

Synthesis and characterization of novel zwitterionic heptamethine indocyanine fluorophores

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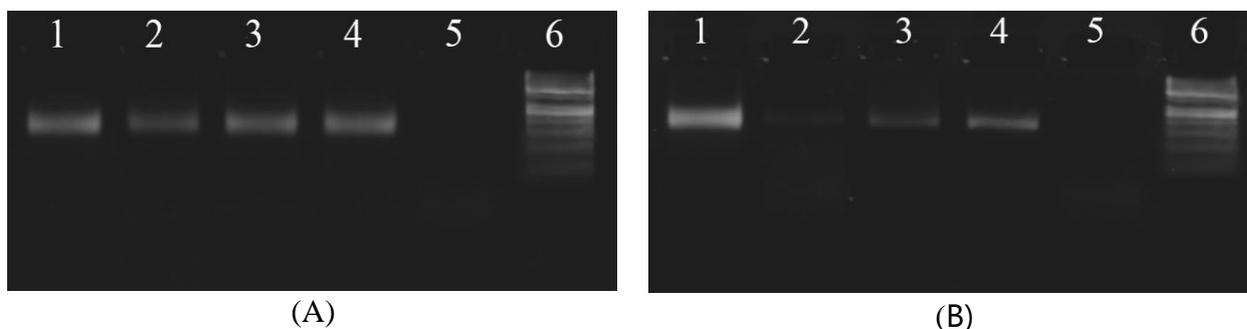


Figure S1 Analysis of PCR products at different concentrations of fluorescently labeled nucleoside triphosphates in 5% (w/v) agarose gel with ethidium bromide staining: (A) 8 μM , (B) 80 μM . Lane 1: Cy3-labeled primer (without fluorescently labeled deoxynucleoside triphosphates); lane 2: nucleotide **10**; lane 3: nucleotide **9**; lane 4: nucleotide **11**; lane 5: negative control; lane 6: molecular ladder GeneRuler 50bp.

[†] The ^1H NMR spectra were recorded with a Bruker AMX-400 spectrometer (400 MHz) (Bruker, USA) in D_2O and DMSO-d_6 solutions. Chemical shifts (δ) are given in ppm. Coupling constants (J) are given in Hz. Multiplicities of the signals: s, singlet; d, doublet; t, triplet; m, multiplet. The mass spectroscopic analysis was performed with a 4800 Plus MALDI-TOF mass spectrometer (Applied Biosystems/MDS Sciex, Foster City, CA). Mass spectra were recorded in the linear mode for positive ions. Fluorescence spectra were recorded using a Cary Eclipse fluorescence spectrophotometer (Agilent Technologies, Santa Clara, CA). UV spectra were measured using a Jasco V-550 spectrophotometer (JASCO International Co., Tokyo, Japan). The pH values were determined using a Thermo Orion 330 pH-meter (Thermo Scientific, Waltham,

MA). «TB-Biochip» test system was purchased from the manufacturer (Biochip-EIMB, Moscow, Russia).

All reagents were obtained from Sigma-Aldrich or Fluka unless otherwise stated. 5-(3-Aminoallyl)-2'-deoxyuridine 5'-triphosphate lithium salt was purchased from Biosan (Russia). The NHS esters of Cy3 and Cy7 were purchased from GE Healthcare (Piscataway, NJ). Thin layer chromatography (TLC) was used as a quality control check of dyes and dye-labeled deoxyuridine triphosphates to ensure chemical purity >95%. TLC was performed using silica gel 60 RP-18 F254S plates from Merck (Darmstadt, Germany) with mobile phase: acetonitrile/0.1 M TEAHC 30/70 v/v. The GeneRuler 50bp molecular ladder was purchased from Thermo Fisher Scientific (Waltham, Massachusetts, USA).

The quantum yield of fluorophores was measured at 25°C using a reference compound with a known quantum yield.¹⁸ Photo- and thermal stability were determined according to our previously published procedure.¹³

Sodium salt 5,5'-disulfo-1,1'-bis(5-carboxypentyl)-3,3,3',3'-tetramethylindotricarboyanine **1** and sodium salt 5,5'-disulfo-1,1'-diethyl-3,3,3',3'-tetramethylindotricarboyanine **4** were synthesized according to the literature.¹³

