

Supplementary Information

Molecular dissection of human Argonaute proteins using DNA shuffling

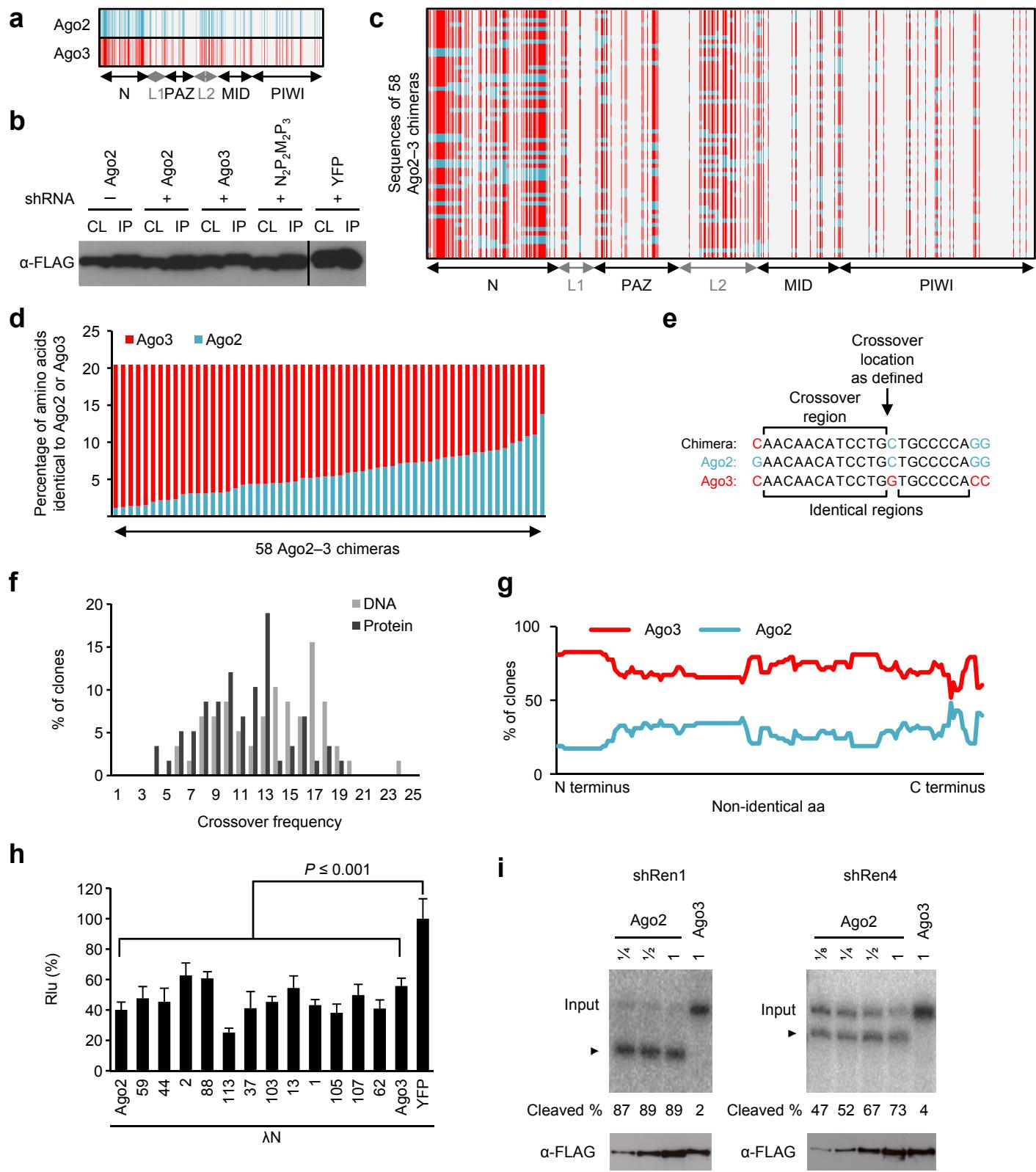
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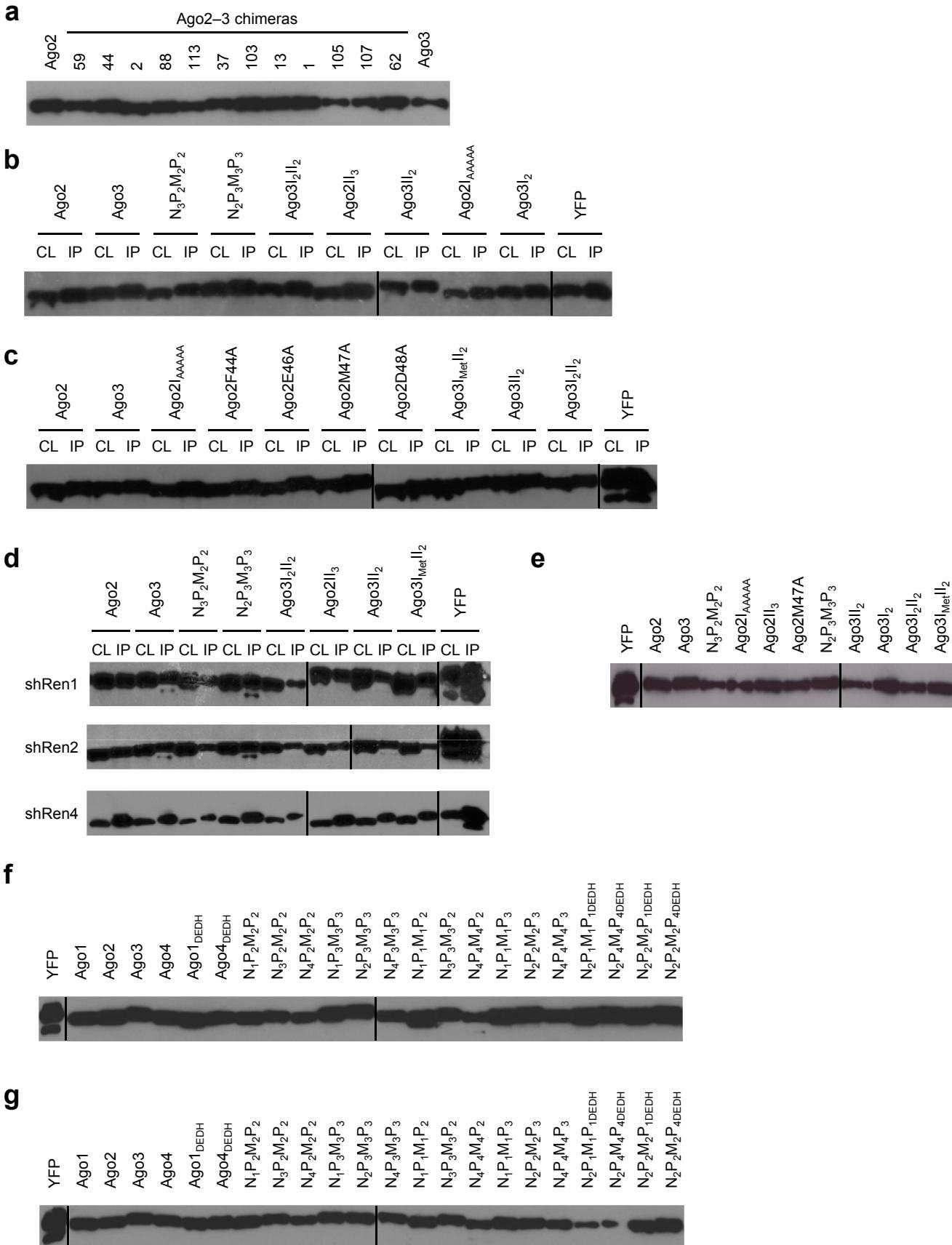
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Supplementary Fig. 1 Additional characterization and validation of Ago2-3 constructs.

