

## Supporting information

### A novel sensitive fluorescent probe of $S_2O_8^{2-}$ and $Fe^{3+}$ based on covalent post-functionalization of zirconium (IV) metal-organic framework

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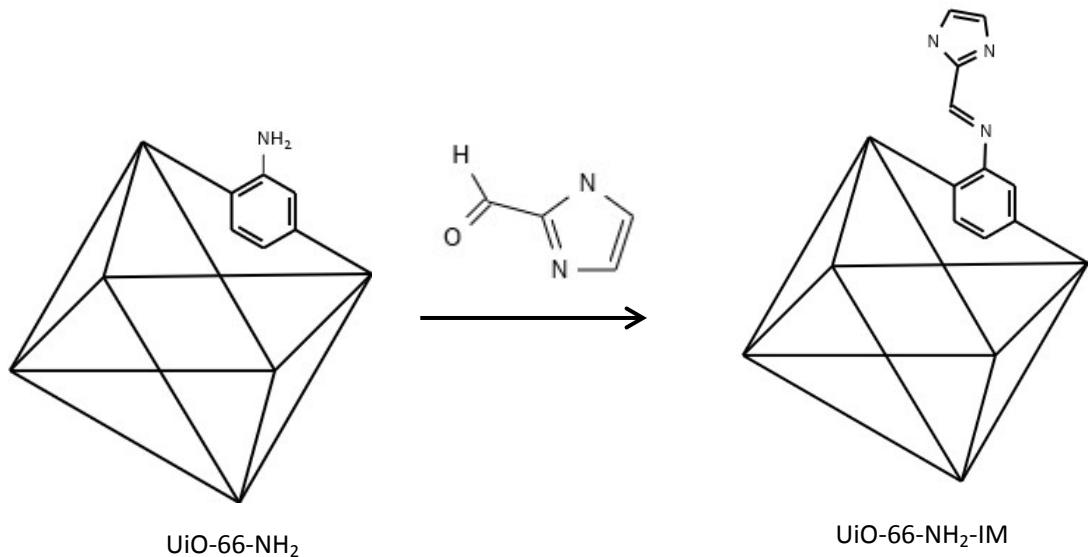
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The limit of detection was evaluated on the ratio of signal-to-noise of 3 by the following equations,

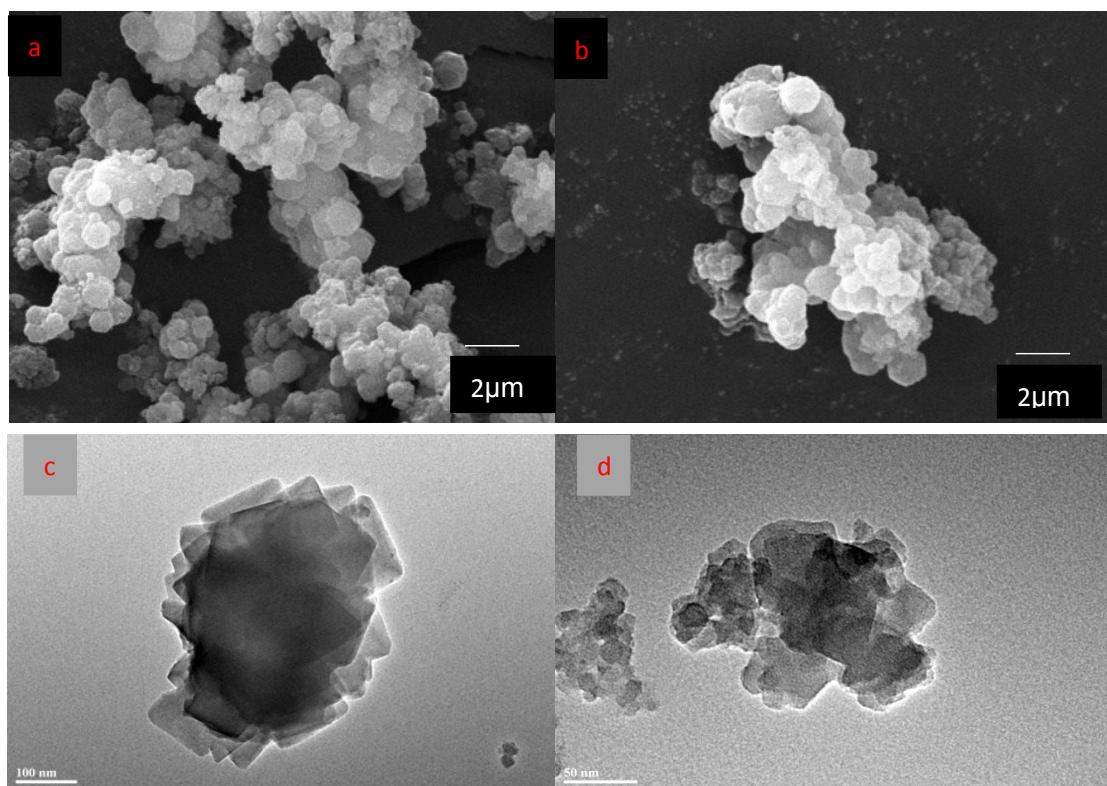
$$S_b = \sqrt{\frac{\sum (F_0 - F_1)^2}{N - 1}} \quad (1)$$