1'-[7-Aza-10-dimethylamino-6-oxodec-1-yl]-1-(5-carboxypentyl)-3,3,3',3'-tetramethyl-5,5'-disulfoindotricarboyanine sodium salt 2: A solution of dye **1** (31 mg, 41 μmol), *O*-(benzotriazol-1-yl)-*N,N,N',N'*-tetramethyluronium hexafluorophosphate (HBTU, 61 mg, 0.16 mmol) and *N*-hydroxysuccinimide (NHS, 29 mg, 0.24 mmol) in anhydrous DMF (0.6 ml) was stirred at 20°C for 2 h. A solution of 3-dimethylamino-1-propylamine (14 mg, 82 μmol) in NaHCO₃/Na₂CO₃ buffer (0.5 ml, 0.1 M, pH 9.2) was added. The reaction mixture was stirred at 20°C for 24 h, diluted with 0.1 M triethylammonium acetate (TEAA, 5 ml), and purified in reverse-phase (C18) chromatography using a linear gradient from 0.1 M TEAA to 50% acetonitrile in 0.1 M TEAA. Triethylammonium salts of the dyes were dissolved in deionized water and desalted in the following manner: a solution of dye in Milli-Q water was loaded onto the C18-RP column, washed with 0.1 M NaCl, Milli-Q water, and then eluted with aqueous acetonitrile. The yield of dye **2** as dark-green powder was 16 mg (44%), mp 235°C. MS (MALDI-TOF) *m/z*: calcd. for C₄₄H₅₉N₄O₉S₂⁻ 852.09; found 854.9 [M]⁺. ¹H NMR (DMSO-d₆) δ: 1.3, 1.58, 1.68, 1.78, 2.03 (5m, 18H, CH₂CH₂CH₂CH₂CH₂COOH, C(2)H₂, C(3)H₂, C(4)H₂, C(5)H₂, C(9)H₂), 1.63 [s, 12H, C(3,3)H₃, C(3',3')H₃], 2.24 (s, 6H, N(CH₃)₂), 2.41 (m, 2H, C(10)H₂), 3.01 (m, 2H, C(8)H₂), 4.08 (m, 4H, C(1)H₂, CH₂CH₂CH₂CH₂CH₂COOH), 6.34 (m, 2H, α,α'-CH), 6.52 (m, 2H, γ,γ'-CH), 7.29, 7.63, 7.74 (3m, 6H, ArH), 7.87 (m, 3H, δ-CH, β,β'-CH). Anal. Calcd. for C₄₄H₅₉N₄NaO₉S₂ (%): C, 60.39; H, 6.80; N, 6.40. Found: C, 60.81; H,

6.96; N, 6.31.

1'-[7-Aza-10-trimethylammonio-6-oxodec-1-yl]-1-(5-carboxypentyl)-3,3,3',3'-tetramethyl-5,5'-disulfoindotricarbocyanine 3: A solution of dye **2** (30 mg, 34 μmol) and methyl *p*-toluenesulfonate (19 mg, 0.1 mmol) in anhydrous DMF (1.4 ml) was stirred at 20°C for 3 h. The reaction mixture diluted with 0.1 M TEAA (5 ml), and purified in reverse-phase (C18) chromatography. The yield of dye **3** as dark-green powder was 22 mg (73%), mp 220°C. MS (MALDI-TOF) *m/z*: calcd. for $\text{C}_{45}\text{H}_{62}\text{N}_4\text{O}_9\text{S}_2$ 867.13; found 868.5 $[\text{M}]^+$. ^1H NMR (DMSO- d_6) δ : 1.35, 1.53, 1.68, 1.75, 2.03 (5m, 16H, $\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{COOH}$, C(2) H_2 , C(3) H_2 , C(4) H_2 , C(5) H_2), 1.63 [s, 12H, C(3,3) H_3 , C(3',3') H_3], 3.02 [s, 11H, C(10) H_2 , N(CH_3) $_3$], 3.25 (m, 2H, C(8) H_2 , C(9) H_2), 4.07 (m, 4H, C(1) H_2 , $\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{COOH}$), 6.38 (m, 2H, α,α' -CH), 6.51 (m, 2H, γ,γ' -CH), 7.27, 7.65, 7.78 (3m, 6H, ArH), 7.85 (m, 3H, δ -CH, β,β' -CH). Anal. Calcd. for $\text{C}_{45}\text{H}_{62}\text{N}_4\text{O}_9\text{S}_2$ (%): C, 62.33; H, 7.21; N, 6.46. Found: C, 62.01; H, 7.52; N, 6.32.

