

# **Supporting Information**

## **Highly Stable Lanthanide Metal-Organic Framework as an Internal Calibrated Luminescent Sensor for Glutamic Acid, a Neuropathy Biomarker**

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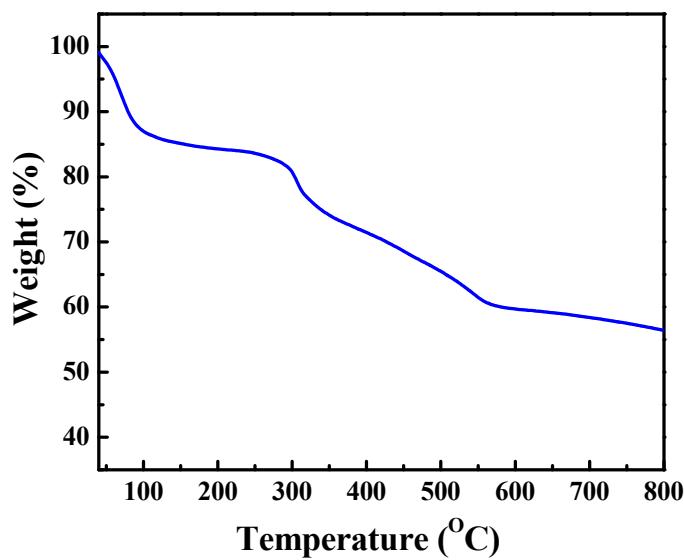
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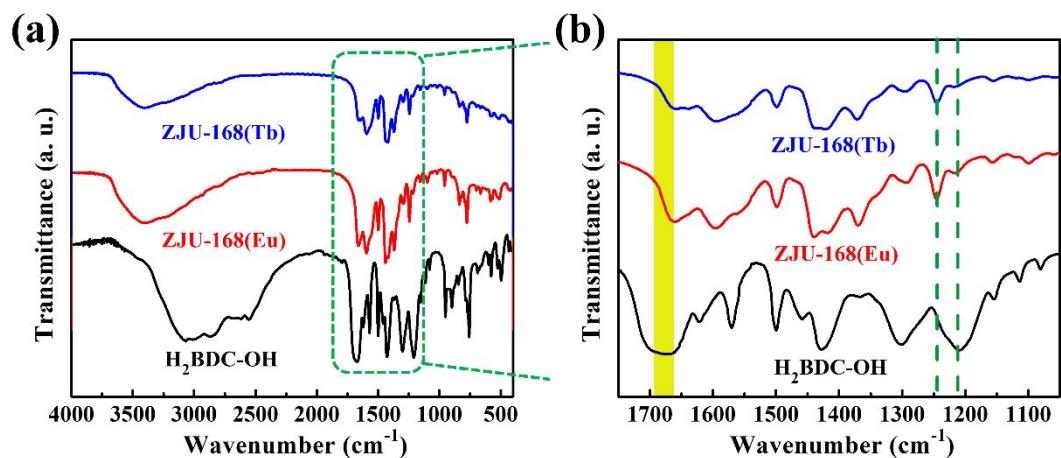
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**Table S1.** Crystallographic Data Collection and Refinement Results for ZJU-168(Eu).

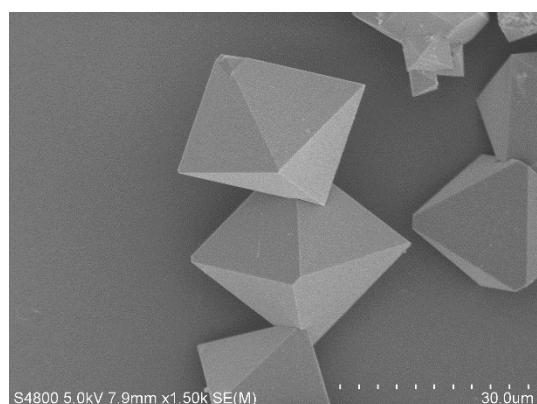
	ZJU-168(Eu)
Chemical formula	C <sub>48</sub> H <sub>45</sub> Eu <sub>6</sub> O <sub>48</sub>
Formula weight	2301.60
Temperature (K)	293(2)
Wavelength (Å)	0.71073
Crystal system	Tetragonal
Space group	P4/mnc
a (Å)	15.5898(8)
b (Å)	15.5898(8)
c (Å)	21.3477(16)
V (Å <sup>3</sup> )	5188.4(7)
Z	2
Density (calculated g/cm <sup>3</sup> )	1.473
Absorbance coefficient (mm <sup>-1</sup> )	3.644
F(000)	2190
Crystal size(mm <sup>3</sup> )	0.4X0.4X0.4
R(int)	0.1418
Goodness of fit on F <sub>2</sub>	1.067
R <sub>1</sub> , wR <sub>2</sub> [ <i>I</i> >2σ( <i>I</i> )] <sup>a</sup>	0.0446, 0.1219
R <sub>1</sub> , wR <sub>2</sub> (all data) <sup>a</sup>	0.0639, 0.1324
Largest difference peak and hole(e/Å <sup>3</sup> )	1.687, -1.579

$$^a \mathbf{R1} = \sum(|\mathbf{F}_o| - |\mathbf{F}_c|) / \sum |\mathbf{F}_o|; \mathbf{wR2} = \left[ \frac{\sum w(|\mathbf{F}_o| - |\mathbf{F}_c|^2)}{\sum w \mathbf{F}_o^2} \right]^{1/2}$$

