Electronic Supplementary Information

A novel calix[4]arene-modified porphyrin-based dual-modal sensor for the specific detection of dopamine with excellent performance

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Experimental Section

Chemicals: Bis(triphenylphosphine) palladium(II) chloride (PdCl₂(PPh₃)₂) was purchased from TCI. Triethylamine and dichloromethane for section 3 were freshly distilled from CaH₂ under an atmosphere of nitrogen. Column chromatography was carried out on silica gel (200~300 mesh) with the indicated eluents. All other reagents and solvents were used as received. The compounds of calix[4]arene was prepared according to the literature methods.

Measurements: Electronic absorption spectra were recorded with a Hitachi U-3900 spectrophotometer. ¹H NMR spectrum was recorded on a Bruker DPX 400 spectrometer in CDCl₃. Spectrum was referenced internally using the residual solvent resonance (δ = 7.26 for ¹H NMR) relative to SiMe₄. ¹³C NMR spectrum was recorded on a Bruker DPX 400 spectrometer in CDCl₃. AFM images were collected in air under ambient conditions using the tapping mode with a NanoscopelII/Bioscope scanning probe microscope from Digital instruments. MALDI–TOF mass spectrum was taken on a Bruker BIFLEX III ultra-high-resolution Fourier transform ion cyclotron resonance (FT–ICR) mass spectrometer with alpha-cyano-4-hydroxycinnamic acid as matrix. IR spectra were recorded as KBr pellets using a Bruker Tensor 37 spectrometer with 2 cm-1 resolution. Thermogravimetry/differential scanning calorimetry (TG-DSC) measurements were carried out with TA-SDT650. Fluorescent measurement was carried out with F-7000 spectrophotometer.

Synthesis of H₂T[(IP)(Pyr)₃]P (2): In scheme 1, Iodobenzaldehyde (1.16 g; 5 mmol) and pyrene-1-carboxaldehyde (4.6 g; 20 mmol) were stirred and refluxed in propionic acid (200 ml) for 0.5 h, and then pyrrole (1.34 g; 20 mmol) was added. The mixture was stirred at 140°C for 0.5 h, then MeOH was added and stay overnight below 0°C. The crude product was purified by column chromatography to afford H₂T[(IP)(Pyr)₃]P in 10% yield(CHCl₃: petroleum ether = 7:3). MALDI-TOF MS: an isotopic cluster peaking at m/z 1112, calcd for H₂T[(IP)(Pyr)₃]P, [M]⁺,1113.07.

Synthesis of propinyl-calix[4]arene: In scheme 2, Calix[4]arene (3.10 g; 4.78 mmol) and potash (0.57 g; 4.12 mmol) were stirred and refluxed in acetonitrile (50ml) for 1 h, and then propargyl bromide (80 wt% solution in toluene, 0.82 g; 6.89 mmol) was added. The mixture was stirred at 57° C for 18 h, and the crude product was purified by column chromatography (CHCl₃:n-hexane = 3:1) to afford propinyl-calix[4]arene in 20% yield.¹MALDI-TOF MS: an isotopic cluster peaking at m/z 686, calcd for propinyl-calix[4]arene, [M]⁺, 686.98.

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Fig. S3. ¹H NMR spectrum of **1** in CDCl₃. The signals due to residue solvents ($CHCl_3$, H_2O , trimethylamine and petroleum ether) are denoted as *. (The insets are the signals in the range of 3.4–5.4,7.0–8.9 and 9.3–10.3 ppm).

¹H NMR (400 MHz, Toluene-D8, 343K) for **1**, δ:-2.40, -2.16 (s, 2, Hk), 1.21 (s, 36, Ha), 3.56, 4.33, 4.67 (s, 8, Hc), 5.35 (s, 2, He), 6.99, 7.05, 7.16(s, 8, Hb), 7.48, 7.55, 7.71, 7.73 (m, 8, Hg), 7.95, 8.21 (d, 4, Hf), 8.10 (m, 6, Hj), 8.32, 8.38, 8.42 (m, 18, Hi), 8.52 (m, 3, Hh), 9.43, 10.21, 10.33 (m, 3, Hd).



Fig. S4. 13C NMR spectrum of **1** in CDCl₃. The signals due to residue solvents of CHCl₃, is denoted as *. ¹³H NMR (CHCl₃, 400 MHz, δ/ppm): 148.41, 146.68, 144.38, 143.26, 134.52, 133.69, 132.64, 131.46, 130.78, 127.70, 125.95, 125.29, 124.58, 124.12, 122.76, 118.51, 113.12, 87.55, 34.03, 32.64, 31.52.



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T _m (°C)	T _{onset} (°C) (1 step)	T _{onset} (°C) (2 step)	T _{max} (°C) (2step)	Residueb /%
557.6	272.8	313.4	328.5	41

Table S2. Electronic absorption data for 1 and 2 in THF and the QLS films.

Compounds	Solution (nm)	Film (nm)
1	427, 518, 553, 591, 649	436, 524, 559, 595, 649
2	430, 519, 555, 592, 651	442, 525, 560, 596, 654

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