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Encoded Information in DNA Sequences

Structural information

- Geometrically shaped
- 2D and 3D structures
- G-quadruplexes

Functional information

- Sequence-specific hybridization
- Sequence-specific binding of proteins
- Sequence instructive replication, scission, nicking
- Sequence-controlled binding: aptamers
- Sequence-regulated catalysis (DNAzymes, Ribozymes)

Polycatenated DNA



AFM Images



Polycatenated DNA-Thrombin Fluorescent Wire





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Hg²⁺ Detection by a DNA Machine



Sensitivity



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