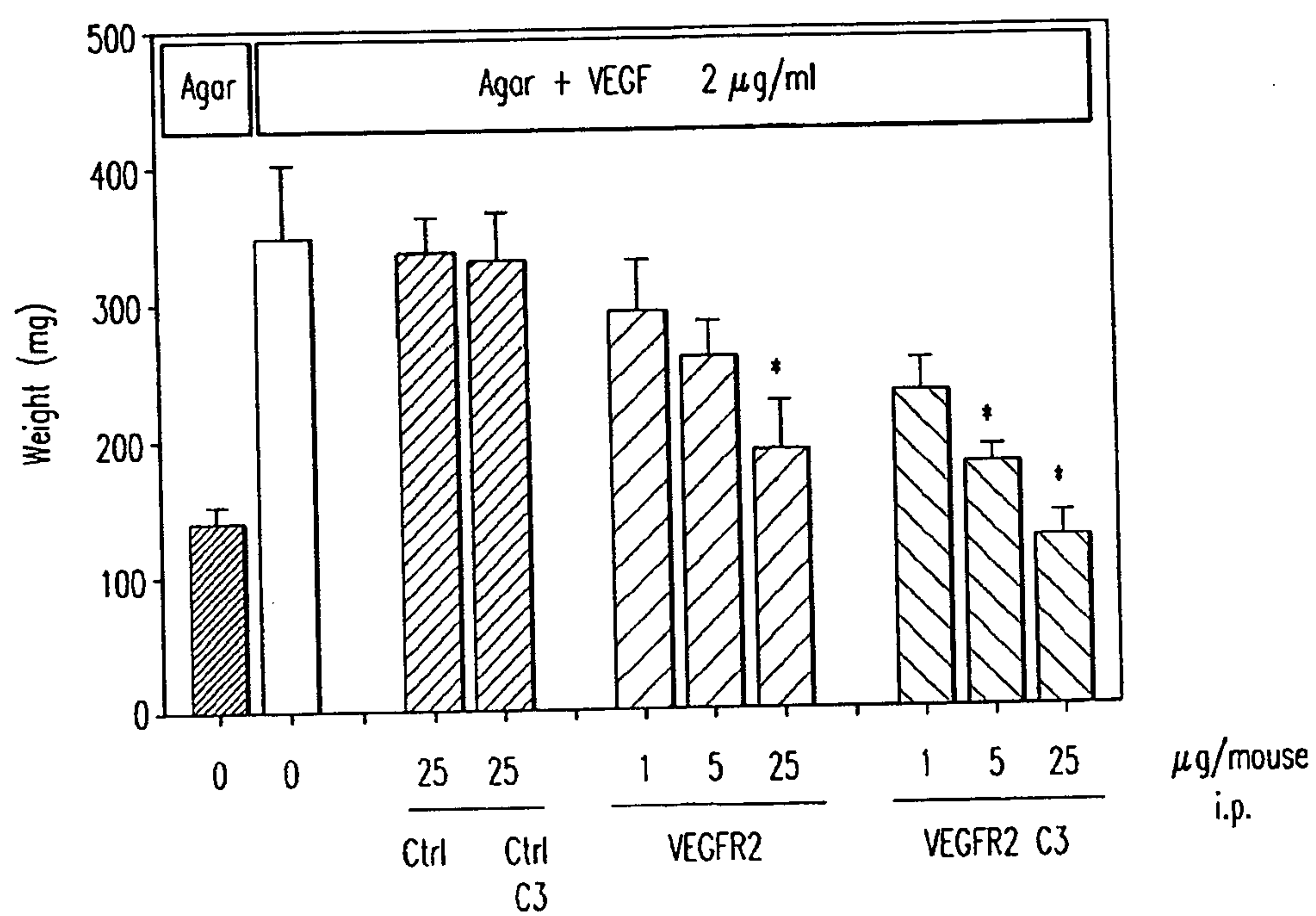


FIG.8a

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