Post-synthesis DNA Modifications Using a *trans*-Cyclooctene Click Handle

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1. General Information

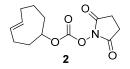
Solvents and reagents were purchased from VWR International, Oakwood Product Inc., or Sigma-Aldrich Co. and used without purification unless specified otherwise. When necessary, solid reagents were dried under high vacuum. Reactions with compounds sensitive to air or moisture were performed under argon. Solvent mixtures are indicated as volume/volume ratios. Thin layer chromatography (TLC) was run on Sorbtech W/UV254 plates (0.25 mm thick), and visualized under UV-light. Flash chromatography was performed using Fluka silica gel 60 (mesh size: 0.040-0.063 mm) using a weight ratio of ca. 30:1 for silica gel over crude compound. ¹H, ¹³C, and ³¹P-NMR spectra were recorded on a Bruker Avance 400 spectrometer (400, 100, and 166 MHz, respectively) in deuterated chloroform (CDCl₃), methanol-*d*₄ (CD₃OD), and DMSO-*d*₆

with either tetramethylsilane (TMS) (0.00 ppm) or the NMR solvent as the internal reference. HPLC purification for *trans*-cyclooctene triphosphate (TCO-TTP) was carried out using a Shimadzu LC-20AT VP system with a Zobax C18 reversed-phase column (9.4 mm \times 25 cm). The sample was eluted (3 mL/min) with buffer A (20 mM triethylammonium acetate, pH 6.9-7.1) and buffer B (50% acetonitrile, 20 mM triethyl ammonium acetate) with the following: 0 min 0% B; 20 min 20% B; 30 min 100% B; 38 min 100% B; 40 min 0% B; and 45 min 0% B.

DNA primers and templates were purchased from Integrated DNA Technologies. Klenow fragment (3'-5' exo), *Taq.* DNA polymerase and Deep Vent_R (exo-) DNA polymerase were purchased from New England Biolabs. KOD-XL DNA polymerase was purchased from EMD Chemicals. Reaction buffers were used as provided.

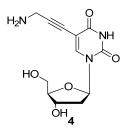
2. Experimental Procedure for the Synthesis of TCO-TTP

(E)-Cyclooct-4-en-1-yl (2,5-dioxopyrrolidin-1-yl) carbonate 2



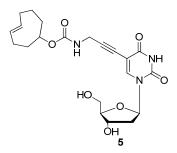
Compound **2** was prepared starting from cyclooctadiene (**1**) in four steps following literature procedures.¹

5-(3-Aminoprop-1-yn-1-yl)-1-((2R,4S,5R)-4-hydroxy-5-(hydroxymethyl)tetrahydrofuran-2yl)pyrimidine-2,4(1H,3H)-dione **4**



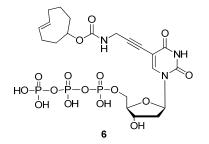
Compound **4** was synthesized starting from 5-odo-2'-deoxyuridine (**3**) in two steps following literature procedures.^{2, 3}

(*E*)-Cyclooct-4-en-1-yl(3-(1-((2R,4S,5R)-4-hydroxy-5-(hydroxymethyl)tetrahydrofuran-2-yl) 2,4-dioxo-1,2,3,4-tetrahydropyrimidin-5-yl)prop-2-yn-1-yl)carbamate **5**



To a mixture of succimidyl ester **2** (134 mg, 0.5 mmol) and amine modified deoxyuridine **4** (168 mg, 0.6 mmol) in DMF 10 mL was added DIPEA (129 mg, 1 mmol). The reaction mixture was wrapped in foil and stirred in r.t. for 12 h. Reaction solution was concentrated under reduced pressure and purified with silica gel chromatography (12% MeOH in DCM) to give a white solid (108 mg, yield 52%). ¹H NMR (methanol-*d*4): 8.25 (s, 1H), 6.25 (t, J = 6.4 Hz, 1H), 5.58-6.20 (m, 1H), 5.47-5.57 (m, 1H), 4.05 (s, 2H), 3.95-3.81 (m, 1H), 3.73-3.77 (m, 2H), 3.24-3.37 (m, 2H), 2.26-2.37 (m, 4H), 2.21-2.25 (m, 1H), 1.99-2.00 (m, 4H), 1.93-1.98 (m, 2H). ¹³C NMR (methanol-*d*4): 163.1, 149.8, 144.0, 134.7, 132.4, 128.4, 98.6, HRMS (ESI) for C₂₁H₂₇N₃O₇ [M+H]⁺ Cacld: 434.1849; Found: 434.1899.

