Supplementary data

Novel coumarin-based sensitive and selective fluorescent

probes for biothiols in aqueous solution and in living cells

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Fig. S1. The UV-Vis absorption spectra of 10 μ M PCS and 10 μ M NCS in 0.1 M phosphate buffer (pH 8.0) at 30 °C.



Fig. S2. Time-dependent fluorescence spectra ($\lambda_{ex} = 405 \text{ nm}$, $\lambda_{em} = 455 \text{ nm}$) of 10 μ M NCS in the presence of three representative biothiols (10 μ M) at 0.1 M phosphate buffer (pH 8.0) at 30 °C.



Fig. S3. Fluorescence spectra ($\lambda_{ex} = 390 \text{ nm}$, $\lambda_{em} = 510 \text{ nm}$) of 10 µM **PCS** in the presence of various concentrations of GSH (a) and Hcy (b) at 0.1 M phosphate buffer (pH 8.0) at 30 °C after 30 min incubation. Inset: relative fluorescence intensity depending on the concentrations of GSH (a) or Hcy (b).



Fig. S4. Fluorescence spectra of 10 μ M NCS ($\lambda_{ex} = 405 \text{ nm}$, $\lambda_{em} = 455 \text{ nm}$) in the presence of various concentrations of Cys (a), GSH (b) and Hcy (c) at 0.1 M phosphate buffer (pH 9.0) at 30 °C after 30 min incubation. Inset: relative fluorescence intensity depending on the concentrations of Cys (a), GSH (b) or Hcy (c).



Fig. S5. (a) Brightfield image of HeLa cells. (b) Fluorescence microscopy images of HeLa cells pretreated with N-methylmaleimide (500 μ M) for 30 min at 37 °C and then incubated with NCS (20 μ M) after incubation for 30 min. (c) Image of HeLa cells after treatment with 20 μ M NCS for 30 min at 37 °C. (d) Merged image of (a) and (c).



Fig. S6. Standard addition method used for the determination of total biothiols in human serum, using Cys as reference. The concentration of biothiols was determined from the intersection of the straight line with the X axis.



Fig. S7. ¹H-NMR spectra of compound **PCS** in DMSO- d_6 .



190 180 170 160 150 140 130 120 110 100 90 80 70 60 50 40 30 20 11 Fig. S8. 13 C-NMR spectra of compound PCS in DMSO- d_6



Fig. S10. ¹³C-NMR spectra of compound NCS in DMSO- d_6 .



Fig. S11. HRMS of PCS



Fig. S12. HRMS of NCS