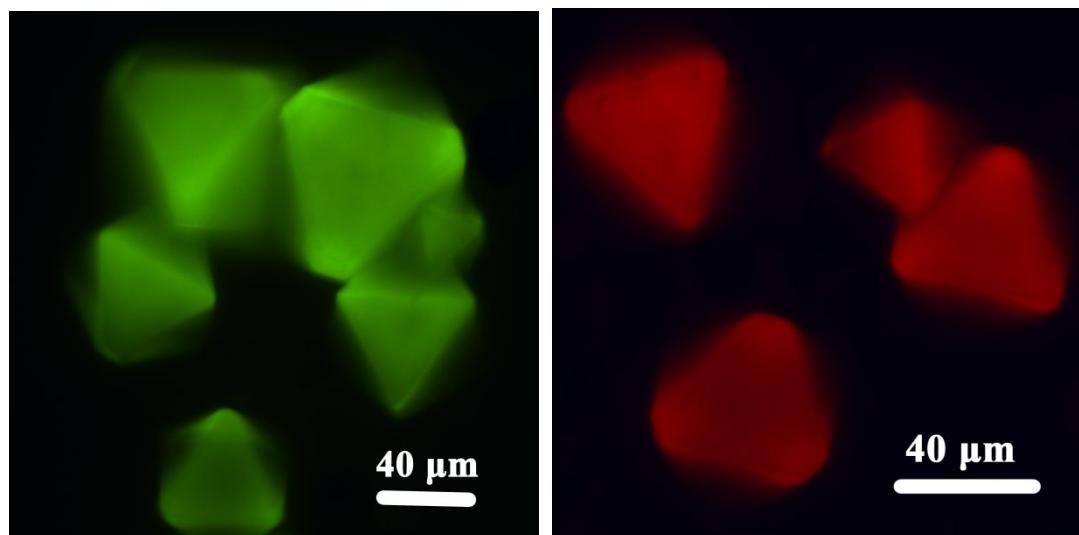
**Figure S1.** The TGA curve of ZJU-168(Eu).



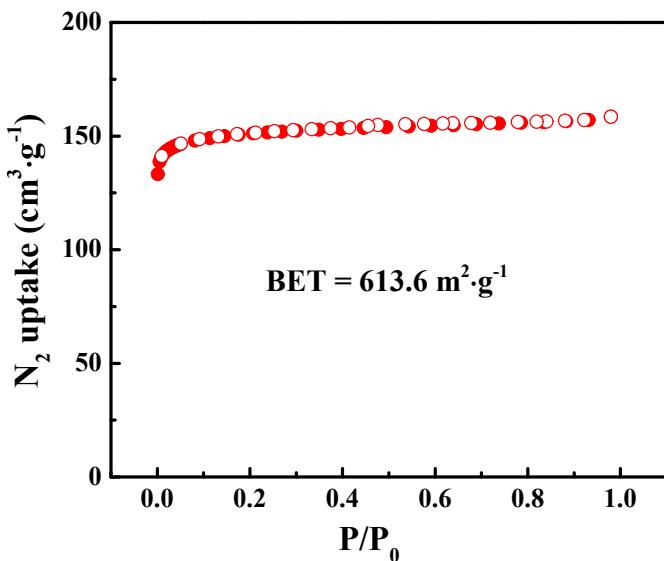
**Figure S2.** FT-IR spectra of H<sub>2</sub>BDC-OH, ZJU-168(Eu) and ZJU-168(Tb).



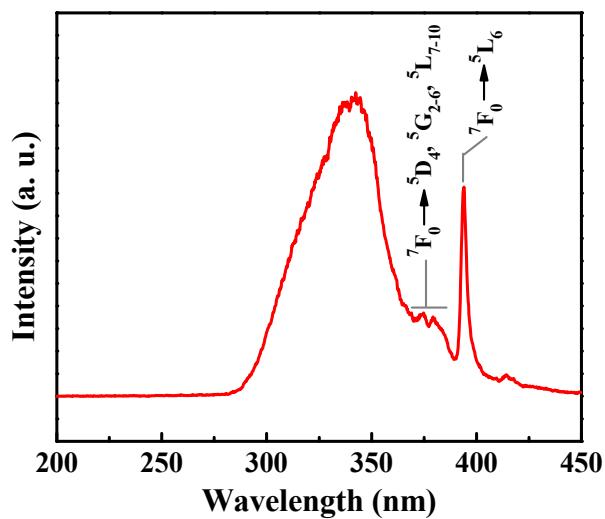
**Figure S3.** SEM image of ZJU-168(Eu).



