## **Supplementary Information**

## A facile water-stable MOF-based "off-on" fluorescent switch for

## label-free detection of dopamine in biological fluid

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Fig. S1 Fourier transform infrared (FT-IR) spectra of Abtz-CdI<sub>2</sub>-MOF.

As shown in Figure S1, the bands around ca.  $3124 \text{ cm}^{-1}$  and bands in the 1100-1300 cm<sup>-1</sup> range can be related to v(C-H) and v(C-N) or v(N-N) of triazole moieties. The triazole out of plane ring absorption also can be observed at around 630 cm<sup>-1</sup>.<sup>1-5</sup>

X-ray crystallography. Diffraction intensities for complex Abtz-CdI<sub>2</sub>-MOF were collected on a Bruker SMART 1000 CCD diffractometer with graphite-monochromated Mo-K $\alpha$  radiation ( $\lambda$  = 0.71073 Å) by using the  $\omega$ - $\phi$  scan technique. Lorentz polarization and absorption corrections were applied. The structures were solved by direct methods and refined with the full-matrix leastsquares technique using the SHELXS-97 and SHELXL-97 programs. Anisotropic thermal parameters were assigned to all non-hydrogen atoms. The organic hydrogen atoms were generated geometrically; the hydrogen atoms of the water molecules were located from difference maps and refined with isotropic temperature factors. Analytical expressions of neutral-atom scattering factors were employed, and anomalous dispersion corrections were incorporated. The crystallographic data and details of refinements for Abtz-CdI<sub>2</sub>-MOF are summarized in Table S1, selected bond lengths and angles are listed in Table S2. CCDC-1031671 (Abtz-CdI<sub>2</sub>-MOF) contains the supplementary crystallographic data for this paper. These data can be obtained free of charge from The Cambridge Crystallographic Centre Data via www.ccdc.cam.ac.uk/data request/cif.

	Abtz-CdI <sub>2</sub> -MOF
Formula	C <sub>18</sub> H <sub>20</sub> CdI <sub>2</sub> N <sub>8</sub>
$M(g \text{ mol}^{-1})$	714.62
crystal system	Orthorhombic
space group	Pbca
a (Å)	14.468(4)
<i>b</i> (Å)	13.931(4)
<i>c</i> (Å)	22.740(7)
α (°)	90
β (°)	90
γ (°)	90
$V(Å^3)$	4583(2)
Z	8
F (000)	2704
$ ho_{ m calc}~( m Mg~m^{-3})$	2.071
$\mu$ (mm <sup>-1</sup> )	3.668
data/restraints/params	4039 / 0 / 263
GOF on $F^2$	1.070
$R_1^{a}(I=2\sigma(I))$	0.0177
$\omega R_2^a$ (all data)	0.0368

Table S1 Crystallographic data and details of refinements for complex Abtz-CdI<sub>2</sub>-MOF <sup>*a,b*</sup>

 ${}^{a}R_{1} = \Sigma ||F_{o}| - |F_{c}||/|F_{o}| \cdot {}^{b}\omega R_{2} = [\Sigma w(|F_{o}|^{2} - |F_{c}^{2}|^{2}/w|F_{o}^{2}|^{2}]^{1/2}.$ 

Table S2 Selected bond lengths /Å and bond angles /° for Abtz-CdI2-MOF

Cd(1)-N(7)	2.360(2)	Cd(1)-N(3)	2.370(2)
Cd(1)-N(4)	2.402(2)	Cd(1)-N(8)	2.415(2)
N(7)-Cd(1) -N(3)	153.55(15)	N(7)-Cd(1) -N(4)	96.16(11)
N(3)-Cd(1) -N(4)	96.85(10)	N(7)-Cd(1) -N(8)	103.99(11)
N(3)-Cd(1) -N(8)	97.44(10)	N(4)-Cd(1) -N(8)	95.985(16)
N(3)-Cd(1) -N(8)	97.44(10)	N(4)-Cd(1) -N(8)	95.985(16)

Table S3 Analytical figures of merit for the detection of DA

Content	Value
LOD (nM)	57
Linear range (µM)	0.25-50
Calibration function	$\Delta I = 4.951C - 5.314$
Correlation coefficient R <sup>2</sup>	0.995
RSD $(n = 3)$ (%)	1.4

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