

Supporting information for

**A tumor-targeting and lysosome-specific two-photon
fluorescent probe for imaging pH changes in living cells**

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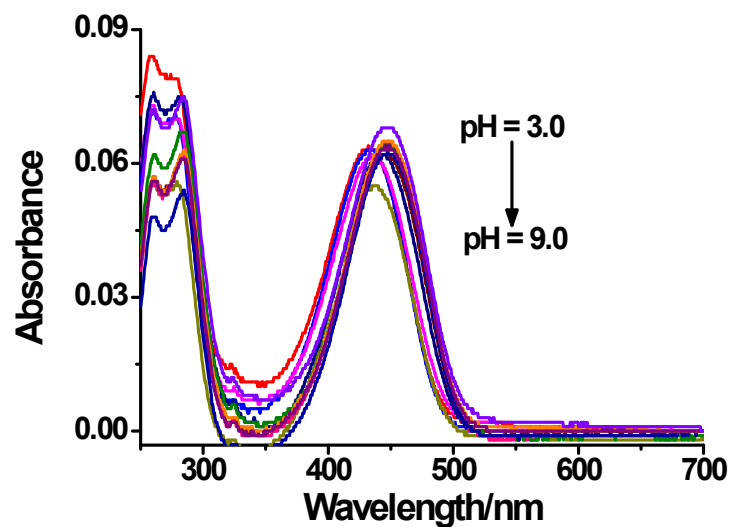


Fig. S1 UV-Vis absorption spectra of 5 μM BN-lys in the B-R buffer (5% EtOH) solution at different pH values.

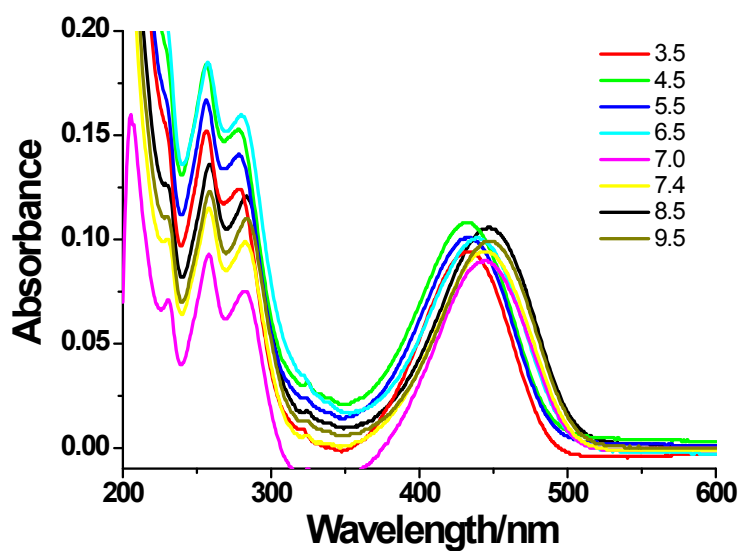


Fig. S2 UV-Vis absorption spectra of 5 μM NA-lys in the B-R buffer (5% EtOH) solution at different pH values

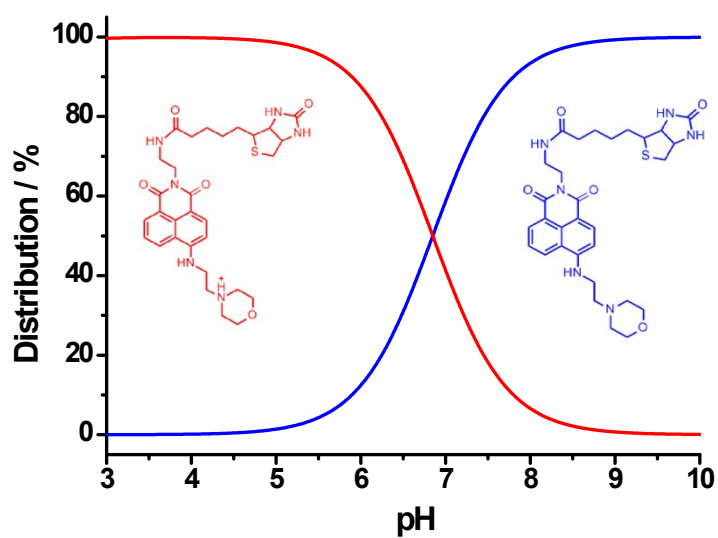


Fig. S3 Distribution of **BN-lys** and its protonated species at various pH values calculated by MarvinSketch software using macro mode and dynamic acid/base prefix at 298 K.

