

# Electronic Supplementary Information (ESI)

## Detection of persistent organic pollutants of polychlorinated benzenes by a lanthanide metal-organic framework luminescent sensor

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**Table S1.** Crystal data and structural refinement parameters for Ln-MOF **1**.

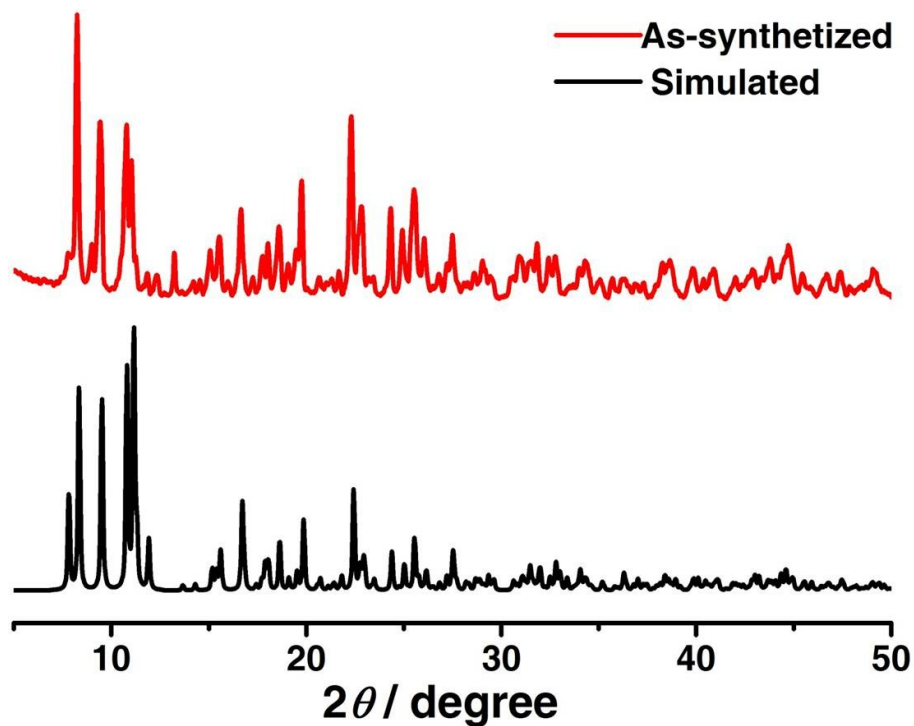
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Formula	C <sub>40</sub> H <sub>40</sub> N <sub>12</sub> O <sub>16</sub> Eu <sub>2</sub>
F.M	1248.74
T /K	122
Crystal system	Monoclinic
Space group	<i>I</i> 2/ <i>a</i>
<i>a</i> / Å	17.4164(6)
<i>b</i> / Å	14.2453(4)
<i>c</i> / Å	20.4424(7)
$\alpha$ /°	90.00
$\beta$ /°	114.512(4)
$\gamma$ /°	90.00
V/ Å <sup>3</sup>	4614.7(3)
<i>Z</i>	4
$\mu$ /mm <sup>-1</sup>	2.765
Reflns collected	9331
Independ. reflns	4063
<i>R</i> <sub>int</sub>	0.0389
<i>R</i> <sub>1</sub> <sup>a</sup> ( <i>I</i> > 2σ( <i>I</i> ))	0.0282
<i>wR</i> <sub>2</sub> <sup>a</sup> (all data)	0.0536
GOF	1.002

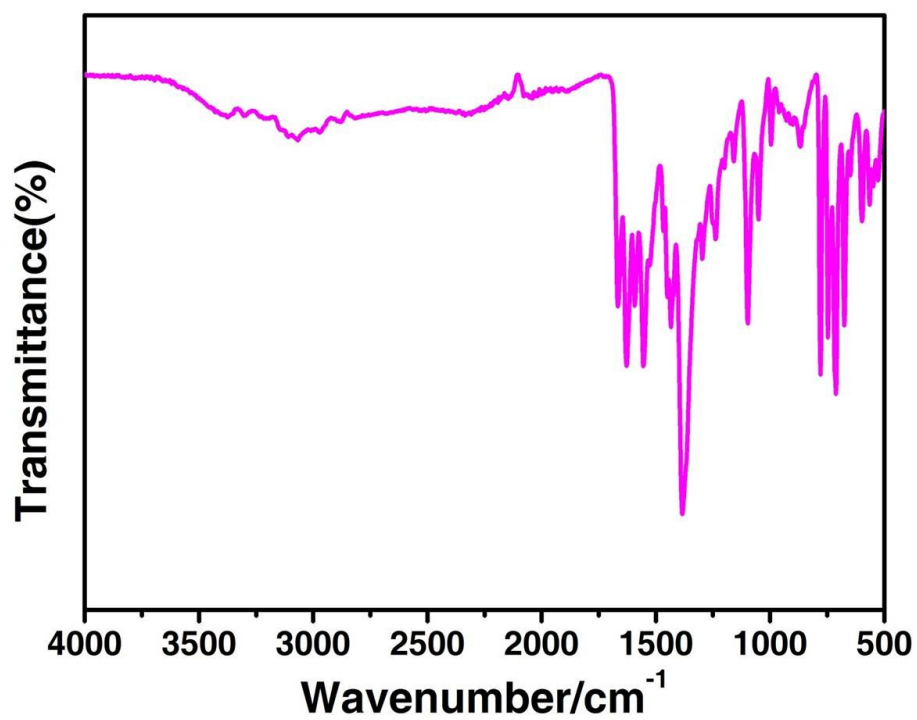
$${}^a R_1 = \frac{\sum ||F_0| - |Fc||}{\sum |F_0|}, \quad {}^b wR_2 = \left[ \frac{\sum w(F_0^2 - F_c^2)^2}{\sum w(F_0^2)^2} \right]^{1/2}.$$



