Structurally optimized tetrazines for rapid biological labeling

Introduction

Bioorthogonal chemical reactions are closely associated with the characteristics of "click" chemistry, occurring with high selectivity and fast reaction kinetics in vivo.^{1,2} Consequently, these reactions found use as multipurpose tools for chemical biology. The Inverse-electron-Demand Diels–Alder (**iEDDA**) reaction between tetrazines and strained alkenes is fairly new ligation reaction, which displays **rates 3-7 orders of magnitude faster** than many bioorthogonal reactions.³ High reaction rates, biocompatibility, together with the ability of tetrazines to quench fluorescence of some fluorophores, widely used for fluorescent labeling, and recover it after **iEDDA**



Figure 1. General scheme of IeDDA ligation.

reaction (Figure 1) make tetrazine derivatives unique and versatile tools for bioortogonal chemistry. Figure 2 is showcasing possible approach to modification of commonly used fluorophore as fluoresceine (A) with tetrazines⁴ and application of tetrazine derivatives in DNA encoded libraries technologies (DELT), as the core scaffolds (B).⁵

Application



Figure 2. Tetrazine ligation of fluoresceine (A)⁴ and use of tetrazine core in DELT-compatible reaction (B).⁵

We offer Currently, we have synthesized 8 tetrazine-containing building blocks, that are available in our store on a gram scale.



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