Supporting Information

Synthesis and Single Crystal X-ray Study of Phenylselenyl Embedded Coumarin-Based Sensors for Selective Detection of Superoxide

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EXPERIMENTAL SECTION

Generation of ROS

ROS (O$_2^{•−}$, −OCl, H$_2$O$_2$, 'BuO$_2$H, ‘OH and 'BuO•) of 0.1 M concentration were prepared using distilled water.

Generation of O$_2^{•−}$: Commercial solid potassium superoxide was used as source of the superoxide radical anion.

Generation of −OCl: The source of NaOCl was commercial bleach and was diluted with deionized water.

Generation of H$_2$O$_2$: The commercial available hydrogen peroxide solution was diluted with deionized water.

Generation of 'BuO$_2$H: The commercial available tert-Butyl hydroperoxide solution was diluted with deionized water.

Generation of 'OH: Hydroxyl radical (•OH) was generated by Fenton reaction. Ferrous sulphate was added to generate •OH in the presence of 10 equiv of H$_2$O$_2$. The ‘OH concentration was equivalent to that of Fe(II) concentration.

Generation of 'BuO•: tert-Butoxide radical (‘BuO•) was also generated by Fenton reaction. It was generated by using tert-Butyl hydroperoxide in presence of ferrous sulphate.

Quantum yield

Quantum yield was calculated according to the formula (1),

$$\phi = (\phi_R) \left(\frac{I}{I_R}\right) \left(\frac{A_R}{A}\right) \left(\frac{\eta}{\eta_R}\right)^2$$

(1)

Where, $\phi$ is the quantum yield, $I$ is integrated area under the corrected emission spectra, $A$ is absorbance at excitation wavelength, $\eta$ is refractive index. The subscript $R$ refers to the reference fluorophore of known quantum yield.$^1$ Anthracene diluted with ethanol used as a standard, which has quantum yield of 0.27. The excitation and emission slit width used for the experiment is 3 nm/3 nm.

pH study
The pH dependent experiment was carried out in 1 mM PBS buffer of pH range 4-12 with both the probes and the probes with superoxide. The solutions of probe 4 were incubated for 10 min and solutions of probe 5 were incubated for 30 min. Further, fluorescence measurements were recorded.

**Time dependent study**

The time dependent study of probe 4 was performed using 10 µM of probe 4 solution and 167 µM of superoxide solution. The spectrum was recorded for 30 min. The excitation used for the experiment was 388 nm with slit width 5 nm/5 nm. Time dependent study of probe 5 was carried out using probe 5 solution (20 µM) and 167 µM of superoxide solution. The spectrum was recorded for 1 h at an excitation maxima 380 nm using slit width 5 nm/5 nm.

**Detection limit**

Increasing concentration study was performed to calculate detection limit of both the probes. To the solution of probe 4, 0 - 7 equivalent of superoxide solution was added while in the solution of probe 5, 0 - 5 equivalent of superoxide solution was added in increasing fashion. The solutions of probes 4 and 5 were incubated for 10 and 30 min, respectively. Detection limits were calculated using the equation (2),

\[
\text{Detection limit} = \frac{3\sigma}{k}
\]

Where \(\sigma\) is standard deviation
k is slope.

Standard deviation was calculated by taking 10 readings of the probes solutions.

**Interference study**

For this experiment, in the solutions of probes 4 (10 µM) and 5 (20 µM) with 167 µM of superoxide, the other ROS (\(^{−}\text{OCl}, \text{H}_2\text{O}_2, \text{tBuO}_2\text{H}, \text{OH}\) and \(^{\cdot}\text{BuO}\)), 167 µM) were added. The spectra were recorded after incubation.

**Reversibility study**

To check the reversibility of the oxidized probes in presence of biothiols, the probes were reacted with 167 µM of superoxide and then 167 µM of biothiols (DL-homocysteine, L-cysteine, glutathione (GSH) and N-acetyl-L-cysteine) were added to the solution and incubated for another 10 min, then the spectra were recorded. Further to check the redox
cycles of the probes 4 and 5 the same experiment was performed continuously with superoxide and GSH/NAC.

CHARACTERIZATION

Figure S1. $^1$H NMR spectrum of probe 4 in DMSO-d$_6$.

Figure S2. $^{13}$C NMR spectrum of probe 4 in DMSO-d$_6$. 
Figure S3. $^{77}\text{Se}$ NMR spectrum of probe 4 in DMSO-d$_6$.

