

Supporting Materials

An unusual (3,4,4)-coordinated luminescent zinc(II) coordination polymer for selective detection of nitroaromatics, ferric and chromate ions: A versatile luminescent sensor

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Table S1. Crystallographic data for **1**

Formula	C ₅₄ H ₄₈ N ₁₈ O ₁₅ Zn ₃
Fw	1385.21
T/K	296(2)
Crystal system	Monoclinic
Space group	C2/c
a/Å	16.1735(12)
b/Å	12.0443(10)
c/Å	31.096(2)
α (°)	90
β (°)	100.881(2)
γ (°)	90
V/Å ³	5948.6(8)
F(000)	2832
Z	4
ρ _{calcd} (g cm ⁻³)	1.547
μ(mm ⁻¹)	1.282
Reflections collected	84856
Unique reflections	6842 (R(int) = 0.1060)
Parameter	557
Goodness of fit	1.030
R ₁ [I > 2σ(I)]	0.0771
wR ₂ (all data)	0.2250

Table S2 Selected bond lengths and angles for **1** (Å and °).

Zn1-O1	1.989(4)	Zn1-O3A	1.969(4)
Zn1-N1	2.004(6)	Zn1-N7	1.989(6)
Zn2-O5B	2.211(5)	Zn2-O5C	2.211(5)
Zn2-O6B	2.217(5)	Zn2-O6C	2.217(5)
Zn2-N4	2.042(5)	Zn2-N4D	2.042(5)
O1-Zn1-O3A	97.93(16)	O1-Zn1-N1	117.8(2)
O1-Zn1-N7	108.8(2)	O3A-Zn1-N1	110.2(2)
O3A-Zn1-N7	107.4(2)	N1-Zn1-N7	113.3(2)
O5B-Zn2-O6B	57.87(18)	O5B-Zn2-O5C	90.6(3)
O5B-Zn2-O6C	105.2(2)	O5C-Zn2-O6B	105.15(19)
O5C-Zn2-O6C	57.87(18)	O6B-Zn2-O6C	157.8(3)
N4-Zn2-O5B	144.15(19)	N4-Zn2-O5C	97.59(19)
N4-Zn2-O6B	86.3(2)	N4-Zn2-O6C	108.7(2)
N4D-Zn2-O5B	97.59(19)	N4D-Zn2-O5C	144.15(19)

N4D-Zn2-O6B	108.7(2)	N4D-Zn2-O6C	86.3(2)
N4-Zn2-N4D	95.9(3)		

Symmetry transformations used to generate equivalent atoms: A 1/2+x, 1/2+y, +z; B 1-x, -y, 1-z; C +x, -y, 1/2+z; D 1-x, +y, 3/2-z.

Table S3 Average excited state lifetime ($\langle\tau\rangle$) values of **1** and in the presence of quenchers ($\lambda_{\text{ex}} = 320 \text{ nm}$, $\lambda_{\text{em}} = 410 \text{ nm}$).

CP	a1	a2	a3	$\tau_1(n$ s)	$\tau_2(\text{ns})$	$\tau_3(\text{ns})$	$\langle\tau\rangle(\text{ns})$
1	0.57	0.39	0.04	2.04	6.38	15.48	4.32
1+2 ppm TNP	0.30	0.55	0.15	1.17	3.33	10.37	3.75
1+0.05 mM Fe³⁺	0.39	0.36	0.25	2.28	0.38	7.30	2.81
1+0.1mM Cr₂O₇²⁻	0.40	0.44	0.16	1.32	3.94	10.14	3.90

Table S4 A comparison of the Stern-Volmer constant (K_{sv}), detection limit and medium used for Fe³⁺, Cr₂O₇²⁻, or CrO₄²⁻ detection for MOFs/CPs reported in references.

MOF/CP	Analyte	Solvent	K _{sv}	Detection Limit	Ref.
{[Tb ₄ (OH) ₄ (DSOA) ₂ (H ₂ O) ₈]8H ₂ O} _n	Fe ³⁺	DMF	$3.543 \times 10^3 \text{ M}^{-1}$		S1
[Cd(5-asba)(bimb)] _n	Fe ³⁺	H ₂ O	$1.78 \times 10^4 \text{ M}^{-1}$	0.01875 mM	S2
[(CH ₃) ₂ NH ₂][Tb(bptc)]xSolvents	Fe ³⁺	EtOH		0.1801 mM	S3
[H ₂ N(Me) ₂][Eu ₃ (OH)(bpt) ₃ (H ₂ O) ₃](DMF) ₂ (H ₂ O) ₄	Fe ³⁺	H ₂ O	$3.2666 \times 10^4 \text{ M}^{-1}$		S4
[Zn ₅ (hfipbb) ₄ (trz) ₂ (H ₂ O) ₂]	Fe ³⁺	H ₂ O		0.20 mM	S5
[Me ₂ NH ₂][Eu(CPA) ₂ (H ₂ O) ₂]	Fe ³⁺	H ₂ O	$1.04111 \times 10^4 \text{ M}^{-1}$	10^{-7} M	S6
{[Eu(L)(BPDC) _{0.5} (NO ₃)]H ₂ O} _n	Fe ³⁺	DMF	$5.16 \times 10^4 \text{ M}^{-1}$		S7
{[Tb(L)(BPDC) _{0.5} (NO ₃)]H ₃ O} _n	Fe ³⁺	DMF	$4.30 \times 10^4 \text{ M}^{-1}$		
{[Cd(L2)(HIP)]2H ₂ O} _n	Fe ³⁺	DMF	$5.57 \times 10^4 \text{ M}^{-1}$	2.5 μM	S8

