

## Electronic Supplementary Information (ESI)

### Fluorescent Zn(II) frameworks with multicarboxylate and pyridyl N-donor ligands for sensing specific anions and organic molecules

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#### EXPERIMENTAL

##### X-ray crystallography

The crystallographic data of **1–3** were obtained on Bruker D8 VENTURE and Bruker smart apex II CCD area detector diffractometers with graphite-monochromated Ga K $\alpha$  ( $\lambda = 1.34139$  Å) and Mo K $\alpha$  ( $\lambda = 0.71073$  Å) radiations. The integration of the diffraction data and the intensity correction for Lorentz and polarization effects were performed using the SAINT program. Semi-empirical absorption correction was carried out using SADABS program. SHELXT-2014 was used to solve the structures of **1–3** through the direct method, and SHELXL-2018 program was used to refine the structures by the full matrix least square method.<sup>1</sup> The hydrogen atoms were generated in geometric forms and refined isotropically. Due to the highly disordered solvent molecules in **1–3**, SQUEEZE subroutine of PLATON software was applied to remove them. Finally, the crystal parameters, data collection and refinements are summarized in **Table 1**, and the selected bond lengths and angles were listed in **Table S1**.

**Table S1.** Selected bond lengths (Å) and angles (°) for **1–3**.

<b>1</b>			
Zn(1)-O(4)#1	1.9710(18)	Zn(1)-O(1)	1.9313(18)
Zn(1)-N(1)	2.052(2)	Zn(1)-N(2)	2.052(2)
O(1)-Zn(1)-O(4)#1	109.76(8)	O(4)#1-Zn(1)-N(1)	124.07(9)
O(1)-Zn(1)-N(2)	96.95(9)	N(2)-Zn(1)-N(1)	101.49(9)
Symmetry transformations used to generate equivalent atoms: #1 +X, -Y, 1/2+Z			
<b>2</b>			
Zn(1)-O(4)	2.048(4)	Zn(1)-O(5)#1	2.054(4)
Zn(1)-O(6)	2.023(4)	Zn(1)-O(7)#1	2.062 (4)
Zn(1)-N(3)	2.031(4)	Zn(2)-O(1)#2	2.021(3)
Zn(2)-O(2)	2.056(4)	Zn(2)-O(9)#3	2.053(4)
Zn(2)-O(10)#4	2.043(4)	Zn(2)-N(1)	2.028(4)
O(4)-Zn(1)-O(6)	87.18(15)	O(4)-Zn(1)-O(7)#1	88.50(16)
O(5)#1-Zn(1)-O(4)	159.80(13)	O(5)#1-Zn(1)-O(6)	89.86(18)
O(5)#1-Zn(1)-O(7)#1	87.29(17)	O(7)#1-Zn(1)-O(6)	159.42(14)
N(3)-Zn(1)-O(4)	103.14(16)	N(3)-Zn(1)-O(5)#1	97.00(17)
N(3)-Zn(1)-O(6)	103.18(16)	N(3)-Zn(1)-O(7)#1	97.39(17)
O(1)#2-Zn(2)-O(2)	159.89(13)	O(1)#2-Zn(2)-O(9)#3	87.33(15)
O(1)#2-Zn(2)-O(10)#4	89.37(17)	O(9)#3-Zn(2)-O(2)	87.92(17)
O(10)#4-Zn(2)-O(2)	88.25(18)	O(10)#4-Zn(2)-O(9)#3	159.45(13)
O(1)#2-Zn(2)-N(1)	102.60(15)	N(1)-Zn(2)-O(2)	97.51(16)
N(1)-Zn(2)-O(9)#3	103.61(16)	N(1)-Zn(2)-O(10)#4	96.91(17)
Symmetry transformations used to generate equivalent atoms: #1 1-X, 1-Y, 2-Z; #2 1-X, -Y, 1-Z; #3 1-X, 1-Y, 1-Z; #4 +X, -1+Y, +Z;			

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Zn(1)#1-O(1)#1	2.474(3)	Zn(1)#1-O(2)#1	2.060(2)
Zn(1)-O(5)	2.025(3)	Zn(1)-O(6)	2.297(3)
Zn(1)-N(2)	2.087(3)	Zn(1)-N(4)	2.036(3)
N(2)-Zn(1)-O(1)#1	154.88(11)	N(2)-Zn(1)-O(6)	92.89(14)
N(4)-Zn(1)-N(2)	97.95(12)	N(4)-Zn(1)-O(1)#1	86.81(12)
N(4)-Zn(1)-O(2)#1	101.28(11)	N(4)-Zn(1)-O(6)	93.98(12)
O(2)#1-Zn(1)-N(2)	98.04(11)	O(2)#1-Zn(1)-O(1)#1	56.89(10)
O(2)#1-Zn(1)-O(6)	159.75(11)	O(5)-Zn(1)-N(2)	100.97(13)
O(5)-Zn(1)-N(4)	148.06(15)	O(5)-Zn(1)-O(1)#1	86.85(12)
O(5)-Zn(1)-O(2)#1	101.27(11)	O(5)-Zn(1)-O(6)	59.72(12)
O(6)-Zn(1)-O(1)#1	111.45(13)		

Symmetry transformations used to generate equivalent atoms:

#1 1+X, +Y, 1+Z;

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**Table S2** Hydrogen bonding data for **3**.

D-H...A	D-H	H...A	D...A	D-H...A
O(3)-H(3) ...O(2)#1	0.84	1.81	2.619(4)	160
C(24)-H(24) ...O(2)#2	0.95	2.48	3.362(7)	155
C(32)-H(32) ...O(4)#3	0.95	2.52	3.467(5)	176
C(35)-H(35) ...O(4)#4	0.93	2.39	3.208(6)	144

Symmetry codes: #1 +X, -1+Y, +Z; #2 1-X, 2-Y, -Z; #3 1-X, 1-Y, 1-Z; #4 1+X,  
1+Y, 1+Z

