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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

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FISH Probes Introduction

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FISH Probes Design Protocols

Design Guidelines for FISH Probes

1. Design multiple 24 to 30mer probes. Avoid stretches of more than 3 G or C bases.
2. To impart exonuclease resistance substitute 3-4 bases at the 5' and 3' end with 2'F bases. The 2' F bases imparts resistance to exonuclease degradation and increases duplex stability by 4-6 degrees.
3. Several internal bases can be substituted with 5me dC and 2 Amino dA to further increase duplex stability.
4. Affinity ligands such as Digoxigenin or Biotin or fluorescent dye e.g Cy3, Cy5 or any other can be labeled at the 3' and 5' end. Multiple internal sites can also be labeled with affinity ligands or fluorescent dyes to increase sensitivity.
5. Multiple dye sites should be spaced apart by 10 or more bases.
6. The above guidelines are for all initial FISH probe design. Design rules may have to be established empirically for very specific or novel assay settings, but following the above recommendations will provide a good start.

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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 Me-5-Me-C	[m5mC]	27-6508
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
2-Amino dA	[2Am-dA]	26-6525
5-methyl deoxycytosine [5mdC]	[5mdC]	26-6413
Amino C6 U (RNA)	[AmC6U]	27-6422
Amino deoxyadenosine dA C6	[Am-dA-C6]	26-6666
Amino dC N4 PEG3 amino linker	[Am-dC-C6]	26-6670
Amino deoxyguanosine dG C6	[Am-dG-C6]	26-6669
Amino deoxythymidine dT C6	[Am-dT-C6]	26-6438
Cy3-5' (Cyanine 3)	[Cy3-5]	26-6437
Cy3.5 (Cyanine 3.5-5')	[Cy3.5-5]	26-6461
Cy5 (5'-Cyanine 5)	[Cy5-5]	26-6436
Cy5.5 (Cyanine 5.5)	[Cy5.5-5]	26-6460

Cy7 (Cyanine 7)	[Cy7-N]	26-6474
Fluorescein dT (Fam dT)	[Fam-dT]	26-6422
Fluorescein-5' (FITC)	[FI-5]	26-6426
Hex-5' (Hexachloro-Fluorescein)	[Hex-5]	26-6432
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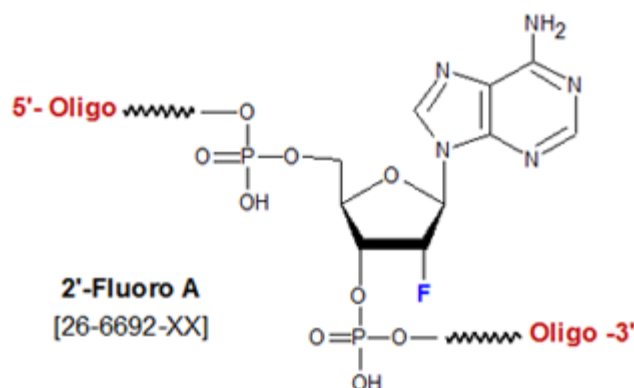
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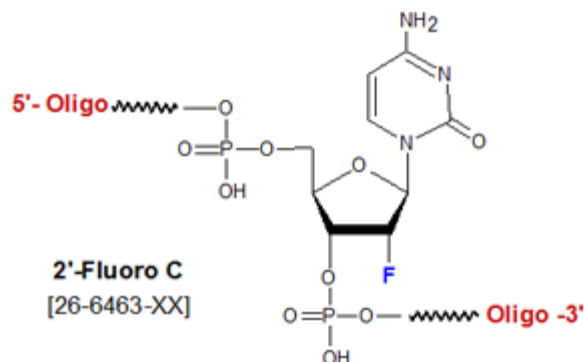
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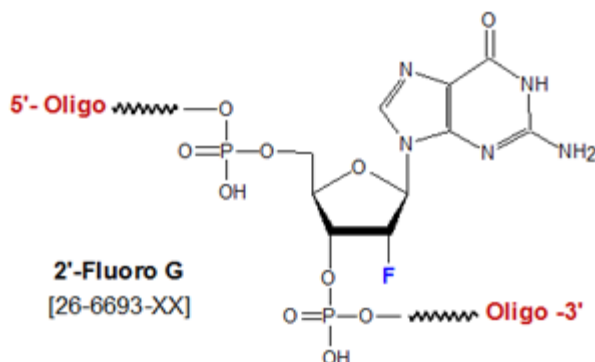
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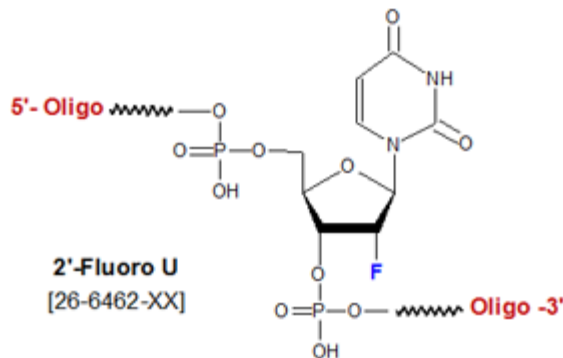
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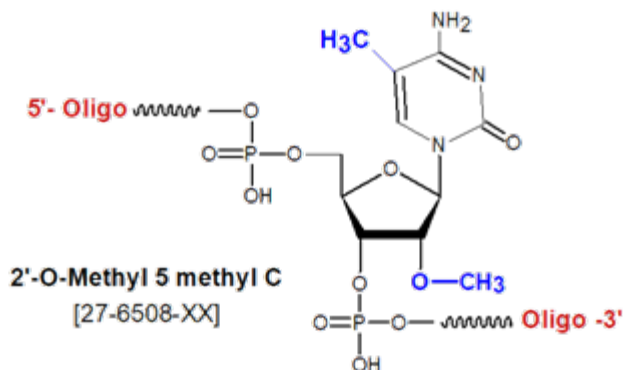
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2'-O Me-5-Me-C

