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# Supporting information

# Revealing the Redox status in Endoplasmic reticulum by a Selenium

### **Fluorescence Probe**

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#### 1. Materials and Instruments

All other chemicals used in this paper were obtained from commercial suppliers and used without further purification. Silica gel (200-300 mesh, Qingdao Haiyang Chemical Co.) was used for column chromatography. <sup>1</sup>H NMR and <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra were recorded on a Bruker Advance at 400MHz or at 100 MHz,  $\delta$  values are in parts per million relatives to TMS in DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>. Mass spectra (MS) was measured with Bruker Apex IV FTMS using electrospray ionization (ESI). Absorption spectra was recorded on a Purkinje TU-1901 spectrophotometer. Fluorescence measurements were taken on a Hitachi F-7000 fluorescence spectrometer with a 10mm quartz cuvette. Fluorescence imaging was observed under an Olympus IX81 confocal fluorescence microscope.

#### 2. The synthesis route of ER-Se



Scheme S1. The synthetic route for ER-Se.

#### **3.** Determination of the Detection Limit



**Figure S1.** Fluorescence spectra changes (A) and fluorescence intensity (F<sub>506</sub>) (B) of probe **ER-Se** (10 $\mu$ M) performed in 10 mM PBS, with 1% CH<sub>3</sub>CN, v/v at room temperature.  $\lambda_{ex} = 410$  nm, slit width:  $d_{ex} = d_{em} = 10$  nm.

According to IUPAC, the detection limits were determined based on the fluorescence titrations, carried out in PBS / CH<sub>3</sub>CN (9:1, v/v), pH 7.4, using the following equation: Detection limit =  $3\sigma / k$ 

where  $\sigma$  is the standard deviation of blank measurements and k is the slope of the plot of fluorescence intensity vs HClO concentration.

The standard deviations  $\sigma = 4.8969$ .

## 4. The effect of pH



**Figure S2.** Fluorescence responses of **ER-Se** (10µM) in the absence and presence of HClO (50 µM) under different pHs. All experiments were performed in Na<sub>2</sub>HPO<sub>4</sub>-KH<sub>2</sub>PO<sub>4</sub> buffer (10 mM, with 1% CH<sub>3</sub>CN, v/v) at room temperature. Each data was recorded 25 min after mixing.  $\lambda_{ex} = 410$  nm, slit width:  $d_{ex} = d_{em} = 10$  nm.

#### 5. MTT assay



**Figure S3.** MTT assay for estimating cell viability (%) of HeLa cells were seeded into 96-well plates at a density of  $5 \times 10^3$  cells per well in culture media after treatment with a series concentration of the probe system at 37 °C in an atmosphere of 5% CO<sub>2</sub> and 95% air for 24 h. The concentrations of probe **ER-Se** were used: 1. blank, 2. 5  $\mu$ M 3. 10 $\mu$ M, 4. 15  $\mu$ M,5. 20 $\mu$ M, respectively.



## 6. Structural characterization of compound 1, and ER-Se

Figure. S6 HR MS spectral of ER-Se





Figure. S7 <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectral of ER-Se

-0 -100000 -200000



Figure. S8 HR MS spectral of the mixture of ER-Se and HClO



**Figure. S9** UV–*vis* spectra of 10  $\mu$ M probe (black line), the mixture of 10  $\mu$ M probe and 50  $\mu$ M HClO (red line) and the mixture of 10  $\mu$ M probe and 50  $\mu$ M HClO and then added 50  $\mu$ M GSH (blue line) 10 mM PBS, pH 7.4, containing 1% CH<sub>3</sub>CN, v/v at room temperature.

# 7. Additional HeLa cell images



**Figure. S10** Fluorescence images in HeLa cells. (A) Cells pretreated by NEM (1 mM) for 30 min and then incubated by **ER-Se** (10  $\mu$ M) for 30 min. (B) (C) and (D) Cells pretreated by HClO (0  $\mu$ M, 50  $\mu$ M and 100  $\mu$ M) for 30 min and then incubated by **ER-Se** (10  $\mu$ M) for 30 min. Green channel (450–550 nm),  $\lambda_{ex} = 405$  nm. (E) Relative pixel intensities for images A-D. Scale bar is 20  $\mu$ m. Error bars represent standard deviation (±SD).