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# BODIPY-based selenides as fluorescent probes for rapid, sensitive and mitochondria-specific detection of hypochlorous acid

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entry	Probes	Response time	LOD	λ <sup>abs</sup> max /λ <sup>em</sup> max	References
1		a	a	500 nm /545 nm	Chem. Commun. <b>2011</b> , 47, 4373.
2	Se NO2	10 min	a	/392 nm	<i>Tetrahedron Lett.</i> <b>2012</b> , <i>53</i> , 3843.
3 <sup>b</sup>	H <sub>0</sub> CO, CO, Se	5 min	980 nM	500 nm /510 nm	Chem. Commun. <b>2013</b> , 49, 1014.
4	Se NB FF	5 min	7.98 nM	<sup>a</sup> /526 nm	Org. Lett. <b>2013</b> , 15, 878.
5	CM1:R=H CM2:R=CH <sub>3</sub>	CM1: 20 s	CM1: 10 nM	CM1: /480 nm	Org. Lett. <b>2013</b> , 15, 2002.
6	O N O V Se-	10 min	586 nM	430 nm /523 nm	Chem. Commun. <b>2013</b> , 49, 2445.
7	Se Se N.B.N.S F.F	a	<i>a</i>	524 nm /590 nm	Org. Lett. <b>2014</b> , 16, 520.
8		100 s	310 nM	750 nm /786 nm	Chem. Commun. 2014, 50, 1018.
9	NH Se-	10 min	586 nM	430 nm /523 nm	Phys. Chem. Chem. Phys. 2014, 16, 3749.
10 <sup>b</sup>		< 10 s	3.3 nM	483 nm /544 nm	RSC Adv. <b>2015</b> , 5, 79519.

## 1. Table 1. Summary of organoselenium-based fluorescent probes for HClO

11 <sup>b</sup>	Se Se Se	2 min	350 nM	415 nm /520 nm	<i>Chem. Commun.</i> <b>2015</b> , <i>51</i> , 10150.
12 <sup>b</sup>	See NH	a few seconds	18.5 nM	452 nm /540 nm	J. Photochem. Photobiol. A. 2015, 299, 1.
13 <sup>a</sup>	CI-SN-B-Se FF	1-2 min	19.6 nM	520 nm /526 nm	ChemAsian J. <b>2016</b> , 11, 24, 3598.
14 <sup>b</sup>	R- N-B-N- F-F R=H, CI	<1 s	R=H: 30.9 nM R=Cl: 4.5 nM	R=H: 512 nm /507 nm R=Cl: 526 nm /526 nm	Chem. Eur. J. <b>2016</b> , 22, 9642.
15 <sup>b</sup>	N N N Ph Ph	7 min	360	<sup>a</sup> /436 nm	RSC Adv. <b>2016</b> , 6, 32013.
16	Se C	< 1 s	<sup>a</sup>	403 nm /502 nm	Org. Lett. <b>2018</b> , 20, 3557
17	C SOC	<i>a</i>	<u></u> a	NCzPSe: 360 nm /345 nm DNCzPSe: 360 nm /360 nm	Chem. Commun. <b>2018</b> , 54, 2926.
18		< 5 s	4.6 nM	450 nm /618 nm	Chem. Commun. <b>2018</b> , 54, 11965.
19	See N-	< 1 s	90 nM	396 nm /523 nm	ACS Omega 2018, 3, 13474.
20		< 2 s	4.8 nM	410 nm /540 nm	New J. Chem. <b>2018</b> , 42, 15105.

	R <sub>`Se</sub>				
		BSe-Et: < 2 s	BSe-Et: 0.3 nM	BSe-Et: 520 nm /548 nm	
21	Ň, Ē, Ň B, + E, E	BSe-Bz: < 5 s	BSe-Bz: 0.8 nM	BSe-Bz: 532 nm /545 nm	This work
	BSe-1: R = Et BBSe: R = CH <sub>2</sub> Ph BSe-2: R = Ph	BSe-Ph: > 100 s	BSe-Ph: 9.2 nM	BSe-Ph: 532 nm /550 nm	

<sup>a</sup> No available.

<sup>b</sup> Work in a solvent mixture.

#### 2. Determination of Fluorescence Quantum Yield ( $\Phi_f$ )

The fluorescence quantum yields for three probes and their reaction systems with HClO were determined with 8-chloro-BODIPY ( $\Phi_f = 0.72$  in THF) as a reference. The probe was dissolved in phosphate buffer solutions (20 mM, pH 7.4, 0.1% CH<sub>3</sub>CN) and 8-Cl-BODIPY was dissolved in THF to suitable concentration (A < 0.05 at 495 nm). Their absorbance and fluorescence spectra were determined at this concentration. Finally, the fluorescence quantum yields of the probe and the reaction system with HClO (molar ratio of probe/HClO, 1:1) were calculated by the equation of  $\Phi_x = \Phi_s (F_x/F_s)(A_s/A_x)(n_x/n_s)^2$ . Where, x & s indicate the unknown and standard solution respectively,  $\Phi$  = quantum yield, F = area under the emission curve, A = absorbance at excitation wave length, n = index of refraction of the solvent.

