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Syntheses and fluorescence properties of lanthanide isostructural complexes derived from aspartic acid

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S1 Experiment content

S1.1 Materials and physical measurements

The N-(4-carboxylbenzyl)-L-aspartic acid (H₃caa) was used as the ligand in this work and purchased from Jinan Trading Company, China. Other chemicals and solvents were reagent grade and purchased directly without secondary treatment. Element analysis (CHN) was performed using a PerkinElmer 240 elemental analyzer. Samples' infra-red spectra were recorded on a Bruker TENSOR27 spectrometer with KBr pellets in the range of 4000 – 400 cm⁻¹. The power X-ray diffraction (PXRD) patterns were recorded by using a Bruker D8 Advance X-ray Diffractometer with Cu K α radiation at a scan speed of 5 °·min⁻¹ in the range of $2\theta = 5 - 50$ °. The thermogravimetric analysis (TGA) data of complexes **1** – **6** was carried out on a DuPont thermal analyzer from room temperature to 860°C under an air atmosphere with the heating rate of 10°C·min⁻¹. Room temperature fluorescence spectra and the photoluminescence quantum yield were obtained by using an Edinburge FS5 Spectrofluorometer with a xenon arc lamp as the light source. The UV-Vis absorption spectra were obtained *via* a Hewlett Packard HP-8453 UV absorption spectrometer.

S1.2 X-ray crystallographic analyses

The single-crystal X-ray diffraction data for complexes **1** – **6** were collected on a Bruker D8-Quest diffractometer equipped with a Photon 100 detector by using graphite-monochromated Mo-K α radiation ($\lambda = 0.71073$ Å) at normal temperature. The program SADABS was used for absorption corrections^{S1}. The crystal structures were solved by direct methods and refined by full-matrix least-squares methods

against F^2 with SHELX-2014 program ^{S2}. All non-hydrogen atoms were refined anisotropically and refined using a riding model approximation. Hydrogen atoms attached to C atoms were placed geometrically and refined using a riding model approximation, with $C(sp^2) - H = 0.93 \text{ \AA}$ and $U_{iso}(H) = 1.2U_{eq}(C)$. The H atoms bonded to O atoms were assigned isotropic displacement parameters $U_{iso}(H) = 1.5U_{eq}(O)$. The H atoms bonded to N atoms were assigned isotropic displacement parameters $U_{iso}(H) = 1.2U_{eq}(N)$. The structure refinement details, crystallographic data and data collection are provided in Table S1. Some chosen bond lengths, angles and hydrogen bonds information are listed in Tables S2 and S3.

S1.3 Fluorescence detection experiment

Photoluminescence (PL) measurements were carried out using complex **6**. The aqueous suspension was prepared by grinding 5.0 mg complex **6** into 50.00 mL aqueous solution ($\sim 0.1 \text{ g/L}$), ultrasonic treatment for 30 min, and then aging for 2 days which were filtered by using 0.22 \mu m filter membranes to form a transparent suspension before fluorescence detection experiment. By adding 200 μL different ions (0.1 mmol/L, as K^+ , Na^+ , Mg^{2+} , Ca^{2+} , Ba^{2+} , Mn^{2+} , Co^{2+} , Ni^{2+} , Zn^{2+} , Cd^{2+} , Cr^{3+} , Ga^{3+} , Al^{3+} , Ce^{3+} , Dy^{3+} , Gd^{3+} , La^{3+} , Nd^{3+} , Eu^{3+} , Pr^{3+} , Ho^{3+} , Sm^{3+} , Er^{3+} , Tb^{3+} , Cl^- , Br^- , I^- , $\text{C}_2\text{O}_4^{2-}$, CO_3^{2-} , NO_3^- , OH^- , HPO_4^{2-} , SO_4^{2-} , H_2PO_4^- , CH_3COO^- and HCO_3^-) or different biomolecules [0.1 mmol/L, such as Ibuprofen (IBU), Gemfibrozil (GEM), Sulfamethoxazole (SMZ), Trimethoprim (TMP), Diclofenac (DCF), Ornidazole (ORN), 4-Acetamidophenol (APAP), Chlorotetracycline hydrochloride (CTC), Tetracycline hydrochloride (TC), Glycine (Gly), Isoleucine (Ile), Proline (Pro), Valine

(Val), Alanine (Ala), Serine (Ser), Methionine (Met), Glutamic acid (Glu), Histidine (His), Threonine (Thr), Aspartic acid (Asp), Leucine (Leu), Arginine (Arg), Phenylalanine (Phe), Lysine (Lys), Tyrosine (Tyr), Cysteine (Cys) and Ascorbic acid (AA)] into 2.0 mL complex **6** aqueous suspension enable the detection of different ions to be completed. The fluorescence sensing properties of complex **6** to $\text{Cr}_2\text{O}_7^{2-}$, CrO_4^{2-} , CTC and TC were further explored by collecting emission spectra of 0.1 mmol/L $\text{Cr}_2\text{O}_7^{2-}$, CrO_4^{2-} , CTC and TC ions (0 ~ 200 μL) in complex **6** aqueous suspension.

S1.4 Fluorescent test strips test

Filter papers with the size of $5 \times 0.5 \text{ cm}^2$ were soaked in the aqueous suspension of complex **6** for 30 minutes, and then the filter paper strip was taken out and dried in an oven at 70°C for 1 hour to form the fluorescent strips of complex **6**. Then the strips were immersed in different ions or biomolecules with different concentrations for 1 min.

S1.5 Fluorescent sensing film

Weigh 200 mg of agar powder and 50 mg of complex **6** into a 25 mL beaker, and then add 10 mL of distilled water. After heating it at 90°C for 10 min, and taking 1 mL of it in a mold of $3 \times 3 \times 0.3 \text{ cm}^3$, and then standing for 10 min to form a fluorescent sensing film.

S1.6 Fluorescence quantum yield measurements

The SC-30 integrating sphere module is used for the measurement of absolute photoluminescence quantum yields^{S3}. For the measurement of solid samples, the blank device that comes with the instrument. Firstly, xenon lamp and red PMT-900

Sphere were chose as the source light path and detector light path. Secondly, the emission scan setup was same as that of the standard procedure of solid-state fluorescence emission spectra. Then the fluorescence emission spectrum of blank was recorded under excitation wavelength of sample. Herein, the excitation wavelength is 294 nm. The solid sample for **6** and recovered **6** after immersion with Cr(VI) and TCs were dried fully. Then, 2 mg of fully ground solid samples were put in sample cell and recorded the data. For the quantum yield calculation, the 'direct only' was selected to be the measurements type and 'standard analysis' was chose as the analysis type.

Table S1 Crystal data and structure refinement for complexes **1 – 6**

Complex	1	2	3	4	5	6
CCDC	2236703	2236704	2236705	2236706	2236707	2236708
Formula	C ₁₂ H ₁₃ CeClNO ₇	C ₁₂ H ₁₃ ClNO ₇ Pr	C ₁₂ H ₁₃ ClNNdO ₇	C ₁₂ H ₁₃ ClNO ₇ Sm	C ₁₂ H ₁₃ ClEuNO ₇	C ₁₂ H ₁₃ ClNO ₇ Tb
Formula weight	458.80	459.59	462.92	469.03	470.64	477.60
Crystal system	Monoclinic	Monoclinic	Monoclinic	Monoclinic	Monoclinic	Monoclinic
Space group	<i>P</i> ₂ ₁ / <i>c</i>	<i>P</i> ₂ ₁ / <i>c</i>	<i>P</i> ₂ ₁ / <i>c</i>	<i>P</i> ₂ ₁ / <i>c</i>	<i>P</i> ₂ ₁ / <i>c</i>	<i>P</i> ₂ ₁ / <i>c</i>
T / K	298 (2)	298 (2)	298 (2)	298 (2)	298 (2)	298 (2)
a / Å	14.424 (5)	14.368 (19)	14.441 (6)	14.3665 (16)	14.365 (4)	14.365 (6)
b / Å	12.494 (4)	12.445 (18)	12.511 (5)	12.3921 (13)	12.400 (4)	12.378 (5)
c / Å	8.027 (3)	7.961 (14)	7.996 (3)	7.8827 (8)	7.874 (2)	7.859 (3)
β / °	95.411 (8)	95.443(5)	95.595 (10)	95.556 (3)	95.572 (8)	95.858 (11)
V / Å³	1440.1 (9)	1417.1 (4)	1437.8 (10)	1396.8 (3)	1395.9 (7)	1390.0 (9)
Z	4	4	4	4	4	4
F (000)	892	896	900	908	912	920
Goof	1.02	1.03	1.05	1.03	1.03	1.07
R₁	0.035	0.037	0.069	0.028	0.043	0.058
ωR₂	0.089	0.081	0.166	0.068	0.107	0.135

Table S2 Selected bond lengths (Å) and bond angles (°) for complexes **1 – 6**

Complex 1					
Bond	Dist. (Å)	Bond	Dist. (Å)	Bond	Dist. (Å)

Ce1—O1	2.452 (4)	Ce1—O7	2.520 (3)	Ce1—O3 ^v	2.582 (4)
Ce1—O6 ⁱ	2.470 (3)	Ce1—O5 ⁱⁱⁱ	2.526 (4)	Ce1—O4 ^v	2.611 (4)
Ce1—O4 ⁱⁱ	2.489 (3)	Ce1—O2 ^{iv}	2.550 (4)	Ce1—O5 ⁱ	2.722 (4)
Ce1⋯Ce1 ^{vi}	4.196 (1)				
Angle	(°)	Angle	(°)	Angle	(°)
O1—Ce1—O6 ⁱ	75.15 (13)	O1—Ce1—O2 ^{iv}	140.83 (13)	O2 ^{iv} —Ce1—O3 ^v	109.91 (14)
O1—Ce1—O4 ⁱⁱ	141.36 (13)	O6 ⁱ —Ce1—O2 ^{iv}	112.50 (13)	O1—Ce1—O4 ^v	73.22 (12)
O6 ⁱ —Ce1—O4 ⁱⁱ	115.02 (12)	O4 ⁱⁱ —Ce1—O2 ^{iv}	72.56 (12)	O6 ⁱ —Ce1—O4 ^v	141.12 (11)
O1—Ce1—O7	75.82 (14)	O7—Ce1—O2 ^{iv}	143.28 (13)	O4 ⁱⁱ —Ce1—O4 ^v	103.80 (11)
O6 ⁱ —Ce1—O7	72.58 (13)	O5 ⁱⁱⁱ —Ce1—O2 ^{iv}	71.99 (12)	O7—Ce1—O4 ^v	119.65 (12)
O4 ⁱⁱ —Ce1—O7	72.74 (13)	O1—Ce1—O3 ^v	73.75 (15)	O5 ⁱⁱⁱ —Ce1—O4 ^v	71.75 (11)
O1—Ce1—O5 ⁱⁱⁱ	72.58 (13)	O6 ⁱ —Ce1—O3 ^v	137.52 (14)	O2 ^{iv} —Ce1—O4 ^v	80.30 (12)
O6 ⁱ —Ce1—O5 ⁱⁱⁱ	77.67 (12)	O4 ⁱⁱ —Ce1—O3 ^v	75.69 (13)	O3 ^v —Ce1—O4 ^v	49.91 (12)
O4 ⁱⁱ —Ce1—O5 ⁱⁱⁱ	144.50 (12)	O7—Ce1—O3 ^v	72.27 (13)	O1—Ce1—O5 ⁱ	123.74 (12)
O7—Ce1—O5 ⁱⁱⁱ	141.00 (12)	O5 ⁱⁱⁱ —Ce1—O3 ^v	118.56 (12)	O6 ⁱ —Ce1—O5 ⁱ	49.64 (11)

