

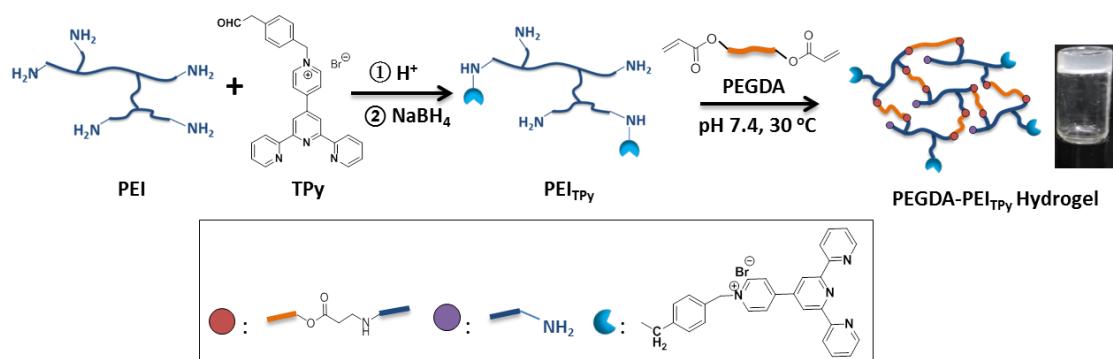
**Supporting Information**

**Semiquantitative naked-eye detection of Cu(II) with a standard colorimetric card via a hydrogel-coated paper sensor**

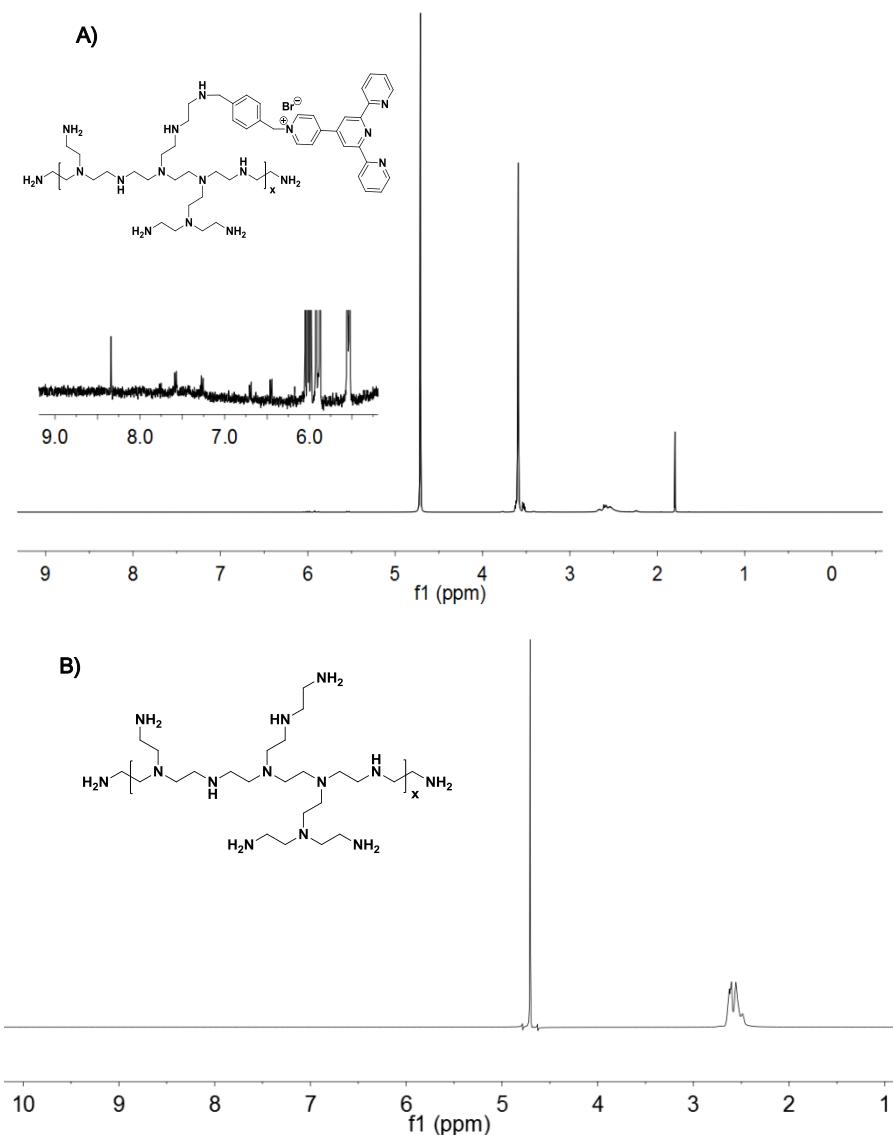
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