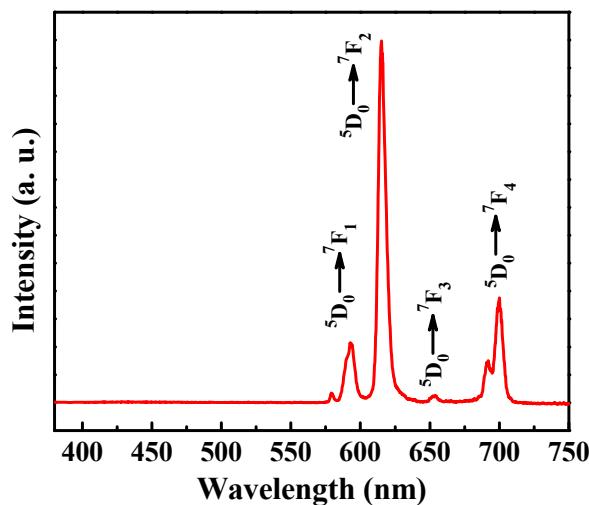
**Figure S4.** Micrograph of solid-state ZJU-168(Tb) (left) and ZJU-168(Eu) (right) excited by mercury lamps.



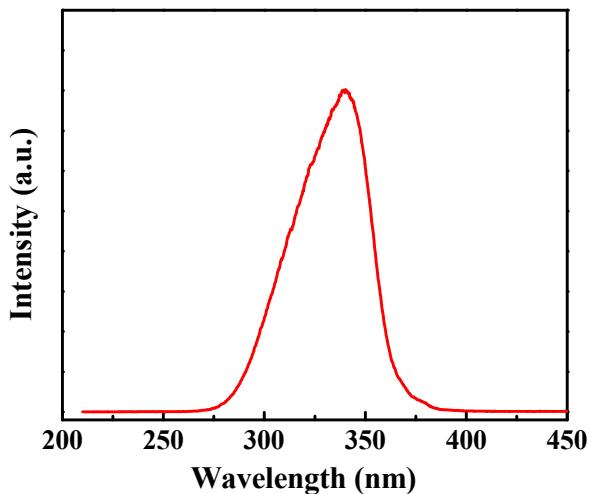
**Figure S5.**  $\text{N}_2$  sorption isotherm of ZJU-168(Tb) at 77 K (solid symbols: adsorption, open symbols: desorption).



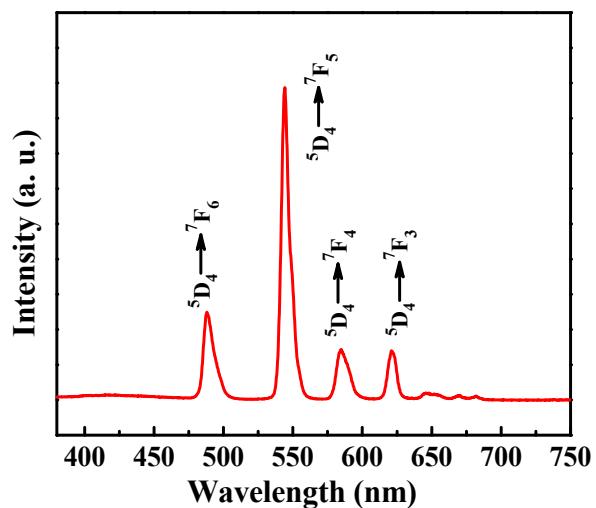
**Figure S6.** Excited spectrum of ZJU-168(Eu) monitored at 614 nm.



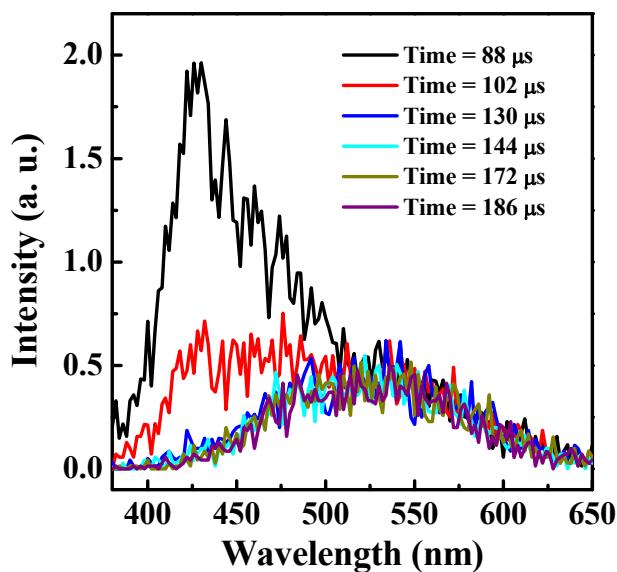
**Figure S7.** Emission spectrum of ZJU-168(Eu) in solid state excited at 340 nm.



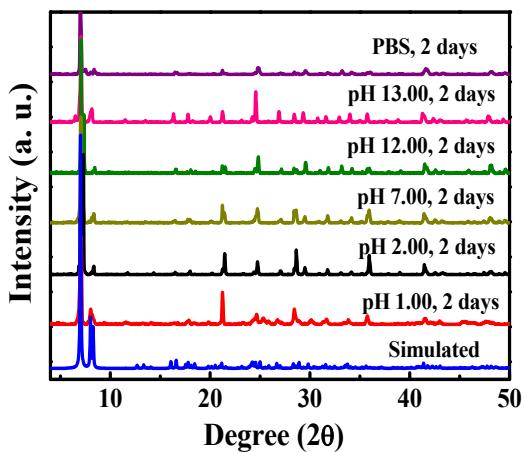
**Figure S8.** Excited spectrum of ZJU-168(Tb) monitored at 544 nm.



