# **Supporting Information**

#### Palladium-mediated Synthesis of a Near-IR Fluorescent K+ Sensor

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Effect of pH on the fluorescence response of  $K_{NIR}$ -1. A 15  $\mu$ L aliquot of a 2.8 mM  $K_{NIR}$ -1 stock solution was transferred to a quartz cuvette containing 3.0 mL of HEPES buffer solution to obtain a 14  $\mu$ M  $K_{NIR}$ -1 solution (0.5% vehicle concentration), and its fluorescence was recorded. A 30  $\mu$ L aliquot of a 0.50 M KCl stock solution was added to above solution to obtain a 5.0mM K<sup>+</sup> solution. The pH of the above solution was increased to 7.8 by adding 0.1 M NaOH (aq). The pH of the above solution was then adjusted to 7.0, 6.8 and 6.0 by adding 0.1 M HCl (aq). Fluorescence intensity of the solution was measured at each pH.

**Figure S1.** Effect of pH on fluorescence emission of  $K_{NIR}$ -1 (10 mM HEPES, 5 mM K<sup>+</sup>). The pH was adjusted by adding either 0.1 M HCl or 0.1 M NaOH.



Quantum yield of  $K_{NIR}$ -1. The fluorescence quantum yield  $(\Phi_f^i)$  was calculated according to equation 1, using the absorption factor  $f_x(\lambda_{ex})$  and the integrated fluorescence response  $F^x(\lambda_{em})$  of both sample (x = i) and standard (x = s). The refractive index of solvent for sample was assumed to be equal to that of standard  $(n_i = n_x)$ . The absorption factor  $f_x(\lambda_{ex})$ was calculated using equation 2 where  $A_x(\lambda_{ex})$  is the absorbance of sample (x = i) and standard (x = s) at the excitation wavelength.

A 9.3 mM stock solution of the fluorescence reference standard was prepared by dissolving 1.2 mg of oxazine-170 in 300  $\mu$ L of acetonitrile. The absorbance and fluorescence emission (630 – 800 nM; 620 nm excitation) of a 14  $\mu$ M oxazine-170 solution in 10 mM HEPES pH7.4 in the presence (200 mM) and absence (0 mM) of K<sup>+</sup>. The quantum yields for **K**<sub>NIR</sub>-1 for apo:  $\Phi = 0.0597 \pm 0.0003$  and K<sup>+</sup> bound:  $\Phi = 0.289 \pm 0.005$  were determined from three experiments  $\pm$  SEM. The vehicle (acetonitrile) concentration was 0.5% for all measurements.

**Cell culture and DNA transfections:** Chinese Hamster Ovary (CHO-K1) cells were cultured in F-12K nutrient mixture (Gibco – Invitrogen). All media was supplemented with 10% fetal bovine serum (Hyclone) and 102 U/mL penicillin/streptomycin (Gibco – Invitrogen). Cells were plated at 60-75% confluency in 35 mm dishes. After 24 h, cells were transiently transfected at RT with 1 μg of either empty plasmid DNA (pCDNA) or Shaker-IR DNA with 5 μL Lipofectamine (Invitrogen). Voltage-clamp fluorometry was performed 24 h post-transfection.



Figure S2. Synthesis of near-IR fluorescent  $K^+$  sensor,  $K_{NIR}$ -1



Figure S3. Synthesis of oxazine dyes and precursors for palladium-based coupling reactions

#### NMR spectra



## <sup>13</sup>C NMR of compound **2** in CDCl<sub>3</sub>





## <sup>1</sup>H NMR compound **4** in CDCl<sub>3</sub>



<sup>1</sup>H NMR of compound **7chloride** in CDCl<sub>3</sub>



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## <sup>1</sup>H NMR of compound **9** in MeOD



## <sup>13</sup>C NMR of compound **9** in MeOD







<sup>13</sup>C NMR of compound **11** in CDCl<sub>3</sub>







# <sup>13</sup>C NMR of compound **13** in CDCl<sub>3</sub>





 $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR of K<sub>NIR</sub>-1acetate in DMSO-d6

