

Supporting Information

for

A postsynthetically 2'-“clickable” uridine with arabino configuration and its application for fluorescent labeling and imaging of DNA

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Additional data and spectra

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1. Images of NMR and MS analyses

Compound 5

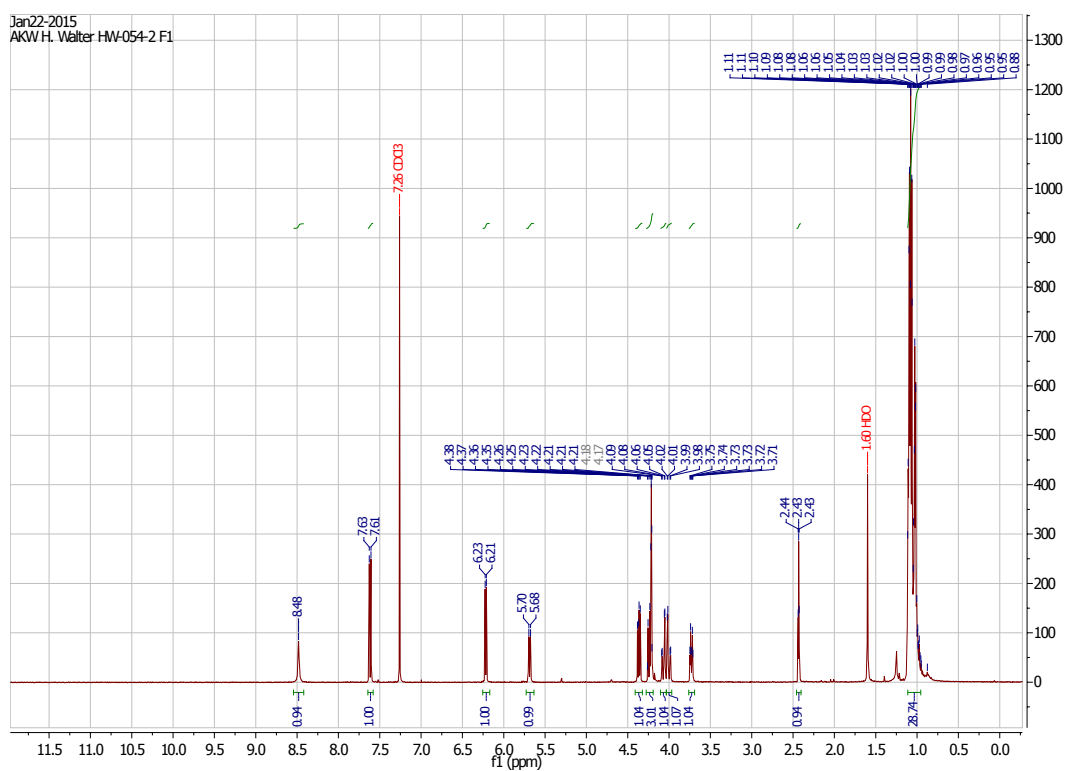
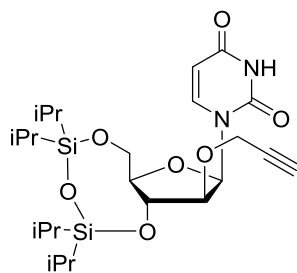


Figure S1: ^1H NMR spectrum of 5.

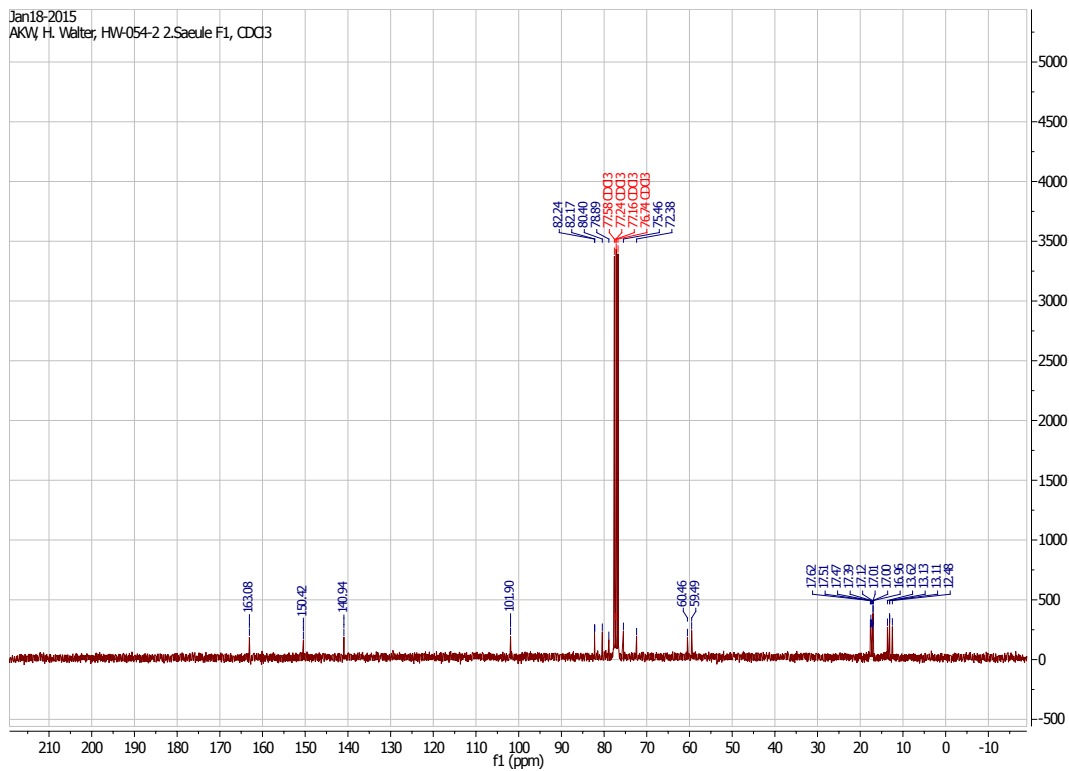


Figure S2: ^{13}C NMR spectrum of 5.

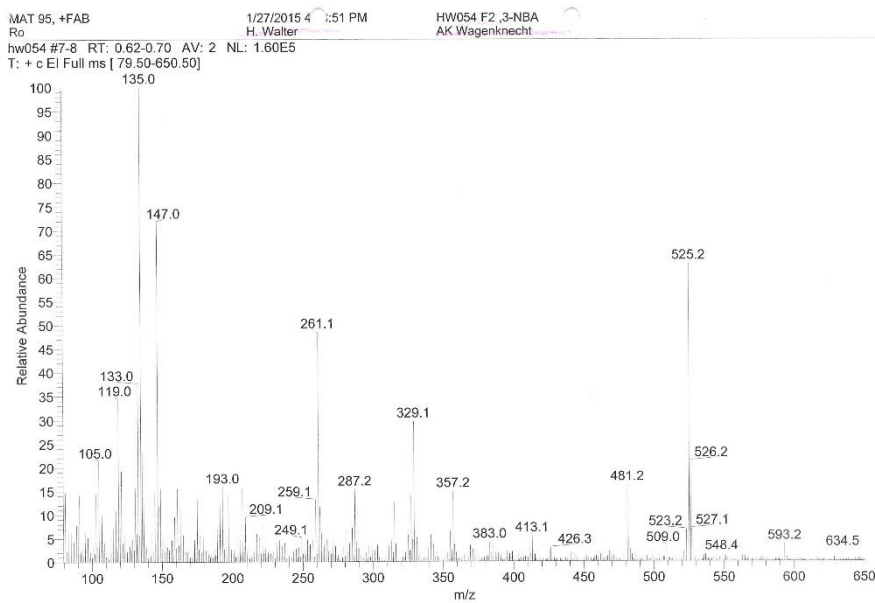


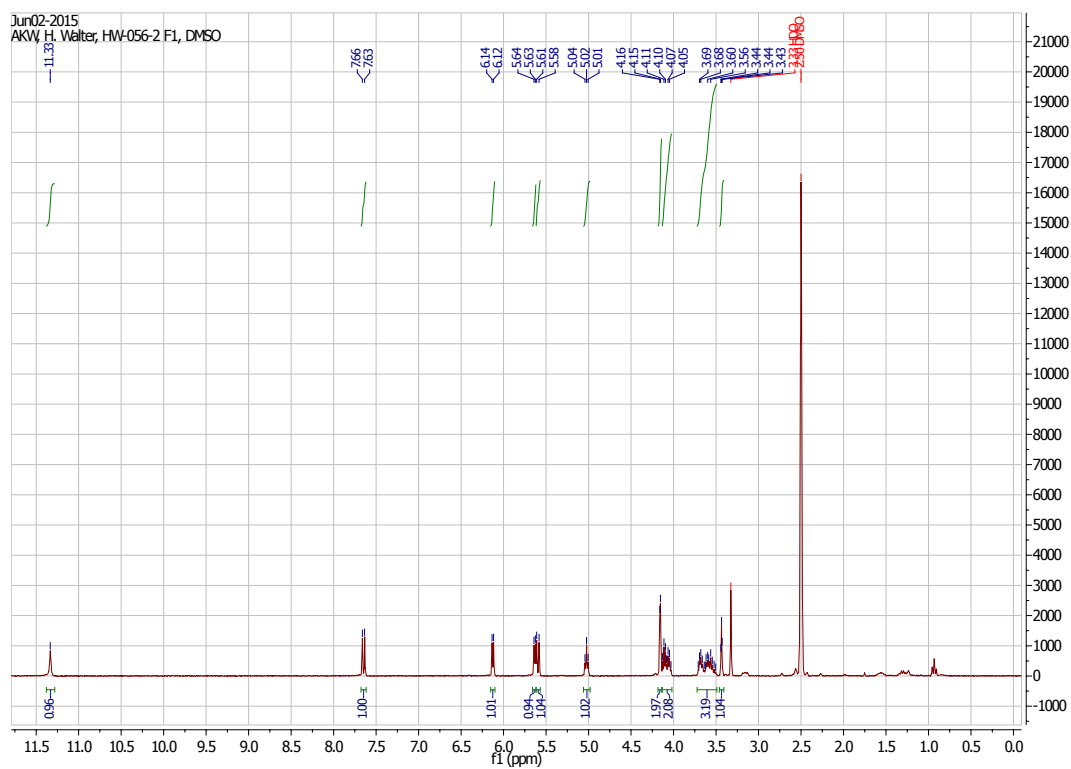
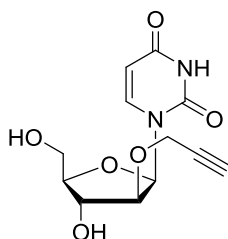
Figure S3: MS (FAB) analysis of 5.

hw054-c8#18 RT: 1.50
T: + c EI Full ms [79.57-650.57]
m/z= 524.9702-525.4872

m/z	Intensity	Relative	Theo. Mass	Delta (mmu)	Composition
525.2447	317962.0	100.00	525.2447	0.05	C ₂₄ H ₄₁ O ₇ N ₂ 2 ⁸ Si ₂

Figure S4: HR-MS (FAB) analysis of 5.

Compound 2

Figure S5: ¹H NMR spectrum of 2.

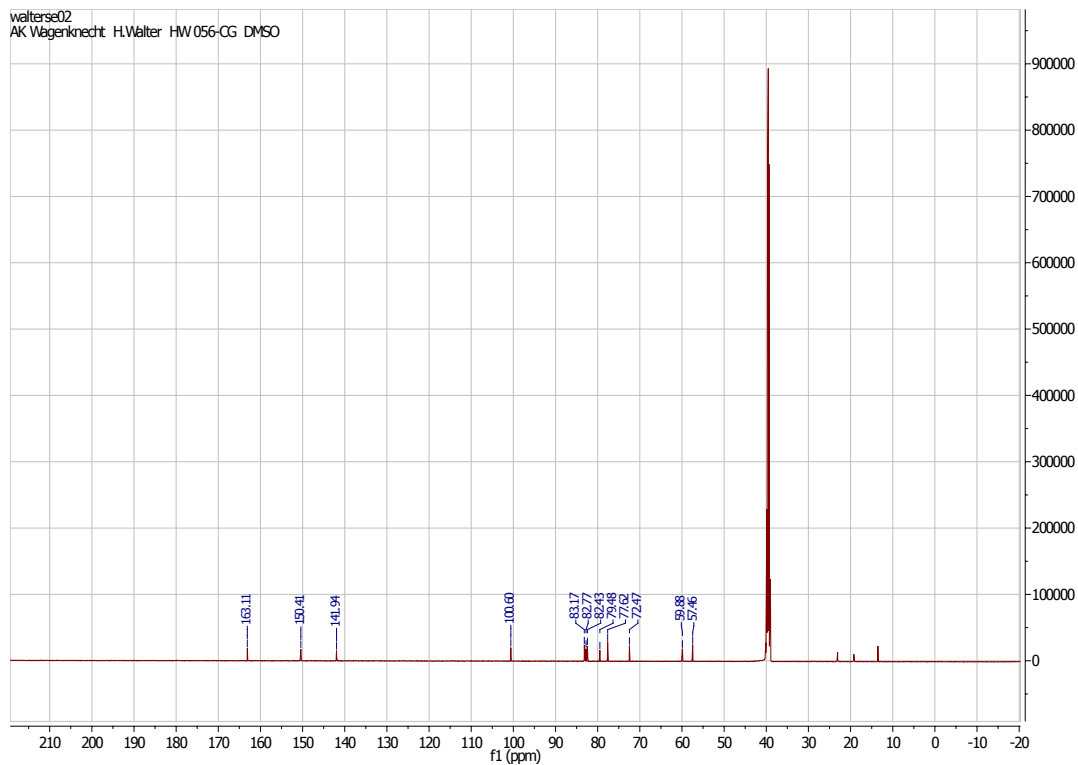


Figure S6: ^{13}C NMR spectrum of **2**.