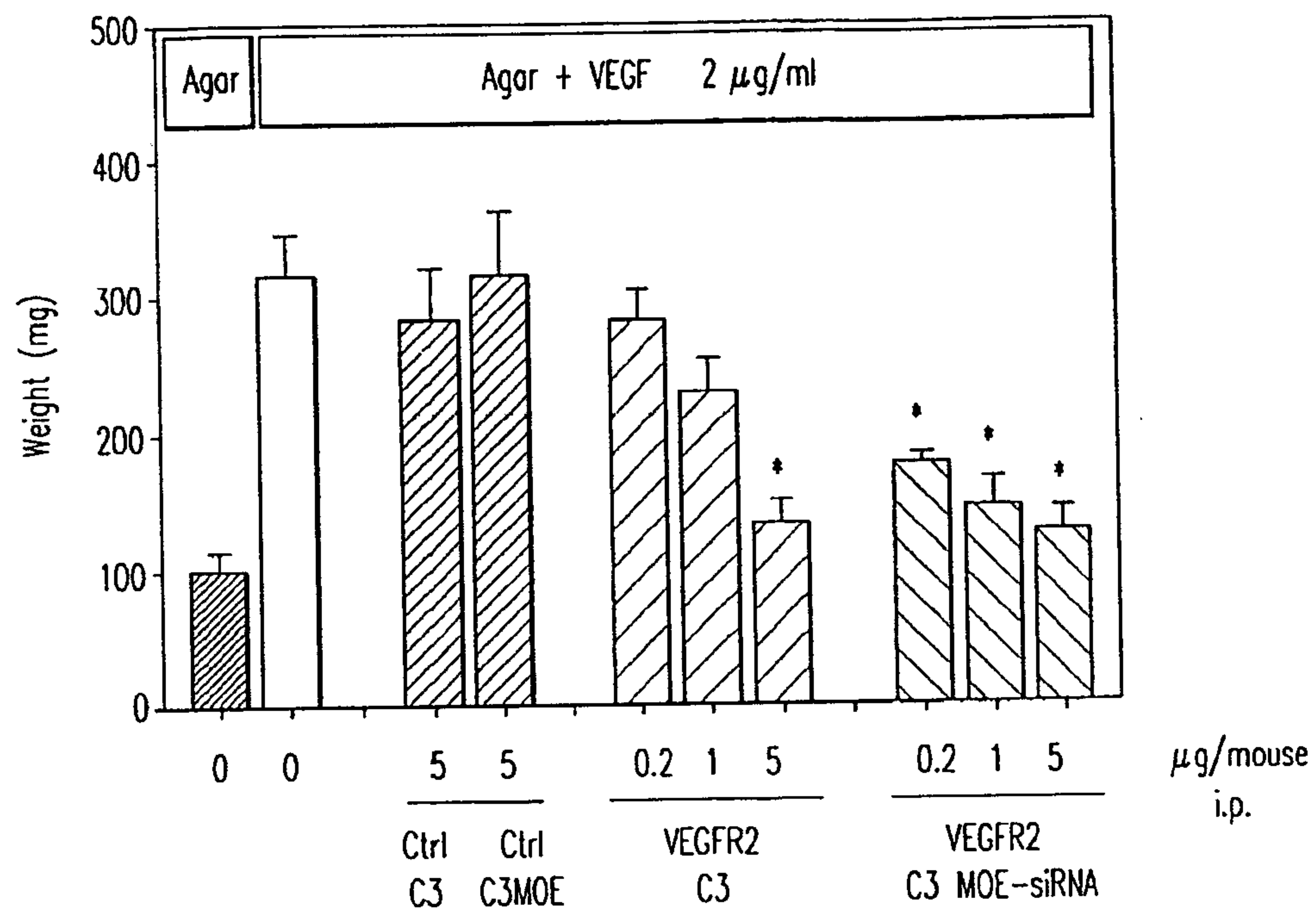


FIG.8b

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