

Supporting Information

Development of a series of near-infrared dark quenchers based on Si-rhodamines and their application to fluorescent probes

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Abbreviations:

AcOEt: ethyl acetate

AcOH: acetic acid

Ac₂O: acetic anhydride

DCM: dichloromethane

DIEA: *N,N*-diisopropylethylamine

DMEM: Dulbecco's modified Eagle's medium

DMF: *N,N*-dimethylformamide

DMSO: dimethyl sulfoxide

EMEM: Eagle's minimal essential medium

ESI: electrospray ionization

EtOH: ethanol

Φ_{fl}: fluorescence quantum yield

FBS: fetal bovine serum

HATU: 2-(1*H*-7-azabenzotriazol-1-yl)-1,1,3,3-tetramethyluronium hexafluorophosphate methanaminium

HBSS: Hanks' balanced salt solution

HBTU: *O*-benzotriazole-*N,N,N',N'*-tetramethyluronium hexafluorophosphate

HOBt: 1-hydroxybenzotriazole

HPLC: high-performance liquid chromatography

HRMS: high-resolution mass spectrometry

MeOH: methanol

MMP: matrix metalloproteinase

MS: mass spectrometry

NHS: *N*-hydroxysuccinimide

NMR: nuclear magnetic resonance

ODS: octadecylsilane

PBS: phosphate-buffered saline

r.t.: room temperature

TEA: triethylamine

TFA: trifluoroacetic acid

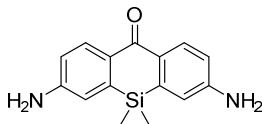
THF: tetrahydrofuran

WSCD: water-soluble carbodiimide

Experimental Section

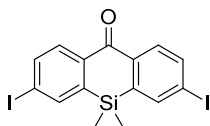
Synthesis.

3,6-Diamino-Si-xanthone (2)



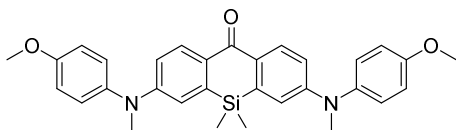
Prepared according to the literature.^{SR1}

3,6-Diiodo-Si-xanthone (3)



Compound **2** (228 mg, 0.85 mmol) was dissolved in a mixture of 5 mL CH₃CN and 10 mL 2 N HCl aq., and the solution was cooled to 0°C. A solution of NaNO₂ (140 mg, 1.70 mmol) in 2 mL H₂O was added dropwise, and the mixture was stirred for 15 min. KI (2.82 g, 8.50 mmol) in 2 mL H₂O was added, and stirring was continued for 1 hr. Then 20 mL H₂O was added, and the whole was extracted with CH₂Cl₂. The organic layer was dried over Na₂SO₄ and evaporated to dryness. Purification of the residue by column chromatography (silica gel, CH₂Cl₂) provided **3** (72 mg, 17% yield). ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 0.51 (s, 6H), 7.92 (dd, *J* = 8.10 Hz, *J* = 1.5 Hz, 2H), 7.98 (d, *J* = 1.5 Hz, 2H), 8.09 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, DMSO): δ -1.7, 101.8, 131.8, 131.4, 139.5, 139.5, 140.9, 141.8, 187; HRMS (ESI⁺): Calcd for [M+H]⁺, 490.8825; found, 490.8835 (+1.0 mmu).

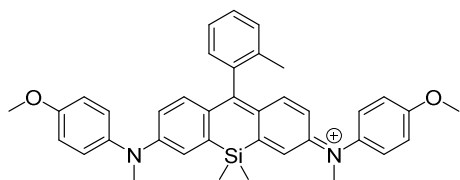
3,6-Bis(*N*-methyl-*p*-anisidine)-Si-xanthone (4)



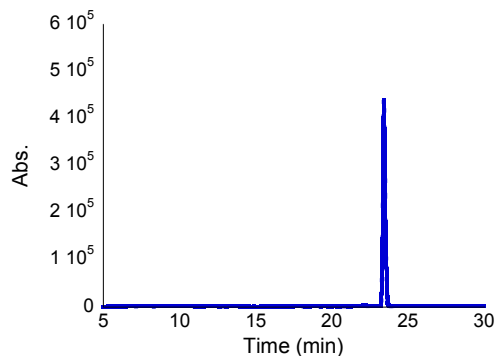
Compound **3** (60 mg, 0.12 mmol), Cs₂CO₃ (557 mg, 1.70 mmol) and *N*-methylanisidine (131 mg, 0.96 mmol) were dissolved in toluene in a 50 mL Schlenk flask, and the mixture was deaerated under argon. Pd(OAc)₂ (5.2 mg, 0.02 mmol) and BINAP (14.8 mg, 0.02 mmol) were added under argon. The mixture was heated to 100°C and stirred overnight. Then, it was cooled to r.t. and H₂O was added. The whole was

extracted with CH₂Cl₂. The organic layer was dried over Na₂SO₄ and evaporated to dryness. Purification of the residue by column chromatography (silica gel, CH₂Cl₂) provided **4** (12 mg, 20% yield). ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 0.36 (s, 6H), 3.36 (s, 6H), 3.84 (s, 6H), 6.77-6.83 (m, 4H), 6.95 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 4H), 7.17 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 4H), 8.30 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 2H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃): δ -1.3, 40.3, 55.5, 115.0, 115.1, 115.9, 127.8, 130.6, 131.2, 140.3, 151.0, 157.4, 185.1; HRMS (ESI⁺): Calcd for [M+H]⁺, 509.2260; found, 509.2216 (-4.4 mmu).

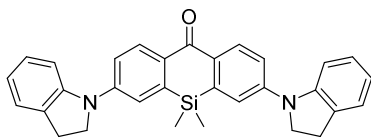
SiNQ660 (**5**)



To a flame-dried flask flushed with argon, **4** (12 mg, 0.02 mmol) and anhydrous THF (5 mL) were added. The solution was heated to 80°C, and 1 M *o*-tolyl magnesium bromide (120 μL, 0.12 mmol) was added to it. The mixture was stirred for 2 hrs and cooled to r.t. The reaction was quenched by addition of 2 N HCl and stirring was continued at r.t. for 15 min. The whole was extracted with CH₂Cl₂, and the organic layer was dried over Na₂SO₄ and evaporated to dryness. Purification of the residue by HPLC (eluent, a 20-min linear gradient, from 20% to 100% solvent B; flow rate, 5.0 ml/min; detection wavelength, 640 nm; eluent A (H₂O containing 0.1% TFA (v/v)) and eluent B (CH₃CN with 20% H₂O containing 0.1% TFA (v/v))) provided SiNQ650 (**5**) trifluoroacetic salt (13 mg, 93% yield). ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 0.49 (s, 3H), 0.51 (s, 3H), 2.03 (s, 3H), 3.61 (s, 6H), 3.86 (s, 6H), 6.50 (dd, *J* = 2.1, 9.0 Hz, 2H), 6.99-7.06 (m, 7H), 7.06-7.18 (m, 6H), 7.27-7.37 (m, 3H); HRMS (ESI⁺): Calcd for [M]⁺, 583.2781; found, 583.2740 (-4.1 mmu). The HPLC chromatogram after purification is shown below. Elution was done with a 20-min linear gradient from 20% to 80% solvent B. 1.0 ml/min flow rate. Detection at 640 nm.

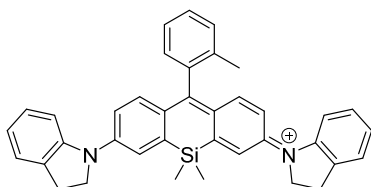


3,6-Diindoline-Si-xanthone (6)



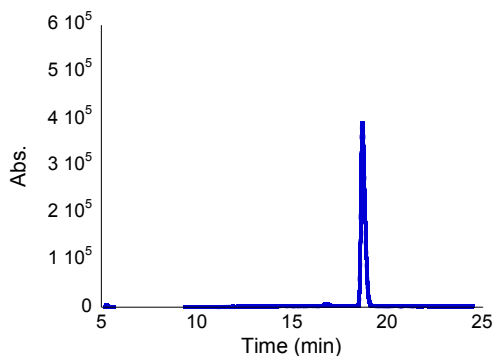
Compound **3** (60 mg, 0.12 mmol), Cs₂CO₃ (78 mg, 0.24 mmol) and indoline (28 mg, 0.24 mmol) were dissolved in toluene in a 50 mL Schlenk flask, and the mixture was deaerated under argon. Pd(OAc)₂ (2.6 mg, 0.01 mmol) and BINAP (7.4 mg, 0.01 mmol) were added to the solution under argon. The mixture was heated to 100°C and stirred overnight. The solution was cooled to r.t. and H₂O was added to it. The whole was extracted with CH₂Cl₂, and the organic layer was dried over Na₂SO₄ and evaporated to dryness. Purification of the residue by column chromatography (silica gel, CH₂Cl₂/ hexane = 8/2) provided **6** (31 mg, 54% yield). ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 0.52 (s, 6H), 3.20 (t, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 4H), 4.10 (t, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 4H), 6.86 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.16 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.23 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 7.31-7.37 (m, 4H), 7.42 (d, *J* = 3.0 Hz, 2H), 8.47 (d, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 2H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, DMSO): δ -1.20, 28.1, 51.8, 109.6, 117.6, 119.1, 120.3, 125.4, 127.2, 131.5, 132.1, 133.0, 140.4, 145.4, 146.3; HRMS (ESI⁺): Calcd for [M+H]⁺, 473.2049; found, 473.2007 (-4.2 mmu).

SiNQ780 (7)

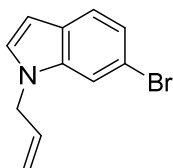


To a flame-dried flask flushed with argon, **6** (44 mg, 0.09 mmol) and anhydrous THF (5 mL) were added. The solution was heated to 80°C, and 1 M *o*-tolyl magnesium bromide (1 mL) was added to it. The mixture was stirred for 2 hrs and cooled to r.t. The reaction was quenched by addition of 2 N HCl and stirring was continued at r.t. for 15 min. The whole was extracted with CH₂Cl₂, and the organic layer was dried over Na₂SO₄ and evaporated to dryness. Purification of the residue by HPLC (eluent, a 20-min linear gradient, from 60% to 100% solvent B; flow rate, 5.0 ml/min; detection wavelength, 720 nm; eluent A (H₂O containing 0.1% TFA (v/v)) and eluent B (CH₃CN with 20% H₂O containing 0.1% TFA (v/v))) provided SiNQ780 (**7**) trifluoroacetic salt (15 mg, 25% yield). ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CD₃CN): δ 0.65 (s, 6H), 2.16 (s, 3H), 3.26 (t, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 4H), 4.32 (t, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 4H), 7.12-7.49 (m, 16H), 7.57(d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.72 (d, *J* = 2.4 Hz, 2H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃): δ -1.5, -1.1, 19.5, 28.2, 53.1, 114.5, 117.2, 124.0, 125.6, 126.4, 127.8, 128.9, 129.2, 130.4, 130.5, 135.5, 135.7, 138.1, 141.7, 142.0, 148.8, 149.5; HRMS (ESI⁺): Calcd for [M]⁺, 547.2570; found, 547.2536 (-3.4 mmu). The HPLC chromatogram after purification is shown below.

Elution was done with a 20-min linear gradient from 80% to 100% solvent B.1.0 ml/min flow rate. Detection at 720 nm.

