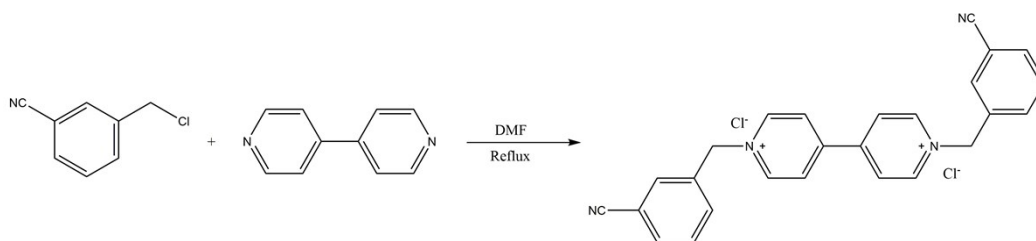


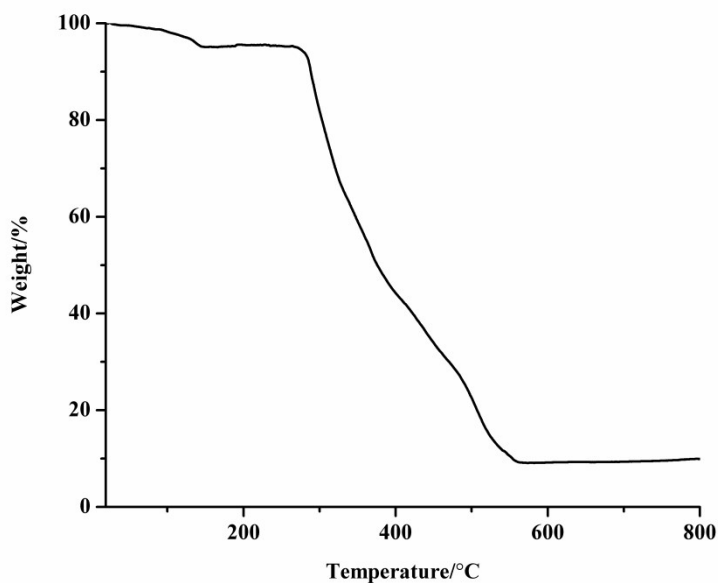
## Supporting information

### A smart sensing Zn ( II ) coordination polymer based on a new viologen ligand exhibiting photochromic and thermochromic and multiple solid detection properties

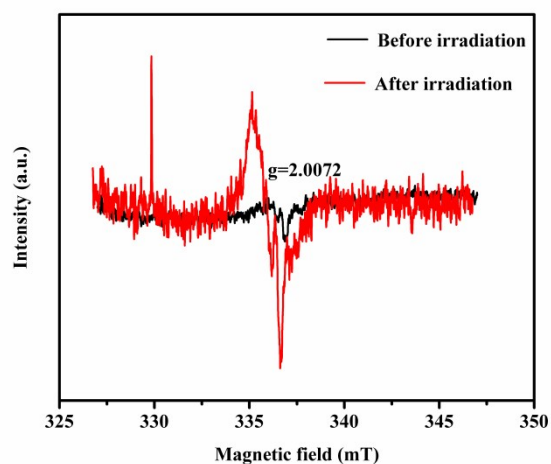
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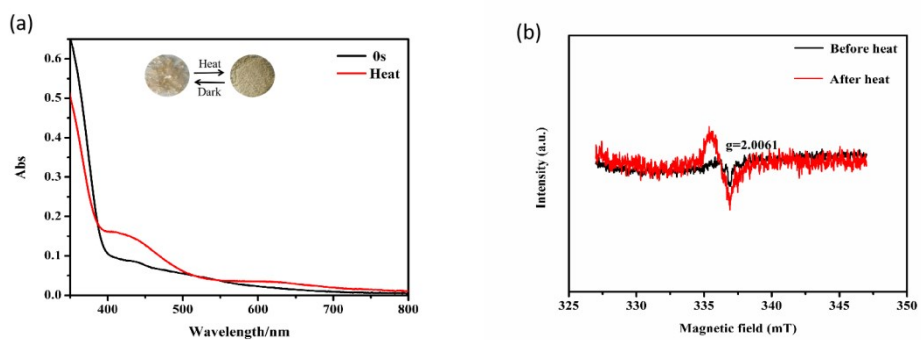
**Scheme 1** Synthesis of viologen ligand 1,1'-bis(3-cyanobenzyl)-[4,4'-bipyridine] dichloride.



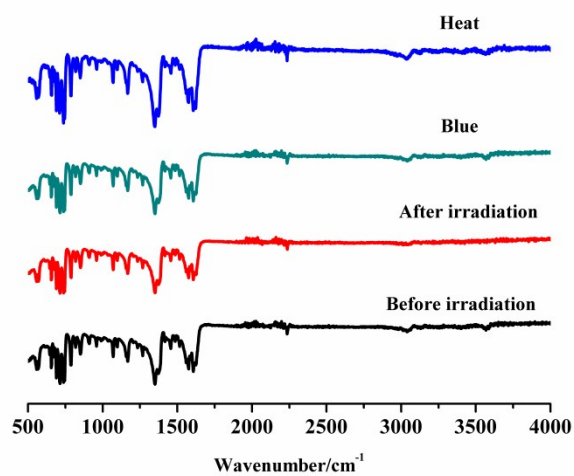
**Figure S1** The TGA data of the compound 1.



