

## A channel-structured Eu-based metal-organic framework with a zwitterionic ligand for selectively sensing Fe<sup>3+</sup> ion

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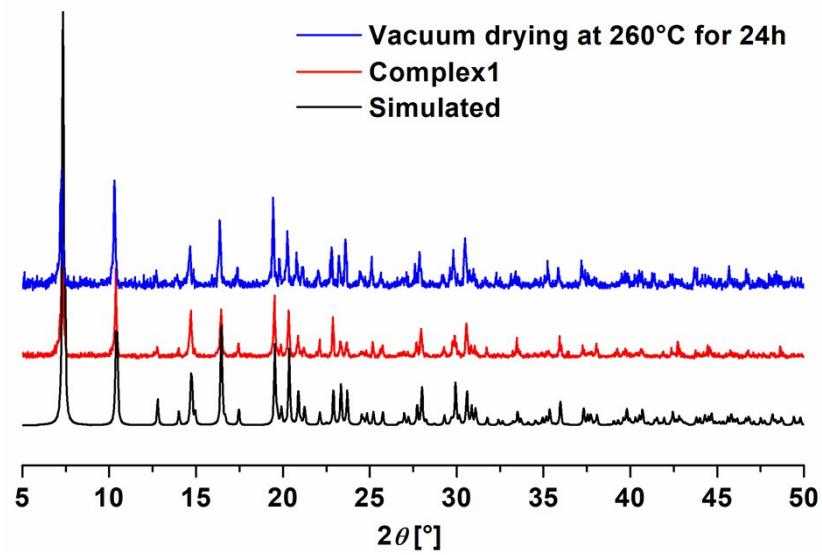
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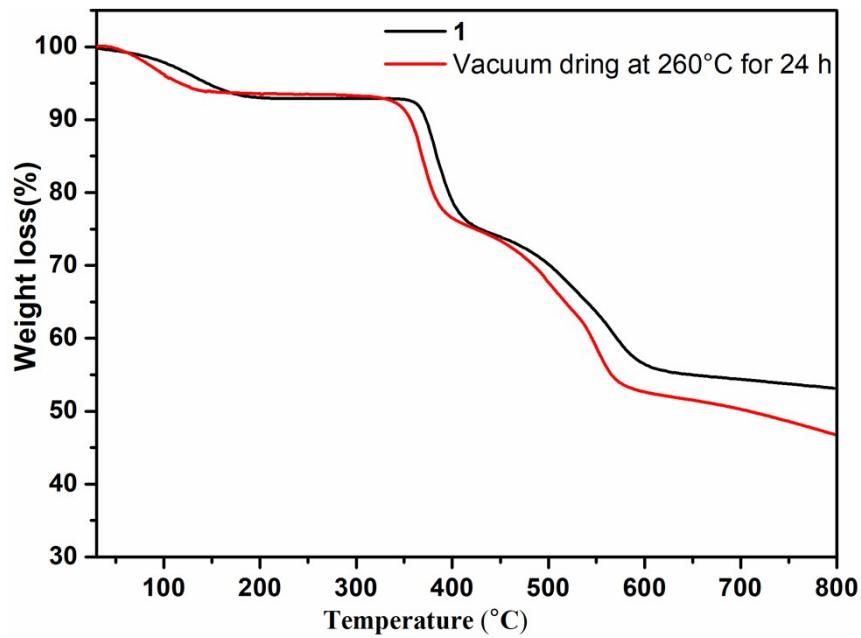
