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Supplementary Information for

Superior Antibacterial Activity of Fe₃O₄@Copper (II) Metal-organic Framework Core–shell Magnetic Microspheres

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Materials and characterization. All commercial chemicals are of analytical grade and were used without further purification. The morphology of the samples were characterized by a Tescan Vega3 scanning electron microscope (SEM). The crystalline structure was determined by Rigaku-DMax 2400 X-ray diffraction (XRD) system. TEM images were obtained using a Philips Tecnai G2 20 transmission electron microscope. Thermo gravimetric analysis (TGA) was performed on a Mettler Toledo TGA/DSC3+ instrument to meaure the weigh loss curves at a heating rate of 10°·min⁻¹ under an air atmosphere. The infrared spectroscopy (IR) spectra was acquired on a Bruker IFS 66 V interferometer One FTIR spectrophotometer. The UV–vis spectra were recorded on Lambda 750S ultraviolet spectrophotometer. ICP analysis was conducted on inductively coupled plasma emission spectrometer (Optima2000DV, Perkinelmer).



Fig. S1 SEM image and XRD patterns of Cu-BTC crystals



Fig. S2 Growth curve of Cu-BTC against (a) *E. coli* and (b) *S. aureus*.



Fig. S3 Growth curve of Fe₃O₄ against (a) *E. coli* and (b) *S. aureus*.

MOFs composites	Metal	Microbial	Antibacterial effect	Refs
		strains		
Cu-H ₂ bpdc-Gu	Cu	P. aeruginosa	MIC=500 mg/L	1
$[Cu(TDC)(H_2O)_2] \cdot H_2O$	Cu	E. coli and S.	<i>E. coli:</i> MIC=150~200 mg/L.	2
		aureus	S. aureus MIC=150~200 mg/L	
CuBTC-silk fiber	Cu	E. coli and S.	Inhibition zone: <i>E. coli</i> =10 mm, <i>S</i> .	3
		aureus	<i>aureus</i> =27 mm	
CuBTC-cellulosic fiber	Cu	E. coli	Total growth inhibition in	4
			liquid cultures and on contact	
			area on agar plates	
Cu ₃ (NH ₂ BTC) ₂ -cotton	Cu	E. coli	Resulting in a 4-log reduction	5
			after 24 h exposure	
AC-HKUST-1	Cu	P. aeruginosa	MIC=50 mg/L	6
CuS@HKUST-1	Cu	E. coli and S.	Antibacterial efficacy: 99.7 %	7
		aureus	within 20 min NIR irradiation	
Fe ₃ O ₄ @Cu-BTC	Cu	E. coli and S.	E. coli (S. aureus): Antibacterial	This
		aureus	efficacy of 97.4% (97.5%) at the	work
			concentration of 500 mg/L (400	
			mg/L) after 24 h cocultivation.	

Table S1. Summary of antibacterial action of reported copper-based MOFs composites

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