#### Supporting Information

# Two Lanthanide Metal-Organic Frameworks as Remarkably Selective and Sensitive Bifunctional Luminescence Sensor for Metal Ions and Small Organic Molecules

Wei Yan, Chuanlei Zhang, Shuguang Chen, Lijuan Han and Hegen Zheng\*

State Key Laboratory of Coordination Chemistry, School of Chemistry and Chemical Engineering, Collaborative Innovation Center of Advanced Microstructures, Nanjing University, Nanjing 210023, P. R. China Corresponding Authors

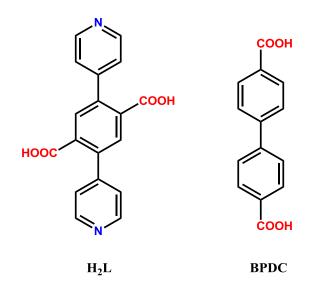
\*E-mail: zhenghg@nju.edu.cn

Contents

- 1. Experimental section.
- 2. Selected bond lengths (Å) and angles (deg) for complexes 1 and 2.
- 3. Structural drawing for complexes 1.
- 4. Powder X-ray diffraction patterns of complexes 1 and 2.
- 5. The TGA diagrams of complexes 1 and 2.
- 6. Solid-state photoluminescent spectra of 1 and 2.
- 7. IR spectra of complexes 1-2 and related ligands.
- 8. The decay lifetime of compound 1 and 2.
- 9. The changes of the luminescence intensity upon the addition of analyte.
- 10. The quenching relationship between nitromethane and MOFs 1 and 2.
- 11. The N1s XPS results of complexes 1-2 and after addition of  $Fe^{3+}$ .
- 12. The UV-Vis spectra of ligands, NM, and complexes 1-2 in DMF solution.
- 13. The ICP results of complexes 1-2 after treated with Fe<sup>3+</sup> for 12 hours.
- 14. The detection limit table of selected luminescent Ln-MOFs materials for Fe<sup>3+</sup>.

#### 1. Experimental section.

Materials and measurements. Reagents and solvents employed were commercially available. Ligand H<sub>2</sub>L was synthesized by palladium-catalyzed cross-coupling reaction and oxidation reaction. IR absorption spectra of the compounds 1 - 2 were recorded in the range of 400–4000 cm<sup>-1</sup> on a Nicolet (Impact 410) spectrometer with KBr pellets (5 mg of sample in 500 mg of KBr). C, H and N analyses were carried out with a Perkin Elmer 240C elemental analyzer. Powder X-ray diffraction (PXRD) measurements were performed on a Bruker D8 Advance X-ray diffractometer using Mo-K<sub> $\alpha$ </sub> radiation ( $\lambda = 0.71073$  Å), in which the X-ray tube was operated at 40 kV and 40 mA. The as-synthesized samples were characterized by thermogravimetric analysis (TGA) on a Perkin Elmer thermogravimetric analyzer Pyris 1 TGA up to 1073 K using a heating rate of 10 K min<sup>-1</sup> under N<sub>2</sub> atmosphere. Fluorescence spectra for the compounds were conducted with a F-4600 FL Spectrophotometer at room temperature.



Scheme S1. Pyridine-Carbo xylate, and BPDC Ligand.

**Synthesis of complex 1.** A mixture of  $H_2O$  (2 ml) containing the  $H_2L$  (9.6 mg, 0.03 mmol), BPDC (3.4 mg, 0.015 mmol) and Eu(NO<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub> 6H<sub>2</sub>O (93.8 mg, 0.21 mmol) was mixed in a Teflon vessel within the autoclave. The vessel was heated at 180 °C for 96 h and then cooled to room temperature. Large quantities of yellow crystals were obtained and crystals were filtered off, washed with mother liquid, and dried under ambient conditions. The yellow crystals of **1** were collected in 38% yield (based on  $H_2L$  ligand). Elemental analysis calcd. for  $C_{25}H_{17}EuN_3O_{10}$  (**1**): C, 44.72%; H, 2.53%;

N, 6.26%, Found: C, 44.68%; H, 2.49%, N, 6.28%. The IR spectra of complex **1** is shown in the Figure S6.

