

Supplementary File 1

Synthetic procedures were as follow:

1. The modification of IR780.

1.1 IR780p: Piperazine (50 mg) was added to a degassed solution of the commercial IR780 probe (IR780, 45 mg) in anhydrous DMF (5 mL). The mixture was heated at 80 °C under magnetic stirring and protection from light under an argon atmosphere for 6 h. The crude product was purified by HPLC and then lyophilized to obtain a solid product (IR780p, 70% yield, Mw=589.43, Figure S1). The purification condition of HPLC was as followed: $V_{\text{MeOH}} : V_{\text{water}} = 50 : 50$, 1 mL/min, Thermo C18 HPLC (250 mm x 4.6 mm, 5 μm).

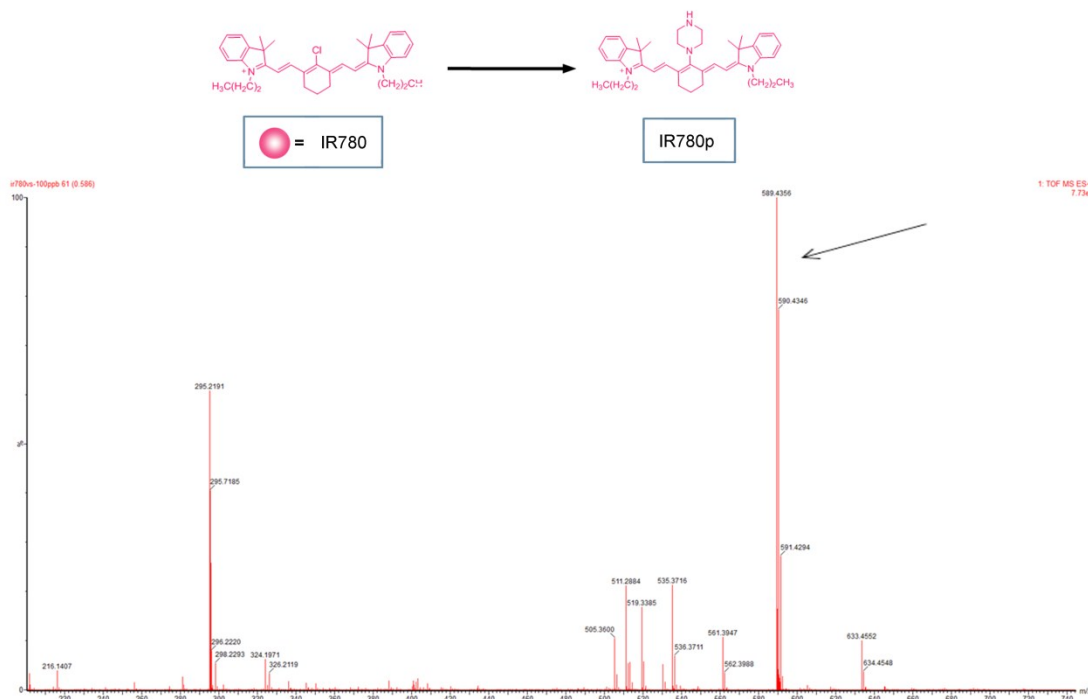


Figure S1. Mass Spectrometry (MS) of IR780p

1.2 IR780pVS: DVS (50 mg) was added to a solution of IR780p (35 mg) and Et₃N (0.01 mL) in CH₂Cl₂-MeOH (2:1, 5 mL). The crude product was purified by HPLC and then lyophilized to obtain a solid product (named **IR780pvs**, 42.3% yield, Mw=785.41, Figure S2A). The purification condition was the same as above.

^1H NMR (600 MHz, CDCl_3) (Figure S2B): δ 7.65 (d, $J = 13.2$ Hz, 1H), 7.35 (brd, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 2H), 7.32 (brd, $J = 7.8$, 2H), 7.20 (d, $J = 2.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.16 (d, $J = 2.4$ Hz, 1H), 7.12 (brs, 1H), 7.14 (d, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 2H), 6.96 (d, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 2H), 5.77 (d, $J = 13.2$ Hz, 1H), 5.15 (m, 2H), 4.00 (m, 2H), 3.89 (m, 2H), 3.27 (m, 2H), 2.93 (m, 2H), 2.70-2.50 (m, 4H), 2.48 (m, 4H), 2.06 (m, 2H), 1.87 (m, 4H), 1.68 (s, 6H), 1.42 (s, 6H), 1.07 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 6H)

