

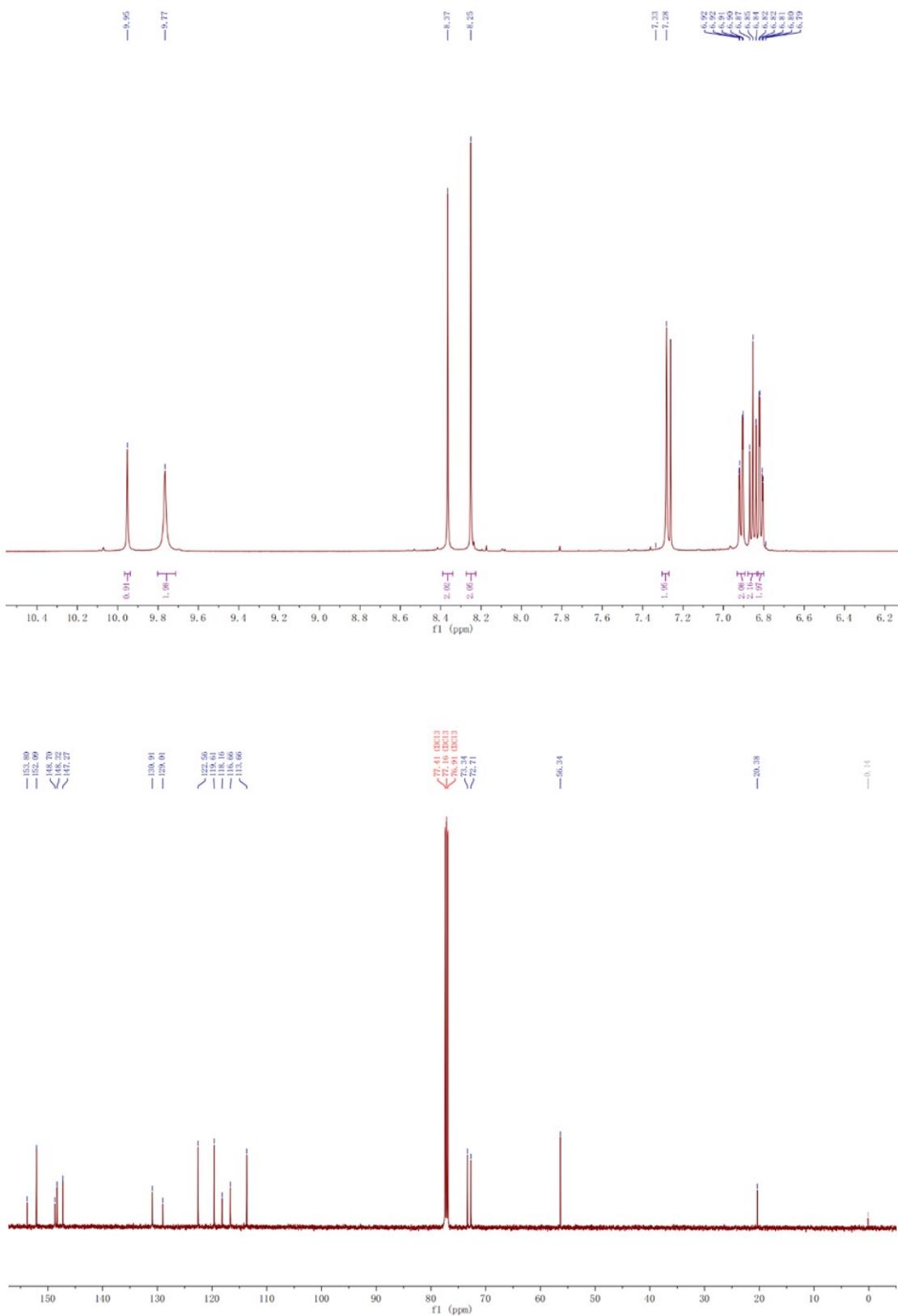
## Supporting Information

### A highly efficient yet stable salamo-type fluorescent chemosensor for multiple responses to Cu<sup>2+</sup> and S<sup>2-</sup>