Synthesis of complex 2. A mixture of H<sub>2</sub>O (2 ml) containing the H<sub>2</sub>L (9.6 mg, 0.03 mmol), BPDC (3.4mg, 0.015 mmol) and Tb(NO<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub> 6H<sub>2</sub>O (68mg, 0.15 mmol) was mixed in a Teflon vessel within the autoclave. The vessel was heated at 180 °C for 96 h and then cooled to room temperature. Large quantities of yellow crystals were obtained and crystals were filtered off, washed with mother liquid, and dried under ambient conditions. The yellow crystals of 2 were collected in 47% yield (based on H<sub>2</sub>L ligand). Elemental analysis calcd. for C<sub>25</sub>H<sub>17</sub>TbN<sub>3</sub>O<sub>10</sub> (2): C, 44.27%; H, 2.51%; N, 6.19%, Found: C, 44.24%; H, 2.52%, N, 6.20%. The IR spectra of complex 2 is shown in the Figure S7.

**X-ray crystallography.** Single crystals of complexes **1-2** were tested on a Bruker SMART APEX CCD diffractometer using graphite monochromated Mo K $\alpha$  radiation ( $\lambda = 0.71073$  Å) at 296 K. From the data reduction to the structure determination, the follow procedures were used: the International Tables for X-ray Crystallography,<sup>1</sup> SAINT,<sup>2</sup> SADABS,<sup>3</sup> XPREP,<sup>4</sup> SHELXTL-97<sup>5</sup> and SHELXTL-97 program<sup>6</sup> package.

## 2. Selected bond lengths (Å) and angles (deg) for complexes 1-2.

Complex es	1	2	
Empirical formula	C <sub>25</sub> H <sub>17</sub> EuN <sub>3</sub> O <sub>10</sub> C <sub>25</sub> H <sub>17</sub> TbN <sub>3</sub>		
Formula weight	671.38 678.34		
Crystal system	Monoclinic	Monoclinic	
Space group	P2(1)/n	P2(1)/n	
<i>a</i> / Å	10.6381(13)	10.6273(10)	
<i>b</i> / Å	18.837(2)	18.7534(17)	
<i>c</i> / Å	12.0604(15)	11.9852(11)	
a / °	90 90		
β/ °	94.139(2) 94.0280(10		

Table S1. Crystal data and structural refinement parameters of complexes 1-2.

γ/ °	90	90	
V / Å <sup>3</sup>	2410.5(5)	2382.7(4)	
Z	4	4	
$D_{calcd}$ / g cm <sup>-3</sup>	1.850	1.891	
/ mm <sup>-1</sup>	2.669	3.035	
F(000)	1324	1332	
θ min-max / °	2.01, 25.00	2.17, 27.44	
Tot., uniq. data	17555, 4231	20948, 5399	
<i>R</i> (int)	0.0433	0.0331	
Nref, Npar	4, 360	3, 354	
$R_1, wR_2 [I > 2\sigma(I)]$	0.0272, 0.0691	0.0234, 0.0608	
GOF on $F^2$	1.048	1.049	
Min. and max resd dens (e $Å^{-3}$ )	-1.096, 1.255	-0.894, 1.299	

Table S2. Selected bond lengths  $(\text{\AA})$  and angles (deg) for complexes 1-2.

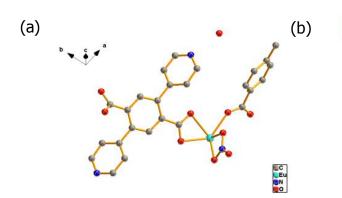
Complex 1			
Eu(1)-O(3)	2.329(3)	2.350(2)	
Eu(1)-O(5)#4	2.405(2)	Eu(1)-O(2)	2.422(2)
Eu(1)-O(1)	2.482(3)	Eu(1)-O(7)	2.502(3)
Eu(1)-O(8)	2.504(3)	Eu(1)-O(6)#5	2.511(2)
Eu(1)-O(5)#5	2.610(2)	O(5)-Eu(1)#6	2.405(2)
O(5)-Eu(1)#2	2.610(2)	O(6)-Eu(1)#2	2.511(2)
O(3)-Eu(1)-O(4)#3	137.50(9)	O(3)-Eu(1)-O(5)#4	74.10(8)
O(4)#3-Eu(1)-O(5)#4	75.65(9)	O(3)-Eu(1)-O(2)	128.83(9)
O(4)#3-Eu(1)-O(2)	91.40(8)	O(5)#4-Eu(1)-O(2)	148.99(8)

