

*Supporting Information for*

**Remarkable membrane permeability fluorescent probe for  
real-time imaging mitochondrial SO<sub>2</sub> with high-fidelity**

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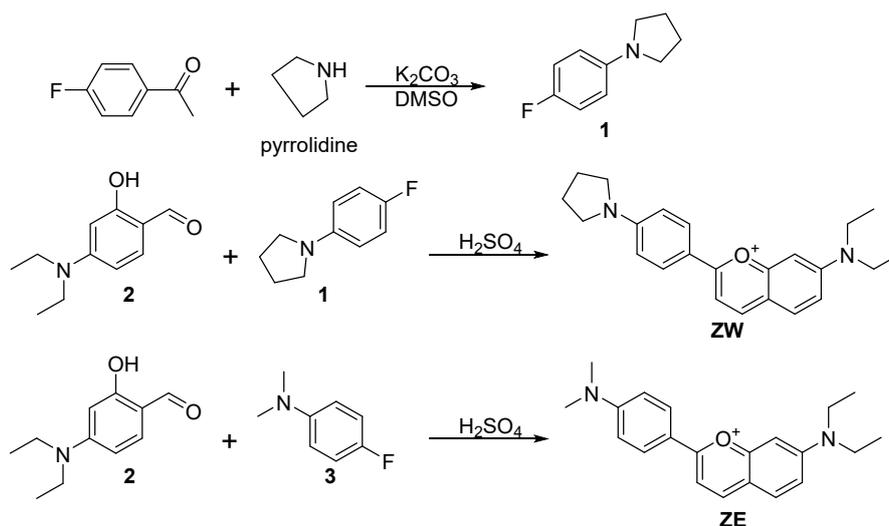
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## 1. Materials and apparatus.

NMR data were obtained with an AVANCE III 600 MHz Digital NMR spectrometer with tetramethylsilane (TMS) as an internal standard. High Resolution Mass Spectrometric (HRMS) data were got at an Agilent 1100 HPLC/MSD spectrometer. The pH experiments were tested using a Mettler-Toledo Delta 320 pH meter. Absorption experiments were conducted on a Shimadzu UV-2700 spectrometer. Photoluminescent spectra were obtained using a HITACHI F4600 fluorescence spectrophotometer. Biological imaging experiments were accomplished with Nikon A1 fluorescence microscopy.

## 2. Experimental section



**Scheme S1** Detail synthetic routes of probes **ZW** and **ZE**.

### 2.1 The synthesis of compound **1**

4-Fluoroacetophenone (1.38 g, 10 mmol) and pyrrolidine (1.42 g, 20 mmol) was dissolved in 6 mL DMSO, then added  $K_2CO_3$  (4.15 g, 30 mmol) to the solution. The mixture were stirred at  $120^\circ C$  for 10 h. After the reaction was completed, then mixture was cooled to room temperature, 100 mL saturated salt water was poured into reaction solution, and 100 mL dichloromethane was add for extraction. Repeated this

operation three times, and dried with anhydrous sodium sulfate to obtain crude product compound **1**. Finally, compound **1** further purified using silica gel column chromatography to obtain pure solid compound **1** (1.4 g, yield: 74%).

#### 2.4 Cell culture and imaging

HeLa cells were employed to test the imaging feasibility of probes ZW and ZE. Cells were cultured in Dulbecco's modified Eagle's medium (DMEM) supplemented with 10% fetal bovine serum (FBS). Before imaging, cells were passaged onto 20 mm glass dishes and further cultured for around 24 h to obtain the confluence of 80%.

