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# A single rhodamine spirolactam probe for localization and pH monitoring of mitochondrion/lysosome in living cells

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#### 1. General methods and reagents

The reagents such as CICH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>Cl, POCl<sub>3</sub>, THF, acetonitrile and triethylamine were purchased from commercial suppliers and used without further purification. 2-nitroaniline and LiAlH<sub>4</sub> were purchased from Ouhe Chem. Column chromatography was performed with silica gel (300-400 mesh). RPMI 1640 culture medium with L-glutamine, rhodamine 123 and LysoSensor<sup>™</sup> Green DND-189 were purchased from ThermoFisher Scientific (Invitrogen, USA), FBS (fetal calf serum) was purchased from ThermoFisher Scientific (Invitrogen, USA).

<sup>1</sup>H NMR and <sup>13</sup>C NMR were measured on Varian MERCURY 500 MHz spectrometer in CDCl<sub>3</sub> and DMSO-d6 with TMS as internal reference. Mass spectra were measured on a HP 1100 LC-MSD, Gas chromatography/TOF Mass spectrometers and the UPLC/Q-TOF Mass spectrometers. Fluorescence spectra were measured on Spectrofluorophotometer (Cary Eclipse). Absorbance spectra were recorded on a UV-vis Spectrophotometer (TU-1901). An inverted confocal fluorescent microscopy (Olympus FV1000, IX81, Olympus, Japan) equipped with an objective lens (x100 oil, 1.4 Numerical Aperture (NA), Scan mode XY) was used in the imaging of living cells.

#### 2. Solvent effect

During testing of solvent effect, 300 uL Rh-BMDZ stock solution was added into 10 mL glass bottle containing different solvents, such as dichloromethane (DCM), tetrahydrofuran (THF), methanol, ethanol, acetonitrile, acetone.

#### 3. pH titration



Fig. S1 Absorption (a) and emission (b) spectra of Rh-BMDZ in aqueous solution ( $CH_3CN:H_2O$  1:1,v:v) vs various pH values



#### 4. Spectral changes of Rh-CIO vs different metal ions

Fig. S2 Absorption (a) and emission (b) spectra of Rh-BMDZ in CH<sub>3</sub>CN/tris-HCl buffer (1:1, v:v, pH 7.4) in the presence of metal ions such as K<sup>+</sup>, Ca<sup>2+</sup>, Na<sup>+</sup>, Mg<sup>2+</sup>, Fe<sup>2+</sup>, Fe<sup>3+</sup>, Cu<sup>2+</sup>, Zn<sup>2+</sup>, Cr<sup>3+</sup>, Cd<sup>2+</sup>, Hg<sup>2+</sup>, Mn<sup>2+</sup> and Al<sup>3+</sup>.

#### 5. Spectral changes of Rh-BMDZ in various solvents



Fig. S3 Absorption (a) and emission (b) spectra of Rh-BMDZ in DCM, THF, methanol, ethanol, acetonitrile and acetone.

6. Fluorescence image



Fig. S4 MCF-7 stained with Rh-BMDZ (2 uM) for 5 min. Rh-BMDZ:  $\lambda$ ex 559 nm,  $\lambda$ em 565-665 nm,

DIC: differential interference contrast, Merged image: Overlay of Rh-BMDZ and DIC.

#### 7. Intensity correlation analysis

Table S1 ICA data of Fig. 3a(top), 3a(bottom) and Fig.3c (top)

Ch1 and Ch2	Rr <sup>a</sup>	R <sup>b</sup>	Ch1:Ch2 <sup>c</sup>	$M_1^{d}$	$M_2^{d}$	N+ve <sup>e</sup>	Ntotal <sup>f</sup>	ICQ <sup>g</sup>
Fig.3a (top)	0.84	0.85	1	0.263	0.662	174404	194336	0.40
Fig.3a (bottom)	0.52	0.51	1	0.032	0.218	156751	191449	0.32
Fig.3c (top)	0.85	0.87	1	0.995	0.989	240819	261976	0.42

a Pearson's correlation coefficient. b Mander's Overlap coefficient, c This value represents the red: green pixel ratio. d These split coefficients are Mander's Colocalization coefficients for Ch 1 (M1) and Ch 2 (M2). e N+ve represents the number of pixel pairs that have a positive PDM value. f Ntotal is the number of pixels pairs in the images that where at least one of the pixel pairs is above zero. g ICQ is the Intensity Correlation Quotient. Dependent staining: 0<ICQ<+0.5.

#### 8. Cytotoxicity assay of Rh-BMDZ



Fig. S5 The cytotoxicity effect of Rh-BMDZ on MCF-7. MCF-7 cells were incubated with Rh-BMDZ (2 uM, containing 2% DMSO) during different interval at 37  $^{\circ}$ C. Results were expressed as mean ± standard deviation (SD) of three independent experiments.

### 9. HRMS and H/C-NMR

1) HRMS





