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Antisense Molecules and Methods for Treating Pathologies

Field of the Invention

The present invention relates to novel antisense compounds and compositions suitable for facilitating exon skipping. It also provides methods for inducing exon skipping using the novel antisense compounds as well as therapeutic compositions adapted for use in the methods of the invention.

Background Art

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The following discussion of the background art is intended to facilitate an understanding of the present invention only. The discussion is not an acknowledgement or admission that any of the material referred to is or was part of the common general knowledge as at the priority date of the application.

Significant effort is currently being expended into researching methods for suppressing or compensating for disease-causing mutations in genes. Antisense technologies are being developed using a range of chemistries to affect gene expression at a variety of different levels (transcription, splicing, stability, translation). Much of that research has focused on the use of antisense compounds to correct or compensate for abnormal or disease-associated genes in a myriad of different conditions.

Antisense molecules are able to inhibit gene expression with exquisite specificity and because of this many research efforts concerning oligonucleotides as modulators of gene expression have focused on inhibiting the expression of targeted genes such as oncogenes or viral genes. The antisense oligonucleotides are directed either against RNA (sense strand) or against DNA where they form triplex structures inhibiting transcription by RNA polymerase II.

To achieve a desired effect in specific gene down-regulation, the oligonucleotides must either promote the decay of the targeted mRNA or block translation of that

mRNA, thereby effectively preventing de novo synthesis of the undesirable target protein.

Such techniques are not useful where the object is to up-regulate production of the native protein or compensate for mutations which induce premature termination of translation such as nonsense or frame-shifting mutations.

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Furthermore, in cases where a normally functional protein is prematurely terminated because of mutations therein, a means for restoring some functional protein production through antisense technology has been shown to be possible through intervention during the splicing processes (Sierakowska H, et al., (1996) Proc Natl Acad Sci USA 93,12840-12844; Wilton SD, et al., (1999) Neuromusc Disorders 9,330-338; van Deutekom JC et al., (2001) Human Mol Genet 10, 1547-1554). In these cases, the defective gene transcript should not be subjected to targeted degradation so the antisense oligonucleotide chemistry should not promote target mRNA decay.

In a variety of genetic diseases, the effects of mutations on the eventual expression of a gene can be modulated through a process of targeted exon skipping during the splicing process. The splicing process is directed by complex multi-particle machinery that brings adjacent exon-intron junctions in pre-mRNA into close proximity and performs cleavage of phosphodiester bonds at the ends of the introns with their subsequent reformation between exons that are to be spliced together. This complex and highly precise process is mediated by sequence motifs in the pre-mRNA that are relatively short semi-conserved RNA segments to which bind the various nuclear splicing factors that are then involved in the splicing reactions. By changing the way the splicing machinery reads or recognises the motifs involved in pre-mRNA processing, it is possible to create differentially spliced mRNA molecules. It has now been recognised that the majority of human genes are alternatively spliced during normal gene expression, although the mechanisms invoked have not been identified. Using antisense oligonucleotides, it has been shown that errors and deficiencies in a coded mRNA could be bypassed or removed from the mature gene transcripts.

In nature, the extent of genetic deletion or exon skipping in the splicing process is not fully understood, although many instances have been documented to occur, generally at very low levels (Sherrat TG, et al., (1993) Am J Hum Genet 53, 1007-1015). However, it is recognised that if exons associated with disease- causing mutations can be specifically deleted from some genes, a shortened protein product can sometimes be produced that has similar biological properties of the native protein or has sufficient biological activity to ameliorate the disease caused by mutations associated with the target exon (Lu QL, et al., (2003) Nature Medicine 9,1009-1014; Aartsma-Rus A et al., (2004) Am J Hum Genet 74: 83-92).

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This process of targeted exon skipping is likely to be particularly useful in long genes where there are many exons and introns, where there is redundancy in the genetic constitution of the exons or where a protein is able to function without one or more particular exons (e.g. with the dystrophin gene, which consists of 79 exons; or possibly some collagen genes which encode for repeated blocks of sequence or the huge nebulin or titin genes which are comprised of -80 and over 370 exons, respectively).

Efforts to redirect gene processing for the treatment of genetic diseases associated with truncations caused by mutations in various genes have focused on the use of antisense oligonucleotides that either: (1) fully or partially overlap with the elements involved in the splicing process; or (2) bind to the pre-mRNA at a position sufficiently close to the element to disrupt the binding and function of the splicing factors that would normally mediate a particular splicing reaction which occurs at that element (e.g., binds to the pre-mRNA at a position within 3, 6, or 9 nucleotides of the element to be blocked).

For example, modulation of mutant dystrophin pre-mRNA splicing with antisense oligoribonucleotides has been reported both in vitro and in vivo. In one type of dystrophin mutation reported in Japan, a 52-base pair deletion mutation causes exon 19 to be removed with the flanking introns during the splicing process (Matsuo et al., (1991) J Clin Invest. 87:2127-2131). An in vitro minigene splicing system has been used to show that a 31-mer 2'-O-methyl oligoribonucleotide complementary to the 5' half of the deleted sequence in dystrophin Kobe exon 19

inhibited splicing of wild-type pre-mRNA (Takeshima et al. (1995), J. Clin. Invest. 95:515-520). The same oligonucleotide was used to induce exon skipping from the native dystrophin gene transcript in human cultured lymphoblastoid cells.

Dunckley et al. (1997) Nucleosides & Nucleotides, 16,1665-1668 described *in vitro* constructs for analysis of splicing around exon 23 of mutated dystrophin in the mdx mouse mutant, a model for muscular dystrophy. Plans to analyse these constructs in vitro using 2' modified oligonucleotides targeted to splice sites within and adjacent to mouse dystrophin exon 23 were discussed, though no target sites or sequences were given.

2'-O-methyl oligoribonucleotides were subsequently reported to correct dystrophin deficiency in myoblasts from the mdx mouse from this group. An antisense oligonucleotide targeted to the 3' splice site of murine dystrophin intron 22 was reported to cause skipping of the mutant exon as well as several flanking exons and created a novel in-frame dystrophin transcript with a novel internal deletion.
This mutated dystrophin was expressed in 1-2% of antisense treated mdx myotubes. Use of other oligonucleotide modifications such as 2'-0- methoxyethyl phosphodiesters are described (Dunckley et al. (1998) Human Mol. Genetics, 5:1083-90).

Thus, antisense molecules may provide a tool in the treatment of genetic disorders such as Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy (DMD). However, attempts to induce exon skipping using antisense molecules have had mixed success.

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Studies on dystrophin exon 19, where successful skipping of that exon from the dystrophin pre-mRNA was achieved using a variety of antisense molecules directed at the flanking splice sites or motifs within the exon involved in exon definition as described by Errington et al. (2003) J Gen Med 5: 518-527).

In contrast to the apparent ease of exon 19 skipping, the first report of exon 23 skipping in the mdx mouse by Dunckley et al., (1998) is now considered to be reporting only a naturally occurring revertant transcript or artefact rather than any true antisense activity. In addition to not consistently generating transcripts missing exon 23, Dunckley et al. (1998) did not show any time course of induced

exon skipping, or even titration of antisense oligonucleotides, to demonstrate dose dependent effects where the levels of exon skipping corresponded with increasing or decreasing amounts of antisense oligonucleotide. Furthermore, this work could not be replicated by other researchers.

- The first example of specific and reproducible exon skipping in the mdx mouse model was reported by Wilton et al., (1999) Neuromuscular Disorders 9,330-338. By directing an antisense molecule to the donor splice site, consistent and efficient exon 23 skipping was induced in the dystrophin mRNA within 6 hours of treatment of the cultured cells. Wilton et al., (1999), also describe targeting the acceptor region of the mouse dystrophin pre-mRNA with longer antisense oligonucleotides and being unable to repeat the published results of Dunckley et al. (1998). No exon skipping, either 23 alone or multiple removal of several flanking exons, could be reproducibly detected using a selection of antisense oligonucleotides directed at the acceptor splice site of intron 22.
- While the first antisense oligonucleotide directed at the intron 23 donor splice site induced consistent exon skipping in primary cultured myoblasts, this compound was found to be much less efficient in immortalized cell cultures expressing higher levels of dystrophin. However, with refined targeting and antisense oligonucleotide design, the efficiency of specific exon removal was increased by almost an order of magnitude (see Mann CJ et al., (2002) J Gen Med 4,644-654).

Thus, there remains a need to provide antisense oligonucleotides capable of binding to and modifying the splicing of a target nucleotide sequence. Simply directing the antisense oligonucleotides to motifs presumed to be crucial for splicing is no guarantee of the efficacy of that compound in a therapeutic setting.

The preceding discussion of the background to the invention is intended only to facilitate an understanding of the present invention. It should be appreciated that the discussion is not an acknowledgment or admission that any of the material referred to was part of the common general knowledge as at the priority date of the application.

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Summary of the Invention

The present invention provides antisense molecule compounds and compositions suitable for binding to RNA motifs involved in the splicing of pre-mRNA that are able to induce specific and efficient exon skipping and a method for their use thereof.

The choice of target selection plays a crucial role in the efficiency of exon skipping and hence its subsequent application of a potential therapy. Simply designing antisense molecules to target regions of pre-mRNA presumed to be involved in splicing is no guarantee of inducing efficient and specific exon skipping. The most obvious or readily defined targets for splicing intervention are the donor and acceptor splice sites although there are less defined or conserved motifs including exonic splicing enhancers, silencing elements and branch points. The acceptor and donor splice sites have consensus sequences of about 16 and 8 bases respectively (see Figure 1 for schematic representation of motifs and domains involved in exon recognition, intron removal and the splicing process).

According to a first aspect, the invention provides antisense molecules capable of binding to a selected target to induce exon skipping.

For example, to induce exon skipping in exons 5, 12, 17, 21, 22, 24, 43-47, 49, 50, 54-64, 66, 67, 70 and 72 in the Dystrophin gene transcript the antisense molecules are preferably selected from the group listed in Table 1A.

The invention provides an antisense oligonucleotide selected from the group consisting of:

- (i) an antisense oligonucleotide of 34 bases in length 100% complementary to a target region of exon 45 of the human dystrophin pre-mRNA, wherein the target region is annealing site H45A (-09+25), wherein the antisense oligonucleotide is a morpholino antisense oligonucleotide, and wherein the antisense oligonucleotide specifically hybridizes to the annealing site inducing exon 45 skipping;
- (ii) an antisense oligonucleotide of 28 bases in length 100% 30 complementary to a target region of exon 45 of the human dystrophin pre-mRNA,

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wherein the target region is annealing site H45A (-03+25), wherein the antisense oligonucleotide is a morpholino antisense oligonucleotide, and wherein the antisense oligonucleotide specifically hybridizes to the annealing site inducing exon 45 skipping;

- (iii) an antisense oligonucleotide of 31 bases in length 100% complementary to a target region of exon 45 of the human dystrophin pre-mRNA, wherein the target region is annealing site H45A (-06+25), wherein the antisense oligonucleotide is a morpholino antisense oligonucleotide, and wherein the antisense oligonucleotide specifically hybridizes to the annealing site inducing exon 45 skipping;
- (iv) an antisense oligonucleotide of 31 bases in length 100% complementary to a target region of exon 45 of the human dystrophin pre-mRNA, wherein the target region is annealing site H45A (-12+19), wherein the antisense oligonucleotide is a morpholino antisense oligonucleotide, and wherein the antisense oligonucleotide specifically hybridizes to the annealing site inducing exon 45 skipping;
- (v) an antisense oligonucleotide of 22 bases in length 100% complementary to a target region of exon 45 of the human dystrophin pre-mRNA, wherein the target region is annealing site H45A (-03+19), wherein the antisense oligonucleotide is a morpholino antisense oligonucleotide, and wherein the antisense oligonucleotide specifically hybridizes to the annealing site inducing exon 45 skipping;
- (vi) an antisense oligonucleotide of 28 bases in length 100% complementary to a target region of exon 45 of the human dystrophin pre-mRNA, wherein the target region is annealing site H45A (-09+19), wherein the antisense oligonucleotide is a morpholino antisense oligonucleotide, and wherein the antisense oligonucleotide specifically hybridizes to the annealing site inducing exon 45 skipping;
- (vii) an antisense oligonucleotide of 28 bases in length 100% complementary to a target region of exon 45 of the human dystrophin pre-mRNA, wherein the target region is annealing site H45A (-12+16), wherein the antisense oligonucleotide is a morpholino antisense oligonucleotide, and wherein the

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antisense oligonucleotide specifically hybridizes to the annealing site inducing exon 45 skipping;

- (viii) an antisense oligonucleotide of 32 bases in length 100% complementary to a target region of exon 45 of the human dystrophin pre-mRNA, wherein the target region is annealing site H45A (-14+25), wherein the antisense oligonucleotide is a morpholino antisense oligonucleotide, and wherein the antisense oligonucleotide specifically hybridizes to the annealing site inducing exon 45 skipping;
- (ix) an antisense oligonucleotide of 27 bases in length 100% complementary to a target region of exon 45 of the human dystrophin pre-mRNA, wherein the target region is annealing site H45A (-08+19), wherein the antisense oligonucleotide is a morpholino antisense oligonucleotide, and wherein the antisense oligonucleotide specifically hybridizes to the annealing site inducing exon 45 skipping;
- 15 (x) an antisense oligonucleotide of 32 bases in length 100% complementary to a target region of exon 45 of the human dystrophin pre-mRNA, wherein the target region is annealing site H45A (-07+25), wherein the antisense oligonucleotide is a morpholino antisense oligonucleotide, and wherein the antisense oligonucleotide specifically hybridizes to the annealing site inducing exon 45 skipping;
 - (xi) an antisense oligonucleotide of 34 bases in length 100% complementary to a target region of exon 45 of the human dystrophin pre-mRNA, wherein the target region is annealing site H45A (-12+22), wherein the antisense oligonucleotide is a morpholino antisense oligonucleotide, and wherein the antisense oligonucleotide specifically hybridizes to the annealing site inducing exon 45 skipping;
 - (xii) an antisense oligonucleotide of 31 bases in length 100% complementary to a target region of exon 45 of the human dystrophin pre-mRNA, wherein the target region is annealing site H45A (-09+22), wherein the antisense oligonucleotide is a morpholino antisense oligonucleotide, and wherein the antisense oligonucleotide specifically hybridizes to the annealing site inducing exon 45 skipping;

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(xiii) an antisense oligonucleotide of 39 bases in length 100% complementary to a target region of exon 45 of the human dystrophin pre-mRNA, wherein the target region is annealing site H45A (-09+30), wherein the antisense oligonucleotide is a morpholino antisense oligonucleotide, and wherein the antisense oligonucleotide specifically hybridizes to the annealing site inducing exon 45 skipping;

(xiv) an antisense oligonucleotide of 28 bases in length 100% complementary to a target region of exon 45 of the human dystrophin pre-mRNA. wherein the target region is annealing site H45A (-06+22), wherein the antisense oligonucleotide is a morpholino antisense oligonucleotide, and wherein the antisense oligonucleotide specifically hybridizes to the annealing site inducing exon 45 skipping;

an antisense oligonucleotide of 34 bases in length 100% (xv)complementary to a target region of exon 45 of the human dystrophin pre-mRNA, wherein the target region is annealing site H45A (-06+28), wherein the antisense oligonucleotide is a morpholino antisense oligonucleotide, and wherein the antisense oligonucleotide specifically hybridizes to the annealing site inducing exon 45 skipping;

(xvi) an antisense oligonucleotide of 25 bases in length 100% complementary to a target region of exon 45 of the human dystrophin pre-mRNA, wherein the target region is annealing site H45A (-03+22), wherein the antisense oligonucleotide is a morpholino antisense oligonucleotide, and wherein the antisense oligonucleotide specifically hybridizes to the annealing site inducing exon 45 skipping; and

(xvii) an antisense oligonucleotide of 31 bases in length 100% complementary to a target region of exon 45 of the human dystrophin pre-mRNA, wherein the target region is annealing site H45A (-03+28), wherein the antisense oligonucleotide is a morpholino antisense oligonucleotide, and wherein the antisense oligonucleotide specifically hybridizes to the annealing site inducing exon 45 skipping;

or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

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The invention also provides an antisense oligonucleotide selected from the group consisting of:

- (i) an antisense oligonucleotide of 34 bases comprising the base sequence GCU GCC CAA UGC CAU CCU GGA GUU CCU GUA AGA U (SEQ ID NO: 11), wherein the antisense oligonucleotide is a morpholino antisense oligonucleotide and is uniformly modified to comprise a 5-substituted pyrimidine base;
- (ii) an antisense oligonucleotide of 28 bases comprising the base sequence GCU GCC CAA UGC CAU CCU GGA GUU CCU G (SEQ ID NO: 55), wherein the antisense oligonucleotide is a morpholino antisense oligonucleotide and is uniformly modified to comprise a 5-substituted pyrimidine base;
- (iii) an antisense oligonucleotide of 31 bases comprising the base sequence GCU GCC CAA UGC CAU CCU GGA GUU CCU GUA A (SEQ ID NO: 61), wherein the antisense oligonucleotide is a morpholino antisense oligonucleotide and is uniformly modified to comprise a 5-substituted pyrimidine base;
- (iv) an antisense oligonucleotide of 31 bases comprising the base sequence CAA UGC CAU CCU GGA GUU CCU GUA AGA UAC C (SEQ ID NO: 62), wherein the antisense oligonucleotide is a morpholino antisense oligonucleotide and is uniformly modified to comprise a 5-substituted pyrimidine base,
- (v) an antisense oligonucleotide of 22 bases comprising the base sequence CAA UGC CAU CCU GGA GUU CCU G (SEQ ID NO: 63), wherein the antisense oligonucleotide is a morpholino antisense oligonucleotide and is uniformly modified to comprise a 5-substituted pyrimidine base;
- (vi) an antisense oligonucleotide of 28 bases comprising the base sequence CAA UGC CAU CCU GGA GUU CCU GUA AGA U (SEQ ID NO: 64), wherein the antisense oligonucleotide is a morpholino antisense oligonucleotide and is uniformly modified to comprise a 5-substituted pyrimidine base;
- (vii) an antisense oligonucleotide of 28 bases comprising the base sequence UGC CAU CCU GGA GUU CCU GUA AGA UAC C (SEQ ID NO: 66),

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wherein the antisense oligonucleotide is a morpholino antisense oligonucleotide and is uniformly modified to comprise a 5-substituted pyrimidine base;

- (viii) an antisense oligonucleotide of 32 bases comprising the base sequence GCU GCC CAA UGC CAU CCU GGA GUU CCU GUA AG (SEQ ID NO: 227), wherein the antisense oligonucleotide is a morpholino antisense oligonucleotide and is uniformly modified to comprise a 5-substituted pyrimidine base;
- (ix) an antisense oligonucleotide of 27 bases comprising the base sequence CAA UGC CAU CCU GGA GUU CCU GUA AGA (SEQ ID NO: 230), wherein the antisense oligonucleotide is a morpholino antisense oligonucleotide and is uniformly modified to comprise a 5-substituted pyrimidine base;
- (x) an antisense oligonucleotide of 34 bases comprising the base sequence GCC CAA UGC CAU CCU GGA GUU CCU GUA AGA UAC C (SEQ ID NO: 237), wherein the antisense oligonucleotide is a morpholino antisense oligonucleotide and is uniformly modified to comprise a 5-substituted pyrimidine base;
- (xi) an antisense oligonucleotide of 31 bases comprising the base sequence GCC CAA UGC CAU CCU GGA GUU CCU GUA AGA U (SEQ ID NO: 239), wherein the antisense oligonucleotide is a morpholino antisense oligonucleotide and is uniformly modified to comprise a 5-substituted pyrimidine base;
- (xii) an antisense oligonucleotide of 39 bases comprising the base sequence UUG CCG CUG CCC AAU GCC AUC CUG GAG UUC CUG UAA GAU (SEQ ID NO: 240), wherein the antisense oligonucleotide is a morpholino antisense oligonucleotide and is uniformly modified to comprise a 5-substituted pyrimidine base;
- (xiii) an antisense oligonucleotide of 32 bases comprising the base sequence GCU GCC CAA UGC CAU CCU GGA GUU CCU GUA AG (SEQ ID NO: 241), wherein the antisense oligonucleotide is a morpholino antisense oligonucleotide and is uniformly modified to comprise a 5-substituted pyrimidine base;

- (xiv) an antisense oligonucleotide of 28 bases comprising the base sequence GCC CAA UGC CAU CCU GGA GUU CCU GUA A (SEQ ID NO: 242), wherein the antisense oligonucleotide is a morpholino antisense oligonucleotide and is uniformly modified to comprise a 5-substituted pyrimidine base;
- (xv) an antisense oligonucleotide of 34 bases comprising the base sequence GCC GCU GCC CAA UGC CAU CCU GGA GUU CCU GUA A (SEQ ID NO: 243), wherein the antisense oligonucleotide is a morpholino antisense oligonucleotide and is uniformly modified to comprise a 5-substituted pyrimidine base;
- 10 (xvi) an antisense oligonucleotide of 25 bases comprising the base sequence GCC CAA UGC CAU CCU GGA GUU CCU G (SEQ ID NO: 244), wherein the antisense oligonucleotide is a morpholino antisense oligonucleotide and is uniformly modified to comprise a 5-substituted pyrimidine base; and
- (xvii) an antisense oligonucleotide of 31 bases comprising the base sequence GCC GCU GCC CAA UGC CAU CCU GGA GUU CCU G (SEQ ID NO: 245), wherein the antisense oligonucleotide is a morpholino antisense oligonucleotide and is uniformly modified to comprise a 5-substituted pyrimidine base;

or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

- In a further example, it is possible to combine two or more antisense oligonucleotides of the present invention together to induce more efficient exon skipping in exons 3, 4, 8, 10, 26, 36, 48, 60, 66 and 68. A combination or "cocktail" of antisense oligonucleotides are directed at exons to induce efficient exon skipping.
- According to a second aspect, the present invention provides antisense molecules selected and or adapted to aid in the prophylactic or therapeutic treatment of a genetic disorder comprising at least an antisense molecule in a form suitable for delivery to a patient.

According to a third aspect, the invention provides a method for treating a patient suffering from a genetic disease wherein there is a mutation in a gene encoding a particular protein and the affect of the mutation can be abrogated by exon skipping, comprising the steps of: (a) selecting an antisense molecule in accordance with the methods described herein; and (b) administering the molecule to a patient in need of such treatment.

The invention also addresses the use of purified and isolated antisense oligonucleotides of the invention, for the manufacture of a medicament for treatment of a genetic disease.

10 The invention further provides a method of treating a condition characterised by Duchenne muscular dystrophy, which method comprises administering to a patient in need of treatment an effective amount of an appropriately designed antisense oligonucleotide of the invention, relevant to the particular genetic lesion in that patient. Further, the invention provides a method for prophylactically treating a patient to prevent or at least minimise Duchene muscular dystrophy, comprising the step of: administering to the patient an effective amount of an antisense oligonucleotide or a pharmaceutical composition comprising one or more of these biological molecules.

The invention also provides kits for treating a genetic disease, which kits comprise at least a antisense oligonucleotide of the present invention, packaged in a suitable container and instructions for its use.

Other aspects and advantages of the invention will become apparent to those skilled in the art from a review of the ensuing description, which proceeds with reference to the following figures.

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Brief Description of the Drawings

Figure 1 Schematic representation of motifs and domains involved in exon recognition, intron removal and the splicing process.

Pigure 2. Diagrammatic representation of the concept of antisense oligonucleotide induced exon skipping to by-pass disease-causing mutations (not drawn to scale). The hatched box represents an exon carrying a mutation that prevents the translation of the rest of the mRNA into a protein. The solid black bar represents an antisense oligonucleotide that prevents inclusion of that exon in the mature mRNA.

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- Figure 3. Gel electrophoresis showing a "cocktail" of antisense molecules directed at exon 3 which induce strong and consistent exon skipping at a transfection concentration of 10 nanomolar in cultured normal human muscle cells.
 - Figure 4. Gel electrophoresis showing a "cocktail" of antisense molecules directed at exon 4 which induce strong and consistent exon skipping at a transfection concentration of 25 nanomolar in cultured normal human muscle cells.
 - Figure 5 Gel electrophoresis showing strong and efficient human exon 5 skipping using an antisense molecules [H5A(+35+65)] directed at an exon 5 internal domain, presumably an exon splicing enhancer. This preferred compound induces consistent exon skipping at a transfection concentration of 25 nanomolar in cultured human muscle cells.
 - Figure 6. Gel electrophoresis showing a "cocktail" of antisense molecules directed at exon 8 which induce strong and consistent exon skipping of both exon 8 and exon8/9 at a transfection concentration of 10 nanomolar in cultured normal human muscle cells.
 - Figure 7. Gel electrophoresis showing various cocktails and single antisense molecules wich induce skipping of exon 10 and surrounding exons. A combination of [H10A(-05+16)] and [H10A(+98+119)] or [H10A(-05+16)] and [H10A(+130+149)] induces skipping of exon 10 and exons 9-12, whilst [H10A(-05+16)] alone induces skipping of exons 9-14.

