

*Supplementary Information for*

## A Water-stable Terbium-MOF Sensor for Selective, Sensitive, and Recyclable Detection of Al<sup>3+</sup> and CO<sub>3</sub><sup>2-</sup> Ions

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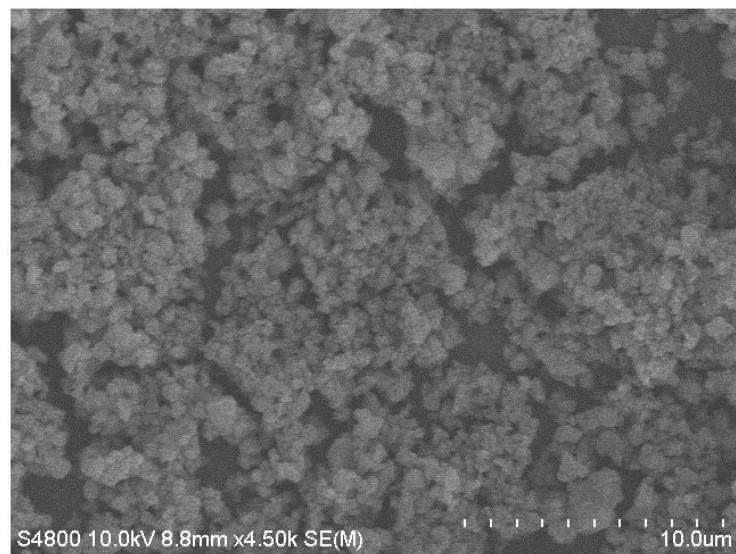
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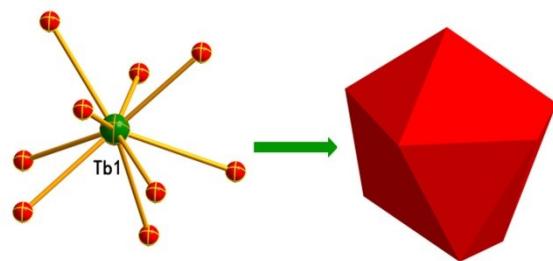
**Table S1.** The selected bond lengths [Å] and angles [°] for **1**.

Compound <b>1</b>			
Tb(1)-O(1)	2.378(5)	Tb(1)-O(2)#2	2.437(5)
Tb(1)-O(9)	2.383(6)	Tb(1)-O(4)#3	2.453(5)
Tb(1)-O(8)	2.383(5)	Tb(1)-O(3)#3	2.453(5)
Tb(1)-O(7)#1	2.422(5)	Tb(1)-O(1)#2	2.613(5)
Tb(1)-O(6)	2.423(5)		
O(1)-Tb(1)-O(9)	85.2(2)	O(7)#1-Tb(1)-O(4)#3	123.32(19)
O(1)-Tb(1)-O(8)	74.50(18)	O(6)-Tb(1)-O(4)#3	72.5(2)
O(9)-Tb(1)-O(8)	77.8(2)	O(2)#2-Tb(1)-O(4)#3	131.38(19)
O(1)-Tb(1)-O(7)#1	140.64(18)	O(1)-Tb(1)-O(3)#3	80.17(18)
O(9)-Tb(1)-O(7)#1	74.5(2)	O(9)-Tb(1)-O(3)#3	126.13(18)
O(8)-Tb(1)-O(7)#1	68.52(18)	O(8)-Tb(1)-O(3)#3	143.42(18)
O(1)-Tb(1)-O(6)	150.78(18)	O(7)#1-Tb(1)-O(3)#3	138.86(18)
O(9)-Tb(1)-O(6)	96.8(2)	O(6)-Tb(1)-O(3)#3	75.16(17)
O(8)-Tb(1)-O(6)	134.52(18)	O(2)#2-Tb(1)-O(3)#3	82.73(17)
O(7)#1-Tb(1)-O(6)	66.58(17)	O(4)#3-Tb(1)-O(3)#3	53.35(17)
O(1)-Tb(1)-O(2)#2	115.07(17)	O(1)-Tb(1)-O(1)#2	64.4(2)
O(9)-Tb(1)-O(2)#2	148.54(19)	O(9)-Tb(1)-O(1)#2	140.8(2)
O(8)-Tb(1)-O(2)#2	84.6(2)	O(8)-Tb(1)-O(1)#2	70.85(18)
O(7)#1-Tb(1)-O(2)#2	74.84(19)	O(7)#1-Tb(1)-O(1)#2	113.37(17)
O(6)-Tb(1)-O(2)#2	77.27(19)	O(6)-Tb(1)-O(1)#2	121.95(19)
O(1)-Tb(1)-O(4)#3	80.28(19)	O(2)#2-Tb(1)-O(1)#2	50.71(17)
O(9)-Tb(1)-O(4)#3	73.21(19)	O(4)#3-Tb(1)-O(1)#2	121.20(17)
O(8)-Tb(1)-O(4)#3	142.8(2)	O(3)#3-Tb(1)-O(1)#2	74.57(16)