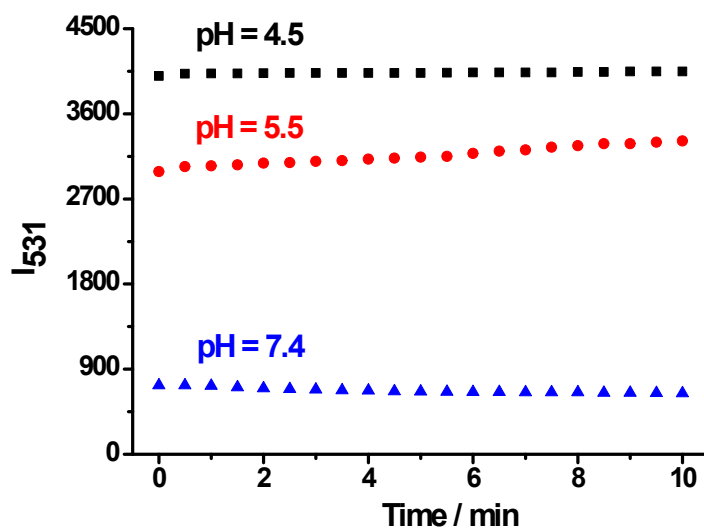


Fig. S4 Time-dependent fluorescence intensities (I_{531}) of **BN-lys** in B-R buffer solutions (5% MeOH) at pH 4.5, 5.5 and 7.4. $\lambda_{\text{ex}} = 445$ nm.

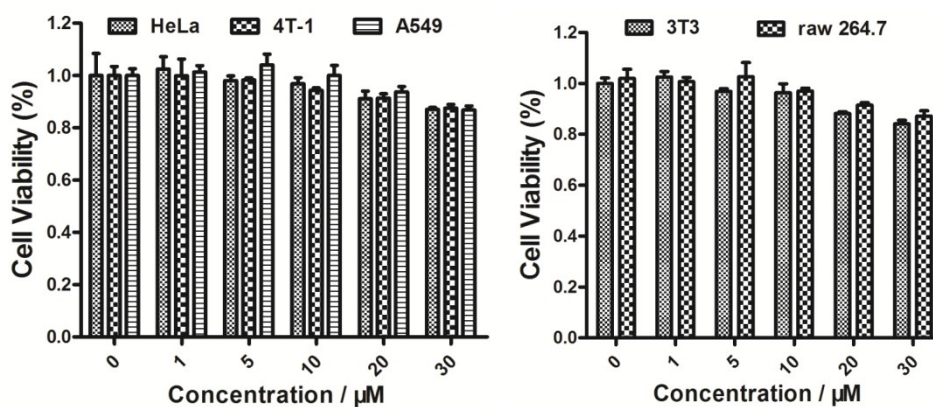


Fig. S5 Survival of HeLa, A549, 4T1, NIH 3T3 and Raw264.7 cells in the presence of BN-lys at various concentrations measured using MTT assay.

