

Targeted imaging of lysosome and endoplasmic reticulum and their pH monitoring with surface regulated carbon dots

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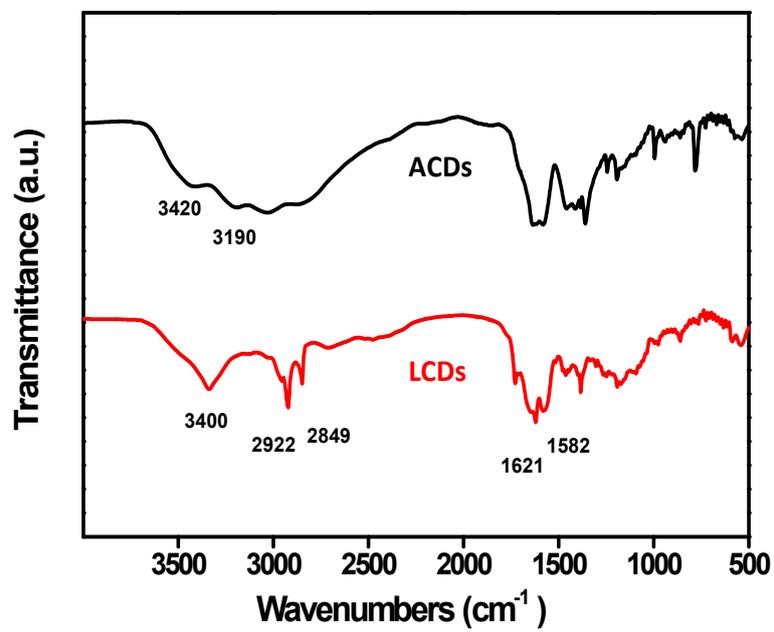


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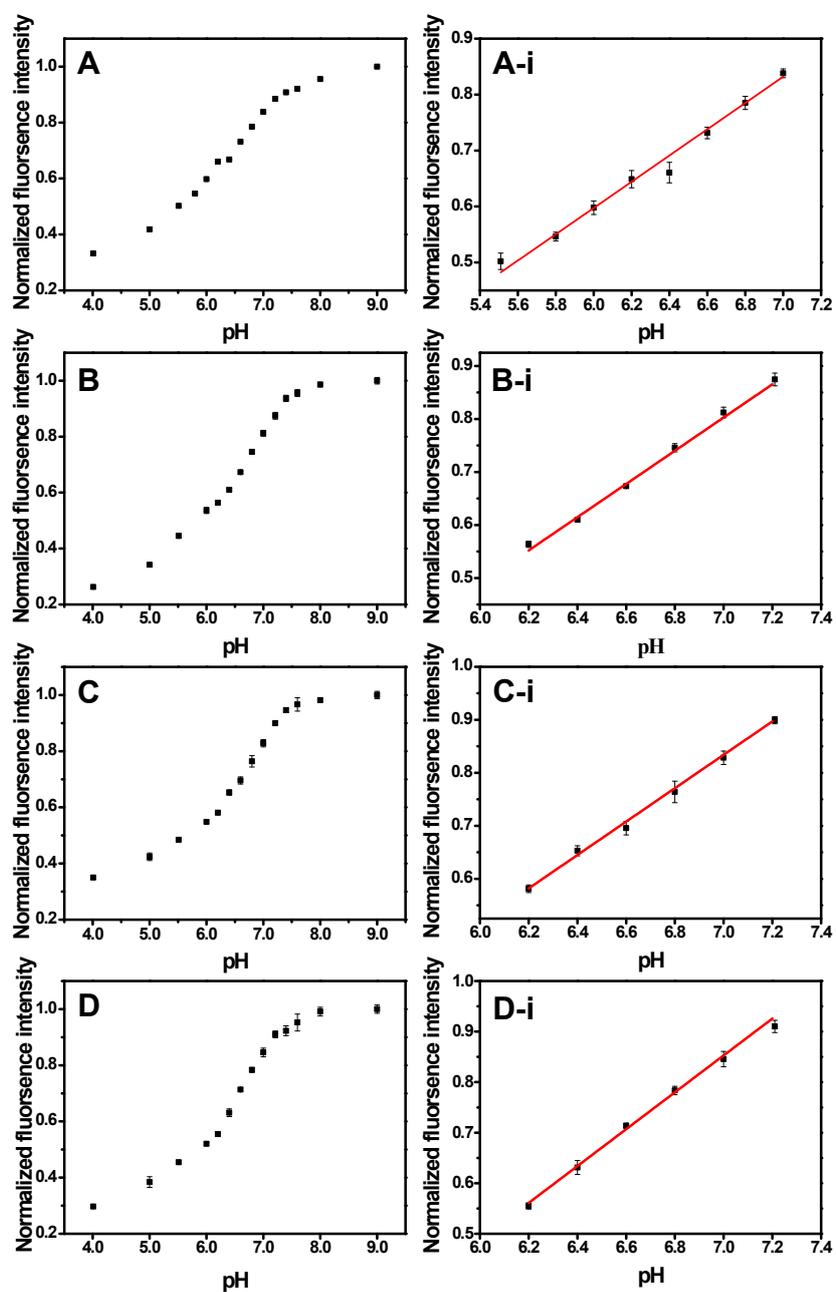


