

## Supporting information

### **A novel near-infrared fluorescent probe based on triphenylamine derivatives for rapid and sensitive detection of heparin**

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## 1. The photophysical properties of TPA-P<sup>+</sup>

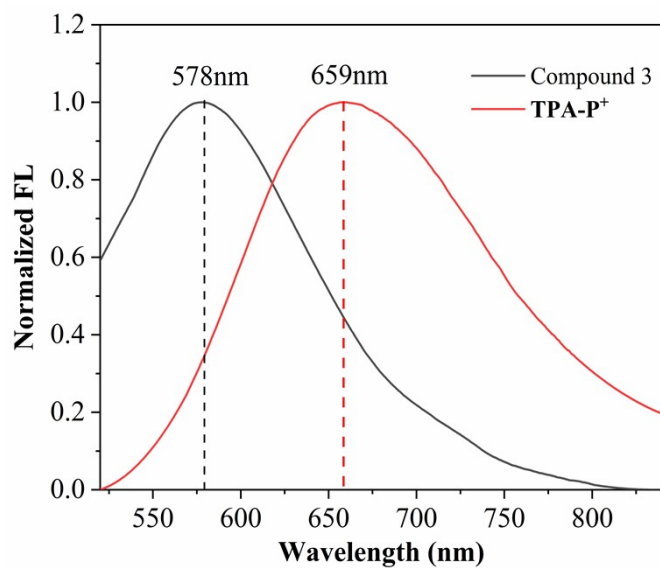


Figure S1. The fluorescence emission spectra of TPA-P<sup>+</sup> and compound 3 in the water (containing 1% DMSO).

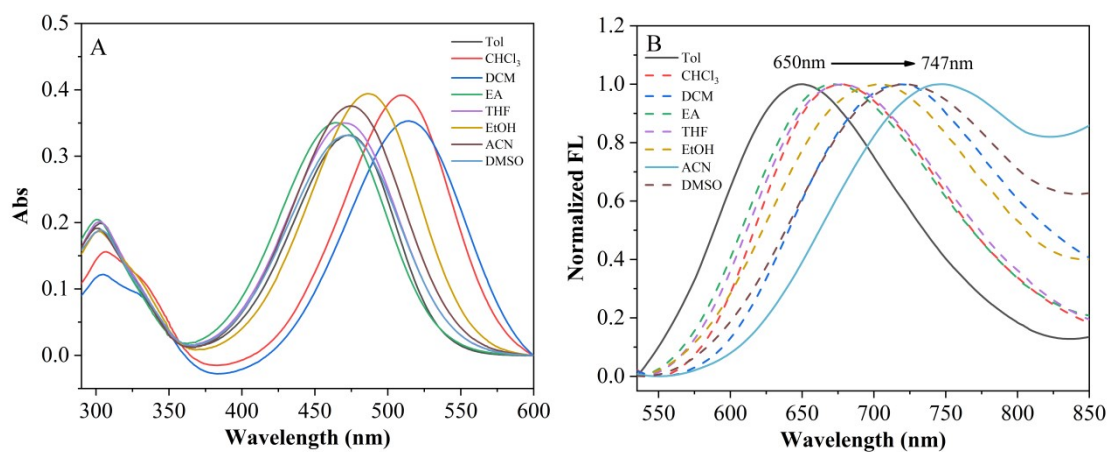


Figure S2. (A) Changes in absorption spectra and (B) Normalized fluorescence emission spectra of TPA-P<sup>+</sup> (10  $\mu$ M) in different solvents.

Table S1. Parameters of the solvents

solvent	$\Delta f$	$\lambda_{\text{abs}}$	$\lambda_{\text{em}}$	Stokes shift ( $\text{cm}^{-1}$ )
Toluene	0.014	472	650	5802
$\text{CHCl}_3$	0.148	509	677	4875
DCM	0.217	514	720	5566
EA	0.221	464	672	6670
THF	0.21	471	677	6460
DMSO	0.263	472	721	7317
MeCN	0.305	474	745	7674
EtOH	0.29	486	706	6412

$\Delta f$  was chosen as the measure of polarity.  $\epsilon$  was the static dielectric constant and  $n$  was the optical refractive index of the solvent.

