

*Supporting Information for*

**Novel alkaline earth metal-organic frameworks with thiophene group for  
selective Detection of Fe<sup>3+</sup>**

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**Table S1** Crystal data and structure refinements for **1-3**

Compounds	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>
Formula	C <sub>29</sub> H <sub>37</sub> Mg <sub>2</sub> N <sub>3</sub> O <sub>13</sub> S <sub>4</sub>	C <sub>13</sub> H <sub>13</sub> CaNO <sub>5</sub> S <sub>2</sub>	C <sub>13</sub> H <sub>13</sub> NO <sub>5</sub> S <sub>2</sub> Sr
Formula weight	812.47	367.44	414.98
Crystal system	Monoclinic	Orthorhombic	Orthorhombic
Space group	<i>P2<sub>1</sub>/m</i>	<i>Pmc2<sub>1</sub></i>	<i>Pnma</i>
<i>a</i> (Å)	10.759(2)	22.642(3)	7.3261(15)
<i>b</i> (Å)	19.330(4)	9.7853(12)	22.720(5)
<i>c</i> (Å)	12.307(3)	6.8909(8)	9.936(2)
$\alpha$ (deg)	90	90	90
$\beta$ (deg)	100.26(3)	90	90
$\gamma$ (deg)	90	90	90
<i>V</i> (Å <sup>3</sup> )	2518.7(9)	1526.7(3)	1653.8(6)
<i>Z</i>	2	4	4
<i>D<sub>c</sub></i> (g·cm <sup>-3</sup> )	1.071	1.599	1.667
$\mu$ (mm <sup>-1</sup> )	0.262	0.706	3.532
GOF	1.064	1.115	1.243
<i>R</i> <sub>1</sub> [ <i>I</i> > 2 $\sigma$ ( <i>I</i> )] <sup>a</sup>	0.1072	0.0393	0.0660
<i>WR</i> <sub>2</sub> [ <i>I</i> > 2 $\sigma$ ( <i>I</i> )] <sup>b</sup>	0.3159	0.1070	0.1625
<i>R</i> <sub>1</sub> [all data]	0.1944	0.0412	0.0742
<i>wR</i> <sub>2</sub> [all data]	0.3707	0.1092	0.1679
Diff peak, hole (e Å <sup>-3</sup> )	0.761, -0.394	0.458, -0.344	0.958, -0.852

$$R_1 = \frac{\sum ||F_o| - |F_c||}{\sum |F_o|}, wR_2 = \left[ \frac{\sum w(F_o^2 - F_c^2)^2}{\sum w(F_o^2)^2} \right]^{1/2}$$

**Table S2** Selected bond lengths(Å) and angles(°) for **1**.

Mg(1)-O(1)	2.069(4)	Mg(1)-O(1W)	2.161(6)
Mg(1)-O(1)#1	2.069(4)	Mg(1)-O(2W)	2.052(8)
Mg(1)-O(3)	2.075(4)	Mg(1)-O(3)#1	2.075(4)
Mg(2)-O(1W)	2.074(5)	Mg(2)-O(2)	2.025(5)
Mg(2)-O(2)#1	2.025(5)	Mg(2)-O(5)	2.053(6)
Mg(2)-O(6)	2.034(6)	Mg(2)-O(6)#1	2.034(6)
O(1)-Mg(1)-O(1)#1	92.6(2)	O(1)-Mg(1)-O(1W)	91.30(19)
O(1)-Mg(1)-O(3)	88.34(16)	O(1)-Mg(1)-O(3)#1	178.97(19)
O(1)#1-Mg(1)-O(1W)	91.30(19)	O(1)#1-Mg(1)-O(3)	178.97(19)
O(1)#1-Mg(1)-O(3)#1	88.34(16)	O(2W)-Mg(1)-O(1)	88.1(2)
O(2W)-Mg(1)-O(1)#1	88.1(2)	O(2W)-Mg(1)-O(1W)	179.2(2)
O(2W)-Mg(1)-O(3)	91.4(2)	O(2W)-Mg(1)-O(3)#1	91.4(2)
O(3)-Mg(1)-O(1W)	89.15(19)	O(3)-Mg(1)-O(3)#1	90.7(2)
O(3)#1-Mg(1)-O(1W)	89.15(19)	O(2)-Mg(2)-O(1W)	92.8(2)
O(2)-Mg(2)-O(5)	90.7(2)	O(2)-Mg(2)-O(6)	88.7(2)
O(2)-Mg(2)-O(6)#1	177.4(3)	O(2)#1-Mg(2)-O(1W)	92.8(2)
O(2)#1-Mg(2)-O(2)	93.8(3)	O(2)#1-Mg(2)-O(5)	90.7(2)
O(2)#1-Mg(2)-O(6)	177.4(3)	O(2)#1-Mg(2)-O(6)#1	88.7(2)
O(5)-Mg(2)-O(1W)	174.9(3)	O(6)-Mg(2)-O(1W)	88.1(2)
O(6)-Mg(2)-O(5)	88.2(2)	O(6)-Mg(2)-O(6)#1	88.9(4)
O(6)#1-Mg(2)-O(1W)	88.1(2)	O(6)#1-Mg(2)-O(5)	88.2(2)

Symmetry code: #1: x, -y+1/2, z.

