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## Description

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## Field of the Invention

[0002] This invention relates to double-stranded ribonucleic acid (dsRNA), and its use in mediating RNA interference to inhibit the expression of one of the genes of the Ebola virus and the use of the dsRNA to treat pathological processes mediated by Ebola infection, such as systemic hemorrhage and multi-organ failure.

## Background of the Invention

## Ebola Virus

[0003] Minus-strand (-) RNA viruses are major causes of human suffering that cause epidemics of serious human illness. In humans the diseases caused by these viruses include influenza (Orthomyxoviridae), mumps, measles, upper and lower respiratory tract disease (Paramyxoviridae), rabies (Rhabdoviridae), hemorrhagic fever (Filoviridae, Bunyaviridae and Arenaviridae), encephalitis (Bunyaviridae) and neurological illness (Bomaviridae). Virtually the entire human population is thought to be infected by many of these viruses.
[0004] The Ebola virus comes from the Filoviridae family, similar to the Marburg virus. It is named after the Ebola River in Zaire, Africa, near where the first outbreak was noted by Dr. Ngoy Mushola in 1976 after a significant outbreaks in both Yambuku, Zaire (now the Democratic Republic of the Congo), and Nzara, in western Sudan. Of 602 identified cases, there were 397 deaths.
[0005] The two strains identified in 1976 were named Ebola-Zaire (EBO-Z) and Ebola-Sudan (EBO-S). The outbreak in Sudan showed a lower fatality rate-50\%-compared to the $90 \%$ mortality rate of the Zaire strain. In 1990, a second, similar virus was identified in Reston, Virginia amongst monkeys imported from the Philippines, and was named EbolaReston.
[0006] Further outbreaks have occurred in Zaire/Congo (1995 and 2003), Gabon (1994, 1995 and 1996), and in Uganda (2000). A new subtype was identified from a single human case in the Côte d'Ivoire in 1994, EBO-CI.
[0007] Of around 1500 identified human Ebola infections, two-thirds of the patients have died. The animal (or other) reservoir which sustains the virus between outbreaks has not been identified.
[0008] Among humans, the Ebola virus is transmitted by direct contact with infected body fluids such as blood.
[0009] The incubation period of Ebola hemorrhagic fever varies from two days to four weeks. Symptoms are variable too, but the onset is usually sudden and characterised by high fever, prostration, myalgia, arthralgia, abdominal pains and headache. These symptoms progress to vomiting, diarrhea, oropharyngeal lesions, conjunctivitis, origan damage (notably the kidney and liver) by co-localized neurosis, proteinuria, and bleeding both internal and external, commonly through the gastrointestinal tract. Death or recovery to convalescence occurs within six to ten days of onset of symptomology.
[0010] The development of a successful therapeutic for Ebola virus is a long-sought and seemingly difficult endeavor. Although they cause only a few hundred deaths worldwide each year, filoviruses are considered a significant world health threat and have many of the characteristics commonly associated with biological weapons since they can be grown in large quantities, can be fairly stable, are highly infectious as an aerosol, and are exceptionally deadly. Filoviruses are relatively simple viruses of 19 Kb genomes and consist of seven genes which encode nucleoprotein (NP), glycoprotein (GP), four smaller viral proteins (VP24, VP30, VP35 and VP40), and the RNA-dependent RNA polymerase (L protein) all in a single strand of negative-sensed RNA. Administration of type linterferons, therapeutic vaccines, immune globulins, ribavirin, and other nucleoside analogues have been somewhat successful in rodent Ebola virus models, but not in nonhuman primate infection models.
[0011] In view of the severity of the diseases caused by (-) RNA viruses, in particular members of the Filoviridae family of viruses, and the lack of effective prevention or therapies, it is therefore an object of the present invention to provide therapeutic compounds and methods for treating a host infected with a (-) RNA virus.
[0012] Double-stranded RNA molecules (dsRNA) have been shown to block gene expression in a highly conserved regulatory mechanism known as RNA interference (RNAi). WO 99/32619 (Fire et al.) discloses the use of a dsRNA of at least 25 nucleotides in length to inhibit the expression of genes in $C$. elegans. dsRNA has also been shown to degrade target RNA in other organisms, including plants (see, e.g., WO 99/53050, Waterhouse et al., and WO 99/61631, Heifetz et al.), Drosophila (see, e.g., Yang, D., et al., Curr. Biol. (2000) 10:1191-1200), and mammals (see WO 00/44895, Limmer, and DE 10100586.5 , Kreutzer et al.). This natural mechanism has now become the focus for the development of a new class of pharmaceutical agents for treating disorders that are caused by the aberrant or unwanted regulation of a gene.
[0013] Recent reports have indicated that in vitro, RNAi may show some promising in reducing Ebola replication and providing protection in guinea pigs (Geisbert, et al., The Journal of Infectious Diseases, 193 (2006), 1650-1657). However, the RNAi agents examined were not designed against all known Ebola strains and were not selected for stability and other properties needed for in vivo therapeutic RNAi agents. Furthermore, US 2005/0058982 generically describes siRNAs directed to a target nucleotide sequence derived from Ebola virus and method of treatment using said siRNAs. The abstract Enterlein et al. (2006), Antiviral Research, 70(1):A38 relates to the use of small hairpin interfering RNA molecules (shRNAs) as antiviral strategy against Ebola virus. The review Article Morris and Rossi (2006), Gene Therapy, 13:553-558 suggests siRNAs for treating viral infections such as Ebola. Warfiled et al. (2006), PLoS Pathogens, 2(1): 5-13 uses a combination of antisense phosphorodiamidiate oligomers (PMOs) directed against the mRNA of viral proteins VP24, VP35 and RNA polymerase L of the Ebola virus to protect rodents from Ebola infection. Also Enterlein et al. (2006), 50(3):984-992 describes a 22-mer PMOs directed against the translation start region of the mRNA of the VP35 protein of the Ebola virus. Finally, WO 2006/050414 provides an anti-sense antiviral compound for the treatment of Ebola infections. One example is a morpholino oligonucleotide which hybridizes to the AUG start site region of the mRNA of the VP35 protein. Accordingly, despite significant advances in the field of RNAi, there remains a need for an agent that can selectively and efficiently silence a gene in the Ebola virus using the cell's own RNAi machinery that has both high biological activity and in vivo stability, and that can effectively inhibit replication of the Ebola virus for use in treating pathological processes mediated by Ebola infection.

## Summary of the Invention

[0014] The present invention is defined by the claims. In more detail, the present invention relates to a double-stranded ribonucleic acid (dsRNA) for use in inhibiting the expression of an Ebola virus gene in a cell, wherein said dsRNA comprises at least two sequences that are complementary to each other and wherein (a) a sense strand comprises the sequence of uGAuGAAGAuuAAGAAAAATsT, and an antisense strand comprises the sequence of uuuuUCuuAAUCuUcAUcATsT; (b) a sense strand comprises the sequence of UGAUGAAGAUUAAGAAAAATsT, and an antisense strand comprises the sequence of UUUUUCUUAAUCUUCAUCATsT; or (c) a sense strand comprises the sequence of uGAuGAAGAuuAAGAAAAATsT, and antisense strand comprises the sequence of UUUUUCUuAAUCUUcAUcATsT; wherein u is 2'-O-methyluridine-5'-phosphate, c is 2'-O-methylcytidine-5'-phosphate and sT is 2'-deoxy-thymidine-5'-phosphatephosphorothioate, and wherein said region of complementarity is between 19 and 24 nucleotides in length.
[0015] The invention thus provides said double-stranded ribonucleic acid (dsRNA), as well as compositions for inhibiting the expression of the Ebola virus in a cell or mammal using such dsRNA. The invention also provides compositions and methods for treating pathological conditions and diseases caused by Ebola viral infection, such as systemic hemorrhage and multi-organ failure. The dsRNA featured in the invention includes an RNA strand (the antisense strand) having a region which is 19-24 nucleotides in length, and is substantially complementary to at least part of an mRNA transcript of a gene from the Ebola virus.
[0016] The invention provides dsRNA molecules for inhibiting the expression of a gene of the Ebola virus and viral replication. The dsRNA comprises at least two sequences that are complementary to each other. The dsRNA comprises a sense strand comprising a first sequence and an antisense strand comprising a second sequence. The antisense strand comprises a nucleotide sequence which is substantially complementary to at least part of an mRNA encoded by a gene from the Ebola virus, and the region of complementarity is length. The dsRNA, upon contact with a cell infected with the Ebola virus, inhibits the expression of a gene from the Ebola virus by at least $40 \%$.
[0017] The dsRNA molecules of the invention include a first sequence of the dsRNA and a second sequence as defined by the claims. The dsRNA molecules featured in the invention includes naturally occurring nucleotides and includes modified nucleotides as defined by the claims, such as a 2'-O-methyl modified nucleotide, and a nucleotide comprising a 5'-phosphorothioate group. Modified nucleotide may be chosen herein from the group of: a 2'-deoxy-2'-fluoro modified nucleotide, a 2'-deoxy-modified nucleotide, a locked nucleotide, an abasic nucleotide, 2'-amino-modified nucleotide, 2'-alkyl-modified nucleotide, morpholino nucleotide, a phosphoramidate, and a non-natural base comprising nucleotide. Generally, such modified sequence will be based on a first sequence of said dsRNA selected from the group consisting
of the sense sequences of Table 2 and a second sequence selected from the group corisisting of the antisense sequences of Table 2.
[0018] In another embodiment, the invention provides a cell having a dsRNA of the invention. The cell is generally a mammalian cell, such as a human cell.
[0019] In another embodiment, the invention provides a pharmaceutical composition for use in inhibiting the replication of the Ebola virus in an organism, generally a human subject. The composition includes one or more of the dsRNA of the invention and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier or delivery vehicle.
[0020] Also described herein is a method for inhibiting the expression of a gene in the Ebola virus in a cell, including the following steps:
(a) introducing into the cell a double-stranded ribonucleic acid (dsRNA), wherein the dsRNA includes at least two sequences that are complementary to each other. The dsRNA includes a sense strand having a first sequence and an antisense strand having a second sequence. The antisense strand includes a region of complementarity which is substantially complementary to at least a part of an mRNA encoded by the Ebola Virus, and wherein the region of complementarity is less than 30 nucleotides in length, generally 19-24 nucleotides in length, and optionally, wherein the dsRNA, upon contact with a cell infected with the Ebola virus, inhibits expression of a gene from the Ebola virus by at least $40 \%$, such as in an assay described herein (e.g., a fluorscence-based assay); and
(b) maintaining the cell produced in step (a) for a time sufficient to obtain degradation of the mRNA transcript of a Ebola gene, thereby inhibiting expression of a gene from the Ebola virus in the cell.
[0021] Furthermore described herein are methods for treating, preventing or managing pathological processes mediated by Ebola infection, such as systemic hemorrhage and multi-organ failure, comprising administering to a patient in need of such treatment, prevention or management a therapeutically or prophylactically effective amount of one or more of the dsRNAs of the invention.
[0022] Also described herein are vectors for inhibiting the expression of a gene of the Ebola virus in a cell, comprising a regulatory sequence operably linked to a nucleotide sequence that encodes at least one strand of a dsRNA of the invention.
[0023] Moreover is described herein a cell comprising a vector for inhibiting the expression of a gene of the Ebola virus in a cell. The vector comprises a regulatory sequence operably linked to a nucleotide sequence that encodes at least one strand of a dsRNA of the invention.
[0024] Also described herein is a method of increasing the life-span of a subject (e.g., a mammal, such as a human or nonhuman primate) infected with an Ebola virus. The method includes administering a dsRNA to the subject, where the dsRNA includes an antisense RNA strand having a region which is less than 30 nucleotides in length, generally 19-24 nucleotides in length, and is substantially complementary to at least part of an mRNA transcript of a gene from the Ebola virus. The dsRNA is administered in an amount sufficient to increase the lifespan of the subject. The dsRNA may include an antisense RNA strand having a region that is substantially complementary to at least part of an mRNA transcript of a gene selected from the VP30, VP35, NP, L, VP24, VP40 and GP genes. The dsRNA may include an antisense RNA strand having a region that is substantially complementary to at least part of an mRNA transcript of the VP35 gene. The subject may not experience a decrease in one or both of lymphocyte or platelet count after administration of the dsRNA. Alternatively, the subject does not experience an increase in cytokine levels (e.g., IFN-alpha or TNFalpha levels).
[0025] Also described herein is a method of decreasing viral titre in a subject (e.g., a mammal, such as a human or nonhuman primate) infected with an Ebola virus. The method includes administering a dsRNA to the subject, where the dsRNA includes an antisense RNA strand having a region which is less than 30 nucleotides in length, generally 19-24 nucleotides in length, and is substantially complementary to at least part of an mRNA transcript of a gene from the Ebola virus. The dsRNA may include an antisense RNA strand having a region that is substantially complementary to at least part of an mRNA transcript of the VP35 gene. The subject may experience a decrease in one or both of lymphocyte or platelet count after administration of the dsRNA. Alternatively, the subject does not experience an increase in cytokine levels (e.g., IFN-alpha or TNF-alpha levels).
[0026] Furthermore described herein is a method of sustaining lymphocyte or platelet count in a mammal (e.g., a human or nonhuman primate) infected with an Ebola virus. The method includes administering a dsRNA to the subject, where the dsRNA includes an antisense RNA strand having a region which is less than 30 nucleotides in length, generally 19-24 nucleotides in length, and is substantially complementary to at least part of an mRNA transcript of a gene from the Ebola virus. The dsRNA may include an antisense RNA strand having a region that is substantially complementary to at least part of an mRNA transcript of the VP35 gene. The subject may not experience an increase in cytokine levels (e.g., IFN-alpha or TNF-alpha levels).

## Brief Description of the Figures

[0027]

FIG. 1 is a graph showing that siRNAs formulated with lipidoid LNP01 protected mice from a lethal Ebola virus challenge.

FIG. 2 is a graph showing that a single injection of a liposomally formulated siRNA delivered by ip or iv protected mice from a lethal Ebola challenge. VP35 siRNA was AD-11570

FIG. 3 is the structure of NP98 lipid.

FIG. 4 is a graph showing that siRNAs formulated with DODMA protected mice from a lethal Ebola virus challenge.
FIG. 5 is a graph showing that siRNAs formulated with DODMA were effective down to $0.04 \mathrm{mg} / \mathrm{kg}$ to protect mice injected with Ebola.

FIG. 6 is a graph showing that siRNAs formulated with DODMA were effective to protect guinea pigs from a lethal Ebola virus challenge.

FIG. 7 is a graph showing the efficacy of siRNAs against different Ebola genes formulated with DODMA in a guinea pig model of Ebola.

FIG. 8 is a graph presenting the observed decrease in viral titers in the serum of mice following administration of LNP01-formulated VP35 siRNA.

## Detailed Description of the Invention

[0028] The invention provides double-stranded ribonucleic acid (dsRNA) as defined by the claims, as well as compositions and methods for inhibiting the expression of a gene from the Ebola virus in a cell or mammal using the dsRNA. The invention also provides compositions and methods for treating pathological conditions and diseases in a mammal caused by Ebola infection using dsRNA. dsRNA directs the sequence-specific degradation of mRNA through a process known as RNA interference (RNAi).
[0029] The dsRNA of the invention as defined by the claims comprises an RNA strand (the antisense strand) having a region which is 19-24 nucleotides in length, and is substantially complementary to at least part of an mRNA transcript of a gene from the Ebola virus. The use of these dsRNAs enables the targeted degradation of mRNAs of genes that are implicated in replication and or maintenance of Ebola infection and the occurance of systemic hemorrhage and multiorgan failure in a subject infected with the Ebola virus. Using cell-based and animal assays, the present inventors have demonstrated that very low dosages of these dsRNA can specifically and efficiently mediate RNAi, resulting in significant inhibition of expression of a gene from the Ebola virus. Thus, the compositions of the invention comprising these dsRNAs are useful for treating pathological processes mediated by Ebolaviral infection by targeting a gene involved in Ebola relication and/or maintainance in a cell.
[0030] The following detailed description discloses how to make and use the dsRNA and compositions containing dsRNA to inhibit the expression of a gene from the Ebola virus, as well as compositions and methods for treating diseases and disorders caused by the infection with the Ebola virus, such as systemic hemorrhage and multi-organ failure. The pharmaceutical compositions of the invention comprise a dsRNAs having an antisense strand comprising a region of complementarity which is less than 30 nucleotides in length, generally 19-24 nucleotides in length, and is substantially complementary to at least part of an RNA transcript of a gene from the Ebola virus, together with a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.
[0031] Accordingly, certain aspects of the invention provide pharmaceutical compositions comprising the dsRNA of the invention together with a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier, methods of using the compositions to inhibit expression of a gene in a gene from the Ebola virus, and methods of using the pharmaceutical compositions to treat diseases caused by infection with the Ebola virus.

## I. Definitions

[0032] For convenience, the meaning of certain terms and phrases used in the specification, examples, and appended claims, are provided below. If there is an apparent discrepancy between the usage of a term in other parts of this

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specification and its definition provided in this section, the definition in this section shall prevail.
[0033] "G," "C," "A" and "U" each generally stand for a nucleotide that contains guanine, cytosine, adenine, and uracil as a base, respectively. However, it will be understood that the term "ribonucleotide" or "nucleotide" can also refer to a modified nucleotide, as further detailed below, or a surrogate replacement moiety. The skilled person is well aware that guanine, cytosine, adenine, and uracil may be replaced by other moieties without substantially altering the base pairing properties of an oligonucleotide comprising a nucleotide bearing such replacement moiety. For example, without limitation, a nucleotide comprising inosine as its base may base pair with nucleotides containing adenine, cytosine, or uracil. Hence, nucleotides containing uracil, guanine, or adenine may be replaced in the nucleotide sequences of the invention by a nucleotide containing, for example, inosine. Sequences comprising such replacement moieties are embodiments of the invention.
[0034] As used herein, "Ebola viruses", are members of the family Filoviridae, are associated with outbreaks of highly lethal hemorrhagic fever in humans and nonhuman primates. Human pathogens include Ebola Zaire, Ebola Sudan, and Ebola Ivory Coast. Ebola Reston is a monkey pathogen and is not considered a significant human pathogen. The natural reservoir of the virus is unknown and there are currently no available vaccines or effective therapeutic treatments for filovirus infections. The genome of Ebola virus consists of a single strand of negative sense RNA that is approximately 19 kb in length. This RNA contains seven sequentially arranged genes that produce 8 mRNAs upon infection. Ebola virions, like virions of other filoviruses, contain seven proteins: a surface glycoprotein (GP), a nucleoprotein (NP), four virion structural proteins (VP40, VP35, VP30, and VP24), and an RNA-dependent RNA polymerase (L) (Feldmann et al. (1992) Virus Res. 24, 1-19; Sanchez et al., (1993) Virus Res. 29, 215-240; reviewed in Peters et al. (1996) In Fields Viroloqy, Third ed. pp. 1161-1176. Fields, B. N., Knipe, D. M., Howley, P. M., et al. eds. Lippincott-Raven Publishers, Philadelphia). The glycoprotein of Ebola virus is unusual in that it is encoded in two open reading frames. Transcriptional editing is needed to express the transmembrane form that is incorporated into the virion (Sanchez et al. (1996) Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA 93, 3602-3607; Volchkov et al, (1995) Virology 214, 421-430).
[0035] As used herein, "target sequence" refers to a contiguous portion of the nucleotide sequence of an mRNA molecule formed during the transcription of a gene from the Ebola virus, including mRNA that is a product of RNA processing of a primary transcription product.
[0036] As used herein, the term "strand comprising a sequence" refers to an oligonucleotide comprising a chain of nucleotides that is described by the sequence referred to using the standard nucleotide nomenclature.
[0037] As used herein, and unless otherwise indicated, the term "complementary," when used to describe a first nucleotide sequence in relation to a second nucleotide sequence, refers to the ability of an oligonucleotide or polynucleotide comprising the first nucleotide sequence to hybridize and form a duplex structure under certain conditions with an oligonucleotide or polynucleotide comprising the second nucleotide sequence, as will be understood by the skilled person. Such conditions can, for example, be stringent conditions, where stringent conditions may include: 400 mM $\mathrm{NaCl}, 40 \mathrm{mM}$ PIPES $\mathrm{pH} 6.4,1 \mathrm{mM}$ EDTA, $50^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ or $70^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ for $12-16$ hours followed by washing. Other conditions, such as physiologically relevant conditions as may be encountered inside an organism, can apply. The skilled person will be able to determine the set of conditions most appropriate for a test of complementarity of two sequences in accordance with the ultimate application of the hybridized nucleotides.
[0038] This includes base-pairing of the oligonucleotide or polynucleotide comprising the first nucleotide sequence to the oligonucleotide or polynucleotide comprising the second nucleotide sequence over the entire length of the first and second nucleotide sequence. Such sequences can be referred to as "fully complementary" with respect to each other herein. However, where a first sequence is referred to as "substantially complementary" with respect to a second sequence herein, the two sequences can be fully complementary, or they may form one or more, but generally not more than 4 , 3 or 2 mismatched base pairs upon hybridization, while retaining the ability to hybridize under the conditions most relevant to their ultimate application. However, where two oligonucleotides are designed to form, upon hybridization, one or more single stranded overhangs, such overhangs shall not be regarded as mismatches with regard to the determination of complementarity. For example, a dsRNA comprising one oligonucleotide 21 nucleotides in length and another oligonucleotide 23 nucleotides in length, wherein the longer oligonucleotide comprises a sequence of 21 nucleotides that is fully complementary to the shorter oligonucleotide, may yet be referred to as "fully complementary" for the purposes of the invention.
[0039] "Complementary" sequences, as used herein, may also include, or be formed entirely from, non-Watson-Crick base pairs and/or base pairs formed from non-natural and modified nucleotides, in as far as the above requirements with respect to their ability to hybridize are fulfilled.
[0040] The terms "complementary", "fully complementary" and "substantially complementary" herein may be used with respect to the base matching between the sense strand and the antisense strand of a dsRNA, or between the antisense strand of a dsRNA and a target sequence, as will be understood from the context of their use.
[0041] As used herein, a polynucleotide which is "substantially complementary to at least part of" a messenger RNA (mRNA) refers to a polynucleotide which is substantially complementary to a contiguous portion of the mRNA of interest (e.g., encoding Ebola). For example, a polynucleotide is complementary to at least a part of a Ebola mRNA if the sequence
is substantially complementary to a non-interrupted portion of a mRNA encoding Ebola.
[0042] The term "double-stranded RNA" or "dsRNA," as used herein, refers to a complex of ribonucleic acid molecules, having a duplex structure comprising two anti-parallel and substantially complementary, as defined above, nucleic acid strands,. The two strands forming the duplex structure may be different portions of one larger RNA molecule, or they may be separate RNA molecules. Where the two strands are part of one larger molecule, and therefore are connected by an uninterrupted chain of nucleotides between the 3 '-end of one strand and the 5 'end of the respective other strand forming the duplex structure, the connecting RNA chain is referred to as a "hairpin loop". Where the two strands are connected covalently by means other than an uninterrupted chain of nucleotides between the 3'-end of one strand and the 5'end of the respective other strand forming the duplex structure, the connecting structure is referred to as a "linker". The RNA strands may have the same or a different number of nucleotides. The maximum number of base pairs is the number of nucleotides in the shortest strand of the dsRNA minus any overhangs that are present in the duplex. In addition to the duplex structure, a dsRNA may comprise one or more nucleotide overhangs. dsRNA as used herein are also referred to as "siRNAs (short interfering RNAs).
[0043] As used herein, a "nucleotide overhang" refers to the unpaired nucleotide or nucleotides that protrude from the duplex structure of a dsRNA when a 3'-end of one strand of the dsRNA extends beyond the 5'-end of the other strand, or vice versa. "Blunt" or "blunt end" means that there are no unpaired nucleotides at that end of the dsRNA, i.e., no nucleotide overhang. A "blunt ended" dsRNA is a dsRNA that is double-stranded over its entire length, i.e., no nucleotide overhang at either end of the molecule.
[0044] The term "antisense strand" refers to the strand of a dsRNA which includes a region that is substantially complementary to a target sequence. As used herein, the term "region of complementarity" refers to the region on the antisense strand that is substantially complementary to a sequence, for example a target sequence, as defined herein. Where the region of complementarity is not fully complementary to the target sequence, the mismatches are most tolerated in the terminal regions and, if present, are generally in a terminal region or regions, e.g., within $6,5,4,3$, or 2 nucleotides of the 5' and/or 3' terminus.
[0045] The term "sense strand," as used herein, refers to the strand of a dsRNA that includes a region that is substantially complementary to a region of the antisense strand.
[0046] "Introducing into a cell", when referring to a dsRNA, means facilitating uptake or absorption into the cell, as is understood by those skilled in the art. Absorption or uptake of dsRNA can occur through unaided diffusive or active cellular processes, or by auxiliary agents or devices. The meaning of this term is not limited to cell in vitro: a dsRNA may also be "introduced into a cell", wherein the cell is part of a living organism. In such instance, introduction into the cell will include the delivery to the organism. For example, for in vivo delivery, dsRNA can be injected into a tissue site or administered systemically. In vitro introduction into a cell includes methods known in the art such as electroporation and lipofection.
[0047] The terms "silence" and "inhibit the expression of, in as far as they refer to a gene from the Ebola virus, herein refer to the at least partial suppression of the expression of a gene from the Ebola virus, as manifested by a reduction of the amount of mRNA transcribed from a gene from the Ebola virus which may be isolated from a first cell or group of cells in which a gene from the Ebola virus is transcribed and which has or have been treated such that the expression of a gene from the Ebola virus is inhibited, as compared to a second cell or group of cells substantially identical to the first cell or group of cells but which has or have not been so treated (control cells). The degree of inhibition is usually expressed in terms of

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\frac{(\text { mRNA in control cells })-\text { (mRNA in treated cells) }}{(\text { mRNA in control cells })}
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[0048] Alternatively, the degree of inhibition may be given in terms of a reduction of a parameter that is functionally linked to Ebola genome transcription, e.g. the amount of protein encoded by a gene from the Ebola virus, or the number of cells displaying a certain phenotype, e.g infection with the Ebola virus. In principle, Ebola genome silencing may be determined in any cell expressing the target, either constitutively or by genomic engineering, and by any appropriate assay. However, when a reference is needed in order to determine whether a given dsRNA inhibits the expression of a gene from the Ebola virus by a certain degree and therefore is encompassed by the instant invention, the assay provided in the Examples below shall serve as such reference.
[0049] For example, in certain instances, expression of a gene from the Ebola virus is suppressed by at least about $20 \%, 25 \%, 35 \%$, or $50 \%$ by administration of the double-stranded oligonucleotide of the invention. A gene from the Ebola virus may be suppressed by at least about $60 \%, 70 \%$, or $80 \%$ by administration of the double-strande oligonucleotide of the invention. A gene from the Ebola virus may be suppressed by at least about $85 \%, 90 \%$, or $95 \%$ by administration of the double-stranded oligonucleotide of the invention.
[0050] As used herein in the context of Ebola expression, the terms "treat", "treatment", and the like, refer to relief

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from or alleviation of pathological processes mediated by Ebola infection. In the context of the present invention insofar as it relates to any of the other conditions recited herein below (other than pathological processes mediated by Ebola expression), the terms "treat", "treatment", and the like mean to relieve or alleviate at least one symptom associated with such condition, or to slow or reverse the progression of such condition, or to reduce the amount of virus present in

## the infected subject.

[0051] As used herein, the phrases "therapeutically effective amount" and "prophylactically effective amount" refer to an amount that provides a therapeutic benefit in the treatment, prevention, or management of pathological processes mediated by Ebola infection or an overt symptom of pathological processes mediated by Ebola expression or the amount virus present in the patient. The specific amount that is therapeutically effective can be readily determined by ordinary medical practitioner, and may vary depending on factors known in the art, such as, e.g. the type of pathological processes mediated by Ebola infection, the patient's history and age, the stage of pathological processes mediated by Ebola infection, and the administration of other anti-pathological processes mediated by Ebola infection.
[0052] As used herein, a "pharmaceutical composition" comprises a pharmacologically effective amount of a dsRNA and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier. As used herein, "pharmacologically effective amount," "therapeutically effective amount" or simply "effective amount" refers to that amount of an RNA effective to produce the intended pharmacological, therapeutic or preventive result. For example, if a given clinical treatment is considered effective when there is at least a $25 \%$ reduction in a measurable parameter associated with a disease or disorder, a therapeutically effective amount of a drug for the treatment of that disease or disorder is the amount necessary to effect at least a $25 \%$ reduction in that parameter. Further, the pharmaceutical composition can be designed to enhance targeting cells involved in Ebola infection such as dendritic cells, macrophages, hepatocytes, and other parenchymal cells.
[0053] The term "pharmaceutically acceptable carrier" refers to a carrier for administration of a therapeutic agent. Such carriers include, but are not limited to, saline, buffered saline, dextrose, water, glycerol, ethanol, and combinations thereof. The term specifically excludes cell culture medium. For drugs administered orally, pharmaceutically acceptable carriers include, but are not limited to pharmaceutically acceptable excipients such as inert diluents, disintegrating agents, binding agents, lubricating agents, sweetening agents, flavoring agents, coloring agents and preservatives. Suitable inert diluents include sodium and calcium carbonate, sodium and calcium phosphate, and lactose, while corn starch and alginic acid are suitable disintegrating agents. Binding agents may include starch and gelatin, while the lubricating agent, if present, will generally be magnesium stearate, stearic acid or talc. If desired, the tablets may be coated with a material such as glyceryl monostearate or glyceryl distearate, to delay absorption in the gastrointestinal tract.
[0054] As used herein, a "transformed cell" is a cell into which a vector has been introduced from which a dsRNA molecule may be expressed.

