## **Electronic supplementary information**

## Photoreversible DNA end capping for the formation of hairpin structures

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Scheme S1. Photochemical 5'-end capping of ODNs with <sup>CNV</sup>K.

Figure S1. HPLC analysis of the irradiated ODN 1 in the presence of ODN 2. 2'-Deoxyuridine (dU) was used as an internal standard.



Scheme S2. Photochemical 5'-end capping of ODNs with <sup>CNV</sup>K.

**Figure S2.** HPLC analysis of the irradiated ODN **3** in the presence of ODN **2**. 2'-Deoxyuridine (dU) was used as an internal standard.



**Figure S3.** (a) HPLC analysis of products during enzymatic digestion process of ODN **A**, (b) UV spectrum of <sup>CNV</sup>K **>**T photoadduct.



**Figure S4.** (a) HPLC analysis of products during enzymatic digestion process of ODN **B**, (b) UV spectrum of <sup>CNV</sup>K <> T photoadduct.



Figure S5. Melting curves: (a) the duplex ODN 1/ODN 2 and the end-capped ODN A; (b) the duplex ODN 3/ODN 2 and the end-capped ODN B; (c) ODN 9.



Figure S6. CD spectra: (a) the duplex ODN 1/ODN 2 and the end-capped ODN A; (b) the duplex ODN 3/ODN 2 and the end-capped ODN B.





**Figure S7.** HPLC analysis of the photosplitting of ODN **A**. 2'-Deoxyuridine (dU) was used as an internal standard.



**Figure S8.** HPLC analysis of A) ODN **1** and B) ODN **1**(*cis*-isomer). 2'-Deoxyuridine (dU) was used as an internal standard. C) Plot of %cis vs. irradiation time: ODN **1** (filled symbols) and ODN **1**(*cis*-imer) (open symbols).



Scheme S5. Photosplitting of the end-capped ODN.

**Figure S9.** HPLC analysis of the photosplitting of ODN **B**. 2'-Deoxyuridine (dU) was used as an internal standard.

Scheme S6. Photochemical 3'-end capping of ODNs with <sup>CNV</sup>K.



**Figure S10.** HPLC analysis of the irradiated ODN **4** in the presence of ODN **5**. 2'-Deoxyuridine (dU) was used as an internal standard.

Scheme S7. Photochemical 3'-end capping of ODNs with <sup>CNV</sup>K.





**Figure S11.** HPLC analysis of the irradiated ODN **4** in the presence of ODN **6**. 2'-Deoxyuridine (dU) was used as an internal standard.



**Figure S12.** (a) HPLC analysis of products during enzymatic digestion process of ODN C, (b) UV spectrum of <sup>CNV</sup>K<>T photoadduct.



**Figure S13.** (a) HPLC analysis of products during enzymatic digestion process of ODN **D**, (b) UV spectrum of  $^{CNV}K <> T$  photoadduct.



Figure S14. Melting curves: (a) the duplex ODN 4/ODN 5 and the end-capped ODN C; (b) the duplex ODN 4/ODN 6 and the end-capped ODN D; (c) ODN 10.

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**Figure S15.** CD spectra: (a) the duplex ODN **4**/ODN **5** and the end-capped ODN **C**; (b) the duplex ODN **4**/ODN **6** and the end-capped ODN **D**.

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**Figure S16.** HPLC analysis of the photosplitting of ODN C. 2'-Deoxyuridine (dU) was used as an internal standard.

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**Figure S17.** HPLC analysis of A) ODN **4** and B) ODN **4**(*cis*-isomer). 2'-Deoxyuridine (dU) was used as an internal standard. C) Plot of %cis vs. irradiation time: ODN **4** (filled symbols) and ODN **4**(*cis*-imer) (open symbols).

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**Figure S18.** HPLC analysis of the photosplitting of ODN D. 2'-Deoxyuridine (dU) was used as an internal standard.

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Scheme S11. Photochemical doubly end capping of ODNs with <sup>CNV</sup>K.

**Figure S19.** 16% PAGE of photoreversible end capping of Cy3-labeled ODN. Lane 1: duplex ODN 7/ODN 8 labeled with Cy3; lane 2: 366 nm irradiation of lane 1 for 40 s, 92% yield; lane 3: 312 nm irradiation of lane 2 for 90 s, 83% yield.

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Figure S20. Melting curves: the duplex ODN 7/ODN 8 and the end-capped ODN E.  $T_{\rm m}$  values of the duplex ODN 7/ODN 8 and the end-capped ODN E were measured in 50 mM sodium cacodylate buffer (pH 7.0) and 5 mM sodium chloride.

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Figure S21. CD spectra: the duplex ODN 7/ODN 8 and the end-capped ODN E.

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**Figure S22.** (a) Molecular modeling of stacked geometry in the end capped ODN A. (b) Molecular modeling of stacked geometry in the end capped ODN C. Yellow, and green molecules are T, and <sup>CNV</sup>K, respectively. (c) Proposed structure of <sup>CNV</sup>K<>T photoadduct.