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- $\Delta G = 1.26 \text{ kcal/mol at } 54 \,^{\circ}\text{C}$
- $\Delta H = -54.80 \text{ kcal/mol}$
- $\Delta S = -171.3 \text{ cal/}(K \cdot \text{mol})$
- $T_m = 46.6$ °C assuming a 2 state model.
- linear DNA folding.
- Ionic conditions: [Na⁺] = 0.05 M, [Mg⁺⁺] = 0 M.
- Standard errors are roughly $\pm 5\%$, $\pm 10\%$, $\pm 11\%$ and 2-4 °C for free energy, enthalpy, entropy and T_m , respectively.

Structure 2 $0F_CGTGT_end$ $\Delta G = 1.26$

Structural element	δG	Information
External loop	0.00	1 ss bases & 1 closing helices.
Stack	-0.70	External closing pair is c ¹ -G ³⁰
Stack	-0.70	External closing pair is a ² -T ²⁹
Stack	-1.35	External closing pair is c ³ -G ²⁸
Stack	-0.56	External closing pair is g ⁴ -C ²⁷
Stack	-0.70	External closing pair is a ⁵ -T ²⁶
Helix	-4.01	6 base pairs.
Hairpin loop	5.27	Closing pair is c ⁶ -G ²⁵