## **Supporting Information**

# A Nano-sized Cu-MOF with High Peroxidase-Like Activity and Its

### Potential Application in Colorimetric Detection of H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> and Glucose

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#### **Experimental Section**

# 1. Effects of pH, catalyst concentration and reaction temperature on the peroxidase activity of Cu-MOF

The pH effect was performed with the catalytic oxidation of OPDA in 0.1 M phosphate buffer (pH 7.4). HCl or NaOH solution was used to adjust the pH. The concentration of Cu-MOF was fixed at 0.06 mg·mL<sup>-1</sup> and temperature at 30 °C with a series of pH (3.0, 4.0, 5.0, 6.0, 7.0, 8.0, and 9.0) for 20 min. The pH effect was performed by catalytic oxidation of TMB in acetate buffer (0.1 M) with a series of pH (3.0, 4.0, 5.0, 6.0, 7.0, 8.0, and 10.0), and the other conditions are consistent with the above. The catalyst concentration effect was performed by catalytic oxidation of OPDA and TMB with fixed H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> (1.8 mM), OPDA (3 mM), and the temperature remained at 30 °C. The concentrations range of Cu-MOF solution (0.03, 0.04, 0.05, 0.06, 0.07, 0.08 and 0.09 mg·mL<sup>-1</sup>). The temperature effect was performed by catalytic oxidation of OPDA in fixed H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> (1.8 mM), OPDA (3 mM) 30 °C. Mixed solution was incubated for 20 min at a series of temperatures (25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50, 55, 60, 65 and 70 °C). The temperature effect on catalytic oxidation of TMB was performed with temperature range from 25 to 50 °C (25, 30, 35, 40, 45, and 50 °C) and the other conditions are consistent with above.

#### 2. Detection of H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>

300  $\mu$ L TMB solution (10 mM, dissolve in DMF), 100  $\mu$ L different concentrations of H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> with varying concentrations increase successively were added to 2.6 mL 0.06 mg·mL <sup>-1</sup> Cu-MOF solution (Cu-MOF solid was dispersion in acetic acid). The resultant solution was used for conducting the absorption spectroscopy measurements by ultraviolet-visible spectrophotometer at 652 nm after incubation for 20 min at 30 °C.

#### **3. Detection of glucose**

First, 100  $\mu$ L glucose solution with different concentrations, 100  $\mu$ L 1.0 mg· mL<sup>-1</sup> GOX (prepared in 0.5 mL NaH<sub>2</sub>PO<sub>4</sub>, pH 7.0) was incubated at 37 °C for 20 min to yield H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>. Followed by addition of 300  $\mu$ L 5mM TMB (dissolved DMF) and 4 mL

0.08 mg·ml<sup>-1</sup> Cu-MOF (dispersed in 0.1 M HAc-NaAc buffer, pH 4.0). The resultant solution was used to conduct the absorption spectroscopy performances by ultraviolet-visible spectrophotometer at 652 nm after incubation for 20 min at 30 °C. In order to determine the selectivity of glucose, the interference of other sugars on the determination of glucose was explored. Under the same conditions, 2 mM sucrose, 2 mM lactose, 2 mM maltose were used to replace glucose (300  $\mu$ M) in the experiment.

#### 4. Detection of ascorbic acid

200  $\mu$ L TMB solution (0.67 mM, dissolving DMF), 100  $\mu$ L H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> solution 100  $\mu$ L (0.67 mM), and successively increasing ascorbic acid solutions with different concentrations, and add them to 2.6 mL 0.06 mg·mL<sup>-1</sup> Cu-MOF solution. After reacting for 20 min at 30 °C, the resulting solution was used to measure the absorption spectrum at 652 nm by an ultraviolet-visible spectrophotometer. In order to explore the influence of potential interfering substances on the experimental results, we did an anti-interference experiment, using 400  $\mu$ M K<sup>+</sup>, Zn<sup>2+</sup>, K<sup>+</sup>, L-glutamic acid, glycine, and L-histidine to replace 400  $\mu$ M in the system, respectively. Ascorbic acid did a selective control experiment.