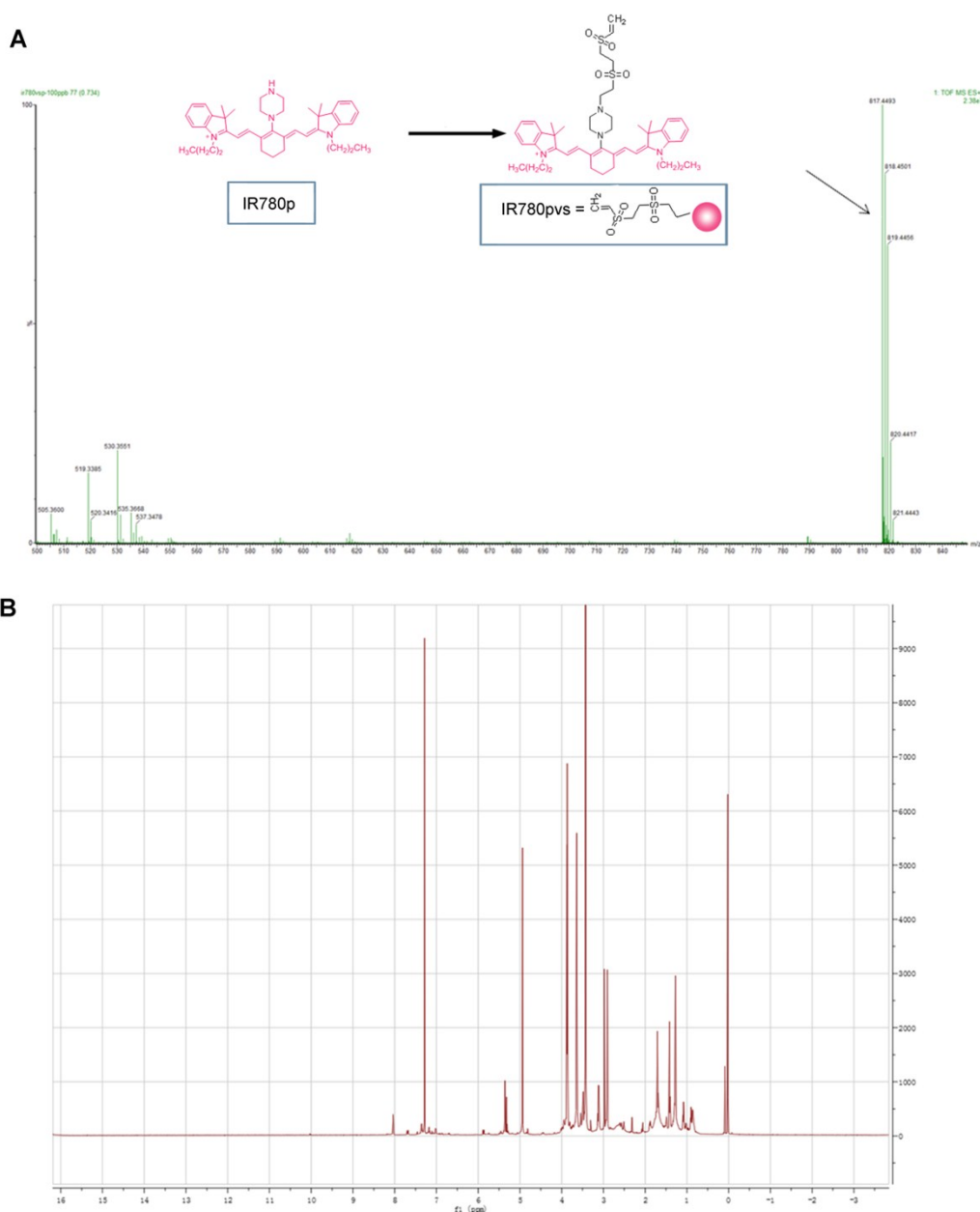


Figure S2. Mass Spectrometry (MS) (A) and ^1H NMR (B) of IR780pVS

2. **Synthesis of I₇₈₀P.** 5 mg of protective peptide GPLGVRGKGG (**P**) was dissolved in anhydrous DMF, and then 7 mg of IR780pvs (**I₇₈₀**) was added, the mixture was stirred under protection from light for 16 h at room temperature. The synthesized peptide was purified by reversed-phase high-performance liquid chromatography (RP-HPLC) on a 18 semipreparative column using a 10 to 100% linear gradient of acetonitrile/water mixture (0.1% trifluoroacetic acid) for 30 min at a low rate of 1 mL/min and lyophilized. The freeze-dried production (M_w=2037.11, 20.14% yield, Figure S3A) was then deprotected by reaction in 90% TFA dichlorochloride for 1 h and was precipitated by adding ice ethylether. After that, the production peptide-IR780 (**I₇₈₀P**, M_w=1682.96, Figure S3B) was steamed by rotary evaporator and dried by vacuum drying oven.

