

METHODS FOR SYNTHESIS OF ENCODED LIBRARIES

Related Applications

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Background of the invention

The search for more efficient methods of identifying compounds having useful biological activities has led to the development of methods for screening vast numbers of distinct compounds, present in collections referred to as combinatorial libraries. Such libraries can include 10^5 or more distinct compounds. A variety of methods exist for producing combinatorial libraries, and combinatorial syntheses of peptides, peptidomimetics and small organic molecules have been reported.

The two major challenges in the use of combinatorial approaches in drug discovery are the synthesis of libraries of sufficient complexity and the identification of molecules which are active in the screens used. It is generally acknowledged that greater the degree of complexity of a library, i.e., the number of distinct structures present in the library, the greater the probability that the library contains molecules with the activity of interest. Therefore, the chemistry employed in library synthesis must be capable of producing vast numbers of compounds within a reasonable time frame. However, for a given formal or overall concentration, increasing the number of distinct members within the library lowers the concentration of any particular library member. This complicates the identification of active molecules from high complexity libraries.

One approach to overcoming these obstacles has been the development of encoded libraries, and particularly libraries in which each compound includes an amplifiable tag. Such libraries include DNA-encoded libraries, in which a DNA tag identifying a library member can be amplified using techniques of molecular biology, such as the polymerase chain reaction. However, the use of such methods for producing very large libraries is yet to be demonstrated, and it is clear that improved methods for

producing such libraries are required for the realization of the potential of this approach to drug discovery.

Summary of the invention

The present invention provides a method of synthesizing libraries of molecules which include an encoding oligonucleotide tag. The method utilizes a "split and pool" strategy in which a solution comprising an initiator, comprising a first building block linked to an encoding oligonucleotide, is divided ("split") into multiple fractions. In each fraction, the initiator is reacted with a second, unique, building block and a second, unique oligonucleotide which identifies the second building block. These reactions can be simultaneous or sequential and, if sequential, either reaction can precede the other. The dimeric molecules produced in each of the fractions are combined ("pooled") and then divided again into multiple fractions. Each of these fractions is then reacted with a third unique (fraction-specific) building block and a third unique oligonucleotide which encodes the building block. The number of unique molecules present in the product library is a function of (1) the number of different building blocks used at each step of the synthesis, and (2) the number of times the pooling and dividing process is repeated.

In one embodiment, the invention provides a method of synthesizing a molecule comprising or consisting of a functional moiety which is operatively linked to an encoding oligonucleotide. The method includes the steps of: (1) providing an initiator compound consisting of a functional moiety comprising n building blocks, where n is an integer of 1 or greater, wherein the functional moiety comprises at least one reactive group and wherein the functional moiety is operatively linked to an initial oligonucleotide; (2) reacting the initiator compound with a building block comprising at least one complementary reactive group, wherein the at least one complementary reactive group is complementary to the reactive group of step (1), under suitable conditions for reaction of the reactive group and the complementary reactive group to form a covalent bond; (3) reacting the initial oligonucleotide with an incoming oligonucleotide which identifies the building block of step (b) in the presence of an enzyme which catalyzes ligation of the initial oligonucleotide and the incoming oligonucleotide, under conditions suitable for ligation of the incoming oligonucleotide and the initial oligonucleotide, thereby producing a molecule which comprises or

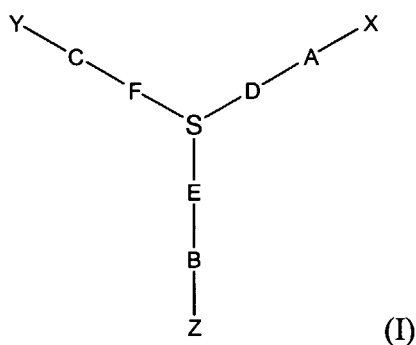
consists of a functional moiety comprising $n+1$ building blocks which is operatively linked to an encoding oligonucleotide. If the functional moiety of step (3) comprises a reactive group, steps 1-3 can be repeated one or more times, thereby forming cycles 1 to i , where i is an integer of 2 or greater, with the product of step (3) of a cycle s , where s is an integer of $i-1$ or less, becoming the initiator compound of cycle $s + 1$.

In one embodiment, the invention provides a method of synthesizing a library of compounds, wherein the compounds comprise a functional moiety comprising two or more building blocks which is operatively linked to an oligonucleotide which identifies the structure of the functional moiety. The method comprises the steps of (1) providing a solution comprising m initiator compounds, wherein m is an integer of 1 or greater, where the initiator compounds consist of a functional moiety comprising n building blocks, where n is an integer of 1 or greater, which is operatively linked to an initial oligonucleotide which identifies the n building blocks; (2) dividing the solution of step (1) into r fractions, wherein r is an integer of 2 or greater; (3) reacting the initiator compounds in each fraction with one of r building blocks, thereby producing r fractions comprising compounds consisting of a functional moiety comprising $n+1$ building blocks operatively linked to the initial oligonucleotide; (4) reacting the initial oligonucleotide in each fraction with one of a set of r distinct incoming oligonucleotides in the presence of an enzyme which catalyzes the ligation of the incoming oligonucleotide and the initial oligonucleotide, under conditions suitable for enzymatic ligation of the incoming oligonucleotide and the initial oligonucleotide, thereby producing r aliquots comprising molecules consisting of a functional moiety comprising $n+1$ building blocks operatively linked to an elongated oligonucleotide which encodes the $n+1$ building blocks. Optionally, the method can further include the step of (5) recombining the r fractions produced in step (4), thereby producing a solution comprising compounds consisting of a functional moiety comprising $n + 1$ building blocks, which is operatively linked to an elongated oligonucleotide. Steps (1) to (5) can be conducted one or more times to yield cycles 1 to i , where i is an integer of 2 or greater. In cycle $s+1$, where s is an integer of $i-1$ or less, the solution comprising m initiator compounds of step (1) is the solution of step (5) of cycle s . Likewise, the initiator compounds of step (1) of cycle $s+1$ are the compounds of step (5) of cycle s .

In a preferred embodiment, the building blocks are coupled in each step using conventional chemical reactions. The building blocks can be coupled to produce linear

or branched polymers or oligomers, such as peptides, peptidomimetics, and peptoids, or non-oligomeric molecules, such as molecules comprising a scaffold structure to which is attached one or more additional chemical moieties.. For example, if the building blocks are amino acid residues, the building blocks can be coupled using standard peptide synthesis strategies, such as solution-phase or solid phase synthesis using suitable protection/deprotection strategies as are known in the field. Preferably, the building blocks are coupled using solution phase chemistry. The encoding oligonucleotides are single stranded or double stranded oligonucleotides, preferably double-stranded oligonucleotides. The encoding oligonucleotides are preferably oligonucleotides of 4 to 12 bases or base pairs per building block; the encoding oligonucleotides can be coupled using standard solution phase or solid phase oligonucleotide synthetic methodology, but are preferably coupled using a solution phase enzymatic process. For example, the oligonucleotides can be coupled using a topoisomerase, a ligase, or a DNA polymerase, if the sequence of the encoding oligonucleotides includes an initiation sequence for ligation by one of these enzymes. Enzymatic coupling of the encoding oligonucleotides offers the advantages of (1) greater accuracy of addition compared to standard synthetic (non-enzymatic) coupling; and (2) the use of a simpler protection/deprotection strategy.

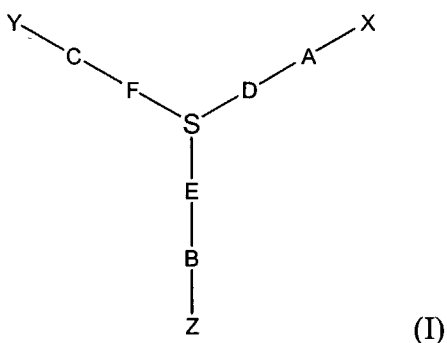
In another aspect, the invention provides compounds of Formula I:



where X is a functional moiety comprising one or more building blocks; Z is an oligonucleotide attached at its 3' terminus to B; Y is an oligonucleotide which is attached at its 5' terminus to C; A is a functional group that forms a covalent bond with X; B is a functional group that forms a bond with the 3'-end of Z; C is a functional group that forms a bond with the 5'-end of Y; D, F and E are each, independently, a bifunctional linking group; and S an atom or a molecular scaffold. Such compounds include those which are synthesized using the methods of the invention.

The invention further relates to a compound library comprising compounds comprising a functional moiety comprising two or more building blocks which is operatively linked to an oligonucleotide which encodes the structure of the functional moiety. Such libraries can comprise from about 10^2 to about 10^{12} or more distinct members, for example, 10^2 , 10^3 , 10^4 , 10^5 , 10^6 , 10^7 , 10^8 , 10^9 , 10^{10} , 10^{11} , 10^{12} or more distinct members, i.e., distinct molecular structures.

In one embodiment, the compound library comprises compounds which are each independently of Formula I:



where X is a functional moiety comprising one or more building blocks; Z is an oligonucleotide attached at its 3' terminus to B; Y is an oligonucleotide which is attached at its 5' terminus to C; A is a functional group that forms a covalent bond with X; B is a functional group that forms a bond with the 3'-end of Z; C is a functional group that forms a bond with the 5'-end of Y; D, F and E are each, independently, a bifunctional linking group; and S an atom or a molecular scaffold. Such libraries include those which are synthesized using the methods of the invention.

In another aspect, the invention provides a method for identifying a compound which binds to a biological target, said method comprising the steps of: (a) contacting the biological target with a compound library of the invention, where the compound library includes compounds which comprise a functional moiety comprising two or more building blocks which is operatively linked to an oligonucleotide which encodes the structure of the functional moiety. This step is conducted under conditions suitable for at least one member of the compound library to bind to the target; (2) removing library members that do not bind to the target; (3) amplifying the encoding oligonucleotides of the at least one member of the compound library which binds to the target; (4) sequencing the encoding oligonucleotides of step (3); and using the sequences determined in step (5) to determine the structure of the functional moieties of the members of the compound library which bind to the biological target.

The present invention provides several advantages in the identification of molecules having a desired property. For example, the methods of the invention allow the use of a range of chemical reactions for constructing the molecules in the presence of the oligonucleotide tag. The methods of the invention also provide a high-fidelity means of incorporating oligonucleotide tags into the chemical structures so produced. Further, they enable the synthesis of libraries having a large number of copies of each member, thereby allowing multiple rounds of selection against a biological target while leaving a sufficient number of molecules following the final round for amplification and sequence of the oligonucleotide tags.

Brief description of the drawings

Figure 1 is a schematic representation of ligation of double stranded oligonucleotides, in which the initial oligonucleotide has an overhang which is complementary to the overhang of the incoming oligonucleotide. The initial strand is represented as either free, conjugated to an aminohexyl linker or conjugated to a phenylalanine residue via an aminohexyl linker.

Figure 2 is a schematic representation of oligonucleotide ligation using a splint strand. In this embodiment, the splint is a 12-mer oligonucleotide with sequences complementary to the single-stranded initial oligonucleotide and the single-stranded incoming oligonucleotide.

Figure 3 is a schematic representation of ligation of an initial oligonucleotide and an incoming oligonucleotide, when the initial oligonucleotide is double-stranded with covalently linked strands, and the incoming oligonucleotide is double-stranded.

Figure 4 is a schematic representation of oligonucleotide elongation using a polymerase. The initial strand is represented as either free, conjugated to an aminohexyl linker or conjugated to a phenylalanine residue via an aminohexyl linker.

Figure 5 is a schematic representation of the synthesis cycle of one embodiment of the invention.

Figure 6 is a schematic representation of a multiple round selection process using the libraries of the invention.

Figure 7 is a gel resulting from electrophoresis of the products of each of cycles 1 to 5 described in Example 1 and following ligation of the closing primer. Molecular

weight standards are shown in lane 1, and the indicated quantities of a hyperladder, for DNA quantitation, are shown in lanes 9 to 12.

Figure 8 is a schematic depiction of the coupling of building blocks using azide-alkyne cycloaddition.

Figures 9 and 10 illustrate the coupling of building blocks via nucleophilic aromatic substitution on a chlorinated triazine.

Figure 11 shows representative chlorinated heteroaromatic structures suitable for use in the synthesis of functional moieties.

Figure 12 illustrates the cyclization of a linear peptide using the azide/alkyne cycloaddition reaction.

Figure 13a is a chromatogram of the library produced as described in Example 2 following Cycle 4.

Figure 13b is a mass spectrum of the library produced as described in Example 2 following Cycle 4.

Detailed description of the invention

The present invention relates to methods of producing compounds and combinatorial compound libraries, the compounds and libraries produced via the methods of the invention, and methods of using the libraries to identify compounds having a desired property, such as a desired biological activity. The invention further relates to the compounds identified using these methods.

A variety of approaches have been taken to produce and screen combinatorial chemical libraries. Examples include methods in which the individual members of the library are physically separated from each other, such as when a single compound is synthesized in each of a multitude of reaction vessels. However, these libraries are typically screened one compound at a time, or at most, several compounds at a time and do not, therefore, result in the most efficient screening process. In other methods, compounds are synthesized on solid supports. Such solid supports include chips in which specific compounds occupy specific regions of the chip or membrane ("position addressable"). In other methods, compounds are synthesized on beads, with each bead containing a different chemical structure.

Two difficulties that arise in screening large libraries are (1) the number of distinct compounds that can be screened; and (2) the identification of compounds which are active in the screen. In one method, the compounds which are active in the screen are identified by narrowing the original library into ever smaller fractions and subfractions, in each case selecting the fraction or subfraction which contains active compounds and further subdividing until attaining an active subfraction which contains a set of compounds which is sufficiently small that all members of the subset can be individually synthesized and assessed for the desired activity. This is a tedious and time consuming activity.

Another method of deconvoluting the results of a combinatorial library screen is to utilize libraries in which the library members are tagged with an identifying label, that is, each label present in the library is associated with a discrete compound structure present in the library, such that identification of the label tells the structure of the tagged molecule. One approach to tagged libraries utilizes oligonucleotide tags, as described, for example, in US Patent Nos. 5,573,905; 5,708,153; 5,723,598, 6,060,596 published PCT applications WO 93/06121; WO 93/20242; WO 94/13623; WO 00/23458; WO 02/074929 and WO 02/103008, and by Brenner and Lerner (*Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA* **89**, 5381-5383 (1992); Nielsen and Janda (*Methods: A Companion to Methods in Enzymology* **6**, 361-371 (1994); and Nielsen, Brenner and Janda (*J. Am. Chem. Soc.* **115**, 9812-9813 (1993)), each of which is incorporated herein by reference in its entirety. Such tags can be amplified, using for example, polymerase chain reaction, to produce many copies of the tag and identify the tag by sequencing. The sequence of the tag then identifies the structure of the binding molecule, which can be synthesized in pure form and tested. To date, there has been no report of the use of the methodology disclosed by Lerner et al. to prepare large libraries. The present invention provides an improvement in methods to produce DNA-encoded libraries, as well as the first examples of large (10^5 members or greater) libraries of DNA-encoded molecules in which the functional moiety is synthesized using solution phase synthetic methods.

The present invention provides methods which enable facile synthesis of oligonucleotide-encoded combinatorial libraries, and permit an efficient, high-fidelity means of adding such an oligonucleotide tag to each member of a vast collection of molecules.

The methods of the invention include methods for synthesizing bifunctional molecules which comprise a first moiety ("functional moiety") which is made up of building blocks, and a second moiety operatively linked to the first moiety, comprising an oligonucleotide tag which identifies the structure of the first moiety, *i.e.*, the oligonucleotide tag indicates which building blocks were used in the construction of the first moiety, as well as the order in which the building blocks were linked. Generally, the information provided by the oligonucleotide tag is sufficient to determine the building blocks used to construct the active moiety. In certain embodiments, the sequence of the oligonucleotide tag is sufficient to determine the arrangement of the building blocks in the functional moiety, for example, for peptidic moieties, the amino acid sequence.

The term "functional moiety" as used herein, refers to a chemical moiety comprising one or more building blocks. Preferably, the building blocks in the functional moiety are not nucleic acids. The functional moiety can be a linear or branched or cyclic polymer or oligomer or a small organic molecule.

The term "building block", as used herein, is a chemical structural unit which is linked to other chemical structural units or can be linked to other such units. When the functional moiety is polymeric or oligomeric, the building blocks are the monomeric units of the polymer or oligomer. Building blocks can also include a scaffold structure ("scaffold building block") to which is, or can be, attached one or more additional structures ("peripheral building blocks").

It is to be understood that the term "building block" is used herein to refer to a chemical structural unit as it exists in a functional moiety and also in the reactive form used for the synthesis of the functional moiety. Within the functional moiety, a building block will exist without any portion of the building block which is lost as a consequence of incorporating the building block into the functional moiety. For example, in cases in which the bond-forming reaction releases a small molecule (see below), the building block as it exists in the functional moiety is a "building block residue", that is, the remainder of the building block used in the synthesis following loss of the atoms that it contributes to the released molecule.

The building blocks can be any chemical compounds which are complementary, that is the building blocks must be able to react together to form a structure comprising two or more building blocks. Typically, all of the building blocks used will have at least

two reactive groups, although it is possible that some of the building blocks (for example the last building block in an oligomeric functional moiety) used will have only one reactive group each. Reactive groups on two different building blocks should be complementary, *i.e.*, capable of reacting together to form a covalent bond, optionally with the concomitant loss of a small molecule, such as water, HCl, HF, and so forth.

For the present purposes, two reactive groups are complementary if they are capable of reacting together to form a covalent bond. In a preferred embodiment, the bond forming reactions occur rapidly under ambient conditions without substantial formation of side products. Preferably, a given reactive group will react with a given complementary reactive group exactly once. In one embodiment, complementary reactive groups of two building blocks react, for example, via nucleophilic substitution, to form a covalent bond. In one embodiment, one member of a pair of complementary reactive groups is an electrophilic group and the other member of the pair is a nucleophilic group.

Complementary electrophilic and nucleophilic groups include any two groups which react via nucleophilic substitution under suitable conditions to form a covalent bond. A variety of suitable bond-forming reactions are known in the art. See, for example, March, *Advanced Organic Chemistry*, fourth edition, New York: John Wiley and Sons (1992), Chapters 10 to 16; Carey and Sundberg, *Advanced Organic Chemistry, Part B*, Plenum (1990), Chapters 1-11; and Collman et al., *Principles and Applications of Organotransition Metal Chemistry*, University Science Books, Mill Valley, Calif. (1987), Chapters 13 to 20; each of which is incorporated herein by reference in its entirety. Examples of suitable electrophilic groups include reactive carbonyl groups, such as acyl chloride groups, ester groups, including carbonyl pentafluorophenyl esters and succinimide esters, ketone groups and aldehyde groups; reactive sulfonyl groups, such as sulfonyl chloride groups, and reactive phosphonyl groups. Other electrophilic groups include terminal epoxide groups, isocyanate groups and alkyl halide groups. Suitable nucleophilic groups include primary and secondary amino groups and hydroxyl groups and carboxyl groups.

Suitable complementary reactive groups are set forth below. One of skill in the art can readily determine other reactive group pairs that can be used in the present method, and the examples provided herein are not intended to be limiting.

In a first embodiment, the complementary reactive groups include activated carboxyl groups, reactive sulfonyl groups or reactive phosphonyl groups, or a combination thereof, and primary or secondary amino groups. In this embodiment, the complementary reactive groups react under suitable conditions to form an amide, sulfonamide or phosphonamidate bond.

In a second embodiment, the complementary reactive groups include epoxide groups and primary or secondary amino groups. An epoxide-containing building block reacts with an amine-containing building block under suitable conditions to form a carbon-nitrogen bond, resulting in a β -amino alcohol.

In another embodiment, the complementary reactive groups include aziridine groups and primary or secondary amino groups. Under suitable conditions, an aziridine-containing building block reacts with an amine-containing building block to form a carbon-nitrogen bond, resulting in a 1,2-diamine. In a third embodiment, the complementary reactive groups include isocyanate groups and primary or secondary amino groups. An isocyanate-containing building block will react with an amino-containing building block under suitable conditions to form a carbon-nitrogen bond, resulting in a urea group.

In a fourth embodiment, the complementary reactive groups include isocyanate groups and hydroxyl groups. An isocyanate-containing building block will react with an hydroxyl-containing building block under suitable conditions to form a carbon-oxygen bond, resulting in a carbamate group.

In a fifth embodiment, the complementary reactive groups include amino groups and carbonyl-containing groups, such as aldehyde or ketone groups. Amines react with such groups via reductive amination to form a new carbon-nitrogen bond..

In a sixth embodiment, the complementary reactive groups include phosphorous ylide groups and aldehyde or ketone groups. A phosphorus-ylide-containing building block will react with an aldehyde or ketone-containing building block under suitable conditions to form a carbon-carbon double bond, resulting in an alkene.

In a seventh embodiment, the complementary reactive groups react via cycloaddition to form a cyclic structure. One example of such complementary reactive groups are alkynes and organic azides, which react under suitable conditions to form a triazole ring structure. An example of the use of this reaction to link two building blocks is illustrated in Figure 8. Suitable conditions for such reactions are known in the art and

include those disclosed in WO 03/101972, the entire contents of which are incorporated by reference herein.

In an eighth embodiment, the complementary reactive groups are an alkyl halide and a nucleophile, such as an amino group, a hydroxyl group or a carboxyl group. Such groups react under suitable conditions to form a carbon-nitrogen (alkyl halide plus amine) or carbon oxygen (alkyl halide plus hydroxyl or carboxyl group).

In a ninth embodiment, the complementary functional groups are a halogenated heteroaromatic group and a nucleophile, and the building blocks are linked under suitable conditions via aromatic nucleophilic substitution. Suitable halogenated heteroaromatic groups include chlorinated pyrimidines, triazines and purines, which react with nucleophiles, such as amines, under mild conditions in aqueous solution. Representative examples of the reaction of an oligonucleotide-tagged trichlorotriazine with amines are shown in Figures 9 and 10. Examples of suitable chlorinated heteroaromatic groups are shown in Figure 11.

It is to be understood that the synthesis of a functional moiety can proceed via one particular type of coupling reaction, such as, but not limited to, one of the reactions discussed above, or via a combination of two or more coupling reactions, such as two or more of the coupling reactions discussed above. For example, in one embodiment, the building blocks are joined by a combination of amide bond formation (amino and carboxylic acid complementary groups) and reductive amination (amino and aldehyde or ketone complementary groups). Any coupling chemistry can be used, provided that it is compatible with the presence of an oligonucleotide. Double stranded (duplex) oligonucleotide tags, as used in certain embodiments of the present invention, are chemically more robust than single stranded tags, and, therefore, tolerate a broader range of reaction conditions and enable the use of bond-forming reactions that would not be possible with single-stranded tags.

A building block can include one or more functional groups in addition to the reactive group or groups employed to form the functional moiety. One or more of these additional functional groups can be protected to prevent undesired reactions of these functional groups. Suitable protecting groups are known in the art for a variety of functional groups (Greene and Wuts, Protective Groups in Organic Synthesis, second edition, New York: John Wiley and Sons (1991), incorporated herein by reference).

Particularly useful protecting groups include t-butyl esters and ethers, acetals, trityl ethers and amines, acetyl esters, trimethylsilyl ethers, trichloroethyl ethers and esters and carbamates.

In one embodiment, each building block comprises two reactive groups, which can be the same or different. For example, each building block added in cycle s can comprise two reactive groups which are the same, but which are both complementary to the reactive groups of the building blocks added at steps $s-1$ and $s+1$. In another embodiment, each building block comprises two reactive groups which are themselves complementary. For example, a library comprising polyamide molecules can be produced via reactions between building blocks comprising two primary amino groups and building blocks comprising two activated carboxyl groups. In the resulting compounds there is no N- or C-terminus, as alternate amide groups have opposite directionality. Alternatively, a polyamide library can be produced using building blocks that each comprise an amino group and an activated carboxyl group. In this embodiment, the building blocks added in step n of the cycle will have a free reactive group which is complementary to the available reactive group on the $n-1$ building block, while, preferably, the other reactive group on the n th building block is protected. For example, if the members of the library are synthesized from the C to N direction, the building blocks added will comprise an activated carboxyl group and a protected amino group.

The functional moieties can be polymeric or oligomeric moieties, such as peptides, peptidomimetics, peptide nucleic acids or peptoids, or they can be small non-polymeric molecules, for example, molecules having a structure comprising a central scaffold and structures arranged about the periphery of the scaffold. Linear polymeric or oligomeric libraries will result from the use of building blocks having two reactive groups, while branched polymeric or oligomeric libraries will result from the use of building blocks having three or more reactive groups, optionally in combination with building blocks having only two reactive groups. Such molecules can be represented by the general formula $X_1X_2\ldots X_n$, where each X is a monomeric unit of a polymer comprising n monomeric units, where n is an integer greater than 1. In the case of oligomeric or polymeric compounds, the terminal building blocks need not comprise two functional groups. For example, in the case of a polyamide library, the C-terminal building block can comprise an amino group, but the presence of a carboxyl group is

optional. Similarly, the building block at the N-terminus can comprise a carboxyl group, but need not contain an amino group.

Branched oligomeric or polymeric compounds can also be synthesized provided that at least one building block comprises three functional groups which are reactive with other building blocks. A library of the invention can comprise linear molecules, branched molecules or a combination thereof.

Libraries can also be constructed using, for example, a scaffold building block having two or more reactive groups, in combination with other building blocks having only one available reactive group, for example, where any additional reactive groups are either protected or not reactive with the other reactive groups present in the scaffold building block. In one embodiment, for example, the molecules synthesized can be represented by the general formula $X(Y)_n$, where X is a scaffold building block; each Y is a building block linked to X and n is an integer of at least two, and preferably an integer from 2 to about 6. In one preferred embodiment, the initial building block of cycle 1 is a scaffold building block. In molecules of the formula $X(Y)_n$, each Y can be the same or different, but in most members of a typical library, each Y will be different.

In one embodiment, the libraries of the invention comprise polyamide compounds. The polyamide compounds can be composed of building blocks derived from any amino acids, including the twenty naturally occurring α -amino acids, such as alanine (Ala; A), glycine (Gly; G), asparagine (Asn; N), aspartic acid (Asp; D), glutamic acid (Glu; E), histidine (His; H), leucine (Leu; L), lysine (Lys; K), phenylalanine (Phe; F), tyrosine (Tyr; Y), threonine (Thr; T), serine (Ser; S), arginine (Arg; R), valine (Val; V), glutamine (Gln; Q), isoleucine (Ile; I), cysteine (Cys; C), methionine (Met; M), proline (Pro; P) and tryptophan (Trp; W), where the three-letter and one-letter codes for each amino acid are given. In their naturally occurring form, each of the foregoing amino acids exists in the L-configuration, which is to be assumed herein unless otherwise noted. In the present method, however, the D-configuration forms of these amino acids can also be used. These D-amino acids are indicated herein by lower case three- or one-letter code, i.e., ala (a), gly (g), leu (l), gln (q), thr (t), ser (s), and so forth. The building blocks can also be derived from other α -amino acids, including, but not limited to, 3-arylalanines, such as naphthylalanine, phenyl-substituted phenylalanines, including 4-fluoro-, 4-chloro, 4-bromo and 4-methylphenylalanine; 3-heteroarylalanines, such as 3-pyridylalanine, 3-thienylalanine, 3-quinolylalanine, and 3-imidazolylalanine;

ornithine; citrulline; homocitrulline; sarcosine; homoproline; homocysteine; substituted proline, such as hydroxyproline and fluoroproline; dehydroproline; norleucine; O-methyltyrosine; O-methylserine; O-methylthreonine and 3-cyclohexylalanine. Each of the preceding amino acids can be utilized in either the D- or L-configuration.

The building blocks can also be amino acids which are not α -amino acids, such as α -azaamino acids; β , γ , δ , ϵ ,-amino acids, and N-substituted amino acids, such as N-substituted glycine, where the N-substituent can be, for example, a substituted or unsubstituted alkyl, aryl, heteroaryl, arylalkyl or heteroarylalkyl group. In one embodiment, the N-substituent is a side chain from a naturally-occurring or non-naturally occurring α -amino acid.