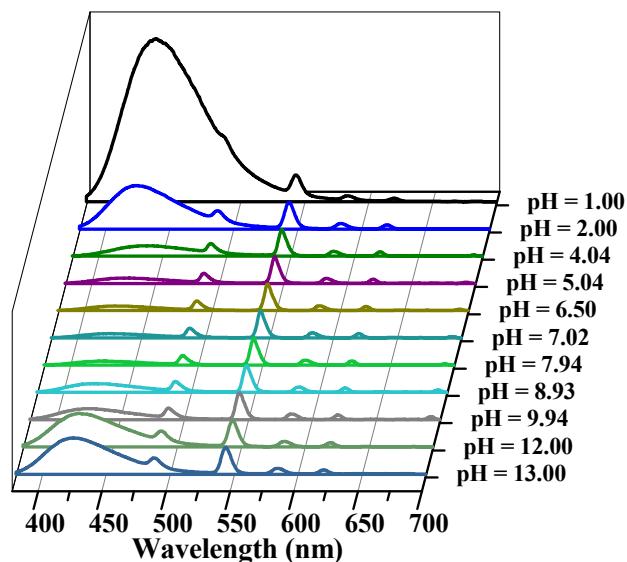
**Figure S9.** Emission spectrum of ZJU-168(Tb) in solid state excited at 340 nm.



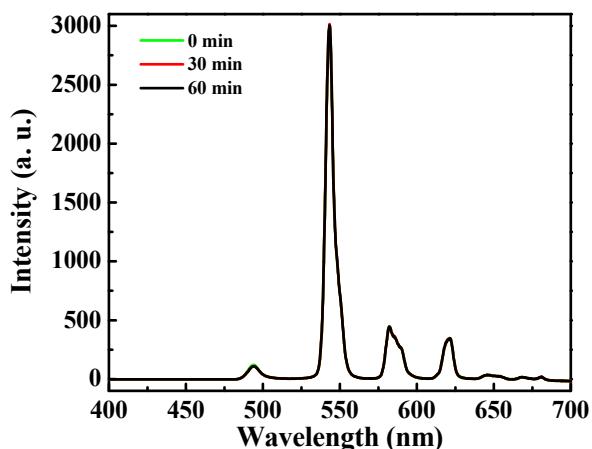
**Figure S10.** Time-resolved spectra of ZJU-168(Gd) at 77 K indicating the triplet state energy level of H<sub>2</sub>BDC-OH is about 24200 cm<sup>-1</sup>.



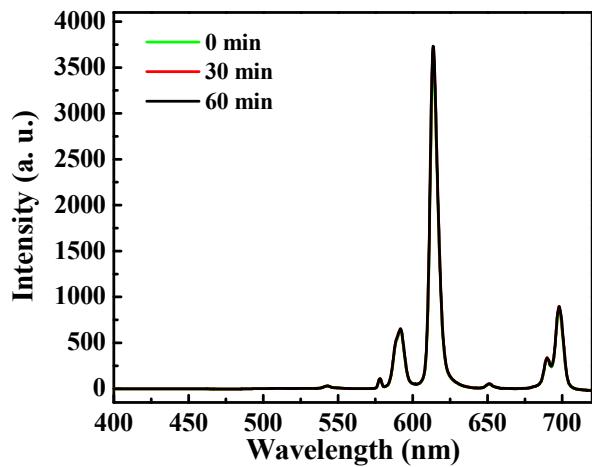
**Figure S11.** PXRD patterns of ZJU-168(Eu) after treatment with acid/base environment from pH 1.00 to 13.00 and phosphate buffer saline (PBS) solution for two days.



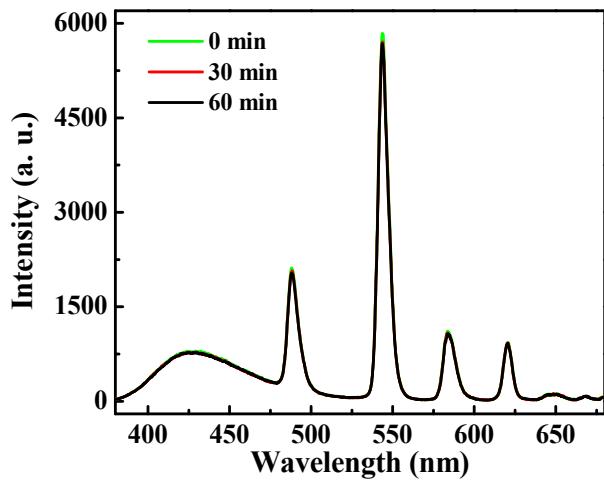
**Figure S12.** Luminescent emission spectra of ZJU-168(Tb) with the pH ranging from 1.00 to 13.00.