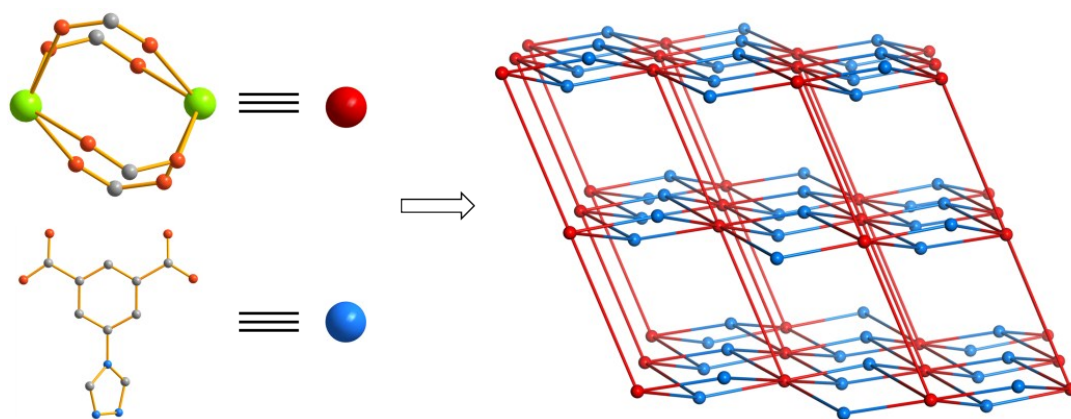
**Table S2.** Selected bond lengths (Å) and angles (°) for Ln-MOF **1**.

<b>1</b>					
Eu1-O6	2.387(5)	O6-Eu1-N7	73.49(16)	O12-Eu1-O9	107.33(16)
Eu1-N7	2.581(5)	O6-Eu1-O8	133.25(16)	O22-Eu1-O6	124.08(17)
Eu1-O8	2.474(4)	O6-Eu1-O9	82.70(16)	O22-Eu1-N7	148.39(18)
Eu1-O9	2.501(4)	O6-Eu1-O11	77.66(16)	O22-Eu1-O8	86.50(16)
Eu1-O11	2.401(4)	O6-Eu1-O12	141.47(18)	O22-Eu1-O9	133.29(16)
Eu1-O12	2.404(5)	O8-Eu1-N7	99.08(16)	O22-Eu1-O11	78.64(16)
Eu1-O22	2.297(5)	O8-Eu1-O9	52.62(15)	O22-Eu1-O12	76.24(19)
Eu1-O26	2.333(4)	O9-Eu1-N7	69.69(15)	O22-Eu1-O26	74.9(2)
		O11-Eu1-N7	80.61(15)	O26-Eu1-O6	78.75(19)
		O11-Eu1-O8	148.06(15)	O26-Eu1-N7	136.76(19)
		O11-Eu1-O9	148.04(15)	O26-Eu1-O8	76.76(16)
		O11-Eu1-O12	75.15(16)	O26-Eu1-O9	74.49(17)
		O12-Eu1-N7	75.55(17)	O26-Eu1-O11	124.88(17)
		O12-Eu1-O8	73.91(16)	O26-Eu1-O12	139.63(19)

**Fig. S1** Simulated and experimental powder X-ray diffraction patterns of Ln-MOF **1**.



**Fig. S2** Fourier transform infrared (FT-IR) spectrum of Ln-MOF **1**.



**Fig. S3** Simplified topological structure of Ln-MOF **1**: (red)  $\text{Ln}_2$  binuclear unit; (blue)  $\text{L}^2$  ligand.

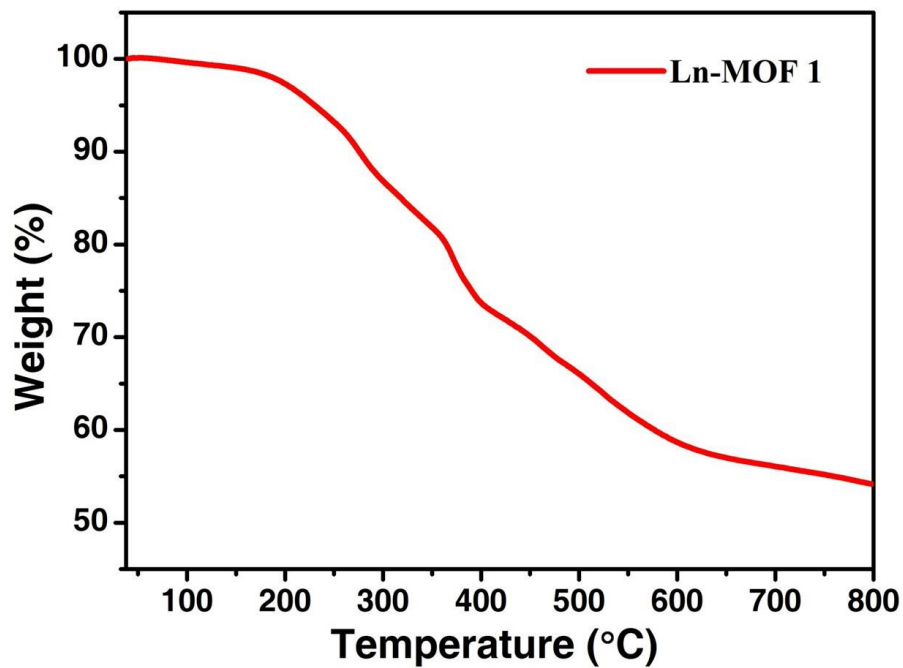


Fig. S4 Thermal gravimetric analyses (TGA) curve of Ln-MOF 1.