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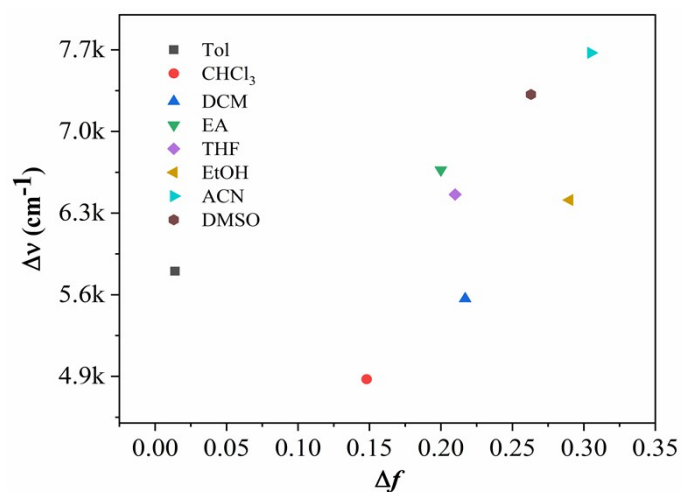


Figure S3. The Lippert-Mataga plot of Stokes shift ( $\Delta\nu$ ) of **TPA-P<sup>+</sup>** versus  $\Delta f$  in different solvents.

## 2. DFT optimized structure of **TPA-P<sup>+</sup>**

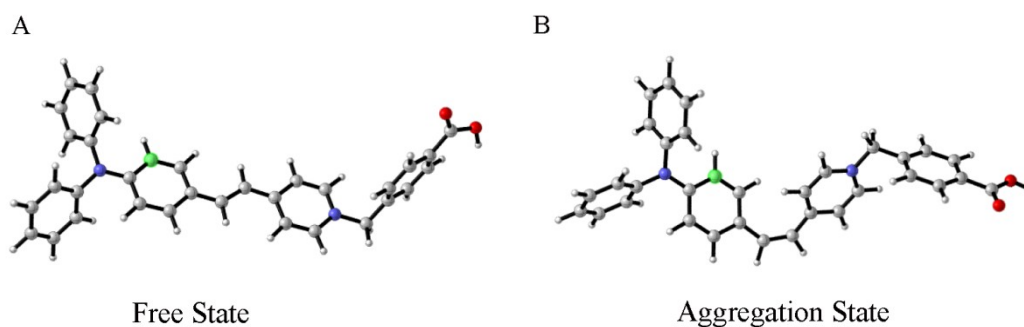


Figure S4. Density functional theory (DFT) optimized structure of **TPA-P<sup>+</sup>**. In the ball-and-stick representation, hydrogen, carbon, nitrogen and oxygen are colored in white, gray, blue and green, red, respectively. The calculations are based on the optimized ground state geometry ( $S_0$  state) at the B3LYP/6-31g\*/ level using Gaussian 09W.

## 3. The response of compound 3 to heparin

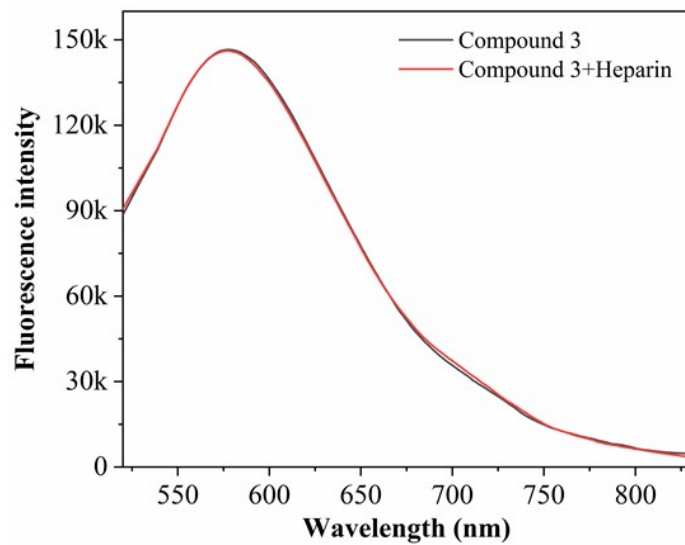


Figure S5. The response of compound 3 to heparin.