### 3. Figures

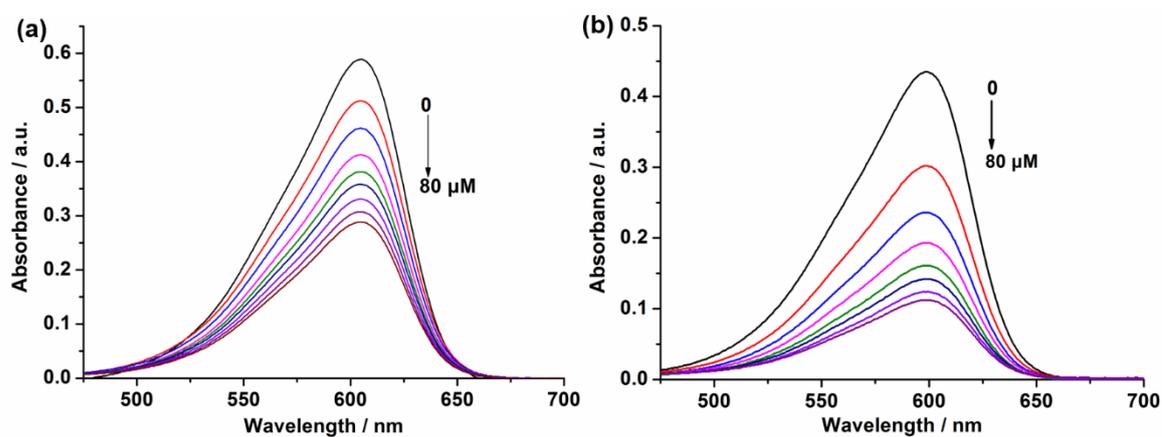
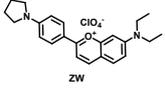
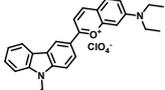
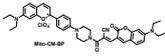
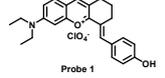
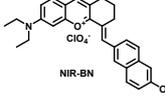
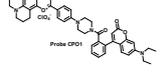
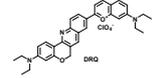
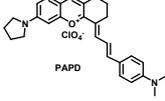


Fig.S1 Absorption spectra of ZW (a) and ZE (b) with NaHSO<sub>3</sub> (0-80 μM) in PBS (10 mM, pH=7.4) containing 10% DMSO.

Table S1. Optical and application properties of the representative known benzopyrylium-based SO<sub>2</sub> fluorescent probes and the new probe **ZW** designed herein.

Reference	Structure	Absorption	Excitation & emission	Quantum yield( $\Phi$ )	LOD <sup>[a]</sup>	Concentration of imaging in living cells	Applications
This work		590 nm	$\lambda_{ex}$ : 590 nm; $\lambda_{em}$ : 670 nm	0.237	190 nM	200 nM & 500 nM	Exogenous and endogenous SO <sub>2</sub> imaging & Ferroptosis imaging in cells
1. Anal. Chem. 2019,91,10723-10730		570 nm	$\lambda_{ex}$ : 270 nm; $\lambda_{em}$ : 370 nm/630 nm	ND <sup>[b]</sup>	730 nM	10 $\mu$ M	SO <sub>2</sub> /formaldehyde reversible imaging in cells
2. J. Am. Chem. Soc. 2020, 142, 6324-6331		570 nm	$\lambda_{ex}$ : 488 nm; $\lambda_{em}$ : 638 nm	ND	160 nM	10 $\mu$ M	Exogenous SO <sub>2</sub> imaging & endogenous SO <sub>2</sub> metabolism in cells
3. Sensor. Actuat-B. Chem., 2019, 297, 126747		570 nm	$\lambda_{ex}$ : 570 nm; $\lambda_{em}$ : 660 nm	0.026	121 nM	10 $\mu$ M	SO <sub>2</sub> /H <sub>2</sub> O <sub>2</sub> reversible imaging in cells
4. Anal. Methods, 2021, 13, 3535-3542		320 nm & 580 nm	$\lambda_{ex}$ : 580 nm; $\lambda_{em}$ : 680 nm	ND	170 nM	10 $\mu$ M	Exogenous and endogenous SO <sub>2</sub> imaging in cells & SO <sub>2</sub> detection of food
5. New J. Chem., 2022, 46, 18090-18099		570 nm & 610 nm	$\lambda_{ex}$ : 410 nm; $\lambda_{em}$ : 645 nm	ND	60 nM	5 $\mu$ M	Exogenous and endogenous SO <sub>2</sub> imaging & SO <sub>2</sub> detection of water
6. Talanta, 2020, 217, 121086		580 nm & 405 nm	$\lambda_{ex}$ : 580 nm; $\lambda_{em}$ : 613 nm	0.33	103 nM	10 $\mu$ M	Two-photon imaging of exogenous and endogenous SO <sub>2</sub> in cells & zebrafish
7. Dyes Pigments,2023, 216,111308		373 nm & 688 nm	$\lambda_{ex}$ : 400 nm & $\lambda_{em}$ : 495 nm; $\lambda_{ex}$ : 680 nm & $\lambda_{em}$ : 835nm;	0.13	27.36 nM	2.5 $\mu$ M	SO <sub>2</sub> & viscosity imaging in cells

[a]LOD: Limit of Detection; [b] ND: Not determined.

