

Supporting Information

**Imaging Stressed Organelle via Sugar-conjugated Color-Switchable pH Sensors**

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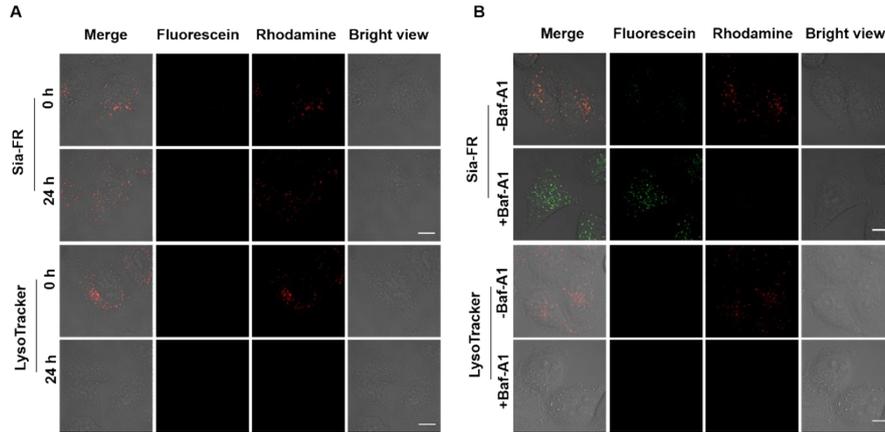
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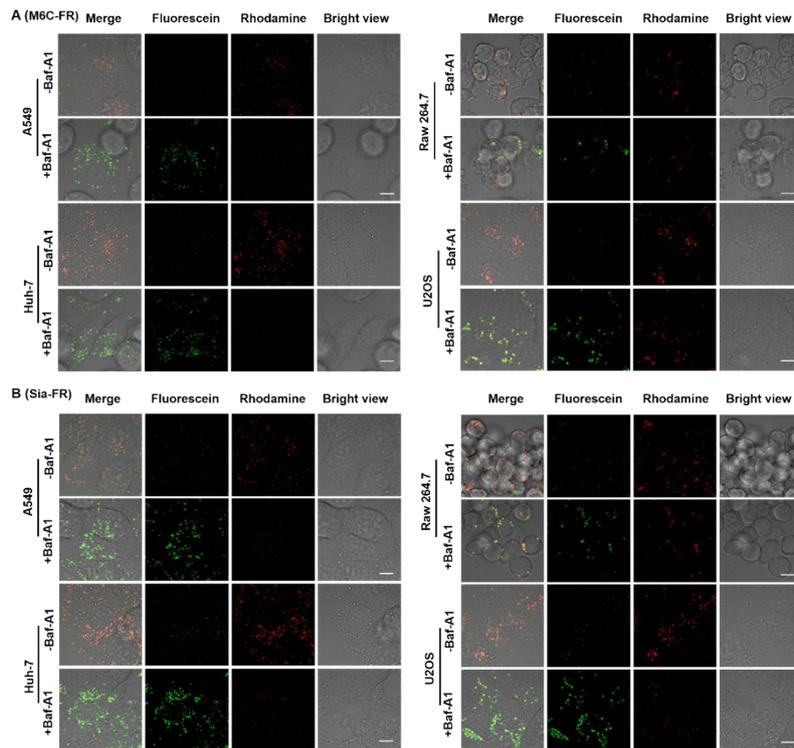
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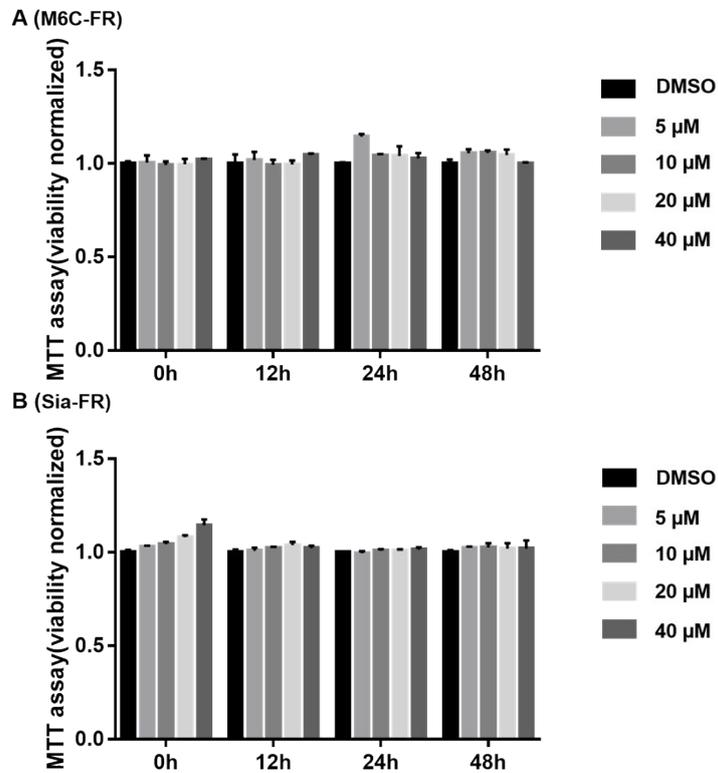
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**Fig. S1** Acidity-independent retention of Sia-FR in lysosomes. (A) HeLa cells prestained with Sia-FR (20  $\mu$ M) or LysoTracker Red (1  $\mu$ M) were further incubated in fresh DMEM for 24 h before analysis. (B) HeLa cells prestained with Sia-FR (20  $\mu$ M) or LysoTracker Red (1  $\mu$ M) were further incubated in DMEM spiked with or without Baf-A1 (20 nM) for 24 h prior to confocal fluorescence microscopy analysis. Scale bars, 10  $\mu$ m.