## II. Double-stranded ribonucleic acid (dsRNA)

[0055] In one embodiment, the invention provides double-stranded ribonucleic acid (dsRNA) molecules as defined by the claims for inhibiting the expression of a gene from the Ebola virus in a cell or mammal, wherein the dsRNA comprises an antisense strand comprising a region of complementarity which is complementary to at least a part of an mRNA formed in the expression of a gene from the Ebola virus, and wherein the region of complementarity is 19-24 nucleotides in length, and wherein said dsRNA, upon contact with a cell expressing the gene from the Ebola virus, inhibits the expression of the Ebola virus gene by at least $40 \%$.
[0056] The dsRNA comprises two RNA strands that are sufficiently complementary to hybridize to form a duplex structure. In general terms, one strand of the dsRNA (the antisense strand) comprises a region of complementarity that is substantially complementary, and generally fully complementary, to a target sequence, derived from the sequence of an mRNA formed during the expression of a gene from the Ebola virus, the other strand (the sense strand) comprises a region which is complementary to the antisense strand, such that the two strands hybridize and form a duplex structure when combined under suitable conditions. Generally, the duplex structure is between 15 and 30 , more generally between 18 and 25 , yet more generally between 19 and 24 , and most generally between 19 and 21 base pairs in length. Similarly, the region of complementarity to the target sequence is between 15 and 30 , more generally between 18 and 25 , yet more generally between 19 and 24, and most generally between 19 and 21 nucleotides in length. The dsRNA of the invention may further comprise one or more single-stranded nucleotide overhang(s).
[0057] The dsRNA can be synthesized by standard methods known in the art as further discussed below, e.g., by use of an automated DNA synthesizer, such as are commercially available from, for example, Biosearch, Applied Biosystems, Inc. A gene from the Ebola virus may be the from human Ebola genome.
[0058] The skilled person is well aware that dsRNAs comprising a duplex structure of between 20 and 23 , but specifically 21, base pairs have been hailed as particularly effective in inducing RNA interference (Elbashir et al., EMBO 2001, 20: 6877-6888). However, others have found that shorter or longer dsRNAs can be effective as well. For example, by virtue of the nature of the oligonucleotide sequences provided in Table 2, the dsRNAs of the invention can comprise at least one strand of a length of minimally 21 nucleotides. It can be reasonably expected that shorter dsRNAs comprising one

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of the sequences of Table 2 minus only a few nucleotides on one or both ends may be similarly effective as compared to the dsRNAs described above. Hence, dsRNAs comprising a partial sequence of at least $15,16,17,18,19,20$, or more contiguous nucleotides from one of the sequences of Table 2, and differing in their ability to inhibit the expression of a gene from the Ebola virus in a FACS assay as described herein below by not more than 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, or $30 \%$ inhibition from a dsRNA comprising the full sequence, are contemplated by the invention. Further dsRNAs that cleave within the target sequence provided in Table 2 can readily be made using the Ebola virus sequence and the target sequence provided.
[0059] The dsRNA of the invention can contain one or more mismatches to the target sequence. In one embodiment, the dsRNA of the invention contains no more than 3 mismatches. If the antisense strand of the dsRNA contains mismatches to a target sequence, it is preferable that the area of mismatch not be located in the center of the region of complementarity. If the antisense strand of the dsRNA contains mismatches to the target sequence, it is preferable that the mismatch be restricted to 5 nucleotides from either end, for example $5,4,3,2$, or 1 nucleotide from either the $5^{\prime}$ or 3 ' end of the region of complementarity. For example, for a 23 nucleotide dsRNA strand which is complementary to a region of a gene from the Ebola virus, the dsRNA generally does not contain any mismatch within the central 13 nucleotides. The methods described within the invention can be used to determine whether a dsRNA containing a mismatch to a target sequence is effective in inhibiting the expression of a gene from the Ebola virus. Consideration of the efficacy of dsRNAs with mismatches in inhibiting expression of a gene from the Ebola virus is important, especially if the particular region of complementarity in a gene from the Ebola virus is known to have polymorphic sequence variation within the population.
[0060] At least one end of the dsRNA may have a single-stranded nucleotide overhang of 1 to 4 , generally I or 2 nucleotides. dsRNAs having at least one nucleotide overhang have unexpectedly superior inhibitory properties than their blunt-ended counterparts. Moreover, the present inventors have discovered that the presence of only one nucleotide overhang strengthens the interference activity of the dsRNA, without affecting its overall stability. dsRNA having only one overhang has proven particularly stable and effective in vivo, as well as in a variety of cells, cell culture mediums, blood, and serum. Generally, the single-stranded overhang is located at the 3'-terminal end of the antisense strand or, alternatively, at the 3'-terminal end of the sense strand. The dsRNA may also have a blunt end, generally located at the 5 '-end of the antisense strand. Such dsRNAs have improved stability and inhibitory activity, thus allowing administration at low dosages, i.e., less than $5 \mathrm{mg} / \mathrm{kg}$ body weight of the recipient per day. Generally, the antisense strand of the dsRNA has a nucleotide overhang at the 3 '-end, and the 5 -end is blunt. Furthermore, one or more of the nucleotides in the overhang may be replaced with a nucleoside thiophosphate.
[0061] In accordance with the invention the dsRNA is chemically modified to enhance stability. The nucleic acids of the invention may be synthesized and/or modified by methods well established in the art, such as those described in "Current protocols in nucleic acid chemistry", Beaucage, S.L. et al. (Edrs.), John Wiley \& Sons, Inc., New York, NY, USA. Specific examples of dsRNA compounds useful in this invention include dsRNAs containing modified backbones or no natural internucleoside linkages. As defined in this specification, dsRNAs 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 dsRNAs that do not have a phosphorus atom in their internucleoside backbone can also be considered to be oligonucleosides.
[0062] Preferred modified dsRNA backbones include, for example, phosphorothioates, chiral phosphorothioates, phosphorodithioates, phosphotriesters, aminoalkylphosphotriesters, methyl and other alkyl phosphonates including 3'alkylene phosphonates and chiral phosphonates, phosphinates, phosphoramidates including 3'-amino phosphoramidate and aminoalkylphosphoramidates, thionophosphoramidates, thionoalkylphosphonates, thionoalkylphosphotriesters, and boranophosphates having normal $3^{\prime}-5^{\prime}$ linkages, $2^{\prime}-5^{\prime}$ linked analogs of these, and those) having inverted polarity wherein the adjacent pairs of nucleoside units are linked $3^{\prime}-55^{\prime}$ to $5^{\prime}-3^{\prime}$ or $2^{\prime}-5^{\prime}$ to $5^{\prime}-2^{\prime}$. Various salts, mixed salts and free acid forms are also included.
[0063] Representative U.S. patents that teach the preparation of the above phosphorus-containing linkages include, but are not limited to, U.S. Pat. Nos. 3,687,808; 4,469,863; 4,476,301; 5,023,243; 5,177,195; 5,188,897; 5,264,423; $5,276,019 ; 5,278,302 ; 5,286,717 ; 5,321,131 ; 5,399,676 ; 5,405,939 ; 5,453,496 ; 5,455,233 ; 5,466,677 ; 5,476,925$; $5,519,126 ; 5,536,821 ; 5,541,316 ; 5,550,111 ; 5,563,253 ; 5,571,799 ; 5,587,361$; and $5,625,050$.
[0064] Preferred modified dsRNA backbones that do not include a phosphorus atom therein have backbones that are formed by short chain alkyl or cycloalkyl internucleoside linkages, mixed heteroatoms and alkyl or cycloalkyl internucleoside linkages, or ore or more short chain heteroatomic or heterocyclic internucleoside linkages. These include those having morpholino linkages (formed in part from the sugar portion of a nucleoside); siloxane backbones; sulfide, sulfoxide and sulfone backbones; formacetyl and thioformacetyl backbones; methylene formacetyl and thioformacetyl backbones; alkene containing backbones; sulfamate backbones; methyleneimino and methylenehydrazino backbones; sulfonate and sulfonamide backbones; amide backbones; and others having mixed $\mathrm{N}, \mathrm{O}, \mathrm{S}$ and CH 2 component parts.
[0065] Representative U.S. patents that teach the preparation of the above oligonucleosides include, but are not limited to, U.S. Pat. Nos. 5,034,506; 5,166,315; 5,185,444; 5,214,134; 5,216,141; 5,235,033; 5,64,562; 5,264,564; 5,405,938;
$5,434,257 ; 5,466,677 ; 5,470,967 ; 5,489,677 ; 5,541,307 ; 5,561,225 ; 5,596,086 ; 5,602,240 ; 5,608,046 ; 5,610,289$; $5,618,704 ; 5,623,070 ; 5,663,312 ; 5,633,360 ; 5.677,437$; and, 5,677,439.
[0066] In other certain dsRNA 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 dsRNA 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 dsRNA is replaced with an amide containing backbone, in particular an aminoethylglycine backbone. The nucleobases are retained and are bound directly or indirectly to aza nitrogen atoms of the amide portion of the backbone. Representative U.S. patents that teach the preparation of PNA compounds include, but are not limited to, U.S. Pat. Nos. 5,539,082; $5,714,331$; and $5,719,262$. Further teaching of PNA compounds can be found in Nielsen et al., Science, 1991, 254, 1497-1500.
[0067] dsRNAs may include phosphorothioate backbones and oligonucleosides with heteroatom backbones, and in particular --CH.sub.2--NH-CH.sub.2--, --CH.sub.2--N(CH.sub.3)--O--CH.sub.2--[known as a methylene (methylimino) or MMI backbone], --CH.sub.2--O--N(CH.sub.3)--CH.sub.2--, --CH.sub.2--N(CH.sub.3)-N(CH.sub.3)--CH.sub.2-- and -$\mathrm{N}(\mathrm{CH}$. sub.3)--CH.sub-2--CH.sub.2--[wherein the native phosphodiester backbone is represented as --O--P-O--CH.suh. 2--] of the above-referenced U.S. Pat. No. $5,489,677$ and the amide backbones of the above-referenced U.S. Pat. No. $5,602,240$. Further dsRNAs may have morpholino backbone structures of the above-referenced U.S. Pat. No. 5,034,506.
[0068] Modified dsRNAs may also contain one or more substituted sugar moieties. In some embodiment, thedsRNAs include one of the following at the 2' position: OH; F; O-, S-, or N-alkyl; O-, S-, or N-alkenyl; O-, S- or N-alkynyl; or O-alkyl-O-alkyl, wherein the alkyl, alkenyl and alkynyl may be substituted or unsubstituted C.sub. 1 to C.sub. 100 alkyl or C.sub. 2 to C.sub. 10 alkenyl and alkynyl. Particularly preferred are $\mathrm{O}[(\mathrm{CH}$. sub.2).sub.nO].sub.mCH.sub.3, $\mathrm{O}(\mathrm{CH} . \mathrm{sub}$. 2).sub.nOCH.sub.3, $\mathrm{O}(\mathrm{CH}$. sub.2).sub.nNH.sub.2, $\mathrm{O}(\mathrm{CH}$. sub.2).sub.nCH.sub.3, $\mathrm{O}(\mathrm{CH}$. sub.2).sub.nONH.sub.2, and $O$ (CH.sub.2).sub.nON[(CH.sub.2).sub.nCH.su-b.3)].sub.2, where $n$ and $m$ are from 1 to about 10. Other preferred dsRNAs comprise one of the following at the 2' position: C.sub. 1 to C.sub. 10 lower alkyl, substituted lower alkyl, alkaryl, aralkyl, O-alkaryl or O-aralkyl, SH, SCH.sub.3, OCN, CI, Br, CN, CF.sub.3, OCF.sub.3, SOCH.sub.3, SO.sub.2CH.sub.3, ONO.sub.2, NO.sub.2, N.sub.3, NH.sub.2, heterocycloalkyl, heterocycloalkaryl, aminoalkylamino, polyalkylamino, substituted silyl, an RNA cleaving group, a reporter group, an intercalator, a group for improving the pharmacokinetic properties of an dsRNA, or a group for improving the phannacodynamic properties of an dsRNA, and other substituents having similar properties. A preferred modification includes 2'-methoxyethoxy (2'-O--CH.sub.2CH.sub.2OCH.sub.3, also known as 2'-O-(2-methoxyethyl) or 2'-MOE) (Martin et al., Helv. Chim. Acta, 1995, 78, 486-504) i.e., an alkoxy-alkoxy group. A further preferred modification includes 2'-dimethylaminooxyethoxy, i.e., a O(CH.sub.2).sub.2ON(CH.sub. 3).sub. 2 group, also known as 2'-DMAOE, as described in examples hereinbelow, and 2'-dimethylaminoethoxyethoxy (also known in the art as 2'-O-dimethylaminoethoxyethyl or 2'-DMAEOE), i.e., 2'-O--CH.sub.2--O--CH.sub.2--N(CH.sub. 2).sub.2, also described in examples hereinbelow.
[0069] Other preferred modifications include 2'-methoxy (2'-OCH.sub.3), 2'-aminopropoxy (2'-OCH.sub.2CH.sub. 2CH.sub.2NH.sub.2) and 2'-fluoro (2'-F). Similar modifications may also be made at other positions on the dsRNA, particularly the 3' position of the sugar on the $3^{\prime}$ terminal nucleotide or in 2'-5' linked dsRNAs and the 5' position of 5' terminal nucleotide. DsRNAs may also have sugar mimetics such as cyclobutyl moieties in place of the pentofuranosyl sugar. Representative U.S. patents that teach the preparation of such modified sugar structures include, but are not limited to, U.S. Pat. Nos. $4,981,957 ; 5,118,800 ; 5,319,080 ; 5,359,044 ; 5,393,878 ; 5,446,137 ; 5,466,786 ; 5,514,785$; $5,519,134 ; 5,567,811 ; 5,576,427 ; 5,591,722 ; 5,597,909 ; 5,610,300 ; 5,627,053 ; 5,639,873 ; 5,646,265 ; 5,658,873$; $5,670,633$; and $5,700,920$, certain of which are commonly owned with the instant application.
[0070] dsRNAs may also include nucleobase (often referred to in the art simply as "base") modifications or substitutions. As used herein, "unmodified" or "natural" nucleobases include the purine bases adenine (A) and guanine (G), and the pyrimidine bases thymine ( $T$ ), cytosine (C) and uracil (U). Modified nucleobases include other synthetic and natural nucleobases such as 5-methylcytosine (5-me-C), 5-hydroxymethyl cytosine, xanthine hypoxanthine, 2-aminoadenine, 6-methyl and other alkyl derivatives of adenine and guanine, 2-propyl and other alkyl derivatives of adenine and guanine, 2-thiouracil, 2-thiothymine and 2-thiocytosine, 5-halouracil and cytosine, 5-propynyl uracil and cytosine, 6-azo uracil, cytosine and thymine, 5-uracil (pseudouracil), 4-thiouracil, 8-halo, 8-amino, 8-thiol, 8-thioalkyl, 8-hydroxyl anal other 8substituted adenines and guanines, 5 -halo, particularly 5-bromo, 5 -trifluoromethyl and other 5 -substituted uracils and cytosines, 7-methylguanine and 7-methyladenine, 8-azaguanine and 8-azaadenine, 7-deazaguanine and 7-daazaadenine and 3-deazaguanine and 3-deazaadenine. Further nucleobases include those disclosed in U.S. Pat. No. 3,687,808, those disclosed in The Concise Encyclopedia Of Polymer Science And Engineering, pages 858-859, Kroschwitz, J. L, ed. John Wiley \& Sons, 1990, these disclosed by Englisch et al., Angewandte Chemise, International Edition, 1991, 30, 613, and those disclosed by Sanghvi, Y S., Chapter 15, DsRNA Research and Applications, pages 289-302, Crooke, S. T. and Lebleu, B., Ed., CRC Press, 1993. Certain of these 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 0-6 substituted purines, including 2-aminopropyladenine, 5-propynyluracil and 5-propynylcytosine. 5-

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methylcytosine substitutions have been shown to increase nucleic acid duplex stability by 0.6-1.2.degree. C. (Sanghvi, Y. S., Crooke, S. T. and Lebleu, B., Eds., DsRNA Research and Applications, CRC Press, Boca Raton, 1993, pp. 276-278) and arc presently preferred base substitutions, even more particularly when combined with 2'-O-methoxyethyl sugar modifications.
[0071] Other nucleotide substitutions, such as "Universal" bases can be incorporated into siRNA duplexes to increase the number of target sequences (or in this case, number of different Ebola strains) any particular siRNA might have complementarity to and activity against. Universal bases are non-canonical synthetic molecules that mimic structures of traditional nucleotides (the genetic building blocks of DNA and RNA). However, instead of selectively pairing according to Watson/Crick rules (A with T or U, C with G), universal bases 'stack' equally well with all natural bases. Incorporating universal bases into siRNAs may enable the siRNA to tolerate a mutation at that specific site in its target mRNA. Thus, by decreasing the need for absolute complementarity between siRNA and its mRNA target, universal-base containing siRNAs may be an approach to (1) prevent drug resistance caused by site-specific viral mutations and (2) create siRNAs able to be broadly reactive across viral species with similar, but not absolutely conserved, targets. Among the modifications that can be used as universal basaes are: 3-Nitropyrrole, 5-Nitroindole, Imidazole-4-Carboxamide, 2,4-difluorotoluyl, and Inosine.
[0072] Representative U.S. patents that teach the preparation of certain of the above noted modified nucleobases as well as other modified nucleobases include, but are not limited to, the above noted U.S. Pat. No. $3,687,808$, as well as U.S. Pat. Nos. $4,845,205 ; 5,130,30 ; 5,134,066 ; 5,175,273 ; 5,367,066 ; 5,432,272 ; 5,457,187 ; 5,459,255 ; 5,484,908$; $5,502,177 ; 5,525,711 ; 5,552,540 ; 5,587,469 ; 5,594,121,5,596,091 ; 5,614,617$; and $5,681,941$ and U.S. Pat. No. 5,750,692.
[0073] Another modification of the dsRNAs of the invention involves chemically linking to the dsRNA one or more moieties or conjugates which enhance the activity, cellular distribution or cellular uptake of the dsRNA. Such moieties include but are not limited to lipid moieties such as a cholesterol moiety (Letsinger et al., Proc. Natl. Acid. Sci. USA, 199, 86, 6553-6556), cholic acid (Manoharan et al., Biorg. Med. Chem. Let., 19944 1053-1060), a thioether, e.g., beryl-Stritylthiol (Manoharan et al., Ann. N.Y. Acad. Sci., 1992, 660, 306-309; Manoharan et al., Biorg. Med. Chem. Let., 1993, 3, 2765-2770), a thiocholesterol (Oberhauser et al., Nucl. Acids Res., 1992, 20, 533-538), an aliphatic chain, e.g., dodecandiol or undecyl residues (Saison-Behmoaras et al., EMBO J, 1991, 10, 1111-1118; Kabanov et al., FEBS Lett., 1990, 259, 327-330; Svinarchuk et al., Biochimie, 1993, 75, 49-54), a phospholipid, e.g., di-hexadecyl-rac-glycerol or triethyl-ammonium 1,2-di-O-hexadecyl-rac-glycero-3-Hphosphonate (Manoharan et al., Tetrahedron Lett., 1995, 36, 3651-3654; Shea et al., Nucl. Acids Res., 1990, 18, 3777-3783), a polyamine or a polyethylene glycol chain (Manoharan et al., Nucleosides \& Nucleotides, 1995, 14, 969-973), or adamantane acetic acid (Manoharan et al., Tetrahedron Lett., 1995, 36, 3651-3654), a palmityl moiety (Mishra et al., Biochim. Biophys. Acta, 1995, 1264, 229-237), or an octadecylamine or hexylamino-carbonyloxycholesterol moiety (Crooke et al., J. Pharmacol. Exp. Ther., 1996, 277, 923-937). Prefered conjugates will assist in targeting cells infected by Ebola virus such as dendritic cells and macrophages which are involved in early stages of infection and epatocytes and other parenchymal cells which are involved in later phases of the infection. Such conjugates include, but are not limited to, mannose and folate conjugates.
[0074] Representative U.S. patents that teach the preparation of such dsRNA conjugates include, but are not limited to, U.S. Pat. Nos. 4,828,979; 4,948,882; 5,218,105; 5,525,465; 5,541,313; 5,545,730; 5,552,538; 5,578,717, 5,580,731; $5,591,584 ; 5,109,124 ; 5,118,802 ; 5,138,045 ; 5,414,077 ; 5,486,603 ; 5,512,439 ; 5,578,718 ; 5,608,046 ; 4,587,044 ;$ $4,605,735 ; 4,667,025 ; 4,762,779 ; 4,789,737 ; 4,824,941 ; 4,835,263 ; 4,876,335 ; 4,904,582 ; 4,958,013 ; 5,082,830 ;$ $5,112,963 ; 5,214,136 ; 5,082,830 ; 5,112,963 ; 5,214,136 ; 5,245,022 ; 5,254,469 ; 5,258,506 ; 5,262,536 ; 5,272,250 ;$ $5,292,873 ; 5,317,098 ; 5,371,241,5,391,723 ; 5,416,203,5,451,463 ; 5,510,475 ; 5,512,667 ; 5,514,785 ; 5,565,552 ;$ $5,567,810 ; 5,574,142 ; 5,585,481 ; 5,587,371 ; 5,595,726 ; 5,597,696 ; 5,599,923 ; 5,599,928$ and $5,688,941$.
[0075] 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 dsRNA. Also included are dsRNA compounds which are chimeric compounds. "Chimeric" dsRNA compounds or "chimeras," in the context of this invention, are dsRNA compounds, particularly dsRNAs, 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 dsRNA compound. These dsRNAs typically contain at least one region wherein the dsRNA is modified so as to confer upon the dsRNA increased resistance to nuclease degradation, increased cellular uptake, and/or increased binding affinity for the target nucleic acid. An additional region of the dsRNA may serve as a substrate for enzymes capable of cleaving RNA:DNA or RNA:RNA hybrids. By way of example, RNase $H$ is a cellular endonuclease which cleaves the RNA strand of an RNA: DNA duplex. Activation of RNase H, therefore, results in cleavage of the RNA target; thereby greatly enhancing the efficiency of dsRNA inhibition of gene expression. Consequently, comparable results can often be obtained with shorter dsRNAs when chimeric dsRNAs are used, compared to phosphorothioate deoxydsRNAs hybridizing to the same target region. Cleavage of the RNA target can be routinely detected by gel electrophoresis and, if necessary, associated nucleic acid hybridization techniques known in the art.
[0076] In certain instances, the dsRNA may be modified by a non-ligand group. A number of non-ligand molecules

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have been conjugated to dsRNAs in order to enhance the activity, cellular distribution or cellular uptake of the dsRNA, and procedures for performing such conjugations are available in the scientific literature. Such non-ligand moieties have included lipid moieties, such as cholesterol (Letsinger et al., Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA, 1989, 86:6553), cholic acid (Manoharan et al., Bioorg. Med. Chem. Lett., 1994, 4:1053), a thioether, e.g., hexyl-S-tritylthiol (Manoharan et al., Ann. N.Y. Acad. Sci., 1992,660:306; Manoharan et al., Bioorg. Med. Chem. Let., 1993, 3:2765), a thiocholesterol (Oberhauser et al., Nucl. Acids Res., 1992, 20:533), an aliphatic chain, e.g., dodecandiol or undecyl residues (Saison-Behmoaras et al., EMBO J., 1991, 10:111; Kabanov et al., FEBS Lett., 1990, 259:327; Svinarchuk et al., Biochimie, 1993, 75:49), a phospholipid, e.g., di-hexadecyl-rac-glycerol or triethylammonium 1,2-di-O-hexadecyl-rac-glycero-3-H-phosphonate (Manoharan et al., Tetrahedron Lett., 1995, 36:3651; Shea et al., Nucl. Acids Res., 1990, 18:3777), a polyamine or a polyethylene glycol chain (Manoharan et al., Nucleosides \& Nucleotides, 1995, 14:969), or adamantane acetic acid (Manoharan.et al., Tetrahedron Lett., 1995, 36:3651), a palmityl moiety (Mishra et al., Biochim. Biophys. Acta, 1995, 1264:229), or an octadecylamine or hexylamino-carbonyl-oxycholesterol moiety (Crooke et al., J. Pharmacol. Exp. Ther., 1996, 277:923). Representative United States patents that teach the preparation of such dsRNA conjugates have been listed above. Typical conjugation protocols involve the synthesis of dsRNAs bearing an aminolinker at one or more positions of the sequence. The amino group is then reacted with the molecule being conjugated using appropriate coupling or activating reagents. The conjugation reaction may be performed either with the dsRNA still bound to the solid support or following cleavage of the dsRNA in solution phase. Purification of the dsRNA conjugate by HPLC typically affords the pure conjugate.