**Table S3** The related parameter for fluorescence detection of analytes by **1–3** and various reported MOFs

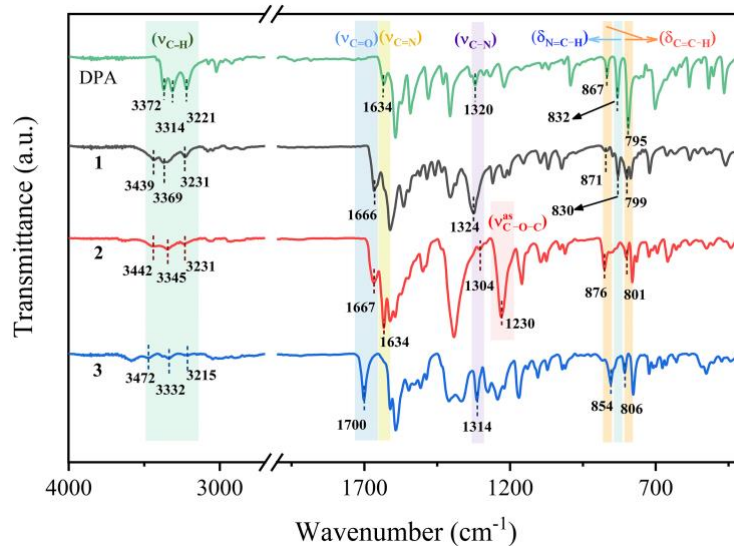
MOF	Analytes	$K_{sv}$	Working range	LOD	Ref.
{[Zn(IPA)(L <sub>2</sub> )]} <sub>n</sub>	CrO <sub>4</sub> <sup>2-</sup>	$1.00 \times 10^3 \text{ M}^{-1}$	0–1 mM	$1.83 \times 10^{-5} \text{ M}$	2
	Cr <sub>2</sub> O <sub>7</sub> <sup>2-</sup>	$1.37 \times 10^3 \text{ M}^{-1}$	0–1 mM	$1.20 \times 10^{-5} \text{ M}$	
[Tb <sub>2</sub> (H <sub>3</sub> L)(C <sub>2</sub> O <sub>4</sub> ) <sub>3</sub> (H <sub>2</sub> O) <sub>4</sub> ]·2H <sub>2</sub> O	CrO <sub>4</sub> <sup>2-</sup>	$3.63 \times 10^3 \text{ M}^{-1}$	0–0.44 mM	$3.7 \times 10^{-6} \text{ M}$	3
	Cr <sub>2</sub> O <sub>7</sub> <sup>2-</sup>	$7.78 \times 10^3 \text{ M}^{-1}$	0–0.44 mM	$4.2 \times 10^{-6} \text{ M}$	
Eu <sub>4</sub> L <sub>3</sub>	CrO <sub>4</sub> <sup>2-</sup>	-	-	--	4
	Cr <sub>2</sub> O <sub>7</sub> <sup>2-</sup>	$1526 \text{ M}^{-1}$	0–0.5 mM		
[Zn(btz)] <sub>n</sub>	CrO <sub>4</sub> <sup>2-</sup>	$3.19 \times 10^3 \text{ M}^{-1}$	0.010–1.8 Mm	$1.0 \times 10^{-5} \text{ M}$	5
	Cr <sub>2</sub> O <sub>7</sub> <sup>2-</sup>	$4.23 \times 10^3 \text{ M}^{-1}$	0.020–1.8 mM	$2.0 \times 10^{-6} \text{ M}$	
[EuL(CH <sub>3</sub> COO)Cl] <sub>n</sub>	CrO <sub>4</sub> <sup>2-</sup>	$2.52 \times 10^4 \text{ M}^{-1}$	0.00074–0.022 mM	$8.54 \times 10^{-5} \text{ M}$	6
	Cr <sub>2</sub> O <sub>7</sub> <sup>2-</sup>	$1.15 \times 10^4 \text{ M}^{-1}$	0.0037–0.13 mM	$8.63 \times 10^{-5} \text{ M}$	
[Cd <sub>3</sub> (H <sub>2</sub> O) <sub>3</sub> (L)(tib) <sub>2</sub> ]·5DMA·3H <sub>2</sub> O	TNP	$1.16 \times 10^4 \text{ M}^{-1}$	0–0.12 mM	$7.4 \times 10^{-5} \text{ M}$	7
{[Cd(IPA)(L)]} <sub>n</sub>	TNP	$1.35 \times 10^4 \text{ M}^{-1}$	-	$4.15 \times 10^{-5} \text{ M}$	2
{[NaCd <sub>2</sub> (L <sub>4</sub> )(DMF) <sub>3</sub> ]·(Me <sub>2</sub> NH <sub>2</sub> )(3DMF)} <sub>n</sub>	TNP	$1.56 \times 10^4 \text{ M}^{-1}$	0–0.5 mM	$6 \times 10^{-8} \text{ M}$	8
[{Zn(BINDI) <sub>0.5</sub> (bpe)}·3H <sub>2</sub> O] <sub>n</sub>	TNP	$1.29 \times 10^4 \text{ M}^{-1}$	0–0.03 mM	1.5 ppm	9
[Cd(tib)(H <sub>2</sub> dhbqdc) <sub>0.5</sub> (NO <sub>3</sub> )·6H <sub>2</sub> O	TNP	$1.7 \times 10^3 \text{ M}^{-1}$	-	-	10
[Zn <sub>2</sub> (tphn)(2,6-NDC) <sub>2</sub> ]	TNP	$2.4 \times 10^3 \text{ M}^{-1}$	-	19 ppm	11
[{Eu(SIP)(H <sub>2</sub> O) <sub>4</sub> }] <sub>n</sub>	Benzaldehyde	$9.80 \times 10^3 \text{ M}^{-1}$	-	$1 \times 10^{-6} \text{ M}$	12
[Co(TBTA)(L <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>1.5</sub> ] <sub>n</sub>	Benzaldehyde	$3471 \text{ M}^{-1}$	0–0.3 mM	$3.11 \times 10^{-6} \text{ M}$	13
[Cd <sub>0.5</sub> (TBC)] <sub>n</sub>	Benzaldehyde	$5.02 \times 10^2 \text{ M}^{-1}$	-	-	14
[Zn(DTBDA)]-(DMA)(MeOH) <sub>2</sub> (H <sub>2</sub> O) <sub>3.5</sub>	Benzaldehyde	-	0–0.35%	-	15
{[Sm <sub>2</sub> Zn(abtc) <sub>2</sub> (H <sub>2</sub> O) <sub>4</sub> ]·2H <sub>2</sub> O} <sub>∞</sub>	Benzaldehyde	$13.62 \text{ M}^{-1}$	0–0.2 M	-	16
[Zn(DPA)(NDA)] <sub>2</sub> ·2DMF ( <b>1</b> )	TNP	$1.40 \times 10^4 \text{ M}^{-1}$	0–0.061 mM	$7.7 \times 10^{-5} \text{ M}$	This work
[Zn <sub>2</sub> (DPA)(OBA) <sub>2</sub> ]·2DMF·4H <sub>2</sub> O ( <b>2</b> )	TNP	$1.54 \times 10^4 \text{ M}^{-1}$	0–0.061 mM	$6.4 \times 10^{-5} \text{ M}$	This work
	Benzaldehyde	$27.79 \text{ M}^{-1}$	0–20 mM	$3.8 \times 10^{-3} \text{ M}$	This work
[Zn(DPA)(HNTB)]·H <sub>2</sub> O ( <b>3</b> )	TNP	$1.22 \times 10^4 \text{ M}^{-1}$	0–0.061 mM	$9.0 \times 10^{-5} \text{ M}$	This work
	CrO <sub>4</sub> <sup>2-</sup>	$4.05 \times 10^3 \text{ M}^{-1}$	0–0.38 mM	$1.48 \times 10^{-4} \text{ M}$	This work
	Cr <sub>2</sub> O <sub>7</sub> <sup>2-</sup>	$4.03 \times 10^3 \text{ M}^{-1}$	0–0.38 mM	$2.58 \times 10^{-4} \text{ M}$	This work

