

## Supporting Information

# Highly Selective and Sensitive Fluorescent Sensor Based on Tb<sup>3+</sup> Functionalized MOFs to Determine Arginine in Urine: A Potential Application for Diagnosis of Cystinuria

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## 1.Tables

Table S1 The main crystal and refinement data for Cd-MOF

Compound	Cd-MOF
Formular	C <sub>54</sub> H <sub>25</sub> Cd <sub>4</sub> N <sub>9</sub> O <sub>25</sub>
Fw	1649.43
Temperature (K)	293(2) K
Wavelength (Å)	1.54184
Crystal system	Orthorhombic
Space group	Pna2 <sub>1</sub>
a/ Å	20.1853(7)
b/ Å	12.0295(6)
c/ Å	28.4889(8)
α/(°)	90
β/(°)	90
γ/(°)	90
Volume / Å <sup>3</sup>	6917.6(5)
Z	4
Dc/g cm <sup>-3</sup>	1.584
F(000)	3216
Reflections collected / unique	38515/11273
GOF on F <sup>2</sup>	0.975
R <sub>1</sub> <sup>a</sup> [I>2σ(I)]	0.0629
wR <sub>2</sub> <sup>b</sup> [all data]	0.1622

<sup>a</sup> R<sub>1</sub>=  $\sum |F_O| - |F_C| / \sum |F_O|$

<sup>b</sup> wR<sub>2</sub>=  $[\sum [w(F_O^2 - F_C^2)^2] / \sum [(wF_O^2)^2]]^{1/2}$

Table S2 Selected bond lengths (Å) and angles (°) for Cd-MOF

Bond length (Å)			
Cd(1)–O(1)	2.487(8)	Cd(1)–O(2)	2.270(8)
Cd(1)–O(4)#2	2.437(8)	Cd(1)–O(15)	2.646(8)
Cd(1)–O(16)	2.266(8)	Cd(1)–O(18)	2.207(9)
Cd(1)–O(10)#1	2.404(7)	Cd(2)–O(3)#3	2.199(8)
Cd(2)–O(20)	2.261(9)	Cd(2)–O(14)#4	2.281(8)
Cd(2)–O(1)#5	2.397(8)	Cd(2)–O(20)#6	2.526(9)
Cd(2)–O(13)#4	2.604(8)	Cd(3)–O(5)	2.231(9)
Cd(3)–O(19)#7	2.299(8)	Cd(3)–O(13)#8	2.300(8)
Cd(3)–O(19)#1	2.323(8)	Cd(3)–O(24)#9	2.381(9)
Cd(3)–O(23)#9	2.427(9)	Cd(4)–O(12)#10	2.257(8)
Cd(4)–O(15)	2.275(9)	Cd(4)–O(25)	2.285(10)
Cd(4)–O(9)#1	2.313(9)	Cd(4)–O(17)	2.315(8)
Cd(4)–O(10)#1	2.567(8)	Cd(4)–O(11)#10	2.583(8)
Bond Angle (°)			
O(18)–Cd(1)–O(16)	111.1(3)	O(18)–Cd(1)–O(2)	93.9(3)
O(16)–Cd(1)–O(2)	155.0(3)	O(18)–Cd(1)–O(10)#1	120.0(3)
O(16)–Cd(1)–O(10)#1	87.0(3)	O(2)–Cd(1)–O(10)#1	82.1(3)
O(18)–Cd(1)–O(4)#2	82.0(3)	O(16)–Cd(1)–O(4)#2	84.8(3)
O(2)–Cd(1)–O(4)#2	97.0(3)	O(10)#1–Cd(1)–O(4)#2	158.0(3)
O(18)–Cd(1)–O(1)	137.9(3)	O(16)–Cd(1)–O(1)	102.3(3)
O(2)–Cd(1)–O(1)	54.6(3)	O(10)#1–Cd(1)–O(1)	85.7(3)
O(4)#2–Cd(1)–O(1)	76.1(3)	O(18)–Cd(1)–O(15)	74.6(3)
O(16)–Cd(1)–O(15)	51.5(3)	O(2)–Cd(1)–O(15)	143.8(3)
O(10)#1–Cd(1)–O(15)	75.0(3)	O(4)#2–Cd(1)–O(15)	114.6(3)
O(1)–Cd(1)–O(15)	147.4(3)	O(3)#3–Cd(2)–O(20)	142.9(3)
O(3)#3–Cd(2)–O(14)#4	95.0(3)	O(20)–Cd(2)–O(14)#4	119.2(3)
O(3)#3–Cd(2)–O(1)#5	98.5(3)	O(20)–Cd(2)–O(1)#5	84.1(3)
O(14)#4–Cd(2)–O(1)#5	76.7(3)	O(3)#3–Cd(2)–O(20)#6	83.3(3)
O(20)–Cd(2)–O(20)#6	80.3(3)	O(14)#4–Cd(2)–O(20)#6	125.6(3)
O(1)#5–Cd(2)–O(20)#6	155.5(3)	O(3)#3–Cd(2)–O(13)#4	86.6(3)
O(20)–Cd(2)–O(13)#4	120.4(3)	O(14)#4–Cd(2)–O(13)#4	52.3(3)
O(1)#5–Cd(2)–O(13)#4	126.9(3)	O(20)#6–Cd(2)–O(13)#4	75.5(3)
O(5)–Cd(3)–O(19)#7	107.8(3)	O(5)–Cd(3)–O(13)#8	165.7(3)
O(19)#7–Cd(3)–O(13)#8	81.6(3)	O(5)–Cd(3)–O(19)#1	87.4(3)
O(19)#7–Cd(3)–O(19)#1	125.7(3)	O(13)#8–Cd(3)–O(19)#1	78.3(3)
O(5)–Cd(3)–O(24)#9	87.5(3)	O(19)#7–Cd(3)–O(24)#9	79.4(3)
O(13)#8–Cd(3)–O(24)#9	105.1(3)	O(19)#1–Cd(3)–O(24)#9	154.7(3)
O(5)–Cd(3)–O(23)#9	90.6(3)	O(19)#7–Cd(3)–O(23)#9	126.9(3)
O(13)#8–Cd(3)–O(23)#9	91.6(3)	O(19)#1–Cd(3)–O(23)#9	101.8(3)
O(24)#9–Cd(3)–O(23)#9	53.6(3)	O(12)#10–Cd(4)–O(15)	136.0(3)
O(12)#10–Cd(4)–O(25)	100.2(4)	O(15)–Cd(4)–O(25)	91.4(4)
O(12)#10–Cd(4)–O(9)#1	93.5(3)	O(15)–Cd(4)–O(9)#1	126.9(3)

