## **Supporting Information**

## A Phenazine–based Near-infrared (NIR) Chemodosimeter for Cysteine Obtained via a Carbonyl-assisted Cycloaddition Process

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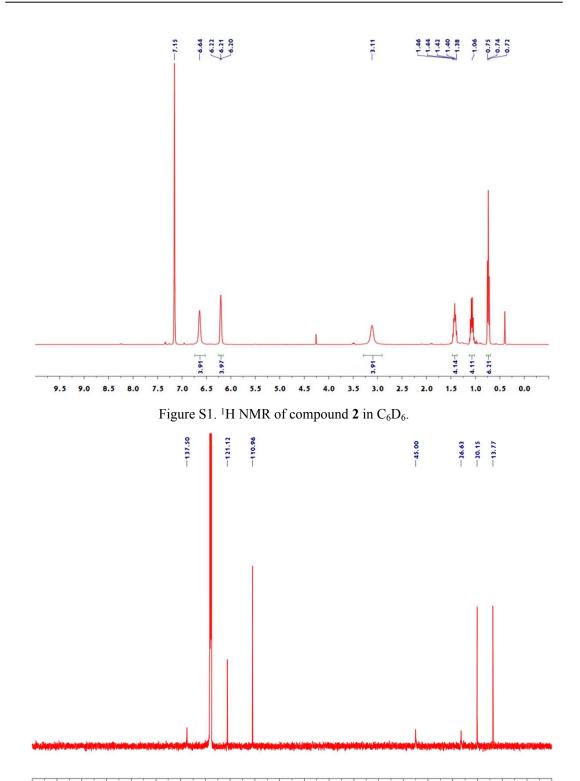


Figure S2. <sup>13</sup>C NMR of compound **2** in C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>.

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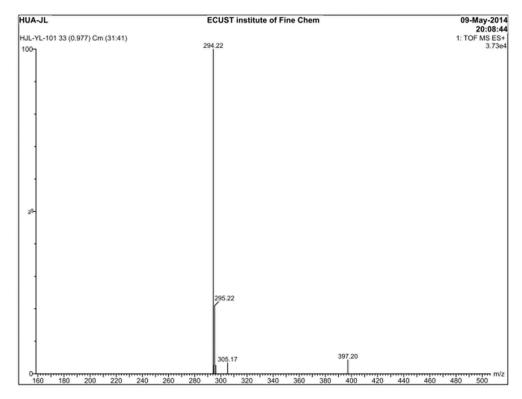


Figure S3. ESI-MS spectrum of compound 2

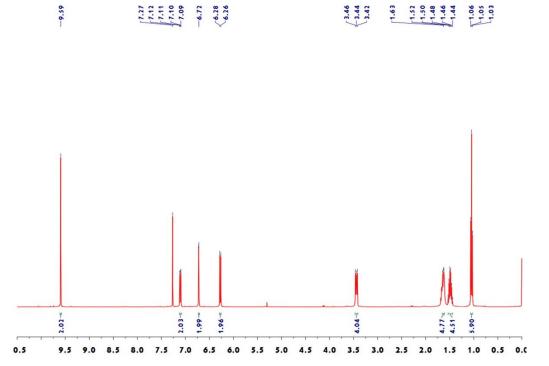


Figure S4. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of compound **3** in CDCl<sub>3</sub>.

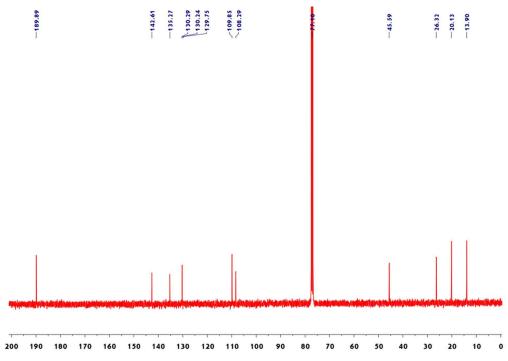


Figure S5. <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of compound 3 in CDCl<sub>3</sub>.

