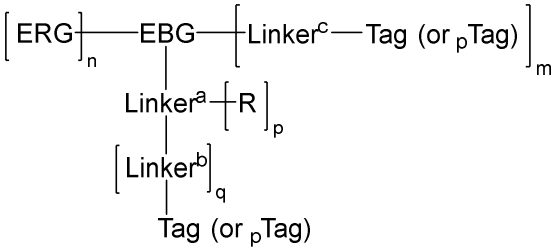
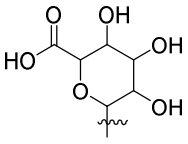
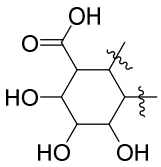
CLAIMS

1. A probe having a structure satisfying Formula II

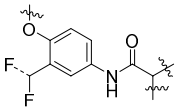


Formula II

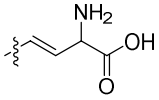
wherein

ERG, if present, is  ;  ; $S(O)_2OH$, or an anionic form thereof; $P(O)(OH)_2$, or an anionic form thereof; a halogen; or -OPh-CH_2-ONO_2;

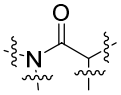
EBG has a structure satisfying a formula selected from Formulas IIA_{EBG}- IIJ_{EBG}



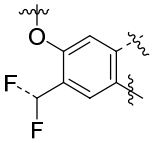
Formula IIA_{EBG};



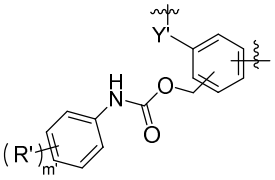
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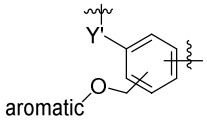
Formula IIC_{EBG};



Formula IID_{EBG};



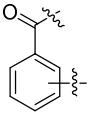
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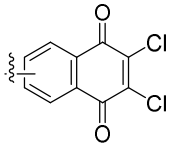
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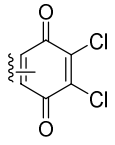
Formula IIG_{EBG};



Formula IIH_{EBG};



Formula III_{EBG}; or



Formula IIJ_{EBG}

wherein Y is CH_3 or CF_3; Y' is O, NO_2, or -N=NR'', wherein R'' is a dye or other reporting moiety;

and m' is an integer selected from 0 to 5; and R' is selected from aldehyde, ketone, ester, carboxylic acid, acyl, acyl halide, cyano, sulfonate, nitro, nitroso, quaternary amine, CF_3, alkyl halide, or combinations thereof;

Linker^a comprises an aliphatic group, a heteroaliphatic group, an aromatic group, an aliphatic-aromatic group, a heteroaliphatic-aromatic group, a heteroaromatic group, an aliphatic-heteroaromatic group, or a heteroaliphatic-heteroaromatic group;

each of Linker^b, and Linker^c, if present, independently comprises an aliphatic group, a heteroaliphatic group, an aromatic group, an aliphatic-aromatic group, a heteroaliphatic-aromatic group, a heteroaromatic group, an aliphatic-heteroaromatic group, or a heteroaliphatic-heteroaromatic group;

R, if present, is a group comprising a carbamate or a carbonate; and

each of n, m, p, and q independently is 0 or 1;

provided that one of the following applies:

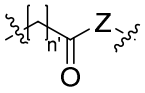
(a) one or more Tags are present, and each Tag is independently a fluorophore, a binding partner of an affinity-based binding pair, a quantum dot, or a dye; or

(b) one or more $_p$Tags are present and each $_p$Tag is independently an azide or an alkyne.