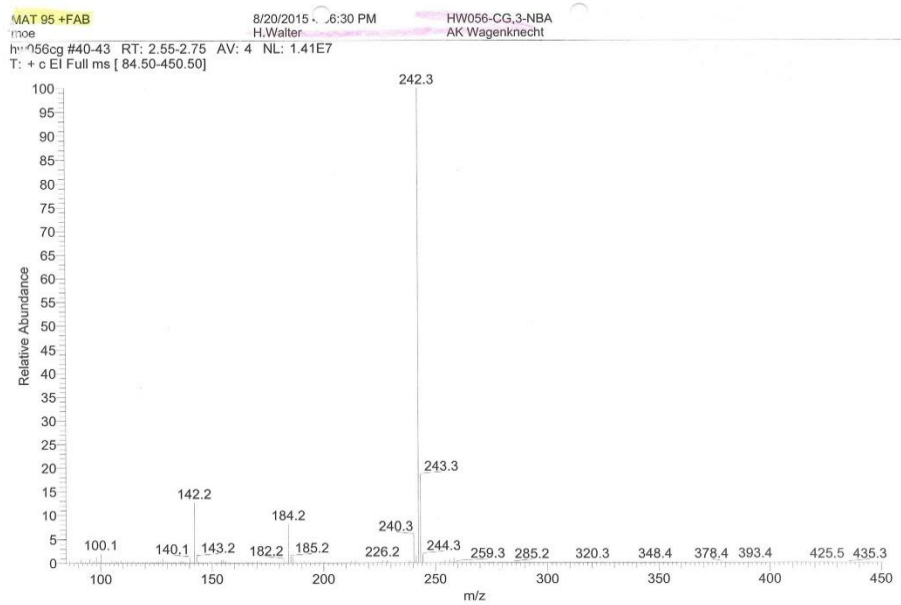


Figure S7: MS (FAB) analysis of **2**.

Compound 6

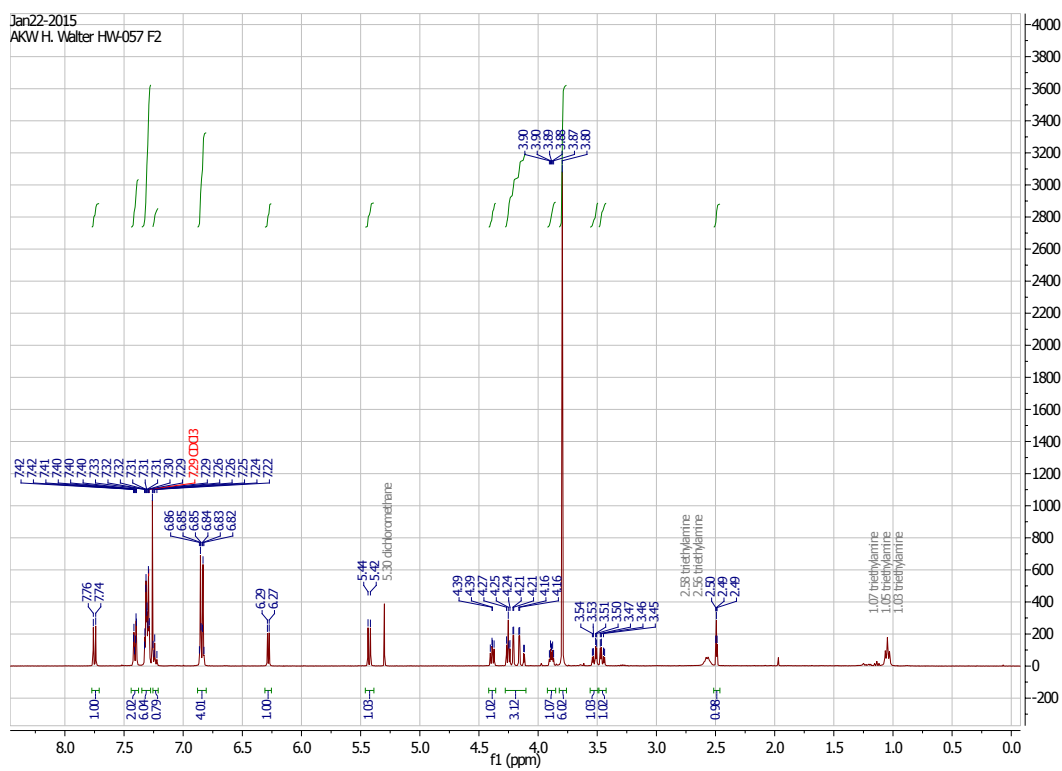
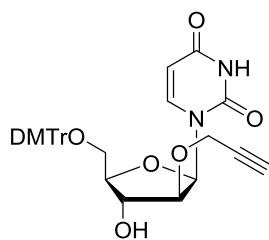


Figure S8: ^1H NMR spectrum of 6.

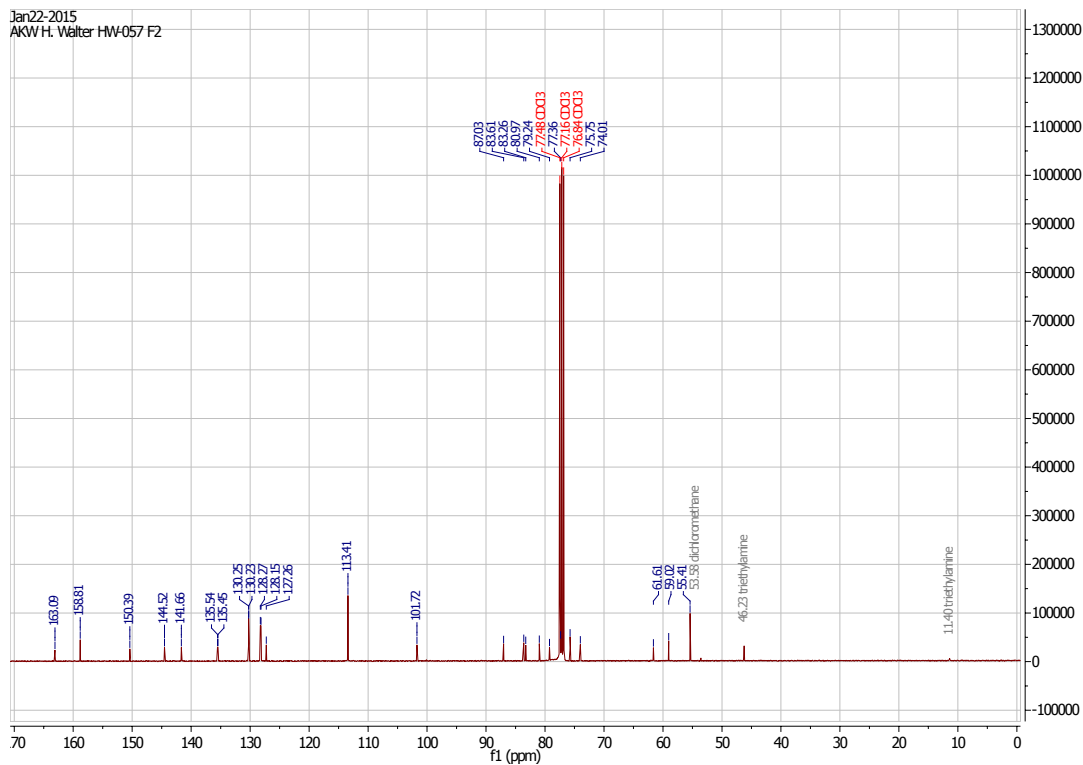


Figure S9: ^{13}C NMR spectrum of 6.

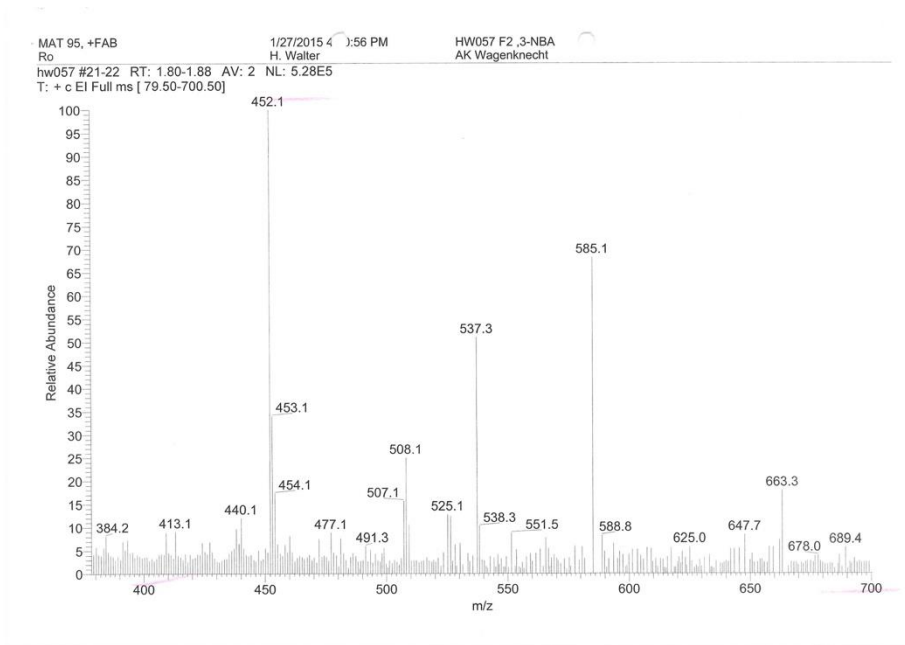


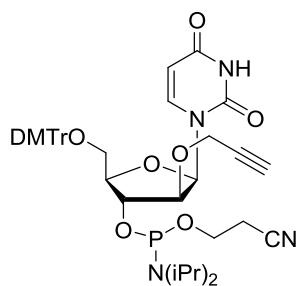
Figure S10: MS (FAB) analysis of 6.

hw057-c5#19 RT: 1.63
T: + c EI Full ms [79.57-700.57]
m/z= 584.7564-585.4026

m/z	Intensity	Relative	Theo. Mass	Delta (mmu)	Composition
585.2231	109150.0	100.00	585.2231	-0.04	C ₃₃ H ₃₃ O ₈ N ₂

Figure S11: HR-MS (FAB) analysis of 6.

Compound 7



Spectrum RT 1,87 (1 scans) - Background Subtracted 0.01 - 1.57
HW-058-5 ;
APCI + Max: 2.4E8

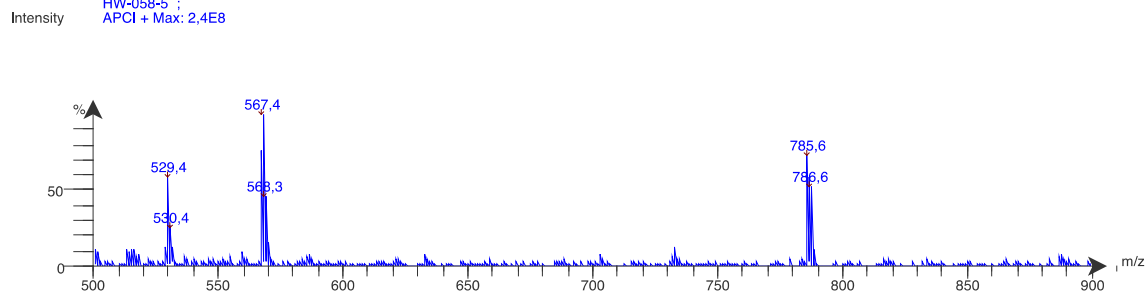


Figure S12: MS (APCI) analysis of 7.

2. HPLC purification of modified DNA and images of HPLC analytics

The labelled DNA strands were purified via HPLC Reversed Phase Supelcosil™ LC-C18 column (250 × 10 mm, 5 µm) on a Shimadzu HPLC system (autosampler, SIL-10AD, pump LC-10AT, controller SCL-10A, diode array detector SPD-M10A) using the following conditions:

eluent A: NH₄OAc buffer (0.05 M in water, pH 6.5)
eluent B: acetonitrile
flow rate: 2.5 mL/mL

For gradients see **Table S1**: UV–vis detection at 260 nm and the characteristic absorption wavelengths for each dye which are listed below:

DNA2aD1/DNA2rD1	385 nm
DNA2aD2/DNA2rD2	459 nm
DNA2aD3/DNA2rD3	444 nm
DNA2aD4/DNA2rD4	461 nm
DNA3aD5/DNA3rD5	497 nm
DNA3aD6/DNA3rD6	509 nm
DNA3aD7/DNA3rD7	542 nm
DNA3aD8/DNA3rD8	585 nm
DNA3aD9/DNA3rD9	530 nm

Table S1: HPLC gradients for semi-preparative purification of oligonucleotides **DNA2aD1–DNA2aD9** and **DNA2rD1 – DNA2rD9**. [a] DNA1a/DNA1r; [b] DNA2aD1/DNA2rD1; [c] DNA3aD6/DNA3rD6; [d] DNA2aD2/DNA2rD2/DNA2aD3/DNA2rD3/DNA2aD4/DNA2rD4/DNA3aD5/DNA3rD5/DNA3aD8/DNA3rD8; [e] DNA3aD7/DNA3rD7/DNA3aD9/DNA3rD9.

time [min]	eluent B [%]
0	0
45	8 ^[a] /10 ^[b] /12 ^[c] /15 ^[d] /17 ^[e]
65	8 ^[a] /10 ^[b] /12 ^[c] /15 ^[d] /17 ^[e]
66	80
75	80
76	0
85	0

Analytical HPLC of the purified DNA samples were performed with reversed phase Supelcosil™ LC-C18 column (250 × 4.5 mm, 5 µm) on a Shimadzu HPLC system (autosampler, SIL-10AD, pump LC-10AT, controller SCL-10A, diode array detector SPD-M10A) using the following conditions:

eluent A: NH₄OAc buffer (0.05 M in water, pH 6.5)
eluent B: acetonitrile
flow rate: 1.0 mL/min

For gradients see **Table S2**. UV–vis detection at 260 nm and the characteristic absorption wavelengths for each dye (see chapter 0)

Table S2: HPLC-gradients for analytical determination of purified oligonucleotides **DNA1a**, **DNA1r**, **DNA2aD1–DNA2aD4**, **DNA2rD1–DNA2rD4**, **DNA3aD5–DNA2aD9** and **DNA3rD5–DNA3rD9**.

time [min]	eluent B [%]
0	0
45	20
60	20
61	80
70	80
71	0
75	0

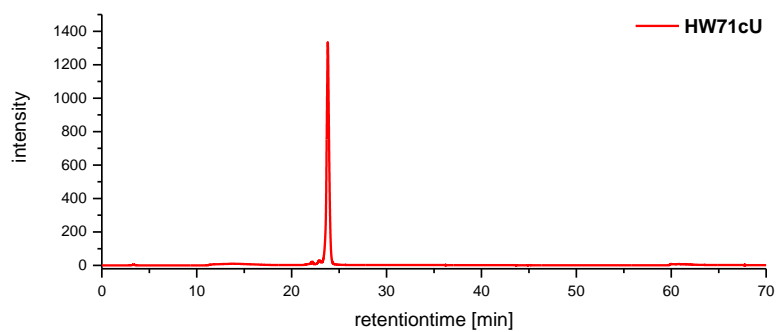


Figure S13: HPLC analysis of purified DNA1r.