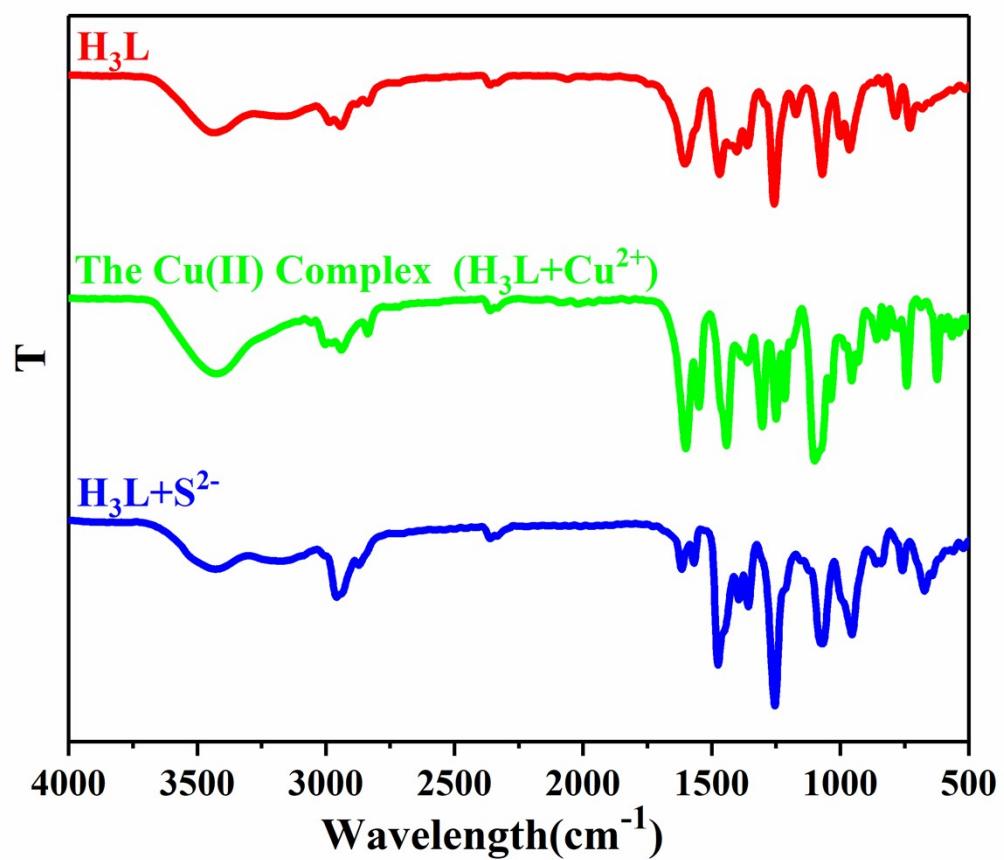
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**Fig. S1.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of  $\text{H}_3\text{L}$  in CDCl<sub>3</sub> (Up), and  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum of  $\text{H}_3\text{L}$  in CDCl<sub>3</sub> (Down).



**Fig. S2.** Infrared spectra of chemosensor  $\text{H}_3\text{L}$ , the Cu(II) complex, and  $\text{H}_3\text{L}+\text{S}^{2-}$ .

### Determination of LOD, LOQ and $K_a$ of detecting $\text{Cu}^{2+}$ .

(1) The quantitative limit and detection limits of  $\text{Cu}^{2+}$  and  $\text{H}_3\text{L}$  were determined from the fluorescence titer of the sensor  $\text{H}_3\text{L}$  and  $\text{Cu}^{2+}$ . Use the following equations to determine the LOD and LOQ.

