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#### **Supporting Information**

# Synthesis and Properties of GuNA Purine/Pyrimidine Nucleosides and Oligonucleotides

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#### 1. Synthesis of N,N'-diisobutyryl-S-methylisothiourea



Pyridine (8.7 mL, 108.00 mmol) was added to a suspension of *S*-methylisothiouronium hemisulfate (3.00 g, 21.55 mmol) in dichloromethane (43 mL), and the mixture was cooled in an ice bath. Isobutyryl chloride (6.77 mL, 64.66 mmol) was then added, and the mixture was stirred for two hours. The reaction was quenched with water (20 mL), and the organic layer was separated and concentrated. The resulting residue was purified by column chromatography (hexane/ ethyl acetate, 95/5 to 85/15) to obtain the title compound (4.65 g, yield 93%) as a colorless oil.

<sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ : 13.19 (1H, brs), 2.65–2.62 (2H, m), 2.41 (3H, s), 1.23 (12H, d, J = 7.0 Hz); <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ : 190.09, 176.39, 171.14, 39.10, 37.57, 19.06, 14.68; HRMS (ESI) Calcd. for C<sub>10</sub>H<sub>19</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>S [M+H]<sup>+</sup>: 231.1162, Found 231.1159.

# 2. <sup>1</sup>H, <sup>13</sup>C, and <sup>31</sup>P-NMR spectra of synthesized compounds

# 5'-O-DMTr-2'-amino-LNA-A(bz) (1A)



# 5'-O-DMTr-2'-amino-LNA-G(ib,dpc) (1G)



# 5'-O-DMTr-2'-amino-LNA-<sup>m</sup>C(bz) (1<sup>m</sup>C)





# 5'-O-DMTr-3'-O-TMS-2'-amino-LNA-mC(bz) (2<sup>m</sup>C)

### 5'-O-DMTr-GuNA(teoc)-T (3T-Teoc)



# 5'-O-DMTr-GuNA(fmoc)-T (3T-Fmoc)



### 5'-O-DMTr-GuNA(ac)-T (3T-Ac)



# 5'-O-DMTr-GuNA(ib)-T (3T-iB)



# 5'-O-DMTr-GuNA(boc)-A(bz) (3A-Boc)



### 5'-O-DMTr-GuNA(teoc)-A(bz) (3A-Teoc)



# 5'-O-DMTr-GuNA(fmoc)-A(bz) (3A-Fmoc)



# 5'-O-DMTr-GuNA(boc)-G(ib,dpc) (3G-Boc)



# 5'-O-DMTr-GuNA(teoc)-G(ib,dpc) (3G-Teoc)



# 5'-O-DMTr-GuNA(fmoc)-G(ib,dpc) (3G-Fmoc)





# 5'-O-DMTr-GuNA(boc)-<sup>m</sup>C(bz) (3<sup>m</sup>C-Boc)

# 5'-O-DMTr-GuNA(teoc)-<sup>m</sup>C(bz) (3<sup>m</sup>C-Teoc)



# 5'-O-DMTr-GuNA(fmoc)-<sup>m</sup>C(bz) (3<sup>m</sup>C-Fmoc)





# 5'-O-DMTr-GuNA(teoc)-T phosphoramidite (4T-Teoc)



# 5'-O-DMTr-GuNA(fmoc)-T phosphoramidite (4T-Fmoc)



# 5'-O-DMTr-GuNA(boc)-A(bz) phosphoramidite (4A-Boc)



# 5'-O-DMTr-GuNA(teoc)-A(bz) phosphoramidite (4A-Teoc)



# 5'-O-DMTr-GuNA(fmoc)-A(bz) phosphoramidite (4A-Fmoc)

240 220 200 180 160 140 120 100 80 60 40 20 0 -20 -40 -60 -80 Chemical Shift (ppm)



# 5'-O-DMTr-GuNA(boc)-G(ib,dpc) phosphoramidite (4G-Boc)



# 5'-O-DMTr-GuNA(teoc)-G(ib,dpc) phosphoramidite (4G-Teoc)



# 5'-O-DMTr-GuNA(fmoc)-G(ib,dpc) phosphoramidite (4G-Fmoc)



# 5'-O-DMTr-GuNA(boc)-<sup>m</sup>C(bz) phosphoramidite (4<sup>m</sup>C-Boc)





# 5'-O-DMTr-GuNA(teoc)-<sup>m</sup>C(bz) phosphoramidite (4<sup>m</sup>C-Teoc)

240 220 200 180 160 140 120 100 80 60 40 20 0 -20 -40 -60 -80 Chemical Shift (ppm)



