## **Supporting Information**

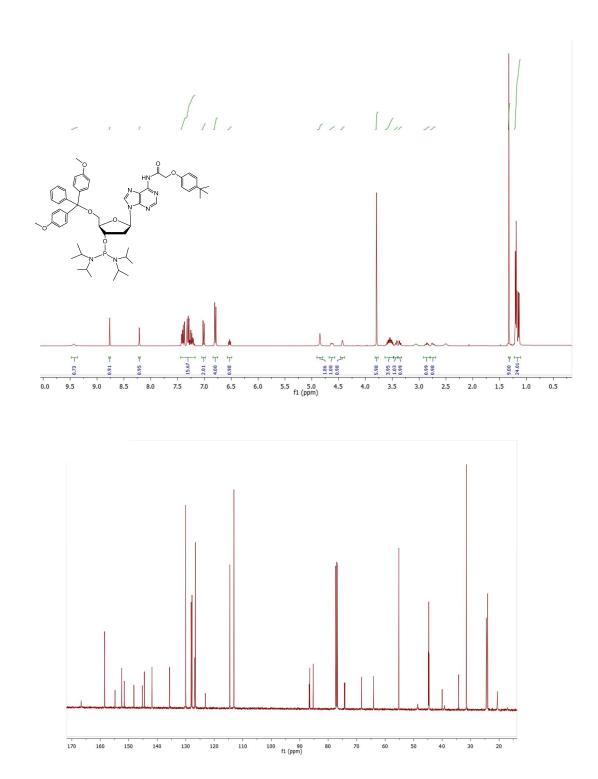
## Solid phase synthesis, hybridizing ability, uptake and nucleases resistant profile of position-selective cationic and hydrophobic phosphotriester oligonucleotides

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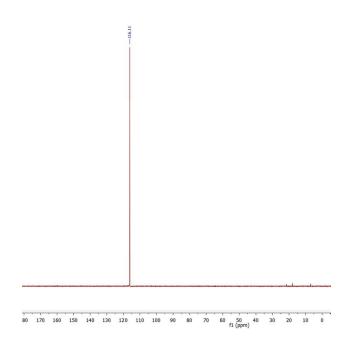
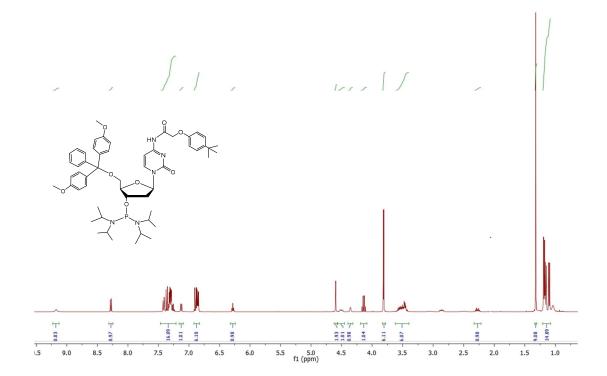
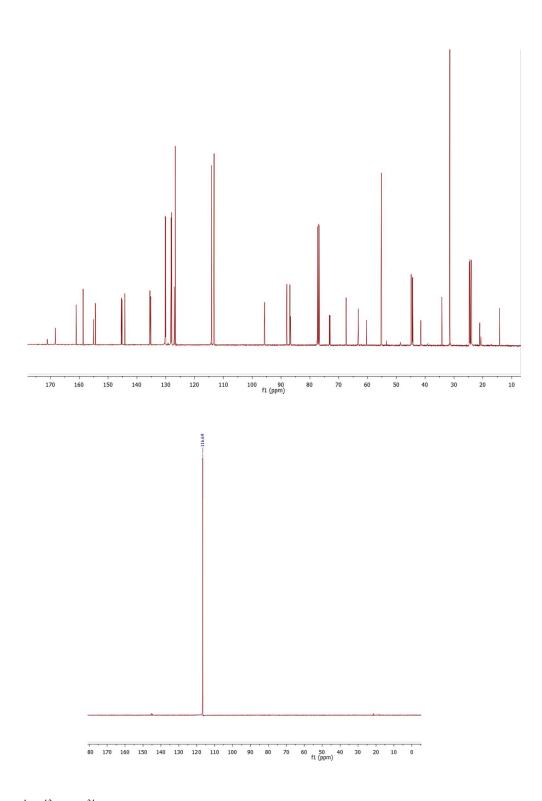
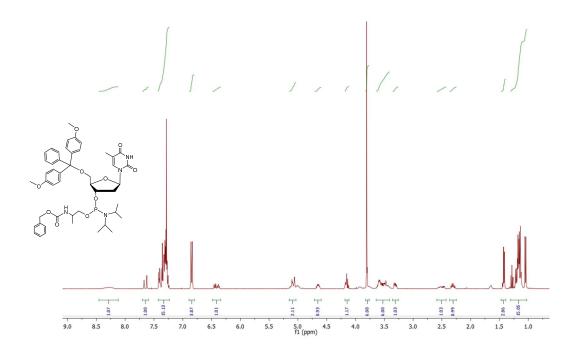


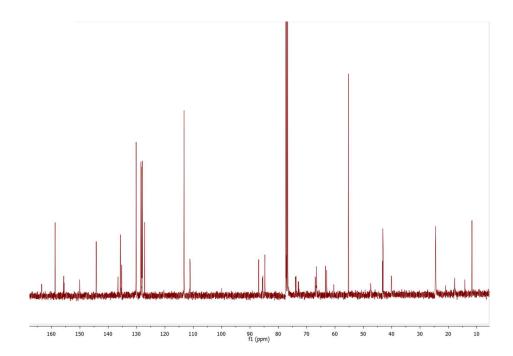
Figure S1. <sup>1</sup>H, <sup>13</sup>C and <sup>31</sup>P NMR of compound 5.





**Figure S2.** <sup>1</sup>H, <sup>13</sup>C and <sup>31</sup>P NMR of compound 6





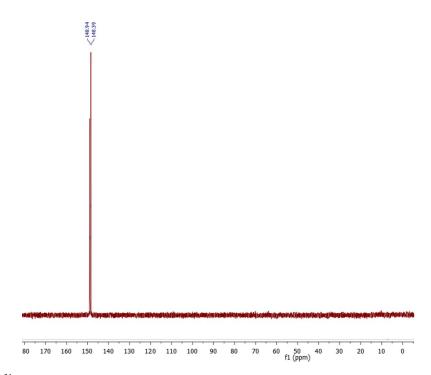
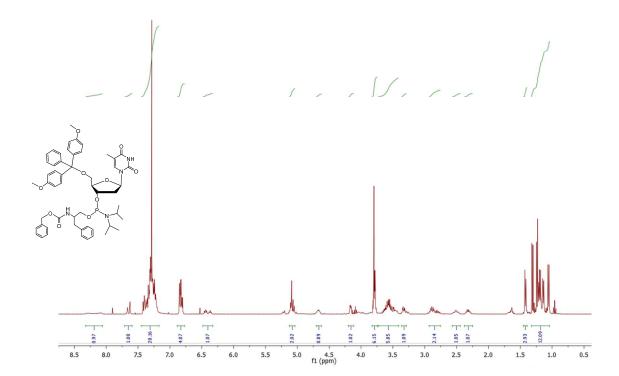


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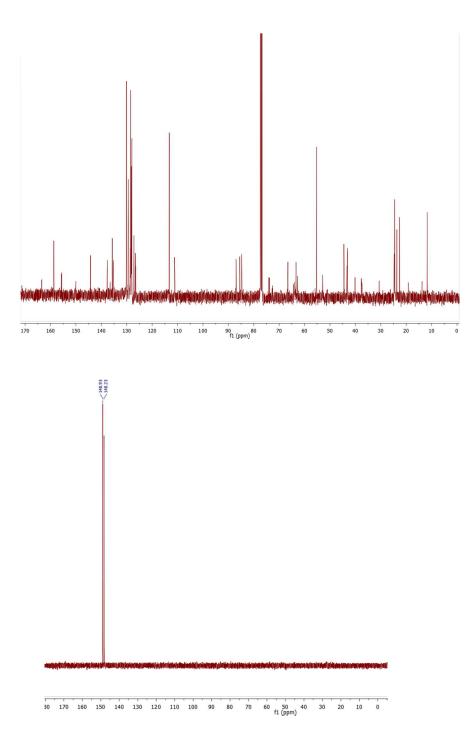
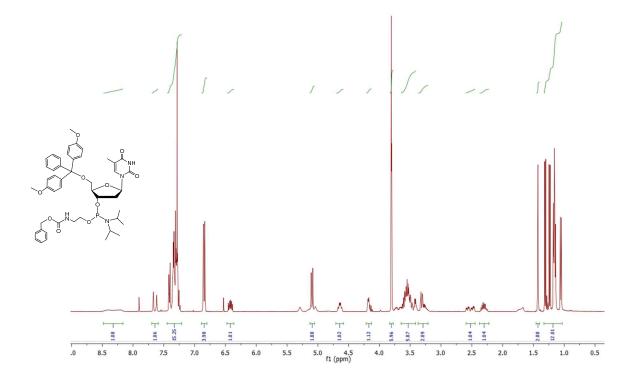
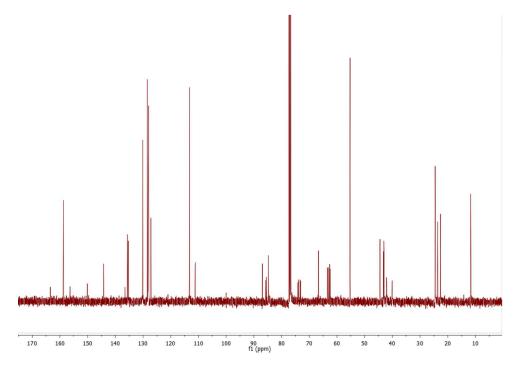


