

## Safety Evaluation of 2'-Deoxy-2'-Fluoro-Modified Nucleotides in GalNAc-siRNA Conjugates

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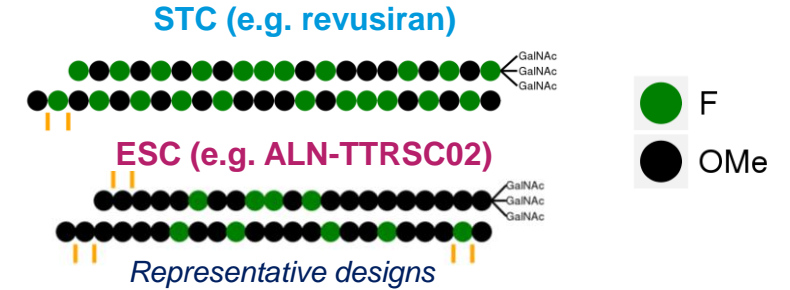
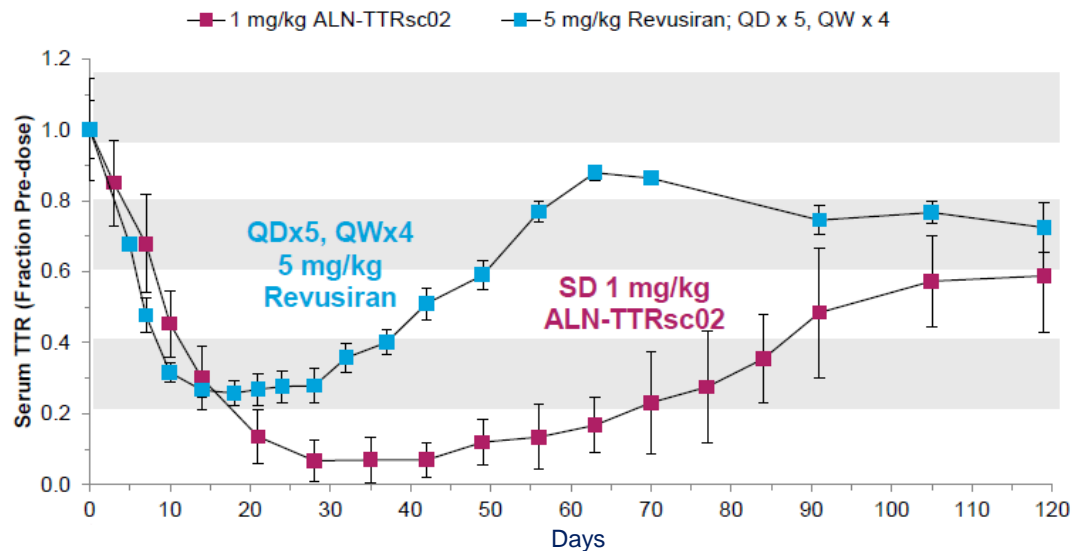
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I am an employee of Anylam Pharmaceuticals.

# Evolution of GalNAc-siRNA Conjugate Design

From Standard Template Chemistry (STC) to Enhanced Stabilization Chemistry (ESC)

