## **Supplemental Information**

# Synthesis and Polymerase Activity of a Fluorescent Cytidine TNA Triphosphate Analogue

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#### **Expression and Purification of Kod-RI.**

Kod-RI was generated as previously described. Briefly, the Kod-RI gene was sub-cloned into a pET21 vector and transformed into an Acella® cell (Edge BioSystems, MD) strain for protein expression. A single colony from the transformation was used for 10 ml LB overnight culture and then the overnight culture was diluted with 1:100 into the fresh LB for the large scale expression. The cells were induced with 1 mM of IPTG for 20 hat 18 °C. Once the cell density reached (OD600) 0.8, the cell pelleted, re-suspended in a lysis buffer (10 mM Tris.Cl pH 7.5, 100 mM NaCl, 0.1 mM EDTA, 1 mM DTT, 10% glycerol) and lysed by sonication. Then the cell lysate was clarified by centrifugation, and the clear lysate incubated for 20 min at 70 °C. The lysate was cooled to 24 °C and clarified by centrifugation to remove the denatured E. coli proteins. The clarified cell lysate was purified using a HiTrap Q-HiTrap heparin coupled column system with FPLC (GE, Marlborough, MA). Using this system, the Q column captures the nucleic acid from the cell lysate and the heparin column captures the polymerase. After sample loading, the Q column was decoupled from the heparin column and the polymerase was eluted from heparin column using a mobile phase of (10 mM Tris.Cl pH 8.5, 1M NaCl, 0.1 mM EDTA, 1 mM DTT, 10% glycerol). The elution fractions were pooled together and then dialyzed into the protein storage buffer (10 mM Tris.Cl pH 8.5, 200 mM NaCl, 0.1 mM EDTA, 1 mM DTT, 10% glycerol). The purified protein was analyzed by SDS PAGE and UV quantified.

#### X-ray crystallography of compound 5

An analytical sample of **5** was crystallized from methanol and a trace amout of water. The yellow crystal of dimensions 0.212 x 0.240 x 0.380 mm was mounted in a cryoloop and transferred to a Bruker SMART APEX II diffractometer. The APEX2<sup>1</sup> program package was used to determine the unit-cell parameters and for data collection (10 sec/frame scan time for a sphere of diffraction data). The raw frame data was processed using SAINT<sup>2</sup> and SADABS<sup>3</sup> to yield the reflection data file. Subsequent calculations were carried out using the SHELXTL<sup>4</sup> program. The diffraction symmetry was *mmm* and the systematic absences were consistent with the orthorhombic space group  $P2_12_12_1$  that was later determined to be correct.

The structure was solved by direct methods and refined on  $F^2$  by full-matrix least-squares techniques. The analytical scattering factors<sup>5</sup> for neutral atoms were used throughout the

analysis. Hydrogen atoms were located from a difference-Fourier map and refined (x,y,z, riding U<sub>iso</sub>). There was one molecule of water present per formula-unit.

At convergence, wR2 = 0.0683 and Goof = 1.066 for 253 variables refined against 3368 data (0.74Å), R1 = 0.0265 for those \_ data with I >  $2.0\sigma(I)$ . The absolute structure was assigned by refinement of the Flack parameter<sup>6</sup>.

#### Pre-steady-state equations for kinetic analysis:

primer 
$$\xrightarrow{k_{obs1}} n + 1 \xrightarrow{k_{obs2}} n + 2$$

 $[primer] = A0e^{-k_{obs1}t}$ 

**Equation 1** 

- $[n+1] = \frac{k_{obs1}A0}{k_{obs2} k_{obs1}} (e^{-k_{obs1}t} e^{-k_{obs2}t})$  Equation 2
- [n+2] = A0 [primer] [n+2] Equation 3

 $[n+2] = A0(1 - \frac{k_{obs2}}{k_{obs2} - k_{obs1}}e^{-k_{obs1}t} + \frac{k_{obs1}}{k_{obs2} - k_{obs1}}e^{-k_{obs2}t})$  Equation 4