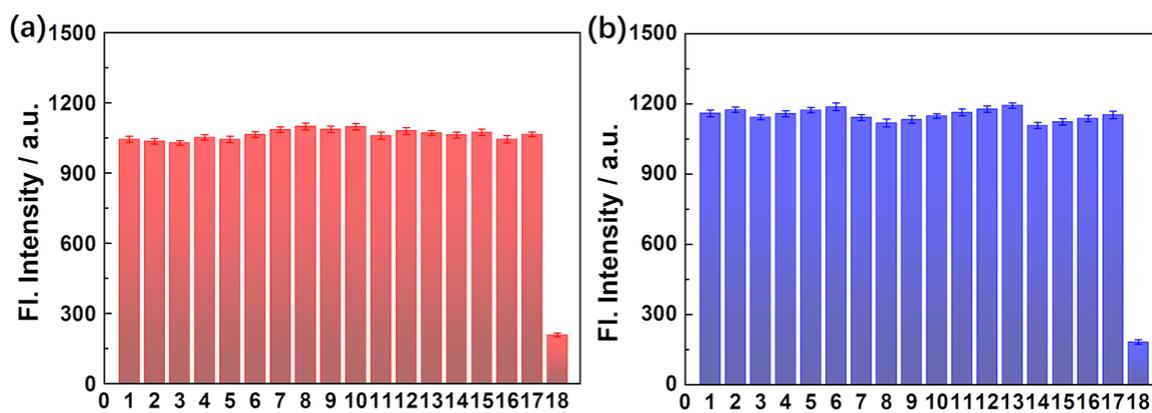


Fig. S2 Fluorescence changes of **ZW** (10  $\mu\text{M}$ ) (a) and **ZE** (10  $\mu\text{M}$ ) (b) in the presence of various analytes (200  $\mu\text{M}$ ) for 20 min. Number 1-18 denotes: free probes (ZW or ZE);  $\text{FeCl}_2$ ;  $\text{H}_2\text{O}_2$ ; VC;  $\text{H}_2\text{S}$ ;  $\text{HClO}$ ;  $\text{K}_2\text{CO}_3$ ;  $\text{KCl}$ ;  $\text{MgCl}_2$ ;  $\text{ZnCl}_2$ ;  $\text{NaBr}$ ;  $\text{CaCl}_2$ ;  $\text{FeCl}_3$ ;  $\text{Na}_2\text{SO}_4$ ;  $\text{NaNO}_2$ ; GSH; Cys;  $\text{Na}_2\text{HCO}_3$ .  $\lambda_{\text{ex}} = 590 \text{ nm}$ .

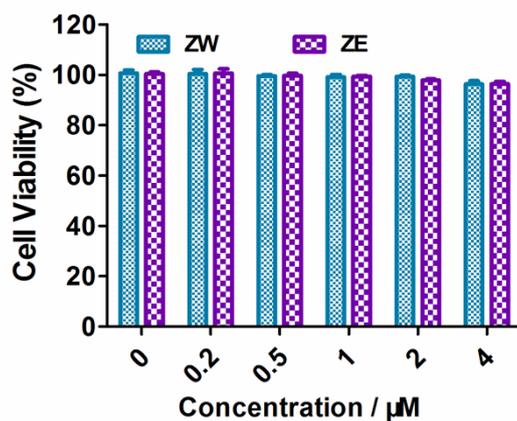


Fig. S3 HeLa cell viability after treatment with probes **ZW** and **ZE** (0-4  $\mu\text{M}$ ) for 24 h.