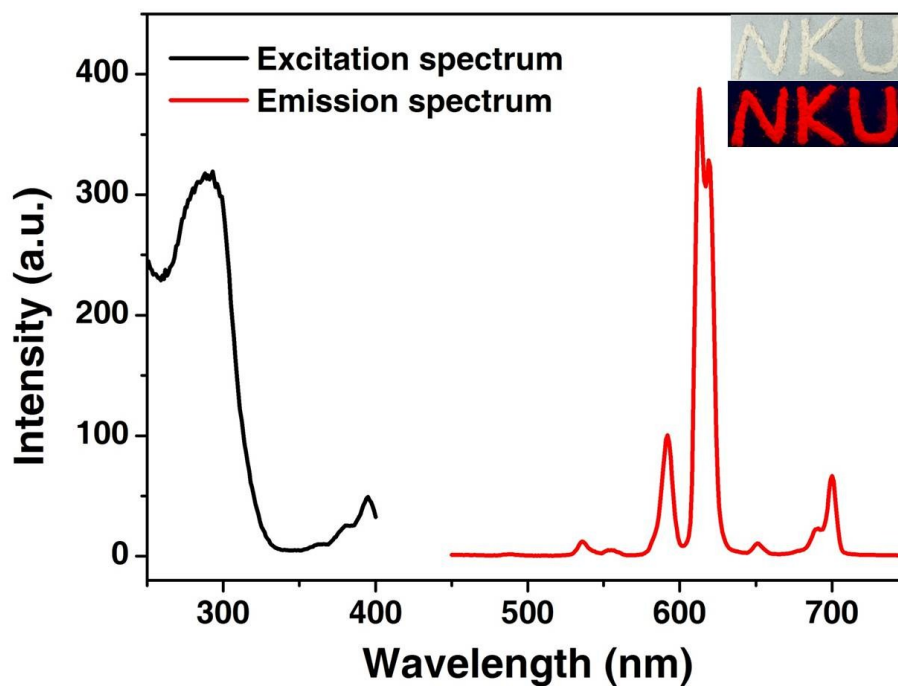
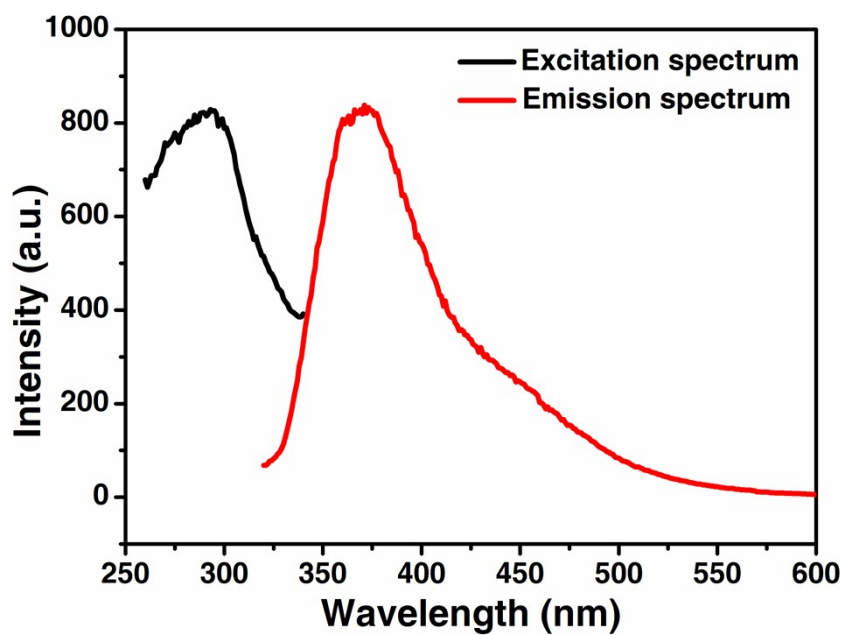
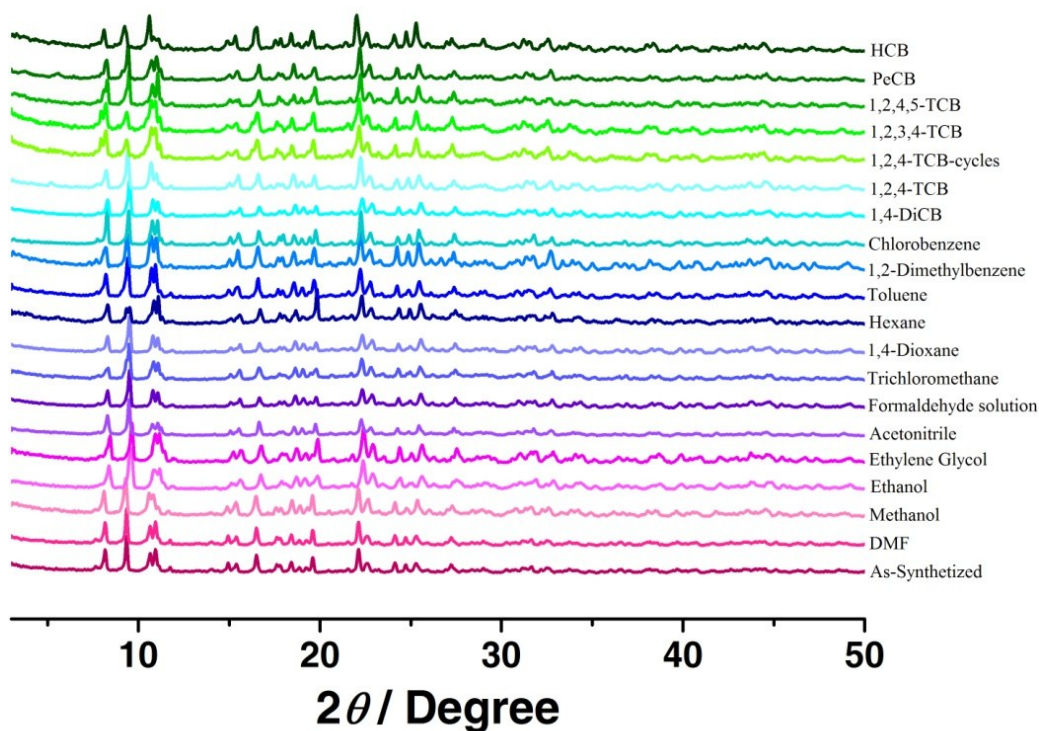