$$LOD = 3S_b / S \quad (2)$$

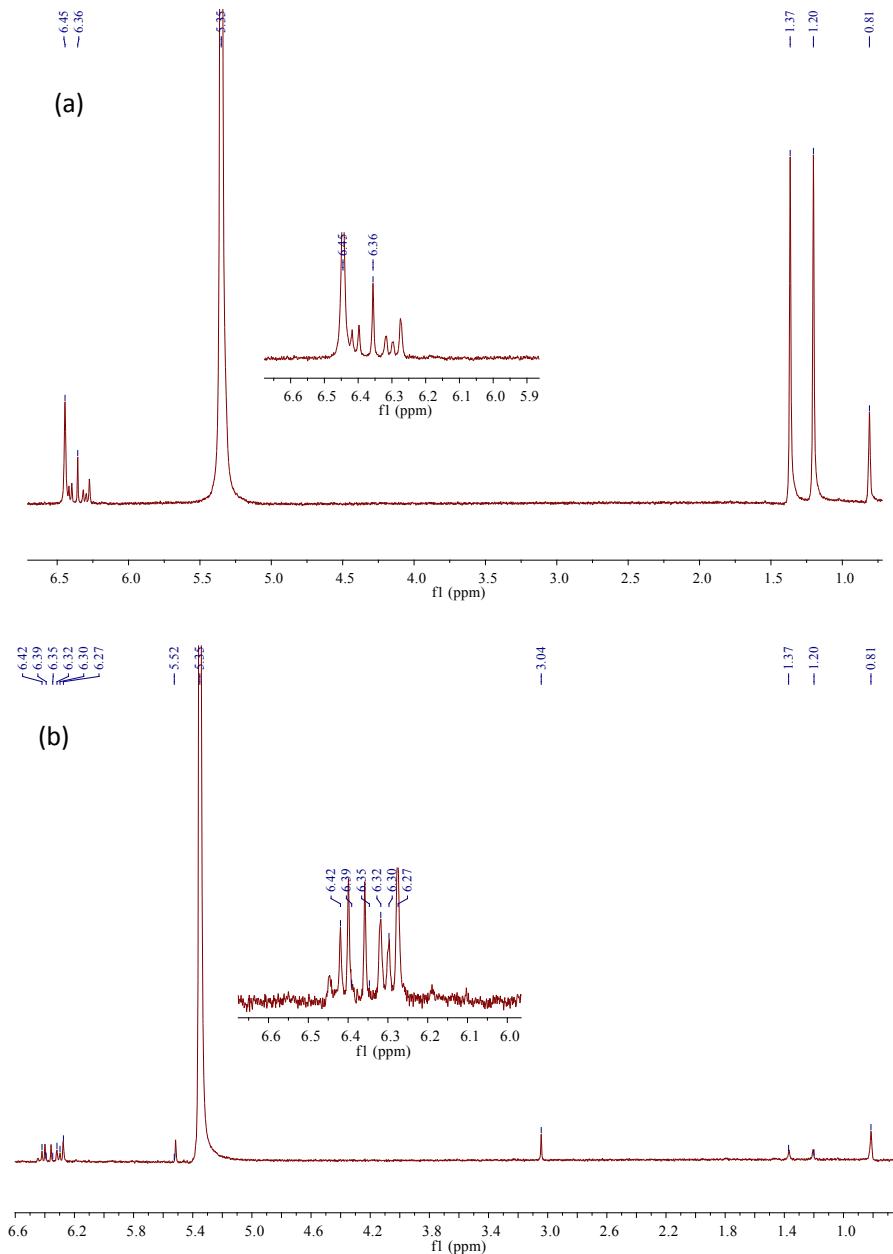
where  $S_b$  is the standard deviation for replicating detections of blank solutions ( $N=30$ );  $F_0$  is the emission intensity of UiO-66-NH<sub>2</sub>-IM in water;  $F_1$  is the average of  $F_0$ ; and  $S$  is the slope of the liner relationship. We hope we have provided the detailed information about the calculation of the detection limit.



