## Effect of Steric Constraint at the γ-Backbone Position on the Conformations and Hybridization Properties of PNAs

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**Figure S1.** HPLC trace of the crude PNA7 oligomer. Eluent A: 0.1% TFA in water and eluent B: 0.1% TFA in ACN. The gradient was 0-40% of eluent B in 40 minutes at 45°C with a flow rate of 3.0 mL/min.



**Figure S2.** MALDI-TOF profile of PNA7 oligomer. Mass calculated: 3157.0, observed 3158.73, 3180.63 ( $3157.0 + Na^+$ ), and 1668.13 (1/2 mass).

Oligomer Name	Mass Calculated (m/z)	Experimental Mass (m/z)
PNA1 (Unmodified)	2887	2885
PNA2 (Alanine Mod)	2901	2899
PNA3 (Valine Mod)	2929	2927
PNA4 (Isoleucine Mod)	2943	2942
PNA5 (Phenylalanine Mod)	2977	2976
PNA6 (Phenylalanine 3 Alt Mod)	3157	3158
PNA7 (Phenylalanine 3 Con Mod)	3157	3158
PNA8 (Valine 3 Alt Mod)	3011	3008
PNA9 (Valine 3 Con Mod)	3011	3008

**Figure S3.** Calculated and observed masses (MALDI-TOF MS) for the PNA and  $\gamma$ -Modified PNA oligomers utilized in the studies.



**Figure S4.** UV-melting curves of PNA1-DNA and PNA5-DNA duplexes containing perfectly matched sequences. The samples were prepared in buffer containing 0.1 mM EDTA, 100 mM NaCl, 10 mM sodium phosphate (pH 7.0) at  $5\mu$ M duplex strand concentration each. The T<sub>m</sub>s were determined by taking the first derivatives of the UV-melting curves.



**Figure S5.** UV-melting curves of PNA1-DNA duplexes containing perfectly matched (PM) and mismatch (MM) sequences. The samples were prepared in buffer containing 0.1 mM EDTA, 100 mM NaCl, 10 mM sodium phosphate (pH 7.0) at  $5\mu$ M duplex strand concentration each. The T<sub>m</sub>s were determined by taking the first derivatives of the UV-melting curves.



**Figure S6.** UV-melting curves of PNA2-DNA duplexes containing perfectly matched (PM) and mismatch (MM) sequences. The samples were prepared in buffer containing 0.1 mM EDTA, 100 mM NaCl, 10 mM sodium phosphate (pH 7.0) at  $5\mu$ M duplex strand concentration each. The T<sub>m</sub>s were determined by taking the first derivatives of the UV-melting curves.



**Figure S7.** UV-melting curves of PNA3-DNA duplexes containing perfectly matched (PM) and mismatch (MM) sequences. The samples were prepared in buffer containing 0.1 mM EDTA, 100 mM NaCl, 10 mM sodium phosphate (pH 7.0) at  $5\mu$ M duplex strand concentration each. The T<sub>m</sub>s were determined by taking the first derivatives of the UV-melting curves.



**Figure S8.** UV-melting curves of PNA4-DNA duplexes containing perfectly matched (PM) and mismatch (MM) sequences. The samples were prepared in buffer containing 0.1 mM EDTA, 100 mM NaCl, 10 mM sodium phosphate (pH 7.0) at  $5\mu$ M duplex strand concentration each. The T<sub>m</sub>s were determined by taking the first derivatives of the UV-melting curves.



**Figure S9.** UV-melting curves of PNA5-DNA duplexes containing perfectly matched (PM) and mismatch (MM) sequences. The samples were prepared in buffer containing 0.1 mM EDTA, 100 mM NaCl, 10 mM sodium phosphate (pH 7.0) at  $5\mu$ M duplex strand concentration each. The T<sub>m</sub>s were determined by taking the first derivatives of the UV-melting curves.



**Figure S10.** UV-melting curves of PNA6-DNA duplexes containing perfectly matched (PM) and mismatch (MM) sequences. The samples were prepared in buffer containing 0.1 mM EDTA, 100 mM NaCl, 10 mM sodium phosphate (pH 7.0) at  $5\mu$ M duplex strand concentration each. The T<sub>m</sub>s were determined by taking the first derivatives of the UV-melting curves.



**Figure S11.** UV-melting curves of PNA7-DNA duplexes containing perfectly matched (PM) and mismatch (MM) sequences. The samples were prepared in buffer containing 0.1 mM EDTA, 100 mM NaCl, 10 mM sodium phosphate (pH 7.0) at  $5\mu$ M duplex strand concentration each. The T<sub>m</sub>s were determined by taking the first derivatives of the UV-melting curves.



**Figure S12.** UV-melting curves of PNA8-DNA duplexes containing perfectly matched (PM) and mismatch (MM) sequences. The samples were prepared in buffer containing 0.1 mM EDTA, 100 mM NaCl, 10 mM sodium phosphate (pH 7.0) at  $5\mu$ M duplex strand concentration each. The T<sub>m</sub>s were determined by taking the first derivatives of the UV-melting curves.



**Figure S13.** UV-melting curves of PNA9-DNA duplexes containing perfectly matched (PM) and mismatch (MM) sequences. The samples were prepared in buffer containing 0.1 mM EDTA, 100 mM NaCl, 10 mM sodium phosphate (pH 7.0) at  $5\mu$ M duplex strand concentration each. The T<sub>m</sub>s were determined by taking the first derivatives of the UV-melting curves.





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