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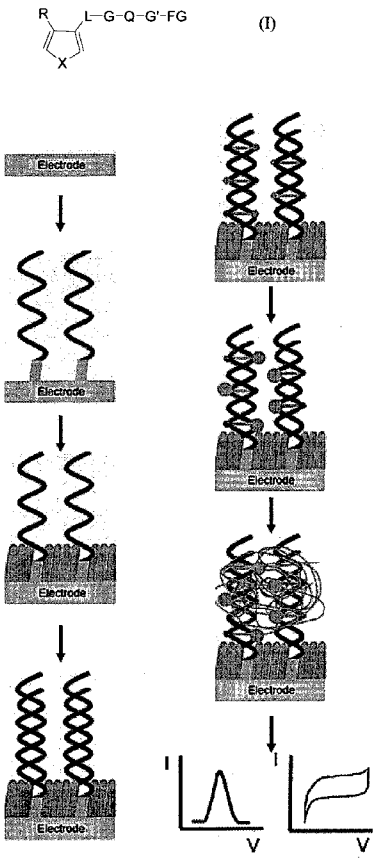

(57) Abstract: The invention provides a compound of structure (I): wherein X is S, O or NR^N, where R^N is H or alkyl; L is a linker group; Q is a group capable of binding with dsDNA; G and G' are, independently, absent or have between 1 and 20 main chain atoms; FG is a functional moiety comprising at least one O or N atom or a transition metal complex; and R is selected from the group consisting of H, alkyl, alkoxy or OCR^aR^b coupled to an atom in L so as to form a six-membered ring. R^a and R^b are independently H or optionally substituted alkyl.

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