

## Supporting Information

### **A robust 3D In-MOF with imidazole acid ligand as fluorescent sensor for sensitive and selective detection of Fe<sup>3+</sup> ions**

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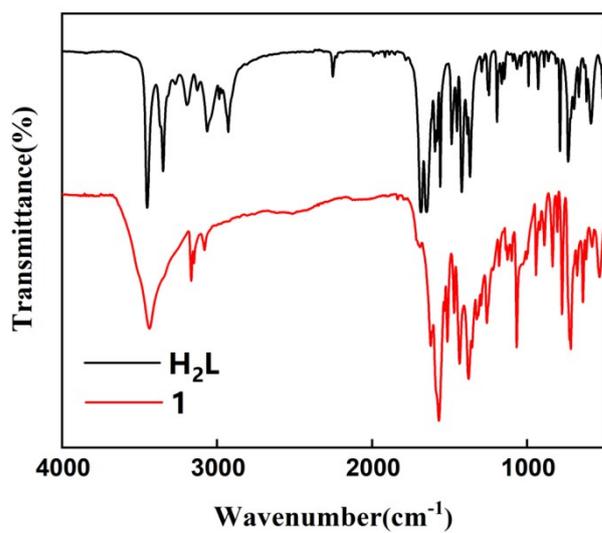


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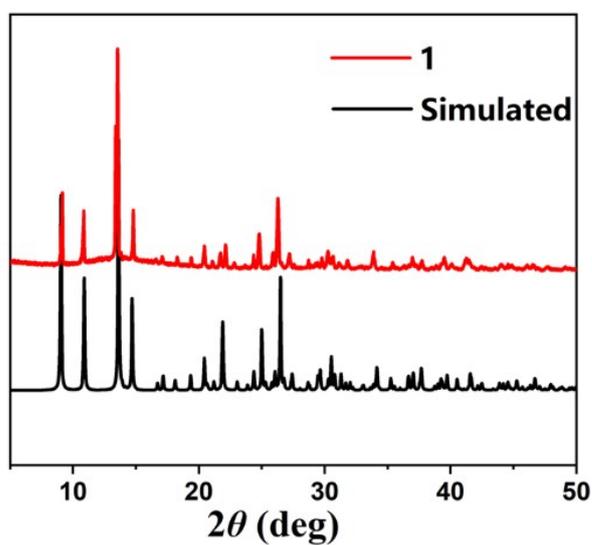


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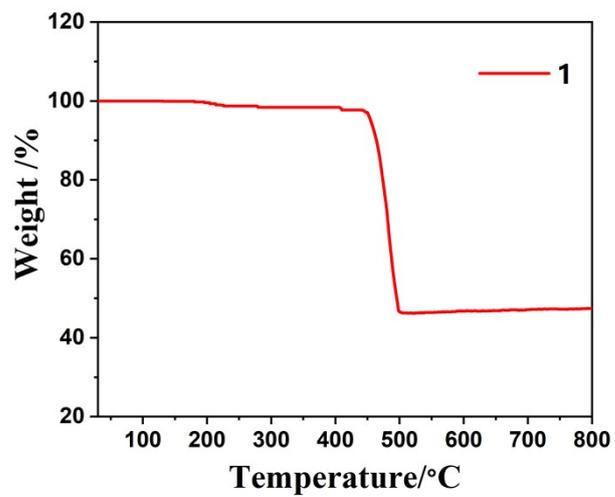


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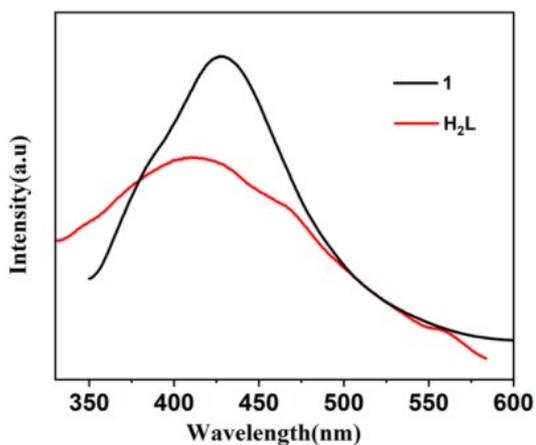


Fig. S4 Solid-state fluorescence emissions recorded at room temperature for free ligand and **1**.

