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## "Chemical Ligation" – A Versatile Method for Nucleoside Modification With Boron Clusters

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MS (Gly, FAB, -Ve): spectrum of 10-(5-azido-3-oxa-pentoxy)-7,8-dikarba-*nido*undekaborane (2), m/z (%):molecular formula: C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>19</sub>B<sub>9</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>2</sub>; calculated average mass: 262.53, found 263.3 (100) [M+1H]<sup>-</sup>



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MS (Gly, FAB, -Ve) spectrum of 8-(5-azido-3-oxa-pentoxy)-3-cobalt bis(1,2-dicarbollide) (5); m/z (%):molecular formula: C<sub>8</sub>H<sub>29</sub>B<sub>18</sub>CoN<sub>3</sub>O<sub>2</sub>, calculated average mass: 452.87, found 453.2 (100) [M]<sup>-</sup>



UV/Vis (96% EtOH) spectrum of 8-(5-azido-3-oxa-pentoxy)-3-iron bis(1,2-dicarbollide) (6).



FT-IR (KBr) spectrum of 8-(5-azido-3-oxa-pentoxy)-3-iron bis(1,2-dicarbollide) (6).



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MS (Gly, FAB, -Ve) spectrum of 8-(5-azido-3-oxa-pentoxy)-3-iron bis(1,2-dicarbollide) (6). m/z (%): molecular formula: C<sub>8</sub>H<sub>29</sub>B<sub>18</sub>FeN<sub>3</sub>O<sub>2</sub>, calculated average mass: 449.78, found 450.5 (100) [M+1H]



UV/Vis (96% EtOH) spectrum of 10-8-(5-propargyl-3-oxa-pentoxy)-3-cobalt bis(1,2dicarbollide) (7)







<sup>11</sup>B {<sup>1</sup>H BB} NMR (acetone-d6, 25°C, 80.253MHz, BF<sub>3</sub>·Et<sub>2</sub>O) spectrum of -8-(5propargyl-3-oxa-pentoxy)-3-cobalt bis(1,2-dicarbollide) (7).



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MS (ESI) spectrum of 10-8-(5-propargyl-3-oxa-pentoxy)-3-cobalt bis(1,2-dicarbollide) (7), m/z (100): molecular formula:  $C_{11}H_{32}B_{18}CoO_3$ , calculated average mass: 465.90, found 467.0 (100) [M+1H]<sup>-</sup>



UV/Vis (96% EtOH) spectrum of 8-[5-(4-pentyn-1-yl)-3-oxa-pentoxy]-3-cobalt bis(1,2dicarbollide) (8).



FT-IR (KBr) spectrum of 8-[5-(4-pentyn-1-yl)-3-oxa-pentoxy]-3-cobalt bis(1,2dicarbollide) (8).



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MS (Gly, FAB, -Ve) spectrum of 8-[5-(4-pentyn-1-yl)-3-oxa-pentoxy]-3-cobalt bis(1,2-dicarbollide) (8), m/z (%): molecular formula:  $C_{13}H_{36}B_{18}CoO_3$ , calculated average mass: 493.95, found 494.5 (100) [M+1H]<sup>-</sup>



 $\begin{array}{l} UV/Vis~(96\%~EtOH)~spectrum~of~8-[(5-thia-(3-thiolo-propan-1-yl)-3-oxa-pentoxy)-3-cobalt~bis(1,2-dicarbollide)~[(8-HS(CH_2)3S-(CH_2CH_2O)_2-1,2-C_2B_9H_{10})(1',2'-C_2B_9H_{11}-3,3'-C_0]Na~(9). \end{array}$ 



FT-IR (KBr) spectrum of 8-[(5-thia-(3-thiolo-propan-1-yl)-3-oxa-pentoxy)-3-cobalt bis(1,2-dicarbollide) [(8-HS(CH<sub>2</sub>)3S-(CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>O)<sub>2</sub>-1,2-C<sub>2</sub>B<sub>9</sub>H<sub>10</sub>)(1',2'-C<sub>2</sub>B<sub>9</sub>H<sub>11</sub>-3,3'-Co]Na (9).



