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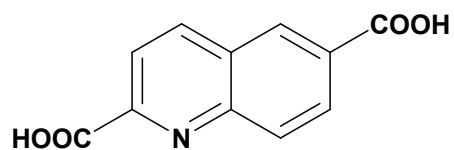
### **A new 3D luminescent Zn(II)-organic framework containing quinoline-2,6-dicarboxylate linker for the highly selective sensing of Fe(III) ion**

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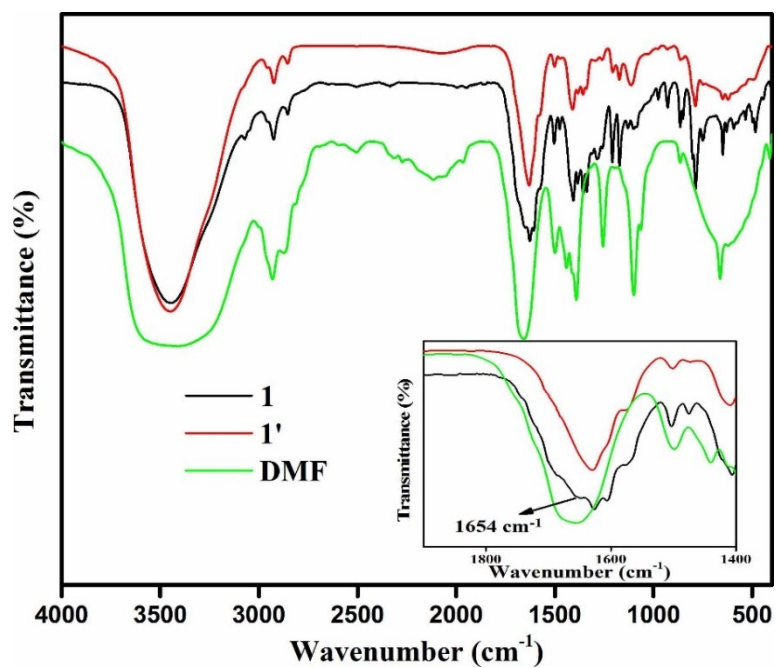
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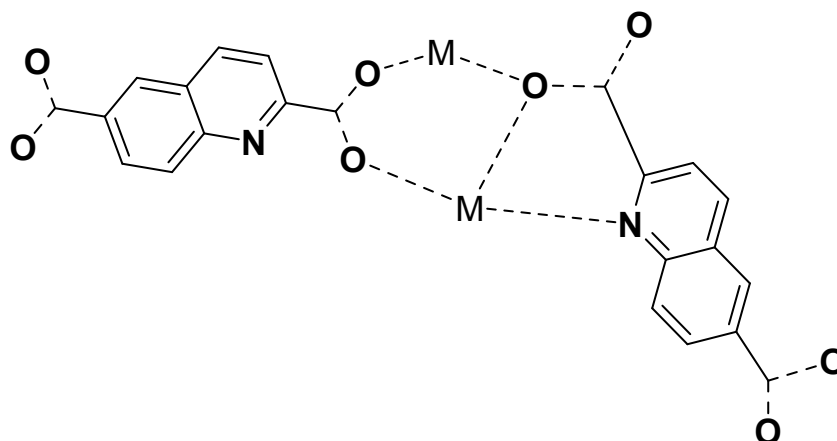
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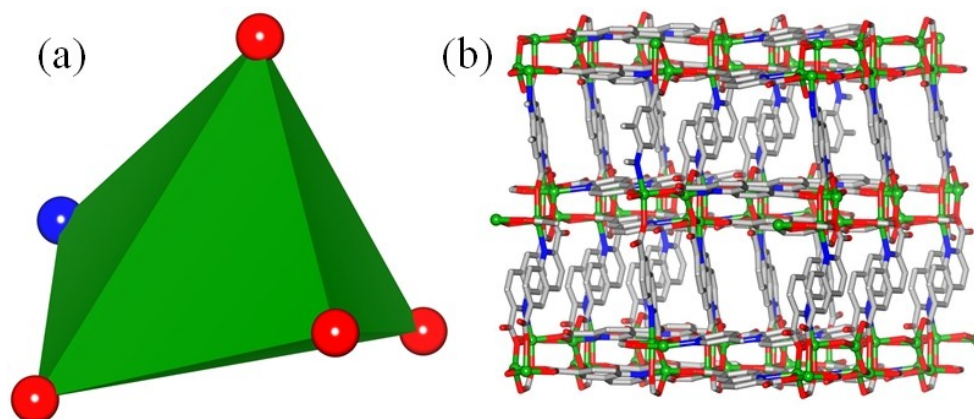
**Figure S1.** Ligand used for the present work.



**Figure S2.** FT-IR spectra of compound 1 (black), 1' (red) and DMF (green).



**Scheme S1.** Coordination and *bis*-chelation mode displayed by QDA ligand in compound 1.



**Figure S3.** (a) Metal-organic square pyramidal polyhedra found within compound **1** constructed via coordination of QDA ligands with  $Zn^{2+}$  ions. (b) Side view of the overall 3D framework of compound **1**.

**Table S1.** Single-crystal X-ray data and structure refinement parameters for compound **1**.

Formula	$C_{11}H_5NO_4Zn$
Formula Weight	280.53
Crystal System	Tetragonal
Space group	$I4_1/a$
$a/\text{\AA}$	19.9088(3)
$b/\text{\AA}$	19.9088(3)
$c/\text{\AA}$	12.1905(3)
$V/\text{\AA}^3$	4831.83(19)
$Z$	16
$D_e/\text{g cm}^{-3}$	1.543
$\mu$ Mo $K_\alpha/\text{mm}^{-1}$	2.033
F000	2240.0
T/K	293(2)
Theta range	2.894 to 28.697°
Total no. of reflections	5395
Independent reflections	2747 [R(int) = 0.0174]
Observed reflections	1830
Parameters refined	154
Final R indices [I > 2 $\sigma$ (I)]	$R_1 = 0.0274$ , $wR_2 = 0.0671$
R indices (all data)	$R_1 = 0.0378$ , $wR_2 = 0.0723$

GOF (F <sup>2</sup> )	1.049
Crystal Size	0.26 × 0.24 × 0.22 mm <sup>3</sup>
Index ranges	-26 ≤ h ≤ 13, -21 ≤ k ≤ 25, -16 ≤ l ≤ 8
Absorption correction	Semi-empirical from equivalents
Max. and min. transmission	0.639 and 0.595
Refinement method	Full-matrix least-squares on F <sup>2</sup>
Data / restraints / parameters	2747 / 0 / 154
Extinction coefficient	n/a
Largest diff. peak and hole	0.379 and -0.207 e.Å <sup>-3</sup>

**Table S2.** Atomic coordinates ( × 10<sup>4</sup>) and equivalent isotropic displacement parameters (Å<sup>2</sup> × 10<sup>3</sup>) for compound **1**. U(eq) is defined as one third of the trace of the orthogonalized U<sup>ij</sup> tensor.

Zn(1)	7017(1)	449(1)	1674(1)	28(1)
O(13)	6705(1)	4077(1)	9034(1)	50(1)
O(14)	6899(1)	4606(1)	7464(1)	32(1)
O(16)	7059(1)	550(1)	4253(1)	52(1)
O(17)	6993(1)	1190(1)	2745(1)	45(1)
C(2)	6773(1)	3427(1)	7404(2)	35(1)
C(3)	6628(1)	2822(1)	7940(2)	51(1)
C(4)	6632(2)	2242(1)	7344(2)	55(1)
C(5)	6783(1)	2265(1)	6215(2)	40(1)
C(6)	6822(1)	1678(1)	5562(2)	46(1)
C(7)	6968(1)	1723(1)	4465(2)	38(1)
C(8)	7066(1)	2359(1)	3987(2)	45(1)
C(9)	7048(1)	2929(1)	4597(2)	42(1)
C(10)	6912(1)	2898(1)	5731(2)	34(1)
N(11)	6904(1)	3474(1)	6339(1)	31(1)
C(12)	6785(1)	4075(1)	8043(2)	35(1)
C(15)	7016(1)	1097(1)	3773(2)	39(1)

**Table S3.** Bond lengths [Å] and angles [°] for compound **1**.

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Zn(1)-O(17)	1.9708(15)
Zn(1)-O(14)#1	1.9941(14)
Zn(1)-O(14)#2	2.0266(15)
Zn(1)-O(16)#3	2.0599(15)
Zn(1)-N(11)#2	2.1875(17)
O(13)-C(12)	1.218(3)
O(14)-C(12)	1.293(3)
O(16)-C(15)	1.239(3)
O(17)-C(15)	1.268(3)
C(2)-N(11)	1.327(3)
C(2)-C(3)	1.400(3)
C(2)-C(12)	1.507(3)
C(3)-C(4)	1.365(3)
C(3)-H(3)	0.9300
C(4)-C(5)	1.409(3)
C(4)-H(4)	0.9300
C(5)-C(10)	1.415(3)
C(5)-C(6)	1.416(3)
C(6)-C(7)	1.372(3)
C(6)-H(6)	0.9300
C(7)-C(8)	1.408(3)
C(7)-C(15)	1.508(3)
C(8)-C(9)	1.356(3)
C(8)-H(8)	0.9300
C(9)-C(10)	1.410(3)
C(9)-H(9)	0.9300
C(10)-N(11)	1.367(3)
O(17)-Zn(1)-O(14)#1	106.11(7)
O(17)-Zn(1)-O(14)#2	122.89(6)
O(14)#1-Zn(1)-O(14)#2	130.95(7)
O(17)-Zn(1)-O(16)#3	89.95(7)
O(14)#1-Zn(1)-O(16)#3	94.94(7)
O(14)#2-Zn(1)-O(16)#3	87.69(6)
O(17)-Zn(1)-N(11)#2	93.79(7)
O(14)#1-Zn(1)-N(11)#2	98.72(6)

O(14)#2-Zn(1)-N(11)#2	77.41(6)
O(16)#3-Zn(1)-N(11)#2	164.22(7)
C(12)-O(14)-Zn(1)#4	114.92(13)
C(12)-O(14)-Zn(1)#5	119.50(13)
Zn(1)#4-O(14)-Zn(1)#5	125.16(7)
C(15)-O(16)-Zn(1)#6	148.75(17)
C(15)-O(17)-Zn(1)	123.03(15)
N(11)-C(2)-C(3)	123.9(2)
N(11)-C(2)-C(12)	116.22(18)
C(3)-C(2)-C(12)	119.9(2)
C(4)-C(3)-C(2)	118.6(2)
C(4)-C(3)-H(3)	120.7
C(2)-C(3)-H(3)	120.7
C(3)-C(4)-C(5)	119.6(2)
C(3)-C(4)-H(4)	120.2
C(5)-C(4)-H(4)	120.2
C(4)-C(5)-C(10)	118.4(2)
C(4)-C(5)-C(6)	122.2(2)
C(10)-C(5)-C(6)	119.4(2)
C(7)-C(6)-C(5)	120.4(2)
C(7)-C(6)-H(6)	119.8
C(5)-C(6)-H(6)	119.8
C(6)-C(7)-C(8)	119.5(2)
C(6)-C(7)-C(15)	120.4(2)
C(8)-C(7)-C(15)	120.2(2)
C(9)-C(8)-C(7)	121.4(2)
C(9)-C(8)-H(8)	119.3
C(7)-C(8)-H(8)	119.3
C(8)-C(9)-C(10)	120.4(2)
C(8)-C(9)-H(9)	119.8
C(10)-C(9)-H(9)	119.8
N(11)-C(10)-C(9)	119.9(2)
N(11)-C(10)-C(5)	121.27(19)
C(9)-C(10)-C(5)	118.9(2)
C(2)-N(11)-C(10)	118.28(18)
C(2)-N(11)-Zn(1)#5	111.91(14)
C(10)-N(11)-Zn(1)#5	129.80(14)
O(13)-C(12)-O(14)	124.2(2)

O(13)-C(12)-C(2)	120.9(2)
O(14)-C(12)-C(2)	114.91(19)
O(16)-C(15)-O(17)	126.7(2)
O(16)-C(15)-C(7)	117.8(2)
O(17)-C(15)-C(7)	115.5(2)

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Symmetry transformations used to generate equivalent atoms:

#1  $x, y-1/2, -z+1$  #2  $y+1/4, -x+3/4, -z+3/4$  #3  $y+3/4, -x+3/4, z-1/4$

#4  $x, y+1/2, -z+1$  #5  $-y+3/4, x-1/4, -z+3/4$  #6  $-y+3/4, x-3/4, z+1/4$

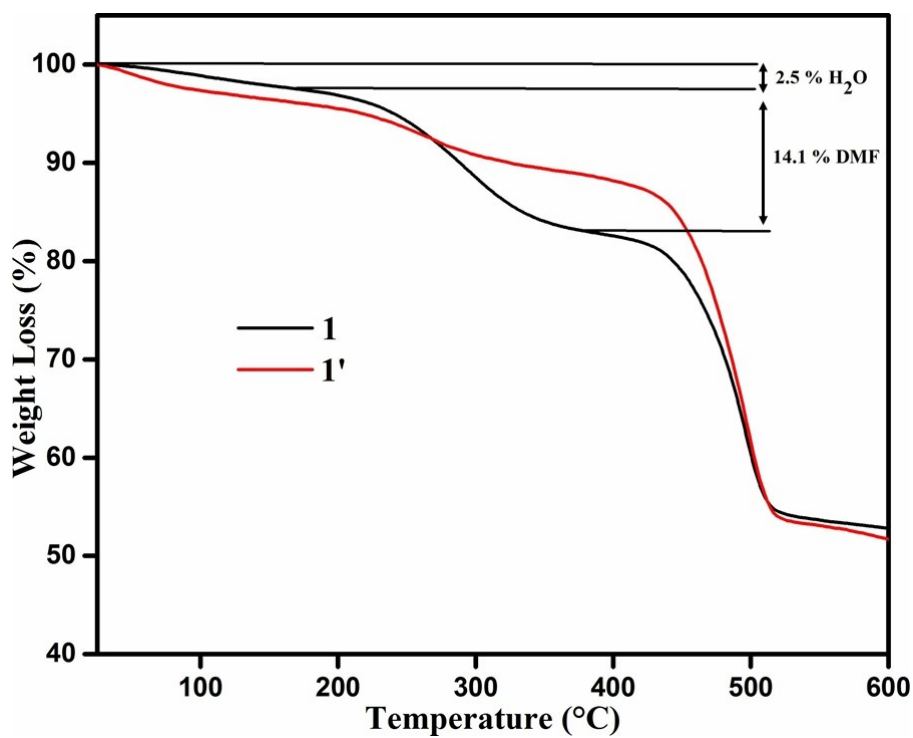
**Table S4.** Anisotropic displacement parameters ( $\text{\AA}^2 \times 10^3$ ) for compound **1**. The anisotropic displacement factor exponent takes the form:  $-2\pi^2 [ h^2 a^*2U^{11} + \dots + 2 h k a^* b^* U^{12} ]$

	U11	U22	U33	U23	U13	U12
Zn(1)	29(1)	29(1)	26(1)	2(1)	0(1)	-1(1)
O(13)	72(1)	47(1)	31(1)	-3(1)	10(1)	-2(1)
O(14)	40(1)	27(1)	29(1)	-2(1)	5(1)	-2(1)
O(16)	88(1)	26(1)	43(1)	-3(1)	-11(1)	2(1)
O(17)	63(1)	35(1)	37(1)	-9(1)	-2(1)	0(1)
C(2)	41(1)	32(1)	32(1)	0(1)	5(1)	-4(1)
C(3)	81(2)	41(1)	31(1)	2(1)	11(1)	-10(1)
C(4)	89(2)	33(1)	42(1)	6(1)	8(1)	-8(1)
C(5)	57(2)	31(1)	34(1)	2(1)	2(1)	-4(1)
C(6)	67(2)	29(1)	42(1)	0(1)	-3(1)	-4(1)
C(7)	46(1)	31(1)	37(1)	-3(1)	-2(1)	1(1)
C(8)	67(2)	35(1)	35(1)	-5(1)	11(1)	-5(1)
C(9)	63(2)	28(1)	36(1)	1(1)	10(1)	-5(1)
C(10)	38(1)	29(1)	34(1)	0(1)	2(1)	-2(1)
N(11)	37(1)	27(1)	30(1)	0(1)	3(1)	-3(1)
C(12)	35(1)	36(1)	34(1)	-2(1)	5(1)	1(1)
C(15)	43(1)	32(1)	41(1)	-7(1)	-3(1)	-2(1)

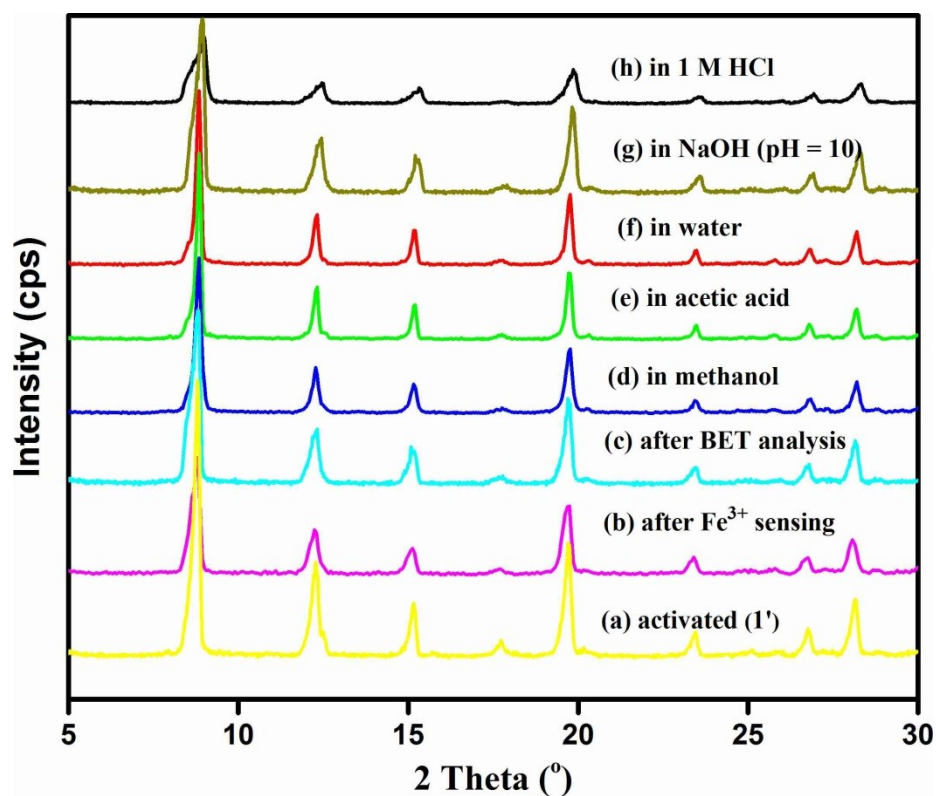


**Table S5.** Hydrogen coordinates ( $\times 10^4$ ) and isotropic displacement parameters ( $\text{\AA}^2 \times 10^3$ ) for compound **1**.

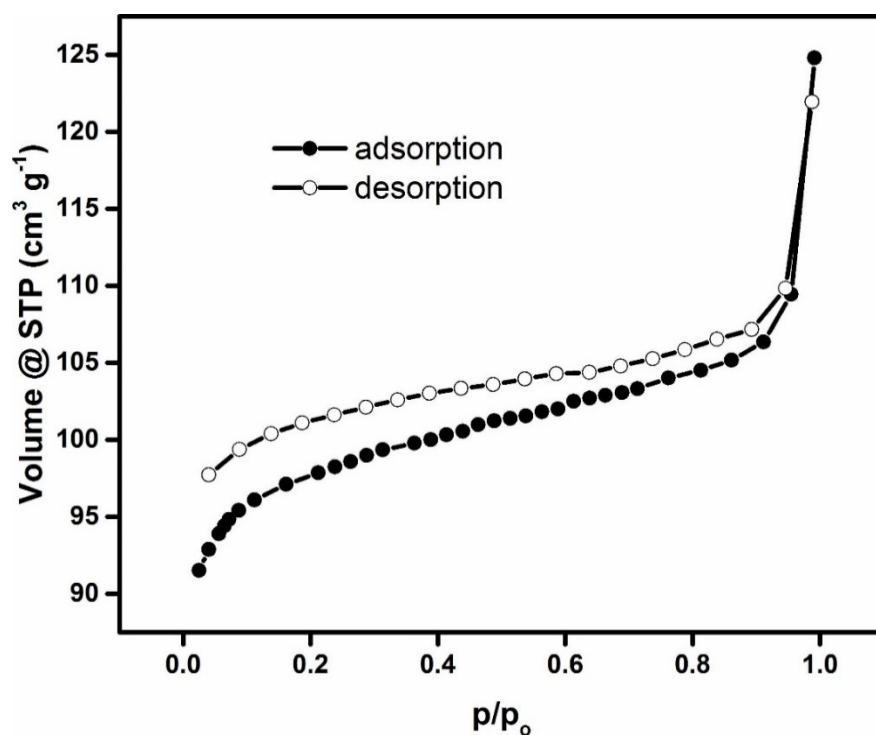
	x	y	z	U(eq)
H(3)	6531	2816	8686	61
H(4)	6536	1834	7680	66
H(6)	6748	1260	5879	55
H(8)	7147	2390	3237	55
H(9)	7124	3342	4265	51



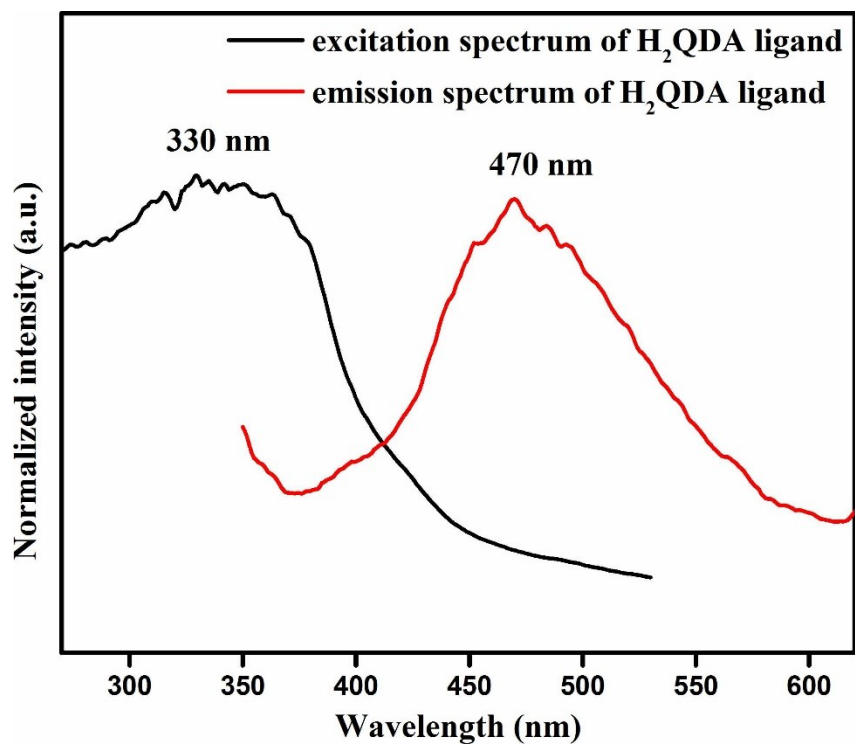
**Figure S4.** TG curves of **1** and **1'** recorded in an argon atmosphere in the temperature range of 25-600 °C with a heating rate of 10 °C/min.