Symmetry codes: (i) $-x+1, -y+1, -z+2$; (ii) $-x, y+1/2, -z+3/2$; (iii) $-x+1, y+1/2, -z+3/2$; (iv) $x, -y+3/2, z+1/2$; (v) $-x, -y+1, -z+1$, (vi) $x, -y+3/2, z-1/2$

Complex 2

Bond	Å	Bond	Å	Bond	Å
Pr1—O1	2.429 (4)	Pr1—O7	2.498 (4)	Pr1—O3 ^v	2.560 (4)
Pr1—O6 ⁱ	2.444 (4)	Pr1—O5 ⁱⁱⁱ	2.503 (4)	Pr1—O4 ^v	2.579 (4)
Pr1—O4 ⁱⁱ	2.469 (3)	Pr1—O2 ^{iv}	2.531 (4)	Pr1—O5 ⁱ	2.698 (4)
Pr1⋯Pr1 ^{vi}	4.162 (8)				
Angle	(°)	Angle	(°)	Angle	(°)
O1—Pr1—O6 ⁱ	74.72 (14)	O1—Pr1—O2 ^{iv}	141.33 (13)	O2 ^{iv} —Pr1—O3 ^v	110.14 (15)
O1—Pr1—O4 ⁱⁱ	141.09 (13)	O6 ⁱ —Pr1—O2 ^{iv}	112.46 (13)	O1—Pr1—O4 ^v	73.64 (13)

O6 ⁱ —Pr1—O4 ⁱⁱ	115.04 (12)	O4 ⁱⁱ —Pr1—O2 ^{iv}	72.62 (12)	O6 ⁱ —Pr1—O4 ^v	140.81 (12)
O1—Pr1—O7	75.50 (14)	O7—Pr1—O2 ^{iv}	143.11 (13)	O4 ⁱⁱ —Pr1—O4 ^v	104.10 (12)
O6 ⁱ —Pr1—O7	72.69 (13)	O5 ⁱⁱⁱ —Pr1—O2 ^{iv}	72.23 (12)	O7—Pr1—O4 ^v	119.91 (13)
O4 ⁱⁱ —Pr1—O7	72.52 (13)	O1—Pr1—O3 ^v	73.75 (16)	O5 ⁱⁱⁱ —Pr1—O4 ^v	71.63 (11)
O1—Pr1—O5 ⁱⁱⁱ	72.72 (13)	O6 ⁱ —Pr1—O3 ^v	137.34 (15)	O2 ^{iv} —Pr1—O4 ^v	80.27 (12)
O6 ⁱ —Pr1—O5 ⁱⁱⁱ	77.34 (12)	O4 ⁱⁱ —Pr1—O3 ^v	75.77 (13)	O3 ^v —Pr1—O4 ^v	50.28 (12)
O4 ⁱⁱ —Pr1—O5 ⁱⁱⁱ	144.79 (12)	O7—Pr1—O3 ^v	72.13 (14)	O1—Pr1—O5 ⁱ	123.70 (12)
O7—Pr1—O5 ⁱⁱⁱ	140.86 (13)	O5 ⁱⁱⁱ —Pr1—O3 ^v	118.70 (13)	O6 ⁱ —Pr1—O5 ⁱ	50.09 (11)

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Complex 3

Bond	Å	Bond	Å	Bond	Å
Nd1—O1	2.426 (9)	Nd1—O7	2.495 (9)	Nd1—O3 ^v	2.566 (9)
Nd1—O6 ⁱ	2.449 (8)	Nd1—O5 ⁱⁱⁱ	2.518 (9)	Nd1—O4 ^v	2.586 (8)
Nd1—O4 ⁱⁱ	2.476 (9)	Nd1—O2 ^{iv}	2.542 (9)	Nd1—O5 ⁱ	2.709 (9)
Nd1···Nd1 ^{vi}	4.179 (2)				
Angle	(°)	Angle	(°)	Angle	(°)
O1—Nd1—O6 ⁱ	74.6 (3)	O1—Nd1—O2 ^{iv}	141.8 (3)	O2 ^{iv} —Nd1—O3 ^v	110.5 (3)
O1—Nd1—O4 ⁱⁱ	140.8 (3)	O6 ⁱ —Nd1—O2 ^{iv}	112.1 (3)	O1—Nd1—O4 ^v	73.8 (3)
O6 ⁱ —Nd1—O4 ⁱⁱ	114.8 (3)	O4 ⁱⁱ —Nd1—O2 ^{iv}	72.7 (3)	O6 ⁱ —Nd1—O4 ^v	140.8 (3)
O1—Nd1—O7	75.5 (3)	O7—Nd1—O2 ^{iv}	142.7 (3)	O4 ⁱⁱ —Nd1—O4 ^v	104.3 (3)
O6 ⁱ —Nd1—O7	73.0 (3)	O5 ⁱⁱⁱ —Nd1—O2 ^{iv}	72.5 (3)	O7—Nd1—O4 ^v	119.8 (3)
O4 ⁱⁱ —Nd1—O7	72.0 (3)	O1—Nd1—O3 ^v	73.7 (3)	O5 ⁱⁱⁱ —Nd1—O4 ^v	71.6 (3)
O1—Nd1—O5 ⁱⁱⁱ	72.6 (3)	O6 ⁱ —Nd1—O3 ^v	137.3 (3)	O2 ^{iv} —Nd1—O4 ^v	80.7 (3)
O6 ⁱ —Nd1—O5 ⁱⁱⁱ	77.3 (3)	O4 ⁱⁱ —Nd1—O3 ^v	75.9 (3)	O3 ^v —Nd1—O4 ^v	50.3 (3)
O4 ⁱⁱ —Nd1—O5 ⁱⁱⁱ	145.3 (3)	O7—Nd1—O3 ^v	72.0 (3)	O1—Nd1—O5 ⁱ	123.6 (3)

O7—Nd1—O5 ⁱⁱⁱ	140.9 (3)	O5 ⁱⁱⁱ —Nd1—O3 ^v	118.5 (3)	O6 ⁱ —Nd1—O5 ⁱ	50.1 (3)
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Complex 4

Bond	Dist. (Å)	Bond	Dist. (Å)	Bond	Dist. (Å)
Sm1—O1	2.387 (3)	Sm1—O7	2.449 (3)	Sm1—O3 ^v	2.515 (3)
Sm1—O6 ⁱ	2.405 (3)	Sm1—O5 ⁱⁱⁱ	2.468 (3)	Sm1—O4 ^v	2.540 (3)
Sm1—O4 ⁱⁱ	2.433 (3)	Sm1—O2 ^{iv}	2.480 (3)	Sm1—O5 ⁱ	2.675 (3)
Sm1···Sm1 ^{vi}	4.122 (5)				
Angle	(°)	Angle	(°)	Angle	(°)
O1—Sm1—O6 ⁱ	74.62 (11)	O1—Sm1—O2 ^{iv}	141.50 (11)	O2 ^{iv} —Sm1—O3 ^v	110.46 (12)
O1—Sm1—O4 ⁱⁱ	140.98 (11)	O6 ⁱ —Sm1—O2 ^{iv}	112.22 (11)	O1—Sm1—O4 ^v	73.80 (10)
O6 ⁱ —Sm1—O4 ⁱⁱ	114.83 (10)	O4 ⁱⁱ —Sm1—O2 ^{iv}	72.81 (10)	O6 ⁱ —Sm1—O4 ^v	140.33 (10)
O1—Sm1—O7	75.56 (11)	O7—Sm1—O2 ^{iv}	142.89 (11)	O4 ⁱⁱ —Sm1—O4 ^v	104.82 (9)
O6 ⁱ —Sm1—O7	73.03 (11)	O5 ⁱⁱⁱ —Sm1—O2 ^{iv}	72.26 (11)	O7—Sm1—O4 ^v	120.45 (10)
O4 ⁱⁱ —Sm1—O7	72.06 (10)	O1—Sm1—O3 ^v	73.68 (13)	O5 ⁱⁱⁱ —Sm1—O4 ^v	71.25 (10)
O1—Sm1—O5 ⁱⁱⁱ	72.82 (11)	O6 ⁱ —Sm1—O3 ^v	137.26 (13)	O2 ^{iv} —Sm1—O4 ^v	80.07 (10)
O6 ⁱ —Sm1—O5 ⁱⁱⁱ	76.96 (11)	O4 ⁱⁱ —Sm1—O3 ^v	75.98 (11)	O3 ^v —Sm1—O4 ^v	51.06 (10)
O4 ⁱⁱ —Sm1—O5 ⁱⁱⁱ	145.00 (11)	O7—Sm1—O3 ^v	71.85 (11)	O1—Sm1—O5 ⁱ	123.98 (10)
O7—Sm1—O5 ⁱⁱⁱ	140.96 (11)	O5 ⁱⁱⁱ —Sm1—O3 ^v	118.98 (11)	O6 ⁱ —Sm1—O5 ⁱ	50.55 (10)

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Complex 5

Bond	Dist. (Å)	Bond	Dist. (Å)	Bond	Dist. (Å)
Eu1—O1	2.376 (5)	Eu1—O7	2.441 (5)	Eu1—O3 ^v	2.510 (6)
Eu1—O6 ⁱ	2.394 (5)	Eu1—O5 ⁱⁱⁱ	2.461 (6)	Eu1—O4 ^v	2.546 (5)

