

Supporting Information

Synergistic Peroxidase-like Activity of Cu-Zn MOF-Incorporated g-C₃N₄ Nanozyme Integrated with a Smartphone-based Colorimetric Sensing of Ciprofloxacin

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1. Instrumentation

To determine the elemental composition and distribution of Cu-Zn-MOF/g-C₃N₄, X-ray photoelectron spectroscopy (XPS) was utilized with magnesium as the radiation source (PerkinElmer Phi 1600 ESCA). X-ray diffraction measurements were collected using a BRUKER USA D8 Advance Davinci diffractometer with Cu K α radiation at angles ranging from 5 to 90° to analyze the crystalline phase of the prepared materials. The surface morphologies and microstructures of the synthesized Cu-Zn-MOF/g-C₃N₄ were examined using a high-resolution scanning electron microscope (Thermo Scientific Apreo S) at 20 kV. In contrast, the internal morphology was examined using a high-resolution transmission electron microscope (JEOL Japan, JEM-2100 Plus). The ISIS300 energy dispersive X-ray spectroscopy (EDXS) equipment was used to determine the profiles of copper, zinc, nitrogen, carbon, and oxygen on the surface of Cu-Zn-MOF/g-C₃N₄, providing insight into the surface chemistry of these materials. Fourier Transform-Infrared (FT-IR) spectroscopy with an observation range of 400-4000 cm⁻¹ (SHIMADZU, IRTRACER 100) was utilized to observe the stretching frequencies of functional groups, which can provide information about the chemical structure of the oxide. Quantachrome ASiQwin instrument used for the adsorption-desorption isotherm studies. Particle size distribution and surface were analysed by Zeta potential. The absorbance intensity of the tender sensor was analyzed by a UV-Vis spectrometer.

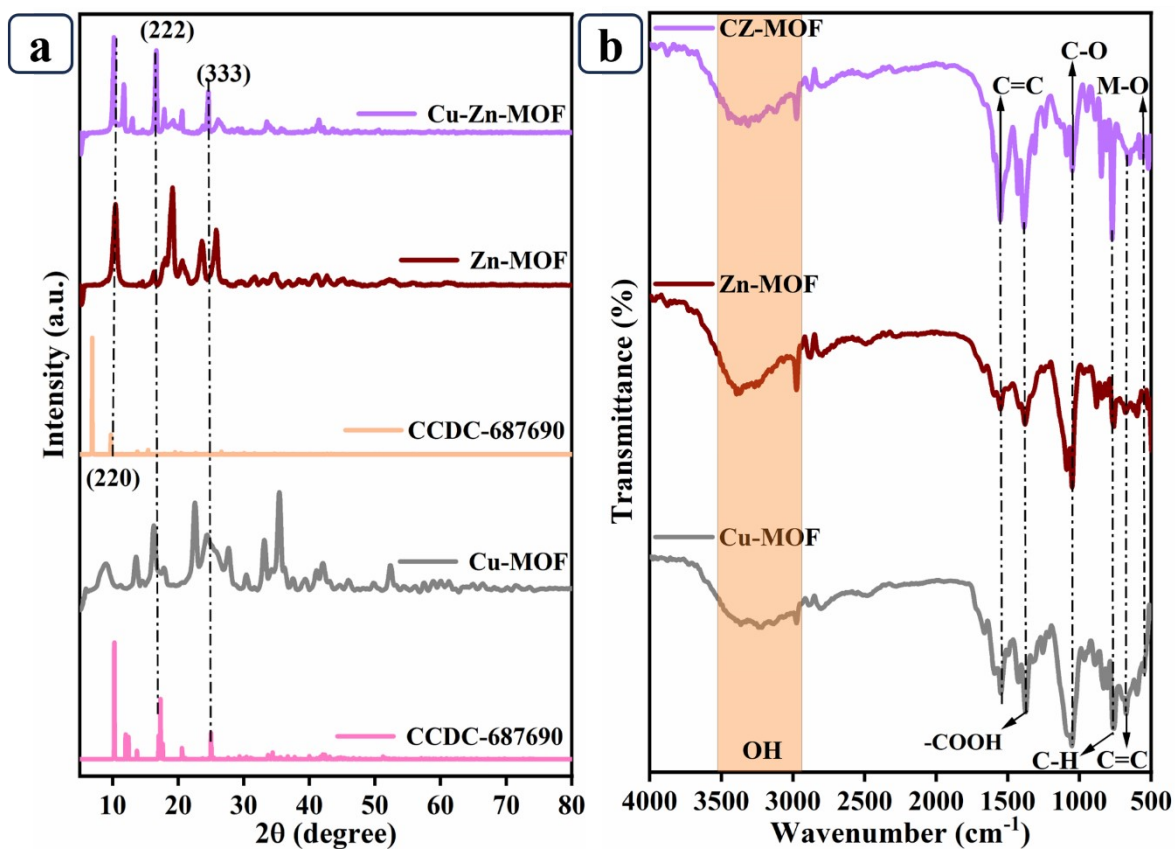


Fig. S1 (a) XRD and (b) FTIR spectrum of Cu-MOF, Zn-MOF and Cu-Zn-MOF.

