A highly sensitive and selective two-photon fluorescent probe for real-time sensing of cytochrome P450 1A1 in living systems

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Fig. S1 Chemical structures of **HBN** derivatives used in this study.



Scheme S1. The synthesis procedure of iPrBN.

Synthesis of probe 1 and probe 8.

To an acetic acid solution (50 mL) of 4-bromo-1,8-naphthalenedicarboxylic anhydride (5.52 g, 20 mmol) was added o-phenylenediamine (2.20 g, 20 mmol), and the mixture was refluxed for 4 h. After the reaction was completed by TLC analysis, the mixture was poured into ice water (100 mL). The resulting precipitate was filtered to afford the pure mixtures of **cis-BNBr** and **trans-BNBr**. The isomeric mixture were used directly in the next step without further purified.

To a solution of the mixture of **cis-BNBr** and **trans-BNBr** (3.48 g, 10 mmol) in CH₃OH (200 mL), was added CH₃ONa (10.80 g, 200.0 mmol) and CuSO₄·5H₂O (0.30 g, 1.3 mmol), and the mixture were refluxed for 24 h. Then the solvent was evaporated under reduced pressure and residue obtained was dissolved in CH₂Cl₂. The organic layers were washed with water, dried with MgSO₄, filtered, and the solvent was evaporated under reduced pressure. The crude mixture was purified by flash chromatography on silica gel using CH₂Cl₂ as the mobile phase to afford probe **1** (0.77 g, 25.7% yield) as a green yellow solid and probe **8** (0.46 g, 15.3% yield) as a yellow solid.

Probe 1: ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.71 (dd, *J* = 7.3, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 8.58 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 8.51 (dt, *J* = 5.5, 3.1 Hz, 1H), 8.36 (dd, *J* = 8.4, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 7.85 (dt, J = 3.3, 2.9 Hz, 1H), 7.65 (dd, *J* = 8.2, 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.49 – 7.41 (m, 2H), 6.94 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 4.03 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 161.65, 160.36, 149.55, 143.76, 133.99, 131.90, 128.23, 127.40, 126.27, 126.26, 125.45, 125.03, 123.91, 120.10, 119.73, 115.87, 115.29, 105.22, 56.19. HRMS (ESI positive) calcd for [M+H]⁺ 301.0972, found 301.0965.

Probe **8**: ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.73 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 8.69 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 8.61 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 8.52 (d, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 7.82 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.73 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.48 – 7.39 (m, 2H), 7.03 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 4.08 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 160.98, 159.23, 149.53, 143.92, 131.97, 131.69, 129.80, 128.94, 128.24, 125.92, 125.60, 124.64, 124.34, 122.67, 119.40, 115.77, 112.87, 105.67, 56.13. HRMS (ESI positive) calcd for [M+H]⁺ 301.0972, found 301.0968.

Synthesis of **cis-BNOH**.

A mixture of compound **1** (0.60 g, 2.0 mmol) and 57% (*v*/*v*) hydroiodic acid (30 mL) was refluxed for overnight until the starting material was consumed. After cooling, the mixture was poured into water (100 mL), the precipitate was filtered and washed with water. The crude compound were further purified by a silica gel column chromatograph using CH₂Cl₂/CH₃OH (10/1 *v*/*v*) as the mobile phase to afford **cis-BNOH** as a red solid (0.48 g, yield: 84.0%). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-*d6*) δ 8.74 (dd, *J* = 7.2, 0.8 Hz, 1H), 8.57 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 8.49 (dd, *J* = 8.3, 0.8 Hz, 1H), 8.47 – 8.41 (m, 1H), 7.87 – 7.79 (m, 2H), 7.50 – 7.44 (m, 2H), 7.24 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, DMSO-*d6*) δ 161.52, 159.93, 149.29, 143.29, 134.44, 131.49, 128.35, 127.25, 126.72, 125.96, 125.22, 124.67, 122.91, 119.65, 119.51, 115.25, 112.99, 110.28. HRMS (ESI negative) calcd for [M-H]⁻ 285.0670, found 285.0681.

