### **Supplementary Information**

## Conjugation of doxorubicin to siRNA through disulfidebased self-immolative linkers

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## <sup>1</sup>H-NMR and <sup>13</sup>C-NMR spectra



Figure 1. 400 MHz <sup>1</sup>H-NMR and 100 MHz <sup>13</sup>C-NMR spectra (CDCl<sub>3</sub>) of 1.



Figure S2: 400 MHz <sup>1</sup>H-NMR and 100 MHz <sup>13</sup>C-NMR spectra (CDCl<sub>3</sub>) of 2

# HPLC chromatograms & MALDI-TOF spectra of purified oligonucleotides



IEX-HPLC analysis conditions: DNAPac® PA100,  $4 \times 250$  mm, elution with a 20 min linear gradient of 0 to 75% of B in eluent A. Column temperature 30 °C. Flow rate 1.5 mL.min<sup>-1</sup>.  $\lambda$  260 nm.



Figure S3: IEX-HPLC and MALDI-TOF MS analyses of purified RNA G1-R1



IEX-HPLC analysis conditions: DNAPac® PA100,  $4 \times 250$  mm, elution with a 20 min linear gradient of 0 to 75% of B in eluent A. Column temperature 30 °C. Flow rate 1.0 mL.min<sup>-1</sup>.  $\lambda$  260 nm.



Figure S4: IEX-HPLC and MALDI-TOF MS analyses of purified RNA C<sub>11</sub>-R<sub>1</sub>



IEX-HPLC analysis conditions: DNAPac® PA100,  $4 \times 250$  mm, elution with a 20 min linear gradient of 10 to 90% of B in eluent A. Column temperature 30 °C. Flow rate 1.0 mL.min<sup>-1</sup>.  $\lambda$  260 nm.



Figure S5: IEX-HPLC and MALDI-TOF MS analyses of purified RNA G1-R2



IEX-HPLC analysis conditions: DNAPac® PA100, 4 x 250 mm, elution with a 20 min linear gradient of 30 to 100% of B in eluent A. Column temperature 30 °C. Flow rate 1.0 mL.min<sup>-1</sup>.  $\lambda$  260 nm.



Figure S6: IEX-HPLC and MALDI-TOF MS analyses of purified RNA C11-R2



IEX-HPLC analysis conditions: DNAPac® PA100, 4 x 250 mm, elution with a 20 min linear gradient of 40 to 100% of B in eluent A. Column temperature 75 °C. Flow rate 1.0 mL.min<sup>-1</sup>.  $\lambda$  260 nm.



Figure S7: IEX-HPLC and MALDI-TOF MS analyses of purified RNA G<sub>1</sub>C<sub>11</sub>-R<sub>2</sub>



RP-HPLC chromatograms of RNA  $G_1$ - $R_1$  (left), and of the crude conjugation mixture to **Dox** (right). Conditions: ThermoFisher Scientific LC Accucore® C18, 100Å, 2.1 x 50 mm, elution with a 10 min linear gradient of 0% to 50% of B (12.5 mM TEAAc in 1% ACN) in eluent A (12.5 mM TEAAc in 80% ACN). Column temperature 30°C. Flow rate 1.0 mL.min<sup>-1</sup>. UV monitoring at 260 nm (percentage of peak area corresponding to the Dox-RNA conjugate in RNA crude material).



IEX-HPLC analysis conditions: column DNAPac® PA100, 4 x 250 mm, elution with a 20 min linear gradient of 30 to 100% of B in eluent A. Column temperature 75 °C. Flow rate 1.0 mL.min<sup>-1</sup>.  $\lambda$  260 nm.



#### Figure S8:

A: HPLC profile of the conjugation reaction of RNA G<sub>1</sub>-R<sub>1</sub> to Dox-SS-Py **3**.

**B:** IEX-HPLC and MALDI-TOF MS analyses of purified **G**<sub>1</sub>-**R**<sub>1</sub>-**Dox** conjugate.



Figure S9: IEX-HPLC and MALDI-TOF MS analyses of purified C11-R1-Dox

IEX-HPLC analysis conditions: DNAPac® PA100, 4 x 250 mm, elution with a 20 min linear gradient of 40 to 100% of B in eluent A. Column temperature 75 °C. Flow rate 1.5 mL.min<sup>-1</sup>.  $\lambda$  260 nm.



Figure S10: IEX-HPLC and MALDI-TOF MS analyses of purified G1-R2-Dox conjugate

IEX-HPLC analysis conditions: DNAPac® PA100, 4 x 250 mm, elution with a 20 min linear gradient of 30 to 90% of B in eluent A. Column temperature 75 °C. Flow rate 1.0 mL.min<sup>-1</sup>.  $\lambda$  260 nm.



#### Figure S11:

A: HPLC profile of solution phase conjugation of  $C_{11}$ - $R_2$  with Dox-SS-Py derivative 3.

*RP-chromatogram of C*<sub>11</sub>-**R**<sub>2</sub> (left), and of crude conjugation mixture C<sub>11</sub>-**R**<sub>2</sub>-**Dox** (right). Conditions: ThermoFisher Scientific LC Accucore® C18, 100Å, 2.1 x 50 mm, elution with a 10 min linear gradient of 0% to 50% of B (12.5 mM TEAAc in 1% ACN) in eluent A (12.5 mM TEAAc in 80% ACN). Column temperature 30°C. Flow rate 1.0 mL.min<sup>-1</sup>. UV monitoring at 260 nm (percentage of peak area corresponding to the Dox-RNA conjugate in RNA crude material)

#### B: IEX-HPLC and MALDI-TOF MS analyses of purified C<sub>11</sub>-R<sub>2</sub>-Dox

IEX-HPLC analysis conditions: DNAPac® PA100,  $4 \times 250$  mm, elution with a 20 min linear gradient of 30 to 100% of B in eluent A. Column temperature 75 °C. Flow rate 1.0 mL.min<sup>-1</sup>.  $\lambda$  260 nm.



Figure S12: IEX-HPLC and MALDI-TOF MS analyses of purified  $G_1C_{11}$ - $R_2$ -Dox conjugate

IEX-HPLC analysis conditions: DNAPac® PA100, 4 x 250 mm, elution with a 20 min linear gradient of 40 to 100% of B in eluent A. Column temperature 75 °C. Flow rate 1.0 mL.min<sup>-1</sup>.  $\lambda$  260 nm.

## **Enzymatic Stability of Dox-siRNAs in human serum**



**Figure S13:** Gel electrophoresis of Dox-siRNA conjugates incubated in 10% human serum AB type over an 8 h period at 37 °C.