Temperature	133(2) K	
Wavelength	0.71073 Å	
Crystal system	Orthorhombic	
Space group	P212121	
Unit cell dimensions	a = 5.2252(3) Å	$\alpha = 90$ °.
	b = 10.9309(7) Å	β= 90 °.
	c = 24.2885(16) Å	$\gamma = 90$ °.
Volume	1387.27(15) Å <sup>3</sup>	
Crystal color	yellow	
Crystal size	0.380 x 0.240 x 0.212 m	m <sup>3</sup>
Theta range for data collection	1.677 to 28.633 $^\circ$	
Index ranges	$-7 \le h \le 6, -14 \le k \le 14, -14 \le 14, -14, -14 \le 14, -14, -14, -14, -14, -14, -14, -14, $	$-31 \le l \le 32$
Reflections collected	16618	
Independent reflections	3368 [R(int) = 0.0302]	
Completeness to theta = $25.500^{\circ}$	99.9 %	
Absorption correction	Semi-empirical from equivalents	
Max. and min. transmission	0.8621 and 0.8216	
Refinement method	Full-matrix least-squares	on F <sup>2</sup>
Data / restraints / parameters	3368 / 0 / 253	
Goodness-of-fit on F <sup>2</sup>	1.066	
Final R indices [I>2sigma(I) = 3278 data]	R1 = 0.0265, wR2 = 0.06	576
R indices (all data, 0.74 Å)	R1 = 0.0273, wR2 = 0.06	583
Absolute structure parameter	-0.01(2)	
Largest diff. peak and hole	0.283 and -0.206 e.Å <sup>-3</sup>	

### Table S1. Crystal data and structure refinement for 5

Table S2	. Oligonucleotides	used in	this study
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Name	Sequence (5'-3')	Mol. Wt.	Mol. Wt.
		(Calc.)	(Found)
PBS2-1G	ACTATTCAACTTACAATCGTATCAACCTTATAAT	18286.9	18286.8 <sup>a</sup>
	CCACTTGGCTACTGCATACGAGTGTC		
PBS2-2G	ACTATTCAACTTACAATGGTATCAACCTTATAAT	18326.9	18326.6 <sup>a</sup>
	CCACTTGGCTACTGCATACGAGTGTC		
PBS2-3G	ACTATTCAACTTACAATGGGATCAACCTTATAAT	18352.0	18351.4 <sup>a</sup>
	CCACTTGGCTACTGCATACGAGTGTC		
PSB7-1G	TTTGCCGTCTCAATGCACTGACGATCC	8186.3	8185.6 <sup>a</sup>
PBS7-2G	TTTGCCGGTCTCAATGCACTGACGATCC	8515.6	8515.2 <sup>a</sup>
4NT9G	GGATCGTCAGTGCATTGAGATTAAGACTCGCCA	27768.0	27768.2 <sup>a</sup>
	TGTTACGATCTGCCAAGTACAGCCTTGAATCGT		
	CACTGGTGGTATCCCCTTGGGGGA/3'-ddC		
PBS8_Extra	FAM/CTTTTAAGAACCGGACGAACGTCC	12763.4	12763.9 <sup>a</sup>
	CCTTGGGGATACCACC		
PBS7	GGATCGTCAGTGCATTGAGA	6197.1	6196.3 <sup>a</sup>
Extra	CTTTTAAGAACCGGACGAAC	6110.0	6110.2 <sup>a</sup>
PBS7-TNA5-1G	TTTTGCCGCCTATTCTCAATGCACTGACGATCC	9990.5	9989.6 <sup>a</sup>
PBS2-IR800	IR800/spacer/GACACTCGTATGCAGTAGCC	7875.8	7872.8 <sup>b</sup>
PBS7-IR700	IR700/GGATCGTCAGTGCATTGAGA	6951.0	6950.9 <sup>a</sup>
PBS7-TNA5-IR800	IR800/GGATCGTCAGTGCATTGAGAatagg	9145.6	9142.7 <sup>b</sup>
	(low case is TNA)		
<sup>a</sup> Results provided by	Integrated DNA Technologies (IDT). <sup>b</sup> Measured in the lin	near negativ	e mode



**Figure S1. Purity analysis of IR-dye labelled primers (PBS2-IR800, PBS7-IR700 and PBS7-TNA5-IR800).** Analyzed by 20% denaturing urea PAGE and scanned by an ODYSSEY scanner.