Category	Structural Studies
Modification Code	m5mC
Reference Catalog Number	27-6508
5 Prime	Y
3 Prime	Y
Internal	Y
Molecular Weight(mw)	333.24



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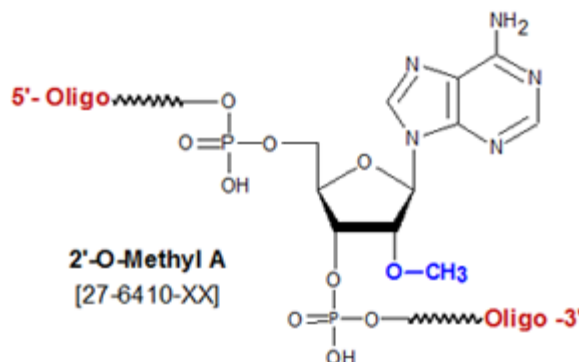
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2'-O methyl A

Category	Nuclease Resistance
Modification Code	mA
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5 Prime	Y
3 Prime	Y
Internal	Y
Molecular Weight(mw)	343.24



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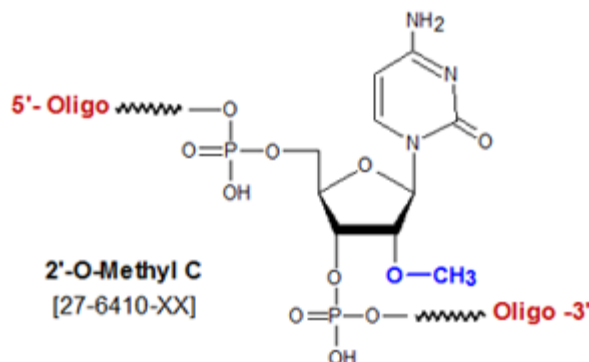
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2'-O methyl C

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Modification Code	mC
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5 Prime	Y
3 Prime	Y
Internal	Y
Molecular Weight(mw)	319.21



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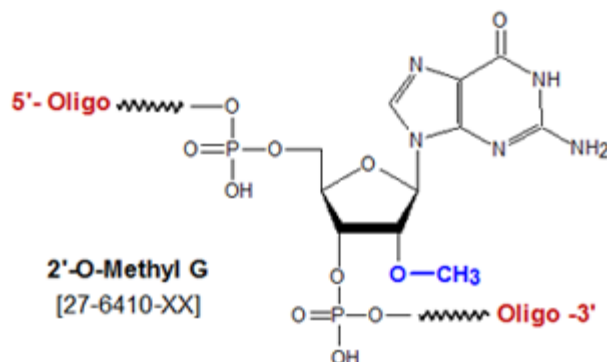
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2'-O methyl G

Category	Nuclease Resistance
Modification Code	mG
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5 Prime	Y
3 Prime	Y
Internal	Y
Molecular Weight(mw)	359.24



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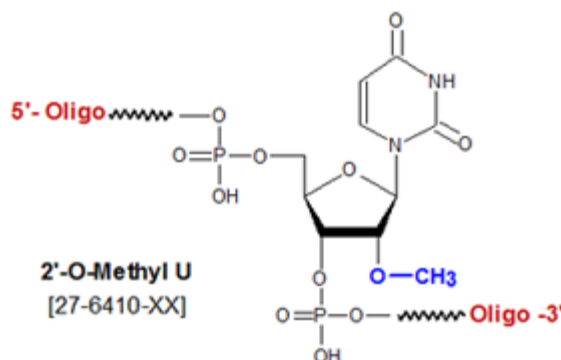
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Internal	Y
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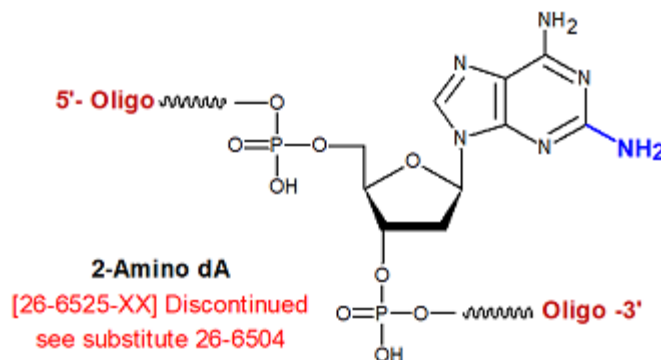
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2-Amino dA

Category	Duplex Stability
Modification Code	2Am-dA
Reference Catalog Number	26-6525
5 Prime	Y
3 Prime	Y
Internal	Y
Molecular Weight(mw)	328.22



2-Amino dA, Catalog#: 26-6525 has been discontinued effective June 25, 2025 and replaced by a more stable identical final modification of 2-6-diaminopurine (2-Amino dA) Catalog#: 26-6504. The original 2-Amino dA catalog number 26-6525 precursor base was labile and required mild synthesis conditions with low yield. The substitute is more stable.