The building block can also be a peptidomimetic structure, such as a dipeptide, tripeptide, tetrapeptide or pentapeptide mimetic. Such peptidomimetic building blocks are preferably derived from amino acyl compounds, such that the chemistry of addition of these building blocks to the growing poly(aminoacyl) group is the same as, or similar to, the chemistry used for the other building blocks. The building blocks can also be molecules which are capable of forming bonds which are isosteric with a peptide bond, to form peptidomimetic functional moieties comprising a peptide backbone modification, such as $\psi[\text{CH}_2\text{S}]$, $\psi[\text{CH}_2\text{NH}]$, $\psi[\text{CSNH}_2]$, $\psi[\text{NHCO}]$, $\psi[\text{COCH}_2]$, and $\psi[(\text{E}) \text{ or } (\text{Z}) \text{CH}=\text{CH}]$. In the nomenclature used above, ψ indicates the absence of an amide bond. The structure that replaces the amide group is specified within the brackets.

In one embodiment, the invention provides a method of synthesizing a compound comprising or consisting of a functional moiety which is operatively linked to an encoding oligonucleotide. The method includes the steps of: (1) providing an initiator compound consisting of an initial functional moiety comprising n building blocks, where n is an integer of 1 or greater, wherein the initial functional moiety comprises at least one reactive group, and wherein the initial functional moiety is operatively linked to an initial oligonucleotide which encodes the n building blocks; (2) reacting the initiator compound with a building block comprising at least one complementary reactive group, wherein the at least one complementary reactive group is complementary to the reactive group of step (1), under suitable conditions for reaction of the reactive group and the complementary reactive group to form a covalent bond; (3) reacting the initial oligonucleotide with an incoming oligonucleotide in the presence of an enzyme which catalyzes ligation of the initial oligonucleotide and the incoming

oligonucleotide, under conditions suitable for ligation of the incoming oligonucleotide and the initial oligonucleotide, thereby producing a molecule which comprises or consists of a functional moiety comprising $n+1$ building blocks which is operatively linked to an encoding oligonucleotide. If the functional moiety of step (3) comprises a reactive group, steps 1-3 can be repeated one or more times, thereby forming cycles 1 to i , where i is an integer of 2 or greater, with the product of step (3) of a cycle $s-1$, where s is an integer of i or less, becoming the initiator compound of step (1) of cycle s . In each cycle, one building block is added to the growing functional moiety and one oligonucleotide sequence, which encodes the new building block, is added to the growing encoding oligonucleotide.

In a preferred embodiment, each individual building block is associated with a distinct oligonucleotide, such that the sequence of nucleotides in the oligonucleotide added in a given cycle identifies the building block added in the same cycle.

The coupling of building blocks and ligation of oligonucleotides will generally occur at similar concentrations of starting materials and reagents. For example, concentrations of reactants on the order of micromolar to millimolar, for example from about 10 μM to about 10 mM, are preferred in order to have efficient coupling of building blocks.

In certain embodiments, the method further comprises, following step (2), the step of scavenging any unreacted initial functional moiety. Scavenging any unreacted initial functional moiety in a particular cycle prevents the initial functional moiety of the cycle from reacting with a building block added in a later cycle. Such reactions could lead to the generation of functional moieties missing one or more building blocks, potentially leading to a range of functional moiety structures which correspond to a particular oligonucleotide sequence. Such scavenging can be accomplished by reacting any remaining initial functional moiety with a compound which reacts with the reactive group of step (2). Preferably, the scavenger compound reacts rapidly with the reactive group of step (2) and includes no additional reactive groups that can react with building blocks added in later cycles. For example, in the synthesis of a compound where the reactive group of step (2) is an amino group, a suitable scavenger compound is an N-hydroxysuccinimide ester, such as acetic acid N-hydroxysuccinimide ester.

In another embodiment, the invention provides a method of producing a library of compounds, wherein each compound comprises a functional moiety comprising two

or more building block residues which is operatively linked to an oligonucleotide. In a preferred embodiment, the oligonucleotide present in each molecule provides sufficient information to identify the building blocks within the molecule and, optionally, the order of addition of the building blocks. In this embodiment, the method of the invention comprises a method of synthesizing a library of compounds, wherein the compounds comprise a functional moiety comprising two or more building blocks which is operatively linked to an oligonucleotide which identifies the structure of the functional moiety. The method comprises the steps of (1) providing a solution comprising m initiator compounds, wherein m is an integer of 1 or greater, where the initiator compounds consist of a functional moiety comprising n building blocks, where n is an integer of 1 or greater, which is operatively linked to an initial oligonucleotide which identifies the n building blocks; (2) dividing the solution of step (1) into at least r fractions, wherein r is an integer of 2 or greater; (3) reacting each fraction with one of r building blocks, thereby producing r fractions comprising compounds consisting of a functional moiety comprising $n+1$ building blocks operatively linked to the initial oligonucleotide; (4) reacting each of the r fractions of step (3) with one of a set of r distinct incoming oligonucleotides under conditions suitable for enzymatic ligation of the incoming oligonucleotide to the initial oligonucleotide, thereby producing r fractions comprising molecules consisting of a functional moiety comprising $n+1$ building blocks operatively linked to an elongated oligonucleotide which encodes the $n+1$ building blocks. Optionally, the method can further include the step of (5) recombining the r fractions, produced in step (4), thereby producing a solution comprising molecules consisting of a functional moiety comprising $n + 1$ building blocks, which is operatively linked to an elongated oligonucleotide which encodes the $n + 1$ building blocks. Steps (1) to (5) can be conducted one or more times to yield cycles 1 to i , where i is an integer of 2 or greater. In cycle $s+1$, where s is an integer of $i-1$ or less, the solution comprising m initiator compounds of step (1) is the solution of step (5) of cycle s . Likewise, the initiator compounds of step (1) of cycle $s+1$ are the products of step (4) in cycle s .

Preferably the solution of step (2) is divided into r fractions in each cycle of the library synthesis. In this embodiment, each fraction is reacted with a unique building block.

In the methods of the invention, the order of addition of the building block and the incoming oligonucleotide is not critical, and steps (2) and (3) of the synthesis of a molecule, and steps (3) and (4) in the library synthesis can be reversed, *i.e.*, the

incoming oligonucleotide can be ligated to the initial oligonucleotide before the new building block is added. In certain embodiments, it may be possible to conduct these two steps simultaneously.

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In one embodiment, the building blocks used in the library synthesis are selected from a set of candidate building blocks by evaluating the ability of the candidate building blocks to react with appropriate complementary functional groups under the conditions used for synthesis of the library. Building blocks which are shown to be suitably reactive under such conditions can then be selected for incorporation into the library. The products of a given cycle can, optionally, be purified. When the cycle is an intermediate cycle, *i.e.*, any cycle prior to the final cycle, these products are intermediates and can be purified prior to initiation of the next cycle. If the cycle is the final cycle, the products of the cycle are the final products, and can be purified prior to any use of the compounds. This purification step can, for example, remove unreacted or excess reactants and the enzyme employed for oligonucleotide ligation. Any methods which are suitable for separating the products from other species present in solution can be used, including liquid chromatography, such as high performance liquid chromatography (HPLC) and precipitation with a suitable co-solvent, such as ethanol. Suitable methods for purification will depend upon the nature of the products and the solvent system used for synthesis.

The reactions are, preferably, conducted in aqueous solution, such as a buffered aqueous solution, but can also be conducted in mixed aqueous/organic media consistent with the solubility properties of the building blocks, the oligonucleotides, the intermediates and final products and the enzyme used to catalyze the oligonucleotide ligation.

It is to be understood that the theoretical number of compounds produced by a given cycle in the method described above is the product of the number of different initiator compounds, m , used in the cycle and the number of distinct building blocks added in the cycle, r . The actual number of distinct compounds produced in the cycle can be as high as the product of r and m ($r \times m$), but could be lower, given differences in reactivity of certain building blocks with certain other building blocks. For example, the kinetics of addition of a particular building block to a particular initiator compound may be such that on the time scale of the synthetic cycle, little to none of the product of that reaction may be produced.

In certain embodiments, a common building block is added prior to cycle 1, following the last cycle or in between any two cycles. For example, when the functional moiety is a polyamide, a common N-terminal capping building block can be added after the final cycle. A common building block can also be introduced between any two cycles, for example, to add a functional group, such as an alkyne or azide group, which can be utilized to modify the functional moieties, for example by cyclization, following library synthesis.

The term "operatively linked", as used herein, means that two chemical structures are linked together in such a way as to remain linked through the various manipulations they are expected to undergo. Typically the functional moiety and the encoding oligonucleotide are linked covalently via an appropriate linking group. The linking group is a bivalent moiety with a site of attachment for the oligonucleotide and a site of attachment for the functional moiety. For example, when the functional moiety is a polyamide compound, the polyamide compound can be attached to the linking group at its N-terminus, its C-terminus or via a functional group on one of the side chains. The linking group is sufficient to separate the polyamide compound and the oligonucleotide by at least one atom, and preferably, by more than one atom, such as at least two, at least three, at least four, at least five or at least six atoms. Preferably, the linking group is

sufficiently flexible to allow the polyamide compound to bind target molecules in a manner which is independent of the oligonucleotide.

In one embodiment, the linking group is attached to the N-terminus of the polyamide compound and the 5'-phosphate group of the oligonucleotide. For example, the linking group can be derived from a linking group precursor comprising an activated carboxyl group on one end and an activated ester on the other end. Reaction of the linking group precursor with the N-terminal nitrogen atom will form an amide bond connecting the linking group to the polyamide compound or N-terminal building block, while reaction of the linking group precursor with the 5'-hydroxy group of the oligonucleotide will result in attachment of the oligonucleotide to the linking group via an ester linkage. The linking group can comprise, for example, a polymethylene chain, such as a $-(CH_2)_n-$ chain or a poly(ethylene glycol) chain, such as a $-(CH_2CH_2O)_n$ chain, where in both cases n is an integer from 1 to about 20. Preferably, n is from 2 to about 12, more preferably from about 4 to about 10. In one embodiment, the linking group comprises a hexamethylene $-(CH_2)_6-$ group.

When the building blocks are amino acid residues, the resulting functional moiety is a polyamide. The amino acids can be coupled using any suitable chemistry for the formation of amide bonds. Preferably, the coupling of the amino acid building blocks is conducted under conditions which are compatible with enzymatic ligation of oligonucleotides, for example, at neutral or near-neutral pH and in aqueous solution. In one embodiment, the polyamide compound is synthesized from the C-terminal to N-terminal direction. In this embodiment, the first, or C-terminal, building block is coupled at its carboxyl group to an oligonucleotide via a suitable linking group. The first building block is reacted with the second building block, which preferably has an activated carboxyl group and a protected amino group. Any activating/protecting group strategy which is suitable for solution phase amide bond formation can be used. For example, suitable activated carboxyl species include acyl fluorides (U.S. Patent No. 5,360,928, incorporated herein by reference in its entirety), symmetrical anhydrides and N-hydroxysuccinimide esters. The acyl groups can also be activated *in situ*, as is known in the art, by reaction with a suitable activating compound. Suitable activating compounds include dicyclohexylcarbodiimide (DCC), diisopropylcarbodiimide (DIC), 1-ethoxycarbonyl-2-ethoxy-1,2-dihydroquinoline (EEDQ), 1-ethyl-3-(3-dimethylaminopropyl)carbodiimide hydrochloride (EDC), n-propane-phosphonic

anhydride (PPA), N,N-bis (2-oxo-3-oxazolidinyl)imido-phosphoryl chloride (BOP-Cl), bromo-tris-pyrrolidinophosphonium hexafluorophosphate (PyBrop), diphenylphosphoryl azide (DPPA), Castro's reagent (BOP, PyBop), O-benzotriazolyl-N,N,N', N'-tetramethyluronium salts (HBTU), diethylphosphoryl cyanide (DEPCN), 2,5-diphenyl-2,3-dihydro-3-oxo-4-hydroxy-thiophene dioxide (Steglich's reagent; HOTDO), 1,1'-carbonyl-diimidazole (CDI), and 4-(4,6-dimethoxy-1,3,5-triazin-2-yl)-4-methylmorpholinium chloride (DMT-MM). The coupling reagents can be employed alone or in combination with additives such as N, N-dimethyl-4-aminopyridine (DMAP), N-hydroxy-benzotriazole (HOBt), N-hydroxybenzotriazine (HOObt), N-hydroxysuccinimide (HOSu) N-hydroxyazabenzotriazole (HOAt), azabenzotriazolyl-tetramethyluronium salts (HATU, HAPyU) or 2-hydroxypyridine. In certain embodiments, synthesis of a library requires the use of two or more activation strategies, to enable the use of a structurally diverse set of building blocks. For each building block, one skilled in the art can determine the appropriate activation strategy.

The N-terminal protecting group can be any protecting group which is compatible with the conditions of the process, for example; protecting groups which are suitable for solution phase synthesis conditions. A preferred protecting group is the fluorenylmethoxycarbonyl ("Fmoc") group. Any potentially reactive functional groups on the side chain of the aminoacyl building block may also need to be suitably protected. Preferably the side chain protecting group is orthogonal to the N-terminal protecting group, that is, the side chain protecting group is removed under conditions which are different than those required for removal of the N-terminal protecting group. Suitable side chain protecting groups include the nitroveratryl group, which can be used to protect both side chain carboxyl groups and side chain amino groups. Another suitable side chain amine protecting group is the N-pent-4-enoyl group.

The building blocks can be modified following incorporation into the functional moiety, for example, by a suitable reaction involving a functional group on one or more of the building blocks. Building block modification can take place following addition of the final building block or at any intermediate point in the synthesis of the functional moiety, for example, after any cycle of the synthetic process. When a library of bifunctional molecules of the invention is synthesized, building block modification can be carried out on the entire library or on a portion of the library, thereby increasing the degree of complexity of the library. Suitable building block modifying reactions include

those reactions that can be performed under conditions compatible with the functional moiety and the encoding oligonucleotide. Examples of such reactions include acylation and sulfonation of amino groups or hydroxyl groups, alkylation of amino groups, esterification or thioesterification of carboxyl groups, amidation of carboxyl groups, epoxidation of alkenes, and other reactions as are known the art. When the functional moiety includes a building block having an alkyne or an azide functional group, the azide/alkyne cycloaddition reaction can be used to derivatize the building block. For example, a building block including an alkyne can be reacted with an organic azide, or a building block including an azide can be reacted with an alkyne, in either case forming a triazole. Building block modification reactions can take place after addition of the final building block or at an intermediate point in the synthetic process, and can be used to append a variety of chemical structures to the functional moiety, including carbohydrates, metal binding moieties and structures for targeting certain biomolecules or tissue types.

In another embodiment, the functional moiety comprises a linear series of building blocks and this linear series is cyclized using a suitable reaction. For example, if at least two building blocks in the linear array include sulfhydryl groups, the sulfhydryl groups can be oxidized to form a disulfide linkage, thereby cyclizing the linear array. For example, the functional moieties can be oligopeptides which include two or more L or D-cysteine and/or L or D-homocysteine moieties. The building blocks can also include other functional groups capable of reacting together to cyclize the linear array, such as carboxyl groups and amino or hydroxyl groups.

In a preferred embodiment, one of the building blocks in the linear array comprises an alkyne group and another building block in the linear array comprises an azide group. The azide and alkyne groups can be induced to react via cycloaddition, resulting in the formation of a macrocyclic structure. In the example illustrated in Figure 9, the functional moiety is a polypeptide comprising a propargylglycine building block at its C-terminus and an azidoacetyl group at its N-terminus. Reaction of the alkyne and the azide group under suitable conditions results in formation of a cyclic compound, which includes a triazole structure within the macrocycle. In the case of a library, in one embodiment, each member of the library comprises alkyne- and azide-containing building blocks and can be cyclized in this way. In a second embodiment, all members of the library comprises alkyne- and azide-containing building blocks, but only

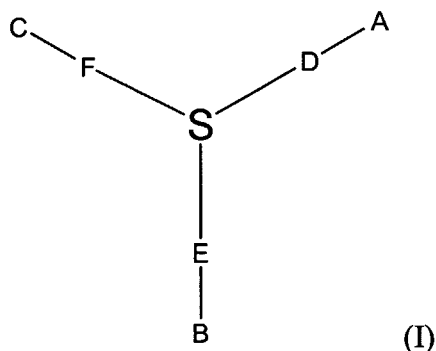
a portion of the library is cyclized. In a third embodiment, only certain functional moieties include alkyne- and azide-containing building blocks, and only these molecules are cyclized. In the forgoing second and third embodiments, the library, following the cycloaddition reaction, will include both cyclic and linear functional moieties.

The oligonucleotides are ligated using enzymatic methods. In one embodiment, the initial building block is operatively linked to an initial oligonucleotide. Prior to or following coupling of a second building block to the initial building block, a second oligonucleotide sequence which identifies the second building block is ligated to the initial oligonucleotide. Methods for ligating the initial oligonucleotide sequence and the incoming oligonucleotide sequence are set forth in Figures 1 and 2. In Figure 1, the initial oligonucleotide is double-stranded, and one strand includes an overhang sequence which is complementary to one end of the second oligonucleotide and brings the second oligonucleotide into contact with the initial oligonucleotide. Preferably the overhanging sequence of the initial oligonucleotide and the complementary sequence of the second oligonucleotide are both at least about 4 bases; more preferably both sequences are both the same length. The initial oligonucleotide and the second oligonucleotide can be ligated using a suitable enzyme. If the initial oligonucleotide is linked to the first building block at the 5' end of one of the strands (the "top strand"), then the strand which is complementary to the top strand (the "bottom strand") will include the overhang sequence at its 5' end, and the second oligonucleotide will include a complementary sequence at its 5' end. Following ligation of the second oligonucleotide, a strand can be added which is complementary to the sequence of the second oligonucleotide which is 3' to the overhang complementary sequence, and which includes additional overhang sequence.

In one embodiment, the oligonucleotide is elongated as set forth in Figure 2. The oligonucleotide bound to the growing functional moiety and the incoming oligonucleotide are positioned for ligation by the use of a "splint" sequence, which includes a region which is complementary to the 3' end of the initial oligonucleotide and a region which is complementary to the 5' end of the incoming oligonucleotide. The splint brings the 5' end of the oligonucleotide into proximity with the 3' end of the incoming oligo and ligation is accomplished using enzymatic ligation. In the example illustrated in Figure 2, the initial oligonucleotide consists of 16 nucleobases and the splint is complementary to the 6 bases at the 3' end. The incoming oligonucleotide

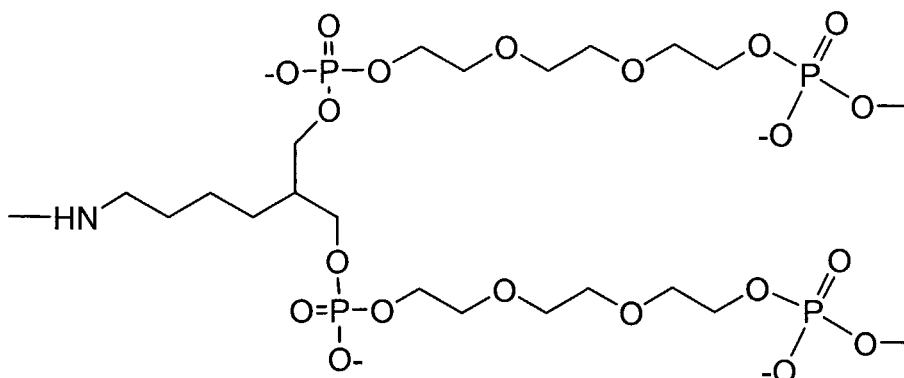
consists of 12 nucleobases, and the splint is complementary to the 6 bases at the 5' terminus. The length of the splint and the lengths of the complementary regions are not critical. However, the complementary regions should be sufficiently long to enable stable dimer formation under the conditions of the ligation, but not so long as to yield an excessively large encoding nucleotide in the final molecules. It is preferred that the complementary regions are from about 4 bases to about 12 bases, more preferably from about 5 bases to about 10 bases, and most preferably from about 5 bases to about 8 bases in length.

In one embodiment, the initial oligonucleotide is double-stranded and the two strands are covalently joined. One means of covalently joining the two strands is shown in Figure 3, in which a linking moiety is used to link the two strands and the functional moiety. The linking moiety can be any chemical structure which comprises a first functional group which is adapted to react with a building block, a second functional group which is adapted to react with the 3'-end of an oligonucleotide, and a third functional group which is adapted to react with the 5'-end of an oligonucleotide. Preferably, the second and third functional groups are oriented so as to position the two oligonucleotide strands in a relative orientation that permits hybridization of the two strands. For example, the linking moiety can have the general structure (I):



where A, is a functional group that can form a covalent bond with a building block, B is a functional group that can form a bond with the 5'-end of an oligonucleotide, and C is a functional group that can form a bond with the 3'-end of an oligonucleotide. D, F and E are chemical groups that link functional groups A, C and B to S, which is a core atom or scaffold. Preferably, D, E and F are each independently a chain of atoms, such as an alkylene chain or an oligo(ethylene glycol) chain, and D, E and F can be the same or different, and are preferably effective to allow hybridization of the two oligonucleotides

and synthesis of the functional moiety. In one embodiment, the trivalent linker has the structure



In this embodiment, the NH group is available for attachment to a building block, while the terminal phosphate groups are available for attachment to an oligonucleotide.

In embodiments in which the initial oligonucleotide is double-stranded, the incoming oligonucleotides are also double-stranded. As shown in Figure 3, the initial oligonucleotide can have one strand which is longer than the other, providing an overhang sequence. In this embodiment, the incoming oligonucleotide includes an overhang sequence which is complementary to the overhang sequence of the initial oligonucleotide. Hybridization of the two complementary overhang sequences brings the incoming oligonucleotide into position for ligation to the initial oligonucleotide. This ligation can be performed enzymatically using a DNA or RNA ligase. The overhang sequences of the incoming oligonucleotide and the initial oligonucleotide are preferably the same length and consist of two or more nucleotides, preferably from 2 to about 10 nucleotides, more preferably from 2 to about 6 nucleotides. In one preferred embodiment, the incoming oligonucleotide is a double-stranded oligonucleotide having an overhang sequence at each end. The overhang sequence at one end is complementary to the overhang sequence of the initial oligonucleotide, while, after ligation of the incoming oligonucleotide and the initial oligonucleotide, the overhang sequence at the other end becomes the overhang sequence of initial oligonucleotide of the next cycle. In one embodiment, the three overhang sequences are all 2 to 6 nucleotides in length, and the encoding sequence of the incoming oligonucleotide is from 3 to 10 nucleotides in length, preferably 3 to 6 nucleotides in length. In a particular embodiment, the overhang

sequences are all 2 nucleotides in length and the encoding sequence is 5 nucleotides in length.

In the embodiment illustrated in Figure 4, the incoming strand has a region at its 3' end which is complementary to the 3' end of the initial oligonucleotide, leaving overhangs at the 5' ends of both strands. The 5' ends can be filled in using, for example, a DNA polymerase, such as vent polymerase, resulting in a double-stranded elongated oligonucleotide. The bottom strand of this oligonucleotide can be removed, and additional sequence added to the 3' end of the top strand using the same method.

The encoding oligonucleotide tag is formed as the result of the successive addition of oligonucleotides that identify each successive building block. In one embodiment of the methods of the invention, the successive oligonucleotide tags may be coupled by enzymatic ligation to produce an encoding oligonucleotide.

Enzyme-catalyzed ligation of oligonucleotides can be performed using any enzyme that has the ability to ligate nucleic acid fragments. Exemplary enzymes include ligases, polymerases, and topoisomerases. In specific embodiments of the invention, DNA ligase (EC 6.5.1.1), DNA polymerase (EC 2.7.7.7), RNA polymerase (EC 2.7.7.6) or topoisomerase (EC 5.99.1.2) are used to ligate the oligonucleotides. Enzymes contained in each EC class can be found, for example, as described in Bairoch (2000) *Nucleic Acids Research* 28:304-5.

In a preferred embodiment, the oligonucleotides used in the methods of the invention are oligodeoxynucleotides and the enzyme used to catalyze the oligonucleotide ligation is DNA ligase. In order for ligation to occur in the presence of the ligase, *i.e.*, for a phosphodiester bond to be formed between two oligonucleotides, one oligonucleotide must have a free 5' phosphate group and the other oligonucleotide must have a free 3' hydroxyl group. Exemplary DNA ligases that may be used in the methods of the invention include T4 DNA ligase, Taq DNA ligase, T4 RNA ligase, DNA ligase (*E. coli*) (all available from, for example, New England Biolabs, MA).

One of skill in the art will understand that each enzyme used for ligation has optimal activity under specific conditions, *e.g.*, temperature, buffer concentration, pH and time. Each of these conditions can be adjusted, for example, according to the manufacturer's instructions, to obtain optimal ligation of the oligonucleotide tags.

The incoming oligonucleotide can be of any desirable length, but is preferably at least three nucleobases in length. More preferably, the incoming oligonucleotide is 4 or

more nucleobases in length. In one embodiment, the incoming oligonucleotide is from 3 to about 12 nucleobases in length. It is preferred that the oligonucleotides of the molecules in the libraries of the invention have a common terminal sequence which can serve as a primer for PCR, as is known in the art. Such a common terminal sequence can be incorporated as the terminal end of the incoming oligonucleotide added in the final cycle of the library synthesis, or it can be added following library synthesis, for example, using the enzymatic ligation methods disclosed herein.

A preferred embodiment of the method of the invention is set forth in Figure 5. The process begins with a synthesized DNA sequence which is attached at its 5' end to a linker which terminates in an amino group. In step 1, this starting DNA sequence is ligated to an incoming DNA sequence in the presence of a splint DNA strand, DNA ligase and dithiothreitol in Tris buffer. This yields a tagged DNA sequence which can then be used directly in the next step or purified, for example, using HPLC or ethanol precipitation, before proceeding to the next step. In step 2 the tagged DNA is reacted with a protected activated amino acid, in this example, an Fmoc-protected amino acid fluoride, yielding a protected amino acid-DNA conjugate. In step 3, the protected amino acid-DNA conjugate is deprotected, for example, in the presence of piperidine, and the resulting deprotected conjugate is, optionally, purified, for example, by HPLC or ethanol precipitation. The deprotected conjugate is the product of the first synthesis cycle, and becomes the starting material for the second cycle, which adds a second amino acid residue to the free amino group of the deprotected conjugate.

In embodiments in which PCR is to be used to amplify the encoding oligonucleotides of selected molecules, the encoding oligonucleotides preferably include PCR primer sequences. For example, a PCR primer sequence can be included in the initial oligonucleotide prior to the first cycle of synthesis, or it can be included with the first incoming oligonucleotide. The encoding oligonucleotide can also include a capping PCR primer sequence that follows the encoding sequences. The capping sequence can be ligated to the encoding oligonucleotide following the final cycle of library synthesis or it can be included in the incoming oligonucleotide of the final cycle. In cases in which the PCR primer sequences are included in an incoming oligonucleotide, these incoming oligonucleotides will preferably be significantly longer than the incoming oligonucleotides added in the other cycles, because they will include both an encoding sequence and a PCR primer sequence.

In cases in which the capping sequence is added after the addition of the final building block and final incoming oligonucleotide, the synthesis of a library as set forth herein will include the step of ligating the capping sequence to the encoding oligonucleotide, such that the oligonucleotide portion of substantially all of the library members terminates in a sequence that includes a PCR primer sequence. PCR primer sequences suitable for use in the libraries of the invention are known in the art; suitable primers and methods are set forth, for example, in Innis et al., eds., *PCR Protocols: A Guide to Methods and Applications*, San Diego: Academic Press (1990), the contents of which are incorporated herein by reference in their entirety. Preferably, the capping sequence is added by ligation to the pooled fractions which are products of the final synthetic cycle. The capping sequence can be added using the enzymatic process used in the construction of the library.

As indicated above, the nucleotide sequence of the oligonucleotide tag as part of the methods of this invention, may be determined by the use of the polymerase chain reaction (PCR).

The oligonucleotide tag is comprised of polynucleotides that identify the building blocks that make up the functional moiety as described herein. The nucleic acid sequence of the oligonucleotide tag is determined by subjecting the oligonucleotide tag to a PCR reaction as follows. The appropriate sample is contacted with a PCR primer pair, each member of the pair having a preselected nucleotide sequence. The PCR primer pair is capable of initiating primer extension reactions by hybridizing to a PCR primer binding site on the encoding oligonucleotide tag. The PCR primer binding site is preferably designed into the encoding oligonucleotide tag. For example, a PCR primer binding site may be incorporated into the initial oligonucleotide tag and the second PCR primer binding site may be in the final oligonucleotide tag. Alternatively, the second PCR primer binding site may be incorporated into the capping sequence as described herein. In preferred embodiments, the PCR primer binding site is at least about 5, 7, 10, 13, 15, 17, 20, 22, or 25 nucleotides in length.

