

# 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.

### Cy3 Internal

Category Fluorescent Dyes H<sub>3</sub>C CH<sub>3</sub> H<sub>3</sub>C Modification Code Cy3-Int Reference Catalog Number 26-6773 5 Prime 3 Prime Υ Internal Υ Molecular Weight(mw) 618 Cy3 Internal Label [26-6773-XX] [Cy3-Int]

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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 ribsosomal 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.

Applied Biosystems Proprietary Dyes & Possible Substitutions

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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