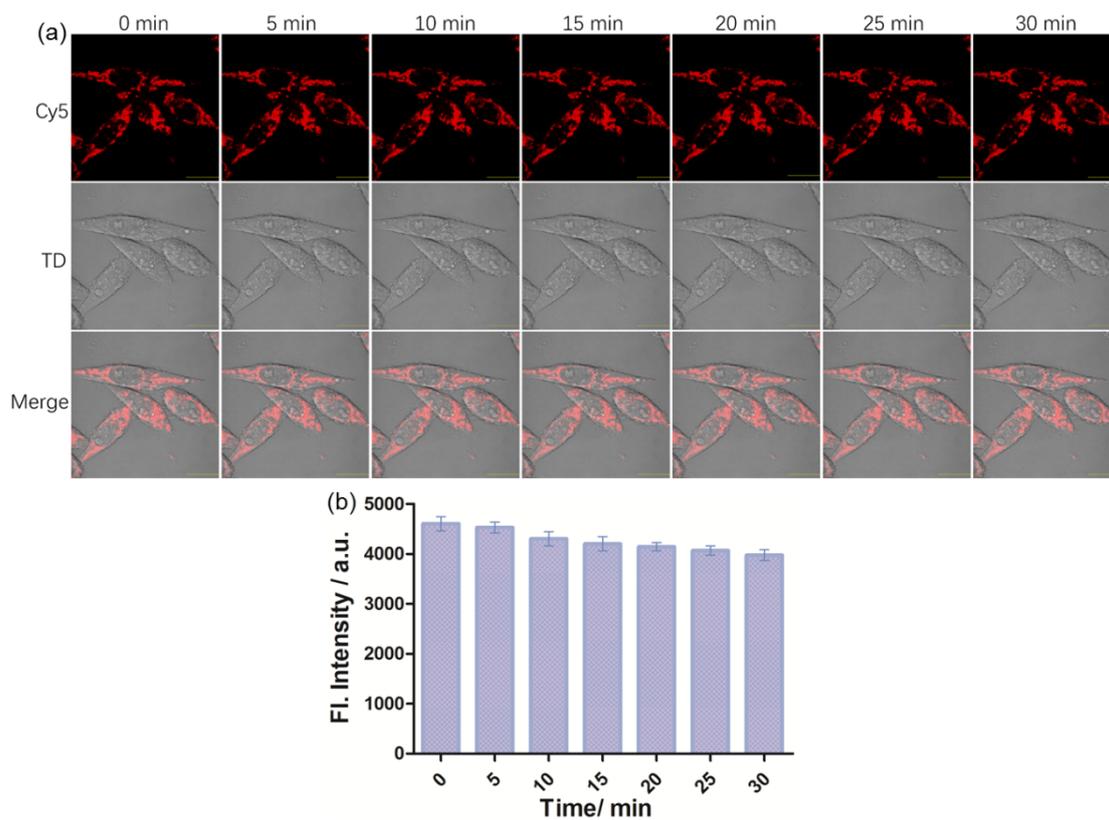


Fig.S4 (a) Fluorescence images of cells continuous irradiation for 30 min after the incubation with 200 nM **ZW** for 18 min. (b) Fluorescence intensities of cells at different time. Cy5 Channel:  $\lambda_{\text{ex}}=561 \text{ nm}$ ,  $\lambda_{\text{em}} = 663\text{-}738 \text{ nm}$ . Scale bar: 20  $\mu\text{m}$ .

