

Electronic Supplementary Information

A simple but highly sensitive and selective colorimetric and fluorescent probe for Cu²⁺ in aqueous media

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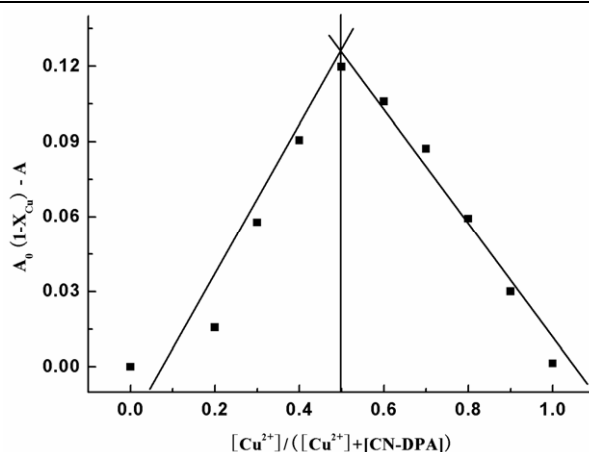


Fig. S1 Job's plot for determining the stoichiometry of **CN-DPA** and Cu^{2+} . The total concentration of **CN-DPA** and Cu^{2+} was 10 μM . Molar fraction was given by $[Cu^{2+}] / ([Cu^{2+}] + [CN-DPA])$.

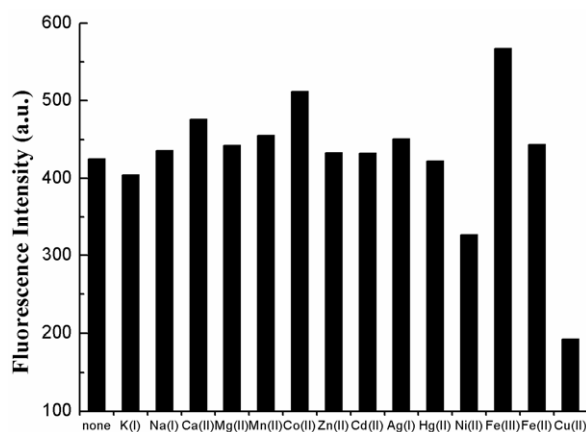


Fig. S2 Fluorescent responses of **CN-DPA** (5 μM) in HEPES (10 mM, pH 7.4) solution (ethanol/water = 1:9, v/v) after the addition of 5 μM of various metal ions with an excitation at 507 nm

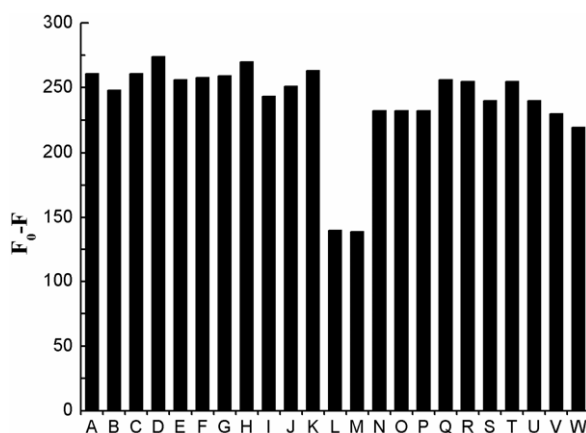


Fig. S3 Fluorescent responses of **CN-DPA** (5 μ M) to Cu^{2+} (5 μ M) in the presence of other metal ions (5 μ M) and common anions (10 μ M) in HEPES (10 mM, pH 7.4) solution (ethanol/water = 1:9, v/v) with an excitation at 507 nm. A: +K⁺; B: +Na⁺; C: +Ca²⁺; D: +Mg²⁺; E: +Mn²⁺; F: +Ag⁺; G: +Co²⁺; H: +Hg²⁺; I: +Zn²⁺; J: +Cd²⁺; K: +Ni²⁺; L: +Fe³⁺; M: +Fe²⁺; N: CuSO₄; O: CuCl₂; P: Cu(NO₃)₂; Q: +Br⁻; R: +I⁻; S: +HCO₃⁻; T: +CO₃²⁻; U: +HPO₄²⁻; V: +H₂PO₄⁻; W: +PO₄³⁻; (The anions are all from sodium salts).

