

# A ratiometric fluorescent sensor of a terbium coordination polymer for the anthrax biomarker 2,6-dipicolinic acid with on-site detection assisted by smartphone APP

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**Table S1.** The structural determination and refinement data for Tb-NDBC.

Empirical formula	C <sub>13</sub> H <sub>6</sub> O <sub>6</sub> Tb
Color and Habit	Colorless platelet
Crystal Size (mm <sup>3</sup> )	0.22 × 0.16 × 0.05
Crystal system	monoclinic
Space group	P2 <sub>1</sub> /c
<i>a</i> (Å)	12.9504(7)
<i>b</i> (Å)	12.8021(6)
<i>c</i> (Å)	6.8288(4)
$\alpha/^\circ$	90
$\beta/^\circ$	94.149(5)
$\gamma/^\circ$	90
<i>V</i> /Å <sup>3</sup>	1129.20(10)
<i>Z</i>	4
<i>F</i> <sub>w</sub>	417.10
<i>D</i> <sub>calcd</sub> (Mg m <sup>-3</sup> )	2.453
$\mu$ (mm <sup>-1</sup> )	31.065
<i>F</i> (000)	788.0
2 <i>θ</i> (°)	19.026 to 133.186
Reflections measured	3782
Independent reflections	1983 [ <i>R</i> <sub>int</sub> = 0.0346, <i>R</i> <sub>sigma</sub> = 0.0433]
<i>S</i>	1.064
Final <i>R</i> <sub>1</sub> , <i>wR</i> <sub>2</sub> indices (obs.)	<i>R</i> <sub>1</sub> = 0.0456, <i>wR</i> <sub>2</sub> = 0.1188
<i>R</i> <sub>1</sub> , <i>wR</i> <sub>2</sub> indices (all)	<i>R</i> <sub>1</sub> = 0.0525, <i>wR</i> <sub>2</sub> = 0.1250

$$R_1 = (\sum |F_o| - |F_c|) / \sum |F_o|. \quad wR_2 = [\sum (w(F_o^2 - F_c^2)^2) / \sum (w|F_o|^2)]^{1/2}$$

**Table S2.** Selected bond distances (Å) and bond angles (°) of Tb-NDBC.

bond distances	
Tb1-Tb1 <sup>1</sup> =3.9549(7)	Tb1-O1=2.456(5)
Tb1-O11=2.304(5)	Tb1-O1 <sup>4</sup> =2.572(5)
Tb1-O12 <sup>1</sup> =2.325(6)	Tb1-O2 <sup>5</sup> =2.371(5)

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Tb1-O13<sup>2</sup>=2.316(5)  
Tb1-O14<sup>3</sup>=2.260(5)

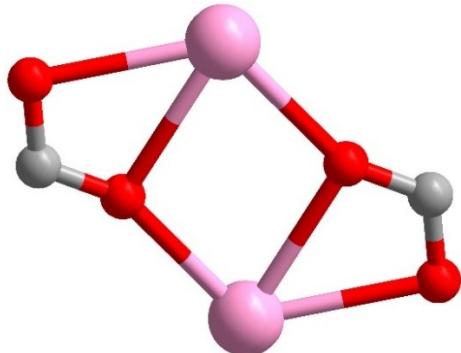
Tb1-O2<sup>4</sup>=2.568(5)

bond angles

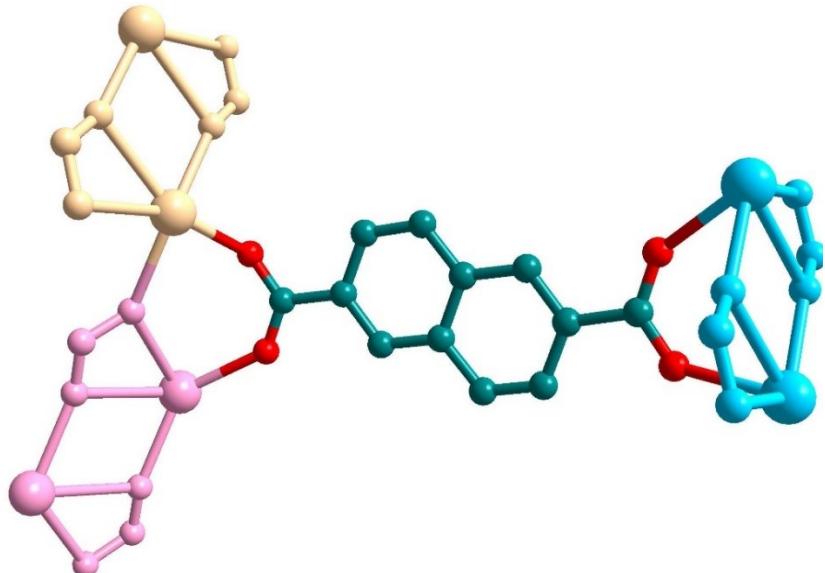
O11-Tb1-Tb1 <sup>1</sup> =67.10(13)	O11-Tb1-O12 <sup>1</sup> =136.15(19)
O11-Tb1-O13 <sup>2</sup> =76.77(19)	O11-Tb1-O1 <sup>3</sup> =82.20(19)
O11-Tb1-O1=152.11(18)	O11-Tb1-O2 <sup>4</sup> =72.06(19)
O11-Tb1-O2 <sup>3</sup> =71.64(19)	O12 <sup>1</sup> -Tb1-Tb1 <sup>1</sup> =69.10(13)
O12 <sup>1</sup> -Tb1-O1 <sup>3</sup> =92.2(2)	O12 <sup>1</sup> -Tb1-O1=70.69(18)
O12 <sup>1</sup> -Tb1-O2 <sup>4</sup> =75.3(2)	O12 <sup>1</sup> -Tb1-O2 <sup>3</sup> =71.6(2)
O13 <sup>2</sup> -Tb1-Tb1 <sup>1</sup> =142.45(14)	O13 <sup>2</sup> -Tb1-O12 <sup>1</sup> =145.22(19)
O13 <sup>2</sup> -Tb1-O1 <sup>3</sup> =80.14(18)	O13 <sup>2</sup> -Tb1-O1=75.46(19)
O13 <sup>2</sup> -Tb1-O2 <sup>3</sup> =123.30(19)	O13 <sup>2</sup> -Tb1-O2 <sup>4</sup> =136.71(19)
O14 <sup>5</sup> -Tb1-Tb1 <sup>1</sup> =117.18(13)	O14 <sup>5</sup> -Tb1-O11=101.14(19)
O14 <sup>5</sup> -Tb1-O12 <sup>1</sup> =100.2(2)	O14 <sup>5</sup> -Tb1-O13 <sup>2</sup> =78.74(19)
O14 <sup>5</sup> -Tb1-O1 <sup>3</sup> =157.20(17)	O14 <sup>5</sup> -Tb1-O1=75.98(18)
O14 <sup>5</sup> -Tb1-O2 <sup>3</sup> =152.28(17)	O14 <sup>5</sup> -Tb1-O2 <sup>4</sup> =78.64(18)
O1 <sup>3</sup> -Tb1-Tb1 <sup>1</sup> =85.06(11)	O1-Tb1-Tb1 <sup>1</sup> =139.30(13)
O1-Tb1-O1 <sup>3</sup> =90.48(10)	O1 <sup>3</sup> -Tb1-O2 <sup>3</sup> =50.23(17)
O1-Tb1-O2 <sup>3</sup> =122.92(17)	O2 <sup>3</sup> -Tb1-Tb1 <sup>1</sup> =35.12(12)
O2 <sup>4</sup> -Tb1-Tb1 <sup>1</sup> =38.54(13)	O24-Tb1-C13=98.24(19)
O24-Tb1-O13=123.31(17)	O24-Tb1-O1=132.52(18)
O24-Tb1-O23=73.7(2)	