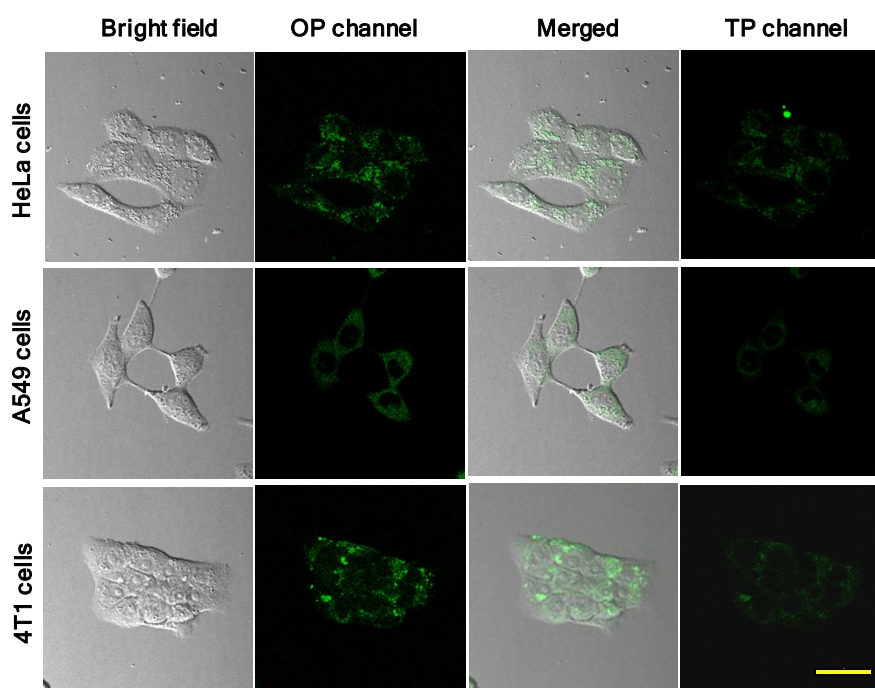


Fig. S6 Fluorescence images for 10 μM BN-lys in HeLa cells, A549 cells and NIH 3T3 cells pretreated 2 mM biotin. OP green channel: one-photon emission at 500-550 nm with excitation at 488 nm; TP green channel: two-photon emission at 500-550 nm with excitation at 760 nm. Scale bar = 20 μm .

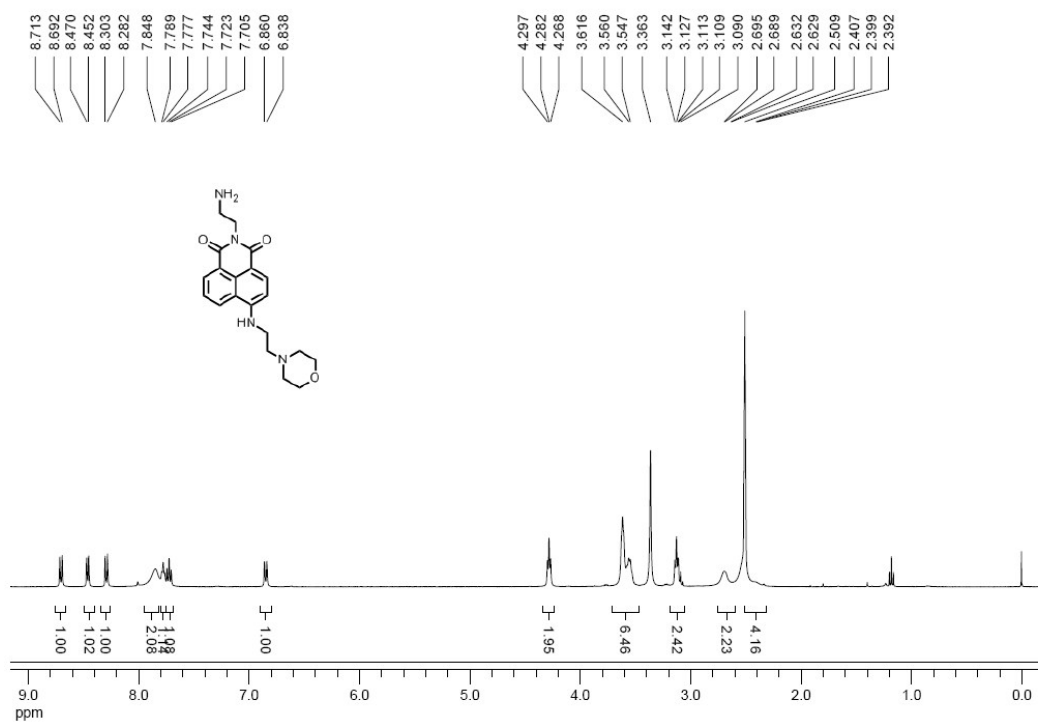


Fig. S7 ¹H NMR spectrum of compound 2.