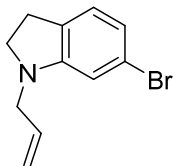


1-Allyl-6-bromoindole (**8**)



6-Bromoindoline (3.25 g, 16.8 mmol) was dissolved in DMF (20 mL), and the solution was cooled to 0°C . NaH (737 mg, 20.2 mmol, 60%) was added to the solution, and the mixture was stirred at 0°C for 1 hr. Allyl bromide (2 mL) was added to it, and stirring was continued at r.t. for 2 hrs. Then, H_2O was added, and the whole was extracted with CH_2Cl_2 . The organic layer was dried over Na_2SO_4 and evaporated to dryness. Purification of the residue by column chromatography (silica gel, $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2/\text{hexane} = 2/8$) provided **8** (3.31 g, 85% yield). ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 4.56 (d, $J = 6.0$ Hz, 2H), 4.98 (d, $J = 16.8$ Hz, 1H), 5.14 (d, $J = 10.2$ Hz, 1H), 5.82-5.93 (m, 1H), 6.44 (d, $J = 3.0$ Hz, 1H), 6.99 (d, $J = 3.0$ Hz, 1H), 7.17 (dd, $J = 1.5, 8.1$ Hz, 1H), 7.43-7.45 (m, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 48.7, 101.6, 112.5, 115.1, 117.4, 122.1, 122.6, 127.4, 128.4, 132.9, 136.8.

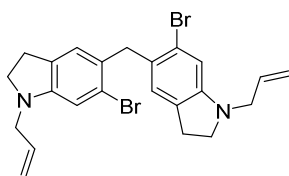
1-Allyl-6-bromoindoline (**9**)



Compound **8** (3.00 g, 12.8 mmol) was dissolved in AcOH (10 mL), and the solution was cooled to 0°C . NaBH_3CN (995 mg, 15.3 mmol) was added to it, and the solution was stirred at r.t. for 2 hrs. Then, the mixture was neutralized with 2 N NaOH aq. The whole was extracted with CH_2Cl_2 , and the organic layer

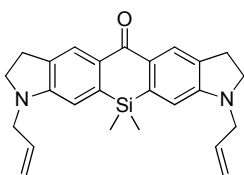
was dried over Na₂SO₄ and evaporated to dryness. Purification of the residue by column chromatography (silica gel, CH₂Cl₂/hexane = 2/8) provided **9** (2.12g, 70% yield). ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 2.88 (t, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 2H), 3.36 (t, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 2H), 3.65 (d, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 2H), 5.17-5.29 (m, 2H), 5.80-5.92 (m, 1H), 6.55 (d, *J* = 1.8 Hz, 1H), 6.71 (dd, *J* = 1.8, 7.2 Hz, 1H), 6.87 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 28.0, 51.4, 53.2, 110.0, 117.5, 119.9, 120.9, 125.3, 129.1, 133.3, 153.5; HRMS (ESI⁺): Calcd for [M+H]⁺, 238.0231; found, 238.0257 (+2.6mmu).

Compound 10



Compound **9** (2.12 g, 8.9 mmol) and 36% formaldehyde in water containing 10% MeOH (222 mg, 26.7 mmol) were dissolved in AcOH (30 mL). The mixture was heated to 60°C, stirred for 15 min, cooled to r.t., and neutralized with 2 N NaOH aq. The whole was extracted with CH₂Cl₂, and the organic layer was dried over Na₂SO₄ and evaporated to dryness. Purification of the residue by column chromatography (silica gel, CH₂Cl₂/hexane = 1/9 to 2/8 to 3/7) provided **10** (672 mg, 16% yield). ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 2.84 (t, *J* = 8.10 Hz, 4H), 3.33 (t, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 4H), 3.66 (d, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 4H), 3.96 (s, 2H), 5.18-5.30 (m, 4H), 5.81-5.94 (m, 2H), 6.67 (s, 2H), 6.71 (s, 2H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 28.2, 40.5, 51.9, 53.4, 110.9, 117.5, 123.0, 126.2, 128.2, 130.1, 133.7, 151.8; HRMS (ESI⁺): Calcd for [M+H]⁺, 489.0364; found, 489.0384 (+2.0 mmu).

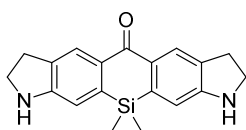
Compound 11



To a flame-dried flask flushed with argon, **10** (660 mg, 1.36 mmol) and anhydrous THF (10 mL) were added. The solution was cooled to -78°C, and 1 M *sec*-BuLi (3.26 mL, 3.26 mmol) was added to it. The mixture was stirred at -78°C for 30 min. Dichlorodimethylsilane (438 mg, 413 μL, 3.40 mmol) was added, and the mixture was warmed to r.t., and then stirred for 2 hrs. The reaction was quenched by addition of 2 N HCl and stirring was continued at r.t. for 15 min. The whole was extracted with CH₂Cl₂. The organic layer was dried over Na₂SO₄ and evaporated to dryness. The residue was dissolved in acetone (30 mL), and the

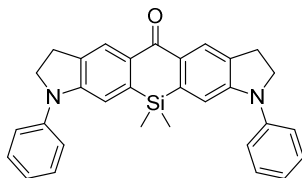
solution was cooled to r.t. To this solution, KMnO_4 (537 mg, 3.40 mmol) was added in small portions over a period of 2 hrs with vigorous stirring. The mixture was stirred for another 1 hr at r.t., then diluted with CH_2Cl_2 , filtered through a Celite filter and evaporated to dryness. The residue was purified by column chromatography (silica gel, $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2/\text{hexane} = 1/1$) to give **11** (92 mg, 17% yield). ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 0.41 (s, 6H), 3.05 (t, $J = 8.1$ Hz, 4H), 3.49 (t, $J = 8.1$ Hz, 4H), 3.85 (d, $J = 6.0$ Hz, 4H), 5.20-5.32 (m, 4H), 5.81-5.94 (m, 2H), 6.52 (s, 2H), 8.21 (s, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl_3): δ -1.19, 27.8, 50.4, 52.3, 108.1, 117.6, 126.2, 131.5, 132.1, 133.1, 139.9, 153.7, 185.0; HRMS (ESI^+): Calcd for $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$, 401.2049; found, 401.2092 (+4.3 mmu).

Compound 12



Compound **11** (78 mg, 0.20 mmol) and 3,6-dimethylbarbituric acid (120 mg, 0.80 mmol) were dissolved in CH_2Cl_2 (5 mL), and the solution was degassed with argon. $\text{Pd}(\text{PPh}_3)_4$ (22 mg, 0.02 mmol) was added to it under argon, and the mixture was stirred for 12 hrs at 40°C and then evaporated to dryness. The residue was purified by column chromatography (silica gel, CH_2Cl_2) to give **12** (32 mg, 50% yield). ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 0.38 (s, 6H), 3.12 (t, $J = 8.1$ Hz, 4H), 3.67 (t, $J = 8.1$ Hz, 4H), 4.13 (br, 2H), 6.73 (s, 2H), 8.26 (s, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3): δ -1.3, 29.1, 46.9, 110.8, 126.6, 131.2, 132.5, 139.7, 154.0, 185.4; HRMS (ESI^+): Calcd for $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$, 321.1423; found, 321.1419 (-0.4 mmu).

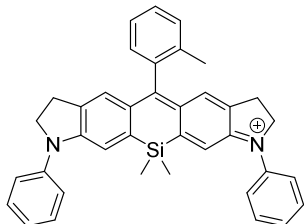
Compound 13



Compound **12** (32 mg, 0.10 mmol), Cs_2CO_3 (150 mg, 0.46 mmol) and iodobenzene (60 mg, 0.30 mmol) were dissolved in toluene in a 50 mL Schlenk flask, and the solution was deaerated under argon. $\text{Pd}(\text{OAc})_2$ (2.0 mg, 0.01 mmol) and BINAP (6.0 mg, 0.01 mmol) were added under argon, and the mixture was heated at 100°C and stirred overnight. It was then cooled to r.t., H_2O was added, and the whole was extracted with CH_2Cl_2 . The organic layer was dried over Na_2SO_4 and evaporated to dryness. Purification of the residue by column chromatography (silica gel, CH_2Cl_2) provided **13** (20 mg, 42% yield). ^1H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3): δ 0.40 (s, 6H), 3.22 (t, $J = 6.0$ Hz, 4H), 4.06 (t, $J = 6.0$ Hz, 4H), 7.08 (t, $J = 5.7$ Hz, 1H), 7.21 (s, 2H), 7.31 (d, $J = 5.7$ Hz, 2H), 7.42 (t, $J = 5.7$ Hz, 2H), 8.32 (s, 2H); ^{13}C NMR (300 MHz, CDCl_3): δ -1.2, 27.7, 52.4,

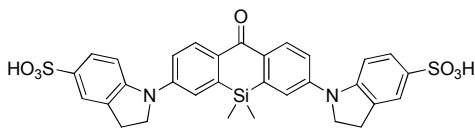
110.1, 118.8, 122.4, 126.9, 129.4, 132.9, 133.6, 139.8, 143.1, 149.5, 184.8; HRMS (ESI⁺): Calcd for [M+H]⁺, 473.2049; found, 473.2077 (+2.8 mmu).

Compound 14



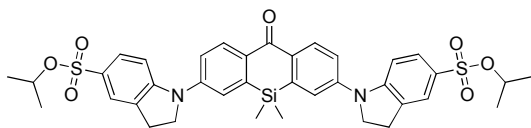
To a flame-dried flask flushed with argon, **13** (20 mg, 0.04 mmol) and anhydrous THF (5.0 mL) were added. The solution was heated to 80°C, and then 1 M *o*-tolyl magnesium bromide (2.0 mL, 2.0 mmol) was added to it. The mixture was stirred for 2 hrs and cooled to r.t. The reaction was quenched by addition of 2 N HCl and stirring was continued at r.t. for 15 min. The whole was extracted with CH₂Cl₂. The organic layer was dried over Na₂SO₄ and evaporated to dryness. Purification of the residue by HPLC (eluent, a 20-min linear gradient, from 20% to 100% solvent B; flow rate, 5.0 ml/min; detection wavelength, 640 nm) provided **14** trifluoroacetic salt (5 mg, 19% yield). ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CD₂Cl₂): δ 0.37 (s, 3H), 0.40 (s, 3H), 2.02 (s, 3H), 3.02 (t, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 4H), 4.19 (t, *J* = 5.7 Hz, 4H), 6.87 (s, 2H), 7.06 (d, *J* = 5.7 Hz, 1H), 7.22 (s, 2H), 7.27-7.35 (m, 8H), 7.41 (d, *J* = 5.4 Hz, 1H), 7.46 (t, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 4H); ¹³C NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ -1.6, -1.3, 19.6, 26.9, 55.0, 116.8, 122.4, 126.3, 127.6, 129.2, 129.3, 130.5, 130.9, 131.3, 135.2, 135.2, 136.1, 139.5, 139.8, 151.6, 154.8, 169.3; HRMS (ESI⁺): Calcd for [M]⁺, 547.2570; found, 547.2532 (-3.8 mmu).

3,6-DiSO₃H indoline-Si-xanthone (15)



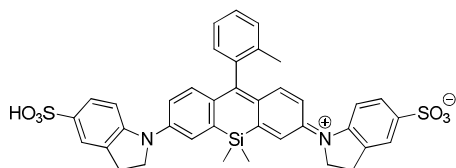
Compound **6** (400 mg, 0.93 mmol) was dissolved in CH₂Cl₂ (10 mL), and the solution was cooled to 0°C and stirred for 10 min. Chlorosulfuric acid (259 mg, 204 μL, 2.23 mmol) was added dropwise, and the mixture was stirred for 2 hrs at 0°C. The reaction was quenched by addition of H₂O, and the mixture was evaporated to remove CH₂Cl₂. Purification of the solution by HPLC (eluent, a 20-min linear gradient, from 0% to 100% solvent B; flow rate, 5.0 ml/min; detection wavelength, 350 nm) provided **15** (465 mg, 74% yield). ¹H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO): δ 0.54 (s, 6H), 3.22 (t, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 4H), 4.15 (t, *J* = 9.0 Hz, 4H), 7.29 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 2H), 7.45 (dd, *J* = 2.4, 8.7 Hz, 2H), 7.49 (s, 2H), 7.63-7.66 (m, 4H), 8.37 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 2H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃): δ. -1.44, 27.1, 51.7, 108.1, 117.5, 119.5, 122.9, 125.1, 130.8, 131.8, 132.1, 140.1, 140.5, 144.9, 145.7, 183.6; HRMS (ESI⁻): Calcd for [M-H]⁻, 630.0951; found, 630.0991 (+4.0 mmu).

