

## Supporting Information

### An ultrastable zinc(II)-organic framework as a recyclable multi-responsive luminescent sensor for Cr(III), Cr(VI), and 4-NP in the aqueous phase with high selectivity and sensitivity

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Table S1. Crystallographic data and structure refinements for Zn-MOF-1

<b>Zn-MOF -1</b>	
Formula	C <sub>14</sub> H <sub>13</sub> ZnNO <sub>6</sub>
Mr	356.62
Crystal system	Triclinic
space group	<i>P</i> $\bar{1}$
<i>a</i> , Å	8.2143(5)
<i>b</i> , Å	9.7414(6)
<i>c</i> , Å	10.4899(6)
$\alpha$ , deg	107.352(2)
$\beta$ , deg	101.099(2)
$\gamma$ , deg	111.798(2)
<i>V</i> , Å <sup>3</sup>	699.00(7)
<i>Z</i>	2
<i>D</i> <sub>c</sub> , g cm <sup>-3</sup>	1.694
$\mu$ , mm <sup>-1</sup>	1.786
Unique.reflns/ <i>R</i> <sub>int</sub>	2499 / 0.0168
<i>R</i> <sub>1</sub> [ <i>I</i> > 2 $\sigma$ ( <i>I</i> )]	0.0253
w <i>R</i> <sub>2</sub> (All data)	0.0698
GOF	0.971

Table S2. The selected bond lengths (Å) and angles (°) for compound 1.

<b>Zn1-O2C</b>	<b>1.9608(15)</b>	<b>Zn-O5</b>	<b>1.9803(15)</b>
<b>Zn1-N1A</b>	<b>2.0447(18)</b>	<b>Zn1-O6</b>	<b>2.0866(18)</b>
<b>Zn1-O5B</b>	<b>2.4510(16)</b>	<b>O2C-Zn1-O5</b>	<b>123.16(7)</b>
<b>O5-Zn1-N1A</b>	<b>118.83(7)</b>	<b>O2C-Zn1-N1A</b>	<b>113.99(7)</b>
<b>O5-Zn1-O6</b>	<b>97.38(7)</b>	<b>O2C-Zn1-O6</b>	<b>95.98(7)</b>
<b>O2C-Zn1-O5B</b>	<b>86.31(6)</b>	<b>N1A-Zn1-O6</b>	<b>96.65(7)</b>
<b>N1A-Zn1-O5B</b>	<b>89.20(6)</b>	<b>O5-Zn1-O5B</b>	<b>75.19(6)</b>
<b>Zn1-O5-Zn1B</b>	<b>104.81(6)</b>	<b>O6-Zn1-O5B</b>	<b>172.18(6)</b>

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

Table S3. Hydrogen bond lengths (Å) and angles (°) for Zn-MOF-1

D-H	A	d(D-H)	d(H..A)	<DHA	d(D..A)
O1	O3 [ $x, y+1, z$ ]	0.850	1.913	157.23	2.717
O6	O1	0.960	1.822	173.01	2.778
O6	O4 [ $-x+2, -y+1, -z+1$ ]	0.960	1.834	146.21	2.686

D : Donor; A: Acceptor

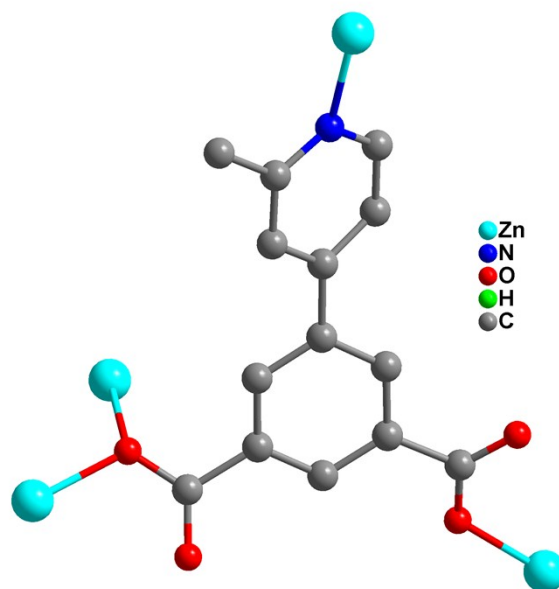


Fig. S1 The coordination environment of the unique  $L^{2-}$  in the asymmetric unit.

