

## **Supporting Information for World Wide Web Edition**

Solution Structure of an O<sup>6</sup>-[4-oxo-4-(3-pyridyl)butyl]guanine adduct in an 11mer DNA duplex: evidence for formation of a base ‘triplex’

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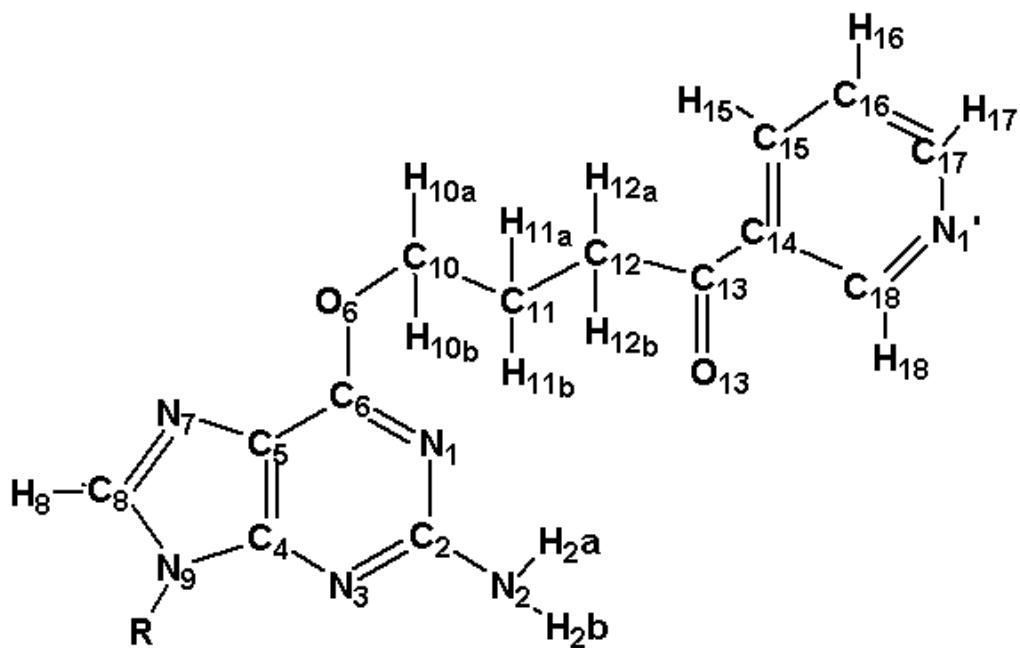
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**Table S1**  
**Partial Charges for the O<sup>6</sup>-dG-POB Residue**



Name in Structure	Standard Name	Charge (Gaussian)	Name in Structure	Standard Name	Charge (Gaussian)
N1	G7(N1)	-0.340	C15	POB(C4')	+0.020
C2	G7(C2)	+0.419	C16	POB(C5')	-0.057
N3	G7(N3)	-0.400	C17	POB(C6')	+0.111
C4	G7(C4)	+0.279	C18	POB(C2')	+0.109
C5	G7(C5)	-0.040	N1'	POB(N1')	-0.207
C6	G7(C6)	+0.368	H2a	G7(H2a)	+0.164
O6	G7(O6)	-0.321	H2b	G7(H2b)	+0.161
N7	G7(N7)	-0.222	H8	G7(H8)	+0.009
C8	G7(C8)	+0.207	H10a	POB(H1a)	+0.011
N9	G7(N9)	-0.161	H10b	POB(H1b)	+0.011
C10	POB(C1)	+0.129	H11a	POB(H2a)	+0.041
C11	POB(C2)	-0.049	H11b	POB(H2b)	+0.041
C12	POB(C3)	-0.095	H12a	POB(H3a)	+0.038
C13	POB(C4)	+0.295	H12b	POB(H3b)	+0.038
O13	POB(O4)	-0.319	H15	POB(H4')	+0.034
C14	POB(C3')	-0.056	H16	POB(H5')	+0.031
			H17	POB(H6')	+0.007
			H18	POB(H2')	+0.002

The sum of the partial charges are scaled to -0.076 in order to be the same as the unmodified G

