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## 1. Description

<b>Components</b>	<b>130-100-106:</b> 200 µg lyophilized ODN 1 mL 1× TE Buffer or <b>130-100-105:</b> 1 mg lyophilized ODN 1 mL 1× TE Buffer.
<b>Description</b>	B-class CpG oligodeoxyribonucleotide (ODN).
<b>Product format</b>	Lyophilized product without carrier protein or preservatives.
<b>Sequence</b>	dT*dC*dG*dT*dC*dG*dT*dT*dT*dG*dT* dC*dG*dT*dT*dT*dG*dT*dC*dG*dT*dT* * Phosphorothioate backbone
<b>Endotoxin level</b>	Low endotoxin (<1 EU/mg) as determined by kinetic Limulus Amebocyte Lysate (LAL) assay.
<b>Storage</b>	Store lyophilized product at -20 °C. Upon reconstitution, aliquots should be stored at -20 °C and are stable for 6 months. Avoid repeated freeze-thaw cycles. The expiration date is indicated on the vial label.

## 2. Background information

TLR9 is a prominent member of the toll-like-receptor (TLR) family recognizing pathogen-associated molecular patterns. TLR9 recognizes specifically unmethylated CpG motifs in bacterial DNA leading to activation of immune cells<sup>1,2</sup>. These effects can be mimicked by short synthetic ODNs containing unmethylated CpG motifs<sup>3</sup>. Several classes of CpG ODNs have been identified and can be distinguished by their effects on certain cell types<sup>4</sup>. A-class

ODNs containing 5' and 3' G-rich stretches induce high levels of type I IFN but show low activation of B cell proliferation<sup>5</sup>. B-class ODNs activate B cells and TLR9-dependent NF-κB signaling in recombinant cell lines but show low induction of IFN-α. C-class ODNs induce high amounts of IFN-α and activate B cells<sup>6</sup>. The recently discovered P-Class ODNs show similar but superior properties to C-class ODNs.<sup>7</sup>

## 3. Applications

### 3.1 General applications

- CpG ODNs can be used for activation of immune cells, such as human PBMCs, murine splenocytes, or isolated immune cells (e.g., B cells and pDCs).
- CpG ODNs can be used to activate signaling in TLR9-expressing recombinant cell lines.

### 3.2 Specific applications

- B-class ODNs are useful for B cell activation and IL-6 induction from human PBMCs and activation of NF-κB-signaling pathways.

## 4. Instructions for use

### 4.1 Recommended concentrations

Recommended concentrations for use are

for human and murine immune cells: 0.05–2 µM

for recombinant cell lines: 0.05–10 µM

▲ An excessively high concentration of ODNs may result in decreased activity. Therefore, the optimal concentration range should be determined for individual assay systems.

### 4.2 Reconstitution protocol

1. Spin down pellet.
2. a) For 200 µg lyophilized ODN:  
To obtain a 200 µM solution resuspend pellet in 130 µL of 1× TE Buffer.  
▲ **Note:** Alternatively, PBS or water can be used for reconstitution.
- b) For 1 mg lyophilized ODN:  
To obtain a 200 µM solution resuspend pellet in 650 µL of 1× TE Buffer.  
▲ **Note:** Alternatively, PBS or water can be used for reconstitution.
3. Vortex and incubate overnight at 4 °C.
4. Store aliquots at -20 °C.

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