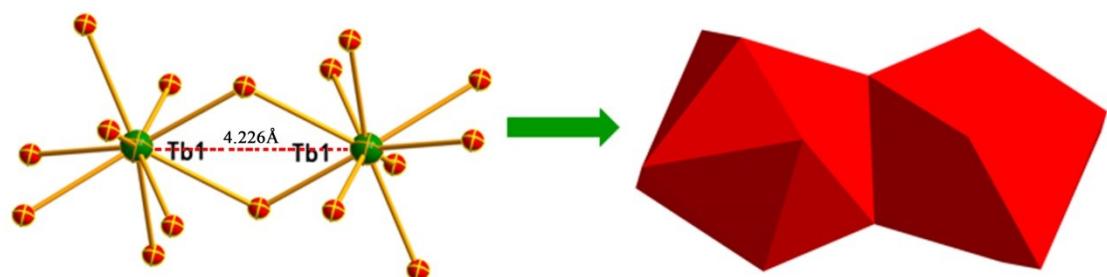
Symmetry transformations used to generate equivalent atoms: #1 -x+3,-y+1,-z      #2 -x+2,-y,-z  
#3 x+1,y,z



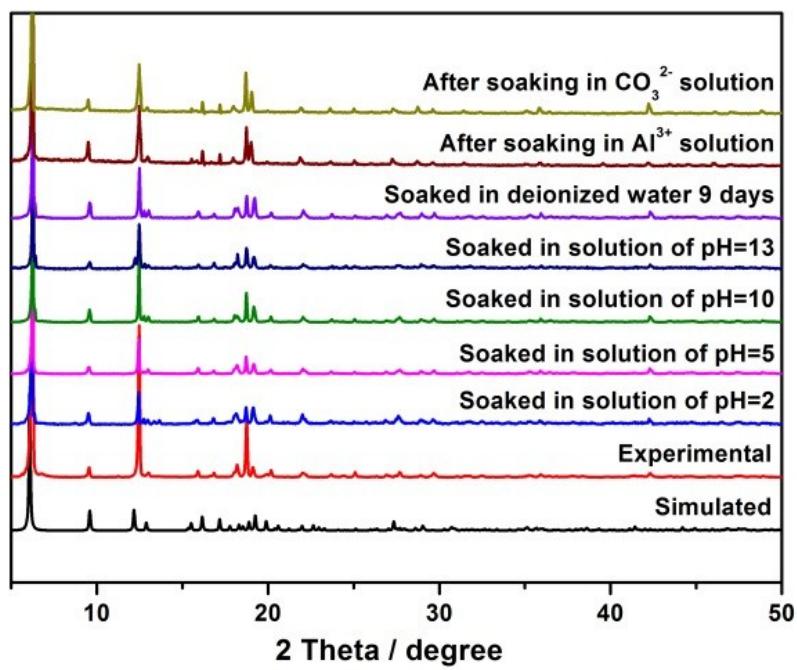
**Fig. S1** The SEM image of **1** after grounding.



