

# A Novel Copper(I) Metal-Organic Framework as a Highly Efficient and Ultrasensitive Electrochemical Platform for Detection of Hg(II) Ion in Aqueous Solution

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**Table S1** Selected bond lengths (Å) and angles (°) of complex **1**.

Cu1—Cu1 <sup>i</sup>	2.801(4)	Cu1—Cl1	2.441(3)
Cu1—Cl1 <sup>i</sup>	2.441(3)	Cu1—N1 <sup>ii</sup>	1.977(7)
Cu1—N1	1.977(7)	Cu1—Cl3 <sup>iii</sup>	2.437(3)
Cu1—Cl3	2.437(3)	Cu3—N6	1.985(9)
Cu3—N5	1.986(9)	Cu2—Cl2 <sup>iv</sup>	2.435(3)
Cu2—Cl2	2.435(3)	Cu2—N3	1.953(7)
Cu2—N3 <sup>iv</sup>	1.953(7)	Cu4—Cu4 <sup>v</sup>	2.778(9)
Cu4—Cl4	2.458(7)	Cu4—Cl4 <sup>v</sup>	2.425(7)
Cu4—N8	2.054(14)	Cl1 <sup>i</sup> —Cu1—Cu1 <sup>i</sup>	54.99(6)
Cl1—Cu1—Cu1 <sup>i</sup>	54.99(6)	Cl1 <sup>i</sup> —Cu1—Cl1	109.97(12)
N1—Cu1—Cu1 <sup>i</sup>	119.8(2)	N1 <sup>ii</sup> —Cu1—Cu1 <sup>i</sup>	119.8(2)
N1 <sup>ii</sup> —Cu1—Cl1 <sup>i</sup>	106.54(13)	N1—Cu1—Cl1	106.54(13)
N1—Cu1—Cl1 <sup>i</sup>	106.54(13)	N1 <sup>ii</sup> —Cu1—Cl1	106.54(13)
N1 <sup>ii</sup> —Cu1—N1	120.5(5)	Cl3—Cu3—Cl3 <sup>iii</sup>	94.02(12)
N6—Cu3—Cl3 <sup>iii</sup>	108.19(18)	N6—Cu3—Cl3	108.19(18)
N5—Cu3—Cl3 <sup>iii</sup>	110.35(19)	N5—Cu3—Cl3	110.35(19)

N5—Cu3—N6	122.1(4)	Cl2 <sup>iv</sup> —Cu2—Cl2	93.58(13)
N3—Cu2—Cl2 <sup>iv</sup>	109.04(2)	N3 <sup>iv</sup> —Cu2—Cl2	109.04(2)
N3—Cu2—Cl2	111.05(19)	N3 <sup>iv</sup> —Cu2—Cl2 <sup>iv</sup>	111.05(19)
N3—Cu2—N3 <sup>iv</sup>	120.0(5)	Cl4—Cu4—Cu4 <sup>v</sup>	57.44(18)
Cl4 <sup>v</sup> —Cu4—Cu4 <sup>v</sup>	55.88(18)	Cl4 <sup>v</sup> —Cu4—Cl4	110.6(2)
N8—Cu4—Cu4 <sup>v</sup>	120.4(5)	N8—Cu4—Cl4 <sup>v</sup>	106.4(4)
N8—Cu4—Cl4	107.0(4)	Cu4 <sup>v</sup> —Cl4—Cu4	69.3(2)
Cu1—Cl1—Cu1 <sup>i</sup>	70.03(12)	Cu3—Cl3—Cu3 <sup>vi</sup>	85.89(12)
Cu2 <sup>vii</sup> —Cl2—Cu2	86.42(13)	C14—N8—Cu4	124.0(10)
C12—N6—Cu3	131.9(8)	C10—N6—Cu3	123.7(8)
C16—N3—Cu2	130.0(7)	C5—N3—Cu2	124.6(6)
C9—N5—Cu3	129.5(9)	C8—N5—Cu3	127.1(9)
Cl1 <sup>vi</sup> —N1—Cu1	121.9(4)	C1—N1—Cu1	121.9(4)

Symmetry codes: (i) 1-x,-y,-z; (ii) +x,-y,-z; (iii) 1-x,+y,+z; (iv) 1/2-x,1/2-y,+z; (v) 3/2-x,-y,1/2-z; (vi) +x, +y,-z.

