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## Supporting Information for

## Design of a $\beta$ -diketonate-Eu<sup>3+</sup> complex-based time-gated luminescence probe for visualizing mitochondrial singlet oxygen

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**Fig. S1** <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of ATPY.



Fig. S2 ESI-mass spectrum of ATPY.



Fig. S3 ESI-mass spectrum of Eu(DHH)<sub>3</sub>(ATPY).



**[DHH]/**([**Eu**<sup>3+</sup>]+[**DHH**]) **Fig. S4** Job's plot of the reaction between Eu<sup>3+</sup> and DHH in 0.05 M borate buffer of pH 7.4 (the total concentration of Eu<sup>3+</sup> and DHH was kept at 10  $\mu$ M).



Fig. S5 Job's plot of the reaction between  $Eu(DHH)_3$  and ATPY in 0.05 M borate buffer of pH 7.4 (the total concentration of  $Eu(DHH)_3$  and ATPY was kept at 2  $\mu$ M).



Fig. S6 ESI-mass spectrum of Eu(DHH)<sub>3</sub>(EP-ATPY).



**Fig. S7** Effects of pH on the luminescence lifetimes of  $Eu(DHH)_3(ATPY)$  (1  $\mu$ M, black line) and  $Eu(DHH)_3(EP-ATPY)$  (1  $\mu$ M, red line) in 0.05 M borate buffer.



Fig. S8 Viabilities of the HepG2 cells after incubating with different concentrations of  $Eu(DHH)_3(ATPY)$  for 24 h.

**Table S1** Luminescence properties of Eu(DHH)3(ATPY) and Eu(DHH)3(EP-ATPY)in 0.05 M borate buffer of pH 7.4

Complex	$\lambda_{ex,max}$ (nm)	$\epsilon_{334 \text{ nm}} (\text{cm}^{-1} \text{ M}^{-1})$	λ <sub>em,max</sub> (nm)	Ф (%)	τ (ms)
Eu(DHH) <sub>3</sub> (ATPY)	334	$6.4 \times 10^4$	610	17	0.41
Eu(DHH) <sub>3</sub> (EP-ATPY)	334	9.6×10 <sup>4</sup>	610	53	0.63