O(25)–Cd(4)–O(9)#1	91.0(3)	O(12)#10–Cd(4)–O(17)	96.1(3)
O(15)–Cd(4)–O(17)	82.0(3)	O(25)–Cd(4)–O(17)	162.0(3)
O(9)#1–Cd(4)–O(17)	80.4(3)	O(12)#10–Cd(4)–O(10)#1	145.5(3)
O(15)–Cd(4)–O(10)#1	78.4(3)	O(25)–Cd(4)–O(10)#1	77.4(3)
O(9)#1–Cd(4)–O(10)#1	52.5(3)	O(17)–Cd(4)–O(10)#1	84.9(3)
O(12)#10–Cd(4)–O(11)#10	52.3(3)	O(15)–Cd(4)–O(11)#10	84.1(3)
O(25)–Cd(4)–O(11)#10	114.1(3)	O(9)#1–Cd(4)–O(11)#10	139.2(3)
O(17)–Cd(4)–O(11)#10	82.0(3)	O(10)#1–Cd(4)–O(11)#10	159.4(3)

Symmetry codes: #1 1/2–x, y–1/2, z+1/2; #2 1/2–x, y+1/2, z–1/2; #3 –x, –y, z–1/2; #4 x, y–1, z; #5 x–1/2, 1/2–y, z; #6 –x–1/2, y–1/2, z–1/2; #7 x+1, y–1, z; #8 1/2–x, y–3/2, z+1/2; #9 x+1/2, 1/2–y, z; #10 –x, 2–y, z+1/2; #11 –x, –y, z+1/2; #12 –x, 2–y, z–1/2; #13 1/2–x, y+3/2, z–1/2; #14 x, y+1, z; #15 x–1, y+1, z; #16 –1/2–x, y+1/2, z+1/2.