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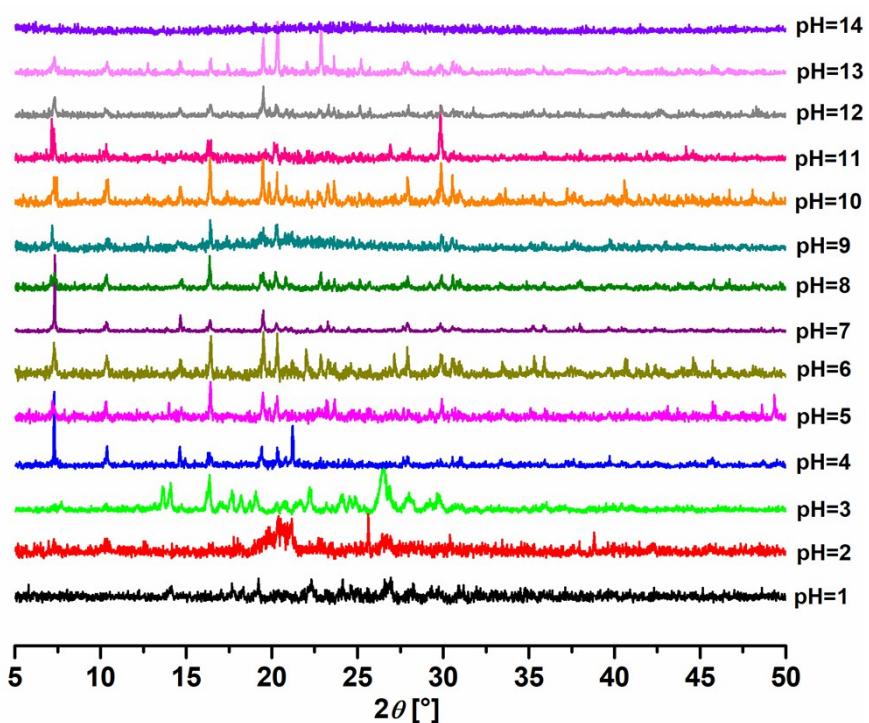
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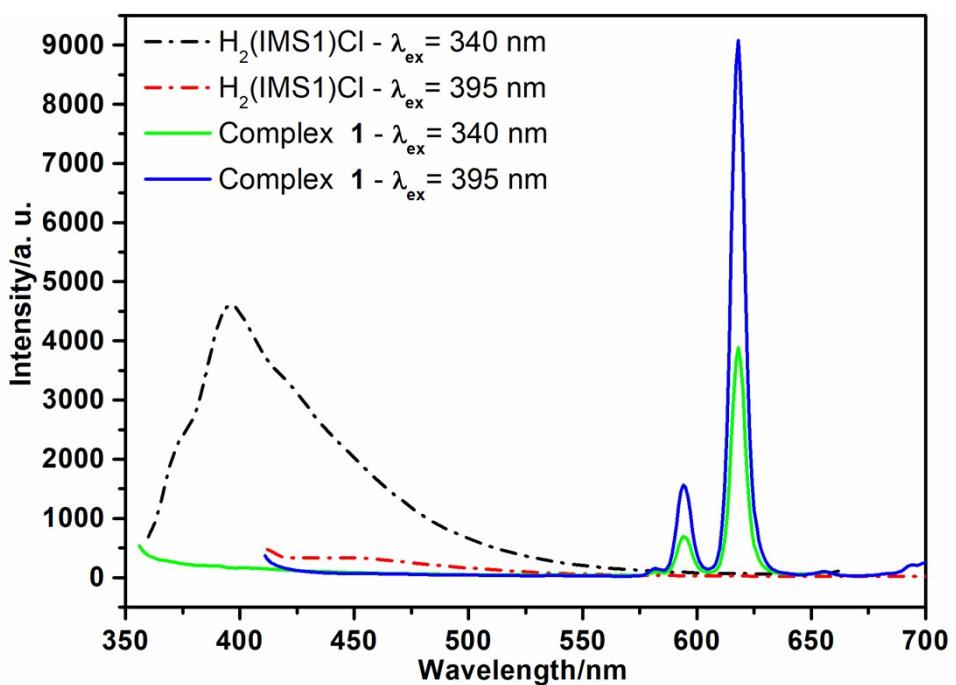
**Fig. S1** Powder X-ray diffraction (PXRD) pattern of complex **1**.