The PCR reaction is performed by mixing the PCR primer pair, preferably a predetermined amount thereof, with the nucleic acids of the encoding oligonucleotide tag, preferably a predetermined amount thereof, in a PCR buffer to form a PCR reaction admixture. The admixture is thermocycled for a number of cycles, which is typically predetermined, sufficient for the formation of a PCR reaction product. A sufficient

amount of product is one that can be isolated in a sufficient amount to allow for DNA sequence determination.

PCR is typically carried out by thermocycling *i.e.*, repeatedly increasing and decreasing the temperature of a PCR reaction admixture within a temperature range whose lower limit is about 30 °C to about 55 °C and whose upper limit is about 90 °C to about 100 °C. The increasing and decreasing can be continuous, but is preferably phasic with time periods of relative temperature stability at each of temperatures favoring polynucleotide synthesis, denaturation and hybridization.

The PCR reaction is performed using any suitable method. Generally it occurs in a buffered aqueous solution, *i.e.*, a PCR buffer, preferably at a pH of 7-9. Preferably, a molar excess of the primer is present. A large molar excess is preferred to improve the efficiency of the process.

The PCR buffer also contains the deoxyribonucleotide triphosphates (polynucleotide synthesis substrates) dATP, dCTP, dGTP, and dTTP and a polymerase, typically thermostable, all in adequate amounts for primer extension (polynucleotide synthesis) reaction. The resulting solution (PCR admixture) is heated to about 90° C-100° C for about 1 to 10 minutes, preferably from 1 to 4 minutes. After this heating period the solution is allowed to cool to 54° C, which is preferable for primer hybridization. The synthesis reaction may occur at a temperature ranging from room temperature up to a temperature above which the polymerase (inducing agent) no longer functions efficiently. Thus, for example, if DNA polymerase is used, the temperature is generally no greater than about 40° C. The thermocycling is repeated until the desired amount of PCR product is produced. An exemplary PCR buffer comprises the following reagents: 50 mM KCl; 10 mM Tris-HCl at pH 8.3; 1.5 mM MgCl₂; 0.001% (wt/vol) gelatin, 200 μM dATP; 200 μM dTTP; 200 μM dCTP; 200 μM dGTP; and 2.5 units *Thermus aquaticus* (Taq) DNA polymerase I per 100 microliters of buffer.

Suitable enzymes for elongating the primer sequences include, for example, *E. coli* DNA polymerase I, Taq DNA polymerase, Klenow fragment of *E. coli* DNA polymerase I, T4 DNA polymerase, other available DNA polymerases, reverse transcriptase, and other enzymes, including heat-stable enzymes, which will facilitate combination of the nucleotides in the proper manner to form the primer extension products which are complementary to each nucleic acid strand. Generally, the synthesis will be initiated at the 3' end of each primer and proceed in the 5' direction along the

template strand, until synthesis terminates, producing molecules of different lengths.

The newly synthesized DNA strand and its complementary strand form a double-stranded molecule which can be used in the succeeding steps of the analysis process.

PCR amplification methods are described in detail in U.S. Patent Nos. 4,683,192, 4,683,202, 4,800,159, and 4,965,188, and at least in PCR Technology: Principles and Applications for DNA Amplification, H. Erlich, ed., Stockton Press, New York (1989); and PCR Protocols: A Guide to Methods and Applications, Innis *et al.*, eds., Academic Press, San Diego, Calif. (1990). The contents of all the foregoing documents are incorporated herein by reference.

The term "polynucleotide" as used herein in reference to primers, probes and nucleic acid fragments or segments to be synthesized by primer extension is defined as a molecule comprised of two or more deoxyribonucleotides, preferably more than three.

The term "primer" as used herein refers to a polynucleotide whether purified from a nucleic acid restriction digest or produced synthetically, which is capable of acting as a point of initiation of nucleic acid synthesis when placed under conditions in which synthesis of a primer extension product which is complementary to a nucleic acid strand is induced, *i.e.*, in the presence of nucleotides and an agent for polymerization such as DNA polymerase, reverse transcriptase and the like, and at a suitable temperature and pH. The primer is preferably single stranded for maximum efficiency, but may alternatively be in double stranded form. If double stranded, the primer is first treated to separate it from its complementary strand before being used to prepare extension products. Preferably, the primer is a polydeoxyribonucleotide. The primer must be sufficiently long to prime the synthesis of extension products in the presence of the agents for polymerization. The exact lengths of the primers will depend on many factors, including temperature and the source of primer.

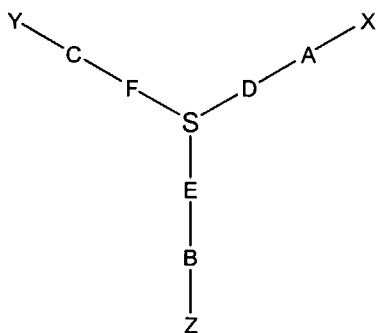
The primers used herein are selected to be "substantially" complementary to the different strands of each specific sequence to be amplified. This means that the primer must be sufficiently complementary so as to non-randomly hybridize with its respective template strand. Therefore, the primer sequence may or may not reflect the exact sequence of the template.

The polynucleotide primers can be prepared using any suitable method, such as, for example, the phosphotriester or phosphodiester methods described in Narang *et al.*, (1979) *Meth. Enzymol.*, 68:90; U.S. Pat. No. 4,356,270, U.S. Pat. No. 4,458,066, U.S.

Pat. No. 4,416,988, U.S. Pat. No. 4,293,652; and Brown *et al.*, (1979) *Meth. Enzymol.*, 68:109. The contents of all the foregoing documents are incorporated herein by reference.

Once the encoding oligonucleotide tag has been amplified, the sequence of the tag, and ultimately the composition of the selected molecule, can be determined using nucleic acid sequence analysis, a well known procedure for determining the sequence of nucleotide sequences. Nucleic acid sequence analysis is approached by a combination of (a) physiochemical techniques, based on the hybridization or denaturation of a probe strand plus its complementary target, and (b) enzymatic reactions with polymerases.

The invention further relates to the compounds which can be produced using the methods of the invention, and collections of such compounds, either as isolated species or pooled to form a library of chemical structures. Compounds of the invention include compounds of the formula

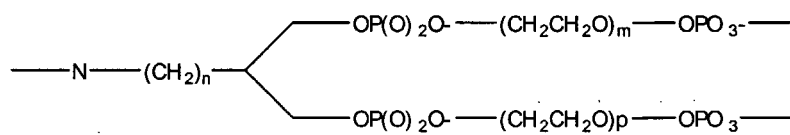


where X is a functional moiety comprising one or more building blocks, Z is an oligonucleotide attached at its 3' terminus to B and Y is an oligonucleotide which is attached to C at its 5' terminus. A is a functional group that forms a covalent bond with X, B is a functional group that forms a bond with the 3'-end of Z and C is a functional group that forms a bond with the 5'-end of Y. D, F and E are chemical groups that link functional groups A, C and B to S, which is a core atom or scaffold. Preferably, D, E and F are each independently a chain of atoms, such as an alkylene chain or an oligo(ethylene glycol) chain, and D, E and F can be the same or different, and are preferably effective to allow hybridization of the two oligonucleotides and synthesis of the functional moiety.

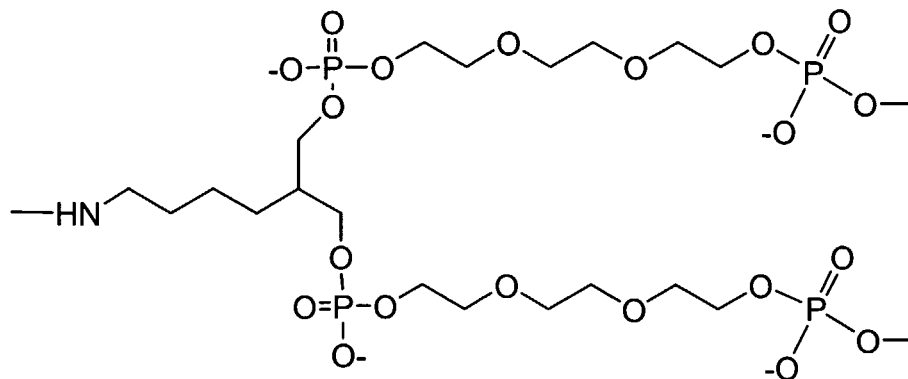
Preferably, Y and Z are substantially complementary and are oriented in the compound so as to enable Watson-Crick base pairing and duplex formation under suitable conditions. Y and Z are the same length or different lengths. Preferably, Y and Z are the same length, or one of Y and Z is from 1 to 10 bases longer than the other. In a

preferred embodiment, Y and Z are each 10 or more bases in length and have complementary regions of ten or more base pairs. More preferably, Y and Z are substantially complementary throughout their length, *i.e.*, they have no more than one mismatch per every ten base pairs. Most preferably, Y and Z are complementary throughout their length, *i.e.*, except for any overhang region on Y or Z, the strands hybridize via Watson-Crick base pairing with no mismatches throughout their entire length.

S can be a single atom or a molecular scaffold. For example, S can be a carbon atom, a boron atom, a nitrogen atom or a phosphorus atom, or a polyatomic scaffold, such as a phosphate group or a cyclic group, such as a cycloalkyl, cycloalkenyl, heterocycloalkyl, heterocycloalkenyl, aryl or heteroaryl group. In one embodiment, the linker is a group of the structure



where each of n, m and p is, independently, an integer from 1 to about 20, preferably from 2 to eight, and more preferably from 3 to 6. In one particular embodiment, the linker has the structure shown below.



In one embodiment, the libraries of the invention include molecules consisting of a functional moiety composed of building blocks, where each functional moiety is operatively linked to an encoding oligonucleotide. The nucleotide sequence of the encoding oligonucleotide is indicative of the building blocks present in the functional moiety, and in some embodiments, the connectivity or arrangement of the building blocks. The invention provides the advantage that the methodology used to construct

the functional moiety and that used to construct the oligonucleotide tag can be performed in the same reaction medium, preferably an aqueous medium, thus simplifying the method of preparing the library compared to methods in the prior art. In certain embodiments in which the oligonucleotide ligation steps and the building block addition steps can both be conducted in aqueous media, each reaction will have a different pH optimum. In these embodiments, the building block addition reaction can be conducted at a suitable pH and temperature in a suitable aqueous buffer. The buffer can then be exchanged for an aqueous buffer which provides a suitable pH for oligonucleotide ligation.

One advantage of the methods of the invention is that they can be used to prepare libraries comprising vast numbers of compounds. The ability to amplify encoding oligonucleotide sequences using known methods such as polymerase chain reaction ("PCR") means that selected molecules can be identified even if relatively few copies are recovered. This allows the practical use of very large libraries, which, as a consequence of their high degree of complexity, either comprise relatively few copies of any given library member, or require the use of very large volumes. For example, a library consisting of 10^8 unique structures in which each structure has 1×10^{12} copies (about 1 picomole), requires about 100 L of solution at 1 μ M effective concentration. For the same library, if each member is represented by 1,000,000 copies, the volume required is 100 μ L at 1 μ M effective concentration.

In a preferred embodiment, the library comprises from about 10^3 to about 10^{15} copies of each library member. Given differences in efficiency of synthesis among the library members, it is possible that different library members will have different numbers of copies in any given library. Therefore, although the number of copies of each member theoretically present in the library may be the same, the actual number of copies of any given library member is independent of the number of copies of any other member. More preferably, the compound libraries of the invention include at least about 10^5 , 10^6 or 10^7 copies of each library member, or of substantially all library members. By "substantially all" library members is meant at least about 85% of the members of the library, preferably at least about 90%, and more preferably at least about 95% of the members of the library.

Preferably, the library includes a sufficient number of copies of each member that multiple rounds (i.e., two or more) of selection against a biological target can be

performed, with sufficient quantities of binding molecules remaining following the final round of selection to enable amplification of the oligonucleotide tags of the remaining molecules and, therefore, identification of the functional moieties of the binding molecules. A schematic representation of such a selection process is illustrated in Figure 6, in which 1 and 2 represent library members, B is a target molecule and X is a moiety operatively linked to B that enables the removal of B from the selection medium. In this example, compound 1 binds to B, while compound 2 does not bind to B. The selection process, as depicted in Round 1, comprises (I) contacting a library comprising compounds 1 and 2 with B-X under conditions suitable for binding of compound 1 to B; (II) removing unbound compound 2, (III) dissociating compound 1 from B and removing BX from the reaction medium. The result of Round 1 is a collection of molecules that is enriched in compound 1 relative to compound 2. Subsequent rounds employing steps I-III result in further enrichment of compound 1 relative to compound 2. Although three rounds of selection are shown in Figure 6, in practice any number of rounds may be employed, for example from one round to ten rounds, to achieve the desired enrichment of binding molecules relative to non-binding molecules.

In the embodiment shown in Figure 6, there is no amplification (synthesis of more copies) of the compounds remaining after any of the rounds of selection. Such amplification can lead to a mixture of compounds which is not consistent with the relative amounts of the compounds remaining after the selection. This inconsistency is due to the fact that certain compounds may be more readily synthesized than other compounds, and thus may be amplified in a manner which is not proportional to their presence following selection. For example, if compound 2 is more readily synthesized than compound 1, the amplification of the molecules remaining after Round 2 would result in a disproportionate amplification of compound 2 relative to compound 1, and a resulting mixture of compounds with a much lower (if any) enrichment of compound 1 relative to compound 2.

In one embodiment, the target is immobilized on a solid support by any known immobilization technique. The solid support can be, for example, a water-insoluble matrix contained within a chromatography column or a membrane. The encoded library can be applied to a water-insoluble matrix contained within a chromatography column. The column is then washed to remove non-specific binders. Target-bound compounds can then be dissociated by changing the pH, salt concentration, organic solvent

concentration, or other methods, such as competition with a known ligand to the target.

In another embodiment, the target is free in solution and is incubated with the encoded library. Compounds which bind to the target (also referred to herein as “ligands”) are selectively isolated by a size separation step such as gel filtration or ultrafiltration. In one embodiment, the mixture of encoded compounds and the target biomolecule are passed through a size exclusion chromatography column (gel filtration), which separates any ligand-target complexes from the unbound compounds. The ligand-target complexes are transferred to a reverse-phase chromatography column, which dissociates the ligands from the target. The dissociated ligands are then analyzed by PCR amplification and sequence analysis of the encoding oligonucleotides. This approach is particularly advantageous in situations where immobilization of the target may result in a loss of activity.

Once single ligands are identified by the above-described process, various levels of analysis can be applied to yield structure-activity relationship information and to guide further optimization of the affinity, specificity and bioactivity of the ligand. For ligands derived from the same scaffold, three-dimensional molecular modeling can be employed to identify significant structural features common to the ligands, thereby generating families of small-molecule ligands that presumably bind at a common site on the target biomolecule.

A variety of screening approaches can be used to obtain ligands that possess high affinity for one target but significantly weaker affinity for another closely related target. One screening strategy is to identify ligands for both biomolecules in parallel experiments and to subsequently eliminate common ligands by a cross-referencing comparison. In this method, ligands for each biomolecule can be separately identified as disclosed above. This method is compatible with both immobilized target biomolecules and target biomolecules free in solution.

For immobilized target biomolecules, another strategy is to add a preselection step that eliminates all ligands that bind to the non-target biomolecule from the library. For example, a first biomolecule can be contacted with an encoded library as described above. Compounds which do not bind to the first biomolecule are then separated from any first biomolecule-ligand complexes which form. The second biomolecule is then contacted with the compounds which did not bind to the first biomolecule. Compounds

which bind to the second biomolecule can be identified as described above and have significantly greater affinity for the second biomolecule than to the first biomolecule.

A ligand for a biomolecule of unknown function which is identified by the method disclosed above can also be used to determine the biological function of the biomolecule. This is advantageous because although new gene sequences continue to be identified, the functions of the proteins encoded by these sequences and the validity of these proteins as targets for new drug discovery and development are difficult to determine and represent perhaps the most significant obstacle to applying genomic information to the treatment of disease. Target-specific ligands obtained through the process described in this invention can be effectively employed in whole cell biological assays or in appropriate animal models to understand both the function of the target protein and the validity of the target protein for therapeutic intervention. This approach can also confirm that the target is specifically amenable to small molecule drug discovery.

In one embodiment, one or more compounds within a library of the invention are identified as ligands for a particular biomolecule. These compounds can then be assessed in an in vitro assay for the ability to bind to the biomolecule. Preferably, the functional moieties of the binding compounds are synthesized without the oligonucleotide tag or linker moiety, and these functional moieties are assessed for the ability to bind to the biomolecule.

The effect of the binding of the functional moieties to the biomolecule on the function of the biomolecule can also be assessed using in vitro cell-free or cell-based assays. For a biomolecule having a known function, the assay can include a comparison of the activity of the biomolecule in the presence and absence of the ligand, for example, by direct measurement of the activity, such as enzymatic activity, or by an indirect measure, such as a cellular function that is influenced by the biomolecule. If the biomolecule is of unknown function, a cell which expresses the biomolecule can be contacted with the ligand and the effect of the ligand on the viability, function, phenotype, and/or gene expression of the cell is assessed. The in vitro assay can be, for example, a cell death assay, a cell proliferation assay or a viral replication assay. For example, if the biomolecule is a protein expressed by a virus, a cell infected with the virus can be contacted with a ligand for the protein. The effect of the binding of the ligand to the protein on viral viability can then be assessed.

A ligand identified by the method of the invention can also be assessed in an in vivo model or in a human. For example, the ligand can be evaluated in an animal or organism which produces the biomolecule. Any resulting change in the health status (e.g., disease progression) of the animal or organism can be determined.

For a biomolecule, such as a protein or a nucleic acid molecule, of unknown function, the effect of a ligand which binds to the biomolecule on a cell or organism which produces the biomolecule can provide information regarding the biological function of the biomolecule. For example, the observation that a particular cellular process is inhibited in the presence of the ligand indicates that the process depends, at least in part, on the function of the biomolecule.

Ligands identified using the methods of the invention can also be used as affinity reagents for the biomolecule to which they bind. In one embodiment, such ligands are used to effect affinity purification of the biomolecule, for example, via chromatography of a solution comprising the biomolecule using a solid phase to which one or more such ligands are attached.

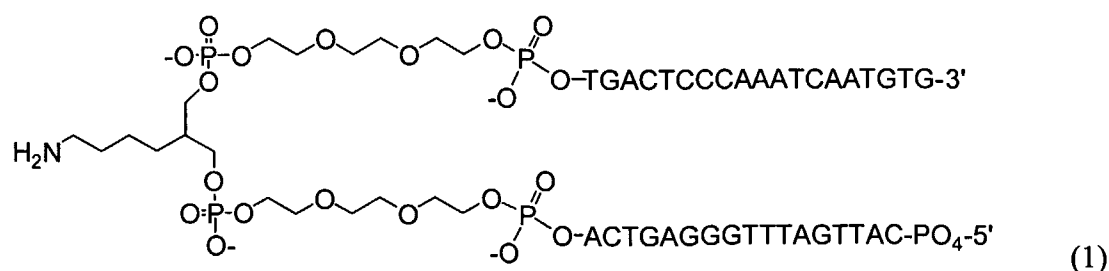
This invention is further illustrated by the following examples which should not be construed as limiting. The contents of all references, patents and published patent applications cited throughout this application, as well as the Figures and the Sequence Listing, are hereby incorporated in reference.

Examples

Example 1: Synthesis and Characterization of a library on the order of 10^5 members

The synthesis of a library comprising on the order of 10^5 distinct members was accomplished using the following reagents:

Compound 1:



Single letter codes for deoxyribonucleotides:

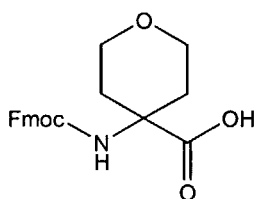
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C = cytidine

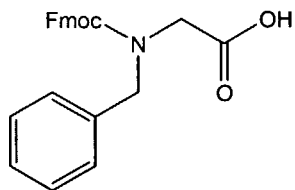
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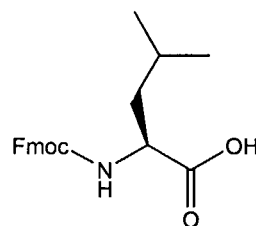
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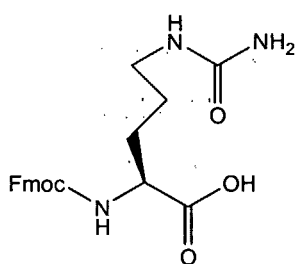
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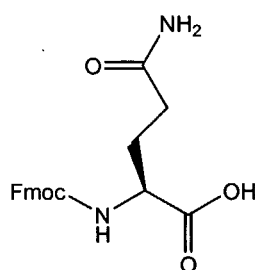
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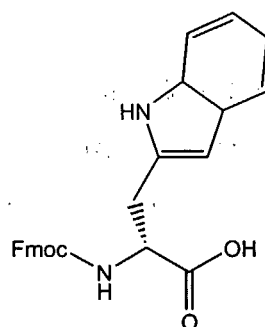
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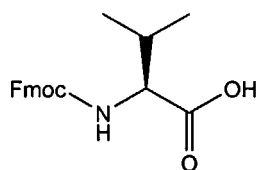
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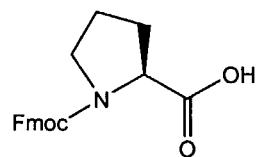
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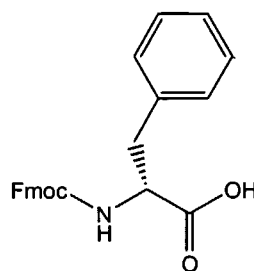
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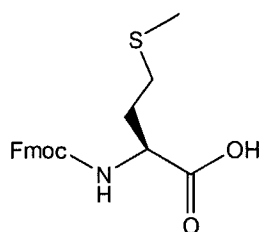
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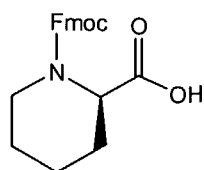
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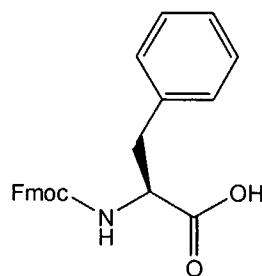
BB9



BB10



BB11



BB12

Oligonucleotide tags:

<u>Sequence</u>	<u>Tag number</u>
5' -PO ₄ -GCAACGAAG (SEQ ID NO:1) ACCGTTGCT-PO ₃ -5' (SEQ ID NO:2)	1.1
5' -PO ₃ -GCGTACAAG (SEQ ID NO:3) ACCGCATGT-PO ₃ -5' (SEQ ID NO:4)	1.2
5' -PO ₃ -GCTCTGTAG (SEQ ID NO:5) ACCGAGACA-PO ₃ -5' (SEQ ID NO:6)	1.3
5' -PO ₃ -GTGCCATAG (SEQ ID NO:7) ACCACGGTA-PO ₃ -5' (SEQ ID NO:8)	1.4
5' -PO ₃ -GTTGACCAG (SEQ ID NO:9) ACCAACTGG-PO ₃ -5' (SEQ ID NO:10)	1.5
5' -PO ₃ -CGACTTGAC (SEQ ID NO:11) CAAGTCGCA-PO ₃ -5' (SEQ ID NO:12)	1.6
5' -PO ₃ -CGTAGTCAG (SEQ ID NO:13) ACGCATCAG-PO ₃ -5' (SEQ ID NO:14)	1.7
5' -PO ₃ -CCAGCATAG (SEQ ID NO:15) ACGGTCGTA-PO ₃ -5' (SEQ ID NO:16)	1.8
5' -PO ₃ -CCTACAGAG (SEQ ID NO:17) ACGGATGTC-PO ₃ -5' (SEQ ID NO:18)	1.9
5' -PO ₃ -CTGAACGAG (SEQ ID NO:19) CGTTCAGCA-PO ₃ -5' (SEQ ID NO:20)	1.10
5' -PO ₃ -CTCCAGTAG (SEQ ID NO:21) ACGAGGTCA-PO ₃ -5' (SEQ ID NO:22)	1.11

5'-PO ₃ -TAGGTCCAG (SEQ ID NO:23)	1.12
ACATCCAGG-PO ₃ -5' (SEQ ID NO:24)	
5'-PO ₃ -GCGTGTTGT (SEQ ID NO:25)	2.1
TCCGCACAA-PO ₃ -5' (SEQ ID NO:26)	
5'-PO ₃ -GCTTGGAGT (SEQ ID NO:27)	2.2
TCCGAACCT-PO ₃ -5' (SEQ ID NO:28)	
5'-PO ₃ -GTCAAGCGT (SEQ ID NO:29)	2.3
TCCAGTTCG-PO ₃ -5' (SEQ ID NO:30)	
5'-PO ₃ -CAAGAGCGT (SEQ ID NO:31)	2.4
TCGTTCTCG-PO ₃ -5' (SEQ ID NO:32)	
5'-PO ₃ -CAGTTCGGT (SEQ ID NO:33)	2.5
TCGTCAAGC-PO ₃ -5' (SEQ ID NO:34)	
5'-PO ₃ -CGAAGGAGT (SEQ ID NO:35)	2.6
TCGCTTCCT-PO ₃ -5' (SEQ ID NO:36)	
5'-PO ₃ -CGGTGTTGT (SEQ ID NO:37)	2.7
TCGCCACAA-PO ₃ -5' (SEQ ID NO:38)	
5'-PO ₃ -CGTTGCTGT (SEQ ID NO:39)	2.8
TCGCAACGA-PO ₃ -5' (SEQ ID NO:40)	
5'-PO ₃ -CCGATCTGT (SEQ ID NO:41)	2.9
TCGGCTAGA-PO ₃ -5' (SEQ ID NO:42)	
5'-PO ₃ -CCTTCTCGT (SEQ ID NO:43)	2.10
TCGGAAGAG-PO ₃ -5' (SEQ ID NO:44)	
5'-PO ₃ -TGAGTCCGT (SEQ ID NO:45)	2.11
TCACTCAGG-PO ₃ -5' (SEQ ID NO:46)	
5'-PO ₃ -TGCTACGGT (SEQ ID NO:47)	2.12
TCAGATTGC-PO ₃ -5' (SEQ ID NO:48)	
5'-PO ₃ -GTGCGTTGA (SEQ ID NO:49)	3.1
CACACGCAA-PO ₃ -5' (SEQ ID NO:50)	
5'-PO ₃ -GTTGGCAGA (SEQ ID NO:51)	3.2
CACAACCGT-PO ₃ -5' (SEQ ID NO:52)	
5'-PO ₃ -CCTGTAGGA (SEQ ID NO:53)	3.3
CAGGACATC-PO ₃ -5' (SEQ ID NO:54)	

5' -PO ₃ -CTGCGTAGA (SEQ ID NO:55)	3.4
CAGACGCAT-PO ₃ -5' (SEQ ID NO:56)	
5' -PO ₃ -CTTACGCGA (SEQ ID NO:57)	3.5
CAGAATGCG-PO ₃ -5' (SEQ ID NO:58)	
5' -PO ₃ -TGGTCACGA (SEQ ID NO:59)	3.6
CAACCAGTG-PO ₃ -5' (SEQ ID NO:60)	
5' -PO ₃ -TCAGAGCGA (SEQ ID NO:61)	3.7
CAAGTCTCG-PO ₃ -5' (SEQ ID NO:62)	
5' -PO ₃ -TTGCTCGGA (SEQ ID NO:63)	3.8
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CACGGACTT-PO ₃ -5' (SEQ ID NO:68)	
5' -PO ₃ -GTAGCCAGA (SEQ ID NO:69)	3.11
CACATCGGT-PO ₃ -5' (SEQ ID NO:70)	
5' -PO ₃ -GTCGCTTGA (SEQ ID NO:71)	3.12
CACAGCGAA-PO ₃ -5' (SEQ ID NO:72)	
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CTCGGATTC-PO ₃ -5' (SEQ ID NO:74)	
5' -PO ₃ -GTAGTGCTT (SEQ ID NO:75)	4.2
CTCATCACG-PO ₃ -5' (SEQ ID NO:76)	
5' -PO ₃ -GTCGAAGTT (SEQ ID NO:77)	4.3
CTCAGCTTC-PO ₃ -5' (SEQ ID NO:78)	
5' -PO ₃ -GTTTCGGTT (SEQ ID NO:79)	4.4
CTCAAAGCC-PO ₃ -5' (SEQ ID NO:80)	
5' -PO ₃ -CAGCGTTTT (SEQ ID NO:81)	4.5
CTGTCGCAA-PO ₃ -5' (SEQ ID NO:82)	
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CTGTATGCG-PO ₃ -5' (SEQ ID NO:84)	
5' -PO ₃ -CGATCTGTT (SEQ ID NO:85)	4.7
CTGCTAGAC-PO ₃ -5' (SEQ ID NO:86)	
5' -PO ₃ -CGCTTTGTT (SEQ ID NO:87)	4.8
CTGCGAAAC-PO ₃ -5' (SEQ ID NO:88)	

5'-PO ₃ -CCACAGTTT (SEQ ID NO:89)	4.9
CTGGTGTCA-PO ₃ -5' (SEQ ID NO:90)	
5'-PO ₃ -CCTGAAGTT (SEQ ID NO:91)	4.10
CTGGACTTC-PO ₃ -5' (SEQ ID NO:92)	
5'-PO ₃ -CTGACGATT (SEQ ID NO:93)	4.11
CTGACTGCT-PO ₃ -5' (SEQ ID NO:94)	
5'-PO ₃ -CTCCACTTT (SEQ ID NO:95)	4.12
CTGAGGTGA-PO ₃ -5' (SEQ ID NO:96)	
5'-PO ₃ -ACCAGAGCC (SEQ ID NO:97)	5.1
AATGGTCTC-PO ₃ -5' (SEQ ID NO:98)	
5'-PO ₃ -ATCCGCACC (SEQ ID NO:99)	5.2
AATAGGCGT-PO ₃ -5' (SEQ ID NO:100)	
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AACTGCTGT-PO ₃ -5' (SEQ ID NO:102)	
5'-PO ₃ -GGATGGACC (SEQ ID NO:103)	5.4
AACCTACCT-PO ₃ -5' (SEQ ID NO:104)	
5'-PO ₃ -GCAGAAGCC (SEQ ID NO:105)	5.5
AACGTCTTC-PO ₃ -5' (SEQ ID NO:106)	
5'-PO ₃ -GCCATGTCC (SEQ ID NO:107)	5.6
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5'-PO ₃ -GTCTGCTCC (SEQ ID NO:109)	5.7
AACAGACGA-PO ₃ -5' (SEQ ID NO:110)	
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AAGCTGTCT-PO ₃ -5' (SEQ ID NO:112)	
5'-PO ₃ -CGCTACTCC (SEQ ID NO:113)	5.9
AAGCGATGA-PO ₃ -5' (SEQ ID NO:114)	
5'-PO ₃ -CCACAGACC (SEQ ID NO:115)	5.10
AAGGTGTCT-PO ₃ -5' (SEQ ID NO:116)	
5'-PO ₃ -CCTCTCTCC (SEQ ID NO:117)	5.11
AAGGAGAGA-PO ₃ -5' (SEQ ID NO:118)	
5'-PO ₃ -CTCGTAGCC (SEQ ID NO:119)	5.12
AAGAGCATC-PO ₃ -5' (SEQ ID NO:120)	

1X ligase buffer: 50 mM Tris, pH 7.5; 10 mM dithiothreitol; 10 mM MgCl₂; 2.5 mM ATP; 50 mM NaCl.

