

## Supporting Information

A copper(II)-based metal–organic framework: electrochemical sensor  
Cd(II) and Pb(II) and adsorption of organic dyes

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## Materials and instruments:

All chemicals were achieved commercially. Powder X-ray diffraction (PXRD) patterns were determined with a Rigaku SmartLab X-ray diffractometer with graphite monochromatized Cu K $\alpha$  radiation ( $\lambda = 0.154$  nm). FT-IR spectra were recorded with a Nicolet Magna 560 Fourier transform IR spectrometer. An elemental analyzer (Eurovector EA3000) was applied to acquire C and H data. Thermogravimetric analysis (TGA) curve was measured with a Perkin-Elmer TG-7 analyzer with 10°C per minute under nitrogen gas. The electrochemical experiments were performed using the CHI 660E electrochemical workstation from Shanghai Chenhua. X-ray photoelectron spectroscopy (XPS) was recorded on Thermo Scientific K-Alpha using a monochromatic Al K $\alpha$  source ( $h\nu = 1486.6$ eV).

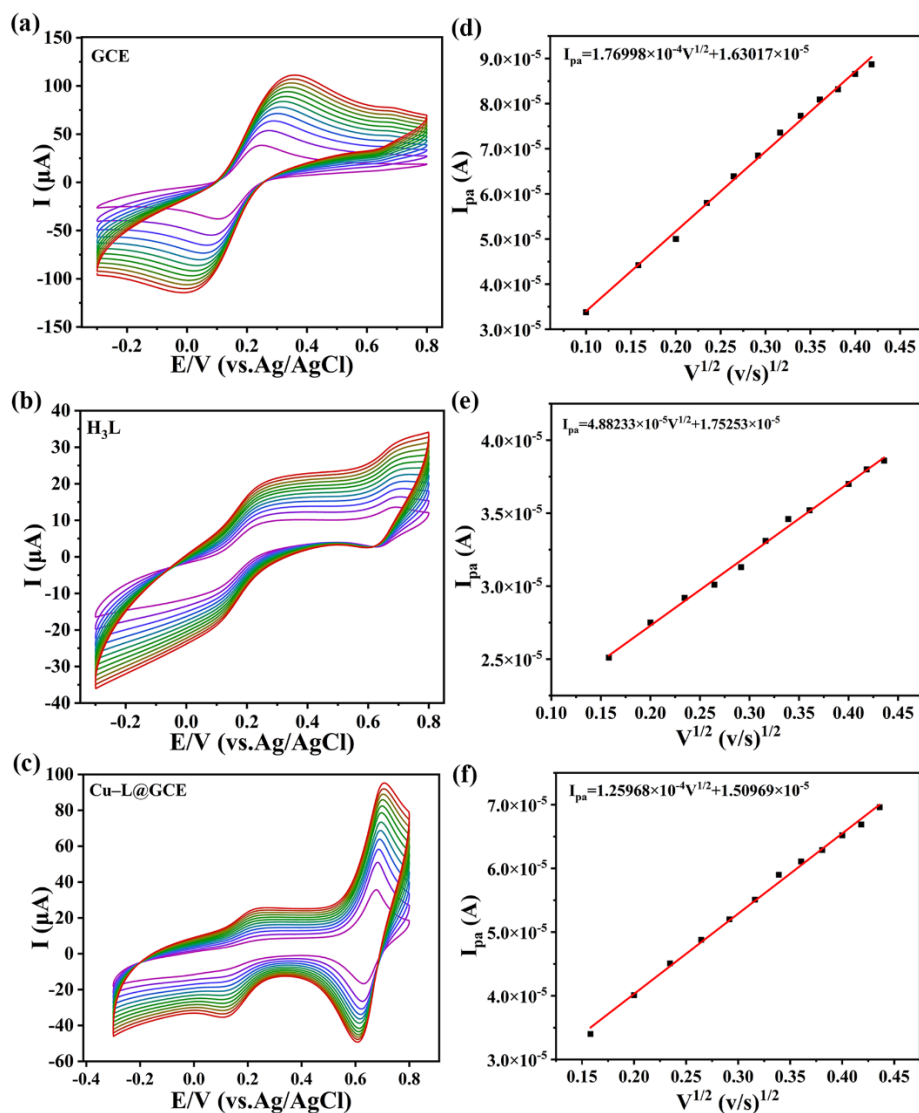
## X-ray crystallography:

The crystallographic data for **Cu–L** was obtained using an Oxford Diffraction Gemini R CCD equipped with graphite-monochromated MoK $\alpha$  radiation ( $\lambda = 0.71073$  Å). The structure was solved using direct methods with SHELXS-2018/3 and refined on F<sup>2</sup> by full-matrix least-squares refinement employing SHELXTL-2018/3 within WINGX.<sup>1-3</sup> Non-hydrogen atoms were refined anisotropically. Hydrogen atoms were added geometrically. Complete crystallographic data were given in Table S7, while selected bond lengths and bond angles were provided in Tables S8.