Fig. S5 The solid-state excitation and emission spectra with the excitation wavelength of 294 nm of Ln-MOF 1 at room temperature. Insert: the colors of Ln-MOF 1 before (above) and after (below) the irradiation of UV light of 254 nm.

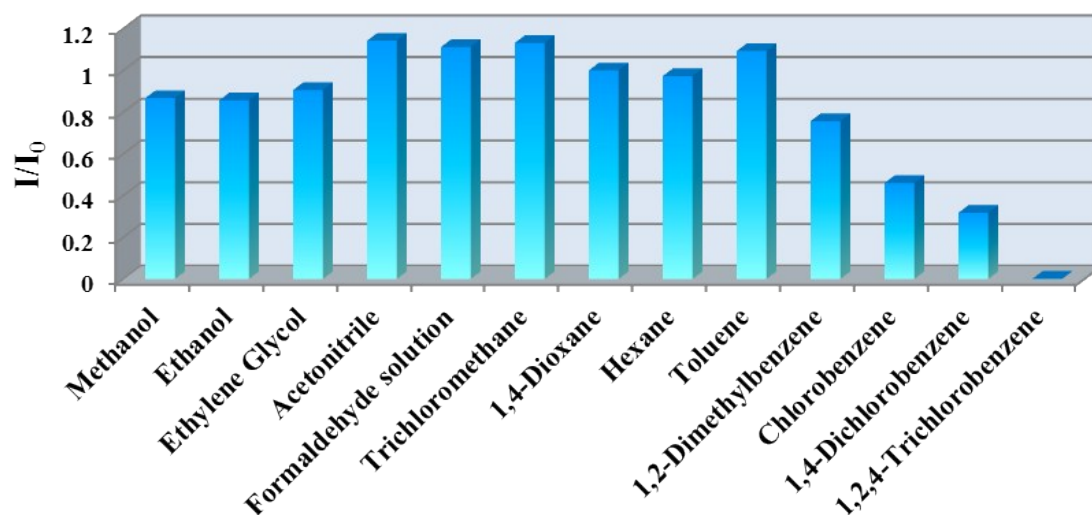


**Fig. S6** The solid-state excitation and emission spectra of H<sub>2</sub>L at room temperature.

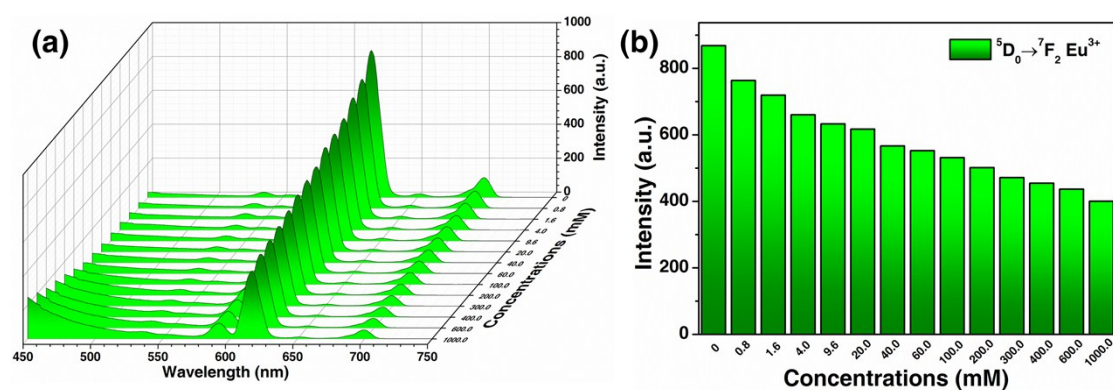


**Fig. S7** Powder X-ray diffraction patterns of Ln-MOF 1 after immersing in different organic solvents.

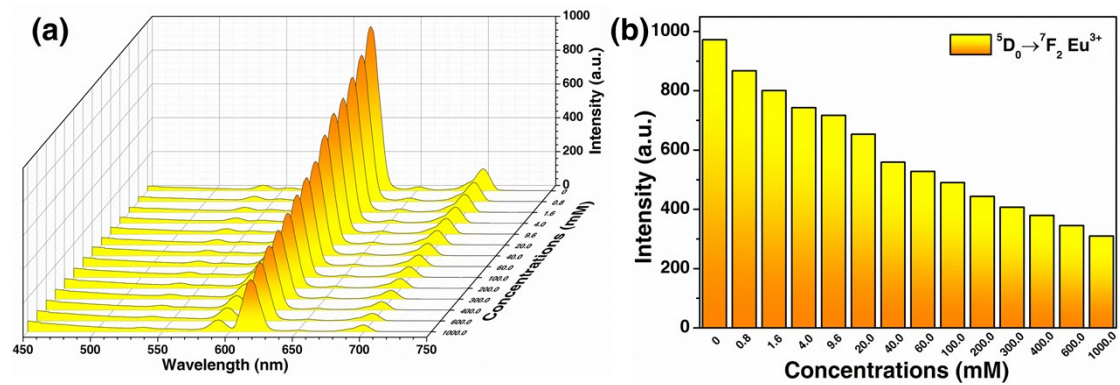