(*E*)-Cyclooct-4-en-1-yl(3-(1-((2R,4S,5R)-4-hydroxy-5-(((hydroxy((hydroxy(phosphonooxy)pho-sphoryl)oxy)phosphoryl)oxy)methyl)tetrahydrofuran-2-yl)-2,4-dioxo-1,2,3,4-tetrahydropyrimi-din-5-yl)prop-2-yn-1-yl)carbamate **6**

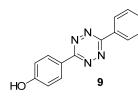


To a solution of TCO-T **5** (69 mg, 0.16 mmol) and proton sponge (42 mg, 0.19 mmol, predried in vacuum over P₂O₅ overnight) in anhydrous trimethylphosphate (0.6 mL) was added freshly distilled POCl₃ (18 μ L, 0.19 mmol) dissolved in anhydrous trimethylphosphate (0.2 mL) dropwise via a syringe with stirring under argon at 0 °C. The reaction mixture was further stirred in an ice-bath for 2 h and then a solution of tributylammonium pyrophosphate (226 mg, 0.48 mmol) and tri-*n*-butylamine (0.4 mL,) in 1.0 mL of anhydrous DMF was added in one portion. The mixture was stirred at RT for 10 min and then triethylammonium bicarbonate solution (0.1 M, pH 8, 11 mL) was added. After stirring at r.t. for an additional 1 h, the resulting reaction mixture was transferred to a 50-mL centrifuge tube. Then EtOH (33 mL) was added followed by 3 M NaCl solution (1.0 mL). After vortexing for 10 sec, the centrifuge tube was placed at -80 °C for 1 h, and then centrifuged at 5000 rpm for 20 min. After removing the supernatant, the resulting pellet was purified by HPLC and lyophilized to give a pale white powder (32 mg, 32%). ¹H NMR (D₂O): 8.06 (s, 1H), 6.18 (t, J = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 5.58-6.20 (m, 1H), 5.47-5.57 (m, 1H), 4.16-4.25 (m, 2H), 4.08-4.12 (m, 3H), 4.0 (d, J = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 2.25-2.34 (m, 5H), 1.88-1.98 (m, 3H), 1.35-1.86 (m, 4H). ¹³C NMR (D₂O):179.7, 164.6, 158.0, 150.0, 144.8, 135.6, 133.4, 99.2, 82.4, 73.2, 70.5, 65.3, 46.6, 40.4, 38.7, 37.8, 33.7, 32.0, 30.6, 22.2, 8.2; ³¹P NMR (D₂O) -10.9, -11.6, -23.3. MS (ESI) for C₂₁H30N₃O₁₆P₃ [M-H]⁻ Cacld. 672.08; Found: 672.1

3. Experimental Procedure for the Synthesis of Tz-BBA

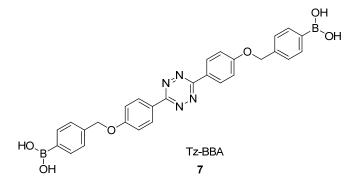
4,4'-(1,2,4,5-tetrazine-3,6-diyl)diphenol 9

OH



Compound **9** was prepared starting from 4-hydroxybenzonitrile in two steps following literature procedures.⁴

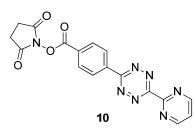
Tz-BBA (7)



To a solution of compound **9** (133 mg, 0.5 mmol) was added 4-(bromomethyl)phenylboronic acid (219 mg, 1.3 mmol), CsCO₃ (488 mg, 1.5 mmol), and NaI (30 mg, 0.2 mmol) in acetone (20 mL). The mixture was heated to reflux and stirred at 60 °C overnight. The solution was concentrated under vacuum and acidified by 1M HCl. The residue was washed with EtOAc and MeOH to afford Tz-BBA 7. ¹H NMR (DMSO-*d6*): 8.47 (d, J = 8 Hz, 4H), 7.83 (d, J = 8 Hz, 4H), 7.46 (d, J = 8 Hz, 4H), 7.31 (d, J = 8 Hz, 4H), and 5.28 (s, 4H). HRMS (ESI) for C₂₈H₂₄B₂N₄O₆ [M+H]⁺ Cacld: 534.1882; Found: 535.1965.