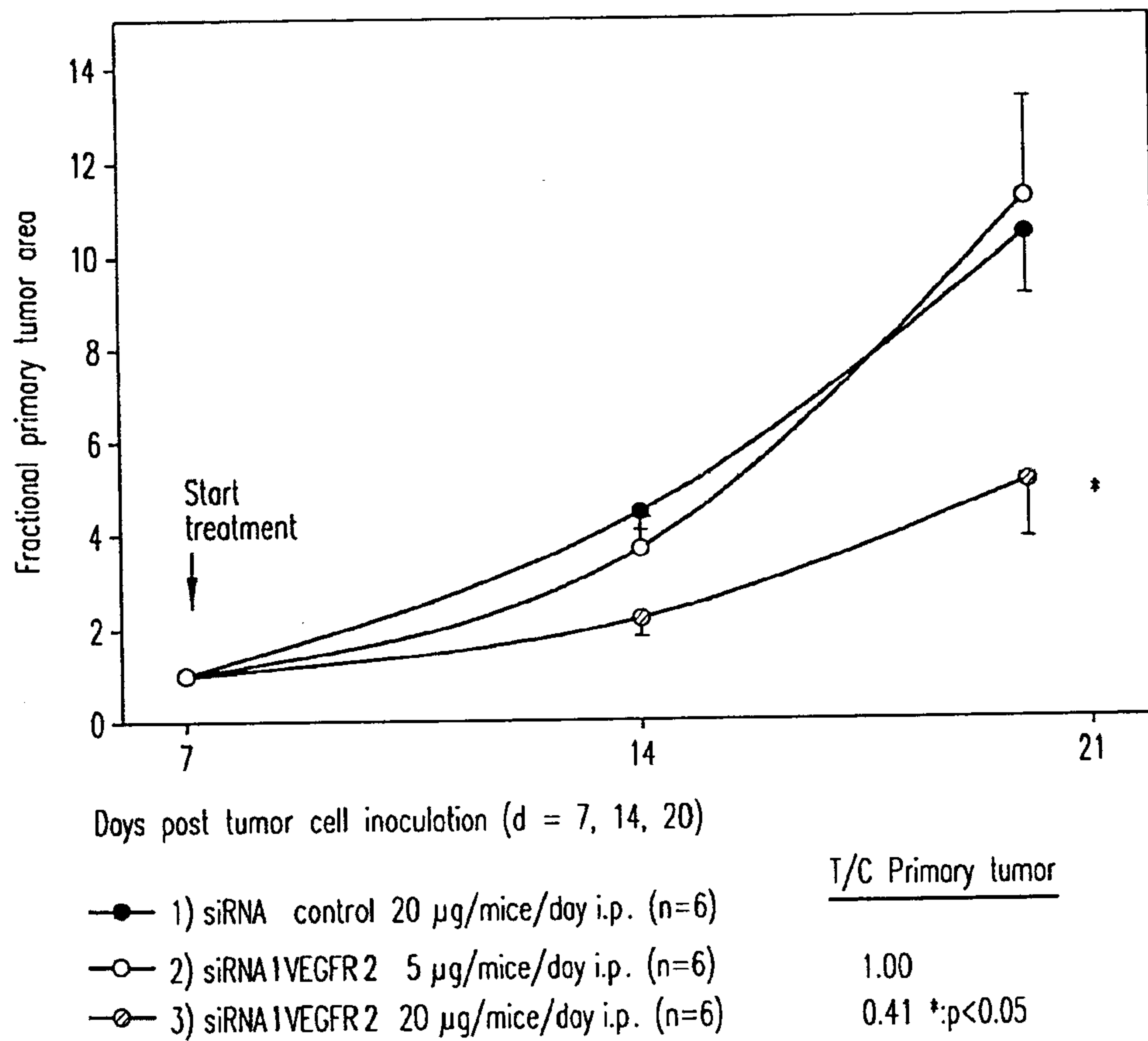


FIG.9a

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