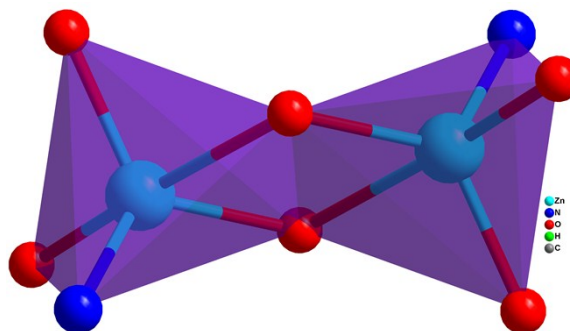


Fig. S2 The dinuclear  $Zn_2$  unit in the structure of Zn-MOF-1

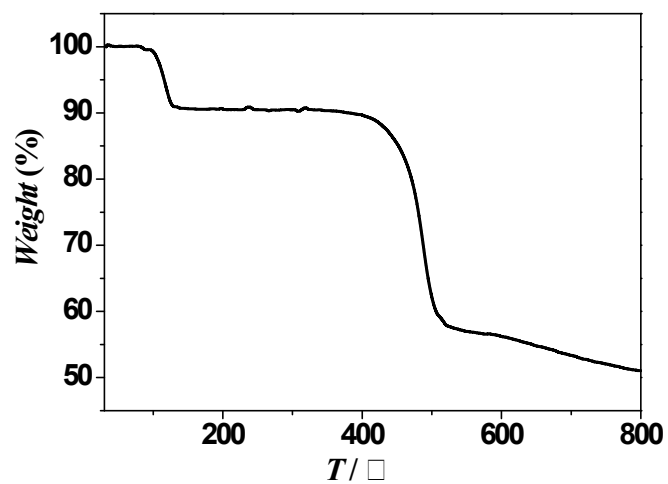


Fig. S3 The TGA curve for Zn-MOF-1

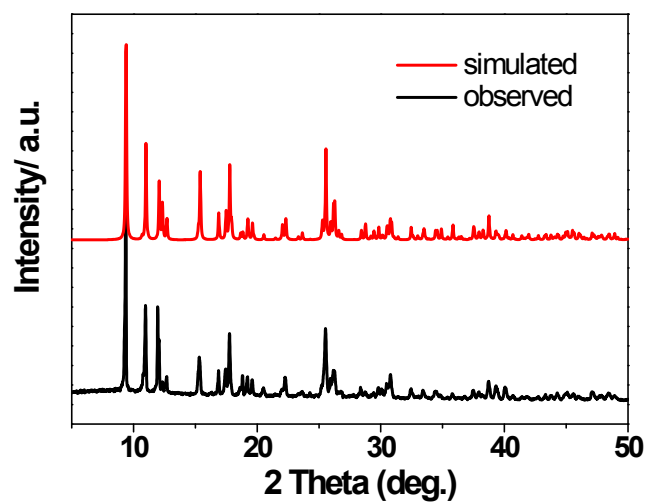


Fig. S4. PXRD patterns for Zn-MOF-1.

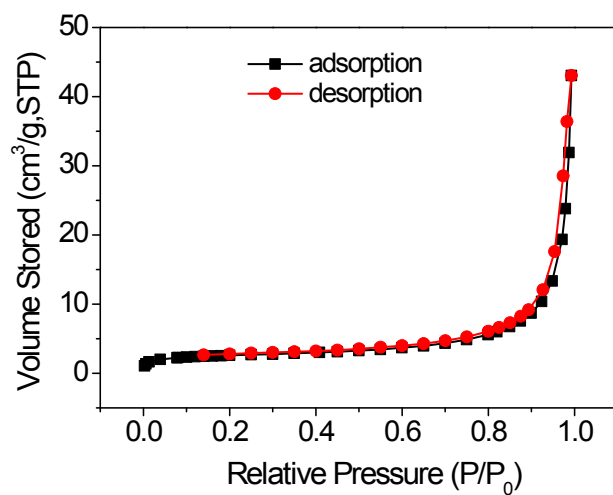


Fig. S5. N<sub>2</sub> sorption isotherm measured at 77 K of Zn-MOF-1.

