

*Supporting Information for*

**Thiol-inducible Direct Fluorescence Monitoring of  
Drug Delivery**

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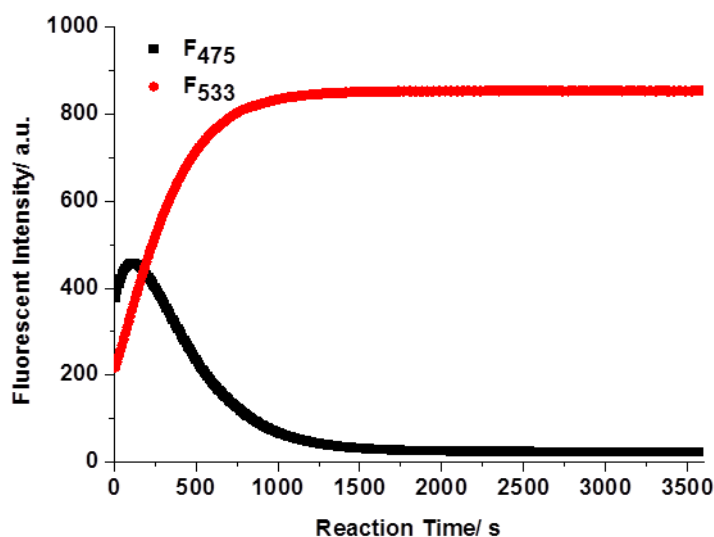
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## Apparatus

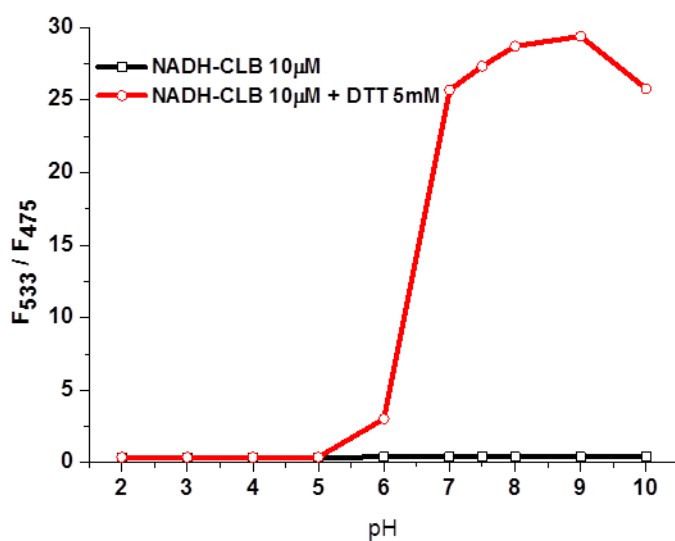
Fluorescent emission spectra were collected from 460-650 nm on PerkinElmer LS 55 with an excitation wavelength of 420 nm, the excitation and emission slit widths were 15 nm and 9 nm, respectively. Quartz cuvettes with 2 mL volume used for emission measurements. UV-Vis absorption spectra were collected on SHIMADZU UV-2550 from 350-600nm with 600  $\mu$ L quartz cuvettes. Unless otherwise specified, all spectra were taken at 37  $^{\circ}$ C in 10mM sodium phosphate buffers. All pH measurements were performed with a pB-10 pH-meter (Sartorius, Shanghai, China) with a combined glass-calomel electrode.  $^1$ H and  $^{13}$ C NMR spectra were recorded on Varian Mercury 300 spectrometers, respectively. HRMS were recorded on a Bruker APEX IV (7.0 T). Florescent images were acquired on Nikon Confocal Laser Scanning Microscope (TE2000, Japan) with an oil objective lens ( $\times 60$ ). Images and merges were obtained with EZ-C1 software.