10X ligase buffer: 500 mM Tris, pH 7.5; 100 mM dithiothreitol; 100 mM MgCl₂; 25 mM ATP; 500 mM NaCl

Cycle 1

To each of twelve PCR tubes was added 50 μ L of a 1 mM solution of Compound 1 in water; 75 μ L of a 0.80 mM solution of one of Tags 1.1-1.12; 15 μ L 10X ligase buffer and 10 μ L deionized water. The tubes were heated to 95 °C for 1 minute and then cooled to 16 °C over 10 minutes. To each tube was added 5,000 units T4 DNA ligase (2.5 μ L of a 2,000,000 unit/mL solution (New England Biolabs, Cat. No. M0202)) in 50 μ L 1X ligase buffer and the resulting solutions were incubated at 16 °C for 16 hours.

Following ligation, samples were transferred to 1.5 ml Eppendorf tubes and treated with 20 μ L 5 M aqueous NaCl and 500 μ L cold (-20 °C) ethanol, and held at -20 °C for 1 hour. Following centrifugation, the supernatant was removed and the pellet was washed with 70% aqueous ethanol at -20 °C. Each of the pellets was then dissolved in 150 μ L of 150 mM sodium borate buffer, pH 9.4.

Stock solutions comprising one each of building block precursors BB1 to BB12, N,N-diisopropylethanolamine and O-(7-azabenzotriazol-1-yl)-1,1,3,3-tetramethyluronium hexafluorophosphate, each at a concentration of 0.25 M, were prepared in DMF and stirred at room temperature for 20 minutes. The building block precursor solutions were added to each of the pellet solutions described above to provide a 10-fold excess of building block precursor relative to linker. The resulting solutions were stirred. An additional 10 equivalents of building block precursor was added to the reaction mixture after 20 minute, and another 10 equivalents after 40 minutes. The final concentration of DMF in the reaction mixture was 22%. The reaction solutions were then stirred overnight at 4°C. The reaction progress was monitored by RP-HPLC using 50mM aqueous tetraethylammonium acetate (pH=7.5) and acetonitrile, and a gradient of 2-46% acetonitrile over 14 min. Reaction was stopped when ~95% of starting material (linker) is acylated. Following acylation the reaction mixtures were pooled and lyophilized to dryness. The lyophilized material was then purified by HPLC, and the fractions corresponding to the library (acylated product) were pooled and lyophilized.

The library was dissolved in 2.5 ml of 0.01M sodium phosphate buffer (pH = 8.2) and 0.1ml of piperidine (4% v/v) was added to it. The addition of piperidine results in turbidity which does not dissolve on mixing. The reaction mixtures were stirred at room temperature for 50 minutes, and then the turbid solution was centrifuged (14,000 rpm), the supernatant was removed using a 200 μ l pipette, and the pellet was resuspended in 0.1 ml of water. The aqueous wash was combined with the supernatant and the pellet was discarded. The deprotected library was precipitated from solution by addition of excess ice-cold ethanol so as to bring the final concentration of ethanol in the reaction to 70% v/v. Centrifugation of the aqueous ethanol mixture gave a white pellet comprising the library. The pellet was washed once with cold 70% aq. ethanol. After removal of solvent the pellet was dried in air (~5min.) to remove traces of ethanol and then used in cycle 2. The tags and corresponding building block precursors used in Round 1 are set forth in Table 1, below.

Table 1

Building Block Precursor	Tag
BB1	1.11
BB2	1.6
BB3	1.2
BB4	1.8
BB5	1.1
BB6	1.10
BB7	1.12
BB8	1.5
BB9	1.4
BB10	1.3
BB11	1.7
BB12	1.9

Cycles 2-5

For each of these cycles, the combined solution resulting from the previous cycle was divided into 12 equal aliquots of 50 μ l each and placed in PCR tubes. To each tube was added a solution comprising a different tag, and ligation, purification and acylation were performed as described for Cycle 1, except that for Cycles 3-5, the HPLC

purification step described for Cycle 1 was omitted. The correspondence between tags and building block precursors for Cycles 2-5 is presented in Table 2.

The products of Cycle 5 were ligated with the closing primer shown below, using the method described above for ligation of tags.

5' - PO₃ - GGCACATTGATTTGGGAGTCA

GTGTAACTAAACCCTCAGT - PO₃ - 5'

Table 2

Building Block Precursor	Cycle 2 Tag	Cycle 3 Tag	Cycle 4 Tag	Cycle 5 Tag
BB1	2.7	3.7	4.7	5.7
BB2	2.8	3.8	4.8	5.8
BB3	2.2	3.2	4.2	5.2
BB4	2.10	3.10	4.10	5.10
BB5	2.1	3.1	4.1	5.1
BB6	2.12	3.12	4.12	5.12
BB7	2.5	3.5	4.5	5.5
BB8	2.6	3.6	4.6	5.6
BB9	2.4	3.4	4.4	5.4
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BB11	2.9	3.9	4.9	5.9
BB12	2.11	3.11	4.11	5.11

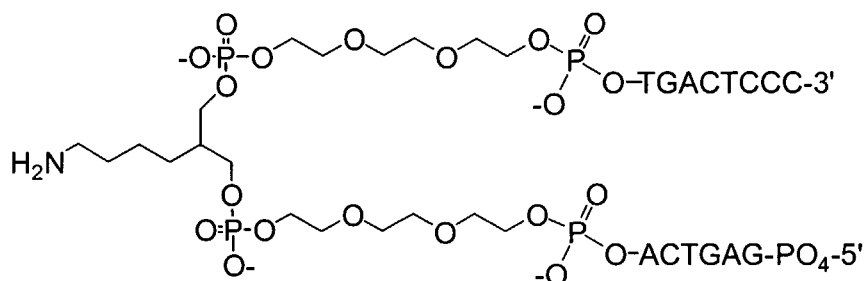
Results:

The synthetic procedure described above has the capability of producing a library comprising 12^5 (about 249,000) different structures. The synthesis of the library was monitored via gel electrophoresis of the product of each cycle. The results of each of the five cycles and the final library following ligation of the closing primer are illustrated in Figure 7. The compound labeled "head piece" is Compound 1. The figure shows that each cycle results in the expected molecular weight increase and that the products of each cycle are substantially homogeneous with regard to molecular weight.

Example 2: Synthesis and Characterization of a library on the order of 10^8 members

The synthesis of a library comprising on the order of 10^8 distinct members was accomplished using the following reagents:

Compound 2:



Single letter codes for deoxyribonucleotides:

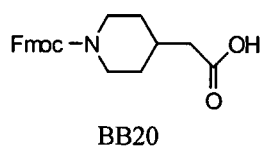
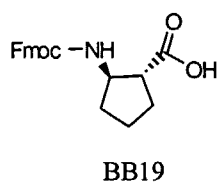
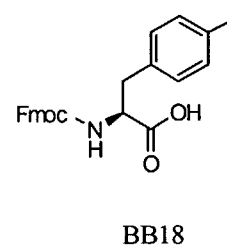
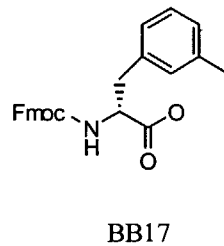
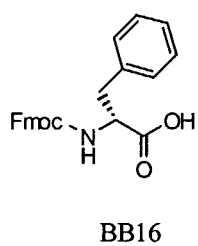
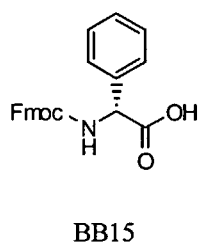
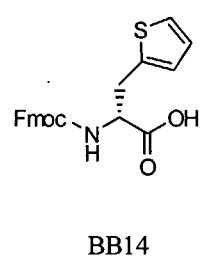
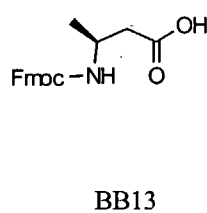
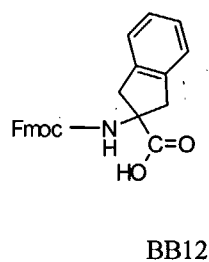
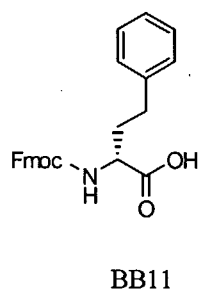
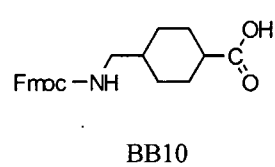
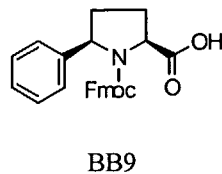
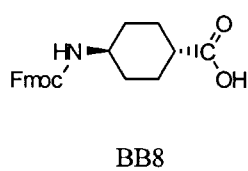
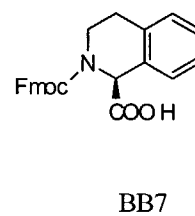
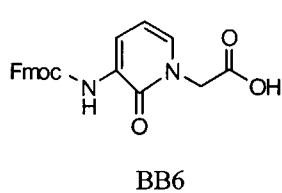
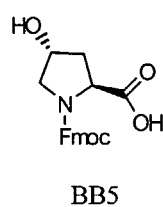
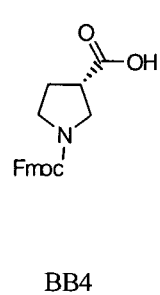
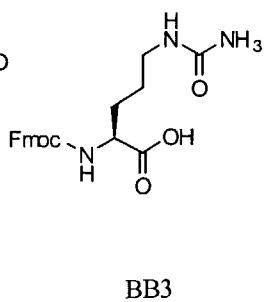
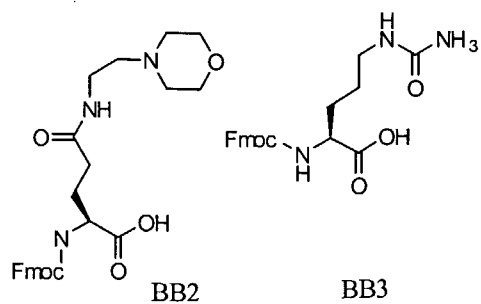
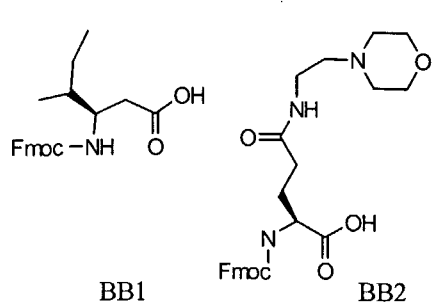
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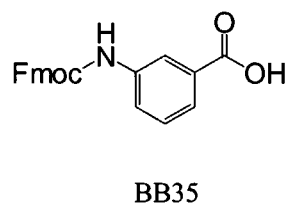
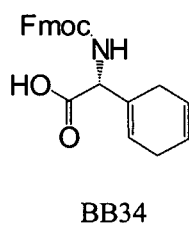
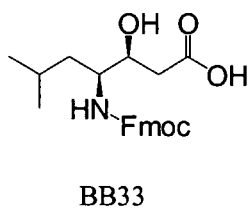
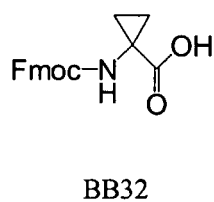
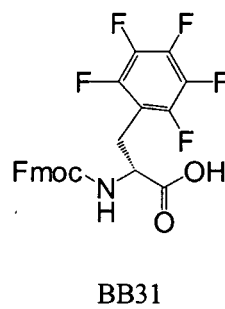
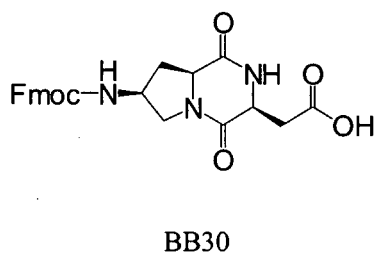
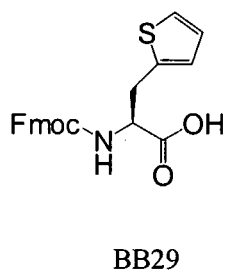
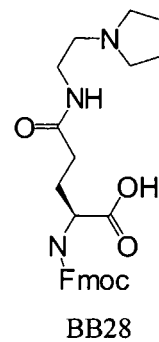
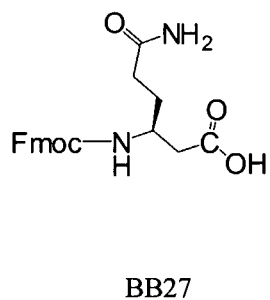
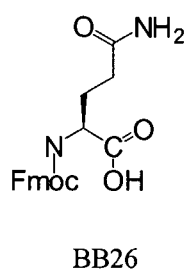
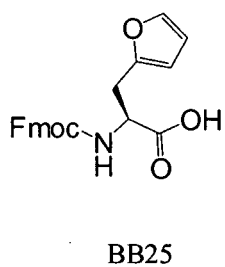
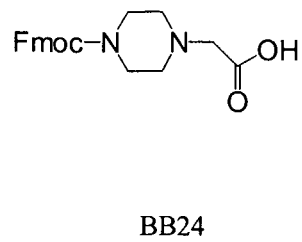
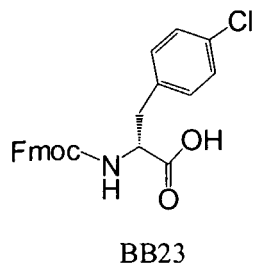
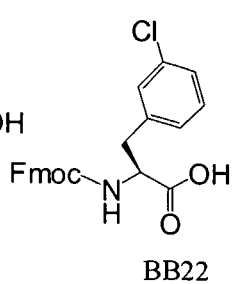
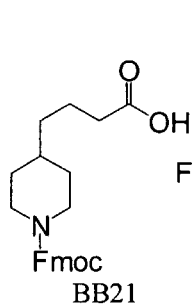
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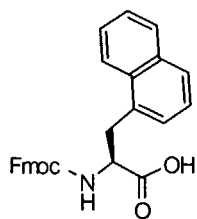
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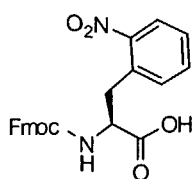
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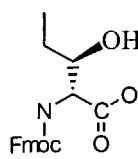




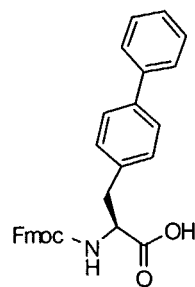
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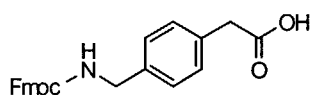
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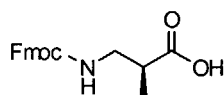
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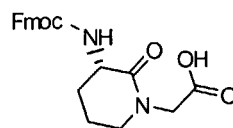
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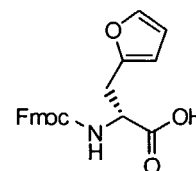
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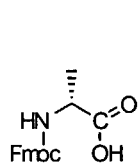
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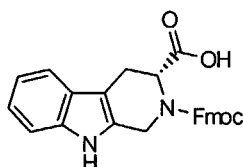
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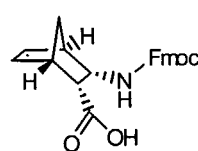
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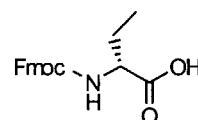
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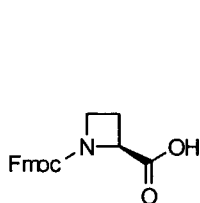
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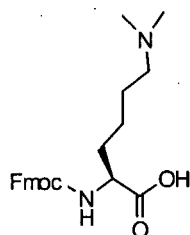
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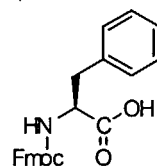
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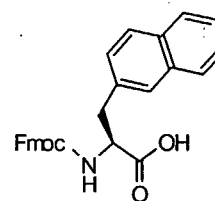
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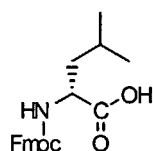
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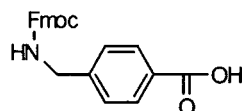
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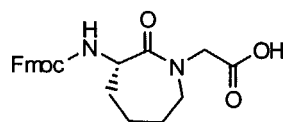
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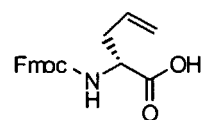
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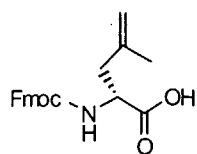
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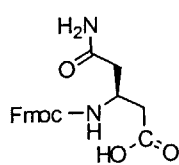
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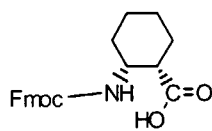
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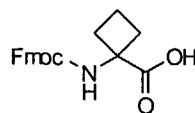
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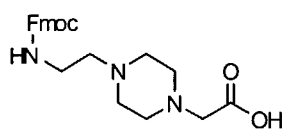
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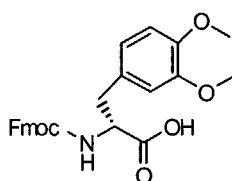
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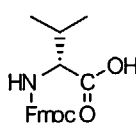
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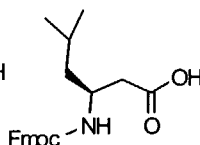
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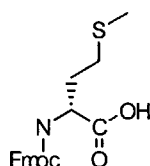
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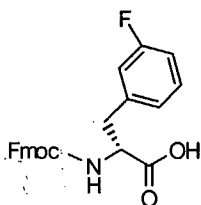
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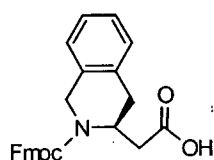
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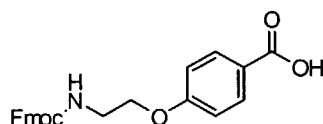
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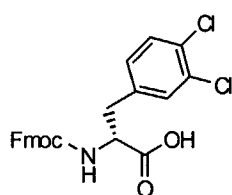
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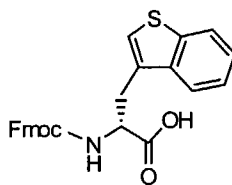
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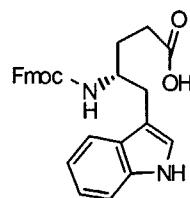
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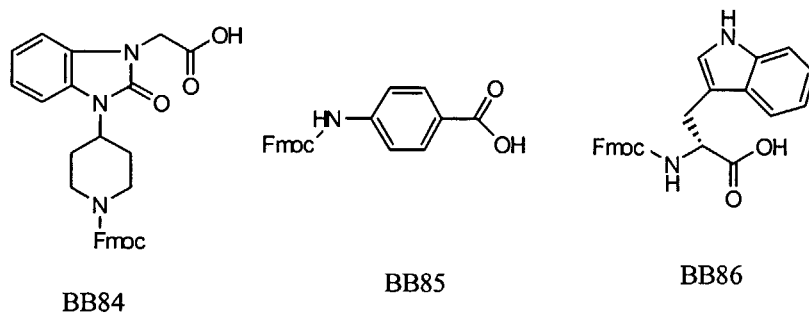
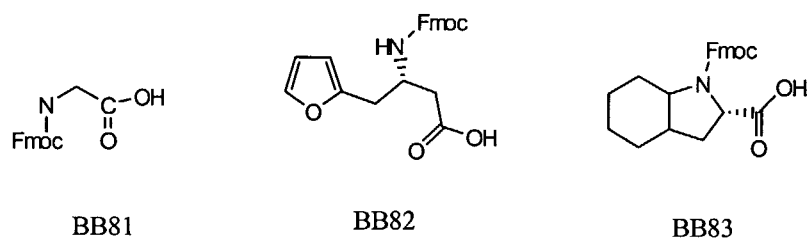
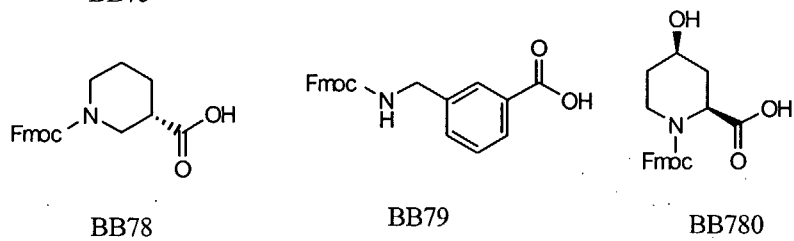
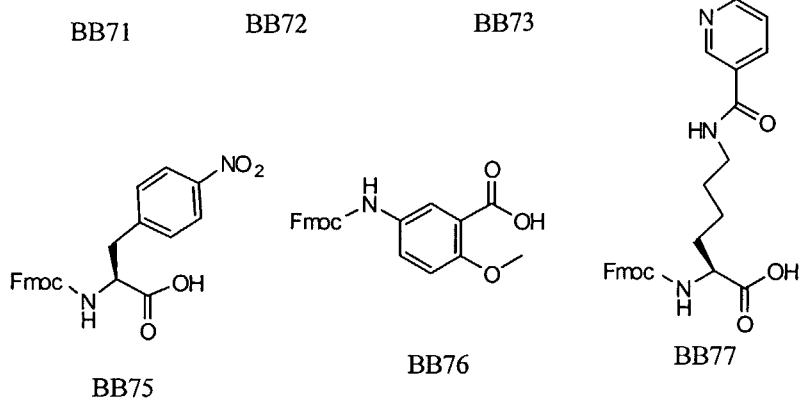
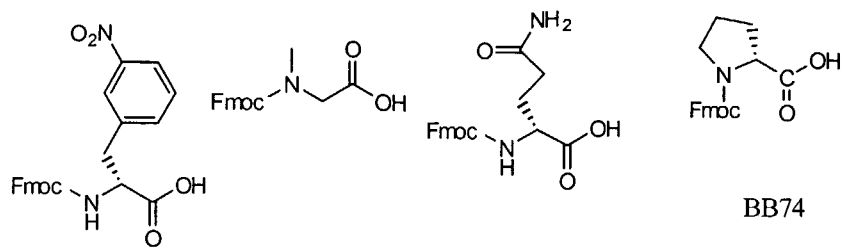
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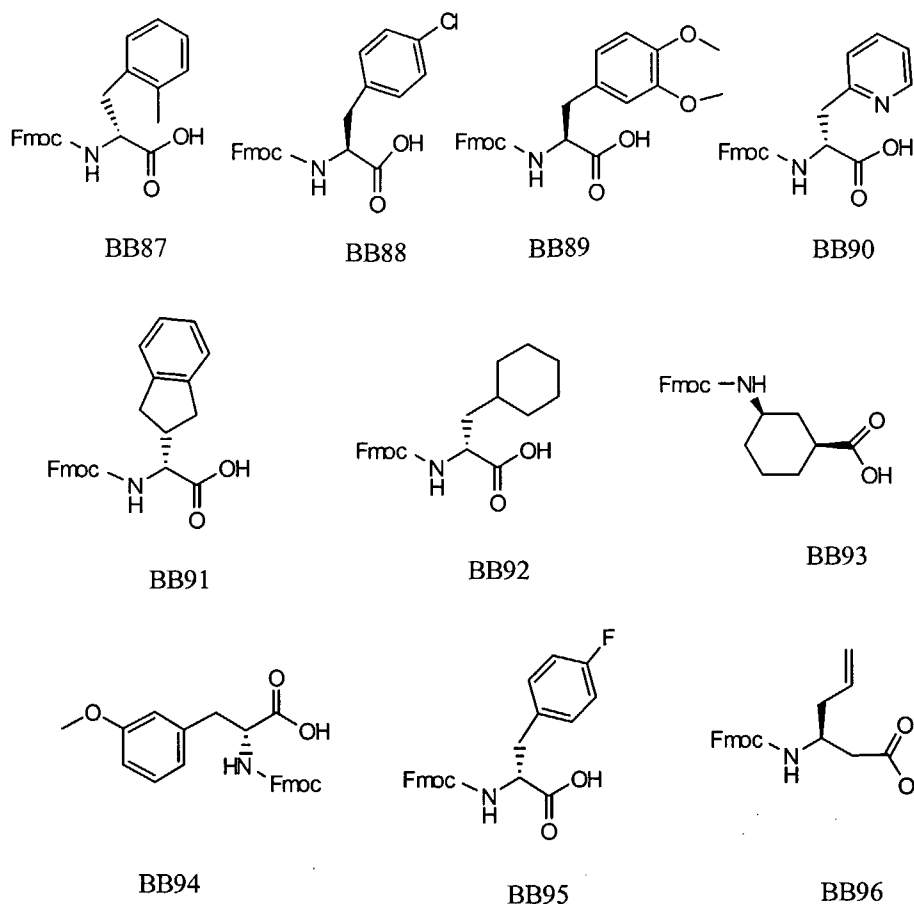


