## **Supporting Information**

## A salicylaldehyde benzoyl hydrazone based near-infrared probe for copper(II) and its bioimaging applications

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Figure S1 Time-dependent fluorescence spectra of CySBH (5 µM).



**Figure S2** Effect of pH on the fluorescence intensities of CySBH.  $F_0$  and F are the fluorescence intensities of CySBH in the absence and presence of  $Cu^{2+}$  in different pH, respectively.



**Figure S3** Cell viability of A 549 (a) and HeLa cells (b) incubated with different amounts of probe CySBH for 24 h.



 $\begin{array}{cc} \textbf{A 549} & \textbf{HeLa} \\ \textbf{Figure S4} Fluorescence intensities analyses CySBH (5 $\mu$M) in A549 and HeLa cells incubated with (green bar) and without (yellow bar) Cu<sup>2+</sup>. (*P < 0.05, **P < 0.01, and ***P < 0.001). \end{array}$ 



Figure S6 <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of compound 4.













Probe	$\lambda_{\rm ex}/\lambda_{\rm em}$ (nm)	LOD (nM)	Selectivity cations	Time	Ref.
	560/700	25.4	11	20 min	1 (2021)
$\left \begin{array}{c} c_{i} \\ c_{i}$	542/589	100	12	NA	2 (2021)
	650/696	200	16	NA	3 (2020)
$ \begin{array}{ c c } \hline \\ \hline \\ \\ \\ \\ \\ \\ \\ \\ \\ \\ \\ \\ \\ \\ \\ \\ $	350/523	19.7	13	20 min	4 (2020)
	656/669	1.93	13	40 s	5 (2020)
	365/460	157	20	20 min	6 (2020)
H <sub>2</sub> N NH N N	647/718	47	16	NA	7 (2020)

Table S1 Comparison of CySBH with some relevant reported copper(II) probe.

	663/749	350	12	NA	8 (2020)
Br Br					
	365/466	660	11	NA	9 (2020)
HO HO H O O	370/476	NA	13	100 s	10 (2020)
HO H H H O O O O	460/519	NA	13	50 s	10 (2020)
	449/505	60	14	NA	11 (2020)
	711/744	28.4	17	1.8 s	This work

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