**Table S4** The QY of **1–3** before and after the sensing of analytes

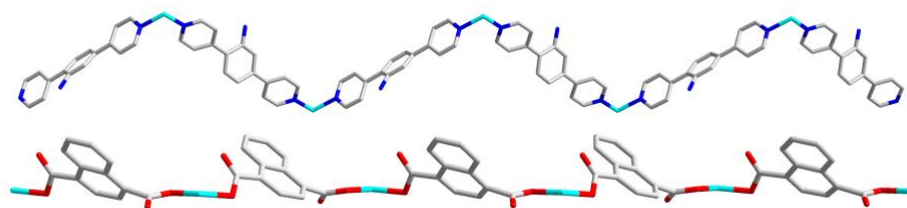
MOF	Analyte	QY of MOF (%)	QY of MOF after sensing of analytes (%)
1	TNP	40.95	39.43
2	TNP		7.69
	Benzaldehyde	6.64	7.99
3	TNP		9.46
	CrO <sub>4</sub> <sup>2-</sup>	7.04	7.72
	Cr <sub>2</sub> O <sub>7</sub> <sup>2-</sup>		7.52

**Table S5** Fluorescence lifetime for **1–3** before and after addition of CrO<sub>4</sub><sup>2-</sup>, Cr<sub>2</sub>O<sub>7</sub><sup>2-</sup>, TNP and benzaldehyde.

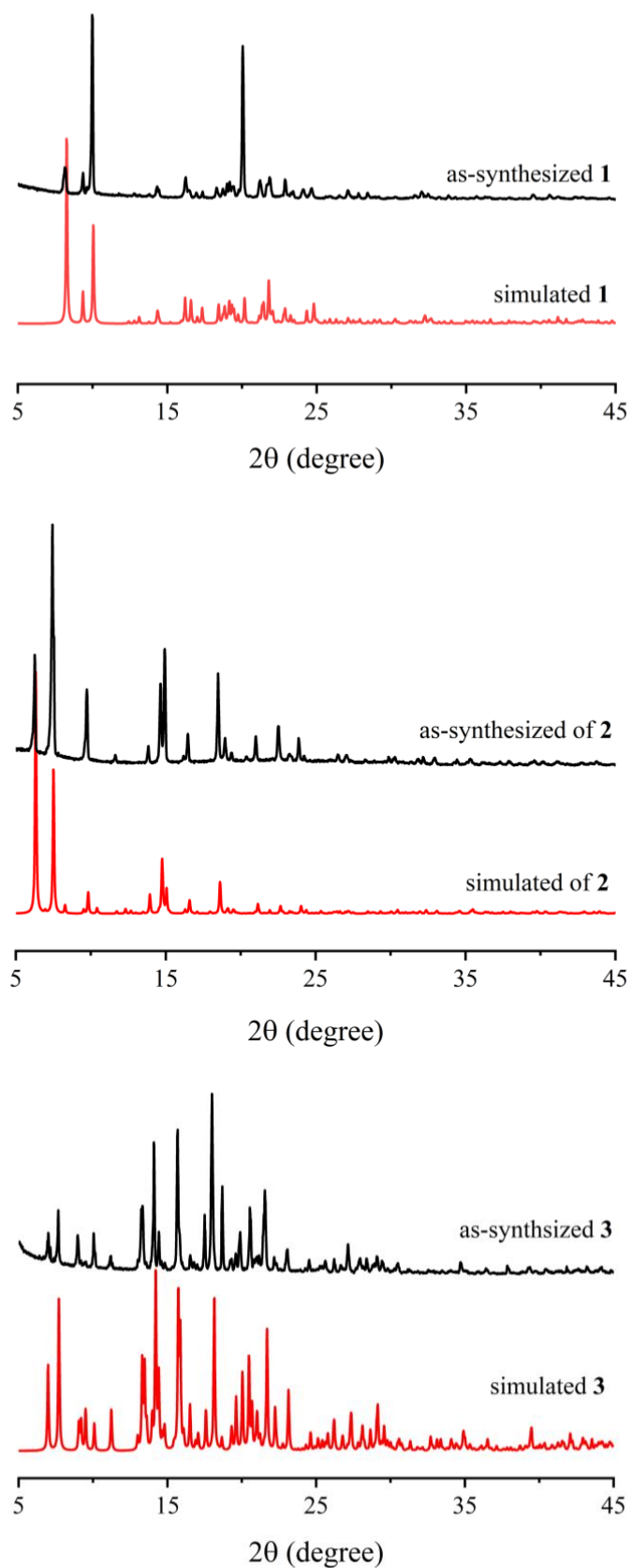
MOF	Analyte	MOF (ns)		MOF + analyte (ns)	
		Lifetime (ns)	R <sup>2</sup>	Lifetime (ns)	R <sup>2</sup>
1	TNP	7.44	0.99952	7.13	0.99948
2	TNP	5.15	0.99947	6.53	0.99947
	Benzaldehyde	5.46	0.99938	3.91	0.99943
3	TNP	4.62	0.99947	5.80	0.99943
	CrO <sub>4</sub> <sup>2-</sup>	3.38	0.99947	3.23	0.99948
	Cr <sub>2</sub> O <sub>7</sub> <sup>2-</sup>	3.32	0.99955	3.36	0.99934