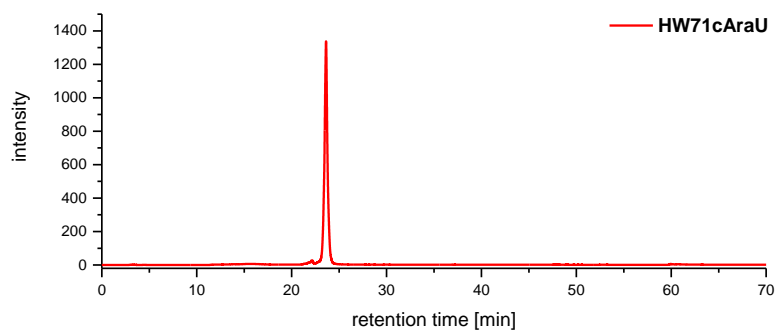


Figure S14: HPLC analysis of purified DNA1a.

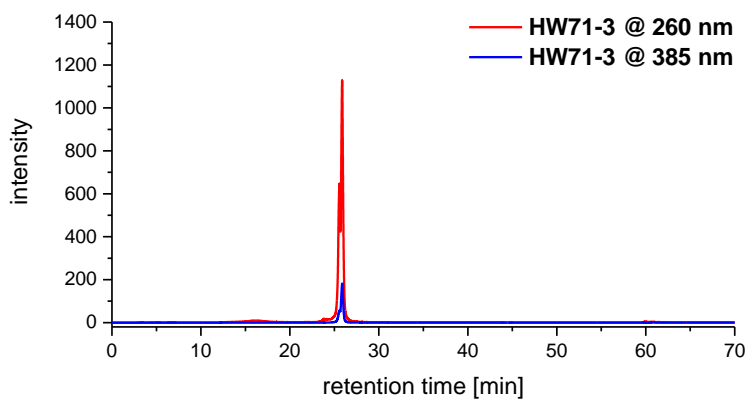


Figure S15: HPLC analysis of purified DNA2aD1.

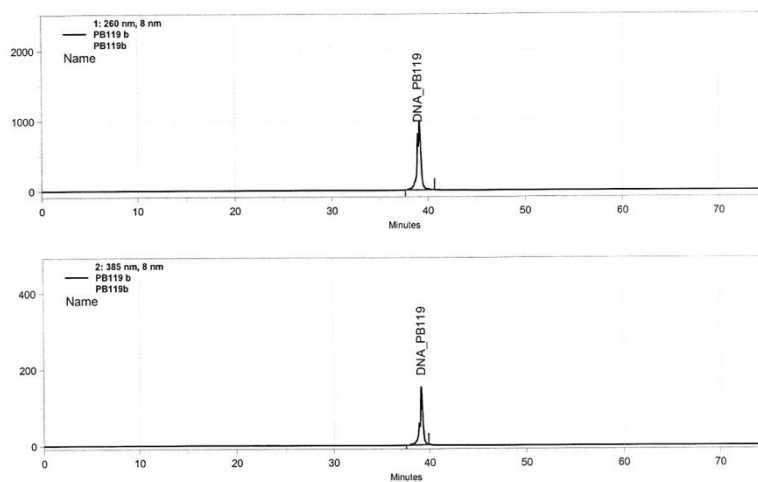


Figure S16: HPLC analysis of purified **DNA2rD1**.

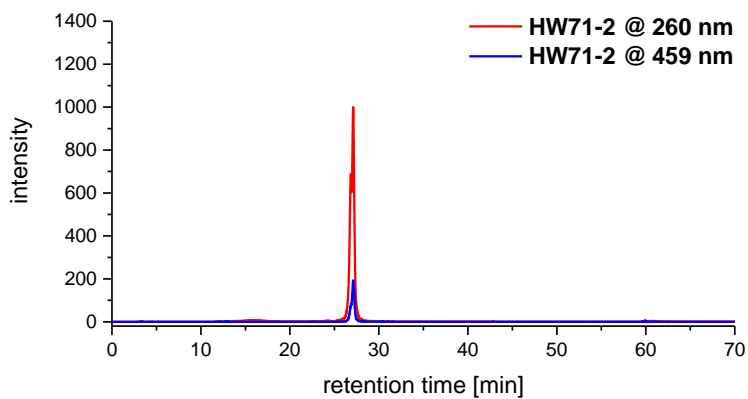


Figure S17: HPLC analysis of purified **DNA2aD2**.

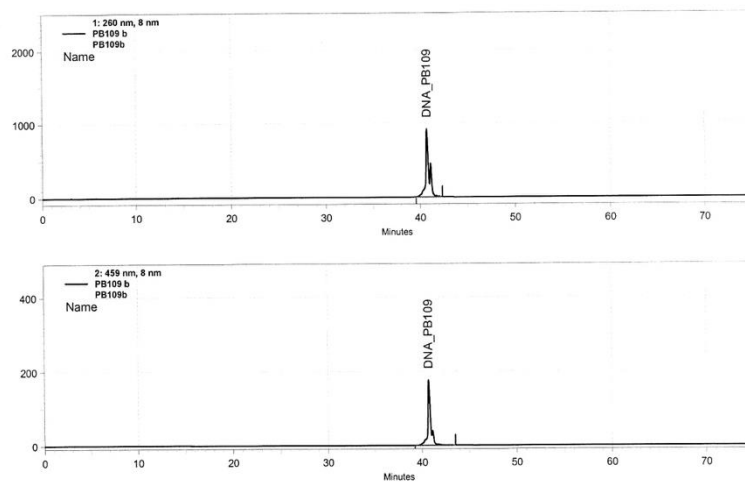


Figure S18: HPLC analysis of purified **DNA2rD2**.

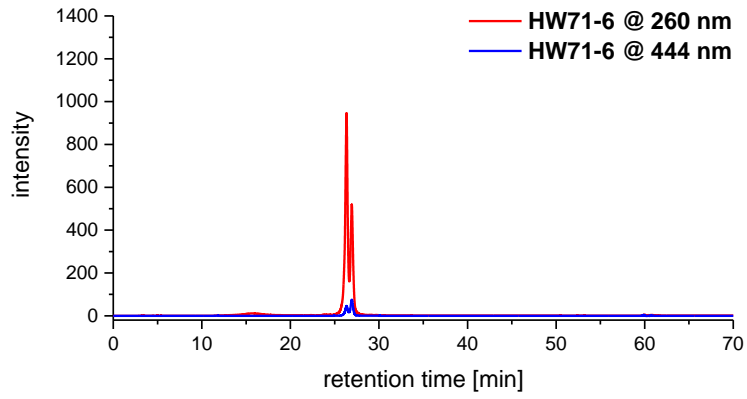


Figure S19: HPLC analysis of purified **DNA2aD3**.

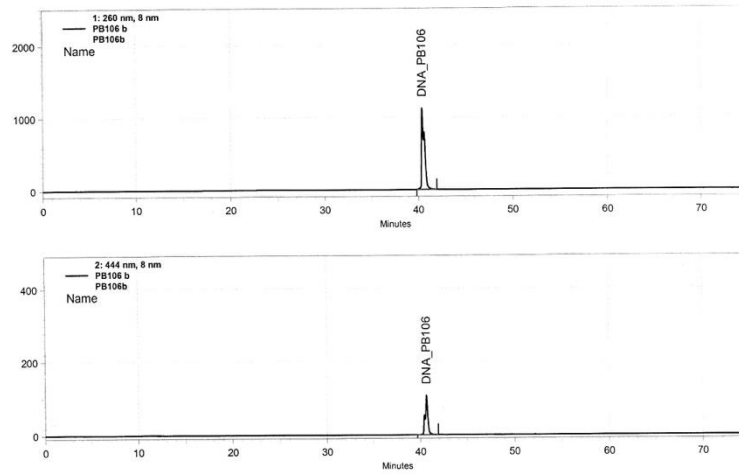


Figure S20: HPLC analysis of purified **DNA2rD3**.

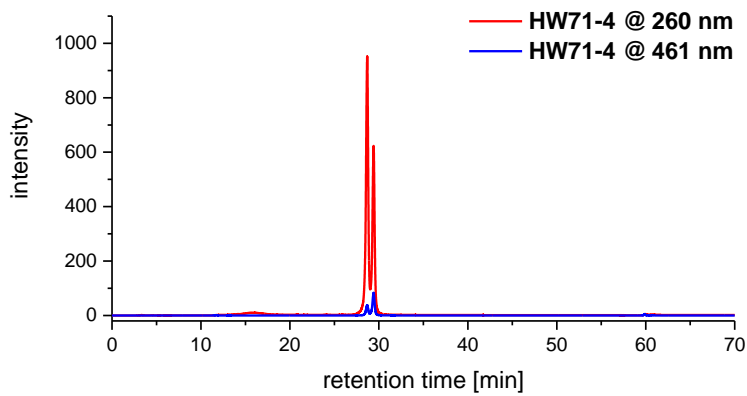


Figure S21: HPLC analysis of purified **DNA2aD4**.

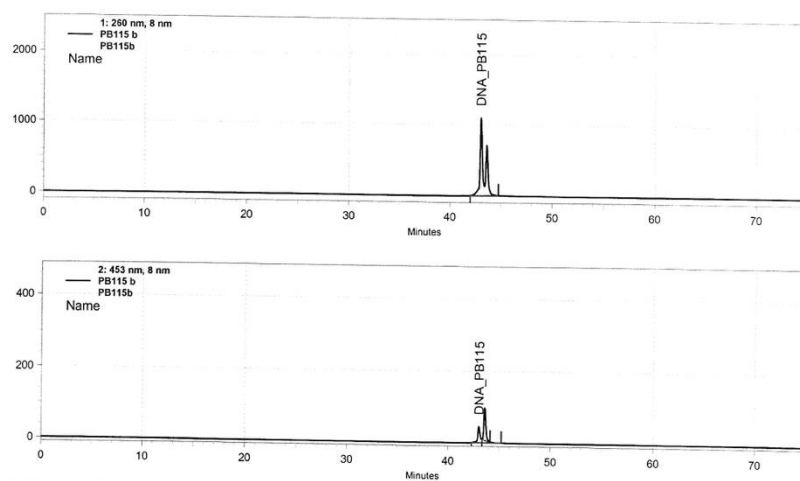


Figure S22: HPLC analysis of purified DNA2rD4.

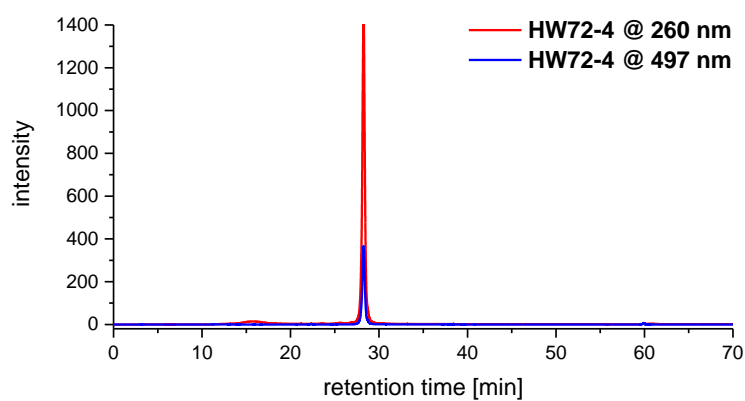


Figure S23: HPLC analysis of purified DNA3aD5.

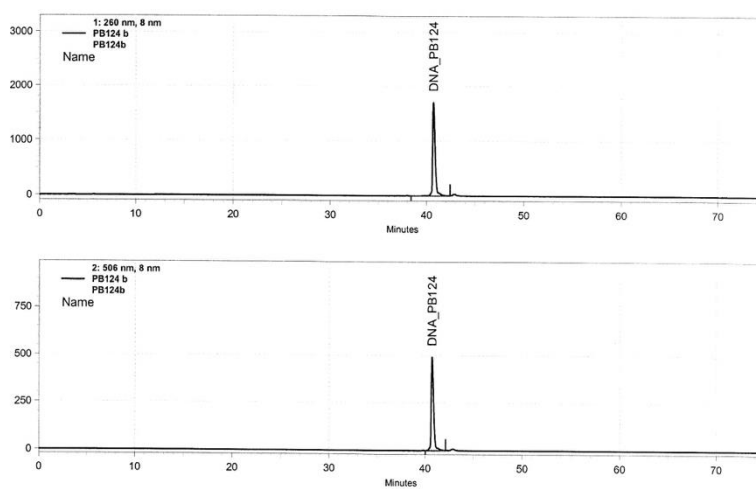


Figure S24: HPLC analysis of purified DNA3rD5.

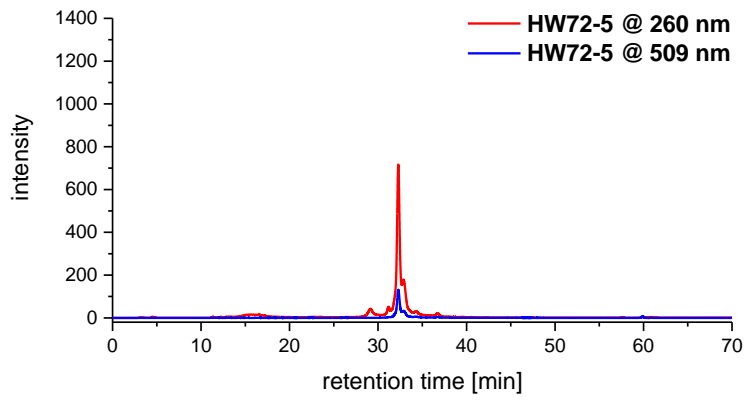


Figure S25: HPLC analysis of purified DNA3aD6.

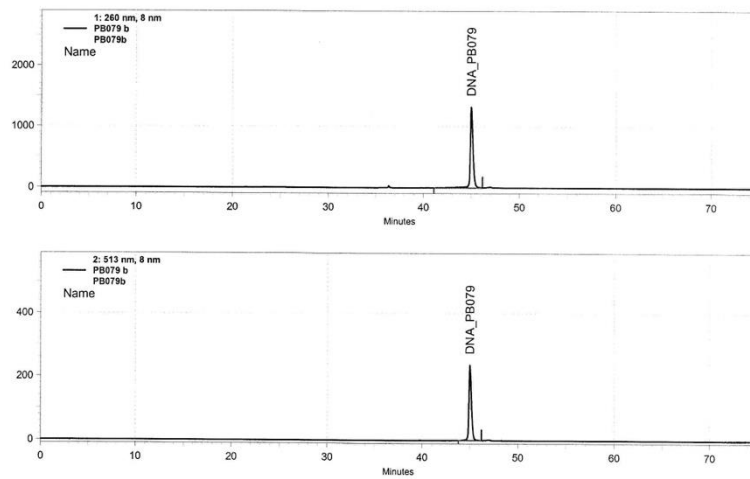


Figure S26: HPLC analysis of purified DNA3rD6.