(a) Schematic alignment of human Ago2 and Ago3 proteins. Blue regions are unique to Ago2, and red to Ago3; gray are identical in both. (b) Western blot analysis of immunoprecipitated Ago proteins used for the RISC cleavage assay in **Fig. 1a**. Samples were taken before (cell lysate, CL) or after immunoprecipitation (IP). (c) Alignment (type assignment generated via Salanto) of 58 randomly chosen clones (horizontal bars, one each) after Ago2-3 DFS. Color code as in a. (d) Percentage of Ago2- or Ago3-derived amino acids in 58 sequenced Ago2-3 chimeras (calculated by the Salanto software). For better visualization, only residues unique to one of the two parents (21.2% of the total proteins) were included. (e) Representative Ago2-3 crossover event, defined as the first nucleotide distinct from the preceding reference sequence in chimera alignments to the two parents. (f) Salanto-based analysis of crossover frequencies in the 58 chimeric Ago2-3 clones from c on DNA and protein level. Note that Salanto follows a parsimonious rationale according to which it tries to minimize the number of crossovers in the chimeric sequence. (g) Frequency of Ago2- or Ago3-derived amino acids in the 58 chimeric Ago2-3 clones from c at every position where the two parental proteins differ from each other. (h) Tethering assay of λN-fused Ago constructs (see **Fig. 4** for experimental details). RLU, relative light units. P values were determined by Student's t-test (n=3). (i) Pilot experiment to assess the robustness of the RISC cleavage assays, using various amounts of Ago-IP input levels (1/8, 1/4, 1/2 or entire IP) and two different shRens. Western blots visualizing the range of Ago protein input levels in the corresponding samples are shown below. As indicated by the numbers, even an 8-fold variation in Ago input only translated into minor quantitative effects (26% at most) on target mRNA slicing. Notably, in all RISC cleavage assays in this paper, the experimental variation of Ago input levels was less than 8-fold.

