

## *Supporting information*

### **Three Zn(II)-based MOFs for luminescence sensing of Fe<sup>3+</sup> and Cr<sub>2</sub>O<sub>7</sub><sup>2-</sup> ions**

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#### **Experimental section.**

**Materials and Methods:** Reagents and solvents employed were commercially available. IR spectra of the complexes were recorded on a Nicolet (Impact 410) spectrometer with KBr pellets (5 mg of the sample in 300 mg of KBr) in the range of 400-4000 cm<sup>-1</sup>. C, H and N elemental analyses were carried out with a Perkin Elmer 240C elemental analyzer. The as-synthesized complexes were characterized by thermo gravimetric analysis (TGA) on a Perkin Elmer thermo gravimetric analyzer Pyris 1 TGA up to 923 K using a heating rate of 10 K min<sup>-1</sup> under a N<sub>2</sub> atmosphere. Powder X-ray diffraction (PXRD) measurements were performed on a Bruker D8 Advance X-ray diffractometer using Cu-K  $\alpha$  radiation ( $\lambda=0.71073$  Å), and the X-ray tube was operated at 40 kV and 40 mA.

**X-ray crystallography.** Single crystals of compound 1, 2 and 3 were collected on a Bruker SMART APEX CCD diffractometer using graphite monochromated Mo K $\alpha$  radiation ( $\lambda = 0.71073$  Å) at 296 K. The crystal and refined data are collected in Table S1. Selective bond distances and angles are given in Table S2.

**Table S1.** Crystal data and structure refinement for Compound **1-3**

Compound	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>
Empirical formula	C <sub>40</sub> H <sub>50</sub> N <sub>2</sub> O <sub>6</sub> Zn	C <sub>33</sub> H <sub>37</sub> N <sub>2</sub> O <sub>8</sub> Zn	C <sub>30</sub> H <sub>28</sub> NO <sub>7</sub> SZn
Formula weight	720.19	655.01	611.96
Crystal system	triclinic	monoclinic	monoclinic
Space group	P-1	P2(1)/c	C2/c
a / Å	6.1957(6)	9.2019(4)	15.8925(14)
b / Å	15.4084(14)	13.4743(6)	20.4648(19)
c / Å	19.6221(19)	25.3334(10)	21.081(2)
$\alpha$ / °	98.194(2)	90	90
$\beta$ / °	91.550(2)	90.4121(11)	106.8200(10)
$\gamma$ / °	100.009(2)	90	90
V / Å <sup>3</sup>	1823.3(3)	3141.0(2)	6563.1(11)
Z	2	4	8
D <sub>calcd</sub> / g cm <sup>-3</sup>	1.312	1.385	1.239
$\mu$ / mm <sup>-1</sup>	0.722	0.836	0.853
F(000)	764	1372	2536
$\theta$ min-max / °	2.761 to 27.831	2.207 to 27.733	1.668 to 25.027
Tot., uniq. Data	15316 / 8481	27618 / 7221	18403 / 5588
R(int)	0.0387	0.0411	0.0615
Nref, Npar	8481, 445	7221, 419	5588, 379
R1, wR2 [I > 2 $\sigma$ (I)]	0.0588, 0.1537	0.0352, 0.0883	0.0475, 0.1173
GOF on F2	1.088	1.028	1.025
Largest diff. peak and hole (e <sup>-</sup> Å <sup>-3</sup> )	1.935 and -0.798	0.316 and -0.628	0.291 and -0.459

$$R_1 = \Sigma ||F_o| - |F_c|| / \Sigma |F_o|; wR_2 = [\Sigma w(F_o^2 - F_c^2)^2 / \Sigma wF_o^4]^{1/2}$$

**Table S2.** Selected bond lengths (Å) and angles (°) for Compound **1**

	<b>1</b>
N(1)-Zn(1)	2.041(3)
N(3)-Zn(1)	2.037(3)
O(5)-Zn(1)	1.950(3)
O(6)-Zn(1)	1.926(3)
O(6)-Zn(1)-O(5)	101.67(13)
O(6)-Zn(1)-N(3)	117.87(13)
O(5)-Zn(1)-N(3)	105.13(12)
O(6)-Zn(1)-N(1)	106.48(12)
O(5)-Zn(1)-N(1)	120.41(13)
N(3)-Zn(1)-N(1)	106.06(12)

