Electronic Supplementary Information

Developing a far-red fluorogenic beta-galactosidase probe for senescent cell imaging

and photoablation

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Figure S1. Synthetic scheme of Gal-MB.



Fig. S2. Characterization of Gal-MB and MB. (A) Absorption and emission spectra. (B) LC-MS spectra of Gal-MB activation by β -gal. Gal-MB (300 μ M, 1 mL) in PBS buffer (pH = 7.4) was treated with β -gal (10 U L⁻¹) at room temperature. The HPLC spectra (*left*) were recorded at different time points (0, 5, 15, and 60 min). MS spectra (*right*) confirmed that the peak at 5.90 min was Gal-MB (*m*/*z* = 598.5) and the peak at 5.77 min was MB (*m*/*z* = 284.2).

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Figure S3. SA- β -gal dependent Gal-MB activation. A549 cells were irradiated with various dose of X-ray (0, 2, 5, or 10 Gy) and incubated in complete medium for 5 days. (A) X-ray-induced senescent cells were investigated by X-gal staining (magnification: × 20). (B) For SA- β -gal detection, the irradiated A549 cells (0, 2, 5, or 10 Gy) were incubated with Gal-MB (5 μ M) for 1 h, washed and imaged using fluorescence microscope (magnification: × 40). Scale bar, 100 μ m. (C) The Gal-MB fluorescence intensity was quantified using ImageJ.



Figure S4. Gal-MB's photoablation effect in control MDA-MB231 cells. MDA-MB231 cells were incubated without or with Gal-MB (15 μ M for 2 h), washed, and illuminated without or with 665 nm LED light (30 mW cm⁻²) for 30 min. Cells were imaged with fluorescence microscope after 1 day (magnification: × 40). Scale bar, 100 μ m.



Figure S5. Light-induced redistribution of Gal-MB from lysosome to nucleus in C6/*LacZ* cells. Cells were treated with Gal-MB (20 μ M) for 2 h, washed and captured before and after light illumination (magnification: × 40). Hoechst 33342 was added for nuclei staining.



¹H NMR of Gal-MB



¹³C NMR of Gal-MB



HRMS Spectrum of AcGal-MB



HRMS Spectrum of Gal-MB

Elemental Composition Report

Single Mass Analysis

Tolerance = 5.0 PPM / DBE: min = -1.5, max = 50.0 Element prediction: Off Number of isotope peaks used for i-FIT = 2

Monoisotopic Mass, Even Electron Ions 64 formula(e) evaluated with 1 results within limits (up to 50 closest results for each mass) Elements Used: C: 0-30 H: 0-36 N: 1-3 O: 1-8 S: 0-2 Ching Tung (Cornell) NMR Analytical Core Facility Zhenhua Chen LCT Premier XE C30H35N308S ZS_GaIMB 18 (0.407) Cm (17:22) 100



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