**Table S2**  
**Torsion Angle Barriers for the POB ligand used in structure calculations**

$$E=V_o/2*[1 \pm \cos(m )]$$

,	$8.610/2 * (1 - \cos(2^\circ))$	trigonal
,	$-0.185/2 * (1 + \cos(3^\circ))$	tetrahedral
,	$1.07/2 * (1 + \cos(3^\circ))$	tetrahedral
,	$1.07/2 * (1 + \cos(3^\circ))$	tetrahedral
,	$-0.185/2 * (1 + \cos(3^\circ))$	tetrahedral
,	$80.0/2 * (1 - \cos(2^\circ))$	trigonal (very stiff)

**Table S3**  
**Proton and Carbon Chemical Shifts of the POB ligand in D<sub>2</sub>O Buffer, ppm**

	<sup>1</sup> H 5°C	<sup>1</sup> H 25 °C	ppm <sup>a</sup>	<sup>13</sup> C 25 °C
<b>POB(H1a/H1b)</b>	2.90	2.71	0.19	42.43
<b>POB(H2b)</b>	1.73	1.70	0.03	27.78
<b>POB(H2a)</b>	3.69	3.81	-0.12	73.48
<b>POB(H3a/H2b)</b>	2.76	2.66	0.10	41.55
<b>POB(H2')</b>	8.69	8.52	0.17	152.00
<b>POB(H4')</b>	7.92	7.73	0.19	139.85
<b>POB(H5')</b>	7.22	7.07	0.15	127.68
<b>POB(H6')</b>	8.42	8.32	0.10	143.21
<sup>a</sup> Temperature dependent proton chemical shift difference (value at 5 °C – value at 25 °C)				

**Table S4**

**Proton and Phosphorus Chemical Shifts of the O<sup>6</sup>-dG-POB-11mer Duplex in 100% D<sub>2</sub>O Buffer**

**Nonexchangeable Proton (5°C) and Phosphorus Chemical Shifts (25°C), ppm**

	<u>H8/H6</u>	<u>H5/H2/CH<sub>3</sub></u>	<u>H1'</u>	<u>H2', H2''</u>	<u>H3'</u>	<u>H4'</u>	<u>(n)-<sup>31</sup>P-(n + 1)<sup>a</sup></u>
<b>dC1</b>	7.69	5.84	5.90	2.05,2.46	4.60	4.05	-4.15
<b>dC2</b>	7.56	5.64	5.35	2.16,2.39	4.81	4.08	-3.79
<b>dA3</b>	8.37	7.66	6.27	2.73,2.96	5.00	4.42	-4.48
<b>dT4</b>	7.14	1.46	5.63	2.04,2.45	4.83	4.26	-4.21
<b>dA5</b>	8.18	7.07	6.12	2.50,2.81	4.92	4.35	-4.35
<b>dT6</b>	7.01	1.23	5.65	1.86,2.25	4.77	4.06	-4.01
<b>[POB]dG7</b>	7.78	---	5.63	2.58,2.58	4.89	4.24	-4.19
<b>dG8</b>	7.55	---	5.67	2.53,2.63	4.83	4.35	-3.98
<b>dC9</b>	7.45	5.22	5.96	2.21,2.47	4.75	4.20	-4.00
<b>dC10</b>	7.56	5.57	5.90	2.15,2.40	4.76	4.08	-3.99
<b>dC11</b>	7.60	5.66	6.18	2.21,2.21	4.51	3.97	
<b>dG12</b>	7.81	---	5.62	2.51,2.66	4.77	4.12	-4.00
<b>dG13</b>	7.68	---	5.65	2.61,2.65	4.95	4.32	-4.13
<b>dG14</b>	7.64	---	5.94	2.47,2.68	4.92	4.37	-4.26
<b>dC15</b>	7.21	5.19	5.80	2.02,2.20	4.78	4.11	-3.67
<b>dC16</b>	7.60	5.67	6.23	2.30,2.61	4.88	4.22	-4.52
<b>dA17</b>	8.14	7.44	6.13	2.52,2.86	4.88	4.35	-3.99
<b>dT18</b>	7.25	1.31	5.68	2.15,2.50	4.85	4.20	-4.00
<b>dA19</b>	8.23	7.14	6.16	2.54,2.86	4.85	4.36	-4.46
<b>dT20</b>	7.07	1.30	5.63	1.78,2.17	4.78	4.06	-4.13
<b>dG21</b>	7.76	---	5.54	2.58,2.63	4.90	4.29	-3.91
<b>dG22</b>	7.74	---	6.09	2.46,2.27	4.60	4.18	

<sup>a</sup> <sup>31</sup>P chemical shift corresponds to residue (n) in (n)-<sup>31</sup>P-(n + 1) step.