Fit equation:  $y = -121.951x + 2311.418$   $R^2 = 0.96596$

$$S = 1.21951 \times 10^8 \quad \delta = \sqrt{\frac{\sum_{i=1}^{N-1} (F_i - \bar{F})^2}{N-1}} \quad K = 3$$

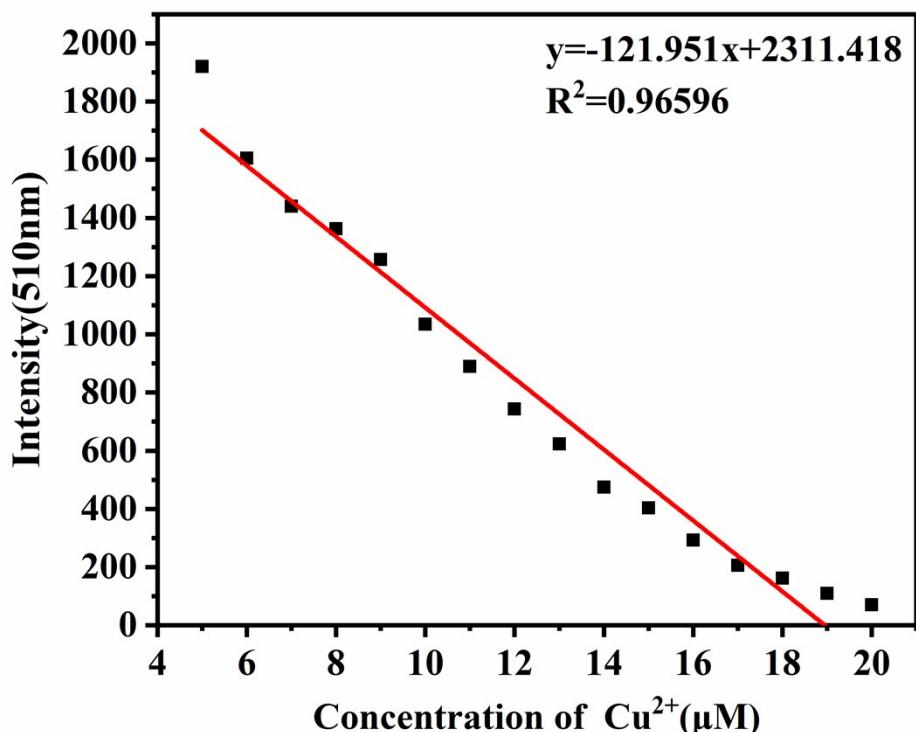
$$\text{LOD} = K \times \delta / S = 1.5398 \times 10^{-7} \text{ M}; (N = 15);$$