**Fig. S2** Acidity-independent retention of M6C-FR (A) and Sia-FR (B) in different cell lines. HeLa cells prestained with M6C-FR or Sia-FR (20  $\mu$ M) were further incubated in DMEM spiked with or without Baf-A1 (20 nM) for 24 h prior to confocal fluorescence microscopy analysis. Scale bars, 10  $\mu$ m.



**Fig. S3** Cytotoxicity of M6C-FR and Sia-FR. HeLa cells prestained with M6C-FR (A) or Sia-FR (B) (0-40  $\mu$ M) for 0-48 h. At indicated time points, the cells were determined for cell viability by MTT assay.

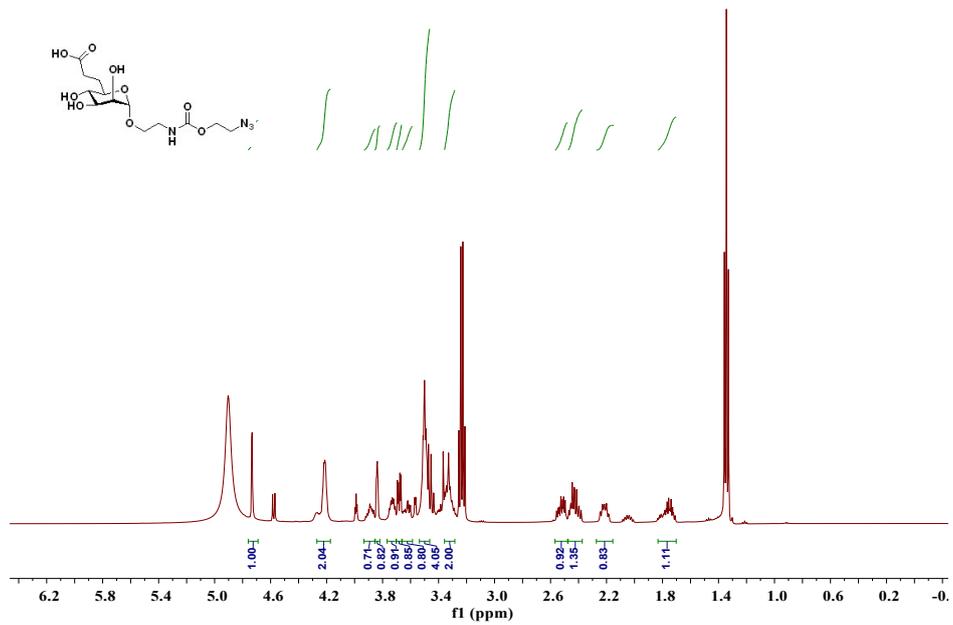


Fig. S5 <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of AzM6C (CDCl<sub>3</sub>).