2-6-diaminopurine (2-Amino dA) Catalog: 26-6504-XX.

2-Amino-deoxyadenosine dA (also known as 2-6 diamino purine) can be used to **improve the ability of an oligo to hybridize to its target**. The 2-Amino-A nucleotide base forms three hydrogen bonds with thymine (T), compared with only two H-bonds between unmodified A and T. 2-Amino A:T base pairs thus have the same number of H-bonds as G:C base pairs do. Consequently, when a 2-Amino-dA oligo binds to its unmodified target, the T_m of the duplex **is raised by 3oC per 2-Amino-dA residue added**, compared with the unmodified case (1). In addition, 2-Amino-A also destabilizes A-G wobble mismatches, presumably due to a steric clash between the 2-amino on A and the 2-amino on G. Thus 2-Amino-dA modified oligos show better specificity for a target than their unmodified counterparts.

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(b)Selective Binding Complementary (SBC) Oligos: SBC oligos are complementary pairs of oligos that contain one or more modified base pairs (that is, each member of the pair is modified). Each individual modified base does not form a stable base pair with its modified partner, but does form a particularly stable base pair with its natural (unmodified) counterpart. Thus, two complementary SBC oligos do not form a stable duplex with each other, but each individual SBC oligo does form a very stable duplex with an unmodified complementary target. This property enables an SBC duplex to effectively bind with both the sense and anti-sense strands of a DNA or RNA duplex target. SBC oligos are useful as probes for investigation of branching secondary structures, and as anti-sense reagents against mRNA that has significant secondary structure.

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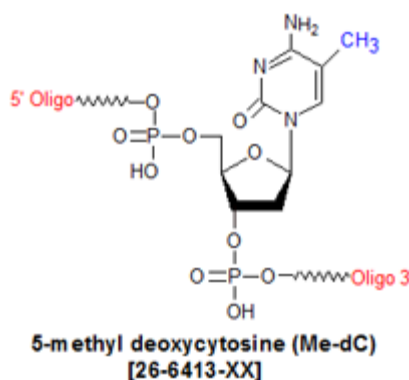
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5-Me dC

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Modification Code	5mdC
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5 Prime	Y
3 Prime	Y
Internal	Y
Molecular Weight(mw)	303.21



5-methyl deoxycytosine (5-Me-dC) pairs with dG, and when substituted for dC in an oligonucleotide, increases the stability of the resulting duplex relative to the comparable unmodified form, raising the T_m by 1.3degC per 5-Me-dC residue added (1,2). 5-Me-dC thus can be used to **improve the ability of an oligo to hybridize to its target**. The presence of the hydrophobic 5-methyl group presumably acts to exclude water molecules from the duplex.
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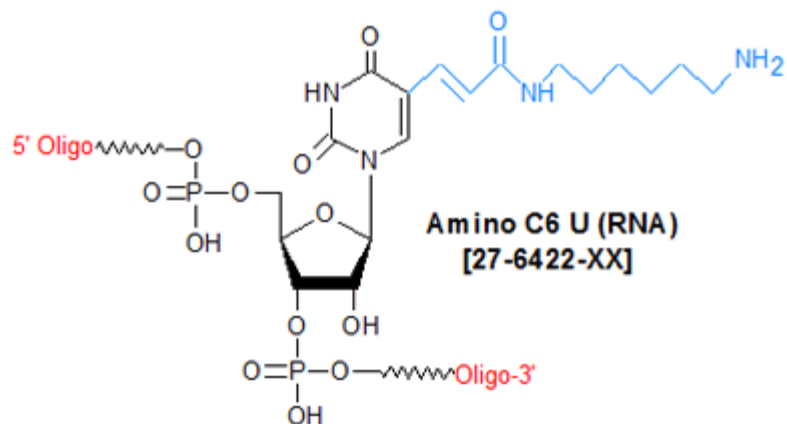
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Oligo Modifications

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Amino C6 U

Category	Minor Bases
Modification Code	AmC6U
Reference Catalog Number	27-6422
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Internal	Y
Molecular Weight(mw)	474.4





