

Electronic Supplementary Information for

## Deformylation Reaction-Based Probe for *in vivo* Imaging of HOCl

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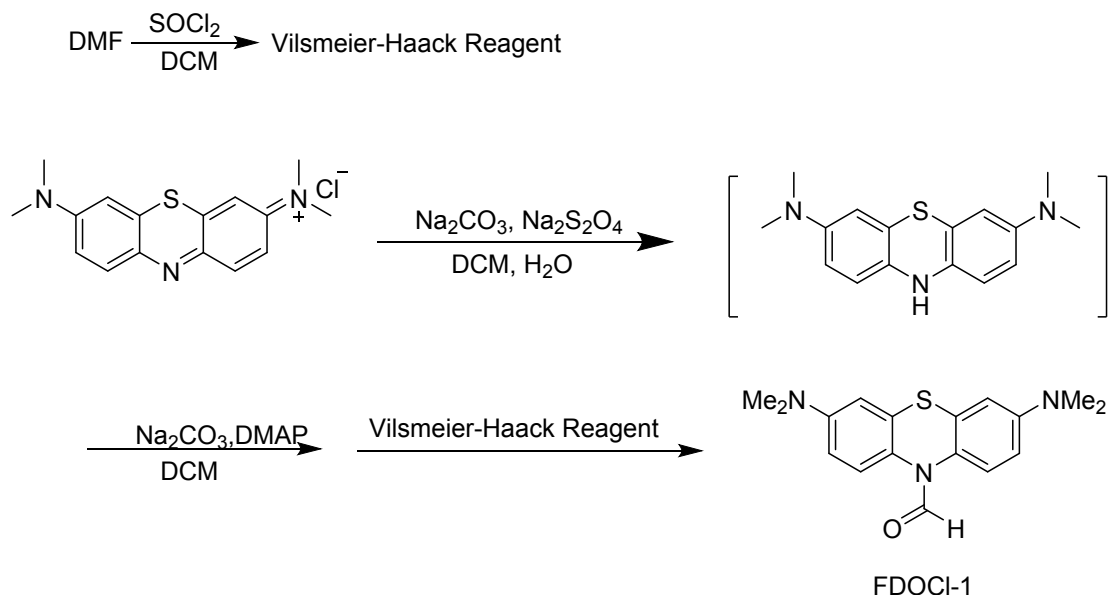
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## 1 Experiment Section

### 1.1 The synthesis of FDOCI-1



**Scheme S1.** The synthesis route of **FDOCI-1**.

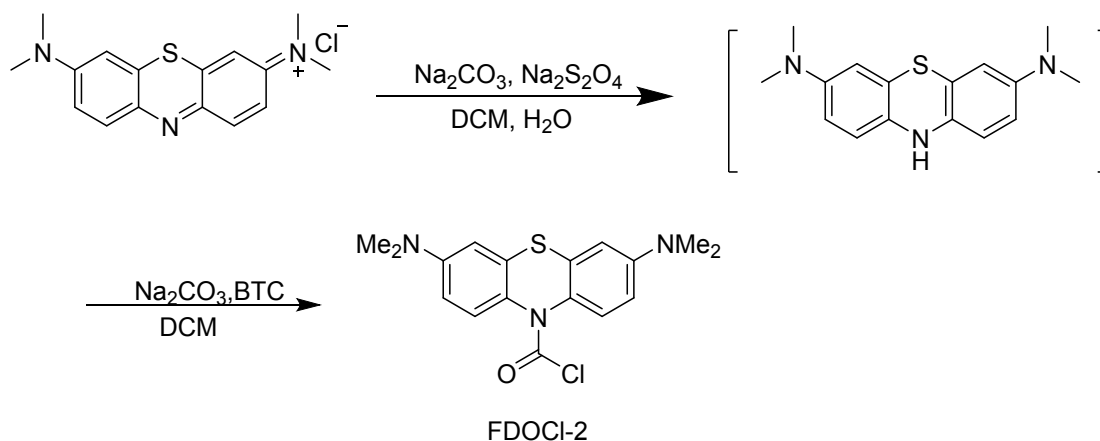
To a stirred solution of dried DMF (0.5 mL) in 10 mL dichloromethane, thionyl chloride (1.78 g, 15 mmol, 4.0 eq) dissolved in 5 mL dichloromethane was added dropwise at room temperature. After addition the mixture was stirred at 60°C under nitrogen atmosphere for 15 minutes and evaporated on a rotary evaporator to afford the Vilsmeier-Haack Reagent.

To a solution of methylene blue (1.12 g, 3.75 mmol, 1.0 eq) in 5 mL of water, dichloromethane (10 mL) and Na<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (1.59 g, 15.00 mmol, 4.0 eq) were added and the mixture was stirred at 40°C under nitrogen atmosphere. Sodium dithionite (2.61 g, 15.00 mmol, 4.0 eq) was dissolved in 5 mL water and injected to the solution directly using a syringe device. After addition the mixture was stirred at 40°C under nitrogen atmosphere until the solution became yellow (typically within 15-30 min). The dichloromethane layer was separated from water layer and dried with anhydrous sodium sulfate quickly. After sodium sulfate was removed by filtration, the solution was added dropwise to a mixture of Vilsmeier-Haack Reagent, DMAP (0.46 g, 3.75

mmol, 1.0 eq), Na<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (1.19 g, 11.25 mmol, 3.0 eq) in 5 mL dichloromethane. After addition the mixture was stirred in an ice-water bath for 1 h and then at room temperature until the reaction completed as indicated by TLC analysis.

Removing the undissolved substance by filtration, the solution was poured into 200 mL of ice-water while stirring, and the resulting mixture was extracted with 3 × 100 mL portions of ethyl acetate. The combined extracts were washed with brine, dried over anhydrous sodium sulfate and evaporated on a rotary evaporator to afford a solid residue, which was purified by column chromatography (ethyl acetate/n-hexane = 1/5) to yield **FDOCI-1** as a white solid. Yield 0.53 g, 45%. M. p. 192.8 ~ 193.8°C; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>) δ 8.52 (s, 1H), 7.42 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 7.29 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 6.75 (d, *J* = 2.8 Hz, 1H), 6.76 - 6.66 (m, 3H), 2.90 (s, 12H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>) δ 160.97, 149.11, 148.84, 130.23, 129.47, 126.64, 125.66, 124.53, 122.70, 111.21, 110.54, 110.11, 109.64, 40.19. HRMS (ESI): [M + H]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>20</sub>N<sub>3</sub>OS: 314.1322; found: 314.1319.

## 1.2 The synthesis of FDOCI-2

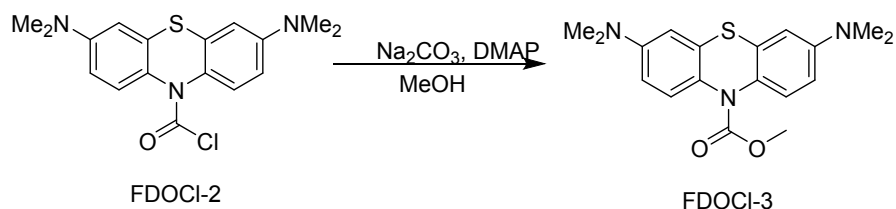


**Scheme S2.** The synthesis route of **FDOCI-2**.

To a solution of methylene blue (5.00 g, 15.63 mmol, 1.0 eq) in 50 mL of water, dichloromethane (25 mL) and Na<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (6.63 g, 62.52 mmol, 4.0 eq) were added and the mixture was stirred at 40°C under nitrogen atmosphere. Sodium dithionite (10.89 g, 62.52 mmol, 4 eq) dissolved in 70 mL water was injected to the solution directly

using a syringe device. After addition the mixture was stirred at 40°C under nitrogen atmosphere until the solution became yellow (typically within 15-30 min). The mixture was cooled with an ice-water bath, to which bis(trichloromethyl)carbonate (2.78 g, 9.38 mmol, 0.6 eq) in 20 mL of dichloromethane was added dropwise. After addition the mixture was stirred for another 1 h. The solution was poured into 200 mL of ice-water while stirring, and the resulting mixture was extracted with 3 × 100 mL portions of dichloromethane. The combined extracts were washed with brine, dried over anhydrous sodium sulfate and evaporated on a rotary evaporator then purified by column chromatography (ethyl acetate/n-hexane = 1/10) to yield **FDOCI-2** as a white solid. Yield 2.83 g, 52%. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>) δ 7.42 (d, *J* = 9.2 Hz, 2H), 6.78 (d, *J* = 2.8 Hz, 2H), 6.70 (dd, *J* = 8.8, 2.8 Hz, 2H), 2.92 (s, 12H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 149.97, 149.45, 134.09, 128.06, 110.85, 110.36, 77.37, 40.66. HRMS (ESI): [M + H]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>19</sub>ClN<sub>3</sub>OS: 348.0932; found: 348.0927.

### 1.3 The synthesis of **FDOCI-3**



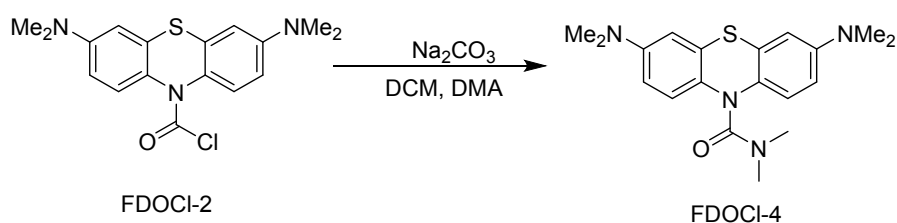
**Scheme S3.** The synthesis route of **FDOCI-3**.

**FDOCI-2** (1.0 g, 2.87 mmol, 1.0 eq), Na<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (0.91 g, 8.61 mmol, 3.0 eq), DMAP (0.35 g, 2.87 mmol, 1.0 eq) were dissolved in 10 mL of methanol and the resulting mixture was stirred in an ice-water bath until the reaction completed as indicated by TLC analysis which was conducted at 1 h intervals.

The reaction mixture was poured into 200 mL of ice-water while stirring, and was extracted with 3 × 100 mL portions of ethyl acetate. The combined extracts were washed with brine, dried over anhydrous sodium sulfate and evaporated on a rotary

evaporator to afford a solid residue, which was purified by column chromatography (ethyl acetate/petroleum ether = 1/5) to yield **FDOCI-3** as a white solid. Yield 0.59 g, 60%. M. p. 155.3 ~ 156.0°C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>) δ 7.30 (d, *J* = 8.4 Hz, 2H), 6.68 – 6.65 (m, 4H), 3.65 (s, 3H), 2.89 (s, 12H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>) δ 154.19, 148.60, 131.96, 127.61, 127.00, 110.94, 109.69, 53.03, 40.21. HRMS (ESI): [M + H]<sup>+</sup> calcd for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>22</sub>N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>2</sub>S: 344.1427; found: 344.1434.

#### 1.4 The synthesis of **FDOCI-4**



**Scheme S4.** The synthesis route of **FDOCI-4**.

**FDOCI-2** (1.0 g, 2.87 mmol, 1.0 eq), Na<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (0.91 g, 8.61 mmol, 3.0 eq) were dissolved in 10 mL of dichloromethane, the resulting mixture was stirred in an ice-water bath. Dimethylamine (0.52 g, 11.48 mmol, 4.0 eq) in 5 mL of dichloromethane was added dropwise. After addition, the mixture was stirred at room temperature until the reaction completed as indicated by TLC analysis which was conducted at 1 h intervals.

The reaction mixture was poured into 200 mL of ice-water while stirring, and the resulting mixture was extracted with 3 × 150 mL portions of ethyl acetate. The combined extracts were washed with brine, dried over anhydrous sodium sulfate and evaporated on a rotary evaporator to afford an oily residue, which was purified by column chromatography (ethyl acetate/petroleum ether = 1/5) to yield **FDOCI-4** as a white solid. Yield 0.36 g, 35%. M. p. 154.7 ~ 155.3°C. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>) δ 7.42 (d, *J* = 8.8 Hz, 2H), 6.68 (d, *J* = 2.8 Hz, 2H), 6.63 (dd, *J* = 8.8, 2.8 Hz, 2H), 2.86 (s, 12H), 2.64 (s, 6H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>) δ 157.98, 147.78, 131.11, 129.81, 122.85, 111.40, 110.44, 40.30, 37.49. HRMS (ESI): [M + H]<sup>+</sup> calcd for

$C_{19}H_{25}N_4OS$ : 357.1744; found: 357.1757.