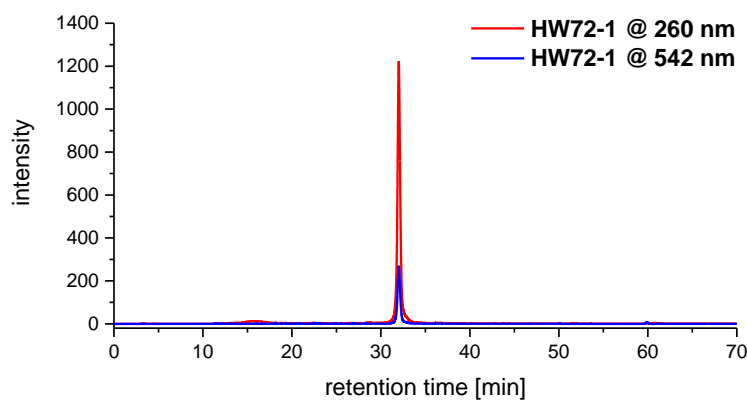


Figure S27: HPLC analysis of purified DNA3aD7.

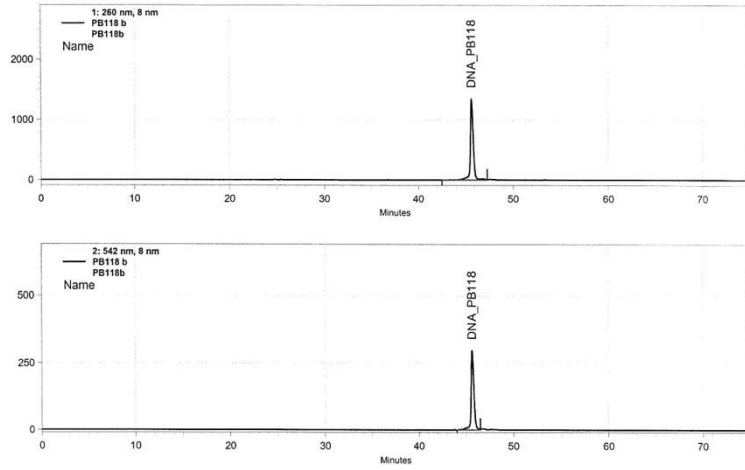


Figure S28: HPLC analysis of purified DNA3rD7.

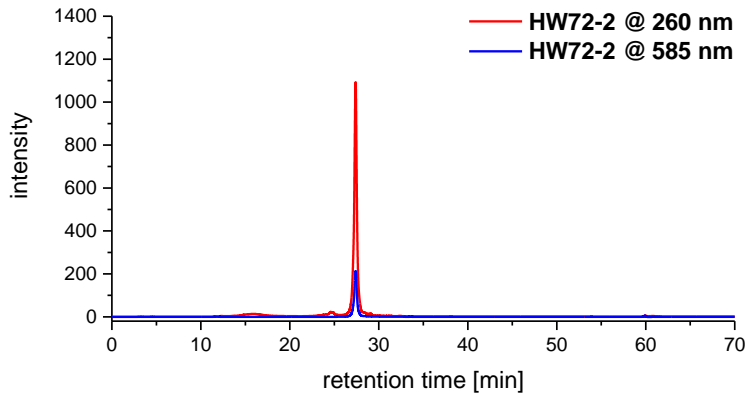


Figure S29: HPLC analysis of purified DNA3aD8.

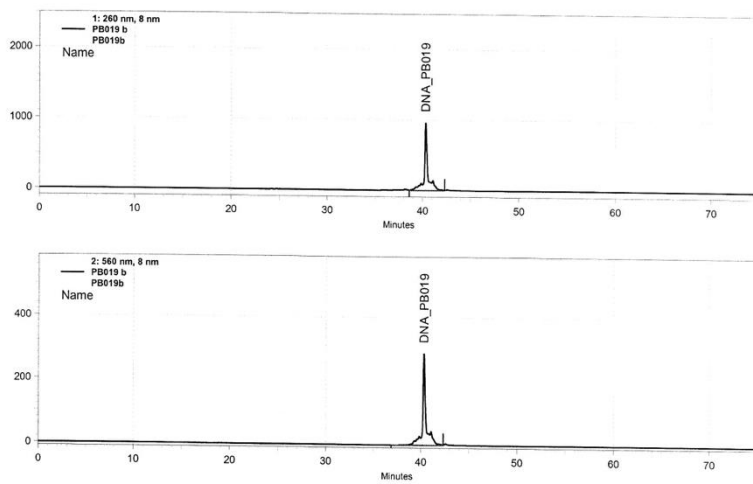


Figure S30: HPLC analysis of purified DNA3rD8.

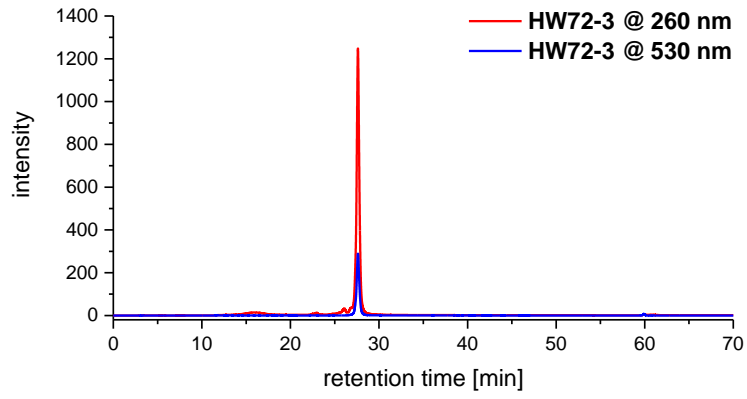


Figure S31: HPLC analysis of purified **DNA3aD9**.

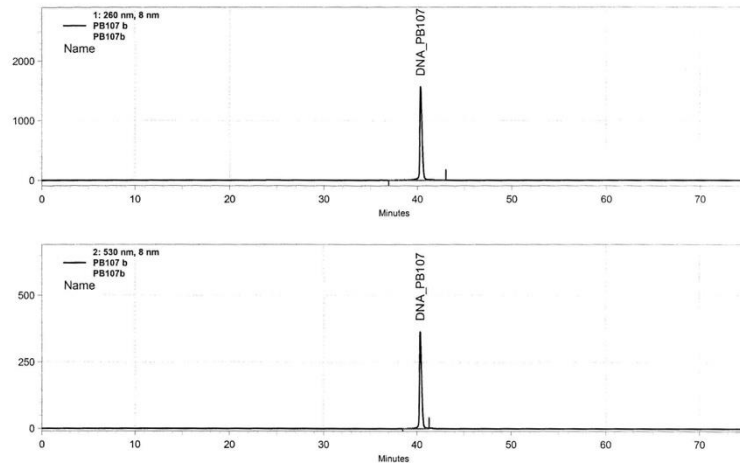


Figure S32: HPLC analysis of purified **DNA3rD9**.

3. Images of MALDI-TOF MS analyses of modified DNA

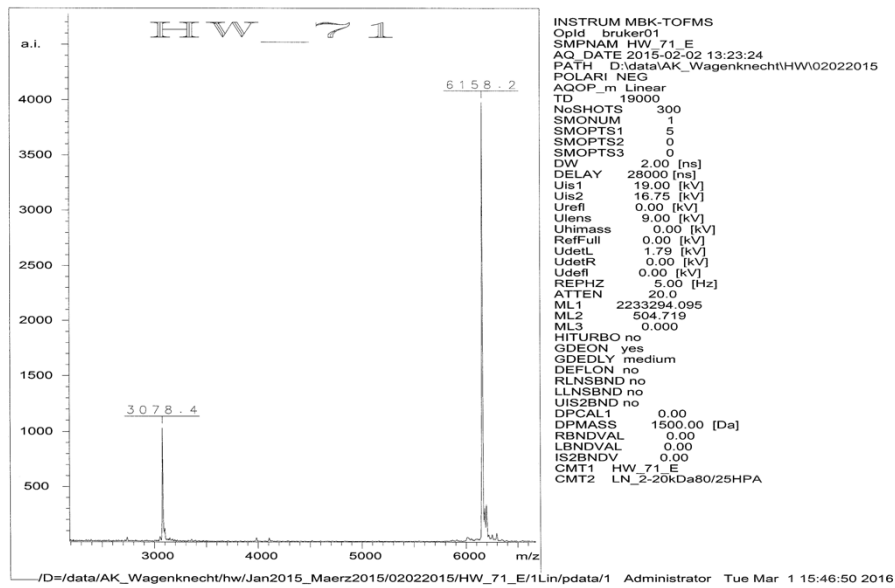


Figure S33: MALDI-TOF MS analysis of **DNA1a**; calculated: 6153.2 Da, found: 6158.2 Da.

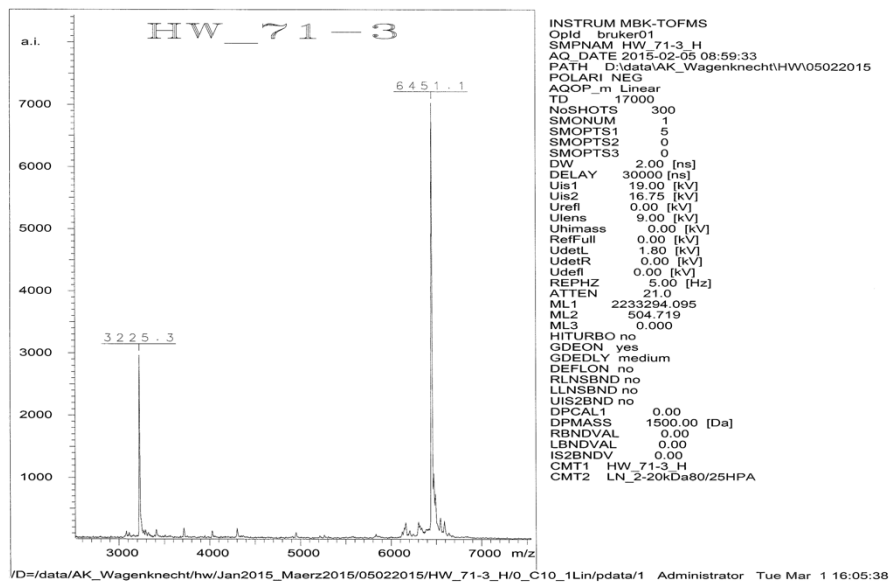


Figure S34: MALDI-TOF MS analysis of **DNA2aD1**; calculated: 6445.2 Da, found: 6451.1 Da.

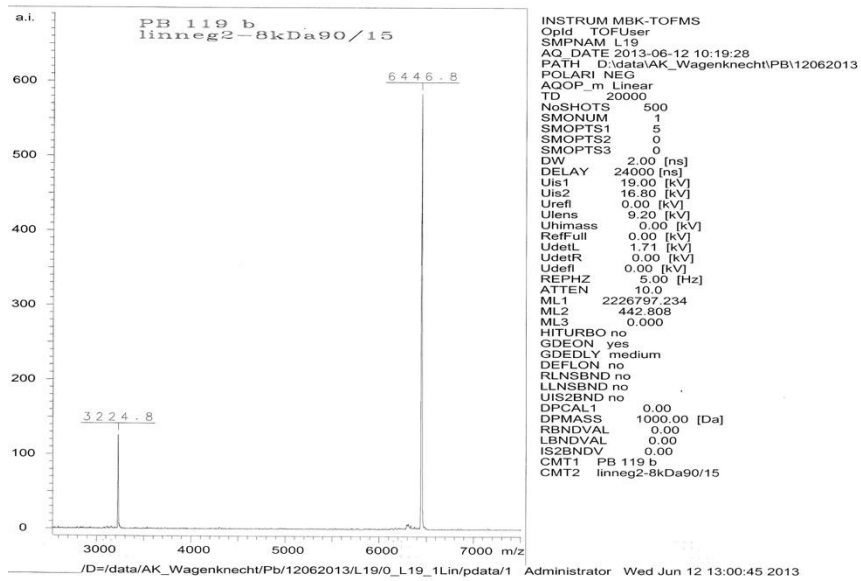


Figure S35: MALDI-TOF MS analysis of DNA2rD1; calculated: 6445.2 Da, found: 6446.8 Da.

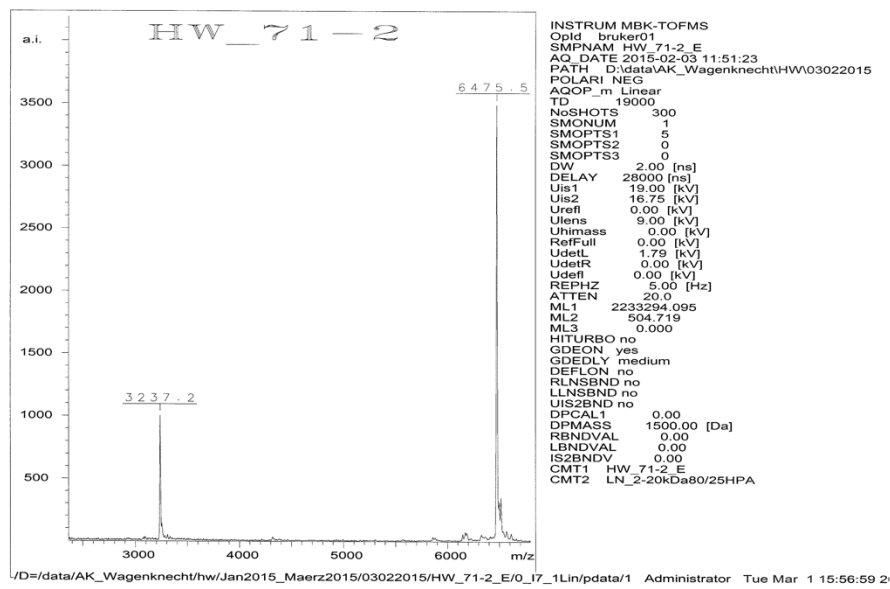


Figure S36: MALDI-TOF MS analysis of DNA2aD2; calculated: 6471.2 Da, found: 6475.5 Da.

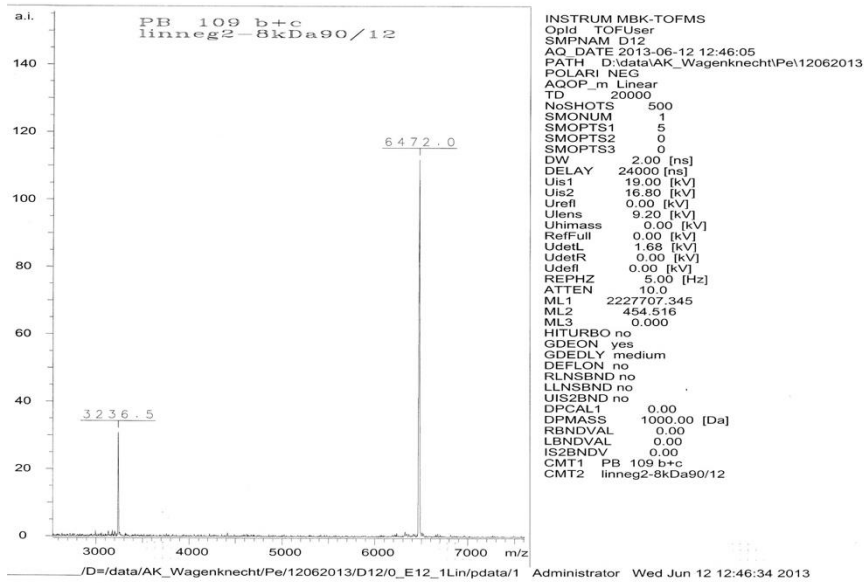


Figure S37: MALDI-TOF MS analysis of DNA2rD2; calculated: 6471.2 Da, found: 6472.0 Da.