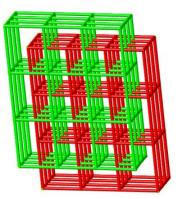
		1
76.27(9)	O(4)#3-Eu(1)-O(1)	138.56(9)
145.79(9)	O(2)-Eu(1)-O(1)	52.91(8)
75.19(13)	O(4)#3-Eu(1)-O(7)	126.28(11)
78.44(11)	O(2)-Eu(1)-O(7)	87.46(12)
77.78(11)	O(3)-Eu(1)-O(8)	122.36(11)
77.15(11)	O(5)#4-Eu(1)-O(8)	75.96(9)
73.71(9)	O(1)-Eu(1)-O(8)	106.74(10)
51.11(12)	O(3)-Eu(1)-O(6)#5	97.22(9)
76.79(9)	O(5)#4-Eu(1)-O(6)#5	125.08(8)
77.19(9)	O(1)-Eu(1)-O(6)#5	75.23(10)
152.99(11)	O(8)-Eu(1)-O(6)#5	140.03(10)
69.53(9)	O(4)#3-Eu(1)-O(5)#5	75.10(8)
76.97(8)	O(2)-Eu(1)-O(5)#5	127.38(8)
108.05(9)	O(7)-Eu(1)-O(5)#5	141.24(12)
145.09(10)	O(6)#5-Eu(1)-O(5)#5	50.33(7)
Comple	ex 2	
2.393(2)	O(2)-Tb(1)	2.465(2)
2.3733(19)	O(3)-Tb(1)#1	2.585(2)
2.480(2)	O(5)-Tb(1)	2.299(2)
2.324(2)	O(7)-Tb(1)	2.470(3)
2.482(2)	Tb(1)-O(3)#6	2.585(2)
2.3733(19)	Tb(1)-O(4)#6 2.480(2)	
138.05(8)	O(5)-Tb(1)-O(3)#5 74.35(7)	
76.09(7)	O(5)-Tb(1)-O(1)	129.07(7)
90.62(7)	O(3)#5-Tb(1)-O(1)	148.37(7)
	145.79(9)   75.19(13)   78.44(11)   77.78(11)   77.15(11)   73.71(9)   51.11(12)   76.79(9)   77.19(9)   152.99(11)   69.53(9)   76.97(8)   108.05(9)   145.09(10)   Comple   2.393(2)   2.3733(19)   2.480(2)   2.3733(19)   138.05(8)   76.09(7)	International   International     145.79(9)   O(2)-Eu(1)-O(1)     75.19(13)   O(4)#3-Eu(1)-O(7)     78.44(11)   O(2)-Eu(1)-O(7)     77.78(11)   O(3)-Eu(1)-O(8)     77.78(11)   O(3)-Eu(1)-O(8)     77.15(11)   O(3)-Eu(1)-O(8)     73.71(9)   O(1)-Eu(1)-O(6)#5     76.79(9)   O(1)-Eu(1)-O(6)#5     77.19(9)   O(1)-Eu(1)-O(6)#5     76.79(9)   O(1)-Eu(1)-O(6)#5     76.97(8)   O(2)-Eu(1)-O(5)#5     108.05(9)   O(2)-Eu(1)-O(5)#5     145.09(10)   O(6)#5-Eu(1)-O(5)#5     145.09(10)   O(6)#5-Eu(1)-O(5)#5     2.393(2)   O(2)-Tb(1)     2.3733(19)   O(3)-Tb(1)#1     2.480(2)   O(7)-Tb(1)     2.482(2)   Tb(1)-O(3)#6     2.3733(19)   Tb(1)-O(3)#6     2.3733(19)   O(5)-Tb(1)-O(3)#5     138.05(8)   O(5)-Tb(1)-O(3)#5