## 2 Additional tables

**Table S1** Some recently published fluorescet probes based on different detection mechanism for HOCl imaging<sup>a</sup>

Detection mechanisms	Probes	Absorbance change	Detection limit/nM <sup>b</sup>	Sensitivity <sup>c</sup>	Selectivity <sup>d</sup>	In vivo application
Oxidation of substituted phenol analogues	HKOCl-1 <sup>1</sup>	--	--	1079-fold (1.0 equiv)	19-fold (10 $\mu$ M HOCl / 10 $\mu$ M ONOO <sup>-</sup> )	--
	HKOCl-2b <sup>2</sup>	2-fold decrease (10 $\mu$ M probe / 20 $\mu$ M HOCl)	18	908-fold (2.0 equiv)	>20-fold (10 $\mu$ M HOCl / 100 $\mu$ M ONOO <sup>-</sup> )	--
	HKOCl-3 <sup>3</sup>	Red shift <50nm	0.33	358-fold (1.0 equiv)	83-fold (100 $\mu$ M HOCl / 100 $\mu$ M ONOO <sup>-</sup> )	Fluorescent imaging of HOCl in live zebrafish embryos
	FCN2 <sup>4</sup>	--	6.68	1643.4-fold (3.3 equiv)	36-fold over ONOO <sup>-</sup> (5 $\mu$ M HOCl / 50 $\mu$ M ONOO <sup>-</sup> )	Fluorescent imaging of accumulated HOCl in specific organelles using a zebrafish model
Deoxygenation of luminescent oximes	Phenanthroimidazole-oxime <sup>5</sup>	Red shift > 20nm	--	9.8-fold (ratio, I509/I439, 30 equiv)	>5-fold (ratio, I509/I439, 300 $\mu$ M HOCl / 300 $\mu$ M H <sub>2</sub> O <sub>2</sub> )	--
	Flu-1 <sup>6</sup>	--	--	61-fold (20 equiv)	>20-fold (20 $\mu$ M HOCl / 40 $\mu$ M H <sub>2</sub> O <sub>2</sub> )	--
	BOD-OXINE <sup>7</sup>	--	17.7	9-fold (50 equiv)	>5-fold (100 $\mu$ M HOCl / 100 $\mu$ M H <sub>2</sub> O <sub>2</sub> )	--

					ONOO <sup>-</sup> )	
	HCH <sup>8</sup>	Blue shift 6 nm	58	14.1-fold (25 equiv)	>10-fold (250 μM HOCl / 250 μM •OH)	--
Chlorination of thioesters or amides	Cou-Rho-HOCl <sup>9</sup>	> 200-fold increase (5 μM probe / 30 equiv HOCl)	52	> 50-fold (ratio, 1594/1473, 30 equiv)	>10-fold (ratio, 1594/1473, 5 μM HOCl / 5 equiv •OH )	--
	Ru-Fc <sup>10</sup>	--	38.6	60-fold (6.0 equiv)	>20-fold (60 μM HOCl / 60 μM •OH)	Fluorescent imaging of HOCl in daphnia magna and zebrafish
	R19-S <sup>11, 12</sup>	--	--	> 50-fold (1.0 equiv)	>20-fold (10 μM HOCl / 200 μM •OH)	Fluorescent imaging of intestinal HOCl production in the drosophila system
	FBS <sup>13</sup>	>5-fold increase (2 μM probe / 20 μM HOCl)	200	> 50-fold (9.5 equiv)	>20-fold (19 μM HOCl / 22 μM ONOO <sup>-</sup> )	Fluorescent imaging of intestinal HOCl production in the drosophila system
Oxidation of thioethers to sulfonates or selenides to selenoxides	HySO <sub>x</sub> <sup>14</sup>	>10-fold increase (5 μM probe / 5 μM HOCl)	--	> 50-fold (2.5 equiv)	10-fold over •OH (5 μM HOCl / 100 μM)	--
	MMSiR <sup>15</sup>	>10-fold increase (5 μM probe / 5 μM HOCl)	--	> 50-fold (1.0 equiv)	>20-fold (5 μM HOCl / 5 μM ONOO <sup>-</sup> )	Fluorescent imaging of HOCl generation in a PMA induced mouse peritonitis model
	MITO-TP <sup>16</sup>	--	17.2	634-fold (20.0 equiv)	>50-fold (100 μM HOCl / 100 μM	Fluorescent imaging



					ONOO <sup>-</sup> )	of LPS-dependent HOCl generation in inflammation tissues
	LYSO-TP <sup>16</sup>	--	19.6	610-fold (20.0 equiv)	>50-fold (100 μM HOCl / 100 μM ONOO <sup>-</sup> )	Fluorescent imaging of LPS-dependent HOCl generation in inflammation tissues
	CM1 <sup>17</sup>	>5-fold increase (4 μM probe / 100 μM HOCl)	10	> 50-fold (7.0 equiv)	>20-fold (100 μM HOCl / 200 μM ONOO <sup>-</sup> )	--
	PIS <sup>18</sup>	Blue shift 42 nm	71	> 5-fold (5.0 equiv)	>5-fold (10 μM HOCl / 200 μM ·OH)	Fluorescent imaging of HOCl using fresh rat hippocampal slice
	SeCy7 <sup>19</sup>	--	310	19.4-fold (2.0 equiv)	4.8-fold over <sup>1</sup> O <sub>2</sub> (30 μM HOCl / 600 μM ·OH)	Fluorescent imaging of LPS and PMA induced HOCl production in living mice
	NI-Se <sup>20</sup>	--	586	> 10-fold (10.0 equiv)	> 10-fold (100 μM HOCl / 200 μM ONOO <sup>-</sup> )	Fluorescent imaging of LPS induced HOCl production in living mice
	FO-PSe <sup>21</sup>	--	350	> 10-fold (1.0 equiv)	> 10-fold (10 μM HOCl / 100 μM ONOO <sup>-</sup> )	Fluorescent imaging of HOCl in zebrafish and mice

	PFOBT <sub>36</sub> SeT BT <sub>5</sub> Pdots <sup>22</sup>	Blue shift 42 nm	500	40-fold (ratio, I540/I680, 250 μM HOCl)	>6-fold (100 μM HOCl / 1 mM ·OH)	Fluorescent imaging of LPS-induced HOCl generation in peritonitis of living mice
Cleavage of carbon- carbon double bonds	9-AEF <sup>23</sup>	>3-fold decrease (100 μM probe / 500 μM HOCl)	300	160-fold (1.0 equiv)	>100-fold ·OH (100 μM HOCl /100 μM)	--
	hCy3- csUCNP:Nd <sup>24</sup>	>10-fold decrease (probe 0.1 mg mL <sup>-1</sup> / 20 μM HOCl at 550 nm)	500	>5-fold probe 0.1 mg mL <sup>-1</sup> / 20 μM at 550 nm	>5-fold ·OH (20 μM HOCl /20 μM ·OH)	Fluorescent imaging of λ-carrageenan induced HOCl generation in mouse model of arthritis
Deformylation reaction (this work)	FDOCl-1	577-fold increase (10 μM probe / 25 μM HOCl)	UV: 3.98 nM; FL: 2.62 nM	2068-fold (2.5 equiv)	313-fold ·OH (25 μM HOCl /100 μM ·OH)	Fluorescent and naked eye imaging of λ-carrageenan induced HOCl generation in mouse model of arthritis

<sup>a</sup> If no actual data were provided in the references, data were estimated according to the original published figures.

<sup>b</sup> Reported detection limit provided in the references.

<sup>c</sup> Fluorescence intensity or emission ratio changes before and after treated with HOCl.

<sup>d</sup> Fluorescence intensity or emission ratio changes before and after treated with HOCl.

**Table S2** Crystal data and structure refinement details for **FDOCI-1** and **FDOCI-4**

	<b>FDOCI-1</b>	<b>FDOCI-4</b>
Identification code	mo_51231ba	mo_70223a
Empirical formula	C17 H19 N3 O S	C19 H24 N4 O S
Formula weight	313.41	356.48
Temperature	296(2) K	223(2) K
Wavelength	0.71073 Å	0.71073 Å
Crystal system	Monoclinic	Monoclinic
Space group	P 21/c	P2 <sub>1</sub> /n
Unit cell dimensions	a = 16.166(4) Å	a = 5.9414(11) Å
	b = 8.073(2) Å	b = 15.879(3) Å
	c = 12.176(3) Å	c = 19.207(4) Å
Volume	1566.1(7) Å <sup>3</sup>	1807.4(6) Å <sup>3</sup>
Z	4	4
Density (calculated)	1.329 Mg/m <sup>3</sup>	1.310 Mg/m <sup>3</sup>
Absorption coefficient	0.212 mm <sup>-1</sup>	0.194 mm <sup>-1</sup>
F(000)	664	760
Crystal size	0.480 x 0.080 x 0.040 mm <sup>3</sup>	0.380 x 0.280 x 0.080 mm <sup>3</sup>
Theta range for data collection	2.557 to 27.411°	1.666 to 27.613°
Index ranges	-20 ≤ h ≤ 20, -10 ≤ k ≤ 8, -15 ≤ l ≤ 15	-7 ≤ h ≤ 7, -20 ≤ k ≤ 20, -15 ≤ l ≤ 24
Reflections collected	10950	13232
Independent reflections	3538 [R(int) = 0.0440]	4176 [R(int) = 0.0532]
Completeness to theta = 25.242°	99.4 %	99.5 %
Absorption correction	Semi-empirical from equivalents	Semi-empirical from equivalents
Max. and min. transmission	0.746 and 0.690	0.956 and 0.860
Refinement method	Full-matrix least-squares on F <sup>2</sup>	Full-matrix least-squares on F <sup>2</sup>
Data / restraints / parameters	3538 / 0 / 203	4176 / 0 / 233
Goodness-of-fit on F <sup>2</sup>	1.005	1.010
Final R indices [I > 2σ(I)]	R1 = 0.0433, wR2 = 0.1016	R1 = 0.0461, wR2 = 0.0991
R indices (all data)	R1 = 0.0836, wR2 = 0.1188	R1 = 0.0791, wR2 = 0.1139
Extinction coefficient	n/a	0.0098(12)
Largest diff. peak and hole	0.191 and -0.202 e.Å <sup>-3</sup>	0.257 and -0.236 e.Å <sup>-3</sup>
Max. and min. transmission	0.746 and 0.690	--

**Table S3** Fluorescence responses of **FDOCI-1** (10  $\mu\text{M}$ ) toward different concentration of HOCl

Concentration ( $\mu\text{M}$ )	Fluorescence Intensity
0	17
1	1324
5	9759
10	22090
25	35150

**Table S4** Fluorescence responses of **FDOCI-1** (10  $\mu\text{M}$ ) toward various ROS/RNS

	Concentration ( $\mu\text{M}$ )	Fluorescence Intensity
$\text{H}_2\text{O}_2$	25	<35
	50	<35
	100	<35
$\text{O}_2^-$	25	<35
	50	<35
	100	<35
t-BuOOH	25	<35
	50	<35
	100	<35
$\cdot\text{OH}$	25	<35
	50	39.5
	100	112.3
NO	25	<35
	50	<35
	100	<35
$\text{ONOO}^-$	25	<35
	50	<35
	100	<35
$\text{ROO}\cdot$	25	<35
	50	<35
	100	<35
t-BuOO $\cdot$	25	37.25
	50	62.25
	100	103.5

**Table S5** Absorbance changes of **FDOCI-1** (10  $\mu\text{M}$ ) toward different concentration of HOCl

Concentration ( $\mu\text{M}$ )	Absorbance
0	0.001
1	0.118
5	0.22
10	0.322
25	0.577
35	0.696

**Table S6** Absorbance changes of **FDOCI-1** (10  $\mu\text{M}$ ) toward various ROS/RNS

	Concentration ( $\mu\text{M}$ )	Absorbance
$\text{H}_2\text{O}_2$	25	<0.005
	50	<0.005
	100	<0.005
$\text{O}_2^-$	25	<0.005
	50	<0.005
	100	<0.005
t-BuOOH	25	<0.005
	50	<0.005
	100	<0.005
$\cdot\text{OH}$	25	<0.005
	50	<0.005
	100	0.013
$\text{NO}\cdot$	25	<0.005
	50	<0.005
	100	<0.005
$\text{ONOO}^-$	25	<0.005
	50	<0.005
	100	<0.005
$\text{ROO}\cdot$	25	<0.005
	50	<0.005
	100	<0.005
t-BuOO $\cdot$	25	<0.005
	50	0.006
	100	0.01

**Table S7** Other Photophysical Parameters of **FDOCI-1** before and after treated with HOCl<sup>a</sup>

	$\epsilon^b$ (M <sup>-1</sup> cm <sup>-1</sup> )	$\Phi^c$	Brightness <sup>d</sup> (M <sup>-1</sup> cm <sup>-1</sup> )
<b>FDOCI-1</b> (10 $\mu$ M)	100	-	-
<b>FDOCI-1</b> (10 $\mu$ M) + HOCl (25 $\mu$ M) <sup>e</sup>	57,700	0.02	1154

<sup>a</sup> The data was recorded in sodium phosphate buffer (10 mM, pH 7.2, 0.1% EtOH)

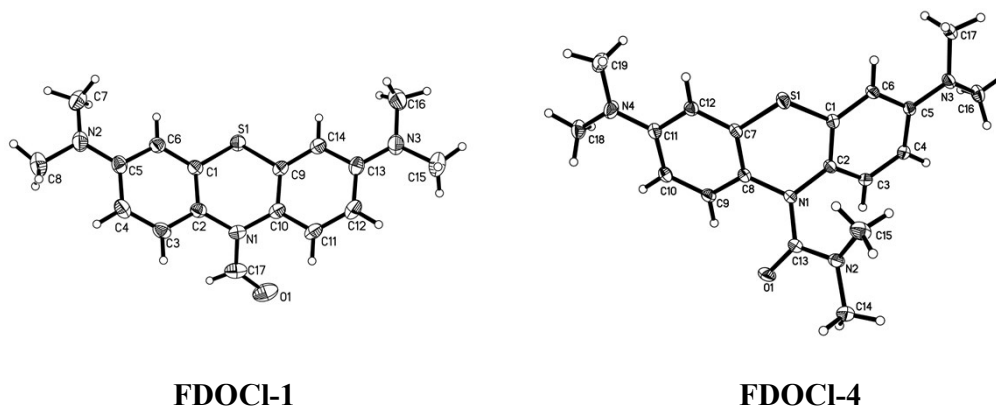
<sup>b</sup> Molar absorption coefficient at 664 nm

