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## Table S1

NDB	PDB	Space gr.		Cell		Resol.	angle x	Reference
Standard bases								
d(CGCGCGCGCGCG) <sub>2</sub>	2ZNA	P1	1.0	1.0	$44.58^{*}$	theor		1
d(CGCGCGCGCGCG) <sub>2</sub>	3ZNA	P1	1.0	1.0	$44.58^{*}$	theor		1
d(CGCGCGCGCGCG) <sub>2</sub>	40CB	C2	48.48 19	9.55 31.22	2 116.36	0.75	37.6	current
d(CGCGCG) <sub>2</sub> , SPM	1I0T	$P2_{1}2_{1}2_{1}$	18.316	30.680	42.491	0.6	38.3	2
d((CACGTG) <sub>2</sub> , SPM, 13D	2F8W	$P2_{1}2_{1}2_{1}$	18.42	30.74	43.18	1.2	37.5	3
d(CGCGCG) <sub>2</sub> , SPM	1D48	$P2_{1}2_{1}2_{1}$	18.405	30.768	43.152	1.0	38.2	4
d(CGCGCG) <sub>2</sub> , SPM, 2Na <sup>+</sup>	131D	$P2_{1}2_{1}2_{1}$	18.265	30.690	42.460	1.0	38.3	5
d(CGCGCG) <sub>2</sub> , SPM, (neutron diffr., D <sub>2</sub> O)	1V9G	$P2_{1}2_{1}2_{1}$	18.46	30.76	43.18	1.8	38.5	6
d(CGCGCG) <sub>2</sub> , SPM, (X-ray diffr, D <sub>2</sub> O)	1WOE	$P2_{1}2_{1}2_{1}$	18.46	30.76	43.18	1.5	38.5	6
d(CACGi5UG) <sub>2</sub> , Co(NH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>6</sub>	10MK	$P2_{1}2_{1}2_{1}$	18.155	30.034	41.988	1.3	39.8	7
d(TGCGCA) <sub>2</sub> , 2Mg <sup>2+</sup>	1LJX	$P2_{1}2_{1}2_{1}$	21.182	28.363	44.440	1.64	38.1	8
d(TGCGCA) <sub>2</sub> , Co(NH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>6</sub> (superseding 347D)	362D	$P2_{1}2_{1}2_{1}$	21.162	28.670	44.335	1.3	39.2	9
d(CGCGmo4CG) <sub>2</sub>	1DA2	$P2_{1}2_{1}2_{1}$	18.17	30.36	43.93	1.7	38.7	10

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d(CGCGC46G) <sub>2</sub>	223D	$P2_{1}2_{1}2_{1}$	18.23	30.63	43.78	1.7	39.5	11
d(CGCGCG) <sub>2</sub> , SPM	3P4J	$P2_{1}2_{1}2_{1}$	17.88	31.42	43.90	0.55	25.2	12
d(CGCGCG) <sub>2</sub> , SPM, Mg <sup>2+</sup>	1ICK	$P2_{1}2_{1}2_{1}$	17.87	31.55	44.58	0.95	25.1	13
$d(CGCGCG)_2$ , SPM, $2Zn^{2+}$ , $Cl^-$	4HIF	$P2_{1}2_{1}2_{1}$	17.791	30.907	44.196	0.85	21.4	14
d(CGCGCG) <sub>2</sub> , SPM, Mn <sup>2+</sup>	4HIG	$P2_{1}2_{1}2_{1}$	17.732	31.436	43.935	0.75	25.3	14
d(CGCGCG) <sub>2</sub> , 2PAW	2IE1	$P2_{1}2_{1}2_{1}$	17.64	30.38	43.63	1.6	25.4	15
d((CGCGCG) <sub>2</sub> , SPD, 3Mg <sup>2+</sup> , Na <sup>+</sup>	2ELG	$P2_{1}2_{1}2_{1}$	17.847	30.988	44.022	1.0	24.7	16