3,6-Di-*i*-PrSO₃ indoline-Si-xanthone (16)

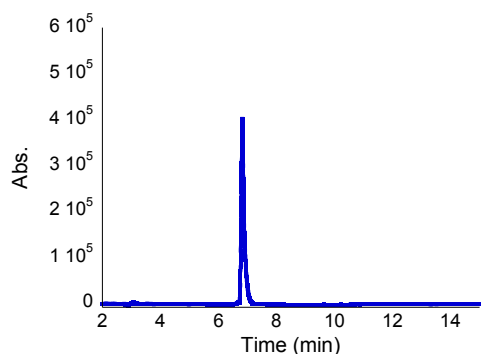


Compound **15** (100 mg, 0.16 mmol) was dissolved in *i*-PrOH (5 mL) and triisopropyl orthoformate (2.0 mL), and the mixture was heated to 55°C and stirred for 4 hrs. The deposited product was filtered off and washed with hexane. Compound **16** (80 mg, 71% yield) was obtained without further purification. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 0.54 (s, 6H), 1.31 (d, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 12H), 3.27 (t, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 4H), 4.22 (t, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 4H), 4.76 (sep, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 1H), 7.25 (dd, *J* = 1.5, 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.41-7.46 (m, 4H), 7.69 (s, 2H), 7.70 (dd, *J* = 2.4, 7.8 Hz, 2H), 8.50 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃): δ -1.30, 22.9, 27.4, 52.4, 108.0, 119.2, 130.8, 124.6, 127.4, 128.8, 131.7, 132.7, 134.8, 140.5, 145.1, 150.1, 184.9; HRMS (ESI⁺): Calcd for [M+H]⁺, 717.2124; found, 717.2169 (+4.5 mmu).

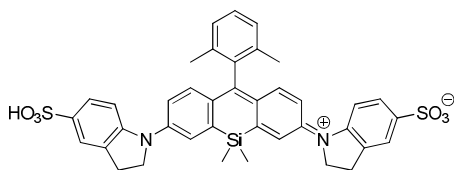
wsSiNQ780 derivative 1 (17)



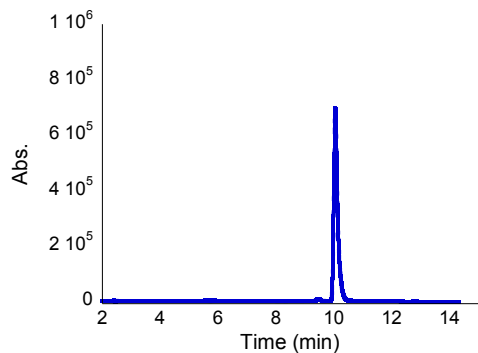
To a flame-dried flask flushed with argon, **16** (12.8 mg, 0.02 mmol) and anhydrous THF (5 mL) were added. The solution was heated to 80°C, and 1 M *o*-tolyl magnesium bromide (300 μL, 0.30 mmol) was added to it. The mixture was stirred for 2 hrs, then cooled to r.t., and the reaction was quenched by addition of 2 N HCl. Stirring was continued at r.t. for 15 min, and then the whole was extracted with CH₂Cl₂. The organic layer was dried over Na₂SO₄ and evaporated to dryness. The residue was dissolved in 2 N HCl (less than 5.0 mL) and CH₃CN (2.0 mL) and the solution was heated to reflux under argon. It was then cooled to r.t., and purified by HPLC (eluent, a 20-min linear gradient, from 20% to 100% solvent B; flow rate, 5.0 mL/min; detection wavelength, 740 nm) to provide **17** (4.0 mg, 32% yield). ¹H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO): δ 0.67 (s, 3H), 0.70 (s, 3H), 2.05 (s, 3H), 3.25 (t, *J* = 7.50 Hz, 4H), 4.41 (t, *J* = 7.50 Hz, 4H), 7.15 (d, *J* = 9.10 Hz, 2H), 7.27 (d, *J* = 7.50 Hz, 1H), 7.45-7.59 (m, 11H), 7.82 (d, *J* = 2.10 Hz, 2H); HRMS (ESI⁻): Calcd for [M-2H]⁻, 705.1549; found, 705.1586 (+3.7 mmu). The HPLC chromatogram after purification is shown below. Elution was done with a 20-min linear gradient from 80% to 100% solvent B. 1.0 mL/min flow rate. Detection at 740 nm.



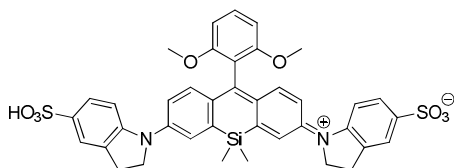
wsSiNQ780 derivative 2 (**18**)



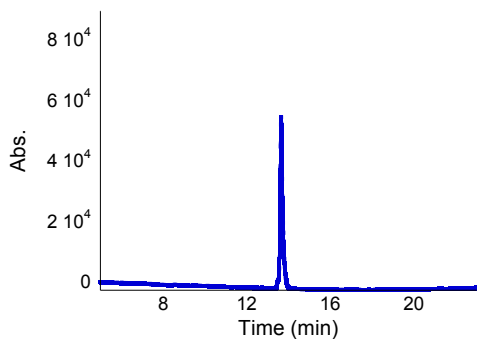
To a flame-dried flask flushed with argon, 2-bromo-*m*-xylene (28 mg, 0.15 mmol) and anhydrous THF (3.0 mL) were added. The solution was cooled to -78°C , and 1 M *sec*-BuLi (150 μL , 0.15 mmol) was added to it. The mixture was stirred for 30 min, and then a solution of **16** (11 mg, 0.02 mmol) in anhydrous THF (2.0 mL) was added to it at -78°C , and the whole was allowed to warm to r.t. over 2 hrs. The reaction was quenched by addition of 2 N HCl and the solution was stirred at r.t. for 15 min. The whole was extracted with CH_2Cl_2 . The organic layer was dried over Na_2SO_4 and evaporated to dryness. The residue was dissolved in 2 N HCl (less than 5.0 mL) and CH_3CN (2.0 mL), and the solution was heated to reflux under argon. It was then cooled to r.t., and purified by HPLC (eluent, a 20-min linear gradient, from 20% to 100% solvent B; flow rate, 5.0 mL/min; detection wavelength, 740 nm) to provide **18** (5 mg, 46% yield). ^1H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO): δ 0.70 (s, 6H), 2.05 (s, 6H), 3.33 (br, 4H), 4.43 (t, $J = 6.6$ Hz, 4H), 7.27-7.43 (m, 7H), 7.62 (d, $J = 8.7$ Hz, 2H), 7.75-7.84 (m, 6H); HRMS (ESI): Calcd for $[\text{M}-2\text{H}]^-$, 719.1706; found, 709.1702 (-0.4 mmu). The HPLC chromatogram after purification is shown below. Elution was done with a 20-min linear gradient from 20% to 100% solvent B. 1.0 mL/min flow rate. Detection at 740 nm.



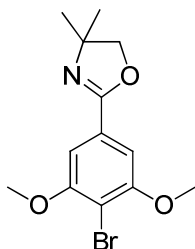
wsSiNQ780 derivative 3 (19)



To a flame-dried flask flushed with argon, 2-bromo-1,3-dimethoxybenzene (33 mg, 0.15 mmol) and anhydrous THF (4.0 mL) were added. The solution was cooled to -78°C , and 1 M *sec*-BuLi (150 μL , 0.15 mmol) was added to it. The mixture was stirred for 30 min, then a solution of **16** (14 mg, 0.02 mmol) in anhydrous THF (2.0 mL) was added at -78°C , and the whole was warmed to r.t. for 2 hrs. The reaction was quenched by addition of 2 N HCl and stirring was continued at r.t. for 15 min. The whole was extracted with CH_2Cl_2 . The organic layer was dried over Na_2SO_4 and evaporated to dryness. The residue was dissolved in 2 N HCl (less than 5.0 ml) and CH_3CN (2 mL), and the solution was heated to reflux under argon. It was then cooled to r.t., and purified by HPLC (eluent, a 20-min linear gradient, from 20% to 100% solvent B; flow rate, 5.0 ml/min; detection wavelength, 740 nm) to provide **19** (6 mg, 41% yield). ^1H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO): δ 0.66 (s, 6H), 3.24 (t, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 4H), 3.66 (s, 6H), 4.39 (t, $J = 7.5$ Hz, 4H), 6.93 (d, $J = 8.7$ Hz, 2H), 7.30 (d, $J = 9.6$ Hz, 2H), 7.43 (dd, $J = 2.1, 9.6$ Hz, 2H), 7.49-7.61 (m, 7H), 7.78 (d, $J = 2.1$ Hz, 2H); HRMS (ESI): Calcd for $[\text{M}-2\text{H}]^-$, 751.1604; found, 751.1567 (-3.7 mmu). The HPLC chromatogram after purification is shown below. Elution was done with a 20-min linear gradient from 20% to 80% solvent B. 1.0 ml/min flow rate. Detection at 740 nm.

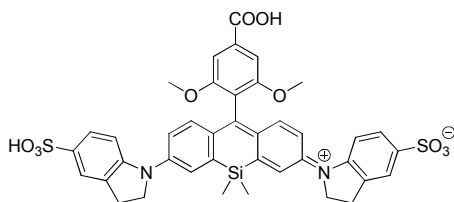


2-(4-Bromo-3,5-dimethoxyphenyl)-4,4-dimethyl-4,5-dihydrooxazole (20)

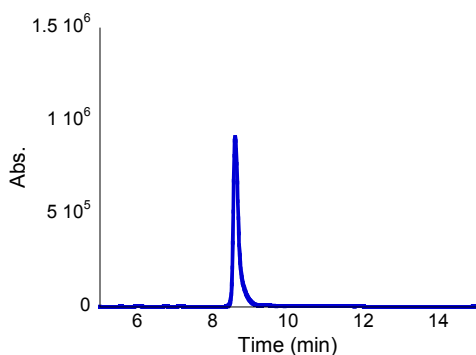


4-Bromo-3,5-dimethoxybenzoic acid (2.09 g, 8.00 mmol) and 2-amino-2-methylpropanol (1.80 g, 20.19 mmol) were added to pyridine (20 mL) and CH₃CN (20 mL). Then DIEA (6.97 mL) and CCl₄ (3.87 mL) were added, and the solution was cooled to 0°C and stirred for 1 hr. PPh₃ (10.5g, 40.1 mmol) in pyridine (2.0 mL) and CH₃CN (2.0 mL) were added dropwise, and the mixture was stirred for 12 hrs, then evaporated to dryness. Purification of the residue by column chromatography (silica, CH₂Cl₂/hexane = 1/5 to 1/3 to 1/1) provided **20** (500 mg, 20% yield). ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 1.40 (s, 6H), 3.95 (s, 6H), 4.10 (s, 2H), 7.15 (s, 2H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 28.3, 56.7, 67.9 79.2, 104.4, 128.3, 128.4, 132.0, 156.7, 161.5; HRMS (ESI⁺): Calcd for [M+H]⁺, 314.0392; found, 314.0347 (−4.5 mmu).