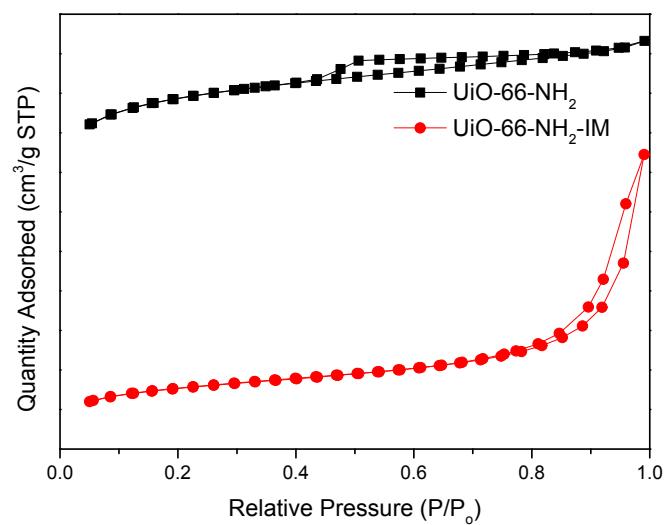
**Scheme S1** Synthetic route of UiO-66-NH<sub>2</sub>-IM via a covalent PSM method based on Schiff base reaction.



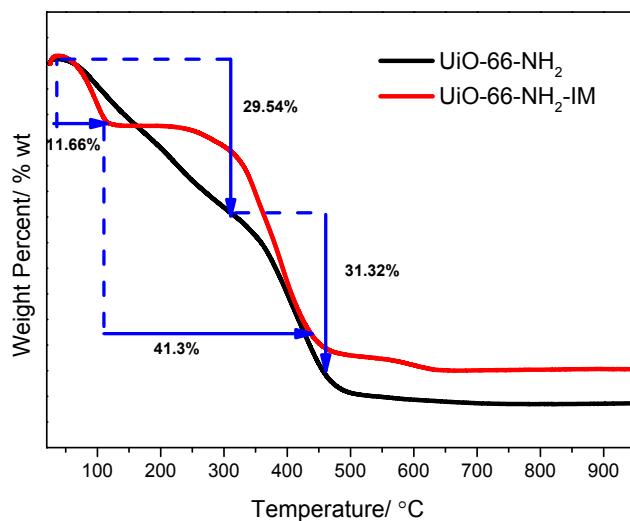
**Fig. S1** SEM images of the as-prepared UiO-66-NH<sub>2</sub> (a), UiO-66-NH<sub>2</sub>-IM (b) and TEM images of the as-prepared UiO-66-NH<sub>2</sub> (c), UiO-66-NH<sub>2</sub>-IM (d).