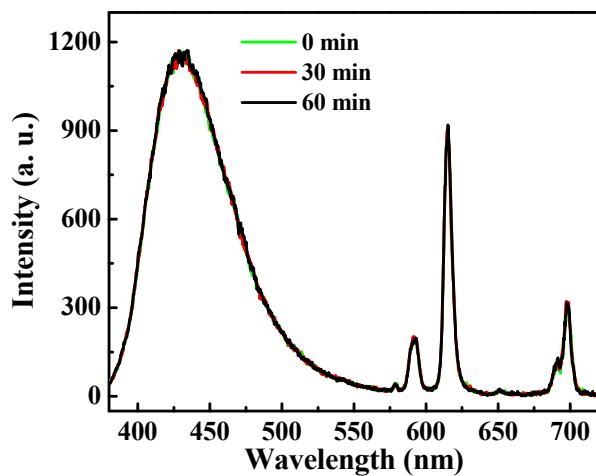
**Figure S13.** The photostability of ZJU-168(Tb) in solid state under continuous exposure to ultraviolet light (340 nm).



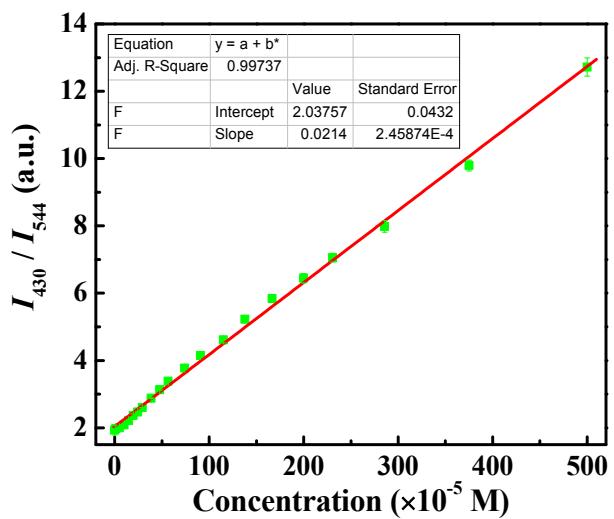
**Figure S14.** The photostability of ZJU-168(Eu) in solid state under continuous exposure to ultraviolet light (340 nm).



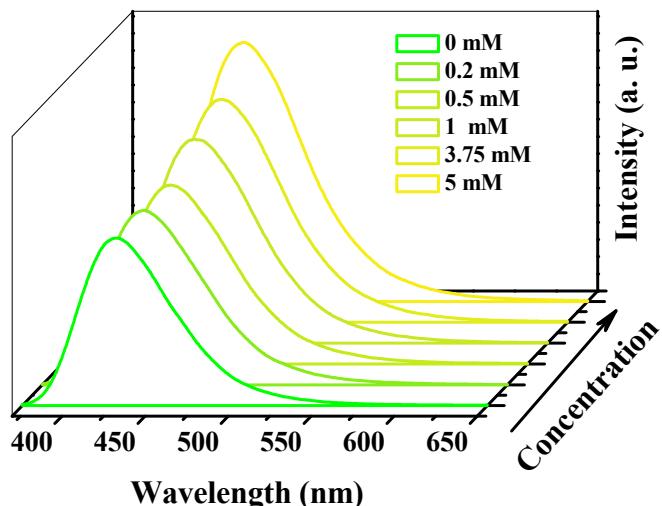
**Figure S15.** The photostability of aqueous suspended ZJU-168(Tb) under continuous exposure to ultraviolet light (340 nm).



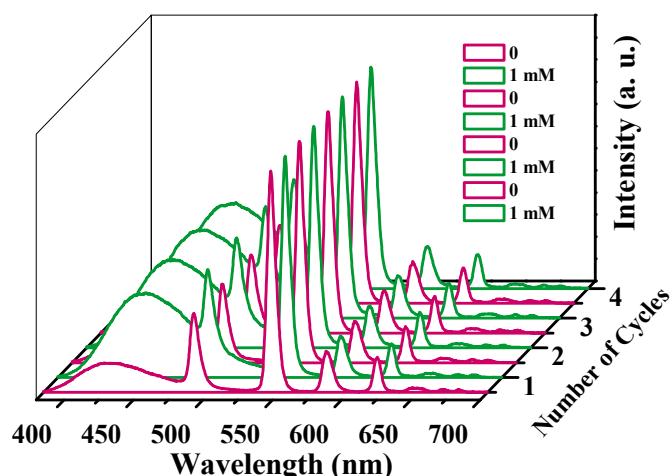
**Figure S16.** The photostability of aqueous suspended ZJU-168(Eu) under continuous exposure to ultraviolet light (340 nm).



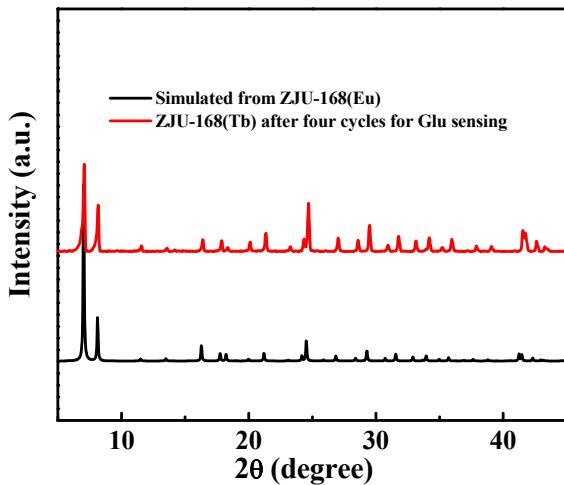
**Figure S17.** Integrated luminescence intensity ratios ( $I_{430}/I_{544}$ ) of ZJU-168(Tb) versus Glu concentration and the fitting line.



