

## *Electronic Supplementary Information (ESI)*

### **Turn-on and blue-shift fluorescence sensor toward L-histidine based on stable Cd<sup>II</sup> metal-organic framework with tetranuclear cluster units**

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**Table S1.** Selected bond lengths (Å) and angles (°) for **JXUST-14**.<sup>a</sup>

Cd1—O1	2.4954(18)	Cd1—O2	2.2766(19)
Cd1—O4 <sup>#1</sup>	2.2914(18)	Cd1—O4 <sup>#2</sup>	2.4338(18)
Cd1—N7 <sup>#3</sup>	2.389(2)	Cd1—O7 <sup>#4</sup>	2.5287(19)
Cd1—O8 <sup>#4</sup>	2.3209(19)	O1—Cd2 <sup>#1</sup>	2.3097(19)
Cd2—O1 <sup>#5</sup>	2.3097(19)	Cd2—O5	2.2645(19)
Cd2—O3	2.2664(18)	Cd2—O6	2.471(2)
Cd2—N6	2.356(2)	Cd2—O7 <sup>#6</sup>	2.3302(18)
O4—Cd1 <sup>#5</sup>	2.2914(18)	O4—Cd1 <sup>#2</sup>	2.4338(17)
N7—Cd1 <sup>#3</sup>	2.389(2)	O7—Cd1 <sup>#7</sup>	2.5287(19)
O7—Cd2 <sup>#6</sup>	2.3302(18)	O8—Cd1 <sup>#7</sup>	2.3209(19)
O1—Cd1—O7 <sup>#4</sup>	165.02(6)	O2—Cd1—O1	54.47(6)
O2—Cd1—O4 <sup>#1</sup>	127.42(6)	O2—Cd1—O4 <sup>#2</sup>	81.52(7)
O2—Cd1—N7 <sup>#3</sup>	102.77(8)	O2—Cd1—O7 <sup>#4</sup>	130.77(7)
O2—Cd1—O8 <sup>#4</sup>	89.10(7)	O4 <sup>#1</sup> —Cd1—O1	78.08(6)
O4 <sup>#2</sup> —Cd1—O1	85.57(6)	O4 <sup>#1</sup> —Cd1—O4 <sup>#2</sup>	72.78(7)
O4 <sup>#1</sup> —Cd1—N7 <sup>#3</sup>	97.67(7)	O4 <sup>#2</sup> —Cd1—O7 <sup>#4</sup>	81.87(6)
O4 <sup>#1</sup> —Cd1—O7 <sup>#4</sup>	90.37(6)	O4 <sup>#1</sup> —Cd1—O8 <sup>#4</sup>	142.21(7)
N7 <sup>#3</sup> —Cd1—O1	89.64(7)	N7 <sup>#3</sup> —Cd1—O4 <sup>#2</sup>	170.02(7)
N7 <sup>#3</sup> —Cd1—O7 <sup>#4</sup>	101.45(7)	O8 <sup>#4</sup> —Cd1—O1	139.29(7)
O8 <sup>#4</sup> —Cd1—O4 <sup>#2</sup>	108.51(7)	O8 <sup>#4</sup> —Cd1—N7 <sup>#3</sup>	80.74(8)
O8 <sup>#4</sup> —Cd1—O7 <sup>#4</sup>	53.73(7)	Cd2 <sup>#1</sup> —O1—Cd1	112.87(7)
O1 <sup>#5</sup> —Cd2—O6	155.91(7)	O1 <sup>#5</sup> —Cd2—N6	84.38(8)
O1 <sup>#5</sup> —Cd2—O7 <sup>#6</sup>	85.61(7)	O1 <sup>#5</sup> —Cd2—C21	129.20(8)
O5—Cd2—O1 <sup>#5</sup>	102.65(7)	O5—Cd2—O3	143.39(7)
O5—Cd2—O6	54.99(7)	O5—Cd2—N6	86.72(8)
O5—Cd2—O7 <sup>#6</sup>	95.23(7)	O5—Cd2—C21	27.88(8)
O3—Cd2—O1 <sup>#5</sup>	112.20(7)	O3—Cd2—O6	91.64(7)
O3—Cd2—N6	85.87(8)	O3—Cd2—O7 <sup>#6</sup>	98.18(7)
N6—Cd2—O6	101.43(8)	O7 <sup>#4</sup> —Cd2—O6	87.66(7)
O7 <sup>#6</sup> —Cd2—N6	169.99(8)	Cd1 <sup>#5</sup> —O4—Cd1 <sup>#2</sup>	107.22(7)
Cd2 <sup>#6</sup> —O7—Cd1 <sup>#7</sup>	108.24(7)		

