

## Supporting Information

### Rational synthesis of luminescent uncommon (3,4,6)-c connected Zn(II) MOF: a dual channel sensor for the detection of nitroaromatics and ferric ion

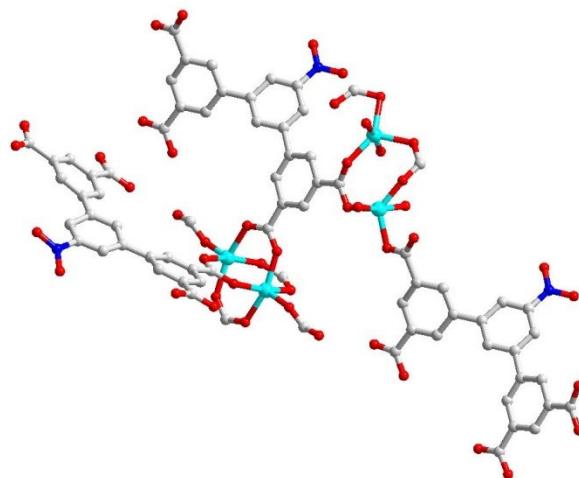


Fig. S1 view of the two types of binuclear  $[Zn_2(\mu_2\text{-COO})_2(\mu_1\text{-COO})_2]$  and  $[Zn_2(\mu_2\text{-COO})_4]$ .

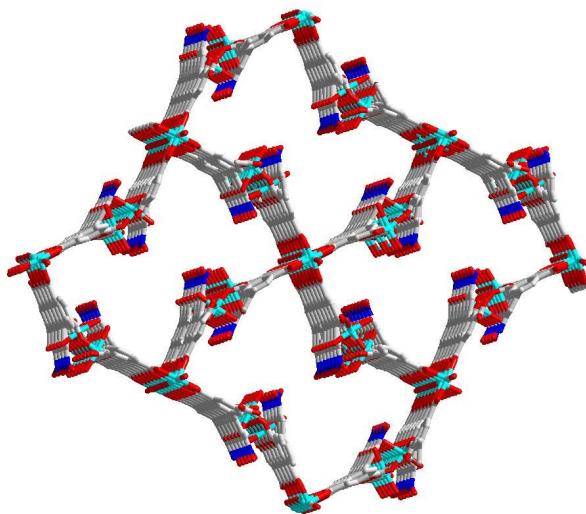


Fig. S2 The 3D porous structure of 1 along the  $a$  axis.

Thermogravimetric analysis (TGA) for **1** shows a weight loss of 22.6 % between 35 and 285 °C, which corresponding to the loss of 5.5 DMF and coordinated H<sub>2</sub>O molecules. Upon further heating, a weight loss of 34.9 % should correspond to the release of the organic ddn and formate ligands, and then the collapse of the framework (calcd 32.8 %) (Fig.S3). Anal. (%) calcd for C<sub>62.4</sub>H<sub>75.6</sub>N<sub>8.8</sub>O<sub>31.6</sub>Zn<sub>4</sub>: C,

43.56 %; H, 4.43 %; N, 7.17 %; Found: C, 42.66 %; H, 4.01%; N, 6.87 %.

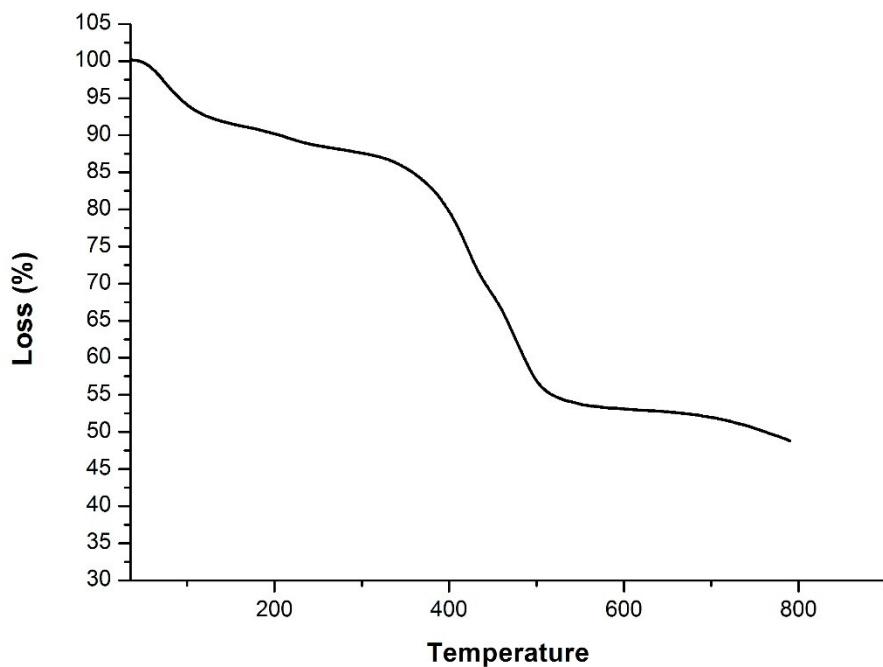


Fig. S3 view of the TGA.

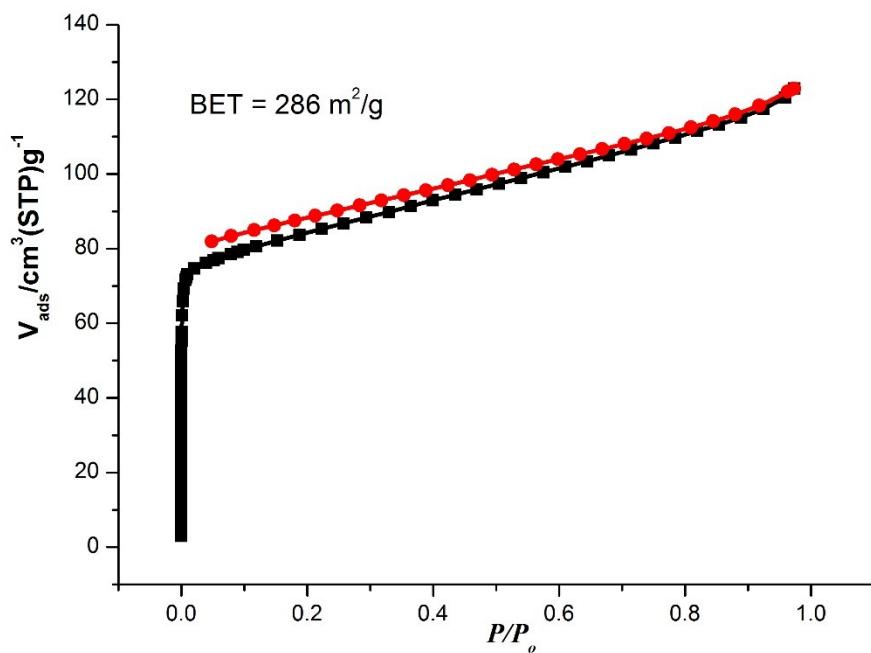


Fig. S4 view of the N<sub>2</sub> adsorption isotherms at 77 K.

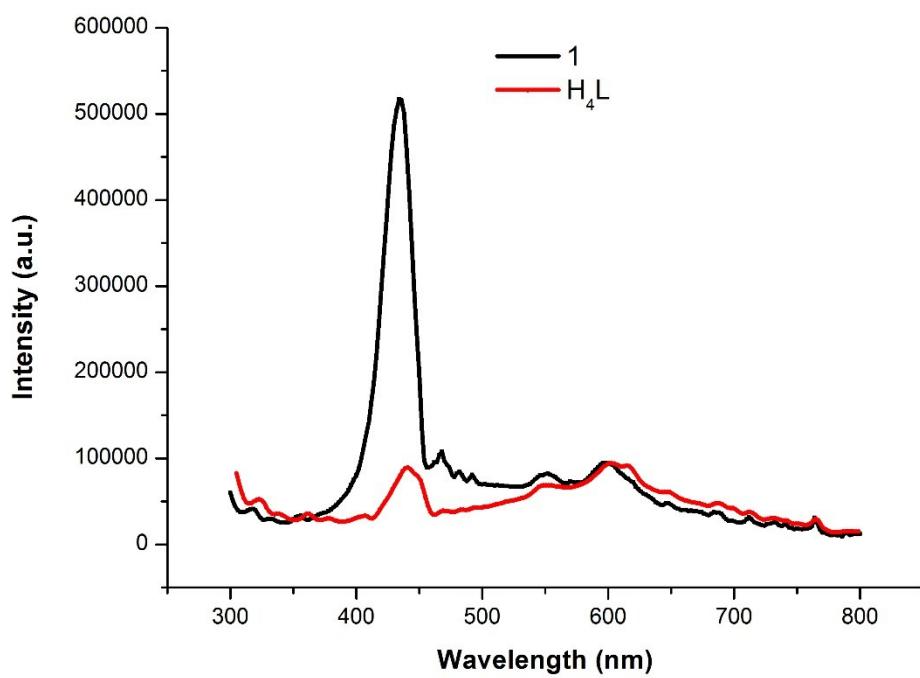


Fig. S5 The photoluminescence spectra of solid samples of  $\text{H}_4\text{ddn}$  ligand and **1** recorded at room temperature.