			10^{-1}		
$\{(Me_2NH_2)[Zn_2(L)(H_2O)]0.5DMF\}_n$	Fe ³⁺	DMF	$7.83 \times 10^3 M^{-1}$	$1.44 \times 10^{-5} M$	S9
$\{[Eu(Hpzbc)_2(NO_3)]H_2O\}_n$	Fe ³⁺	EtOH		0.026 mM	S10
	Cr ₂ O ₇ ²⁻	EtOH		0.022 mM	
Eu ₄ L ₃	Fe ³⁺	DMF	$2.942 \times 10^3 M^{-1}$	$10^{-5} M$	S11
	Cr ₂ O ₇ ²⁻	DMF	$1.526 \times 10^3 M^{-1}$	$10^{-5} M$	
[Zn ₆ L ₃ (DMA) ₄]5DMA	Fe ³⁺	DMF		18 ppm	S12
$[Eu_5L_2(OH)(DMF)_{0.22}(H_2O)_{5.78}]_{\text{guest}}$	Fe ³⁺	DMF		0.018 mM	S13
	Cr ₂ O ₇ ²⁻	DMF	$6.63 \times 10^3 M^{-1}$		
$\{[Cd(L)(BPDC)]2H_2O\}_n$	Fe ³⁺	H ₂ O	$3.63 \times 10^4 M^{-1}$	$2.21 \times 10^{-6} M$	S14
	Cr ₂ O ₇ ²⁻	H ₂ O	$6.4 \times 10^3 M^{-1}$	$3.76 \times 10^{-5} M$	
$\{[Cd(L)(SDBA)(H_2O)]0.5H_2O\}_n$	Fe ³⁺	H ₂ O	$3.59 \times 10^4 M^{-1}$	$7.14 \times 10^{-6} M$	S14
	Cr ₂ O ₇ ²⁻	H ₂ O	$4.97 \times 10^3 M^{-1}$	$4.86 \times 10^{-5} M$	
$[Tb(TBOT)(H_2O)](H_2O)_4(DMF)(NMP)_{0.5}$	Fe ³⁺	H ₂ O	$5.51 \times 10^4 M^{-1}$	0.13 mM	S15
	Cr ₂ O ₇ ²⁻	H ₂ O	$1.37 \times 10^4 M^{-1}$	0.14 mM	
$[Zn(IPA)(L)]_n$	Cr ₂ O ₇ ²⁻	H ₂ O	$1.37 \times 10^3 M^{-1}$	$12.02 \mu M$	S16
	CrO ₄ ²⁻	H ₂ O	$1.00 \times 10^3 M^{-1}$	$18.33 \mu M$	
$[Cd(IPA)(L)]_n$	Cr ₂ O ₇ ²⁻	H ₂ O	$2.91 \times 10^3 M^{-1}$	$2.26 \mu M$	S16
	CrO ₄ ²⁻	H ₂ O	$1.30 \times 10^3 M^{-1}$	$2.52 \mu M$	
$\{[Zn_3(mtrb)_3(btc)_2] \bullet 3H_2O\}_n$	Fe ³⁺	H ₂ O	$6.50 \times 10^3 M^{-1}$	$1.78 \mu M$	This work
	Cr ₂ O ₇ ²⁻	H ₂ O	$4.62 \times 10^3 M^{-1}$	$2.83 \mu M$	
	CrO ₄ ²⁻	H ₂ O	$2.77 \times 10^3 M^{-1}$	$4.52 \mu M$	

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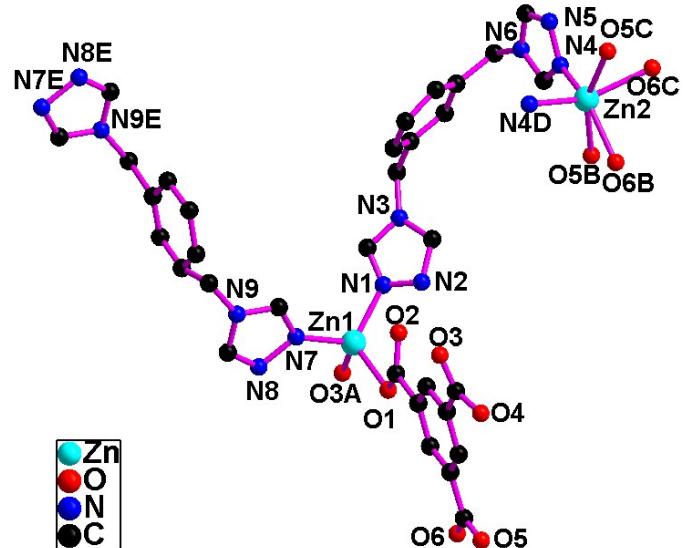


Fig. S1 (a) The coordination environment of Zn(II) atoms in **1**.

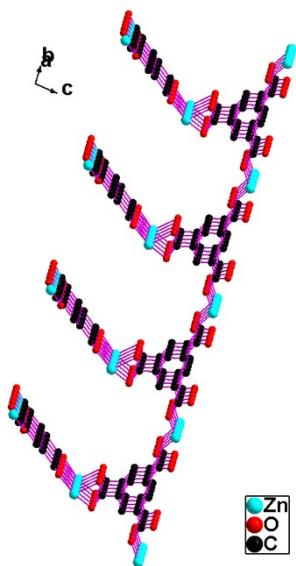


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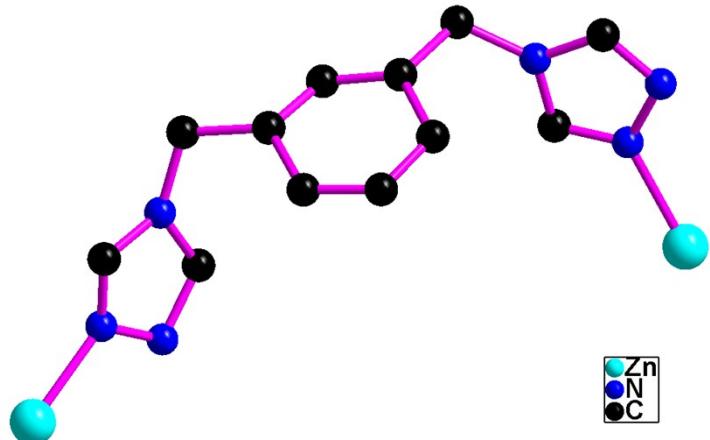