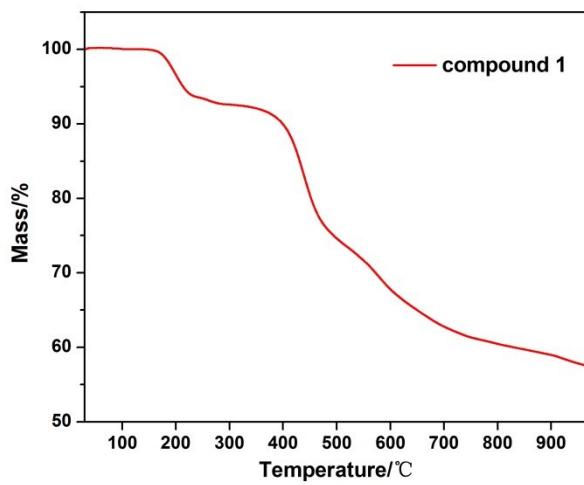
**Fig. S2** The monocapped square antiprism coordination geometry of  $\text{Tb}^{3+}$  ion.



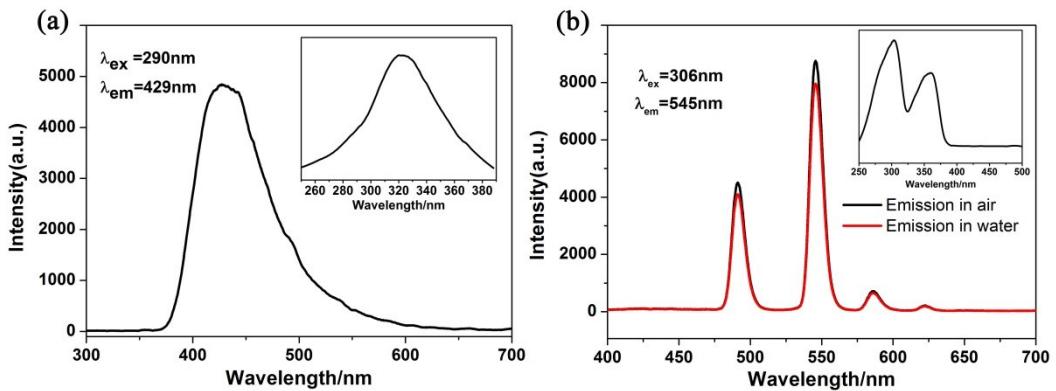
**Fig. S3** The binuclear constituted by  $\text{Tb}^{3+}$  ions.



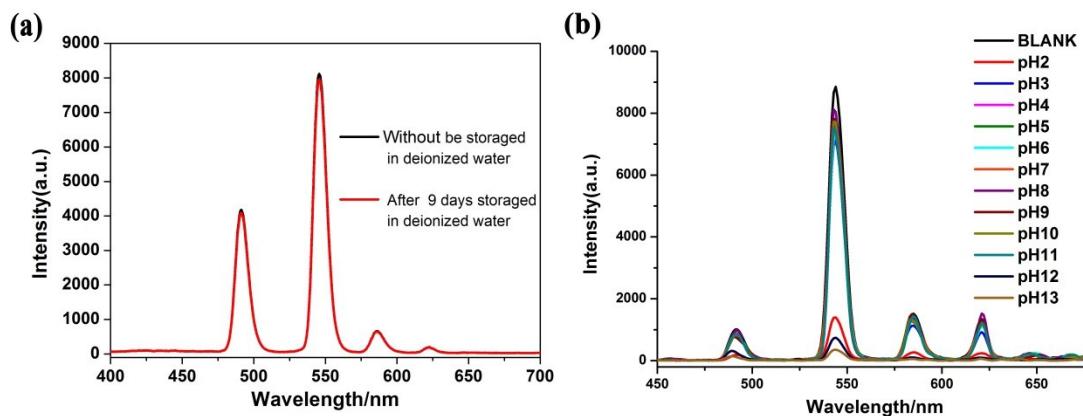
**Fig. S4** PXRD patterns of compound **1** simulated from the X-ray single-crystal structure, as-synthesized samples of compound **1**, compound **1** soaked in various solutions, and power X-ray diffraction patterns of **1** after five recyclable experiments.