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

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<b>2</b>	
N(3)-Zn(1)	2.0099(15)
O(5)-Zn(1)#2	2.0499(15)
O(6)-Zn(1)#3	2.0593(13)
O(9)-Zn(1)#4	2.0414(14)
O(21)-Zn(1)	2.0276(13)
Zn(1)-Zn(1)#3	2.9008(4)
N(3)-Zn(1)-O(21)	103.17(6)
N(3)-Zn(1)-O(9)#5	99.22(6)
O(21)-Zn(1)-O(9)#5	87.54(6)
N(3)-Zn(1)-O(5)#6	99.89(6)
O(21)-Zn(1)-O(5)#6	89.40(6)
O(9)#5-Zn(1)-O(5)#6	160.85(5)
N(3)-Zn(1)-O(6)#3	95.88(6)
O(21)-Zn(1)-O(6)#3	160.77(6)
O(9)#5-Zn(1)-O(6)#3	86.84(6)
O(5)#6-Zn(1)-O(6)#3	89.90(6)

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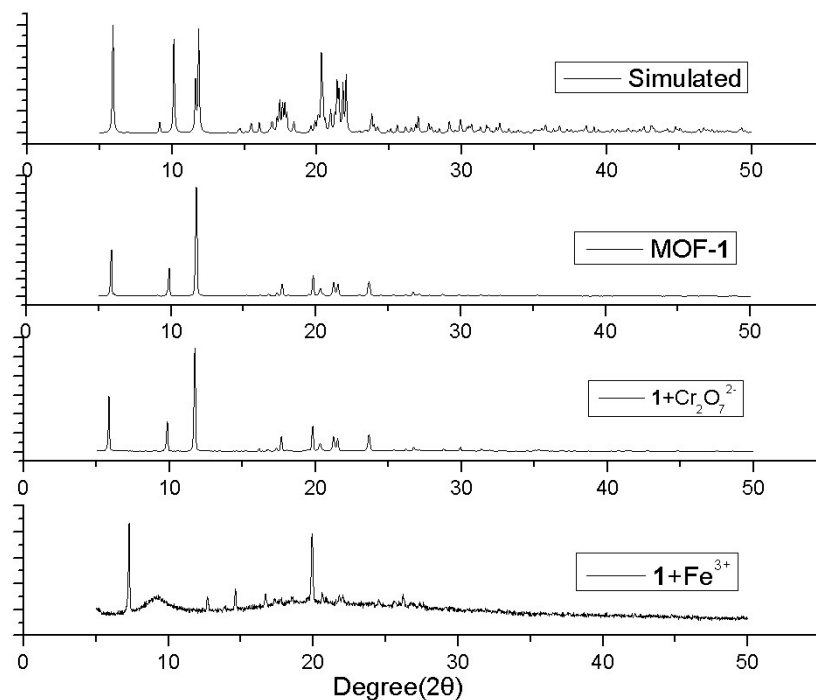
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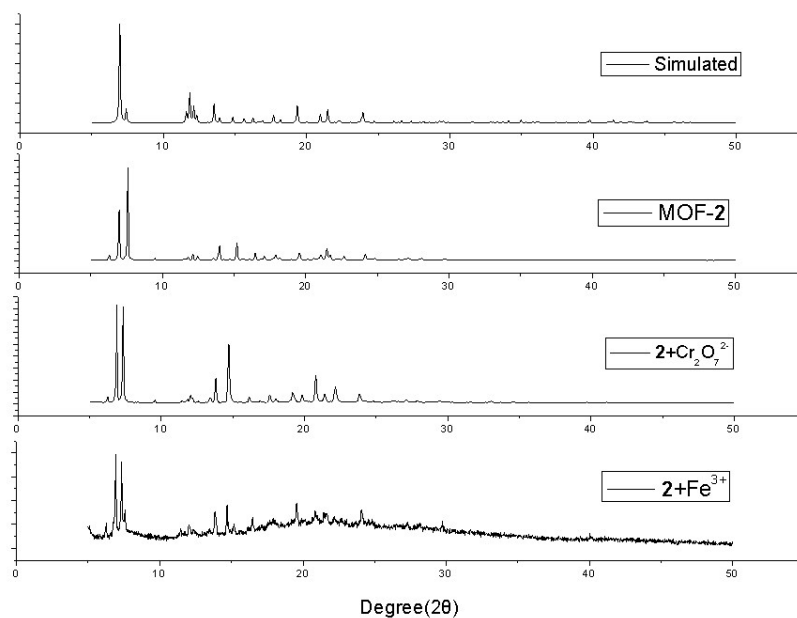
<b>3</b>	
O(5)-Zn(1)#1	2.042(3)
O(4)-Zn(1)#2	2.037(3)
O(1)-Zn(1)	2.041(3)
Zn(1)-N(1)	2.021(3)
Zn(1)-N(1)	2.024(3)
Zn(1)-O(7)#3	2.084(3)
Zn(1)-Zn(1)#3	2.9912(8)
N(1)-Zn(1)-O(4)#2	101.15(12)
N(1)-Zn(1)-O(1)	107.30(12)
O(4)#2-Zn(1)-O(1)	88.82(12)
N(1)-Zn(1)-O(5)#5	100.12(12)
O(4)#2-Zn(1)-O(5)#5	158.28(10)
O(1)-Zn(1)-O(5)#5	89.03(12)
N(1)-Zn(1)-O(7)#3	94.25(12)
O(4)#2-Zn(1)-O(7)#3	88.60(12)
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O(5)#5-Zn(1)-O(7)#3	85.48(12)

