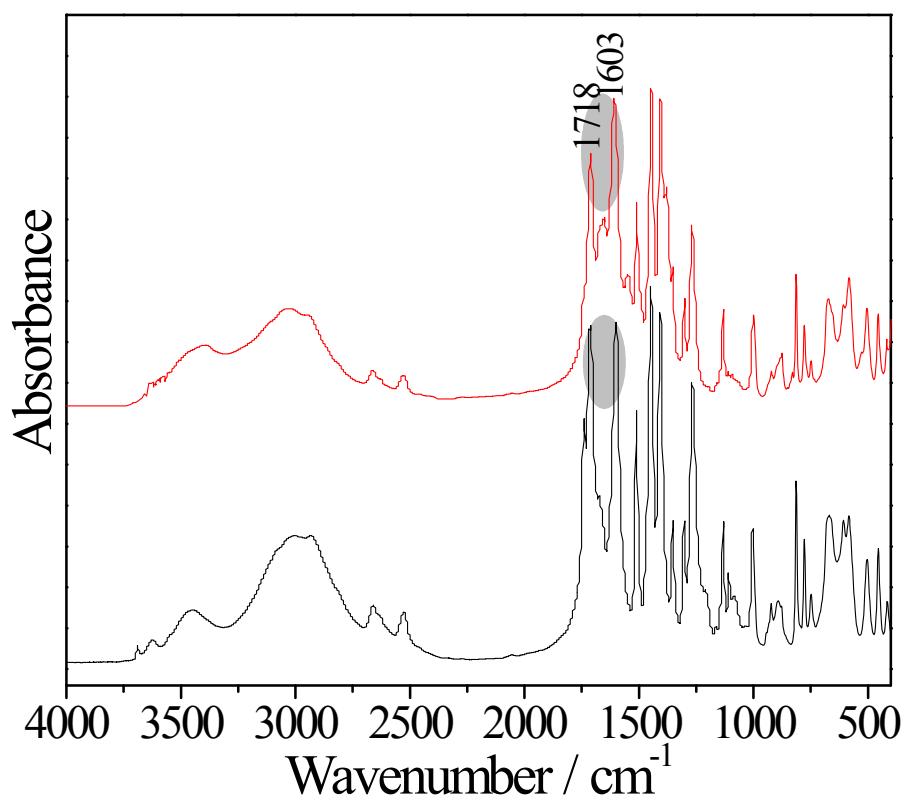


## Supporting information

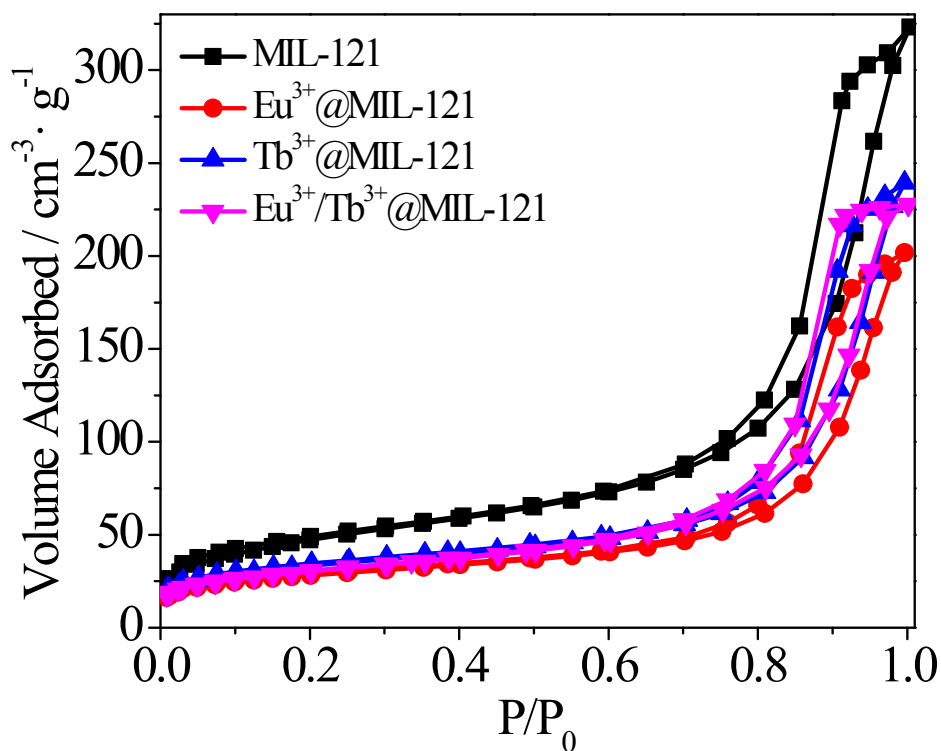
### **Ln<sup>3+</sup> post-functionalized metal-organic framework for color tunable emission and highly-sensitivity sensing of toxic anions and small molecules**