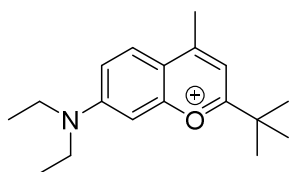
2',6'-Dimethoxy wsSiNQ780 COOH (21)



To a flame-dried flask flushed with argon, **20** (65 mg, 0.21 mmol) and anhydrous THF (5.0 mL) were added. The mixture was cooled to −78°C, and 1 M *sec*-BuLi (210 μL) was added to it. The resulting solution was stirred for 15 min, and a solution of **16** (30 mg, 0.04 mmol) in anhydrous THF (5 mL) was added. The mixture was warmed to r.t., stirred for 1 hr, and extracted with CH₂Cl₂. The organic layer was dried over Na₂SO₄ and evaporated to dryness. The residue was dissolved in 6 N HCl (5.0 mL) and CH₃CN (1.0 mL) and the mixture was heated to 60°C and stirred for 4 hrs. It was then cooled to r.t., and purified by HPLC (eluent, a 20-min linear gradient, from 20% to 100% solvent B; flow rate, 5.0 ml/min; detection wavelength, 740 nm) to provide **21** (20 mg, 60% yield). ¹H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO): δ 0.66 (s, 6H), 3.25 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 4H), 3.73 (s, 6H), 4.40 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 4H), 7.26 (d, *J* = 9.3 Hz, 2H), 7.40-7.58 (m, 10H), 7.78 (d, *J* = 2.1 Hz, 2H, h); HRMS (ESI[−]): Calcd for [M-2H][−], 791.1502; found, 791.1528 (+2.6 mmu). The HPLC chromatogram after purification is shown below. Elution was done with a 20-min linear gradient from 1% to 100% solvent B. 1.0 ml/min flow rate. Detection at 650 nm.

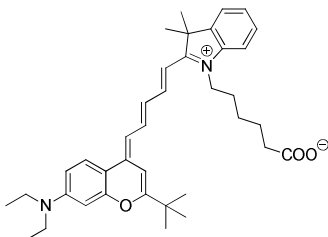


Compound 22



This compound was prepared according to the literature.^{SR2} A mixture of *N,N*-diethyl-3-aminophenol (2.60 g, 16.0 mmol) and methyl pivaloyl acetate (4.40g, 28.0 mmol) was heated to 180°C under argon, stirred for 18 hrs, and then cooled to r.t. The resulting solid was roughly purified by column chromatography (silica, AcOEt/hexane = 1:1). The crude compound was dissolved in anhydrous THF (20 mL), and the solution was cooled to 0°C under argon. 3 M MeMgBr (5.5 mL) was added to it, and the mixture was stirred for 2 hrs. The solution was poured into the ice water and tetrafluoroboric acid (3.0 mL) was added to it. Stirring was continued for 1 hr, and then the whole was extracted with CH₂Cl₂. The organic layer was dried over Na₂SO₄ and evaporated to dryness. The residue was added to AcOEt and the precipitate was filtered off and dried under vacuum. Compound **22** tetrafluoroborate salt (1.23 g, 12% yield) was obtained without further purification. ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 1.36 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 6H), 1.49 (s, 9H), 2.86 (s, 3H), 3.69 (q, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 4H), 6.84 (d, *J* = 2.1 Hz, 1H), 7.15 (s, 1H), 7.40 (dd, *J* = 2.1, 8.7 Hz, 1H), 8.12 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 1H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 12.4, 19.9, 28.2, 37.9, 46.2, 95.3, 111.3, 117.5, 118.5, 129.4, 156.5, 159.7, 164.2, 179.8; HRMS (ESI⁺): Calcd for [M]⁺, 272.2014; found, 272.2015 (+0.1 mmu).

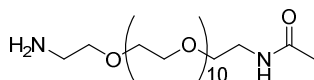
Modified DY 730 COOH (23)



Compound **22** tetrafluoroborate salt (128 mg, 0.36 mmol) and malonaldehyde dianilide hydrochloride

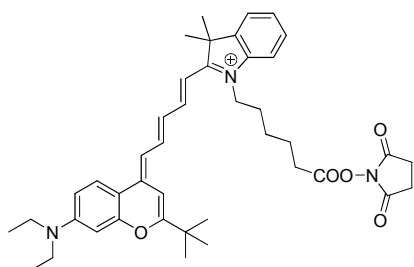
(121 mg, 0.47 mmol) were dissolved in AcOH (2 mL) and Ac₂O (2 mL). The mixture was heated to 150°C, refluxed under argon for 30 min, and then evaporated to dryness. 1-(5-Carboxypentyl)-2,3,3-trimethyl-3*H*-indol-1-ium bromide (140 mg, 0.47 mmol), EtOH (20 mL) and TEA (5.0 mL) were added to the residue, and the mixture was stirred for 2 hrs, then evaporated to dryness. Purification of the residue by HPLC (eluent, a 20-min linear gradient, from 20% to 100% solvent B; flow rate, 5.0 ml/min; detection wavelength, 680 nm) provided **23** (40 mg, 19% yield). ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 1.21 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 6H), 1.40-1.50 (m, 14H), 1.58-1.67 (m, 11H), 17.4-1.79 (m, 2H), 2.28 (t, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 2H), 3.51 (q, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 4H), 3.97 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 6.22 (d, *J* = 13.8 Hz, 1H), 6.59 (d, *J* = 12.6 Hz, 1H), 6.66 (d, *J* = 3.0 Hz, 1H), 6.84 (d, *J* = 14.1 Hz, 1H), 6.94-6.97 (m, 2H), 7.19-7.23 (m, 2H), 7.37 (t, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 1H), 7.45 (d, *J* = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.90-8.14 (m, 3H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 12.7, 25.2, 26.8, 27.6, 27.7, 28.2, 34.2, 37.4, 44.7, 45.6, 49.9, 97.5, 100.3, 104.2, 111.4, 11.7, 113.4, 114.0, 123.1, 125.7, 126.9, 129.4, 142.2, 143.3, 149.3, 153.7, 158.0, 171.6, 173.2; HRMS (ESI⁺): Calcd for [M]⁺, 581.3743; found, 581.3697 (−4.6 mmu).

***N*-(35-Amino-3,6,9,12,15,18,21,24,27,30,33-undeca-oxapentatriacontyl)acetamide (24)**



t-Butyl(35-amino-3,6,9,12,15,18,21,24,27,30,33-undeca-oxapentatriacontyl)carbamate (1.0 g, 1.55 mmol) was dissolved in Ac₂O (2.0 mL) and pyridine (2.0 mL). The mixture was stirred for 2 hrs at r.t. and then evaporated to dryness. The residue was dissolved in TFA (2.0 mL). This solution was stirred for 4 hrs and evaporated to dryness to afford crude **24** (1.2 g). HRMS (ESI⁺): Calcd for [M+H]⁺, 587.3755; found, 687.3708 (−4.7 mmu).

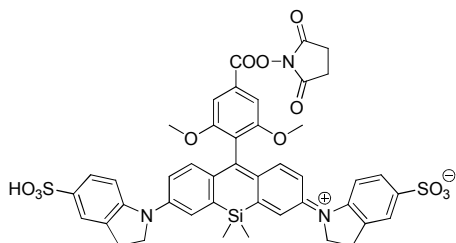
Modified DY730 COO-SE (25)



Compound **23** (29 mg, 0.05 mmol) was dissolved in CH₂Cl₂ (3 mL). WSCD/HCl (95 mg, 0.50 mmol), NHS (58 mg, 0.50 mmol) and DIEA (4 drops) were added to it, and the mixture was stirred for 4 hrs and then evaporated to dryness. The residue was roughly purified by HPLC (eluent, a 20-min linear gradient,

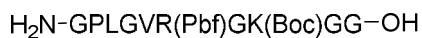
from 20% to 100% solvent B; flow rate, 5.0 ml/min; detection wavelength, 740 nm) to obtain crude **25** trifluoroacetic salt (30 mg).

2',6'-Dimethoxy wsSiNQ780 COOH-SE (**26**)



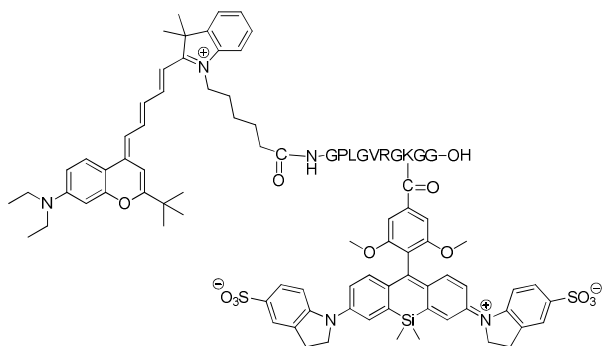
Compound **21** (40 mg, 0.05 mmol) was dissolved in DMF (3.0 mL). WSCD/HCl (95 mg, 0.50 mmol), NHS (58 mg, 0.50 mmol) and DIEA (4 drops) were added to the solution, and the mixture was stirred for 4 hrs and then evaporated to dryness. The residue was roughly purified by HPLC (eluent, a 20-min linear gradient, from 20% to 100% solvent B; flow rate, 5.0 ml/min; detection wavelength, 740 nm) to obtain crude **26** (40 mg).

Compound **27**



Peptide **27** was synthesized on an automatic peptide synthesizer using standard protocols for fluorenylmethoxycarbonyl (Fmoc) solid-phase synthesis with 2-chlorotrityl resin (0.06 mmol). The peptide was cleaved with CH_2Cl_2 containing 1% TFA (2.0 mL) and precipitated by adding water. Crude **27** was filtered off and dried under vacuum. LRMS (ESI^+): 1250 $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$. The peptide was used for the next step without further purification.

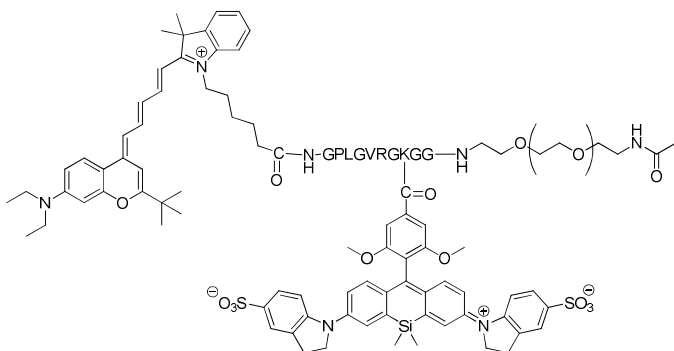
Compound **28**



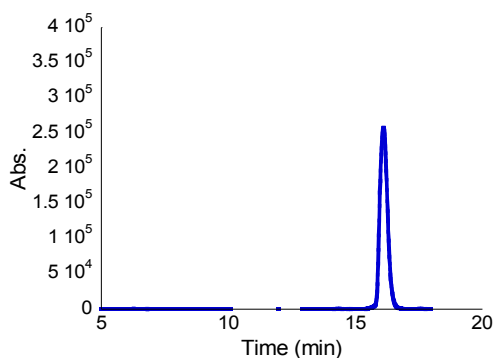
Compound **25** trifluoroacetic salt (20 mg, crude) and peptide **27** (20 mg, crude) were dissolved in DMF (2.0 mL), and then DIEA (4 drops) was added. The mixture was stirred for 4 hrs and evaporated to dryness.

The residue was dissolved in TFA (2.0 mL), triethylsilane (10 μ L) and H₂O (10 μ L), and the mixture was stirred for 2 hrs and then evaporated to dryness. The residue was roughly purified by HPLC. The solution was lyophilized, and the residue was dissolved in DMF (2.0 mL). Compound **26** (5.2 mg, crude) and DIEA (4 drops) were added to the solution, and the mixture was stirred for 4 hrs and then evaporated to dryness. Purification of the residue by HPLC (eluent, a 20-min linear gradient, from 20% to 100% solvent B; flow rate, 5.0 ml/min; detection wavelength, 740 nm) provided **28** (5.0 mg, 7.0% yield). LRMS (ESI⁺): 1120 [M+2H]²⁺.

MMP probe 1 (**29**)



Compound **28** (5.0 mg, 0.03 mmol) was dissolved in DMF (2.0 mL). Compound **24** (15 mg, crude), HATU (38 mg, 0.01 mmol) and DIEA (4 drops) were added, and the mixture was stirred for 6 hrs and then evaporated to dryness. Purification of the residue by HPLC (eluent, a 20-min linear gradient, from 20% to 100% solvent B; flow rate, 5.0 ml/min; detection wavelength, 740 nm) provided **29** (3.2 mg, 51% yield). LRMS (ESI⁺): 1404 [M+2H]²⁺. The HPLC chromatogram after purification is shown below. Elution was done with a 20-min linear gradient from 20% to 100% solvent B. 1.0 ml/min flow rate. Detection at 740 nm.

