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A Molecular rotor based sensor for Heparin

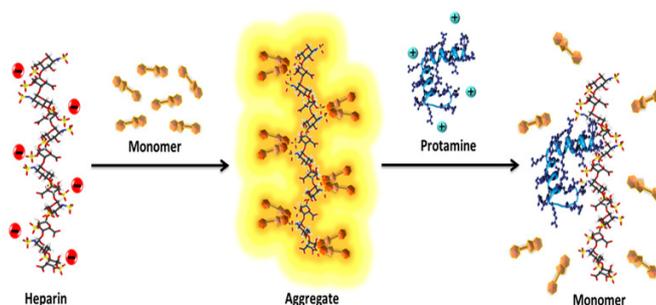
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Abstract

Heparin belongs to the family of glycosaminoglycan with a very high degree of sulfation and carries the highest negative charge density known for any bio-macromolecule. Heparin is the second most widely used natural drug, and clinically, Heparin is widely used as an anticoagulant during surgery to prevent thrombosis, and in the treatment of thrombotic diseases. However, Heparin overdose induces certain complications such as hemorrhages, Heparin-induced thrombocytopenia, etc. Thus, it is very essential to monitor the level of Heparin during and after surgery, and control the amount of Heparin for anticoagulant therapy to avoid complications induced by Heparin-overdose. Constructing "turn on" fluorescent probes for Heparin, a most widely used anticoagulant in clinics, from commercially available materials is of great importance, but remains challenging. Here, we report the formation of a rarely observed emissive H-aggregate of an ultrafast molecular rotor dye, Thioflavin-T, in the presence of Heparin, which provides an excellent platform for simple, economic and rapid fluorescence turn-on sensing of Heparin. Our sensor system offers several advantages including, emission in the biologically advantageous red-region, dual sensing i.e., both by fluorimetry and colorimetry, and most importantly constructed from in-expensive commercially available dye molecule, which is expected to impart a large impact on the sensing field of Heparin. Our system displays good performance in complex biological media of serum samples. The novel Thioflavin-T aggregate emission could be also used to probe the interaction of Heparin with its only clinically approved antidote, Protamine.



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