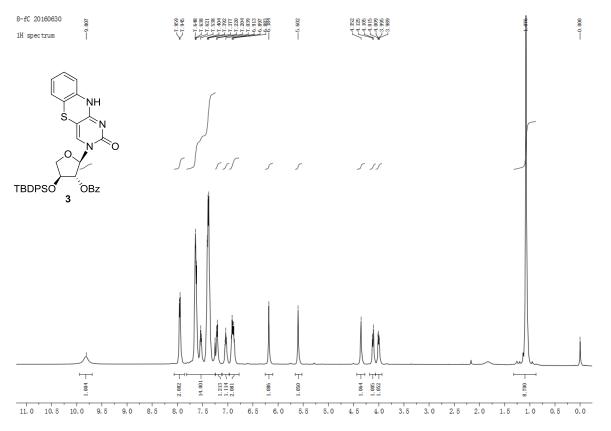


Figure S2. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of compound 3 (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>).

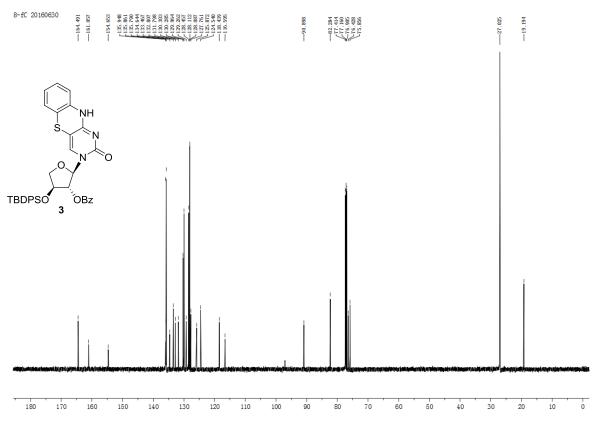
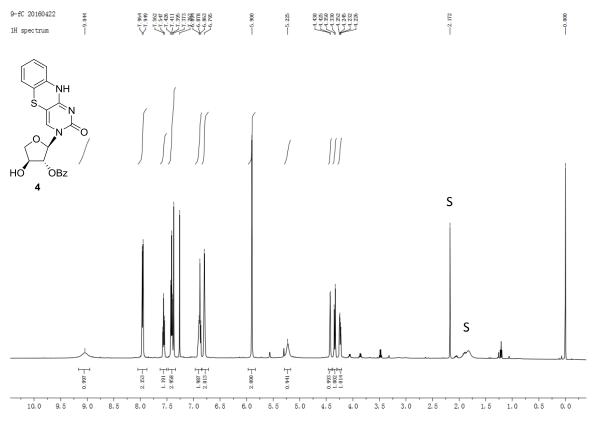
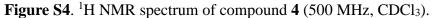


Figure S3. <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of compound 3 (125.8 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>).





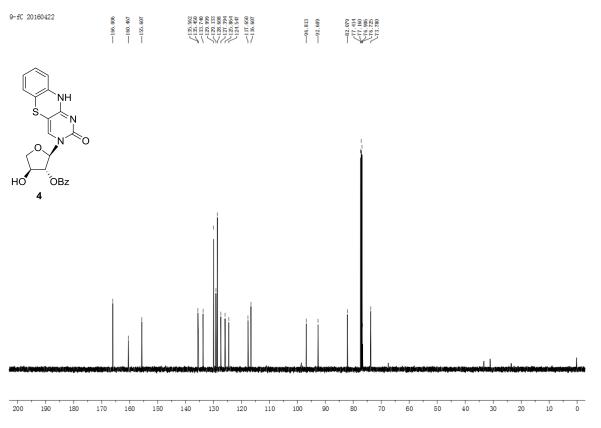
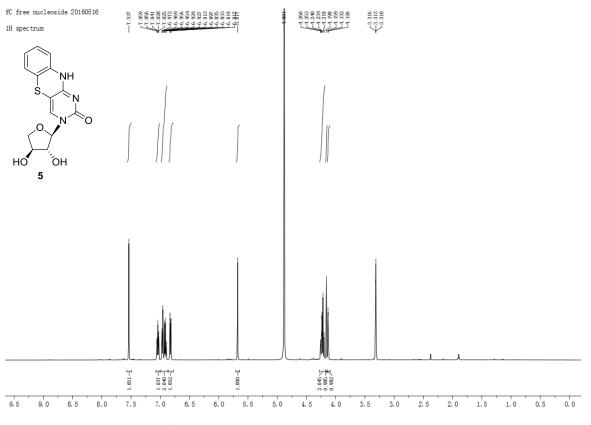
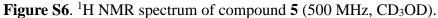


Figure S5. <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of compound 4 (125.8 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>).