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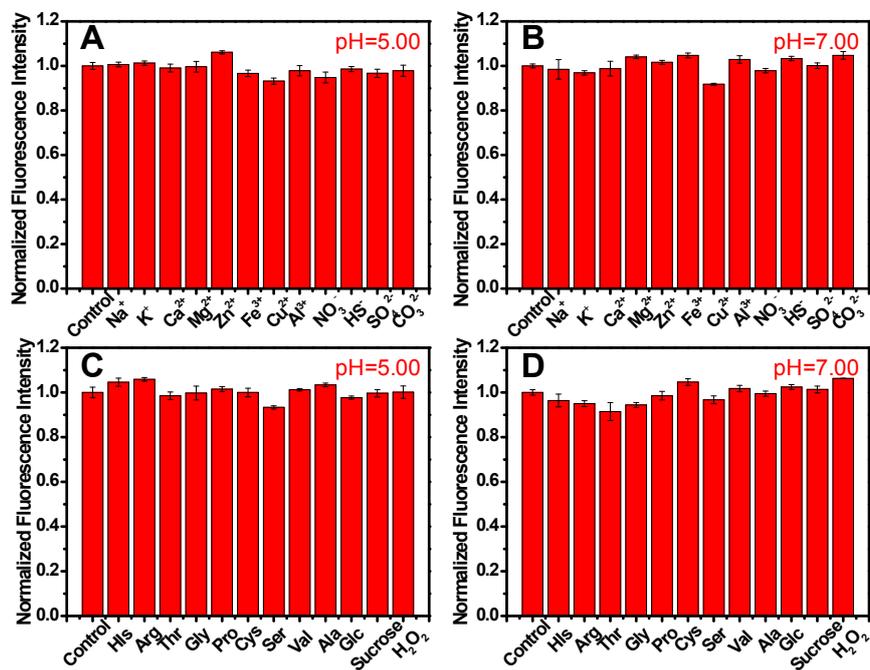


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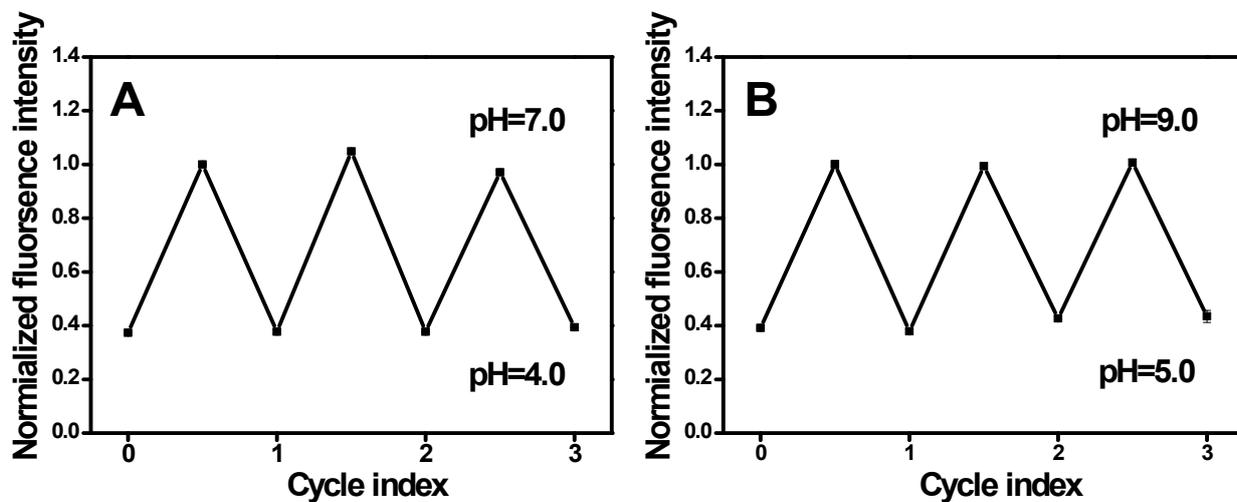