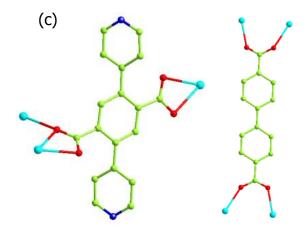
O(5)-Tb(1)-O(2)	76.12(7)	O(6)#4-Tb(1)-O(2)	138.18(8)
O(3)#5-Tb(1)-O(2)	145.72(8)	O(1)-Tb(1)-O(2)	53.32(7)
O(5)-Tb(1)-O(7)	75.09(11)	O(6)#4-Tb(1)-O(7)	126.60(10)
O(3)#5-Tb(1)-O(7)	78.57(10)	O(1)-Tb(1)-O(7)	87.21(10)
O(2)-Tb(1)-O(7)	77.35(10)	O(5)-Tb(1)-O(4)#6	97.28(8)
O(6)#4-Tb(1)-O(4)#6	76.79(8)	O(3)#5-Tb(1)-O(4)#6	125.66(7)
O(1)-Tb(1)-O(4)#6	77.06(7)	O(2)-Tb(1)-O(4)#6	75.02(8)
O(7)-Tb(1)-O(4)#6	152.35(9)	O(5)-Tb(1)-O(8)	122.44(9)
O(6)#4-Tb(1)-O(8)	76.95(9)	O(3)#5-Tb(1)-O(8)	75.64(7)
O(1)-Tb(1)-O(8)	73.42(8)	O(2)-Tb(1)-O(8)	106.80(9)
O(7)-Tb(1)-O(8)	51.42(11)	O(4)#6-Tb(1)-O(8)	139.85(8)
O(5)-Tb(1)-O(3)#6	69.56(8)	O(6)#4-Tb(1)-O(3)#6	75.27(7)
O(3)#5-Tb(1)-O(3)#6	76.97(7)	O(1)-Tb(1)-O(3)#6	127.77(7)
O(2)-Tb(1)-O(3)#6	108.34(8)	O(4)#6-Tb(1)-O(3)#6	50.89(6)

Symmetry Codes: for 1: #1 = - x + 2, - y, - z + 1, #2 = x -1/2, - y + 1/2, z + 1/2, #3 = - x + 1, - y, - z, , #4 = -x + 1/2, y - 1/2, - z + 1/2, #5 = x + 1/2, - y + 1/2, z - 1/2, #6 = -x + 1/2, y + 1/2, - z + 1/2.; for 2: #1 = x - 1/2, -y + 1/2, z + 1/2, #2 = -x + 2, -y, -z + 2, #3 = -x + 1/2, y + 1/2, -z + 3/2, #4 = -x + 1, -y, -z + 1, #5 = -x + 1/2, y -1/2, -z + 3/2, #6 = x + 1/2, -y + 1/2, z - 1/2.

### 3. Structural drawing for complexes 1-3.







**Figure S1** (a) Coordination environment of **1**. Symmetry code: #1 = -x + 2, -y, -z + 1, #2 = x - 1/2, -y + 1/2, z + 1/2, #3 = -x + 1, -y, -z, #4 = -x + 1/2, y - 1/2, -z + 1/2, #5 = x + 1/2, -y + 1/2, z - 1/2, #6 = -x + 1/2, y + 1/2, -z + 1/2. (b) Topological representation of **1**. (c) The coordination modes of L ligand (left) and BPDC ligand (right).

#### 4. Powder X-ray diffraction patterns of complexes 1-2.

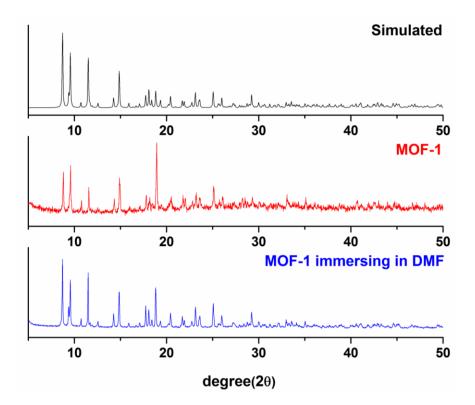


Figure S2 Powder X-ray diffraction patterns of complex 1.