Eu1—O4 ⁱⁱ	2.417 (5)	Eu1—O2 ^{iv}	2.468 (6)	Eu1—O5 ⁱ	2.678 (6)
Eu1⋯Eu1 ^{vi}	4.117 (1)				
Angle	(°)	Angle	(°)	Angle	(°)
O1—Eu1—O6 ⁱ	74.6 (2)	O1—Eu1—O2 ^{iv}	141.76 (19)	O2 ^{iv} —Eu1—O3 ^v	110.9 (2)
O1—Eu1—O4 ⁱⁱ	140.7 (19)	O6 ⁱ —Eu1—O2 ^{iv}	111.9 (2)	O1—Eu1—O4 ^v	73.70 (18)
O6 ⁱ —Eu1—O4 ⁱⁱ	114.91 (18)	O4 ⁱⁱ —Eu1—O2 ^{iv}	72.82 (17)	O6 ⁱ —Eu1—O4 ^v	140.12 (18)
O1—Eu1—O7	75.5 (2)	O7—Eu1—O2 ^{iv}	142.67 (18)	O4 ⁱⁱ —Eu1—O4 ^v	104.94 (16)
O6 ⁱ —Eu1—O7	73.25 (19)	O5 ⁱⁱⁱ —Eu1—O2 ^{iv}	72.03 (18)	O7—Eu1—O4 ^v	120.44 (18)
O4 ⁱⁱ —Eu1—O7	71.88 (18)	O1—Eu1—O3 ^v	73.4 (2)	O5 ⁱⁱⁱ —Eu1—O4 ^v	71.07 (17)
O1—Eu1—O5 ⁱⁱⁱ	73.21 (19)	O6 ⁱ —Eu1—O3 ^v	137.1 (2)	O2 ^{iv} —Eu1—O4 ^v	80.36 (18)
O6 ⁱ —Eu1—O5 ⁱⁱⁱ	77.01 (19)	O4 ⁱⁱ —Eu1—O3 ^v	76.0 (2)	O3 ^v —Eu1—O4 ^v	51.30 (18)
O4 ⁱⁱ —Eu1—O5 ⁱⁱⁱ	144.79 (18)	O7—Eu1—O3 ^v	71.6 (2)	O1—Eu1—O5 ⁱ	123.96 (17)
O7—Eu1—O5 ⁱⁱⁱ	141.36 (19)	O5 ⁱⁱⁱ —Eu1—O3 ^v	119.09 (19)	O6 ⁱ —Eu1—O5 ⁱ	50.55 (18)

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Complex 6

Bond	Dist. (Å)	Bond	Dist. (Å)	Bond	Dist. (Å)
Tb1—O1	2.358 (9)	Tb1—O4 ⁱⁱ	2.422 (9)	Tb1—O3 ^v	2.478 (10)
Tb1—O6 ⁱ	2.358 (10)	Tb1—O5 ⁱⁱⁱ	2.440 (10)	Tb1—O4 ^v	2.526 (9)
Tb1—O7	2.415 (9)	Tb1—O2 ^{iv}	2.445 (9)	Tb1—O5 ⁱ	2.696 (10)
Tb1⋯Tb1 ^{vi}	4.110 (2)				
Angle	(°)	Angle	(°)	Angle	(°)
O1—Tb1—O6 ⁱ	74.5 (3)	O1—Tb1—O2 ^{iv}	141.7 (3)	O2 ^{iv} —Tb1—O3 ^v	111.0 (4)
O1—Tb1—O7	76.2 (3)	O6 ⁱ —Tb1—O2 ^{iv}	111.9 (4)	O1—Tb1—O4 ^v	73.9 (3)
O6 ⁱ —Tb1—O7	73.3 (3)	O7—Tb1—O2 ^{iv}	142.1 (3)	O6 ⁱ —Tb1—O4 ^v	140.3 (3)
O1—Tb1—O4 ⁱⁱ	141.1 (3)	O4 ⁱⁱ —Tb1—O2 ^{iv}	72.8 (3)	O7—Tb1—O4 ^v	120.8 (3)

O6 ⁱ —Tb1—O4 ⁱⁱ	114.5 (3)	O5 ⁱⁱⁱ —Tb1—O2 ^{iv}	72.5 (3)	O4 ⁱⁱ —Tb1—O4 ^v	105.2 (3)
O7—Tb1—O4 ⁱⁱ	71.3 (3)	O1—Tb1—O3 ^v	73.5 (4)	O5 ⁱⁱⁱ —Tb1—O4 ^v	71.6 (3)
O1—Tb1—O5 ⁱⁱⁱ	72.8 (3)	O6 ⁱ —Tb1—O3 ^v	137.0 (4)	O2 ^{iv} —Tb1—O4 ^v	80.4 (3)
O6 ⁱ —Tb1—O5 ⁱⁱⁱ	76.5 (3)	O7—Tb1—O3 ^v	71.8 (3)	O3 ^v —Tb1—O4 ^v	51.2 (3)
O7—Tb1—O5 ⁱⁱⁱ	141.2 (3)	O4 ⁱⁱ —Tb1—O3 ^v	76.4 (3)	O1—Tb1—O5 ⁱ	124.4 (3)
O4 ⁱⁱ —Tb1—O5 ⁱⁱⁱ	145.2 (3)	O5 ⁱⁱⁱ —Tb1—O3 ^v	119.3 (3)	O6 ⁱ —Tb1—O5 ⁱ	51.0 (3)

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Table S3 Weak interaction (Å and °) for complexes **1 – 6**

Complex 1				
D—H···A	D—H	H···A	D···A	D—H···A
O7—H7B···O3 ^{ix}	0.83	2.36	3.101 (5)	149
O7—H7B···O2 ^{ix}	0.83	2.59	3.106 (6)	122
O7—H7A···Cl1 ^x	0.83	2.57	3.193 (4)	133
N1—H1B···Cl1	0.89	2.20	3.063 (4)	163
N1—H1A···Cl1 ^x	0.89	2.44	3.252 (5)	153

Symmetry codes: (ix) $x, y, z+1$; (x) $x, -y+1/2, z+1/2$.

Complex 2				
D—H···A	D—H	H···A	D···A	D—H···A
O7—H7B···O2 ^x	0.83	2.57	3.078 (6)	122
O7—H7B···O3 ^x	0.83	2.36	3.089 (5)	148
O7—H7A···Cl1 ^{ix}	0.82	2.55	3.175 (4)	133
N1—H1B···Cl1	0.89	2.20	3.060 (4)	163
N1—H1A···Cl1 ^{ix}	0.89	2.43	3.242 (5)	153

Symmetry codes: (ix) $x, -y+1/2, z+1/2$; (x) $x, y, z+1$.

Complex 3				
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D—H···A	D—H	H···A	D···A	D—H···A
O7—H7B···O3 ^{ix}	0.83	2.40	3.136 (13)	148
O7—H7B···O2 ^{ix}	0.83	2.60	3.113 (13)	122
O7—H7A···Cl1 ^x	0.83	2.59	3.213 (10)	133
N1—H1A···Cl1	0.89	2.21	3.074 (11)	165
N1—H1B···Cl1 ^x	0.89	2.44	3.263 (12)	154

Symmetry codes: (ix) $x, y, z+1$; (x) $x, -y+1/2, z+1/2$.

Complex 4

D—H···A	D—H	H···A	D···A	D—H···A
O7—H7B···O3 ^x	0.82	2.39	3.105 (5)	147
O7—H7B···O2 ^x	0.82	2.53	3.039 (5)	121
O7—H7A···Cl1 ^{ix}	0.82	2.56	3.175 (4)	133
N1—H1B···Cl1	0.89	2.19	3.058 (3)	164
N1—H1A···Cl1 ^{ix}	0.89	2.41	3.226 (4)	152

Symmetry codes: (ix) $x, -y+1/2, z+1/2$; (x) $x, y, z+1$.

Complex 5

D—H···A	D—H	H···A	D···A	D—H···A
O7—H7B···O3 ⁱ	0.82	2.39	3.105 (8)	147
O7—H7B···O2 ⁱ	0.82	2.55	3.051 (8)	121
O7—H7A···Cl1 ⁱⁱ	0.82	2.57	3.182 (6)	133
N1—H1B···Cl1	0.89	2.20	3.064 (6)	164
N1—H1A···Cl1 ⁱⁱ	0.89	2.42	3.235 (7)	153

Symmetry codes: (i) $x, y, z+1$; (ii) $x, -y+1/2, z+1/2$.

Complex 6

D—H···A	D—H	H···A	D···A	D—H···A
O7—H7B···O3 ^{ix}	0.82	2.42	3.131 (13)	146
O7—H7B···O2 ^{ix}	0.82	2.54	3.046 (12)	121
O7—H7A···Cl1 ^x	0.82	2.57	3.189 (10)	133
N1—H1A···Cl1	0.89	2.21	3.080 (10)	164

Symmetry codes: (ix) *x*, *y*, *z*+1; (x) *x*, -*y*+1/2, *z*+1/2.**Table S4** Quantum yield results of complexes **1 – 6**

Sample	1 (440 nm)	2 (420 nm)	3 (420 nm)
Quantum yield	0.1%	0.4%	0.4%
Sample	4 (428 nm)	5 (613 nm)	6 (543 nm)
Quantum yield	0.8%	10.1%	31.7%

Table S5 Comparison of various complex sensors for detecting Cr₂O₇²⁻, CrO₄²⁻, CTC or TC

No.	Complex	Analyte	Detection range	LOD	Media	Ref.
1	Complex 6	Cr₂O₇²⁻	0–0.95 μM	3.66 nM	H₂O	This work
2	HBU-20	Cr ₂ O ₇ ²⁻	--	8.9 nM	H ₂ O	S4
3	{Tb(cpon)(Hcpon)(H ₂ O) ₃ } _n	Cr ₂ O ₇ ²⁻	0–100 μM	0.25 μM	H ₂ O	S5
4	Tb _{0.5} Y _{0.5} -MOF	Cr ₂ O ₇ ²⁻	1–1000 μM	0.36 μM	H ₂ O	S6
5	[Tb ₂ (pyia) ₃ (phen) ₂ (H ₂ O)]·H ₂ O	Cr ₂ O ₇ ²⁻	--	0.53 μM	H ₂ O	S7
6	Eu _{0.075} Tb _{0.925} -MOF	Cr ₂ O ₇ ²⁻	10–100 μM	0.872 μM	H ₂ O	S8
7	{[Tb(L)(DMF)(H ₂ O)]} _n	Cr ₂ O ₇ ²⁻	--	1.14 μM	DMF	S9
8	UiO-66-NH-BT	Cr ₂ O ₇ ²⁻	--	1.3 μM	H ₂ O	S10
9	[Tb(L)(HCOO)(H ₂ O)] _n	Cr ₂ O ₇ ²⁻	--	2.1 μM	H ₂ O	S11
10	USTS-7	Cr ₂ O ₇ ²⁻	0.01–0.5 μM	2.2 μM	DMF	S12
11	CUST-604	Cr ₂ O ₇ ²⁻	100–250 μM	2.29 μM	DMF	S13
12	[Zn ₃ Eu ₂ (TTHA) ₂ (H ₂ O) ₆]·6H ₂ O	Cr ₂ O ₇ ²⁻	0–260 μM	3.00 μM	EtOH	S14
13	CUST-603	Cr ₂ O ₇ ²⁻	0–300 μM	3.86 μM	DMF	S13
14	CUST-602	Cr ₂ O ₇ ²⁻	0–250 μM	5.86 μM	DMF	S13
15	CUST-601	Cr ₂ O ₇ ²⁻	60–300 μM	10.08 μM	DMF	S13
16	{[Zn ₆ Cl ₆ (2,2'-dbpt) ₃]·4.5H ₂ O} _n	Cr ₂ O ₇ ²⁻	--	13.64 μM	DMF : H ₂ O	S15
17	CUST-605	Cr ₂ O ₇ ²⁻	60–350 μM	21.6 μM	DMF	S13
18	{[TbL(H ₂ O)]·2H ₂ O} _n	Cr ₂ O ₇ ²⁻	--	25.3 μM	H ₂ O	S16
19	[Tb(ppda)(npdc) _{0.5} (H ₂ O) ₂] _n	Cr ₂ O ₇ ²⁻	--	60 μM	H ₂ O	S17
20	{[Cd(L)(bpe) _{0.5}]·H ₂ O} _n	Cr ₂ O ₇ ²⁻	--	78.9 μM	H ₂ O	S18
21	Complex 6	CrO₄²⁻	0–1.45 μM	5.35 nM	H₂O	This work
22	[Tb ₂ (μ ₃ -L) ₂ (μ ₄ -L)(H ₂ O) ₃] _n ·nH ₂ O	CrO ₄ ²⁻	0–1.5 μM	40.6 nM	H ₂ O	S19
23	HBU-20	CrO ₄ ²⁻	--	65 nM	H ₂ O	S4
24	UiO-66-NH-BT	CrO ₄ ²⁻	--	0.411 μM	H ₂ O	S10
25	[Tb(L)(HCOO)(H ₂ O)] _n	CrO ₄ ²⁻	--	1.8 μM	H ₂ O	S11

