## **Supporting Information**

## *o,o*-Difluorination of aromatic azide yields fast-response fluorescent probe for H<sub>2</sub>S detection and for improved bioorthogonal reactions

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**Fig. S1.** Linear relationship of absorbance intensity at 327 nm and the concentration of probe **1** in PBS buffer (pH 7.4, containing 2% DMSO). The good linear relationship implied the good solubility of the probe up to at least 20  $\mu$ M.



Fig. S2. The absorption spectra of 1 (10  $\mu$ M) before and after reaction with H<sub>2</sub>S (1 mM) for 30 min at room temperature.



**Fig. S3.** The time-dependent absorption spectra of the reaction of **1** (10  $\mu$ M) and **6** (100  $\mu$ M) in PBS buffer (pH 7.4) containing 50% CH<sub>3</sub>CN at room temperature.



**Fig. S4.** Emission spectra of **3** (10  $\mu$ M) in the presence of PPh<sub>3</sub> (200  $\mu$ M) in PBS (50 mM, pH 7.4) containing 50% CH<sub>3</sub>CN at room temperature.



**Fig. S5.** Reaction kinetics of **1** (10  $\mu$ M) toward **8** (200  $\mu$ M) in PBS (50 mM, pH 7.4) containing 50% CH<sub>3</sub>CN at room temperature. The fluorescence signal at 445 nm was recorded.



**Fig. S6.** The time-dependent absorption spectra of the reaction of **1** (10  $\mu$ M) and **8** (100  $\mu$ M) in PBS buffer (pH 7.4) containing 50% CH<sub>3</sub>CN at room temperature.













Fig. S9. The  ${}^{1}$ H NMR,  ${}^{13}$ C NMR and  ${}^{19}$ F NMR spectrum of 1.



Fig. S10. The HRMS spectrum of 5.



Fig. S11. The HRMS spectrum of 1.



Fig. S12. The HRMS spectrum of 8.



**Fig. S13.** The HRMS spectrum of the product of probe **1** (1 mM) treated with **6** (10 mM) in PBS (50 mM, pH 7.4) containing 70% CH<sub>3</sub>CN at room temperature for 3 h. The reaction mixture was submitted into ESI-MS without purification.