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[0077] The dsRNA of the invention can also be expressed from recombinant viral vectors intracellularly in vivo. These recombinant viral vectors comprise sequences encoding the dsRNA of the invention and any suitable promoter for expressing the dsRNA sequences. Suitable promoters include, for example, the U6 or H1 RNA pol III promoter sequences and the cytomegalovirus promoter. Selection of other suitable promoters is within the skill in the art. The recombinant viral vectors can also comprise inducible or regulatable promoters for expression of the dsRNA. in a particular tissue or in a particular intracellular environment. The use of recombinant viral vectors to deliver dsRNA of the invention to cells in vivo is discussed in more detail below.
[0078] dsRNA of the invention can be expressed from a recombinant viral vector either as two separate, complementary RNA molecules, or as a single RNA molecule with two complementary regions.
[0079] Any viral vector capable of accepting the coding sequences for the dsRNA molecule(s) to be expressed can be used, for example vectors derived from adenovirus (AV); adeno-associated virus (AAV); retroviruses (e.g, lentiviruses (LV), Rhabdoviruses, murine leukemia virus); herpes virus, and the like. The tropism of viral vectors can be modified by pseudotyping the vectors with envelope proteins or other surface antigens from other viruses, or by substituting different viral capsid proteins, as appropriate.
[0080] Forexample, lentiviral vectors of the invention can be pseudotyped with surface proteins from vesicular stomatitis virus (VSV), rabies, Ebola, Mokola, and the like. AAV vectors of the invention can be made to target different cells by engineering the vectors to express different capsid protein serotypes. For example, an AAV vector expressing a serotype 2 capsid on a serotype 2 genome is called AAV $2 / 2$. This serotype 2 capsid gene in the AAV $2 / 2$ vector can be replaced by a serotype 5 capsid gene to produce an AAV $2 / 5$ vector. Techniques for constructing AAV vectors which express different capsid protein serotypes are within the skill in the art; see, e.g., Rabinowitz J E et al. (2002), J Virol 76:791-801, the entire disclosure of which is herein incorporated by reference.
[0081] Selection of recombinant viral vectors suitable for use in the invention, methods for inserting nucleic acid sequences for expressing the dsRNA into the vector, and methods of delivering the viral vector to the cells of interest are within the skill in the art. See, for example, Dornburg $R$ (1995), Gene Therap. 2: 301-310; Eglitis M A (1988), Biotechniques 6: 608-614; Miller A D (1990), Hum Gene Therap. 1: 5-14; Anderson W F (1998), Nature 392: 25-30; and Rubinson D A et al., Nat. Genet. 33: 401-406.
[0082] Preferred viral vectors are those derived from AV and AAV. The dsRNA of the invention may be expressed as two separate, complementary single-stranded RNA molecules from a recombinant AAV vector comprising, for example, either the U6 or H1 RNA promoters, or the cytomegalovirus (CMV) promoter.
[0083] A suitable AV vector for expressing the dsRNA of the invention, a method for constructing the recombinant AV vector, and a method for delivering the vector into target cells, are described in Xia H et al. (2002), Nat. Biotech. 20: 1006-1010.
[0084] Suitable AAV vectors for expressing the dsRNA of the invention, methods for constructing the recombinant AV vector, and methods for delivering the vectors into target cells are described in Samulski R et al. (1987), J. Virol. 61: 3096-3101; Fisher K J J et al. (1996), J. Virol, 70: 520-532; Samulski R et al. (1989), J. Virol. 63: 3822-3826; U.S. Pat. No. 5,252,479; U.S. Pat. No. 5,139,941; International Patent Application No. WO 94/13788; and International Patent Application No. WO 93/24641.

## III. Pharmaceutical compositions comprising dsRNA

[0085] In one embodiment, the invention provides pharmaceutical compositions comprising a dsRNA, as defined in the claims, and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier. The pharmaceutical composition comprising the dsRNA is useful for treating a disease or disorder associated with the expression or activity of a gene from the Ebola virus and/or viral infection, such as systemic hemorrhage and multi-organ failure. Such pharmaceutical compositions are formulated based on the mode of delivery. One example is compositions that are formulated for systemic administration via parenteral delivery.
[0086] The pharmaceutical compositions of the invention are administered in dosages sufficient to inhibit expression of a gene from the Ebola virus. A maximum dosage of 5 mg dsRNA per kilogram body weight of recipient per day is sufficient to inhibit or completely suppress expression of a gene from the Ebola virus.
[0087] In general, a suitable dose of dsRNA will be in the range of 0.01 to 20.0 milligrams per kilogram body weight of the recipient per day, and optimally in the range of 0.01 to 3 mg per kilogram body weight per day. The pharmaceutical composition may be administered once daily, or the dsRNA may be administered as two, three, or more sub-doses at appropriate intervals throughout the day or even using continuous infusion or delivery through a controlled release formulation. In that case, the dsRNA contained in each sub-dose must be correspondingly smaller in order to achieve the total daily dosage. The dosage unit can also be compounded for delivery over several days, e.g., using a conventional sustained release formulation which provides sustained release of the dsRNA over a several day period. In this embodiment, the dosage unit contains a corresponding multiple of the daily dose.
[0088] The skilled artisan will appreciate that certain factors may influence the dosage and timing required to effectively treat a subject, including but not limited to the severity of the disease or disorder, previous treatments, the general health and/or age of the subject, and other diseases present. Moreover, treatment of a subject with a therapeutically effective amount of a composition can include a single treatment or a series of treatments. Estimates of effective dosages and in vivo half-lives for the individual dsRNAs encompassed by the invention can be made using conventional methodologies or on the basis of in vivo testing using an appropriate animal model, as described elsewhere herein.
[0089] Advances in animal modeling has generated a number of Ebola infection models (mouse, guinea pig, and nonhuman primate) that reproduce all the major pathologies associated with human Ebola infection (reviewed in Warfield, K.L. et al. (2006) "Chapter 13: Viral Hemorrhagic Fevers" in Biodefense:Research Methodology and Animal Models, pages 227-258, J. R. Swearengen, Ed., Taylor \& Francis, Boca Raton). Such models are used for in vivo testing of dsRNA, as well as for determining a therapeutically effective dose.
[0090] The present invention also includes pharmaceutical compositions and formulations which include the dsRN A compounds of the invention. 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, 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, intraarterial, subcutaneous, intraperitoneal or intramuscular injection or infusion.
[0091] Compositions and formulations for oral administration include powders or granules, microparticulates, nanoparticulates, suspensions or solutions in water or non-aqueous media, capsules, gel capsules, sachets, tablets or minitablets. Thickeners, flavoring agents, diluents, emulsifiers, dispersing aids or binders may be desirable.
[0092] Compositions and formulations for parenteral, intrathecal or intraventricular administration may include sterile aqueous solutions which may also contain buffers, diluents and other suitable additives such as, but not limited to, penetration enhancers, carrier compounds and other pharmaceutically acceptable carriers or excipients.
[0093] Pharmaceutical compositions of the present invention include, but are not limited to, solutions, emulsions, and liposome-containing formulations. These compositions may be generated from a variety of components that include, but are not limited to, preformed liquids, self-emulsifying solids and self-emulsifying semisolids.
[0094] 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.

## Liposomes

[0095] There are many organized surfactant structures besides microemulsions that have been studied and used for the formulation of drugs. These include monolayers, micelles, bilayers and vesicles. Vesicles, such as liposomes, have attracted great interest because of their specificity and the duration of action they offer from the standpoint of drug delivery. Liposomal delivery systems have been used to effectively deliver siRNAs in vivo and silence genes in hepatocytes [Zimmermann et al. (2006) Nature, 441:111-114]. Such siRNA-liposomal formulations have also been used for
therapeutic benefit in animal models of dyslipidemias [Zimmermann et al. (2006) Nature, 441:111-114], HBV infection [Morrissey et al. (2005) Nature Biotech 23:1002-1007], Ebola infection [Geisbert, et al. (2006) The Journal of Infectious Diseases, 193:1650-1657], and rheumatoid arthritis [Khoury et al. (2006) Arthritis \& Rheumatism, 54:1867-1877]. As used in the present invention, the term "liposome" means a vesicle composed of amphiphilic lipids arranged in a spherical bilayer or bilayers.
[0096] Liposomes are unilamellar or multilamellar vesicles which have a membrane formed from a lipophilic material and an aqueous interior. The aqueous position contains the composition to be delivered. Cationic liposomes possess the advantage of being able to fuse to the cell wall. Non-cationic liposomes, although not able to fuse as efficiently with the cell wall, are phagocytosed by macrophages and other cells in vivo.
[0097] Further advantages of liposomes include; liposomes obtained from natural phospholipids are biocompatible and biodegradable; liposomes can incorporate a wide range of water and lipid soluble drugs, liposomes can protect encapsulated drugs in their internal compartments from metabolism and degradation (Rosoff, in Pharmaceutical Dosage Forms, Lieberman, Rieger and Banker (Eds.), 1988, Marcel Dekker, Inc., New York, N.Y., volume 1, p. 245). Important considerations in the preparation of liposome formulations are the lipid surface charge, vesicle size and the aqueous volume of the liposomes.
[0098] Liposomes are useful for the transfer and delivery of active ingredients to the site of action. Because the liposomal membrane is structurally similar to biological membranes, when Liposomes are applied to a tissue, the liposomes start to merge with the cellular membranes and as the merging of the liposome and cell progresses, the liposomal contents are emptied into the cell where the active agent may act.
[0099] Liposomal formulations have been the focus of extensive investigation as the mode of delivery for many drugs. There is growing evidence that for topical administration, liposomes present several advantages over other formulations. Such advantages include reduced side-effects related to high systemic absorption of the administered drug, increased accumulation of the administered drug at the desired target, and the ability to administer a wide variety of drugs, both hydrophilic and hydrophobic, into the skin.
[0100] Several reports have detailed the ability of liposomes to deliver agents including high-molecular weight DNA into the skin. Compounds including analgesics, antibodies, hormones and high-molecular weight DNAs have been administered to the skin. The majority of applications resulted in the targeting of the upper epidermis
[0101] Liposomes fall into two broad classes. Cationic liposomes are positively charged liposomes which interact with the negatively charged DNA molecules to form a stable complex. The positively charged DNA/liposome complex binds to the negatively charged cell surface and is internalized in an endosome. Due to the acidic pH within the endosome, the liposomes are ruptured, releasing their contents into the cell cytoplasm (Wang et al., Biochem. Biophys. Res. Comnun., 1987, 147, 980-985).
[0102] Liposomes which are pH-sensitive or negatively-charged, entrap DNA rather than complex with it. Since both the DNA and the lipid are similarly charged, repulsion rather than complex formation occurs. Nevertheless, some DNA is entrapped within the aqueous interior of these liposomes. pH -sensitive liposomes have been used to deliver DNA encoding the thymidine kinase gene to cell monolayers in culture. Expression of the exogenous gene was detected in the target cells (Zhou et al., Journal of Controlled Release, 1992, 19, 269-274).
[0103] One major type of liposomal composition includes phospholipids other than naturally-derived phosphatidylcholine. Neutral liposome compositions, for example, can be formed from dimyristoyl phosphatidylcholine (DMPC) or dipalmitoyl phosphatidylcholine (DPPC). Anionic liposome compositions generally are formed from dimyristoyl phosphatidylglycerol, while anionic fusogenic liposomes are formed primarily from dioleoyl phosphatidylethanolamine (DOPE). Another type of liposomal composition is formed from phosphatidylcholine (PC) such as, for example, soybean PC, and egg PC. Another type is formed from mixtures of phospholipid and/or phosphatidylcholine and/or cholesterol.
[0104] Liposomes also include "sterically stabilized" liposomes, a term which, as used herein, refers to liposomes comprising one or more specialized lipids that, when incorporated into liposomes, result in enhanced circulation lifetimes relative to liposomes lacking such specialized lipids. Examples of sterically stabilized liposomes are those in which part of the vesicle-forming lipid portion of the liposome (A) comprises one or more glycolipids, such as monosialoganglioside G.sub.M1, or $(B)$ is derivatized with one or more hydrophilic polymers, such as a polyethylene glycol (PEG) moiety. While not wishing to be bound by any particular theory, it is thought in the art that, at least for sterically stabilized liposomes containing gangliosides, sphingomyelin, or PEG-derivatized lipids, the enhanced circulation half-life of these sterically stabilized liposomes derives from a reduced uptake into cells of the reticuloendothelial system (RES) (Allen et al., FEBS Letters, 1987, 223,42; Wu et al., Cancer Research, 1993,53, 3765). Various liposomes comprising one or more glycolipids are known in the art. Papahadjopoulos et al. (Ann. N.Y. Acad. Sci., 1987, 507, 64) reported the ability of monosialoganglioside G.sub.M1, galactocerebroside sulfate and phosphatidylinositol to improve blood half-lives of liposomes. These findings were expounded upon by Gabizon et al. (Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. U.S.A., 1988, 85, 6949). U.S. Pat. No. 4, 837,028 and WO 88/04924, both to Allen et al., disclose liposomes comprising (1) sphingomyelin and (2) the ganglioside G.sub.M1 or a galactocerebroside sulfate ester. U.S. Pat. No. 5,543,152 (Webb et al.) discloses liposomes comprising sphingomyelin. Liposomes comprising 1,2-sn-dimyristoylphosphat- idylcholine are disclosed in WO 97/13499 (Lim et al).
[0105] Many liposomes comprising lipids derivatized with one or more hydrophilic polymers, and methods of preparation thereof, are known in the art. Sunamoto et al. (Bull. Chem. Soc. Jpn., 1980, 53, 2778) described liposomes comprising a nonionic detergent, 2C.sub.1215G, that contains a PEG moiety. Illum et al. (FEBS Lett., 1984, 167, 79) noted that hydrophilic coating of polystyrene particles with polymeric glycols results in significantly enhanced blood half-lives. Synthetic phospholipids modified by the attachment of carboxylic groups of polyalkylene glycols (e.g., PEG) are described by Sears (U.S. Pat. Nos. 4,426,330 and 4,534,899). Klibanov et al. (FEBS Lett., 1990, 268, 235) described experiments demonstrating that liposomes comprising phosphatidylethanolamine (PE) derivatized with PEG or PEG stearate have significant increases in blood circulation half-lives. Blume et al. (Biochimica et Biophysica Acta, 1990, 1029, 91) extended such observations to other PEG-derivatized phospholipids, e.g., DSPE-PEG, formed from the combination of distearoylphosphatidylethanolamine (DSPE) and PEG. Liposomes having covalently bound PEG moieties on their external surface are described in European Patent No. EP 0445131 B1 and WO 90/04384 to Fisher. Liposome compositions containing 1-20 mole percent of PE derivatized with PEG, and methods of use thereof, are described by Woodle et al. (U.S. Pat. Nos. $5,013,556$ and $5,356,633$ ) and Martin et al. (U.S. Pat. No. 5,213,804 and European Patent No. EP 0496813 B1). Liposomes comprising a number of other lipid-polymer conjugates are disclosed in WO 91/05545 and U.S. Pat. No. $5,225,212$ (both to Martin et al.) and in WO 94/20073 (Zalipsky et al.) Liposomes comprising PEG-modified ceramide lipids are described in WO 96/10391 (Choi et al). U.S. Pat. No. 5,540,935 (Miyazaki et al.) and U.S. Pat. No. 5,556,948 (Tagawa et al.) describe PEG-containing liposomes that can be further derivatized with functional moieties on their surfaces.
[0106] Liposomes and other nanoparticles have also been designed which contain specific targeting molecules. Targeting molecules used for siRNA delivery in vivo have included integrin-binding RGD peptides [Schiffelers et al. (2004) Nucleic Acids Research 32:e149), anisamide [Li and Huang (2006) Molecular Pharmaceutics 3:579-588] and folate [HuLieskovan et al. (2005) Cancer Research 65:8984-8992]. For delivery to myeloid and dendritic cells which are presumed to be important in early Ebola infection, incorporation of targeting agents such as mannose and folate into liposomes and nanoparticles may improve both siRNA delivery and therapeutic effect. Mannose-conjugated oligonucleotides have been shown to specilically improve delivery to myeloid cells [Rojanasakul et al. (1997) Journal of Biological Chemistry 272:3910-3914; Diebold et al (2002) Somatic Cell and Molecular Genetics 27:65-73] and mannosylaled liposomes are effective targeting agents in vivo [Diebold et al. (2002) Somatic Cell and Molecular Genetics 27:65-73; Hattori et al. (2006) Journal Gene Medicine 8:824-834; Hattori et al. (2006) Journal of Phamacology and Experimental Therapeutics 318:828-834]. Folate conjugation has proven an effective delivery vehicle in a wide variety of contexts [reviewed in Hilgenbrink and Low (2005) Journal Pharmaceutical Sciences 94:2135-2146] and incorporation of folate into liposomes is possible using commercially available reagents such as DSPE-PEG(2000)Folate (Avanti Polar Lipids, Alabaster, Alabama). A limited number of liposomes comprising nucleic acids are known in the art. WO 96/40062 to Thierry et al. discloses methods for encapsulating high molecular weight nucleic acids in liposomes. U.S. Pat. No. 5,264,221 to Tagawa et al. discloses protein-bonded liposomes and asserts that the contents of such liposomes may include an dsRNA RNA. U.S. Pat. No. $5,665,710$ to Rahman et al. describes certain methods of encapsulating oligodeoxynucleotides in liposomes. WO 97/04787 to Love et al. discloses liposomes comprising dsRNA targeted to the raf gene.
[0107] Transfersomes are yet another type of liposome, and are highly deformable lipid aggregates which are attractive candidates for drug delivery vehicles. Transfersomes may be described as lipid droplets which are so highly deformable that they are easily able to penetrate through pores which are smaller than the droplet. Transfersomes are adaptable to the environment in which they are used, e.g. they are self-optimizing (adaptive to the shape of pores in the skin), selfrepairing, frequently reach their targets without fragmenting, and often self-loading. To make transfersomes it is possible to add surface edge-activators, usually surfactants, to a standard liposomal composition. Transfersomes have been used to deliver serum albumin to the skin. The transfersome-mediated delivery of serum albumin has been shown to be as effective as subcutaneous injection of a solution containing serum albumin.
[0108] Surfactants find wide application in formulations such as emulsions (including microemulsions) and liposomes. The most common way of classifying and ranking the properties of the many different types of surfactants, both natural and synthetic, is by the use of the hydrophile/lipophile balance (HLB). The nature of the hydrophilic group (also known as the "head") provides the most useful means for categorizing the different surfactants used in formulations (Rieger, in Pharmaceutical Dosage Forms, Marcel Dekker, Inc., New York, N.Y., 1988, p. 285).
[0109] If the surfactant molecule is not ionized, it is classified as a nonionic surfactant. Nonionic surfactants find wide application in pharmaceutical and cosmetic products and are usable over a wide range of pH values. In general their HLB values range from 2 to about 18 depending on their structure. Nonionic surfactants include nonionic esters such as ethylene glycol esters, propylene glycol esters, glyceryl esters, polyglyceryl esters, sorbitan esters, sucrose esters, and ethoxylated esters. Nonionic alkanofamides and ethers such as fatty alcohol ethoxylates, propoxylated alcohols, and ethoxylated/propoxylated block polymers are also included in this class. The polyoxyethylene surfactants are the most popular members of the nonionic surfactant class.
[0110] If the surfactant molecule carries a negative charge when it is dissolved or dispersed in water, the surfactant is classified as anionic. Anionic surfactants include carboxylates such as soaps, acyl lactylates, acyl amides of amino
acids, esters of sulfuric acid such as alkyl sulfates and ethoxylated alkyl sulfate, sulfonates such as alkyl benzene sulfonates, acyl isethionates, acyl taurates and sulfosuccinates, and phosphates The most important members of the anionic surfactant class are the alkyl sulfates and the soaps
[0111] If the surfactant molecule carries a positive charge when it is dissolved or dispersed in water, the surfactant is classified as cationic. Cationic surfactants include quaternary ammonium salts and ethoxylated amines. The quaternary ammonium salts are the most used members of this class.
[0112] If the surfactant molecule has the ability to carry either a positive or negative charge, the sulfactant is classified as amphoteric. Amphoteric sulfactants include acrylic acid derivatives, substituted alkylamides, N -alkylbetaines and phosphatides.
[0113] The use of surfactants in drug products, formulations and in emulsions has been reviewed (Rieger, in Pharmaceutical Dosage Forms, Marcel Dekker, Inc, New York, N Y , 1988, p 285)
[0114] Agents that enhance uptake of dsRNAs at the cellular level may also be added to the pharmaceutical and other compositions of the present invention. For example, cationic lipids, such as lipofectin (Junichi et al, U.S. Pat. No; $5,705,188$ ), cationic glycerol derivatives, and polycationic molecules, such as polylysine (Lollo et al., PCT Application WO 97/30731), are also known to enhance the cellular uptake of dsRNAs.
[0115] Other agents may be utilized to enhance the penetration of the administered nucleic acids, including glycols such as ethylene glycol and propylene glycol, pyrrols such as 2-pyrrol, azones, and terpenes such as limonene and menthone

## Carriers

[0116] Certain compositions of the present invention also incorporate carrier compounds in the formulation As used herein, "carrier compound" or "carrier" can refer to a nucleic acid, or analog thereof, which is inert (i.e., does not possess biological activity per se) but is recognized as a nucleic acid by in vivo processes that reduce the bioavailability of a nucleic acid having biological activity by, for example, degrading the biologically active nucleic acid or promoting its removal from circulation. The coadministration of a nucleic acid and a carrier compound, typically with an excess of the latter substance, can result in a substantial reduction of the amount of nucleic acid recovered in the liver, kidney or other extracirculatory reservoirs, presumably due to competition between the carrier compound and the nucleic acid for a common receptor. For example, the recovery of a partially phosphorothioate dsRNA in hepatic tissue can be reduced when it is coadministered with polyinosinic acid, dextran sulfate, polycytidic acid or 4-acetamido-4'isothiocyano-stilbene-2,2'-disulfonic acid (Miyao et al., DsRNA Res. Dev., 1995, 5, 115-121; Takakura et al., DsRNA \& Nucl. Acid Drug Dev., 1996, 6, 177-183.

## Excipients

[0117] In contrast to a carrier compound, a "pharmaceutical carrier" or "excipient" is a pharmaceutically acceptable solvent, suspending agent or any other pharmacologically inert vehicle for delivering one or more nucleic acids to an animal. The excipient may be liquid or solid and is selected, with the planned manner of administration in mind, so as to provide for the desired bulk, consistency, etc., when combined with nucleic acid and the other components of a given pharmaceutical composition. Typical pharmaceutical carriers include, but are not limited to, binding agents (e.g., pregelatinized maize starch, polyvinylpyrrolidone or hydroxypropyl methylcellulose, etc.); fillers (e.g., lactose and other sugars, microcrystalline cellulose, pectin, gelatin, calcium sulfate, ethyl cellulose, polyacrylates or calcium hydrogen phosphate, etc.); lubricants (e.g., magnesium stearate, talc, silica, colloidal silicon dioxide, stearic acid, metallic stearates, hydrogenated vegetable oils, corn starch, polyethylene glycols, sodium beluzoate, sodium acetate, etc.); disintegrants (e.g., starch, sodium starch glycolate, etc.); and wetting agents (e.g., sodium lauryl sulphate, etc).
[0118] Pharmaceutically acceptable organic or inorganic excipient suitable for non-parenteral administration which do not deleteriously react with nucleic acids can also be used to formulate the compositions of the present invention. Suitable pharmaceutically acceptable carriers include, but are not limited to, water, salt solutions, alcohols, polyethylene glycols, gelatin, lactose, amylose, magnesium stearate, talc, silicic acid, viscous paraffin, hydroxymethylcellulose, polyvinylpyrrolidone and the like.
[0119] Suitable pharmaceutically acceptable excipients include, but are not limited to, water, salt solutions, alcohol, polyethylene glycols, gelatin, lactose, amylose, magnesium stearate, talc, silicic acid, viscous paraffin, hydroxymethylcellulose, polyvinylpyrrolidone and the like.

## Other Components

[0120] The compositions of the present invention may additionally contain other adjunct components conventionally found in pharmaceutical compositions, at their art-established usage levels. Thus, for example, the compositions may
contain additional, compatible, pharmaceutically-active materials such as, for example, antipruritics, astringents, local anesthetics or anti-inflammatory agents, or may contain additional materials useful in physically formulating various dosage forms of the compositions of the present invention, such as dyes, flavoring agents, preservatives, antioxidants, opacifiers, thickening agents and stabilizers. However, such materials, when added, should not unduly interfere with the biological activities of the components of the compositions of the present invention. The formulations can be sterilized and, if desired, mixed with auxiliary agents, e.g., lubricants, preservatives, stabilizers, wetting agents, emulsifiers, salts for influencing osmotic pressure, buffers, colorings, flavorings and/or aromatic substances and the like which do not deleteriously interact with the nucleic acid(s) of the formulation.
[0121] Aqueous suspensions may contain substances which increase the viscosity of the suspension including, for example, sodium carboxymethylcellulose, sorbitol and/or dextran. The suspension may also contain stabilizers.
[0122] Pharmaceutical compositions of the invention may contain (a) one or more antisense compounds and (b) one or more other chemotherapeutic agents which function by a non-antisense mechanism. Examples of such chemotherapeutic agents include but are not limited to daunorubicin, daunomycin, dactinomycin, doxorubicin, epirubicin, idarubicin, esorubicin, bleomycin, mafosfamide, ifosfamide, cytosine arabinoside, bis-chloroethylnitrosurea, busulfan, mitomycin $C$, actinomycin $D$, mithramycin, prednisone, hydroxyprogesterone, testosterone, tamoxifen, dacarbazine, procarbazine, hexamethylmelamine, pentamethylmelamine, mitoxantrone, amsacrine, chlorambucil, methylcyclohexylnitrosurea, nitrogen mustards, melphalan, cyclophosphamide, 6-mercaptopurine, 6-thioguanine, cytarabine, 5-azacytidine, hydroxyurea, deoxycofonnycin, 4-hydroxyperoxycyclophosphor- amide, 5 -fluorouracil (5-FU), 5 -fluorodeoxyuridine (5-FUdR), methotrexate (MTX), colchicine, taxol, vincristine, vinblastine, etoposide (VP-16), trimetrexate, irinotecan, topotecan, gemcitabine, teniposide, cisplatin and diethylstilbestrol (DES). See, generally, The Merck Manual of Diagnosis and Therapy, 15 th Ed. 1987, pp. 1206-1228, Berkow et al., eds., Rahway, N.J. When used with the compounds of the invention, such chemotherapeutic agents may be used individually (e.g., $5-\mathrm{FU}$ and oligonucleotide), sequentially (e.g., $5-\mathrm{FU}$ and oligonucleotide for a period of time followed by MTX and oligonucleotide), or in combination with one or more other such chemotherapeutic agents (e.g., 5-FU, MTX and oligonucleotide, or 5-FU, radiotherapy and oligonucleotide). Anti-inflammatory drugs, including but not limited to nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drugs and corticosteroids, and antiviral drugs, including but not limited to ribivirin, vidarabine, acyclovir and ganciclovir, may also be combined in compositions of the invention. See, generally, The Merck Manual of Diagnosis and Therapy, 15th Ed., Berkow et al., eds., 1987, Rahway, N.J., pages 2499-2506 and 46-49, respectively). Other non-antisense chemotherapeutic agents are also within the scope of this invention. Two or more combined compounds may be used together or sequentially.
[0123] Toxicity and therapeutic efficacy of such compounds can be determined by standard pharmaceutical procedures in cell cultures or experimental animals, e.g., for determining the LD50 (the dose lethal to $50 \%$ of the population) and the ED50 (the dose therapeutically effective in $50 \%$ of the population). The dose ratio between toxic and therapeutic effects is the therapeutic index and it can be expressed as the ratio LD50/ED50. Compounds which exhibithigh therapeutic indices are preferred.
[0124] The data obtained from cell culture, assays and animal studies can be used in formulation a range of dosage for use in humans. The dosage of compositions of the invention lies generally within a range of circulating concentrations that include the ED50 with little or no toxicity. The dosage may vary within this range depending upon the dosage form employed and the route of administration utilized. For any compound used in the method of the invention, the therapeutically effective dose can be estimated initially from cell culture assays. A dose may be formulated in animal models to achieve a circulating plasma concentration range of the compound or, when appropriate, of the polypeptide product of a target sequence (e.g., achieving a decreased concentration of the polypeptide) that includes the IC50 (i.e., the concentration of the test compound which achieves a half-maximal inhibition of symptoms) as determined in cell culture. Such information can be used to more accurately determine useful doses in humans. Levels in plasma may be measured, for example, by high performance liquid chromatography.
[0125] In addition to their administration individually or as a plurality, as discussed above, the dsRNAs of the invention can be administered in combination with other known agents effective in treatment of pathological processes mediated by Ebola expression. In any event, the administering physician can adjust the amount and timing of dsRNA administration on the basis of results observed using standard measures of efficacy known in the art or described herein.