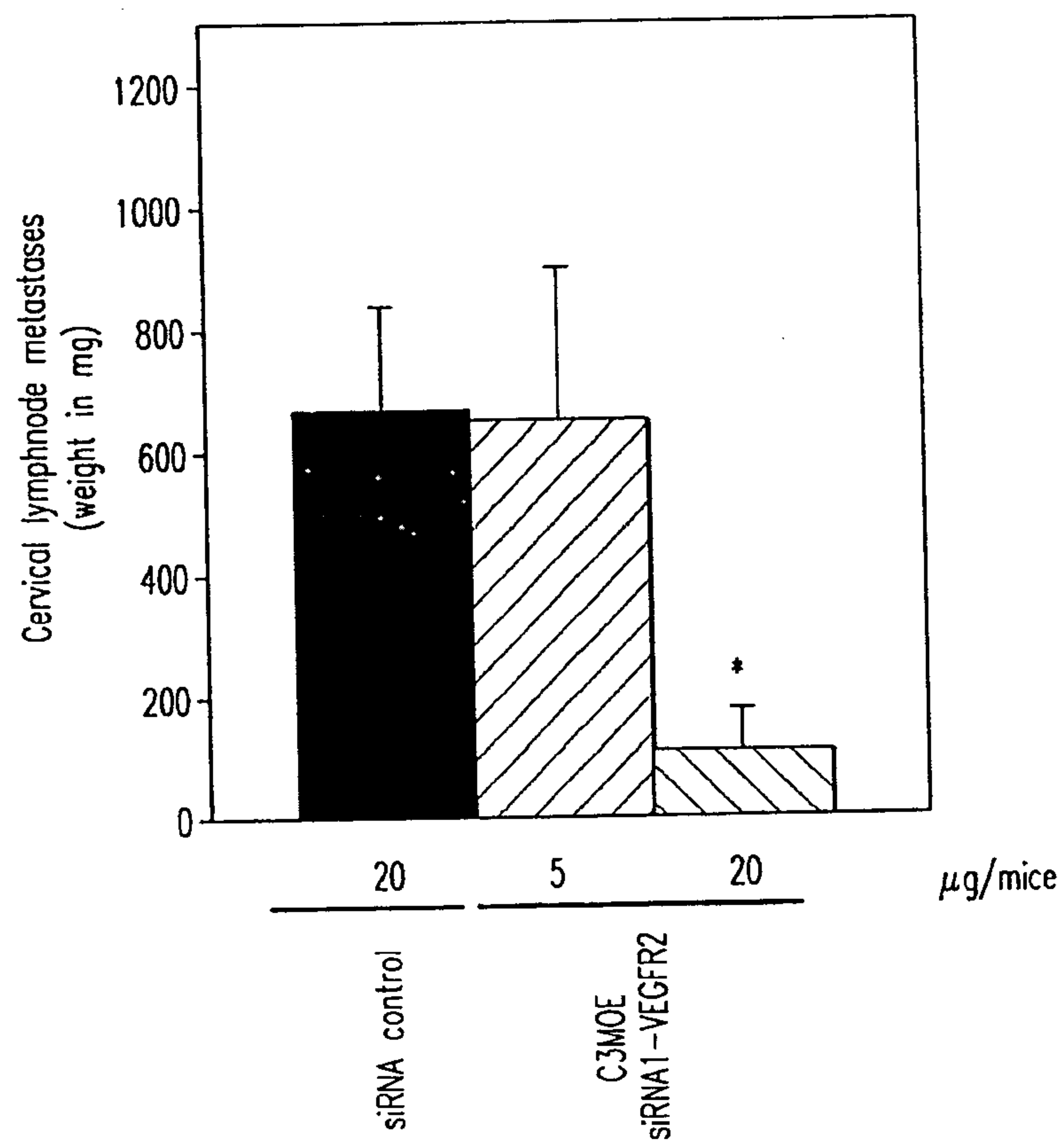


FIG.9b