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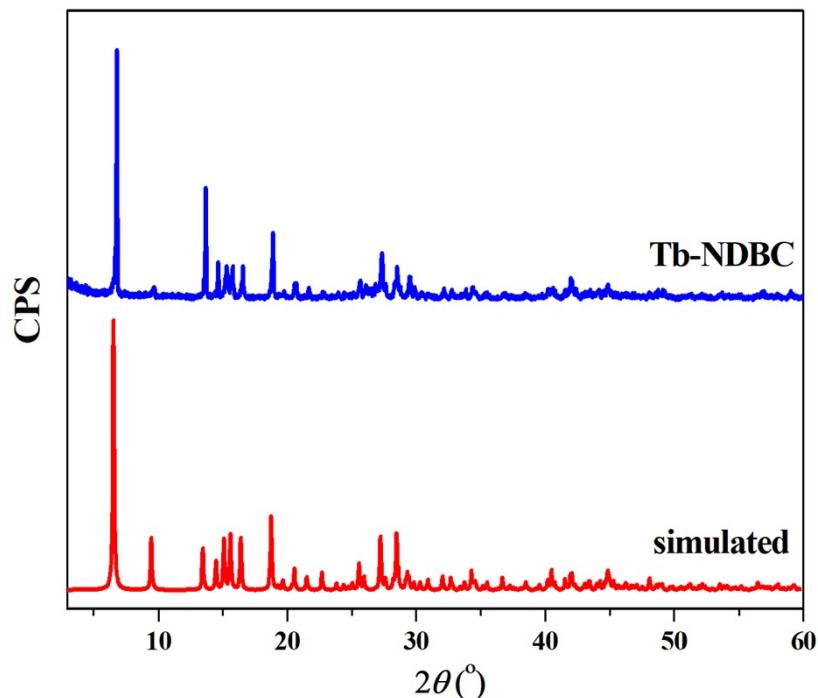
Symmetry codes for bond distances: <sup>1</sup> 1-x, 1-y, -z; <sup>2</sup> -x, 1/2+y, -1/2-z; <sup>3</sup> -x, 1-y, -z; <sup>4</sup> x, 3/2-y, -1/2+z; <sup>5</sup> 1-x, -1/2+y, 1/2-z; For bond angles: 1-x, 1-y, -z; <sup>2</sup> -x, 1/2+y, -1/2-z; <sup>3</sup> x, 3/2-y, -1/2+z; <sup>4</sup> 1-x, -1/2+y, 1/2-z; <sup>5</sup> -x, 1-y, -z; <sup>6</sup> -x, -1/2+y, -1/2-z; <sup>7</sup> x, 3/2-y, 1/2+z; <sup>8</sup> 1-x, 1/2+y, 1/2-z.



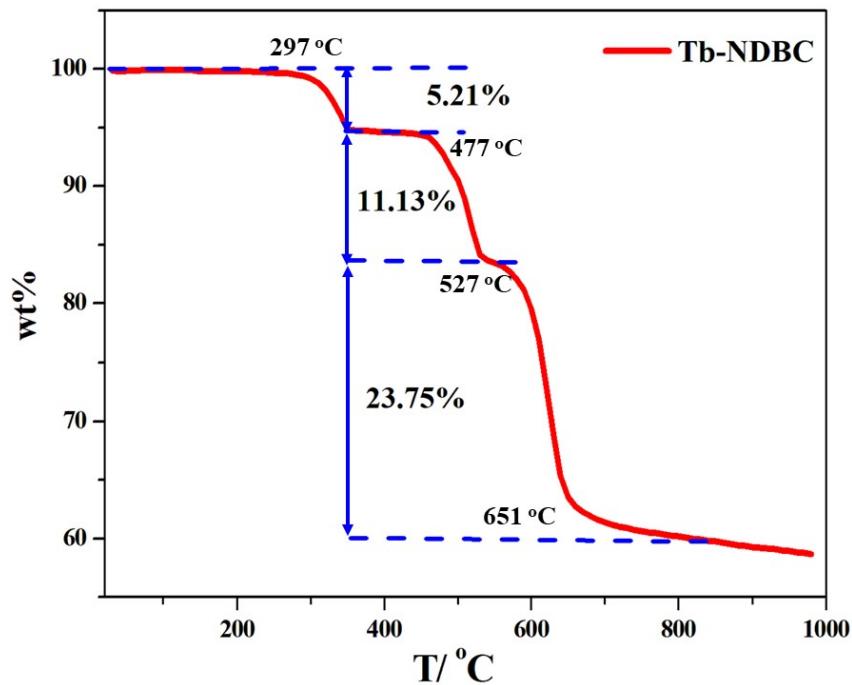
**Fig. S1.** The structural motif of  $\text{Tb}_2(\text{COO})_2$  subunit.



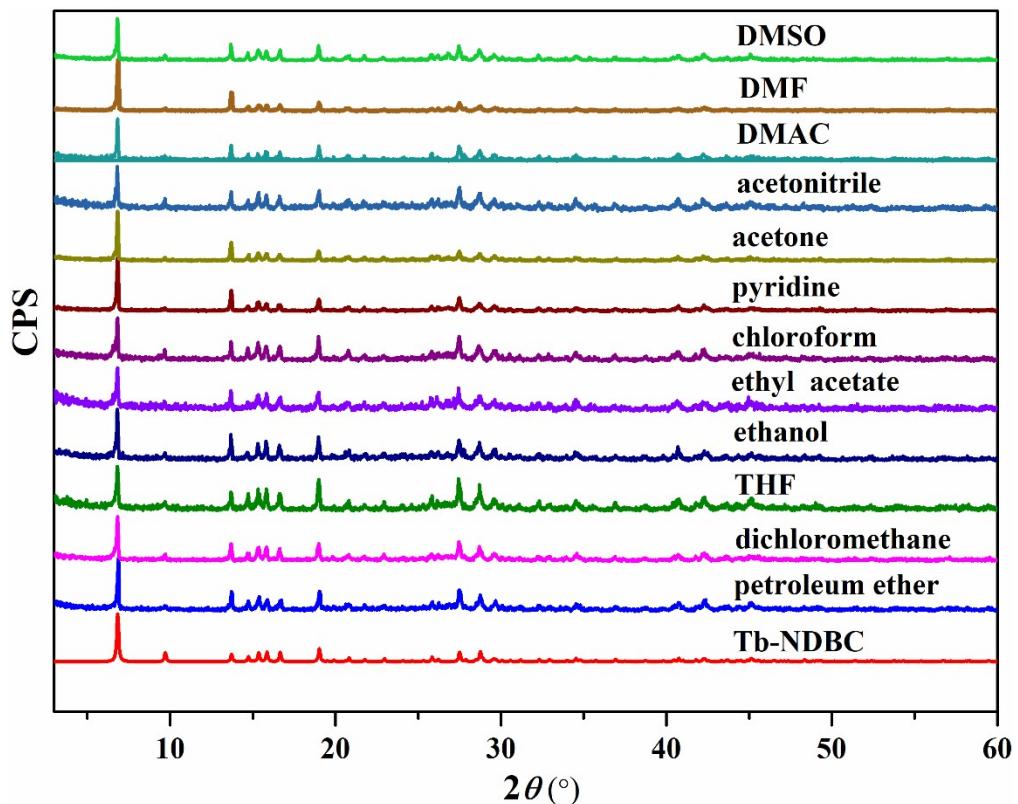
**Fig. S2.** The linkage mode of NDBC<sup>2-</sup> ligand with three Tb<sub>2</sub>(COO)<sub>2</sub> subunits.