<sup>a</sup>Symmetry codes: #1:  $x, y, z-1$ ; #2:  $-x+1, -y, -z$ ; #3:  $-x+2, -y+1, -z$ ; #4:  $x+1, y-1, z-2$ ; #5:  $x, y, z+1$ ;

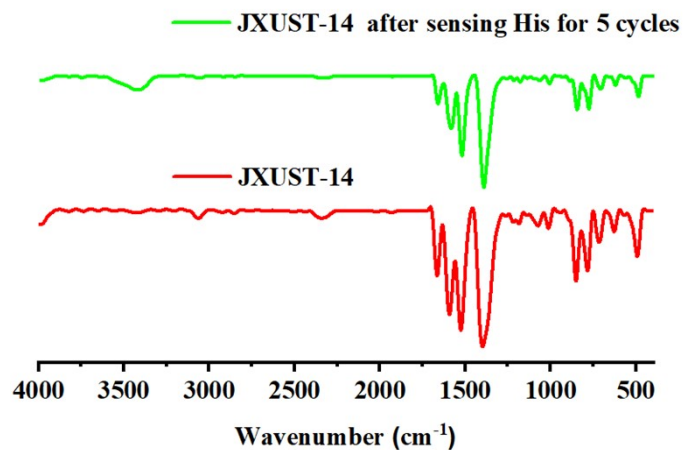
#6:  $-x, -y+1, -z+2$ ; #7:  $x-1, y+1, z+2$ .

**Table S2.** SHAPE analysis of Cd<sup>II</sup> ions in JXUST-14.

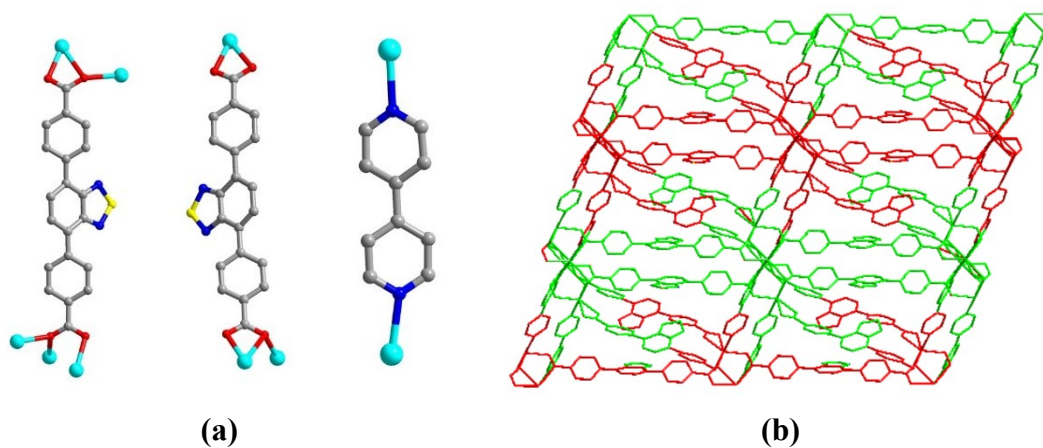
<b>Ions</b>	<b>Label</b>	<b>Shape</b>	<b>Symmetry</b>	<b>Distortion(<math>\tau</math>)</b>
<b>Cd1</b>	HP-7	Heptagon	$D_{7h}$	29.730
	HPY-7	Hexagonal pyramid	$C_{6v}$	18.659
	PBPY-7	Pentagonal bipyramid	$D_{5h}$	4.213
	COC-7	Capped octahedron	$C_{3v}$	4.714
	CTPR-7	Capped trigonal prism	$C_{2v}$	<b>4.067</b>
	JPBPY-7	Johnson pentagonal bipyramid J13	$D_{5h}$	8.205
	JETPY-7	Johnson elongated triangular pyramid J7	$C_{3v}$	20.238
<b>Cd2</b>	HP-6	Hexagon	$D_{6h}$	32.417
	PPY-6	Pentagonal pyramid	$C_{5v}$	17.674
	OC-6	Octahedron	$O_h$	<b>4.538</b>
	TPR-6	Trigonal prism	$D_{3h}$	8.940
	JPPY-6	Johnson pentagonal pyramid J2	$C_{5v}$	21.930