26	$\{[\text{Zn}_6\text{Cl}_6(2,2'\text{-dbpt})_3] \cdot 4.5\text{H}_2\text{O}\}_n$	CrO_4^{2-}	--	12.33 μM	DMF : H_2O	S15
27	$\{[\text{Cd}(\text{L})(\text{bpe})_{0.5}] \cdot \text{H}_2\text{O}\}_n$	CrO_4^{2-}	--	92.1 μM	H_2O	S18
18	$\text{gC}_3\text{N}_4\text{-CdS}$	TC	0.01–0.25 μM	5.3 nM	Na_2SO_4	S20
19	Atta-CDs-Eu	TC	0–20 μM	8.7 nM	H_2O	S21
20	Laponite-Eu-Cit	TC	0–7 μM	9.5 nM	H_2O	S22
21	$[\text{Cd}(\text{L})(\text{SA})]_n$	TC	0–0.5 μM	33 nM	H_2O	S23
22	Eu-MOF	TC	0–140 μM	39.8 nM	H_2O	S24
23	$[\text{Cd}(\text{L})(\text{chdc}) \cdot (\text{H}_2\text{O})]_n$	TC	0–1.7 μM	76 nM	H_2O	S23
24	$\text{Eu}^{3+}/\text{NH}_2\text{-MIL-53(Al)}$	TC	0.5–60 μM	0.16 μM	Tris–HCl	S25
25	Complex 6	TC	0–40 μM	0.24 μM	H_2O	This work
26	In-sbdc	TC	--	0.28 μM	Tris–HCl	S26
27	Ag NCs	TC	1.12–230 μM	0.47 μM	BR buffer	S27
28	$\text{NH}_2\text{-MIL-53(Al)}$	TC	1.5–70 μM	0.92 μM	Tris–HCl	S25
29	ND-MS/GCE	TC	5–180 μM	2 μM	PBS buffer	S28
30	JLUE-MOGs	CTC	--	79 nM	H_2O	S29
31	Tb-L1	CTC	--	83 nM	H_2O	S30
32	CuNCs@TA	CTC	0.5–200 μM	84 nM	H_2O	S31
33	Complex 6	CTC	0–25 μM	0.25 μM	H_2O	This work
34	N-CDs	CTC	5–100 μM	0.254 μM	H_2O	S32
35	In-sbdc	CTC	--	0.30 μM	Tris–HCl	S26

Table S6 Quantum yield results of complex **6** after adding $\text{Cr}_2\text{O}_7^{2-}$, CrO_4^{2-} , CTC or TC

Sample	6@Cr₂O₇²⁻	6@CrO₄²⁻	6@CTC	6@TC
Quantum yield	22.6%	22.5%	23.9%	23.4%

Table S7. Resonance energy transfer efficiency of complex **6**. ($E = 1 - \tau_1 / \tau_0$, where τ_1 and τ_0 are the excited-state lifetime of $\text{Cr}_2\text{O}_7^{2-}$, CrO_4^{2-} , CTC or TC in the presence and absence of complex **6**)

Excited-state lifetime / ms	τ_0	τ_1	Resonance energy transfer efficiency (E)
6	1.097		
6@Cr₂O₇²⁻		1.062	3.2%
6@CrO₄²⁻		1.074	2.1%
6@CTC		1.081	1.5%
6@TC		1.084	1.2%

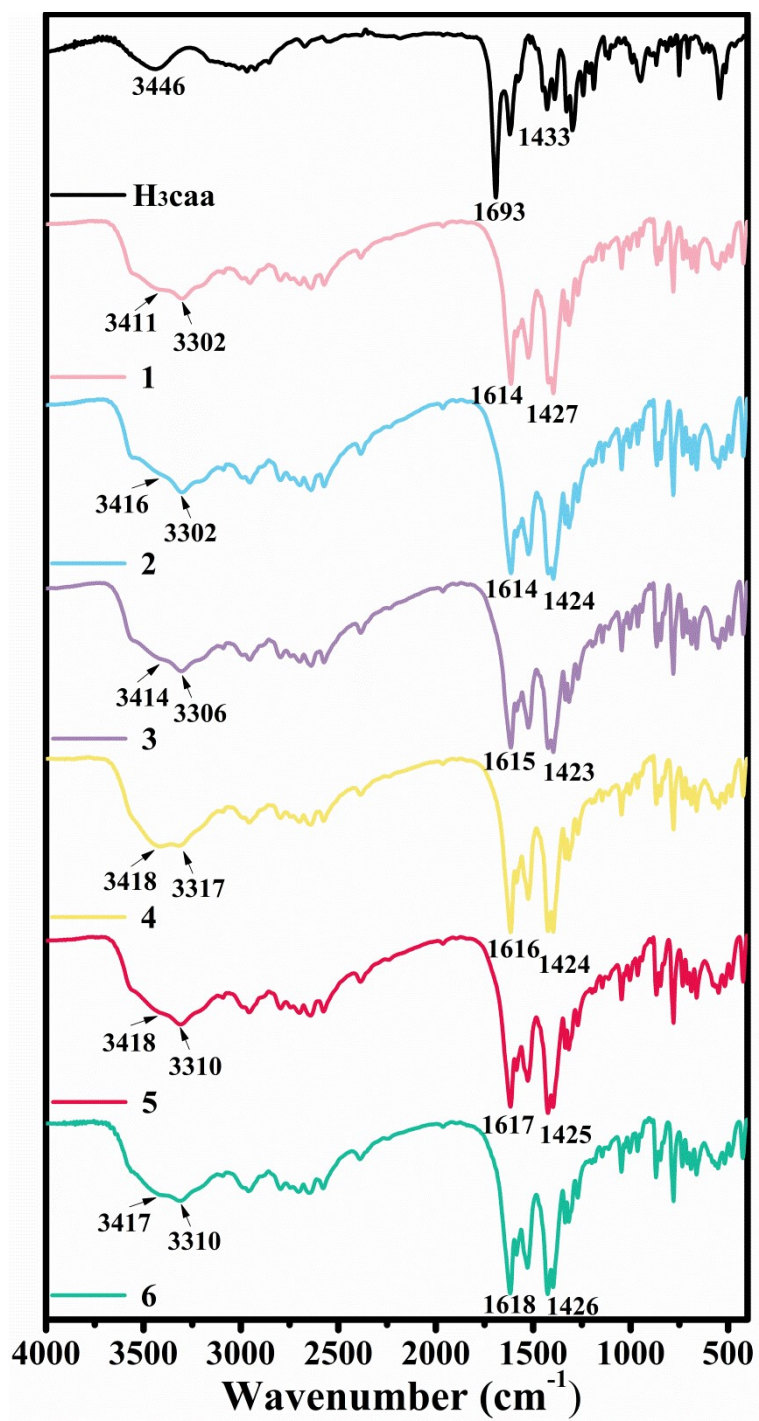


Fig. S1 IR spectra of ligand (H_3caa) and complexes 1 – 6 (KBr, cm^{-1})

