

Design, Spectral Characteristics, and Possibilities for Practical Application of BODIPY FL-Labeled Monoterpenoid

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Abstract

This article describes the design and biological properties of a BODIPY FL-labeled monoterpenoid BF2-meso-(4-((1^R)⁻6[,],6^{''}-dimethylbicyclo[3.1.1]hept-2⁻ene-2^{''})yl-methoxycarbon-1propyl)-3,3[,]5,5[']-tetramethyl-2,2[']-dipyrromethene conjugate (BODIPYmyrt). The fluorophore was characterized using X-ray, NMR, MS, and UV/vis spectroscopy. The conjugate exhibits a high quantum yield (to ~100%) in the region 515-518 nm. BODIPYmyrt effectively penetrates the membranes of the bacterial and fungal cells and therefore can be used to examine the features of a broad spectrum of Gram-positive and Gram-negative bacteria and pathogenic fungi as well. Moreover, BODIPYmyrt exhibits a moderate tropism to the subcellular structures in mammalian cells (e.g., mitochondria), thereby providing an attractive scaffold for fluorophores to examine these particular organelles.

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Keywords

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