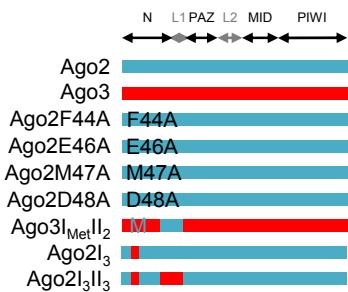
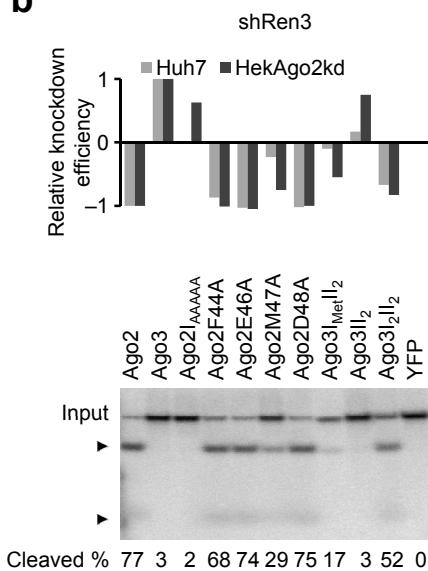
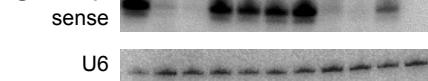
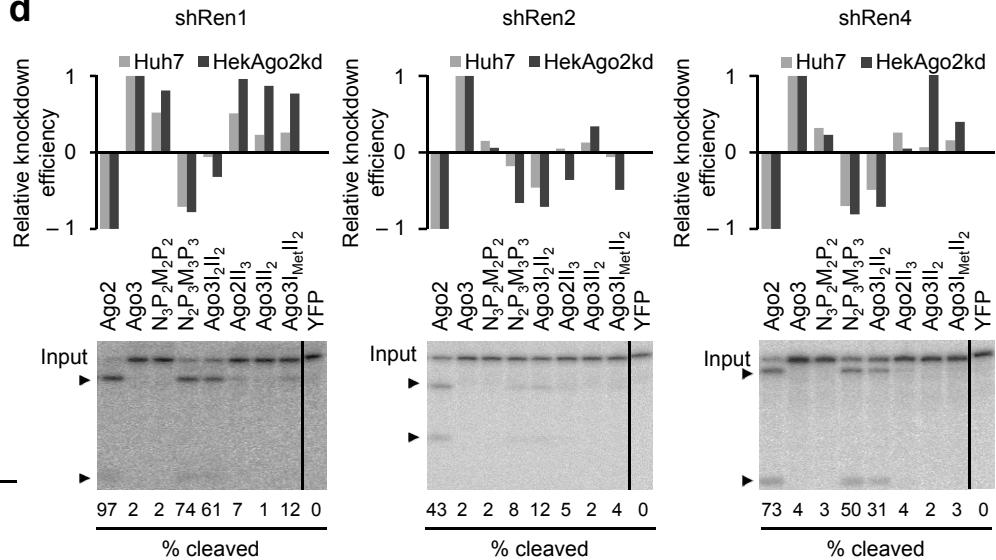
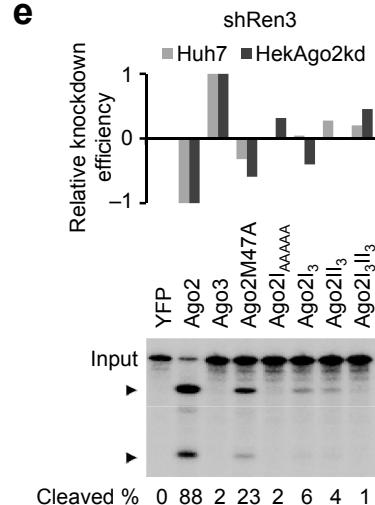
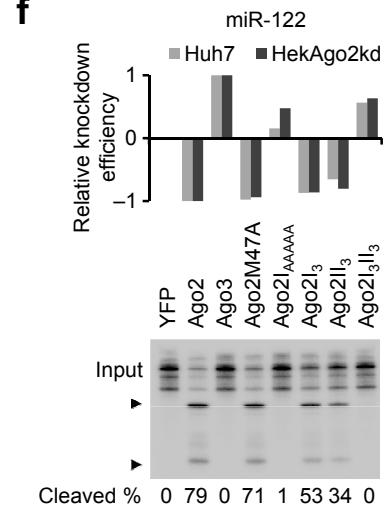
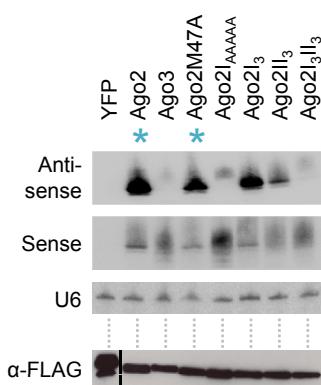
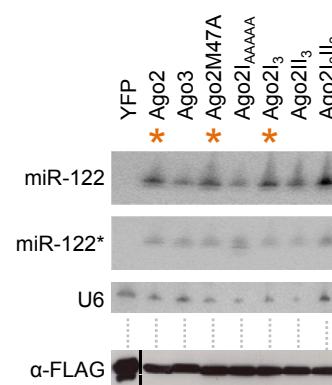
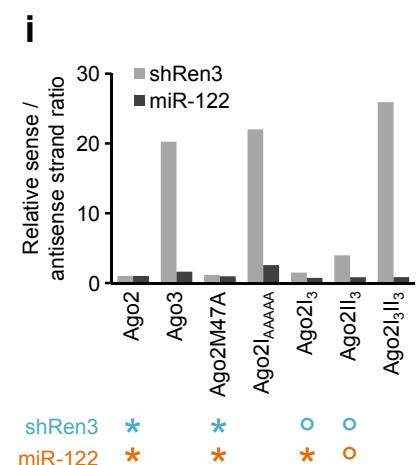
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Supplementary Fig. 2 Western blot analyses of immunoprecipitated Ago proteins used for RISC cleavage assays and Northern blotting (loading controls).

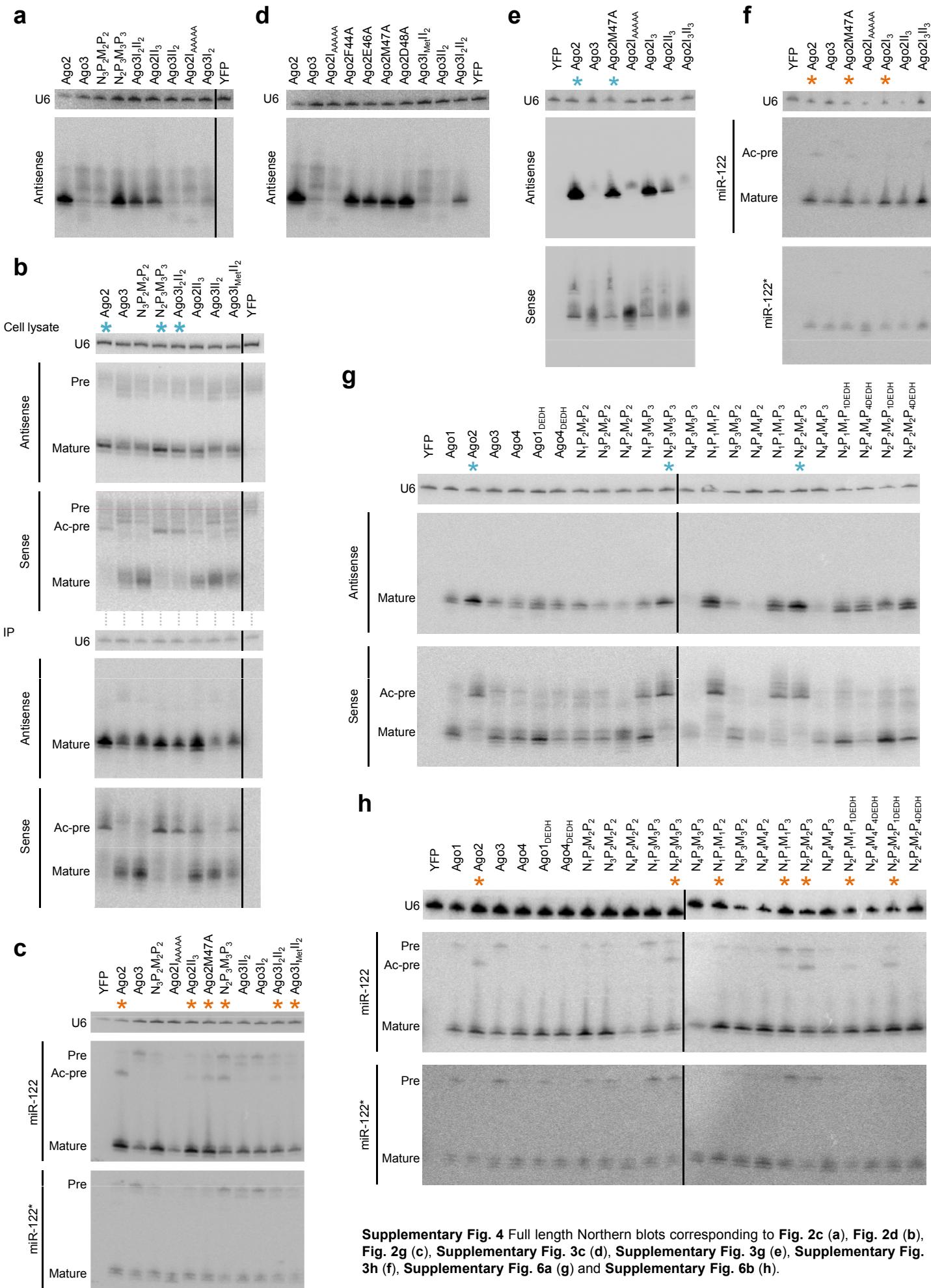
Samples were taken before (cell lysate, CL) or after immunoprecipitation (IP). (a) IP samples from RISC cleavage assay in **Fig. 1e**. (b) IP and CL samples from RISC cleavage assay in **Fig. 2b** and Northern blot in **Fig. 2c**. (c) IP and CL samples from RISC cleavage assay in **Supplementary Fig. 3b** and Northern blot in **Supplementary Fig. 3c**. (d) IP and CL samples from RISC cleavage assay in **Supplementary Fig. 3d** and Northern blot in **Fig. 2d** (shRen1). (e) IP samples from RISC cleavage assay in **Fig. 2f** and Northern blot in **Fig. 2g**. (f) IP samples from RISC cleavage assay in **Fig. 4c** and Northern blot in **Supplementary Fig. 6a**. (g) IP samples from RISC cleavage assay in **Fig. 4d** and Northern blot in **Supplementary Fig. 6b**.