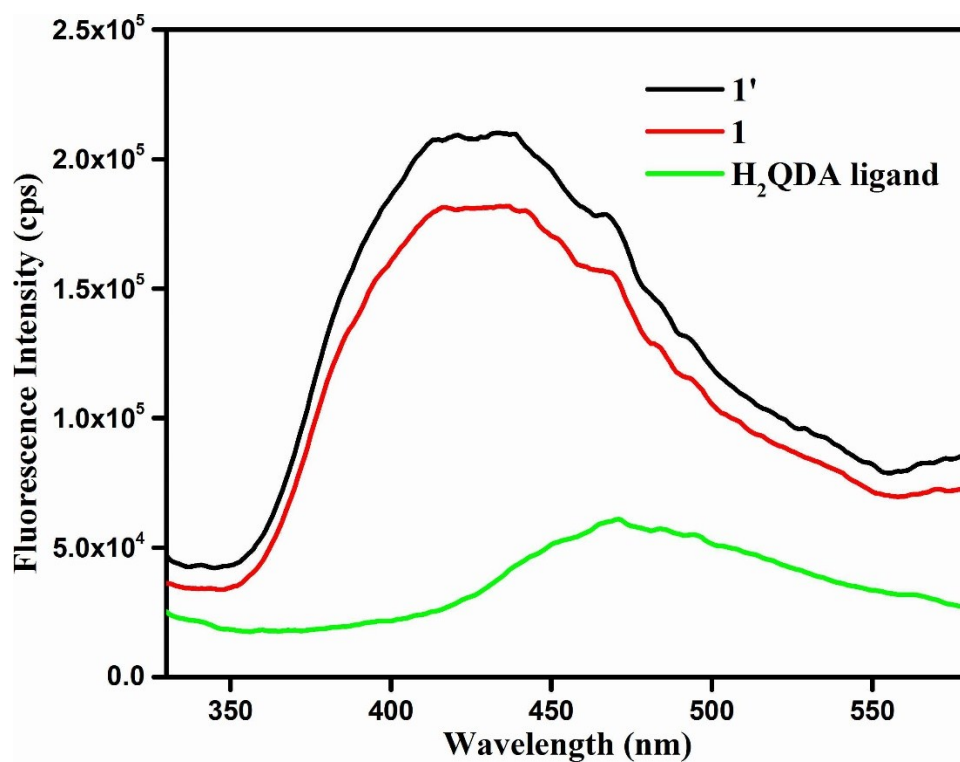
**Figure S5.** XRPD patterns of compound **1** in different forms: (a) activated, (b) after 5 cycles of fluorescence titration experiments with  $\text{Fe}^{3+}$  solution, (c) after BET analysis, (d) after treatment with methanol, (e) after treatment with acetic acid, (f) after treatment with water, (g) after treatment with NaOH solution (pH = 10), and (h) after treatment with 1(M) HCl.



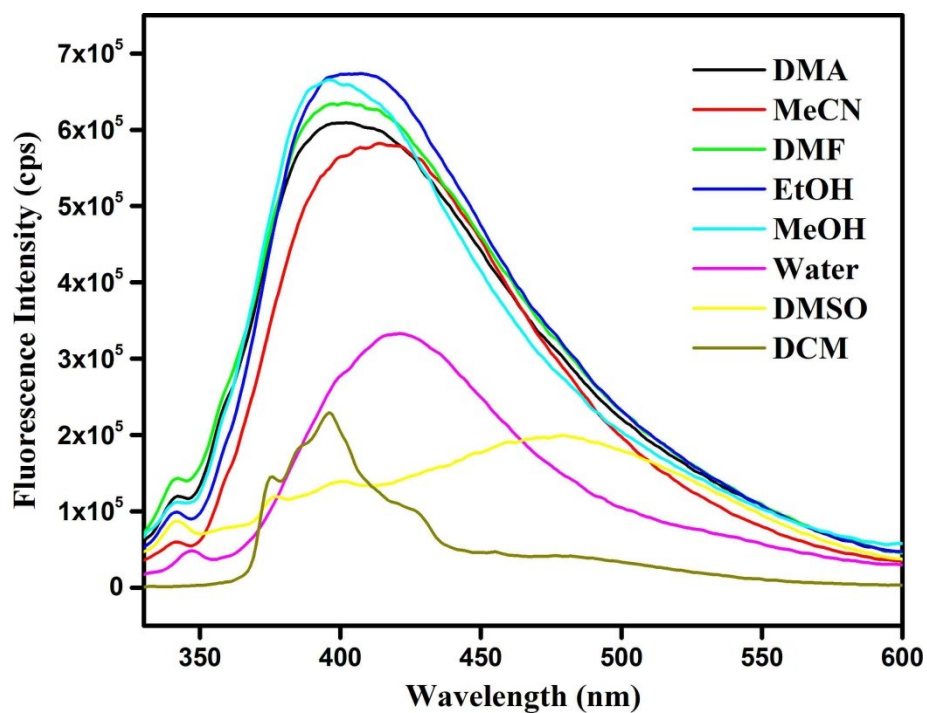
**Figure S6.**  $\text{N}_2$  adsorption (filled circles) and desorption (empty circles) isotherms of thermally activated **1'** measured at  $-196\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ .



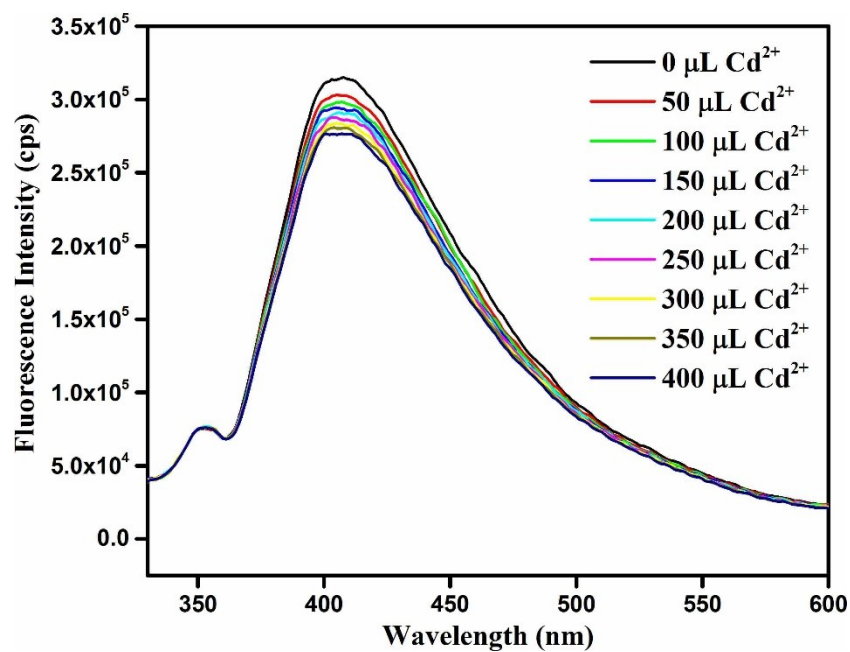
**Figure S7.** Fluorescence excitation and emission spectra of H<sub>2</sub>QDA ligand in the solid state.



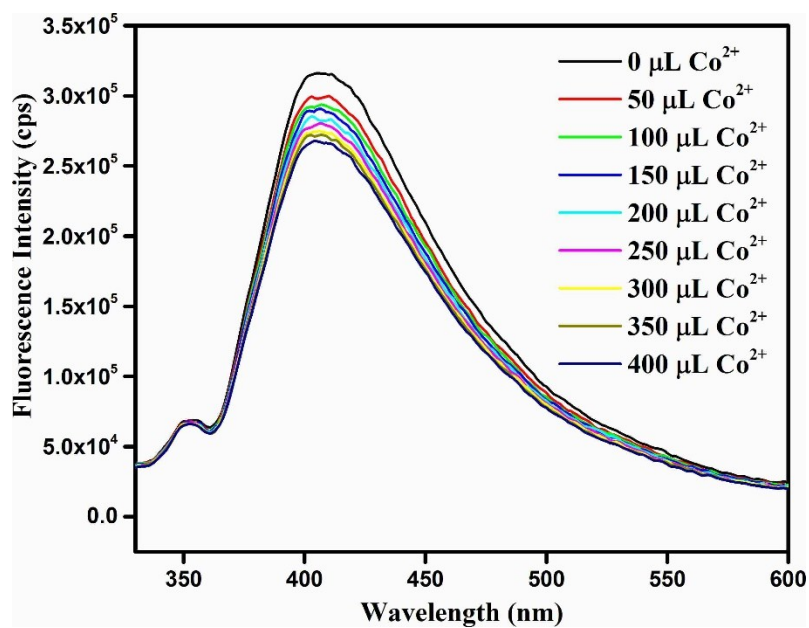
**Figure S8.** Fluorescence emission spectra of 1, 1' and H<sub>2</sub>QDA ligand in the solid state ( $\lambda_{\text{ex}} = 310$  nm).



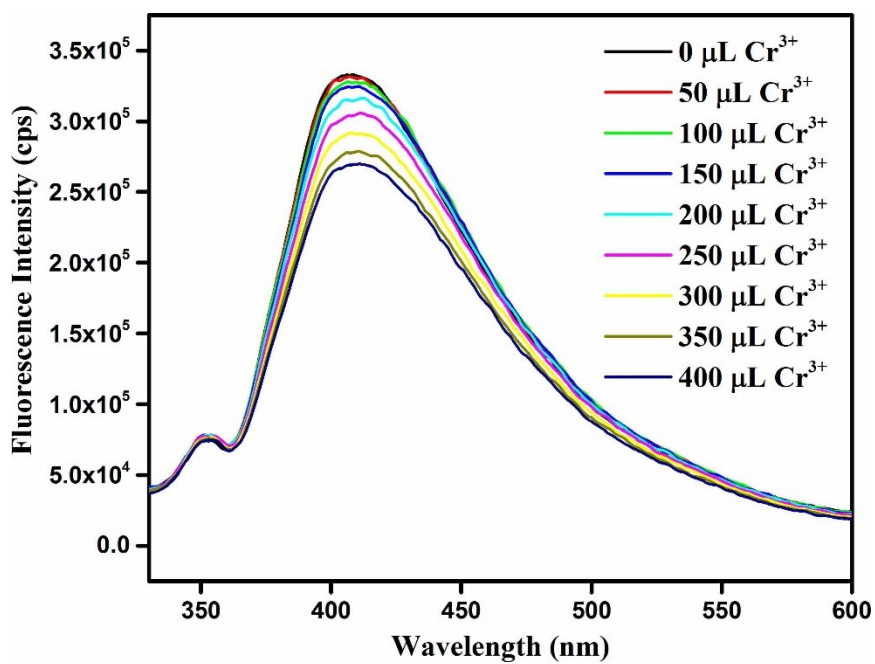
**Figure S9.** Fluorescence emission spectra of **1'** in common organic solvents ( $\lambda_{\text{ex}} = 310 \text{ nm}$ ).



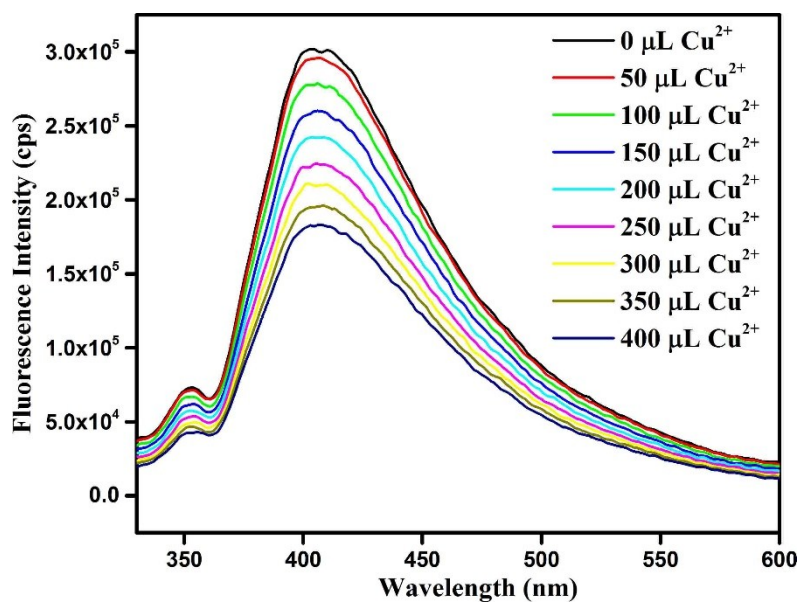
**Figure S10.** Change in the fluorescence intensity of **1'** upon incremental addition of 10 mM  $\text{Cd}^{2+}$  solution.



