SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

Alternative activators in oxathiaphospholane (OTP) method to the solid phase synthesis of P-stereodefined phosphorothioate analogs

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1. General 'solid phase' synthesis of dinucleotides



In the column 5'-O-DMT nucleoside unit (1 mmol load) anchored to the LCA CPG support was detritylated with a 3% solution of DCA (dichloroacetic acid) in methylene chloride, washed with 5 mL of dry acetonitrile followed by 5 mL of dry methylene chloride and dried under high vacuum. For the coupling step, a solution of a suitable oxathiaphospholane monomer 1 (20 μ mol) and activator (50 µmol) in dry acetonitrile (150 µL) was prepared and instantly introduced into the column (Picture A). After 15 minutes of intensive swirling the column (Picture B) was washed with dry acetonitrile (5 mL) and dry methylene chloride (5 mL). Unreacted 5'-hydroxyl groups were capped using the standard DMAP-Ac₂O-pyridine solution in THF (Picture C), washed with 5 mL of dry acetonitrile followed by 5 mL of dry methylene chloride and dried under high vacuum. Then the column containing the dimer was detritylated with a 3% solution of DCA in methylene chloride, washed with 5 mL of dry acetonitrile followed by 5 mL of dry methylene chloride and dried under high vacuum. The coupling efficiency is controlled by measuring the absorbance at 504 nm coming from the released DMT⁺ cation (Picture D). In the case of synthesis longer oligomer, a solution of the next oxathiaphospholane monomer 1 (20 µmol) and activator (50 µmol) in dry acetonitrile (150 μL) was prepared and introduced into the column. When the synthesis was complete, the dimer was cleaved from the support under standard conditions (25% NH₄OH, 2h). The sample was concentrated under reduced pressure in a Speed-Vac concentrator.

| Detailed procedure | | | | | | | | | |
|--------------------|-----------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--|--|--|--|--|--|
| | 1 M DBU | 3 M TBD | 2M Verkade | | | | | | |
| Solution (stock) | 40μL DBU + 210 μL | 104mg TBD + 250 | 108mg Verkade + | | | | | | |
| | CH₃CN | μL CH₃CN | 250 μL CH₃CN | | | | | | |
| One | 50μL + 100μL CH₃CN | 50µL + 100µL | 50µL + 100µL CH₃CN | | | | | | |
| condensation: | (50µmols stock of DBU | CH₃CN | (100µmols stock of | | | | | | |
| 20mg of monomer | were used) | (150µmols stock of | Verkade were used) | | | | | | |
| were dissolved in: | | TBD were used) | | | | | | | |

Loading of the support with the respective nucleoside as determined by trityl assay: CPG-sarcosinyl-dT: 35.0 μ mol/g. The coupling reactions were performed at the 1 μ mol scale (in all experiments thymidine was attached to the support) using ~25-fold molar excess of each OTP monomer and 50-, 150- and 100-fold excess of DBU (1M), TBD (3M) and Verkade (2M), respectively.







Figure S1. Structures of the studied compounds **1a-1e**, their molecular weight and numbers of µmols



Figure S2. ³¹P NMR spectrum of crude reaction mixture of mU-OTP formation (**1e**) (analysis performed in non-deuterium solvent).



Figure S3. ³¹P NMR spectrum of purified *m*U-OTP (1e) (analysis performed in non-deuterium solvent).



| Figure S4. | Overlaid VIS spectra for r | neasurement of the DM ⁻ | T ⁺ cation absorption (| λmax=504 nm) |
|-------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|----------------|
| after conse | ecutive detritylation steps | during the coupling of | 1a in the presence of | f 1M DBU (at 1 |
| µmole scale | e) | | | |



| No. | File Name | Sample Name | C | Date | Peak 1 | Peak Vakue 1 |
|-----|-----------|-------------|---|------------------|--------|--------------|
| 6 | 1a_0t.jws | | | 2023/12/08 13:39 | 503.6 | 1.62487 |
| 8 | 1a_T.jws | | | 2023/12/08 13:41 | 503.4 | 1.51065 |
| | | | | | | |
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Figure S5. Overlaid VIS spectra for measurement of the DMT⁺ cation absorption (λ max=504 nm) after consecutive detritylation steps during the coupling of **1a** in the presence of 3M TBD (at 1 μ mole scale).