<sup>c</sup>  $\Phi$ : absolute fluorescence quantum yield

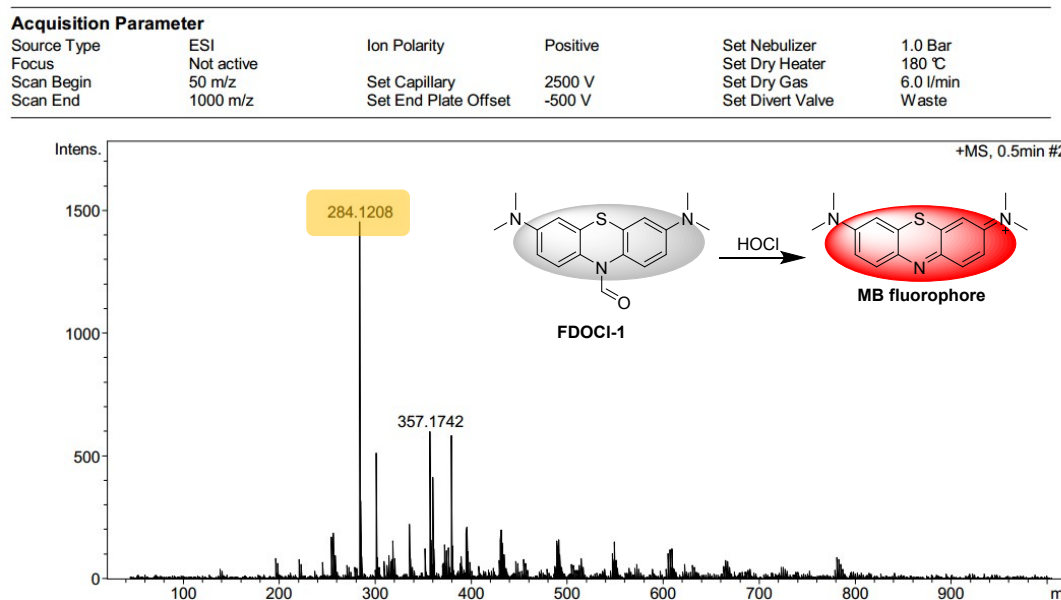
<sup>d</sup> Brightness =  $\epsilon \times \Phi$ , at 664 nm<sup>25</sup>

<sup>e</sup> The data was recorded after 5 min

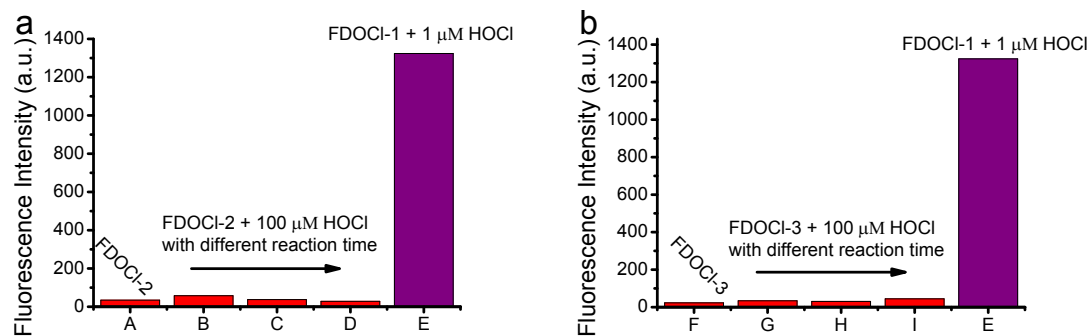
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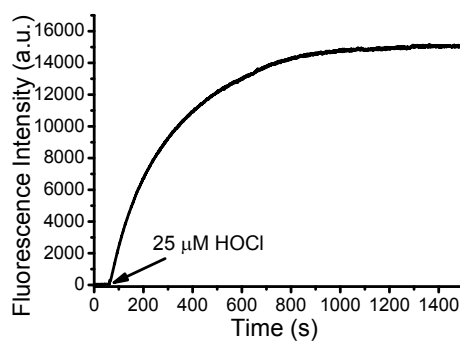
**Fig. S1** Crystal structure of **FDOCI-1** and **FDOCI-4**



**Fig. S2** HRMS analysis of **FDOCI-1** after reacted with **HOCl**

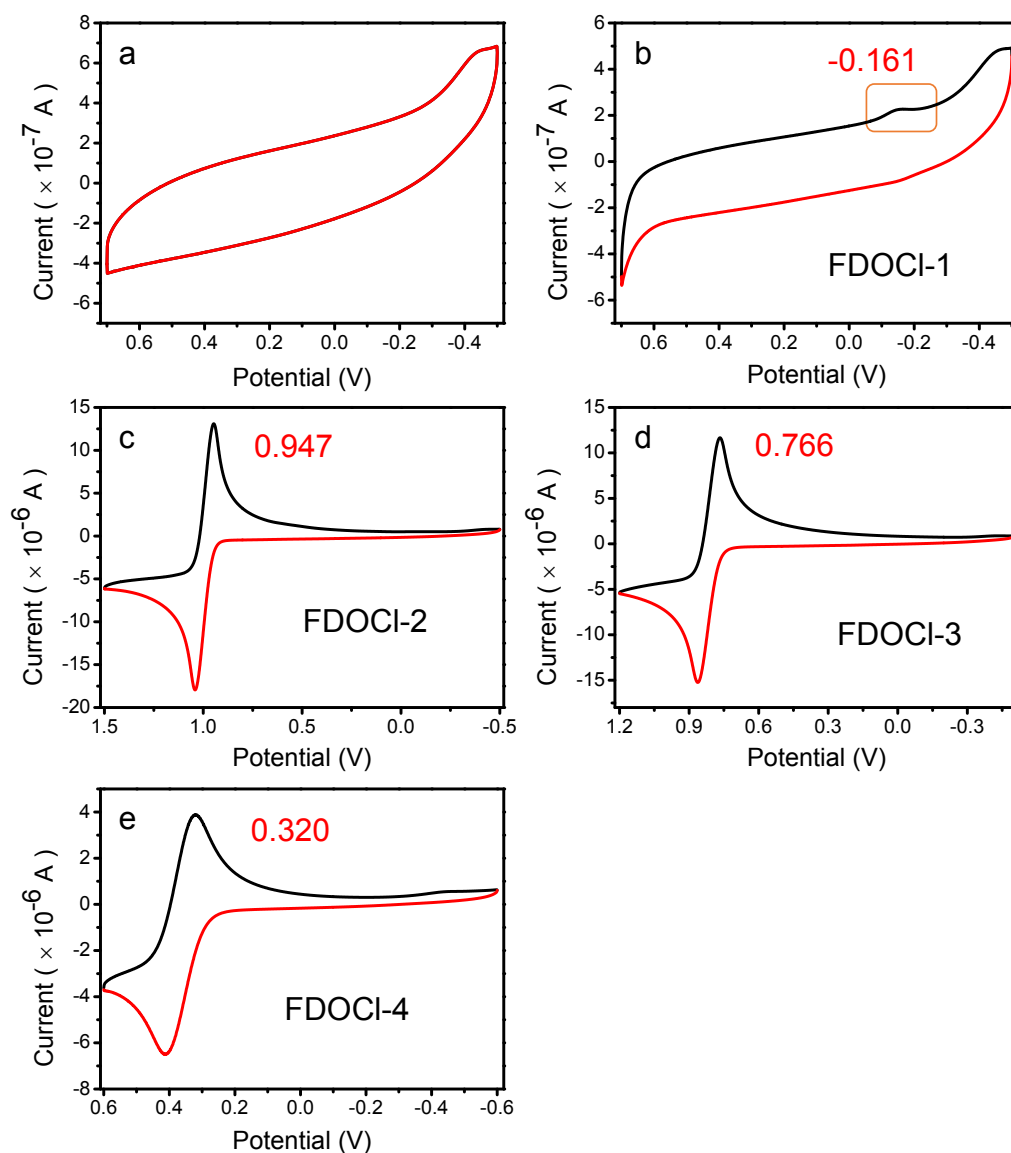


**Fig. S3** Fluorescence intensity change at 686 nm of (a) **FDOCI-2** and (b) **FDOCI-3** after adding 100 μM HOCl with different reaction time compared with **FDOCI-1** (A: **FDOCI-2** only; from B to D: **FDOCI-2** + 100 μM HOCl for 30 min, 60 min, 120 min; F: **FDOCI-3** only; from G to I: **FDOCI-3** + 100 μM HOCl for 30 min, 60 min, 120 min; E: **FDOCI-1** + 1 μM HOCl; probes using 10 μM; sodium phosphate buffer (PBS), 10 mM, pH 7.2, 0.1% EtOH;  $\lambda_{\text{ex}} = 620$  nm)

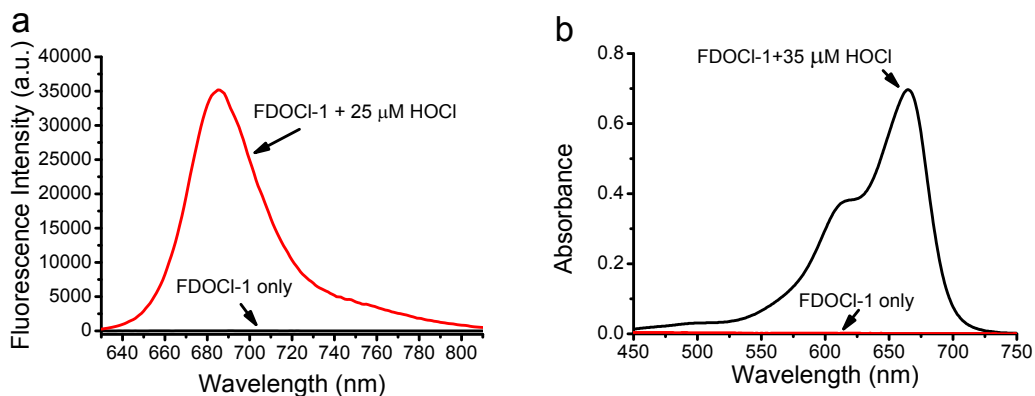


**Fig. S4** Fluorescence intensity changes at 684 nm of **FDOCI-4** (10 μM) after adding HOCl (25 μM) with different reaction time (PBS, 10 mM, pH 7.2, 0.1% EtOH;  $\lambda_{\text{ex}} = 620$  nm).

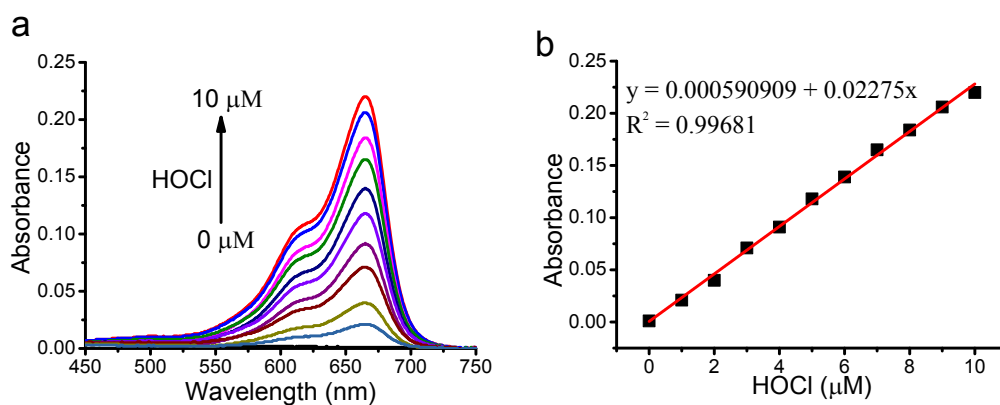




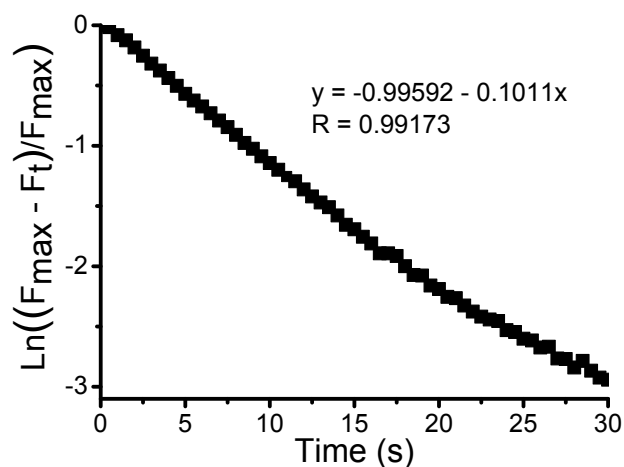
**Fig. S5** Cyclic voltammograms of (a) dichloromethane (DCM), (b) **FDOCI-1**, (c) **FDOCI-2**, (d) **FDOCI-3** and (e) **FDOCI-4** in DCM medium. (Electrolyte: 0.1 M TBAPF6. Scan rate = 0.05V/s; initial scanning direction: from positive potential to negative potential; concentration  $c = 1$  mM for each compounds)



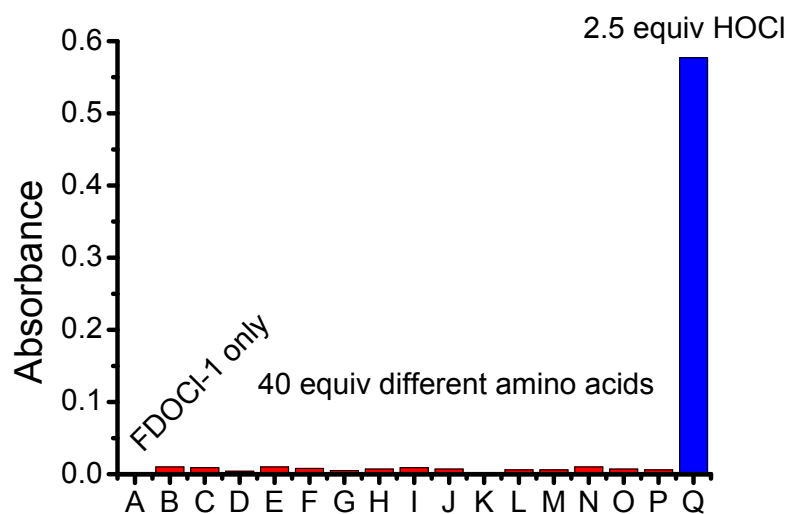
**Fig. S6** (a) Fluorescence spectra of **FDOCI-1** (10  $\mu\text{M}$ ) before/after adding 25  $\mu\text{M}$  HOCl with an excitation at 620 nm. (b) Absorption spectra of **FDOCI-1** (10  $\mu\text{M}$ ) before/after adding 35  $\mu\text{M}$  HOCl. (The data was recorded after 5 min in PBS (10 mM, pH 7.2, 0.1% EtOH);  $\lambda_{\text{ex}} = 620$  nm).



