

## Electronic supplementary information (ESI)

### Amino group dependent sensing property of metal-organic frameworks: Selective turn-on fluorescent detection of lysine and arginine

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**Table S1.** Comparison of the sensing performance of some reported fluorescent turn-on sensors towards Lysine

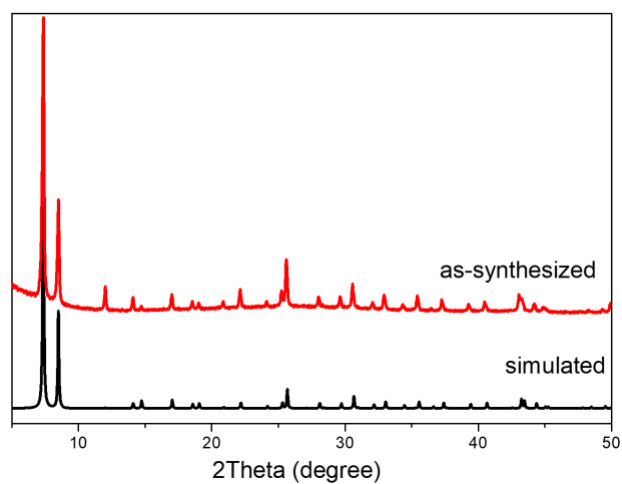
Probes	Solvent	Linear range (mM)	K (M <sup>-1</sup> )	LOD (μM)	Reference
UiO-66-NH <sub>2</sub>	H <sub>2</sub> O	0-3.475	1.81×10 <sup>3</sup>	60.22	This work
GQD/AuNPs	H <sub>2</sub> O/PBS	0.047-0.8	/	16.14	S1
Pyrylium salt	CH <sub>3</sub> CN/H <sub>2</sub> O	/	/	36.1	S2
8-hydroxypyrene-1,3,6-trisulfonic acid trisodium salt	H <sub>2</sub> O	0-0.045	/	3.106	S3
GO-Al-AR	H <sub>2</sub> O	0.171-1.71	3.861×10 <sup>3</sup>	13.68	S4
Pyridinium-Urea-Coupled Polyether	CH <sub>3</sub> CN/H <sub>2</sub> O/H EPES	/	1.06×10 <sup>3</sup>	25	S5
CuNCs	H <sub>2</sub> O/HAc-NaAc	0.01-1.0	1.098×10 <sup>3</sup>	5.5	S6
Chiral carbon dots	H <sub>2</sub> O/DHP-CA	0-1.0	93.866	3.44	S7
Cd-TCOOH	H <sub>2</sub> O/HEPES	0-0.14	/	4	S8

**Table S2.** Comparison of the sensing performance of some reported fluorescent turn-on sensors towards Arginine

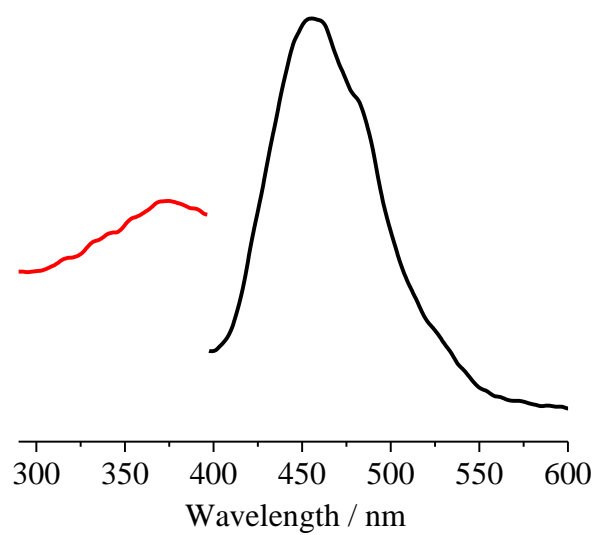
Probes	Solvent	Linear range (mM)	K (M <sup>-1</sup> )	LOD (μM)	Reference
UiO-66-NH <sub>2</sub>	H <sub>2</sub> O	0-0.645	8.03×10 <sub>3</sub>	21.50	This work
8-hydroxypyrene-1,3,6-trisulfonic acid trisodium salt	H <sub>2</sub> O	0-0.045	/	1.941	S3
hydroxyphenylbenzothiazole (HBT)-based fluorescent probe (HBT-Py)	DMSO	/	/	2.24	S9
GSH-Ag NCs	AA/H <sub>2</sub> O	0.01–0.18	/	0.5	S10
1,3,6,8-Tetrakis(p-benzoic acid)pyrene (TBAPy)	H <sub>2</sub> O	0–0.2	6.8 ×10 <sub>5</sub>	2.3	S11
polydiacetylene vesicles (PDAs)-Mg <sup>2+</sup>	H <sub>2</sub> O	0-0.15	9.1×10 <sub>4</sub>	4.27	S12
(UO <sub>2</sub> )(nip)(2,2'-bpy)	H <sub>2</sub> O	0-0.22	3.46×10 <sub>3</sub>	1.06	S13
dual-emission carbon dots (CDs)	H <sub>2</sub> O	0.027-0.107	9.91×10 <sub>3</sub>	9.16	S14
Au/CQDs composite	H <sub>2</sub> O/PBS	0.001–0.005	6.864×10 <sub>6</sub>	0.45	S15

