

Sequential and recyclable sensing of Fe³⁺ and ascorbic acid in water with a terbium(III)-based metal–organic framework

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Table S1 Crystallographic data for MOF 1.

Molecular formula	C ₁₈ H ₃₂ N ₄ O ₂₉ Tb ₂	D_{calc} (g cm ⁻³)	2.239
Formula weight	1086.31	λ (Mo-K α) (Å)	0.71073
Crystal system	monoclinic	μ (cm ⁻¹)	4.475
Space group	$P2_1/n$	Total reflections	18195
a (Å)	10.1266(8)	Unique reflections	3709
b (Å)	15.5118(13)	No. observations	3437
c (Å)	10.4954(9)	No. parameters	250
α (°)	90	R^a	0.0229
β (°)	102.2370(10)	wR^b	0.0442
γ (°)	90	GOF ^c	1.137
V (Å ³)	1611.2 (2)	$\Delta\rho_{\text{max}}$ (e Å ⁻³)	0.622
Z	2	$\Delta\rho_{\text{min}}$ (e Å ⁻³)	-1.067
T/K	296(2)		

^a $R_1 = \Sigma||F_o| - |F_c|/\Sigma|F_o||$. ^b $wR_2 = \{\Sigma[w(F_o^2 - F_c^2)^2/\Sigma w(F_o^2)^2]\}^{1/2}$. ^c GOF = $\{\Sigma[w((F_o^2 - F_c^2)^2)/(n - p)]\}^{1/2}$, where n = number of reflections and p = total numbers of parameters refined.

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

Tb(1)-O(1)	2.3559(16)	Tb(1)-O(3)#2	2.5547(17)
Tb(1)-O(1W)	2.4622(17)	Tb(1)-O(4)#2	2.5238(16)
Tb(1)-O(2W)	2.4391(16)	Tb(1)-O(5)#3	2.3953(16)
Tb(1)-O(2)#1	2.3456(16)	Tb(1)-O(6)#4	2.3697(16)
Tb(1)-O(3W)	2.4714(16)		
O(1)-Tb(1)-O(1W)	139.83(6)	O(6)#4-Tb(1)-O(2W)	142.13(6)
O(1)-Tb(1)-O(2W)	140.41(6)	O(6)#4-Tb(1)-O(3W)	136.09(6)
O(1)-Tb(1)-O(3W)	67.45(6)	O(6)#4-Tb(1)-O(3)#2	115.96(6)
O(1)-Tb(1)-O(3)#2	116.26(5)	O(6)#4-Tb(1)-O(4)#2	75.48(6)
O(1)-Tb(1)-O(4)#2	76.50(6)	O(6)#4-Tb(1)-O(5)#3	118.79(6)
O(1)-Tb(1)-O(5)#3	76.58(6)	O(6)#4-Tb(1)-C(9)#2	96.73(6)
O(1)-Tb(1)-O(6)#4	74.62(6)	O(6)#4-Tb(1)-O(5)#3	118.79(6)
O(1)-Tb(1)-C(9)#2	95.94(6)	O(6)#4-Tb(1)-C(9)#2	96.73(6)
O(1W)-Tb(1)-O(3W)	130.96(6)	O(2)#1-Tb(1)-O(6)#4	74.83(6)
O(1W)-Tb(1)-O(3)#2	65.14(6)	O(2)#1-Tb(1)-C(9)#2	141.20(6)
O(1W)-Tb(1)-O(4)#2	76.26(6)	O(3W)-Tb(1)-O(3)#2	65.85(6)
O(1W)-Tb(1)-C(9)#2	69.78(6)	O(3W)-Tb(1)-O(4)#2	74.90(6)
O(2W)-Tb(1)-O(1W)	79.22(6)	O(3W)-Tb(1)-C(9)#2	66.98(6)
O(2W)-Tb(1)-O(3W)	81.21(6)	O(3)#2-Tb(1)-C(9)#2	25.64(5)
O(2W)-Tb(1)-O(3)#2	67.64(5)	O(4)#2-Tb(1)-O(3)#2	51.32(5)
O(2W)-Tb(1)-O(4)#2	118.95(5)	O(4)#2-Tb(1)-C(9)#2	25.74(6)
O(2W)-Tb(1)-C(9)#2	93.24(6)	O(5)#3-Tb(1)-O(1W)	138.37(6)
O(2)#1-Tb(1)-O(1)	117.07(6)	O(5)#3-Tb(1)-O(2W)	71.50(6)
O(2)#1-Tb(1)-O(1W)	71.76(6)	O(5)#3-Tb(1)-O(3W)	73.26(6)
O(2)#1-Tb(1)-O(2W)	74.62(6)	O(5)#3-Tb(1)-O(3)#2	125.16(6)
O(2)#1-Tb(1)-O(3W)	142.71(6)	O(5)#3-Tb(1)-O(4)#2	144.23(6)
O(2)#1-Tb(1)-O(3)#2	126.47(6)	O(5)#3-Tb(1)-C(9)#2	139.18(6)
O(2)#1-Tb(1)-O(4)#2	141.99(6)	O(6)#4-Tb(1)-O(1W)	70.35(6)
O(2)#1-Tb(1)-O(5)#3	72.36(6)		

