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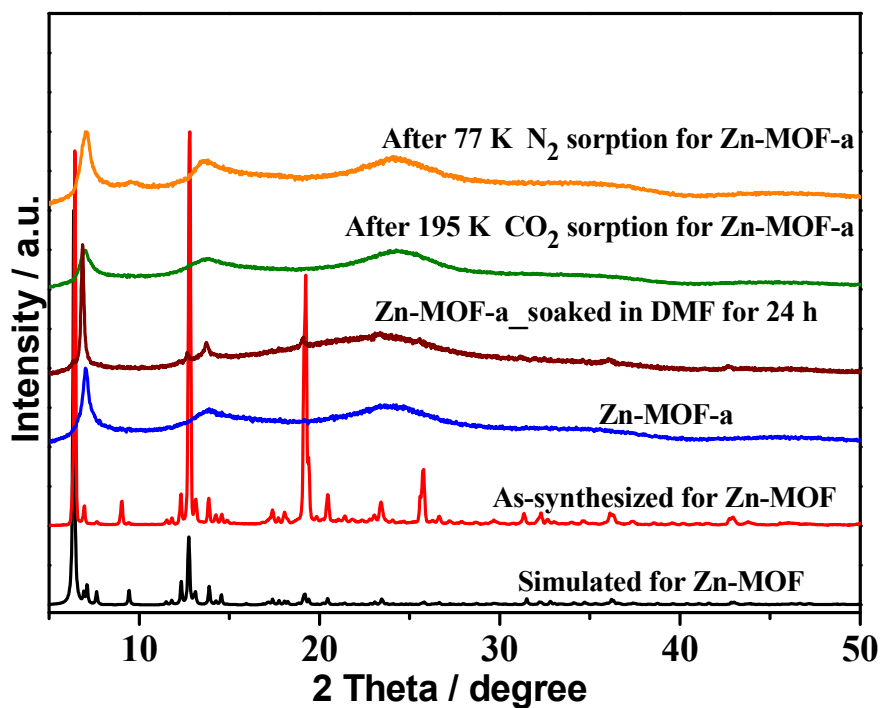
**A porous anionic zinc(II) metal-organic framework for gas adsorption,  
selective uptake of dyes and sensing of Fe<sup>3+</sup> by Tb<sup>3+</sup> ion encapsulation**

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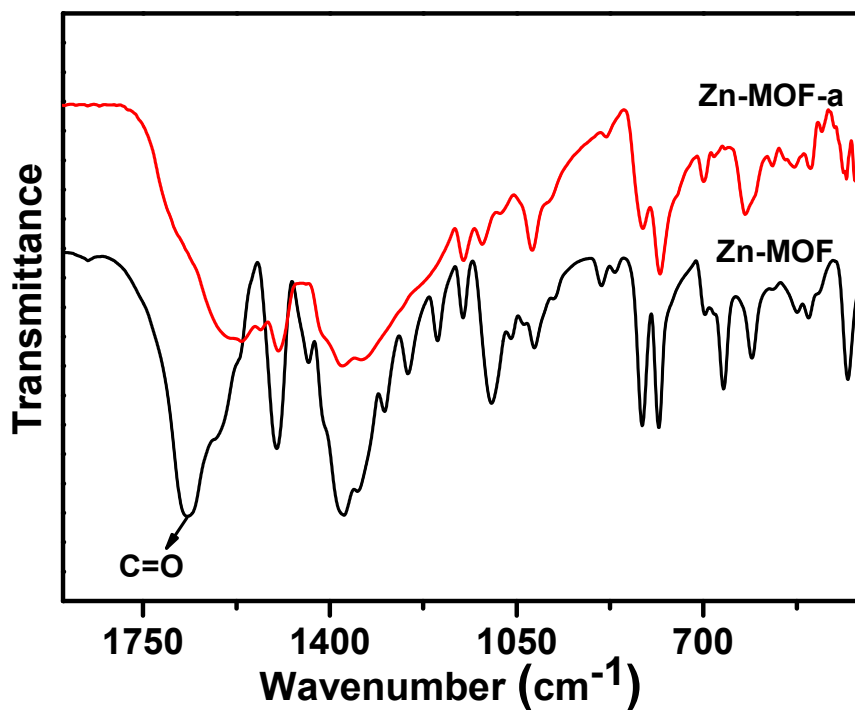
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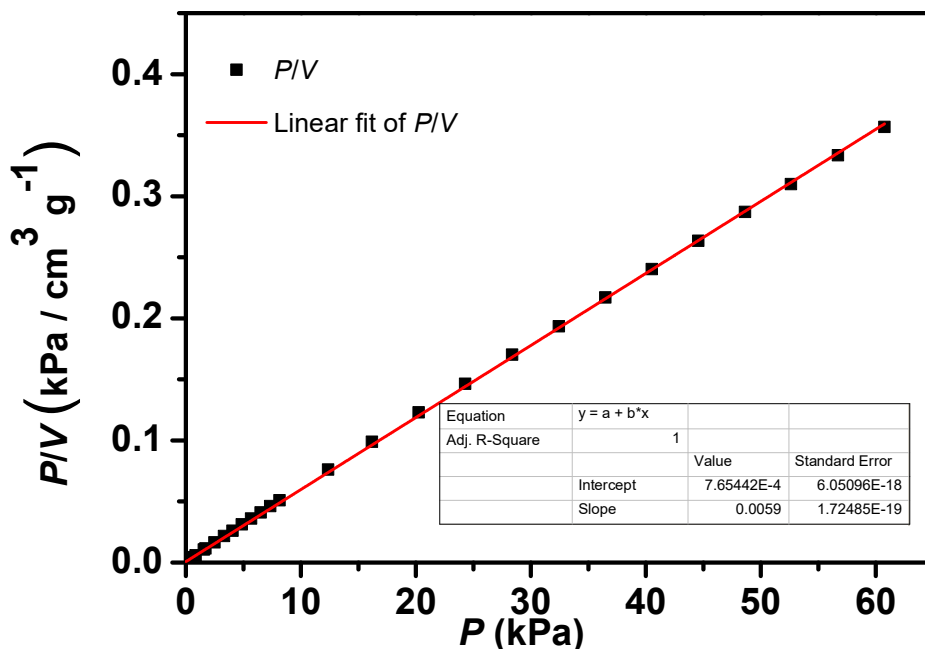


**Fig. S1** PXRD patterns of Zn-MOF, Zn-MOF-a, Zn-MOF-a after being soaked in DMF for 24 h, and Zn-MOF-a after sorption of N<sub>2</sub> at 77 K and CO<sub>2</sub> at 195 K.



**Fig. S2** FT-IR spectra of Zn-MOF and Zn-MOF-a. The lack of C=O stretching peaks at about 1668 cm<sup>-1</sup> in the IR spectra of Zn-MOF-a confirms the full release of DMF guests.

