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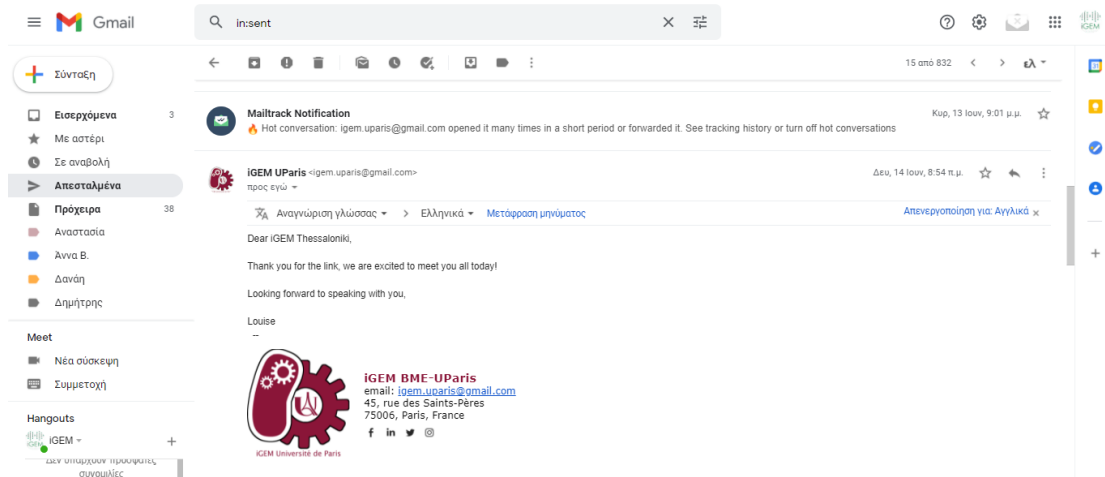
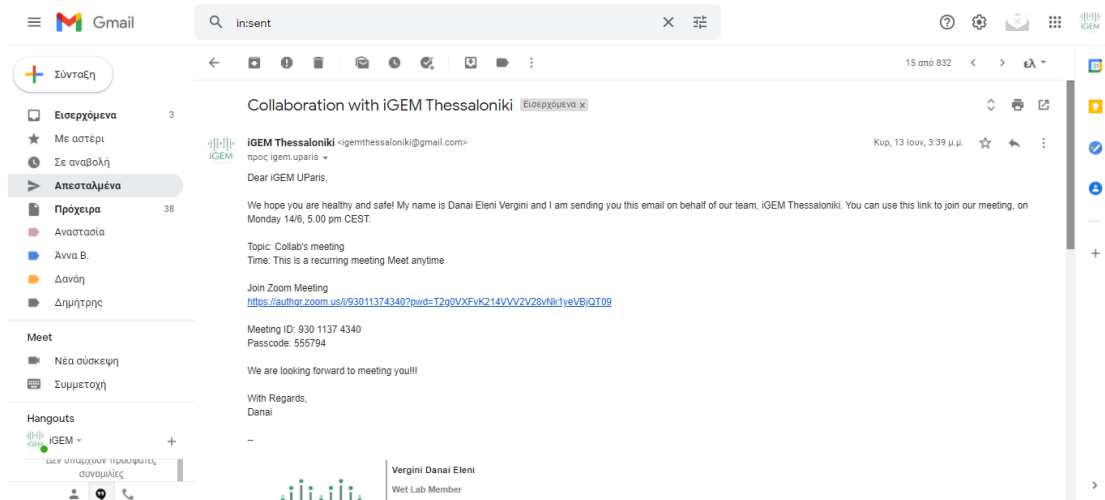
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