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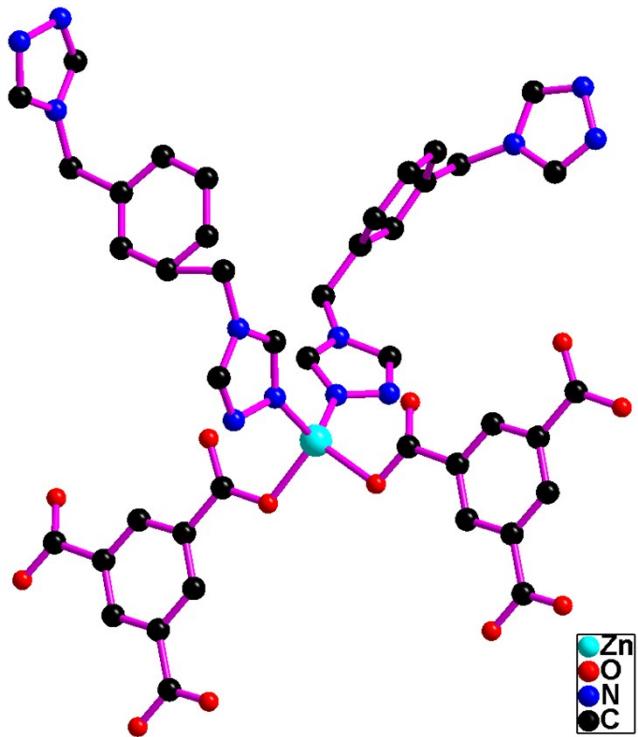


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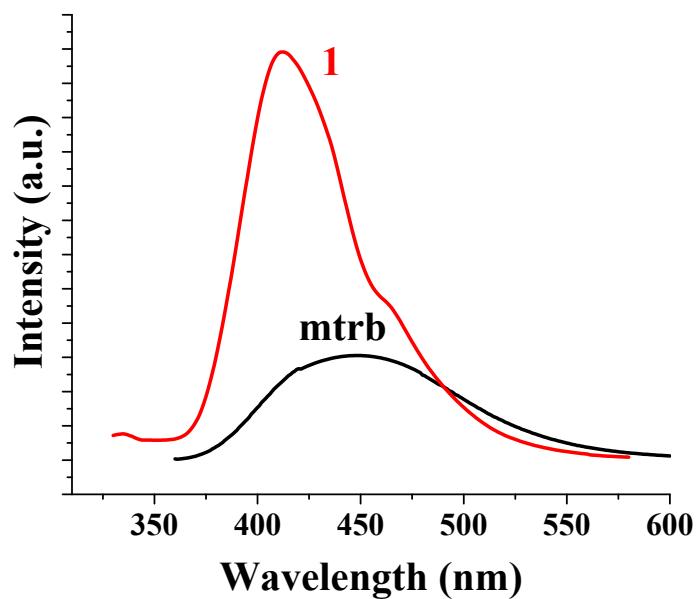


Fig. S2 Solid-state emission spectra of **1** and the free mtrb ligand at room temperature.

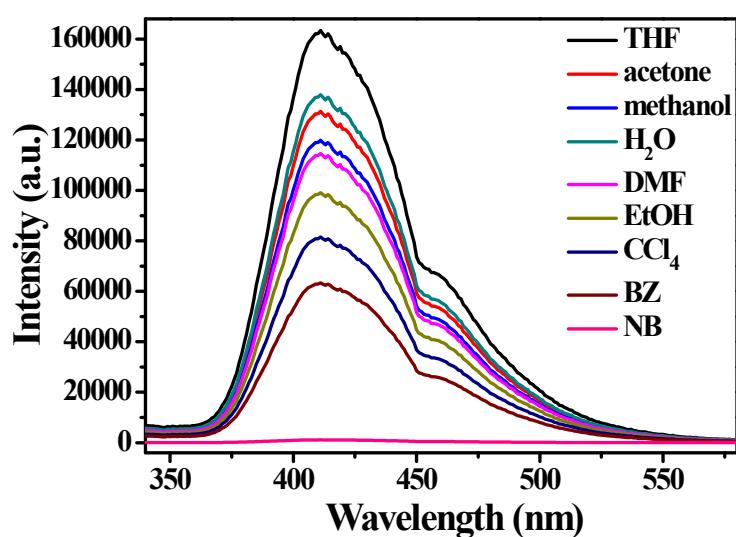


Fig. S3 Emission spectra of **1** in different solvents (excited at 320 nm).

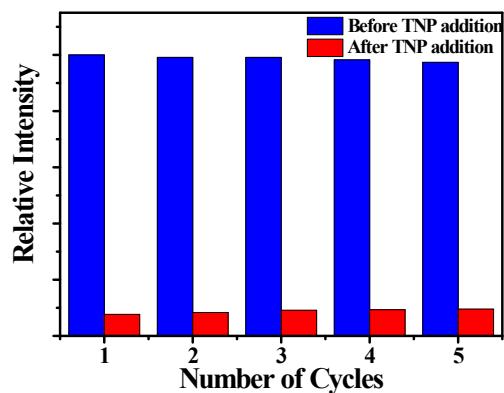


Fig. S4 Reproducibility of the quenching ability of **1** in the detection of TNP.

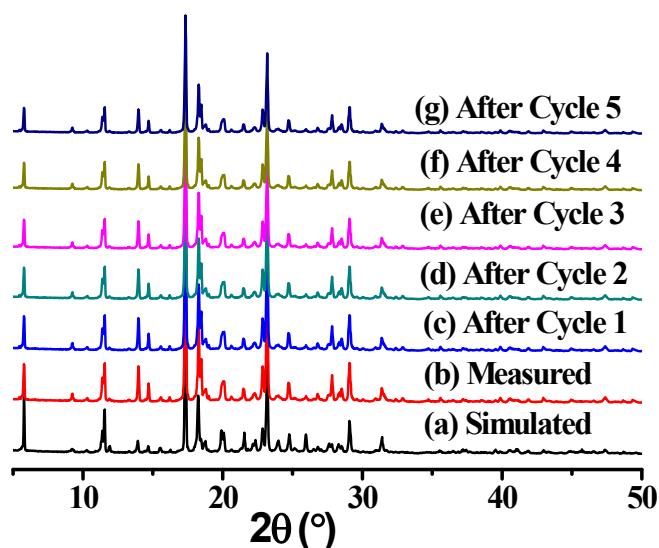


Fig. S5 PXRD patterns of the simulated and measured of **1**, cycle 1 – 5 after detection of TNP.

