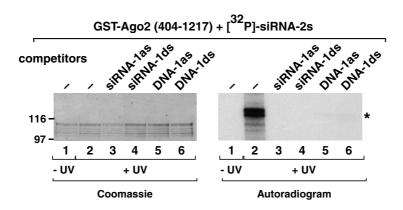
**Figure S5** Binding specificity of Ago2.



A fragment of Dm Ago2 encompassing residues 404-1217 was incubated with [ $^{32}$ P]-end-labeled siRNA-2s (<5 nM) in the absence (lanes 1 and 2) or presence of the competitors indicated above the lanes (100  $\mu$ M). The position of the siRNA-2s/protein adducts (asterisk) is shown on the right. Several bands are observed due to the partial degradation of the protein as shown in the Commassie stained gel.