## Use for treating diseases caused by infection with the Ebola virus

[0126] The invention relates in particular to the use of a dsRNA or a pharmaceutical composition prepared therefrom for the treatment or prevention of pathological conditions associated with Ebola infection, e.g., systemic hemorrhage and multi-organ failure.
[0127] The invention furthermore relates to the use of an dsRNA or a pharmaceutical composition thereof for treating systemic hemorrhage and multi-organ failure in combination with other pharmaceuticals and/or other therapeutic methods, e.g., with known pharmaceuticals and/or known therapeutic methods, such as, for example, those which are currently employed for treating viral infection and systemic hemorrhage. Preference is given to a combination with interferon or
other antiviral agents.

## Methods for inhibiting expression of a gene from the Ebola virus

[0128] Also described herein is a method for inhibiting the expression of a gene from the Ebola virus in a mammal. The method comprises administering a composition of the invention to the mammal such that expression of the target Ebola genome is silenced. Because of their high specificity, the dsRNAs of the invention specifically target RNAs (primary or processed) of the target Ebola gene. Compositions and methods for inhibiting the expression of these Ebola genes using dsRNAs can be performed as described elsewhere herein.
[0129] The method also described herein comprises administering a composition comprising a dsRNA, wherein the dsRNA comprises a nucleotide sequence which is complementary to at least a part of an RNA transcript of a gene from the Ebola virus, to the mammal to be treated. When the organism to be treated is a mammal such as a human, the composition may be administered by any means known in the art including, but not limited to oral or parenteral routes, including intravenous, intraperitoneal, intramuscular, subcutaneous, transdermal, airway (aerosol), nasal, administration. The compositions may be administered by intravenous infusion or injection.
[0130] Unless otherwise defined, all technical and scientific terms used herein have the same meaning as commonly understood by one of ordinary skill in the art to which this invention belongs. Although methods and materials similar or equivalent to those described herein can be used in the practice or testing of the invention, suitable methods and materials are described below. In case of conflict, the present specification, including definitions, will control. In addition, the materials, methods, and examples are illustrative only and not intended to be limiting.

## EXAMPLES

## Example 1. dsRNA synthesis

## Source of reagents

[0131] Where the source of a reagent is not specifically given herein, such reagent may be obtained from any supplier of reagents for molecular biology at a quality/purity standard for application in molecular biology.
siRNA synthesis
[0132] Single-stranded RNAs were produced by solid phase synthesis on a scale of $1 \mu$ mole using an Expedite 8909 synthesizer (Applied Biosystems, Applera Deutschland GmbH, Darmstadt, Germany) and controlled pore glass (CPG, $500 \AA ̊$, Proligo Biochemie GmbH, Hamburg, Germany) as solid support. RNA and RNA containing 2'-O-methyl nucleotides were generated by solid phase synthesis employing the corresponding phosphoramidites and $2^{\prime}-\mathrm{O}$-ethyl phosphoramidites, respectively (Proligo Biochemie GmbH, Hamburg, Germany). These building blocks were incorporated at selected sites within the sequence of the oligoribonucleotide chain using standard nucleoside phosphoramidite chemistry such as described in Current protocols in nucleic acid chemistry, Beaucage, S.L. et al. (Edrs.), John Wiley \& Sons, Inc., New York, NY, USA. Phosphorothioate linkages were introduced by replacement of the iodine oxidizer solution with a solution of the Beaucage reagent (Chruachem Ltd, Glasgow, UK) in acetonitrile (1\%). Further ancillary reagents were obtained from Mallinckrodt Baker (Griesheim, Germany).
[0133] Deprotection and purification of the crude oligoribonucleotides by anion exchange HPLC were carried out according to established procedures. Yields and concentrations were determined by UV absorption of a solution of the respective RNA at a wavelength of 260 nm using a spectral photometer (DU 640B, Beckman Coulter GmbH, Unterschleißheim, Germany). Double stranded RNA was generated by mixing an equimolar solution of complementary strands in annealing buffer ( 20 mM sodium phosphate, $\mathrm{pH} 6.8 ; 100 \mathrm{mM}$ sodium chloride), heated in a water bath at $85-90^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ for 3 minutes and cooled to room temperature over a period of 3-4 hours. The annealed RNA solution was stored at $-20^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ until use.
[0134] For the synthesis of $3^{\prime}$-cholesterol-conjugated siRNAs (herein referred to as -Chol-3'), an appropriately modified solid support was used for RNA synthesis. The modified solid support was prepared as follows:

Diethyl-2-azabutane-1,4-dicarboxylate AA
[0135]

[0136] A 4.7 M aqueous solution of sodium hydroxide ( 50 mL ) was added into a stirred, ice-cooled solution of ethyl glycinate hydrochloride ( $32.19 \mathrm{~g}, 0.23 \mathrm{~mole}$ ) in water ( 50 mL ). Then, ethyl acrylate ( $23.1 \mathrm{~g}, 0.23$ mole) was added and the mixture was stirred at room temperature until completion of the reaction was ascertained by TLC. After 19 h the solution was partitioned with dichloromethane $(3 \times 100 \mathrm{~mL})$. The organic layer was dried with anhydrous sodium sulfate, filtered and evaporated. The residue was distilled to afford AA ( $28.8 \mathrm{~g}, 61 \%$ ).

3-\{Ethoxycarbonylmethyl-[6-(9H-fluoren-9-ylmethoxycarbonyl-amino)-hexanoyl]-amino\}-propionic acid ethyl ester AB
[0137]

$A B$
[0138] Fmoc-6-amino-hexanoic acid ( $9.12 \mathrm{~g}, 25.83 \mathrm{mmol}$ ) was dissolved in dichloromethane ( 50 mL ) and cooled with ice. Diisopropylcarbodiimde ( $3,25 \mathrm{~g}, 3.99 \mathrm{~mL}, 25.83 \mathrm{mmol}$ ) was added to the solution at $0^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$. It was then followed by the addition of Diethyl-azabutane-1,4-dicarboxylate ( $5 \mathrm{~g}, 24.6 \mathrm{mmol}$ ) and dimethylamino pyridine ( $0.305 \mathrm{~g}, 2.5 \mathrm{mmol}$ ). The solution was brought to room temperature and stirred further for 6 h . Completion of the reaction was ascertained by TLC. The reaction mixture was concentrated under vacuum and ethyl acetate was added to precipitate diisopropyl urea. The suspension was filtered. The filtrate was washed with $5 \%$ aqueous hydrochloric acid, $5 \%$ sodium bicarbonate and water. The combined organic layer was dried over sodium sulfate and concentrated to give the crude product which was purified by column chromatography ( $50 \%$ EtOAC/Hexanes) to yield $11.87 \mathrm{~g}(88 \%)$ of AB.

3-[(6-Amino-hexanoyl)-ethoxycarbonylmethyl-amino]-propionic acid ethyl ester AC
[0139]

$\triangle$
[0140] 3-\{Ethoxycarbonylmethyl-(6-(9H-fluoren-9-ylmethoxycarbonylamino)-hexanoyl]-amino\}-propionic acid ethyl ester $\mathrm{AB}\left(11.5 \mathrm{~g}, 21.3 \mathrm{mmol}\right.$ ) was dissolved in $20 \%$ piperidine in dimethylformamide at $0^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$. The solution was continued stirring for 1 h . The reaction mixture was concentrated under vacuum, water was added to the residue, and the product was extracted with ethyl acetate. The crude product was purified by conversion into its hydrochloride salt.

3-(\{6-[17-(1,5-Dimethyl-hexyl)-10,13-dimethyl-2,3,4,7,8,9,10,11,12,13,14,15,16,17-tetradecahydro-1H-cyclopenta[a] phenanthren-3-yloxycarbonylaminoj-hexanoyl\}ethoxycarbonylmethyl-amino)-propionic acid ethyl ester AD
[0141]


## AD

[0142] The hydrochloride salt of 3-[(6-Amino-hexanoyl)-ethoxycarbonylmethyl-amino]-propionic acid ethyl ester AC $(4.7 \mathrm{~g}, 14.8 \mathrm{mmol})$ was taken up in dichloromethane. The suspension was cooled to $0^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ on ice, To the suspension diisopropylethylamine ( $3.87 \mathrm{~g}, 5.2 \mathrm{~mL}, 30 \mathrm{mmol}$ ) was added. To the resulting solution cholesteryl chloroformate ( 6.675 $\mathrm{g}, 14.8 \mathrm{mmol}$ ) was added. The reaction mixture was stirred overnight. The reaction mixture was diluted with dichloromethane and washed with $10 \%$ hydrochloric acid. The product was purified by flash chromatography ( $10.3 \mathrm{~g}, 92 \%$ ).

1-\{6-[17-(1,5-Dimethyl-hexyl)-10,13-dimethyl-2,3,4,7,8,9,10,11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17-tetradecahydro-1H-cyclopenta[a] phenanthren-3-yloxycarbonylamino]-hexanoyl\}-4-oxo-pyrrolidine-3-carboxylic acid ethyl ester AE
[0143]


AE
[0144] Potassium t-butoxide ( $1.1 \mathrm{~g}, 9.8 \mathrm{mmol}$ ) was slurried in 30 mL of dry toluene. The mixture was cooled to $0^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ on ice and $5 \mathrm{~g}(6.6 \mathrm{mmol})$ of diester AD was added slowly with stirring within 20 mins . The temperature was kept below $5^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ during the addition. The stirring was continued for 30 mins at $0^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ and 1 mL of glacial acetic acid was added, immediately followed by 4 g of $\mathrm{NaH}_{2} \mathrm{PO}_{4} \cdot \mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}$ in 40 mL of water The resultant mixture was extracted twice with 100 mL of dichloromethane each and the combined organic extracts were washed twice with 10 mL of phosphate buffer each, dried, and evaporated to dryness. The residue was dissolved in 60 mL of toluene, cooled to $0^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ and extracted with three 50 mL portions of cold pH 9.5 carbonate buffer. The aqueous extracts were adjusted to pH 3 with phosphoric acid, and extracted with five 40 mL portions of chloroform which were combined, dried and evaporated to dryness. The residue was purified by column chromatography using $25 \%$ ethylacetate/hexane to afford 1.9 g of b-ketoester (39\%).
[6-(3-Hydroxy-4-hydroxymethyl-pyrrolidin-1-yl)-6-oxo-hexyl]-carbamic acid 17-(1,5-dimethyl-hexyl)-10,13-dimethy)-2,3,4,7,8,9,10,11,12,13,14,15,16,17-tetradecahydro-1H-cyclopenta[a]phenanthren-3-yl ester AF
[0145]


## AF

[0146] Methanol ( 2 mL ) was added dropwise over a period of 1 h to a refluxing mixture of b-ketoester AE ( $1.5 \mathrm{~g}, 2.2$ mmol ) and sodium borohydride ( $0.226 \mathrm{~g}, 6 \mathrm{mmol}$ ) in tetrahydrofuran ( 10 mL ). Stirring was continued at reflux temperature for 1 h . After cooling to room temperature, $1 \mathrm{~N} \mathrm{HCl}(12.5 \mathrm{~mL})$ was added, the mixture was extracted with ethylacetate $(3 \times 40 \mathrm{~mL}$ ). The combined ethylacetate layer was dried over anhydrous sodium sulfate and concentrated under vacuum to yield the product which was purified by column chromatography $\left(10 \% \mathrm{MeOH} / \mathrm{CHCl}_{3}\right)(89 \%)$.
(6-\{3-[Bis-(4-methoxy-phenyl)-phenyl-methoxymethyl]-4-hydroxy-pyrrolidin-1-yl\}-6-oxo-hexyl)-carbamic acid 17-(1,5-dimethyl-hexyl)-10,13-dimethyl-2,3,4,7,8,9,10,11,12,13,14,15,16,17-tetradecahydro-1H-cyclopenta[a]phenan-thren-3-yl ester AG
[0147]


AG
[0148] Diol AF (1.25 gm 1.994 mmol ) was dried by evaporating with pyridine ( $2 \times 5 \mathrm{~mL}$ ) in vacuo. Anhydrous pyridine $(10 \mathrm{~mL})$ and 4,4 '-dimethoxytritylchloride ( $0.724 \mathrm{~g}, 2.13 \mathrm{mmol}$ ) were added with stirring. The reaction was carried out at room temperature overnight. The reaction was quenched by the addition of methanol. The reaction mixture was concentrated under vacuum and to the residue dichloromethane ( 50 mL ) was added. The organic layer was washed with 1 M aqueous sodium bicarbonate. The organic layer was dried over anhydrous sodium sulfate, filtered and concentrated. The residual pyridine was removed by evaporating with toluene. The crude product was purified by column chromatography ( $2 \% \mathrm{MeOH} /$ Chloroform, $\mathrm{Rf}=0.5$ in $5 \% \mathrm{MeOH} / \mathrm{CHCl}_{3}$ ) ( $1.75 \mathrm{~g} .95 \%$ ).

Succinic acid mono-(4-[bis-(4-methoxy-phenyl)-phenyl-methoxymethyl]-1-\{6-[17-(1,5-dimethy]-hexyl)-10,13-dimethyl $2,3,4,7,8,9,10,11,12,13,14,15,16,17$-tetradecahydro-1H cyclopenta[a]phenanthren-3-yloxycarbonylamino]-hex-anoyl\}-pyrrolidin-3-yl) ester AH
[0149]


AH
[0150] Compound AG ( $1.0 \mathrm{~g}, 1.05 \mathrm{mmol}$ ) was mixed with succinic anhydride ( $0.150 \mathrm{~g}, 1.5 \mathrm{mmol}$ ) and DMAP ( 0.073 $\mathrm{g}, 0.6 \mathrm{mmol}$ ) and dried in a vacuum at $40^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ overnight. The mixture was dissolved in anhydrous dichloroethane ( 3 mL ), triethylamine ( $0.318 \mathrm{~g}, 0.440 \mathrm{~mL}, 3.15 \mathrm{mmol}$ ) was added and the solution was stirred at room temperature under argon atmosphere for 16 h . It was then diluted with dichloromethane ( 40 mL ) and washed with ice cold aqueous citric acid ( 5 $\mathrm{wt} \%, 30 \mathrm{~mL}$ ) and water ( $2 \times 20 \mathrm{~mL}$ ). The organic phase was dried over anhydrous sodium sulfate and concentrated to dryness. The residue was used as such for the next step.

Cholesterol derivatised CPG AI
[0151]


AI
[0152] Succinate AH ( $0.254 \mathrm{~g}, 0.242 \mathrm{mmol}$ ) was dissolved in a mixture of dichloromethane/acetonitrile (3:2, 3 mL ). To that solution DMAP ( $0.0296 \mathrm{~g}, 0.242 \mathrm{mmol}$ ) in acetonitrile ( 1.25 mL ), 2,2'-Dithio-bis(5-nitropyridine) ( $0.075 \mathrm{~g}, 0.242$ mmol ) in acetonitrile/dichloroethane ( $3: 1,1.25 \mathrm{~mL}$ ) were added successively. To the resulting solution triphenylphosphine $(0.064 \mathrm{~g}, 0.242 \mathrm{mmol})$ in acetonitrile ( 0.6 ml ) was added. The reaction mixture turned bright orange in color. The solution was agitated briefly using a wrist-action shaker ( 5 mins ). Long chain alkyl amine-CPG (LCAA-CPG) ( $1.5 \mathrm{~g}, 61 \mathrm{mM}$ ) was added. The suspension was agitated for 2 h . The CPG was filtered through a sintered funnel and washed with acetonitrile, dichloromethane and ether successively. Unreacted amino groups were masked using acetic anhydride/pyridine. The achieved loading of the CPG was measured by taking UV measurement ( $37 \mathrm{mM} / \mathrm{g}$ ).
[0153] The synthesis of siRNAs bearing a 5'-12-dodecanoic acid bisdecylamide group (herein referred to as "5'-C32-") or a 5'-cholesteryl derivative group (herein referred to as "5'-Chol-") was performed as described in WO 2004/065601, except that, for the cholesteryl derivative, the oxidation step was performed using the Beaucage reagent in order to
introduce a phosphorothioate linkage at the 5 '-end of the nucleic acid oligomer.
[0154] Nucleic acid sequences are represented below using standard nomenclature, and specifically the abbreviations of Table 1.

Table 1: Abbreviations of nucleotide monomers used in nucleic acid sequence representation. It will be understood that these monomers, when present in an oligonucleotide, are mutually linked by $5^{\prime}-3^{\prime}-$ phosphodiester bonds.

| Abbreviation | Nucleotide(s) |
| :--- | :--- |
| A | adenosine-5'-phosphate |
| C | cytidine-5'-phosphate |
| G | guanosine-5'-phosphate |
| T | 2'-deoxy-thymidine-5'-phosphate |
| U | uridine-5'-phosphate |
| N | any nucleotide (G, A, C, or T) |
| a | 2'-O-methyladenosine-5'-phosphate |
| c | 2'-O-methylcytidine-5--phosphate |
| g | 2'-O-methylguanosine-5'-phosphate |
| u | 2' O-methyluridine-5'-phosphate |
| sT | 2'-deoxy-thymidine-5'-phosphate-phosphorothioate |

## Example 2. Gene Walking of a gene from the Ebola virus

## Design and in silico selection of siRNAs targeting Ebola virus

[0155] siRNA design was carried out to identify siRNAs targeting Ebola virus mRNAs for genes VP30, VP35, NP, L, VP24, VP40 and GP with a focus on sequences isolated from the Zaire region (EBOV Z) as well as sequences from Sudan (EBOV-S). The siRNA in silico selection resulted in 521 siRNAs satisfying our selection criteria (Table 2)
[0156] Ebola Zaire sequence AY354458 was downloaded from NCBI Nucleotide database and further on used as reference sequence for EBOV-Z. Ebola Sudan sequence AY729654 was used as reference sequence for EBOV-S, respectively.
[0157] Sequence regions encoding target genes VP30, VP35, NP L, VP24, VP40 and GP according to the information in the Genbank file were extracted from both reference sequences, followed by extraction of all possible 19 mers for each gene, resulting in the candidate siRNA target regions (and siRNA sense sequences) for each distinct gene
[0158] In order to identify siRNAs targeting all available EBOV-Z and EBOV-S sequences, it was necessary to compile available Ebola sequences from all sequenced isolates. For this, each of the 7 target gene sequences extracted from the Ebola Zaire reference sequences was used in a blast search against viruses at NCBI with default parameters and resulting Ebola mRNA hits were downloaded.
[0159] Each candidate target region was tested for conservation across the Ebola sequences by searching the relevant target gene for presence of the 19 mer target region. The percentage of conserved sequences across all downloaded sequences for the relevant gene was calculated for each candidate target region by dividing of the number of conserved sequences with the total number of downloaded sequences.

## Example 3. Ebola siRNA in vitro screening

[0160] Table 3 provides a summary of the screening results of the siRNAs described in Table 2. Following initial screening using a GFP-expressing Ebola-Zaire virus and immunofluorescence screening using Ebola-Sudan virus, siRNA showing activity were further tested by plaque assay for anti-viral activity against Ebola-Zaire and Ebola-Sudan strains. Several siRNAs were identified that had significant activity against one or more Ebola strains. At a concentration of 100 nM many of the siRNA identified showed greater than a 1 log reduction ( $>90 \%$ inhibition) in Ebola virus titers. Negative control luciferase and GFP siRNA at the same concentration showed reductions in virus titer of between 10 and $35 \%$ (Table 3). Three previously identified Ebola siRNA (LS L\#1, LS NP\#1, LS VP35\#1) were also tested in parallel and these inhibited Ebola virus by roughly $70 \%$. The previously identified Ebola siRNA are 25 nucleotide blunt-ended
duplexes with the following composition: LS L\#1, sense: 5' CCAUCUCUGAGACACGACAUAUCUU 3' anti-sense: 5' AAGAUAUGUCGUGUCUCAGAGAUGG 3': LS NP\#1, sense: 5' GGUUCAAAGGCAAAUUCAAGUACAU 3' anti-sense 5' AUGUACUUGAAUUUGCCUUUGAACC 3'; LS VP35\#1, sense 5' CCCAAAUGCAACAAACCAAGCCAAA 3' antisense 5' UUUGGCUUGGUUUGUUGCAUUUGGG 3'. The siRNA sequences for AD-1955 and AD-5179 are as follows: AD-1955, sense: 5' CUUACGCUGAGUACUUCGAdTsdT 3' anti-sense: 5' UCGAAGUACUCAGCGUAAGdTsdT 3 , AD5179, sense: 5' CcAcAuGAAGcAGcACGACusU 3' anti-sense 5' AAGUCGUGCUGCUUCAUGUGgsusC 3'
[0161] Lead siRNAs were also screened for immunostimulatory activity (IFNalpha and TNFalpha). Immunostimulatory activity was assayed by transfecting siRNAs into human peripheral blood mononuclear cells and measureing cytokine release by ELISA as outlined in Hornung et al. Nature Medicine 2005 Cytokine levels were normalized to a positive control siRNA included in every assay The lead candidates had no immunostimulatory activity.
[0162] The following procedures were used in generating the screening results

## GFP Ebola-Zaire assay

[0163] VERO cells were transfected at $\sim 2 X 10 E 4$ cells per well in a black-walled 96 well plate Transfection was performed in EMEM with $10 \%$ FCS overnight at 100, 10 and 1 nM siRNA complexed with lipofectamine ( 1.2 ul of lipofectamine per well in 50 ul volume, complexation was performed at room temperature for $15-20 \mathrm{~min}$ ).
[0164] Next day cells were infected with GFP-EBOLA virus (1/50 dilution of stock EBOLA-Zaire GFP, stock E6(4) from 110CT05, USAMRIID) in 50ul of EMEM with $10 \%$ FCS. 2 days later cells were fixed in $10 \%$ neutral-buffered formalin for $>3$ days Formalin was changed before removing from BSL 4 suite Next formalin was replaced with PBS
[0165] To quantify infection level of cells in individual wells, cells were stained with $10-20 \mathrm{ul} / \mathrm{well}$ of $10 \mathrm{ug} / \mathrm{ml}$ Hoescht dye and read on Discovery 1 microscope. GFP signal normalized to Hoescht signal was read as a measure of infection level.

## Immunofluorescence Ebola-Sudan assay

[0166] VERO cells were transfected a1~2X10E4 cell per well in a black-walled 96 well plate. Transfection was performed in EMEM with 10\% FCS overnight at 100, 10 and JnM siRNA complexed with lipofectamine (1.2ul of lipofectamine per well in 50 ul volume; complexation was performed at room temperature for $15-20 \mathrm{~min}$ ).
[0167] Next day cells were infected with EBOLA-Sudan virus (1/100 dilution of EBOV-Sudan (Boniface), stock GP(1) V(2)E6(2) from 23May06, USAMRIID) in $50 \mu$ I of EMEM with $10 \%$ FCS. Two days later cells were fixed in $10 \%$ neutralbuffered formalin for $>3$ days. Formalin was changed before removing from BSL-4 suite. Next formalin was replaced with PBS.
[0168] To detect infected cells, cells were stained for 4 h at room temperature with mouse anti-Sudan Boniface polyclonal sera (sera was collected from 20 animals and pooled at day 30 post infection of C57BL/6 mice infected with ~1000pfu of the EBOLA SUDAN-BONIFACE, stock $\operatorname{GP}(1) \mathrm{V}(2) \mathrm{V}(1) \mathrm{E} 6(2)$ from 23MAY06, USAMRIID) at 1:200 dilution in PBS. Then cells were washed with PBS 2 X for 5 minutes. Goat anti-mouse IgG-AlexaFluor488 (Molecular Probes) was added at 1:500 dilution in PBS. Cells were washed again with PBS for 5 minutes, 100 ul of PBS was added to each well. To quantify infection level of cells in individual wells, cell were stained with 10-20 ul/well of $10 \mathrm{ug} / \mathrm{ml}$ Hoescht dye and read on Discovery 1 microscope. AlexaFluor 488 signal normalized to Hoescht signal was read as a measure of infection level.

## Plaque assay for filoviruses for in vitro assay

[0169] Vero cells were transfected in 24 well plates at the density of $\sim 15$ X10E5/well density. Transfection was performed in EMEM with $10 \%$ FCS overnight at 100 nM siRNA complexed with lipofectamine (3ul of lipofectamine per well in 200ul volume; complexation was performed at room temperature for $15-20 \mathrm{~min}$ ). Transfection was done in duplicates. 24 hours later duplicate plates were infected in 50ul/well with either $1 / 500$ diluted Zaire-EBOV [(E6P2) stock from 20Jun06, USAMRIID] or 1/1000 diluted EBOV-Sudan [(strain Boniface), stock GP(1)V(2)E6(2) from 23May06, USAMRIID]. After 1 hour at $37^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ virus inoculum was replaced with 500 ul of fresh $10 \%$ FCS/EMEM.
[0170] 48-72h later supernatants were harvested from each well.
[0171] Plaque assay was performed with supernatants at $10^{-1}, 10^{-2}, 10^{-3}, 10^{-4}, 10^{-5}$ and $10^{-6}$ dilutions. Fresh Vero cells in 6 -well plates were infected with diluted supernatants for 1 hour at $37^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ with rocking plates every 15 minutes, overlaid with $2 \mathrm{ml} /$ well of $0.5 \%$ agarose in EMEM, $5 \%$ FCS, Pen/Strep. Six days later plates were overlaid with 2 ml of overlay media $+4 \%$ neutral red solution and read plates the following day.
siRNA activity determination using the plasmid system.
[0172] Consensus sequences of NP (SEQ ID NO:1043), GP (SEQ ID NO:1044), L, VP24 (SEQ ID NO:1045), VP30

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(SEQ ID NO:1046), VP35 (SEQ ID NO:1047), VP40 (SEQ ID NO:1048) were synthesized by GENEART (Regensburg, Germany) and cloned into GENEART standard vector. The L gene was generated as 2 fragments (SEQ ID NO:1049 and SEQ ID NO:1050). All genes were subcloned into into individual psiCheck-2 (Promega, Mannheim, Germany) vectors via Xhol and Notl sites, resulting in a construct with the flu gene between the stop-codon and the polyA-signal of Renilla luciferase. Correct cloning was confirmed by end sequencing performed by GATC Biotech (Konstanz, Germany).

Transfections:
[0173] Cos-7 cells were seeded at $1.5 \times 10^{4}$ cells / well on white 96 -well plates with clear bottom (Greiner Bio-One GmbH, Frickenhausen, Germany) in $75 \mu$ l of growth medium. Directly after seeding the cells, 50 ng of plasmid / well were transfected with Lipofectamine2000 (Invitrogen) as described below for the siRNAs, with the plasmid diluted in Opti-MEM to a final volume of $12.5 \mu \mathrm{l}$ / well, prepared as a mastermix for the whole plate.
[0174] siRNA transfections were performed in quadruplicates 4 h after plasmid transfection. For each well $0.5 \mu \mathrm{l}$ Lipofectamine2000 (Invitrogen GmbH, Karlsruhe, Germany) were mixed with $12 \mu$ I Opti-MEM (Invitrogen) and incubated for 15 min at room temperature. For an siRNA concentration of 50 nM in the $100 \mu$ l transfection volume, $1 \mu \mathrm{l}$ of a $5 \mu \mathrm{M}$ siRNA were mixed with $11.5 \mu$ I Opti-MEM per well, combined with the Lipofectamine2000-Opti-MEM mixture and again incubated for 15 minutes at room temperature. During incubation, the growth medium was removed from cells and replaced by $75 \mu \mathrm{l} /$ well of fresh medium. siRNA-Lipofectamine2000-complexes were applied completely ( $25 \mu \mathrm{l}$ each per well) to the cells and cells were incubated for 24 h at $37^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ and $5 \% \mathrm{CO}_{2}$ in a humidified incubator (Heraeus GmbH , Hanau, Germany).
[0175] Cells were harvested by removing growth medium and application of $150 \mu \mathrm{l}$ of a $1: 1$ mixture consisting of medium and Dual-Glo Luciferase substrate, from the Dual-Glo Luciferase Assay System (Promega, Mannheim, Germany). The luciferase assay was performed according to the manufacturer's protocol for Dual-Glo Luciferase assay and luminescence was measured in a Victor-Light 1420 Luminescence Counter (Perkin Elmer, Rodgau-Jügesheim, Germany). Values obtained with Renilla luciferase were normalized to the respective values obtained with Firefly luciferase. Values acquired with siRNAs directed against an Ebola gene were normalized to the value obtained with an unspecific siRNA (directed against neomycin resistance gene) set to $100 \%$.