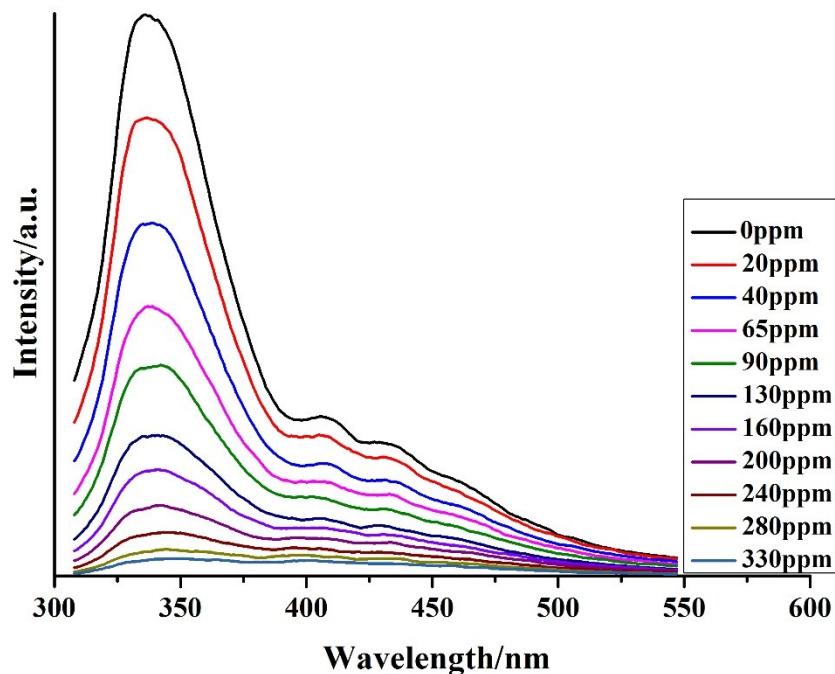


Fig. S6 Luminescent quenching of **1** dispersed in ethanol by the gradual addition of 1 mM solution of 1,3-DNB in DMF.

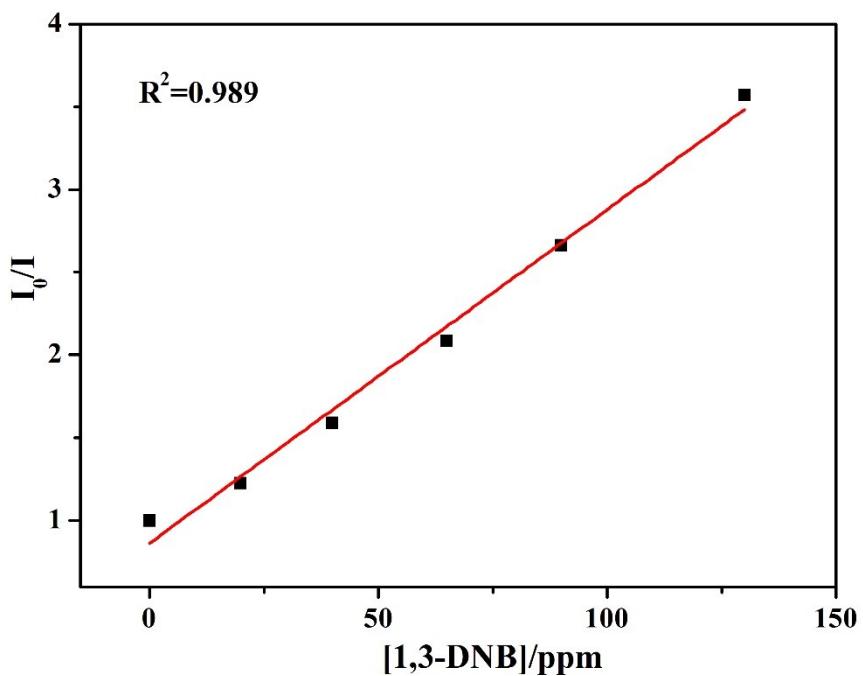


Fig. S7 The Stern–Volmer plot of **1** against 1,3-DNB.

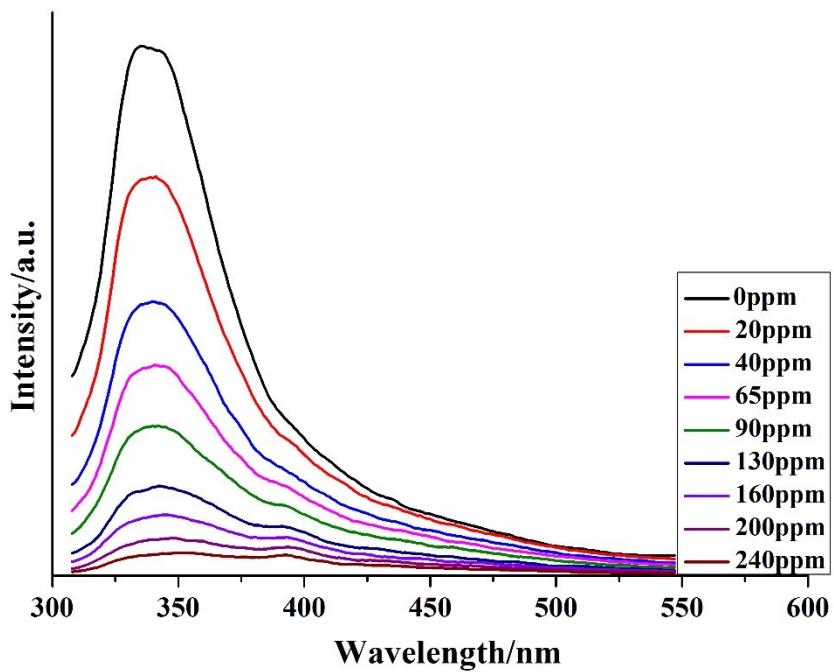


Fig. S8 Luminescent quenching of **1** dispersed in ethanol by the gradual addition of 1 mM solution of 2,4-DNT in DMF.

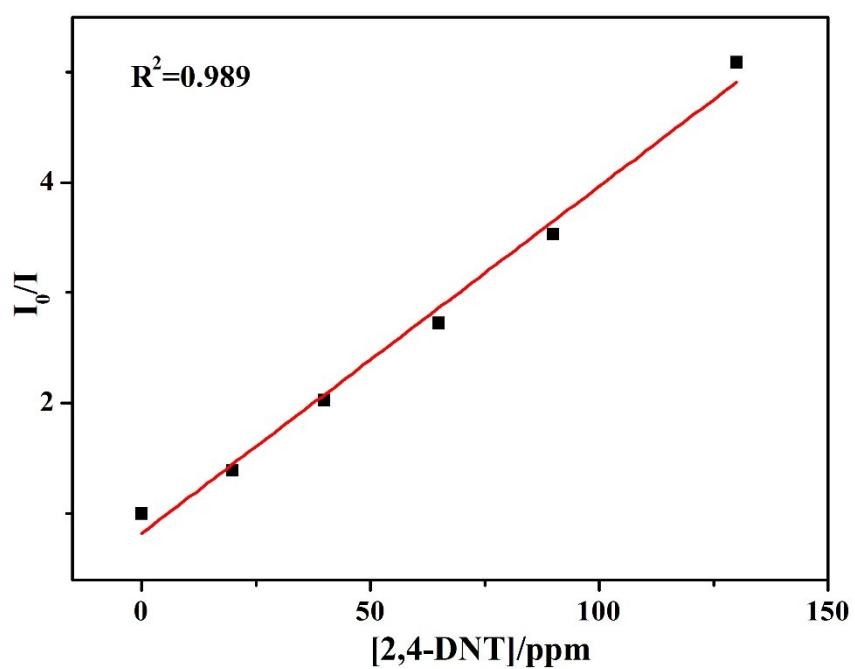


Fig. S9 Stern–Volmer plot for the fluorescence quenching of **1** upon the addition of 2,4-DNT.

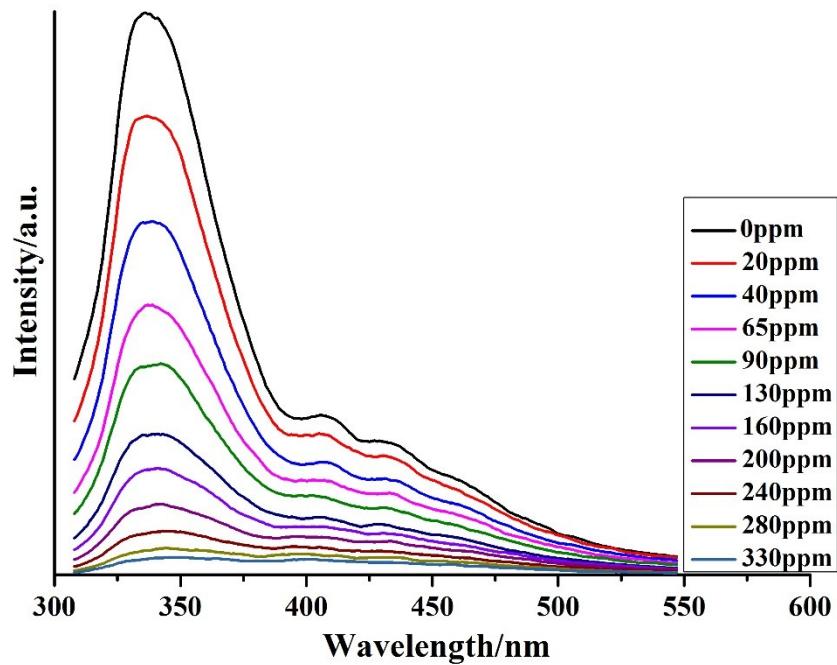


Fig. S10 Luminescent quenching of **1** dispersed in ethanol by the gradual addition of 1 mM solution of 2,6-DNT in DMF.