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1.23	5'-PO3- AAATCGATGTGTGCGAGCAG (SEQ ID NO:165)	5'-PO3- GCTCGCACACATCGATTGG (SEQ ID NO:166)
1.24	5'-PO3- AAATCGATGTGGTCAGGTAG	5'-PO3- ACCTGACCACATCGATTGG

	(SEQ ID NO:167)	(SEQ ID NO:168)
1.25	5'-PO3- AAATCGATGTGGCCTGTTAG (SEQ ID NO:169)	5'-PO3- AACAGGCCACATCGATTGG (SEQ ID NO:170)
1.26	5'-PO3- AAATCGATGTGGAACACCAG (SEQ ID NO:171)	5'-PO3- GGTGTTCACATCGATTGG (SEQ ID NO:172)
1.27	5'-PO3-AAATCGATGTGCTTGTCCAG (SEQ ID NO:173)	5'-PO3- GGACAAGCACATCGATTGG (SEQ ID NO:174)
1.28	5'-PO3- AAATCGATGTGTGCGAGAAG (SEQ ID NO:175)	5'-PO3- TCTCGCACACATCGATTGG (SEQ ID NO:176)
1.29	5'-PO3- AAATCGATGTGAGTGCGGAG (SEQ ID NO:177)	5'-PO3- CCGCACTCACATCGATTGG (SEQ ID NO:178)
1.30	5'-PO3- AAATCGATGTGTTGTCCGAG (SEQ ID NO:179)	5'-PO3- CGGACAACACATCGATTGG (SEQ ID NO:180)
1.31	5'-PO3- AAATCGATGTGTGGAACGAG (SEQ ID NO:181)	5'-PO3- CGTTCCACACATCGATTGG (SEQ ID NO:182)
1.32	5'-PO3- AAATCGATGTGAGTGCGAAG (SEQ ID NO:183)	5'-PO3- TCGCACTCACATCGATTGG (SEQ ID NO:184)
1.33	5'-PO3- AAATCGATGTGTGGAACCAG (SEQ ID NO:185)	5'-PO3- GGTTCCACACATCGATTGG (SEQ ID NO:186)
1.34	5'-PO3- AAATCGATGTGTTAGGCGAG (SEQ ID NO:187)	5'-PO3- CGCCTAACACATCGATTGG (SEQ ID NO:188)
1.35	5'-PO3- AAATCGATGTGGCCTGTGAG (SEQ ID NO:189)	5'-PO3- CACAGGCCACATCGATTGG (SEQ ID NO:190)
1.36	5'-PO3-AAATCGATGTGCTCCTGTAG (SEQ ID NO:191)	5'-PO3- ACAGGAGCACATCGATTGG (SEQ ID NO:192)
1.37	5'-PO3- AAATCGATGTGGTCAGGCAG (SEQ ID NO:193)	5'-PO3- GCCTGACCACATCGATTGG (SEQ ID NO:194)
1.38	5'-PO3- AAATCGATGTGGTCAGGAAG (SEQ ID NO:195)	5'-PO3- TCCTGACCACATCGATTGG (SEQ ID NO:196)
1.39	5'-PO3- AAATCGATGTGGTAGCCGAG (SEQ ID NO:197)	5'-PO3- CGGCTACCACATCGATTGG (SEQ ID NO:198)
1.40	5'-PO3- AAATCGATGTGGCCTGTAAG (SEQ ID NO:199)	5'-PO3- TACAGGCCACATCGATTGG (SEQ ID NO:200)
1.41	5'-PO3- AAATCGATGTGCTTTCGGAG (SEQ ID NO:201)	5'-PO3- CCGAAAGCACATCGATTGG (SEQ ID NO:202)

1.42	5'-PO3- AAATCGATGTGCGTAAGGAG (SEQ ID NO:203)	5'-PO3- CCTTACGCACATCGATTTGG (SEQ ID NO:204)
1.43	5'-PO3- AAATCGATGTGAGAGCGTAG (SEQ ID NO:205)	5'-PO3- ACGCTCTCACATCGATTTGG (SEQ ID NO:206)
1.44	5'-PO3- AAATCGATGTGGACGGCAAG (SEQ ID NO:207)	5'-PO3- TGCCGTCCACATCGATTTGG (SEQ ID NO:208)
1.45	5'-PO3-AAATCGATGTGCTTTCGCAG (SEQ ID NO:209)	5'-PO3- GCGAAAGCACATCGATTTGG (SEQ ID NO:210)
1.46	5'-PO3- AAATCGATGTGCGTAAGCAG (SEQ ID NO:211)	5'-PO3- GCTTACGCACATCGATTTGG (SEQ ID NO:212)
1.47	5'-PO3- AAATCGATGTGGCTATGGAG (SEQ ID NO:213)	5'-PO3- CCATAGCCACATCGATTTGG (SEQ ID NO:214)
1.48	5'-PO3- AAATCGATGTGACTCTGGAG (SEQ ID NO:215)	5'-PO3- CCAGAGTCACATCGATTTGG (SEQ ID NO:216)
1.49	5'-PO3-AAATCGATGTGCTGGAAAG (SEQ ID NO:217)	5'-PO3- TTCCAGCACATCGATTTGG (SEQ ID NO:218)
1.50	5'-PO3- AAATCGATGTGCCGAAGTAG (SEQ ID NO:219)	5'-PO3- ACTTCGGCACATCGATTTGG (SEQ ID NO:220)
1.51	5'-PO3- AAATCGATGTGCTCCTGAAG (SEQ ID NO:221)	5'-PO3- TCAGGAGCACATCGATTTGG (SEQ ID NO:222)
1.52	5'-PO3- AAATCGATGTGTCCAGTCAG (SEQ ID NO:223)	5'-PO3- GACTGGACACATCGATTTGG (SEQ ID NO:224)
1.53	5'-PO3- AAATCGATGTGAGAGCGGAG (SEQ ID NO:225)	5'-PO3- CCGCTCTCACATCGATTTGG (SEQ ID NO:226)
1.54	5'-PO3- AAATCGATGTGAGAGCGAAG (SEQ ID NO:227)	5'-PO3- TCGCTCTCACATCGATTTGG (SEQ ID NO:228)
1.55	5'-PO3- AAATCGATGTGCCGAAGGAG (SEQ ID NO:229)	5'-PO3- CCTTCGGCACATCGATTTGG (SEQ ID NO:230)
1.56	5'-PO3- AAATCGATGTGCCGAAGCAG (SEQ ID NO:231)	5'-PO3- GCTTCGGCACATCGATTTGG (SEQ ID NO:232)
1.57	5'-PO3- AAATCGATGTGTGTTCCGAG (SEQ ID NO:233)	5'-PO3- CGGAACACACATCGATTTGG (SEQ ID NO:234)
1.58	5'-PO3- AAATCGATGTGTCTGGCGAG (SEQ ID NO:235)	5'-PO3- CGCCAGACACATCGATTTGG (SEQ ID NO:236)
1.59	5'-PO3- AAATCGATGTGCTATCGGAG	5'-PO3- CCGATAGCACATCGATTTGG

	(SEQ ID NO:237)	(SEQ ID NO:238)
1.60	5'-PO3- AAATCGATGTGCGAAAGGAG (SEQ ID NO:239)	5'-PO3- CCTTTCGCACATCGATTGG (SEQ ID NO:240)
1.61	5'-PO3- AAATCGATGTGCCGAAGAAG (SEQ ID NO:241)	5'-PO3- TCTTCGGCACATCGATTGG (SEQ ID NO:242)
1.62	5'-PO3- AAATCGATGTGGTTGCAGAG (SEQ ID NO:243)	5'-PO3- CTGCAACCACATCGATTGG (SEQ ID NO:244)
1.63	5'-PO3- AAATCGATGTGGATGGTGAG (SEQ ID NO:245)	5'-PO3- CACCATCCACATCGATTGG (SEQ ID NO:246)
1.64	5'-PO3- AAATCGATGTGCTATCGCAG (SEQ ID NO:247)	5'-PO3- GCGATAGCACATCGATTGG (SEQ ID NO:248)
1.65	5'-PO3- AAATCGATGTGCGAAAGCAG (SEQ ID NO:249)	5'-PO3- GCTTTCGCACATCGATTGG (SEQ ID NO:250)
1.66	5'-PO3- AAATCGATGTGACACTGGAG (SEQ ID NO:251)	5'-PO3- CCAGTGTCACATCGATTGG (SEQ ID NO:252)
1.67	5'-PO3- AAATCGATGTGTCTGGCAAG (SEQ ID NO:253)	5'-PO3- TGCCAGACACATCGATTGG (SEQ ID NO:254)
1.68	5'-PO3- AAATCGATGTGGATGGTCAG (SEQ ID NO:255)	5'-PO3- GACCATCCACATCGATTGG (SEQ ID NO:256)
1.69	5'-PO3- AAATCGATGTGGTTGCACAG (SEQ ID NO:257)	5'-PO3- GTGCAACCACATCGATTGG (SEQ ID NO:258)
1.70	5'-PO3- AAATCGATGTGGGCATCGAG (SEQ ID NO:259)	5'-PO3-CGATGCCCCATCCGA TTT GG (SEQ ID NO:260)
1.71	5'-PO3- AAATCGATGTGTGCCTCCAG (SEQ ID NO:261)	5'-PO3- GGAGGCACACATCGATTGG (SEQ ID NO:262)
1.72	5'-PO3- AAATCGATGTGTGCCTCAAG (SEQ ID NO:263)	5'-PO3- TGAGGCACACATCGATTGG (SEQ ID NO:264)
1.73	5'-PO3- AAATCGATGTGGGCATCCAG (SEQ ID NO:265)	5'-PO3- GGATGCCACATCGATTGG (SEQ ID NO:266)
1.74	5'-PO3- AAATCGATGTGGGCATCAAG (SEQ ID NO:267)	5'-PO3-TGATGCCCA CAT CGA TTT GG (SEQ ID NO:268)
1.75	5'-PO3- AAATCGATGTGCCTGTGAG (SEQ ID NO:269)	5'-PO3-CGA CAG GCA CAT CGA TTT GG (SEQ ID NO:270)
1.76	5'-PO3- AAATCGATGTGGACGGATAG (SEQ ID NO:271)	5'-PO3-ATC CGT CCA CAT CGA TTT GG (SEQ ID NO:272)

1.77	5'-PO3- AAATCGATGTGCCTGTCCAG (SEQ ID NO:273)	5'-PO3-GGA CAG GCA CAT CGA TTT GG (SEQ ID NO:274)
1.78	5'-PO3- AAATCGATGTGAAGCACGAG (SEQ ID NO:275)	5'-PO3-CGT GCT TCA CAT CGA TTT GG (SEQ ID NO:276)
1.79	5'-PO3- AAATCGATGTGCCTGTCAAG (SEQ ID NO:277)	5'-PO3-TGA CAG GCA CAT CGA TTT GG (SEQ ID NO:278)
1.80	5'-PO3- AAATCGATGTGAAGCACCGAG (SEQ ID NO:279)	5'-PO3-GGT GCT TCA CAT CGA TTT GG (SEQ ID NO:280)
1.81	5'-PO3-AAATCGATGTGCCTTCGTAG (SEQ ID NO:281)	5'-PO3-ACG AAG GCA CAT CGA TTT GG (SEQ ID NO:282)
1.82	5'-PO3- AAATCGATGTGTCGTCCGAG (SEQ ID NO:283)	5'-PO3-CGG ACG ACA CAT CGA TTT GG (SEQ ID NO:284)
1.83	5'-PO3- AAATCGATGTGGAGTCTGAG (SEQ ID NO:285)	5'-PO3-CAG ACT CCA CAT CGA TTT GG (SEQ ID NO:286)
1.84	5'-PO3- AAATCGATGTGTGATCCGAG (SEQ ID NO:287)	5'-PO3-CGG ATC ACA CAT CGA TTT GG (SEQ ID NO:288)
1.85	5'-PO3- AAATCGATGTGTCAGGCGAG (SEQ ID NO:289)	5'-PO3-CGC CTG ACA CAT CGA TTT GG (SEQ ID NO:290)
1.86	5'-PO3- AAATCGATGTGTCGTCCAAG (SEQ ID NO:291)	5'-PO3-TGG ACG ACA CAT CGA TTT GG (SEQ ID NO:292)
1.87	5'-PO3- AAATCGATGTGGACGGAGAG (SEQ ID NO:293)	5'-PO3-CTC CGT CCA CAT CGA TTT GG (SEQ ID NO:294)
1.88	5'-PO3- AAATCGATGTGGTAGCAGAG (SEQ ID NO:295)	5'-PO3-CTG CTA CCA CAT CGA TTT GG (SEQ ID NO:296)
1.89	5'-PO3- AAATCGATGTGGCTGTGTAG (SEQ ID NO:297)	5'-PO3- ACACAGCCACATCGATTTGG (SEQ ID NO:298)
1.90	5'-PO3- AAATCGATGTGGACGGACAG (SEQ ID NO:299)	5'-PO3-GTC CGT CCA CAT CGA TTT GG (SEQ ID NO:300)
1.91	5'-PO3- AAATCGATGTGTCAGGCAAG (SEQ ID NO:301)	5'-PO3-TGC CTG ACA CAT CGA TTT GG (SEQ ID NO:302)
1.92	5'-PO3- AAATCGATGTGGCTCGAAAG (SEQ ID NO:303)	5'-PO3- TTCGAGCCACATCGATTTGG (SEQ ID NO:304)
1.93	5'-PO3- AAATCGATGTGCCTTCGGAG (SEQ ID NO:305)	5'-PO3-CCG AAG GCA CAT CGA TTT GG (SEQ ID NO:306)
1.94	5'-PO3- AAATCGATGTGGTAGCACAG	5'-PO3-GTG CTA CCA CAT CGA TTT GG

	(SEQ ID NO:307)	(SEQ ID NO:308)
	5'-PO3-AAATCGATGTGGAAGGTCAG	5'-PO3-GAC CTT CCA CAT
1.95	(SEQ ID NO:309)	CGA TTT GG (SEQ ID NO:310)
	5'-PO3-AAATCGATGTGGTGCTGTAG	5'-PO3-ACA GCA CCA CAT
1.96	(SEQ ID NO:311)	CGA TTT GG (SEQ ID NO:312)

Table 4: Oligonucleotide tags used in cycle 2:

Tag Number	Top strand sequence	Bottom strand sequence
	5'-PO3-GTT GCC TGT	5'-PO3-AGG CAA CCT
2.1	(SEQ ID NO:313)	(SEQ ID NO:314)
	5'-PO3-CAG GAC GGT	5'-PO3-CGT CCT GCT
2.2	(SEQ ID NO:315)	(SEQ ID NO:316)
	5'-PO3-AGA CGT GGT	5'-PO3-CAC GTC TCT
2.3	(SEQ ID NO:317)	(SEQ ID NO:318)
	5'-PO3-CAG GAC CGT	5'-PO3-GGT CCT GCT
2.4	(SEQ ID NO:319)	(SEQ ID NO:320)
	5'-PO3-CAG GAC AGT	5'-PO3-TGT CCT GCT
2.5	(SEQ ID NO:321)	(SEQ ID NO:322)
	5'-PO3-CAC TCT GGT	5'-PO3-CAG AGT GCT
2.6	(SEQ ID NO:323)	(SEQ ID NO:324)
	5'-PO3-GAC GGC TGT	5'-PO3-AGC CGT CCT
2.7	(SEQ ID NO:325)	(SEQ ID NO:326)
	5'-PO3-CAC TCT CGT	5'-PO3-GAG AGT GCT
2.8	(SEQ ID NO:327)	(SEQ ID NO:328)
	5'-PO3-GTA GCC TGT	5'-PO3-AGG CTA CCT
2.9	(SEQ ID NO:329)	(SEQ ID NO:330)
	5'-PO3-GCC ACT TGT	5'-PO3-AAG TGG CCT
2.10	(SEQ ID NO:331)	(SEQ ID NO:332)
	5'-PO3-CAT CGC TGT	5'-PO3-AGC GAT GCT
2.11	(SEQ ID NO:333)	(SEQ ID NO:334)
	5'-PO3-CAC TGG TGT	5'-PO3-ACC AGT GCT
2.12	(SEQ ID NO:335)	(SEQ ID NO:336)
	5'-PO3-GCC ACT GGT	5'-PO3-CAG TGG CCT
2.13	(SEQ ID NO:337)	(SEQ ID NO:338)
	5'-PO3-TCT GGC TGT	5'-PO3-AGC CAG ACT
2.14	(SEQ ID NO:339)	(SEQ ID NO:340)
	5'-PO3-GCC ACT CGT	5'-PO3-GAG TGG CCT
2.15	(SEQ ID NO:341)	(SEQ ID NO:342)
	5'-PO3-TGC CTC TGT	5'-PO3-AGA GGC ACT
2.16	(SEQ ID NO:343)	(SEQ ID NO:344)
	5'-PO3-CAT CGC AGT	5'-PO3-TGC GAT GCT
2.17	(SEQ ID NO:345)	(SEQ ID NO:346)
	5'-PO3-CAG GAA GGT	5'-PO3-CTT CCT GCT
2.18	(SEQ ID NO:347)	(SEQ ID NO:348)
	5'-PO3-GGC ATC TGT	5'-PO3-AGA TGC CCT
2.19	(SEQ ID NO:349)	(SEQ ID NO:350)

2.20	5'-PO3-CGG TGC TGT (SEQ ID NO:351)	5'-PO3-AGC ACC GCT (SEQ ID NO:352)
2.21	5'-PO3-CAC TGG CGT (SEQ ID NO:353)	5'-PO3-GCC AGT GCT (SEQ ID NO:354)
2.22	5'-PO3-TCTCCTCGT (SEQ ID NO:355)	5'-PO3-GAGGAGACT (SEQ ID NO:356)
2.23	5'-PO3-CCT GTC TGT (SEQ ID NO:357)	5'-PO3-AGA CAG GCT (SEQ ID NO:358)
2.24	5'-PO3-CAA CGC TGT (SEQ ID NO:359)	5'-PO3-AGC GTT GCT (SEQ ID NO:360)
2.25	5'-PO3-TGC CTC GGT (SEQ ID NO:361)	5'-PO3-CGA GGC ACT (SEQ ID NO:362)
2.26	5'-PO3-ACA CTG CGT (SEQ ID NO:363)	5'-PO3-GCA GTG TCT (SEQ ID NO:364)
2.27	5'-PO3-TCG TCC TGT (SEQ ID NO:365)	5'-PO3-AGG ACG ACT (SEQ ID NO:366)
2.28	5'-PO3-GCT GCC AGT (SEQ ID NO:367)	5'-PO3-TGG CAG CCT (SEQ ID NO:368)
2.29	5'-PO3-TCA GGC TGT (SEQ ID NO:369)	5'-PO3-AGC CTG ACT (SEQ ID NO:370)
2.30	5'-PO3-GCC AGG TGT (SEQ ID NO:371)	5'-PO3-ACC TGG CCT (SEQ ID NO:372)
2.31	5'-PO3-CGG ACC TGT (SEQ ID NO:373)	5'-PO3-AGG TCC GCT (SEQ ID NO:374)
2.32	5'-PO3-CAA CGC AGT (SEQ ID NO:375)	5'-PO3-TGC GTT GCT (SEQ ID NO:376)
2.33	5'-PO3-CAC ACG AGT (SEQ ID NO:377)	5'-PO3-TCG TGT GCT (SEQ ID NO:378)
2.34	5'-PO3-ATG GCC TGT (SEQ ID NO:379)	5'-PO3-AGG CCA TCT (SEQ ID NO:380)
2.35	5'-PO3-CCA GTC TGT (SEQ ID NO:381)	5'-PO3-AGA CTG GCT (SEQ ID NO:382)
2.36	5'-PO3-GCC AGG AGT (SEQ ID NO:383)	5'-PO3-TCC TGG CCT (SEQ ID NO:384)
2.37	5'-PO3-CGG ACC AGT (SEQ ID NO:385)	5'-PO3-TGG TCC GCT (SEQ ID NO:386)
2.38	5'-PO3-CCT TCG CGT (SEQ ID NO:387)	5'-PO3-GCG AAG GCT (SEQ ID NO:388)
2.39	5'-PO3-GCA GCC AGT (SEQ ID NO:389)	5'-PO3-TGG CTG CCT (SEQ ID NO:390)
2.40	5'-PO3-CCA GTC GGT (SEQ ID NO:391)	5'-PO3-CGA CTG GCT (SEQ ID NO:392)
2.41	5'-PO3-ACT GAG CGT (SEQ ID NO:393)	5'-PO3-GCT CAG TCT (SEQ ID NO:394)
2.42	5'-PO3-CCA GTC CGT (SEQ ID NO:395)	5'-PO3-GGA CTG GCT (SEQ ID NO:396)
2.43	5'-PO3-CCA GTC AGT (SEQ ID NO:397)	5'-PO3-TGA CTG GCT (SEQ ID NO:398)
2.44	5'-PO3-CAT CGA GGT (SEQ ID NO:399)	5'-PO3-CTC GAT GCT (SEQ ID NO:400)
2.45	5'-PO3-CCA TCG TGT (SEQ ID NO:401)	5'-PO3-ACG ATG GCT (SEQ ID NO:402)

2.46	5'-PO3-GTG CTG CGT (SEQ ID NO:403)	5'-PO3-GCA GCA CCT (SEQ ID NO:404)
2.47	5'-PO3-GAC TAC GGT (SEQ ID NO:405)	5'-PO3-CGT AGT CCT (SEQ ID NO:406)
2.48	5'-PO3-GTG CTG AGT (SEQ ID NO:407)	5'-PO3-TCA GCA CCT (SEQ ID NO:408)
2.49	5'-PO3-GCTGCATGT (SEQ ID NO:409)	5'-PO3-ATGCAGCCT (SEQ ID NO:410)
2.50	5'-PO3-GAGTGGTGT (SEQ ID NO:411)	5'-PO3-ACCACTCCT (SEQ ID NO:412)
2.51	5'-PO3-GACTACCGT (SEQ ID NO:413)	5'-PO3-GGTAGTCCT (SEQ ID NO:414)
2.52	5'-PO3-CGGTGATGT (SEQ ID NO:415)	5'-PO3-ATCACCGCT (SEQ ID NO:416)
2.53	5'-PO3-TGCGACTGT (SEQ ID NO:417)	5'-PO3-AGTCGCACT (SEQ ID NO:418)
2.54	5'-PO3-TCTGGAGGT (SEQ ID NO:419)	5'-PO3-CTCCAGACT (SEQ ID NO:420)
2.55	5'-PO3-AGCACTGGT (SEQ ID NO:421)	5'-PO3-CAGTGCTCT (SEQ ID NO:422)
2.56	5'-PO3-TCGCTTGGT (SEQ ID NO:423)	5'-PO3-CAAGCGACT (SEQ ID NO:424)
2.57	5'-PO3-AGCACTCGT (SEQ ID NO:425)	5'-PO3-GAGTGCTCT (SEQ ID NO:426)
2.58	5'-PO3-GCGATTGGT (SEQ ID NO:427)	5'-PO3-CAATCGCCT (SEQ ID NO:428)
2.59	5'-PO3-CCATCGCGT (SEQ ID NO:429)	5'-PO3-GCGATGGCT (SEQ ID NO:430)
2.60	5'-PO3-TCGCTTCGT (SEQ ID NO:431)	5'-PO3-GAAGCGACT (SEQ ID NO:432)
2.61	5'-PO3-AGTGCCTGT (SEQ ID NO:433)	5'-PO3-AGGCACTCT (SEQ ID NO:434)
2.62	5'-PO3-GGCATAGGT (SEQ ID NO:435)	5'-PO3-CTATGCCCT (SEQ ID NO:436)
2.63	5'-PO3-GCGATTCTGT (SEQ ID NO:437)	5'-PO3-GAATCGCCT (SEQ ID NO:438)
2.64	5'-PO3-TGCGACGGT (SEQ ID NO:439)	5'-PO3-CGTCGCACT (SEQ ID NO:440)
2.65	5'-PO3-GAGTGGCGT (SEQ ID NO:441)	5'-PO3-GCCACTCCT (SEQ ID NO:442)
2.66	5'-PO3-CGGTGAGGT (SEQ ID NO:443)	5'-PO3-CTCACCGCT (SEQ ID NO:444)
2.67	5'-PO3-GCTGCAAGT (SEQ ID NO:445)	5'-PO3-TTGCAGCCT (SEQ ID NO:446)
2.68	5'-PO3-TTCCGCTGT (SEQ ID NO:447)	5'-PO3-AGCGGAACT (SEQ ID NO:448)
2.69	5'-PO3-GAGTGGAGT (SEQ ID NO:449)	5'-PO3-TCCACTCCT (SEQ ID NO:450)
2.70	5'-PO3-ACAGAGCGT (SEQ ID NO:451)	5'-PO3-GCTCTGTCT (SEQ ID NO:452)
2.71	5'-PO3-TGCGACCGT (SEQ ID NO:453)	5'-PO3-GGTCGCACT (SEQ ID NO:454)

2.72	5'-PO3-CCTGTAGGT (SEQ ID NO:455)	5'-PO3-CTACAGGCT (SEQ ID NO:456)
2.73	5'-PO3-TAGCCGTGT (SEQ ID NO:457)	5'-PO3-ACGGCTACT (SEQ ID NO:458)
2.74	5'-PO3-TGCGACAGT (SEQ ID NO:459)	5'-PO3-TGTCGCACT (SEQ ID NO:460)
2.75	5'-PO3-GGTCTGTGT (SEQ ID NO:461)	5'-PO3-ACAGACCCT (SEQ ID NO:462)
2.76	5'-PO3-CGGTGAAGT (SEQ ID NO:463)	5'-PO3-TTCACCGCT (SEQ ID NO:464)
2.77	5'-PO3-CAACGAGGT (SEQ ID NO:465)	5'-PO3-CTCGTTGCT (SEQ ID NO:466)
2.78	5'-PO3-GCAGCATGT (SEQ ID NO:467)	5'-PO3-ATGCTGCCT (SEQ ID NO:468)
2.79	5'-PO3-TCGTCAGGT (SEQ ID NO:469)	5'-PO3-CTGACGACT (SEQ ID NO:470)
2.80	5'-PO3-AGTGCCAGT (SEQ ID NO:471)	5'-PO3-TGGCACTCT (SEQ ID NO:472)
2.81	5'-PO3-TAGAGGCGT (SEQ ID NO:473)	5'-PO3-GCCTCTACT (SEQ ID NO:474)
2.82	5'-PO3-GTCAGCGGT (SEQ ID NO:475)	5'-PO3-CGCTGACCT (SEQ ID NO:476)
2.83	5'-PO3-TCAGGAGGT (SEQ ID NO:477)	5'-PO3-CTCCTGACT (SEQ ID NO:478)
2.84	5'-PO3-AGCAGGTGT (SEQ ID NO:479)	5'-PO3-ACCTGCTCT (SEQ ID NO:480)
2.85	5'-PO3-TTCCGCAGT (SEQ ID NO:481)	5'-PO3-TGCGGAACT (SEQ ID NO:482)
2.86	5'-PO3-GTCAGCCGT (SEQ ID NO:483)	5'-PO3-GGCTGACCT (SEQ ID NO:484)
2.87	5'-PO3-GGTCTGCGT (SEQ ID NO:485)	5'-PO3-GCAGACCCT (SEQ ID NO:486)
2.88	5'-PO3-TAGCCGAGT (SEQ ID NO:487)	5'-PO3-TCGGCTACT (SEQ ID NO:488)
2.89	5'-PO3-GTCAGCAGT (SEQ ID NO:489)	5'-PO3-TGCTGACCT (SEQ ID NO:490)
2.90	5'-PO3-GGTCTGAGT (SEQ ID NO:491)	5'-PO3-TCAGACCCT (SEQ ID NO:492)
2.91	5'-PO3-CGGACAGGT (SEQ ID NO:493)	5'-PO3-CTGTCCGCT (SEQ ID NO:494)
2.92	5'-PO3-TTAGCCGGT5'- PO3-3'	5'-PO3-CGGCTAACT5'-PO3- 3'
2.93	5'-PO3-GAGACGAGT (SEQ ID NO:497)	5'-PO3-TCGTCTCCT (SEQ ID NO:498)
2.94	5'-PO3-CGTAACCGT (SEQ ID NO:499)	5'-PO3-GGTTACGCT (SEQ ID NO:500)
2.95	5'-PO3-TTGGCGTGT5'- PO3-3'	5'-PO3-ACGCCAACT5'-PO3- 3'
2.96	5'-PO3-ATGGCAGGT (SEQ ID NO:503)	5'-PO3-CTGCCATCT (SEQ ID NO:504)