## Example 4. In vivo filovirus infection model

[0176] Liposome-formulated siRNAs targeting Ebola genes protected mice from a lethal Ebola virus challenge. Details on the liposome formulation are detailed in the next section. Mice were treated with liposome-formulated siRNA (described below) twice, at 2 hours prior to Ebola infection ( $5 \mathrm{mg} / \mathrm{kg}$ i.v.) and at 3 days after Ebola infection ( $3 \mathrm{mg} / \mathrm{kg}$ i.p.). Mice were infected intraperitoneally with 30,000 LD50 of Ebola-Zaire (LD50 is lethal dose of Ebola infection where $50 \%$ of animals die). Mice were monitored for survival with $n=10$ per treatment group. Negative controls included untreated mice and mice treated with liposome-formulated luciferase siRNA (AD-1955). EK1 is a previously published siRNA sequence targeting the Ebola L gene [Geisbert el al. (2006) The Journal of Infectious Disease 193:1950-1657] that was used as a positive control. The siRNA sequences for EK1 are as follows:

> 5' GUACGAAGCUGUAUAUAAAdTdT 3' (sense) and

5' UUUAUAUACAGCUUCGUACdTdT 3' (antisense).
[0177] FIG. 1 provides the results. All the negative control-treated animals (untreated and liposomally-formulated luciferase siRNA-treated) died within 6-8 days following Ebola infection. Several of the liposomally-formulated Ebola siRNA showed significant increases in survival rates compared to the negative controls. Multiple Ebola siRNA (AD11691, AD-11710, AD-11588, AD-11599, AD-11570) showed more protection against lethal Ebola infection than the previously published EK1 siRNA (FIG. 1).
[0178] A further experiment was conducted utilizing one of the active Ebola siRNA (AD-11570) to investigate different dosing routes and treatment regimens. Mice were treated with liposome-formulated Ebola VP35 siRNA (AD-11570) or negative control luciferase siRNA (AD-1955) 2 hours prior to Ebola infection ( $5 \mathrm{mg} / \mathrm{kg}$ i.p.). Mice were infected intraperitoneally with 30,000 LD50 of Ebola-Zaire (LD50 is lethal dose of Ebola infection where $50 \%$ of animals die). Mice were monitored for survival with $\mathrm{n}=10$ per treatment group.
[0179] FIG. 2 provides the results. The animals treated with lipsomally-formulated AD-11570 showed near complete protection against lethal Ebola infection as compared to the negative control-treated animals (untreated and liposomallyformulated luciferase siRNA-treated) (Figure 2). These results indicate that a single siRNA administration either via intravenous or intraperitoneal route is able to have a significant impact on survival.

## Formulation Procedure

[0180] The lipidoid ND98-4HCI (MW 1487) (Figure 3), Cholesterol (Sigma-Aldrich), and PEG-Ceramide C16 (Avanti Polar Lipids) were used to prepare lipid-siRNA nanoparticles. Stock solutions of each in ethanol were prepared: ND98, $133 \mathrm{mg} / \mathrm{mL}$; Cholesterol, $25 \mathrm{mg} / \mathrm{mL}$, PEG-Ceramide C16, $100 \mathrm{mg} / \mathrm{mL}$. ND98, Cholesterol, and PEG-Ceramide C16 stock solutions were then combined in a 42:48:10 molar ratio. Combined lipid solution was mixed rapidly with aqueous siRNA (in sodium acetate pH 5 ) such that the final ethanol concentration was $35-45 \%$ and the final sodium acetate concentration was $100-300 \mathrm{mM}$. Lipid-siRNA nanoparticles formed spontaneously upon mixing. Depending on the desired particle size distribution, the resultant nanoparticle mixture was in some cases extruded through a polycarbonate membrane ( 100 nm cut-off) using a thermobarrel extruder (Lipex Extruder, Northern Lipids, Inc). In other cases, the extrusion step was omitted. Ethanol removal and simultaneous buffer exchange was accomplished by either dialysis or tangential flow filtration. Buffer was exchanged to phosphate buffered saline (PBS) pH 7.2.

## Characterization of formulations

[0181] Formulations prepared by either the standard or extrusion-free method are characterized in a similar manner. Formulations are first characterized by visual inspection. They should be whitish translucent solutions free from aggregates or sediment. Particle size and particle size distribution of lipid-nanoparticles are measured by dynamic light scattering using a Malvern Zetasizer Nano ZS (Malvern, USA). Particles should be 20-300 nm, and ideally, 40-100 nm in size. The particle size distribution should be unimodal. The total siRNA concentration in the formulation, as well as the entrapped fraction, is estimated using a dye exclusion assay. A sample of the formulated siRNA is incubated with the RNA-binding dye Ribogreen (Molecular Probes) in the presence or absence of a formulation disrupting surfactant, $0.5 \%$ Triton-X100. The total siRNA in the formulation is determined by the signal from the sample containing the surfactant, relative to a standard curve. The entrapped fraction is determined by subtracting the "free" siRNA content (as measured by the signal in the absence of surfactant) from the total siRNA content. Percent entrapped siRNA is typically $>85 \%$.

## Example 5. siRNAs targeting Ebola increased the life-span of mice and guinea pigs infected with Ebola.

[0182] siRNA directed against different Ebola genes were formulated in liposomes. A single dose of siRNA targeting the VP35 gene (AD-11570) protected both mice and guinea pigs against lethal Ebola infection (1000 PFU; 30000x LD50). Protection was associated with reduction in viral titres and was seen when drug was administered either prophylactically or therapeutically. Irrelevant siRNA (targeting luciferase) similarly formulated showed no protective effect or impact on virus titer.
[0183] Studies were conducted in mouse, guinea pig, and nonhuman primate lethal Ebola infection models. The studies are summarized below.
[0184] Mouse study 1: Demonstrated efficacy in mouse model of Ebola for multiple siRNA sequences formulated in LNP01. siRNAs were administered by intravenous (i.v.) injection on day 0 , followed by intraperitoneal (i.p.) injection on day 3. See FIG. 1.
[0185] Mouse study 3: Demonstrated efficacy of siRNA in LNP01 formulation in the mouse model of Ebola when given by either IV or IP route. See FIG. 2. Mice were monitored for survival with $n=10$ per treatment group.
[0186] Mouse study \#14: Demonstrated efficacy of siRNA in DODMA in the mouse model of Ebola by the IP route. See FIG. 4. siRNAs were formulated in DODMA:DSPC:Chol:PEG-DMG. Mice were monitored for survival with $n=10$ per treatment group. Treatment with $10 \mathrm{mg} / \mathrm{kg}$ DODMA-formulated AD-11570 siRNAs was also effective to protect guinea pigs infected with Ebola.
[0187] Mouse study \#15: Demonstrated that siRNA in DODMA formulation is effective down to $0.04 \mathrm{mg} / \mathrm{kg}$ in the mouse model of Ebola. AD-11570 consistently gave $25-50 \%$ protection, but no clear dose response was seen. The control siRNA AD-1955 gave 25-50\% protection, but again, no dose response was observed. See FIG. 5.
[0188] Guinea pig study \#6: Demonstrated efficacy of multiple doses of siRNA in DODMA formulation in the guinea pig model of Ebola. AD-11570 siRNAs formulated in DODMA:DSPC:Chol:PEG-DMG were effective to protect guinea pigs from Ebola. See FIG. 6.
[0189] Guinea pig study \#11: Efficacy of siRNAs formulated with DODMA and targeting different Ebola genes in a guinea pig model of Ebola. See FIG. 7
[0190] A 95\% decrease in viral titers was also observed following administration of LNP01 formulated VP35 siRNA to BALB/c mice ( $\mathrm{n}=5$ per group) (FIG. 8). Mice were dosed systemically with LNP01 formulated siRNA at $5 \mathrm{mg} / \mathrm{kg}$ i.v. at day 0 , then $3 \mathrm{mg} / \mathrm{kg}$ i.p. at day 3 . Two hours post-siRNA injection at day 0 , mice were injected with 1,000 pfu EbolaZaire virus and monitored for survival. On day 6 post-infection, the mice were sacrificed and their blood viral titers were determined by plaque assay.
[0191] Table 3 shows the results of cell-based and plaque assays.
[0192] Table 4 shows the results of plaque assays for control siRNAs.
[0193] Table 5. shows the sequences of modified duplexes, and Table 6 shows the effect of the modified duplexes on plaque assay activity and $\mathrm{IC}_{50}$ values in the plasmid-based system.
[0194] Table 7 shows the effect of siRNAs on cytokine levels (IFN-alpha and TNF-alpha).
[0195] Table 8 shows the siRNA silencing in the plasmid system and calculated $\mathrm{IC}_{50}$ values.
[0196] Table 9 shows that nonhuman primates administered siRNAs targeting Ebola did not demonstrate a decrease in lymphocyte or platelet count. GGAUGAUGAAGGUUUUAAUTsT AGGAUGAUGAAGGUUUUAATsT AAGGAUGAUGAAGGUUUUATsT CUUUUUCUUAAUCUUCAUCTsT GAAGGUUUuAAUCUUcAUCTsT UGAAGGUUUuAAUCUUcAUTsT
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| $198-216$ | VP35 |
| $379-397$ | VP35 |
| $646-664$ | VP35 |
| $731-749$ | VP35 |
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| $1193-1211$ | VP35 |
| $438-456$ | VP40 |
| $1301-1319$ | VP40 |
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| $478-496$ | VP40 |
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| $1192-1210$ | VP40 |
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| $1300-1318$ | VP40 |
| $465-483$ | GP |
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| $331-349$ | VP30 |
| $250-268$ | VP30 |
| $1009-1027$ | VP30 |
| $1318-1336$ | VP3J |
| $126-144$ | VP30 |
| $354-372$ | VP30 |
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& \text { GAAGAAucuccGAccGGGcTsT }
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& \text { AGUGUCGAUUcAUGuAGuATsT }
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& \text { AGGGUGUCGuAuAUCcAUCTsT }
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& \text { sequence ( } 5-3 \text { ) } \\
& \text { CUCGUUGAGUUCUcAUGUUTsT }
\end{aligned}
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& \text { AD-12035 } \\
& \text { AD-12036 } \\
& \text { AD-12037 }
\end{aligned}
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Table 3.

| duplex name | Ebola Zaire GFP assay \% reduction |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 100 nM | 10 nM | 1 nM |
| AD 11542 | 90.7 | 80.1 | 55.2 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { AD- } \\ & 11543 \end{aligned}$ | 62.7 | 55.9 | 47.8 |
| AD- <br> 11544 | 63.5 | 32.8 | 41.0 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { AD- } \\ & 11545 \end{aligned}$ | 73.0 | 71.8 | 61.4 |
| AD- <br> 11546 | 94.5 | 88.3 | 72.5 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { AD- } \\ & 11547 \end{aligned}$ | 79.8 | 62.8 | 48.6 |
| AD- <br> 11548 | -15.4 | -13.0 | -15.6 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { AD- } \\ & 11549 \end{aligned}$ | 3.8 | 138 | 16.1 |
| AD- <br> 11550 | 17.5 | 1.2 | -10.5 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { AD- } \\ & 11551 \end{aligned}$ | -14.2 | -204 | -21.3 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { AD- } \\ & 11552 \end{aligned}$ | -14.7 | -11.9 | -6.5 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { AD- } \\ & 11553 \end{aligned}$ | 4.7 | 7.4 | 13.9 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { AD- } \\ & 11554 \end{aligned}$ | 12.6 | -20.5 | -32.1 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { AD- } \\ & 11555 \end{aligned}$ | 20.8 | -22.2 | -36.7 |
| AD- <br> 11556 | 6.4 | -11.6 | -21.7 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { AD- } \\ & 11557 \end{aligned}$ | 30.6 | 22.0 | -8.7 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { AD- } \\ & 11558 \end{aligned}$ | 3.0 | 1.2 | -33.7 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { AD- } \\ & 11559 \end{aligned}$ | -29.1 | -38.0 | -42.9 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { AD- } \\ & 11560 \end{aligned}$ | -42.0 | -46.1 | -54.6 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { AD- } \\ & 11561 \end{aligned}$ | 16.4 | -16.6 | -15.9 |
| AD- <br> 11562 | 12.0 | -13.9 | -63.1 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { AD- } \\ & 11563 \end{aligned}$ | 45.3 | -51.6 | 61.7 |
| AD- <br> 11564 | -19.0 | -31.3 | -44.0 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { AD- } \\ & 11565 \end{aligned}$ | -27.0 | -4.4 | -10.7 |



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| duplex name | Ebola Zaire GFP assay \% reduction |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 100 nM | 10 nM | 1 nM |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { AD- } \\ & 11566 \end{aligned}$ | 6.8 | 6.0 | -0.5 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { AD- } \\ & 11567 \end{aligned}$ | -1.1 | -5.7 | 0.3 |
| AD- <br> 11568 | 10.3 | 7.9 | 11.4 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { AD- } \\ & 11569 \end{aligned}$ | 17.6 | 22.0 | 15.4 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { AD- } \\ & 11570 \end{aligned}$ | 23.8 | 5.9 | 15.4 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { AD- } \\ & 11571 \end{aligned}$ | 27.5 | 23.9 | -32.4 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { AD- } \\ & 11572 \end{aligned}$ | -35.2 | -25.7 | 26.1 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { AD- } \\ & 11573 \end{aligned}$ | -8.3 | 16.7 | 15.7 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { AD- } \\ & 11574 \end{aligned}$ | 1.1 | -12.0 | -27.6 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { AD- } \\ & 11575 \end{aligned}$ | -29.9 | -30.0 | -35.9 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { AD- } \\ & 11576 \end{aligned}$ | -9.4 | -8.2 | -20.8 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { AD- } \\ & 11577 \end{aligned}$ | -8.5 | -0.1 | 13.7 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { AD- } \\ & 11578 \end{aligned}$ | 9.8 | 17.0 | 4.1 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { AD- } \\ & 11579 \end{aligned}$ | 15.1 | 12.2 | -7.8 |
| AD- <br> 11580 | -4.4 | 2.3 | 4.1 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { AD- } \\ & 11581 \end{aligned}$ | 10.6 | 2.5 | 3.4 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { AD- } \\ & 11582 \end{aligned}$ | 10.6 | 4.3 | -33.2 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { AD- } \\ & 11583 \end{aligned}$ | -16.6 | -18.4 | -28.3 |
| AD- <br> 11584 | -24.1 | -12.0 | -18.7 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { AD- } \\ & 11585 \end{aligned}$ | 7.2 | -9.6 | 9.1 |
| AD 11586 | -6.8 | -0.7 | -9.1 |
| AD- <br> 11587 | 6.1 | -0.4 | 0.9 |
| AD- <br> 11588 | 20.9 | 10.4 | -9.5 |
| AD- <br> 11589 | 28.7 | 24.3 | 16.1 |


| Ebola Zaire plaque <br> \% reduction vs no siRNA | Ebola Sud 100 nM | IF assay 10 nM | duction 1 nM | Ebola <br> Sudan <br> plaque <br> \% reduction <br> vs no siRNA |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 32.0 | 18.2 | 0.7 |  |
|  | 3.1 | -4.6 | 14.4 |  |
|  | -0.7 | 27.6 | 25.6 |  |
| 33.01 | 47.1 | 51.3 | 63.7 | 85.01 |
| 98.14 | 9.3 | -5.5 | -15.3 | -217.80 |
|  | -8.5 | -13.0 | 10.8 |  |
|  | 4.3 | 8.8 | 18.6 |  |
| 46.60 | 55.9 | 76.5 | 37.8 | -22.05 |
|  | 12.5 | -2.9 | -11.3 |  |
|  | 1.6 | 27.3 | -11.4 |  |
|  | 0.1 | 34.6 | 3.1 |  |
|  | 45.2 | 31.5 | 23.2 |  |
|  | -40.1 | -56.3 | -53.3 |  |
|  | -47.6 | -37.3 | -18.5 |  |
| 76.38 | 14.2 | 4.9 | 33.6 | 12.97 |
| -26.97 | 57.4 | 65.1 | 81.7 | -109.94 |
| -117 | -99.7 | -93.3 | -90.8 | -533.33 |
|  | -85.8 | -72.4 | -55.3 |  |
| 59.87 | -1.0 | 54.0 | 16.5 | 1.61 |
| 51.46 | 37.5 | 19.1 | 457 | 82.71 |
|  | -81.1 | -87.9 | -86.9 |  |
|  | -80.7 | -6.2 | -51.8 |  |
| 99.40 | -12.9 | -0.1 | 20.5 | -117.23 |
| 35.75 | 18.2 | 38.7 | 54.2 | 88.14 |

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| duplex name | Ebola Zaire GFP assay \% reduction |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 100 nM | 10 nM | 1 nM |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { AD- } \\ & 11590 \end{aligned}$ | 20.7 | 28.8 | 3.0 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { AD- } \\ & 11591 \end{aligned}$ | -18.3 | -29.6 | -27.0 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { AD- } \\ & 11592 \end{aligned}$ | -11.3 | 14.7 | -12.3 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { AD- } \\ & 11593 \end{aligned}$ | 3.8 | 5.0 | -12.3 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { AD- } \\ & 11594 \end{aligned}$ | 33.4 | 4.9 | -3.2 |
| AD- <br> 11595 | -30.9 | -37.7 | 54.2 |
| AD- <br> 11596 | -8.2 | -14.8 | -3.3 |
| AD- <br> 11597 | 13.0 | 13.0 | 11.7 |
| AD- <br> 11598 | 40.0 | -1.6 | 10.4 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { AD- } \\ & 11599 \end{aligned}$ | 13.0 | 246 | -18.3 |
| AD- <br> 11600 | 16.7 | 2.8 | -8.1 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { AD- } \\ & 11601 \end{aligned}$ | 10.4 | 25.3 | 2.0 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { AD- } \\ & 11602 \end{aligned}$ | 39.7 | 45.0 | 24.4 |
| AD 11603 | 41.2 | 42.4 | 36.0 |
| AD- <br> 11604 | 39.6 | 36.3 | 31.6 |
| AD- $11605$ | 50.2 | 38.8 | 21.2 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { AD- } \\ & 11606 \end{aligned}$ | 41.5 | 36.8 | 1.4 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { AD- } \\ & 11607 \end{aligned}$ | -12.8 | 2.7 | -9.9 |
| AD- <br> 11608 | 10.9 | -6.7 | 6.1 |
| AD- <br> 11609 | 27.3 | 32.9 | 29.0 |
| AD- <br> 11610 | 23.9 | 19.7 | 16.0 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { AD- } \\ & 11611 \end{aligned}$ | 56 | 11.9 | 16.1 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { AD- } \\ & 11612 \end{aligned}$ | -2.9 | -4.0 | -14.4 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { AD- } \\ & 11613 \end{aligned}$ | 13.4 | 32.7 | 23.7 |


| Ebola Zaire plaque <br> \% reduction vs no siRNA 98.81 | Ebola Sud $\begin{array}{r}100 \mathrm{nM} \\ -385\end{array}$ | IF assay 10 nM -55.2 | duction 1 nM 20.9 | Ebola <br> Sudan <br> plaque <br> \% reduction <br> vs no siRNA |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | -38.5 | -55.2 | 20.9 | 44.92 |
| 99.07 | -3.1 | -40.1 | -30.1 |  |
|  | -36.3 | -38.7 | -46.1 |  |
|  | 1.8 | -15.8 | 4.6 |  |
|  | -25.2 | -31.3 | -21.7 | 7.63 |
|  | -11.6 | -2.7 | -2.7 |  |
|  | -7.8 | 26.8 | 3.5 |  |
|  | 21.7 | 28.2 | 25.2 | 83.00 |
| 98.91 | -30.2 | -33.7 | -17.7 | 0.00 |
| 98.79 | -20.9 | -22.8 | -50.8 | 34.32 |
| 98.52 | -4.3 | -28.5 | 6.8 | -120.34 |
| 71.20 | 23.0 | 6.3 | 7.9 | -652.16 |
| 38.73 | 47.4 | 37.7 | 54.8 | 48.13 |
| 54.85 | 38.2 | 35.7 | 43.8 | 73.04 |
| -1.51 | 37.0 | 56.6 | 52.8 | 84.65 |
| 60.19 | 48.1 | 58.6 | 77.6 | 66.95 |
| 89.23 | 53.2 | 33.2 | 37.0 | 79.32 |
| 38.83 | 29.0 | 8.3 | 21.4 | -13.98 |
| 14.24 | 39.5 | 49.3 | 42.9 | -75.07 |
| 51.46 | 36.8 | 40.7 | 50.2 | 20.81 |
| 23.95 | 37.7 | 70.3 | 49.6 | 97.93 |
|  | 30.7 | 8.5 | 15.6 |  |
|  | 9.9 | 21.9 | 10.0 |  |
|  | -2.6 | 17.5 | 44.4 |  |

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| duplex name | Ebola Zaire GFP assay \% reduction |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 100 nM | 10 nM | 1 nM |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { AD- } \\ & 11614 \end{aligned}$ | 9.0 | 14.3 | 10.3 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { AD- } \\ & 11615 \end{aligned}$ | 5.9 | 22.3 | -0.9 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { AD- } \\ & 11616 \end{aligned}$ | 2.3 | 5.5 | 11.0 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { AD- } \\ & 11617 \end{aligned}$ | 14.3 | 5.3 | -1.9 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { AD- } \\ & 11618 \end{aligned}$ | -2.5 | -4.3 | -1.2 |
| AD 11619 | -8.3 | -37.8 | -30.2 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { AD- } \\ & 11620 \end{aligned}$ | 11.0 | -19.2 | -37.5 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { AD- } \\ & 11621 \end{aligned}$ | -29.1 | -4.5 | 4.7 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { AD- } \\ & 11622 \end{aligned}$ | 11.9 | 15.0 | 4.2 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { AD- } \\ & 11623 \end{aligned}$ | 7.7 | -17.8 | -24.6 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { AD- } \\ & 11624 \end{aligned}$ | -16.3 | -36.6 | -45.8 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { AD- } \\ & 11625 \end{aligned}$ | 45.0 | 11.0 | 0.3 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { AD- } \\ & 11626 \end{aligned}$ | -3.6 | 13.2 | 11.9 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { AD- } \\ & 11627 \end{aligned}$ | 34.1 | 24.7 | 21.1 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { AD- } \\ & 11628 \end{aligned}$ | -8.9 | -1.4 | -13.8 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { AD- } \\ & 11629 \end{aligned}$ | 22.9 | 23.0 | 11.8 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { AD- } \\ & 11630 \end{aligned}$ | 12.2 | 19.0 | -2.0 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { AD- } \\ & 11631 \end{aligned}$ | -10.4 | -15.2 | -18.3 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { AD- } \\ & 11632 \end{aligned}$ | -50.7 | -49.9 | -49.4 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { AD- } \\ & 11633 \end{aligned}$ | -39.4 | -10.2 | 1.8 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { AD- } \\ & 11634 \end{aligned}$ | 2.2 | 12.3 | -14.1 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { AD- } \\ & 11635 \end{aligned}$ | -44.3 | -46.0 | -29.5 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { AD- } \\ & 11636 \end{aligned}$ | -48.8 | -44.7 | -41.1 |
| AD 11637 | -36.8 | -27.2 | -17.3 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { AD- } \\ & 11638 \end{aligned}$ | -8.4 | 8.5 | -3.9 |

$\left.\begin{array}{|l|ccc|c|}\begin{array}{l}\text { Ebola Zaire } \\ \text { plaque }\end{array} & \text { Ebola Sudan IF assay \% reduction } & \begin{array}{l}\text { Ebola } \\ \text { Qudan } \\ \text { veduction } \\ \text { vs siRNA }\end{array} & \mathbf{1 0 0} \mathbf{n M} & \mathbf{1 0} \mathbf{n M} \\ \text { plaque } \\ \text { \% reduction } \\ \text { vs no siRNA }\end{array}\right]$

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| duplex name | Ebola Zaire GFP assay \% reduction |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 100 nM | 10 nM | 1 nM |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { AD- } \\ & 11639 \end{aligned}$ | -47.6 | -1.7 | 36.0 |
| AD- <br> 11640 | 69.4 | 39.4 | 34.6 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { AD- } \\ & 11641 \end{aligned}$ | 42.6 | 15.2 | 15.9 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { AD- } \\ & 11642 \end{aligned}$ | 248 | 21.4 | 32.7 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { AD- } \\ & 11643 \end{aligned}$ | 37.7 | 53.8 | 52.7 |
| AD- <br> 11644 | 54.1 | 17.7 | 5.5 |
| AD- <br> 11645 | 5.9 | 2.5 | -2.5 |
| AD- <br> 11646 | -1.7 | 2.1 | 7.9 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { AD- } \\ & 11647 \end{aligned}$ | 8.4 | 8.8 | 37.5 |
| AD- <br> 11648 | 56.9 | 19.2 | 8.1 |
| AD- <br> 11649 | -3.3 | -6.9 | -3.5 |
| AD- <br> 11650 | 1.9 | -2.5 | -1.5 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { AD- } \\ & 11651 \end{aligned}$ | 6.7 | 9.4 | 30.9 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { AD- } \\ & 11652 \end{aligned}$ | 55.8 | 27.7 | 10.3 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { AD- } \\ & 11653 \end{aligned}$ | 12.4 | 13.8 | 10.9 |
| AD- $11654$ | 13.8 | 7.2 | 10.7 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { AD- } \\ & 11655 \end{aligned}$ | 9.1 | 14.6 | 40.5 |
| AD- <br> 11656 | 39.1 | 9.6 | -1.0 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { AD- } \\ & 11657 \end{aligned}$ | -1.1 | 1.1 | 0.2 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { AD- } \\ & 11658 \end{aligned}$ | 7.3 | 0.9 | 1.5 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { AD- } \\ & 11659 \end{aligned}$ | 2.9 | 4.1 | 28.0 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { AD- } \\ & 11660 \end{aligned}$ | 23.8 | 13.0 | 0.9 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { AD- } \\ & 11661 \end{aligned}$ | -6.4 | -8.0 | -6.1 |
| AD- $11662$ | -1.6 | -7.9 | -7.9 |

\begin{tabular}{|c|c|c|c|c|}
\hline \begin{tabular}{l}
Ebola Zaire plaque \\
\% reduction vs no siRNA 23.31
\end{tabular} \& Ebola Sud
\(\begin{array}{r}100 \mathrm{nM} \\ 2.9\end{array}\) \& IF assay

10 nM
20.2 \& duction
1 nM

12.6 \& | Ebola |
| :--- |
| Sudan |
| plaque |
| \% reduction |
| vs no siRNA |
| -97.46 | <br>

