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- $\Delta G = 0.91 \text{ kcal/mol at } 54 \,^{\circ}\text{C}$
- $\Delta H = -46.40 \text{ kcal/mol}$
- $\Delta S = -144.6 \text{ cal/(K·mol)}$
- $T_m = 47.7$  °C assuming a 2 state model.
- linear DNA folding.
- Ionic conditions: [Na<sup>+</sup>] = 0.05 M, [Mg<sup>++</sup>] = 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 1 24Jun24-07-38-54  $\Delta G = 0.91$ 

Structural element	δG	Information
External loop	-0.21	4 ss bases & 1 closing helices.
Stack	-1.35	External closing pair is c <sup>2</sup> -G <sup>24</sup>
Stack	-0.70	External closing pair is g <sup>3</sup> -C <sup>23</sup>
Stack	-0.70	External closing pair is t <sup>4</sup> -A <sup>22</sup>
Stack	-0.70	External closing pair is g <sup>5</sup> -C <sup>21</sup>
Helix	-3.45	5 base pairs.
Hairpin loop	4.57	Closing pair is t <sup>6</sup> -A <sup>20</sup>