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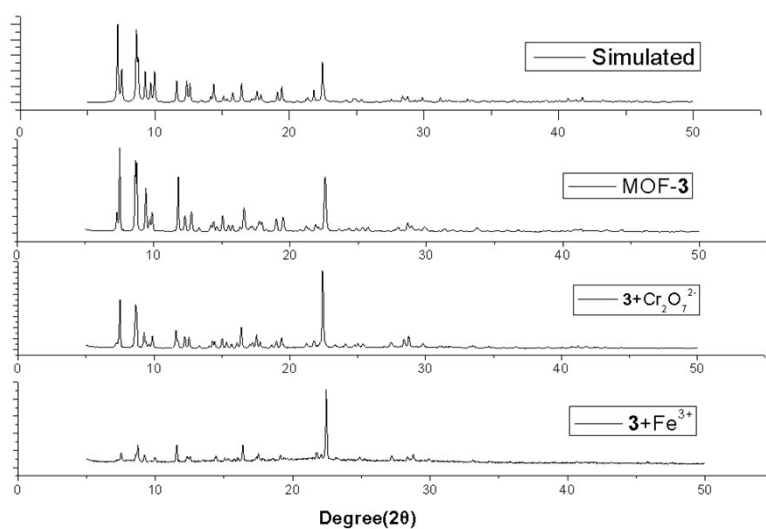
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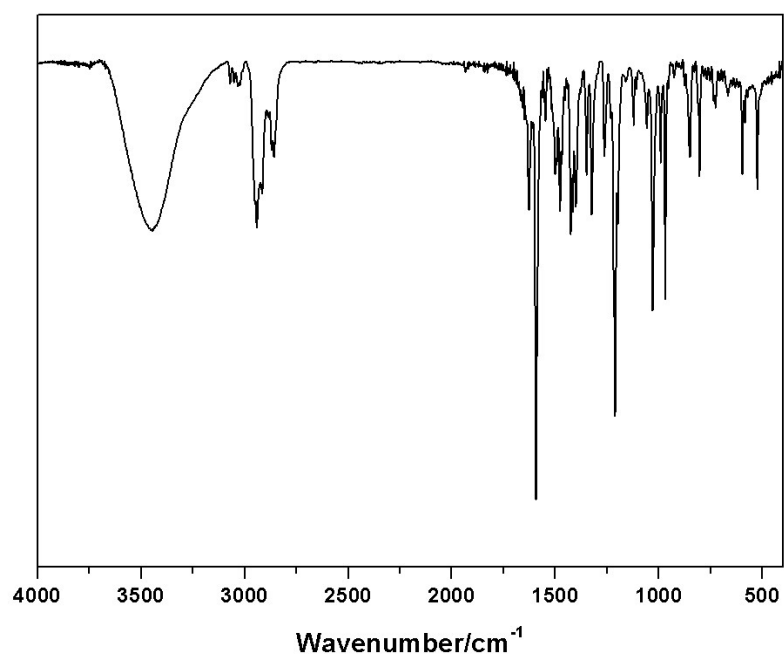
**Figure S1** PXRD of **1** before and after immersed in Cr<sub>2</sub>O<sub>7</sub><sup>2-</sup> / Fe<sup>3+</sup> for 10 hours.