**Table S2** Bond valence sum calculations for Cu ions based on the crystal data in complex **1**.

central ion	Bond type	$r_{ij}/\text{Å}$	$S_{ij}$	$V_{ij}$
Cu1	Cu1-Cl1	2.441	0.3028	1.096
	Cu1—Cl1 <sup>i</sup>	2.441	0.3028	
	Cu1—N1	1.977	0.4899	
	Cu1—N1 <sup>ii</sup>	1.977	0.4899	
Cu2	Cu2—Cl2	2.435	0.3078	1.138
	Cu2—Cl2 <sup>iv</sup>	2.435	0.3078	
	Cu2—N3	1.953	0.5227	
	Cu2—N3 <sup>iv</sup>	1.953	0.5227	
Cu3	Cu3—Cl3	2.437	0.3061	1.092
	Cu3—Cl3 <sup>iii</sup>	2.437	0.3061	
	Cu3—N6	1.985	0.4794	
	Cu3—N5	1.986	0.4794	
Cu4	Cu4—Cl4	2.458	0.2892	1.003

Cu4—Cl4 <sup>v</sup>	2.425	0.3162
Cu4—N8	2.054	0.3979
Cu4—N8 <sup>v</sup>	2.054	0.3979

Symmetry codes: (i) 1-x,-y,-z; (ii) +x,-y,-z; (iii) 1-x,+y,+z; (iv) 1/2-x,1/2-y,+z; (v) 3/2-x,-y,1/2-z; (vi) +x, +y,-z.

**Table S3. Comparison of reported MOF-based sensors for Hg(II) detection.**

	MOF	Methods	Linear Range	Detection Limit	Ref.
1	AB/Cu <sub>5</sub> Cl <sub>3</sub> (bimpy) <sub>3</sub> /GCE		2 μM – 64 μM	1.1 nM	This work
2	NiCo <sub>2</sub> O <sub>4</sub> nanoplatelets/GCE		0.8 - 2.0 μM	42.9 nM	28a
3	MnFe <sub>2</sub> O <sub>4</sub> @Cys/GCE		1.4 - 3.0 μM	208 nM	28b
4	GA-UiO-66-NH <sub>2</sub> /GCE		0.005 -3.0 μM	2 nM	13
5	3 D (Co, Mn) <sub>3</sub> O <sub>4</sub> /Ni composite foam		0.5 - 4.0 μM	13 nM	28c
6	Cu-MOFs	ESC	10 fM - 100 nM	4.8 fM	24a
7	ssDNA/Au electrode		0.1 - 2.0 μM	100 nM	29a
8	Gold ultramicroelectrode arrays		0.01 - 1.0 μM	16 nM	29b
10	Fe <sub>3</sub> O <sub>4</sub> -chitosan/GCE		0.4 - 1.1 μM	95.7 nM	29c
11	NiCo <sub>2</sub> O <sub>4</sub> /Ni foam		0.8 - 2.8 μM	9.91 nM	29d
12	PCN-221		50 - 1000 μM	0.12 μM	30a
13	[Pb <sub>2</sub> (2-NCP) <sub>2</sub> (L <sub>1</sub> ) <sub>n</sub>		0 - 1.0 mM	10 <sup>-7</sup> M	30b
14	{[Co <sub>2</sub> (L)(hfpd)(H <sub>2</sub> O)]·1.75H <sub>2</sub> O} <sub>n</sub>		0 - 200 μM	4 μM	30c
15	[Co(NPDC)(bpee)]·DMF·2H <sub>2</sub> O		0 - 120 μM	4.1 μM	30d
16	[Zn(H <sub>4</sub> L)(2,2'-biim)]	FL	0 - 25 μM	0.53 μM	31a
17	{[Tb <sub>2</sub> (bpda) <sub>3</sub> (H <sub>2</sub> O) <sub>3</sub> ]·H <sub>2</sub> O} <sub>n</sub>		0 - 10 <sup>-3</sup> M	7.2 nM	31b
18	{[Mn <sub>2</sub> (Bript) <sub>2</sub> (4,4'-bpy) <sub>5</sub> (DMF)]·(H <sub>2</sub> O) <sub>n</sub>		0 - 0.3 M	48 μM	31c
19	UiO-66-PSM		0 - 78.1 μM	5.88 μM	31d
20	ZnAPA		0 - 400 μM	0.1243 μM	31e