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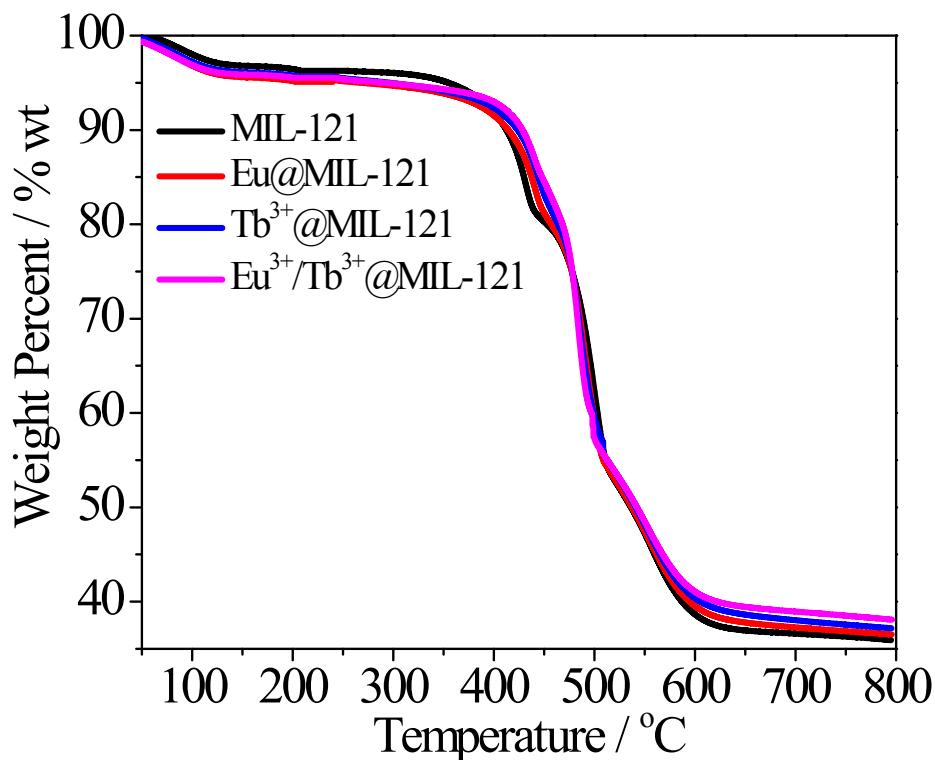
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**Figure S1.** FTIR spectra of MIL-121 (black line) and Eu<sup>3+</sup>@MIL-121 (red line), the peaks at 1718 cm<sup>-1</sup> and 1603 cm<sup>-1</sup> are ascribed to the stretching vibration of C=O from the free and coordinated carboxyl, respectively.



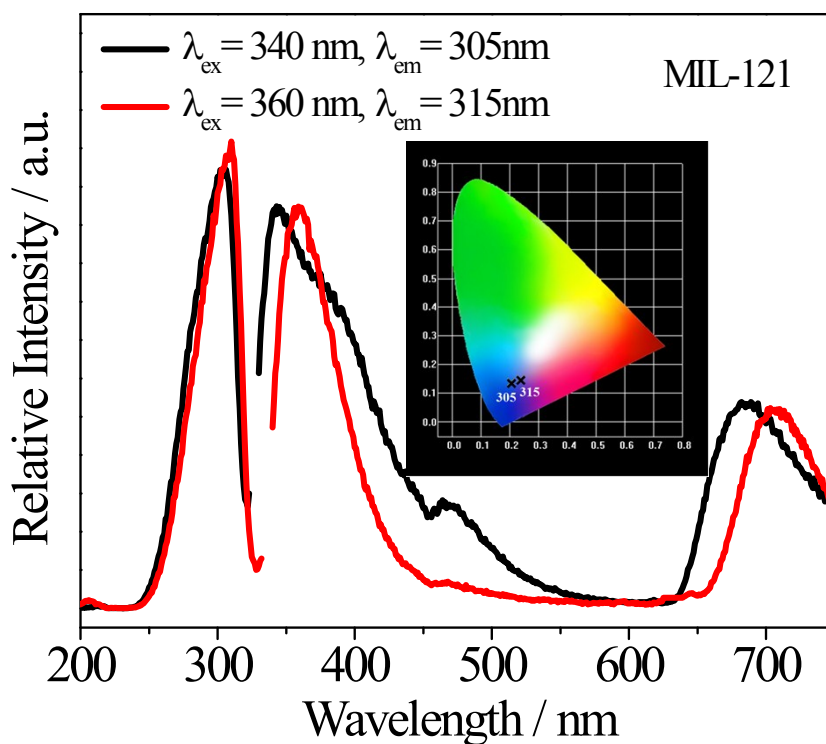
**Figure S2.** N<sub>2</sub> adsorption–desorption isotherms of MIL-121 and Ln<sup>3+</sup>@MIL-121 (Ln = Eu, Tb, Eu/Tb)