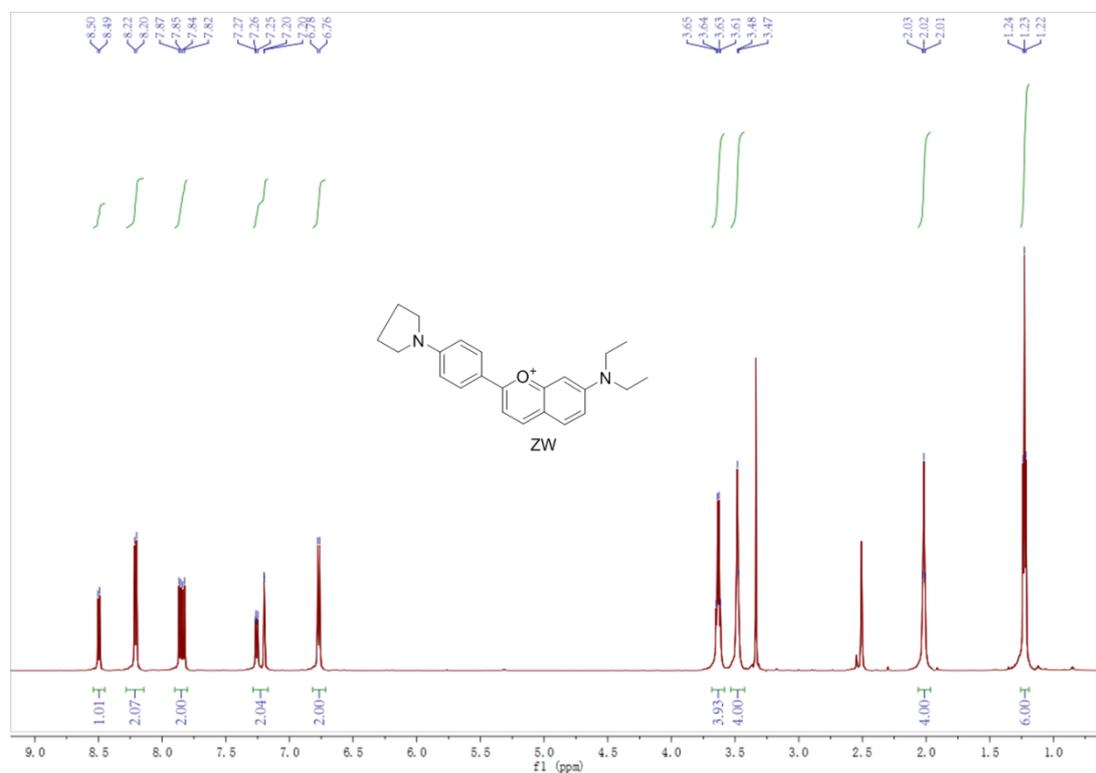


Fig. S5. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz) spectrum of **ZW** in DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>.