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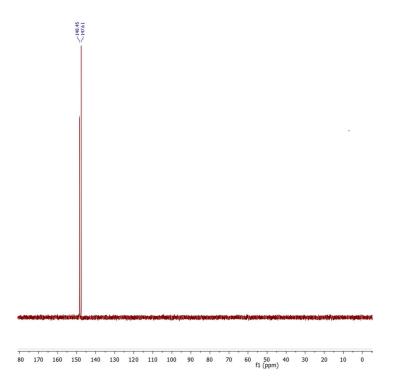
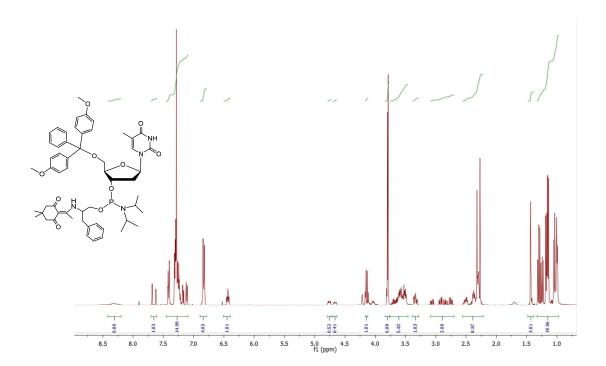


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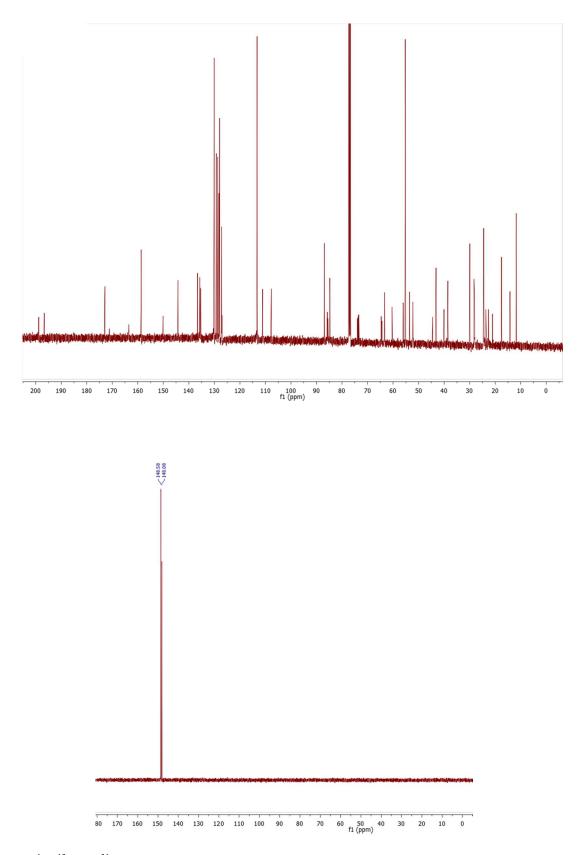
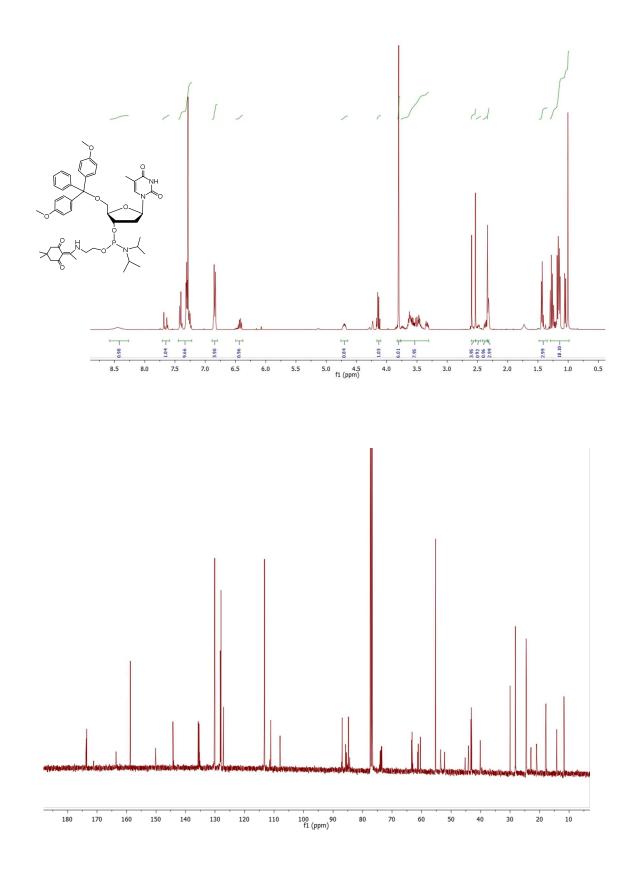


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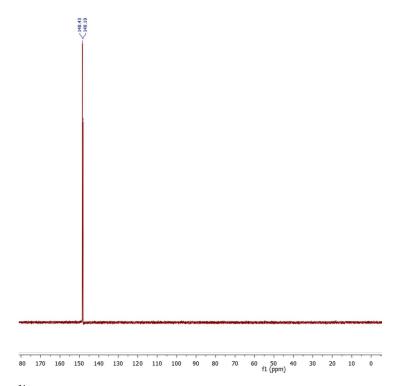
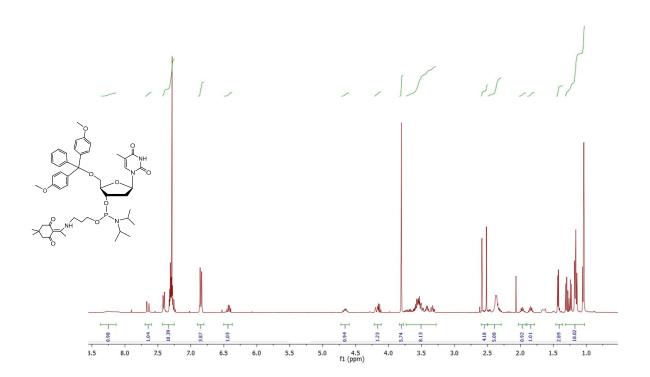


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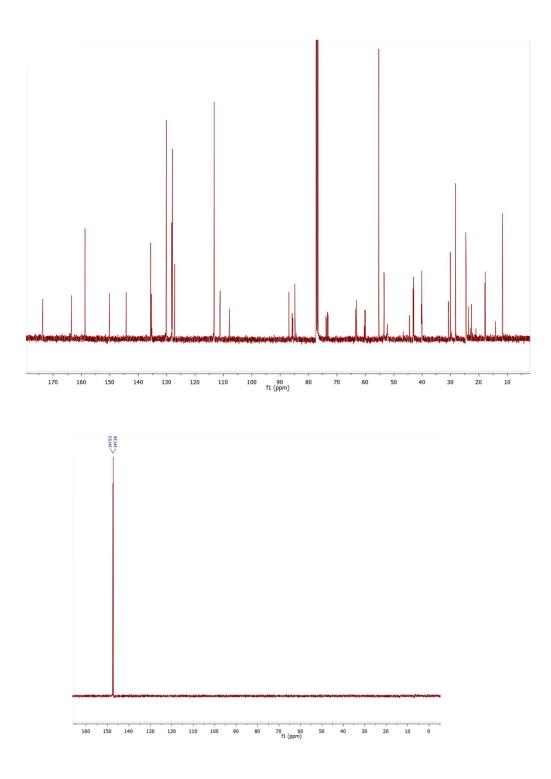
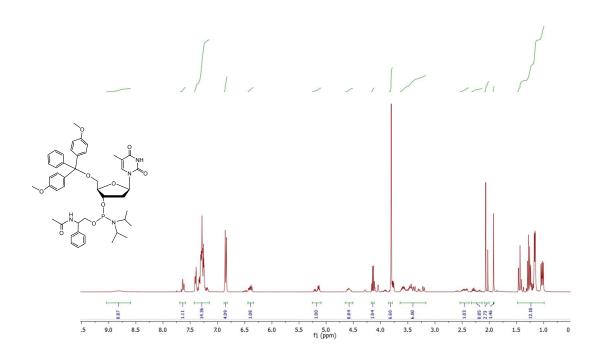
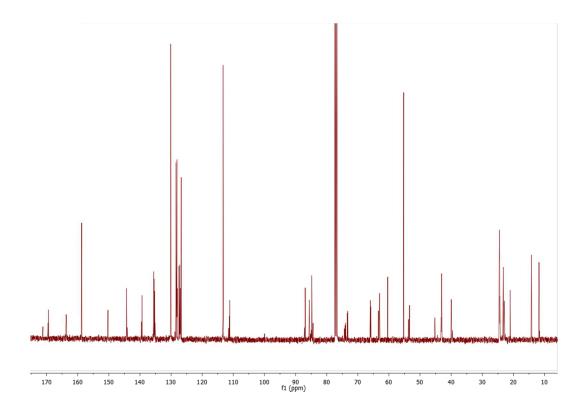


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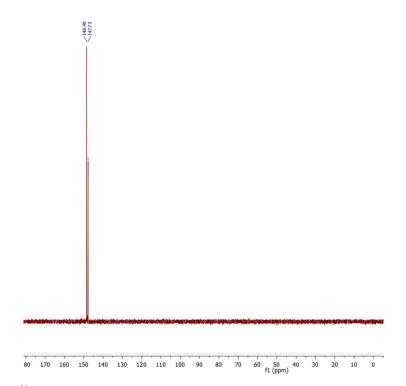
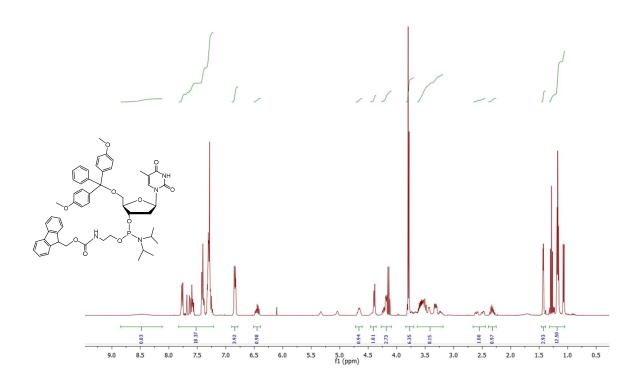


