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(57) **Abstract:** The present invention relates to compositions and methods for the use of enzymes composed of nucleic acid and/or protein enzymes to generate and amplify a signal indicative of the presence of a target. More particularly, the invention relates to compositions comprising nucleic acid structures that serve as partial or complete enzyme substrates and methods for using these structures to facilitate detection of targets.

