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Supporting Information

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Photo-responsive Fluorescent Amphiphile for Target-specific and Image-guided Drug Delivery Applications

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Scheme S1: Synthetic routes to Cy3 derivative.



Scheme S2: Synthetic routes to macrocyclic photoresponsive fluorescent amphiphiles Cy3CAL.



Fig. S1. UV-Vis spectra of **Cy3CAL** (10 μ M) in MeOH, PBS buffer, pH 7.2, and in the presence of liposomes of PC/PS/Chol (60:20:20) (A). Concentration-dependent UV-Vis spectra of **Cy3CAL** in PBS buffer, pH 7.2 (B). Concentration-dependent UV-Vis spectra of **Cy3CAL** in the presence of liposomes of PC/PS/Chol (60:20:20) (C). Concentration-dependent UV-Vis spectra of **Cy3AAL** in PBS buffer, pH 7.2 (D).



Fig. S2. Fluorescence spectra of **Cy3CAL** and **Cy3AAL** (10 μ M) in PBS buffer, pH 7.2, and in the presence of liposomes of PC/PS/Chol (60:20:20) (A). Concentration-dependent fluorescence spectra of **Cy3CAL** in PBS buffer, pH 7.2 (B). Concentration-dependent fluorescence spectra of **Cy3CAL** in the presence of liposomes of PC/PS/Chol (60:20:20) (C). Concentration-dependent fluorescence spectra of **Cy3AAL** in PBS buffer, pH 7.2 (D). NIR laser light (808 nm, 1 W cm⁻²) source was used to irradiate the samples for 15 minutes.



Fig. S3. Measurement of the critical aggregation constant of Cy3CAL and Cy3AAL.

(A) TEM (Cy3CAL)



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Fig. S4. Representative TEM images of **Cy3CAL** before light treatment (A). Representative FESEM images of **Cy3CAL** before light treatment (B).



Fig. S5. Variation of hydrodynamic diameter (A) and zeta potential (B) of the soluble aggregates of **Cy3CAL** at various pH. Variation of hydrodynamic diameter (C) and zeta potential (D) of PC/PS/Chol/**Cy3CAL** (55/20/20/5) at various pH.



Fig. S6. The temperature-dependent fluorescence anisotropy measurement of environment-sensitive 1,6-diphenyl-1,3,5-hexatriene dye incorporated within the water-soluble aggregates.

NOTE: The photoreaction of the labile ortho-nitrobenzyl group is initiated by an intramolecular 1,5-H shift yielding aci-nitro protomers as a first intermediate. After that, cyclization to short-lived benzisoxazolidines is generated followed by ring opening yielding an o-nitrosoaldehyde group in the molecule.¹ However, the nitroso group may not be radically active in abstracting the hydrogen radicle from the other benzyl position.



Fig. S7. Representative TEM images of **Cy3CAL** after light treatment (A). Representative FESEM images of **Cy3CAL** after light treatment (B).



Fig. S8. The Dox release profiles of **Cy3CAL** without and with NIR-light treatment (15 min) (A). The Dox release profiles of lipid mixture of PC/PS/Chol/**Cy3CAL** without and with NIR-light treatment (15 min) (B). NIR laser light (808 nm, 1 W cm⁻²) source was used to irradiate the samples for 15 minutes.



Fig. S9. Viabilities of MDA-MB-468 (A) and HEK-293 (B) cells in the presence of **Cy3CAL** at different concentrations. Viabilities of MCF-7 cells in the presence of **Dox** at different concentrations (C). Viabilities of MCF-7 cells in the presence of **Cy3CAL** (before and after light treatment for 15 min) at different concentrations (D). Viability of MCF-7 cells in the presence of **Dox**@**Cy3CAL** after light treatment with respect to the concentration of **Cy3CAL** (E) and DOX (F). NIR laser light (808 nm, 1 W cm⁻²) source was used to irradiate the samples for 15 minutes.

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Fig. S10. Hemolytic activity of Cy3CAL at different concentrations.



Fig. S11. Flow cytometry histograms after different treatments.



Fig. S12. The plot of the population of MCF-7 cells after various treatments (for 48 h).



Fig. S13. Representative FACS data of MCF-7 cell populations after various treatments (for 48 h).



¹H NMR and ¹³C NMR spectra of synthesized compounds:

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Fig. S14. ¹H NMR (A) and ¹³C NMR (B) spectra of compound 6.

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Fig. S15. 1 H NMR (A) and 13 C NMR (B) spectra of compound 7.



Fig. S16. 1 H NMR (A) and 13 C NMR (B) spectra of compound 9.



Fig. S17. ¹H NMR (A) and ¹³C NMR (B) spectra of compound 10.



Fig. S18. 1 H NMR (A) and 13 C NMR (B) spectra of compound **11**.



Fig. S19. ¹H NMR (A) and ¹³C NMR (B) spectra of compound Cy3L.



Fig. S20. 1 H NMR (A) and 13 C NMR (B) spectra of compound 12.



Fig. S21. ¹H NMR (A) and ¹³C NMR (B) spectra of compound 13.



Fig. S22. ¹H NMR (A) and ¹³C NMR (B) spectra of compound 14.

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Fig. S23. ¹H NMR (A) and ¹³C NMR (B) spectra of compound 15.



Fig. S24. ¹H NMR (A) and ¹³C NMR (B) spectra of compound Cy3CAL.



Fig. S25. ¹H NMR (A) and ¹³C NMR (B) spectra of compound Cy3AAL.

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Mass spectra







Fig. S27. Mass spectra of compound 7.





Fig. S28. Mass spectra of compound 9.



Fig. S29. Mass spectra of compound 10.

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Fig. S31. Mass spectra of compound Cy3L.

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Fig. S33. Mass spectra of compound 13.

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Fig. S35. Mass spectra of compound 15.

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Fig. S36. Mass spectra of compound Cy3CAL.



Fig. S37. MALDI-TOF spectra of compound Cy3AAL.



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Fig. S38. HPLC trace of compound Cy3CAL.

Reference

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