#### 4. Stability of free $\text{TPA-P}^+$ and $\text{TPA-P}^+$ +heparin complex

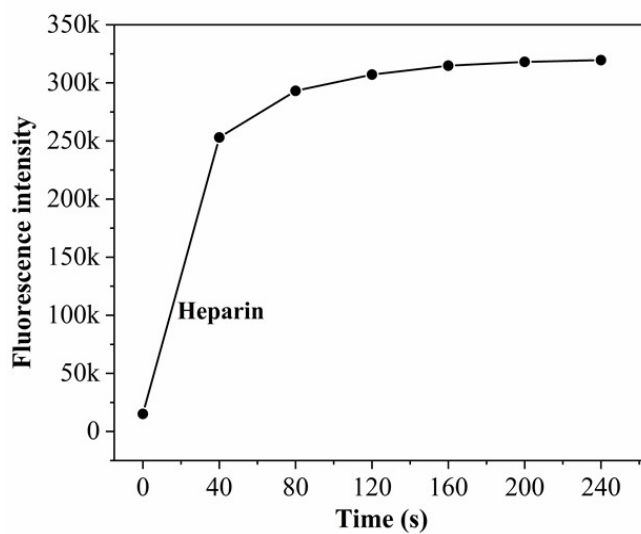


Figure S6. Time response of  $\text{TPA-P}^+$  ( $2.5 \mu\text{M}$ ) to heparin ( $2.0 \text{ nM}$ ) in the water (containing 1% DMSO).

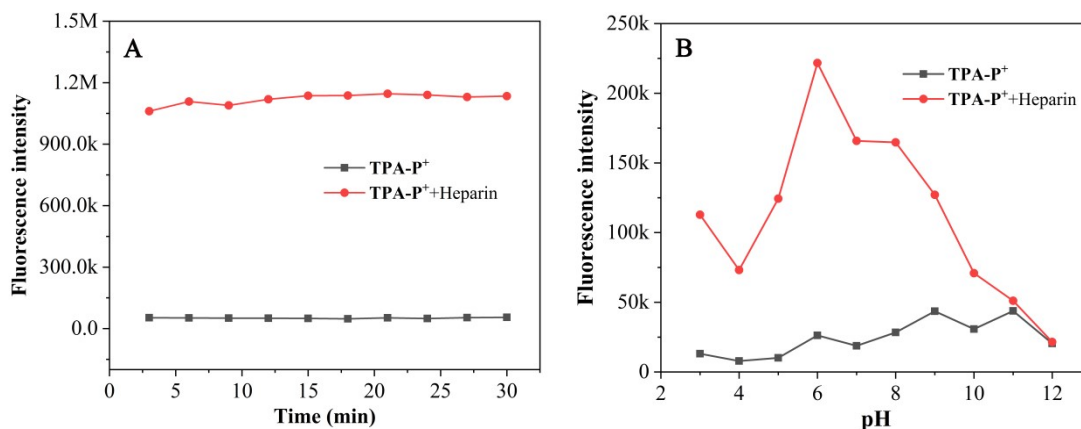


Figure S7. Effect of time (A) and pH (B) on free **TPA-P<sup>+</sup>** and **TPA-P<sup>+</sup>+heparin** complex in the water (containing 1% DMSO).  $\lambda_{\text{ex}} = 470 \text{ nm}$