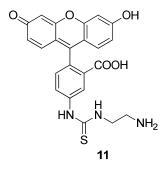
4. Experimental Procedure for the Synthesis of Tz-FITC

2,5-Dioxopyrrolidin-1-yl 4-(6-(pyrimidin-2-yl)-1,2,4,5-tetrazin-3-yl)benzoate 10



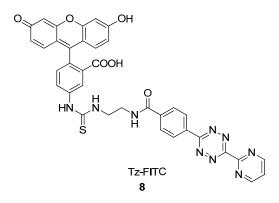
Compound **10** was prepared starting from pyrimidine-5-carbonitrile in three steps following literature procedures.⁵

5-(3-(2-Aminoethyl)thioureido)-2-(6-hydroxy-3-oxo-3H-xanthen-9-yl)benzoic acid 11



Compound **11** was prepared starting from commercially available Fluorescein isothiocyanate (FITC) in one step following literature procedures.⁶

Tz-FITC (8)



To a mixture of compound **10** (188 mg, 0.5 mmol) and compound **11** (112 mg, 0.25 mmol) in MeOH (20 mL) was added Et₃N (55 mg, 0.5 mmol). The mixture was stirred in r.t. overnight. The reaction mixture was acidified to pH 2 and extracted with DCM. Residue was concentrated under vacuo and purified with silica gel chromatography (20% MeOH in DCM) to give product with 40% yield. ¹H NMR (DMSO-*d6*): 10.42 (s, 1 H), 9.21 (d, J = 4.8, 2 H), 8.97 (s, 1 H), 8.67 (d, J = 8.2, 2 H), 8.48 (br, 1 H), 8.30 (s, 1 H), 8.21 (d, J = 8.2, 2 H), 7.85 (t, J = 4.8, 1 H), 7.80 (d, J = 7.9, 1 H), 7.18 (d, J = 8.4, 1 H), 6.69 (s, 2 H), 6.59 (m, 4 H), 3.78 (s, 2 H). HRMS (ESI) for C₃₆H₂₅N₉O₆S [M-H]⁻ Cacld: 710.1549; Found: 710.1589

5. Thermo-stability Study of trans-Cyclooctene

5.1 NMR stability test

To investigate *trans*-cyclooctene stability at high temperature, *trans*-cyclooctene **4** sample was dissolved and heated in DMSO-*d6* at 90 °C. NMR Spectrum was scanned and recorded every 10 min to observe the isomerization from *trans*-isomer to *cis*-isomer. Isomerization percentage was calculated with peak area at chemical shift δ 5.55. Compared to the *cis*-cycloocetene peak, only 2% and 10% of *trans*-cycloocetene changed to *cis*-isomer after heating at 90 °C for 20 min and 70 min (Figure S1).

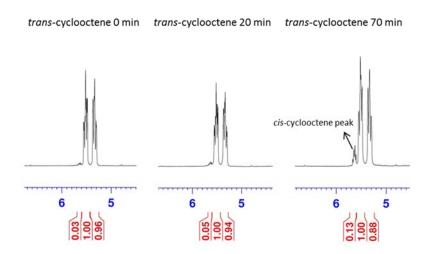
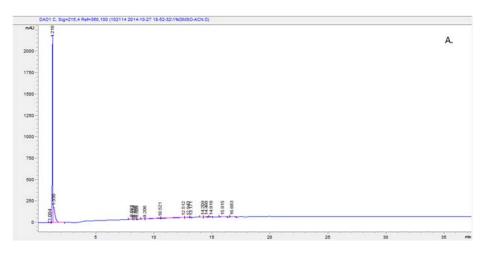


Figure S1. NMR study of thermo-stability of trans-cyclooctene

5.2 HPLC stability test

In addition to the NMR study, TCO thermo-stability was further examined with HPLC. As shown in Figure S2, there was no noticeable difference after heating the TCO at 90 °C for 20 min (Figure S2C). After heating at 90 °C for 70 min, almost 20% of TCO underwent isomerization to give the *cis*-isomer (Figure S2D).