Product Specifications

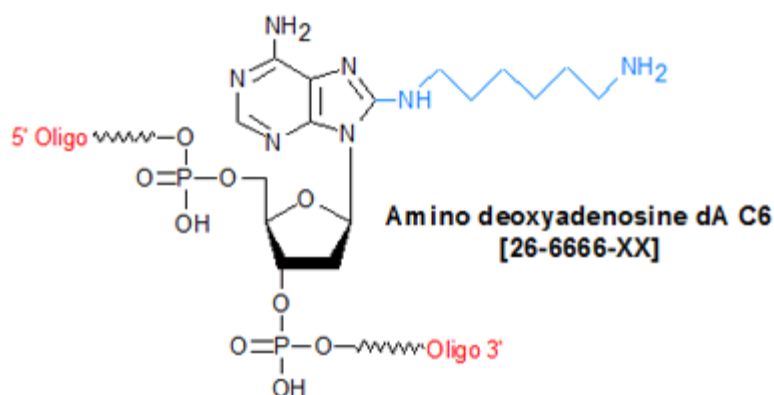
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Amino dA C6

Category	Minor Bases
Modification Code	Am-dA-C6
Reference Catalog Number	26-6666
5 Prime	Y
3 Prime	Y
Internal	Y
Molecular Weight(mw)	427.4





Product Specifications

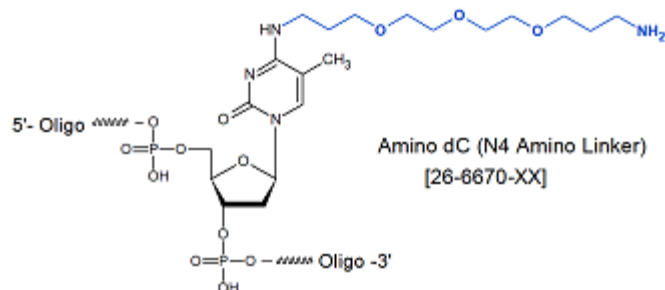
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Oligo Modifications

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Amino dC C6

Category	Minor Bases
Modification Code	Am-dC-C6
Reference Catalog Number	26-6670
5 Prime	Y
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Internal	Y
Molecular Weight(mw)	507.51





Product Specifications

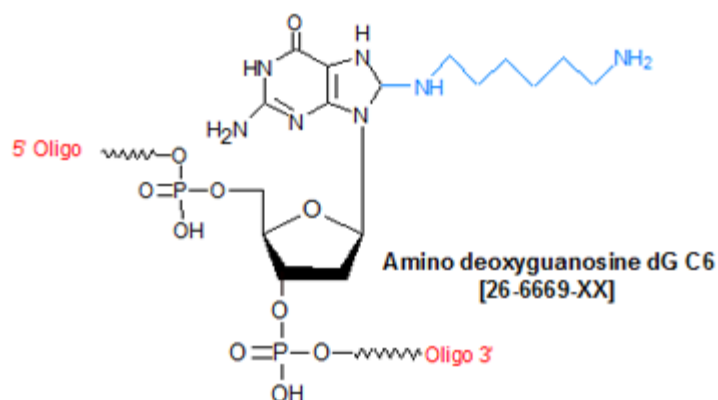
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Oligo Modifications

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Amino dG C6

Category	Minor Bases
Modification Code	Am-dG-C6
Reference Catalog Number	26-6669
5 Prime	Y
3 Prime	Y
Internal	Y
Molecular Weight(mw)	428.38





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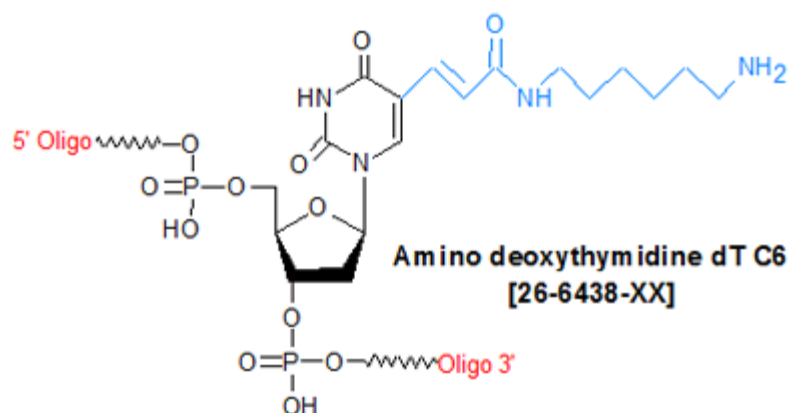
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Oligo Modifications

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Amino dT C6

Category	Minor Bases
Modification Code	Am-dT-C6
Reference Catalog Number	26-6438
5 Prime	Y
3 Prime	Y
Internal	Y
Molecular Weight(mw)	458.41





Product Specifications

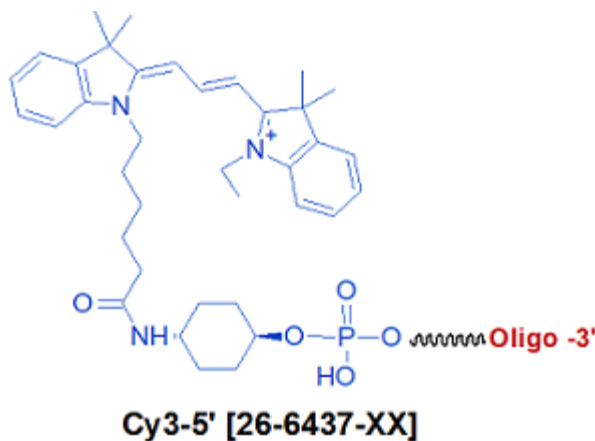
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Oligo Modifications

