

Supporting Information for

**Nitroreductase and acidity dual functional ratiometric
fluorescent probe for selectively imaging tumor cell**

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HPLC analysis

HPLC was performed on SHIMADU CTO10AS with an AD-H column. The HPLC solvents employed were 20% isopropanol and 80% *n*-hexane. HPLC conditions were as follows: flow rate 1 mL/min, detection by UV (254 nm).

The reaction solution of **NAFP** (10 μ M) and NADH (5 mM), nitroreductase (10 μ g/mL) which was incubated in PBS buffer (0.01 M PBS, pH =7.0, contains 1% DMSO).

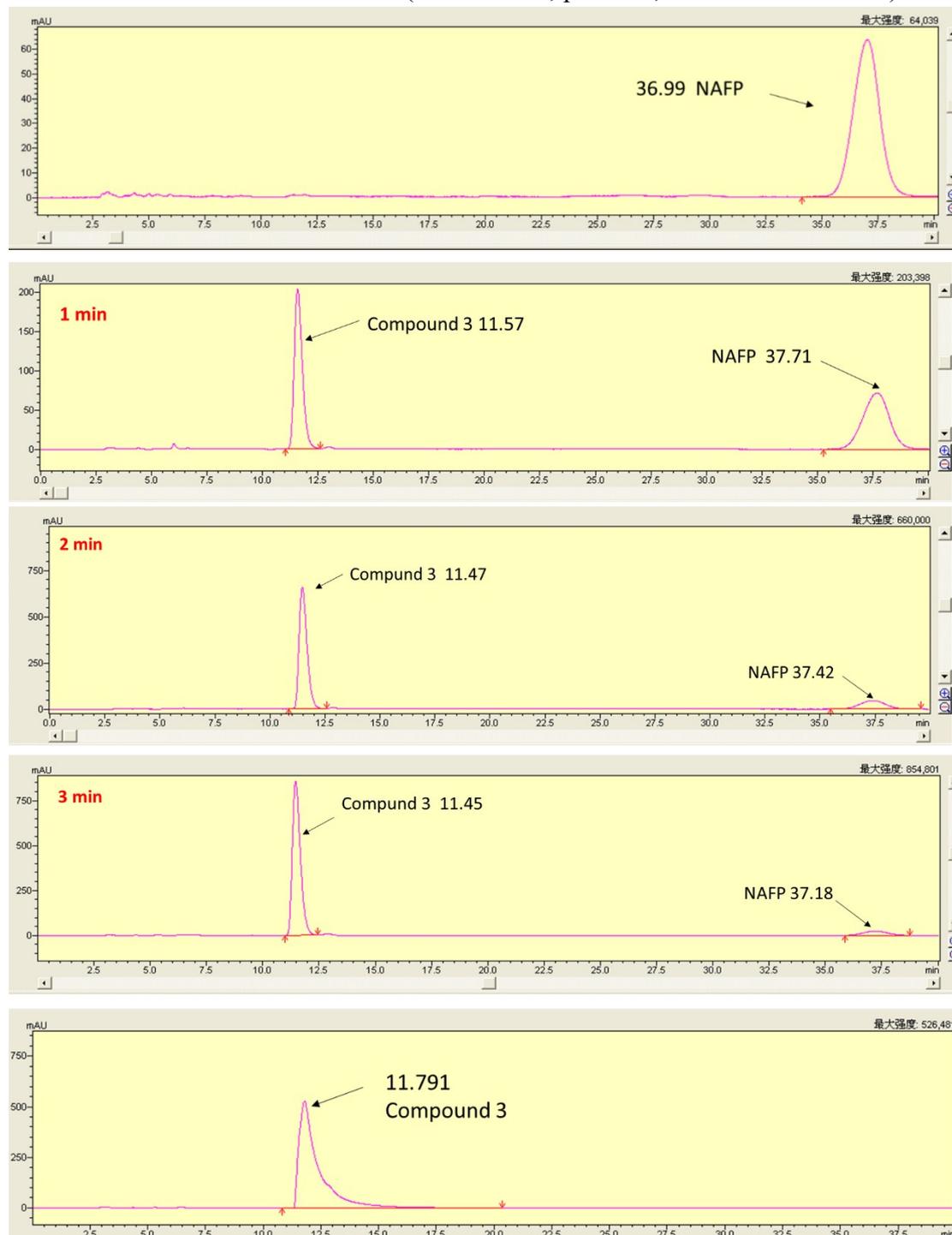


Figure S1. HPLC profiles a) **NAFP**; b) 1 min reaction solution; c) 2 min reaction solution; d) 3 min reaction solution; e) **compound 3**.