$$\text{LOQ} = 10 \times \delta / S = 4.5279 \times 10^{-7} \text{ M}.$$

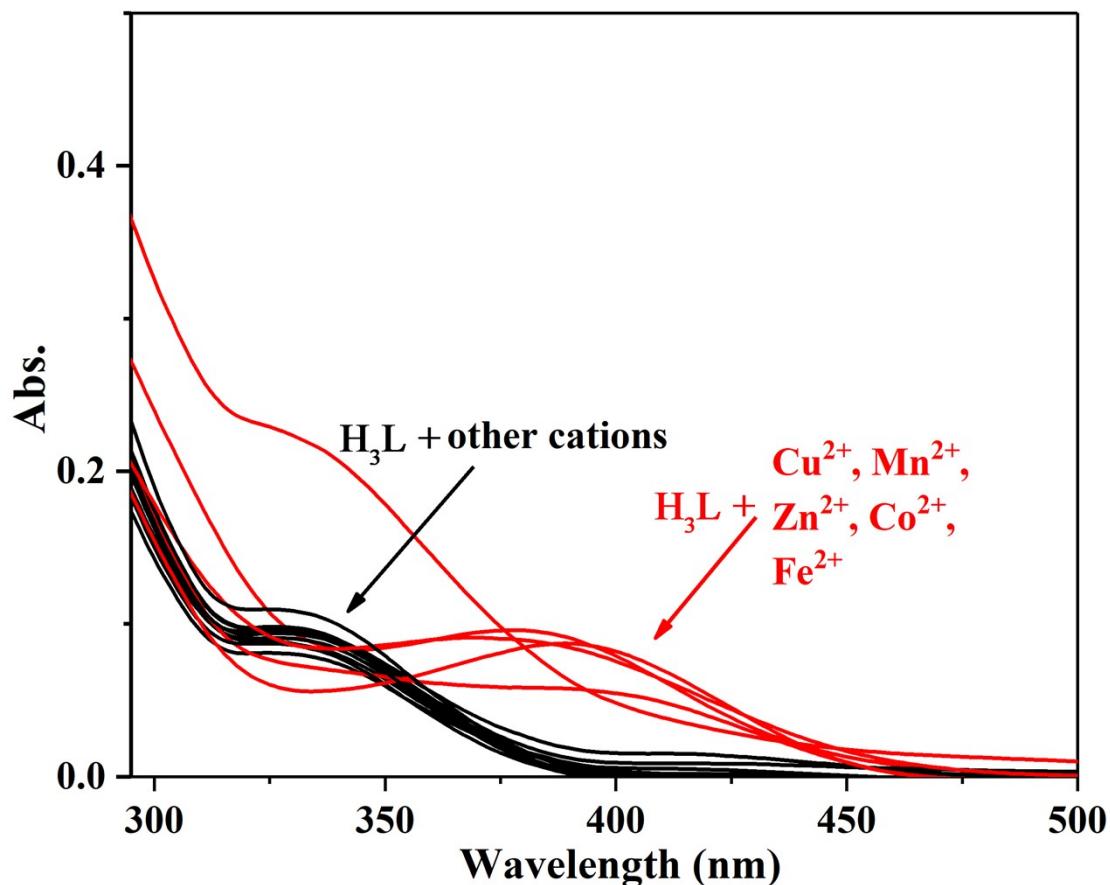
Where N, S, F<sub>0</sub> and  $\bar{F}$  are the number of replicates for the measurements, slope, fluorescence intensity and mean of fluorescence intensity of the blank solution of probe, respectively.

Benesi-Hildebrand equation as shown below:

$$\log(F - F_{\min}) / (F_{\max} - F) = \log K_a + 2 \log [\text{Cu}^{2+}] \quad K_a = 6.89 \times 10^9 \text{ M}^{-1}$$



**Fig. S3.** Linear calibration curve of  $\text{Cu}^{2+}$ .



**Fig. S4.** Absorption spectra of  $\text{H}_3\text{L}$  solution in the presence of various cations ( $\text{Cu}^{2+}$ ,  $\text{Hg}^{2+}$ ,  $\text{Cr}^{3+}$ ,  $\text{Fe}^{3+}$ ,  $\text{Cd}^{2+}$ ,  $\text{Mn}^{2+}$ ,  $\text{Ca}^{2+}$ ,  $\text{Ag}^+$ ,  $\text{Na}^+$ ,  $\text{Li}^+$ ,  $\text{Zn}^{2+}$ ,  $\text{K}^+$ ,  $\text{Mg}^{2+}$ ,  $\text{Al}^{3+}$ ,  $\text{Fe}^{2+}$ ,  $\text{Co}^{2+}$ ,  $\text{Pb}^{2+}$  and  $\text{Ga}^{3+}$ ).

### Determination of LOD, LOQ and $K_a$ of detecting $S^{2-}$ .

(1) The quantitative limit and detection limits of  $S^{2-}$  and  $\text{H}_3\text{L}$  were determined from the fluorescence titer of the sensor  $\text{H}_3\text{L}$  and  $S^{2-}$ . Use the following equations to determine the LOD and LOQ.