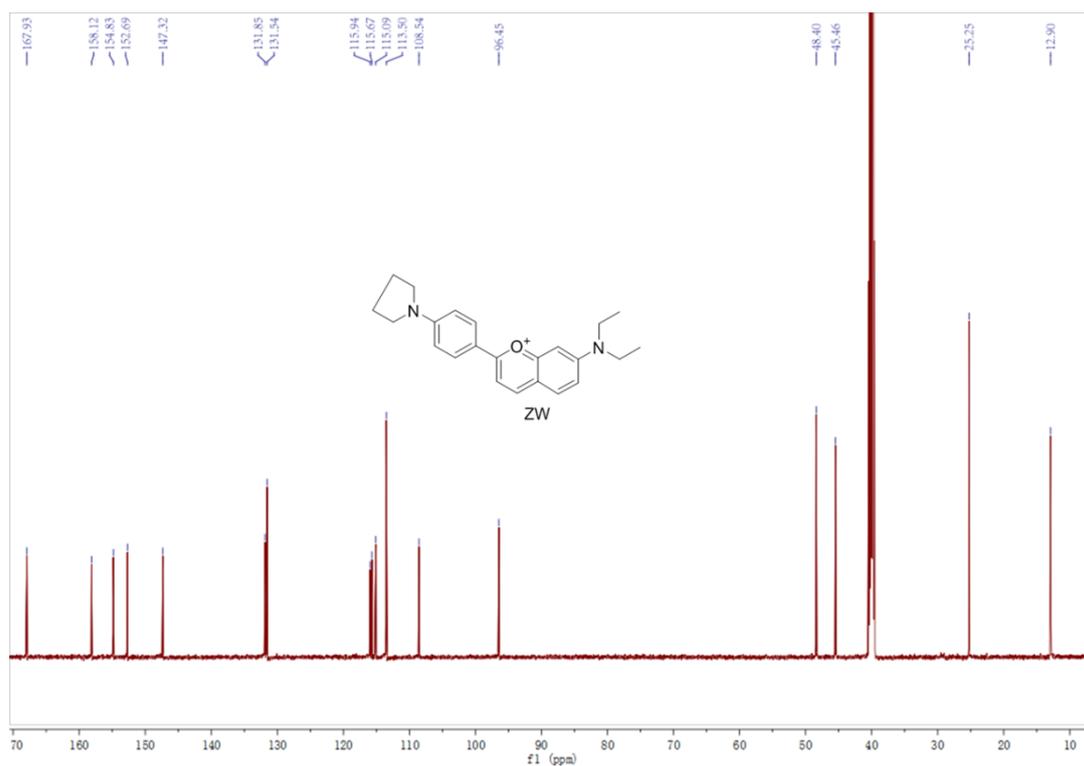


Fig. S6.  $^{13}\text{C}$ NMR (150 MHz) spectrum of ZW in DMSO- $d_6$ .