## NHP Activity: ALN-TTRSC02 compared to Revusiran

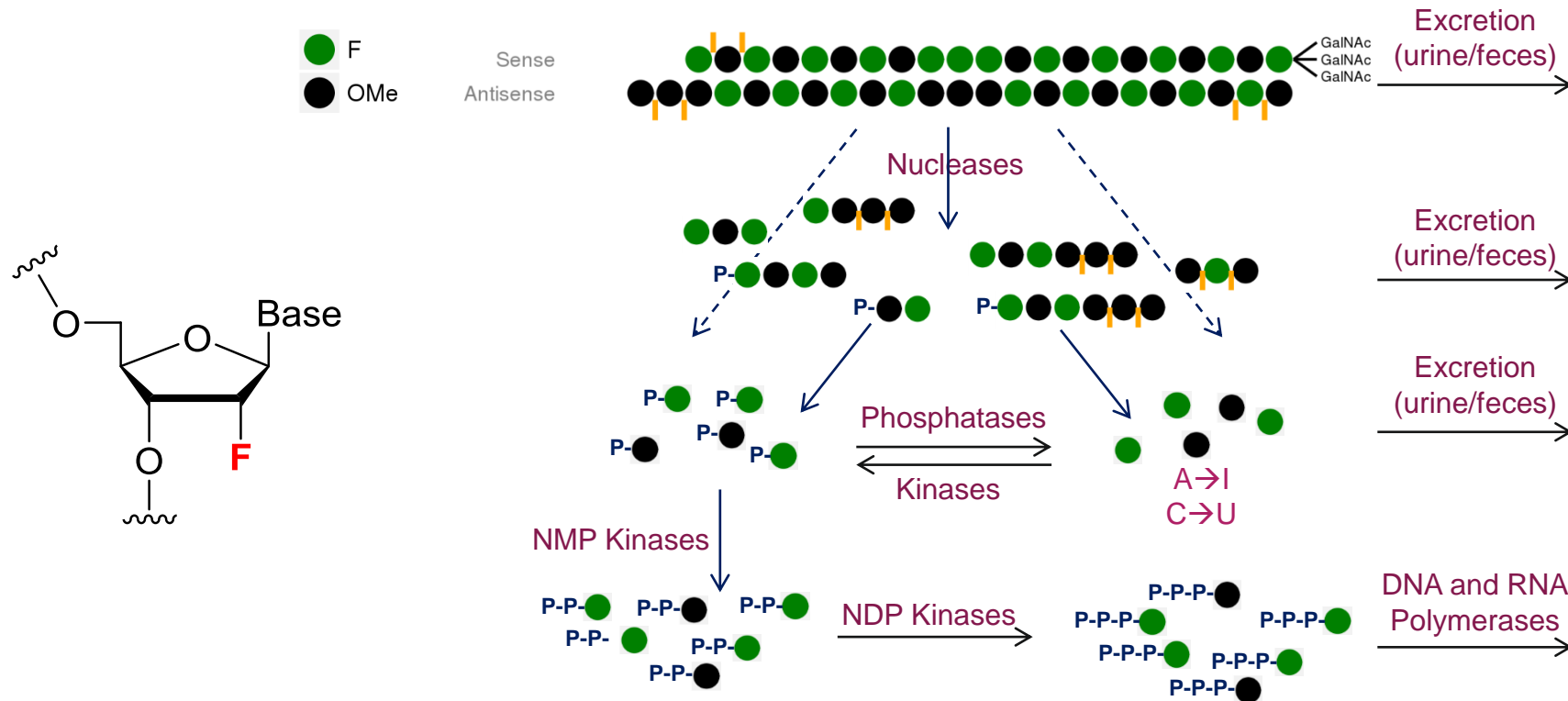


	Total Dose	AUEC for % TTR lowering
Revusiran	45 mg/kg	4154
ALN-TTRsc02	1 mg/kg	8139

Adjusting for dose difference (45-fold) and AUEC (1.95-fold), ALN-TTRSC02 shows **~88-fold** *in vivo* potency improvement over Revusiran  
 AUEC= Area under effect curve

**280-fold** reduction in the annual projected human dose of  
 ALN-TTRSC02 (25 mg Q3M) in Ph3 over Revusiran (500 mg QDx5, QW)

# Fate of Modified Nucleosides/Nucleotides after Nucleolytic Degradation of GalNAc-siRNA



**Mitochondrial polymerases (Pol-γ and POLRMT) are more sensitive to modified NTPs than nuclear polymerases because of:**

- (1) Poor selectivity and poor exonuclease activity
- (2) Continuous replication of mitochondrial DNA, including in post-mitotic cells