d(CGCGCG) <sub>2</sub> , P24, 3Mg <sup>2+</sup> , Na <sup>+</sup>	292D	$P2_{1}2_{1}2_{1}$	17.94	31.23	44.55	1.0	25.3	17
d(CGCGCG) <sub>2</sub> , 104, Mg <sup>2+</sup>	1DJ6	$P2_{1}2_{1}2_{1}$	17.93	31.36	44.62	1.0	25.1	18
$d(CGCGCG)_2, 4Mg^{2+}$	1DCG	$P2_{1}2_{1}2_{1}$	18.01	31.03	44.80	1.0	24.8	19
d(CGCGCG) <sub>2</sub> , SPM, Mg <sup>2+</sup>	2DCG	$P2_{1}2_{1}2_{1}$	17.87	31.55	44.58	0.9	25.3	20
d(CGmsCGCG) <sub>2</sub> , SPM, Mg <sup>2+</sup> (superseding 1N6S)	1VRO	$P2_{1}2_{1}2_{1}$	17.778	31.348	44.116	1.1	25.2	21
d(CaPCGTG) <sub>2</sub> , Mg <sup>2+</sup>	1VTY	$P2_{1}2_{1}2_{1}$	17.86	31.04	44.76	1.3	24.4	22
d(CGCGbr5UG) <sub>2</sub>	20BZ	$P2_{1}2_{1}2_{1}$	17.339	32.074	44.341	1.1	28.2	23
d(CGCGGG) <sub>2</sub> , SPD, 3Mg <sup>2+</sup> , Na <sup>+</sup>	293D	$P2_{1}2_{1}2_{1}$	17.93	31.23	44.64	1.0	24.9	24
d(CGCGGG) <sub>2</sub> , 2TER, 2Mg <sup>2+</sup>	336D	$P2_{1}2_{1}2_{1}$	17.98	31.51	44.38	1.0	25.4	25
$d(CGCGCG)_2$ , (neutron + X-ray refinement, $D_2O$ )	3QBA	$P2_{1}2_{1}2_{1}$	17.90	30.59	44.61	1.5	24.3	26
d(CGCGCG) <sub>2</sub>	1M6R	$P2_{1}2_{1}2_{1}$	17.96	31.47	44.73	1.54	25.3	27
d(CGCGTG) <sub>2</sub>	1VTT	$P2_{1}2_{1}2_{1}$	17.45	31.63	45.56	1.0	23.8	28
d(CGCGufPG) <sub>2</sub> , Mg <sup>2+</sup>	1DNF	$P2_{1}2_{1}2_{1}$	17.36	31.15	45.40	1.5	24.7	29
d(brUGCGCG) <sub>2</sub> , Mg <sup>2+</sup>	1DA1	$P2_{1}2_{1}2_{1}$	17.94	30.85	49.95	2.25	24.4	30
d(CACGC46G) <sub>2</sub>	417D	$P2_{1}2_{1}2_{1}$	17.338	31.432	44.486	1.5	24.5	31
d(CGCGCA)/d(TGCGCG), Co(NH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>6</sub>	1XA2	$P2_{1}2_{1}2_{1}$	17.976	30.926	44.625	1.71	23.6	32
d(CGCGCA)/d(TGCGCG), Ru(NH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>6</sub>	2HTO	$P2_{1}2_{1}2_{1}$	17.953	30.8 21	44.596	1.54	24.1	33
d(CACGCG)/d(CGCGTG), (PdCl <sub>2</sub> )	3F8O	$P2_{1}2_{1}2_{1}$	17.785	30.941	44.789	1.72	24.8	n/a

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d(CACGCG)/d(CGCGTG), (CaCl <sub>2</sub> )	3GCY	$P2_{1}2_{1}2_{1}$	17.388	30.618	44.488	1.8	26.5	n/a
d(CACGCG)/d(CGCGTG), (SnCl <sub>2</sub> )	3GDA	$P2_{1}2_{1}2_{1}$	17.552	30.207	43.682	1.88	24.8	n/a
