## **Supplementary Information**

## A multifunctional microporous anionic metal–organic framework for column-chromatographic dye separation and selective detection and adsorption of Cr<sup>3+</sup>

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Identification code	NENU-505
Formula	$C_{14}H_{26}N_{3.5}O_{9.5}Zn$
Formula weight	460.18
Crystal system	Monoclinic
Space group	C2/c
<i>a</i> (Å)	27.7680(11)
<i>b</i> (Å)	7.9000(6)
<i>c</i> (Å)	18.2980(14)
α (°)	90.00
eta (°)	108.3290(15)
γ (°)	90.00
$V(Å^3)$	3810.3(4)
Ζ	4
$D_{\text{calcd}}$ .[g cm <sup>-3</sup> ]	1.114
<i>F</i> (000)	1300
Reflections collected	13597
<i>R</i> (int)	0.0330
Goodness-of-fit on $F^2$	0.834
$R_1^a \left[I > 2\sigma \left(I\right)\right]$	0.0479
$wR_2^b$	0.1464

Table S1 Crystal data and structure refinements for NENU-505.

$${}^{a}R_{1} = \sum \left\| F_{o} \right\| - \left| F_{c} \right\| / \sum \left| F_{o} \right|. {}^{b}wR_{2} = \left| \sum w(\left| F_{o} \right|^{2} - \left| F_{c} \right|^{2}) \right| / \sum \left| w(F_{o}^{2})^{2} \right|^{1/2}.$$

Table S2 The selected bond lengths  $[{\rm \AA}]$  and angles [deg] for NENU-505.

Bond length [Å]		Bond angle [deg]	
Zn(1)-O(3)	1.910(2)	O(3)-Zn(1)-O(5)	113.55(11)
Zn(1)-O(5)	1.930(2)	O(3)-Zn(1)-O(2)#1	114.98(10)
Zn(1)-O(2)#1	1.9476(19)	O(5)-Zn(1)-O(2)#1	112.06(12)
Zn(1)-O(1)#2	1.9615(18)	O(3)-Zn(1)-O(1)#2	94.48(9)
		O(5)-Zn(1)-O(1)#2	109.41(12)
		O(2)#1-Zn(1)-O(1)#2	110.97(10)

Symmetry transformations used to generate equivalent atoms: #1 x, -y, z+1/2; #2 -x, -y, -z.



Fig. S1 The TGA curve of NENU-505 was measured under  $N_2$  atmosphere from 50 °C to 1000 °C at the heating rate of 10 °C ·min<sup>-1</sup>.



Fig. S2 Coordination environments of (a) binuclear  $[Zn_2(CO_2)_4(NO_3)]$  cluster and (b) the H<sub>4</sub>ABTC ligand in NENU-505, respectively.



**Fig. S3** The schematic representation of  $[(CH_3)_2NH_2]^+$  ions located in the 3D framework of **NENU-505** along the *b* axis.



Fig. S4 XRPD patterns of simulated NENU-505 (black), as-synthesized NENU-505 (red) and immersed in water for a few hours (green).



**Fig. S5** XRPD patterns of as-synthesized **NENU-505** (black) and **NENU-505** samples exposed in the air after a week (red), two weeks (green), a month (blue) and two months (pink), respectively. Inset: the optical image of **NENU-505** exposed after two months in the air.

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Materials	Adsorption capacity (mg g <sup>-1</sup> )	Ref.
Graphene oxide	397	1
ErCu–POM (Er-3)	391.3	2
PW <sub>11</sub> V@MIL-101	371	3
Cd-MOF (2)	317.9	4
Activated carbon	135	5
Zn-DDQ	135	6
Cd-MOF (1)	105	4
Cu-DDQ	90	6
Pb-DDQ	86	6
NENU-505	33.5	This work
Cd-MOF (3)	30	4
MOF@graphite oxide	18	7
446-MOF	17	8
Zn-MOF	0.75	9

Table S3 Comparison of MB adsorption capacity in various adsorbents.

Table S4 The adsorption capacity of NENU-505 at room temperature for every dye.

