Supporting information

Fluorescent probe based on rosamine with pyridinium unit for hydrogen sulfide detection in mitochondria

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Fig. S1 Excitation spectra of probes 1a-b (10 μ M, $\lambda_{em} = 604$ nm) towards H₂S in PBS buffer (20 mM, pH=7.4) containing 10% DMSO.



Fig. S2 Absorption and emission titration of probe **1b** (10 μ M) towards H₂S (20 equivalent) in PBS buffer (20 mM, pH=7.4) containing 10 % DMSO. (a) Absorption spectra; (b) emission spectra.







Fig. S4 Determinations of detection limit of probe 1a. (a) Fluorescence spectra of probe 1a (1 μ M) in PBS buffer solution in presence of different concentrations of H₂S (0–10 equivalent); (b) fluorescence intensity changes at 604 nm of probe 1a with the amount of H₂S (0–10 equivalent); (c) Fluorescence spectra of probe 1a (1 μ M) in PBS buffer solution in absence of H₂S and standard deviation of blank measurements; (d) plot of the fluorescence intensity of 1a upon addition of H₂S (0–5 equivalent).



Fig. S5 Selective and competition experiments of probe **1a**. (a) probe **1a** (10 μ M) towards the relevant species (hCE2:5 μ g/mL, GSH:3mM, others: 500 μ M); (b) probe **1a** (10 μ M) in the presence of only 500 μ M H₂S, 500 μ M H₂S + 500 μ M Arg, 500 μ M H₂S + 3mM GSH, 500 μ M H₂S + 500 μ M Lys, 500 μ M H₂S + 500 μ M N₂H₄.



Fig. S6 Fluorescence confocal images of HeLa cancer cells with probe **1a** (200 nM) and standard MitoTracker Green FM (50 nM). (a) Confocal images (red channel) of cells with probe **1a** before addition of H_2S ; (b) Confocal images of cells with 500 μ M NEM for 30 min after addition probe **1a** (200 nM); (c-g) Confocal images of cells with probe **1a** after addition of H_2S (4 μ M) for 5 min, 10 min, 15 min, 20 min, 25 min; (h) Merged images with enhanced background light of (a) and MitoTracker Green FM (50 nM); (i) The fluorescence intensity ratio of cell imaging with probe **1a** (200 nM) after addition of H_2S (4 μ M) for different times.



Fig. S7 Percentages of cell viabilities of HeLa cells after treatment with probe 1a for 6 hours. And IC_{50} was calculated to 7.8µM. Cell viabilities were assayed by the CCK-8 method.



Fig. S8 ¹H NMR spectrum of 4.



Fig. S9 ¹H NMR spectrum of 1a.



Fig. S10 ¹H NMR spectrum of **1b.**.



Fig. S11 ¹³C NMR spectrum of 1a.



Fig. S12 13C NMR spectrum of 1b.