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Cy3-5'

Category	Fluorescent Dyes
Modification Code	Cy3-5
Reference Catalog Number	26-6437
5 Prime	Y
3 Prime	N
Internal	N
Molecular Weight(mw)	630.78



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Cyanine 3 (Cy3) is a fluorescent dye that belongs to the Cyanine family of synthetic polymethine dyes. Cy3 is reactive, water-soluble, and has an absorbance maximum of 550 nm and an emission maximum of 570 nm. It is available as both a phosphoramidite and an NHS ester, and is used to fluorescently label oligonucleotides at either the 5' or 3' end, or internally. Cy3 plays a particularly important role in real-time PCR applications, being used as the reporter moiety in TaqMan probes (1), Scorpion primers (2) and Molecular Beacons (3). For such probes, Cy3 is most commonly paired with the dark quencher BHQ-2, as the two have excellent spectral overlap.

Cy3 can also be used to label DNA oligos for use as hybridization probes in other applications, such as Fluorescent In-Situ Hybridization (FISH). In 2010, Stoeckler and co-workers (4) reported that Cy3 double-labeling of FISH probes (at both ends) that were specific to ribosomal RNA targets in microorganisms at least doubles FISH signal intensity without affecting specificity. This Double Labeling of Oligonucleotide Probes for Fluorescence In Situ Hybridization (DOPE-FISH 0 strategy may provide an effective solution to the problem of low signal intensity, which is commonly observed when using corresponding singly-labeled FISH probes for microbe identification. As an added benefit, Cy3-doubly labeled probes were shown to increase the in situ accessibility of rRNA targets sites in microbes, which allows for greater probe design flexibility.

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Fluorophore

Color

Absorbance max (nm)

Emission max (nm) VIC Pink Red 538 554 Cal Orange 560 Pink Red 537 558 HEX Pink Red 535 556 NED Red Orange 546 575 Cy3 Red Orange 550 570 PET Red Orange 558 595 Cy3.

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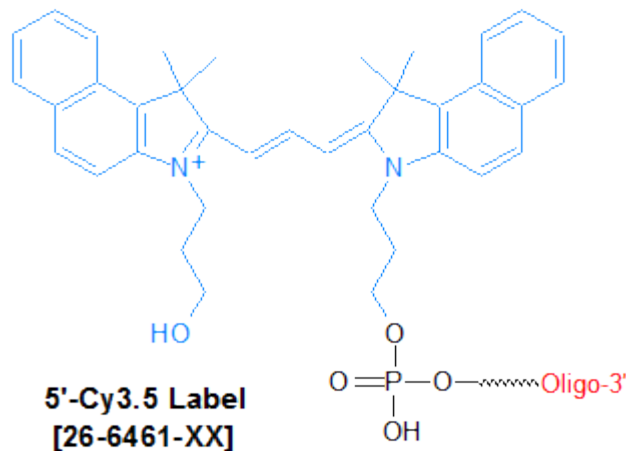
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Oligo Modifications

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Cy3.5-5'

Category	Fluorescent Dyes
Modification Code	Cy3.5-5
Reference Catalog Number	26-6461
5 Prime	Y
3 Prime	N
Internal	N
Molecular Weight(mw)	607.7



Cyanine 3.5 (Cy3.5) is a fluorescent dye that belongs to the Cyanine family of synthetic polymethine dyes. Cy3.5 is reactive, water-soluble, and has an absorbance maximum of 581 nm and an emission maximum of 596 nm. It is available as a phosphoramidite, and is used to fluorescently label oligonucleotides at either the 5' or 3' end, or internally. Cy3.5 plays a particularly important role in real-time PCR applications, being used as a reporter moiety in TaqMan probes (1), Scorpion primers (2) and Molecular Beacons (3). For such probes, Cy3.5 is most commonly paired with the dark quencher BHQ-2, as the two have excellent spectral overlap.

Cy3 can also be used to label DNA oligos for use as hybridization probes in other applications, such as Fluorescent In-Situ Hybridization (FISH).

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Dye

Color

Absorbance max (nm)

Emission max (nm) VIC Pink Red 538 554 Cal Orange 560 Pink Red 537 558 HEX Pink Red 535 556 NED Red Orange 546 575 Cy3 Red Orange 550 570 PET Red Orange 558 595 Cy3.

5 Red 588 604 ROX Red 575 602 CAL Fluor Red 590 Red 569 591 Texas Red Red 583 603

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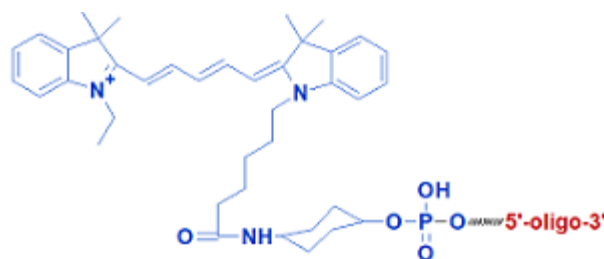
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Oligo Modifications

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Cy5-5'