## The calculation of Langmuir surface area



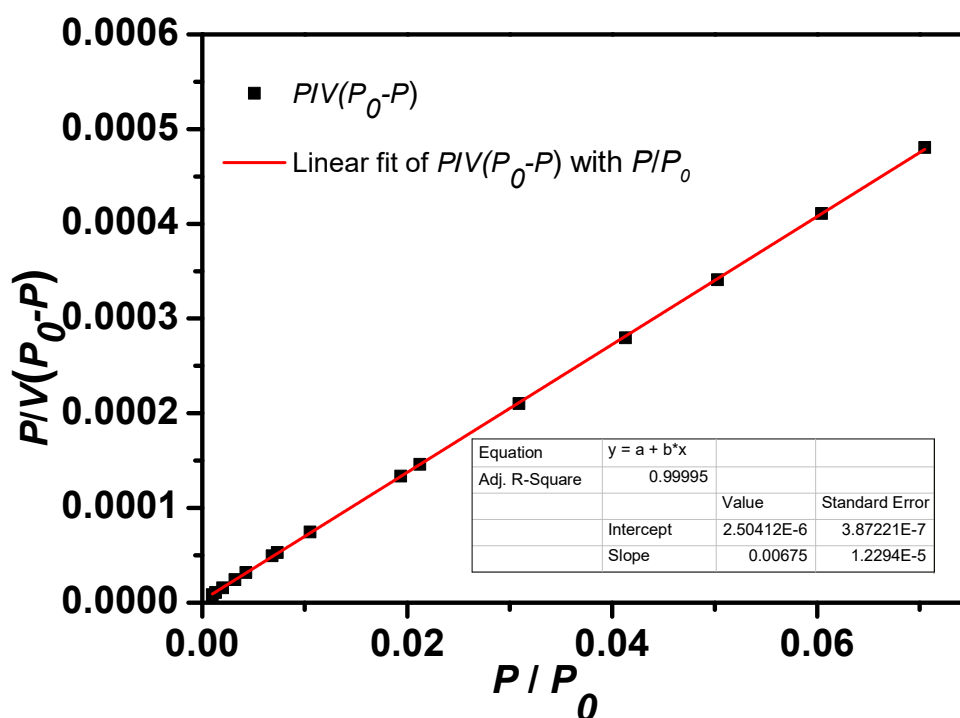
**Fig. S3** Langmuir plot for the N<sub>2</sub> adsorption isotherm of Zn-MOF-a at 77 K, and the range  $P$  from 0.0001125 to 60.75 KPa satisfies for applying the Langmuir theory.

The adsorption isotherms were converted into plots of  $P/V$  vs.  $P$  for determining the appropriate range. As shown in Fig. S3, the range  $P$  from 0.0001125 to 60.75 KPa satisfies for applying the Langmuir theory. After having identified the appropriate low pressure Langmuir  $P$  range, the analysis proceeds according to the standard method via the linearized Langmuir equation.

$$P/V = P/V_m + 1/BV_m$$

from which the parameters  $V_m$  is obtained from the relation  $V_m = 1/s$ ,  $s$  being the slope with the ordinate of the plot  $P/V$  vs.  $P$ . The surface area is then obtained from  $A_{\text{Langmuir}} = V_m \sigma_m N_A$  with  $\sigma_m$  being the cross-sectional area of N<sub>2</sub> at liquid density ( $16.25 \times 10^{-20}$  m<sup>2</sup>), and  $N_A$  Avogadro's number ( $6.023 \times 10^{23}$ ).

## The calculation of BET surface area



**Fig. S4** BET plot for the N<sub>2</sub> adsorption isotherm of Zn-MOF-a at 77 K, and the range  $P/P_0$  from 0.0035 to 0.04 satisfies for applying the BET theory.

The adsorption isotherms were converted into plots of  $1/[V(P_0/P - 1)]$  vs.  $P/P_0$  for determining the appropriate range. As shown in Fig. S4, the range  $P/P_0$  from 0.0035 to 0.04 satisfies for applying the BET theory. After having identified the appropriate low pressure BET  $P/P_0$  range, the analysis proceeds according to the standard method via the linearized BET equation.

$$\frac{P}{V(P_0 - P)} = \frac{1}{V_m c} + \frac{(C-1) P}{V_m c P_0}$$

from which the BET parameters  $c$  is obtained from the relation  $c = s/i + 1$ ,  $s$  being the slope and  $i$  being the intercept with the ordinate of the plot  $1/[V(P_0/P - 1)]$  vs.  $P/P_0$ . The parameter  $V_m$  is then given by  $V_m = 1/(s + i)$ . The surface area is then obtained from  $A_{\text{BET}} = V_m \sigma_m N_A$  with  $\sigma_m$  being the cross-sectional area of N<sub>2</sub> at liquid density ( $16.25 \times 10^{-20} \text{ m}^2$ ), and  $N_A$  Avogadro's number ( $6.023 \times 10^{23}$ ).

## Calculation of enthalpy of adsorption ( $Q_{st}$ ) for CO<sub>2</sub>

$$\ln P = \ln N + \sum_{i=0}^m a_i N^i + \sum_{i=0}^n \binom{n}{k} b_i N^i$$

$$Q_{st} = -R \sum_{i=0}^m a_i N^i$$

A virial-type expression of the above form was used to fit the combined isotherm data of CO<sub>2</sub> for **Zn-MOF-a** at 273, 283 and 298 K, where  $P$  is the pressure described in Pa,  $N$  is the adsorbed amount in mmol/g,  $T$  is the temperature in K,  $a_i$  and  $b_i$  are virial coefficients, and  $m$  and  $n$  are the number of coefficients used to describe the isotherms.  $Q_{st}$  is the coverage-dependent enthalpy of adsorption and  $R$  is the universal gas constant.

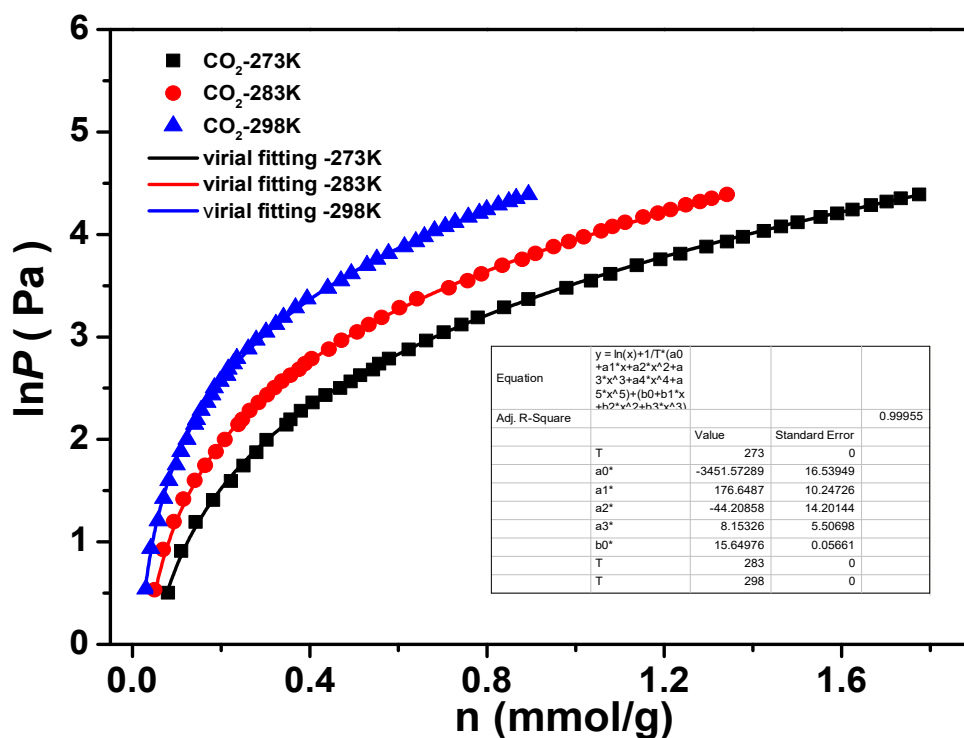
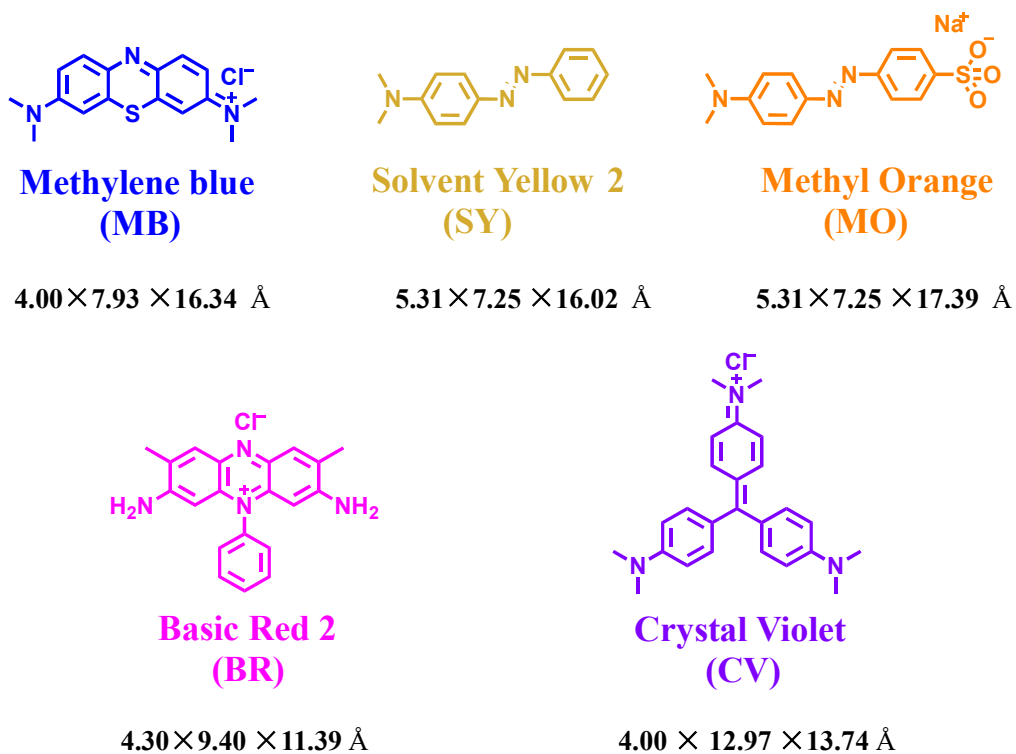
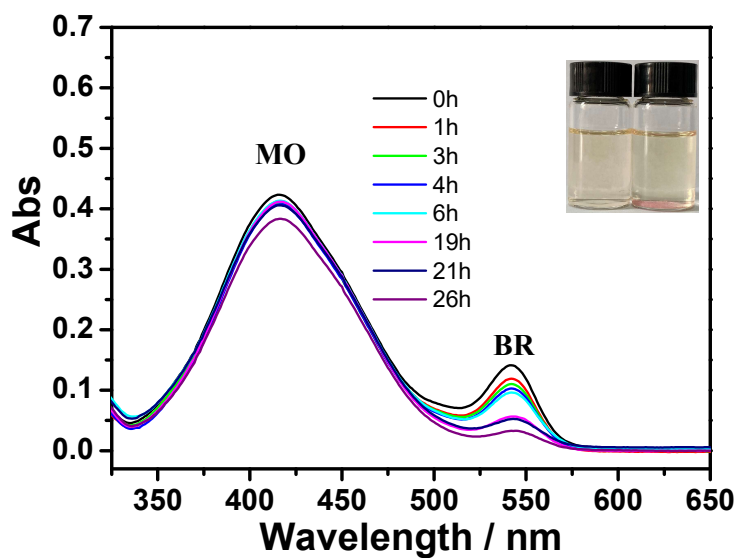