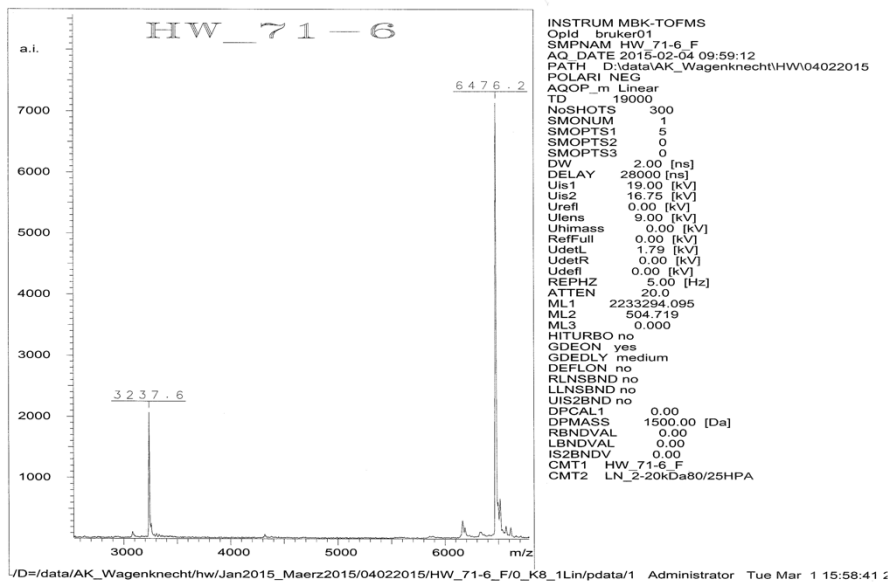


Figure S38: MALDI-TOF MS analysis of DNA2aD3; calculated: 6470.2 Da, found: 6476.2 Da.

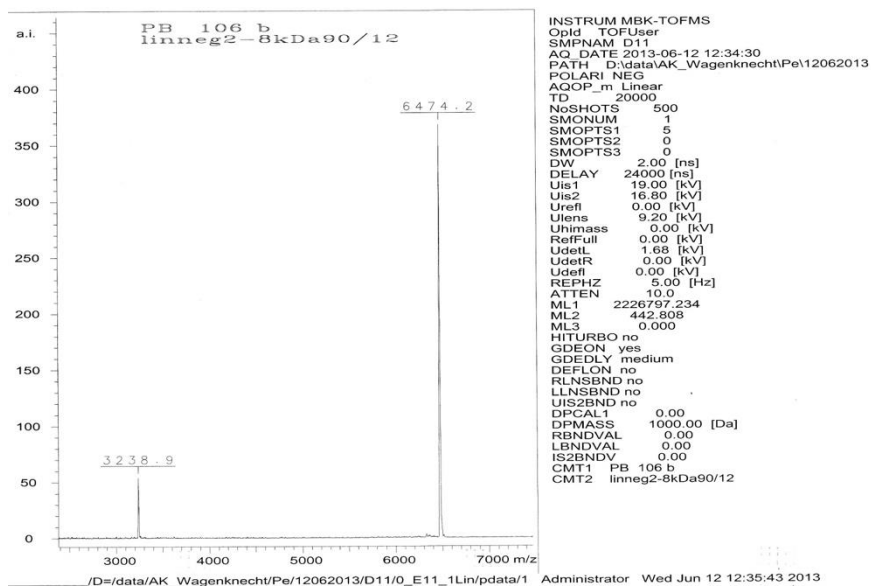


Figure S39: MALDI-TOF MS analysis of DNA2rD3; calculated: 6470.2 Da, found: 6474.2 Da.

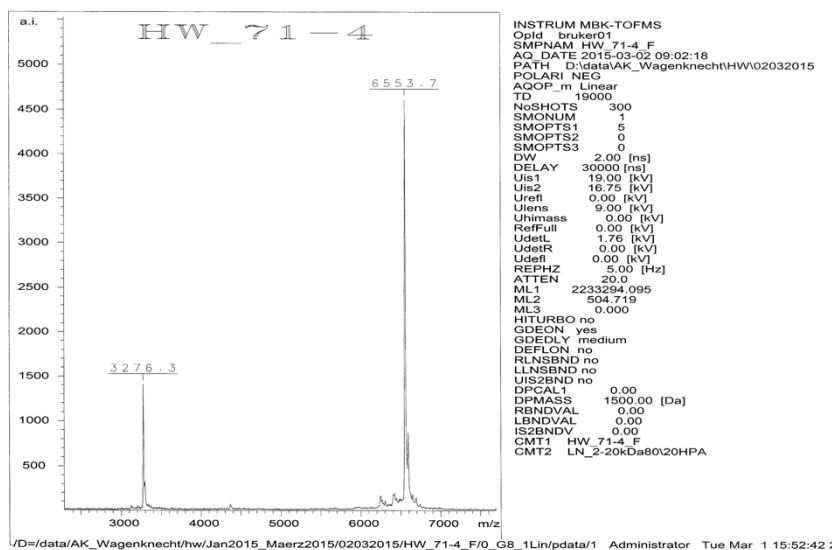


Figure S40: MALDI-TOF MS analysis of DNA2aD4; calculated: 6546.3 Da, found: 6553.7 Da.

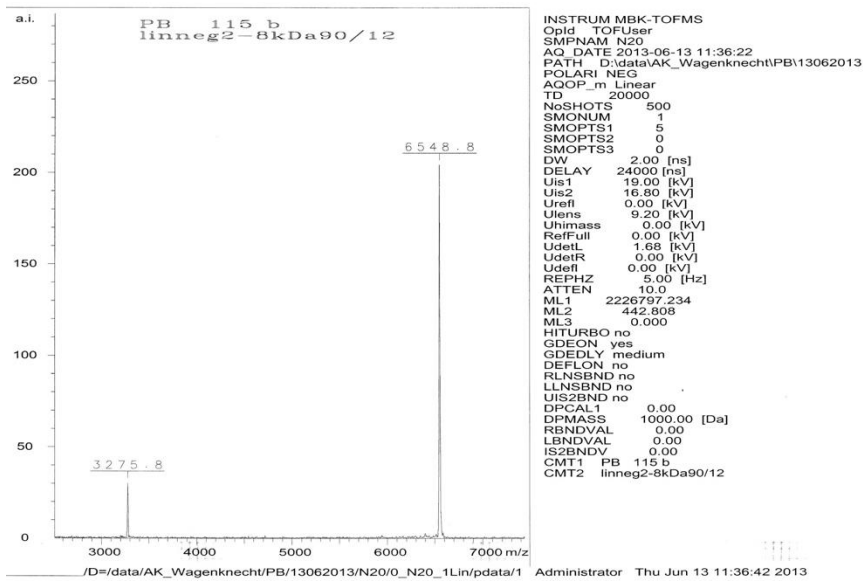


Figure S41: MALDI-TOF MS analysis of DNA2rD4; calculated: 6546.3 Da, found: 6548.8 Da.

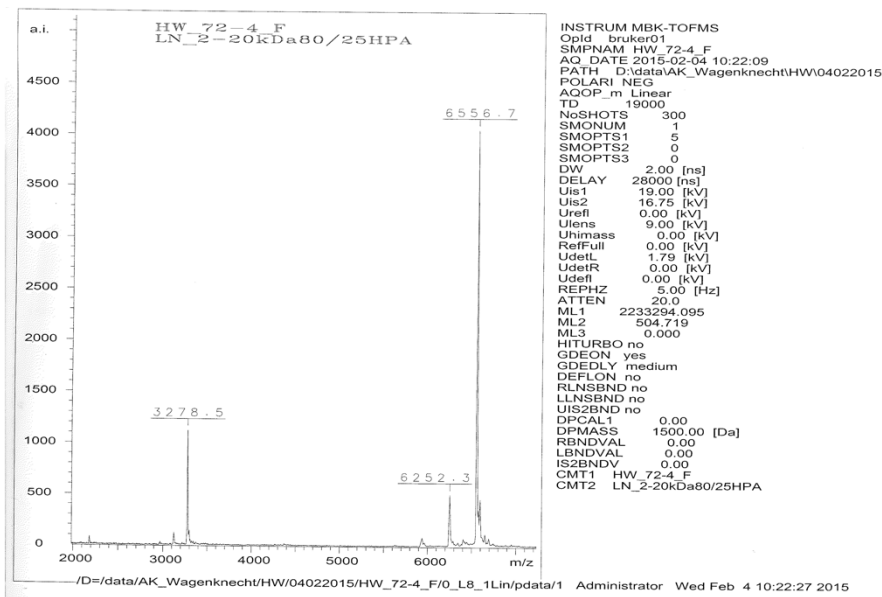


Figure S42: MALDI-TOF MS analysis of DNA2aD5; calculated: 6550.2 Da, found: 6556.7 Da.

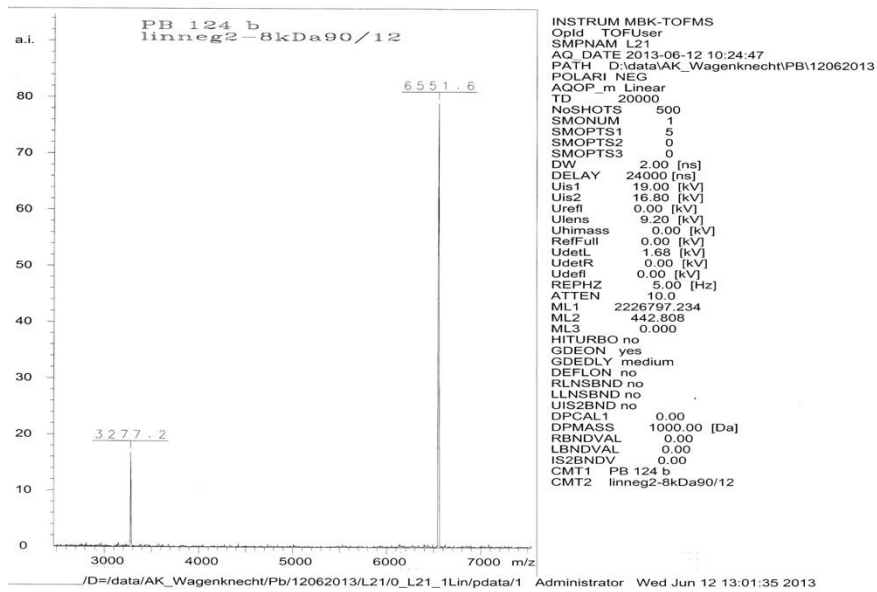


Figure S43: MALDI-TOF MS analysis of DNA2rD5; calculated: 6550.2 Da, found: 6551.6 Da.

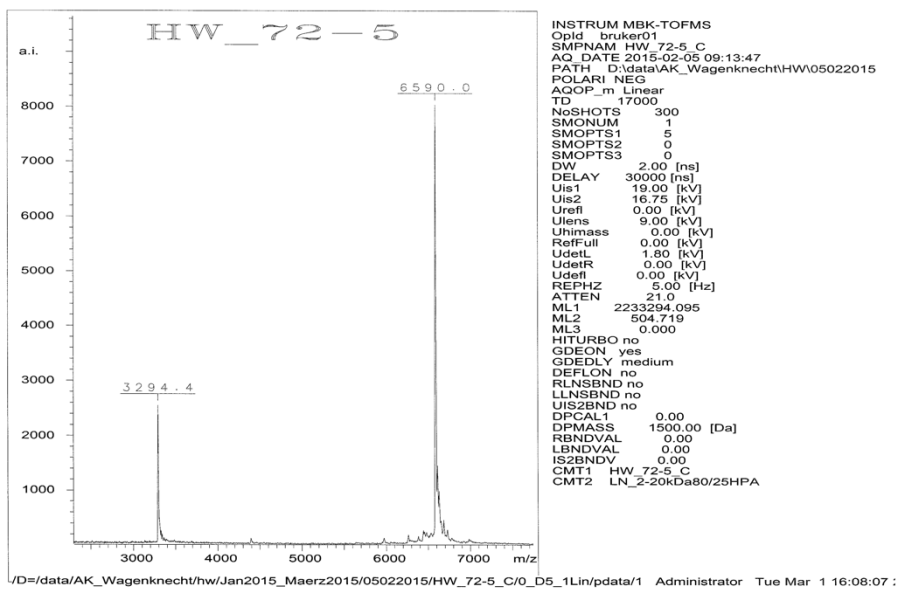


Figure S44: MALDI-TOF MS analysis of DNA2aD6; calculated: 6584.3 Da, found: 6590.0 Da.

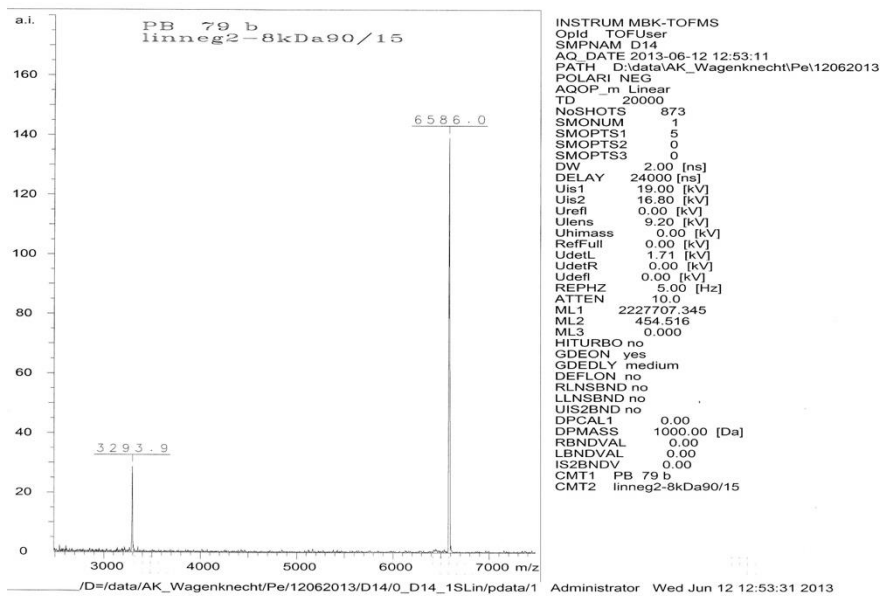


Figure S45: MALDI-TOF MS analysis of **DNA2rD6**; calculated: 6584.3 Da, found: 6586.0 Da.

