

## **Supplementary Information (SI)**

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# **Detection and Differentiation of Cys, Hcy and GSH mixtures by $^{19}\text{F}$ NMR Probe**

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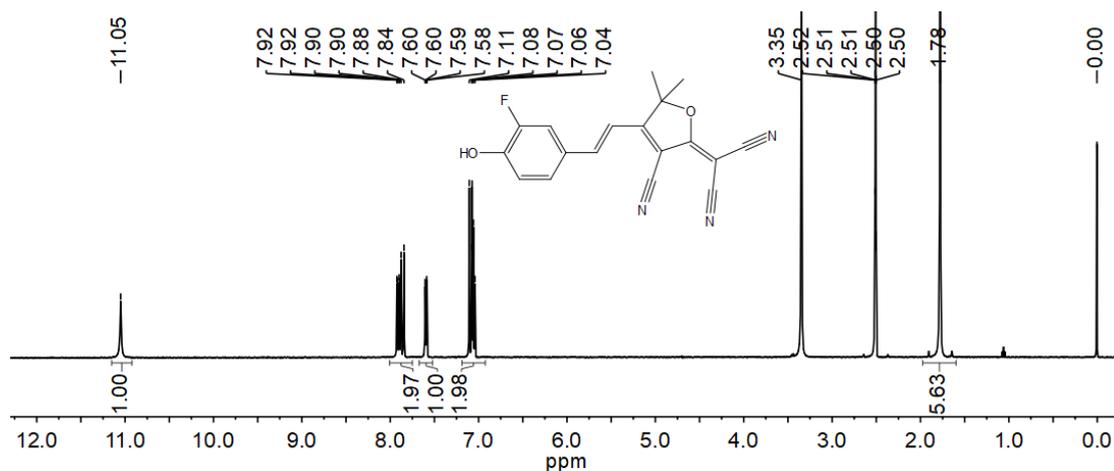
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# Supporting Information

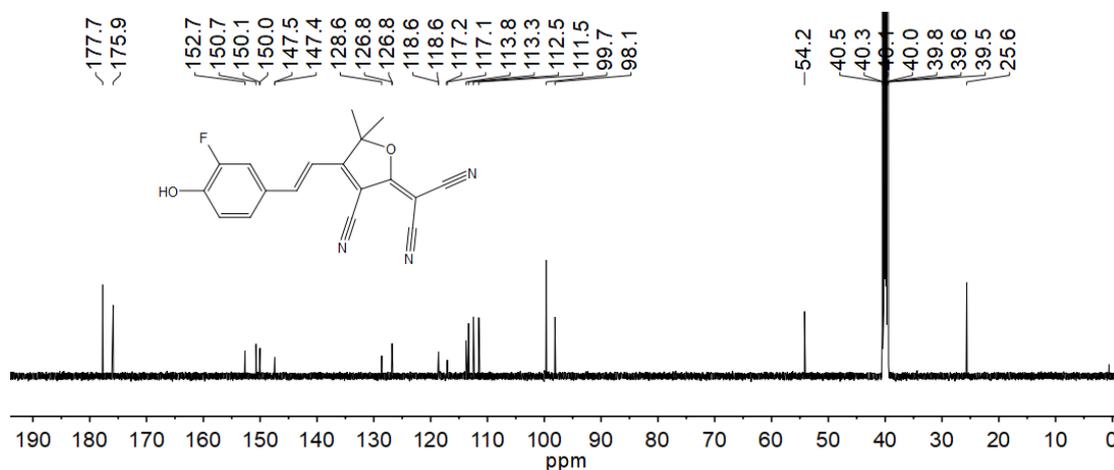
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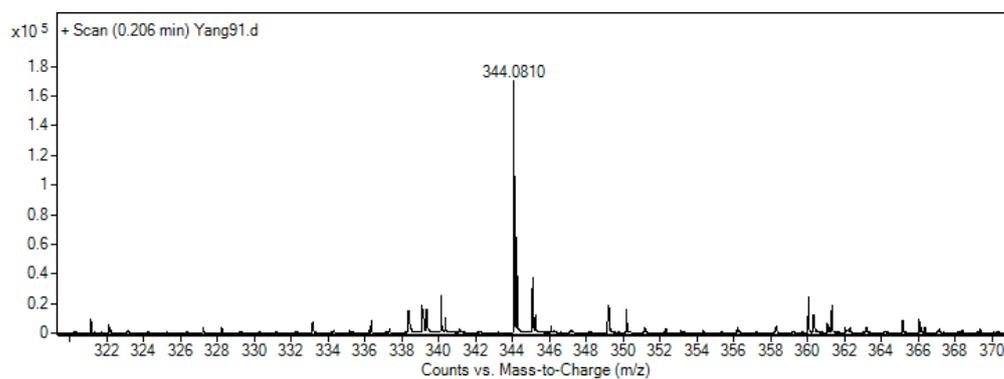
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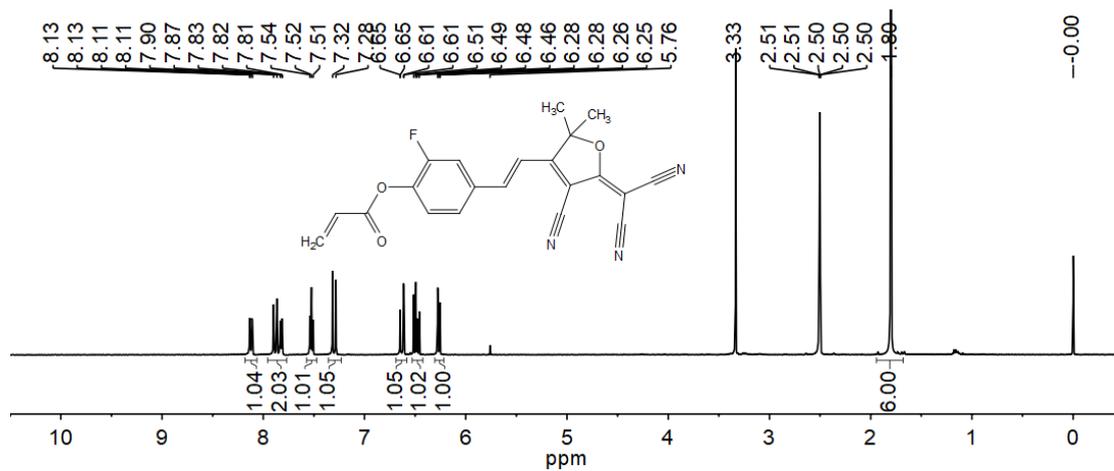
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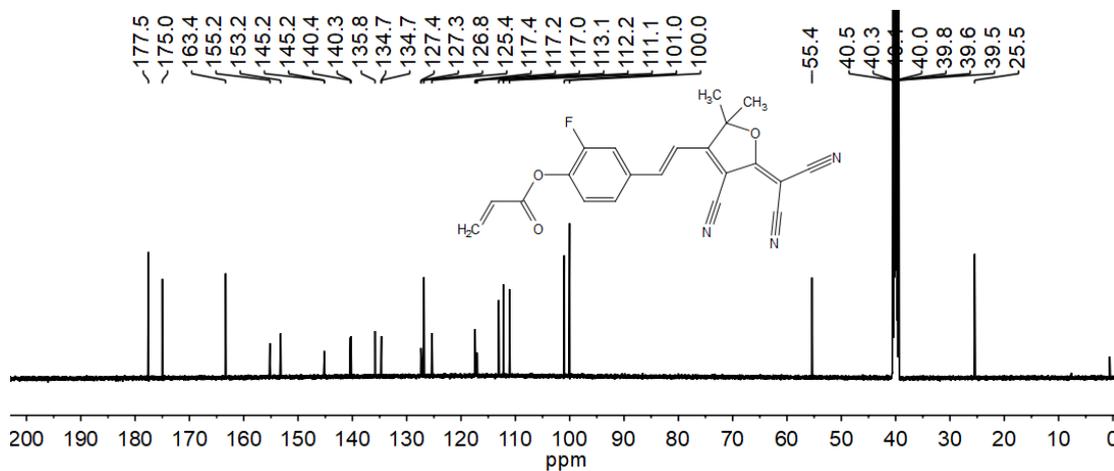
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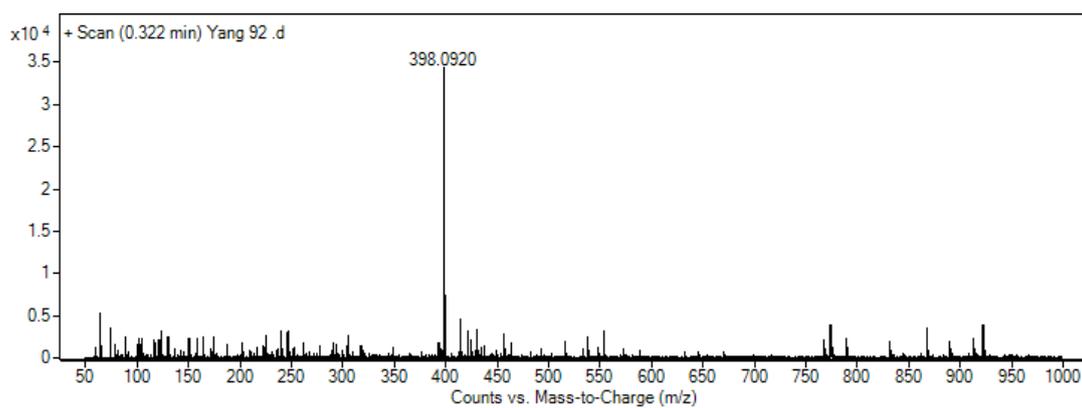
HR MS-ESI of compound 2.