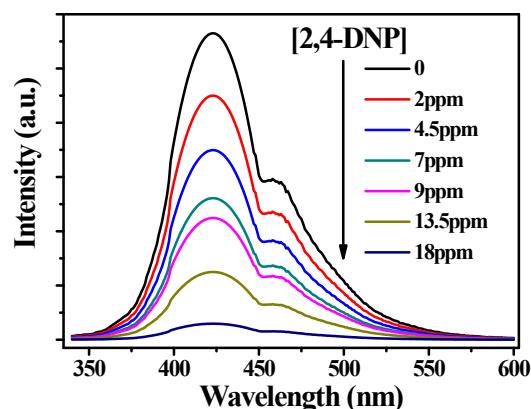


Fig. S6 (a) Emission spectra of **1** dispersed in MeOH in the presence of various amounts of 2,4-DNP.

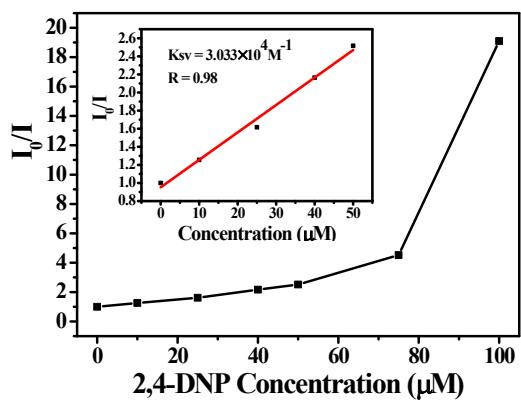


Fig. S6 (b) The relationship between I_0/I and different concentration of 2,4-DNP. Insert: linear plot of I_0/I at low concentration of 2,4-DNP.

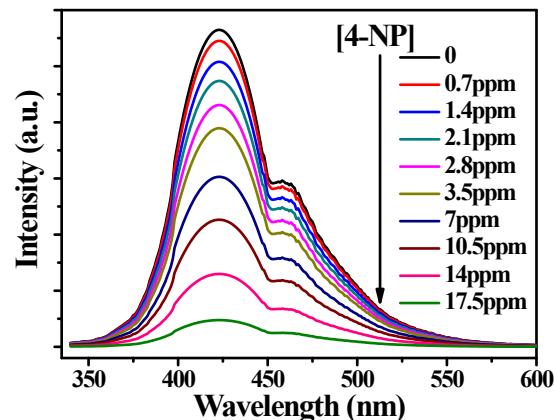


Fig. S7 (a) Emission spectra of **1** dispersed in MeOH in the presence of various amounts of 4-NP.

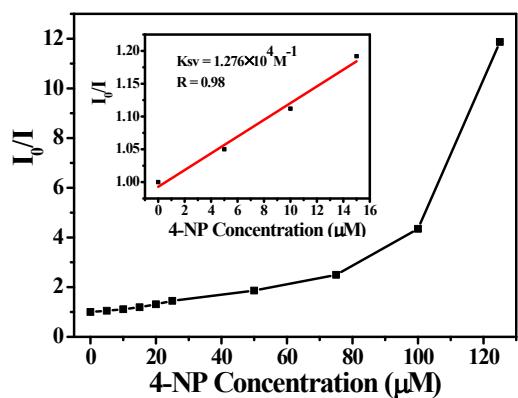


Fig. S7 (b) The relationship between I_0/I and different concentration of 4-NP. Insert: linear plot of I_0/I at low concentration of 4-NP.

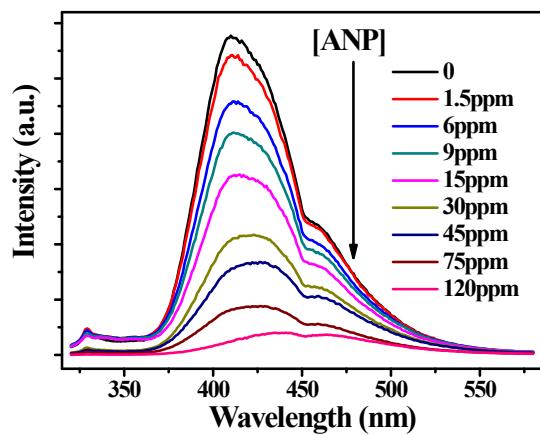


Fig. S8 (a) Emission spectra of **1** dispersed in MeOH in the presence of various amounts of ANP.

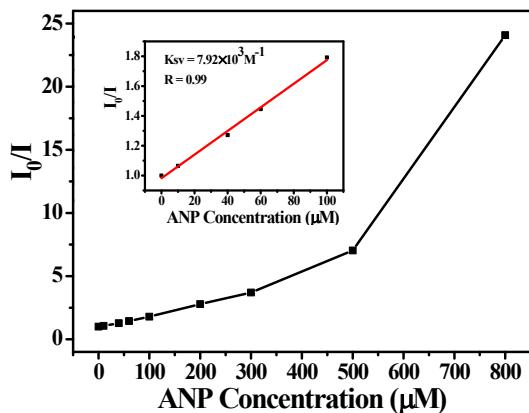


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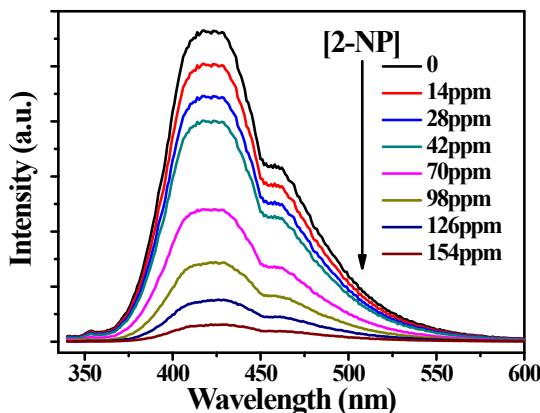