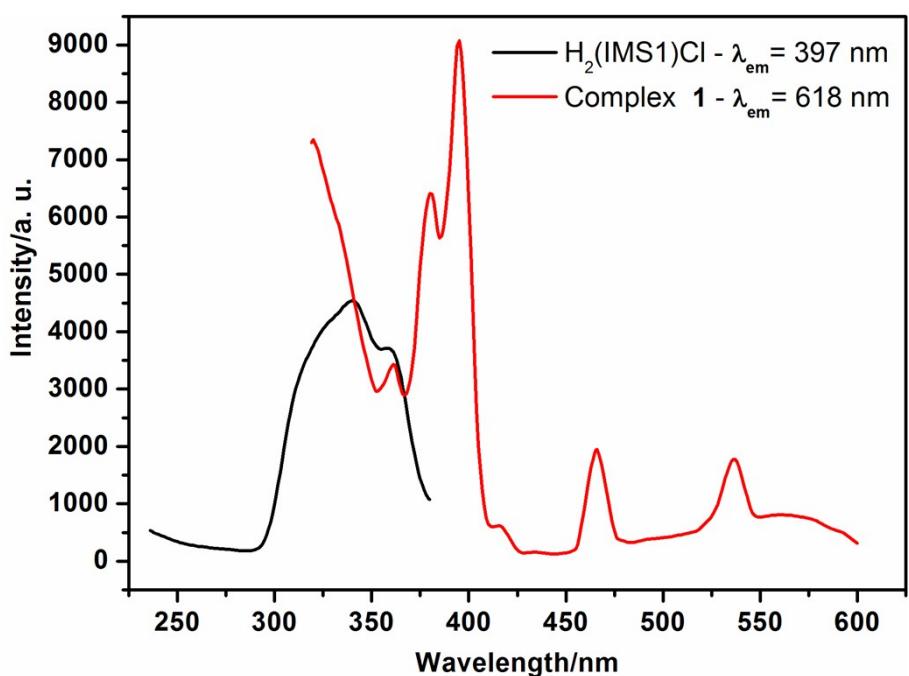
**Fig. S2** TGA plots of complex **1**.



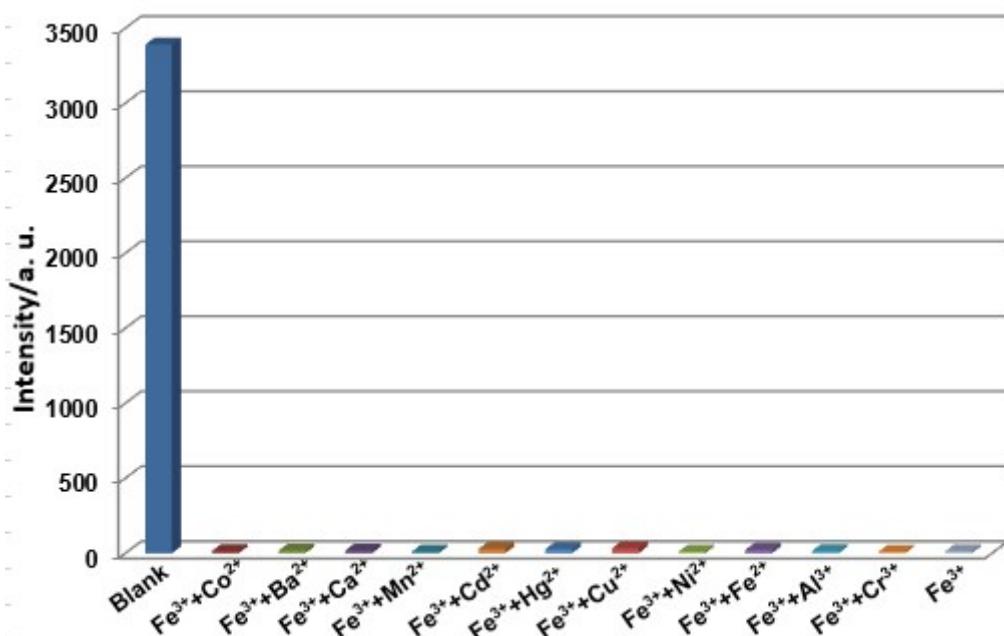
**Fig. S3** Powder X-ray diffraction (PXRD) pattern of complex 1 in aqueous solution with different pH value.



