## **Supporting Information**

## Synthesis of CuO-CdS composite nanowires and its ultrasensitive

## ethanol sensing property

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Figure S1. EDS elemental spectrum of the 0.05 at% CuO-CdS nanowires.



Figure S2. the XPS spectra of the CdS: (a) Cd element, (b) S element



Figure S3. the XPS spectra of the 0.01 at% CuO-CdS: (a) Cd element, (b) S element, (c) Cu element and (d) O element.



Figure S4. the XPS spectra of the 0.05 at% CuO-CdS: (a) Cd element, (b) S element, (c) Cu element and (d) O element.



Figure S5. the XPS spectra of the 0.1 at% CuO-CdS: (a) Cd element, (b) S element, (c) Cu element and (d) O element.



Figure S6. the XPS spectra of the 0.5 at% CuO-CdS: (a) Cd element, (b) S element, (c) Cu element and (d) O element.

Table S1	atom ratio	of Cu to Co	l of the a	as-prepared	samples	according to	XPS
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Samples	Pure CdS	0.01 at% CuO-CdS	0.05 at% CuO-CdS	0.1 at% CuO-CdS	0.5 at% CuO-CdS
Atom ratio Cu/Cd	0	0.2 %	0.75 %	0.84 %	1.38 %



Figure S6. Response of 0.05% CuO/CdS composite based sensor to 100 ppm ethanol,



isopropanol and methanol at different operating temperature.

Figure S7. The change in sensor resistance in air around 185°C with the additive

amounts of CuO.