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## A facile intracellular fluorescent probe for hydrazine and its application

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## Supplementary information

**Materials**,  $CF_3COOH$ , acenaphthenequinone and malononitrile reagents were purchased from Aladdin (China). Other chemicals and solvents were used as received unless specifically noted. **1** was synthesized and purified according to the reported literature.

## Measurements

Absorption and emission spectra were collected by using a Shimadzu 1750 UV-visible spectrometer and a RF-5301 fluorescence spectrometer (Japan), respectively. Cell images were performed on Ziss LSM-510META confocal microscope (Gemany). All experiments were performed in compliance with the relevant laws and institutional guidelines, and were approved by Northwest A&F University. Informed consent was obtained for all human subjects.

**Sample Preparation and Titration.** Stock solutions of hydrazine and relative chemicals were prepared with concentration of  $1.0 \times 10^{-2}$  M. Stock solution of compound **1** ( $2 \times 10^{-3}$  M) was prepared in CH<sub>3</sub>CN and further diluted to  $5.0 \times 10^{-6}$  M for titration experiments.



Fig. S1<sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra of **1** in TFA



Fig. S2 <sup>13</sup>C spectra of **1** in TFA.



Fig. S3 HSQCGP spectra of 1 in TFA.



Fig. S4 EI-MS spectrum of compound 1.



Fig. S5 <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra of **2** in DMSO- $d_6$ .



Fig. S6  $^{13}$ C spectra of **2** in DMSO- $d_6$ .



Fig. S7 HSQCGP spectra of 2 in DMSO- $d_6$ .



Fig. S8 UV-vis spectra of probe 1 (20  $\mu$ M) in the presence of different concentrations of hydrazine in a mixture of PBS/CH<sub>3</sub>CN solution (9/1, V/V, pH 7.4). Each spectrum was recorded after 40 min of mixing. The arrows indicate the change of the absorption with the increasing of hydrazine.



Fig. S9 The probe **1** (5  $\mu$ M) and 120  $\mu$ M N<sub>2</sub>H<sub>4</sub> were equilibrated in different temperature, the fluorescence intensity was acquired in 0.2 M PBS/CH<sub>3</sub>CN (9/1, V/V, pH 7.4) with emission at 565 nm.



Fig. S10 Emission spectra of probe **1** (5  $\mu$ M) upon addition of increasing concentrations of hydrazine (0 - 64 equiv.) in PBS/CH<sub>3</sub>CN (9/1, V/V, pH 7.4).



Fig. S11 The effect of pH value on the fluorescence intensity of probe **1** (30  $\mu$ M) in H<sub>2</sub>O/CH<sub>3</sub>CN (9/1, V/V). pH values: 2.2, 2.5, 3.3, 4.3, 5.0, 5.9, 6.3, 6.7, 7.4, 7.9, 9.4, 10.4, 11.1.



Fig. S12 Fluorescence spectra of **1** in the presence of representative metal ions, anions and hydrazine. Probe **1** = 5  $\mu$ M, hydrazine = 96  $\mu$ M, 120  $\mu$ M for Cu<sup>2+</sup>, Ba<sup>2+</sup>, Mg<sup>2+</sup>, Cd<sup>2+</sup>, Pb<sup>2+</sup>, Hg<sup>2+</sup>, Zn<sup>2+</sup>, Fe<sup>3+</sup>, SCN<sup>-</sup>, I, HCO<sub>3</sub><sup>-</sup>, Br<sup>-</sup>, Na<sup>+</sup>, SO<sub>3</sub><sup>2-</sup>, SO<sub>4</sub><sup>2-</sup>, Cl<sup>-</sup>, HPO<sub>4</sub><sup>2-</sup>, Mn<sup>2+</sup>. In a mixture of PBS/CH<sub>3</sub>CN (9/1, V/V, pH 7.4), measured after 40 min of mixing.



Fig. S13 Response of 1 to addition of (A) 96  $\mu$ M hydrazine and (B) 120  $\mu$ M Cu<sup>2+</sup>, respectively.



Fig. S14 Fluorescence responses of probe **1** (5  $\mu$ M) to various amine-containing compounds (120  $\mu$ M for ethanediamine, triethylamine, ammonia, thiourea, NH<sub>4</sub><sup>+</sup>, Cys, Lys, Glu) and hydrazine (120  $\mu$ M) at 565 nm. In a mixture of PBS/CH<sub>3</sub>CN (9/1, V/V, pH 7.4), measured after 40 min of mixing. 1. blank, 2. ethanediamine, 3. triethylamine, 4. ammonia, 5. thiourea, 6. NH<sub>4</sub><sup>+</sup>, 7. Cys, 8. Lys, 9. Glu and 10. hydrazine.



Fig. S15 The effect of different ratio of CH<sub>3</sub>CN to PBS on the response of the probe to hydrazine.