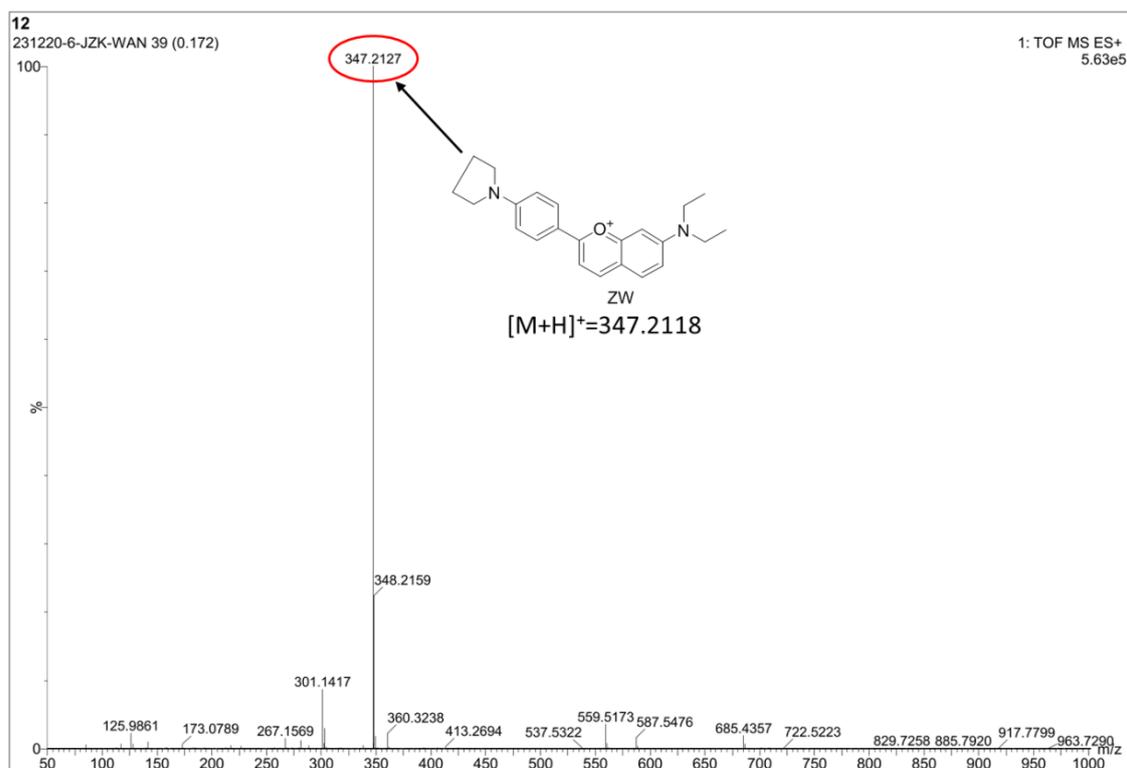
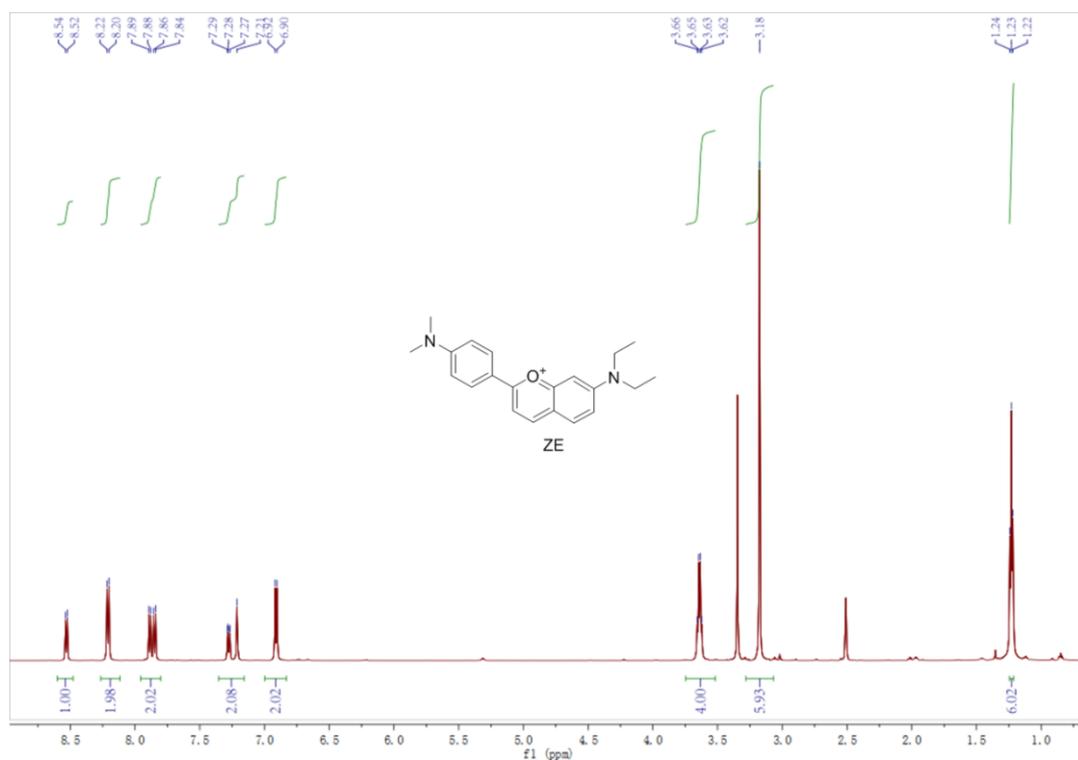
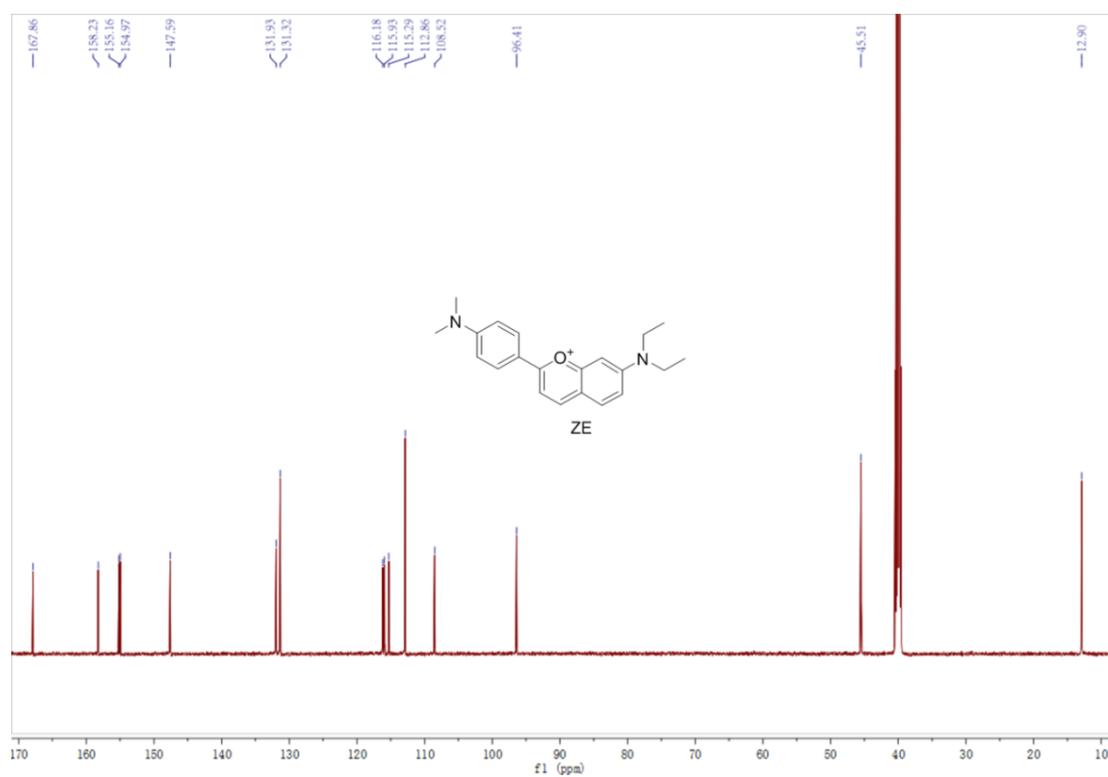