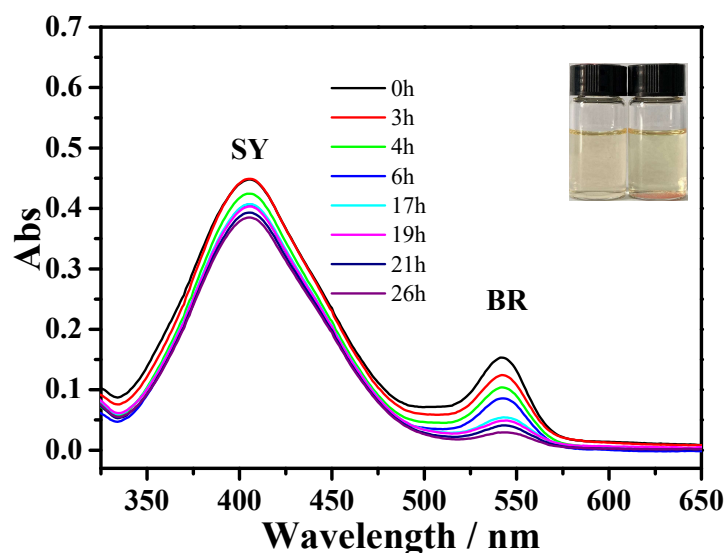
Fig. S5 The virial fitting of CO<sub>2</sub> sorption data for Zn-MOF-a.



**Scheme S1** Chemical Structures of five organic dyes with different charge and size.



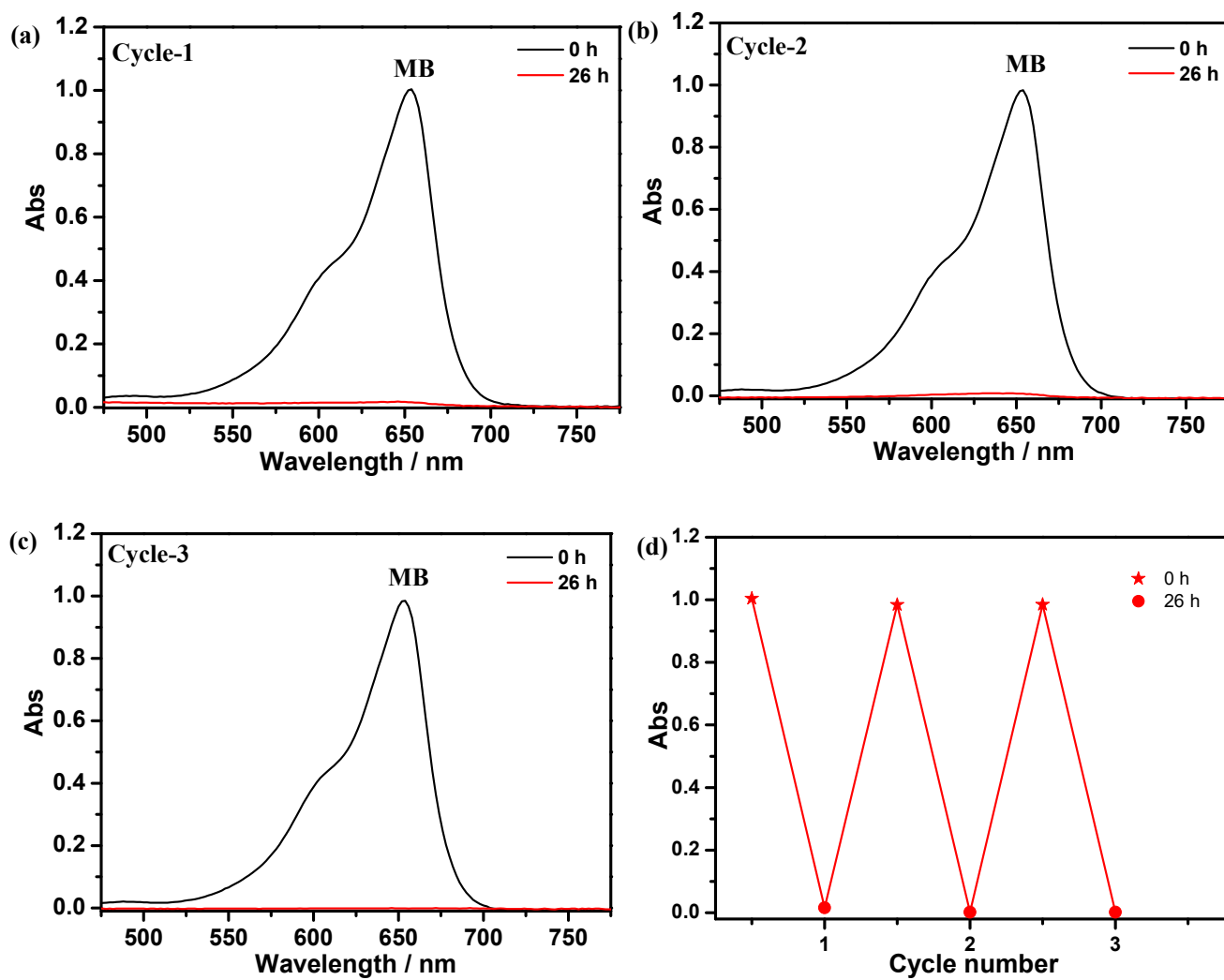
**Fig. S6** Selective adsorption capability of mixed dyes MO & BR for **Zn-MOF**.



