

## Supporting Information

# Printed oxygen gas sensor using Copper-DTDTPA solid electrolyte

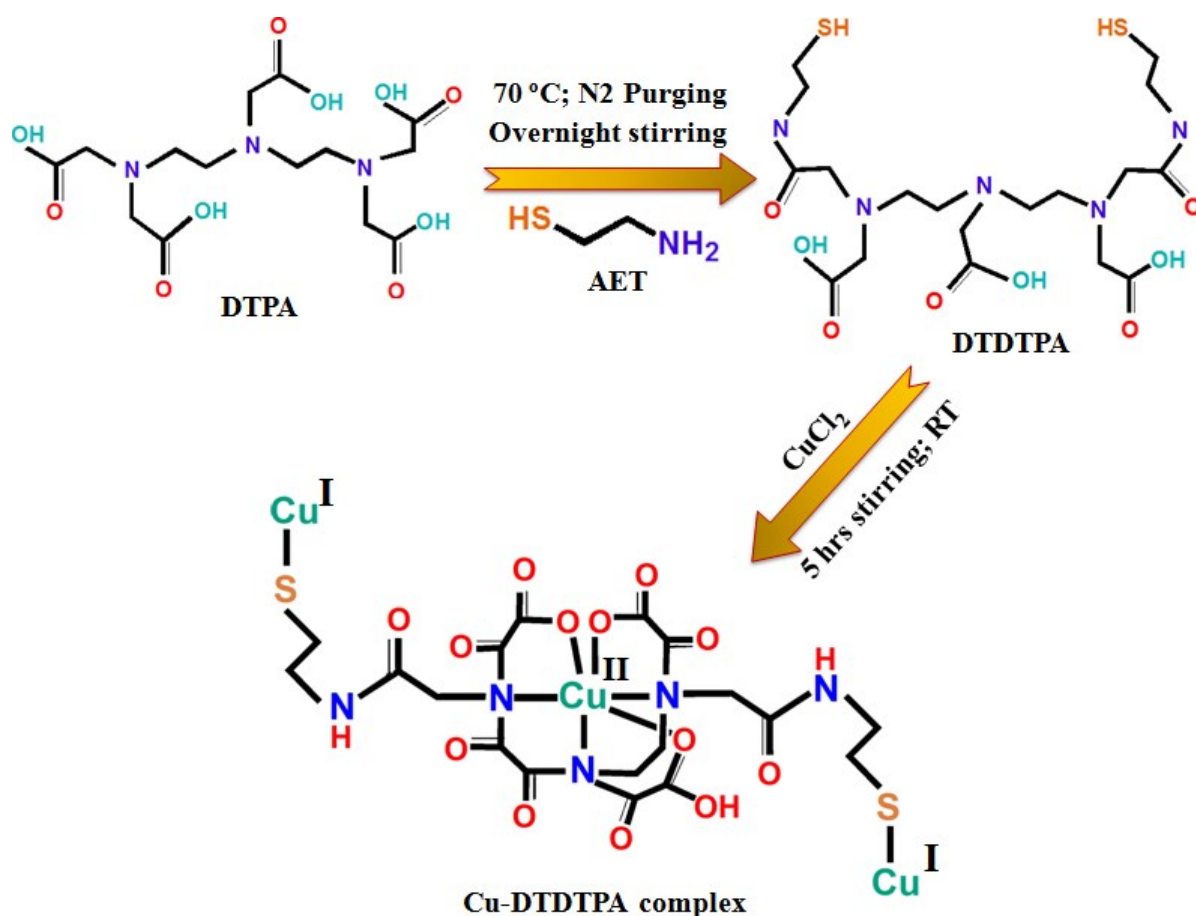
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**TABLE S1** Summary of publications and patents related to solid state oxygen sensors

