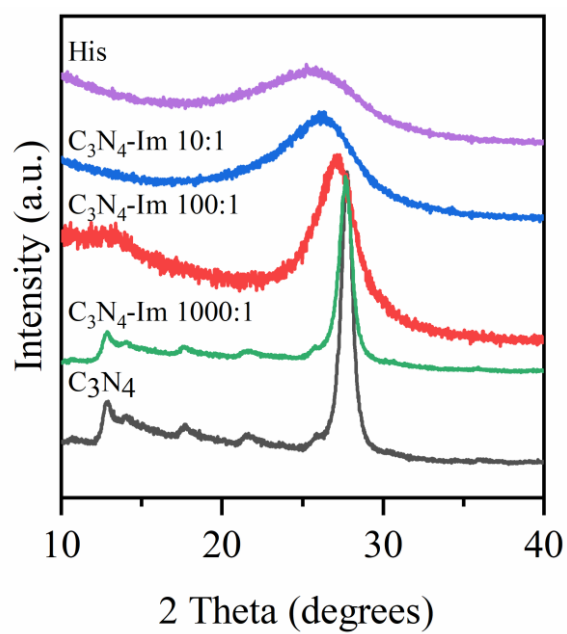
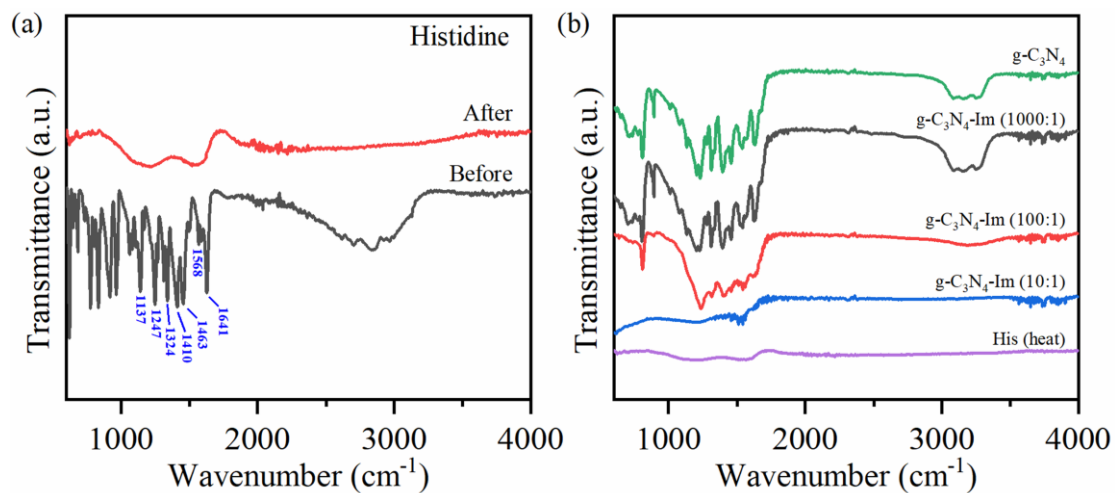


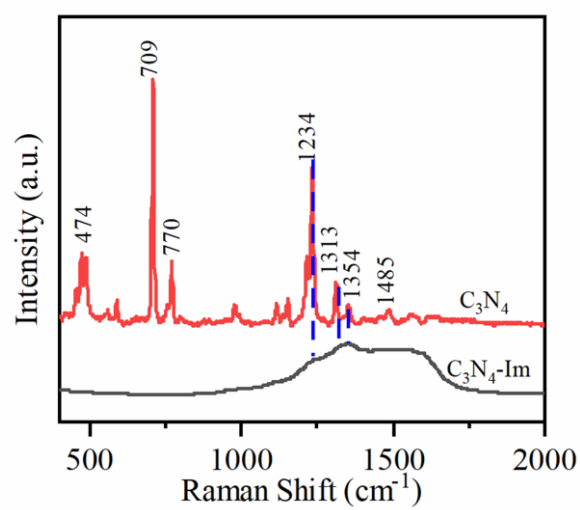
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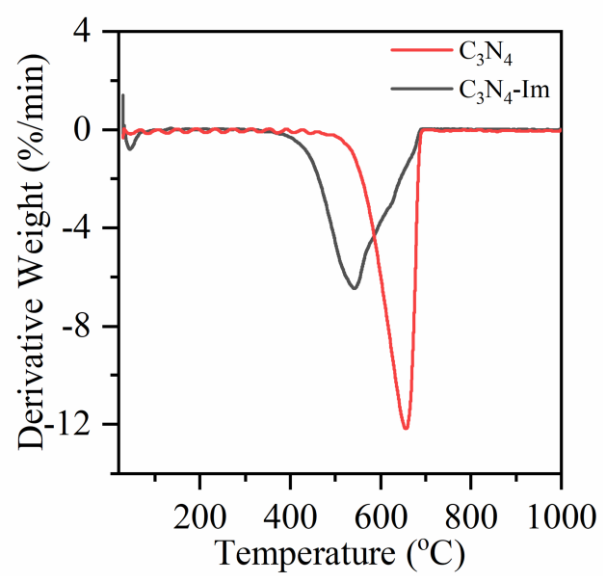
**Figure S1.** XRD pattern of histidine, g-C<sub>3</sub>N<sub>4</sub>, and g-C<sub>3</sub>N<sub>4</sub>-Im of different mass ratios between urea and histidine (10:1; 100:1; 1000:1) after calcination.



