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Four New DNA Building Blocks

Representative synthesis of dS phosphoramidite:

Significance: An artificial genetic system, hachimoji DNA (from Japanese ‘eight letters’) has been obtained using novel nucleotides P, B, Z, and S in combination with standard nucleotides. Hachimoji DNA builds structures with properties similar to those of natural DNA and can be transcribed into hachimoji RNA.

Comment: The synthesis of hachimoji DNA involves the novel purines P and B and the pyrimidines Z and S analogues. The representative synthesis of dS phosphoramidite was reported previously by Benner and co-workers in *Bioorg. Med. Chem.* **2009**, 17, 3728.

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