**Table S5****Proton Chemical Shifts of the [POB]dG·dC-11mer Duplex in 9:1 H<sub>2</sub>O/D<sub>2</sub>O Buffer****Exchangeable Proton Chemical Shifts, ppm 5°C**

	<u>G(NH1)/T(NH3)</u>	<u>C(NH<sub>2</sub>-4)-exposed</u>	<u>C(NH<sub>2</sub>-4)-bound</u>
<b>dC1·dG22</b>	13.14	6.93	7.89
<b>dC2·dG21</b>	12.84	6.94	8.53
<b>dA3·dT20</b>	13.69	---	---
<b>dT4·dA19</b>	13.23	---	---
<b>dA5·dT18</b>	13.28	---	---
<b>dT6·dA17</b>	13.20	---	---
<b>[POB]dG7·dC16</b>	---	7.11	7.26
<b>dG8·dC15</b>	12.57	6.61	8.19
<b>dC9·dG14</b>	13.07	6.36	8.14
<b>dC10·dG13</b>	13.14	6.93	8.50
<b>dC11·dG12</b>	12.92	7.16	8.25

**Table S6**

**Chemical Shift Differences ( ppm) between the [POB]dG·dC 11mer Duplex and Control 11-mer Duplex**

**Nonexchangeable Proton (5 °C) and phosphorus (25 °C)**

	<b>H8/H6</b>	<b>H5/H2 /CH<sub>3</sub></b>	<b>H1'</b>	<b>H2', H2''</b>	<b>H3'</b>	<b>H4'</b>	<b>(n)-<sup>31</sup>P-(n + 1)</b>
<b>dC1</b>	-0.07	-0.12	-0.10	-0.03,-0.04	+0.04	+0.0	+0.01
<b>dC2</b>	0.00	-0.04	0.00	-0.01,0.00	+0.04	+0.0	-0.02
<b>dA3</b>	-0.02	-0.04	-0.02	-0.02,-0.01	+0.03	+0.0	-0.01
<b>dT4</b>	+0.02	-0.01	0.00	+0.04,+0.01	+0.04	-0.08	-0.04
<b>dA5</b>	+0.03	+0.01	+0.02	+0.04,+0.04	+0.06	+0.0	-0.11
<b>dT6</b>	-0.01	+0.01	-0.02	-0.03,+0.01	+0.05	+0.0	-0.22
<b>[POB]dG7</b>	-0.05	---	-0.09	-0.01,+0.05	+0.06	+0.0	+0.18
<b>dT8</b>	+0.13	---	+0.12	-0.01,-0.01	+0.09	+0.0	-0.16
<b>dC9</b>	-0.14	-0.01	-0.10	-0.12,-0.06	+0.01	+0.0	+0.01
<b>dC10</b>	-0.11	-0.07	+0.09	+0.02,+0.03	+0.03	+0.0	-0.15
<b>dC11</b>	-0.16	-0.29	-0.07	-0.02,-0.02	+0.03	+0.0	
<b>dG12</b>	-0.03	---	-0.02	-0.02,-0.02	-0.02	+0.0	-0.02
<b>dG13</b>	+0.06	---	-0.02	+0.05,+0.10	+0.05	+0.0	+0.01
<b>dG14</b>	+0.04	---	-0.07	+0.04,-0.04	+0.04	+0.0	+0.03
<b>dC15</b>	+0.07	-0.01	+0.06	-0.01,+0.20	-0.01	+0.0	-0.56
<b>dC16</b>	-0.16	-0.16	-0.89	-0.22,-0.26	-0.22	-0.11	+0.62
<b>dA17</b>	+0.16	+0.08	+0.08	+0.13,+0.07	+0.13	+0.0	-0.50
<b>dT18</b>	-0.10	+0.18	-0.06	-0.07,-0.06	-0.07	0.00	-0.25
<b>dA19</b>	-0.02	-0.06	-0.01	-0.01,0.00	-0.01	+0.0	+0.01
<b>dT20</b>	-0.01	-0.01	0.00	+0.03,0.00	+0.03	+0.0	-0.01
<b>dG21</b>	-0.03	---	0.00	-0.01,0.00	-0.01	+0.0	-0.01
<b>dG22</b>	-0.07	---	-0.05	-0.18,-0.05	-0.18	+0.0	