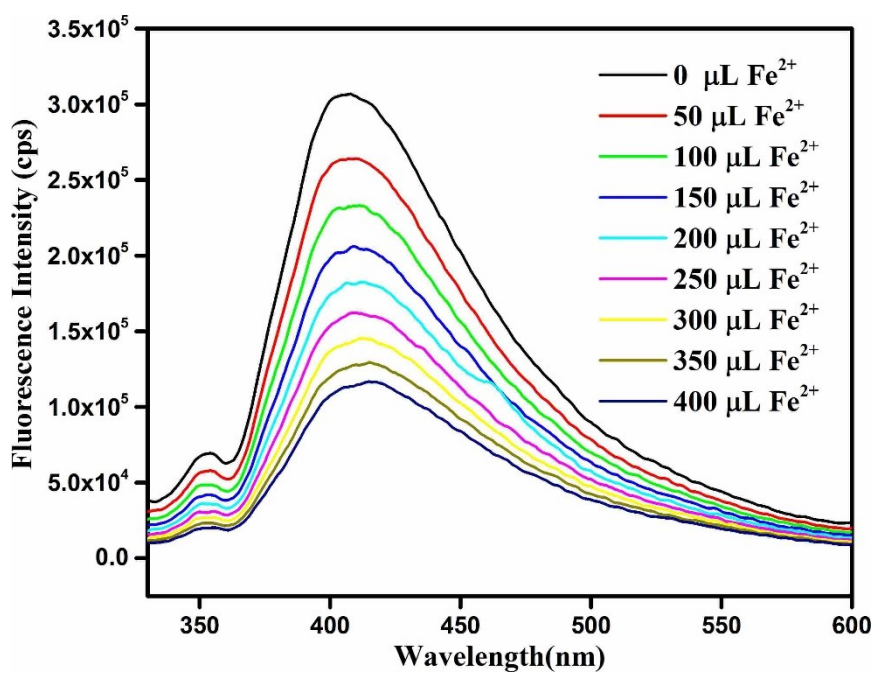
**Figure S11.** Change in the fluorescence intensity of **1'** upon incremental addition of 10 mM Co<sup>2+</sup> solution.



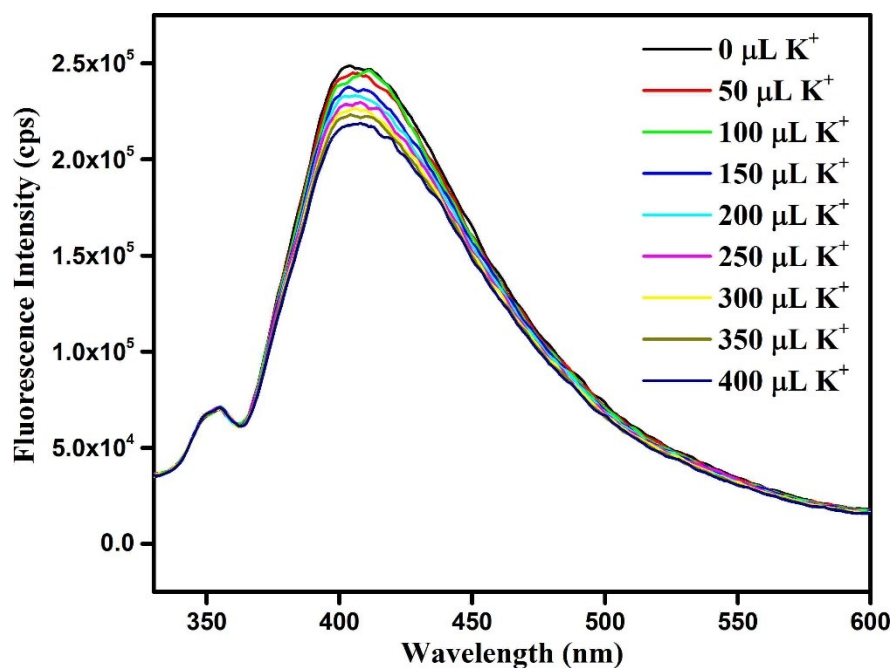
**Figure S12.** Change in the fluorescence intensity of **1'** upon incremental addition of 10 mM Cr<sup>3+</sup> solution.



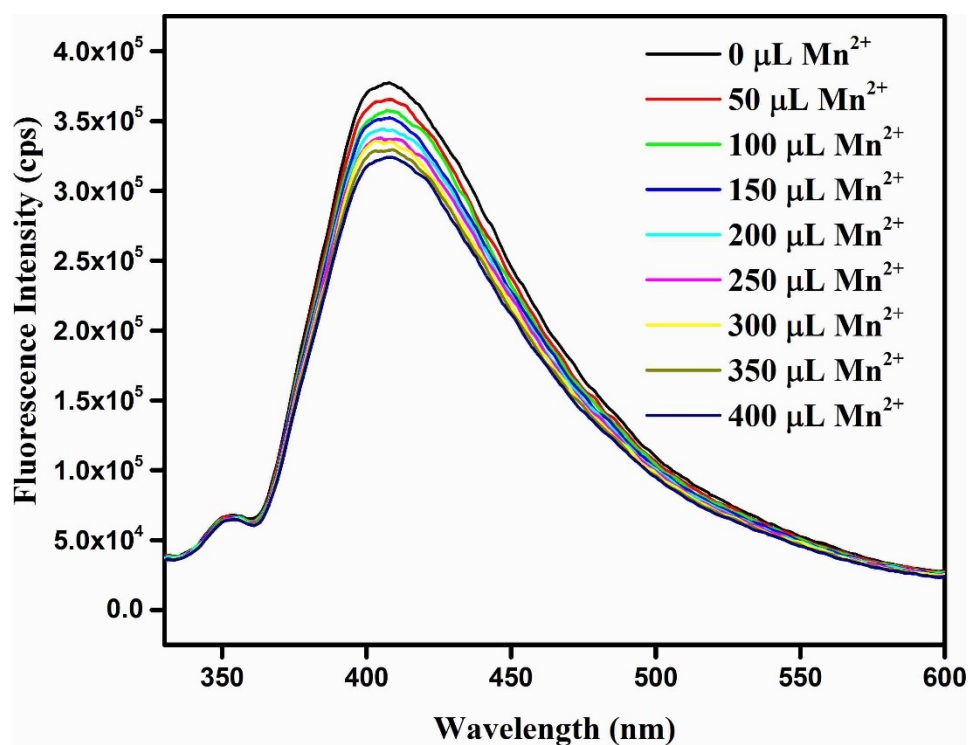
**Figure S13.** Change in the fluorescence intensity of **1'** upon incremental addition of 10 mM  $\text{Cu}^{2+}$  solution.



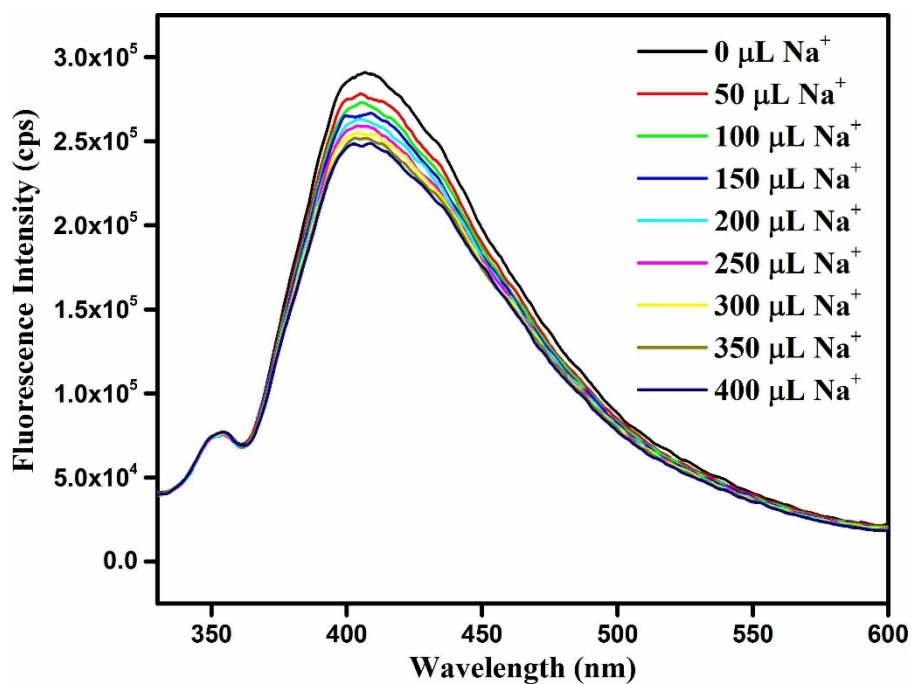
**Figure S14.** Change in the fluorescence intensity of **1'** upon incremental addition of 10 mM  $\text{Fe}^{2+}$  solution.



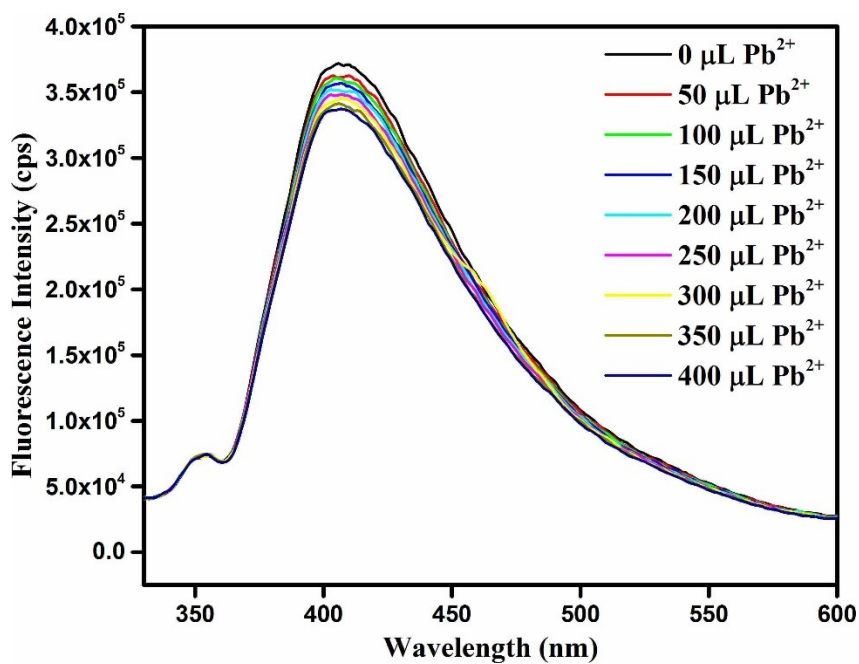
**Figure S15.** Change in the fluorescence intensity of **1'** upon incremental addition of 10 mM K<sup>+</sup> solution.



**Figure S16.** Change in the fluorescence intensity of **1'** upon incremental addition of 10 mM Mn<sup>2+</sup> solution.

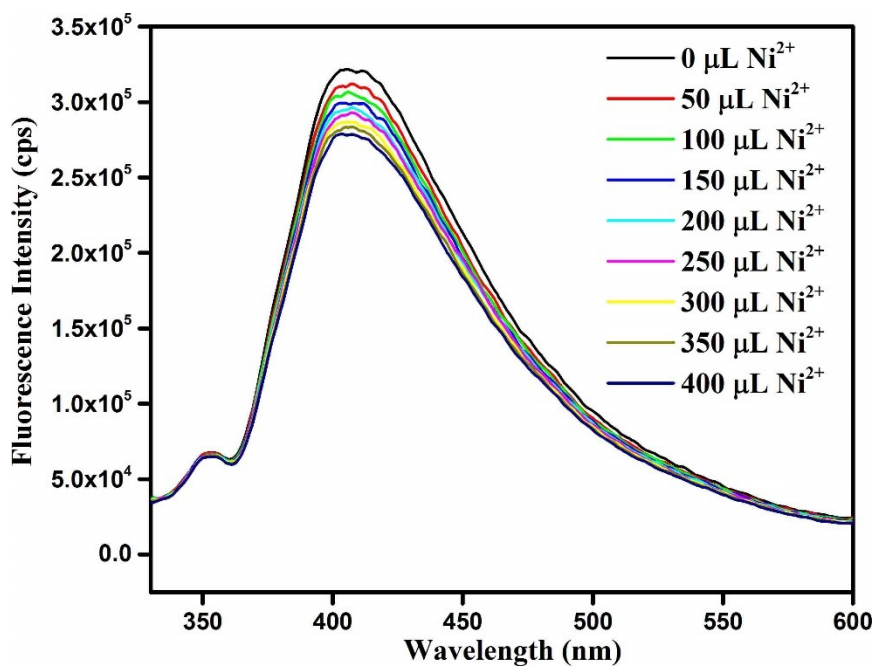


**Figure S17.** Change in the fluorescence intensity of **1'** upon incremental addition of 10 mM Na<sup>+</sup> solution.