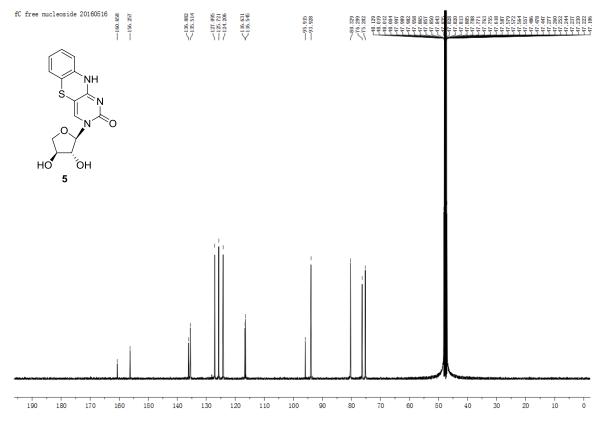


Figure S7. <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of compound 5 (125.8 MHz, CD<sub>3</sub>OD).

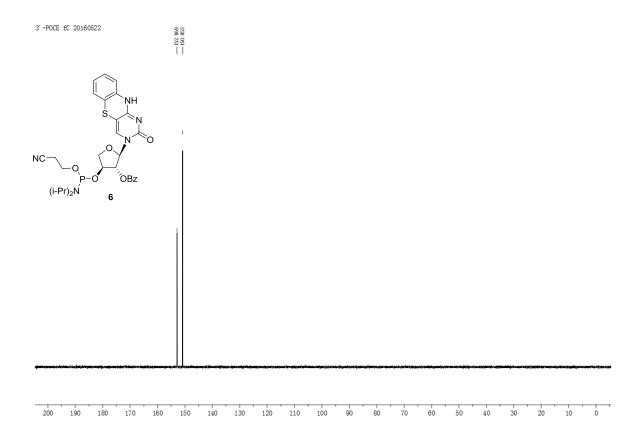


Figure S8. <sup>31</sup>P NMR spectrum of compound 6 (162 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>).

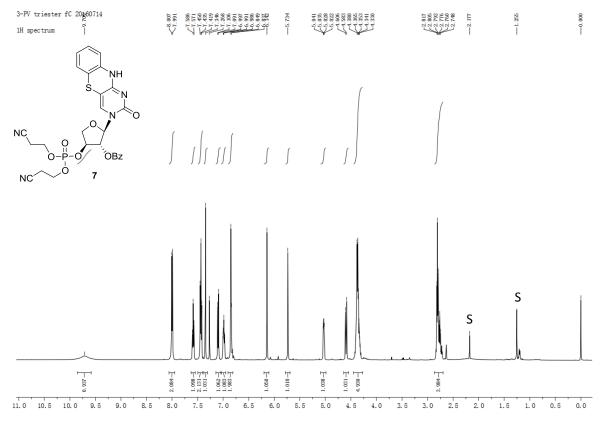
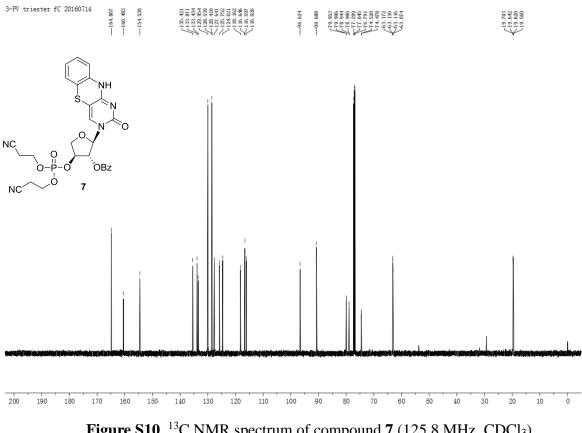
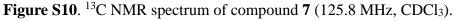


Figure S9. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of compound 7 <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>).