- Figure 8. Gel electrophoresis showing exon 14 skipping using antisense molecule H14A(+31+61) directed at exon 14.
- Figure 9. Gel electrophoresis showing exon 17 skipping using antisense molecule H17A(+10+35) directed at exon 17.
- 5 Figure 10. Gel electrophoresis showing two cocktails of antisense molecules directed at exon 26. The double cocktail of [H26A(-07+19)] and [H26A(+24+50)] induces good skipping of exon 26, and the addition of a further antisense molecule to the cocktail does not affect the efficiency of skipping.
- 10 Figure 11. Gel electrophoresis showing a "cocktail" of antisense molecules directed at exon 36 which induce strong and consistent exon skipping at a transfection concentration of 25 nanomolar in cultured normal human muscle cells.
- Figure 12. Gel electrophoresis showing strong and consistent exon 43 skipping to 25 nanomolar in cultured normal human muscle cells using antisense molecule H43A(+92+117).
 - Figure 13. Gel electrophoresis showing dose dependant exon 55 skipping using antisense molecule H44A(+65+90).
- Figure 14. Gel electrophoresis showing strong and consistent exon 45 skipping using antisense molecule H45A(-09+25).
 - Figure 15. Gel electrophoresis showing strong and consistent exon 46 skipping using antisense molecule H46A(+81+109).
 - Figure 16. Gel electrophoresis showing strong and consistent exon 47 skipping using antisense molecule H47A(+01+29).
- 25 Figure 17. Gel electrophoresis showing a "cocktail" of antisense molecules directed at exon 47 which induce strong and consistent exon skipping.
 - Figure 18. Gel electrophoresis showing strong and consistent exon 49 skipping using antisense molecule H49A(+45+70).

- Figure 19. Gel electrophoresis showing strong and consistent exon 50 skipping using antisense molecule H50A(+48+74).
- Figure 20. Gel electrophoresis showing strong and consistent exon 51 skipping using antisense molecule H51A(+66+95).
- 5 Figure 21. Gel electrophoresis showing strong and consistent exon 54 skipping using antisense molecule H54A(+67+97).
 - Figure 22. Gel electrophoresis showing antisense molecule H55A(-10+20) induced dose dependant exon 55 skipping.
- Figure 23. Gel electrophoresis showing strong and consistent exon 56 skipping using antisense molecule H56A(+92+121).
 - Figure 24. Gel electrophoresis showing antisense molecule H57A(-10+20) induced dose dependant exon 57 skipping.
 - Figure 25. Gel electrophoresis showing exon 59 and exon 58/59 skipping using antisense molecule H59A(+96+120) directed at exon 59.
- 15 Figure 26. Gel electrophoresis showing two different cocktails which induce exon skipping of exon 60.
 - Figure 27. Gel electrophoresis showing exon 63 skipping using antisense molecule H63A(+20+49).
- Figure 28. Gel electrophoresis showing exon 64 skipping using antisense molecule H64A(+34+62).
 - Figure 29. Gel electrophoresis showing a "cocktail" of antisense molecules directed at exon 66 which induce dose dependant exon skipping.
 - Figure 30. Gel electrophoresis showing exon 67 skipping using antisense molecule H67A(+17+47).
- 25 Figure 31. Gel electrophoresis showing a "cocktail" of antisense molecules directed at exon 68 which induce dose dependant exon skipping.
 - Figure 32. Gel electrophoresis showing a "cocktail" of antisense molecules which induce strong and consistent exon skipping of exons 69/70 at a transfection concentration of 25 nanomolar.

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- Figure 33. Gel electrophoresis showing various "cocktails" of antisense molecules which induce various levels of skipping in exon 50.
- Figure 34. Gel electrophoresis showing a cocktail of three antisense molecules which induce efficient skipping of exons 50/51.
- 5 Figure 35. Graph of densitometry results showing various efficiencies of exon skipping. The antisense molecules tested were Exon 3 [H3A(+30+60) & H3A(+61+85)]; Exon 4 [H4D(+14-11) & H4A(+11+40)]; Exon 14 [H14A(+32+61)]; Exon 17 [H17A(+10+35)]; Exon 26 [H26A(-07+19), H26A(+24+50) & H26A(+68+92)]; Exon 36 [H36A(-16+09) & H36A(+22+51)].
 - Figure 36. Graph of densitometry results showing various efficiencies of exon skipping. The antisense molecules tested were Exon 46 [H46A(+81+109)]; Exon 47 [H47A(+01+29)]; Exon 48 [H48A(+01+28) & H48A(+40+67)]; Exon 49 [H49A(+45+70)].
- 15 Figure 37. Gel electrophoresis showing exon 11 skipping using antisense molecule H11A(+50+79).
 - Figure 38. Gel electrophoresis showing exon 12 skipping using antisense molecule H12A(+30+57).
- Figure 39. Gel electrophoresis showing exon 44 skipping using antisense molecule H44A(+59+85).
 - Figure 40. Gel electrophoresis showing exon 45 skipping using antisense molecule H45A(-03+25).
 - Figure 41. Gel electrophoresis showing exon 51 skipping using antisense molecule H51A(+71+100).
- 25 Figure 42. Gel electrophoresis showing exon 52 skipping using antisense molecule H52A(+09+38).
 - Figure 43. Gel electrophoresis showing exon 53 skipping using antisense molecule H53A(+33+65).

- Figure 44. Gel electrophoresis showing exon 46 skipping using antisense molecule H46A(+93+122).
- Figure 45. Gel electrophoresis showing exon 73 skipping using antisense molecule H73A(+02+26).
- 5 Figure 46. Sequences of antisense molecules.

Detailed Description

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE SEQUENCE LISTINGS

Table 1A: Single antisense molecules

SEQ ID	Exon	Sequence
	Exon 5	
1	H5A(+35+65)	AAA CCA AGA GUC AGU UUA UGA UUU CCA UCU A
	Exon 11	
52	H11A(+50+79)	CUG UUC CAA UCA GCU UAC UUC CCA AUU GUA
	Exon 12	
2	H12A(+52+75)	UCU UCU GUU UUU GUU AGC CAG UCA
53	H12A(+30+57)	CAG UCA UUC AAC UCU UUC AGU UUC UGA U
	Exon 17	
3	H17A(-07+23)	GUG GUG GUG ACA GCC UGU GAA AUC UGU GAG
4	H17A(+61+86)	UGU UCC CUU GUG GUC ACC GUA GUU AC
	Exon 21	
5	H21A(+86+114)	CAC AAA GUC UGC AUC CAG GAA CAU GGG UC
6	H21A(+90+119)	AAG GCC ACA AAG UCU GCA UCC AGG AAC AUG
	Exon 22	
7	H22A(+125+146)	CUG CAA UUC CCC GAG UCU CUG C
	Exon 24	
8	H24A(+51+73)	CAA GGG CAG GCC AUU CCU CCU UC
	Exon 43	
9	H43A(+92 +117)	GAG AGC UUC CUG UAG CUU CAC CCU UU
······	Exon 44	
10	H44A(+65+90)	UGU UCA GCU UCU GUU AGC CAC UGA
54	H44A(+59+85)	CUG UUC AGC UUC UGU UAG CCA CUG AUU
	Exon 45	
11	H45A (-09+25)	GCU GCC CAA UGC CAU CCU GGA GUU CCU GUA AGA U
55	H45A(-03+25)	GCU GCC CAA UGC CAU CCU GGA GUU CCU G
61	H45A(-06+25)	GCU GCC CAA UGC CAU CCU GGA GUU CCU GUA A
62	H45A(-12+19)	CAA UGC CAU CCU GGA GUU CCU GUA AGA UAC C
	Exon 46	
12	H46A(+81+109)	UCC AGG UUC AAG UGG GAU ACU AGC AAU GU
56	H46A(+93+122)	GUU GCU GCU CUU UUC CAG GUU CAA GUG GGA
	Exon 47	
13	H47A(+01+29)	UGG CGC AGG GGC AAC UCU UCC ACC AGU AA
	Exon 49	
14	H49A(+45+70)	ACA AAU GCU GCC CUU UAG ACA AAA UC
	Exon 50	

15	H50A(+48+74)	GGC UGC UUU GCC CUC AGC UCU UGA AGU
	Exon 51	
57	H51A(+71+100)	GGU ACC UCC AAC AUC AAG GAA GAU GGC AUU
	Exon 52	
58	H52A(+09+38)	UCC AAC UGG GGA CGC CUC UGU UCC AAA UCC UGC
	Exon 53	
59	H53A(+33+65)	UUC AAC UGU UGC CUC CGG UUC UGA AGG UGU UCU
	Exon 54	
16	H54A(+67+97)	UGG UCU CAU CUG CAG AAU AAU CCC GGA GAA G
	Exon 55	
17	H55A(-10 +20)	CAG CCU CUC GCU CAC UCA CCC UGC AAA GGA
	Exon 56	· ·
18	H56A(+92+121)	CCA AAC GUC UUU GUA ACA GGA CUG CAU
19	H56A(+112+141)	CCA CUU GAA GUU CAU GUU AUC CAA ACG UCU
	Exon 57	
20	H57A(-10+20)	AAC UGG CUU CCA AAU GGG ACC UGA AAA AGA
	Exon 58	
21 -	H58A(+34+64)	UUC GUA CAG UCU CAA GAG UAC UCA UGA UUA C
22	H58D(+17-07)	CAA UUA CCU CUG GGC UCC UGG UAG
	Exon 59	
23	H59A(+96 +120)	CUA UUU UUC UCU GCC AGU CAG CGG A
	Exon 60	
24	H60A(+33+62)	CGA GCA AGG UCA UUG ACG UGG CUC ACG UUC
	Exon 61	
25	H61A(+10+40)	GGG CUU CAU GCA GCU GCC UGA CUC GGU CCU C
	Exon 62	
26	H62A(23+52)	UAG GGC ACU UUG UUU GGC GAG AUG GCU CUC
	Exon 63	
27	H63A(+20+49)	GAG CUC UGU CAU UUU GGG AUG GUC CCA GCA
	Exon 64	
28	H64A(+34+62)	CUG CAG UCU UCG GAG UUU CAU GGC AGU CC
	Exon 66	
29	H66A(-8+19)	GAU CCU CCC UGU UCG UCC CCU AUU AUG
	Exon 67	
30	H67A(+17+47)	GCG CUG GUC ACA AAA UCC UGU UGA ACU UGC
	Exon 73	
60	H73A(+02+26)	CAU UGC UGU UUU CCA UUU CUG GUA G

Table 1B: Cocktails of antisense molecules

SEQ ID	Exon	Sequence
	Exon 3 cocktails	
31 .	H3A(+30+60)	UAG GAG GCG CCU CCC AUC CUG UAG GUC ACU G
32	H3A(+61+85)	G CCC UGU CAG GCC UUC GAG GAG GUC
	Exon 4 cocktails	
33	H4A(+11+40)	UGU UCA GGG CAU GAA CUC UUG UGG AUC CUU
34	H4D(+14-11)	GUA CUA CUU ACA UUA UUG UUC UGC A
	Exon 8 cocktails	
35	H8A(-06+24)	UAU CUG GAU AGG UGG UAU CAA CAU CUG UAA
36	H8A(+134+158)	AUG UAA CUG AAA AUG UUC UUC UUU A
	Exon 10 cocktails	
37	H10A(-05+16)	CAG GAG CUU CCA AAU GCU GCA
38	H10A(+98+119)	UCC UCA GCA GAA AGA AGC CAC G
	Exon 26 cocktails	
39	H26A(-07+19)	CCU CCU UUC UGG CAU AGA CCU UCC AC
40	H26A(+24+50)	CUU ACA GUU UUC UCC AAA CCU CCC UUC

41.	H26A(+68+92)	UGU GUC AUC CAU UCG UGC AUC UCU G
	Exon 36 cocktails	
42	H36A(-16+09)	CUG GUA UUC CUU AAU UGU ACA GAG A
43	H36A(+22+51)	UGU GAU GUG GUC CAC AUU CUG GUC AAA AGU
	Exon 48 cocktails	
44	H48A(+01+28)	CUU GUU UCU CAG GUA AAG CUC UGG AAA C
45	H48A(+40+67)	CAA GCU GCC CAA GGU CUU UUA UUU GAG C
	Exon 60 cocktails	
46	H60A(+87+116)	UCC AGA GUG CUG AGG UUA UAC GGU GAG AGC
47	H60A(+37+66)	CUG GCG AGC AAG GUC CUU GAC GUG GCU CAC
	Exon 66 cocktails	
48	H66A(-02+28)	CAG GAC ACG GAU CCU CCC UGU UCG UCC CCU
49	H66D(+13-17)	UAA UAU ACA CGA CUU ACA UCU GUA CUU GUC
	Exon 68 cocktails	
50	H68A(+48+72)	CAC CAU GGA CUG GGG UUC CAG UCU C
51	H68D(+23-03)	UAC CUG AAU CCA AUG AUU GGA CAC UC

GENERAL

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Those skilled in the art will appreciate that the invention described herein is susceptible to variations and modifications other than those specifically described. It is to be understood that the invention includes all such variations and modifications. The invention also includes all of the steps, features, compositions and compounds referred to or indicated in the specification, individually or collectively and any and all combinations or any two or more of the steps or features.

- The present invention is not to be limited in scope by the specific embodiments described herein, which are intended for the purpose of exemplification only. Functionally equivalent products, compositions and methods are clearly within the scope of the invention as described herein.
- Sequence identity numbers (SEQ ID NO:) containing nucleotide and amino acid sequence information included in this specification are collected at the end of the description and have been prepared using the programme PatentIn Version 3.0. Each nucleotide or amino acid sequence is identified in the sequence listing by the numeric indicator <210> followed by the sequence identifier (e.g. <210>1, <210>2, etc.). The length, type of sequence and source organism for each nucleotide or amino acid sequence are indicated by information provided in the numeric indicator fields <211>, <212> and <213>, respectively. Nucleotide and

amino acid sequences referred to in the specification are defined by the information provided in numeric indicator field <400> followed by the sequence identifier (e.g. <400>1, <400>2, etc.).

An antisense molecule nomenclature system was proposed and published to distinguish between the different antisense molecules (see Mann *et al.*, (2002) <u>J</u> <u>Gen Med</u> 4, 644-654). This nomenclature became especially relevant when testing several slightly different antisense molecules, all directed at the same target region, as shown below:

H # A/D (x : y).

10 The first letter designates the species (e.g. H: human, M: murine, C: canine)

"#" designates target dystrophin exon number.

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"A/D" indicates acceptor or donor splice site at the beginning and end of the exon, respectively.

(x y) represents the annealing coordinates where "-" or "+" indicate intronic or exonic sequences respectively. As an example, A(-6+18) would indicate the last 6 bases of the intron preceding the target exon and the first 18 bases of the target exon. The closest splice site would be the acceptor so these coordinates would be preceded with an "A". Describing annealing coordinates at the donor splice site could be D(+2-18) where the last 2 exonic bases and the first 18 intronic bases correspond to the annealing site of the antisense molecule. Entirely exonic annealing coordinates that would be represented by A(+65+85), that is the site between the 65th and 85th nucleotide from the start of that exon.

The entire disclosures of all publications (including patents, patent applications, journal articles, laboratory manuals, books, or other documents) cited herein are hereby incorporated by reference. No admission is made that any of the references constitute prior art or are part of the common general knowledge of those working in the field to which this invention relates.

As used herein the term "derived" and "derived from" shall be taken to indicate that a specific integer may be obtained from a particular source *albeit* not necessarily directly from that source.

Throughout this specification, unless the context requires otherwise, the word "comprise", or variations such as "comprises" or "comprising", will be understood to imply the inclusion of a stated integer or group of integers but not the exclusion of any other integer or group of integers.

Other definitions for selected terms used herein may be found within the detailed description of the invention and apply throughout. Unless otherwise defined, all other scientific and technical terms used herein have the same meaning as commonly understood to one of ordinary skill in the art to which the invention belongs.

10 DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENT

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When antisense molecule(s) are targeted to nucleotide sequences involved in splicing in exons within pre-mRNA sequences, normal splicing of the exon may be inhibited, causing the splicing machinery to by-pass the entire mutated exon from the mature mRNA. The concept of antisense oligonucleotide induced exon skipping is shown in Figure 2.

In many genes, deletion of an entire exon would lead to the production of a non-functional protein through the loss of important functional domains or the disruption of the reading frame. However, in some proteins it is possible to shorten the protein by deleting one or more exons from within the protein, without disrupting the reading frame and without seriously altering the biological activity of the protein. Typically, such proteins have a structural role and or possess functional domains at their ends. The present invention describes antisense molecules capable of binding to specified dystrophin pre-mRNA targets and redirecting processing of that gene.

A preferred aim of a therapy based on antisense molecules is to get maximum exon skipping by providing the lowest possible concentration of the antisense molecule. Generally, an antisense molecule may cause strong, robust exon skipping; weak, sporadic exon skipping or no exon skipping at all. It is preferable to develop antisense molecules (alone or in combination) which can deliver strong, robust consistent exon skipping at a low therapeutic dose.

Antisense Molecules

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According to a first aspect of the invention, there is provided antisense molecules capable of binding to a selected target to induce exon skipping. To induce exon skipping in exons of the Dystrophin gene transcript, the antisense molecules are preferably selected from the group of compounds shown in Table 1A.

There is also provided a combination or "cocktail" of two or more antisense oligonucleotides capable of binding to a selected target to induce exon skipping. To induce exon skipping in exons of the Dystrophin gene transcript, the antisense molecules in a "cocktail" are preferably selected from the group of compounds shown in Table 1B.

Designing antisense molecules to completely mask consensus splice sites may not necessarily generate any skipping of the targeted exon. Furthermore, the inventors have discovered that size or length of the antisense oligonucleotide itself is not always a primary factor when designing antisense molecules. With some targets such as exon 19, antisense oligonucleotides as short as 12 bases were able to induce exon skipping, albeit not as efficiently as longer (20-31 bases) oligonucleotides. In some other targets, such as murine dystrophin exon 23, antisense oligonucleotides only 17 residues long were able to induce more efficient skipping than another overlapping compound of 25 nucleotides. However, in the present invention it has been generally found that longer antisense molecules are often more effective at inducing exon skipping than shorter molecules. Thus preferably, the antisense molecules of the present invention are between 24 and 30 nucleic acids in length, preferably about 28 nucleotides in length. For example, it has previously been found that an antisense oligonucleotide of 20 bases (H16A(-07+13)) was ineffective at inducing exon skipping of exon 16, but an oligonucleotide of 31 bases (H16A(-06+25)), which completely encompassed the shorter oligonucleotide, was effective at inducing skipping (Harding et al (2007) Mol Ther 15:157-166).

The inventors have also discovered that there does not appear to be any standard motif that can be blocked or masked by antisense molecules to redirect splicing. In some exons, such as mouse dystrophin exon 23, the donor splice

site was the most amenable to target to re-direct skipping of that exon. It should be noted that designing and testing a series of exon 23 specific antisense molecules to anneal to overlapping regions of the donor splice site showed considerable variation in the efficacy of induced exon skipping. As reported in Mann et al., (2002) there was a significant variation in the efficiency of bypassing the nonsense mutation depending upon antisense oligonucleotide annealing ("Improved antisense oligonucleotide induced exon skipping in the *mdx* mouse model of muscular dystrophy". J Gen Med 4: 644-654). Targeting the acceptor site of exon 23 or several internal domains was not found to induce any consistent exon 23 skipping.

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In other exons targeted for removal, masking the donor splice site did not induce any exon skipping. However, by directing antisense molecules to the acceptor splice site (human exon 8 as discussed below), strong and sustained exon skipping was induced. It should be noted that removal of human exon 8 was tightly linked with the co-removal of exon 9. There is no strong sequence homology between the exon 8 antisense oligonucleotides and corresponding regions of exon 9 so it does not appear to be a matter of cross reaction. Rather, the splicing of these two exons is generally linked. This is not an isolated instance, as the same effect is observed in canine cells where targeting exon 8 for removal also resulted in the skipping of exon 9. Targeting exon 23 for removal in the mouse dystrophin pre-mRNA also results in the frequent removal of exon 22 as well. This effect occurs in a dose dependent manner and also indicates close coordinated processing of 2 adjacent exons.

In other targeted exons, antisense molecules directed at the donor or acceptor splice sites did not induce exon skipping or induce poor skipping, while annealing antisense molecules to intra-exonic regions (i.e. exon splicing enhancers within human dystrophin exon 4) was most efficient at inducing exon skipping. Some exons, both mouse and human exon 19 for example, are readily skipped by targeting antisense molecules to a variety of motifs. That is, targeted exon skipping is induced after using antisense oligonucleotides to mask donor and acceptor splice sites or exon splicing enhancers.

It is also not possible to predict which cocktails of antisense molecules will induce exon skipping. For example, the combination of two antisense molecules which, on their own, are very good at inducing skipping of a given exon may not cause skipping of an exon when combined in a cocktail. For example, each of H50A(+02+30) and H50A(+66+95) on their own induce good skipping of exon 50 and 51. Hoowever, in combination as a cocktail, they only induced poor skipping of the two exons. Likewise, the combination of H50A(+02+30) and H51A(+66+90) or H50A(+02+30) and H51A(+61+90) did not cause efficient skipping of exons 50 and 51, even though the individual antisense molecules were effective. Yet the introduction of a third antisense molecule ([H51D(+16-07)] which by itself did not cause skipping), created а three element cocktail ([H50A(+02+30)],H51A(+66+90) and [H51D(+16-07)]) that was able to cause skipping of exons 50 and 51 down to 1 nM.

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Alternatively, the combination of two or three antisense molecules which are ineffective or only moderately effective on their own may cause excellent skipping when combined. For example, individually H26A(-07+19) [SEQ ID NO: 39], H26A(+24+50) [SEQ ID NO: 40] and H26A(+68+92) [SEQ ID NO: 41] cause inefficient skipping of exon 26, and also induce multiple exon skipping (26-29 or 27-30). However, when the three exons are combined as a cocktail, highly efficient skipping of exon 26 occurs.

From the above examples and discussion, it is clear that there is no way to accurately predict whether a combination will work or not.

Antisense molecules may cause skipping of exons in a 'dose dependant' or 'non-dose dependant' manner. By dose dependant, it is meant that a larger amount of the antisense molecule induces better skipping of the exon, whereas non-dose dependant antisense molecules are able to induce skipping even at very low doses. For example, from Figure 15 it can be seen that H46A(+81+109) [SEQ ID NO: 12] gives equally good skipping of exon 46 regardless of the amount of antisense molecule present (from 600nM to 25nM). In contrast, H57A(-10+20) [SEQ ID NO: 20] (Figure 24) induces strong skipping of exon 57 at 100nM, but reduced skipping at 50nM and an even greater reduction in skipping at 25nM.

It is preferable to select antisense molecules that induce skipping in a dose independant manner, as these molecules may be administered at very low concentrations and still give a therapeutic effect. However, it is also acceptable to select as preferred molecules those antisense molecules that induce skipping in a dose dependant manner, particularly if those molecules induce good or excellent skipping at low concentrations. Preferably, the antisense molecules of the present invention are able to induce good or excellent exon skipping at concentrations of less than 500nM, preferably less than 200nM and more preferably as low as 100nM, 50 nM or even 25 nM. Most preferably, the oligonucleotide molecules of the present invention are able to induce skipping at levels of greater that 30% at a concentration of 100 nM.

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To identify and select antisense oligonucleotides suitable for use in the modulation of exon skipping, a nucleic acid sequence whose function is to be modulated must first be identified. This may be, for example, a gene (or mRNA transcribed form the gene) whose expression is associated with a particular disorder or disease state, or a nucleic acid molecule from an infectious agent. Within the context of the present invention, preferred target site(s) are those involved in mRNA splicing (i.e. splice donor sites, splice acceptor sites, or exonic splicing enhancer elements). Splicing branch points and exon recognition sequences or splice enhancers are also potential target sites for modulation of mRNA splicing.

Preferably, the present invention aims to provide antisense molecules capable of binding to a selected target in the dystrophin pre-mRNA to induce efficient and consistent exon skipping. Duchenne muscular dystrophy arises from mutations that preclude the synthesis of a functional dystrophin gene product. These Duchenne muscular dystrophy gene defects are typically nonsense mutations or genomic rearrangements such as deletions, duplications or micro-deletions or insertions that disrupt the reading frame. As the human dystrophin gene is a large and complex gene (with 79 exons being spliced together to generate a mature mRNA with an open reading frame of approximately 11,000 bases), there are many positions where these mutations can occur. Consequently, a comprehensive antisense oligonucleotide based therapy to address many of the

different disease-causing mutations in the dystrophin gene will require that many exons can be targeted for removal during the splicing process.

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The oligonucleotide and the DNA or RNA are complementary to each other when a sufficient number of corresponding positions in each molecule are occupied by nucleotides which can hydrogen bond with each other. Thus, "specifically hybridisable" and "complementary" are terms which are used to indicate a sufficient degree of complementarity or precise pairing such that stable and specific binding occurs between the oligonucleotide and the DNA or RNA target. It is understood in the art that the sequence of an antisense molecule need not be 100% complementary to that of its target sequence to be specifically hybridisable. An antisense molecule is specifically hybridisable when binding of the compound to the target DNA or RNA molecule interferes with the normal function of the target DNA or RNA to cause a loss of utility, and there is a sufficient degree of complementarity to avoid non-specific binding of the antisense compound to non-target sequences under conditions in which specific binding is desired, i.e., under physiological conditions in the case of *in vivo* assays or therapeutic treatment, and in the case of *in vitro* assays, under conditions in which the assays are performed.

While the above method may be used to select antisense molecules capable of deleting any exon from within a protein that is capable of being shortened without affecting its biological function, the exon deletion should not lead to a reading frame shift in the shortened transcribed mRNA. Thus, if in a linear sequence of three exons the end of the first exon encodes two of three nucleotides in a codon and the next exon is deleted then the third exon in the linear sequence must start with a single nucleotide that is capable of completing the nucleotide triplet for a codon. If the third exon does not commence with a single nucleotide there will be

a reading frame shift that would lead to the generation of a truncated or a non-functional protein.

It will be appreciated that the codon arrangements at the end of exons in structural proteins may not always break at the end of a codon. Consequently, there may be a need to delete more than one exon from the pre-mRNA to ensure in-frame reading of the mRNA. In such circumstances, a plurality of antisense oligonucleotides may need to be selected by the method of the invention, wherein each is directed to a different region responsible for inducing splicing in the exons that are to be deleted.