S. No	Publication/ Patent	Electrode/ Electrolyte	Sensor parameters/ Method
1	Yao et al., 2016 <sup>4</sup>	SNDC-AO multilayered structure	Response time of 0.4 s, recovery time 0.1 s, maximum output voltage 0.4 V at 500°C
2	Dunst et al., 2014 <sup>5</sup>	Pt-Ni-NiO/ YSZ	Maximum OCV of 1.4 V at 500°C
3	Kalyakin et al. 2020 <sup>6</sup>	0.91ZrO <sub>2</sub> + 0.09 Y <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> solid electrolyte	Sensor response time at 500 °C does not exceed the 60 s.
4	Patent- US5827415A	Zirconia based Solid electrolyte	Operational above 300 °C.
5	Lee et al., 2020 <sup>2</sup>	Poly(vinylidene fluoride-co- hexafluoropropylene)-ionic liquid mixtures	Thin film based sensing, amperometric sensors, response time 10 s (extremely fast) due to use of thin films
6	Hussain et. al., 2018 <sup>3</sup>	Microelectrode arrays with ionic liquids	Amperometric sensing, proof of the concept established.



**Figure S1.** Schematic of synthesis procedure for Cu-DTDTPA complex

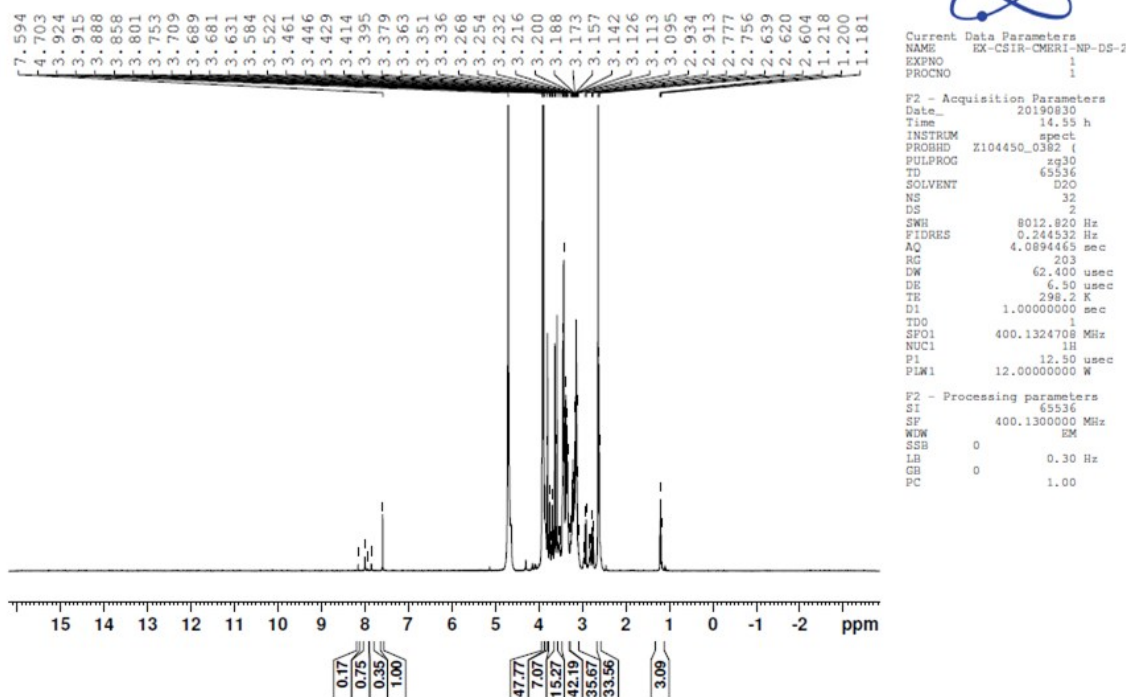
### Methodology for material synthesis and sensor fabrication