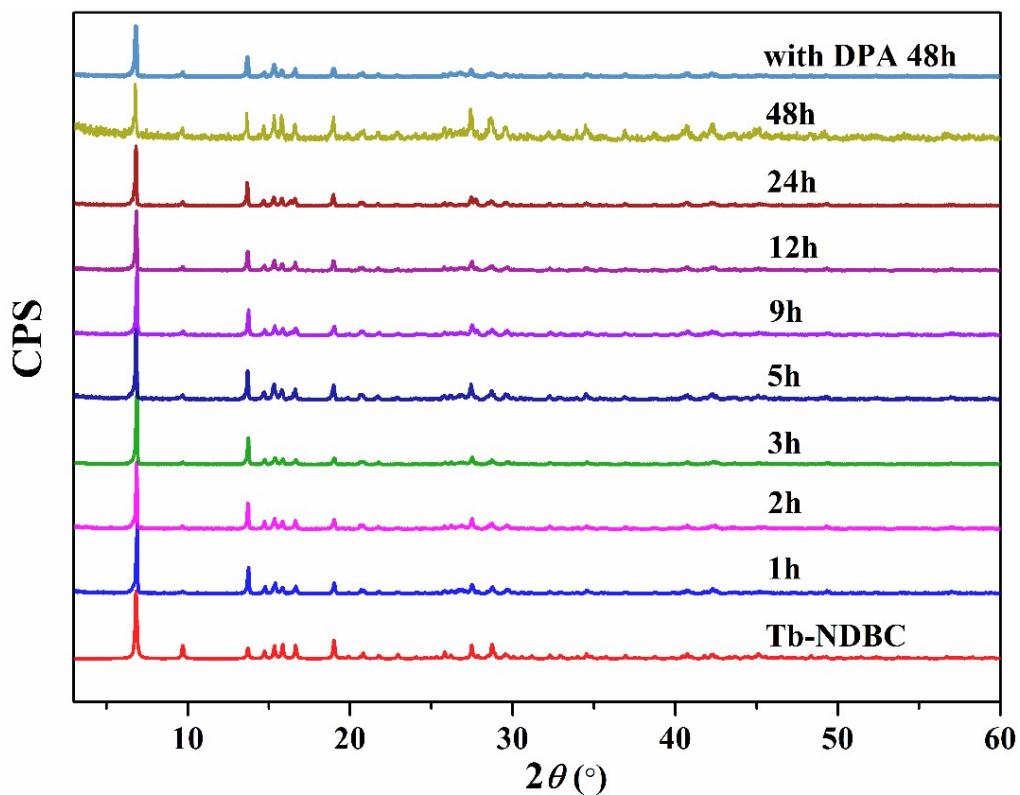
**Fig. S3.** Experimental PXRD pattern of Tb-NDBC compared to the simulated one.



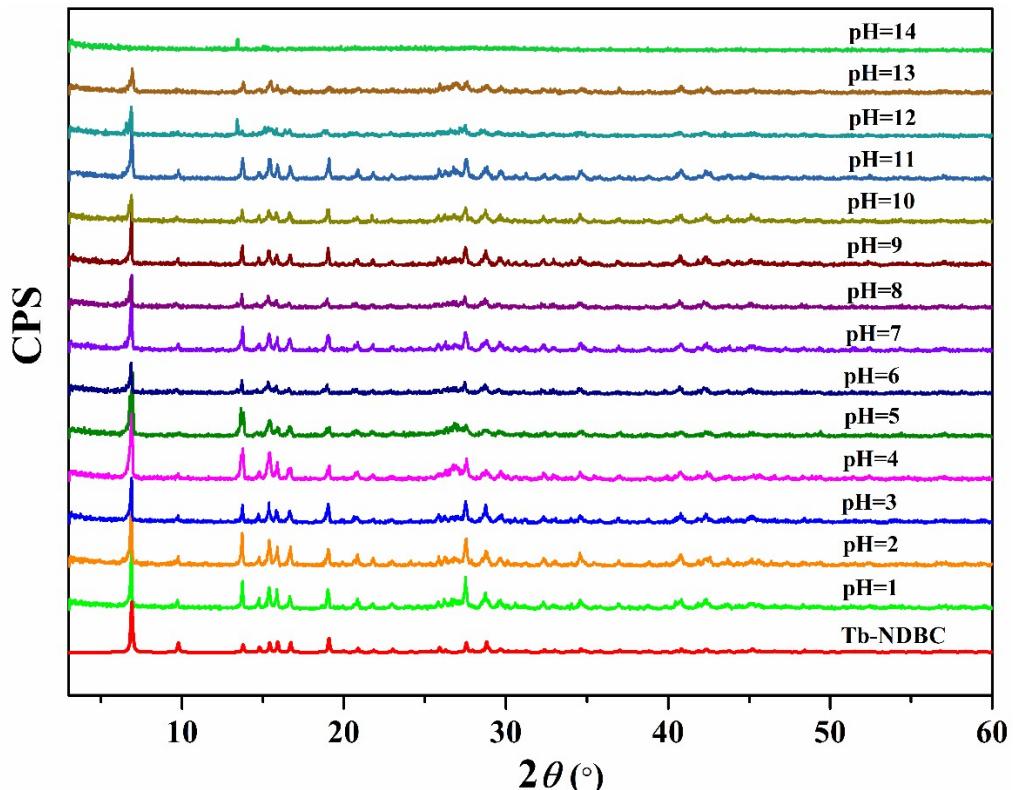
**Fig. S4.** The TG curve of Tb-NDBC.



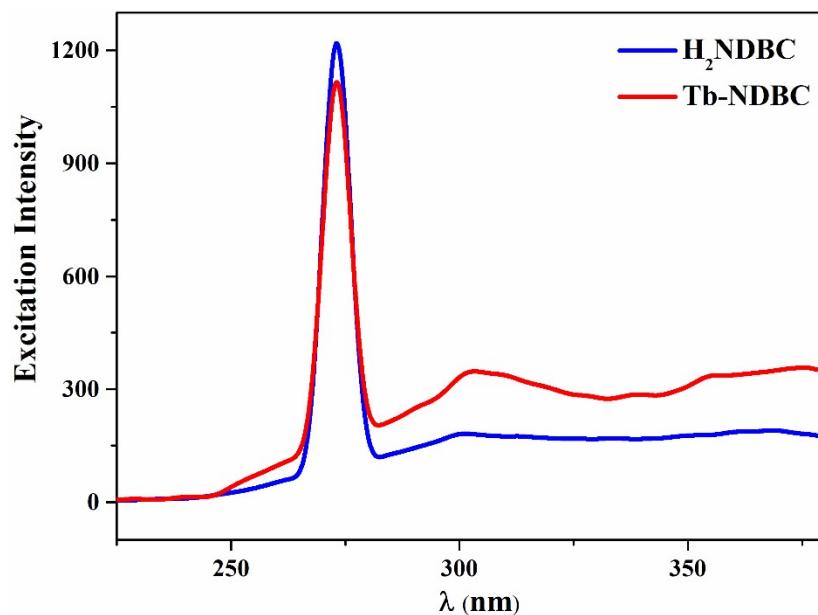
**Fig. S5.** Experimental PXRD patterns of Tb-NDBC immersed in twelve organic solvents for 48 h compared to the one of Tb-NDBC.



