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## **Electronic Supporting Information**

## A Cationic On-Off Fluorescent Sensor with AIE Property for

## **Heparin and Protamine Detection**

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Scheme. S1 Synthetic route of DSAI molecule.



Fig. S1 <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum (300MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>) of DSAI.



Fig. S2 <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum (75MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>) of DSAI.



Fig. S3 High resolution mass spectrum of DSAI.



Fig. S4 Absorption, excitation, emission spectra of Compound 1.



Fig. S5 Absorption, excitation, emission spectra of DSAI.



Fig. S6 Changes in zeta potential with the addition of heparin and protamine.



Fig. S7 The effect of pH on the fluorescence intensity, in 0.2 M phosphate buffer solution with 8  $\mu$ L DSAI methanol solution (0.1 mmol L<sup>-1</sup>) and 84  $\mu$ g mL<sup>-1</sup> heparin,  $\lambda_{ex}$ =408 nm,  $\lambda_{em}$ =519 nm.



**Fig. S8** The effect of reaction time on the fluorescence intensity, in 0.2 M phosphate buffer solution at pH 7.0 with 8  $\mu$ L DSAI methanol solution (0.1 mmol L<sup>-1</sup>) and 12  $\mu$ g mL<sup>-1</sup> heparin,  $\lambda_{ex}$ =408 nm,  $\lambda_{em}$ =519 nm.



**Fig. S9** The effect of reaction time on the fluorescence intensity, in 0.2 M phosphate buffer solution at pH 7.0 with 8  $\mu$ L DSAI methanol solution (0.1 mmol L<sup>-1</sup>), 12  $\mu$ g mL<sup>-1</sup> heparin and 5  $\mu$ g mL<sup>-1</sup> protamine,  $\lambda_{ex}$ =408 nm,  $\lambda_{em}$ =519 nm.



**Fig. S10** The fluorescence of DSAI/Hep complex with different concentrations (24.0  $\mu$ g mL<sup>-1</sup>; 18.0  $\mu$ g mL<sup>-1</sup>; 12.0  $\mu$ g mL<sup>-1</sup>, 9.6  $\mu$ g mL<sup>-1</sup>) is quenched to varying degrees (0.45, 0.49, 0.58, 0.56) with excess protamine (100  $\mu$ g mL<sup>-1</sup>).



Fig. S11 The repeatability of the sensor to detect protamine and heparin. The concentration of heparin and protamine were 60  $\mu$ g mL<sup>-1</sup> and 50  $\mu$ g mL<sup>-1</sup>.



Fig. S12 (A) Detect different large concentrations of heparin under different concentrations of probes. (B) Detect different large concentrations of protamine under different concentrations of probes. The concentration of heparin was 60  $\mu$ g mL<sup>-1</sup>.

Entry	Added (µg mL <sup>-1</sup> )	Founded (µg mL <sup>-1</sup> , n = 3)	Mean Recovery (%)	RSD (%)
1	0.36	$0.36{\pm}0.02$	101	1.06
2	0.48	$0.48{\pm}0.02$	99	1.28
3	0.60	$0.60{\pm}0.02$	100	1.54
4	0.72	$0.74{\pm}0.03$	103	1.96

Table S1 Recovery tests of DSAI/Hep complex in 3% goat serum.

Table S2 Recovery tests of DSAI/Hep/Pro complex in 576 goat serum.							
Entry	Added (µg mL <sup>-1</sup> )	Founded ( $\mu g m L^{-1} n = 3$ )	Mean Recovery	RSD			
			(%)	(%)			
1	0.50	$0.50{\pm}0.02$	100	1.46			
2	0.70	$0.70{\pm}0.03$	100	1.77			
3	0.80	$0.78{\pm}0.04$	98	2.27			
4	1.00	$1.05{\pm}0.05$	105	4.16			

Table S2 Recovery tests of DSAI/Hep/Pro complex in 3% goat serum