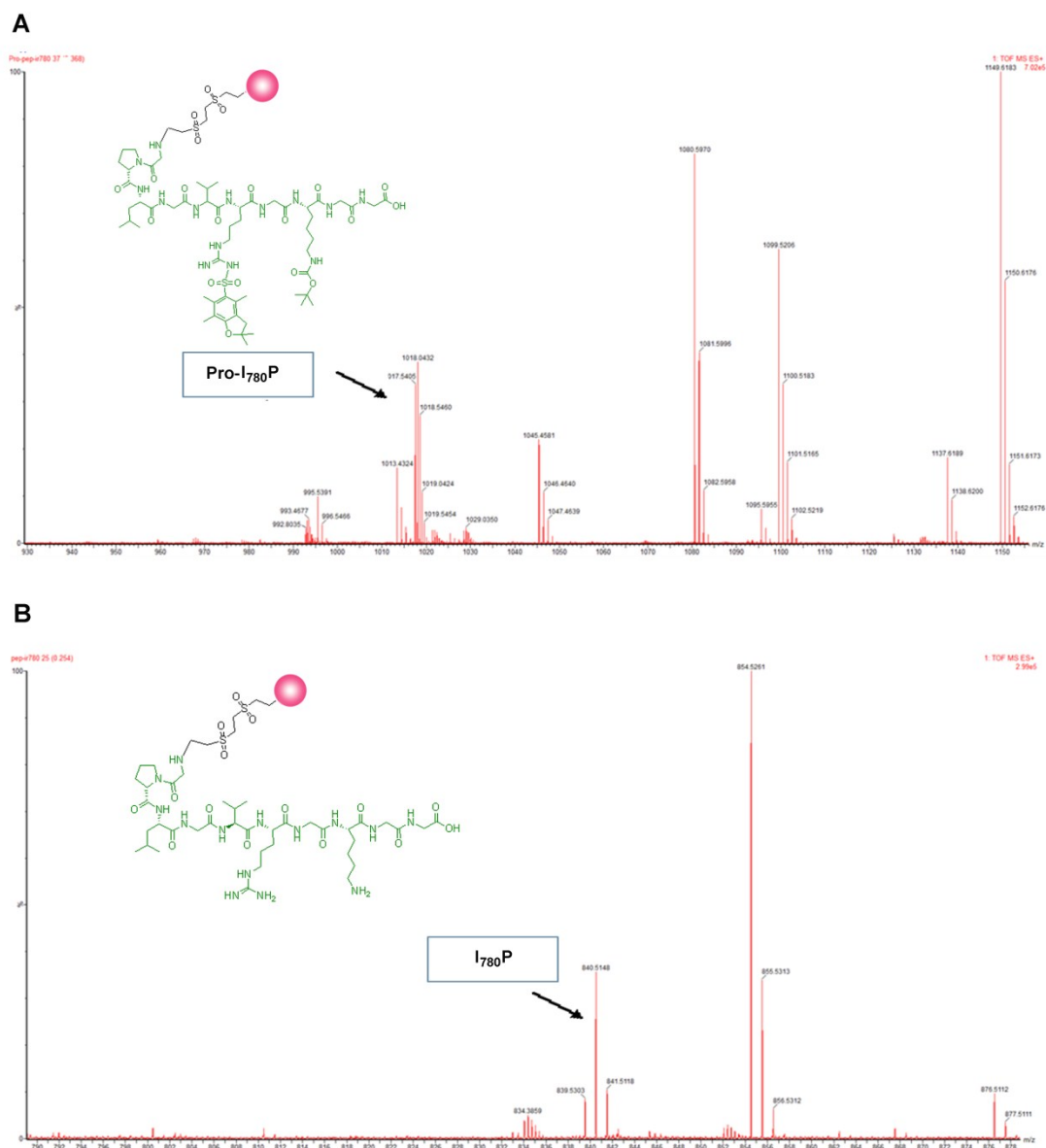


Figure S3. Mass Spectrometry (MS) of Pro-I₇₈₀P (A) and I₇₈₀P (B)

3 Synthesis of I₇₈₀BP. Peptide-IR780 (I₇₈₀P, 5 mg) and BHQ-3 (1.5 mg) were respectively dissolved in 200 μ l of anhydrous DMF, and then respectively were added 12 μ l of DIPEA and mixed for 10 minutes at room temperature. At last, the mixture containing BHQ-3 solution was added into Peptide-IR780 solution and protected from light for 4 h, and the production I₇₈₀BP (Mw=2213.24, 17.23% yield, Figure S4) purified by HPLC. The purification conditions were the same with the peptide.