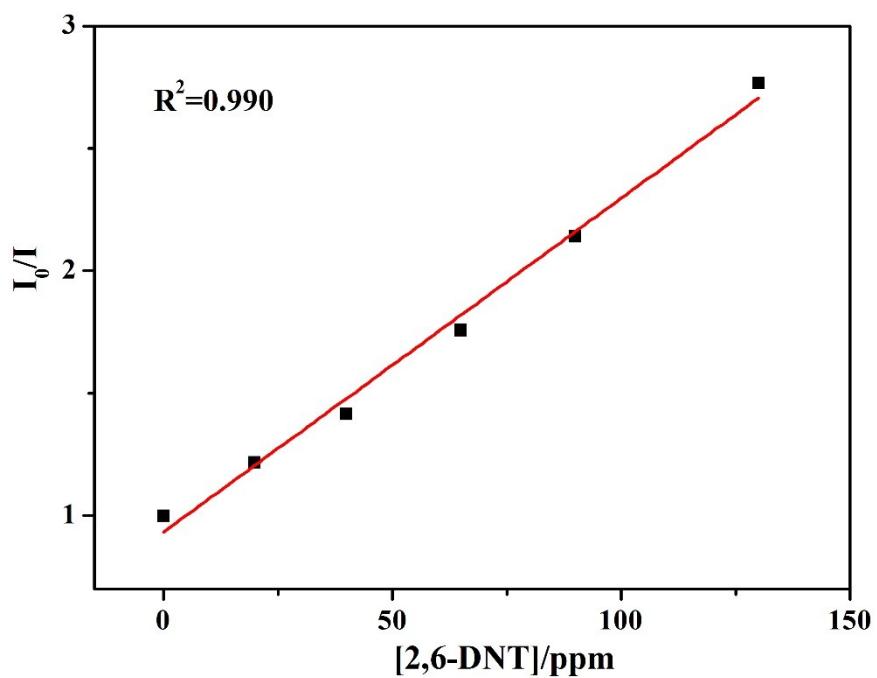


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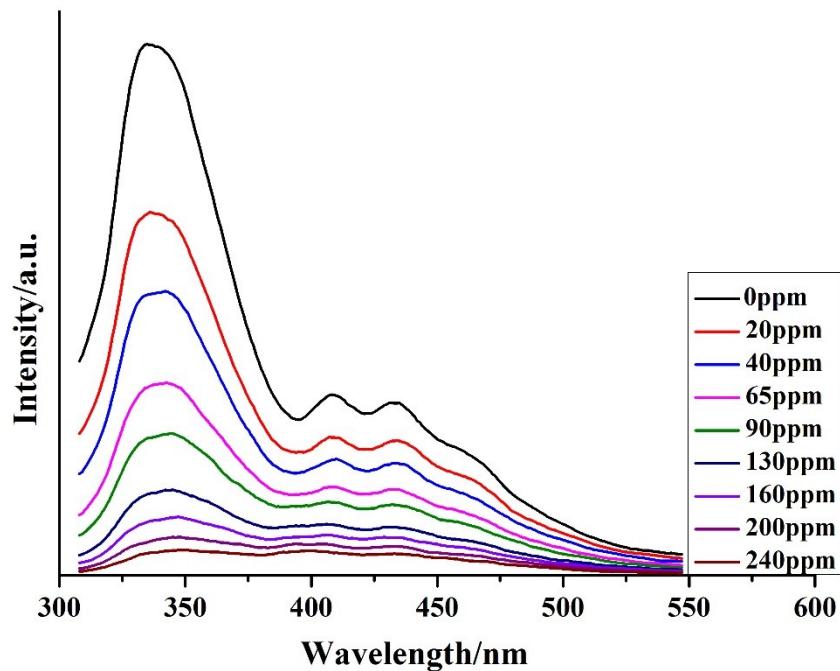


Fig. S12 Luminescent quenching of **1** dispersed in ethanol by the gradual addition of 1 mM solution of 2-NT in DMF.

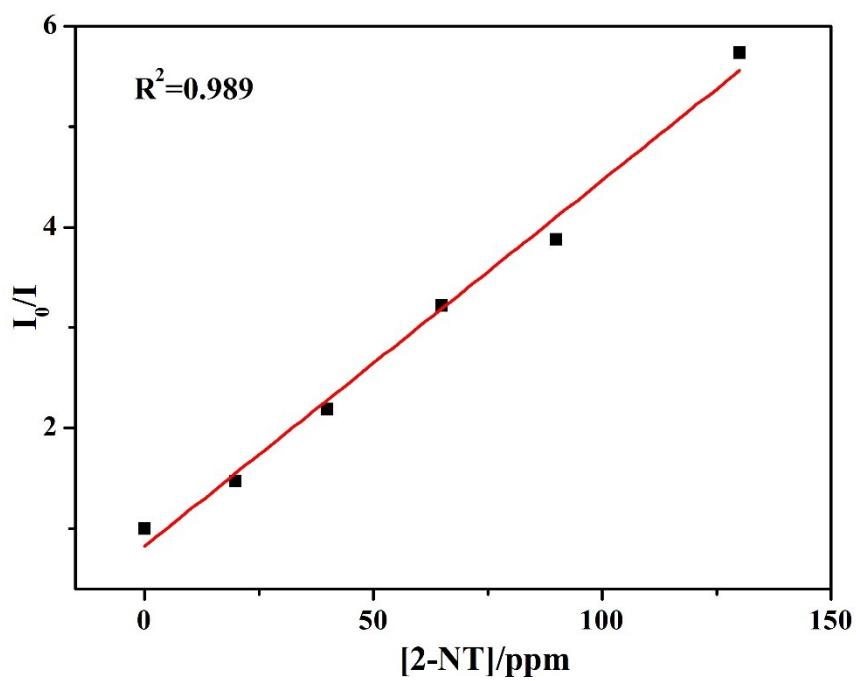


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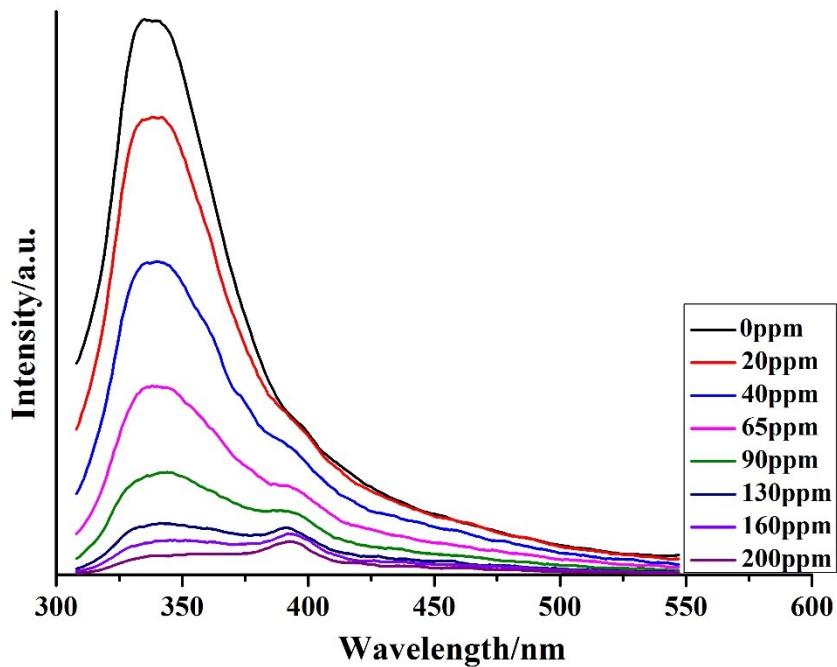


Fig. S14 Luminescent quenching of **1** dispersed in ethanol by the gradual addition of 1 mM solution of 4-NT in DMF.

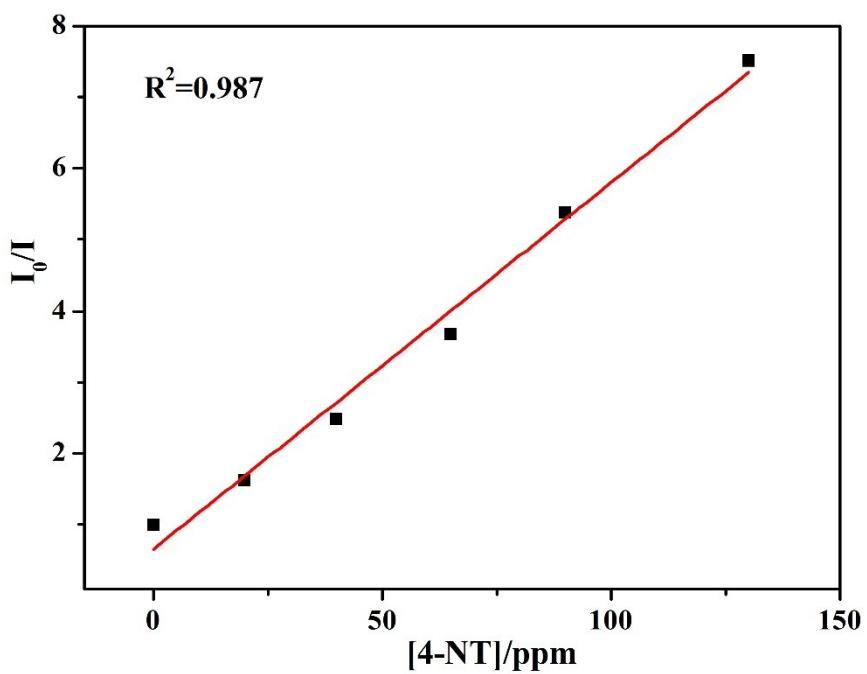


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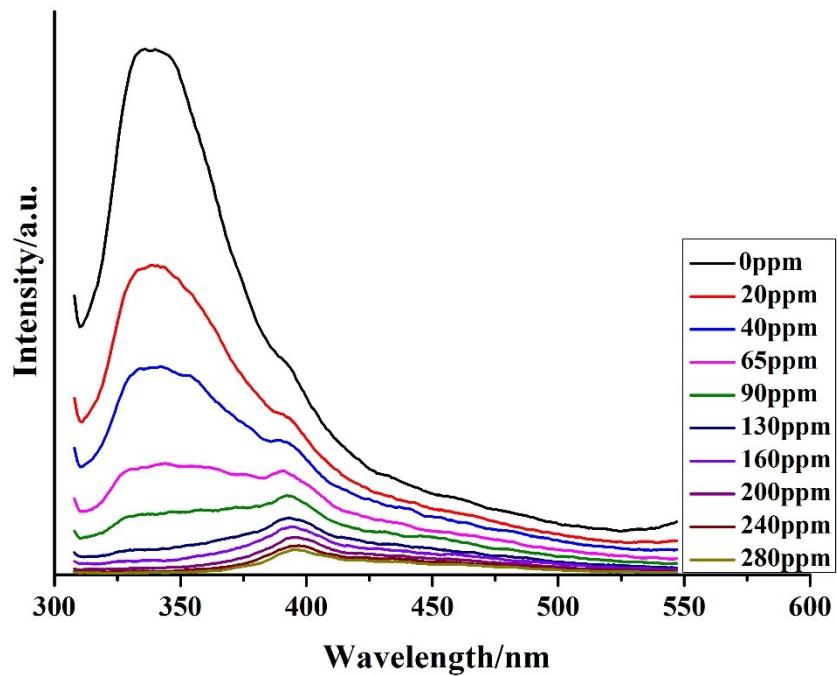


Fig. S16 Stern–Volmer plot for the fluorescence quenching of **1** upon the addition of MNP.