 $\label{eq:2.1} {}^{1}\text{H NMR (D}_{2}\text{O}, 250.131\text{MHz}, 25^{\circ}\text{C}, \text{TMS}) \text{ spectrum of } 8-[(5-\text{thia-}(3-\text{thiolo-propan-1-yl})-3-\text{oxa-pentoxy})-3-\text{cobalt bis}(1,2-\text{dicarbollide}) \ [(8-\text{HS}(\text{CH}_{2})3\text{S-}(\text{CH}_{2}\text{CH}_{2}\text{O})_{2}-1,2-\text{C}_{2}\text{B}_{9}\text{H}_{10})(1^{\prime},2^{\prime}\text{-}\text{C}_{2}\text{B}_{9}\text{H}_{11}-3,3^{\prime}\text{-}\text{Co}]\text{Na (9).}$ 



 $\begin{array}{l} MS \ (FAB, \ Gly, \ -Ve) \ spectrum \ of \ 8-[(5-thia-(3-thiolo-propan-1-yl)-3-oxa-pentoxy)-3-cobalt \ bis(1,2-dicarbollide) \ [(8-HS(CH_2)3S-(CH_2CH_2O)_2-1,2-C_2B_9H_{10})(1',2'-C_2B_9H_{11}-3,3'-Co]Na \ (9), \ m/z \ (\%): \ molecular \ formula: C_{11}H_{36}B_{18}O_2S_2Co, \ calculated \ average \ mass: \ 518.06, \ found \ 518.1 \ (100) \ [M]^- \end{array}$ 



 $\label{eq:2.1} {}^{11}B \ \{ {}^{1}H \ BB \} \ NMR \ (acetone-d6, \ 25^{\circ}C, \ 80.253MHz, \ BF_3\cdot Et_2O) \ spectrum \ of \ -[(5-thia-(3-thiolo-propan-1-yl)-3-oxa-pentoxy)-3-cobalt \ bis(1,2-dicarbollide) \ [(8-HS(CH_2)3S-(CH_2CH_2O)_2-1,2-C_2B_9H_{10})(1',2'-C_2B_9H_{11}-3,3'-Co]Na \ (9), \ (CH_2CH_2O)_2-1,2-C_2B_9H_{10})(1',2'-C_2B_9H_{11}-3,3'-Co]Na \ (9), \ (CH_2CH_2O)_2-1,2-C_2B_9H_{10})(1',2'-C_2B_9H_{$ 



<sup>11</sup>B NMR (acetone-d6, 25°C, 80.253MHz, BF<sub>3</sub>·Et<sub>2</sub>O) spectrum of -[(5-thia-(3-thiolo-propan-1-yl)-3-oxa-pentoxy)-3-cobalt bis(1,2-dicarbollide) [(8-HS(CH<sub>2</sub>)3S-(CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>O)<sub>2</sub>-1,2-C<sub>2</sub>B<sub>9</sub>H<sub>10</sub>)(1',2'-C<sub>2</sub>B<sub>9</sub>H<sub>11</sub>-3,3'-Co]Na (9),



UV/Vis (96% EtOH) spectrum of 3N-(4-pentyn-1-yl)thymidine (12).



FT-IR (KBr) spectrum of 3N-(4-pentyn-1-yl)thymidine (12).



<sup>1</sup>H NMR (MeOD, 250.131MHz, 25°C, TMS) spectrum of 3*N*-(4-pentyn-1-yl)thymidine (12).



<sup>13</sup>C NMR (62.90 MHz, CD<sub>3</sub>OH, 25°C, TMS) spectrum of 3*N*-(4-pentyn-1-yl)thymidine (12).



**MS-ESI** spectrum of 3*N*-(4-pentyn-1-yl)thymidine (12), molecular formula: C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>20</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub>; calculated average mass 308.33, found 331.0 (100) [M+Na]<sup>-</sup>



UV/Vis (96% EtOH) spectrum of 3*N*-[1-*para*-toluensulphonyl)-3-oxapentoxy)]thymidine (14).



MS-ESI spectrum of 3*N*-[1-*para*-toluensulphonyl)-3-oxa-pentoxy)]thymidine (14), m/z (%): molecular formula: C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>28</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>9</sub>S; calculated average mass:484.52, found 485.0 (10) [M+1H]<sup>-</sup>



<sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 250.131MHz, 25°C, TMS) spectrum of 3*N*-[1-*para*-toluensulphonyl)-3-

oxa-pentoxy)]thymidine (14)



FT-IR (film) spectrum of 3N-[1-para-toluensulphonyl)-3-oxa-pentoxy)]thymidine (14).



UV/Vis (96% EtOH) spectrum of 3N-[5-azide-3-oxa-pentoxy)]thymidine (15).



FT-IR (film) spectrum of 3N-[5-azide-3-oxa-pentoxy)]thymidine (15).