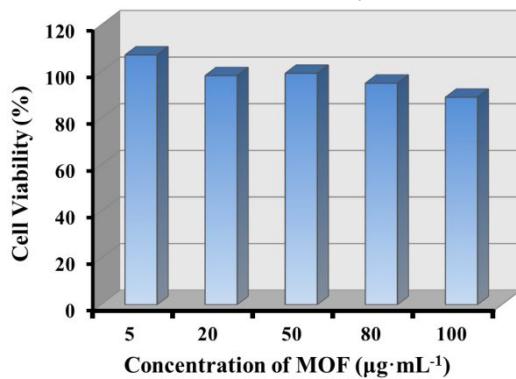
**Figure S18.** Luminescent emission spectra of ZJU-168(Gd) with the increase of Glu from 0 mM to 5 mM.



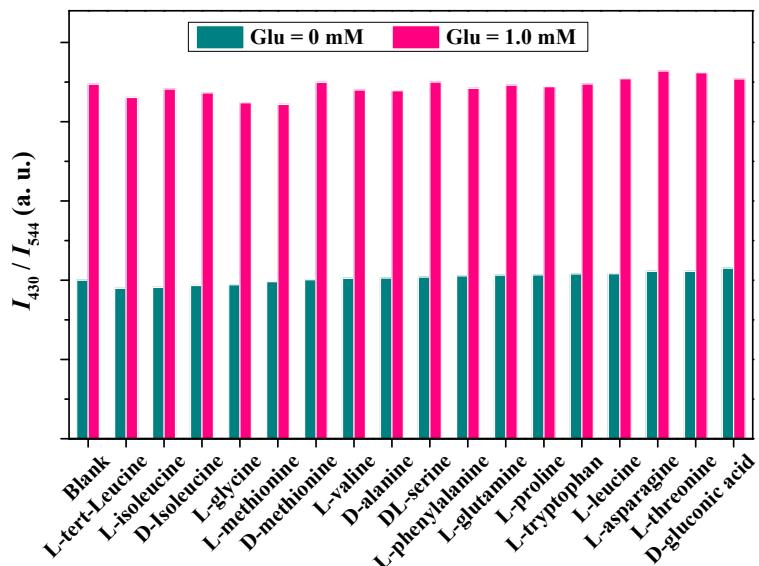
**Figure S19.** Recyclability test of ZJU-168(Tb) by alternately exposed to aqueous solutions with different Glu concentration (0 mM and 1 mM).



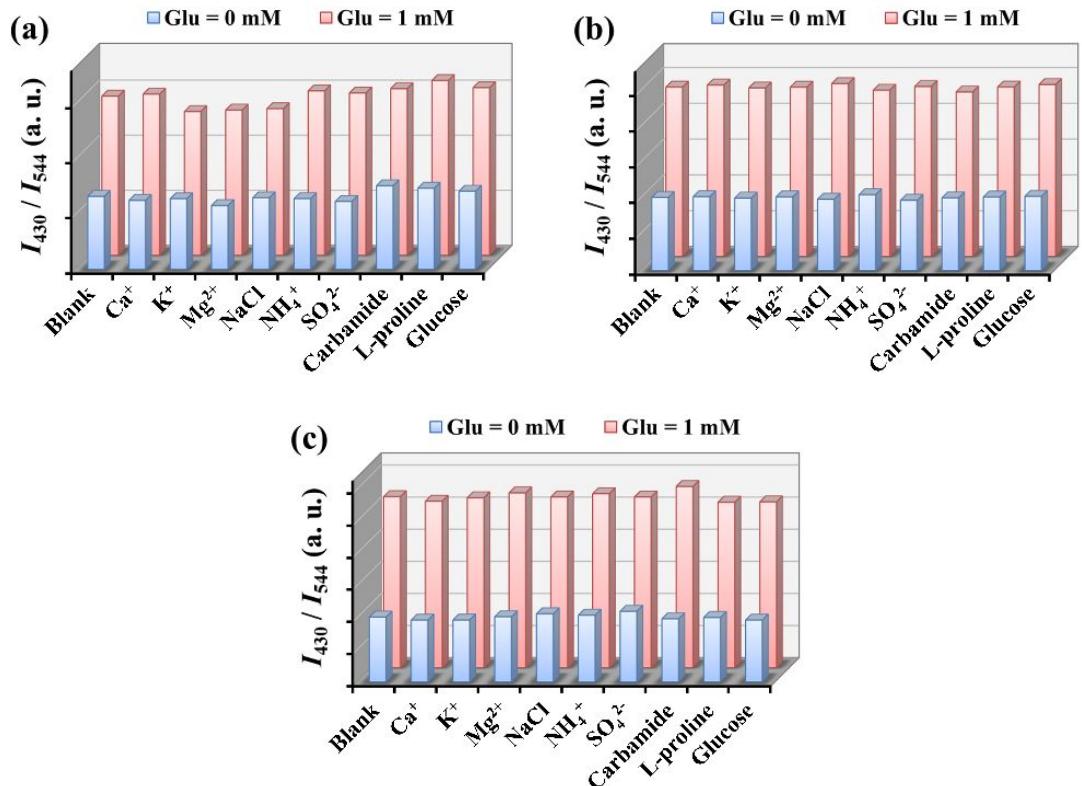
**Figure S20.** PXRD of ZJU-168(Tb) after four consecutive cycles for Glu sensing.