Symmetry transformations used to generate equivalent atoms: #1 $-x + 1, -y - 2, -z + 1$; #2 $x - 1/2, -y - 3/2, z + 1/2$; #3 $-x + 3/2, y - 1/2, -z + 3/2$; #4 $x - 1/2, -y - 3/2, z - 1/2$; #5 $x + 1/2, -y - 3/2, z - 1/2$; #6 $-x + 3/2, y + 1/2, -z + 3/2$; #7 $x + 1/2, -y - 3/2, z + 1/2$.

Table S3 Comparison of the detection limit in MOF-based luminescent sensors for the detection of Fe³⁺ and ascorbic acid.

Analyte	MOF	Detection limit (μM)	Ref.
Fe ³⁺	[Zr ₆ O ₄ (OH) ₄ (2,7-CDC) ₆]·19H ₂ O·2DMF	0.91	1
Fe ³⁺	{[Eu ₂ L _{1.5} (H ₂ O) ₂ EtOH]·DMF} _n	10	2
Fe ³⁺	[Tb(TBOT)(H ₂ O)](H ₂ O) ₄ (DMF)(NMP) _{0.5}	130	3
Fe ³⁺	[(CH ₃) ₂ NH ₂]·[Tb(bptc)]·xsolvents	180	4
Fe ³⁺	MOF 1	4.0	This work
AA	Tb-CP	0.2	5
AA	[UO ₂ (L)DMA] _n	21.53	6
AA	[{(H ₃ O)[Eu(SBDB)(H ₂ O) ₂]} _n]	5.0	7
AA	ZJU-136-Ce _{1-x} Eu _x (x = 0.24, 0.36)	12.6	8
AA	MOF 1	5.9	This work

2,7-CDC = 9H-carbazole-2,7-dicarboxylate

L = 5,5'-(carbonylbis(azanediy))diisophthalic acid

NMP = N-methyl-2-pyrrolidone

bptc = biphenyl-3,3',5,5'-tetracarboxylate

L = [6-(carboxymethyl-amino)-4-oxo-4,5-dihydro-[1,3,5]triazin-2-ylamino]-acetateAA

DMA = Dimethylacetamide

SBDB = 1,5-disulfo-benzene-2,4-dicarboxylate

Table S4 The recovery determination of Fe³⁺ and AA in urine and serum by the standard addition method.

	<i>Samples</i>	<i>Spiked amount (mM)</i>	<i>Found amount (mM)</i>	<i>Recovery (%)</i>	<i>RSD (%, n=3)</i>
Fe ³⁺	Urine	0.1	0.105 ± 0.001	105.0	0.95
		0.5	0.516 ± 0.008	103.2	1.55
		1.0	0.973 ± 0.013	97.3	1.34
	Serum	0.1	0.101 ± 0.002	101.0	1.98
		0.5	0.476 ± 0.006	95.2	1.26
		1.0	0.996 ± 0.011	99.6	1.10
AA	Urine	0.25	0.240 ± 0.007	95.8	2.92
		0.75	0.787 ± 0.013	104.9	1.65
		1.25	1.266 ± 0.011	101.3	0.87
	Serum	0.25	0.257 ± 0.005	102.7	1.95
		0.75	0.740 ± 0.009	98.6	1.22
		1.25	1.301 ± 0.026	104.1	2.00

