

CLICKABLE FLUORESCENT PROBES FOR BIOLOGICAL APPLICATION

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Fluorogenic probes are a powerful tool in bioimaging and diagnostics due to their ability to emit fluorescence upon interaction with specific biomolecules or environmental changes.

Recently, sydnones, a class of mesoionic compounds, have emerged as promising scaffolds for designing such probes. Sydnones, five-membered ring with a mesoionic structure, characterized by a unique electronic distribution that allows for diverse chemical reactivity and tunable photophysical properties¹. These characteristics make sydnones ideal candidates for the development of probes hat exhibit "turn-on" fluorescence upon specific biochemical triggers, such as changes in the local microenvironment or interactions with specific biomolecules^{2,3}.

The application of sydnones in fluorogenic probe design represents a significant innovation, combining chemical versatility with superior performance characteristics. Future research will likely focus on expanding the repertoire of sydnone derivatives and exploring their applications in more complex biological settings.

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