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# **Supporting Information**

# Fluorescence monitoring of STING using a coumarinbased chemigenetic probe

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#### **Experimental Section**

#### General notes

Unless specified otherwise, all reactions were conducted in flame-dried glassware under an argon atmosphere. Commercial reagents and solvents were utilized as received unless otherwise indicated. Flash column chromatography was performed with silica gel cartridges (40-65  $\mu$ m particle size). The progress of reactions was monitored via thin-layer chromatography (TLC) using an ultraviolet (UV) lamp for detection. Proton nuclear magnetic resonance ( $^{1}$ H NMR) and carbon-13 nuclear magnetic resonance ( $^{13}$ C NMR) spectra were acquired on a Bruker NMR spectrometer ( $^{4}$ 00/101 MHz) in CDCl<sub>3</sub> or DMSO- $^{4}$ 6. Chemical shifts are reported in ppm relative to tetramethylsilane (TMS) as an internal standard, expressed as  $^{5}$ 0 values. High-resolution mass spectrometry (HRMS) analyses were performed using a Waters LCT spectrometer. Ultraviolet-visible (UV-Vis) spectra were recorded on a PUMADA P7 instrument, and fluorescence spectra were obtained using a Shimadzu RF6000 instrument. The syntheses of Y5 (RF15) and Y6 (RF16) were conducted according to the previous reference  $^{1,2}$ . All synthesized compounds were determined to be  $^{2}$ 95% pure by  $^{1}$ H NMR.

## Synthesis of chemical probes Y1-Y6.

8-(1,3-dioxan-2-yl)-4-methyl-2-oxo-2H-chromen-7-yl acetate (Y1). Compound 2 (80 mg, 0.3 mmol), acetyl chloride (40 mg, 0.5 mmol) and potassium carbonate (108 mg, 0.6 mmol) in 5 mL ACN were added into a 25 mL Schlenk tube equipped with a magnetic stirring bar. Under reduced pressure, the tube was filled with argon for three times and the reaction was stirred at room temperature for 12 h. The reaction mixture was concentrated and purified by flash chromatography on silica gel using DCM/CH<sub>3</sub>OH (v/v = 50:1) to afford Y1 (75 mg, 80%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.62 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 1H), 7.06 (d, J = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 6.31 (s, 1H), 6.28 (s, 1H), 4.32 – 4.17 (m, 2H), 4.04 (td, J = 12.3, 2.2 Hz, 2H), 2.42 (s, 3H), 2.38 (s, 3H), 2.23 (qt, J = 12.7, 5.0 Hz, 1H), 1.51 (d, J = 13.7 Hz, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  169.35, 159.80, 152.19, 152.04, 151.54, 125.66, 120.70, 119.01, 117.99, 114.45, 95.59, 67.76, 26.00, 20.98, 18.92.

7-(benzyloxy)-8-(1,3-dioxan-2-yl)-4-methyl-2H-chromen-2-one (**Y2**). Compound **2** (80 mg, 0.3 mmol), bromomethyl-benzene (85 mg, 0.5 mmol) and potassium carbonate (108 mg, 0.6 mmol) in 5 mL ACN were added into a 25 mL Schlenk tube equipped with a magnetic stirring bar. Under reduced pressure, the tube was filled with argon for three times and the reaction was stirred at room temperature for 12 h. The reaction mixture was concentrated and purified by flash chromatography on silica gel using DCM/CH<sub>3</sub>OH (v/v = 50:1) to afford **Y2** (80 mg, 73%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.61 – 7.49 (m, 3H), 7.46 – 7.31 (m, 3H), 6.94 (d, J = 8.9 Hz, 1H), 6.40 (s, 1H), 6.15 (s, 1H), 4.28 (dd, J = 11.3, 4.8 Hz, 2H), 4.04 (td, J = 12.4, 2.4 Hz, 2H), 2.37 (s,

3H), 2.32 (td, J = 7.9, 3.9 Hz, 1H), 1.44 (d, J = 11.4 Hz, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  160.66, 160.02, 152.59, 152.31, 136.50, 128.45, 127.91, 127.09, 126.27, 114.62, 114.13, 112.36, 109.69, 96.13, 71.02, 67.78, 25.81, 18.80.

7-(benzyloxy)-8-(5-(hydroxymethyl)-5-methyl-1,3-dioxan-2-yl)-4-methyl-2H-chromen-2-one (Y3). Compound 3 (80 mg, 0.26 mmol), bromomethyl-benzene (85 mg, 0.5 mmol) and potassium carbonate (108 mg, 0.6 mmol) in 5 mL ACN were added into a 25 mL Schlenk tube equipped with a magnetic stirring bar. Under reduced pressure, the tube was filled with argon for three times and the reaction was stirred at room temperature for 12 h. The reaction mixture was concentrated and purified by flash chromatography on silica gel using DCM/CH<sub>3</sub>OH (v/v = 50:1) to afford Y3 (60 mg, 60%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.52 (d, J = 8.9 Hz, 1H), 7.50 – 7.46 (m, 2H), 7.46 – 7.40 (m, 2H), 7.40 – 7.34 (m, 1H), 6.95 – 6.90 (m, 1H), 6.29 (s, 1H), 6.16 (q, J = 1.2 Hz, 1H), 5.24 (s, 2H), 4.11 – 4.02 (m, 2H), 3.91 (s, 2H), 3.72 – 3.64 (m, 2H), 2.36 (s, 3H), 0.77 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$  160.07, 159.09, 153.69, 152.84, 136.97, 129.00, 128.38, 127.86, 127.55, 114.10, 113.97, 112.01, 110.09, 96.08, 73.45, 70.63, 64.61, 63.78, 35.34, 18.78, 17.26.