<sup>1</sup>H NMR of probe 1 recorded in DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>.



<sup>13</sup>C NMR of probe 1 recorded in DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>.



HR MS-ESI of probe 1.

### Color changes of probe 1 with Cys, Hcy and GSH:

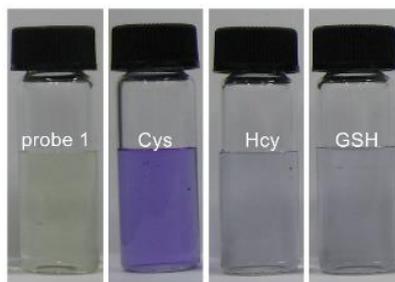


Figure S1. Color changes of probe 1 (10  $\mu\text{M}$ ) in 20 mM HEPES buffer (pH 7.4) solution with 30% acetonitrile and 5%  $\text{D}_2\text{O}$  as cosolvent at 25  $^\circ\text{C}$ . The solutions were incubated with 10 equiv. Cys, 10 equiv. Hcy and 10 equiv. GSH for 90 min, respectively.

### Fluorescence scan kinetics of probe 1 with Cys:

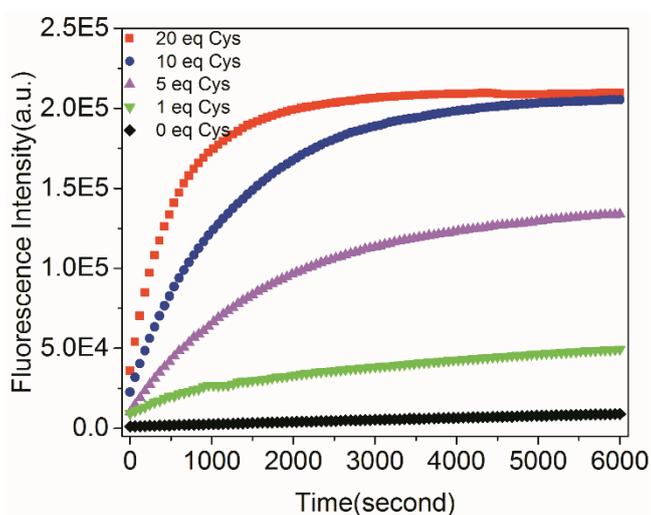


Figure S2. Time-dependent of fluorescence kinetics spectra of probe 1 (10  $\mu\text{M}$ ) upon addition of different concentrations of Cys in HEPES (20 mM, pH 7.4) solution with 30% acetonitrile and 5%  $\text{D}_2\text{O}$  at 25  $^\circ\text{C}$ . The reactions were monitored at 615 nm.

### Uv-vis spectra changes of probe 1 upon addition of Hcy and GSH:

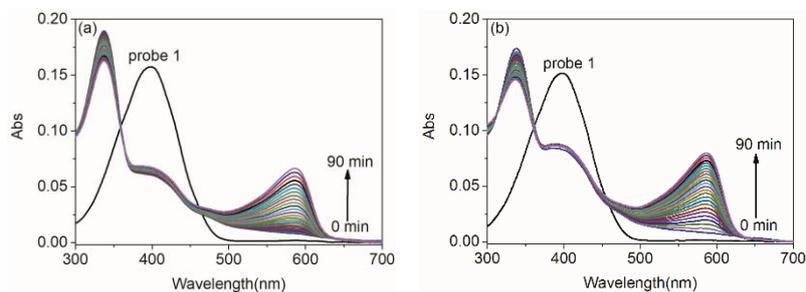


Figure S3. Uv-vis spectra changes of probe 1 (10  $\mu\text{M}$ ) upon addition of 10 equiv. of (a) Hcy and (b) GSH. The Spectra were collected from 0 to 90 min. All the spectra were carried out in 20 mM HEPES buffer (pH 7.4) with 30% acetonitrile and 5%  $\text{D}_2\text{O}$  at 25  $^\circ\text{C}$ .

