Supporting Information

## A Bi-metallic MOF Catalyst *via* Sensitive Detection & Adsorption of Fe<sup>3+</sup> Ions

## for Size-selective Reaction Prompting

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## Additional experimental details.

Reagents and chemicals: All reagents and solvents were of AR grade and used without further purification unless otherwise noted. 5,5'-methylenebisophthalic acid was synthesized according to the literature methods. (Eur. J. Org. Chem., 2007, 20, 3271-3276) Cd(ClO<sub>4</sub>)<sub>2</sub> 6H<sub>2</sub>O was purchased from Alfa Aesar, Fe(NO<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>·9H<sub>2</sub>O and the other metal salts were provided from Shanghai Fourth Chemical Reagent aromatic Company (China). All of the aldehvdes (Benzaldehyde, 4-nitrobenzaldehvde, 4-methoxybenzaldehyde, 1-naphthaldehyde and 3,5-di-tert-butylbenzaldehyde) were purchased from Beijing Innochem Science & Technology Co., Ltd.. Stock solution  $(2 \times 10^{-2} \text{ M})$  of the aqueous nitrate salts of Li<sup>+</sup>, Na<sup>+</sup>, K<sup>+</sup>, Mg<sup>2+</sup>, Ca<sup>2+</sup>, Sr<sup>2+</sup>, Ba<sup>2+</sup>, Co<sup>2+</sup>, Ni<sup>2+</sup>, Cu<sup>2+</sup>, Mn<sup>2+</sup>, Zn<sup>2+</sup>, Cd<sup>2+</sup>, Fe<sup>2+</sup>, Ag<sup>+</sup>, Pb<sup>2+</sup>, Al<sup>3+</sup>, Cr<sup>3+</sup>,  $Fe^{3+}$  and  $Hg^{2+}$  were prepared for further experiments.

Instruments and spectroscopic measurements: The elemental analyses of C, H and N were performed on a Vario EL III elemental analyzer. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra were measured on a Bruker-400 spectrometer with Me<sub>4</sub>Si as an internal standard. X-Ray powder diffraction (XRD) patterns of the Cd-MDIP was recorded on a Rigaku D/max-2400 X-ray powder diffractometer (Japan) using Cu- $K\alpha$  ( $\lambda = 1.5405$  Å) radiation. FT-IR spectra were recorded as KBr pellets on JASCO FT/IR-430. Thermogravimetric analysis (TGA) was carried out at a ramp rate of 5 °C/min in a nitrogen flow with a Mettler-Toledo TGA/SDTA851 instrument. Fluorescence spectra of the solution were obtained using the F-4600 spectrometer (Hitachi). Both excitation and emission slit widths were 5 nm. Fluorescence measurements were carried out in a 1 cm quartzcuvette with stirring the suspension of Cd-MDIP. The adsorption abilities of Cd-MDIP for Fe<sup>3+</sup> in water was measured by Inductively Coupled Plasma Spectrometer (Perkin Elmer).

Cd(1)–O(1W)	2.271(7)	Cd(1)–O(2B)	2.323(4)			
Cd(1)–O(2)	2.323(4)	Cd(1)–O(1)	2.372(3)			
Cd(1)–O(1B)	2.372(3)	Cd(1)–O(2W)	2.452(6)			
Cd(1)-O(2WA)	2.454(4)					
O(1W)-Cd(1)-O(2B)	88.64(11)	O(1W)-Cd(1)-O(2)	88.64(11)			
O(2B)-Cd(1)-O(2)	158.03(17)	O(1W)–Cd(1)–O(1)	96.06(18)			
O(2B)-Cd(1)-O(1)	146.66(11)	O(2)-Cd(1)-O(1)	55.31(11)			
O(1W)-Cd(1)-O(1B)	96.07(18)	O(2B)-Cd(1)-O(1B)	55.31(11)			
O(2)-Cd(1)-O(1B)	146.66(11)	O(1)-Cd(1)-O(1B)	91.35(16)			
O(1W)-Cd(1)-O(2W)	173.9(2)	O(2B)-Cd(1)-O(2W)	90.19(10)			
O(2)-Cd(1)-O(2W)	90.19(10)	O(1)-Cd(1)-O(2W)	88.21(13)			
O(1B)-Cd(1)-O(2W)	88.20(13)	O(1W)-Cd(1)-O(2WA)	96.0(2)			
O(2B)-Cd(1)-O(2WA)	79.30(8)	O(2)-Cd(1)-O(2WA)	79.30(8)			
O(1)-Cd(1)-O(2WA)	132.53(8)	O(1B)-Cd(1)-O(2WA)	132.53(8)			
O(2W)-Cd(1)-O(2WB)	77.90(18)					
Symmetry code A: <i>x</i> , - <i>y</i> , 1- <i>z</i> ; B: - <i>x</i> , <i>y</i> , <i>z</i> .						