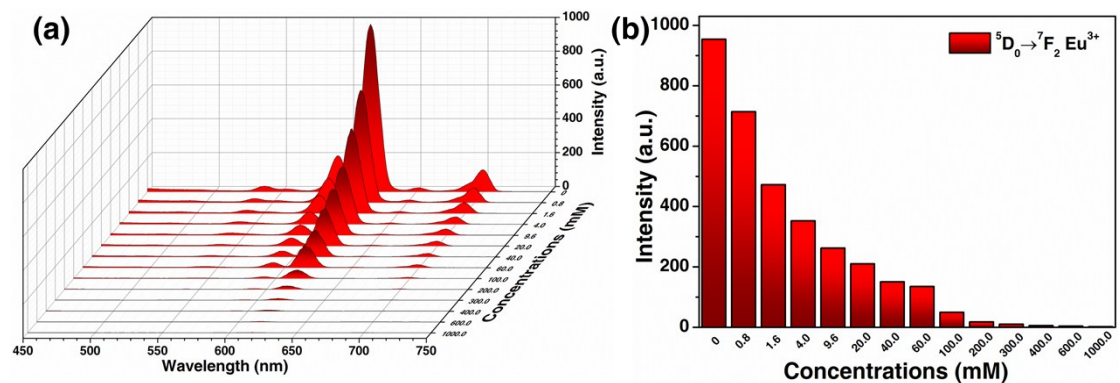
**Fig. S8** Luminescence quenching ( $I/I_0$ ) of Ln-MOF **1** (3 mg) dispersed in 3 mL DMF with different organic solvents added when excited at 294 nm.



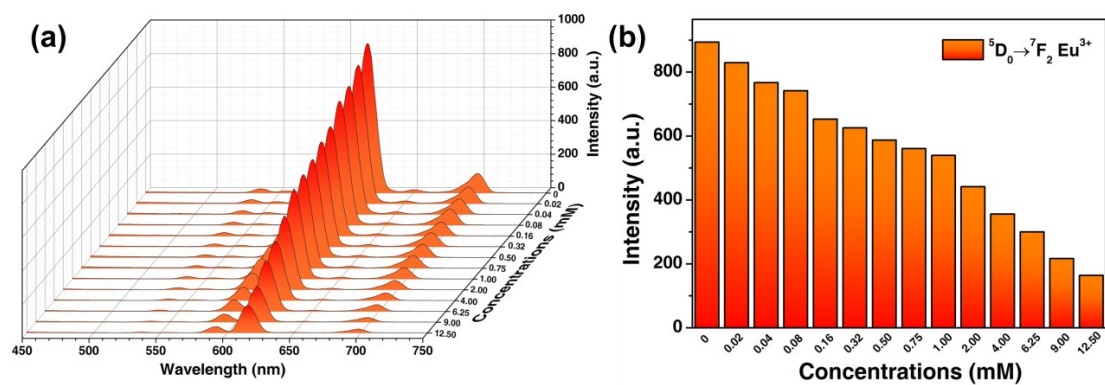
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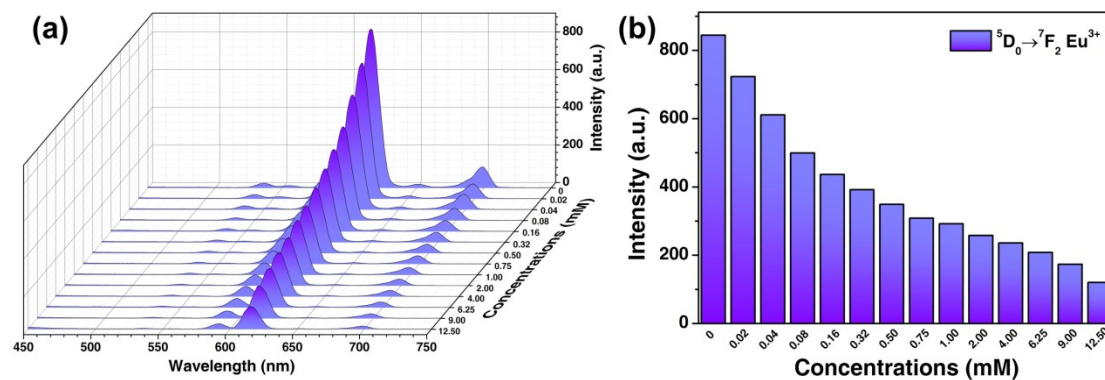
**Fig. S10** (a) Suspension-state PL spectra and (b) the  $^5D_0 \rightarrow ^7F_2$  transition intensities of Ln-MOF **1** with different addition of 1,4-dichlorobenzene when excited at 294 nm.