**Table S3** Selected bond lengths(Å) and angles(°) for **2**.

Ca(1)-O(1)	2.402(4)	Ca(1)-O(1)#3	2.402(4)
Ca(1)-O(2)	2.604(4)	Ca(1)-O(2)#1	2.341(4)
Ca(1)-O(2)#2	2.341(4)	Ca(1)-O(2)#3	2.604(4)
Ca(1)-O(5)	2.468(5)	Ca(1)-O(5)#4	2.495(5)
Ca(2)-O(3)	2.633(4)	Ca(2)-O(3)#5	2.361(4)
Ca(2)-O(3)#6	2.361(4)	Ca(2)-O(3)#8	2.633(4)
Ca(2)-O(4)	2.410(4)	Ca(2)-O(4)#8	2.410(4)
Ca(2)-O(6)	2.437(5)	Ca(2)-O(6)#7	2.405(5)
O(1)-Ca(1)-O(2)	52.14(13)	O(1)-Ca(1)-O(2)#3	103.52(14)
O(1)-Ca(1)-O(5)	80.69(13)	O(1)-Ca(1)-O(5)#4	119.00(13)
O(1)#3-Ca(1)-O(1)	91.6(2)	O(1)#3-Ca(1)-O(2)	103.52(14)
O(1)#3-Ca(1)-O(2)#3	52.14(13)	O(1)#3-Ca(1)-O(5)	80.69(13)
O(1)#3-Ca(1)-O(5)#4	119.00(13)	O(2)-Ca(1)-O(2)#3	72.50(17)
O(2)#1-Ca(1)-O(1)	154.43(15)	O(2)#1-Ca(1)-O(1)#3	87.66(14)
O(2)#1-Ca(1)-O(2)	152.20(11)	O(2)#1-Ca(1)-O(2)#2	82.27(19)
O(2)#1-Ca(1)-O(2)#3	96.12(13)	O(2)#1-Ca(1)-O(5)	73.96(13)
O(2)#1-Ca(1)-O(5)#4	83.15(13)	O(2)#2-Ca(1)-O(1)	87.66(14)
O(2)#2-Ca(1)-O(1)#3	154.43(15)	O(2)#2-Ca(1)-O(2)	96.12(13)
O(2)#2-Ca(1)-O(2)#3	152.20(11)	O(2)#2-Ca(1)-O(5)	73.96(13)
O(2)#2-Ca(1)-O(5)#4	83.15(13)	O(5)-Ca(1)-O(2)	132.46(11)
O(5)-Ca(1)-O(2)#3	132.46(11)	O(5)-Ca(1)-O(5)#4	149.37(18)
O(5)#4-Ca(1)-O(2)	69.13(12)	O(5)#4-Ca(1)-O(2)#3	69.13(12)
O(3)-Ca(2)-O(3)#8	69.54(16)	O(3)#5-Ca(2)-O(3)	152.74(11)
O(3)#5-Ca(2)-O(3)#6	79.02(19)	O(3)#5-Ca(2)-O(3)#8	99.40(13)
O(3)#5-Ca(2)-O(4)	154.37(15)	O(3)#5-Ca(2)-O(4)#8	89.93(14)
O(3)#5-Ca(2)-O(6)	75.98(12)	O(3)#5-Ca(2)-O(6)#7	81.30(14)
O(3)#6-Ca(2)-O(3)	99.40(13)	O(3)#6-Ca(2)-O(3)#8	152.74(11)
O(3)#6-Ca(2)-O(4)	89.93(14)	O(3)#6-Ca(2)-O(4)#8	154.37(15)
O(3)#6-Ca(2)-O(6)	75.98(12)	O(3)#6-Ca(2)-O(6)#7	81.30(14)
O(4)-Ca(2)-O(3)	51.56(12)	O(4)-Ca(2)-O(3)#8	100.82(14)
O(4)-Ca(2)-O(4)#8	90.4(2)	O(4)-Ca(2)-O(6)	78.95(12)
O(4)#8-Ca(2)-O(3)	100.82(14)	O(4)#8-Ca(2)-O(3)#8	51.56(12)
O(4)#8-Ca(2)-O(6)	78.95(12)	O(6)-Ca(2)-O(3)	130.46(11)
O(6)-Ca(2)-O(3)#8	130.46(11)	O(6)#7-Ca(2)-O(3)	71.61(13)
O(6)#7-Ca(2)-O(3)#8	71.61(13)	O(6)#7-Ca(2)-O(4)	120.11(13)
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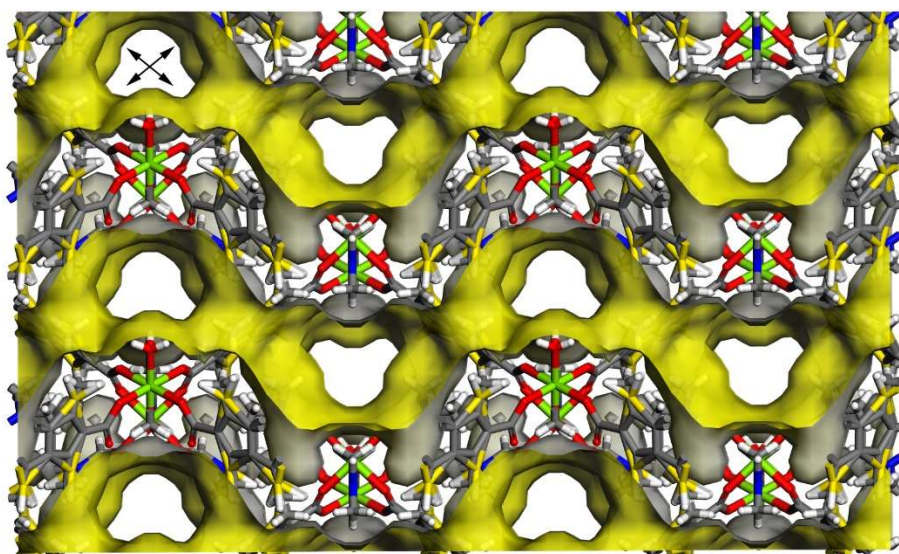
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#5: -x+2, -y+1, z+1/2; #6: x, -y+1, z+1/2; #7: -x+2, -y+1, z-1/2; #8: -x+2, y, z.

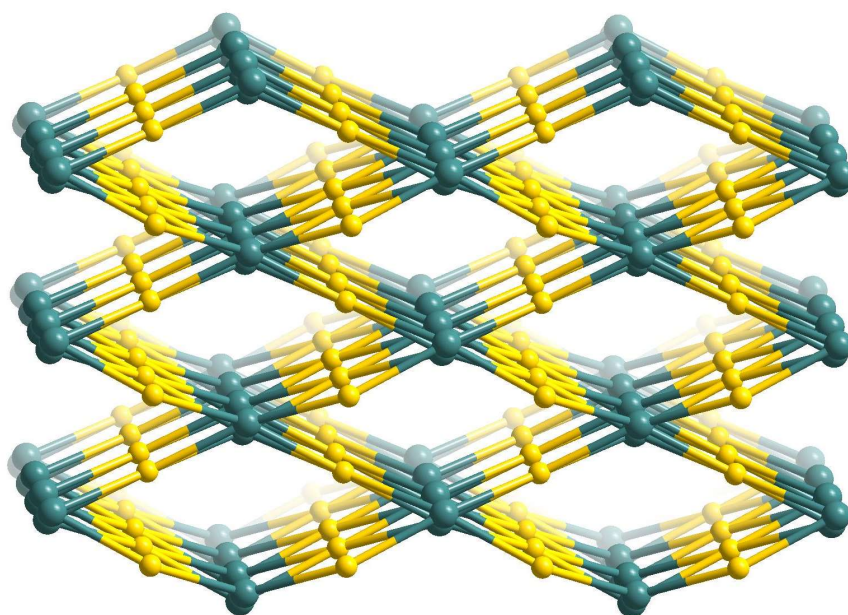
**Table S4** Selected bond lengths(Å) and angles(°) for **3**.

Sr(1)-O(1)	2.506(5)	Sr(1)-O(1)#1	2.506(5)
Sr(1)-O(1)#2	2.706(6)	Sr(1)-O(1)#3	2.706(6)
Sr(1)-O(2)#2	2.561(6)	Sr(1)-O(2)#3	2.561(6)
Sr(1)-O(3)	2.627(8)	Sr(1)-O(3)#4	2.566(8)
O(1)-Sr(1)-O(1)#1	78.0(3)	O(1)-Sr(1)-O(1)#2	153.56(13)
O(1)-Sr(1)-O(1)#3	99.3(2)	O(1)-Sr(1)-O(2)#2	154.9(2)
O(1)-Sr(1)-O(2)#3	90.2(2)	O(1)-Sr(1)-O(3)	83.8(2)
O(1)-Sr(1)-O(3)#4	73.94(19)	O(1)#1-Sr(1)-O(1)#2	99.3(2)
O(1)#1-Sr(1)-O(1)#3	153.56(13)	O(1)#1-Sr(1)-O(2)#2	90.2(2)
O(1)#1-Sr(1)-O(2)#3	154.9(2)	O(1)#1-Sr(1)-O(3)	83.8(2)
O(1)#1-Sr(1)-O(3)#4	73.94(19)	O(1)#2-Sr(1)-O(1)#3	71.3(3)
O(2)#2-Sr(1)-O(1)#2	49.67(18)	O(2)#2-Sr(1)-O(1)#3	100.8(2)
O(2)#2-Sr(1)-O(2)#3	91.5(4)	O(2)#2-Sr(1)-O(3)	117.19(18)
O(2)#2-Sr(1)-O(3)#4	81.60(19)	O(2)#3-Sr(1)-O(1)#2	100.8(2)
O(2)#3-Sr(1)-O(1)#3	49.67(18)	O(2)#3-Sr(1)-O(3)	117.19(18)
O(2)#3-Sr(1)-O(3)#4	81.60(19)	O(3)-Sr(1)-O(1)#2	69.77(18)
O(3)-Sr(1)-O(1)#3	69.77(18)	O(3)#4-Sr(1)-O(1)#2	131.12(16)
O(3)#4-Sr(1)-O(1)#3	131.12(16)	O(3)#4-Sr(1)-O(3)	151.2(2)