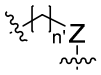
2. The probe of claim 1, wherein Linker^a is a linker group having a structure satisfying a formula selected from Formulas $IIA_{Linkera}$-$IIH_{Linkera}$



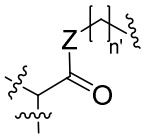
Formula $IIA_{linkera}$



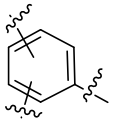
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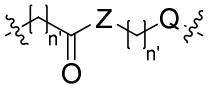
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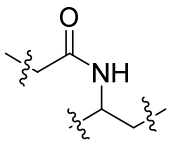
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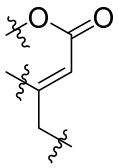
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Formula $IIF_{linkera}$



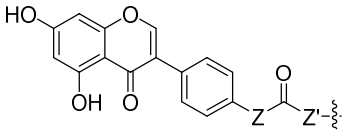
Formula $IIG_{linkera}$



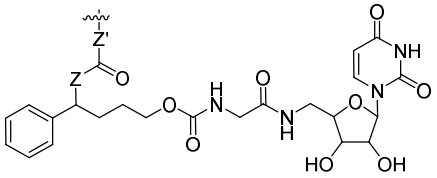
Formula $IIH_{linkera}$

wherein each n' independently is an integer ranging from 1 to 50; Z is oxygen or NR'", wherein R'" is hydrogen, aliphatic, or aromatic; and Q is carbon, oxygen or NR'", wherein R'" is hydrogen, aliphatic, or aromatic.

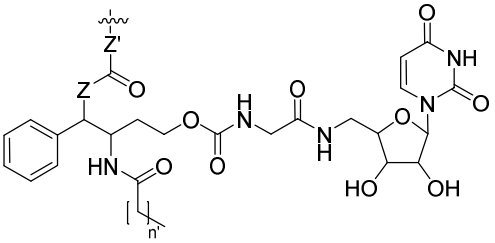
3. The probe of claim 1 or claim 2, wherein R is present and has a structure satisfying any one or more Formulas IIA_R- IID_R



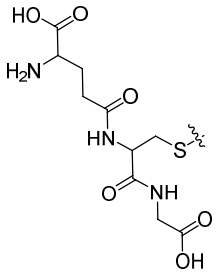
Formula IIA_R



Formula IIB_R



Formula IIC_R

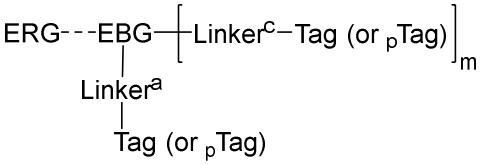


Formula IID_R

wherein Z and Z' independently are oxygen or NR'", wherein R'" is hydrogen, aliphatic, or aromatic; and n' is an integer ranging from 0 to 50.

4. The probe of claim 1, wherein the one or more Tags independently are rhodamine, fluorescein, or biotin.

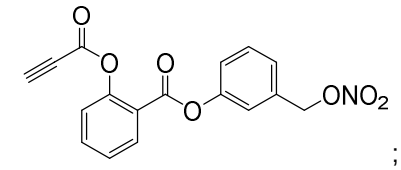
5. The probe of claim 1, wherein the compound has a structure satisfying Formula IIIA

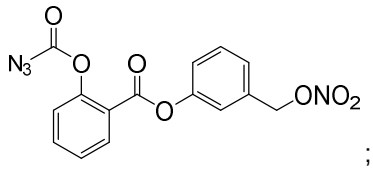


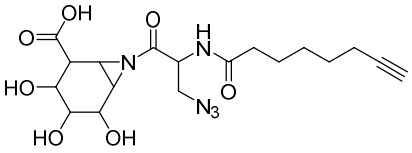
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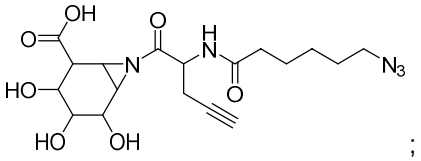
6. The probe of claim 5, wherein $Linker^a$ is an ester group, an $-O(CH_2)_{n'}NR'''C(O)(CH_2)_{n'}-$ group, or a $-(CH_2)_{n'}-$ group, wherein each n' independently is an integer ranging from 1 to 20 and wherein R'" is hydrogen, aliphatic, or aromatic.

