## **Supporting Information**

# A two-photon fluorescent probe for detecting endogenous hypochlorite in living cells

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#### 1 Spectroscopic Properties of HQ and HQ+ClO-



**Fig. S1** UV/vis spectra of **HQ** (20  $\mu$ M) titrated with ClO<sup>-</sup> (0-120 $\mu$ M) in pH 7.4 PBS/DMSO (1:9, v/v). The arrows indicate the changes in the absorption intensities with the increased ClO<sup>-</sup> concentration.

#### 2 Calibration curve for ClO-



**Fig. S2** Calibration curve for ClO<sup>-</sup>. Working conditions: pH 7.4 PBS/DMSO (1:9, v/v,λex = 370 nm)., Reaction time : 15 min.



**Fig.S3 (a)** Emission spectra of compound **2** (20  $\mu$ M) in the presence of ClO<sup>-</sup> (120  $\mu$ M) in pH 7.4 PBS/DMSO (1:9, v/v,  $\lambda_{ex} = 370$  nm). **(b)** Emission spectra of **Compound 3** (20  $\mu$ M) in the presence of ClO<sup>-</sup> (120  $\mu$ M) in pH 7.4 PBS/DMSO (1:9, v/v,  $\lambda_{ex} = 370$  nm).

#### 4 The IR spectra of HQ and HQ+ClO-



**Fig. S4** The IR spectra of **HQ** and **HQ+CIO**<sup>-</sup> in KBr tablet. Black line represent the IR spectra of **HQ**. Red line represent the IR spectra of **HQ+CIO**<sup>-</sup>.

#### 3 Spectroscopic Properties of compound 2 and 3

#### **5** Competitive experiments



**Fig. S5** Fluorescence intensity( $I_{495nm}$ ) of **HQ** to various ions (1-23: ClO<sup>-</sup>, Na<sup>+</sup>, Cu<sup>2+</sup>, Co<sup>2+</sup>, Ba<sup>2+</sup>, Cd<sup>2+</sup>, Pb<sup>2+</sup>, Hg<sup>2+</sup>, Zn<sup>2+</sup>, Cl<sup>-</sup>, Br<sup>-</sup>, I<sup>-</sup>, ClO<sub>4</sub><sup>-</sup>, SO<sub>4</sub><sup>2-</sup>, SO<sub>3</sub><sup>2-</sup>, NO<sub>2</sub><sup>-</sup>, NO<sub>3</sub><sup>-</sup>, NO<sup>-</sup>, <sup>1</sup>O<sub>2</sub>, t-BuOOH, •OH, H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>) in pH 7.4 PBS/DMSO (1:9, v/v,  $\lambda_{ex} = 370$  nm). The black bars represent the emission of HQ in the presence of 6 equiv of various ions to **HQ**. The red bars represent the emission that occurs upon subsequent addition of ClO<sup>-</sup> (120 µM) to the solution ( $\lambda_{ex} = 370$  nm).

#### 6 Effect of pH on the Fluorescence Intensity



**Fig. S6**.  $F_{495nm}$  of **HQ** and **HQ**+ClO<sup>-</sup> at various pH values in pH PBS/DMSO (1:9, v/v,  $\lambda_{ex} = 370$  nm). Each spectrum was recorded after 15 min.



### 7 MALDI-TOF MS spectrum of compound 2, 3 and HQ

Fig. S7. MALDI-TOF MS spectrum of compound 2 (DCTB as matrix).



Fig. S8. MALDI-TOF MS spectrum of compound 3 (DCTB as matrix).



Fig. S9. MALDI-TOF MS spectrum of HQ (DCTB as matrix).

## 8 NMR spectra



Fig. S11 <sup>13</sup>C NMR of compound 1 in CDCl<sub>3</sub>



Fig. S13 <sup>13</sup>C NMR of compound 2 in DMSO











Fig. S16<sup>1</sup>H NMR of compound HQ in DMSO



Fig. S17 <sup>13</sup>C NMR of compound HQ in DMSO