**Exchangeable Proton Chemical Shift Difference, (Control – Modified), ppm 5°C**

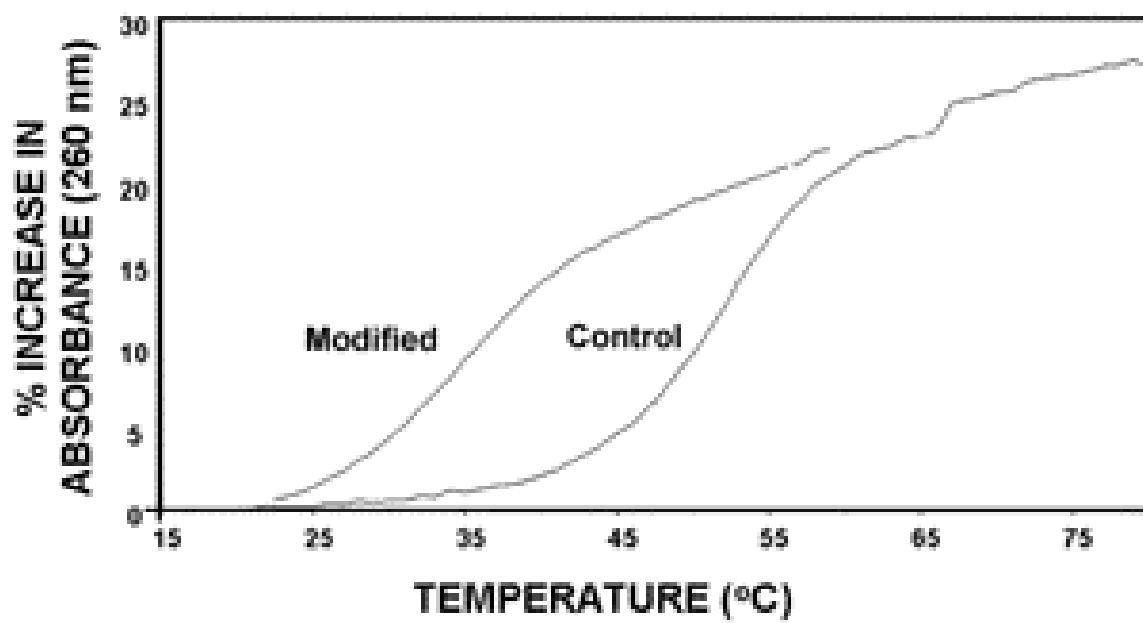
	G(NH1)	T(NH3)	C(NH <sub>2</sub> -4)-e	C(NH <sub>2</sub> -4)-b
<b>dC1·dG22</b>	-0.04	---	-0.06	+0.02
<b>dC2·dG21</b>	-0.05	---	-0.03	-0.03
<b>dA3·dT20</b>	---	-0.02	---	---
<b>dT4·dA19</b>	---	-0.03	---	---
<b>dA5·dT18</b>	---	-0.06	---	---
<b>dT6·dA17</b>	---	+0.31	---	---
<b>[POB]dG7·dC16</b>	---		-0.31	+1.12
<b>dG8·dC15</b>	+0.30		-0.30	-0.15
<b>dC9·dG14</b>	-0.12		+0.03	-0.06
<b>dC10·dG13</b>	-0.04		-0.04	-0.04
<b>dC11·dG12</b>	+0.05		-0.15	+0.05