#### 3. Spectral response and limit of detections (LODs)



**Figure S1.** (a) UV/vis absorption and (b) fluorescence spectra of the probe BSe-Et (10  $\mu$ M) in PBS buffer (pH=7.4, 20 mM, 0.1% CH<sub>3</sub>CN) upon the addition of ClO<sup>-</sup> (0-1.0 equiv.) recorded after 1 min, excitation at 495 nm. (c) The linear fitting diagram from (b).



**Figure S2.** (a) UV/vis absorption and (b) fluorescence spectra of the probe BSe-Ph (10  $\mu$ M) in PBS buffer (pH=7.4, 20 mM, 0.1% CH<sub>3</sub>CN) upon the addition of ClO<sup>-</sup> (0-1.0 equiv.) recorded after 5 min, excitation at 495 nm. (c) The linear fitting diagram from (b).

#### 4. Photo- and thermostability of BSe-Bz, BSe-Et or BSe-Ph and their sensing HClO solutions



**Figure S3.** Time-dependent fluorescence intensity of three probes, BSe-Et, BSe-Bz, or BSe-Ph (10  $\mu$ M) upon the addition of HClO (10  $\mu$ M), excitation at 495 nm.

#### 5. HRMS for the mixture of BSe-Bz or BSe-Et with HClO



Figure S4. HRMS of the sensing mixture of BSe-Bz toward NaClO



Figure S5. HRMS of the sensing mixture of BSe-Et toward NaClO

#### 6. The selectivity of three probes for HClO



**Figure S6a.** (a) Fluorescence spectra and (b) intensity at 548 nm of BSe-Et (10  $\mu$ M) upon the addition of 10  $\mu$ M HClO and 100  $\mu$ M other species (1: blank, 2: HClO, 3: H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>, 4: ONOO<sup>-</sup>, 5: •OH, 6: O<sub>2</sub>•<sup>-</sup>, 7: <sup>1</sup>O<sub>2</sub>, 8: TBHP, 9: CH<sub>3</sub>COO<sup>-</sup>, 10: NO, 11: NO<sub>2</sub><sup>-</sup>, 12: TBO•) in PBS buffer (pH=7.4, 20 mM, 0.1% CH<sub>3</sub>CN) recorded after 30 min. Excitation at 495 nm.



**Figure S6b.** (a) Fluorescence spectra and (b) intensity at 550 nm of BSe-Ph (10  $\mu$ M) upon the addition of 10  $\mu$ M HClO and 100  $\mu$ M other species (1: blank, 2: HClO, 3: H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>, 4: ONOO<sup>-</sup>, 5: •OH, 6: O<sub>2</sub>•<sup>-</sup>, 7: <sup>1</sup>O<sub>2</sub>, 8: TBHP, 9: CH<sub>3</sub>COO<sup>-</sup>, 10: NO, 11: NO<sub>2</sub><sup>-</sup>, 12: TBO•) in PBS buffer (pH=7.4, 20 mM, 0.1% CH<sub>3</sub>CN) recorded after 30 min. Excitation at 495 nm.



**Figure S7.** (a) Fluorescence intensity of BSe-Bz (10  $\mu$ M) upon the addition of 10  $\mu$ M NaClO and 100  $\mu$ M other analytes (1: blank, 2: ClO<sup>-</sup>, 3: Fe<sup>3+</sup>, 4: Cu<sup>2+</sup>, 5: Mg<sup>2+</sup>, 6: Fe<sup>2+</sup>, 7: Zn<sup>2+</sup>, 8: Ca<sup>2+</sup>, 9: K<sup>+</sup>, 10: Na<sup>+</sup>, 11: Cys, 12: Hcy) in PBS buffer (pH = 7.4, 20 mM, 0.1% CH<sub>3</sub>CN) recorded after 30 min, (b) further addition of HClO into above solutions, excitation at 495 nm. (c) Intensities at 547 nm for all samples from (a) and (b).

## 7. pH effect on the probes BSe-Et, BSe-Bz and BSe-Ph and their sensing HClO



**Figure S8.** Fluorescence responses of three probes BSe-Et, BSe-Bz or BSe-Ph (10  $\mu$ M) and their sensing NaClO (10  $\mu$ M) at different pH solutions (pH 2-11).

## 8. Cell experiments

MTT assay



**Figure S9.** Viability of RAW264.7 cells incubated with probe BSe-Bz (0-50  $\mu$ M) for 24 h. Data are mean  $\pm$  SE (bars) (n = 3).

## Co-localization assay



**Figure S10.** Co-localization assay for fluorescence images of RAW 264.7 cells incubated with BSe-Bz (10  $\mu$ M) for 0.5 h, further incubated with HClO (10  $\mu$ M) for 0.5 h, and a mitochondrial dye (MitoTracker<sup>@</sup> Deep Red FM) (0.5  $\mu$ M) for 0.5 h. Merged image of (a) fluorescence image from a green-channel (495-598 nm),  $\lambda_{ex} = 488$  nm and (b) fluorescence image from a red channel (640-728 nm),  $\lambda_{ex} = 633$  nm; and overlap coefficients of two-channel images in three interesting area are 0.93, 0.92 and 0.90.

## 9. Copies of NMR spectra of related compounds

<sup>1</sup>H NMR of 8-chloro-3,5-dimethyl BODIPY in CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz



## <sup>13</sup>C NMR of 8-chloro-3,5-dimethyl BODIPY in CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 100 MHz







<sup>1</sup>H NMR of BSe-Ph in CDCl<sub>3</sub>, 400 MHz