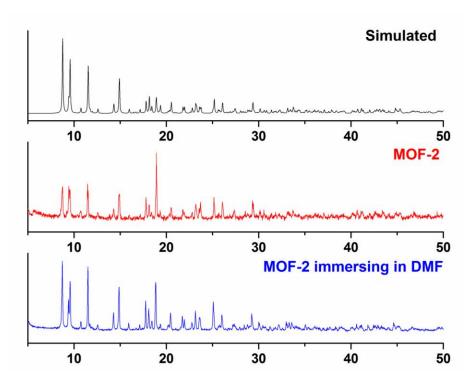


Figure S3 Powder X-ray diffraction patterns of complex 2.

5. IR spectra of complexes 1-2 and related ligands.

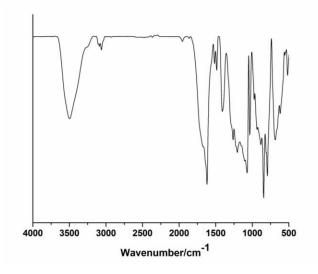


Figure S4 IR spectra of  $H_2L$  ligand.

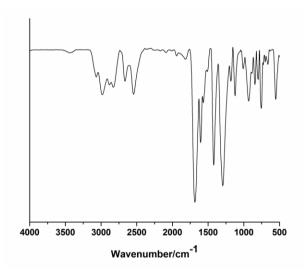


Figure S5 IR spectra of BPDC ligand.

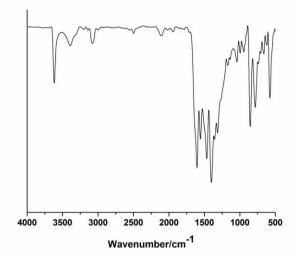


Figure S6 IR spectra of complex 1.

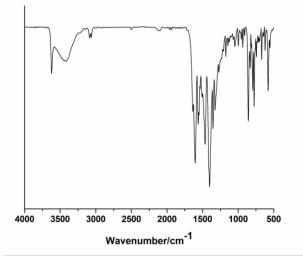


Figure S7 IR spectra of complex 2.

6. Solid-state photoluminescent spectra of 1 and 2.

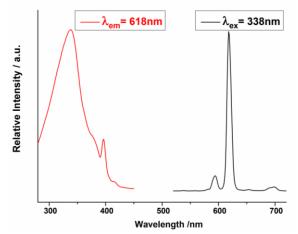


Figure S8 Solid-state photoluminescent spectra of 1.

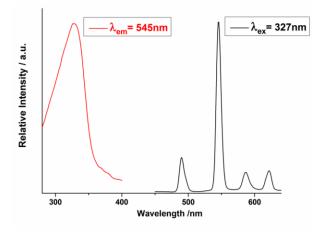


Figure S9 Solid-state photoluminescent spectra of 2.

7. The TGA diagrams of complexes 1-2.

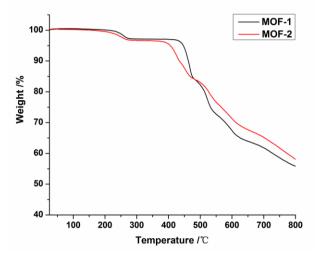


Figure S10 The TGA diagrams of complexes 1-2.

8. The decay lifetime of compound 1 and 2.

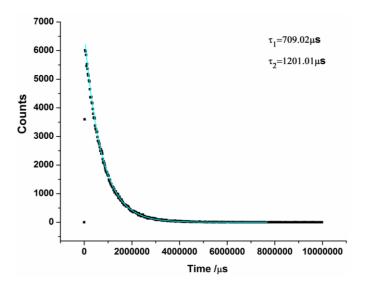


Figure S11 The fitted decay curve for complex 1 in the solid state. The sample was excited at 335 nm. Blank circles: experimental data; Solid line: fitted by Fit =