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a**b****c****d****e****f****g****h****i****Supplementary Fig. 3** Cooperative action of motifs I and II for small RNA duplex activation and target cleavage.

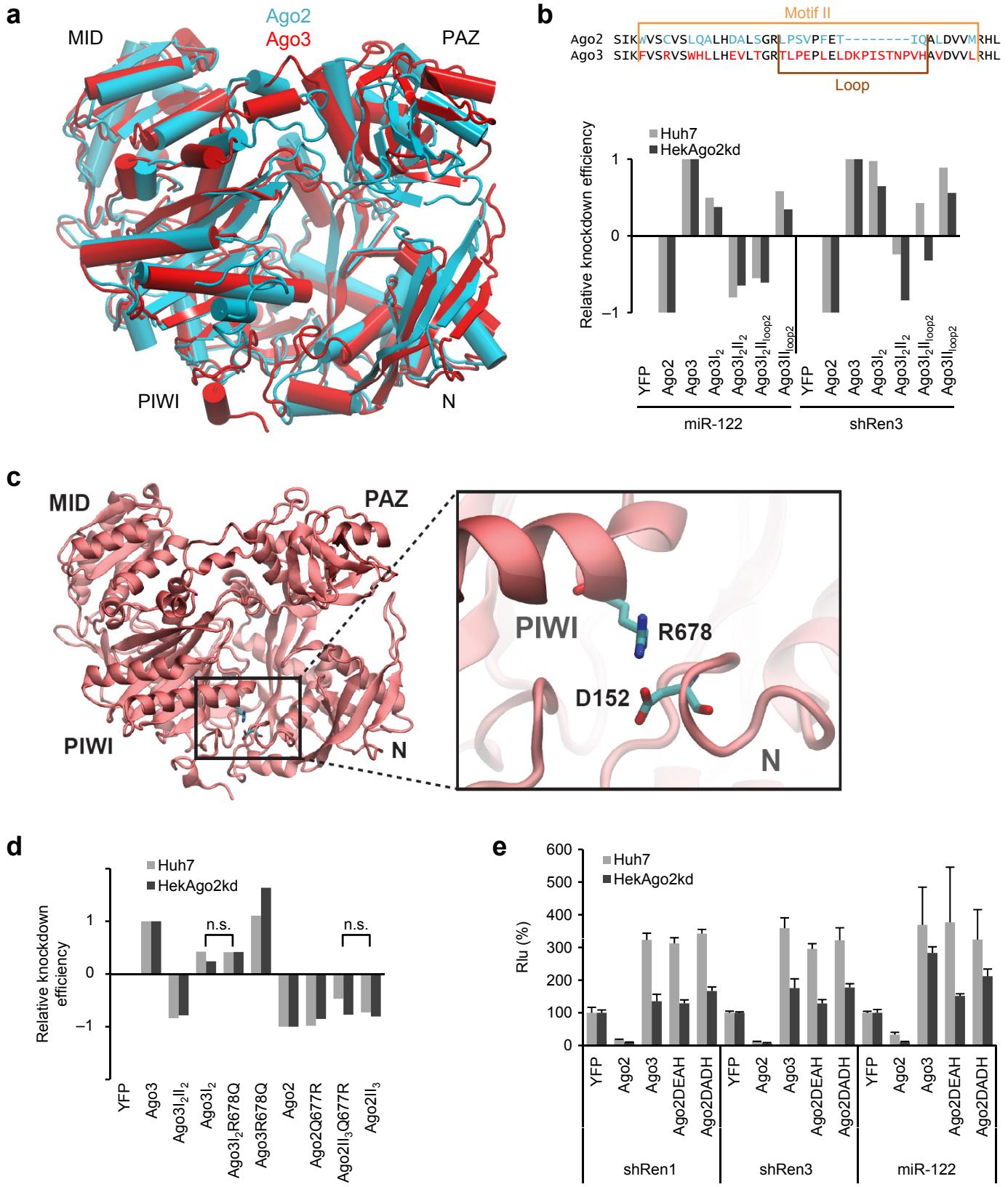
(a) Schemes depicting Ago2-3 mutants (color-coded according to wildtypes on top). **(b)** The shown mutants were tested in luciferase knockdown experiments (top) and RISC cleavage assays (bottom) using shRen3 as RNAi trigger. **(c)** Co-immunoprecipitated small RNAs (same samples as in **b** (bottom)) were analyzed by Northern blotting using a probe against the shRen3 antisense strand. **(d-f)** The indicated mutants were analyzed akin to **b**, using the shown different shRNAs or miR-122, respectively. **(g,h)** Northern blot analysis of small RNAs in IP samples (same as in **e,f**) using probes against the shRen3 antisense or sense strand (**g**), or against miR-122 or miR-122* (**h**). Comparable protein input levels for **e-h** were validated by Western blotting (bottom). U6 small nuclear RNA signals (from naive RNA spiked in before RNA extraction) served as loading control in all Northern blots. Blue (shRen3) or orange (miR-122) asterisks: high slicer activity; blue (shRen3) or orange (miR-122) circles: intermediate slicer activity. **(i)** Northern blot signals from **g,h** were quantified and ratios between sense / antisense strand or miR-122* / miR-122 were calculated relative to Ago2 (set to 1). See **g,h** for symbols.