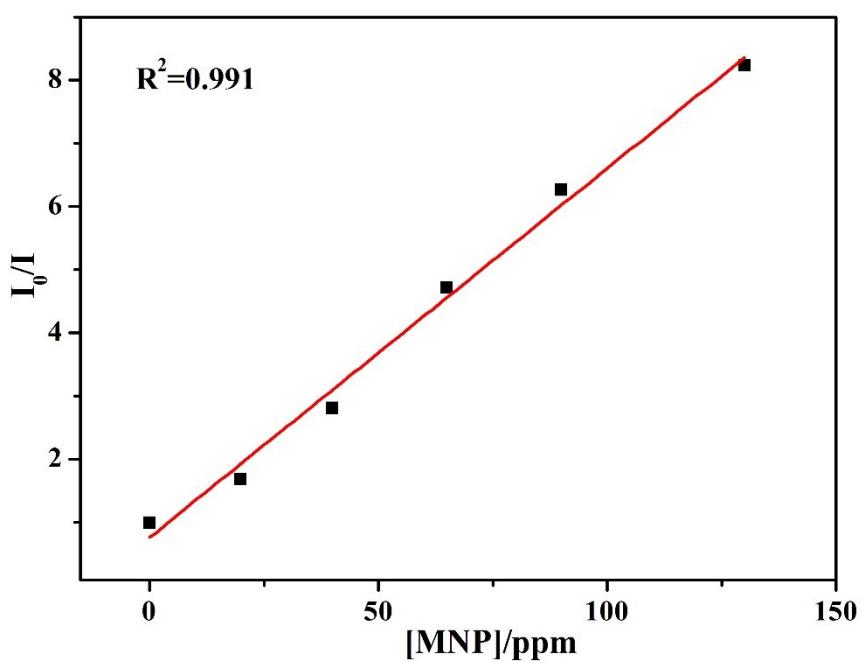


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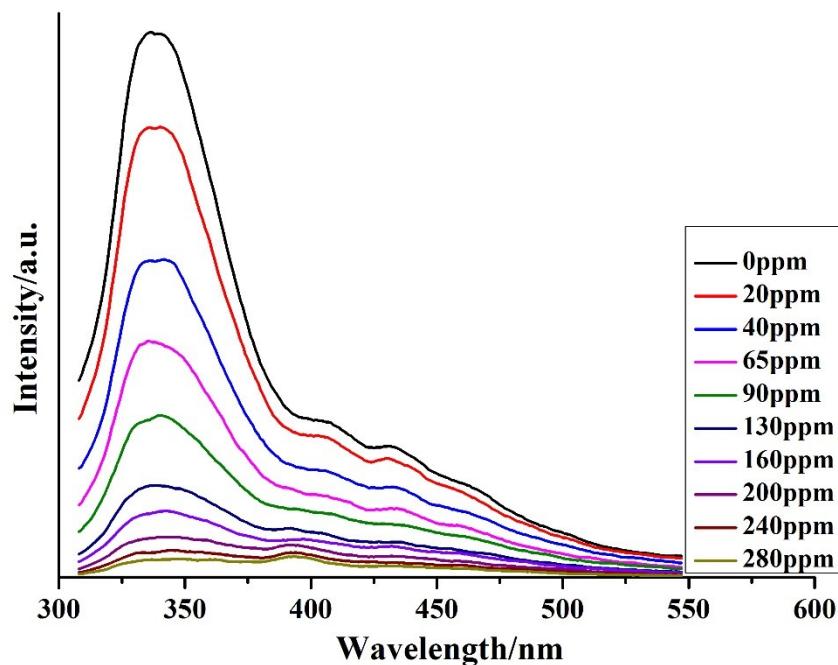


Fig. S18 Luminescent quenching of **1** dispersed in ethanol by the gradual addition of 1 mM solution of NB in DMF.

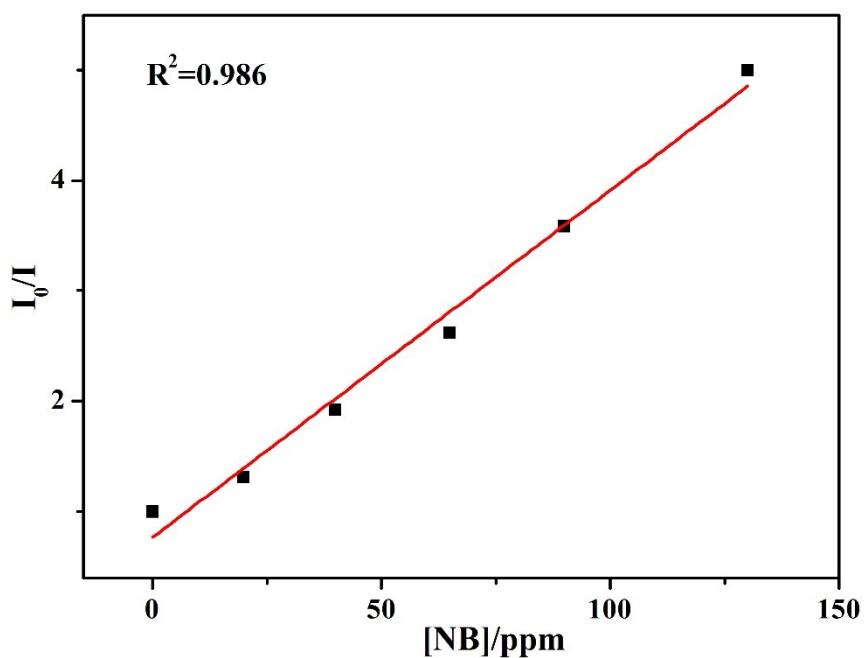


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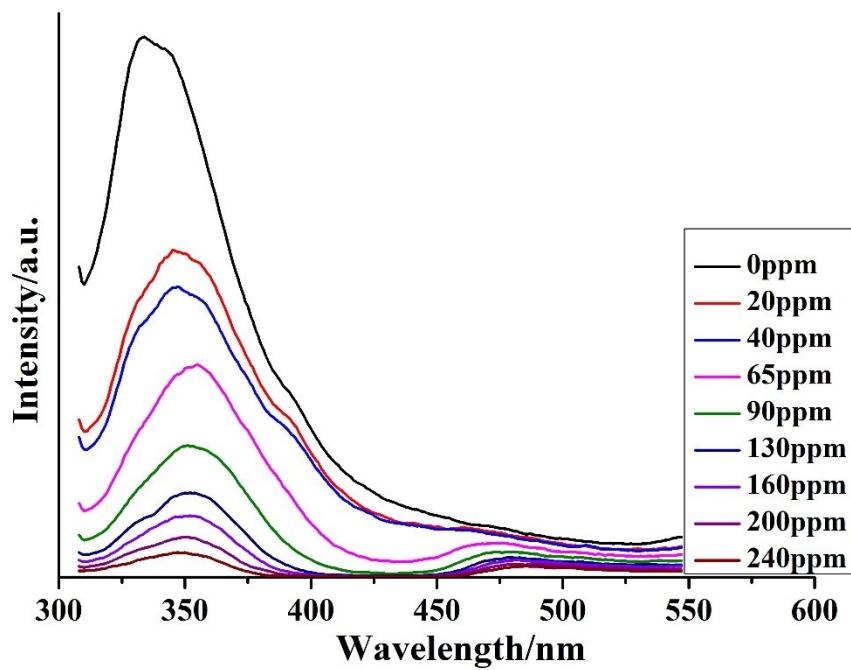


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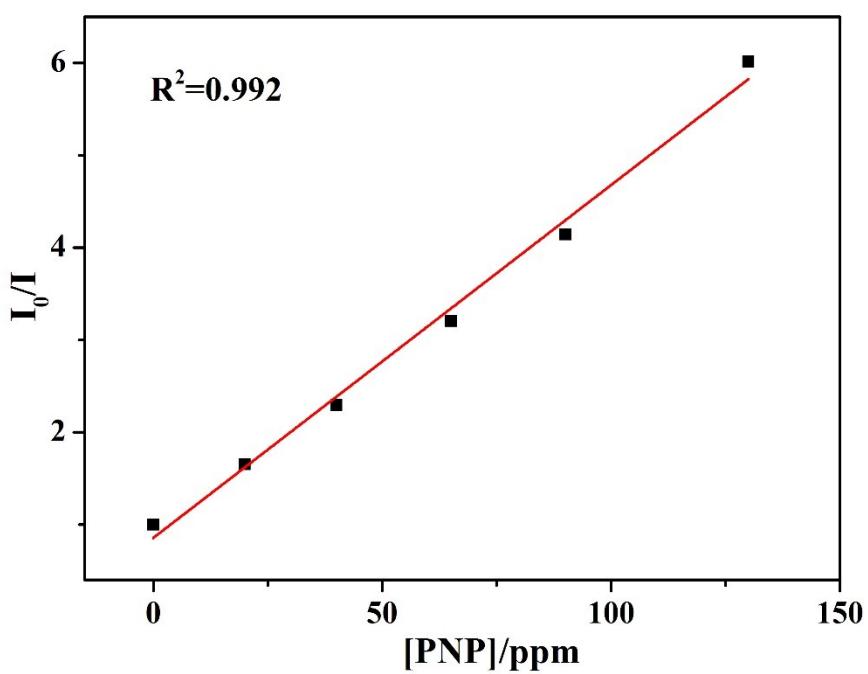