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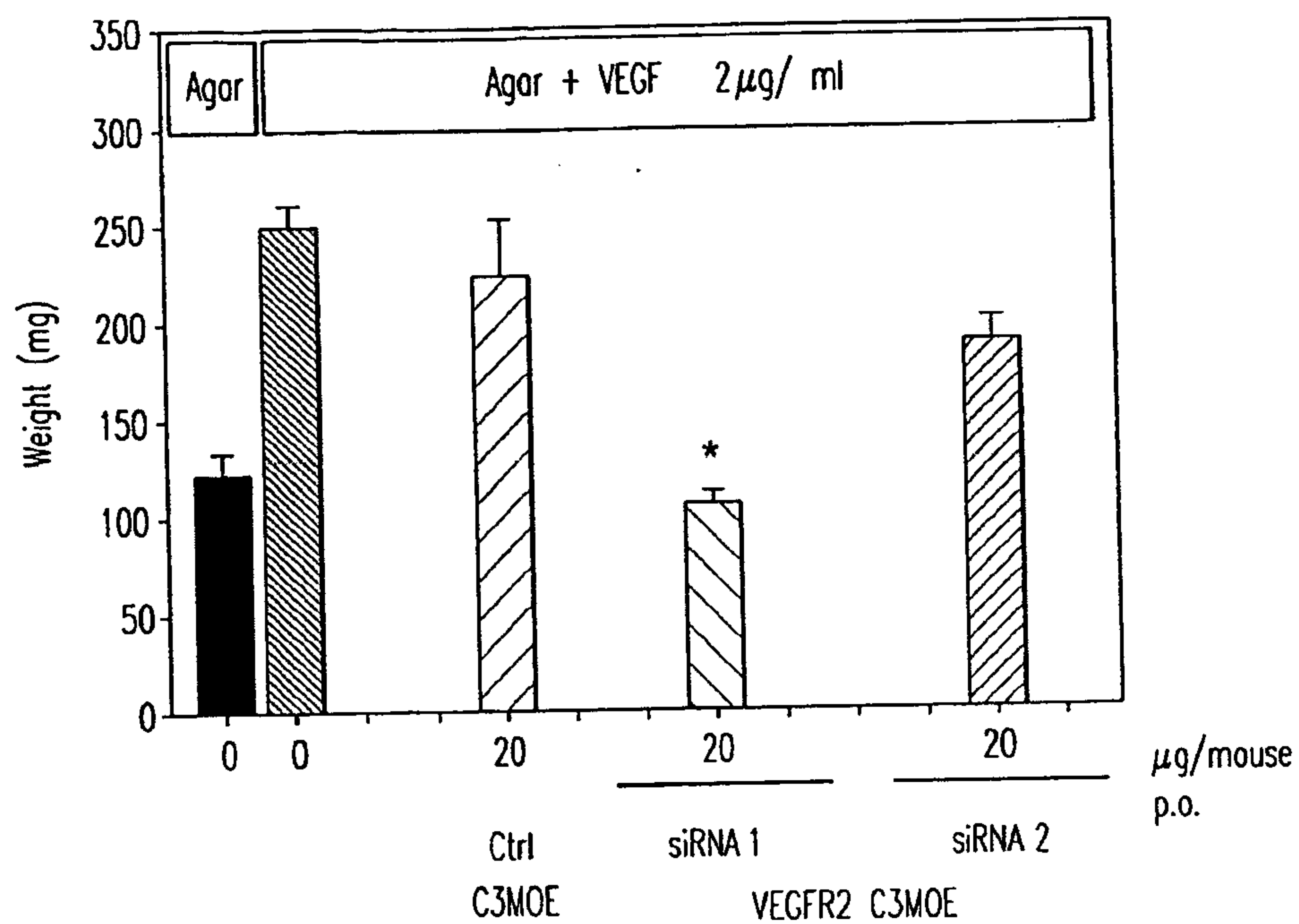


FIG.10