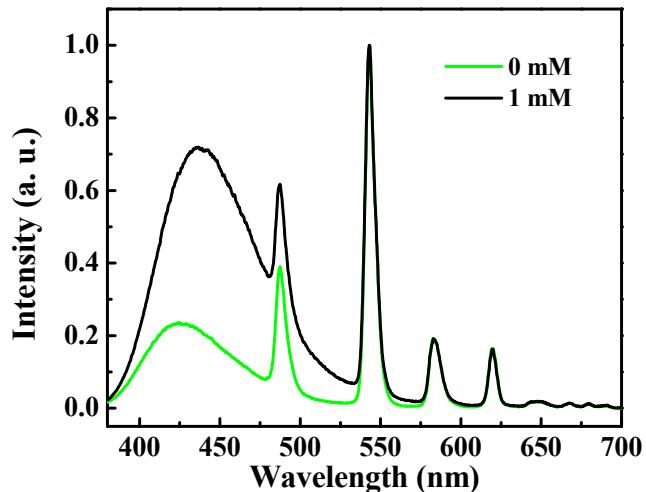
**Figure S21.** Cell viability data of ZJU-168(Tb) obtained from cultured PC12 cells.



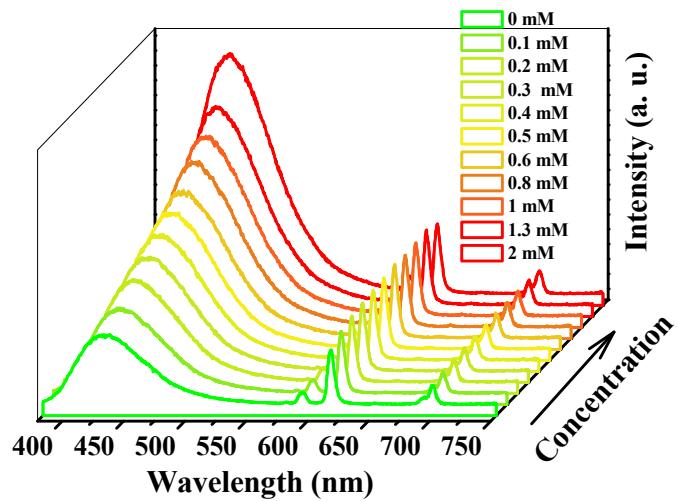
**Figure S22.** Selectivity of ZJU-168(Tb) to Glu in the presence of other amino acids. The dark cyan and pink columns represent the absence and presence of Glu, respectively.



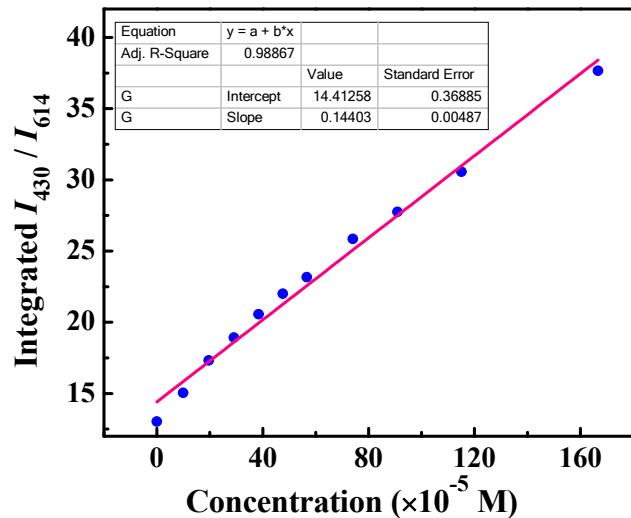
**Figure S23.** Selectivity of ZJU-168(Tb) to Glu in (a) pH 5.4, (b) pH 6.8, (c) pH 7.4 solutions. The dark red and dark blue columns represent the absence and presence of Glu, respectively.



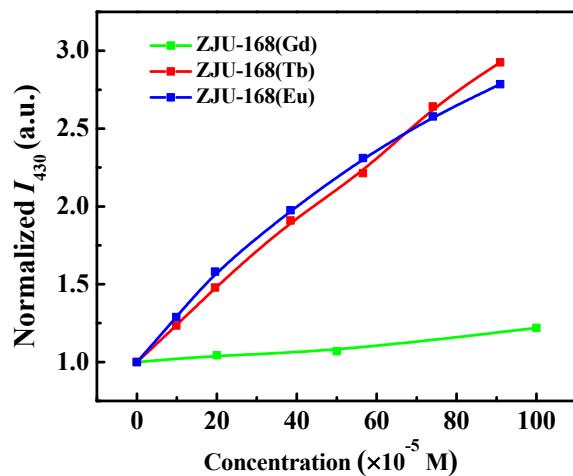
**Figure S24.** Luminescent emission spectra of ZJU-168(Tb) with the absence and presence of Glu in the dilute fetal bovine serum.