Table 5. Oligonucleotide tags used in cycle 3

Tag number	Top strand sequence	Bottom strand sequence
3.1	5'-PO3-CAG CTA CGA (SEQ ID NO:505)	5'-PO3-GTA GCT GAC (SEQ ID NO:506)
3.2	5'-PO3-CTC CTG CGA (SEQ ID NO:507)	5'-PO3-GCA GGA GAC (SEQ ID NO:508)
3.3	5'-PO3-GCT GCC TGA (SEQ ID NO:509)	5'-PO3-AGG CAG CAC (SEQ ID NO:510)
3.4	5'-PO3-CAG GAA CGA (SEQ ID NO:511)	5'-PO3-GTT CCT GAC (SEQ ID NO:512)
3.5	5'-PO3-CAC ACG CGA (SEQ ID NO:513)	5'-PO3-GCG TGT GAC (SEQ ID NO:514)
3.6	5'-PO3-GCA GCC TGA (SEQ ID NO:515)	5'-PO3-AGG CTG CAC (SEQ ID NO:516)
3.7	5'-PO3-CTG AAC GGA (SEQ ID NO:517)	5'-PO3-CGT TCA GAC (SEQ ID NO:518)
3.8	5'-PO3-CTG AAC CGA (SEQ ID NO:519)	5'-PO3-GGT TCA GAC (SEQ ID NO:520)
3.9	5'-PO3-TCT GGA CGA (SEQ ID NO:521)	5'-PO3-GTC CAG AAC (SEQ ID NO:522)
3.10	5'-PO3-TGC CTA CGA (SEQ ID NO:523)	5'-PO3-GTA GGC AAC (SEQ ID NO:524)
3.11	5'-PO3-GGC ATA CGA (SEQ ID NO:525)	5'-PO3-GTA TGC CAC (SEQ ID NO:526)
3.12	5'-PO3-CGG TGA CGA (SEQ ID NO:527)	5'-PO3-GTC ACC GAC (SEQ ID NO:528)
3.13	5'-PO3-CAA CGA CGA (SEQ ID NO:529)	5'-PO3-GTC GTT GAC (SEQ ID NO:530)
3.14	5'-PO3-CTC CTC TGA (SEQ ID NO:531)	5'-PO3-AGA GGA GAC (SEQ ID NO:532)
3.15	5'-PO3-TCA GGA CGA (SEQ ID NO:533)	5'-PO3-GTC CTG AAC (SEQ ID NO:534)
3.16	5'-PO3-AAA GGC GGA (SEQ ID NO:535)	5'-PO3-CGC CTT TAC (SEQ ID NO:536)
3.17	5'-PO3-CTC CTC GGA (SEQ ID NO:537)	5'-PO3-CGA GGA GAC (SEQ ID NO:538)
3.18	5'-PO3-CAG ATG CGA (SEQ ID NO:539)	5'-PO3-GCA TCT GAC (SEQ ID NO:540)
3.19	5'-PO3-GCA GCA AGA (SEQ ID NO:541)	5'-PO3-TTG CTG CAC (SEQ ID NO:542)
3.20	5'-PO3-GTG GAG TGA (SEQ ID NO:543)	5'-PO3-ACT CCA CAC (SEQ ID NO:544)
3.21	5'-PO3-CCA GTA GGA (SEQ ID NO:545)	5'-PO3-CTA CTG GAC (SEQ ID NO:546)
3.22	5'-PO3-ATG GCA CGA (SEQ ID NO:547)	5'-PO3-GTG CCA TAC (SEQ ID NO:548)

3.23	5'-PO3-GGA CTG TGA (SEQ ID NO:549)	5'-PO3-ACA GTC CAC (SEQ ID NO:550)
3.24	5'-PO3-CCG AAC TGA (SEQ ID NO:551)	5'-PO3-AGT TCG GAC (SEQ ID NO:552)
3.25	5'-PO3-CTC CTC AGA (SEQ ID NO:553)	5'-PO3-TGA GGA GAC (SEQ ID NO:554)
3.26	5'-PO3-CAC TGC TGA (SEQ ID NO:555)	5'-PO3-AGC AGT GAC (SEQ ID NO:556)
3.27	5'-PO3-AGC AGG CGA (SEQ ID NO:557)	5'-PO3-GCC TGC TAC (SEQ ID NO:558)
3.28	5'-PO3-AGC AGG AGA (SEQ ID NO:559)	5'-PO3-TCC TGC TAC (SEQ ID NO:560)
3.29	5'-PO3-AGA GCC AGA (SEQ ID NO:561)	5'-PO3-TGG CTC TAC (SEQ ID NO:562)
3.30	5'-PO3-GTC GTT GGA (SEQ ID NO:563)	5'-PO3-CAA CGA CAC (SEQ ID NO:564)
3.31	5'-PO3-CCG AAC GGA (SEQ ID NO:565)	5'-PO3-CGT TCG GAC (SEQ ID NO:566)
3.32	5'-PO3-CAC TGC GGA (SEQ ID NO:567)	5'-PO3-CGC AGT GAC (SEQ ID NO:568)
3.33	5'-PO3-GTG GAG CGA (SEQ ID NO:569)	5'-PO3-GCT CCA CAC (SEQ ID NO:570)
3.34	5'-PO3-GTG GAG AGA (SEQ ID NO:571)	5'-PO3-TCT CCA CAC (SEQ ID NO:572)
3.35	5'-PO3-GGA CTG CGA (SEQ ID NO:573)	5'-PO3-GCA GTC CAC (SEQ ID NO:574)
3.36	5'-PO3-CCG AAC CGA (SEQ ID NO:575)	5'-PO3-GGT TCG GAC (SEQ ID NO:576)
3.37	5'-PO3-CAC TGC CGA (SEQ ID NO:577)	5'-PO3-GGC AGT GAC (SEQ ID NO:578)
3.38	5'-PO3-CGA AAC GGA (SEQ ID NO:579)	5'-PO3-CGT TTC GAC (SEQ ID NO:580)
3.39	5'-PO3-GGA CTG AGA (SEQ ID NO:581)	5'-PO3-TCA GTC CAC (SEQ ID NO:582)
3.40	5'-PO3-CCG AAC AGA (SEQ ID NO:583)	5'-PO3-TGT TCG GAC (SEQ ID NO:584)
3.41	5'-PO3-CGA AAC CGA (SEQ ID NO:585)	5'-PO3-GGT TTC GAC (SEQ ID NO:586)
3.42	5'-PO3-CTG GCT TGA (SEQ ID NO:587)	5'-PO3-AAG CCA GAC (SEQ ID NO:588)
3.43	5'-PO3-CAC ACC TGA (SEQ ID NO:589)	5'-PO3-AGG TGT GAC (SEQ ID NO:590)
3.44	5'-PO3-AAC GAC CGA (SEQ ID NO:591)	5'-PO3-GGT CGT TAC (SEQ ID NO:592)
3.45	5'-PO3-ATC CAG CGA (SEQ ID NO:593)	5'-PO3-GCT GGA TAC (SEQ ID NO:594)
3.46	5'-PO3-TGC GAA GGA (SEQ ID NO:595)	5'-PO3-CTT CGC AAC (SEQ ID NO:596)
3.47	5'-PO3-TGC GAA CGA (SEQ ID NO:597)	5'-PO3-GTT CGC AAC (SEQ ID NO:598)
3.48	5'-PO3-CTG GCT GGA (SEQ ID NO:599)	5'-PO3-CAG CCA GAC (SEQ ID NO:600)

3.49	5'-PO3-CAC ACC GGA	5'-PO3-CGG TGT GAC
	(SEQ ID NO:601)	(SEQ ID NO:602)
3.50	5'-PO3-AGT GCA GGA	5'-PO3-CTG CAC TAC
	(SEQ ID NO:603)	(SEQ ID NO:604)
3.51	5'-PO3-GAC CGT TGA	5'-PO3-AAC GGT CAC
	(SEQ ID NO:605)	(SEQ ID NO:606)
3.52	5'-PO3-GGT GAG TGA	5'-PO3-ACT CAC CAC
	(SEQ ID NO:607)	(SEQ ID NO:608)
3.53	5'-PO3-CCT TCC TGA	5'-PO3-AGG AAG GAC
	(SEQ ID NO:609)	(SEQ ID NO:610)
3.54	5'-PO3-CTG GCT AGA	5'-PO3-TAG CCA GAC
	(SEQ ID NO:611)	(SEQ ID NO:612)
3.55	5'-PO3-CAC ACC AGA	5'-PO3-TGG TGT GAC
	(SEQ ID NO:613)	(SEQ ID NO:614)
3.56	5'-PO3-AGC GGT AGA	5'-PO3-TAC CGC TAC
	(SEQ ID NO:615)	(SEQ ID NO:616)
3.57	5'-PO3-GTC AGA GGA	5'-PO3-CTC TGA CAC
	(SEQ ID NO:617)	(SEQ ID NO:618)
3.58	5'-PO3-TTC CGA CGA	5'-PO3-GTC GGA AAC
	(SEQ ID NO:619)	(SEQ ID NO:620)
3.59	5'-PO3-AGG CGT AGA	5'-PO3-TAC GCC TAC
	(SEQ ID NO:621)	(SEQ ID NO:622)
3.60	5'-PO3-CTC GAC TGA	5'-PO3-AGT CGA GAC
	(SEQ ID NO:623)	(SEQ ID NO:624)
3.61	5'-PO3-TAC GCT GGA	5'-PO3-CAG CGT AAC
	(SEQ ID NO:625)	(SEQ ID NO:626)
3.62	5'-PO3-GTT CGG TGA	5'-PO3-ACC GAA CAC
	(SEQ ID NO:627)	(SEQ ID NO:628)
3.63	5'-PO3-GCC AGC AGA	5'-PO3-TGC TGG CAC
	(SEQ ID NO:629)	(SEQ ID NO:630)
3.64	5'-PO3-GAC CGT AGA	5'-PO3-TAC GGT CAC
	(SEQ ID NO:631)	(SEQ ID NO:632)
3.65	5'-PO3-GTG CTC TGA	5'-PO3-AGA GCA CAC
	(SEQ ID NO:633)	(SEQ ID NO:634)
3.66	5'-PO3-GGT GAG CGA	5'-PO3-GCT CAC CAC
	(SEQ ID NO:635)	(SEQ ID NO:636)
3.67	5'-PO3-GGT GAG AGA	5'-PO3-TCT CAC CAC
	(SEQ ID NO:637)	(SEQ ID NO:638)
3.68	5'-PO3-CCT TCC AGA	5'-PO3-TGG AAG GAC
	(SEQ ID NO:639)	(SEQ ID NO:640)
3.69	5'-PO3-CTC CTA CGA	5'-PO3-GTA GGA GAC
	(SEQ ID NO:641)	(SEQ ID NO:642)
3.70	5'-PO3-CTC GAC GGA	5'-PO3-CGT CGA GAC
	(SEQ ID NO:643)	(SEQ ID NO:644)
3.71	5'-PO3-GCC GTT TGA	5'-PO3-AAA CGG CAC
	(SEQ ID NO:645)	(SEQ ID NO:646)
3.72	5'-PO3-GCG GAG TGA	5'-PO3-ACT CCG CAC
	(SEQ ID NO:647)	(SEQ ID NO:648)
3.73	5'-PO3-CGT GCT TGA	5'-PO3-AAG CAC GAC
	(SEQ ID NO:649)	(SEQ ID NO:650)
3.74	5'-PO3-CTC GAC CGA	5'-PO3-GGT CGA GAC
	(SEQ ID NO:651)	(SEQ ID NO:652)

3.75	5'-PO3-AGA GCA GGA (SEQ ID NO:653)	5'-PO3-CTG CTC TAC (SEQ ID NO:654)
3.76	5'-PO3-GTG CTC GGA (SEQ ID NO:655)	5'-PO3-CGA GCA CAC (SEQ ID NO:656)
3.77	5'-PO3-CTC GAC AGA (SEQ ID NO:657)	5'-PO3-TGT CGA GAC (SEQ ID NO:658)
3.78	5'-PO3-GGA GAG TGA (SEQ ID NO:659)	5'-PO3-ACT CTC CAC (SEQ ID NO:660)
3.79	5'-PO3-AGG CTG TGA (SEQ ID NO:661)	5'-PO3-ACA GCC TAC (SEQ ID NO:662)
3.80	5'-PO3-AGA GCA CGA (SEQ ID NO:663)	5'-PO3-GTG CTC TAC (SEQ ID NO:664)
3.81	5'-PO3-CCA TCC TGA (SEQ ID NO:665)	5'-PO3-AGG ATG GAC (SEQ ID NO:666)
3.82	5'-PO3-GTT CGG AGA (SEQ ID NO:667)	5'-PO3-TCC GAA CAC (SEQ ID NO:668)
3.83	5'-PO3-TGG TAG CGA (SEQ ID NO:669)	5'-PO3-GCT ACC AAC (SEQ ID NO:670)
3.84	5'-PO3-GTG CTC CGA (SEQ ID NO:671)	5'-PO3-GGA GCA CAC (SEQ ID NO:672)
3.85	5'-PO3-GTG CTC AGA (SEQ ID NO:673)	5'-PO3-TGA GCA CAC (SEQ ID NO:674)
3.86	5'-PO3-GCC GTT GGA (SEQ ID NO:675)	5'-PO3-CAA CGG CAC (SEQ ID NO:676)
3.87	5'-PO3-GAG TGC TGA (SEQ ID NO:677)	5'-PO3-AGC ACT CAC (SEQ ID NO:678)
3.88	5'-PO3-GCT CCT TGA (SEQ ID NO:679)	5'-PO3-AAG GAG CAC (SEQ ID NO:680)
3.89	5'-PO3-CCG AAA GGA (SEQ ID NO:681)	5'-PO3-CTT TCG GAC (SEQ ID NO:682)
3.90	5'-PO3-CAC TGA GGA (SEQ ID NO:683)	5'-PO3-CTC AGT GAC (SEQ ID NO:684)
3.91	5'-PO3-CGT GCT GGA (SEQ ID NO:685)	5'-PO3-CAG CAC GAC (SEQ ID NO:686)
3.92	5'-PO3-CCG AAA CGA (SEQ ID NO:687)	5'-PO3-GTT TCG GAC (SEQ ID NO:688)
3.93	5'-PO3-GCG GAG AGA (SEQ ID NO:689)	5'-PO3-TCT CCG CAC (SEQ ID NO:690)
3.94	5'-PO3-GCC GTT AGA (SEQ ID NO:691)	5'-PO3-TAA CGG CAC (SEQ ID NO:692)
3.95	5'-PO3-TCT CGT GGA (SEQ ID NO:693)	5'-PO3-CAC GAG AAC (SEQ ID NO:694)
3.96	5'-PO3-CGT GCT AGA (SEQ ID NO:695)	5'-PO3-TAG CAC GAC (SEQ ID NO:696)

Table 6. Oligonucleotide tags used in cycle 4

Tag number	Top strand sequence	Bottom strand sequence
4.1	5'-PO3-GCCTGTCTT (SEQ ID NO:697)	5'-PO3-GAC AGG CTC (SEQ ID NO:698)

4.2	5'-PO3-CTCCTGGTT (SEQ ID NO:699)	5'-PO3-CCA GGA GTC (SEQ ID NO:700)
4.3	5'-PO3-ACTCTGCTT (SEQ ID NO:701)	5'-PO3-GCA GAG TTC (SEQ ID NO:702)
4.4	5'-PO3-CATCGCCTT (SEQ ID NO:703)	5'-PO3-GGC GAT GTC (SEQ ID NO:704)
4.5	5'-PO3-GCCACTATT (SEQ ID NO:705)	5'-PO3-TAG TGG CTC (SEQ ID NO:706)
4.6	5'-PO3-CACACGGTT (SEQ ID NO:707)	5'-PO3-CCG TGT GTC (SEQ ID NO:708)
4.7	5'-PO3-CAACGCCTT (SEQ ID NO:709)	5'-PO3-GGC GTT GTC (SEQ ID NO:710)
4.8	5'-PO3-ACTGAGGTT (SEQ ID NO:711)	5'-PO3-CCT CAG TTC (SEQ ID NO:712)
4.9	5'-PO3-GTGCTGGTT (SEQ ID NO:713)	5'-PO3-CCA GCA CTC (SEQ ID NO:714)
4.10	5'-PO3-CATCGACTT (SEQ ID NO:715)	5'-PO3-GTC GAT GTC (SEQ ID NO:716)
4.11	5'-PO3-CCATCGGTT (SEQ ID NO:717)	5'-PO3-CCG ATG GTC (SEQ ID NO:718)
4.12	5'-PO3-GCTGCACTT (SEQ ID NO:719)	5'-PO3-GTG CAG CTC (SEQ ID NO:720)
4.13	5'-PO3-ACAGAGGTT (SEQ ID NO:721)	5'-PO3-CCT CTG TTC (SEQ ID NO:722)
4.14	5'-PO3-AGTGCCGTT (SEQ ID NO:723)	5'-PO3-CGG CAC TTC (SEQ ID NO:724)
4.15	5'-PO3-CGGACATTT (SEQ ID NO:725)	5'-PO3-ATG TCC GTC (SEQ ID NO:726)
4.16	5'-PO3-GGTCTGGTT (SEQ ID NO:727)	5'-PO3-CCA GAC CTC (SEQ ID NO:728)
4.17	5'-PO3-GAGACGGTT (SEQ ID NO:729)	5'-PO3-CCG TCT CTC (SEQ ID NO:730)
4.18	5'-PO3-CTTTCCGTT (SEQ ID NO:731)	5'-PO3-CGG AAA GTC (SEQ ID NO:732)
4.19	5'-PO3-CAGATGGTT (SEQ ID NO:733)	5'-PO3-CCA TCT GTC (SEQ ID NO:734)
4.20	5'-PO3-CGGACACTT (SEQ ID NO:735)	5'-PO3-GTG TCC GTC (SEQ ID NO:736)
4.21	5'-PO3-ACTCTCGTT (SEQ ID NO:737)	5'-PO3-CGA GAG TTC (SEQ ID NO:738)
4.22	5'-PO3-GCAGCACTT (SEQ ID NO:739)	5'-PO3-GTG CTG CTC (SEQ ID NO:740)
4.23	5'-PO3-ACTCTCCTT (SEQ ID NO:741)	5'-PO3-GGA GAG TTC (SEQ ID NO:742)
4.24	5'-PO3-ACCTTGGTT (SEQ ID NO:743)	5'-PO3-CCA AGG TTC (SEQ ID NO:744)
4.25	5'-PO3-AGAGCCGTT (SEQ ID NO:745)	5'-PO3-CGG CTC TTC (SEQ ID NO:746)
4.26	5'-PO3-ACCTTGCTT (SEQ ID NO:747)	5'-PO3-GCA AGG TTC (SEQ ID NO:748)
4.27	5'-PO3-AAGTCCGTT (SEQ ID NO:749)	5'-PO3-CGG ACT TTC (SEQ ID NO:750)

4.28	5'-PO3-GGA CTG GTT (SEQ ID NO: 751)	5'-PO3-CCA GTC CTC (SEQ ID NO: 752)
4.29	5'-PO3-GTCGTTCTT (SEQ ID NO: 753)	5'-PO3-GAA CGA CTC (SEQ ID NO: 754)
4.30	5'-PO3-CAGCATCTT (SEQ ID NO: 755)	5'-PO3-GAT GCT GTC (SEQ ID NO: 756)
4.31	5'-PO3-CTATCCGTT (SEQ ID NO: 757)	5'-PO3-CGG ATA GTC (SEQ ID NO: 758)
4.32	5'-PO3-ACACTCGTT (SEQ ID NO: 759)	5'-PO3-CGA GTG TTC (SEQ ID NO: 760)
4.33	5'-PO3-ATCCAGGTT (SEQ ID NO: 761)	5'-PO3-CCT GGA TTC (SEQ ID NO: 762)
4.34	5'-PO3-GTTCCTGTT (SEQ ID NO: 763)	5'-PO3-CAG GAA CTC (SEQ ID NO: 764)
4.35	5'-PO3-ACACTCCTT (SEQ ID NO: 765)	5'-PO3-GGA GTG TTC (SEQ ID NO: 766)
4.36	5'-PO3-GTTCCTCTT (SEQ ID NO: 767)	5'-PO3-GAG GAA CTC (SEQ ID NO: 768)
4.37	5'-PO3-CTGGCTCTT (SEQ ID NO: 769)	5'-PO3-GAG CCA GTC (SEQ ID NO: 770)
4.38	5'-PO3-ACGGCATT (SEQ ID NO: 771)	5'-PO3-ATG CCG TTC (SEQ ID NO: 772)
4.39	5'-PO3-GGTGAGGTT (SEQ ID NO: 773)	5'-PO3-CCT CAC CTC (SEQ ID NO: 774)
4.40	5'-PO3-CCTTCCGTT (SEQ ID NO: 775)	5'-PO3-CGG AAG GTC (SEQ ID NO: 776)
4.41	5'-PO3-TACGCTCTT (SEQ ID NO: 777)	5'-PO3-GAG CGT ATC (SEQ ID NO: 778)
4.42	5'-PO3-ACGGCAGTT (SEQ ID NO: 779)	5'-PO3-CTG CCG TTC (SEQ ID NO: 780)
4.43	5'-PO3-ACTGACGTT (SEQ ID NO: 781)	5'-PO3-CGT CAG TTC (SEQ ID NO: 782)
4.44	5'-PO3-ACGGCACTT (SEQ ID NO: 783)	5'-PO3-GTG CCG TTC (SEQ ID NO: 784)
4.45	5'-PO3-ACTGACCTT (SEQ ID NO: 785)	5'-PO3-GGT CAG TTC (SEQ ID NO: 786)
4.46	5'-PO3-TTTGCGGTT (SEQ ID NO: 787)	5'-PO3-CCG CAA ATC (SEQ ID NO: 788)
4.47	5'-PO3-TGGTAGGTT (SEQ ID NO: 789)	5'-PO3-CCT ACC ATC (SEQ ID NO: 790)
4.48	5'-PO3-GTTCGGCTT (SEQ ID NO: 791)	5'-PO3-GCC GAA CTC (SEQ ID NO: 792)
4.49	5'-PO3-GCC GTT CTT (SEQ ID NO: 793)	5'-PO3-GAA CGG CTC (SEQ ID NO: 794)
4.50	5'-PO3-GGAGAGGTT (SEQ ID NO: 795)	5'-PO3-CCT CTC CTC (SEQ ID NO: 796)
4.51	5'-PO3-CACTGACTT (SEQ ID NO: 797)	5'-PO3-GTC AGT GTC (SEQ ID NO: 798)
4.52	5'-PO3-CGTGCTCTT (SEQ ID NO: 799)	5'-PO3-GAG CAC GTC (SEQ ID NO: 800)
4.53	5'-PO3-AATCCGCTT (SEQ ID NO: 801)	5'-PO3-GCGGATTTC (SEQ ID NO: 802)

4.54	5'-PO3-AGGCTGGTT (SEQ ID NO:803)	5'-PO3-CCA GCC TTC (SEQ ID NO:804)
4.55	5'-PO3-GCTAGTGTT (SEQ ID NO:805)	5'-PO3-CAC TAG CTC (SEQ ID NO:806)
4.56	5'-PO3-GGAGAGCTT (SEQ ID NO:807)	5'-PO3-GCT CTC CTC (SEQ ID NO:808)
4.57	5'-PO3-GGAGAGATT (SEQ ID NO:809)	5'-PO3-TCT CTC CTC (SEQ ID NO:810)
4.58	5'-PO3-AGGCTGCTT (SEQ ID NO:811)	5'-PO3-GCA GCC TTC (SEQ ID NO:812)
4.59	5'-PO3-GAGTGCGTT (SEQ ID NO:813)	5'-PO3-CGC ACT CTC (SEQ ID NO:814)
4.60	5'-PO3-CCATCCATT (SEQ ID NO:815)	5'-PO3-TGG ATG GTC (SEQ ID NO:816)
4.61	5'-PO3-GCTAGTCTT (SEQ ID NO:817)	5'-PO3-GAC TAG CTC (SEQ ID NO:818)
4.62	5'-PO3-AGGCTGATT (SEQ ID NO:819)	5'-PO3-TCA GCC TTC (SEQ ID NO:820)
4.63	5'-PO3-ACAGACGTT (SEQ ID NO:821)	5'-PO3-CGT CTG TTC (SEQ ID NO:822)
4.64	5'-PO3-GAGTGCCTT (SEQ ID NO:823)	5'-PO3-GGC ACT CTC (SEQ ID NO:824)
4.65	5'-PO3-ACAGACCTT (SEQ ID NO:825)	5'-PO3-GGT CTG TTC (SEQ ID NO:826)
4.66	5'-PO3-CGAGCTTTT (SEQ ID NO:827)	5'-PO3-AAG CTC GTC (SEQ ID NO:828)
4.67	5'-PO3-TTAGCGGTT (SEQ ID NO:829)	5'-PO3-CCG CTA ATC (SEQ ID NO:830)
4.68	5'-PO3-CCTCTTGTT (SEQ ID NO:831)	5'-PO3-CAA GAG GTC (SEQ ID NO:832)
4.69	5'-PO3-GGTCTCTTT (SEQ ID NO:833)	5'-PO3-AGA GAC CTC (SEQ ID NO:834)
4.70	5'-PO3-GCCAGATTT (SEQ ID NO:835)	5'-PO3-ATC TGG CTC (SEQ ID NO:836)
4.71	5'-PO3-GAGACCTTT (SEQ ID NO:837)	5'-PO3-AGG TCT CTC (SEQ ID NO:838)
4.72	5'-PO3-CACACAGTT (SEQ ID NO:839)	5'-PO3-CTG TGT GTC (SEQ ID NO:840)
4.73	5'-PO3-CCTCTTCTT (SEQ ID NO:841)	5'-PO3-GAA GAG GTC (SEQ ID NO:842)
4.74	5'-PO3-TAGAGCGTT (SEQ ID NO:843)	5'-PO3-CGC TCT ATC (SEQ ID NO:844)
4.75	5'-PO3-GCACCTTTT (SEQ ID NO:845)	5'-PO3-AAG GTG CTC (SEQ ID NO:846)
4.76	5'-PO3-GGCTTGTTT (SEQ ID NO:847)	5'-PO3-ACA AGC CTC (SEQ ID NO:848)
4.77	5'-PO3-GACGCGATT (SEQ ID NO:849)	5'-PO3-TCG CGT CTC (SEQ ID NO:850)
4.78	5'-PO3-CGAGCTGTT (SEQ ID NO:851)	5'-PO3-CAG CTC GTC (SEQ ID NO:852)
4.79	5'-PO3-TAGAGCCTT (SEQ ID NO:853)	5'-PO3-GGC TCT ATC (SEQ ID NO:854)

4.80	5'-PO3-CATCCGTTT (SEQ ID NO:855)	5'-PO3-ACG GAT GTC (SEQ ID NO:856)
4.81	5'-PO3-GGTCTCGTT (SEQ ID NO:857)	5'-PO3-CGA GAC CTC (SEQ ID NO:858)
4.82	5'-PO3-GCCAGAGTT (SEQ ID NO:859)	5'-PO3-CTC TGG CTC (SEQ ID NO:860)
4.83	5'-PO3-GAGACCGTT (SEQ ID NO:861)	5'-PO3-CGG TCT CTC (SEQ ID NO:862)
4.84	5'-PO3-CGAGCTATT (SEQ ID NO:863)	5'-PO3-TAG CTC GTC (SEQ ID NO:864)
4.85	5'-PO3-GCAAGTGTT (SEQ ID NO:865)	5'-PO3-CAC TTG CTC (SEQ ID NO:866)
4.86	5'-PO3-GGTCTCCTT (SEQ ID NO:867)	5'-PO3-GGA GAC CTC (SEQ ID NO:868)
4.87	5'-PO3-GCCAGACTT (SEQ ID NO:869)	5'-PO3-GTC TGG CTC (SEQ ID NO:870)
4.88	5'-PO3-GGTCTCATT (SEQ ID NO:871)	5'-PO3-TGA GAC CTC (SEQ ID NO:872)
4.89	5'-PO3-GAGACCATT (SEQ ID NO:873)	5'-PO3-TGG TCT CTC (SEQ ID NO:874)
4.90	5'-PO3-CCTTCAGTT (SEQ ID NO:875)	5'-PO3-CTG AAG GTC (SEQ ID NO:876)
4.91	5'-PO3-GCACCTGTT (SEQ ID NO:877)	5'-PO3-CAG GTG CTC (SEQ ID NO:878)
4.92	5'-PO3-AAAGGCGTT (SEQ ID NO:879)	5'-PO3-CGC CTT TTC (SEQ ID NO:880)
4.93	5'-PO3-CAGATCGTT (SEQ ID NO:881)	5'-PO3-CGA TCT GTC (SEQ ID NO:882)
4.94	5'-PO3-CATAGGCTT (SEQ ID NO:883)	5'-PO3-GCC TAT GTC (SEQ ID NO:884)
4.95	5'-PO3-CCTTCACTT (SEQ ID NO:885)	5'-PO3-GTG AAG GTC (SEQ ID NO:886)
4.96	5'-PO3-GCACCTCTT (SEQ ID NO:887)	5'-PO3-GAG GTG CTC (SEQ ID NO:888)

Table 7: Correspondence between building blocks and oligonucleotide tags for Cycles 1-4.