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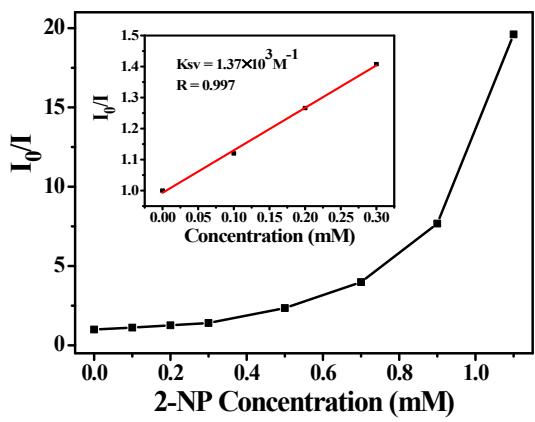


Fig. S9 (b) The relationship between I_0/I and different concentration of 2-NP. Insert: linear plot of I_0/I at low concentration of 2-NP.

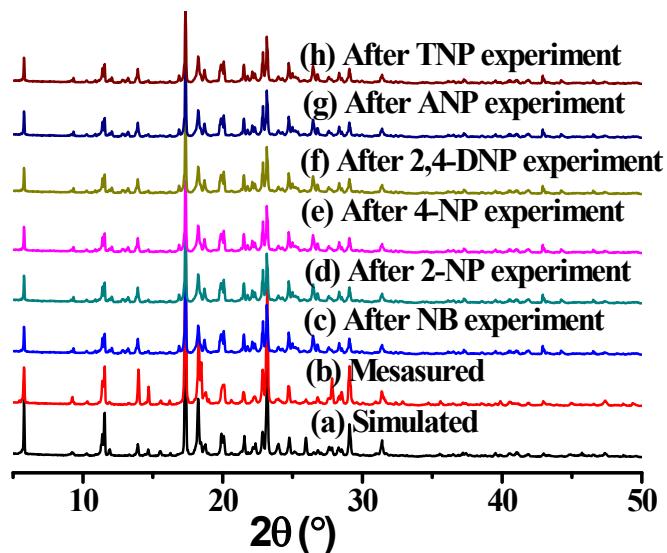


Fig. S10 PXRD patterns of the measured, simulated and measured of **1**, after detection of nitroaromatics analytes in MeOH solutions.

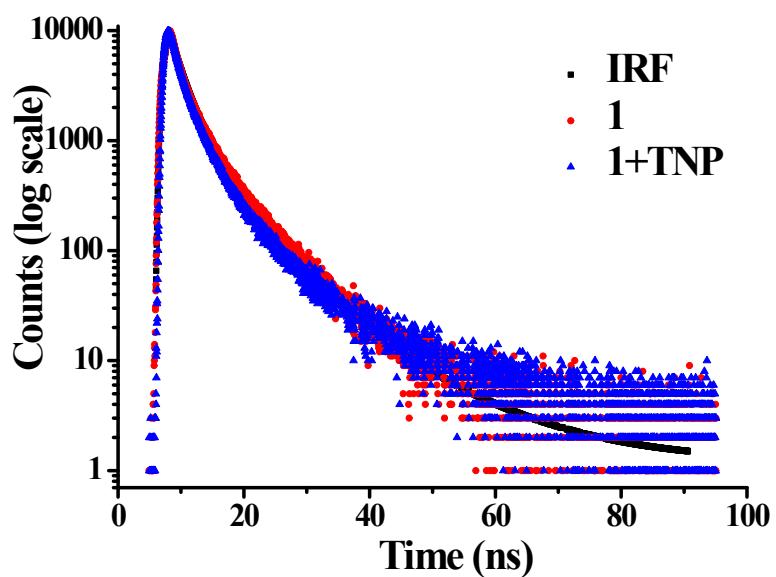


Fig. S11 Fluorescence decay of **1** and **1** in the presence of 2 ppm TNP (IRF = Instrument Response Function) ($\lambda_{\text{ex}} = 320 \text{ nm}$, $\lambda_{\text{em}} = 410 \text{ nm}$).

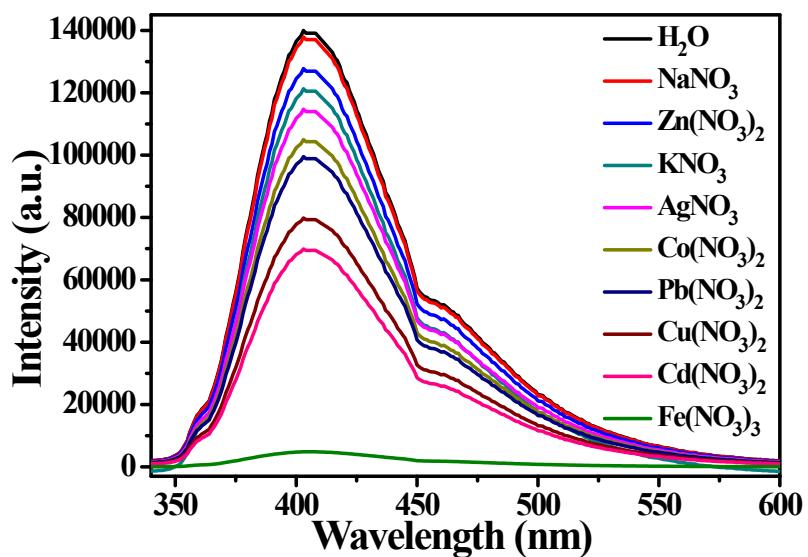


Fig. S12 Emission spectra of **1** dispersed in aqueous solution in the presence of different metal cations (3.0 mM).