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The length of an antisense molecule may vary so long as it is capable of binding selectively to the intended location within the pre-mRNA molecule. The length of such sequences can be determined in accordance with selection procedures described herein. Generally, the antisense molecule will be from about 10 nucleotides in length up to about 50 nucleotides in length. However, it will be appreciated that any length of nucleotides within this range may be used in the method. Preferably, the length of the antisense molecule is between 17 to 30 nucleotides in length. Surprisingly, it has been found that longer antisense molecules are often more effective at inducing exon skipping. Thus, most preferably the antisense molecule is between 24 and 30 nucleotides in length.

In order to determine which exons can be connected in a dystrophin gene, reference should be made to an exon boundary map. Connection of one exon with another is based on the exons possessing the same number at the 3' border as is present at the 5' border of the exon to which it is being connected. Therefore, if exon 7 were deleted, exon 6 must connect to either exons 12 or 18 to maintain the reading frame. Thus, antisense oligonucleotides would need to be selected which redirected splicing for exons 7 to 11 in the first instance or exons 7 to 17 in the second instance. Another and somewhat simpler approach to restore the reading frame around an exon 7 deletion would be to remove the two flanking exons. Induction of exons 6 and 8 skipping should result in an in-frame transcript with the splicing of exons 5 to 9. In practise however, targeting exon 8 for removal from the pre-mRNA results in the co-removal of exon 9 so the resultant

transcript would have exon 5 joined to exon 10. The inclusion or exclusion of exon 9 does not alter the reading frame.

Once the antisense molecules to be tested have been identified, they are prepared according to standard techniques known in the art. The most common method for producing antisense molecules is the methylation of the 2' hydroxyribose position and the incorporation of a phosphorothioate backbone. This produces molecules that superficially resemble RNA but that are much more resistant to nuclease degradation.

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alcohol groups.

To avoid degradation of pre-mRNA during duplex formation with the antisense molecules, the antisense molecules used in the method may be adapted to minimise or prevent cleavage by endogenous RNase H. This property is highly preferred, as the presence of unmethylated RNA oligonucleotides in an intracellularly environment or in contact with crude extracts that contain RNase H will lead to degradation of the pre-mRNA: antisense oligonucleotide duplexes. Any form of modified antisense molecules that are capable of by-passing or not inducing such degradation may be used in the present method. The nuclease resistance may be achieved by modifying the antisense molecules of the invention so that it comprises partially unsaturated aliphatic hydrocarbon chain and one or more polar or charged groups including carboxylic acid groups, ester groups, and

An example of antisense molecules which, when duplexed with RNA, are not cleaved by cellular RNase H are 2'-O-methyl derivatives. 2'-O-methyl-oligoribonucleotides are very stable in a cellular environment and in animal tissues, and their duplexes with RNA have higher Tm values than their ribo- or deoxyribo- counterparts. Alternatively, the nuclease resistant antisense molecules of the invention may have at least one of the last 3'-terminus nucleotides fluoridated. Still alternatively, the nuclease resistant antisense molecules of the invention have phosphorothioate bonds linking between at least two of the last 3-terminus nucleotide bases, preferably having phosphorothioate bonds linking between the last four 3'-terminal nucleotide bases.

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Antisense molecules that do not activate RNase H can be made in accordance with known techniques (see, e.g., U.S. Pat. 5,149,797). Such antisense molecules, which may be deoxyribonucleotide or ribonucleotide sequences, simply contain any structural modification which sterically hinders or prevents binding of RNase H to a duplex molecule containing the oligonucleotide as one member thereof, which structural modification does not substantially hinder or disrupt duplex formation. Because the portions of the oligonucleotide involved in duplex formation are substantially different from those portions involved in RNase H binding thereto, numerous antisense molecules that do not activate RNase H are available. For example, such antisense molecules may be oligonucleotides wherein at least one, or all, of the inter-nucleotide bridging phosphate residues modified phosphonates, methyl are phosphates. such as methyl phosphorothioates, phosphoromorpholidates, phosphoropiperazidates and phosphoramidates. For example, every other one of the internucleotide bridging phosphate residues may be modified as described. In another non-limiting example, such antisense molecules are molecules wherein at least one, or all, of the nucleotides contain a 2' lower alkyl moiety (e.g., C₁-C₄, linear or branched, saturated or unsaturated alkyl, such as methyl, ethyl, ethenyl, propyl, 1-propenyl, 2-propenyl, and isopropyl). For example, every other one of the nucleotides may be modified as described.

While antisense oligonucleotides are a preferred form of the antisense molecules, the present invention comprehends other oligomeric antisense molecules, including but not limited to oligonucleotide mimetics such as are described below.

Specific examples of preferred antisense compounds useful in this invention include oligonucleotides containing modified backbones or non-natural internucleoside linkages. As defined in this specification, oligonucleotides having modified backbones include those that retain a phosphorus atom in the backbone and those that do not have a phosphorus atom in the backbone. For the purposes of this specification, and as sometimes referenced in the art, modified oligonucleotides that do not have a phosphorus atom in their inter-nucleoside backbone can also be considered to be oligonucleosides.

In other preferred oligonucleotide mimetics, both the sugar and the internucleoside linkage, i.e., the backbone, of the nucleotide units are replaced with novel groups. The base units are maintained for hybridization with an appropriate nucleic acid target compound. One such oligomeric compound, an oligonucleotide mimetic that has been shown to have excellent hybridization properties, is referred to as a peptide nucleic acid (PNA). In PNA compounds, the sugar-backbone of an oligonucleotide is replaced with an amide containing backbone, in particular an aminoethylglycine backbone. The nucleo-bases are retained and are bound directly or indirectly to aza nitrogen atoms of the amide portion of the backbone.

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Modified oligonucleotides may also contain one or more substituted sugar moieties. Oligonucleotides may also include nucleobase (often referred to in the art simply as "base") modifications or substitutions. Certain nucleobases are particularly useful for increasing the binding affinity of the oligomeric compounds of the invention. These include 5-substituted pyrimidines, 6-azapyrimidines and N-2, N-6 and O-6 substituted purines, including 2-aminopropyladenine, 5-propynyluracil and 5-propynylcytosine. 5-methylcytosine substitutions have been shown to increase nucleic acid duplex stability by 0.6-1.2°C and are presently preferred base substitutions, even more particularly when combined with 2'-O-methoxyethyl sugar modifications.

Another modification of the oligonucleotides of the invention involves chemically linking to the oligonucleotide one or more moieties or conjugates that enhance the activity, cellular distribution or cellular uptake of the oligonucleotide. Such moieties include but are not limited to lipid moieties such as a cholesterol moiety, cholic acid, a thioether, e.g., hexyl-S-tritylthiol, a thiocholesterol, an aliphatic chain, e.g., dodecandiol or undecyl residues, a phospholipid, e.g., di-hexadecyl-rac-glycerol or triethylammonium 1,2-di-O-hexadecyl-rac-glycero-3-H-phosphonate, a polyamine or a polyethylene glycol chain, or adamantane acetic acid, a palmityl moiety, or an octadecylamine or hexylamino-carbonyl-oxycholesterol moiety.

It is not necessary for all positions in a given compound to be uniformly modified, and in fact more than one of the aforementioned modifications may be incorporated in a single compound or even at a single nucleoside within an oligonucleotide. The present invention also includes antisense compounds that are chimeric compounds. "Chimeric" antisense compounds or "chimeras," in the context of this invention, are antisense molecules, particularly oligonucleotides, which contain two or more chemically distinct regions, each made up of at least one monomer unit, i.e., a nucleotide in the case of an oligonucleotide compound. These oligonucleotides typically contain at least one region wherein the oligonucleotide is modified so as to confer upon the increased resistance to nuclease degradation, increased cellular uptake, and an additional region for increased binding affinity for the target nucleic acid.

Methods of Manufacturing Antisense Molecules

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The antisense molecules used in accordance with this invention may be conveniently and routinely made through the well-known technique of solid phase synthesis. Equipment for such synthesis is sold by several vendors including, for example, Applied Biosystems (Foster City, Calif.). One method for synthesising oligonucleotides on a modified solid support is described in U.S. Pat. No. 4,458,066.

Any other means for such synthesis known in the art may additionally or alternatively be employed. It is well known to use similar techniques to prepare oligonucleotides such as the phosphorothioates and alkylated derivatives. In one such automated embodiment, diethyl-phosphoramidites are used as starting materials and may be synthesized as described by Beaucage, et al., (1981)

Tetrahedron Letters, 22:1859-1862.

The antisense molecules of the invention are synthesised *in vitro* and do not include antisense compositions of biological origin, or genetic vector constructs designed to direct the *in vivo* synthesis of antisense molecules. The molecules of the invention may also be mixed, encapsulated, conjugated or otherwise associated with other molecules, molecule structures or mixtures of compounds,

as for example, liposomes, receptor targeted molecules, oral, rectal, topical or other formulations, for assisting in uptake, distribution and/or absorption.

Therapeutic Agents

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The present invention also can be used as a prophylactic or therapeutic, which may be utilised for the purpose of treatment of a genetic disease.

Accordingly, in one embodiment the present invention provides antisense molecules that bind to a selected target in the dystrophin pre-mRNA to induce efficient and consistent exon skipping described herein in a therapeutically effective amount admixed with a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier, diluent, or excipient.

The phrase "pharmaceutically acceptable" refers to molecular entities and compositions that are physiologically tolerable and do not typically produce an allergic or similarly untoward reaction, such as gastric upset and the like, when administered to a patient. The term "carrier" refers to a diluent, adjuvant, excipient, or vehicle with which the compound is administered. Such pharmaceutical carriers can be sterile liquids, such as water and oils, including those of petroleum, animal, vegetable or synthetic origin, such as peanut oil, soybean oil, mineral oil, sesame oil and the like. Water or saline solutions and aqueous dextrose and glycerol solutions are preferably employed as carriers, particularly for injectable solutions. Suitable pharmaceutical carriers are described in Martin, *Remington's Pharmaceutical Sciences*, 18th Ed., Mack Publishing Co., Easton, PA, (1990).

In a more specific form of the invention there are provided pharmaceutical compositions comprising therapeutically effective amounts of an antisense molecule together with pharmaceutically acceptable diluents, preservatives, solubilizers, emulsifiers, adjuvants and/or carriers. Such compositions include diluents of various buffer content (e.g., Tris-HCl, acetate, phosphate), pH and ionic strength and additives such as detergents and solubilizing agents (e.g., Tween 80, Polysorbate 80), anti-oxidants (e.g., ascorbic acid, sodium metabisulfite), preservatives (e.g., Thimersol, benzyl alcohol) and bulking substances (e.g., lactose, mannitol). The material may be incorporated into particulate preparations of polymeric compounds

such as polylactic acid, polyglycolic acid, etc. or into liposomes. Hylauronic acid may also be used. Such compositions may influence the physical state, stability, rate of *in vivo* release, and rate of *in vivo* clearance of the present proteins and derivatives. See, e.g., Martin, Remington's Pharmaceutical Sciences, 18th Ed. (1990, Mack Publishing Co., Easton, PA 18042) pages 1435-1712 that are herein incorporated by reference. The compositions may be prepared in liquid form, or may be in dried powder, such as lyophilised form.

It will be appreciated that pharmaceutical compositions provided according to the present invention may be administered by any means known in the art. Preferably, the pharmaceutical compositions for administration are administered by injection, orally, or by the pulmonary, or nasal route. The antisense molecules are more preferably delivered by intravenous, intra-arterial, intraperitoneal, intramuscular, or subcutaneous routes of administration.

Antisense molecule based therapy

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Also addressed by the present invention is the use of antisense molecules of the present invention, for manufacture of a medicament for modulation of a genetic disease.

The delivery of a therapeutically useful amount of antisense molecules may be achieved by methods previously published. For example, intracellular delivery of the antisense molecule may be via a composition comprising an admixture of the antisense molecule and an effective amount of a block copolymer. An example of this method is described in US patent application US 20040248833.

Other methods of delivery of antisense molecules to the nucleus are described in Mann CJ et al., (2001) ["Antisense-induced exon skipping and the synthesis of dystrophin in the mdx mouse". Proc., Natl. Acad. Science, 98(1) 42-47] and in Gebski et al., (2003). Human Molecular Genetics, 12(15): 1801-1811.

A method for introducing a nucleic acid molecule into a cell by way of an expression vector either as naked DNA or complexed to lipid carriers, is described in US patent US 6,806,084.

It may be desirable to deliver the antisense molecule in a colloidal dispersion system. Colloidal dispersion systems include macromolecule complexes, nanocapsules, microspheres, beads, and lipid-based systems including oil-inwater emulsions, micelles, mixed micelles, and liposomes or liposome formulations.

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Liposomes are artificial membrane vesicles which are useful as delivery vehicles in vitro and in vivo. These formulations may have net cationic, anionic or neutral charge characteristics and are useful characteristics with in vitro, in vivo and ex vivo delivery methods. It has been shown that large unilamellar vesicles (LUV), which range in size from 0.2-4.0 .PHI.m can encapsulate a substantial percentage of an aqueous buffer containing large macromolecules. RNA and DNA can be encapsulated within the aqueous interior and be delivered to cells in a biologically active form (Fraley, et al., Trends Biochem. Sci., 6:77, 1981).

In order for a liposome to be an efficient gene transfer vehicle, the following characteristics should be present: (1) encapsulation of the antisense molecule of interest at high efficiency while not compromising their biological activity; (2) preferential and substantial binding to a target cell in comparison to non-target cells; (3) delivery of the aqueous contents of the vesicle to the target cell cytoplasm at high efficiency; and (4) accurate and effective expression of genetic information (Mannino, et al., Biotechniques, 6:682, 1988).

The composition of the liposome is usually a combination of phospholipids, particularly high-phase-transition-temperature phospholipids, usually in combination with steroids, especially cholesterol. Other phospholipids or other lipids may also be used. The physical characteristics of liposomes depend on pH, ionic strength, and the presence of divalent cations.

Alternatively, the antisense construct may be combined with other pharmaceutically acceptable carriers or diluents to produce a pharmaceutical composition. Suitable carriers and diluents include isotonic saline solutions, for example phosphate-buffered saline. The composition may be formulated for

parenteral, intramuscular, intravenous, subcutaneous, intraocular, oral or transdermal administration.

The routes of administration described are intended only as a guide since a skilled practitioner will be able to determine readily the optimum route of administration and any dosage for any particular animal and condition.

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The antisense molecules of the invention encompass any pharmaceutically acceptable salts, esters, or salts of such esters, or any other compound which, upon administration to an animal including a human, is capable of providing (directly or indirectly) the biologically active metabolite or residue thereof. Accordingly, for example, the disclosure is also drawn to prodrugs and pharmaceutically acceptable salts of the compounds of the invention, pharmaceutically acceptable salts of such pro-drugs, and other bioequivalents.

The term "pharmaceutically acceptable salts" refers to physiologically and pharmaceutically acceptable salts of the compounds of the invention: i.e., salts that retain the desired biological activity of the parent compound and do not impart undesired toxicological effects thereto.

For oligonucleotides, preferred examples of pharmaceutically acceptable salts include but are not limited to (a) salts formed with cations such as sodium, potassium, ammonium, magnesium, calcium, polyamines such as spermine and spermidine, etc.; (b) acid addition salts formed with inorganic acids, for example hydrochloric acid, hydrobromic acid, sulfuric acid, phosphoric acid, nitric acid and the like; (c) salts formed with organic acids such as, for example, acetic acid, oxalic acid, tartaric acid, succinic acid, maleic acid, fumaric acid, gluconic acid, citric acid, malic acid, ascorbic acid, benzoic acid, tannic acid, palmitic acid, alginic acid, polyglutamic acid, naphthalenesulfonic acid, methanesulfonic acid, proluenesulfonic acid, naphthalenedisulfonic acid, polygalacturonic acid, and the like; and (d) salts formed from elemental anions such as chlorine, bromine, and iodine. The pharmaceutical compositions of the present invention may be administered in a number of ways depending upon whether local or systemic treatment is desired and upon the area to be treated. Administration may be topical (including ophthalmic and to mucous membranes including rectal delivery),

pulmonary, e.g., by inhalation or insufflation of powders or aerosols, (including by nebulizer, intratracheal, intranasal, epidermal and transdermal), oral or parenteral. Parenteral administration includes intravenous, intra-arterial, subcutaneous, intraperitoneal or intramuscular injection or infusion; or intracranial, e.g., intrathecal or intraventricular, administration. Oligonucleotides with at least one 2'-O-methoxyethyl modification are believed to be particularly useful for oral administration.

The pharmaceutical formulations of the present invention, which may conveniently be presented in unit dosage form, may be prepared according to conventional techniques well known in the pharmaceutical industry. Such techniques include the step of bringing into association the active ingredients with the pharmaceutical carrier(s) or excipient(s). In general the formulations are prepared by uniformly and intimately bringing into association the active ingredients with liquid carriers or finely divided solid carriers or both, and then, if necessary, shaping the product.

Kits of the Invention

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The invention also provides kits for treatment of a patient with a genetic disease which kit comprises at least an antisense molecule, packaged in a suitable container, together with instructions for its use.

In a preferred embodiment, the kits will contain at least one antisense molecule as shown in Table 1A, or a cocktail of antisense molecules as shown in Table 1B. The kits may also contain peripheral reagents such as buffers, stabilizers, etc.

The contents of the kit can be lyophilized and the kit can additionally contain a suitable solvent for reconstitution of the lyophilized components. Individual components of the kit would be packaged in separate containers and, associated with such containers, can be a notice in the form prescribed by a governmental agency regulating the manufacture, use or sale of pharmaceuticals or biological products, which notice reflects approval by the agency of manufacture, use or sale for human administration.

When the components of the kit are provided in one or more liquid solutions, the liquid solution can be an aqueous solution, for example a sterile aqueous solution.

For in vivo use, the expression construct may be formulated into a pharmaceutically acceptable syringeable composition. In this case the container means may itself be an inhalant, syringe, pipette, eye dropper, or other such like apparatus, from which the formulation may be applied to an affected area of the animal, such as the lungs, injected into an animal, or even applied to and mixed with the other components of the kit.

The components of the kit may also be provided in dried or lyophilized forms. When reagents or components are provided as a dried form, reconstitution generally is by the addition of a suitable solvent. It is envisioned that the solvent also may be provided in another container means. Irrespective of the number or type of containers, the kits of the invention also may comprise, or be packaged with, an instrument for assisting with the injection/administration or placement of the ultimate complex composition within the body of an animal. Such an instrument may be an inhalant, syringe, pipette, forceps, measured spoon, eye dropper or any such medically approved delivery vehicle.

Those of ordinary skill in the field should appreciate that applications of the above method has wide application for identifying antisense molecules suitable for use in the treatment of many other diseases.

20 Examples

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The following Examples serve to more fully describe the manner of using the above-described invention, as well as to set forth the best modes contemplated for carrying out various aspects of the invention. It is understood that these Examples in no way serve to limit the true scope of this invention, but rather are presented for illustrative purposes. The references cited herein are expressly incorporated by reference.

Methods of molecular cloning, immunology and protein chemistry, which are not explicitly described in the following examples, are reported in the literature and are known by those skilled in the art. General texts that described conventional molecular biology, microbiology, and recombinant DNA techniques within the skill of

the art, included, for example: Sambrook *et al.*, *Molecular Cloning: A Laboratory Manual*, Second Edition, Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory Press, Cold Spring Harbor, New York (1989); Glover ed., *DNA Cloning: A Practical Approach*, Volumes I and II, MRL Press, Ltd., Oxford, U.K. (1985); and Ausubel, F., Brent, R., Kingston, R.E., Moore, D.D., Seidman, J.G., Smith, J.A., Struhl, K. *Current Protocols in Molecular Biology*. Greene Publishing Associates/Wiley Intersciences, New York (2002).

<u>Determining Induced Exon Skipping in Human Muscle Cells</u>

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Attempts by the inventors to develop a rational approach in antisense molecules design were not completely successful as there did not appear to be a consistent trend that could be applied to all exons. As such, the identification of the most effective and therefore most therapeutic antisense molecules compounds has been the result of empirical studies.

These empirical studies involved the use of computer programs to identify motifs potentially involved in the splicing process. Other computer programs were also used to identify regions of the pre-mRNA which may not have had extensive secondary structure and therefore potential sites for annealing of antisense molecules. Neither of these approaches proved completely reliable in designing antisense oligonucleotides for reliable and efficient induction of exon skipping.

Annealing sites on the human dystrophin pre-mRNA were selected for examination, initially based upon known or predicted motifs or regions involved in splicing. 20Me antisense oligonucleotides were designed to be complementary to the target sequences under investigation and were synthesised on an Expedite 8909 Nucleic Acid Synthesiser. Upon completion of synthesis, the oligonucleotides were cleaved from the support column and de-protected in ammonium hydroxide before being desalted. The quality of the oligonucleotide synthesis was monitored by the intensity of the trityl signals upon each deprotection step during the synthesis as detected in the synthesis log. The concentration of the antisense oligonucleotide was estimated by measuring the absorbance of a diluted aliquot at 260nm.

30 Specified amounts of the antisense molecules were then tested for their ability to induce exon skipping in an *in vitro* assay, as described below.

Briefly, normal primary myoblast cultures were prepared from human muscle biopsies obtained after informed consent. The cells were propagated and allowed to differentiate into myotubes using standard culturing techniques. The cells were then transfected with the antisense oligonucleotides by delivery of the oligonucleotides to the cells as cationic lipoplexes, mixtures of antisense molecules or cationic liposome preparations.

The cells were then allowed to grow for another 24 hours, after which total RNA was extracted and molecular analysis commenced. Reverse transcriptase amplification (RT-PCR) was undertaken to study the targeted regions of the dystrophin pre-mRNA or induced exonic re-arrangements.

For example, in the testing of an antisense molecule for inducing exon 19 skipping the RT-PCR test scanned several exons to detect involvement of any adjacent exons. For example, when inducing skipping of exon 19, RT-PCR was carried out with primers that amplified across exons 17 and 21. Amplifications of even larger products in this area (i.e. exons 13-26) were also carried out to ensure that there was minimal amplification bias for the shorter induced skipped transcript. Shorter or exon skipped products tend to be amplified more efficiently and may bias the estimated of the normal and induced transcript.

The sizes of the amplification reaction products were estimated on an agarose gel and compared against appropriate size standards. The final confirmation of identity of these products was carried out by direct DNA sequencing to establish that the correct or expected exon junctions have been maintained.

Once efficient exon skipping had been induced with one antisense molecule, subsequent overlapping antisense molecules may be synthesized and then evaluated in the assay as described above. Our definition of an efficient antisense molecule is one that induces strong and sustained exon skipping at transfection concentrations in the order of 300 nM or less. Most preferably, the oligonucleotide molecules of the present invention are able to induce skipping at levels of greater that 30% at a concentration of 100 nM.

30 Densitometry Methods

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Densitometry analysis of the results of the exon skipping procedures was carried out, in order to determine which antisense molecules achieved the desired efficiency. Amplification products were fractionated on 2% agarose gels, stained with ethidium bromide and the images captured by a Chemi-Smart 3000 gel documentation system (Vilber Lourmat, Marne La Vallee). The bands were then analyzed using gel documentation system (Bio-Profil, Bio-1D version 11.9, Vilber Lourmat, Marne La Vallee), according to the manufacturer's instructions.

Densitometry was carried out on the following antisense molecules:

Figure 35 Exon 3 H3A(+30+60) & H3A(+61+85) Exon 4 H4D(+14-11) & H4A(+11+40) Exon 14 H14A(+32+61) Exon 17 H17A(+10+35) H26A(-07+19), H26A(+24+50) & H26A(+68+92) Exon 26 Exon 36 H36A(-16+09) & H36A(+22+51) Figure 36 Exon 46 H46A(+81+109) Exon 47 H47A(+01+29) H48A(+01+28) & H48A(+40+67) Exon 48 Exon 49 H49A(+45+70)

10 Antisense Oligonucleotides Directed at Exon 17

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Antisense oligonucleotides directed at exon 17 were prepared and tested for their ability to induce exon skipping in human muscle cells using similar methods as described above.

From Table 2 below, it can be seen that the effect of antisense molecules directed at the same site (the exon 17 acceptor splice site) can be very different, even though the binding location of the two antisense molecules are overlapping. H17A(-07+23) [SEQ ID NO:3], which anneals to the last 7 bases of intron 16 and the first 23 bases of exon 17, induces exon 17 skipping when delivered into the cell at a concentration of 25nM. In contrast, the antisense molecule H17A(-12+18), which anneals to the last 12 bases of intron 16 and the first 18 bases of exon 17, and thus overlaps the location of binding of H17A(-07+23), was not able to induce exon skipping at all. Furthermore, H17A(-07+16), which anneals to the

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last 7 bases of intron 16 and the first 16 bases of exon 17 caused skipping of both exon 17 and 18 at 200nM. Antisense molecule H17A(+61+86) [SEQ ID NO:4], which binds in an intra-exonic splicing enhancer motif of exon 17, is also able to induce good skipping. It can be seen that the ability of antisense molecules to induce exon skipping cannot be predicted simply from their binding location and must be determined through rigourous testing.

Table 2: Antisense molecule sequences tested to determine if they induce exon 17 skipping

SEQ ID	Antisense Oligonucleotide name	Sequence	Ability to induce skipping
459	H17A(-12 +18)	GGU GAC AGC CUG UGA AAU CUG UGA GAA GUA	No Skipping
3	H17A(-07+23)	GUG GUG GUG ACA GCC UGU GAA AUC UGU GAG	Skipping at 25nM
460	H17A(-07+16)	UGA CAG CCU GUG AAA UCU GUG AG	Skipping ex 17 +18 at 200nM
461	H17A(+10 +35)	AGU GAU GGC UGA GUG GUG ACA GC	Skipping at 50nM
462	H17A(+31+50)	ACA GUU GUC UGU GUU AGU GA	inconsistent skipping
4	H17A(+61 +86)	UGU UCC CUU GUG GUC ACC GUA GUU AC	Skipping at 50nM
463	H17A(+144+163)	CAG AAU CCA CAG UAA UCU GC	skipping at 300nM

10 This data shows that some particular antisense molecules induce efficient exon skipping while another antisense molecule, which targets a near-by or overlapping region, can be much less efficient. Titration studies show one molecule is able to induce targeted exon skipping at 20-25 nM while a less efficient antisense molecule might only induced exon skipping at concentrations of 300 nM and 15 above. Therefore, we have shown that targeting of the antisense molecules to motifs involved in the splicing process plays a crucial role in the overall efficacy of that compound.