The oxygen sensor consists of a grade 1 filter paper adsorbed with Cu-DTDTPA complex with 3-D printed Ag/AgCl electrodes in interdigitated configuration. DTDTPA was synthesized following a previously reported procedure<sup>7</sup> that involves conjugation of diethylenetriaminepentacetic acid bis-anhydride (DTPA-BA) with 2-aminoethanethiol (AET) through amide linkage. 1 g ( $5.6 \times 10^{-3}$  mol) of DTPA-BA, (supplier- Sigma Aldrich, USA) was dissolved in 20 mL of dimethylformamide (DMF), (supplier- Merck, Germany) and heated at 70 °C in an inert environment created by purging nitrogen gas (N<sub>2</sub>). In another flask, 0.7 g ( $1.23 \times 10^{-2}$  mol) of AET (supplier- Himedia) was dissolved in a solution of 15 ml of DMF and 0.87 mL of triethylamine. This solution was added to the first reaction flask and stirred at 70 °C overnight under N<sub>2</sub> environment. The solution was cooled to room temperature and placed in ice bath. A white precipitate of triethylamine hydrochloride (NEt<sub>3</sub>·HCl) formed was filtered out and filtrate was concentrated at low pressure. Next, chloroform was added to the concentrated product forming a white precipitate. The resultant precipitate was filtered and

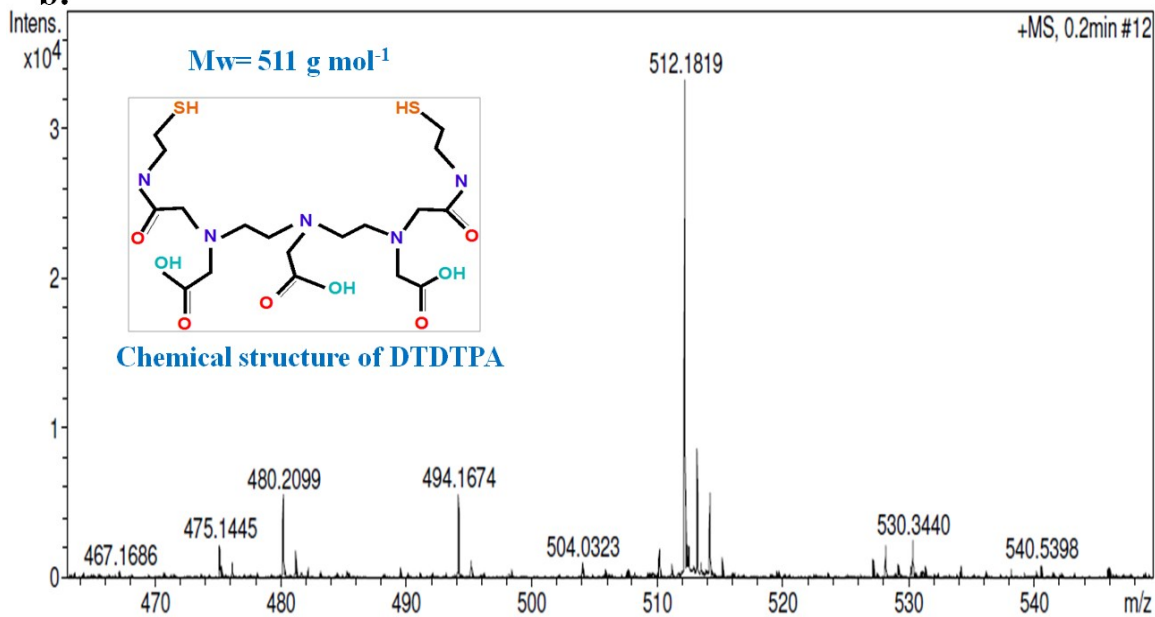
washed with 50 ml chloroform followed by drying under vacuum to yield a white colored substance. To prepare Cu-DTDTPA complex, 6 mM solution of DTDTPA was prepared by dissolving 3.0 mg of DTDTPA in 1.0 mL de-ionised water. 18 mM solution of  $\text{CuCl}_2$  (supplier- Himedia) (3 mg  $\text{CuCl}_2$  dissolved in 1.0 ml de-ionised water) was added to DTDTPA and stirred overnight at room temperature. A light blue colored solution was formed in the process.

