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## New luminescent Cd(II)-MOF as highly selective chemical probe for Fe<sup>3+</sup> in aqueous solution with mixed metal ions

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**Table S1.** Selected bond lengths [Å] and angles [°] for complex 1.

Cd(1)-O(1) 2.201(5)	O(9)-Cd(1)-O(7)#2	111.0(2)
Cd(1)-O(2)#1 2.236(6)	O(1)-Cd(1)-O(5)	87.8(2)
Cd(1)-O(9) 2.344(6)	O(2)#1-Cd(1)-O(5)	83.6(2)
Cd(1)-O(7)#2 2.375(6)	O(9)-Cd(1)-O(5)	169.1(2)
Cd(1)-O(5) 2.399(6)	O(7)#2-Cd(1)-O(5)	79.2(2)
Cd(1)-O(8)#2 2.446(6)	O(1)-Cd(1)-O(8)#2	155.6(2)
O(1)-Cd(1)-O(2)#1 99.9(2)	O(2)#1-Cd(1)-O(8)#2	93.7(2)
O(1)-Cd(1)-O(9) 83.1(2)	O(9)-Cd(1)-O(8)#2	76.2(2)
O(2)#1-Cd(1)-O(9) 92.1(2)	O(7)#2-Cd(1)-O(8)#2	53.9(2)
O(1)-Cd(1)-O(7)#2 125.1(2)	O(5)-Cd(1)-O(8)#2	113.9(2)
O(2)#1-Cd(1)-O(7)#2 130.5(2)		

Symmetry codes: #1: x+1, y, z; #2: -x+2, -y, -z+1; #3: x-1, y, z; #4: -x+1, -y, -z+2; #5: -x+2, -y-1, -z+1.

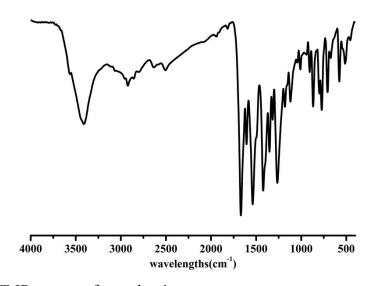


Fig. S1 The FT-IR spectra of complex 1.

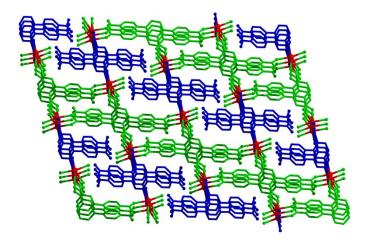
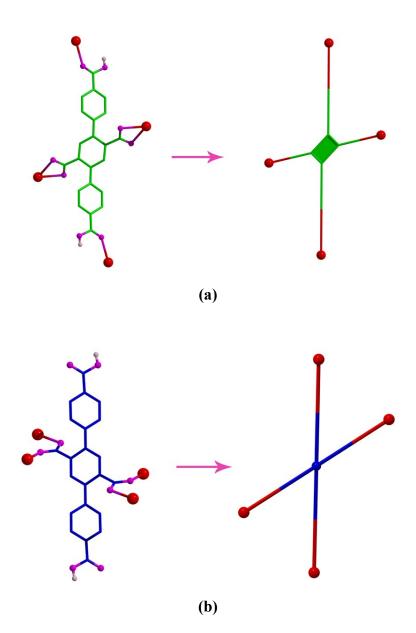


Fig. S2 The 3D framework of 1.



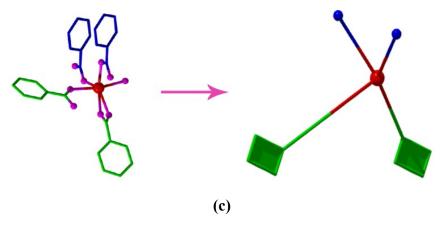
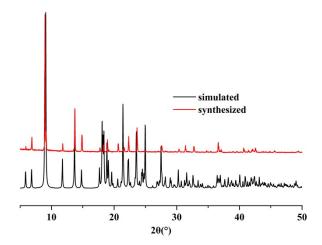


Fig. S3 The ligands of  $H_2L_a^{2-}$  (a),  $H_2L_b^{2-}$  (b) and Cd(II) ions (c) simplified as four-connected nodes, respectively.



**Fig. S4** PXRD patterns of complex **1** simulated from the X-ray single-crystal data and as-synthesized products.

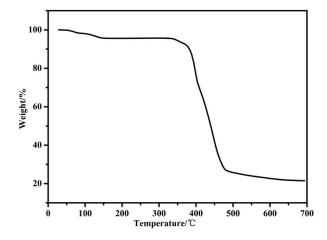
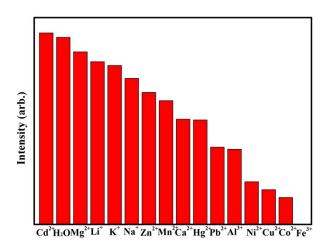
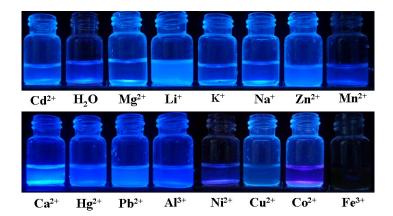


Fig. S5 The TGA curve of complex 1.



**Fig. S6** The comparison of the luminescent intensities with different metal ions in aqueous solution.



**Fig. S7** The visible color change of in aqueous solution containing the product of **1** and different metal ions.

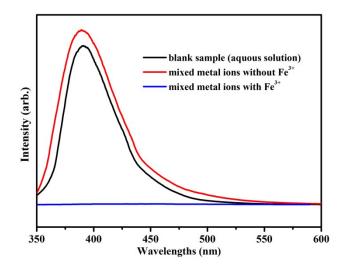


Fig. S8 Emission spectra of 1 in aqueous solution with mixed metal ions.

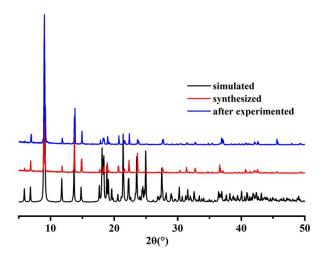


Fig. S9 The PXRD patterns of complex 1 after series of sensing experiments.

Sample	Concentration of Cd <sup>2+</sup> (ug/mL)
Blank sample (H <sub>2</sub> O)	0.1951
Initial solution after immersing in H <sub>2</sub> O	0.2035
Final solution after sensing experiment for Fe <sup>3+</sup>	0.1853

Linear equation: y = 0.02917x + 0.0019 (y = Abs; x = Concentration);  $R^2 = 0.9979$ 

**Fig. S10** ICP experiments of **1** after immersing in different solution (The concentration of complex **1** in solution for the ICP was 1000 ug/mL. The initial solution was the aqueous solution after **1** immersed for almost one week. And the final solution was the original solution after sensing experiment for Fe<sup>3+</sup>, and the product of **1** was immersed for almost one month).