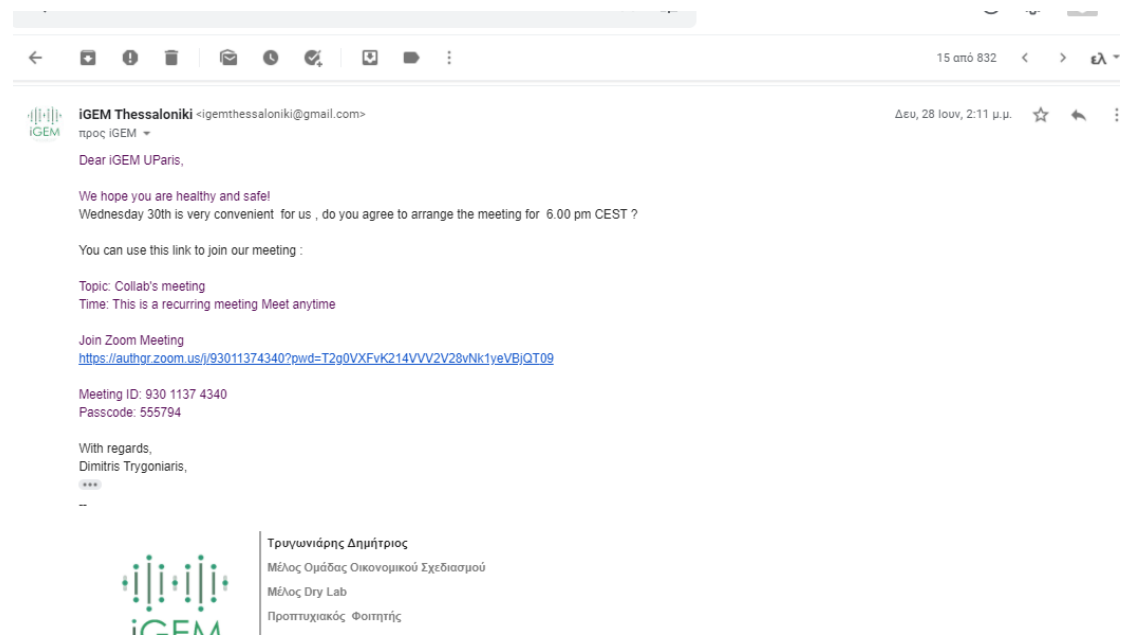
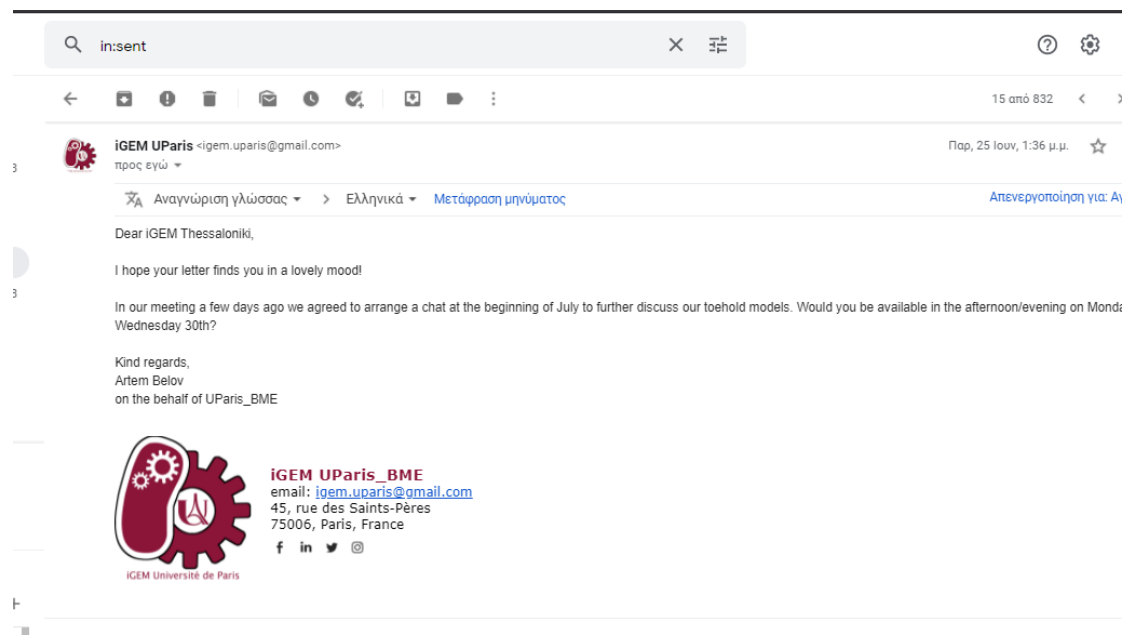
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