



Product Specifications

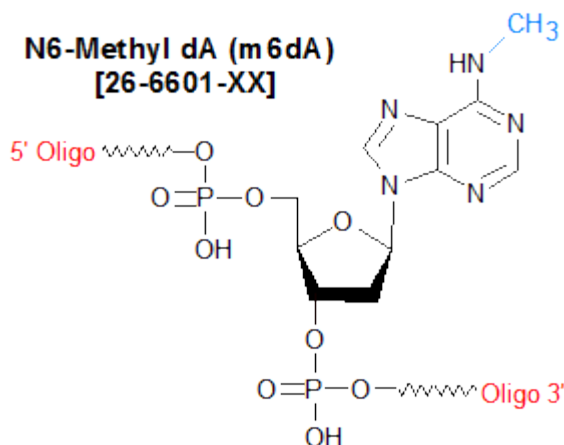
Custom Oligo Synthesis, antisense oligos, RNA oligos, chimeric oligos, Fluorescent dyes, Affinity Ligands, Spacers & Linkers, Duplex Stabilizers, Minor bases, labeled oligos, Molecular Beacons, siRNA, phosphonates Locked Nucleic Acids (LNA); 2'-5' linked Oligos

Oligo Modifications

For research use only. Not for use in diagnostic procedures for clinical purposes.

N6-Methyl dA (m6dA)

Category	Epigenetics
Modification Code	m6dA
Reference Catalog Number	26-6601
5 Prime	Y
3 Prime	Y
Internal	Y
Molecular Weight(mw)	327.24



N6-Methyl-deoxyadenosine (N6-Me-dA) is a methylated nucleoside base that to date has only been found in bacterial and protist DNA (1). In these organisms, N6-Me-dA plays several roles, including post-replicative DNA mis-match repair, chromosome compaction and regulation of gene expression (2). Adenine methylation also is essential for either the viability or virulence of a number of pathological bacterial strains (3). Because of these properties, there is considerable interest in the bacterial enzyme N6-DNA methyltransferase (which methylates adenine) as a potential target for developing new anti-microbials (4), as well as the need to confirm whether or not this enzyme is present in mammals, including human (5).

N6-Me-dA-modified oligonucleotides can serve as important research tools in such studies. **References**

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