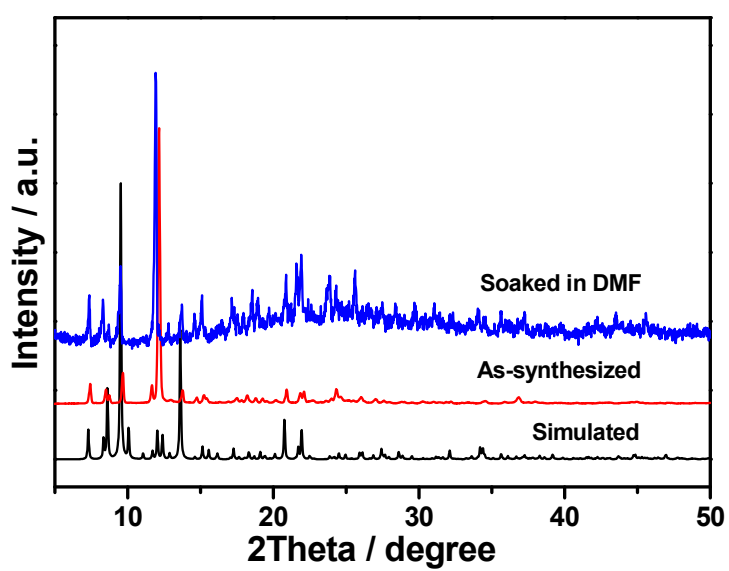
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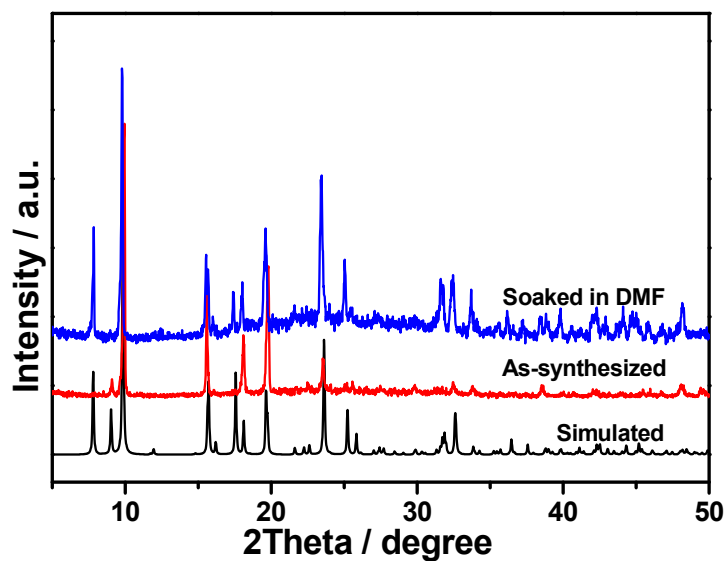
**Fig. S1** View of the 3D framework and channel structure of **1** along the *c*-axis; 1D channel with an effective pore size of approximately  $4.9 \times 4.9 \text{ \AA}^2$ .



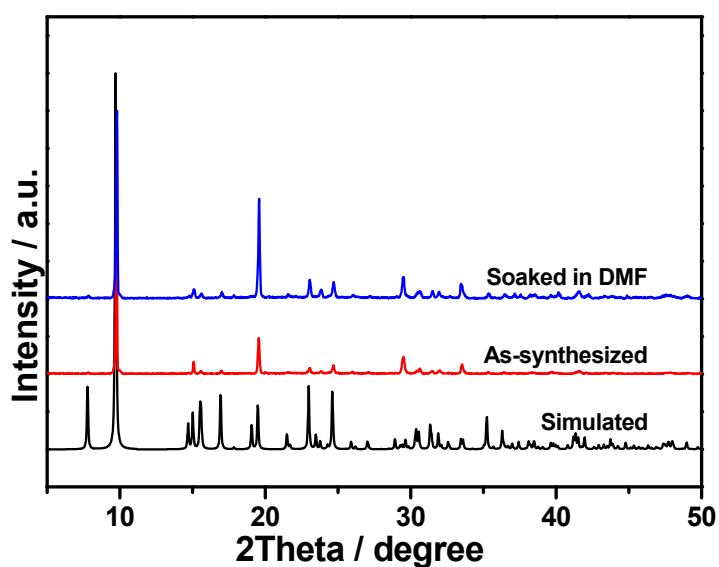
**Fig. S2** Topological representation of the 4-connected lvt net of **3**.



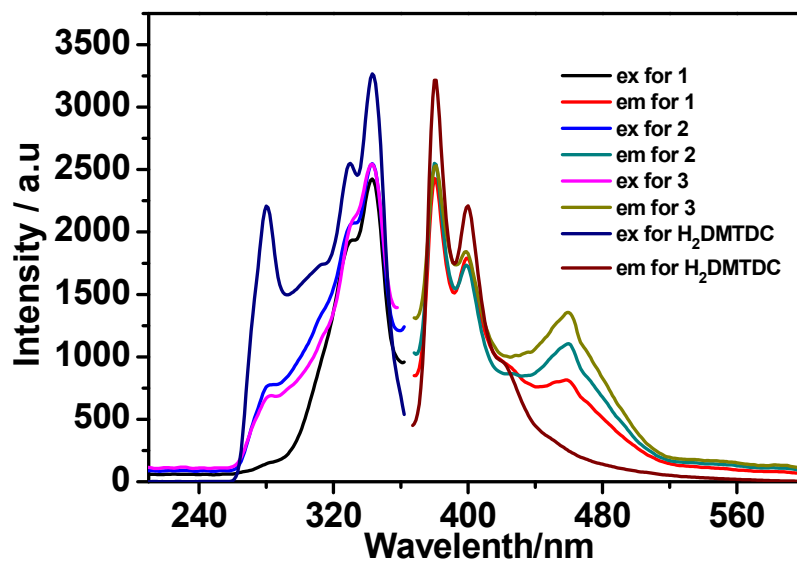
**Fig. S3** PXRD patterns of **1** and **1** after soaking in DMF for 2 days.



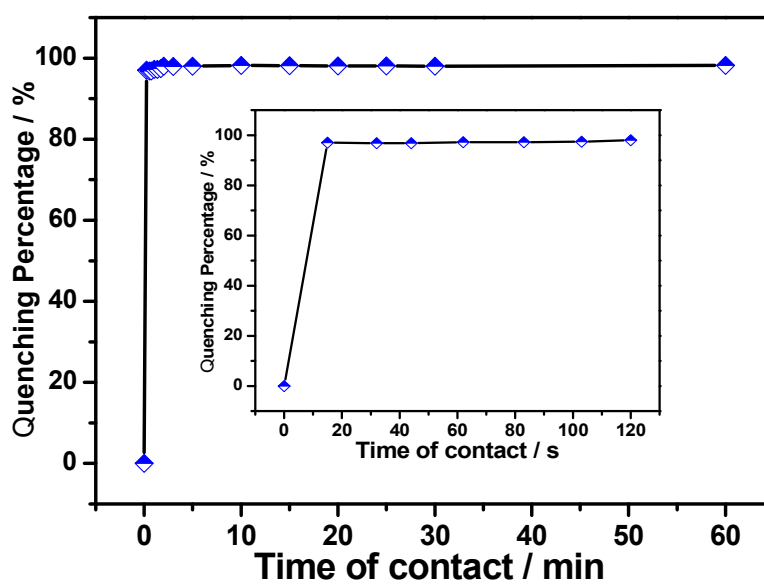
**Fig. S4** PXRD patterns of **2** and **2** after soaking in DMF for 2 days. The differences of peak intensity between the simulated and as-synthesized patterns may be due to the preferred orientation of the powder samples.<sup>[1]</sup>



**Fig. S5** PXRD patterns of **3** and **3** after soaking in DMF for 2 days.



**Fig. S6** The excitation and emission spectra of the ligand H<sub>2</sub>DMTDC, **1**, **2** and **3** (dispersed) in DMF.