<sup>1</sup>H NMR (acetone-*d6*, 250.131MHz, 25°C, TMS) spectrum of 3*N*-[5-azide-3-oxa-pentoxy)]thymidine (15).



MS-ESI spectrum of 3N-[5-azide-3-oxa-pentoxy)]thymidine (15), m/z (%): molecular formula: C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>21</sub>N<sub>5</sub>O<sub>6</sub> ,calculated average mass: 355.35, found 378.0 (100) [M+Na]<sup>-</sup>



UV/Vis (96% EtOH) spectrum of 2'-O-{[5-(7,8-dikarba-nido-undekaborane-10-yl)-3oxa-pentoxy]-1N-1,2,3-triazole-4-yl}methyluridine (17).



FT-IR (nujol) spectra of 2'-O-{[5-(7,8-dikarba-nido-undekaborane-10-yl)-3-oxapentoxy]-1N-1,2,3-triazole-4-yl}methyluridine (17).



<sup>11</sup>B NMR (acetone-d6, 25°C, 80.253MHz, BF<sub>3</sub>·Et<sub>2</sub>O) spectrum of 2'-*O*-{[5-(7,8-dikarba*nido*-undekaborane-10-yl)-3-oxa-pentoxy]-1*N*-1,2,3-triazole-4-yl}methyluridine (17).



 $^{11}B \{^{1}H BB\} NMR (acetone-d6, 25^{\circ}C, 80.253MHz, BF_{3} \cdot Et_{2}O) spectrum of 2'-O-\{[5-(7, 8-dikarba-nido-undekaborane-10-yl)-3-oxa-pentoxy]-1N-1, 2, 3-triazole-4-yl\} methyluridine for the second statement of the$ 



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MS (FAB, Gly, -Ve) spectrum of 2'-*O*-{[5-(7,8-dikarba-nido-undekaborane-10-yl)-3-oxapentoxy]-1*N*-1,2,3-triazole-4-yl}methyluridine (17),m/z (%): molecular formula: C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>31</sub>B<sub>9</sub>N<sub>5</sub>O<sub>8</sub>, calculated average mass: 542.77, found 545.4 (100) [M+3H]<sup>-</sup>



UV/VIS (96% EtOH) spectrum of 2'-O-{{5-[3-cobalt bis(1,2-dicarbollide)-8-yl]-3-oxapentoxy}-1N-1,2,3-triazole-4-yl}methyluridine (18).



FT-IR (film) spectra of 2'-O-{{5-[3-cobalt bis(1,2-dicarbollide)-8-yl]-3-oxa-pentoxy}-1N-1,2,3-triazole-4-yl}methyluridine (18).



<sup>11</sup>B NMR (acetone-d6, 25°C, 80.253MHz, BF<sub>3</sub>·Et<sub>2</sub>O) spectrum of 2'-*O*-{{5-[3-cobalt bis(1,2-dicarbollide)-8-yl]-3-oxa-pentoxy}-1*N*-1,2,3-triazole-4-yl}methyluridine (18).



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MS (FAB, Gly, -Ve) spectrum of 2'-O-{{5-[3-cobalt bis(1,2-dicarbollide)-8-yl]-3-oxapentoxy}-1N-1,2,3-triazole-4-yl}methyluridine (18), m/z (%): molecular formula: C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>43</sub>B<sub>18</sub>CoN<sub>5</sub>O<sub>8</sub>, calculated average mass: 735.11, fund 735.5 (36) [M]<sup>-</sup>



UV/Vis (96% EtOH) spectrum of 2'-O-{{5-[3-iron bis(1,2-dicarbollide)-8-yl]-3-oxapentoxy}-1N-1,2,3-triazole-4-yl}methyluridine (19).



FT-IR (KBr) spectrum of 2'-O-{{5-[3-iron bis(1,2-dicarbollide)-8-yl]-3-oxa-pentoxy}-1N-1,2,3-triazole-4-yl}methyluridine (19).



<sup>11</sup>B NMR (acetone-d6, 25°C, 80.253MHz, BF<sub>3</sub>·Et<sub>2</sub>O) spectrum of 2'-*O*-{{5-[3-iron bis(1,2-dicarbollide)-8-yl]-3-oxa-pentoxy}-1*N*-1,2,3-triazole-4-yl}methyluridine (19).