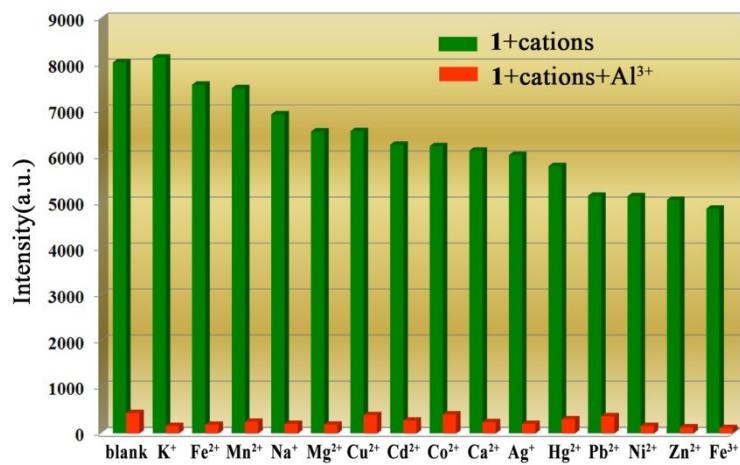
**Fig. S5** View of the TG analysis profile of compound **1**.



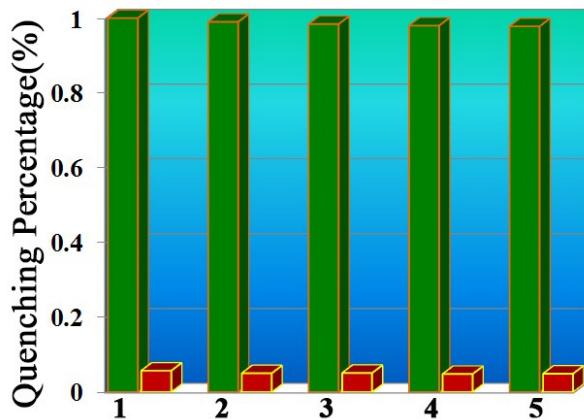
**Fig. S6** (a) The emission spectrum of  $\text{H}_2\text{ppda}$  ligand. Insets: The excitation spectrum of  $\text{H}_2\text{ppda}$  ligand; (b) The emission spectra of compound **1** in the solid-state and aqueous suspension, respectively. Insets: The excitation spectrum of compound **1**.



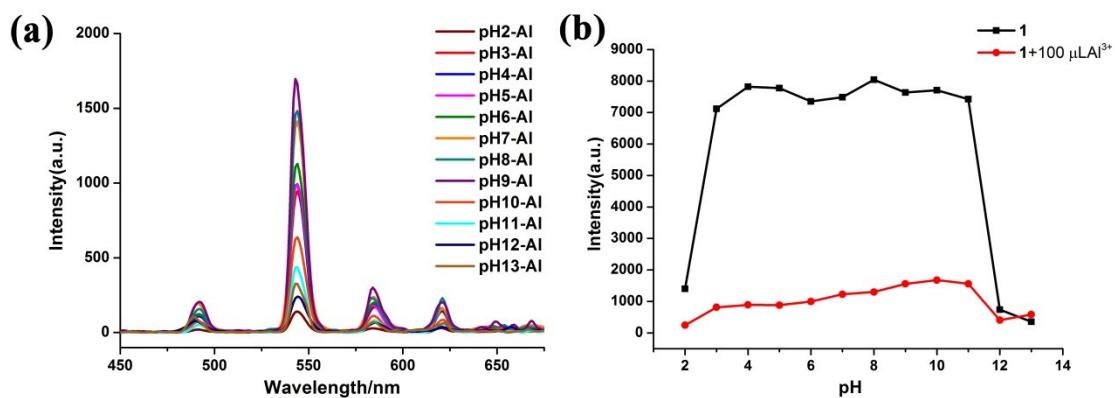
**Fig.S7** (a)The emission spectra of **1** without and after 9 days' storage in deionized water; (b)The emission spectra of **1** immersed in acid/base solutions with pH values varied from 2 to 13.