8-(1,3-dioxan-2-yl)-4-methyl-7-((4-(4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolan-2-yl)benzyl)oxy)-2H-chromen-2-one (**Y4**). Compound 2 (80 mg, 0.3 mmol), 2-(4-(bromomethyl)phenyl)-4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolane (150 mg, 0.5 mmol) and potassium carbonate (108 mg, 0.6 mmol) in 5 mL ACN were added into a 25 mL Schlenk tube equipped with a magnetic stirring bar. Under reduced pressure, the tube was filled with argon for three times and the reaction was stirred at room temperature for 12 h. The reaction mixture was concentrated and purified by flash chromatography on silica gel using DCM/CH<sub>3</sub>OH (v/v = 50:1) to afford **Y4** (90 mg, 63%). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.86 (d, J = 7.7 Hz, 2H), 7.55 (dd, J = 23.5, 8.3 Hz, 3H), 6.92 (d, J = 8.9 Hz, 1H), 6.40 (s, 1H), 6.15 (d, J = 1.5 Hz, 1H), 5.24 (s, 2H), 4.28 (dd, J = 11.4, 4.8 Hz, 2H), 4.04 (td, J = 12.3, 2.4 Hz, 2H), 2.37 (s, 3H), 1.44 (d, J = 13.4 Hz, 1H), 1.37 (s, 12H), 1.27 (s, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  160.73, 159.99, 152.53, 152.40, 139.60, 134.90, 126.31, 126.19, 114.53, 114.12, 112.33, 109.59, 96.16, 83.88, 70.86, 67.80, 25.83, 24.89, 18.80. HRMS (TOF-ESI\*): m/z calcd for C<sub>27</sub>H<sub>31</sub>O<sub>7</sub>BNa [M + Na\*]: 501.2061; found: 501.2055.

8-(5-(hydroxymethyl)-5-methyl-1,3-dioxan-2-yl)-4-methyl-7-((4-(4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolan-2-yl)benzyl)oxy)-2H-chromen-2-one (Y5). A mixture of compound 3 (100 mg, 0.32 mmol), 2-(4-(bromomethyl)phenyl)-4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2 dioxaborolane (192 mg, 0.65 mmol), and CsCO<sub>3</sub> (325 mg, 1.0 mmol) in Acetonitrile (10 mL) was stirred at room temperature for 12 h. The reaction mixture was concentrated and the residue was purified by silica gel flash chromatography using DCM/ Methanol (v/v =

100:1) to afford **Y5** as a white powder (82 mg, 48%). H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.92 – 7.80 (m, 2H), 7.57 – 7.44 (m, 3H), 6.89 (d, J = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 6.29 (s, 1H), 6.16 (q, J = 1.2 Hz, 1H), 5.26 (s, 2H), 4.14 – 4.04 (m, 2H), 3.99 (s, 2H), 3.74 – 3.64 (m, 2H), 2.37 (s, 3H), 1.36 (s, 12H), 0.79 (s, 3H). NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  160.66, 159.44, 152.84, 152.29, 139.06, 135.10, 126.79, 126.33, 114.31, 114.02, 112.47, 109.31, 95.96, 83.95, 74.17, 71.04, 66.65, 34.94, 24.89, 18.82, 17.24. HRMS (TOF-ESI<sup>+</sup>): m/z calcd for C<sub>29</sub>H<sub>35</sub>O<sub>8</sub>BNa [M + Na<sup>+</sup>]: 545.2323; found: 545.2309.

18-chloro-3,6,9,12-tetraoxaoctadecyl ((5-methyl-2-(4-methyl-2-oxo-7-((4-(4,4,5,5-tetramethyl-1,3,2-dioxaborolan-2-yl)benzyl)oxy)-2H-chromen-8-yl)-1,3-dioxan-5-yl)methyl) malonate ( $\mathbf{Y6}$ ). A mixture of Y5(50 mg, 0.10 mmol), 22-chloro-3-oxo-4,7,10,13,16-pentaoxadocosanoic acid (45 mg, 0.11 mmol), and 4-Dimethylaminopyridine (10 mg, 0.09mmol) in THF (5 mL) was stirred at icy water. Dicyclohexylcarbodiimide (30 mg, 0.15 mmol) was added and stir at room temperature for 12 h. The reaction mixture was concentrated and the residue was purified by silica gel flash chromatography using DCM/ Methanol ( $\mathbf{v}$ /v = 100:1) to afford  $\mathbf{Y6}$  as a white powder (70 mg, 40%). H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.90 – 7.82 (m, 2H), 7.55 – 7.46 (m, 3H), 6.90 (d, J = 8.9 Hz, 1H), 6.29 (s, 1H), 6.17 (d, J = 1.2 Hz, 1H), 5.26 (s, 2H), 4.36 – 4.27 (m, 2H), 4.14 – 4.05 (m, 2H), 3.98 (s, 2H), 3.77 (s, 2H), 3.75 – 3.62 (m, 12H), 3.62 – 3.39 (m, 8H), 2.41 – 2.35 (s, 3H), 1.80 (dq, J = 8.0, 6.7 Hz, 2H), 1.62 (dq, J = 8.0, 6.7 Hz, 3H), 1.51 – 1.38 (m, 4H), 1.37 (s, 12H), 0.79 (s, 3H).  $^{13}$ C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  166.91, 160.65, 159.44, 152.83, 152.29, 139.05, 135.10, 126.81, 126.33, 114.31, 114.00, 112.48, 109.30, 95.94, 83.95, 74.19, 71.26, 70.66, 70.64, 70.61, 70.59, 68.86, 52.54, 45.07, 41.23, 34.93, 32.56, 29.46, 26.71, 25.44, 24.89, 18.83, 17.25. HRMS (TOF-ESI\*): m/z calcd for C<sub>49</sub>H<sub>64</sub>BClO<sub>15</sub>Na [M + Na\*]: 925.3924; found: 925.3937.

