

Support Information

Employing CuInS₂ quantum dots modified with vancomycin for detecting *Staphylococcus aureus* and iron(III)

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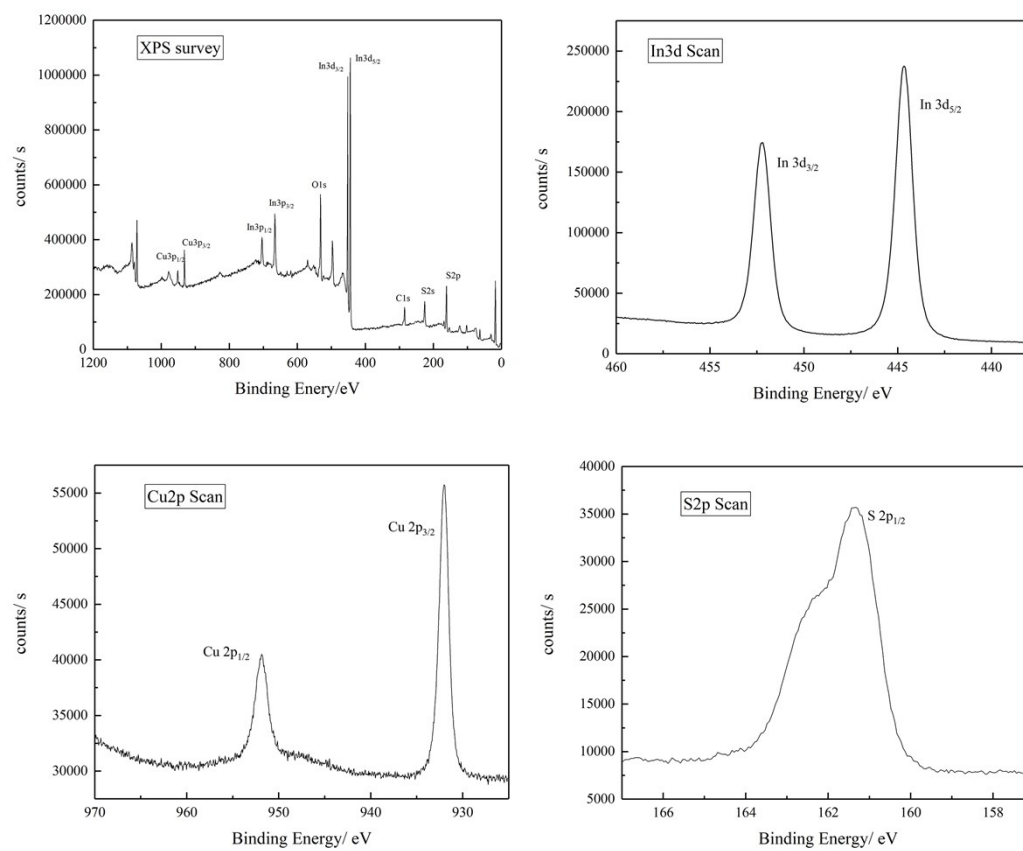
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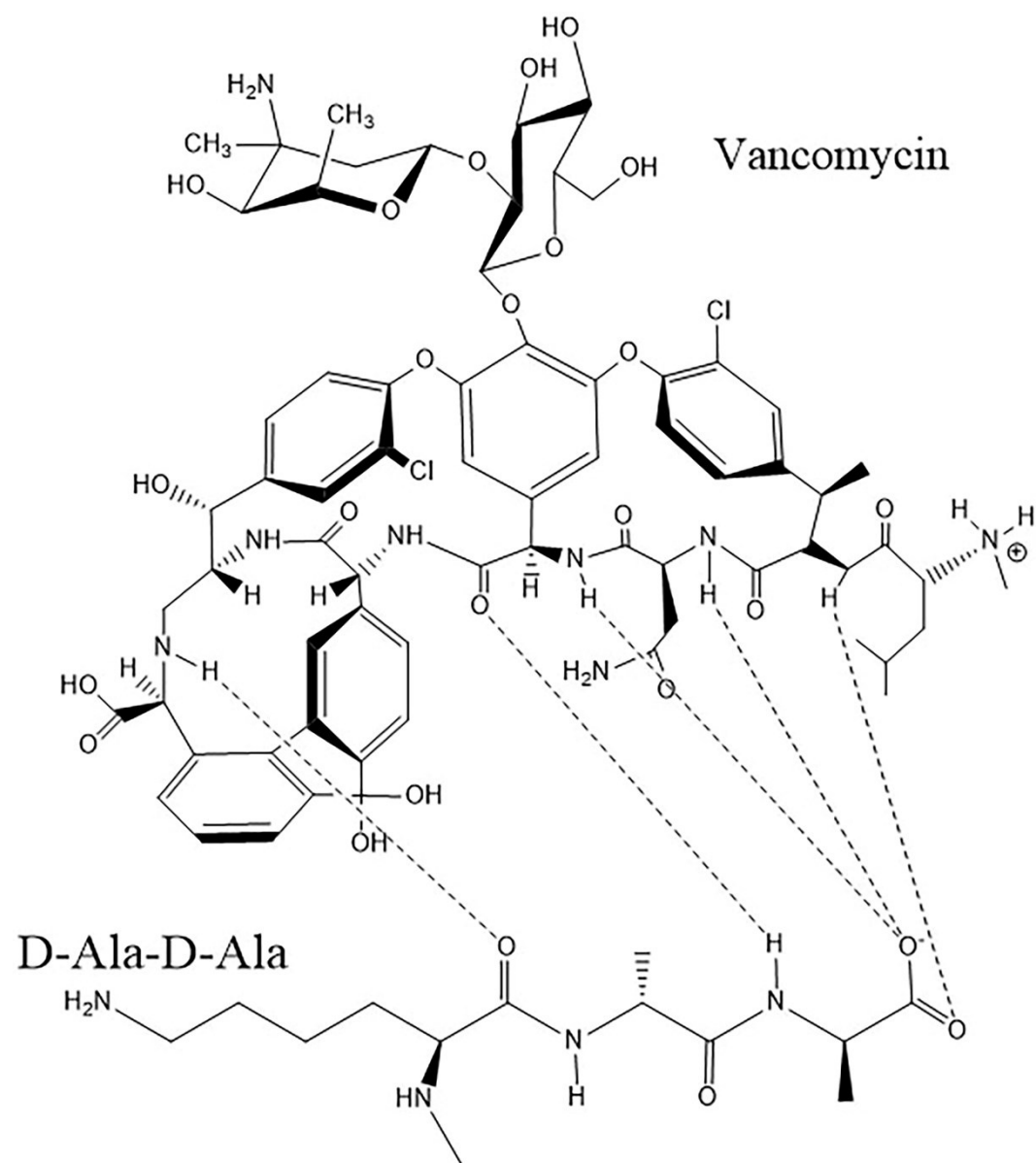
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Fig S1



