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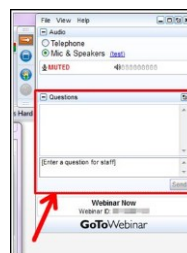
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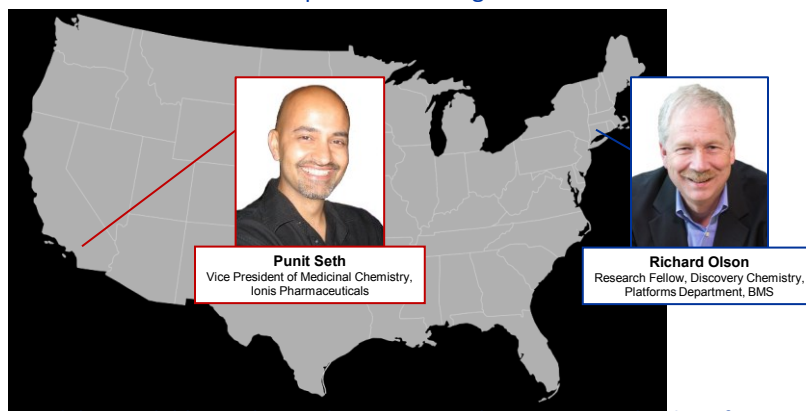
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How to make an oligonucleotide drug

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Pick a mechanism

- **Oligonucleotide drugs can work through multiple mechanisms**
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 - Aptamers and immuno-modulatory oligonucleotides typically bind to protein targets and modulate their function to produce a pharmacological effect
 - mRNA drugs are translated to therapeutic proteins
- Antisense mechanisms can be broadly classified into two general categories
 - Mechanisms which promote degradation of RNA
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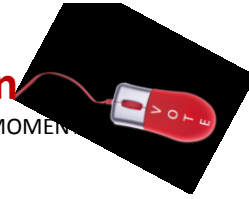
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How does CRISPR/Cas9 differ from “antisense” mechanisms such as RNase H and siRNA?

- RNA strand promotes cleavage of complementary RNA
- DNA strand promotes cleavage of complementary RNA
- RNA strand promotes cleavage of complementary DNA

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Pick a mechanism

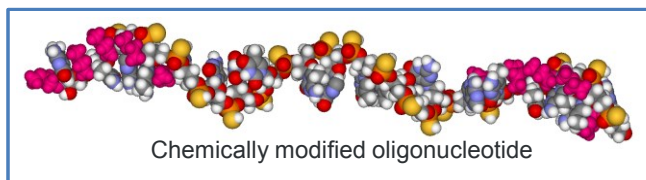
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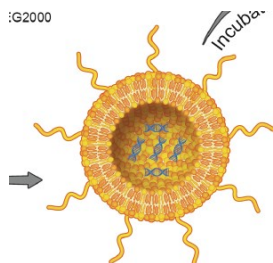


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Choose a chemical / delivery platform

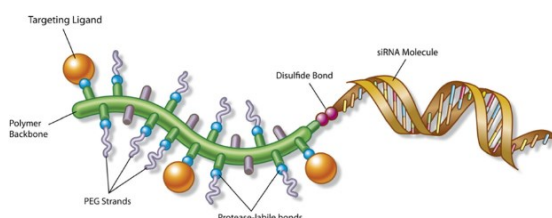


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LNP-siRNA

Lipid nano-particles

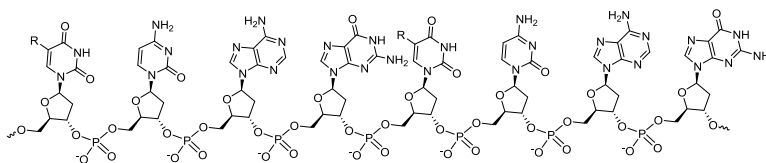
Dynamic poly conjugates
(DPC)

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Introduction to oligonucleotide chemical modifications

Unmodified ASOs Have Sub-Optimal “Drug-Like” Properties

- Poly-anionic macromolecules with poor cell penetration properties
- Lack sufficient bio-stability in animals
- Have poor pharmacokinetics (rapidly excreted into urine)
- Modest affinity for target RNA
- Non-specific immune stimulation

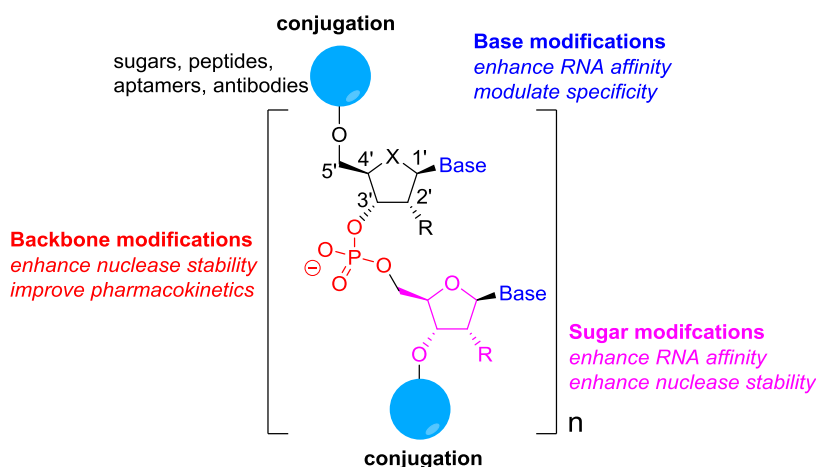


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Many sites on an oligonucleotide can be chemically modified to enhance drug-like properties