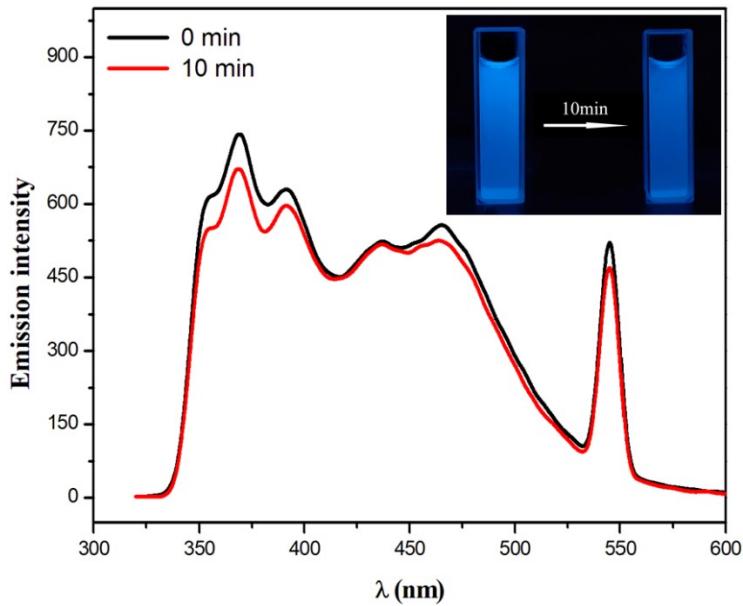
**Fig. S6.** Experimental PXRD patterns of Tb-NDBC immersed in water for 1-48 h compared to the one of Tb-NDBC.



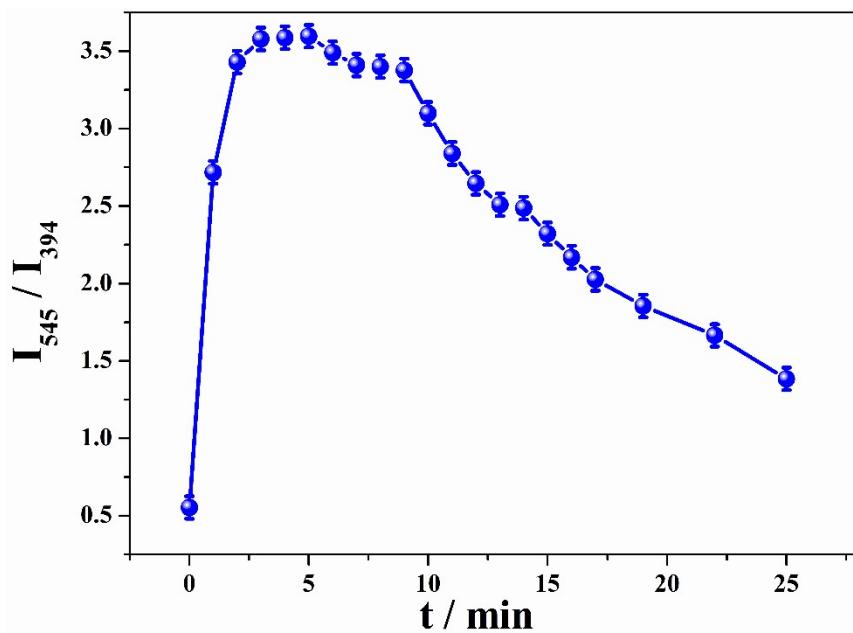
**Fig. S7.** Experimental PXRD patterns of Tb-NDBC immersed in HCl or NaOH aqueous solutions for 48h with pH =1-14 compared to the one of Tb-NDBC.



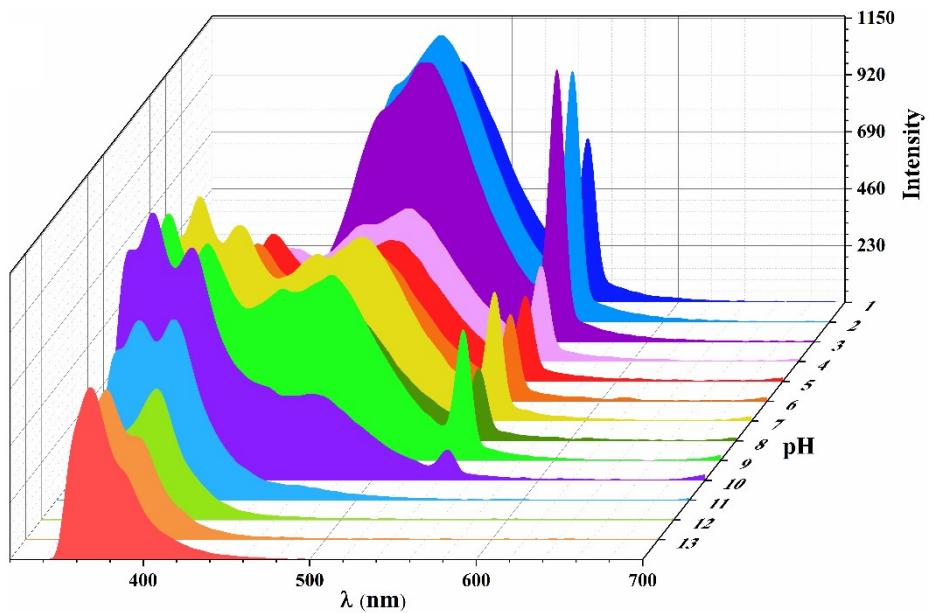
**Fig. S8.** Excitation spectra of Tb-NDBC and H<sub>2</sub>NDBC recorded at ambient temperature.



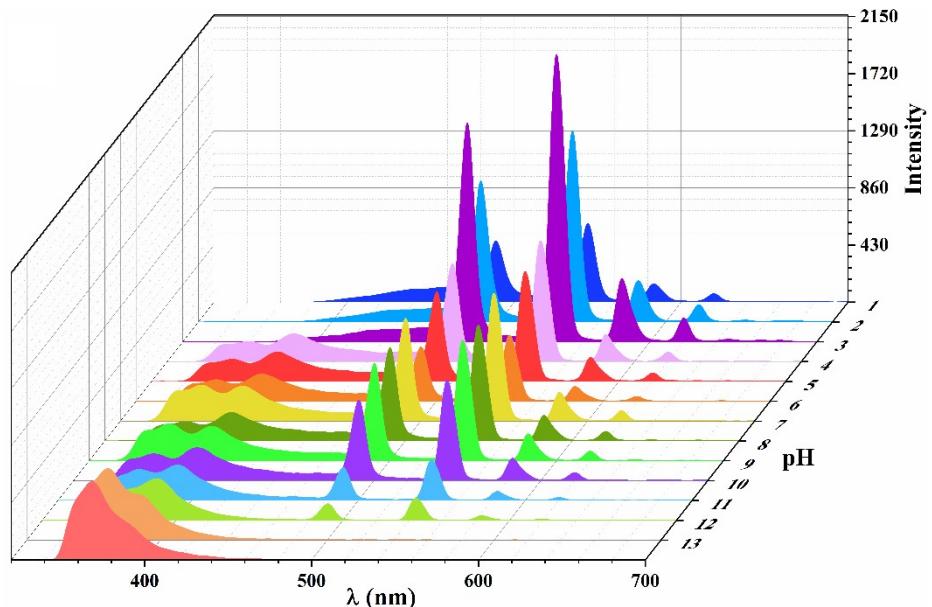
**Fig. S9.** Emission spectra of Tb-NDBC suspension with standing for 0 and 10min (inset: photo of cuvette taken under 365 nm UV light).