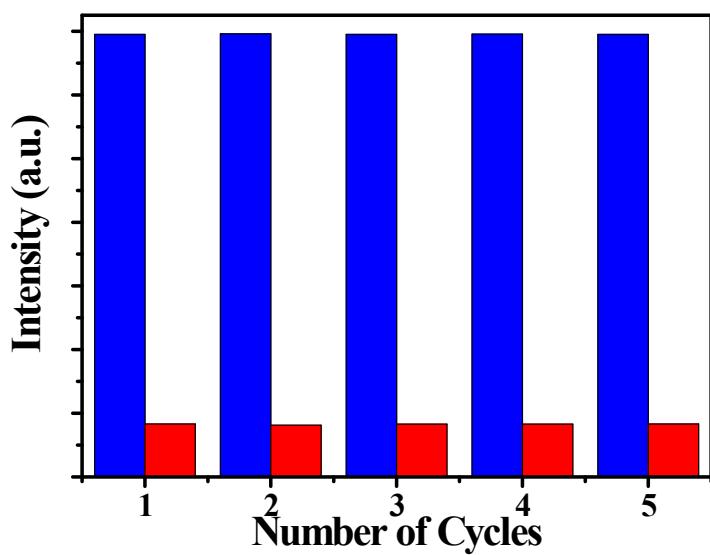


Fig. S13 Reproducibility of the quenching ability of **1** in the detection of Fe^{3+} .

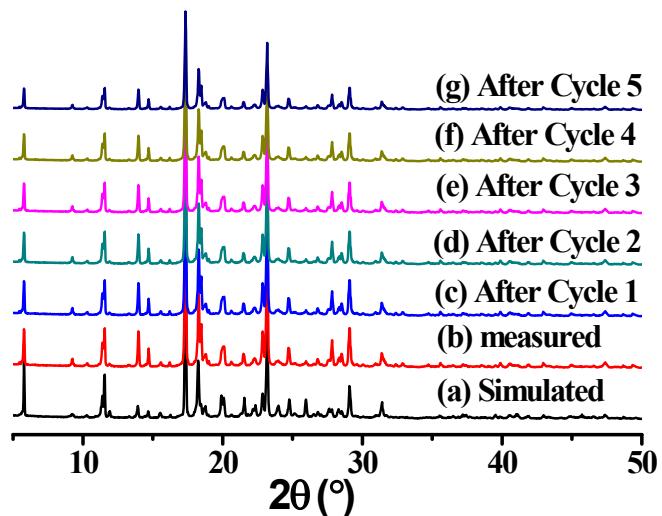


Fig. S14 PXRD patterns of the simulated and measured of **1**, cycle 1 – 5 after detection of Fe^{3+} .

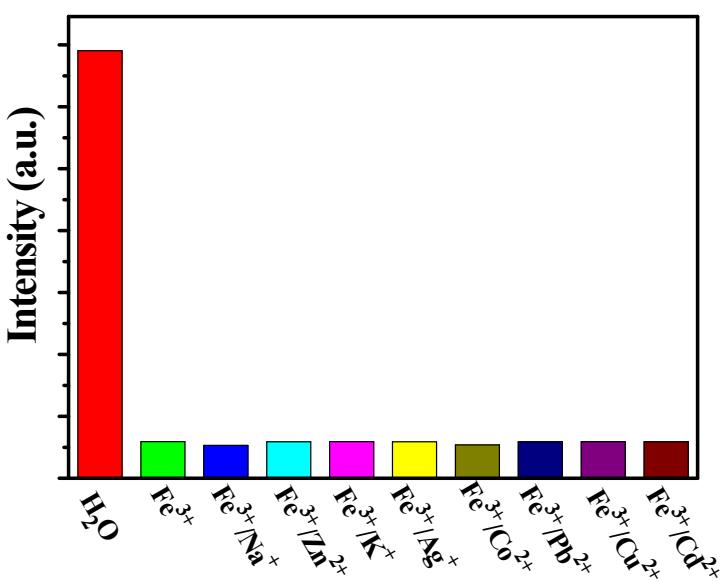


Fig. S15 Emission intensity of **1** dispersed in the aqueous solution of Fe^{3+} (1.0 mM) in the presence of different metal cations (1.0 mM).

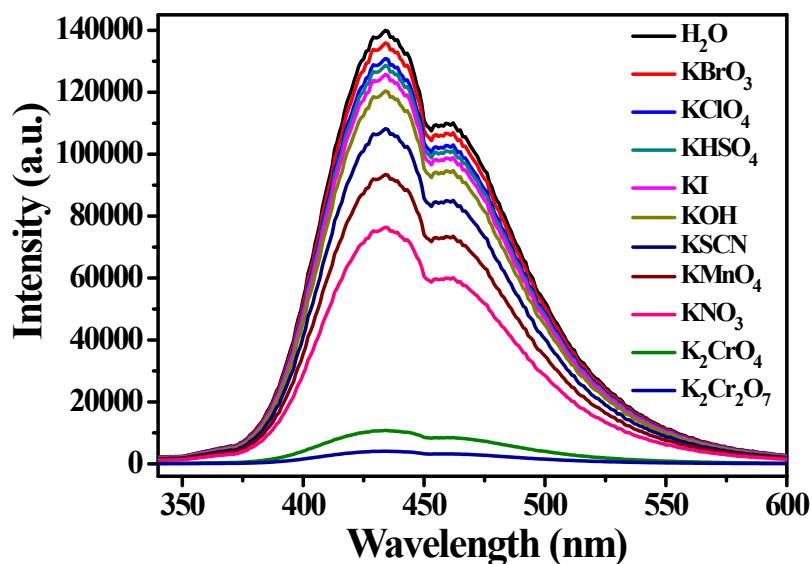


Fig. S16 Emission spectra of **1** dispersed in aqueous solution in the presence of different anions (1.0 mM).