**Fig. S7** Selective adsorption capability of mixed dyes SY & BR for **Zn-MOF**.

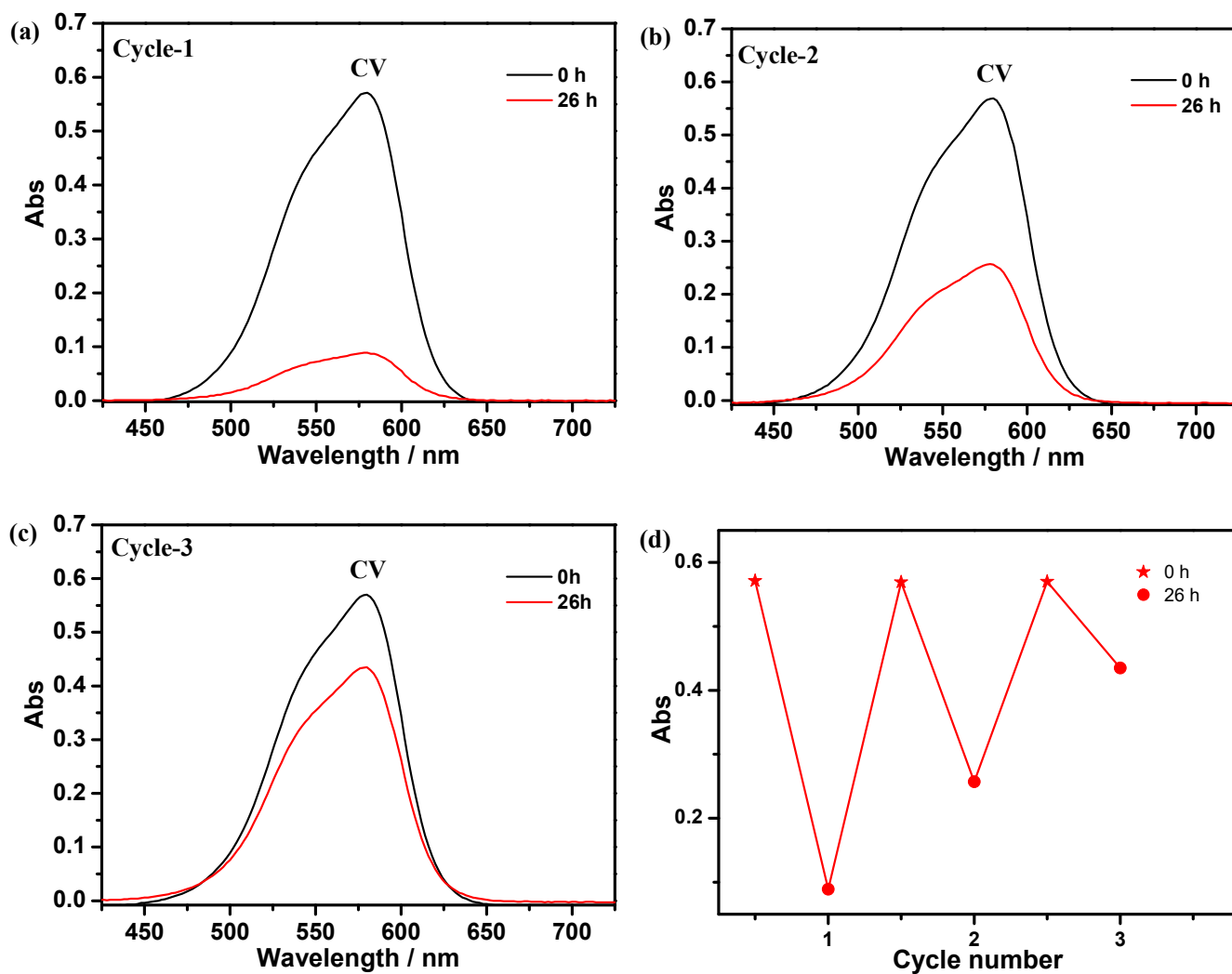
### Reusability experiment for dyes adsorption

For each cycle of dyes adsorption, the samples (20 mg) were added to a 4 mL EtOH solution of each cationic dyes ( $1.0 \times 10^{-5} \text{ mol}\cdot\text{L}^{-1}$ ), and the UV-vis spectra of the solution were collected at room temperature before and after the crystals of **Zn-MOF** addition for 26 h to check the recyclable and reusable ability. After each cycle of dyes adsorption, the regeneration of **Zn-MOF** was achieved by the following procedure: the dye-adsorbed samples (**dye@Zn-MOF**) were soaked in a saturated EtOH solution of LiCl for 30 min, the solution were replaced with a new saturated EtOH solution of LiCl for several times until the solution has no color change, and then the sample were filtered and dry at room temperature.