### 5. The selectivity of **TPA-P<sup>+</sup>+heparin** complex to PRTM

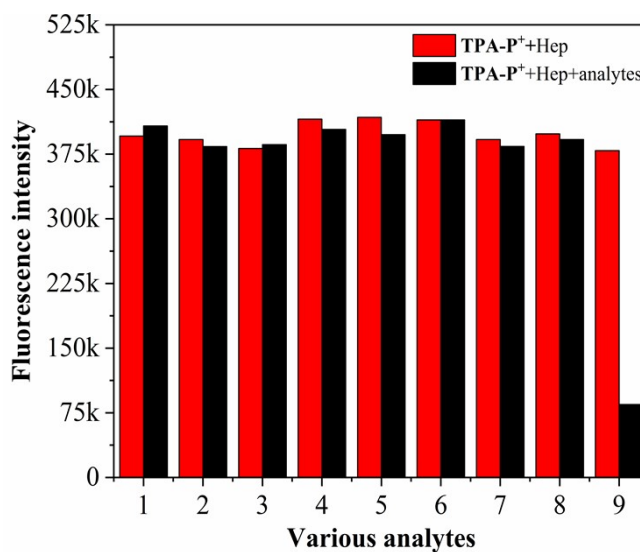


Figure S8. Selectivity of **TPA-P<sup>+</sup>+Heparin** complex for sensing of PRTM over other possible analytes including: 1 Valine (Val); 2 Histidine (His); 3 Glutathione (GSH); 4 Cystine (Cys); 5 Serine (Ser); 6 Tryptophen (Try); 7 NaCl; 8 KBr; 9 Protamine (PRTM).  $\lambda_{\text{ex}} = 470 \text{ nm}$

### 6. Reversibility of the “off-on-off” system constructed by **TPA-P<sup>+</sup>+heparin+PRTM**

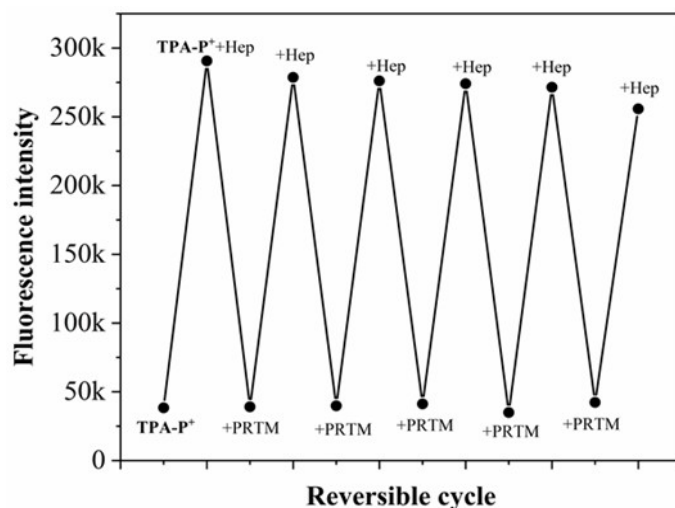


Figure S9. Reversibility of **TPA-P<sup>+</sup>** (5.0  $\mu\text{M}$ ) in subsequent response to heparin (10  $\mu\text{g}/\text{mL}$ ) and PRTM (15  $\mu\text{g}/\text{mL}$ ) in the water (containing 1% DMSO).  $\lambda_{\text{ex}} = 470 \text{ nm}$ .