**Table S3.** Chemical shifts of Lys and Arg in DCl/DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>, UiO-66-NH<sub>2</sub> digested in HF/DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub> before and after the immersion in the solution of Lys and Arg.

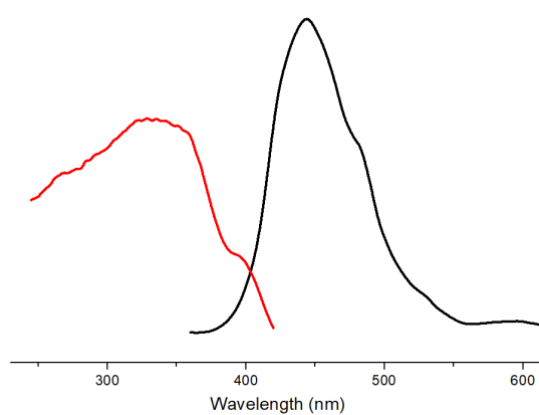
	$\delta(\text{ppm})$
UiO-66-NH <sub>2</sub>	8.05 (s), 7.86 (s), 7.79 (d), 7.36 (d), 7.08 (dd), 2.86 (s), 2.71 (s), 2.10 (s), 1.88 (s)
Lys	8.60 (d), 8.19 (s), 3.80 (t), 2.70 (t), 1.77 (q), 1.52-1.58 (m), 1.39-1.47 (m), 1.28-1.37 (m)
UiO-66-NH <sub>2</sub> + Lys	8.05 (s), 7.79 (d), 7.55 (br), 7.36 (d), 7.10 (dd), 3.80 (s), 2.74-2.80 (m), 2.10 (s), 1.71-1.84 (m), 1.52-1.58 (m), 1.38-1.46 (m), 1.29-1.37 (m)
Arg	3.76 (t), 3.03 (s), 1.72 (d), 1.33-1.57 (m)
UiO-66-NH <sub>2</sub> + Arg	8.06 (s), 7.79 (d), 7.35 (d), 7.09 (dd), 6.70 (br), 3.83 (t), 3.10 (q), 2.10 (s), 1.74-1.87 (m), 1.47-1.66 (m)