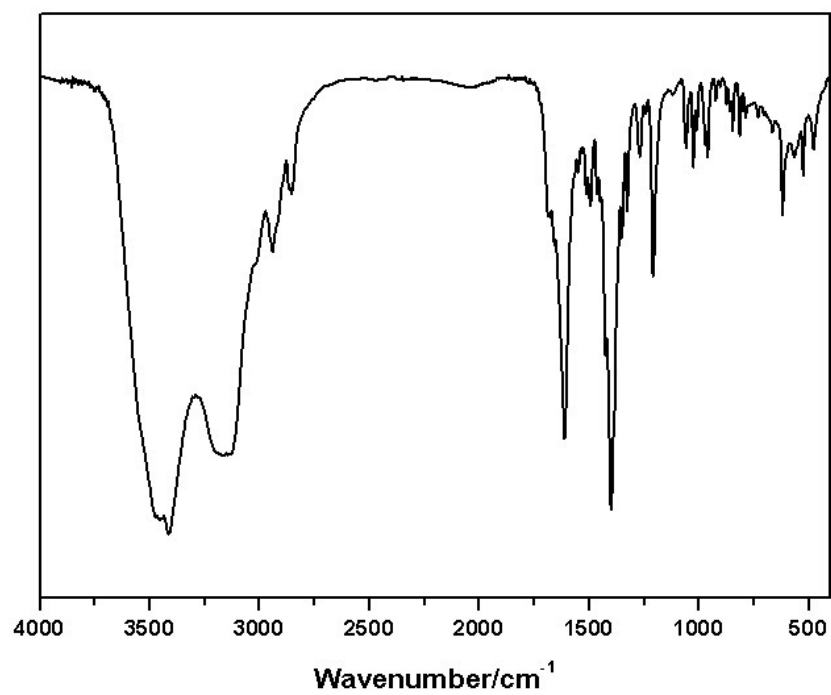
**Figure S2** PXRD of **2** before and after immersed in Cr<sub>2</sub>O<sub>7</sub><sup>2-</sup> / Fe<sup>3+</sup> for 10 hours.



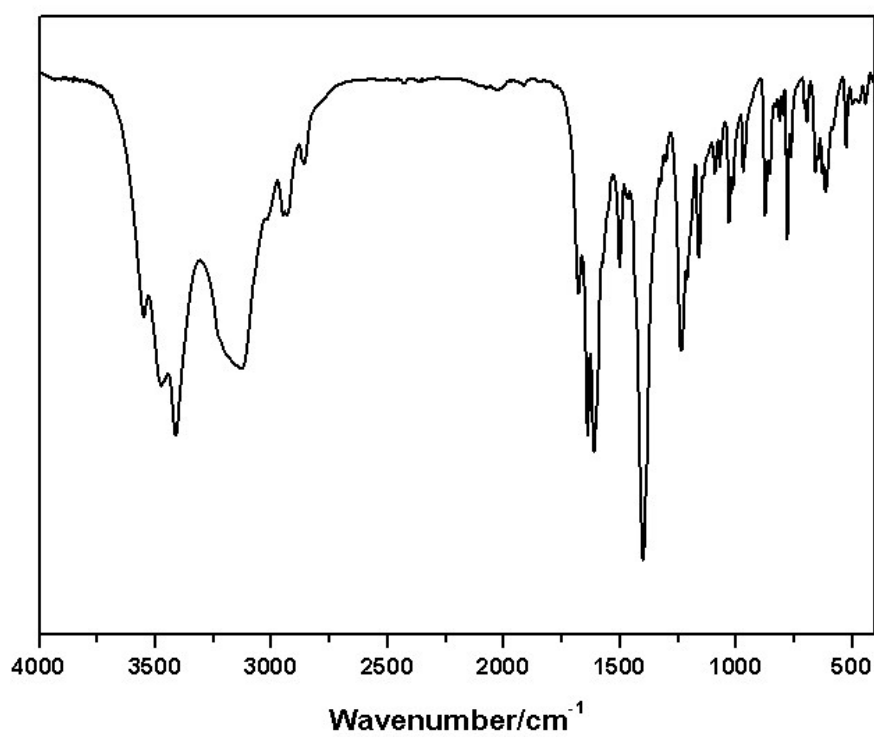
**Figure S3** PXRD of **3** before and after immersed in Cr<sub>2</sub>O<sub>7</sub><sup>2-</sup> / Fe<sup>3+</sup> for 10 hours.



