

## Supporting Information

For

### A turn-on fluorescent probe for hydrogen sulfide and its application in living cells

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#### Supplementary figures and text:

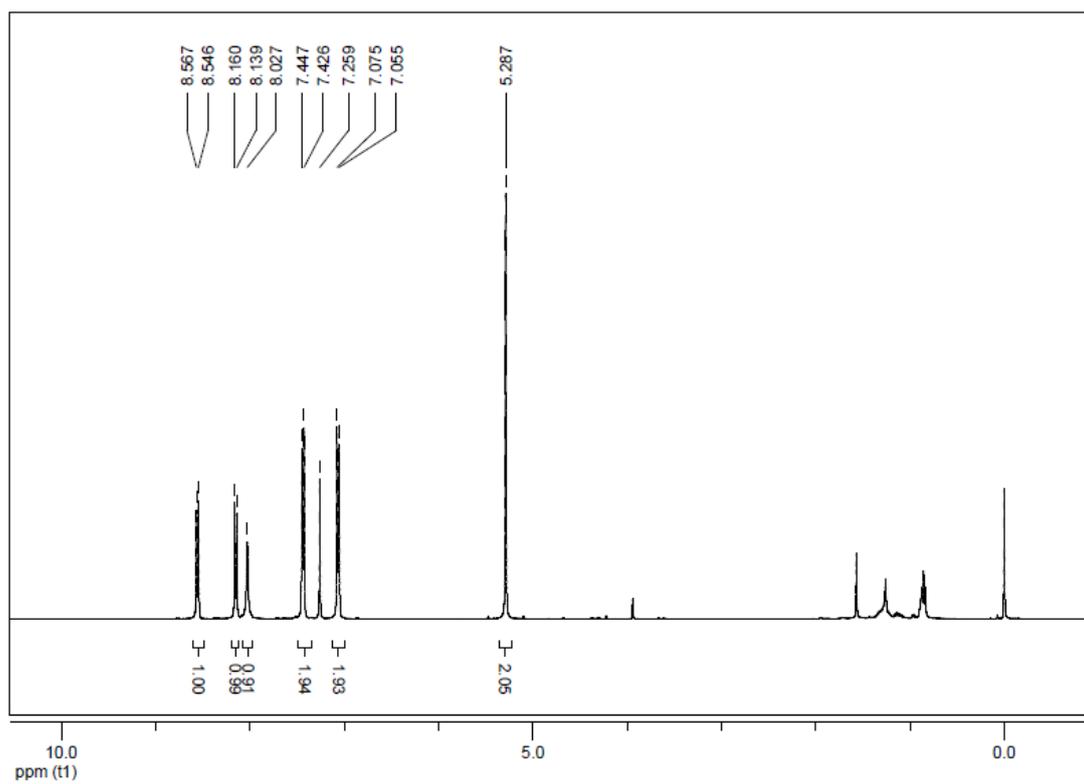
**Supplementary Figure S1-S3.** NMR spectra of synthesized compounds.

**Supplementary Figure S4.** IR spectra of probe **1**.

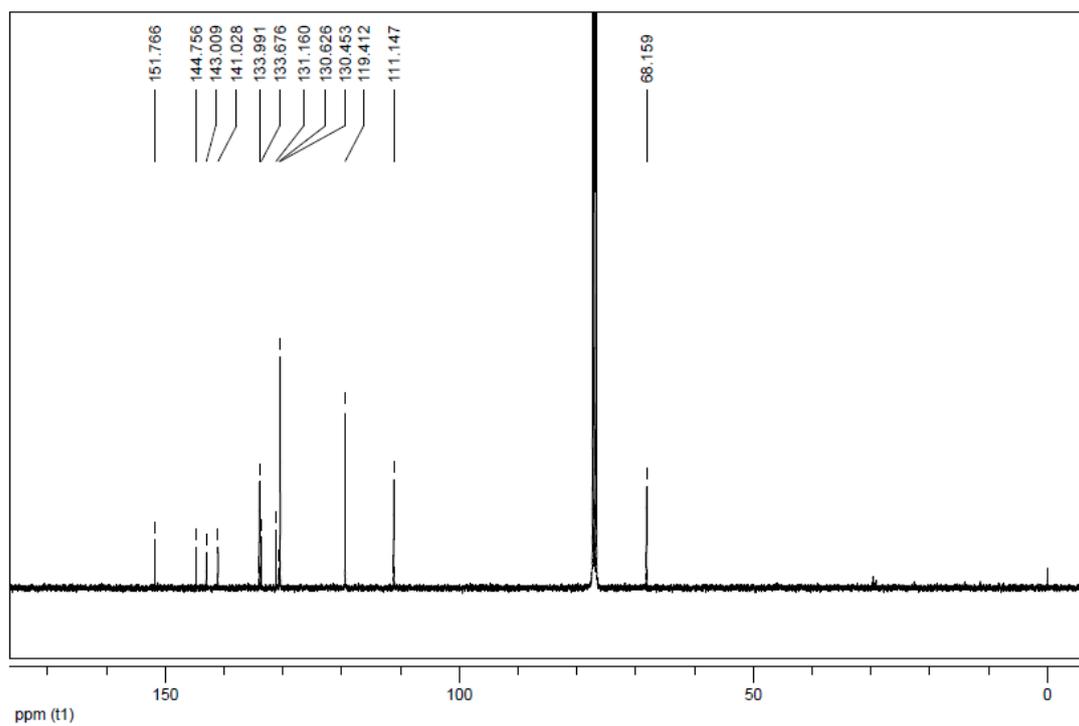
**Supplementary Figure S5.** Fluorescence spectra of **1** in the presence of H<sub>2</sub>S and NBD-NH<sub>2</sub>.