d(CACGCG)/d(CGCGTG), (MnCl <sub>2</sub> )	3G2A	$P2_{1}2_{1}2_{1}$	17.835	30.907	44.731	2.0	24.4	n/a
d(CACGCG)/d(CGCGTG), Ba <sup>2+</sup>	3FQB	$P2_{1}2_{1}2_{1}$	17.544	30.512	44.210	1.67	25.0	n/a
d(CACGCG)/d(CGCGTG), Ba <sup>2+</sup> , (rerefin. 3FQB)	4E2R	$P2_{1}2_{1}2_{1}$	17.544	30.512	44.210	1.67	25.1	n/a
d(CACGCG)/d(CGCGTG)	181D	$P2_{1}2_{1}2_{1}$	17.76	30.96	44.75	1.6	24.4	34
d(CACGCG)/d(CGCGTG), [Ru(NH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>6</sub> ]	351D	$P2_{1}2_{1}2_{1}$	17.88	30.87	44.83	1.64	24.6	35
$d(CGCGCG)_2, 6Cu^{2+}, Na^+$	1D39	$P2_{1}2_{1}2_{1}$	18.01	31.03	44.80	1.2	24.8	36
d(m5CGm5CGm5CG) <sub>2</sub>	1VTV	$P2_{1}2_{1}2_{1}$	17.76	30.57	45.42	1.3	22.2	37
d(br5CGbr5CGbr5CG) <sub>2</sub> , (291 K)	1DN4	$P2_{1}2_{1}2_{1}$	18.01	30.88	44.76	1.6	22.8	38
d(br5CGbr5CGbr5CG) <sub>2</sub> , (310 K)	1DN5	$P2_{1}2_{1}2_{1}$	17.93	30.83	44.73	1.4	22.9	38
d(m5CGTAm5CG) <sub>2</sub>	1VTW	$P2_{1}2_{1}2_{1}$	17.91	30.43	44.96	1.2	21.8	39
$d(m5CGUAm5CG)_2, 4Cu^{2+}$	1D40	$P2_{1}2_{1}2_{1}$	17.59	30.58	44.52	1.3	22.6	40
$d(m5CGUAm5CG)_2, 2Mg^{2+}$	1D41	$P2_{1}2_{1}2_{1}$	17.82	30.44	44.52	1.3	22.4	41
d(CGC6mo6GCG) <sub>2</sub>	1D24	$P2_{1}2_{1}2_{1}$	17.85	30.87	43.98	1.9	24.7	42
d(CGUaPCG) <sub>2</sub>	1D76	$P2_{1}2_{1}2_{1}$	17.944	31.282	44.701	1.3	25.2	43
d(m5CGGGm5CG)/d(m5CGCCm5CG)	145D	$P2_{1}2_{1}2_{1}$	17.865	30.822	44.797	1.25	23.0	44
d(m5CGGCm5CG) <sub>2</sub>	400D	$P2_{1}2_{1}2_{1}$	17.79	30.90	44.36	1.65	22.6	45
d(CGCGm4CG) <sub>2</sub>	133D	$P2_{1}2_{1}2_{1}$	17.98	30.77	44.76	1.8	23.5	46
d(CGCGbr5CG) <sub>2</sub>	242D	$P2_{1}2_{1}2_{1}$	17.97	30.98	44.85	1.65	24.3	47
d(CCCGGG) <sub>2</sub>	239D	$P2_{1}2_{1}2_{1}$	17.764	30.925	43.922	2.05	49.5	48
$d(GCGCGCG)/d(CCGCGCG), Mg^{2+}, Co(NH_3)_6$	312D	$P2_{1}2_{1}2_{1}$	20.32	29.54	51.84	1.8		49
d(GCGCGCG)/d(TCGCGCG), Mg <sup>2+</sup> , Co(NH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>6</sub>	314D	$P2_{1}2_{1}2_{1}$	20.28	29.41	51.89	1.9		49
$d(Gm5CGCGCG)_2, Mg^{2+}, Co(NH_3)_6$	313D	$P2_{1}2_{1}2_{1}$	20.34	29.62	51.93	1.68		49
d(GCGCGCG) <sub>2</sub> , 2Co(NH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>6</sub>	331D	$P2_{1}2_{1}2_{1}$	20.41	29.65	51.86	1.65		50