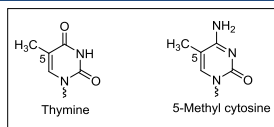


Wan et al, *J. Med. Chem.* **2016**, DOI 10.1021/acs.jmedchem.6b00551

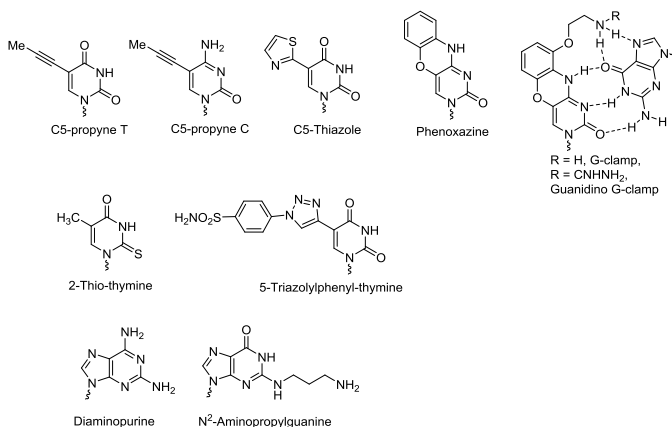


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Nucleobase Modifications

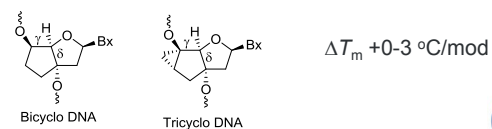
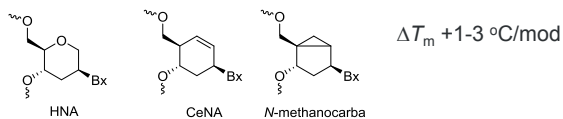
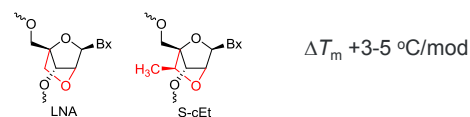
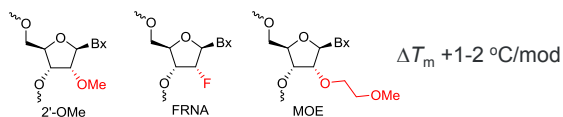
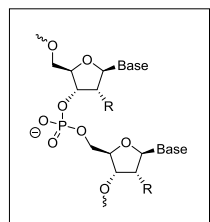


Enhances affinity for RNA ($\Delta T_m +0.5^\circ\text{C/mod.}$)
Enhances metabolic stability
Reduces immuno-stimulatory properties



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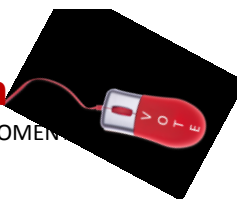
Sugar Modifications



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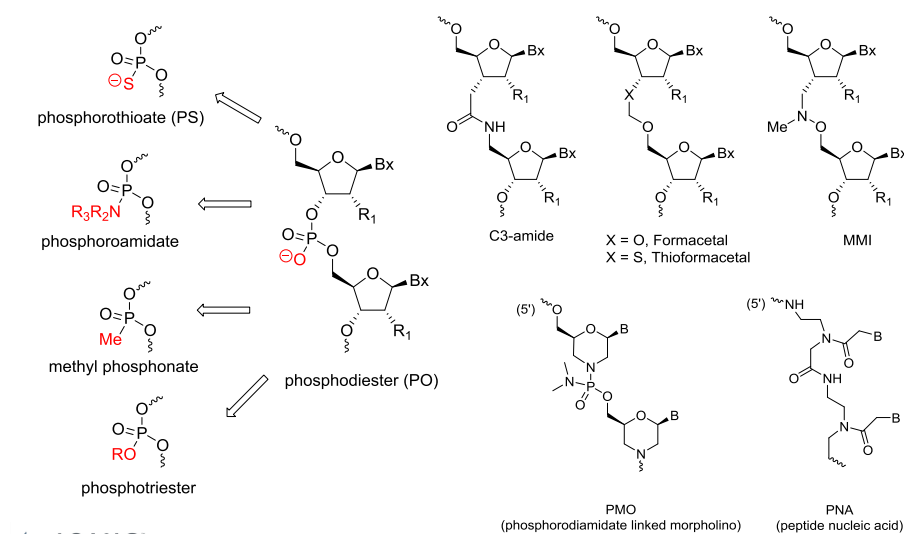


Which scaffold represents the boat conformation of cyclohexane?

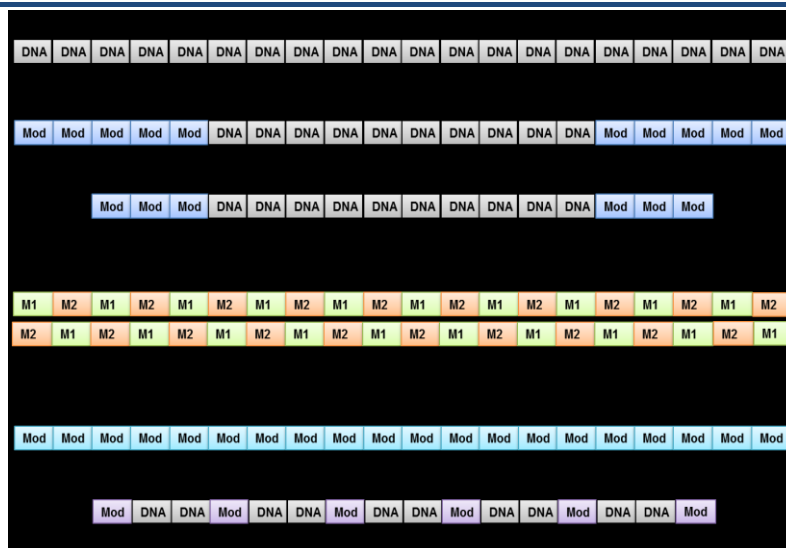
- Hexitol nucleic acid (HNA)
- Cyclohexenyl nucleic acid (CeNA)
- N-methanocarba (NMC)

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Backbone Modifications



Use of modification pattern is directed by antisense mechanism being harnessed



Rigo F, Seth P, Bennett CF. Antisense Oligonucleotide-Based Therapies for Diseases Caused by pre-mRNA Processing Defects. In: Yeo GW, ed. Systems Biology of RNA Binding Proteins: Springer New York; 2014: 303-52.