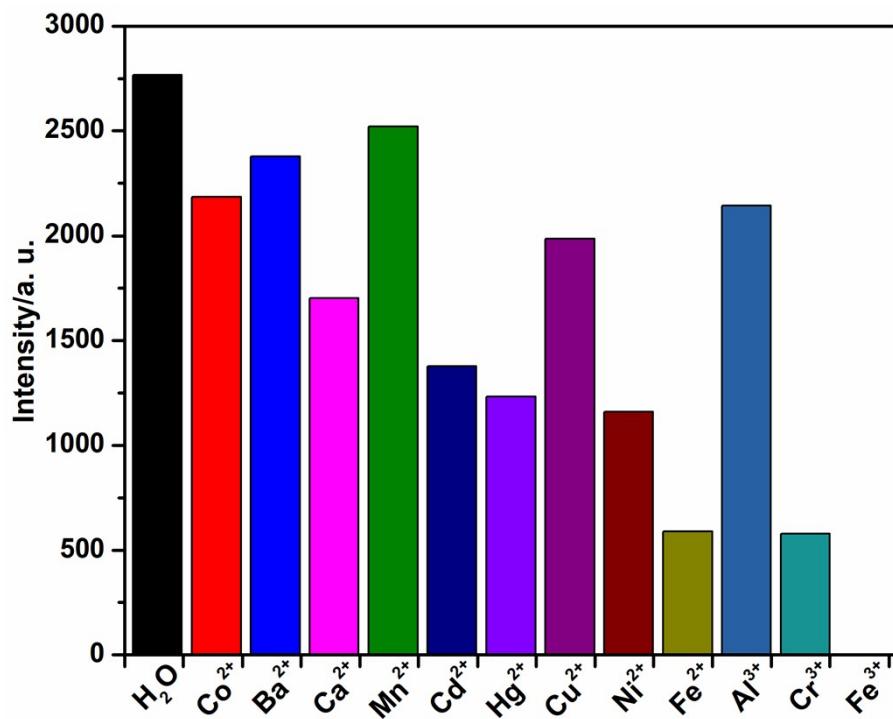
**Fig. S4** The solid-state fluorescence spectra of ligand  $\text{H}_2(\text{IMS}1)\text{Cl}$  and complex **1** upon the excitation at 340 nm and 395 nm, respectively.