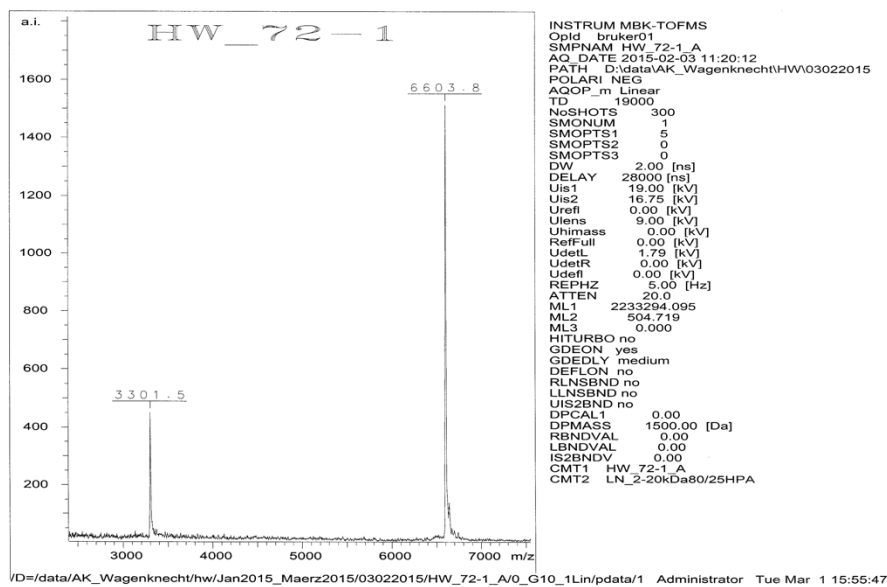


Figure S46: MALDI-TOF MS analysis of **DNA2aD7**; calculated: 6597.3 Da, found: 6603.8 Da.

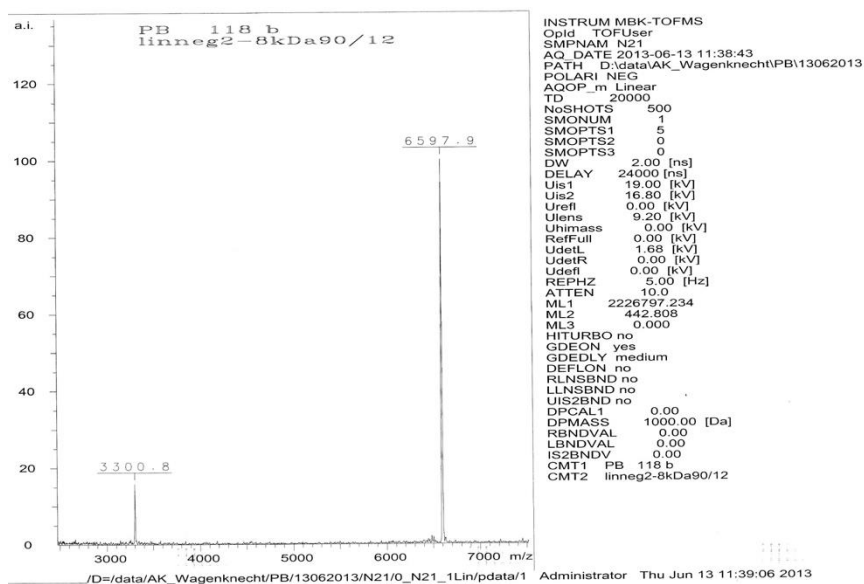


Figure S47: MALDI-TOF MS analysis of DNA2rD7; calculated: 6597.3 Da, found: 6597.9 Da.

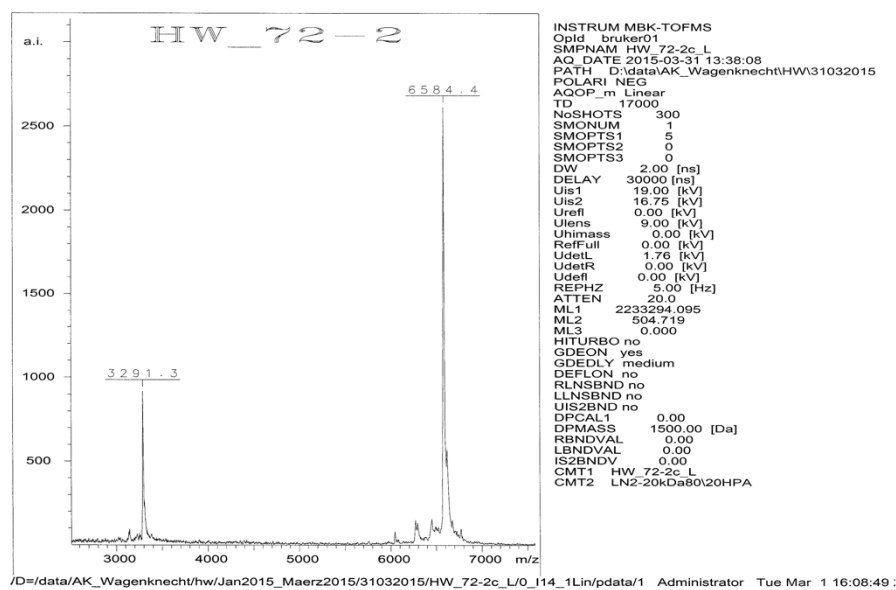


Figure S48: MALDI-TOF MS analysis of DNA2aD8; calculated: 6577.2 Da, found: 6584.4 Da.

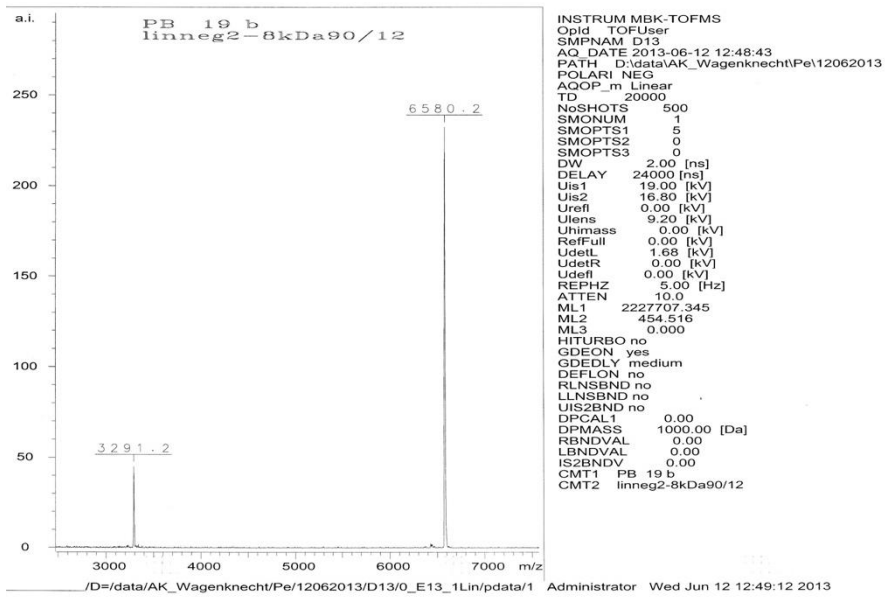


Figure S49: MALDI-TOF MS analysis of **DNA2rD8**; calculated: 6577.2 Da, found: 6580.2 Da.

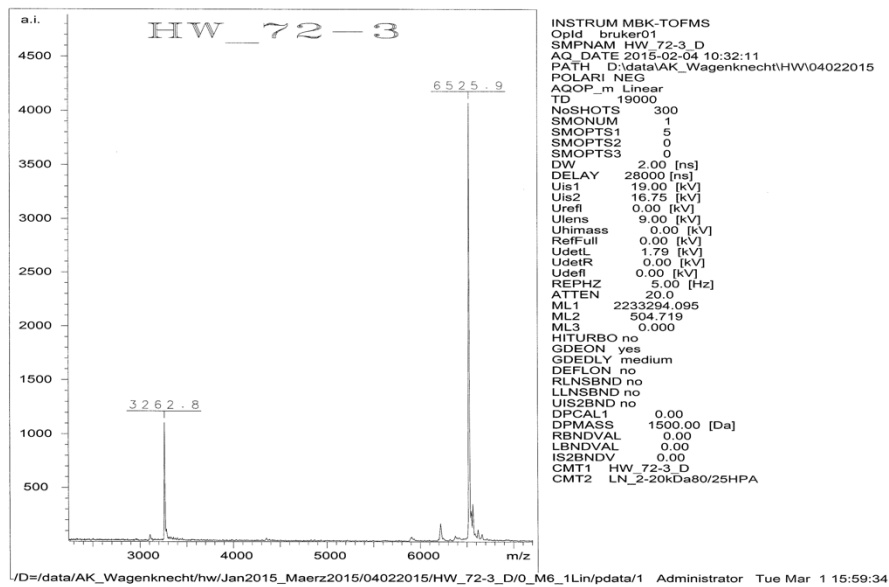


Figure S50: MALDI-TOF MS analysis of **DNA2aD9**; calculated: 6520.2 Da, found: 6525.9 Da.

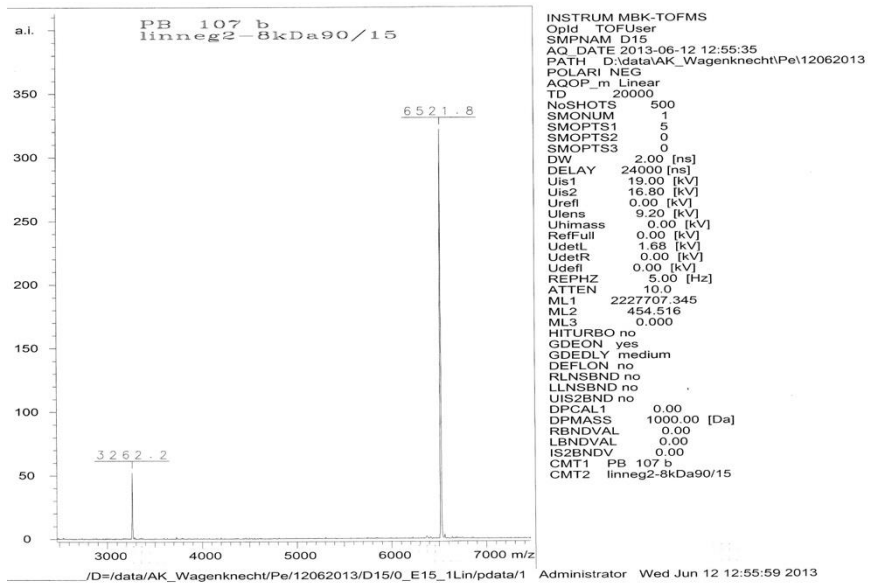


Figure S51: MALDI-TOF MS analysis of DNA2rD9; calculated: 6520.2 Da, found: 6521.8 Da.

4. Optical spectra for single- and double stranded modified DNA

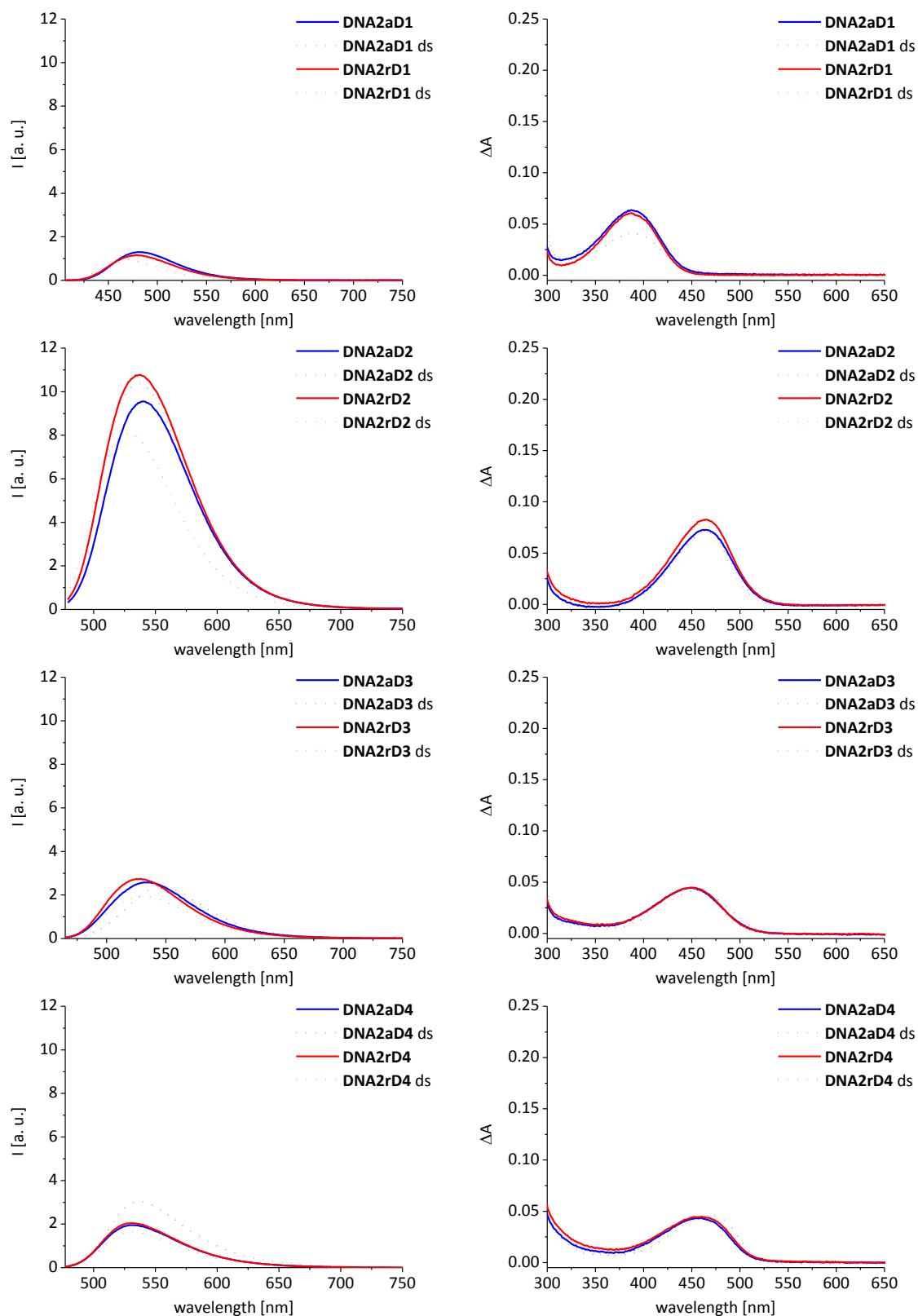


Figure S52: Fluorescence (left) and absorption (right) of single- (solid line) and double stranded (dotted line) DNA modified with **D1–D4**.