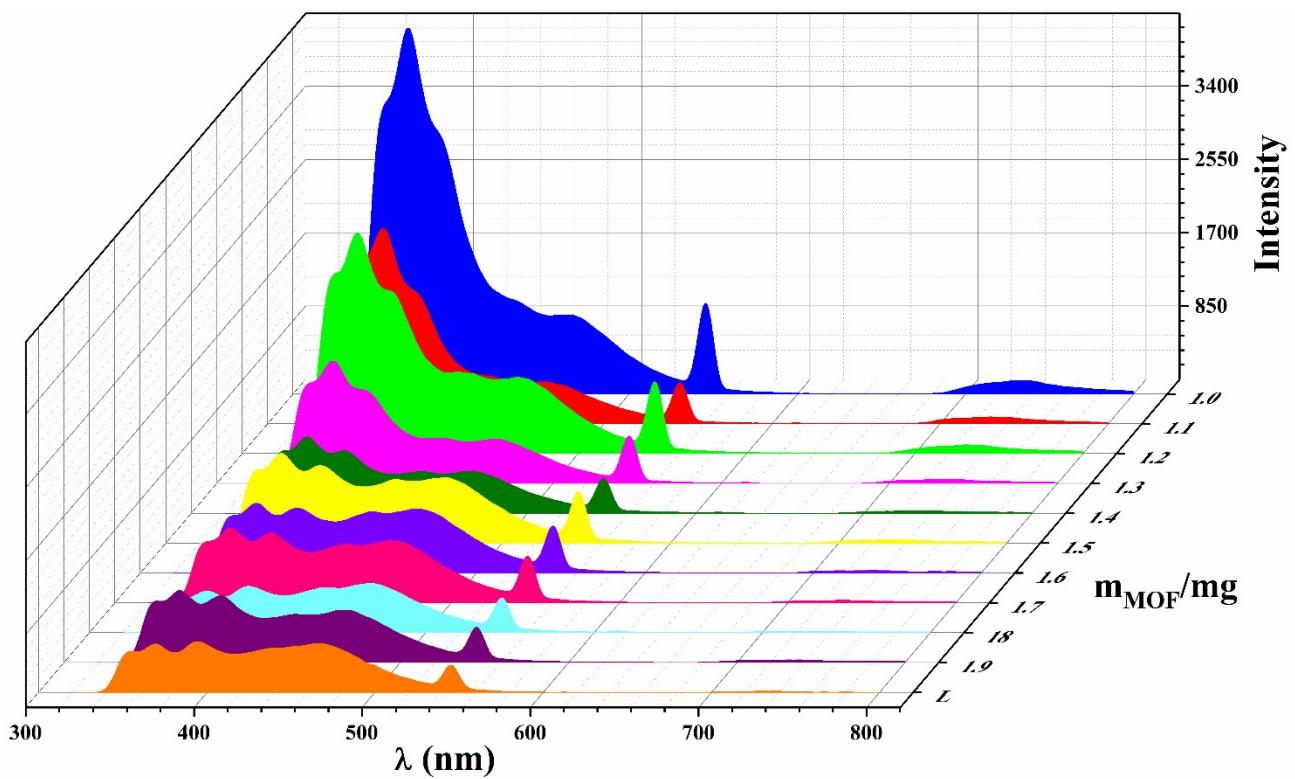
**Fig. S10.** The plot of  $I_{545}/I_{394}$  vs time of Tb-NDBC suspensions mixed with DPA with time ranging 0-25 min.



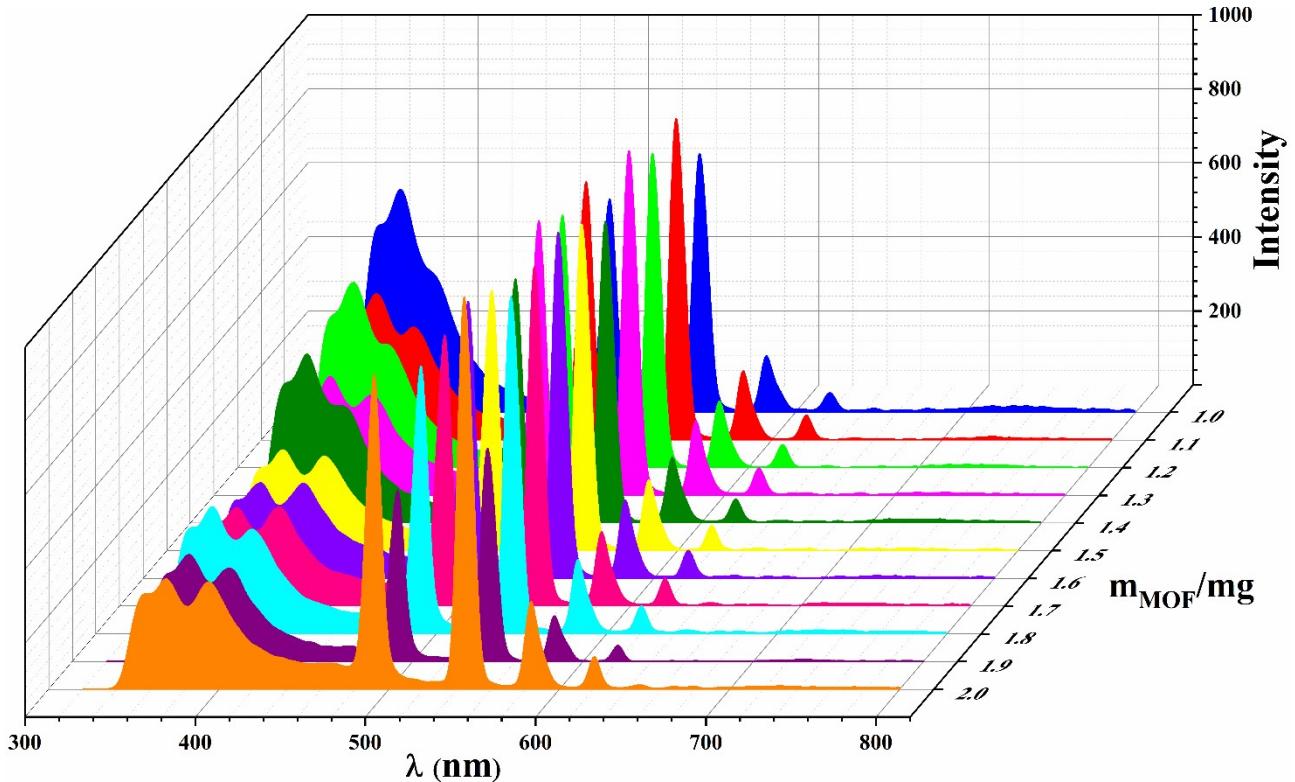
**Fig. S11.** The emission spectra of Tb-NDBC suspensions excited at 270 nm with pH ranging 1-14 without DPA added at ambient temperature.



**Fig. S12.** The emission spectra of Tb-NDBC suspensions excited at 270 nm with pH ranging 1-14 with DPA added at ambient temperature.



**Fig. S13.** The emission spectra of Tb-NDBC suspensions excited at 270 nm depending on the dosage of Tb-NDBC in 1-2 mg without DPA added at ambient temperature.



**Fig. S14.** The emission spectra of Tb-NDBC suspensions excited at 270 nm depending on the dosage of Tb-NDBC in 1-2 mg with DPA added at ambient temperature.