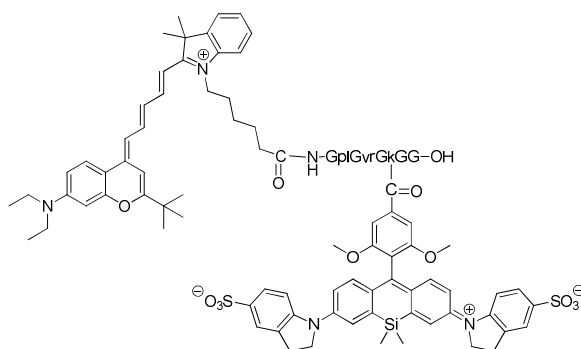


Compound 30



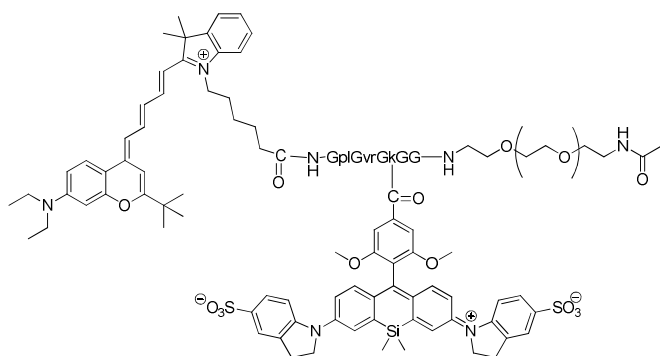
Peptide **30**, which contains D-amino acids, was synthesized on an automatic peptide synthesizer using standard protocols for fluorenylmethoxycarbonyl (Fmoc) solid-phase synthesis with 2-chlorotrityl resin (0.06 mmol reaction site). It was cleaved with 2.0 mL CH_2Cl_2 containing 1% TFA. The peptide was precipitated by addition of water. Compound **30** was filtered off and dried under vacuum. LRMS (ESI^+): 1250 $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$. The peptide was used for the next step without further purification. Lower-case letters stand for D-amino acids in the peptide.

Compound 31

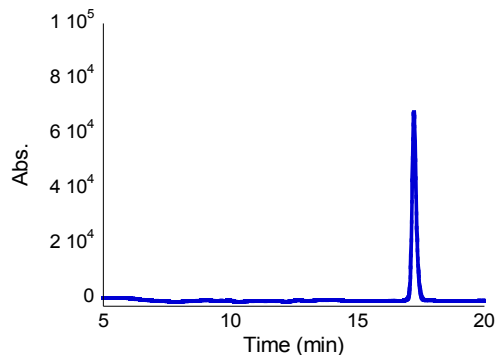


Compound **25** trifluoroacetic salt (20 mg, crude) and peptide **30** (20 mg, crude) were dissolved in DMF (2.0 mL), and DIEA (4 drops) was added to the solution. The mixture was stirred for 4 hrs and evaporated to dryness. The residue was dissolved in TFA (2.0 mL), triethylsilane (10 μL) and H_2O (10 μL), and the solution was stirred for 2 hrs and evaporated to dryness. The residue was roughly purified by HPLC. The eluate was lyophilized, and the residue was dissolved in DMF (2.0 mL). Compound **26** (5.2 mg, crude) and DIEA (4 drops) were added, and the mixture was stirred for 4 hrs, and then evaporated to dryness. Purification of the residue by HPLC (eluent, a 20-min linear gradient, from 20% to 100% solvent B; flow rate, 5.0 ml/min; detection wavelength, 740 nm) provided **31** (5.2 mg, 7.0% yield). LRMS (ESI^+): 1120 $[\text{M}+\text{H}+\text{Na}]^{2+}$. Lower-case letters represent D-amino acids in the peptide.

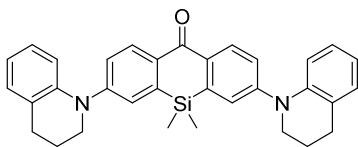
MMP probe 2 (32)



Compound **31** (5.0 mg, 0.03 mmol) was dissolved in DMF (2.0 mL). Compound **24** (15 mg, crude), HATU (38 mg, 0.01 mmol) and DIEA (4 drops) were added to the solution, and the mixture was stirred for 6 hrs, and then evaporated to dryness. Purification of the residue by HPLC (eluent, a 20-min linear gradient, from 20% to 100% solvent B; flow rate, 5.0 ml/min; detection wavelength, 740 nm) provided **32** (5.4 mg, 87% yield). LRMS (ESI⁺): 1404 [M+2H]²⁺. The HPLC chromatogram after purification is shown below. HPLC analysis; eluent, a 20-min linear gradient, from 20% to 100% solvent B; flow rate, 1.0 ml/min; detection wavelength, 740 nm. Lower-case letters represent D-amino acids in the peptide.



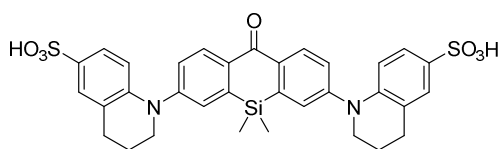
Compound 33



Compound **3** (245 mg, 0.50 mmol), Cs₂CO₃ (3.25 g, 2.00 mmol) and tetrahydroquinoline (1.33 g, 2.00 mmol) were dissolved in toluene (10-20 ml) in a 50 mL Schlenk flask, and the mixture were deaerated with argon. Pd(OAc)₂ (22 mg, 0.05 mmol) and BINAP (62 mg, 0.05 mmol) were added to it under argon. The

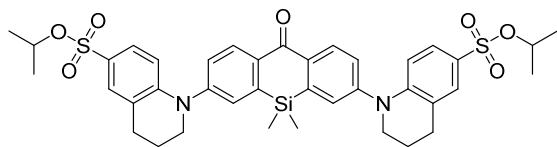
mixture was heated to 100°C and stirred overnight. It was then cooled to r.t. and H₂O was added. The whole was extracted with CH₂Cl₂, and the organic layer was dried over Na₂SO₄ and evaporated to dryness. Purification of the residue by column chromatography (silica gel, CH₂Cl₂/hexane = 1/1) provided **33** (150 mg, 60% yield). ¹H NMR (300 MHz, CDCl₃): δ 0.43 (s, 6H), 2.06 (qt, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 4H), 2.82 (t, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 4H), 3.74 (t, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 4H), 6.87 (t, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.04 (dt, *J* = 1.5, 8.7 Hz, 2H), 7.12 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H), 7.28 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.34 (dd, *J* = 3.0, 9.0 Hz, 2H), 7.41 (d, *J* = 2.4 Hz, 2H), 8.39 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 2H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, CDCl₃): δ -1.43, 23.6, 27.4, 49.1, 118.7, 120.9, 121.8, 123.6, 126.3, 128.4, 129.3, 131.3, 134.1, 140.2, 142.1, 150.4, 185.3; HRMS (ESI⁺): Calcd for [M+H]⁺, 501.2362; found, 501.2412 (+5.0 mmu).

Compound 34




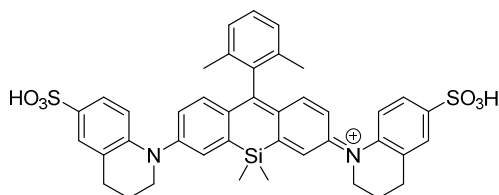
Compound **33** (50 mg, 0.10 mmol) was dissolved in CH₂Cl₂ (10 mL), and the solution was cooled to 0 °C and stirred for 10 min. Chlorosulfuric acid (182 μL) was added dropwise, and the mixture was stirred for 2 hrs at 0°C. The reaction was quenched by addition of H₂O, and the whole was evaporated to remove CH₂Cl₂. Purification of the residual solution by HPLC (eluent, a 20-min linear gradient, from 0% to 100% solvent B; flow rate, 5.0 ml/min; detection wavelength, 350 nm) provided **34** (78 mg, quant). ¹H NMR (300 MHz, DMSO): δ 0.46 (s, 6H), 1.97 (q, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 4H), 2.76 (t, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 4H), 3.74 (t, *J* = 6.0 Hz, 4H), 7.03 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.27 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 7.38-7.42 (m, 4H), 7.55 (d, *J* = 2.1 Hz, 2H), 8.21 (d, *J* = 8.7 Hz, 2H); ¹³C NMR (75 MHz, DMSO): δ -1.6, 23.1, 26.9, 38.7, 38.9, 39.2, 39.5, 39.8, 40.1, 40.3, 48.8, 117.2, 121.5, 123.7, 123.8, 126.7, 127.4, 130.5, 133.2, 140.3, 141.7, 149.9, 183.8; HRMS (ESI⁻): Calcd for [M-H]⁻, 658.1264; found, 658.1243 (-2.1 mmu).

3,6-Di-*i*-PrSO₃ tetrahydroquinoline-Si-xanthone (**35**)



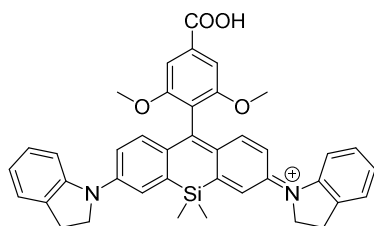
Compound **34** (66 mg, 0.10 mmol) was dissolved in CH₂Cl₂ (3.0 mL) and DMF (1.0 mL), and the mixture was cooled to 0°C under argon. Oxalyl chloride (85 μL, 0.50 mmol) was added to it, and the mixture was stirred for 2 hrs, and then evaporated to dryness. The residue was dissolved in CH₂Cl₂ under argon. Pyridine (15 mL) and *i*-PrOH (5.0 mL) were added to it, and the mixture was stirred at r.t. for 2 hrs, then

Compound 36

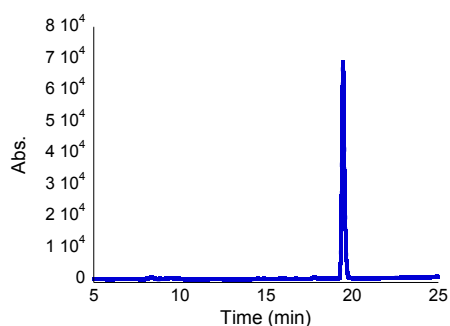


The chromatogram displays a single, sharp, and prominent peak at a retention time of approximately 6.8 minutes. The y-axis, labeled 'Abs.', ranges from 0 to 2×10^5 with major ticks at 0 , 5×10^4 , 1×10^5 , 1.5×10^5 , and 2×10^5 . The x-axis, labeled 'Time (min)', ranges from 6 to 14 with major ticks at 6, 8, 10, 12, and 14. The peak reaches a maximum absorbance of approximately 1.5×10^5 . The baseline is stable and near zero throughout the rest of the run.