**Table S3.** HOMO and LUMO energies for H<sub>2</sub>BTDB and histidine.

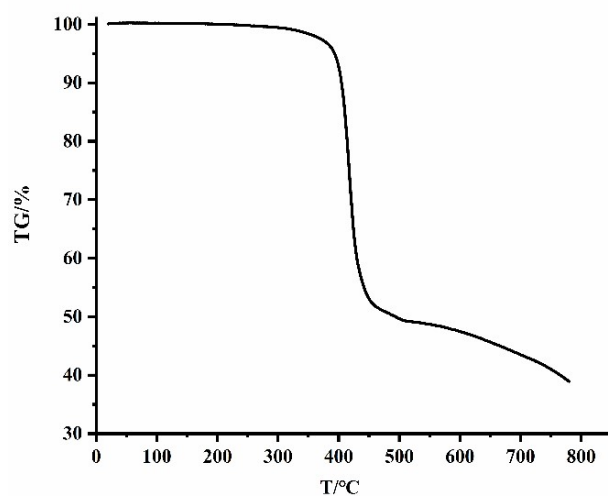
	<b>HOMO</b>	<b>LUMO</b>
<b>H<sub>2</sub>BTDB</b>	-0.220081 ev	-0.175782 ev
<b>histidine</b>	-0.180861 ev	-0.105947 ev



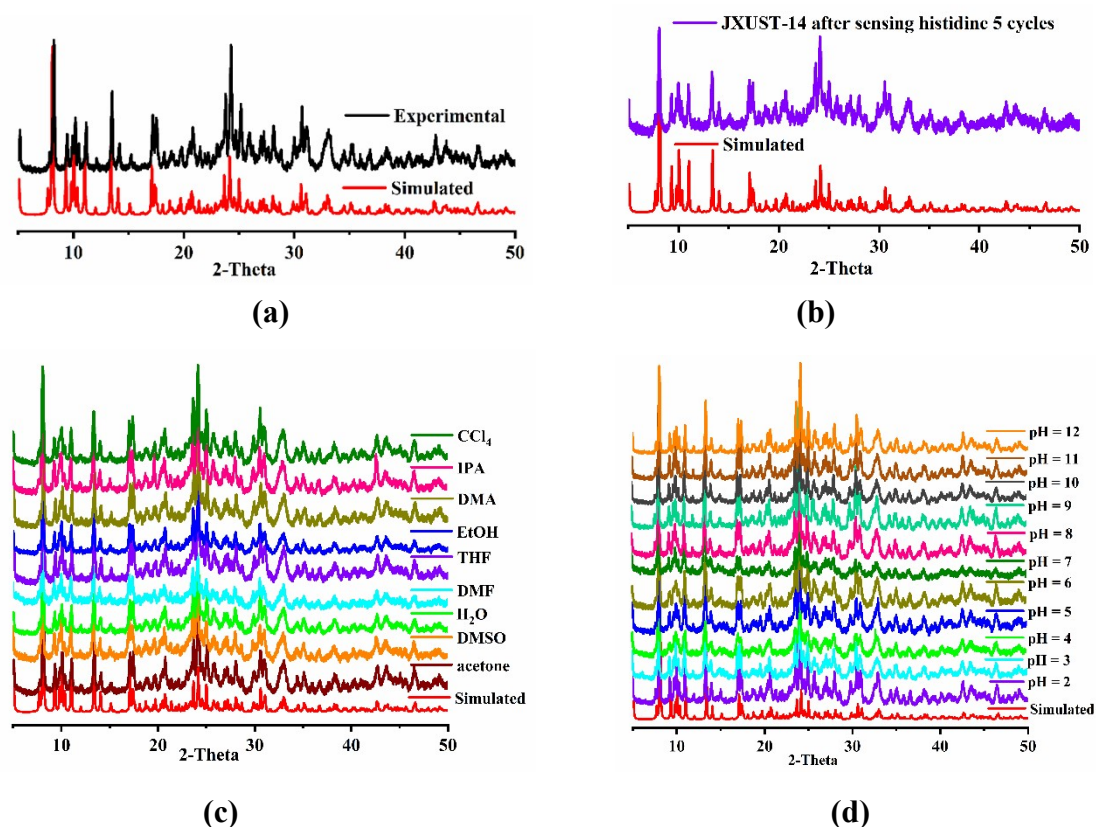
**Fig. S1** IR spectra of JXUST-14 and JXUST-14 after sensing His for 5 cycles at room temperature.