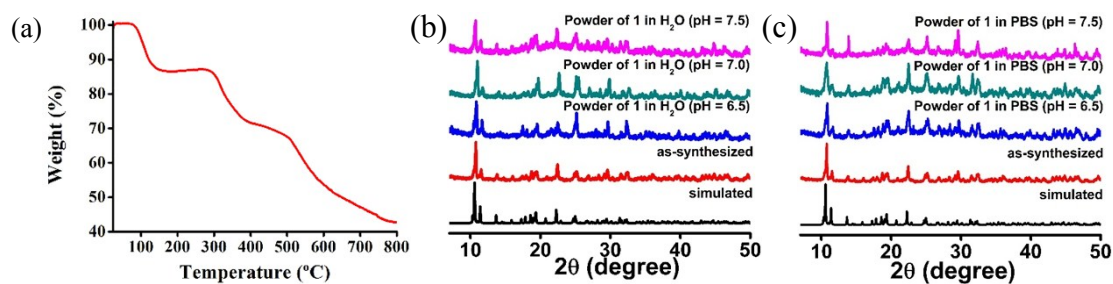


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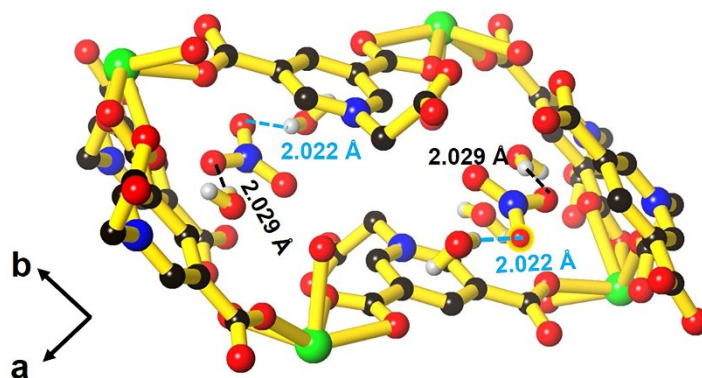


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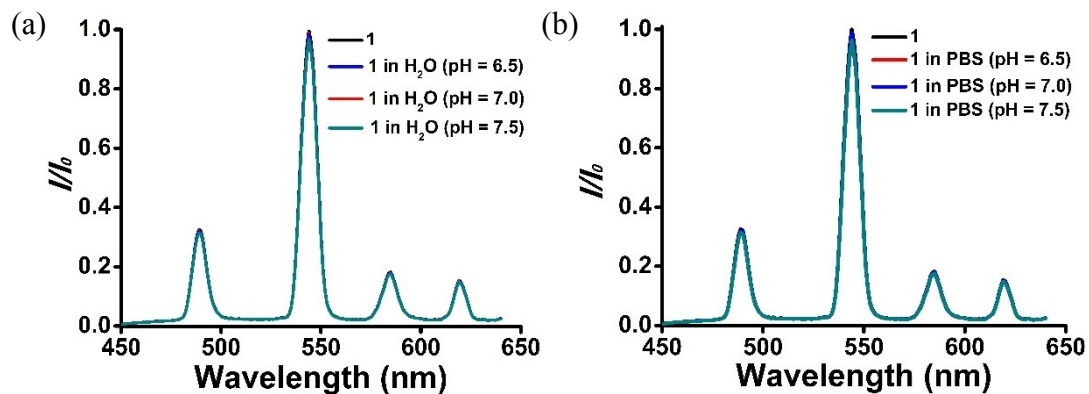


Figure S3 The Fluorescence emission spectrum of **1** in water (a) and (b) PBS with different pH environments.

