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#### **Nuclease Resistance Introduction**

Like cellular DNA and RNA, synthetic oligonucleotides are prone to degradation once introduced into the cell or body fluids. Such degradation is due to the ubiquitous presence of nuclease enzymes (both exonucleases and endonucleases), as well as chemical instability (particularly for RNA). Under normal cellular conditions, this leads to fast in vivo degradation of oligos and a short half-life (1). In addition, the ease with which RNAse, being very stable, can contaminate laboratory equipment and benchtop surfaces means that RNA is susceptible to degradation under normal laboratory conditions as well. To reduce or eliminate this susceptibility, nuclease-resistant modifications (for example, phosphorothiolation or 2'-OMethyl RNA bases) can be introduced into oligonucleotides slated for in vivo and/or regular benchtop work.



#### **Nuclease Resistance Design Protocols**

#### Nuclease Resistant Oligos for In vivo Applications and Design Considerations

While oligonucleotides are quickly degraded (typically within 15-30 minutes) by nucleases in both in vitro and in vivo contexts, the need to incorporate nuclease resistance into oligonucleotides is critically important for in vivo applications. Within serum or the cell, oligonucleotides can be degraded by both endo- and exonucleases. In serum, the 3'-exonucleases are of greatest concern (7), while within the cell, both 3'- and 5'-exonucleases are problematic (8). Endonucleases can also be an issue in those cases where the oligo contains a restriction site.

Based on the above, designing a nuclease-resistant oligonucleotide for in vivo applications primarily involves modifying it so as to protect it from exonucleases, while minimizing potential deleterious side-effects (such as reduced duplex stability, increased toxicity, or induction of off-target biological effects). The simplest and most cost-effective way to do this is to design the oligo as a 'gapmer', in which the linkages of the three end-most 5'- and 3'-bases are phosphorothiolated, with the remaining bases in the middle having native phosphorodiester linkages. Such phosphorothiolated 'gapmers' are highly resistant to both 5'- and 3'-exonuclease degradation. In addition, because phosphorothiolation lowers the binding affinity of the oligo for its target (Tm of the oligo-target duplex is lowered between 0.5C and 1.5C per linkage, depending on sequence), use of only six such linkages often yields an acceptable balance between nuclease resistance and binding affinity (if increased binding affinity is required, other modifications can also be incorporated into the oligo, such as 2'-fluoro pyrimidines, 2'-O-methyl RNA bases, or C5-propyne pyrimidines). Finally, since large numbers of phosphorothiolate linkages can be toxic (due to the presence of sulfur), using only a small number of such linkages in an oligo minimizes cellular toxicity.

If phosphorothiolation is not desired, other modifications can be used. One option is to use methylphosphonates instead of phosphorothiolation for the 5'- and 3'-end positions of the 'gapmer'. Methylphosphonates lower an oligo's binding affinity more than phosphorothiolation, however, so the use of additional modifications, such as 2'-fluoro-pyrimidines, is advisable to counteract this effect. More commonly, the substitution of 2'-O-methyl RNA bases at some or all positions of an oligo is used as an alternative to phosphorothiolation. Since the nuclease resistance conferred by 2'-O-methyl RNA lies between that of standard bases (no resistance) and phosphorothiolation (highly resistant), extensive/complete 2'-O-methylation is frequently chosen when a high level of nuclease resistance is required. 2'-O-methylation also confers higher binding affinity (that is, higher duplex Tm) to the oligo for its target, a desirable property, in many cases.



#### **Nuclease Resistance Applications**

For antisense or RNAi applications, incorporation of modifications conferring nuclease resistance is essentially indispensable and such modifications are used intensely. The most popular modification used for this purpose is phosphorothiolation, in which a phosphodiester backbone linkage is replaced by a phosphothiolate linkage. Such linkages are highly resistant to nuclease degradation, but they also lower duplex stability by about 0.5C per phosphorothioate linkage. However, judicious use of this modification (for example, placing them only at the three endmost bases of each end of the oligo to minimize exonuclease degradation) can produce excellent nuclease resistance while still maintaining reasonably good duplex stability (2). 2'-O Methyl (or other 2'-O-substituted) RNA bases also confer nuclease resistance to an oligo, and have the added benefit of increasing duplex stability as well (3,4). However, duplexes formed between oligos having 2'-OMethyl bases at all positions and RNA are incapable of activating RNase H activity (3), and this fact must be kept in mind if the user wishes to use such oligos for antisense applications. Recently, "mirror-image" (L)-nucleotide base phosphoramidites have become available as well. Oligonucleotides containing (L)-nucleotides are completely immune to nuclease attack at the incorporated positions (5). While (L)-nucleotides also do not base pair with natural (D)-nucleotides (6), they still could potentially be incorporated in, for example, the stems of molecular beacons to protect them from degradation by exonucleases.