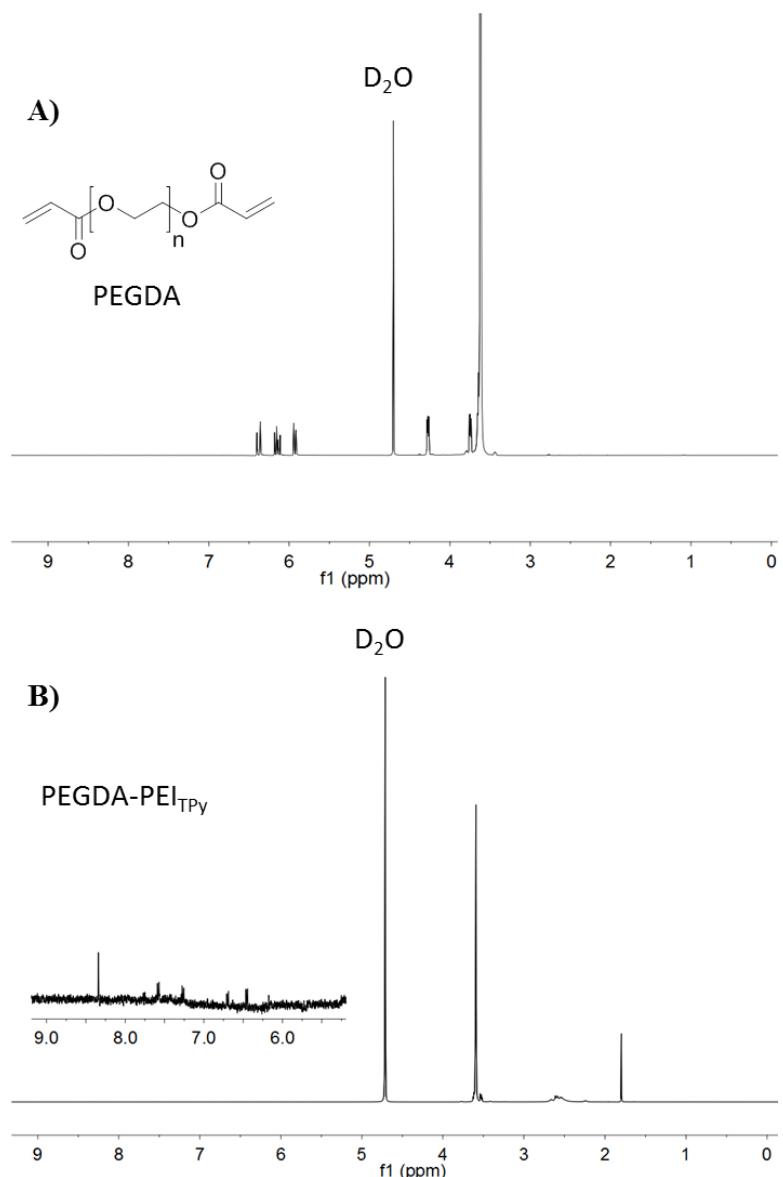
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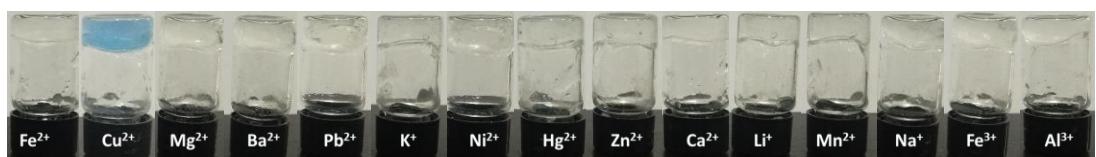
**Fig. S1** Schematic representation of Michael-type crosslinkable PEGDA-PEI<sub>TPy</sub> hydrogels prepared under physiological condition.



