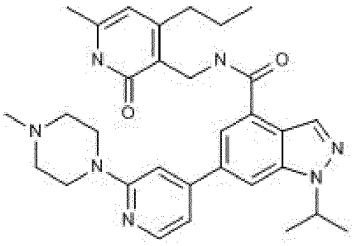
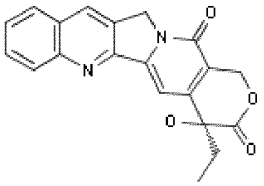
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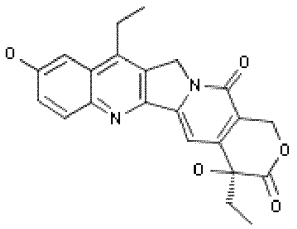
1. A FUBP1 inhibitor for use in the treatment and/or prevention of Hepatitis B virus (HBV) infection.
2. The FUBP1 inhibitor for the use of claim 1, wherein the HBV infection is a chronic infection.
3. The FUBP1 inhibitor for the use of claim 1 or 2, wherein the FUBP1 inhibitor is capable of reducing cccDNA and/or pgRNA in an infected cell.
4. The FUBP1 inhibitor for the use of any one of claims 1 to 3, wherein the inhibitor prevents or reduces the FUBP1/FUSE interaction.
5. The FUBP1 inhibitor for the use of any one of claims 1 to 4, wherein the inhibitor is selected from the compounds of Formula VII, IX or X



VIII



IX



X

6. The FUBP1 inhibitor for the use of any one of claims 1 to 3, wherein said inhibitor is a nucleic acid molecule of 12 to 60 nucleotides in length comprising or consisting of a contiguous nucleotide sequence of 12 to 30 nucleotides in length which is at least 95% complementary to a mammalian FUBP1 target nucleic acid and capable of reducing FUBP1 mRNA.
7. The nucleic acid molecule for the use of claim 6, wherein the nucleic acid molecule is selected from
   a. a single stranded antisense oligonucleotide;
   b. a siRNA molecule; or
   c. a shRNA molecule.
8. The nucleic acid molecule for the use of claim 6 or 7, wherein the mammalian FUBP1 target nucleic acid is selected from SEQ ID NO: 1 to 8

9. The nucleic acid molecule for the use of any one of claims 6 to 8, wherein the contiguous nucleotide sequence is at least 98% complementarity to the target nucleic acid of SEQ ID NO: 1 and SEQ ID NO: 5.

10. The FUBP1 inhibitor for the use of any one of claims 1 to 9, wherein the cccDNA in an HBV infected cell is reduced by at least 60% when compared to a control.

11. The nucleic acid molecule for the use of any one of claims 6 to 9, wherein the FUBP1 mRNA is reduced by at least 60% when compared to a control.

12. A nucleic acid molecule of 12 to 60 nucleotides in length which comprises or consists of a contiguous nucleotide sequence of 12 to 30 nucleotides in length wherein the contiguous nucleotide sequence is at least 95% complementarity to a mammalian FUBP1 target nucleic acid.

13. The nucleic acid molecule of claim 12, wherein the nucleic acid molecule is a siRNA or a single stranded antisense oligonucleotide.

14. The nucleic acid molecule of claim 12 or 13, wherein the nucleic acid molecule comprises one or more 2' sugar modified nucleosides and one or more phosphorthioate linkages.

15. The nucleic acid molecule of any one of claims 12 to 14, wherein contiguous nucleotide sequence is complementary to a target sequence selected from the group consisting of position14200-14218, 14413-14431, 14966-14984 and 30344-30362 on SEQ ID NO: 1.

16. A conjugate compound comprising the nucleic acid molecule of any one of claims 12 to 15 and at least one conjugate moiety covalently attached to an oligonucleotide component of the nucleic acid molecule.

17. The conjugate compound of claim 16, wherein the conjugate moiety is selected from one of the trivalent GalNAc moieties in figure 1.

18. The conjugate compound of claim 16 or 17 comprising a physiologically labile linker composed of 2 to 5 linked nucleosides comprising at least two consecutive phosphodiester linkages, wherein the physiologically labile linker covalently bound at the 5' or 3' terminal of the oligonucleotide component.

19. A pharmaceutical composition comprising one or more nucleic acid molecule(s) of any one of claims 12 to 15, or one or more of the conjugate compound(s) of any one of claims 16 to 18, or acceptable salts thereof and a pharmaceutically acceptable diluent, carrier, salt and/or adjuvant.

20. An *in vivo* or *in vitro* method for modulating FUBP1 expression in a target cell which is expressing FUBP1, said method comprising administering the nucleic acid molecule of any one of claims 12 to 15, or the conjugate compound of any one of claims 16 to 18 or the pharmaceutical composition of claim 19 in an effective amount to said cell.

21. The nucleic acid molecule of any one of claims 12 to 15, or the conjugate compound of any one of claims 16 to18 or the pharmaceutical composition of claim 19 for use as a medicament.