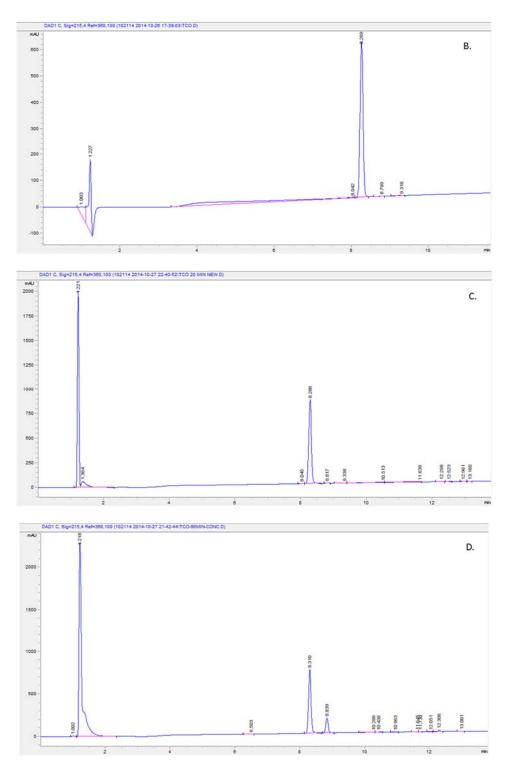


Figure S2. HPLC studies of the thermo-stability of *trans*-cyclooctene. A). Background, ACN+ 1%DMSO; B). TCO dissolved in ACN; C). TCO heated at 90 °C for 20 min; D). TCO heated at 90 °C for 70 min

6. MALDI-TOF Spectra of DNA Products



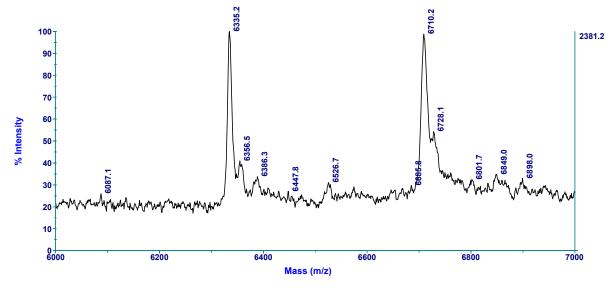


Figure S3. MALDI-TOF spectrum of TCO-DNA $_{21}$ (Template-1)

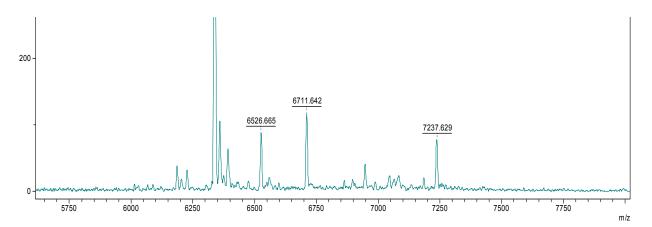


Figure S4. MALDI-TOF spectrum of TCO-DNA₂₁ (Template-1) after reacting with Tz-BBA

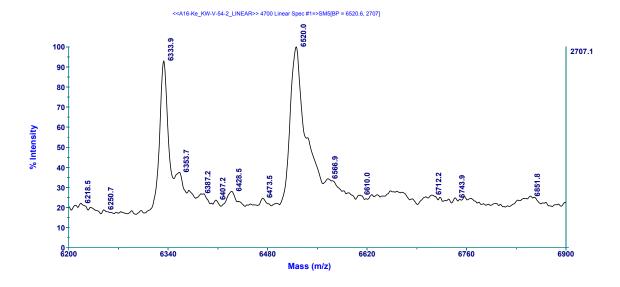
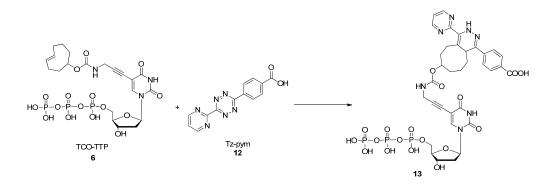