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$d(CGGGCGCCCG)_2 > disordered \ d(CGCG)/d(GCGC)$	3TCI	P3 <sub>2</sub>	17.767		42.06	2.42	n/a
d(GCGCGCG)/d(CCGCGCG) > disordered d(TGTG)	3ULN	P3 <sub>2</sub>	17.816		43.006	2.72	51
d(GCGCGCG)/d(CCGCGCG) > disordered d(TGTG)	3ULO	P3 <sub>2</sub>	17.670		42.729	3.24	51
d(GCGCGCG)/d(CCGCGCG) > disordered d(TGTG)	3UM4	P3 <sub>2</sub>	17.693		42.495	2.82	51
d(GCGCGCG)/d(CCGCGCG) > disordered d(TGTG)	3ULM	P65	17.489		41.729	3.01	51
$d(CGTACGTACG)_2$ , $Co(NH_3)_6 > disordered d(TG)$	1DN8	P6 <sub>5</sub>	17.93		43.41	1.5	52
$d(GCGCGCGCGC)_2 > disordered (CG)_2$	279D	P6 <sub>5</sub> 22	18.10		43.10	1.9	53
d(br5CGbr5CG) <sub>2</sub> , 6 proflavin > disordered	1VTF	P65	17.90		44.50	2.0	54
d(CGCG) <sub>2</sub> , > disordered	1VTS	P65	30.92		43.29	1.5	55
$d(CGCICICG)/d(CGCG) > disord. d(CGCG)_2/d(CG)_2$	1D53	P65	31.00		43.70	1.5	56
$d(CGCGCA)/d(TGCGCG) > disordered + (TG)_2$	1XAM	P6 <sub>5</sub>	35.588		44.518	1.86	32
d(CGCGCA)/d(TGCGCG), Ru(NH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>6</sub> > disordered	2HTT	P65	35.895		44.604	2.6	33
$d(CACGCG)/d(CGCGTG)/d(TG)_2,Mn^{2+} > disordered$	4DY8	P65	35.213		44.452	1.76	57
$d(CACGCG)/d(CGCGTG)/d(TG)_2, Ba^{2+} > disordered$	4E60	P65	35.177		44.341	1.86	n/a
d(CGTGCG) <sub>2</sub> , Mn <sup>2+</sup>	3G2R	C222 <sub>1</sub>	17.878	30.970	43.405	2.15	n/a
$d(CGCGCG)_2, Mg^{2+}$	392D	C222 <sub>1</sub>	45.80	37.30	70.30	3.0	58
d(CGCGCG) <sub>2</sub>	390D	C222 <sub>1</sub>	69.73	52.63	26.21	2.0	58
d(CGCG) <sub>2</sub> , high salt	1ZNA	B22 <sub>1</sub> 2	31.27	64.67	19.50	1.5	59
d(CGCGCG) <sub>2</sub>	391D	P112 <sub>1</sub>	49.87 41	.26 21.91	97.12	2.75	58
d(CACACG)/d(CGTGTG), [Co(NH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>6</sub> ]	3E9W	P2 <sub>1</sub>	17.854 4	3.44 17.8	847 119.87	2.05	60
d(CGCACG)/d(CGTGCG)	180D	P112 <sub>1</sub>	17.75 17	7.76 42.77	7 120.05	2.5	34
d(CACGCG)/d(CGCGTG), Mn <sup>2+</sup>	4DWY	P2 <sub>1</sub>	24.484 3	31.128 31	.675 103.33	1.61	57
d(CACGCG)/d(CGCGTG), Mn <sup>2+</sup>	3FQ5	P2 <sub>1</sub>	24.612 3	31.257 31	.962 103.64	2.8	n/a