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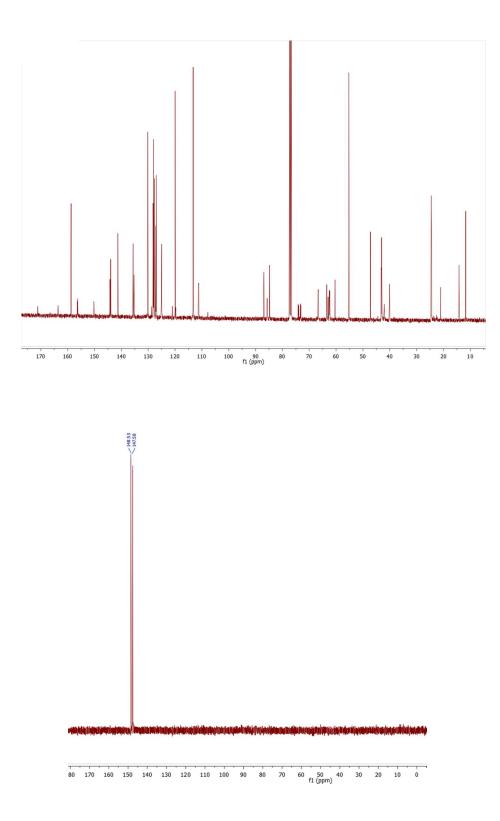
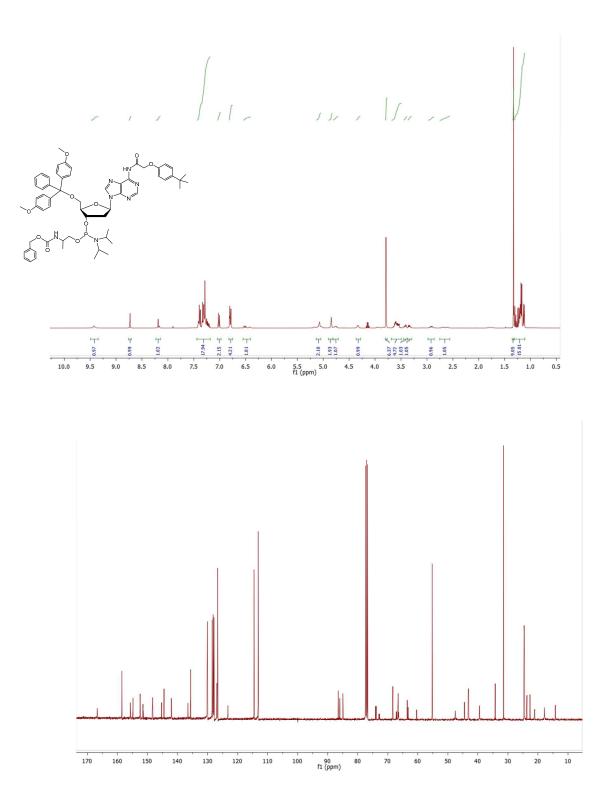


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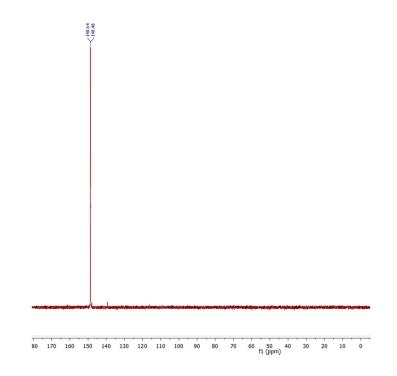
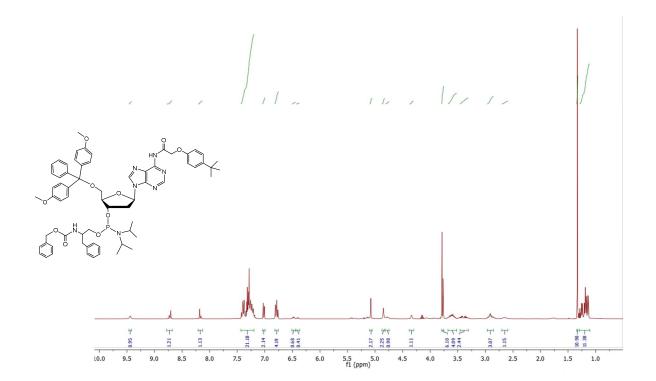


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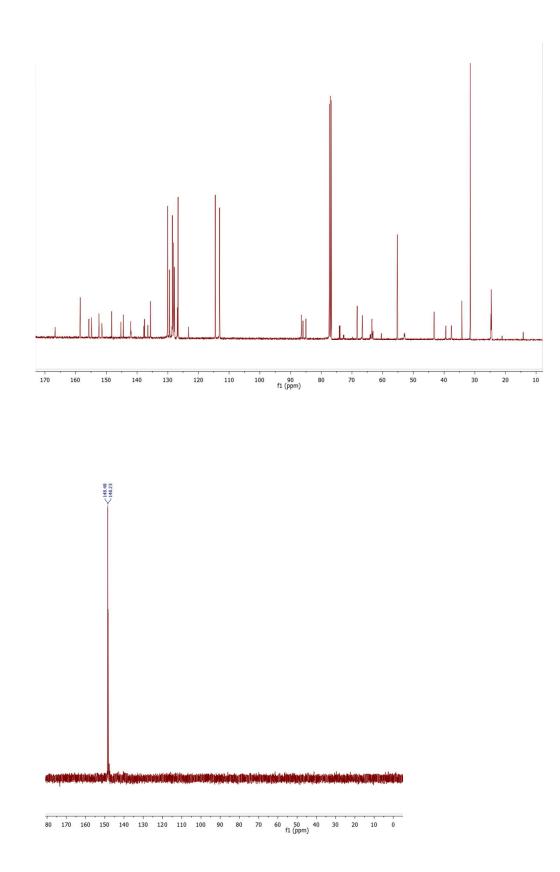
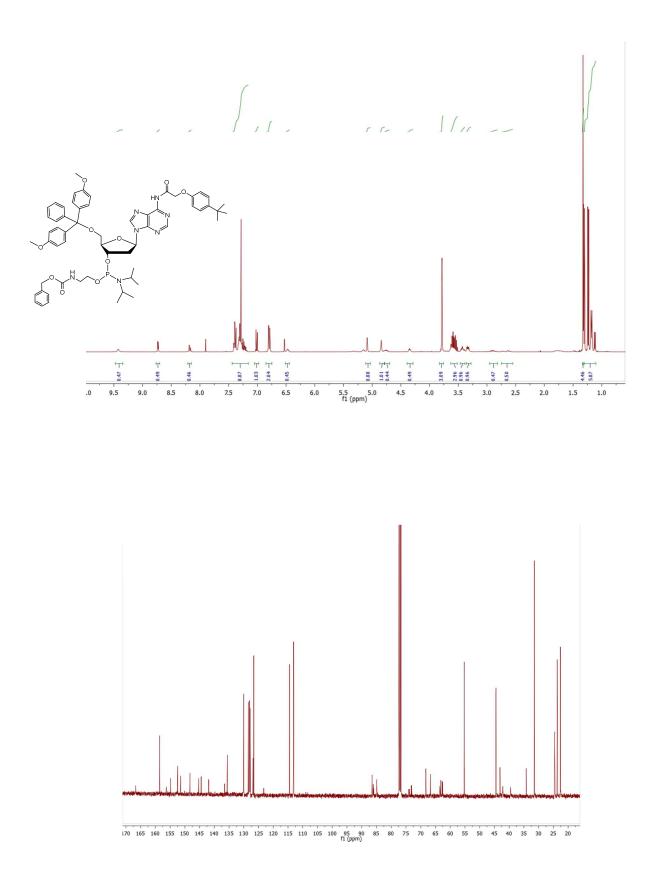


Figure S12.  $^{31}\mathrm{H},\,^{13}\mathrm{C}$  and  $\,^{1}\mathrm{P}$  NMR of compound 8b



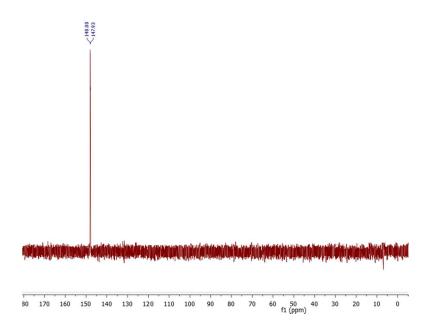
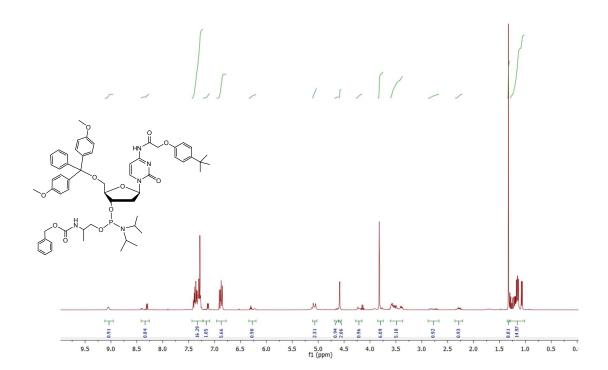