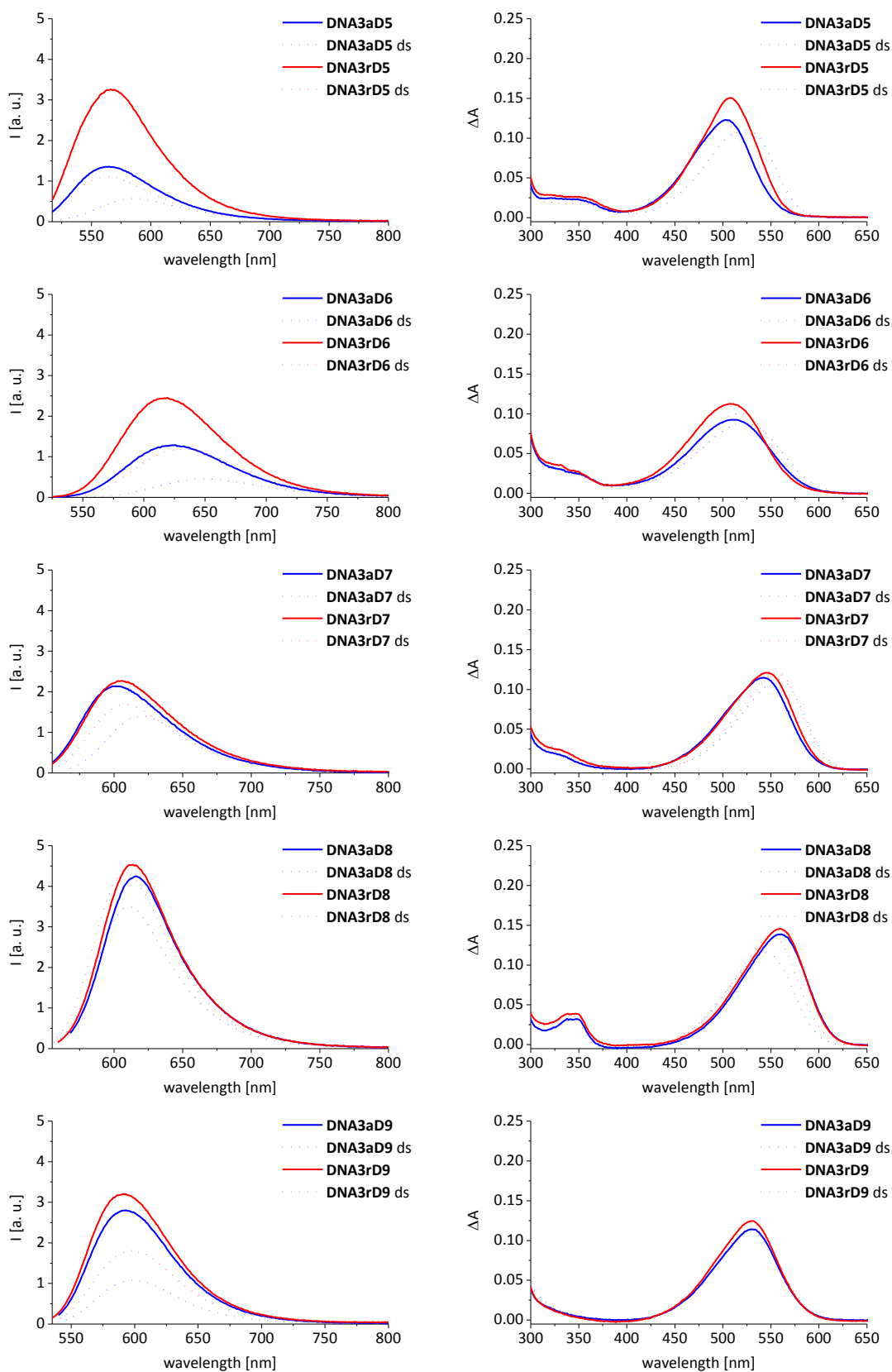


Figure S53: Fluorescence (left) and absorption (right) of single- (solid line) and double-stranded (dotted line) DNA modified with **D5–D9**.

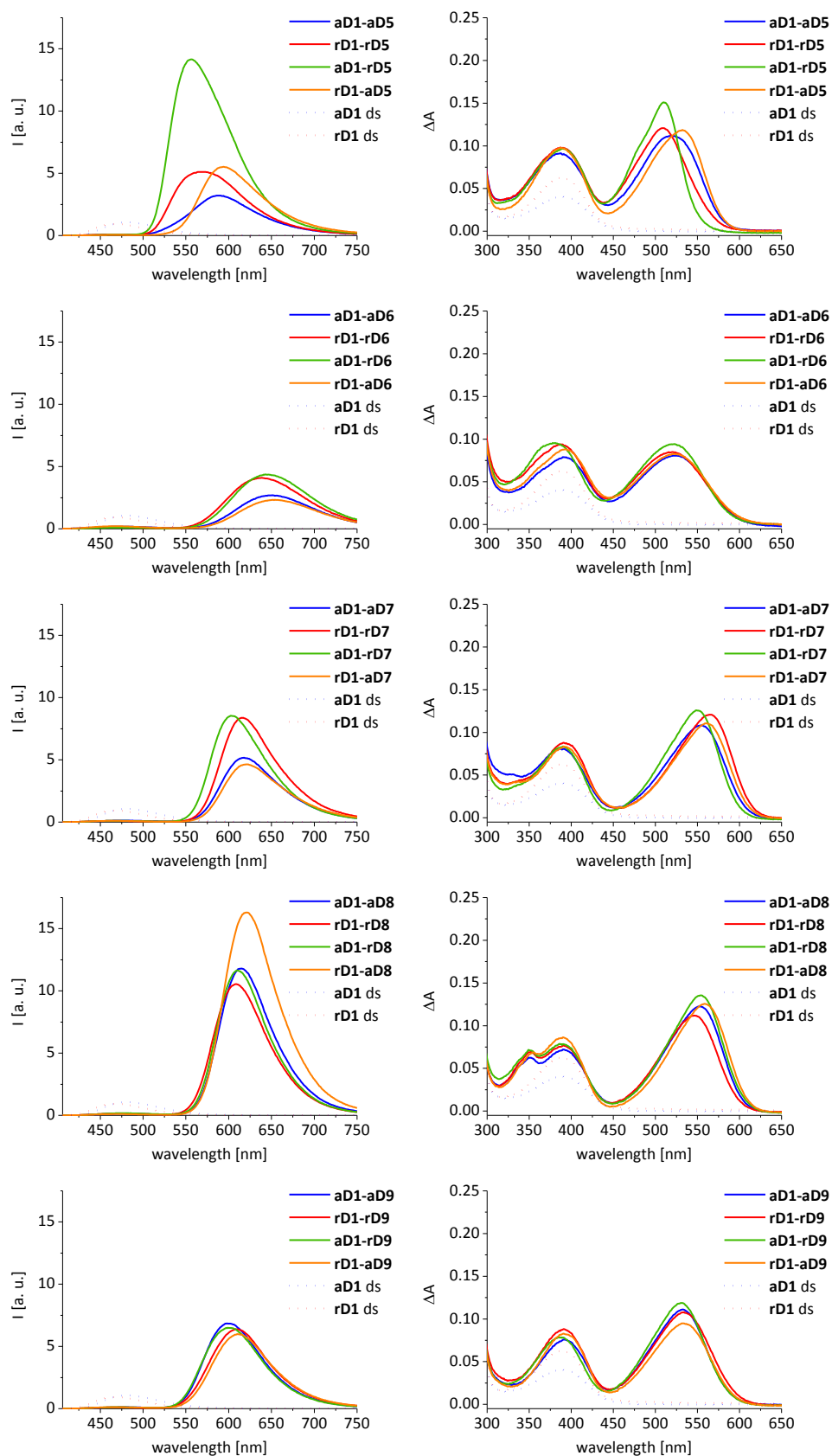


Figure S54: Fluorescence (left) and absorption (right) of single- (dotted line) and double-modified (solid line) DNA modified with **D1** as donor dye and **D5–D9** as acceptor dyes.

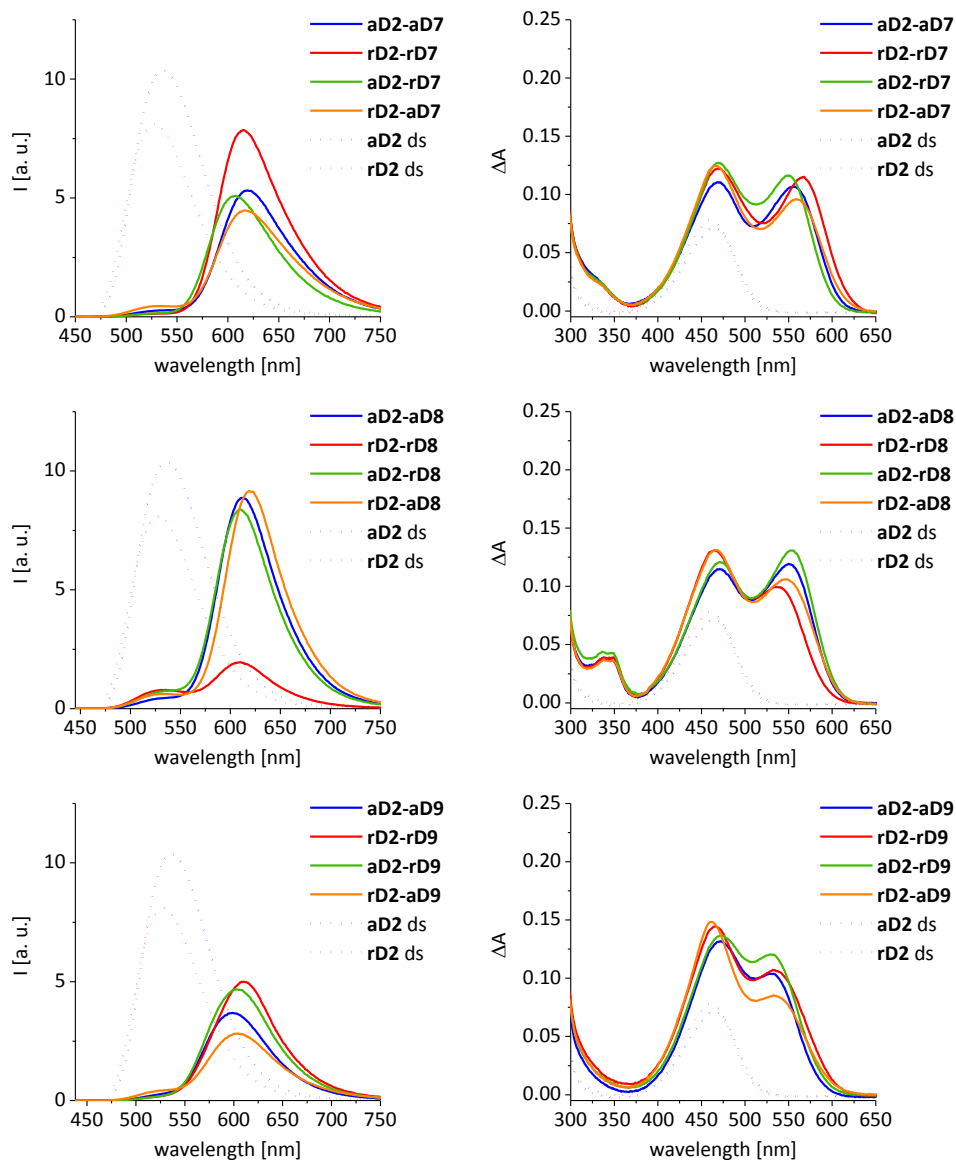


Figure S55: Fluorescence (left) and absorption (right) of single- (dotted line) and double-modified (solid line) DNA modified with **D2** as donor dye and **D7–D9** as acceptor dyes.

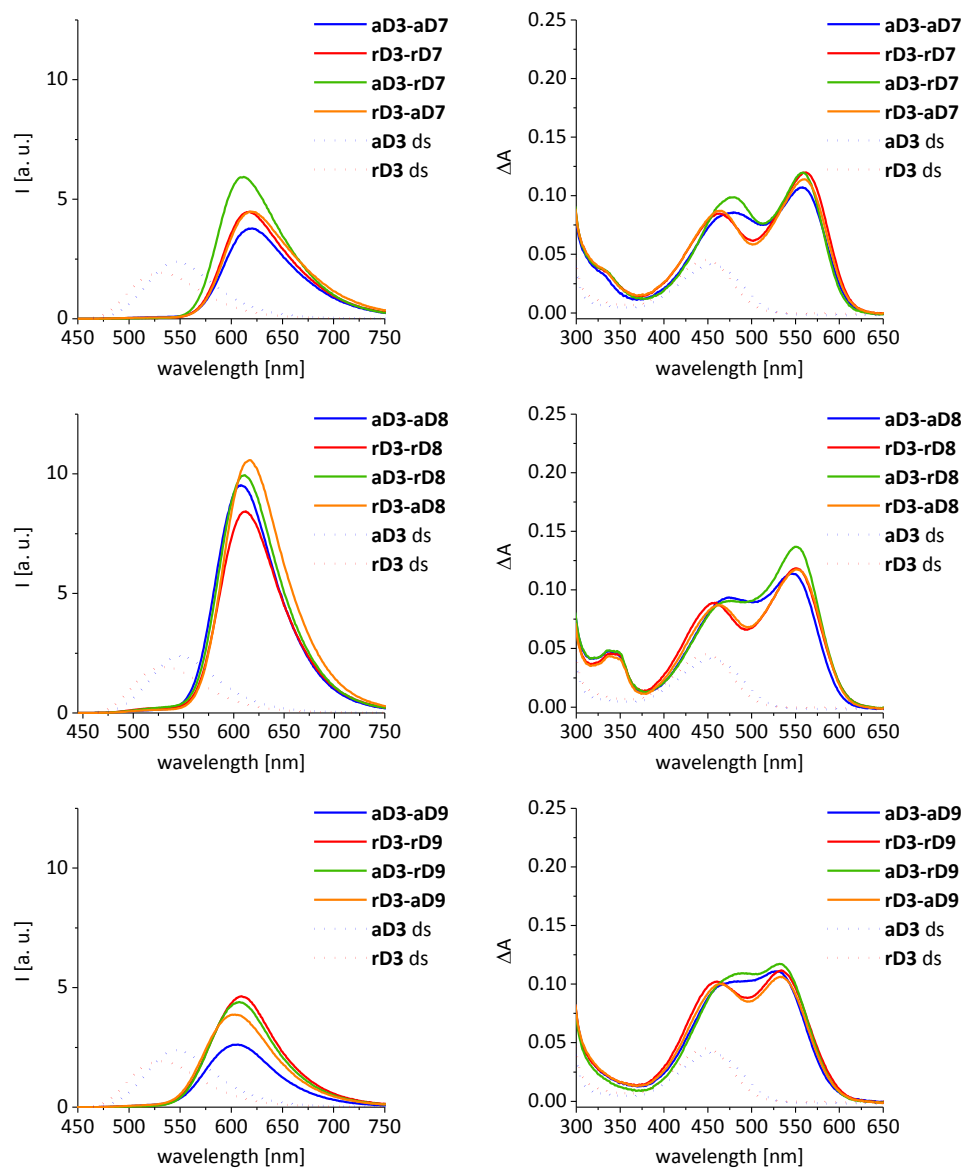


Figure S56: Fluorescence (left) and absorption (right) of single- (dotted line) and double-modified (solid line) DNA modified with **D3** as donor dye and **D7–D9** as acceptor dyes.