**Fig. S7** Time-dependent fluorescence quenching by Fe<sup>3+</sup> of **2**



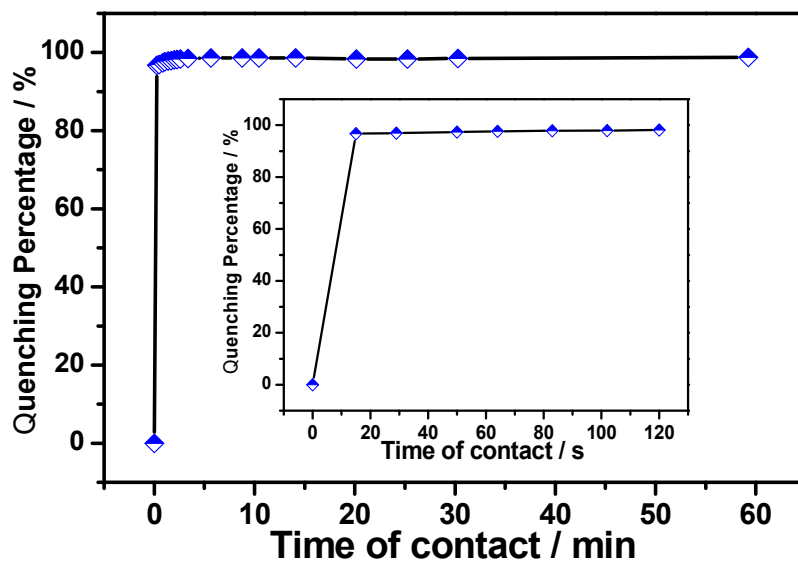
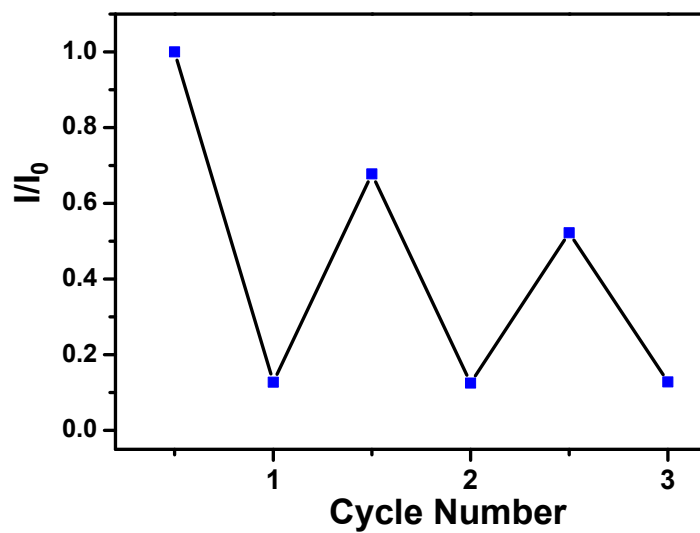
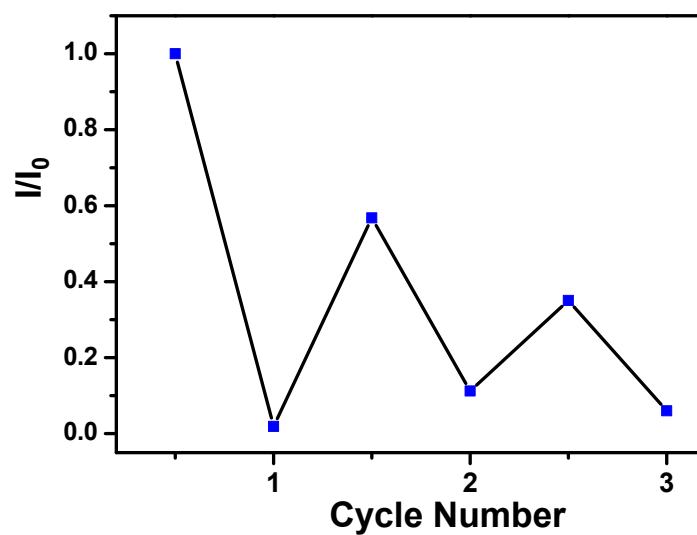


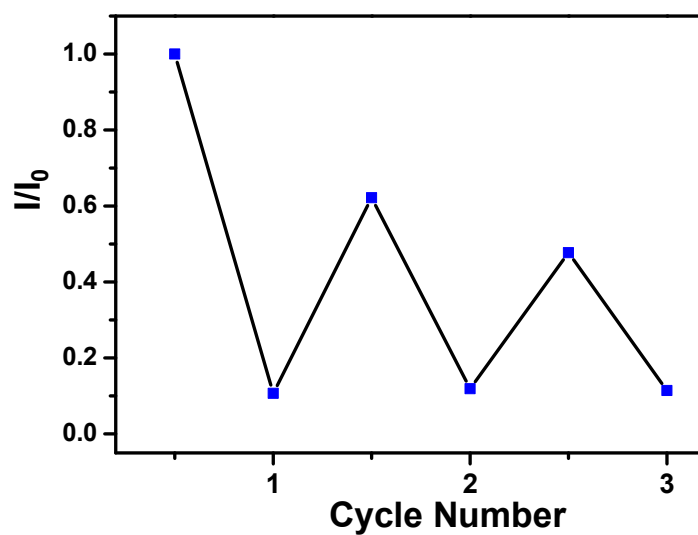
Fig. S8 Time-dependent fluorescence quenching by  $\text{Fe}^{3+}$  of 3



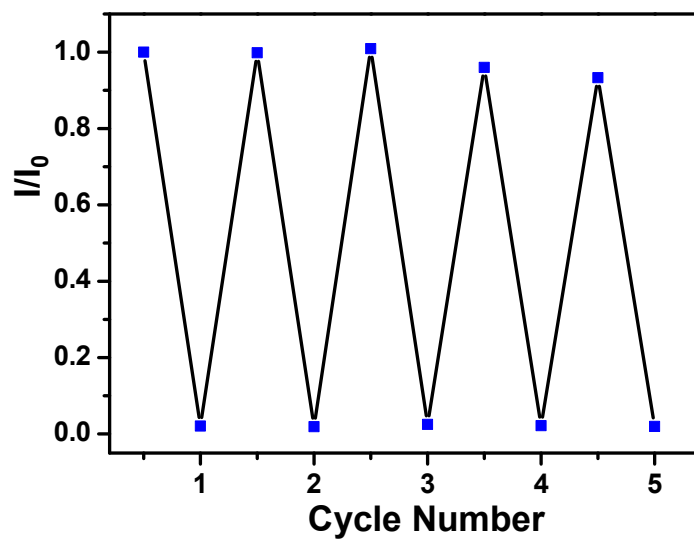
**Fig. S9** Recyclability tests of **1** in the presence of  $\text{Fe}^{3+}$  washed only with DMF