MS (FAB, Gly, -Ve) spectrum of 2'-O-{{5-[3-iron bis(1,2-dicarbollide)-8-yl]-3-oxapentoxy}-1N-1,2,3-triazole-4-yl}methyluridine (19), m/z (%): molecular formula:  $C_{20}H_{43}B_{18}FeN_5O_8$ , calculated average mass: 732.03, found 732.6 (100) [M]<sup>-</sup>



UV/Vis (96% EtOH) spectrum of 3-*N*-{[5-(7,8-dikarba-*nido*-undekaborane-10-yl)-3-oxapentoxy]-1*N*-1,2,3-triazole-4-yl}(4-propan-1-yl)thymidine (20).



FT-IR (KBr) spectrum of 3-*N*-{[5-(7,8-dikarba-*nido*-undekaborane-10-yl)-3-oxapentoxy]-1*N*-1,2,3-triazole-4-yl}(4-propan-1-yl)thymidine (20).



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<sup>11</sup>B {<sup>1</sup>H BB} NMR (acetone-d6?, 25°C, 80.253MHz, BF<sub>3</sub>·Et<sub>2</sub>O) spectrum of 3-*N*-{[5-(7,8-dikarba-*nido*-undekaborane-10-yl)-3-oxa-pentoxy]-1*N*-1,2,3-triazole-4-yl}(4-propan-1-yl)thymidine (20).



<sup>1</sup>H NMR (CD<sub>3</sub>OH, 250.131MHz, 25°C, TMS) spectrum of 3-*N*-{[5-(7,8-dikarba-*nido*undekaborane-10-yl)-3-oxa-pentoxy]-1*N*-1,2,3-triazole-4-yl}(4-propan-1-yl)thymidine (20).



MS-ESI spectrum of 3-*N*-{[5-(7,8-dikarba-*nido*-undekaborane-10-yl)-3-oxa-pentoxy]-1*N*-1,2,3-triazole-4-yl}(4-propan-1-yl)thymidine (20), m/z (%): molecular formula: C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>38</sub>B<sub>9</sub>N<sub>5</sub>O<sub>7</sub>, calculated average mass: 569.85, found 572.0 (100) [M+2H]<sup>-</sup>



UV/Vis (96% EtOH) spectrum of 3-*N*-{{5-[3-cobalt bis(1,2-dicarbollide)-8-yl]-3-oxapentoxy}-1*N*-1,2,3-triazole-4-yl}(4-propan-1-yl)thymidine (21).



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<sup>1</sup>H NMR (CD<sub>3</sub>OH, 250.131MHz, 25°C, TMS) spectrum of  $3-N-\{\{5-[3-cobalt bis(1,2-dicarbollide)-8-yl]-3-oxa-pentoxy\}-1N-1,2,3-triazole-4-yl\}(4-propan-1-yl)thymidine (21).$ 



<sup>13</sup>C NMR (62.90 MHz, CD<sub>3</sub>OH, 25°C, TMS) spectrum of 3-*N*-{{5-[3-cobalt bis(1,2-dicarbollide)-8-yl]-3-oxa-pentoxy}-1*N*-1,2,3-triazole-4-yl}(4-propan-1-yl)thymidine (21).



250 MHz <sup>1</sup>H-<sup>13</sup>C correlation (CD<sub>3</sub>OH) spectrum (HMQC) of 3-*N*-{{5-[3-cobalt bis(1,2-dicarbollide)-8-yl]-3-oxa-pentoxy}-1*N*-1,2,3-triazole-4-yl}(4-propan-1-yl)thymidine (21).



250 MHz <sup>1</sup>H-<sup>13</sup>C Heteronuclear Multiple Bond Correlation (HMBC) (CD<sub>3</sub>OH) experiments for analysis of 3-*N*-{{5-[3-cobalt bis(1,2-dicarbollide)-8-yl]-3-oxa-pentoxy}-1*N*-1,2,3-triazole-4-yl}(4-propan-1-yl)thymidine (21). Observable on the HMBC spectrum two connectivities, C-2/**a**-H and C-4/**a** -H, allow assignment of the alkylation site in thymine nucleobase to 3N.



MS-ESI spectrum of of 3-*N*-{{5-[3-cobalt bis(1,2-dicarbollide)-8-yl]-3-oxa-pentoxy}-1*N*-1,2,3-triazole-4-yl}(4-propan-1-yl)thymidine (21), m/z (%): molecular formula:  $C_{23}H_{49}B_{18}CoN_5O_7$ , calculated average mass: 761.20, found 762.0 (100) [M+1H]<sup>-</sup>



UV/Vis (96% EtOH) spectrum of 3-*N*-{{5-[3-iron bis(1,2-dicarbollide)-8-yl]-3-oxapentoxy}-1*N*-1,2,3-triazole-4-yl}(4-propan-1-yl)thymidine (22).