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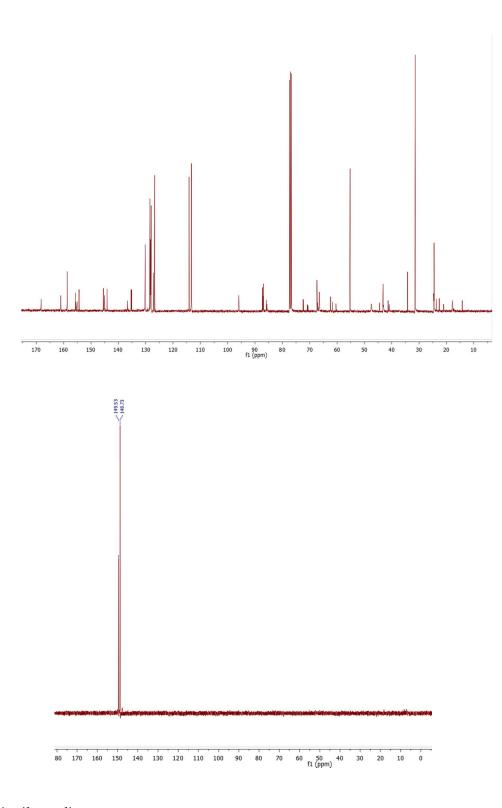
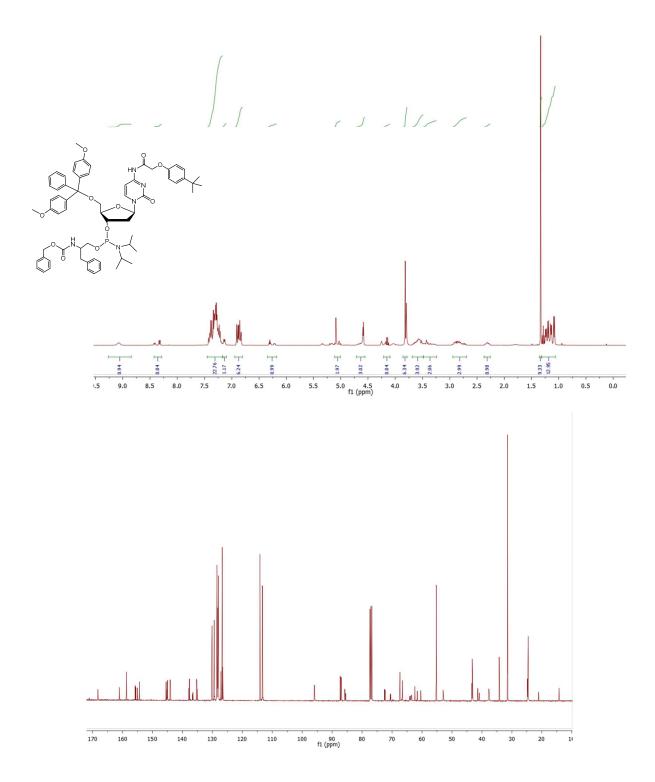


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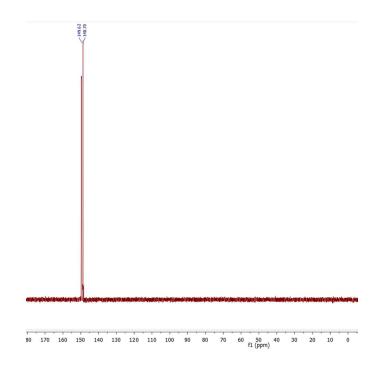
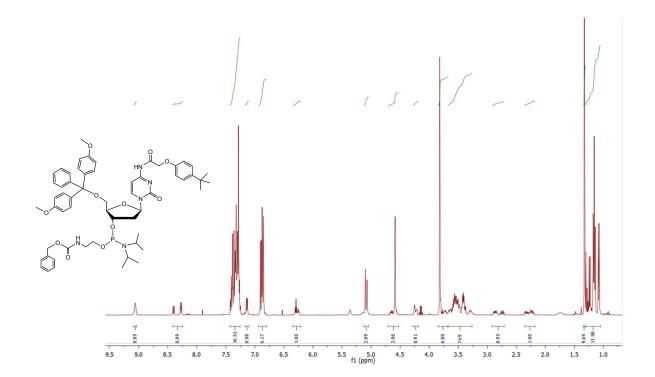


Figure S15. <sup>31</sup>H, <sup>13</sup>C and <sup>31</sup>P NMR of compound 9b



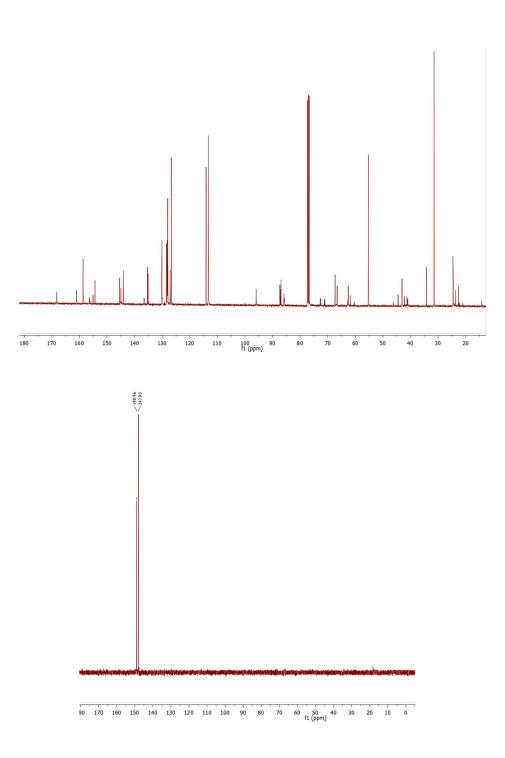
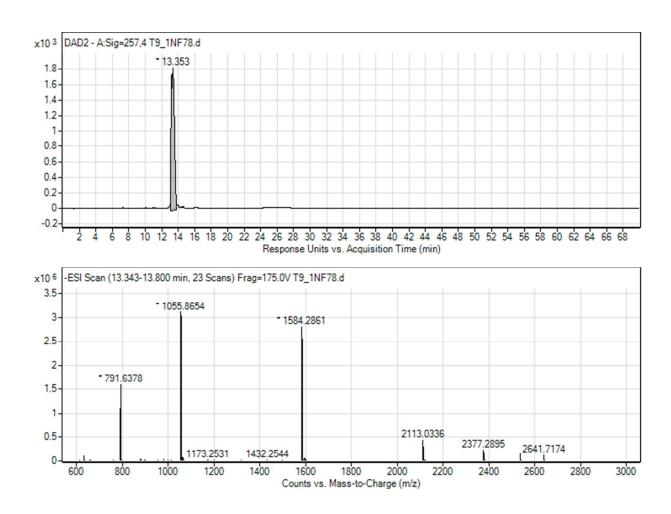


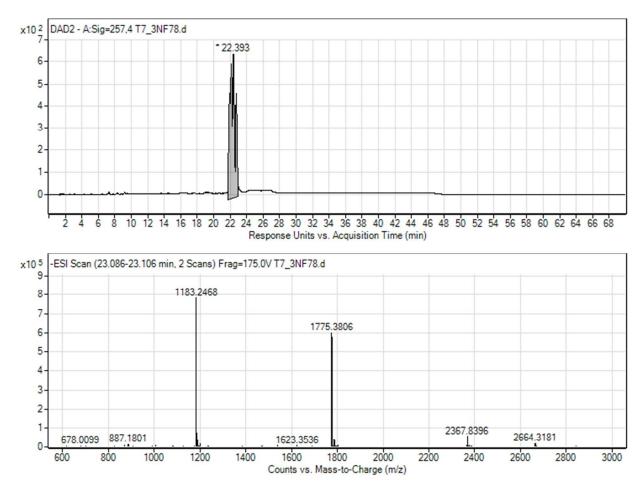
Figure S16.  $^{331}\mathrm{H},\,^{13}\mathrm{C}$  and  $\,^{1}\mathrm{P}$  NMR of compound 9c

## 2) LC-MS conditions and spectra

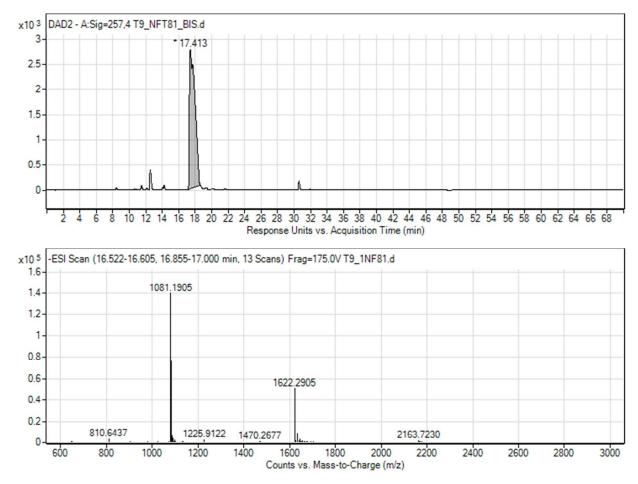
LC-MS analyses were performed on a Q-TOF LC/MS in negative mode. A reverse phase C18, 1.7  $\mu$ m, 2.1 X 100nm column was used with a gradient of 0-80% Buffer B over 45 min with a flow rate of 0.2 mL/min (Buffer A was 1:80:9.5:9.5 of 500 mM dibutylammonium acetate:water:isopropanol:acetonitrile; Buffer B was 1:10:44.5:44.5 of 500 mM dibutylammonium acetate: water: isopropanol:acetonitrile).



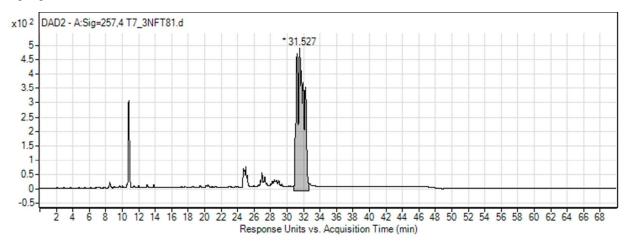
**Figure S17**. LC-MS analysis of the crude reaction mixture of ODN 1. UV absorbance chromatogram ( $A_{254}$ ) and mass spectra corresponding to the peaks are shown. The base peak in the mass spectrum corresponds to the -2 charged peak.

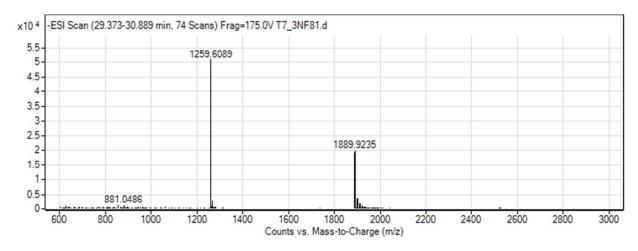


**Figure S18**. LC-MS analysis of the crude reaction mixture of ODN 2. UV absorbance chromatogram ( $A_{254}$ ) and mass spectra corresponding to the peaks are shown. The base peak in the mass spectrum corresponds to the -2 charged peak.