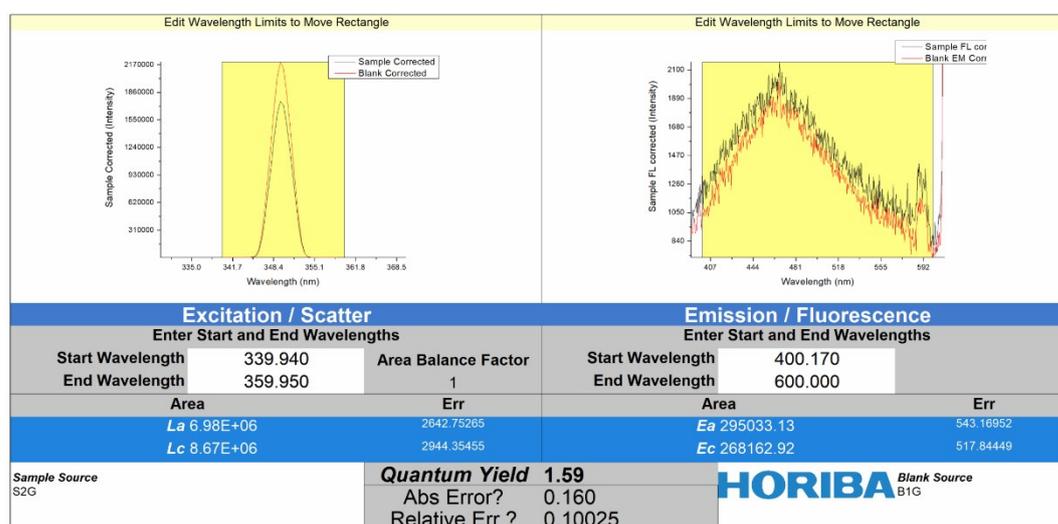


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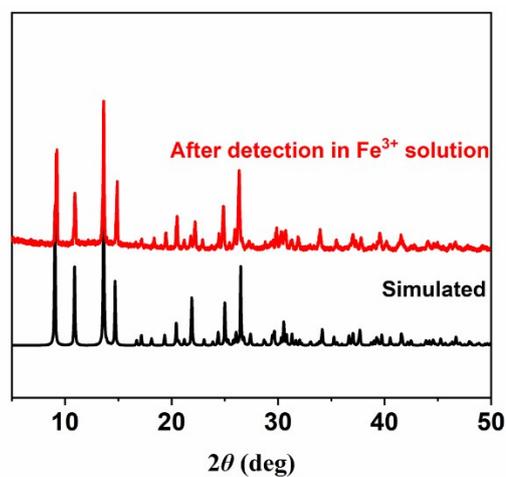


Fig. S6 PXRD patterns of **1** treated by the  $\text{Fe}^{3+}$  aqueous solution.