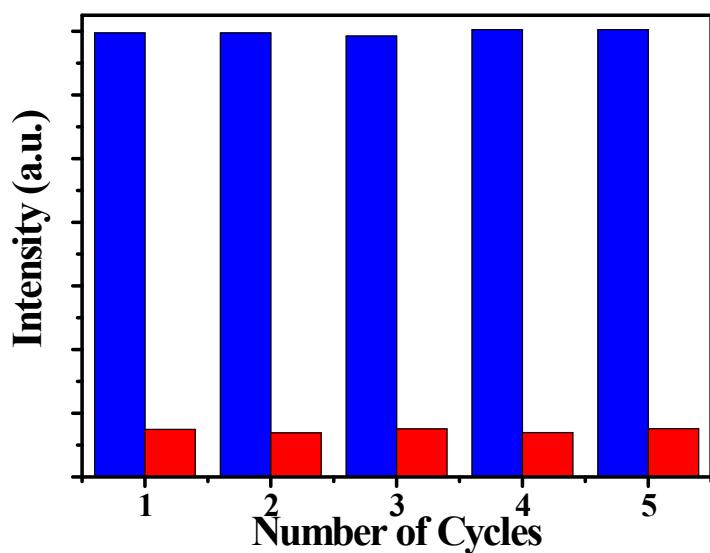


Fig. S17 Reproducibility of the quenching ability of **1** in the detection of $\text{Cr}_2\text{O}_7^{2-}$.

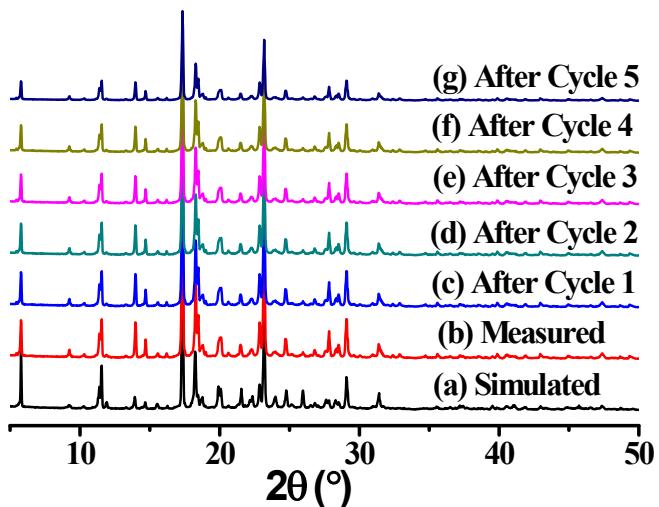


Fig. S18 PXRD patterns of the simulated and measured of **1**, cycle 1 – 5 after detection of $\text{Cr}_2\text{O}_7^{2-}$.

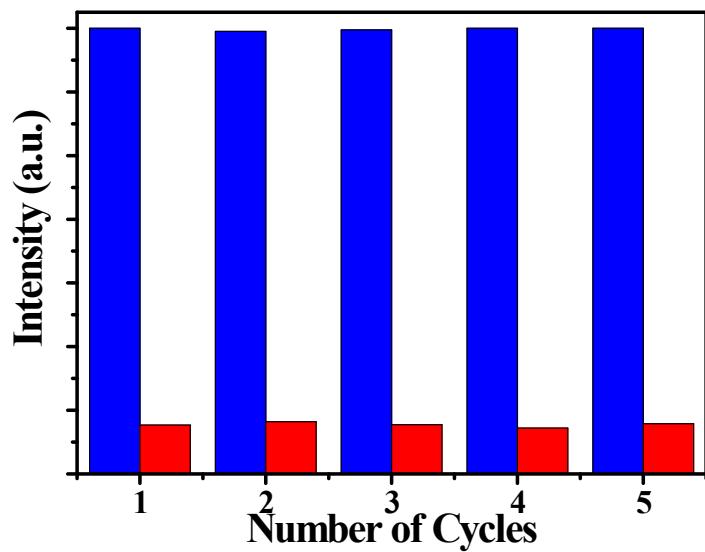


Fig. S19 Reproducibility of the quenching ability of **1** in the detection of CrO_4^{2-} .

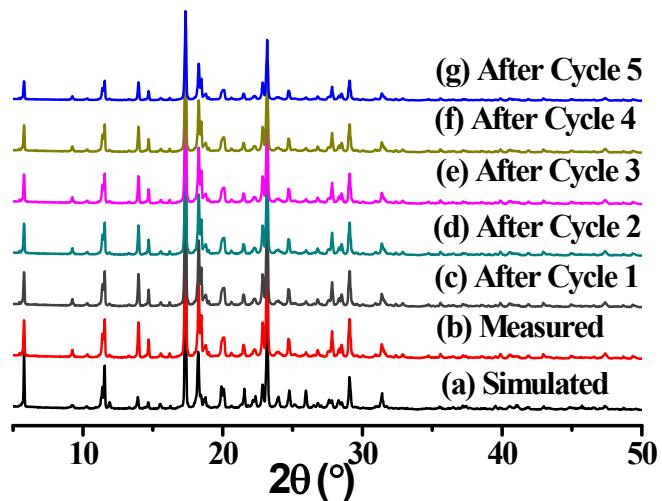


Fig. S20 PXRD patterns of the simulated and measured of **1**, cycle 1 – 5 after detection of CrO_4^{2-} .