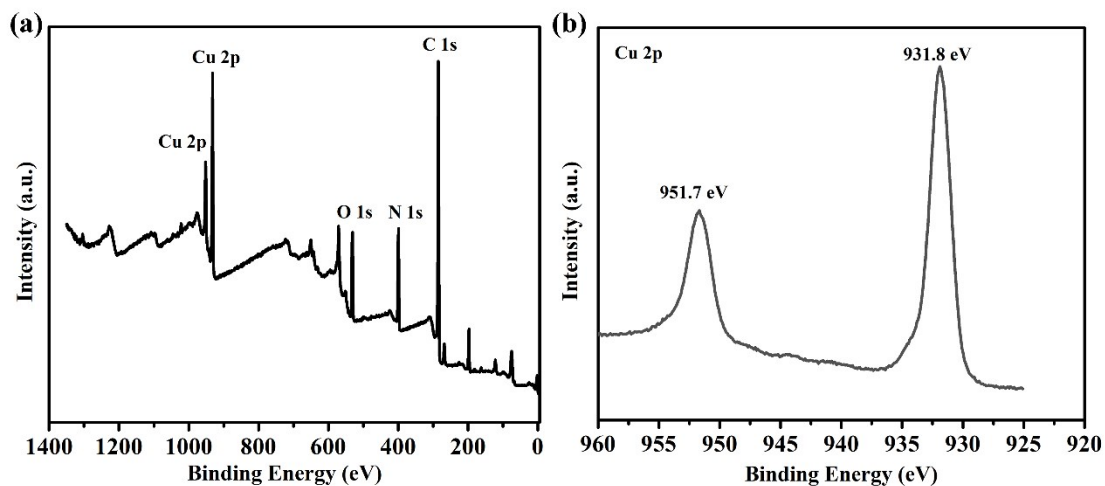


Fig. S1 (a) XPS spectra of complex 1; (b) XPS spectra of Cu 2p of complex 1.

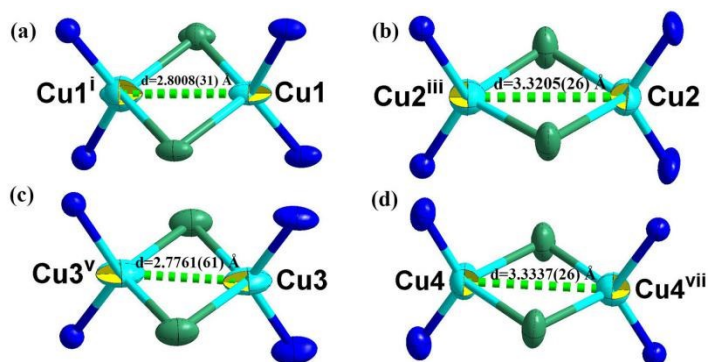


Fig. S2 The SBUs in complex 1.

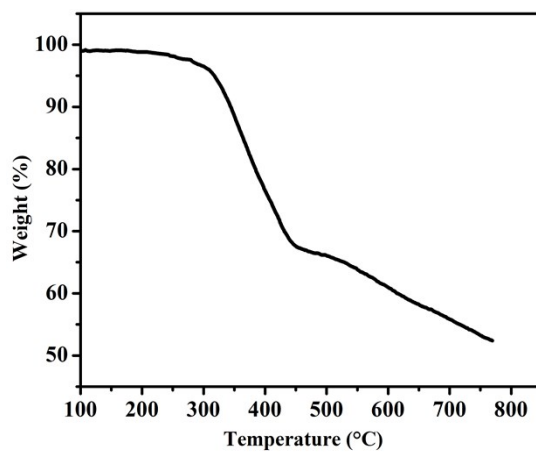


Fig. S3 TGA pattern of complex 1.

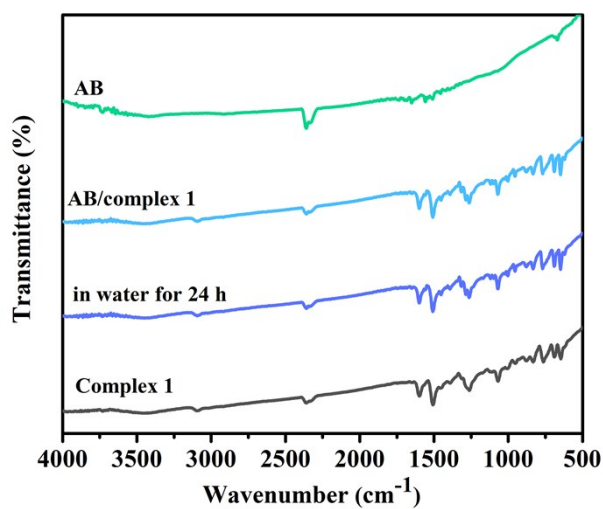


Fig. S4 FTIR spectra of complex 1, 1 after soaking in water for 24 h, AB and AB/complex 1.