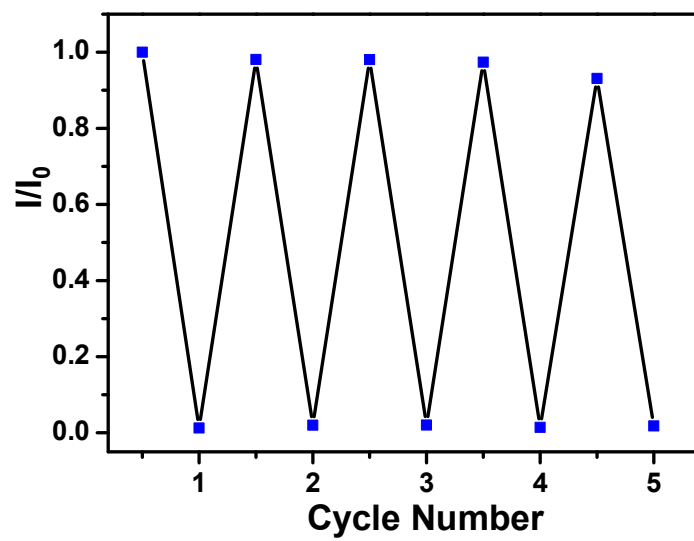
**Fig. S10** Recyclability tests of **2** in the presence of  $\text{Fe}^{3+}$  washed only with DMF