Supplementary Figure 3 Grimm



Supplementary Fig. 4 Full length Northern blots corresponding to **Fig. 2c (a)**, **Fig. 2d (b)**, **Fig. 2g (c)**, **Supplementary Fig. 3c (d)**, **Supplementary Fig. 3g (e)**, **Supplementary Fig. 3h (f)**, **Supplementary Fig. 6a (g)** and **Supplementary Fig. 6b (h)**.

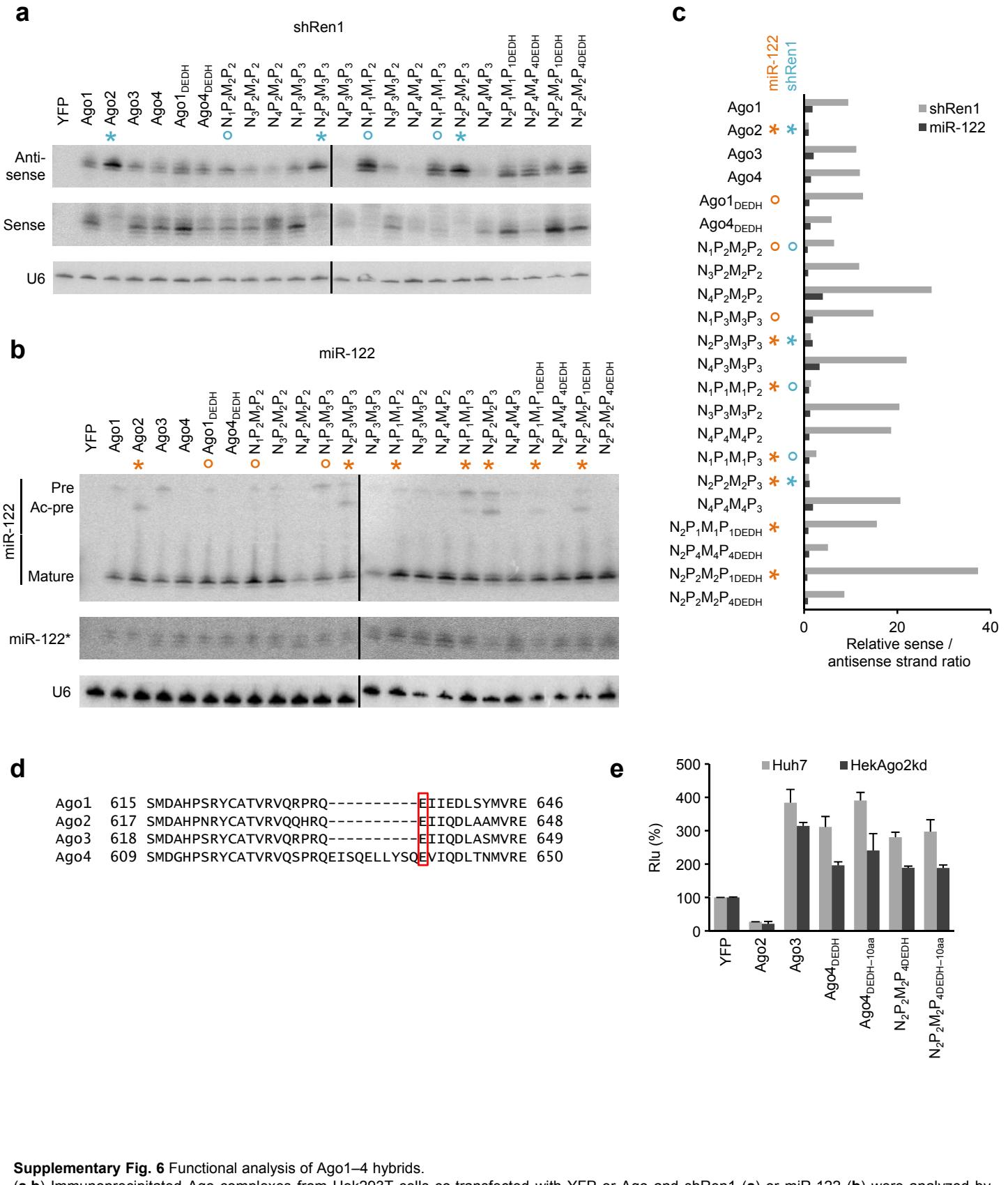
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Supplementary Fig. 5 Additional theoretical and experimental dissection of critical elements in Ago2–3.

(a) Superposition of Ago2–3 homology models. (b) Analysis of Ago3 mutants harboring complete motif II or only the loop structure from Ago2 (see alignment on top) in luciferase assays with either miR-122 or shRen3 (see Fig. 1 for experimental details). Note that motif II in Ago2 contains two helices linked by a short loop, whereas Ago3 has to accommodate 8 additional amino acids within this region (see also Fig. 3 and Supplementary Fig. 7b), which, according to our Ago3 model, partly occupy and obstruct the RNA channel. (c) Salt bridge potentially connecting Ago3 N and PIWI domains, which cannot occur in Ago2 according to our homology models. Also note that R678 is in the vicinity of D670 (not shown), which belongs to the catalytic tetrad. Interaction of R678 with D152 might therefore prevent D670 from efficiently joining the catalytic site in Ago3. Interestingly, R678 is only present in Ago3, potentially explaining the residual activity of mutant Ago2_{1/3}. (d) miR-122-based luciferase knockdown experiments with Ago2–3 mutants in which we either aimed to destroy (Ago3_{1/2}R678Q) or reconstitute (Ago2_{1/3}Q677R) the potential salt bridge (Ago3R678Q, Ago2Q677R served as controls). No significant changes relative to Ago3_{1/2} (for Ago3_{1/2}R678Q) or Ago2_{1/3} (Ago2_{1/3}Q677R) were observed. However, the correct formation of this putative salt bridge might depend on adjacent residues and structures that are not captured by these mutants. n.s., non-significant. (e) Analysis of the performance of the Ago2E637A mutant with two perfectly (shRen1 and shRen3) and one imperfectly duplexed small RNA triggers (miR-122) in luciferase knockdown experiments (data were normalized to the YFP control).

