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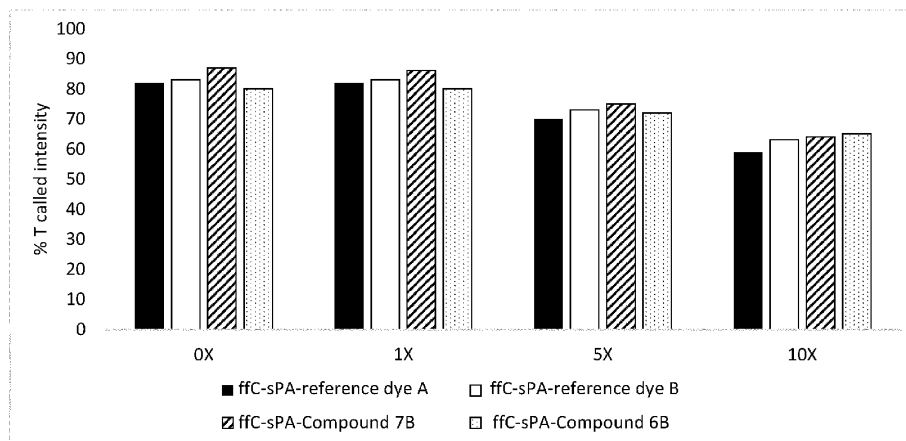


FIG.4

(57) Abstract: Embodiments of the present disclosure relate to cyclooctatetraene containing dyes and their uses as fluorescent labels. Also provided are composition containing cyclooctatetraene. The dyes and compositions may be used in various biological applications, such as nucleic acid sequencing.

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