 $A+B_1 \times exp(-t/\tau_1)+B_2 \times exp(-t/\tau_2).$ 

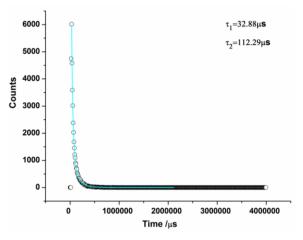
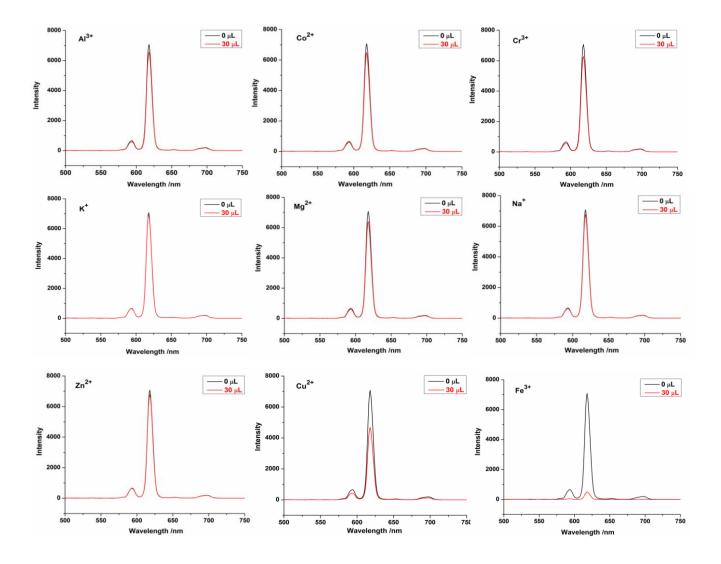


Figure S12 The fitted decay curve for complex 2 in the solid state. The sample was excited at 327 nm. Blank circles: experimental data; Solid line: fitted by Fit =

 $A+B_1 \times exp(-t/\tau_1)+B_2 \times exp(-t/\tau_2).$ 



9. The changes of the luminescence intensity upon the addition of analyte.

**Figure S13** The fluorescence spectra of MOF-1 in DMF solution upon the addition of  $10^{-2}$  mol/L of various metal ions.

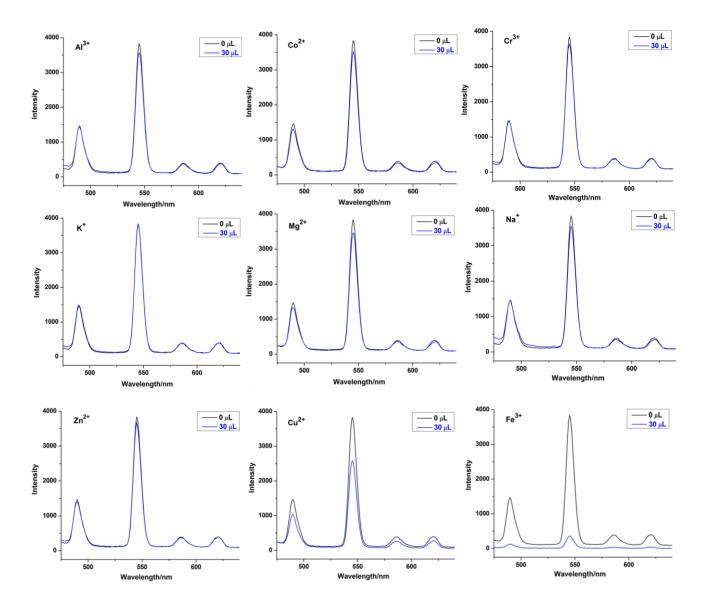


Figure S14 The fluorescence spectra of MOF-2 in DMF solution upon the addition of  $10^{-2}$  mol/L of various metal ions.