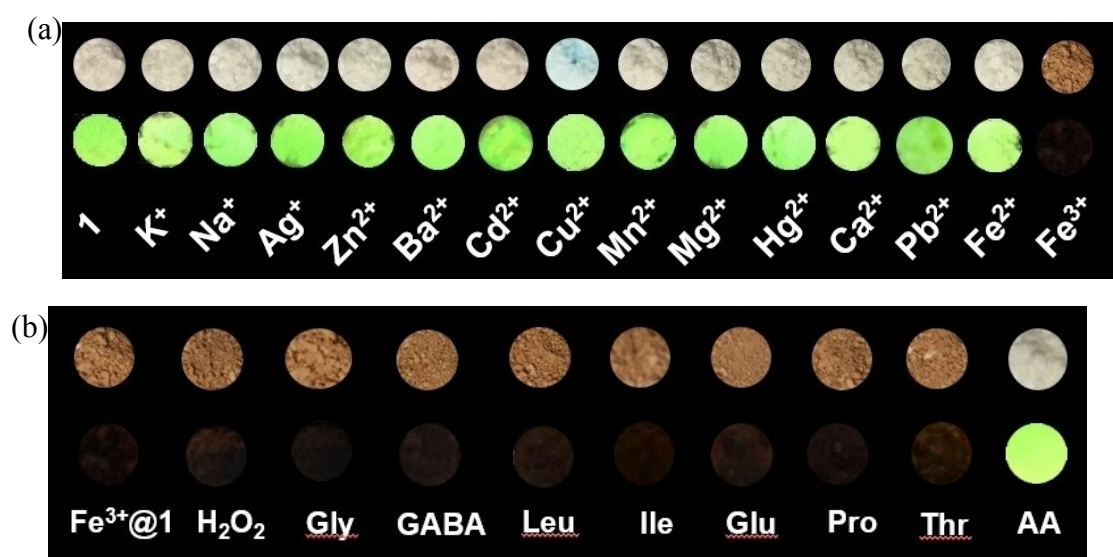


Figure S4. (a) The emission of MOF **1** seen by the naked eyes under the existence of different metal ions with natural light (up) or UV light (365 nm, down). (b) The emission of $Fe^{3+}@1$ seen by the naked eyes under the existence of different substances with natural light (up) or UV light (365 nm, down).

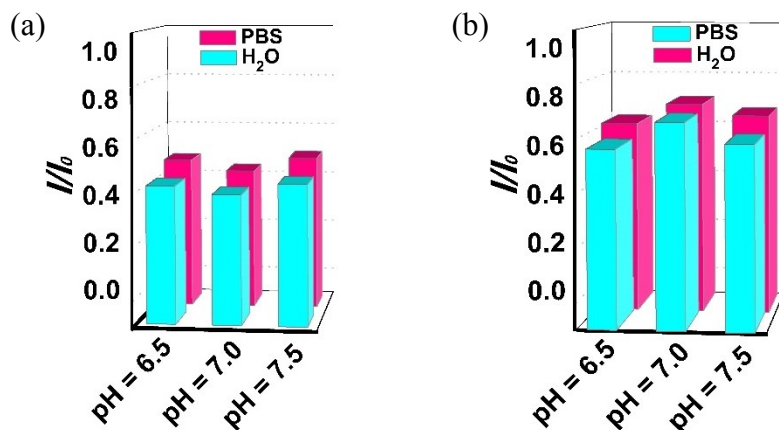


Figure S5 (a) The detection of Fe^{3+} (0.2 mM) by **1** and (b) AA (1.0 mM) by $\text{Fe}^{3+}@1$ in water and PBS with different pH.

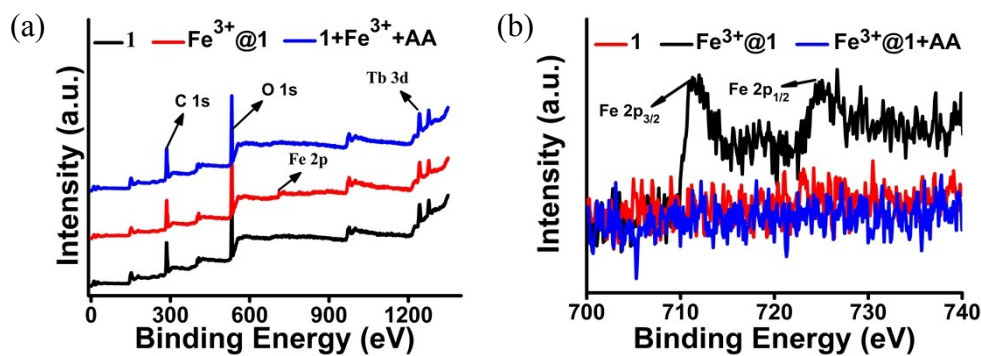


Figure S6. (a) XPS spectra for **1**, $\text{Fe}^{3+}@1$ and $\text{Fe}^{3+}@1 + \text{AA}$. (b) XPS for $\text{Fe } 2p_{3/2}$ and $\text{Fe } 2p_{1/2}$ in **1**, $\text{Fe}^{3+}@1$ and $\text{Fe}^{3+}@1 + \text{AA}$.

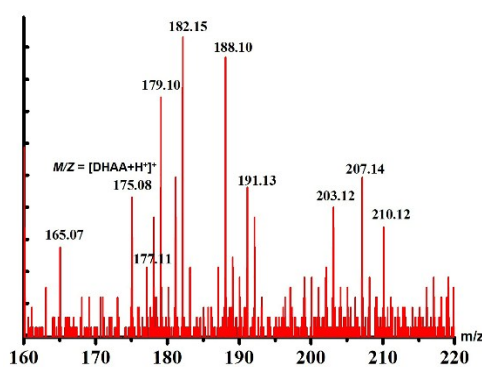


Figure S7. Electrospray ionization mass spectra for supernatant of $\text{Fe}^{3+}@1 + \text{AA}$ (positive), indicating the formation of dehydroascorbic acid (DHAA).

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