**Table S3.** Ten data of  $I_{545}/I_{394}$  for the blank sample

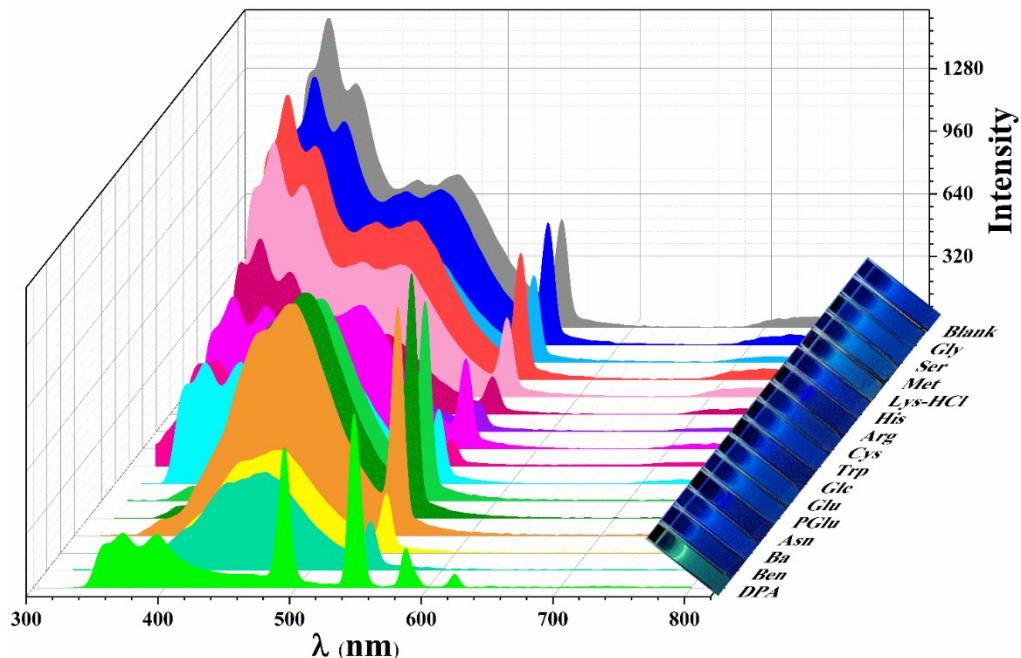
No.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	SD (n=10)
$I_{394}$	621.1	549.5	556.8	559.8	569.2	568.5	578.7	757.3	585.4	589	
$I_{545}$	520.3	453.6	456.8	461.7	464.5	463.5	469.9	612.9	467	469	
$I_{545}/I_{394}$	0.838	0.825	0.820	0.825	0.816	0.815	0.812	0.809	0.798	0.796	0.01264

**Table S4.** Detection performance comparison of sensors to DPA detection

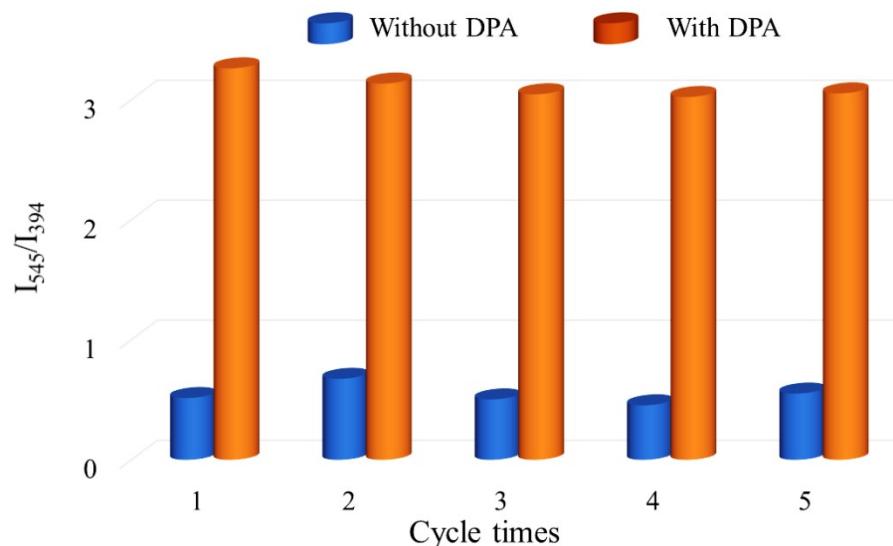
Sensors	Methods	Linear ranges	LODs	Refs
Tb-NDBC	Fluorometric	0-400 $\mu$ M	5.21 $\mu$ M	This work
Tb <sub>0.875</sub> Eu <sub>0.125</sub> -Hddb	Fluorometric	0-100 $\mu$ M	0.8494 $\mu$ M	1
Eu <sub>0.1</sub> Tb <sub>0.9</sub> (NDBC)(H <sub>2</sub> O)Cl	Fluorometric	0-600 $\mu$ M	0.248 $\mu$ M	2
Eu <sub>0.1</sub> Tb <sub>0.9</sub> (BPDC)(H <sub>2</sub> O)Cl	Fluorometric	0-400 $\mu$ M	0.874 $\mu$ M	2
Eu <sub>0.1</sub> Tb <sub>0.9</sub> (BDC)(H <sub>2</sub> O)Cl	Fluorometric	0-300 $\mu$ M	2.277 $\mu$ M	2
Eu/Tb(BTC)	Fluorometric	0-1000 nM	1.087 $\mu$ M	3
[Tb <sub>0.43</sub> Eu <sub>1.57</sub> (1,4-phda) <sub>3</sub> (H <sub>2</sub> O)](H <sub>2</sub> O) <sub>2</sub>	Fluorometric	0-800 nM	0.17 $\mu$ M	4
NH <sub>2</sub> -MOF-76(Eu);	Fluorometric	0-100 $\mu$ M	3.8 $\mu$ M	5
Tb <sup>3+</sup> /Eu <sup>3+</sup> @Ni-BTC	Fluorometric	0-20 $\mu$ M	14.7 nM	6
RSPh@EuBTC	Colorimetric,	0-140 $\mu$ M	2.2 $\mu$ M	7
	Fluorometric			
1-Cu <sup>2+</sup>	Fluorometric, Colorimetric	0-10nm	2 $\mu$ M	8
	Fluorometric			
EDTA-Eu <sup>3+</sup>	Fluorometric	10-50nm	10nM	9
GMP-Tb/Eu	Fluorometric	2-16 $\mu$ M	96 nM	10
His@ZIF-8/Tb <sup>3+</sup>	Fluorometric	0.08-10 $\mu$ M	0.02 $\mu$ M	11
TPE-TS@Eu/GMP ICP	Colorimetric	0-40 $\mu$ M	30, 27nm	12
Pal@FL@UiO-66-(COOH) <sub>2</sub> -Eu	Fluorometric	0-35 $\mu$ M	9.3 nM	13
TbP-CPs	Fluorometric	0-8.0 $\mu$ M	54nM	14
Tb-COP	Fluorometric	0.1-30 $\mu$ M	13.5 nM	15
R6H@Eu(BTC)	Fluorometric	0-80 $\mu$ M	4.5 $\mu$ M	16
Atta-RhB@SiO <sub>2</sub> -EDTA-Tb	Fluorometric	0.1-40 $\mu$ M	9.8 nM	17
RiP/Eu <sup>3+</sup> CPs	Fluorometric	0-1 $\mu$ M	41.5 nM	18
EBT-Eu <sup>3+</sup>	Fluorometric	2-10 $\mu$ M	2 $\mu$ M	19
	Colorimetric			
Tb <sup>3+</sup> @UIO-67	Fluorometric	0.3-6 $\mu$ M	36 nM	20
UCNPs-TPP/EBT	Colorimetric	2-200 $\mu$ M	0.9 $\mu$ M	21
Eu@SiNPs	Fluorometric	4-20 $\mu$ M	0.15 $\mu$ M	22
pSiNPs-Tb	Fluorometric	1-10 $\mu$ M	1.25 $\mu$ M	23
Fe <sub>3</sub> O <sub>4</sub> -Tb NP	Fluorometric	20-1000nM	5.4 nM	24
HAP-NPs	Fluorometric	0.1-40 $\mu$ M	77 nM	25
AuNPs	SERS	0.5-4 $\mu$ M	5 fM	26
Si NPs/Tb-MOFs	Fluorometric	0.025-3 $\mu$ M	5.3 nM	27
CD-Cu(II)	Fluorometric	0.25-20 $\mu$ M	12 nM	28
CdS@ZIF-8	Fluorometric	0.1-150 $\mu$ M	67 nM	29
CDs-Tb	Fluorometric	0.0005-2.5 $\mu$ M	0.1 nM	30
OG-CDs	Fluorometric	0.5-12.5 $\mu$ M	56 nM	31
Eu-CDs	Fluorometric	5-700nM	5nM	32
FMn-CDs	Fluorometric	0.1-750nM	0.1 nM	33
CDs-Eu	Fluorometric	0.5nM-5 $\mu$ M	0.8 nM	34
hPEI-CD-EDTA-Eu <sup>3+</sup>	Fluorometric	1.0-100nM,	190 pM	35
EBT-CDs@Eu	Fluorometric	0.1-12.0 $\mu$ M	10.64 nM	36
	Fluorometric			
CdS QDs -Eu <sup>3+</sup>	Fluorometric	1-120 $\mu$ M	0.2 $\mu$ M	37
BCNO QDs-EDTA-Eu <sup>3+</sup>	Fluorometric	0-700nM	0.5 nM	38
SiQDs-NH <sub>2</sub> -EDTA-Eu	Fluorometric	0-34 $\mu$ M	1.02 $\mu$ M	39
Au@GSH NC-Cu <sup>2+</sup>	Fluorometric	1-4 $\mu$ M	19nM	40
Sm <sup>3+</sup> /Au(0)@Au(I)-SG NCs	Fluorometric	1-120 $\mu$ M	0.1 $\mu$ M	41
BSA-Au NCs	Fluorometric	0-66.7 $\mu$ M	35.8 nM	42