Efficacy refers to the ability to induce consistent skipping of a target exon. However, sometimes skipping of the target exons is consistently associated with a flanking exon. That is, we have found that the splicing of some exons is tightly linked. For example, in targeting exon 23 in the mouse model of muscular dystrophy with antisense molecules directed at the donor site of that exon, dystrophin transcripts missing exons 22 and 23 are frequently detected. As another example, when using an antisense molecule directed to exon 8 of the

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human dystrophin gene, many induced transcripts are missing both exons 8 and 9.

Antisense Oligonucleotides Directed at Exon 2

Antisense oligonucleotides directed at exon 2 were prepared and tested for their ability to induce exon skipping in human muscle cells using similar methods as described above.

Table 3: Antisense molecule sequences tested to determine if they induce exon 2 skipping

SEQ ID	Antisense Oligonucleotide name	Sequence	Ability to induce skipping
75	H2A(-14+10)	UCU CUU UCA UCU AAA AUG CAA AAU	No Skipping
76	H2A(-1+23)	CUU UUG AAC AUC UUC UCU UUC AUC	No Skipping
77	H2A(+7+38)	UUU UGU GAA UGU UUU CUU UUG AAC AUC UUC UC	No Skipping
78	H2A(+16+39)	AUU UUG UGA AUG UUU UCU UUU GAA	No Skipping
79	H2A(+30+60)	UAG AAA AUU GUG CAU UUA CCC AUU UUG UGA A	No Skipping
80	H2D(+19-11)	ACC AUU CUU ACC UUA GAA AAU UGU GCA UUU	No Skipping
81	H2D(+03-21)	AAA GUA ACA AAC CAU UCU UAC CUU	No Skipping

10 Antisense Oligonucleotides Directed at Exon 3

Antisense oligonucleotides directed at exon 3 were prepared and tested for their ability to induce exon skipping in human muscle cells using similar methods as described above.

Each used alone, antisense molecules H3A(+30+60) [SEQ ID NO: 31] and H3A(+61+85) [SEQ ID NO: 32] induce exon 3 skipping. However, in combination, the two molecules are even more effective at inducing skipping (Figure 3), and are also able to induce skipping of exons 4 and 5 at 300nM and 600nM, a result not seen or predicted by the results of the use of each antisense molecule alone. Additional products above the induced transcript missing exon 3 arise from amplification from carry-over outer primers from the RT-PCR as well as heteroduplex formation.

Table 4: Antisense molecule sequences tested to determine if they induce exon 3 skipping

SEQ ID	Antisense Oligonucleotide name	Sequence	Ability to induce skipping
82	H3A(+14+38)	AGG UCA CUG AAG AGG UUC UCA AUA U	Moderate skipping to 10nM
83	H3A(+20+40)	GUA GGU CAC UGA AGA GGU UCU	Strong skipping to 50nM
84	H3A(+25+60)	AGG AGG CGU CUC CCA UCC UGU AGG UCA CUG AAG	weak skipping
85	H3A(+45+65)	AGG UCU AGG AGG CGC CUC CCA	No skipping
86	H3A(+48+73)	CUU CGA GGA GGU CUA GGA GGC GCC UC	No Skipping
32	H3A(+61+85)	GCC CUG UCA GGC CUU CGA GGA GGU C	Skipping to 300nM
87	H3D(+17-08)	uca cau acA GUU UUU GCC CUG UCA G	No skipping
88	H3D(+19-02)	UAC AGU UUU UGC CCU GUC AGG	No skipping
89	H3D(+14-10)	AAG UCA CAU ACA GUU UUU GCC CUG	No skipping
90	H3D(+12-07)	UCA CAU ACA GUU UUU GCC C	No skipping
	Cocktails for exon		
31 & 32	H3A(+30+60) H3A(+61+85)	UAG GAG GCG CCU CCC AUC CUG UAG GUC ACU G G CCC UGU CAG GCC UUC GAG GAG GUC	Excellent skipping to 100nM, skipping to 10nM. Also taking out 4&5 to 300nM
32 & 464	H3A(+61+85) H3A(+30+54)	G CCC UGU CAG GCC UUC GAG GAG GUC GCG CCU CCC AUC CUG UAG GUC ACU G	Very strong skipping to 50nM
32 & 84	H3A(+61+85) H3A(+25+60)	G CCC UGU CAG GCC UUC GAG GAG GUC AGG AGG CGU CUC CCA UCC UGU AGG UCA CUG AAG AG	Very strong skipping to 50nM

5 Antisense oligonucleotides directed at exon 4 were prepared and tested for their ability to induce exon skipping in human muscle cells using similar methods as described above. Figure 4 shows skipping of exon 4 using a cocktail of H4A(+11+40) [SEQ ID NO: 33] and H4D(+14-11) [SEQ ID NO: 34].

Table 5: Antisense molecule sequences tested to determine if they induce exon 4 10 skipping

SEQ ID	Antisense Oligonucleotide name	Sequence	Ability to induce skipping
91	H4A(-08+17)	GAU CCU UUU UCU UUU GGC UGA GAA C	Weak skipping down to 10nM
92	H4A(+36+60)	CCG CAG UGC CUU GUU GAC AUU GUU C	Good skipping to 10nM
93	H4D(+14-11)	GUA CUA CUU ACA UUA UUG UUC UGC A	Very poor skipping to 10nM
	Exon 4 Cocktails		
33 & 34	H4A(+11+40) H4D(+14-11)	UGU UCA GGG CAU GAA CUC UUG UGG AUC CUU GUA CUA CUU ACA UUA UUG UUC UGC A	Excellent skipping(100% to 100nM) and good skipping down to 5nM

Antisense Oligonucleotides Directed at Exon 5

Antisense oligonucleotides directed at exon 5 were prepared and tested for their ability to induce exon skipping in human muscle cells using similar methods as described above. H5D(+26-05) would be regarded as a non-preferred antisense molecule as it failed to induce even low level skipping of exon 5. However, H5A(+35+65) [SEQ ID NO: 1], which presumably targets an exonic splicing enhancer was evaluated, found to be highly efficient at inducing skipping of that target exon, as shown in Figure 5 and is regarded as the preferred compound for induced exon 5 skipping.

Table 6: Antisense molecule sequences tested to determine if they induce exon 5 skipping

SEQ ID	Antisense Oligonucleotide name	Sequence	Ability to induce skipping
1	H5A(+35+65)	AAA CCA AGA GUC AGU UUA UGA UUU CCA UCU A	Great skipping to 10nM
94	H5D(+26-05)	CUU ACC UGC CAG UGG AGG AUU AUA UUC CAA A	No skipping

Antisense Oligonucleotides Directed at Exon 6

Antisense oligonucleotides directed at exon 6 were prepared and tested for their ability to induce exon skipping in human muscle cells using similar methods as described above.

Table 7: Antisense molecule sequences tested to determine if they induce exon 6 skipping

SEQ ID	Antisense Oligonucleotide name	Sequence	Ability to induce skipping
95	H6A(-09+17)	UUC AUU ACA UUU UUG ACC UAC AUG UG	faint to 600nM
96	H6A(+32+57)	CUU UUC ACU GUU GGU UUG UUG CAA UC	skipping at 25nM
97	KH9 6A(+66+94)	AAU UAC GAG UUG AUU GUC GGA CCC AGC UC	skipping at 25nM
98	H6A(+69+96)	AUA AUU ACG AGU UGA UUG UCG GAC CCA G	skipping to 100 nM
99	H6A(+98+123)	GGU GAA GUU GAU UAC AUU AAC CUG UG	No skipping
100	H6D(+18-06)	UCU UAC CUA UGA CUA UGG AUG AGA	No skipping
101	H6D(+07-15)	CAG UAA UCU UCU UAC CUA UGA C	No skipping
102	H6D(+07-16)	UCA GUA AUC UUC UUA CCU AUG AC	No skipping
103	H6D(+04-20)	UGU CUC AGU AAU CUU CUU ACC UAU	No skipping

Antisense oligonucleotides directed at exon 7 were prepared and tested for their ability to induce exon skipping in human muscle cells using similar methods as described above.

5 Table 8: Antisense molecule sequences tested to determine if they induce exon 7 skipping

SEQ	Antisense	Sequence	Ability to induce
ID	Oligonucleotide name		skipping
104	H7A(-07+15)	UCA AAU AGG UCU GGC CUA AAA C	no skipping
105	H7A(-03+18)	CCA GUC AAA UAG GUC UGG CCU A	no skipping
106	H7A(+41+63)	UGU UCC AGU CGU UGU GUG GCU GA	skipping 50nM
73	H7A(+41+67)	UGC AUG UUC CAG UCG UUG UGU GGC UGA	skipping 25nM
107	H7A(+47+74)	UGU UGA AUG CAU GUU CCA GUC GUU GUG U	skippking 25nM but weak
72	H7A(+49+71)	UGA AUG CAU GUU CCA GUC GUU GU	good skipping to 25 nM

Antisense Oligonucleotides Directed at Exon 8

Antisense oligonucleotides directed at exon 8 were prepared and tested for their 10 ability to induce exon skipping in human muscle cells using similar methods as described above. See Figure 6.

Table 9: Antisense molecule sequences tested to determine if they induce exon 8 skipping

SEQ ID	Antisense Oligonucleotide name	Sequence	Ability to induce skipping
108	H8A(-10+20)	UGG AUA GGU GGU AUC AAC AUC UGU AAG CAC	Very weak skipping of 8+9 to 10nM
109	H8A(-07+15)	AGG UGG UAU CAA CAU CUG UAA G	Very,very weak skipping of 8+9 to 10nM
35	H8A(-06+24)	UAU CUG GAU AGG UGG UAU CAA CAU CUG UAA	Weak skipping of 8+9 to 10nM
110	H8A(-04+18)	GAU AGG UGG UAU CAA CAU CUG U	works strongly to 40nM
71	H8A(+42+66)	AAA CUU GGA AGA GUG AUG UGA UGU A	good skipping of 8+9 to 10nM
70	H8A(+57+83)	GCU CAC UUG UUG AGG CAA AAC UUG GAA	good skipping of 8+9 at high conc,down to 10nM
111	H8A(+96+120)	GCC UUG GCA ACA UUU CCA CUU CCU G	Weak skipping of 8+9 to 300nM
36	H8A(+134+158)	AUG UAA CUG AAA AUG UUC UUC UUU A	Weak skipping of 8+9 to 100nM
112	H8D(+13-12)	UAC ACA CUU UAC CUG UUG AGA AUA G	Weak skipping of 8+9 to 50nM
	Exon 8 Cocktails		
35 & 36	H8A(-06+24) H8A(+134+158)	UAU CUG GAU AGG UGG UAU CAA CAU CUG UAA AUG UAA CUG AAA AUG UUC UUC UUU A	Good skipping to 10nM (8+9) but also 8 on its own
35 & 112	H8A(-06+24) H8D(+13-12)	UAU CUG GAU AGG UGG UAU CAA CAU CUG UAA UAC ACA CUU UAC CUG UUG AGA AUA G	Good skipping to 10nM (8+9) but also 8 on its own
35 & 70	H8A(-06+24) H8A(+57+83)	UAU CUG GAU AGG UGG UAU CAA CAU CUG UAA GCU CAC UUG UUG AGG CAA AAC UUG GAA	Good skipping to 10nM (8+9) but also 8 on its own
35 & 111	H8A(-06+24) H8A(+96+120)	UAU CUG GAU AGG UGG UAU CAA CAU CUG UAA GCC UUG GCA ACA UUU CCA CUU CCU G	Good skipping to 10nM (8+9) but also 8 on its own

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Antisense Oligonucleotides Directed at Exon 9

Antisense oligonucleotides directed at exon 9 were prepared and tested for their ability to induce exon skipping in human muscle cells using similar methods as described above.

5 Table 10: Antisense molecule sequences tested to determine if they induce exon 9 skipping

SEQ ID	Antisense Oligonucleotide name	Sequence	Ability to induce skipping
113	H9A(+154+184)	AGC AGC CUG UGU GUA GGC AUA GCU CUU GAA U	working strongly to 100nM
114	H9D(+26-04)	AGA CCU GUG AAG GAA AUG GGC UCC GUG UAG	working strongly to 200nM

Antisense Oligonucleotides Directed at Exon 10

Antisense oligonucleotides directed at exon 10 were prepared and tested for their ability to induce exon skipping in human muscle cells using similar methods as described above. See Figure 7 for examples of a single antisense oligonucleotide molecule and cocktails which induce skippig of exon 10 and surrounding exons. Single antisense oligonuceotide molecule H10A(-05+16) [SEQ ID NO: 37] was able to induce skipping of exons 9-14, whilst the combination with H10A(+98+119) [SEQ ID NO: 38] was able to induce skipping of exon 10 alone and exons 9-12 (and some skipping of exons 10-12). The combination of H10A(-05+16) and H10A(+130+149) was able to induce skipping of exon 10 and exons 9-12.

Table 11: Antisense molecule sequences tested to determine if they induce exon 10 skipping

SEQ	Antisense	Sequence	Ability to induce skipping
ID	Oligonucleotide name		
115	H10A(-09+16)	CAG GAG CUU CCA AAU GCU GCA CAA U	no skipping
116	H10A(+08+27)	UGA CUU GUC UUC AGG AGC UU	no skipping
117	H10A (+21 +42)	CAA UGA ACU GCC AAA UGA CUU G	Skipping at 100nM
118	H10A(+27+51)	ACU CUC CAU CAA UGA ACU GCC AAA U	No Skipping
119	H10A(+55+79)	CUG UUU GAU AAC GGU CCA GGU UUA C	No Skipping
120	H10A(+80+103)	GCC ACG AUA AUA CUU CUU CUA AAG	No Skipping
121	H10D(+16-09)	UUA GUU UAC CUC AUG AGU AUG AAA C	No Skipping
	Cocktails Exon 10		
37 &	H10A(-05+16)	CAG GAG CUU CCA AAU GCU GCA	
38	H10A(+98+119)	UCC UCA GCA GAA AGA AGC CAC G	Strong skipping at 200nM
37 &	H10A(-05+16)	CAG GAG CUU CCA AAU GCU GCA	_
122	H10A(+130+149)	UUA GAA AUC UCU CCU UGU GC	Skipping at 200nM

Antisense oligonucleotides directed at exon 11 were prepared and tested for their ability to induce exon skipping in human muscle cells using similar methods as described above. See Figure 37.

Table 12: Antisense molecule sequences tested to determine if they induce exon 11 skipping

SEQ ID	Antisense Oligonucleotide name	Sequence	Ability to induce skipping
123	H11A(-07+13)	CCA UCA UGU ACC CCU GAC AA	Skipping at 300nM
124	H11A+(+134+157)	CCC UGA GGC AUU CCC AUC UUG AAU	Skipping at 100nM
125	H11A(+20+45)	AUU ACC AAC CCG GCC CUG AUG GGC UG	skipping to 25 nM
126	H11A(+46+75)	UCC AAU CAG CUU ACU UCC CAA UUG UAG AAU	Strong skipping to 25 nM hint at 2.5 nM
127	H11A(+50+75)	UCC AAU CAG CUU ACU UCC CAA UUG UA	Strong skipping to 10 nM faint at 2.5 nM
52	H11A(+50+79)	CUG UUC CAA UCA GCU UAC UUC CCA AUU GUA	Strong skipping to 5 nM faint at 2.5 nM
128	H11A(+80+105)	AGU UUC UUC AUC UUC UGA UAA UUU UC	Faint skipping to 25 nM
129	H11A(+106+135)	AUU UAG GAG AUU CAU CUG CUC UUG UAC UUC	Strong skipping to 25 nM (20%)
130	H11A(+110+135)	AUU UAG GAG AUU CAU CUG CUC UUG UA	Strong skipping to 25 nM (20%)
131	H11A(+110+139)	UUG AAU UUA GGA GAU UCA UCU GCU CUU GUA	Strong skipping to 25 nM (20%)

10 Antisense Oligonucleotides Directed at Exon 12

Antisense oligonucleotides directed at exon 12 were prepared and tested for their ability to induce exon skipping in human muscle cells using similar methods as described above. See Figure 38.

Table 13: Antisense molecule sequences tested to determine if they induce exon 12 skipping

SEQ ID	Antisense Oligonucleotide name	Sequence	Ability to induce skipping
132	H12D(+06-16)	CAU AAG AUA CAC CUA CCU UAU G	No Skipping
2	H12A(+52+75)	UCU UCU GUU UUU GUU AGC CAG UCA	Strong skipping
53	H12A(+30+57)	CAG UCA UUC AAC UCU UUC AGU UUC UGA U	Strong skipping to 10 nM faint at 2.5 nM
133	H12A(+60+87)	UUC CUU GUU CUU UCU UCU GUU UUU GUU A	Strong skipping to 25 nM faint at 5 nM
134	H12A(+90+117)	AGA UCA GGU CCA AGA GGC UCU UCC UCC A	Strong skipping to 25 nM (30%)
135	H12A(+120+147)	UGU UGU UGU ACU UGG CGU UUU AGG UCU U	Strong skipping to 25 nM (30%)

5 Antisense oligonucleotides directed at exon 13 were prepared and tested for their ability to induce exon skipping in human muscle cells using similar methods as described above.

Table 14: Antisense molecule sequences tested to determine if they induce exon 13 skipping

SEQ	Antisense Oligonucleotide	Sequence	Ability to induce skipping
ID	name		
136	H13A(-12+12)	UUC UUG AAG CAC CUG AAA GAU AAA	No Skipping

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Antisense Oligonucleotides Directed at Exon 14

Antisense oligonucleotides directed at exon 14 were prepared and tested for their ability to induce exon skipping in human muscle cells using similar methods as described above. See Figure 8.

15 Table 15: Antisense molecule sequences tested to determine if they induce exon 14 skipping

	SEQ	Antisense Oligonucleotide	Sequence	Ability to induce
L	ID	name		skipping
	137	H14A(+45 +73)	GAA GGA UGU CUU GUA AAA GAA CCC AGC GG	Skipping at 25nM

Antisense oligonucleotides directed at exon 16 were prepared and tested for their ability to induce exon skipping in human muscle cells using similar methods as described above.

5 Table 16: Antisense molecule sequences tested to determine if they induce exon 16 skipping

SEQ ID	Antisense Oligonucleotide name	Sequence	Ability to induce skipping
138	H16A(-07+19)	CUA GAU CCG CUU UUA AAA CCU GUU AA	No skipping
139	H16A(+09+31)	GCU UUU UCU UUU CUA GAU CCG CU	No skipping
140	H16D(+18-07)	CAC UAA CCU GUG CUG UAC UCU UUU C	No skipping

Antisense Oligonucleotides Directed at Exon 17

Antisense oligonucleotides directed at exon 17 were prepared and tested for their 10 ability to induce exon skipping in human muscle cells using similar methods as described above.

Table 64: Antisense molecule sequences tested to determine if they induce exon 17 skipping

SEQ ID	Antisense Oligonucleotide name	Sequence	Ability to induce skipping
141	H17A(+48+78)	UGU GGU CAC CGU AGU UAC UGU UUC CAU UCA A	No skipping
142	H17A(+55+85)	GUU CCC UUG UGG UCA CCG UAG UUA CUG UUU C	Skipping to 100 nM

15 Antisense Oligonucleotides Directed at Exon 18

Antisense oligonucleotides directed at exon 18 were prepared and tested for their ability to induce exon skipping in human muscle cells using similar methods as described above. See Figure 9.

Table 17: Antisense molecule sequences tested to determine if they induce exon 18 skipping

SEQ ID	Antisense Oligonucleotide name	Sequence	Ability to induce skipping
143	H18A(-09+11)	CAA CAU CCU UCC UAA GAC UG	No skipping
144	H18A(+24+43)	GCG AGU AAU CCA GCU GUG AA	Inconsistent skipping of both exon 17 + 18
145	H18A(+41 +70)	UUC AGG ACU CUG CAA CAG AGC UUC UGA GCG	Skipping exons 17+18 300nM
146			Skipping exons 17+18
	H18A(+83+108)	UUG UCU GUG AAG UUG CCU UCC UUC CG	300nM
147	H18D(+04-16)	UUA AUG CAU AAC CUA CAU UG	No skipping

5 Antisense oligonucleotides directed at exon 19 were prepared and tested for their ability to induce exon skipping in human muscle cells using similar methods as described above.

Table 18: Antisense molecule sequences tested to determine if they induce exon 19 skipping

SEQ ID	Antisense Oligonucleotide name	Sequence	Ability to induce skipping
148	H19A(+19+48)	GGC AUC UUG CAG UUU UCU GAA CUU CUC AGC	skipping to 25 nM
149	H19A(+27+54)	UCU GCU GGC AUC UUG CAG UUU UCU GAA C	skipping to 25 nM
150	H19D(+3-17)	UCA ACU CGU GUA AUU ACC GU	skipping

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Antisense Oligonucleotides Directed at Exon 20

Antisense oligonucleotides directed at exon 20 were prepared and tested for their ability to induce exon skipping in human muscle cells using similar methods as described above.

15 Table 19: Antisense molecule sequences tested to determine if they induce exon 20 skipping

SEQ ID	Antisense Oligonucleotide name	Sequence	Ability to induce skipping
151	H20A(+23+47)	GUU CAG UUG UUC UGA GGC UUG UUU G	faint shadow at 600 nM
152	H20A(+140+164)	AGU AGU UGU CAU CUG CUC CAA UUG U	no skipping

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Antisense Oligonucleotides Directed at Exon 23

Antisense oligonucleotides directed at exon 23 were prepared and tested for their ability to induce exon skipping in human muscle cells using similar methods as described above. Antisense oligonucleotides directed at exon 23 were prepared and tested for their ability to induce exon skipping in human muscle cells using similar methods as described above. H23(+69+98)-SNP contains a single nucleotide polymorphism (SNP) that has been previously documented.

Table 65: Antisense molecule sequences tested to determine if they induce exon 23 skipping

SEC	Antisense Oligonucleotide name	Sequence	Ability to induce skipping
153	H23(+69+98)-SNP	CGG CUA AUU UCA GAG GGC GCU UUC UU U GAC	skipping to 25 nM

Antisense Oligonucleotides Directed at Exon 24

Antisense oligonucleotides directed at exon 24 were prepared and tested for their ability to induce exon skipping in human muscle cells using similar methods as described above.

Table 20: Antisense molecule sequences tested to determine if they induce exon 24 skipping.

SEQ ID	Antisense Oligonucleotide name	Sequence	Ability to induce skipping
8	H24A(+51+73)	CAA GGG CAG GCC AUU CCU CCU UC	Strong skipping to 25 nM

Antisense Oligonucleotides Directed at Exon 25

Antisense oligonucleotides directed at exon 25 were prepared and tested for their ability to induce exon skipping in human muscle cells using similar methods as described above. Oligonucleotide H25A(+95+119)-DupA is a patient specific antisense molecule.

Table 21: Antisense molecule sequences tested to determine if they induce exon 25 skipping.

SEQ ID	Antisense Oligonucleotide name	Sequence	Ability to induce skipping
154	H25A(+10+33)	UGG GCU GAA UUG UCU GAA UAU CAC	strong at 25nM but did not reduce the full length product
155	H25D(+06-14)	GAG AUU GUC UAU ACC UGU UG	very strong at 25nM
156	H25A(+10+38)	AGA CUG GGC UGA AUU GUC UGA AUA UCA	Strong skipping at 5 nM faint 2.5 nM
157	H25A(+95+119)-DupA*	UUG AGU UCU GUU CUC AAG UCU CGA AG	Strong skipping at 25 nM faint 5 nM (patient specific)
158	H25D(+13-14)	GAG AUU GUC UAU ACC UGU UGG CAC AUG	Strong skipping at 10 nM

Antisense oligonucleotides directed at exon 26 were prepared and tested for their 5 ability to induce exon skipping in human muscle cells using similar methods as described above. See Figure 10.

Table 22: Antisense molecule sequences tested to determine if they induce exon 26 skipping.

SEQ	Antisense Oligonucleotide name	Sequence	Ability to induce skipping
159	H26A(-16+09)	GGC AUA GAC CUU CCA CAA AAC AAA C	Faint skipping 600 nM &300 nM
160	H26A(-7+23)	AAG GCC UCC UUU CUG GCA UAG ACC UUC CAC	Faint at 600, 300nM, multiple exons 26-29 or 27-30
161	H26A(-03+27)	CUU CAA GGC CUC CUU UCU GGC AUA GAC	Faint at 600, 300nM, multiple exons 26-29 or 27-30
162	H26A(+5+35)	AAC CUC CCU UCA AGG CCU CCU UUC UGG CAU	No skipping
40	H26A(+24+50)	CUU ACA GUU UUC UCC AAA CCU CCC UUC	Faint at 600, 300nM, multiple exons 26-29 or 27-30
163	H26D(+06-19)	UUU CUU UUU UUU UUU UUA CCU UCA U	Faint at 600, multiple exons 26-29 or 27-30
164	H26D(+21-04)	UUA CCU UCA UCU CUU CAA CUG CUU U	multiple exons 26-29 or 27-30
165	H26D(+10-10)	UUU UUU UUA CCU UCA UCU CU	Not skipping 26 other bands
	Exon 26 cocktails		
39, 40 & 41	H26A(-07+19) H26A(+24+50) H26A(+68+92)	CCU CCU UUC UGG CAU AGA CCU UCC AC CUU ACA GUU UUC UCC AAA CCU CCC UUC UGU GUC AUC CAU UCG UGC AUC UCU G	strong skipping down to 25nM

Antisense Oligonucleotides Directed at Exon 31

Antisense oligonucleotides directed at exon 31 were prepared and tested for their ability to induce exon skipping in human muscle cells using similar methods as described above.