Figure S5. MALDI-TOF spectrum of dNTP-DNA₂₁ (Template-1) after reacting with Tz-BBA

7. Studies of the reaction kinetics between TCO-TTP and Tetrazine

7.1 Study of reaction kinetics between TCO-TTP and 4-(6-(pyrimidin-2-yl)-1,2,4,5-tetrazin-3-yl) benzoic acid

To a solution of TCO-TTP in H₂O was added a solution of 4-(6-(pyrimidin-2-yl)-1,2,4,5tetrazin-3-yl)benzoic acid (**12**, Tz-pym, core structure of Tz-FITC) aqueous solution to afford a final concentration of 20, 25, 30, and 40 μ M for TCO-TTP, and a final concentration of 2 μ M for Tz-pym. The resulting mixture was examined by monitoring its absorption at 327 nm. Using established procedures,⁷ the second-order rate constant was determined to be 1087 M⁻¹·s⁻¹.



Scheme S1. Reaction scheme of TCO-TTP and Tz-pym

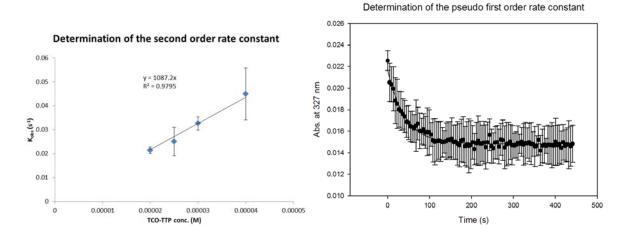
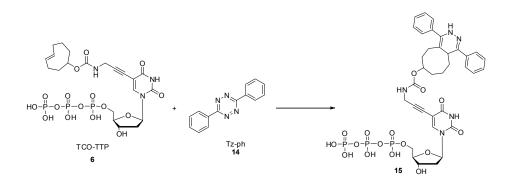


Figure S6. Left: Determination of the second order rate constant for the reaction in Scheme S1: TCO-TTP final concentration: 20, 25, 30, 40 μM; Tz-pym final concentration: 2 μM. Second order rate constant K₂= 1087 M⁻¹·s⁻¹. Right: Determination of the pseudo first order rate constant at 25 μM TCO-TTP. Data represents the average of three independent experiments.

7.2 Study of reaction kinetics between TCO-TTP and 3,6-diphenyl-1,2,4,5-tetrazine

To a solution of TCO-TTP in H₂O was added a solution of 3,6-diphenyl-1,2,4,5-tetrazine (14, Tz-ph, core structure of Tz-BBA) aqueous solution to afford a final concentration of 30, 40, 50 and 60 μ M for TCO-TTP, and a final concentration of 3 μ M for Tz-ph. The resulting mixture was examined by monitoring its absorption at 391 nm. Using established procedures,⁷ the second-order rate constant was determined to be 27 M⁻¹·s⁻¹.



Scheme S2. Reaction scheme of TCO-TTP and Tz-ph

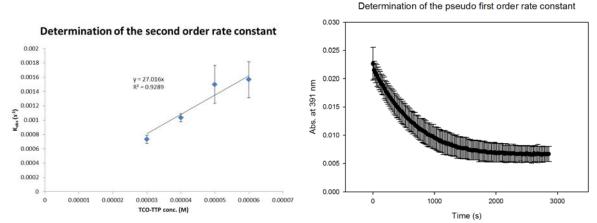


Figure S7. Left: Determination of the second order rate constant for the reaction in Scheme S2: TCO-TTP final concentration: 30, 40, 50, 60 μ M; Tz-ph final concentration: 3 μ M. Second order rate constant K₂= 27 M⁻¹·s⁻¹. Right: Determination of the pseudo first order rate constant at 60 μ M TCO-TTP. Data represents the average of three independent experiments.

8. NMR Spectra of Synthesized Compounds (Please see next pages)

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