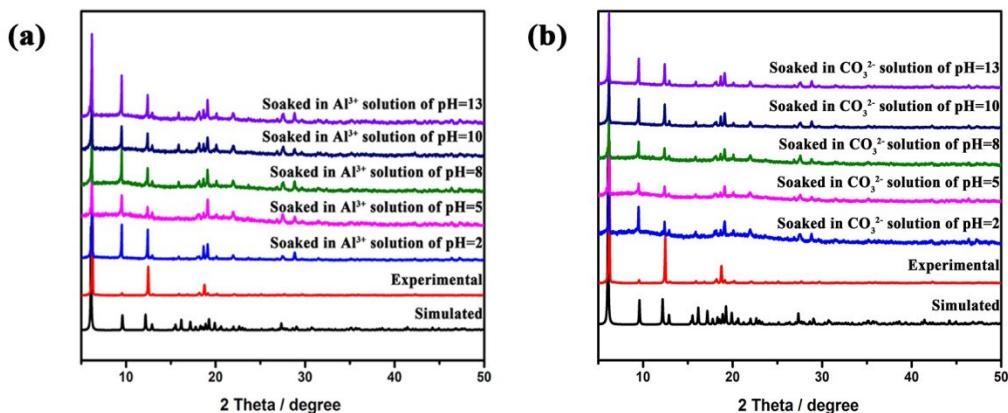
**Fig. S8** The fluorescence intensity for **1** exposed to single cation and mixed cations in aqueous solutions.



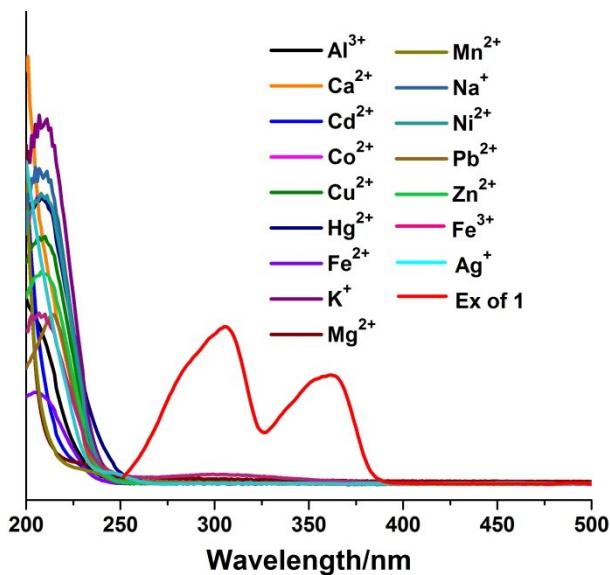
**Fig. S9** Quenching and recovery test of **1** in aqueous solution. The green columns represent the initial relative luminescent intensity and the red columns represent the relative intensity on addition of Al<sup>3+</sup>.