Dye composition	Adsorption capacity	Adsorption capacity	Adsorption capacity
	for MB (mg g <sup>-1</sup> )	for BR 2 (mg $g^{-1}$ )	for BG 1 (mg g <sup>-1</sup> )
Single component dye	33.5	_UD <sup>[a]</sup>	_UD <sup>[a]</sup>
(MB)			
Single component dye	$_{\rm UD^{[a]}}$	4.5	_UD <sup>[a]</sup>
(BR 2)			
Single component dye	$\_UD^{[a]}$	_UD <sup>[a]</sup>	17.6
(BG 1)			
Mixture dye (MB and	33.3	_UD <sup>[a]</sup>	_UD <sup>[a]</sup>
BR 1)			
Mixture dye (MB and	33.4	_UD <sup>[a]</sup>	_UD <sup>[a]</sup>
MO)			
Mixture dye (BG 1	$\_UD^{[a]}$	_UD <sup>[a]</sup>	17.3
and BR 1)			
[a] UD: undetected			

Table S5 The ICP percentage of  $Cr^{3+}$  encapsulated by NENU-505 in multi-element solutions.

Multi-element solution	The ICP percentage of $Cr^{3+}$ (%)
1: Fe <sup>2+</sup> , Cu <sup>2+</sup> and Cr <sup>3+</sup>	4.056
2: Cu <sup>2+</sup> , Ni <sup>2+</sup> and Cr <sup>3+</sup>	4.009
3: Cu <sup>2+</sup> , Co <sup>2+</sup> and Cr <sup>3+</sup>	3.858
4: Ni <sup>2+</sup> , Co <sup>2+</sup> and Cr <sup>3+</sup>	4.069



**Fig. S6** XRPD patterns of simulated **NENU-505** (black), as-synthesized **NENU-505** (red) and after the absorption of MB (green), BR 2 (blue) and BG (pink), respectively.



Fig. S7 IR spectra of NENU-505, MB@NENU-505, BR 2@NENU-505, and BG@NENU-505.



Fig. S8 UV/Vis spectra of DMA solution of mixed MB and MO with NENU-505.



Fig. S9 UV/Vis spectra of DMA solution of mixed BG 1 and BR 1 with NENU-505.



Fig. S10 (a) The BR 2 released from BR 2@NENU-505 in a saturated solution of NaCl in DMA monitored by UV absorption. (b) The release-rate comparison of BR 2 from BR 2@NENU-505 in a saturated solution of NaCl in DMA (purple) and pure DMA (dark green).



Fig. S11 (a) The BG 1 released from BG 1@NENU-505 in a saturated solution of NaCl in DMA monitored by UV absorption. (b) The release-rate comparison of BG 1 from BG 1@NENU-505 in a saturated solution of NaCl in DMA (orange) and pure DMA (pale green).



Fig. S12 (a) UV-vis spectra of MB solution in DMA after adsorption experiments with NENU-505, as well as the MB released (desorption) from MB@NENU-505 using a saturated solution of NaCl in DMA. (b) The adsorption and desorption efficiency of NENU-505 toward MB after six cycles.



**Fig. S13** XRPD patterns of **NENU-505** toward MB after adsorption–desorption cycle 1 and cycle 6.



Fig. S14 XRPD patterns of NENU-505 immersed in different metal ions.



Fig. S15 IR spectra of NENU-505 immersed in different metal ions.



Fig. S16 EDS analysis of Cr<sup>3+</sup>@NENU-505.



Fig. S17 UV/Vis spectra of solid NENU-505 and Cr<sup>3+</sup>@NENU-505.



Fig. S18 XPS spectrum of  $Cr^{3+}$  for  $Cr^{3+}$ @NENU-505.



**Fig. S19** The photographs of **NENU-505** in 10 mL DMA solutions containing three equal concentration of each metal ion (1: Fe<sup>2+</sup>, Cu<sup>2+</sup> and Cr<sup>3+</sup>; 2: Cu<sup>2+</sup>, Ni<sup>2+</sup> and Cr<sup>3+</sup>; 3: Cu<sup>2+</sup>, Co<sup>2+</sup> and Cr<sup>3+</sup>; 4: Ni<sup>2+</sup>, Co<sup>2+</sup> and Cr<sup>3+</sup>, 0.01 M).

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