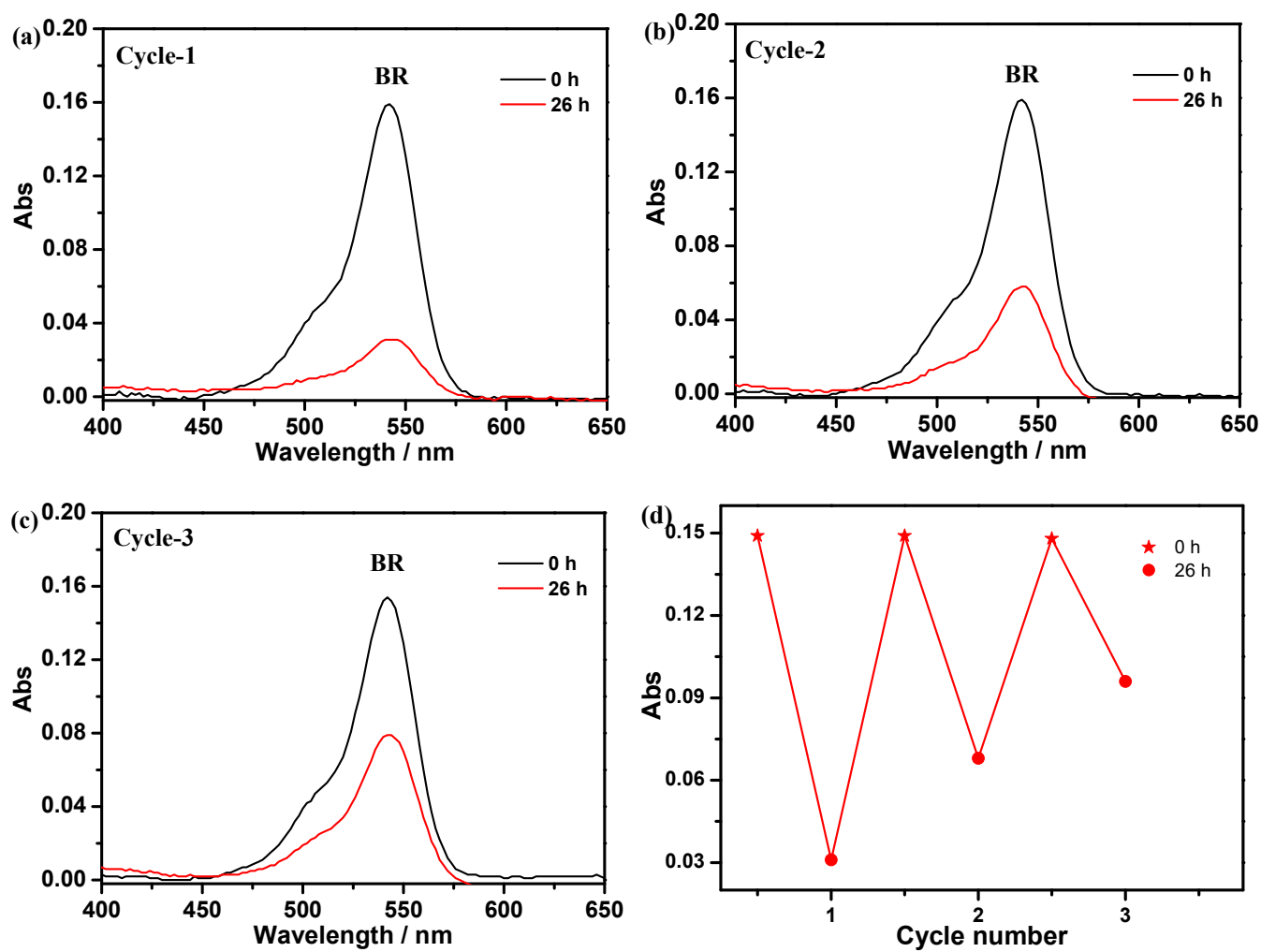


**Fig. S8** The three cycles of MB absorption by Zn-MOF. (a) the first cycle of MB absorption; (b) the second cycle of MB absorption; (c) the third cycle of MB absorption; (d) the adsorption ability of 3 cycles of MB adsorption.

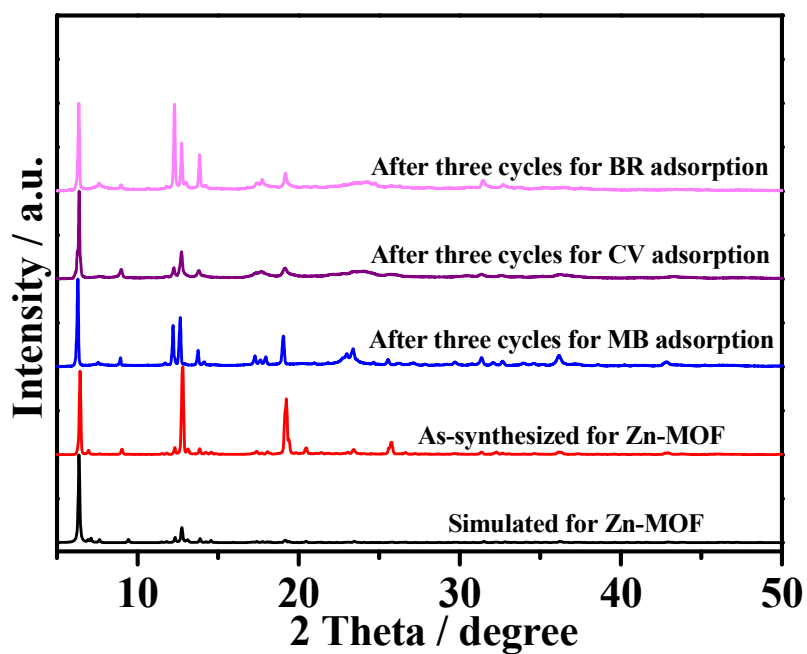




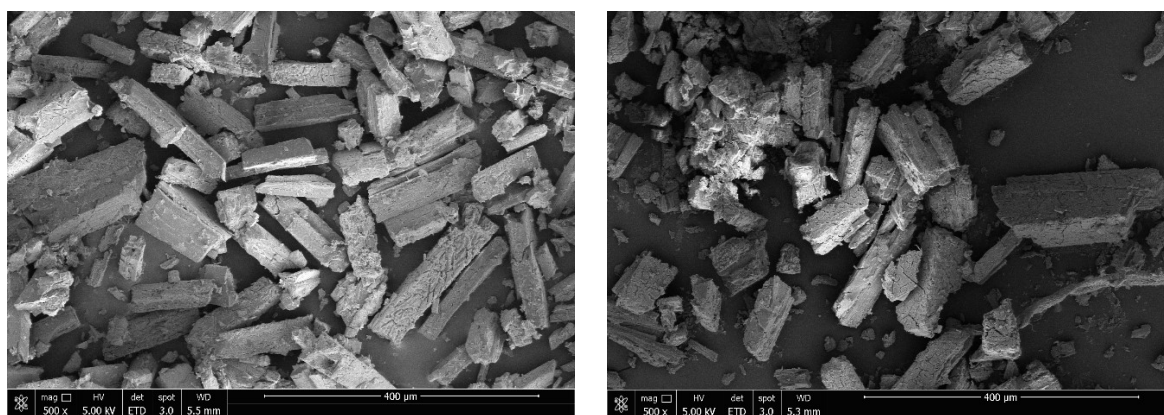
**Fig. S9** The three cycles of CV absorption by Zn-MOF. (a) the first cycle of CV absorption; (b) the second cycle of MB absorption; (c) the third cycle of CV absorption; (d) the adsorption ability of 3 cycles of CV adsorption.



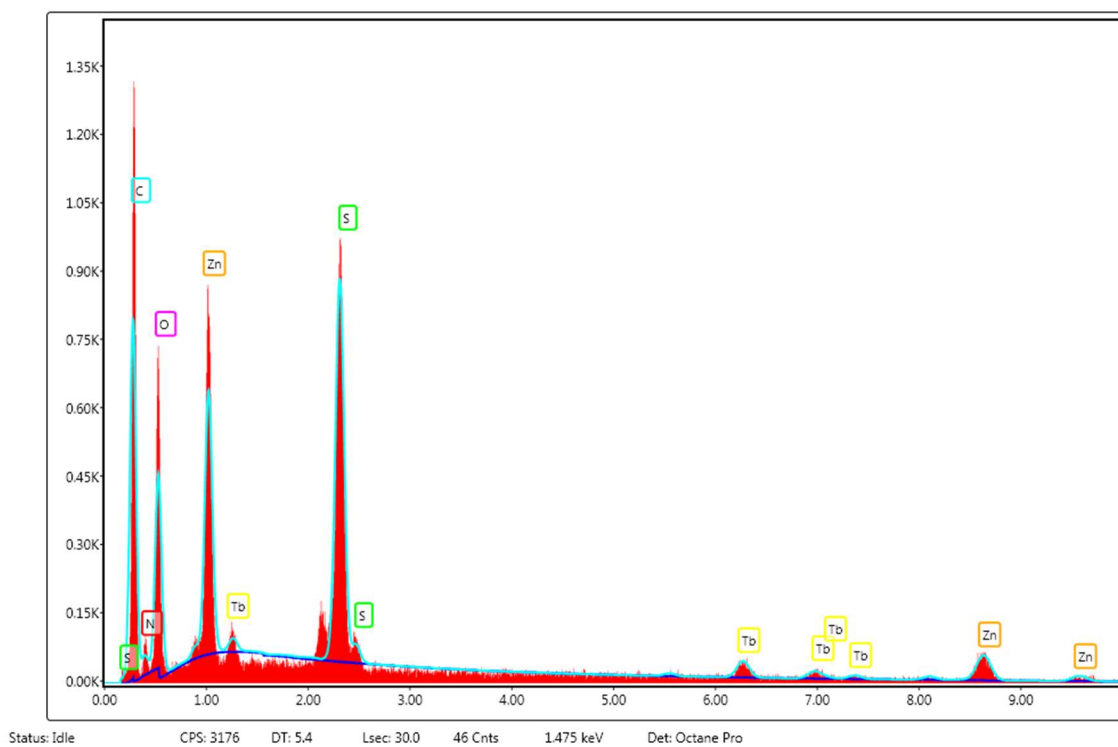
**Fig. S10** The three cycles of BR absorption by **Zn-MOF**. (a) the first cycle of BR absorption; (b) the second cycle of MB absorption; (c) the third cycle of BR absorption; (d) the adsorption ability of 3 cycles of BR adsorption.