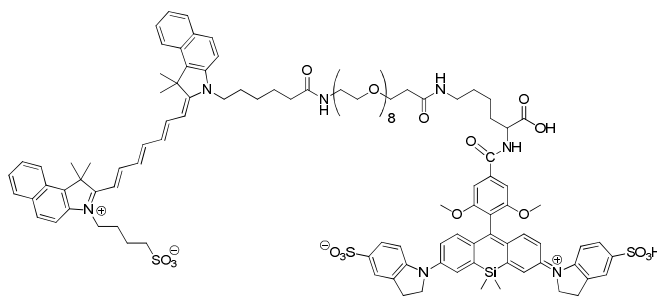
Compound 37



To a flame-dried flask flushed with argon, **20** (100 mg, 0.32 mmol) and anhydrous THF (10 mL) were added. The mixture was cooled to -78°C , and 1 M *sec*-BuLi (310 μL) was added to it. The mixture was stirred for 15 min, and then a solution of **6** (30 mg, 0.06 mmol) in anhydrous THF (3.0 mL) was added. The whole was warmed to r.t., stirred for 1 hr, and then extracted with CH_2Cl_2 . The organic layer was dried over Na_2SO_4 and evaporated to dryness. The residue was dissolved in 6 N HCl (5.0 mL) and CH_3CN (1.0 mL) and the mixture was heated to 60°C and then stirred for 4 hrs. Purification of the solution by HPLC (eluent, a 20-min linear gradient, from 40% to 100% solvent B; flow rate, 5.0 mL/min; detection wavelength, 740 nm) provided **37** (25 mg, 65% yield). ^1H NMR (300 MHz, acetone- d_6): δ 0.70 (s, 6H), 3.35 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 4H), 3.81 (s, 6H), 4.47 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 4H), 7.16 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 2H), 7.32 (t, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 2H), 7.40-7.48 (m, 6H), 7.52 (s, 2H), 7.68 (d, $J = 8.1$ Hz, 2H), 7.93 (s, 2H); HRMS (ESI⁺): Calcd for $[\text{M}+\text{H}]^+$, 637.2523; found, 637.2529 (+0.6 mmu). The HPLC chromatogram after purification is shown below. HPLC analysis; eluent, a 20-min linear gradient, from 40% to 100% solvent B; flow rate, 1.0 mL/min; detection wavelength, 740 nm.



ICG-wsSiNQ780 (38)



Compound **26** (5.2 mg, crude) and *N*^α-Boc-L-lysine (24.6 mg, 0.10 mmol) were dissolved in DMF (1

mL), and DIEA (30 μ L) was added to the solution. The mixture was stirred for 14 hrs, then evaporated to dryness and the residue was dissolved in CH_3CN (1 mL). The solution was cooled to 0°C , and TFA (1 mL) was added to it. The mixture was stirred for 30 min, then evaporated to dryness and the residue was roughly purified by HPLC (eluent, a 20-min linear gradient, from 20% to 100% solvent B; flow rate, 5.0 ml/min; detection wavelength, 740 nm). The crude product was dissolved in DMF (500 μ L), and ICG-EG8-Sulfo-OSu (5 mg, 0.04 mmol)^{SR3} and DIEA (30 μ L) were added to the solution. The mixture was stirred for 18 hrs and then evaporated to dryness. Purification of the residue by HPLC (eluent, a 20-min linear gradient, from 20% to 100% solvent B; flow rate, 5.0 ml/min; detection wavelength, 740 nm) provided **38** (0.3 mg, 2.6% yield). HRMS (ESI): Calcd for $[\text{M}-2\text{H}]^{2-}$, 2057.8177; found, 2057.8128 (-4.9 mmu). The HPLC chromatogram after purification is shown below. Elution was done with a 20-min linear gradient from 20% to 100% solvent B. 1.0 ml/min flow rate. Detection at 740 nm.

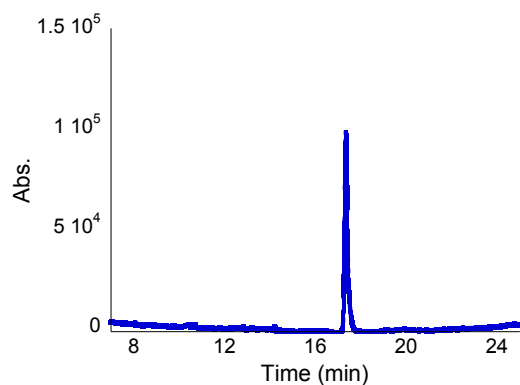


Table S1. Photophysical properties of SiNQ660 (**5**).

	Abs _{max} (nm)	Φ_{FL}^a
MeOH	660	n.d.
Acetonitrile	660	n.d.
DMSO	672	n.d.
Chloroform	663	n.d.

^a For determination of the fluorescence quantum yield (Φ_{FL}), Cy5.5 in PBS at pH 7.4 ($\Phi_{\text{FL}} = 0.23$) was used as a fluorescence standard.^{SR4}

Table S2. Photophysical properties of SiNQ780 (**7**).

	Abs _{max} (nm)	Φ_{FL}^a
MeOH	779	n.d.
DMF	790	n.d.
Chloroform	790	n.d.

^a For determination of the fluorescence quantum yield (Φ_{FL}), ICG in DMSO ($\Phi_{\text{FL}} = 0.13$) was used as a fluorescence standard.^{SR5}

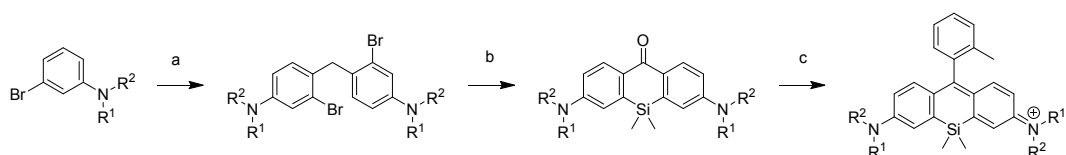
Table S3. Photophysical properties of compound **14**.

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MeOH	731	0.08

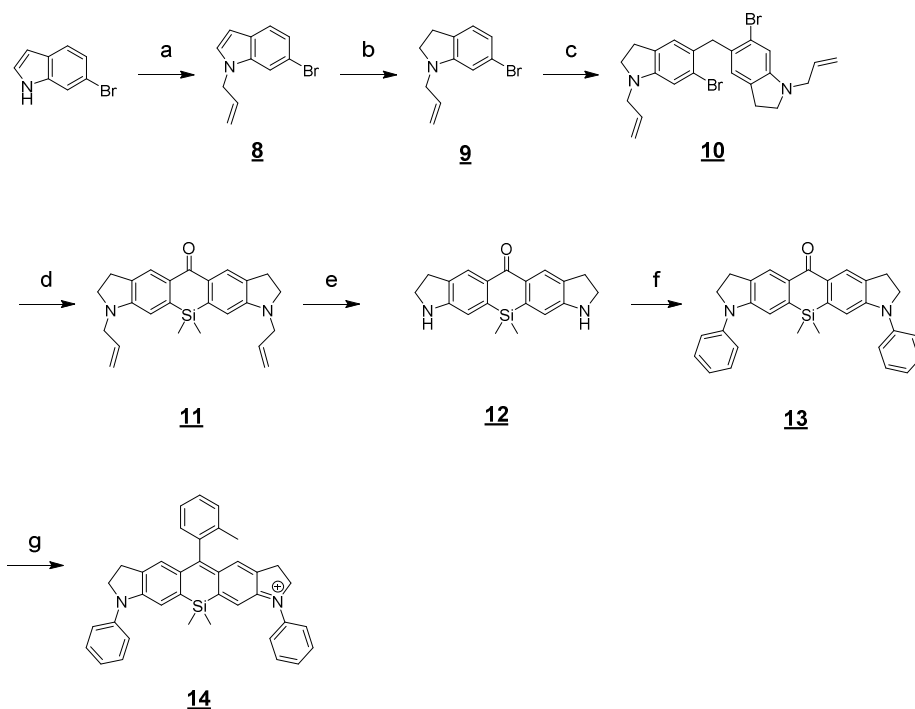
^a For determination of the fluorescence quantum yield (Φ_{FL}), ICG in DMSO ($\Phi_{\text{FL}} = 0.13$) was used as a fluorescence standard.^{SR5}

Table S4. Photophysical property of wsSiNQ780 derivative **2** and **36** in PBS.

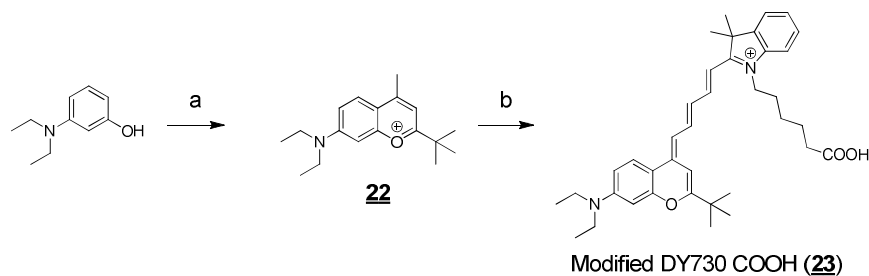
	Abs _{max} (nm)
wsSiNQ780 derivative 2	763
36	732



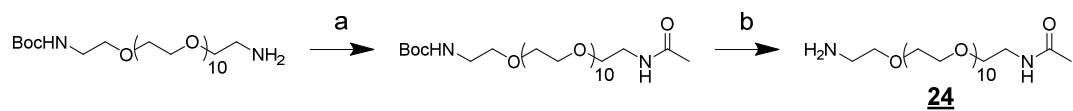
Scheme S1. a) HCHO, acetic acid; b) i) *sec*-BuLi, (CH₃)₂SiCl₂, THF, ii) KMnO₄, acetone; c) *o*-tolylmagnesium bromide, THF.



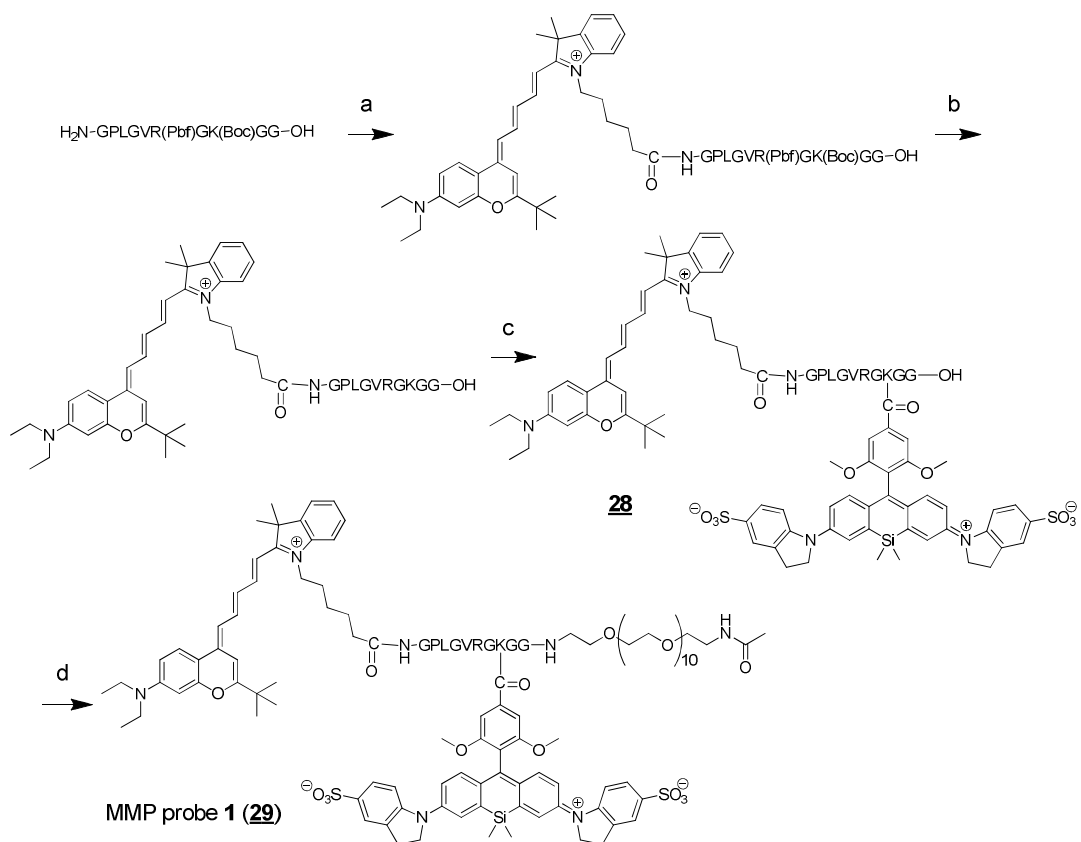
Scheme S2. (a) NaH, allyl bromide, DMF, 0 °C, 85%; (b) NaBH₃CN, CH₃COOH, 0°C, 70%; (c) formaldehyde, CH₃COOH, 80°C, 16%; (d) i) *sec*-BuLi, dichlorodimethylsilane, THF, -78°C, ii) KMnO₄, acetone, 17%; (e) Pd(PPh₃)₄, 1,3-dimethylbarbituric acid, CH₂Cl₂, 40°C, 50%; (f) iodobenzene, Pd(OAc)₂, BINAP, Cs₂CO₃, toluene, 100°C, 42%; (g) i) *o*-tolylmagnesium bromide, THF, 80°C, ii) 2N HCl aq., 18%.