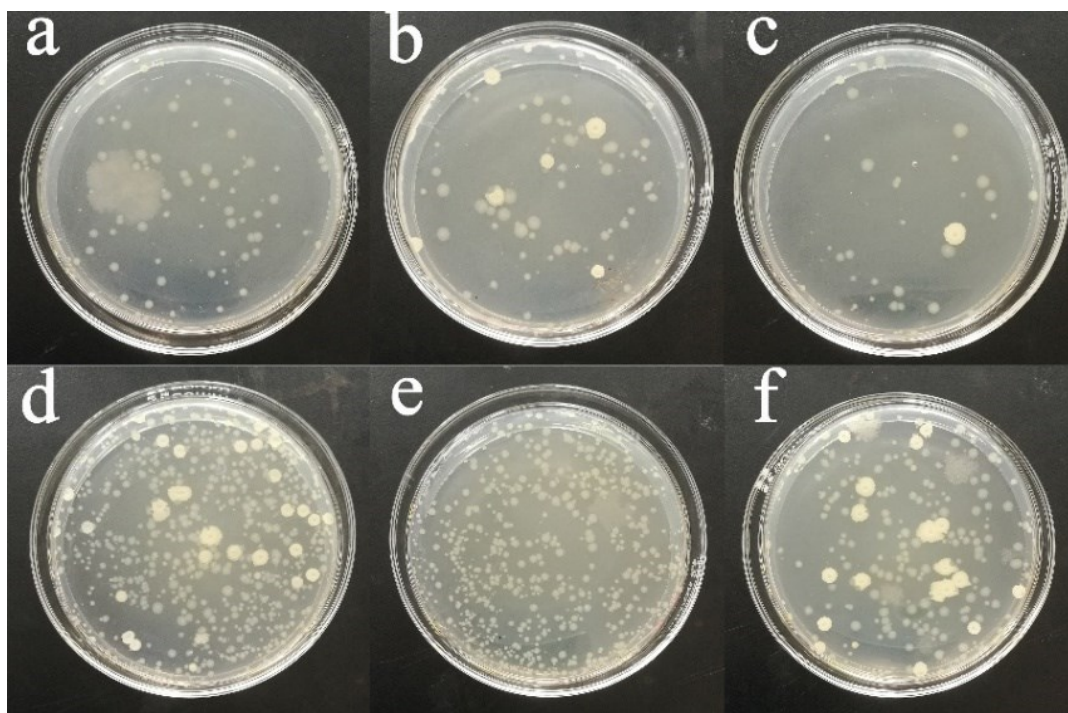
(A-D) XPS spectra of CuInS₂ QDs.