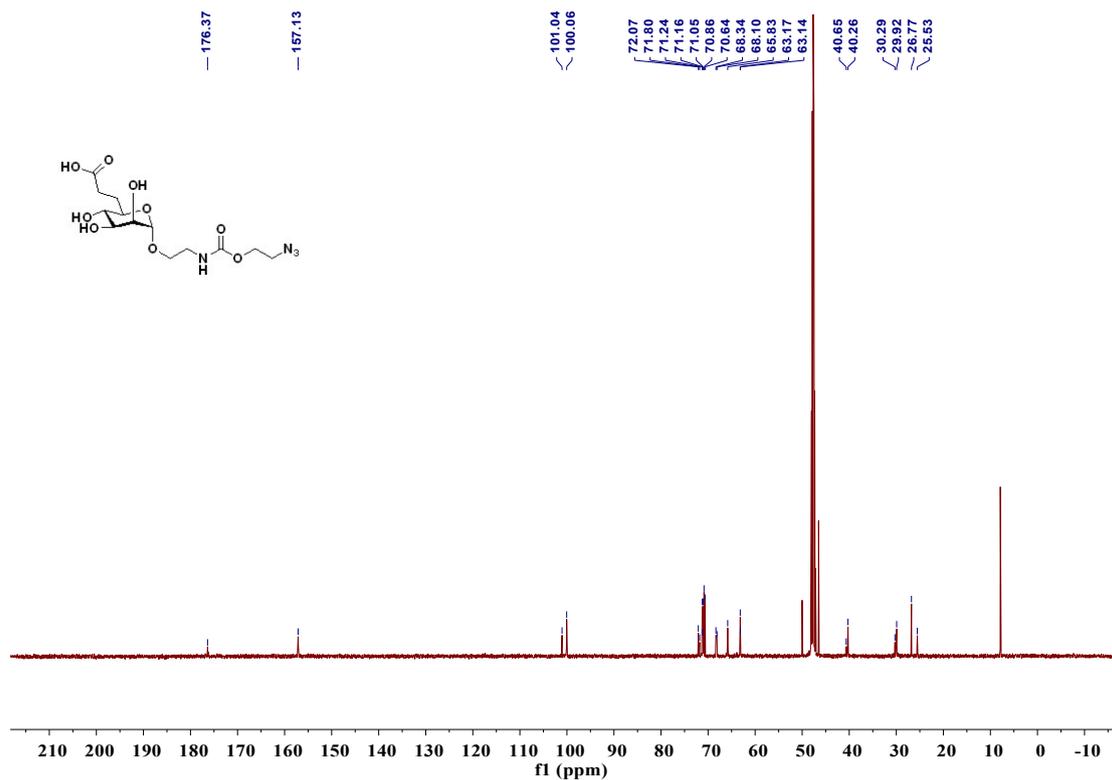


Fig. S6 <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of AzM6C (CDCl<sub>3</sub>).

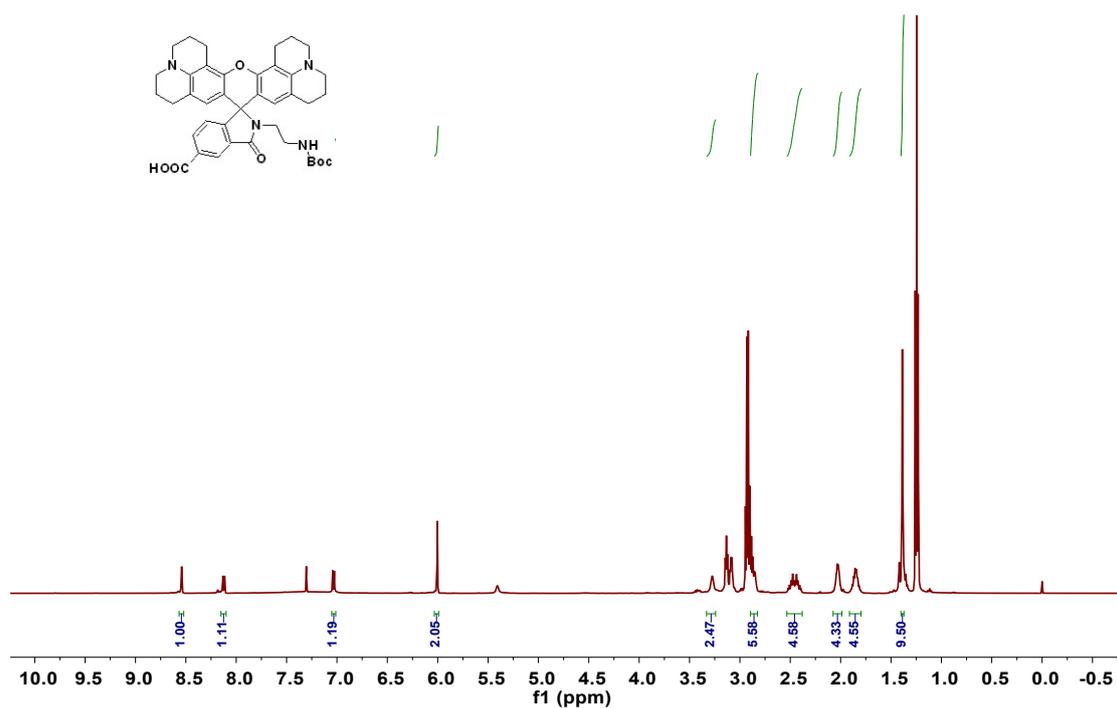


Fig. S7 <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of S1 (CDCl<sub>3</sub>).