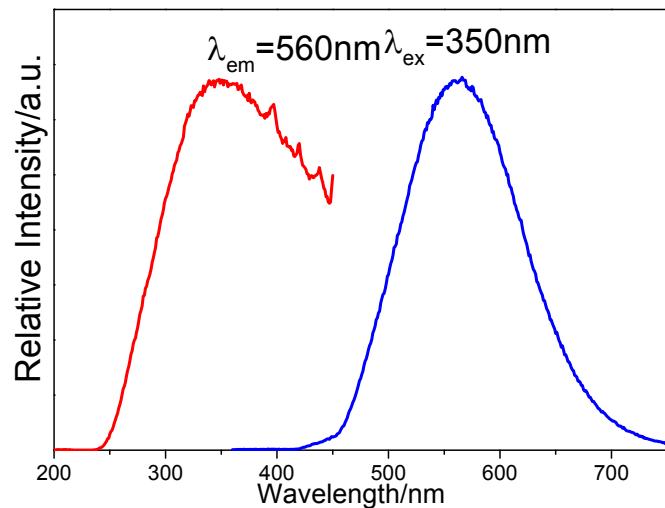
**Fig. S2**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectra of digested UiO-66-NH<sub>2</sub> (a) and UiO-66-NH<sub>2</sub>-IM (b).



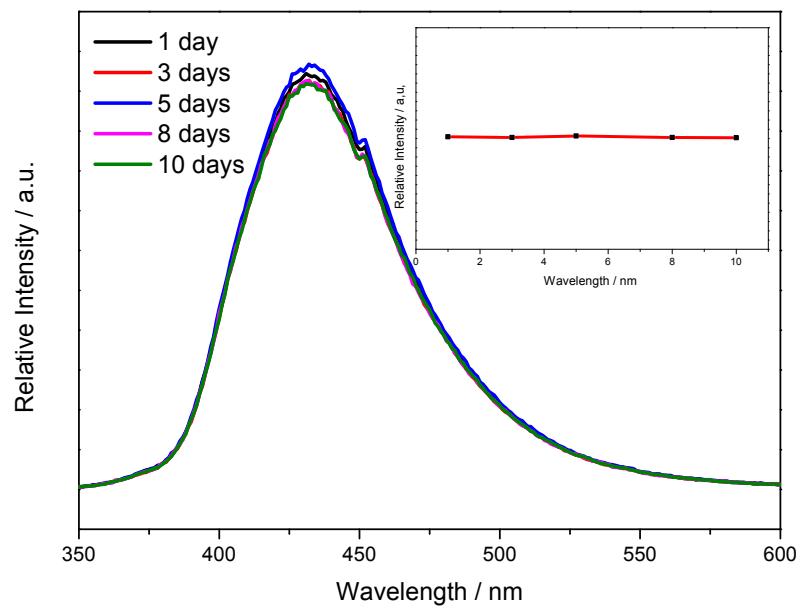
**Fig. S3**  $N_2$  adsorption–desorption isotherms of  $\text{UiO}-66-\text{NH}_2$  and  $\text{UiO}-66-\text{NH}_2\text{-IM}$ .