Fig S2



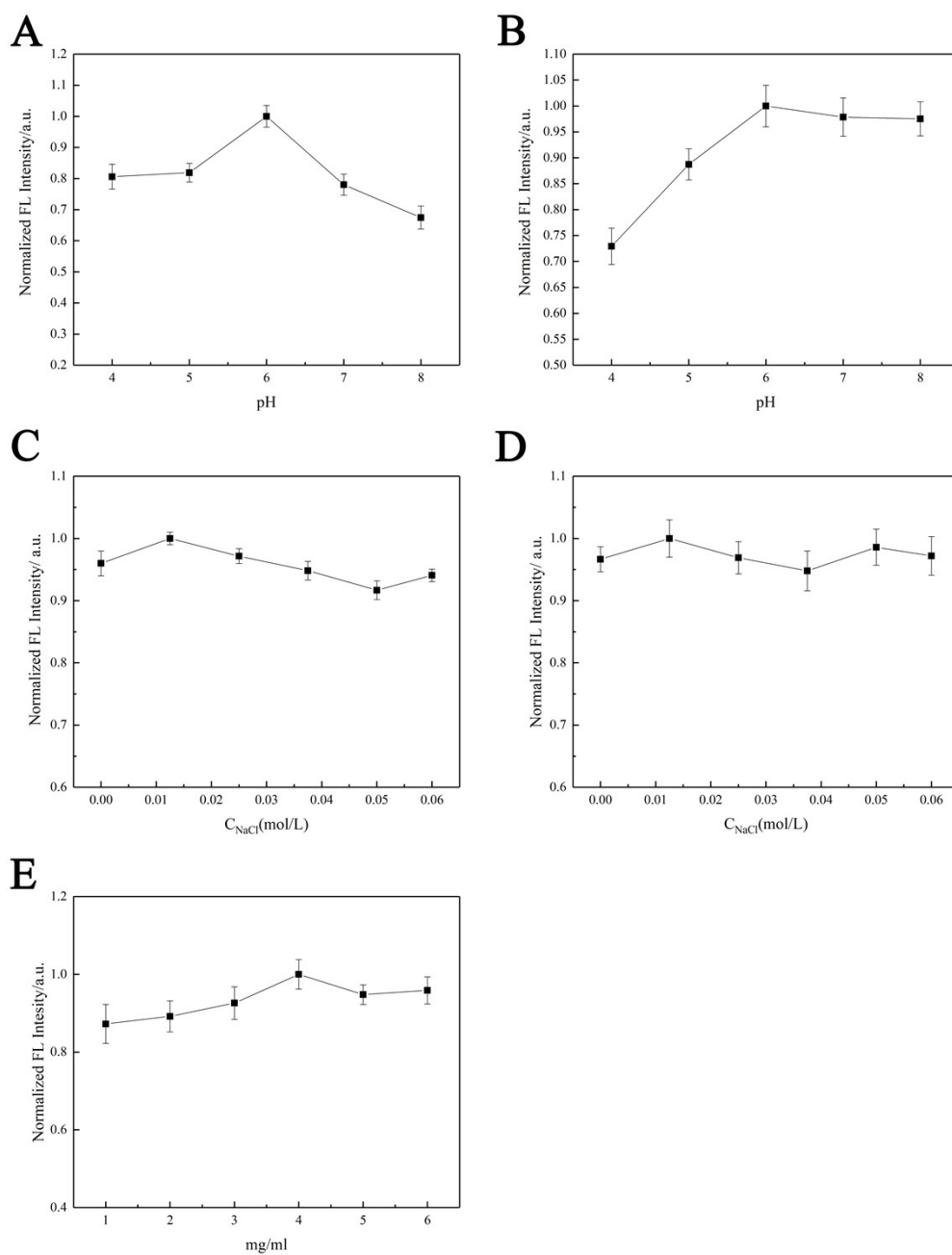
Hydrogen bond structure of vancomycin and D-Ala-D-Ala

