Supporting Information

Two-photon excited red-green "discoloration" bioprobes for monitoring lipid droplets and lipid droplet-lysosomal autophagy

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S1. Synthetic route of DPABP-BI



Fig. S1. Preparation of the compounds DPABP-BI: (i) ethylamine, ethanol, room temperature, 24 h; (ii) Methyl 2-((1-ethoxyethylidene)amino)acetate, room temperature, 24 h; (iii) Pd/C, H_2 , room temperature, 30 minutes; (iv) tris(4-formylphenyl)amine, ethanol, room temperature, 48 h.

S2. The spectroscopic properties of DPABP-BI

solvent	$\lambda_{ab}(nm)$	$\lambda_{em}(nm)$	Stoke's	$\phi_{\rm F}$	
			shift (nm)		
DCM	485	610	125	0.23	
THF	485	630	145	0.32	
MeOH	485	600	115	0.18	
DMF	493	600	107	0.30	
DMSO	500	605	105	0.31	
H ₂ O	490	605	115	0.08	

Table S1 Photophysical data of DPABP-BI

Abbreviation: λ_{ab} = absorption maximum, λ_{em} = emission maximum, ϕ_F = fluorescence quantum yield.



Fig. S2. MS spectrum of DPABP-BI at different pH.



Fig. S3. (A) Absorption and (B) emission spectra of 4'-(diphenylamino)-[1,1'biphenyl]-4-carbaldehyde in DMSO. Concentration: 10 μM.



Fig. S4. The fluorescence of probe DPABP-BI at (A) 610 nm and (B) 550 nm at pH 7.5, 5.5 and 4.5, incubation time: 30 min. The fluorescence of DPABP-BI at (C) 610 nm and (D) 550 nm vs time at pH 7.5, 5.5 and 4.5. Concentration: 10μ M.



Fig. S5. Fluorescence intensity of DPABP-BI at 550 nm (the emission of the decomposed product 4'-(diphenylamino)-[1,1'-biphenyl]-4-carbaldehyde in the presence of different biologically active small molecules and ions at pH 7.5. Concentration: 10 μ M (DMSO/Buffer = 1/1, v/v).



Fig. S6. Viability of HeLa cells incubated with DPABP-BI at different concentrations.



Fig. S7. ClogP values of BODIPY 493/503, Nile Red, and DPABP-BI.

S6. Study of autophagy processes



Fig. S8. CLMS images (400 X) of Hela cells incubated with 4 μ M DPABP-BI ($\lambda_{ex} =$ 380 nm and $\lambda_{em} = 500-560$ nm) and 4 μ M LysoTracker Blue ($\lambda_{ex} = 409$ nm and $\lambda_{em} =$ 425–475 nm) for different time.



Fig. S9. Low-resolution mass spectrometry of DPABP-BI products during autophagy.

S7. Two-photon fluorescence test



Fig. S10. Two-photon excited fluorescence spectra of DPABP-BI in THF. Concentration of DPABP-BI: 20 μ M, excitation wavelength: 1000 nm.

S8. Two-photon imaging of DPABP-BI



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Fig. S11. CLMS images (400 X) of DPABP-BI in Hela cells. Incubation time: 30 min. Concentration: 4 μ M, red channel: $\lambda_{ex} = 1000$ nm and $\lambda_{em} = 600-720$ nm, green channel: $\lambda_{ex} = 760$ nm and $\lambda_{em} = 500-560$ nm, Scale bar: 20 μ m.





Fig. S13. ¹³C NMR spectrum of 1 (101 MHz, CDCl₃)



Fig. S15. ¹³C NMR spectrum of 2 (101 MHz, CDCl₃)



Fig. S17. ¹³C NMR spectrum of DPABP-BI (101 MHz, CDCl₃)

S8. HR-MS Spectra of DPABP-BI



Fig. S18. HR-MS spectrum of DPABP-BI