Supporting Information

A profluorescent nitroxide probe for ascorbic acid detection and its application to quantitative analysis of diabetic rat plasma

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Supplemental Scheme S1. Synthesis of 2 and Nile-DiPy



Reagents and conditions: (a) 5-(ethylamino)-4-methyl-2-nitrosphenol hydrochloride, NaNO₂, conc.

HCl, EtOH (b) FeSO₄ · 7H₂O, H₂O₂, DMSO



Figure S1. (a) Absorption spectrum in various pH concentration and (b) Dependence on pH of 5 μ M Nile-DiPy. Buffer was prepared as following pH solution: pH 5.0, 6.0, 7.0, 8.0, 8.5, 9.0, 9.5, 10, 11.



Figure S2. Near-IR phosphorescence spectra of the ${}^{1}O_{2}$ generated from C₆₀ (red) and Nile-DiPy (black) excited at 532 nm in C₆D₆



Figure S3. Cyclic voltammograms showing oxidation potential (a) and reduction potential (b) of 0.1 mM Nile-DiPy (red), **1** (black) in MeOH containing 0,10 M TBAPF₆ as a supporting electrolyte



Figure S4. Second-harmonic alternating current voltammograms showing reduction potential of 0.1 mM Nile-DiPy in MeOH containing 0,10 M TBAPF₆ as a supporting electrolyte





	Lifetime of the singlet
compound	excited state, s ⁻¹
Nile-DiPy	4.9×10 ⁹
Nile-TEMPO	4.5×10 ⁹
1	5.8×10 ⁸
2	5.5×10 ⁸

Table S1. Lifetime of the singlet excited state of Nile Blue derivatives in aqueous solution containing5% DMSO



Figure S6. (a) Nanosecond transient absorption spectra of Nile-DiPy in N₂-saturated H_2O at 298 K after 627 nm laser excitation



Figure S7. Standard curve constructed using 0, 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 μM ascorbic acid and 20 μM Nile-DiPy