

## Electronic Supplementary Information

### A novel “turn-on” fluorogenic probe for sensing hypochlorous acid based on BODIPY

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## Synthesis of BODIPY and BODIPY-AL

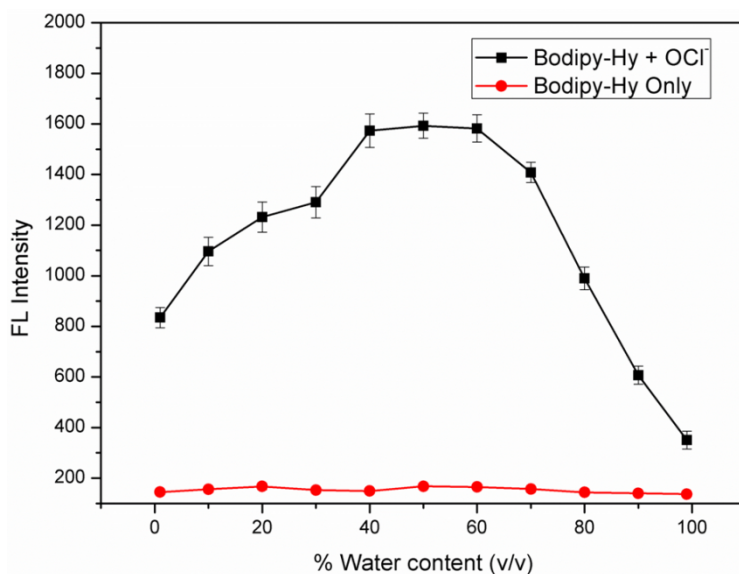
BODIPY was synthesized according to the literature procedure<sup>1</sup>. BODIPY-AL was synthesized from BODIPY by using well known Vismeyer Haack's formylation reaction<sup>2</sup>.

**BODIPY:** The mixed solution of 2,4-dimethylpyrrole (19.0 mmol, 2mL), benzoyl chloride (9.5 mmol, 1.15 mL) and DCM (50 mL) was stirred overnight at room temperature under N<sub>2</sub> atmosphere. Then triethylamine (10 mL) was added drop-by-drop in ice water bath. After stirred about 30 min under N<sub>2</sub> atmosphere, drop-by-drop addition of boron fluoride ethyl ether (10 mL) was begun. The mixture was stirred overnight again at room temperature under N<sub>2</sub> atmosphere. The organic phase was washed with saturated NaHCO<sub>3</sub> solution (100 mL), and then washed with water for three times and dried with anhydrous sodium sulfate. The product was purified by column chromatography (petroleum ether-dichloromethane, v:v, 5:1) to give a orange solid (1.2 g, 38%).

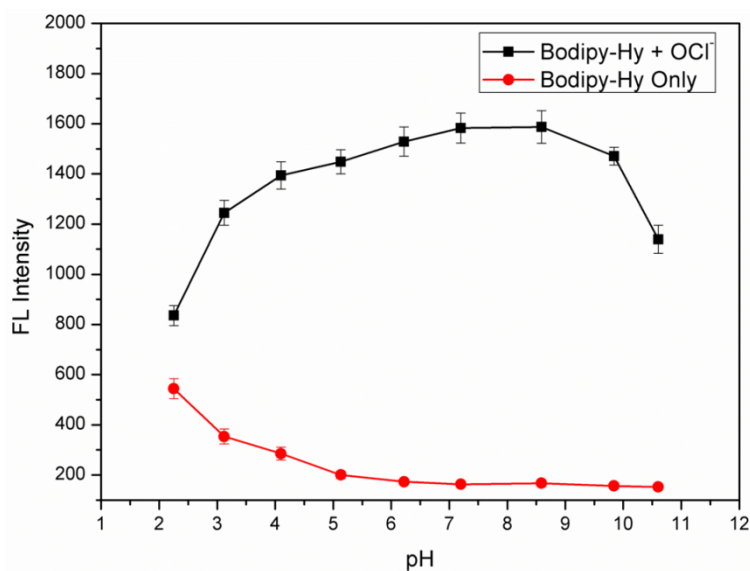
**BODIPY-AL:** To a 100 mL round-bottomed flask, POCl<sub>3</sub> (3 mL) was added in a solution of DMF (3 mL) in ice water bath under N<sub>2</sub> atmosphere. After stirred about 30 min, viscid liquid with yellow was appeared. When the temperature rise to 50 °C, drop-by-drop addition of 30 mL DCE solution of BODIPY (3.1 mmol, 1 g) was begun. The mixture was stirred for 8 h at 55 °C under N<sub>2</sub> atmosphere. Following the completion of the reaction, saturated NaHCO<sub>3</sub> solution (200 mL) was added in ice water bath, then stirred for 30 min. The organic phase was washed with 100 mL water for three times and dried with anhydrous sodium sulfate. The product was purified by column chromatography (dichloromethane-methanol, v:v, 10:1) to give a orange solid (0.9 g, 81%).