Table S3 Fluorescence sensing to amino acids by MOFs materials

MOF-based fluorescent materials	Analyte	LOD	Solven	Ref.
[Zn <sub>2</sub> (L) <sub>1.5</sub> (H <sub>2</sub> O) <sub>2</sub> ·Me <sub>2</sub> NH <sub>2</sub> ]	His	–	water	[16]
Cd–PPCA	Hcy	40 nM	HEPES buffer	[18]
Ag <sup>+</sup> @ Eu-complex	Asp	0.8 ppm	water	[17]
[Zn <sub>2</sub> ( D-Cam) <sub>2</sub> (4,4'-bpy)] <sub>n</sub>	Tyr	0.1 µg/mL	water	[20]
MN-ZIF-90	Cys	3.02 ppm	water	[22]
SUMOF-7II	Trp	34 ppm	water	[19]
Tb@Cd–MOF	Arg	0.69 ppm	water	This work

## 2. Figures

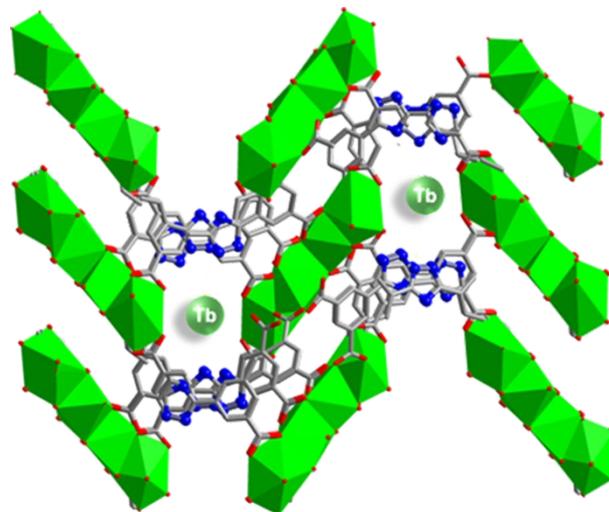


Fig. S1 The Lewis base sites (N) and Lewis acid sites (-COOH) in the pore of Cd-MOF

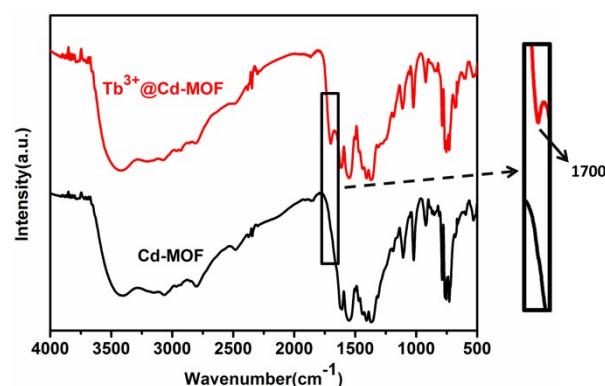


Fig. S2 The IR spectrum of Cd-MOF and Tb<sup>3+</sup>@Cd-MOF

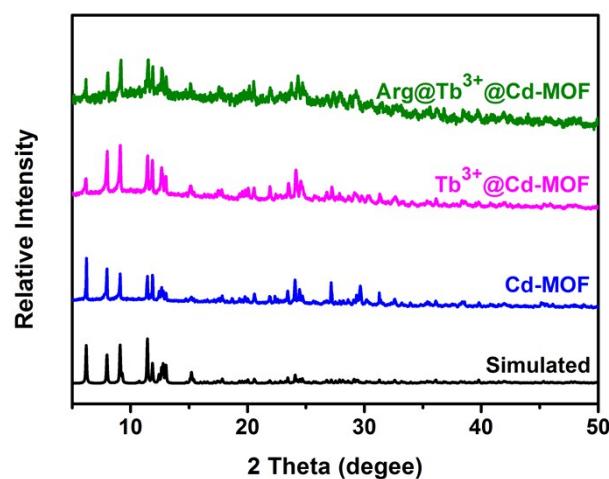


Fig. S3 Powder XRD patterns of simulated Cd-MOF, as-synthesis Cd-MOF, postsynthetic modification Tb<sup>3+</sup>@Cd-MOF and Arg@Tb<sup>3+</sup>@Cd-MOF