LOD measurement:

The limit of detection (LOD) was calculated by IUPAC assay. $LOD = 3S_b/m$ (S_b is the ratio signal and noise, m is the slope of linear equation). The standard deviation S_b is 0.14. According the linear equation of the fluorescence to the nitroreductase concentration at low concentration (following figure), the slope is 0.454×10^6 . Hence, the detection limit is $0.92 \mu\text{g/mL}$.

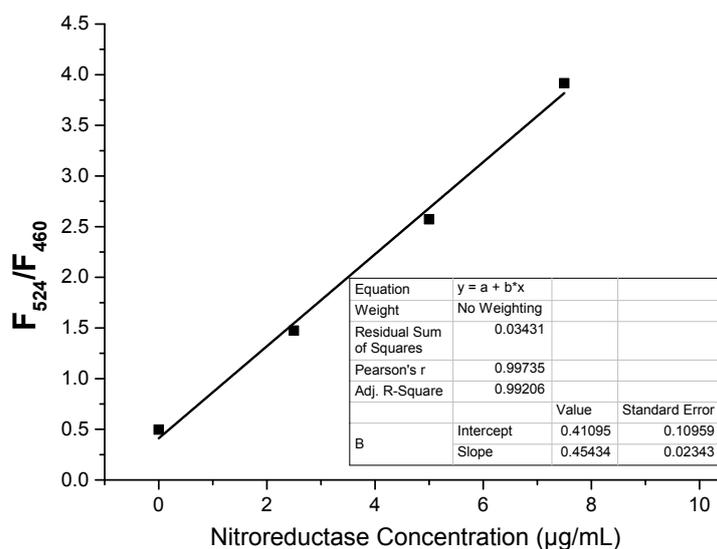
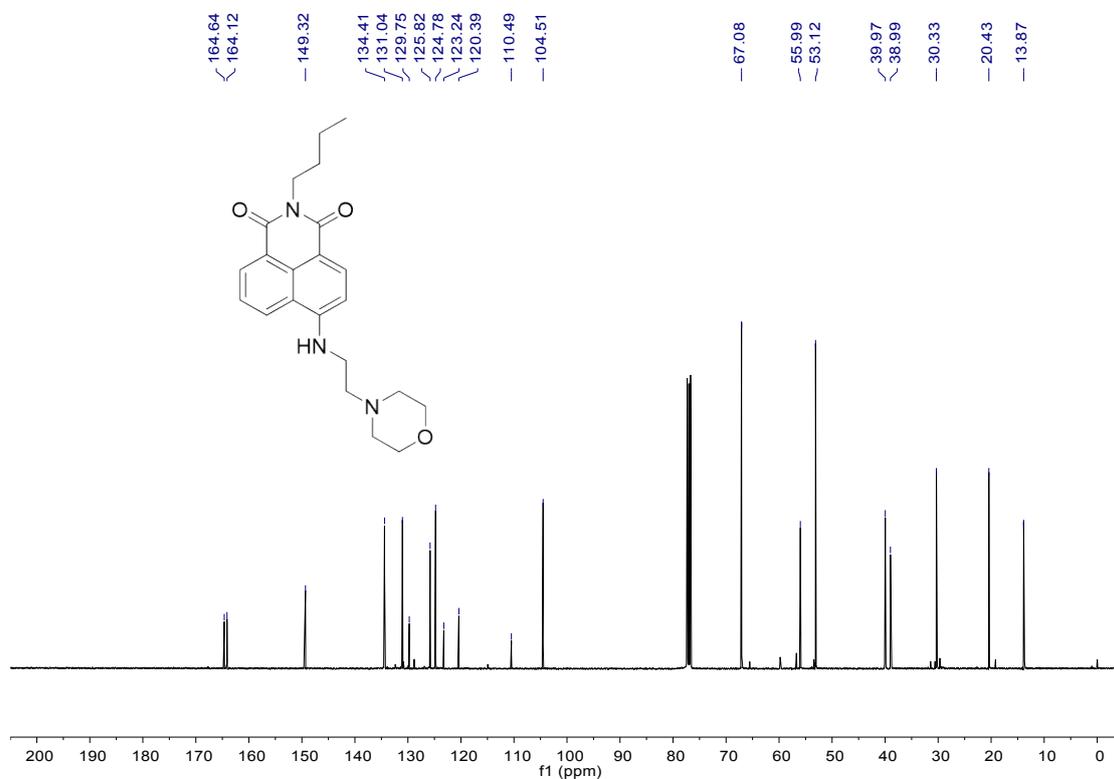
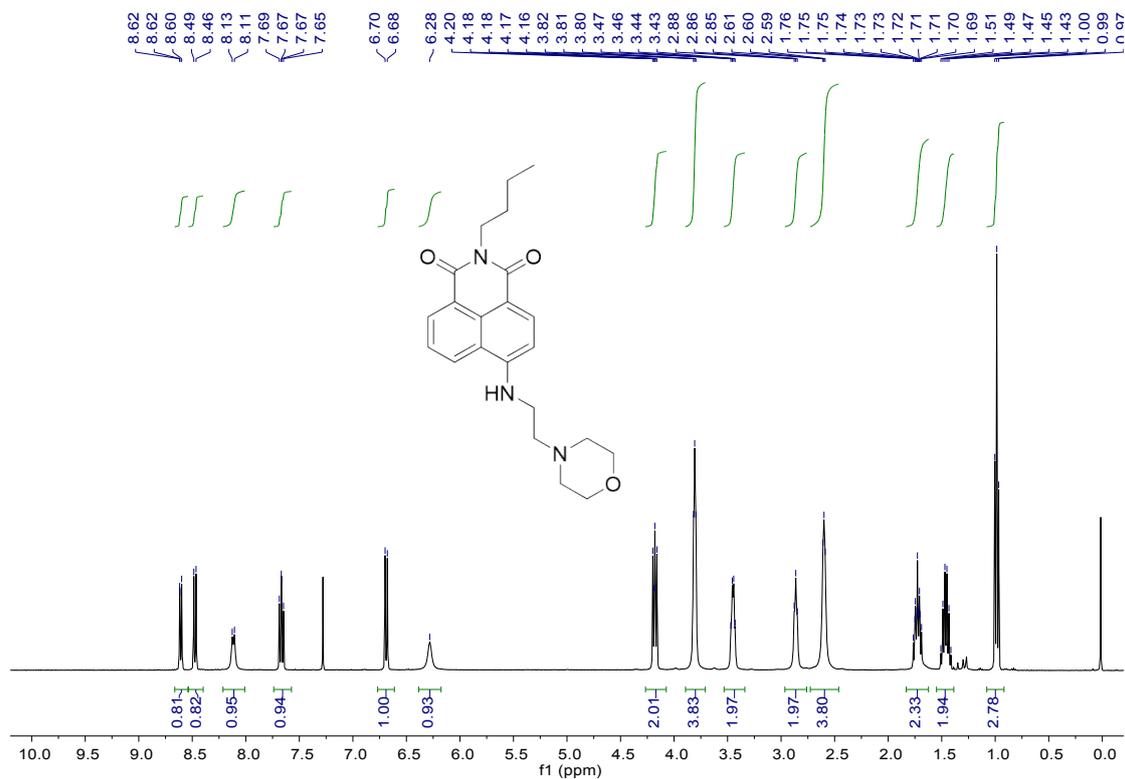
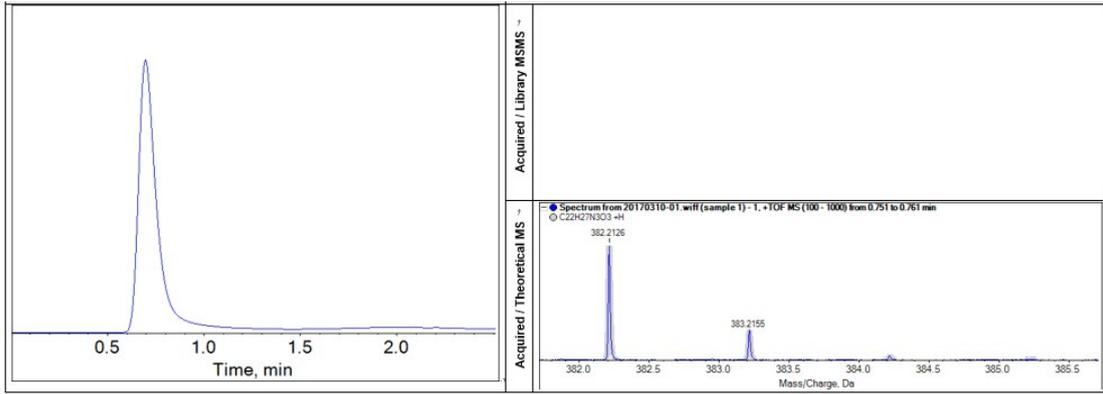