5 Table 23: Antisense molecule sequences tested to determine if they induce exon 31 skipping

SEQ ID	Antisense Oligonucleotide name	Sequence	Ability to induce skipping
166	H31D(+12-18)	UUC UGA AAU UUC AUA UAC CUG UGC AAC AUC	skipping to 100nM
167	H31D(+08-22)	UAG UUU CUG AAA UAA CAU AUA CCU GUG CAA	skipping to 100nM
168	H31D(+06-24)	CUU AGU UUC UGA AAU AAC AUA UAC CUG UGC	skipping to 100nM
169	H31D(+02-22)	UAG UUU CUG AAA UAA CAU AUA CCU	skipping to 100nM
170	H31D(+01-25)	CCU UAG UUU CUG AAA UAA CAU AUA CC	strong skipping at 300nM

Antisense Oligonucleotides Directed at Exon 32

Antisense oligonucleotides directed at exon 32 were prepared and tested for their ability to induce exon skipping in human muscle cells using similar methods as described above.

Table 24: Antisense molecule sequences tested to determine if they induce exon 32 skipping

- 1	SEQ	Antisense Oligonucleotide	Sequence	Ability to induce
	ID	name		skipping
	171	H32A(+49+78)	ACU UUC UUG UAG ACG CUG CUC AAA AUU GGC	skipping to 100nM

Antisense Oligonucleotides Directed at Exon 34

15 Antisense oligonucleotides directed at exon 34 were prepared and tested for their ability to induce exon skipping in human muscle cells using similar methods as described above.

Table 25: Antisense molecule sequences tested to determine if they induce exon 34 skipping

SEQ ID	Antisense Oligonucleotide name	Sequence	Ability to induce skipping
172	H34A(+36+59)	UUU CGC AUC UUA CGG GAC AAU UUC	skipping to 200 nM
173	H34A(+41+70)	CAU UCA UUU CCU UUC GCA UCU UAC GGG ACA	skipping to 200 nM
174	H34A(+43+72)	GAC AUU CAU UUC CUU UCG CAU CUU ACG GGA	skipping to 100 nM
175	H34A(+51+83)	UCU GUC AAG ACA UUC AUU UCC UUU CGC AUC	skipping to 200 nM

176	H34A(+91+120)	UGA UCU CUU UGU CAA UUC CAU AUC UGU AGC	skipping to 100 nM
177	H34A(+92+121)	CUG AUC UCU UUG UCA AUU CCA UAU CUG U G G	skipping to 100 nM
178	H34A(+95+120)	UGA UCU CUU UGU CAA UUC CAU AUC UG	Faint to 25nM
179	H34A(+95+124)	CUG CUG AUC UCU UUG UCA AUU CCA UAU CUG	skipping to 100 nM

Antisense Oligonucleotides Directed at Exon 35

Antisense oligonucleotides directed at exon 35 were prepared and tested for their ability to induce exon skipping in human muscle cells using similar methods as described above.

Table 26: Antisense molecule sequences tested to determine if they induce exon 35 skipping

SEQ	Antisense Oligonucleotide	Sequence	Ability to induce
ID	name		skipping
180	H35A(+14+43)	UCU UCA GGU GCA CCU UCU GUU UCU CAA UCU	skipping to 100 nM
181	H35A(+24+53)	UCU GUG AUA CUC UUC AGG UGC ACC UUC UGU	skipping to 100 nM

Antisense Oligonucleotides Directed at Exon 36

10 Antisense oligonucleotides directed at exon 36 were prepared and tested for their ability to induce exon skipping in human muscle cells using similar methods as described above. See Figure 11.

Table 27: Antisense molecule sequences tested to determine if they induce exon 36 skipping

SEQ ID	Antisense Oligonucleotide name	Sequence	Ability to induce skipping
42	H36A(-16+09)	CUG GUA UUC CUU AAU UGU ACA GAG A	no skipping
182	H36A(-01+19)	CCA UGU GUU UCU GGU AUU CC	very faint skipping 300 nM
183	H36A(+10+39)	CAC AUU CUG GUC AAA AGU UUC CAU GUG UUU	Skipping to 25nM
43	H36A(+22+51)	UGU GAU GUG GUC CAC AUU CUG GUC AAA AGU	Skipping at 100nM
184	H36A(+27+51)	UGU GAU GUG GUC CAC AUU CUG GUC A	Skipping at 100nM
185	H36A(+27+56)	CAC UUU GUG AUG UGG UCC ACA UUC UGG UCA	Skipping at 300nM
186	H36A(+32+61)	UGA UCC ACU UUG UGA UGU GGU CCA CAU UCU	Skipping to 25nM
187	H36A(+59+78)	AAG UGU GUC AGC CUG AAU GA	very weak skipping
188	H36A(+65+94)	UCU CUG AUU CAU CCA AAA GUG UGU CAG CCU	100% skipping at 600nM, skipoping to 25nM
189	H36A(+80+109)	GCU GGG GUU UCU UUU UCU CUG AUU CAU CCA	100% skipping at 600nM, skipoping to 25nM
190	H36D(+15-10)	UAU UUG CUA CCU UAA GCA CGU CUU C	very weak skipping
	Exon 36 cocktails		
42 &	H36A(-16+09)	CUG GUA UUC CUU AAU UGU ACA GAG A	good skipping down to
43	H36A(+22+51)	UGU GAU GUG GUC CAC AUU CUG GUC AAA AGU	25nM

Antisense Oligonucleotides Directed at Exon 38

Antisense oligonucleotides directed at exon 38 were prepared and tested for their ability to induce exon skipping in human muscle cells using similar methods as described above.

Table 28: Antisense molecule sequences tested to determine if they induce exon 38 skipping

SEQ ID	Antisense Oligonucleotide	Sequence	Ability to induce
	name		skipping
191	H38A(-21-01)	CUA AAA AAA AAG AUA GUG CUA	skipping to 25 nM
192	H38A(-12+14)	AAA GGA AUG GAG GCC UAA AAA AAA AG	skipping to 25 nM
193	H38D(+14-11)	AAC CAA UUU ACC AUA UCU UUA UUG A	skipping to 25 nM

Antisense Oligonucleotides Directed at Exon 39

Antisense oligonucleotides directed at exon 39 were prepared and tested for their 10 ability to induce exon skipping in human muscle cells using similar methods as described above.

Table 29: Antisense molecule sequences tested to determine if they induce exon 39 skipping

SEQ	Antisense	Sequence	Ability to induce
ID	Oligonucleotide name		skipping
194	H39A(-07+23)	ACA GUA CC <u>A</u> UCA UUG UCU UCA UUC UGA UC	skipping to 600 nM
195	H39A(-07+23)	ACA GUA CC <u>C</u> UCA UUG UCU UCA UUC UGA UC	skipping to 600 nM
196	H39A(+58+87)	CUC UCG CUU UCU CUC AUC UGU GAU UCU UUG	skipping to 100 nM
197	H39A(+60+89)	UCC UCU CGC UUU CUC UCA UCU GUG AUU CUU	skipping to 100 nM
198	H39A(+102+126)	UAU GUU UUG UCU GUA ACA GCU GCU G	skipping to 600 nM

15 Antisense Oligonucleotides Directed at Exon 41

Antisense oligonucleotides directed at exon 41 were prepared and tested for their ability to induce exon skipping in human muscle cells using similar methods as described above.

Table 30: Antisense molecule sequences tested to determine if they induce exon 20 41 skipping

SEQ ID	Antisense Oligonucleotide name	Sequence	Ability to induce skipping
199	H41A(-15+5)	AUU UCC UAU UGA GCA AAA CC	Skipping down to 200nM

200	H41A(+66+90)	CAU UGC GGC CCC AUC CUC AGA CAA G	Skipping down to 100nM
201	H41A(+92+120)	GCU GAG CUG GAU CUG AGU UGG CUC CAC UG	Skipping down to 10nM
202	H41A(+143+171)	GUU GAG UCU UCG AAA CUG AGC AAA UUU GC	No visible skipping
203	H41D(+5-15)	CCA GUA ACA ACU CAC AAU UU	Skipping down to 200nM

Antisense Oligonucleotides Directed at Exon 42

Antisense oligonucleotides directed at exon 42 were prepared and tested for their ability to induce exon skipping in human muscle cells using similar methods as described above.

Table 31: Antisense molecule sequences tested to determine if they induce exon 20 skipping

SEQ ID	Antisense Oligonucleotide name	Sequence	Ability to induce skipping
	Exon 42		
204	H42D(+18-02)	ACC UUC AGA GAC UCC UCU UGC	strong skipping

Antisense Oligonucleotides Directed at Exon 43

10 Antisense oligonucleotides directed at exon 43 were prepared and tested for their ability to induce exon skipping in human muscle cells using similar methods as described above. See Figure 12.

Table 32: Antisense molecule sequences tested to determine if they induce exon 20 skipping

SEQ ID	Antisense Oligonucleotide name	Sequence	Ability to induce skipping
	Exon 43		
205	H43A(+83+110)	UCC UGU AGC UUC ACC CUU UCC ACA GGC G	No skipping
9	H43A(+92 +117)	GAG AGC UUC CUG UAG CUU CAC CCU UU	Skipping at 10nM
206	H43A(+101 +130)	AAU CA GCU GGG AGA GAG CUU CCU GUA GCU	No skipping
207	H43D(+08-12)	UGU GUU ACC UAC CCU UGU CG	Skipping down to 200nM
208	H43A(-09+18)	UAG ACU AUC UUU UAU AUU CUG UAA UAU	Faint skipping to 25 nM
209	H43A(+89+117)	GAG AGC UUC CUG UAG CUU CAC CCU UUC CA	Strong skipping at 25 nM faint 2.5 nM
210	H43A(+81+111)	UUC CUG UAG CUU CAC CCU UUC CAC AGG CGU U	Strong skipping at 50 nM faint 2.5 nM
211	H43A(+92+114)	AGC UUC CUG UAG CUU CAC CCU UU	Faint skipping to 2.5 nM
74	H43A(+92+120)	GGA GAG AGC UUC CUG UAG CUU CAC CCU UU	Strong skipping at 10 nM faint 5 nM
212	H43A(+95+117)	GAG AGC UUC CUG UAG CUU CAC CC	Strong skipping at 25 nM faint 10 nM

Antisense Oligonucleotides Directed at Exon 44

Antisense oligonucleotides directed at exon 44 were prepared and tested for their ability to induce exon skipping in human muscle cells using similar methods as described above. See Figure 13 and Figure 39.

5 Table 33: Antisense molecule sequences tested to determine if they induce exon 44 skipping

SEQ	Antisense	Sequence	Ability to induce
	Oligonucleotide name		skipping
	Exon 44		
213	H44A(-13+13)	UCU GUC AAA UCG CCU GCA GGU AAA AG	
214	H44A(-06+24)	UUC UCA ACA GAU CUG UCA AAU CGC CUG CAG	No skipping
215	H44A(+44+68)	GCC ACU GAU UAA AUA UCU UUA UAU C	Skipping at 100nM
216	H44A(+46+75)	UCU GUU AGC CAC UGA UUA AAU AUC UUU AUA	Skipping at 50nM
217	H44A(+61+84)	UGU UCA GCU UCU GUU AGC CAC UGA	Skipping at 100nM
218	H44A(+61+91)	GAG AAA CUG UUC AGC UUC UGU UAG CCA CUG A	Skipping at 25nM
10	H44A(+65+90)	UGU UCA GCU UCU GUU AGC CAC UGA	Skipping at 10nM
219	H44A(+68+98)	UCU UUC UGA GAA ACU GUU CAG CUU CUG UUA G	weak at 50 nM
220	H44A(-09+17)	CAG AUC UGU CAA AUC GCC UGC AGG UA	Faint skipping to 10nM
68	H44A(-06+20)	CAA CAG AUC UGU CAA AUC GCC UGC AG	Faint skipping to 2.5 nM
221	H44A(+56+88)	AAA CUG UUC AGC UUC UGU UAG CCA CUG AUU AAA	Strong skipping at 5 nM faint 2.5 nM
54	H44A(+59+85)	CUG UUC AGC UUC UGU UAG CCA CUG AUU	Strong skipping at 5 nM
222	H44A(+59+89)	GAA ACU GUU CAG CUU CUG UUA GCC ACU GAU U	Faint skipping to 10 nM
223	H44A(+61+88)	AAA CUG UUC AGC UUC UGU UAG CCA CUG A	Faint skipping to 25 nM
224	H44A(+65+92)	UGA GAA ACU GUU CAG CUU CUG UUA GCC A	Faint skipping to 25 nM
225	H44A(+64+95)	UUC UGA GAA ACU GUU CAG CUU CUG UUA GCCA	Faint skipping to 25 nM
226	H44A(+70+95)	UUC UGA GAA ACU GUU CAG CUU CUG UU	Faint skipping to 50 nM

Antisense Oligonucleotides Directed at Exon 45

Antisense oligonucleotides directed at exon 45 were prepared and tested for their ability to induce exon skipping in human muscle cells using similar methods as described above. See Figure 14 and Figure 40.

Table 34: Antisense molecule sequences tested to determine if they induce exon 45 skipping

SEQ	Antisense	Sequence	Ability to induce
ID	Oligonucleotide name		skipping
	Exon 45		
227	H45A(-14+25)	GCU GCC CAA UGC CAU CCU GGA GUU CCU GUA AG	Generates multiple bands
228	H45A(-10 +20)	CCA AUG CCA UCC UGG AGU UCC UGU AAG AUA	Skipping at 10nM
229	H45A(-09+30)	UUG CCG CUG CCC AAU GCC AUC CUG GAG UUC CUG UAA GAU	No Skipping
11	H45A (-09+25)	GCU GCC CAA UGC CAU CCU GGA GUU CCU GUA AGA U	Skipping at 10nM (100% skipping at 25nM)
230	H45A(-08 +19)	CAA UGC CAU CCU GGA GUU CCU GUA AGA	Skipping at 50nM

231	HM45A(-07+25)	GCU GCC CAA UGC CAU CCU GGA GUU CCU GUA	Skipping at 25nM
232	H45A(+09 +34)	CAG UUU GCC GCU GCC CAA UGC CAU CC	No Skipping
233	H45A(+41 +64)	CUU CCC CAG UUG CAU UCA AUG UUC	No Skipping
234	H45A(+76 +98)	CUG GCA UCU GUU UUU GAG GAU UG	No Skipping
235	H45D(+02-18)	UUA GAU CUG UCG CCC UAC CU	No Skipping
236	H45A(-14+25)	GCU GCC CAA UGC CAU CCU GGA GUU CCU GUA AGA UAC CAA	
237	H45A(-12+22)	GCC CAA UGC CAU CCU GGA GUU CCU GUA AGA UAC C	Strong skipping at 5 nM faint 2.5 nM
238	H45A(-12+13)	CAU CCU GGA GUU CCU GUA AGA UAC C	No skipping
66	H45A(-12+16)	UGC CAU CCU GGA GUU CCU GUA AGA UAC C	Strong skipping at 25 nM faint 5 nM
65	H45A(-09+16)	UGC CAU CCU GGA GUU CCU GUA AGA U	skipping to 10 nM
64	H45A(-09+19)	CAA UGC CAU CCU GGA GUU CCU GUA AGA U	Strong skipping at 25 nM faint 2.5 nM
239	H45A(-09+22)	GCC CAA UGC CAU CCU GGA GUU CCU GUA AGA U	Strong skipping at 10 nM faint 5 nM
240	H45A(-09+30)	UUG CCG CUG CCC AAU GCC AUC CUG GAG UUC CUG UAA GAU	Strong skipping at 5 nM faint 2.5 nM
241	HM45A(-07+25)	GCU GCC CAA UGC CAU CCU GGA GUU CCU GUA AG	Strong skipping at 2.5 nM
242	H45A(-06+22)	GCC CAA UGC CAU CCU GGA GUU CCU GUA A	Strong skipping at 5 nM faint 2.5 nM
243	H45A(-06+28)	GCC GCU GCC CAA UGC CAU CCU GGA GUU CCU GUA A	Strong skipping at 2.5 nM
63	H45A(-03+19)	CAA UGC CAU CCU GGA GUU CCU G	Strong skipping at 5 nM faint 2.5 nM
244	H45A(-03+22)	GCC CAA UGC CAU CCU GGA GUU CCU G	Strong skipping at 10 nM faint 2.5 nM
55	H45A(-03+25)	GCU GCC CAA UGC CAU CCU GGA GUU CCU G	Strong skipping at 2.5 nM
245	H45A(-03+28)	GCC GCU GCC CAA UGC CAU CCU GGA GUU CCU G	Strong skipping at 10 nM faint 2.5 nM
246	H45D(+10-19)	AUU AGA UCU GUC GCC CUA CCU CUU UUU UC	No skipping
247	H45D(+16-11)	UGU CGC CCU ACC UCU UUU UUC UGU CUG	No skipping
61	H45A(-06+25)	GCU GCC CAA UGC CAU CCU GGA GUU CCU GUA A	strong skipping at 2.5 nM
62	H45A(-12+19)	CAA UGC CAU CCU GGA GUU CCU GUA AGA UAC C	strong skipping at 25 nM

Antisense oligonucleotides directed at exon 46 were prepared and tested for their ability to induce exon skipping in human muscle cells using similar methods as described above. See Figure 15 and Figure 44.

5 Table 35: Antisense molecule sequences tested to determine if they induce exon 46 skipping

SEQ	Antisense Oligonucleotide name	Sequence	Ability to induce skipping
	Exon 46		
248	H46A(-05+19)	AUU CUU UUG UUC UUC UAG CCU GGA	No skipping
249	H46A(+16+42)	UCU CUU UGA AAU UCU GAC AAG AUA UUC	skipping to 25 nM, other bands
250	H46A(+27+44)	UUA AAU CUC UUU GAA AUU CU	No skipping
251	H46A(+35+60)	AAA ACA AAU UCA UUU AAA UCU CUU UG	very faint skipping to 50 nM
252	H46A(+56+77)	CUG CUU CCU CCA ACC AUA AAA C	No skipping
253	H46A(+63+87)	GCA AUG UUA UCU GCU UCC UCC AAC C	No skipping
12	H46A(+81+109)	UCC AGG UUC AAG UGG GAU ACU AGC AAU GU	strong skipping at 25nM

254	H46A(+83+103)	UUC AAG UGG GAU ACU AGC AAU	skipping at 25nM
255	H46A(+90+109)	UCC AGG UUC AAG UGG GAU AC	no skipping
256	H46A(+91+118)	CUG CUC UUU UCC AGG UUC AAG UGG GAU A	strong skipping at 25nM
257	H46A(+95+122)	GUU GCU GCU CUU UUC CAG GUU CAA GUG G	strong skipping at 25nM
258	H46A(+101+128)	CUU UUA GUU GCU GCU CUU UUC CAG GUU C	strong skipping at 25nM
259	H46A(+113+136)	AAG CUU UUC UUU UAG UUG CUG CUC	skipping at 100nM
260	H46A(+115+134)	GCU UUU CUU UUA GUU GCU GC	skipping at 100nM
261	H46A(+116+145)	GAC UUG CUC AAG CUU UUC UUU UAG UUG CUG	strong skipping at 25nM
262	H46D(+02-18)	UUC AGA AAA UAA AAU UAC CU	no skipping
56	H46A(+93+122)	GUU GCU GCU CUU UUC CAG GUU CAA GUG GGA	100% skipping at 25 nM strong at 5 nM
263	H46A(+95+124)	UAG UUG CUG CUC UUU UCC AGG UUC AAG UGG	100% skipping at 25 nM

Antisense Oligonucleotide Cocktails Directed at Exons 44 to 46

Antisense oligonucleotide cocktails directed at exons 44 to 46 were prepared and tested for their ability to induce exon skipping in human muscle cells using similar methods as described above.

Table 36: Antisense molecule sequence cocktails that induce exon 44 to 45 skipping

SEQ	Antisense Oligonucleotide	Sequence	Ability to
ID	name		induce skipping
	Cocktails for skipping 44 +		
	45		
10 &	H44A(+65 +90)	AGA AAC UGU UCA GCU UCU GUU AGC CA	
228	H45A(-10 +20)	CCA AUG CCA UCC UGG AGU UCC UGU AAG AUA	Skipping at 25nM
	Cocktails for skipping exons		
	45 and 46		
228 &	H45A(-10 +20)	CCA AUG CCA UCC UGG AGU UCC UGU AAG AUA	
256	H46A(+91 +118)	CUG CUC UUU UCC AGG UUC AGG UGG GAU A	Skipping at 25nM
228 &	H45A(-10 +20)	CCA AUG CCA UCC UGG AGU UCC UGU AAG AUA	
264	H46A(+107 +137)	CAA GCU UUU CUU UUA GUU GCU GCU CUU UUC C	Skipping at 25nM
	Cocktail for skipping exon		
	44 / 45 / 46		
228,	H45A(-10 +20)	CCA AUG CCA UCC UGG AGU UCC UGU AAG AUA	
10 &	H44A(+65 +90)	AGA AAC UGU UCA GCU UCU GUU AGC CA	
256	H46A(+91 +118)	CUG CUC UUU UCC AGG UUC AGG UGG GAU A	Skipping at 25nM

Antisense Oligonucleotides Directed at Exon 47

10 Antisense oligonucleotides directed at exon 47 were prepared and tested for their ability to induce exon skipping in human muscle cells using similar methods as described above. See Figure 16.

Table 37: Antisense molecule sequences tested to determine if they induce exon 47 skipping

SEQ ID	Antisense Oligonucleotide name	Sequence	Ability to induce skipping
	Exon 47		
265	H47A(-07+19)	GCA ACU CUU CCA CCA GUA ACU GAA AC	Skipping at 100nM
13	H47A(+01+29)	UGG CGC AGG GGC AAC UCU UCC ACC AGU AA	strong skipping at 25nM
266	H47A(+44+70)	GCA CGG GUC CUC CAG UUU CAU UUA AUU	Skipping at 600nM
267	H47A(+68+92)	GGG CUU AUG GGA GCA CUU ACA AGC A	No skipping
268	H47A(+73+103)	CUU GCU CUU CUG GGC UUA UGG GAG CAC UUA C	No skipping
269	H47A(+76+103)	CUU GCU CUU CUG GGC UUA UGG GAG CAC U	Faint skipping at 200nM, full length product not reduced
270	H47D(+17-10)	AAU GUC UAA CCU UUA UCC ACU GGA GAU	No skipping

Antisense oligonucleotides directed at exon 48 were prepared and tested for their 5 ability to induce exon skipping in human muscle cells using similar methods as described above. See Figure 17.

Table 38: Antisense molecule sequences tested to determine if they induce exon 48 skipping

SEQ ID	Antisense Oligonucleotide name	Sequence	Ability to induce skipping
	Exon 48		
271	H48A(-09+21)	CUC AGG UAA AGC UCU GGA AAC CUG AAA GGA	No skipping
272	H48A(-08+19)	CAG GUA AAG CUC UGG AAA CCU GAA AGG	No skipping
273	H48A(-07+23)	UUC UCA GGU AAA GCU CUG GAA ACC UGA AAG	Skipping at 600, 300nM
274	H48A(-05+25)	GUU UCU CAG GUA AAG CUC UGG AAA CCU GAA	No skipping
44	H48A(+01+28)	CUU GUU UCU CAG GUA AAG CUC UGG AAA C	faint to 50 nM
275	H48A(+07+33)	UUC UCC UUG UUU CUC AGG UAA AGC UCU	faint to 50 nM
45	H48A(+40+67)	CAA GCU GCC CAA GGU CUU UUA UUU GAG C	No skipping (sporadic)
276	H48A(+75+100)	UUA ACU GCU CUU CAA GGU CUU CAA GC	faint to 1000 nM
277	H48A(+96+122)	GAU AAC CAC AGC AGC AGA UGA UUU AAC	No skipping
278	H48D(+17-10)	AGU UCC CUA CCU GAA CGU CAA AUG GUC	No skipping
279	H48D(+16-09)	GUU CCC UAC CUG AAC GUC AAA UGG U	No skipping
	Cocktail 48		
44 &	H48A(+01+28)	CUU GUU UCU CAG GUA AAG CUC UGG AAA C	Strong skipping at 25
45	H48A(+40+67)	CAA GCU GCC CAA GGU CUU UUA UUU GAG C	nM

10 Antisense Oligonucleotides Directed at Exon 49

Antisense oligonucleotides directed at exon 49 were prepared and tested for their ability to induce exon skipping in human muscle cells using similar methods as described above. See Figure 18.

Table 39: Antisense molecule sequences tested to determine if they induce exon 49 skipping

SEQ ID	Antisense Oligonucleotide name	Sequence	Ability to induce skipping
	Exon 49		
280	H49A(-07+19)	GAA CUG CUA UUU CAG UUU CCU GGG GA	Skipping to 100nM
281	H49A(+22+47)	AUC UCU UCC ACA UCC GGU UGU UUA GC	Skipping to 25nM
14	H49A(+45+70)	ACA AAU GCU GCC CUU UAG ACA AAA UC	Skipping to 25nM
282	H49D(+18-08)	UUC AUU ACC UUC ACU GGC UGA GUG GC	Skipping to 100nM

5 Antisense oligonucleotides directed at exon 50 were prepared and tested for their ability to induce exon skipping in human muscle cells using similar methods as described above. See Figures 19 and 33.