**Fig. S11** Recyclability tests of **3** in the presence of  $\text{Fe}^{3+}$  washed only with DMF



**Fig. S12** Recyclability tests of **2** in the presence of Fe<sup>3+</sup>



**Fig. S13** Recyclability tests of **3** in the presence of Fe<sup>3+</sup>

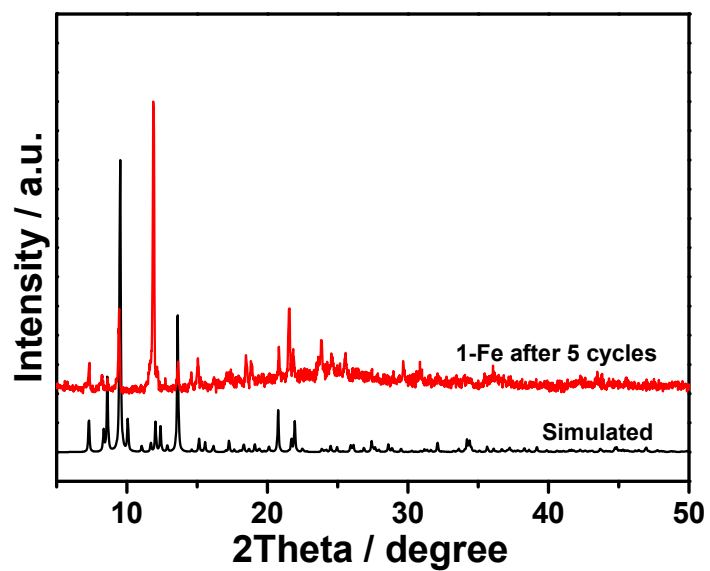


Fig. S14 XRD patterns of 1 after 5 cycles for sensing Fe<sup>3+</sup>

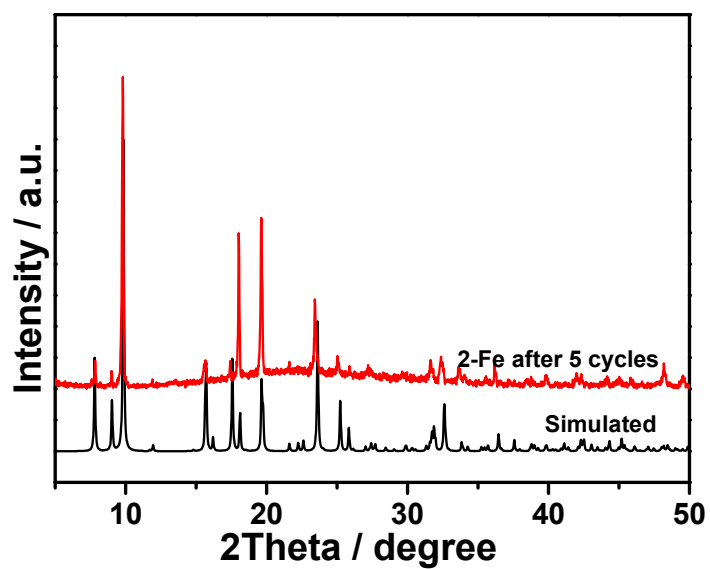


Fig. S15 XRD patterns of 2 after 5 cycles for sensing Fe<sup>3+</sup>

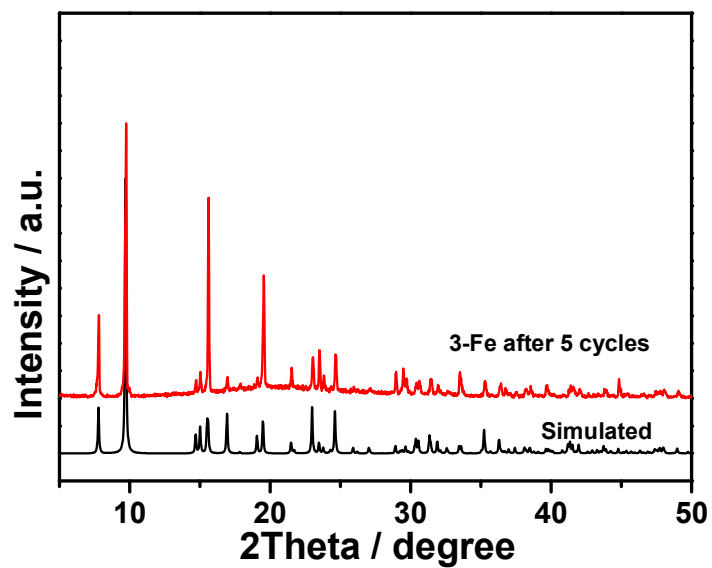


Fig. S16 XRD patterns of **3** after 5 cycles for sensing  $\text{Fe}^{3+}$

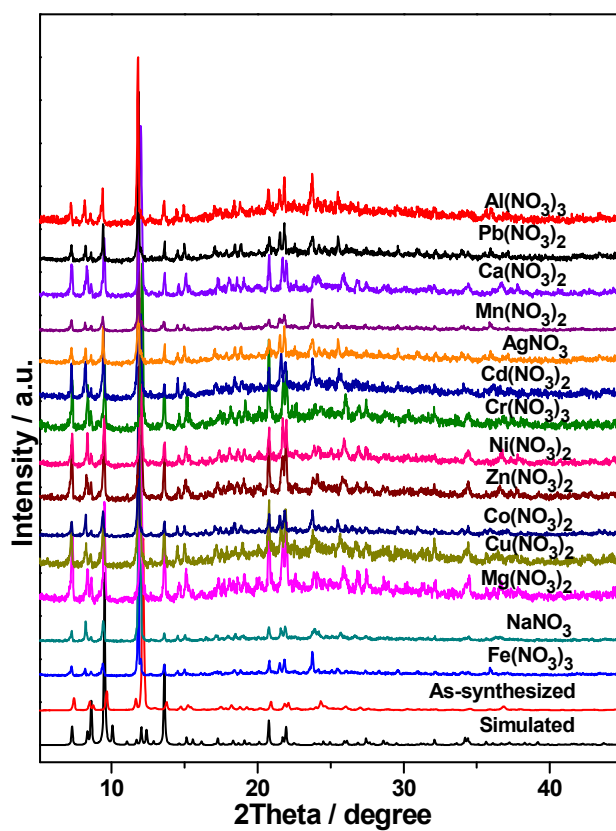


Fig. S17 PXRD of **1** after soaking different metal ions for 24 hrs in DMF

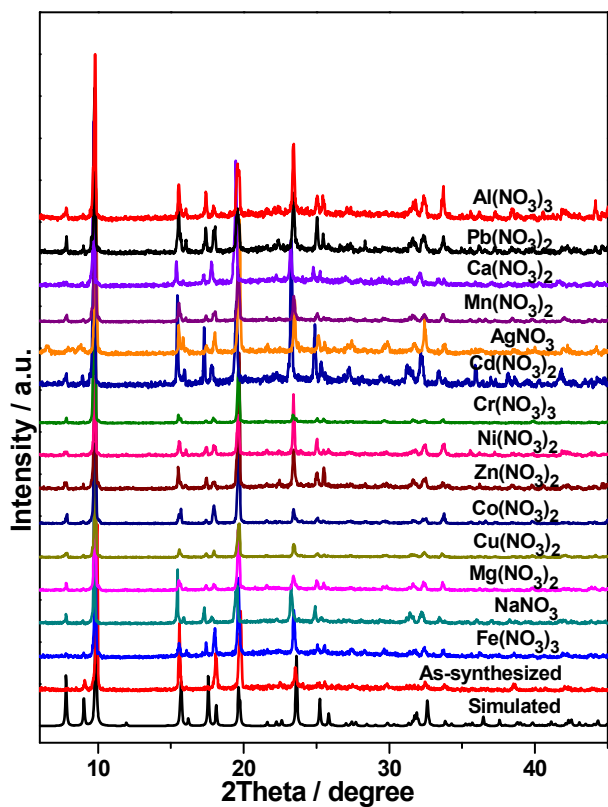


Fig. S18 PXRD of 2 after soaking different metal ions for 24 hrs in DMF

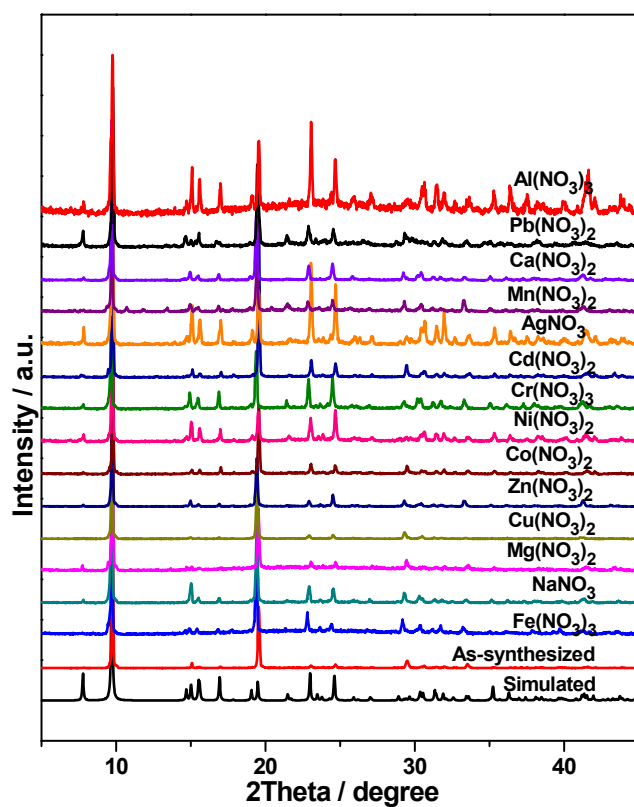
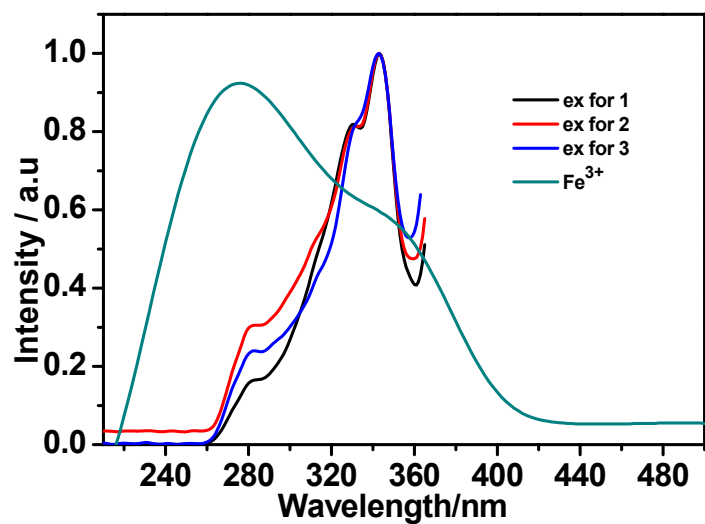
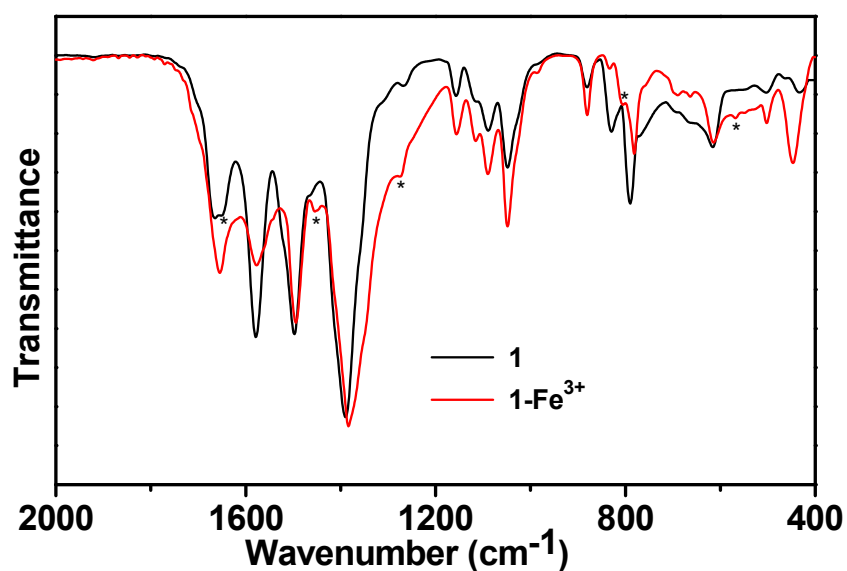


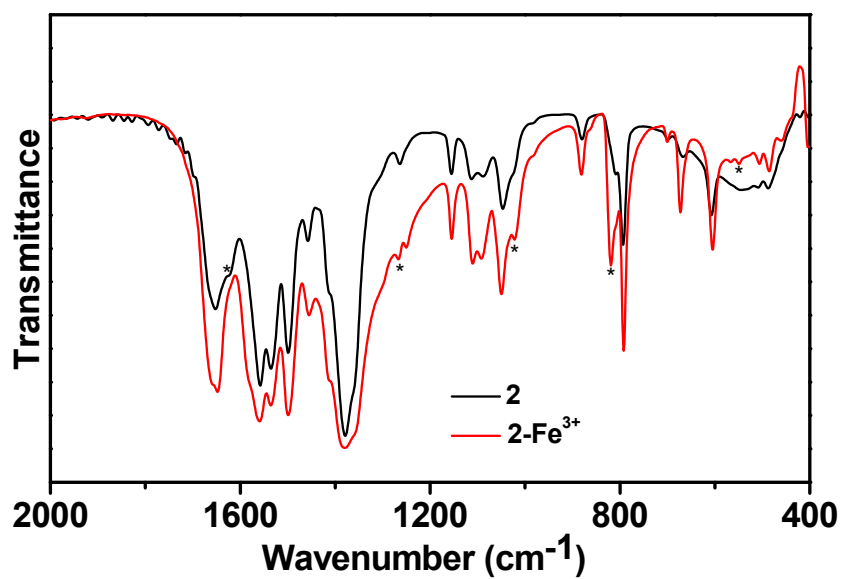
Fig. S19 PXRD of 3 after soaking different metal ions for 24 hrs in DMF