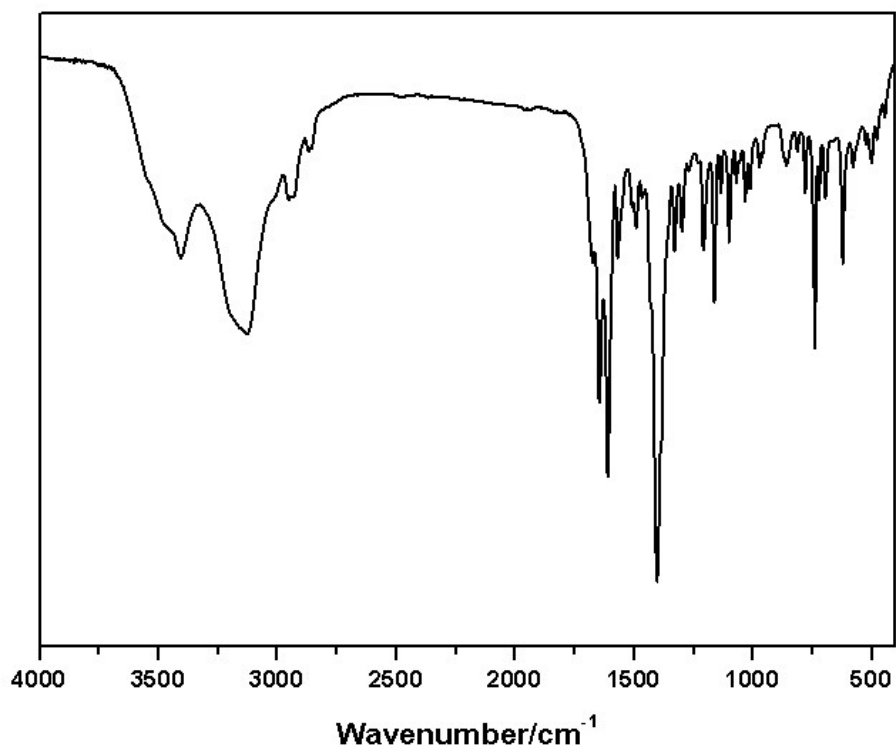
**Figure S4** IR spectra of H<sub>2</sub>L ligand.