Synthesis of trans-BNOH.

trans-BNOH was synthesized according to the same procedure as that used for **cis-BNOH**. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, DMSO-*d6*) δ 8.75 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 8.71 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 8.64 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 8.45 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.93 – 7.88 (m, 1H), 7.81 (d, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 7.46 (dq, *J* = 7.3, 6.2 Hz, 2H), 7.26 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-*d6*) δ 160.93, 159.84, 149.81, 142.44, 132.61, 131.33, 130.86, 130.55, 128.57, 126.37, 126.17, 124.90, 123.76, 122.55, 118.85, 115.76, 111.06, 110.05. HRMS (ESI negative) calcd for [M-H]⁻ 285.0670, found 285.0686.

Synthesis of probe 4 (iPrBN).

To a solution of **cis-BNOH** (57.2 mg, 0.2 mmol) in 10 mL DMF under an argon atmosphere, was added K_2CO_3 (27.6 mg, 0.2 mmol) and 2-lodopropane (169.9 mg, 1.0 mmol), and the reaction mixture was stirred at 100 °C until the starting material was consumed. Then the reaction mixture was diluted with H₂O and extracted with CH₂Cl₂. The organic phase was dried over anhydrous MgSO₄ and concentrated under reduced pressure. The crude compound were further purified by a silica gel column chromatograph using CH₂Cl₂ as the mobile phase to afford probe **4** (iPrBN) as a green yellow solid (49.6 mg, 75.6% yield). Other probes were synthesized with the similar method. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.77 (d, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 8.65 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 8.56 – 8.51 (m, 1H), 8.46 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 7.85 (dd, *J* = 5.9, 2.6 Hz, 1H), 7.67 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.48 – 7.40 (m, 2H), 7.02 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 4.90 (dt, *J* = 12.0, 6.0 Hz, 1H), 1.53 (d, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 6H). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 160.52, 160.32, 149.69, 143.83, 134.06, 131.97, 128.67, 127.42, 126.67, 126.03, 125.39, 124.95, 124.66, 120.23, 119.73, 115.87, 114.76, 106.70, 71.59, 21.88. HRMS (ESI positive) calcd for [M+H]⁺ 329.1285, found 329.1285.



Synthesis of Probe 2.

Probe **2** was synthesized with **cis-BNOH**, K_2CO_3 and Iodoethane as the raw materials. The product was isolated as a green yellow solid (72.3% yield). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.86 (dd, *J* = 7.3, 1.0 Hz, 1H), 8.73 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 8.62 – 8.56 (m, 1H), 8.54 (dd, *J* = 8.4, 0.9 Hz, 1H), 7.93 – 7.85 (m, 1H), 7.76 (dd, *J* = 8.2, 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.50 – 7.42 (m, 2H), 7.08 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 4.37 (q, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 2H), 1.63 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 161.29, 160.68, 149.79, 143.88, 134.25, 132.03, 128.57, 127.53, 126.56, 126.29, 125.50, 125.08, 124.21, 120.38, 119.80, 115.92, 115.30, 106.01, 64.89, 14.59. HRMS (ESI positive) calcd for [M+H]⁺ 315.1128, found 315.1121.



Synthesis of Probe 3.

Probe **3** was synthesized with **cis-BNOH**, K_2CO_3 and 1-lodopropane as the raw materials. The product was isolated as a green yellow solid (74.2% yield). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.79 (dd, *J* = 7.3, 0.8 Hz, 1H), 8.66 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 8.58 – 8.52 (m, 1H), 8.47 (dd, *J* = 8.3, 0.8 Hz, 1H), 7.87 (dd, *J* = 5.8, 2.9 Hz, 1H), 7.74 – 7.67 (m, 1H), 7.50 – 7.42 (m, 2H), 7.01 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 4.19 (t, *J* = 6.4 Hz, 2H), 1.99 (dd, *J* = 14.0, 6.8 Hz, 2H), 1.17 (t, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 161.23, 160.43, 149.62, 143.80, 134.09, 131.94, 128.33, 127.37, 126.34, 126.14, 125.40, 124.97, 124.04, 120.15, 119.73, 115.87, 115.02, 105.86, 70.55, 22.36, 10.58. HRMS (ESI positive) calcd for [M+H]⁺ 329.1285, found 329.1276.



