## **Supporting Information**

# A novel pH "off-on" fluorescent probes for lysosome imaging

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#### 1. Co-staining of PC-3 cells with LTP and LT Red

PC-3 cells were grown in RPMI-1640 medium supplemented with 10% (v/v) fetal bovine serum in an atmosphere of 5%  $CO_2$ , 95% air at 37 °C. Cells were adjusted to the density of  $80,000/\text{cm}^2$  and incubated for 32 h, then washed with cell culture medium twice. The solution of LTP (7  $\mu$ M) and LT Red (70 nM) in cell culture medium were added and incubated at 37 °C for 1h. Then the samples were readily to be detected by confocal microscopy (Zeiss LSM 700). The colocalization coefficient was calculated by using imageJ software.

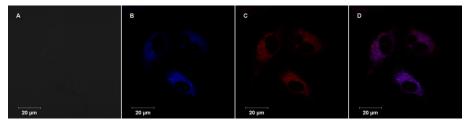


Figure S1 Co-staining of PC-3 cells with LTP(  $7\mu M$ ) and LT Red (70 nM). A, bright-field image. B, cells stained by LTP, Ex 405nm; C, cells stained by LT Red, Ex 555nm; D, merged images. All images were taken under  $63\times$  oil immersion objective.

## 2. <sup>1</sup>H NMR, <sup>13</sup>C NMR and HR-MS of LTP

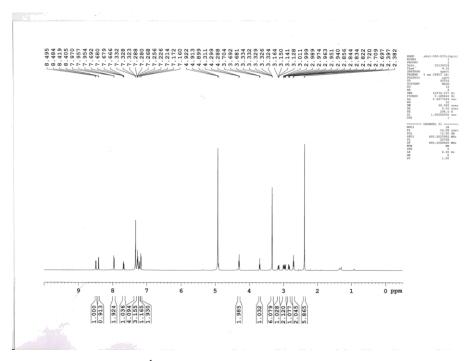


Figure S2  $^{1}$ H NMR (300 MHz) spectrum of LTP.

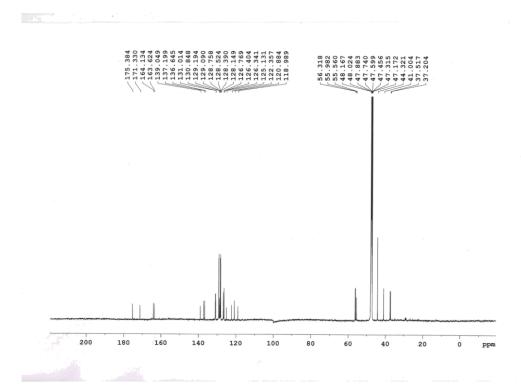


Figure S3 <sup>13</sup>C NMR (150 MHz) spectrum of LTP.

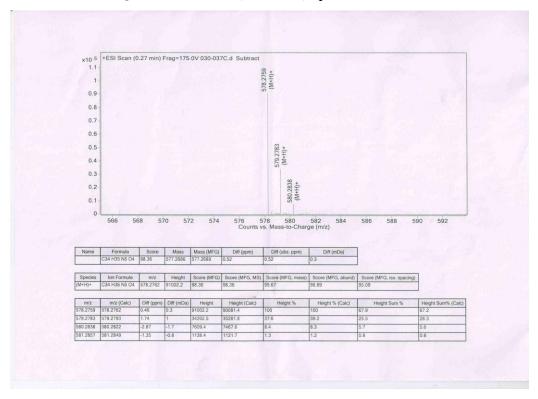


Figure S4 HR-MS spectrum of LTP.

## 3. HPLC spectrum of LTP

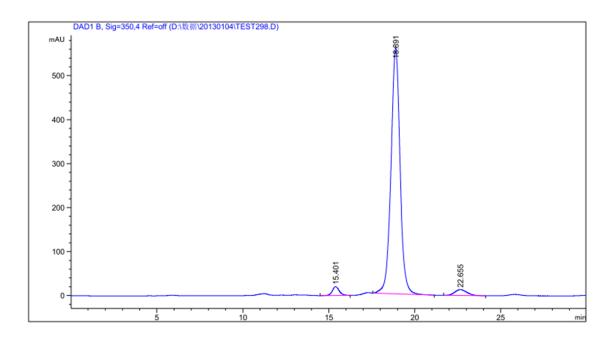


Figure S5 HPLC spectrum of **LTP**. Purity of **LTP** was determined by RP-HPLC method with Agilent 1260, using the Luna C18 ( $250 \times 10.0$  mm,  $5\mu$ m) as the solid phase, methanol-water-diethylamine (81.85:18:0.15) as the mobile phase. The detection wavelength was 350 nm and the flow rate was 1.5 mL/min.