Note: H<sub>4</sub>ddb=1,3-di(3',5'-dicarboxylphenyl)benzene; BPDC<sup>2-</sup>=4,4'-biphenyldicarboxylate; BDC<sup>2-</sup>=1,4-benzenedicarboxylate; BTC<sup>3-</sup>= 1,3,5-benzenetricarboxylate; 1,4-phda=1,4-phenylenediacetic acid; 1=atechol-substituted monostyryl boradiazaindacene probe; EDTA=ethylenediaminetetraacetic acid dianhydride; GMP=guanine 5'-monophosphate; R6H=rhodamine-based sensing probe; monophosphate; His=L-histidine; ZIF=zeolitic imidazolate framework; TPE-TS=tetra(4-sulfophenyl)ethylene; ICP=Infinite

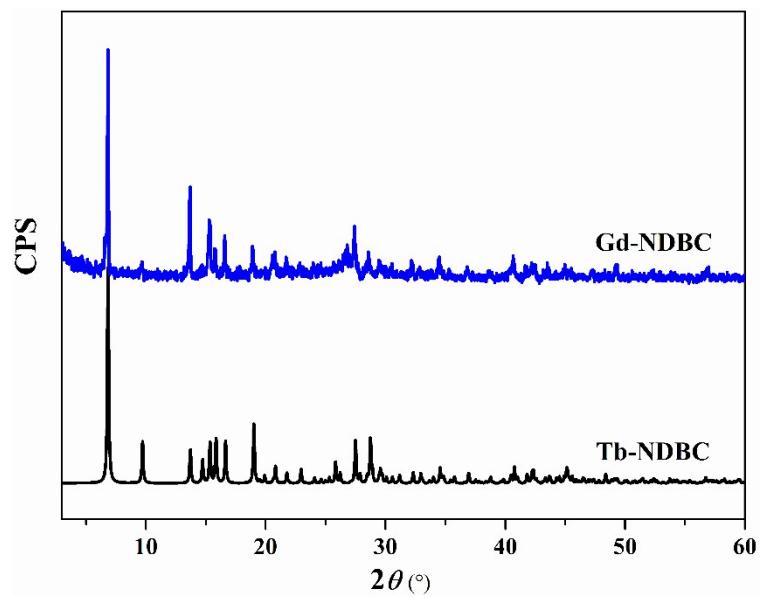
coordination polymer; Pal@FL=Pal-doped fluorescein; RSPh=rhodamine; TbP=terbium; CPs=coordination polymer microspheres; COP=covalent organic polymer; Atta=attapulgite; RhB= Rhodamine B; RiP = riboflavin-50-phosphate; EBT=eriochrome Black T; UCNPs=upconversion nanoparticles; TPP=tripolyphosphate; pSiNPs=porous silicon nanoparticles; HAP=hydroxyapatite; CD=carbon dot; OG=orange/green dual-emissive; FMn=functionalized manganese-doped; hPEI=hyperbranched polyethyleneimine; QDs= quantum dots; BCNO =boron carbon oxynitride; GSH=glutathione; NCs=nanoclusters; SG =glutathione; BSA=bovine serum albumin; phosphonate.



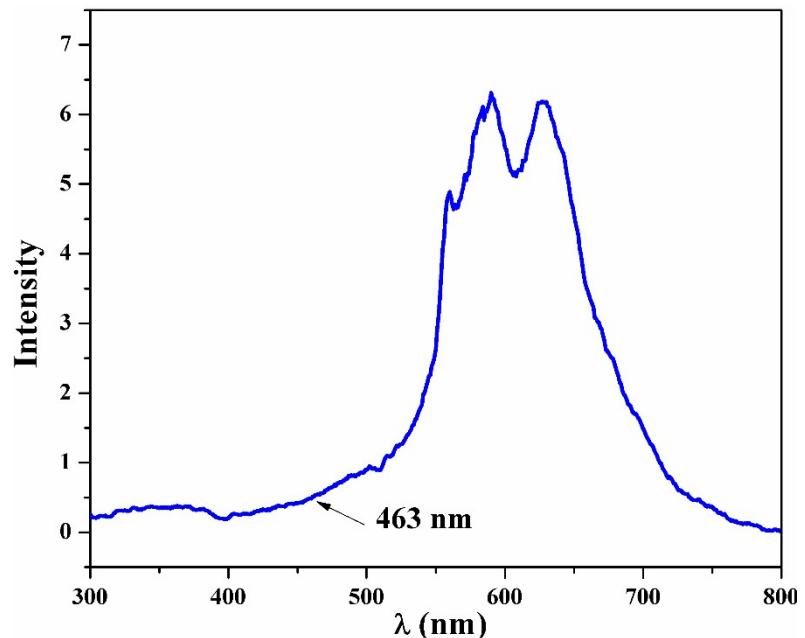
**Fig. S15.** The emission spectra of 1.8 mg Tb-NDBC suspensions excited at 270 nm with fourteen kinds of 1 mM interferents with photos taken under 365 nm UV light.



