Supplementary Information

Luminescent Zn-MOF for detection of explosives and development of fingerprints

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Figure S1: (a) N_2 adsorption (Blue) and desorption (Red) isotherms of thermally activated PUC1 measured. The samples were heated at 100°C under vacuum for 12 h before the sorption measurement. (b) BET plot.



Figure S2: PXRD pattern of PUC1 before and after addition of PETN and Tetryl.



Figure S3: Thermogravimetric analysis curves of **PUC1** before and after treatment with PETN and Tetryl.



Figure S4: Fluorescence spectra of free ligand and PUC1 (inset) optical image of ligand and MOF in UV chamber.



Figure S5: The CIE 1931 chromaticity diagram with CIE colour coordinates (0.170, 0.005).



FigureS6: Fluorescence spectra of PUC1 with time up to 48 hours.



Figure S7: The fluorescence spectra of PUC1 before and after the addition of PETN, Tetryl, TATB, TNT, HMX and RDX ($50\mu M$).



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Figure S10: Fluorescence spectra of PUC1 by gradual addition of PETN (90 μM).



Figure S11: Fluorescence spectra of PUC1 by gradual addition of Tetryl (90µM).



Figure S12: Fluorescence spectra of PUC1 by gradual addition of TNT ($100\mu M$).



Figure S13: Fluorescence spectra of PUC1 by gradual addition of HMX (100µM).



Figure S14: Fluorescence spectra of PUC1 by gradual addition of RDX (100µM).



Figure S15: Estimation of limit of detection of PUC1 for PETN.



Figure S16: Estimation of limit of detection of PUC1 for Tetryl.



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Figure S20: Stern-Volmer plots of PUC1 by gradual addition of PETN (90 μ M).



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Figure S25: Optical images of PUC1 before and after the addition of analytes under UV light ($\lambda_{ext}=365$).



Figure S26: FTIR spectra of PUC1 before and after addition of PETN and Tetryl.



Figure S27: Fluorescence spectra of Tetryl only.



Figure S28: Tauc plots of (a) PUC1; (b) PETN; (c) Tetryl; (d) TNT; (e) RDX and (f) HMX.



Figure S29: Plot of decrease in the emission intensity percentage at different time intervals for (a) PETN and (b) Tetryl. Inset shows the fluorescence spectra of PUC1 before (0 s) and after (10 s) the addition of analytes.



Figure S30: PXRD spectra of PUC1 at different temperatures i.e. 100, 150 and 200 °C.

Table S1: List of Crystallographic parameters for PUC1.

| Identification code | PUC1 |
|---|--|
| CCDC | 2038686 |
| Empirical formula | $C_{123}H_{52}N_8O_{32}Zn_8$ |
| Formula weight | 2676.85 |
| Temperature/K | 293(2) |
| Crystal system | monoclinic |
| Space group | C2/m |
| a/Å | 18.1819(3) |
| b/Å | 18.8056(4) |
| c/Å | 23.9801(4) |
| $\alpha/^{\circ}$ | 90 |
| β/° | 92.003(2) |
| $\gamma/^{o}$ | 90 |
| Volume/Å ³ | 8194.3(3) |
| Ζ | 2 |
| $\rho_{calc}g/cm^3$ | 1.085 |
| μ/mm^{-1} | 1.209 |
| F(000) | 2684.0 |
| Crystal size/mm ³ | $0.12 \times 0.10 \times 0.08$ |
| Radiation | MoK α (λ = |
| Index ranges | $-23 \le h \le 22, -16 \le k \le 24, -31 \le l \le 27$ |
| Reflections collected | 37268 |
| Independent reflections 0.0655, R _{sigma} = 0.0474] | 9018 [R _{int} = |
| Data/restraints/parameters | 9018/150/514 |
| Goodness-of-fit on F^2 | 1.098 |
| Final R indexes [I>= 2σ (I)] | $R_1 = 0.0961, wR_2 = 0.2741$ |
| Final R indexes [all data] | $R_1 = 0.1159, wR_2 = 0.2850$ |

| Atom | Atom | Length/Å |
|------|------------------|------------|
| Zn3 | Zn4 ¹ | 2.9602(13) |
| Zn3 | O5 ² | 2.019(6) |
| Zn3 | 05 | 2.019(6) |
| Zn3 | O8 ³ | 2.019(6) |
| Zn3 | O8 ¹ | 2.019(6) |
| Zn3 | N2 | 2.024(7) |
| Znl | Zn2 | 2.9690(13) |
| Zn1 | O2 ⁴ | 2.039(5) |
| Znl | O2 ⁵ | 2.039(5) |
| Zn1 | O3 ² | 2.023(6) |
| Zn1 | 03 | 2.023(6) |
| Zn1 | N4 ⁶ | 2.064(8) |
| Zn4 | 07 | 2.009(6) |
| Zn4 | O7 ⁷ | 2.009(5) |
| Zn4 | O6 ⁵ | 2.038(6) |
| Zn4 | O6 ⁸ | 2.038(6) |
| Zn4 | N3 | 2.025(8) |
| Zn2 | O4 | 2.015(5) |
| Zn2 | O4 ² | 2.015(5) |
| Zn2 | O1 ⁴ | 2.050(5) |
| Zn2 | O1 ⁵ | 2.050(5) |
| Zn2 | N1 | 2.022(8) |

Table S2: List of selected bond lengths for PUC1.

| Analyte | Band gap (eV) |
|---------|---------------|
| PUC1 | 4.5 |
| Tetryl | 4.2 |
| PETN | 3.95 |
| HMX | 3.9 |
| RDX | 3.8 |
| TNT | 3.0 |

Table S3: Band Gap table of PUC1 and other analytes, calculated using tauc plot:

Table S4: Comparison with the earlier reported methods.

| Probes | Sensing analyte | Sensing Method | K _{sv} value | LOD | Reference |
|---------------------------|--------------------|--|--|--------------------------------|-----------------|
| Eu-MOF | Tetryl | Fluorescence | 1.09 × 10 ⁴ | 0.1-0.5mM | 1 |
| Modified AuNPs | TNT & Tetryl | Colorimetric | | 1.76 & 1.74pM | 2 |
| QDs | TNT | Fluorescence | | $\approx 1.2 \ \mu g/mL$ | 3 |
| AuNPs composite | PETN | Surface Plasmon Resonance(SP R) | | 200fM | 4 |
| Silica@TTF | Tetryl & TNT | Fluorescence | | 3.5 & 26µM | 5 |
| 3-mercepto,2- butanone | Tetryl & TNT | Surface enhanced Raman scattering (SERS) | | 17.2 & 6.81ng/ml ⁻¹ | 6 |
| AuNPs-4-ATP + NED | PETN | Colorimetric | | 0.12mg/L | 7 |
| AuNPs | PETN | Colorimetric | | 0.169µM/L | 8 |
| [Zn(NDA)(A MP)] (PUC1) | PETN, Tetryl | Fluorescence | $ \begin{vmatrix} 0.1 \times 10^6, \\ 0.12 \times 10^5 \\ M^{-1} \end{vmatrix} $ | 0.315, 0.404µM | Present work |

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