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Supplementary Fig. 6 Functional analysis of Ago1–4 hybrids.

(a,b) Immunoprecipitated Ago complexes from Hek293T cells co-transfected with YFP or Ago and shRen1 (a) or miR-122 (b) were analyzed by Northern blotting (same samples as used in the RISC cleavage assays in Fig. 4 c,d). See Fig. 2 for experimental details. (c) Northern blot signals from a,b were quantified and ratios between sense and antisense strands, or miR-122* / miR-122, were calculated (relative to Ago2, set to 1). Blue (shRen3) or orange (miR-122) asterisks: high slicer activity; blue (shRen3) or orange (miR-122) circles: intermediate slicer activity. (d) Partial alignment of human Ago1–4 PIWI domains around the Ago2 E637 residue (red frame) which is fully conserved in all four human Agos. Evident is an N-terminal 10 aa insertion in Ago4 which we deleted to test whether it interferes with the function of the glutamate (see e for results). (e) Knockdown assays (co-transfection of miR-122-tagged *Renilla* luciferase, miR-122 expression plasmid as well as the indicated Ago constructs) showed that deletion of the 10 aa insertion did not reconstitute slicing ability in Ago4, neither in the wildtype context (Ago4_{DEDH-10aa}) nor after fusion of the altered Ago4 PIWI domain with the slicing-compatible N to MID domains from Ago2 (N₂P₂M₂P₄DEDH-10aa). This suggests that other, as-of-yet unknown sequence/structure elements in Ago4 PIWI cause the distinctive slicing deficiency of this Ago family member.

Supplementary Figure 6 Grimm

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Motif I

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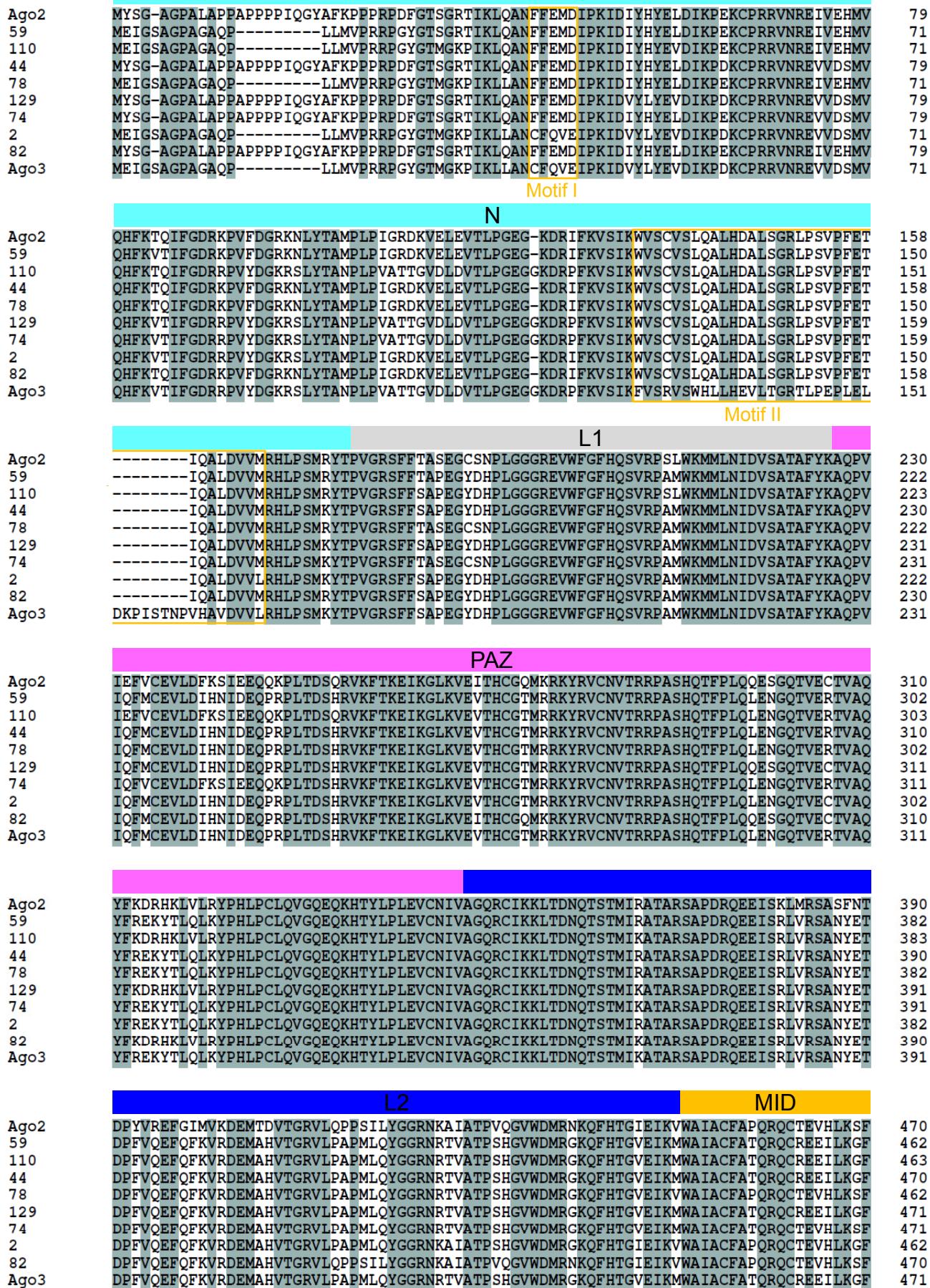
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	PIWI	
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Ago4	A	861
#1	A	851
#3	A	859
#5	A	857
#7	A	860
#14	A	853
#31	A	861
#32	A	859
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#34	A	859
#38	A	857

Supplementary Fig. 7 Alignments (generated using ClustalX2) of parental Ago and selected chimeric sequences.