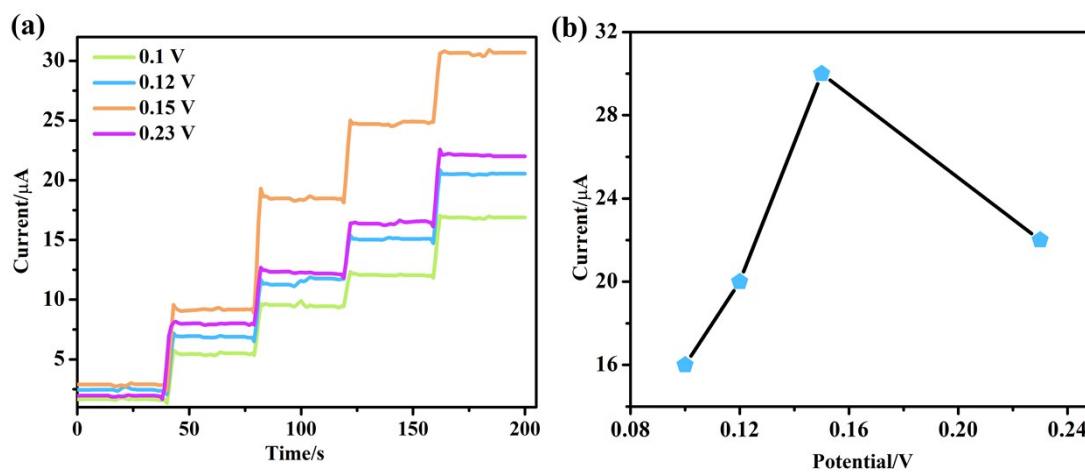
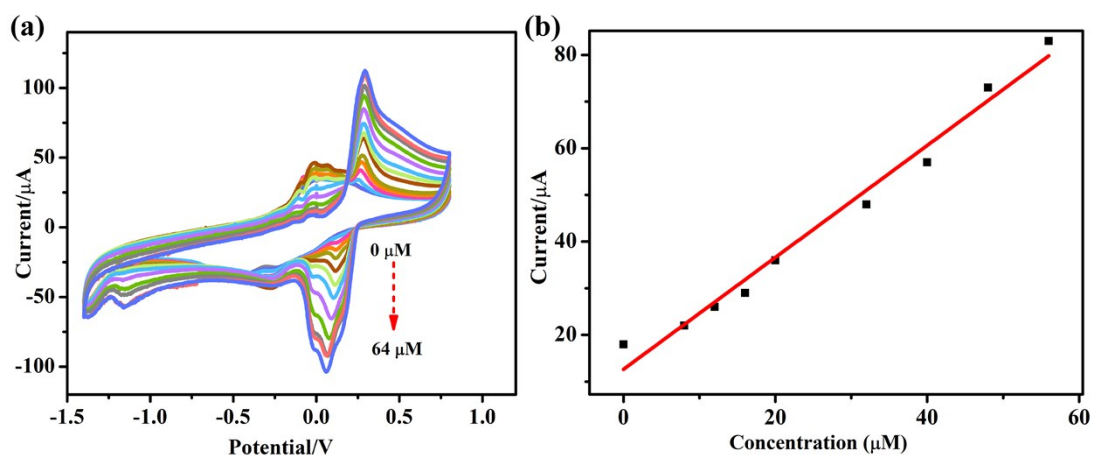
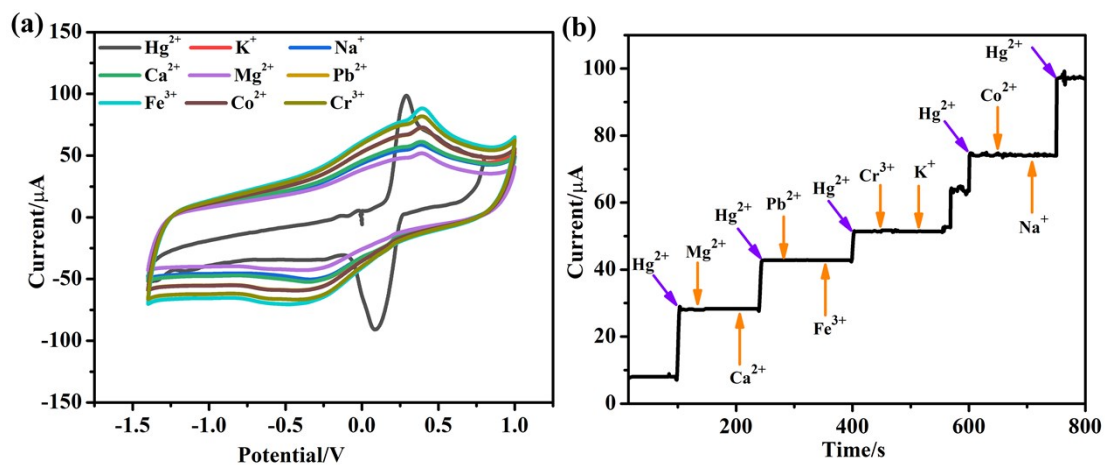