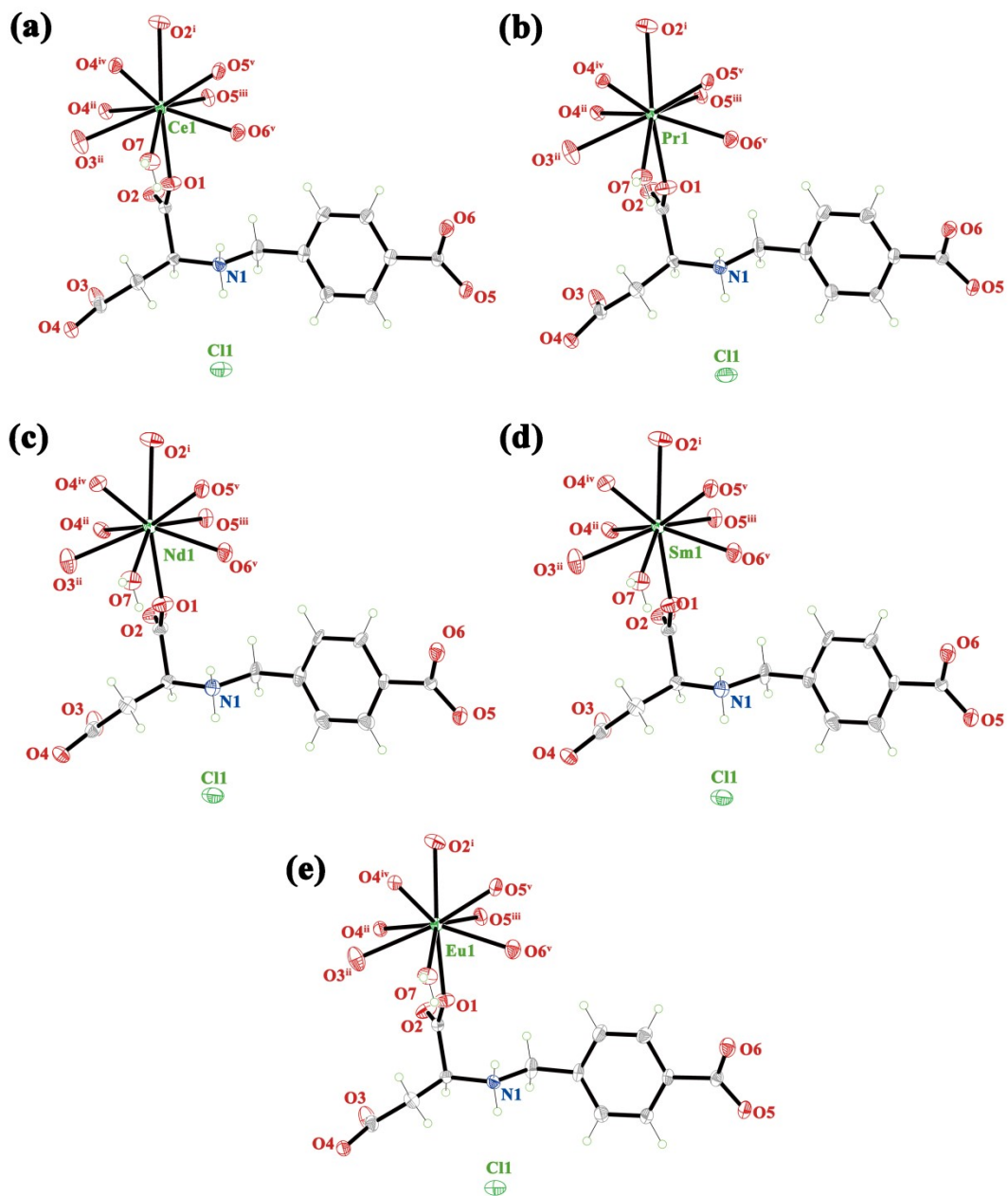


Fig. S2 Coordination environment diagrams of complexes 1 – 5

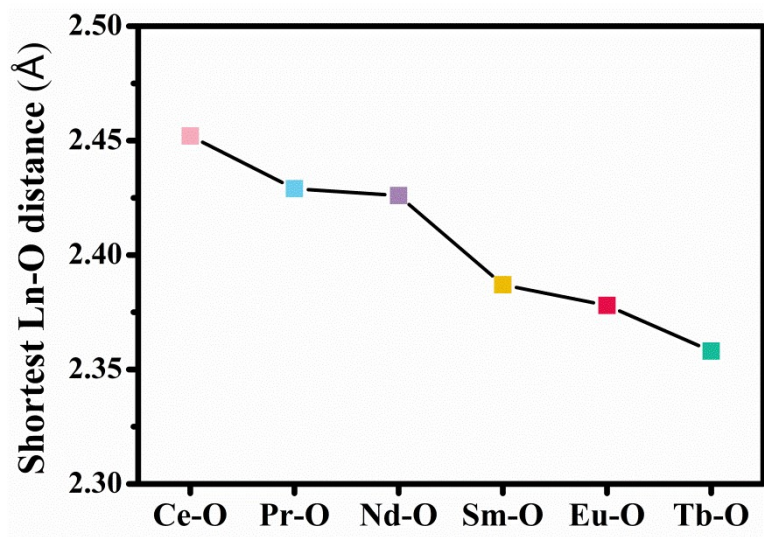


Fig. S3 The shortest Ln-O bond length of complexes 1 – 6

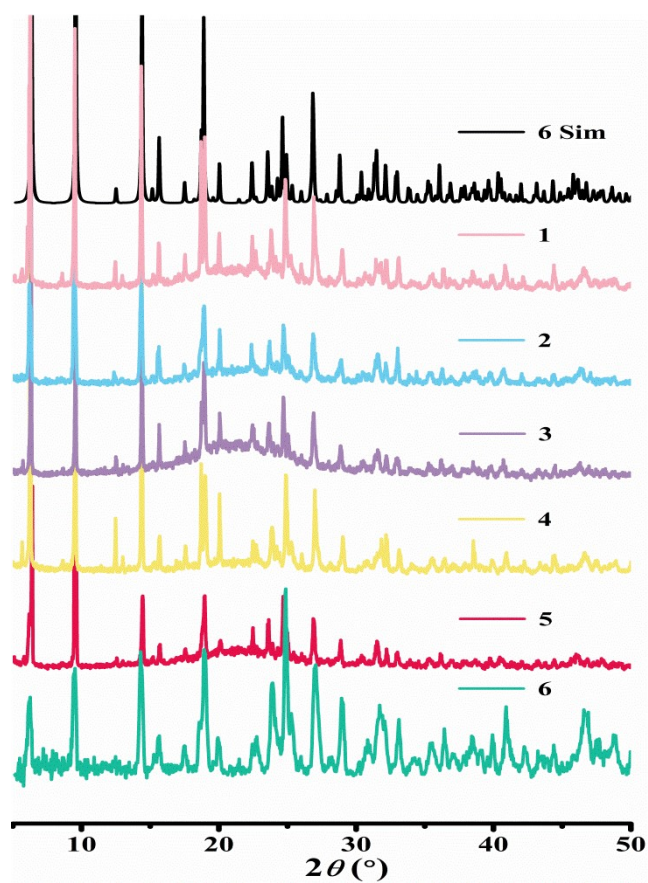


Fig. S4 PXR D patterns (simulated and experimental) for complexes 1 – 6 in the 2θ range of 5 to

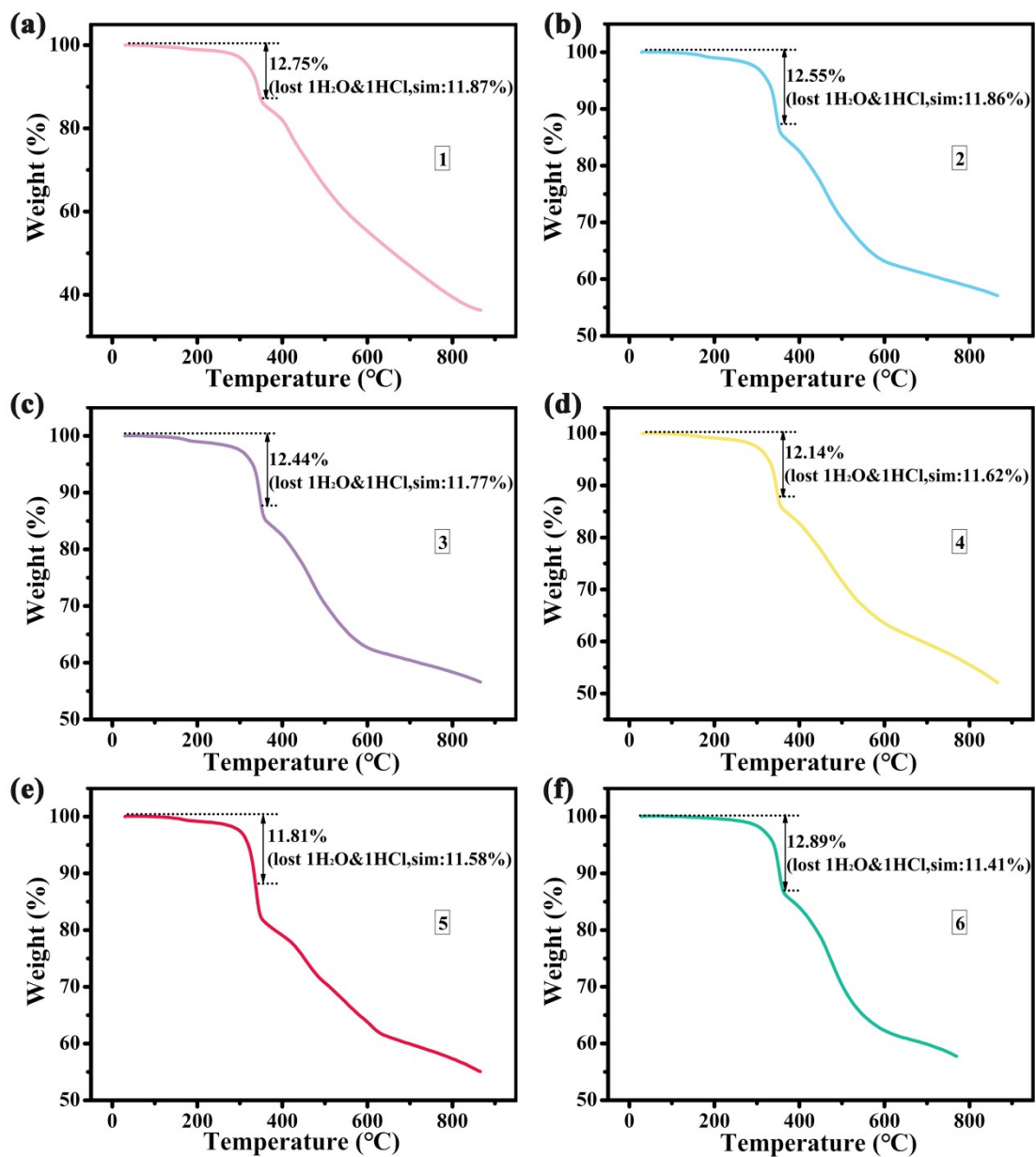


Fig. S5 TGA curves for complexes 1 – 6 collected under air atmosphere

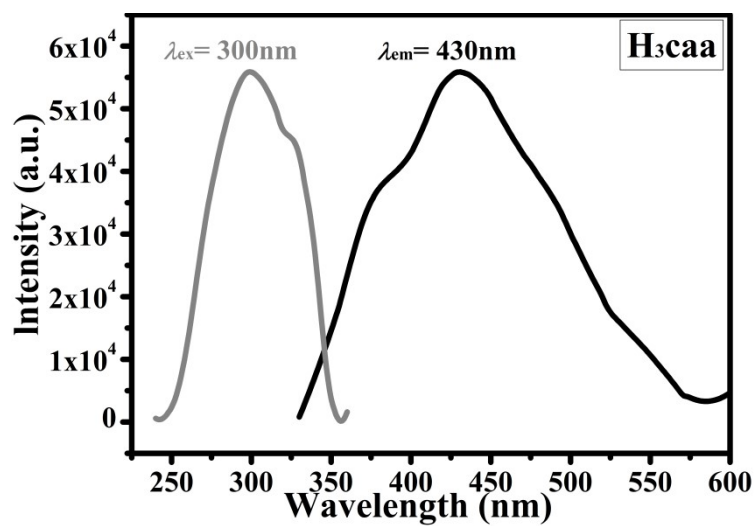


Fig. S6 Solid-state luminescent spectra of ligand (H₃caa)

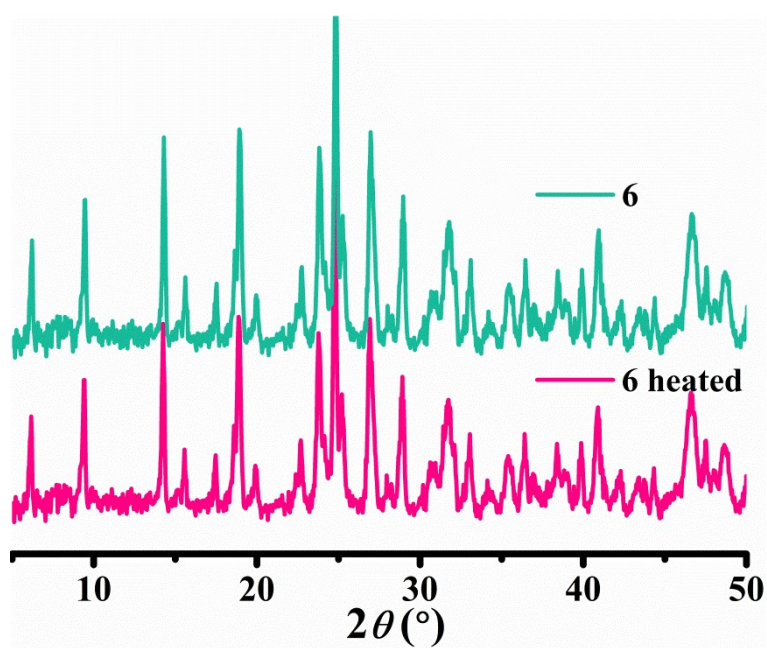


Fig. S7 PXRD patterns of complex 6 at room temperature (green) and after heating at 95°C (pink)