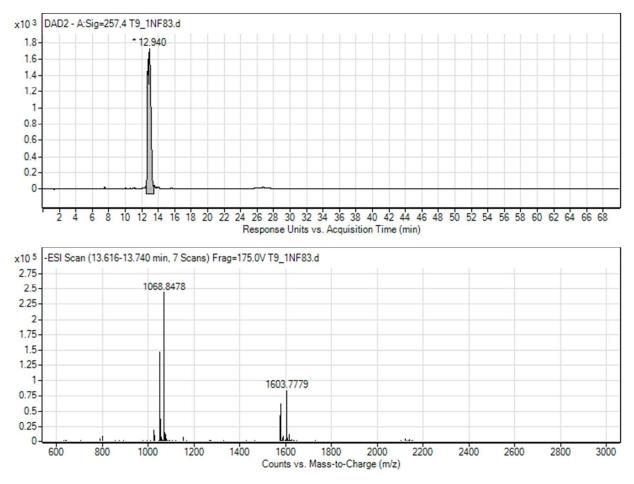


**Figure S19**. LC-MS analysis of the crude reaction mixture of ODN 3. UV absorbance chromatogram ( $A_{254}$ ) and mass spectra corresponding to the peaks are shown. The base peak in the mass spectrum corresponds to the -2 charged peak.

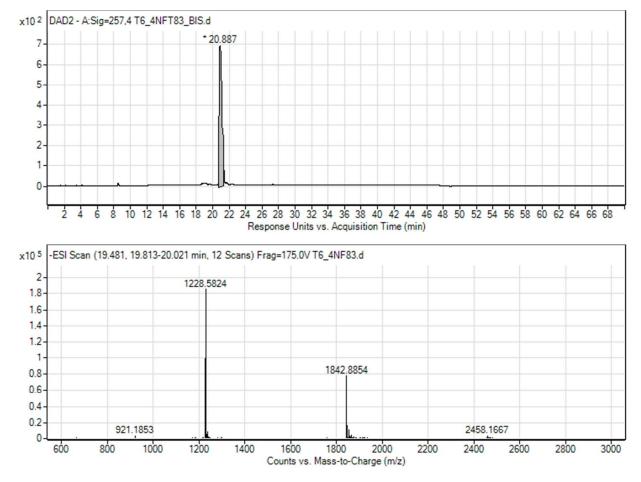




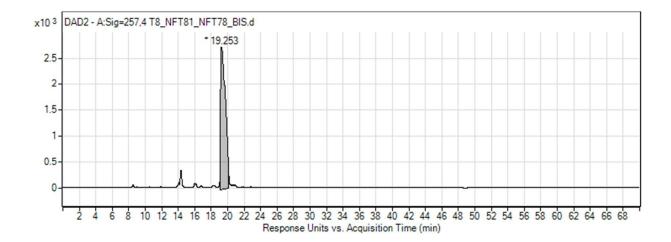
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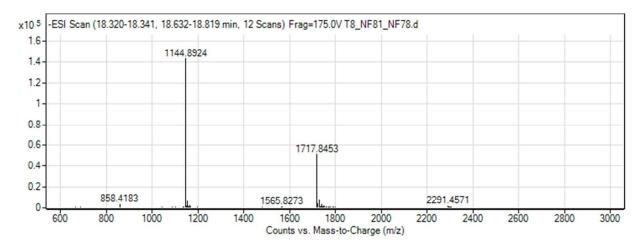


**Figure S21**. LC-MS analysis of the crude reaction mixture of ODN 5. UV absorbance chromatogram ( $A_{254}$ ) and mass spectra corresponding to the peaks are shown. The base peak in the mass spectrum corresponds to the -2 charged peak.

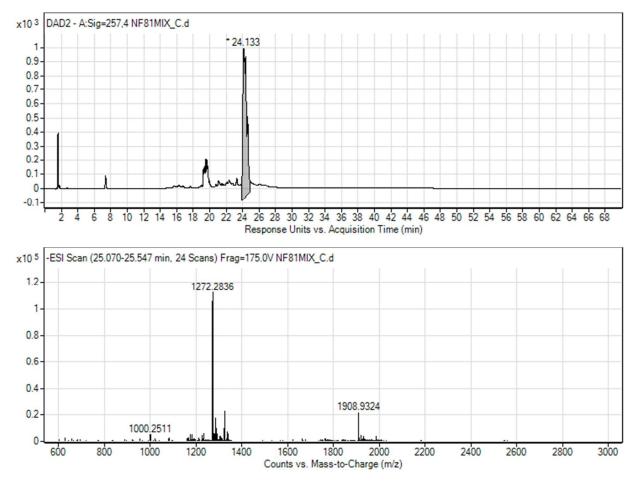


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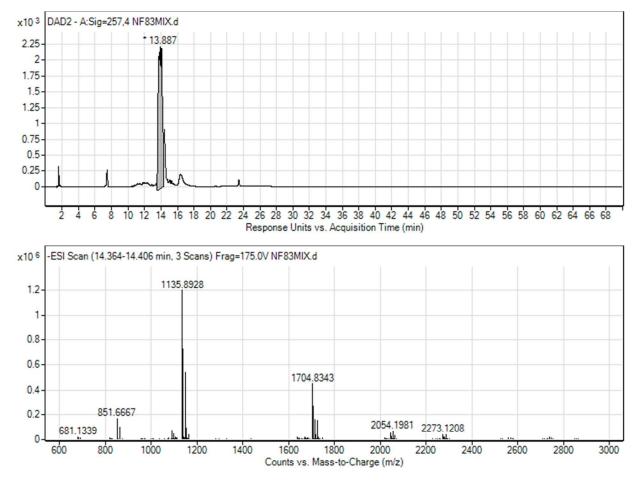




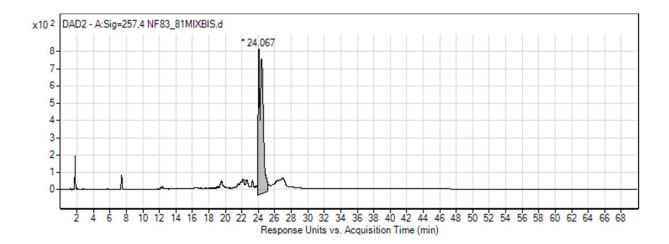
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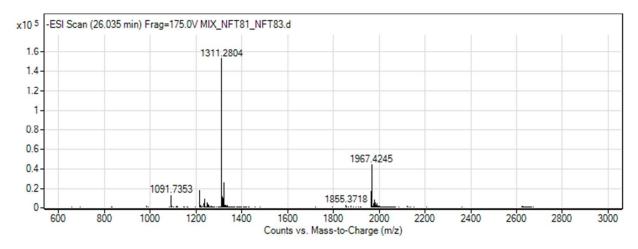


**Figure S24**. LC-MS analysis of the crude reaction mixture of ODN 8. UV absorbance chromatogram ( $A_{254}$ ) and mass spectra corresponding to the peaks are shown. The base peak in the mass spectrum corresponds to the -2 charged peak.

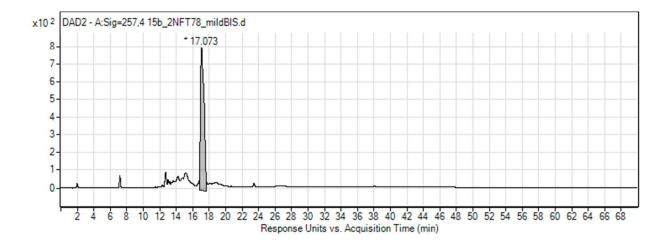


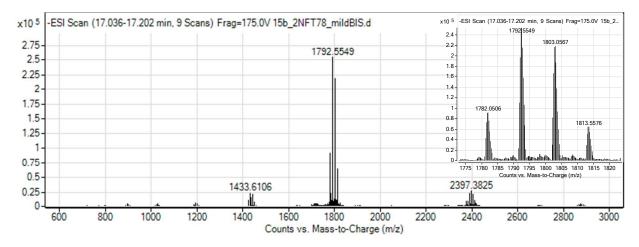
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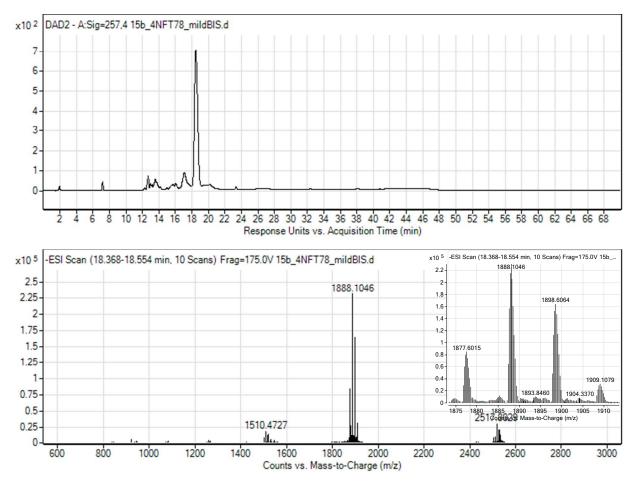


**Figure S26**. LC-MS analysis of the crude reaction mixture of ODN 10. UV absorbance chromatogram ( $A_{254}$ ) and mass spectra corresponding to the peaks are shown. The base peak in the mass spectrum corresponds to the -2 charged peak.

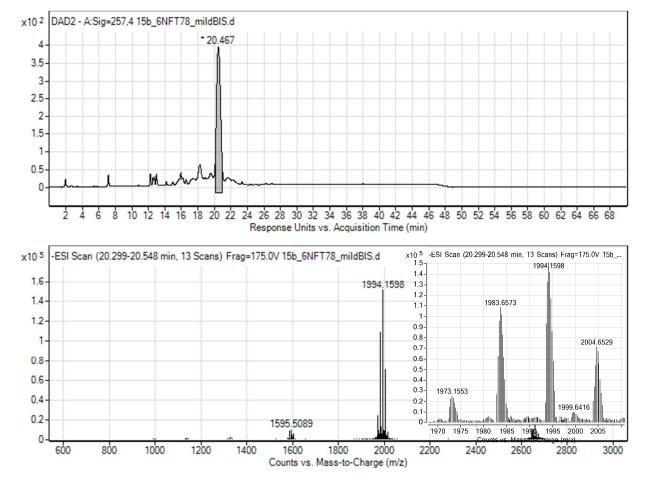




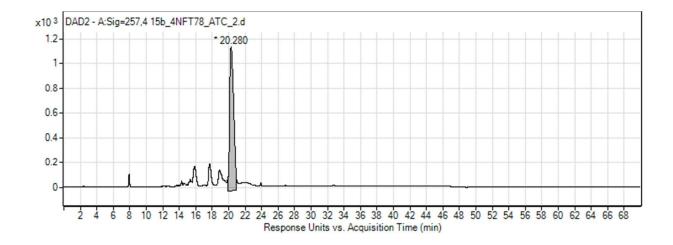
**Figure S27**. LC-MS analysis of the crude reaction mixture of ODN 11. UV absorbance chromatogram ( $A_{254}$ ) and mass spectra corresponding to the peaks are shown. The base peak in the mass spectrum corresponds to the -4 charged peak and (M-4+Na)<sup>4-</sup>, (M-4+K)<sup>4-</sup> peaks.