1,1'-Diethyl-5-[N-(5-carboxypentyl)]aminosulfonyl]-3,3,3',3'-tetramethyl-5'-sulfoindodicarbocyanine 6: A mixture containing sodium salt 1,1'-diethyl-3,3,3',3'-tetramethyl-5,5'-disulfoindodicarbocyanine **4** (20 mg, 32 μmol), phosphorus pentachloride (32 mg, 0.16 mmol) and trimethyl phosphate (20 ml) was stirred at 20°C for 5.5 h. The reaction mixture was cooled to -18°C, and solution of 6-aminocaproic acid (210 mg, 1.6 mmol) in 1 M NaHCO_3 (10 ml) was added dropwise. Stirring was continued at 0°C for 5 h and then at room temperature for 12 h. The reaction mixture was diluted with water (30 ml), neutralized with acetic acid, and the product was extracted with a toluene (100 ml). The combined extracts were washed with water (50 ml), brine (100 ml), and dried over MgSO_4 . The solvent was evaporated, and the dye was purified by a procedure similar to that described above. The yield of dye **6** as dark-green powder was 7 mg (30%), mp 215°C (decomp.). MS (MALDI-TOF) *m/z*: calcd. for $\text{C}_{37}\text{H}_{47}\text{N}_3\text{O}_7\text{S}_2$ 709.92; found 711.2 $[\text{M}]^+$. ^1H NMR (DMSO- d_6) δ : 1.24 (m, 6H, CH_2CH_3), 1.10, 1.94, 2.85 (3m, 10H, $\text{NHCH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{COOH}$), 1.63 [s, 12H, C(3,3) H_3 , C(3',3') H_3], 4.08 (m, 4H, CH_2CH_3), 6.41 (m, 2H, α,α' -CH), 6.53 (m, 2H, γ,γ' -CH), 7.32, 7.37, 7.78 (3m, 6H, ArH), 7.82 (m, 3H, δ -CH, β,β' -CH). Anal. Calcd. for $\text{C}_{37}\text{H}_{47}\text{N}_3\text{O}_7\text{S}_2$ (%): C, 62.60; H, 6.67; N, 5.92. Found: C, 62.84; H, 6.36; N, 5.83.

5-[4-Aza-5-oxo-10-{1'-(7-aza-10-trimethylammonio-6-oxodec-1-yl)-3,3,3',3'-tetramethyl-5,5'-disulfoindotricarbocyanin-1-yl}-dec-1-en-1-yl]-2'-deoxyuridine-5'-triphosphate lithium salt 9 was synthesized according to our previously published procedure.^{23a} The yield of modified nucleotide as dark-green powder was 0.22 μmol (22%). MS (MALDI-TOF) *m/z*: calcd. for $\text{C}_{57}\text{H}_{76}\text{N}_7\text{O}_{22}\text{P}_3\text{S}_2^{4-}$ 1368.30; found 1373.12 $[\text{M}]^+$. ^1H NMR (D_2O) δ : 1.25, 1.35, 1.54, 1.79 (4m, 12H, dye C(7) H_2 , C(8) H_2 , C(9) H_2 , C(2') H_2 , C(3') H_2 , C(4') H_2), 1.65 [s, 12H,

C(3,3)H₃, C(3,3')H₃], 2.24 [m, 6H, C(2')H₂, dye C(6)H₂, C(5')H₂], 3.04 [s, 11H, dye C(10')H₂, N(CH₃)₃], 3.23 [m, 4H, dye C(8')H₂, C(9')H₂], 3.83 [m, 2H, dye C(3)H₂], 4.02 [br.m., 7H, C(3')H, C(5')H₂, dye C(10)H₂, C(1')H₂], 4.55 [m, 1H, C(4')H], 6.31 [m, 5H, C(1')H, dye α,α'-CH, C(1)H, C(2)H], 6.53 (m, 2H, dye γ,γ'-CH), 7.75, 7.31 (2m, 7H, C(6)H, dye ArH), 7.85 (m, 3H, δ-CH, β,β'-CH). ³¹P NMR (D₂O) δ: -21.60 (t, ^βP), -10.76 (d, ^αP), -5.45 (d, ^γP).