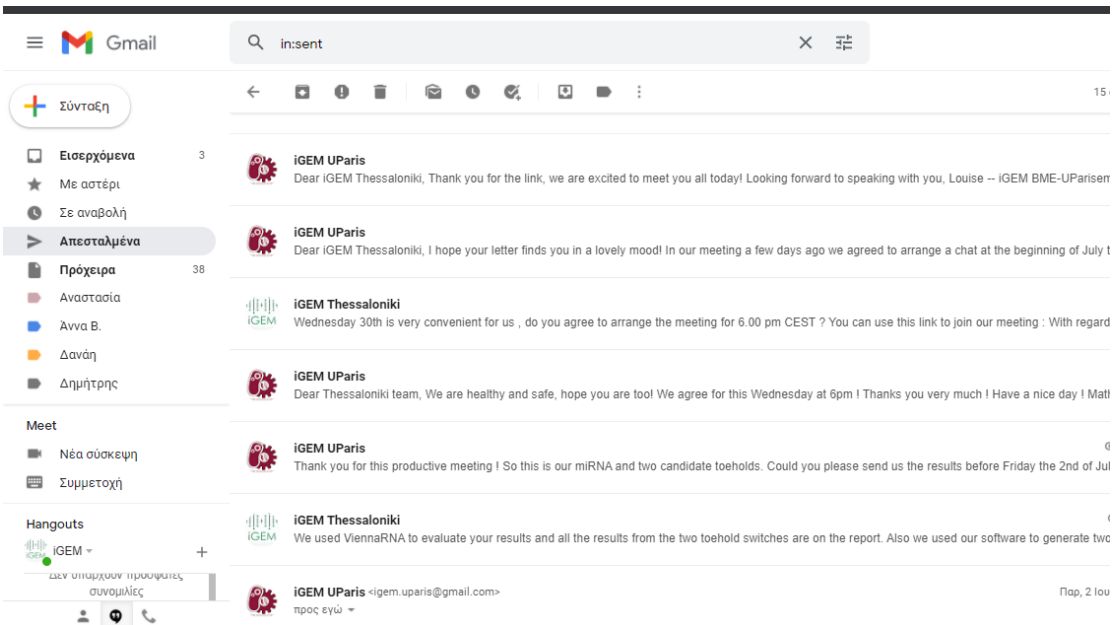
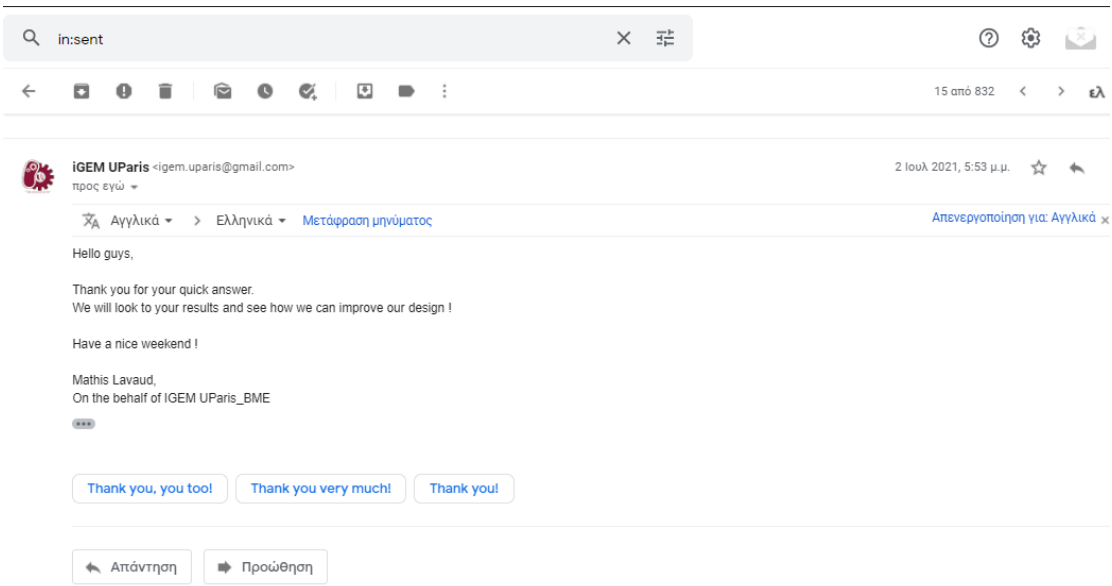
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Toehold Switch evaluation:

Toehold sequences :

1. GGGAUCAUUACCCGGCAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAUACAGAAAC
AGAGGAGAUUUUUUAUGUUUUUUUTGCCACCUGGCGGCAG
CGCAAAAG
2. GGGCCAUCUUACCCGGAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAUACAGAAA
CAGAGGAGAUUUUUUAUGUUUUUUUCCGGACCUGGCGGCA
GCGCAAAAG

miRNA sequence:

UAAUACUGCCGGGUAUAUGAUGGA

GFP sequence:

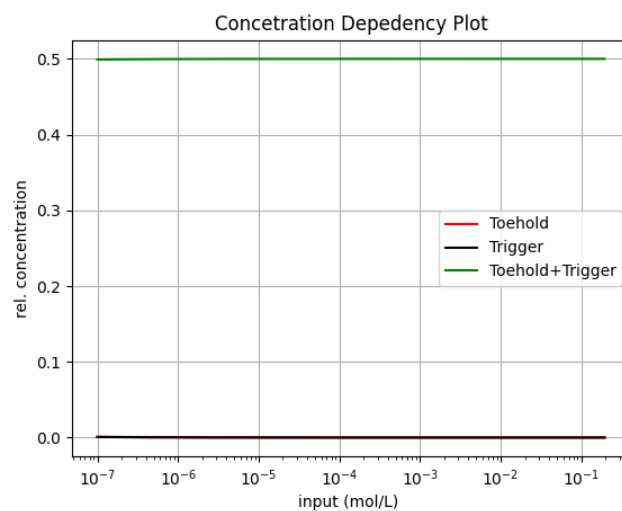
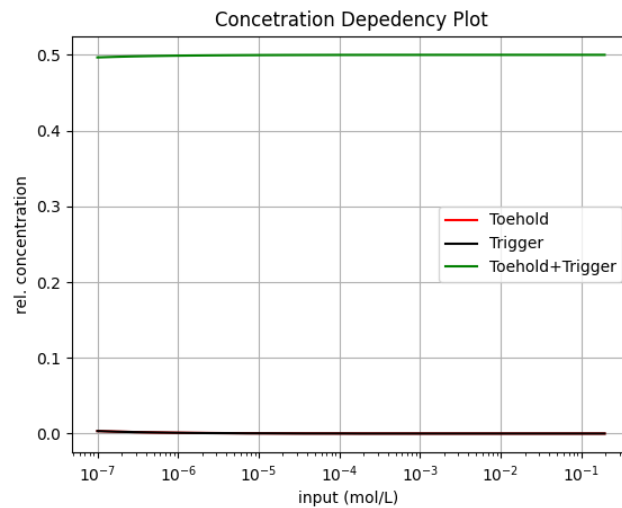
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CCCUUUCGAAAGAUCCCAACGAAAAGAGAGACCACAUGGU
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UGGAUGAACUAUACAAA

Energy of the binding :

1. Delta G binding : -16.71 kcal/mol , frequency of mfe structure
in ensemble 7.95786e-14

2. Delta G binding : -14.63 kcal/mol , frequency of mfe structure in ensemble 2.57708e-14

Concentration Dependency Plots:



Same graphs for both of the toehold switches. The Concentration Dependency Plots generated with the use of **RNAcofold.exe** of **ViennaRNA software**. The binding of the toehold and the miRNA seem to be independent from the input concentration of the two molecules. So the complex that will lead to GFP expression , only depends on initial concentration of toehold and miRNA.

Duplex output:

1. .((((((((((((((.&))))))))))))). 3,18 : 6,21
2. .((((((((((((((.&))))))))))))). 3,18 : 8,23

The dot-bracket notation refers to the complex that will be formed after the interaction of the two molecules. You can see that not all the miRNA binds upon toehold switch but instead the paired bases that will be formed are 14. The position of the molecules is denoted with the numbers of 3,18 and 6,21 in first case. It means that the paired base of miRNA will be in the position of 4,17 ->14 and from toehold switch 5,20->14 .

Because the binding is continuous without other pairs , the perfect match of the two molecules should be considered upon design.

For the two sequences:

```
GGAUCAUUACCCGGCAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAUACAGAAACAGA
GGAGAUUUUUUAUGUUUUUUTGCCACCUGGCGGCAGCGCAAAAG
(1.0, 14)
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GGGCAUCAUUACCCGGAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAUACAGAAACAG
AGGAGAUUUUUUAUGUUUUUUCGCGACCUGGCGGCAGCGCAAAAG
(1.0, 14)
```

You have 14 paired bases after interaction . The first argument of the tuple (1.0) refers that all the bases of the miRNA that was paired with toehold switch , are continuous and that favors the binding.