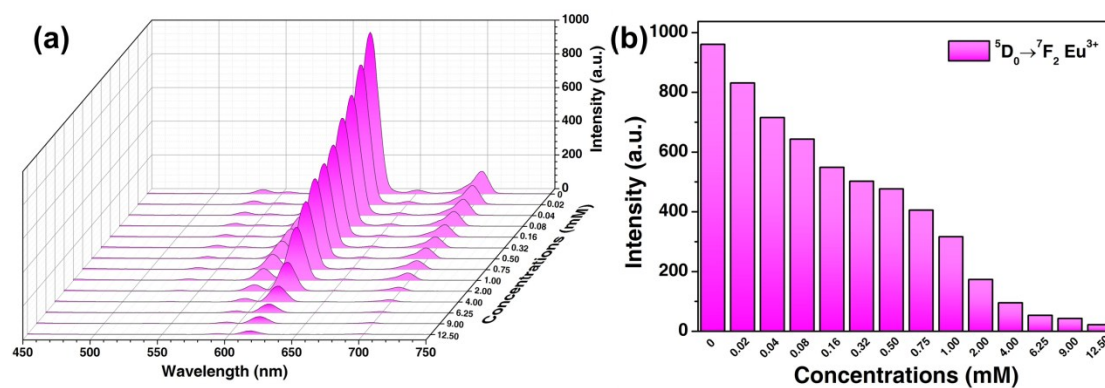
**Fig. S11** (a) Suspension-state PL spectra and (b) the  $^5D_0 \rightarrow ^7F_2$  transition intensities of Ln-MOF **1** with different addition of 1,2,4-TCB when excited at 294 nm.



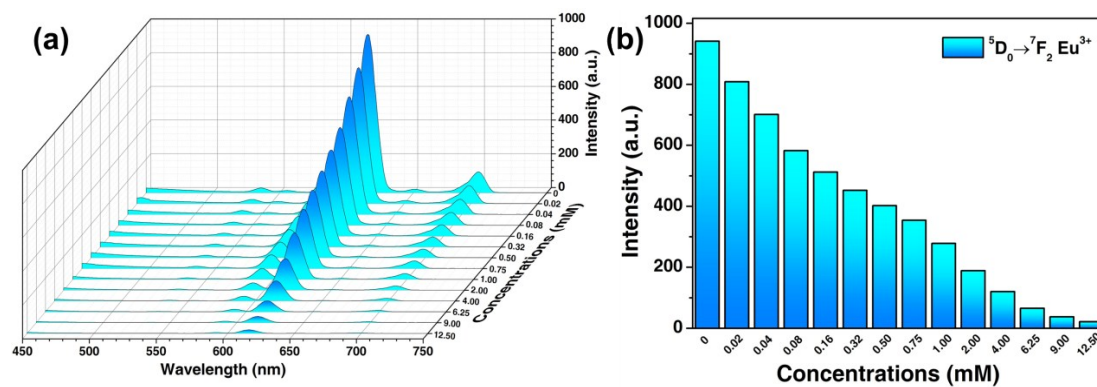
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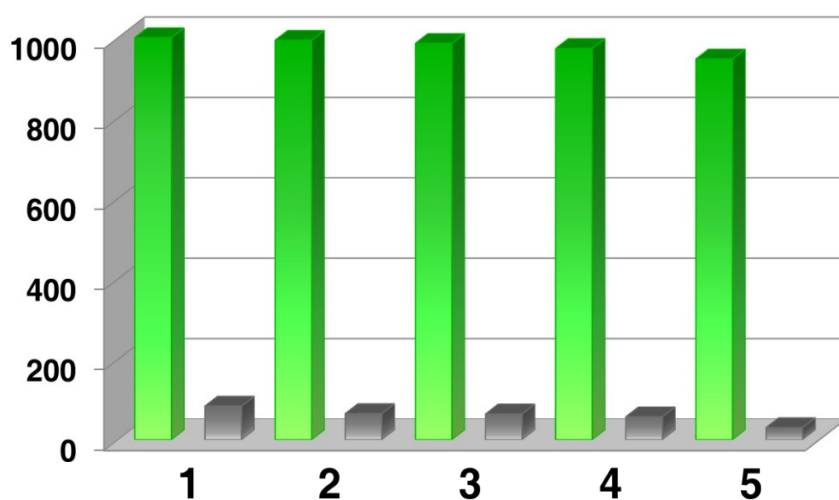
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**Fig. S14** (a) Suspension-state PL spectra and (b) the  $^5D_0 \rightarrow ^7F_2$  transition intensities of Ln-MOF **1** with different addition of PeCB when excited at 294 nm.