Figure S4. Mass spectrum of probe 4.
Figure S5. Crystal diagram of probe 4.

Figure S6. Crystal packing diagram of probe 4 showing hydrogen bonding interactions.

Figure S7. Crystal packing diagram of probe 4.
Figure S8. Crystal packing diagram of probe 4 showing intermolecular interactions.

Figure S9. Crystal packing diagram of probe 4 showing the arrangement of molecular layers.
Figure S10. $^1$H NMR spectrum of probe 5 in DMSO-d$_6$.

Figure S11. $^{13}$C NMR spectrum of probe 5 in DMSO-d$_6$. 
Figure S12. $^{77}$Se NMR spectrum of probe 5 in DMSO-d$_6$.

Figure S13. Mass spectrum of probe 5.
Figure S14. Crystal diagram of probe 5.

Figure S15. Crystal diagram of probe 5.

Figure S16. Crystal diagram of probe 5.
Figure S17. Crystal packing diagram of probe 5.

Figure S18. Crystal packing diagram of probe 5.
**Figure S19.** Crystal packing diagram of probe 5 showing intermolecular interactions.

**Figure S20.** Crystal packing diagram of probe 5 showing step like structure.
Table S1. Refinement details of X-ray structure of the probes 4 and 5.

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PHOTOPHYSICAL MEASUREMENTS

Figure S21. (a) UV-visible absorption spectra of probe 4 (10 μM, water/acetonitrile: v/v = 80:20) with 167 μM of ROS (O$_2$•−, −OCl, H$_2$O$_2$, tBuO$_2$H, ‘OH and ‘BuO') incubated for 10 min at rt (λ$_{ex}$ = 388 nm); (b) UV-visible absorption spectra of probe 5 (20 μM, water/DMSO: v/v = 80:20) with 167 μM of ROS (O$_2$•−, −OCl, H$_2$O$_2$, tBuO$_2$H, ‘OH and ‘BuO') incubated for 30 min at rt (λ$_{ex}$ = 380 nm).
Figure S22. (a) Selectivity study bar graph for fluorescence of probe 4 (10 \( \mu \text{M} \)), water/acetonitrile: v/v = 80:20 with various 167 \( \mu \text{M} \) of ROS (\( \text{O}_2^- \), \( -\text{OCl} \), \( \text{H}_2\text{O}_2 \), \( '\text{BuO}_2\text{H} \), \( '\text{OH} \) and \( '\text{BuO}' \)), incubated for 10 min at rt. \( \lambda_{ex} = 388 \text{ nm} \), \( \lambda_{em} = 469 \text{ nm} \). Ex and em slit width 5 nm/5 nm. (A = probe 4, B = probe 4 + KO\(_2\), C = probe 4 + NaOCl, D = probe 4 + H\(_2\)O\(_2\), E = probe 4 + \( '\text{BuO}_2\text{H} \), F = probe 4 + \('\text{OH} \), G = probe 4 + \('\text{BuO}' \)); (b) Selectivity study bar graph for fluorescence of probe 5 (20 \( \mu \text{M} \)), water/DMSO: v/v = 80:20 with various 167 \( \mu \text{M} \) of ROS (\( \text{O}_2^- \), \( -\text{OCl} \), \( \text{H}_2\text{O}_2 \), \( '\text{BuO}_2\text{H} \), \( '\text{OH} \) and \( '\text{BuO}' \)), incubated for 30 min at rt. \( \lambda_{ex} = 380 \text{ nm} \), \( \lambda_{em} = 458 \text{ nm} \). Ex and em slit width 5 nm/5 nm. (A = probe 5, B = probe 5 + KO\(_2\), C = probe 5 +
NaOCl, D = probe 5 + H$_2$O$_2$, E = probe 5 + $^1$BuO$_2$H, F = probe 5 + ’OH, G = probe 5 + $^1$BuO’).

**Figure S23.** (a) Emission spectra of probe 4 (10 μM), water/acetonitrile: v/v = 80:20 with 167 μM of O$_2$’ (in DMSO) incubated for 10 min at rt. $\lambda_{ex}$ = 388 nm, $\lambda_{em}$ = 462 nm. Ex and em slit width 5 nm/5 nm; (b) Emission spectra of probe 5 (20 μM),
water/DMSO: v/v = 80:20 with 167 µM of O$_2^-$ (in DMSO), incubated for 30 min at rt. 
\( \lambda_{\text{ex}} = 380 \text{ nm}, \lambda_{\text{em}} = 458 \text{ nm} \). Ex and em slit width 5 nm/5 nm.