The last evaluation is on free energy of the RBS-linker. We need to minimize this energy and the best is to have 0 kcal/mol (linear structure of the RBS-Linker so the ribosome can initiate translation).

```
CAGAAACAGAGGAGAUUUUUUAUGUUUUUUUGCCACCUGGC
GGCAGCGCAAAAG
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((((.....((((((((((.....)))))))))).....))((.....))..... (-10.30)
..(((((((.{{{((.....))}.)))))) | {(((...{{ | ,...}}).) ,,... [-11.68]
..(((((((.{{{((.....))}.))))))..... { -3.50 d=11.86}
```

frequency of mfe structure in ensemble 0.106941; ensemble diversity 16.88

CAGAAACAGAGGAGAUUUUUUAUGUUUUUCCGGACCUGGC
GGCAGCGCAAAAG

(((...(((((.....)))))))).)..... (-12.10)

(((...(((((.....)))))))).)..... [-12.47]

(((...(((((.....)))))))).)..... {-12.10 d=1.01}

frequency of mfe structure in ensemble 0.549266; ensemble diversity 1.79

The first number is the mfe structure and the second number is the centroid structure. The energies are -10.30 kcal/mol and -11.68 kcal/mol for the first case. That means that after binding , the structure does not favor the linearity of RBS-linker .

The sequences that we predict to behave best are :

1. GGGUCCAUCAUUACCCGGCAGUAUUGUAGUGUGUCAGAA
ACAGAGGAGAACACACAUGAAUACUGCCAACCUGGCGG
CAGCGCAAAAG

1. GGGCCAUCAUUACCCGGCAGUAUUGUAGUGUGUCAGA
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GCAGCGCAAAAG

miRNA sequence:

UAAUACUGCCGGGUAUAUGAUGGA

GFP sequence:

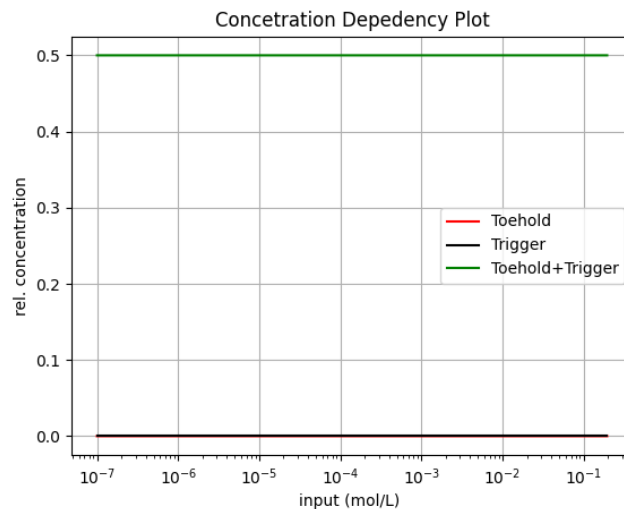
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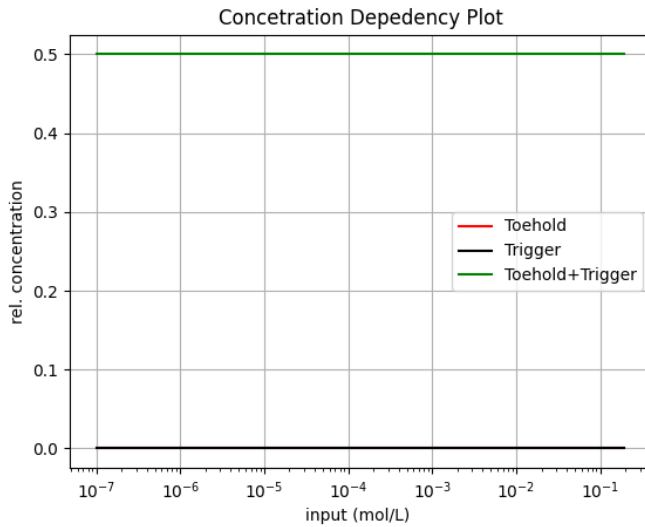
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CCCUUUCGAAAGAUCCCAACGAAAAGAGAGACCACAUGGU
CCUUCUUGAGUUUGUAACCGCUGCUGGGAUUACACAUGGCA
UGGAUGAACUAUACAAA
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Energy of the binding :

1. Delta G binding -22.35 kcal/mol , frequency of mfe structure in ensemble 2.12499e-10
2. Delta G binding =-21.48kcal/mol , frequency of mfe structure in ensemble 1.55045e-10

Concentration Dependency Plots:





Duplex output:

1. .(((((((((((((((((((((((&)))))))))
2. .(((((((((((((((((((((((&)))))))))

The main difference here is that all the miRNA bind to the toehold switch since the 23 bases are paired upon interaction.

The binding in the second toehold is different. Here the binding involves 22/23 bases of miRNA (small difference)

Perfect matches :

- 1) $\rightarrow (1.0, 23)$
- 2) $\rightarrow (1.0, 22)$

The perfect matches depend upon the RNAduplex.exe output.