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$$\label{eq:msectrum} \begin{split} MS\text{-}ESI \ spectrum \ of \ 3-N-\{\{5-[3-iron \ bis(1,2-dicarbollide)-8-yl]-3-oxa-pentoxy\}-1N-1,2,3-triazole-4-yl\}(4-propan-1-yl)thymidine \ (22). \ m/z \ (\%): \ molecular \ formula: \\ C_{23}H_{49}B_{18}FeN_5O_7, \ calculated \ average \ mass: \ 758.11, \ found \ 759.0 \ (100) \ [M+1H]^- \end{split}$$



UV/Vis (96% EtOH) spectrum of 3-*N*-{{5-[3-cobalt bis(1,2-dicarbollide)-8-yl]-3-oxapentoxy}methyl-(4-1,2,3-triazole-1*N*-yl}} (1-ethoxyethan-4-yl)thymidine (23).



FT-IR (KBr) spectrum of 3-*N*-{{5-[3-cobalt bis(1,2-dicarbollide)-8-yl]-3-oxa-pentoxy}methyl-(4-1,2,3-triazole-1*N*-yl}} (1-ethoxyethan-4-yl)thymidine (23).



<sup>11</sup>B NMR (acetone-d6, 25°C, 80.253MHz, BF<sub>3</sub>·Et<sub>2</sub>O) spectrum of 3-N-{{5-[3-cobalt bis(1,2-dicarbollide)-8-yl]-3-oxa-pentoxy}methyl-(4-1,2,3-triazole-1N-yl}} (1-ethoxyethan-4-yl)thymidine (23).



 $^{11}B$  {<sup>1</sup>H BB} NMR (acetone-d6, 25°C, 80.253MHz, BF<sub>3</sub>·Et<sub>2</sub>O) spectrum of 3-N-{{5-[3-cobalt bis(1,2-dicarbollide)-8-yl]-3-oxa-pentoxy}methyl-(4-1,2,3-triazole-1N-yl}} (1-ethoxyethan-4-yl)thymidine (23).



<sup>1</sup>H NMR {<sup>11</sup>B BB} (CD<sub>3</sub>OH, 250.131MHz, 25°C, TMS) spectrum of 3-*N*-{{5-[3-cobalt bis(1,2-dicarbollide)-8-yl]-3-oxa-pentoxy}methyl-(4-1,2,3-triazole-1*N*-yl}} (1-ethoxyethan-4-yl)thymidine (23).



MS-ESI spectrum of 3-*N*-{{5-[3-cobalt bis(1,2-dicarbollide)-8-yl]-3-oxa-pentoxy}methyl-(4-1,2,3-triazole-1*N*-yl}} (1-ethoxyethan-4-yl)thymidine (23), m/z (%): molecular formula: C<sub>25</sub>H<sub>53</sub>B<sub>18</sub>CoN<sub>5</sub>O<sub>9</sub>, calculated average mass: 821.25, found 822.0 (90) [M+1H]<sup>-</sup>



UV/Vis (96% EtOH) spectrum of 3-*N*-{{5-[3-cobalt bis(1,2-dicarbollide)-8-yl]-3-oxapentoxy}propyl-(4-1,2,3-triazole-1*N*-yl}} (1-ethoxyethan-4-yl)thymidine (24).







<sup>11</sup>B NMR (acetone-d6, 25°C, 80.253MHz, BF<sub>3</sub>·Et<sub>2</sub>O) spectrum of 3-N-{{5-[3-cobalt bis(1,2-dicarbollide)-8-yl]-3-oxa-pentoxy}propyl-(4-1,2,3-triazole-1N-yl}} (1-ethoxyethan-4-yl)thymidine (24).



 $^{11}B$  {<sup>1</sup>H BB} NMR (acetone-d6, 25°C, 80.253MHz, BF<sub>3</sub>·Et<sub>2</sub>O) spectrum of 3-*N*-{{5-[3-cobalt bis(1,2-dicarbollide)-8-yl]-3-oxa-pentoxy}propyl-(4-1,2,3-triazole-1*N*-yl}} (1-ethoxyethan-4-yl)thymidine (24).