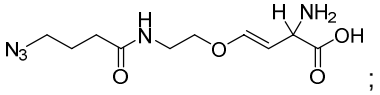
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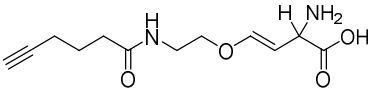

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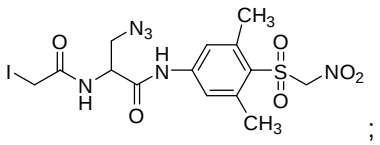

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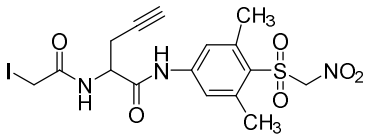

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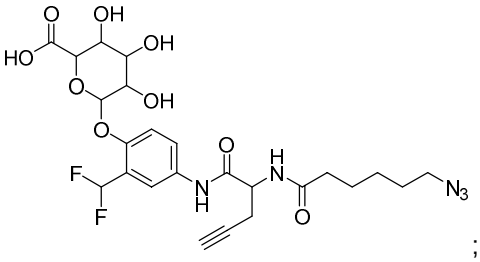

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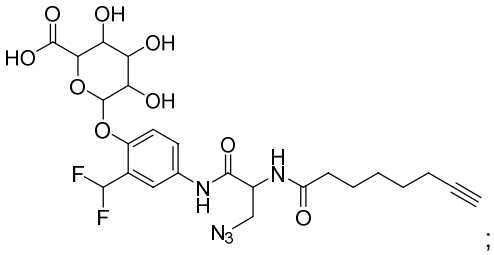

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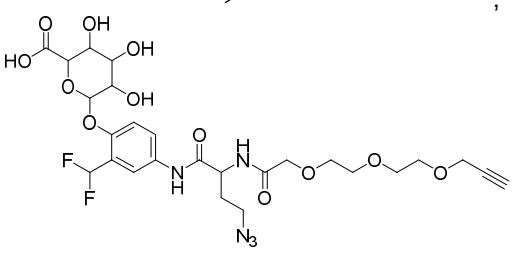

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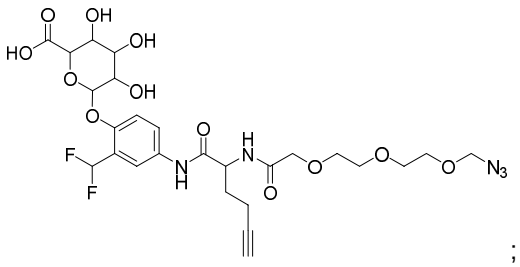

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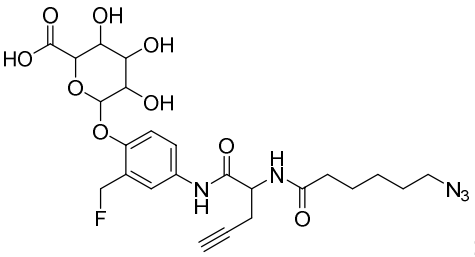

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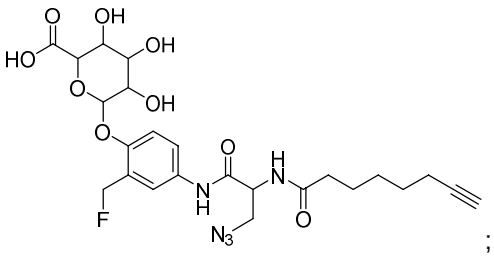

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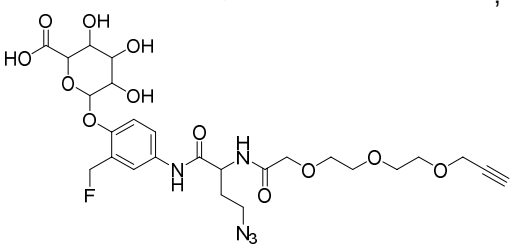

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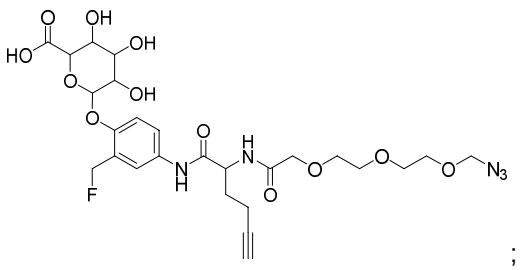