## 2'-F-Monomer Safety Evaluation Summary

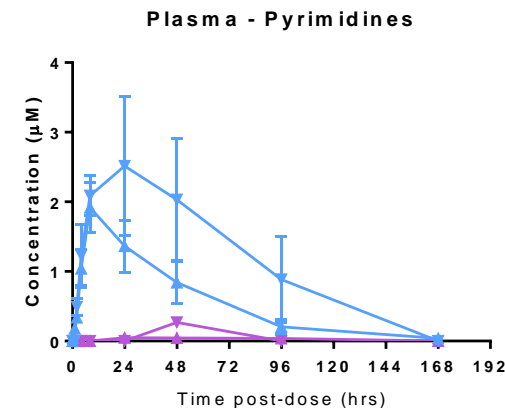
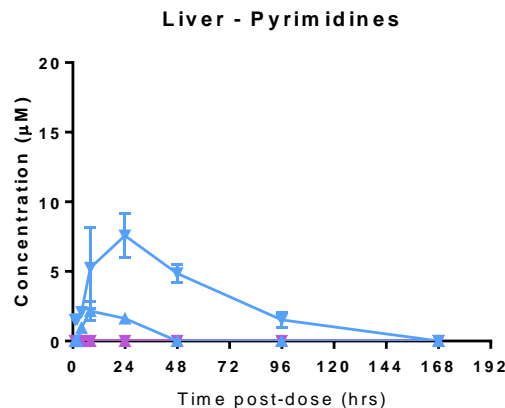
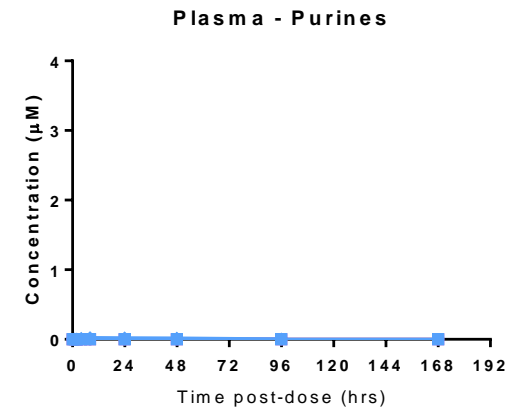
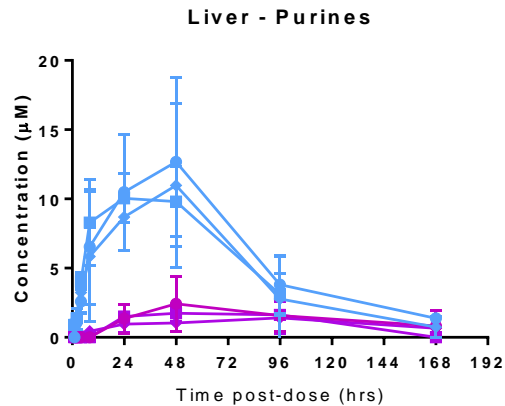
Monomer generation from STC siRNA in rat and human	<b>Low</b>
Monomer generation from ESC siRNA in rat and human	<b>Mostly undetectable</b>
Polymerase inhibition (Pol- $\gamma$ , Pol- $\alpha$ , Pol- $\beta$ , POLRMT)	<b>Not expected*</b>
Polymerase substrate (Pol- $\gamma$ , POLRMT)	<b>Poor</b>
Obligate chain termination	<b>No</b>
Non-obligate chain termination	<b>No</b>
Cytotoxicity and mtDNA effects <i>in vitro</i>	<b>In a subset of cell lines at concentrations &gt; 16-fold higher than generated <i>in vivo</i> from STC siRNA</b>
2-year rat carcinogenicity study with STC siRNAs	<b>No effects on survival or tumor incidence; no apparent effects on mitochondrial function</b>