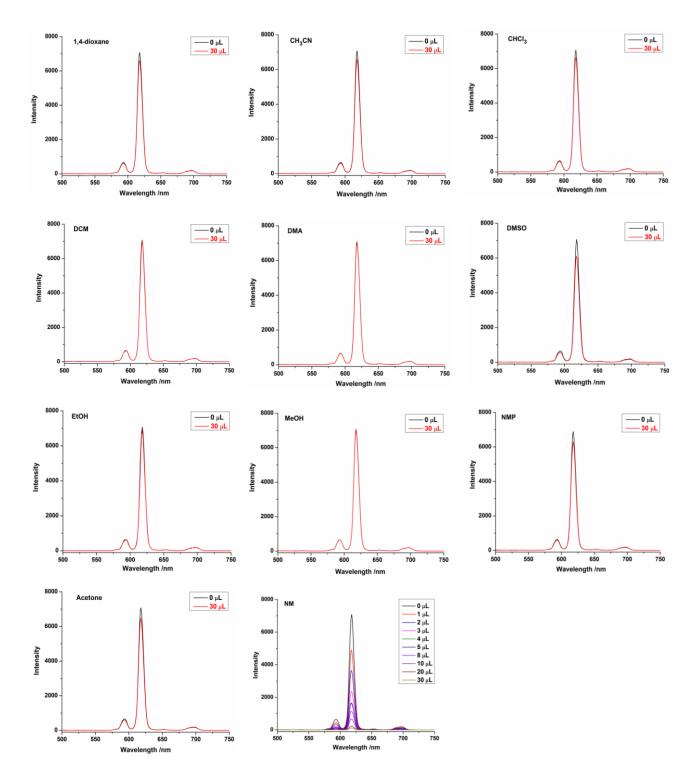


Figure S15 The fluorescence spectra of MOF-1 in DMF solution upon the addition of various solvents.

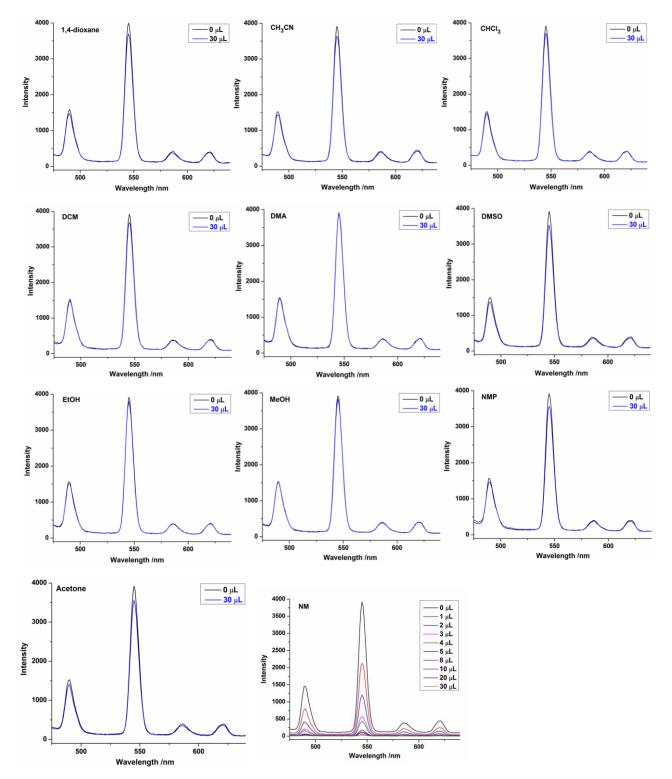


Figure S16 The fluorescence spectra of MOF-2 in DMF solution upon the addition of various solvents.

10. The quenching relationship between nitromethane and MOFs 1 and 2.

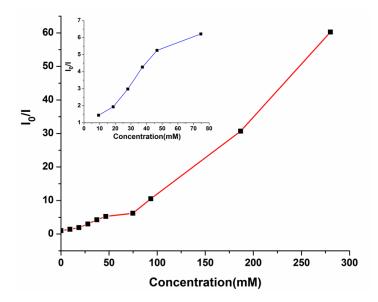


Figure S17. SV curve for 1 by gradual addition of nitromethane. The inset demonstrates the quenching relationship at low concentrations of nitromethane.

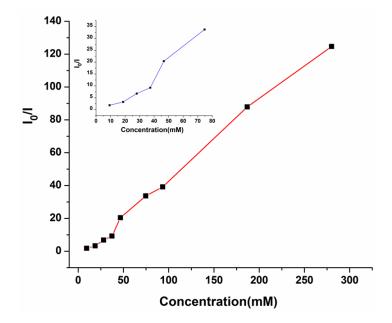


Figure S18. SV curve for 2 by gradual addition of nitromethane. The inset demonstrates the quenching relationship at low concentrations of nitromethane.