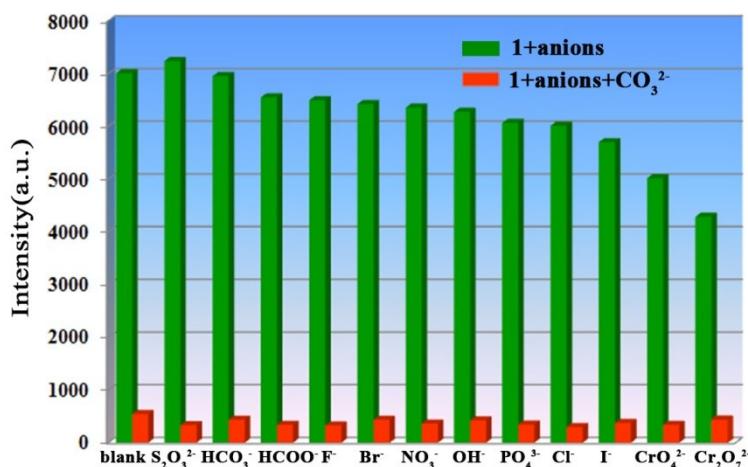
**Fig. S10** (a) PL spectra of **1** dispersed in various aqueous solutions (pH 2-13) in presence of 100 μL Al<sup>3+</sup> ion; (b) Comparison of fluorescence intensity for **1** dispersed in aqueous solutions of pH 2-13 (black line) and in presence of 100 μL Al<sup>3+</sup> ion (red line).



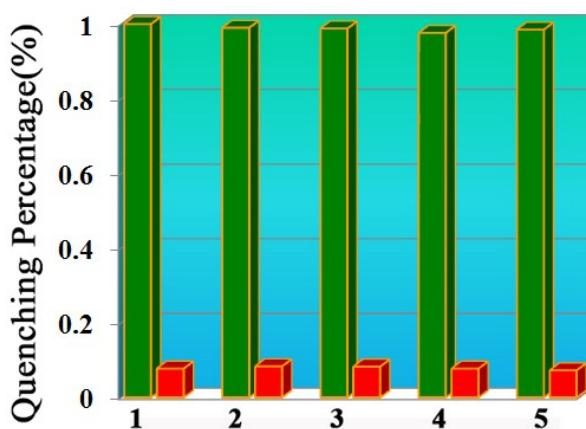
**Fig. S11** PXRD patterns of compound **1** simulated from the X-ray single-crystal structure, as-synthesized samples of compound **1**, compound **1** soaked in Al<sup>3+</sup> (a) and CO<sub>3</sub><sup>2-</sup> (b) solutions of different pH.



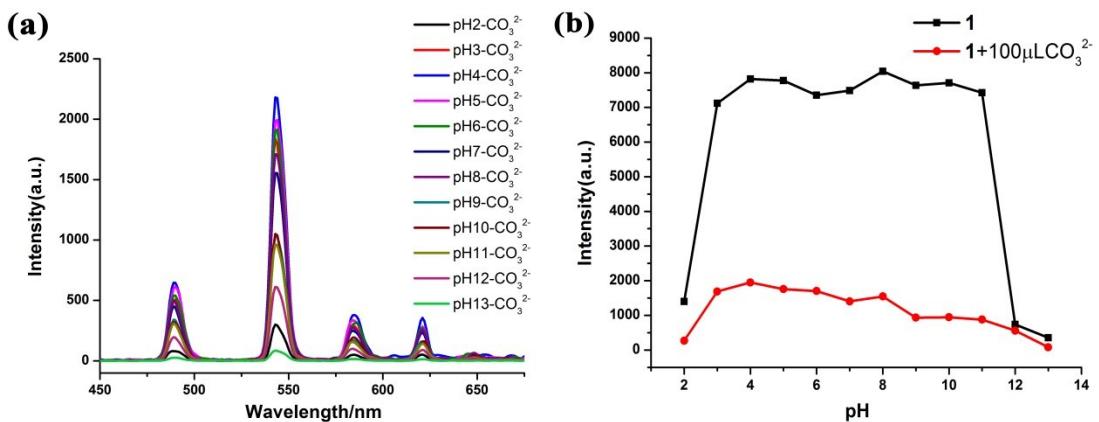
**Fig. S12** The UV-Vis adsorption spectra of  $\text{M}(\text{NO}_3)_x$  aqueous solutions and the excitation spectrum of **1**.