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### **Modification Code List**

Modification	Code	Catalog Number
2'-Fluoro deoxyadenosine (2'-F-A)	[fA]	26-6692
2'-Fluoro deoxycytosine (2'-F-C)	[fC]	26-6463
2'-Fluoro deoxyguanosine (2'-F-G)	[fG]	26-6693
2'-Fluoro deoxyuridine (2'-F-U)	[fU]	26-6462
2'-O methyl adenosine A	[mA]	27-6410A
2'-O methyl cytosine C	[mC]	27-6410C
2'-O methyl guanosine G	[mG]	27-6410G
2'-O methyl uridine U	[mU]	27-6410U
3'-dA (2'-5' linked)	[3dA2-5]	26-6490
3'-dC (2'-5' linked)	[3dC2-5]	26-6491
3'-dG (2'-5' linked)	[3dG2-5]	26-6492
3'-dT (2'-5' linked)	[3dT2-5]	26-6493
3'-O methyl bases (2'-5' linked)	[3OmN]	27-6458N
3'-O methyl rA (2'-5' linked)	[3OmA]	27-6458A
3'-O methyl rC (2'-5' linked)	[3OmC]	27-6458C
3'-O methyl rG (2'-5' linked)	[3OmG]	27-6458G
3'-O methyl rU (2'-5' linked)	[3OmU]	27-6458U
3'-rA (2'-5' linked)	[3rA2-5]	26-6682
3'-rC (2'-5' linked)	[3rC2-5]	26-6911
3'-rG (2'-5' linked)	[3rG2-5]	26-6912



3'-rU (2'-5' linked)	[3rU2-5]	26-6913
L-DNA dA	[L-dA]	26-6941
L-DNA dC	[L-dC]	26-6942
L-DNA dG	[L-dG]	26-6943
L-DNA dT	[L-dT]	26-6944
L-RNA rA	[L-rA]	27-6941
L-RNA rC	[L-rC]	27-6942
L-RNA rG	[L-rG]	27-6943
L-RNA rU	[L-rU]	27-6944
Ethoxy Phosphate dA	[EoP-dA]	26-6641A
Ethoxy Phosphate dC	[EoP-dC]	26-6641C
Ethoxy Phosphate dG	[EoP-dG]	26-6641G
Ethoxy Phosphate dT	[EoP-dT]	26-6641T
Methoxy Phosphate dA	[MoP-dA]	26-6642A
Methoxy Phosphate dC	[MoP-dC]	26-6642C
Methoxy Phosphate dG	[MoP-dG]	26-6642G
Methoxy Phosphate dT	[MoP-dT]	26-6642T
Phosphorothioate (SOX)	[Ps]	26-6401
propyne dC	[pdC]	26-6501
propyne dU	[pdU]	26-6502





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Reference Catalog Number	26-6692	5'- Oligo	
5 Prime	Υ	o=∳	0-700
3 Prime	Υ	ОН	
Internal	Υ	2'-Fluoro A	0 F
Molecular Weight(mw)	331.2	[26-6692-XX]	0=P-0- www Oligo -3'
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5 Prime	Υ		
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Internal	Υ	2'-Fluoro C	
Molecular Weight(mw)	307.17	100 0400 2001	0=P-0- www Oligo -3'

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Category	Nuclease Resistand	ce	
Modification Code	mA		,, NH₂
Reference Catalog Number	27-6410A	5'- Oligo ··························	
5 Prime	Υ	0=P	0
3 Prime	Υ	ÓН	
Internal	Υ	2'-O-Methyl A	0—CH3
Molecular Weight(mw)	343.24	[27-6410-XX]	0=-0
			OH

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Category	Nuclease Resistance		
Modification Code	mC		NH <sub>2</sub>
Reference Catalog Number	27-6410C	5'- Oligoo	N
5 Prime	Υ		
3 Prime	Υ	он	
Internal	Υ	2'-O-Methyl C	0-043
Molecular Weight(mw)	319.21		011 01
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Category Nuclease Resistance Modification Code mG Reference Catalog Number 27-6410G 5'- Oligo www. 5 Prime 3 Prime Υ Internal Υ 2'-O-Methyl G Molecular Weight(mw) 359.24 [27-6410-XX] www Oligo -3' ÓН