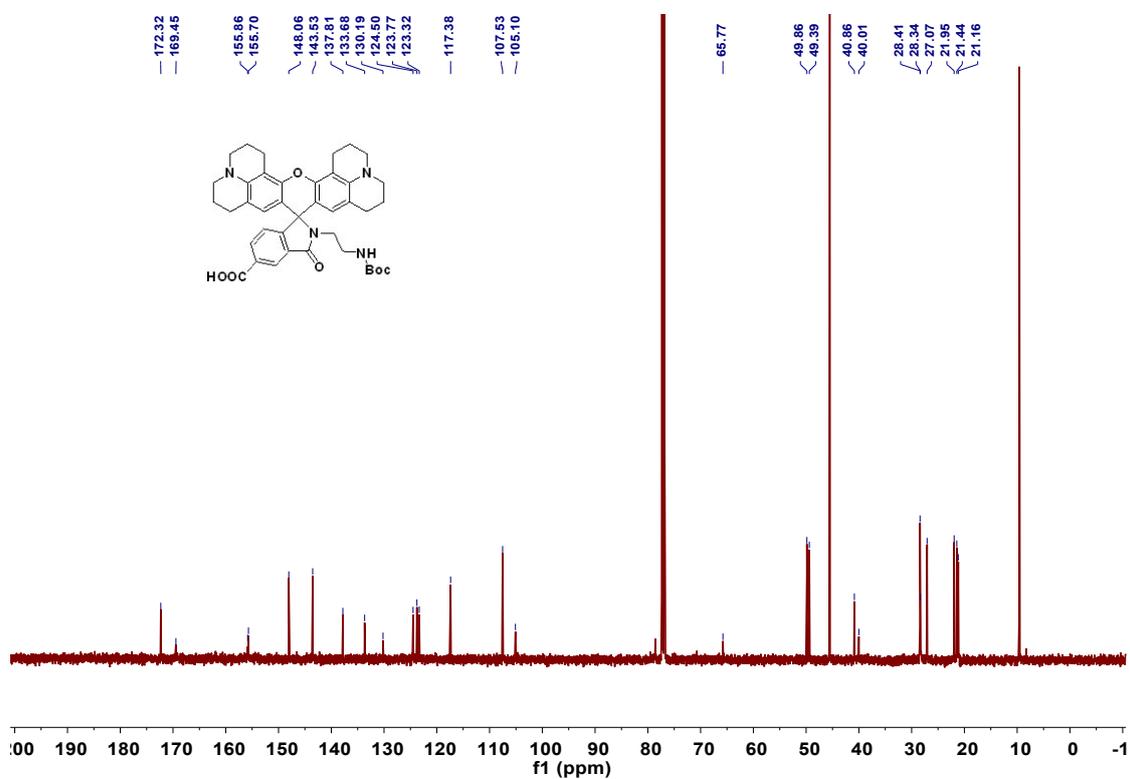


Fig. S8 <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of S1 (CDCl<sub>3</sub>).

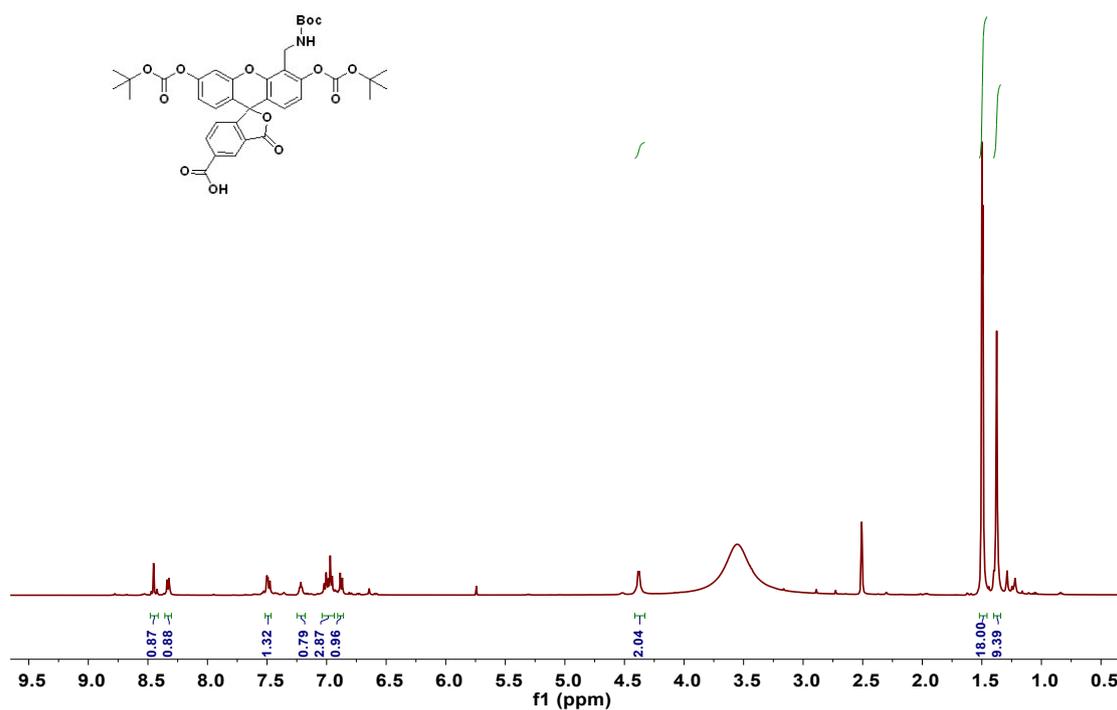


Fig. S9  $^1\text{H NMR}$  spectrum of S5 (DMSO- $\text{d}_6$ ).

