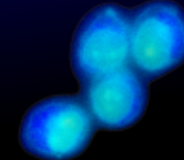




Fluorescent Biomolecules and Their Building Blocks -  
Design and Applications



# ***Fluorescent Nucleotides: A powerful toolbox for labeling of biological macromolecules***

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# Many biological macromolecules are accessible via nucleotides

## DNA & RNA

- *made of* nucleotides (deoxy- or ribonucleotides)
- *hybridize* with complementary oligo probes

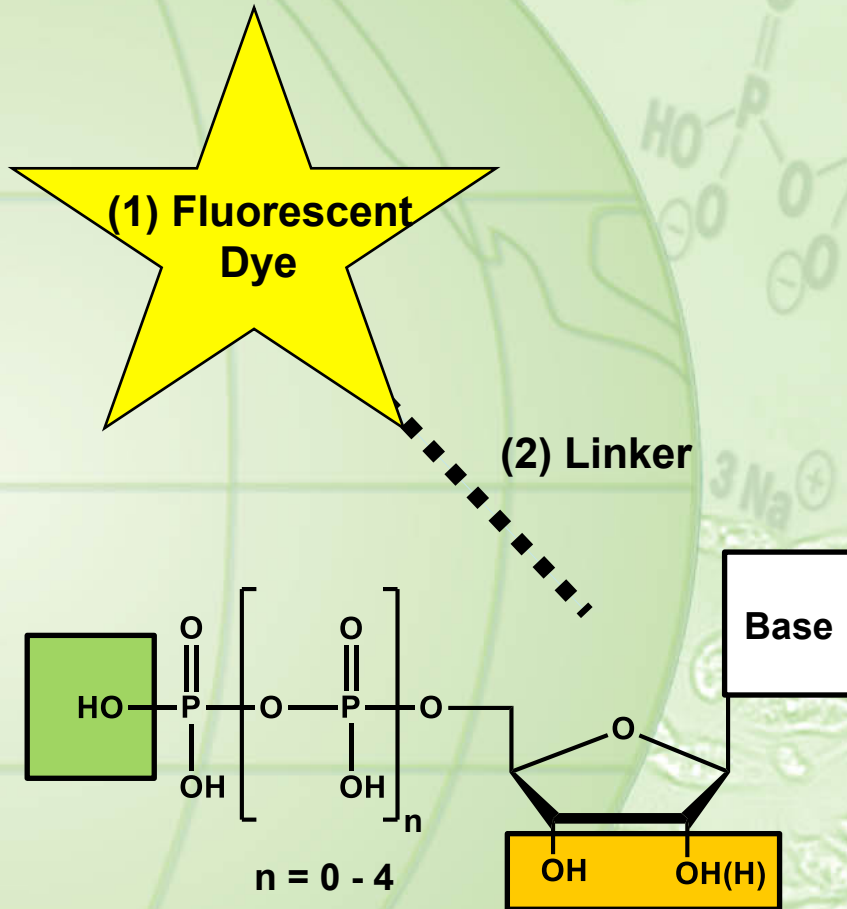
## Proteins / Enzymes

Several thousands *interact* with nucleotides or DNA/  
RNA:

- Major signal transduction pathways require NTPs as cofactors
  - GPCR/G-protein  $\leftrightarrow$  GTP  $\leftarrow$  > 60% of current pharmaceutical drugs<sup>(1)</sup>
  - Protein Kinases  $\leftrightarrow$  ATP
- Polymerases  $\leftrightarrow$  dNTPs
- Motor proteins, chaperones, transcription factors, small molecule kinases, ...

Fluorescent nucleotides facilitate monitoring physiological processes and molecular mechanisms of disease

# Conservative estimate: There are millions of fluorescent nucleotides possible



- (1) **>100** fluorescent dyes commercially available
- (2) approx. **10** linkers attachable to **~5** positions of nucleotide
- (3) **5** natural bases, each with **>10** known modifications
- (4) **2** natural sugars, each with **>10** known modifications
- (5) **3** natural phosphate states (mono-, di-, triphosphate) ignoring higher phosphates and substitutions of oxygen with sulfur or  $-NH-$  /  $-CH_2-$

**15 million structures of fluorescent nucleotides**

Do we really need so many...?

