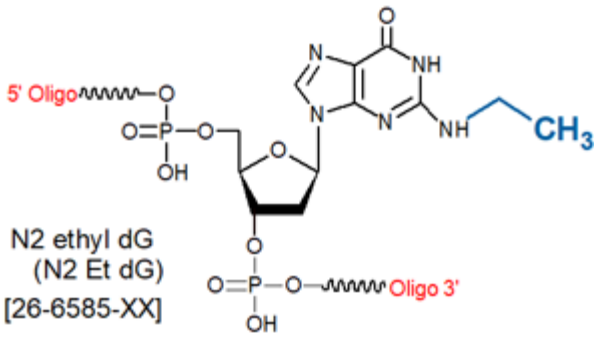
# N2-ethyl dG [N2EtdG]

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| Category | Structural Studies |
| Modification Code | N2EtdG |
| Reference Catalog Number | 26-6585 |
| 5 Prime | Y |
| 3 Prime | Y |
| Internal | Y |
| Molecular Weight(mw) | 357.27 |




Guanine bases in DNA are susceptible to N-alkylation by various carcinogens, leading to miscoding and mutagenicity. Choi and Guengerich (1) have prepared a series of N2-alkyl-2'- deoxyguanosine phosphoramidites where the alkyl group ranges in size from methyl to anthracenylmethyl for studies on the effect of the size of these groups on the catalytic efficiency and fidelity of various DNA polymerases (1). Gene Link offers N2-methyl-dG [26-6459], N2-ethyl-dG [26-6585] N2-benzyl dG [26-6586] and N2-isobutyl-dG [26-6587] modifications for probing the steric requirements at N2 of dG in various applications.

N2-Methyl-deoxyguanosine (N2-Me-dG, m2 dG) is a methylated nucleoside base, and is primarily used in the study of DNA damage and repair mechanisms related to alkylation damage. The N1-Me-dA lesion is primarily generated by SN2 alkylating reagents such as methyl methanesulfonate and dimethylsulfate, which react with the N1 position of adenine (2). In cells, N1-methyl-dA acts as a lethal DNA replication block, but is not very mutagenic (1% A to T transversion in E. coli), and is repaired by the enzyme AlkB by direct reversal (3,4). Because the N1 position of adenine is involved in hydrogen bonding of A : T Watson-Crick base pairing, methylation of this site was expected to disrupt hydrogen bonding. However, NMR analysis revealed that N1-methylation actually alters the A:T base-pairing interactions from Watson-Crick to (syn)N1-methyl-A : (anti)T Hoogsteen, thus providing insight into why AlkB repair of N1-Methyl-dA lesions is 10X more efficient on ssDNA over dsDNA (5). **References**

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