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## Comparison of high resolution experimental spectra with simulated spectra within the range of molecular ion m/z.



Simulated spectrum of the molecular ion of 10-(5-azido-3-oxa-pentoxy)-7,8-dikarbanido-undekaborane (2), calculated exact mass for C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>19</sub>B<sub>9</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>2</sub>: 264.23



Fragment of the MS ESI spectrum of 10-(5-azido-3-oxa-pentoxy)-7,8-dikarba-*nido*undekaborane (2) corresponding to molecular ion range, m/z (%): 263.26 (100%), 264.18 (42%), calculated exact mass for C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>19</sub>B<sub>9</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>2</sub>: 264.23



Simulated spectrum of the molecular ion of 8-(5-azido-3-oxa-pentoxy)-3-cobalt bis(1,2dicarbollide) (5), calculated exact mass for C<sub>8</sub>H<sub>29</sub>B<sub>18</sub>CoN<sub>3</sub>O<sub>2</sub>: 456.33



Fragment of the MS ESI spectrum of 8-(5-azido-3-oxa-pentoxy)-3-cobalt bis(1,2-dicarbollide) (5) corresponding to molecular ion range, m/z (%): 453.46 (100%), 456.32 (5%), calculated exact mass for  $C_8H_{29}B_{18}CoN_3O_2$ : 456.33



Simulated spectrum of the molecular ion of 8-(5-azido-3-oxa-pentoxy)-3-iron bis(1,2dicarbollide) (6), calculated exact mass for C<sub>8</sub>H<sub>29</sub>B<sub>18</sub>FeN<sub>3</sub>O<sub>2</sub>: 453.33



Fragment of the MS ESI spectrum of 8-(5-azido-3-oxa-pentoxy)-3-iron bis(1,2-dicarbollide) (6) corresponding to molecular ion range, m/z (%): 450.44 (100%), 453.28 (2%), calculated exact mass for  $C_8H_{29}B_{18}FeN_3O_2$ : 453.33



Simulated spectrum of the molecular ion of 10-8-(5-propargyl-3-oxa-pentoxy)-3-cobalt bis(1,2-dicarbollide) (7), calculated exact mass for C<sub>11</sub>H<sub>32</sub>B<sub>18</sub>CoO<sub>3</sub>: 469.34



Fragment of the MS ESI spectrum of 10-8-(5-propargyl-3-oxa-pentoxy)-3-cobalt bis(1,2dicarbollide) (7) corresponding to molecular ion range, m/z (%): 466.50 (100%), 469.36 (5%), calculated exact mass for C<sub>11</sub>H<sub>32</sub>B<sub>18</sub>CoO<sub>3</sub>: 469.34



Simulated spectrum of the molecular ion of 8-[5-(4-pentyn-1-yl)-3-oxa-pentoxy]-3- cobalt bis(1,2-dicarbollide) (8), calculated exact mass for  $C_{13}H_{36}B_{18}CoO_3$ : 497.37



Fragment of the MS ESI spectrum of 8-[5-(4-pentyn-1-yl)-3-oxa-pentoxy]-3-cobalt bis(1,2-dicarbollide) (8), corresponding to molecular ion range, m/z (%): 495.48 (100%), 497.40 (6%), calculated exact mass for  $C_{13}H_{36}B_{18}CoO_3$ : 497.37



Simulated spectrum of the molecular ion of 8-[(5-thia-(3-thiolo-propan-1-yl)-3-oxapentoxy)-3-cobalt bis(1,2-dicarbollide) [(8-HS(CH<sub>2</sub>)3S-(CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>O)<sub>2</sub>-1,2-C<sub>2</sub>B<sub>9</sub>H<sub>10</sub>)(1',2'-C<sub>2</sub>B<sub>9</sub>H<sub>11</sub>-3,3'-Co]Na (9), calculated exact mass for C<sub>11</sub>H<sub>36</sub>B<sub>18</sub>O<sub>2</sub>S<sub>2</sub>Co: 521.32



Fragment of the MS ESI spectrum of 8-[(5-thia-(3-thiolo-propan-1-yl)-3-oxa-pentoxy)-3-cobalt bis(1,2-dicarbollide) [(8-HS(CH<sub>2</sub>)3S-(CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>O)<sub>2</sub>-1,2-C<sub>2</sub>B<sub>9</sub>H<sub>10</sub>)(1',2'-C<sub>2</sub>B<sub>9</sub>H<sub>11</sub>-3,3'-Co]Na (9) corresponding to molecular ion range, m/z (%): 519.42 (100%), 521.36 (10%), calculated exact mass for  $C_{11}H_{36}B_{18}O_2S_2Co: 521.32$ 