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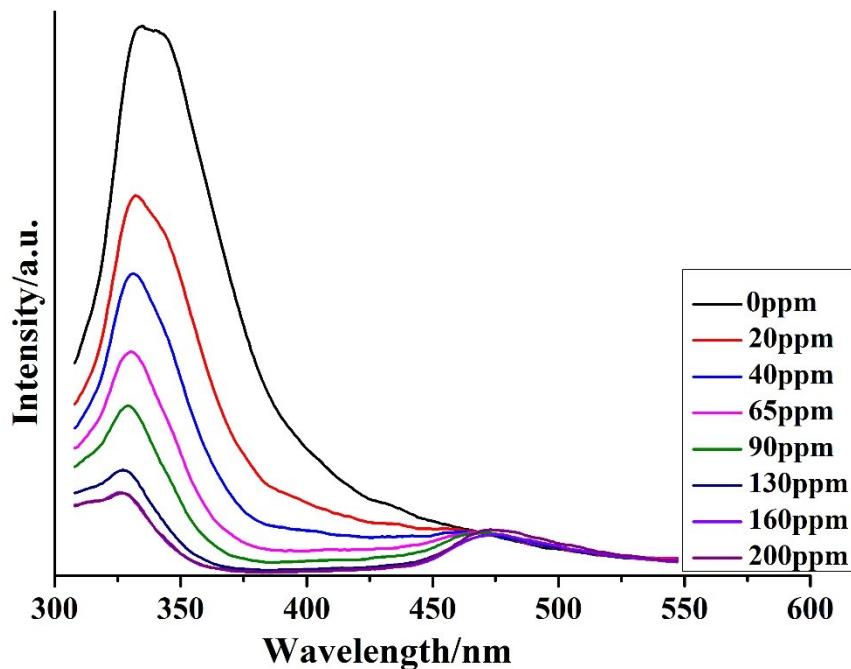


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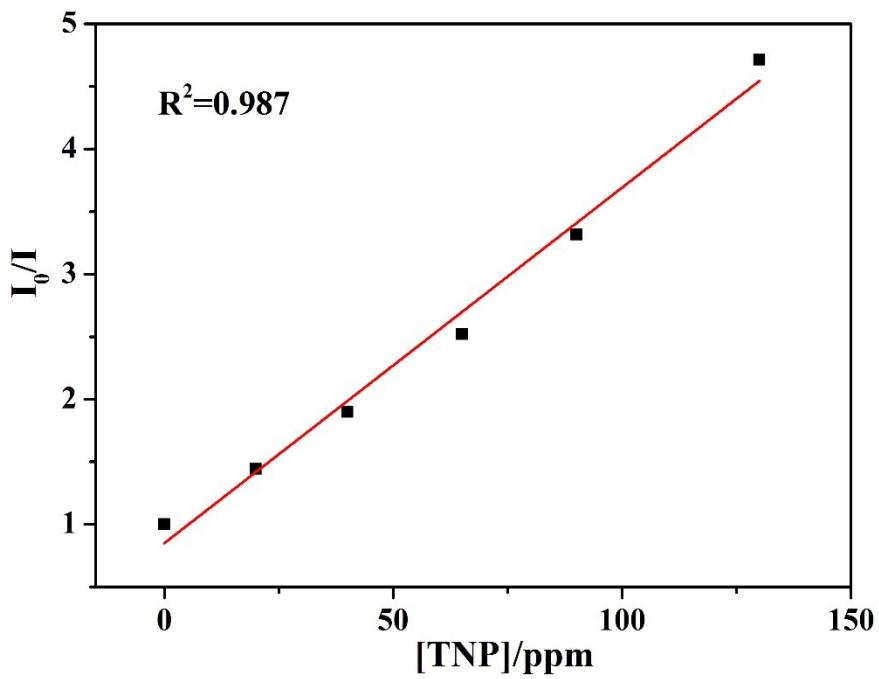


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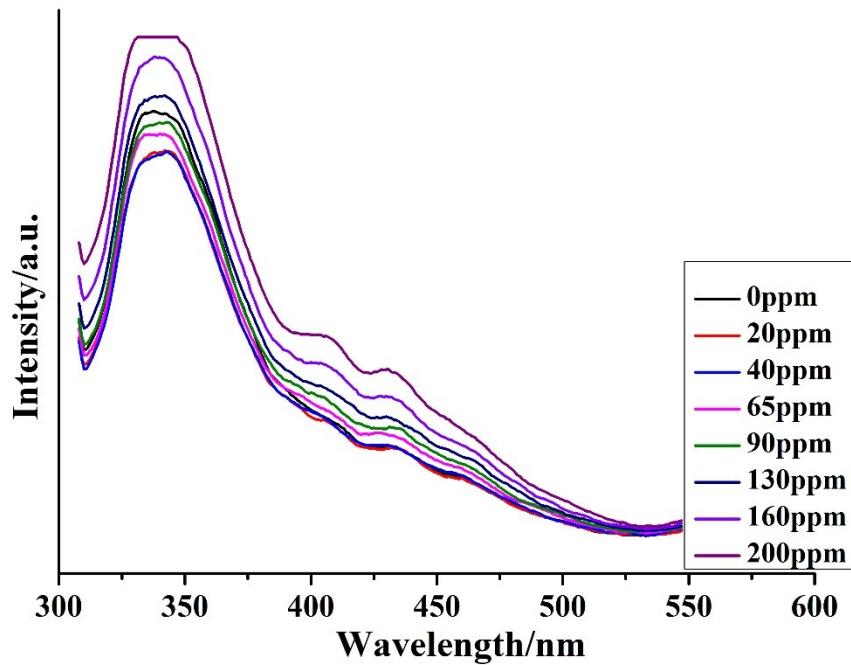


Fig. S24 Luminescent quenching of **1** dispersed in ethanol by the gradual addition of 1 mM solution of 1,2,4-TMB in DMF.

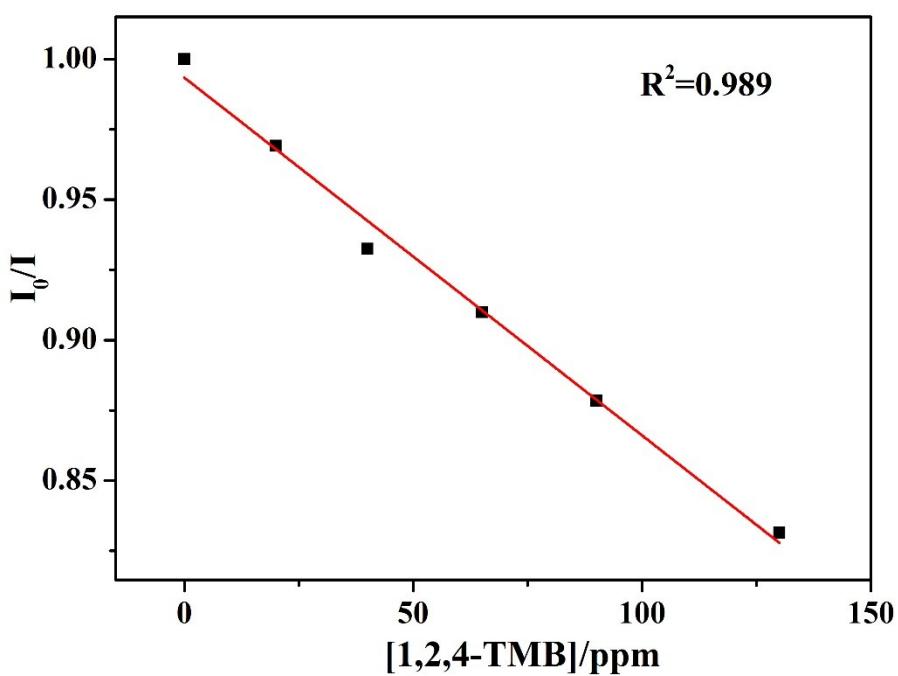


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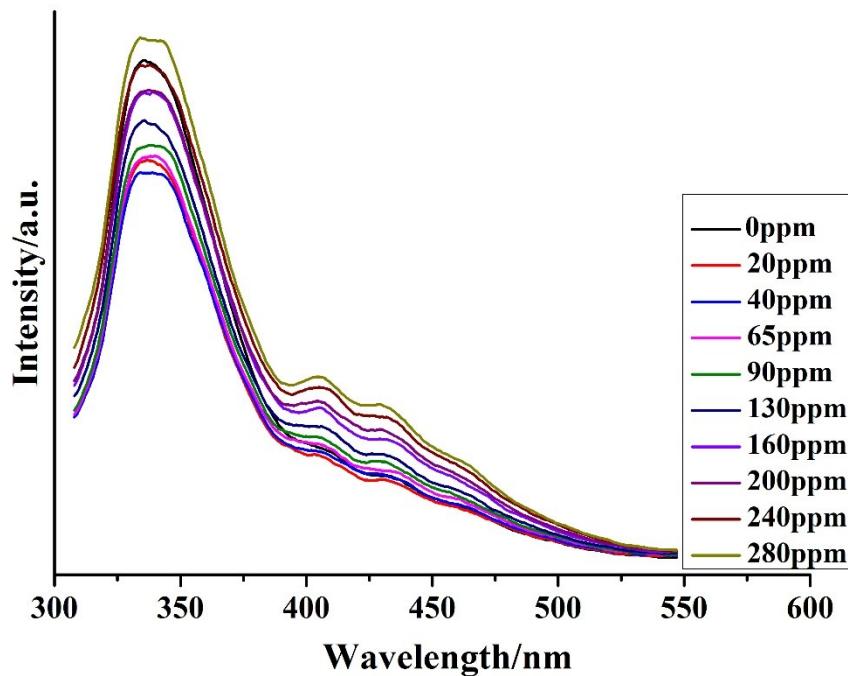


