

TARGETING LIGANDS

Abstract

5 Described are novel targeting ligands that may be linked to compounds, such
therapeutic compounds that are useful in directing the compounds to the in vivo
target. The targeting ligands disclosed herein can serve to target expression-
inhibiting oligomeric compounds, such as RNAi agents, to liver cells to modulate
gene expression. The targeting ligands disclosed herein, when conjugated to a
10 therapeutic compound, may be used in a variety of applications, including use in
therapeutic, diagnostic, target validation, and genomic discovery applications.
Compositions including the targeting ligands disclosed herein when linked to
expression- inhibiting oligomeric compounds are capable of mediating expression
of target nucleic acid sequences in liver cells, such as hepatocytes, which may be
15 useful in the treatment of diseases or conditions that respond to inhibition of gene
expression or activity in a cell, tissue, or organism.

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