Building block	Cycle 1	Cycle 2	Cycle 3	Cycle 4
BB1	1.1	2.1	3.1	4.1
BB2	1.2	2.2	3.2	4.2
BB3	1.3	2.3	3.3	4.3
BB4	1.4	2.4	3.4	4.4
BB5	1.5	2.5	3.5	4.5
BB6	1.6	2.6	3.6	4.6
BB7	1.7	2.7	3.7	4.7

BB8	1.8	2.8	3.8	4.8
BB9	1.9	2.9	3.9	4.9
BB10	1.10	2.10	3.10	4.10
BB11	1.11	2.11	3.11	4.11
BB12	1.12	2.12	3.12	4.12
BB13	1.13	2.13	3.13	4.13
BB14	1.14	2.14	3.14	4.14
BB15	1.15	2.15	3.15	4.15
BB16	1.16	2.16	3.16	4.16
BB17	1.17	2.17	3.17	4.17
BB18	1.18	2.18	3.18	4.18
BB19	1.19	2.19	3.19	4.19
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1X ligase buffer: 50 mM Tris, pH 7.5; 10 mM dithiothreitol; 10 mM MgCl₂; 2mM ATP; 50 mM NaCl.

10X ligase buffer: 500 mM Tris, pH 7.5; 100 mM dithiothreitol; 100 mM MgCl_2 ; 20 mM ATP; 500 mM NaCl

Attachment of Water Soluble Spacer to Compound 2

To a solution of Compound 2 (60 mL, 1 mM) in sodium borate buffer (150 mM, pH 9.4) that was chilled to 4 °C was added 40 equivalents of N-Fmoc-15-amino-4,7,10,13-tetraoxaoctadecanoic acid (S-Ado) in N,N-dimethylformamide (DMF) (16 mL, 0.15 M) followed by 40 equivalents of 4-(4,6-dimethoxy[1.3.5]triazin-2-yl)-4-methylmorpholinium chloride hydrate (DMTMM) in water (9.6 mL, 0.25 M). The mixture was gently shaken for 2 hours at 4 °C before an additional 40 equivalents of S-Ado and DMTMM were added and shaken for a further 16 hours at 4 °C.

Following acylation, a 0.1X volume of 5 M aqueous NaCl and a 2.5X volume of cold (-20 °C) ethanol was added and the mixture was allowed to stand at -20 °C for at least one hour. The mixture was then centrifuged for 15 minutes at 14,000 rpm in a 4 °C centrifuge to give a white pellet which was washed with cold EtOH and then dried in a lyophilizer at room temperature for 30 minutes. The solid was dissolved in 40 mL of water and purified by Reverse Phase HPLC with a Waters Xterra RP₁₈ column. A binary mobile phase gradient profile was used to elute the product using a 50 mM aqueous triethylammonium acetate buffer at pH 7.5 and 99% acetonitrile/1% water solution. The purified material was concentrated by lyophilization and the resulting residue was dissolved in 5 mL of water. A 0.1X volume of piperidine was added to the solution and the mixture was gently shaken for 45 minutes at room temperature. The product was then purified by ethanol precipitation as described above and isolated by centrifugation. The resulting pellet was washed twice with cold EtOH and dried by lyophilization to give purified Compound 3.

Cycle 1

To each well in a 96 well plate was added 12.5 μL of a 4 mM solution of Compound 3 in water; 100 μL of a 1 mM solution of one of oligonucleotide tags 1.1 to 1.96, as shown in Table 3 (the molar ratio of Compound 3 to tags was 1:2). The plates were heated to 95°C for 1 minute and then cooled to 16°C over 10 minutes. To each well was added 10 μL of 10X ligase buffer, 30 units T4 DNA ligase (1 μL of a 30

unit/ μ L solution (FermentasLife Science, Cat. No. EL0013)), 76.5 μ L of water and the resulting solutions were incubated at 16 °C for 16 hours.

After the ligation reaction, 20 μ L of 5 M aqueous NaCl was added directly to each well, followed by 500 μ L cold (-20 °C) ethanol, and held at -20 °C for 1 hour. The plates were centrifugated for 1 hour at 3200g in a Beckman Coulter Allegra 6R centrifuge using Beckman Microplus Carriers. The supernatant was carefully removed by inverting the plate and the pellet was washed with 70% aqueous cold ethanol at -20 °C. Each of the pellets was then dissolved in sodium borate buffer (50 μ L, 150 mM, pH 9.4) to a concentration of 1 mM and chilled to 4 °C.

To each solution was added 40 equivalents of one of the 96 building block precursors in DMF (13 μ L, 0.15 M) followed by 40 equivalents of DMT-MM in water (8 μ L, 0.25M), and the solutions were gently shaken at 4°C. After 2 hours, an additional 40 equivalents of one of each building block precursor and DMTMM were added and the solutions were gently shaken for 16 hours at 4 °C. Following acylation, 10 equivalents of acetic acid-N-hydroxy-succinimide ester in DMF (2 μ L, 0.25M) was added to each solution and gently shaken for 10 minutes.

Following acylation, the 96 reaction mixtures were pooled and 0.1 volume of 5M aqueous NaCl and 2.5 volumes of cold absolute ethanol were added and the solution was allowed to stand at -20 °C for at least one hour. The mixture was then centrifuged. Following centrifugation, as much supernatant as possible was removed with a micropipette, the pellet was washed with cold ethanol and centrifuged again. The supernatant was removed with a 200 μ L pipet. Cold 70% ethanol was added to the tube, and the resulting mixture was centrifuged for 5 min at 4°C.

The supernatant was removed and the remaining ethanol was removed by lyophilization at room temperature for 10 minutes. The pellet was then dissolved in 2 mL of water and purified by Reverse Phase HPLC with a Waters Xterra RP₁₈ column. A binary mobile phase gradient profile was used to elute the library using a 50 mM aqueous triethylammonium acetate buffer at pH 7.5 and 99% acetonitrile/1% water solution. The fractions containing the library were collected, pooled, and lyophilized. The resulting residue was dissolved in 2.5 mL of water and 250 μ L of piperidine was added. The solution was shaken gently for 45 minutes and then precipitated with ethanol as previously described. The resulting pellet was dried by lyophilization and

then dissolved in sodium borate buffer (4.8 mL, 150 mM, pH 9.4) to a concentration of 1 mM.

The solution was chilled to 4 °C and 40 equivalents each of N-Fmoc-propargylglycine in DMF (1.2 mL, 0.15 M) and DMT-MM in water (7.7 mL, 0.25 M) were added. The mixture was gently shaken for 2 hours at 4 °C before an additional 40 equivalents of N-Fmoc-propargylglycine and DMT-MM were added and the solution was shaken for a further 16 hours. The mixture was later purified by EtOH precipitation and Reverse Phase HPLC as described above and the N-Fmoc group was removed by treatment with piperidine as previously described. Upon final purification by EtOH precipitation, the resulting pellet was dried by lyophilization and carried into the next cycle of synthesis

Cycles 2-4

For each of these cycles, the dried pellet from the previous cycle was dissolved in water and the concentration of library was determined by spectrophotometry based on the extinction coefficient of the DNA component of the library, where the initial extinction coefficient of Compound 2 is 131,500 L/(mole.cm). The concentration of the library was adjusted with water such that the final concentration in the subsequent ligation reactions was 0.25 mM. The library was then divided into 96 equal aliquots in a 96 well plate. To each well was added a solution comprising a different tag (molar ratio of the library to tag was 1:2), and ligations were performed as described for Cycle 1. Oligonucleotide tags used in Cycles 2, 3 and 4 are set forth in Tables 4, 5 and 6, respectively. Correspondence between the tags and the building block precursors for each of Cycles 1 to 4 is provided in Table 7. The library was precipitated by the addition of ethanol as described above for Cycle 1, and dissolved in sodium borate buffer (150 mM, pH 9.4) to a concentration of 1 mM. Subsequent acylations and purifications were performed as described for Cycle 1, except HPLC purification was omitted during Cycle 3.

The products of Cycle 4 were ligated with the closing primer shown below, using the method described above for ligation of tags.

5'-PO₃-CAG AAG ACA GAC AAG CTT CAC CTG C (SEQ ID NO: 889)

5'-PO₃-GCA GGT GAA GCT TGT CTG TCT TCT GAA (SEQ ID NO: 890)

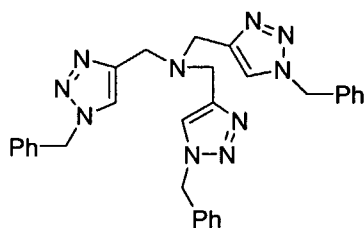
Results:

The synthetic procedure described above has the capability of producing a library comprising 96^4 (about 10^8) different structures. The synthesis of the library was monitored via gel electrophoresis and LC/MS of the product of each cycle. Upon completion, the library was analyzed using several techniques. Figure 13a is a chromatogram of the library following Cycle 4, but before ligation of the closing primer; Figure 13b is a mass spectrum of the library at the same synthetic stage. The average molecular weight was determined by negative ion LC/MS analysis. The ion signal was deconvoluted using ProMass software. This result is consistent with the predicted average mass of the library.

The DNA component of the library was analyzed by agarose gel electrophoresis, which showed that the majority of library material corresponds to ligated product of the correct size. DNA sequence analysis of molecular clones of PCR product derived from a sampling of the library shows that DNA ligation occurred with high fidelity and to near completion.

Library cyclization

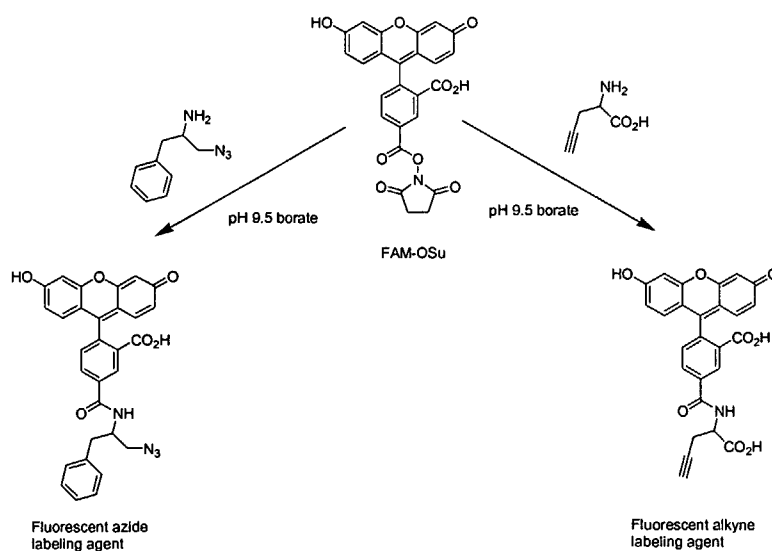
At the completion of Cycle 4, a portion of the library was capped at the N-terminus using azidoacetic acid under the usual acylation conditions. The product, after purification by EtOH precipitation, was dissolved in sodium phosphate buffer (150 mM, pH 8) to a concentration of 1 mM and 4 equivalents each of CuSO_4 in water (200 mM), ascorbic acid in water (200 mM), and a solution of the compound shown below in DMF (200 mM) were added. The reaction mixture was then gently shaken for 2 hours at room temperature.



To assay the extent of cyclization, 5 μ L aliquots from the library cyclization reaction were removed and treated with a fluorescently-labeled azide or alkyne (1 μ L of 100 mM DMF stocks) prepared as described in Example 4. After 16 hours, neither the alkyne or azide labels had been incorporated into the library by HPLC analysis at 500 nm. This result indicated that the library no longer contained azide or alkyne groups capable of cycloaddition and that the library must therefore have reacted with itself, either through cyclization or intermolecular reactions. The cyclized library was purified by Reverse Phase HPLC as previously described. Control experiments using uncyclized library showed complete incorporation of the fluorescent tags mentioned above.

Example 4: Preparation of Fluorescent Tags for Cyclization Assay:

In separate tubes, propargyl glycine or 2-amino-3-phenylpropylazide (8 μ mol each) was combined with FAM-OSu (Molecular Probes Inc.) (1.2 equiv.) in pH 9.4 borate buffer (250 μ L). The reactions were allowed to proceed for 3 h at room temperature, and were then lyophilized overnight. Purification by HPLC afforded the desired fluorescent alkyne and azide in quantitative yield.

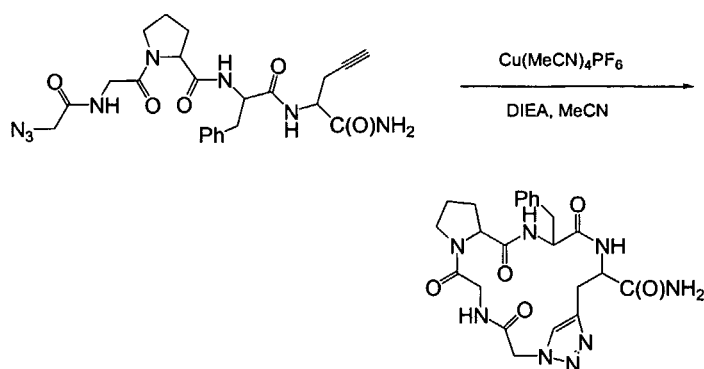


Example 5: Cyclization of individual compounds using the azide/alkyne cycloaddition reaction

Preparation of Azidoacetyl-Gly-Pro-Phe-Pra-NH₂:

Using 0.3 mmol of Rink-amide resin, the indicated sequence was synthesized using standard solid phase synthesis techniques with Fmoc-protected amino acids and HATU as activating agent (Pra = C-propargylglycine). Azidoacetic acid was used to cap the tetrapeptide. The peptide was cleaved from the resin with 20% TFA/DCM for 4 h. Purification by RP HPLC afforded product as a white solid (75 mg, 51%). ¹H NMR (DMSO-d₆, 400 MHz): 8.4 – 7.8 (m, 3H), 7.4 – 7.1 (m, 7 H), 4.6 – 4.4 (m, 1H), 4.4 – 4.2 (m, 2H), 4.0 – 3.9 (m, 2H), 3.74 (dd, 1H, J = 6 Hz, 17 Hz), 3.5 – 3.3 (m, 2H), 3.07 (dt, 1H, J = 5 Hz, 14 Hz), 2.92 (dd, 1H, J = 5 Hz, 16 Hz), 2.86 (t, 1H, J = 2 Hz), 2.85 – 2.75 (m, 1H), 2.6 – 2.4 (m, 2H), 2.2 – 1.6 (m, 4H). IR (mull) 2900, 2100, 1450, 1300 cm⁻¹. ESIMS 497.4 ([M+H], 100%), 993.4 ([2M+H], 50%). ESIMS with ion-source fragmentation: 519.3 ([M+Na], 100%), 491.3 (100%), 480.1 ([M-NH₂], 90%), 452.2 ([M-NH₂-CO], 20%), 424.2 (20%), 385.1 ([M-Pra], 50%), 357.1 ([M-Pra-CO], 40%), 238.0 ([M-Pra-Phe], 100%).

Cyclization of Azidoacetyl-Gly-Pro-Phe-Pra-NH₂:



The azidoacetyl peptide (31 mg, 0.62 mmol) was dissolved in MeCN (30 mL). Diisopropylethylamine (DIEA, 1 mL) and Cu(MeCN)₄PF₆ (1 mg) were added. After stirring for 1.5 h, the solution was evaporated and the resulting residue was taken up in 20% MeCN/H₂O. After centrifugation to remove insoluble salts, the solution was subjected to preparative reverse phase HPLC. The desired cyclic peptide was isolated as a white solid (10 mg, 32%). ¹H NMR (DMSO-d₆, 400 MHz): 8.28 (t, 1H, J = 5 Hz), 7.77

(s, 1H), 7.2 – 6.9 (m, 9H), 4.98 (m, 2H), 4.48 (m, 1H), 4.28 (m, 1H), 4.1 – 3.9 (m, 2H), 3.63 (dd, 1H, $J = 5$ Hz, 16 Hz), 3.33 (m, 2H), 3.0 (m, 3H), 2.48 (dd, 1H, $J = 11$ Hz, 14 Hz), 1.75 (m, 1H), 1.55 (m, 1H), 1.32 (m, 1H), 1.05 (m, 1H). IR (mull) 2900, 1475, 1400 cm^{-1} . ESIMS 497.2 ([M+H], 100%), 993.2 ([2M+H], 30%), 1015.2 ([2M+Na], 15%). ESIMS with ion-source fragmentation: 535.2 (70%), 519.3 ([M+Na], 100%), 497.2 ([M+H], 80%), 480.1 ([M-NH₂], 30%), 452.2 ([M-NH₂-CO], 40%), 208.1 (60%).

Preparation of Azidoacetyl-Gly-Pro-Phe-Pra-Gly-OH:

Using 0.3 mmol of Glycine-Wang resin, the indicated sequence was synthesized using Fmoc-protected amino acids and HATU as the activating agent. Azidoacetic acid was used in the last coupling step to cap the pentapeptide. Cleavage of the peptide was achieved using 50% TFA/DCM for 2 h. Purification by RP HPLC afforded the peptide as a white solid (83 mg; 50%). ¹H NMR (DMSO-d₆, 400 MHz): 8.4 – 7.9 (m, 4H), 7.2 (m, 5H), 4.7 – 4.2 (m, 3H), 4.0 – 3.7 (m, 4H), 3.5 – 3.3 (m, 2H), 3.1 (m, 1H), 2.91 (dd, 1H, $J = 4$ Hz, 16 Hz), 2.84 (t, 1H, $J = 2.5$ Hz), 2.78 (m, 1H), 2.6 – 2.4 (m, 2H), 2.2 – 1.6 (m, 4H). IR (mull) 2900, 2100, 1450, 1350 cm^{-1} . ESIMS 555.3 ([M+H], 100%). ESIMS with ion-source fragmentation: 577.1 ([M+Na], 90%), 555.3 ([M+H], 80%), 480.1 ([M-Gly], 100%), 385.1 ([M-Gly-Pra], 70%), 357.1 ([M-Gly-Pra-CO], 40%), 238.0 ([M-Gly-Pra-Phe], 80%).

Cyclization of Azidoacetyl-Gly-Pro-Phe-Pra-Gly-OH:

The peptide (32 mg, 0.058 mmol) was dissolved in MeCN (60 mL). Diisopropylethylamine (1 mL) and Cu(MeCN)₄PF₆ (1 mg) were added and the solution was stirred for 2 h. The solvent was evaporated and the crude product was subjected to RP HPLC to remove dimers and trimers. The cyclic monomer was isolated as a colorless glass (6 mg, 20%). ESIMS 555.6 ([M+H], 100%), 1109.3 ([2M+H], 20%), 1131.2 ([2M+Na], 15%). ESIMS with ion source fragmentation: 555.3 ([M+H], 100%), 480.4 ([M-Gly], 30%), 452.2 ([M-Gly-CO], 25%), 424.5 ([M-Gly-2CO], 10%, only possible in a cyclic structure).

Conjugation of Linear Peptide to DNA:

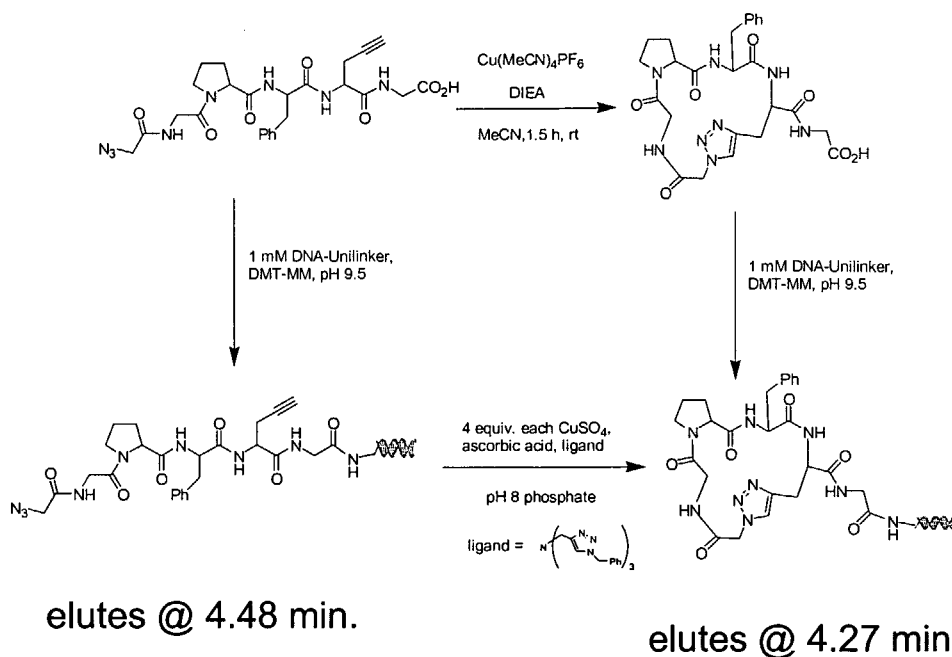
Compound 2 (45 nmol) was dissolved in 45 μ L sodium borate buffer (pH 9.4; 150 mM). At 4° C, linear peptide (18 μ L of a 100 mM stock in DMF; 180 nmol; 40 equiv.) was added, followed by DMT-MM (3.6 μ L of a 500 mM stock in water; 180 nmol; 40 equiv.). After agitating for 2 h, LCMS showed complete reaction, and product was isolated by ethanol precipitation. ESIMS 1823.0 ([M-3H]/3, 20%), 1367.2 ([M-4H]/4, 20%), 1093.7 ([M-5H]/5, 40%), 911.4 ([M-6H]/6, 100%).

Conjugation of Cyclic Peptide to DNA:

Compound 2 (20 nmol) was dissolved in 20 μ L sodium borate buffer (pH 9.4, 150 mM). At 4° C, linear peptide (8 μ L of a 100 mM stock in DMF; 80 nmol; 40 equiv.) was added, followed by DMT-MM (1.6 μ L of a 500 mM stock in water; 80 nmol; 40 equiv.). After agitating for 2 h, LCMS showed complete reaction, and product was isolated by ethanol precipitation. ESIMS 1823.0 ([M-3H]/3, 20%), 1367.2 ([M-4H]/4, 20%), 1093.7 ([M-5H]/5, 40%), 911.4 ([M-6H]/6, 100%).

Cyclization of DNA-Linked Peptide:

Linear peptide-DNA conjugate (10 nmol) was dissolved in pH 8 sodium phosphate buffer (10 μ L, 150mM). At room temperature, 4 equivalents each of CuSO₄, ascorbic acid, and the Sharpless ligand were all added (0.2 μ L of 200 mM stocks). The reaction was allowed to proceed overnight. RP HPLC showed that no linear peptide-DNA was present, and that the product co-eluted with authentic cyclic peptide-DNA. No traces of dimers or other oligomers were observed.



LC conditions: Targa C18, 2.1 x 40 mm, 10-40%
MeCN in 40mM aq. TEAA over 8 min.

Example 6: Application of Aromatic Nucleophilic Substitution Reactions to Functional Moiety Synthesis

General Procedure for Arylation of Compound 3 with Cyanuric Chloride:

Compound 2 is dissolved in pH 9.4 sodium borate buffer at a concentration of 1 mM. The solution is cooled to 4° C and 20 equivalents of cyanuric chloride is then added as a 500 mM solution in MeCN. After 2h, complete reaction is confirmed by LCMS and the resulting dichlorotriazine-DNA conjugate is isolated by ethanol precipitation.

Procedure for Amine Substitution of Dichlorotriazine-DNA:

The dichlorotriazine-DNA conjugate is dissolved in pH 9.5 borate buffer at a concentration of 1 mM. At room temperature, 40 equivalents of an aliphatic amine is added as a DMF solution. The reaction is followed by LCMS and is usually complete after 2 h. The resulting alkylamino-monochlorotriazine-DNA conjugate is isolated by ethanol precipitation.

Procedure for Amine Substitution of Monochlorotriazine-DNA:

The alkylamino-monochlorotriazine-DNA conjugate is dissolved in pH 9.5 borate buffer at a concentration of 1 mM. At 42° C, 40 equivalents of a second aliphatic amine is added as a DMF solution. The reaction is followed by LCMS and is usually complete after 2 h. The resulting diaminotriazine-DNA conjugate is isolated by ethanol precipitation.

Example 7: Application of Reductive Amination Reactions to Functional Moiety Synthesis

General Procedure for Reductive Amination of DNA-Linker Containing a Secondary Amine with an Aldehyde Building Block:

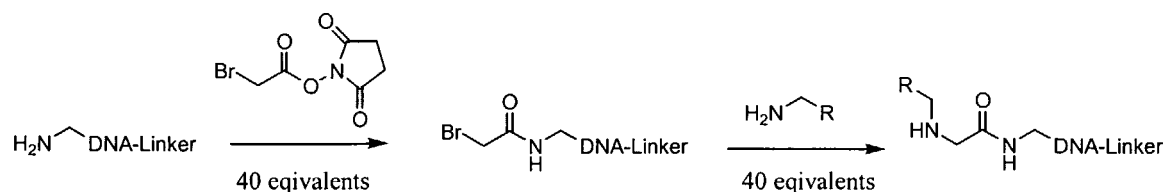
Compound 2 was coupled to an N-terminal proline residue. The resulting compound was dissolved in sodium phosphate buffer (50 μ L, 150 mM, pH 5.5) at a concentration of 1 mM. To this solution was added 40 equivalents each of an aldehyde building block in DMF (8 μ L, 0.25M) and sodium cyanoborohydride in DMF (8 μ L, 0.25M) and the solution was heated at 80 °C for 2 hours. Following alkylation, the solution was purified by ethanol precipitation.

General Procedure for Reductive Aminations of DNA-Linker Containing an Aldehyde with Amine Building Blocks:

Compound 2 coupled to a building block comprising an aldehyde group was dissolved in sodium phosphate buffer (50 μ L, 250 mM, pH 5.5) at a concentration of 1 mM. To this solution was added 40 equivalents each of an amine building block in DMF (8 μ L, 0.25M) and sodium cyanoborohydride in DMF (8 μ L, 0.25M) and the solution was heated at 80 °C for 2 hours. Following alkylation, the solution was purified by ethanol precipitation.

Example 8: Application of Peptoid Building Reactions to Functional Moiety Synthesis

General Procedure for Peptoid Synthesis on DNA-Linker:



Compound 2 was dissolved in sodium borate buffer (50 μ L, 150 mM, pH 9.4) at a concentration of 1 mM and chilled to 4 $^{\circ}$ C. To this solution was added 40 equivalents of N-hydroxysuccinimidyl bromoacetate in DMF (13 μ L, 0.15 M) and the solution was gently shaken at 4 $^{\circ}$ C for 2 hours. Following acylation, the DNA-Linker was purified by ethanol precipitation and redissolved in sodium borate buffer (50 μ L, 150 mM, pH 9.4) at a concentration of 1 mM and chilled to 4 $^{\circ}$ C. To this solution was added 40 equivalents of an amine building block in DMF (13 μ L, 0.15 M) and the solution was gently shaken at 4 $^{\circ}$ C for 16 hours. Following alkylation, the DNA-linker was purified by ethanol precipitation and redissolved in sodium borate buffer (50 μ L, 150 mM, pH 9.4) at a concentration of 1 mM and chilled to 4 $^{\circ}$ C. Peptoid synthesis is continued by the stepwise addition of N-hydroxysuccinimidyl bromoacetate followed by the addition of an amine building block.