d(CACGCG)/d(CGCGTG), Ba <sup>2+</sup>	4E4O	P2 <sub>1</sub>	24.055	31.011	31.368	1.72	n/a
d(CGTaPCG) <sub>2</sub> , SPM	210D	P3 <sub>2</sub> 21	25.247		39.14	1.35	61
d(CGTDCG) <sub>2</sub> , SPM, Pt(NH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>3</sub>	211D	P3 <sub>2</sub> 21	25.193		38.948	1.6	61

Modified backbones						
d(araCGaraCGaraCG)	ZDFS33	P6 <sub>5</sub> 22	17.96	43.22	1.3	62
D- and L-d(CGCGCG), racemic mix	1VTU	P-1	29.302 23.215	23.1894	2.2	63
Unusual structures						
d(CGCGAAmcTmcTCGCG), stem	4DKZ	P2 <sub>1</sub>	24.30 35.28 36.71	92.84	1.8	64
d(CGCGdpyATdrpCGCG) <sub>2</sub> , Cu <sup>2+</sup>	1JES	P2 <sub>1</sub>	25.343 34.359 31	.093 101.13	1.5	65
d(CCGCGG) <sub>2</sub> , Na <sup>+</sup> , $>$ swapped terminals	192D	C222 <sub>1</sub>	34.33 44.04	38.27	1.92	66
d(CGCGCGTTTTCCGCGCG), stem	1D16	C2	57.18 21.63 36.40	95.22	2.1	67

i5U	5-iodo-2'-deoxyuridine-5'-monophosphate	10MK
mo4C	N <sup>4</sup> -methoxy-2'-deoxycytidine-5'-monophosphate	1DA2
C46	6H,8H-3,4-dihydropyrimido[4,5-c][1,2]oxazin-7-one	223D, 417D
Gms	2'-deoxyguanosine-5'-monoselenophosphate	1VRO
aP	2,6-diaminopurine nucleotide	1VTY, 1D76,210D, 211D
br5U	5-bromo-2'-deoxyuridine-5'-monophosphate	20BZ
br5C	5-bromo-2'-deoxycytidine-5'-monophosphate	1DN4, 1DN5, 242D
ufP	5-fluoro-2'-deoxyuridine-5'-monophosphate	1DNF
m5C	5-methyl-2'-deoxycytidine-5'-monophosphate	1VTV, 145D
m4C	N <sup>4</sup> -methyl-2'-deoxycytidine-5'-monophosphate	133D
mo6G	6-O-methyl-deoxyguanosine-5'-monophosphate	1D24
mcT	north-methanocarba-thymidine-2'-monophosphate	4DKZ
dpy	2-deoxyribofuranosyl-pyridine-2,6-dicarboxylic acid-5'-monophosphate	1JES
drp	3-deoxyribofuranosyl-pyridine-5'-monophosphate	1JES
araC	arabinosylcytosine	ZDFS33

13D	1,3-diaminopropane (NCCCN)	2F8W	
SPM	spermine (NCCCNCCCN)		
SPD	spermidine (NCCCNCCCCN)	2ELG	
TER	thermospermine (NCCCNCCCNC)	336D	
PAW	N <sup>1</sup> -{2-[2-(2-amino-ethylamino]-ethyl}-ethane-1,2-diamine (NCCNCCNCC)	NCCN)	2IE1
P24	1-(aminoethyl)amino-4-aminobutane (NCCNCCCCN)	292D	
104	N <sup>1</sup> -[2-(2-amino-ethylamino)-ethyl]- ethane-1,2-diamine (trientine, NCCNCCNCCN)	1DJ6	

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