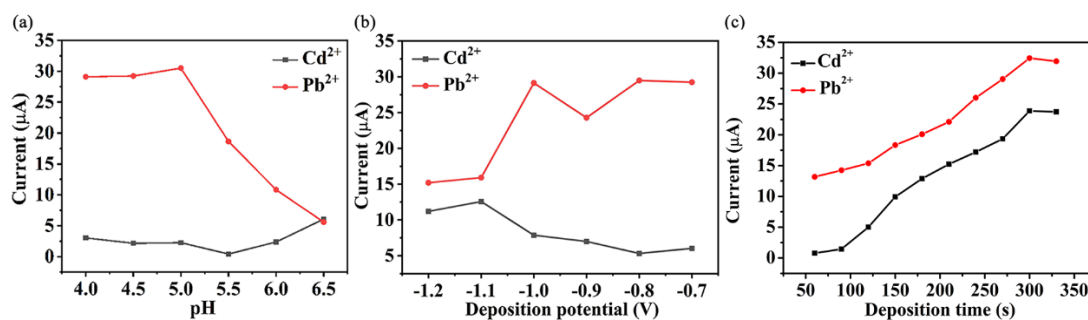
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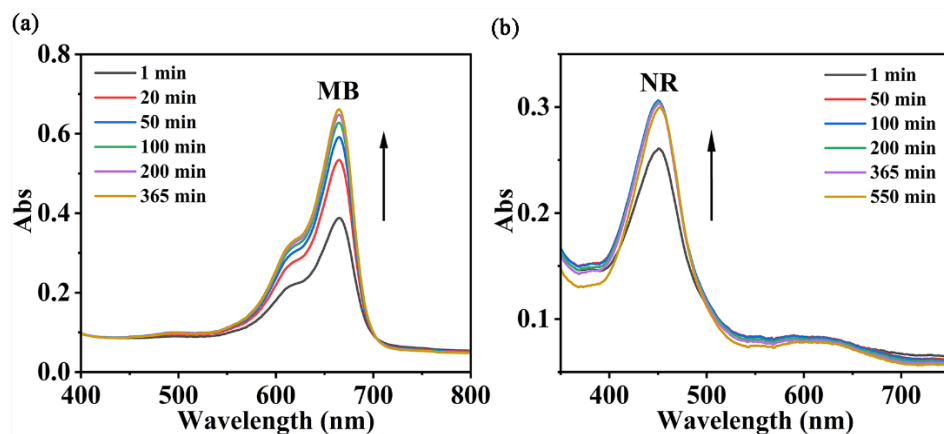


**Figure S1** (a, c, e) CV records for **GCE**, **H<sub>3</sub>L@GCE** and **Cu-L@GCE** in the solution of 5 mM  $[\text{Fe}(\text{CN})_6]^{3-/4-}$  and 0.1 M KCl at various scan rates ( $10\text{--}200 \text{ mV}\cdot\text{s}^{-1}$ ). (b, d, f) The corresponding plot of peak currents ( $I_{pa}$ ) vs the square root of scan rate.

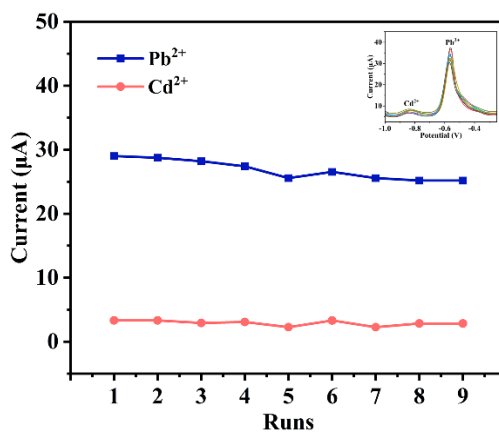


**Figure S2.** (a) Influence of pH values in NaAc-HAc buffer solutions for the detection of  $\text{Cd}^{2+}$  and  $\text{Pb}^{2+}$ . Optimization of deposition potentials (b), and deposition time (c) on

the stripping current responses of **Cu-L@GCE**.