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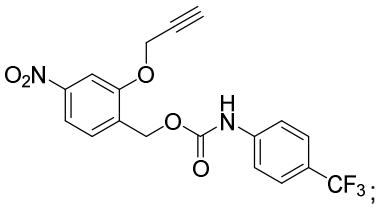

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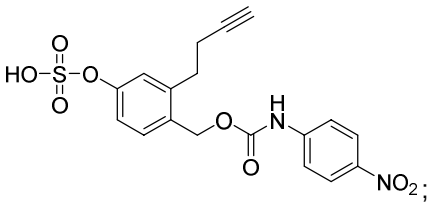

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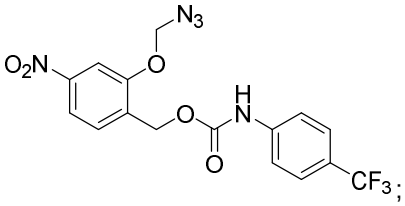

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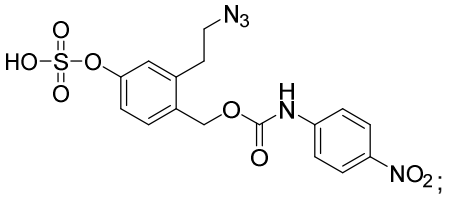

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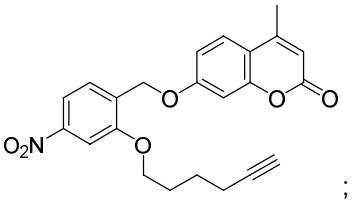

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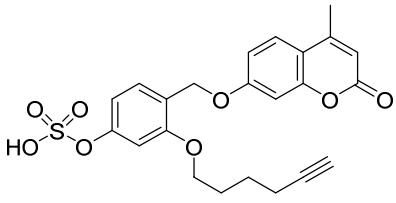
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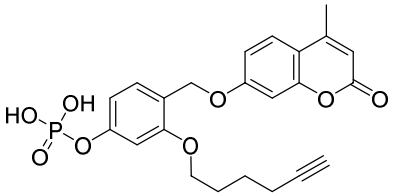
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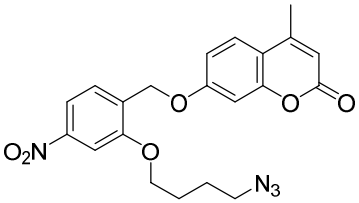
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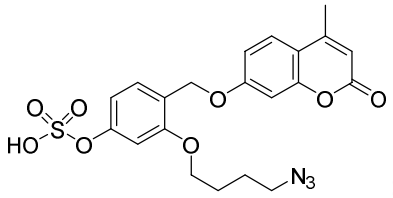
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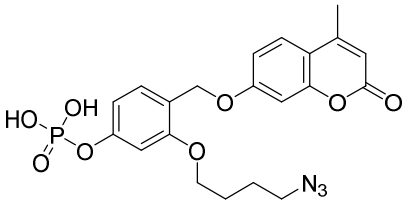
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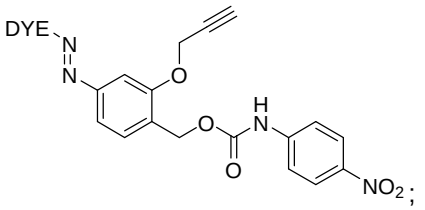
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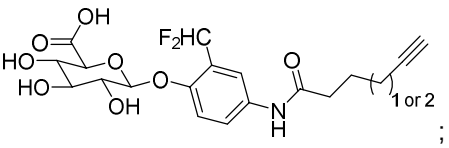
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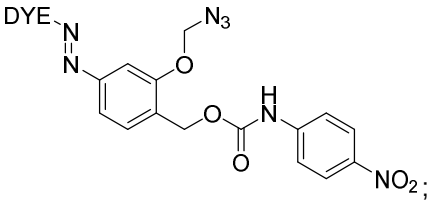
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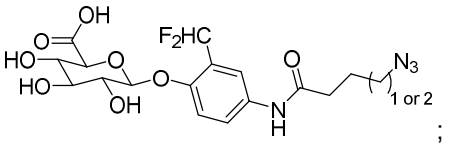
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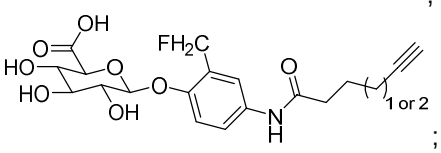
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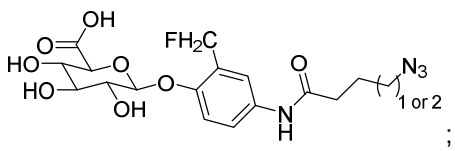
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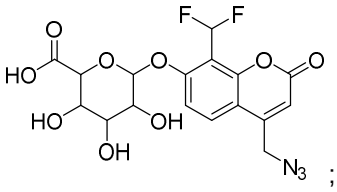
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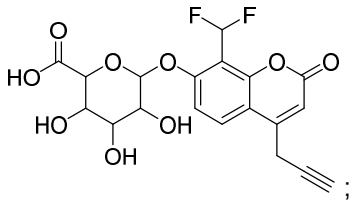
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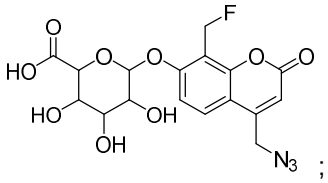
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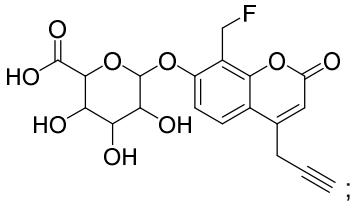
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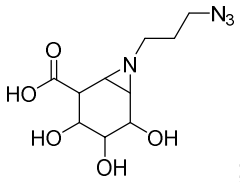
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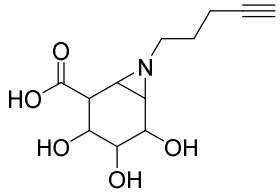