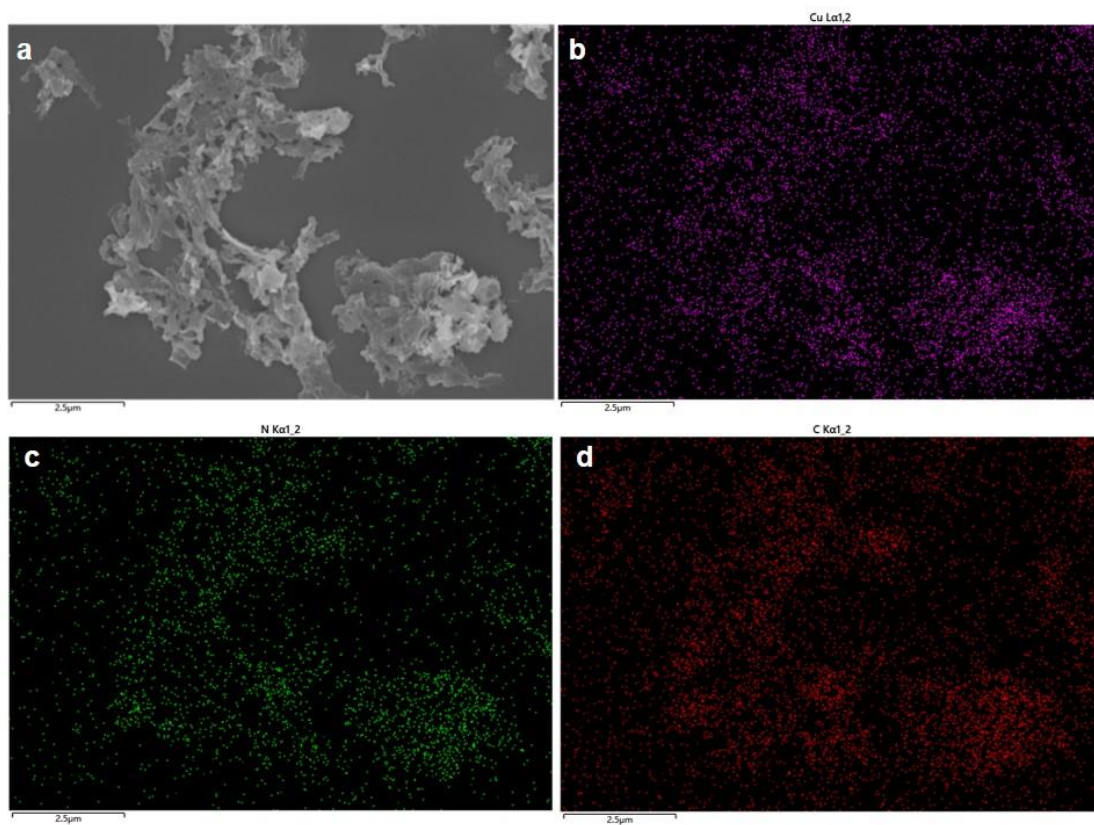
**Figure S2.** a) FTIR spectra of g-C<sub>3</sub>N<sub>4</sub> before and after calcination; b) FTIR spectra of histidine and g-C<sub>3</sub>N<sub>4</sub>-Im of different mass ratios between urea and histidine (10:1; 100:1; 1000:1) after calcination.