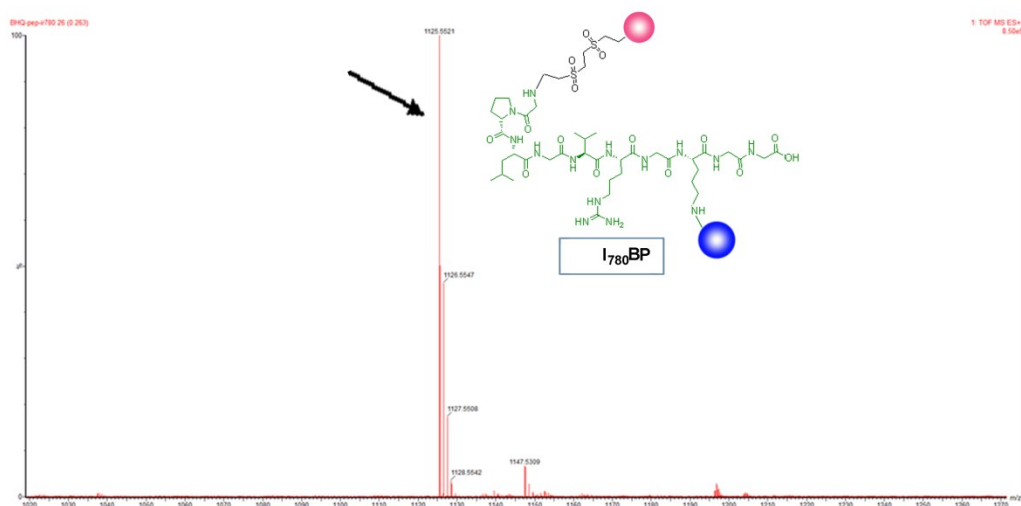


Figure S4. Mass Spectrometry (MS) of I₇₈₀BP

4 Synthesis of I₇₈₀BP-PEG12. BHQ-3-Peptide-IR780 (I₇₈₀BP, 3 mg) was dissolved in 400 μ l of DMF/water (v:v=1:1). Then EDC (0.26mg) and NHS (0.16mg) were added into the mixture and activated for 30 minutes, and then 2 mg of NH₂-PEG12-NH₂ was added in reaction system, then reacted under protection from light for 24 h at room temperature and the production I₇₈₀BP-PEG12 (M_w=2827.42, Figure S5) was purified by HPLC. The purification conditions were the same with the peptide.

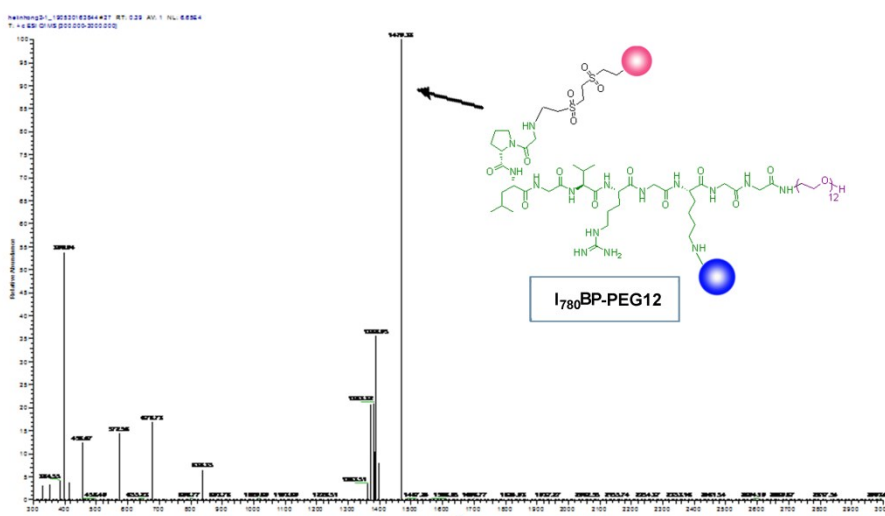


Figure S5 Mass Spectrometry (MS) of I₇₈₀BP-PEG12