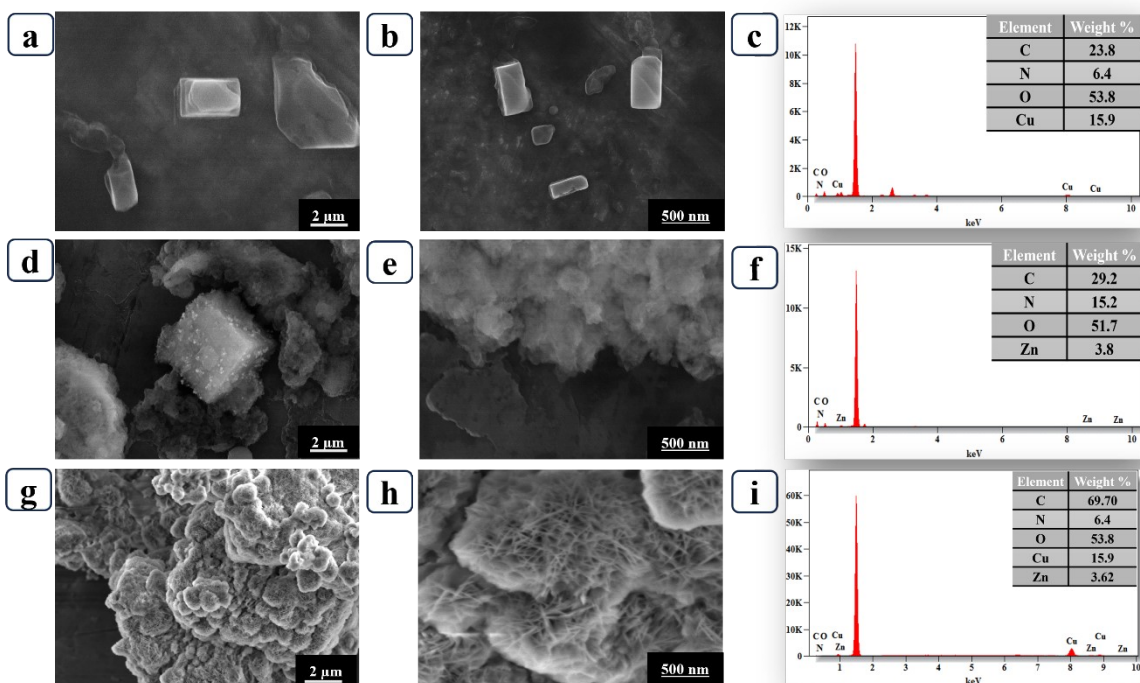


Fig. S2 HR-SEM micrographs and EDX of (a, b, c) Cu-MOF, (d, e, f) Zn-MOF, and (g, h, i) Cu-Zn-MOF.