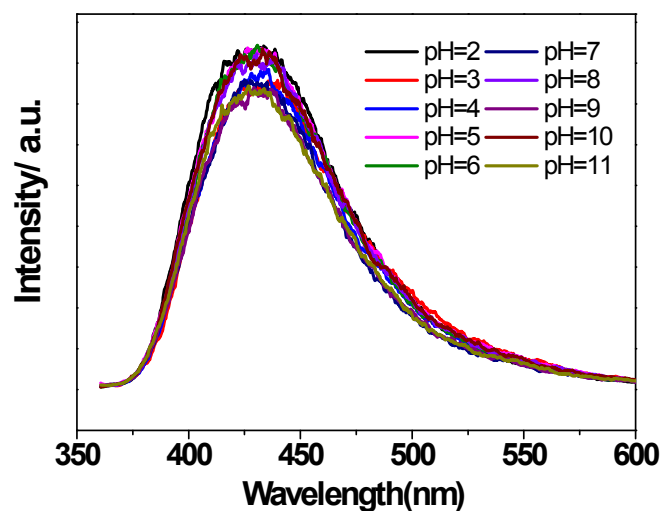


Fig. S6. The emission spectra of Zn-MOF-1 in different pH values in the range of 2-11.

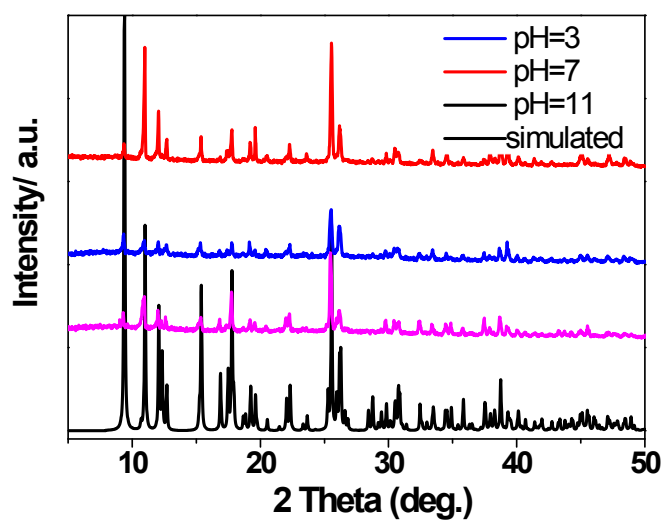


Fig. S7. PXRD patterns of Zn-MOF-1 in different pH values in the range of 2-11.

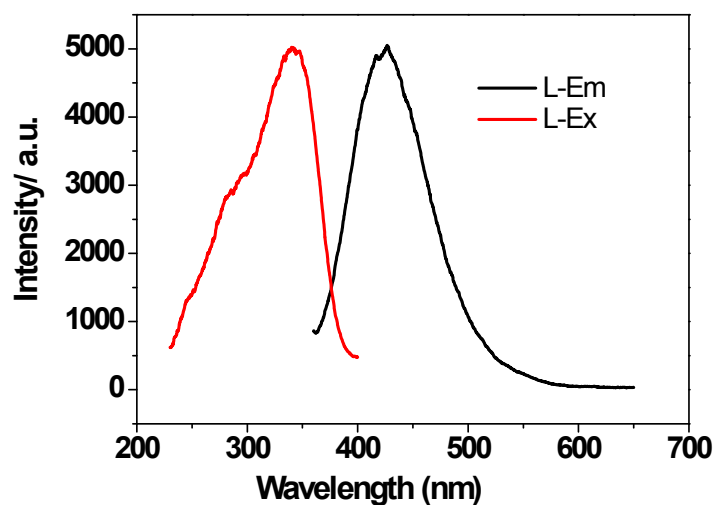


Fig. S8 The solid-state excitation ( $\lambda_{em} = 346$  nm) and emission spectra ( $\lambda_{ex} = 426$  nm) of free  $H_2L$  ligands at room temperature.