**Fig. S1** PXRD patterns of UiO-66-NH<sub>2</sub>.

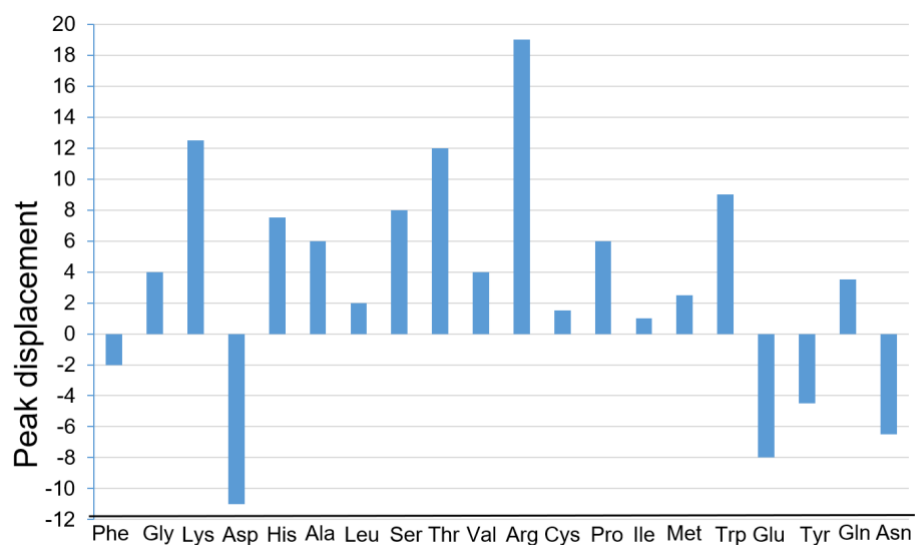


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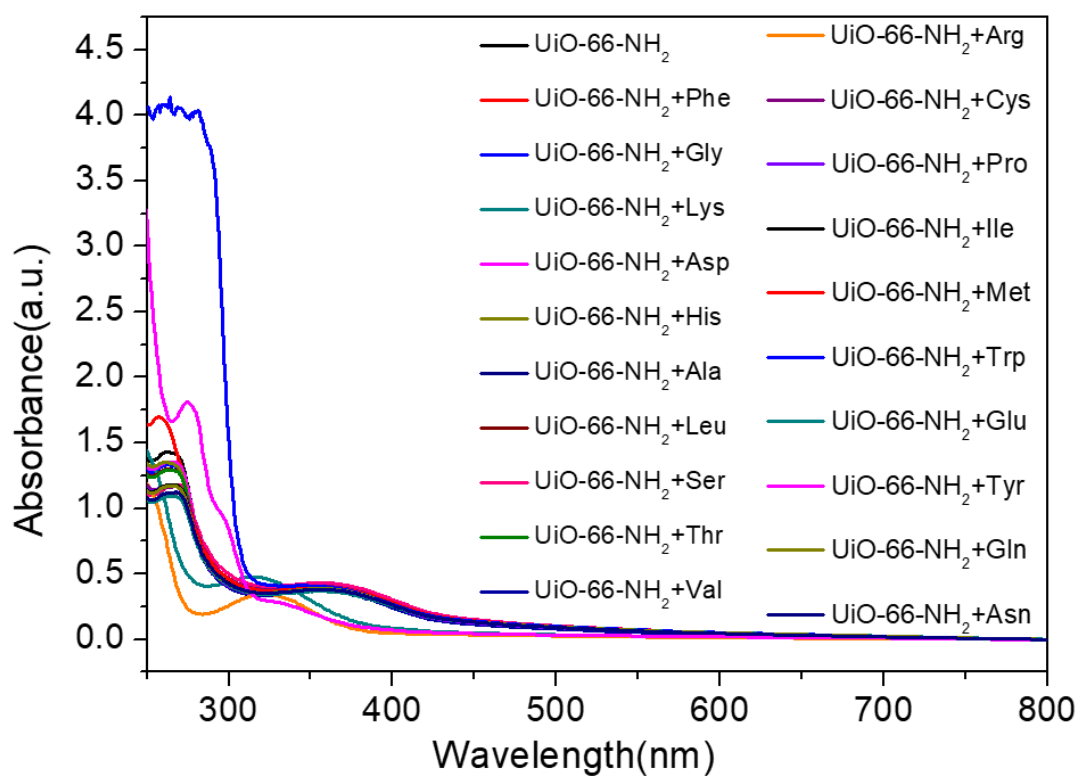