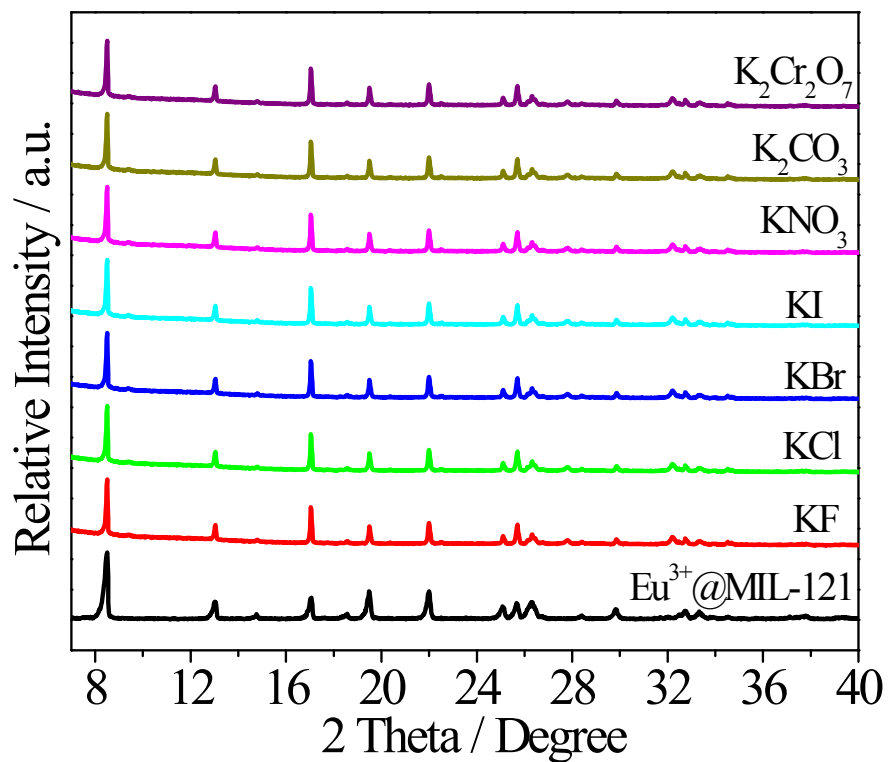
**Figure S3.** TGA curves of MIL-121 and Ln<sup>3+</sup>@MIL-121. Thermogravimetric analysis (TGA) reveals that MIL-121 can be stable up to 400 °C. The TG curve of MIL-121 presents two events. The first one is the elimination of the trapped solvent in the pores (~2 wt%). After a plateau up to 400 °C, the decomposition of the organic ligand occurs (obs. 63 wt%; calc. 68.6 wt%).