\hline 75.14 \& 66.0 \& 71.5 \& 82.5 \& 49.15 <br>
\hline 65.14 \& 73.1 \& 81.9 \& 87.7 \& 96.50 <br>
\hline -42.93 \& 89.8 \& 87.4 \& 87.4 \& 4.03 <br>
\hline 89.14 \& 94.3 \& 94.2 \& 97.5 \& 22.03 <br>
\hline 94.29 \& 26.7 \& 38.5 \& 51.2 \& 31.78 <br>
\hline 51.97 \& 64.7 \& 68.1 \& 80.1 \& 93.34 <br>
\hline 59.55 \& 72.6 \& 76.8 \& 79.0 \& 92.72 <br>
\hline 57.28 \& 75.6 \& 81.7 \& 93.7 \& 74.71 <br>
\hline 66.10 \& 15.4 \& -9.9 \& 13.0 \& 71.19 <br>
\hline 65.47 \& 36.0 \& 54.2 \& 64.9 \& 82.84 <br>
\hline 17.28 \& 58.7 \& 65.3 \& 59.6 \& 2.31 <br>
\hline 65.70 \& 70.3 \& 87.1 \& 91.2 \& 83.96 <br>
\hline \& -56.8 \& 59.6 \& 68.4 \& 33.90 <br>
\hline 86.84 \& 66.4 \& 70.4 \& 75.8 \& 2.02 <br>
\hline \& 76.1 \& 73.8 \& 73.8 \& -123.92 <br>
\hline -7.01 \& 82.4 \& 83.9 \& 92.6 \& -146.11 <br>
\hline 81.71 \& -21.9 \& 30.7 \& 19.0 \& 20.34 <br>
\hline \& -3.1 \& 20.7 \& 48.9 \& <br>
\hline 86.84 \& 55.5 \& 50.8 \& 41.3 \& 93.52 <br>
\hline 78.79 \& 46.4 \& 51.1 \& 66.6 \& 79.47 <br>
\hline 80.57 \& 11.0 \& 20.8 \& -57.0 \& 90.51 <br>
\hline \& -37.1 \& -16.9 \& 19.1 \& <br>
\hline \& 10.9 \& 10.7 \& 27.7 \& <br>
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| Ebola Zaire plaque <br> \% reduction vs no siRNA | Ebola Sud 100 nM | IF assay 10 nM | duction 1 nM | Ebola <br> Sudan <br> plaque <br> \% reduction <br> vs no siRNA |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 25.4 | 20.4 | 30.8 |  |
| 50.16 | 54.4 | 63.1 | 66.8 | 77.95 |
| 15.10 | 52.7 | 65.2 | 62.3 | -13.26 |
| 5.72 | 67.9 | 80.3 | 80.3 | 79.54 |
| 47.73 | 83.6 | 80.4 | 90.6 | 84.70 |
|  | -91.6 | -4.4 | 2.8 |  |
|  | 3.4 | 33.5 | 43.3 |  |
| 35.28 | 42.7 | 43.6 | 62.6 | -5.48 |
| 80.58 | 61.0 | 65.1 | 72.7 | 13.54 |
|  | -69.9 | 25.3 | -57.8 |  |
|  | -46.1 | -22.7 | 1.5 |  |
|  | 34.4 | 14.8 | 32.2 |  |
|  | 11.1 | 45.1 | 59.7 |  |
| 78.86 | 75.7 | 86.4 | 78.6 | 16.95 |
|  | 86.1 | 78.0 | 87.1 | 1.27 |
| 87.06 | 86.4 | 86.6 | 86.6 | -141.35 |
| 28.26 | 88.3 | 88.6 | 90.9 | -79.25 |
| 75.62 | -38.9 | 13.4 | -88.3 | 72.03 |
|  | 14.4 | 25.0 | 24.2 |  |
|  | -39.9 | 53.8 | 57.2 |  |
| 92.99 | 59.6 | 53.3 | 48.2 | 57.85 |
| 33.26 | -156.0 | -119.6 | -198.2 | 87.80 |
| -6.15 | -43.0 | -107.3 | -93.7 | -20.61 |
| 88.12 | -134.6 | -69.2 | -151.8 | 43.11 |
|  | -77.4 | -41.4 | -79.0 |  |

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| duplex name | Ebola Zaire GFP assay \% reduction |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 100 nM | 10 nM | 1 nM |
| AD- <br> 11688 | 40.0 | 28.5 | 26.7 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { AD- } \\ & 11689 \end{aligned}$ | 34.4 | 27.1 | 32.4 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { AD- } \\ & 11690 \end{aligned}$ | 24.0 | 30.2 | 42.1 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { AD- } \\ & 11691 \end{aligned}$ | 47.9 | 44.1 | 55.3 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { AD- } \\ & 11694 \end{aligned}$ | 44.3 | 8.5 | 5.7 |
| AD- <br> 11695 | 1.5 | 0.5 | -5.3 |
| AD- $11696$ | 5.1 | 4.8 | 10.8 |
| AD- <br> 11698 | 18.4 | 20.4 | 45.5 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { AD- } \\ & 11700 \end{aligned}$ | 30.4 | 8.5 | -2.1 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { AD- } \\ & 11704 \end{aligned}$ | -7.2 | -6.1 | -9.9 |
| AD- <br> 11705 | -2.9 | -2.4 | -4.7 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { AD- } \\ & 11706 \end{aligned}$ | 8.5 | 21.1 | 99.9 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { AD- } \\ & 11707 \end{aligned}$ | 41.8 | 25.9 | 21.9 |
| AD- <br> 11708 | 27.2 | 27.4 | 28.1 |
| AD- <br> 11710 | 31.0 | 37.7 | 43.0 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { AD- } \\ & 11711 \end{aligned}$ | 33.8 | 36.5 | 48.2 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { AD- } \\ & 11712 \end{aligned}$ | 81.1 | 20.2 | 8.0 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { AD- } \\ & 11713 \end{aligned}$ | -8.6 | -4.0 | -2.1 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { AD- } \\ & 11714 \end{aligned}$ | -8.7 | -8.3 | -4.3 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { AD- } \\ & 11715 \end{aligned}$ | 0.8 | 14.9 | 40.7 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { AD- } \\ & 11716 \end{aligned}$ | 32.4 | 8.3 | 1.8 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { AD- } \\ & 11717 \end{aligned}$ | 2.2 | -0.5 | -0.6 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { AD- } \\ & 11718 \end{aligned}$ | -8.1 | -11.9 | -19.8 |
| AD- <br> 11719 | 4.2 | 11.6 | 33.8 |

\begin{tabular}{|c|c|c|c|c|}
\hline \begin{tabular}{l}
Ebola Zaire plaque \\
\% reduction vs no siRNA
\end{tabular} \& Ebola Sud
\(\begin{array}{r}100 \mathrm{nM} \\ 73.4\end{array}\) \& IF assay

10 nM
79.8 \& duction
1 nM

8880 \& | Ebola |
| :--- |
| Sudan |
| plaque |
| \% reduction |
| vs no siRNA | <br>

\hline \& 73.4 \& 79.8 \& 88.0 \& 66.95 <br>
\hline 57.33 \& 83.4 \& 74.8 \& 86.5 \& 85.59 <br>
\hline 71.71 \& 82.5 \& 89.4 \& 89.4 \& 83.05 <br>
\hline 87.43 \& 92.0 \& 93.9 \& 97.0 \& 70.96 <br>
\hline \& 2.1 \& 4.8 \& 13.6 \& <br>
\hline \& 42.1 \& 36.7 \& 46.0 \& <br>
\hline \& 49.2 \& 56.9 \& 76.3 \& <br>
\hline 59.09 \& 69.5 \& 79.5 \& 82.0 \& 54.66 <br>
\hline 84.00 \& -151.2 \& -108.0 \& -67.5 \& 4.52 <br>
\hline \& -37.2 \& -56.5 \& -32.4 \& <br>
\hline \& -7.3 \& 0.9 \& -14.8 \& <br>
\hline \& 21.5 \& -8.9 \& 33.9 \& <br>
\hline 90.69 \& 79.3 \& 84.2 \& 85.1 \& 63.14 <br>
\hline 83.92 \& 80.0 \& 81.1 \& 83.7 \& 24.58 <br>
\hline 77.54 \& 86.9 \& 89.6 \& 89.6 \& 99.70 <br>
\hline 73.43 \& 91.1 \& 89.8 \& 93.9 \& -34.75 <br>
\hline 79.71 \& 22.6 \& -4.3 \& 27.5 \& -13.56 <br>
\hline \& 39.1 \& 39.1 \& 51.8 \& <br>
\hline 63.27 \& 45.0 \& 66.1 \& 74.5 \& 39.48 <br>
\hline 92.23 \& 79.0 \& 82.0 \& 86.9 \& 1.15 <br>
\hline 83.05 \& -46.0 \& -51.4 \& -11.3 \& -577.97 <br>
\hline \& -1.5 \& -13.0 \& -14.3 \& <br>
\hline \& 2.4 \& 18.8 \& 29.2 \& <br>
\hline 57.93 \& 55.3 \& 56.6 \& 74.0 \& -2.02 <br>
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| Ebola Zaire plaque <br> \% reduction vs no siRNA | Ebola Sud 100 nM | IF assay 10 nM | duction 1 nM | Ebola <br> Sudan <br> plaque <br> \% reduction <br> vs no siRNA |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 77.05 | 86.4 | 91.8 | 95.6 | -373.73 |
| 82.56 | 90.8 | 91.1 | 95.1 | -31.70 |
| 82.96 | 94.1 | 91.7 | 91.7 | -112.39 |
| 90.99 | 94.1 | 95.5 | 95.7 | -55.62 |
| 99.98 | 63.2 | 73.2 | 73.7 | -1.27 |
| 93.62 | 85.5 | 92.4 | 89.5 | -172.62 |
| 58.58 | 90.3 | 91.9 | 94.4 | -2.54 |
| 4.72 | 93.9 | 94.5 | 98.3 | 49.86 |
| 73.43 | 26.9 | 27.5 | 41.0 | 30.51 |
| 26.86 | 51.9 | 65.4 | 58.9 | -20.46 |
| 24.70 | 60.2 | 67.7 | 71.6 | 52.02 |
| 79.94 | 66.8 | 67.3 | 89.0 | 96.16 |
| 63.43 | 63.0 | 79.9 | 87.5 | 70.34 |
| 75.57 | 84.2 | 89.7 | 85.1 | -9.51 |
| 90.52 | 90.8 | 90.6 | 90.6 | -119.16 |
| -22.87 | 90.8 | 88.5 | 94.5 | -77.23 |
| 21.14 | 29.9 | 39.5 | 45.3 | -611.86 |
| -183.17 | 78.3 | 88.4 | 82.5 | 14.41 |
| -102.05 | 85.3 | 86.4 | 80.4 | 10.52 |
| 52.75 | 53.8 | 55.2 | 83.5 | 89.27 |
| 53.43 | -87.3 | -64.8 | 12.1 | 38.98 |
| 42.39 | 27.2 | 47.7 | 36.1 | -32.56 |
| 40.35 | 49.9 | 56.9 | 20.5 | 12.25 |
| 37.35 | 46.3 | 24.7 | 71.2 | 26.08 |

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| duplex name | Ebola Zaire GFP assay \% reduction |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 100 nM | 10 nM | 1 nM |
| AD- <br> 11744 | 40.5 | 24.2 | 21.0 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { AD- } \\ & 11745 \end{aligned}$ | 26.3 | 23.1 | 23.3 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { AD- } \\ & 11746 \end{aligned}$ | 7.2 | 0.9 | -4.8 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { AD- } \\ & 11747 \end{aligned}$ | 1.6 | -3.5 | -5.4 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { AD- } \\ & 11748 \end{aligned}$ | -4.3 | 0.5 | 0.9 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { AD- } \\ & 11749 \end{aligned}$ | 8.4 | 3.9 | 1.0 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { AD- } \\ & 11750 \end{aligned}$ | 4.8 | 2.1 | 0.0 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { AD- } \\ & 11751 \end{aligned}$ | 3.3 | 0.6 | -2.2 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { AD- } \\ & 11752 \end{aligned}$ | 17.7 | 6.5 | 3.2 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { AD- } \\ & 11753 \end{aligned}$ | 1.7 | 1.2 | 0.9 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { AD- } \\ & 11754 \end{aligned}$ | 3.7 | 1.8 | 0.7 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { AD- } \\ & 11755 \end{aligned}$ | 37.7 | 26.6 | 10.8 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { AD- } \\ & 11756 \end{aligned}$ | -1.0 | -0.6 | 0.3 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { AD- } \\ & 11757 \end{aligned}$ | 0.2 | 0.0 | 1.8 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { AD- } \\ & 11758 \end{aligned}$ | 18.9 | 11.7 | 7.5 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { AD- } \\ & 11759 \end{aligned}$ | 26.1 | 15.1 | 18.8 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { AD- } \\ & 11760 \end{aligned}$ | 21.9 | 19.5 | 6.0 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { AD- } \\ & 11761 \end{aligned}$ | 18.1 | 8.6 | 6.4 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { AD- } \\ & 11762 \end{aligned}$ | 15.4 | 9.7 | 4.2 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { AD- } \\ & 11763 \end{aligned}$ | 6.8 | 7.3 | 3.7 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { AD- } \\ & 11764 \end{aligned}$ | 5.1 | 5.7 | 0.9 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { AD- } \\ & 11765 \end{aligned}$ | 14.8 | 8.0 | 4.3 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { AD- } \\ & 11766 \end{aligned}$ | 2.9 | 3.5 | 3.9 |
| AD- <br> 11767 | 24.1 | 15.1 | 5.5 |

\begin{tabular}{|c|c|c|c|c|}
\hline \begin{tabular}{l}
Ebola Zaire plaque \\
\% reduction vs no siRNA 75.24
\end{tabular} \& Ebola Sud
\(\begin{array}{r}100 \mathrm{nM} \\ 42.9\end{array}\) \& IF assay

10 nM
52.0 \& duction
1 nM

90.3 \& | Ebola |
| :--- |
| Sudan |
| plaque |
| \% reduction |
| vs no siRNA |
| 32.20 | <br>

\hline 75.24 \& 42.9 \& 52.0 \& 90.3 \& 32.20 <br>
\hline 55.43 \& 64.3 \& 74.1 \& 84.5 \& 54.24 <br>
\hline 89.82 \& 42.3 \& 74.8 \& 8.6 \& 33.49 <br>
\hline \& 54.9 \& 5.8 \& 25.4 \& <br>
\hline \& 30.3 \& 10.9 \& 10.9 \& <br>
\hline \& 41.4 \& -3.7 \& 54.3 \& <br>
\hline \& 44.9 \& 30.4 \& 71.5 \& <br>
\hline \& 34.3 \& -18.6 \& 29.4 \& <br>
\hline -27.63 \& 19.8 \& 19.6 \& -0.1 \& 61.08 <br>
\hline \& -62.5 \& -40.7 \& 28.2 \& <br>
\hline \& 69.9 \& 91.1 \& 44.9 \& <br>
\hline -58.93 \& 10.1 \& 0.6 \& 28.8 \& 47.05 <br>
\hline \& -39.8 \& -16.7 \& -5.7 \& <br>
\hline \& -46.4 \& -12.7 \& -2.7 \& <br>
\hline 21.83 \& 27.3 \& 12.4 \& -9.8 \& 70.02 <br>
\hline -595.93 \& -6.9 \& $-3.8$ \& -22.6 \& 55.98 <br>
\hline 11.60 \& -61.2 \& 6.6 \& 6.6 \& 22.49 <br>
\hline -67.30 \& 39.7 \& 43.4 \& 58.0 \& 71.77 <br>
\hline -335.24 \& 38.7 \& -86.0 \& 12.4 \& 73.68 <br>
\hline \& -3.6 \& -0.7 \& 8.7 \& <br>
\hline \& -34.9 \& 28.7 \& 18.2 \& <br>
\hline 5.98 \& 32.1 \& 27.3 \& 58.4 \& 76.08 <br>
\hline \& 13.4 \& -6.1 \& -68.1 \& <br>
\hline 7.18 \& 32.9 \& -27.7 \& 0.2 \& 9.57 <br>
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| duplex name | Ebola Zaire GFP assay \% reduction |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 100 nM | 10 nM | 1 nM |
| AD- <br> 11768 | 19.2 | 16.5 | 4.3 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { AD- } \\ & 11769 \end{aligned}$ | 5.6 | 2.3 | 2.6 |
| AD- $11770$ | 14.0 | 7.2 | 2.2 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { AD- } \\ & 11771 \end{aligned}$ | 2.8 | 2.1 | 1.3 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { AD- } \\ & 11772 \end{aligned}$ | 4.0 | 2.2 | 2.6 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { AD- } \\ & 11773 \end{aligned}$ | 1.3 | -0.6 | -0.7 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { AD- } \\ & 11774 \end{aligned}$ | 2.0 | 1.5 | 0.5 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { AD- } \\ & 11775 \end{aligned}$ | 2.3 | 0.3 | -0.2 |
| AD- $11776$ | 2.7 | 0.4 | 1.6 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { AD- } \\ & 11777 \end{aligned}$ | 3.6 | 1.3 | 0.0 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { AD- } \\ & 11778 \end{aligned}$ | 0.9 | -0.9 | -0.8 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { AD- } \\ & 11779 \end{aligned}$ | 6.3 | 1.7 | -0.5 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { AD- } \\ & 11780 \end{aligned}$ | 5.8 | 0.1 | 0.1 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { AD- } \\ & 11781 \end{aligned}$ | 2.3 | 1.0 | -0.2 |
| AD- $11782$ | -1.7 | -4.0 | -4.1 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { AD- } \\ & 11783 \end{aligned}$ | -3.5 | -2.1 | -1.5 |
| AD- <br> 11784 | 5.7 | 3.7 | -1.0 |
| AD- <br> 11785 | 2.8 | 1.0 | 1.5 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { AD- } \\ & 11786 \end{aligned}$ | 14.9 | 6.5 | -2.9 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { AD- } \\ & 11787 \end{aligned}$ | -0.3 | 0.0 | -2.9 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { AD- } \\ & 11788 \end{aligned}$ | -0.1 | 0.5 | 1.3 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { AD- } \\ & 11789 \end{aligned}$ | 5.1 | 5.7 | 3.1 |
| AD- <br> 11790 | 5.7 | 0.0 | -4.0 |
| AD- $11791$ | -1.5 | -2.6 | -4.6 |



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| duplex name | Ebola Zaire GFP assay \% reduction |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 100 nM | 10 nM | 1 nM |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { AD- } \\ & 11816 \end{aligned}$ | -14.5 | -15.2 | -14.6 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { AD- } \\ & 11817 \end{aligned}$ | -15.4 | -15.2 | -11.8 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { AD- } \\ & 11818 \end{aligned}$ | 9.5 | -1.9 | -6.6 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { AD- } \\ & 11819 \end{aligned}$ | -3.5 | 1.4 | -1.9 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { AD- } \\ & 11820 \end{aligned}$ | 7.6 | 4.4 | -2.0 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { AD- } \\ & 11321 \end{aligned}$ | 1.3 | -0.5 | 1.6 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { AD- } \\ & 11822 \end{aligned}$ | 7.7 | -4.1 | -4.2 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { AD- } \\ & 11823 \end{aligned}$ | -1.5 | -2.3 | -0.4 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { AD- } \\ & 11824 \end{aligned}$ | 3.2 | 1.7 | -2.7 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { AD- } \\ & 11825 \end{aligned}$ | 0.1 | -0.9 | 0.7 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { AD- } \\ & 11826 \end{aligned}$ | 3.4 | -6.1 | -3.8 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { AD- } \\ & 11827 \end{aligned}$ | -4.2 | -2.6 | -1.1 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { AD- } \\ & 11828 \end{aligned}$ | 0.8 | -1.3 | -1.4 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { AD- } \\ & 11829 \end{aligned}$ | 2.0 | -1.6 | 1.1 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { AD- } \\ & 11830 \end{aligned}$ | -4.3 | -7.5 | -8.0 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { AD- } \\ & 11831 \end{aligned}$ | -6.4 | -5.2 | -4.1 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { AD- } \\ & 11832 \end{aligned}$ | -3.2 | -2.5 | -3.0 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { AD- } \\ & 11833 \end{aligned}$ | -1.4 | -2.5 | -1.2 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { AD- } \\ & 11834 \end{aligned}$ | 18.8 | 2.8 | -7.7 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { AD- } \\ & 11835 \end{aligned}$ | $-2.0$ | -0.2 | -4.6 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { AD- } \\ & 11836 \end{aligned}$ | 3.3 | 0.7 | -1.9 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { AD- } \\ & 11837 \end{aligned}$ | 0.3 | -2.3 | -0.7 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { AD- } \\ & 11838 \end{aligned}$ | -7.4 | -7.1 | -8.8 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { AD- } \\ & 11839 \end{aligned}$ | -5.6 | -2.9 | -2.2 |


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| duplex name | Ebola Zaire GFP assay \% reduction |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 100 nM | 10 nM | 1 nM |
| AD- <br> 11840 | -1.7 | 1.3 | -0.2 |
| AD- $11841$ | -3.8 | -1.8 | -2.3 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { AD- } \\ & 11842 \end{aligned}$ | 14.4 | 7.7 | 0.8 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { AD- } \\ & 11843 \end{aligned}$ | ND | ND | ND |
| AD- <br> 11844 | 0.0 | 1.4 | -0.5 |
| AD- <br> 11845 | 3.9 | 2.0 | 1.1 |
| AD- $11846$ | 27.5 | 20.0 | -7.1 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { AD- } \\ & 11847 \end{aligned}$ | -5.9 | -4.8 | -6.2 |
| AD- <br> 11848 | -1.3 | 0.6 | -1.7 |
| AD- <br> 11849 | -1.0 | -1.4 | 50.6 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { AD- } \\ & 11850 \end{aligned}$ | -4.1 | 2.9 | -6.3 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { AD- } \\ & 11851 \end{aligned}$ | -5.0 | -4.6 | -2.2 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { AD- } \\ & 11852 \end{aligned}$ | -0.4 | -0.6 | -0.6 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { AD- } \\ & 11853 \end{aligned}$ | 1.6 | -0.6 | -0.8 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { AD- } \\ & 11854 \end{aligned}$ | -0.6 | -1.3 | -1.8 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { AD- } \\ & 11855 \end{aligned}$ | 5.0 | 3.4 | 1.6 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { AD- } \\ & 11856 \end{aligned}$ | 2.3 | 0.9 | -0.6 |
| AD- $11857$ | 3.4 | 0.7 | 0.1 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { AD- } \\ & 11858 \end{aligned}$ | -2.3 | -2.5 | -2.7 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { AD- } \\ & 11859 \end{aligned}$ | 0.6 | 2.0 | -1.0 |
| AD- <br> 11860 | 11.4 | 6.4 | 0.1 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { AD- } \\ & 11861 \end{aligned}$ | 3.2 | 1.7 | -0.4 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { AD- } \\ & 11862 \end{aligned}$ | 15.3 | 3.2 | -3.1 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { AD- } \\ & 11863 \end{aligned}$ | 8.7 | 8.8 | 4.1 |


| Ebola Zaire plaque <br> \% reduction vs no siRNA | Ebola Sud 100 nM | IF assay 10 nM | eduction 1 nM | Ebola <br> Sudan <br> plaque <br> \% reduction <br> vs no siRNA |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| \% reduction vs no siRNA | 85.7 | 61.6 | 59.6 |  |
|  | 60.7 | 52.5 | 50.8 |  |
| 35.57 | -145.5 | -117.2 | -46.4 | 42.11 |
|  | -68.1 | -87.6 | -36.1 |  |
|  | -72.1 | -80.2 | -80.2 |  |
|  | -34.1 | -60.1 | -13.9 |  |
| 25.19 | -69.7 | -62.0 | -63.7 | 13.40 |
|  | -93.2 | -61.3 | -57.4 |  |
|  | -89.3 | -76.1 | -18.3 |  |
|  | -0.9 | 12.6 | 18.7 |  |
|  | -15.1 | -3.7 | -34.5 |  |
|  | -13.3 | -10.3 | -15.2 |  |
|  | 7.7 | 11.6 | 10.2 |  |
|  | 24.9 | 28.1 | 36.7 |  |
|  | 50.9 | 35.6 | 21.2 |  |
|  | 47.8 | 24.7 | 28.6 |  |
|  | 60.4 | 367 | 36.7 |  |
|  | 23.1 | 37.0 | 57.6 |  |
|  | 59.8 | 78.3 | 41.7 |  |
|  | 64.0 | 33.3 | 40.7 |  |
| 32.44 | 40.2 | -5.8 | 34.3 | 54.70 |
|  | -6.3 | -30.9 | 26.8 |  |
| -55.53 | 37.3 | 6.8 | 51.0 | 51.20 |
| -77.56 | 26.0 | 17.7 | 37.8 | 80.86 |

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| duplex <br> name | Ebola Zaire GFP assay \% reduction |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 100 nM | 10 nM | 1 nM |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { AD- } \\ & 11864 \end{aligned}$ | 8.9 | 3.5 | -1.4 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { AD- } \\ & 11865 \end{aligned}$ | 4.3 | 0.2 | 0.1 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { AD- } \\ & 11870 \end{aligned}$ | 4.5 | 5.7 | 1.9 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { AD- } \\ & 11871 \end{aligned}$ | 13.9 | 4.6 | -0.4 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { AD- } \\ & 11872 \end{aligned}$ | 12.4 | 9.9 | -0.2 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { AD- } \\ & 11873 \end{aligned}$ | 16.2 | 8.7 | 2.9 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { AD- } \\ & 11874 \end{aligned}$ | 14.0 | 3.6 | -0.6 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { AD- } \\ & 11875 \end{aligned}$ | 37.1 | 22.5 | 9.9 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { AD- } \\ & 11876 \end{aligned}$ | 11.8 | 4.2 | 1.3 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { AD- } \\ & 11878 \end{aligned}$ | 3.5 | -0.5 | -1.7 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { AD- } \\ & 11879 \end{aligned}$ | 30.5 | 21.5 | 3.8 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { AD- } \\ & 11882 \end{aligned}$ | 16.0 | 12.4 | 5.1 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { AD- } \\ & 11883 \end{aligned}$ | 13.2 | 6.8 | 1.4 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { AD- } \\ & 11884 \end{aligned}$ | 23.7 | 11.4 | 5.5 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { AD- } \\ & 11885 \end{aligned}$ | 1.5 | -0.8 | -2.9 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { AD- } \\ & 11886 \end{aligned}$ | -1.2 | -3.4 | -4.7 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { AD- } \\ & 11887 \end{aligned}$ | 16.6 | 4.6 | -2.2 |
| AD- <br> 11888 | 12.9 | 3.8 | 2.3 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { AD- } \\ & 11889 \end{aligned}$ | 12.2 | 5.9 | -1.6 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { AD- } \\ & 11890 \end{aligned}$ | 8.5 | 6.2 | 5.0 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { AD- } \\ & 11891 \end{aligned}$ | 20.7 | 9.8 | 1.0 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { AD- } \\ & 11892 \end{aligned}$ | -0.1 | -2.5 | -2.0 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { AD- } \\ & 11893 \end{aligned}$ | 0.1 | -2.1 | -1.5 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { AD- } \\ & 11896 \end{aligned}$ | 3.5 | 1.3 | -1.6 |