Fit equation:  $y=138.802x+1269.301$   $R^2=0.97487$

$$S=1.38802 \times 10^8 \quad \delta = \sqrt{\frac{\sum_{i=1}^{N-1} (F_i - \bar{F})^2}{N-1}} \quad K=3$$

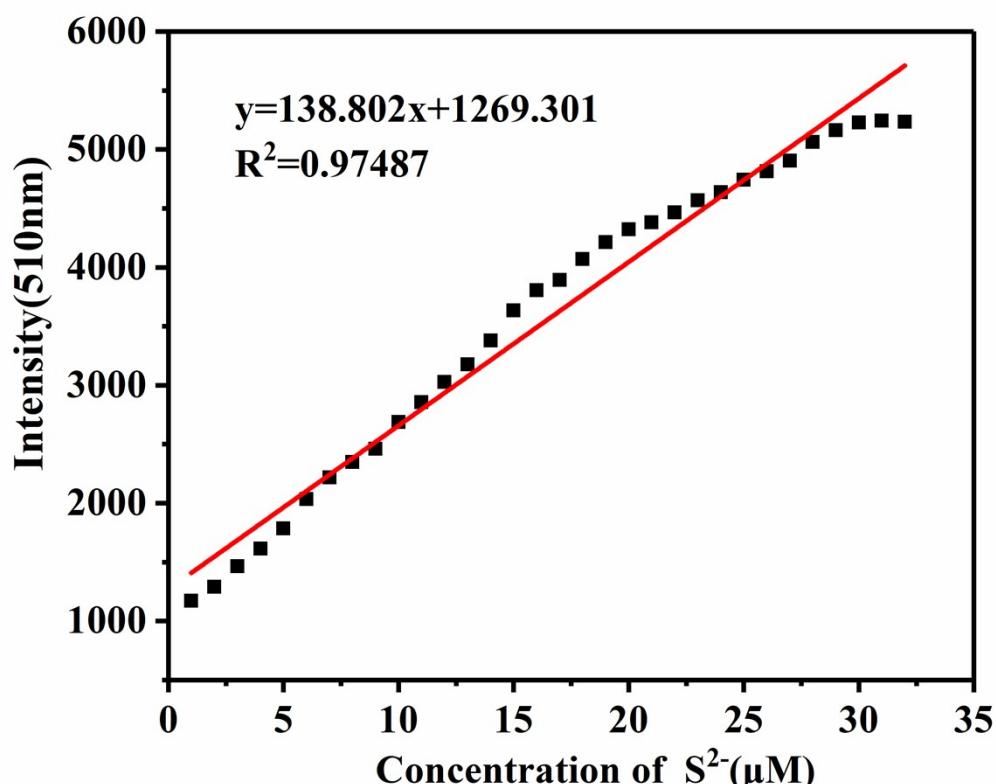
$$\text{LOD} = K \times \delta / S = 1.7274 \times 10^{-7} \text{ M}; (N = 15);$$