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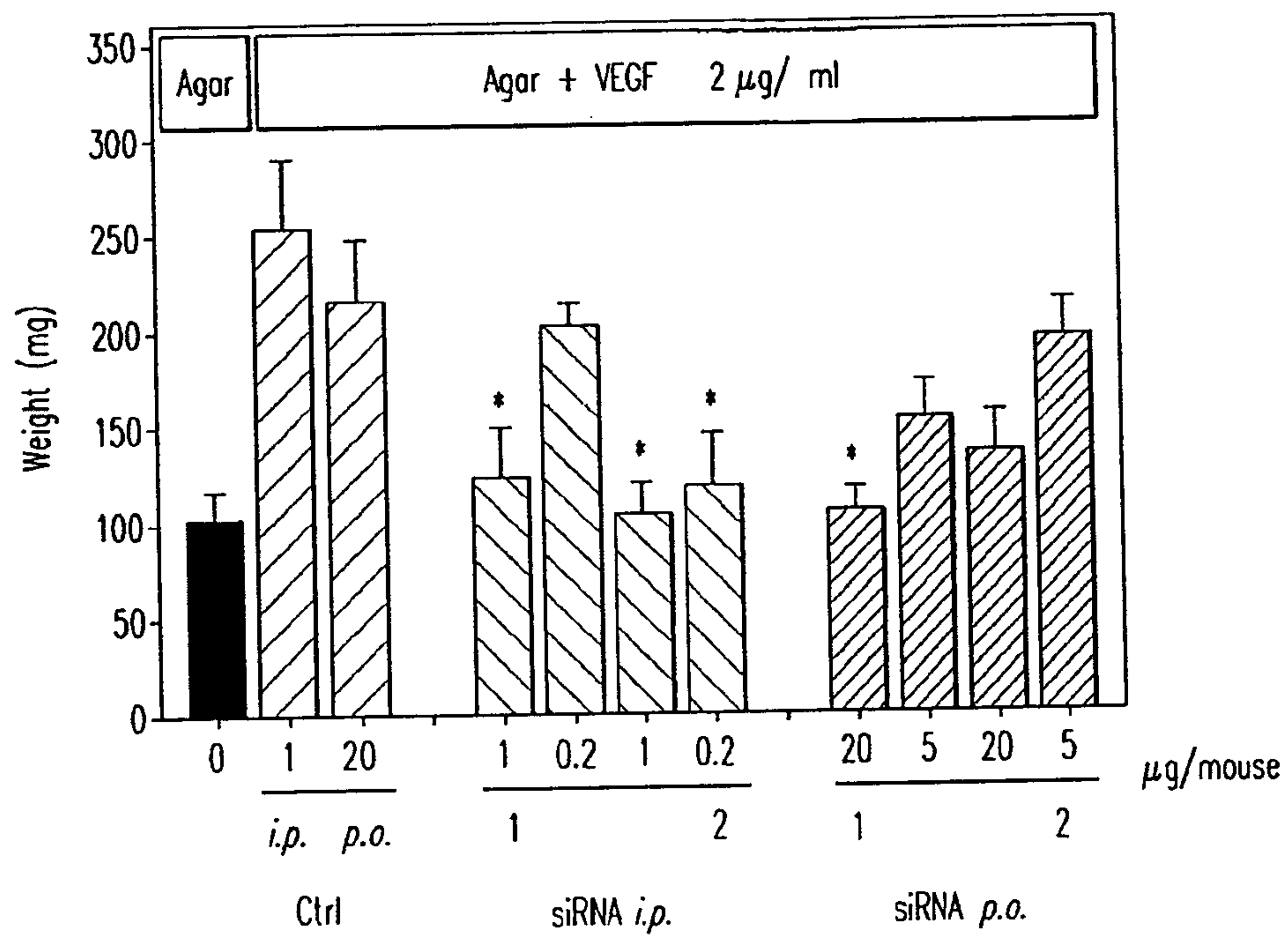


FIG.11a