#### 5. Detection of sodium thiosulfate

200  $\mu$ L TMB solution (0.67 mM, dissolved in DMF), 100  $\mu$ L H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> (0.67 mM), and sodium thiosulfate solution with desired concentration were added to 2.6 mL 0.06 mg·mL<sup>-1</sup> Cu-MOF solution (dissolved in 0.1 M HAc-NaAc buffer, pH 4.0). The resultant solution was used for conducting the absorption spectroscopy measurements by ultraviolet-visible spectrophotometer at 652 nm after incubation for 20 min at 30 °C.



Fig. S1. The FTIR spectra of Cu –MOF



Fig.S2. The EDS spectrum (A) and elemental mapping of Cu, C and O elements (B, C, D)

Catalyst	K <sub>m</sub>		V <sub>max</sub> (Ms <sup>-1</sup> )		Reference
	OPDA	$H_2O_2$	OPDA	$H_2O_2$	Kurundu
HRP	0.59	0.34	4.65×10 <sup>-8</sup>	9.48×10 <sup>-8</sup>	[1]
MnO <sub>2</sub>	0.31	0.12	8.21×10 <sup>-8</sup>	5.71×10 <sup>-8</sup>	[1]
Cu <sub>2</sub> O-NWCs	0.47	242	5.54×10 <sup>-8</sup>	4.30×10 <sup>-8</sup>	[2]
Fe <sub>3</sub> O <sub>4</sub> @Cu@Cu <sub>2</sub> O	0.85	2.3	13.1×10 <sup>-8</sup>	11.9×10 <sup>-8</sup>	[3]
Cu-MOF	0.54	0.178	7.87×10 <sup>-8</sup> 2	2.56×10 <sup>-8</sup>	This work

Table S1 Study on oxidation kinetic parameters of OPDA in Cu-MOF and some other reported nanomaterials

Table S2 Study on oxidation kinetic parameters of TMB in Cu-MOF and some other reported nanomaterials

Catalyst	K <sub>m</sub>		V <sub>max</sub> (Ms <sup>-1</sup> )		Reference
	TMB	$H_2O_2$	ТМВ	$H_2O_2$	Kelerence
HRP	0.434	3.70	10.0×10 <sup>-8</sup>	8.71×10 <sup>-8</sup>	[4]
Cu NCs	0.648	29.16	5.96×10 <sup>-8</sup>	4.22×10 <sup>-8</sup>	[5]
Fe <sub>3</sub> O <sub>4</sub> MNPs	0.098	154	3.44×10 <sup>-8</sup>	9.78×10 <sup>-8</sup>	[4]
MoO <sub>2</sub>	8.85	0.014	5.20×10 <sup>-8</sup>	0.41×10 <sup>-8</sup>	[6]
$MoS_2$	0.525	0.0116	$5.16\times10^{-8}$	0.99×10 <sup>-8</sup>	[6]
Fe-MIL-88NH <sub>2</sub> -MOF	0.284	2.06	$10.47 \times 10^{-8}$	7.04×10 <sup>-8</sup>	[7]
Cu-MOF	0.456	28.58	2.478×10 <sup>-8</sup>	5.45×10 <sup>-8</sup>	This work

Catalyst	Substance	Liner range(µM)	Detection limit(µM)	Reference
CuS-GNS	TMB	2-20	1.2	[8]
MnO <sub>2</sub>	TMB	16-3.33×10 <sup>5</sup>	10	[1]
Fe <sub>3</sub> O <sub>4</sub> MNPs	ABTS	5-100	3	[9]
MoO <sub>2</sub>	TMB	1-100	0.7	[6]
MOF-808	TMB	10-15000	4.5	[10]
Cu-hemin MOF	s TMB	1-1000	0.42	[11]
Cu-MOF	TMB	5-300	4.6	This work