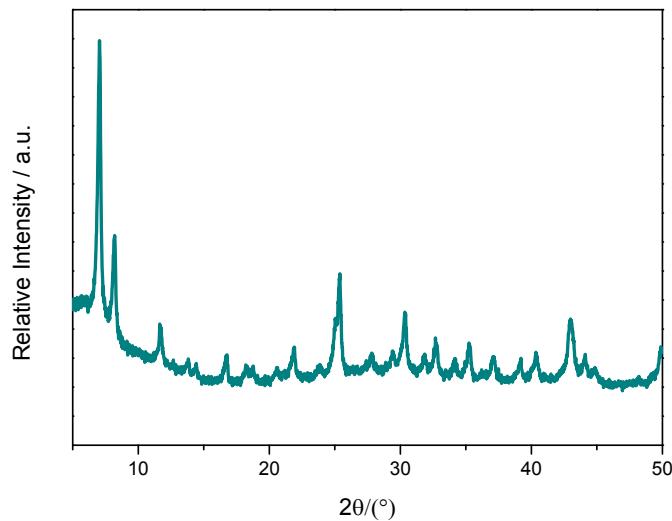
**Fig. S4** TGA traces of compound  $\text{UiO}-66-\text{NH}_2$  and  $\text{UiO}-66-\text{NH}_2\text{-IM}$ .



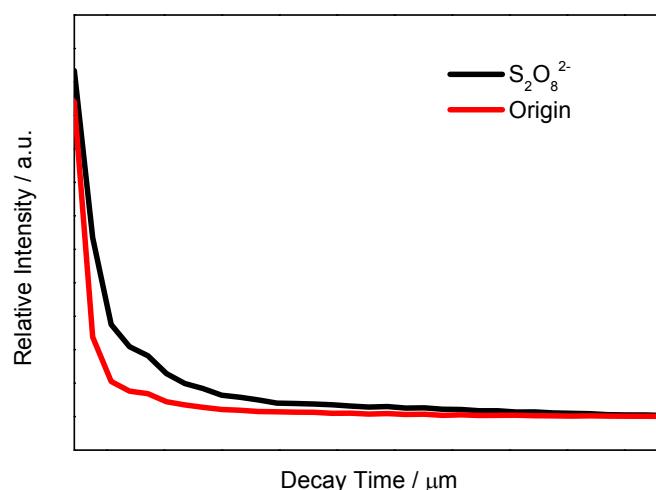
**Fig. S5** Room temperature excitation and emission spectra of free ligand  $\text{NH}_2\text{-BDC}$  in solid state.



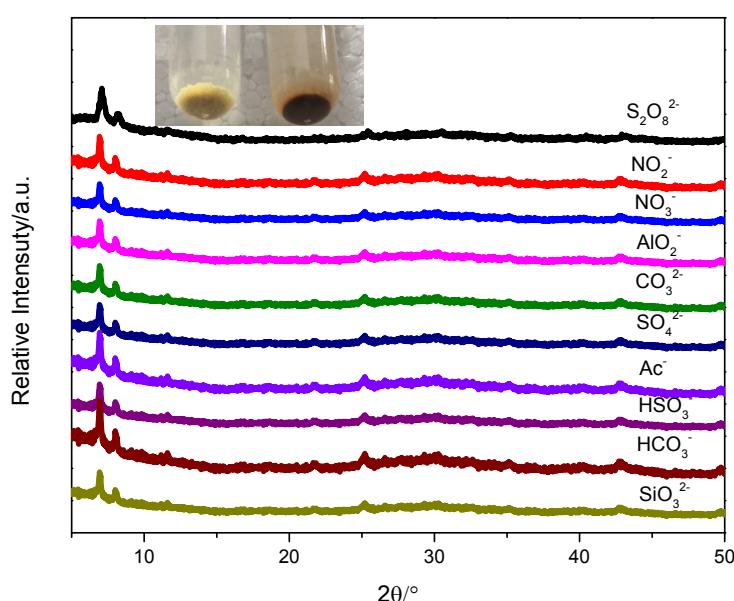
**Fig. S6** Day-to-day fluorescence stability of  $\text{UiO-66-NH}_2\text{-IM}$  in aqueous solution under excitation at 330nm.