**Fig. S1** IR spectra of 1–3 and DPA.

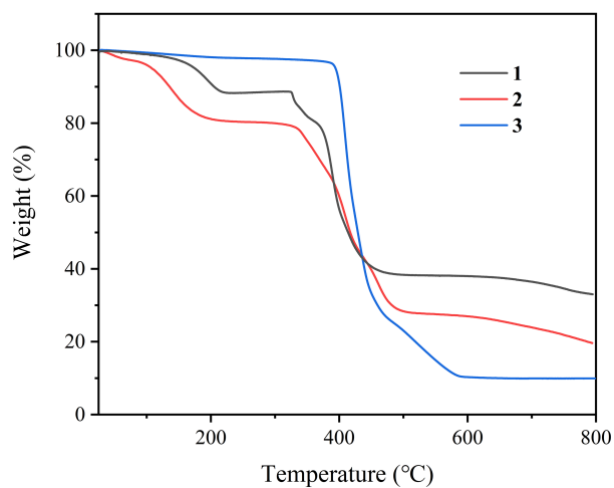


**Fig. S2** 1D chains of Zn(II)-DPA (upper) and Zn(II)-NDA<sup>2-</sup> (below) in 1.

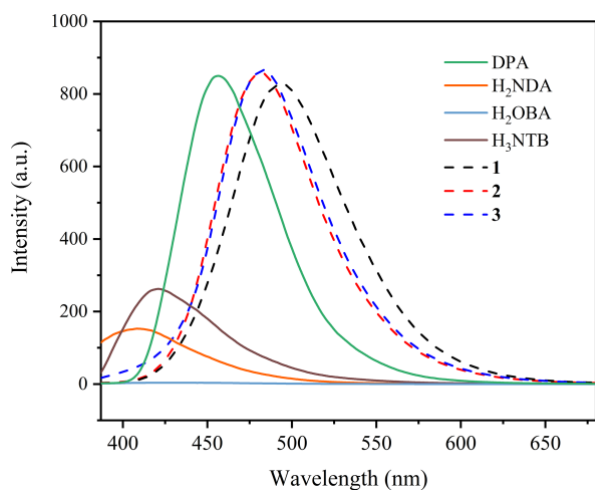


**Fig. S3** PXRD patterns of 1–3.

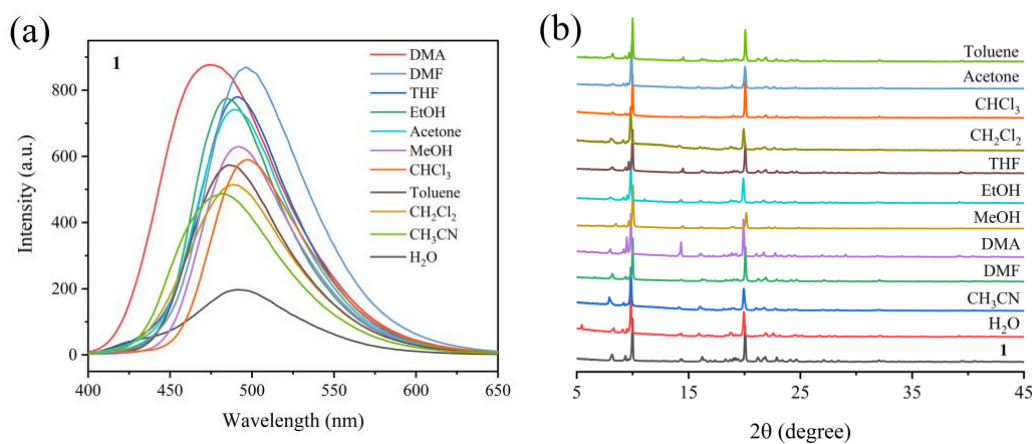


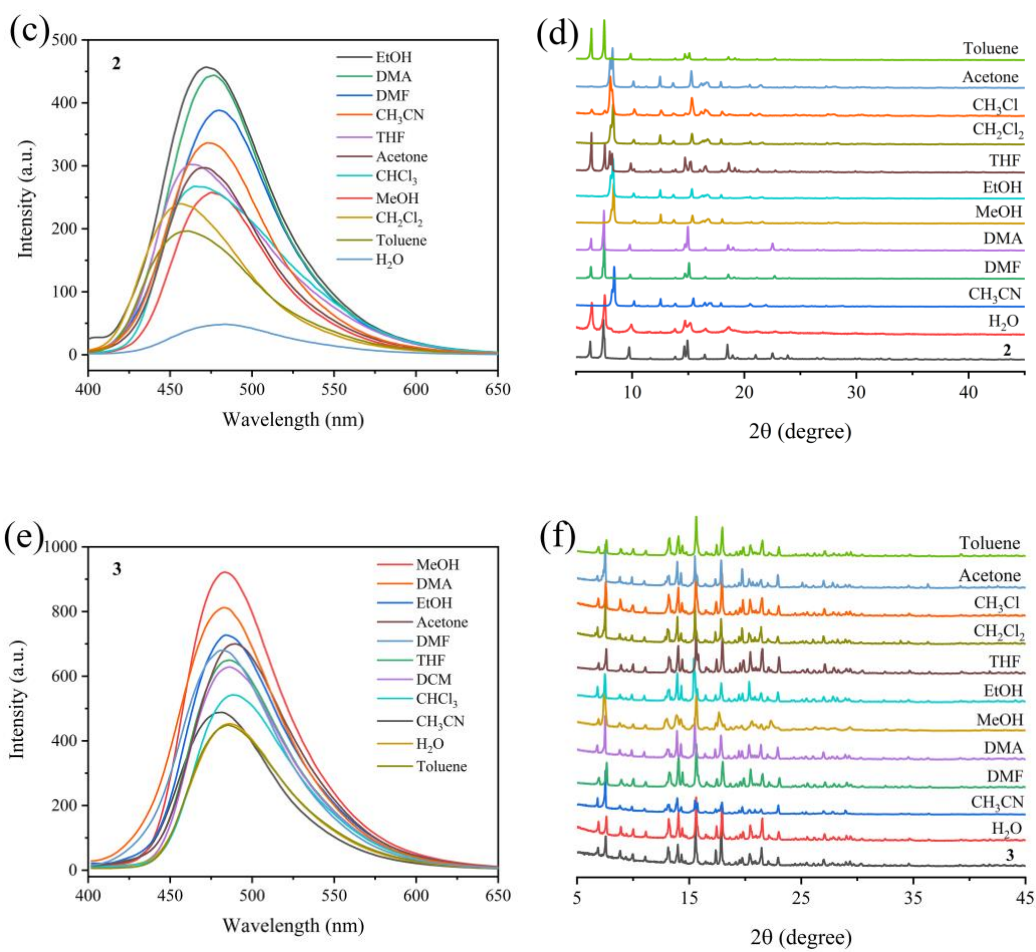


**Fig. S4** TG curves of **1–3**.

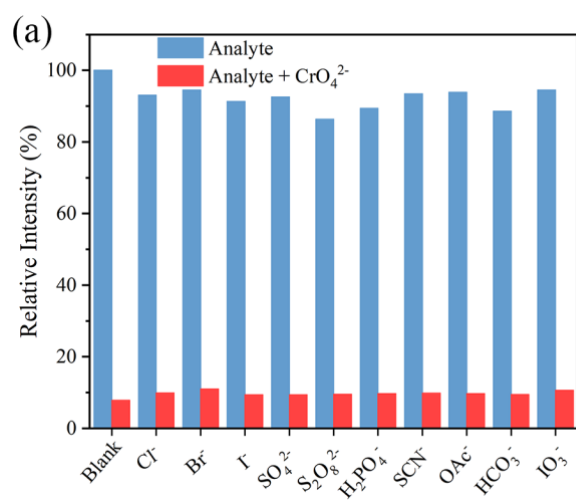


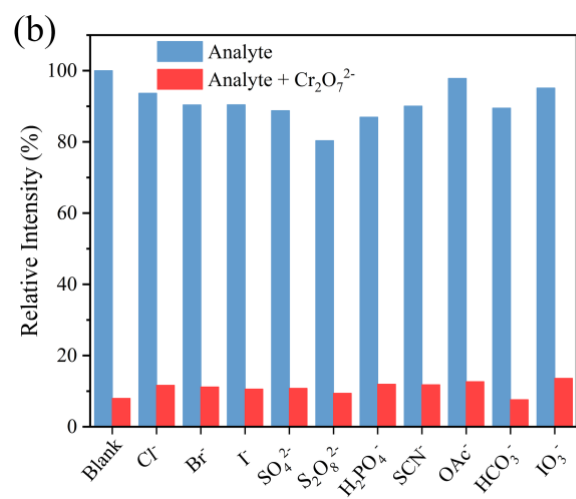
**Fig. S5** Emission spectra of **1–3** and ligands in DMF at room temperature ( $\lambda_{ex} = 367$  nm).