Category	Fluorescent Dyes
Modification Code	Cy5-5
Reference Catalog Number	26-6436
5 Prime	Y
3 Prime	N
Internal	N
Molecular Weight(mw)	656.81



Cy5-5' [26-6436-XX]

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Cyanine 5 (Cy5) is a fluorescent dye that belongs to the Cyanine family of synthetic polymethine dyes. Cy5 is reactive, water-soluble, and has an absorbance maximum of 649 nm and an emission maximum of 670 nm. It is available as both a phosphoramidite and an NHS ester, and is used to fluorescently label oligonucleotides at either the 5' or 3' end, or internally. Cy5 plays a particularly important role in real-time PCR applications, being used as a reporter moiety in TaqMan probes (1), Scorpion primers (2) and Molecular Beacons (3). For such probes, Cy5 is most commonly paired with the dark quencher BHQ-3, as the two have excellent spectral overlap.

Cy5 can also be used to label DNA oligos for use as hybridization probes in other applications, such as Fluorescent In-Situ Hybridization (FISH). In 2010, Stoeckler and co-workers (4) reported that Cy5 double-labeling of FISH probes (at both ends) that were specific to ribosomal RNA targets in microorganisms at least doubles FISH signal intensity without affecting specificity. This Double Labeling of Oligonucleotide Probes for Fluorescence In Situ Hybridization (DOPE-FISH) strategy may provide an effective solution to the problem of low signal intensity, which is commonly observed when using corresponding singly-labeled FISH probes for microbe identification. As an added benefit, Cy5-doubly labeled probes were shown to increase the in situ accessibility of rRNA targets sites in microbes, which allows for greater probe design flexibility.

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Fluorophore Name

Absorbance Max, nm +/-10

Emission Max, nm +/-10

Extinction Coefficient*

Color**

Quencher

Cy5 650 665 250,000

IRDye 650 NHS 650 665 230,000

AZ647 NHS 655 680 191,800

AZ680 NHS 678 701 185,000

Cy5.5 684 710 198,000

IRDye 700 NHS 684 710 288,000

AZdye700 NHS 696 719 192,000

Atto 700 NHS 700 716 120,000

Atto 725 NHS 728 751 120,000

Atto 740 NHS 743 763 120,000

Cy7 NHS 740 773 199,000

IRDye 750 NHS 756 776 260,000

cy7.5 NHS 788 808 223,000

IRDye 800 NHS 795 819 240,000

* Extinction coefficient at λ (max) in cm⁻¹M⁻¹. ** Typical emission color seen through the eyepiece of a conventional fluorescence microscope with appropriate filters. Near-IR region. Human vision is insensitive to light beyond ~650 nm; it is not possible to view near-IR fluorescent dyes.

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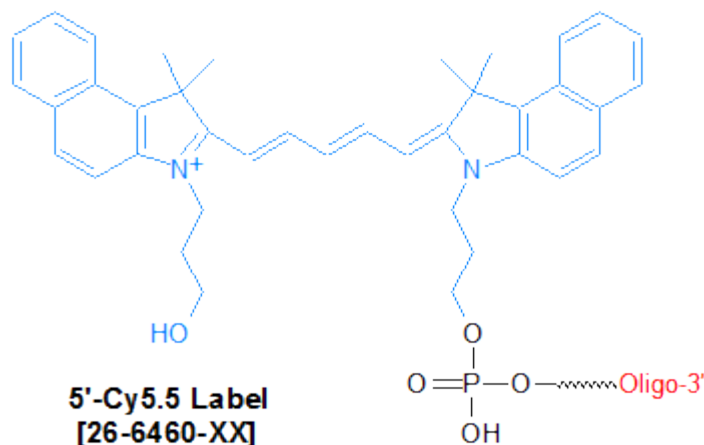
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Oligo Modifications

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Cy5.5

Category	Fluorescent Dyes
Modification Code	Cy5.5-5
Reference Catalog Number	26-6460
5 Prime	Y
3 Prime	N
Internal	N
Molecular Weight(mw)	633.74



Cyanine 5.5 (Cy5.5) is a far-red/near infra red (NIR) fluorescent dye that belongs to the Cyanine family of synthetic polymethine dyes. Cy5.5 is reactive, water-soluble, and has an absorbance maximum of 675 nm and an emission maximum of 694 nm. It is available as a phosphoramidite, and is used to fluorescently label oligonucleotides at either the 5' or 3' end, or internally. Cy5.5 plays a particularly important role in real-time PCR applications, being used as a reporter moiety in TaqMan probes (1), Scorpion primers (2) and Molecular Beacons (3). For such probes, Cy5.5 is most commonly paired with the dark quencher BHQ-3, as the two have excellent spectral overlap.

Cy5.5 can also be used to label DNA oligos for use as hybridization probes in other applications, such as Fluorescent In-Situ Hybridization (FISH).