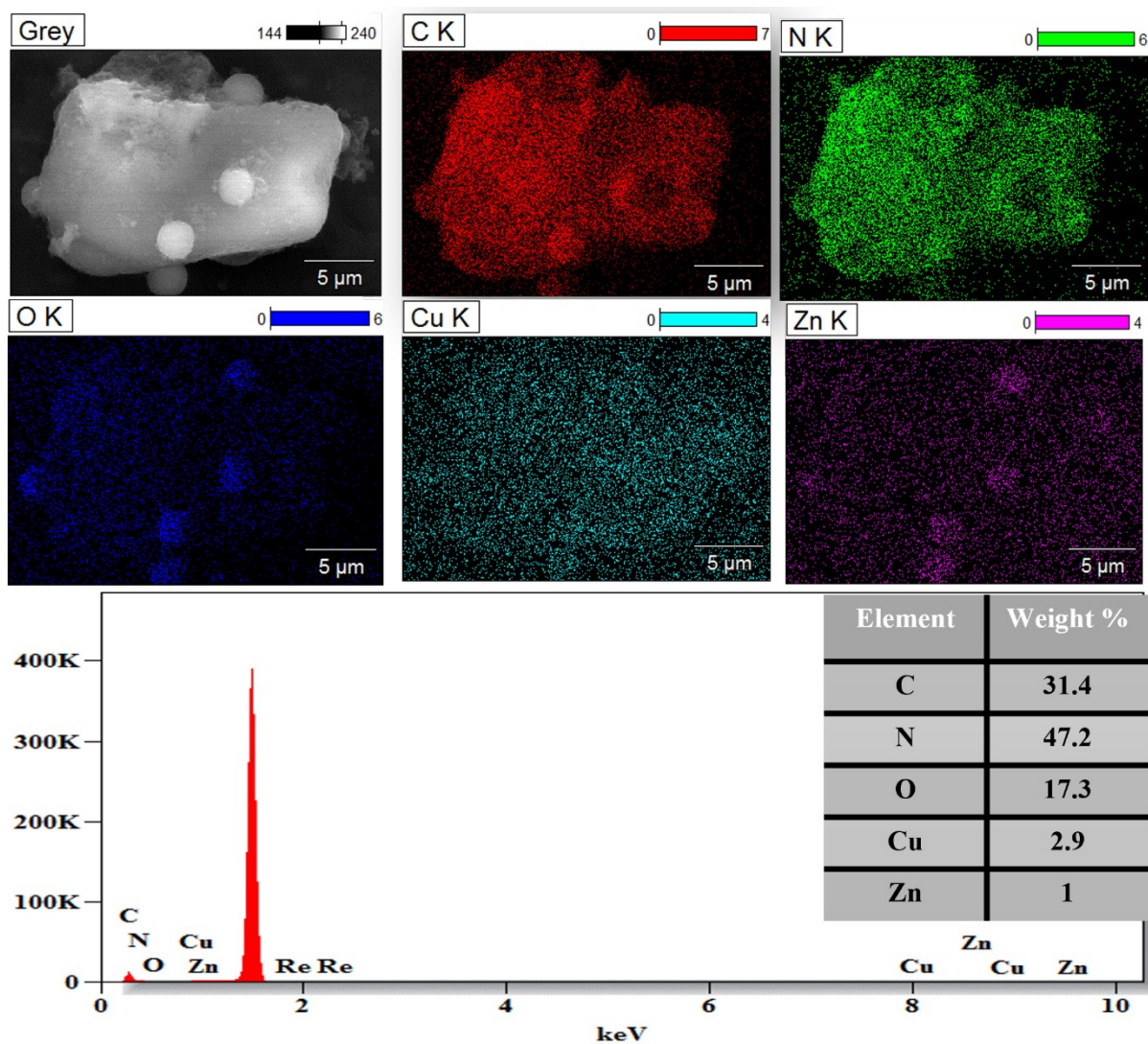


Fig. S3 HR-SEM elemental mapping images and EDX spectrum of Cu-Zn-MOF/g-C₃N₄.

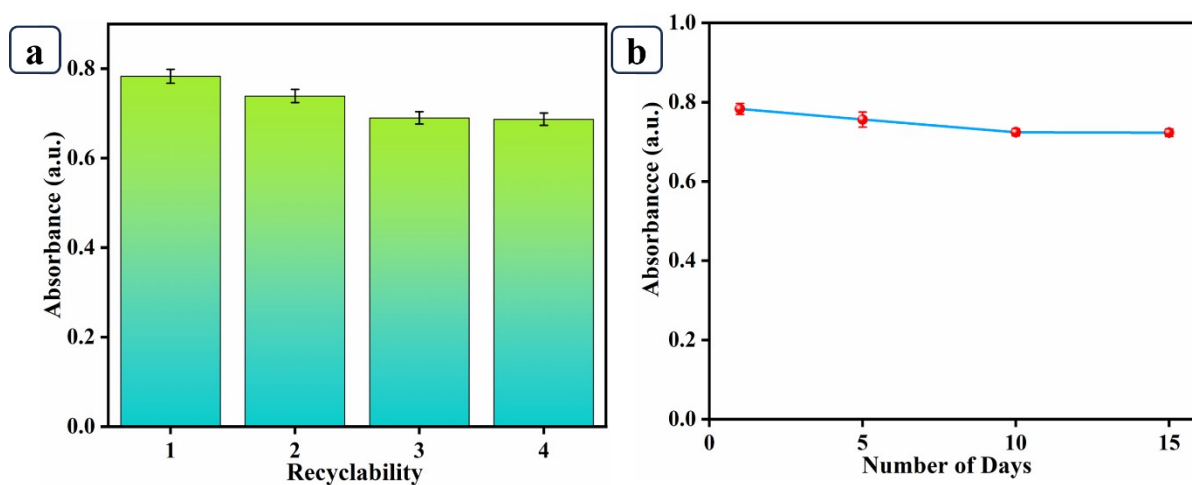


Fig. S4 (a) Recyclability of Cu-Zn-MOF/g-C₃N₄ nanozyme. **(b)** Stability of Cu-Zn-MOF/g-C₃N₄ nanozyme.

Table S1 Comparison between the proposed ciprofloxacin sensor and other known methods

S.No	Sensor	Linear range	LOD	Real sample	Reference
1	Spectrophotometric	2-8 $\mu\text{g ml}^{-1}$	1.65 $\mu\text{g ml}^{-1}$	Ciprofloxacin hydrochloride tablet	1
2	ATG-AuNPs	0-100 μM	1.30 μM	Tap and lake water	2
3	Uv spectrophotometric	-	18.9 μM	Ciproxin tablet	3
4	Fe@g-C ₃ N ₄ (Electrochemical sensor)	0.001-1.0 μM	5.4 nM	Blood sample	4
5	β -galactosidase enzyme	1-1000 μM	51 μM	Cow milk	5
6	PUE-AuNPs	-	3 μM	Tap water and Cow milk	6
7	4WJ/COS/AuNPs nanozyme	0.0014-1.4 μM	961.0 μM	seafood samples	7
8	Colorimetric sensor	2 – 100 μM	0.6 μM	Drinking, tap, and lake water	This work

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