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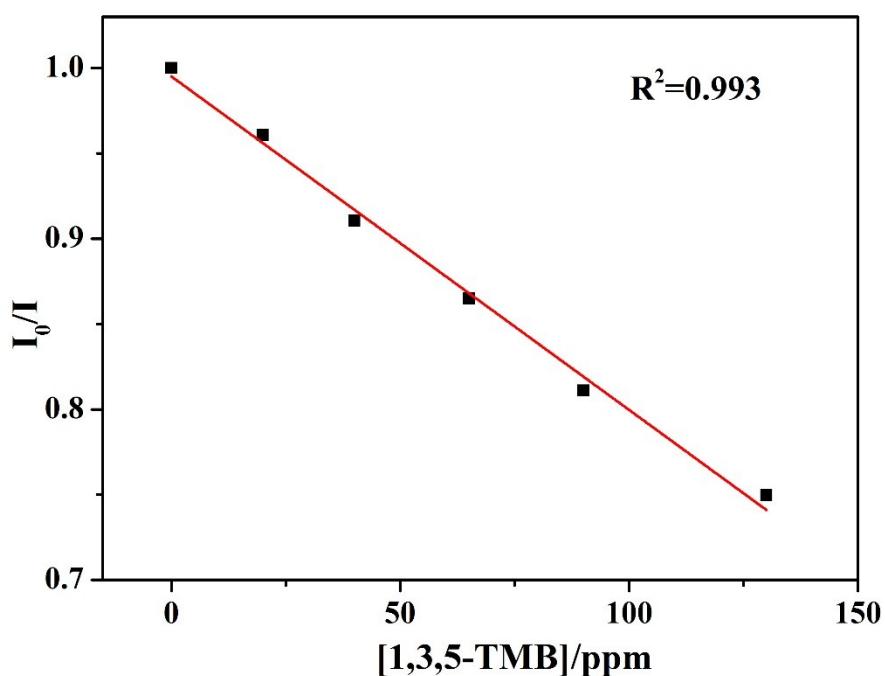


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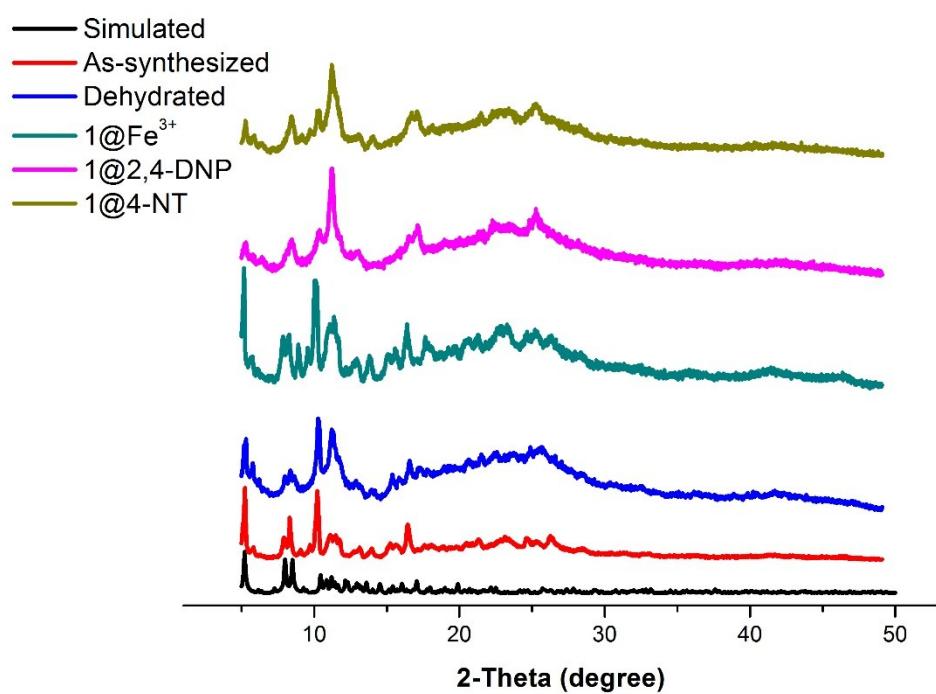


Fig. S28 view of the PXRD for the sample **1** (black: simulated; red: as-synthesized) and its suspensions of analytes.

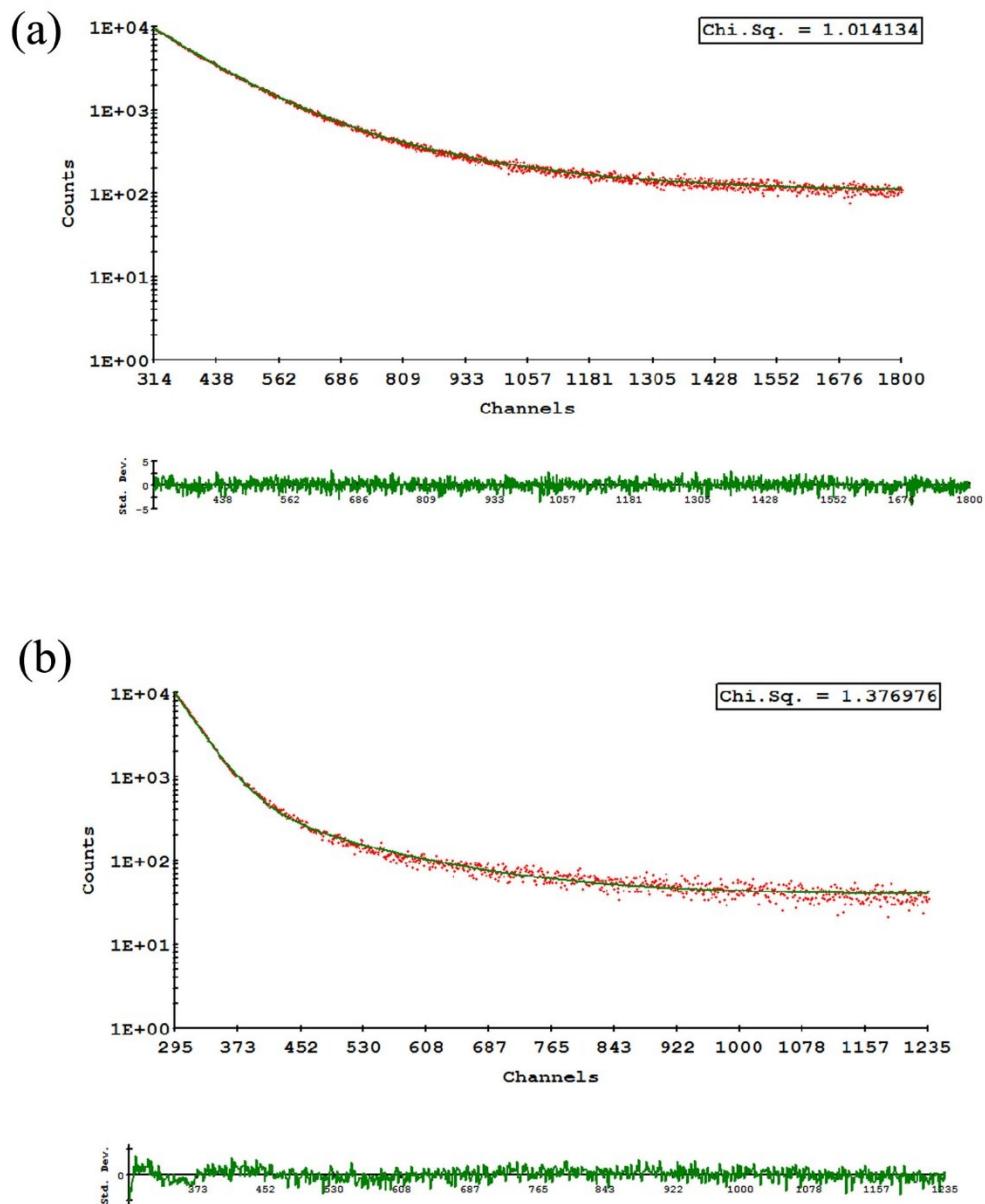


Fig. S29 Comparison of the fluorescence lifetime of **1** (above) and Fe<sup>3+</sup>@**1** (below).

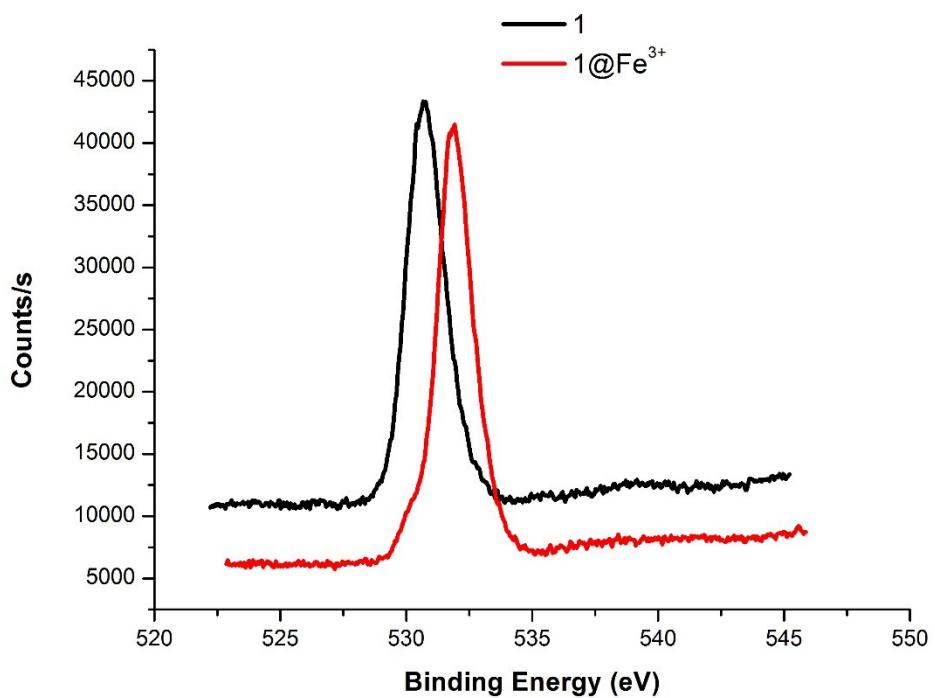


Fig. S30 The O1s XPS spectra of the **1** (black) and **1@Fe<sup>3+</sup>** (red).