### 7. Heparin sensing in serum containing 100 $\mu\text{M}$ NaCl

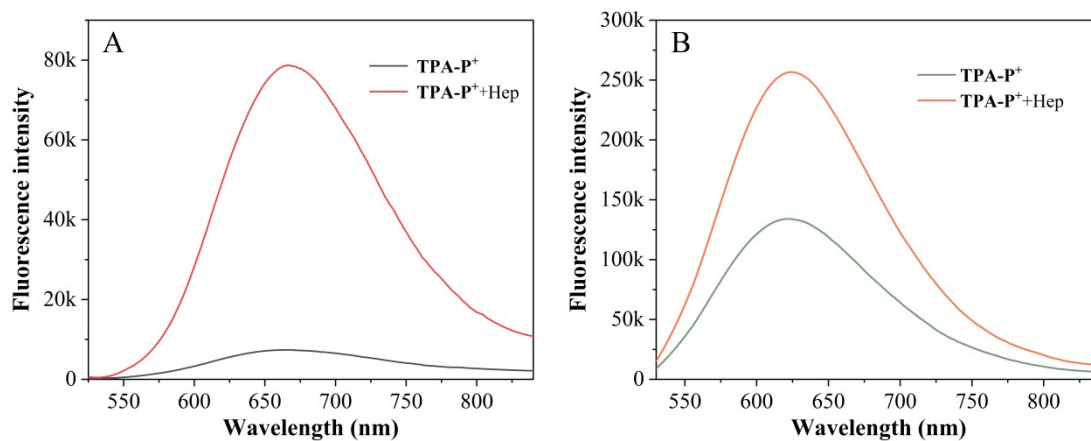


Figure S10. After adding 100  $\mu\text{M}$  NaCl, emission spectral changes of **TPA-P<sup>+</sup>** (2.5  $\mu\text{M}$ ) upon addition of heparin (16  $\mu\text{g}/\text{mL}$ ) in water (A) and human serum (B) (containing 1% DMSO)

### 8. HRMS and NMR characterizations



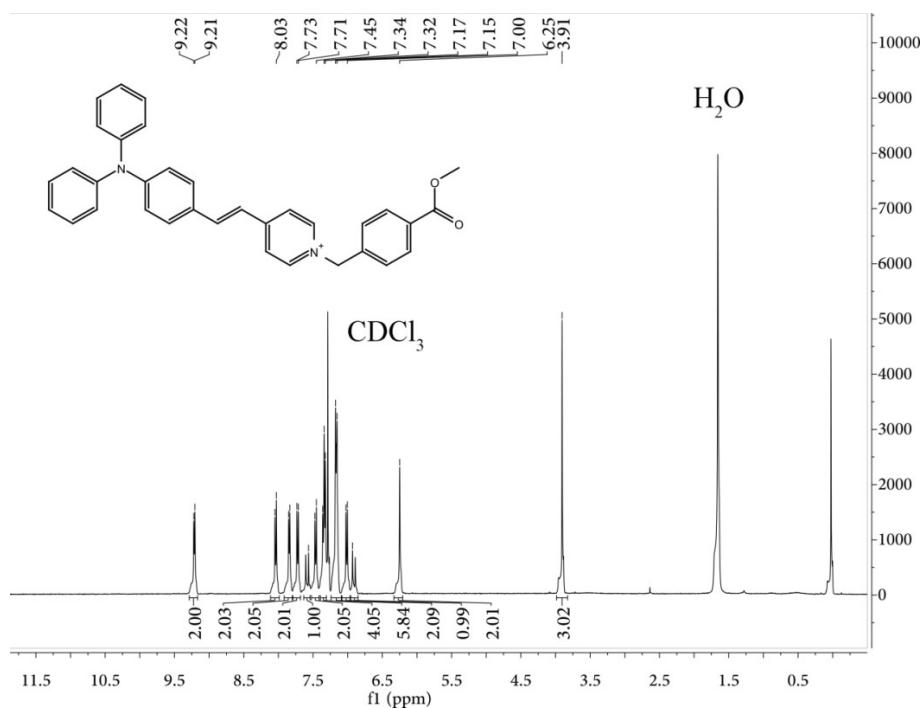


Figure S11. The <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra of TPA-P<sup>+</sup> in CDCl<sub>3</sub>.