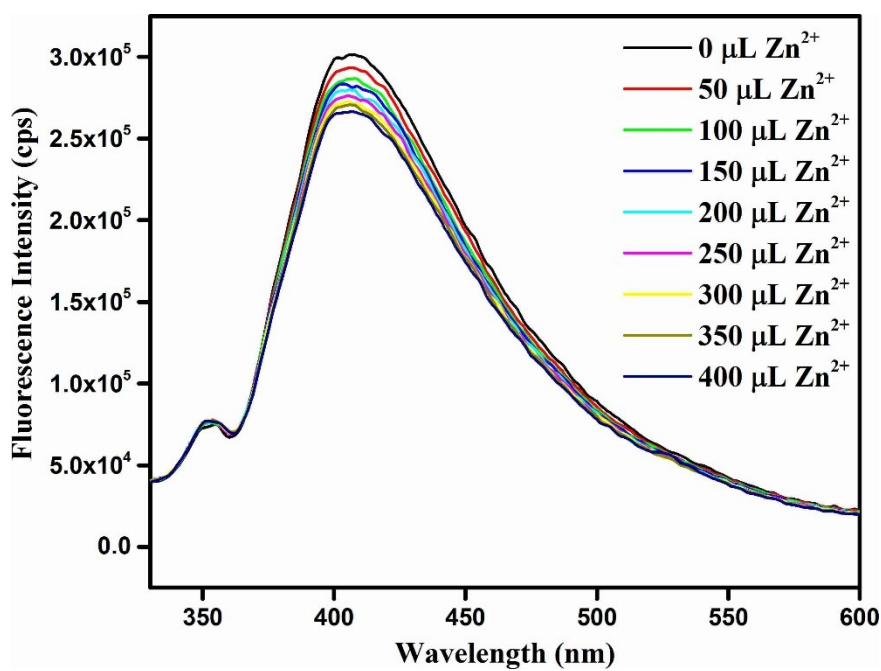


**Figure S18.** Change in the fluorescence intensity of **1'** upon incremental addition of 10 mM Pb<sup>2+</sup> solution.

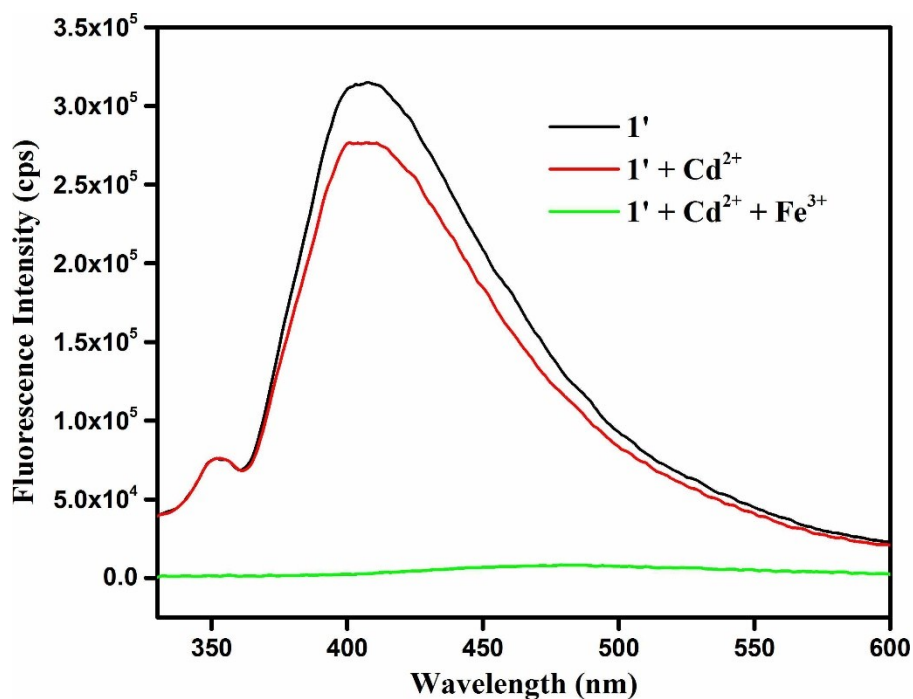




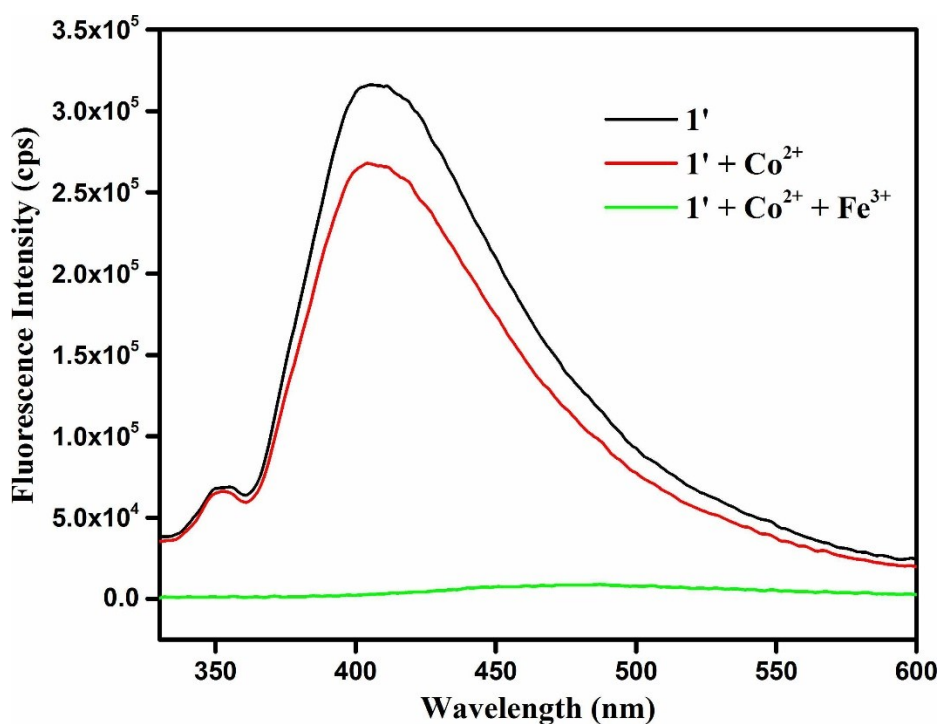
**Figure S19.** Change in the fluorescence intensity of **1'** upon incremental addition of 10 mM Ni<sup>2+</sup> solution.



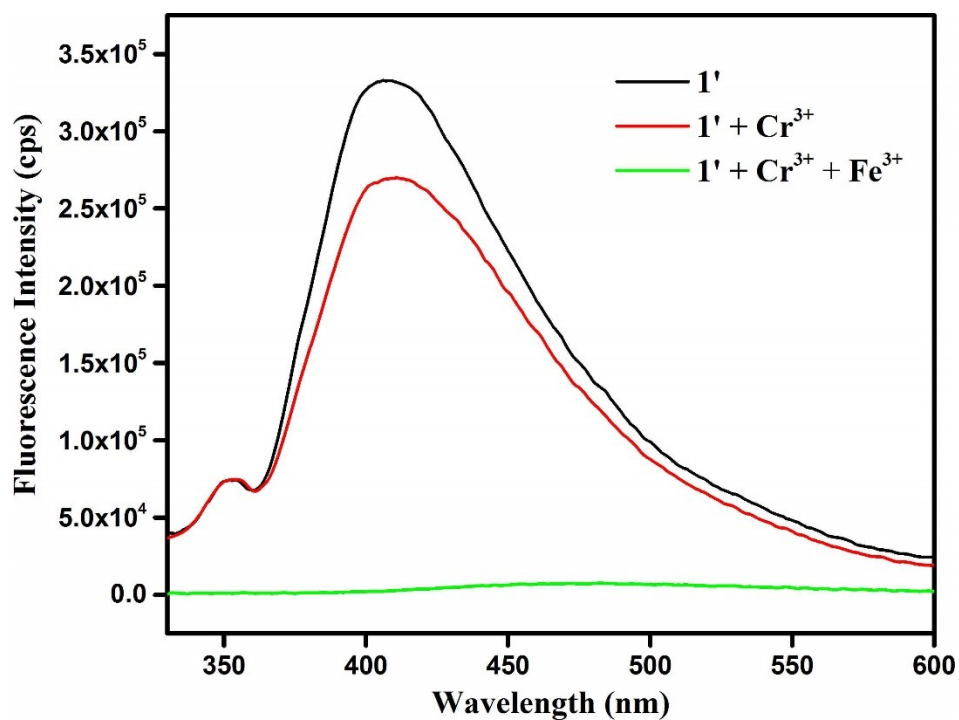
**Figure S20.** Change in the fluorescence intensity of **1'** upon incremental addition of 10 mM Zn<sup>2+</sup> solution.



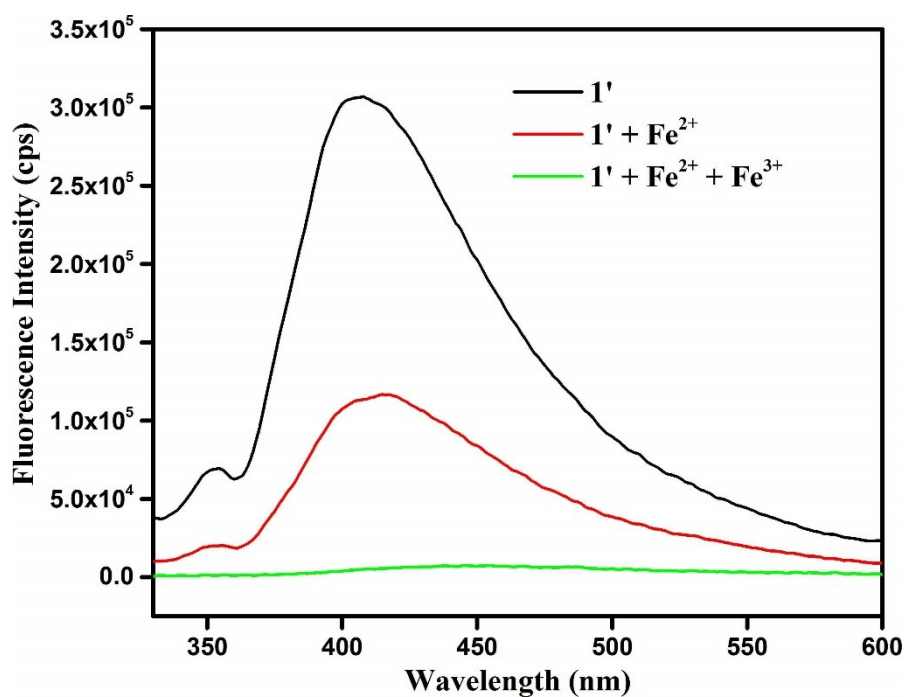
**Figure S21.** Change in the fluorescence intensity of **1'** upon addition of 10 mM Cd<sup>2+</sup> solution (400  $\mu$ L) in presence of 10 mM Fe<sup>3+</sup> (400  $\mu$ L) solution.