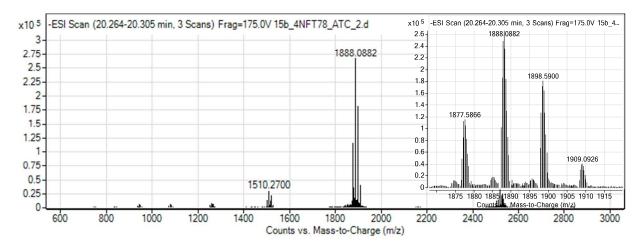


**Figure S28**. LC-MS analysis of the crude reaction mixture of ODN 12. UV absorbance chromatogram (A<sub>254</sub>) and mass spectra corresponding to the peaks are shown. The base peak in the mass spectrum corresponds to the -4 charged peak and  $(M-4+Na)^{4-}$ ,  $(M-4+K)^{4-}$  peaks.

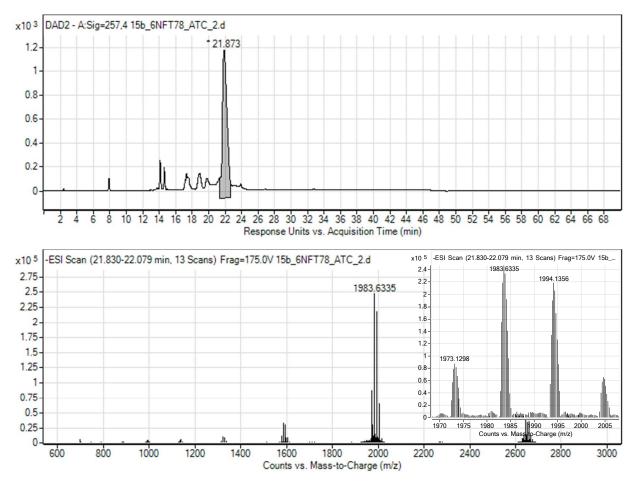


**Figure S29**. LC-MS analysis of the crude reaction mixture of ODN 13. UV absorbance chromatogram (A<sub>254</sub>) and mass spectra corresponding to the peaks are shown. The base peak in the mass spectrum corresponds to the -4 charged peak and  $(M-4+Na)^{4-}$ ,  $(M-4+K)^{4-}$  peaks.

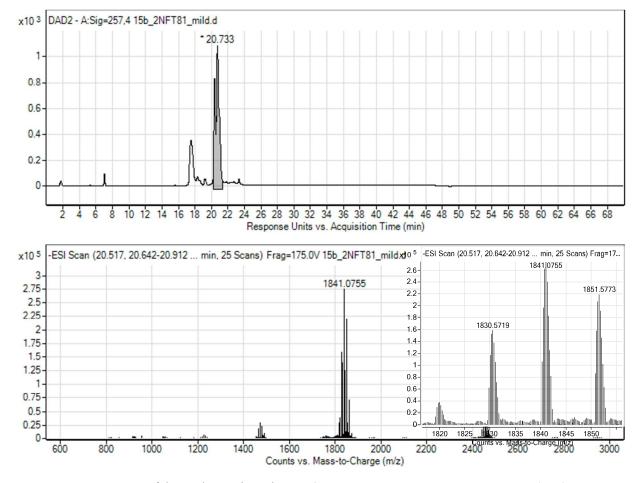




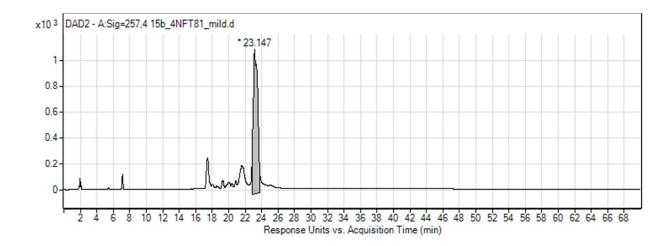
**Figure S30**. LC-MS analysis of the crude reaction mixtures of the crude reaction mixture of ODN 14. UV absorbance chromatogram ( $A_{254}$ ) and mass spectra corresponding to the peaks are shown. The base peak in the mass spectrum corresponds to the -4 charged peak and (M-4+Na)<sup>4-</sup>, (M-4+K)<sup>4-</sup> peaks.

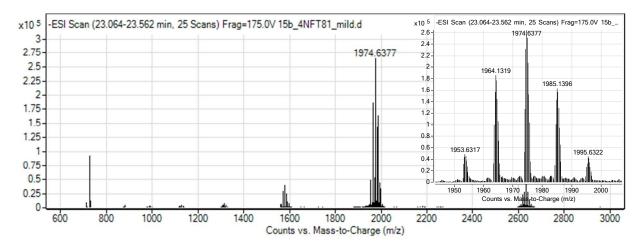


**Figure S31**. LC-MS analysis of the crude reaction mixture of ODN 15. UV absorbance chromatogram (A<sub>254</sub>) and mass spectra corresponding to the peaks are shown. The base peak in the mass spectrum corresponds to the -4 charged peak and  $(M-4+Na)^{4-}$ ,  $(M-4+K)^{4-}$  peaks.

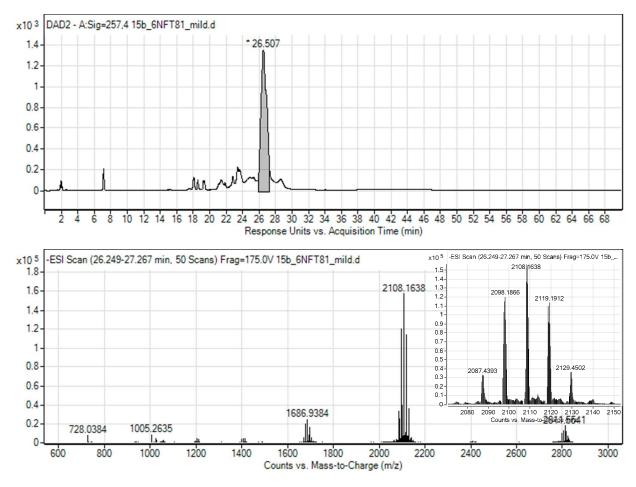


**Figure S32**. LC-MS analysis of the crude reaction mixture of ODN 16. UV absorbance chromatogram ( $A_{254}$ ) and mass spectra corresponding to the peaks are shown. The base peak in the mass spectrum corresponds to the -4 charged peak and  $(M-4+Na)^{4-}$ ,  $(M-4+K)^{4-}$  peaks.

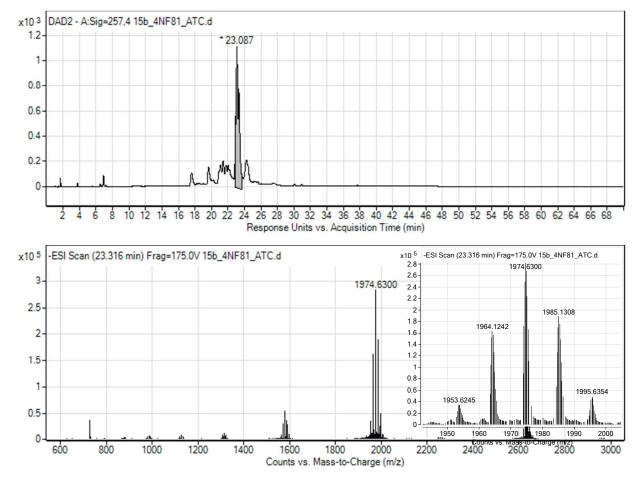




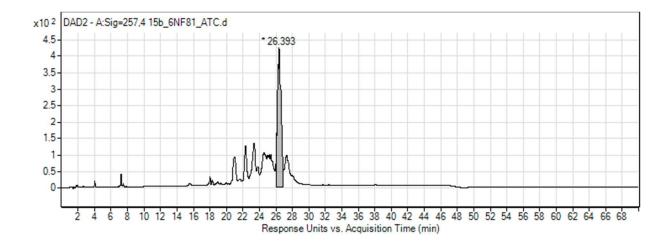
**Figure S33**. LC-MS analysis of the crude reaction mixture of ODN 17. UV absorbance chromatogram (A<sub>254</sub>) and mass spectra corresponding to the peaks are shown. The base peak in the mass spectrum corresponds to the -4 charged peak and  $(M-4+Na)^{4-}$ ,  $(M-4+K)^{4-}$  peaks.

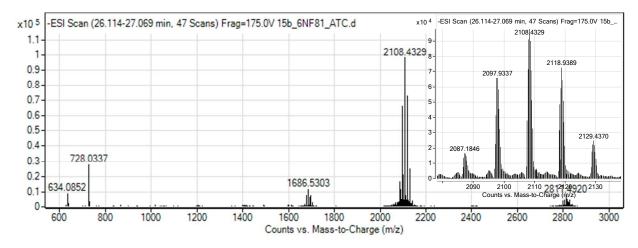


**Figure S34**. LC-MS analysis of the crude reaction mixtures of ODN 17. UV absorbance chromatogram (A<sub>254</sub>) and mass spectra corresponding to the peaks are shown. The base peak in the mass spectrum corresponds to the -4 charged peak and  $(M-4+Na)^{4-}$ ,  $(M-4+K)^{4-}$  peaks.