**Fluorescence spectra changes of probe 1 upon addition of Hcy and GSH:**

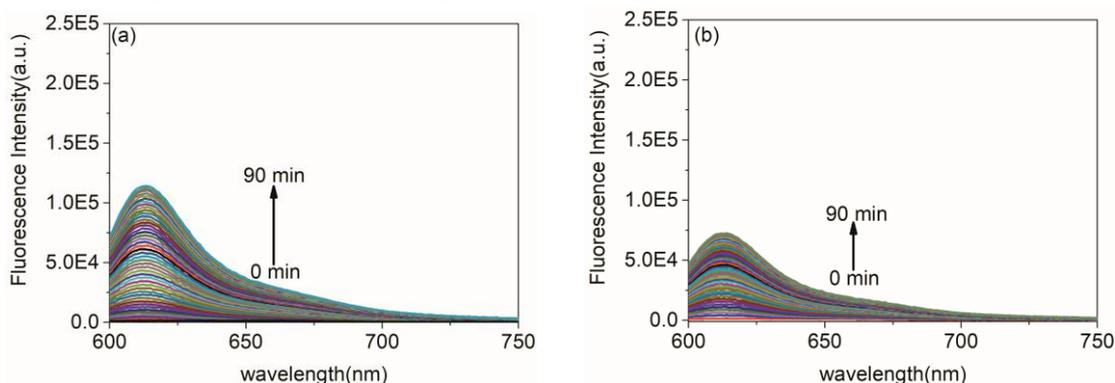


Figure S4. Fluorescence spectra changes of probe 1 (10  $\mu$ M) in the presence of (a) 10 equiv. Hcy and (b) 10 equiv. GSH. The Spectra were collected from 0 to 90 min. All the experiments were carried out in HEPES buffer solution (pH 7.4, 20 mM) with 30% acetonitrile and 5% D<sub>2</sub>O at 25 °C.

**Apparent rate constant for the reaction of probe 1 with Cys, Hcy and GSH:**

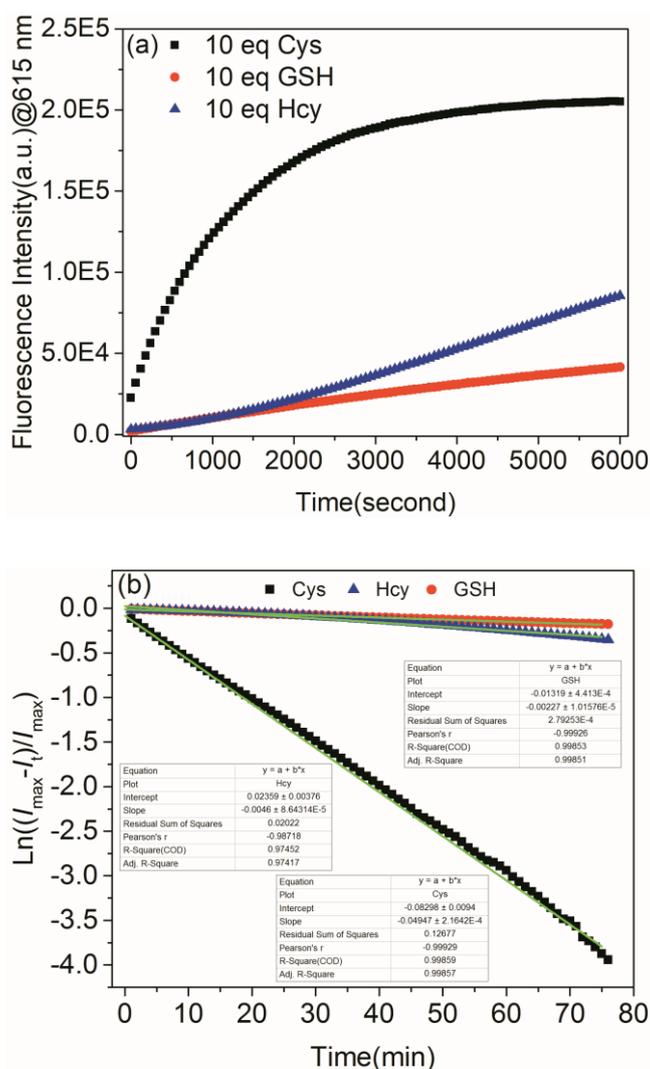


Figure S5. (a) Fluorescence scan kinetics spectra of probe 1 (10  $\mu$ M) in the presence of 10 equiv. Cys, 10 equiv. Hcy and 10 equiv. GSH, respectively. (b) The apparent rate constant for the reaction of probe 1 with Cys, Hcy and GSH

were calculated by fitting (green solid line) the scanning kinetics data to the pseudo first-order equation:  $\ln((I_{\max} - I_t)/I_{\max}) = -kt$ , where  $I_{\max}$  and  $I_t$  are the final fluorescence intensity and the fluorescence intensity at the maximum emission wavelength at time  $t$ , and  $k$  is the apparent rate constant. All the experiments were carried out in HEPES buffer solution (pH 7.4, 20 mM) with 30% acetonitrile and 5% D<sub>2</sub>O at 25 °C.

#### Absorption and fluorescence selectivity experiments of probe 1 towards other species:

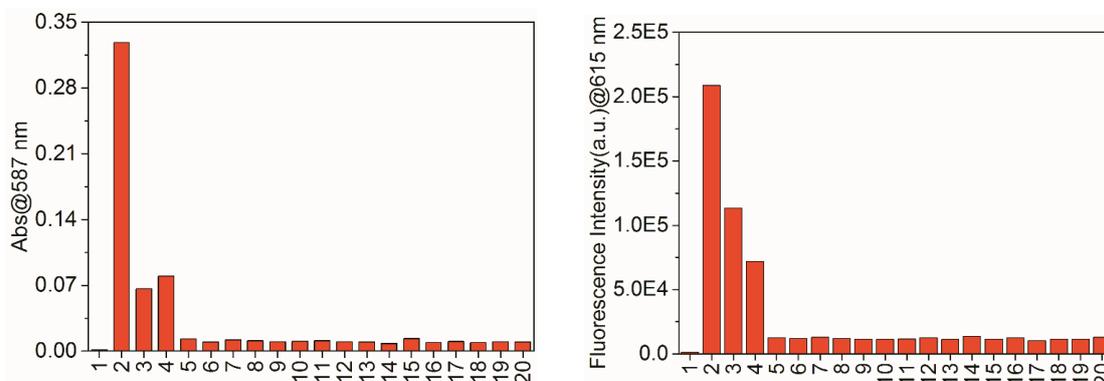


Figure S6. The response of absorption and fluorescence intensity of probe 1 (10  $\mu$ M) toward various other species. Bars represent the relative intensity after addition of 10 equiv of a single species (from left to right: 1. probe 1, 2. Cys, 3. Hcy, 4. GSH, 5. Na<sub>2</sub>S<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>, 6. Threonine, 7. Serine, 8. Leucine, 9. Sodium Erythorbate, 10. K<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>, 11. Glutamine, 12. Tyrosine, 13. Lysine, 14. Glycine, 15. Methionine, 16. Aspartic acid, 17. Tryptophan, 18. Pyroglutamic acid, 19. Phenylalanine, 20. Phenylglycine). All experiments were performed in HEPES buffer solution (pH 7.4) with 30% acetonitrile and 5% D<sub>2</sub>O at 25 °C and each spectrum was obtained at 90 min after addition of analyte.