$$\text{LOQ} = 10 \times \delta / S = 6.4692 \times 10^{-7} \text{ M}.$$

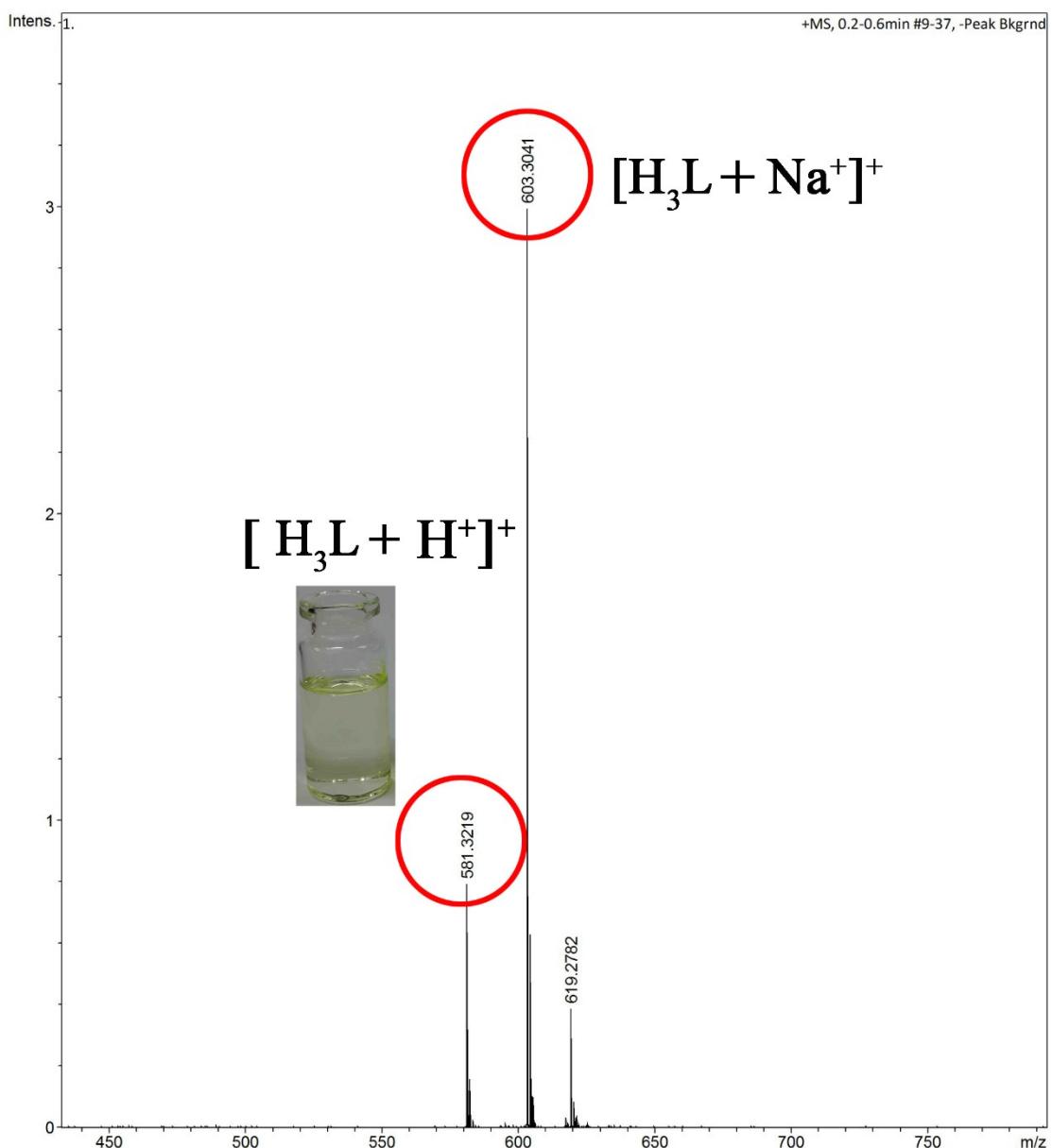
Where  $N$ ,  $S$ ,  $F_0$  and  $\bar{F}$  are the number of replicates for the measurements, slope, fluorescence intensity and mean of fluorescence intensity of the blank solution of probe, respectively.

Benesi-Hildebrand equation as shown below:

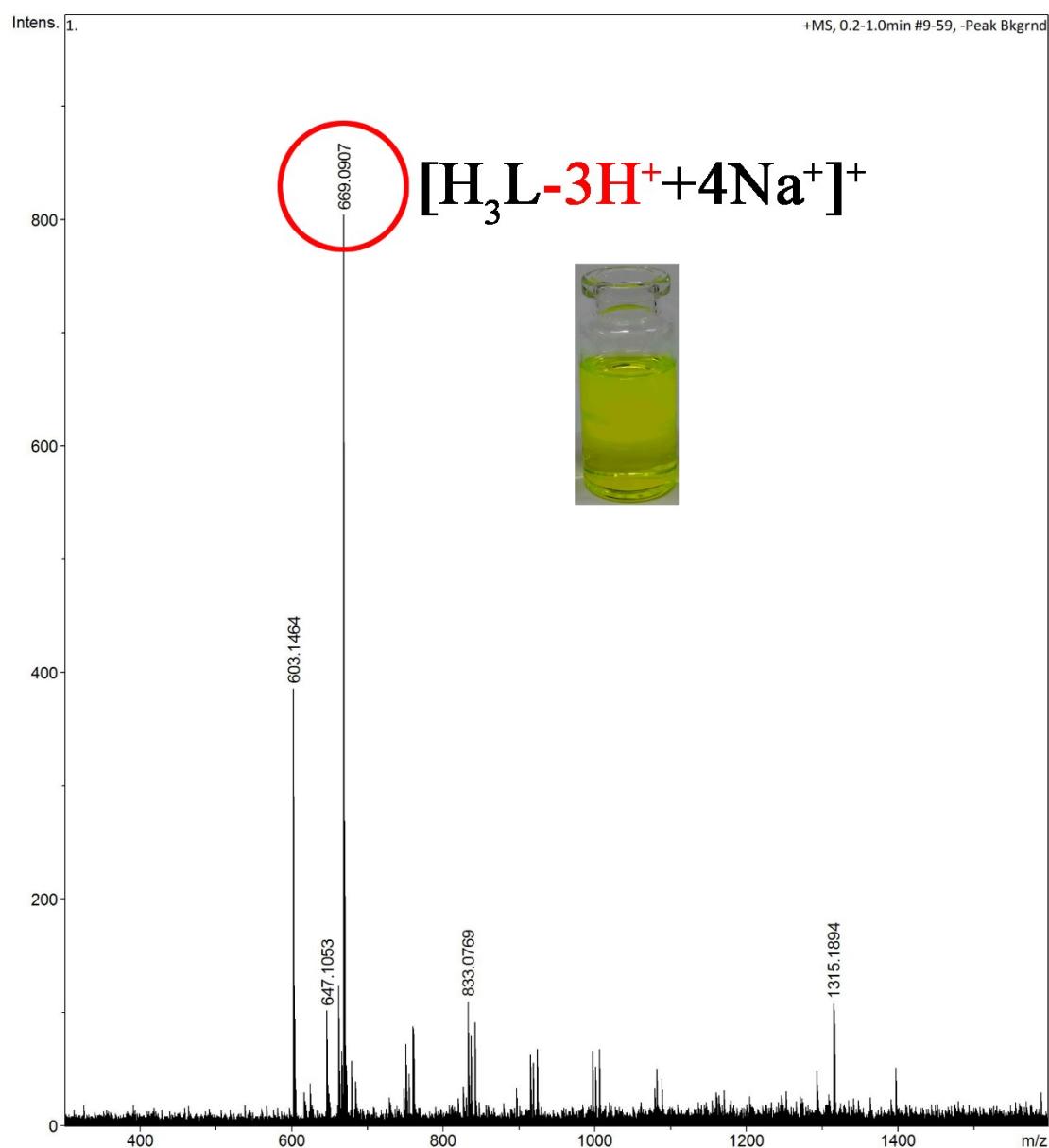
$$\log(F-F_{\min})/(F_{\max}-F) = \log K_a + 2 \log [S^{2-}] \quad K_a = 1.59 \times 10^9 \text{ M}^{-1}$$



**Fig. S5.** Linear calibration curve of  $S^{2-}$ .



**Fig. S6.** Mass spectrum of chemosensor H<sub>3</sub>L.



**Fig. S7.** Chemosensor  $H_3L$  recognizes  $S^{2-}$ , the color of the solution deepens obviously under natural light.