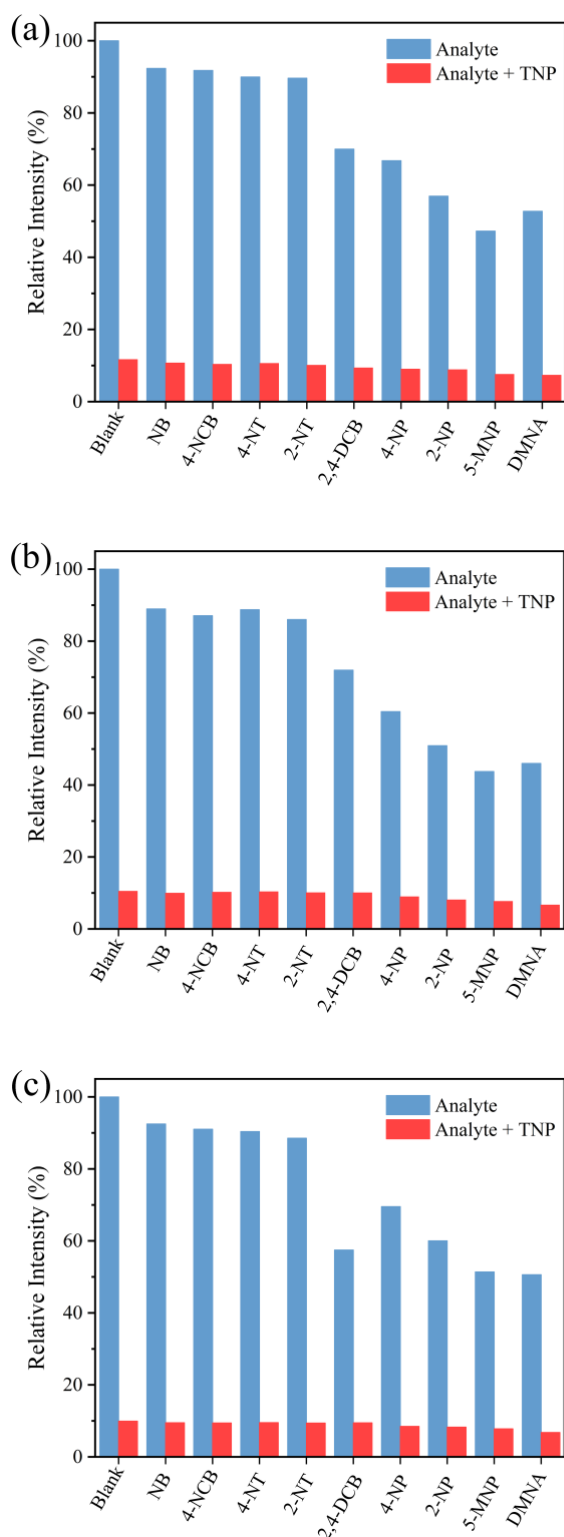


**Fig. S6** Fluorescence spectra and PXRD patterns of 1–3 in different solvent.

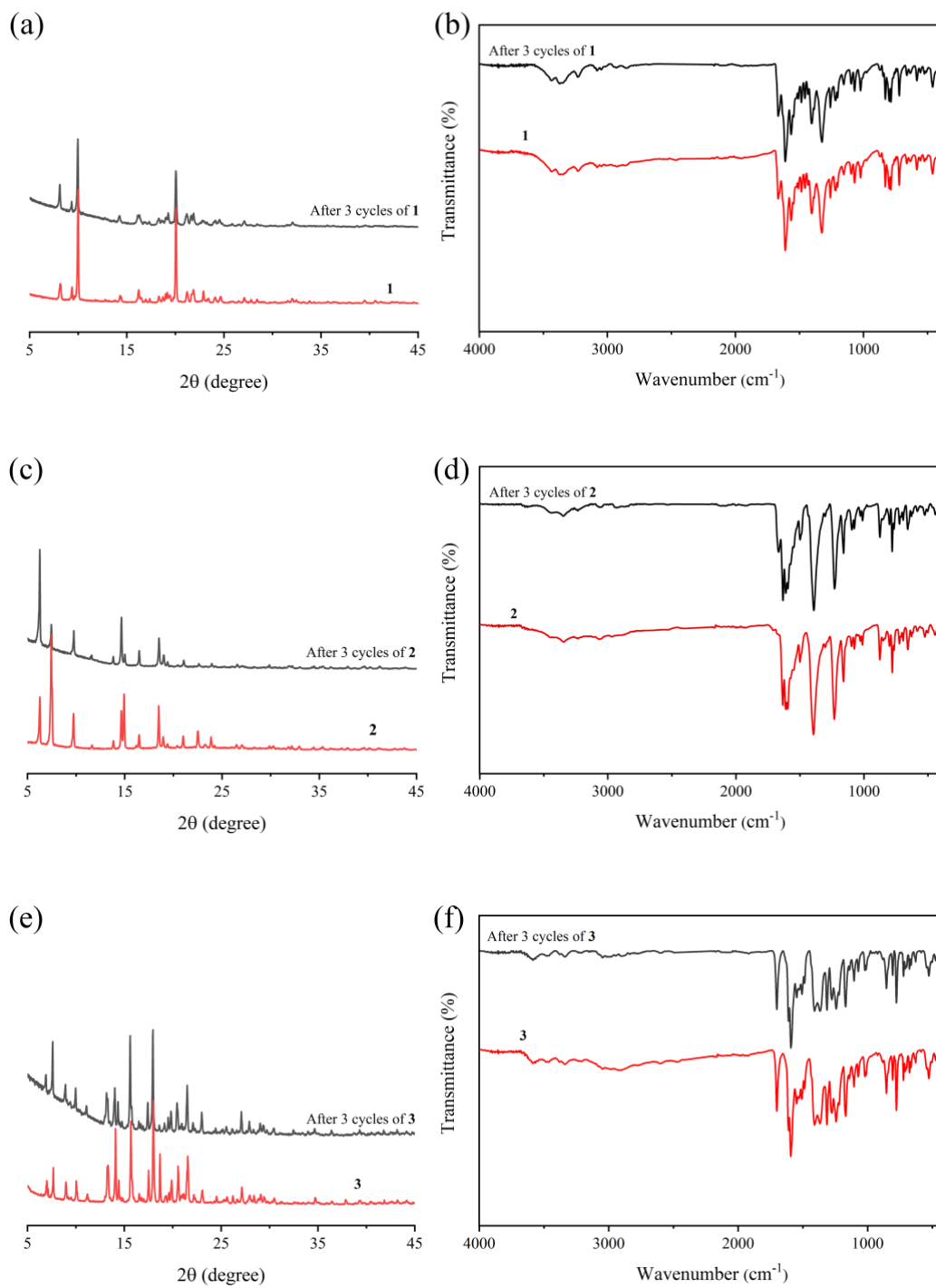




