Supporting Information

DCPO based nanoparticles as near-infrared fluorescent probe

for Cathepsin B

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1. Absorption spectra of DPCO and probe 1



Figure S1 Absorption spectra of DPCO and probe 1 (50μ M) in PBS buffer/DMSO (v/v=1/1, pH=7.4)



2. Emission spectra of DPCO and probe 1

Figure S2 Emission spectra of DCPO and probe 1 (50 uM) in PBS buffer/DMSO (v/v=1/1, pH=7.4)

3. HPLC of CTB assay



Figure S3 HPLC of CTB assay: with CTB (left) and without CTB (right). Method: From 5% ACN/95% water to 95% ACN/5% water in 20 min.

4. Stability of probe 1 in PBS



Figure S4 Stability of **probe 1** in PBS(pH=7.4, 10 mM). Method: From 10% ACN/90% water to 95% ACN/5% water in 20 min.

4. ¹NMR and ¹³C NMR spectra

Figure S5. ¹H NMR Spectrum of compound 3 (400 MHz, DMSO–*d*₆)



Figure S6. ¹³C NMR Spectrum of compound 3 (100 MHz, DMSO– d_6)



Figure S7. ¹H NMR Spectrum of compound compound 5 ((400 MHz, DMSO–d₆)



Figure S8. ¹³C NMR Spectrum of compound compound 5 ((400 MHz, DMSO $-d_6$)



Figure S9. ¹H NMR Spectrum of probe 1 ((400 MHz, DMSO– d_6)



Figure S10. HR-MS of compound 5

Elemental Composition Report

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Single Mass Analysis Tolerance = 1000.0 PPM / DBE: min = -1.5, max = 50.0 Element prediction: Off Number of isotope peaks used for i-FIT = 3

Monoisotopic Mass, Even Electron Ions 3 formula(e) evaluated with 1 results within limits (up to 50 closest results for each mass) Elements Used: C: 56-56 H: 53-62 N: 9-9 O: 11-11 Na: 0-1 I: 0-1 LYQ-00161-028-1C 14 (0.796) 1: TOF MS ES+