| No. | File Name | Sample Name | C | Date | Peak 1 | Peak Vakue 1 |
|-----|-----------|-------------|---|------------------|--------|--------------|
| 3 | 1a_0v.jws | | | 2023/12/08 13:45 | 503.8 | 1.58746 |
| 5 | 1a_V.jws | | | 2023/12/08 13:46 | 503.8 | 1.47227 |
| | | | | | | |

Figure S6. Overlaid VIS spectra for measurement of the DMT⁺ cation absorption (λ max=504 nm) after consecutive detritylation steps during the coupling of **1a** in the presence of 2M Verkade base (at 1 μ mole scale)



| No. | File Name | Sample Name | C | Date | Peak 1 | Peak Vakue 1 |
|-----|-----------|-------------|---|------------------|--------|--------------|
| 1 | 1b_0d.jws | | | 2023/12/09 08:57 | 503.6 | 1.59326 |
| 2 | 1b_D.jws | | | 2023/12/09 09:00 | 503.6 | 1.39918 |

Figure S7. Overlaid VIS spectra for measurement of the DMT⁺ cation absorption (λ max=504 nm) after consecutive detritylation steps during the coupling of **1b** in the presence of 1M DBU (at 1 μ mole scale)



| No. | File Name | Sample Nar | C | Date | Peak 1 | Peak Vakue 1 |
|-----|-----------|------------|---|------------|--------|--------------|
| 1 | 1b_T0.jws | | | 2023/12/20 | 503.6 | 1.53388 |
| 2 | 1b_T.jws | | | 2023/12/20 | 503.4 | 1.31152 |

Figure S8. Overlaid VIS spectra for measurement of the DMT⁺ cation absorption (λ max=504 nm) after consecutive detritylation steps during the coupling of **1b** in the presence of 3M TBD (at 1 μ mole scale).



| No. | File Name | Sample Name | C | Date | Peak 1 | Peak Vakue 1 |
|-----|-----------|-------------|---|------------------|--------|--------------|
| 1 | 1b_0v.jws | | | 2023/12/08 13:53 | 504 | 1.59624 |
| 2 | 1b_V.jws | | | 2023/12/08 13:57 | 503.4 | 1.36894 |

Figure S9. Overlaid VIS spectra for measurement of the DMT⁺ cation absorption (λ max=504 nm) after consecutive detritylation steps during the coupling of **1b** in the presence of 2M Verkade base (at 1 μ mole scale).



| No. | File Name | Sample Name | C | Date | Peak 1 | Peak Vakue 1 |
|-----|-----------|-------------|---|------------------|--------|--------------|
| 1 | 1c_0d.jws | | | 2023/12/09 08:42 | 503.2 | 1.65346 |
| 2 | 1c_D.jws | | | 2023/12/09 08:46 | 503.6 | 1.39126 |

Figure S10. Overlaid VIS spectra for measurement of the DMT⁺ cation absorption (λ max=504 nm) after consecutive detritylation steps during the coupling of **1c** in the presence of 1M DBU (at 1 μ mole scale)



| No. | File Name | Sample Name | C | Date | Peak 1 | Peak Vakue 1 |
|-----|-----------|-------------|---|------------------|--------|--------------|
| 1 | 1c_0t.jws | | | 2023/12/09 09:08 | 503.8 | 1.66291 |
| 2 | 1c T.jws | | | 2023/12/09 09:12 | 503.8 | 1.42606 |

Figure S11. Overlaid VIS spectra for measurement of the DMT⁺ cation absorption (λ max=504 nm) after consecutive detritylation steps during the coupling of **1c** in the presence of 3M TBD (at 1 μ mole scale).



| No. | File Name | Sample Name | Co | Date | Peak 1 | Peak Vakue 1 |
|-----|-----------|-------------|----|------------------|--------|--------------|
| 1 | 1c_0v.jws | | | 2023/12/09 09:16 | 504 | 1.64392 |
| 2 | 1c_V.jws | | | 2023/12/09 09:20 | 503.8 | 1.36074 |

Figure S12. Overlaid VIS spectra for measurement of the DMT⁺ cation absorption (λ max=504 nm) after consecutive detritylation steps during the coupling of **1c** in the presence of 2M Verkade base (at 1 μ mole scale).