## 11. The N1s XPS results of complexes 1-2 and after addition of Fe<sup>3+</sup>

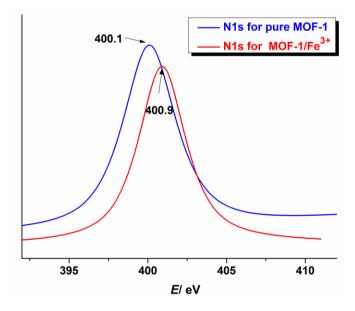


Figure S19. XPS spectra of the 1 (blue) and  $\text{Fe}^{3+}$ -incorporated 1 (red) activated in 0.01 mol/L DMF solution of  $\text{Fe}(\text{NO}_3)_3$ .

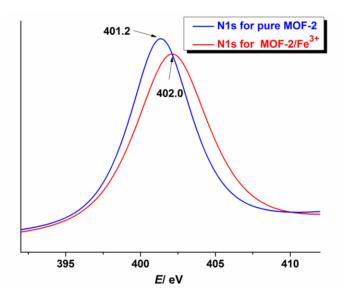


Figure S20. XPS spectra of the 2 (blue) and  $\text{Fe}^{3+}$ -incorporated 2 (red) activated in 0.01 mol/L DMF solution of  $\text{Fe}(\text{NO}_3)_3$ .

12. The UV-Vis spectra of ligands, NM, and complexes 1-2 in DMF solution.

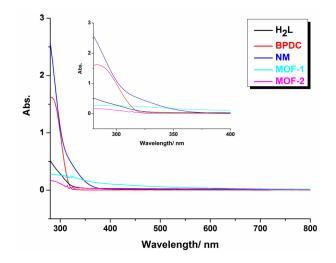


Figure S21. The UV-Vis spectra of ligands, NM, and complexes 1 and 2 in DMF solution. The inset demonstrates the absorption spectra in the range of 280-400 nm.

# 13. The ICP results of complexes 1-2 after treated with Fe<sup>3+</sup> for 12 hours.

Table S3

	MOF-1/µM	MOF-2/µM
Initial value/Fe <sup>3+</sup>	0.75	0.75
After treated with Fe <sup>3+</sup> for 12 hours/Fe <sup>3+</sup>	0.34	0.52

# 14. The detection limit table of selected luminescent Ln-MOFs materials for Fe<sup>3+</sup>.

Table	S4
-------	----

Ln-MOF luminescent materials	substrates	detection limit/(mol/L)	ref
Tb-DSOA	Fe <sup>3+</sup>	10 <sup>-6</sup>	26
[(CH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> NH <sub>2</sub> ] [Tb(bptc)] ·xsolvents	Fe <sup>3+</sup>	10 <sup>-5</sup>	27
[Eu(HL)(H <sub>2</sub> O) <sub>2</sub> ] 2H <sub>2</sub> O	Fe <sup>3+</sup>	10 <sup>-6</sup>	28
EuL	Fe <sup>3+</sup>	10 <sup>-4</sup>	29
[Eu(BTPCA)(H <sub>2</sub> O)] 2DMF 3H <sub>2</sub> O	Fe <sup>3+</sup>	10 <sup>-5</sup>	30
Our work	Fe <sup>3+</sup>	5×10 <sup>-7</sup>	

#### References

- 1. International Tables for X-Ray Crystallography; Kynoch Press:Birmingham, England, 1952; Vol. III.
- 2. SAINT, version 6.02; Bruker AXS: Madison, WI, 1999.
- 3. Sheldrick, G. M. SADABS: Empirical Absorption Correction-Program; University of Göttingen: Göttingen, Germany, 1997.
- 4. XPREP, version 5.1; Siemens Industrial Automation Inc.: Madison, WI, 1995.
- 5. Sheldrick, G. M. SHELXTL Reference Manual, version 5.1; Bruker AXS: Madison, WI, 1997.
- 6. Sheldrick, G. M. SHELXL-97: Program for Crystal Structure Refinement; University of Gottingen: Gottingen, Germany, 1997.