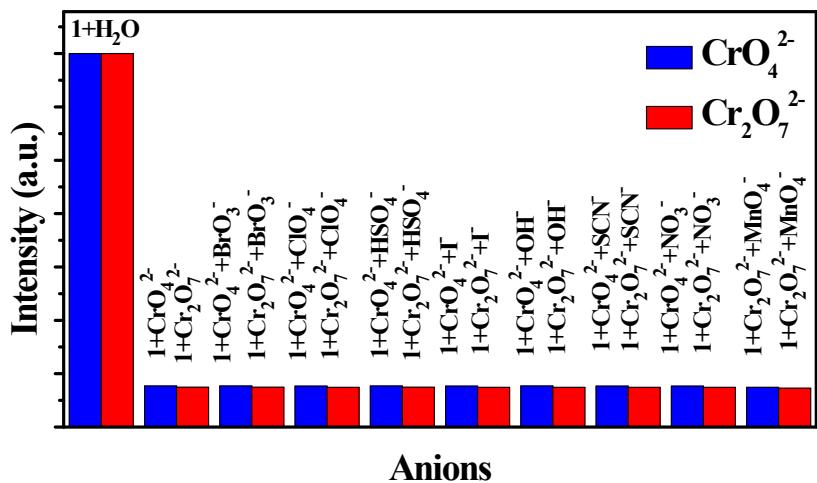


Fig. S21 Emission intensity of **1** dispersed in the aqueous solution of $\text{Cr}_2\text{O}_7^{2-}$ (0.9 mM), or CrO_4^{2-} (1.5 mM) in the presence of different ions (3.0 mM).

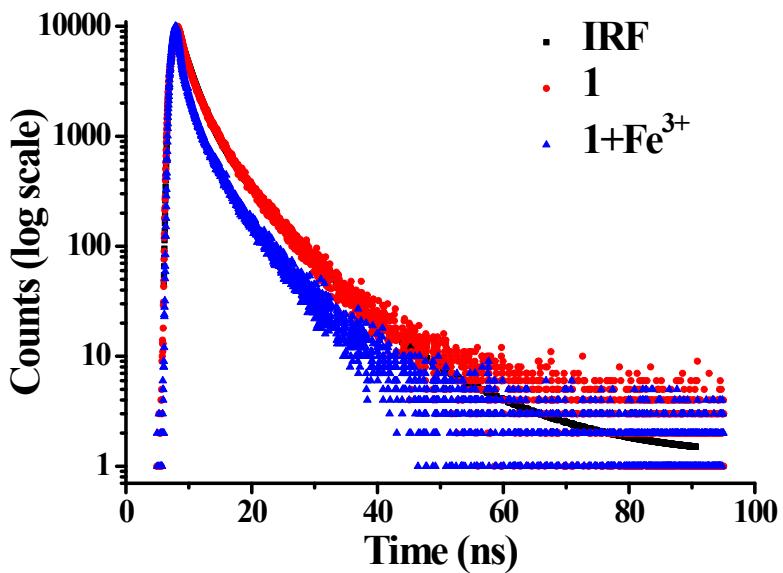


Fig. S22 Fluorescence decay of **1** and **1** in the presence of 0.05 mM Fe^{3+} (IRF = Instrument Response Function) ($\lambda_{\text{ex}} = 320 \text{ nm}$, $\lambda_{\text{em}} = 410 \text{ nm}$).

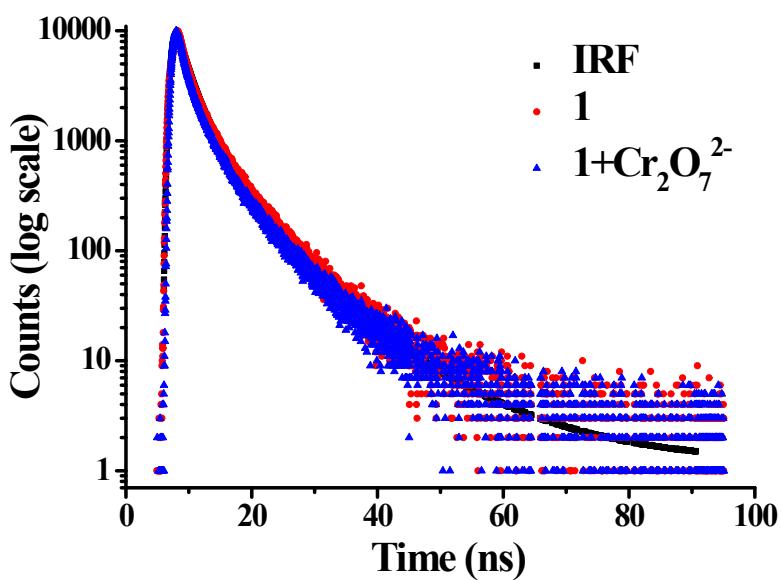


Fig. S23 Fluorescence decay of **1** and **1** in the presence of 0.1 mM Cr₂O₇²⁻ (IRF = Instrument Response Function) ($\lambda_{\text{ex}} = 320$ nm, $\lambda_{\text{em}} = 410$ nm).

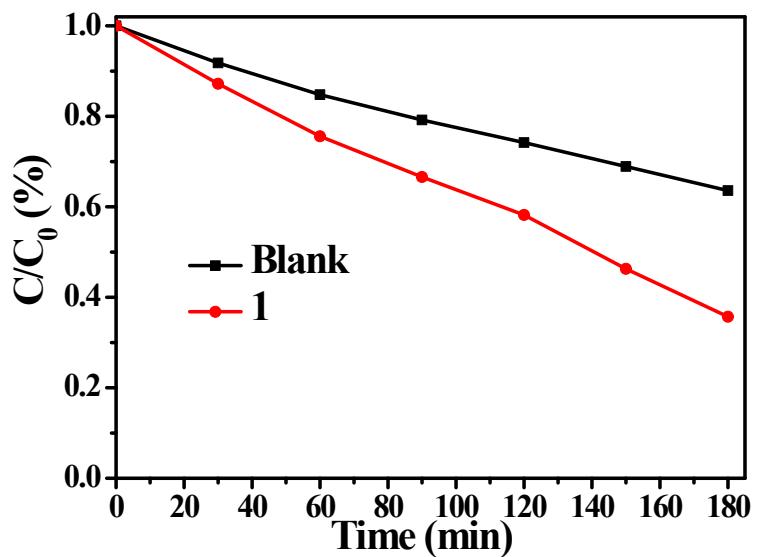


Fig. S24 Photocatalytic degradation efficiencies of the MB solution under UV light irradiation using catalyst **1** and blank experiment (only H₂O₂).