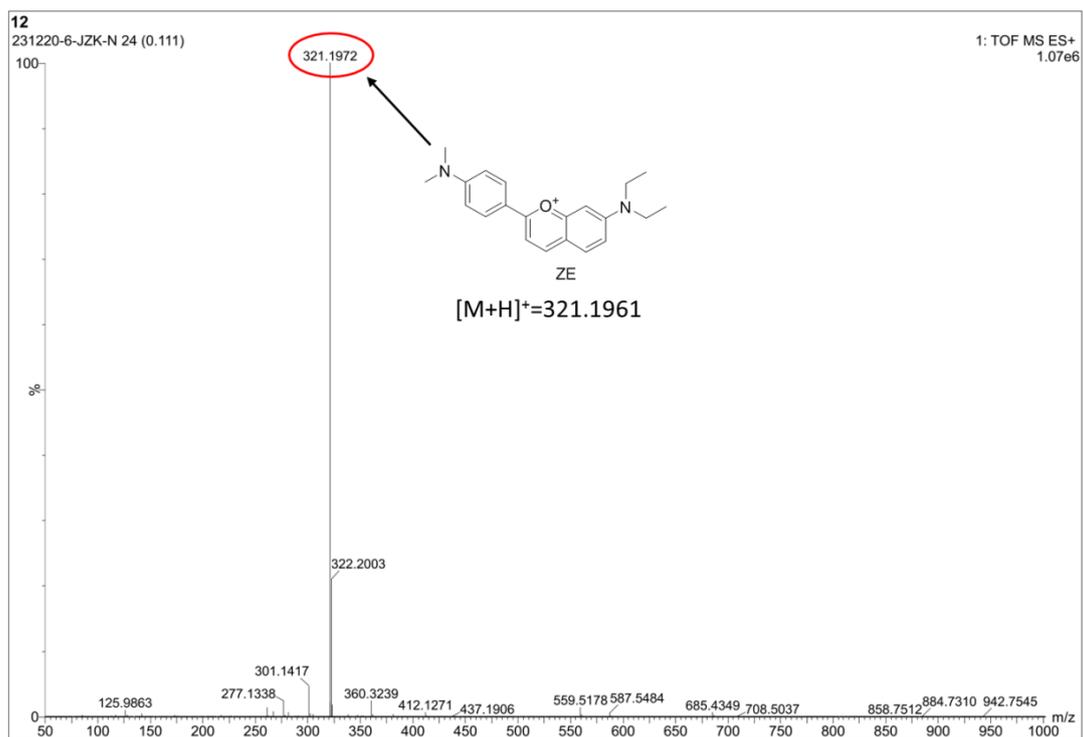
Fig. S7. HRMS spectrum of ZW.



**Fig. S8.**  $^1\text{H}$ NMR (600 MHz) spectrum of **ZE** in  $\text{DMSO-}d_6$ .



**Fig. S9.**  $^{13}\text{C}$ NMR (150MHz) spectrum of **ZE** in  $\text{DMSO-}d_6$ .



**Fig. S10.** HRMS spectrum of **ZE**.