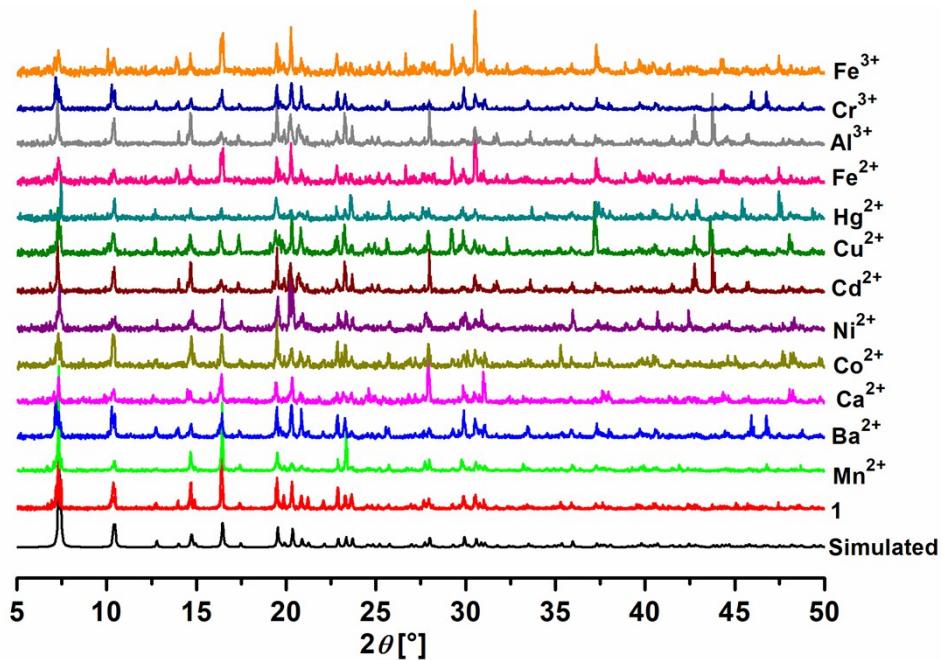
**Fig. S5** The solid-state excitation spectra of ligand  $\text{H}_2(\text{IMS}1)\text{Cl}$  and complex **1** upon the emission at 397 nm and 618 nm, respectively.



**Fig. S6** Fluorescence response of **1** towards 0.1 M  $\text{Fe}^{3+}$  and different metal cations upon the excitation at 395 nm.



**Fig.S7** Comparison of the luminescence intensity of ligand H<sub>2</sub>(IMS1)Cl in different MClx aqueous solutions (0.1 M) upon excitation at 340 nm.



**Fig. S8** Powder X-ray diffraction (PXRD) pattern of complex **1** in different cationic aqueous solution.

**Table S1** Comparison of the detecting range, K<sub>sv</sub>, LOD and Media

| Detectors based on Complexes   | Detecting range of Fe <sup>3+</sup> concentration (mol/L) | K <sub>sv</sub> (L/mol) | LOD (mol/L)          | Media            | Ref       |
|--|---|-------------------------|----------------------|------------------|-----------|
| [(CH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> NH <sub>2</sub> ]·[Tb(bptc)]·xsolvents  | 0.0 - 1.0×10 <sup>-4</sup>                                | 2.6×10 <sup>5</sup>     | 1.8×10 <sup>-4</sup> | Ethanol          | 1         |
| [Zn <sub>5</sub> (hfipbb) <sub>4</sub> (trz) <sub>2</sub> (H <sub>2</sub> O) <sub>2</sub> ]                        | 0.0 - 1.0×10 <sup>-4</sup>                                | 4.1×10 <sup>5</sup>     | 1.8×10 <sup>-4</sup> | H <sub>2</sub> O | 2         |
| [Cd(Hebic)] <sub>n</sub>   | 0.0 - 1.3×10 <sup>-3</sup>                                | 1.8×10 <sup>5</sup>     | 3.1×10 <sup>-5</sup> | H <sub>2</sub> O | 3         |
| [Eu(Hpzbc) <sub>2</sub> (NO <sub>3</sub> )] <cdoth<sub>2O</cdoth<sub>  | 0.0 - 2.2×10 <sup>-4</sup>                                | -----                   | 2.6×10 <sup>-5</sup> | Ethanol          | 4         |
| [Zn <sub>2</sub> (L) <sub>2</sub> (bpe) <sub>2</sub> (H <sub>2</sub> O) <sub>2</sub> ]                             | 0.0 - 1.0×10 <sup>-3</sup>                                | 2.4×10 <sup>3</sup>     | 2.5×10 <sup>-5</sup> | H <sub>2</sub> O | 5         |
| [EU(IMS I) <sub>2</sub> ]CL·4H <sub>2</sub> O  | 0.0 - 1.0×10 <sup>-3</sup>                                | 5.9×10 <sup>3</sup>     | 2.3×10 <sup>-5</sup> | H <sub>2</sub> O | This work |
| {[Eu <sub>2</sub> L <sub>1.5</sub> (H <sub>2</sub> O) <sub>2</sub> EtOH]·DMF} <sub>n</sub>                         | 0.0 - 0.5×10 <sup>-3</sup>                                | 2.9×10 <sup>3</sup>     | 1.0×10 <sup>-5</sup> | DMF              | 6         |
| {(Me <sub>2</sub> NH <sub>2</sub> )[Tb(oba) <sub>2</sub> ]·(Hatz)·(H <sub>2</sub> O) <sub>1.5</sub> } <sub>n</sub> | 0.0 - 1.0×10 <sup>-4</sup>                                | 3.4 × 10 <sup>4</sup>   | 1.0×10 <sup>-6</sup> | H <sub>2</sub> O | 7         |
| {Eu-HODA(H <sub>2</sub> O) <sub>4</sub> (H <sub>2</sub> O)} <sub>n</sub>   | 0.0 - 3.0×10 <sup>-4</sup>                                | 2.1 × 10 <sup>4</sup>   | 1.0×10 <sup>-7</sup> | H <sub>2</sub> O | 8         |