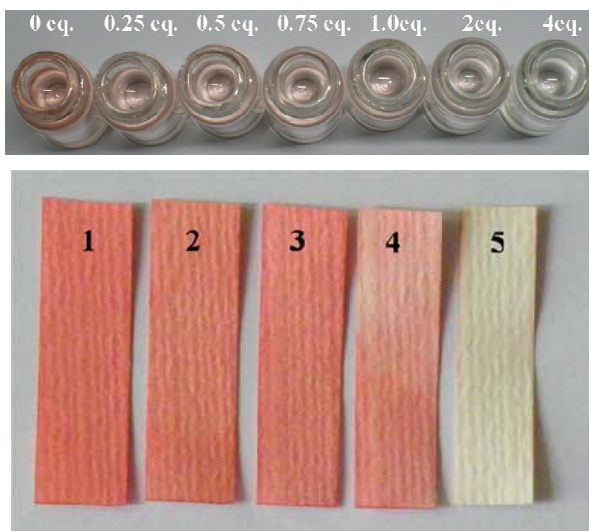


Fig. S4 (top) The color changes of **CN-DPA** (5 μ M) upon adding various amount of Ni^{2+} . (bottom) Photographs of the test kits with **CN-DPA** for detecting Ni^{2+} in aqueous solution with different concentrations. 1: 0; 2: 1.0×10^{-4} M; 3: 5.0×10^{-4} M; 4: 5.0×10^{-3} M; 5: 5.0×10^{-2} M.

