## Alizarins-based molecular probes for the detection of hydrogen peroxide and peroxynitrite

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## Materials and apparatus

All chemistry reagents are analytical grade without further purification. All aqueous solutions were prepared using deionized water from a Milli-Q water purification system (Millipore, Bedford, MA, USA). Absorption spectra were measured on a Lambda 365 spectrophotometer (PerkinElmer, U.K.). Fluorescence spectra were performed on a spectrophotometer (Varian Cary Eclipse). The pH was adjusted using a Phs-3c pH meter (Germany Sartorius).

## **Electrochemical measurements**

Electrochemical measurements were conducted on the CHI660E electrochemical workstation purchased from Chenhua (Instrument Company, Shanghai, China) at room temperature with a traditional three-electrode system. In this system, the Pt wire was used as the auxiliary electrode, the Ag/AgCl was used as the reference electrode and the glassy carbon electrode (GCE) as a working electrode ( $\Phi$ =3.0 mm). Differential pulse voltammetry (DPV): increment potential, 0.004 V; pulse amplitude, 0.05 V; pulse width, 0.05 s; pulse period, 0.5 s; quiet time, 2 s. The GCE was hand-polished repeatedly with Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>, successively rinsed with ultrapure water and ethanol, and dry under room temperature prior to experimentation.

probes	Method	Synthesis step	Synthesis time	media	
Ref.[1]	Reaction-based probe	Three steps	>24 h	phosphate buffer	
Ref.[2]	Reaction-based probe	Three steps	>6 h	8% DMSO	
Ref.[3]	Reaction-based probe	Two steps	>12 h	1% DMSO	
Ref.[4]	Reaction-based probe	Two steps	>12 h	50% DMSO	
Ref.[5]	Reaction-based probe	Two steps	>12 h	50% DMSO	
This	Reaction-based indicator	One step	10 min	phosphate buffer	
work	displacement assay				

Table S1. Comparison of reaction-based IDA method and other method.



**Fig. S1** Design strategy of ARS-CBA and GAL-CBA for  $H_2O_2$  in neutral aqueous buffer with CTAB.



Fig. S2 (a) Fluorescence spectra of ARS-CBA (ARS: 50  $\mu$ M, CBA: 200  $\mu$ M) with different concentrations of CTAB (0 mM, 1 mM, 2 mM, 5 mM, 10 mM). (b) UV-Vis response of ARS-CBA (ARS: 50  $\mu$ M, CBA: 400  $\mu$ M) with different concentrations of CTAB (0 mM, 0.5 mM, 1 mM, 1.5 mM, 2 mM, 5mM, 10 mM).



Fig. S3 Linear correlation between the fluorescence intensity of ARS-CBA at 568 nm and  $H_2O_2$  concentration (60-500  $\mu$ M). Slit: 10/10



**Fig. S4** Fluorescence response of ARS-CBA toward various reactive oxygen species and some typical physiological nucleophiles.

Disinfectant	Content	Added	Added Detected		Recovery
	(mM)	(mM)	(mM)	(%,N=6)	(%)
1	0.10	0.2	0.31	3.56	105
2	0.30	0.2	0.49	2.12	95
3	0.50	0.2	0.705	1.30	102.5

Table S2. Determination of hydrogen peroxide in disinfectant samples.

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Disinfectant	Content	Added	Detected	RSD	Recovery
	(mM)	(mM)	(mM)	(%,N=6)	(%)
1	0.10	0.2	0.29	2.16	95
2	0.30	0.2	0.503	3.12	101.5
3	0.50	0.2	0.695	2.30	97.5



Fig. S5 Differential pulse voltammograms of ARS-CBA (ARS, 50  $\mu$ M; CBA, 200  $\mu$ M) in the presence of H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> (500  $\mu$ M, 30 and 60 min).



Fig. S6 UV-Vis absorption spectra of GAL-CBA in the present of H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> and ONOO<sup>-</sup>.

GAL CBA	H <sub>2</sub> O <sub>2</sub>	C10-	HSO <sub>3</sub> -	SO <sub>3</sub> <sup>2-</sup>	SO <sub>4</sub> <sup>2-</sup>	NO	<sup>1</sup> O <sub>2</sub>	·OH C	Hucose	Maltose
2	4	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	No. of Concession, Name

**Fig. S7** Optical photographs of GAL-CBA toward various reactive oxygen species and some typical physiological nucleophiles under ambient light after leaving them overnight.



Fig. S8 The fluorescence response of ABS in various solvents.



Fig. S9 Fluorescence titration spectra of ARS (50  $\mu$ M) after treated with various agents in DMSO. Slit:10/10.



Fig. S10 Fluorescence titration spectra of GAL (50  $\mu$ M) after treated with various agents in DMSO. Slit:10/10.



Fig. S11 Fluorescence titration spectra of ABS (50  $\mu$ M) after treated with various agents in DMSO. Slit:10/10.



Fig. S12 UV-Vis titration for ABS (50  $\mu$ M) in the presence of various concentrations of ONOO<sup>-</sup> (0-20  $\mu$ M) in DMSO.



Scheme S1 Reaction of ABS with ONOO-.



Fig. S13 The <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra of (a) ABS and (b) ABS with ONOO<sup>-</sup>.



Fig. S14 Absorption spectra of ABS (50  $\mu$ M) in the absence and presence of 4  $\mu$ M ONOO<sup>-</sup> in different solvents.

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