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Nucleic acid drugs for targeting RNA and protein degradation

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Abstract

Nucleic acid drugs have been promising therapeutic agents for targeting different targets. Here we presented a kind of oligonucleotide chimera for targeting RNA and Protein degradation. We first constructed chimeric oligonucleotides comprising antisense oligonucleotide and a 5'-phosphorylated 2'-5' poly(A)4 (4A2-5) to degrade envelope and spike RNAs of SARS-CoV-2. The oligonucleotide sequence was used for searching and recognizing target viral RNA sequence, and the conjugated 4A2-5 was used for guided RNase L activation to sequence-specifically degrade viral RNAs, indicating a promising antiviral agent based on the nucleic acid-hydrolysis targeting chimera (NATAC) strategy. We also developed a series of miRNA-based Lin28A-miRNA proteolysis-targeting chimeras (Lin28A miRNA-PROTACs) for efficient Lin28A degradation through a ubiquitin- proteasome-dependent mechanism, resulting in up-regulation of mature let- 7 family, further exerting inhibitory effects on cancer cell proliferation and migration, and increase its sensitivity to chemotherapy. This study displays an effective miRNA-based PROTACs to degrade Lin28A and inhibit tumor growth, providing a promising therapeutic avenue for cancer treatment with miRNA-based therapy.