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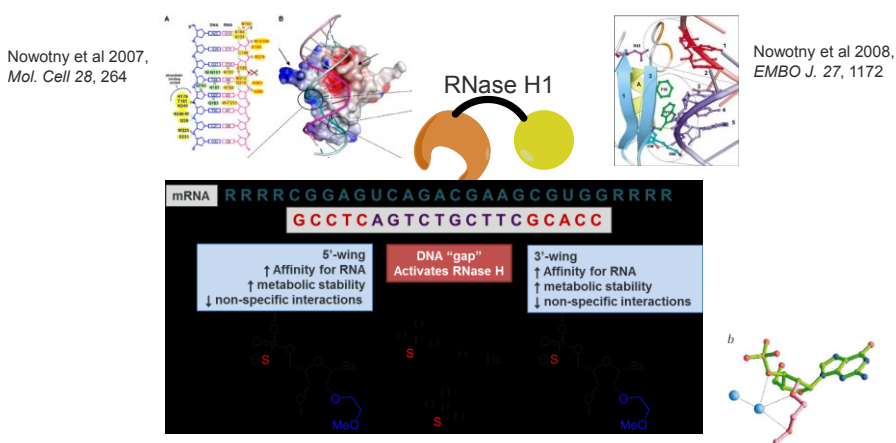
Lessons Learned

- **Chemical modifications can enhance the RNA-binding, metabolic stability, pharmacokinetic, toxicological properties of oligonucleotide drugs**
 - All positions on an oligonucleotide can be (and have been) modified
- **Offers the opportunity to create a discrete entity which can be chemically synthesized and characterized**
 - More convenient than particulate formulations which are complex mixtures of multiple components

RNase H active gapmer Antisense Oligonucleotides (ASOs)



Ionis' Gen 2.0 Platform – 2'-Methoxyethyl RNA (MOE) Gapmer



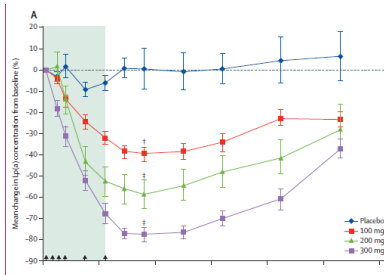
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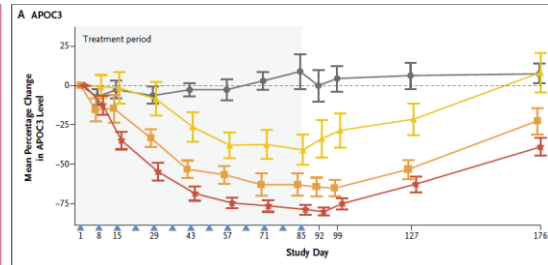


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MOE ASOs Show Excellent Activity (and Pharmacology) For Suppressing Genes Expressed In the Liver in Humans



Tsimikas et al *Lancet* **2015**, 386, 1472.



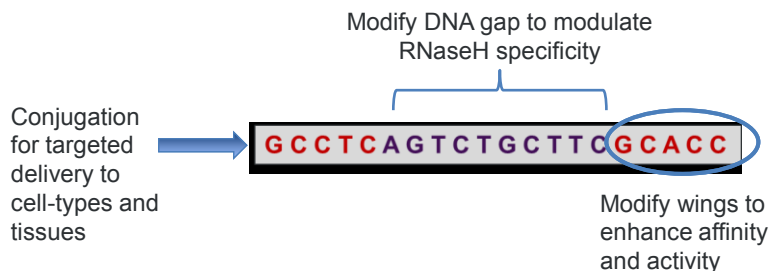
Gaudet et al *N. Engl. J. Med.* **2015**, 373, 438.

- ApoC3 and Lp(a) are proteins synthesized primarily by hepatocytes in the liver and secreted in plasma
- Measuring reduction of protein in plasma serves as a bio-marker for ASO activity in the liver



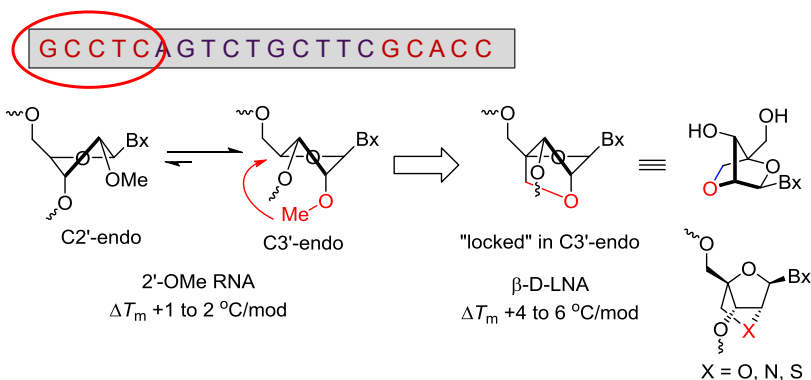
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Designing the next generation ASO platform



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Conformationally Restricted Nucleic Acid Analogs Enhance Affinity for RNA

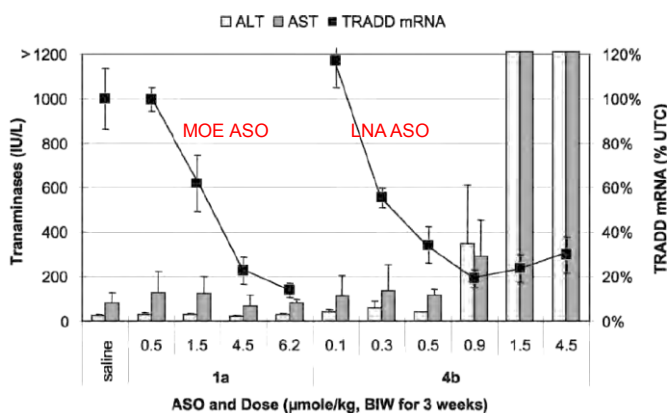


Imanishi et al, *Tet Lett*, **1997**, 38, 8735
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LNA ASOs Increase Potency and Risk for Hepatotoxicity