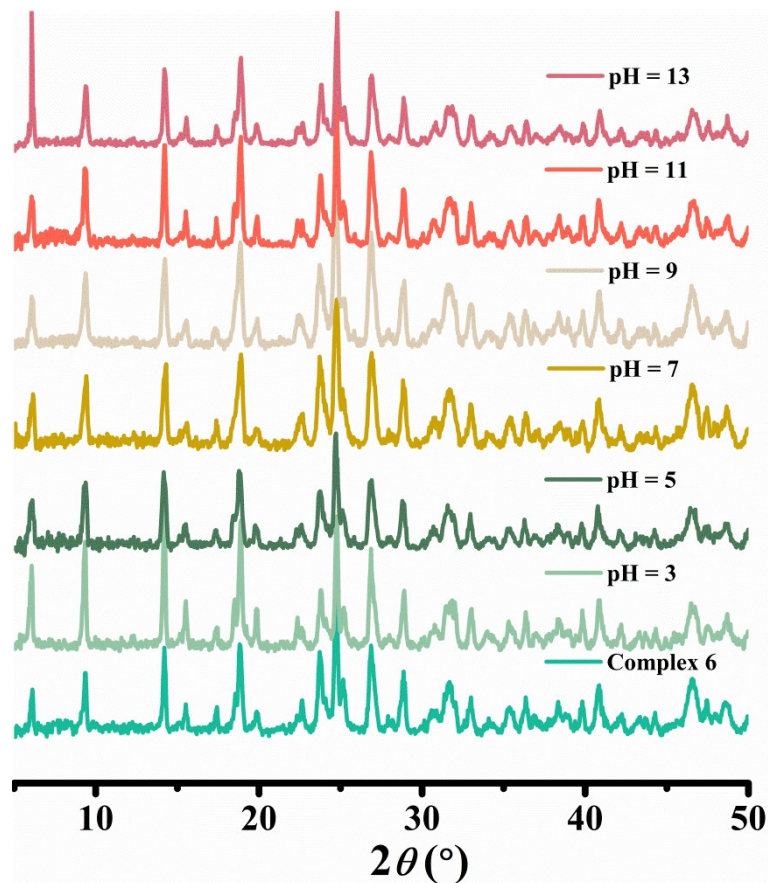


Fig. S8 PXRD patterns of complex 6 before (green) and after soaking in different pH = 3 – 13

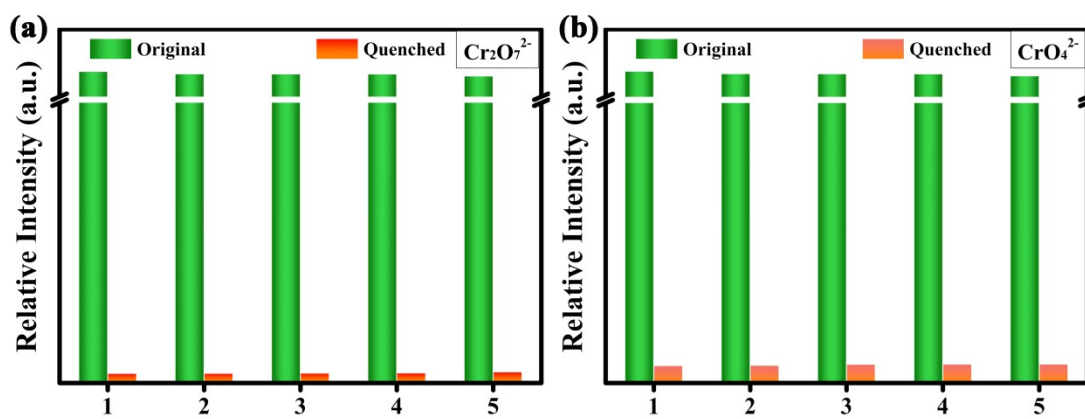


Fig. S9 Fluorescence intensity for the recognition of (a) $\text{Cr}_2\text{O}_7^{2-}$ or (b) CrO_4^{2-} after five cycles of isolation and re-suspending complex 6 in water

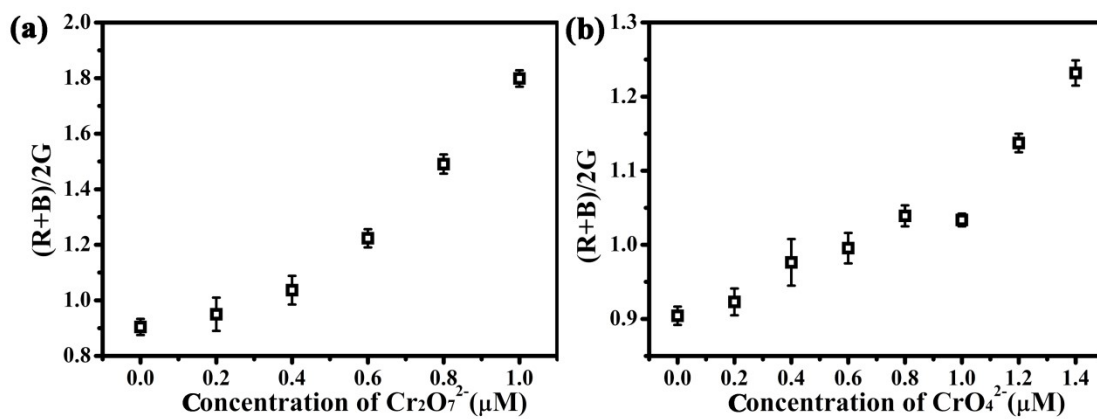


Fig. S10 Standard curves of $(R + B) / 2G$ formula to qualitatively analyse the strips of (a) $\text{Cr}_2\text{O}_7^{2-}$ or (b) CrO_4^{2-}

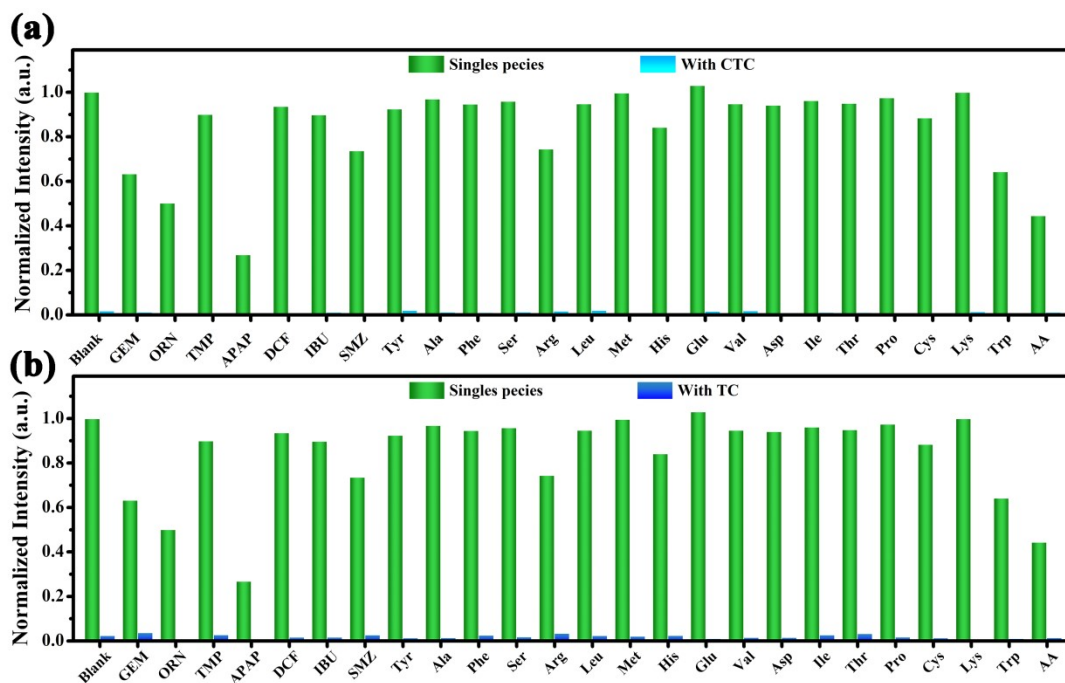


Fig. S11 Anti-interference of complex 6 to (a) CTC or (b) TC in the presence of other biomolecules at 543 nm

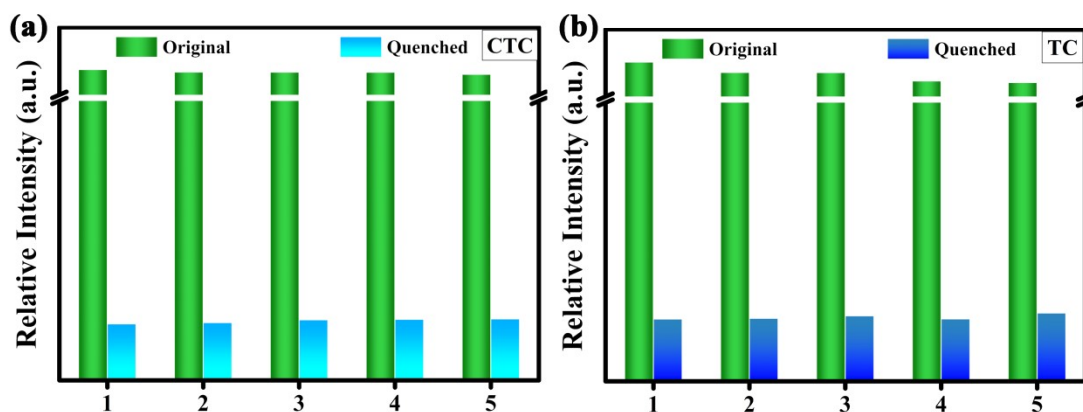


Fig. S12 Fluorescence intensity for the recognition of (a) CTC or (b) TC after five cycles of isolation and re-suspending complex 6 in water