**Figure S3.** UV-vis absorption spectra of DMF solutions with **MB@Cu-L** (a) or **NR@Cu-L** (b) after the dye release in DMF at the given time intervals.



**Figure S4.** Reusability study of **Cu-L@GCE** in 0.1 M ABS (pH=5.0) containing 0.5 μM Pb(II). Data are obtained from every SWA response shown in the inset.

**Table S1** The Influence of the amount of **Cu-L@GCE** on the current of Cd<sup>2+</sup> and

Pb<sup>2+</sup>.

Current (μA)	Suspension					
	volume (μL)	3	4	5	6	7
Cd <sup>2+</sup>		8.04	17.31	28.63	24.42	20.43
Pb <sup>2+</sup>		9.06	22.82	32.07	28.19	26.43

**Table S2** Summary electrochemical performance for determination of Cd<sup>2+</sup> and Pb<sup>2+</sup> with Cu-L@GCE.

Types	Analytes	Linear Range (μM)	Linear Regression Equation	R <sup>2</sup>	Detection Limit (μM)
Individual determination	Cd <sup>2+</sup>	8-28	I(μA)=1.2794 C(μM)-7.5025	0.9983	0.01363
	Pb <sup>2+</sup>	2-14	I(μA)=3.8930 C(μM)-6.0132	0.9885	0.00212
Simultaneous determination	Cd <sup>2+</sup>	10-30	I(μA)=0.6199 C(μM)-7.1965	0.9884	0.00209
	Pb <sup>2+</sup>	5-15	I(μA)=6.7294C(μM)-34.4137	0.9772	0.000034

**Table S3** Comparison of Cu-L@GCE with other materials modified electrodes for simultaneous determination of Cd<sup>2+</sup> and Pb<sup>2+</sup>.

Electrodes Materials	Technique	Analytes	Linear range (μM)	LOD (μM)	Ref.
UiO-66-NH <sub>2</sub> /GaOOH	SWASV	Cd <sup>2+</sup> Pb <sup>2+</sup>	0.35–1.60 0.55–2.50	0.016 0.028	(1)
Fe <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> /Bi <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> /GCE	SWASV	Cd <sup>2+</sup> Pb <sup>2+</sup>	0.01–1.5 0.01–2.0	0.0056 0.0036	(2)
Co-TMC4R-BDC/GCE	SWASV	Cd <sup>2+</sup> Pb <sup>2+</sup>	0.25-12.0 0.25-13.0	0.058 0.044	(3)

Co-TCTA	SWV	Cd <sup>2+</sup> Pb <sup>2+</sup>	0.4-8.0 0.4-7.0	0.071 0.022	(4)
MgFe-LDH/graphene	SWASV	Cd <sup>2+</sup> Pb <sup>2+</sup>	0.1-1 0.1-1	0.0059 0.0027	(5)
PProDOT(MeSH) <sub>2</sub> @S i/GCE	DPV	Cd <sup>2+</sup> Pb <sup>2+</sup> Hg <sup>2+</sup>	0.04-2.8 0.024-2.8 0.16-3.2	0.00575 0.027 0.017	(6)
<b>Cu-L@GCE</b>	SWV	Cd <sup>2+</sup> Pb <sup>2+</sup>	10-30 5-15	0.00209 0.000034	<b>This work</b>

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**Table S4** Comparison of **Cu-L@GCE** with other MOFs modified electrodes for simultaneous determination of Cd<sup>2+</sup> and Pb<sup>2+</sup>.