Synthesis of Probe 5.

Probe **5** was synthesized with **cis-BNOH**, K_2CO_3 and benzyl bromide as the raw materials. The product was isolated as a green yellow solid (72.6% yield). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.88 (d, *J* = 6.4 Hz, 1H), 8.76 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 8.65 – 8.53 (m, 2H), 7.93 – 7.85 (m, 1H), 7.81 – 7.75 (m, 1H), 7.55 (d, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 7.46 (ddd, *J* = 21.8, 12.3, 4.5 Hz, 5H), 7.20 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 5.41 (s, 2H). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 160.89, 160.63, 149.75, 143.89, 135.48, 134.10, 132.04, 128.91, 128.64, 127.61, 126.59, 126.51, 125.57, 125.17, 124.38, 120.51, 119.85, 115.93, 115.83, 106.67, 71.05. HRMS (ESI positive) calcd for [M+H]⁺ 377.1285, found 377.1281.



Synthesis of Probe 6.

Probe **6** was synthesized with **cis-BNOH**, K₂CO₃ and 1-Chloro-2-iodoethane as the raw materials. The product was isolated as a green yellow solid (65.4% yield). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.82 (dd, *J* = 7.3, 0.8 Hz, 1H), 8.68 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 8.58 – 8.53 (m, 1H), 8.51 (dd, *J* = 8.4, 0.8 Hz, 1H), 7.92 – 7.84 (m, 1H), 7.79 – 7.73 (m, 1H), 7.51 – 7.43 (m, 2H), 7.02 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 4.50 (t, *J* = 5.6 Hz, 2H), 3.99 (t, *J* = 5.6 Hz, 2H). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 160.40, 160.14, 149.59, 143.85, 133.79, 131.98, 128.47, 127.68, 126.66, 126.35, 125.60, 125.21, 124.06, 120.40, 119.86, 116.18, 115.91, 106.05, 68.75, 41.46. HRMS (ESI positive) calcd for [M+H]⁺ 349.0738, found 349.0733.



Synthesis of Probe 7.

Probe **7** was synthesized with **cis-BNOH**, K_2CO_3 and 1-Chloro-4-iodobutane as the raw materials. The product was isolated as a green yellow solid (65.6% yield). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.82 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 8.69 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 8.59 – 8.51 (m, 1H), 8.47 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.92 – 7.82 (m, 1H), 7.74 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.51 – 7.39 (m, 2H), 7.04 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 4.30 (t, *J* = 5.7 Hz, 2H), 3.69 (t, *J* = 6.1 Hz, 2H), 2.24 – 2.03 (m, 4H). ¹³C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 160.97, 160.56, 149.68, 143.83,

134.13, 131.99, 128.48, 127.54, 126.43, 126.30, 125.55, 125.14, 124.10, 120.39, 119.81, 115.91, 115.51, 105.99, 68.28, 44.55, 29.32, 26.43. HRMS (ESI positive) calcd for [M+H]⁺ 377.1051, found 377.1048.



Synthesis of Probe 9.

Probe **9** was synthesized with **trans-BNOH**, K_2CO_3 and Iodoethane as the raw materials. The product was isolated as a yellow solid (71.6% yield). ¹H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.82 (d, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 8.77 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 8.73 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 8.56 (d, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 7.84 (d, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 1H), 7.79 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.50 – 7.40 (m, 2H), 7.09 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 4.36 (q, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 2H), 1.62 (t, *J* = 7.0 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 161.05, 158.67, 149.63, 144.01, 131.96, 131.73, 129.93, 129.03, 128.32, 125.81, 125.58, 124.59, 124.44, 122.69, 119.40, 115.78, 112.66, 106.31, 64.64, 14.64. HRMS (ESI positive) calcd for [M+H]⁺ 315.1128, found: 315.1130.