\* 2'-F-ITP pending



# Monomer Generation Is Minimized with the ESC Design In Vivo

Rat, 30 mg/kg Single Subcutaneous Dose of **Revusiran** or **ALN-TTRSC02**



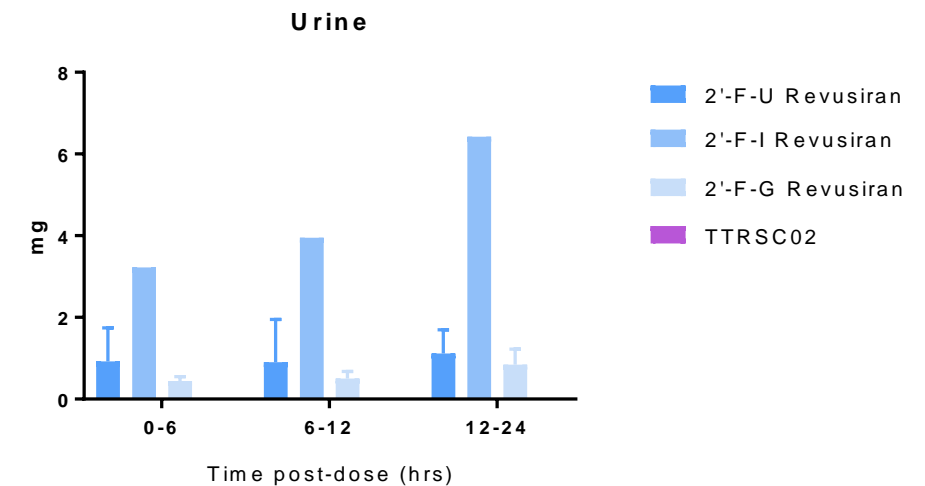
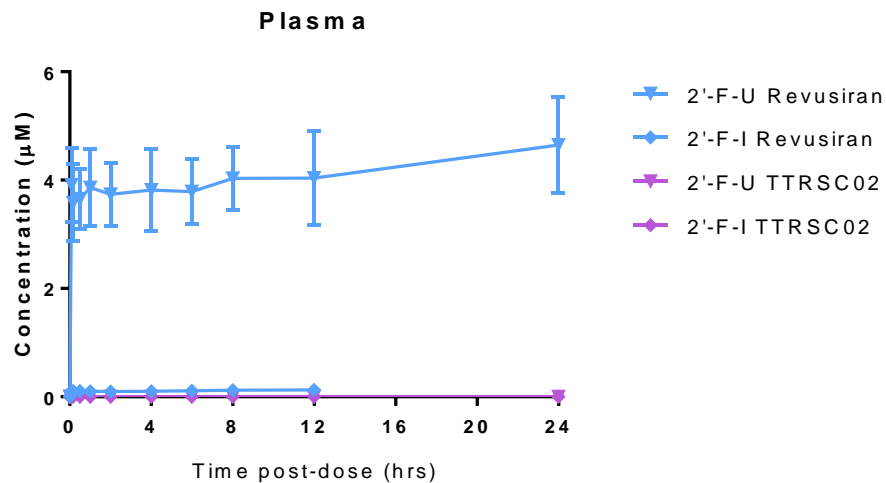
- 2'-F-monomer half-life of 1-2 days indicates that no accumulation is expected with weekly or less frequent dosing

- Only 2'-F-pyrimidines appear to re-distribute systemically after generation in the liver and kidney

# 2'-F-Monomers Are Not Detectable in Human Plasma or Urine at Therapeutically-Relevant Doses of ALN-TTRSC02

**Revusiran:** 7.5 mg/kg qd x 5 to healthy volunteers

**ALN-TTRSC02:** 50 mg (~0.83 mg/kg) single dose to healthy volunteers



- 2'-F-monomers reached steady state in plasma and urine by Day 4, indicating a half-life of ~ 1 day and therefore no accumulation with weekly or less frequent dosing

- Up to ~15 % of total monomer dose is excreted in urine, and therefore even revusiran is likely mainly excreted in oligomeric forms