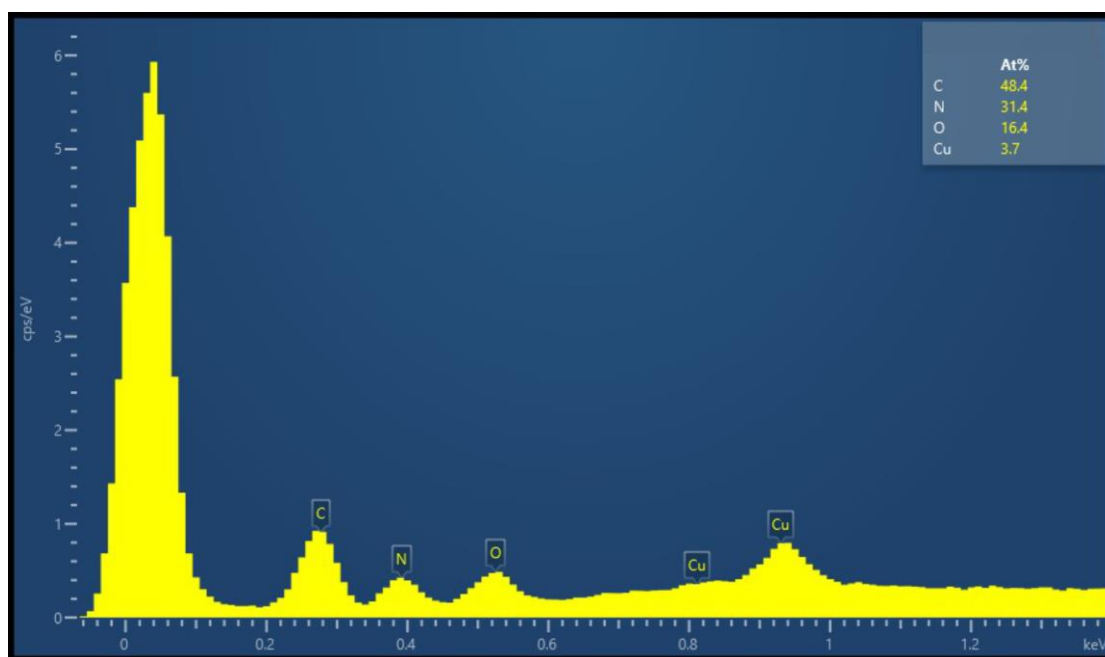
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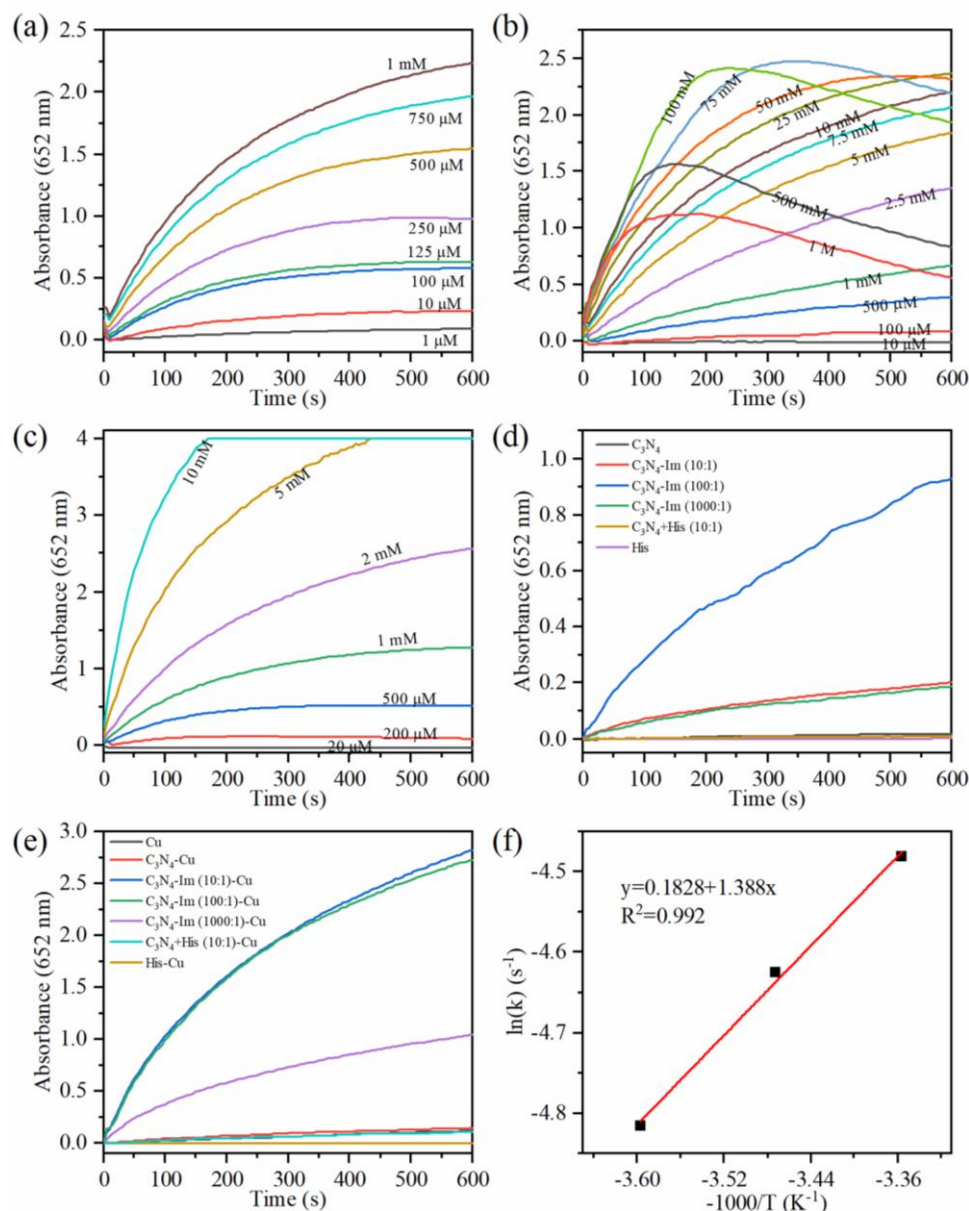
**Figure S4.** DTG curve of g- $C_3N_4$  and g- $C_3N_4$ -Im.



