

Talented Small Molecules: Sensing and Varying Cellular Organelles Targets

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Abstract:

Recent advancement and development in fluorescence imaging techniques has witnessed tremendous upsurge in the field of metal ion sensing and live cell imaging. Each cellular organelles plays an important role in many physiological activities such as cell migration, cell signalling and cholesterol homeostasis *etc.* Hence, the development of low cytotoxic and high photo stable cellular staining agent as well as selective and sensitive sensor for intracellular detection is an hour of demand.

Recently, we report design and facile synthesis of a multifunctional imine and azine based small molecules such as **L₁**, **L-lyso**, **H₃L** and **ERLp** (Figure 1).¹⁻⁴ **L₁** and its Al(III) complex stain nucleus as well as nucleolus along with sensitive intracellular Al(III) sensing. **L-lyso** exhibits excellent two-photon properties with tracking of lysosomes in live cells as well as in 3D tumor spheroids whereas **H₃L** acts as a highly selective, sensitive and reversible Al³⁺ sensor with a detection limit of 42 nM. Moreover, **ERLp** act as an endoplasmic reticulum tracker, monitoring ER stress and vesicular transport to lysosomes. Furthermore, **L₁**, **L-lyso** and **ERLp** are found to be highly photo-stable. Thus, these trackers has an edge over the commercially available expensive and less stable probes.

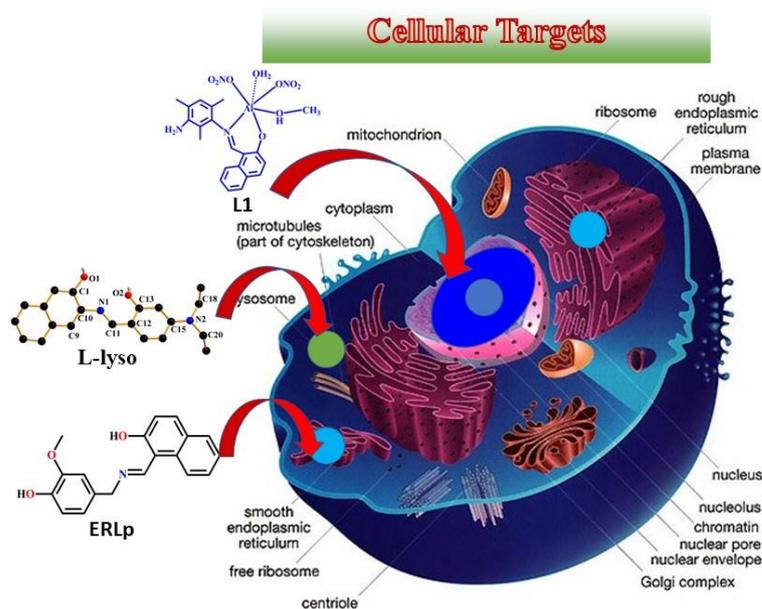


Figure 1: Overview of varying cellular organelles targets.

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- Research work on novel dye for tracking lysosomes in live cell imaging covered by *Free Press Journal* Indore edition (April 14, 2018).