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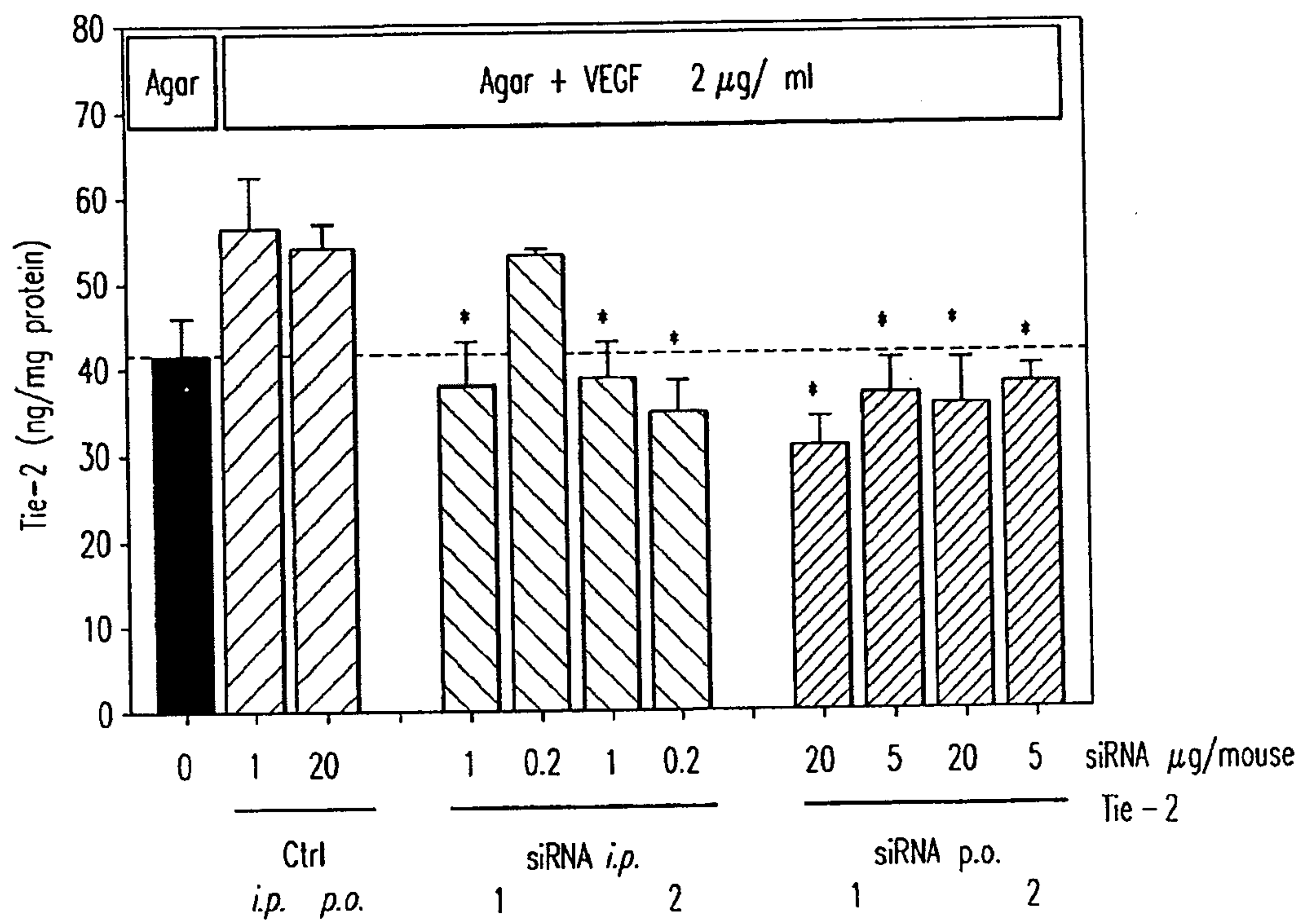