No, we don't...we only need two general types of fluorescent nucleotide probes

A set of **pre-designed** probes  
available from shelf for common applications  
- presumably a few hundred...thousand are sufficient -

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**Tailor-made** probes  
for particular, special purposes

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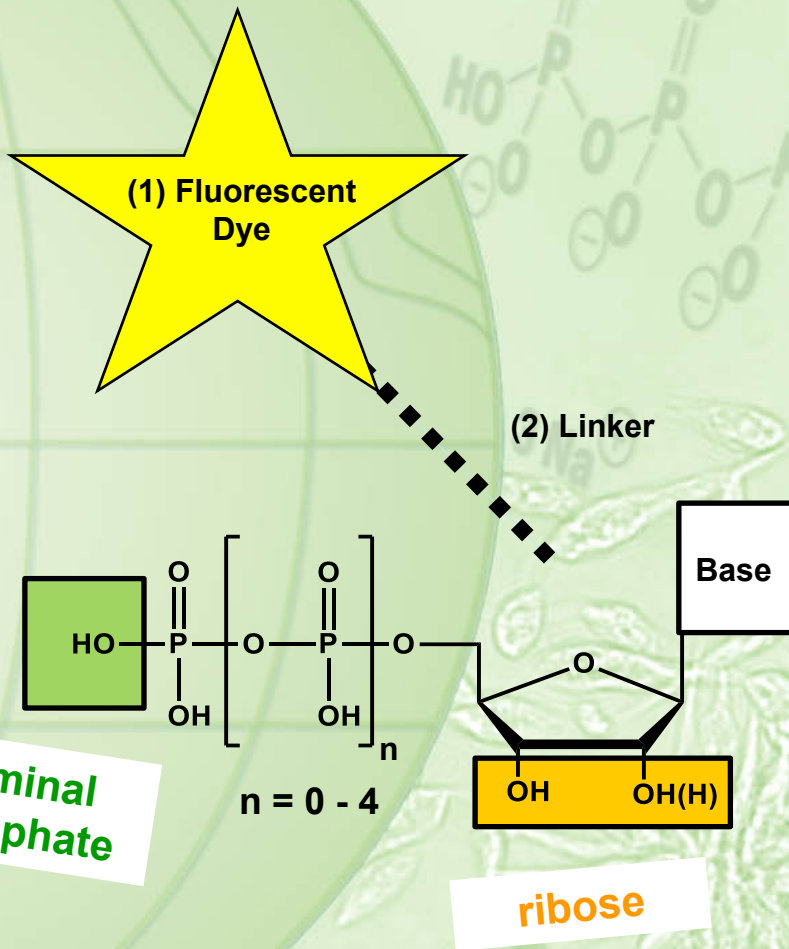
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# Label position: Base, sugar or terminal phosphate

For base modification purines offer more options than pyrimidines



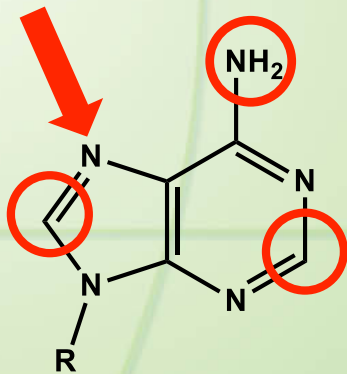
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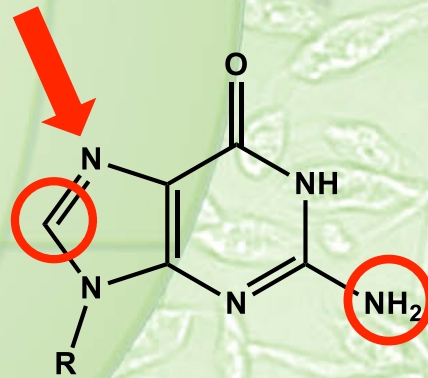
**A has 4 labeling sites + ring extensions, G has 3 +1**