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#### 2'-O methyl U

Category Nuclease Resistance Modification Code mU Reference Catalog Number 27-6410U 5'- Oligo www 5 Prime 3 Prime Υ Internal Υ 2'-O-Methyl U Molecular Weight(mw) 320.2 [27-6410-XX] www Oligo -3' ÓH

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#### 3'-dA (2'-5' linked)

Category	Antisense	NH <sub>2</sub>	
Modification Code	3dA2-5	N N	
Reference Catalog Number	26-6490	5' Oligo \\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\	
5 Prime	Υ	O=P-O-N-N-N-N-N-N-N-N-N-N-N-N-N-N-N-N-N-N-	
3 Prime	Υ	Ŭñ <b>∠</b>	
Internal	Υ	Н Ó	
Molecular Weight(mw)	313.21	3'-dA (2'-5' linked) 0=P-0-\times\Olig	0-3'

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Category	Antisense		NH <sub>2</sub>
Modification Code	3dC2-5		N
Reference Catalog Number	26-6491	5' Oligo I	
5 Prime	Υ	0=P-0-	
3 Prime	Υ	НО	
Internal	Υ		H O
Molecular Weight(mw)	289.18	3'-dC (2'-5' linked) [26-6491-XX]	O=P-O-WWOligo-3*

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Category	Antisense		0
Modification Code	3dG2-5		N NH
Reference Catalog Number	26-6492	5' Oligo\\\\—O	
5 Prime	Υ	0=P-0-	O N NH <sub>2</sub>
3 Prime	Υ	ОН	
Internal	Υ		H O
Molecular Weight(mw)	329.21	3'-dG (2'-5' linked) [26-6492-XX]	O=P-O-wwoligo-3*

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#### 3'-dT (2'-5' linked)

Category	Antisense		0
Modification Code	3dT2-5		HN CH <sub>3</sub>
Reference Catalog Number	26-6493	5' Oligo~~~~	
5 Prime	Υ	o=p-o-	٦ ٥. آ
3 Prime	Υ	НО	
Internal	Υ		H O
Molecular Weight(mw)	304.2	3'-dT (2'-5' linked) [26-6493-XX]	0 = P - 0 - VVV Oligo-3' OH

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Category	Antisense	5'- Oligo www - o Base
Modification Code	3OmN	\(\circ\)
Reference Catalog Number	27-6458N	2'
5 Prime	Υ	O 5' CH3 O=P-O — www Oligo -3'
3 Prime	Υ	HO
Internal	Υ	2'-5' linkage for internal sites
Molecular Weight(mw)	386.55	3'-O-Methyl Base [27-6458N-XX]

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Modification Code	3OmA	NH <sub>2</sub>
Reference Catalog Number	27-6458A	5'- Oligo 100000 - 0 N N N
5 Prime	Υ	
3 Prime	Υ	2'
Internal	Υ	CH3 O=P-O - www Oligo -3'
Molecular Weight(mw)	343.24	2'-5' linkage for internal sites
3()		3'-O-Methyl A [27-6458A-XX]

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Reference Catalog Number	27-6458C	N
5 Prime	Υ	5'- Oligo
3 Prime	Υ	2'
Internal	Υ	ĊH3 O≕P-O – www Oligo -3' HÓ
Molecular Weight(mw)	319.21	2'-5' linkage for internal sites
Molecular Weight(IIIW)		3'-O-Methyl C
		[27-6458C-XX]

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5 Prime	Υ	5'- Oligo
3 Prime	Υ	2' 5'
Internal	Υ	ĊH3 O≕P-O — ✓ Oligo -3'
Molecular Weight(mw)	320.2	2'-5' linkage for internal sites
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Category	Minor Bases		NH <sub>2</sub>
Modification Code	3rA2-5		N N
Reference Catalog Number	26-6682	5' Oligo \\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\\	
5 Prime	Υ	0 = P - 0 ·     OH	
3 Prime	Υ	On	
Internal	Υ		OH O
Molecular Weight(mw)	329.24	3'-rA (2'-5' linked) [26-6682-XX]	0=P-0-\times

3'-riboadenosine (3'-rA)-(2'-5' linked), and the other three 3'-ribonucleotide (2',5'-linked) modifications are used to substitute 2'-5' phosphodiester linkages for the usual 3'-5' phosphodiester linkages at some or all positions of an oligonucleotide. Oligonucleotides containing all, or primarily, 2',5'-phosphodiester linkages selectively bind to complementary single-stranded 3',5'-RNA over comparable 3',5'-DNA (1). Presumably this selectively is a consequence of the 2',5'-linkages destabilizing duplexes formed with 3',5'-DNA more than those formed with 3',5'-RNA, leading to 2'5'-RNA:3',5'-DNA duplexes having much lower Tm than the corresponding 2'5'-RNA:3',5'-RNA duplexes. This property means that RNA oligos containing such linkages could be useful in anti-sense applications, as ssRNA-specific probes, or as ligands for affinity purification of cellular RNA