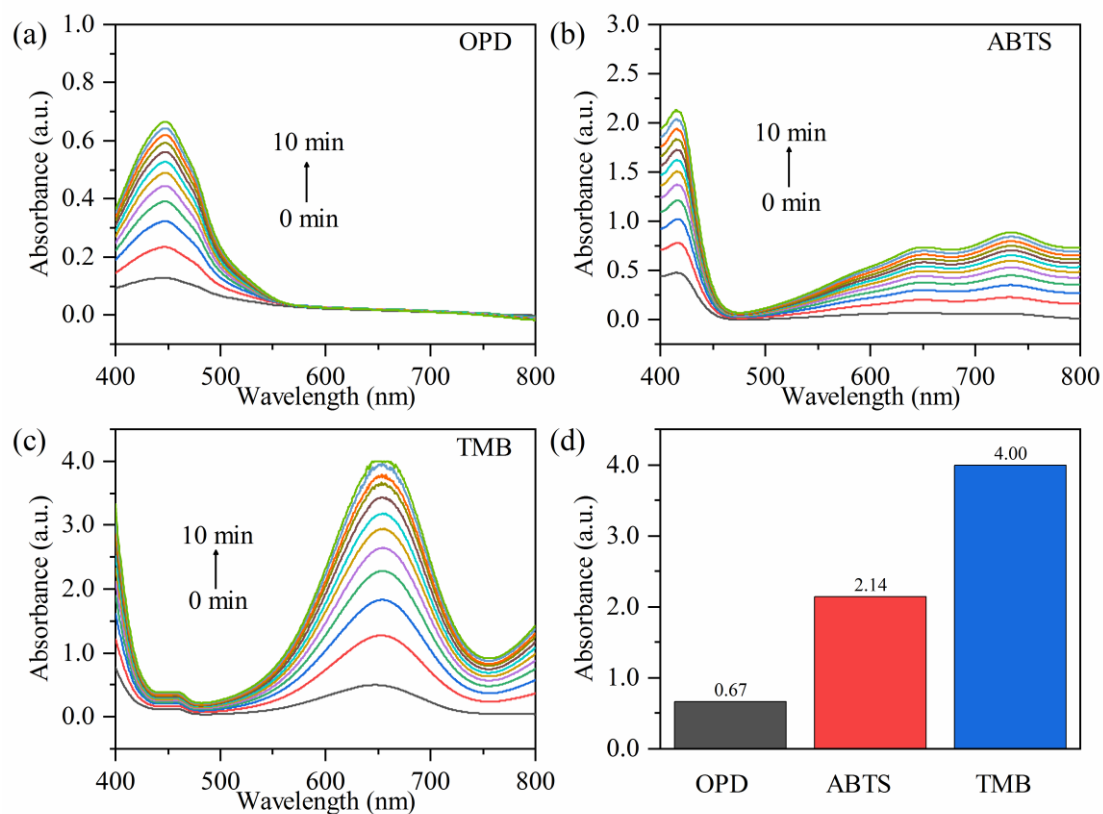
**Figure S5.** SEM image (a) and corresponding EDS mapping images (b-d) of g-C<sub>3</sub>N<sub>4</sub>-Im-Cu nanosheets.