Simulated spectrum of the molecular ion of 3N-(4-pentyn-1-yl)thymidine (12), calculated exact mass for  $C_{15}H_{20}N_2O_5$ : 308.14

![](_page_57_Figure_2.jpeg)

 $\label{eq:starsest} \begin{array}{l} Fragment of the MS-APCI spectrum of 3N-(4-pentyn-1-yl)thymidine (12), \\ corresponding to molecular ion range, m/z (\%):308.96 (100\%), 309.92 (15\%), \ calculated \\ exact mass for $C_{15}H_{20}N_2O_5$: 308.14$ \end{array}$ 

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Simulated spectrum of the molecular ion of 3*N*-[1-*para*-toluensulphonyl)-3-oxapentoxy)]thymidine (14), calculated exact mass for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>28</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>9</sub>S : 484.15

![](_page_58_Figure_2.jpeg)

Fragment of the MS-APCI spectrum of 3*N*-[1-*para*-toluensulphonyl)-3-oxapentoxy)]thymidine (14) corresponding to molecular ion range, m/z (%): 484.94 (100%), 485.86 (22%), 486.86 (6%), calculated exact mass for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>28</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>9</sub>S: 484.15

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Fragment of the MS-APCI spectrum of 3N-[5-azide-3-oxa-pentoxy)]thymidine (15) corresponding to molecular ion range, m/z (%): 355.90 (100%), calculated exact mass for  $C_{14}H_{21}N_5O_6$  : 355.15

![](_page_60_Figure_0.jpeg)

Simulated spectrum of the molecular ion of 2'-O-{[5-(7,8-dikarba-nido-undekaborane-10-yl)-3-oxa-pentoxy]-1N-1,2,3-triazole-4-yl}methyluridine (17), calculated exact mass for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>31</sub>B<sub>9</sub>N<sub>5</sub>O<sub>8</sub> : 544.30

![](_page_60_Figure_2.jpeg)

Fragment of the MS ESI spectrum of 2'-O-{[5-(7,8-dikarba-nido-undekaborane-10-yl)-3-oxa-pentoxy]-1N-1,2,3-triazole-4-yl}methyluridine (17), corresponding to molecular ion range, m/z (%): 545.42 (100%), 547.34 (5%), calculated exact mass for  $C_{18}H_{31}B_9N_5O_8$ : 544.30

![](_page_61_Figure_0.jpeg)

Simulated spectrum of the molecular ion of 2'-O-{{5-[3-cobalt bis(1,2-dicarbollide)-8-yl]-3-oxa-pentoxy}-1N-1,2,3-triazole-4-yl}methyluridine (18), calculated exact mass for  $C_{20}H_{43}B_{18}CoN_5O_8:738.41$ 

![](_page_61_Figure_2.jpeg)

 $\label{eq:starsest} \begin{array}{l} Fragment of the MS ESI spectrum of 2'-O-\{\{5-[3-cobalt bis(1,2-dicarbollide)-8-yl]-3-oxa-pentoxy\}-1N-1,2,3-triazole-4-yl\}methyluridine (18) corresponding to molecular ion range, m/z (\%):736.46 (100%), 738.38 (12%), calculated exact mass for $$C_{20}H_{43}B_{18}CoN_5O_8: 738.41$ \end{array}$ 

![](_page_62_Figure_0.jpeg)

Fragment of the MS ESI spectrum of 2'-O-{{5-[3-iron bis(1,2-dicarbollide)-8-yl]-3-oxapentoxy}-1N-1,2,3-triazole-4-yl}methyluridine (19), corresponding to molecular ion range, m/z (%):733.44 (100%), 735.40 (12%), calculated exact mass for  $C_{20}H_{43}B_{18}FeN_5O_8$ : 735.41

![](_page_63_Figure_0.jpeg)

Simulated spectrum of the molecular ion of 3-N-{[5-(7,8-dikarba-*nido*-undekaborane-10-yl)-3-oxa-pentoxy]-1N-1,2,3-triazole-4-yl}(4-propan-1-yl)thymidine (20), calculated exact mass for  $C_{21}H_{38}B_9N_5O_7$ : 571.36

![](_page_63_Figure_2.jpeg)

