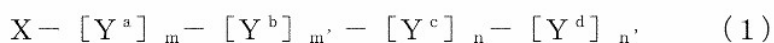
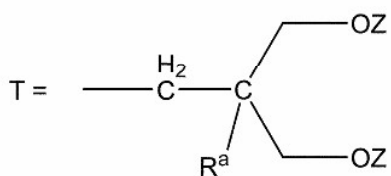
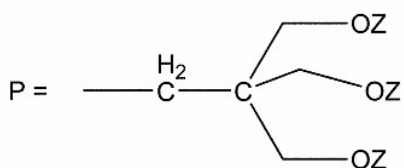


ABSTRACT

There is provided at low cost a branched multi-hydroxyl-protected oligomer represented by Formula (1):



wherein X is a reactive group, Y^a to Y^d are at least one selected from the group consisting of P, T, G, and A represented by Formula (3); m is 1; m' is an integer of 1 to 3; n is an integer of 0 to 9; and n' is an integer of 0 to 27 (except when the compound represented by Formula (1) is $X-G_1G_1$, $X-G_1G_2$, $X-G_1A_1$, or $X-G_1A_2$), which can be synthesized with a good yield via few reaction steps by means of a simple method, and is extremely effective in improving water solubility of a target compound.



(3)