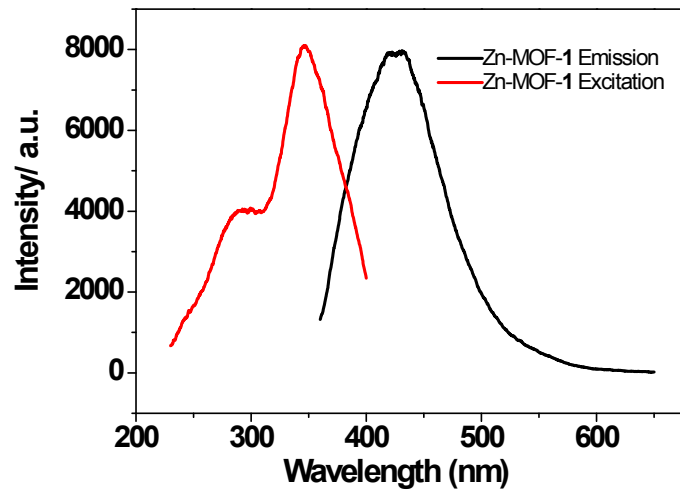


Fig. S9 The solid-state excitation spectra ( $\lambda_{em} = 346$  nm) and emission spectra ( $\lambda_{ex} = 426$  nm) of Zn-MOF-1 at room temperature.

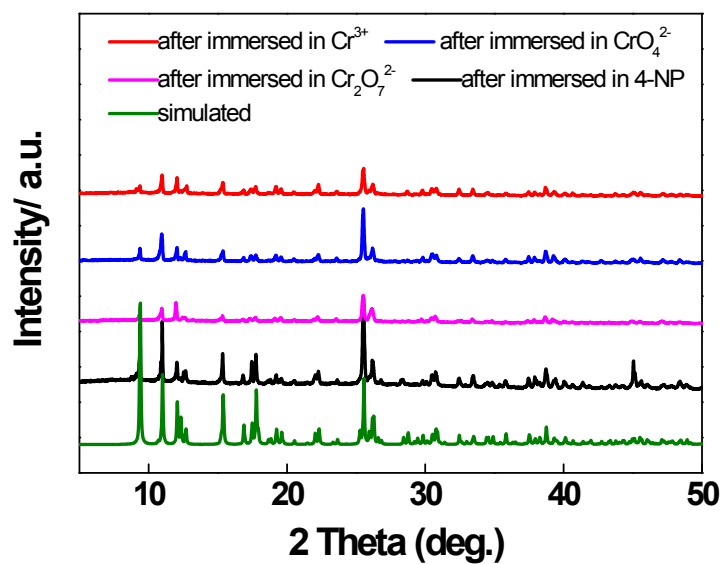


Fig. S10 The powder X-ray diffraction (PXRD) patterns for Zn-MOF-1 and Zn-MOF-1 immersed in 0.01 M aqueous solutions of  $Cr^{3+}$ ,  $CrO_4^{2-}$ ,  $Cr_2O_7^{2-}$  ions and 4-NP.

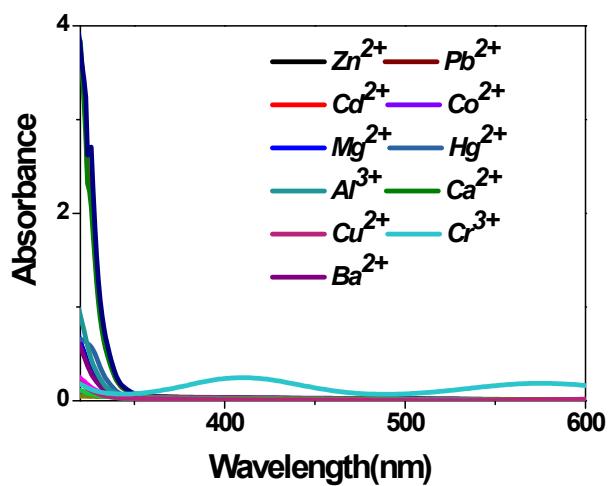


Fig. S11 UV-Vis spectra of different metal ions in aqueous solutions.