# 2'-F-NTPs Are Not Polymerase Inhibitors, in Contrast to FIAU-TP

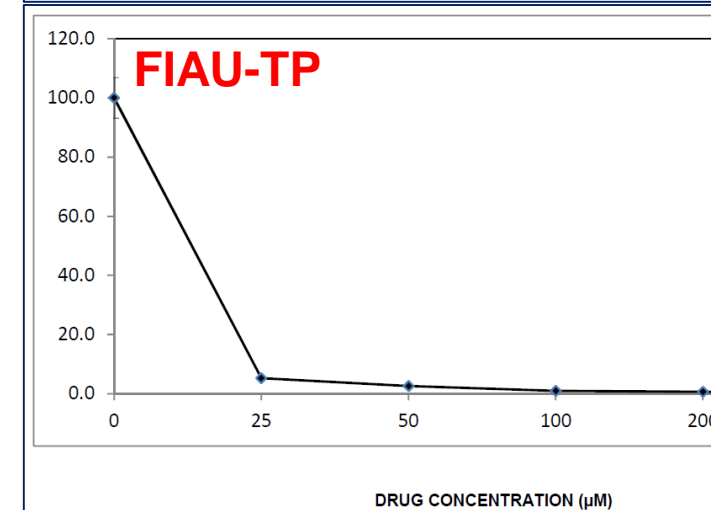
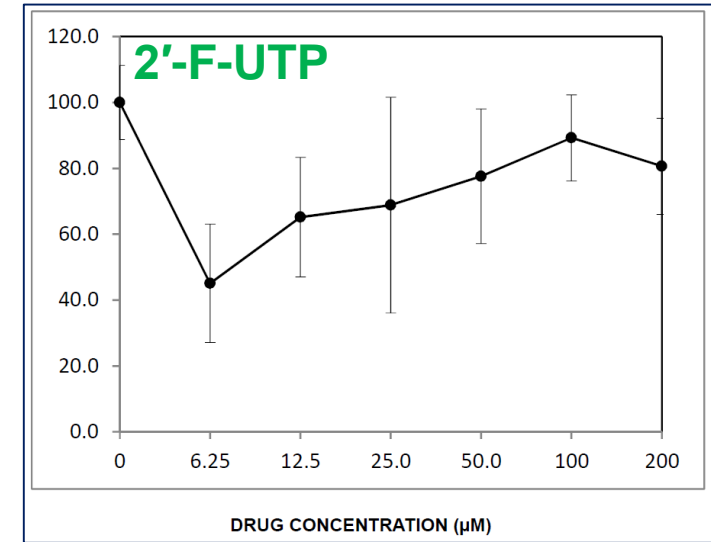
Template AGTGTGGAAAATCTCTAGCAGTGGCGCCCGAACAGGGAC

Primer ← ACCGCGGGCTTGTCCTG

1. Polymerase of interest  
dATP, dCTP, dGTP, dTTP + <sup>3</sup>H-dTTP spike  
NTP of interest
2. Incubate @ 37 °C, 1 hour
3. Precipitate DNA, wash, and count

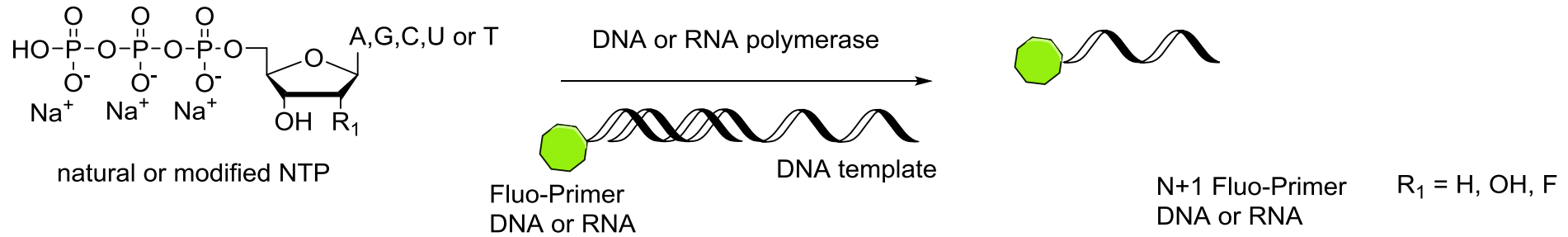
Test Article	Pol-α		Pol-β		Pol-γ	
	IC <sub>50</sub> (μM)	IC <sub>90</sub> (μM)	IC <sub>50</sub> (μM)	IC <sub>90</sub> (μM)	IC <sub>50</sub> (μM)	IC <sub>90</sub> (μM)
2'-F-ATP	> 200	> 200	175	> 200	> 200	> 200
2'-F-CTP	> 200	> 200	> 200	> 200	> 200	> 200
2'-F-GTP	> 200	> 200	> 200	> 200	> 200	> 200
2'-F-UTP	> 200	> 200	91.6	> 200	> 200	> 200
2'-F-ITP	Pending		Pending		Pending	
FIAU-TP	0.27	13.7	0.37	5.56	1.04	13.4