Table 40: Antisense molecule sequences tested to determine if they induce exon 50 skipping

SEQ ID	Antisense Oligonucleotide name	Sequence	Ability to induce skipping
	Exon 50		
283	H50A(-07+20)	CUC AGA UCU UCU AAC UUC CUC UUU AAC	Faint skipping 25 nM
284	H50A(-02+27)	CUC AGA GCU CAG AUC UUC UAA CUU CCU CU	faint skipping 100 nM
285	H50A(+10+36)	CGC CUU CCA CUC AGA GCU CAG AUC UUC	skipping faintly to 25
286	H50A(+35+61)	UCA GCU CUU GAA GUA AAC GGU UUA CCG	strong skipping to 25 nM
287	H50A(+42+68)	UUU GCC CUC AGC UCU UGA AGU AAA CGG	reasonable skipping to 25 nM
15	H50A(+48+74)	GGC UGC UUU GCC CUC AGC UCU UGA AGU	strong skipping at 25 nM
288	H50A(+63+88)	CAG GAG CUA GGU CAG GCU GCU UUG CC	strong skipping to 25 nM
289	H50A(+81+105)	UCC AAU AGU GGU CAG UCC AGG AGC U	
290	H50D(-01-27)	AAA GAG AAU GGG AUC CAG UAU ACU UAC	faint skipping 100 nM
291	H50D(-15-41)	AAA UAG CUA GAG CCA AAG AGA AUG GGA	No skipping
292	H50A(+42+74)	GGC UGC UUU GCC CUC AGC UCU UGA AGU AAA CGG	Strong skipping to 10 nM faint at 5 nM
293	H50A(+46+75)	AGG CUG CUU UGC CCU CAG CUC UUG AAG UAA	Strong skipping to 25 nM faint at 10 nM
294	H50A(+48+78)	GUC AGG CUG CUU UGC CCU CAG CUC UUG AAG U	Strong skipping to 10 nM faint at 2.5 nM
295	H50A(+51+80)	AGG UCA GGC UGC UUU GCC CUC AGC UCU UGA	Strong skipping to 25 nM faint at 2.5 nM
296	Hint49(-72-46)	AAG AUA AUU CAU GAA CAU CUU AAU CCA	No skipping

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Antisense Oligonucleotides Directed at Exon 51

Antisense oligonucleotides directed at exon 51 were prepared and tested for their ability to induce exon skipping in human muscle cells using similar methods as described above. See Figure 20 and Figure 41.

Table 41: Antisense molecule sequences tested to determine if they induce exon 51 skipping

SEQ ID	Antisense Oligonucleotide name	Sequence	Ability to induce skipping
	Exon 51		
297	H51A(-29-10)	UUU GGG UUU UUG CAA AAA GG	No skipping
298	H51A(-22-01)	CUA AAA UAU UUU GGG UUU UUG C	No skipping
299	H51A(-14+10)	UGA GUA GGA GCU AAA AUA UUU UGG	No skipping
300	H51(+26+52)	GUU UCC UUA GUA ACC ACA GGU UGU GUC	very faint skipping to 25 nM
301	H51A(+40+67)	AGU UUG GAG AUG GCA GUU UCC UUA GUA A	skipping to 25nM also skips 50 or 52 a well
302	H51A(+66+77)	UGG CAU UUC UAG	No skipping
303	H51A(+66+80)	AGA UGG CAU UUC UAG	No skipping
304	H51A(+66+83)	GGA AGA UGG CAU UUC UAG	No skipping
305	H51A(+78+95)	CUC CAA CAU CAA GGA AGA	No skipping
306	H51A(+81+95)	CUC CAA CAU CAA GGA	No skipping
307	H51A(+84+95)	CUC CAA CAU CAA	No skipping
308	H51A(+90+116)	GAA AUC UGC CAG AGC AGG UAC CUC CAA	No skipping
309	H51A(+53+79)	GAU GGC AUU UCU AGU UUG GAG AUG GCA	Strong skipping to 25 nM
310	H51A(+57+85)	AAG GAA GAU GGC AUU UCU AGU UUG GAG AU	Strong skipping to 25 nM faint at 2.5 nM
69	H51A(+71+100)	GGU ACC UCC AAC AUC AAG GAA GAU GGC AUU	Strong skipping to 5 nM
311	H51A(+76+104)	AGC AGG UAC CUC CAA CAU CAA GGA AGA UG	Strong skipping to 25 nM

5 Antisense oligonucleotides directed at exon 52 were prepared and tested for their ability to induce exon skipping in human muscle cells using similar methods as described above. See Figure 42.

Table 42: Antisense molecule sequences tested to determine if they induce exon 52 skipping

SEQ ID	Antisense Oligonucleotide name	Sequence	Ability to induce skipping
	Exon 52		
312	H52A(-12+13)	CCU GCA UUG UUG CCU GUA AGA ACA A	No skipping
313	H52A(-10+10)	GCA UUG UUG CCU GUA AGA AC	No skipping
314	H52A(+07+33)	GGG ACG CCU CUG UUC CAA AUC CUG CAU	skippping 50 nM
315	H52A(+17+46)	GUU CUU CCA ACU GGG GAC GCC UCU GUU CCA	skippping 25 nM
316	H52A(+17+37)	ACU GGG GAC GCC UCU GUU CCA	skippping 25 nM
317	H52A(+67+94)	CCU CUU GAU UGC UGG UCU UGU UUU UCA A	vey very faint skipping to 25 nM
318	Hint51(-40-14)	UAC CCC UUA GUA UCA GGG UUC UUC AGC	No skipping (SNP C or T)
58	H52A(+09+38)	AAC UGG GGA CGC CUC UGU UCC AAA UCC UGC	Strong skipping to 2.5 nM
319	H52A(+09+41)	UCC AAC UGG GGA CGC CUC UGU UCC AAA UCC UGC	Strong skipping to 5nM faint at 5 nM
320	H52A(+15+44)	UCU UCC AAC UGG GGA CGC CUC UGU UCC AAA	Strong skipping to 10nM faint at 5 nM

Antisense Oligonucleotides Directed at Exon 53

Antisense oligonucleotides directed at exon 53 were prepared and tested for their ability to induce exon skipping in human muscle cells using similar methods as described above. See Figure 43.

Table 43: Antisense molecule sequences tested to determine if they induce exon 53 skipping

SEQ ID	Antisense Oligonucleotide name	Sequence	Ability to induce skipping
	Exon 53		
321	H53A(-49-26)	AUA GUA GUA AAU GCU AGU CUG GAG	No skipping
322	H53A(-38-13)	GAA AAA UAA AUA UAU AGU AGU AAA UG	No skipping
323	H53A(-32-06)	AUA AAA GGA AAA AUA AAU AUA UAG UAG	No skipping
324	H53A(-15+15)	UCU GAA UUC UUU CAA CUA GAA UAA AAG GAA	No skipping
325	H53A(+39+65)	CAA CUG UUG CCU CCG GUU CUG AAG GUG	skippping 50 nM
326	H53A(+39+67)	UUC AAC UGU UGC CUC CGG UUC UGA AGG UG	skippping 100 nM
327	H39A(+39+69)SNP	CGU UCA ACU GUU GCC UCC GGU UCU GAA GGU G	skipping to 25 nM
328	H53A(+40+70)	UCA UUC AAC UGU UGC CUC CGG UUC UGA AGG	skippping 50 nM
329	H53A(+41+69)	CAU UCA ACU GUU GCC UCC GGU UCU GAA GG	skippping 50 nM
330	H53A(+43+69)	CAU UCA ACU GUU GCC UCC GGU UCU GAA	skippping 50 nM
331	H53A(+69+98)	CAG CCA UUG UGU UGA AUC CUU UAA CAU UUC	Skipping at 50 nM
332	Hint52(-47-23)	UAU AUA GUA GUA AAU GCU AGU CUG G	No skipping
67	H53A(+27+56)	CCU CCG GUU CUG AAG GUG UUC UUG UAC UUC	strong skipping to 25 nM faint at 5 nM
333	H53A(+27+59)	UUG CCU CCG GUU CUG AAG GUG UUC UUG UAC	strong skipping to 10 nM faint at 5 nM
334	H53A(+30+59)	UUG CCU CCG GUU CUG AAG GUG UUC UUG UAC	
335	H53A(+30+64)	AAC UGU UGC CUC CGG UUC UGA AGG UGU UCU UGU AC	strong skipping to 25 nM faint at 10 nM
336	H53A(+30+69)	CAU UCA ACU GUU GCC UCC GGU UCU GAA GGU GUU CUU GUA C	strong skipping to 25 nM faint at 5 nM
337	H53A(+33+63)	ACU GUU GCC UCC GGU UCU GAA GGU GUU CUU G	strong skipping to 25 nM faint at 5 nM
338	H53A(+33+67)	UUC AAC UGU UGC CUC CGG UUC UGA AGG UGU UCU UG	strong skipping to 50 nM faint at 5 nM
59	H53A(+33+65)	CAA CUG UUG CCU CCG GUU CUG AAG GUG UUC UUG	strong skipping to 25 nM faint at 2.5 nM
339	H53A(+35+67)	UUC AAC UGU UGC CUC CGG UUC UGA AGG UGU UCU	strong skipping to 25 nM
340	H53A(+37+67)	UUC AAC UGU UGC CUC CGG UUC UGA AGG UGU U	strong skipping to 25 nM
341	H53A(+36+70)	UCA UUC AAC UGU UGC CUC CGG UUC UGA AGG UGU UC	reasonable sipping to 5 nM
342	H53A(+39+71)	UUC AUU CAA CUG UUG CCU CCG GUU CUG AAG GUG	strong skipping to 25 nM
343	H53A(+42+71)	UUC AUU CAA CUG UUG CCU CCG GUU CUG AAG	strong skipping to 100 nM faint at 5 nM

Antisense Oligonucleotides Directed at Exon 54

Antisense oligonucleotides directed at exon 54 were prepared and tested for their ability to induce exon skipping in human muscle cells using similar methods as described above. See Figure 21.

Table 44: Antisense molecule sequences tested to determine if they induce exon 5 54 skipping

SEQ ID	Antisense Oligonucleotide name	Sequence	Ability to induce skipping
	Exon 54		
344	H54A(+13+34)	UUG UCU GCC ACU GGC GGA GGU C	Skipping at 300nM brings out 55+54
345	H54A(+60+90)	AUC UGC AGA AUA AUC CCG GAG AAG UUU CAG	Skipping at 25nM
346	H54A (+67+89)	UCU GCA GAA UAA UCC CGG AGA AG	Weak skipping to 40nM - both 54+55
16	H54A(+67+97)	UGG UCU CAU CUG CAG AAU AAU CCC GGA GAA G	Skipping at 10nM
347	H54A(+77+106)	GGA CUU UUC UGG UAU CAU CUG CAG AAU AAU	Skipping 50 nM
	Cocktail for Exons 54+55		
16 & 348	H54A(+67+97) H55A(-10+14)	UGG UCU CAU CUG CAG AAU AAU CCC GGA GAA G CUC GCU CAC UCA CCC UGC AAA GGA	Specific for 54&55 Skipping at 10nM No additional bands

Antisense Oligonucleotides Directed at Exon 55

Antisense oligonucleotides directed at exon 55 were prepared and tested for their ability to induce exon skipping in human muscle cells using similar methods as described above. See Figure 22.

Table 45: Antisense molecule sequences tested to determine if they induce exon 55 skipping

SEQ ID	Antisense Oligonucleotide name	Sequence	Ability to induce skipping
	Exon 55		
348	H55A(-10+14)	CUC GCU CAC UCA CCC UGC AAA GGA	No Skipping
17	H55A(-10 +20)	CAG CCU CUC GCU CAC UCA CCC UGC AAA GGA	Skipping at 10nM
349	H55A(+39 +61)	CAG GGG GAA CUG UUG CAG UAA UC	No Skipping
350	H55A(+41+71)	UCU UUU ACU CCC UUG GAG UCU UCU AGG AGC C	No Skipping
351	H55A(+73+93)	UCU GUA AGC CAG GCA AGA AAC	No Skipping
352	H55A(+107+137)	CCU UAC GGG UAG CAU CCU GAU GGA CAU UGG C	No Skipping
353	H55A(+112 +136)	CUU ACG GGU AGC AUC CUG UAG GAC A	very weak skipping at 100 nM
354	H55A(+132 +161)	CCU UGG AGU CUU CUA GGA GCC UUU CCU UAC	Skipping at 200nM
355	H55A(+141 +160)	CUU GGA GUC UUC UAG GAG CC	Skipping at 100nM
356	H55A(+143 +171)	CUC UUU UAC UCC CUU GGA GUC UUC UAG GAG	No skipping
357	H55D(+11 -09)	CCU GAC UUA CUU GCC AUU GU	No skipping

Antisense oligonucleotides directed at exon 56 were prepared and tested for their ability to induce exon skipping in human muscle cells using similar methods as described above. See Figure 23.

5 Table 46: Antisense molecule sequences tested to determine if they induce exon 56 skipping

SEQ	Antisense	Sequence	Ability to induce
ID	Oligonucleotide name		skipping
	Exon 56		
358	H56A(-06+23)	GCU UCA AUU UCA CCU UGG AGG UCC UAC AG	Skipping at 25nM
359	H56A(-06+15)	UUC ACC UUG GAG GUC CUA CAG	No Skipping
360	H56A(+23 +44)	GUU GUG AUA AAC AUC UGU GUG A	No skipping
361	H56A(+56 +81)	CCA GGG AUC UCA GGA UUU UUU GGC UG	No skipping
362	H56A(+67+91)	CGG AAC CUU CCA GGG AUC UCA GGA U	Skipping at 200nM
18	H56A(+92+121)	CCA AAC GUC UUU GUA ACA GGA CUG CAU	skipping at 25 nM
363	H56A(+102+126)	GUU AUC CAA ACG UCU UUG UAA CAG G	skipping at 100 nM
364	H56A(+102+131)	UUC AUG UUA UCC AAA CGU CUU UGU AAC AGG	skipping at 25 nM
19	H56A(+112+141)	CCA CUU GAA GUU CAU GUU AUC CAA ACG UCU	skipping at 25 nM
365	H56A(+117+146)	UCA CUC CAC UUG AAG UUC AUG UUA UCC AAA	skipping weakly at 25 nM
366	H56A(+121+143)	CUC CAC UUG AAG UUC AUG UUA UC	No Skipping
367	H56D(+11-10)	CUU UUC CUA CCA AAU GUU GAG	Skipping at 600nM

Antisense Oligonucleotides Directed at Exon 57

Antisense oligonucleotides directed at exon 57 were prepared and tested for their 10 ability to induce exon skipping in human muscle cells using similar methods as described above. See Figure 24.

Table 47: Antisense molecule sequences tested to determine if they induce exon 57 skipping

SEQ ID	Antisense Oligonucleotide name	Sequence	Ability to induce skipping
	Exon 57		
368	H57A(-15+18)	CUG GCU UCC AAA UGG GAC CUG AAA AAG AAC AGC	No Skipping
369	H57A (-12 +18)	CUG GCU UCC AAA UGG GAC CUG AAA AAG AAC	Skipping at 50nM
20	H57A(-10+20)	AAC UGG CUU CCA AAU GGG ACC UGA AAA AGA	Skipping at 300nM
370	H57A(-06 +24)	UCA GAA CUG GCU UCC AAA UGG GAC CUG AAA	Skipping at 300nM
371	H57A(+21+44)	GGU GCA GAC GCU UCC ACU GGU CAG	No Skipping
372	H57A(+47 +77)	GCU GUA GCC ACA CCA GAA GUU CCU GCA GAG A	No Skipping
373	H57A(+79+103)	CUG CCG GCU UAA UUC AUC AUC UUU C	No Skipping
374	H57A(+105+131)	CUG CUG GAA AGU CGC CUC CAA UAG GUG	No Skipping

Antisense oligonucleotides directed at exon 59 were prepared and tested for their ability to induce exon skipping in human muscle cells using similar methods as described above. See Figure 25.

5 Table 48: Antisense molecule sequences tested to determine if they induce exon 59 skipping

SEQ ID	Antisense Oligonucleotide name	Sequence	Ability to induce skipping
	Exon 59		ompping -
375	H59A (-06 +16)	UCC UCA GGA GGC AGC UCU AAA U	No skipping
376	H59A(+31 +61)	UCC UC GCC UGC UUU CGU AGA AGC CGA GUG A	No skipping
377	H59A(+66+91)	AGG UUC AAU UUU UCC CAC UCA GUA UU	No Skipping
23	H59A(+96 +120)	CUA UUU UUC UCU GCC AGU CAG CGG A	Skipping at 100nM
378	H59A(+96+125)	CUC AUC UAU UUU UCU CUG CCA GUC AGC GGA	No skipping
379	H59A(+101 +132)	CA GGG UCU CAU CUA UUU UUC UCU GCC AGU CA	No skipping
380	H59A(+141 +165)	CAU CCG UGG CCU CUU GAA GUU CCU G	Skipping exon 58& 59 at 200nM
381	H59A(+151 +175)	AGG UCC AGC UCA UCC GUG GCC UCU U	Skipping at 300nM
382	H59A(+161 +185)	GCG CAG CUU GAG GUC CAG CUC AUC C	weak skipping at 200 nM
383	H59A(+161+190)	GCU UGG CGC AGC UUG AGG UCC AGC UCA UCC	Skipping at 100nM
384	H59A(+171+197)	CAC CUC AGC UUG GCG CAG CUU GAG GUC	No skipping
385	H59A(+181+205)	CCC UUG AUC ACC UCA GCU UGG CGC A	No Skipping
386	H59A(+200+220)	ACG GGC UGC CAG GAU CCC UUG	No Skipping
387	H59A(+221+245)	GAG AGA GUC AAU GAG GAG AUC GCC C	No Skipping
388	H59A(+92+125)	CUC AUC UAU UUU UCU CUG CCA GUC AGC GGA GUG C	

Antisense Oligonucleotides Directed at Exon 60

Antisense oligonucleotides directed at exon 60 were prepared and tested for their 10 ability to induce exon skipping in human muscle cells using similar methods as described above. See Figure 26.

Table 49: Antisense molecule sequences tested to determine if they induce exon 60 skipping

SEQ ID	Antisense Oligonucleotide name	Sequence	Ability to induce skipping
	Exon 60		
389	H60A(-10+20)	GCA AUU UCU CCU CGA AGU GCC UGU GUG CAA	no skipping
390	H60A(-8+19)	CAA UUU CUC CUC GAA GUG CCU GUG UGC	no skipping
391	H60A(+29+58)	CAA GGU CAU UGA CGU GGC UCA CGU UCU CUU	skipping to 50 nM
24	H60A(+33+62)	CGA GCA AGG UCA UUG ACG UGG CUC ACG UUC	strong skipping to 50 nM
47	H60A(+37+66)	CUG GCG AGC AAG GUC CUU GAC GUG GCU CAC	good skipping at 100nM
392	H60A(+37+66)	CUG GCG AGC AAG GUC AUU GAC GUG GCU CAC	SNP
393	H60A(+39+66)	CUG GCG AGC AAG GUC CUU GAC GUG GCU C	good skipping at 100nM
394	H60A(+43+73)	UGG UAA GCU GGC GAG CAA GGU CCU UGA CGU G	weak skipping at 100nM

395	H60A(+51+75)	AGU GGU AAG CUG GCG UGC AAG GUC A	weak skipping at 100nM
396	H60A(+72+102)	UUA UAC GGU GAG AGC UGA AUG CCC AAA GUG	no skipping
397	H60A(+75+105)	GAG GUU AUA CGG UGA GAG CUG AAU GCC CAA A	no skipping
398	H60A(+80+109)	UGC UGA GGU UAU ACG GUG AGA GCU GAA	good skipping at 100nM
46	H60A(+87+116)	UCC AGA GUG CUG AGG UUA UAC GGU GAG AGC	weak skipping at 100nM
399	H60D(+25-5)	CUU UCC UGC AGA AGC UUC CAU CUG GUG UUC	weak skipping at 600nM
	Exon 60 cocktails		
390	Exon 60 cocktails H60A(-8+19)	CAA UUU CUC CUC GAA GUG CCU GUG UGC	
390 392		CAA UUU CUC CUC GAA GUG CCU GUG UGC CUG GCG AGC AAG GUC CUU GAC GUG GCU CAC	weak skipping at 10nM
	H60A(-8+19)		weak skipping at 10nM
392	H60A(-8+19) H60A(+37+66)	CUG GCG AGC AAG GUC CUU GAC GUG GCU CAC	weak skipping at 10nM
392 46 &	H60A(-8+19) H60A(+37+66) H60A(+87+116)	CUG GCG AGC AAG GUC CUU GAC GUG GCU CAC UCC AGA GUG CUG AGG UUA UAC GGU GAG AGC	11 0
392 46 & 47	H60A(-8+19) H60A(+37+66) H60A(+87+116) H60A(+37+66)	CUG GCG AGC AAG GUC CUU GAC GUG GCU CAC UCC AGA GUG CUG AGG UUA UAC GGU GAG AGC CUG GCG AGC AAG GUC CUU GAC GUG GCU CAC	11 0
392 46 & 47 389	H60A(-8+19) H60A(+37+66) H60A(+87+116) H60A(+37+66) H60A(-10+20)	CUG GCG AGC AAG GUC CUU GAC GUG GCU CAC UCC AGA GUG CUG AGG UUA UAC GGU GAG AGC CUG GCG AGC AAG GUC CUU GAC GUG GCU CAC GCA AUU UCU CCU CGA AGU GCC UGU GUG CAA	skipping at 10nM

Antisense Oligonucleotides Directed at Exon 61

Antisense oligonucleotides directed at exon 61 were prepared and tested for their ability to induce exon skipping in human muscle cells using similar methods as described above.

Table 50: Antisense molecule sequences tested to determine if they induce exon 61 skipping

SEQ ID	Antisense Oligonucleotide name	Sequence	Ability to induce skipping
	Exon 61		
400	H61A(-7+19)	CUC GGU CCU CGA CGG CCA CCU GGG AG	no skipping
401	H61A(+05+34)	CAU GCA GCU GCC UGA CUC GGU CCU CGC CGG	skipping to 50 nM
25	H61A(+10+40)	GGG CUU CAU GCA GCU GCC UGA CUC GGU CCU C	Skipping at 100nM
402	H61A(+16+40)	GGG CUU CAU GCA GCU GCC UGA CUC G	no skipping
403	H61A(+16+45)	CCU GUG GGC UUC AUG CAG CUG CCU GAC UCG	skipping to 50 nM
404	H61A(+42+67)	GCU GAG AUG CUG GAC CAA AGU CCC UG	no skipping
405	H61D(+10-16)	GCU GAA AAU GAC UUA CUG GAA AGA AA	no skipping

Antisense Oligonucleotides Directed at Exon 62

10 Antisense oligonucleotides directed at exon 62 were prepared and tested for their ability to induce exon skipping in human muscle cells using similar methods as described above.

Table 51: Antisense molecule sequences tested to determine if they induce exon 62 skipping

SEQ	Antisense Oligonucleotide	Sequence	Ability to induce
ID	name		skipping
	Exon 62		

406	H62A(-15+15)	GAC CCU GGA CAG ACG CUG AAA AGA AGG GAG	No skipping
407	H62A(-10+20)	CCA GGG ACC CUG GAC AGA CGC UGA AAA GAA	No skipping
408	H62A(-05+15)	GAC CCU GGA CAG ACG CUG AA	Faint to 25nM
409	H62A(-3+25)	CUC UCC CAG GGA CCC UGG ACA GAC GCU G	No skipping
410	H62A(+01+30)	UGG CUC UCU CCC AGG GAC CCU GGA CAG ACG	almost 100% skipping to 300 nM
411	H62A(+8+34)	GAG AUG GCU CUC UCC CAG GGA CCC UGG	Skipping at 300nM
412	H62A(+13+43)	UUG UUU GGU GAG AUG GCU CUC UCC CAG GGA C	Faint to 25nM
26	H62A(23+52)	UAG GGC ACU UUG UUU GGC GAG AUG GCU CUC	Skipping at 100nM
413	H62D(+17-03)	UAC UUG AUA UAG UAG GGC AC	Faint to 100nM
414	H62D(+25-5)	CUU ACU UGA UAU AGU AGG GCA CUU UGU UUG	No skipping

Antisense oligonucleotides directed at exon 63 were prepared and tested for their ability to induce exon skipping in human muscle cells using similar methods as described above. See Figure 27. 5

Table 52: Antisense molecule sequences tested to determine if they induce exon 63 skipping

SEQ ID	Antisense Oligonucleotide name	Sequence	Ability to induce skipping
	Exon 63		
415	H63A(-14+11)	GAG UCU CGU GGC UAA AAC ACA AAA C	No visible skipping
416	H63A(+11+35)	UGG GAU GGU CCC AGC AAG UUG UUU G	Possible skipping at 600nM
27	H63A(+20+49)	GAG CUC UGU CAU UUU GGG AUG GUC CCA GCA	Skipping to 100 nM
417	H63A(+33+57)	GAC UGG UAG AGC UCU GUC AUU UUG G	No visible skipping
418	H63A(+40+62)	CUA AAG ACU GGU AGA GCU CUG UC	No Skipping
419	H63D(+8-17)	CAU GGC CAU GUC CUU ACC UAA AGA C	No visible skipping

Antisense Oligonucleotides Directed at Exon 64

10 Antisense oligonucleotides directed at exon 64 were prepared and tested for their ability to induce exon skipping in human muscle cells using similar methods as described above. See Figure 28.

Table 53: Antisense molecule sequences tested to determine if they induce exon 64 skipping

SEQ ID	Antisense Oligonucleotide name	Sequence	Ability to induce skipping
	Exon 64		
420	H64A(-3+27)	CUG AGA AUC UGA CAU UAU UCA GGU CAG CUG	No skipping
28	H64A(+34+62)	CUG CAG UCU UCG GAG UUU CAU GGC AGU CC	Skipping at 50 nM
421	H64A(+43+72)	AAA GGG CCU UCU GCA GUC UUC GGA GUU UCA	Skipping at 50 nM
422	H64A(+47+74)	GCA AAG GGC CUU CUG CAG UCU UCG GAG	Skipping at 200nM
423	H64D(+15-10)	CAA UAC UUA CAG CAA AGG GCC UUC U	No skipping

Antisense Oligonucleotides Directed at Exon 65

Antisense oligonucleotides directed at exon 65 were prepared and tested for their ability to induce exon skipping in human muscle cells using similar methods as described above.