#### Fluorescence response of compound 1, Y1- Y6.

Stock solutions of each compound were prepared in DMSO at a concentration of 50 mM. For assessing the absorption and fluorescence properties, working solutions (5  $\mu$ M) of each compound were prepared by diluting the stock solutions into a DMSO/PBS mixture (v/v = 1:99). Subsequently, 200  $\mu$ L aliquots of these working solutions were used for recording UV-vis and fluorescence spectra of compound 1, Y1, Y2, Y3, Y4, Y5, and Y6 at various conditions.

Following that,  $1000 \mu M H_2O_2$  was added to a DMSO/PBS solution (v/v = 1:99) of **Y4** and **Y5** at 5  $\mu$ M respectively, and the fluorescence changes were recorded at various time course (0, 1, 2, 3, 5, and 10 min) and the time-dependent fluorescence spectra were recorded at each time point.

#### plasmids

The sequence of STING 139-340 gene was amplified by polymerase chain reaction (PCR) using primers and inserted in the Halo\_pET28a(+) vector using restriction enzyme. The construction of STING 139-340\_Halo\_pET28a plasmid was verified by DNA gel and Sanger sequencing results. STING 139-379 Halo pET28a, and GFP Halo pET28a were constructed using the same method.

#### Transformation, culture, and purification of POIs

STING 139-340\_Halo\_pET28a, STING 139-379\_Halo\_pET28a, GFP\_Halo\_pET28a plasmids were transformed into *E. coli* BL21(DE3) strain cells according to the standard protocol by manufactures (TIANGEN). Hexahistidine (His6)-tagged POI was induced for expression in *E. coli* BL21(DE3) strain cells growing in 500 mL fresh LB medium with 0.1 mM IPTG at 30 °C for 16 h. After culture, cells were spun down and resuspended in 30 mL lysis buffer (50 mM NaH<sub>2</sub>PO<sub>4</sub>, pH 8.0, 300 mM NaCl, 10 mM imidazole) containing one protease inhibitor tablet for 30 min, then sonicated for complete lysis. After removal of the cell debris via centrifugation, the supernatant was incubated with Ni-NTA agarose (1 mL) at 4 °C overnight. The following day, samples containing Ni-NTA agarose were flowed through a gravity column to remove the untagged protein, washed with 12-column volumes of washing buffer (50 mM NaH<sub>2</sub>PO<sub>4</sub>, pH 8.0, 300 mM NaCl, 50 mM imidazole), then eluted using a high imidazole elution buffer (20-column volumes, 50 mM NaH<sub>2</sub>PO<sub>4</sub>, pH 8.0, 300 mM NaCl, 250 mM imidazole). Fractions were analyzed via SDS-PAGE. Finally, the fractions containing pure POI were pooled, concentrated, and aliquoted into small volume for long-term storage at -80 °C.

#### Conjugation of various of proteins with Y6 to obtain Y6\_POI

In a 100 μL reaction, different concentrations (0.25μg/μL, 0.5 μg/μL, 1 μg/μL) of proteins (STING 139-349\_Halo, STING 139-379\_Halo, GFP\_Halo) were mixed with **Y6** for 1 h at room temperature, respectively. The untreated or **Y5**-treated proteins were used as control in the same condition. After the reaction, the mixture was added with 400 μL of NaH<sub>2</sub>PO<sub>4</sub> buffer (50 mM NaH<sub>2</sub>PO<sub>4</sub>, 300 mM NaCl), transferred to a 10 kDa cutoff ultrafiltration column (Vivaspin 500) for the removal of untagged molecules. The ultrafiltration column was centrifuged at 1,3000 g until the remaining volume was 100 μL. The solution from the bottom tube was retrieved and named as "F". The ultrafiltration column was refilled with 400 μL of NaH<sub>2</sub>PO<sub>4</sub> buffer for additional wash and centrifuged at 1,3000 g until the remaining volume was 100 μL. The solution from the bottom tube after centrifugation was retrieved again and named as "W". The final protein complex in the ultrafiltration column was transferred to a clean tube and named as "E". SDS-PAGE was used to monitor the

above "F", "W", or "E" fragments from the samples at various conditions. Specifically, aliquot was taken from each sample, treated with 1 mM H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> for 30 min, boiled, and loaded on the SDS-PAGE. The fluorescence gel was taken by irradiating the gel at 302 nm.