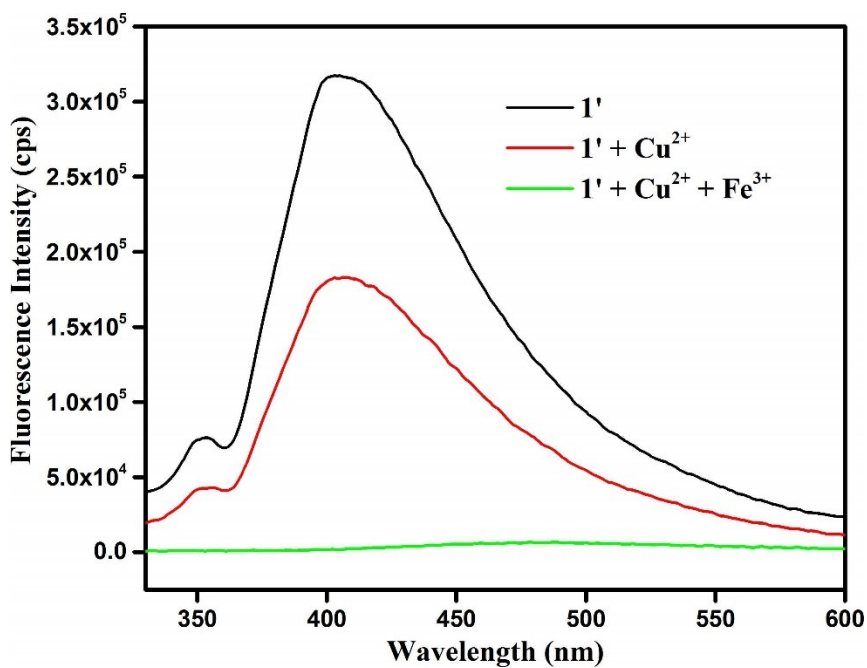
**Figure S22.** Change in the fluorescence intensity of **1'** upon addition of 10 mM Co<sup>2+</sup> solution (400  $\mu$ L) in presence of 10 mM Fe<sup>3+</sup> (400  $\mu$ L) solution.



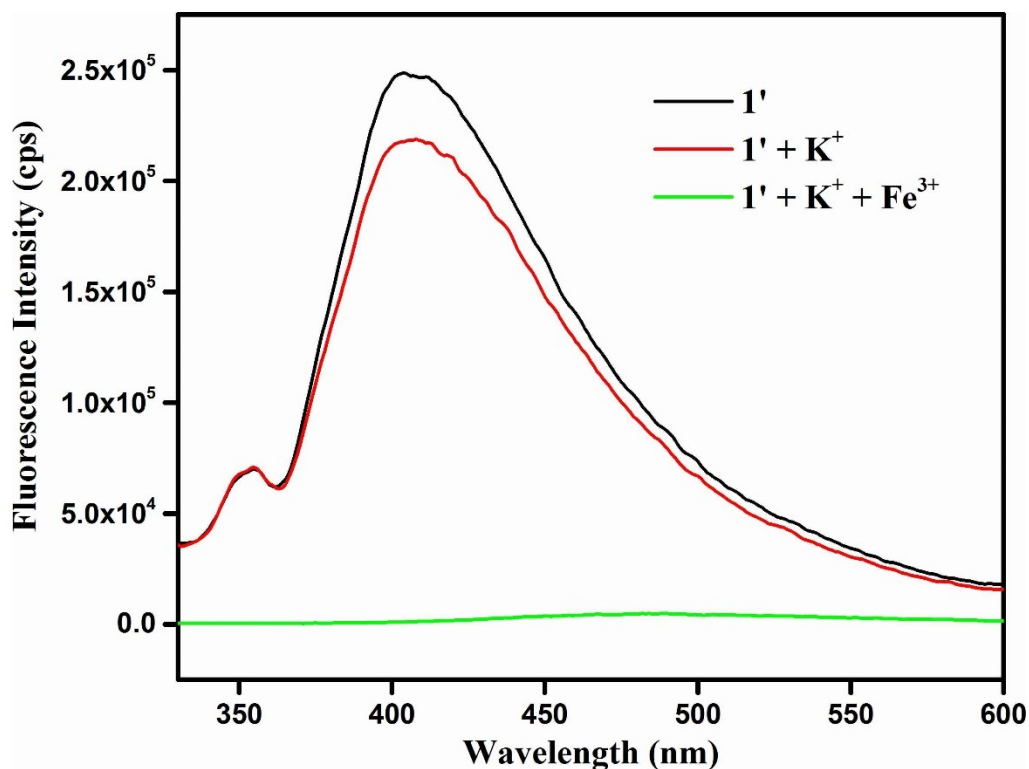
**Figure S23.** Change in the fluorescence intensity of **1'** upon addition of 10 mM Cr<sup>3+</sup> solution (400  $\mu$ L) in presence of 10 mM Fe<sup>3+</sup> (400  $\mu$ L) solution.



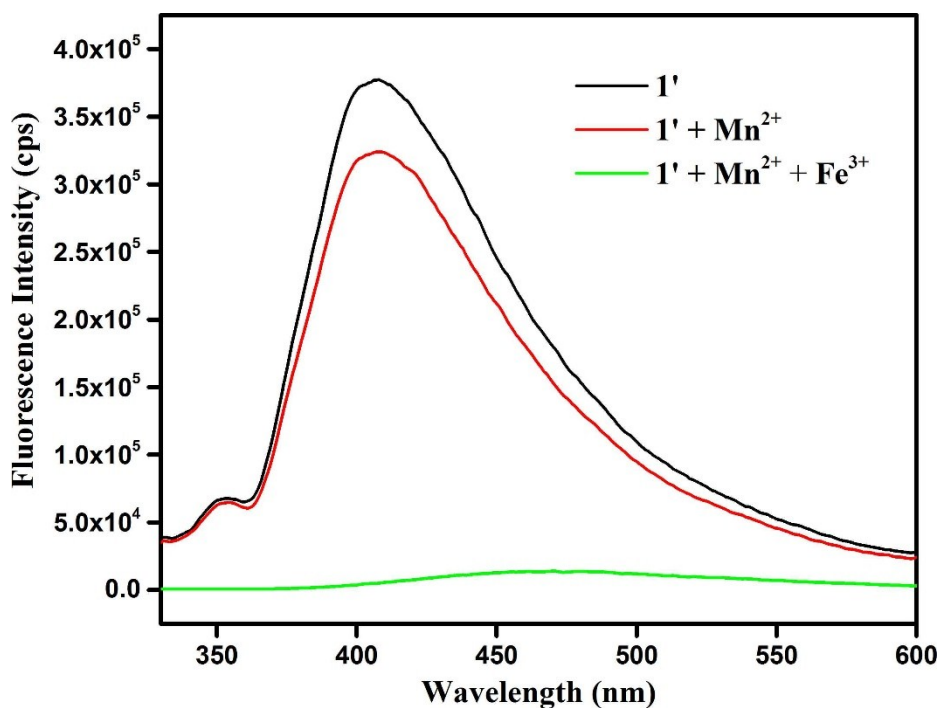
**Figure S24.** Change in the fluorescence intensity of **1'** upon addition of 10 mM Fe<sup>2+</sup> solution (400  $\mu$ L) in presence of 10 mM Fe<sup>3+</sup> (400  $\mu$ L) solution.



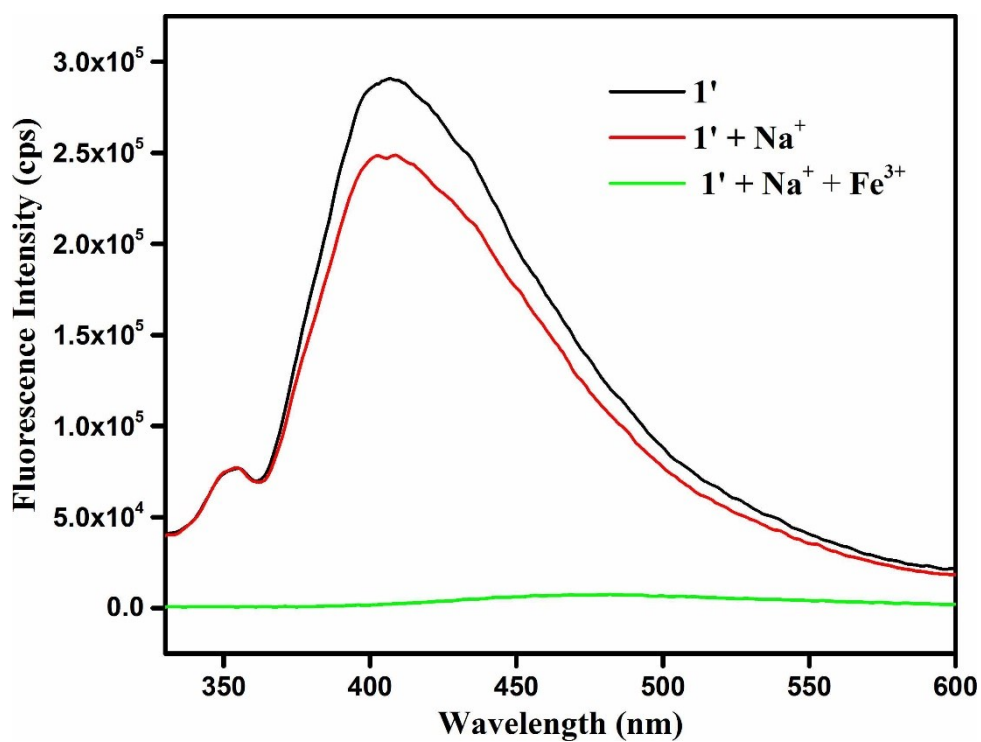
**Figure S25.** Change in the fluorescence intensity of **1'** upon addition of 10 mM Cu<sup>2+</sup> solution (400  $\mu$ L) in presence of 10 mM Fe<sup>3+</sup> (400  $\mu$ L) solution.



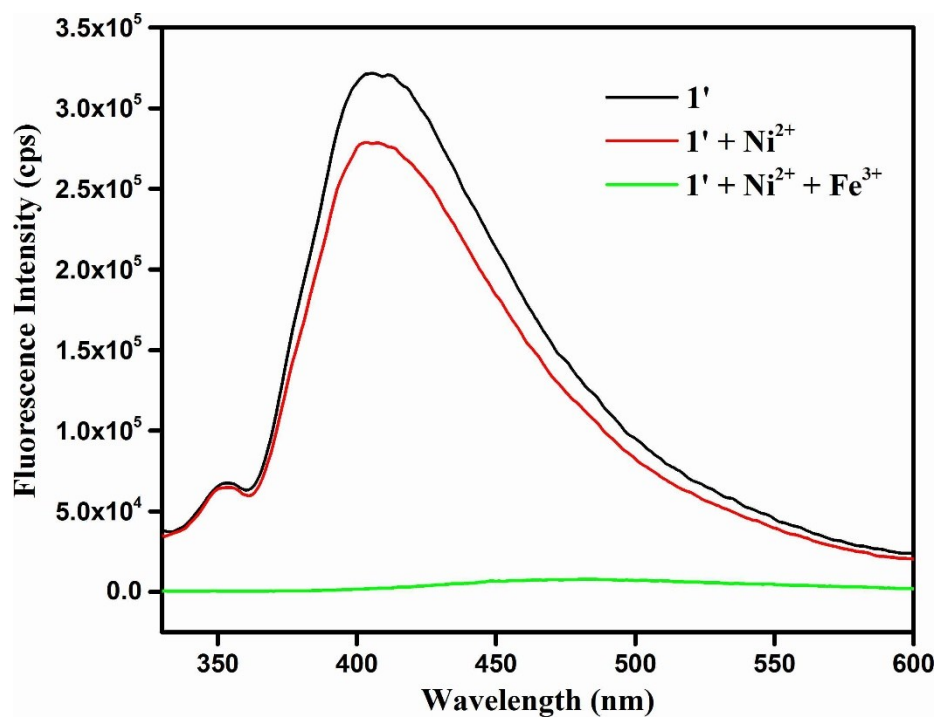
**Figure S26.** Change in the fluorescence intensity of **1'** upon addition of 10 mM K<sup>+</sup> solution (400  $\mu$ L) in presence of 10 mM Fe<sup>3+</sup> (400  $\mu$ L) solution.