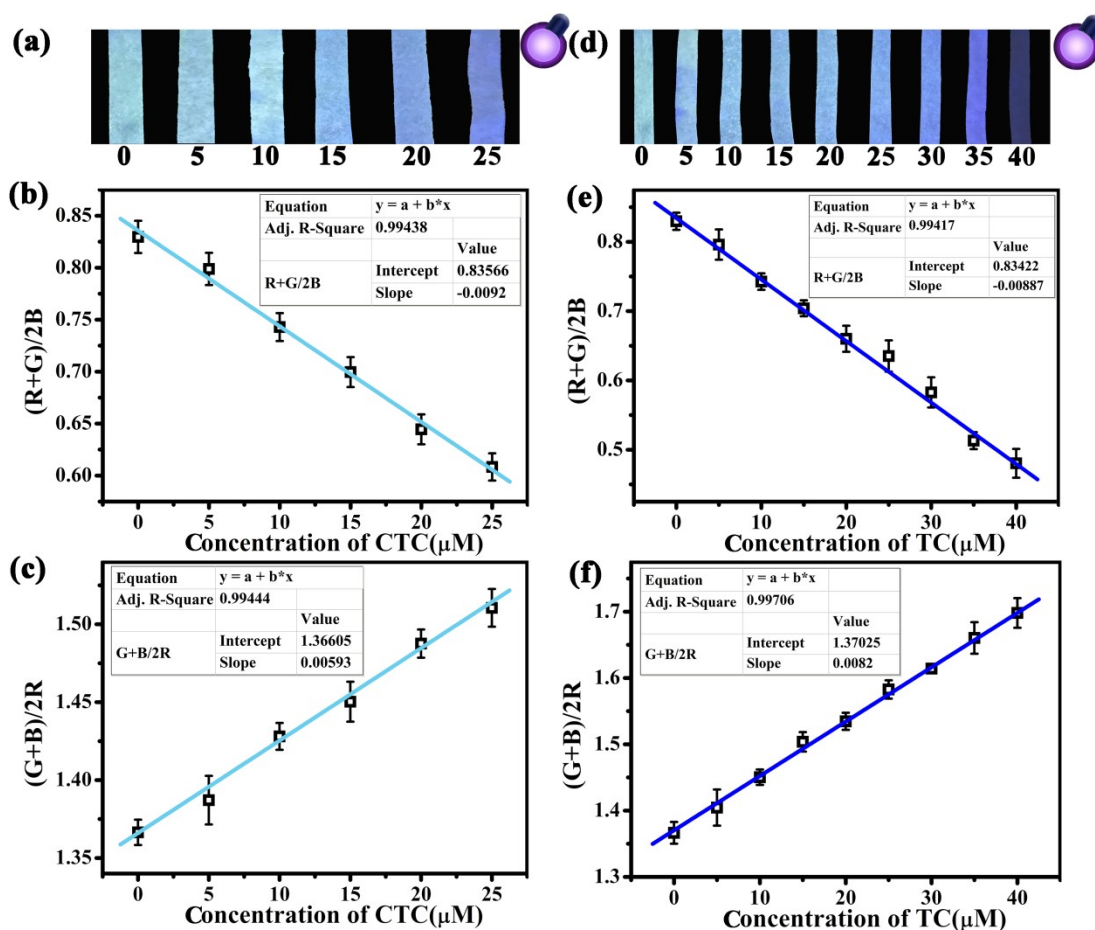


Fig. S13 Color changes of complex 6 strips for detecting (a) CTC (0 ~ 25 μM) or (d) TC (0 ~ 40

μM). The standard curves of (b, e) $(R + G) / 2B$ formula and (c, f) $(G + B) / 2R$ formula to

qualitatively analyse the strip

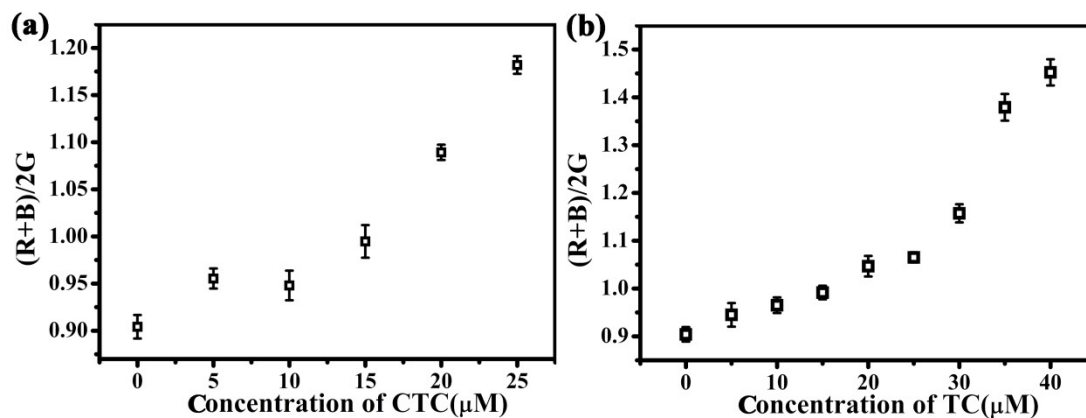


Fig. S14 Standard curves of $(R + B) / 2G$ formula to qualitatively analyse the strips of (a) CTC or

(b) TC

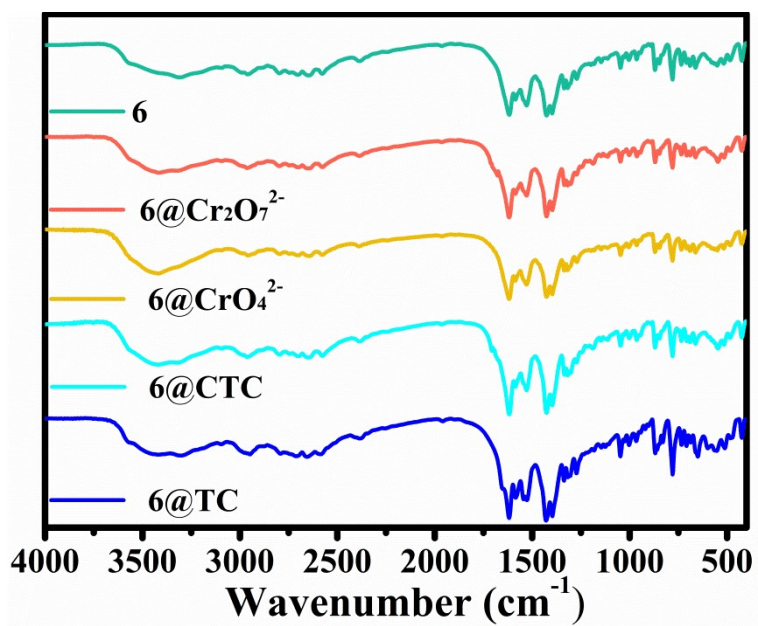


Fig. S15 IR spectra of complex 6 before and after soaking in $Cr_2O_7^{2-}$, CrO_4^{2-} , CTC or TC for 7

days

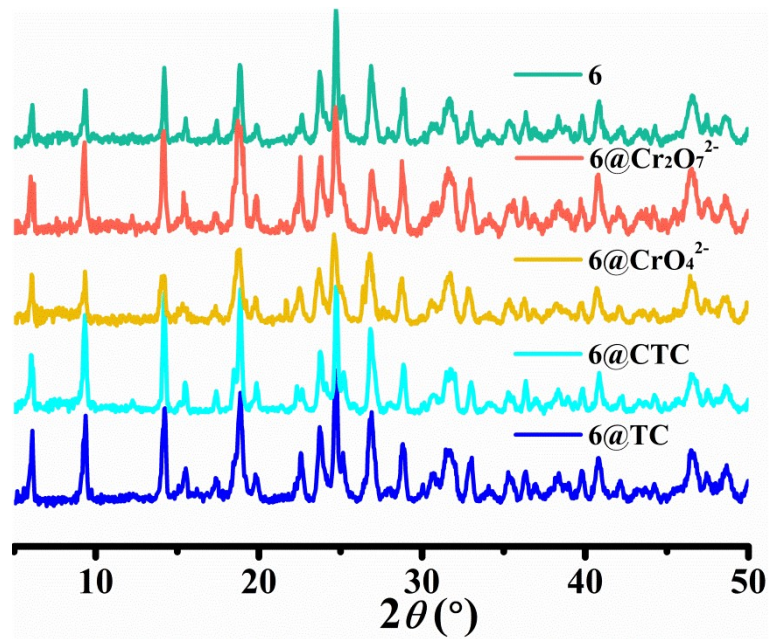


Fig. S16 PXRD patterns of complex **6** before and after soaking in Cr₂O₇²⁻, CrO₄²⁻, CTC or TC for 7 days

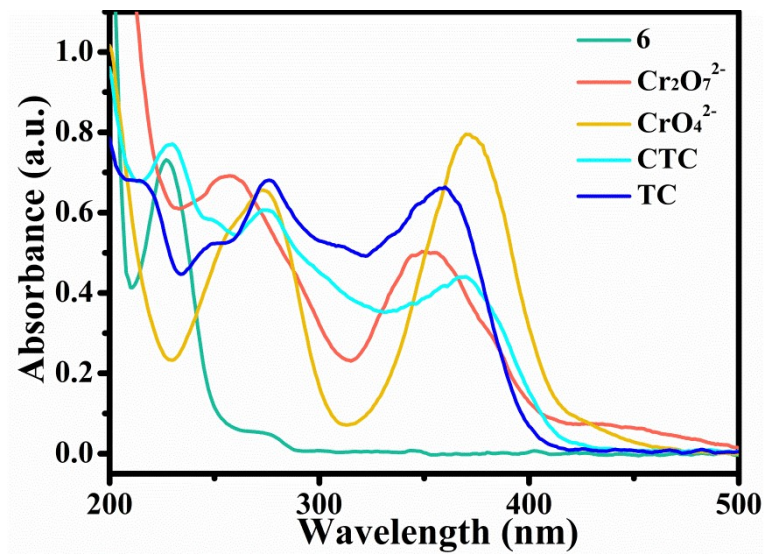


Fig. S17 Liquid UV-vis spectra of complex **6**, Cr₂O₇²⁻, CrO₄²⁻, CTC and TC in the aqueous solution

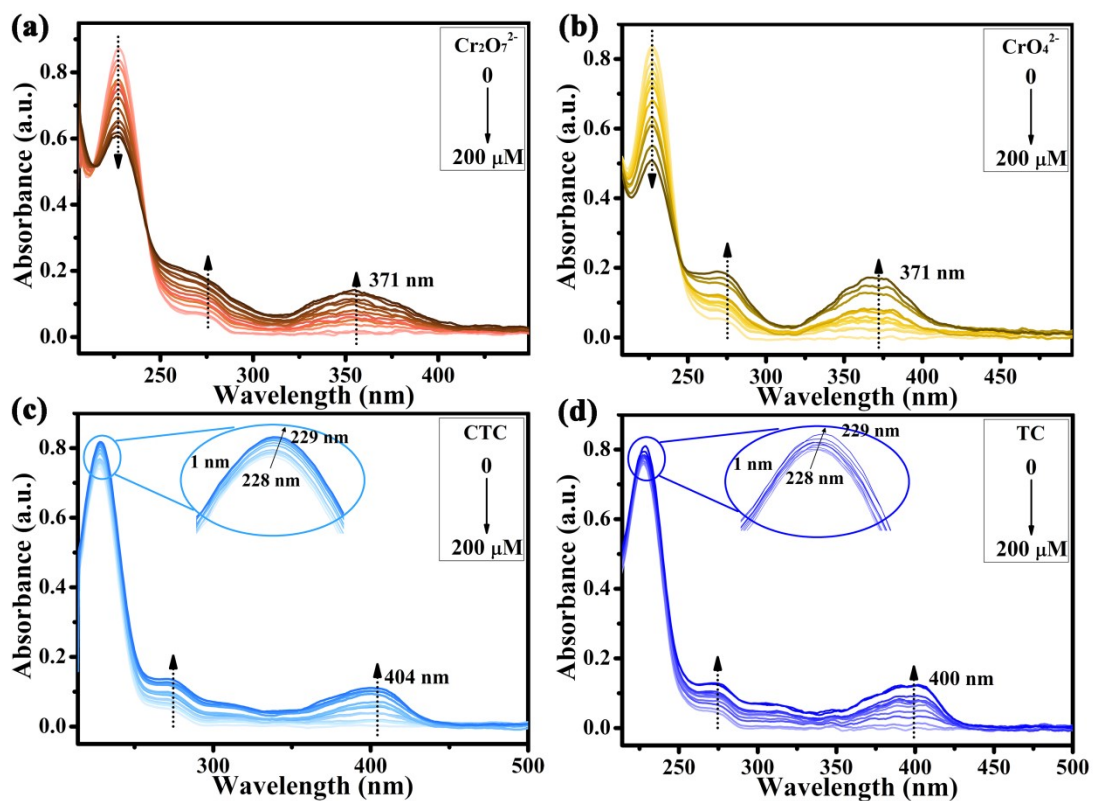


Fig. S18 Liquid UV-vis spectra of complex 6 with the addition of different concentrations of