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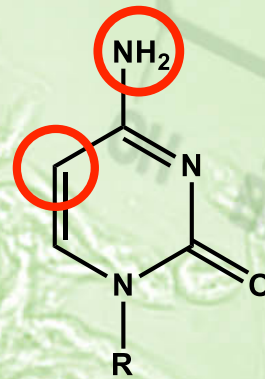
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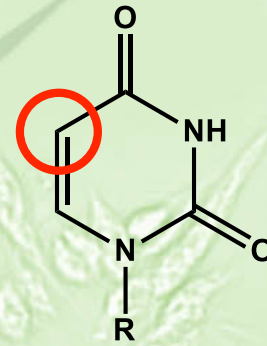
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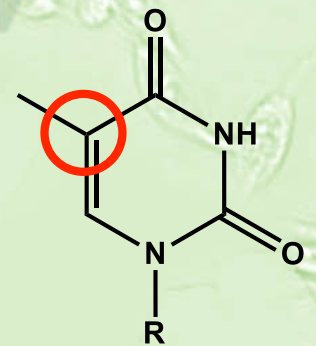
**G**



**C**



**U**



**T**

**Rule of thumb: Synthetically labeled pyrimidines easier than purines**

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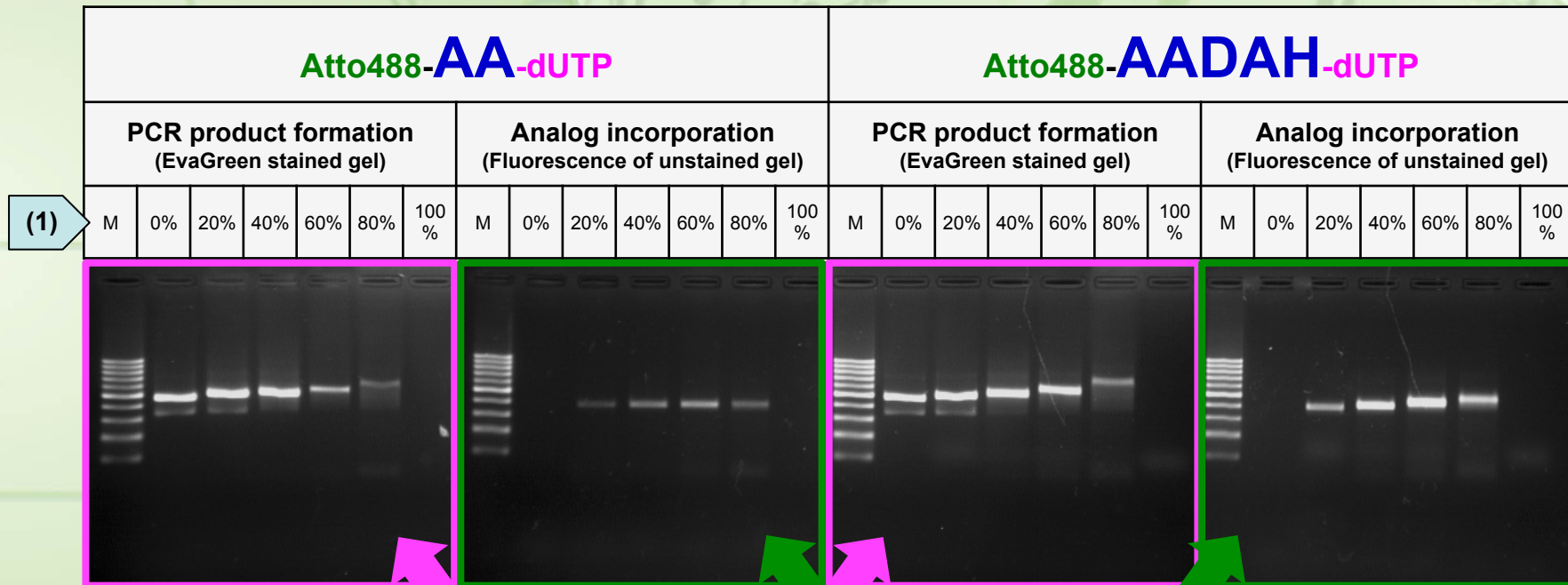
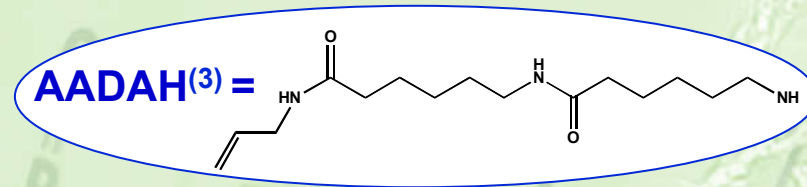
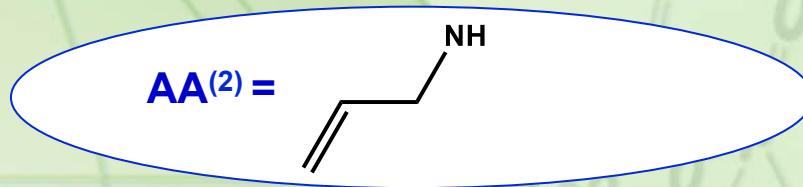
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# PCR with fluorescent dUTP: The longer the linker the higher the labeling density