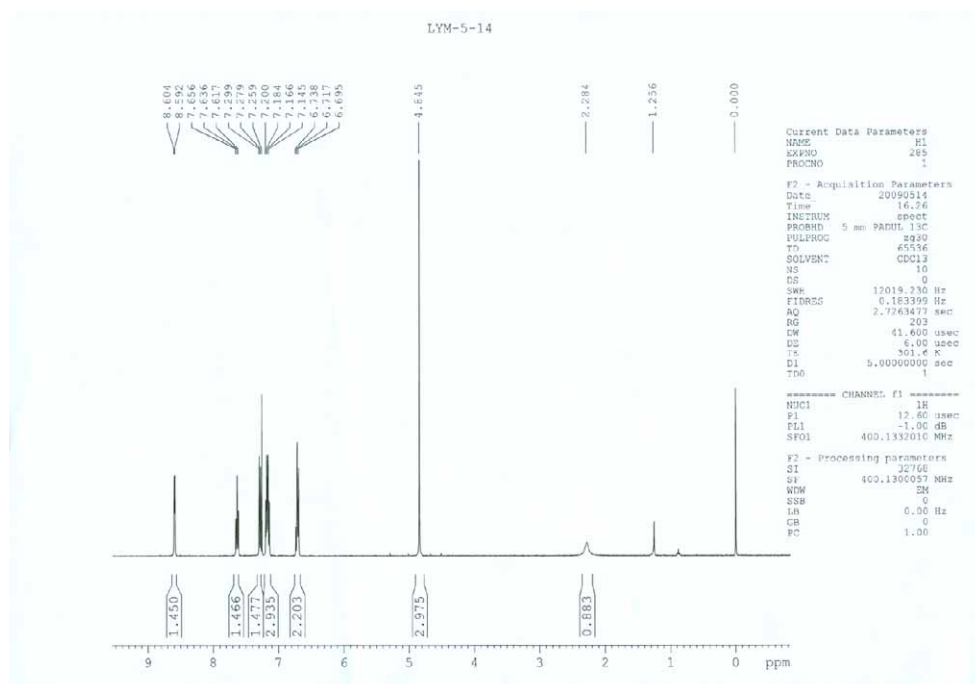


Fig. S5 ^1H -NMR spectra of Ph-DPA

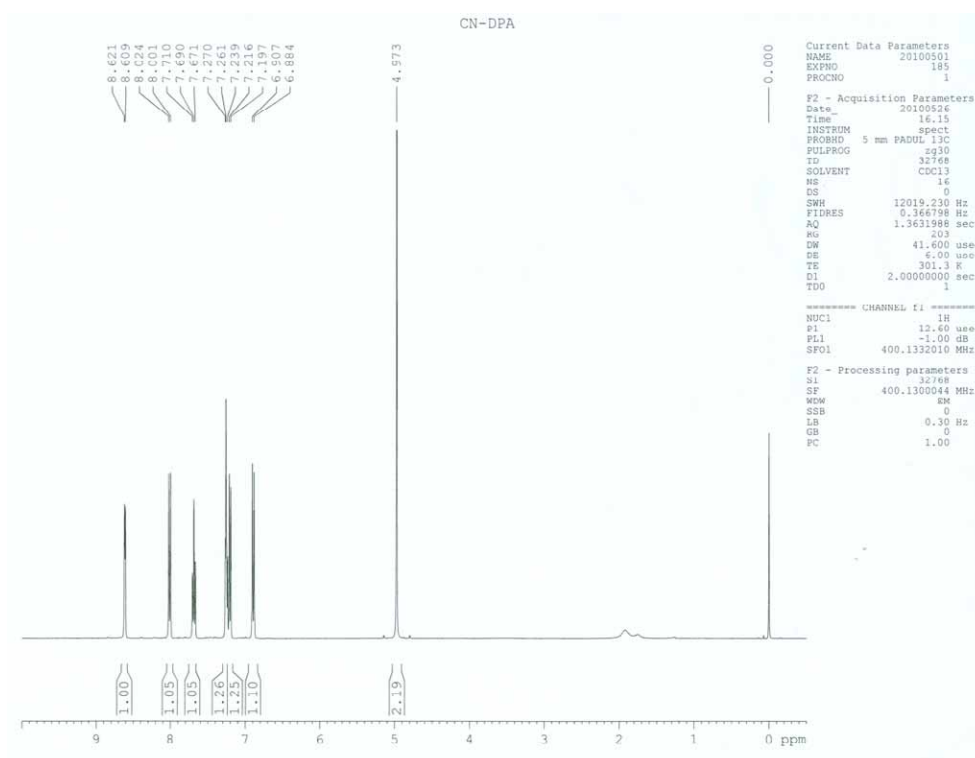


Fig. S6 ^1H -NMR spectra of CN-DPA

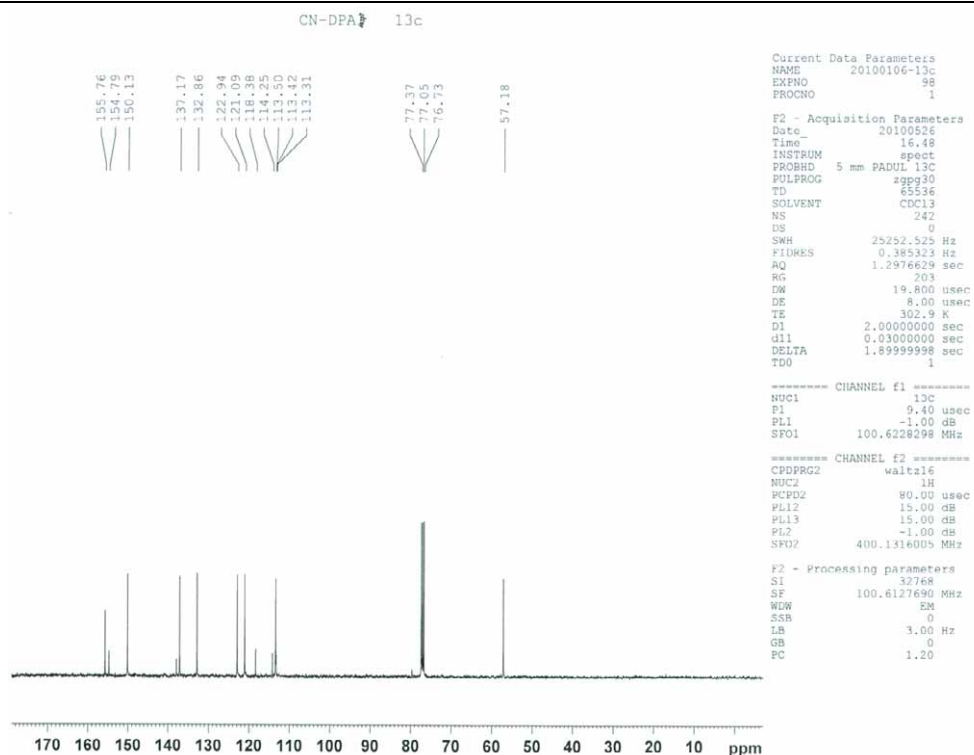