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Category	Minor Bases		NH <sub>2</sub>
Modification Code	3rC2-5		N
Reference Catalog Number	26-6911	5' Oligoww—O	
5 Prime	Υ	0 =P-0-	
3 Prime	Υ	но	
Internal	Υ		OH O
Molecular Weight(mw)	305.18	3'-rC (2'-5' linked) [26-6911-XX]	O=P-O-VVVOligo-3*

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A interesting application of the 3'-rA-(2',5'-linked) modification is as an activator for 2-5A dependent RNAse to direct it to cleave unique RNA sequences (2). In this approach, the 5'-phosphorylated, 2',5'-linked tetramer p5'A2'p5'A2'p5'A2'p5'A (abbreviated "2-5A" as covalently linked to anti-sense oligo, resulting in the chimera (2-5A:AS). The AS sequence of 2-5A:AS bound to a particular ssRNA target sequence, and he 2-5A activator sequence activated 2-5A-dependent RNA, causeing it to cleave the target after UpUp and UpA motifs. Selectively targeted destruction of ssRNA in vivo via this approach has potential applications for therapeutic control of gene expression in such diseases as cancer, viral infections, and certain genetic disorders. **References** 

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### 3'-rG (2'-5' linked)

Category	Minor Bases		0
Modification Code	3rG2-5		N NH
Reference Catalog Number	26-6912	5' Oligo 1	
5 Prime	Υ	0=P-0	O N NH <sub>2</sub>
3 Prime	Υ	ОН	
Internal	Υ		OH O
Molecular Weight(mw)	345.21	3'-rG (2'-5' linked) [26-6912-XX]	O=P-O-wwwOligo-3*

3'-riboguanosine(3'-rG)-(2'-5' linked), and the other three 3'-ribonucleotide (2',5'-linked) modifications are used to substitute 2'-5' phosphodiester linkages for the usual 3'-5' phosphodiester linkages at some or all positions of an oligonucleotide. Oligonucleotides containing all, or primarily, 2',5'-phosphodiester linkages selectively bind to complementary single-stranded 3',5'-RNA over comparable 3',5'-DNA (1). Presumably this selectively is a consequence of the 2',5'-linkages destabilizing duplexes formed with 3',5'-DNA more than those formed with 3',5'-RNA, leading to 2'5'-RNA:3',5'-DNA duplexes having much lower Tm than the corresponding 2'5'-RNA:3',5'-RNA duplexes. This property means that RNA oligos containing such linkages could be useful in anti-sense applications, as ssRNA-specific probes, or as ligands for affinity purification of cellular RNA.

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### 3'-rU (2'-5' linked)

Category	Minor Bases		0
Modification Code	3rU2-5		NH
Reference Catalog Number	26-6913	5' Oligo~~~-O	LN C
5 Prime	Υ	o=p-o-	1.0.1
3 Prime	Υ	НО	
Internal	Υ		ОНО
Molecular Weight(mw)	306.17	3'-rU (2'-5' linked) [26-6913-XX]	O=P-O-vvvOligo-3'

3'-ribouridine (3'-rU)-(2'-5' linked), and the other three 3'-ribonucleotide (2',5'-linked) modifications are used to substitute 2'-5' phosphodiester linkages for the usual 3'-5' phosphodiester linkages at some or all positions of an oligonucleotide. Oligonucleotides containing all, or primarily, 2',5'-phosphodiester linkages selectively bind to complementary single-stranded 3',5'-RNA over comparable 3',5'-DNA (1). Presumably this selectively is a consequence of the 2',5'-linkages destabilizing duplexes formed with 3',5'-DNA more than those formed with 3',5'-RNA, leading to 2'5'-RNA:3',5'-DNA duplexes having much lower Tm than the corresponding 2'5'-RNA:3',5'-RNA duplexes. This property means that RNA oligos containing such linkages could be useful in anti-sense applications, as ssRNA-specific probes, or as ligands for affinity purification of cellular RNA.

