# Two Enzymatic Approaches for Large-scale siRNA Synthesis

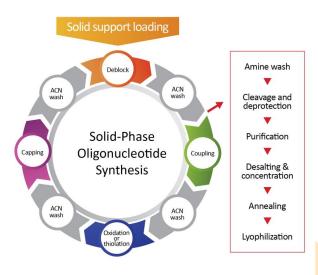
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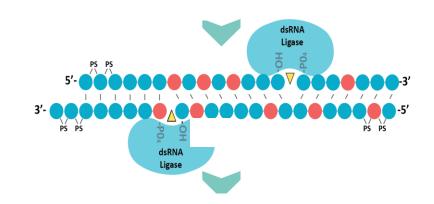


## Enzymatic Solutions for siRNA Synthesis are Increasing

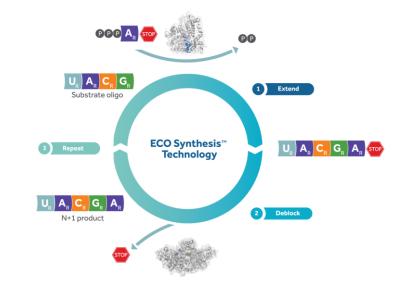
**Ch**emical



Hybrid



Enzymatic



Traditional siRNA Synthesis using Phosphoramidite Chemistry (PAC)

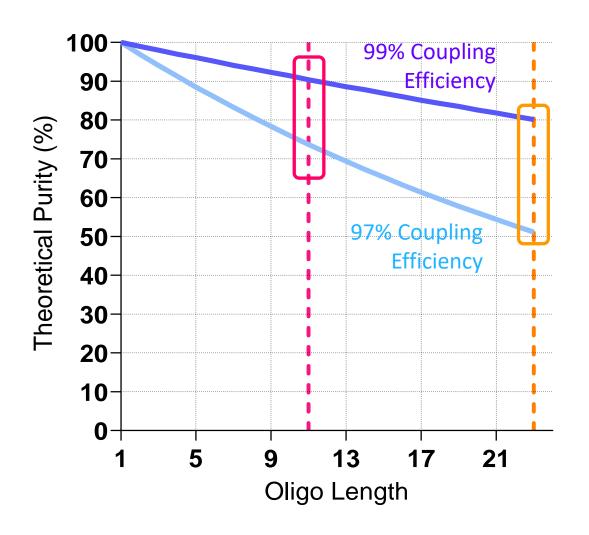
PAC fragments + Ligation

ECO Synthesis™ (Enzyme-Catalyzed Oligonucleotide Synthesis)
Manufacturing Platform



## Oligonucleotide Synthesis Experiences Purity Declines with Length

Cumulative effects of <100% coupling efficiency on oligonucleotide purity



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11-mer → 73 – 91% purity 9 – 27% impurities
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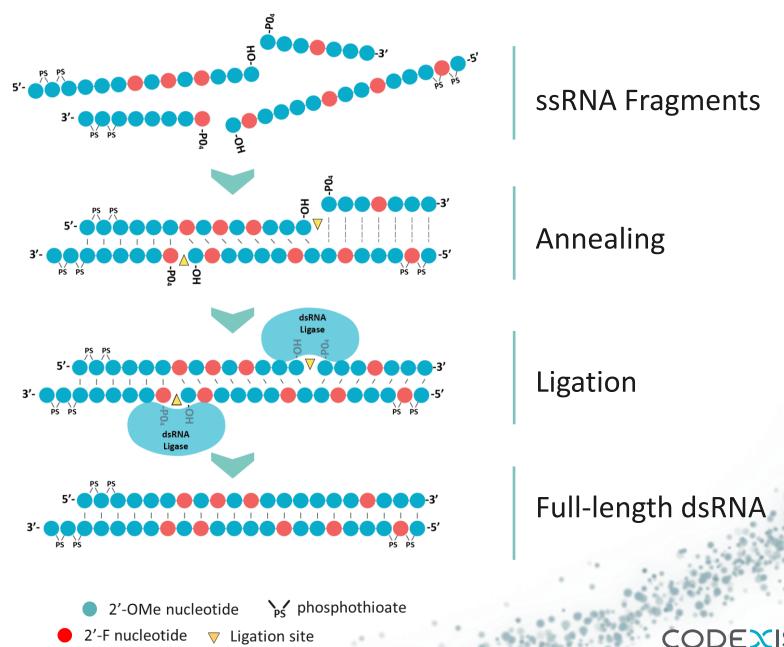
Advantages of synthesizing shorter oligonucleotide sequences:

- Higher yield of the full length product (FLP)
- Fewer impurities
- Simpler purification
- Reduced risk of batch failure

An option for enzymatic methods – a necessity for chemical synthesis



Fragment Ligation Strategies are Increasing for siRNA Manufacturing



## Engineered Ligases Enable Lower Manufacturing Costs

#### Wild Type dsRNA Ligase

#### **Low Activity**

- Poor ligation efficiency on clinically-relevant molecules
- Low activity requires high enzyme loading

#### **Limited Scalability**

- Low substrate loading
- Require larger reaction volume and capital investment

#### **High Cost**

- Low expression & high enzyme loading results in high enzyme cost
- Low substrate loading increases fixed & variable production cost

#### Codexis Engineered dsRNA Ligase

#### **High Activity**

- ✓ Higher ligation efficiency results in higher yield of siRNA
- ✓ Less enzyme required for target conversion

#### Scalable

- ✓ Higher substrate loading for increased volumetric productivity
- √ Scalable manufacturing of engineered ligase

#### **Valuable Economics**

- ✓ Reduced enzyme cost-in-use
- Reduced reaction volume and capital requirements



#### **Services Offered**

Screening & Optimization

- Design of RNA fragments for optimal ligation
- Identification of lead ligase by high-throughput screening of large libraries of engineered RNA ligases
- Optimization of ligation protocols



Enzyme Customization

- Tailored ligase performance under process conditions via CodeEvolver® technology-driven enzyme engineering
- Research-scale enzyme production under appropriate quality systems to support customer-led process development



Research Grade RNA Production

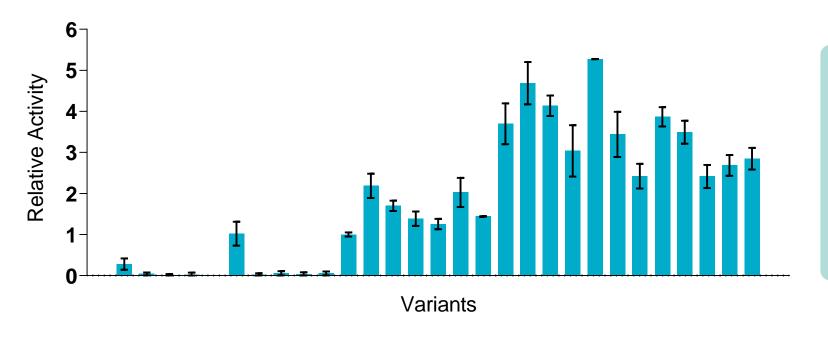
- Codexis-led process development & manufacturing of research-grade
   RNA oligonucleotides
- Product impurity profile assessment (LC-MS)
- Tech transfer support to customer or CDMO of choice





## dsRNA Ligase Services: Screening & Optimization

Evaluating **customer's fully modified dsRNA substrates** against **our ligase variant libraries**, consisting of hundreds of differentiated, engineered enzymes **at high substrate loadings** 