Near Infrared Fluorophore Spectral Data & Quencher Selection Guide

Fluorophore Name

Absorbance Max, nm +/-10

Emission Max, nm +/-10

Extinction Coefficient*

Color**

Quencher

Cy5 650 665 250,000

IRDye 650 NHS 650 665 230,000

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Atto 700 NHS 700 716 120,000

Atto 725 NHS 728 751 120,000

Atto 740 NHS 743 763 120,000

Cy7 NHS 740 773 199,000

IRDye 750 NHS 756 776 260,000

cy7.5 NHS 788 808 223,000

IRDye 800 NHS 795 819 240,000

* Extinction coefficient at λ (max) in cm⁻¹M⁻¹. ** Typical emission color seen through the eyepiece of a conventional fluorescence microscope with appropriate filters. Near-IR region. Human vision is insensitive to light beyond ~650 nm; it is not possible to view near-IR fluorescent dyes.

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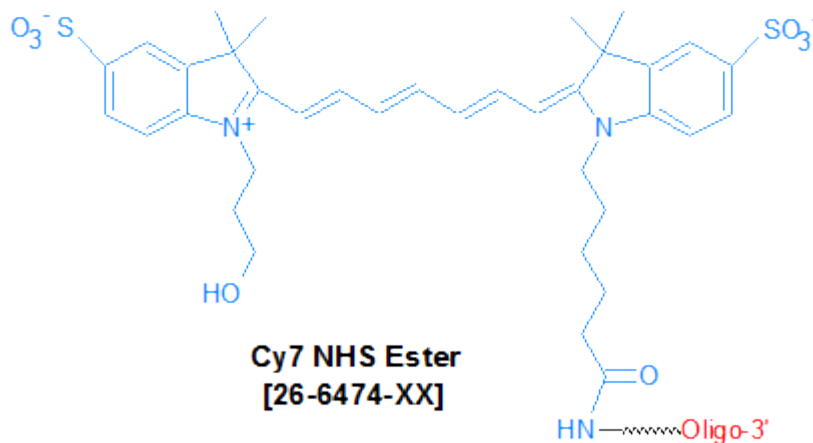
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Oligo Modifications

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Cy7 NHS

Category	Fluorescent Dyes
Modification Code	Cy7-N
Reference Catalog Number	26-6474
5 Prime	Y
3 Prime	Y
Internal	Y
Molecular Weight(mw)	682



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This modification is a post synthesis conjugation to a primary amino group thus an additional modification with an amino group is required. A C3, C6 or C12 amino group can be placed at the 5' or for the 3' end a C3 or C7 amino and for internal positions an amino modified base is used, e.g Amino dT C6.

Yield of Post Synthesis NHS, Maleimide & Click Ligand Conjugation* Oligo Scale of Synthesis Yield, nmols 50 nmol 2 nmol 200 nmol 5 nmol 1 umol 16 nmol 2 umol 30 nmol 5 umol 75 nmol 10 umol 150 nmol 15 umol 225 nmol * The yield will be lower for oligos longer than 50mer. Click here for yield table of long oligos. * Click here for RNA Oligos scale of synthesis and yield. **NHS Ligand conjugation** requires a primary amino group. Gene Link offers a wide selection of amino modifications for 5', 3' and internal sites. Click here for a list of conjugation chemistry modifications. **Maleimide Ligand conjugation** requires a thiol group. Gene Link offers a wide selection of thiol modifications for 5', 3' and internal sites.

Click here for a list of conjugation chemistry modifications. **Click Chemistry Ligand conjugation** requires a corresponding Click modification; examples Alkyne:Azide, Azide:DBCO, BCN:Azide, BCN: TCO:Tetrazine. Gene Link offers a wide selection of click modifications for 5', 3' and internal sites. Click here for a list of click chemistry modifications.

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Fluorophore Name

Absorbance Max, nm +/-10

Emission Max, nm +/-10

Extinction Coefficient*

Color**

Quencher

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Cyanine 7(Cy7) NHS ester is a fluorescent dye that belongs to the Cyanine family of synthetic polymethine dyes. Cy7 is reactive, water-soluble, and has an absorbance maximum of 747 nm and an emission maximum of 776 nm, which is in the near IR. It is available as an NHS ester, and is used to fluorescently label oligonucleotides at either the 5' or 3' end, or internally. Because it is a near IR dye, Cy7 has very little background fluorescence associated with it (1). It is thus an excellent choice for labeling oligo probes slated for in vivo applications, because the minimal scattering and absorption of near-IR photons by cellular tissue ensures higher S/N ratio, and better sensitivity. For example, Fluorescent Resonance Energy Transfer (FRET) oligonucleotide duplexes using Cy5.5 as the donor on one strand and Cy7 as the acceptor on the complementary strand have been used to detect and characterize transcription factor NF-kappaB p50 protein binding to DNA (2)

Caution: Cy7 is intensely colored and very reactive. Care should be exercised when handling the vial containing the C7-labeled oligo to avoid staining clothing, skin, and other items. Also, because Cy7 is in the form of an NHS ester, the oligo first must be synthesized with an Amino C6 Linker (for the ends) or the Amino C6 version of the base phosphoramidite (for internal labeling). The Cy7-NHS ester is then manually attached to the oligo through the amino group in a separate reaction post-synthesis.