#### Fluorescence response of Y6 POI Halo

**Y6\_POI\_Halo** was purified from the reaction mixture containing POI\_Halo protein (0.25, 0.5, or 1  $\mu$ g/ $\mu$ L) and **Y6** (100  $\mu$ M), respectively. After that, **Y6\_POI\_Halo** in NaH<sub>2</sub>PO<sub>4</sub> solution (50 mM NaH<sub>2</sub>PO<sub>4</sub>, 300 mM NaCl) was incubated with H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> (0-1000  $\mu$ M) for 10 min, and the fluorescence changes were recorded by a Shimadzu RF6000 instrument. To compare the fluorescence of **Y6\_POI\_Halo** purified from different reaction conditions in parallel, we divided the fluorescence intensity (*I*) of **Y6\_POI\_Halo** in response of various concentrations of H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> by the initial fluorescence intensity (*I*<sub>0</sub>) of **Y6\_POI\_Halo** and applied the fluorescence ratio (*I*/*I*<sub>0</sub>) as a function against POI concentration in aqueous solution.

#### Antibodies and reagents.

Antibodies against STING (Proteintech, rabbit polyclonal) and  $\alpha$ -Tubulin (Beyotime, mouse monoclonal) were obtained commercially.

#### Cell culture.

HeLa and 293T cells were cultured at 37 °C in a 5% CO<sub>2</sub> incubator using Dulbecco's modified Eagle medium (DMEM) supplemented with 10% fetal bovine serum (FBS, Lonsera), 100 U mL<sup>-1</sup> penicillin G sodium, 2 mM L-glutamine, 1 mM sodium pyruvate, 0.1 mM non-essential amino acids, and 100 μg mL<sup>-1</sup> streptomycin sulfate. HeLa and 293T cells were passaged every 24-36 h depending on the confluence of cells on the culture dishes. All of the cellular experiments were carried out using HeLa and 293T cells from the second to fourth passage to maintain experimental reproducibility.

#### Cytotoxicity assay.

The cell cytotoxicity of **Y1**, **Y2**, **Y3**, **Y4**, **Y5**, and **Y6** to HeLa or 293T cells were evaluated by 2-(2-Methoxy-4-nitrophenyl)-3-(4-nitrophenyl)-5-(2,4-disulfophenyl)-2H-tetrazolium, monosodium salt) (CCK-8) assay (Solarbio). Cells were plated in 96-well plates at a density of 1×10<sup>4</sup> cells per well for 12 h before treatment. The following day, cells were treated with **Y1**, **Y2**, **Y3**, **Y4**, **Y5**, and **Y6** at 20 μM for 24 h and applied to CCK-8 assay according to the factory's instruction. The absorbance at 450 nm was measured by a microplate reader (SpectraMax 190, Molecular Devices). Each experiment was conducted in triplicate and measured from three independent experiments.

#### Protein isolation and immunoblotting.

Cells expressing STING\_Halo protein were lysed in radio-immunoprecipitation assay (RIPA) buffer containing protease and phosphatase inhibitors. Following centrifugation, the protein concentration of the supernatants was quantified using the bicinchoninic acid (BCA) assay. Samples were boiled in sodium dodecyl sulfate polyacrylamide gel electrophoresis (SDS-PAGE) sample buffer and subjected to SDS-PAGE analysis. Separated proteins were transferred onto polyvinylidene fluoride (PVDF) membranes, which were then blocked with 5% (wt/vol) nonfat milk in Tris-buffered saline (TBS) prior to immunoblotting with appropriate primary and secondary antibodies. For STING detection, membranes were first incubated with a rabbit polyclonal STING primary antibody at 4 °C overnight, washed three times with Tris-buffered saline containing 0.1% (v/v) Tween 20 (TBST), and subsequently incubated with horseradish peroxidase (HRP)-conjugated goat anti-rabbit IgG secondary antibody at room temperature for 1 hour. After three additional washes with TBST, immunoblots were visualized using BeyoECL Plus chemiluminescence reagent. α-Tubulin served as a loading control and was detected using the same protocol, with a mouse monoclonal α-Tubulin primary antibody and HRP-conjugated goat anti-mouse IgG secondary antibody.

#### Confocal microscopy.

HeLa or 293T cells were counted and plated onto glass-bottom petri dishes at 0.5x10<sup>5</sup> cells/well for 12 h before treatment. Live cells were treated with **Y1**, **Y2**, **Y3**, **Y4**, or **Y5** at 20 μM for different time courses, washed with PBS for 3 times, fixed in 4% paraformaldehyde solution for 15 min, and washed with PBS again. Cell images were obtained using a Nikon Ti2-E+A1 confocal microscope. The fluorescence was excited at 488 nm, observed at the emission wavelength from 500 to 550 nm, and expressed as green.

Next, HeLa or 293T cells were counted and plated onto glass-bottom petri dishes at 0.5x10<sup>5</sup> cells/well for 12 h before treatment. STING\_Halo plasmid was transfected for 36 hours. Live cells overexpressing STING\_Halo were treated with 20 µM Y5 or Y6 for 2 h, then replaced with fresh media and added an extra wash and medium replacement during the additional 2-h incubation time. After treatment, cells were washed with PBS for 3 times, fixed in 4% paraformaldehyde solution for 15 min, and washed with PBS again. Cell images were obtained using a Nikon Ti2-E+A1 confocal microscope. The fluorescence was excited at 488 nm, observed at the emission wavelength from 500 to 550 nm, and expressed as green.

