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colorimetric pH sensors with intriguing photophysical characteristics. Additionally, AINP and F-AINP were used to image the live cancer cell line A549 and the fibroblast cell line L929, and the imaging studies revealed the incorporation of dyes in the cytoplasmic space of the cells except for

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