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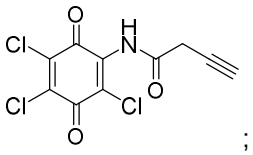

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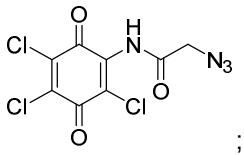

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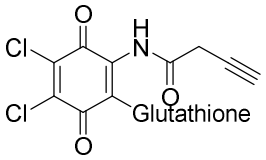

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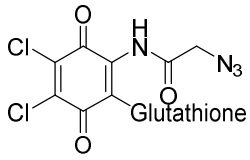

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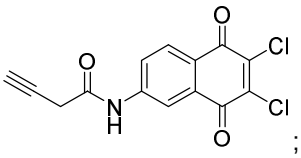

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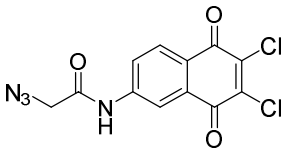

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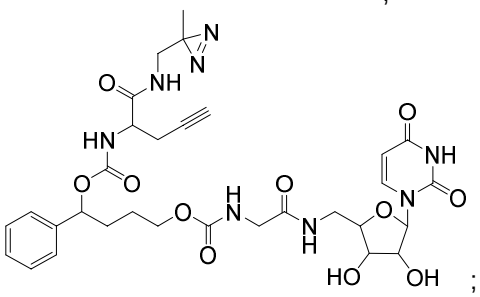

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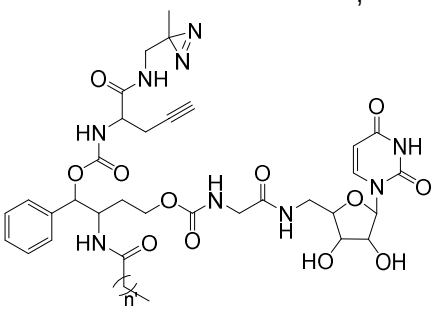