**Table S7****Sugar Pseudorotation (P) and Glycosidic ( ) Torsion Angles (degrees)**

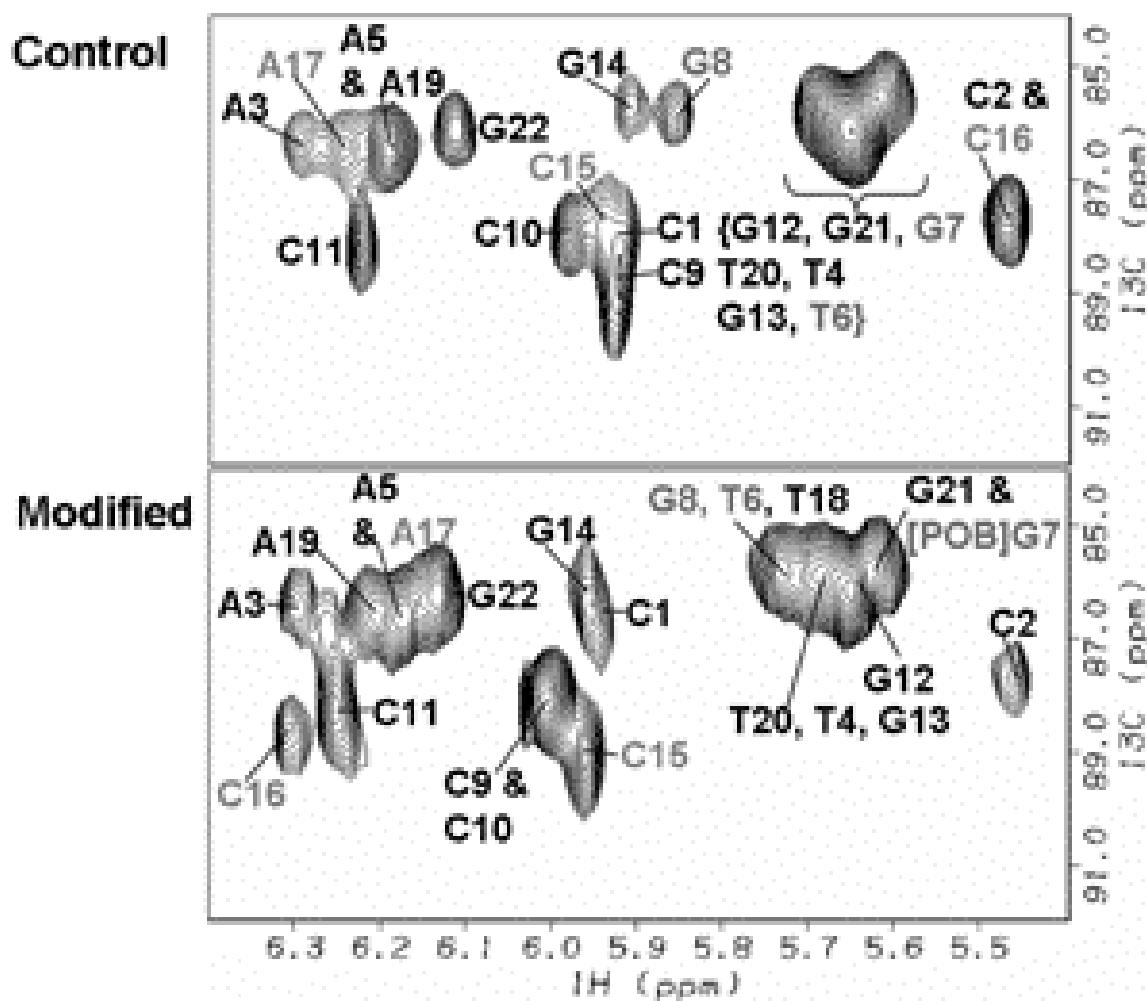
	Strand 1			Strand 2	
	P			P	
<b>C1</b>	170.21 ± 17.51	254.57 ± 5.72	<b>G12</b>	146.43 ± 36.70	231.50 ± 21.00
<b>C2</b>	171.43 ± 4.70	250.43 ± 1.91	<b>G13</b>	155.57 ± 11.21	242.43 ± 3.82
<b>A3</b>	156.36 ± 5.85	246.50 ± 2.38	<b>G14</b>	137.50 ± 32.63	234.07 ± 14.46
<b>T4</b>	155.07 ± 4.36	246.93 ± 2.89	<b>C15</b>	155.50 ± 5.19	239.50 ± 5.21
<b>A5</b>	157.50 ± 6.56	244.14 ± 4.44	<b>C16</b>	160.64 ± 4.29	241.64 ± 2.92
<b>T6</b>	115.71 ± 16.94	230.79 ± 5.09	<b>A17</b>	145.14 ± 10.85	243.36 ± 7.57
<b>[POB]G7</b>	129.07 ± 30.15	239.86 ± 8.68	<b>T18</b>	103.71 ± 21.28	224.07 ± 8.39
<b>G8</b>	145.64 ± 22.87	239.64 ± 8.54	<b>A19</b>	161.00 ± 6.68	246.14 ± 3.42
<b>C9</b>	117.07 ± 30.54	230.21 ± 8.46	<b>T20</b>	143.36 ± 11.08	242.86 ± 4.74
<b>C10</b>	101.57 ± 41.81	224.93 ± 12.65	<b>G20</b>	156.14 ± 10.16	246.71 ± 3.17
<b>C11</b>	112.00 ± 49.02	229.79 ± 7.98	<b>G21</b>	162.93 ± 6.03	254.36 ± 1.60