# **Statistical Analysis**

The t-test analysis was used to evaluate data. A p value of less than 0.05 was considered significant.

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# **Supplementary Figures and Legends**

Scheme S1 The synthetic routes of Y1, Y2, Y3, Y4, Y5, and Y6.

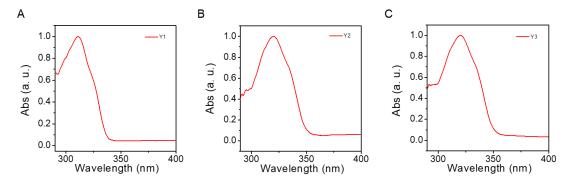


Fig. S1. The absorption spectra of (A) Y1, (B) Y2, and (C) Y3 in DMSO/PBS solution (v/v = 1:99).

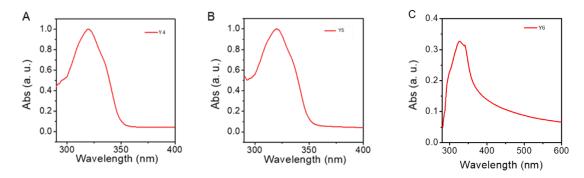


Fig. S2. The absorption spectra of (A) Y4 and (B) Y5, and (C) Y6 in DMSO/PBS solution (v/v = 1:99).

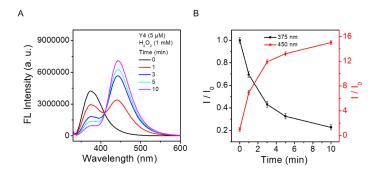


Fig. S3. (A) Fluorescence response of Y4 (5  $\mu$ M) against 1 mM H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> in DMSO/PBS solution (v/v = 1:99) for 0 - 10 min,  $E_x$  = 320 nm. (B) The fluorescence ratio (I/I<sub>0</sub>) was plotted as a function against each time point in DMSO/PBS (v/v = 1:99) solution. I<sub>0</sub> was the initial fluorescence intensity of Y4 at 5  $\mu$ M.

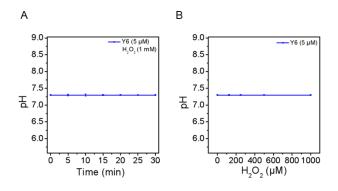


Fig. S4. The pH effect on the response of Y6 for  $H_2O_2$  when incubating Y6 (5  $\mu$ M) with  $H_2O_2$  (A: 1 mM for 0-30 min) or different amounts of  $H_2O_2$  (B: 0-1000  $\mu$ M for 30 min).

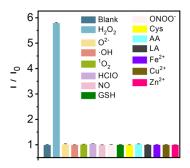


Fig. S5. The fluorescence response of Y6 in the presence of various ROS types  $(H_2O_2, O^{2-}, \cdot OH, HCIO, ONOO-, NO, each at 1 mM)$ , GSH at 1 mM, Cys at 1 mM, AA (Ascorbic acid at 1 mM), LA (Lipoic acid at 1 mM), or metal ions  $(Fe^{2+}, Cu^{2+}, Zn^{2+}, each at 1 mM)$ .

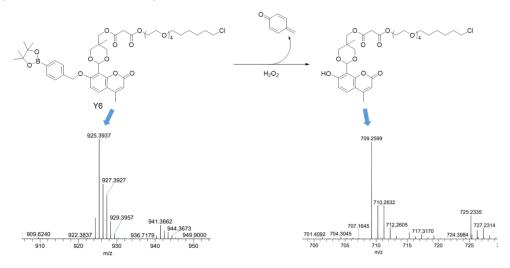
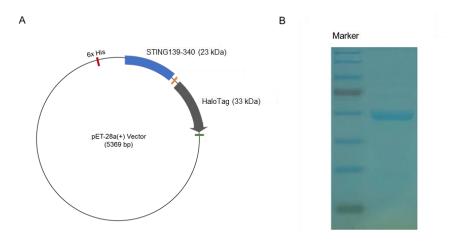
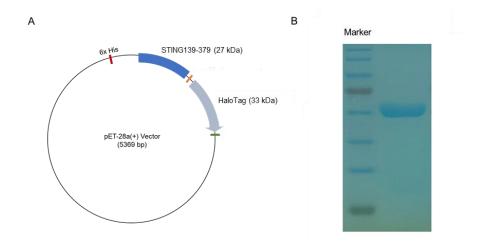


Fig. S6. The response mechanism of Y6 for H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>.



**Fig. S7**. **(A)** A diagram showing the construction of STING 139-340\_Halo\_pET28a plasmid. **(B)** The SDS-PAGE of STING 139-340\_Halo protein.



**Fig. S8**. **(A)** A diagram showing the construction of STING 139-379\_Halo\_pET28a plasmid. **(B)** The SDS-PAGE of STING 139-379\_Halo protein.

