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Facile preparation of luminescent amphiphilic carbohydrate polymers with aggregation induced emission characteristics through formation of Schiff base for biological imaging

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## **Results and Discussion**

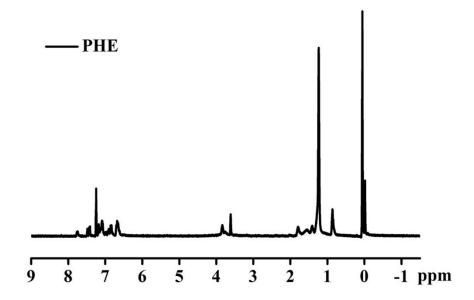


Fig. S1 <sup>1</sup>HNMR spectrum of PhE dispersed in CDCl<sub>3</sub>

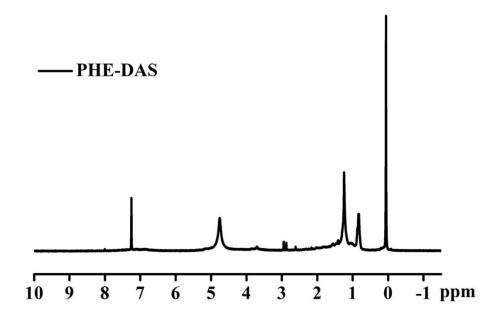


Fig. S2  $^1$ HNMR spectrum of PhE-DAS dispersed in CDCl $_3$ 

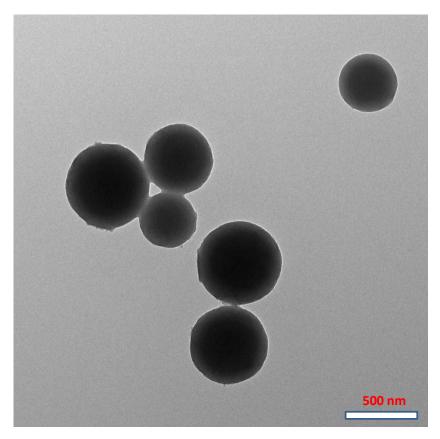
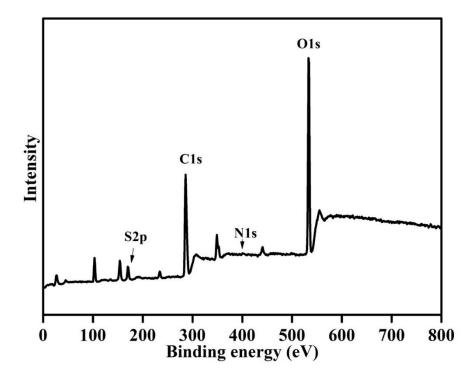


Fig. S3 TEM images of PhE-DAS. The size of PhE-DAS LPMs is ranged from 200 to 500 nm



**Fig. S4** XPS spectrum of PHE-DAS. The elements such as carbon, nitrogen, oxygen, and sulfur were observed.

Table S1 element contents (%) of PhE-DAS based on the XPS analysis.

	C1s	N1s	O1s	S2p
PhNH <sub>2</sub> -DAS	57.28	1.1	38.45	3.16

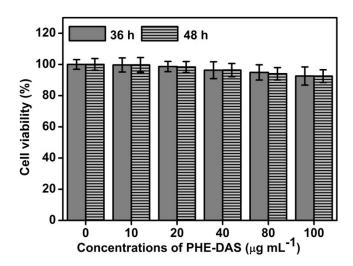


Fig. S5 Cell viability of PHE-DAS for 36 h and 48 h with different concentrations (10-100  $\mu g$  mL<sup>-1</sup>) for incubating.