## Materials

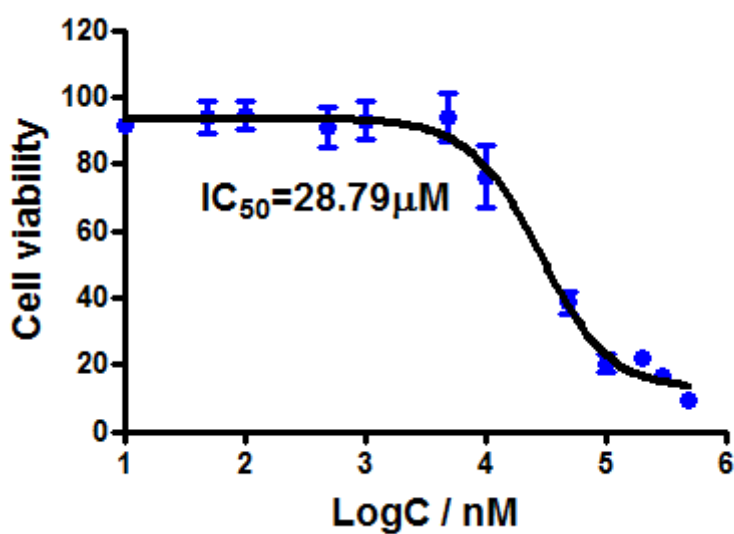
All solvents and reagents were commercially available and used without further purification unless for special needs: MEM (HyClone, Thermo Scientific), fetal bovine serum (FBS, HyClone), penicillin and streptomycin (Invitrogen), MTT (Sigma),  $\gamma$ -H2AX (phosphor S139) rabbit polyclonal (ab11174, Abcam), Hoechst-33258 (Calbiochem) and propidium iodide (Sigma-Aldrich). HeLa cells were purchased from China Center for Type Culture Collection.



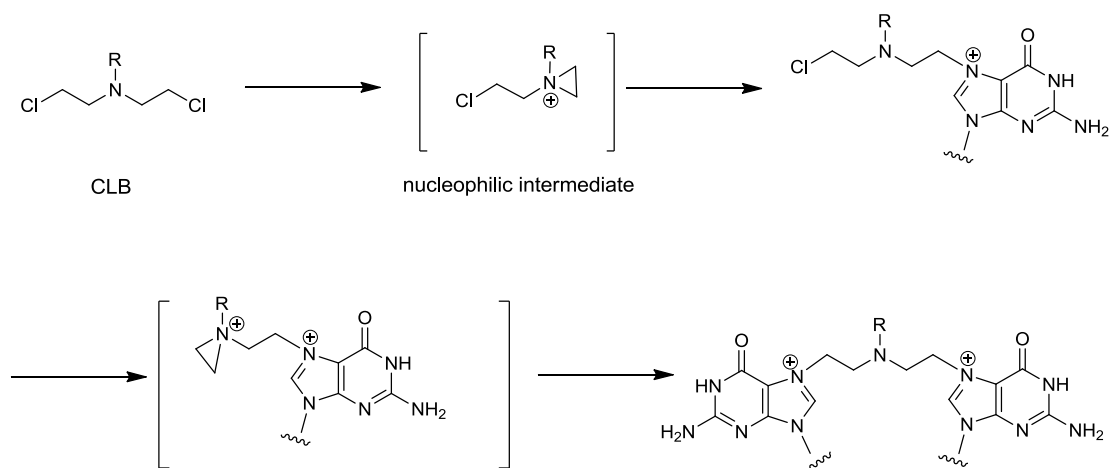
**Figure S1.** Fluorescence intensity changes at 475 nm (F475) and 533 nm (F533) recorded as a function of time. Monitored time is 1 h. The concentrations of NADH-CLB and DTT were 10  $\mu$ M and 5.0 mM, respectively. Excitation wavelength= 420 nm.



**Figure S2.** The ratio of fluorescence intensity at 533 nm to that at 475 nm ( $F_{533}/F_{475}$ ) of NADH-CLB (10  $\mu$ M) with and without DTT (5.0 mM) as a function of pH. Sodium phosphate buffers with different pH value ranging from 2 to 10 were used at the concentration of 10 mM.



**Figure S3.** Cell viability in the presence of NADH-CLB at different concentrations (10 nM- 500  $\mu$ M). The data were obtained through MTT assay and presented as mean  $\pm$  SD (n= 3).



**Scheme S1.** Mechanism of DNA damage by alkylating agent

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