#### Absorption and fluorescence spectra changes of probe 1 towards the mixture of Cys, Hcy and GSH:

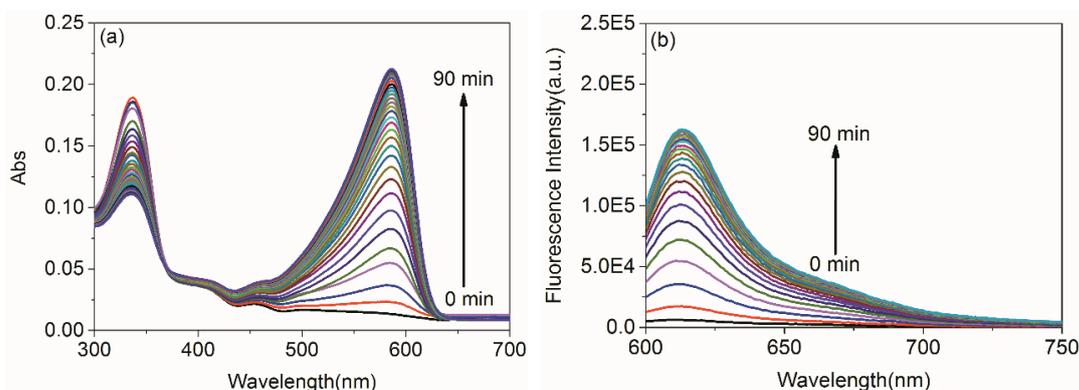


Figure S7. (a) Absorption and (b) fluorescence spectra changes of probe 1 (10  $\mu$ M) upon addition of the mixture of Cys (100  $\mu$ M), Hcy (200  $\mu$ M) and GSH (200  $\mu$ M). All the experiments were carried out in HEPES buffer solution (pH 7.4, 20 mM) with 30% acetonitrile and 5% D<sub>2</sub>O at 25 °C.

### **<sup>19</sup>F NMR spectra changes of probe 1 upon addition of 3 and 1 equivalents Cys:**

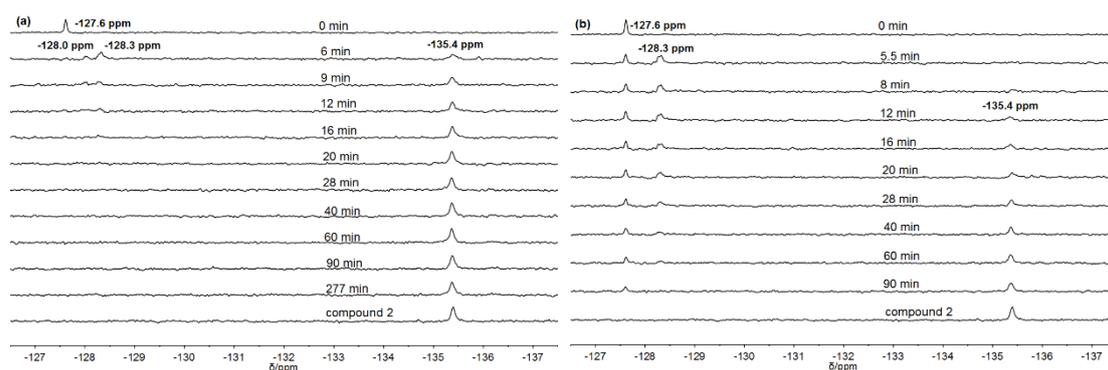


Figure S8. <sup>19</sup>F NMR spectra changes of probe 1 (200 μM) upon addition of (a) 3 equiv. and (b) 1 equiv. Cys. All the spectra were measured in HEPES buffer solution (pH 7.4) with 30% acetonitrile and 5% D<sub>2</sub>O at 25 °C by 24 scans.

### **<sup>19</sup>F NMR spectra changes of probe 1 upon addition of 5 equivalents Hcy and GSH:**

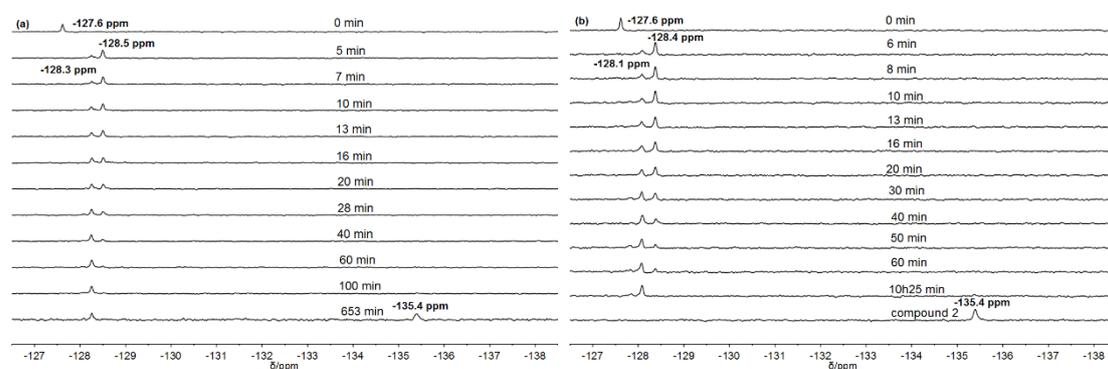


Figure S9. <sup>19</sup>F NMR spectra changes of probe 1 (200 μM) upon addition of 5 equiv. (a) Hcy and (b) GSH. All the spectra were measured in HEPES buffer solution (pH 7.4) with 30% acetonitrile and 5% D<sub>2</sub>O at 25 °C by 24 scans.

### **<sup>19</sup>F NMR spectra changes of probe 1 upon addition of 10 and 20 equivalents Hcy:**

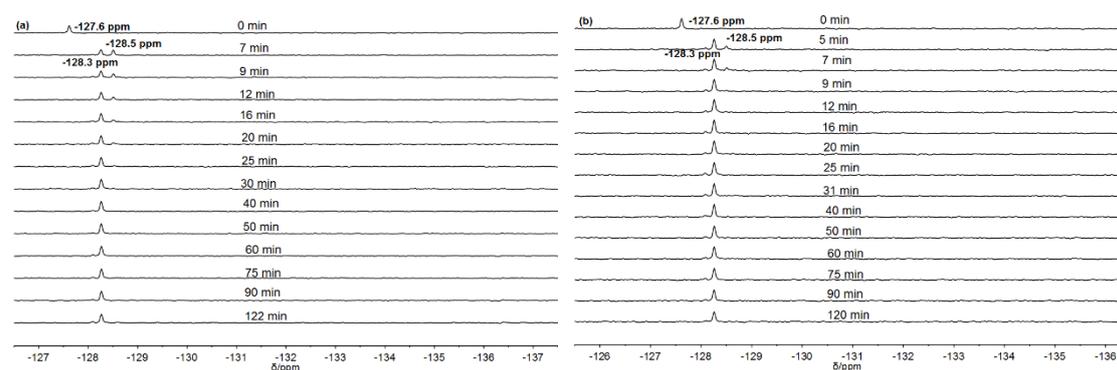


Figure S10. <sup>19</sup>F NMR spectra changes of probe 1 (200 μM) upon addition of (a) 10 equiv. and (b) 20 equiv. Hcy. All the spectra were measured in HEPES buffer solution (pH 7.4) with 30% acetonitrile and 5% D<sub>2</sub>O at 25 °C by 24 scans.