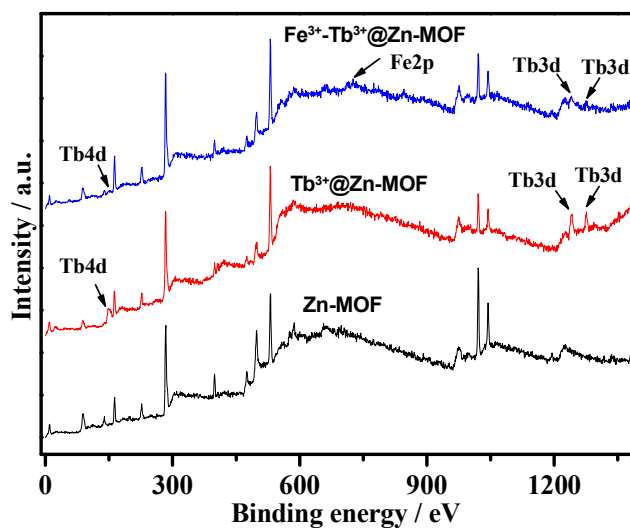
**Fig. S11** PXRD patterns of **Zn-MOF** after three cycles of dyes adsorption.



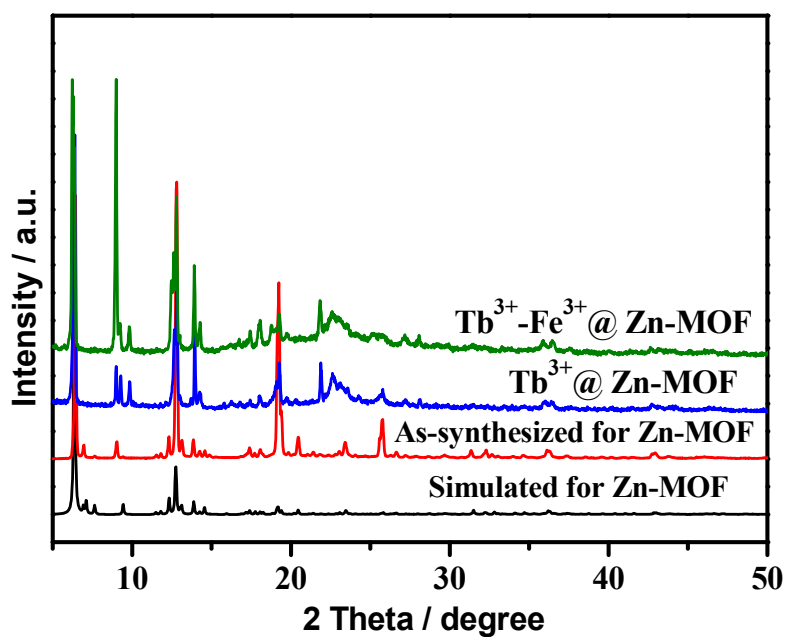
**Fig. S12** (a) SEM image of  $\text{Tb}^{3+}@\text{Zn-MOF}$ . (b) SEM image of  $\text{Tb}^{3+}@\text{Zn-MOF}$  after being soaking in EtOH solution of  $\text{Fe}(\text{NO}_3)_3$  for 12 h.



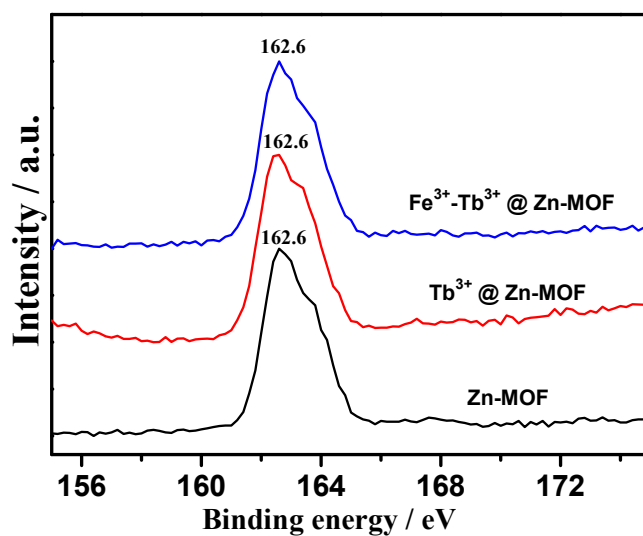
**Fig. S13** The SEM-EDS analysis for  $\text{Tb}^{3+}@\text{Zn-MOF}$ .



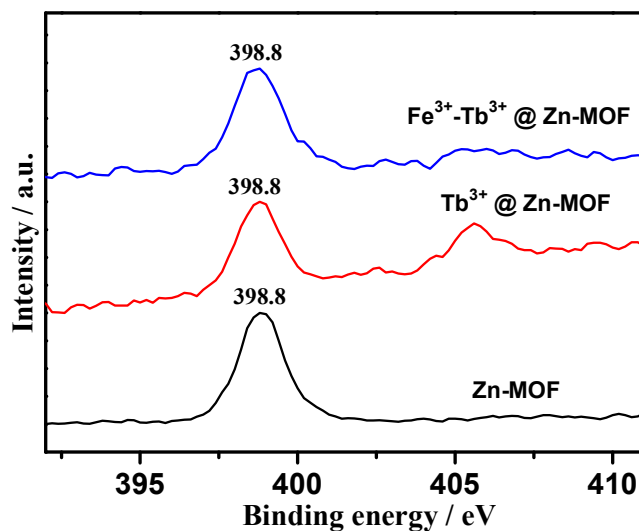
**Fig. S14** XPS low-resolution survey scan of  $\text{Zn-MOF}$ ,  $\text{Tb}^{3+}@\text{Zn-MOF}$  and the sample of  $\text{Tb}^{3+}@\text{Zn-MOF}$  after  $\text{Fe}^{3+}$  addition.



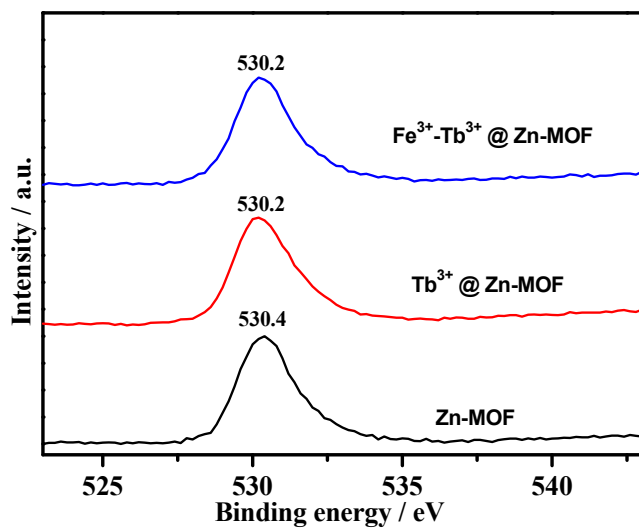
**Fig. S15** PXR D patterns of for **Zn-MOF**, **Tb<sup>3+</sup>@Zn-MOF** and the sample of **Tb<sup>3+</sup>@Zn-MOF** after being soaking in EtOH solution of **Fe(NO<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>** for 12 h.