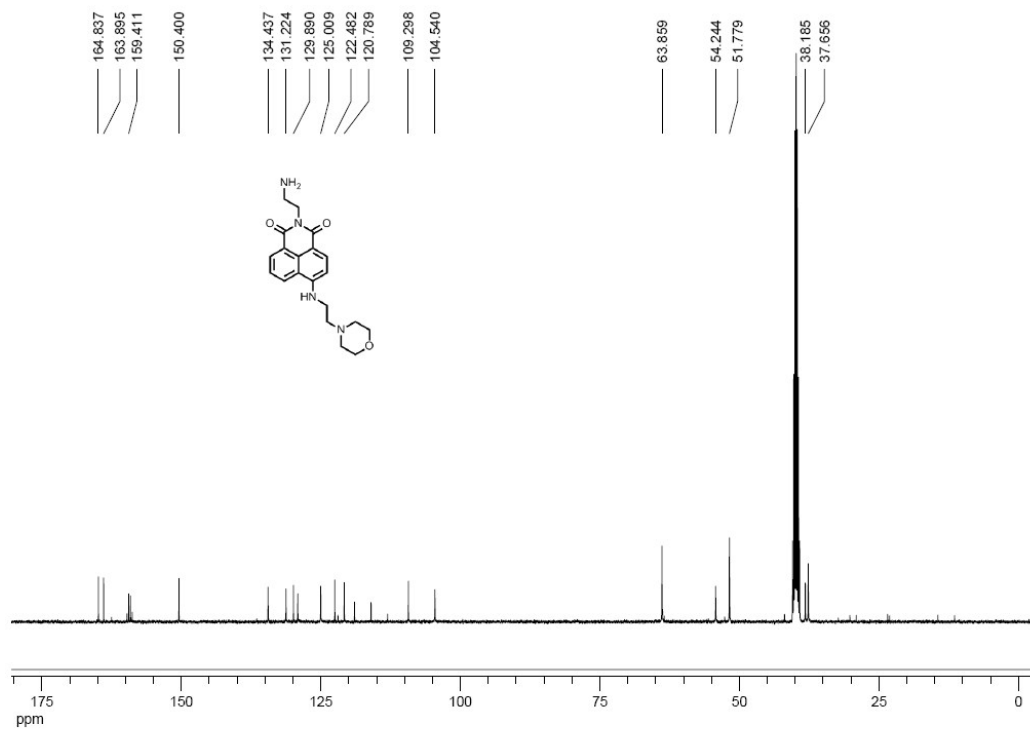


Fig. S8 ¹³C NMR spectrum of compound 2.

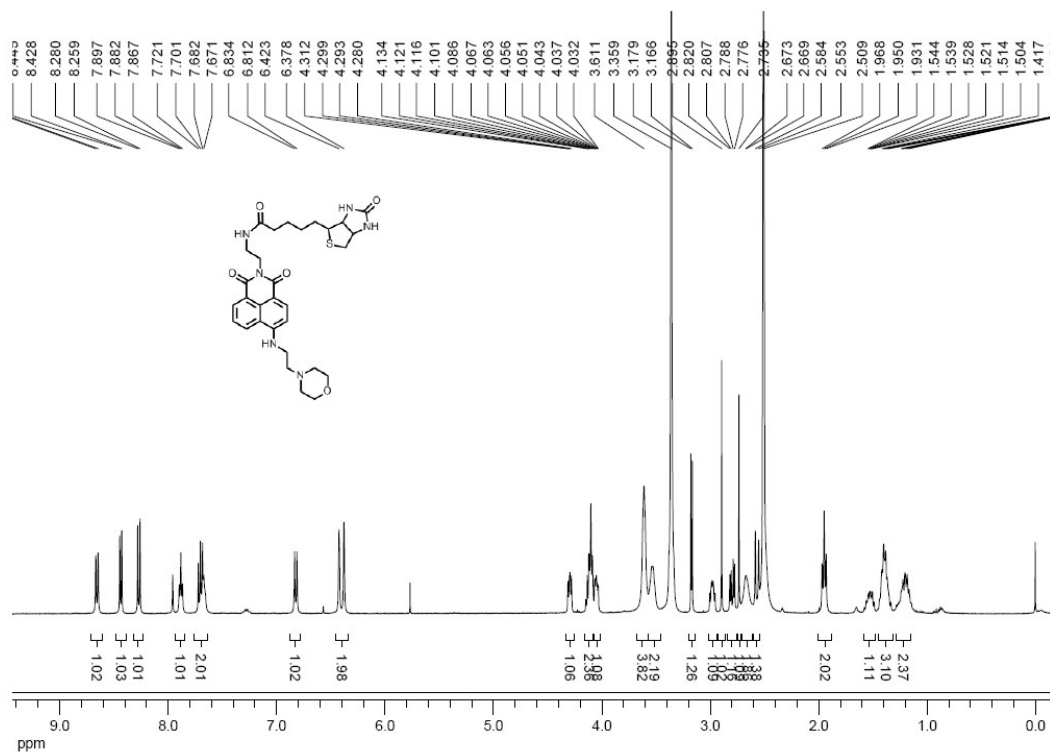


Fig. S9 ¹H NMR spectrum of BN-lys.