## Reference

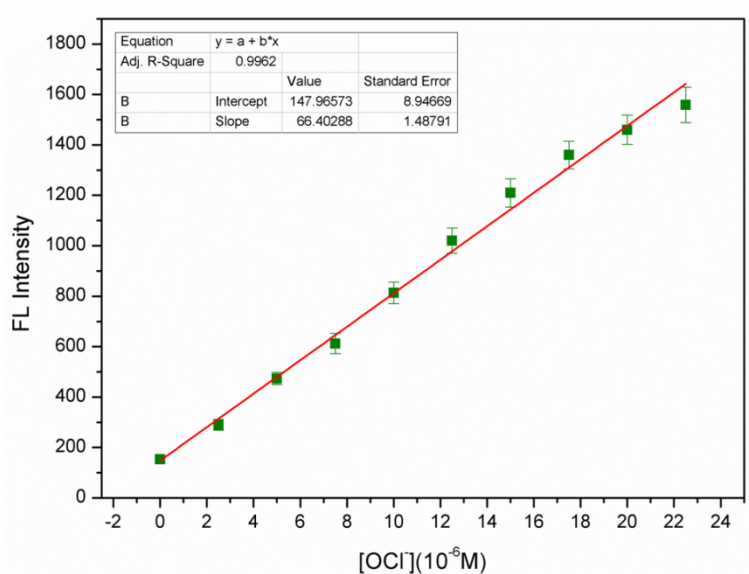
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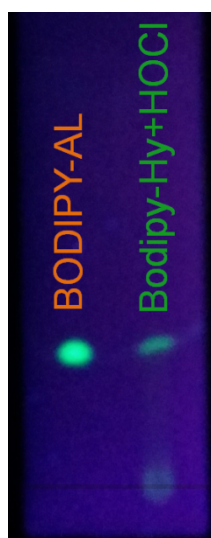
**Fig. S1.** Effect of fraction of water on the interaction of Bodipy-Hy (10  $\mu\text{M}$ ) with HOCl (200  $\mu\text{M}$ , 20 equiv.) in 0.1 M phosphate buffer-ethanol (pH 7.20) solution ( $\lambda_{\text{ex}}=465$  nm,  $\lambda_{\text{em}}=510$  nm at 25  $^{\circ}\text{C}$ ).



