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## **Support information**

A novel BODIPY disulfonate near-infrared fluorescence-enhanced probe: synthesis,

high selectivity to endogenous glutathione and two-photon fluorescent turn-on

through thiol-induced SNAr substitution

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Fig. S1The absorption (black line) and fluorescence (blue line) spectra in THF/H<sub>2</sub>O(v/v=1:1) buffer with pH 7.4 PBS solution at a concentration of 10<sup>-5</sup> M.



Scheme.S1 Proposed mechanism of GSH - induced nucleophilic substitution of probe



Figure S2.<sup>1</sup>H-NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>) spectrum of compound M1



Figure S3.  $^{13}$ C-NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>) spectrum of compound M1



Figure S4.1H-NMR (DMSO-d6) spectrum of compound M2



Figure S5. The MS spectrum of compound M2. The peak at m/z 598.2120 corresponds to the compound  $M_2$  [M-H]<sup>-</sup>, as shown in the figure.



Figure S6.<sup>1</sup>H-NMR (DMSO-d6) spectrum of BODIPY-ONs



Figure S7.<sup>13</sup>C-NMR (DMSO-d6) spectrum of BODIPY-ONs