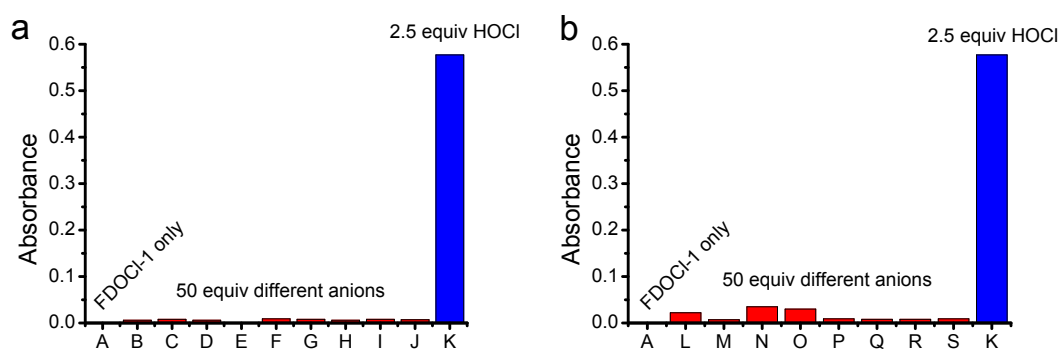
**Fig. S7** (a) Absorption spectra and (b) absorbance changes at 664 nm of **FDOCI-1** (10  $\mu\text{M}$ ) with increasing concentrations of HOCl. (The data was recorded after 5 min in PBS (10 mM, pH 7.2, 0.1% EtOH))



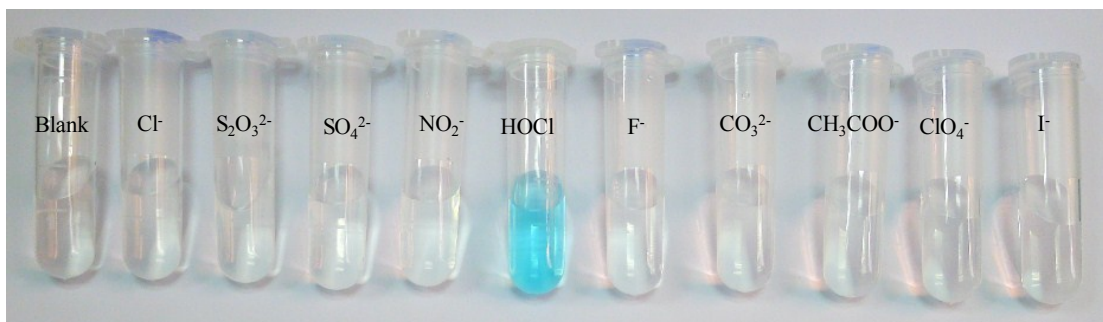
**Fig. S8** Pseudo-first-order kinetic plot of the reaction of 10  $\mu\text{M}$  **FDOCI-1** to 25  $\mu\text{M}$  HOCl (PBS, 10 mM, pH 7.2, 0.1% EtOH;  $\lambda_{\text{ex}} = 620$  nm). Slope = -0.1011.



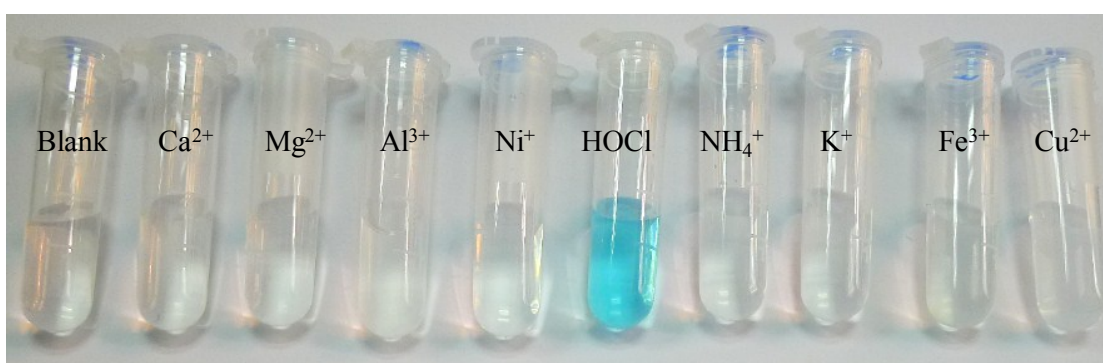
**Fig. S9** Absorbance at 664 nm of **FDOCl-1** (10  $\mu$ M) after adding various amino acids. From A to Q: Blank, Leu, Pro, Gly, Gln, Glu, Met, Lys, Trp, Ser, Thr, Asp, Ile, Val, His, Ala, HOCl. (The data was recorded after 5 min in PBS (10 mM, pH 7.2, 0.1% EtOH))



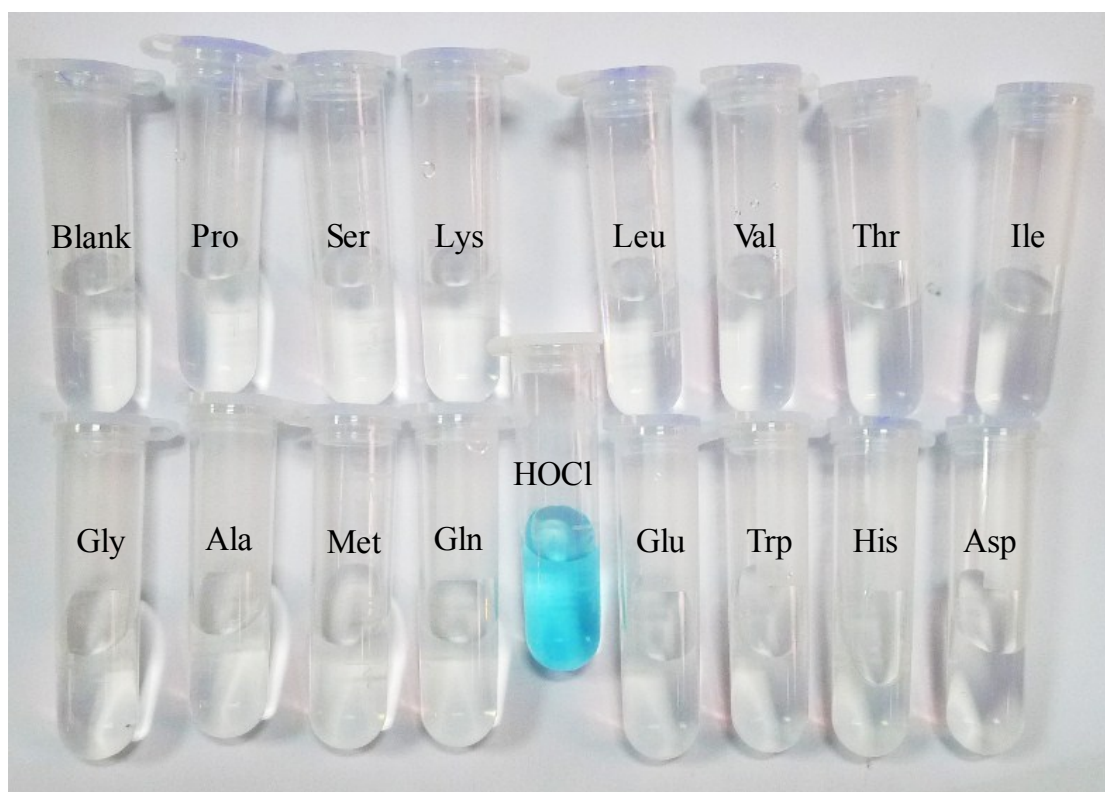
**Fig. S10** (a and b) Absorbance at 664 nm of **FDOCl-1** (10  $\mu$ M) after adding various anions/cations. From A to K: Blank,  $\text{CH}_3\text{COO}^-$ ,  $\text{CO}_3^{2-}$ ,  $\text{SO}_4^{2-}$ ,  $\text{Cl}^-$ ,  $\text{ClO}_4^-$ ,  $\text{F}^-$ ,  $\text{I}^-$ ,  $\text{NO}_2^-$ ,  $\text{S}_2\text{O}_3^{2-}$ , HOCl; from L to S:  $\text{Al}^{3+}$ ,  $\text{Ca}^{2+}$ ,  $\text{Cu}^{2+}$ ,  $\text{Fe}^{3+}$ ,  $\text{K}^+$ ,  $\text{Mg}^{2+}$ ,  $\text{NH}_4^+$ ,  $\text{Ni}^+$ . (The data was recorded after 5 min in PBS (10 mM, pH 7.2, 0.1% EtOH))



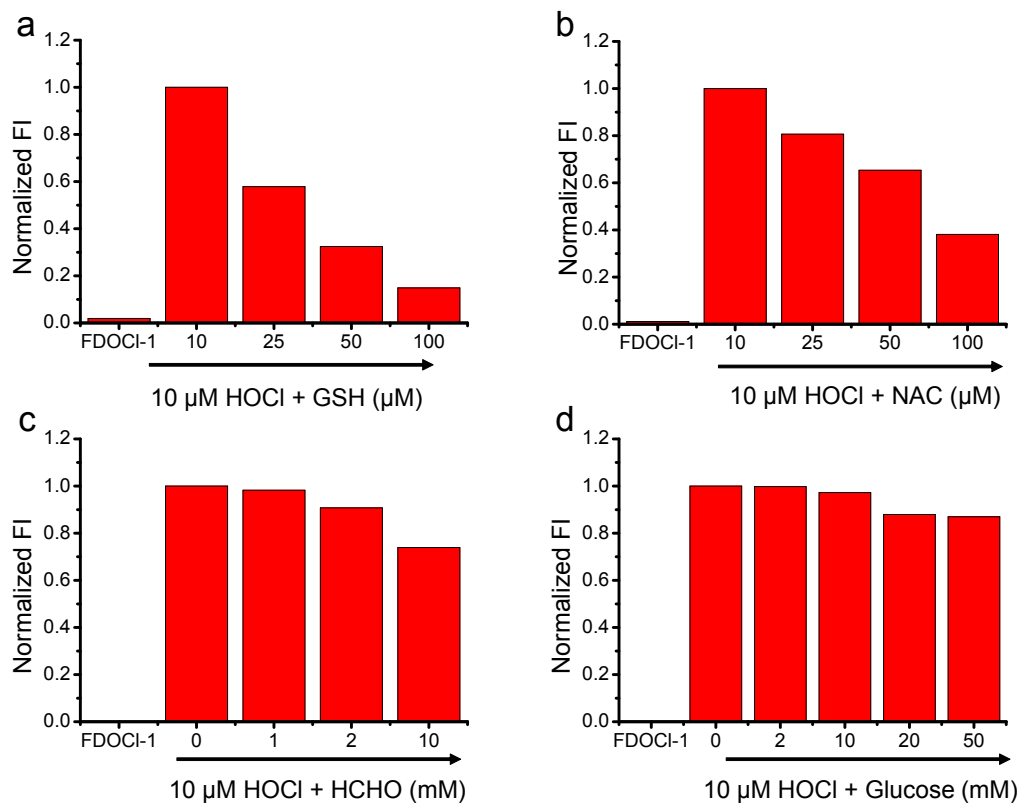
**Fig. S11** Colour changes of **FDOCI-1** (10 μM) after adding different anions. (PBS 10 mM, pH 7.2, 0.1% EtOH)



**Fig. S12** Colour changes of **FDOCI-1** (10 μM) after adding different cations. (PBS, 10 mM, pH 7.2, 0.1% EtOH)

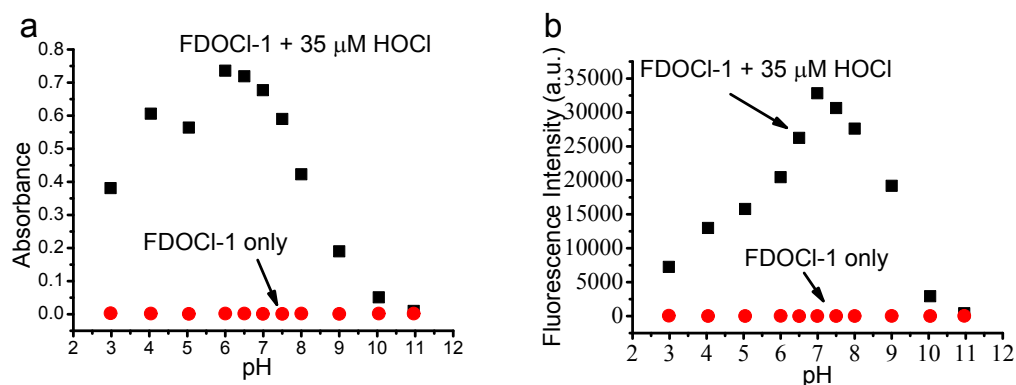


**Fig. S13** Colour changes of **FDOCI-1** (10  $\mu\text{M}$ ) after adding various amino acids. (PBS, 10 mM, pH 7.2, 0.1% EtOH)