A grade-3 laboratory filter paper of size 4 cm X 3 cm was thoroughly washed in ethanol and was dipped in Cu-DTDTPA for 24 hours. The filter paper was then dried in an oven at  $60^\circ\text{C}$  for 12 hours. Interdigitated electrodes were then printed over the filter paper using a 3-D printing conductive ink printer (make: Voltera, V-One) with anode consisting of conductive silver ink (type- Jazzy Juzak, make- Voltera) and cathode consisting of conductive silver chloride ink (make- Sigma Aldrich). The internal nozzle diameter used for printing Ag and AgCl was  $225\ \mu\text{m}$  and was selected after repeated experimental trials by visually inspecting the print quality. The printed ink layer thickness was fixed to 0.4 mm and was printed in 4 passes by the 3-D printer. The consecutive digits and the digit thickness of the interdigitated electrodes were set to 1 mm. The printed filter paper containing Cu-DTDTPA was heated at  $\sim 100^\circ\text{C}$  for 1 hour for drying the conductive ink in the integrated oven supplied with the 3-D printer.

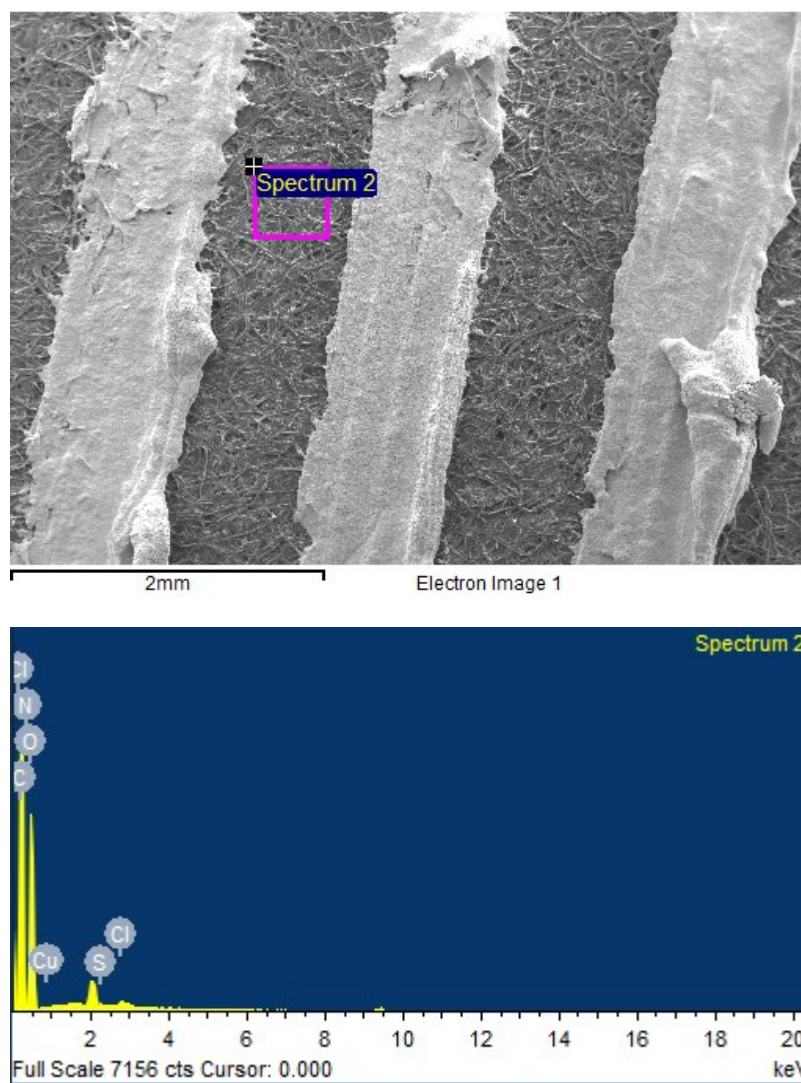
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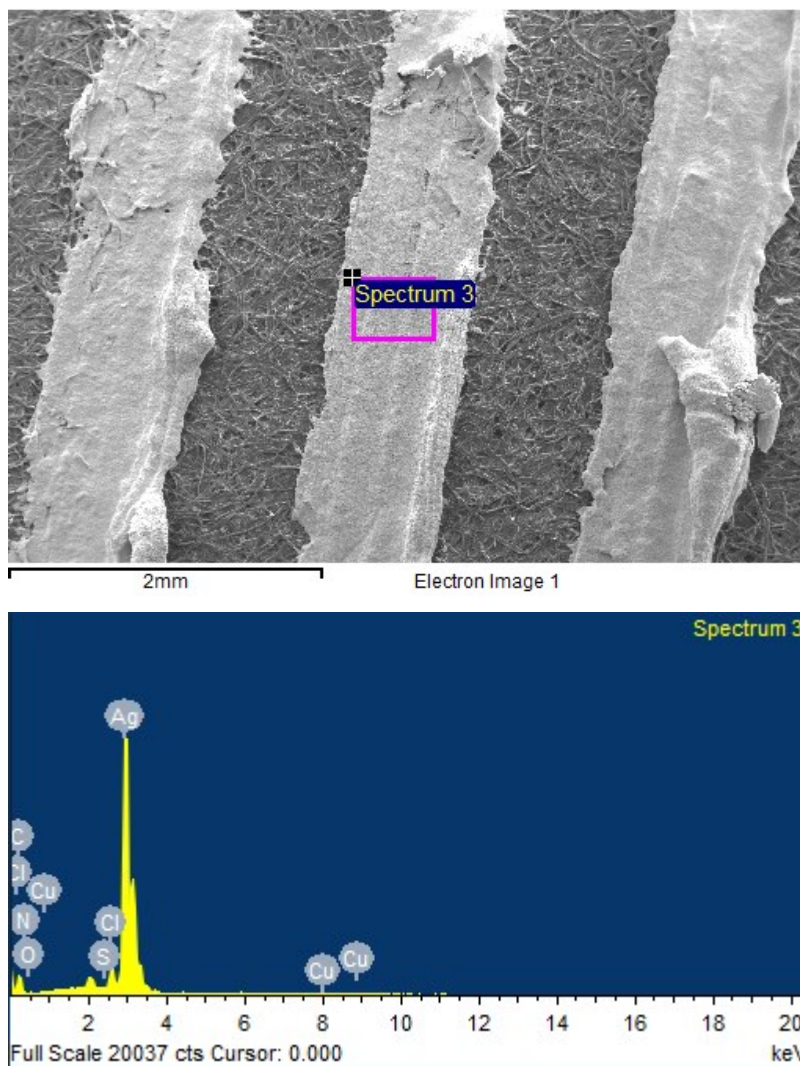
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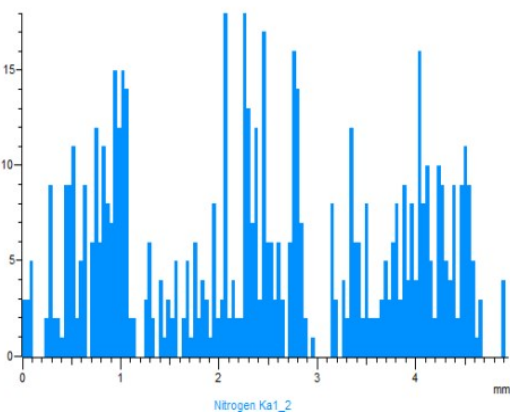