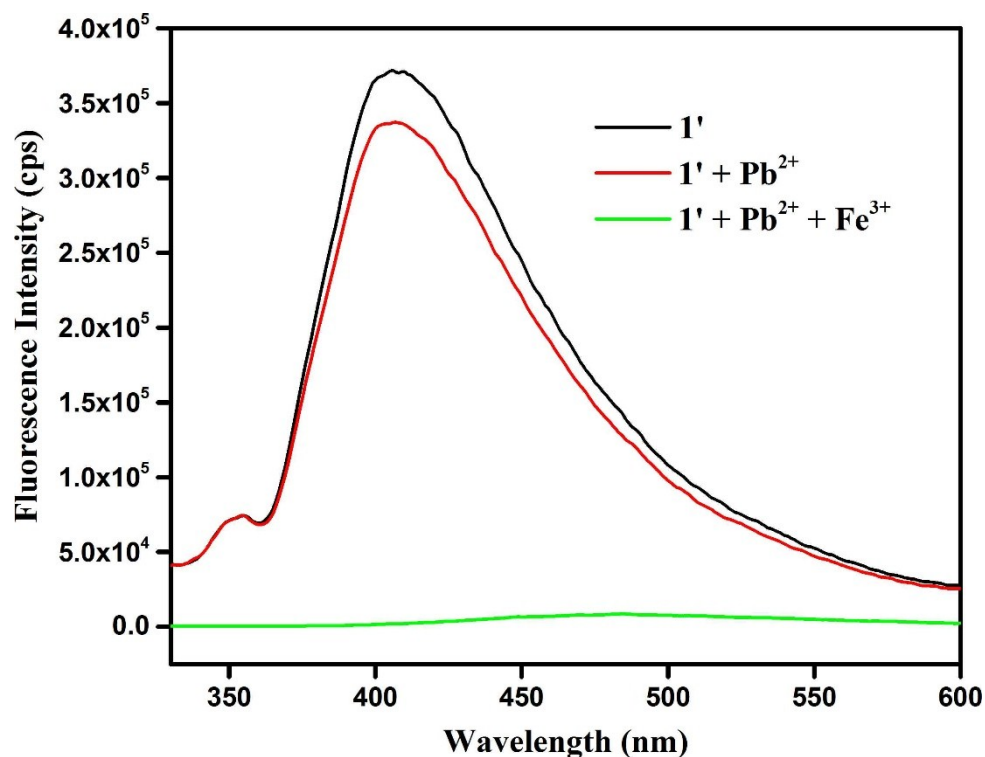
**Figure S27.** Change in the fluorescence intensity of **1'** upon addition of 10 mM Mn<sup>2+</sup> solution (400  $\mu$ L) in presence of 10 mM Fe<sup>3+</sup> (400  $\mu$ L) solution.



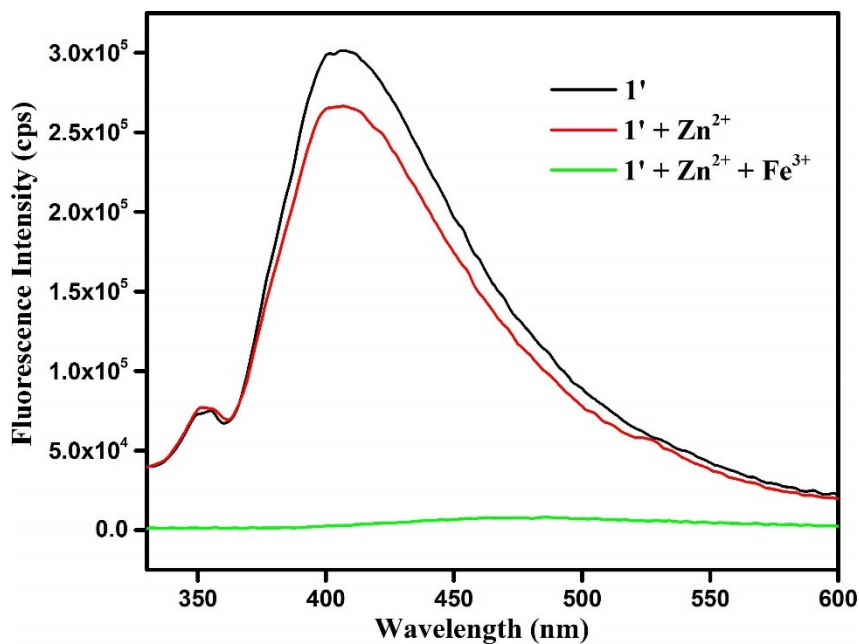
**Figure S28.** Change in the fluorescence intensity of **1'** upon addition of 10 mM Na<sup>+</sup> solution (400  $\mu$ L) in presence of 10 mM Fe<sup>3+</sup> (400  $\mu$ L) solution.



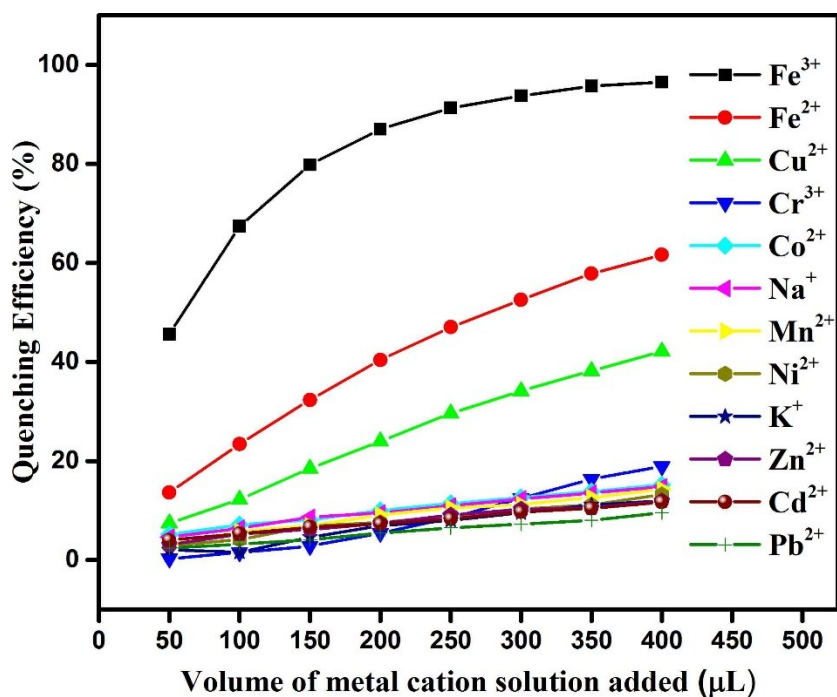
**Figure S29.** Change in the fluorescence intensity of **1'** upon addition of 10 mM Ni<sup>2+</sup> solution (400  $\mu$ L) in presence of 10 mM Fe<sup>3+</sup> (400  $\mu$ L) solution.



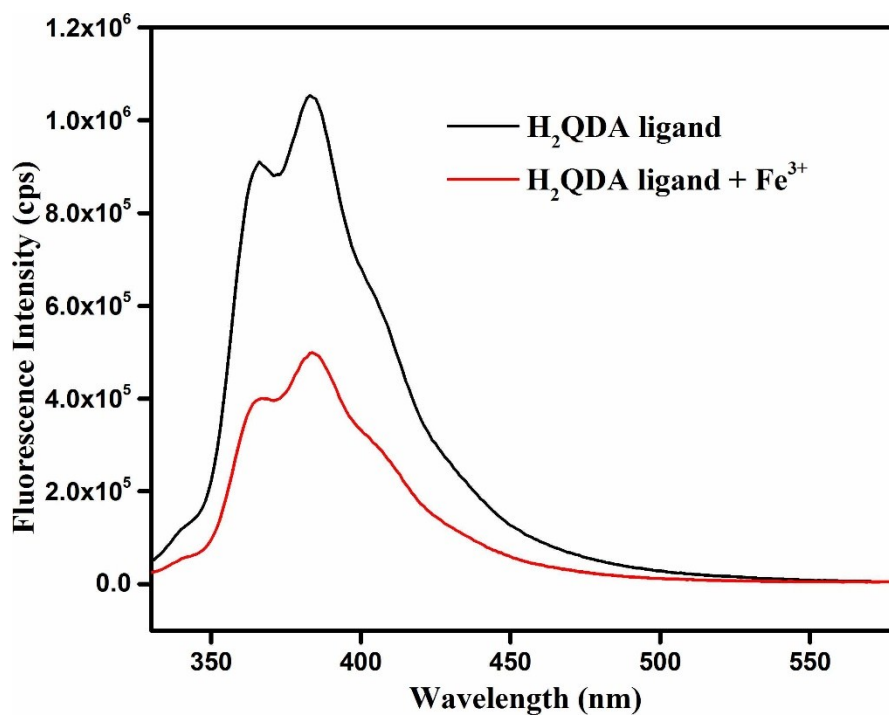
**Figure S30.** Change in the fluorescence intensity of **1'** upon addition of 10 mM Pb<sup>2+</sup> solution (400  $\mu$ L) in presence of 10 mM Fe<sup>3+</sup> (400  $\mu$ L) solution.



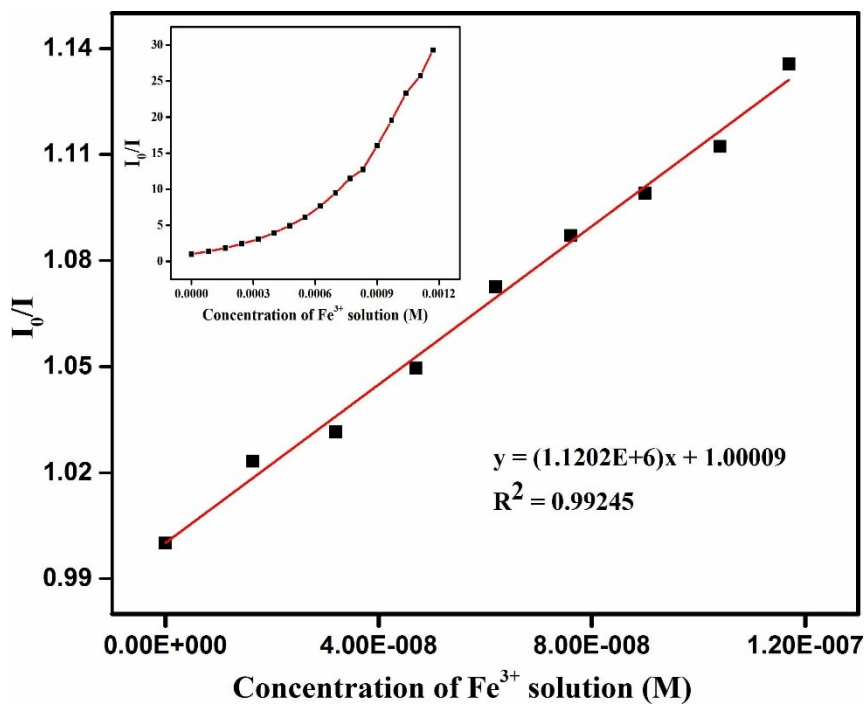
**Figure S31.** Change in the fluorescence intensity of **1'** upon addition of 10 mM  $Zn^{2+}$  solution (400  $\mu$ L) in presence of 10 mM  $Fe^{3+}$  (400  $\mu$ L) solution.



**Figure S32.** Change of fluorescence quenching efficiencies upon gradual addition of 10 mM solution of various metal cations to a 3 mL well-dispersed suspension of **1'** in methanol.



**Figure S33.** Change in the fluorescence intensity of H<sub>2</sub>QDA ligand upon the addition of 400  $\mu$ L of 10 mM Fe<sup>3+</sup> solution.

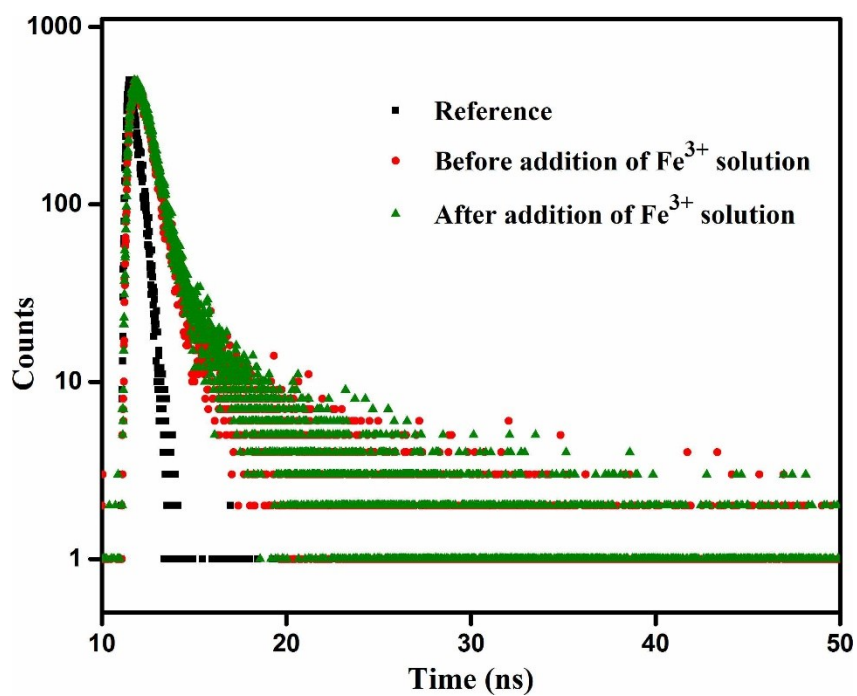


**Figure S34.** Stern-Volmer plot for the quenching of 1' at lower concentration of Fe<sup>3+</sup> solution. Inset: non-linearity of the Stern-Volmer plot at higher concentration of Fe<sup>3+</sup> solution.