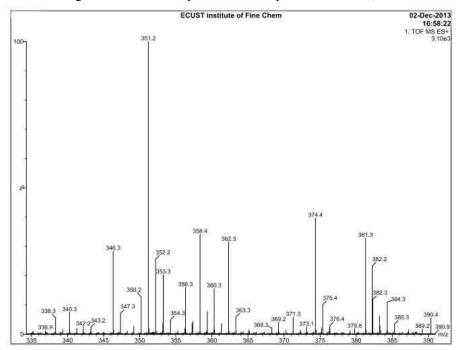


Figure S6. ESI-TOF mass spectrum of 3

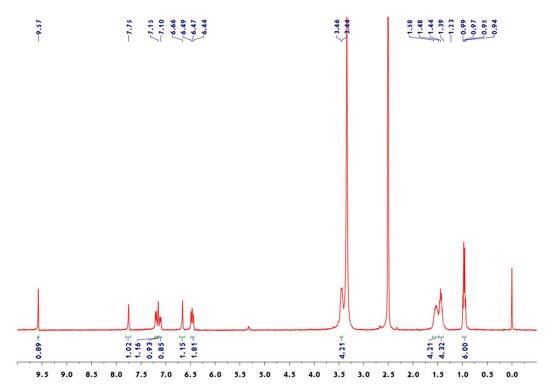


Figure S7. <sup>1</sup>H NMR of compound 4 in DMSO-*d*<sup>6</sup>.

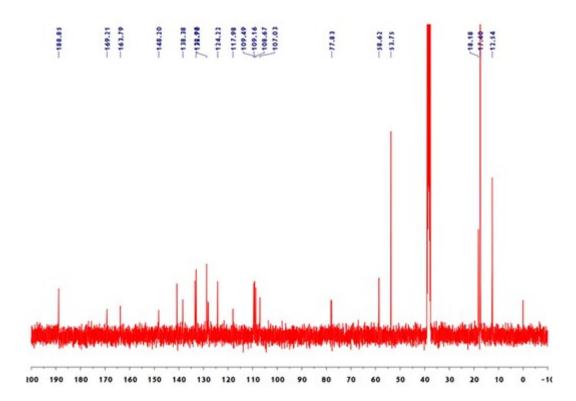


Figure S8. <sup>13</sup>C NMR of compound **4** in DMSO-*d*<sup>6</sup>.

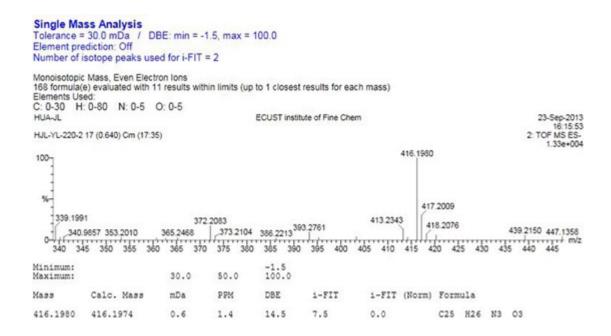


Figure S9. ESI mass spectrum of compound 4

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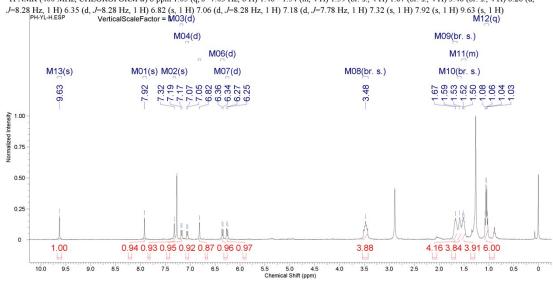


Fig S10. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of **PHS** in CDCl<sub>3</sub>.

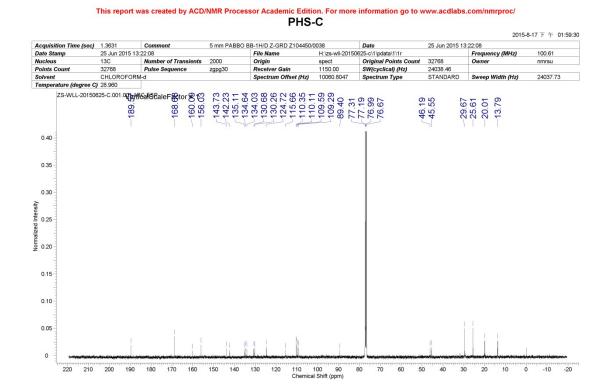


Fig S11. <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of **PHS** in CDCl<sub>3</sub>.