Best results with 40...60% replacement of TTP by fluorescent dUTP



Similar amounts of PCR product formed...

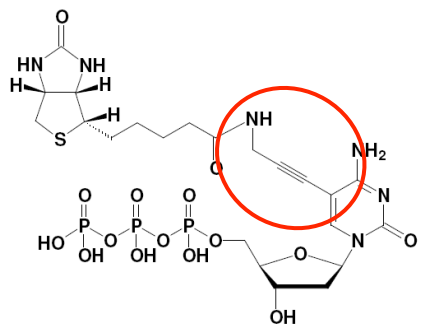
...but better Atto488-dUTP incorporation with long linker

(1) Percentage of TTP-replacement with fluorescent dUTP. 0%: no fluorescent dUTP...100%: no TTP present in PCR

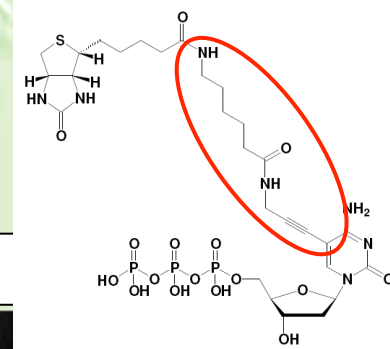
(2) AA = aminoallyl  
(3) AADAH = aminoallyl di-diaminohexyl

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(in agreement with Zhu *et al.* (1994) NAR 22:3418)

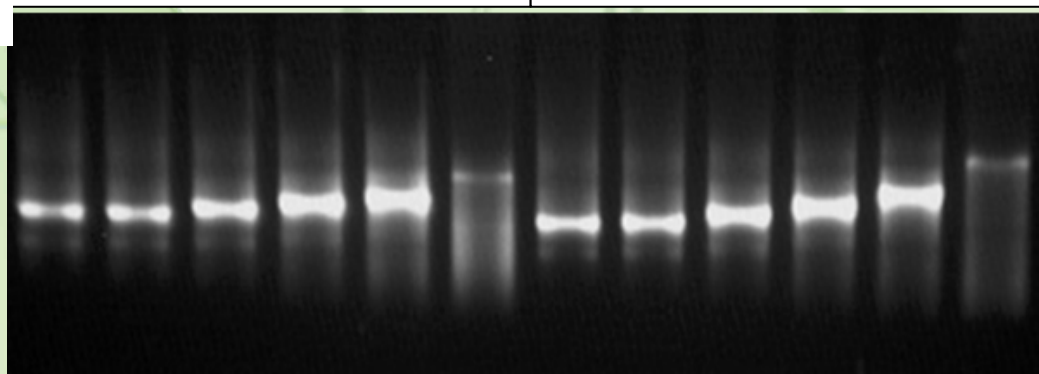
# Length does matter, too for Biotin-dCTP



