

Supplementary Data

Table S1. Fluorescence decay parameters for the APout-M.HhaI-AdoHcy single crystal. Fluorescence was excited at 320nm and decays obtained at the 3 emission wavelengths shown were fitted globally to 4 common lifetimes. The global fluorescence lifetimes and global χ^2 are given, followed by the A factors and local χ^2 for each decay.

Global Lifetimes: $\tau_1=0.07\text{ns}$, $\tau_2=0.53\text{ns}$, $\tau_3=2.07\text{ns}$, $\tau_4=7.36\text{ns}$
Global $\chi^2=1.052$

| Emission Wavelength/ nm | A1 | A2 | A3 | A4 | Local χ^2 |
|----------------------------|------|------|------|------|----------------|
| 370 | 0.62 | 0.21 | 0.14 | 0.03 | 1.038 |
| 390 | 0.64 | 0.19 | 0.14 | 0.03 | 1.073 |
| 410 | 0.66 | 0.16 | 0.15 | 0.03 | 1.045 |

Table S2. Fluorescence decay parameters for the APtarget-M.HhaI-AdoHcy single crystal.

Global Lifetimes: $\tau_1=1.10\text{ns}$, $\tau_2=6.30\text{ns}$, $\tau_3=10.85\text{ns}$
Global $\chi^2=1.023$

| Emission Wavelength/ nm | A1 | A2 | A3 | Local χ^2 |
|----------------------------|------|------|------|----------------|
| 370 | 0.12 | 0.21 | 0.67 | 1.042 |
| 390 | 0.07 | 0.16 | 0.77 | 1.004 |
| 410 | 0.04 | 0.12 | 0.84 | 1.023 |

Table S3. Fluorescence decay parameters for the APout duplex in aqueous solution.

Global Lifetimes: $\tau_1=0.04\text{ns}$, $\tau_2=0.50\text{ns}$, $\tau_3=2.95\text{ns}$, $\tau_4=11.01\text{ns}$
Global $\chi^2=1.121$

| Emission Wavelength/ nm | A1 | A2 | A3 | A4 | Local χ^2 |
|----------------------------|------|------|------|------|----------------|
| 370 | 0.78 | 0.08 | 0.07 | 0.07 | 1.132 |
| 390 | 0.70 | 0.12 | 0.10 | 0.08 | 1.049 |
| 410 | 0.65 | 0.19 | 0.10 | 0.06 | 1.181 |

Table S4. Fluorescence decay parameters for the APout duplex with M.HhaI (wild type) and AdoHey in aqueous solution.

Global Lifetimes: $\tau_1=0.03\text{ns}$, $\tau_2=0.47\text{ns}$, $\tau_3=2.82\text{ns}$, $\tau_4=10.25\text{ns}$
Global $\chi^2=1.171$

| Emission Wavelength/ nm | A1 | A2 | A3 | A4 | Local χ^2 |
|-------------------------|------|------|------|------|----------------|
| 370 | 0.80 | 0.07 | 0.06 | 0.07 | 1.197 |
| 390 | 0.70 | 0.12 | 0.08 | 0.10 | 1.121 |
| 410 | 0.70 | 0.14 | 0.08 | 0.08 | 1.196 |

Table S5. Fluorescence decay parameters for the APtarget duplex in aqueous solution.

Global Lifetimes: $\tau_1=0.08\text{ns}$, $\tau_2=0.58\text{ns}$, $\tau_3=2.94\text{ns}$, $\tau_4=9.60\text{ns}$
Global $\chi^2=1.137$

| Emission Wavelength/ nm | A1 | A2 | A3 | A4 | Local χ^2 |
|-------------------------|------|------|------|------|----------------|
| 370 | 0.60 | 0.18 | 0.13 | 0.09 | 1.170 |
| 390 | 0.53 | 0.27 | 0.14 | 0.06 | 1.092 |
| 410 | 0.51 | 0.30 | 0.14 | 0.05 | 1.149 |

Table S6. Fluorescence decay parameters for the APtarget duplex with M.HhaI (T250G) in aqueous solution.

Global Lifetimes: $\tau_1=0.14\text{ns}$, $\tau_2=1.01\text{ns}$, $\tau_3=5.26\text{ns}$, $\tau_4=12.58\text{ns}$
Global $\chi^2=1.045$

| Emission Wavelength/ nm | A1 | A2 | A3 | A4 | Local χ^2 |
|-------------------------|------|------|------|------|----------------|
| 70 | 0.19 | 0.14 | 0.22 | 0.45 | 1.065 |
| 390 | 0.19 | 0.16 | 0.19 | 0.46 | 1.008 |
| 410 | 0.26 | 0.20 | 0.16 | 0.38 | 1.062 |

Table S7. Fluorescence decay parameters for the APtarget duplex with M.HhaI (T250G) and AdoMet in aqueous solution.