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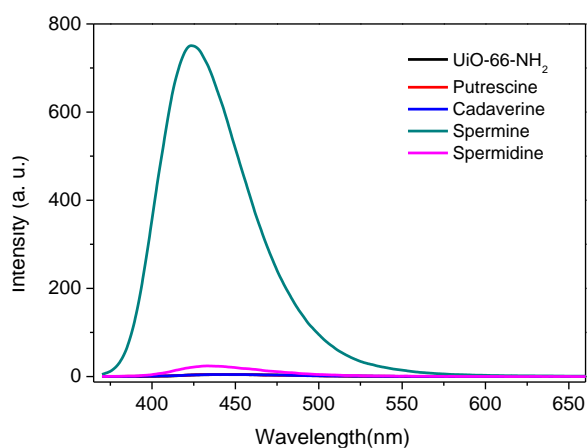
**Fig. S2.** The fluorescence excitation and emission spectra of UiO-66-NH<sub>2</sub> in the solid state (a) and the aqueous suspension (b).



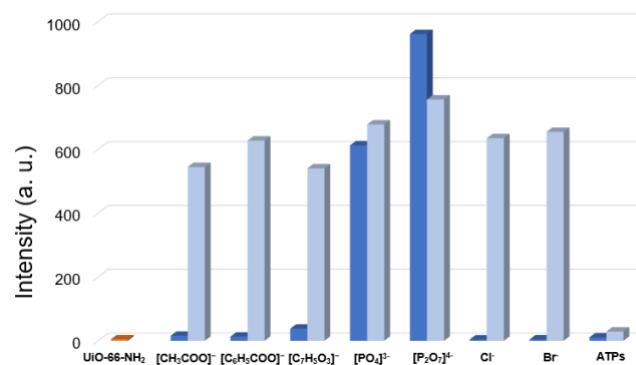
**Fig. S3.** The maxima wavelength shift of the suspension of UiO-66-NH<sub>2</sub> upon the addition of AAs, positive value refers blue-shift (nm) and negative value presents red-shift (nm).



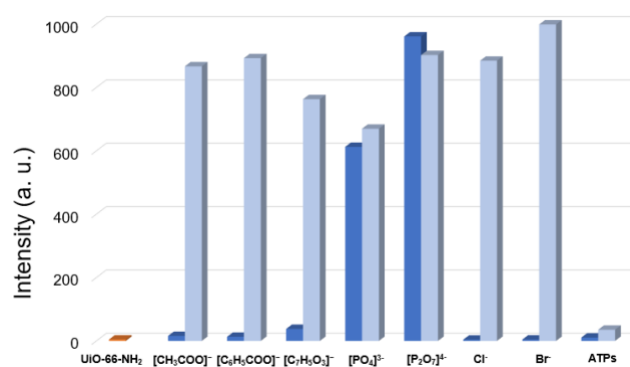
**Fig. S4.** UV-Vis spectra of the suspension of UiO-66-NH<sub>2</sub> with different AAs.



**Fig. S5.** The fluorescence emission curves of the aqueous suspension of UiO-66-NH<sub>2</sub> in the absence and presence of different amines.

