

Supporting information

**Lysosome-targeted triazole near-infrared cyanine fluorescent probe
for in vivo long-term cell tracking**

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Experimental section:

Synthesis of IR780-PO-NH₂

IR780-PO-NH₂ was synthesized mainly according to the literature.¹³ Briefly, Boc-tyramine (113 mg, 0.476 mmol) was added into anhydrous DMF solution, and the solution was dropped into NaH (16.7 mg, 0.417 mmol) anhydrous DMF solution. This mixture solution was stirred in an ice bath for 30 min in a flask to completely dissolve. IR780 (100 mg, 0.150 mmol) was dissolved in anhydrous DMF solution and dropped into the flask under the ice water for 30 min and at room temperature for 90 min sequentially. When the reaction finished, the solution was dissolved in saturated NH₄Cl solution, extracted with CH₂Cl₂ (3×100 mL), and dried by Na₂SO₄. Through filtering and evaporating under reduced pressure, the crude was purified by normal-phase chromatography (CH₂Cl₂: MeOH = 40: 1) to yield IR780-PO-NH₂-BOC as a green solid.

The above products were dissolved in 1 mL CH₂Cl₂ and bathed in ice water for 10 min. Then, 1 mL of trifluoroacetic acid (TFA) was dropped in the CH₂Cl₂ and stirred at room temperature for 3 h. After evaporating under reduced pressure, IR780-PO-NH₂ was obtained as a green solid and stored at -20°C away from light. ¹H NMR (600 MHz, DMSO-*d*₆): δ 1.15-1.35(m, 16H), 1.65-1.75(m, 4H), 2.71(m, 4H), 2.78(m, 4H), 4.11(t, 4H), 6.22-6.24(d, 2H), 7.02-7.06(d, 2H), 7.10-7.15(m, 2H), 7.18-7.23(t, 2H), 7.26-7.28(d, 2H), 7.47-7.52(m, 2H), 7.76-7.86(m, 6H). HR-MS: calculate for C₄₄H₅₄N₃O⁺ m/z 640.4261, found 640.4260.

