

## 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.

## Thio 6-rG (s6rG)

6-Thio-ribGuanosine (6-Thio-4G; s6rG) and 6-Thio-deoxyGuanosine (6-Thio-dG; s6dG) is a nucleoside that, when incorporated into either DNA or RNA in the cell, exhibits potent cytotoxicity. Such cytotoxicity is most likely due to the 6-Thio-dG either inducing strand breakage or cross-linking to both DNA and proteins (1). The cytotoxic properties of 6-Thio-dG make it an effective cytotoxic agent for treating human leukemias. Its ability to photochemically cross-link to both nucleic acids and proteins also make 6-Thio-dG-modified oligonucleotides desirable reagents for use in studying binding interactions between DNA and DNA-binding proteins. In one study, 6-Thio-dG was shown to efficiently cross-link with EcoRV endonuclease and methyltransferase (2). Cross-linking was achieved with 340 nm UV light; because this wavelength is considerably removed from the UV absorbance maxima of the natural bases (260 nm), cross-linking can be achieved without additional UV damage to the DNA.

6-Thio-ribGuanosine (6-Thio-4G; s6rG) and 6-Thio-deoxyGuanosine (6-Thio-dG; s6dG) can also be used to study the properties of G-rich triple-helix forming oligonucleotides. For example, substitution of 6-Thio-ribGuanosine (6-Thio-4G; s6rG) and 6-Thio-deoxyGuanosine (6-Thio-dG; s6dG) for some or all Gs in such oligos results in inhibition of both oligo self-association and G-quartet formation, thereby favoring normal formation of triple helices (3).

In addition, because the thiol group of 6-Thio-ribGuanosine (6-Thio-4G; s6rG) and 6-Thio-deoxyGuanosine (6-Thio-dG; s6dG) are active, incorporation of this modified nucleoside into an oligo also incorporates a reactive thiol at that position, which can be utilized to selectively alkylate the sulfur at that position (4).

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