| No. | File Name | Sample Name | C | Date | Peak 1 | Peak Vakue 1 |
|-----|-----------|-------------|---|------------------|--------|--------------|
| 1 | 1d_0d.jws | | | 2023/12/09 08:50 | 503.2 | 1.62854 |
| 2 | 1d_D.jws | | | 2023/12/09 08:51 | 504 | 1.48035 |

Figure S13. Overlaid VIS spectra for measurement of the DMT⁺ cation absorption (λ max=504 nm) after consecutive detritylation steps during the coupling of **1d** in the presence of 1M DBU (at 1 μ mole scale)



| No. | File Name | Sample Name | C | Date | Peak 1 | Peak Vakue 1 |
|-----|-----------|-------------|---|------------------|--------|--------------|
| 1 | 1d_0t.jws | | | 2023/12/08 14:00 | 503.8 | 1.64399 |
| 2 | 1d_T.jws | | | 2023/12/08 14:02 | 504.2 | 1.51922 |

Figure S14. Overlaid VIS spectra for measurement of the DMT⁺ cation absorption (λ max=504 nm) after consecutive detritylation steps during the coupling of **1d** in the presence of 3M TBD (at 1 μ mole scale).



| No. | File Name | Sample Name | C | Date | Peak 1 | Peak Vakue 1 |
|-----|-----------|-------------|---|------------------|--------|--------------|
| 1 | 1d_0v.jws | | | 2023/12/08 14:09 | 503.6 | 1.69721 |
| 2 | 1d_V.jws | | | 2023/12/08 14:12 | 503.8 | 1.55512 |

Figure S15. Overlaid VIS spectra for measurement of the DMT⁺ cation absorption (λ max=504 nm) after consecutive detritylation steps during the coupling of **1d** in the presence of 2M Verkade base (at 1 μ mole scale).

| | | DBU.jws | | |
|---|---|------------------------|-----|-------------------------|
| 1.5 | | | | |
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| Abs | | | | |
| 0.5- | | | // | |
| | | | | |
| 0 450 460 | 480 | 500 Wavelength [nm] | 520 | 540 550 |
| [Comments] Sample name Comment User Division Company | CBMIM PAN | | | trity[_2.jws DBU.jws |
| [Detailed Information] Creation date Date modified | 11.01.2023 14:27 01.08.2023 12:09 | | | |
| Data array type Horizontal axis Vertical axis Start End Data interval Data points | Linear data array Wavelength [nm] Abs 550 nm 450 nm 0.5 nm 201 | | | |
| [Measurement Informatio Instrument name Model name Serial No. | n] V-770 V-770 D070961801 | | | |
| Accessory Accessory S/N Temperature Control sensor Monitor sensor | PAC-743R C014361221 43254.43 C Holder Holder | | | |
| Measurement date | 11.01.2023 14:27 | | | |
| Photometric mode Measurement range Data interval UV/Vis bandwidth NIR bandwidth UV/Vis response NIR response Scan mode | Abs 550 - 450 nm 0.5 nm 2.0 nm 8.0 nm 0.06 sec 0.06 sec Continuous | | | |

| No. | File Name | Sample Name | Comment | Date | Peak 1 |
|-----|--------------|-------------|---------|-----------------|--------|
| 1 | trityl_2.jws | | | 2023/01/11 14:2 | 503.5 |
| 2 | DBU.jws | | | 2023/01/11 14:2 | 503.5 |

| No. | Peak Vakue 1 |
|-----|--------------|
| 1 | 1.45763 |
| 2 | 0.89423 |

Figure S16. Overlaid VIS spectra for measurement of the DMT⁺ cation absorption (λ max=504 nm) after consecutive detritylation steps during the coupling of **1e** in the presence of 1M DBU (at 1 μ mole scale)