Synthesis of Probe 10.

Probe **10** was synthesized with **trans-BNOH**, K_2CO_3 and 1-lodopropane as the raw materials. The product was isolated as a yellow solid (70.3% yield). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.79 (dd, *J* = 7.3, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 8.74 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 8.70 (dd, *J* = 8.3, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 8.55 (d, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 7.86 – 7.81 (m, 1H), 7.80 – 7.74 (m, 1H), 7.45 (ddt, *J* = 15.1, 7.4, 3.7 Hz, 2H), 7.07 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 4.23 (t, *J* = 6.4 Hz, 2H), 2.06 – 1.98 (m,

2H), 1.18 (t, J = 7.4 Hz, 3H). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 160.96, 158.72, 149.55, 143.96, 131.86, 131.68, 129.79, 128.99, 128.20, 125.74, 125.54, 124.54, 124.38, 122.59, 119.36, 115.75, 112.50, 106.25, 70.41, 22.45, 10.64. HRMS (ESI positive) calcd for [M+H]⁺ 329.1285, found 329.1284.



Synthesis of Probe 11.

Probe **11** was synthesized with **trans-BNOH**, K_2CO_3 and 2-lodopropane as the raw materials. The product was isolated as a yellow solid (71.6% yield). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.81 (d, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 8.77 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 8.72 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 8.60 – 8.53 (m, 1H), 7.84 (d, *J* = 7.1 Hz, 1H), 7.78 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.49 – 7.40 (m, 2H), 7.11 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 4.94 (dt, *J* = 12.1, 6.0 Hz, 1H), 1.55 (s, 3H), 1.54 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 161.09, 157.77, 149.68, 144.02, 131.97, 131.72, 130.19, 129.00, 128.57, 125.69, 125.56, 125.09, 124.54, 122.70, 119.37, 115.78, 112.32, 107.25, 71.37, 21.97. HRMS (ESI positive) calcd for [M+H]⁺ 329.1285, found: 329.1284.



Synthesis of Probe 12.

Probe **12** was synthesized with **trans-BNOH**, K_2CO_3 and benzyl bromide as the raw materials. The product was isolated as a yellow solid (69.6% yield). ¹H NMR (500 MHz,

CDCl₃) δ 8.83 (dd, *J* = 7.3, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 8.78 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 8.76 (dd, *J* = 8.3, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 8.58 – 8.53 (m, 1H), 7.88 – 7.83 (m, 1H), 7.80 (dd, *J* = 8.2, 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.55 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.45 (ddt, *J* = 18.4, 14.6, 7.3 Hz, 5H), 7.21 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 5.38 (s, 2H). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 161.08, 158.35, 149.59, 144.00, 135.73, 132.12, 131.77, 130.04, 128.91, 128.86, 128.56, 128.47, 127.64, 126.09, 125.66, 124.74, 124.65, 122.88, 119.48, 115.82, 113.29, 107.00, 70.91. HRMS (ESI positive) calcd for [M+H]⁺ 377.1285, found 377.1278.



Synthesis of Probe 13.

Probe **13** was synthesized with **trans-BNOH**, K₂CO₃ and 1-Chloro-2-iodoethane as the raw materials. The product was isolated as a yellow solid (60.1% yield). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.78 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 8.74 – 8.65 (m, 2H), 8.54 (d, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 1H), 7.84 (d, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.78 (t, *J* = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.50 – 7.40 (m, 2H), 7.04 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 4.50 (t, *J* = 5.5 Hz, 2H), 4.00 (t, *J* = 5.5 Hz, 2H). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 160.90, 157.62, 149.37, 143.95, 132.18, 131.74, 129.79, 128.60, 128.35, 126.25, 125.69, 124.83, 124.36, 122.81, 119.53, 115.81, 113.68, 106.53, 68.68, 41.62. HRMS (ESI positive) calcd for [M+H]⁺ 349.0738, found 349.0729.