Pol-γ





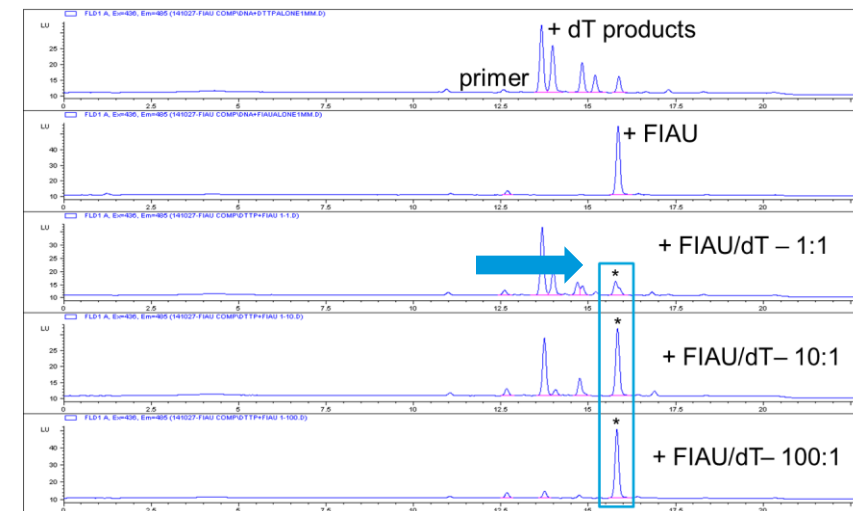
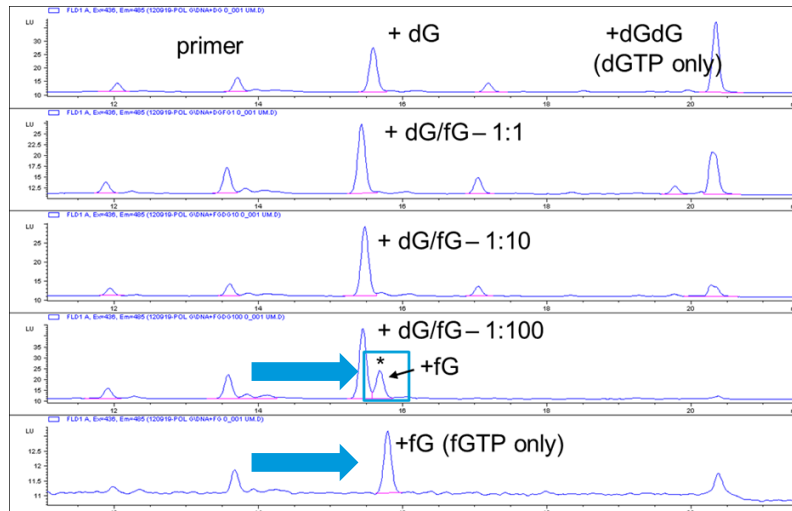
# 2'-F-NTPs Are Poor Substrates for Human Polymerases, in Contrast to FIAU-TP



**2'-F-NTPs:** Incorporation at 10-100x excess to endogenous NTPs

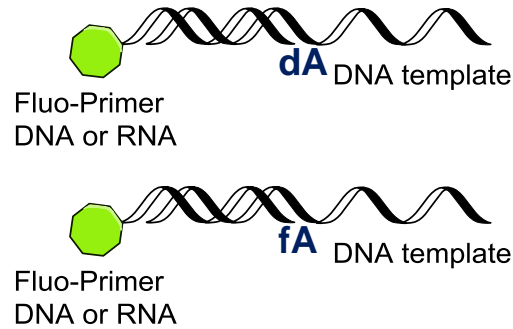
**FIAU-TP:** Incorporation at 1:1 ratio to endogenous NTPs