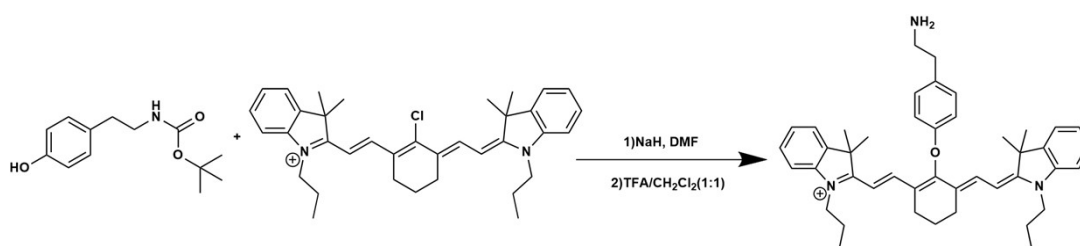


Figure S1. Synthesis route of IR780-PO-NH₂

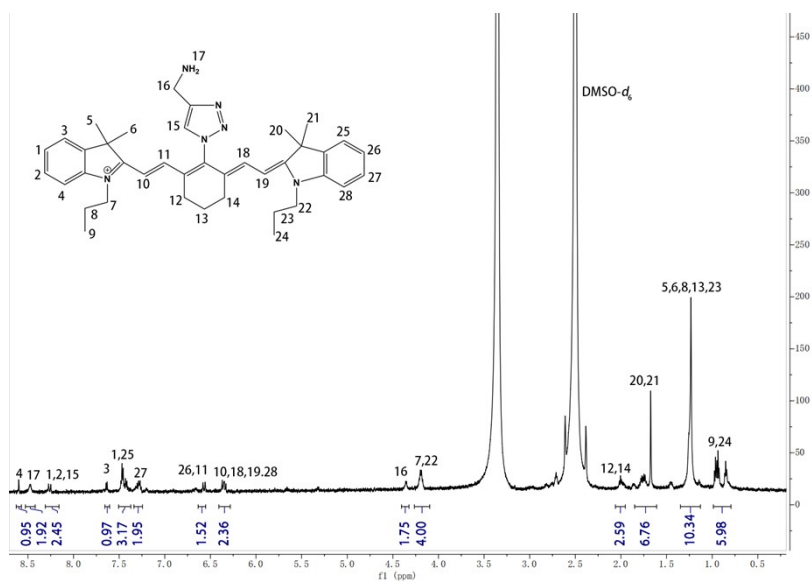


Figure S2. ^1H NMR of IR780-NT-NH₂

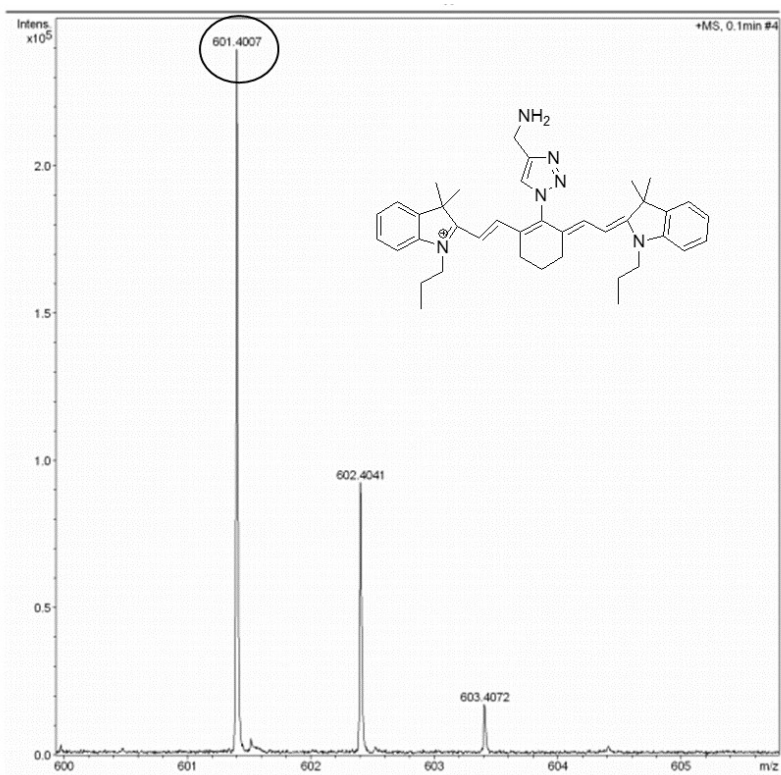


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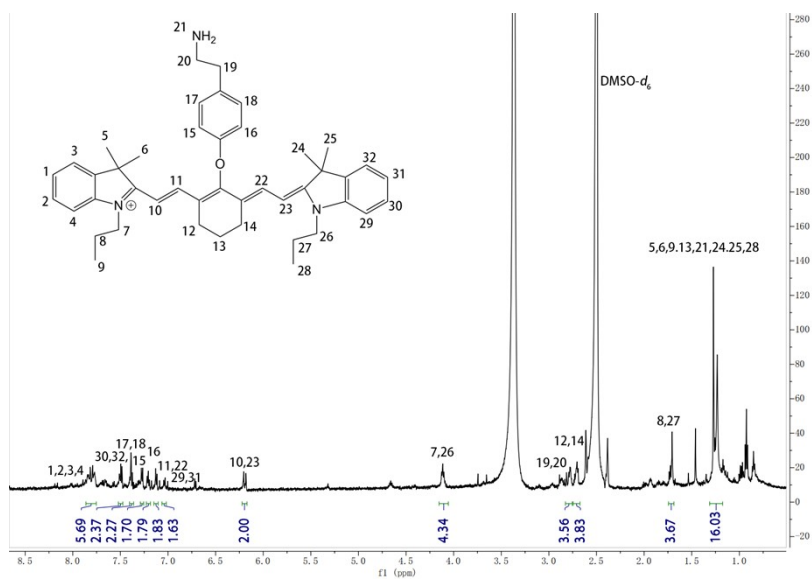


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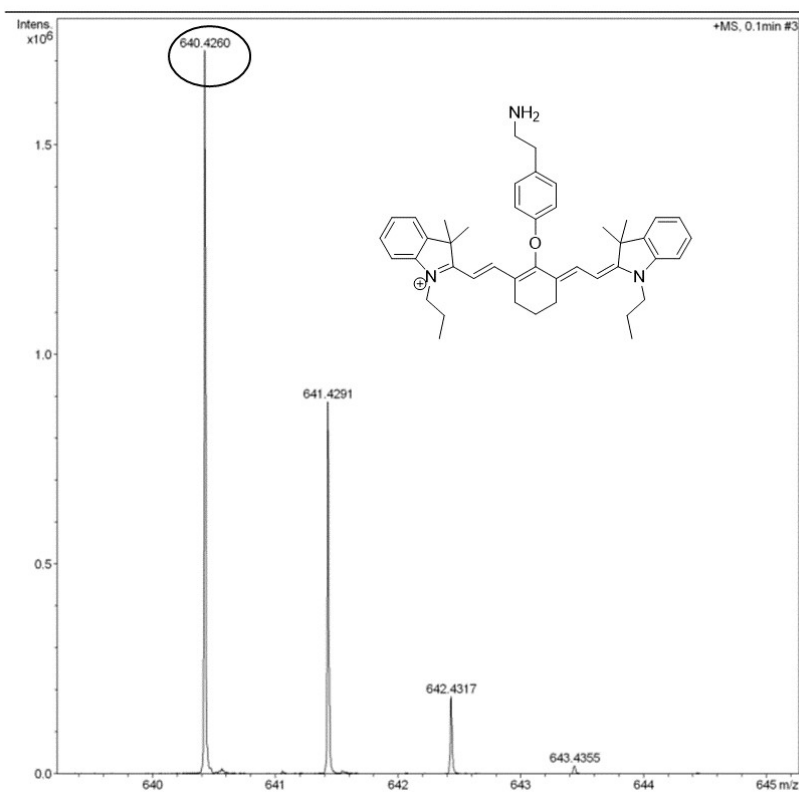