Electrodes	Technique	Analytes	Linear range	LOD	Ref.
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Materials			( $\mu\text{M}$ )	( $\mu\text{M}$ )	
GA-UiO-66-NH <sub>2</sub> /GCE	DPSV	Cd <sup>2+</sup> Pb <sup>2+</sup>	0.01–1.50 0.01–2.00	0.009 0.001	(1)
Co-TiC <sub>4</sub> R-I/GCE	SWASV	Cd <sup>2+</sup> Pb <sup>2+</sup>	0.50–7.00 0.50–7.00	0.0067 0.0027	(2)
Fe@YAU-101/GCE	DPV	Cd <sup>2+</sup> Pb <sup>2+</sup>	0.003–42 0.004–80	0.0001 0.00133	(3)
Cobalt zinc–zeolite imidazole framework nanofiber modified electrode	SWASV	Cd <sup>2+</sup>	0.1–1000	0.02727	(4)
Co-TMC <sub>4</sub> R- BDC/GCE	SWASV	Cd <sup>2+</sup> Pb <sup>2+</sup>	0.25–12 0.25–13	0.058 0.044	(5)
CelloZIFPaper	LSV	Pb <sup>2+</sup>	8–40	8	(6)
<b>Cu-L@GCE</b>	SWV	Cd <sup>2+</sup> Pb <sup>2+</sup>	10–30 5–15	0.00209 0.000034	<b>This work</b>

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**Table S5** Water sample analysis for the detection of Cd<sup>2+</sup> and Pb<sup>2+</sup>.

Analytes	Samples	Added (μM)	Found (μM)	Recovery (%)	Relative Error (%)
Cd <sup>2+</sup>	Tap water	0	—	—	—
		16	16.03	100.20	0.20
		26	26.35	101.35	1.33
	Mineral Water	0	—	—	—
		16	15.86	99.10	0.90
		26	25.61	98.51	1.51
	River water	0	—	—	—
		16	16.20	101.23	1.22
		26	25.99	99.94	0.06
Pb <sup>2+</sup>	Tap water	0	—	—	—
		8	7.98	99.72	0.28
		13	12.64	97.20	2.88
	Mineral Water	0	0.39	—	—
		8	8.10	96.35	3.61
		13	13.12	97.93	2.05
	River water	0	0.24	—	—
		8	8.33	97.35	2.42
		13	13.62	97.59	2.45

The concentrations of Cd<sup>2+</sup> and Pb<sup>2+</sup> in environmental samples were calculated by the linear equations  $I (\mu A) = 0.6199C (\mu M) - 7.1965$  ( $R^2 = 0.9884$ ) for Cd<sup>2+</sup> and  $I (\mu A) = 6.7294C (\mu M) - 34.4231$  ( $R^2 = 0.9772$ ) for Pb<sup>2+</sup> of simultaneous detection. To improve accuracy, a standard addition method was employed. The values (16 and 26



$\mu\text{M}$  for  $\text{Cd}^{2+}$  and 8 and 13  $\mu\text{M}$  for  $\text{Pb}^{2+}$ ) at both endpoints of the linear range were added.

**Table S6** Comparison of **Cu-L** with other MOFs for dye adsorption.

MOFs	Organic dye	Qe / removal efficiencies	Time	Ref.
$[(\text{CH}_3)_2\text{NH}_2]_2[\text{ZnNa}_2(\mu\text{-H}_2\text{O})_2(\text{H}_2\text{O})_2(\text{TATAT})] \cdot 2\text{DMF}$	MB	0.75 mg/g	24 h	(1)
Fe@Cu-MOF-2COOH Fe@Ni-MOF-2COOH	MB	38.24 mg/g 45.35 mg/g	-	(2)
$\{[\text{Cd}(\text{PA})(4,4'\text{-bpy})_2](\text{H}_2\text{O})\}_n$	MB	29.60 mg/g	24 h	(3)
$\{[\text{Co}_4(\text{L}_1)_2(\text{HCOO})_2(\text{OH})_2][\text{SiO}_4(\text{W}_3\text{O}_9)_4]\} \cdot 6\text{DMF} \cdot 5\text{H}_2\text{O}$	MB	87.2%	48 h	(4)
$\{[\text{Zn}_4(\text{L}_1)_2(\text{HCOO})_2(\text{OH})_2][\text{SiO}_4(\text{W}_3\text{O}_9)_4]\} \cdot 6\text{DMF} \cdot 5\text{H}_2\text{O}$		67.3%	48 h	
$[\text{Cd}_2(\text{Fe-L}_2)_2(\text{m}_2\text{-O})(\text{H}_2\text{O})_2] \cdot 4\text{DMF} \cdot \text{MeOH} \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$	MB	5.536 mg/g	12 h	(5)
$[\text{Cd}_2(\text{Fe-L}_3)_2(\text{m}_2\text{-O})(\text{H}_2\text{O})_2] \cdot 3\text{DMF}$		3.511 mg/g	12 h	
<b>Cu-L</b>	MB	12.269 mg/g	24 h	<b>This work</b>
	NR	14.436 mg/g	24 h	

$\text{L}_1$  = a new methyl imidazole functionalized resorcin[4]arene;  $\text{H}_4\text{L}_2$  = N,N<sub>0</sub>-cyclohexanediaminebis-(2-hydroxyl-6-carboxy-1-naphthaldehy) and  $\text{H}_4\text{L}_3$  = N,N<sub>0</sub>-o-phenylenediaminebis-(2-hydroxyl-6-carboxy-1-naphthaldehy).