**4-atom-linker**

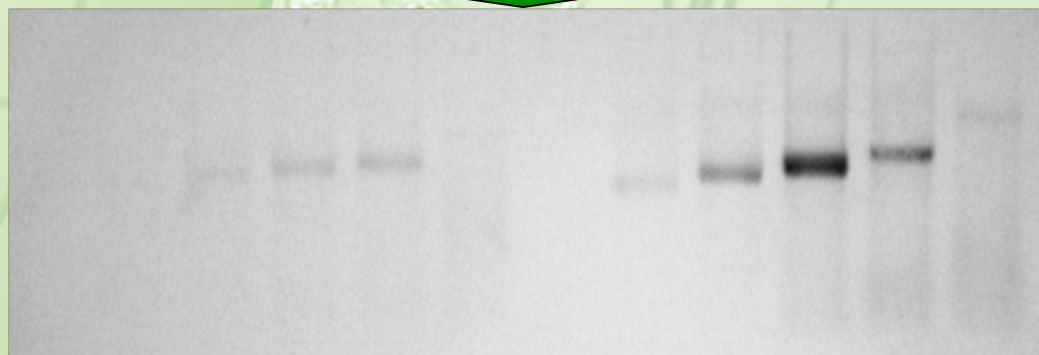


**11-atom-linker**



(1)	0 %	20 %	40 %	60 %	80 %	100 %	0 %	20 %	40 %	60 %	80 %	100 %
	Biotin-4-dCTP						Biotin-11-dCTP					

## Southern Blot



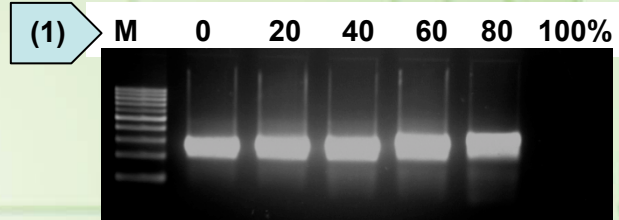
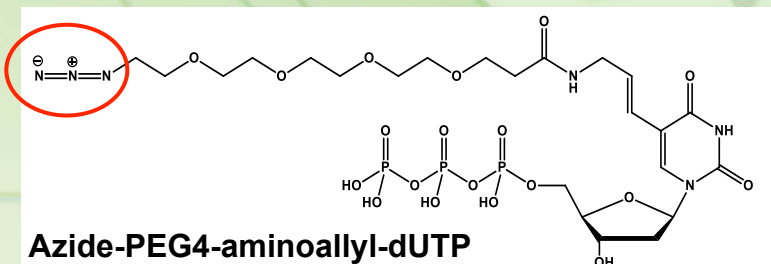
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**Conclusion: Long linkers beneficial for PCR-incorporation but – whenever possible – for optimization different linkers shall be tried**