Pol- $\gamma$

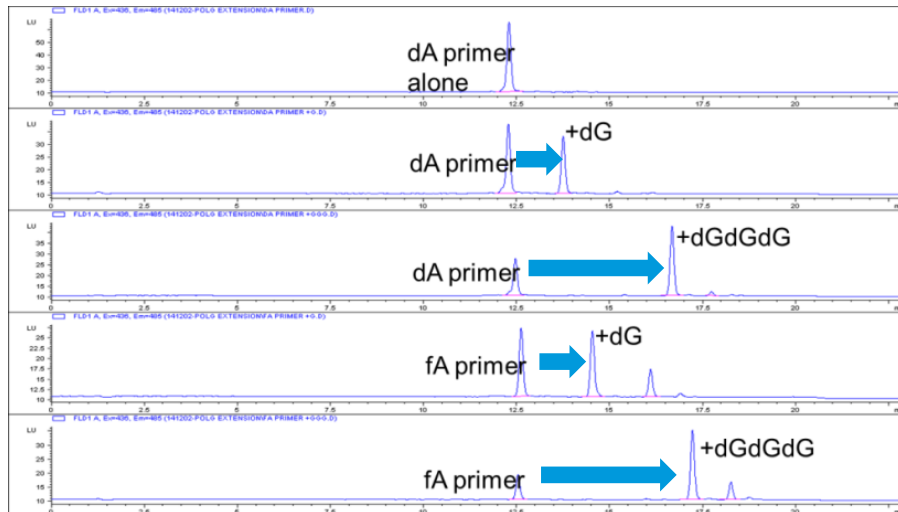


# 2'-F-Monomers Are Neither Chain Terminators Nor Non-Obligate Chain Terminators, in Contrast to FIAU-TP

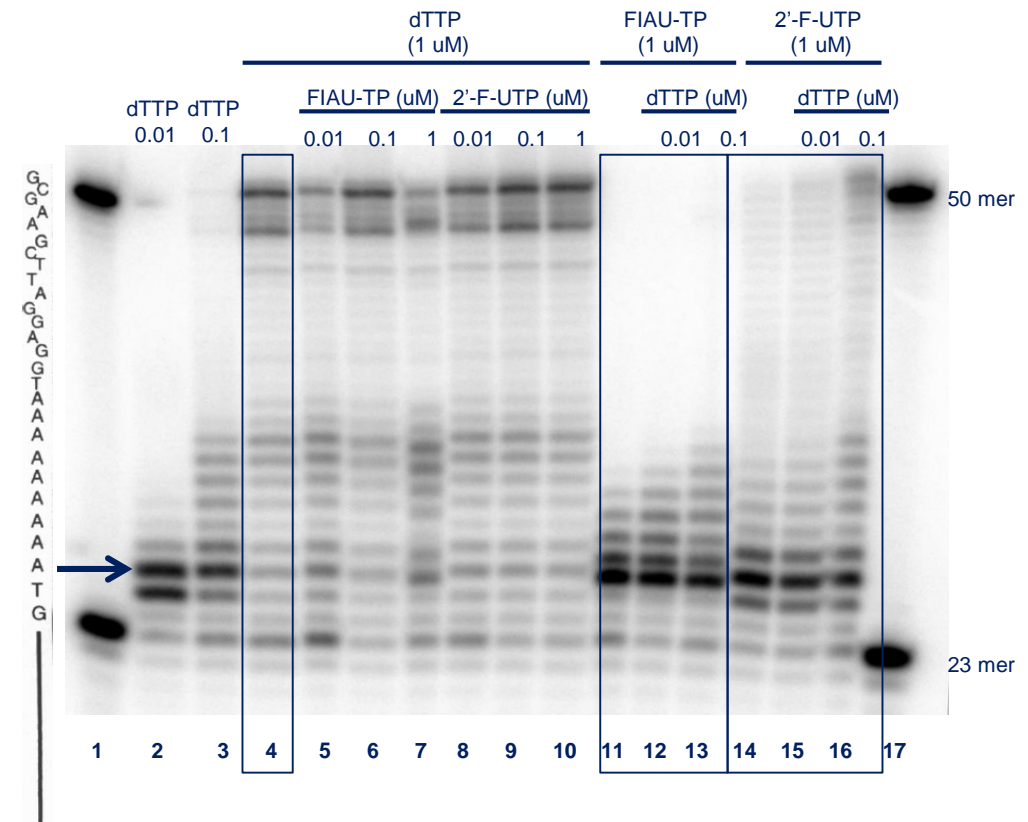
Pol- $\gamma$  primer extension is unaffected by synthetic incorporation of 2'-F-monomers



Pol- $\gamma$



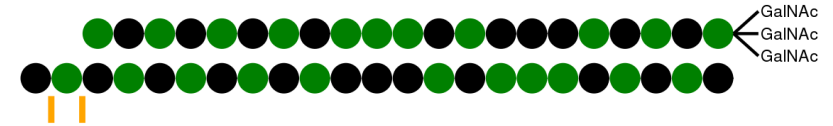
No evidence of Pol- $\gamma$  non-obligate chain termination with 2'-F-UTP