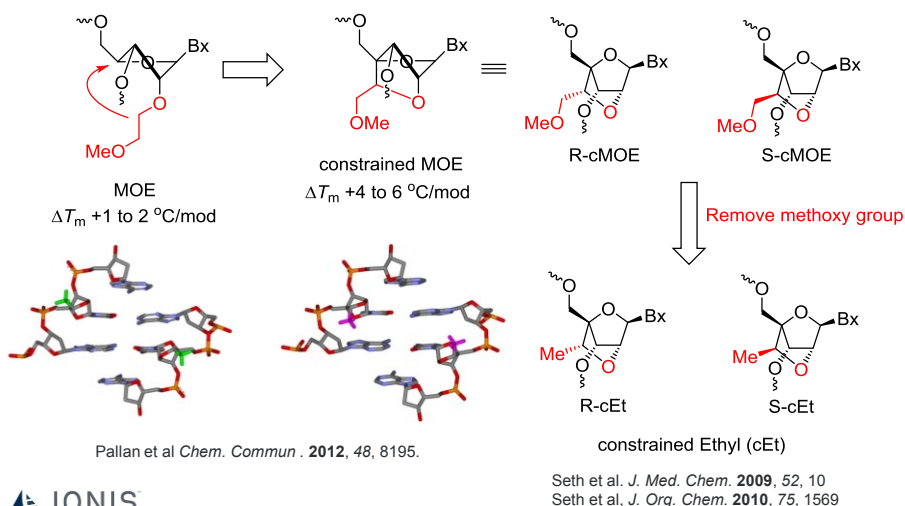
Swayze, et al *Nucl. Acids Res.* **2007**, 35, 687-700.

Can combining structural elements of LNA and MOE enhance potency while reducing toxicity?



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Combining Structural Elements of MOE and LNA – cMOE and cEt modifications

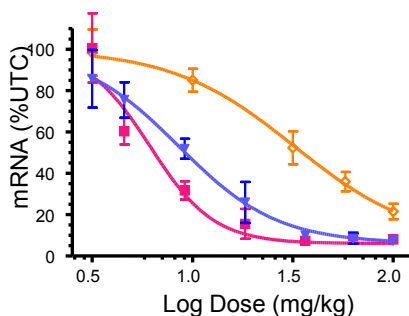
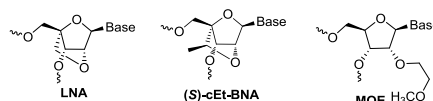
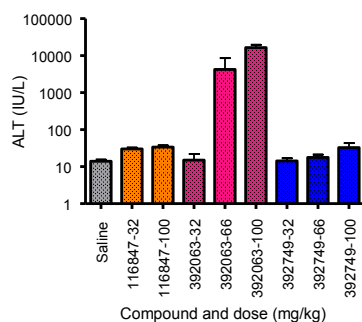


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cEt BNA ASO Targeting PTEN Maintains Potency While Improving Therapeutic Profile Relative To LNA ASO

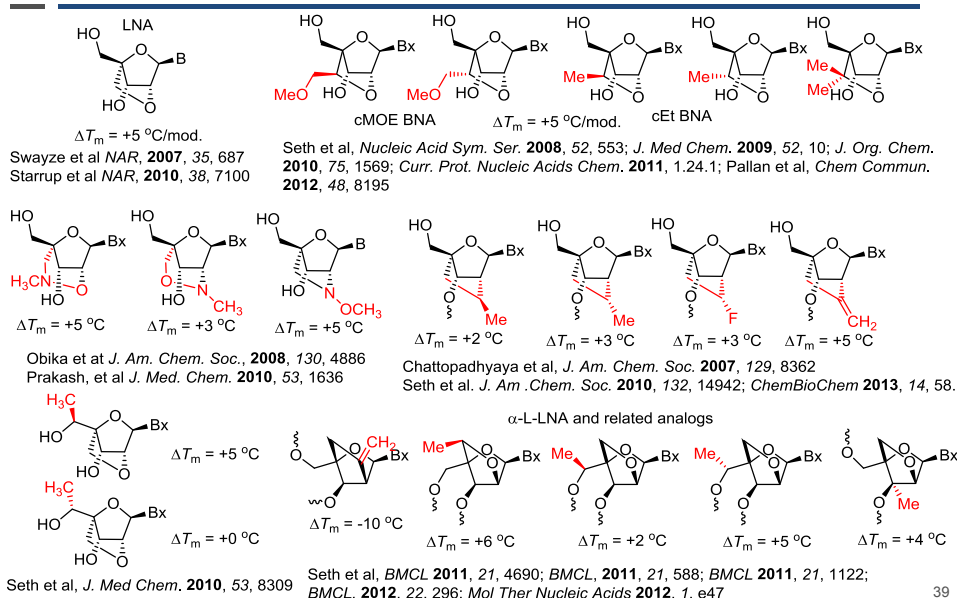
Compound	ED ₅₀ (mg/kg)
116847 (5-10-5 MOE)	33
392063 (2-10-2 LNA)	6.1
392749 (2-10-2 cEt)	8.5

Sequence: 5'-CUtagcactggcCU (B = BNA modification)