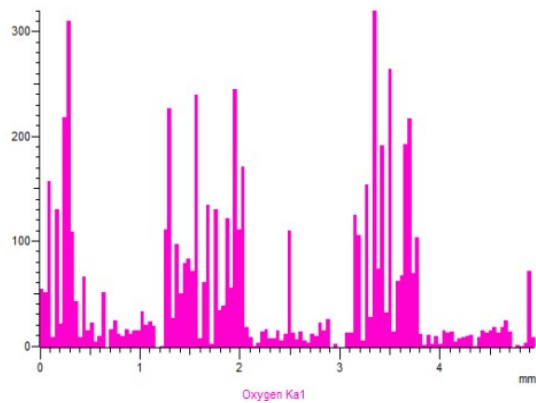
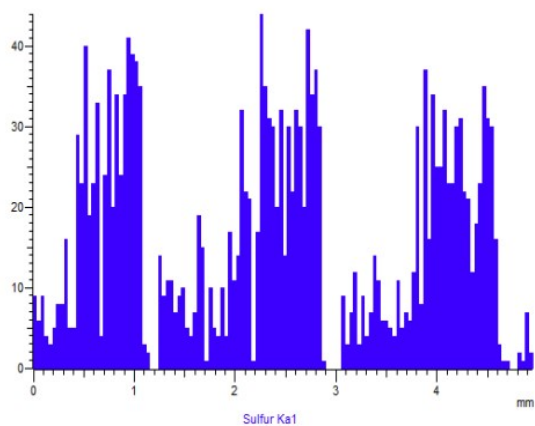
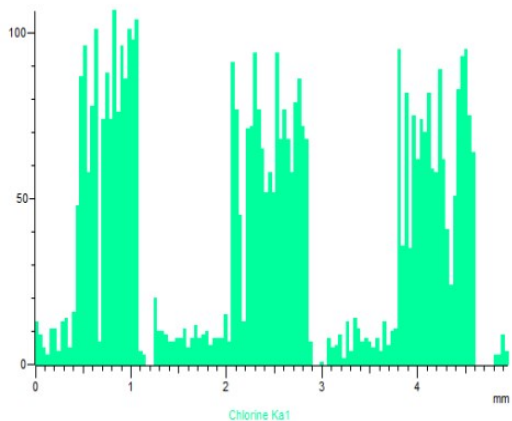
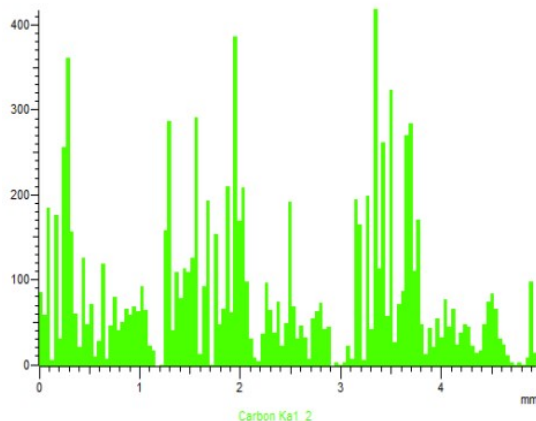
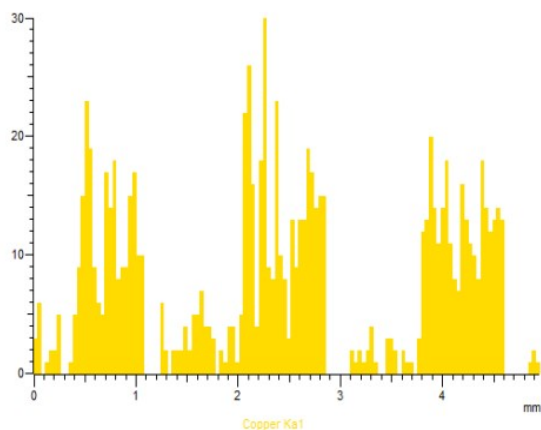
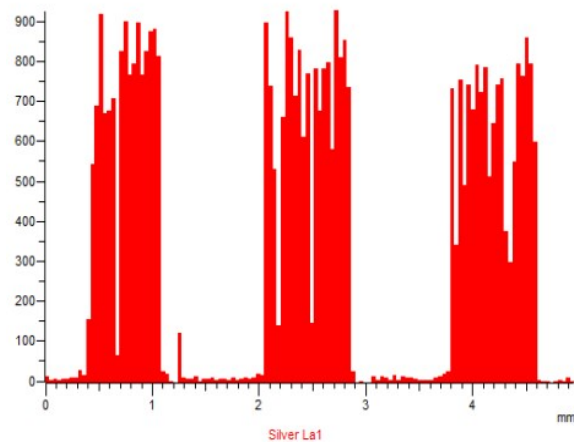
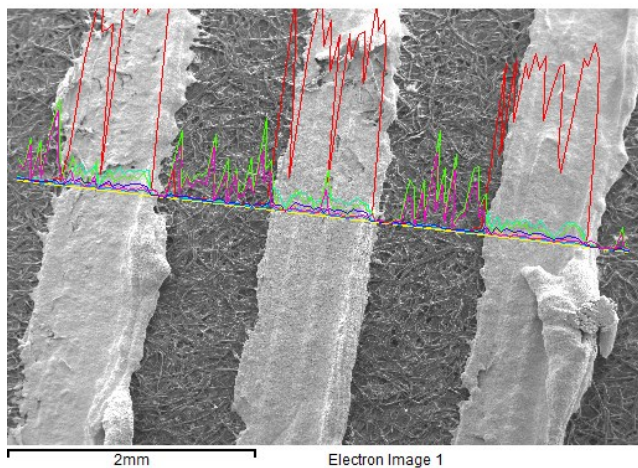
**Figure S2.** (a). <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra of DTDTPA (b). Liquid chromatography-mass spectra (LC-MS) of DTDTPA . m/z 512.7 [M+H]<sup>+</sup> ; Inset shows the chemical structure and molecular weight of DTDTPA (theoretically calculated MW: 511 g mol<sup>-1</sup>).



