Supporting Information

Cellular deoxyribonucleic-acid probe of two-photon-excited fluorescent quinolinium-substituted carbazole

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Fig. S1 MALDI-TOF-MS spectra of QL-1



Fig. S2 ¹H-NMR of QL-1 (400 MHz, DMSO-d6)



Fig. S3 FT-IR spectra of QL-1 (KBr)



Fig. S4 MALDI-TOF-MS spectra of QL-2



Fig. S5 ¹H-NMR of QL-2 (400 MHz, DMSO-d6)



Fig. S6 FT-IR spectra of QL-2 (KBr)



Fig. S7 MALDI-TOF-MS spectra of QL-3



Fig. S8 ¹H-NMR of QL-3 (400 MHz, DMSO-d6)



Fig. S9 FT-IR spectra of QL-3 (KBr)



Fig. S10 MALDI-TOF-MS spectra of DH2



Fig. S11 ¹H-NMR of DH2 (400 MHz, DMSO-d6)



Fig. S12 ¹³C-NMR of DH2 (125 MHz, DMSO-d6)



Fig. S13 FT-IR spectra of DH2 (KBr)



Fig. S14 MALDI-TOF-MS spectra of DM4



Fig. S15 ¹H-NMR of DM4 (400 MHz, DMSO-d6)



Fig. S16 ¹³C-NMR of DM4 (125 MHz, DMSO-d6)



Fig. S17 FT-IR spectra of DM4 (KBr)



Fig. S18 MALDI-TOF-MS spectra of DH4



Fig. S19 ¹H-NMR of DH4 (400 MHz, DMSO-d6)



Fig. S20 ¹³C-NMR of DH4 (125 MHz, DMSO-d6)



Fig. S21 FT-IR spectra of DH4 (KBr)



Fig. S22 TPA cross-sections of DM4 under different incident wavelength.



Fig. S23 Normalized absorption spectra of DH2, DM4, and DH4 in Tris-HCl-NaCl.



Fig. S24 Normalized fluorescence spectra of DH2, DM4, and DH4 in Tris-HCI-NaCl.



Fig. S25 Normalized absorption spectra of DH2 according [ctDNA] increased



Fig. S26 Normalized absorption spectra of DM4 according [ctDNA] increased



Fig. S27 Normalized absorption spectra of DH4 according [ctDNA] increased



Fig. S28 One-photon excited titration fluorescence spectra of DH2 (a), DM4 (b) and DH4 (c) under 400 nm excited in Tris-HCl buffer solution (a, b: [ctDNA] = 0, 3, 6, ...24, 36, ...120 μM, c: 0, 3, 6, 9, 12).



Fig. S29 Two-photon excited titration fluorescence spectra of DH2 (a), DM4 (b) and DH4 (c) under 800 nm excited in Tris-HCl buffer solution ([ctDNA] = 0, 50, 120, 150 µM).



Fig. S30 One-photon (a) and two-photon (b) excited titration fluorescence spectra of DAPI in Tris-HCl buffer solution (a: [ctDNA] = 0, 3, 6, ...24, 36, ...120 μ M, λ_{ex} =375nm, b: [ctDNA] = 0, 120, 150 μ M, λ_{ex} =740nm).



Fig. S31 Peak intensity and position changes of the normalized absorption spectra of DM4 according [ctDNA] increased



Fig. S32 Electronic absorption spectra of DM4 with base and nucleotide titration in Tris-HCl-NaCl buffer solution ([S] = 0, 3, 6, ...24, 36, ...120 µM), S=

(Fig. a): cytosine (C), (Fig. b): guanine (G), (Fig. c): adenine (A), (Fig.d): thymine (T), (Fig. e): 5-Aza-2'-deoxycytidine(AD), (Fig.f): adenosine cyclic 3', 5'-

phosphate(AC).



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Fig. S34 Time-dependent two-photon confocal fluorescence images of 3T3 cell nucleus stained with DH2 (0.3 μ M) for 15 min, λ_{ex} =800nm, λ_{em} = 600-650 nm. Scale bar was 20 μ m. Photograph interval 60 seconds.

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Fig. S35 Time-dependent two-photon confocal fluorescence images of 3T3 cell nucleus stained with DM4 (0.3 μ M) for 15 min, λ_{ex} =800nm, λ_{em} = 600-650 nm. Scale bar was 20 μ m. Photograph interval 60 seconds.

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Fig. S36 Time-dependent two-photon confocal fluorescence images of 3T3 cell nucleus stained with DH4 (0.3 μ M) for 15 min, λ_{ex} =800nm, λ_{em} = 600-650 nm. Scale bar was 20 μ m. Photograph interval 60 seconds.



Fig. S37 Time-dependent two-photon confocal fluorescence images of 3T3 cell nucleus stained with DAPI (0.3 μM) for 15 min, λ_{ex} =740nm, λ_{em} = 410-490 nm. Scale bar was 20 μm. Photograph interval 60 seconds.



Fig. S38 SMMC-7721 cells Viability stained with DM4 (incubated for 24h).

[No.]	Compound Structure	Code name	λ _{em} /nm	TP λ _{ex} / nm	Fluorescence Quantum Yield(φ)	TPA Cross- Section/ GM(δ)	TPA action Cross- Section/GM(δ × φ)	Solvent
[1]		(III)	570	800	0.023	578	13.29	Glycol
[2]	R N R R=CH ₃ CO CAEI	CAEI	564	800	13.8%		29.2	MeCN
[3]	$X = \frac{V - carbazole: X = -\frac{\sqrt{N}r}{R}$	V-carbazole	573	830	0.29%	1241	3.60	Phosphate buffer solution
[4]	$\begin{array}{c} \tilde{h} \\ $	Cbz-2Py Cbz-3Py Cbz-2Ox5Py	575 581 560	800 760 	0.33 0.16 <0.01	190 540 	64 84	Glycol

Table S1 Main data of two-photon fluorescence probe TP properties of carbazole derivatives reported in recent years

[5]	HOH ₂ CH ₂ C-N ⁺ IL IL CH ₂ CH ₂ OH	THEPC	592	800	0.96%	1030	9.89	DMF
[6]		BEMC	650	800		220 ($\delta_{\rm ND}$) 34.18($\delta_{\rm D}$)		DMF
	OH HO	DH2	647	800	0.51	563	287.13	DMF
This article		DM4	650	800	0.45	595	267.75	DMF
	HOOH	DH4	654	800	0.35	675	236.25	DMF

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