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## Supplementary data for The fluorescently responsive 3-(naphthalene-1-ylethynyl)-3-deaza-2'-deoxyguanosine discriminates cytidine via the DNA minor groove

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Figure S1: (a) Excitation and (b) UV absorption spectra of  ${}^{3nz}G(1)$  in various solvents of different polarities. All measurments were performed at a concentration of 10  $\mu$ M.



**Figure S2:** Thermal melting temperature  $(T_m)$  of (a) ODN1( ${}^{3nz}G$ ) hybridized with cODN1(N), (N = A, G, C, or T) and (b) ODN2( ${}^{3nz}G$ ) hybridized with cODN2(N), (N = A, G, C, or T) (2.5  $\mu$ M duplex, 0.1 M sodium chloride, 50 mM sodium phosphate buffer, pH 7.0, rt).



**Figure S3:** CD spectra of ODN1( ${}^{3nz}$ G) hybridized with cODN1(N), (N = A, G, C, or T) (2.5 µM duplex, 0.1 M sodium chloride, 50 mM sodium phosphate buffer, pH 7.0, rt).



**Figure S4:** UV absorption spectra of (a)  $ODN1(^{3nz}G)$  hybridized with cODN1(N), (N = A, G, C, or T) and (b)  $ODN2(^{3nz}G)$  hybridized with cODN2(N), (N = A, G, C, or T) (2.5  $\mu$ M duplex, 0.1 M sodium chloride, 50 mM sodium phosphate buffer, pH 7.0, rt).



**Figure S5.** HPLC profiles determinded at 260 nm of single-stranded oligonucleotides. a)  $ODN1(^{3nz}G)$ , and b)  $ODN2(^{3nz}G)$ . HPLC analysis was performed on a CHEMCOBOND 5-ODS-H columm (10 × 150 mm) eluted with 50 mM ammonium formate buffer containing acetonitrile. Gradient: from 3 to 20 % acetonitrile at a flow rate 2.0 ml/min over 45 min.

ODNs	Sequences	MALDI-TOF-MS	
		calcd. $[M + H]^+$	found $[M + H]^+$
$\begin{array}{c} \text{ODN1}(^{3nz}G) \\ \text{ODN2}(^{3nz}G) \end{array}$	5'-d(CGCAAC <sup>3nz</sup> GCAACGC)-3' 5'-d(CGCAAT <sup>3nz</sup> GTAACGC)-3'	4063.83 4093.85	4063.34 4093.99

 Table S1. MALDI-TOF-MS spectral data for the ODNs



**Figure S6.** HPLC data for the products of the enzymatic digestion of a)  $ODN1(^{3nz}G)$ , and b)  $ODN2(^{3nz}G)$ . HPLC analysis was performed on a COSMOSIL 5-ODS-H columm (4.6 × 150 mm) eluted with 50 mM ammonium formate buffer containing acetonitrile. Gradient: from 3 to 50 % acetonitrile at a flow rate 1.0 ml/min over 60 min. Broad signal at around 36 min. is a system peak.



**Figure S7**. <sup>1</sup>H-NMR spectrum of compound **1** (DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>)



Figure S8. <sup>13</sup>C-NMR spectrum of compound 1 (DMSO- $d_6$ )



Figure S9. <sup>1</sup>H-NMR spectrum of compound 3 (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)



Figure S10. <sup>13</sup>C-NMR spectrum of compound 3 (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)



Figure S11. <sup>1</sup>H-NMR spectrum of compound 4a (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)



Figure S12. <sup>13</sup>C-NMR spectrum of compound 4a (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)



Figure S13. <sup>1</sup>H-NMR spectrum of compound 4b (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)



Figure S14. <sup>13</sup>C-NMR spectrum of compound 4b (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)



**Figure S15**. <sup>1</sup>H-NMR spectrum of compound **5** (Acetone-*d*<sub>6</sub>)



**Figure S16**. <sup>13</sup>C-NMR spectrum of compound **5** (Acetone- $d_6$ )



**Figure S17**. <sup>1</sup>H-NMR spectrum of compound **6** (DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>)



Figure S18. <sup>13</sup>C-NMR spectrum of compound 6 (DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>)



**Figure S19**. <sup>1</sup>H-NMR spectrum of compound **7** (DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>)



Figure S20. <sup>13</sup>C-NMR spectrum of compound 7 (DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>)



**Figure S21**. <sup>1</sup>H-NMR spectrum of compound **8** (Acetone-*d*<sub>6</sub>)



Figure S22. <sup>13</sup>C-NMR spectrum of compound 8 (Acetone- $d_6$ )