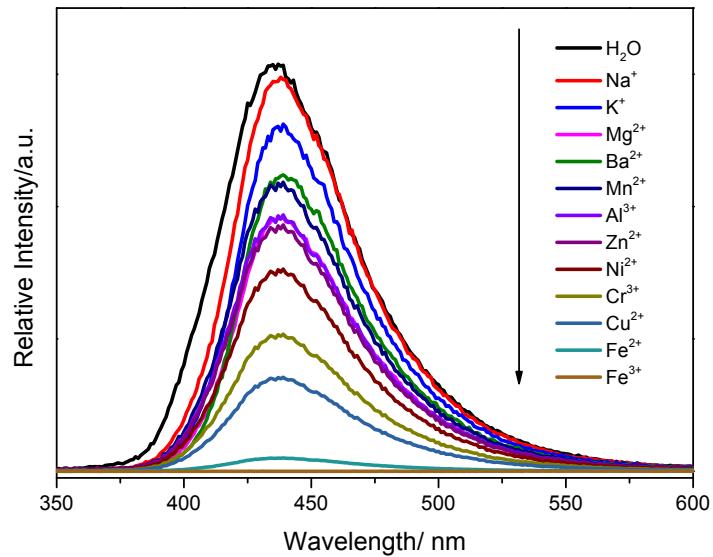
**Fig. S7** PXRD pattern of UiO-66-NH<sub>2</sub>-IM after dispersed in water.



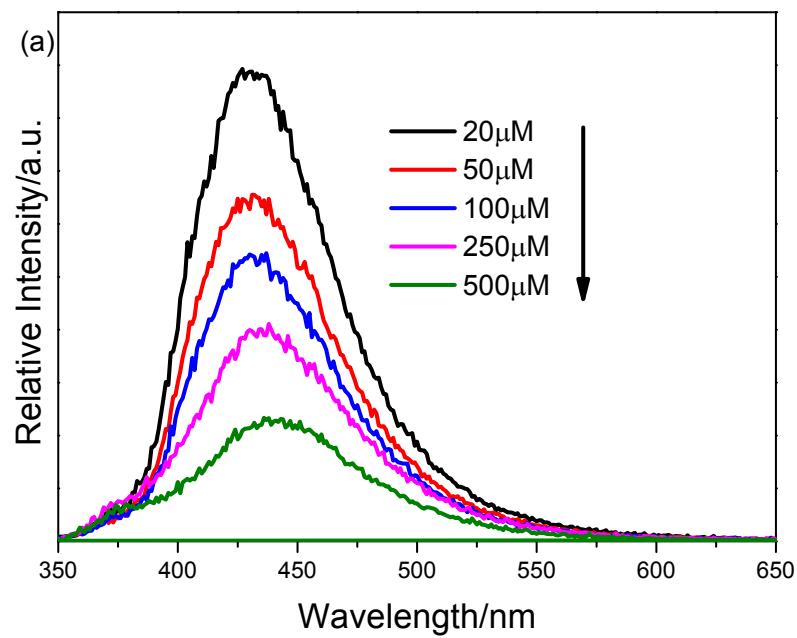
**Fig. S8** Fluorescence lifetime of UiO-66-NH<sub>2</sub>-IM in the absence and presence of  $\text{S}_2\text{O}_8^{2-}$  in aqueous solution.