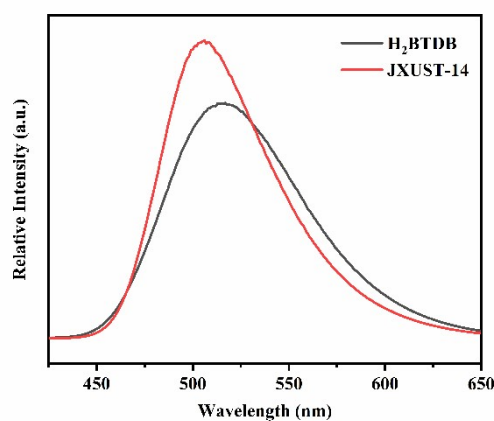
**Fig. S2** (a) View of the coordination modes of BTDB<sup>2-</sup> and 4,4-bpy in JXUST-14; (b) the two-fold interpenetrated structure of JXUST-14.



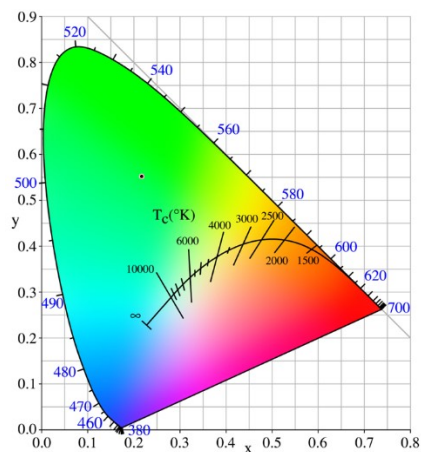
**Fig. S3** The TGA curve for JXUST-14 under N<sub>2</sub> atmosphere.



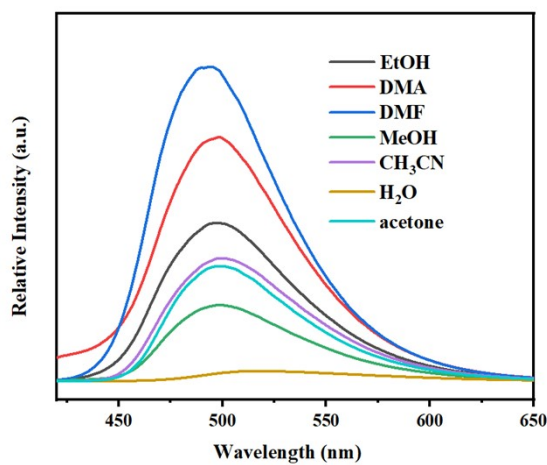
**Fig. S4** (a) The simulated and experimental PXRD patterns of **JXUST-14**; (b) The simulated and experimental PXRD patterns of **JXUST-14** after sensing histidine for 5 cycles; (c) The simulated and experimental PXRD patterns of **JXUST-14** after immersing in common organic solvents for 48 h; (d) The simulated and experimental PXRD patterns of **JXUST-14** immersed in aqueous solution with diverse pH for 48 h.



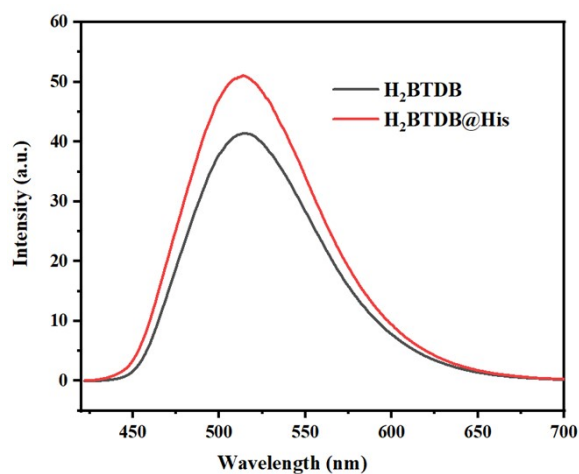
**Fig. S5** Solid-state emission spectra of H<sub>2</sub>BTDB and **JXUST-14**.