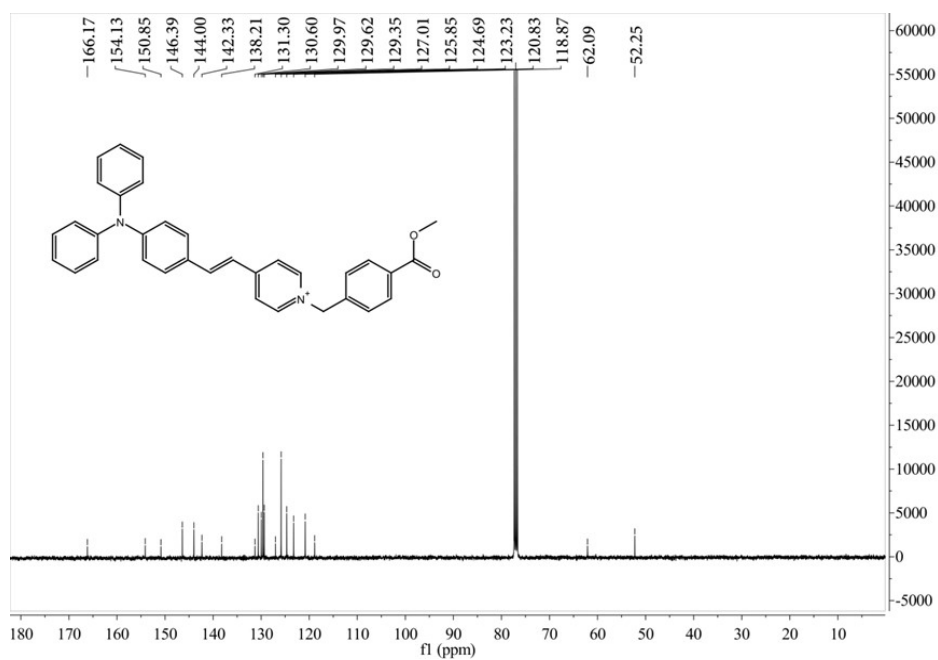


Figure S12. The <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra of TPA-P<sup>+</sup> in CDCl<sub>3</sub>.

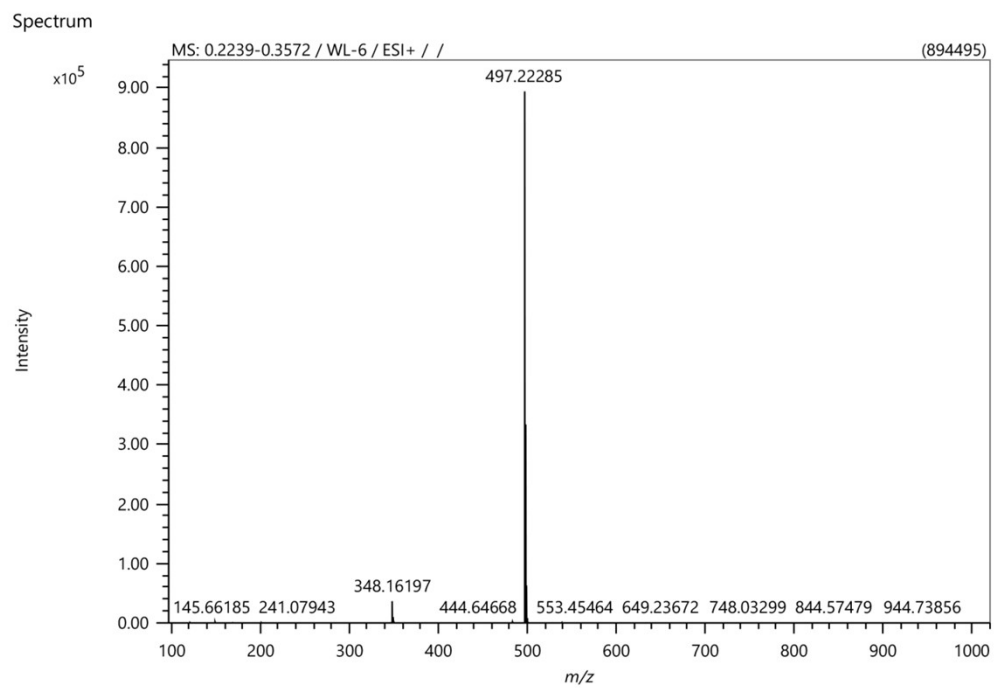


Figure S13. The HRMS spectra of **TPA-P<sup>+</sup>**.