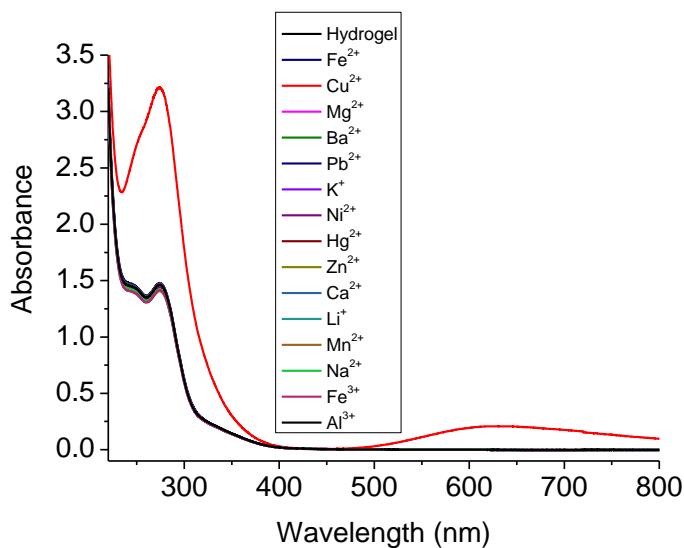
**Fig. S2**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectra of PEI<sub>TPy</sub> (A) and PEI (B) ( $\text{D}_2\text{O}$ , 400 MHz). Inset of A is a partial expansion of  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of PEI<sub>TPy</sub>.



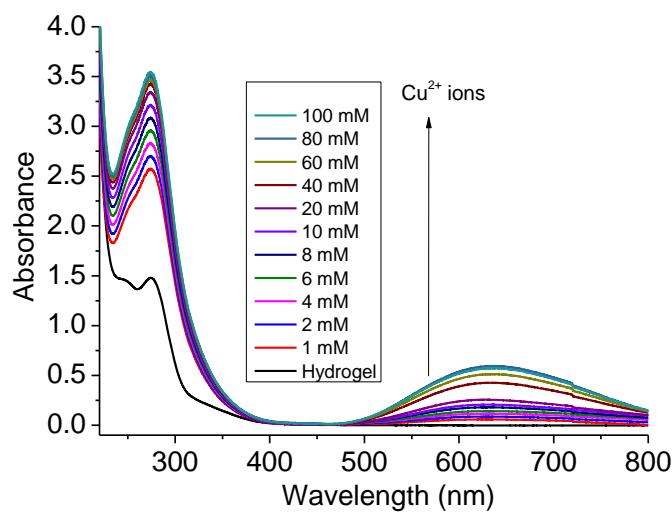
**Fig. S3** <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra of PEGDA (A) and PEGDA-PEI<sub>TPy</sub> (B) (D<sub>2</sub>O, 400 MHz). Inset of B is a partial expansion of <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of PEGDA-PEI<sub>TPy</sub>.



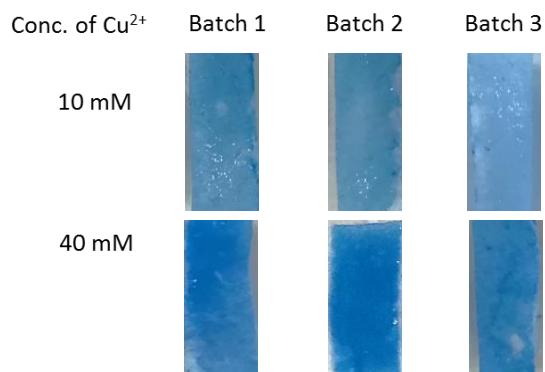
**Fig. S4** Images of the hydrogel after adding various metal ions aqueous solutions (10 μL, 10 mM).



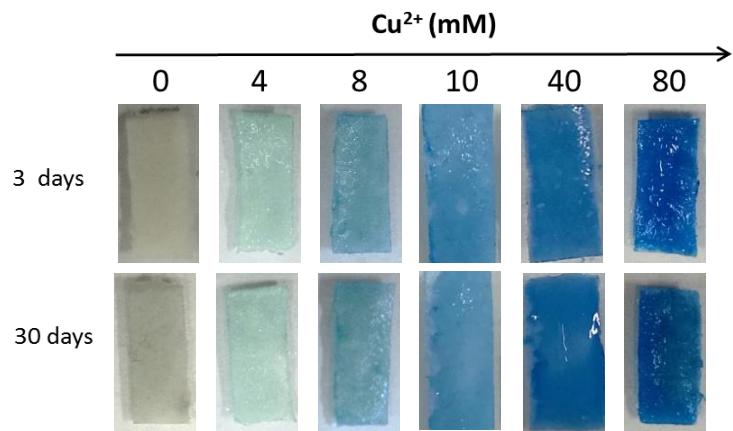
**Fig. S5** Effect of various metals aqueous solution (10  $\mu\text{L}$ , 10 mM) on the UV-Vis absorption of the hydrogel.