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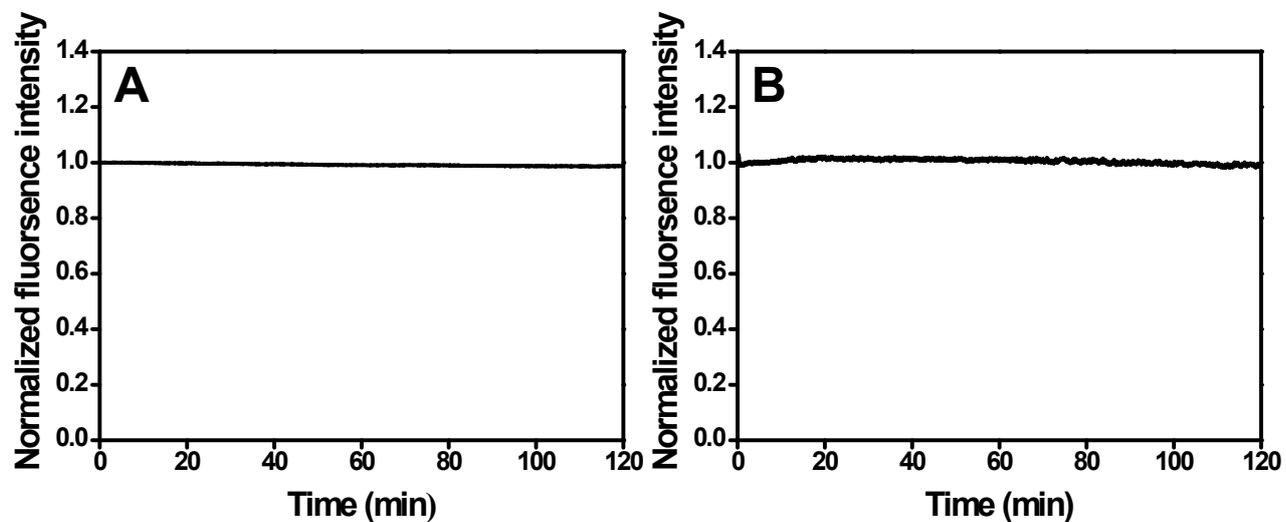


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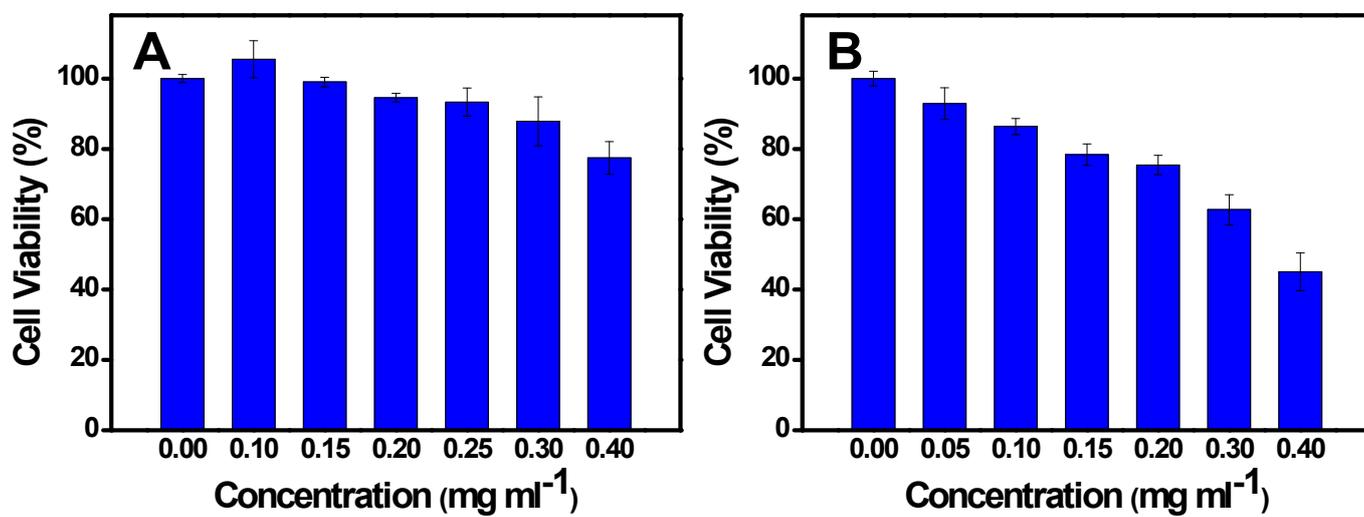