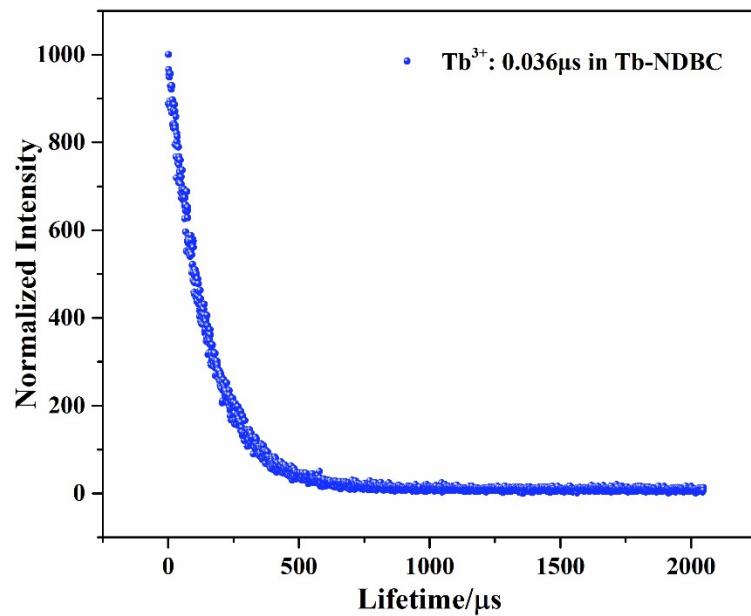
**Fig. 16.** The durability of Tb-NDBC in five DPA detections.



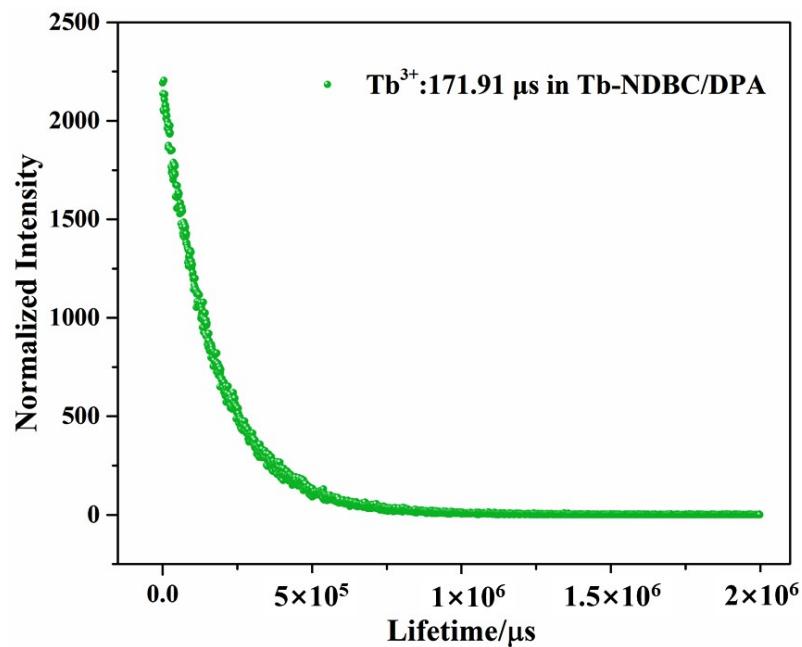
**Fig. S17.** The PXRD pattern of Gd-NDBC comparing to Tb-NDBC.



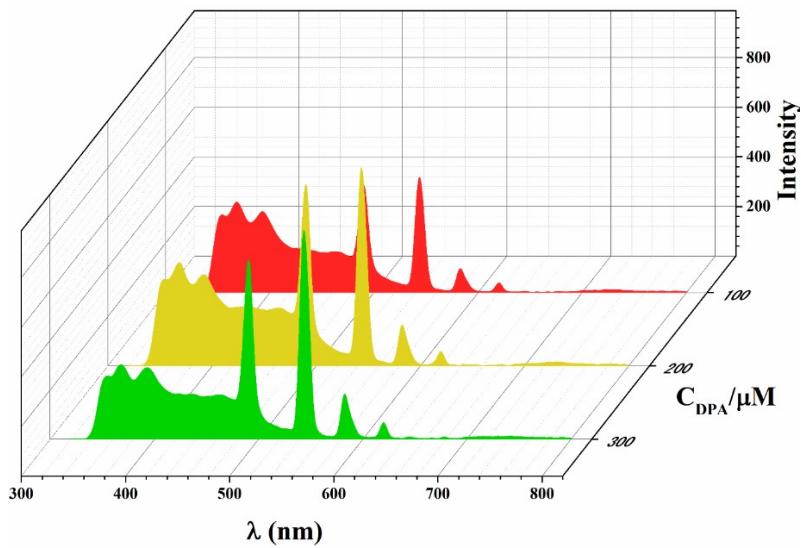
**Fig. S18.** Phosphorescence spectrum of Gd-NDBC under 340 nm excitation at 77K.



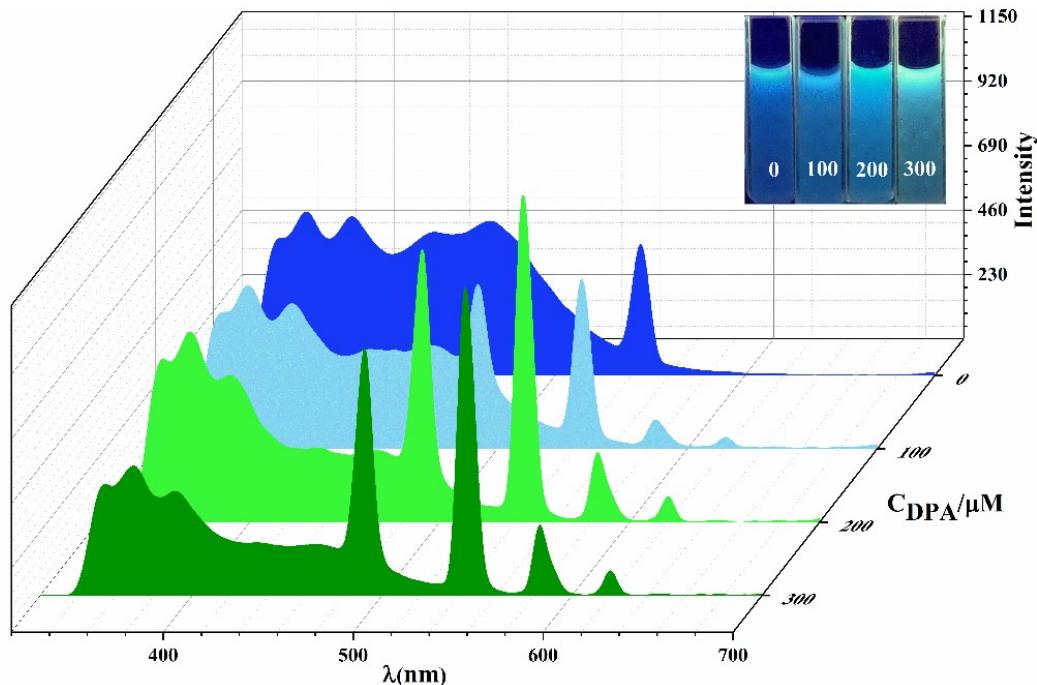
**Fig. S19.** The fluorescence lifetime of  $\text{Tb}^{3+}$  in Tb-NDC without DPA.



**Fig. S20.** The fluorescence lifetime of  $\text{Tb}^{3+}$  in Tb-NDC with DPA.



**Fig. 21.** The emission spectra of Tb-NDBC suspensions in human serum with  $C_{DPA} = 100, 200$  and  $300 \mu\text{M}$  excited at  $270 \text{ nm}$  at ambient temperature.



**Fig. 22.** The emission spectra of Tb-NDBC suspensions in lake water with  $C_{DPA} = 100, 200$  and  $300 \mu\text{M}$  excited at  $270 \text{ nm}$  at ambient temperature with photos taken under  $365 \text{ nm}$  UV light.

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