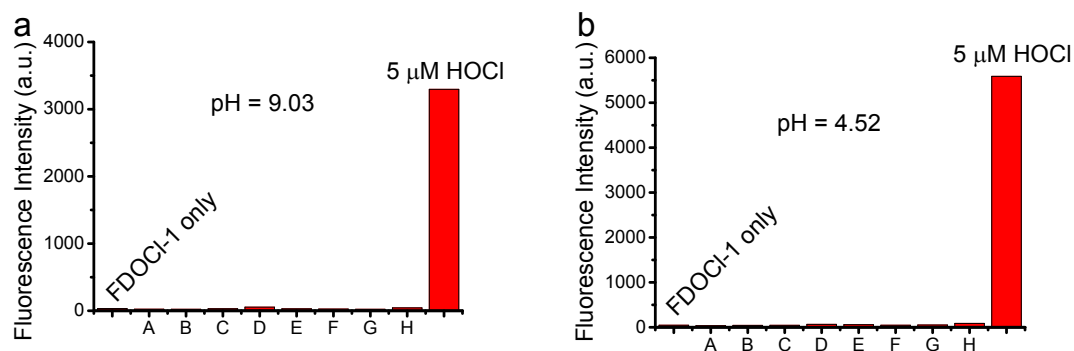


**Fig. S14** Fluorescence intensity of **FDOCI-1** (10  $\mu\text{M}$ ) at 686 nm toward **HOCl** (10  $\mu\text{M}$ ) in the present of sulfhydryl compounds (a) GSH; (B) NAC and aldehydes (c)

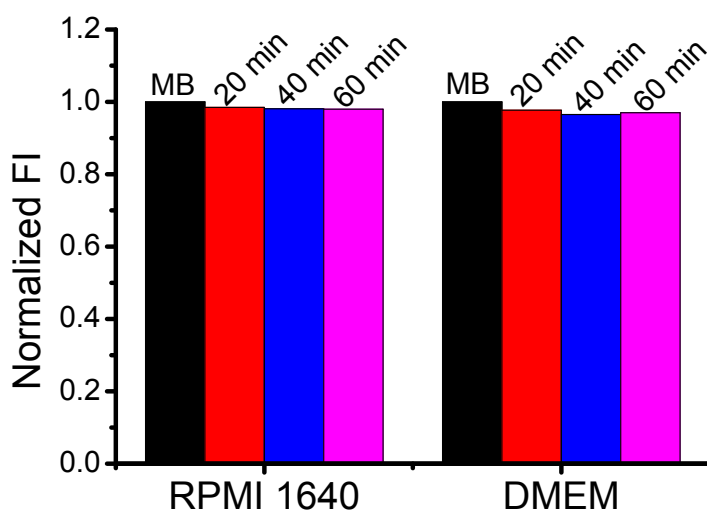
HCHO; (d) Glucose. (The data was recorded after 5 min in sodium phosphate buffer (10 mM, pH 7.2, 0.1% EtOH);  $\lambda_{\text{ex}} = 620 \text{ nm}$ )



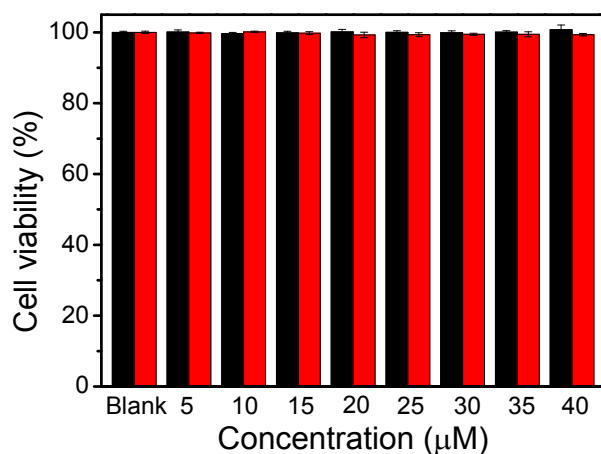
**Fig. S15** (a) Fluorescence intensity at 686 nm and (b) absorption strength at 664 nm of **FDOCI-1** (10  $\mu\text{M}$ ) changes with different pH before and after treated with 35  $\mu\text{M}$  HOCl. (The data was recorded after 5 min in PBS (10 mM, 0.1% EtOH);  $\lambda_{\text{ex}} = 620 \text{ nm}$ )



**Fig. S16** Fluorescence intensity of **FDOCI-1** (10  $\mu\text{M}$ ) at 686 nm after adding various ROS/RNS (50  $\mu\text{M}$ ) in the pH value of (a) 9.03 and (b) 4.52. From A to H:  $\text{H}_2\text{O}_2$ ,  $\text{O}_2^-$ , NO,  $\cdot\text{OH}$ ,  $\text{ONOO}^-$ ,  $\text{ROO}\cdot$ , t-BuOOH, t-BuOO $\cdot$ . (The data was recorded after 5 min in PBS (10 mM, 0.1% EtOH);  $\lambda_{\text{ex}} = 620 \text{ nm}$ )

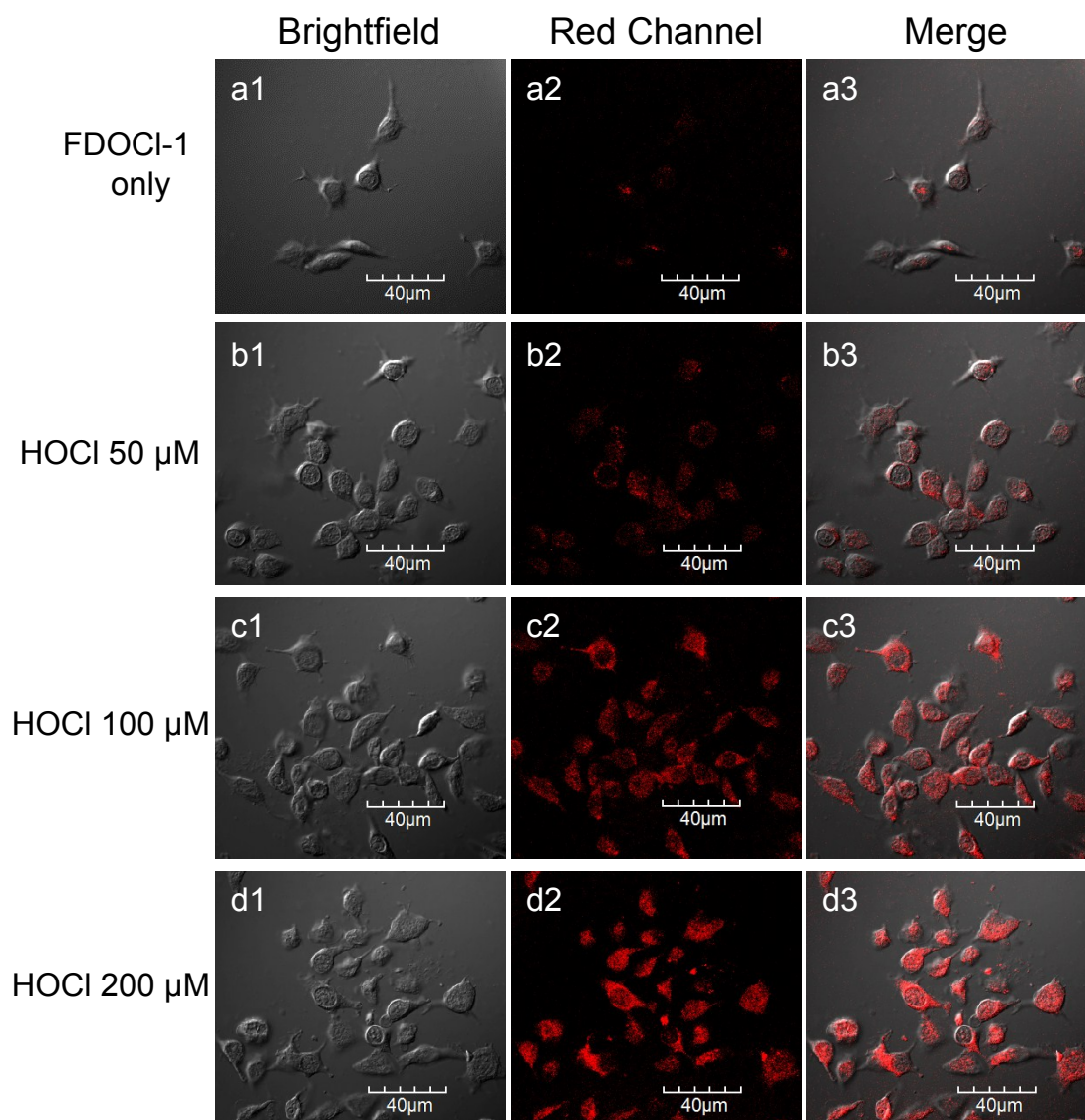


**Fig. S17** Fluorescence intensity changes at 686 nm of methylene blue (10  $\mu\text{M}$ ), before (black)/after adding 200  $\mu\text{M}$  HOCl for different time (red: 20 min; blue: 40 min; magenta: 60 min) in Dulbecco's modified essential medium (RPMI 1640) and Dulbecco's Modified Eagle's medium (DMEM). ( $\lambda_{\text{ex}} = 620 \text{ nm}$ )



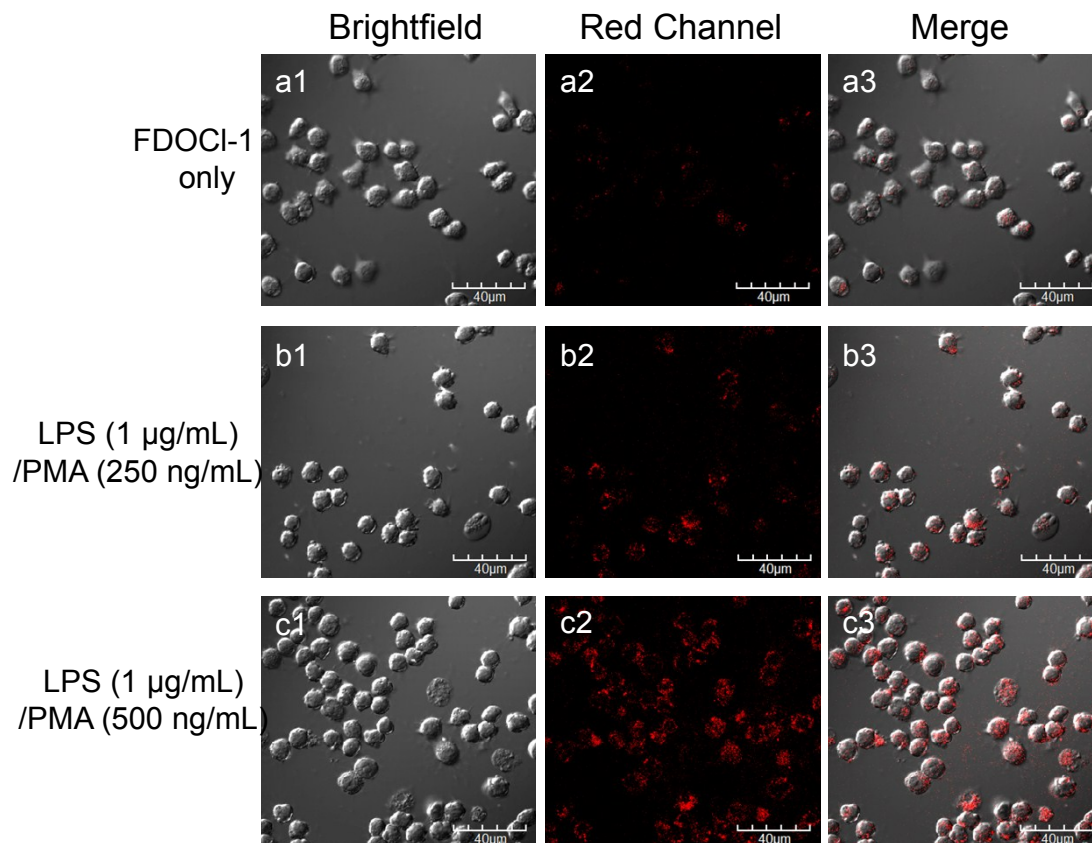
**Fig. S18** The cell viability of **FDOCI-1** at different concentration (0, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35, 40  $\mu\text{M}$ ) in RAW 264.7 macrophages cells for 6 h (black) and 12 h (red) measured by MTT assay.