**Table S1:** Structure refinement and crystal data for the Cu(II) complex.

Compound code	[Cu <sub>2</sub> (L)]ClO <sub>4</sub> ·2CH <sub>3</sub> OH
CCDC number	2077985
Empirical formula	C <sub>31</sub> H <sub>37</sub> ClCu <sub>2</sub> N <sub>4</sub> O <sub>15</sub>
Molecular weight	868.17
Temperature(K)	173
Wavelength (Å)	0.71073
Crystal system	Monoclinic
Space group	P21/c
<i>a</i> (Å)	11.3598(4)
<i>b</i> (Å)	28.8890(8)
<i>c</i> (Å)	10.9160(3)
$\alpha^\circ$	90
$\beta^\circ$	100.7080(10)
$\gamma^\circ$	90
Volume(Å <sup>3</sup> )	3519.96(19)
Z	4
Dx (gcm <sup>-3</sup> )	1.638
$\mu(mm\text{-}l)$	1.362
F(000)	1784
Crystal size(mm <sup>3</sup> )	0.19 × 0.17 × 0.16
$\theta$ range (°)	2.306-26.748
Index ranges	-13 ≤ <i>h</i> ≤ 14, -36 ≤ <i>k</i> ≤ 36, -13 ≤ <i>l</i> ≤ 13
<i>R</i> <sub>int</sub>	0.0717
Data completeness	99.70%
Reflns/restraints/parameters	7471/235/532
Final R indexes [ <i>I</i> >=2σ ( <i>I</i> )] <sup>a</sup>	<i>R</i> <sub>1</sub> = 0.0694, <i>wR</i> <sub>2</sub> = 0.1610
Final R indexes (all data) <sup>b</sup>	<i>R</i> <sub>1</sub> = 0.0960, <i>wR</i> <sub>2</sub> = 0.1774
Goodness-of-fit on <i>F</i> <sup>2</sup>	1.069
$\Delta r$ <sub>max,min</sub> (eÅ <sup>-3</sup> )	0.88 and -1.11

**Table S2:** Selected bond lengths ( $\text{\AA}$ ) and angles ( $^{\circ}$ ) of  $[\text{Cu}_2(\text{L})\text{ClO}_4 \cdot 2\text{CH}_3\text{OH}]$ .

Bond	Bond length ( $\text{\AA}$ )	Bond	Bond length ( $\text{\AA}$ )
Cu1-O2	1.905(4)	Cu2-O8	1.897(4)
Cu1-O5	1.960(4)	Cu2-O5	1.948(3)
Cu1-N1	1.962(4)	Cu2-N3	1.964(4)
Cu1-N2	1.964(4)	Cu2-N4	1.962(4)
Bond	Bond length ( $\text{\AA}$ )	Bond	Bond length ( $\text{\AA}$ )
O2-Cu1-O5	84.38(15)	O8-Cu2-O5	82.64(15)
O2-Cu1-N1	89.78(17)	O8-Cu2-N3	166.55(16)
O2-Cu1-N2	164.72(17)	O8-Cu2-N4	90.91(17)
O5-Cu1-N1	172.75(17)	O5-Cu2-N3	85.40(16)
O5-Cu1-N2	85.75(16)	O5-Cu2-N4	173.55(17)
N1-Cu1-N2	100.83(18)	N4-Cu2-N3	101.00(17)
C1-O2-Cu1	124.2(3)	C24-O8-Cu2	127.7(3)
Cu2-O5-Cu1	103.06(16)	C13-O5-Cu2	129.2(3)
C13-O5-Cu1	127.7(3)	O6-N3-Cu2	119.0(3)
O3-N1-Cu1	124.8(3)	C19-N3-Cu2	129.3(3)
C8-N1-Cu1	123.5(4)	O7-N4-Cu2	123.7(3)
O4-N2-Cu1	119.2(3)	C22-N4-Cu2	125.8(4)
C11-N2-Cu1	128.9(4)		

**Table S3:** Putative hydrogen bond interactions ( $\text{\AA}$ ) for the Cu(II) complex.

D-X…A	d(D-X)	d(X…A)	d(D…A)	$\angle D-X \cdots A$
O10--H10…O13	0·84	2·43	2·921(18)	118
O11--H11A…O15	0·84	2·5	3·30(2)	160
C8--H8…O10	0·95	2·5	3·436(10)	169
C9--H9A…O8	0·99	2·44	3·392(7)	162
C9--H9B…O4	0·99	2·29	3·213(6)	155
C10--H10A…O6	0·99	2·54	3·342(7)	138
C15--H15…O12	0·95	2·6	3·528(15)	165
C20--H20A…O4	0·99	2·59	3·323(7)	130
C21--H21A…O2	0·99	2·44	3·417(7)	169
C21--H21B…O6	0·99	2·35	3·259(6)	152
C22--H22…O11	0·95	2·49	3·403(15)	162
C29--H29A…O15	0·98	2·57	3·538(17)	172