## **Supporting Information**

Specific detection of hypochlorite based on sizeselective effect of luminophore integrated MOF-801 synthesized by a one-pot strategy

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Fig. S1 Digital photographs of the (a) MOF-801 and (b) AF@MOF-801 NPs.



**Fig. S2** Digital photographs of AF@MOF-801 NPs with AF/FUM feed ratios of (a) 0.024:1, (b) 0.096:1, (c) 0.144:1 and (d) 0.216:1.



**Fig. S3** Digital photographs of (a) RhB@MOF-801 and (b) calcein@MOF-801 NPs with different RhB/FUM feed ratio from 0.024:1 to 0.240:1 and calcein/FUM of 0.024:1 to 0.184:1.



**Fig. S4** The fluorescence evolvement curves of AF@MOF-801 NPs with different AF/FUM feed ratios of (a) from 0.024 :1 to 0.144 :1 and (b) from 0.144 : 1 to 0.264 :1.



Fig. S5 The fluorescence photographs of AF@MOF-801 NPs with different AF/FUM

feed ratio from 0.024:1 to 0.262:1. The fluorescence was excited with a UV lamp.



**Fig. S6** The fluorescence evolvement curves of calcein@MOF-801 NPs with different calcein/FUM feed ratios of (a) from 0.024:1 to 0.092:1 and (b) from 0.092:1 to 0.184:1.



**Fig. S7** The fluorescence photographs of calcein@MOF-801 NPs with different calcein/FUM feed ratio from 0.024:1 to 0.184:1. The fluorescence was excited with a UV lamp.



**Fig. S8** The fluorescence evolvement curves of RhB@MOF-801 NPs with different RhB/FUM feed ratios of (a) from 0.024:1 to 0.120:1 and (b) from 0.120:1 to 0.240:1.



**Fig. S9** The fluorescence photographs of RhB@MOF-801 NPs with different RhB/FUM feed ratio from 0.024:1 to 0.240:1. The fluorescence was excited with a UV lamp.



Fig. S10 The XRD patterns of AF@MOF-801 NPs with different AF/FUM feed ratios from 0.024:1 to 0.264:1.



Fig. S11 The XRD patterns of RhB@MOF-801 NPs with different RhB/FUM feed ratios from 0.024:1 to 0.240:1.



Fig. S12 The XRD patterns of calcein@MOF-801 NPs with different calcein/FUM

feed ratios from 0.024:1 to 0.184:1.



**Fig. S13** The N<sub>2</sub> adsorption/desorption isotherms of blank MOF-801, RhB@MOF-801, calcein@MOF-801 NPs and AF@MOF-801 NPs recorded at 77 K.

**Table S1.** Textural parameters of the synthesized pure MOF-801 NPs, RhB@MOF-801 NPs, calcein@MOF-801 NPs and AF@MOF-801 NPs.

Materials	BET surface area (m <sup>2</sup> g <sup>-1</sup> )	Total pore volume (cm <sup>3</sup> g <sup>-1</sup> )
pure MOF-801 NPs	936.7	0.78
RhB@MOF-801 NPs	851.5	0.72
calcein@MOF-801 NPs	811.5	0.66
AF@MOF-801 NPs	870.2	0.73



Fig. S14 The SEM image of RhB@MOF-801 NPs (scale bar: 200 nm). The feed ratio

of RhB/FUM was set as 0.120:1.



Fig. S15 The SEM image of calcein@MOF-801 NPs (scale bar: 200 nm). The feed ratio of calcein/FUM was set as 0.092:1.



**Fig. S16** The UV-vis spectra of the supernatant decanted from AF@MOF-801 NPs suspension after different treatments. The free AF molecule was dissolved in an ethanol-water (mass ratio of 5:95) mixture solution.



**Fig. S17** The XRD patterns of AF@MOF-801 NPs before (black) and after treatment with water (red), NaClO (blue), HCl (pink) and NaOH (green) solutions for 12 h.