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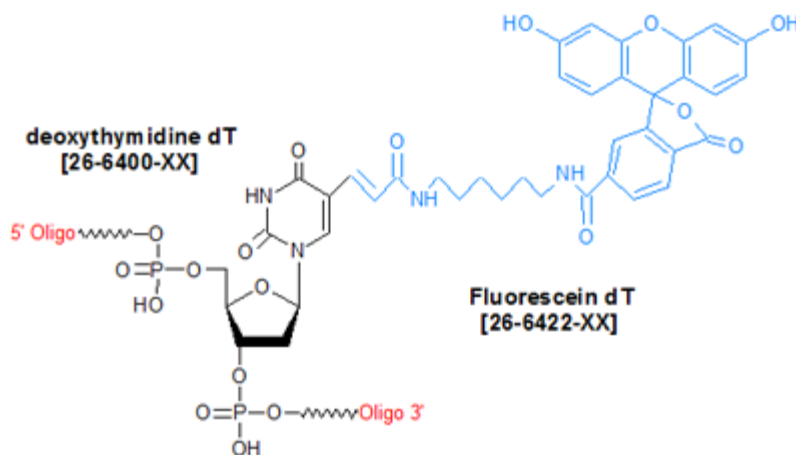
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Oligo Modifications

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Fam dT

Category	Fluorescent Dyes
Modification Code	Fam-dT
Reference Catalog Number	26-6422
5 Prime	Y
3 Prime	Y
Internal	Y
Molecular Weight(mw)	815.71





Product Specifications

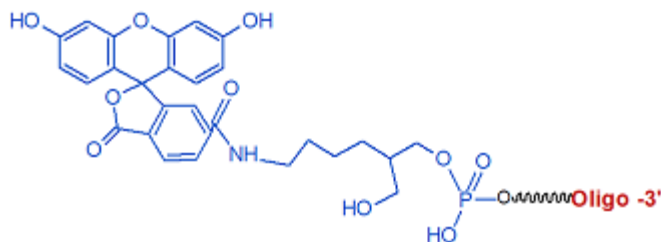
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Oligo Modifications

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Fluorescein-5'

Category	Fluorescent Dyes
Modification Code	FI-5
Reference Catalog Number	26-6426
5 Prime	Y
3 Prime	N
Internal	N
Molecular Weight(mw)	567.6



Fluorescein-5' FITC (Fluorescein isothiocyanate) 5'
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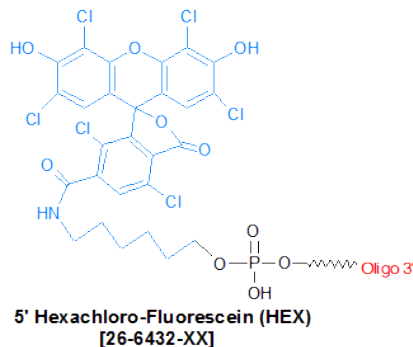
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Oligo Modifications

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Hex-5'

Category	Fluorescent Dyes
Modification Code	Hex-5
Reference Catalog Number	26-6432
5 Prime	Y
3 Prime	N
Internal	N
Molecular Weight(mw)	744.13



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Hexachloro-fluorescein (HEX) is hexachlorinated version of the fluorescent dye fluorescein, and is used for labeling oligonucleotides at either the 5' or 3' end. HEX has an absorbance maximum of 535 nm and an emission maximum of 556 nm. HEX can be used in real-time PCR applications as a reporter moiety in TaqMan probes (1), Scorpion primers (2) and Molecular Beacons (3). For such probes, HEX is most commonly paired with the dark quencher BHQ-1, as the two have good spectral overlap.

HEX also can be used to label DNA oligos for use as hybridization probes in a variety of in vivo and in vitro research or diagnostic applications, as well as for structure-function studies of DNA, RNA, and protein-oligonucleotide complexes. Oligos labeled with HEX at the 5' end can be used as PCR and DNA sequencing primers to generate fluorescently-labeled PCR, sequencing or genetic analysis (AFLP or microsatellite) products. NOTE: If HEX is on the 3' end of the oligo, it cannot be used as a primer in PCR-based applications.

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Dye

Color

Absorbance max (nm)

Emission max (nm) VIC Pink Red 538 554 Cal Orange 560 Pink Red 537 558 HEX Pink Red 535 556 NED Red Orange 546 575 Cy3 Red Orange 550 570 PET Red Orange 558 595 Cy3.

5 Red 588 604 ROX Red 575 602 Texas Red Red 583 603

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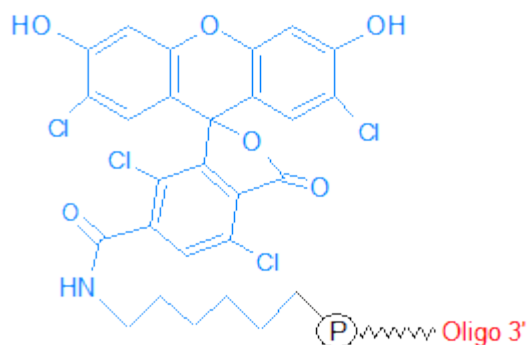
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Oligo Modifications

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Tet-5'

Category	Fluorescent Dyes
Modification Code	Tet-5
Reference Catalog Number	26-6433
5 Prime	Y
3 Prime	N
Internal	N
Molecular Weight(mw)	675.24



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