**Figure S6.** EDX spectrum of g-C<sub>3</sub>N<sub>4</sub>-Im-Cu nanosheets showing the content of C, N, Cu and O elements.

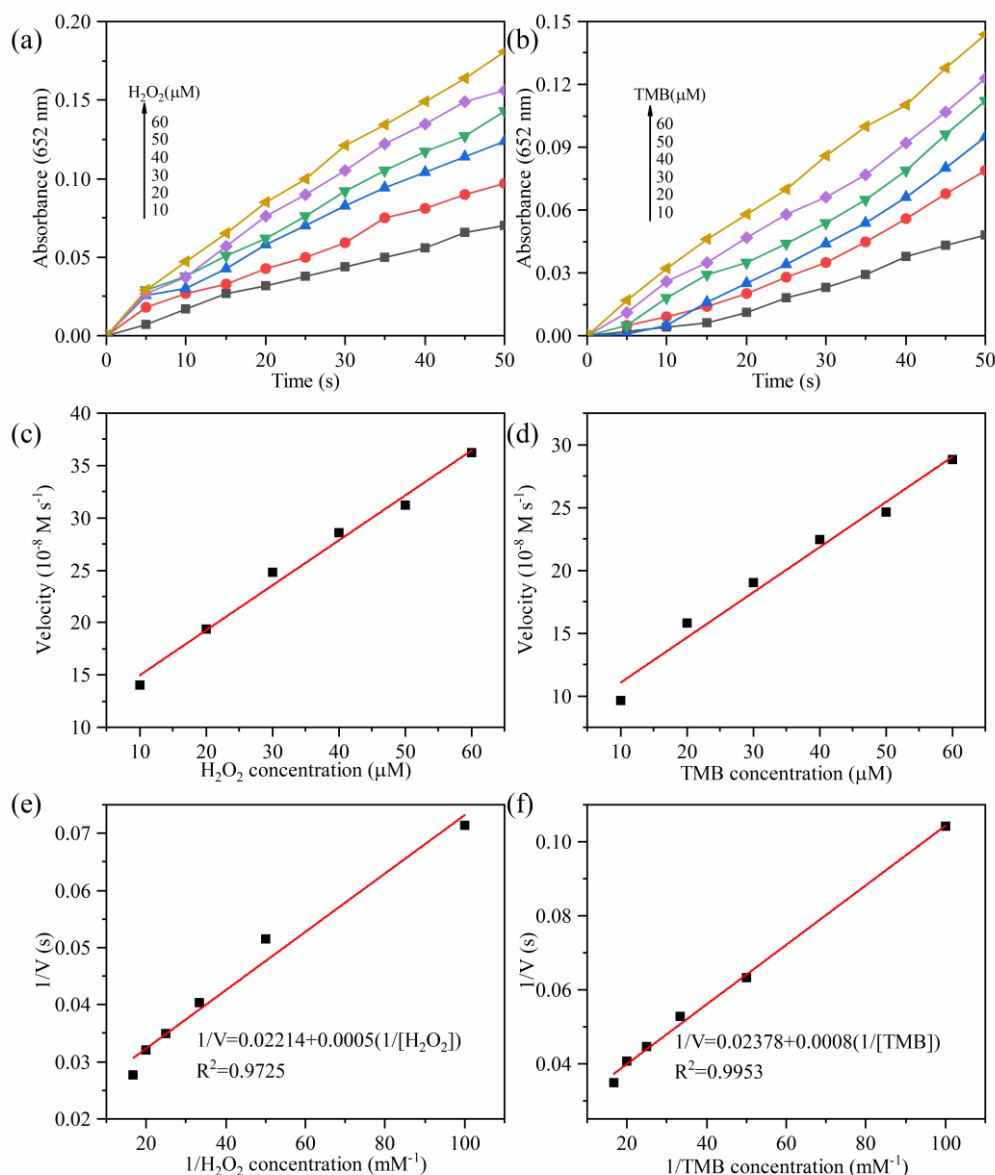


**Figure S7. Optimal reaction conditions for peroxidase-like activity of g-C<sub>3</sub>N<sub>4</sub>-Im-Cu.** The critical factors in the test of peroxidase-like activity of g-C<sub>3</sub>N<sub>4</sub>-Im-Cu were a) copper ion concentration, b) H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> concentration and c) TMB concentration. d) The time-dependent absorbance changes at 652 nm of TMB solutions in the presence of histidine, g-C<sub>3</sub>N<sub>4</sub>, and g-C<sub>3</sub>N<sub>4</sub>-Im of different mass ratios between urea and histidine (10:1; 100:1; 1000:1). e) Repeating the experiment in **Figure S5d** after copper ions coordination. In the d) and e), The mixed solution contains H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> 500 μl (100 mM), HAc/NaAc 1.5 ml (10 mM pH=7), catalyst 500 μL and TMB 500 μL (2 mM). f) The Arrhenius plot for H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> oxidation catalyzed by g-C<sub>3</sub>N<sub>4</sub>-Im-Cu, the test curves were calculated at the selected temperatures of 5 °C, 15 °C and 25 °C.