Figure S2. Emission ratio (F_{524}/F_{460}) of **NAFP** ($10 \mu\text{M}$) versus increasing concentration of nitroreductase in PBS buffer (1% DMSO, pH 5.0) in the presence of $500 \mu\text{M}$ of NADH with the excitation at 389 nm at $37 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}$.

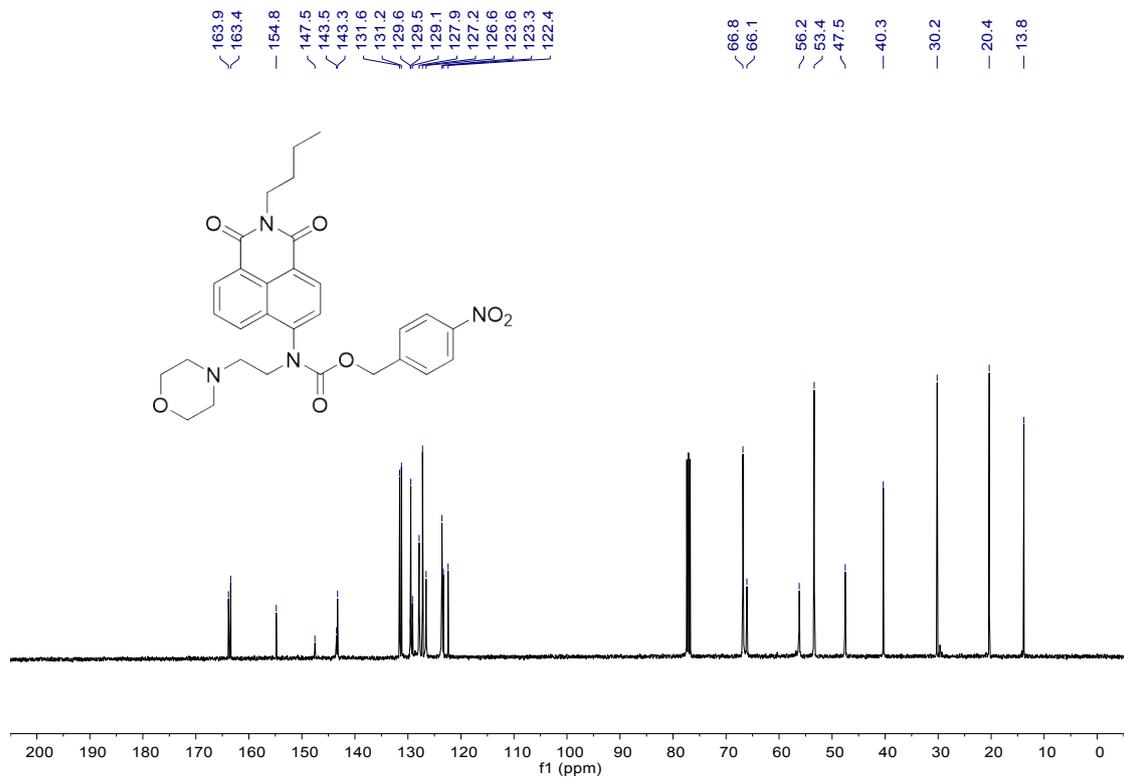
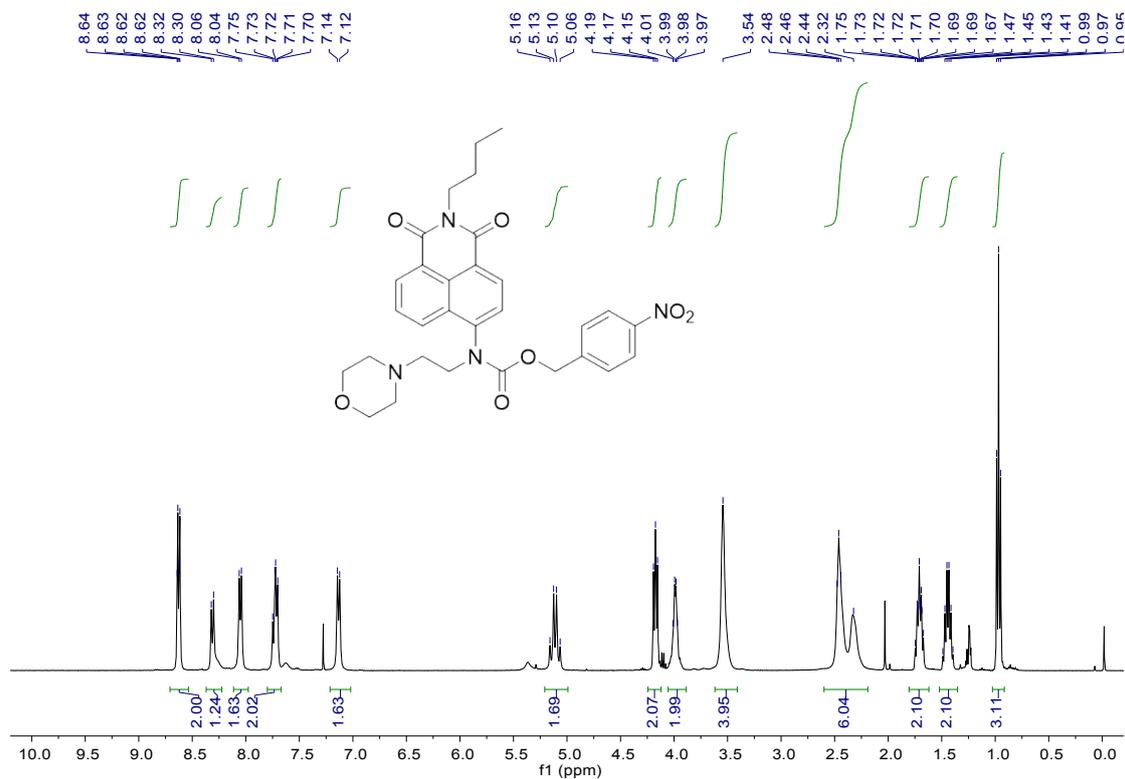
Characterization of compound 3.