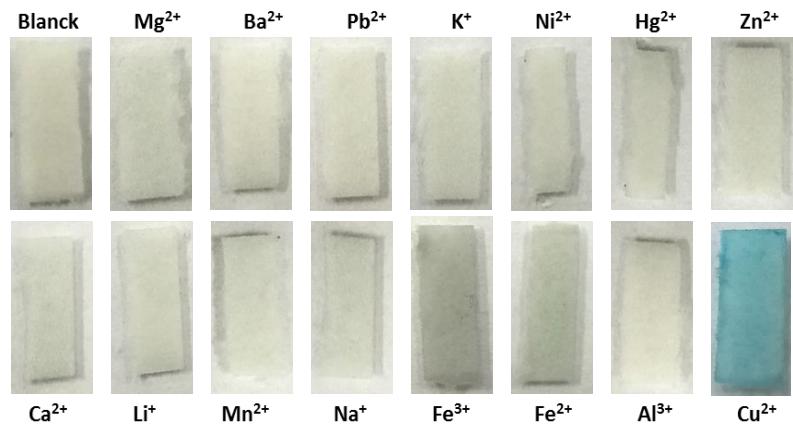
**Fig. S6** UV-Vis absorption of the hydrogel with the addition 10  $\mu\text{L}$  of  $\text{Cu}^{2+}$ .



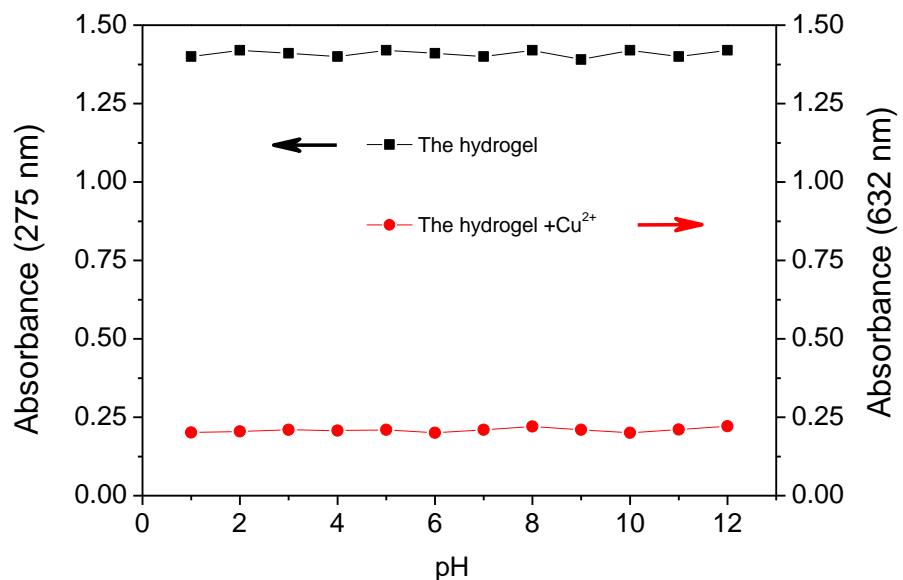
**Fig. S7** The reproducibility of the developed paper sensor (three batches) for  $\text{Cu}^{2+}$  at 10 and 40 mM



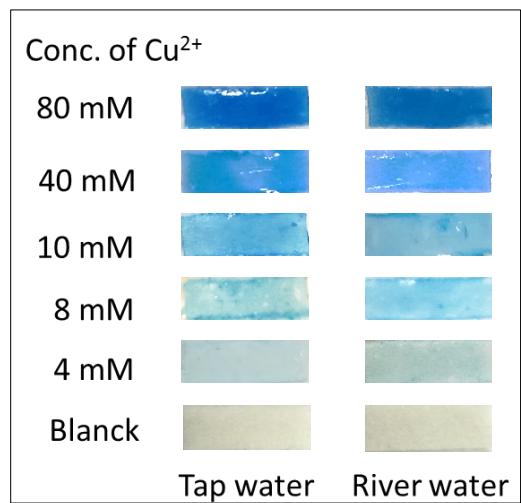
**Fig. S8** The stability of the developed paper sensor within 60 days.



**Fig. S9** Images of the hydrogel-coated paper sensors after exposure to various metal ions.



**Fig. S10** Effect of pH on the absorbance of the hydrogel in the absence and presence of  $\text{Cu}^{2+}$  ions at 10 mM.



**Fig. S11** Naked-eye detections of Cu<sup>2+</sup> in tap water and lake water, respectively.