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**Table S7** Crystallographic Data for **Cu-L**.

Compound	Cu-L
Formula	Cu <sub>3</sub> C <sub>30</sub> H <sub>40</sub> N <sub>8</sub> O <sub>15</sub> S <sub>6</sub>
<i>Mr</i>	1117.70
Temperature (K)	298(2)
Crystal system	Triclinic
Space group	<i>P</i> -1
<i>a</i> (Å)	11.4638(10)
<i>b</i> (Å)	12.5600(11)
<i>c</i> (Å)	16.3969(14)
<i>A</i> (°)	77.050(3)
<i>B</i> (°)	78.707(3)
<i>γ</i> (°)	78.617(3)
<i>V</i> (Å <sup>3</sup> )	2227.0(3)
<i>Z</i>	2
<i>D</i> <sub>calc</sub> (g·cm <sup>-3</sup> )	1.667
<i>F</i> (000)	1138
<i>R</i> <sub>int</sub>	0.0855
GOF on <i>F</i> <sup>2</sup>	1.024
<i>R</i> <sub>1</sub> , <i>wR</i> <sub>2</sub> [ <i>I</i> >2σ( <i>I</i> )]	0.0713, 0.1812
<i>R</i> <sub>1</sub> , <i>wR</i> <sub>2</sub> (all data)	0.1385, 0.2191

$$R_1 = \frac{\sum |F_o| - |F_c|}{\sum |F_o|}, wR_2 = \left\{ \frac{\sum w[(F_o)^2 - (F_c)^2]^2}{\sum w(F_o)^2} \right\}^{1/2}$$