### <sup>19</sup>F NMR spectra changes of probe 1 upon addition of 10 and 20 equivalents GSH:

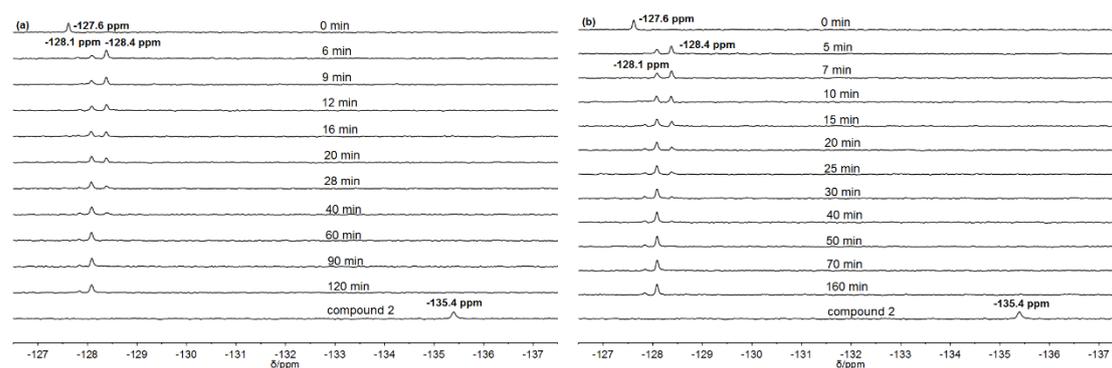


Figure S11. <sup>19</sup>F NMR spectra changes of probe 1 (200 μM) upon addition of (a) 10 equiv. and (b) 20 equiv. GSH. All the spectra were measured in HEPES buffer solution (pH 7.4) with 30% acetonitrile and 5% D<sub>2</sub>O at 25 °C by 24 scans.

### Data of <sup>19</sup>F NMR chemical shift changes of probe 1 with Cys, Hcy and GSH:

| Analyte | Chemical shift (ppm) |                        |              |     | Apparent rate constant (min <sup>-1</sup> ) <sup>a</sup> |
|---------|----------------------|------------------------|--------------|-----|--|
|         | before addition      | upon addition          | after 90 min | Δ δ |  |
| Cys     | -127.6               | -128.0, -128.3, -135.4 | -135.4       | 7.8 | 0.049  |
| Hcy     | -127.6               | -128.5, -128.3         | -128.3       | 0.7 | 0.0046   |
| GSH     | -127.6               | -128.4, -128.1         | -128.1       | 0.5 | 0.0023   |

Table S1. The <sup>19</sup>F NMR chemical shift changes data of probe 1 when respond to Cys, Hcy and GSH. <sup>a</sup> calculated from the data of fluorescence scan kinetics.

### HPLC spectra of the reaction between probe 1 and Cys:

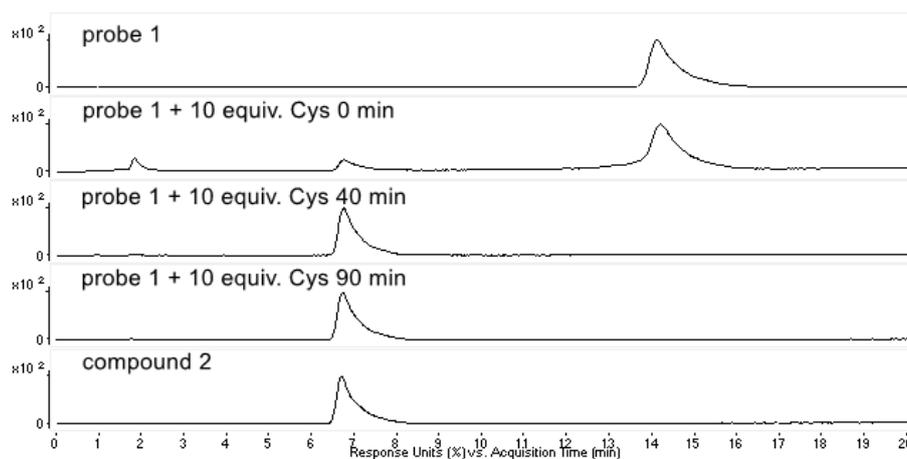


Figure S12. (a) Time course (0-90 min) of HPLC-UV profile of the reaction of probe 1 with 10 equiv. Cys in 20 mM HEPES buffer solution (pH 7.4) with 30% acetonitrile and 5% D<sub>2</sub>O at 25 °C. The spectra were monitored at 398 nm.