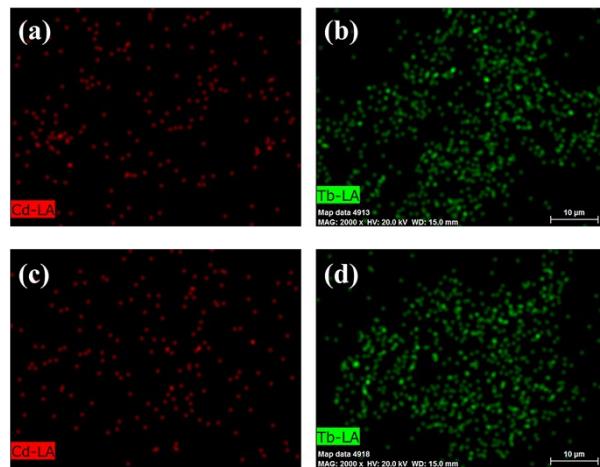


Fig. S4 Energy dispersive X-ray spectroscopy (EDS) mapping of Cd and Tb atom in the  $\text{Tb}^{3+}@\text{Zn-MOF}$  (a, b) and  $\text{Arg}/\text{Tb}^{3+}@\text{Zn-MOF}$  (c, d)

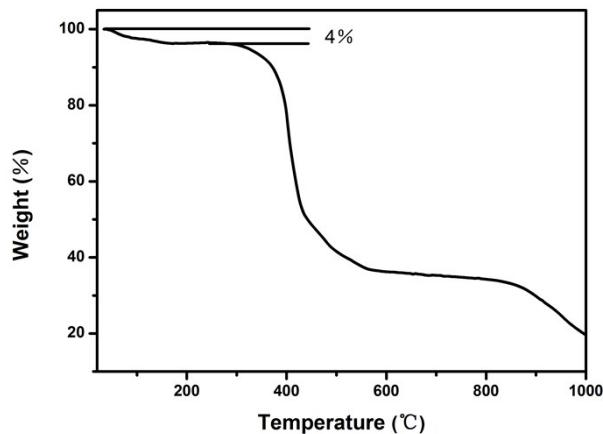


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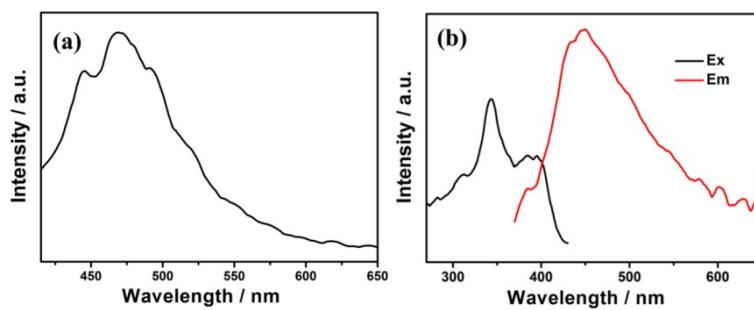


Fig. S6 (a) Emission spectra of  $\text{H}_4\text{L}$  (b) Excitation and emission spectra of Cd-MOF