Seth et al. *J. Med. Chem.* **2009**, 52, 10

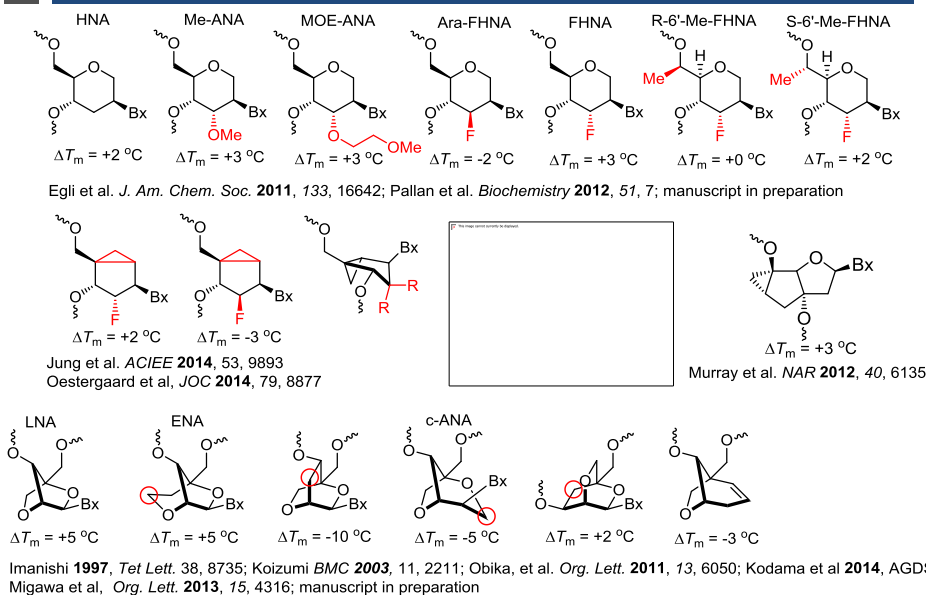
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Beyond 2'-MOE – Examples of 2',4'-BNA Modifications Evaluated for Isis Gen. 2.5 Research Program



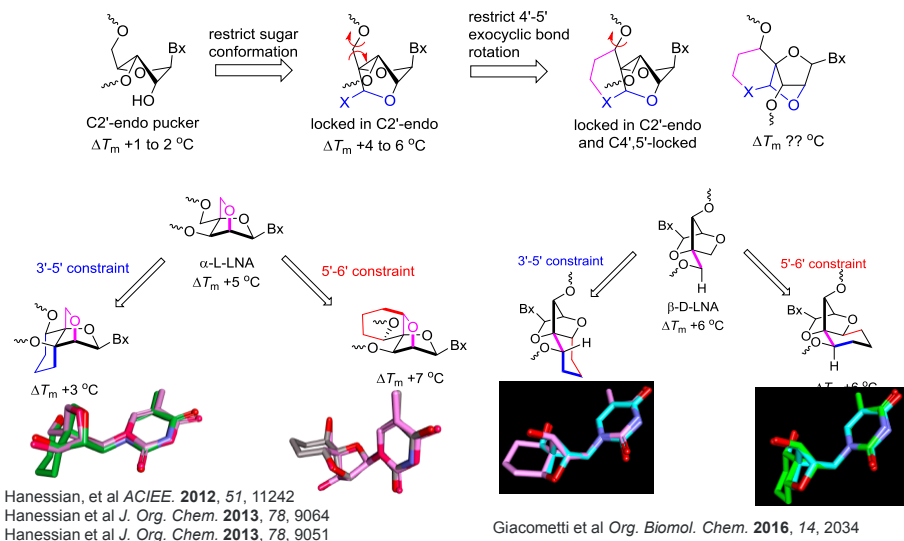
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Examples of Other Conformationally Restricted Analogs Evaluated for Isis Gen. 2.5 Research Program



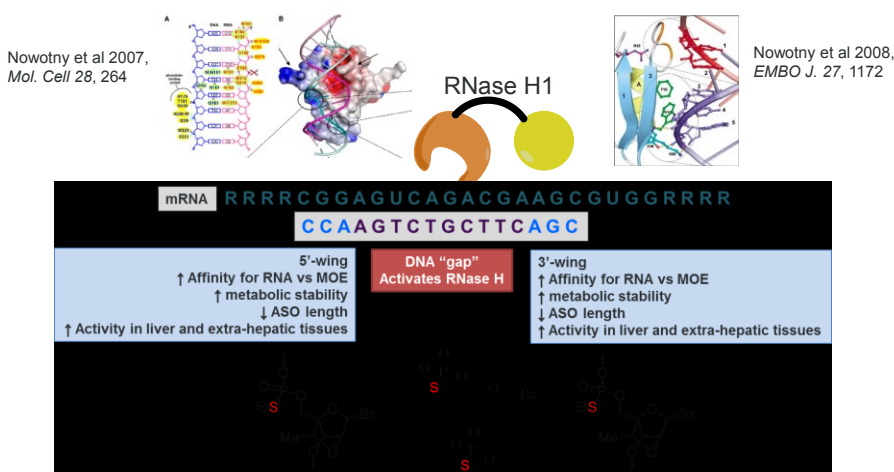
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Dual Constrained Nucleic Acids – Improving Affinity Beyond LNA



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Ionis' Gen 2.5 Platform – cEt BNA Gapmer

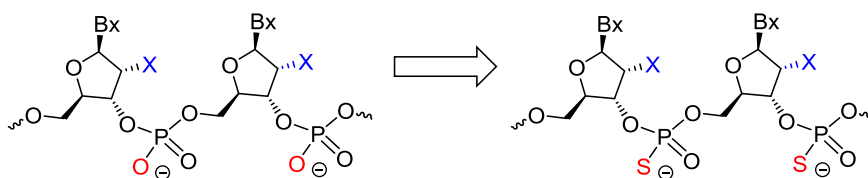


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Modulating Pharmacokinetics Properties of Oligonucleotides by Targeted Delivery



Phosphorothioate Modification Enhances Nuclease Stability and Pharmacokinetic Properties