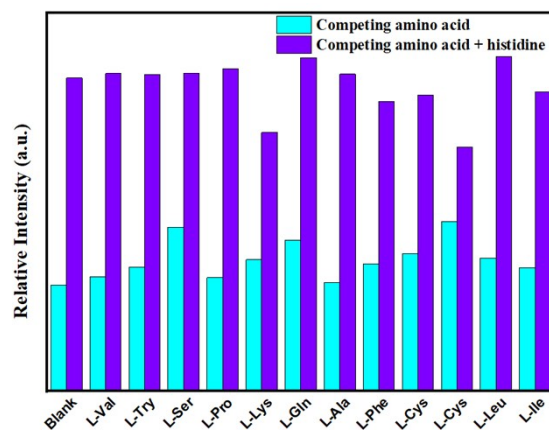
**Fig. S6** CIE chromaticity diagram displaying the color coordinate of JXUST-14.



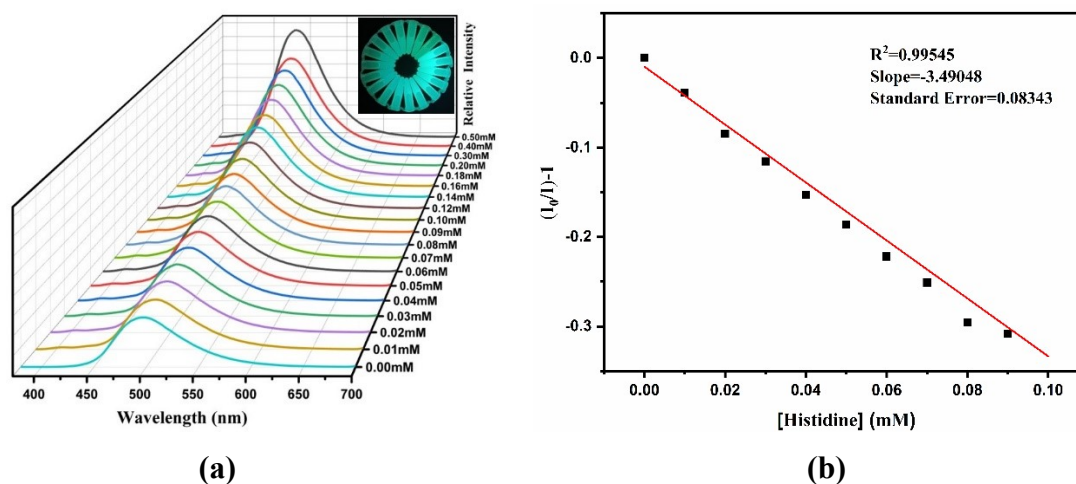
**Fig. S7** The emission spectra of JXUST-14 in some common solvents.



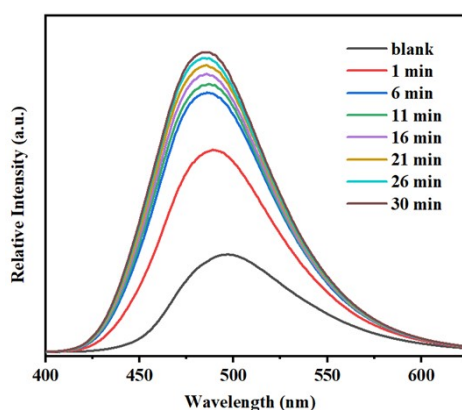
**Fig. S8** The emission spectra of H<sub>2</sub>BTDB ligand and H<sub>2</sub>BTDB@His in EtOH solution.



