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ATTO Dyes are a series of fluorescent labels and dyes manufactured by ATTO-TEC GmbH in Siegen, Germany. The ATTO Dye series covers a spectral range from 390 nm in the UV to 740 nm in the near infrared allowing excitation with most commonly used light sources. The dyes typically are derivatives of coumarins, rhodamines, carbopyronins and oxazines. Compared with other labels especially for the red region of the spectrum, ATTO-labels show excellent photostability and brightness. Atto labels have rigid structures that do not show any cis-trans isomerization. Thus these labels display exceptional intensity with minimal spectral shift on conjugation. The molecules of most common dyes, e.g. cyanines, have a more or less flexible structure. Hence their solutions contain a mixture of several isomers with varying properties. Since the equilibrium between the isomers depends on temperature and other environmental factors, absorption and fluorescence of such dyes are ill-defined. ATTO-dyes have a molecular structure that ensures high rigidity of the chromophore. They do not form equilibria with various isomers, their optical properties are nearly independent of solvent and temperature. ATTO 647N fluoresces twice as strong as Cy5 in aqueous solution. In addition many common fluorescent labels especially cyanine dyes like Cy5 deteriorate even without any irradiation (in the dark), in particular when exposed to small concentrations of ozone present in the laboratory atmosphere. Under identical conditions of ozone exposure the new dyes ATTO 633, ATTO 647N and ATTO 655 last up to 100 times longer than cyanines like Cy5 and Alexa Fluor 647. This is very important in microarray applications, where the dye molecules are located at the surface and thus are in direct contact with the atmosphere.