### HR-MS spectra of reaction mixture between probe 1 and 10 equiv. of Cys:

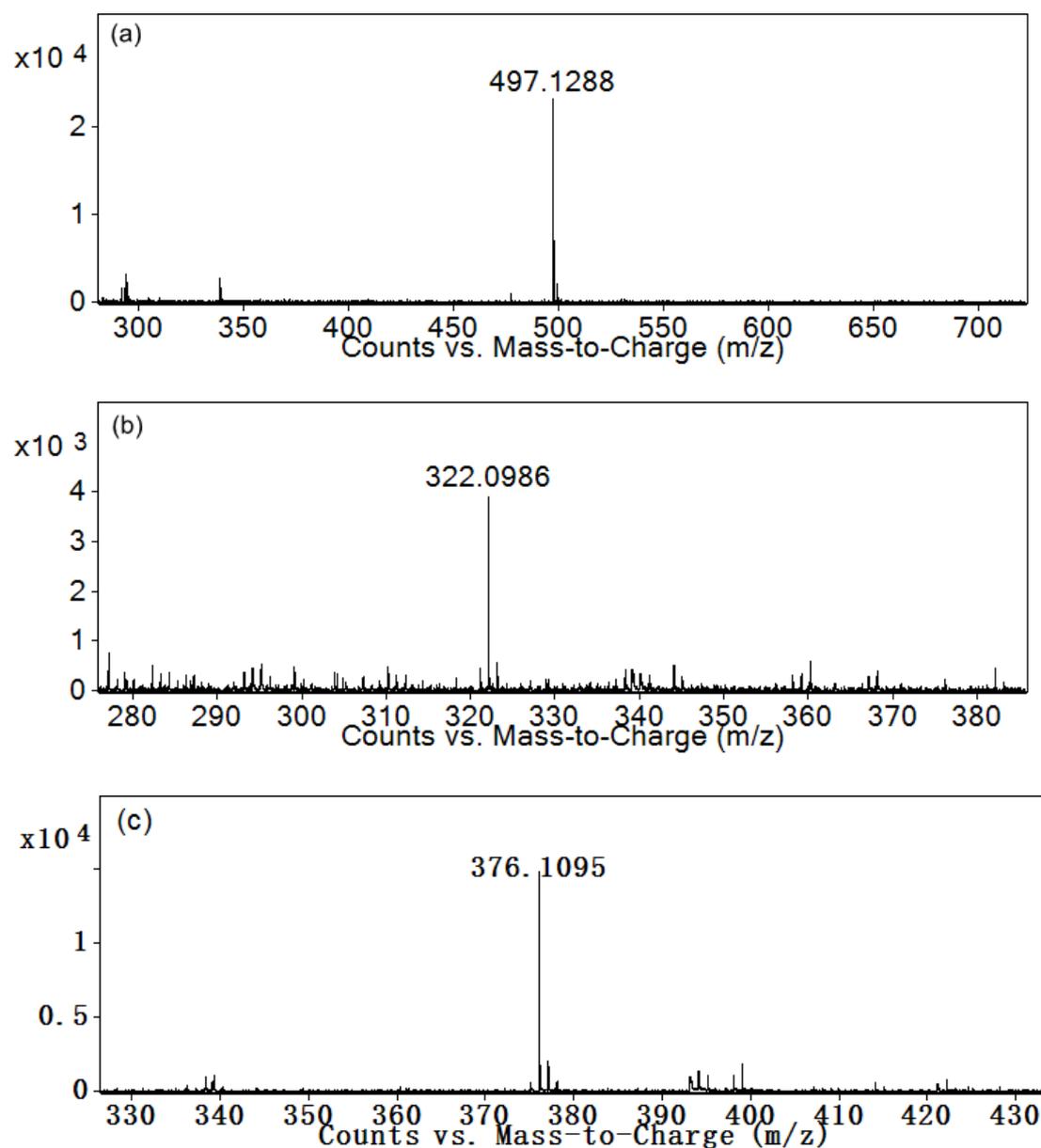


Figure S13. HR MS spectrum of reaction mixture between probe 1 and 10 equiv. of Cys in HEPES buffer solution (pH 7.4, 20 mM) with 30% acetonitrile and 5% D<sub>2</sub>O at 25 °C. The peaks were consistent with the molecular weight of (a) [1-Cys+H<sup>+</sup>] intermediate (calcd 497.1289), (b) compound [2 + H<sup>+</sup>] (calcd 322.0986) and (c) probe [1 + H<sup>+</sup>].

### HPLC spectra of the reaction between probe 1 with Hcy, GSH:

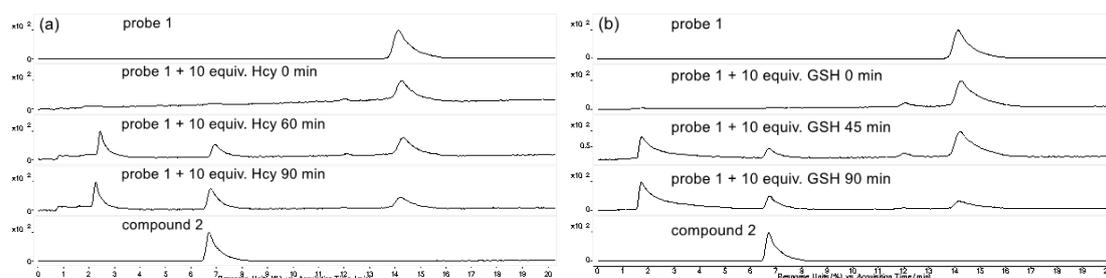


Figure S14. (a) HPLC spectra of the reaction of probe 1 with 10 equiv. Hcy and GSH in HEPES buffer solution (pH 7.4, 20 mM) with 30% acetonitrile and 5% D<sub>2</sub>O at 25 °C.

**HR-MS spectra of reaction mixture between probe 1 with Hcy, GSH:**

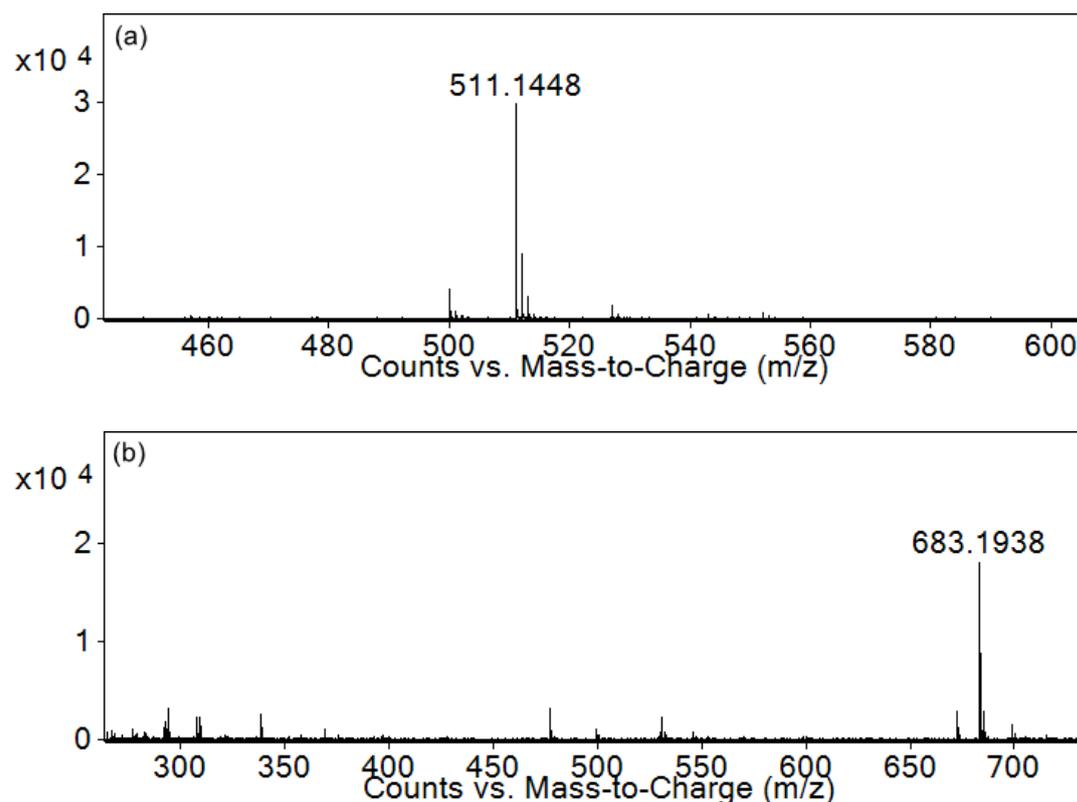


Figure S15. HR MS spectrum of reaction mixtures of probe 1 with 10 equiv. of (a) Hcy and (b) GSH in HEPES buffer solution (pH 7.4, 20 mM) with 30% acetonitrile and 5% D<sub>2</sub>O at 25 °C. The peaks were consistent with the molecular weight of [1-Hcy+H<sup>+</sup>] intermediate (calcd 511.1446) and compound [1-GSH+H<sup>+</sup>] (calcd 683.1930), respectively.

**Sensitivity of probe 1:**

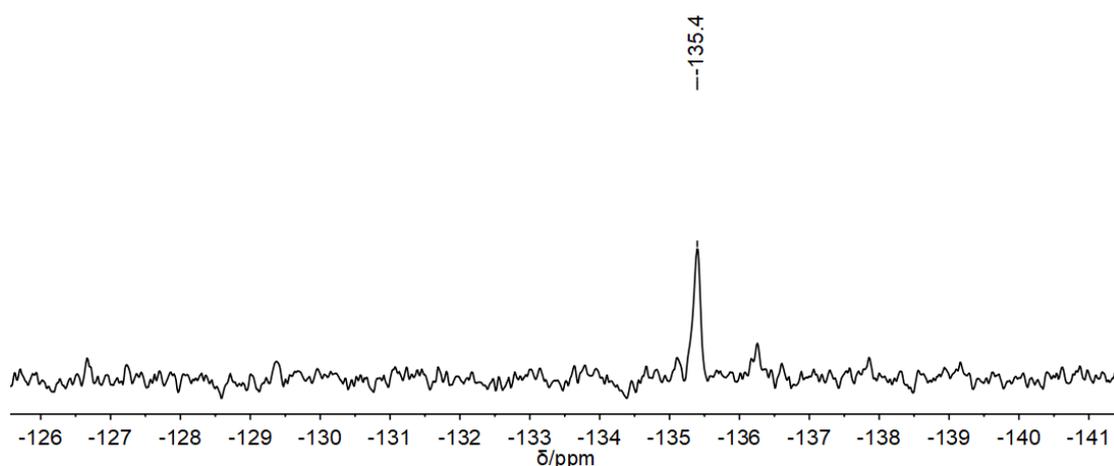


Figure S16. 4800 scans <sup>19</sup>F NMR spectrum of 10 μM probe 1 after treatment with 50 μM Cys in 20 mM HEPES buffer solution (pH 7.4) with 30% acetonitrile and 5% D<sub>2</sub>O as cosolvent.