**Table S6.** A comparison of the Stern-Volmer constant ( $K_{sv}$ ), detection limit and medium used for the sensing of  $Fe^{3+}$  ion for the MOFs reported till date.

Sl. No.	MOF	$K_{sv}$ ( $M^{-1}$ )	Detection Limit	Medium Used	Ref.
1.	[Zn(QDA)]·0.3DMF	$1.12 \times 10^6$	$2.30 \times 10^{-8}$ M	methanol	This work
2.	[La(TPT)(DMSO) <sub>2</sub> ]·H <sub>2</sub> O	$1.36 \times 10^4$	-	ethanol	1
3.	[H(H <sub>2</sub> O) <sub>8</sub> ][DyZn <sub>4</sub> (imdc) <sub>4</sub> (im) <sub>4</sub> ]	$2.88 \times 10^4$	-	DMSO	2
4.	EuL <sub>3</sub>	$4.1 \times 10^3$	$10^{-4}$ M	ethanol	3
5.	[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	-	$3.3 \times 10^{-7}$ M	DMF	4
6.	[Cd(H <sub>2</sub> L <sub>a</sub> ) <sub>0.5</sub> (H <sub>2</sub> L <sub>b</sub> ) <sub>0.5</sub> (H <sub>2</sub> O)]	-	$10^{-5}$ M	water	5
7.	[(CH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> NH <sub>2</sub> ]·[Tb(bptc)]·xsolvents	-	72.76 ppm	ethanol	6
8.	[Ln <sub>2</sub> (Ccbp) <sub>3</sub> ·6H <sub>2</sub> O]·3Cl <sup>-</sup> ·4H <sub>2</sub> O	$1.143 \times 10^5$	-	ethanol	7
9.	Eu <sup>3+</sup> @MIL-124	$3.87 \times 10^4$	$0.28 \times 10^{-6}$ M	water	8
10.	MIL-53(Al)	-	$0.9 \times 10^{-6}$ M	PBS buffer	9
11.	[Ln(Hpzbc) <sub>2</sub> (NO <sub>3</sub> )]·H <sub>2</sub> O	-	$2.6 \times 10^{-5}$ M	ethanol	10
12.	[Tb(BTB)(DMF)]·1.5DMF·2.5H <sub>2</sub> O	-	$10^{-5}$ M	ethanol	11
13.	[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>	$3.5 \times 10^4$	-	water	12
14.	Tb <sup>3+</sup> @Cd-MOF	$1.108 \times 10^5$	0.010 mM	DMF	13
15.	[Zr <sub>6</sub> O <sub>4</sub> (OH) <sub>4</sub> (2,7-CDC) <sub>6</sub> ]·19H <sub>2</sub> O·2DMF	$5.5 \times 10^3$	$9.10 \times 10^{-7}$ M	water	14
16.	[Cd( <i>p</i> -CNPhHIDC)(4,4'-bipy) <sub>0.5</sub> ]	$1.99 \times 10^3$	$5 \times 10^{-3}$ M	water	15
17.	[Zn( <i>p</i> -CNPhHIDC)(4,4'-bipy)]	$1.37 \times 10^3$	$5 \times 10^{-3}$ M	water	15
18.	[Zr <sub>6</sub> O <sub>6</sub> (OH) <sub>2</sub> (CF <sub>3</sub> COO) <sub>2</sub> (C <sub>11</sub> H <sub>5</sub> NO <sub>4</sub> ) <sub>4</sub> (H <sub>2</sub> O) <sub>4</sub> ]	$2.25 \times 10^7$	$1.7 \times 10^{-9}$ M	water	16
19.	[Zr <sub>6</sub> O <sub>6</sub> (OH) <sub>2</sub> (CF <sub>3</sub> COO) <sub>2</sub> (C <sub>11</sub> H <sub>5</sub> NO <sub>4</sub> ) <sub>4</sub> (H <sub>2</sub> O) <sub>4</sub> ]	$1.91 \times 10^7$	$2.7 \times 10^{-9}$ M	HEPES buffer	16
20.	[Al(OH)(BDC-N <sub>3</sub> )]·1.2H <sub>2</sub> O·0.3DMF	$6.13 \times 10^3$	$3 \times 10^{-8}$ M	water	17

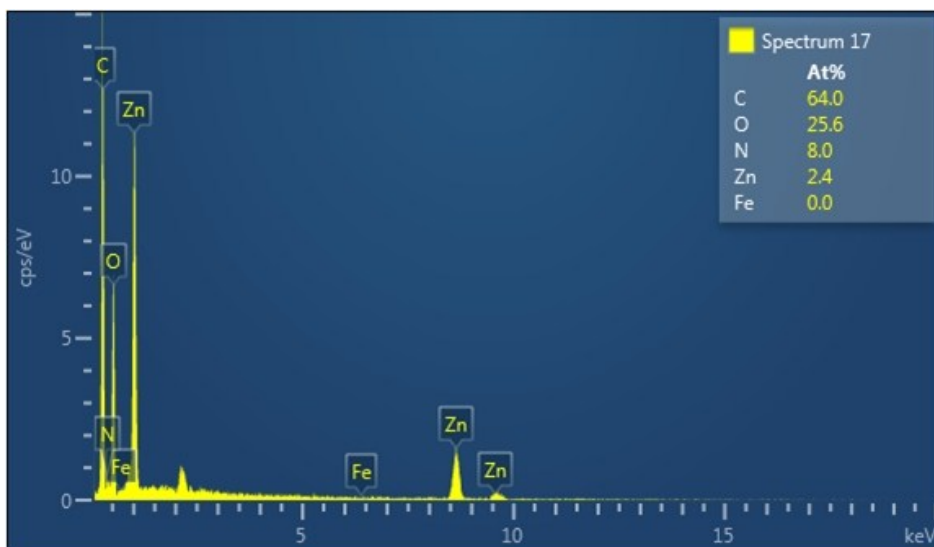


**Figure S35.** Lifetime decay profile of **1'** before and after addition of 50  $\mu\text{L}$  of 10 mM  $\text{Fe}^{3+}$  solution.

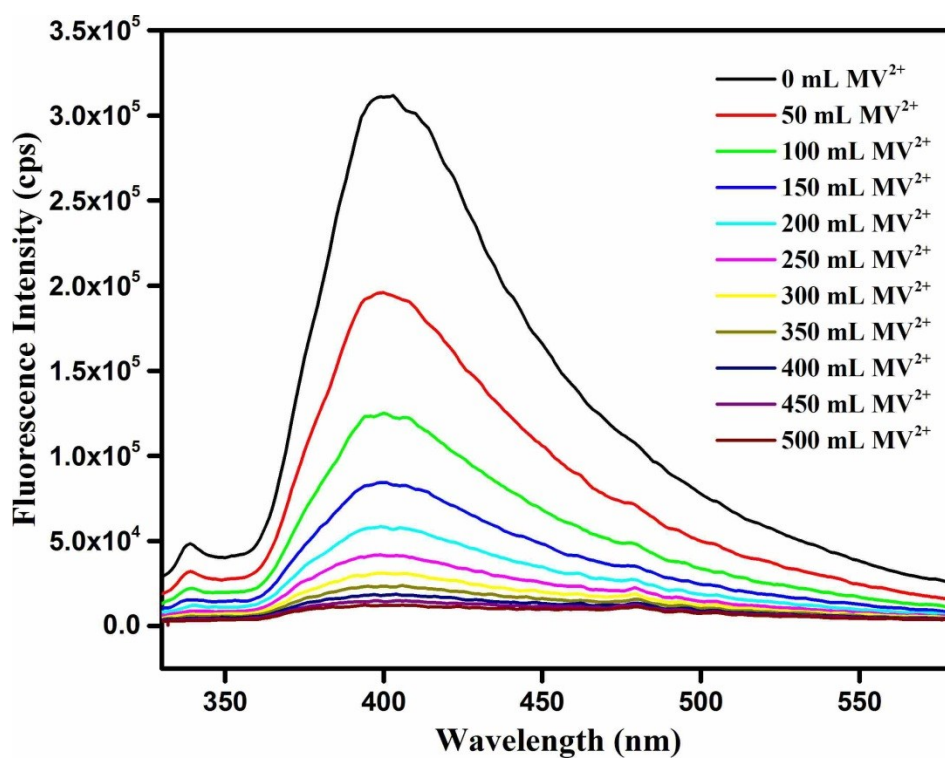
**Table S7.** Average excited-state lifetime ( $\langle\tau\rangle$ ) values of **1'** before and after the addition of 50  $\mu\text{L}$  of 10 mM  $\text{Fe}^{3+}$  solution ( $\lambda_{\text{ex}} = 310 \text{ nm}$ ).

Volume of 10 mM $\text{Fe}^{3+}$ solution added ( $\mu\text{L}$ )	$B_1$	$B_2$	$a_1$	$a_2$	$\tau_1$ (ns)	$\tau_2$ (ns)	$\langle\tau\rangle^*$ (ns)	$\chi^2$
0	0.038	0.001	0.812	0.188	0.533	3.092	1.014	1.01
50	0.038	0.002	0.793	0.207	0.564	3.040	1.076	1.08

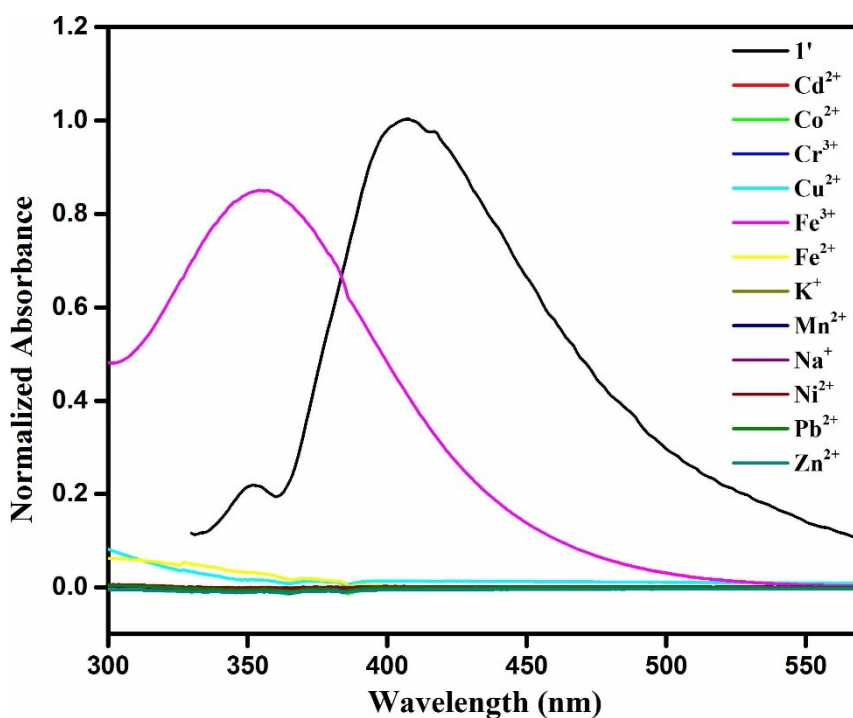
\*  $\langle\tau\rangle = a_1\tau_1 + a_2\tau_2$



**Figure S36.** EDX spectrum of **1'** after treatment with 10 mM  $\text{Fe}^{3+}$  solution.



**Figure S37.** Quenching of the fluorescence intensity of **1'** by incremental addition of 10 mM  $\text{MV}^{2+}$  solution to a 3 mL stable suspension of **1'** in methanol.



**Figure S38.** UV-Vis absorption spectra of the different metal ions ( $10 \times 10^{-3}$  M) solution in methanol. The emission spectra of **1'** (black color) (3 mg) dispersed in methanol (3 mL).

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