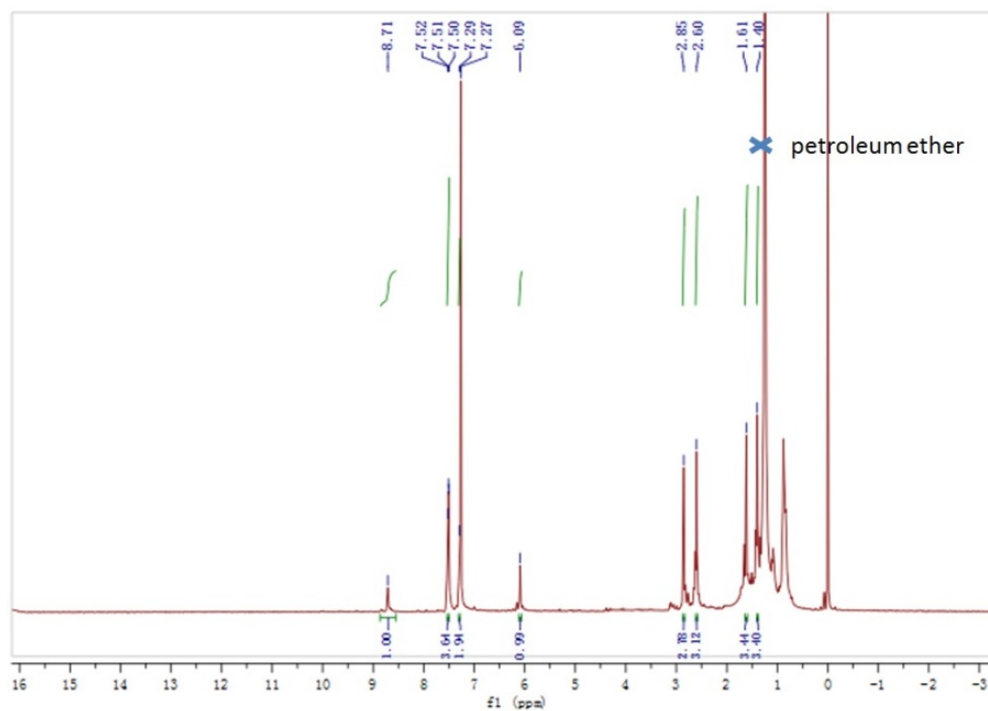
**Fig. S2.** Effect of pH on the interaction of Bodipy-Hy (10  $\mu\text{M}$ ) with HOCl (200  $\mu\text{M}$ , 20 equiv.) in 0.1 M phosphate buffer-ethanol (v/v, 1:1) solution ( $\lambda_{\text{ex}}=465$  nm,  $\lambda_{\text{em}}=510$  nm at 25  $^{\circ}\text{C}$ )



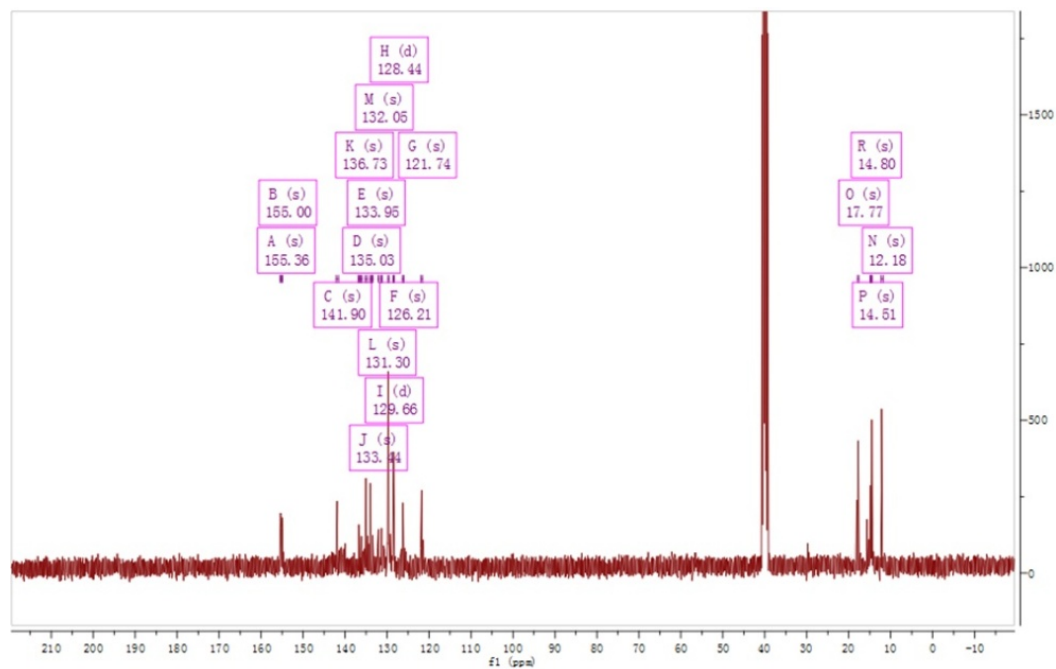
**Fig. S3.** Fluorescence intensity changes of Bodipy-Hy (10  $\mu\text{M}$ ) against HOCl concentration from 0 to 22.5  $\mu\text{M}$  in 0.1 M phosphate buffer-ethanol (pH 7.20, v/v, 1:1) solution ( $\lambda_{\text{ex}}=465$  nm,  $\lambda_{\text{em}}=510$  nm at 25  $^{\circ}\text{C}$ )