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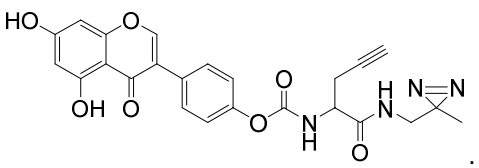

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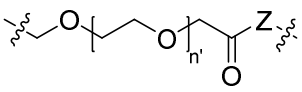

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wherein n’ is 0 to 50; or

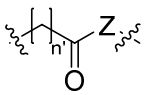

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8. The probe of claim 1, wherein Linker^b is present and comprises a -$(CH_2)_{n'}$- group, wherein n' is an integer ranging from 1 to 50; an amide group; or a combination thereof.

9. The probe of claim 1, wherein Linker^c is present and has a structure satisfying Formula $IIA_{Linkerc}$ or Formula $IIB_{Linkerc}$



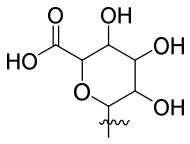
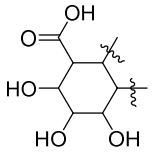
Formula $IIA_{Linkerc}$



Formula $IIB_{Linkerc}$

wherein n' is an integer ranging from 0 to 50; and Z is oxygen or NR'", wherein R"' is hydrogen, aliphatic, or aromatic.

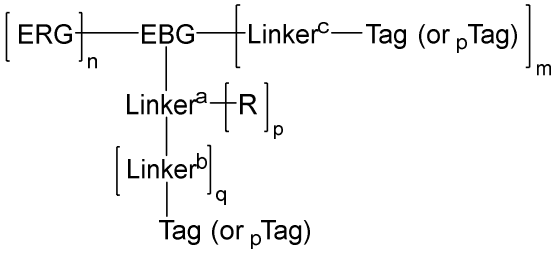
10. The probe of claim 5, wherein the ERG is present and is iodo; -OPh-CH_2-ONO_2;


or

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11. The probe of claim 5, wherein m is 1 and Linker^c is an -NR"'C(O)$(CH_2)_{n'}$- group or an –NR"'C(O)$CH_2[O(CH_2)_2]_{n'}OCH_2$- group, wherein each n' independently is an integer ranging from 1 to 20 and wherein R"' is hydrogen, aliphatic, or aromatic.

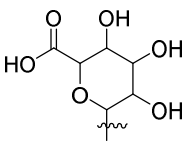
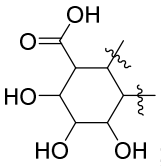
12. The probe of claim 5, wherein m is 1.

13. A probe having a structure satisfying Formula II

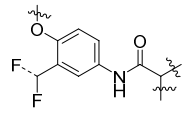


Formula II

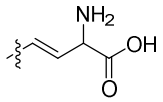
wherein

ERG is

or

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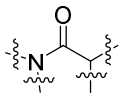
EBG has a structure satisfying a formula selected from



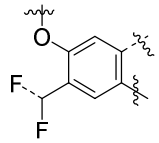
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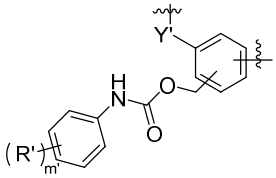
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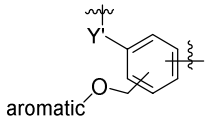
Formula IIC_{EBG};



Formula IID_{EBG};



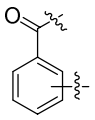
Formula IIE_{EBG}



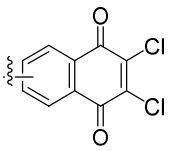
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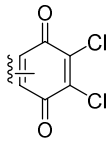
Formula IIG_{EBG};



Formula IIH_{EBG};



Formula III_{EBG};
or



Formula IIJ_{EBG}

wherein Y' is O; m' is an integer selected from 0 to 5; and each occurrence of R' is independently selected from aldehyde, ketone, ester, carboxylic acid, acyl, acyl halide, cyano, sulfonate, nitro, nitroso, quaternary amine, CF_3, alkyl halide, or combinations thereof;

