

## 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.

## NHS-Carboxy-dT

Gene Link supplies Carboxy dT NHS modified oligos with the NHS-protected with oligo bound to CPG solid support or can conjugate the NHS-Oligo to user specified amino-ligand. We recommend that the Carboxy dT NHS modified site be within 10-18 bases from the 5'-end. There is nearly 2-4% loss of the NHS group during the oxidation cycle of each coupling. After the addition of NHS-Carboxy-dT and an additional 18 coupling cycles, approximately 50% of the NHS ester will be hydrolyzed.

Glen Report: NHS carboxy C10 & NHS Carboxy dT conjugation to amine ligands.NHS Carboxy Glen Report.

5'-Carboxy-Modifier dT succinimidyl ester (NHS) can be used to incorporate an active carboxyl group onto the 5'-end of an oligonucleotide or an NHS group. The presence of the carboxyl group allows the user to 5'-end label the oligo with a variety of different affinity, reporter or protein moieties (as primary amines/thiols or maleimides), depending on the application. Examples include biotin, digoxigenin, fluorescent dyes or quenchers, and enzymes (for example, alkaline phosphatase).

Carboxy dT NHS protected carboxyl is supplied as oligo bound to CPG solid support and the 5' has an active NHS group. The important advantage of this NHS modification is that conjugation to the desired ligand is accomplished while the oligonucleotide is still attached to its solid support. This property enables the conjugation reaction to be carried out in an anhydrous organic solvent system, facilitating the linking of even very lipophilic moieties to oligos. In many cases, the presence of the lipophile also allows the lipophile-oligo conjugate to be efficiently purified by reverse-phase HPLC or reverse-phase cartridge.

## Standard Conjugation Protocol Using Solid Phase NHS-Oligo-CPG

Ensure that the amino-ligand to be conjugated to the NHS-Oligo bound to CPG is stable to exposure to ammonium hydroxide solution (30%) for  $\sim$ 24 hrs. The ammonium hydroxide treatment is required to cleave the oligo from CPG bound oligo after the NHS conjugation is performed.

Gene Link provides custom oligo modified with NHS-carboxy C10 and NHS-Carboxy dT bound to CPG (controlled pore glass). The oligo is in a protected form and has to be deprotected and cleaved from the CPG after completion of the amino ligand conjugation to NHS.



The protocol given below has been tested with amino labeled dyes and other amino ligands soluble in DMSO and DMF.

- 1. NHS-oligo labels almost quantitatively rapidly at room temperature. Keep reaction for 15 minutes or up to 3 hrs.
- 2. Split NHS-Oligo-CPG into two 2mL Screw Cap tubes. It is prudent to test one and then the second tube.
- 3. Should have at least 4 mg of amino ligand for 200 nmol scale synthesis oligo on CPG.
- 4. Prepare 200 uL of DMSO or DMF containing 1% diisopropylethylamine [CAS: 7087-68-5] or 10% Triethylamine [CAS: 121-44-8].
- 5. Dissolve ~4 mg amino-Ligand in 200 uL DMSO or DMF, containing 1% diisopropylethylamine [CAS: 7087-68-5] or 10% Triethylamine [CAS: 121-44-8].
- 6. Allow to react at room temperature for 15 to 30 minutes or longer. Vortexing intermittently.
- 7. Centrifuge at 3K rpm for 30 seconds.
- 8. Aspirate with a pipet unreacted ligand and save for future use.
- 9. Wash Oligo-CPG with 0.5 mL acetonitrile or DMF.
- 10. Repeat step 9 three times.
- 11. Dry CPG at room temperature. This is now labelled with the amino-ligand to the NHS group on the oligo bound to CPG.
- 12. Deprotect oligo and cleave from CPG by adding 1 mL cold 30% ammonium hydroxide (stored in a freezer) and keep 18-
- 24 hrs. at room temperature. It is essential to incubate in screw cap tubes with cap closed securely to prevent ammonia leakage. Vortex occasionally.
- 13. Open caps of the tube inside a hood and leave it for nearly 30 minutes for ammonia to evaporate.
- 14. Gently aspirate the ammonia solution using a pipet. Transfer to a fresh 2 mL screw cap tube.
- 15. Add 0.5 mL sterile water to the CPG, vortex gently and aspirate the solution using a pipet. Pool with the previous aspirated solution.
- 16. Dry the solution using a speedvac.
- 17. Dissolve pellet in 0.4mL sterile water. Add 50 uL of 3 M Sodium Acetate pH 5.2 and 1 mL ethanol. Incubate at -20 C for 20 minutes
- 18. Centrifuge at 12K rpm for 5 minute. Decant ethanol carefully so as not to disturb the pellet.
- 19. Add 0.5 mL 70% ethanol, vortex and centrifuge at 12K rpm for 5 minute.
- 20. Dry pellet at room temperature.
- 21. The pellet contains the oligo conjugated to your amino ligand. Process for purification if desired by HPLC or 7M urea-polyacrylamide gel.