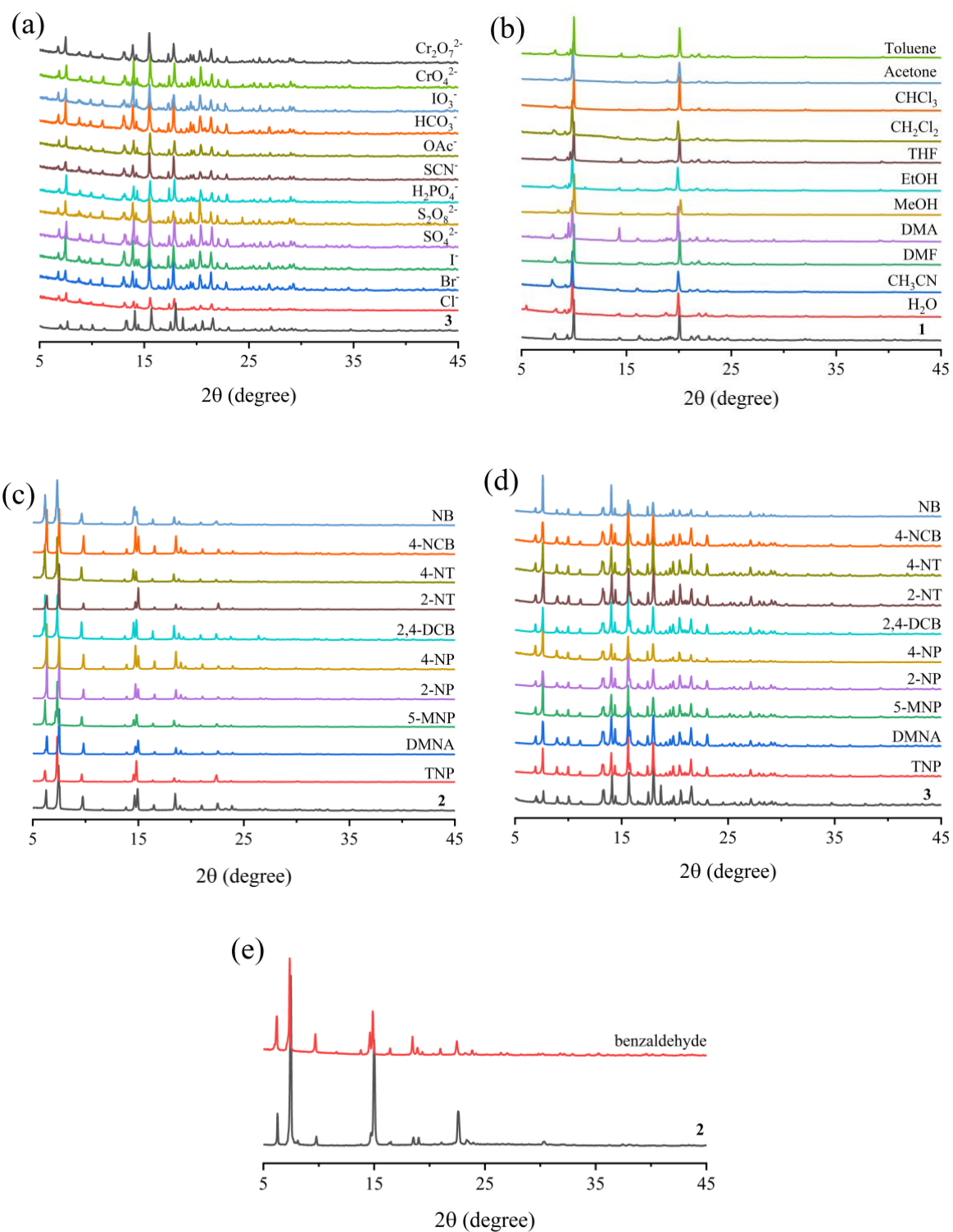
**Fig. S7** Luminescent responses of **3** exposed to different anions in water.