$Linker^a$ comprises an aliphatic group, a heteroaliphatic group, an aromatic group, an aliphatic-aromatic group, a heteroaliphatic-aromatic group, a heteroaromatic group, an aliphatic-heteroaromatic group, or a heteroaliphatic-heteroaromatic group;

each of $Linker^b$, and $Linker^c$, if present, independently comprises an aliphatic group, a heteroaliphatic group, an aromatic group, an aliphatic-aromatic group, a heteroaliphatic-aromatic group, a heteroaromatic group, an aliphatic-heteroaromatic group, or a heteroaliphatic-heteroaromatic group;

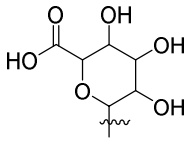
R, if present, is a group comprising a carbamate or a carbonate;

each of n, m, p, and q independently is 0 or 1; and

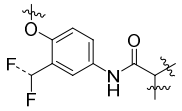
provided that one of the following applies:

(a) one or more Tags are present, and each Tag is independently a fluorophore, a binding partner of an affinity-based binding pair, a quantum dot, or a dye; or

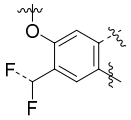
(b) one or more $_p$Tags are present, and each $_p$Tag is independently an azide or an alkyne.

14. The probe of claim 13, wherein the ERG is .

15. The probe of claim 13, wherein the EBG has a structure satisfying a formula selected form

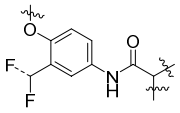


Formula IIA$_{EBG}$; or



Formula IID$_{EBG}$.

16. The probe of claim 13, wherein the EBG has a structure satisfying a formula of



Formula IIA$_{EBG}$.

17. The probe of claim 13, wherein Linker^{b} and R are absent and wherein q and m are 0.

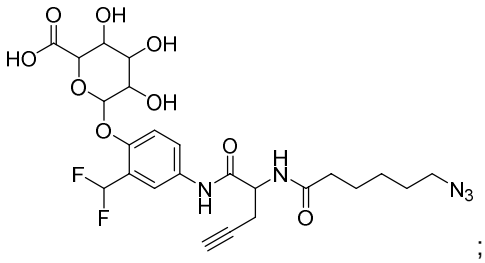
18. The probe of claim 13, wherein Linker^{a} is an -O(CH$_2$)$_{n'}$NR'''C(O)(CH$_2$)$_{n'}$- group, or a -(CH$_2$)$_{n'}$- group, wherein each n' independently is an integer ranging from 1 to 20 and wherein R''' is hydrogen, aliphatic, or aromatic.

19. The probe of claim 13, wherein the one or more Tags are present.

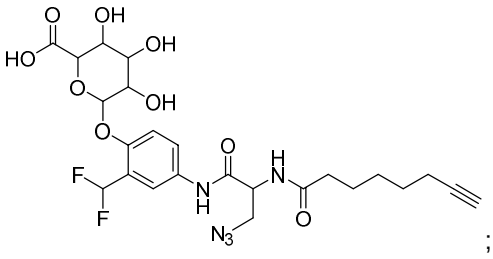
20. The probe of claim 13, wherein the one or more $_{p}$Tags are present.

21. The probe of claim 13, wherein n is 1.

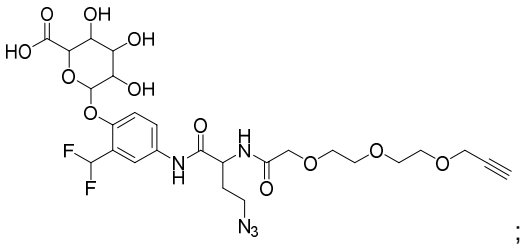
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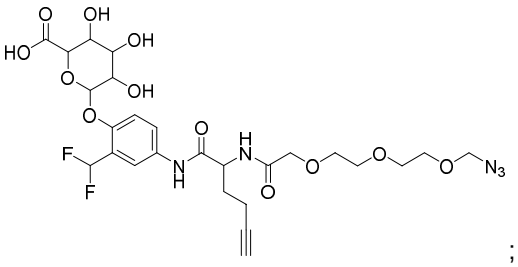