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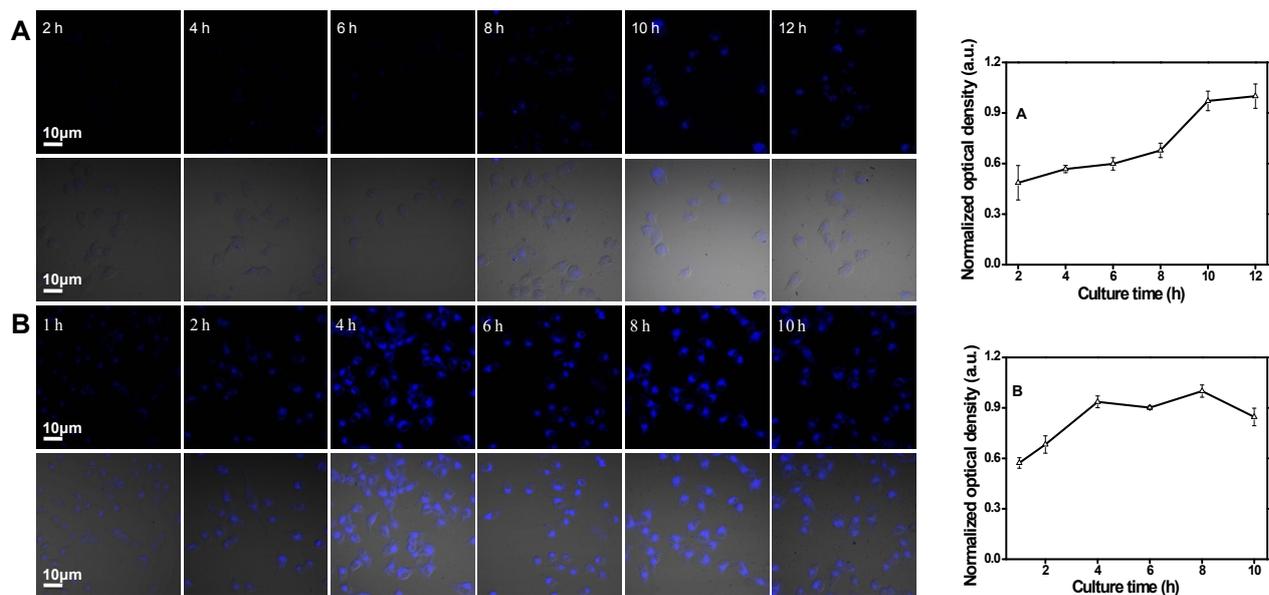