Synthesis of Probe 14.

Probe **14** was synthesized with **trans-BNOH**, K₂CO₃ and 1-Chloro-4-iodobutane as the raw materials. The product was isolated as a yellow solid (63.7% yield). ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 8.80 (dd, *J* = 7.3, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 8.75 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 8.67 (dd, *J* = 8.3, 1.1 Hz, 1H), 8.59 – 8.51 (m, 1H), 7.87 – 7.82 (m, 1H), 7.82 – 7.76 (m, 1H), 7.45 (pd, *J* = 7.3, 1.4 Hz, 2H), 7.08 (d, *J* = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 4.32 (t, *J* = 5.8 Hz, 2H), 3.71 (t, *J* = 6.2 Hz, 2H), 2.22 – 2.07 (m, 4H). ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) δ 161.05, 158.46, 149.59, 143.99, 132.07, 131.75, 129.76, 128.96, 128.39, 126.03, 125.66, 124.71, 124.46, 122.85, 119.45, 115.81, 113.04, 106.39, 68.13, 44.56, 29.39, 26.51. HRMS (ESI positive) calcd for [M+H]⁺ 377.1051, found 377.1044.



Fig. S2. ¹H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl₃) spectrum of **iPrBN**.



Fig. S3. ¹³C NMR (125 MHz, CDCl₃) spectrum of **iPrBN**.



Fig. S4. HRMS of **iPrBN**.



Fig. S5. Isozyme specificity of **HBN** derivatives used in this study. Fluorescence responses of

iPrBN and other HBN derivatives to CYP isoforms. The results are expressed as the mean SD (n =

3).
$$\lambda_{ex}/em = 470/525$$
 nm.



Fig. S6. Representative LC-UV chromatograms of **iPrBN** (10 μ M) incubation samples at 37 °C, UV detector was set at 470 nm (a). Mass spectra of **iPrBN** with the quasi-molecular ion peak m/z = 329 (b), and its hydrolyzed product BAN with the quasi-molecular ion peak m/z = 285 (c) monitored under positive and negative mode, respectively. The concentration of CYP1A1 used was 5 nM.



Fig. S7 The effects of pH values on the fluorescence intensity of **iPrBN** and **HBN** (10 μ M). The measurements were performed in KCI-HCI buffer with different pH values adjusted by KOH (**HBN**, Gain 75).



Fig. S8 Fluorescence responses of iPrBN (10 μM) towards CYP1A1 in the presence of various analytes in reaction system.



Fig. S9 (A) Fluorescence spectra of **iPrBN** (10 μ M) upon the addition of increasing concentrations of CYP1A1 (0-0.25 nM) in reaction system incubated for 30 min. λ_{ex} = 470 nm. (B) Detection limit of CYP1A1 with **iPrBN** as the substrate. λ_{em} = 525 nm. Data are shown as mean \pm SD (n = 5). * indicates p < 0.05, ** indicates p < 0.005 and N. S. means no significant, versus the control group without enzyme (one-sided Student's t-test). (C) Fluorescence intensity of **iPrBN** at 525 nm upon the addition of increasing concentrations of CYP1A1 (0-0.25 nM) in reaction system incubated for 30 min.



Fig. S10 Kinetic plots of **iPrBN** deisopropylation in CYP1A1. The formation of **HBN** upon addition of CYP1A1 was determined by monitoring the fluorescence intensity at λ_{em} = 525 nm (λ_{ex} = 470 nm).



Fig. S11. Dose-inhibition curves of quercetin (0 - 100 μ M) and myricetin (0 - 100 μ M) on **iPrBN** deisopropylation in CYP1A1. IC₅₀ = 4.12 μ M, 2.79 μ M, respectively.



Fig. S12. Two-photon action spectra of HBN and iPrBN in PBS (100 mM, pH 7.4).



Fig. S13. Cell toxicity of **iPrBN** (A) and **HBN** (B) in A549 cells.



Fig. S14. Cell toxicity of **iPrBN** (A) and **HBN** (B) in MCF-7 cells.