**Fig. S18** The UV-vis spectra of the RhB@MOF-801 NPs supernatant after treatment with water (pink), HCl (red) and NaOH (blue) solutions. Free RhB molecules were dissolved in the ultrapure water.



Fig. S19 The UV-vis spectra of the calcein@MOF-801 NPs supernatant after treatment with water (pink), HCl (red) and NaOH (blue) solutions. Free calcein molecules were dissolved in the ultrapure water.



Fig. S20 The XRD patterns of calcein@MOF-801 NPs before (black) and after treatment with water (red), HCl (blue) and NaOH (pink) solutions for 12 h.



**Fig. S21** The XRD patterns of RhB@MOF-801 NPs before (black) and after treatment with water (red), HCl (blue) and NaOH (pink) solutions for 12 h.

The calculation method for the LOD of AF@MOF-801 NPs toward ClO<sup>-</sup> detection in aqueous phase at pH=7.4.

Detection Limit = 
$$3\sigma$$
/slope  
=  $3 \times 1.18/68.44$   
=  $0.05172 \mu$ M

Luminescent spectrum was recorded for the blank sample of AF@MOF-801 NPs suspension. Sample standard deviation of  $\sigma$  for the blank probe without the addition of ClO<sup>-</sup> was calculated to be 1.18 at pH = 7.4.



Fig. S22 The relation of luminescent intensity against ClO<sup>-</sup> added into AF@MOF-801 NPs suspension and their linear fit curve for the estimation of LOD at pH=7.4.



Scheme S1 Schematic illustration for the quenching mechanism of AF for ClO<sup>-</sup> detection.



Fig. S23 The UV-vis spectra of the AF@MOF-801 NPs supernatant upon the addition of DA with its concentration range from 0 to 8  $\mu$ M at pH = 7.4.



**Fig. S24** The cell viability of SMMC-7721 cells incubated with different concentrations of the AF@MOF-801 NPs. Untreated control cells were used as a reference.



**Fig. S25** The cell viability of HeLa cells incubated with different concentration of the AF@MOF-801 NPs. Untreated control cells were used as a reference.



**Fig. S26** The flow cytometry histograms of SMMC-7721 cells incubated with the AF@MOF-801 NPs within 0 to 24 h. Untreated control cells were used as a control group.



**Fig. S27** The flow cytometry histograms of HeLa cells incubated with the AF@MOF-801 NPs within 0 to 24 h. Untreated control cells were used as a control group.



**Fig. S28** The concentration-response curve of luminescence decrease of AF@MOF-801 NPs in SMMC-7721 cells after 30 min exposure to various concentrations of ClO<sup>-</sup> donors.  $\Delta$ I was obtained by subtracting the luminescence intensity of control group from the real-time luminescence intensity. Each datum point represents the mean of datum from eight wells (n=8) with error bars and the untreated cells were used as control. The concentration of the AF@MOF-801 NPs probe was set as 50 µg mL<sup>-1</sup>.



Fig. S29 The concentration-response curve of luminescence decrease of AF@MOF-801 NPs in HeLa cells after 30 min exposure to various concentrations of ClO<sup>-</sup> donors.  $\Delta$ I was obtained by subtracting the luminescence intensity of control group from the real-time luminescence intensity. Each datum point represents the mean of datum from eight wells (n=8) with error bars and the untreated cells were used as control. The concentration of the AF@MOF-801 NPs probe was set as 50 µg mL<sup>-1</sup>.



**Fig. 30** The Flow cytometry histograms of the AF@MOF-801 NPs in HeLa cells after 30 min exposure to various concentrations of ClO<sup>-</sup>. Untreated cells were used as control. The concentration of the AF@MOF-801 NPs probe was set as 50  $\mu$ g mL<sup>-1</sup>.



Luminescence Intensity

**Fig. 31** The CLSM images of HeLa cells cultured at 37 °C with AF@MOF-801 NPs for 12 h and then incubated with various concentrations of ClO<sup>-</sup> (scale bar: 50  $\mu$ m). The concentration of the AF@MOF-801 NPs probe was set as 50  $\mu$ g mL<sup>-1</sup>.