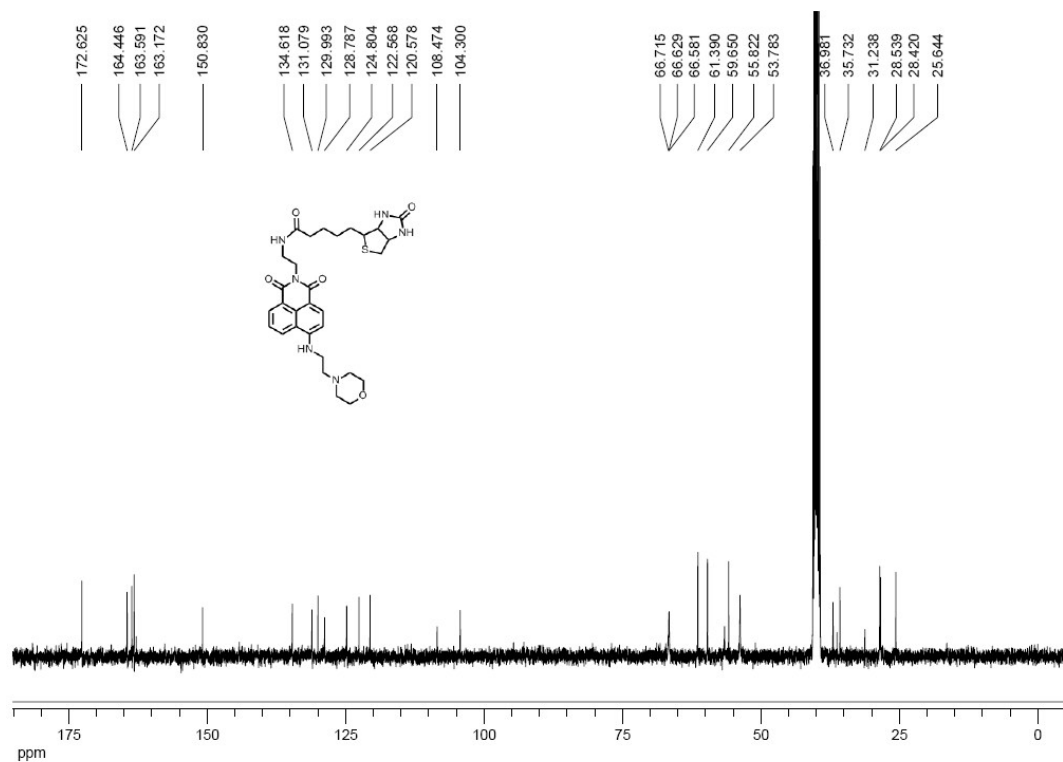


Fig. S10 ¹³C NMR spectrum of BN-lys.

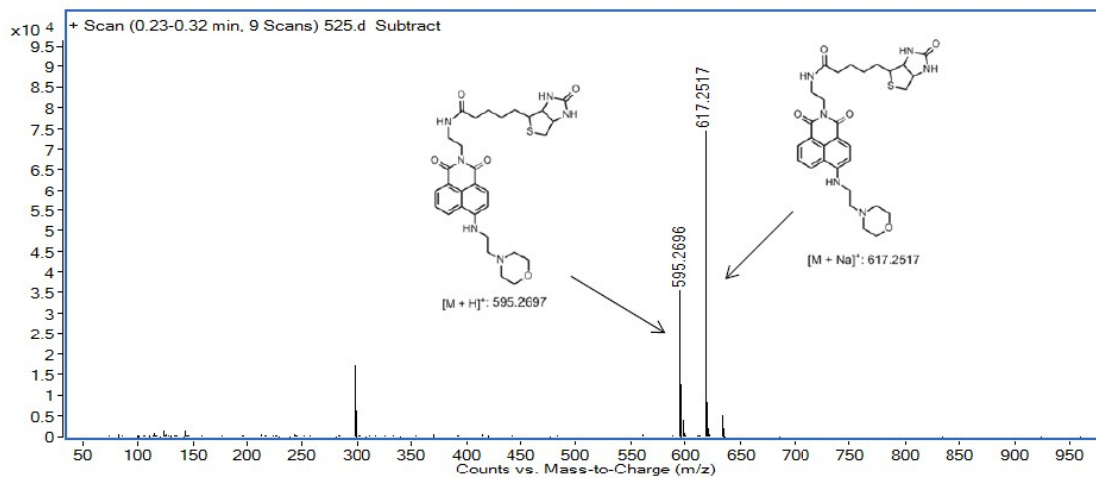


Fig. S11 HRMS spectrum of **BN-lys**.