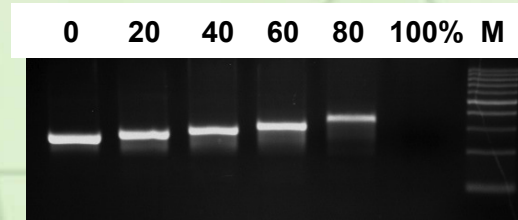
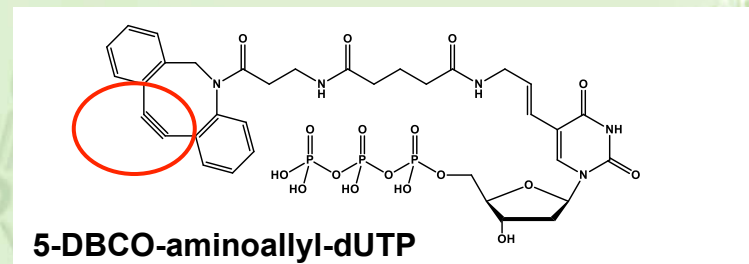
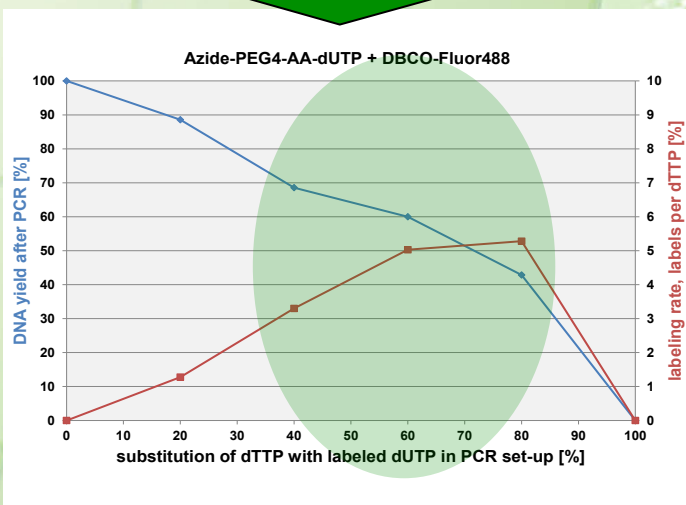
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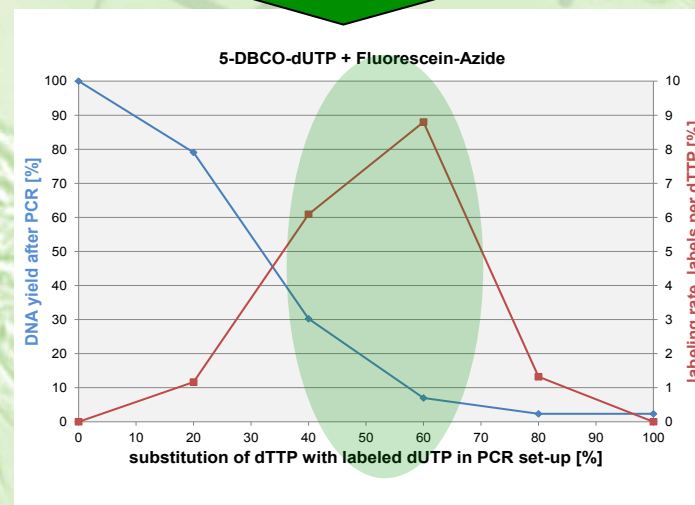
# Classic Amine-NHS-ester chemistry can be replaced by CLICK reactions



**CLICK with DBCO-Fluorescein**



**CLICK with Azide-Fluorescein**



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DBCO = Dibenzylcyclooctyne, field pioneered by Carolyn Bertozzi  
<http://www.cchem.berkeley.edu/crbgrp/>