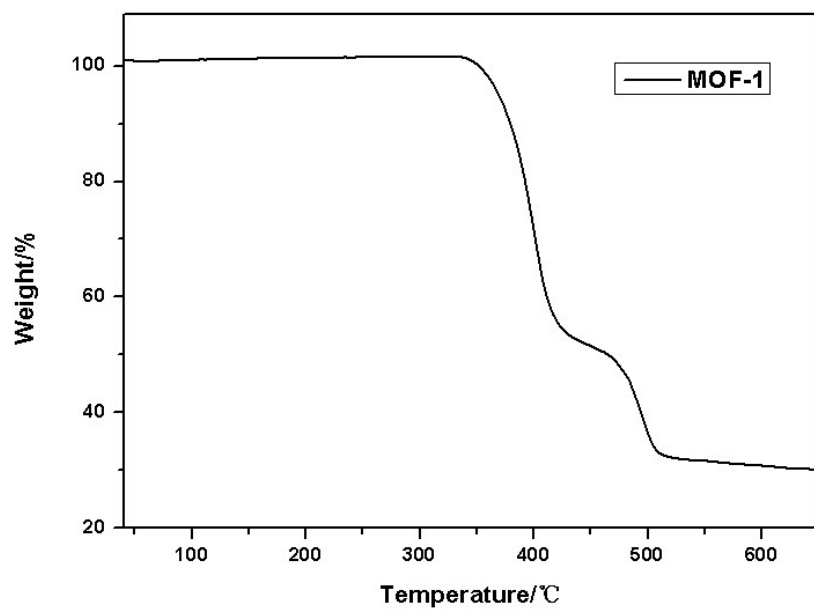
**Figure S5** IR spectra of compound 1.



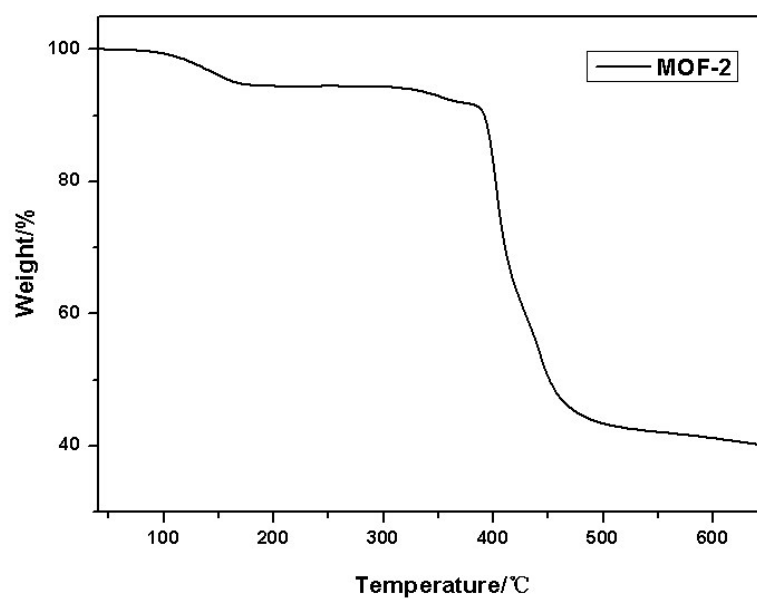
**Figure S6** IR spectra of compound 2.



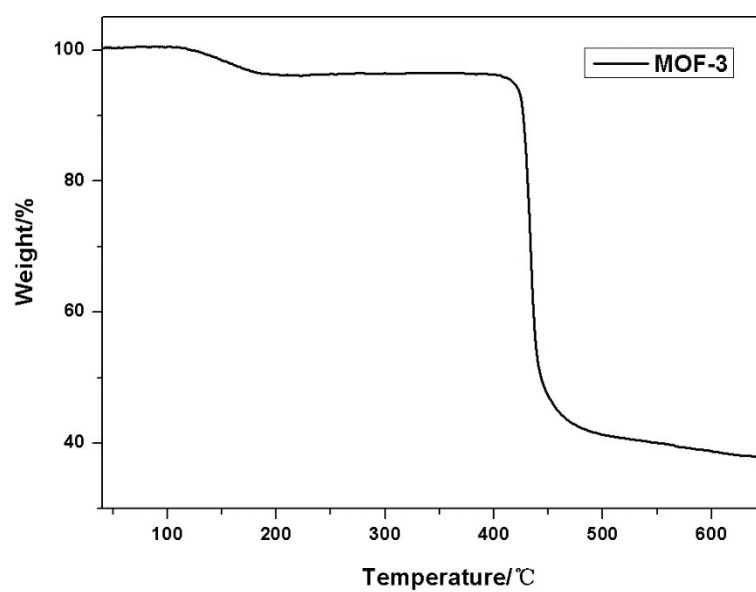
**Figure S7** IR spectra of compound **3**.