H<sub>4</sub>bptc=tetracarboxylic acidH<sub>2</sub>hfipbb = 4, 4'-(hexafluoroisopropylidene)bis(benzoic acid), Htrz = 1H-1,2,3-triazoleH<sub>3</sub>cbic = 1-(4-carboxybenz-yl)-1H-benzimidazole-5, 6-dicarboxylic acidH<sub>2</sub>pzbc = 3-(1H-pyrazol-3-yl) benzoic acid

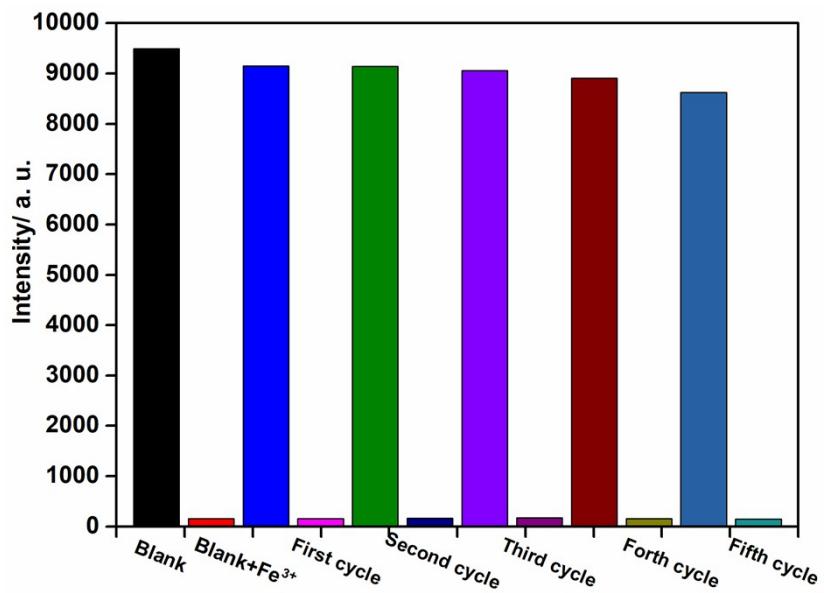
L=4,4'-(1,2- phenylenebis(methylene))bis(oxy)dibenzoic acid

