# Supplementary Material

## 2 A mitochondria-targeted rhodol fluorescence probe for imaging

# 3 of hydrogen peroxide in living cells

#### 4 Experimental Section

#### 5 Instrumentation and Reagents

6 <sup>1</sup>H-NMR spectra were recorded on an Avance NEO 400 NMR spectrometer (Bruker Inc., Switzerland). Mass spectra (MS) were recorded on a TSQ Quantum 7 Access MAX triple-quadrupole mass spectrometer (Thermo Fisher Scientific, USA). 8 An INESA Scientific PHS-3C pH meter was employed for the pH measurements of all 9 solutions. Fluorescence spectra were collected on an F-7000 fluorescence spectrometer 10 (Hitachi Co., Ltd. Japan) with a 1-cm quartz cell. Absorption spectra were recorded on 11 a Cary 60 UV-spectrophotometer (Agilent Technologies, USA) with a 1-cm quartz cell. 12 Cell imaging experiments were carried out on an LSM 710 laser scanning confocal 13 microscope (Carl Zeiss, Oberkochen, Germany). 14

15  $H_2O_2$  and acetic acid were purchased from Aladdin Chemistry Co. Ltd (Shanghai, 16 China). All reagents were of analytical reagent grade and used without further 17 purification or treatment. All aqueous solutions were prepared with ultrapure water 18 obtained by a Milli-Q water purification system (18.2 M $\Omega$  cm). A549 (Human lung 19 cancer) cells and human serum were obtained from the Anshan Central Hospital.

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### 22 Figures





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30 Fig. S4 Time-dependent fluorescence intensity changes of Rhodol-OAc (10  $\mu$ M) after 31 the addition of H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> (200  $\mu$ M) in PBS/EtOH (99:1, v/v, 10 mM PBS, pH 7.4). ( $\lambda_{ex}$ =500 32 nm)



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35 Fig. S5 (a) Absorption and (b) emission spectra of 10  $\mu$ M Rhodol-OH and 10  $\mu$ M 36 Rhodol-OAc in the absence and presence of H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> (200  $\mu$ M) in PBS/EtOH (99:1, v/v, 37 10 mM PBS, pH 7.4). ( $\lambda_{ex}$ =500 nm)

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Fig. S6 (a) Fluorescence intensity increases of Rhodol-OAc (10 µM) after the addition 41 of various interferents (200 µM). (b) Time-dependent ratio of fluorescence increase of 42 Rhodol-OAc (10  $\mu$ M) under irradiation of light ( $\lambda_{ex}$ =500 nm) or in darkness. Ratio of 43 fluorescence increase was calculated according to the equation:  $(F-F_0)/F_0$ , where  $F_0$  and 44 F are fluorescence intensities of the testing system obtained at beginning and certain 45 testing time, respectively. (c) Fluorescence intensity of Rhodol-OAc (10 µM) and 46 Rhodol-OAc (10 µM) with H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> (200 µM) under various environmental pH at 37 °C 47 for 30 min.  $\lambda_{ex}{=}500$  nm,  $\lambda_{em}{=}560$  nm. 48



50 Fig. S7 Optimal concentrations of xanthine oxidase (a) and glucose oxidase (c). 51 Reaction time between Rhodol-OAc and xanthine/xanthine oxidase (b) and that 52 between Rhodol-OAc and glucose/glucose oxidase (d). Linear relationship between 53 Rhodol-OAc and xanthine (e) and that between Rhodol-OAc and glucose (f).



55 Fig. S8 HPLC analyses of different solutions. (a) Rhodol-OH (5  $\mu$ M); (b) Rhodol-OAc

- 56 (5  $\mu$ M); (c) the reaction solution of 5  $\mu$ M Rhodol-OAc with 50  $\mu$ M H2O2 for 30 min.
- 57 The detection wavelength was 500 nm.



59 Fig. S9 ESI-MS spectrum of the product of reaction between Rhodol-OAc (10  $\mu$ M) and 60 H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> (200  $\mu$ M).



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Fig. S10 (a) Cell viability of A549 cells in the presence of Rhodol-OAc at various concentrations. Colocalization of Rhodol-OAc and Mito Tracker Green FM in the mitochondria of A549 cells. (b) Fluorescence intensity of the regions of interest across A549 cells. (c) A549 cells cultured with Mito Tracker Green FM (10  $\mu$ M) for 30 min at 37°C. (d) A549 cells cultured with Rhodol-OAc (10  $\mu$ M) for 30 min at 37°C. (c) Merged image of (a) and (e). (f) The correlation between the intensity of Rhodol-OAc and that of Mito Tracker Green FM.

Probe	Reaction medium	$\lambda_{ex}/\lambda_{em}$	LOD	Ref
		(nm)	(µM)	Kel.
Rhodol-OAc	PBS:EtOH (99:1, <i>v/v</i> ; pH 7.4)	500/560	0.055	This
	PBS:DMSO (999:1, v/v; pH 7.4)	590/730	0.061	work
P-O → N →	PBS (pH 7.4)	670/708	0.14	[2]
	PBS:DMSO (99:1, <i>v/v</i> ; pH 7.4)	395/(650/500)	0.27	[3]

Table S1 Comparison of HAA with other reported fluorescence probe for  $H_2O_2$ 



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