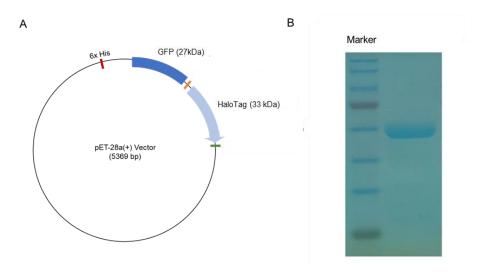


Fig. S9. (A) A diagram showing the construction of GFP\_Halo\_pET28a plasmid. (B) The SDS-PAGE of GFP\_Halo protein.

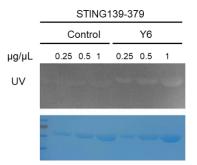
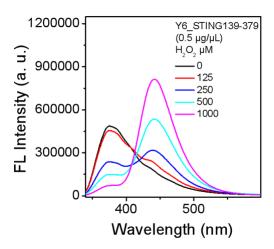


Fig. S10. The SDS-PAGE results from the reaction between different amounts of STING139-379\_Halo protein with Y6 (100  $\mu$ M) at room temperature for 1 h. Aliquots were taken, treated with 1 mM H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> for 30 min, boiled, and loaded on the SDS-PAGE. The fluorescence gel was taken by irradiating the gel at 302 nm. Note: The same amount of protein without Y6 in the labeling reaction was used as control.



**Fig. S11**. Fluorescence response of **Y6\_STING**139-379 upon incubation of **Y6\_STING**139-379 (**Y6** at 100  $\mu$ M + STING139-379\_Halo protein at 0.5  $\mu$ g/ $\mu$ l,  $E_x$ = 320 nm) with increasing concentrations of H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> at room temperature for 30 min.

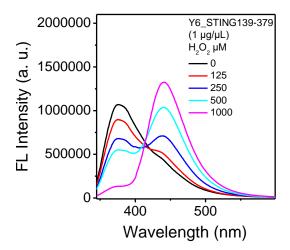


Fig. S12. Fluorescence response of Y6\_STING139-379 upon incubation of Y6\_STING139-379 (Y6 at 100  $\mu$ M + STING139-379\_Halo protein at 1  $\mu$ g/ $\mu$ l,  $E_x$ = 320 nm) with increasing concentrations of H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> at room temperature for 30 min.

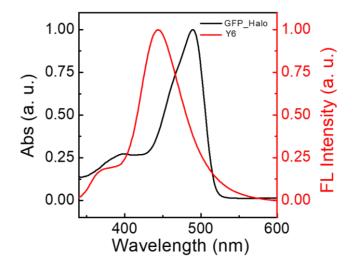


Fig. S13. The normalized results of the absorbance of GFP\_Halo and the fluorescence intensity of activated Y6,  $E_x = 320$  nm.

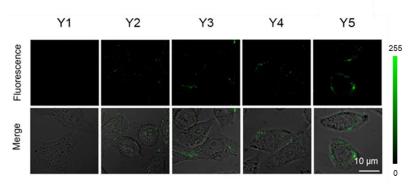


Fig. S14. HeLa cells were treated with Y1-Y5 at 20  $\mu$ M for 2 h, cells were fixed and analyzed by confocal microscopy. The fluorescence was recorded in the range of 500–550 nm. Scale bar = 10  $\mu$ m.

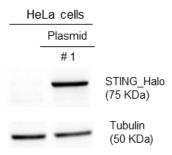


Fig. S15. HeLa cells were transfected with STING\_Halo plasmid for 36 h, lysed, and analyzed for indicated proteins by immunoblots.

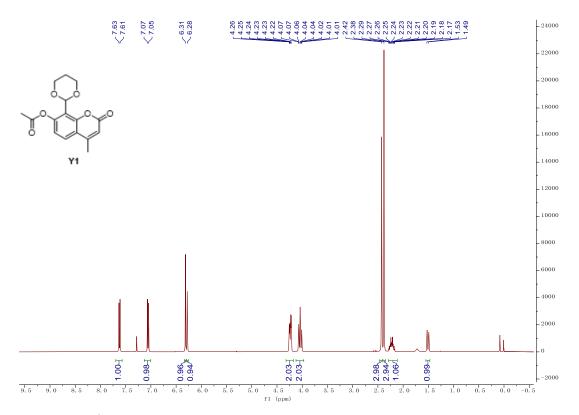
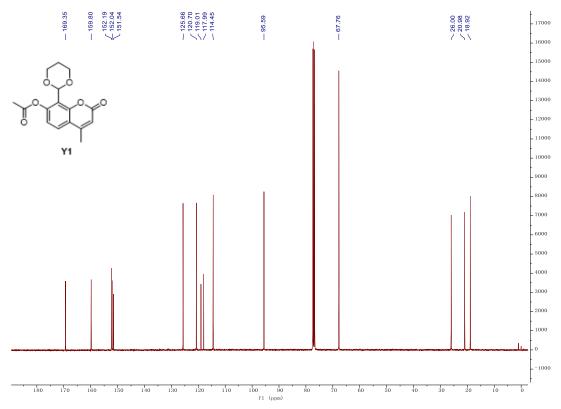


Fig. S16. The  ${}^{1}H$  NMR spectra of Y1 in CDCl<sub>3</sub>.