Fig S3



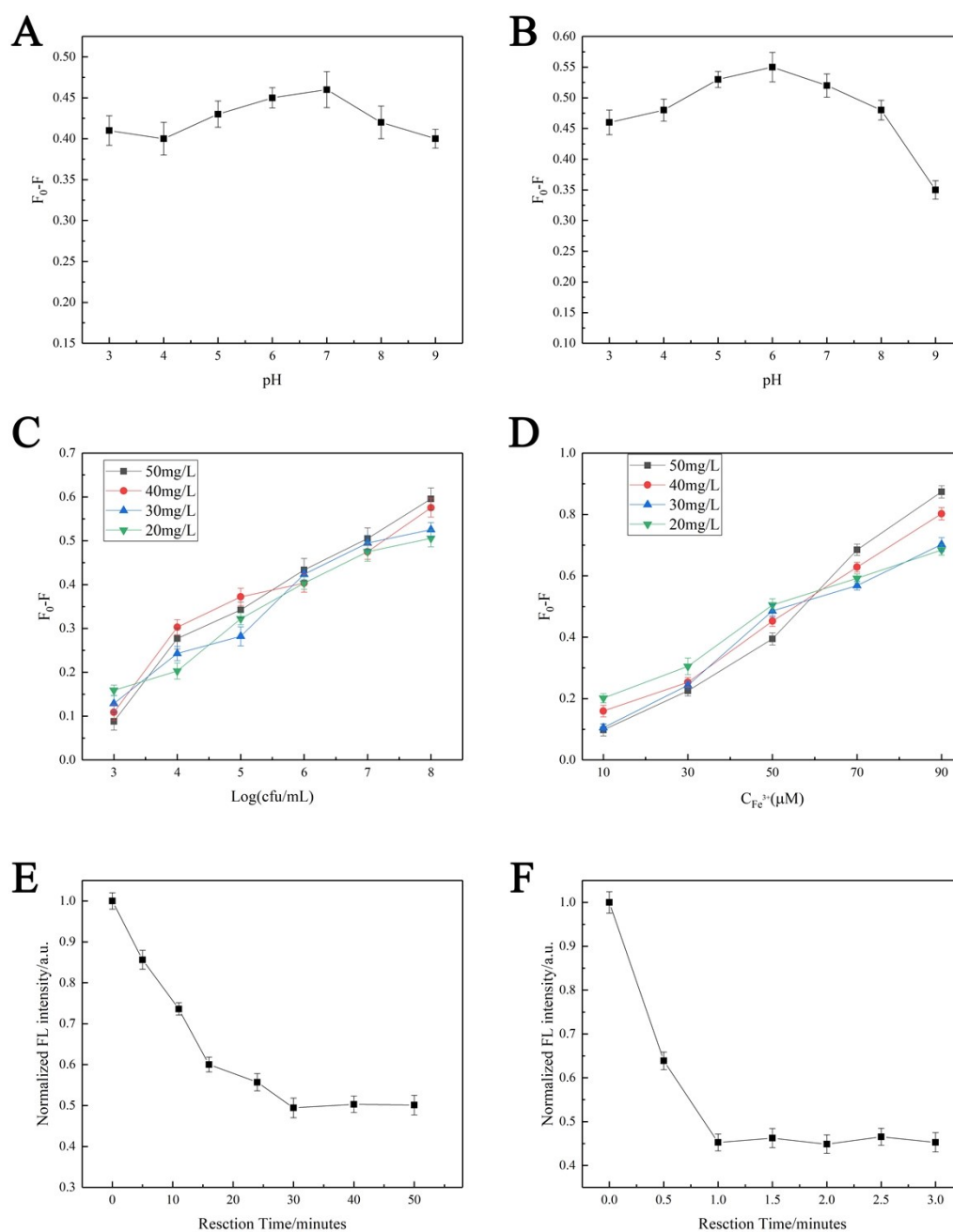
Single colony from *S. aureus* (9.18×10^7 cfu/mL) 100000 (a, b, c) and 10000 (d, e, f) folds diluted respectively for bacteria plate counting in the absence of CuInS₂ or CuInS₂@van (a, d) and in the presence of CuInS₂ (b, e) or CuInS₂@Van (c, f).