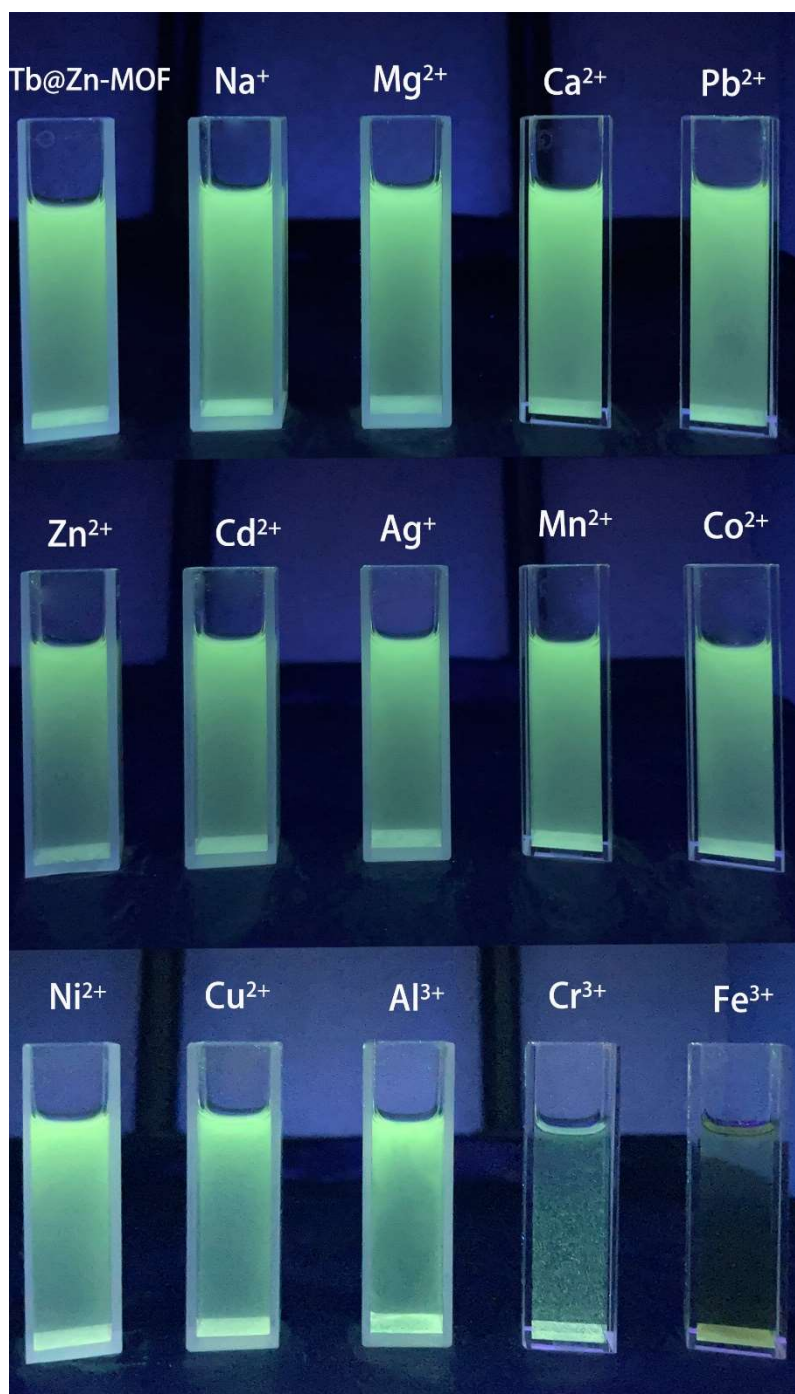
**Fig. S16** XPS high-resolution survey scans of S2p for **Zn-MOF**, **Tb<sup>3+</sup>@Zn-MOF** and the sample of **Tb<sup>3+</sup>@Zn-MOF** after **Fe<sup>3+</sup>** sensing.



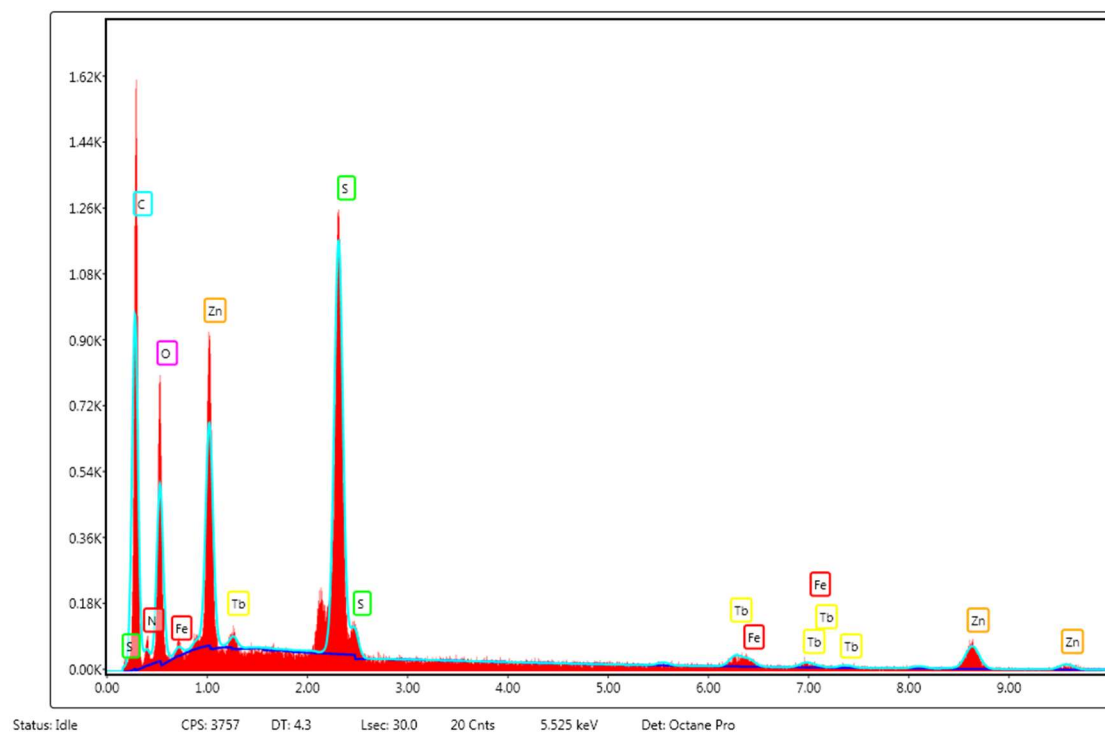
**Fig. S17** XPS high-resolution survey scans of N1s for **Zn-MOF**, **Tb<sup>3+</sup>@Zn-MOF** and the sample of **Tb<sup>3+</sup>@Zn-MOF** after Fe<sup>3+</sup> sensing.



**Fig. S18** XPS high-resolution survey scans of O1s for **Zn-MOF**, **Tb<sup>3+</sup>@Zn-MOF** and the sample of **Tb<sup>3+</sup>@Zn-MOF** after Fe<sup>3+</sup> sensing.



**Fig. S19** The photograph of Tb<sup>3+</sup>@Zn-MOF dispersed in EtOH with the addition of different metal ions under UV irradiation.

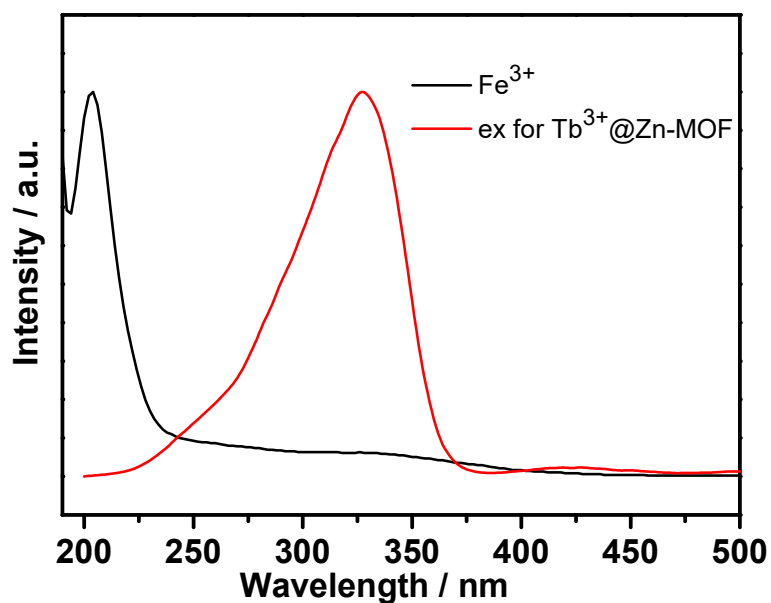


**Fig. S20** The SEM-EDS analysis for  $\text{Tb}^{3+}@\text{Zn-MOF}$  after being soaking in EtOH solution of  $\text{Fe}(\text{NO}_3)_3$ .