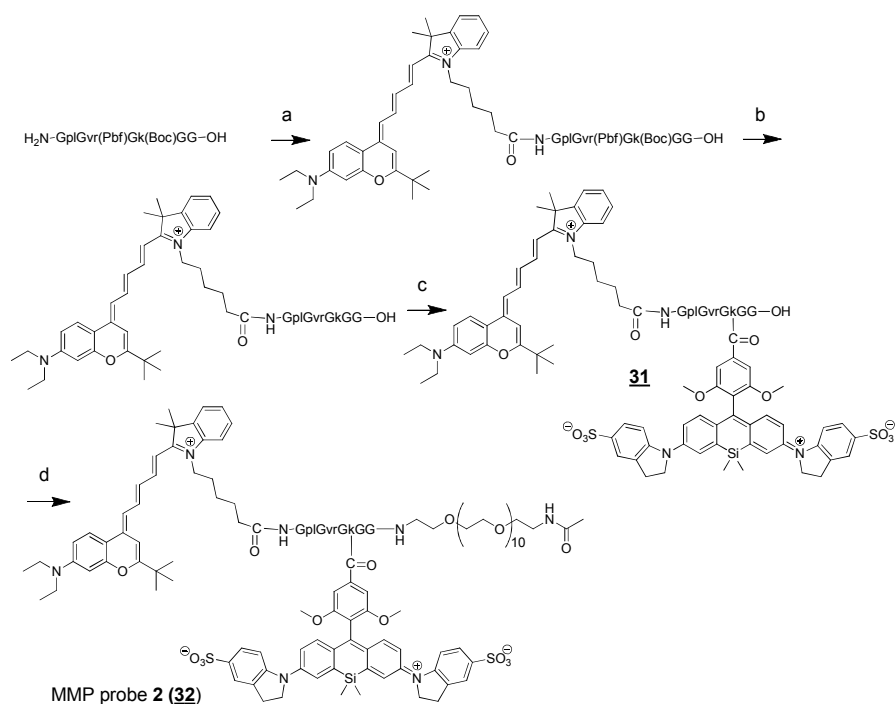
Scheme S3. a) i) Methyl 4,4-dimethyl-3-oxovalerate, neat, 180°C, ii) MeMgBr, THF, iii) tetrafluoroboric acid, H₂O, 22%; b) i) malonaldehyde dianilide hydrochloride, AcOH, Ac₂O, reflux, ii) 1-(5-carboxypentyl)-2,3,3-trimethyl-3*H*-indolium bromide, TEA, EtOH, 19%.



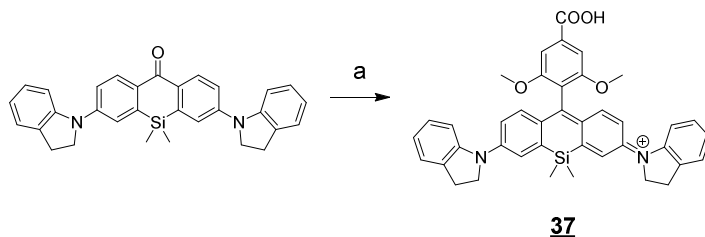
Scheme S4. a) Ac₂O, pyridine, crude; b) TFA, CH₂Cl₂, crude.



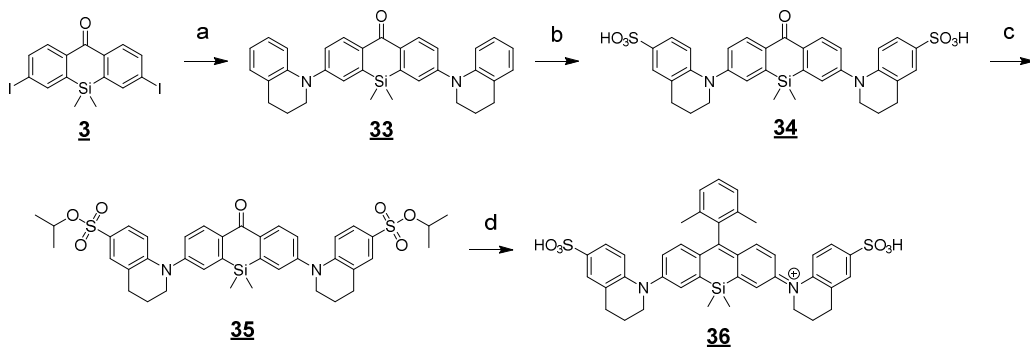
Scheme S5. a) **25**, DIEA, DMF, crude; b) TFA, triethylsilane, H₂O, crude; c) **26**, DIEA, DMF, 7.0% (in 3 steps); d) **24**, HATU, DIEA, DMF, 51%.



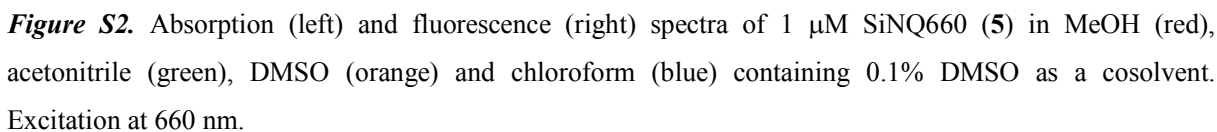
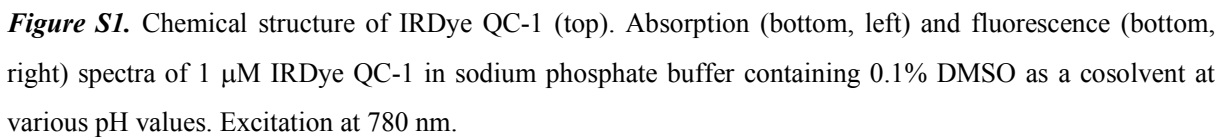
Scheme S6. a) **25**, DIEA, DMF, crude; b) TFA, triethylsilane, H₂O, crude; c) **26**, DIEA, DMF, 7.0% (in 3 steps); d) **24**, HATU, DIEA, DMF, 87%. Lower-case letters represent D-amino acids in the peptide.



Scheme S7. a) i) **20**, *sec*-BuLi, THF, 60°C, ii) 2 N HCl aq., acetone, reflux, 2 days, 65%.



Scheme S8. a) 1,2,3,4-tetrahydroquinoline, Pd(OAc)₂, BINAP, Cs₂CO₃, toluene, 80°C, 60%; b) ClSO₃H, CH₂Cl₂, quant; c) i) oxalyl chloride, DMF, CH₂Cl₂, ii) isopropanol, pyridine, 35%; d) i) 2-bromo-*m*-xylene, *sec*-BuLi, THF, -78°C, ii) 2 N HCl aq., reflux, 54%.



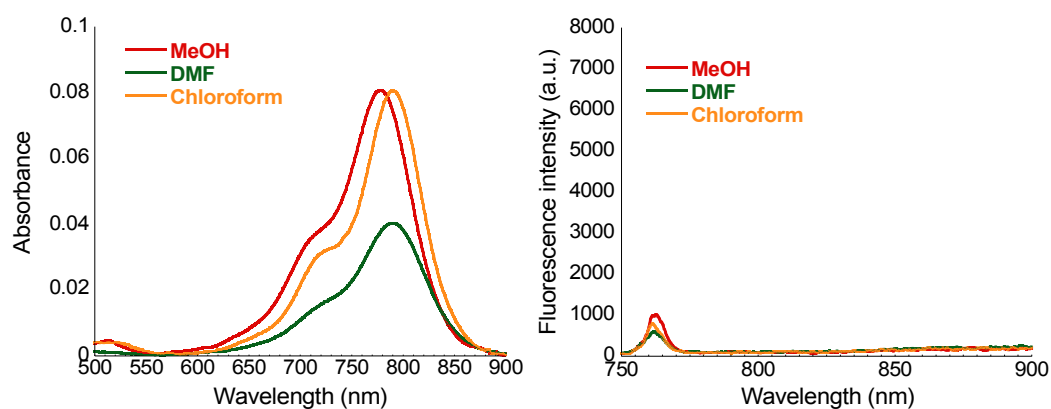


Figure S3. Absorption (left) and fluorescence (right) spectra of 1 μ M SiNQ780 (**7**) in MeOH (red), DMF (green) and chloroform (orange) containing 0.1% DMSO as a cosolvent. Excitation at 760 nm.

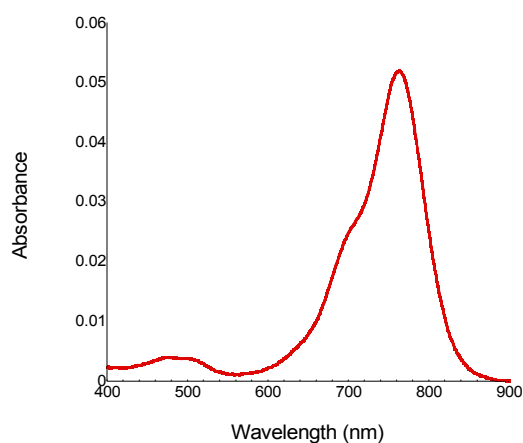


Figure S4. Absorption spectrum of wsSiNQ780 derivative **1** (1 μ M) in PBS (pH 7.4) containing 0.1% DMSO as a cosolvent.

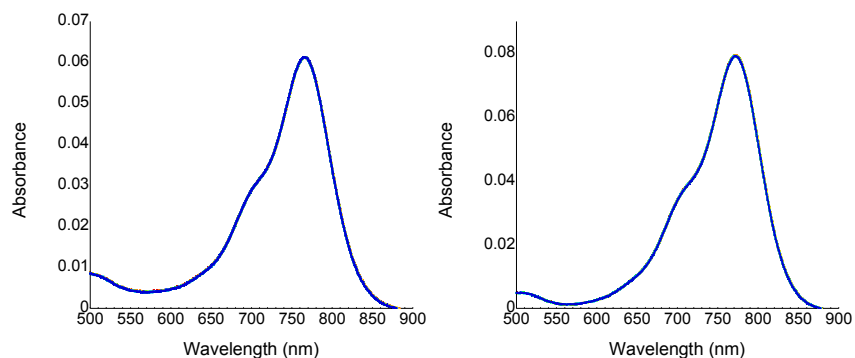


Figure S5. Absorption spectra of wsSiNQ780 derivative **2** (left) and **3** (right) in PBS containing 0.1% DMSO as a cosolvent for 1 hr. As shown in the figure, both compounds showed almost no absorption spectral change.

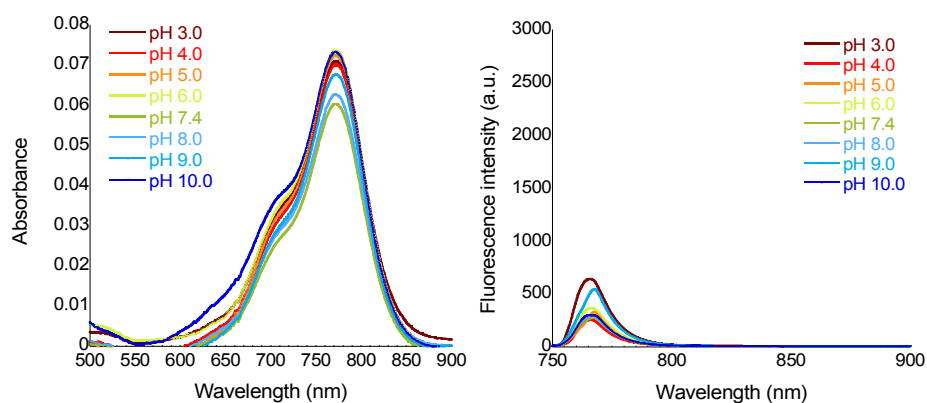


Figure S6. Absorption (left) and fluorescence (right) spectra of 1 μM wsSiNQ780 derivative **3** in sodium phosphate buffer at various pH values containing 0.1% DMSO as a cosolvent. Excitation at 760 nm.