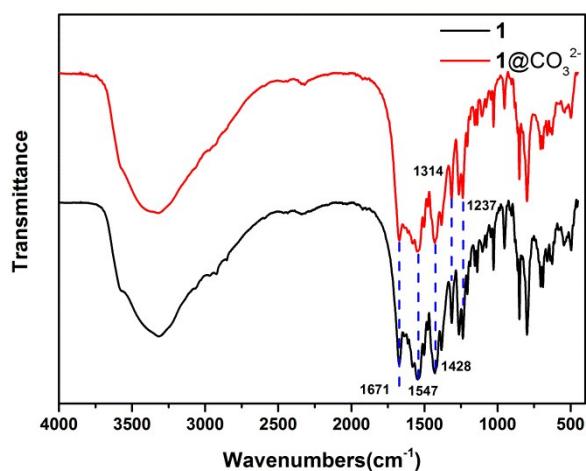
**Fig. S13** The fluorescence intensities for **1** exposed to single anion and mixed anions in aqueous solutions.



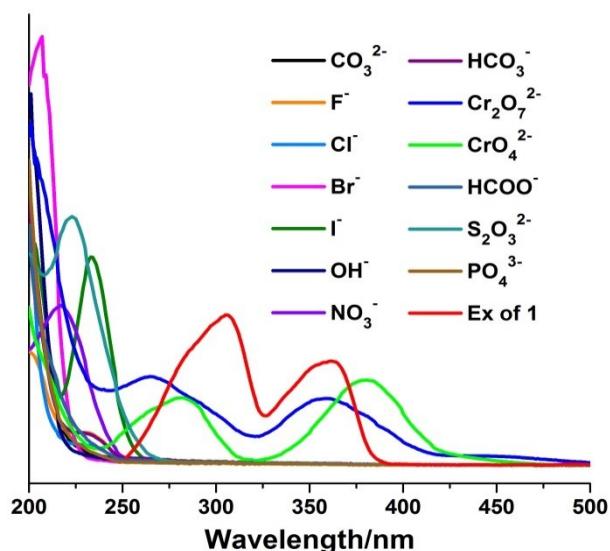
**Fig. S14** Quenching and recovery test of **1** in aqueous solution. The green columns represent the initial relative luminescent intensity and the red columns represent the relative intensity on addition of  $\text{CO}_3^{2-}$ .



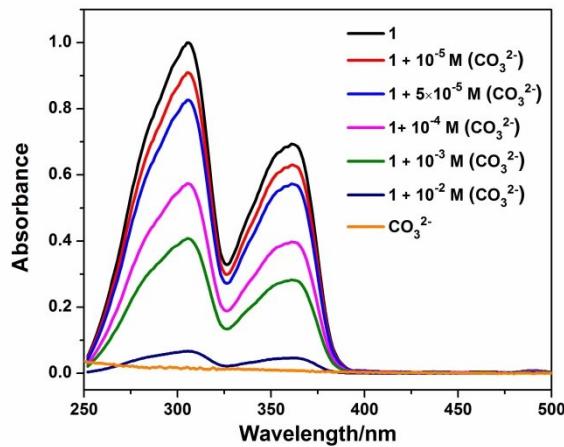
**Fig. S15** (a) PL spectra of **1** dispersed in various aqueous solutions of pH = 2-13 in presence of 100  $\mu\text{L}$   $\text{CO}_3^{2-}$  ion; (b) Comparison of fluorescence intensity for **1** dispersed in aqueous solutions of pH = 2-13 (black line ) and in presence of 100  $\mu\text{L}$   $\text{CO}_3^{2-}$  ion (red line).



**Fig. S16** FT-IR spectra of **1** after immersed in  $\text{K}_2\text{CO}_3$  aqueous solution and the untreated powder.