**Table S1.** Selected bond lengths [Å] and bond angles [°] for **1**.

Compound <b>1</b>			
In(1)–O(1)	2.169(3)	In(1)–O(5) #3	2.098(3)
In(1)–O(3)#1	2.175(3)	In(1)–O(5)	2.101(3)
In(1)–O(4) #2	2.198(3)	In(1)–N(2) #4	2.238(3)
O(1)–In(1)–O(3) #1	99.71(10)	C(9)–N(2)–C(11)	105.4(3)
O(1)–In(1)–O(4) #2	96.80(10)	C(11)–N(2)–In(1) #7	128.8(2)
O(1)–In(1)–N(2) #3	178.67(10)	O(5) #4–In(1)–O(5)	162.571(18)
O(3) #1–In(1)–O(4) #2	163.38(10)	O(5)–In(1)–N(2) #3	96.47(12)
O(3) #1–In(1)–N(2) #3	81.56(10)	O(5) #4–In(1)–N(2) #3	100.77(11)
O(4) #2–In(1)–N(2) #3	81.92(11)	C(7)–O(1)–In(1)	127.1(2)
O(5)–In(1)–O(1)	83.98(11)	C(8)–O(3)–In(1) #5	129.2(2)
O(5) #4–In(1)–O(1)	78.73(10)	C(8)–O(4)–In(1) #2	129.0(2)
O(5)–In(1)–O(3) #1	89.10(10)	In(1) #6–O(5)–In(1)	123.67(12)
O(5) #4–In(1)–O(3) #1	95.89(10)	C(9)–N(2)–In(1) #7	125.7(3)
O(5)–In(1)–O(4) #2	94.57(10)	O(5) #4–In(1)–O(4) #2	85.41(10)

Symmetry transformations used to generate equivalent atoms:  
#1 +X,1–Y,1/2+Z; #2 3/2–X,3/2–Y,1–Z; #3 1/2+X,3/2–Y,1/2+Z; #4 3/2–X,–1/2+Y,3/2–Z; #5 +X,1–Y,–1/2+Z; #6 3/2–X,1/2+Y,3/2–Z; #7 –1/2+X,3/2–Y,–1/2+Z

**Table S2.** Selected hydrogen bond lengths [Å] and bond angles [°] for **1**.

D–H···A	d(D–H)/Å	d(H···A)/Å	d(D···A)/Å	D–H···A/°
O(5)–H(5)···O(2)	0.86	1.97	2.777(4)	156.3
O(6)–H(6A)···O(2)	0.85	1.95	2.781(5)	165.7
O(7)–H(7)···O(2)#1	0.85	1.84	2.686(16)	172.4

Symmetry transformations used to generate equivalent atoms:  
#1 +X,1–Y,–1/2+Z

**Table S3.** Comparison of detection capacity of **1** towards Fe ion with other materials.

Materials	Solvent	Detection Limit	Ref.
[Tb(tftba)1.5(phen)(H <sub>2</sub> O)] <sub>n</sub>	Water	1.27 × 10 <sup>-5</sup> M	1
[Tb(HL) <sub>1.5</sub> (H <sub>2</sub> O)(DMF)]·2H <sub>2</sub> O	aqueous	2.0 × 10 <sup>-5</sup> M	2
[In(L)(μ <sub>2</sub> -OH)]·0.5H <sub>2</sub> O	Water	2.2 × 10 <sup>-5</sup> M	This work
Eu <sup>3+</sup> @MIL-53-COOH (Al)	Water	5.0 × 10 <sup>-5</sup> M	3
BUT-15	Water	8.0 × 10 <sup>-5</sup> M	4
[Eu(bpda) <sub>1.5</sub> ]·H <sub>2</sub> O <sub>n</sub>	Water	9.0 × 10 <sup>-5</sup> M	5
{[Cd <sub>3</sub> (HL) <sub>2</sub> (H <sub>2</sub> O) <sub>3</sub> ]·3H <sub>2</sub> O·2CH <sub>3</sub> CN} <sub>n</sub>	Water	9.06 × 10 <sup>-5</sup> M	6
[Zn <sub>5</sub> (hfipbb) <sub>4</sub> (trz) <sub>2</sub> (H <sub>2</sub> O) <sub>2</sub> ] <sub>n</sub>	Water	2.0 × 10 <sup>-4</sup> M	7
[(CH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> NH <sub>2</sub> ]·[Tb(bptc)]	Ethanol	1.8 × 10 <sup>-4</sup> M	8

EuL <sub>3</sub>	Ethanol	10 <sup>-4</sup> M	9
Eu(acac) <sub>3</sub> ·Zn(C <sub>15</sub> H <sub>12</sub> NO <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>2</sub>	DMF	5.0 × 10 <sup>-3</sup> M	10

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