Table S1 Selective bond distance (Å) and angle (°) in Cd-MDIP.

**Figure S1.** The fluorescence spectra of Cd-MDIP in water solution upon the addition of 0.55 mM of various metal ions.









**Figure S2.** The Stern–Volmer plot of Cd-MDIP quenched by  $Fe^{3+}$  aqueous solution, where I<sub>0</sub> and I are the fluorescence intensity ratio before and after metal ion incorporation, respectively.



**Figure S3.** The DR UV–vis spectra of Cd–MDIP,  $Fe(NO_3)_3$  and Cd–MDIP $\supset$ Fe<sup>3+</sup>.



**Table S1.** The ICP results of splitting Cd–MDIP (2 mg), splitting of Cd–MDIP (2 mg) after treated with excess Fe<sup>3+</sup> in 50 mL solution, respectively.

	$[Cd^{2+}] (\mu M)$	$[{\rm Fe}^{3+}]$ ( $\mu {\rm M}$ )	
splitting Cd-MDIP	76.7		
splitting Cd-MDIP after treated	76.5	4.5	
with Fe <sup>3+</sup>			

**Figure S4.** The PXRD pattern of the residue left of Cd-MDIP and Cd-MDIP $\supset$ Fe<sup>3+</sup> behind were found to be predominantly CdO phase and CdO + Fe<sub>3</sub>O<sub>4</sub> mixture phase, respectively.



**Figure S5.** Study on recycling of catalyst Cd-MDIP $\supset$ Fe<sup>3+</sup> for the heterogeneous cyanosilylation: (CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>SiCN: 1.2 mmol; benzaldehyde: 0.5 mmol; Cd-MDIP $\supset$ Fe<sup>3+</sup> catalysts: 2.5  $\mu$ mol, room temperature for 2 hours.



Figure 6. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) of 2-phenyl-2-(trimethylsilyloxy)-acetonitrile.



Figure S7. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) of 2-(4-nitrophenyl)-2-((trimethylsilyl)oxy)-acetonitrile.



Figure S8. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) of 2-(4-methoxyphenyl)-2-(trimethylsilyloxy)-acetonitrile.



Figure S9. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) of 2-(naphthalene-1-yl)-2-(trimethylsilyloxy)-acetonitrile.



Entry	Catalyst	T (°C)	t (hr)	Yield(%)	Ref.
1	1·Cd	r.t.	18	94	[S1]
2	Cd-PBA	r.t.	8	99	[S2]
3	Ce-MDIP1	r.t.	24	93	[S3]
4	Ce-MDIP2	r.t.	24	94	[S3]
5	Eu-PDC	r.t.	3	93	[S4]
6	MIL-47 (V)	r.t.	3	46	[S5]
7	MIL-53 (Al)	r.t.	3	26	[S5]
8	MIL-101 (Cr)	r.t.	4	96	[85]
9	Zn-MOF	r.t.	10	74	[S6]
10	Ce-MOF	r.t.	2	94	[S7]
11	Ps-CMOF	r.t.	48	93	[S8]
12	POMOF-1	r.t.	24	98	[S9]
13	UPC-15	r.t.	24	99	[S10]
14	UPC-16	r.t.	24	97	[S10]
15	Co-MOF	r.t.	12	98	[S11]
16	Cd-bpdc	r.t.	14	95	[S12]
17	Mn-MOF	r.t.	9	98	[S13]
18	Cd-MDIP⊃Fe <sup>3+</sup>	r.t.	2	97	This work

**Table S2.** Comparison with different MOF catalysts in the catalytic of cyanosilylation reaction of benzaldehyde with (CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>SiCN.

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