

AUXILIARY REQUEST 7**CLAIMS**

1. An oligonucleotide comprising a 2'-*O*-methyl RNA monomer and a phosphorothioate backbone and comprising a 5-methylcytosine base or a composition comprising said oligonucleotide, wherein said oligonucleotide has improved distribution ~~and/or exon skipping activity~~ when compared to a corresponding oligonucleotide comprising a 2'-*O*-methyl RNA monomer and a phosphorothioate backbone without a 5-methylcytosine,

wherein said oligonucleotide is suitable for use in inducing exon-skipping in the dystrophin pre-mRNA.

2. An oligonucleotide or a composition according to claim 1, wherein said oligonucleotide comprises a 5-methyluracil base.

3. An oligonucleotide or a composition according to claim 1 or 2, wherein said oligonucleotide comprises a 2,6-diaminopurine base.

4. An oligonucleotide or a composition according to any one of claims 1 to 3, wherein the length of said oligonucleotide is less than 34 nucleotides.

5. An oligonucleotide or a composition according to any one of claims 1 to 4, wherein said oligonucleotide is reverse complementary to and/or binds to and/or targets and/or hybridizes with at least a part of a dystrophin exon and/or non-exon region.

6. An oligonucleotide or a composition according to any one of claims 1 to 5, wherein said oligonucleotide comprises or consists of a sequence which is reverse complementary to and/or binds to and/or targets and/or hybridizes at least a part of dystrophin pre-mRNA exons 44 to 55, said oligonucleotide part having from 10 to 33 nucleotides.

7. An oligonucleotide or a composition according to claim 6, wherein said oligonucleotide is represented by a nucleotide or a base sequence comprising or consisting of one of SEQ ID NO: 52, 14-51, 53-90, or by a nucleotide or a base sequence comprising or consisting of a fragment of one of SEQ ID NO: 52, 14-51, 53-90.