**Stability experiment in bovine serum containing solution:**

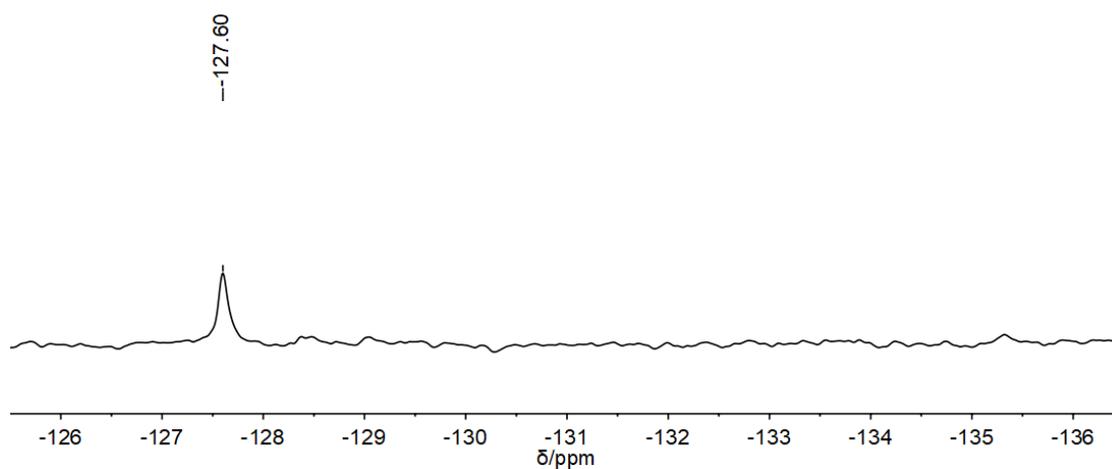
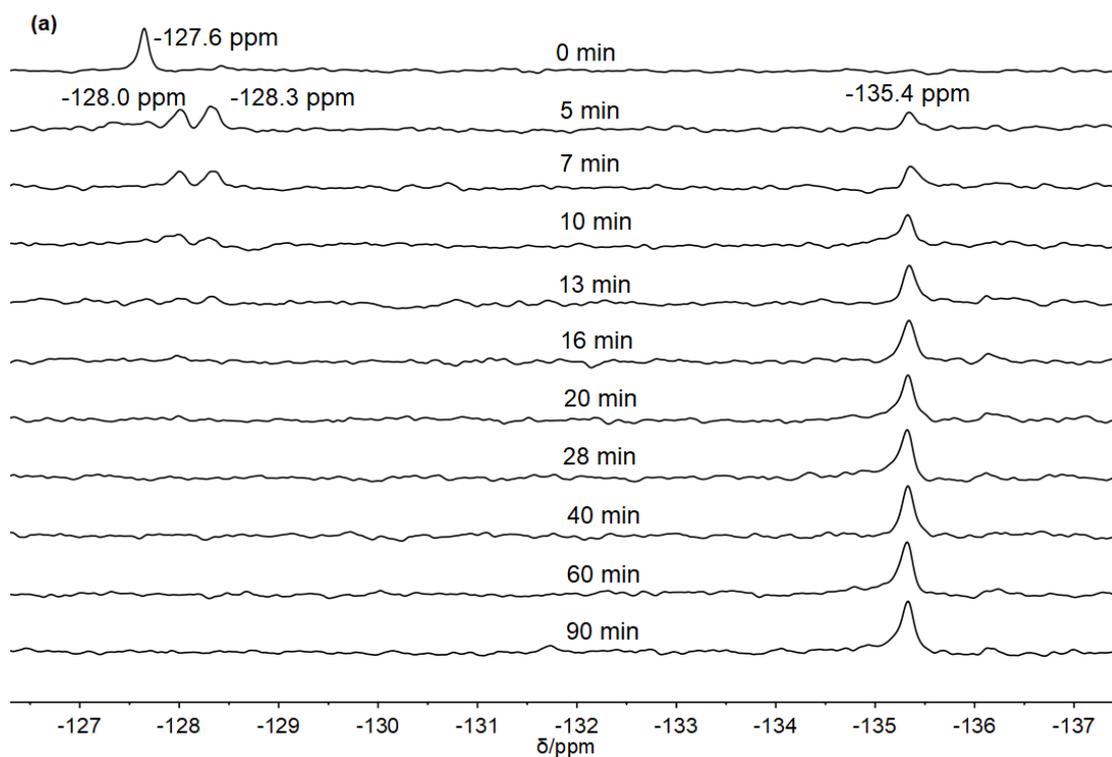


Figure S17.  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR spectrum of probe 1 (200  $\mu\text{M}$ ) in 20 mM HEPES buffer solution (pH 7.4) with 30% acetonitrile and 5%  $\text{D}_2\text{O}$  (containing 10% bovine serum) after 90 min.