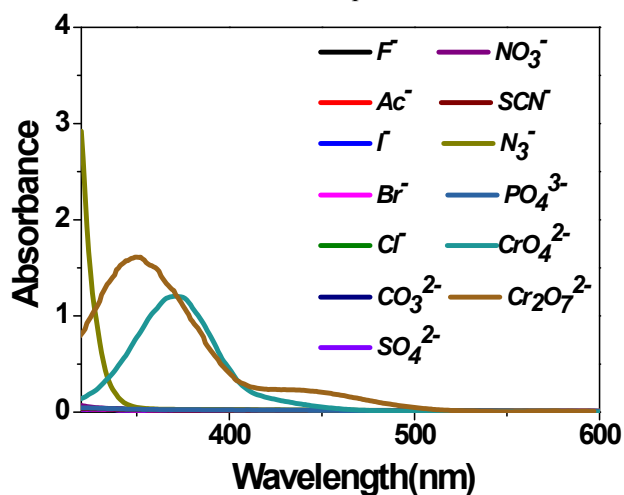


Fig. S12 UV-Vis spectra of different anions in aqueous solutions.

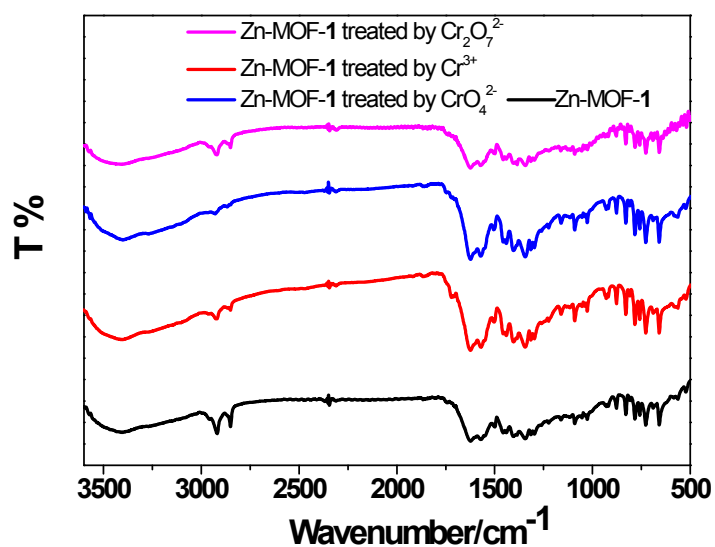


Fig. S13. IR characterization of as-synthesized Zn-MOF-1, Zn-MOF-1 treated by  $Cr^{3+}$ ,  $CrO_4^{2-}$  and  $Cr_2O_7^{2-}$  ions.

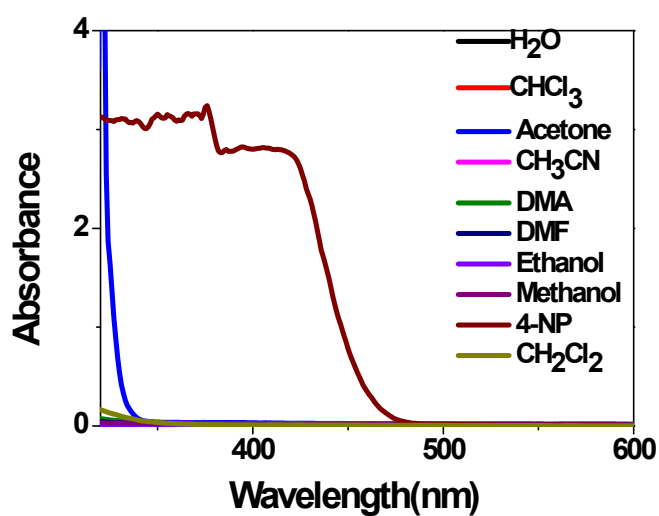


Fig. S14 UV-Vis spectra of different small organic molecules in aqueous solutions.

Table S4. Sensing performance comparison between other MOF-based fluorescent sensors with Zn-MOF-1 for Cr(III) and Cr(VI) ions