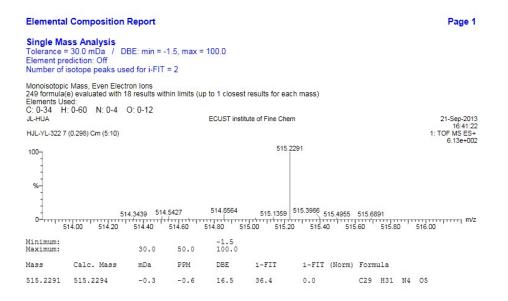


Fig S12. HRMS spectrum of PHS

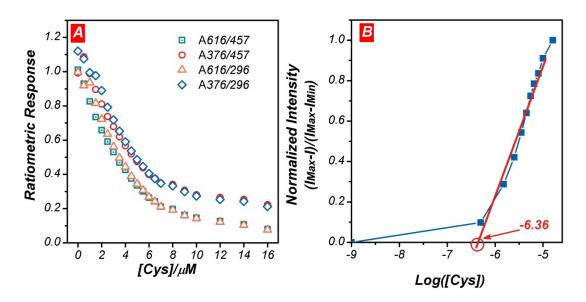


Fig S13. (a) Ratiometric plots of **PHS** with absorbance at 296 nm, 376 nm, 457 nm and 616 nm. (b) Detection limited of **PHS** by UV-vis spectra (Data were collected at 616 nm). The intensity was normalized between the minimum absorbance, found at  $16~\mu M$  Cys, and the maximum absorbance, found at zero Cys (shown on the graph as 1~nM).

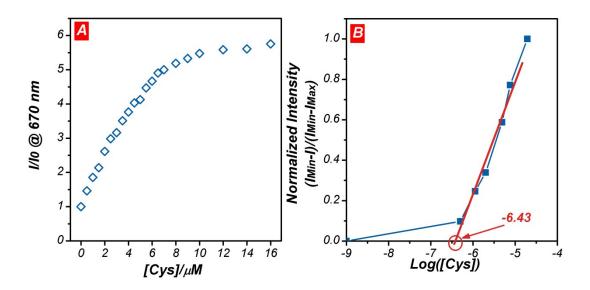


Fig S14. (a) Intensity enhancement plots of **PHS** at 670 nm. (b) Detection limited of **PHS** by emission spectra (Data were collected at 670 nm). The intensity was normalized between the minimum emission intensity, found at zero cys (shown on the graph as 1 nM), and the maximum absorbance, found at 16  $\mu$ M Cys.

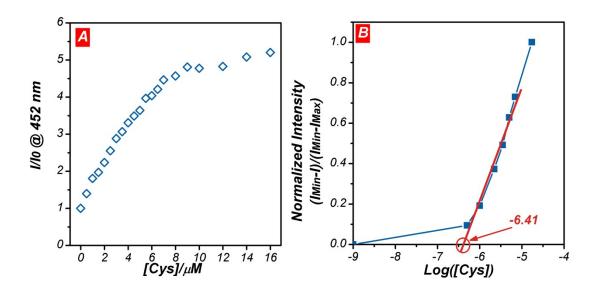


Fig S15. (a) Excitation intensity enhancement plots of **PHS** at 452 nm. (b) Detection limited of **PHS** by emission spectra (Data were collected at 452 nm). The intensity was normalized between the minimum emission intensity, found at zero Cys (shown on the graph as 1 nM), and the maximum absorbance, found at 16  $\mu$ M Cys.

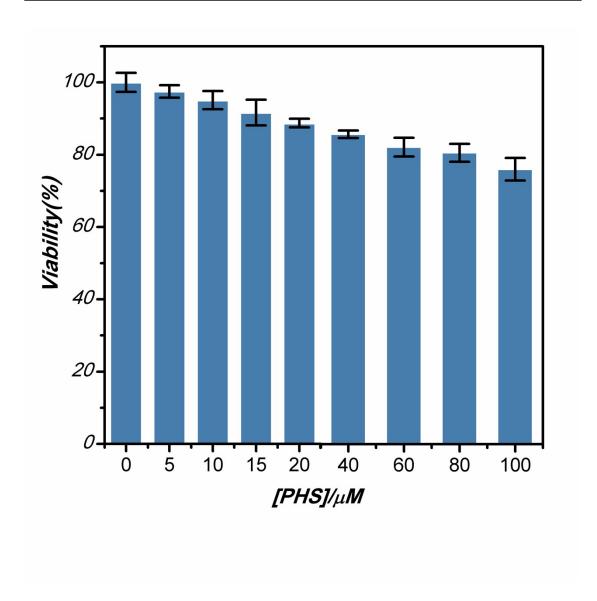


Fig S16.MTT assay of PHS with 0~ 100  $\mu M$  Cys.