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An HDAC8-Selective Fluorescent Probe for Imaging in Living Tumor Cell Lines and Tissue Slices

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Figure S1: Molecular docking analysis of designed selective HDAC8 probes. (A) 2D docking diagrams of carbon chains of different lengths; (B) 2D docking diagrams of different naphthalene substituents; (C) 2D docking images of different splicing sites



Figure S2: Fluorescence spectra of **NP-C6-PCI** (A) and **AM-C6-PCI** (B) in PBS solvent containing different proportions of DMSO (λex=450nm).



Figure S3: HDAC enzyme inhibitory activity assay. (A) Inhibitory activity of 10 nM tested compounds (PCI-34051, NP-C6-PCI and AM-C6-PCI) on HDAC8; (B) Inhibitor activity of 5 μ M compounds (PCI-34051, NP-C6-PCI and AM-C6-PCI) against HDAC6; (C) Inhibitor activity of 5 μ M compounds (PCI-34051, NP-C6-PCI and AM-C6-PCI) against HDAC6; The data was expressed as the mean \pm SD, n = 3.



Figure S4: HDAC8 mRNA expression levels in cells. (A) HDAC8 mRNA expression in SH-SY5Y tumor cells and HMC-3 normal cells; (B) HDAC8 mRNA expression in MDA-MB-231 tumor cells and MCF-10A normal cells; (C) Comparison of HDAC8 mRNA expression between SH-SY5Y tumor cells and MDA-MB-231 tumor cells. The statistical difference of each cell was compared by analysis of variance, p <0.05 was regarded as a significant difference (**** P <0.0001), the data was expressed as the mean \pm SD, n = 3.



MDA-MB-231

Figure S5: Fluorescence imaging of MDA-MB-231 cells at different uptake concentrations. NP-C6-PCI (green channel: $\lambda ex = 458$ nm, $\lambda em = 500-550$ nm). Hochest 33342 (blue channel: $\lambda ex = 405$ nm, $\lambda em = 461$ nm). Data are expressed as the mean SD of determinations in triplicate from at least three distinct experiments (The data was expressed as the mean \pm SD, n = 3.), the scale bar represents 25 µm.

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Figure S6: MDA-MB-231 cells incubated with **NP-C6-PCI** at 5 μ M (Imaging), **NP-C6-PCI** at 5 μ M in the presence of 100-fold excess **PCI-34051** (Blocking). NP-C6-PCI (green channel: λ ex = 458 nm, λ em = 500-550 nm). Hochest 33342 (blue channel: λ ex = 405 nm, λ em = 461 nm). Data are expressed as the mean SD of determinations in triplicate from at least three distinct experiments (Analysis of variance *** P <0.001, the data was expressed as the mean ± SD, n = 3.), the scale bar represents 25 μ m.



Figure S7 : Cell viability after incubation of **PCI-34051** and **NP-C6-PCI** at different concentrations with SH-SY5Y(A) and MDA-MB-231(B) by MTT assay at 37°C for 12 h (each sample was tested using three replicates, and the results are reported as the mean standard deviation); The data was expressed as the mean \pm SD, n = 3.



HR-MS spectrum of Compounds

Spectrum from NEG-YYY-1-15. wiff (sample 1) - YYY-1-15, Experiment 1, -TOF MS (10 - 2600) from 0.067 min



Spectrum from NEG-YYY-1-30.wiff (sample 1) - YYY-1-30, Experiment 1, -TOF MS (10 - 2600) from 0.061 min

Figure S9 : HR-MS spectrum of Compound 6



Spectrum from POS-YYY-3-7.wiff (sample 1) - YYY-3-7, Experiment 1, +TOF MS (50 - 1500) from 0.056 min

Figure S10 : HR-MS spectrum of Compound 9



Spectrum from DataSET2.wiff (sample 1) - yyy-3-33, Experiment 1, +TOF MS (50 - 1200) from 0.064 min

Figure S11 : HR-MS spectrum of Compound 10 (NP-C6-PCI)



Spectrum from DataSET1.wiff (sample 1) - yyy2-35, Experiment 1, +TOF MS (50 - 1200) from 0.066 min

Figure S12 : HR-MS spectrum of Compound 12



Spectrum from POS-YYY-3-30.wiff (sample 1) - YYY-3-30, Experiment 1, +TOF MS (50 - 1500) from 0.062 min

Figure S13 : HR-MS spectrum of Compound 13 (AM-C6-PCI)

¹H NMR spectrum of **Compounds**

























Figure S20 : ¹H NMR spectrum of Compound 13 (AM-C6-PCI) (500 MHz, Acetone-*d*₆)

¹³C NMR spectrum of **Compounds**







Figure S22: ¹³C NMR spectrum of compound 6 (126 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆)







Figure S24 : ¹³C NMR spectrum of compound 9 (126 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆)



Figure S25: ¹³C NMR spectrum of compound 10 (NP-C6-PCI) (126 MHz, Acetone-*d*₆)



Figure S26: ¹³C NMR spectrum of compound 12 (126 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆)



Figure S27: ¹³C NMR spectrum of compound 13 (AM-C6-PCI) (126 MHz, Acetone-*d*₆)

	PCI-34051	NP-C6-PCI	AM-C6-PCI
0.25µM	1.81	8.63	3.01
0.5µM	0.96	9.90	2.70
1.25µM	6.52	13.06	3.36
2.5µM	33.65	25.83	6.12
5μΜ	73.18	73.00	11.63
10µM	84.49	77.56	35.24
20µM	85.71	81.56	62.10

Table S1 Antitumor activities of tested compounds on SH-SY5Y cell (inhibition, %).

Table S2 Antitumor activities of tested compounds on MDA-MB-231 cell (inhibition, %).

PCI-34051	NP-C6-PCI	AM-C6-PCI
2.72	3.48	5.98
1.52	1.04	3.54
12.37	10.16	5.95
20.65	10.52	8.16
18.12	14.62	15.78
38.49	20.96	24.08
48.87	36.04	39.22
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