Example 9: Application of the Azide-Alkyne Cycloaddition Reaction to Functional Moiety Synthesis

General procedure

An alkyne-containing DNA conjugate is dissolved in pH 8.0 phosphate buffer at a concentration of ca. 1mM. To this mixture is added 10 equivalents of an organic azide and 5 equivalents each of copper (II) sulfate, ascorbic acid, and the ligand (tris-((1-benzyltriazol-4-yl)methyl)amine all at room temperature. The reaction is followed by LCMS, and is usually complete after 1 – 2 h. The resulting triazole-DNA conjugate can be isolated by ethanol precipitation.

Example 10 Identification of a ligand to Abl kinase from within an encoded library

The ability to enrich molecules of interest in a DNA-encoded library above undesirable library members is paramount to identifying single compounds with defined properties against therapeutic targets of interest. To demonstrate this enrichment ability a known binding molecule (described by Shah *et al.*, *Science* 305, 399-401 (2004), incorporated herein by reference) to rhAbl kinase (GenBank U07563) was synthesized. This compound was attached to a double stranded DNA oligonucleotide via the linker described in the preceding examples using standard chemistry methods to produce a molecule similar (functional moiety linked to an oligonucleotide) to those produced via the methods described in Examples 1 and 2. A library generally produced as described in Example 2 and the DNA-linked Abl kinase binder were designed with unique DNA sequences that allowed qPCR analysis of both species. The DNA-linked Abl kinase binder was mixed with the library at a ratio of 1:1000. This mixture was equilibrated with to rhAbl kinase, and the enzyme was captured on a solid phase, washed to remove non-binding library members and binding molecules were eluted. The ratio of library molecules to the DNA-linked Abl kinase inhibitor in the eluate was 1:1, indicating a greater than 500-fold enrichment of the DNA-linked Abl-kinase binder in a 1000-fold excess of library molecules.

Equivalents

Those skilled in the art will recognize, or be able to ascertain using no more than routine experimentation, many equivalents to the specific embodiments of the invention described herein. Such equivalents are intended to be encompassed by the following claims.

Claims

1. A method of synthesizing a molecule comprising a functional moiety which is operatively linked to an encoding oligonucleotide, said method comprising the steps of:
 - (a) providing an initiator compound consisting of an initial functional moiety comprising n building blocks, where n is an integer of 1 or greater, wherein the initial functional moiety comprises at least one reactive group, and is operatively linked to an initial oligonucleotide;
 - (b) reacting the initiator compound with a building block comprising at least one complementary reactive group, wherein the at least one complementary reactive group is complementary to the reactive group of step (a), under conditions suitable for reaction of the complementary reactive group to form a covalent bond;
 - (c) reacting the initial oligonucleotide with an incoming oligonucleotide which identifies the building block of step (b) in the presence of an enzyme which catalyzes ligation of the initial oligonucleotide and the incoming oligonucleotide, under conditions suitable for ligation of the incoming oligonucleotide and the initial oligonucleotide to form an encoding oligonucleotide;thereby producing a molecule which comprises a functional moiety comprising $n+1$ building blocks which is operatively linked to an encoding oligonucleotide.
2. The method of Claim 1 wherein the functional moiety of step (c) comprises a reactive group, and steps (a) to (c) are repeated one or more times, thereby forming cycles 1 to i , where i is an integer of 2 or greater, wherein the product of step (c) of a cycle s , where s is an integer of $i-1$ or less, is the initiator compound of cycle $s + 1$.
3. The method of Claim 1 wherein step (c) precedes step (b) or step (b) precedes step (c).

4. The method of any of Claim 1 wherein at least one of the building blocks is an amino acid or an activated amino acid.
5. The method of Claim 1 wherein the reactive group and the complementary reactive group are selected from the group consisting of an amino group; a carboxyl group; a sulfonyl group; a phosphonyl group; an epoxide group; an aziridine group; and an isocyanate group.
6. The method of Claim 1 wherein the reactive group and the complementary reactive group are selected from the group consisting of a hydroxyl group; a carboxyl group; a sulfonyl group; a phosphonyl group; an epoxide group; an aziridine group; and an isocyanate group.
7. The method of Claim 1 wherein the reactive group and the complementary reactive group are selected from the group consisting of an amino group and an aldehyde or ketone group.
8. The method of claim 7 wherein the reaction between the reactive group and the complementary reactive group is conducted under reducing conditions.
9. The method of Claim 1 wherein the reactive group and the complementary reactive group are selected from the group consisting of a phosphorous ylide group and an aldehyde or ketone group.
10. The method of Claim 1 wherein the reactive group and the complementary reactive group react via cycloaddition to form a cyclic structure.
11. The method of Claim 10 wherein the reactive group and the complementary reactive group are selected from the group consisting of an alkyne and an azide.
12. The method of Claim 10 wherein the reactive group and the complementary reactive group are selected from the group consisting of a halogenated heteroaromatic group and a nucleophile.

13. The method of Claim 12 wherein the halogenated heteroaromatic group is selected from the group consisting of chlorinated pyrimidines, chlorinated triazines and chlorinated purines.

14. The method of Claim 12 wherein the nucleophile is an amino group.

15. The method of Claim 1, wherein the enzyme is selected from the group consisting of a DNA ligase, an RNA ligase, a DNA polymerase, an RNA polymerase and a topoisomerase.

16. The method of Claim 1 wherein the initial oligonucleotide is double-stranded or single stranded.

17. The method of Claim 16 wherein the initial oligonucleotide comprises a PCR primer sequence.

18. The method of claim 16 wherein the initial oligonucleotide is single-stranded and the incoming oligonucleotide is single-stranded; or the initial oligonucleotide is double-stranded and the incoming oligonucleotide is double-stranded.

19. The method of Claim 18 wherein the initial functional moiety and the initial oligonucleotide are linked by a linking moiety.

20. The method of Claim 19 wherein the initial oligonucleotide is double-stranded and the linking moiety is covalently coupled to the initial functional moiety and to both strands of the initial oligonucleotide.

21. The method of Claim 1 wherein the incoming oligonucleotide is from 3 to 10 nucleotides in length.

22. The method of claim 2, wherein the incoming oligonucleotide of cycle i comprises a PCR closing primer.

23. The method of claim 2, further comprising in cycle i, the step of
(d) ligating an oligonucleotide comprising a closing PCR primer sequence to the encoding oligonucleotide.
24. The method of Claim 23 wherein the oligonucleotide comprising a closing PCR primer sequence is ligated to the encoding oligonucleotide in the presence of an enzyme which catalyzes said ligation.
25. The method of Claim 2, further comprising after cycle i, the step of
(e) cyclizing the functional moiety.
26. The method of Claim 25 wherein the functional moiety comprises an alkynyl group and an azido group, and the compound is subjected to conditions suitable for cycloaddition of the alkynyl group and the azido group to form a triazole group, thereby cyclizing the functional moiety.
27. A method of synthesizing a library of compounds, wherein the compounds comprise a functional moiety comprising two or more building blocks which is operatively linked to an initial oligonucleotide which identifies the structure of the functional moiety, said method comprising the steps of
(a) providing a solution comprising m initiator compounds, wherein m is an integer of 1 or greater, where the initiator compounds consist of a functional moiety comprising n building blocks, where n is an integer of 1 or greater, which is operatively linked to an initial oligonucleotide which identifies the n building blocks;
(b) dividing the solution of step (a) into r reaction vessels, wherein r is an integer of 2 or greater, thereby producing r aliquots of the solution;
(c) reacting the initiator compounds in each reaction vessel with one of r building blocks, thereby producing r aliquots comprising compounds consisting of a functional moiety comprising n+1 building blocks operatively linked to the initial oligonucleotide;
and
(d) reacting the initial oligonucleotide in each aliquot with one of a set of r distinct incoming oligonucleotides in the presence of an enzyme which catalyzes the

ligation of the incoming oligonucleotide and the initial oligonucleotide, under conditions suitable for enzymatic ligation of the incoming oligonucleotide and the initial oligonucleotide;

thereby producing r aliquots comprising molecules consisting of a functional moiety comprising $n+1$ building blocks operatively linked to an elongated oligonucleotide which encodes the $n+1$ building blocks.

28. The method of Claim 27, further comprising the step of
(e) combining two or more of the r aliquots, thereby producing a solution comprising molecules consisting of a functional moiety comprising $n + 1$ building blocks, which is operatively linked to an elongated oligonucleotide which encodes the $n + 1$ building blocks.

29. The method of claim 28 wherein r aliquots are combined.

30. The method of Claim 28 wherein the steps (a) to (e) are conducted one or more times to yield cycles 1 to i , where i is an integer of 2 or greater, wherein in cycle $s+1$, where s is an integer of $i-1$ or less, the solution comprising m initiator compounds of step (a) is the solution of step (e) of cycle s .

31. The method of either Claim 7 or Claim 8 wherein in at least one of cycles 1 to i step (d) precedes step (c).

32.. The method of of Claim 28 wherein at least one of building blocks is an amino acid.

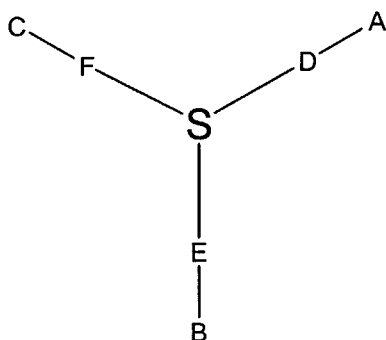
33. The method of Claim 7, wherein the enzyme is DNA ligase, RNA ligase, DNA polymerase, RNA polymerase or topoisomerase.

34. The method of claim 28 wherein the initial oligonucleotide is a double-stranded oligonucleotide.

35. The method of Claim 34 wherein the incoming oligonucleotide is a double-stranded oligonucleotide.

36. The method of Claim 28 wherein the initiator compounds comprise a linker moiety comprising a first functional group adapted to bond with a building block, a second functional group adapted to bond to the 5'-end of an oligonucleotide, and a third functional group adapted to bond to the 3'-end of an oligonucleotide.

37. The method of Claim 36 wherein the linker moiety is of the structure



wherein

A is a functional group adapted to bond to a building block;

B is a functional group adapted to bond to the 5'-end of an oligonucleotide;

C is a functional group adapted to bond to the 3'-end of an oligonucleotide;

S is an atom or a scaffold;

D is a chemical structure that connects A to S;

E is a chemical structure that connects B to S; and

F is a chemical structure that connects C to S.

38. The method of Claim 37 wherein:

A is an amino group;

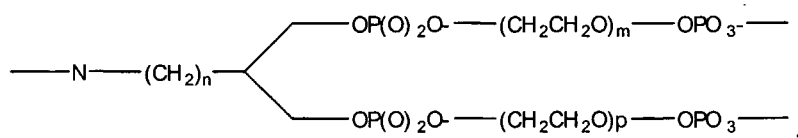
B is a phosphate group; and

C is a phosphate group.

39. The method of Claim 37 wherein D, E and F are each, independently, an alkylene group or an oligo(ethylene glycol) group.

40. The method of Claim 37 wherein S is a carbon atom, a nitrogen atom, a phosphorus atom, a boron atom, a phosphate group, a cyclic group or a polycyclic group.

41. The method of claim 40 wherein the linker moiety is of the structure

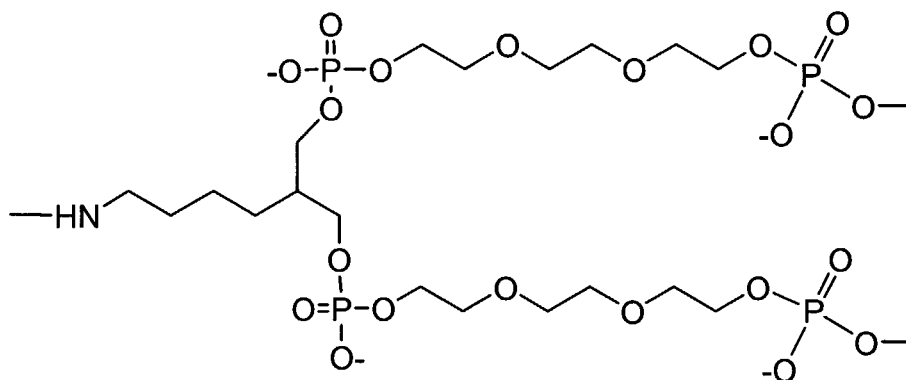


wherein each of n, m and p is, independently, an integer from 1 to about 20.

42. The method of Claim 41 wherein each of n, m and p is independently an integer from 2 to eight.

43. The method of Claim 42 wherein each of n, m and p is independently an integer from 3 to 6.

44. The method of Claim 41 wherein the linker moiety has the structure

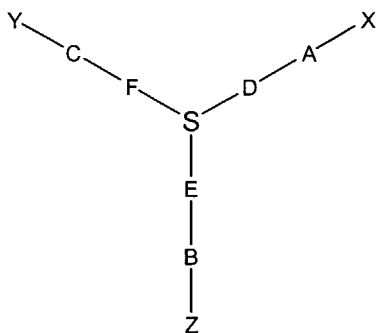


45. The method of claim 27, wherein each of said initiator compounds comprises a reactive group and wherein each of said r building blocks comprises a complementary reactive group which is complementary to said reactive group.

46. The method of Claim 45 wherein the reactive group and the complementary reactive group are selected from the group consisting of an amino group ; a carboxyl group; a sulfonyl group; a phosphonyl group; an epoxide group; an aziridine group; and an isocyanate group.

47. The method of Claim 45 wherein reactive group and the the complementary reactive group are selected from the group consisting of a hydroxyl group ; a carboxyl group; a sulfonyl group; a phosphonyl group; an epoxide group; an aziridine group; and an isocyanate group.
48. The method of Claim 45 wherein the reactive group and the complementary reactive group are selected from the group consisting of an amino group and an aldehyde or ketone group.
49. The method of claim 45 wherein the reaction between the reactive group and the complementary reactive group is conducted under reducing conditions.
50. The method of Claim 45 wherein the reactive group and the complementary reactive group are selected from the group consisting of a phosphorous ylide group and an aldehyde or ketone group.
51. The method of Claim 45 wherein the reactive group and the complementary reactive group react via cycloaddition to form a cyclic structure.
52. The method of Claim 51 wherein the reactive group and the complementary reactive group are selected from the group consisting of an alkyne and an azide.
53. The method of Claim 45 wherein the reactive group and the complementary functional group are selected from the group consisting of a halogenated heteroaromatic group and a nucleophile.
54. The method of Claim 53 wherein the halogenated heteroaromatic group is selected from the group consisting of chlorinated pyrimidines, chlorinated triazines and chlorinated purines.
55. The method of Claim 53 wherein the nucleophile is an amino group.

56. The method of claim 28, further comprising following cycle i, the step of:
(f) cyclizing one or more of the functional moieties.
57. The method of claim 56 wherein a functional moiety of step (f) comprises an azido group and an alkynyl group.
58. The method of Claim 57 wherein the functional moiety is maintained under conditions suitable for cycloaddition of the azido group and the alkynyl group to form a triazole group, thereby forming a cyclic functional moiety
59. The method of claim 58 wherein the cycloaddition reaction is conducted in the presence of a copper catalyst.
60. The method of Claim 59 wherein at least one of the one or more functional moieties of step (f) comprises at least two sulfhydryl groups, and said functional moiety is maintained under conditions suitable for reaction of the two sulfhydryl groups to form a disulfide group, thereby cyclicizing the functional moiety.
61. The method of Claim 27 wherein the initial oligonucleotide comprises a PCR primer sequence.
62. The method of claim 28, wherein the incoming oligonucleotide of cycle i comprises a PCR closing primer.
63. The method of claim 28, further comprising following cycle i, the step of
(d) ligating an oligonucleotide comprising a closing PCR primer sequence to the encoding oligonucleotide.
64. The method of Claim 63 wherein the oligonucleotide comprising a closing PCR primer sequence is ligated to the encoding oligonucleotide in the presence of an enzyme which catalyzes said ligation.
65. A compound of the formula



wherein:

X is a functional moiety comprising one or more building blocks;

Z is an oligonucleotide attached at its 3' terminus to B;

Y is an oligonucleotide which is attached at its 5' terminus to C;

A is a functional group that forms a covalent bond with X;

B is a functional group that forms a bond with the 3'-end of Z;

C is a functional group that forms a bond with the 5'-end of Y;

D, F and E are each, independently, a bifunctional linking group; and

S an atom or a molecular scaffold.

66. The compound of claim 65 wherein D, E and F are each independently an alkylene chain or an oligo(ethylene glycol) chain. and

67. The compound of Claim 65; wherein Y and Z are substantially complementary and are oriented in the compound so as to enable Watson-Crick base pairing and duplex formation under suitable conditions.

68. The compound of Claim 65 wherein Y and Z are the same length or different lengths.

69. The compound of Claim 68 wherein Y and Z are the same length.

70. The compound of claim 65, wherein Y and Z are each 10 or more bases in length and have complementary regions of ten or more base pairs.

71. The compound of Claim 65, wherein S is a carbon atom, a boron atom, a nitrogen atom, a phosphorus atom, or a polyatomic scaffold.

which is operatively linked to an oligonucleotide which identifies the structure of the functional moiety.

80. The compound library of Claim 79, said library comprising at least about 10^5 copies of each of the distinct compounds.

81. The compound library of claim 79, said library comprising at least about 10^6 copies of each of the distinct compounds.

82. The compound library of Claim 79 comprising at least about 10^4 distinct compounds.

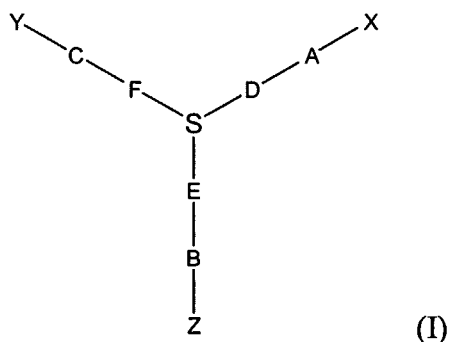
83. The compound library of Claim 79 comprising at least about 10^6 distinct compounds.

84. The compound library of Claim 79 comprising at least about 10^8 distinct compounds.

85. The compound library of Claim 79 comprising at least about 10^{10} distinct compounds.

86. The compound library of Claim 79 comprising at least about 10^{12} distinct compounds.

87. The compound library of claim 79 wherein said library comprises a multiplicity of compounds which are independently of Formula I:



wherein:

X is a functional moiety comprising one or more building blocks;
Z is an oligonucleotide attached at its 3' terminus to B;
Y is an oligonucleotide which is attached at its 5' terminus to C;
A is a functional group that forms a covalent bond with X;
B is a functional group that forms a bond with the 3'-end of Z;
C is a functional group that forms a bond with the 5'-end of Y;
D, F and E are each, independently, a bifunctional linking group; and
S an atom or a molecular scaffold.

88. The compound library of Claim 87 wherein A, B, C, D, E, F and S each have the same identity for each compound of Formula I.

89. The compound library of Claim 87, said library consisting essentially of a multiplicity of compounds of Formula I.

90. The compound library of claim 87 wherein D, E and F are each independently an alkylene chain or an oligo(ethylene glycol) chain.

91. The compound library of Claim 87, wherein Y and Z are substantially complementary and are oriented in the compound so as to enable Watson-Crick base pairing and duplex formation under suitable conditions.

92. The compound library of Claim 87 wherein Y and Z are the same length or different lengths.

93. The compound library of Claim 87 wherein Y and Z are the same length.

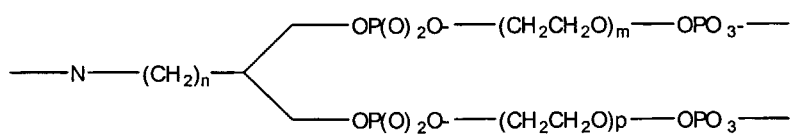
94. The compound library of claim 87, wherein Y and Z are each 10 or more bases in length and have complementary regions of ten or more base pairs.

95. The compound library of Claim 87, wherein S is a carbon atom, a boron atom, a nitrogen atom, a phosphorus atom, or a polyatomic scaffold.

96. The compound library of Claim 87 wherein S is a phosphate group or a cyclic group.

97. The compound library of Claim 96 wherein S is a cycloalkyl, cycloalkenyl, heterocycloalkyl, heterocycloalkenyl, aryl or heteroaryl group.

98. The compound library of claim 87 wherein the linker moiety is of the structure

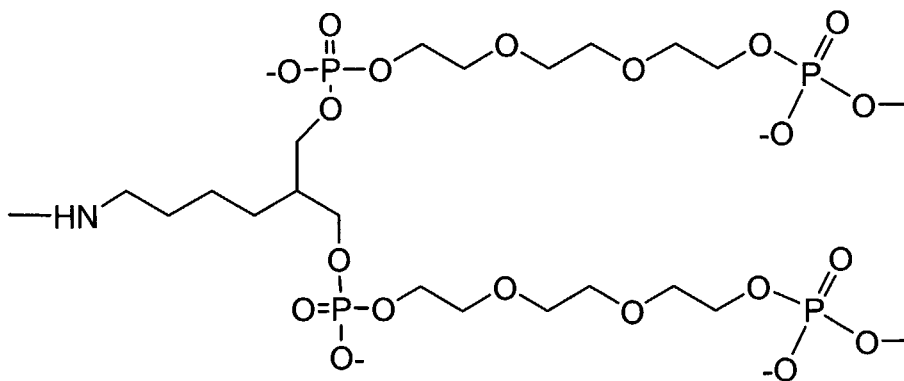


wherein each of n, m and p is, independently, an integer from 1 to about 20.

99. The compound library of Claim 98 wherein each of n, m and p is independently an integer from 2 to eight.

100. The compound of Claim 99 wherein each of n, m and p is independently an integer from 3 to 6.

101. The compound of Claim 87 wherein the linker moiety has the structure



102. The compound library of claim 87 wherein X and Z comprise a PCR primer sequence.

103. A compound prepared by the method of Claim 1.

104. A compound library prepared by the method of Claim 27.

105. A method for identifying one or more compounds which bind to a biological target, said method comprising the steps of:

- (a) contacting the biological target with a compound library prepared by the method of Claim 27 under conditions suitable for at least one member of the compound library to bind to the target;
- (b) removing library members that do not bind to the target;
- (c) amplifying the encoding oligonucleotides of the at least one member of the compound library which binds to the target;
- (d) sequencing the encoding oligonucleotides of step (c); and
- (e) using the sequences determined in step (d) to determine the structure of the functional moieties of the members of the compound library which bind to the biological target;

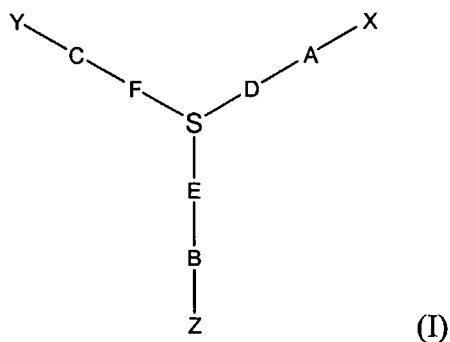
thereby identifying one or more compounds which bind to the biological target.

106. A method for identifying a compound which binds to a biological target, said method comprising the steps of

- (a) contacting the biological target with a compound library comprising at least about 10^2 distinct compounds, said compounds comprising a functional moiety comprising two or more building blocks which is operatively linked to an oligonucleotide which identifies the structure of the functional moiety under conditions suitable for at least one member of the compound library to bind to the target;
- (b) removing library members that do not bind to the target;
- (c) amplifying the encoding oligonucleotides of the at least one member of the compound library which binds to the target;
- (d) sequencing the encoding oligonucleotides of step (c); and
- (e) using the sequences determined in step (d) to determine the structure of the functional moieties of the members of the compound library which bind to the biological target;

thereby identifying one or more compounds which bind to the biological target.

107. The method of Claim 106 wherein the library comprises at least about 10^5 copies of each of the distinct compounds.
108. The method of claim 106 wherein the library comprises at least about 10^6 copies of each of the distinct compounds.
109. The method of claim 106 wherein the library comprises at least about 10^4 distinct compounds.
110. The method of Claim 106 wherein the library comprises at least about 10^6 distinct compounds.
111. The method of Claim 106 wherein the library comprises at least about 10^8 distinct compounds.
112. The method of Claim 106 wherein the library comprises at least about 10^{10} distinct compounds.
113. The method of Claim 106 wherein the compound library comprises at least about 10^{12} distinct compounds.
114. The method of claim 106 wherein the compound library comprises a multiplicity of compounds which are independently of Formula I:



wherein:

X is a functional moiety comprising one or more building blocks;
Z is an oligonucleotide attached at its 3' terminus to B;
Y is an oligonucleotide which is attached at its 5' terminus to C;
A is a functional group that forms a covalent bond with X;
B is a functional group that forms a bond with the 3'-end of Z;
C is a functional group that forms a bond with the 5'-end of Y;
D, F and E are each, independently, a bifunctional linking group; and
S an atom or a molecular scaffold.

115. The method of Claim 114 wherein A, B, C, D, E, F and S each have the same identity for each compound of Formula I.

116. The method of Claim 114 wherein the compound library consists essentially of a multiplicity of compounds of Formula I.

117. The method of claim 114 wherein D, E and F are each independently an alkylene chain or an oligo(ethylene glycol) chain.

118. The method of Claim 114, wherein Y and Z are substantially complementary and are oriented in the compound so as to enable Watson-Crick base pairing and duplex formation under suitable conditions.

119. The method of claim 114 wherein Y and Z are the same length or different lengths.

120. The method of Claim 119 wherein Y and Z are the same length.

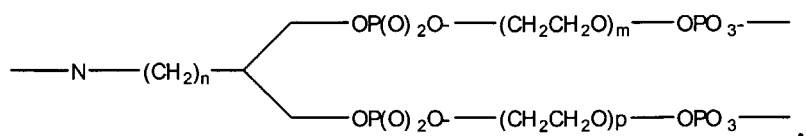
121. The method of claim 114, wherein Y and Z are each 10 or more bases in length and have complementary regions of ten or more base pairs.

122. The method of Claim 114, wherein S is a carbon atom, a boron atom, a nitrogen atom, a phosphorus atom, or a polyatomic scaffold.

123. The method of Claim 114 wherein S is a phosphate group or a cyclic group.

124. The method of Claim 123 wherein S is a cycloalkyl, cycloalkenyl, heterocycloalkyl, heterocycloalkenyl, aryl or heteroaryl group.

125. The method of claim 114 wherein the linker moiety is of the structure

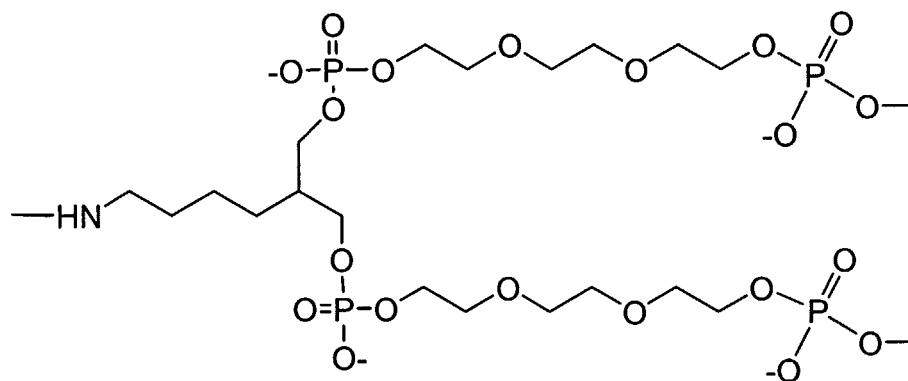


wherein each of n, m and p is, independently, an integer from 1 to about 20.

126. The method of Claim 125 wherein each of n, m and p is independently an integer from 2 to eight.

127. The method of Claim 126 wherein each of n, m and p is independently an integer from 3 to 6.

128. The method of Claim 127 wherein the linker moiety has the structure



129. The method of claim 114 wherein X and Z comprise a PCR primer sequence.