# 5'-O-DMTr-GuNA(fmoc)-<sup>m</sup>C(bz) phosphoramidite (4<sup>m</sup>C-Fmoc)

240 220 200 180 160 140 120 100 80 60 40 20 0 -20 -40 -60 -80 Chemical Shift (ppm)

# GuNA-T nucleoside (5T)



220 200 180 160 140 120 100 80 60 40 20 Chemical Shift (ppm)

# GuNA-A nucleoside (5A)



### GuNA-G nucleoside (5G)



# GuNA-<sup>m</sup>C nucleoside (5<sup>m</sup>C)



Chemical Shift (ppm)

# N,N'-Diisobutyryl-S-methylisothiourea



#### 3. High resolution mass spectra of phosphoramidites



### 5'-O-DMTr-GuNA(teoc)-T phosphoramidite (4T-Teoc)

Elemental composition search on mass 1102.49104

m/:	z= 1	10	97	. 4	91	.04-	-11	07	.4	91	04
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m/z	Theo. Mass	Delta	RDB	Composition
		(ppm)	equiv.	
1102.49104	1102.49009	0.86	22.5	C 54 H 77 O 12 N 7 P Si 2



# 5'-O-DMTr-GuNA(fmoc)-T phosphoramidite (4T-Fmoc)

# Elemental composition search on mass 1258.50527

m/z= 1253.50527-1263.50527									
m/z	Theo. Mass	Delta	RDB	Composition					
		(ppm)	equiv.						
1258.50527	1258.50493	0.27	40.5	C <sub>72</sub> H <sub>73</sub> O <sub>12</sub> N <sub>7</sub> P					





# Elemental composition search on mass 1127.51173

m/z= 1122.5	1173-1132.51	.173		
m/z	Theo. Mass	Delta	RDB	Composition
		(ppm)	equiv.	
1127.51173	1127.51142	0.28	29.5	C <sub>59</sub> H <sub>72</sub> O <sub>11</sub> N <sub>10</sub> P



# 5'-O-DMTr-GuNA(teoc)-A(bz) phosphoramidite (4A-Teoc)

### Elemental composition search on mass 1215.52864

m/z= 1210.5	2864-1220.52	2864		
m/z	Theo. Mass	Delta	RDB	Composition
		(ppm)	equiv.	
1215.52864	1215.52787	0.63	29.5	C <sub>61</sub> H <sub>80</sub> O <sub>11</sub> N <sub>10</sub> P Si <sub>2</sub>



# 5'-O-DMTr-GuNA(fmoc)-A(bz) phosphoramidite (4A-Fmoc)

#### Elemental composition search on mass 1371.54347

m/	z =	1:	3	6	6.	5	4	3	4	7–	1	3	7	6		54	4	3	4'	7
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m/z	Theo. Mass	Delta	RDB	Composition
		(ppm)	equiv.	
1371.54347	1371.54272	0.55	47.5	C <sub>79</sub> H <sub>76</sub> O <sub>11</sub> N <sub>10</sub> P



# 5'-O-DMTr-GuNA(boc)-G(ib,dpc) phosphoramidite (4G-Boc)

# Elemental composition search on mass 1304.59098

m/z= 1299.5	ı/z= 1299.59098−1309.59098								
m/z	Theo. Mass	Delta	RDB	Composition					
		(ppm)	equiv.						
1304.59098	1304.59039	0.45	34.5	C <sub>69</sub> H <sub>83</sub> O <sub>13</sub> N <sub>11</sub> P					



# 5'-O-DMTr-GuNA(teoc)-G(ib,dpc) phosphoramidite (4G-Teoc)



m/z= 1387.6	/z= 1387.60686-1397.60686								
m/z	Theo. Mass	Delta	RDB	Composition					
		(ppm)	equiv.						
1392.60686	1392.60685	0.01	34.5	C <sub>71</sub> H <sub>91</sub> O <sub>13</sub> N <sub>11</sub> P Si <sub>2</sub>					