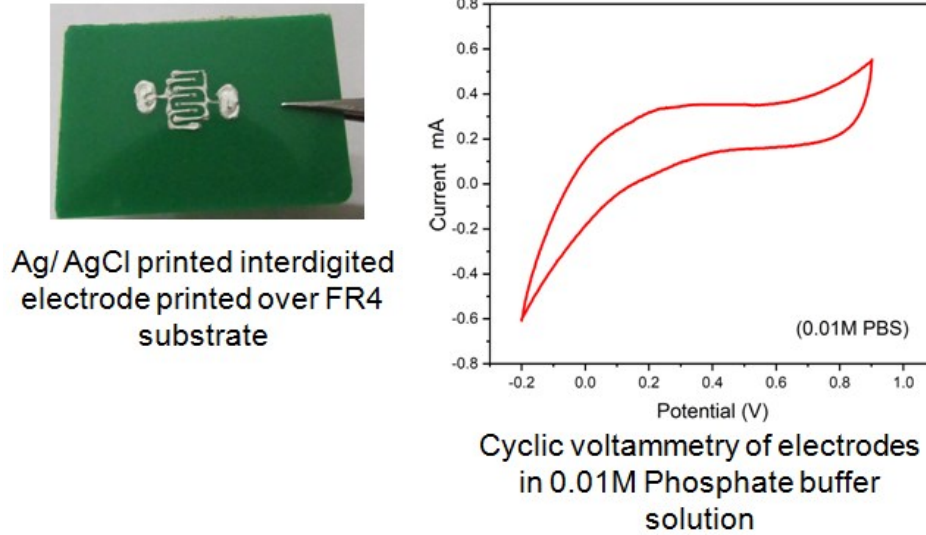
**Figure S3.** EDX results for the sensor portion wherein filter paper is adsorbed with Cu-DTTPA. Prominent peaks of Cu, Cl, N, O, C and S could be found in the results