MOF-based fluorescent materials	analyte	detection limits	responsive time	quenching constant	recyclability	solvent	Ref
Zn-MOF-1	Cr <sup>3+</sup>	2.44 $\mu$ M	Seconds	2.03X10 <sup>4</sup>	YES	Water	This work
	CrO <sub>4</sub> <sup>2-</sup>	4.8 $\mu$ M		1.02X10 <sup>4</sup>			
	Cr <sub>2</sub> O <sub>7</sub> <sup>2-</sup>	3.53 $\mu$ M		2.07X10 <sup>4</sup>			
[Zn <sub>2</sub> (TPOM)(BDC) <sub>2</sub> ] • 4H <sub>2</sub> O	Cr <sup>3+</sup>	4.9 $\mu$ M	Seconds		YES	DMF	1
	CrO <sub>4</sub> <sup>2-</sup>	4.8 $\mu$ M		4.45X10 <sup>3</sup>			
	Cr <sub>2</sub> O <sub>7</sub> <sup>2-</sup>	3.9 $\mu$ M		7.59X10 <sup>3</sup>			
[Zn(L)(BBI)•(H <sub>2</sub> O) <sub>2</sub> ]	Cr <sub>2</sub> O <sub>7</sub> <sup>2-</sup>	–	–		YES	Water	2
Eu <sub>4</sub> L <sub>3</sub>	Cr <sub>2</sub> O <sub>7</sub> <sup>2-</sup>	10 $\mu$ M	24 h	1.526X10 <sup>3</sup>	YES	DMF	3
[Cd(TPTZ)(H <sub>2</sub> O) <sub>2</sub> (HCOOH)(IPA) <sub>2</sub> ] <sub>n</sub>	Cr <sub>2</sub> O <sub>7</sub> <sup>2-</sup>	–	12 h		NO	Water	4
[Cd <sub>6</sub> (L) <sub>2</sub> (bib) <sub>2</sub> (DMA) <sub>4</sub> ]	CrO <sub>4</sub> <sup>2-</sup>	–	5 min		NO	Water	5
[Cd <sub>3</sub> (L)(tib)(DMF) <sub>2</sub> ]	Cr <sub>2</sub> O <sub>7</sub> <sup>2-</sup>						
[Zn <sub>5</sub> (Htrb) <sub>2</sub> (H <sub>2</sub> O) <sub>2</sub> (V <sub>5</sub> O <sub>15</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> ]•11H <sub>2</sub> O	Cr <sup>3+</sup>	–	–		NO	Water	6
[Ag <sub>3</sub> (Htrb)(H <sub>4</sub> V <sub>5</sub> O <sub>16</sub> )]•H <sub>2</sub> O							
[Zn(2-NH <sub>2</sub> bdc)(bibp)] <sub>n</sub>	Cr <sub>2</sub> O <sub>7</sub> <sup>2-</sup>	–	–		NO	Water	7
1-Eu	Cr <sub>2</sub> O <sub>7</sub> <sup>2-</sup>	22 $\mu$ M	–		NO	Ethanol	8
[Zn <sub>2</sub> (tpeb) <sub>2</sub> (2,3-ndc) <sub>2</sub> ]•H <sub>2</sub> O] <sub>n</sub>	Cr <sup>3+</sup>	0.88 ppb	–		YES	Water	9
	CrO <sub>4</sub> <sup>2-</sup>	1.734 ppb					
	Cr <sub>2</sub> O <sub>7</sub> <sup>2-</sup>	2.623 ppb					
[EuL(H <sub>2</sub> O) <sub>3</sub> ]•3H <sub>2</sub> O•0.75DMF	Cr <sub>2</sub> O <sub>7</sub> <sup>2-</sup>	–	–		YES	DMF	10
[Eu <sub>2</sub> (tpbpc) <sub>4</sub> CO <sub>3</sub> •H <sub>2</sub> O]•DMF•solvent	Cr <sup>3+</sup>	3.64 ppm	Seconds	5.14X10 <sup>2</sup>	YES	Water	11
	CrO <sub>4</sub> <sup>2-</sup>	0.33 ppm		4.85X10 <sup>3</sup>			
	Cr <sub>2</sub> O <sub>7</sub> <sup>2-</sup>	1.07 ppm		1.04X10 <sup>4</sup>			
[Me <sub>2</sub> NH <sub>2</sub> ] <sub>4</sub> [Zn <sub>6</sub> (qptc) <sub>3</sub> (trz) <sub>4</sub> ]•6H <sub>2</sub> O	Cr <sup>3+</sup>	–	–		NO	Water	12
[Tb(TATAB)(H <sub>2</sub> O) <sub>2</sub> ]•NMP•H <sub>2</sub> O] <sub>n</sub>	Cr <sub>2</sub> O <sub>7</sub> <sup>2-</sup>	1 $\mu$ M	–	1.11X10 <sup>4</sup>	NO	Water	13
Eu <sup>3+</sup> @MIL-121	Cr <sub>2</sub> O <sub>7</sub> <sup>2-</sup>	0.054 $\mu$ M	–	4.34X10 <sup>3</sup>	NO	Water	14
[Zn(btz)] <sub>n</sub>	CrO <sub>4</sub> <sup>2-</sup>	10 $\mu$ M	–	3.19X10 <sup>3</sup>	YES	Water	15
	Cr <sub>2</sub> O <sub>7</sub> <sup>2-</sup>	20 $\mu$ M		4.23X10 <sup>3</sup>			
[Zn <sub>2</sub> (ttz)H <sub>2</sub> O] <sub>n</sub>	CrO <sub>4</sub> <sup>2-</sup>	2 $\mu$ M		2.35X10 <sup>3</sup>	YES	Water	15
	Cr <sub>2</sub> O <sub>7</sub> <sup>2-</sup>	20 $\mu$ M		2.19X10 <sup>3</sup>			
[Zn <sub>2.5</sub> (cpbda)(OH) <sub>2</sub> ]•DMF	CrO <sub>4</sub> <sup>2-</sup>	–	–		NO	Water	16
	Cr <sub>2</sub> O <sub>7</sub> <sup>2-</sup>						
{[Cu(butylmalonate) <sub>2</sub> (H <sub>2</sub> O)](2-APH) <sub>2</sub> •H <sub>2</sub> O}	Cr <sub>2</sub> O <sub>7</sub> <sup>2-</sup>	–	–		NO	Water	17