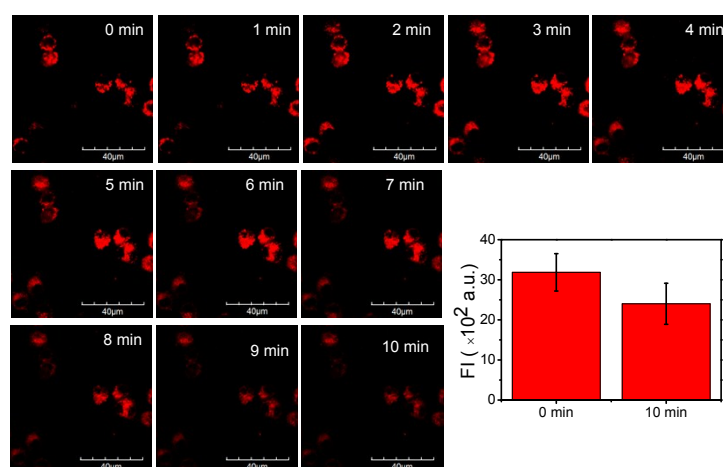


**Fig. S19** GLSM images of live RAW 264.7 macrophages. (a1, a2, a3) Cells were incubated with **FDOCI-1** (10 µM) for 60 min and washed by PBS buffer. Cells were preincubated with **FDOCI-1** (10 µM) for 60 min, washed by PBS buffer and incubated with HOCl (50 µM: b1, b2, b3; 100 µM: c1, c2, c3; 200 µM: d1, d2, d3) for 10 min. (CLSM imaging was performed on an Olympus FV1000 confocal scanning system with a 60×immersion objective lens. Red channel:  $700 \pm 50$  nm,  $\lambda_{\text{exc}} = 633$  nm)



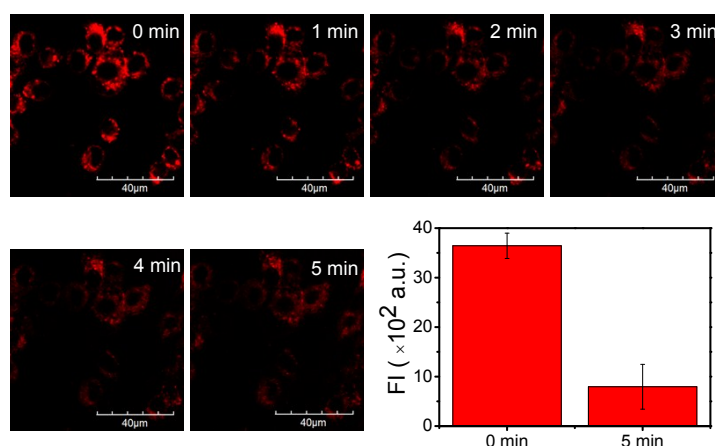


**Fig. S20** GLSM images of live RAW 264.7 macrophages. (a1, a2, a3) Cells were incubated with **FDOCI-1** (10 µM) for 60 min and washed by PBS buffer. Cells were preincubated with probes, washed by PBS buffer and stimulated with LPS (1 µg/mL)/PMA (250 ng/mL: b1, b2, b3; 500 ng/mL: c1, c2, c3 ) for 1 h. (CLSM imaging was performed on an Olympus FV1000 confocal scanning system with a 60×immersion objective lens. Red channel: 700 ± 50 nm,  $\lambda_{ex}$  = 633 nm)

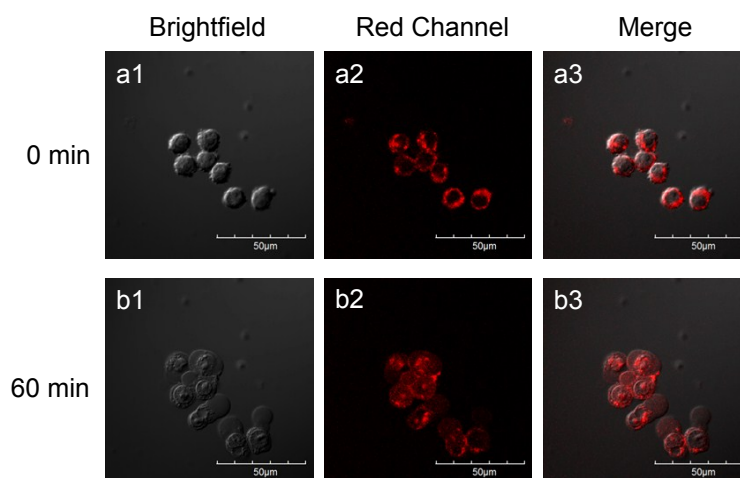


**Fig. S21** Photostability of MB in live cells. Fluorescence images were taken by time-sequential scanning of live RAW 264.7 macrophages preincubated with 5 µM MB for 30 min. (CLSM imaging was performed on an Olympus FV1000 confocal scanning

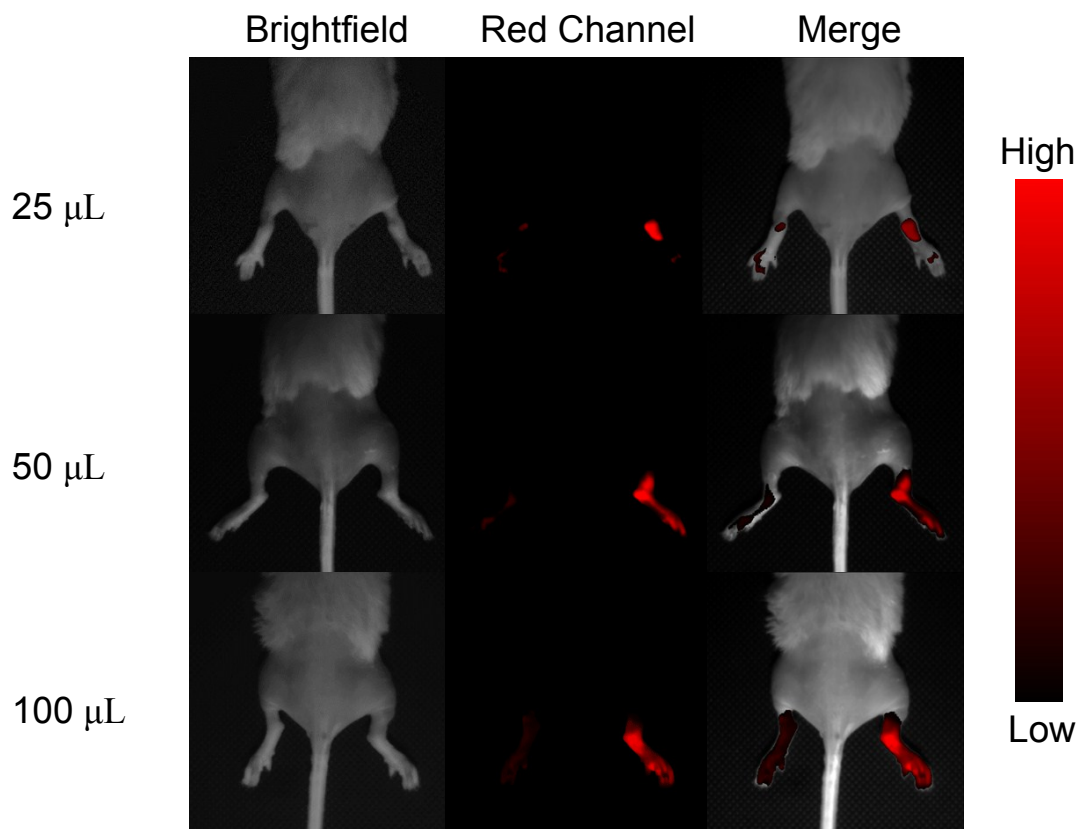
system with a 60×immersion objective lens. Red channel:  $700 \pm 50$  nm,  $\lambda_{ex} = 633$  nm)



**Fig. S22** Photostability of Cy5 in live cells. Fluorescence images were taken by time-sequential scanning of live RAW 264.7 macrophages preincubated with  $5 \mu\text{M}$  Cy5 for 30 min. (CLSM imaging was performed on an Olympus FV1000 confocal scanning system with a 60×immersion objective lens. Red channel:  $700 \pm 50$  nm,  $\lambda_{ex} = 633$  nm)

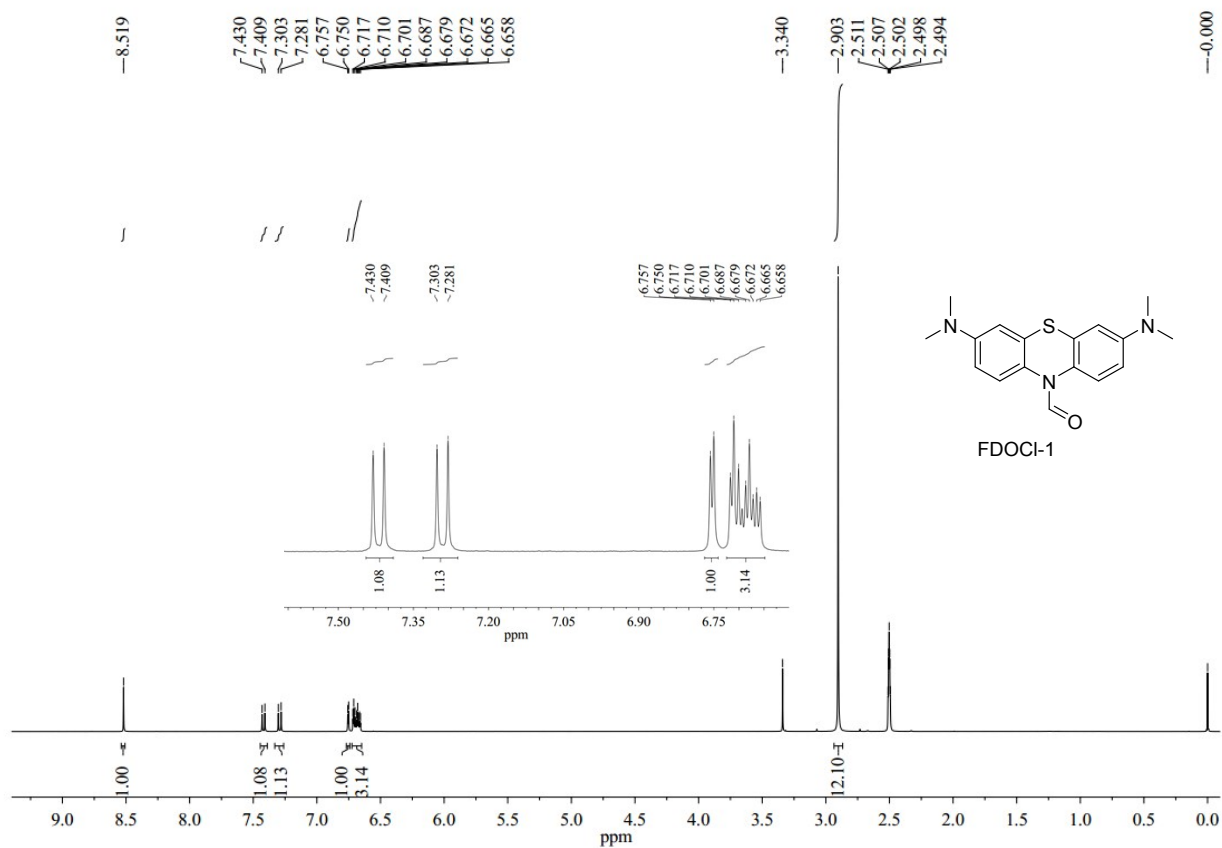


**Fig. S23** GLSM images of live RAW 264.7 macrophages preincubated with MB ( $10 \mu\text{M}$ ) for 30 min, washed by PBS buffer immediately (a1, a2, a3) and after 60 min (b1, b2, b3). (CLSM imaging was performed on an Olympus FV1000 confocal scanning system with a 60×immersion objective lens. Red channel:  $700 \pm 50$  nm,  $\lambda_{ex} = 633$  nm)



**Fig. S24** *In vivo* fluorescence imaging of the arthritis model.( arthritis model induced by injecting of different volume of  $\lambda$ -carrageenan, 5 mg/mL, in PBS into the right tibiotarsal ankles; the left tibiotarsal ankles as the control group without injection of  $\lambda$ -carrageenan; the fluorescence signal was collected at  $\lambda_{em} = 720 \pm 60$  nm under excitation with 635 nm CW laser, power density is  $0.3 \text{ mW cm}^{-2}$ ; **FDOCI-1**, 100  $\mu\text{L}$ , 1 mM)

## 4 NMR and HRMS spectra



**Fig. S25**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR of FDOCI-1 in  $\text{DMSO-d}_6$

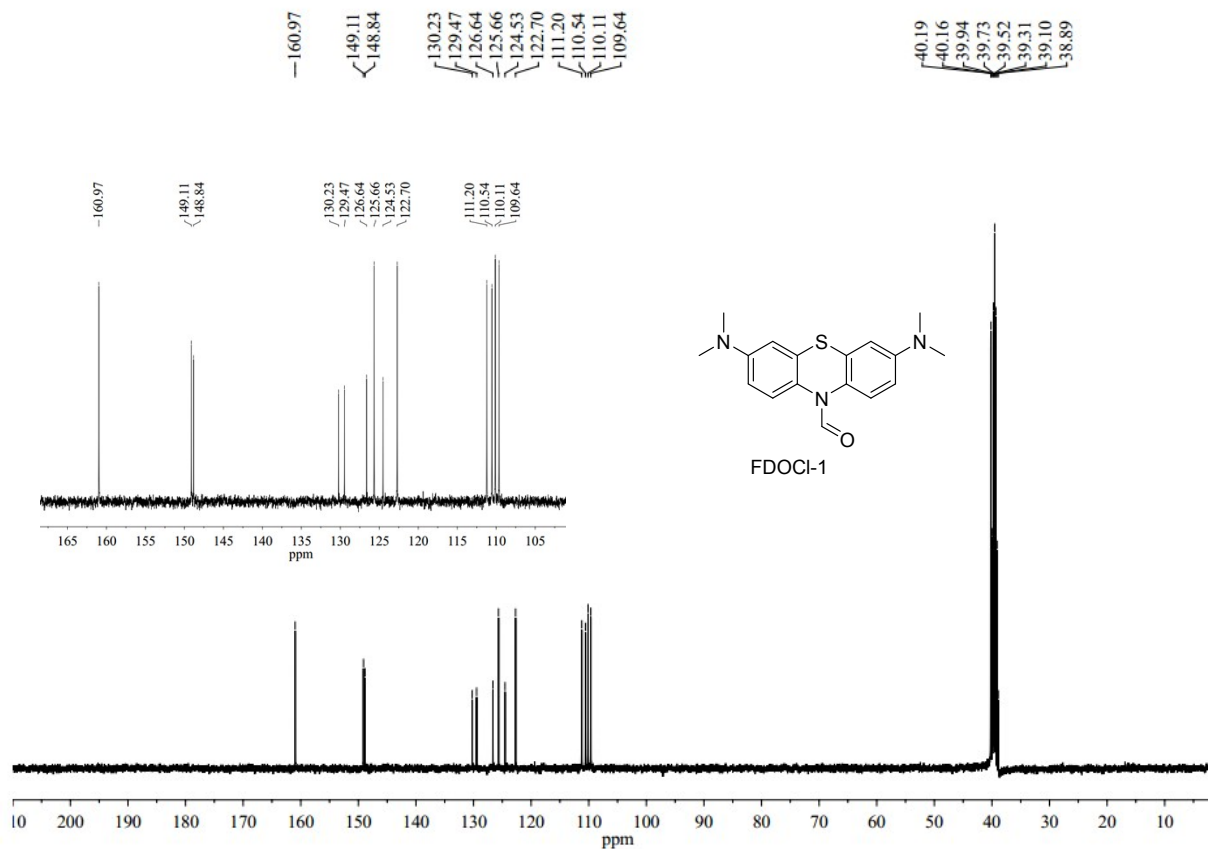


Fig. S26 <sup>13</sup>C NMR of FDOCI-1 in DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>