Delta G RBS-Linker:

1. CAGAAACAGAGGAGAACACACAUGAAUACUGCCAAC
CUGGCGGCAGCGCAAAAG

.....((((((.....))))))..... (-8.00)

.....((((.....)))}..... [-8.78]

.....((((.....))))...... { -8.00 d=6.09}
frequency of mfe structure in ensemble 0.282723; ensemble
diversity 7.58

Free energy = -8.00 kcal/mol

2. CAGAAACAGAGGAGAACACACAUGAAUACUGCCAAC
CUGGCGGCAGCGCAAAAG

.....((((.....))))...... (-8.00)
.....((((.....,))}})...... [-8.78]
.....((((.....))))...... { -8.00 d=6.09}

frequency of mfe structure in ensemble 0.282723; ensemble
diversity 7.58

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Toehold Switch evaluation:

Toehold Switch sequence – second generation :
GGGCAUCAUUACCCGGCAGUAUAAAAAAAAAUACAGAAACAGAGG
AGAUUUUUUAUGUAUACUGCCGACCUGGCGGCAGCGCAAAAG

miRNA-200 c :

UAAUACUGCCGGGUAAUGAUGGA

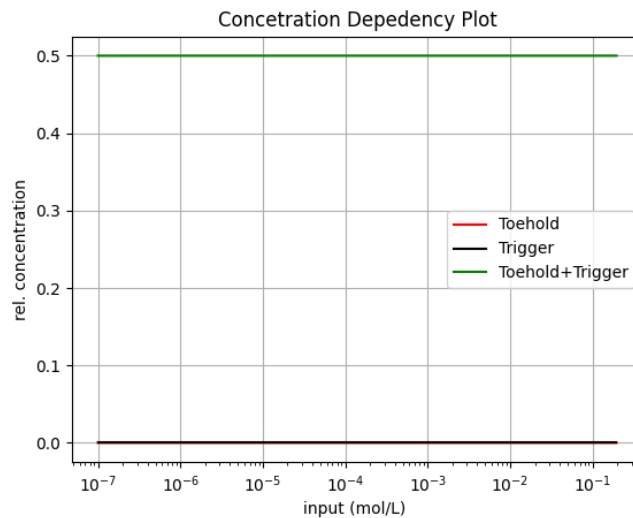
GFP :

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AUCACAUGAAACAGCAUGACUUUUUCAAGAGUGCCAUGCCCGAAG
GUUACGUACAGGAAAGAACUAUAUUUUUCAAGAUACGGGAACU
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GACAACCAUUACCUGUCCACACAAUCUGCCCUUUCGAAAGAUCCC
AACGAAAAGAGAGACCACAUGGUCCUUCUUGAGUUUGUAACCGCU
GCUGGGAUUACACAUGGCAUGGAUGAACUAUACAAA

Energy of the binding :

delta G binding=-20.74 (**better than before -16.71kcal/mol**) ,
frequency of mfe structure in ensemble 4.26997e-13

Concentration Dependency Plots:



Immediate binding upon interaction and the concentration of the complex is independent from the initial amount of miRNA and toehold switches molecules. The results are the same as the first generation of sequences.

Duplex output:

[illegible]

The part of the miRNA that binds to toehold switch starts from 4 position to 22 position. The binding includes the formation of **19 hydrogen bonds**. This result is better than the previous one since the interaction of the first generation of toehold switches had only 14 base pairs upon interaction.

The perfect matches are **19** and the domain on interaction is predicted to be continuous. So the perfect matches for 19 pairs are 100% for this toehold switch sequence.

Energy of RBS-Linker:

CAGAAACAGAGGAGAUUUUUAUGUAUACUGCCGACCUGGCGGC
AGCGCAAAAG

.....(((((((.....))))))....(((((((.....))))))..... (-11.20)

.....}}},. | | | ...((((((.....))))))..... [-12.38]

.....(((((((.....))))))..... {-10.30 d=5.43}

frequency of mfe structure in ensemble 0.148513; ensemble diversity 7.39

The Gibbs free energy of the domain of RBS-Linker Structure after binding , is **-11.20 kcal/mol** and this deviate from linear behavior that we would like. The linear behavior is achieved through the 0 kcal/mol free energy value for this domain of the molecule.

To conclude the results of this molecule are predicted to be better with the software of ViennaRNA compared to the first generation of toehold switch sequences.