Table 54: Antisense molecule sequences tested to determine if they induce exon 65 skipping

SEQ ID	Antisense Oligonucleotide name	Sequence	Ability to induce skipping
	Exon 65		
424	H65A(+123+148)	UUG ACC AAA UUG UUG UGC UCU UGC UC	No skipping

Antisense Oligonucleotides Directed at Exon 66

Antisense oligonucleotides directed at exon 66 were prepared and tested for their ability to induce exon skipping in human muscle cells using similar methods as described above. See Figure 29.

Table 55: Antisense molecule sequences tested to determine if they induce exon 66 skipping

SEQ ID	Antisense Oligonucleotide name	Sequence	Ability to induce skipping
	Exon 66		
29	H66A(-8+19)	GAU CCU CCC UGU UCG UCC CCU AUU AUG	Skipping at 100nM
48	H66A(-02+28)	CAG GAC ACG GAU CCU CCC UGU UCG UCC CCU	No skipping
49	H66D(+13-17)	UAA UAU ACA CGA CUU ACA UCU GUA CUU GUC	No skipping
	Exon 66 cocktails		
48 &	H66A(-02+28)	CAG GAC ACG GAU CCU CCC UGU UCG UCC CCU	skipping at 25nM
49	H66D(+13-17)	UAA UAU ACA CGA CUU ACA UCU GUA CUU GUC	Shipping at 2011vi

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Antisense Oligonucleotides Directed at Exon 67

Antisense oligonucleotides directed at exon 67 were prepared and tested for their ability to induce exon skipping in human muscle cells using similar methods as described above. See Figure 30.

Table 56: Antisense molecule sequences tested to determine if they induce exon 67 skipping

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SEQ ID	Antisense Oligonucleotide name	Sequence	Ability to induce skipping
	Exon 67		
30	H67A(+17+47)	GCG CUG GUC ACA AAA UCC UGU UGA ACU UGC	strong skipping at 25 nM
425	H67A(+120+147)	AGC UCC GGA CAC UUG GCU CAA UGU UAC U	No skipping
426	H67A(+125+149)	GCA GCU CCG GAC ACU UGG CUC AAU G	Skipping at 600nM
427	H67D(+22-08)	UAA CUU ACA AAU UGG AAG CAG CUC CGG ACA	No skipping

Antisense Oligonucleotides Directed at Exon 68

Antisense oligonucleotides directed at exon 68 were prepared and tested for their ability to induce exon skipping in human muscle cells using similar methods as described above. See Figure 31.

Table 57: Antisense molecule sequences tested to determine if they induce exon 68 skipping

SEQ ID	Antisense Oligonucleotide name	Sequence	Ability to induce skipping
	Exon 68		
428	H68A(-4+21)	GAU CUC UGG CUU AUU AUU AGC CUG C	Skipping at 100nM
429	H68A(+22+48)	CAU CCA GUC UAG GAA GAG GGC CGC UUC	Skipping at 200nM
50	H68A(+48+72)	CAC CAU GGA CUG GGG UUC CAG UCU C	Skipping at 200nM
430	H68A(+74+103)	CAG CAG CCA CUC UGU GCA GGA CGG GCA GCC	No skipping
51	H68D(+23-03)	UAC CUG AAU CCA AUG AUU GGA CAC UC	No skipping
	Exon 68 cocktails		
50 & 51	H68A(+48+72) H68D(+23-03)	CAC CAU GGA CUG GGG UUC CAG UCU C UAC CUG AAU CCA AUG AUU GGA CAC UC	skipping at 10 nM

Antisense Oligonucleotides Directed at Exon 69

10 Antisense oligonucleotides directed at exon 69 were prepared and tested for their ability to induce exon skipping in human muscle cells using similar methods as described above. See Figure 32 which shows a cocktail of H69A(+32+60) and H70A(-06+18) to remove both exons 69 and 70.

Table 58: Antisense molecule sequences tested to determine if they induce exon 69 skipping

SEQ	Antisense	Sequence	Ability to induce
ID	Oligonucleotide name		skipping
	Exon 69		
431	H69A(-12+19)	GUG CUU UAG ACU CCU GUA CCU GAU AAA GAG C	No skipping
432	H69A(+09 +39)	UGG CAG AUG UCA UAA UUA AAG UGC UUU AGAC	Skipping 68-71 at 200nM
433	H69A(+29 +57)	CCA GAA AAA AAG CAG CUU UGG CAG AUG UC	Skipping 68-71 at 200nM also 68+69 & 69+70
434	H69A(+51+74)	GGC CUU UUG CAA CUC GAC CAG AAA	Skipping 68-71

435	H69A(+51 +80)	UUU UAU GGC CUU UUG CAA CUC GAC CAG AAA	~90% Skipping of 68-71 at 200nM
436	H69D(+08-16)	CUG GCG UCA AAC UUA CCG GAG UGC	no skipping

Antisense Oligonucleotides Directed at Exon 70

Antisense oligonucleotides directed at exon 70 were prepared and tested for their ability to induce exon skipping in human muscle cells using similar methods as described above.

Table 59: Antisense molecule sequences tested to determine if they induce exon 70 skipping

SEQ ID	Antisense Oligonucleotide name	Sequence	Ability to induce skipping
	Exon 70		
437	H70A(-09+15)	UUC UCC UGA UGU AGU CUA AAA GGG	no skipping
438	H70A(-07 +23)	CGA ACA UCU UCU CCU GAU GUA GUC UAA AAG	No skipping
439	H70A(+16 +40)	GUA CCU UGG CAA AGU CUC GAA CAU C	No skipping
440	H70A(+25 +48)	GUU UUU UAG UAC CUU GGC AAA GUC	No Skipping
441	H70A(+32+60)	GGU UCG AAA UUU GUU UUU UAG UAC CUU GG	No skipping
442	H70A(+64 +93)	GCC CAU UCG GGG AUG CUU CGC AAA AUA CCU	No skipping

Antisense Oligonucleotides Directed at Exon 71

10 Antisense oligonucleotides directed at exon 71 were prepared and tested for their ability to induce exon skipping in human muscle cells using similar methods as described above.

Table 60: Antisense molecule sequences tested to determine if they induce exon 71 skipping

SEQ	Antisense Oligonucleotide name	Sequence	Ability to induce
ID			skipping
	Exon 71		
443	H71A(-08+16)	GAU CAG AGU AAC GGG ACU GCA AAA	
444	H71A(+07+30)	ACU GGC CAG AAG UUG AUC AGA GUA	weak skipping at 100nM
445	H71A(+16+39)	GCA GAA UCU ACU GGC CAG AAG UUG	skipping at 100nM
446	H71D(+19-05)	CUC ACG CAG AAU CUA CUG GCC AGA	

Antisense Oligonucleotides Directed at Exon 72

Antisense oligonucleotides directed at exon 72 were prepared and tested for their ability to induce exon skipping in human muscle cells using similar methods as described above.

Table 61: Antisense molecule sequences tested to determine if they induce exon 72 skipping

SEQ ID	Antisense Oligonucleotide name	Sequence	Ability to induce skipping
	Exon 72		
447	H72A(-8+22)	AAG CUG AGG GGA CGA GGC AGG CCU AUA AGG	faint skipping at 600 nM
448	H72A(+02+28)	GUG UGA AAG CUG AGG GGA CGA GGC AGG	no skipping
449	H72D(+14-10)	AGU CUC AUA CCU GCU AGC AUA AUG	no skipping

Antisense Oligonucleotides Directed at Exon 73

Antisense oligonucleotides directed at exon 73 were prepared and tested for their ability to induce exon skipping in human muscle cells using similar methods as described above.

Table 62: Antisense molecule sequences tested to determine if they induce exon 73 skipping

SEQ	Antisense Oligonucleotide	Sequence	Ability to induce
ID	name		skipping
	Exon 73		
450	H73A(+24+49)	AUG CUA UCA UUU AGA UAA GAU CCA U	weak skipping
451	H73A(-16+10)	UUC UGC UAG CCU GAU AAA AAA CGU AA	Faint to 25 nM
60	H73A(+02+26)	CAU UGC UGU UUU CCA UUU CUG GUA G	Strong to 25 nM
452	H73D(+23-02)	ACA UGC UCU CAU UAG GAG AGA UGC U	Skipping to 25 nM
453	HM73A(+19+44)	UAU CAU UUA GAU AAG AUC CAU UGC UG	Faint skipping to 25 nM

15 Antisense Oligonucleotides Directed at Exon 74

Antisense oligonucleotides directed at exon 74 were prepared and tested for their ability to induce exon skipping in human muscle cells using similar methods as described above.

Table 66: Antisense molecule sequences tested to determine if they induce exon 74 skipping

SEQ ID	Antisense Oligonucleotide name	Sequence	Ability to induce skipping
454	HM74A(+20+46)	GUU CAA ACU UUG GCA GUA AUG CUG GAU	skipping 25 nM
455	HM74A(+50+77)	GAC UAC GAG GCU GGC UCA GGG GGG AGU C	100 % skipping at 25 nM
456	HM74A(+96+122)	GCU CCC CUC UUU CCU CAC UCU CUA AGG	skipping 25 nM

Antisense Oligonucleotides Directed at Exon 76

5 Antisense oligonucleotides directed at exon 76 were prepared and tested for their ability to induce exon skipping in human muscle cells using similar methods as described above.

Table 63: Antisense molecule sequences tested to determine if they induce exon 76 skipping

SEQ ID	Antisense Oligonucleotide name	Sequence	Ability to induce skipping
	Exon 76		
457	H76A(-02+25)	CAU UCA CUU UGG CCU CUG CCU GGG GCU	no detectable skipping
458	H76A(+80+106)	GAC UGC CAA CCA CUC GGA GCA GCA UAG	no detectable skipping

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Modifications of the above-described modes of carrying out the various embodiments of this invention will be apparent to those skilled in the art based on the above teachings related to the disclosed invention. The above embodiments of the invention are merely exemplary and should not be construed to be in any way limiting.

Throughout this specification and the claims which follow, unless the context requires otherwise, the word "comprise", and variations such as "comprises" and "comprising", will be understood to imply the inclusion of a stated integer or step or group of integers or steps but not the exclusion of any other integer or step or group of integers or steps.

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THE CLAIMS DEFINING THE INVENTION ARE AS FOLLOWS:

- 1. An antisense oligonucleotide selected from the group consisting of:
- (i) an antisense oligonucleotide of 34 bases in length 100% complementary to a target region of exon 45 of the human dystrophin pre-mRNA, wherein the target region is annealing site H45A (-09+25), wherein the antisense oligonucleotide is a morpholino antisense oligonucleotide, and wherein the antisense oligonucleotide specifically hybridizes to the annealing site inducing exon 45 skipping;
- (ii) an antisense oligonucleotide of 28 bases in length 100% complementary to a target region of exon 45 of the human dystrophin pre-mRNA, wherein the target region is annealing site H45A (-03+25), wherein the antisense oligonucleotide is a morpholino antisense oligonucleotide, and wherein the antisense oligonucleotide specifically hybridizes to the annealing site inducing exon 45 skipping;
- (iii) an antisense oligonucleotide of 31 bases in length 100% complementary to a target region of exon 45 of the human dystrophin pre-mRNA, wherein the target region is annealing site H45A (-06+25), wherein the antisense oligonucleotide is a morpholino antisense oligonucleotide, and wherein the antisense oligonucleotide specifically hybridizes to the annealing site inducing exon 45 skipping;
- (iv) an antisense oligonucleotide of 31 bases in length 100% complementary to a target region of exon 45 of the human dystrophin pre-mRNA, wherein the target region is annealing site H45A (-12+19), wherein the antisense oligonucleotide is a morpholino antisense oligonucleotide, and wherein the antisense oligonucleotide specifically hybridizes to the annealing site inducing exon 45 skipping;
- (v) an antisense oligonucleotide of 22 bases in length 100% complementary to a target region of exon 45 of the human dystrophin pre-mRNA, wherein the target region is annealing site H45A (-03+19), wherein the antisense oligonucleotide is a morpholino antisense oligonucleotide, and wherein the antisense oligonucleotide specifically hybridizes to the annealing site inducing exon 45 skipping;
 - (vi) an antisense oligonucleotide of 28 bases in length 100%

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complementary to a target region of exon 45 of the human dystrophin pre-mRNA, wherein the target region is annealing site H45A (-09+19), wherein the antisense oligonucleotide is a morpholino antisense oligonucleotide, and wherein the antisense oligonucleotide specifically hybridizes to the annealing site inducing exon 45 skipping;

- (vii) an antisense oligonucleotide of 28 bases in length 100% complementary to a target region of exon 45 of the human dystrophin pre-mRNA, wherein the target region is annealing site H45A (-12+16), wherein the antisense oligonucleotide is a morpholino antisense oligonucleotide, and wherein the antisense oligonucleotide specifically hybridizes to the annealing site inducing exon 45 skipping;
- an antisense oligonucleotide of 32 bases in length 100% (viii) complementary to a target region of exon 45 of the human dystrophin pre-mRNA, wherein the target region is annealing site H45A (-14+25), wherein the antisense oligonucleotide is a morpholino antisense oligonucleotide, and wherein the antisense oligonucleotide specifically hybridizes to the annealing site inducing exon 45 skipping;
- (ix) an antisense oligonucleotide of 27 bases in length 100% complementary to a target region of exon 45 of the human dystrophin pre-mRNA, wherein the target region is annealing site H45A (-08+19), wherein the antisense oligonucleotide is a morpholino antisense oligonucleotide, and wherein the antisense oligonucleotide specifically hybridizes to the annealing site inducing exon 45 skipping;
- (x) an antisense oligonucleotide of 32 bases in length 100% complementary to a target region of exon 45 of the human dystrophin pre-mRNA, wherein the target region is annealing site H45A (-07+25), wherein the antisense oligonucleotide is a morpholino antisense oligonucleotide, and wherein the antisense oligonucleotide specifically hybridizes to the annealing site inducing exon 45 skipping;
- 30 (xi) an antisense oligonucleotide of 34 bases in length 100% complementary to a target region of exon 45 of the human dystrophin pre-mRNA, wherein the target region is annealing site H45A (-12+22), wherein the antisense oligonucleotide is a morpholino antisense oligonucleotide, and wherein the

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antisense oligonucleotide specifically hybridizes to the annealing site inducing exon 45 skipping;

(xii) an antisense oligonucleotide of 31 bases in length 100% complementary to a target region of exon 45 of the human dystrophin pre-mRNA, wherein the target region is annealing site H45A (-09+22), wherein the antisense oligonucleotide is a morpholino antisense oligonucleotide, and wherein the antisense oligonucleotide specifically hybridizes to the annealing site inducing exon 45 skipping;

an antisense oligonucleotide of 39 bases in length 100% (xiii) complementary to a target region of exon 45 of the human dystrophin pre-mRNA, wherein the target region is annealing site H45A (-09+30), wherein the antisense oligonucleotide is a morpholino antisense oligonucleotide, and wherein the antisense oligonucleotide specifically hybridizes to the annealing site inducing exon 45 skipping;

(xiv) an antisense oligonucleotide of 28 bases in length 100% complementary to a target region of exon 45 of the human dystrophin pre-mRNA, wherein the target region is annealing site H45A (-06+22), wherein the antisense oligonucleotide is a morpholino antisense oligonucleotide, and wherein the antisense oligonucleotide specifically hybridizes to the annealing site inducing exon 45 skipping;

an antisense oligonucleotide of 34 bases in length 100% (xv) complementary to a target region of exon 45 of the human dystrophin pre-mRNA, wherein the target region is annealing site H45A (-06+28), wherein the antisense oligonucleotide is a morpholino antisense oligonucleotide, and wherein the antisense oligonucleotide specifically hybridizes to the annealing site inducing exon 45 skipping;

(xvi) an antisense oligonucleotide of 25 bases in length 100% complementary to a target region of exon 45 of the human dystrophin pre-mRNA, wherein the target region is annealing site H45A (-03+22), wherein the antisense oligonucleotide is a morpholino antisense oligonucleotide, and wherein the antisense oligonucleotide specifically hybridizes to the annealing site inducing exon 45 skipping; and

(xvii) an antisense oligonucleotide of 31 bases in length 100%

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complementary to a target region of exon 45 of the human dystrophin pre-mRNA, wherein the target region is annealing site H45A (-03+28), wherein the antisense oligonucleotide is a morpholino antisense oligonucleotide, and wherein the antisense oligonucleotide specifically hybridizes to the annealing site inducing exon 45 skipping;

or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

- 2. An antisense oligonucleotide selected from the group consisting of:
- an antisense oligonucleotide of 34 bases comprising the base sequence GCU GCC CAA UGC CAU CCU GGA GUU CCU GUA AGA U (SEQ ID NO: 11), wherein the antisense oligonucleotide is a morpholino antisense oligonucleotide and is uniformly modified to comprise a 5-substituted pyrimidine base;
- an antisense oligonucleotide of 28 bases comprising the base (ii) sequence GCU GCC CAA UGC CAU CCU GGA GUU CCU G (SEQ ID NO: 55), wherein the antisense oligonucleotide is a morpholino antisense oligonucleotide and is uniformly modified to comprise a 5-substituted pyrimidine base;
- (iii) an antisense oligonucleotide of 31 bases comprising the base sequence GCU GCC CAA UGC CAU CCU GGA GUU CCU GUA A (SEQ ID NO: 61), wherein the antisense oligonucleotide is a morpholino antisense oligonucleotide and is uniformly modified to comprise a 5-substituted pyrimidine base;
- (iv) an antisense oligonucleotide of 31 bases comprising the base sequence CAA UGC CAU CCU GGA GUU CCU GUA AGA UAC C (SEQ ID NO: 62), wherein the antisense oligonucleotide is a morpholino antisense oligonucleotide and is uniformly modified to comprise a 5-substituted pyrimidine base,
- (v) an antisense oligonucleotide of 22 bases comprising the base sequence CAA UGC CAU CCU GGA GUU CCU G (SEQ ID NO: 63), wherein the antisense oligonucleotide is a morpholino antisense oligonucleotide and is uniformly modified to comprise a 5-substituted pyrimidine base;
- (vi) an antisense oligonucleotide of 28 bases comprising the base sequence CAA UGC CAU CCU GGA GUU CCU GUA AGA U (SEQ ID NO: 64),

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wherein the antisense oligonucleotide is a morpholino antisense oligonucleotide and is uniformly modified to comprise a 5-substituted pyrimidine base;

- (vii) an antisense oligonucleotide of 28 bases comprising the base sequence UGC CAU CCU GGA GUU CCU GUA AGA UAC C (SEQ ID NO: 66), wherein the antisense oligonucleotide is a morpholino antisense oligonucleotide and is uniformly modified to comprise a 5-substituted pyrimidine base;
- an antisense oligonucleotide of 32 bases comprising the base sequence GCU GCC CAA UGC CAU CCU GGA GUU CCU GUA AG (SEQ ID NO: 227), wherein the antisense oligonucleotide is a morpholino antisense oligonucleotide and is uniformly modified to comprise a 5-substituted pyrimidine base;
- an antisense oligonucleotide of 27 bases comprising the base (ix) sequence CAA UGC CAU CCU GGA GUU CCU GUA AGA (SEQ ID NO: 230), wherein the antisense oligonucleotide is a morpholino antisense oligonucleotide and is uniformly modified to comprise a 5-substituted pyrimidine base;
- an antisense oligonucleotide of 34 bases comprising the base (x) sequence GCC CAA UGC CAU CCU GGA GUU CCU GUA AGA UAC C (SEQ ID NO: 237), wherein the antisense oligonucleotide is a morpholino antisense oligonucleotide and is uniformly modified to comprise a 5-substituted pyrimidine base:
- an antisense oligonucleotide of 31 bases comprising the base (xi) sequence GCC CAA UGC CAU CCU GGA GUU CCU GUA AGA U (SEQ ID NO: 239), wherein the antisense oligonucleotide is a morpholino antisense oligonucleotide and is uniformly modified to comprise a 5-substituted pyrimidine base;
- (xii) an antisense oligonucleotide of 39 bases comprising the base sequence UUG CCG CUG CCC AAU GCC AUC CUG GAG UUC CUG UAA GAU (SEQ ID NO: 240), wherein the antisense oligonucleotide is a morpholino antisense oligonucleotide and is uniformly modified to comprise a 5-substituted pyrimidine base;
- an antisense oligonucleotide of 32 bases comprising the base sequence GCU GCC CAA UGC CAU CCU GGA GUU CCU GUA AG (SEQ ID NO: 241), wherein the antisense oligonucleotide is a morpholino antisense

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oligonucleotide and is uniformly modified to comprise a 5-substituted pyrimidine base;

- (xiv) an antisense oligonucleotide of 28 bases comprising the base sequence GCC CAA UGC CAU CCU GGA GUU CCU GUA A (SEQ ID NO: 242), wherein the antisense oligonucleotide is a morpholino antisense oligonucleotide and is uniformly modified to comprise a 5-substituted pyrimidine base;
- an antisense oligonucleotide of 34 bases comprising the base sequence GCC GCU GCC CAA UGC CAU CCU GGA GUU CCU GUA A (SEQ ID NO: 243), wherein the antisense oligonucleotide is a morpholino antisense oligonucleotide and is uniformly modified to comprise a 5-substituted pyrimidine base;
- an antisense oligonucleotide of 25 bases comprising the base sequence GCC CAA UGC CAU CCU GGA GUU CCU G (SEQ ID NO: 244), wherein the antisense oligonucleotide is a morpholino antisense oligonucleotide and is uniformly modified to comprise a 5-substituted pyrimidine base; and
- (xvii) an antisense oligonucleotide of 31 bases comprising the base sequence GCC GCU GCC CAA UGC CAU CCU GGA GUU CCU G (SEQ ID NO: 245), wherein the antisense oligonucleotide is a morpholino antisense oligonucleotide and is uniformly modified to comprise a 5-substituted pyrimidine base:

or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

- 3. The antisense oligonucleotide of claim 2, wherein the antisense oligonucleotide is chemically linked to one or more moieties or conjugates that enhance the activity, cellular distribution, or cellular uptake of the antisense oligonucleotide.
- 4. The antisense oligonucleotide of claim 2 wherein the antisense oligonucleotide is chemically linked to a polyethylene glycol chain.
- 5. An antisense oligonucleotide of 34 bases comprising the base sequence GCU GCC CAA UGC CAU CCU GGA GUU CCU GUA AGA U (SEQ ID NO: 11), wherein the antisense oligonucleotide is a morpholino antisense oligonucleotide

and is uniformly modified to comprise a 5-substituted pyrimidine base, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

- 6. The antisense oligonucleotide of claim 5, wherein the antisense oligonucleotide is chemically linked to one or more moieties or conjugates that enhance the activity, cellular distribution, or cellular uptake of the antisense oligonucleotide.
- 7. The antisense oligonucleotide of claim 5, wherein the antisense 10 oligonucleotide is chemically linked to a polyethylene glycol chain.
 - 8. An antisense oligonucleotide of 28 bases comprising the base sequence GCU GCC CAA UGC CAU CCU GGA GUU CCU G (SEQ ID NO: 55), wherein the antisense oligonucleotide is a morpholino antisense oligonucleotide and is uniformly modified to comprise a 5-substituted pyrimidine base, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.
 - 9. The antisense oligonucleotide of claim 8, wherein the antisense oligonucleotide is chemically linked to one or more moieties or conjugates that enhance the activity, cellular distribution, or cellular uptake of the antisense oligonucleotide.
 - 10. The antisense oligonucleotide of claim 8, wherein the antisense oligonucleotide is chemically linked to a polyethylene glycol chain.

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- 11. An antisense oligonucleotide of 31 bases comprising the base sequence GCU GCC CAA UGC CAU CCU GGA GUU CCU GUA A (SEQ ID NO: 61), wherein the antisense oligonucleotide is a morpholino antisense oligonucleotide and is uniformly modified to comprise a 5-substituted pyrimidine base, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.
- 12. The antisense oligonucleotide of claim 11, wherein the antisense oligonucleotide is chemically linked to one or more moieties or conjugates that

enhance the activity, cellular distribution, or cellular uptake of the antisense oligonucleotide.

- 13. The antisense oligonucleotide of claim 11, wherein the antisense 5 oligonucleotide is chemically linked to a polyethylene glycol chain.
 - 14. An antisense oligonucleotide of 31 bases comprising the base sequence CAA UGC CAU CCU GGA GUU CCU GUA AGA UAC C (SEQ ID NO: 62), wherein the antisense oligonucleotide is a morpholino antisense oligonucleotide and is uniformly modified to comprise a 5-substituted pyrimidine base, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.
- 15. The antisense oligonucleotide of claim 14, wherein the antisense oligonucleotide is chemically linked to one or more moieties or conjugates that 15 enhance the activity, cellular distribution, or cellular uptake of the antisense oligonucleotide.
 - The antisense oligonucleotide of claim 14, wherein the antisense 16. oligonucleotide is chemically linked to a polyethylene glycol chain.

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- An antisense oligonucleotide of 22 bases comprising the base sequence 17. CAA UGC CAU CCU GGA GUU CCU G (SEQ ID NO: 63), wherein the antisense oligonucleotide is a morpholino antisense oligonucleotide and is uniformly modified to comprise a 5-substituted pyrimidine base, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.
- 18. The antisense oligonucleotide of claim 17, wherein the antisense oligonucleotide is chemically linked to one or more moieties or conjugates that enhance the activity, cellular distribution, or cellular uptake of the antisense oligonucleotide.
- 19. The antisense oligonucleotide of claim 17, wherein the antisense oligonucleotide is chemically linked to a polyethylene glycol chain.