**Table S8**  
**Dihedral angles in the POB ligand**

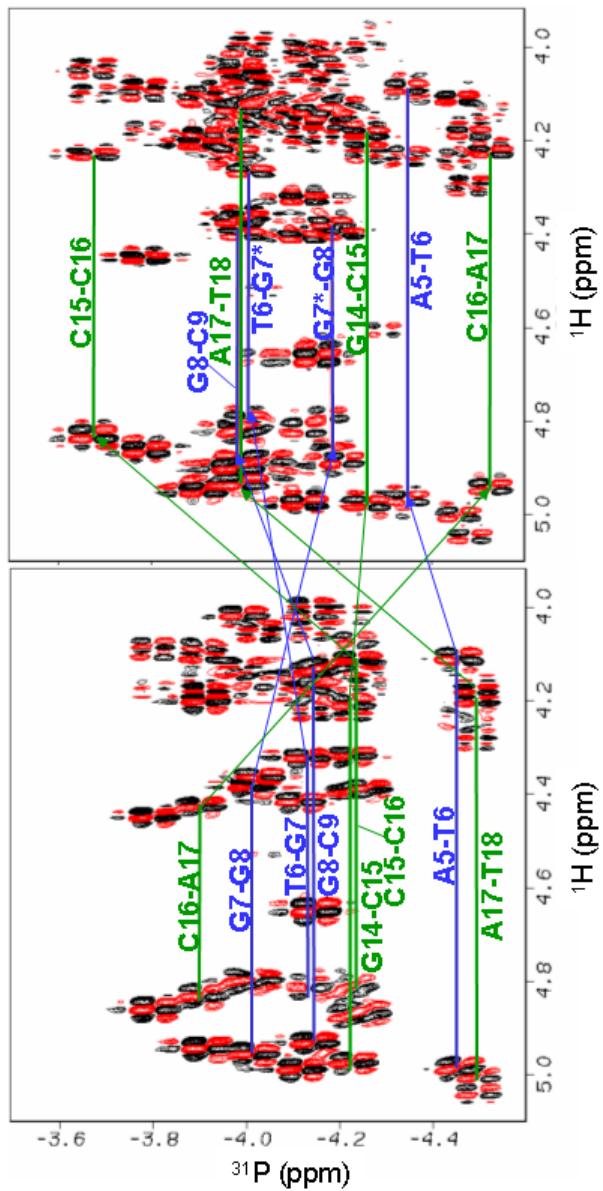
POB slightly 5' to plane of G7						
1	95	260	232	160	175	180
2	93	261	230	159	179	179
3	96	261	230	158	179	179
4	94	260	232	164	177	180
5	93	259	232	162	178	181
<b>Average</b>	<b>94.20</b>	<b>260.20</b>	<b>231.20</b>	<b>160.60</b>	<b>177.60</b>	<b>179.80</b>
<b>Standard deviation</b>	<b>1.30</b>	<b>0.84</b>	<b>1.10</b>	<b>2.41</b>	<b>1.67</b>	<b>0.84</b>
POB slightly 3' to plane of G7						
6	292	103	136	180	167	177
7	295	103	136	176	169	177
8	294	103	137	174	170	175
9	294	104	137	174	170	175
10	292	103	138	175	167	175
<b>Average</b>	<b>293.40</b>	<b>103.20</b>	<b>136.80</b>	<b>175.80</b>	<b>168.60</b>	<b>175.80</b>
<b>Standard deviation</b>	<b>1.34</b>	<b>0.45</b>	<b>0.84</b>	<b>2.49</b>	<b>1.52</b>	<b>1.10</b>



