## **Electronic Supplementary Materials**

An ultrasensitive and selective fluorescence nanosensor based on porphyrinic metal-organic framework nanoparticles for Cu<sup>2+</sup> detection

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Figure S1. Zeta potential of MOF-525 NPs at pH=7.4.



**Figure S2.** Time-dependent fluorescence response of MOF-525 NPs (5 mg  $L^{-1}$ ) in HEPES solution (20 mM, pH 7.4) in the presence of Cu<sup>2+</sup> (250 nM).



Figure S3. Cell viability of MOF-525 NPs.

Fluorescence probe	Linear range (nM)	Limit of detection (nM)	Reference
<sup>a</sup> UiO-66(OH) <sub>2</sub> @PCN-224	0~1.0	0.068	S1
<sup>b</sup> g-C <sub>3</sub> N <sub>4</sub> NSs	0~45	1.2	S2
<sup>c</sup> BPEI-CQDs	10~1100	6	S3
<sup>d</sup> CdSe/ZnS QDs	0~600	0.15	S4
<sup>e</sup> SiO <sub>2</sub> @ZIF-8 NPs	10~500	3.8	S5
<sup>f</sup> Au-Ag NCs	0.5~2500	0.30	S6
<sup>g</sup> PEI-Ag NCs	10~7700	10	S7
<sup>h</sup> CdTe QDs	10~1000	2.3	S8
<sup>i</sup> MOF-525 NPs	7-525 NPs 1.0~250		This work

Table S1. Comparison of different fluorescence sensors for Cu<sup>2+</sup> detection.

<sup>a</sup>UiO-66(OH)<sub>2</sub>@PCN-224: PCN-224 encapsulated UiO-66(OH)<sub>2</sub> composite;

<sup>*b*</sup>g-C<sub>3</sub>N<sub>4</sub> NSs: Graphitic carbon nitride nanosheets;

<sup>c</sup>BPEI-CQDs: Poly(ethylenimine)-functionalized carbon quantum dots;

<sup>d</sup>CdSe/ZnS QDs: CdSe/ZnS quantum dots;

<sup>e</sup>SiO<sub>2</sub>@ZIF-8 NPs: SiO<sub>2</sub>@zeolitic imidazolate framework-8 nanoparticles;

<sup>f</sup>Au-Ag NCs: Gold-silver nanoclusters;

<sup>g</sup>PEI-Ag NCs: Polyethyleneimine-protected silver nanoclusters;

<sup>*h*</sup>CdTe QDs: CdTe quantum dots;

<sup>i</sup>MOF-525 NPs: Metal-organic framework-525 nanoparticles;

Samples	Spiked (nM)	Proposed Method			ICP-MS Method	
		Found (nM)	Recovery (%)	RSD (%)	Found (nM)	RSD (%)
1	0.00	10.68	-	1.9	12.92	4.7
2	50.00	58.17	95.0	1.9	58.29	1.5
3	100.00	106.93	96.3	1.2	109.11	1.1
4	150.00	162.63	101.3	4.1	164.73	3.3

**Table S2.** Determination of  $Cu^{2+}$  in drinking water.

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