

Probe	TPE Excitation Wavelength	Application
Alexa Fluor® 488 phalloidin	720 nm or 830 nm	Imaging F-actin organization in pancreatic acinar cells
Alexa Fluor® 594 hydrazide	810 nm	Ca ²⁺ -insensitive, neuronal tracer *
Amplex® Red reagent	750 nm or 800 nm	Detection of reactive oxygen species (ROS) associated with amyloid plaques
CFSE, CMTMR	820 nm	Tracking T and B lymphocytes and dendritic cell motility patterns in intact mouse lymph nodes †
CM-H ₂ DCFDA	740 nm	Detection of localized reactive oxygen species release in cardiomyocytes ‡
DAPI, Hoechst 33342	740 nm	Imaging DNA in nuclei and isolated chromosomes
DiD	817 nm	Intravital imaging of mouse erythrocytes
FM® 1-43	840 nm	Monitoring synaptic vesicle recycling in rat brain slices
Fluo-5F §	810 nm	Imaging Ca ²⁺ concentration dynamics in dendrites and dendritic spines
Fura-2	780 nm	Detection of GABA-mediated Ca ²⁺ transients in rat cerebellar Purkinje neurons
Lucifer yellow CH	850 nm	Identification of gap junctions in rat brain slices
Laurdan	800 nm	Detection of ordered membrane lipid domains
Monochloro-bimane	780 nm	Imaging glutathione levels in rat brain slices and intact mouse brain
MQAE	750 nm	Fluorescence lifetime imaging (FLIM) of intracellular Cl ⁻ concentrations in olfactory sensory neurons
Oregon Green® 488 BAPTA-1	880 nm	Imaging spatiotemporal relationships of Ca ²⁺ signals among cell populations in rat brain cortex
Qdot® 525, Qdot® 585, Qdot® 655 nanocrystals	750 nm	Multiplexed immunohistochemical analysis of arterial walls **
SBF1	760 nm	Imaging of intracellular Na ⁺ gradients in rat cardiomyocytes
TMRE	740 nm	Mitochondrial membrane potential sensor ‡
X-rhod-1	900 nm	Simultaneous imaging of GFP-PHD translocation and Ca ²⁺ dynamics in cerebellar purkinje cells

TABLE 1 Two-photon cross-sections of some common fluorophores^a

Fluorophores ^b	Excitation wavelength (nm)	$\eta_2\delta$ (10 ⁻⁵⁰ cm ⁴ s/photon)	δ (10 ⁻⁵⁰ cm ⁴ s/photon)
Extrinsic fluorophores			
Rhodamine B	840		210 (±55)
Fluorescein (pH 11)	782		38 (±9.7)
Fura-2 (free)	700	11	
Fura-2 (with Ca ²⁺)	700	12	
Indo-1 (free)	700	4.5 (±1.3)	12 (±4)
Indo-1 (high Ca)	700	1.2 (±0.4)	2.1 (±0.6)
Bis-MSB	691	6.0 (±1.8)	6.3 (±1.8)
Dansyl	700	1	
Dansyl hydrazine	700	0.72 (±0.2)	
DiIC ₁₈	700	95 (±28)	
Coumarin-307	776	19 (±5.5)	
Cascade blue	750	2.1 (±0.6)	
Lucifer yellow	860	0.95 (±0.3)	
DAPI	700	0.16 (±0.05)	
BODIPY	920	17 (±4.9)	
Intrinsic fluorophores			
GFP wild type	~800		~6
GFP S65T	~960		~7
NADH	~700		~0.02
FMN	~700		~0.8
Phycoerythrin	1064		322 (±110)

^a η_2 , Fluorescence quantum efficiency under two-photon excitation (35, 42, 161).
^bAbbreviations: Bis-MSB, p-bis(o-methylstyryl) benzene; DiIC₁₈, octadecyl indocarbocyanine; DAPI, 4',6-diamidino-2-phenylindole; BODIPY, 4,4-difluoro-1,3,5,7,8-pentamethyl-4-bora-3a,4a-diazaindacene-2,6-disulfonic acid disodium salt; GFP, green fluorescent protein; NADH, reduced nicotinamide-adenine dinucleotide; FMN, flavin mononucleotide.

Blue/Cyan Dyes

Dye	Excitation
Alexa 350	780-800 nm
Hoechst	780-800 nm 900-1100 nm
DAPI	780-800 nm 900-1100 nm
CFP	800-900 nm

Green Dyes

Dye	Excitation
Oregon Green	800-860 nm
Alexa 488	800-830 nm
eGFP	920-990 nm
BODIPY	900-950 nm
FITC	750-800 nm
DiO	780-830 nm

Yellow/Orange Dyes

Dye	Excitation
YFP	890-950 nm
DiA	800-860 nm

Red Dyes

Dye	Excitation
DiI	830-920 nm
Rhodamine B	800-860 nm
Alexa 568	780-840 nm



Table 1. Comparison of OP/TP excitation and emission data.

	OP maxima			TP maxima		Excitation max. shift	Emission max. shift	TP 850 nm excitation
	Abs. (nm)	Ex. (nm)	Em. (nm)	Ex. (nm)	Em. (nm)	OPE→TPE (nm)	OPE→TPE (nm)	Yield (Em ₈₅₀ /Em _{max})
ECFP ^(ES)	444	436	475	850	477	-11	+2	0.32
ECFP ^(ref.)		434*‡	472*	860‡				
EGFP ^(PS)	488	491	510	970	511	-4	±0	
EGFP ^(ES)	489	492	510		511		±0	
EGFP ^(CS)		488	510	950	521	-14	+11	
EGFP ^(ref.)		489*‡	508*†	920‡				
		471†						
EYFP ^(ES)	514	515	530	970	530	-29	±0	0.33
EYFP ^(ref.)		514*‡	527*	960‡				

CS, crude sample; ES, enriched sample; PS, pure sample; ref., reference.

*Patterson *et al.* (2001); †Labas *et al.* (2002); ‡Blab *et al.* (2001).