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A coumarin-based reversible fluorescent probe for Cu²⁺ and S²⁻

and its applicability in vivo and organisms imaging

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Fig. S3. ¹³C NMR spectrum of 3-acetyl-8-tert-butyl coumarin (BuCAC).



Fig. S4. 3-acetyl-8-tert-butyl coumarin (BuCAC).







Fig. S6 The optimized molecular structure of BuCAC.



Fig. S7 The optimized molecular structure of BuCAC-Cu²⁺.

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Structure	Cu ²⁺	S ²⁻	Ref
NH2	6.5×10 ⁻⁸ M	2.9×10 ⁻⁷ M	39
N COCO OH	1.1×10 ⁻⁷ M	2.2×10 ⁻⁷ M	40
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N OH OF	1.5×10 ⁻⁶ M	No data	43
	3.03×10⁻ ⁷ M	1.7×10⁻ ⁷ M	This work

Table S1 Compared with other currently reported probe for Cu^{2+} and S^{2-} .

	BuCAC	BuCAC-Cu ²⁺	
		α orbital	β orbital
LUMO (eV)	-2.636	-8.743	-9.449
HOMO (eV)	-6.826	-12.248	-12.245
Gap(eV)	4.190	3.505	2.796

Table S2 The HOMO and LUMO distributions of BuCAC and BuCAC-Cu²⁺.

Ethical Statement of Animal Experiment

All animal procedures were performed in accordance with the Guidelines for Care and Use of Laboratory Animals of "<u>Nanjing Forestry</u>" University and experiments were approved by the Animal Ethics Committee of "<u>Nanjing Forestry University</u>".