Table S3 Cu-MOF materials and some other reported peroxidase-like materials related to colorimetric determination of  $\rm H_2O_2$ 

Table S4 Cu-MOF materials and some other reported peroxidase-like materials related to colorimetric determination of glucose

Catalyst	Substance	Liner range(µM)	Detection limit(µM)	Reference
CuS NPs	TMB	2-1800	0.12	[12]
NiFe <sub>2</sub> O <sub>4</sub> MNPs	ABTS	0.94-25	0.45	[13]
Ch-Ag NPs	TMB	5-200	0.1	[14]
MOF-808	TMB	5.7-1700	5.7	[10]
Cu-hemin MOFs	TMB	10-3000	6.9	[11]
Cu-MOF	TMB	50-500	4.7	This work



Fig. S3 Colorimetric detection of ascorbic acid. (A) Dose-responsive curve; (B) Linear calibration plot; (C) The inhibition ability of interfering substances. The concentration of K<sup>+</sup>,  $Zn^{2+}$ ,  $Na^{+}$ , L-glutamic acid (Glu), glycine (Gly), L-histidine (His) was 400  $\mu$ M. ( $\Delta$ A was the absorbance difference of TMB oxidation at 652 nm between the absorbance of the blank group and that of addition of AA or interfering substances)

Ascorbic acid (AA), also known as vitamin C, is a water-soluble vitamin necessary to maintain normal body functions. It is abundant in fruits and vegetables[15]. Ascorbic acid is also an antioxidant[16]. A colorimetric detection of AA was established based on the fact that the Cu-MOF catalyzed color reaction of TMB with  $H_2O_2$  can be inhibited by the addition of AA.

As shown in Fig. S3, the absorbance difference ( $\triangle A$ ) of TMB oxidation at 652 nm gradually increases with the concentration of AA from 1  $\mu$ M to 450  $\mu$ M. The change of  $\triangle A$  becomes slow when the concentration of AA reaches 400  $\mu$ M. A good linear

relationship between the concentration of AA and  $\triangle A$  can be achieved when concentration of AA is in the range of 1  $\mu$ M to 400  $\mu$ M with a correlation coefficient of 0.991. The limit of detection was measured to be 0.69  $\mu$ M. When 400  $\mu$ M K<sup>+</sup>, Zn<sup>2+</sup>, Na<sup>+</sup>, L-glutamic acid, glycine, or L-histidine was used to replace ascorbic acid in the reaction system, the absorbance differenced was much smaller than that of the AA, indicating the high selectivity of AA detection.



Fig. S4 Colorimetric detection of sodium thiosulfate (Na<sub>2</sub>S<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>). Dose-response curve (A) and linear calibration plot (B). ( $\Delta$ A was the absorbance difference of TMB oxidation at 652 nm between the absorbance of the blank group and that of addition of Na<sub>2</sub>S<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>, namely,  $\Delta$ A (652 nm) = Abs (blank, 652 nm) – Abs (thiosulfate, 652 nm))

Sodium thiosulfate (Na<sub>2</sub>S<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>) is a compound with strong antioxidant properties and has no toxic effect on human body. It was used in the treatment of cyanide poisoning a century ago. Studies have shown that sodium thiosulfate can inhibit the activity of peroxidase, and there is a significant dose effect. Therefore, we try to establish a simple colorimetric method for the determination of sodium thiosulfate. As shown in Fig. S4, The  $\Delta$ A at 652 nm was almost linearly increased with the increasing of Na<sub>2</sub>S<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> concentration up to 100  $\mu$ M. When the concentration of Na<sub>2</sub>S<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> was beyond to 100  $\mu$ M, the oxidation of TMB by H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> was completely inhibited. The linear detection range of Na<sub>2</sub>S<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> was from 1 to 100  $\mu$ M (the correlation coefficient was 0.989), and the limitation of detection was 0.52  $\mu$ M.

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