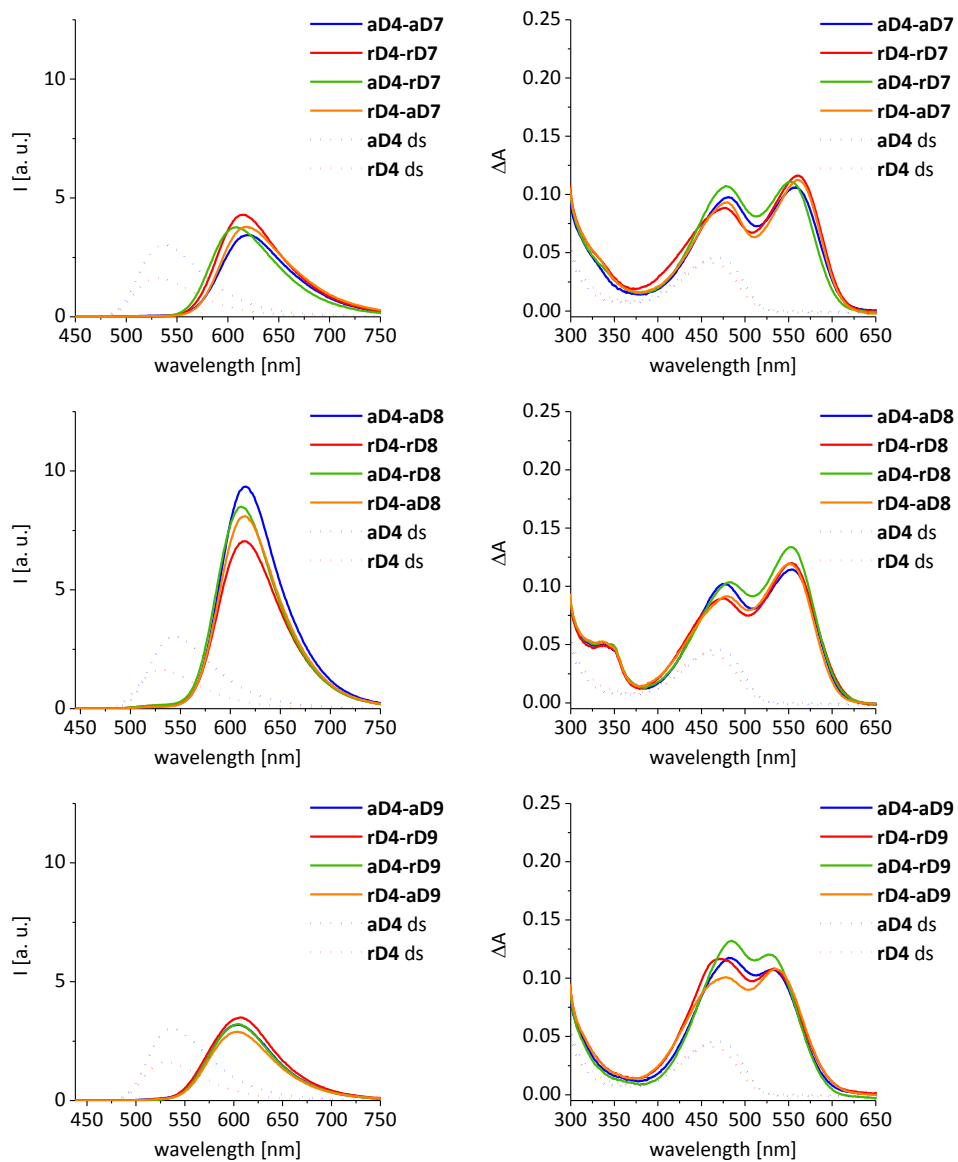


Figure S57: Fluorescence (left) and absorption (right) of single- (dotted line) and double-modified (solid line) DNA modified with **D4** as donor dye and **D7–D9** as acceptor dyes.

5. Melting temperatures of modified DNA double strands

Table S3: Melting temperatures T_m .

DNA3a and DNA3r		DNA2a and DNA2r				
		D1 T_m [°C]	D2 T_m [°C]	D3 T_m [°C]	D4 T_m [°C]	- T_m [°C]
D5	a-a	63.0	-	-	-	67.1
	a-r	65.8	-	-	-	-
	r-a	67.6	-	-	-	-
	r-r	65.8	-	-	-	66.8
D6	a-a	61.5	-	-	-	63.9
	a-r	64.6	-	-	-	-
	r-a	64.5	-	-	-	-
	r-r	67.2	-	-	-	68.1
D7	a-a	62.1	63.8	67.1	66.5	66.5
	a-r	65.5	65.1	68.1	67.8	-
	r-a	65.4	66.2	67.7	68.2	-
	r-r	67.0	67.5	66.9	67.7	67.1
D8	a-a	63.5	64.5	68.0	67.2	66.5
	a-r	64.5	59.6	67.5	66.0	-
	r-a	68.2	67.7	69.0	69.0	-
	r-r	67.5	70.0	67.2	68.0	67.2
D9	a-a	61.3	62.5	64.4	68.2	63.5
	a-r	63.2	64.9	67.7	65.4	-
	r-a	64.2	65.3	65.2	66.1	-
	r-r	66.0	67.4	66.8	65.7	67.1

6. Additional cell images

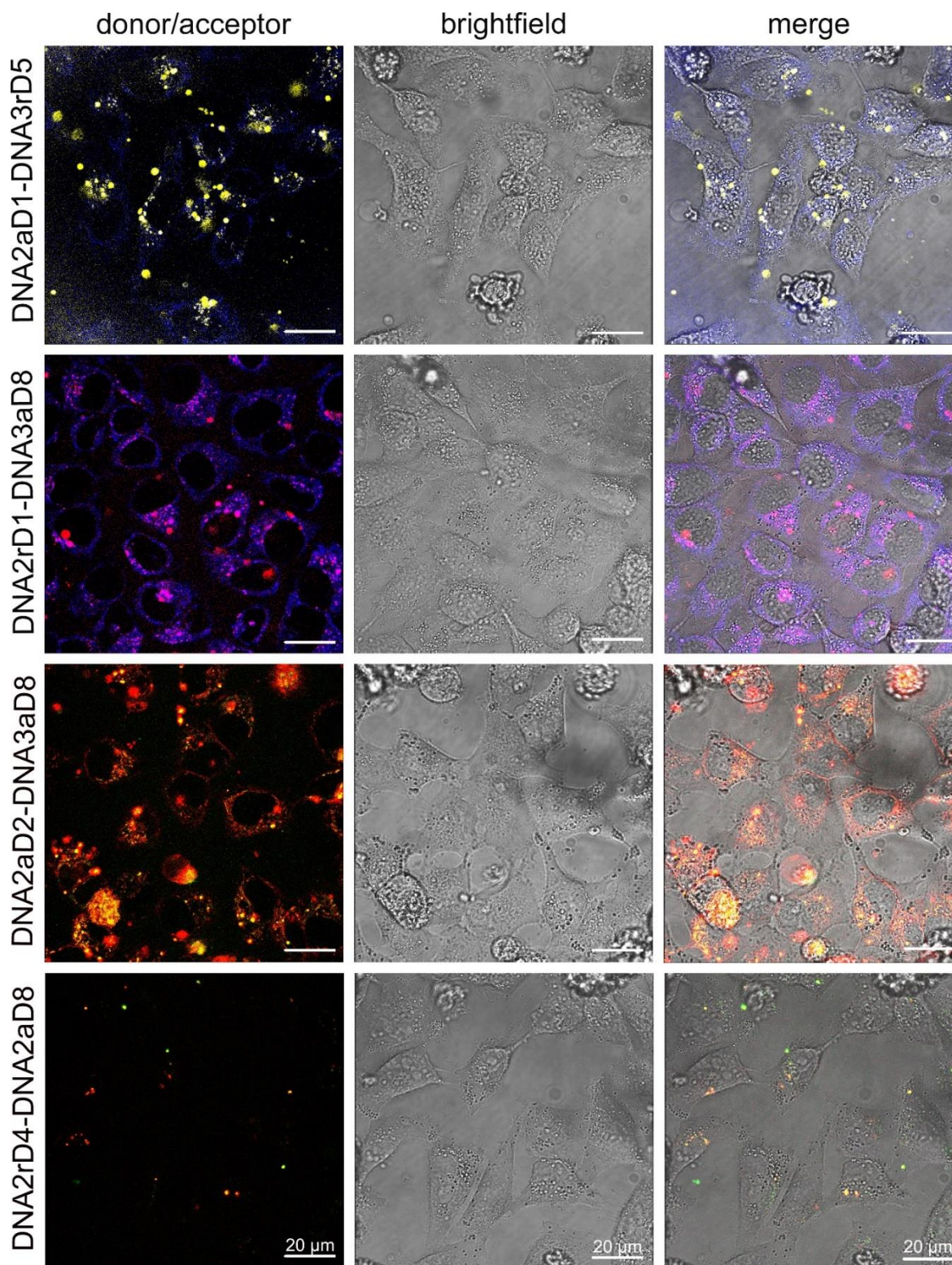


Figure S58: Confocal microscopy of HeLa cells after transfection with **DNA2aD1-DNA3rD5** (row 1), **DNA2rD1-DNA3aD8** (row 2), **DNA2aD2-DNA3aD8** (row 3) and **DNA2rD4-DNA2aD8** (row 4). The visualization was performed using a Leica TCS-SPE (DMI8) inverted microscope with an ACS APO 63x/1.30 oil objective. For **DNA2aD1-DNA3rD5** $\lambda_{\text{ex}} = 405$ nm (UV laser), $\lambda_{\text{em}} = 435\text{--}470$ nm (blue) and $575\text{--}750$ nm (yellow), for **DNA2rD1-DNA3aD8** $\lambda_{\text{ex}} = 405$ nm (UV laser), $\lambda_{\text{em}} = 415\text{--}550$ nm (blue) and $575\text{--}750$ nm (red), for **DNA2aD2-DNA3aD8** $\lambda_{\text{ex}} = 488$ nm (argon ion laser), $\lambda_{\text{em}} = 490\text{--}550$ nm (green) and $550\text{--}675$ nm (red), for **DNA2rD4-DNA2aD8** $\lambda_{\text{ex}} = 488$ nm (argon ion laser), $\lambda_{\text{em}} = 490\text{--}550$ nm (green) and $675\text{--}800$ nm (red).

6. Cytotoxicity in HeLa cells

To determine the toxicity of the respective fluorophores (used in the DNA FRET pair constructs) in HeLa cells, the viability was tested using the CellTiter 96[®] Non-Radioactive Cell Proliferation Assay (Promega) according to the manufacturer's instructions. This assay is based on the intracellular reduction of a yellow tetrazolium salt (3-(4,5-dimethylthiazole-2-yl)-2,5-diphenyltetrazoliumbromide), MTT) into a violet formazan product by mitochondrial dehydrogenases, which only takes place in metabolically active cells. Therefore the amount of the generated formazan which can be determined by absorbance measurements is directly linked to cell viability.

1×10^4 HeLa cells were seeded in each well of a 96 well plate (Costar 3596, 96 Well Cell Culture Cluster, sterile) and cultured in 100 μ L Dulbecco's modified Eagle's medium (DMEM, Gibco) supplemented with 10% fetal calf serum (FCS, Sigma-Aldrich) and 1% penicillin/streptomycin at 37 °C, 5% CO₂. After 24 hours the cells were treated with different concentrations of the dyes **D1**, **D2**, **D4**, **D5**, **D7** and **D8** (0.0375–0.30 μ M). For each amount 6 wells were prepared and as a positive control (living cells) 6 wells were treated with respected DMSO concentrations to 0.30 μ M dye samples. After an incubation time of 72 h another 6 wells were treated with 5 μ L of 20% Triton X-100 (Serva) as a negative control for 100% dead cells for 5 min before all cells were treated with 15 μ L of MTT reagent (Dye Solution according to manufacturer's instructions) per well and incubated for 2.5 h. Subsequently, 100 μ L Solubilization Solution/Stop Mix was added to each well to lyse cells and dissolve the formed formazan crystals. After 24 h incubation at 37 °C the absorbance was measured at 595 nm using a 96-well plate reader (Ultra Microplate Reader ELx808, BioTEK Instruments, INC). Mean values and standard deviation were calculated from $n = 6$ experiments.

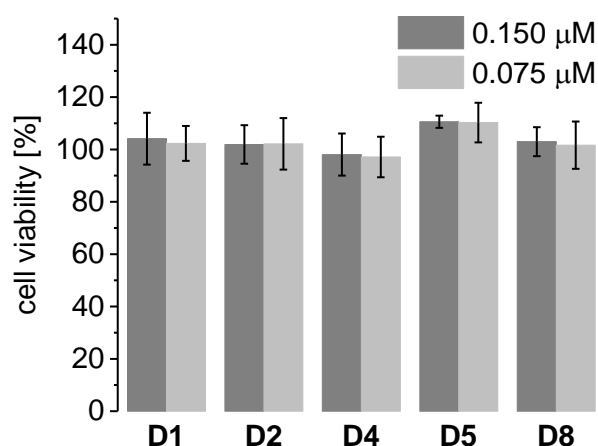


Figure S59: Cytotoxicity test with dyes **D1**, **D2**, **D4**, **D5** and **D8** that were applied for imaging experiments with live cells at two different concentrations (0.150 μ M and 0.075 μ M).