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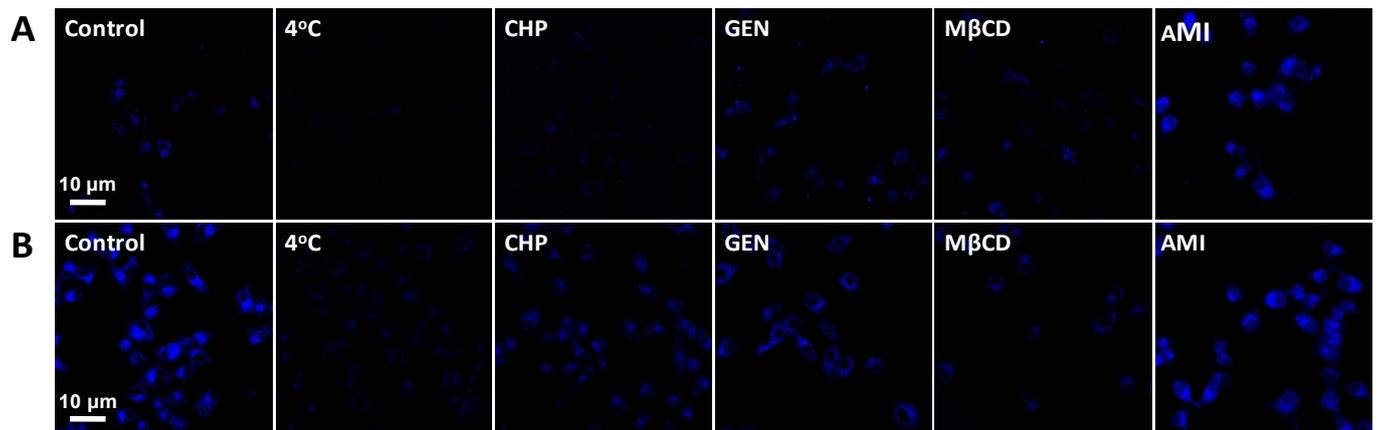


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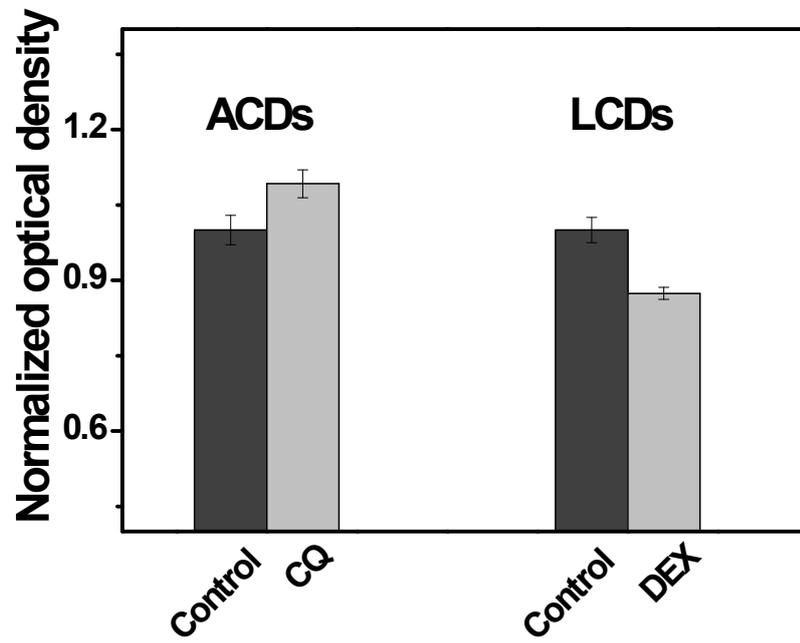


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Table S1. The pH response of the CDs prepared with different amount of laurylamine

| Sample | pH Linear range | Linearity equation | R ² |
|---------|-----------------|--------------------|----------------|
| ACDs | 4.0-5.4 | $y=0.3629x-1.018$ | 0.9861 |
| LCDs-5 | 5.5-7.0 | $y=0.2347x-0.8113$ | 0.9930 |
| LCDs-10 | 6.2-7.2 | $y=0.3134x-1.3914$ | 0.9899 |
| LCDs-15 | 6.2-7.2 | $y=0.3150x-1.3715$ | 0.9978 |
| LCDs-20 | 6.2-7.2 | $y=0.3648x-1.7009$ | 0.9944 |

Table S2. The correlation coefficient of ACDs and LCDs with different organelle probe

| Sample Probe | ACDs | | LCDs | |
|-------------------|------|------|------|------|
| | PCC* | OLC* | PCC | OLC |
| Lyso-Tracker Red | 0.95 | 0.96 | 0.54 | 0.58 |
| MitoRed | 0.30 | 0.37 | 0.40 | 0.45 |
| ER-Tracker Red | 0.55 | 0.59 | 0.92 | 0.94 |
| Golgi-Tracker Red | 0.20 | 0.22 | 0.40 | 0.43 |

*PCC:Pearson's correlation coefficient; *OLC: Overlap coefficient