$\text{Cr}_2\text{O}_7^{2-}$, CrO_4^{2-} , CTC or TC

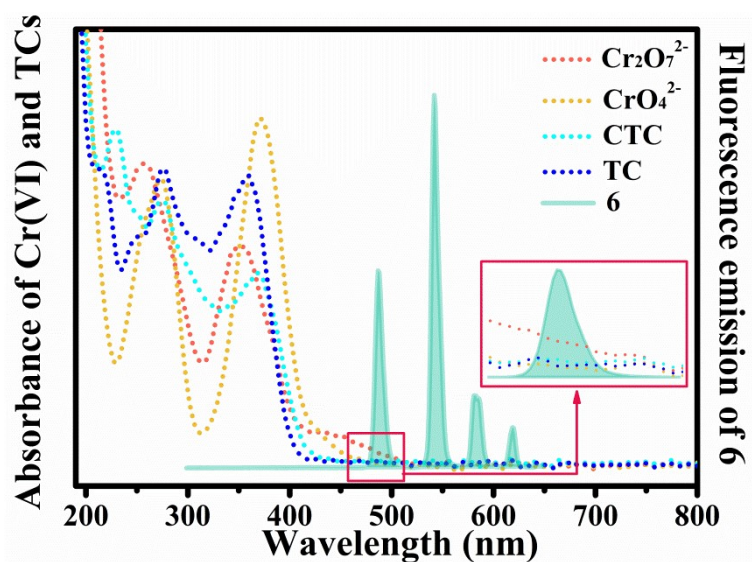


Fig. S19 Emission spectrum of complex 6 and the absorption spectra of $\text{Cr}_2\text{O}_7^{2-}$, CrO_4^{2-} , CTC and

TC

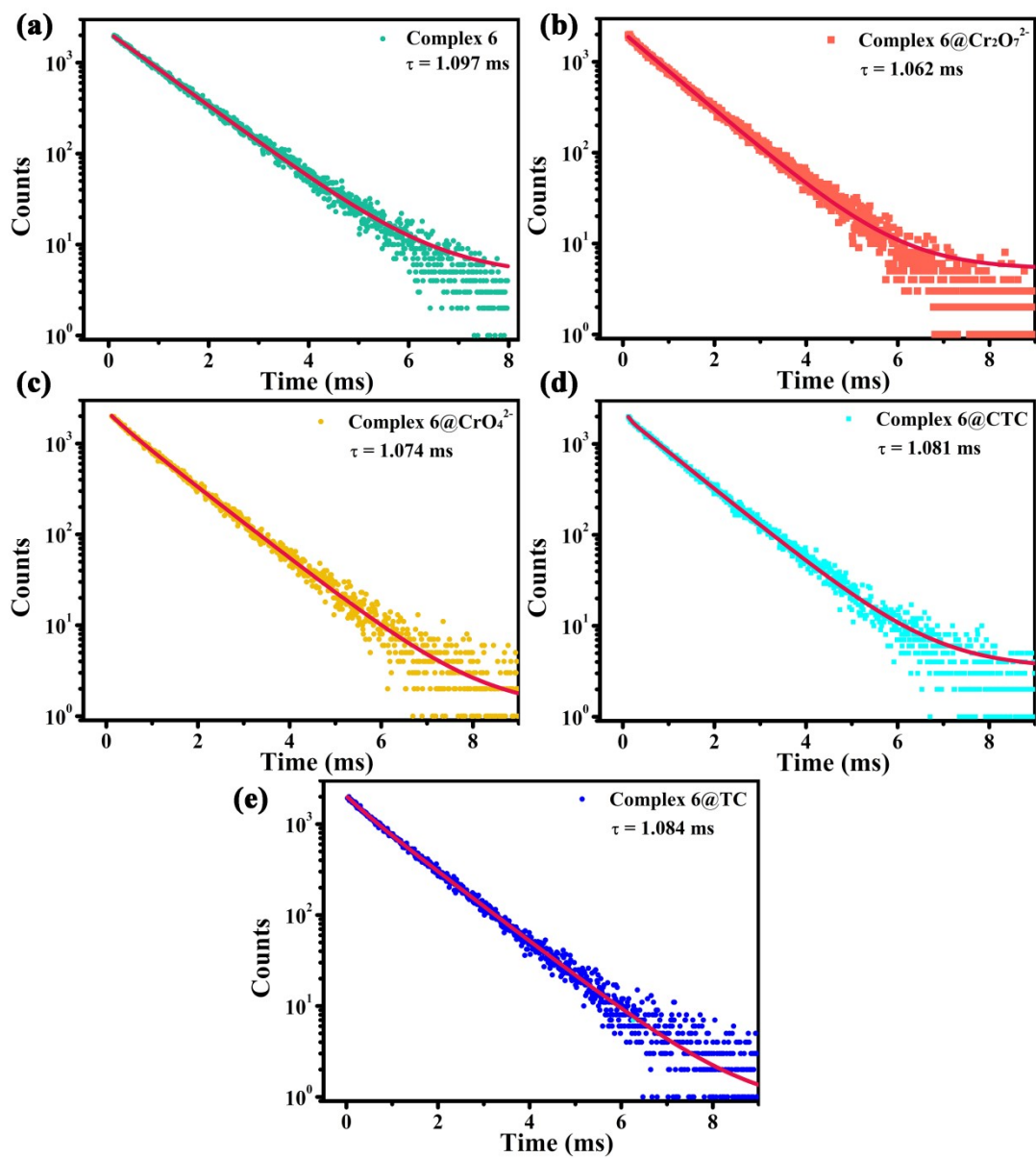


Fig. S20 Photoluminescence decay times of complex 6 before and after loading in Cr₂O₇²⁻, CrO₄²⁻,

CTC or TC

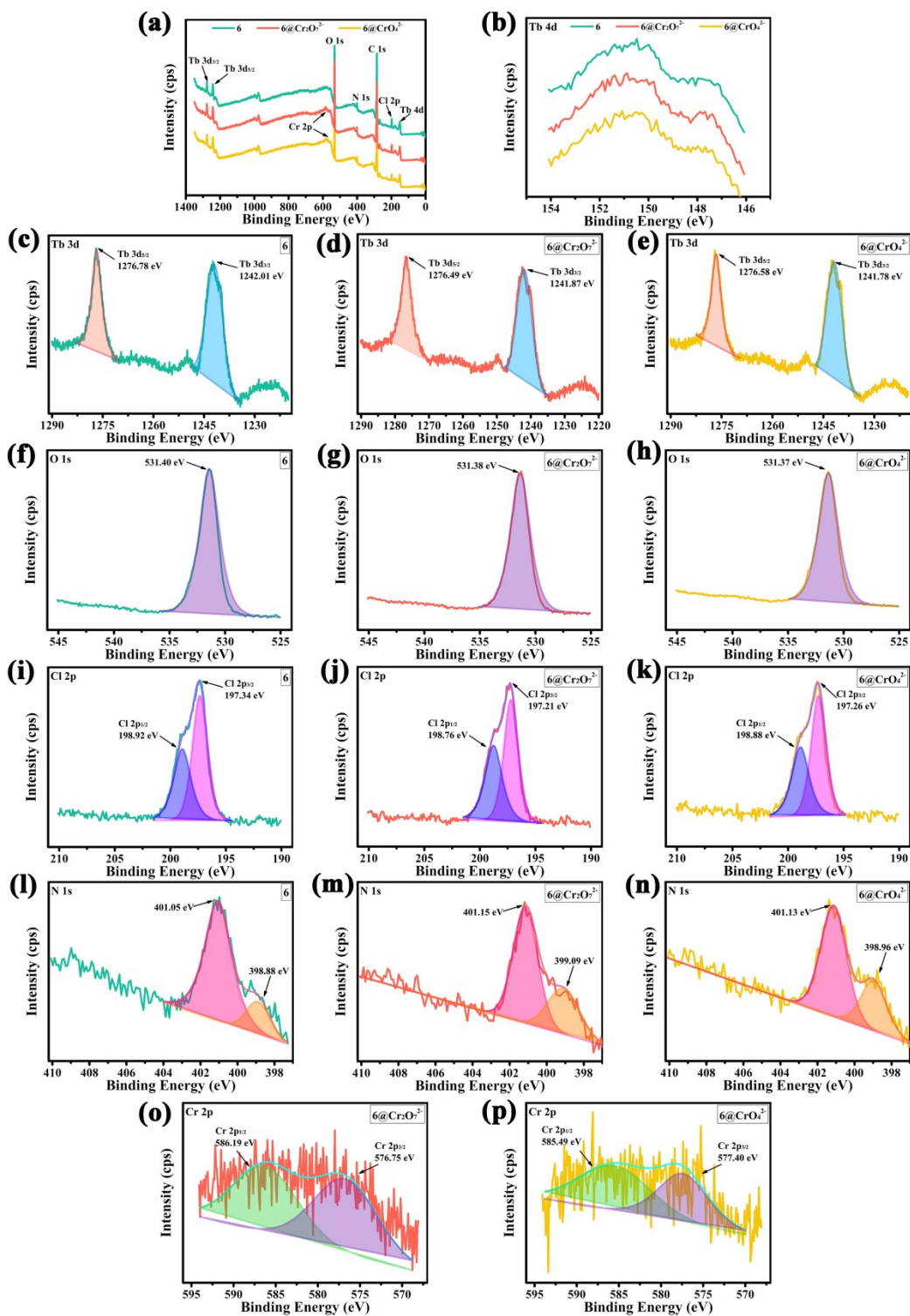


Fig. S21 XPS spectra of complex 6 before and after loading in $\text{Cr}_2\text{O}_7^{2-}$ or CrO_4^{2-}

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