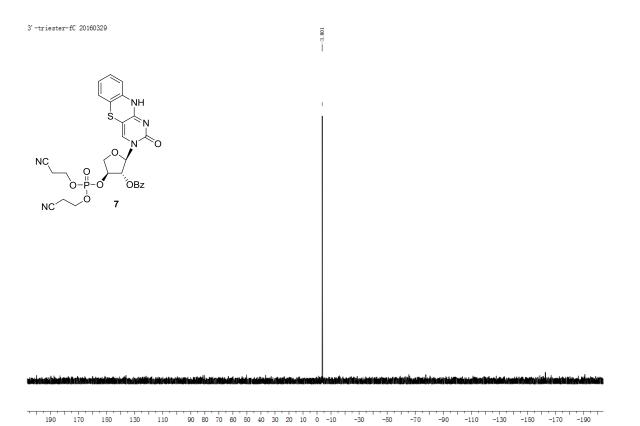


Figure S11. <sup>31</sup>P NMR spectrum of compound 7 (162 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>).

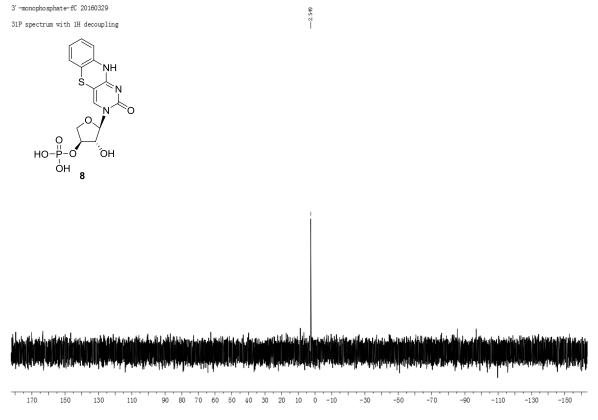


Figure S12. <sup>31</sup>P NMR spectrum of compound 8 (162 MHz, D<sub>2</sub>O).

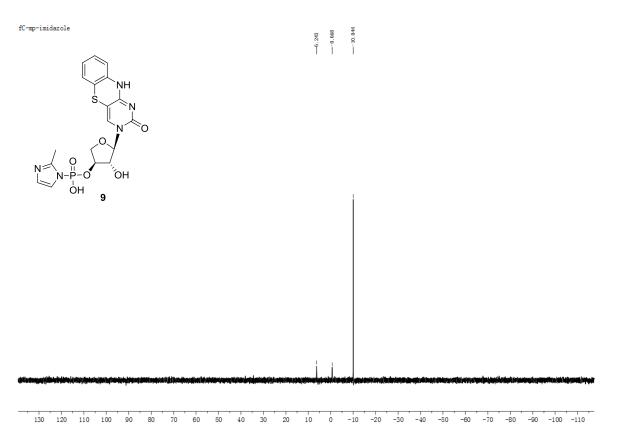


Figure S13. <sup>31</sup>P NMR spectrum of compound 9 (162 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>).

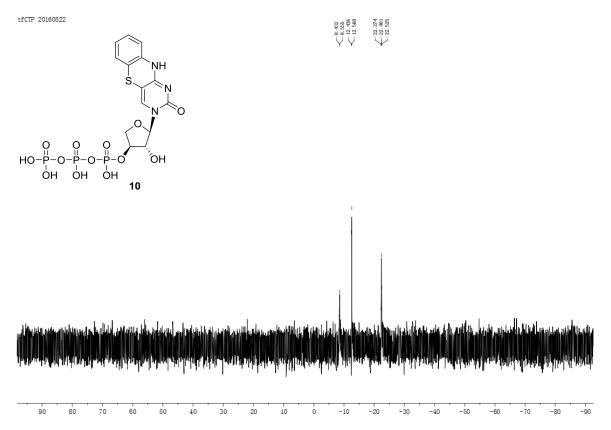


Figure S14. <sup>31</sup>P NMR spectrum of compound 10 (162 MHz, D<sub>2</sub>O).