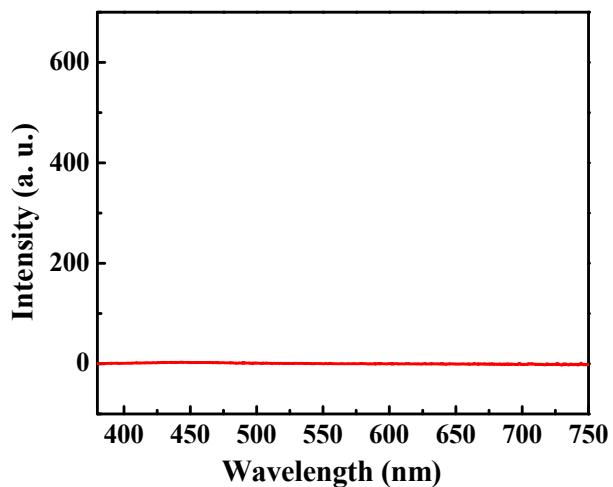
**Figure S25.** Luminescent emission spectra of ZJU-168(Eu) with the increase of Glu from 0 mM to 2 mM.



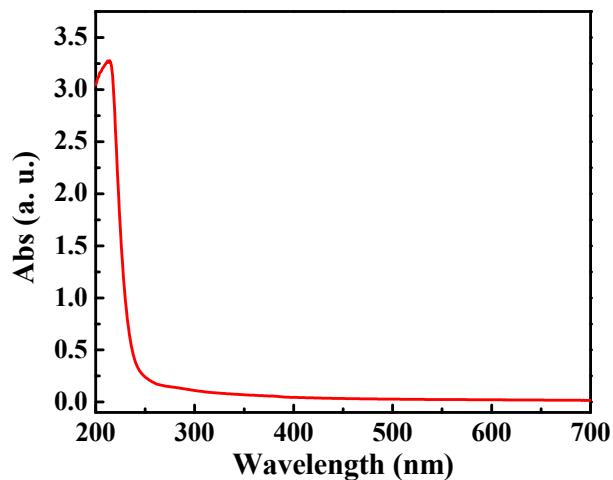
**Figure S26.** Integrated luminescence intensity ratio of ZJU-168(Eu) versus Glu concentration and the fitting line.



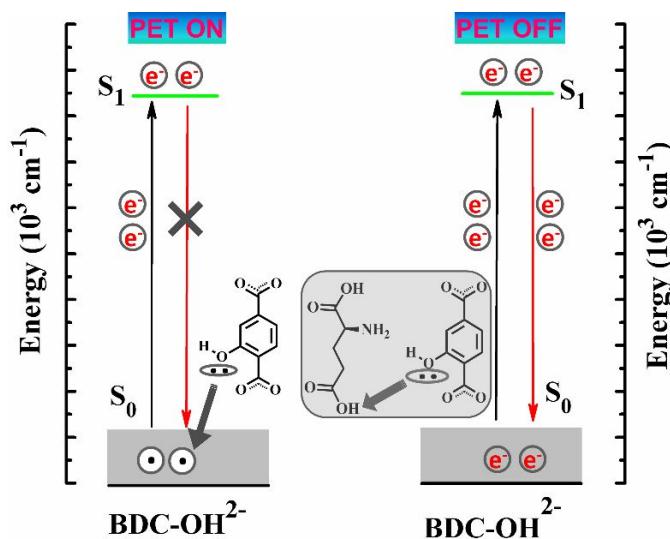
**Figure S27.** The normalized ligand emission of ZJU-168(Tb), ZJU-168(Eu) and ZJU-168(Gd) versus Glu concentration.



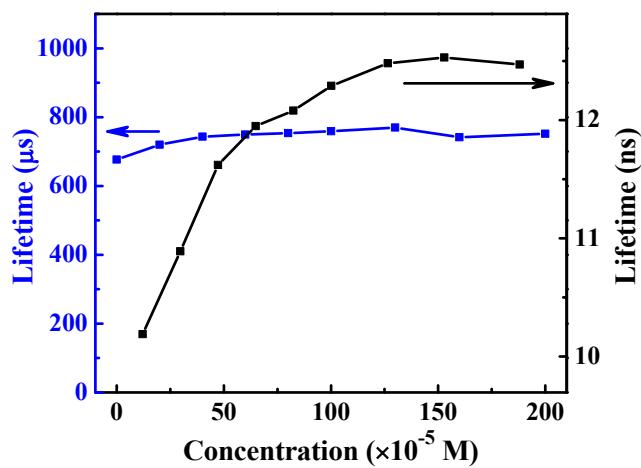
**Figure S28.** Emission spectrum of Glu aqueous ( $0.01 \text{ mol}\cdot\text{L}^{-1}$ ) excited at 340 nm.



**Figure S29.** Absorption spectrum of Glu aqueous ( $0.01 \text{ mol}\cdot\text{L}^{-1}$ ).



**Figure S30.** The possible mechanism for the self-calibrated detection of Glu by ZJU-168(Tb). The interaction between Glu and hydroxyl inhibits PET process, leading to the enhancement of ligand emission. However,  $T_1$  of ligand doesn't change, so the emission from  $\text{Tb}^{3+}$  is almost unchanged.



**Figure S31.** Luminescence lifetimes of ZJU-168(Tb) towards various Glu concentrations in aqueous solution (black: ligand; blue:  $\text{Tb}^{3+}$ ).