**Figure S1:** Melting curves for the [POB]dG.dC 11mer (left) and control 11 mer (right) duplexes dissolved in 20 mM sodium phosphate, 0.2 M NaCl, and 0.2 mM EDTA, pH 7,  $T_m = 35.1 \pm 1.0 \text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$  versus  $52.7 \text{ }^{\circ}\text{C} \pm 0.9 \text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$ , respectively.

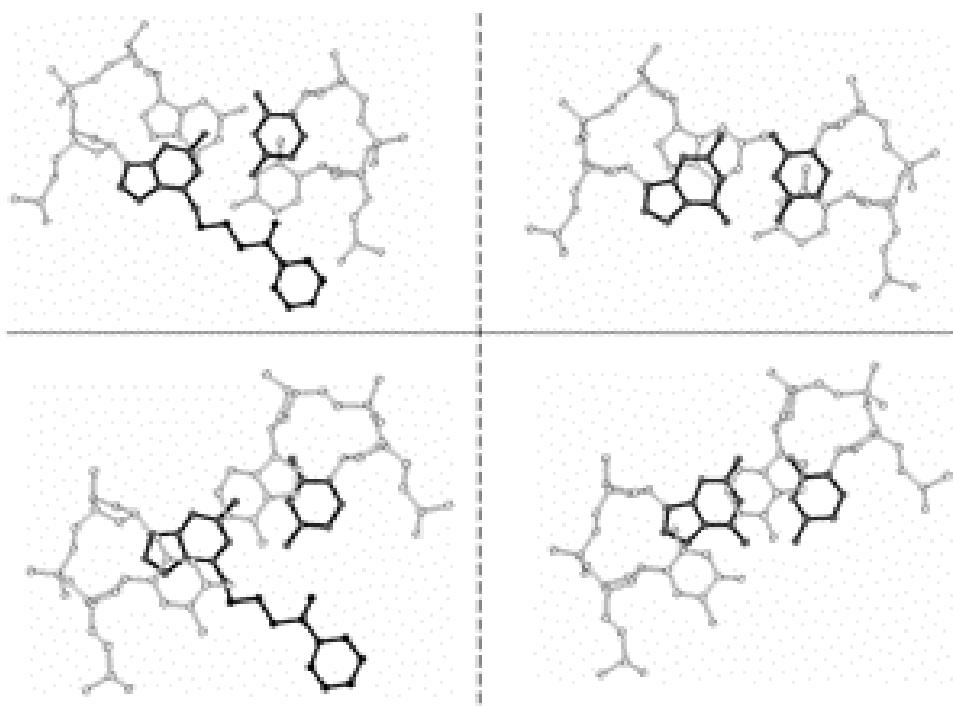


**Figure S2.** Expanded region of the natural abundance  $^{13}\text{C}$ - $^1\text{H}$  HMQC spectrum of the [POB]dG.dC duplex adduct in  $\text{D}_2\text{O}$  buffer at 25 oC showing correlations between the  $\text{H}1'$  and  $\text{C}1'$  chemical shifts.