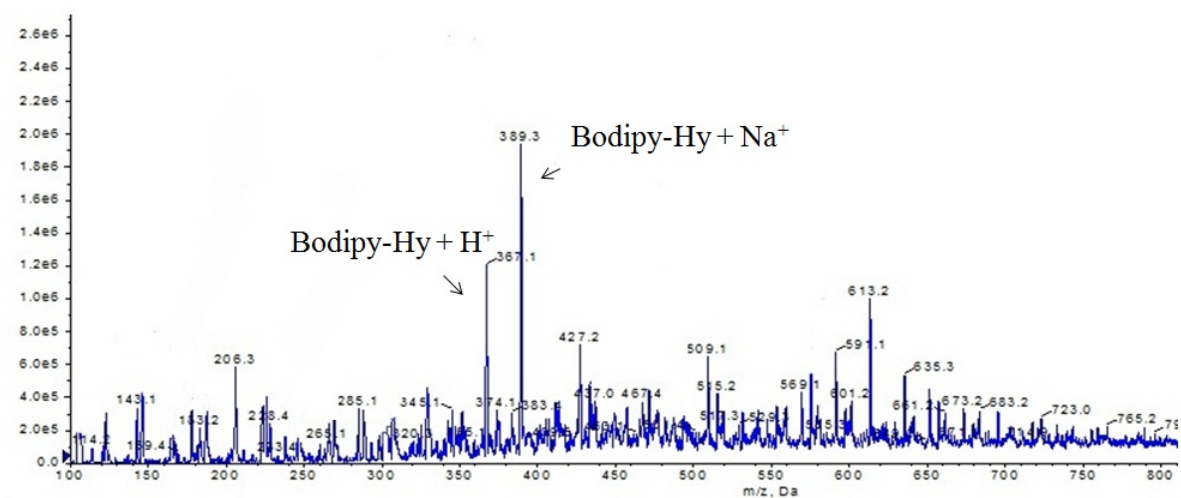
**Fig. S4.** TLC image of the reaction of Bodipy-Hy with HOCl (100/50/1, v/v/v, dichloromethane/petroleum ether/ triethylamine).



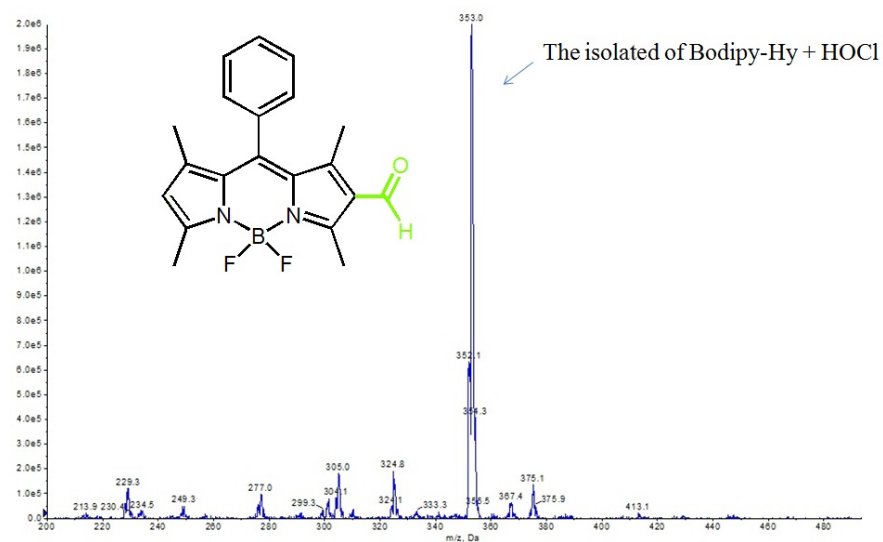
**Fig. S5.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR of Bodipy-Hy. ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ )



**Fig. S6.**  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR of Bodipy-Hy. ( $\text{DMSO-d}_6$ )



**Fig. S7.** Mass spectrometry of Bodipy-Hy



**Figure S8.** Mass spectrometry of isolated Bodipy-Hy + HOCl