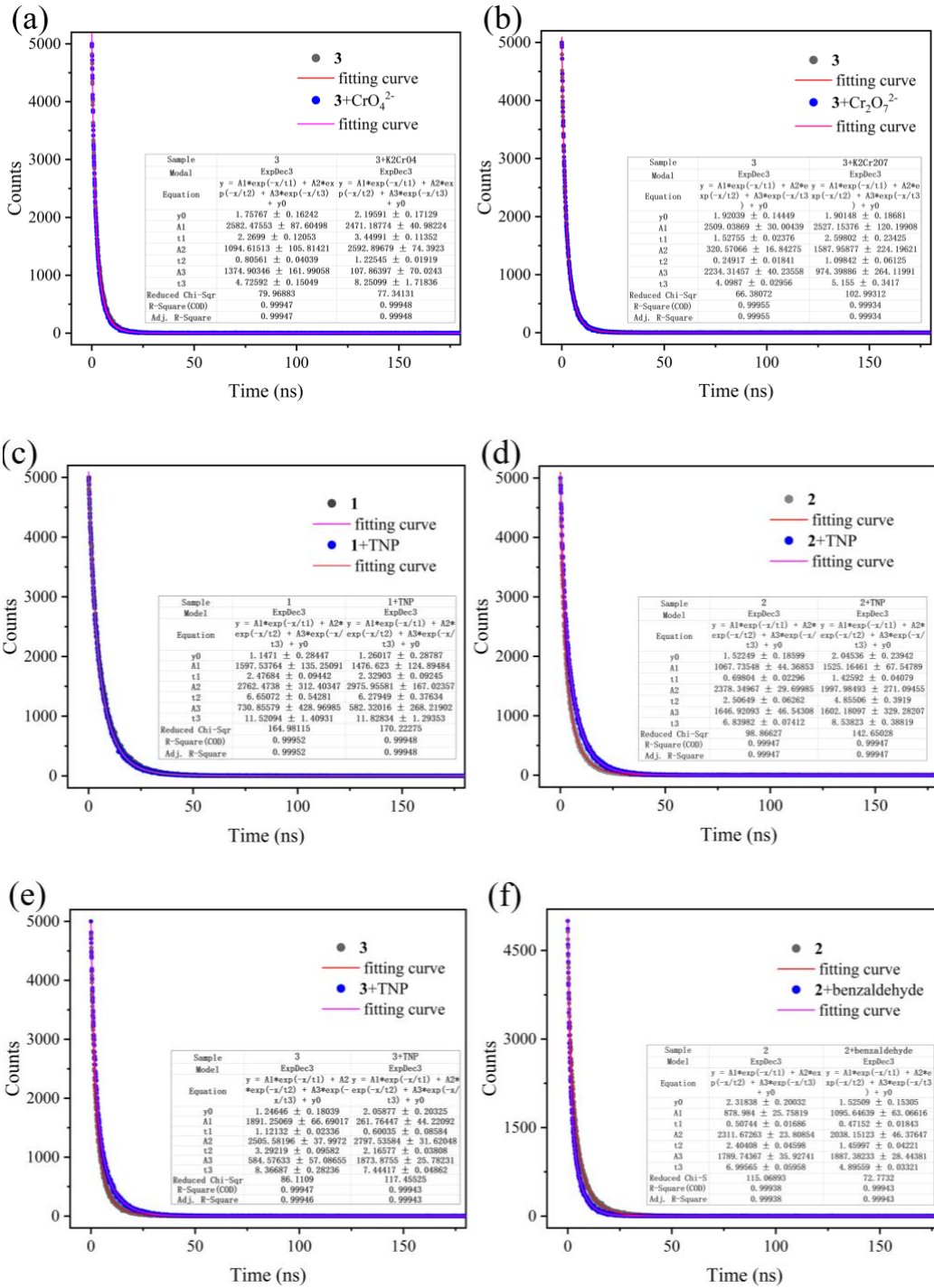
**Fig. S8** Luminescent responses of **1–3** exposed to different NACs in DMF solvent.



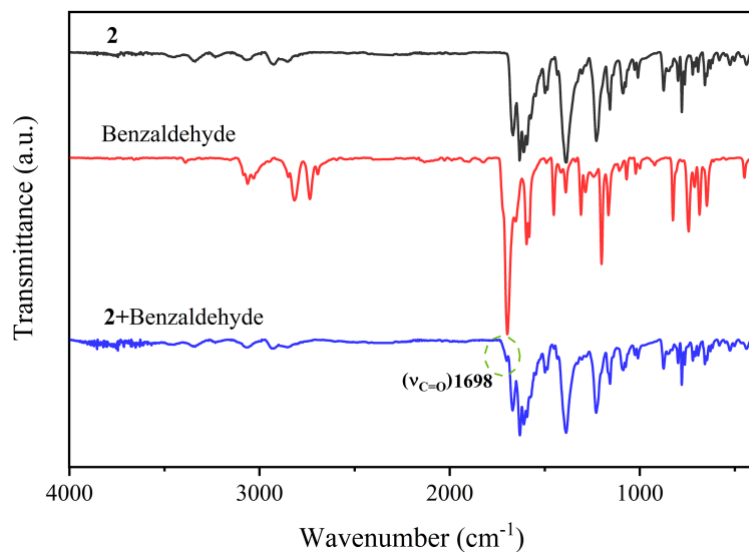
**Fig. S9** XRD patterns and IR spectra of 1–3 after three cycles for sensing TNP.