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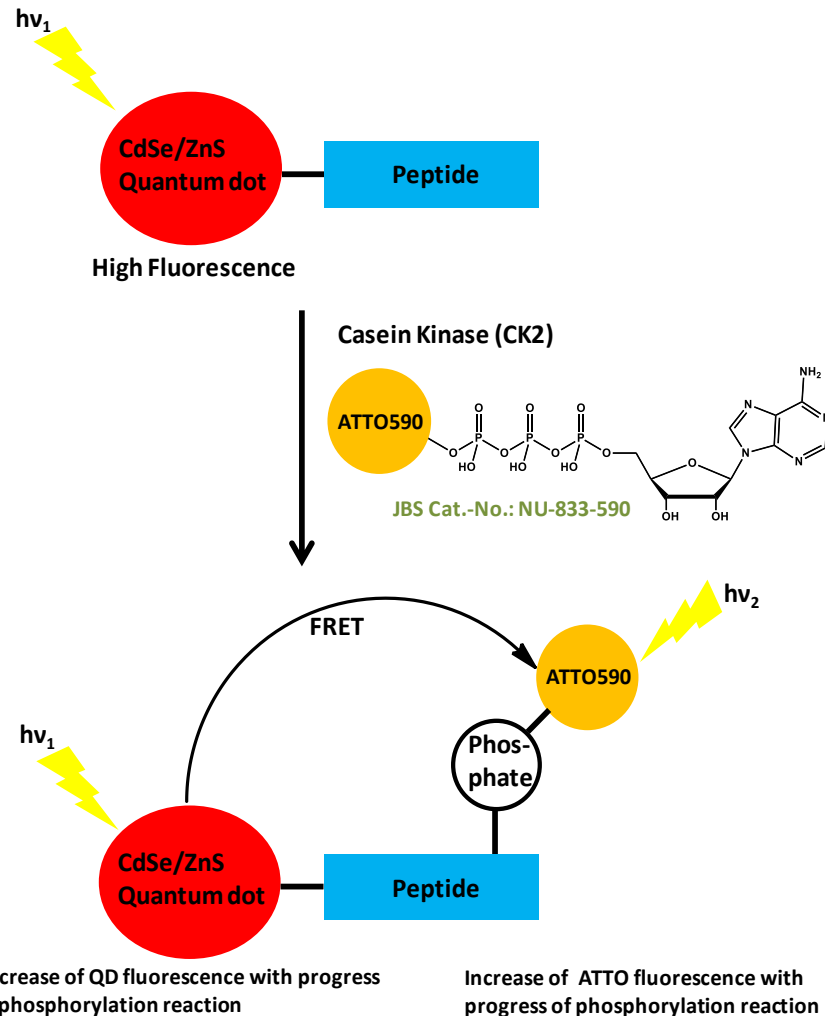
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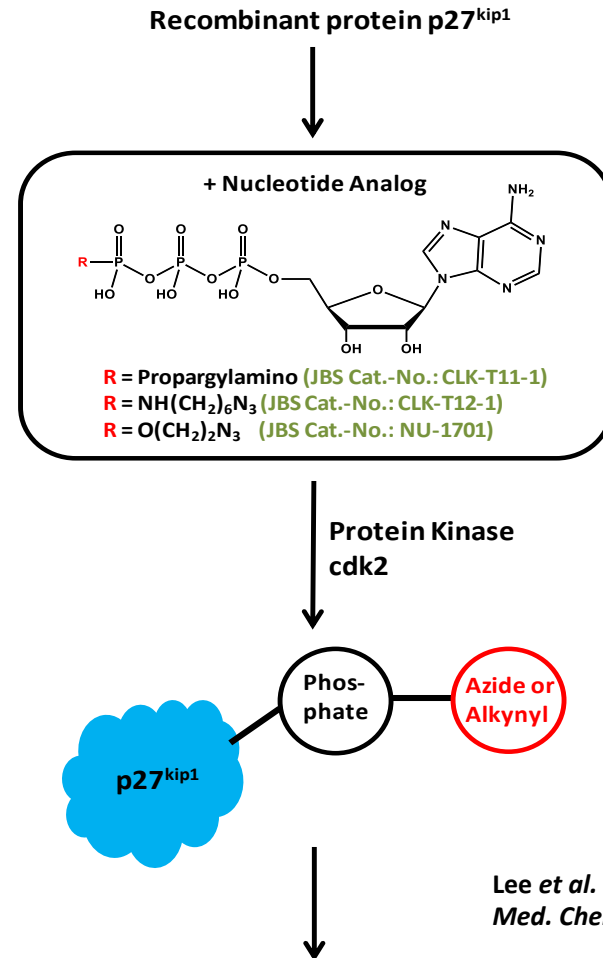
...allowing convenient fluorescent labeling and monitoring

## One-step fluorescent labeling

Freeman et al. (2010) *Nano Lett.* 10:2192.



## Two-step (fluorescent) labeling



Labeling via „CLICK-REACTION“

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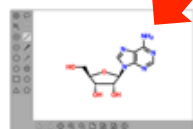
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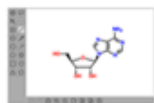


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