Fragment of the MS ESI spectrum of 3-*N*-{[5-(7,8-dikarba-*nido*-undekaborane-10-yl)-3oxa-pentoxy]-1*N*-1,2,3-triazole-4-yl}(4-propan-1-yl)thymidine (20) corresponding to molecular ion range, m/z [M+2H]<sup>-</sup>: 571.46 (100%), 573.36 (5%), calculated exact mass for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>38</sub>B<sub>9</sub>N<sub>5</sub>O<sub>7</sub>: 571.36

![](_page_64_Figure_0.jpeg)

 $\label{eq:simulated spectrum of the molecular ion of 3-N-\{\{5-[3-cobalt bis(1,2-dicarbollide)-8-yl]-3-oxa-pentoxy\}-1N-1,2,3-triazole-4-yl\}(4-propan-1-yl)thymidine (21), calculated exact mass for C_{23}H_{49}B_{18}CoN_5O_7:764.46$ 

![](_page_64_Figure_2.jpeg)

Fragment of the MS ESI spectrum of 3-*N*-{{5-[3-cobalt bis(1,2-dicarbollide)-8-yl]-3-oxapentoxy}-1*N*-1,2,3-triazole-4-yl}(4-propan-1-yl)thymidine (21), corresponding to molecular ion range, m/z (%):761.56 (100%), 764.58 (7%), calculated exact mass for C<sub>23</sub>H<sub>49</sub>B<sub>18</sub>CoN<sub>5</sub>O<sub>7</sub>: 764.46

![](_page_65_Figure_0.jpeg)

Simulated spectrum of the molecular ion of 3-*N*-{{5-[3-iron bis(1,2-dicarbollide)-8-yl]-3oxa-pentoxy}-1*N*-1,2,3-triazole-4-yl}(4-propan-1-yl)thymidine (22), calculated exact mass for C<sub>23</sub>H<sub>49</sub>B<sub>18</sub>FeN<sub>5</sub>O<sub>7</sub>: 761.47

![](_page_65_Figure_2.jpeg)

Fragment of the MS ESI spectrum of 3-*N*-{{5-[3-iron bis(1,2-dicarbollide)-8-yl]-3-oxapentoxy}-1*N*-1,2,3-triazole-4-yl}(4-propan-1-yl)thymidine (22) corresponding to molecular ion range, m/z (%):759.50 (100%), 761.44 (12%), calculated exact mass for C<sub>23</sub>H<sub>49</sub>B<sub>18</sub>FeN<sub>5</sub>O<sub>7</sub>: 761.47

![](_page_66_Figure_0.jpeg)

Simulated spectrum of the molecular ion of 3-N-{{5-[3-cobalt bis(1,2-dicarbollide)-8-yl]-3-oxa-pentoxy}methyl-(4-1,2,3-triazole-1N-yl}} (1-ethoxyethan-4-yl)thymidine (23), calculated exact mass for  $C_{25}H_{53}B_{18}CoN_5O_9$ : 824.49

![](_page_66_Figure_2.jpeg)

Fragment of the MS ESI spectrum of 3-N-{{5-[3-cobalt bis(1,2-dicarbollide)-8-yl]-3-oxapentoxy}methyl-(4-1,2,3-triazole-1N-yl}} (1-ethoxyethan-4-yl)thymidine (23), corresponding to molecular ion range, m/z (%): 821.52 (100%), 824.38 (10%) calculated exact mass for C<sub>25</sub>H<sub>53</sub>B<sub>18</sub>CoN<sub>5</sub>O<sub>9</sub>: 824.49

![](_page_67_Figure_0.jpeg)

Simulated spectrum of the molecular ion of 3-N-{{5-[3-cobalt bis(1,2-dicarbollide)-8-yl]-3-oxa-pentoxy}propyl-(4-1,2,3-triazole-1N-yl}} (1-ethoxyethan-4-yl)thymidine (24), calculated exact mass for  $C_{27}H_{57}B_{18}CoN_5O_9$ : 852.52

![](_page_67_Figure_2.jpeg)

 $\label{eq:starsest} Fragment of the MS ESI spectrum of 3-N-\{\{5-[3-cobalt bis(1,2-dicarbollide)-8-yl]-3-oxa-pentoxy\}propyl-(4-1,2,3-triazole-1N-yl\}\} (1-ethoxyethan-4-yl)thymidine (24) corresponding to molecular ion range, m/z (%): 850.48 (100%), 852.38 (12%), calculated exact mass for C_{27}H_{57}B_{18}CoN_5O_9: 852.52$