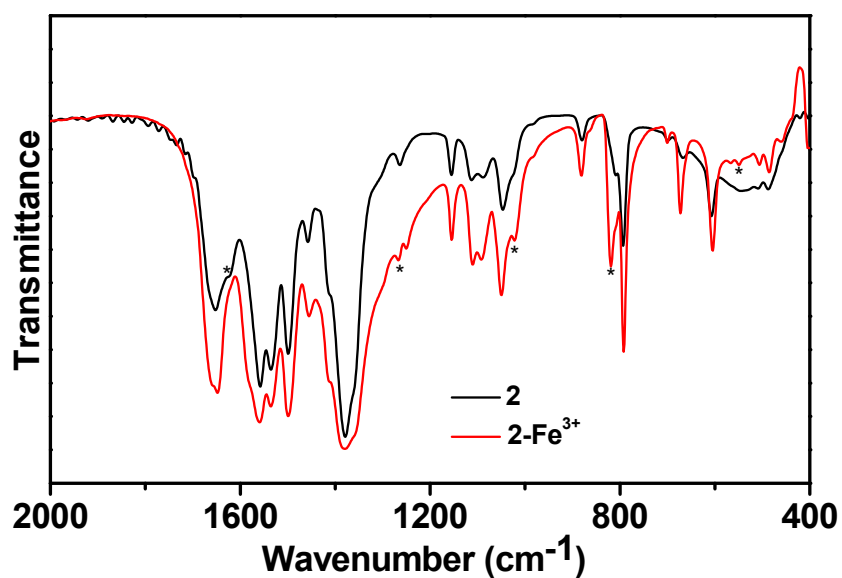
**Fig. S20** The excitation spectra of **1**, **2** and **3** (dispersed in DMF) and UV-vis absorption spectrum of and Fe(NO<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub> in DMF



**Fig. S21** FT-IR spectra of **1** before and after immersion in Fe(NO<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub> solutions of DMF(the changes are marked by an asterisk).



**Fig. S22** FT-IR spectra of **2** before and after immersion in Fe(NO<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub> solutions of DMF(the changes are marked by an asterisk).



**Fig. S23** FT-IR spectra of **3** before and after immersion in Fe(NO<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub> solutions of DMF(the changes are marked by an asterisk).





**Fig. S24** The photographs of **1** and Fe<sup>3+</sup>-incorporated **1**



**Fig. S25** The photographs of **2** and Fe<sup>3+</sup>-incorporated **2**



**Fig. S26** The photographs of **3** and Fe<sup>3+</sup>-incorporated **3**

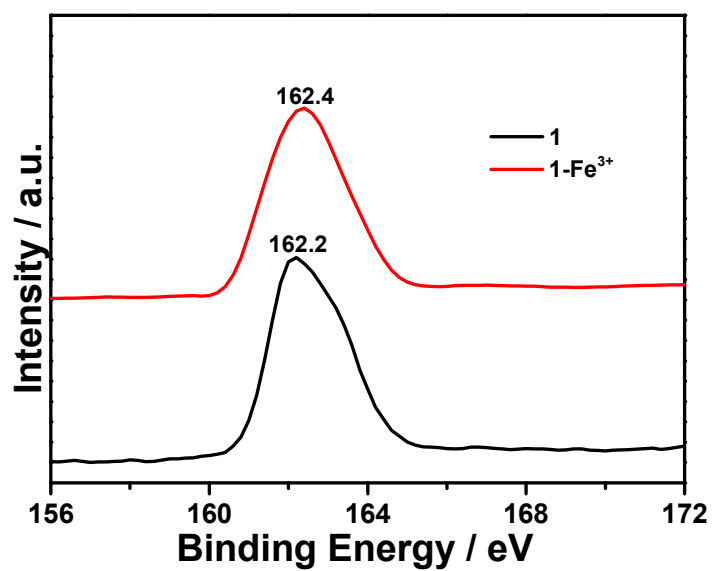


Fig. S27 S2p XPS spectra of **1** before (black) and Fe<sup>3+</sup>-incorporated **1** (red)

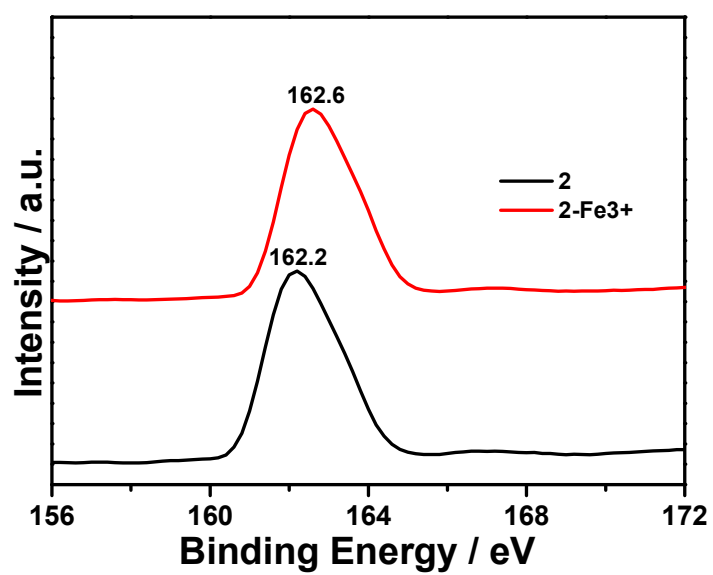


Fig. S28 S2p XPS spectra of **2** before (black) and Fe<sup>3+</sup>-incorporated **2** (red)

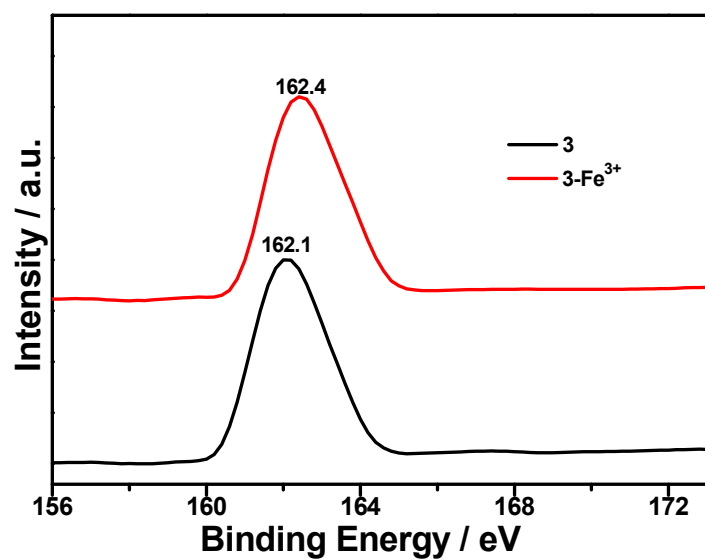


Fig. S29 S2p XPS spectra of **3** before (black) and Fe<sup>3+</sup>-incorporated **3** (red)

