

## A novel carbazole-based mitochondria-targeted ratiometric fluorescent probe for bisulfite in living cells

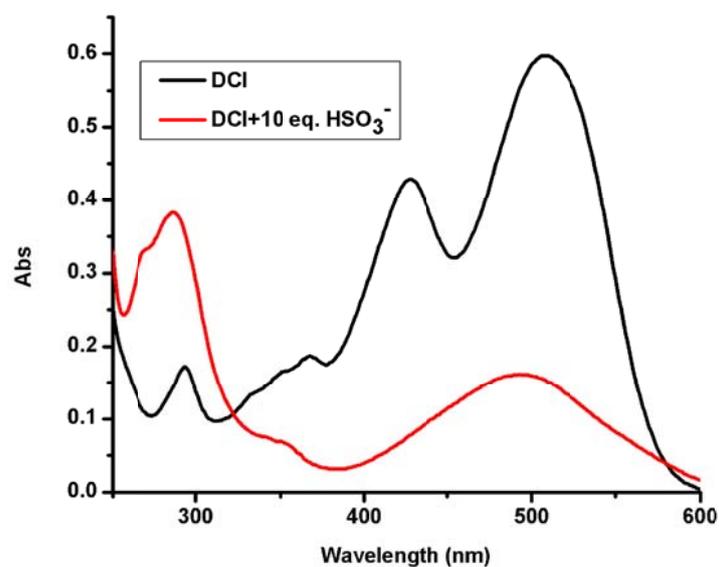
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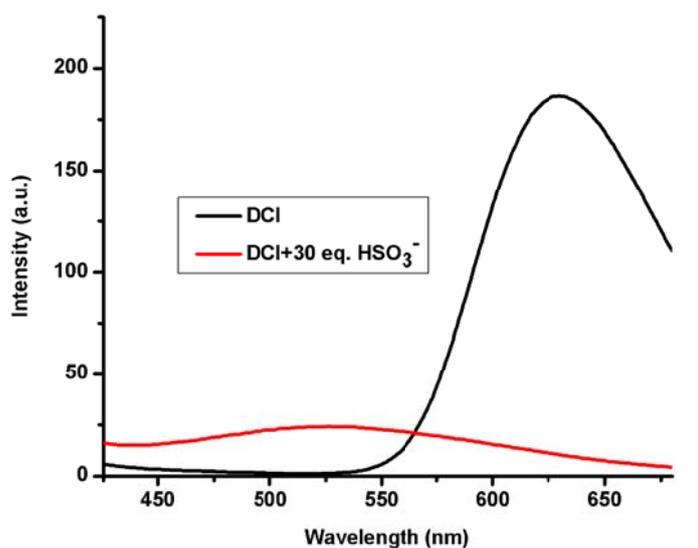
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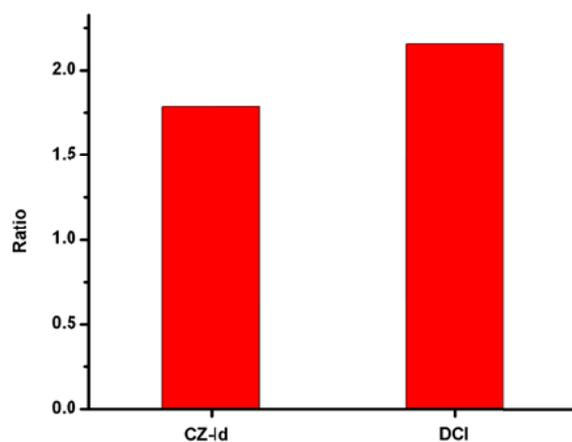
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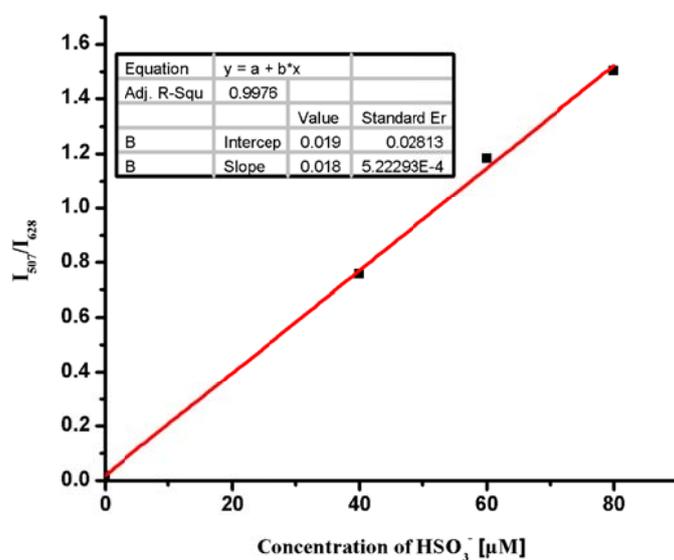
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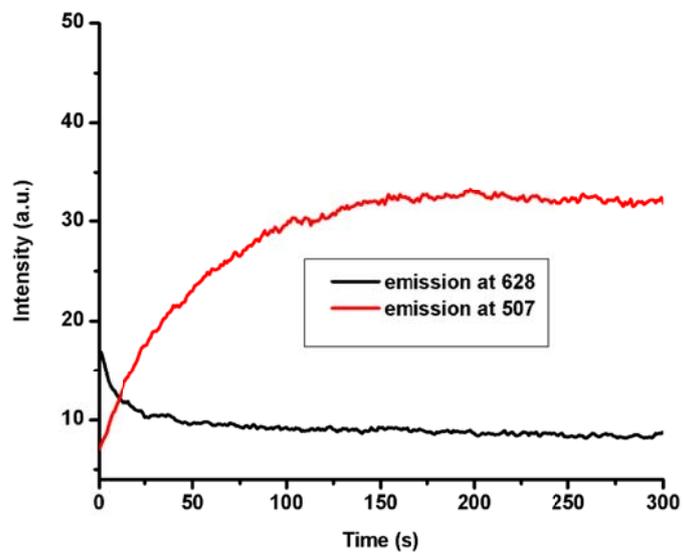
**Fig.S2** Fluorescence spectra of **DCI** before and after reaction with bisulfite (30 equiv.) in PBS buffer (pH 7.4, 10 mM). [**DCI**] = 10  $\mu$ M.  $\lambda_{ex}$  = 350 nm. Slit: 5nm/5 nm.