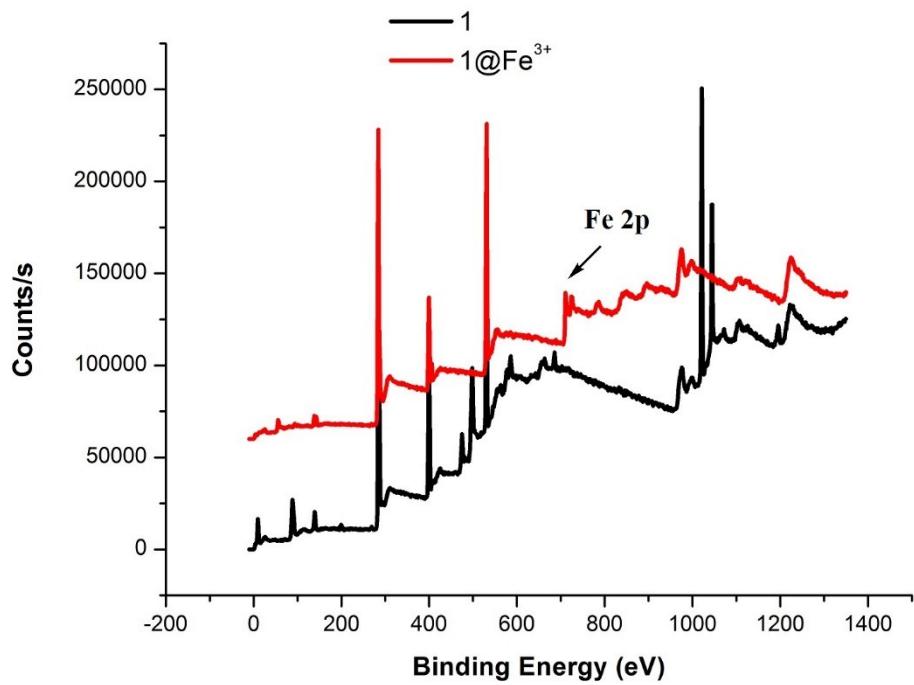
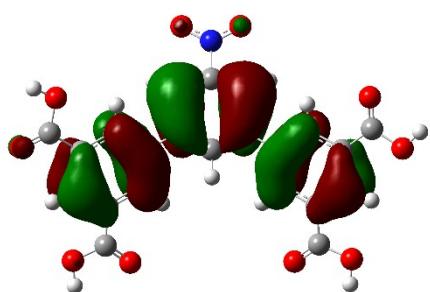
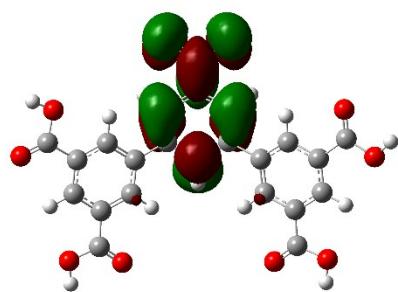


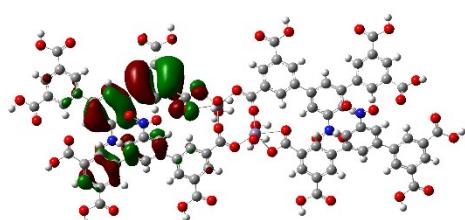
Fig. S31 The XPS spectra of the **1@Fe<sup>3+</sup>** (red) and **1** (black).



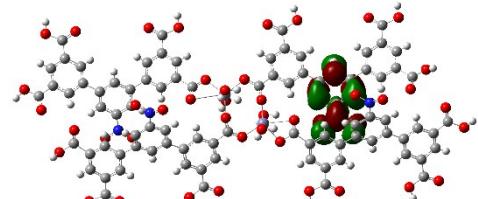
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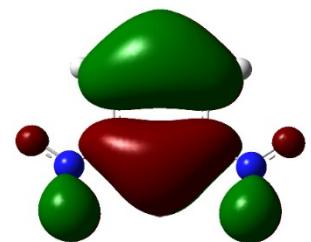
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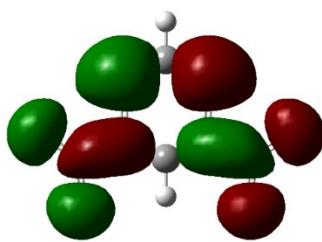
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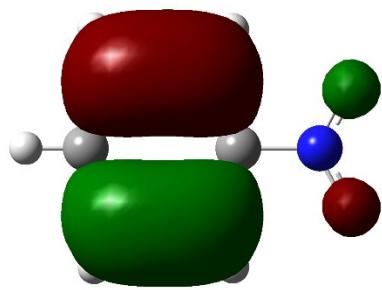
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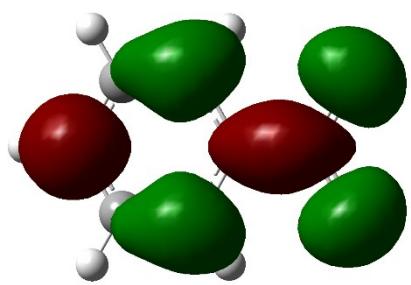
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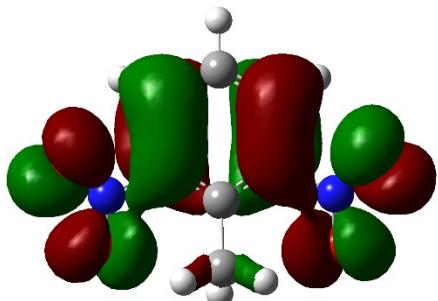
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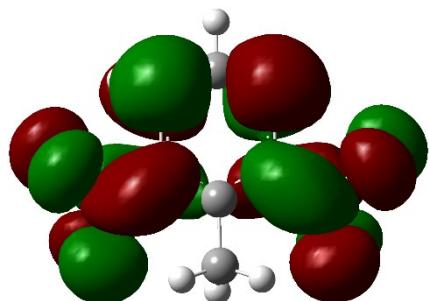
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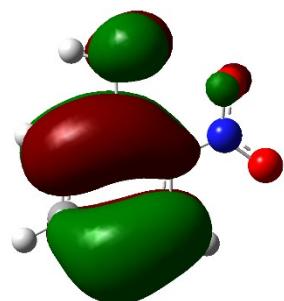
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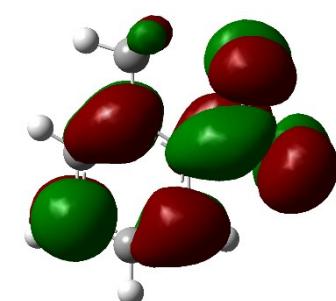
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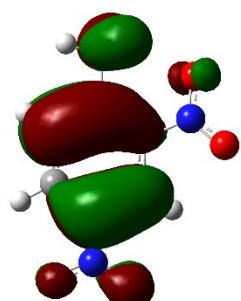
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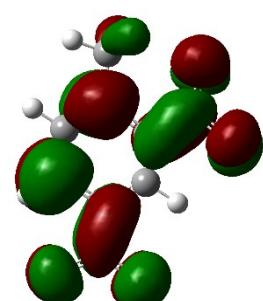
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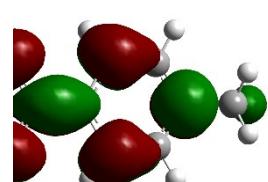
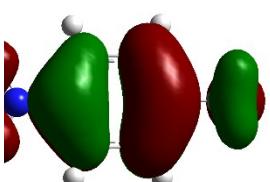
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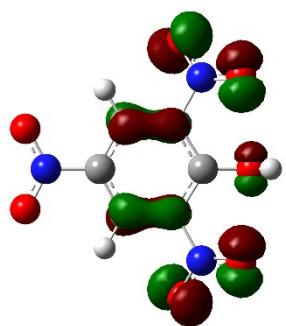
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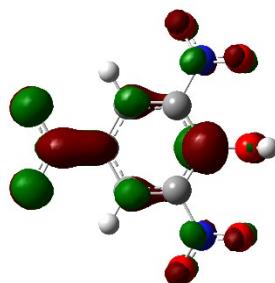
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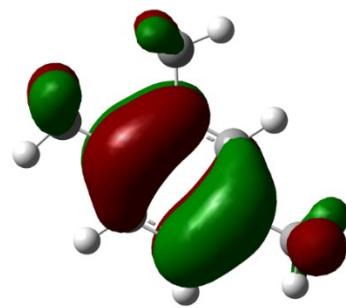
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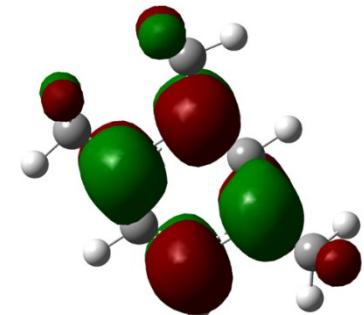
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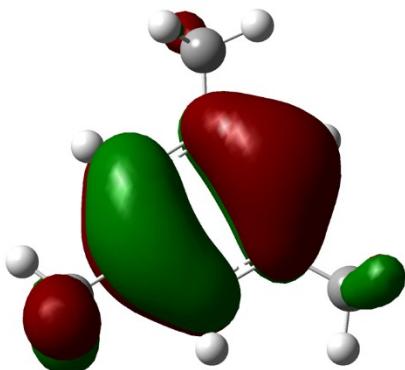
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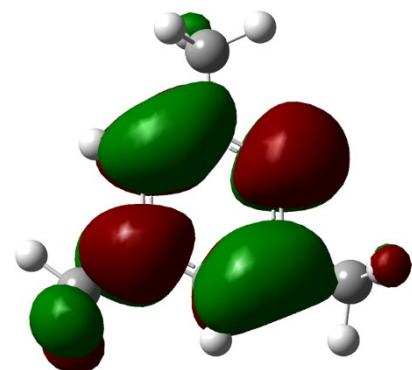
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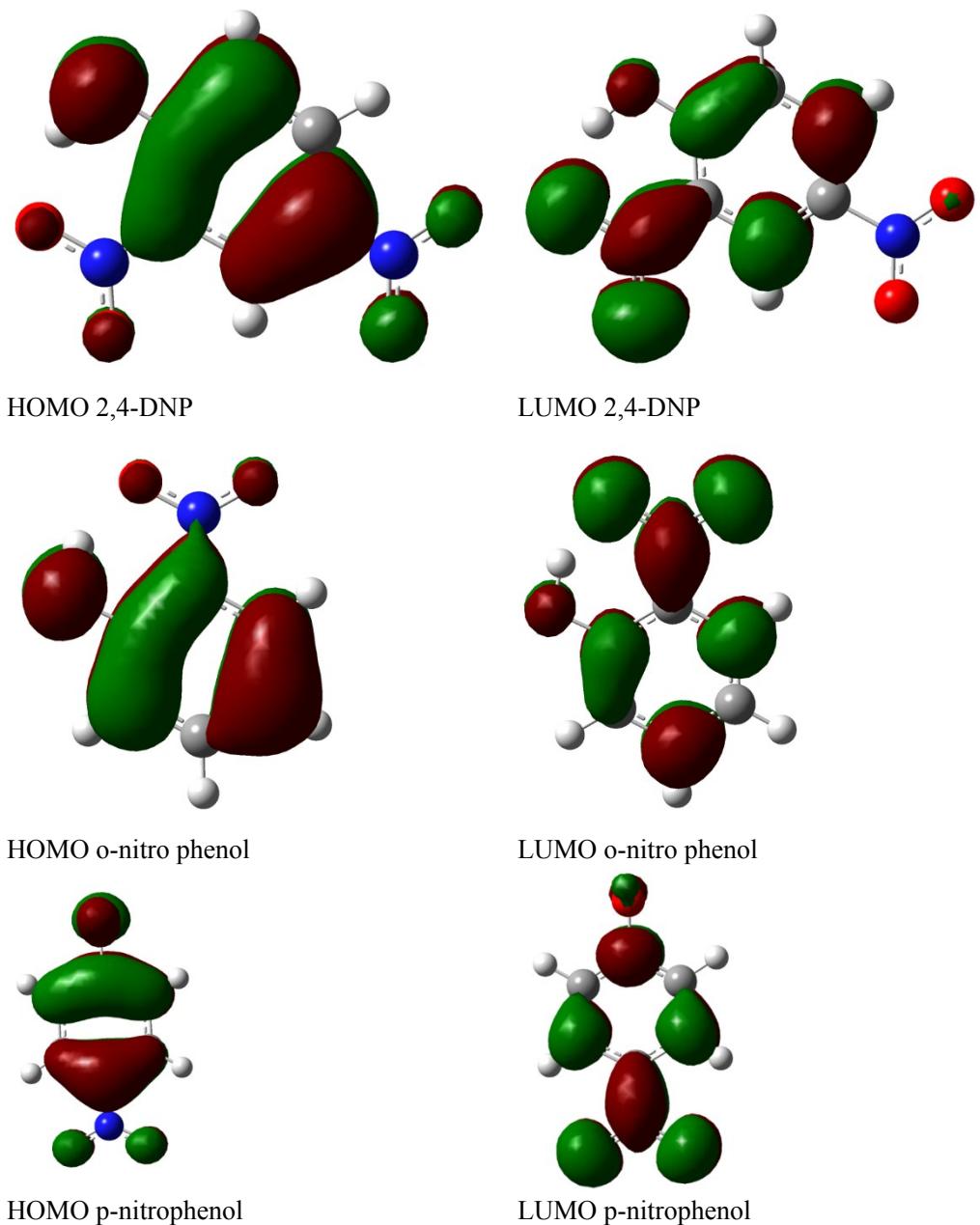