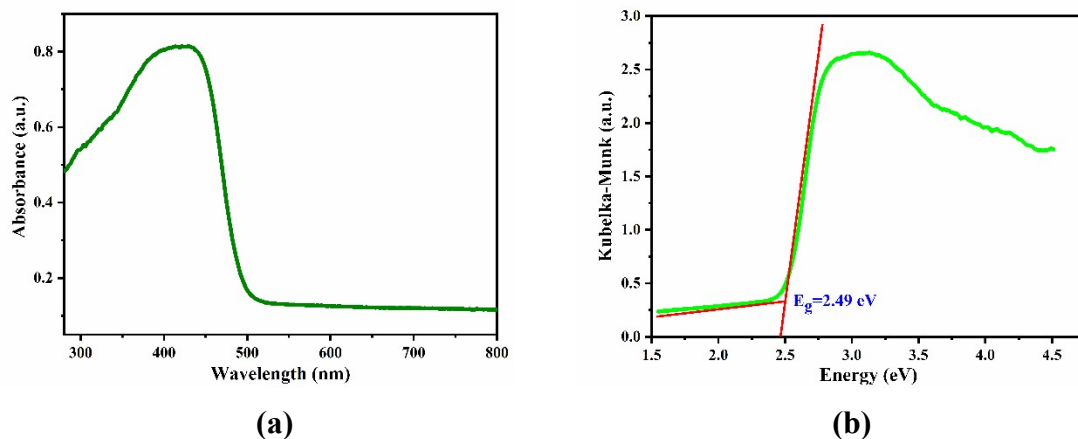
**Fig. S9** Competitive experiments of **JXUST-14** in sensing histidine with the interference of other amino acids in EtOH solutions.



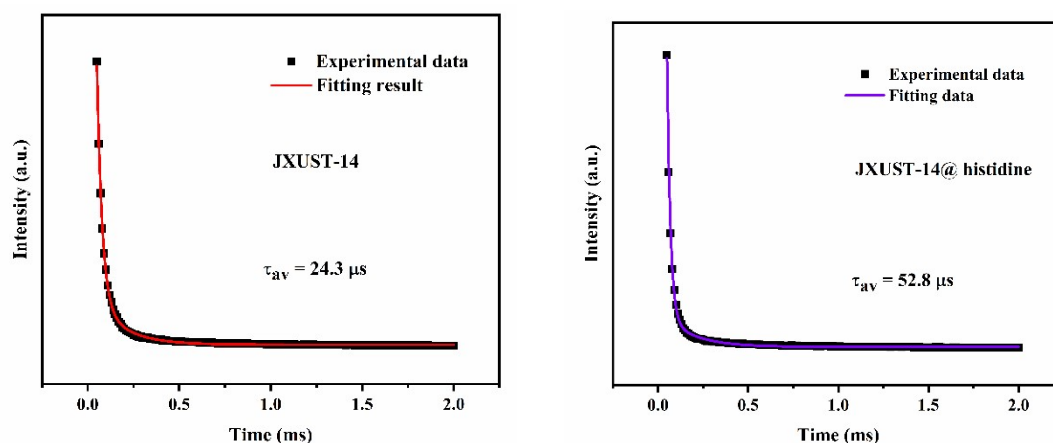
**Fig. S10** (a) Emission spectra of **JXUST-14** dispersed in EtOH suspension with various concentrations of histidine; (b) Linear relationship between fluorescence intensity and histidine concentration in a low concentration.



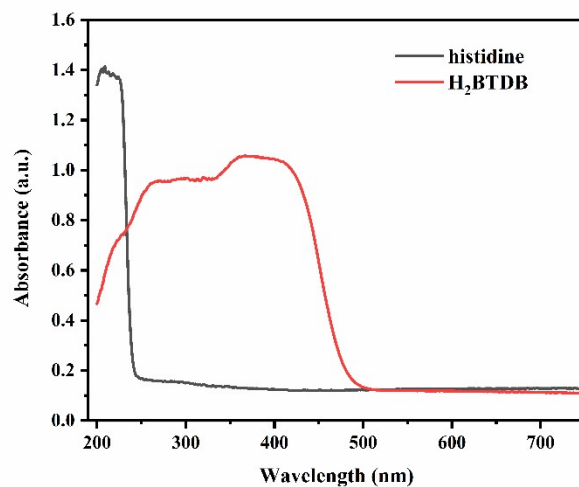
**Fig. S11** Time-dependent emission spectra of **JXUST-14** after adding His.



**Fig. S12** (a) UV-vis absorption spectra of JXUST-14; (b) the optical band gap diagram of JXUST-14 calculated from the UV-vis absorption.



**Fig. S13** The luminescence decay curves of JXUST-14 and JXUST-14@ histidine (1 mg JXUST-14 dispersed in 2 mL DMF solution including 5  $\mu$ L His with the concentration of 0.1 M).



**Fig. S14** The UV-vis absorption spectra of H<sub>2</sub>BTDB ligand and histidine.