5-[4-Aza-5-oxo-10-(1,1'-diethyl-3,3,3',3'-tetramethyl-5'-sulfoindotricarbocyanin-5-sulfonamidyl)dec-1-en-1-yl]-2'-deoxyuridine-5'-triphosphate lithium salt 10 was synthesized according to our previously published procedure.^{23a} The yield of modified nucleotide as dark-green powder was 0.28 μmol (28%). MS (MALDI-TOF) *m/z*: calcd. for C₄₉H₆₁N₆O₂₀P₃S₂⁴⁻ 1211.09; found 1216.8 [M]⁺. ¹H NMR (D₂O) δ: 1.21 (t, 6H, CH₂CH₃, *J* = 7.0 Hz), 1.29, 1.56, 2.2, 2.62 (4m, 12H, NHCH₂CH₂CH₂CH₂CH₂CO, C(2')H₂), 1.69 (s, 12H, C(3,3)H₃, C(3',3')H₃), 3.49 (s, 2H, CH=CH-CH₂NH), 3.74 (m, 2H, C(5')H₂), 3.88 (m, 1H, C(4')H), 4.12 (m, 4H, CH₂CH₃), 4.24 (m, 1H, C(3')H), 6.32 (m, 3H, dye α,α'-CH, C(1')H), 6.43 (m, 1H, CH=CH-CH₂NH), 6.52 (m, 2H, dye γ-CH, CH=CH-CH₂NH), 7.23, 7.35, 7.62 (3m, 6H, dye ArH), 7.71 (m, 1H, δ-CH), 7.84 (m, 2H, β,β'-CH), 8.11 (s, 1H, C(6)H). ³¹P NMR (D₂O) δ: -19.71 (t, ^βP), -10.14 (d, ^αP), -4.35 (d, ^γP).

5-[4-Aza-5-oxo-10-(1'-ethyl-3,3,3',3'-tetramethyl-5,5'-disulfoindotricarbocyanin-1-yl)dec-1-en-1-yl]-2'-deoxyuridine-5'-triphosphate lithium salt 11 was synthesized according to our previously published procedure.^{23a} The yield of modified nucleotide as dark-green powder was 0.37 μmol (37%). MS (MALDI-TOF) *m/z*: calcd. for C₄₇H₅₅N₅O₂₁P₃S₂⁵⁻ 1183.01; found 1189.72 [M]⁺. ¹H NMR (D₂O) δ: 1.22, 1.36, 1.51, 1.74 (4m, 9H, dye C(7)H₂, C(8)H₂, C(9)H₂, CH₂CH₃), 1.62 [s, 12H, C(3,3)H₃, C(3,3')H₃], 2.27 [m, 4H, C(2')H₂, dye C(6)H₂], 3.81 [m, 2H, dye C(3)H₂], 4.07 [br.m., 7H, C(3')H, C(5')H₂, dye C(10)H₂, CH₂CH₃], 4.52 [m, 1H, C(4')H], 6.34 [m, 5H, C(1')H, dye α,α'-CH, C(1)H, C(2)H], 6.51 (m, 2H, dye γ,γ'-CH), 7.71, 7.53, 7.31 (2m, 7H, C(6)H, dye ArH), 7.81 (m, 3H, δ-CH, β,β'-CH). ³¹P NMR (D₂O) δ: -20.83 (t, ^βP), -10.54 (d, ^αP), -5.11 (d, ^γP).

«TB-Biochip» analysis. DNA samples were analyzed according to the protocol provided by the manufacturer (Biochip-IMB, Moscow, Russia).^{23b} DNA sample was amplified by a two-round PCR. The presence of PCR products was confirmed by agarose gel electrophoresis after each reaction. In the first round PCR 3 μl of genomic DNA was amplified in a total reaction volume of 30 μl. The first round PCR reaction mixture contained 3 μl dilution of Taq buffer; 2.5 U Taq polymerase; 0.2 μM each deoxynucleoside triphosphate (dNTP); primers; and a 3 μl of the DNA sample. PCR was performed according to the following protocol: 4 min at 95°C, (36

cycles): 30 s at 95°C, 30 s at 67°C, and 30 s at 72°C, and then 5 min at 72°C. The volume of 1 μ l after the first round of PCR was used for the second PCR round. The reaction mixture for the second round PCR contained a fluorescently labeled nucleotide (8 and 80 μ M) and was carried out with an excess of forward Cy3-labeled primer to obtain single-stranded product for hybridization. Amplification was performed according to the following protocol: 5 min at 95°C, (37 cycles): 20 s at 95°C, 30 s at 65°C, and 30 s at 72°C, and then 5 min at 72°C. Single-stranded DNA was then hybridized with a microarray chip by dispensing 12 μ l of the labeled PCR product in hybridization buffer into the hybridization chamber and incubating the chip for 18 h at 37°C. The chip was washed with deionized water and air dried. The hybridization results were analyzed using two portable chip analyzers. First is equipped with a green laser (532 nm, 50mW), and emission was detected at 607 ± 35 nm. Second analyzer contains near-IR laser (760 nm, 300mW), and detection was performed at 832 ± 37 nm. Both analyzers were equipped with a charge-coupled device camera (BIOCHIP-IMB, Russian Federation). Data processing and image analysis were performed using dedicated software (ImaGeWare version 3.50).