# Selective fluorescent sensing of LMOFs constructed from tri(4-pyridylphenyl)amine ligand 

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## Supporting Information

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Fig. S1. (a) Coordination environment of the $\mathrm{Zn}^{2+}$ atoms in 1. Symmetry codes: $\# 1=$ $1-\mathrm{x}, \mathrm{y},-0.5-\mathrm{z} ; \# 2=-\mathrm{x}, \mathrm{y},-1.5-\mathrm{z} ; \# 3=-\mathrm{x}, \mathrm{y}, 0.5-\mathrm{z}$. (b) Coordination environment of the $\mathrm{Cd}^{2+}$ atoms in 2. Symmetry codes: $\# 1=1-\mathrm{x}, 0.5+\mathrm{y}, 1.5-\mathrm{z} ; \# 2=-1+\mathrm{x}, \mathrm{y},-$ $1+\mathrm{z}$. (c) Coordination environment of the $\mathrm{Zn}^{2+}$ atoms in 3: \#1 $=3-\mathrm{x}, 1-\mathrm{y},-\mathrm{z} ; \# 2=$ $-x, 0.5+y, 0.5-z ; \# 3=-1+x, y, 1+z$. The hydrogen atoms are omitted for clarity.


Fig. S2. PXRD patters. From bottom to top: simulated 1, as made 1, degassed 1'.


Fig. S3. PXRD patters. From bottom to top: simulated 2, as made 2, degassed 2'.


Fig. S4. PXRD patters. From bottom to top: simulated 3, as made 3, degassed 3'.


Fig. S5. TG profiles. From bottom to top: as made 1, degassed 1'.


Fig. S6. TG profiles. From bottom to top: as made 2, degassed 2'.


Fig. S7. TG profiles. From bottom to top: as made 3, degassed 3'.


Fig S8. Emission spectra of compound $\mathbf{1}$ in solid state and aqueous solution.


Fig S9. Stern-Volmer plot of compound $\mathbf{1}$ quenched by $\mathrm{Fe}^{3+}$ aqueous solution.


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S10. Stern-Volmer plot of compound $\mathbf{1}$ quenched by $\mathrm{Cr}^{3+}$ aqueous solution.


Fig S11. Fluorescence life time of compound 1.


Fig S12. Fluorescence life time of compound 2.


Fig S13. Fluorescence life time of compound 3.


Fig S14. Powder X-ray diffraction patterns of compound 1 (as-made, simulated, Degassed and after five cycles for $\mathrm{Fe}^{3+} / \mathrm{Cr}^{3+}$ test).

Table S1. Emission energies and CIE Coordinates with solvent exchange of 1-3 ( $\lambda_{\mathrm{ex}}=365 \mathrm{~nm}$ )

| Compounds | 1 |  | 2 |  | 3 |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | $\lambda_{\mathrm{em}} / \mathrm{nm}$ | CIE | $\lambda_{\mathrm{em}} / \mathrm{nm}$ | CIE | $\lambda_{\mathrm{em}} / \mathrm{nm}$ | CIE |
| as made | 492 | $(0.25,0.47)$ | 471,516 | $(0.25,0.39)$ | 506 | $(0.31,0.50)$ |
| aniline | 507 | $(0.28,0.53)$ | 474 | $(0.19,0.33)$ | 513 | $(0.27,0.42)$ |
| nitrobenzene | 509 | $(0.28,0.52)$ | 524 | $(0.29,0.42)$ | 532 | $(0.32,0.42)$ |
| benzene | 513 | $(0.29,0.53)$ | 483 | $(0.22,0.37)$ | 521 | $(0.28,0.47)$ |
| isopropylbenzene | 513 | $(0.29,0.53)$ | 471 | $(0.21,0.35)$ | 527 | $(0.31,0.50)$ |
| $1,3,5-$-T-benzene | 515 | $(0.30,0.54)$ | 491 | $(0.22,0.43)$ | 528 | $(0.32,0.52)$ |
| m-xylene | 515 | $(0.30,0.54)$ | 475 | $(0.22,0.36)$ | 518 | $(0.28,0.49)$ |
| t-Bu-benzene | 515 | $(0.29,0.54)$ | 473 | $(0.22,0.35)$ | 525 | $(0.30,0.47)$ |
| toluene | 515 | $(0.29,0.53)$ | 474 | $(0.21,0.34)$ | 521 | $(0.29,0.49)$ |
| o-xylene | 517 | $(0.30,0.53)$ | 475 | $(0.22,0.36)$ | 522 | $(0.30,0.50)$ |
| bromobenzene | 518 | $(0.30,0.54)$ | 478 | $(0.23,0.38)$ | 512 | $(0.27,0.46)$ |
| p-xylene | 519 | $(0.31,0.54)$ | 473 | $(0.22,0.35)$ | 523 | $(0.30,0.51)$ |
| chlorobenzene | 520 | $(0.30,0.53)$ | 474 | $(0.22,0.36)$ | 525 | $(0.30,0.50)$ |