**Fig. S17** The UV-Vis adsorption spectra of  $\text{K}(\text{anion})_x$  aqueous solutions and the excitation spectrum of **1**.



**Fig. S18** The UV-Vis adsorption spectra of **1** after adding various concentrations of  $\text{K}_2\text{CO}_3$  aqueous solutions.

**Table S2** Comparison of literature reports for MOFs as sensors of  $\text{Al}^{3+}$

MOF	$K_{SV} (\text{M}^{-1})$	Detection Limit	Medium	Ref.
$[\text{Tb}(\text{ppda})(\text{ox})_{0.5}(\text{H}_2\text{O})_2]_n$ ( <b>1</b> )	$5.26 \times 10^3$	$5.66 \times 10^{-6} \text{ M}$ (152 ppb)	$\text{H}_2\text{O}$	<b>This work</b>
$[\{\text{Cd}_2(\text{syn-dftpmcp})(1,3-\text{BDC})_2\} \cdot 0.5\text{DMF} \cdot \text{H}_2\text{O}]_n$	/	183 ppb	$\text{CH}_3\text{CN}$	1
UiO-66-NH <sub>2</sub> -SA	/	6.98 $\mu\text{M}$	$\text{H}_2\text{O}$	2
MOF-LIC-1 (Eu-MOF)	$3.79 \times 10^4$	/	DMF	3
$[\text{Cd}(\text{PAM})(4-\text{bpdb})_{1.5}] \cdot \text{DMF}$ (Cd-MOF)	$2.3 \times 10^4$	$5.6 \times 10^{-7} \text{ M}$	$\text{H}_2\text{O}$	4
$\{(\text{Me}_2\text{NH}_2)[\text{Tb}(\text{OBA})_2] \cdot (\text{Hatz}) \cdot (\text{H}_2\text{O})_{1.5}\}_n$ ( <b>1</b> )	$3.4 \times 10^4$	/	$\text{H}_2\text{O}$	5
$[\text{Zn}_2(\text{HL})_3]^+ @ \text{MOF-5}$	$7.478 \times 10^4$	/	DMF	6

**Table S3** Comparison of literature reports for MOFs as sensors of  $\text{CO}_3^{2-}$

MOF	$K_{SV} (\text{M}^{-1})$	Detection Limit	Medium	Ref.
$[\text{Tb}(\text{ppda})(\text{ox})_{0.5}(\text{H}_2\text{O})_2]_n$ ( <b>1</b> )	$1.78 \times 10^3$	$3.76 \times 10^{-7} \text{ M}$ (0.38 $\mu\text{M}$ )	$\text{H}_2\text{O}$	<b>This work</b>
$[\text{Eu}](\text{Hhip})_2(\text{OAc})_6$	$9.142 \times 10^3$	7.8 $\mu\text{M}$	DMSO	7
$\{[\text{Eu}(\text{HL})(\text{H}_2\text{O})_3] \cdot \text{H}_2\text{O}\}_n$ ( <b>1</b> )	$3.78 \times 10^3$	$10^{-6} \text{ M}$	$\text{H}_2\text{O}$	8
$\{[\text{Eu}(\text{HBPTC})(\text{H}_2\text{O})_2] \cdot 2\text{DMF}\}_n$ film	/	$10^{-6} \text{ M}$	$\text{H}_2\text{O}$	9
(E)-3-(4-methoxyphenyl)-4-[(4-nitrobenzylidene)-amino]-1H-1,2,4-triazole-5(4H)-thione ( <b>6</b> )	/	1.91 $\mu\text{M}$	EtOH/water (3:7, v/v)	10
$\{[\text{Zn}_2(\mu_3-\text{OH})(\text{cpt})](4,4'-\text{bipy})\} \cdot \text{H}_2\text{O}$ ( <b>1</b> )	$9.47 \times 10^3$	$5.55 \times 10^{-6} \text{ M}$ (5.55 $\mu\text{M}$ )	$\text{H}_2\text{O}$	11

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