**Probe 1 in response to the individual Cys, Hcy and GSH in bovine serum solution:**



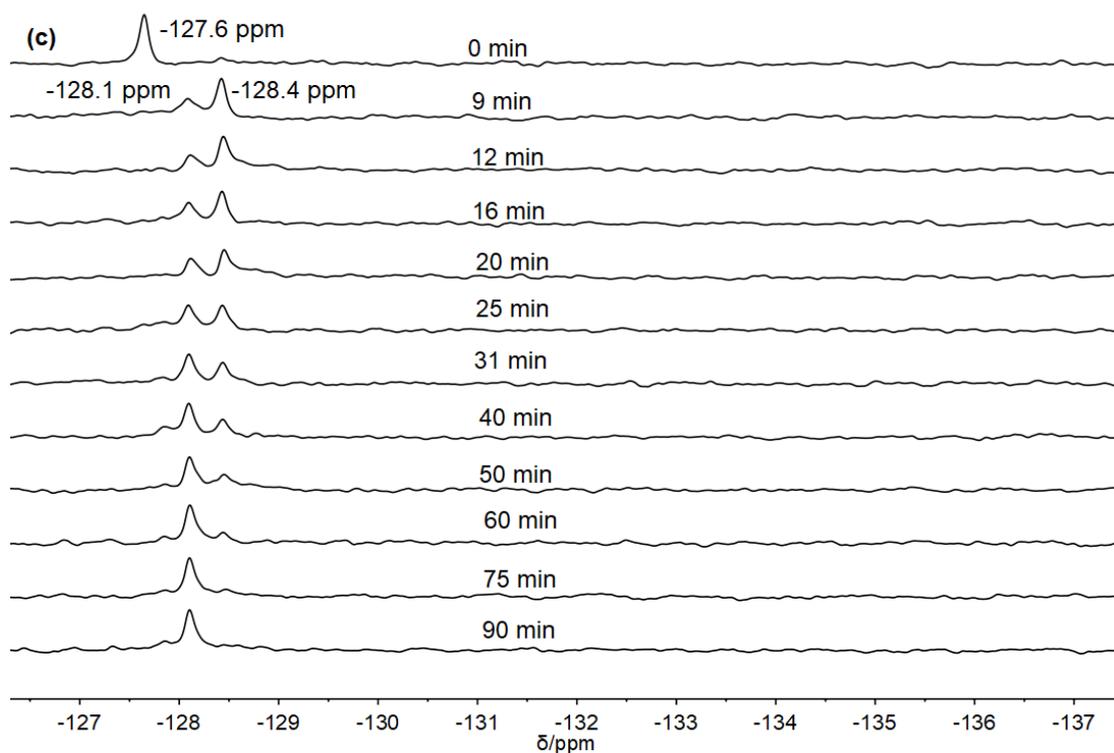
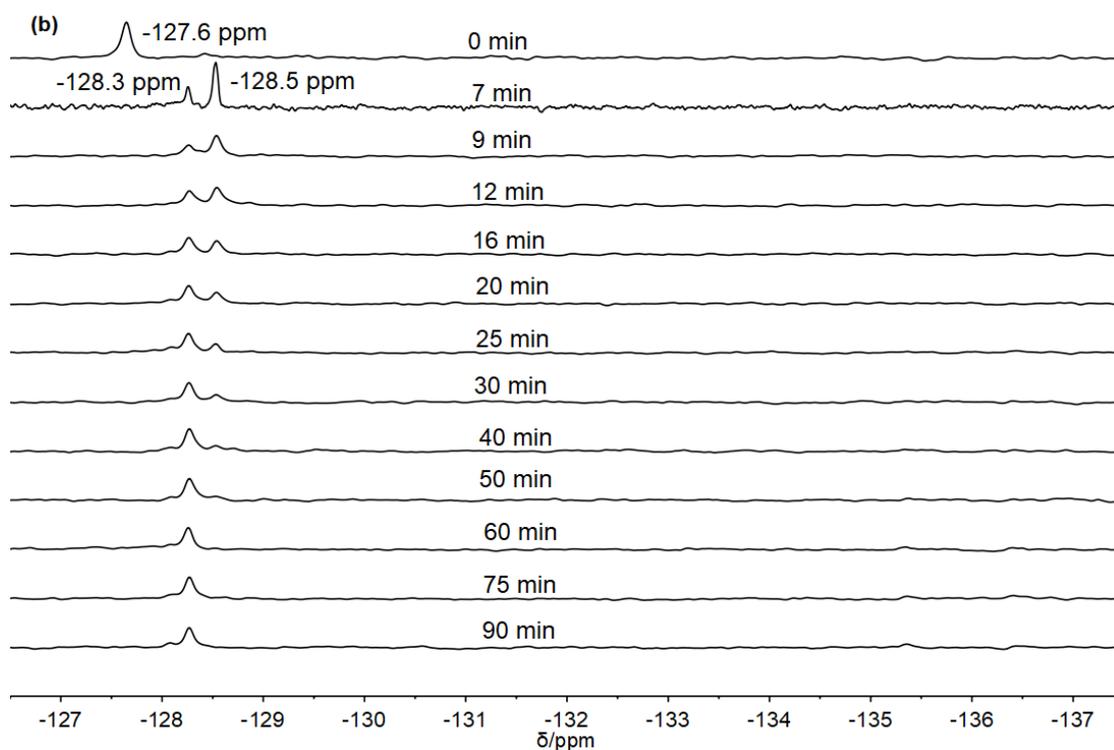


Figure S18.  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR spectra of probe 1 (200  $\mu\text{M}$ ) in the presence of (a) 1000  $\mu\text{M}$  Cys, (b) 1000  $\mu\text{M}$  Hcy and (c) 2000  $\mu\text{M}$  GSH in 20 mM HEPES buffer (pH 7.4) solution with 30% acetonitrile and 5%  $\text{D}_2\text{O}$  (containing 10% bovine serum).

**Probe 1 in response to the mixture of Cys, Hcy and GSH in bovine serum solution:**

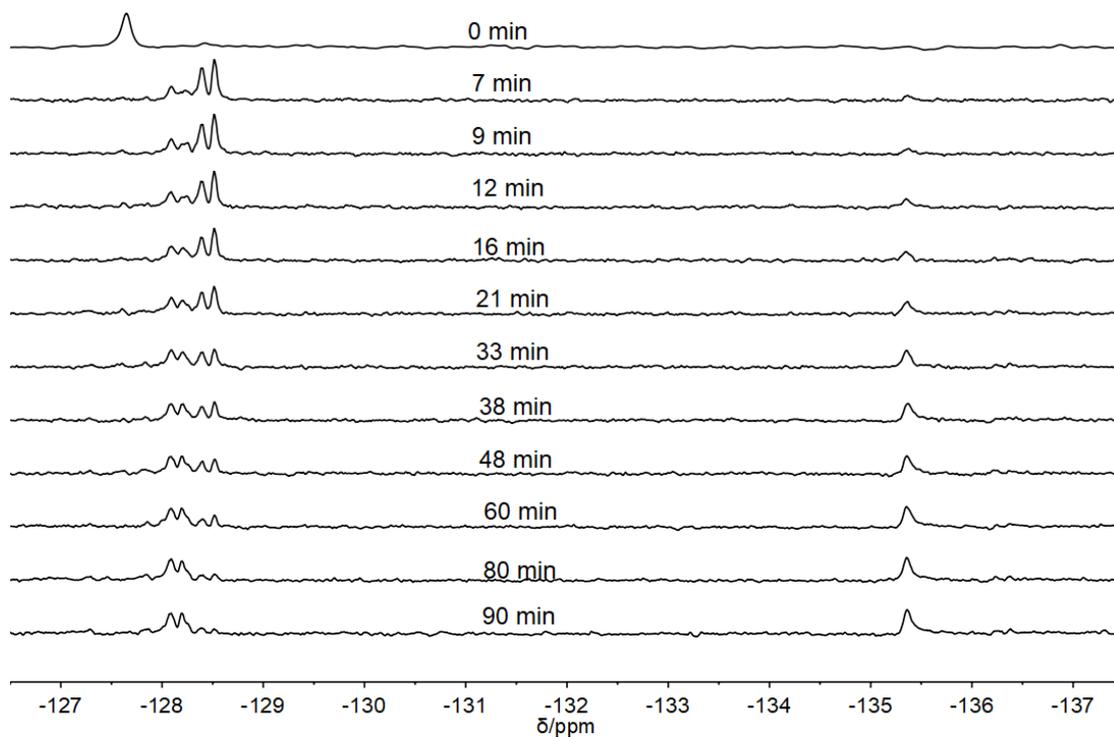


Figure S19.  $^{19}\text{F}$  NMR spectra change of probe 1 (600  $\mu\text{M}$ ) upon addition of the mixture of Cys (200  $\mu\text{M}$ ), Hcy (400  $\mu\text{M}$ ) and GSH (400  $\mu\text{M}$ ) in 20 mM HEPES buffer (pH 7.4) solution with 30% acetonitrile and 5%  $\text{D}_2\text{O}$  (containing 10% bovine serum) at 25  $^\circ\text{C}$ .