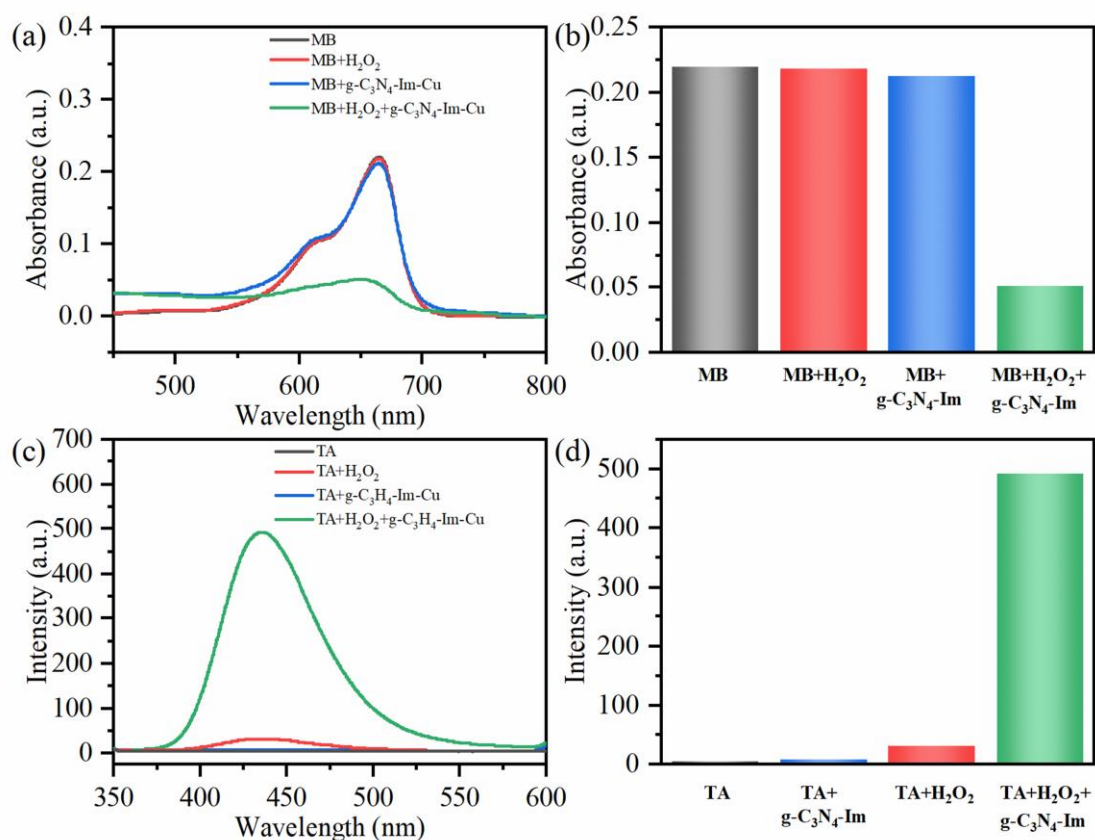


**Figure S8.** Peroxidase-like activity of g-C<sub>3</sub>N<sub>4</sub>-Im-Cu with various substrates. UV-vis spectra of H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> and g-C<sub>3</sub>N<sub>4</sub>-Im-Cu mixture in the presence of a) OPD, b) ABTS and c) TMB. d) Absorbance value of the absorption peaks of the three peroxidase substrates. The mixture contains H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> 500  $\mu$ l (100 mM), HAc/NaAc 1.5 ml (10mM pH=7), g-C<sub>3</sub>N<sub>4</sub>-Im-Cu 500  $\mu$ L (The concentrations of g-C<sub>3</sub>N<sub>4</sub>-Im and Cu(II) ion are 0.25 mg/ml and 1 mM respectively) and peroxidase substrates 500  $\mu$ L (2 mM).

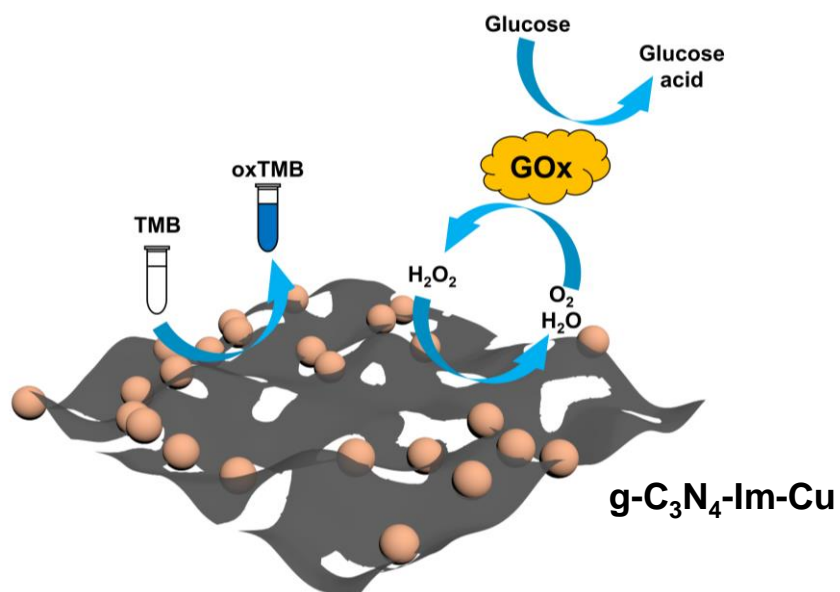




**Figure S9. Steady-state kinetic assay of peroxidase-like activity of g-C<sub>3</sub>N<sub>4</sub>-Im-Cu.** a-b) Time-dependent absorbance changes at 652 nm of TMB catalyzed by g-C<sub>3</sub>N<sub>4</sub>-Im-Cu in the presence of TMB or H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> with different concentrations. c-d) The velocity (V) of the reaction changes in the presence of TMB or H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> with different concentrations. e-f) Double reciprocal plots of activity of g-C<sub>3</sub>N<sub>4</sub>-Im-Cu in the presence of TMB or H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> with different concentrations. Experiments were carried out in 10 mM acetic acid-sodium acetate buffer (pH=7) using g-C<sub>3</sub>N<sub>4</sub>-Im-Cu as catalyst at 15 °C. a, c, e) H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> concentration was fixed at 100 mM and TMB concentration was varied. b, d, f) TMB concentration was fixed at 2 mM and H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> concentration was varied.



**Figure S10. Detecting hydroxyl radical ( $\bullet\text{OH}$ ) with UV-vis and fluorescence spectra.** a-b) UV-vis spectra of MB, MB + H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>, MB + g-C<sub>3</sub>N<sub>4</sub>-Im-Cu, MB + g-C<sub>3</sub>N<sub>4</sub>-Im-Cu + H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> after 0.5 h of reaction in acetic acid-sodium acetate buffer solution, respectively. The mixed solution contains H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> 500  $\mu\text{l}$  (100 mM), HAc/NaAc 1.5 ml (10 mM, pH=7), g-C<sub>3</sub>N<sub>4</sub>-Im-Cu 500  $\mu\text{l}$  and MB 500  $\mu\text{l}$  (2 mM). c-d) Fluorescence spectra of acetic acid-sodium acetate buffer solution include TA, TA + H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>, TA + g-C<sub>3</sub>N<sub>4</sub>-Im-Cu, TA + H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> + g-C<sub>3</sub>N<sub>4</sub>-Im-Cu after 12 h reaction. The mixed solution contains H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> 500  $\mu\text{l}$  (100 mM), HAc/NaAc 1.5 ml (10 mM, pH=7), g-C<sub>3</sub>N<sub>4</sub>-Im-Cu 500  $\mu\text{l}$  and TA 500  $\mu\text{l}$  (2 mM).