**Supplementary Figure S6.** Cell viability of probe **1** (5 μ M) at different times in HT-29 cells.

**Supplementary Figure S7.** Images of HT-29 cells incubated with DAPI.



**Figure S1.** <sup>1</sup>H-NMR spectra of compound **1** in CDCl<sub>3</sub>.



**Figure S2.** <sup>13</sup>C-NMR spectra of compound **1** in CDCl<sub>3</sub>.

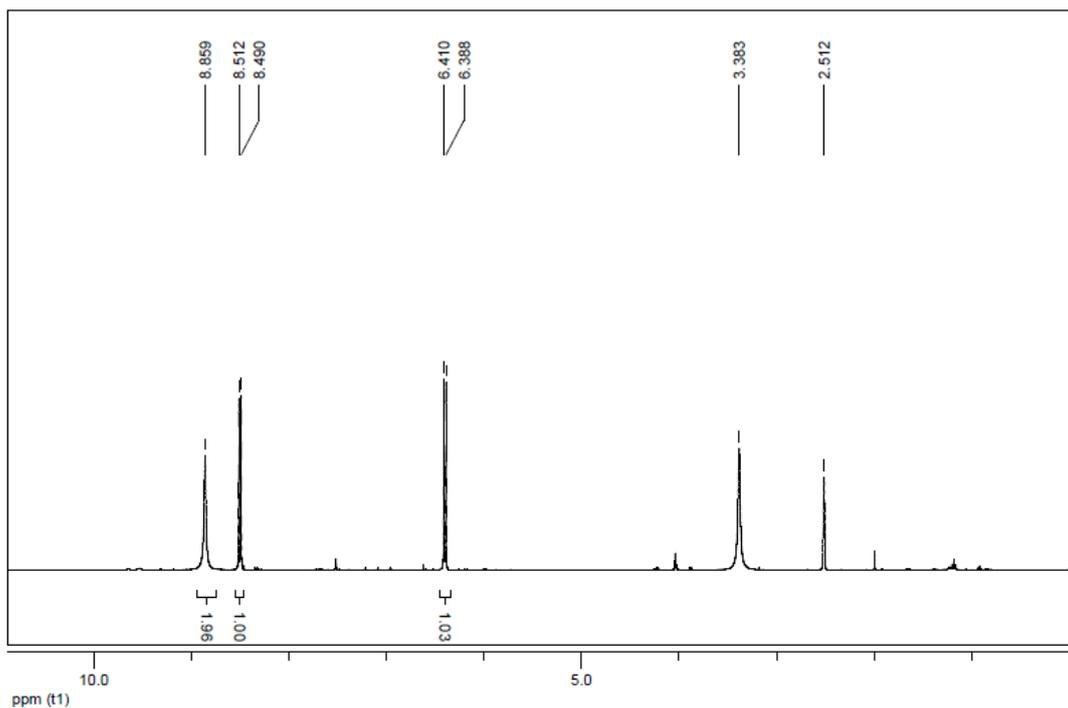


Figure S3. <sup>1</sup>H-NMR spectra of compound 3 in DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>.