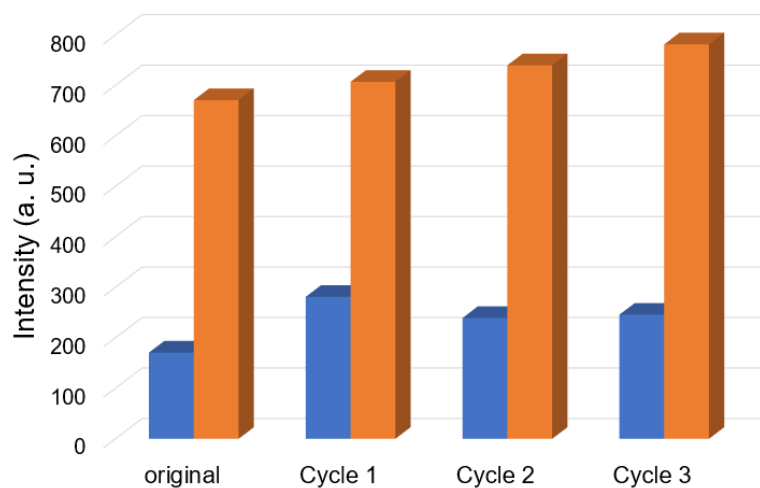


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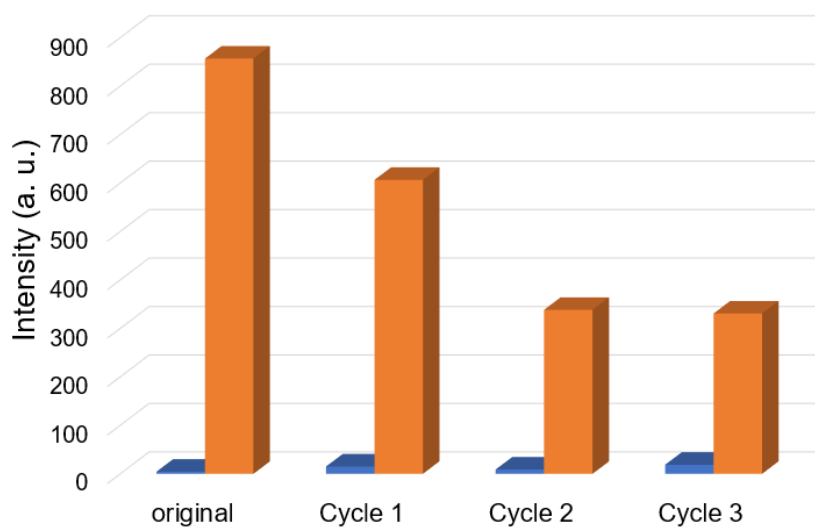


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**Fig. S6.** Maximum fluorescence intensities of the aqueous suspension of UiO-66-NH<sub>2</sub> by the sequential addition of sodium salt different anions and Lys (a)/Arg (b).



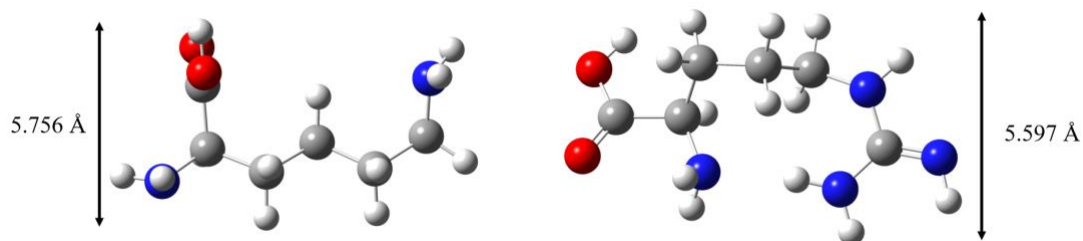
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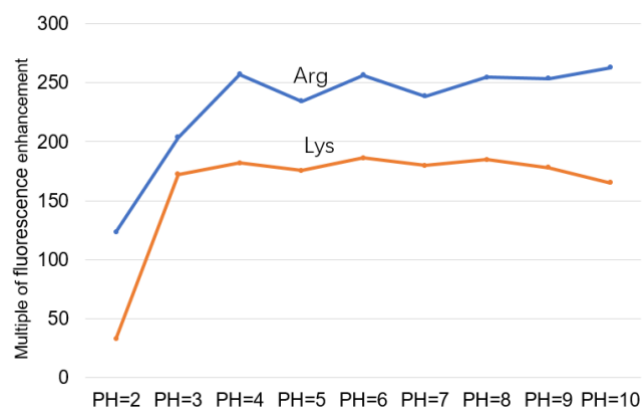
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**Fig. S7.** Fluorescence enhancement and repeatability tests for Lys (a) and Arg (b).





**Fig. S8.** The longitudinal size of Lys and Arg based on the calculation on Gaussian 09 with b3lyp/6-31g basis sets. The reported internal pore of UiO-66-NH<sub>2</sub> is accessible for guest molecules through triangular windows with size of about 6 Å.



**Fig. S9.** The emission intensity increments at the maximum wavelength upon the addition of the solution of Lys/Arg (0.5 mL, 0.1 mM) into the suspension of UiO-66-NH<sub>2</sub> (2 mL) under different pH.

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