**Figure S11.** Schematic illustration of glucose detection with glucose oxidase (GOx) and g-C<sub>3</sub>N<sub>4</sub>-Im-Cu catalyzed reactions.

**Table S1.** Activation energy calculation results.

T(K)	-1(K <sup>-1</sup> )	k(s <sup>-1</sup> )	Ea (kJ•mol <sup>-1</sup> )	A (s <sup>-1</sup> )
278	-0.0036	0.0081	11.54	1.2
288	-0.00347	0.0098		
298	-0.00336	0.01132		

**Table S2.** Activation energy for H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> oxidation catalyzed by different catalysts.

Number	Sample	Ea (kJ•mol <sup>-1</sup> )	Reference
1	ZrO <sub>2</sub>	33±1	[s1]
2	TiO <sub>2</sub>	34±1	[s2]
3	Y <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	44±5	[s2]
4	MoS <sub>2</sub> /GO	24.64	[s3]
5	GO	28.8	[s4]
6	g-C <sub>3</sub> N <sub>4</sub> -Im-Cu	11.54	This work

**Table.S3.** Limit of detection (LOD) of various nanozymes for glucose.

No.	Catalysts	Limit of detection ( $\mu\text{M}$ )	Reference
1	$\text{Fe}_3\text{O}_4@\text{CeO}_2$	21	[s5]
2	Corrole- $\text{Fe}_3\text{O}_4$ nanocomposites	2.46	[s6]
3	$\text{Fe}_3\text{O}_4$ NPs	30	[s7]
4	Fe-porphyrin-based covalent organic framework (Fe-COF)	1	[s8]
5	$\text{Co}_3\text{O}_4$	0.32	[s9]
6	$\text{MoS}_2/\text{GO}$	0.086	[s3]
7	$\text{MoS}_2@\text{MgFe}_2\text{O}_4$	2	[s10]
8	$\text{MoO}_3/\text{C}$	10	[s11]
9	$\text{VS}_2$	1.5	[s12]
10	$\text{MnO}_2$ NFs	5	[s13]
11	GOD-GO/ $\text{MnO}_2$	17	[s14]
12	Carbon quantum dots (CQDs)	3	[s15]
13	$\text{GOx}@\text{ZIF-8}@\text{Fe-PDA}$	1.1	[s16]
14	$\text{MnO}_2$	10	[s17]
15	NiFe-LDHNS	50	[s18]
16	multielement-doped carbon dots (ME-CDs)	60	[s19]
17	CoO-OMC nanocomposite	68	[s20]
18	$\text{Fe}_3\text{O}_4@\text{SiO}_2\text{-NH}_2\text{-Au}@\text{Pd}_{0.30}\text{NPs}$	0.06	[s21]
19	rhodium nanoparticles (RhNPs)	0.75	[s22]
20	Ag@Au core/shell triangular nanoplates	800	[s23]

21	Au-Ni/g-C <sub>3</sub> N <sub>4</sub>	1.7	[s24]
22	AgNPs/GQDs	0.03	[s25]
23	PtAg-multi-walled carbon nanotubes	600	[s26]
24	g-C <sub>3</sub> N <sub>4</sub>	0.4	[s27]
25	Fe-g-C <sub>3</sub> N <sub>4</sub>	0.5	[s28]
26	Cu NPs/g-C <sub>3</sub> N <sub>4</sub>	0.37	[s29]
27	PdNPs/g-C <sub>3</sub> N <sub>4</sub>	0.4	[s30]
28	g-C <sub>3</sub> N <sub>4</sub> -PdNPs	1	[s31]
29	Ru-C <sub>3</sub> N <sub>4</sub>	0.1	[s32]
30	MnSe-g-C <sub>3</sub> N <sub>4</sub>	8	[s33]
31	CuPd@H-C <sub>3</sub> N <sub>4</sub>	0.1	[s34]
32	g-C <sub>3</sub> N <sub>4</sub> -Im-Cu	0.01	This work

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