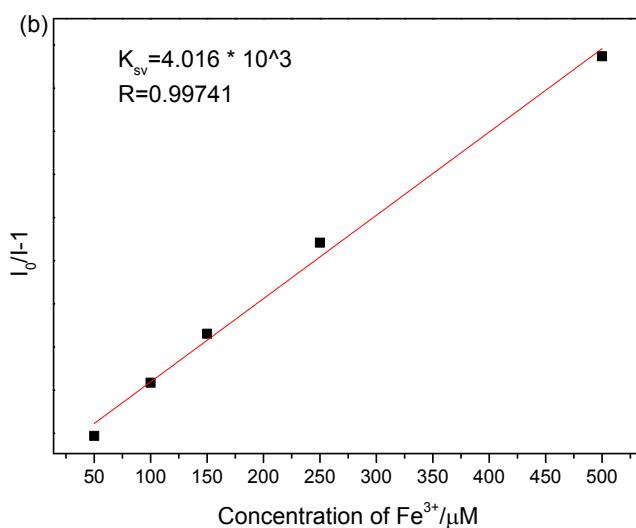


**Fig. S9** Fluorescence PXRD patterns of the UiO-66-NH<sub>2</sub>-IM after immersing in different anions.

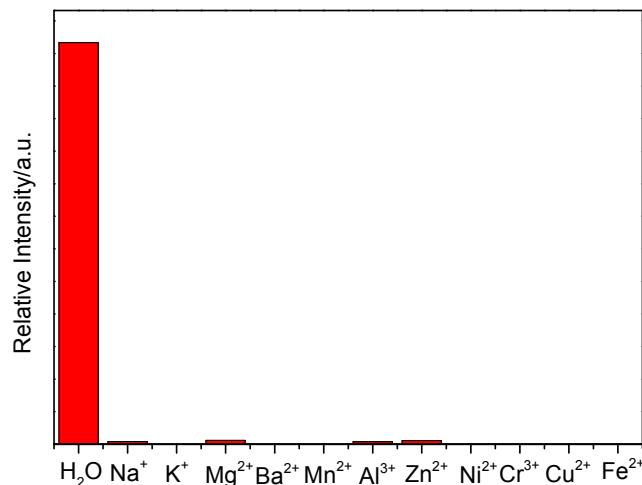


**Fig. S10** PL spectra of UiO-66-NH<sub>2</sub>-IM (2 mg) after dispersed into different aqueous solution of various metal ions (10 mM).

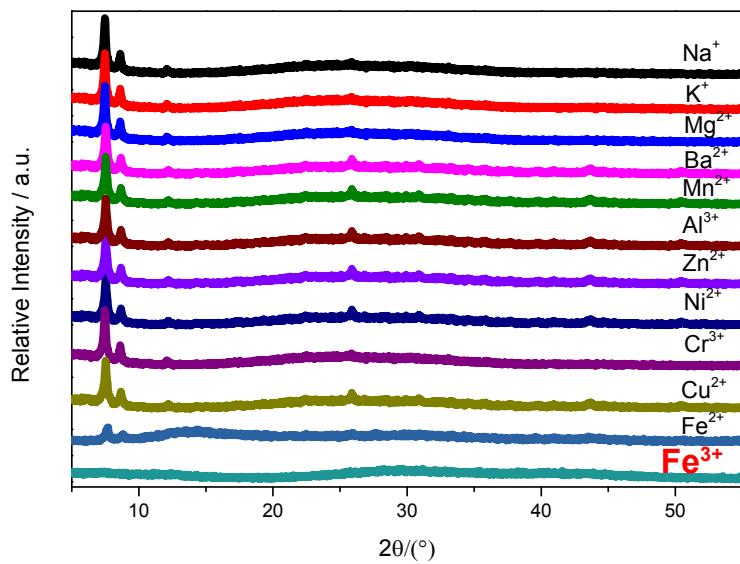




**Fig. S11** Emission spectra (a) and  $K_{sv}$  curve (b) of UiO-66-NH<sub>2</sub>-IMin aqueous solutions in the presence of various concentrations of  $\text{Fe}^{3+}$  when excited at 330 nm.



**Fig. S12** Luminescence intensity of UiO-66-NH<sub>2</sub>-IM when  $\text{Fe}^{3+}$  is added in the background of metal cations in aqueous solution when excited at 330 nm.



**Fig. S13** PXRD patterns of the UiO-66-NH<sub>2</sub>-IM after immersing in different metal ions.