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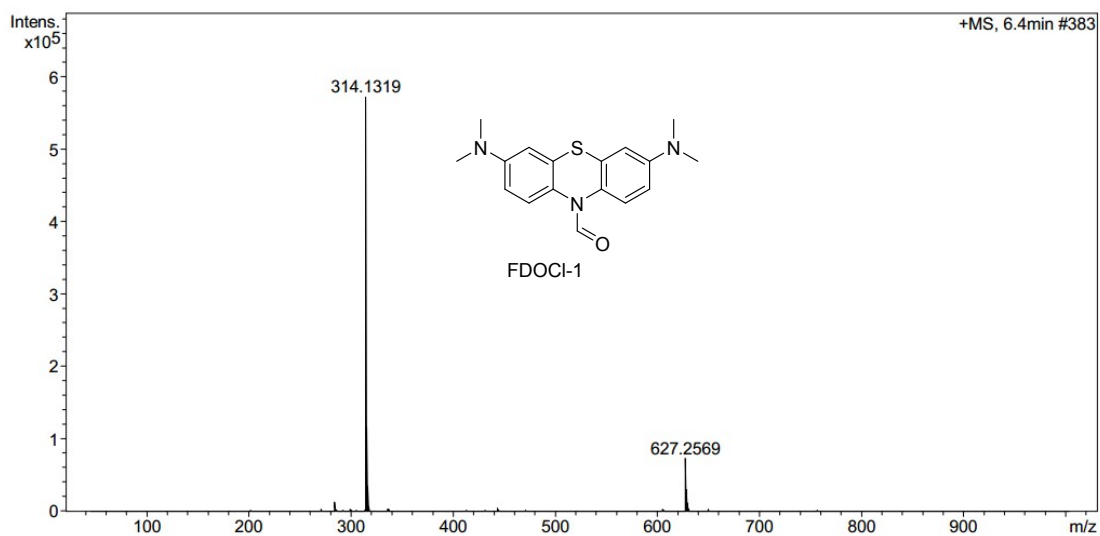
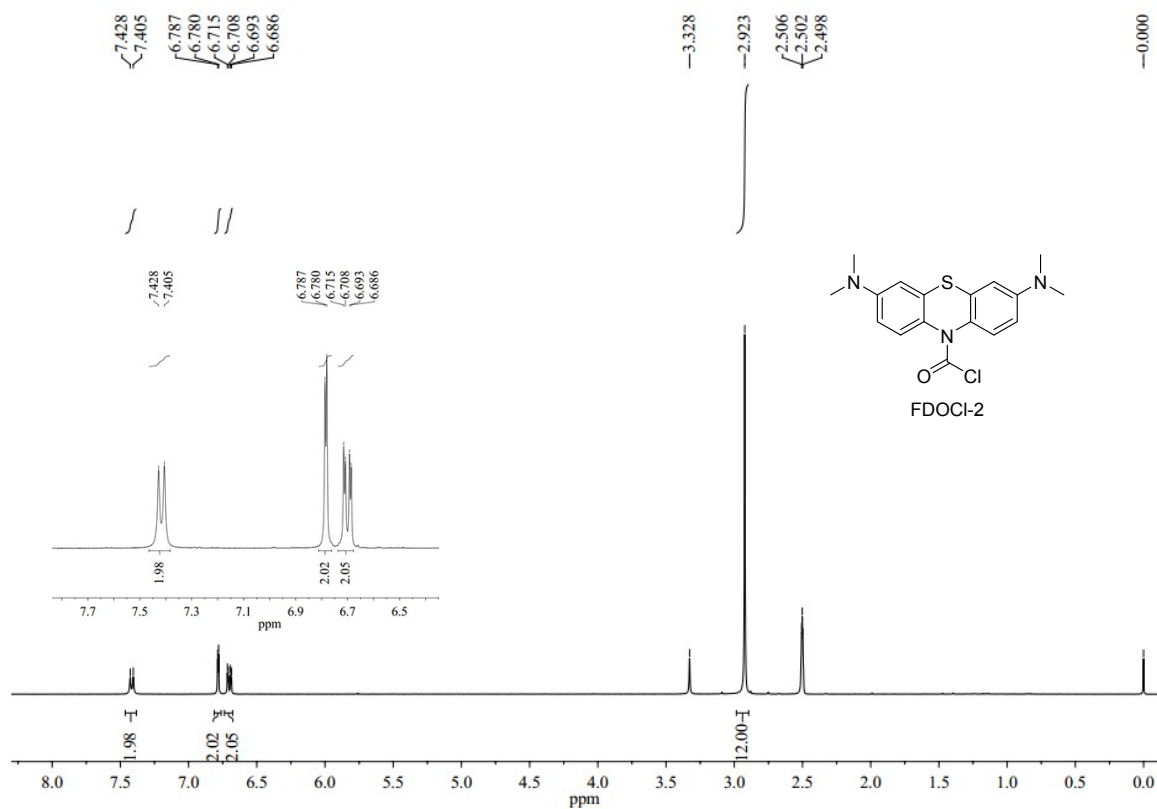
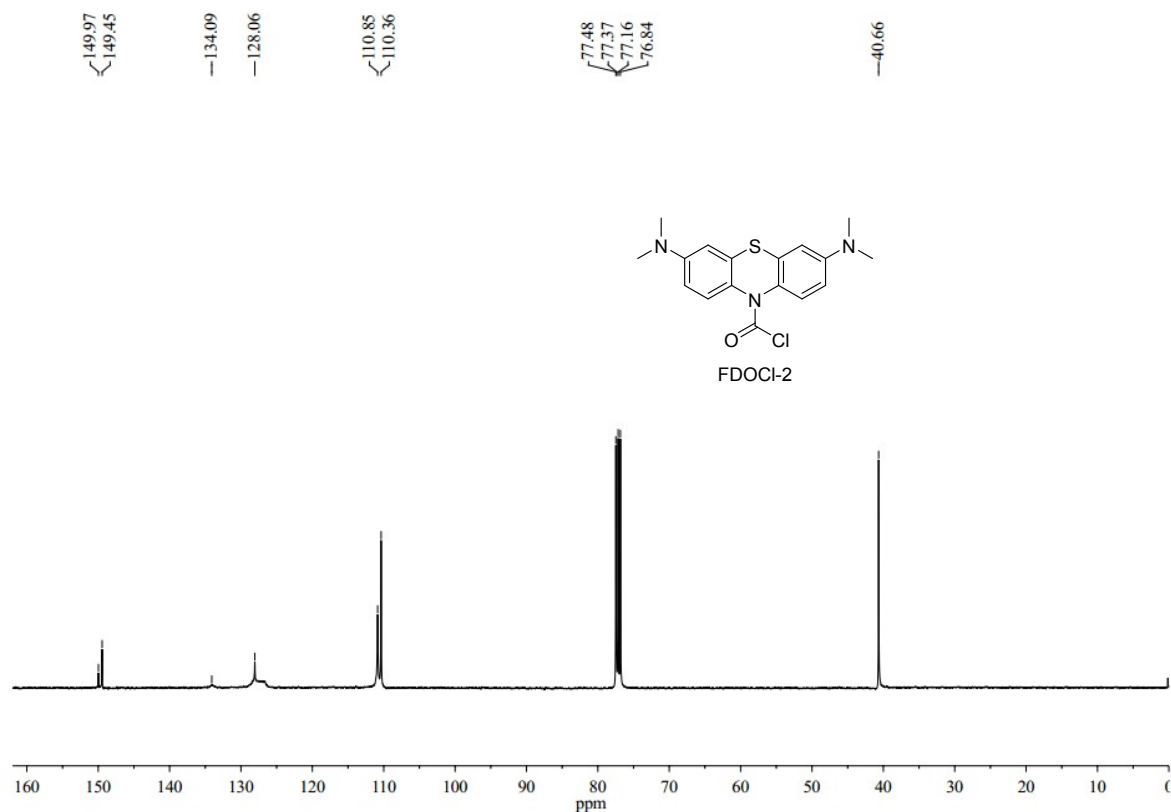


Fig. S27 HRMS of FDOCI-1



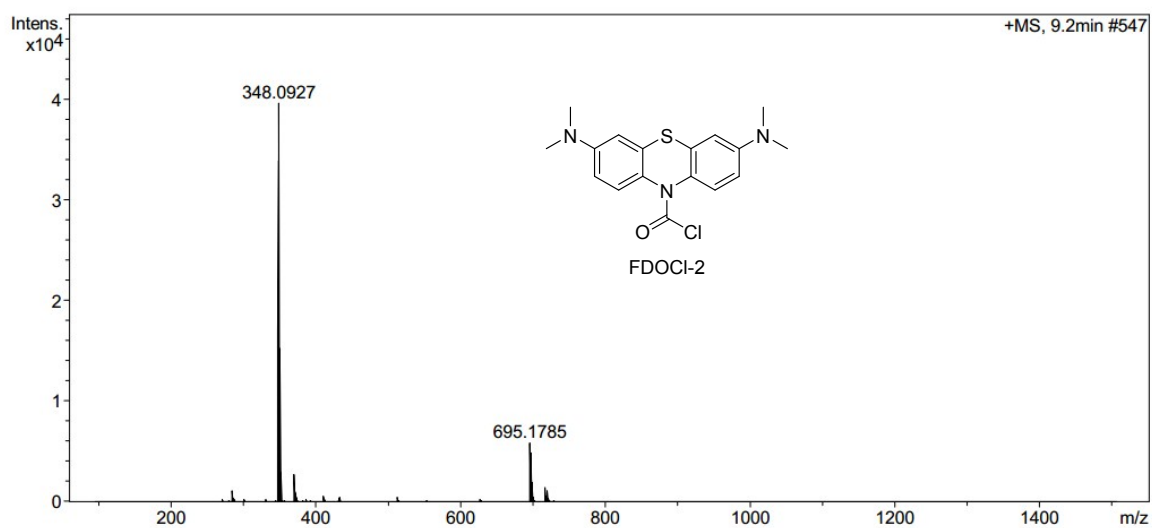
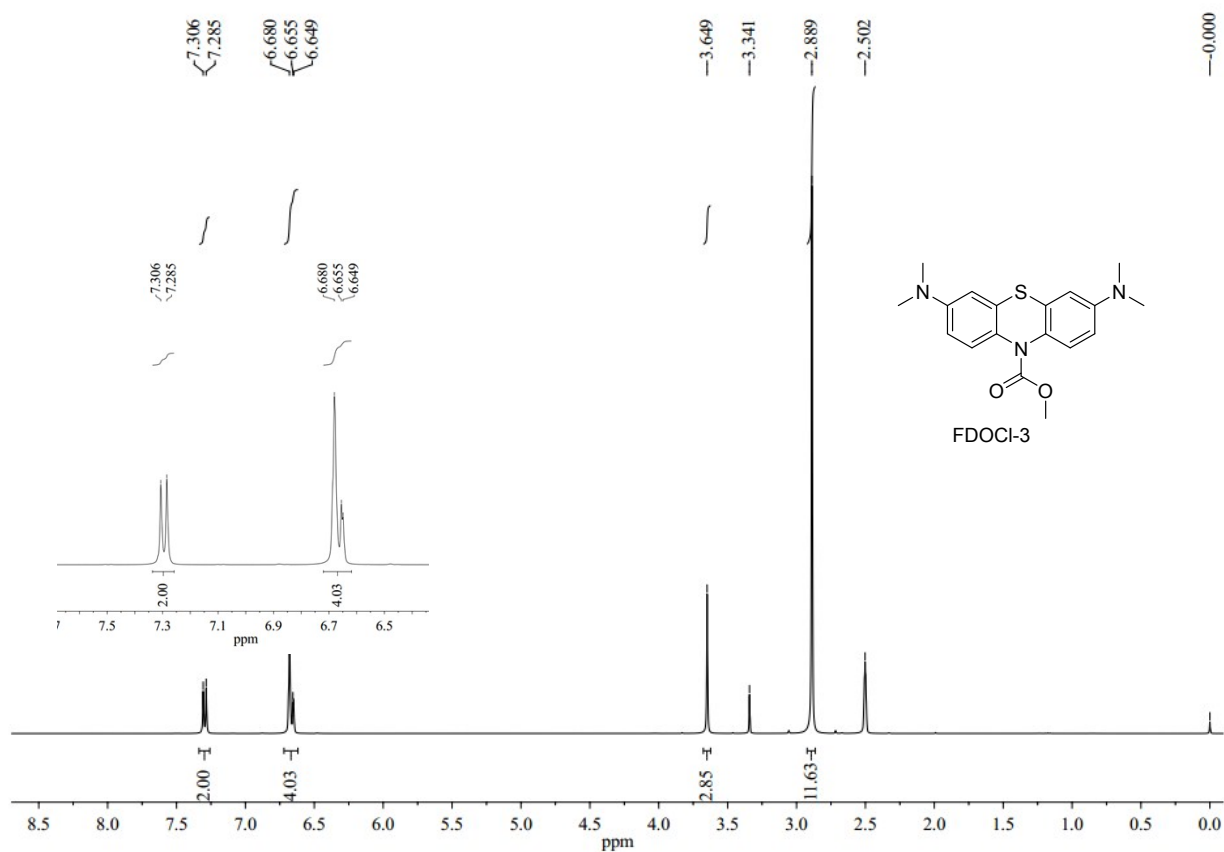
**Fig. S28** <sup>1</sup>H NMR of FDOCI-2 in DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>

