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#### (54) OLIGO- OR POLYNUCLEOTIDES COMPRISING PHOSPHATE-MOIETY LABELED NUCLEOTIDES

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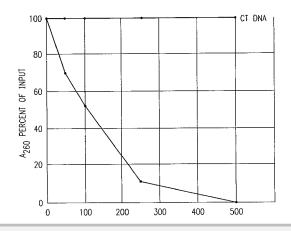
#### (57) ABSTRACT

The present invention provides a nucleotide having the formula,

Sig-PM-SM-BASE

wherein PM is a phosphate moiety, SM is a sugar moiety and BASE is a pyrimidine, purine or 7-deazapurine moiety. PM is attached to the 3' or the 5' position of the sugar moiety when the nucleotide is a deoxyribonucleotide and at the 2', 3' or 5' position when the nucleotide is a ribonucleotide. BASE is attached to the 1' position of SM from the N<sup>1</sup> position when BASE is a pyrmidine or the N<sup>9</sup> position when BASE is a purine or 7-deazapurine. Sig is covalently attached to PM directly or via a chemical linkage, and represents a detectable moiety covalently attached to SM directly or through a linkage group. Also provided are an oligo- or polynucleotide comprising at least one such phosphate-moiety labeled nucleotide, and other compositions including those wherein a polypeptide is terminally ligated or attached to the oligo- or polynucleotide. The phosphatemoiety labeled nucleotide, and the oligo- or polynucleotides and other compositions comprising such phosphate-moiety labeled nucleotides, are useful as diagnostic tools for detecting analytes and as therapeutic agents.

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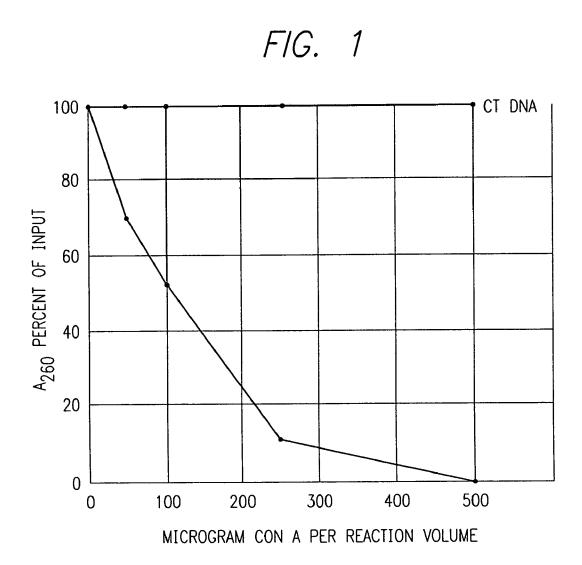


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