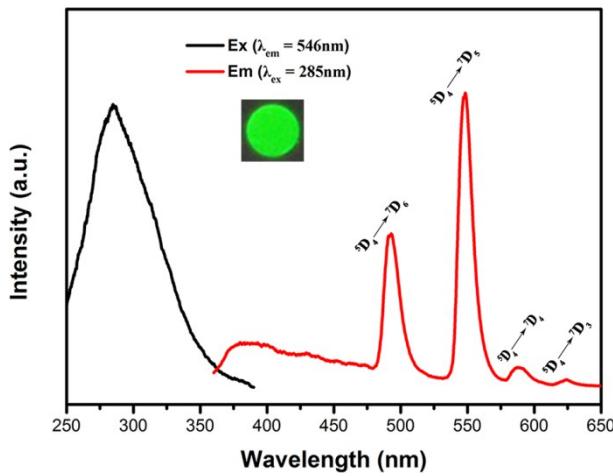


Fig. S7 Solid state fluorescence spectroscopy of  $\text{Tb}^{3+}$ @Cd-MOF

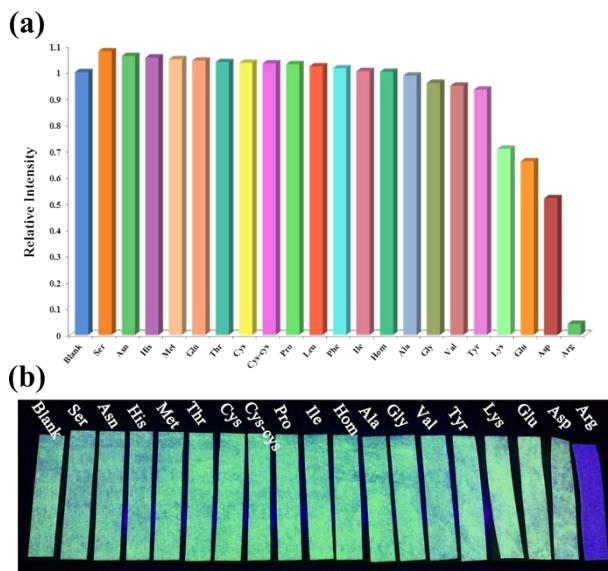


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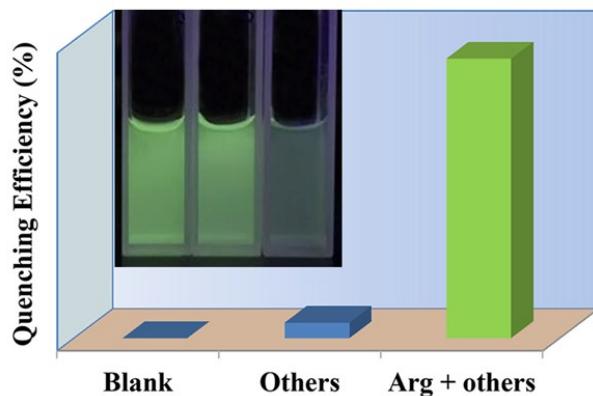


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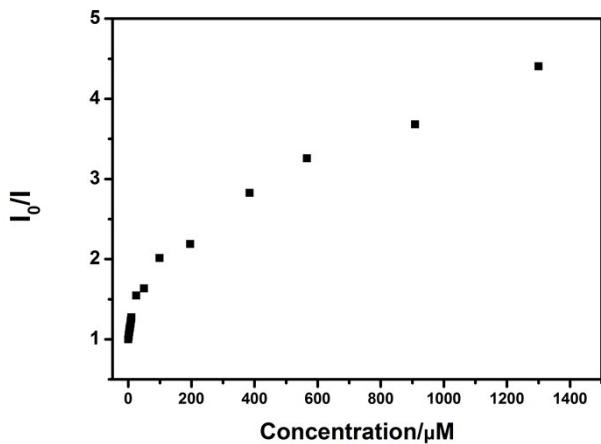


Fig. S10 Stern-Volmer plot for arginine in full concentration region

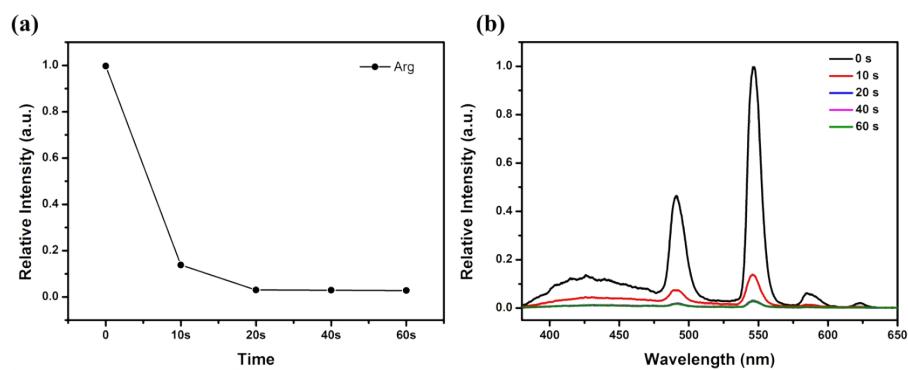


Fig. S11 Fluorescence Spectra of  $\text{Tb}^{3+}$ @Cd-MOF at different detection times

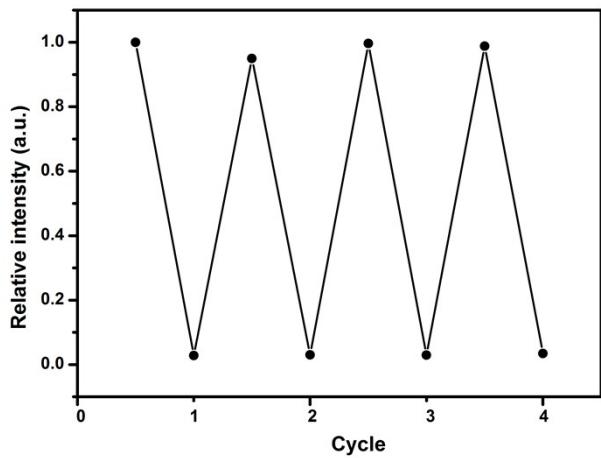


Fig. S12 Fluorescence intensity comparison after detecting arginine five cycles test