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| [Comments] Sample name Comment User | trity_1,jws ——— TBD.jws |
| Division Company | CBMiM PAN |
| [Detailed Information] Creation date Date modified | 01.08.2023 11:58 01.08.2023 12:19 |
| Data array type Horizontal axis Vertical axis Start End Data interval Data points | Linear data array Wavelength [nm] Abs 550 nm 450 nm 0.2 nm 501 |
| [Measurement Informatic Instrument name Model name Serial No. | vn] V-770 V-770 D070961801 |
| Accessory Accessory S/N Temperature Control sensor Monitor sensor Start mode | PAC-743R C014361221 43254.43 C Holder Holder Keep +/-0.10 C of the target temperature for 5 seconds |
| Measurement date | 01.08.2023 11:58 |
| Parameter file Photometric mode Measurement range Data interval UV/Vis bandwidth | C:\Users\CBMiM PAN\Desktop\KJastrzebska\trityls\trityl.uvsp Abs 550 - 450 nm 0.2 nm 0.5 nm |

| No. | File Name | Sample Name | Co | Date | Peak 1 | Peak Vakue 1 |
|-----|--------------|-------------|----|------------------|--------|--------------|
| 1 | trityl_1.jws | | | 2023/08/01 11:56 | 503.8 | 1.63857 |
| 2 | TBD.jws | | | 2023/08/01 11:58 | 504.2 | 1.52392 |

Figure S17. Overlaid VIS spectra for measurement of the DMT⁺ cation absorption (λ max=504 nm) after consecutive detritylation steps during the coupling of **1e** in the presence of 3M TBD (at 1 μ mole scale).

| | | | VerkadeBase.j | WS | | |
|---|--|---|------------------|-----------|--------|----------------------------------|
| | 1.6 | | | | | |
| Abs | 1- - 0.5- | | | | | |
| | 0 | | | | | |
| | 450 460 | 480 | 500 Wavelengt | n [nm] | 520 | 540 550 |
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| No. | File Name | Sample Name | Comment | Date | Peak 1 | |
| 1 | trityl.jws | | | 2023/01/1 | 503.5 | |
| 2 | VerkadeBase. | JW | | 2023/01/1 | 503.5 | |
| No. | Peak Vakue 1 | | | | | |

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1.50311 1.42448

Figure S18. Overlaid VIS spectra for measurement of the DMT⁺ cation absorption (λ max=504 nm) after consecutive detritylation steps during the coupling of **1e** in the presence of 2M Verkade base (at 1 μ mole scale).

tbd 4th cpl.jws



Figure S19. Overlaid VIS spectra for measurement of the DMT⁺ cation absorption (λ max=504 nm) after consecutive detritylation steps during the coupling of **1a** in the presence of 3M TBD base (at 1 µmole scale).

verkade_4th cpl.jws



Figure S20. Overlaid VIS spectra for measurement of the DMT⁺ cation absorption (λ max=504 nm) after consecutive detritylation steps during the couplings of **1a** in the presence of 2M Verkade base (at 1 µmole scale).



Figure S21. HPLC profiles recorded for P-stereodefined dinucleotides formed from OTP **1a** (*fast*-eluting P-diastereomer) in the presence of DBU (black line), TBD (green line) and Verkade base (pink line) and dinucleotide formed from OTP **1a** (mixture of P-diastereomers) in the presence of DBU (blue line).

LabSolutions Analysis Report

<Sample Information>

| Sample Name Sample ID | KJ-dm_f_DBU | | | |
|--------------------------|------------------------|--------------|-------------|--|
| Data Filename | : KJ-dm f DBU.lcd | | | |
| Method Filename | : KJ-dimer_OFF.lcm | | | |
| Batch Filename | 1 | | | |
| Vial # | : -1 | Sample Type | : Unknown | |
| Injection Volume | : 100 uL | | | |
| Date Acquired | : 2/1/2024 11:18:11 AM | Acquired by | : Sterownik | |
| Date Processed | : 2/1/2024 11:50:12 AM | Processed by | : Sterownik | |
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Figure S22. HPLC profile recorded for P-stereodefined dinucleotide formed from OTP **1a** (*fast*-eluting P-diastereomer) in the presence of DBU



Figure S23. HPLC profile recorded for P-stereodefined dinucleotide formed from OTP **1a** (*fast*-eluting P-diastereomer) in the presence of TBD



Figure S24. HPLC profile recorded for P-stereodefined dinucleotide formed from OTP **1a** (*fast*-eluting P-diastereomer) in the presence of Verkade base



Figure S25. HPLC profile recorded for dinucleotide formed from OTP **1a** (mixture of P-diastereomers) in the presence of DBU