**Figure S8** The TGA diagrams of compound **1**.

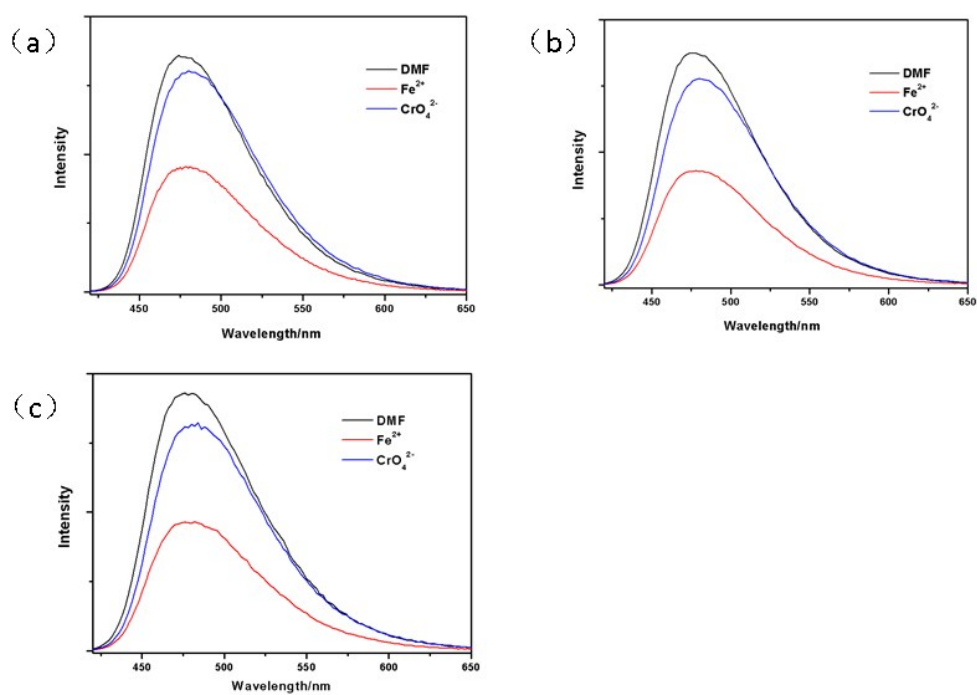


**Figure S9** The TGA diagrams of compound **2**.

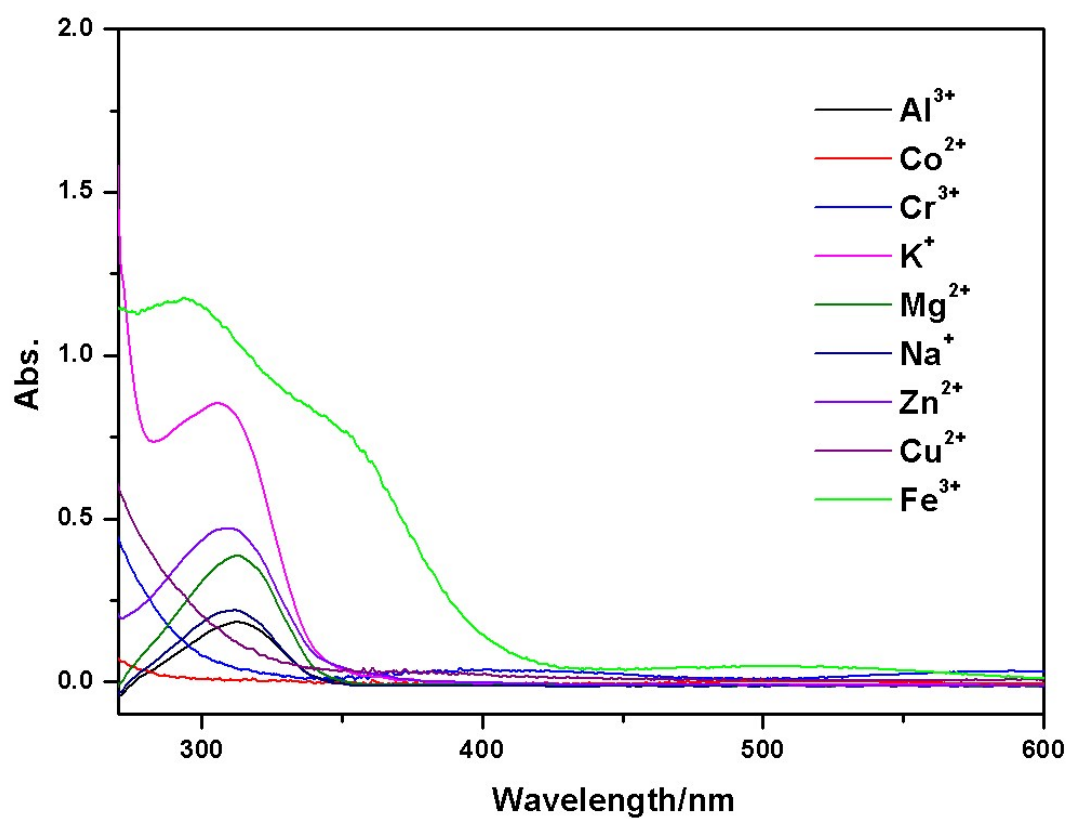


**Figure S10** The TGA diagrams of compound **3**.

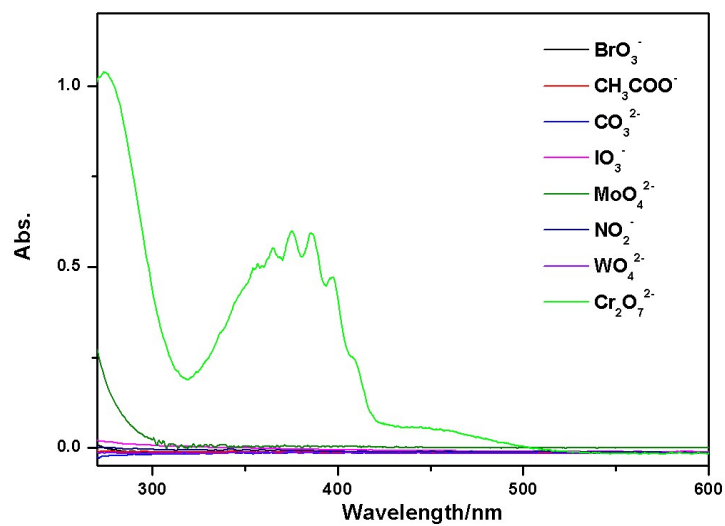




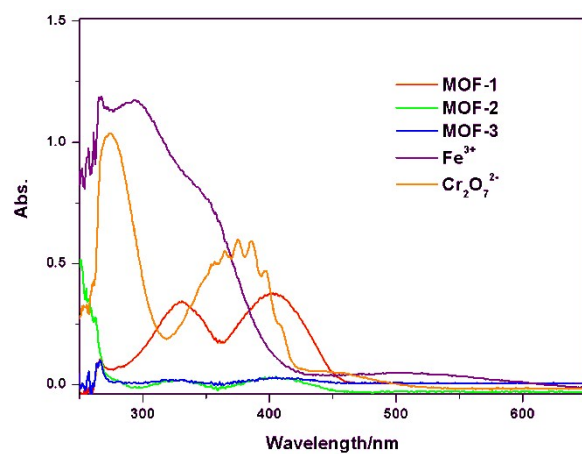
**Figure S11** (a) - (c) Fluorescence spectra of MOFs **1–3** (DMF suspension, 2.0 mL) added  $\text{FeSO}_4$  ( $5 \times 10^{-2}$  M, 50  $\mu\text{L}$ ) and  $\text{Na}_2\text{CrO}_4$  ( $5 \times 10^{-3}$  M, 100  $\mu\text{L}$ ).



**Figure S12** Liquid UV-vis spectra of different metal cations in DMF.



**Figure S13** Liquid UV-vis spectra of different inorganic anions in DMF.



**Figure S14** Liquid UV-vis spectra of MOFs **1-3**, Fe<sup>3+</sup> and Cr<sub>2</sub>O<sub>7</sub><sup>2-</sup> in DMF.