**Fig. S15** (a) Suspension-state PL spectra and (b) the  $^5D_0 \rightarrow ^7F_2$  transition intensities of Ln-MOF 1 with different addition of HCB when excited at 294 nm.



**Fig. S16** Reproducibility of the quenching ability of Ln-MOF 1 for 1,2,4-TCB with five continuous quenching cycles.

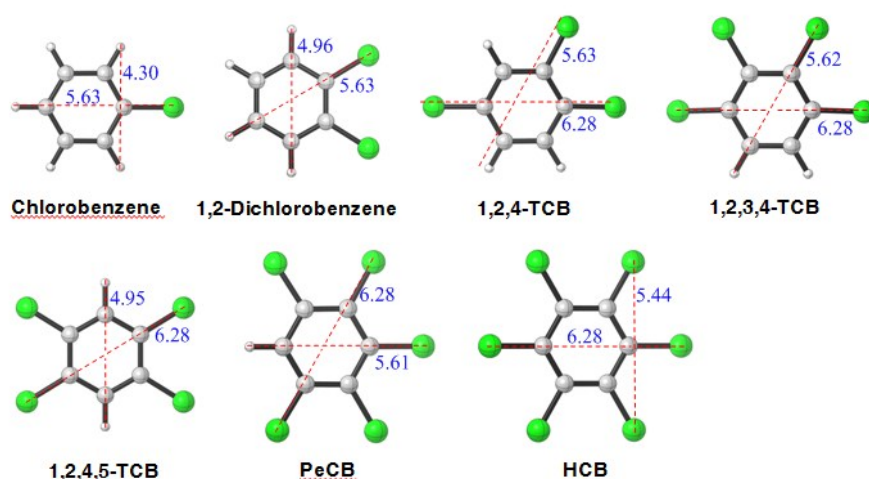


Fig. S17 Molecular structures and sizes of polychlorinated benzenes.

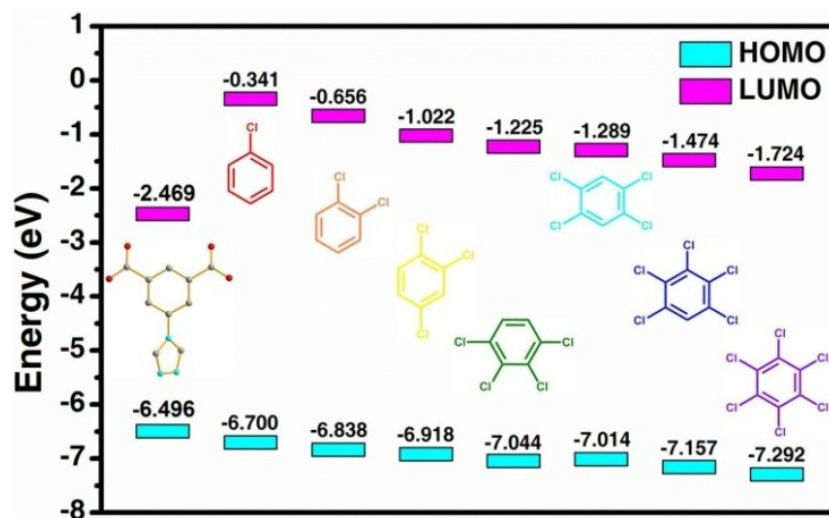


Fig. S18 HOMO and LUMO energies calculated for ligand H<sub>2</sub>L and polychlorinated benzenes.