Fig S4



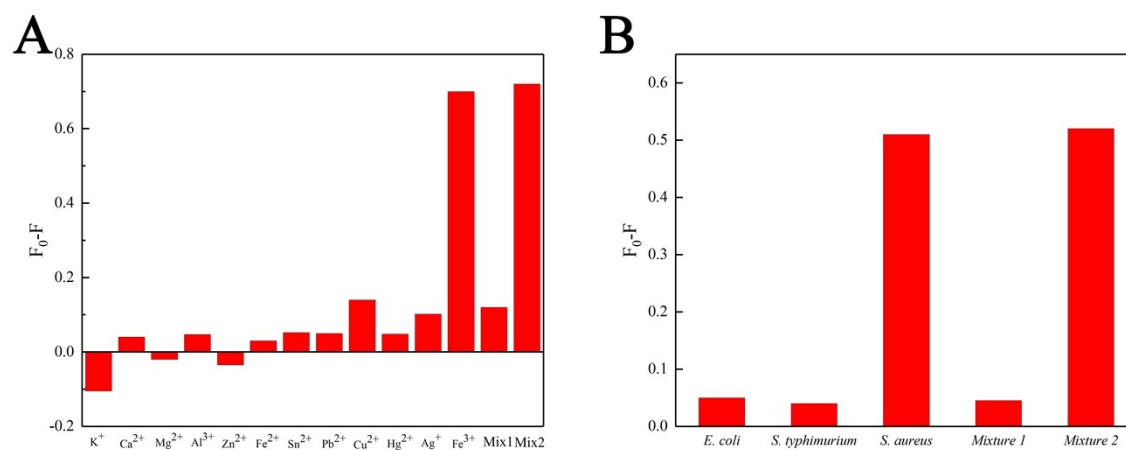
The fluorescence (FL) intensity of CuInS₂ QDs (**A**) and CuInS₂@Van QDs (**B**) at different pH values; The fluorescence (FL) intensity of CuInS₂ QDs (**C**) and CuInS₂@Van QDs (**D**) in the presence of NaCl in the concentration range from 0 to 0.06 mol/L; (**E**) The relationship between the fluorescence intensity of CuInS₂@Van QDs and dosage of Vancomycin.

Fig S5



Change of Fluorescence value of the *S. aureus* detecting system versus (A) pH, (C) concentration, (E) reaction time and Change of Fluorescence value of the iron(III) detecting system versus (B) pH, (D) concentration, (F) reaction time under given conditions, respectively.

Fig S6



Selectivity of the $CuInS_2@Van$ QDs toward Fe^{3+} (50 μM), the other metal ions (500 μM) and mixture of them; **(B)** Selectivity detection of the $CuInS_2@Van$ QDs toward *Escherichia coli*, *Salmonella typhimurium*, *Staphylococcus aureus*, *Bacillus subtilis* and mixture of them.

Table S1 Comparison between fluorescence sensors for the detection of Fe³⁺

Material	Linear range (mM)	LOD (mM)	Reference
N-CDs	5-1280	4.67	3
GQDs	0-80	7.22	4
CH ₃ CN-H ₂ O(4:1, v/v)	50-400	8.43	5
triazole-based AIE materials	8-16	8	6
N-CDs	0-100	1.14	7
Ionic liquid functionalized carbon quantum dots	0-300	13.68	8
Eu(tta) ₃ cptpy-TiO ₂	700-1000	23.71	9
pyrazole bearing imidazole frame	-	1.73	10
Terbium (III)-based MOF	0-1500	4	11
CuInS ₂ QDs	10-90	3.5	Present work

*LOD = limit of detection

Table S2 A comparison of different Methods for the detection of *S. aureus* bacteria.

Method	Linear range (cfu/mL)	LOD* (cfu/mL)	Reference
Lateral flow assay (LFA)	1.0×10^3 - 1.0×10^8	1.0×10^3	12
Antibiotic-affinity chromatographic test strip	1.4×10^3 - 1.4×10^7	1.4×10^3	13
colorimetric sensors	5.0×10^2 - 5.0×10^4	1.1×10^2	14
Magnetic molecularly imprinted polymers	-	1.0×10^3	15
Enzyme-free hybridization chain reaction	0 - 1.0×10^4	4.0×10^2	16
Multiplex polymerase chain reaction	1.0×10^5 - 1.0×10^8	1.4×10^4	17
Selective fluorescence labeling and microchip electrophoresis	2.5×10^3 - 2.5×10^7	981	18
Fluorescence sensors	1.0×10^3 - 1.0×10^8	665	Present work

*LOD = limit of detection