• Phosphorothioate (PS) Linkage

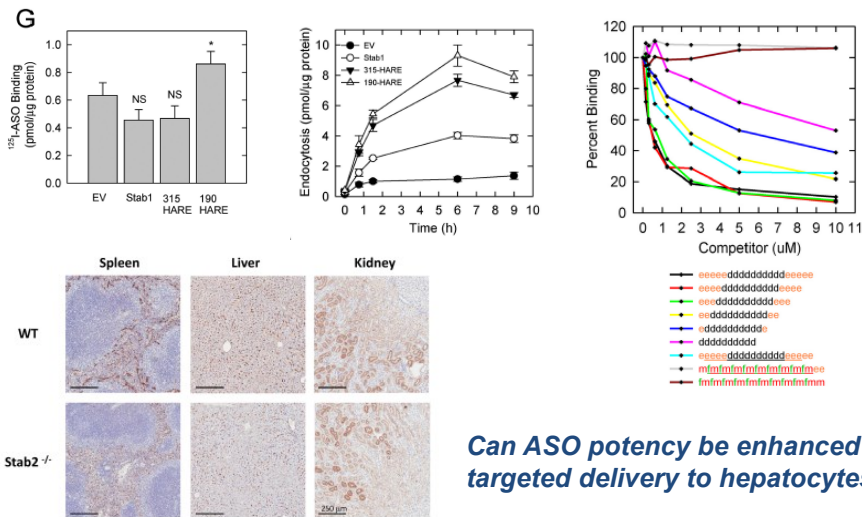
- Improves metabolic stability
- Improves plasma protein binding and facilitates ASO distribution to tissues
- Supports RNase H activity and also compatible with RISC mechanism
- Reduces affinity for RNA
- Activates immune system (sequence dependent)

Eckstein, F., Phosphorothioate oligodeoxynucleotides: what is their origin and what is unique about them? [Antisense Nucleic Acid Drug Dev.](#) 2000, 10, 117-21.



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Stabilin-1 and Stabilin-2 are specific receptors for the cellular internalization of PS ASOs in liver sinusoidal cells



Can ASO potency be enhanced by targeted delivery to hepatocytes?

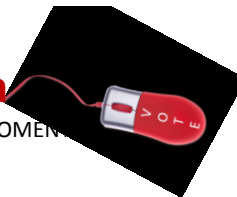
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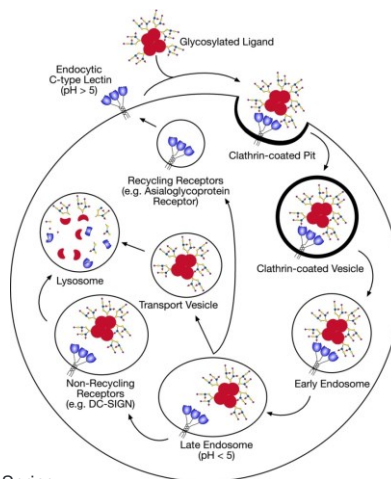
How can one achieve targeted delivery to hepatocytes?

- Target the Mannose Receptor
- Target the Asialoglycoprotein Receptor
- Target the Hyaluronic Acid Receptor for Endocytosis

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The Asialoglycoprotein Receptor (ASGPR) Is a High Capacity Receptor Specific for Hepatocytes

- ASGPR is a C-type lectin expressed exclusively on hepatocytes
 - 500,000 copies per cell
- ASGPR clears glycoproteins from circulation through receptor mediated endocytosis
- ASGPR binds Galactose and *N*-acetyl-galactosamine (Gal-NAc) terminated oligosaccharides with high affinity
 - Sia-2,6-Gal modified glycoproteins are physiological ligands for ASGPR

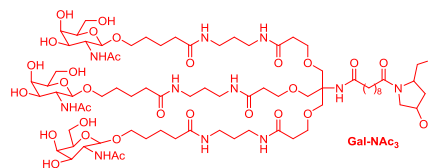
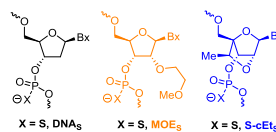
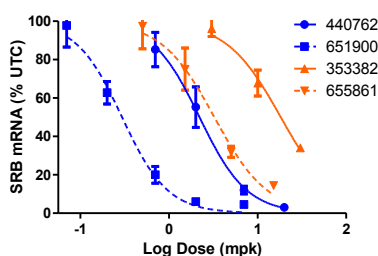


Cummings et al Essentials of Glycobiology, 2nd Ed. Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory Press; 2009. Chapter 31.



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Targeted Delivery Enhances Potency of Gen 2.0 and Gen 2.5 ASOs In The Liver



Rensen et al. *J. Biol. Chem.* **2001**, 276, 37577
Nair et al *J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **2014**, 136, 16958

ISIS #	Single Dose (mpk)	ASO (5'-3')	SRB1 mRNA ED ₅₀
353382	3, 10, 30	G ₅ C ₅ T ₅ T ₅ C ₅ A ₅ G ₅ T ₅ C ₅ A ₅ T ₅ G ₅ A ₅ C ₅ T ₅ C ₅ C ₅ T ₅ T	18.3
655861	0.5, 1.5, 5, 15	G ₅ C ₅ T ₅ T ₅ C ₅ A ₅ G ₅ T ₅ C ₅ A ₅ T ₅ G ₅ A ₅ C ₅ T ₅ C ₅ C ₅ T ₅ T ₅ A ₅ GalNAc ₃	3.3
440762	0.7, 2, 7, 20	T ₅ C ₅ A ₅ G ₅ T ₅ C ₅ A ₅ T ₅ G ₅ A ₅ C ₅ T ₅ T ₅ C	2.2
651900	0.07, 0.2, 0.7, 2, 7	T ₅ C ₅ A ₅ G ₅ T ₅ C ₅ A ₅ T ₅ G ₅ A ₅ C ₅ T ₅ T ₅ C ₅ A ₅ GalNAc ₃	0.3