bpe = (E)-1,2-di(pyridin-4-yl)ethene

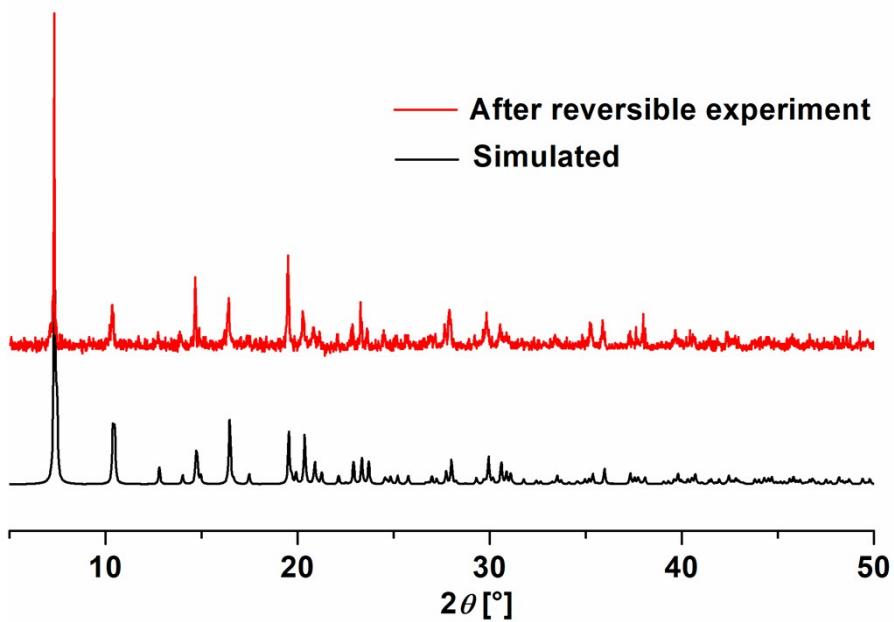
L= 5, 5 '-(carbonyl-bis(azanediyl))diisophthalic acid

H<sub>2</sub>oba = 4, 4'-oxybis(benzoate), Hatz = 3-amino-1,2,4-triazoleH<sub>4</sub>ODA = 2, 2', 3, 3'-Oxidiphthalic acid

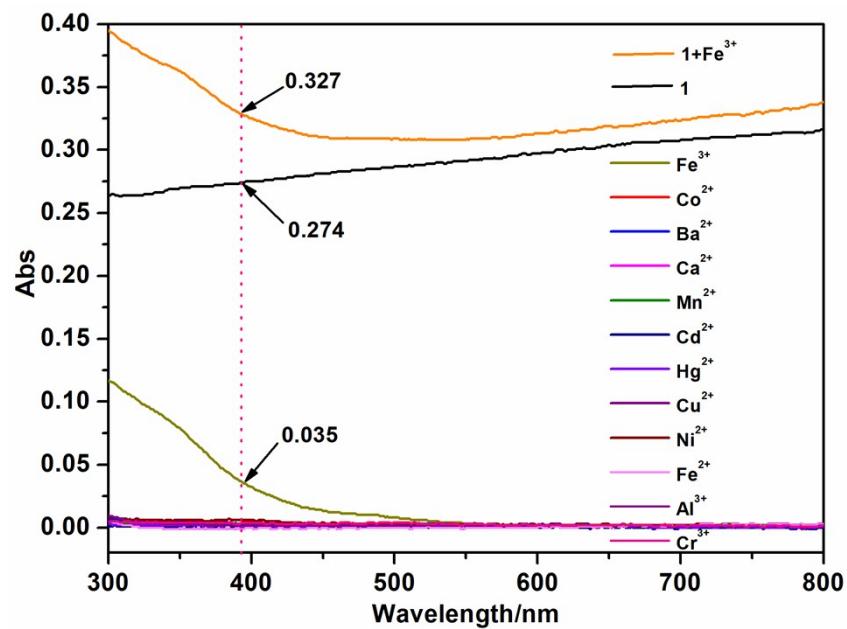
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**Fig. S9** The reversibility test for sensing Fe<sup>3+</sup>. The luminescence intensity of **1**, recycled **1** and Fe<sup>3+</sup>@**1**.



**Fig. S10** The PXRD pattern of **1** after five sensing-recovery circles.



**Fig. S11** Absorption spectra of water-solution containing  $\text{Fe}^{3+}$  and other metal ions ( $10^{-4}$  M), suspension of complex **1** and suspension of complex **1** with  $\text{Fe}^{3+}$ .