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| duplex name | Ebola Zaire GFP assay \% reduction |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 100 nM | 10 nM | 1 nM |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { AD- } \\ & 11897 \end{aligned}$ | 1.6 | -1.3 | -2.6 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { AD- } \\ & 11899 \end{aligned}$ | 8.3 | 1.9 | 0.6 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { AD- } \\ & 11901 \end{aligned}$ | 2.5 | 3.1 | 1.4 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { AD- } \\ & 11902 \end{aligned}$ | 5.9 | 0.6 | -2.6 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { AD- } \\ & 11903 \end{aligned}$ | 1.1 | -1.5 | -3.6 |
| AD- <br> 11904 | 0.7 | 0.4 | -0.2 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { AD- } \\ & 11905 \end{aligned}$ | 6.9 | 2.1 | -0.1 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { AD- } \\ & 11906 \end{aligned}$ | -0.4 | 0.3 | -2.5 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { AD- } \\ & 11907 \end{aligned}$ | 4.5 | 0.5 | -1.1 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { AD- } \\ & 11908 \end{aligned}$ | -0.9 | -1.7 | 0.2 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { AD- } \\ & 11909 \end{aligned}$ | 7.0 | 2.9 | 1.1 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { AD- } \\ & 11911 \end{aligned}$ | 5.4 | 2.6 | -1.9 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { AD- } \\ & 11912 \end{aligned}$ | -3.4 | -4.5 | -3.7 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { AD- } \\ & 11914 \end{aligned}$ | -0.6 | -0.2 | 1.0 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { AD- } \\ & 11918 \end{aligned}$ | -6.3 | -8.2 | -6.7 |
| AD- <br> 11919 | -1.0 | -0.1 | 3.2 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { AD- } \\ & 11925 \end{aligned}$ | 3.5 | 1.9 | -2.7 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { AD- } \\ & 11926 \end{aligned}$ | 11.3 | 4.9 | -3.2 |
| AD- $11927$ | -6.8 | -8.4 | -5.7 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { AD- } \\ & 11933 \end{aligned}$ | -0.2 | 1.4 | 3.3 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { AD- } \\ & 11938 \end{aligned}$ | 0.0 | -2.4 | -4.1 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { AD- } \\ & 11939 \end{aligned}$ | -2.3 | 2.0 | -3.1 |
| AD- <br> 11941 | -8.3 | 9.6 | -7.5 |
| AD- $11942$ | -4.4 | -3.5 | -2.5 |


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| duplex name | Ebola Zaire GFP assay \% reduction |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 100 nM | 10 nM | 1 nM |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { AD- } \\ & 11943 \end{aligned}$ | 1.9 | 0.7 | -2.7 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { AD- } \\ & 11944 \end{aligned}$ | -1.1 | -2.1 | -2.0 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { AD- } \\ & 11945 \end{aligned}$ | -7.7 | -8.6 | -5.9 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { AD- } \\ & 11946 \end{aligned}$ | 0.6 | 0.8 | -2.4 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { AD- } \\ & 11947 \end{aligned}$ | -0.6 | -2.2 | -4.1 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { AD- } \\ & 11948 \end{aligned}$ | -2.3 | -4.0 | -4.5 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { AD- } \\ & 11949 \end{aligned}$ | -6.6 | -7.9 | -6.4 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { AD- } \\ & 11950 \end{aligned}$ | -3.9 | 0.8 | 7.9 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { AD- } \\ & 11951 \end{aligned}$ | 7.7 | 0.4 | 6.0 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { AD- } \\ & 11952 \end{aligned}$ | 1.7 | -4.5 | -4.7 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { AD- } \\ & 11953 \end{aligned}$ | -9.1 | -7.7 | -6.8 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { AD- } \\ & 11954 \end{aligned}$ | -2.7 | 8.2 | 8.2 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { AD- } \\ & 11955 \end{aligned}$ | 9.0 | 7.5 | 5.9 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { AD- } \\ & 11956 \end{aligned}$ | 6.3 | -6.5 | -4.0 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { AD- } \\ & 11957 \end{aligned}$ | -1.9 | -6.4 | -2.8 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { AD- } \\ & 11958 \end{aligned}$ | 2.0 | 1.2 | -1.0 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { AD- } \\ & 11959 \end{aligned}$ | 8.7 | 3.4 | -1.2 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { AD- } \\ & 11960 \end{aligned}$ | 2.8 | 1.7 | 0.2 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { AD- } \\ & 11961 \end{aligned}$ | -3.4 | -5.5 | -4.5 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { AD- } \\ & 11962 \end{aligned}$ | -1.4 | 0.0 | -0.2 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { AD- } \\ & 11963 \end{aligned}$ | 2.1 | -0.3 | -0.2 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { AD- } \\ & 11964 \end{aligned}$ | 4.5 | 3.9 | -0.1 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { AD- } \\ & 11965 \end{aligned}$ | -3.8 | -6.3 | -4.4 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { AD- } \\ & 11966 \end{aligned}$ | -0.5 | -1.0 | -0.5 |


| Ebola Zaire <br> plaque | Ebola Sudan IF assay \% reduction <br> \%s no siRNA | Ebola <br> Sudan <br> plaque |
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| \% reduction |  |  |
| vs no siRNA |  |  |$|$

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| duplex name | Ebola Zaire GFP assay \% reduction |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 100 nM | 10 nM | 1 nM |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { AD- } \\ & 11967 \end{aligned}$ | 5.0 | 3.8 | 1.2 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { AD- } \\ & 11968 \end{aligned}$ | -0.8 | -0.2 | -0.3 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { AD- } \\ & 11969 \end{aligned}$ | 3.9 | 0.6 | -2.2 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { AD- } \\ & 11970 \end{aligned}$ | 9.2 | 5.5 | -1.6 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { AD- } \\ & 11971 \end{aligned}$ | -1.2 | 0.1 | -1.7 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { AD- } \\ & 11972 \end{aligned}$ | 2.7 | -0.9 | -0.8 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { AD- } \\ & 11973 \end{aligned}$ | 3.2 | 5.3 | -0.3 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { AD- } \\ & 11974 \end{aligned}$ | 1.7 | 2.3 | 2.6 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { AD- } \\ & 11975 \end{aligned}$ | 1.8 | 1.4 | 1.9 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { AD- } \\ & 11976 \end{aligned}$ | 2.3 | 2.7 | 2.7 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { AD- } \\ & 11977 \end{aligned}$ | 4.5 | 3.7 | 2.7 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { AD- } \\ & 11978 \end{aligned}$ | 2.1 | 1.2 | 0.8 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { AD- } \\ & 11979 \end{aligned}$ | -1.7 | -2.0 | -2.2 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { AD- } \\ & 11980 \end{aligned}$ | -1.3 | -0.8 | -0.6 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { AD- } \\ & 11981 \end{aligned}$ | 9.1 | 6.7 | 4.6 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { AD- } \\ & 11982 \end{aligned}$ | -0.2 | -0.4 | -1.4 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { AD- } \\ & 11983 \end{aligned}$ | -2.7 | -3.4 | -3.7 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { AD- } \\ & 11984 \end{aligned}$ | -1.9 | -0.5 | 0.1 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { AD- } \\ & 11985 \end{aligned}$ | 5.5 | 6.4 | 2.8 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { AD- } \\ & 11986 \end{aligned}$ | 6.1 | 6.0 | 5.8 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { AD- } \\ & 11987 \end{aligned}$ | 0.9 | 1.5 | 2.0 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { AD- } \\ & 11988 \end{aligned}$ | 7.4 | 8.5 | 8.9 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { AD- } \\ & 11989 \end{aligned}$ | 1.9 | 2.0 | 1.6 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { AD- } \\ & 11990 \end{aligned}$ | 0.8 | -0.2 | -0.8 |


| Ebola Zaire <br> plaque | Ebola Sudan IF assay \% reduction <br> \%s no siRNA | Ebola <br> Sudan <br> plaque |
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| \% reduction |  |  |
| vs no siRNA |  |  |$|$

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| duplex name | Ebola Zaire GFP assay \% reduction |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 100 nM | 10 nM | 1 nM |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { AD- } \\ & 11991 \end{aligned}$ | -1.9 | -2.4 | -2.3 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { AD- } \\ & 11992 \end{aligned}$ | 0.6 | 1.3 | 1.6 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { AD- } \\ & 11993 \end{aligned}$ | 6.6 | 5.6 | 3.7 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { AD- } \\ & 11994 \end{aligned}$ | 0.3 | 0.1 | -0.6 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { AD- } \\ & 11995 \end{aligned}$ | -2.3 | -2.1 | -1.9 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { AD- } \\ & 11996 \end{aligned}$ | -0.7 | 0.3 | 0.4 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { AD- } \\ & 11997 \end{aligned}$ | 4.1 | 4.3 | -0.1 |
| AD- <br> 11998 | 0.3 | 0.0 | -0.7 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { AD- } \\ & 11999 \end{aligned}$ | -0.5 | -0.1 | 0.1 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { AD- } \\ & 12000 \end{aligned}$ | -0.8 | 0.2 | 0.8 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { AD- } \\ & 12001 \end{aligned}$ | 3.7 | 3.3 | 2.9 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { AD- } \\ & 12002 \end{aligned}$ | 3.8 | 2.9 | 2.2 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { AD- } \\ & 12003 \end{aligned}$ | -0.3 | -0.4 | -0.2 |
| AD- <br> 12004 | 0.6 | 0.8 | 1.4 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { AD- } \\ & 12005 \end{aligned}$ | 4.9 | 4.7 | 3.9 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { AD- } \\ & 12006 \end{aligned}$ | 0.8 | 0.5 | 0.5 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { AD- } \\ & 12007 \end{aligned}$ | -1.3 | -0.7 | -0.3 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { AD- } \\ & 12008 \end{aligned}$ | 0.7 | 1.4 | 1.4 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { AD- } \\ & 12009 \end{aligned}$ | 0.8 | 2.5 | -2.2 |
| AD- $12010$ | -1.2 | -1.5 | -1.6 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { AD- } \\ & 12011 \end{aligned}$ | -1.2 | -0.3 | 0.2 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { AD- } \\ & 12012 \end{aligned}$ | 0.7 | 0.7 | 0.5 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { AD- } \\ & 12013 \end{aligned}$ | 1.3 | 1.1 | -0.5 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { AD- } \\ & 12014 \end{aligned}$ | -1.8 | -3.0 | -2.7 |


| Ebola Zaire <br> plaque | Ebola Sudan IF assay \% reduction <br> \%s no siRNA | Ebola <br> Sudan <br> plaque |
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| \% reduction |  |  |
| vs no siRNA |  |  |$|$

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| duplex name | Ebola Zaire GFP assay \% reduction |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 100 nM | 10 nM | 1 nM |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { AD- } \\ & 12015 \end{aligned}$ | -4.2 | -4.1 | -3.8 |
| AD- $12016$ | -1.9 | -1.5 | -1.2 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { AD- } \\ & 12017 \end{aligned}$ | -0.4 | -1.0 | -2.2 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { AD- } \\ & 12018 \end{aligned}$ | -1.0 | -2.6 | -2.9 |
| AD- <br> 12019 | -3.1 | -2.7 | -2.3 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { AD- } \\ & 12020 \end{aligned}$ | -2.1 | -1.4 | -1.0 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { AD- } \\ & 12021 \end{aligned}$ | 4.9 | 3.3 | 2.1 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { AD- } \\ & 12022 \end{aligned}$ | 3.9 | 3.1 | 2.1 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { AD- } \\ & 12023 \end{aligned}$ | 0.4 | 0.5 | 0.8 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { AD- } \\ & 12024 \end{aligned}$ | 0.2 | 1.4 | 2.3 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { AD- } \\ & 12025 \end{aligned}$ | 6.9 | 4.8 | 3.2 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { AD- } \\ & 12026 \end{aligned}$ | -0.3 | -0.1 | 0.2 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { AD- } \\ & 12027 \end{aligned}$ | -0.8 | -1.0 | -0.5 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { AD- } \\ & 12028 \end{aligned}$ | -1.2 | -0.2 | 0.8 |
| AD- $12029$ | 6.9 | 5.6 | 3.8 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { AD- } \\ & 12030 \end{aligned}$ | -0.1 | -0.8 | -2.0 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { AD- } \\ & 12031 \end{aligned}$ | 0.2 | 0.1 | -0.1 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { AD- } \\ & 12032 \end{aligned}$ | 0.0 | 0.1 | 0.6 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { AD- } \\ & 12033 \end{aligned}$ | -4.7 | -8.2 | -7.6 |
| AD- $12034$ | -6.0 | -5.7 | -5.7 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { AD- } \\ & 12035 \end{aligned}$ | -7.7 | -7.4 | -7.6 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { AD- } \\ & 12036 \end{aligned}$ | -6.6 | -6.1 | -5.1 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { AD- } \\ & 12037 \end{aligned}$ | -7.8 | -7.8 | -7.7 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { AD- } \\ & 12462 \end{aligned}$ | -8.4 | -8.6 | -9.4 |


| Ebola Zaire plaque <br> \% reduction vs no siRNA | Ebola Sud 100 nM | IF assay 10 nM | duction 1 nM | Ebola <br> Sudan <br> plaque <br> \%reduction <br> vs no siRNA |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| \% reduction vs no siRNA | 36.5 | 35.7 | 34.2 |  |
|  | 38.7 | 41.0 | 41.9 |  |
|  | 6.4 | 12.0 | 17.5 |  |
|  | -19.0 | -8.5 | -7.1 |  |
|  | -3.4 | -3.2 | 0.0 |  |
|  | 2.2 | 10.2 | 12.7 |  |
|  | -34.2 | -9.2 | -30.6 |  |
|  | -139.2 | -184.9 | -191.4 |  |
|  | 10.7 | 11.7 | -2.8 |  |
|  | -8.4 | 6.0 | 18.1 |  |
|  | 18.0 | -1.4 | -25.4 |  |
|  | -79.8 | -64.2 | -44.8 |  |
|  | -28.2 | -43.7 | -57.1 |  |
|  | -8.1 | -0.6 | 6.2 |  |
|  | -65.2 | -79.3 | -106.3 |  |
|  | -70.4 | -93.2 | -119.7 |  |
|  | -32.4 | -34.4 | -34.9 |  |
|  | -86.6 | -68.5 | -43.4 |  |
|  | -115.7 | -149.7 | -58.5 |  |
|  | -217.6 | -210.8 | -215.6 |  |
|  | -99.6 | -102.4 | -107.1 |  |
|  | -111.1 | -91.0 | -89.8 |  |
|  | 45.1 | 5.3 | -44.2 |  |
|  | -150.2 | -135.8 | -130.8 |  |

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| duplex name | Ebola Zaire GFP assay \% reduction |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 100 nM | 10 nM | 1 nM |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { AD- } \\ & 12463 \end{aligned}$ | -8.3 | -8.4 | -8.6 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { AD- } \\ & 12464 \end{aligned}$ | -6.3 | -6.6 | -6.5 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { AD- } \\ & 12465 \end{aligned}$ | -2.8 | -3.8 | -5.3 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { AD- } \\ & 12466 \end{aligned}$ | -1.9 | -3.1 | -3.5 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { AD- } \\ & 12467 \end{aligned}$ | -5.9 | -5.8 | -5.6 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { AD- } \\ & 12468 \end{aligned}$ | -4.9 | -4.2 | -3.3 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { AD- } \\ & 12469 \end{aligned}$ | -4.8 | -6.0 | -6.6 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { AD- } \\ & 12470 \end{aligned}$ | -0.9 | -1.4 | -1.9 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { AD- } \\ & 12471 \end{aligned}$ | -4.0 | -4.0 | -4.0 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { AD- } \\ & 12472 \end{aligned}$ | -3.2 | -3.4 | -2.6 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { AD- } \\ & 12473 \end{aligned}$ | -3.5 | -3.8 | -4.1 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { AD- } \\ & 12474 \end{aligned}$ | -5.0 | -5.3 | -5.8 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { AD- } \\ & 12475 \end{aligned}$ | -7.1 | -7.6 | -7.4 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { AD- } \\ & 12476 \end{aligned}$ | -5.2 | -4.7 | -3.5 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { AD- } \\ & 12477 \end{aligned}$ | -2.8 | -3.8 | -4.4 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { AD- } \\ & 12478 \end{aligned}$ | -7.3 | -7.6 | -7.8 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { AD- } \\ & 12479 \end{aligned}$ | -7.9 | -8.3 | -8.1 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { AD- } \\ & 12480 \end{aligned}$ | $-2.7$ | -2.4 | -1.4 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { AD- } \\ & 12481 \end{aligned}$ | -5.7 | -5.5 | -7.5 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { AD- } \\ & 12482 \end{aligned}$ | -4.4 | -4.5 | -4.1 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { AD- } \\ & 12483 \end{aligned}$ | -4.8 | -4.8 | -4.5 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { AD- } \\ & 12484 \end{aligned}$ | -4.2 | -3.9 | -3.8 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { AD- } \\ & 12485 \end{aligned}$ | -2.7 | -4.0 | -5.4 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { AD- } \\ & 12486 \end{aligned}$ | -8.5 | -8.6 | -8.6 |



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| duplex name | Ebola Zaire GFP assay \% reduction |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 100 nM | 10 nM | 1 nM |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { AD- } \\ & 12487 \end{aligned}$ | -8.1 | -8.0 | -7.8 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { AD- } \\ & 12488 \end{aligned}$ | -8.2 | -7.9 | -7.8 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { AD- } \\ & 12489 \end{aligned}$ | -4.2 | -5.6 | -7.1 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { AD- } \\ & 12490 \end{aligned}$ | -8.6 | -8.9 | -8.8 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { AD- } \\ & 12491 \end{aligned}$ | -8.9 | -9.0 | -8.4 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { AD- } \\ & 12492 \end{aligned}$ | -8.6 | -7.7 | -6.7 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { AD- } \\ & 12493 \end{aligned}$ | -8.2 | -6.7 | -4.5 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { AD- } \\ & 12494 \end{aligned}$ | -7.6 | -8.0 | -8.2 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { AD- } \\ & 12495 \end{aligned}$ | -6.6 | -5.5 | -4.9 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { AD- } \\ & 12496 \end{aligned}$ | -4.1 | -4.2 | -3.8 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { AD- } \\ & 12497 \end{aligned}$ | -5.1 | -5.2 | -6.3 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { AD- } \\ & 12498 \end{aligned}$ | -5.8 | -6.0 | -6.4 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { AD- } \\ & 12499 \end{aligned}$ | -6.6 | -6.3 | -6.3 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { AD- } \\ & 12500 \end{aligned}$ | -6.0 | -5.4 | -4.7 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { AD- } \\ & 12501 \end{aligned}$ | -4.8 | -5.0 | -5.8 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { AD- } \\ & 12502 \end{aligned}$ | -6.8 | -7.2 | -6.7 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { AD- } \\ & 12503 \end{aligned}$ | -10.4 | -9.6 | -9.9 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { AD- } \\ & 12504 \end{aligned}$ | -4.0 | -3.6 | -2.5 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { AD- } \\ & 12505 \end{aligned}$ | 18.1 | -0.9 | -5.5 |
| AD- $12506$ | -2.1 | -2.7 | -4.2 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { AD- } \\ & 12507 \end{aligned}$ | -1.7 | 7.2 | 15.0 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { AD- } \\ & 12508 \end{aligned}$ | -4.2 | -3.2 | -1.9 |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { AD- } \\ & 12509 \end{aligned}$ | -9.2 | -8.9 | -8.2 |
| AD- <br> 12510 | -7.9 | -7.6 | -7.6 |

$\left.\begin{array}{l|ccc|c|}\begin{array}{l}\text { Ebola Zaire } \\ \text { plaque }\end{array} & \begin{array}{c}\text { Ebola Sudan IF assay \% reduction } \\ \text { \%s no siRNA }\end{array} & \begin{array}{l}\text { Ebola } \\ \text { Sudan } \\ \text { plaque }\end{array} \\ \text { \% nM reduction } \\ \text { vs no siRNA }\end{array}\right]$

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Table 4.
In vitro Plaque assay controls (all values average of 3-4 experiments and expressed as \% inhibition relative to no siRNA treatment)

| AD 1955 (luc) | 31.37 |  | 10.97 |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | :---: |
| AD-5179 (GFP) | 15.15 | 18.65 |  |
| LS L\#1 | 77.23 | N/A |  |
| LS NP\#1 | 73.94 | N/A |  |
| LS VP35\#1 | 67.27 | N/A |  |


| seq id <br> no | antisense $\mathbf{5}^{\prime}-3^{\prime}$ |
| :---: | :---: |
| 996 | ACcAUcAUGUGUCCuACUGdTsdT |
| 998 | UcACcAUcAUGUGUCCuACdTsdT |
| 1000 | AUcACcAUcAUGUGUCCuAdTsdT |
| 1002 | cAAACGGAAAAUcACcAUCdTsdT |
| 1004 | AUcAAACGGAAAAUcACcAdTsdT |
| 1006 | UGUUGGAGUUGCUUCUcAGdTsdT |
| 1008 | UUGUUGGAGUUGCUUCUcAdTsdT |
| 1010 | uAUUGUUGGAGUUGCUUCUdTsdT |
| 1012 | UUCUuAAUCUUcAUcACUUdTsdT |
| 1014 | UUUCUuAAUCUUcAUcACUdTsdT |
| 1016 | UCcAUGUUGcAGcAGGcAGdTsdT |
| 1018 | AUUGuAGcAGUUUUcAGCCdTsdT |
| 1020 | GAUUGuAGcAGUUUUcAGCdTsdT |
| 1022 | AGAUUGuAGcAGUUUUcAGdTsdT |
| 1024 | UcAAGAUUGuAGcAGUUUUdTsdT |
| 1026 | AUUUcAAGAUUGuAGcAGUdTsdT |

Table 5.


uAGGAcAcAuGAuGGuGAudTsdT
GAuGGuGAuuuuccGuuuGdTsdT
uGGuGAuuuuccGuuuGAudTsdT

 AGAAGcAAcuccAAcAAuAdTsdT
AAGuGAuGAAGAuuAAGAAdTsdT

cuGccuGcuGcAAcAuGGAdTsdT

GcuGAAAPcuGcuAcAAucdTsdT
cuGAAAAcuGcuAcAAucudTsdT



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antisense

|  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { e8 } \\ & \stackrel{0}{2} \\ & 0 \\ & e \\ & \dot{4} \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N } \\ & \underset{N}{\prime} \\ & \underset{\sim}{r} \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { N} \\ \underset{N}{N} \\ \substack{4 \\ \hline} \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { M } \\ & \underset{\sim}{N} \\ & \substack{1 \\ \hline} \end{aligned}$ |  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { on } \\ & \underset{\sim}{2} \\ & \text { 管 } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \bar{\infty} \\ & \stackrel{1}{2} \\ & \underset{\sim}{4} \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |  | $\begin{aligned} & \infty \\ & \stackrel{\infty}{\infty} \\ & \stackrel{e}{e} \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { oo } \\ & \stackrel{1}{2} \\ & \underset{\sim}{4} \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Do } \\ & \stackrel{N}{0} \\ & \stackrel{e}{4} \end{aligned}$ |  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N్ } \\ & \stackrel{N}{0} \\ & \text { è } \end{aligned}$ | $$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { N} \\ & \stackrel{1}{2} \\ & \underset{\sim}{4} \\ & \dot{4} \end{aligned}$ | O <br>  <br>  <br>  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  | $N$ <br> $N$ <br> $\underset{N}{N}$ | N <br>  | $\begin{gathered} 0 \\ \stackrel{N}{N} \\ \substack{4 \\ 4 \\ \hline} \end{gathered}$ | $\infty$ <br> $\stackrel{\infty}{N}$ <br> $\stackrel{N}{4}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \circ \\ & \stackrel{\infty}{0} \\ & \substack{4 \\ 4} \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { No } \\ & \stackrel{1}{2} \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |  | 0 <br> $\infty$ <br> $\vdots$ <br>  | $$ | 8 <br>  |  |  | 8 <br>  | $$ |

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$>$ 0 GP 0 0 $\stackrel{4}{0}$

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> antisense 5'-3'

AUcAGCCGUUGGAUUUGCUdTsdT
UcAUcAGCCGUUGGAUUUGdTsdT
AAuAAUcACUGAcAUGcAUdTsdT
uAAuAAUcACUGAcAUGcAdTsdT
AuAAuAAUcACUGAcAUGCdTsdT
uAuAAuAAUcACUGAcAUGdTsdT
UuAuAAuAAUcACUGAcAUdTsdT
 N 끙 $\stackrel{\ominus}{\circ}$ $\stackrel{\infty}{\circ}$ 웅
(continued)

| seq id | (continued) <br> sense 5'-3' <br> no <br> 1027 |
| :--- | :--- |
| AGcAAAuccAAcGGcuGAudTsdT |  |
| 1029 | cAAAuccAAcGGcuGAuGAdTsdT |
| 1031 | AuCcAuGucAGuGAuuAuudT sdT |
| 1033 | uGcAuGucAGuGAuuAuuAdTsdT |
| 1035 | GcAuGucAGuGAuuAuuAudTsdT |
| 1037 | cAuGucAGuGAuuAuuAuAdTsdT |
| 1039 | AuGacAGuGAuuAuuAuAAdTsdT |


| sense | antisense |
| :--- | ---: |
| A-30800 | A-30801 |
| A-30802 | A-30803 |
| A-30804 | A-30805 |
| A-30806 | A-30807 |
| A-30808 | A-30809 |
| A-30810 | A-30811 |
| A-30812 | A-30813 |



AD-3561

AD-3563

parent
duplex
AD-
11622
AD-
11624
AD-
11627
AD-
11628
AD-
11629
AD-
11630
AD-
11631

Table 6

|  |  | able 6 |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| modified duplex | In vitro plasmid screen IC50 ( nM ) | In vitro plaque assay against Ebola-Zaire (\% inhibition relative to no siRNA) | In vitro plaque assay against Ebola-Sudan (\% inhibition relative to no siRNA) |
| AD-3542 | 1.60 | 84\% | 74\% |
| AD-3543 | 0.00 | 74\% | 77\% |
| AD-3544 | 0.61 | 65\% | 13\% |
| AD-3545 | 0.00 | 82\% | 61\% |
| AD-3546 | 1.35 | 88\% | 71\% |
| AD-3547 | 0.00 | 81\% | 26\% |
| AD-3548 | 7.82 | 68\% | 73\% |
| AD-3549 | 0.00 | 68\% | 74\% |
| AD-3550 | 0.17 | 77\% | 22\% |
| AD-3551 | 0.08 | 2\% | 75\% |
| AD-3552 | 0.00 | 78\% | 70\% |
| AD-3553 | 0.19 | 85\% | 26\% |
| AD-3554 | 0.77 | 84\% | 15\% |
| AD-3555 | 0.88 | -5\% | 19\% |
| AD-3556 | 0.00 | 73\% | 74\% |
| AD-3557 | 0.21 | 100\% | 28\% |
| AD-3558 | 0.00 | -7\% | 68\% |
| AD-3559 | 0.00 | -252\% | -7\% |
| AD-3560 | 0.50 | 16\% | -35\% |
| AD-3561 | 0.00 | -105\% | 19\% |
| AD-3562 | 0.00 | -75\% | 63\% |
| AD-3563 | 5.42 | 73\% | -17\% |
| AD-3564 | 0.97 | -86\% | 19\% |
| AD-3621 | 0.00 | 80\% | 48\% |
| AD-3622 | 16.00 | 61\% | 47\% |
| AD-3623 | 0.00 | 98\% | 37\% |
| AD-3624 | 0.00 | 84\% | 24\% |
| AD-3625 | 0.00 | -7\% | -5\% |
| AD-3626 | 0.00 | 53\% | 31\% |

Table 7.
IFN induction normalized to positive control siRNA TNF induction normalized to positive control siRNA

| duplex | \% of control |  | duplex | \% of control |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| AD-11546 |  | 131.6 | AD-11546 |  | 30.1 |
| AD-11558 |  | 98.8 | AD-11558 |  | 57.2 |
| AD-11570 |  | 0 | AD-11570 |  | 0 |
| AD-11588 |  | 14.7 | AD-11588 |  | 0.0 |
| AD-11590 |  | 0.0 | AD-11590 |  | 130.5 |
| AD-11594 |  | 17.8 | AD-11594 |  | 124.8 |
| AD-11597 |  | 22.0 | AD-11597 |  | 242.9 |
| AD-11598 |  | 25.7 | AD-11598 |  | 180.3 |
| AD-11599 |  | 136 | AD-11599 |  | 183.9 |
| AD-11600 |  | 13.5 | AD-11600 |  | 141.0 |
| AD-11603 |  | 69.0 | AD-11603 |  | 81.4 |
| AD-11606 |  | 33.2 | AD-11606 |  | 79.8 |