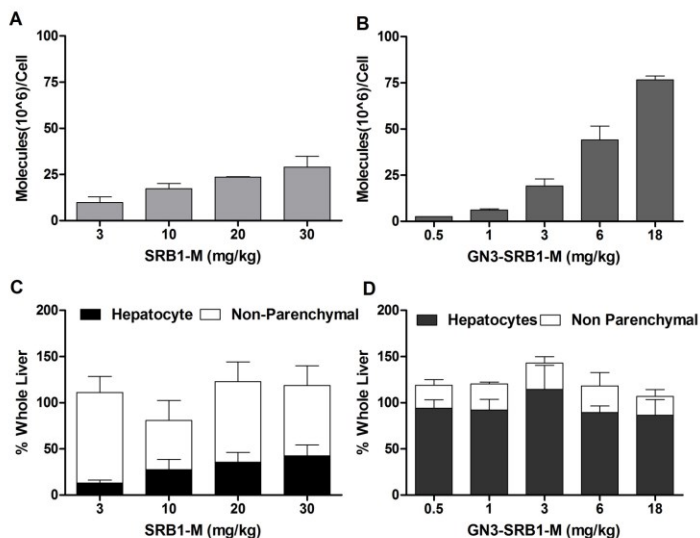
DNA, MOE, S-cEt, Phosphorothioate (s), Phosphodiester (o), Triantennary Gal-NAc

Prakash et al, *Nucleic Acids Res.* **2014**, 42, 8796-8807 NAR Breakthrough Article



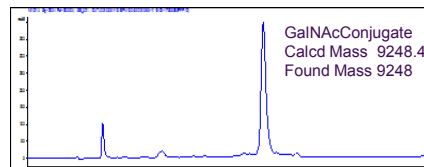
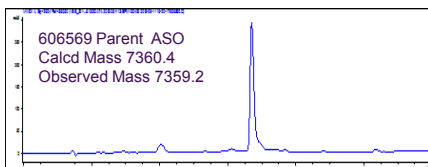
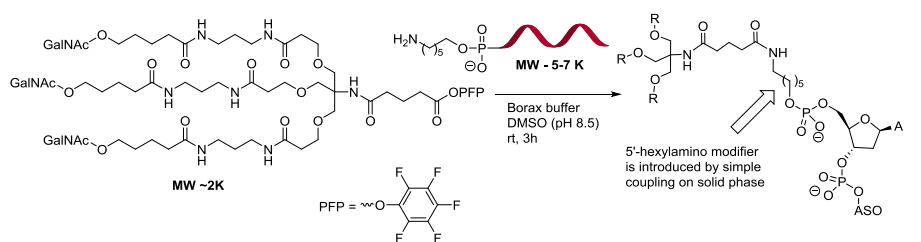
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GalNAc Enhances ASO Accumulation in Hepatocytes Relative to Non-Parenchymal Cells



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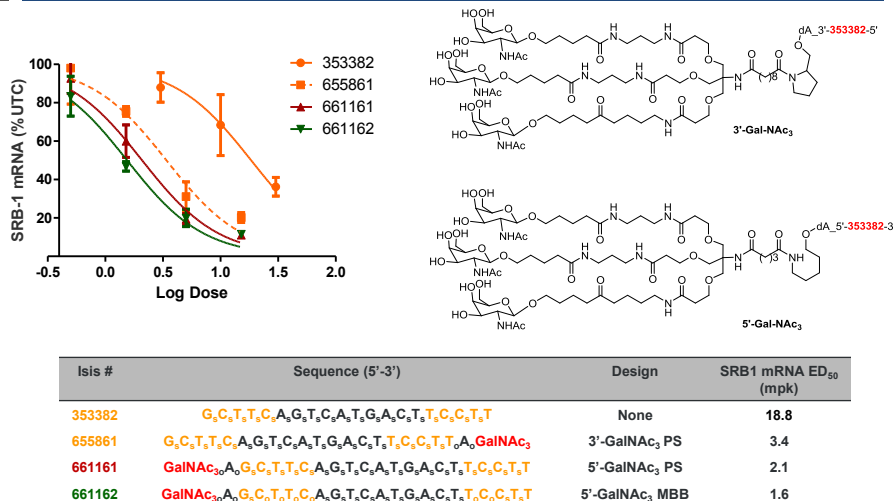


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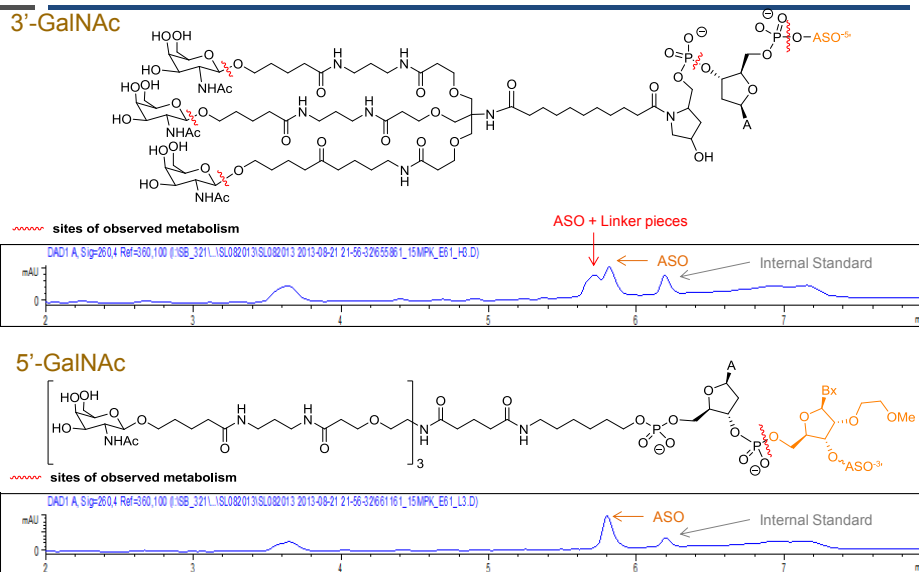
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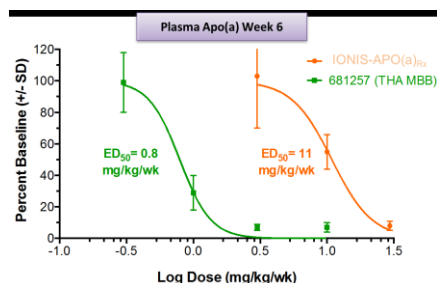
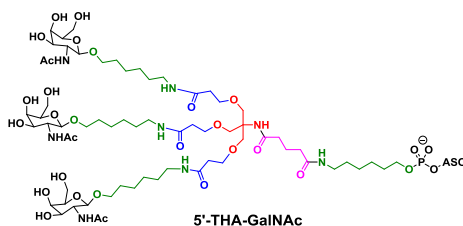
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5'-GalNAc Cluster Is Cleanly Metabolized to Parent ASO in Liver