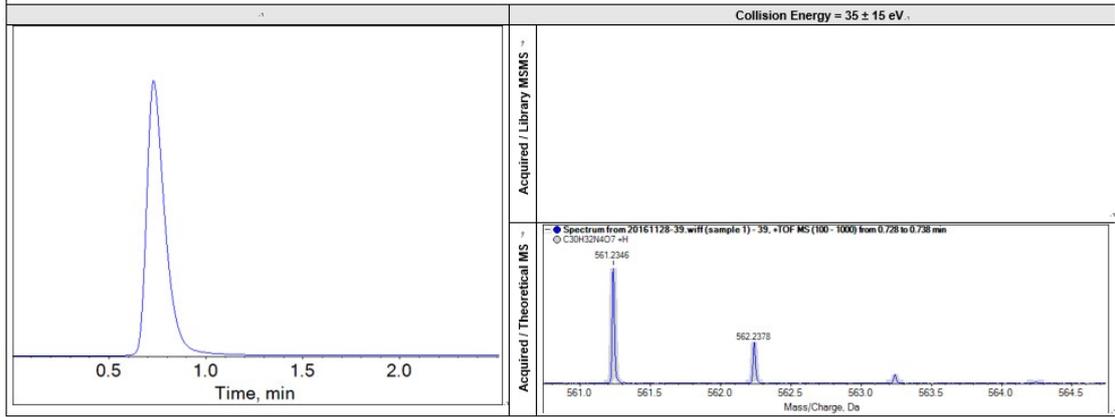




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✓✓✓✓	381.205242024	99%	C22H27N3O3	2163193	50	382.2125	382.2126	0.2	0.00	0.70	0.70	0.3%	N/A

Characterization of NAFP.





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✓●●●	560.227099792	97%	C30H32N4O7	2832655	50	561.2344	561.2346	0.4	0.00	0.73	0.73	0.4%	N/A