Fig. S32 HOMO-LUMO plots for H<sub>4</sub>ddn, **1** and aromatic analytes.

**Table S1 Crystal data and structure refinement for **1****

Empirical formula	C <sub>44</sub> H <sub>19</sub> N <sub>3</sub> O <sub>26</sub> Zn <sub>4</sub>
Formula weight	1267.10
Temperature/K	150.00(10)
Crystal system	orthorhombic
Space group	P2 <sub>1</sub> 2 <sub>1</sub> 2 <sub>1</sub>
a/Å	17.4270(2)
b/Å	22.7852(8)
c/Å	25.2350(7)

$\alpha/\circ$	90
$\beta/\circ$	90
$\gamma/\circ$	90
Volume/ $\text{\AA}^3$	10020.3(5)
Z	4
$\rho_{\text{calc}} \text{g/cm}^3$	0.840
$\mu/\text{mm}^{-1}$	1.499
F(000)	2528.0
Index ranges	-21 $\leq h \leq 20$ , -14 $\leq k \leq 28$ , -26 $\leq l \leq 31$
Reflections collected	38476
Independent reflections	18163 $R_{\text{int}} = 0.0438$ , $R_{\text{sigma}} = 0.0641$ ]
Data/restraints/parameters	18163/115/694
Goodness-of-fit on $F^2$	0.855
Final R indexes [ $I \geq 2\sigma(I)$ ]	$R_1 = 0.0455$ , $wR_2 = 0.1078$
Final R indexes [all data]	$R_1 = 0.0736$ , $wR_2 = 0.1208$
Largest diff. peak/hole / e $\text{\AA}^{-3}$	0.45/-0.38
Flack parameter	0.407(17)

**Table S2 Bond Lengths and angles for 1**

Zn01-Zn02 <sup>1</sup>	2.9459(6)	Zn01-	O16 <sup>2</sup>	2.002(3)
Zn01-O7 <sup>3</sup>	1.943(4)	Zn01-	O23	1.952(3)
Zn01-O3 <sup>4</sup>	2.101(4)	Zn01-	O20	2.041(5)
Zn02-O24	1.958(3)	Zn02-	O15 <sup>5</sup>	2.002(3)
Zn02-O4 <sup>3</sup>	2.064(4)	Zn02-	O19 <sup>2</sup>	2.003(4)
Zn02-O8 <sup>6</sup>	2.052(4)	Zn03-	O14	1.931(6)
Zn03-O1 <sup>5</sup>	2.030(5)	Zn03-	O10	2.020(4)
Zn03-O11	2.060(7)	Zn03-	O12	2.146(7)
Zn04-O21 <sup>7</sup>	1.925(4)	Zn04-	O9	1.747(9)
O16 <sup>1</sup> -Zn01-O20	160.93(13)			
O24- Zn02-O44	103.16(14)			
O24- Zn02-O86	95.00(14)			
O14- Zn03-O1 <sup>5</sup>	141.05(17)			
O11- Zn03-O12	173.5(2)			
O21- Zn04-O13	86.9(3)			

<sup>1</sup>1/2+X,1/2-Y,2-Z; <sup>2</sup>-1/2+X,1/2-Y,2-Z; <sup>3</sup>1-X,-1/2+Y,3/2-Z; <sup>4</sup>3/2-X,1-Y,1/2+Z; <sup>5</sup>1+X,+Y,+Z; <sup>6</sup>2-X,-1/2+Y,3/2-Z; <sup>7</sup>-1+X,+Y,+Z

**Table S3** Comparison of the selected materials in detective sensitivity for Fe<sup>3+</sup> ions

Material	Sensitivity	Reference
Eu(acac) <sub>3</sub> @Zn(C <sub>15</sub> H <sub>12</sub> NO <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>2</sub>	5×10 <sup>-3</sup> M	1
Eu(C <sub>33</sub> H <sub>24</sub> O <sub>12</sub> )(H <sub>2</sub> NMe)(H <sub>2</sub> O)	2×10 <sup>-4</sup> M	2
Eu(C <sub>22</sub> H <sub>14</sub> O <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>3</sub>	10 <sup>-4</sup> M	3
[Eu(BTPCA)(H <sub>2</sub> O)]·2DMF·3H <sub>2</sub> O	10 <sup>-5</sup> M	4
MIL-53(Al)	0.9×10 <sup>-6</sup> M	5
{[LnCd <sub>2</sub> (DTPA) <sub>2</sub> (H <sub>2</sub> O) <sub>4</sub> ]·4H <sub>2</sub> O}	1.5×10 <sup>-5</sup> M	6
carbon nanoparticles (CNPs)	0.32×10 <sup>-6</sup> M	7
Fluorescent Gold Nanoclusters	5.4×10 <sup>-6</sup> M	8
[Cd <sub>3</sub> (dpa)(DMF) <sub>2</sub> (H <sub>2</sub> O) <sub>3</sub> ]·DMF	1.75×10 <sup>-4</sup> M	9
Zn <sub>3</sub> L <sub>3</sub> (DMF) <sub>2</sub>	10 <sup>-5</sup> M	10
[[Eu <sub>2</sub> (MFDA) <sub>2</sub> (HCOO) <sub>2</sub> (H <sub>2</sub> O) <sub>6</sub> ]·H <sub>2</sub> O	1.0×10 <sup>-4</sup> M	11
[Tb <sub>4</sub> (OH) <sub>4</sub> (DSOA) <sub>2</sub> (H <sub>2</sub> O) <sub>8</sub> ]·(H <sub>2</sub> O) <sub>8</sub>	10 <sup>-6</sup> M	12
[H <sub>2</sub> N(Me) <sub>2</sub> ][Eu <sub>3</sub> (OH)(bpt) <sub>3</sub> (H <sub>2</sub> O) <sub>3</sub> ] (DMF) <sub>2</sub> ·(H <sub>2</sub> O) <sub>4</sub>	10 <sup>-5</sup> M	13
[Eu <sub>2</sub> (MFDA) <sub>2</sub> (HCOO) <sub>2</sub> (H <sub>2</sub> O) <sub>6</sub> ]·H <sub>2</sub> O	10 <sup>-5</sup> M	14
TbL	10 <sup>-6</sup> M	15
[Eu(HL)(H <sub>2</sub> O <sub>2</sub> )]·2H <sub>2</sub> O	3.0×10 <sup>-4</sup> M	16
<b>1</b>	2.3×10 <sup>-5</sup> M	<i>In this work</i>

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