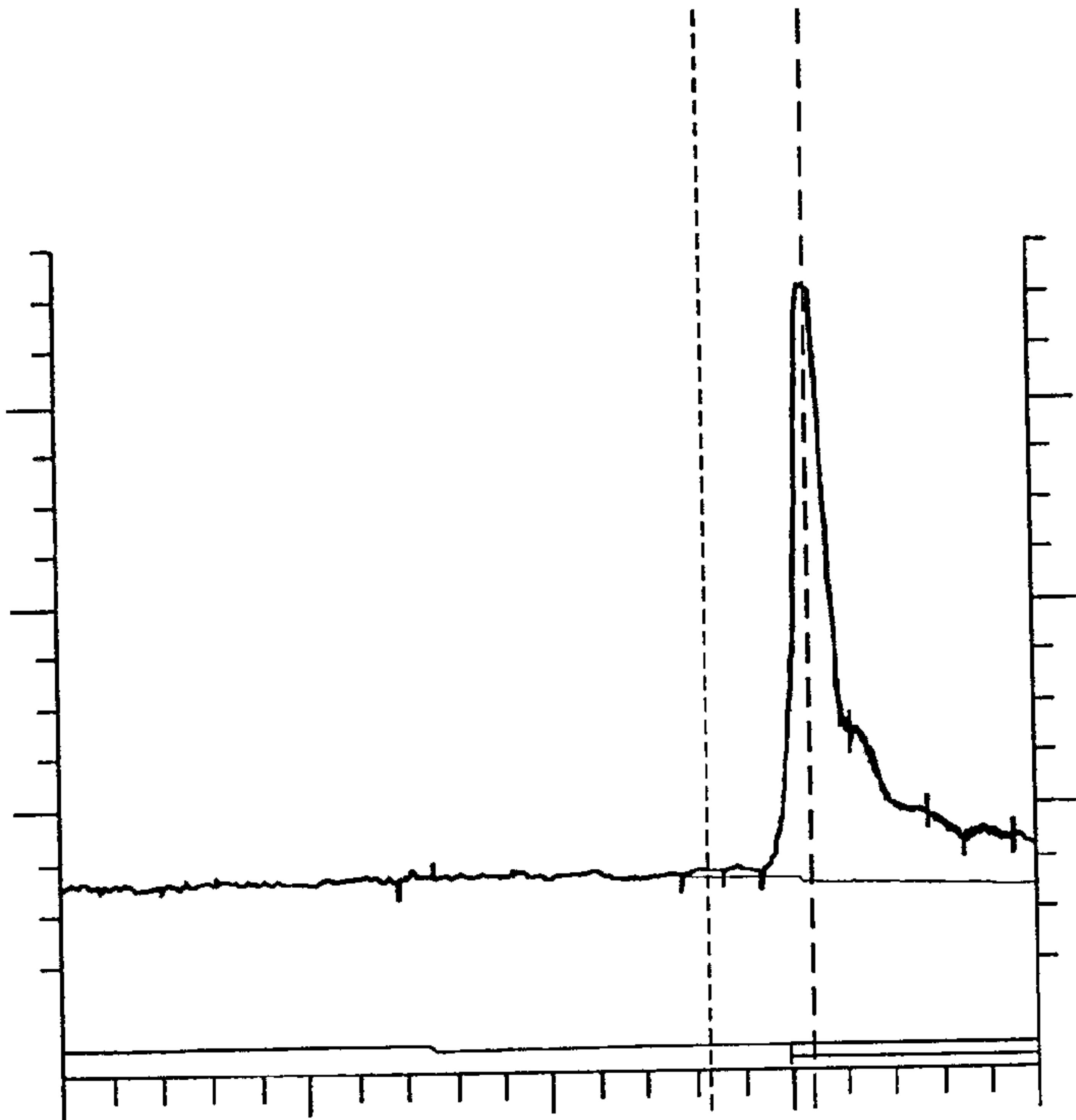


FIG.11b



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