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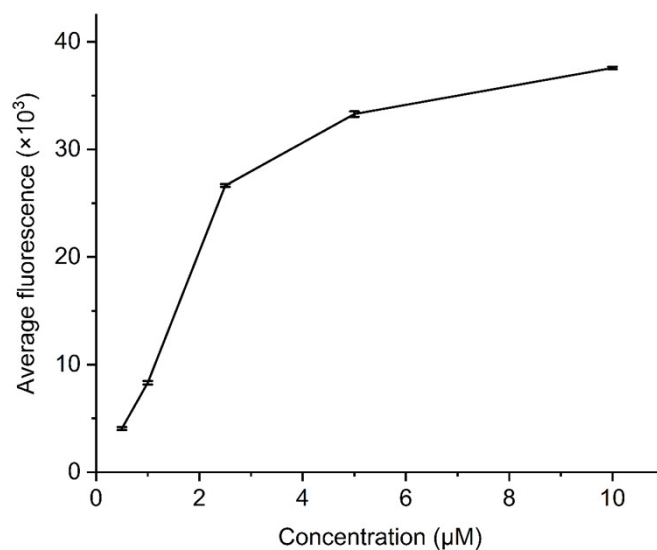


Figure S6. In vitro cellular uptake of IR780-NT-NH₂ in PC-3 cells with various concentrations (0.5, 1, 2.5, 5 and 10 µM).

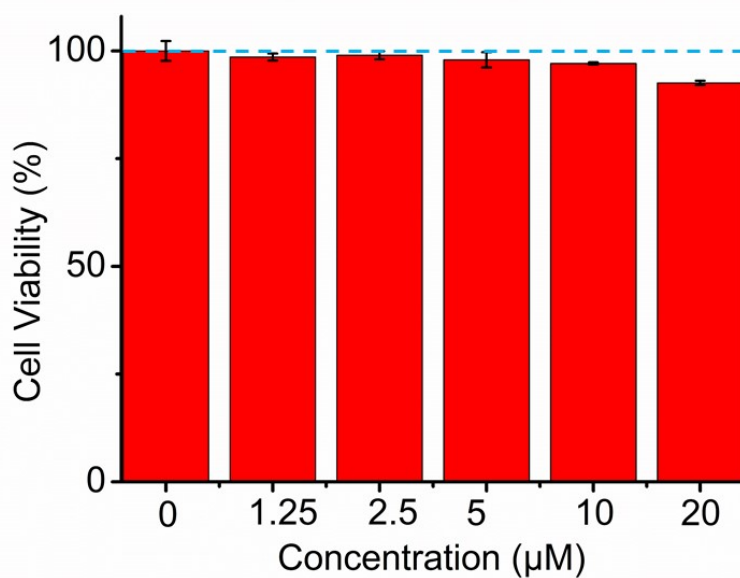


Figure S7. Cellular toxicity study of IR780-NT-NH₂ in PC-3 cells. Cells were seeded at a density of 5,000 cells per well in a 96-well plate. After 24 h, IR780-NT-NH₂ was added to each well with gradient concentrations (0, 1.25, 2.5, 5, 10, and 20 µmol/L) and incubated for 24 h at 37°C. The cell viability was tested by MTT assay. Error bars are for $n = 5$.

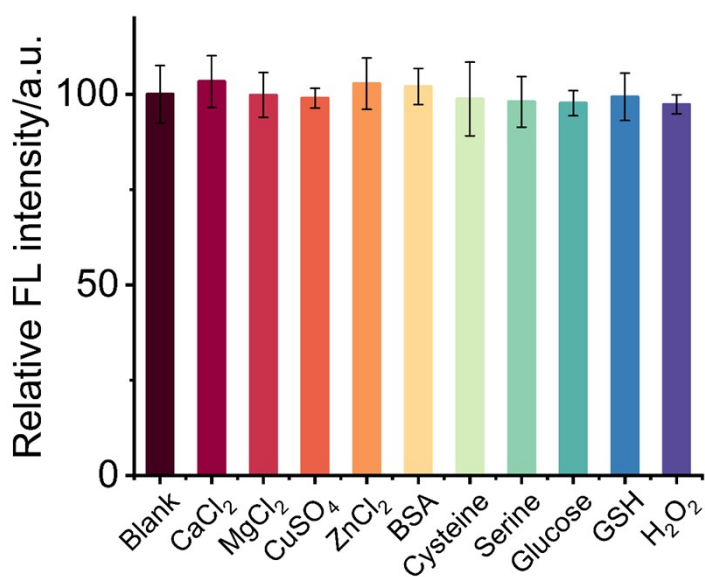


Figure S8. Relative fluorescence intensity of IR780-NT-NH₂ with various potential interfering species (CaCl₂ 2 mM, MgCl₂ 2 mM, CuSO₄ 50 μM, ZnCl₂ 100 μM, BSA 1 mg/mL, cysteine 1 mM, serine 1 mM, glucose 10 mM, GSH 100 μM, and H₂O₂ 100 μM). The blank was set as no interfering species addition. The concentration of IR780-NT-NH₂ was 5 μM. Error bars represent the standard deviation ($n = 3$).