### **Electronic Supplementary Information**

# One step cathodically electrodeposited $[Tb_2(BDC)_3(H_2O)_4]_n$

## thin film as a luminescent probe for Cu<sup>2+</sup>detecting

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#### **3.1 Influence of electrochemical parameters**



**Fig. S1** Thickness of film deposited with different deposition time (a) 20 minutes (b) 30 minutes in the solution (0.05M NH<sub>4</sub>NO<sub>3</sub>) with 0.3 mA·cm<sup>-2</sup>. (I: film II: substrate)



**Fig. S2** Thickness of film deposited with different  $NH_4NO_3$  concentration (a) 0.05M (b) 0.1M with 0.3 mA·cm<sup>-2</sup> in 20 minutes. (I: film II: substrate)

### 3.3 Selective detection of Cu<sup>2+</sup>



Fig. S3 The excitation (dotted) and PL spectra (line) of thin film 1.