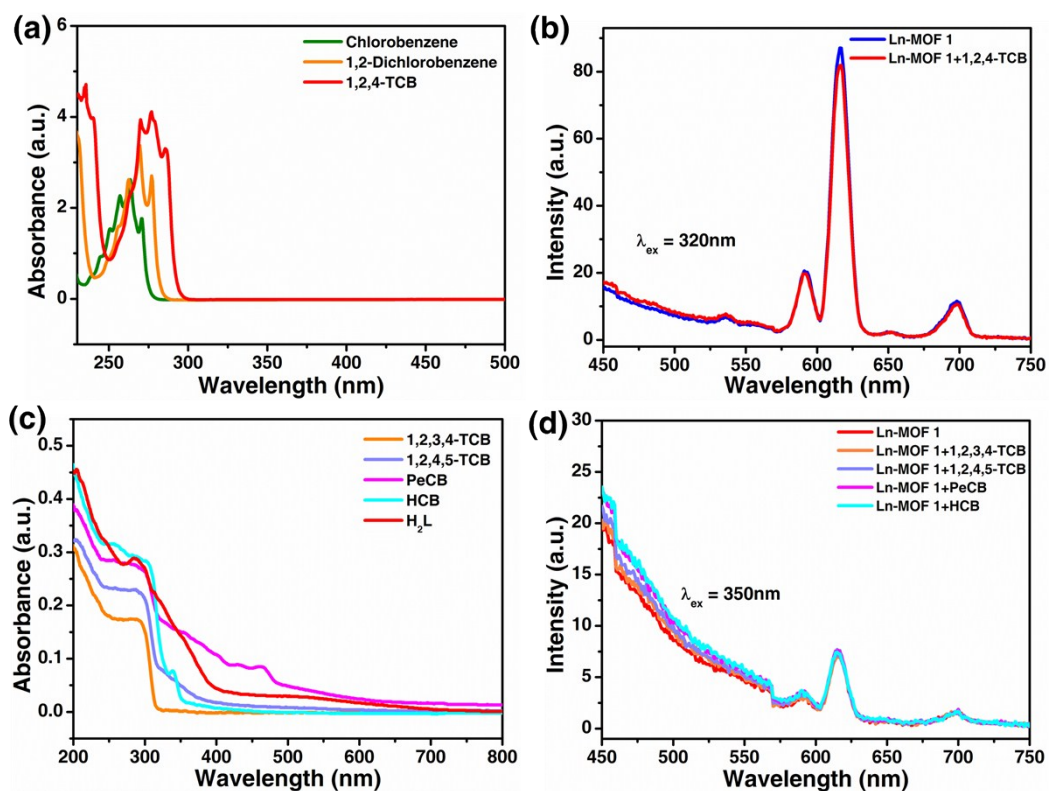


Fig. S19 The UV-vis absorption spectra for chlorobenzene, 1,2-dichlorobenzene, 1,2,4-TCB (a), 1,2,3,4-TCB, 1,2,4,5-TCB, PeCB, HCB and H<sub>2</sub>L (c); comparison of

PL spectra of Ln-MOF **1** before and after adding 1,2,4-TCB (1.25%) (b), 1,2,3,4-TCB, 1,2,4,5-TCB, PeCB, HCB (4.00 mM) (d).

### DFT Calculation.

The geometries of all minima were fully optimized in gas phase using the hybrid B3LYP<sup>1</sup> functional. The 6-31G(d) basis set was employed for all atoms except for Eu. The large core ECP52MWB<sup>2</sup> optimized by the Stuttgart/Cologne group was used for uranium centers. Frequency calculations were performed at 298.15 K to verify that the stationary points were the local minima. All of the calculations were performed with Gaussian 09.<sup>3</sup>

**Tables S3–S9.** The Cartesian Coordinates of the stationary points discussed in this paper.

For all minimum structures, no imaginary frequency was observed.

**Table S3. Chlorobenzene**

Atom	X	Y	Z
C	-1.574505	-1.207803	0.000000
C	-0.178309	-1.216394	0.000000
C	0.504285	0.000000	0.000000
C	-0.178309	1.216394	0.000000
C	-1.574505	1.207803	-0.000000
C	-2.275148	0.000000	0.000000
H	-2.112520	-2.151833	-0.000000
H	0.374772	-2.149683	-0.000000
H	0.374772	2.149683	0.000000
H	-2.112520	2.151833	-0.000000
H	-3.361301	0.000000	-0.000000
Cl	2.264455	0.000000	-0.000000

**Table S4. 1,2-Dichlorobenzene**

Atom	X	Y	Z
C	0.000000	2.392333	0.697816
C	-0.000000	1.185558	1.394869
C	0.000000	-0.027127	0.700823
C	0.000000	-0.027127	-0.700823
C	0.000000	1.185558	-1.394869
C	0.000000	2.392333	-0.697816
H	-0.000000	3.328481	1.248168
H	-0.000000	1.169473	2.479526
H	-0.000000	1.169473	-2.479526
H	-0.000000	3.328481	-1.248168
Cl	-0.000000	-1.517796	1.613147
Cl	-0.000000	-1.517796	-1.613147

**Table S5. 1,2,4-TCB**

Atom	X	Y	Z
C	-1.724824	-0.146562	-0.000000
C	-0.811558	0.904996	-0.000000
C	0.557015	0.625186	-0.000000
C	1.003376	-0.703799	-0.000000
C	0.069940	-1.743064	-0.000000
C	-1.296264	-1.473514	-0.000000
H	-1.151513	1.933561	0.000000
H	0.423255	-2.768520	0.000000
H	-2.017019	-2.283389	0.000000
Cl	1.676028	1.963104	0.000000
Cl	2.702985	-1.096880	0.000000
Cl	-3.440239	0.212534	0.000000

**Table S6. 1,2,3,4-TCB**

Atom	X	Y	Z
C	-1.395435	-0.817966	-0.000000
C	-0.704667	0.404342	-0.000000
C	0.704667	0.404342	-0.000000
C	1.395435	-0.817966	-0.000000
C	0.694632	-2.023501	-0.000000
C	-0.694632	-2.023501	-0.000000
H	1.243971	-2.958230	0.000000
Cl	1.577259	1.904245	0.000000
Cl	3.138080	-0.870070	0.000000
Cl	-3.138080	-0.870070	0.000000
H	-1.243971	-2.958230	0.000000
Cl	-1.577259	1.904245	0.000000

**Table S7. 1,2,4,5-TCB**

Atom	X	Y	Z
C	1.211775	-0.700870	-0.000000
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C	-0.000000	1.391210	-0.000000
C	1.211775	0.700870	-0.000000
H	0.000000	-2.474552	0.000000
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**Table S8. PeCB**

Atom	X	Y	Z
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C	0.000000	-1.794747	-0.000000
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**Table S9. HCB**

Atom	X	Y	Z
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C	-0.749261	-1.188303	0.000001
C	-1.403655	0.054786	0.000001
C	-0.654528	1.243185	-0.000000
C	0.749261	1.188303	-0.000000
Cl	-1.674228	-2.654387	0.000001
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Cl	3.135747	-0.121849	0.000001
Cl	1.462601	-2.777156	-0.000001
Cl	-1.462601	2.777156	0.000001
Cl	1.674228	2.654387	-0.000001

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