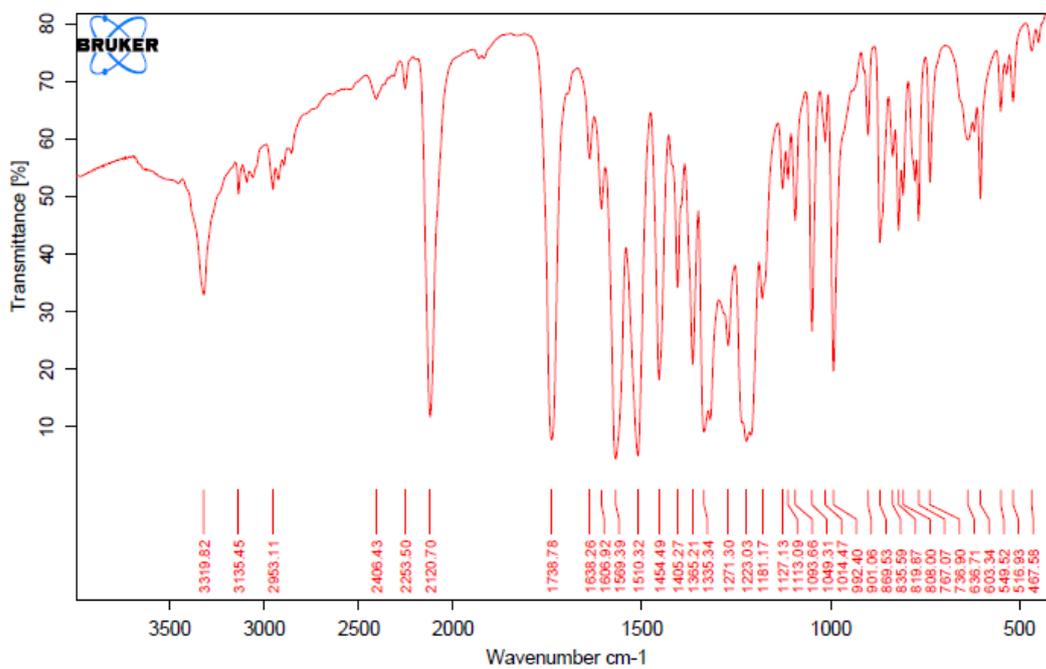
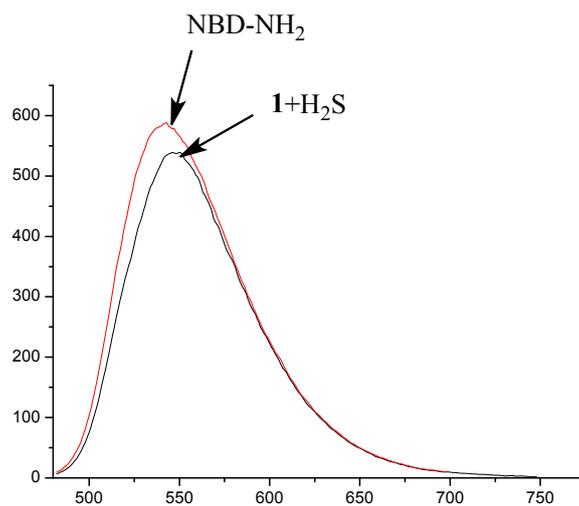
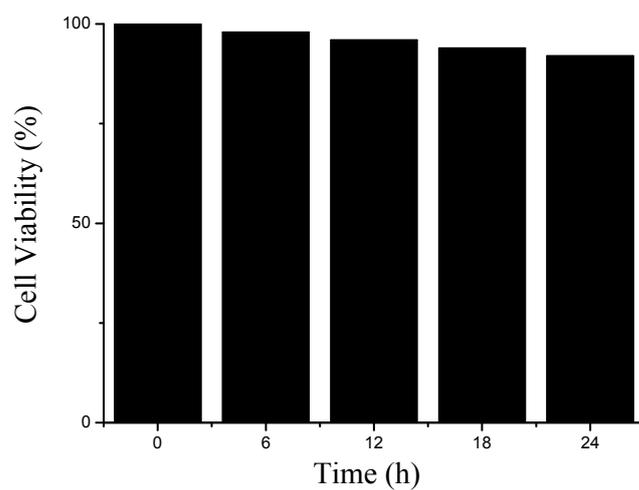


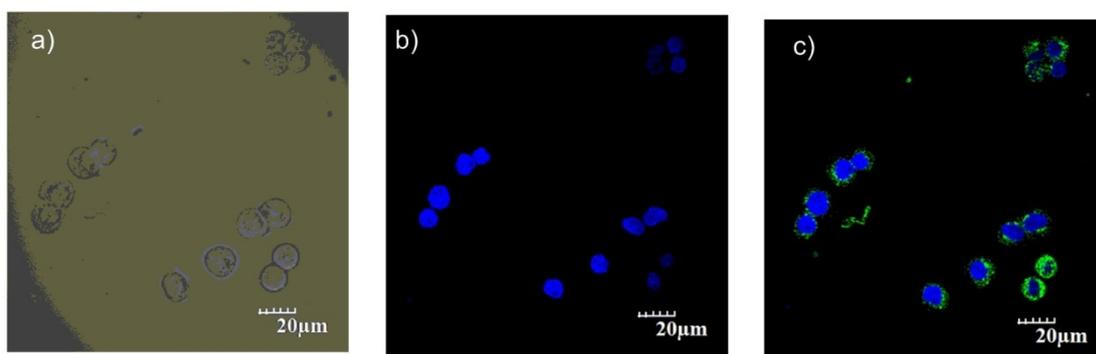
Figure S4. IR spectra of probe 1



**Figure S5.** Fluorescent emission spectra of 10  $\mu\text{M}$  compound **1** with 20 eq  $\text{H}_2\text{S}$  and 10  $\mu\text{M}$  DCDHF- $\text{NH}_2$  in aqueous solution ( $\text{CH}_3\text{CN}$ : PBS = 9:1, pH = 7.4). Excitation at 470 nm.



**Figure S6.** Cell viability of probe **1** (5  $\mu\text{M}$ ) at different times in HT-29 cells.



**Fig. S7.** Images of HT-29 cells incubated with DAPI (2  $\mu\text{M}$ ) at 37  $^\circ\text{C}$ . a) bright field. b) 2.0  $\mu\text{M}$  DAPI. c) merged images of b) and probe **1** incubated with 20  $\mu\text{M}$   $\text{H}_2\text{S}$ .