**Table S1.** The ICPMS results of Ln<sup>3+</sup>@MIL-121 (Ln = Eu, Tb, Eu/Tb)

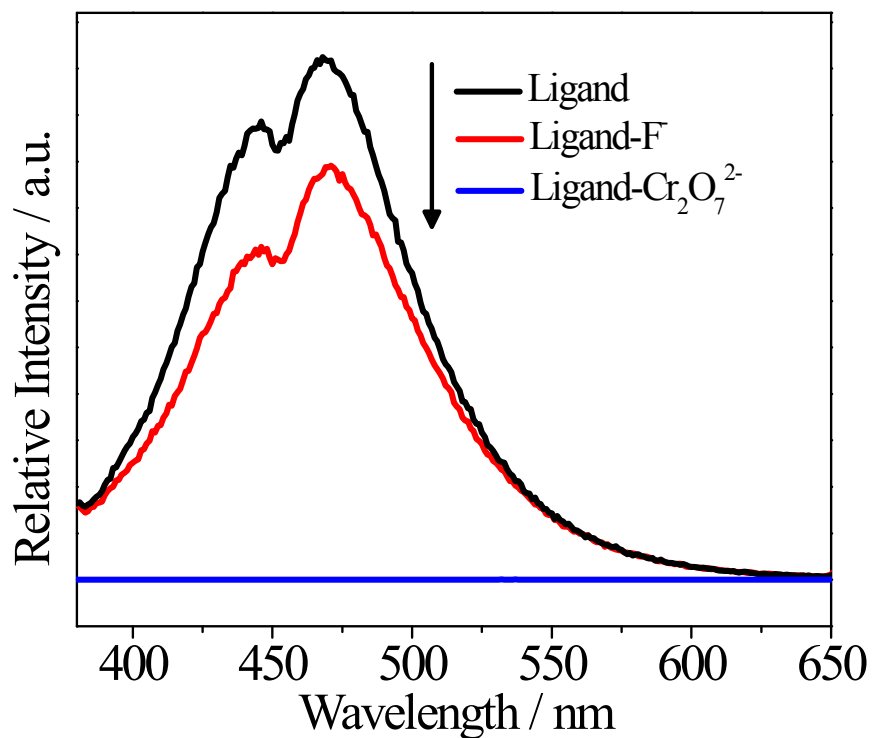
compounds	Al <sup>3+</sup> (ppm)	Eu <sup>3+</sup> (ppm)	Tb <sup>3+</sup> (ppm)	Al <sup>3+</sup> : Ln <sup>3+</sup>
Eu <sup>3+</sup> @MIL-121	6.98	3.50	--	2:1
Tb <sup>3+</sup> @MIL-121	12.71	--	6.51	1.95:1
Eu <sup>3+</sup> /Tb <sup>3+</sup> @MIL-121	10.62	2.21	3.46	4.8:1:1.56

**Figure S4.** Excitation and emission spectra of MIL-121. The inset shows its corresponding CIE chromaticity diagram ( $\lambda_{\text{ex}}= 305$  nm, CIE x: 0.204; CIE y: 0.139;  $\lambda_{\text{ex}}= 315$  nm, CIE x: 0.2371; CIE y: 0.1502).**Table S2.** Luminescence Lifetimes ( $\tau$ ) and Absolute Quantum Yields ( $\phi$ ) of Ln<sup>3+</sup>@MIL-121 (Ln = Eu, Tb, Eu/Tb).

Ln <sup>3+</sup>	$\tau$ ( $\mu\text{s}$ )	$\Phi$ (%)	$\lambda_{\text{ex}}$ (nm)	$\lambda_{\text{em}}$ (nm)
Eu <sup>3+</sup>	307	6	315	615
Tb <sup>3+</sup>	538	11	318	545
Eu <sup>3+</sup> /Tb <sup>3+</sup>	280	8	317	615
Eu <sup>3+</sup> /Tb <sup>3+</sup>	399		317	545



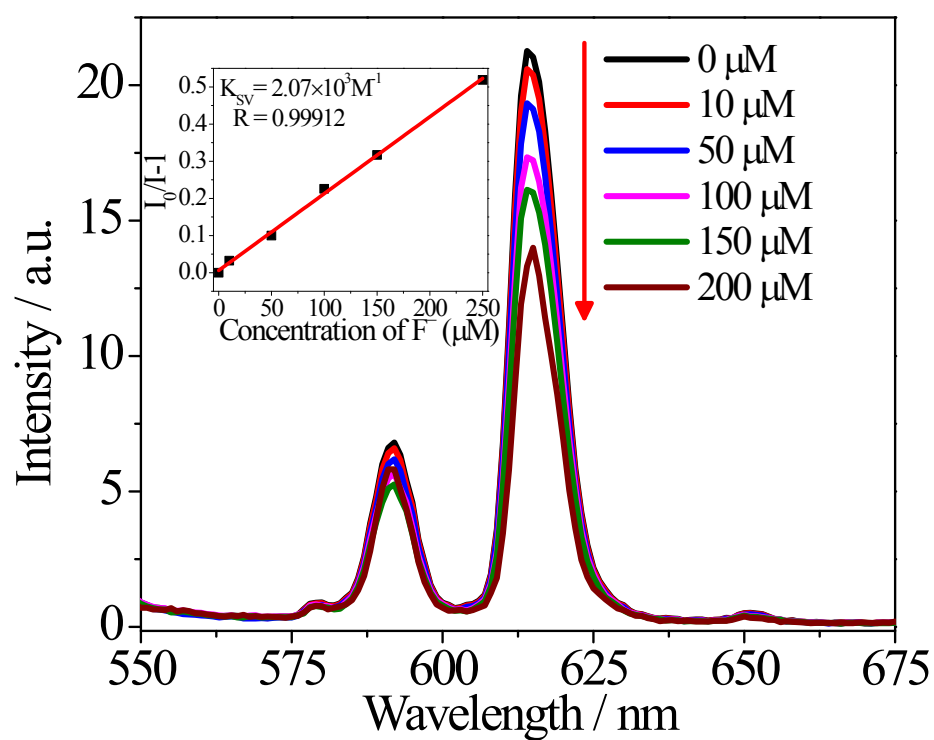
**Figure S5.** The PXRD patterns of the  $Eu^{3+}@MIL-121$  treated by various anion aqueous solutions.



