# **Supplementary Material**

# A Mitochondrial-Targetable Dual-Functional Near-Infrared Fluorescent Probe to Monitor pH and H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> in Living Cells and Mice

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#### 1. The limit of detection measurement

The detection limit of **NIR-pH-H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>** towards  $H_2O_2$  was determined through fluorescence titration. The standard deviation of the blank solution was also measured for 10 times. After the linear slope of fluorescence intensity vs. concentrations of  $H_2O_2$  was obtained, the detection of limit (LOD) was calculated by following equation:

$$LOD = 3\sigma/\kappa$$

Where  $\sigma$  denotes the standard deviation of blank measurement,  $\kappa$  denotes the slope of the fluorescence intensity vs. H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> concentrations.

# 2. Comparison of fluorescent probes for $H_2O_2$ with the similar active group

Probes	H <sub>2</sub> O <sub>2</sub> response			pН	Terra in a		
	Stokes	LOD (µM)	Response	Detection	Response	Imaging	Reference
	Shift (nm)		time (min)	medium		application	
VQRKRQKLMP-NH2	148	*	120	*	NO	HeLa cells	1
HO <sup>rB</sup> OH							
N N OH	50	0.037	60	Tris buffer	NO	LNCaP-luc cells,	2
HO.B.						mice	
	50	0.5	60	Tris buffer	NO	PC3M-luc cells,	3
HO <sub>B</sub> OH						mice	
	105	1.67	*	PBS buffer	NO	HeLa cells,	4
он >				(1% EtOH)		liver tissue	
	120	0.0056	35	DMSO:PBS	NO	HeLa cells	5
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Table S1. Comparison of NIR-pH-H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> with fluorescent H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> probes in literature.

	192	0.26	120	PBS buffer	NO	SKOV-3 cells	6
HOGE CH							
	50	1.4	80	alkaline	NO	Endogenous	7
OH		(pH 8)	(pH 8),	environment		H <sub>2</sub> O <sub>2</sub> in RAW	
		0.99	60	(pH > 8)		264.7 and A431	
в он		(pH 10)	(pH 10)			cells, mice	
	120	2.097	30	PBS buffer	p <i>K</i> a = 6.17	Exogenous and	This work
			(pH 7.4)	(6% CH <sub>3</sub> CN)	(pH = 4 ~ 8)	endogenous	
						H <sub>2</sub> O <sub>2</sub> and pH in	
ОН						MCF-7 and Hela	
						cells, mice	

\* The data was not mentioned.

## 3. Time-dependent fluorescence changes of target probe NIR-pH-H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> for H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>



**Fig. S1** Time-dependent fluorescent emission changes of NIR-pH-H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> (10  $\mu$ M) with time after addition 200  $\mu$ M H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> in PBS buffer (6% CH<sub>3</sub>CN). ( $\lambda_{ex} = 560$  nm,  $\lambda_{em} = 680$  nm)

## 4. The response between NIR-pH-H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> and H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> at different pH



Fig. S2 Fluorescence intensity (at 680 nm) of NIR-pH-H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> (10  $\mu$ M) and NIR-pH- H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> + H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> (200  $\mu$ M) in 50 mM PBS bu  $\Box$  er at pH 1 to 10. ( $\lambda_{ex} = 560$  nm,  $\lambda_{em} = 680$  nm).



5. Fluorescent imaging in living cells

Fig. S3 MTT toxicity test for determination of cellular activity in MCF-7 cells (A) and Hela cells
(B) treated with different concentrations (10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35, 40, 45 and 50 μM) of NIR-pH-H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> for 24 hours.



**Fig. S4** Fluorescent microscopic images of Hela cells with **NIR-pH-H**<sub>2</sub>**O**<sub>2</sub> with different pH (A) and rapamycia (B). Scale bar: 10 μm.



Fig. S5 Fluorescence images of NIR-pH-H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> (10  $\mu$ M) with various concentrations of H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> solution in Hela cells. Scale bar: 10  $\mu$ m.



Fig. S6 Confocal fluorescence images of  $H_2O_2$  in MCF-7 cells. Cells were pretreated with NIR-pH-H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> (10 µM) and  $H_2O_2$  (500 µM) for 0, 10, 20, 30 min respectively, then imaged. Scale bar: 10 µm. ( $\lambda_{ex} = 555$  nm,  $\lambda_{em} = 680$  nm for the red channel).



Fig. S7 Confocal fluorescence images of  $H_2O_2$  in Hela cells. Cells were pretreated with NIR-pH-H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> (10 µM) and  $H_2O_2$  (500 µM) for 0, 10, 20, 30 min respectively, then imaged. Scale bar: 10 µm. ( $\lambda_{ex} = 555$  nm,  $\lambda_{em} = 680$  nm for the red channel).

#### 6. <sup>1</sup>H NMR, <sup>13</sup>C NMR and MS spectrum of the probe NIR-pH-H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>



Fig. S8 <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of the probe NIR-pH-H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>.



Fig. S9 <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of the probe NIR-pH-H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>



Fig. S10 HRMS spectrum of the probe NIR-pH-H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>

## 7. The HPLC purity of the probe NIR-pH-H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>



总量 :	1.01170e5	4171.49841

Fig. S11 The HPLC purity of NIR-pH-H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>.

8. HRMS spectrum of the reaction product of the probe NIR-pH-H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> with

 $H_2O_2$ 



Fig. S12 HRMS spectrum of the reaction product of the probe NIR-pH-H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> with H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>.

#### 9. HPLC analysis of the reaction product of the probe NIR-pH-H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> with H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>



**Fig. S13** HPLC changes of **NIR-pH-H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>** (50  $\mu$ M), **TP-NIR-OH**, **NIR-pH-H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>** (50  $\mu$ M) + H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> (25  $\mu$ M) and **NIR-pH-H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>** (50  $\mu$ M) + H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> (100  $\mu$ M) in PBS-Buffer (CH3CN, V/V, 6%) at pH 7.4. (A) The probe **NIR-pH-H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>** (50  $\mu$ M) (B) The fluorophore **TP-NIR-OH** (50  $\mu$ M) (C) the probe **NIR-pH-H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>** (50  $\mu$ M) + H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> (25  $\mu$ M). (D) The probe **NIR-pH-H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>** (50  $\mu$ M) + H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>

(100 µM).

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