# A Mitochondria-specific NIR Fluorescence Probe for Dualdetection of Sulfur Dioxide and Viscosity in Living Cells and Mice

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#### I. Synthesis and Characterization



Scheme S1 Schematic route for compound 2

Compound **2**: 2-methylbenzothiazole (2.98 g, 0.02 mol) and iodoethane (4.65 g, 0.03 mol) were added to 20 mL toluene, then the mixture was stirred for another 2 h at 120 °C. The reaction mixture was cool to room temperature, filtered, washed thoroughly with cold EtOH and dried under vacuum to obtain the product as a white solid (4.8 g, yield 80%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, CD<sub>3</sub>OD-*d*<sub>4</sub>)  $\delta$  8.31 (d, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 8.28 (d, *J* = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 7.92 (t, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.82 (t, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 4.85 - 4.83(q, *J* = 7.4 Hz, 2H), 3.30 (s, 3H), 1.59 (t, *J* = 7.3 Hz, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>)  $\delta$  177.51, 141.06, 129.96, 129.74, 128.65, 125.26, 117.26, 45.26, 17.23, 13.75. ESI–MS: calcd. for C<sub>10</sub>H<sub>12</sub>INS 178.07 (M – I-), found 178.08 (M – I-).

## **II. Supporting Tables**

	1	detection of SO <sub>2</sub>	•	Aqueous	Targetabilit	Imaging
Ref.	probes	or Viscosity	$\lambda_{\rm em}$	Solubility	У	application
3		Viscosity	600 nm		Mitochondria (0.98)	HeLa Cells
4	N CN CN	Viscosity	685 nm		Mitochondria (0.939)	HepG2 Cells
8		$SO_2$ and Viscosity	625 nm	PBS/DMSO (9/1)	Lysosome (0.92)	HepG2 Cells
11		SO <sub>2</sub>	630 nm	PBS	Mitochondria (0.94)	HeLa Cells
12		SO <sub>2</sub>	650 nm	EtOH/PBS (25/75)		HeLa Cells
13	N C C C C C C C C C C C C C C C C C C C	SO <sub>2</sub>	690 nm	PBS	Mitochondria (0.953)	HeLa Cells
18		SO <sub>2</sub> and Viscosity	680 nm	PBS/DMSO (7/3)	Lysosome (0.92)	A549 Cells
19		Viscosity	650 nm		Mitochondria (0.94)	HeLa Cells
21		SO <sub>2</sub> and Viscosity	605 nm	HEPES/DM SO (1/1)	Mitochondria (0.85)	C6 Cells
37		Viscosity	620 nm		Endoplasmic Reticulum (0.95, 0.93)	MCF-7,4T1 Mice
38		SO <sub>2</sub>	800 nm	PBS/DMSO (1/1)		CCK-8, Mice

Table S1. Comparison of CMBT with reported fluorescent probes for SO<sub>2</sub> and Viscosity

40		Viscosity	720 nm		Mitochondria (0.94)	HeLa Cells
43		SO <sub>2</sub> and Viscosity	625 nm	Water	Mitochondria (0.926)	HeLa Cells
45		SO <sub>2</sub> and Viscosity	740 nm	PBS		HeLa Cells
This work	JN-COTO	SO <sub>2</sub> and Viscosity	690 nm	PBS	Mitochondria (0.97)	HeLa Cells, Mice

### **III.** Supporting Figures



Fig. S1 The time-dependent changes in the fluorescence spectra of CMBT (10  $\mu$ M) treated with 10 eq. SO<sub>3</sub><sup>2-</sup>.



Fig. S2 The pseudo-first-order kinetic plot of the reaction of CMBT (10  $\mu$ M) treated with 10 eq. SO<sub>3</sub><sup>2-</sup>.



**Fig. S3** UV-Vis spectra of probe **CMBT** (10 μM) in the presence of various anions (100 μM) in PBS buffer (pH 7.4). (1) Cys; (2) GSH; (3) Hcy; (4) NO<sub>3</sub><sup>-</sup>; (5) AcO<sup>-</sup>; (6) S<sub>2</sub><sup>-</sup>; (7) CO<sub>3</sub><sup>2-</sup>; (8) Cl<sup>-</sup>; (9) I<sup>-</sup>; (10) ClO<sup>-</sup>; (11) H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>; (12) NO<sub>2</sub><sup>-</sup>; (13) ClO<sub>4</sub><sup>-</sup>; (14) SO<sub>3</sub><sup>2-</sup>.



Fig. S4 The ESI-MS of product obtained by reaction between CMBT and SO<sub>3</sub><sup>2-</sup>.



Fig. S5 Cytotoxicity assays of probe CMBT at different concentrations (0-40 µM) for HeLa cells.



**Fig. S6** Confocal images of exogenous SO<sub>2</sub> in living cells. (a–d) Cells stained with probe CMBT; (e–h) Cells incubated with probe CMBT and Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>3</sub>. Blue channel:  $\lambda ex = 405$  nm,  $\lambda em = 490$ – 530 nm. Red channel:  $\lambda ex = 488$  nm,  $\lambda em = 600$ –700 nm. Scale bar = 20 µm.



Fig. S7 The average of fluorescent intensity of tumor site post-injection of CMBT, CMBT and nystatin, CMBT and endo-SO<sub>2</sub>. Values are means  $\pm$  3.

### V. Spectra of Compounds



Fig. S8<sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra of compound 1 in DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub> (600 MHz, 298 K)



Fig. S9<sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra of compound 1 in DMSO- $d_6$  (101 MHz, 298K)



Fig. S10 The ESI-MS spectra of compound 1



Fig. S11<sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra of compound 2 in CD<sub>3</sub>OD (400 MHz, 298 K)



Fig. S12<sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra of compound 2 in DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub> (101 MHz, 298 K)



Fig. S13 The ESI-MS spectra of compound  ${\bf 2}$ 



Fig. S14 <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra of CMBT in DMSO- $d_6$  (600 MHz, 298 K)



**Fig. S15** <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra of **CMBT** in DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub> (101 MHz, 298 K)



Fig. S16 The HR-MS spectra of probe CMBT