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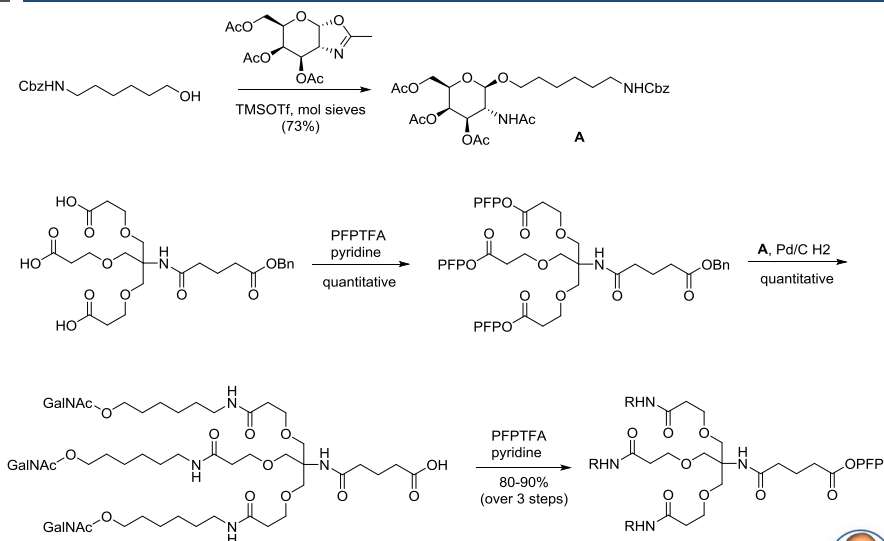
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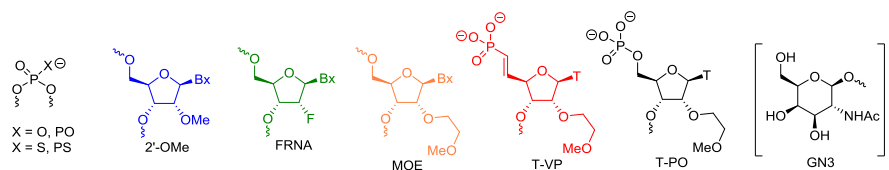
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Enhancing activity of chemically modified siRNA

siRNA	Sense (5'-3')/Antisense (3'-5')	IC ₅₀ (nM) hepatocytes	ED ₅₀ (mg/kg) liver
1	AsCsCoUoGoAoUoCoAoUoUoAoUoAoGoAoUsAsA AsAsUoGoGoAoCoUoAoGoUoAoAoUoAoUoCoUoAsUsT-PO	957	--
2	AsCsCoUoGoAoUoCoAoUoUoAoUoAoGoAoUsAsA AsAsUoGoGoAoCoUoAoGoUoAoAoUoAoUoCoUoAsUsT-VP	305	53
3	AsCsCoUoGoAoUoCoAoUoUoAoUoAoGoAoUsAsA-GN3 AsAsUoGoGoAoCoUoAoGoUoAoAoUoAoUoCoUoAsUsT-PO	7.6	2.3
4	AsCsCoUoGoAoUoCoAoUoUoAoUoAoGoAoUsAsA-GN3 AsAsUsGsGsAsCsUoAsGoUsAoAsUoAsUoCsUoAsUsT-VP	8.5	0.5



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Summary

- Chemical modification is a viable strategy to enhance the drug-like properties of oligonucleotide therapeutics
 - Improves RNA-binding affinity, metabolic stability, pharmacological, pharmacokinetic and toxicological properties
- >30 chemically modified oligonucleotide drugs encompassing multiple mechanisms are currently in mid to late-stage development
- Targeted delivery represents a new platform to further enhance potency of oligonucleotide therapeutics



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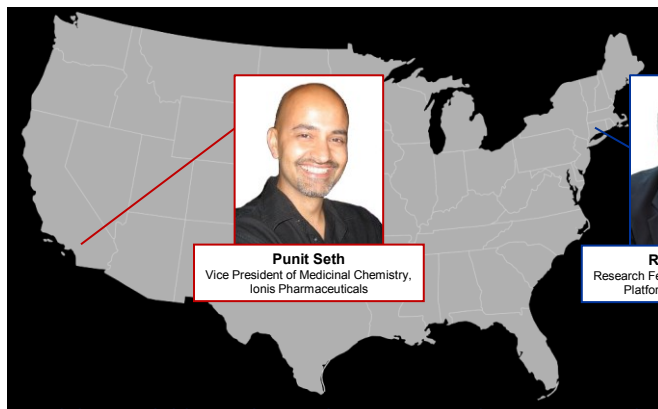
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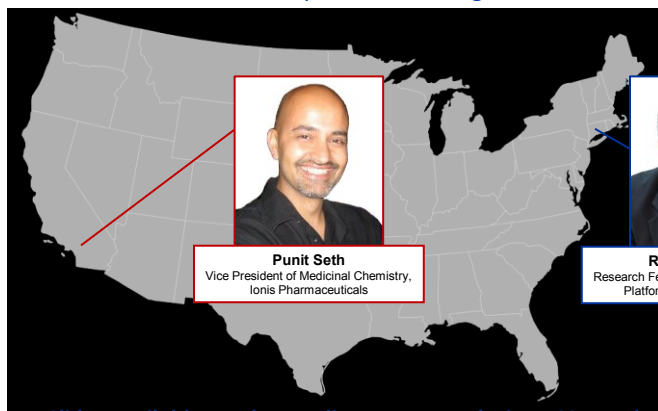


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