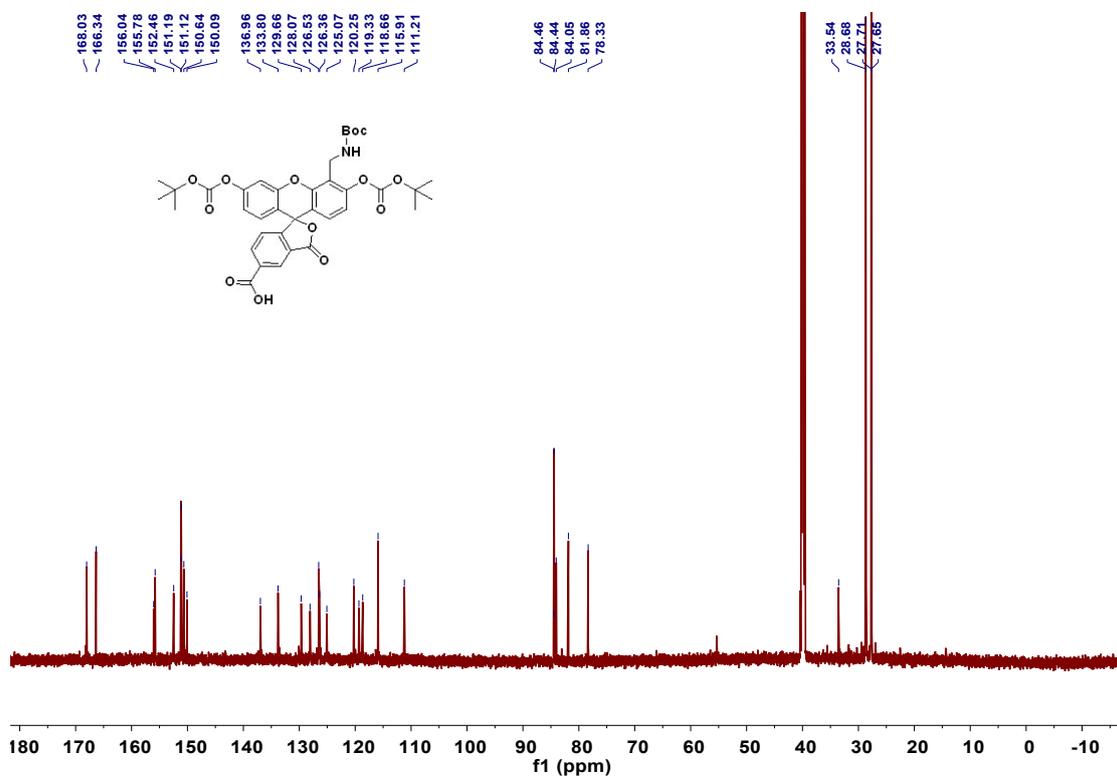


Fig. S10  $^{13}\text{C NMR}$  spectrum of S5 (DMSO- $\text{d}_6$ ).