**Table S8** Selected bond distances (Å) and angles (deg) for **Cu-L**.

O(1)-Cu(2)	1.934(5)	O(4) <sup>#2</sup> -Cu(1)-Cu(2)	168.40(12)
O(2)-Cu(1)	1.958(5)	O(1)-Cu(2)-O(11) <sup>#3</sup>	171.7(2)
O(3)-Cu(2) <sup>#1</sup>	2.024(4)	O(1)-Cu(2)-O(7)	88.2(2)
O(4)-Cu(1) <sup>#1</sup>	1.978(4)	O(11) <sup>#3</sup> -Cu(2)-O(7)	91.7(2)
O(4)-Cu(1) <sup>#2</sup>	2.214(4)	O(1)-Cu(2)-O(3) <sup>#3</sup>	90.7(2)
O(7)-Cu(2)	2.005(4)	O(11) <sup>#3</sup> -Cu(2)-O(3) <sup>#3</sup>	87.0(2)
O(8)-Cu(1)	1.920(4)	O(7)-Cu(2)-O(3) <sup>#3</sup>	162.74(19)
Cu(1)-O(12) <sup>#3</sup>	1.966(5)	O(1)-Cu(2)-O(13)	94.1(2)
Cu(1)-Cu(2)	2.6173(11)	O(11) <sup>#3</sup> -Cu(2)-O(13)	94.2(2)
Cu(2)-O(11) <sup>#3</sup>	1.954(5)	O(7)-Cu(2)-O(13)	98.6(2)
Cu(2)-O(13)	2.149(5)	O(3) <sup>#3</sup> -Cu(2)-O(13)	98.7(2)
Cu(3)-O(6) <sup>#4</sup>	1.955(5)	O(1)-Cu(2)-Cu(1)	86.74(16)
Cu(3)-O(5)	1.956(5)	O(11) <sup>#3</sup> -Cu(2)-Cu(1)	85.01(15)
Cu(3)-O(9) <sup>#2</sup>	1.956(5)	O(7)-Cu(2)-Cu(1)	80.88(14)
Cu(3)-O(10) <sup>#5</sup>	1.970(5)	O(3) <sup>#3</sup> -Cu(2)-Cu(1)	81.86(13)
Cu(3)-O(14)	2.152(5)	O(13)-Cu(2)-Cu(1)	179.05(19)
Cu(3)-Cu(3) <sup>#4</sup>	2.6198(16)	O(6) <sup>#4</sup> -Cu(3)-O(5)	168.5(2)
C(6)-O(1)-Cu(2)	120.8(5)	O(6) <sup>#4</sup> -Cu(3)-O(9) <sup>#2</sup>	89.8(2)
C(6)-O(2)-Cu(1)	124.5(5)	O(5)-Cu(3)-O(9) <sup>#2</sup>	89.5(2)
C(9)-O(3)-Cu(2) <sup>#1</sup>	125.5(4)	O(6) <sup>#4</sup> -Cu(3)-O(10) <sup>#5</sup>	88.7(3)
C(9)-O(4)-Cu(1) <sup>#1</sup>	121.1(4)	O(5)-Cu(3)-O(10) <sup>#5</sup>	89.7(3)
C(9)-O(4)-Cu(1) <sup>#2</sup>	140.2(4)	O(9) <sup>#2</sup> -Cu(3)-O(10) <sup>#5</sup>	168.2(2)
Cu(1) <sup>#1</sup> -O(4)-Cu(1) <sup>#2</sup>	98.49(18)	O(6) <sup>#4</sup> -Cu(3)-O(14)	97.1(2)
C(13)-O(7)-Cu(2)	124.5(4)	O(5)-Cu(3)-O(14)	94.4(2)
C(13)-O(8)-Cu(1)	120.4(4)	O(9) <sup>#2</sup> -Cu(3)-O(14)	98.7(2)
O(8)-Cu(1)-O(2)	89.5(2)	O(10) <sup>#5</sup> -Cu(3)-O(14)	93.1(2)
O(8)-Cu(1)-O(12) <sup>#3</sup>	91.3(2)	O(6) <sup>#4</sup> -Cu(3)-Cu(3) <sup>#4</sup>	83.80(16)
O(2)-Cu(1)-O(12) <sup>#3</sup>	166.1(2)	O(5)-Cu(3)-Cu(3) <sup>#4</sup>	84.66(16)
O(8)-Cu(1)-O(4) <sup>#3</sup>	174.9(2)	O(9) <sup>#2</sup> -Cu(3)-Cu(3) <sup>#4</sup>	84.95(16)
O(2)-Cu(1)-O(4) <sup>#3</sup>	90.4(2)	O(10) <sup>#5</sup> -Cu(3)-Cu(3) <sup>#4</sup>	83.28(16)
O(12) <sup>#3</sup> -Cu(1)-O(4) <sup>#3</sup>	87.6(2)	O(14)-Cu(3)-Cu(3) <sup>#4</sup>	176.26(16)
O(8)-Cu(1)-O(4) <sup>#2</sup>	103.53(18)	C(12)-O(5)-Cu(3)	122.2(5)
O(2)-Cu(1)-O(4) <sup>#2</sup>	97.96(19)	C(12)-O(6)-Cu(3) <sup>#4</sup>	123.3(5)
O(12) <sup>#3</sup> -Cu(1)-O(4) <sup>#2</sup>	95.32(19)	C(21)-O(11)-Cu(2) <sup>#1</sup>	121.9(5)
O(4) <sup>#3</sup> -Cu(1)-O(4) <sup>#2</sup>	81.51(18)	C(21)-O(12)-Cu(1) <sup>#1</sup>	122.5(5)
O(8)-Cu(1)-Cu(2)	88.07(15)	C(24)-O(9)-Cu(3) <sup>#2</sup>	122.7(5)
O(2)-Cu(1)-Cu(2)	82.22(15)	C(24)-O(10)-Cu(3) <sup>#6</sup>	123.8(5)
O(12) <sup>#3</sup> -Cu(1)-Cu(2)	83.97(15)	C(28)-O(14)-Cu(3)	115.5(5)
O(4) <sup>#3</sup> -Cu(1)-Cu(2)	86.88(13)		

Symmetry transformations used to generate equivalent atom: <sup>#1</sup>x, y+1, z; <sup>#2</sup>-x, -y+1, -z;

<sup>#3</sup>x, y-1, z; <sup>#4</sup>-x-1, -y, -z+1; <sup>#5</sup>x-1, y-1, z+1; <sup>#6</sup>x+1, y+1, z-1.