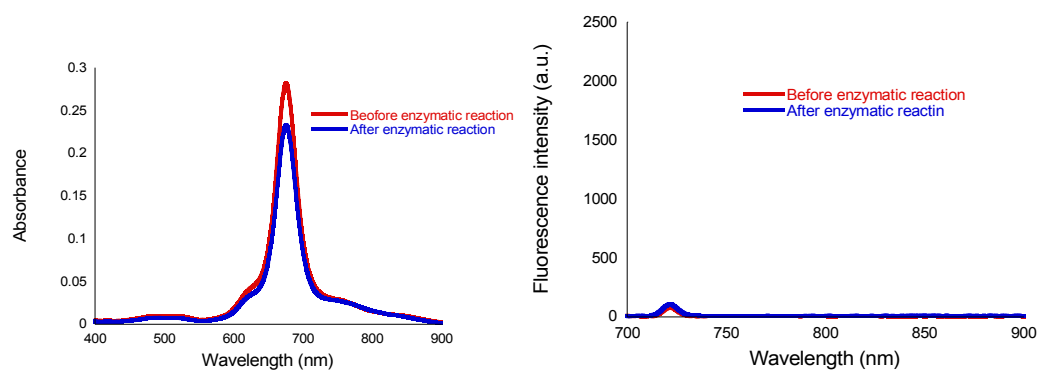


Figure S7. Absorption (left) and fluorescence (right) spectra of MMP probe **2** (final 1 μM) in TCN buffer containing 0.1% DMSO as a cosolvent. MT1-MMP catalytic domain (5 μg) was added and incubated for 2 hrs. Ex = 720 nm.

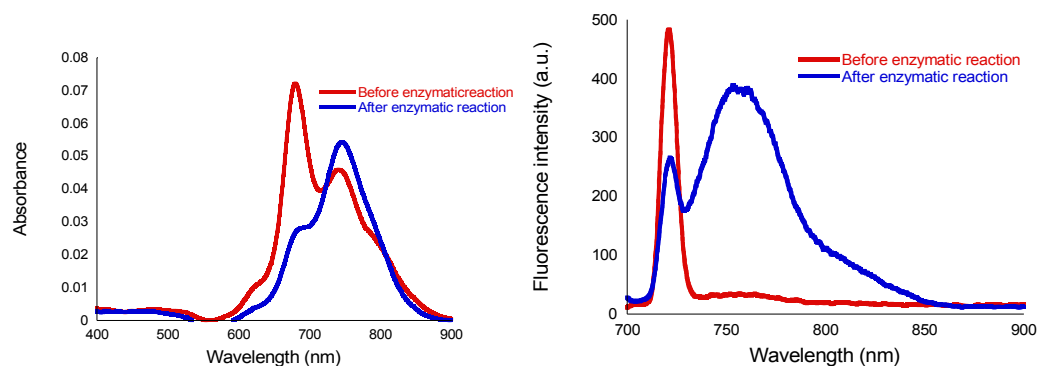


Figure S8. Absorption (left) and fluorescence (right) spectra of MMP probe **1** (final 1 μM) in TCNB buffer containing 0.1% DMSO as a cosolvent. MMP-9 catalytic domain (5 μg) was added to the solution and incubated for 2 hrs. Ex = 720 nm.

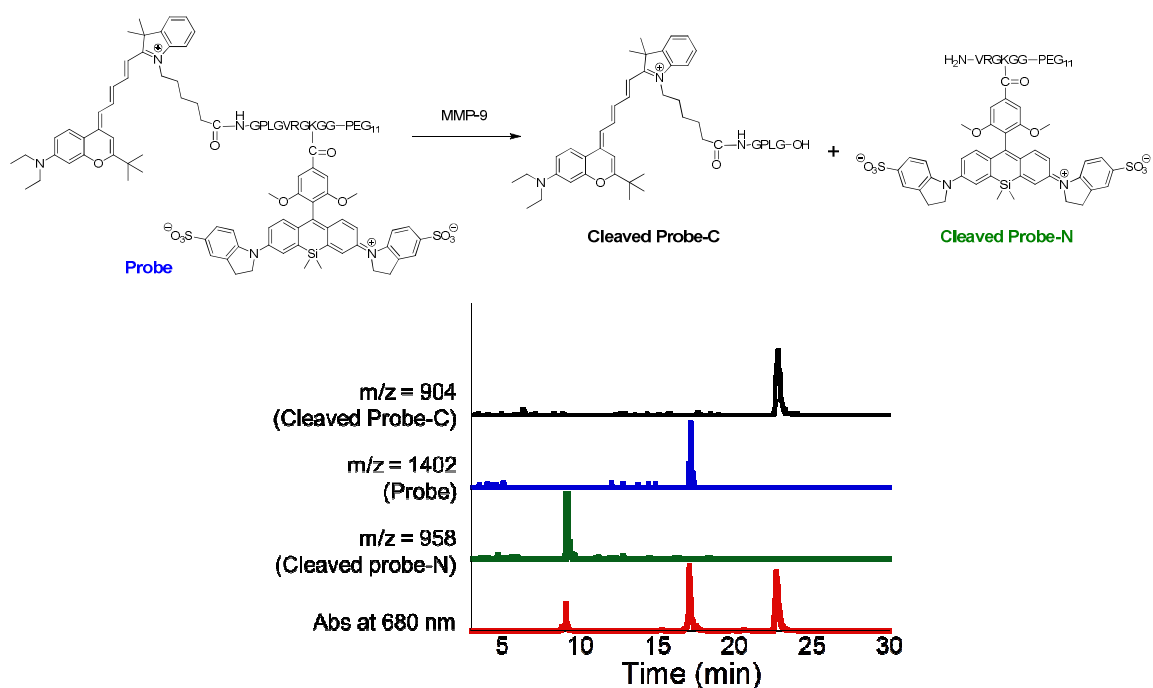


Figure S9. LC-MS chromatograms (lower) of the reaction mixture of MMP probe **1** incubated with MMP-9 for 18 hrs. The reaction scheme of MMP probe **1** with MMP-9 (upper) is also shown. The mass signals of Probe, Cleaved Probe-C and Cleaved Probe-N shown in the figure are $m/z = 1402$, 904 and 958 , respectively.

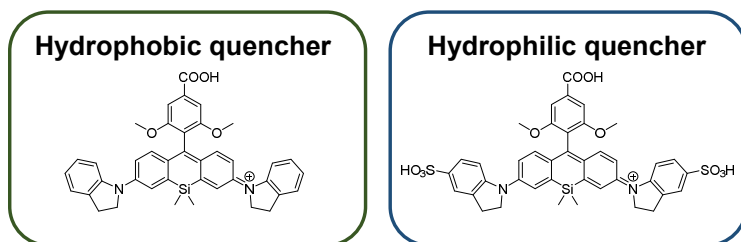


Figure S10. Chemical structures of hydrophobic (left) and hydrophilic (right) SiNQ780 derivatives, which can be selected for use as required.

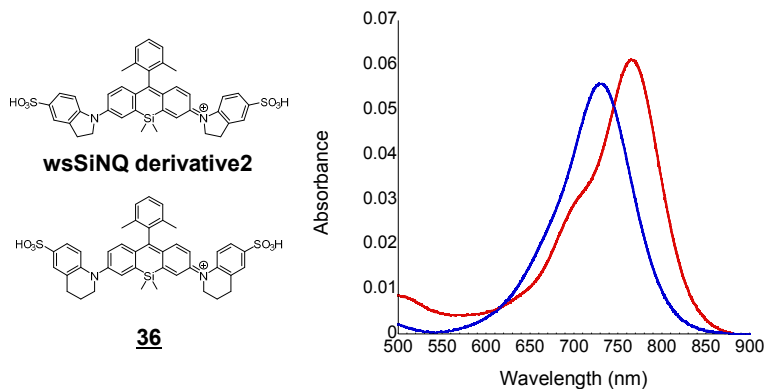


Figure S11. Absorption spectra of wsSiNQ780 derivative **2** (red) and **36** (blue) in PBS containing 0.1% DMSO as a cosolvent.

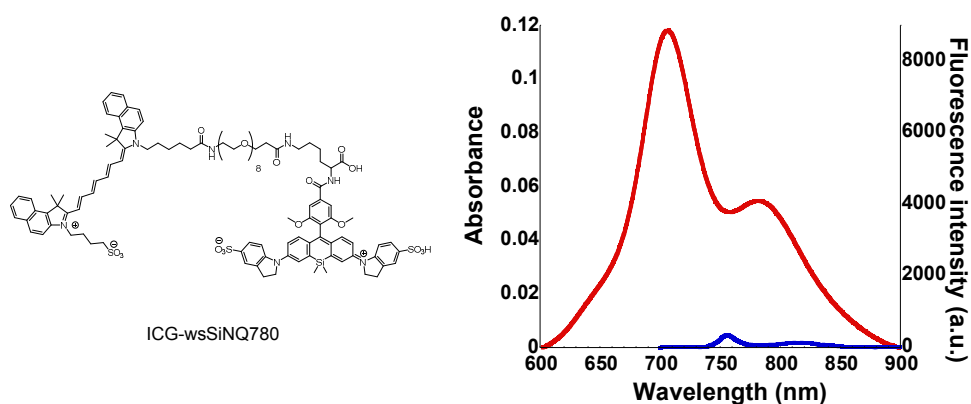


Figure S12. Chemical structure of ICG-wsSiNQ780 and its absorption (red) and fluorescence (blue) spectra in PBS containing 0.1% DMSO as a cosolvent. Excitation wavelength is 750 nm. ICG-wsSiNQ780 is almost non-fluorescent ($\Phi_{\text{FL}} = 0.001$). The fluorescence of ICG ($\Phi_{\text{FL}} = 0.13$ in DMSO) was highly quenched by wsSiNQ780.

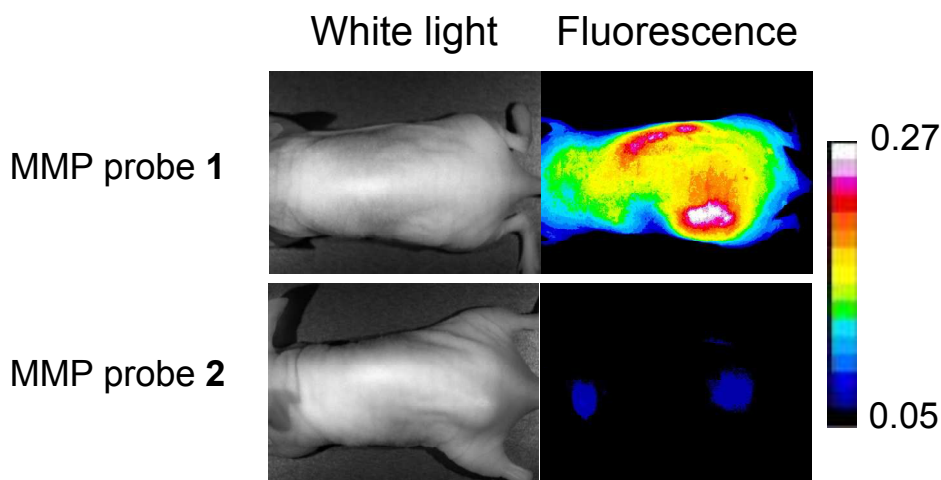


Figure S13. Fluorescence images of an HT-1080 tumor-bearing nude mouse injected with MMP probe **1** or **2** (100 μM in 100 μL PBS containing 1% DMSO as a cosolvent) via the tail vein.

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