Figure S24. (a) Fluorescence intensity changes of probe 4 (10 µM, black) and probe 4 (10 µM) with 167 µM of superoxide, (red), (\( \lambda_{\text{ex}} = 388 \text{ nm}, \lambda_{\text{em}} = 469 \text{ nm} \)) slit width 5 nm/5 nm under different pH range; (b) Fluorescence intensity changes of probe 5 (20 µM, black) and
probe 5 (20 µM) with 167 µM of superoxide (red), ($\lambda_{ex} = 380$ nm, $\lambda_{em}$ = 458 nm) slit width 5 nm/5 nm under different pH range.

**Figure S25.** (a) Plot for the calculation of detection limit of probe 4 (10 µM, water/acetonitrile: v/v = 80:20) with increasing concentration of superoxide (0 - 7 equiv) incubated for 10 min at rt, ($\lambda_{ex} = 388$ nm, $\lambda_{em}$ = 469 nm). Ex. and Em. slit width 5 nm/5 nm; (b) Plot for the calculation of detection limit of probe 5 (20 µM, water/DMSO: v/v = 80:20)
with increasing concentration of superoxide (0 - 5 equiv) incubated for 30 min at rt ($\lambda_{ex} = 380$ nm, $\lambda_{em} = 458$ nm). Ex. and Em. slit width 5 nm/5 nm.

**Figure S26.** (a) Fluorescence spectra after addition of ROS (O$_2^•^−$, −OCl, H$_2$O$_2$, 'BuO$_2$H, ‘OH and ‘BuO’, 167 μM) to probe 4 (10 μM, water/acetonitrile: v/v = 80:20) and 167 μM of O$_2^•^−$, incubated for 10 min at rt, ($\lambda_{ex} = 388$ nm, $\lambda_{em} = 469$ nm), slit width 5 nm/5 nm. (A = probe 4, B = probe 4 + KO2, C = probe 4 + KO2 + NaOCl, D = probe 4 + KO2 + H$_2$O$_2$, E = probe 4 + KO2 + 'BuO$_2$H, F = probe 4 + KO2 + 'OH, G = probe 4 + KO2 + 'BuO'); (b) Fluorescence spectra after addition of ROS (O$_2^•^−$, −OCl, H$_2$O$_2$, 'BuO$_2$H, ‘OH and ‘BuO’, 167 μM) to probe 5 (20 μM, water/DMSO: v/v = 80:20) and 167 μM of O$_2^•^−$, incubated for 30 min at rt, ($\lambda_{ex} = 380$ nm, $\lambda_{em} = 458$ nm), slit width 5 nm/5 nm. (A = probe 5, B = probe 5 + KO2, C = probe 5
+ KO₂ + NaOCl, D = probe 5 + KO₂ + H₂O₂, E = probe 5 + KO₂ + 'BuO₂H, F = probe 5 + KO₂ + 'OH, G = probe 5 + KO₂ + 'BuO\(^\bullet\)\).

**Figure S27.** (a) Redox cycles of probe 4 (10 μM) with 167 μM of superoxide and 167 μM of GSH (λ\(_\text{ex}\) = 388 nm, λ\(_\text{em}\) = 469 nm), slit width 5 nm/5 nm; (b) Redox cycles of probe 5 (20 μM) with 167 μM of superoxide and 167 μM of GSH (λ\(_\text{ex}\) = 380 nm, λ\(_\text{em}\) = 458 nm), slit width 5 nm/5 nm.
Figure S28. (a) Redox cycles of probe 4 (10 µM) with 167 µM of superoxide and 167 µM of N-acetyl-L-cysteine; (b) Redox cycles of probe 5 (20 µM) with 167 µM of superoxide and 167 µM of N-acetyl-L-cysteine.
Figure S29. $^1$H NMR spectrum of compound 6 in DMSO-$d_6$.

Figure S30. $^{13}$C NMR spectrum of compound 6 in DMSO-$d_6$. 
Figure S31. $^{77}$Se NMR spectrum of compound 6 in DMSO-d$_6$.

Figure S32. Mass spectrum of compound 6.
Figure S33. $^1$H NMR spectrum of compound 7 in DMSO-d$_6$.

Figure S34. Mass spectrum of compound 7.
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