Electronic Supplementary Information

Synthesis and Characterization of Oligonucleotides Containing an O⁶-2'-Deoxyguanosine-Alkyl-O⁶-2'-Deoxyguanosine Interstrand Cross-Link in a 5'-GNC Motif and Repair by Human O⁶-Alkylguanine-DNA Alkyltransferase

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Supplementary Figure 2 - 300 MHz ¹H NMR spectrum of compound (6b) (in CDCl₃)



Supplementary Figure 3 - 121.5 MHz ³¹P NMR spectrum of compound (7a) (in d₆-acetone)







Supplementary Figure 5 - C-18 HPLC profiles of (A) crude Y-TBS (XL4 precursor), (B) Y-OH after removal of the TBS group, and (C) final extension product XL4. Gradient of 0-60% buffer B over 30 min (buffer A: 50 mM sodium phosphate, pH 5.8 and buffer B: 50 mM sodium phosphate, pH 5.8, 50% acetonitrile) at a flow rate of 1.0 mL/min and monitored at 260 nm.



Supplementary Figure 6 - SAX HPLC profiles of crude **XL7** (**A**) and purified **XL7** (**B**). For analytical runs the column was eluted with a linear gradient of 0-60% buffer B over 30 min (buffer A: 100 mM Tris HCl, pH 7.5, 10% acetonitrile and buffer B: 100 mM Tris HCl, pH 7.5, 10% acetonitrile, 1 M NaCl) at a flow rate of 1.0 mL/min over 30 min, monitored at 260 nm.



Supplementary Figure 7 - C-18 HPLC profile of digested cross-linked duplex **XL4** (**A**) and **XL7** (**B**). The column was eluted with a linear gradient of 0-60% buffer B over 30 min (buffer A: 50 mM sodium phosphate, pH 5.8 and buffer B: 50 mM sodium phosphate, pH 5.8, 50% acetonitrile) at a flow rate of 1.0 mL/min over 30 min, monitored at 260 nm.

(A)



(B)



Supplementary Figure 8 - ESI MS spectrum of oligonucleotide XL4



Supplementary Figure 9 - ESI MS spectrum of oligonucleotide XL7



Supplementary Figure 10 - Absorbance (A₂₆₀) versus temperature profiles of non cross-linked duplex (____) 5'- dCGATGTCATCG-3'/5'-dCGATGACATCG-3', cross-linked duplex **XL4** (____), and cross-linked duplex **XL7** (.....). Solutions containing a total strand concentration of 2.8 μ M for the cross-linked (**XL4** and **XL7**) and non-cross-linked control duplexes in 90 mM sodium chloride, pH = 7.0, 10 mM sodium phosphate, and 1 mM EDTA buffer, were heated at 0.5°C/min.



Supplementary Figure 11 - Circular dichroism spectra of non cross-linked duplex (____) 5'- dCGATGTCATCG-3'/5'- dCGATGACATCG3', cross-linked duplex XL 4 (____), and cross-linked duplex XL 7 (.....). Solutions containing a total strand concentration of 2.8 μ M for the cross-linked duplex XL 4,7 and 2.8 μ M of the non-crosslinked control duplexes in 10 mM sodium phosphate, pH 7.0, 90 mM sodium chloride, and 1 mM EDTA. Spectra are the average of 5 scans and were recorded at 10 °C.



Supplementary Figure 12 – Molecular models of non cross-linked control duplex and cross-linked duplexes **XL4** and **XL7** that were geometry optimized using the AMBER forcefield.



non cross-linked control

XL4

XL7

Supplementary Figure 13 - 12% SDS-PAGE Gel of purified hAGT proteins. Loaded: lane 1, 10 µL of Unstained Protein Molecular Weight Marker (Fermentas); lane 2, 7 µg wild-type hAGT protein; lane 3, 7 µg C145S hAGT protein; lane 4, 7 µg P140A hAGT protein; lane 5, 7 µg V148L hAGT protein.



Supplementary Figure 14 - Effects of mutations on secondary structure of hAGT by circular dichroism. Scans were taken with 5 μ M wild-type hAGT (____), C145S (____), P140A (___) and V148L (___) between 260 and 200 nm in CD buffer (260-203 nm shown due to high voltage below 203nm).



Supplementary Figure 15 - Effects of mutations on tertiary structure of hAGT by studying the intrinsic fluorescence signals of 1μ M of wild-type hAGT (____), C145S (____), P140A (___) and V148L (__). (A) Monitoring of intrinsic tryptophan and tyrosine fluorescence. (B) Monitoring of intrinsic tryptophan fluorescence.







Supplementary Figure 16 - Effect of mutations on protein stability by thermal denaturation of 5 µM wild-type hAGT (____), C145S (____), P140A (___) and V148L (__) by monitoring the change in molar ellipticity at 222nm.



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Supplementary Figure 17 – Graphic representation of the % ICL of (A) XL4 and (B) XL7 remaining in the reaction tube obtained using ImageQuantTM.



(B)



Supplementary Figure 18 – Time course repair of XL4 and XL7 by hAGT. (A) Denaturing gel of the repair of 2 pmol of XL4 by 60 pmol hAGT as a function of time: lane 1, 2 pmol Control; lanes 2-10, 2 pmol XL4 + 60 pmol hAGT incubated for 0, 5, 15, 30, 60, 120, 240, 510 and 540 min, respectively (B) Denaturing gel of the repair of 2 pmol of XL7 by 60 pmol hAGT as a function of time: lane 1, 2 pmol Control; lanes 2-10, 2 pmol hAGT incubated for 0, 1, 2, 5, 10, 15, 30, 60, 120 and 180 min, respectively.



Supplementary Figure 19 – Graphic representation of the % abundance of each species in the time course repair by hAGT of (A) XL4 and (B) XL7 (see Supporting Information for denaturing gels). hAGT-DNA complex/partially repaired product (\blacktriangle); free DNA/ fully repaired product (\blacksquare); ICL/ unrepaired substrate (\bullet).



(A)

(B)



Supplementary Figure 20 - Electromobility shift assay of C145S hAGT binding to the control DNA duplex. EMSA Gel of C145S hAGT and the control 11-mer DNA duplex. 5 nM control DNA and 0 - 35.69 μ M C145S hAGT.



Supplementary Figure 21 - Hill plot representation of $\log[PD]/[D]$ versus $\log[P]$ for the control duplex (**•**), XL4 (**•**) and XL7 (**•**).



	Molecular Weight (Da)		
Protein	Calculated	Observed	
Wild-Type hAGT	21876.2	21875.0	
C145S	21860.1	21860.0	
P140A	21850.1	21850.5	
V148L	21890.2	21889.5	

Supplementary Table 1 - ESI-MS results of wild-type hAGT and variants

	λex 280nm		2	λex 295nm	
	λem	Fluorescence	λem	Fluorescence	
Protein	(nm)	Intensity	(nm)	Intensity	
Wild-Type hAGT	346	438	350	184	
C145S	350	409	350	176	
P140A	346	440	348	169	
V148L	350	428	350	173	

Supplementary Table 2 – Effect of mutations on fluorescence emission signals of intrinsic hAGT on Tryptophan and Tyrosine (λex 280nm) and Trypotophan only (λex 295nm).

Protein	Melting Temperature (°C)			
FIOLEIII	Observed	Wild-Type	Difference	
Wild-Type hAGT	56.5	56.5	0.0	
C145S	50.7	56.5	-5.8	
P140A	47.0	56.5	-9.5	
V148L	48.0	56.5	-8.5	

Supplementary Table 3 - Difference in T_m between mutants and wild-type hAGT.