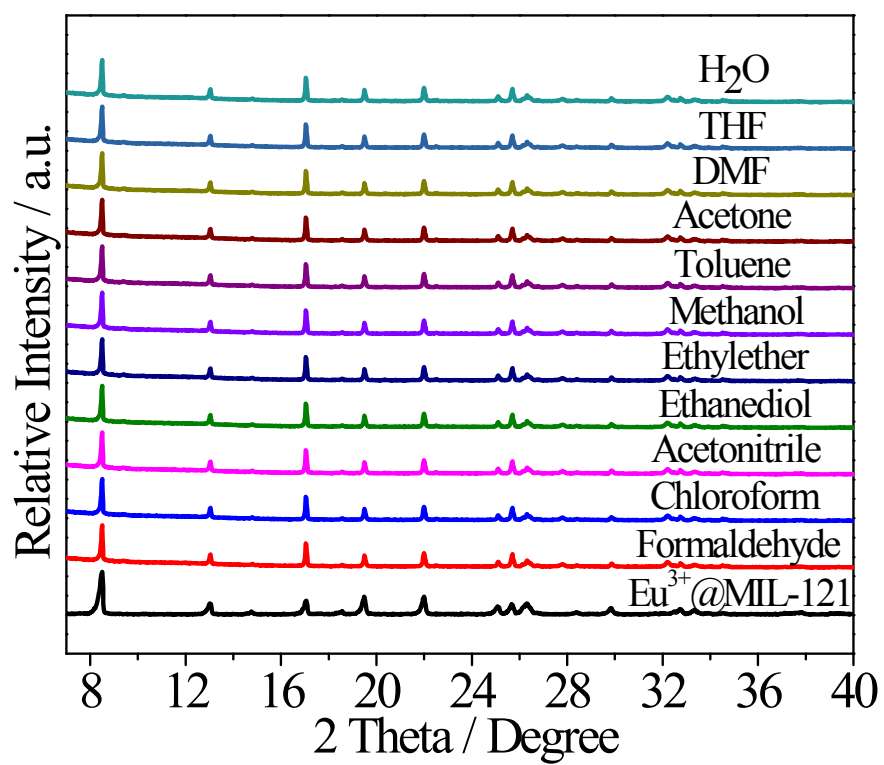
**Figure S6.** Responses of the fluorescence of pure ligand ( $H_4btec$ ) towards aqueous solutions of  $F^-$  and  $Cr_2O_7^{2-}$ , respectively.

**Table S3.** The luminescence lifetimes for the  ${}^5D_0 \rightarrow {}^7F_2$  (615 nm) emission of  $\text{Eu}^{3+}@MIL-121$  after immersing in the aqueous solutions of various anions ( $\lambda_{\text{ex}}=315$  nm).

Materials	$\tau$ ( $\mu\text{s}$ )
$\text{K}_2\text{CO}_3$	311
$\text{H}_2\text{O}$	237.6
KCl	184.5
KI	188.6
$\text{KNO}_3$	186.0
KBr	183.2
KF	50.9
$\text{K}_2\text{Cr}_2\text{O}_7$	undetectable



**Figure S7.** Emission spectra and the  $K_{\text{sv}}$  curve (inset) of  $\text{Eu}^{3+}@MIL-121$  in aqueous solutions in the presence of various concentrations of  $\text{F}^-$  under excitation at 315 nm.



**Figure S8.** The PXRD patterns of Eu<sup>3+</sup>@MIL-121 treated by different solvents.