**Fig. S17.** The <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra of **Y1** in CDCl<sub>3</sub>.

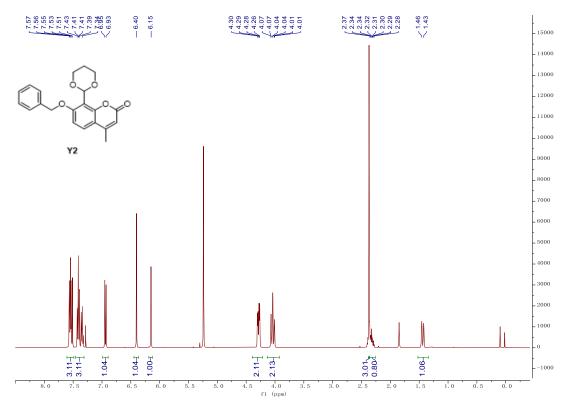


Fig. S18. The  $^1H$  NMR spectra of Y2 in CDCl<sub>3</sub>.

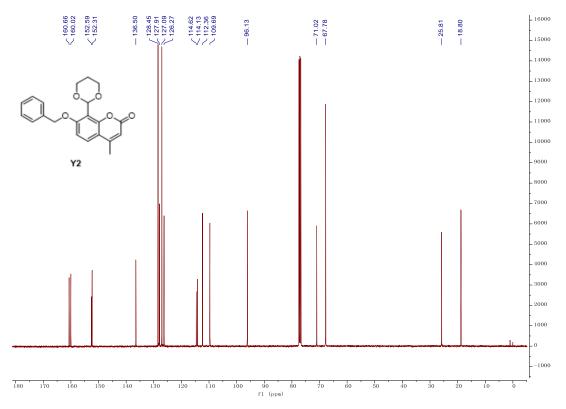


Fig. S19. The  $^{13}$ C NMR spectra of Y2 in CDCl<sub>3</sub>.

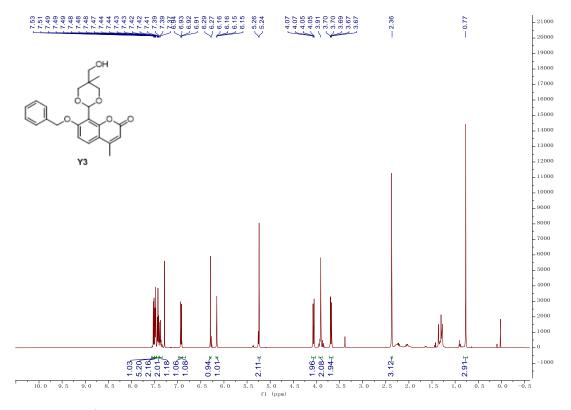
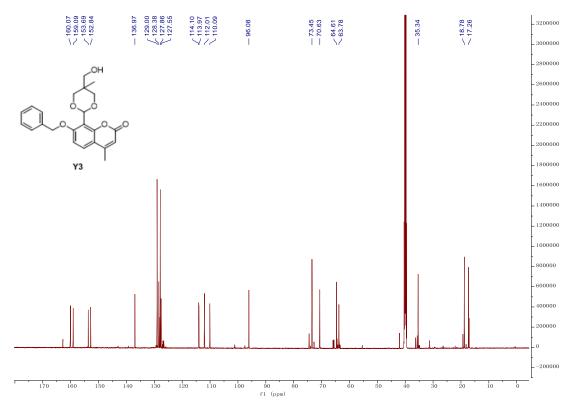


Fig. S20. The  $^1H$  NMR spectra of Y3 in CDCl<sub>3</sub>.



**Fig. S21.** The  ${}^{13}$ C NMR spectra of **Y3** in DMSO- $d_6$ .

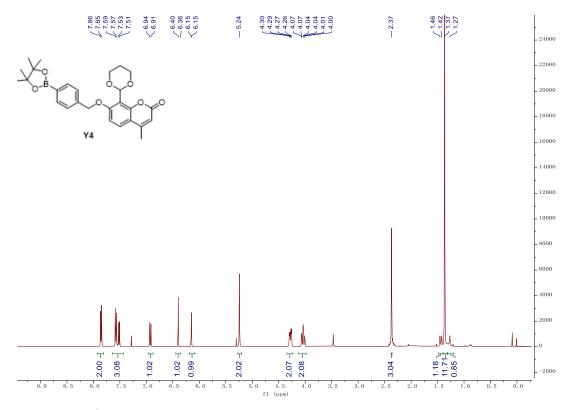


Fig. S22. The  $^1H$  NMR spectra of Y4 in CDCl<sub>3</sub>.

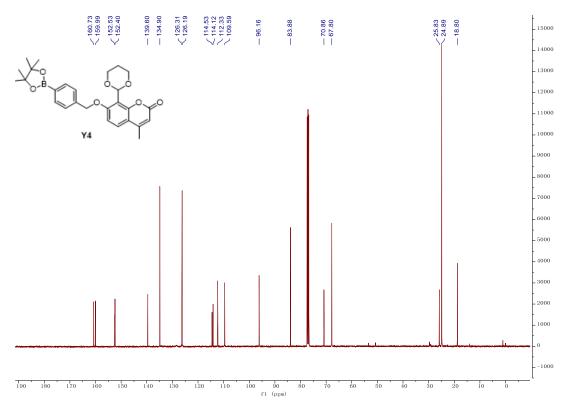


Fig. S23. The <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra of Y4 in CDCl<sub>3</sub>.