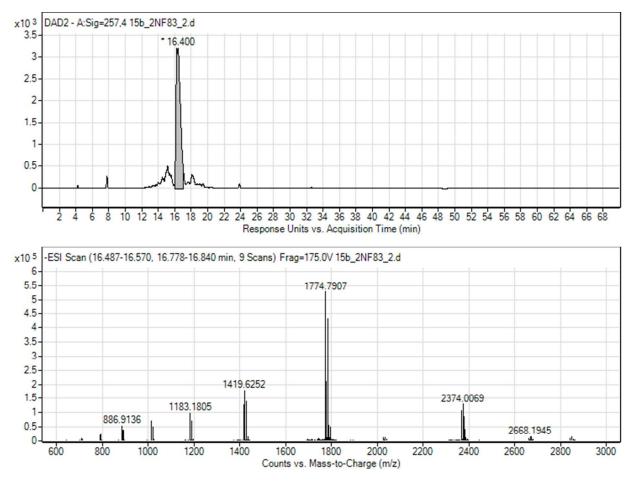


**Figure S35**. LC-MS analysis of the crude reaction mixture of ODN 19. UV absorbance chromatogram (A<sub>254</sub>) and mass spectra corresponding to the peaks are shown. The base peak in the mass spectrum corresponds to the -4 charged peak and  $(M-4+Na)^{4-}$ ,  $(M-4+K)^{4-}$  peaks.

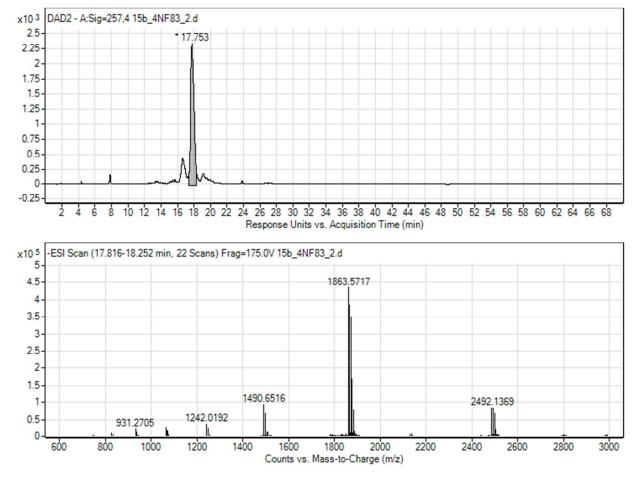




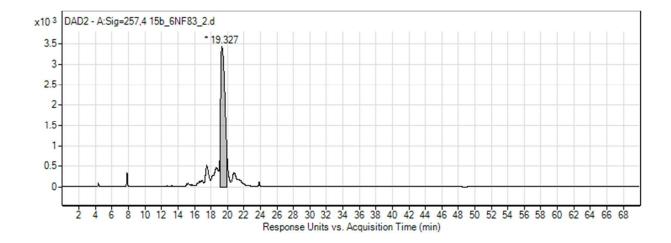
**Figure S36**. LC-MS analysis of the crude reaction mixture of ODN 20. UV absorbance chromatogram (A<sub>254</sub>) and mass spectra corresponding to the peaks are shown. The base peak in the mass spectrum corresponds to the -4 charged peak and  $(M-4+Na)^{4-}$ ,  $(M-4+K)^{4-}$  peaks.

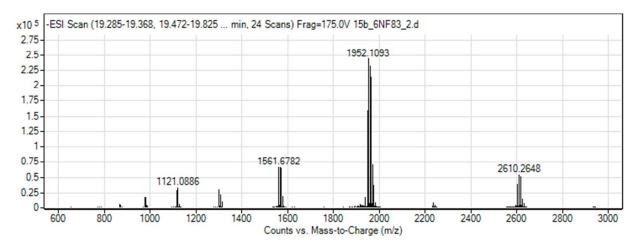


**Figure S37**. LC-MS analysis of the crude reaction mixture of ODN 21. UV absorbance chromatogram (A<sub>254</sub>) and mass spectra corresponding to the peaks are shown. The base peak in the mass spectrum corresponds to the -4 charged peak and  $(M-4+Na)^{4-}$ ,  $(M-4+K)^{4-}$  peaks.

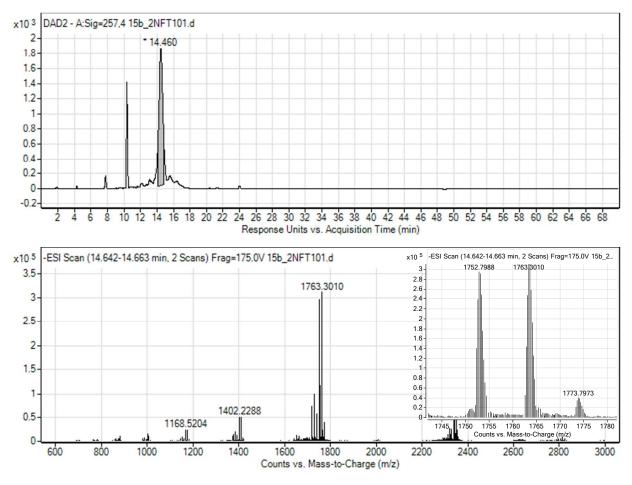


**Figure S38**. LC-MS analysis of the crude reaction mixture of ODN 22. UV absorbance chromatogram (A<sub>254</sub>) and mass spectra corresponding to the peaks are shown. The base peak in the mass spectrum corresponds to the -4 charged peak and  $(M-4+Na)^{4-}$ ,  $(M-4+K)^{4-}$  peaks.

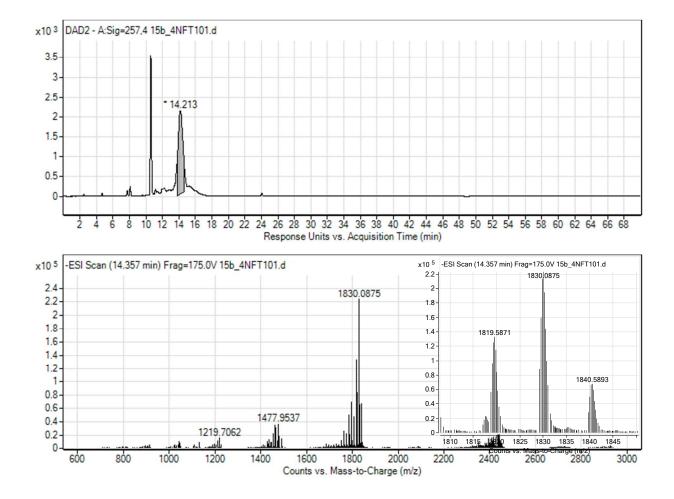




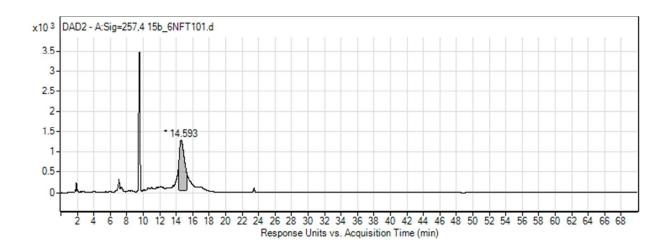
**Figure S39**. LC-MS analysis of the crude reaction mixture of ODN 23. UV absorbance chromatogram ( $A_{254}$ ) and mass spectra corresponding to the peaks are shown. The base peak in the mass spectrum corresponds to the -4 charged peak and (M-4+Na)<sup>4-</sup>, (M-4+K)<sup>4-</sup> peaks.

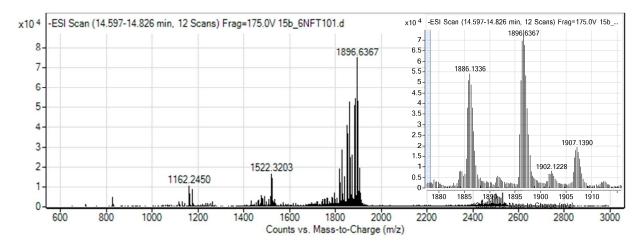


**Figure S40**. LC-MS analysis of the crude reaction mixture of ODN 24. UV absorbance chromatogram ( $A_{254}$ ) and mass spectra corresponding to the peaks are shown. The base peak in the mass spectrum corresponds to the -4 charged peak and (M-4+Na)<sup>4-</sup>, (M-4+K)<sup>4-</sup> peaks.

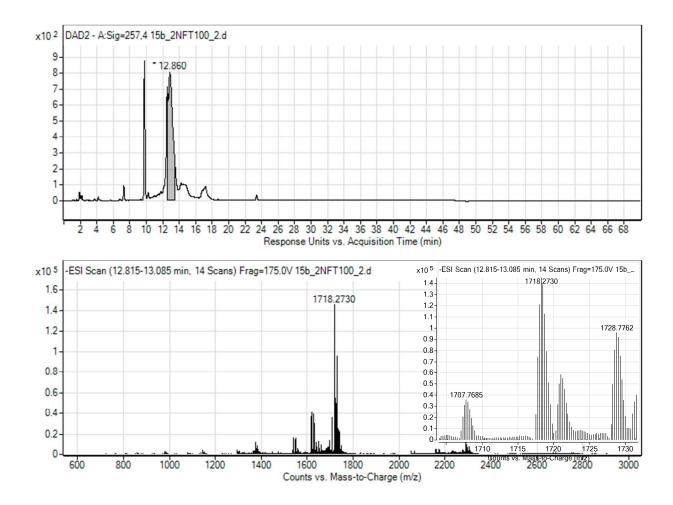


**Figure S41**. LC-MS analysis of the crude reaction mixture of ODN 25. UV absorbance chromatogram ( $A_{254}$ ) and mass spectra corresponding to the peaks are shown. The base peak in the mass spectrum corresponds to the -4 charged peak and  $(M-4+Na)^{4-}$ ,  $(M-4+K)^{4-}$  peaks.