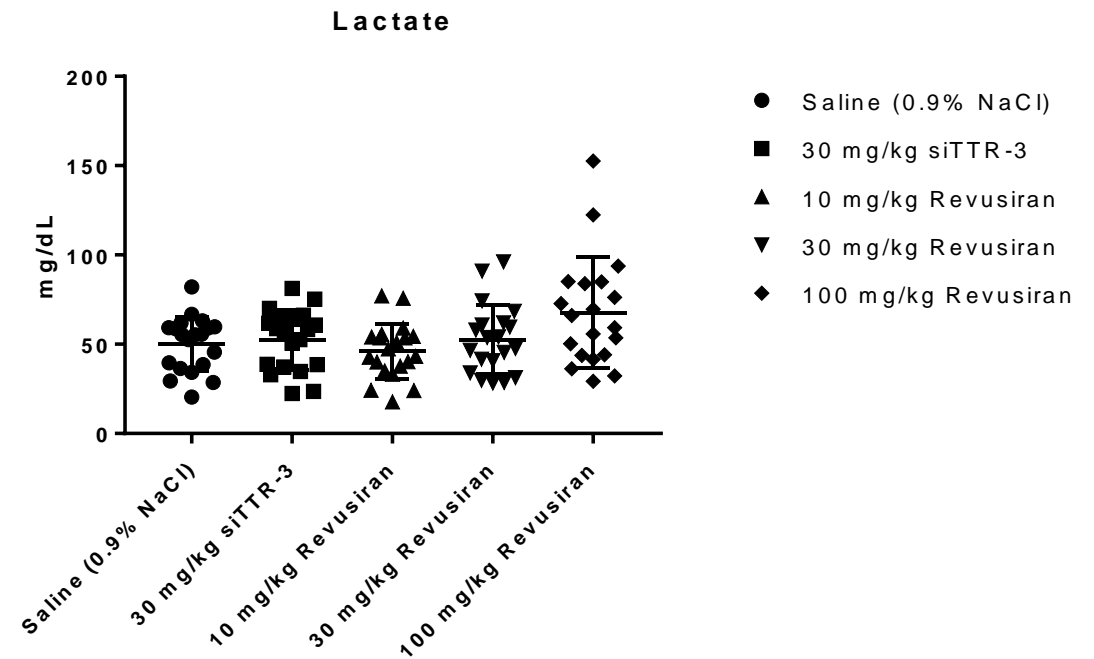
# No Apparent Functional Impact on Mitochondria in a Two-Year Rat Carcinogenicity Study with Two STC GalNAc-siRNAs

10, 30, 100 mg/kg QW subcutaneous dose of Revusiran

30 mg/kg QW subcutaneous dose of rodent surrogate siTTR-3



- No effects on tumor incidence
- No effects on overall survival
- No statistically-significant plasma lactate elevations
- Increased incidence of elongated and ring-shaped/cup-shaped mitochondria in liver and skeletal muscle but not in heart or nerve, which was considered a non-adverse adaptive response to limited nutrient availability\*
- No effects on mitochondrial cristae morphology, no mitophagy, and no mitochondrial degeneration/necrosis in all the tissues examined by TEM (liver, skeletal muscle, heart, sural nerve, dorsal root ganglia)



\*Gomes et al. Biochim Biophys Acta 1833, 205-212 (2013)

# Conclusions

**The overall risk that 2'-F-monomer metabolites of GalNAc-siRNAs mediate mitochondrial toxicity or other toxic side effects is very low**

- 2'-F-monomer generation is minimized with ESC designs with increased metabolic stability and substantially lower dose required for therapeutic activity
- Unlike known toxic nucleoside analogs (e.g. FIAU), 2'-F-NTPs of monomer metabolites of GalNAc-siRNAs are poor polymerase substrates and are unlikely to cause polymerase inhibition
  - In addition, no chain termination nor non-obligate chain termination was observed
- No apparent impact observed on mitochondrial function with chronic dosing of STC conjugates in a two-year rat study (up to 97 weekly doses of 100 mg/kg)

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