### 5'-O-DMTr-GuNA(fmoc)-G(ib,dpc) phosphoramidite (4G-Fmoc)



n/z= 1543.62112-1553.62112								
m/z	Theo. Ma	ss Delta	RDB	Composition				
		(ppm)	equiv.					
1548.62112	1548.621	L69 -0.37	52.5	C <sub>89</sub> H <sub>87</sub> O <sub>13</sub> N <sub>11</sub> P				



# 5'-O-DMTr-GuNA(boc)-<sup>m</sup>C(bz) phosphoramidite (4<sup>m</sup>C-Boc)

# Elemental composition search on mass 1117.51523

m/z= 1112.5	n/z= 1112.51523-1122.51523								
m/z	Theo. Mass	Delta	RDB	Composition					
		(ppm)	equiv.						
1117.51523	1117.51583	-0.54	27.5	C <sub>59</sub> H <sub>74</sub> O <sub>12</sub> N <sub>8</sub> P					



# 5'-O-DMTr-GuNA(teoc)-<sup>m</sup>C(bz) phosphoramidite (4<sup>m</sup>C-Teoc)

### Elemental composition search on mass 1205.53280

m/z= 1200.5	3280-1210.53	3280		
m/z	Theo. Mass	Delta	RDB	Composition
		(ppm)	equiv.	
1205.53280	1205.53229	0.43	27.5	C <sub>61</sub> H <sub>82</sub> O <sub>12</sub> N <sub>8</sub> P Si <sub>2</sub>



### 5'-O-DMTr-GuNA(fmoc)-<sup>m</sup>C(bz) phosphoramidite (4<sup>m</sup>C-Fmoc)



m/z= 1356.54796-1366.54796				
m/z	Theo. Mass	Delta	RDB	Composition
		(ppm)	equiv.	
1361.54796	1361.54713	0.61	45.5	C <sub>79</sub> H <sub>78</sub> O <sub>12</sub> N <sub>8</sub> P

#### 4. HPLC charts and MALDI-TOF MS spectra of oligonucleotides

Each mass spectrum corresponds to the major peak of the HPLC chart.

HPLC conditions
Mobile phase A: 100 mM HFIP / 8mM TEA in water
Mobile phase B: 100 mM HFIP / 8mM TEA in methanol
Flow rate: 1 mL/min
Column: Waters XBridge™ BEH C18 2.5 µm (4.6 × 75 mm)
Column oven temperture: 60 °C
Detector: UV 260 nm





HPLC (gradient condition: B% 5–20% in 30 min, then 20–98% in 20 min)



mAU 40-35-30-25-20 15-10-5-0--5 60 min 10 20 30 40 50 MALDI-TOF-MS Intens. [a.u.] 1.50 3211.822 1.25 1.00 -0.75 3349.852 0.50 1133.846 0.25 3402.769 1216.745 1326.843 2829.715 hill .... L 0.00 1500 2000 1000 2500 3000 3500 m/z

HPLC (gradient condition: B% 3–10% in 30 min, then 10–98% in 20 min)





HPLC (gradient condition: B% 3–10% in 30 min, then 10–98% in 20 min)



HPLC (gradient condition: B% 5–20% in 30 min, then 20–98% in 20 min)



HPLC (gradient condition: B% 5–20% in 30 min, then 20–98% in 20 min)



HPLC (gradient condition: B% 5-20% in 30 min, then 20-98% in 20 min)



HPLC (gradient condition: B% 5–20% in 30 min, then 20–98% in 20 min)



















**ON13** 





#### 5. Representative UV melting curves

Thermal stability of the duplexes formed between GuNA-modified oligonucleotides and fully-matched ssDNAs

### DNA-T (red) and GuNA-T (ON8, blue)





DNA-G (red) and GuNA-G (ON10, blue)





DNA-C (red) and GuNA-<sup>m</sup>C (ON11, blue)





#### Thermal stability of the duplexes formed between GuNA-modified oligonucleotides and fully-matched ssRNAs

# DNA-G (red) and GuNA-G (ON10, blue)





### DNA-C (red) and GuNA-<sup>m</sup>C (ON11, blue)





5'-d(TTTTTTTT)-3'(red) and 5'-d(TTT<u>TTT</u>TTTT)-3' (ON12, blue)



5'-d(AAAAAAAA)-3'(red) and 5'-d(AAA<u>AAA</u>AAAA)-3' (ON5, blue)







5'-d(TTTCCCTTTT)-3'(red) and 5'-d(TTT<u>mCmCmC</u>TTTT)-3' (ON14, blue)