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- 20. An antisense oligonucleotide of 28 bases comprising the base sequence CAA UGC CAU CCU GGA GUU CCU GUA AGA U (SEQ ID NO: 64), wherein the antisense oligonucleotide is a morpholino antisense oligonucleotide and is uniformly modified to comprise a 5-substituted pyrimidine base, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.
- 21. The antisense oligonucleotide of claim 20, wherein the antisense oligonucleotide is chemically linked to one or more moieties or conjugates that enhance the activity, cellular distribution, or cellular uptake of the antisense oligonucleotide.
- 22. The antisense oligonucleotide of claim 20, wherein the antisense oligonucleotide is chemically linked to a polyethylene glycol chain.
- 23. An antisense oligonucleotide of 28 bases comprising the base sequence UGC CAU CCU GGA GUU CCU GUA AGA UAC C (SEQ ID NO: 66), wherein the antisense oligonucleotide is a morpholino antisense oligonucleotide and is uniformly modified to comprise a 5-substituted pyrimidine base, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.
- 24. The antisense oligonucleotide of claim 23, wherein the antisense oligonucleotide is chemically linked to one or more moieties or conjugates that enhance the activity, cellular distribution, or cellular uptake of the antisense oligonucleotide.
- 25. The antisense oligonucleotide of claim 23, wherein the antisense oligonucleotide is chemically linked to a polyethylene glycol chain.
- 30 26. An antisense oligonucleotide of 32 bases comprising the base sequence GCU GCC CAA UGC CAU CCU GGA GUU CCU GUA AG (SEQ ID NO: 227), wherein the antisense oligonucleotide is a morpholino antisense oligonucleotide and is uniformly modified to comprise a 5-substituted pyrimidine base, or a

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pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

- 27. The antisense oligonucleotide of claim 26, wherein the antisense oligonucleotide is chemically linked to one or more moieties or conjugates that enhance the activity, cellular distribution, or cellular uptake of the antisense oligonucleotide.
- 28. The antisense oligonucleotide of claim 26, wherein the antisense oligonucleotide is chemically linked to a polyethylene glycol chain.
- 29. An antisense oligonucleotide of 27 bases comprising the base sequence CAA UGC CAU CCU GGA GUU CCU GUA AGA (SEQ ID NO: 230), wherein the antisense oligonucleotide is a morpholino antisense oligonucleotide and is uniformly modified to comprise a 5-substituted pyrimidine base, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.
- 30. The antisense oligonucleotide of claim 29, wherein the antisense oligonucleotide is chemically linked to one or more moieties or conjugates that enhance the activity, cellular distribution, or cellular uptake of the antisense oligonucleotide.
- 31. The antisense oligonucleotide of claim 29, wherein the antisense oligonucleotide is chemically linked to a polyethylene glycol chain.
- 25 32. An antisense oligonucleotide of 34 bases comprising the base sequence GCC CAA UGC CAU CCU GGA GUU CCU GUA AGA UAC C (SEQ ID NO: 237), wherein the antisense oligonucleotide is a morpholino antisense oligonucleotide and is uniformly modified to comprise a 5-substituted pyrimidine base, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

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33. The antisense oligonucleotide of claim 32, wherein the antisense oligonucleotide is chemically linked to one or more moieties or conjugates that enhance the activity, cellular distribution, or cellular uptake of the antisense oligonucleotide.

34. The antisense oligonucleotide of claim 32, wherein the antisense oligonucleotide is chemically linked to a polyethylene glycol chain.

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35. An antisense oligonucleotide of 31 bases comprising the base sequence GCC CAA UGC CAU CCU GGA GUU CCU GUA AGA U (SEQ ID NO: 239), wherein the antisense oligonucleotide is a morpholino antisense oligonucleotide and is uniformly modified to comprise a 5-substituted pyrimidine base, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

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36. The antisense oligonucleotide of claim 35, wherein the antisense oligonucleotide is chemically linked to one or more moieties or conjugates that enhance the activity, cellular distribution, or cellular uptake of the antisense oligonucleotide.

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37. The antisense oligonucleotide of claim 35, wherein the antisense oligonucleotide is chemically linked to a polyethylene glycol chain.

20 38. An antisense oligonucleotide of 39 bases comprising the base sequence UUG CCG CUG CCC AAU GCC AUC CUG GAG UUC CUG UAA GAU (SEQ ID NO: 240), wherein the antisense oligonucleotide is a morpholino antisense oligonucleotide and is uniformly modified to comprise a 5-substituted pyrimidine base, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

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39. The antisense oligonucleotide of claim 38, wherein the antisense oligonucleotide is chemically linked to one or more moieties or conjugates that enhance the activity, cellular distribution, or cellular uptake of the antisense oligonucleotide.

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40. The antisense oligonucleotide of claim 38, wherein the antisense oligonucleotide is chemically linked to a polyethylene glycol chain.

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- 41. An antisense oligonucleotide of 32 bases comprising the base sequence GCU GCC CAA UGC CAU CCU GGA GUU CCU GUA AG (SEQ ID NO: 241), wherein the antisense oligonucleotide is a morpholino antisense oligonucleotide and is uniformly modified to comprise a 5-substituted pyrimidine base, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.
- 42. The antisense oligonucleotide of claim 41, wherein the antisense oligonucleotide is chemically linked to one or more moieties or conjugates that enhance the activity, cellular distribution, or cellular uptake of the antisense oligonucleotide.
- 43. The antisense oligonucleotide of claim 41, wherein the antisense oligonucleotide is chemically linked to a polyethylene glycol chain.
- 15 An antisense oligonucleotide of 28 bases comprising the base sequence 44. GCC CAA UGC CAU CCU GGA GUU CCU GUA A (SEQ ID NO: 242), wherein the antisense oligonucleotide is a morpholino antisense oligonucleotide and is uniformly modified to comprise a 5-substituted pyrimidine base, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

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The antisense oligonucleotide of claim 44, wherein the antisense 45. oligonucleotide is chemically linked to one or more moieties or conjugates that enhance the activity, cellular distribution, or cellular uptake of the antisense oligonucleotide.

- 46. The antisense oligonucleotide of claim 44, wherein the antisense oligonucleotide is chemically linked to a polyethylene glycol chain.
- 47. An antisense oligonucleotide of 34 bases comprising the base sequence 30 GCC GCU GCC CAA UGC CAU CCU GGA GUU CCU GUA A (SEQ ID NO: 243), wherein the antisense oligonucleotide is a morpholino antisense oligonucleotide and is uniformly modified to comprise a 5-substituted pyrimidine base, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

- 48. The antisense oligonucleotide of claim 47, wherein the antisense oligonucleotide is chemically linked to one or more moieties or conjugates that enhance the activity, cellular distribution, or cellular uptake of the antisense oligonucleotide.
- 49. The antisense oligonucleotide of claim 47, wherein the antisense oligonucleotide is chemically linked to a polyethylene glycol chain.
- 10 50. An antisense oligonucleotide of 25 bases comprising the base sequence GCC CAA UGC CAU CCU GGA GUU CCU G (SEQ ID NO: 244), wherein the antisense oligonucleotide is a morpholino antisense oligonucleotide and is uniformly modified to comprise a 5-substituted pyrimidine base, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

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51. The antisense oligonucleotide of claim 50, wherein the antisense oligonucleotide is chemically linked to one or more moieties or conjugates that enhance the activity, cellular distribution, or cellular uptake of the antisense oligonucleotide.

- 52. The antisense oligonucleotide of claim 50, wherein the antisense oligonucleotide is chemically linked to a polyethylene glycol chain.
- 53. An antisense oligonucleotide of 31 bases comprising the base sequence 25 GCC GCU GCC CAA UGC CAU CCU GGA GUU CCU G (SEQ ID NO: 245), wherein the antisense oligonucleotide is a morpholino antisense oligonucleotide and is uniformly modified to comprise a 5-substituted pyrimidine base, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.
- 30 54. The antisense oligonucleotide of claim 53, wherein the antisense oligonucleotide is chemically linked to one or more moieties or conjugates that enhance the activity, cellular distribution, or cellular uptake of the antisense oligonucleotide.

- 55. The antisense oligonucleotide of claim 53, wherein the antisense oligonucleotide is chemically linked to a polyethylene glycol chain.
- 5 56. A pharmaceutical composition comprising: (i) an antisense oligonucleotide of 34 bases comprising the base sequence GCU GCC CAA UGC CAU CCU GGA GUU CCU GUA AGA U (SEQ ID NO: 11), wherein the antisense oligonucleotide is a morpholino antisense oligonucleotide, wherein the antisense oligonucleotide is uniformly modified to comprise a 5-substituted pyrimidine base, and wherein the 10 antisense oligonucleotide is chemically linked to a polyethylene glycol chain, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof; and (ii) a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.
- 57. A pharmaceutical composition comprising: (i) an antisense oligonucleotide 15 of 28 bases comprising the base sequence GCU GCC CAA UGC CAU CCU GGA GUU CCU G (SEQ ID NO: 55), wherein the antisense oligonucleotide is a morpholino antisense oligonucleotide, wherein the antisense oligonucleotide is uniformly modified to comprise a 5-substituted pyrimidine base, and wherein the antisense oligonucleotide is chemically linked to a polyethylene glycol chain, or a 20 pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof; and (ii) a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.
 - 58. A pharmaceutical composition comprising: (i) an antisense oligonucleotide of 31 bases comprising the base sequence GCU GCC CAA UGC CAU CCU GGA GUU CCU GUA A (SEQ ID NO: 61), wherein the antisense oligonucleotide is a morpholino antisense oligonucleotide, wherein the antisense oligonucleotide is uniformly modified to comprise a 5-substituted pyrimidine base, and wherein the antisense oligonucleotide is chemically linked to a polyethylene glycol chain, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof; and (ii) a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.
 - 59. A pharmaceutical composition comprising: (i) an antisense oligonucleotide of 31 bases comprising the base sequence CAA UGC CAU CCU GGA GUU CCU

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GUA AGA UAC C (SEQ ID NO: 62), wherein the antisense oligonucleotide is a morpholino antisense oligonucleotide, wherein the antisense oligonucleotide is uniformly modified to comprise a 5-substituted pyrimidine base, and wherein the antisense oligonucleotide is chemically linked to a polyethylene glycol chain, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof; and (ii) a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

- 60. A pharmaceutical composition comprising: (i) an antisense oligonucleotide of 22 bases comprising the base sequence CAA UGC CAU CCU GGA GUU CCU G (SEQ ID NO: 63), wherein the antisense oligonucleotide is a morpholino antisense oligonucleotide, wherein the antisense oligonucleotide is uniformly modified to comprise a 5-substituted pyrimidine base, and wherein the antisense oligonucleotide is chemically linked to a polyethylene glycol chain, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof; and (ii) a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.
- 61. A pharmaceutical composition comprising: (i) an antisense oligonucleotide of 28 bases comprising the base sequence CAA UGC CAU CCU GGA GUU CCU GUA AGA U (SEQ ID NO: 64), wherein the antisense oligonucleotide is a morpholino antisense oligonucleotide, wherein the antisense oligonucleotide is uniformly modified to comprise a 5-substituted pyrimidine base, and wherein the antisense oligonucleotide is chemically linked to a polyethylene glycol chain, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof; and (ii) a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

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62. A pharmaceutical composition comprising: (i) an antisense oligonucleotide of 28 bases comprising the base sequence UGC CAU CCU GGA GUU CCU GUA AGA UAC C (SEQ ID NO: 66), wherein the antisense oligonucleotide is a morpholino antisense oligonucleotide, wherein the antisense oligonucleotide is uniformly modified to comprise a 5-substituted pyrimidine base, and wherein the antisense oligonucleotide is chemically linked to a polyethylene glycol chain, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof; and (ii) a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

63. A pharmaceutical composition comprising: (i) an antisense oligonucleotide of 32 bases comprising the base sequence GCU GCC CAA UGC CAU CCU GGA GUU CCU GUA AG (SEQ ID NO: 227), wherein the antisense oligonucleotide is a morpholino antisense oligonucleotide, wherein the antisense oligonucleotide is uniformly modified to comprise a 5-substituted pyrimidine base, and wherein the antisense oligonucleotide is chemically linked to a polyethylene glycol chain, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof; and (ii) a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

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- 64. A pharmaceutical composition comprising: (i) an antisense oligonucleotide of 27 bases comprising the base sequence CAA UGC CAU CCU GGA GUU CCU GUA AGA (SEQ ID NO: 230), wherein the antisense oligonucleotide is a morpholino antisense oligonucleotide, wherein the antisense oligonucleotide is uniformly modified to comprise a 5-substituted pyrimidine base, and wherein the antisense oligonucleotide is chemically linked to a polyethylene glycol chain, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof; and (ii) a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.
- 20 A pharmaceutical composition comprising: (i) an antisense oligonucleotide of 34 bases comprising the base sequence GCC CAA UGC CAU CCU GGA GUU CCU GUA AGA UAC C (SEQ ID NO: 237), wherein the antisense oligonucleotide is a morpholino antisense oligonucleotide, wherein the antisense oligonucleotide is uniformly modified to comprise a 5-substituted pyrimidine base, and wherein the 25 antisense oligonucleotide is chemically linked to a polyethylene glycol chain, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof; and (ii) a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.
- 66. A pharmaceutical composition comprising: (i) an antisense oligonucleotide 30 of 31 bases comprising the base sequence GCC CAA UGC CAU CCU GGA GUU CCU GUA AGA U (SEQ ID NO: 239), wherein the antisense oligonucleotide is a morpholino antisense oligonucleotide, wherein the antisense oligonucleotide is uniformly modified to comprise a 5-substituted pyrimidine base, and wherein the

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antisense oligonucleotide is chemically linked to a polyethylene glycol chain, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof; and (ii) a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

- 5 67. A pharmaceutical composition comprising: (i) an antisense oligonucleotide of 39 bases comprising the base sequence UUG CCG CUG CCC AAU GCC AUC CUG GAG UUC CUG UAA GAU (SEQ ID NO: 240), wherein the antisense oligonucleotide is a morpholino antisense oligonucleotide, wherein the antisense oligonucleotide is uniformly modified to comprise a 5-substituted pyrimidine base, 10 and wherein the antisense oligonucleotide is chemically linked to a polyethylene glycol chain, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof; and (ii) a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.
- 68. A pharmaceutical composition comprising: (i) an antisense oligonucleotide 15 of 32 bases comprising the base sequence GCU GCC CAA UGC CAU CCU GGA GUU CCU GUA AG (SEQ ID NO: 241), wherein the antisense oligonucleotide is a morpholino antisense oligonucleotide, wherein the antisense oligonucleotide is uniformly modified to comprise a 5-substituted pyrimidine base, and wherein the antisense oligonucleotide is chemically linked to a polyethylene glycol chain, or a 20 pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof; and (ii) a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.
 - 69. A pharmaceutical composition comprising: (i) an antisense oligonucleotide of 28 bases comprising the base sequence GCC CAA UGC CAU CCU GGA GUU CCU GUA A (SEQ ID NO: 242), wherein the antisense oligonucleotide is a morpholino antisense oligonucleotide, wherein the antisense oligonucleotide is uniformly modified to comprise a 5-substituted pyrimidine base, and wherein the antisense oligonucleotide is chemically linked to a polyethylene glycol chain, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof; and (ii) a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.
 - 70. A pharmaceutical composition comprising: (i) an antisense oligonucleotide of 34 bases comprising the base sequence GCC GCU GCC CAA UGC CAU CCU

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GGA GUU CCU GUA A (SEQ ID NO: 243), wherein the antisense oligonucleotide is a morpholino antisense oligonucleotide, wherein the antisense oligonucleotide is uniformly modified to comprise a 5-substituted pyrimidine base, and wherein the antisense oligonucleotide is chemically linked to a polyethylene glycol chain, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof; and (ii) a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

- 71. A pharmaceutical composition comprising: (i) an antisense oligonucleotide of 25 bases comprising the base sequence GCC CAA UGC CAU CCU GGA GUU CCU G (SEQ ID NO: 244), wherein the antisense oligonucleotide is a morpholino antisense oligonucleotide, wherein the antisense oligonucleotide is uniformly modified to comprise a 5-substituted pyrimidine base, and wherein the antisense oligonucleotide is chemically linked to a polyethylene glycol chain, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof; and (ii) a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.
- 72. A pharmaceutical composition comprising: (i) an antisense oligonucleotide of 31 bases comprising the base sequence GCC GCU GCC CAA UGC CAU CCU GGA GUU CCU G (SEQ ID NO: 245), wherein the antisense oligonucleotide is a morpholino antisense oligonucleotide, wherein the antisense oligonucleotide is uniformly modified to comprise a 5-substituted pyrimidine base, and wherein the antisense oligonucleotide is chemically linked to a polyethylene glycol chain, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof; and (ii) a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

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73. The antisense oligonucleotide of claim 1, wherein the antisense oligonucleotide is chemically linked to one or more moieties or conjugates that enhance the activity, cellular distribution, or cellular uptake of the antisense oligonucleotide.

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74. The antisense oligonucleotide of claim 1, wherein the antisense oligonucleotide is chemically linked to a polyethylene glycol chain.

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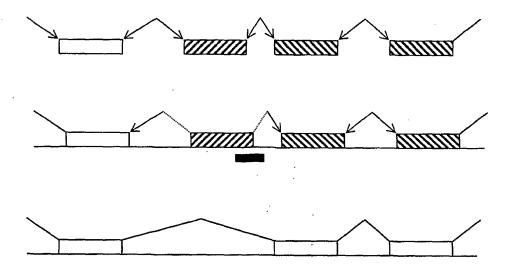
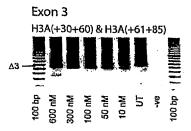


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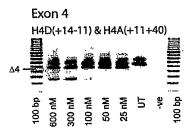
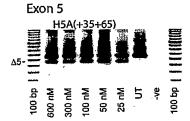


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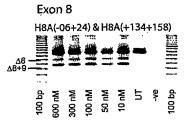


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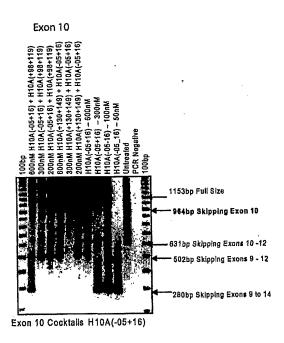


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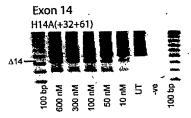
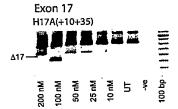


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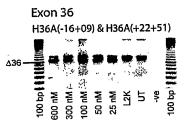


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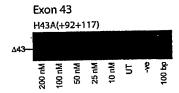


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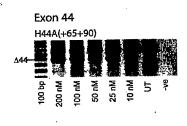


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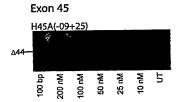


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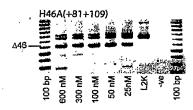




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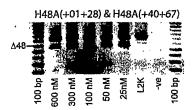


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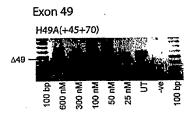


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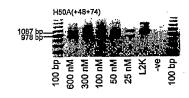
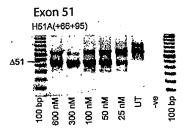
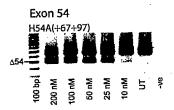


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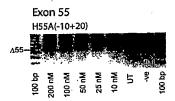


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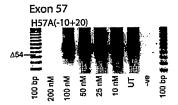
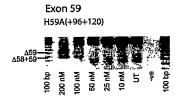


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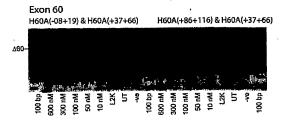


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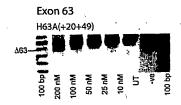


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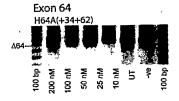


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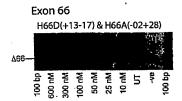


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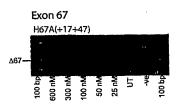


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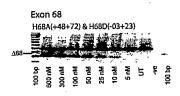


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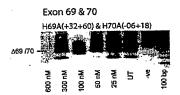


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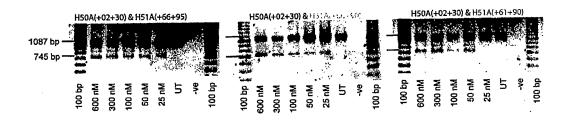


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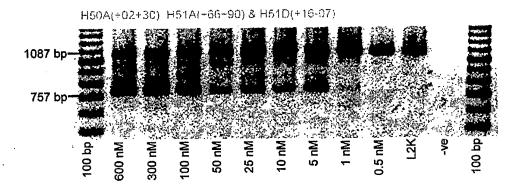


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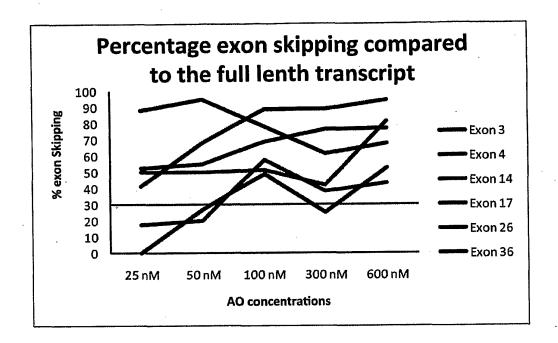
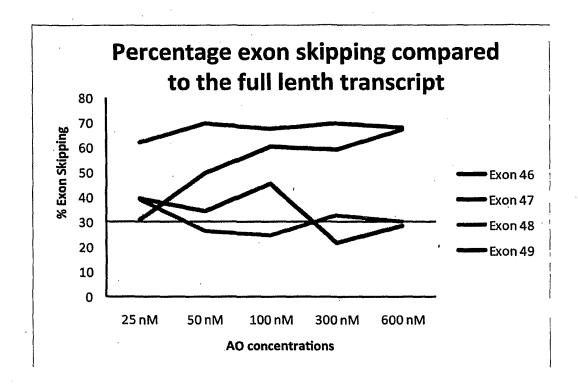


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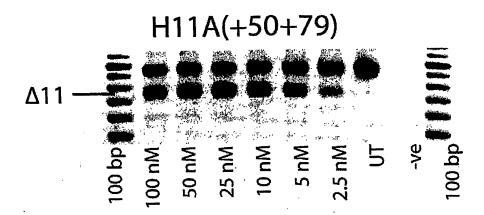


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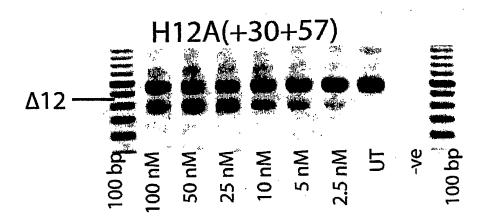


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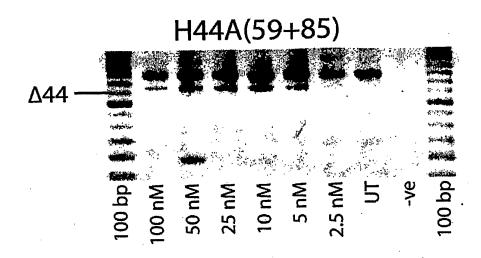


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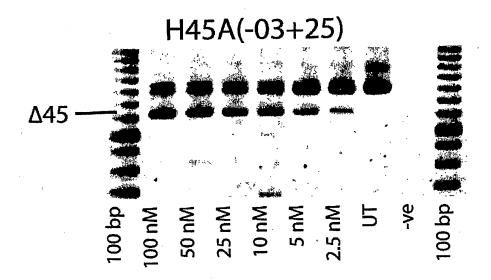


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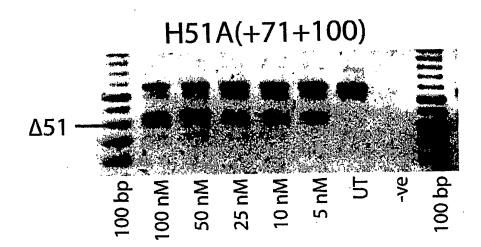


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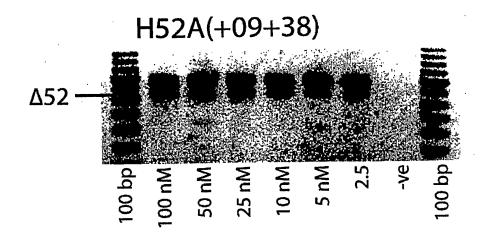


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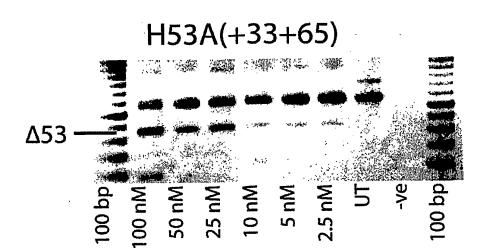


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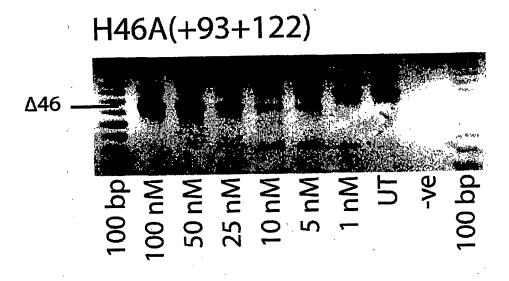
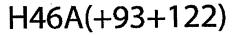


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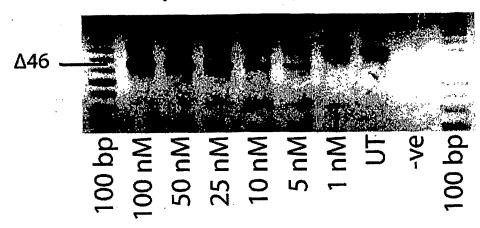


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