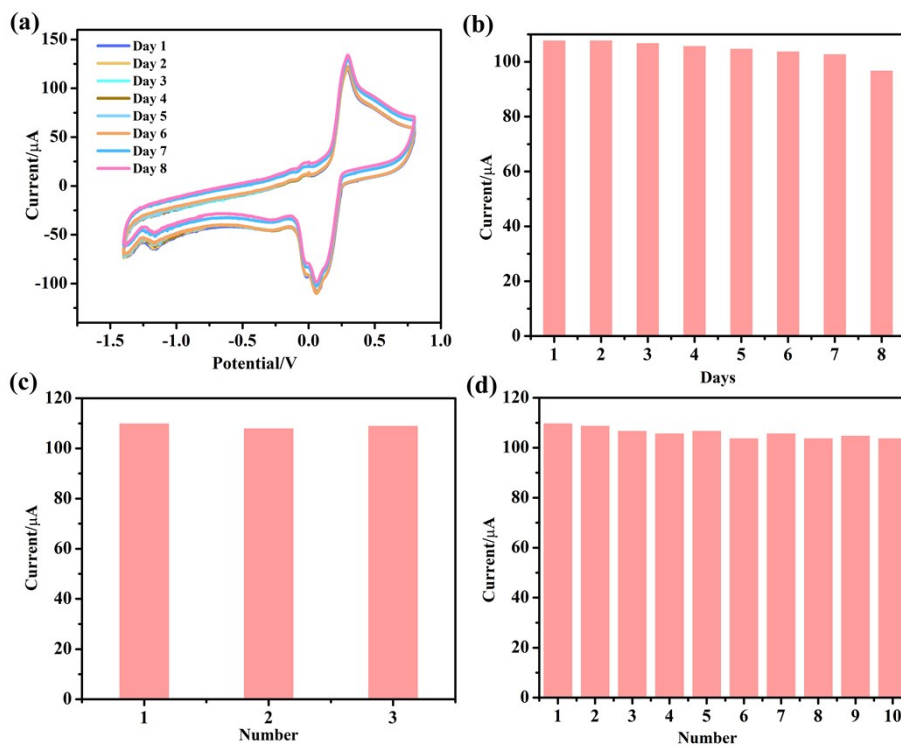
Fig. S5 (a) Chronoamperometric responses of AB/Complex 1/GCE at different potential (0.1, 0.12, 0.15, 0.23 V) with addition of 50 μL Hg<sup>2+</sup> in 0.1 M PBS solution, (b) The current intensity vs. potential.



**Fig. S6** (a) CV responses of AB/complex 1/GCE upon successive addition of  $\text{Hg}^{2+}$  over a concentration range of 0  $\mu\text{M}$  to 64  $\mu\text{M}$  in PBS solution; (b) The corresponding calibration plot of current vs. the concentrations of  $\text{Hg}^{2+}$ .



**Fig. S7** (a) CV curves of other metal ions for AB/complex 1/GCE; (b) The specificity of the sensor toward  $\text{Hg}^{2+}$  against different metal ions (the concentration of each interfering ion is 0.01 M).



**Fig. S8** (a) The CV response on the sensor for 0.064 mM  $\text{Hg}^{2+}$  analysis after eight days; (b) The current intensity after eight days; (c) The current responses of three different AB/complex 1/GCE sensors at the same condition in 0.1 M PBS containing 0.064 mM  $\text{Hg}^{2+}$ ; (d) The current responses of the same AB/complex 1/GCE sensor for ten replicate experiments in 0.1 M PBS containing 0.064 mM  $\text{Hg}^{2+}$ .