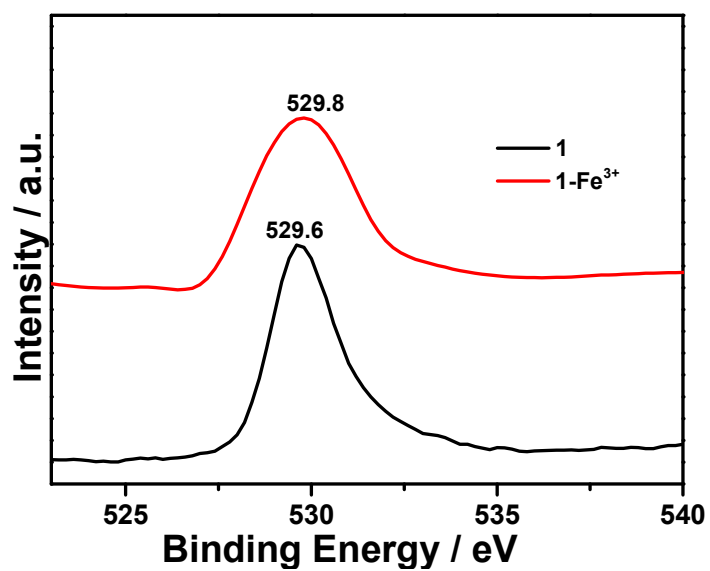


Fig. S30 O1s XPS spectra of **1** before and after immersed in Fe<sup>3+</sup>

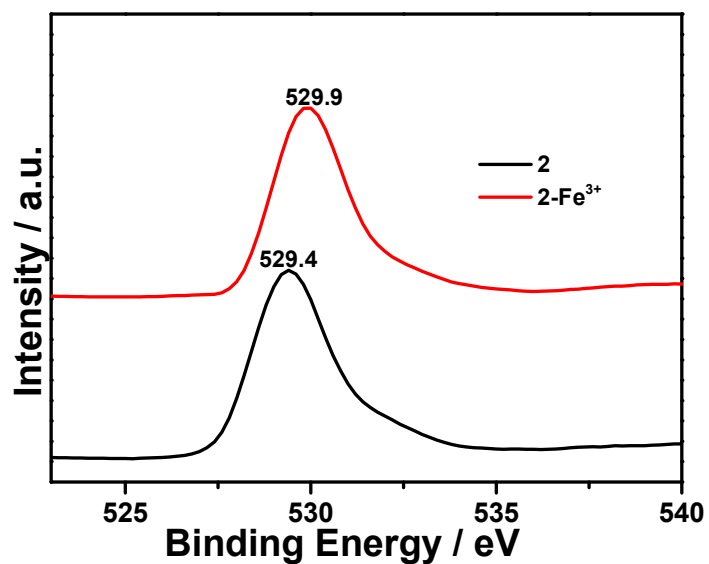


Fig. S31 O1s XPS spectra of **2** before (black) and Fe<sup>3+</sup>-incorporated **2** (red)

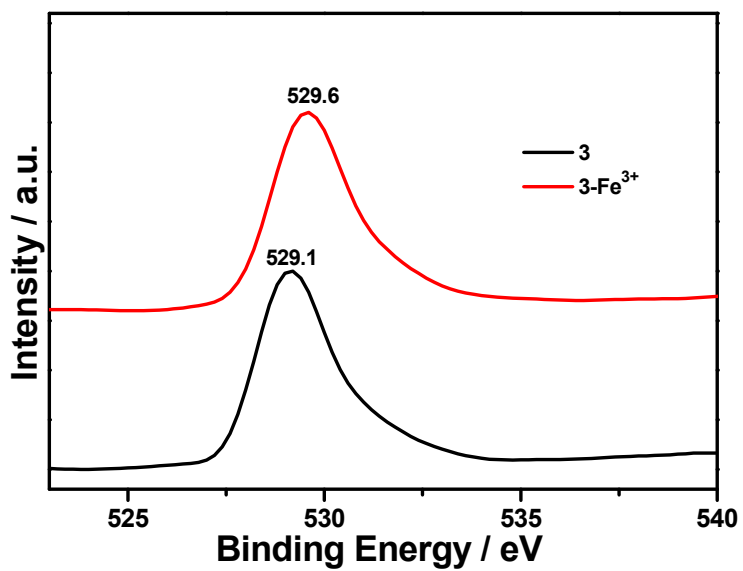


Fig. S32 O1s XPS spectra of **3** before (black) and Fe<sup>3+</sup>-incorporated **3** (red)

**Table S5** The comparison among various fluorescent materials used for detecting Fe<sup>3+</sup>

Fluorescent materials	Media (aqueous / organic)	Quenching constant <i>K</i> <sub>sv</sub> (M <sup>-1</sup> )	Detection limit LOD (M)	Ref.
Mg-CP	H <sub>2</sub> O	1.54 × 10 <sup>3</sup>	/	2
[MgZn(1,4-NDC) <sub>2</sub> (DMF) <sub>2</sub>	EtOH	5.0 × 10 <sup>4</sup>	/	3
[Ca <sub>1.5</sub> (μ <sub>8</sub> -HL)(DMF)] <sub>n</sub>	H <sub>2</sub> O	7.28 × 10 <sup>4</sup>	5.91 × 10 <sup>-6</sup>	4
{[Mg <sub>1.5</sub> (μ <sub>7</sub> -HL)·(H <sub>2</sub> O) <sub>2</sub> ]·3H <sub>2</sub> O} <sub>n</sub>	H <sub>2</sub> O	3.38 × 10 <sup>4</sup>	2.20 × 10 <sup>-5</sup>	4
[CH <sub>3</sub> -dpb] <sub>2</sub> [Mg <sub>3</sub> (1,4-NDC) <sub>4</sub> (μ-H <sub>2</sub> O) <sub>2</sub> (CH <sub>3</sub> OH)(H <sub>2</sub> O)]·1.5H <sub>2</sub> O	EtOH	1.6 × 10 <sup>4</sup>	4.7 × 10 <sup>-4</sup>	5
{[Ca <sub>3</sub> L <sub>2</sub> (H <sub>2</sub> O) <sub>6</sub> ]·2H <sub>2</sub> O} <sub>n</sub>	H <sub>2</sub> O	3737.8	1.04 × 10 <sup>-3</sup>	6
{[Mg <sub>2</sub> (μ <sub>6</sub> -L)(μ <sub>2</sub> -OH <sub>2</sub> )(H <sub>2</sub> O) <sub>4</sub> ]·DMF} <sub>n</sub>	H <sub>2</sub> O	2.405 × 10 <sup>3</sup>	1.68 × 10 <sup>-3</sup>	7
[Ca <sub>2</sub> (μ <sub>10</sub> -L)(EtOH)] <sub>n</sub>	H <sub>2</sub> O	2.342 × 10 <sup>3</sup>	1.70 × 10 <sup>-3</sup>	7
[Sr(μ <sub>6</sub> -H <sub>2</sub> L)(MeOH)] <sub>n</sub>	H <sub>2</sub> O	3.377 × 10 <sup>3</sup>	7.47 × 10 <sup>-4</sup>	7
{[Ba <sub>1.5</sub> (μ <sub>5</sub> -H <sub>2</sub> L)(μ <sub>4</sub> -H <sub>3</sub> L)(H <sub>2</sub> O) <sub>3</sub> ]·2(H <sub>2</sub> O)} <sub>n</sub>	H <sub>2</sub> O	2.643 × 10 <sup>3</sup>	1.62 × 10 <sup>-3</sup>	7
[Mg <sub>2</sub> Zn <sub>2</sub> (OH) <sub>2</sub> (1,4-NDC) <sub>3</sub> (H <sub>2</sub> O) <sub>2</sub> ]·6H <sub>2</sub> O	EtOH	1.7 × 10 <sup>4</sup>	2.5 × 10 <sup>-4</sup>	8
[Mg <sub>2</sub> (DMTDC) <sub>2</sub> (DMF) <sub>3</sub> (H <sub>2</sub> O) <sub>2</sub> ]·2DMF·2H <sub>2</sub> O	DMF	8.1 × 10 <sup>4</sup>	4.9 × 10 <sup>-5</sup>	This work
Ca(DMTDC)(DMF)]	DMF	6.9 × 10 <sup>4</sup>	2.0 × 10 <sup>-4</sup>	This work
[Sr(DMTDC)(DMF)]	DMF	2.9 × 10 <sup>4</sup> M	3.7 × 10 <sup>-4</sup>	This work

Note: Detection limit is obtained from the ratio of 3δ/slope, in which δ is the standard deviation of luminescent intensity of blank solution.

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