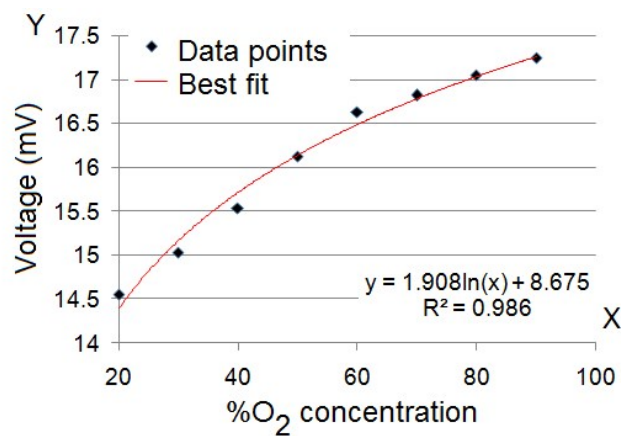
**Figure S4.** EDX results for the sensor portion wherein Ag paste is printed over filter paper adsorbed with Cu-DTDTPA. Prominent peaks of Ag, Cu, Cl, N, O, C and S could be found in the results.



**Figure S5.** EDX analysis map showing the location of various elements in the fabricated sensor. The map confirms that Ag printing were precise since their locations are only at the printed regions.

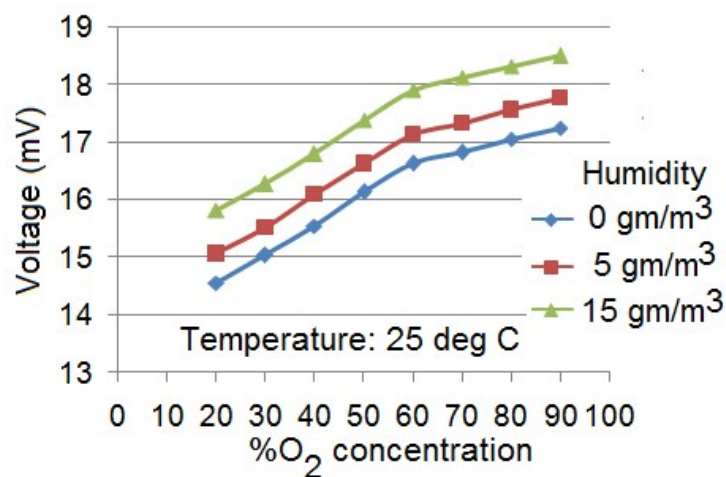


**Figure S6.** Ag/ AgCl electrodes printed over FR4 substrate and the cyclic voltammety plot of the electrodes in 0.01 M Phosphate buffer solution showing absence of peaks confirming that the electrodes do not take part in reaction.

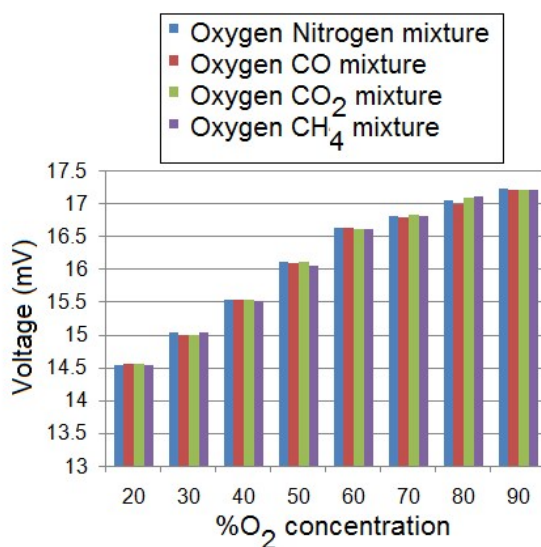


**Figure S7.**Logarithmic fitted curve for the sensor response at 25°C





**Figure S8.** Response of the developed sensor with varying absolute humidity in gas chamber at 25 °C temperature



**Figure S9.** Response of the developed sensor with varying O<sub>2</sub> concentration mixed with remaining amount of other gases such as Nitrogen, CO, CO<sub>2</sub> and CH<sub>4</sub>. (For eg. 20% O<sub>2</sub> concentration in the plot refers to a mixture of 20 % O<sub>2</sub> with 80% Nitrogen gas- Blue colour bar, 20 % O<sub>2</sub> with 80% CO- Brown colour bar, 20 % O<sub>2</sub> with 80% CO<sub>2</sub>- Green colour bar, 20 % O<sub>2</sub> with 80% CH<sub>4</sub>- Purple colour bar)