(a) Chimeras tested in the luciferase and slicer assays in **Fig. 1e** and the tethering assay in **Supplementary Fig. 1h**. (b) The eight Ago2–Ago3 chimeras with the strongest Ago2-like phenotype (see **Fig. 1d,f**). (c) Ago1–4 chimeras tested in the luciferase assays in **Fig. 5c**. Regions identical in all sequences are marked in gray and unique positions in white. Residues constituting the catalytic tetrad are highlighted by red frames and an asterisk. Sequences encompassing motif I and motif II are framed in orange. The Ago domain structure is depicted above the alignment.

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Supplementary Table 1 Template and primer combinations used to generate fragments for OE-PCRs

mutant	PCR fragment	template	forward primer	reverse primer
N ₃ P ₂ M ₂ P ₂	5'	Ago3	#459	#505
	3'	Ago2	#506	#517
N ₂ P ₃ M ₃ P ₃	5'	Ago2	#459	#505
	3'	Ago3	#506	#517
Ago3I ₂ II ₂	5'	Ago3II ₂	#459	#521
	3'	Ago3II ₂	#520	#517
Ago2II ₃	5'	Ago2	#459	#513
	middle	Ago3	#514	#505
	3'	Ago2	#506	#517
Ago3II ₂	5'	Ago3	#459	#515
	middle	Ago2	#516	#505
	3'	Ago3	#506	#517
Ago2I _{AAAAA}	5'	Ago2	#459	#523
	3'	Ago2	#522	#517
Ago2F44A	5'	Ago2	#459	#539
	3'	Ago2	#538	#517
Ago2E46A	5'	Ago2	#459	#541
	3'	Ago2	#540	#517
Ago2M47A	5'	Ago2	#459	#543
	3'	Ago2	#542	#517
Ago2D48A	5'	Ago2	#459	#545
	3'	Ago2	#544	#517
Ago3I ₂	5'	Ago3	#459	#521
	3'	Ago3	#520	#517
Ago3I _{Met} II ₂	5'	Ago3II ₂	#459	#581
	3'	Ago3II ₂	#580	#517
N ₁ P ₂ M ₂ P ₂	5'	Ago1	#459	#505
	3'	Ago2	#506	#517
N ₃ P ₂ M ₂ P ₂	5'	Ago3	#459	#505
	3'	Ago2	#506	#517
N ₄ P ₂ M ₂ P ₂	5'	Ago4	#459	#505
	3'	Ago2	#506	#517
N ₁ P ₃ M ₃ P ₃	5'	Ago1	#459	#505
	3'	Ago3	#506	#517
N ₂ P ₃ M ₃ P ₃	5'	Ago2	#459	#505
	3'	Ago3	#506	#517
N ₄ P ₃ M ₃ P ₃	5'	Ago4	#459	#505
	3'	Ago3	#506	#517
N ₁ P ₁ M ₁ P ₂	5'	Ago1	#459	#525

	3'	Ago2	#524	#517
$N_3P_3M_3P_2$	5'	Ago3	#459	#525
	3'	Ago2	#524	#517
$N_4P_4M_4P_2$	5'	Ago4	#459	#525
	3'	Ago2	#524	#517
$N_1P_1M_1P_3$	5'	Ago1	#459	#525
	3'	Ago3	#524	#517
$N_2P_2M_2P_3$	5'	Ago2	#459	#525
	3'	Ago3	#524	#517
$N_4P_4M_4P_3$	5'	Ago4	#459	#525
	3'	Ago3	#524	#517
$Ago1_{DEDH}$	5'	Ago1	#459	#500
	3'	Ago1	#499	#517
$Ago4_{DEDH}$	5'	Ago4	#459	#502
	middle	Ago4	#501	#504
	3'	Ago4	#503	#517
$N_2P_1M_1P_1_{DEDH}$	5'	Ago2	#459	#505
	3'	$Ago1_{DEDH}$	#506	#517
$N_2P_4M_4P_4_{DEDH}$	5'	Ago2	#459	#505
	3'	$Ago4_{DEDH}$	#506	#517
$N_2P_2M_2P_1_{DEDH}$	5'	Ago2	#459	#525
	3'	$Ago1_{DEDH}$	#524	#517
$N_2P_2M_2P_4_{DEDH}$	5'	Ago2	#459	#525
	3'	$Ago4_{DEDH}$	#524	#517
$Ago3I_2II_{loop2}$	5'	$Ago3I_2$	#459	#772
	3'	$Ago3I_2$	#771	#517
$Ago3II_{loop2}$	5'	Ago3	#459	#772
	3'	Ago3	#771	#517
$Ago2_{DADH}$	5'	Ago2	#459	#855
	3'	Ago2	#854	#517
$Ago4_{DEDH-10AA}$	5'	$Ago4_{DEDH}$	#459	#801
	3'	$Ago4_{DEDH}$	#800	#517
$N_2P_2M_2P_4_{DEDH-10AA}$	5'	$N_2P_2M_2P_4_{DEDH}$	#459	#801
	3'	$Ago4_{DEDH}$	#800	#517