#### dsRNA Ligases engineered for:

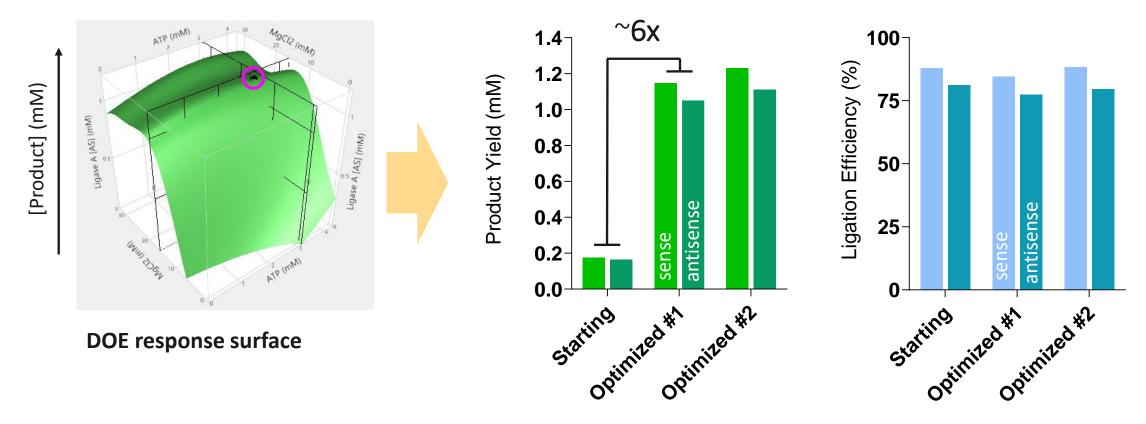
- Substrate specificity
- Catalytic performance
- Manufacturability
- Stability

- Exemplary data on ligase variant performance with fully modified RNA model substrate at 20 g/L
- Significant differences in ligase activity at any given load
- Engineered ligase variants generally outperform wild type ligases



## dsRNA Ligase Services: Screening & Optimization

Optimizing customer's fully modified dsRNA substrates with selected Codexis engineered ligases for maximum product yield and ligation efficiency at high substrate loadings



- Response surface is specific/unique based on enzyme, substrates, and buffer (incl. Mg<sup>2+</sup>, ATP)
- Maintaining ligation efficiency at high substrate loading (1.2mM = 20 g/L)
   increased volumetric productivity



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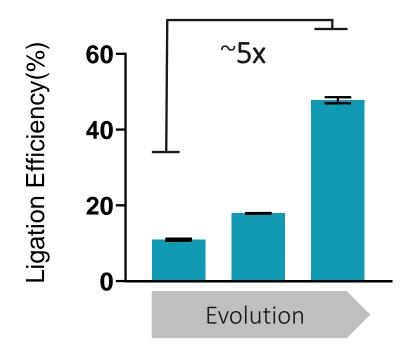
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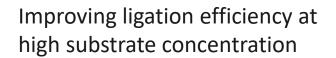


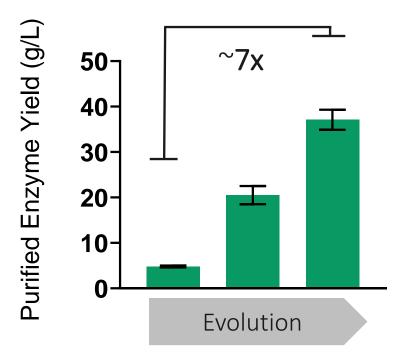


## dsRNA Ligase Services: Enzyme Customization for Your Process

Tailoring enzyme performance to **Specific Substrates** or **Substrate Classes (Platform)** under **desired process conditions** via Codexis CodeEvolver® technology







Improving process viability as a result of scalable dsRNA ligase manufacturability



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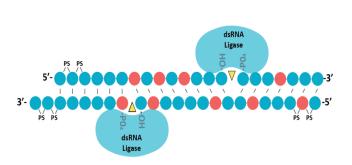
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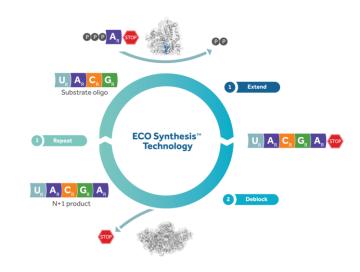
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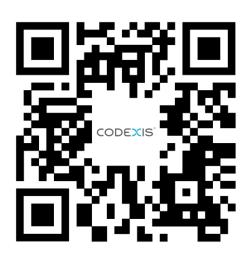


**RNA Ligase Services** 

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