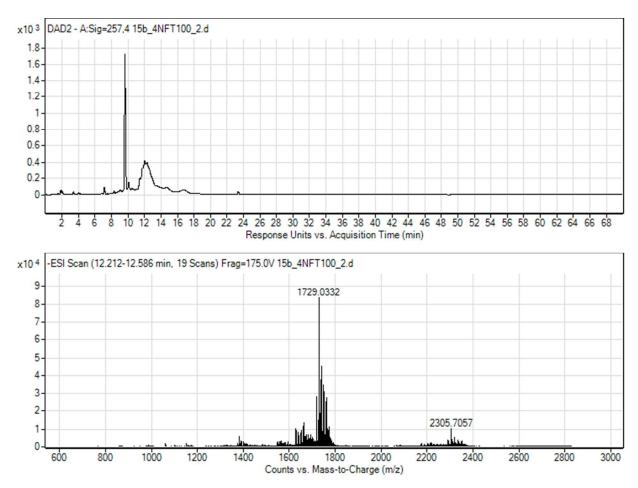




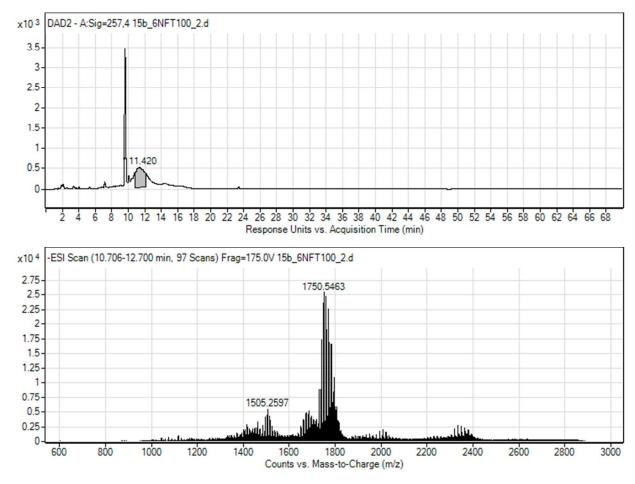
**Figure S42**. LC-MS analysis of the crude reaction mixture of ODN 26. UV absorbance chromatogram (A<sub>254</sub>) and mass spectra corresponding to the peaks are shown. The base peak in the mass spectrum corresponds to the -4 charged peak and  $(M-4+Na)^{4-}$ ,  $(M-4+K)^{4-}$  peaks.



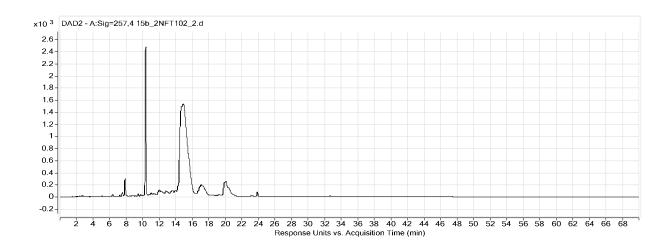
**Figure S43**. LC-MS analysis of the crude reaction mixture of ODN 27. UV absorbance chromatogram (A<sub>254</sub>) and mass spectra corresponding to the peaks are shown. The base peak in the mass spectrum corresponds to the -4 charged peak and  $(M-4+Na)^{4-}$ ,  $(M-4+K)^{4-}$  peaks

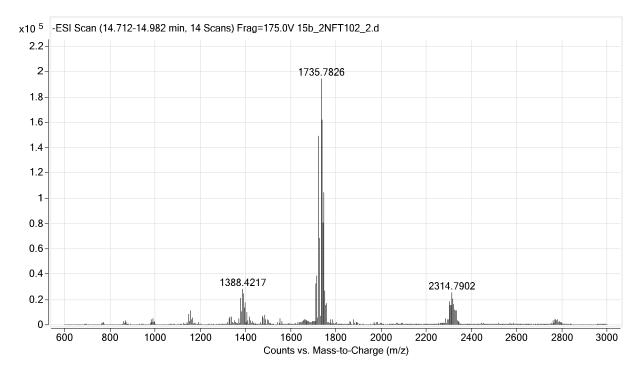


**Figure S44**. LC-MS analysis of the crude reaction mixture of ODN 28. UV absorbance chromatogram (A<sub>254</sub>) and mass spectra corresponding to the peaks are shown. The base peak in the mass spectrum corresponds to the -4 charged peak and  $(M-4+Na)^{4-}$ ,  $(M-4+K)^{4-}$  picks.

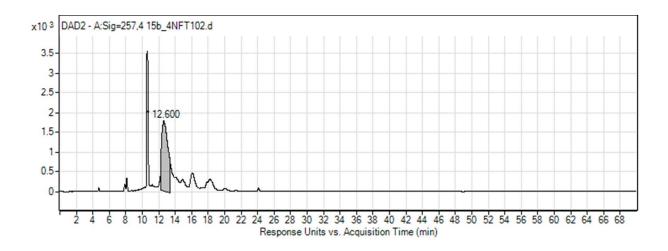


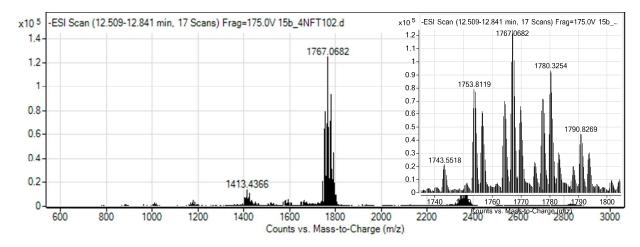
**Figure S45**. LC-MS analysis of the crude reaction mixture of ODN 29. UV absorbance chromatogram (A<sub>254</sub>) and mass spectra corresponding to the peaks are shown. The base peak in the mass spectrum corresponds to the -4 charged peak and  $(M-4+Na)^{4-}$ ,  $(M-4+K)^{4-}$  peaks.



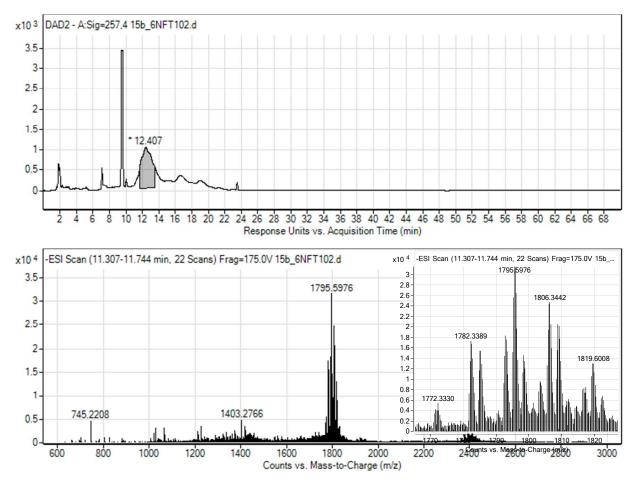


**Figure S46**. LC-MS analysis of the crude reaction mixture of ODN 30. UV absorbance chromatogram (A<sub>254</sub>) and mass spectra corresponding to the peaks are shown. The base peak in the mass spectrum corresponds to the -4 charged peak and  $(M-4+Na)^{4-}$ ,  $(M-4+K)^{4-}$  peaks.



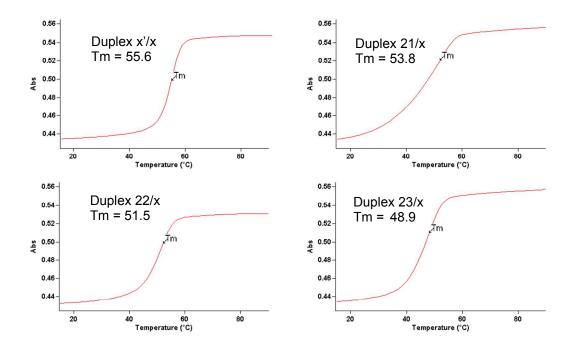


**Figure S47**. LC-MS analysis of the crude reaction mixture of ODN 31. UV absorbance chromatogram (A<sub>254</sub>) and mass spectra corresponding to the peaks are shown. The base peak in the mass spectrum corresponds to the -4 charged peak and  $(M-4+Na)^{4-}$ ,  $(M-4+K)^{4-}$  peaks.

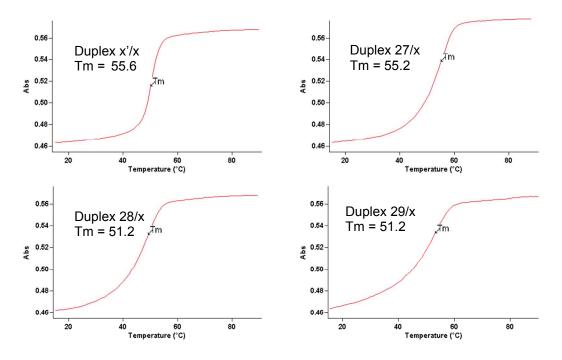


**Figure S48**. LC-MS analysis of the crude reaction mixture of ODN 32. UV absorbance chromatogram (A<sub>254</sub>) and mass spectra corresponding to the peaks are shown. The base peak in the mass spectrum corresponds to the -4 charged peak and  $(M-4+Na)^{4-}$ ,  $(M-4+K)^{4-}$  peaks.

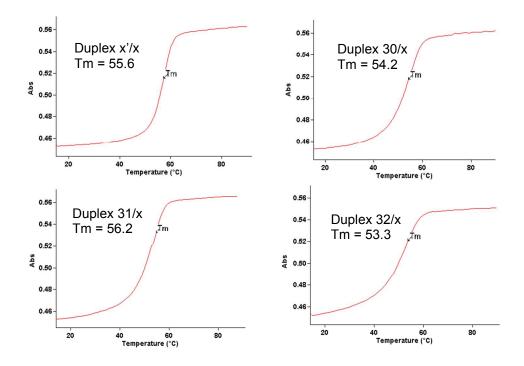
## 3) Melting temperature curves.



**Figure S49.** Melting curves of duplex x'/x, 21/x, 22/x and 23/x (See Manuscript, Table 4). x = 5'-TAG CAG CAC ATC ATG GTT TAC A-3'; x' = 5'-TGT AAA CCA TGA TGT GCT GCT A-3';



**Figure S50.** Melting curves of duplex x'/x, 27/x, 28/x and 29/x (See Manuscript, Table 4). x = 5'-TAG CAG CAC ATC ATG GTT TAC A-3'; x' = 5'-TGT AAA CCA TGA TGT GCT GCT A-3';



**Figure S51.** Melting curves of duplex x'/x, 30/x, 31/x and 32/x (See Manuscript, Table 4). x = 5'-TAG CAG CAC ATC ATG GTT TAC A-3'; x' = 5'-TGT AAA CCA TGA TGT GCT GCT A-3';