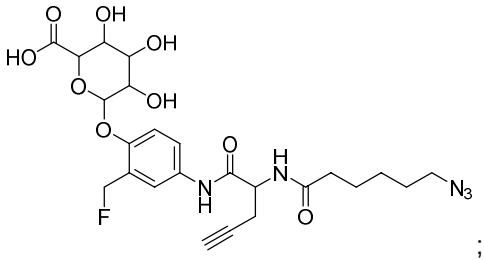
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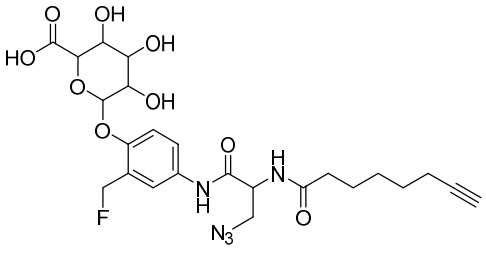


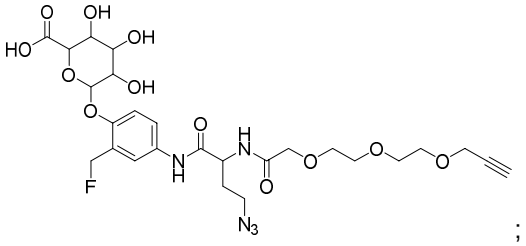
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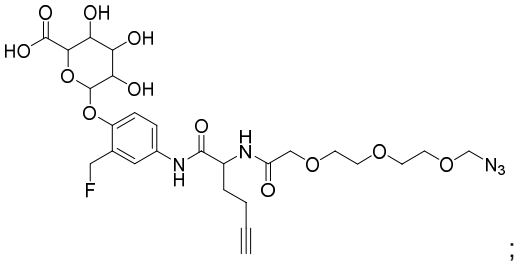

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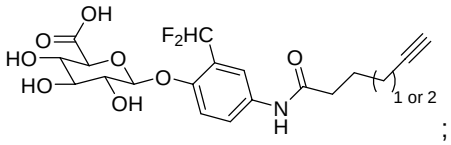

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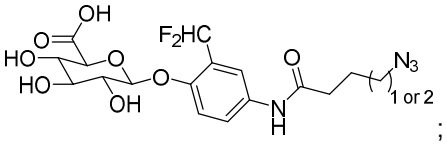

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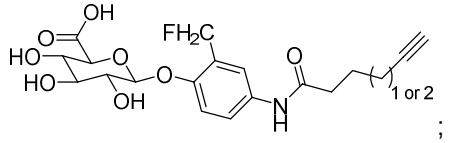

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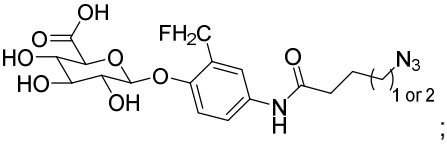

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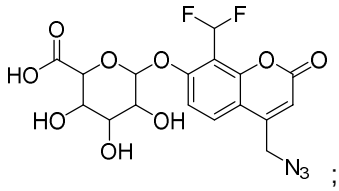

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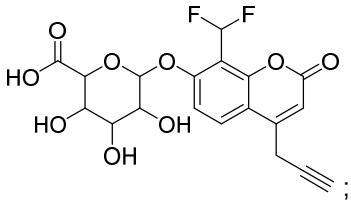

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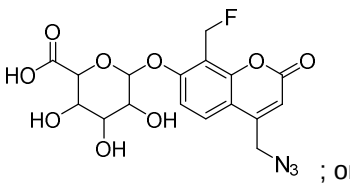

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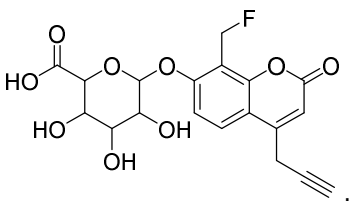

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