Supplementary Table 2 Primers for cloning and shuffling reactions

#102	5' - TCGAGACAAACACCATTGTCACACTCCATCTAGAGC - 3'
#103	5' - GGCGCTCTAGATGGAGTGTGACAATGGTGGTC - 3'
#189	5' - CACCGCCTGACATCGAGGAGGATATTCAAGAGATATCCTCCTCGATGTCAGGC - 3'
#190	5' - AAAAGCCTGACATCGAGGAGGATATCTCTGAATATCCTCCTCGATGTCAGGC - 3'
#459	5' - GACTACAAGGACGACGATGACAAG - 3'
#460	5' - CACTGAATTCTCATCAGGCGAAG - 3'
#499	5' - CCTGCCTACTACGCCATCTGGTGGCCTCCGG - 3'
#500	5' - CCGGAAGGCCACCAGATGGCGTAGTAGGCAGG - 3'
#501	5' - CATCTACTACAGAGACGGCGTGAGCGAGG - 3'
#502	5' - CCTCGCTACGCCGTCTGTAGTAGATG - 3'
#503	5' - CCTGCCTACTACGCCATCTGGTGGCCTCCGG - 3'
#504	5' - CCGGAAGGCCACCAGATGGCGTAGTAGGCAGG - 3'
#505	5' - CATGCTGGGCAGGTGCCG - 3'
#506	5' - CGGCACCTGCCAACGATG - 3'
#513	5' - GCTCACGAACTTGATGGACACCTTGAAGAT - 3'
#514	5' - AAGGTGTCATCAAGTCGTGAGC - 3'
#515	5' - CACCCACTTGTGGACACCTTAAAGG - 3'
#516	5' - TCAAGGTGTCCATCAAGTGGGTG - 3'
#517	5' - CAATCTTAGCGCAGAAGTCATGC - 3'
#520	5' - AACTTCTCGAGATGGACATCCCCAAGATCGACGTG - 3'
#521	5' - GTCCATCTCGAAGAAGTTGGCCAGCAGCTTGATGG - 3'
#522	5' - GCCAACGCCGCCCTGCCGCCATCCCCAAGATCGACATC - 3'
#523	5' - GATGGCGGCAGCGGGCGTGGCCTGCAGCTTGAT - 3'
#524	5' - CAACCTGTGCCCTGAAGATCAAC - 3'
#525	5' - GTTGATCTTCAGGCACAGGTTG - 3'
#538	5' - CAGGCCAACGCCCTCGAGATGGACATCCCCAAGATC - 3'
#539	5' - CATCTCGAAGGCCTTGGCCTGCAGCTTGATGGTCCG - 3'
#540	5' - AACTTCTCGCCATGGACATCCCCAAGATCGACATC - 3'
#541	5' - GATGTCCATGGCGAAGAAGTTGGCCTGCAGCTTGAT - 3'
#542	5' - TTCTCGAGGCCGACATCCCCAAGATCGACATCTAC - 3'
#543	5' - GGGGATGTCGGCCTCGAAGAAGTTGGCCTGCAGCTT - 3'
#544	5' - TTGAGATGGCCATCCCCAAGATCGACATCTACCAC - 3'
#545	5' - CTTGGGGATGGCCATCTCGAAGAAGTTGGCCTGCAG - 3'
#580	5' - CTGGCCAAGTGCCTCCAGATGGAGATCCCCAAG - 3'
#581	5' - CTT GGG GAT CTC CAT CTG GAA GCA GTT GGC CAG - 3'
#602	5' - GGGGACAAGTTGTACAAGAAAAGCAGGCTTCGAAGGAGATAGAACCATGGACTA CAAGGACGACGATGACAAG - 3'
#603	5' - GGGGACCACTTGTACAAGAAAAGCTGGTCCACTGAATTCTCATCAGGCGAAG - 3'
#614	5' - AATTAGCGGCCGACCGTGGTACCTCTAGGATATCGAATTCA - 3'
#615	5' - GGCCTGAATTGATATCCTAGAGGTACCAACGCGTGCAGGCCGCTA - 3'
#616	5' - GCGCGCAATCAGGATCCATTACGG - 3'
#617	5' - AATTCCGTAATGGATCCTGATTGC - 3'

#631	5' - GGCGCATCTTATAATGTGGCGGCCATTATAG - 3'
#632	5' - AATTCTATATAATGGCGGCCACATTATAAGATGC - 3'
#771	5' - CCAGCGTGCCTTCGAGACCATCCAG GCCGTGGACGTGGTGC - 3'
#772	5' - ATGGTCTCGAAGGGCACGCTGGCAG CCTGCCGGTCAGCACCTCGTGC - 3'
#800	5' - CAGACCAGCCGGCAGGAAGTGATCCAGGACCTGACC - 3'
#801	5' - GTCCTG GATCACTCCTGCCGGCTGGTCTGCACC - 3'
#854	5' - GTGCAGCAGCACCGGCAGGCAATCATTAGGATCTGGCTG - 3'
#855	5' - CAGCCAGATCCTGAATGATTGCCTGCCGGTGCTGCAC - 3'
#872	5' - TCGACTCGAGTGCTGAAGAACGAGCAGTAATTG - 3'
#873	5' - TCAATGTATCTTATCATGTCTGCTCG - 3'

Supplementary Table 3 Template and primer pairs used in PCRs for generation of DNA templates for *in vitro* transcription

<i>in vitro</i> transcript for	template (plasmid)	5' primer	3' primer
shRen1 and shRen2	psiCheck2	5' - TAATACGACTCACTATAG GCTTCCAAGGTGTACGAC - 3'	5' - TCACGGCGTTCTCGGCGTG - 3'
shRen3	psiCheck2	5' - TAATACGACTCACTATAG GGCTCATATCGCCTCTGGAT C - 3'	5' - ACACCTCTCAGCATGGACG - 3'
shRen4	psiCheck2	5' - TAATACGACTCACTATAG GACGTGATCGAGTCCTGGGA C - 3'	5' - CTCGCCCTTCTCCTTGAATG - 3'
miR-122	psi2-miR-122perf	5' - GAAATTAATACGACTCAC TATAGGCCTCCACTTCAGCCA - 3'	5' - CCAACACACAGATGTAATG - 3'

Supplementary Table 4 DNA oligonucleotides used as probes

probe for	sequence
shRen1 antisense	5' - GCAACGCAAACGCATGATCAC - 3'
shRen1 sense	5' - GTGATCATGCCTTGCCTTGC - 3'
shRen3 antisense	5' - GGCCTTCACTACTCCTACGA - 3'
shRen3 sense	5' - TCGTAGGAGTAGTGAAAGGCC - 3'
shRen4 antisense	5' - GCCTGACATCGAGGAGGATAT - 3'
shRen4 sense	5' - ATATCCTCCTCGATGTCAGGC - 3'
miR-122	5' - CAAACACCATTGTACACTCCA - 3'
miR-122*	5' - TATTAGTGTGATAATGGCGTT - 3'
RNU6-1	5' - TGTGCTGCCGAAGCGAGCAC - 3'