Global Lifetimes: $\tau_1=0.17\text{ns}$, $\tau_2=1.14\text{ns}$, $\tau_3=6.01\text{ns}$, $\tau_4=12.63\text{ns}$
Global $\chi^2=1.004$

| Emission Wavelength/ nm | A1 | A2 | A3 | A4 | Local χ^2 |
|-------------------------|------|------|------|------|----------------|
| 370 | 0.16 | 0.12 | 0.25 | 0.47 | 0.992 |
| 390 | 0.16 | 0.14 | 0.20 | 0.50 | 0.996 |
| 410 | 0.24 | 0.17 | 0.16 | 0.43 | 1.024 |

Table S8. Fluorescence decay parameters for the APadj-M.HhaI-AdoHcy single crystal.

Global Lifetimes: $\tau_1=0.19\text{ns}$ $\tau_2=0.91\text{ns}$, $\tau_3=3.54\text{s}$, $\tau_4=10.13\text{ns}$
Global $\chi^2=1.085$

| Emission Wavelength/ nm | A1 | A2 | A3 | A4 | Local χ^2 |
|----------------------------|------|------|------|------|----------------|
| 370 | 0.61 | 0.30 | 0.07 | 0.02 | 1.117 |
| 390 | 0.54 | 0.32 | 0.10 | 0.04 | 1.052 |
| 410 | 0.49 | 0.32 | 0.14 | 0.05 | 1.087 |

Table S9. Fluorescence decay parameters for the APopp-M.HhaI-AdoHcy single crystal.

Global Lifetimes: $\tau_1=0.15\text{ns}$ $\tau_2=0.94\text{ns}$, $\tau_3=3.41\text{s}$, $\tau_4=9.39\text{ns}$
Global $\chi^2=1.084$

| Emission Wavelength/ nm | A1 | A2 | A3 | A4 | Local χ^2 |
|----------------------------|------|------|------|------|----------------|
| 370 | 0.58 | 0.27 | 0.11 | 0.04 | 1.145 |
| 390 | 0.50 | 0.30 | 0.15 | 0.05 | 1.045 |
| 410 | 0.44 | 0.31 | 0.17 | 0.08 | 1.062 |

Table S10. Fluorescence decay parameters for the APadj duplex in aqueous solution.

Global Lifetimes: $\tau_1=0.04\text{ns}$, $\tau_2=0.45\text{ns}$, $\tau_3=2.63\text{ns}$, $\tau_4=10.33\text{ns}$
Global $\chi^2=1.128$

| Emission Wavelength/ nm | A1 | A2 | A3 | A4 | Local χ^2 |
|----------------------------|------|------|------|------|----------------|
| 370 | 0.89 | 0.06 | 0.03 | 0.02 | 1.103 |
| 390 | 0.84 | 0.09 | 0.05 | 0.02 | 1.121 |
| 410 | 0.77 | 0.14 | 0.07 | 0.02 | 1.159 |

Table S11. Fluorescence decay parameters for the APadj duplex with M.HhaI (wild-type) and AdoHcy in aqueous solution.

Global Lifetimes: $\tau_1=0.08\text{ns}$, $\tau_2=0.32\text{ns}$, $\tau_3=2.35\text{ns}$, $\tau_4=9.91\text{ns}$
Global $\chi^2=1.133$

| Emission Wavelength/ nm | A1 | A2 | A3 | A4 | Local χ^2 |
|----------------------------|------|------|------|------|----------------|
| 370 | 0.83 | 0.12 | 0.03 | 0.02 | 1.152 |
| 390 | 0.79 | 0.15 | 0.04 | 0.02 | 1.096 |
| 410 | 0.74 | 0.18 | 0.06 | 0.02 | 1.152 |

Table S12. Fluorescence decay parameters for the APOpp duplex in aqueous solution.

Global Lifetimes: $\tau_1=0.05\text{ns}$, $\tau_2=0.50\text{ns}$, $\tau_3=2.98\text{ns}$, $\tau_4=9.81\text{ns}$

Global $\chi^2=1.089$

| Emission Wavelength/ nm | A1 | A2 | A3 | A4 | Local χ^2 |
|----------------------------|------|------|------|------|----------------|
| 370 | 0.69 | 0.12 | 0.09 | 0.10 | 1.100 |
| 390 | 0.64 | 0.16 | 0.10 | 0.10 | 1.086 |
| 410 | 0.59 | 0.20 | 0.12 | 0.09 | 1.082 |

Table S13. Fluorescence decay parameters for the APOpp duplex with M.HhaI (wild-type) and AdoHcy in aqueous solution.

Global Lifetimes: $\tau_1=0.06\text{ns}$, $\tau_2=0.44\text{ns}$, $\tau_3=2.68\text{ns}$, $\tau_4=9.37\text{ns}$

Global $\chi^2= 1.132$

| Emission Wavelength/ nm | A1 | A2 | A3 | A4 | Local χ^2 |
|----------------------------|------|------|------|------|----------------|
| 370 | 0.69 | 0.16 | 0.07 | 0.08 | 1.149 |
| 390 | 0.65 | 0.18 | 0.09 | 0.08 | 1.137 |
| 410 | 0.65 | 0.19 | 0.09 | 0.07 | 1.111 |