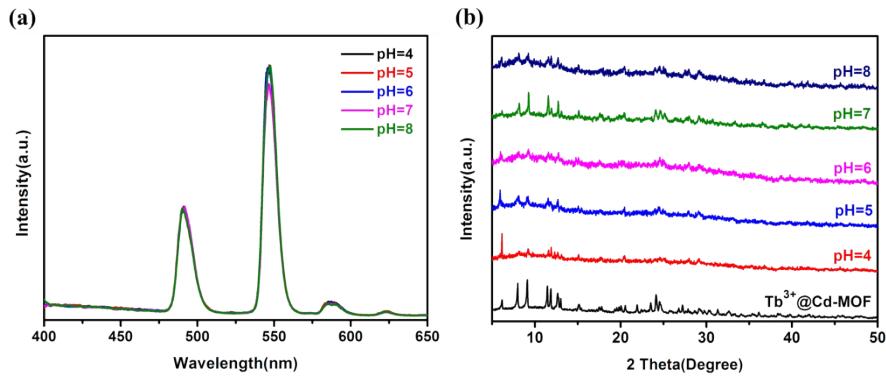


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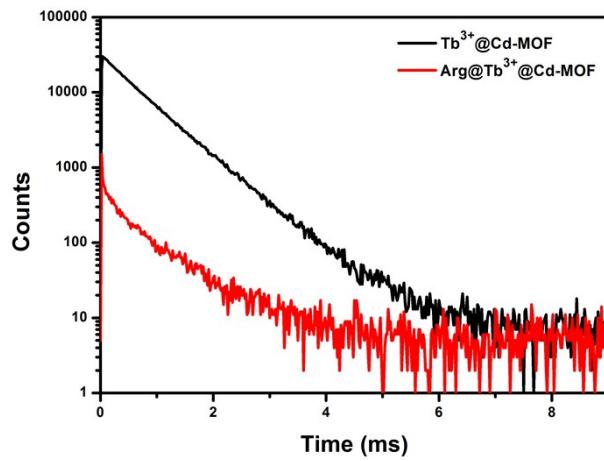


Fig. S14 Fluorescence life curve before and after treated with arginine of  $\text{Tb}^{3+}$ @Cd–MOF

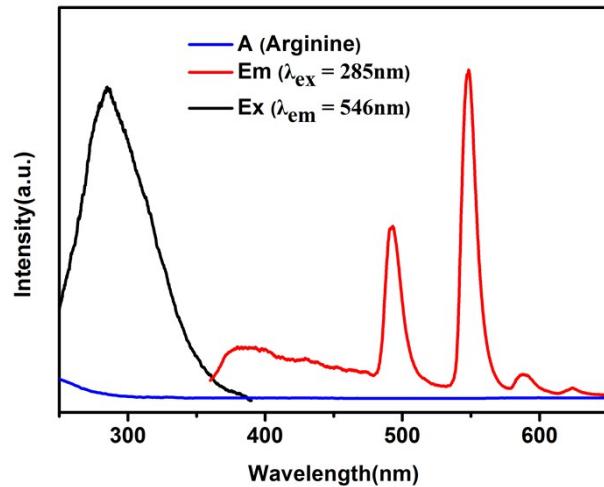


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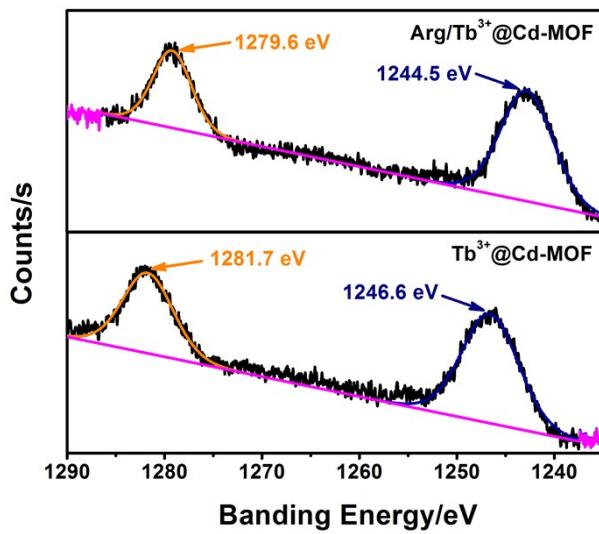


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