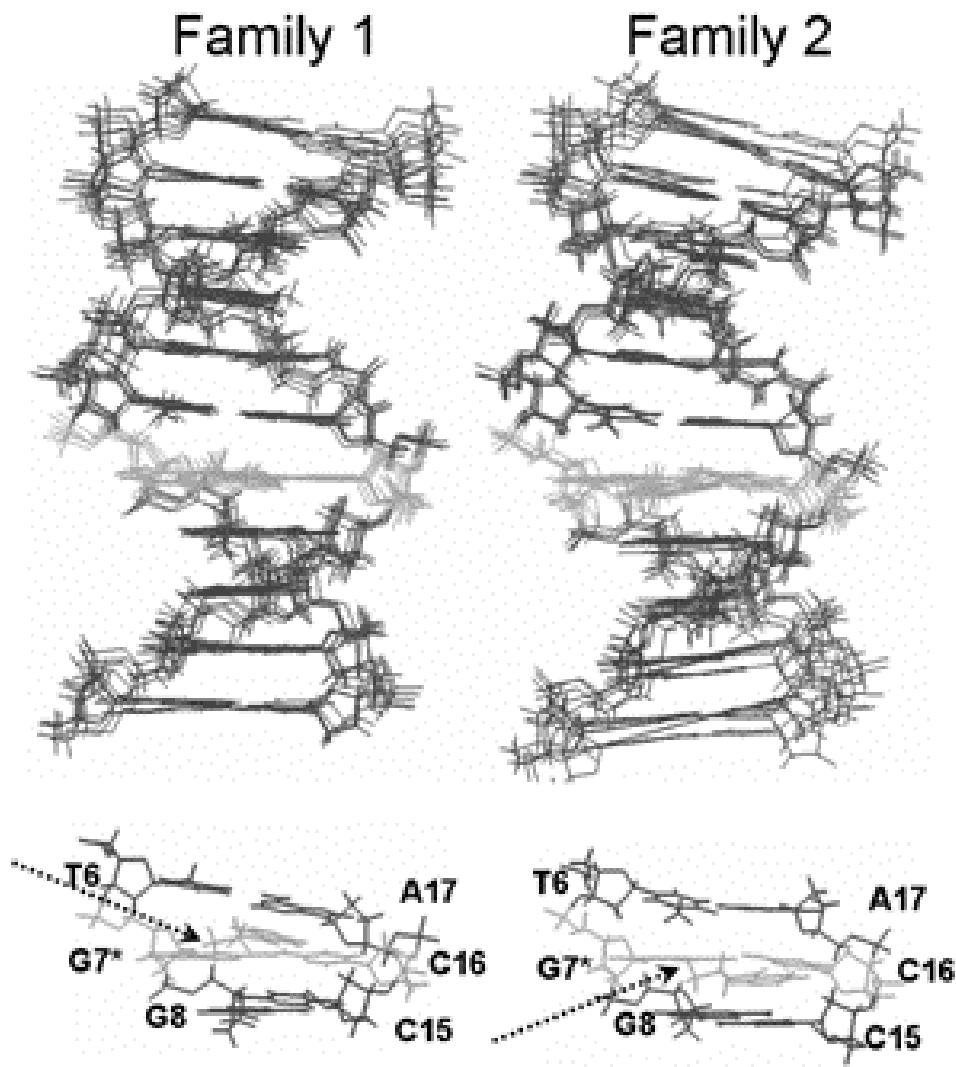


**Figure S3:** Proton-phosphorus HETCORR spectra for the [POB]dG.dC 11mer (top) and control 11mer (bottom) duplexes in  $\text{D}_2\text{O}$  buffer at 25 °C. The lines (blue, modified strand; green complimentary strand) designate correlations for the 5mer segment d(A5-T6-G7-G8-C9).d(G14-C15-C16-A17-T18) between the phosphorus and the nth residue's  $\text{H}3'$  proton to n+1 residue's  $\text{H}4'$  proton.

## ADDUCT DUPLEX versus CONTROL DUPLEX



**Figure S4:** Comparison of the base stacking interactions between the modified (left) and control (right) duplexes at the d([POB]G7-G8).d(C15-C16) (top) and d(T6-[POB]dG7).d(C16-A17) (bottom) steps. The modified base pair and POB ligand are shown in black.



**Figure S5:** Family 1 is comprised of 5 structures having the lowest energy ( $-488.73 \pm 3.84$  kcal/mol), best goodness of fit to the NMR data and pairwise rmsd value of  $0.68 \pm 0.18$ . In these structures, The POB ligand is slightly 5' of the modified G, as designated by the dotted arrow. Family 2 is also comprised of 5 structures, but has higher energy ( $-480.14 \pm 11.31$  kcal/mol) and pairwise rmsd of  $0.75 \pm 0.20$ . The POB ligand is slightly 3' to the modified G, as designated by the dotted arrow.