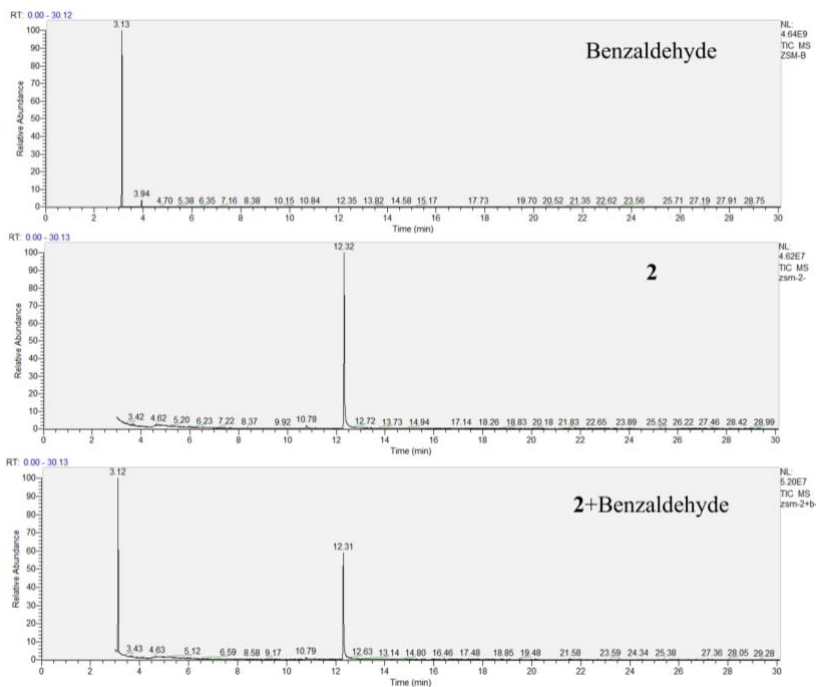
**Fig. S10** XRD patterns of 1–3 after immersion in various anions, NAC and benzaldehyde solutions.



**Fig. S11** Experimental and fitting lifetime curves of the suspension of **1–3** before and after addition of  $\text{CrO}_4^{2-}$ ,  $\text{Cr}_2\text{O}_7^{2-}$ , TNP and benzaldehyde.

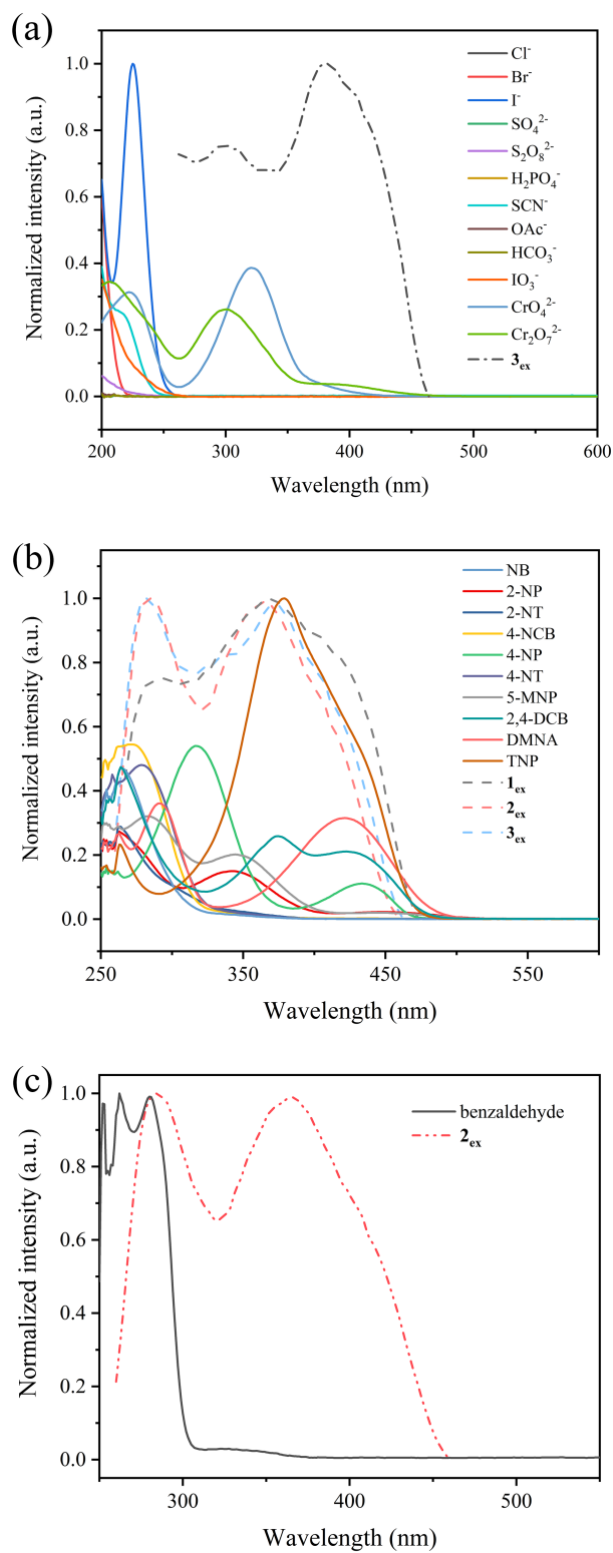


**Fig. S12** IR spectra of benzaldehyde, MOF **2** and MOF **2** after detection for benzaldehyde.



**Fig. S13** Gas chromatography-mass spectra of benzaldehyde, MOF **2** and MOF **2** after detection for benzaldehyde





**Fig. S14** Spectral overlap between the absorption spectra of analytes with the normalized excitation spectra of 1–3

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