7-deaza-8-aza-dA is a deoxyribonucleoside in which the 7-nitrogen and 8-carbon are flipped. The resulting modified dA is unable to form a hydrogen bond at position 7, but can at position 8, of the base. The result is that the 7-deaza-8-aza-dA : dT base pair has essentially the same duplex stability as that of the unmodified A : T base pair, and is more stable than the 7-deaza-dA : dT base pair (1). Similar to 7-deaza-dA, 7-deaza-8-aza-dA can be used for modulate the amount of structural DNA bending existing within long polyA regions of single- and double-stranded oligonucleotides (2).

Furthermore, 7-deaza-8-aza-dA is specifically recommended over 7-deaza-dA whenever multiple insertions of a 7-deaza-dA-type modification into an oligo must be done. This is because 7-deaza-8-aza-dA is stable to the iodine-based oxidizer solution used in phosphoramidite-based DNA synthesis, while 7-deaza-dA is sensitive to it. References