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Fluorescence light-up AIE probe for monitoring cellular alkaline

phosphatase activity and detecting osteogenic differentiation

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Table 1 The maximum excitation and emission wavelengths of TPE-PA, TPE-2PA,

| Samples | λ_{ex} | λ_{em} |
|----------------------|----------------|----------------|
| TPE-PA | 338 | 469 |
| TPE-2PA | 337 | 457 |
| TPE-4PA | 337 | 469 |
| TPE-PA+ALP (5 min) | 347 | 469 |
| TPE-2PA+ALP (5 min) | 346 | 459 |
| TPE-4PA+ALP (5 min) | 342 | 466 |
| TPE-PA+ALP (60 min) | 342 | 459 |
| TPE-2PA+ALP (60 min) | 347 | 449 |
| TPE-4PA+ALP (60 min) | 349 | 441 |

TPE-4PA and after incubated with ALP.



Fig. S1 ¹H NMR of (A) TPE-PA, (C) TPE-2PA and (E) TPE-4PA; ¹³C NMR of (B) TPE-PA, (D) TPE-2PA and (F) TPE-4PA.



Fig. S2 ESI-MS of (A) TPE-PA, (B) TPE-2PA and (C) TPE-4PA.



Fig. S3 HPLC traces of TPE-PA, TPE-2PA and TPE-4PA dissolved in methanol.



Fig. S4 The fluorescence spetra of TPE-PA, TPE-2PA and TPE-4PA in Tris- HCl buffer at different concentrations (1-100 μ M) and TPE-OH, TPE-2OH and TPE-4OH in DMSO/Tris-HCl buffer (v/v = 1/200) at different concentraions (1-20 μ M).



Fig. S5 Plot of $(I - I_0)/I_0$ versus different proteins, where I and I_0 are the fluorescence intensities of TPE-PA, TPE-2PA, TPE-4PA alone and that of TPE-PA, TPE-2PA, TPE-4PA incubated with different proteins. [TPE-PA] = [TPE-2PA] = [TPE-4PA] =

10 μ M, λ_{ex} = 335 nm.



Fig. S6 Dynamic light scattering (DLS) results for the solution of TPE-PA, TPA-2PA incubated with ALP for 5 min and TPE-4PA incubated with ALP for 60 min. [TPE-

 $PA] = [TPE-2PA] = [TPE-4PA] = 40 \ \mu M; \ [ALP] = 160 \ mU.$



Fig. S7 HPLC traces of Tris-HCl buffer, and TPE-OH, TPE-2OH, TPE-4OH in Tis-

HCl buffer.



Fig. S8 The linear relations: (A) the fluorescence intensity of TPE-PA with different concentrations of ALP (10-50 mU); (B) the fluorescence intensity of TPE-2PA with different concentrations of ALP (10-50 mU); (C) the fluorescence intensity of TPE-PA with different concentrations of the probe (1-10 μ M); (D) the fluorescence intensity of TPE-2PA with different concentrations of the probe (3-6 μ M).



Fig. S9 Quantitative analysis of the light intensities of ALP and Runx2 protein expressions as the ratio to GAPDH.



Fig. S10 The flow cytometry analysis of the non-treated cells as negative control.