[Eu <sub>7</sub> (mtb) <sub>3</sub> (H <sub>2</sub> O) <sub>16</sub> ] <sub>3</sub> ·NO <sub>3</sub> ·8D	CrO <sub>4</sub> <sup>2-</sup>	0.56 ppb	-	-	NO	deionized	18
MA·18H <sub>2</sub> O						water	

TPOM= tetrakis(4-pyridyloxymethylene)methane, BDC= 2-aminoterephthalic acid;<sup>1</sup> L=benzo-(1,2;4,5)-bis(thiophene-2'-carboxylic acid, BBI=1,1'-(1,4-butanediyl)bis(imidazole);<sup>2</sup> L= 5,5'-(carbonylbis(azanediyl))diisophthalic acid;<sup>3</sup> TPTZ =4-[4-(1H-1,2,4-triazol-1-yl)phenyl]phenyl}-1H-1,2,4-triazole, IPA=isophthalic acid;<sup>4</sup> L= 4-(carboxyphenyl)oxamethyl]-3-oxapentane acid, bib = 4,4'-di(1H-imidazol-1-yl)-1,1'-biphenyl, tib= 1,3,5-tri(1H-imidazol-1-yl)benzene;<sup>5</sup> Htrb= hexakis (1,2,4-triazol-ylmethyl)-benzene;<sup>6</sup> bibp = 4,4'-bis(imidazol-1-ylmethyl)-biphenyl;<sup>7</sup> 1= 3-(1H-pyrazol-3-yl) benzoic acid;<sup>8</sup> tpeb = 1,3,5-tri-4-pyridyl-1,2-ethenylbenzene, 2,3-ndc = 2,3-naphthalenedicarboxylic acid;<sup>9</sup> L = biphenyl-3'-nitro-3,4',5'-tricarboxylic acid;<sup>10</sup> tpbpc =4'-[4,2';6',4'']-terpyridin-4'-yl-biphenyl -4-carboxylic acid;<sup>11</sup> qpctc = terphenyl-2,5,2'5'-tetracarboxylic acid, trz = 1,2,4-triazole;<sup>12</sup> TATAB = 4,4',4''-s-triazine-1,3,5-triyltri-m-aminobenzoic acid, NMP = N-methyl-2-pyrrolidone;<sup>13</sup> btec =pyromellitic acid;<sup>14</sup> btz =1,5-bis(5-tetrazolo)-3-oxapentane, ttz= 1,2,3-tris-[2-(5-tetrazolo)-ethoxy] propane;<sup>15</sup> cpbda =3,5-bis(4-carboxyphenoxy)benzoic acid;<sup>16</sup> 2-APH= protonated 2-aminopyridine;<sup>17</sup> 4mtb = 4-[tris(4-carboxyphenyl) methyl]benzoic acid.<sup>18</sup>

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