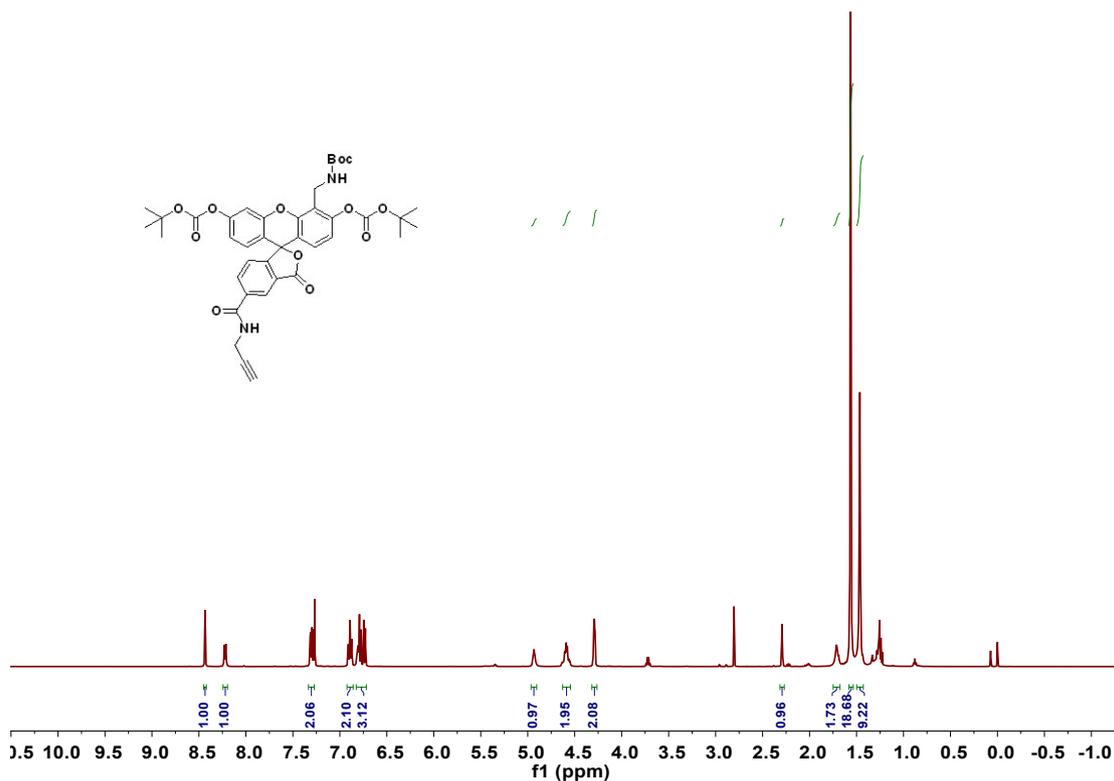


Fig. S11 <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of S6 (CDCl<sub>3</sub>).

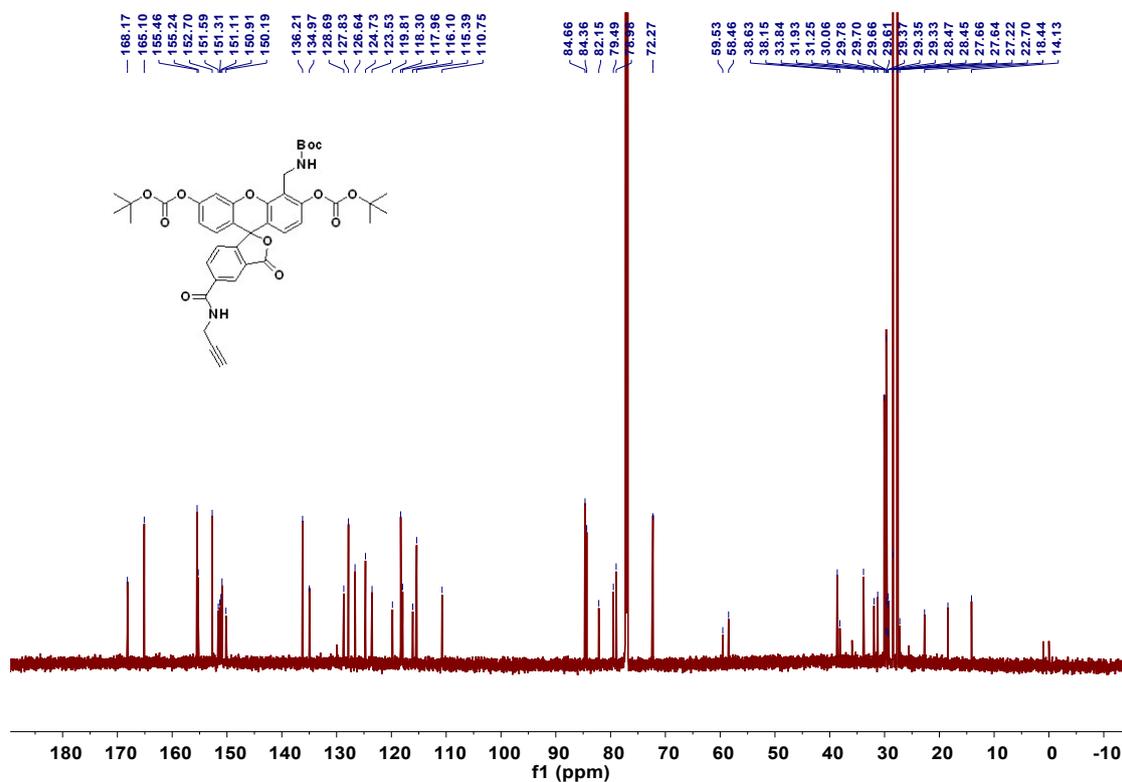


Fig. S12 <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of S6 (CDCl<sub>3</sub>).