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IFN induction normalized to positive control siRNA TNF induction normalized to positive control siRNA
duplex
duplex
126.9 AD-11609
\% of control
138.2 AD-11610 48.5
43.2 AD-11611 41.0
167.0 AD-11613 52.6
162.1 AD-11614 48.1
171.2 AD-11615 60.0
137.3 AD-11618 54.6
0.0 AD-11621 325.8
37.2 AD-11622 28.5
58.0 AD-11623 26.0
63.2 AD-11624 29.2
6.4 AD-11627 125.0
0.0 AD-11628 101.1
0.0 AD-11630 170.3
0.0 AD-11631 156.0

0 AD-11644 0.0
0.0 AD-11650 0.0
0.0 AD-11659 69.0
9.2 AD-11673 0.0
0.0 AD-11678 0.0
0.0 AD-11683 19.6
0.0 AD-11684 24.3

0 AD-11691 0.0
0.0 AD-11695 5.2
5.3 AD-11698 14.0
0.0 AD-11706 0.0

0 AD-11707 0.0
0 AD-11710 0.0
0.0 AD-11721 0.0
0.0 AD-11725 0.0
0.0 AD-11732 0.0
16.1 AD-11743 0.0
0.0 AD-11756 0.0
0.0 AD-11757 0.0
0.0 AD-11758 0.0
0.0 AD-11759 0.0
0.0 AD-11773 0.0
0.0 AD-11780 7.9
0.0 AD-11789 5.7
0.0 AD-11804 0.0
0.0 AD-11811 0.0
0.0 AD-11814 0.0
0.0 AD-11816 0.0
9.8 AD-11822 0.0
0.0 AD-11823 0.0
0.0 AD-11832 0.0
0.0 AD-11836 0.0
0.0 AD-11939 0.0
0.0 AD-11976 0.0

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\% of control
duplex
AD-11982
AD-11990
AD-11992
AD-12007
AD-12013
AD-12019
AD-12024
AD-12035
AD-12475
AD-12484
AD-12491
AD-12500
AD-12502
AD-3542
AD-3543
AD-3544
AD-3545
AD-3546
AD-3547
AD-3548
AD-3549
AD-3550
AD-3551
AD-3552
AD-3553
AD-3554
AD-3555
AD-3556
AD-3557
AD-3558
AD-3559
AD-3560
AD-3561
AD-3562
AD-3563
AD-3564
AD-3621
AD-3622
AD-3623
AD-3624
AD-3625
AD-3626

TNF induction normalized to positive control siRNA
duplex
6.9 AD-11982
\% of control
12.2 AD-11990 0.0
7.3 AD-11992 0.0
0.0 AD-12007 0.0
0.0 AD-12013 0.0
24.6 AD-12019 5.0
0.0 AD-12024 19.8
0.0 AD-12035 8.5
0.0 AD-12475 0.0
21.0 AD-12484 9.5
0.0 AD-12491 13.1
12.6 AD-12500 53.3
101.6 AD-12502 55.5
0.0 AD-3542 0.0
0.0 AD-3543 0.0
10.1 AD-3544 0.0
11.8 AD-3545 0.0
0.0 AD-3546 0.0
0.0 AD-3547 31.0
0.0 AD-3548 5.9
0.0 AD-3549 108
7.4 AD-3550 0.0
0.0 AD-3551 0.0
0.0 AD-3552 0.0
0.0 AD-3553 0.0
0.0 AD-3554 11.5
0.0 AD-3555 6.2
0.0 AD-3556 9.1
0.0 AD-3557 0.0
0.0 AD-3558 5.8
0.0 AD-3559 5.3
0.0 AD-3560 0.0
0.0 AD-3561 0.0
0.0 AD-3562 0.0
0.0 AD-3563 0.0
0.0 AD-3564 0.0
0.0 AD-3621 0.0
0.0 AD-3622 0.0
5.7 AD-3623 0.0
10.0 AD-3624 0.0
0.0 AD-3625 0.0
0.0 AD-3626 0.0

Table 8.
duplex name In vitro plasmid screen single dose (\% silencing) In vitro plasmid screen IC50 (nM)

| AD-11542 | $9 \%$ |
| :--- | ---: |
| AD-11543 | $-3 \%$ |
| AD-11544 | $-1 \%$ |

(continued)
duplex name In vitro plasmid screen single dose (\% silencing) In vitro plasmid screen IC50 (nM)
AD-11545 13\%

AD-11546 68\%
AD-11547
28\%
AD-11548
48\%
AD-11549
43\%
AD-11550 -5\%
AD-11551 8\%
AD-11552 17\%
AD-11553 -6\%
AD-11554 15\%
AD-11555 2\%
AD-11556 6\%
AD-11557 -6\%
AD-11558 70\%
0.46

AD-11559
28\%
AD-11560 5\%
AD-11561 30\%
AD-11562 24\%
AD-11563 6\%
AD-11564 0\%
AD-11565 -4\%
AD-11566 4\%
AD-11567 -2\%
AD-11568 0\%
AD-11569 12\%
AD-11570 73\%
AD-11571 -2\%
AD-11572 -3\%
AD-11573 2\%
AD-11574 15\%
AD-11575 -2\%
AD-11576 -9\%
AD-11577 -9\%
AD-11578 77\%
AD-11579 37\%
AD-11580 35\%
AD-11581 60\%
AD-11582 21\%
AD-11583 47\%
AD-11584 0\%
AD-11585 -1\%
AD-11586 36\%
AD-11587 66\%
AD-11588 47\%
AD-11589 77\%
AD-11590 83\%
AD-11591 65\%
AD-11592
62\%
AD-11593
55\%
AD-11594
85\%
(continued)
duplex name In vitro plasmid screen single dose (\% silencing) In vitro plasmid screen IC50 (nM)
AD-11595 72\%

AD-11596 34\% 0.24
AD-11597 85\% 0.33
AD-11598 87\% 0.21
AD-11599 $91 \%$ 0.81
AD-11600 $89 \% \quad 0.29$
AD-11601 84\% 1.07
AD-11602
AD-11603
71\%

AD-11604
\%
1.3

AD-11605
AD-11606
75\%
$78 \% \quad 6.38$
AD-11607
AD-11608
AD-11609
53\%
60\%

AD-11610
75\%
0.3

AD-11611
74\%
0.15

AD-11612
61\%
0.28

AD-11613
-5\%

AD-11614
84\%
0.077

AD-11615
85\% 0.102

AD-11616
79\%
0.211

AD-11617
66\%

AD-11618
59\%

AD-11619
78\%
0.24

AD-11620
57\%

AD-11621
64\%

AD-11622
74\%
0.15

AD-11623
AD-11624
67\% 0.54

AD-11625
75\%
11\%
AD-11626
51\%
AD-11627
71\%
0.28

AD-11628 68\% 0.33
AD-11629 75\% 0.18
AD-11630 73\% 0.24
AD-11631 69\% 0.31
AD-11632 53\%
AD-11633
63\% 1.78
AD-11634 65\% 0.76
AD-11635 29\%
AD-11636 43\%
AD-11637 -5\%
AD-11638 6\%
AD-11639 2\%
AD-11640 38\%
AD-11641 35\%
AD-11642 55\%
AD-11643 33\%
AD-11644 36\%
(continued)
duplex name In vitro plasmid screen single dose (\% silencing) In vitro plasmid screen IC50 (nM)

| AD-11645 | $45 \%$ |
| :--- | :--- |
| AD-11646 | $37 \%$ |

AD-11647 $-31 \%$
AD-11648 61\%
AD-11649 35\%

AD-11650 84\%
0.7

AD-11651
AD-11652
13\%
64\%
AD-11653 61\%
AD-11654
6\%
AD-11655
59\%
AD-11656 38\%
AD-11657 39\%
AD-11658 59\%
AD-11659 82\%
AD-11660 39\%
AD-11661 -5\%
AD-11662 -1\%
AD-11663 14\%
AD-11664 19\%
AD-11665 7\%
AD-11666 -4\%
AD-11667 -14\%
AD-11668 63\%
AD-11669 28\%
AD-11670 23\%
AD-11671 23\%
AD-11672 15\%
AD-11673 79\%
AD-11674 67\%
AD-11675 46\%
AD-11676 20\%
AD-11677 34\%
AD-11678 79\%
AD-11679 51\%
AD-11680 24\%
AD-11681 72\%
AD-11682 73\%
AD-11683 88\%
AD-11684 80\%
AD-11685
33\%
AD-11686
72\%
AD-11687
32\%
AD-11688 15\%

AD-11689 58\%

AD-11690 26\%
AD-11691 60\%
AD-11694
AD-11695 54\%

AD-11696
81\%
0.46
(continued)
duplex name In vitro plasmid screen single dose (\% silencing) In vitro plasmid screen IC50 (nM)

| AD-11698 | $73 \%$ |
| :--- | :---: |
| AD-11700 | $-9 \%$ |
| AD-11704 | $35 \%$ |

AD-11705 39\%

AD-11706 67\%
AD-11707 2\%
AD-11708 -10\%
AD-11710 65
AD-11711
-3\%
AD-11712 17\%
AD-11713 0\%
AD-11714 42\%
AD-11715 41\%
AD-11716 18\%
AD-11717 32\%
AD-11718 -3\%
AD-11719 36\%
AD-11720 41\%
AD-11721 68\%
AD-11722
31\%
AD 11723
49\%
AD-11724
27\%
AD-11725 67\%
AD-11726 12\%
AD-11727 3\%
AD-11728 5\%
AD-11729 12\%
AD-11730 6\%
AD-11731 63\% 49.4
AD-11732 $\quad 76 \%$ 2.88
AD-11733 60\%
AD-11734 44\%
AD-11735 17\%
AD-11736 44\%
AD-11737 14\%
AD-11738 -9\%
AD-11739 23\%
AD-11740 1\%
AD-11741 9\%
AD-11742 40\%
AD-11743 77\%
AD-11744 24\%
AD-11745 27\%
AD-11746 -9\%
AD-11747 16\%
AD-11748 8\%
AD-11749
AD-11750 33\%
AD-11751 19\%
AD-11752 61\%
6.92
(continued)
duplex name In vitro plasmid screen single dose (\% silencing) In vitro plasmid screen IC50 (nM)
AD-11753 13\%

AD-11754 53\%
AD-11755
AD-11756 61\%
AD-11757 63\%1.5

AD-11758 28\%
AD-11759 66\%
1.61

AD-11760 64\%
3.4

AD-11761
59\%
AD-11762
54\%
AD-11763
47\%
AD-11764
21\%
AD-11765
-1\%
AD-11766
-1\%
AD-11767 67\%
4.4

AD-11768
52\%
AD-11769 21\%
AD-11770 55\%
AD-11771 36\%
AD-11772 41\%
AD-11773 76\%
AD-11774 35\%
AD-11775 49\%
AD-11776 50\%
AD-11777 -5\%
AD-11778 18\%
AD-11779 15\%
AD-11780 62\%
AD-11781 14\%
AD-11782 38\%
AD-11783 46\%
AD-11784 23\%
AD-11785 -11\%
AD-11786 42\%
AD-11787 48\%
AD-11788 19\%
AD-11789 64\%
AD-11790 26\%
AD-11791 22\%
AD-11792 -8\%
AD-11793 26\%
AD-11794 57\%
AD-11795
AD-11796 59\%
AD-11797 11\%
AD-11798 11\%
AD-11799 35\%
AD-11800 2\%
AD-11801 -6\%
AD-11802 0\%
(continued)
duplex name In vitro plasmid screen single dose (\% silencing) In vitro plasmid screen IC50 (nM)
AD-11803 5\%

AD-11804
AD-11805 88\% 5\% 9\%
AD-11806 6\%
AD-11807 50\% AD-11809 24\%

AD-11810
AD-11811
-1\%

AD-11812
AD-11813
AD-11814
AD-11815
AD-11816
AD-11817
AD-11818
AD-11819
AD-11820
AD-11821
AD-11822
AD-11823
AD-11824
AD-11825
AD-11826
AD-11827
AD-11828
AD-11829
AD-11830
46\%
AD-11831 20\%
AD-11832 71\%
AD-11833 3\%
AD-11834 23\%
AD-11835 -8\%
AD-11836 65\%
AD-11837 26\%
AD-11838 -16\%
AD-11839 22\%
AD-11840 -5\%
AD-11841 60\%
AD-11342 19\%
AD-11843 57\%
AD-11844 18\%
AD-11845 8\%
AD-11846 48\%
AD-11847 57\%
AD-11848 2\%
AD-11849 66\%
AD-11850 25\%
AD-11851
-12\%
AD-11852
(continued)
duplex name In vitro plasmid screen single dose (\% silencing) In vitro plasmid screen IC50 (nM)

| AD-11853 | $23 \%$ |
| :--- | :--- |
| AD-11854 | $55 \%$ |

AD-11855 43\%
AD-11856 -20\%
AD-11857 61\%
AD-11858 6\%
AD-11859 4\%
AD-11860 79\%
AD-11861 31\%
AD-11862 48\%
AD-11863 85\%
AD-11864 42\%
AD-11865 37\%
AD-11870 34\%
AD-11871 79\%
0.63

AD-11872 70\%
AD-11873 70\%
AD-11874 39\%
AD-11875 39\%
AD-11876 34\%
AD-11878 -1\%
AD-11879 50\%
AD-11882 -6\%
AD-11883 11\%
AD-11884 7\%
AD-11885 -3\%
AD-11886 -5\%
AD-11887 18\%
AD-11888 41\%
AD-11889 1\%
AD-11890 44\%
AD-11891 20\%
AD-11892 37\%
AD-11893 29\%
AD-11896 1\%
AD-11897 41\%
AD-11899 12\%
AD-11901 -2\%
AD-11902 40\%
AD-11903 14\%
AD-11904 1\%
AD-11905 33\%
AD-11906 2\%
AD-11907 9\%
AD-11908 5\%
AD-11909 16\%
AD-11911 37\%
AD-11912 19\%
AD-11914 19\%
AD-11918 1\%
(continued)
duplex name In vitro plasmid screen single dose (\% silencing) In vitro plasmid screen IC50 (nM)

| AD-11919 | $-1 \%$ |
| :--- | :--- |
| AD-11925 | $-5 \%$ |
| AD-11926 | $60 \%$ |

AD-11927 -11\%
AD-11933 30\%

AD-11938 6\%
AD-11939 71\%
47\%
AD-11942 33\%
AD-11943 48\%
AD-11944 51\%
AD-11945 69\%
AD-11946 39\%
AD-11947 39\%
AD-11948 83\%
AD-11949
41\%
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73\%
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55\%
AD-11952 81\%
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52\%
AD-11954 55\%
AD-11955 79\%
AD-11956 37\%
AD-11957 39\%
AD-11958 34\%
AD-11959 36\%
AD-11960 19\%
AD-11961 -4\%
AD-11962 -6\%
AD-11963 3\%
AD-11964 13\%
AD-11965 28\%
AD-11966 -4\%
AD-11967 15\%
AD-11968 4\%
AD-11969 0\%
AD-11970 -7\%
AD-11971 3\%
AD-11972 58\%
AD-11973 4\%
AD-11974 38\%
AD-11975 -11\%
AD-11976 63\%
AD-11977 2\%
AD-11978 56\%
AD-11979 5\%
AD-11980 5\%
AD-11981 19\%
AD-11982 65\%
0.14
(continued)
duplex name In vitro plasmid screen single dose (\% silencing) In vitro plasmid screen IC50 (nM)

| AD-11984 | $50 \%$ |
| :--- | :--- |
| AD-11985 | $50 \%$ |

AD-11986 6\%
AD-11987 -7\%
AD-11988 58\%
AD-11989 27\%
AD-11990 72\%
AD-11991
29\%
AD-11992 76\%
0.94
AD-11993
46\%
AD-11994 21\%
AD-11995 -3\%
AD-11996 53\%
AD-11997 0\%
AD-11998 3\%
AD-11999 19\%
AD-12000 41\%
AD-12001 3\%
AD-12002 37\%
AD-12003 17\%
AD-12004 5\%
AD-12005 6\%
AD-12006 69\%
AD-12007 81\%
AD-12008
35\%
AD-12009 22\%
AD-12010 34\%
AD-12011 10\%
AD-12012 25\%
AD-12013 75\%
AD-12014 29\%
AD-12015 4\%
AD-12016 2\%
AD-12017 5\%
AD-12018 7\%
AD-12019 79\%
AD-12020 6\%
AD-12021 0\%
AD-12022 2\%
AD-12023 16\%
AD-12024 87\%
AD-12025 4\%
AD-12026 5\%
AD-12027 66\%
AD-12028 24\%
AD-12029 -8\%
AD-12030 46\%
AD-12031 48\%
AD-12032 -10\%
AD-12033 64\%
(continued)
duplex name In vitro plasmid screen single dose (\% silencing)

AD-12035 70\%
AD-12036
43\%
AD-12037
AD-12462
35\%
AD-12463 39\%
AD-12464 -7\%
AD-12465 34\%
AD-12466 35\%
AD-12467 25\%
AD-12468 -9\%
AD-12469 -3\%
AD-12470 50\%
AD-12471 12\%
AD-12472 9\%
AD-12473 52\%
AD-12474 1\%
AD-12475 62\%
AD-12476 19\%
AD-12477 -12\%
AD-12478 5\%
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AD-12481 22\%
AD-12482 65\%
AD-12483 78\%
AD-12484 90\%
AD-12485 76\%
AD-12486 13\%
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AD-12493 26\%
AD-12494 12\%
AD-12495 69\%
AD-12496 44\%
AD-12497 2\%
AD-12498 14\%
AD-12499 63\%
AD-12500 86\%
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AD-12502
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AD-12504
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AD-12507
48\%

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duplex name In vitro plasmid screen single dose (\% silencing) In vitro plasmid screen IC50 (nM)
AD-12508 47\%

AD-12509 2\%
AD-12510 -21\%
AD-12511 28\%
AD-12512 43\%
AD-12513 -22\%
AD-12514 38\%
AD-12515 -9\%
AD-12516 38\%
AD-12517 18\%
AD-12518 -8\%
AD-12519 -5\%
AD-12520 62\% 1.12
AD-12521 -12\%
AD-12522 53\%
AD-12523 55\%
AD-12524 60\%
AD-12525 32\%

Table 9.

|  |  | WBC | Platelets | Lymphocyte \# |
| :--- | :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Animal \#1 (AD-11570 treatment) | day 0 | 7.1 | 328 | 2 |
|  | day 3 | 6.9 | 308 | 1.9 |
|  | day 5 | 6.2 | 394 | 3.4 |
| Animal \#2 (AD-11570 treatment) | day 0 | 36 | 299 | 1.5 |
|  | day 3 | 10.9 | 254 | 1.5 |
|  | day 5 | 12.9 | 281 | 1.8 |
|  | day 8 | 21.2 | 444 | 43 |
| Animal \#3 (AD-11570 treatment) | day 0 | 3.2 | 218 |  |
|  | day 3 | 10.9 | 202 | 2.2 |
|  | day 5 | 6.4 | 266 | 1.9 |
|  | day 8 | 18.5 | 306 | 2.4 |
|  |  |  |  | 3.6 |
| Animal \#4 (untreated) | day 0 | 9.7 | 398 |  |
|  | day 3 | 8.4 | 448 | 7.3 |
|  | day 5 | 6.2 | 263 | 4.4 |
|  | day 8 | 2.8 | 143 | 1.9 |
|  |  |  |  | 1.5 |

## NP Chimeric sequence (SEQ ID NO:1043):

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## GP Chimeric sequence (SEQ ID NO: 1044):

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The L gene was generated as 2 fragments (L-ABC, SEQ ID NO:1049; and L-DEFG, SEQ ID NO:1050).

## L fragment 1: SEQ ID NO:1049 (L-ABC):

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#### Abstract

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[0197] Other embodiments are in the claims.

## Claims

1. A double-stranded ribonucleic acid (dsRNA) for use in inhibiting the expression of an Ebola virus gene in a cell, wherein said dsRNA comprises at least two sequences that are complementary to each other and wherein
(a) a sense strand comprises the sequence of uGAuGAAGAuuAAGAAAAATsT, and an antisense strand comprises the sequence of uuuuUCuuAAUCuUcAUcATsT;
(b) a sense strand comprises the sequence of UGAUGAAGAUUAAGAAAAATsT, and an antisense strand comprises the sequence of UUUUUCUUAAUCUUCAUCATsT; or
(c) a sense strand comprises the sequence of uGAuGAAGAuuAAGAAAAATsT, and antisense strand comprises the sequence of UUUUUCUuAAUCUUcAUcATsT;
wherein u is 2'-O-methyluridine-5'-phosphate, c is 2'-O-methylcytidine-5'-phosphate and sT is $2^{\prime}$ 'deoxy-thymidine- 5'-phosphate-phosphorothioate, and wherein said region of complementarity is between 19 and 24 nucleotides in length.
2. A pharmaceutical composition for use in inhibiting the expression of a gene from an Ebola virus in an organism, comprising a dsRNA of claim 1 and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.
3. An in vitro method for inhibiting the expression of a gene from an Ebola virus in a cell, the method comprising:
(a) introducing into the cell a double-stranded ribonucleic acid (dsRNA) of claim 1; and
(b) maintaining the cell produced in step (a) for a time sufficient to obtain degradation of the mRNA transcript of a gene from the Ebola virus, thereby inhibiting expression of a gene from the Ebola virus in the cell.
4. The dsRNA of claims 1 for use in treating, preventing or managing pathological processes mediated by Ebola expression.
5. A cell comprising the dsRNA of claim 1.
6. The dsRNA of claim 1, wherein said dsRNA, upon contact with a cell infected with Ebola virus, inhibits expression of a gene from the virus by at least $40 \%$.
7. The dsRNA of claim 1 for use in
(a) increasing life-span of a subject infected with an Ebola virus,
(b) decreasing virus titre in a subject infected with an Ebola virus, or
(c) sustaining platelet count in a subject infected with an Ebola virus.

## Patentansprüche

1. Doppelsträngige Ribonukleinsäure (dsRNA) zur Verwendung bei der Inhibition der Expression eines Ebolavirusgens in einer Zelle, wobei die dsRNA mindestens zwei Sequenzen umfasst, die komplementär zueinander sind und wobei
(a) ein Sinnstrang die Sequenz uGAuGAAGAuuAAGAAAAATsT umfasst und ein Antisinnstrang die Sequenz uuuuUCuuAAUCuUcAUcATsT umfasst,
(b) ein Sinnstrang die Sequenz UGAUGAAGAUUAAGAAAAATsT umfasst und ein Antisinnstrang die Sequenz UUUUUCUUAAUCUUCAUCATsT umfasst oder
(c) ein Sinnstrang die Sequenz uGAuGAAGAuuAAGAAAAATsT umfasst und ein Antisinnstrang die Sequenz UUUUUCUuAAUCUUcAUcATsT umfasst,
wobei u 2'-O-Methyluridin-5'-phosphat ist, c 2'-O-Methylcytidin-5'-phosphat ist und sT 2'-Desoxy-thymidin-5'-phos-phat-phosphorothioat ist und wobei der Komplementaritätsbereich eine Länge zwischen 19 und 24 Nukleotiden hat.
2. Pharmazeutische Zusammensetzung zur Verwendung bei der Inhibition der Expression eines Ebolavirusgens in einem Organismus, umfassend die dsRNA nach Anspruch 1 und einen pharmazeutisch verträglichen Träger.
3. In-vitro-Verfahren zur Inhibition der Expression eines Ebolavirusgens in einer Zelle, wobei das Verfahren umfasst:
(a) Einführen einer doppelsträngigen Ribonukleinsäure (dsRNA) nach Anspruch 1 in die Zelle und
(b) Erhalten der im Schritt (a) hergestellten Zelle für eine Zeit, die ausreicht, um den Abbau des mRNA-Transkripts eines Gens des Ebolavirus zu erzielen, wodurch die Expression des Gens des Ebolavirus inhibiert wird.
4. dsRNA nach Anspruch 1 zur Verwendung in der Behandlung, Prävention oder Handhabung von pathologischen Prozessen, die durch Ebolaexpression vermittelt werden.
5. Zelle, die die dsRNA nach Anspruch 1 umfasst.
6. dsRNA nach Anspruch 1, wobei die dsRNA aufden Kontakt mit einer mit Ebolavirus infizierten Zelle hin die Expression eines Gens des Virus um mindestens $40 \%$ inhibiert.
7. dsRNA nach Anspruch 1 zur Verwendung für
(a) die Verlängerung der Lebensdauer eines Individuums, das mit einem Ebolavirus infiziert ist,
(b) das Herabsetzen des Virustiters in einem Individuum, das mit einem Ebolavirus infiziert ist oder
(c) das Erhalten der Blutplättchenanzahl in einem Individuum, das mit einem Ebolavirus infiziert ist.

## Revendications

1. Acide ribonucléique double brin ( ARNdb ) pour une utilisation dans l'inhibition de l'expression d'un gène de virus Ebola dans une cellule, où ledit ARNdb comprend au moins deux séquences qui sont complémentaires l'une de l'autre et où
(a) un brin sens comprend la séquence uGAuGAAGAuuAAGAAAAATsT, et un brin antisens comprend la séquence uuuuUCuuAAUCuUcAUcATsT;
(b) un brin sens comprend la séquence UGAUGAAGAUUAAGAAAAATsT, et un brin antisens comprend la séquence UUUUUCUUAAUCUUCAUCATsT ; ou
(c) un brin sens comprend la séquence uGAuGAAGAuuAAGAAAAATsT, et un brin antisens comprend la séquence UUUUUCUuAAUCUUcAUcATsT ;
où u représente un groupe 2'-O-méthyluridine-5'-phosphate, c représente un groupe 2'-O-méthylcytidine-5'-phosphate et sT représente un groupe 2'-désoxy-thymidine-5'-phosphate-phosphorothioate, et où ladite région de complémentarité a une longueur comprise entre 19 et 24 nucléotides.
2. Composition pharmaceutique pour une utilisation dans l'inhibition de l'expression d'un gène d'un virus Ebola dans un organisme, comprenant un ARNdb selon la revendication 1 et un support pharmaceutiquement acceptable.
3. Méthode in vitro d'inhibition de l'expression d'un gène d'un virus Ebola dans une cellule, la méthode comprenant :
(a) l'introduction dans la cellule d'un acide ribonucléique double brin (ARNdb) selon la revendication 1 ; et (b) le maintien de la cellule produite à l'étape (a) pendant un temps suffisant pour obtenir la dégradation du transcrit d'ARNm d'un gène du virus Ebola, inhibant de cette manière l'expression d'un gène du virus Ebola dans la cellule.
4. ARNdb selon la revendication 1 pour une utilisation dans le traitement, la prévention ou la prise en charge de processus pathologiques médiés par l'expression d'Ebola.
5. Cellule comprenant l'ARNdb selon la revendication 1.
6. ARNdb selon la revendication 1 , dans lequel ledit ARNdb, après contact avec une cellule infectée par un virus Ebola, inhibe d'au moins $40 \%$ l'expression d'un gène provenant du virus.
7. $A R N d b$ selon la revendication 1 pour une utilisation dans
(a) l'augmentation de la durée de vie d'un sujet infecté par un virus Ebola,
(b) la diminution du titre viral chez un sujet infecté par un virus Ebola, ou
(c) le soutien de la numération plaquettaire chez un sujet infecté par un virus Ebola.



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FIG. 8

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