**Fig. S21** The photographs of  $\text{Zn-MOF}$ ,  $\text{Tb}^{3+}@\text{Zn-MOF}$  and  $\text{Fe}^{3+}$ -incorporated  $\text{Tb}^{3+}@\text{Zn-MOF}$ .





**Fig. S22** The excitation spectra of  $\text{Tb}^{3+}@\text{Zn-MOF}$  (dispersed in EtOH) and Uv-vis absorption spectrum of  $\text{Fe}(\text{NO}_3)_3$  in EtOH.

**Table S1** Summary of isosteric heat of adsorption ( $Q_{st}$ ) of  $\text{CO}_2$  for anionic metal-organic frameworks

Compound	Using methods	$Q_{st} / \text{KJ} \cdot \text{mol}^{-1}$	Ref
$\text{H}_3[(\text{Cu}_4\text{Cl})_3(\text{BTri})_8]$	Clausius-Clapeyron equation	21.0	1
SNU-151'	Clausius-Clapeyron equation	27.1	2
FJI-C1	virial methods	20.7	3
$[\text{H}_2\text{N}(\text{Me})_2]_2[\text{Zn}_5(\text{L})_3]$	virial methods	23.0	4
ZJNU-55a	Clausius-Clapeyron equation	35.4	5
CPF-13	virial methods	28.2	6
JXNU-4	virial methods	27.8	7
Bio-MOF-1	Clausius-Clapeyron equation	35.0	8
$[(\text{CH}_3)_2\text{NH}_2]_3[\text{Zn}_4\text{Na}(\text{BPTC})_3]$	Clausius-Clapeyron equation	27.0	9
$\{[\text{NH}_2(\text{CH}_3)_2][\text{Zn}(\text{atz})(\text{ox})] \cdot \text{H}_2\text{O}\}_n$	Clausius-Clapeyron equation	45.4	10
$\{(\text{Me}_2\text{NH}_2)[\text{Co}_3(\text{OH})_2(\text{TCPP})_2(\text{bpy})](\text{DMF})_{15}\}_n$	virial methods	23.5	11

**Table S2** The comparison among anionic metal-organic frameworks used for sensing Fe<sup>3+</sup>

Fluorescent materials	Media (aqueous / organic)	Quenching constant <i>K</i> <sub>sv</sub> (M <sup>-1</sup> )	LOD(limit of detection) (M)	Ref.
Tb <sup>3+</sup> @Zn-MOF	EtOH	3.26 × 10 <sup>4</sup>	1.67 × 10 <sup>-6</sup>	this work
[(CH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> NH <sub>2</sub> ]·[Tb(bptc)]· <i>x</i> solvents	EtOH	/	1.8 × 10 <sup>-4</sup>	12
[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>	13
Eu <sup>3+</sup> @bio-MOF-1	H <sub>2</sub> O	3.38 × 10 <sup>3</sup>	/	14
{[(CH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> NH <sub>2</sub> ] <sub>4</sub> [Ca <sub>2</sub> Zn <sub>4</sub> (L) <sub>4</sub> ]·4DMF} <sub>n</sub>	H <sub>2</sub> O	4.36 × 10 <sup>3</sup>	1.88 × 10 <sup>-5</sup>	15
[H <sub>2</sub> N(CH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> ] <sub>2</sub> [Zn <sub>2</sub> L(HPO <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> ]	H <sub>2</sub> O	3.96 × 10 <sup>5</sup>	1.16 × 10 <sup>-4</sup>	16
[H <sub>2</sub> N(CH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> ] <sub>3</sub> [Tb(dipic) <sub>3</sub> ]	H <sub>2</sub> O	3.60 × 10 <sup>4</sup>	/	17
[H <sub>2</sub> N(Me) <sub>2</sub> ][Eu <sub>3</sub> (OH)(bpt) <sub>3</sub> (H <sub>2</sub> O) <sub>3</sub> ] (DMF) <sub>2</sub> ·(H <sub>2</sub> O) <sub>4</sub>	H <sub>2</sub> O	3.27 × 10 <sup>4</sup>	/	18
[(CH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> NH <sub>2</sub> ] <sub>6</sub> [Cd <sub>3</sub> L(H <sub>2</sub> O) <sub>2</sub> ]·12H <sub>2</sub> O	H <sub>2</sub> O	2.67 × 10 <sup>5</sup>	/	19
{(Me <sub>2</sub> NH <sub>2</sub> )[Eu <sub>3</sub> (PTTBA) <sub>2</sub> ]· <i>x</i> DMF· <i>y</i> H <sub>2</sub> O} <sub>n</sub>	H <sub>2</sub> O	4.75 × 10 <sup>4</sup>	6.32 × 10 <sup>-6</sup>	20
[Me <sub>2</sub> NH <sub>2</sub> ][Eu(CPA) <sub>2</sub> (H <sub>2</sub> O) <sub>2</sub> ]	H <sub>2</sub> O	1.04 × 10 <sup>4</sup>	1 × 10 <sup>-7</sup>	21
NUC-7	H <sub>2</sub> O	4.77 × 10 <sup>4</sup>	6.3 × 10 <sup>-6</sup>	22
[(CH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> NH <sub>2</sub> ] <sub>2</sub> [Tb <sub>2</sub> (L) <sub>2</sub> (H <sub>2</sub> O) <sub>2</sub> ]·2DMF·2H <sub>2</sub> O	H <sub>2</sub> O	7.58 × 10 <sup>4</sup>	5 × 10 <sup>-5</sup>	23
{(Me <sub>2</sub> NH <sub>2</sub> )[Zn <sub>2</sub> (L)(H <sub>2</sub> O)]·0.5DMF} <sub>n</sub>	DMF	7.83 × 10 <sup>3</sup>	1.45 × 10 <sup>-5</sup>	24
FJI-C8	DMF	8.245 × 10 <sup>3</sup>	2.33 × 10 <sup>-5</sup>	25
{(NC <sub>2</sub> H <sub>8</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> [Cd(DMIPA)]· <i>x</i> G} <sub>n</sub>	DMF	3.78 × 10 <sup>4</sup>	2.9 × 10 <sup>-5</sup>	26
JOU-23	DMF	5.98 × 10 <sup>4</sup>	2 × 10 <sup>-6</sup>	27
JOU-11	DMF	2.66 × 10 <sup>4</sup>	4.53 × 10 <sup>-6</sup>	28
[H <sub>2</sub> N(CH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> ][Cd <sub>4</sub> (Hdpa) <sub>2</sub> (DMA) <sub>2</sub> (H <sub>2</sub> O) <sub>3</sub> ]·1.5DMA·2H <sub>2</sub> O	DMF	3.77 × 10 <sup>4</sup>	/	29
{[Cd <sub>2</sub> (L)(DMA)]·[H <sub>2</sub> N(Me) <sub>2</sub> ]} <sub>n</sub>	DMA	4.90 × 10 <sup>3</sup>	1.2 × 10 <sup>-3</sup>	30
[Eu(BTEC) <sub>0.5</sub> (HCOO)(H <sub>2</sub> O) <sub>2</sub> ]	DMSO	3.19 × 10 <sup>4</sup>	/	31

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