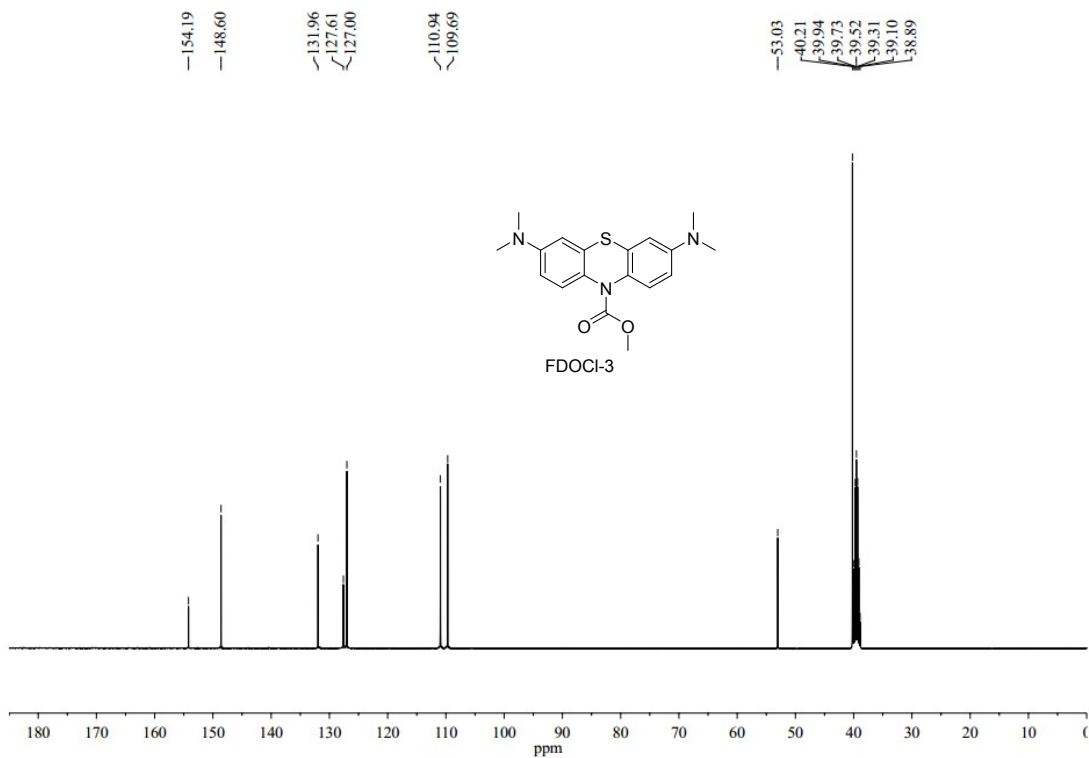


**Fig. S29** <sup>13</sup>C NMR of FDOCI-2 in CDCl<sub>3</sub>

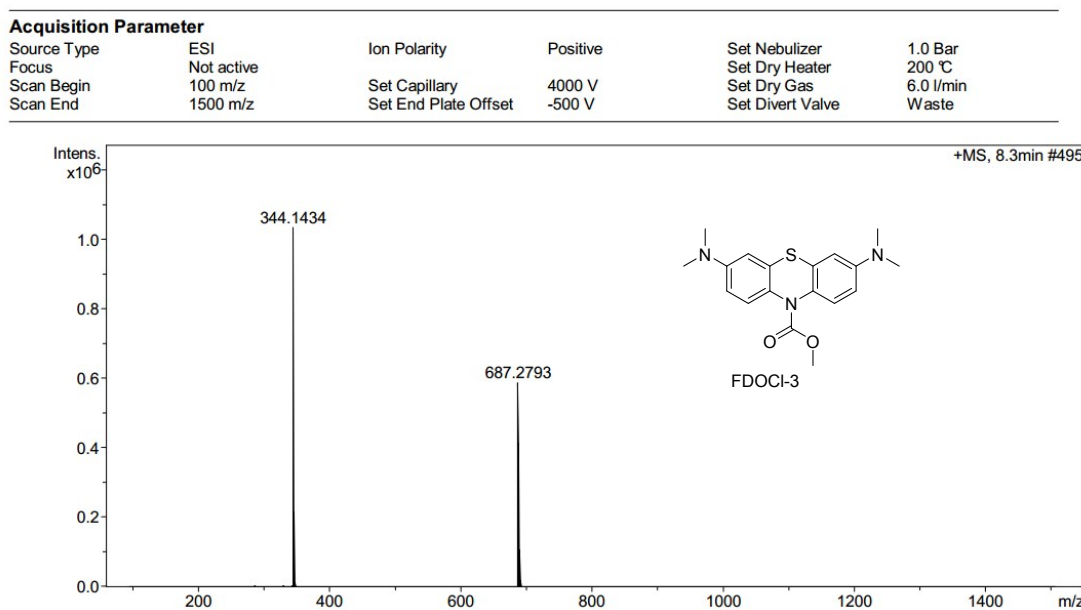
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Scan End	1500 m/z	Set End Plate Offset	-500 V	Set Divert Valve	Waste

**Fig. S30 HRMS of FDOCI-2****Fig. S31 <sup>1</sup>H NMR of FDOCI-3 in DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>**

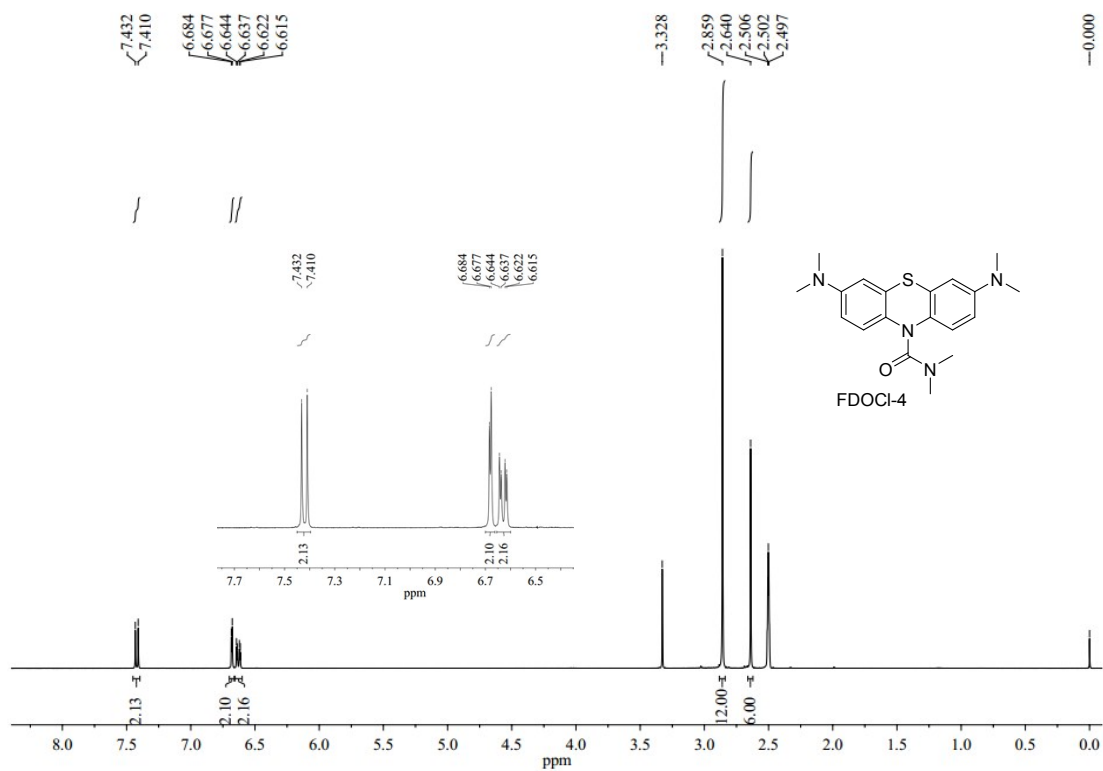


**Fig. S32**  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR of **FDOCI-3** in  $\text{DMSO-d}_6$

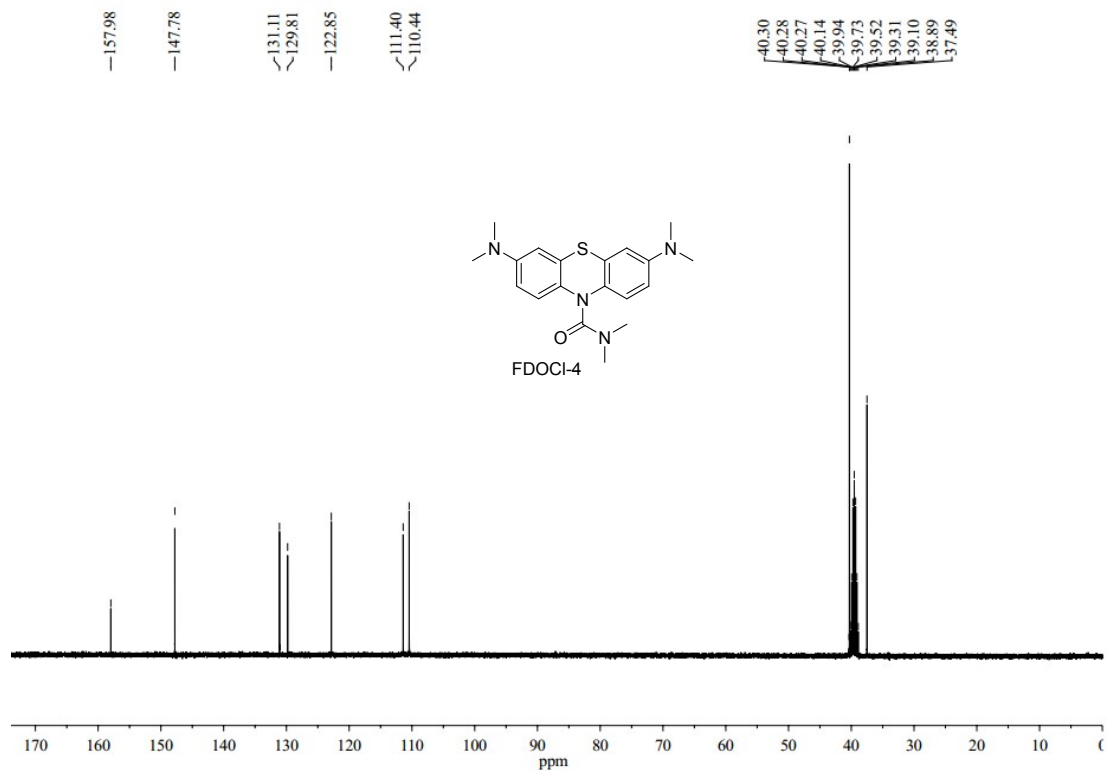


**Fig. S33** HRMS of **FDOCI-3**





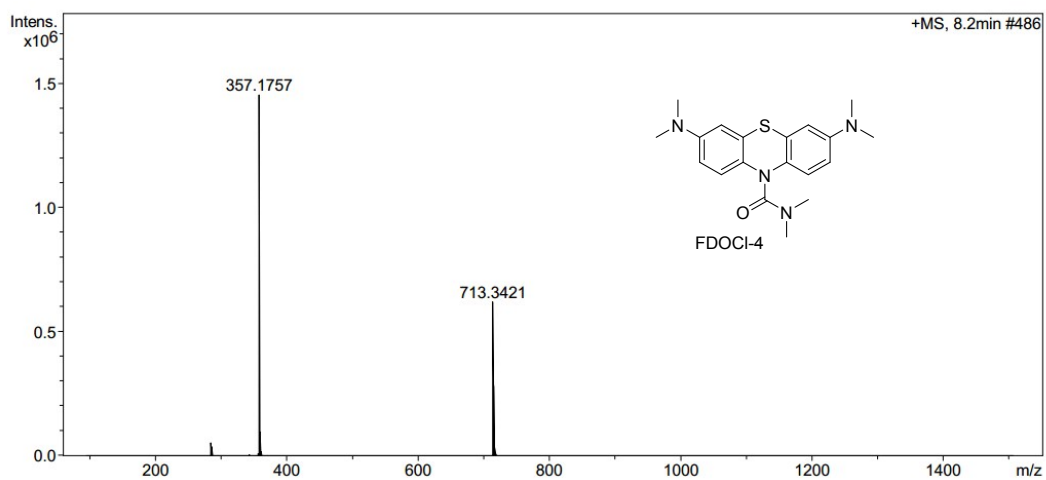
**Fig. S34**  $^1\text{H NMR}$  of FDOC1-4 in DMSO- $d_6$



**Fig. S35**  $^{13}\text{C NMR}$  of FDOC1-4 in DMSO- $d_6$

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**Fig. S36 HRMS of FDOCI-4**

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