Fig. S7 ^{13}C -NMR spectra of CN-DPA

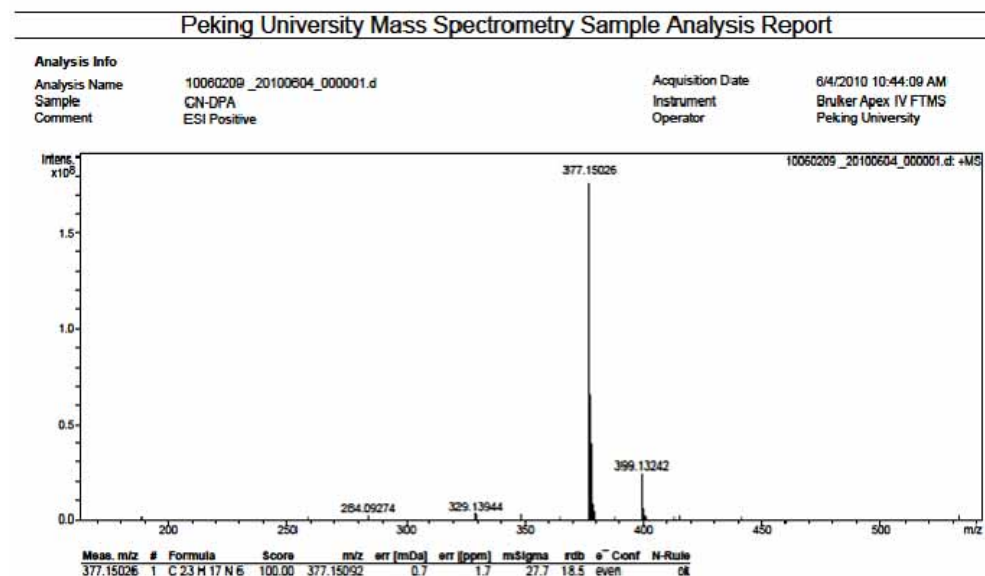


Fig. S8 High-resolution mass spectra of CN-DPA

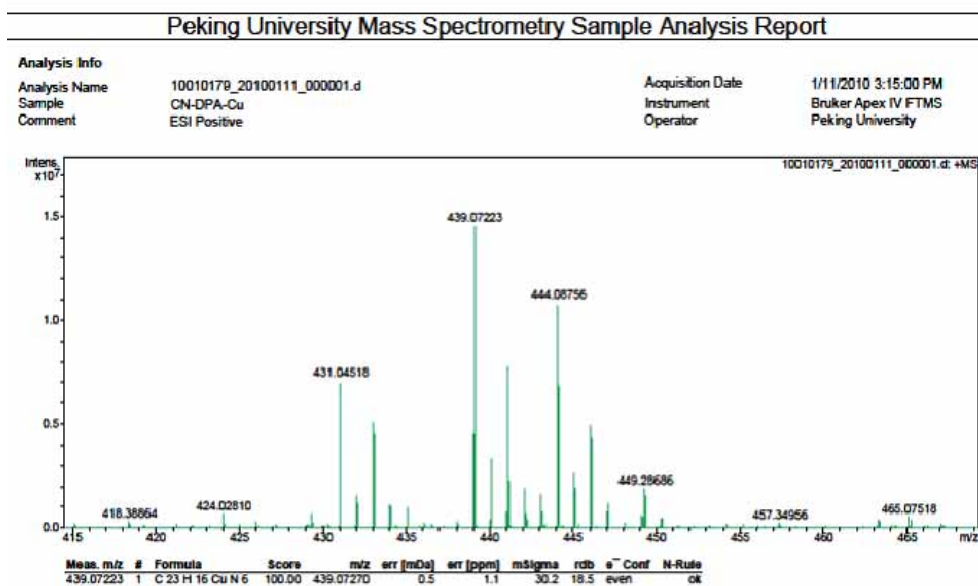


Fig. S9 High-resolution mass spectra of CN-DPA-Cu