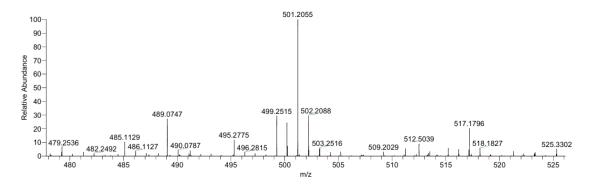


Fig. S24. HRMS spectrum of compound Y4.

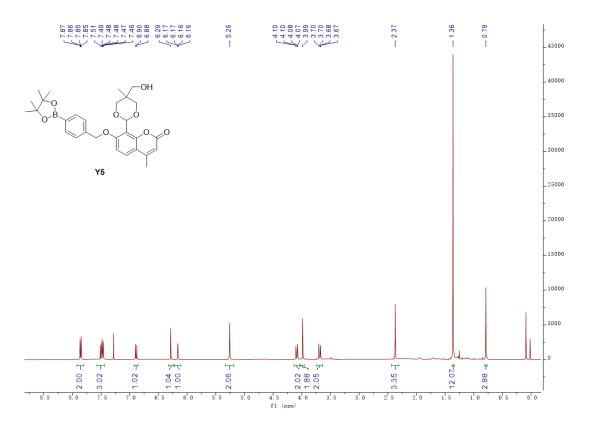
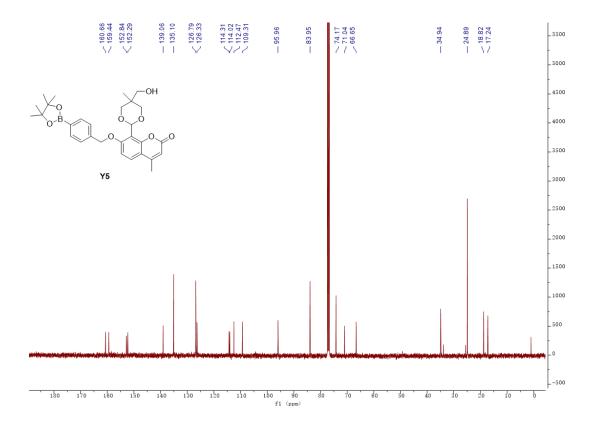
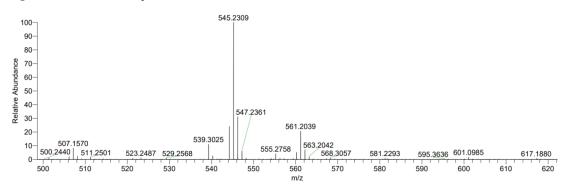


Fig. S25. The  $^1H$  NMR spectra of Y5 in CDCl<sub>3</sub>.



**Fig. S26.** The <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra of **Y5** in CDCl<sub>3</sub>.



 $\textbf{Fig. S27.} \quad \text{HRMS spectrum of compound $Y5$}.$ 

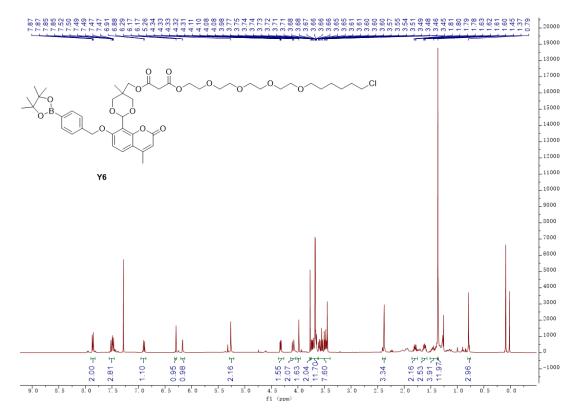


Fig. S28. The  $^1H$  NMR spectra of Y6 in CDCl<sub>3</sub>.

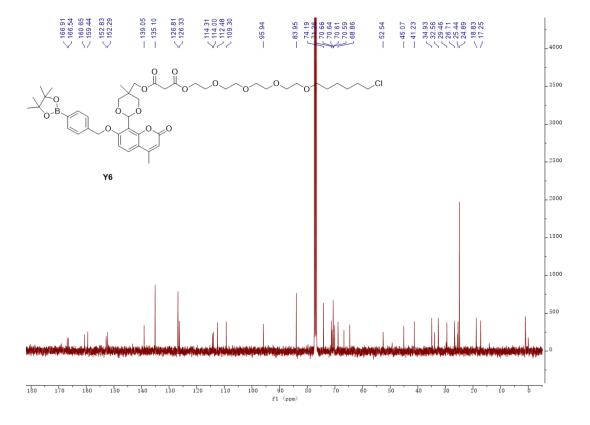
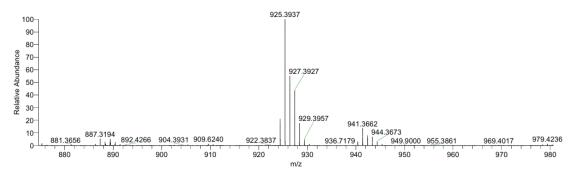


Fig. S29. The <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra of Y6 in CDCl<sub>3</sub>.



 $\label{eq:Fig.S30.} \textbf{HRMS} \ \text{spectrum of compound} \ \textbf{Y6}.$