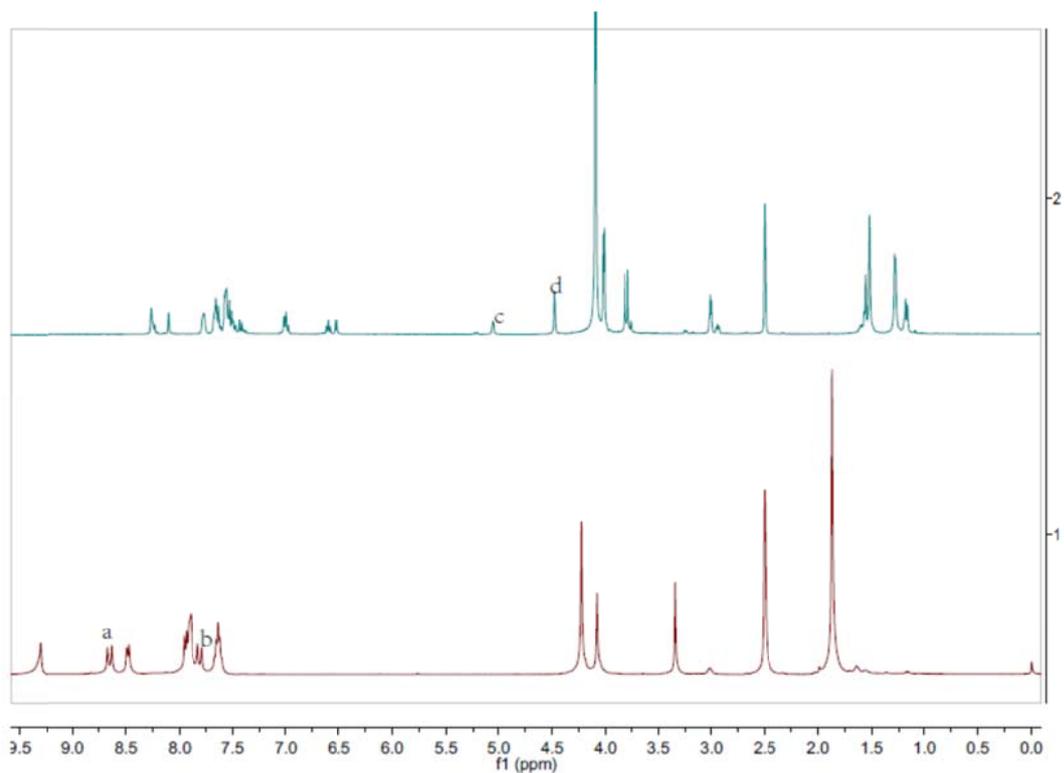
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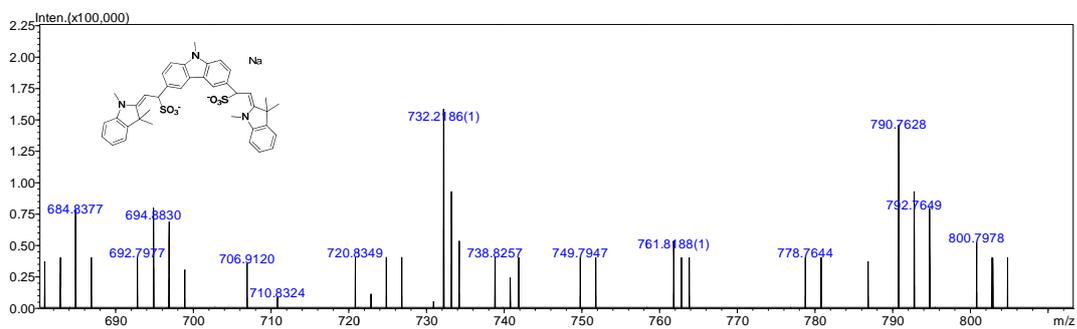
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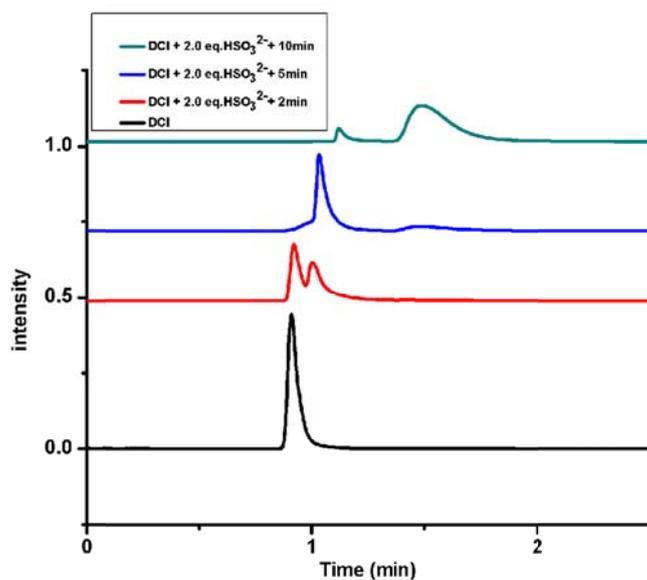
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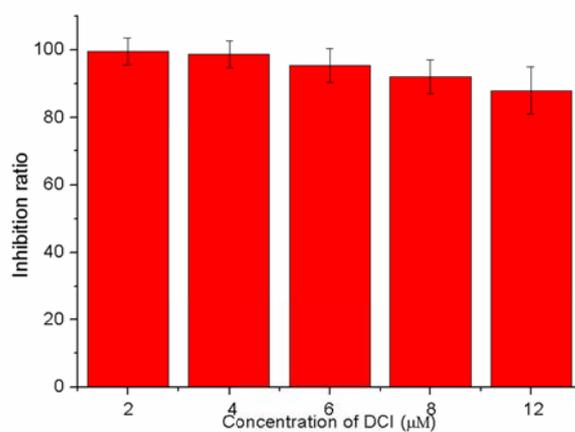
**Fig.S6**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR of **DCI** in the abstrance and presence of bisulfite.



**Fig S7.** HRMS spectral change of **DCI** in the presence of 15 equiv of  $\text{NaHSO}_3$  in  $\text{CH}_3\text{OH} / \text{H}_2\text{O} = 9:1$ .



**Fig. S8** HPLC result of **DCI** in the presence of bisulfite at different time. Waters e2695 Separations Module using Waters 2998 PDA detector equipped with a Symmetry C18 column(4.6×150mm, 5μm). Water 20% and methanol 80% were used as eluents with a flow rate of 1ml/min. 295nm was used as wavelength.



**Figure S9** Effects of **DCI** on the viability of A549 Cells. The results are the mean standard deviation of three separate measurements.