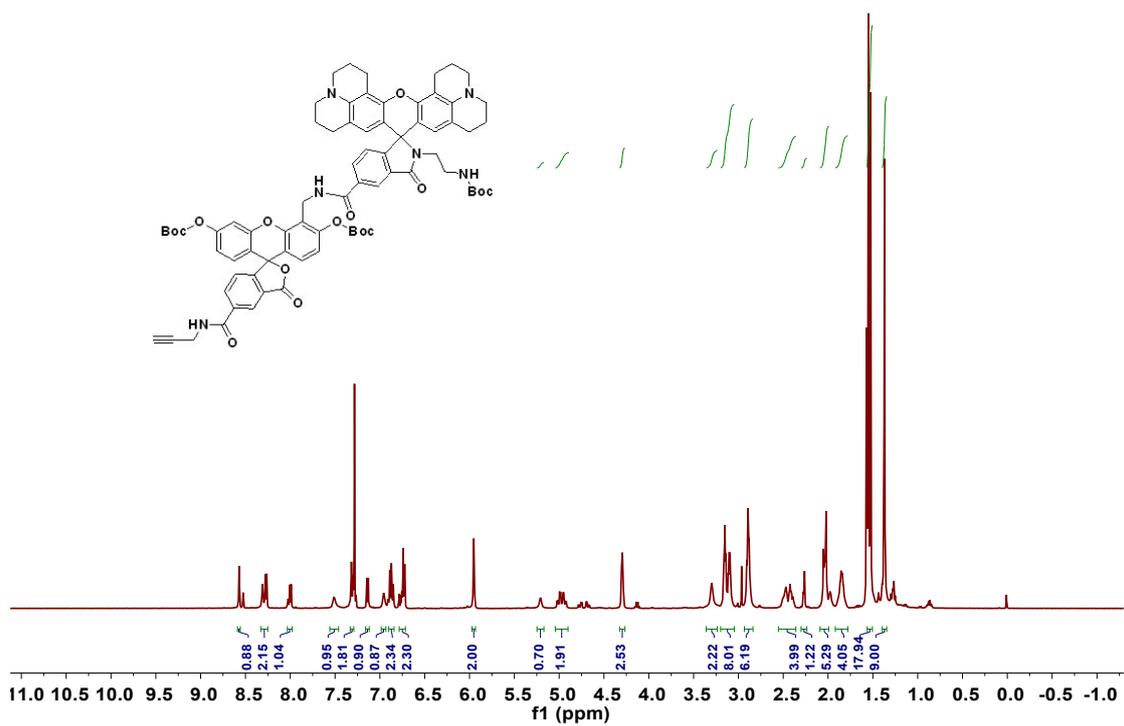


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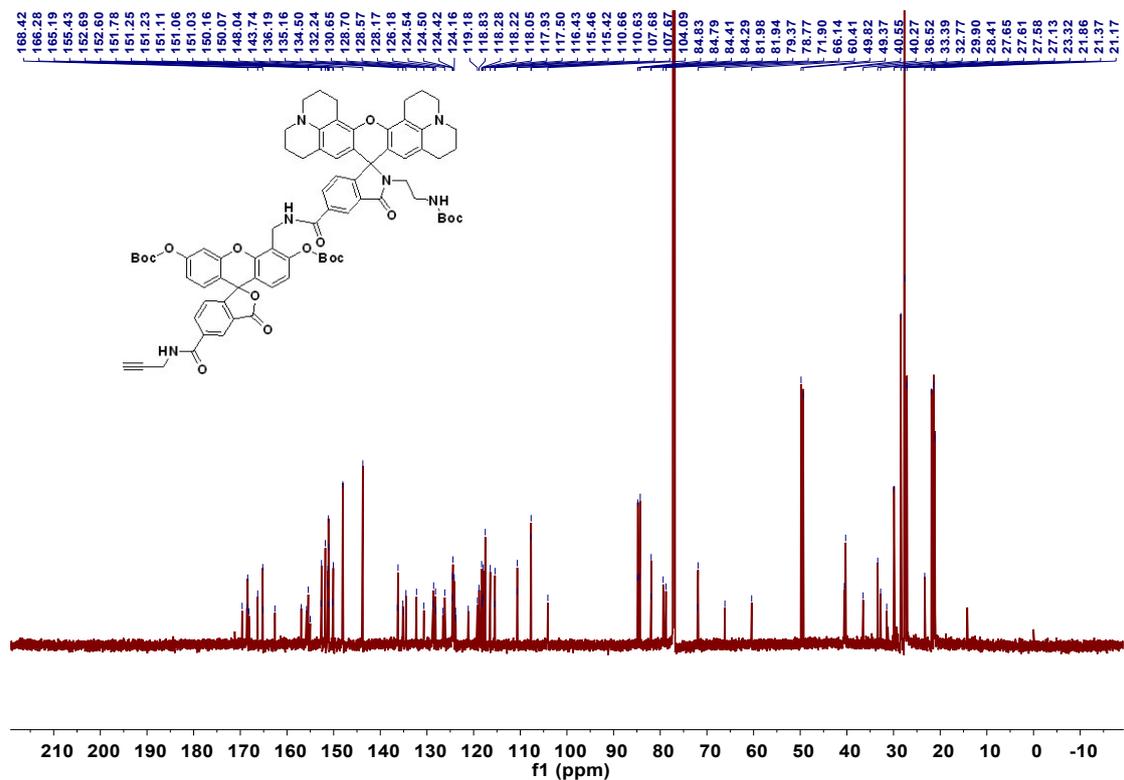
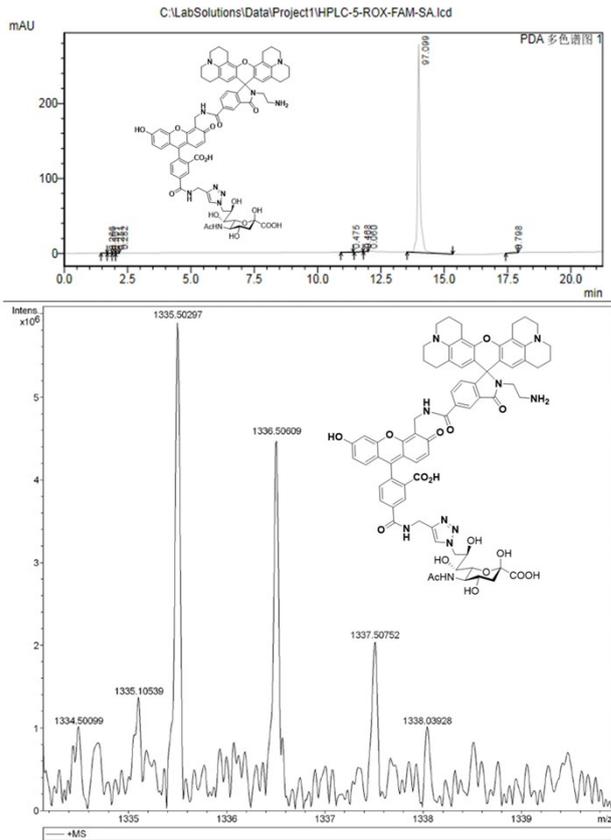
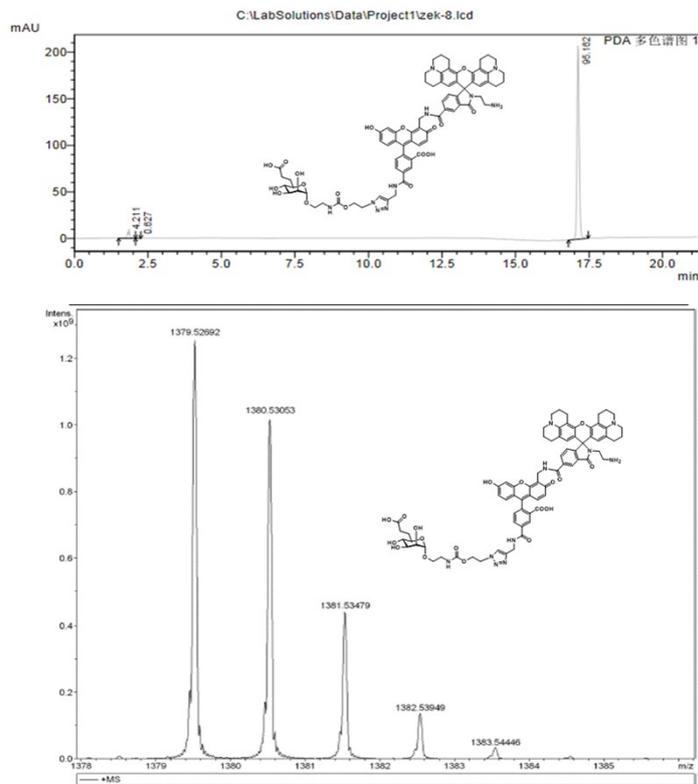


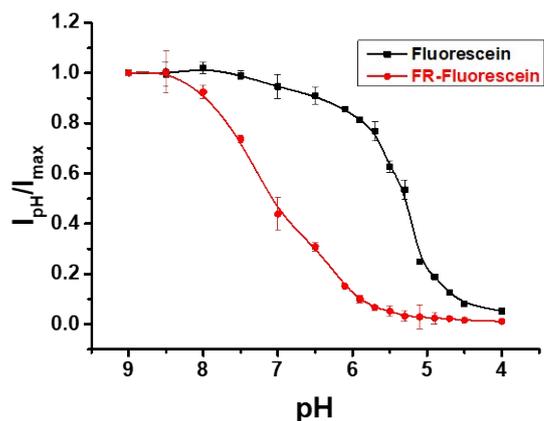
Fig. S14 <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of S8 (CDCl<sub>3</sub>).



**Fig. S15** HPLC and HRMS analysis of M6C-FR.



**Fig. S16** HPLC and HRMS analysis of Sia-FR.



**Fig. S17** FRET between fluorescein and rhodamine. The green fluorescence emission at 515 nm of 5-FAM and M6C-FR and was determined as a function of buffer pH. The lower levels of fluorescence of fluorescein over M6C-FR at pH 9.0-6.5 is due to intramolecular effects of rhodamine-lactam on fluorescein moiety, because nonfluorescent rhodamine-lactam was present at neutral to alkaline pH. The assay also suggests insignificant FRET between fluorescein and rhodamine-amide moiety at pH 4.0-5.5.