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### L-DNA dA

Category	Others	NH <sub>2</sub>	
Modification Code	L-dA	N N	
Reference Catalog Number	26-6941	N	/////-5' Oligo = O
5 Prime	Υ	0 1	
3 Prime	Υ	OF	
Internal	Υ	, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,	L-DNA dA [26-6941-XX]
Molecular Weight(mw)	313.2	Oligo 3' ~~~~ O - P=O	
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### L-DNA dC

Category	Others	NH <sub>2</sub>	
Modification Code	L-dC	N	SI OF
Reference Catalog Number	26-6942	N 0 -0-7	√√√√5' Oligo
5 Prime	Υ	OH	,
3 Prime	Υ		DNA 40
Internal	Υ		-DNA dC 6-6942-XX]
Molecular Weight(mw)	289.19	Oligo 3'~~~~O -P=O	
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### L-DNA dG

Category	Others	O 	
Modification Code	L-dG	HN	
Reference Catalog Number	26-6943	H <sub>2</sub> N N -O-	0-/// 5' Oligo
5 Prime	Υ	0	_P_0   ОН
3 Prime	Υ		
Internal	Υ	0	L-DNA dG [26-6943-XX]
Molecular Weight(mw)	329.21	Oligo 3' ^^^^ O -P=O	

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### L-DNA dT

Category	Others	О Н <sub>3</sub> С <u>Д</u>	
Modification Code	L-dT	NH	
Reference Catalog Number	26-6944	N <sub>0</sub>	0—/// 5' Oligo
5 Prime	Υ	0	—P <u>=</u> 0 │ ○H
3 Prime	Υ		
Internal	Υ	O	L-DNA dT [26-6944-XX]
Molecular Weight(mw)	304.2	Oligo 3' ^^~~O -P=O	
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### L-RNA rA

Category	Others	NH <sub>2</sub>	
Modification Code	L-rA	N N	5, 6,
Reference Catalog Number	27-6941	N N N	0—/////5' Oligo
5 Prime	Υ		
3 Prime	Υ		
Internal	Υ	OH O	L-RNA rA
Molecular Weight(mw)	329.2	Oligo 3'	[27-6941-XX]

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### L-RNA rC

Category	Others	NH <sub>2</sub>	
Modification Code	L-rC	₩ N	51.61
Reference Catalog Number	27-6942	N 0 -0	0-////5' Oligo 
5 Prime	Υ	0	OH
3 Prime	Υ		
Internal	Υ	OH O	L-RNA rC [27-6942-XX]
Molecular Weight(mw)	305.19	Oligo 3' ~~~~ O -P= O	
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### L-RNA rG

Category	Others	O II	
Modification Code	L-rG	HN	
Reference Catalog Number	27-6943	H <sub>2</sub> N N FO-	O−^^√5' Oligo  
5 Prime	Υ	0 0	
3 Prime	Υ		OH
Internal	Υ	он о	L-RNA rG [27-6943-XX]
Molecular Weight(mw)	345.21	Oligo 3'	
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Category	Others	<u> </u>	
Modification Code	L-rU	√NH ↓	EL 01:
Reference Catalog Number	27-6944	N O	0—////5' Oligo -P=0
5 Prime	Υ	0	     OH
3 Prime	Υ		L-RNA rU
Internal	Υ	OH O	[27-6944-XX]
Molecular Weight(mw)	306.17	Oligo-3' \\ \\ \\ \\ \\ \\ \\ \\ \\ \\ \\ \\ \\	
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Modification Code	EoP-dA	NH <sub>2</sub>
Reference Catalog Number	26-6641A	5'Oligonoro
5 Prime	Υ	он 💆
3 Prime	Υ	o = P - o Base
Internal	Υ	H <sub>3</sub> c
Molecular Weight(mw)	341.49	P-Ethoxy dA / Ethoxy Phosphate dA Oligo [26-6641A-XX]

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Y

3 Prime

Y

Internal

Y

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5 Prime	Υ	но
3 Prime	Υ	O = P - O Base
Internal	Υ	CH <sub>3</sub>
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Category

Antisense

Modification Code

Ps

Reference Catalog Number

5 Prime

7

3 Prime

Y

Internal

Y

Molecular Weight(mw)

16.06

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## propyne dC

Category	Antisense		NH <sub>2</sub> CH <sub>3</sub>
Modification Code	pdC	ELOI:	N V
Reference Catalog Number	26-6501	5' Oligo VVVV—O	_o_ o^\\"
5 Prime	Υ	HO	0
3 Prime	Υ	110	
Internal	Υ	propyne dC [26-6501-XX]	0
Molecular Weight(mw)	327.23		0=P-0-///Oligo 3'
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Modification Code	pdU	HN
Reference Catalog Number	26-6502	5' Oligo VVV —O
5 Prime	Υ	
3 Prime	Υ	ОН
Internal	Υ	propyne dU [26-6502-XX]
Molecular Weight(mw)	328.22	0 = P - 0 \( \text{Oligo-3'} \)
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