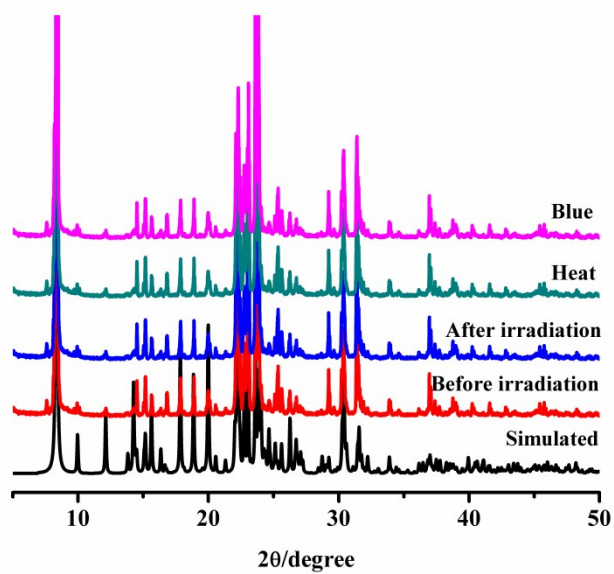
**Figure S2** EPR spectral changes of the compound 1 before and after irradiation with Xe lamp.



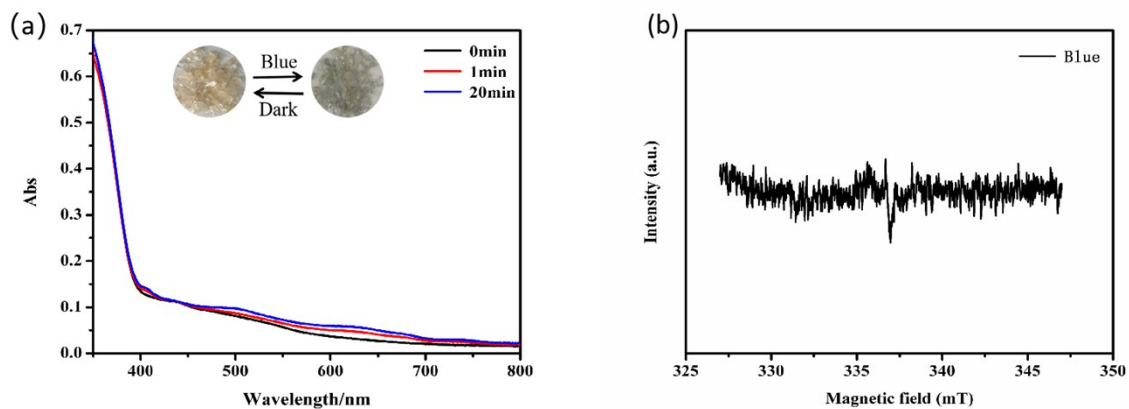
**Figure S3** (a) Uv-vis diffuse-reflectance spectral changes of compound 1 by heat at about 98 °C for 6min; (b) EPR spectral changes of compound 1 by heat at about 98 °C for 6min.



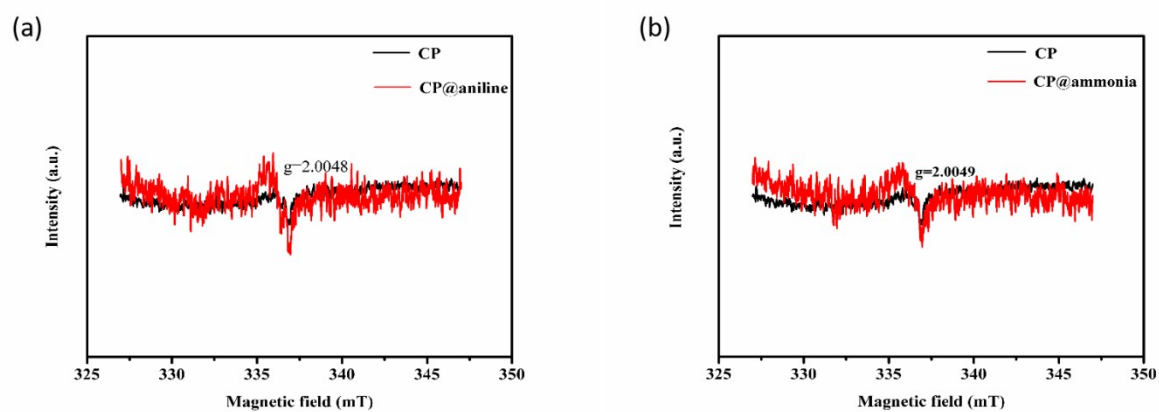
**Figure S4** FTIR spectra of compound 1 before irradiation (black), after irradiation (red), blue ray (green) and heat (blue).



**Figure S5** Powder XRD patterns of compound 1 before irradiation (red), after irradiation (blue), heat (green), blue ray (pink). The black line is simulated curve.



**Figure S6** (a) UV-vis spectra and photographs of compound 1 before and after irradiation with blue ray; (b) EPR spectral changes of the compound 1 before and after irradiation with blue ray.



**Figure S7** (a) EPR spectral changes of CP@aniline; (b) EPR spectral changes of CP@ ammonia.

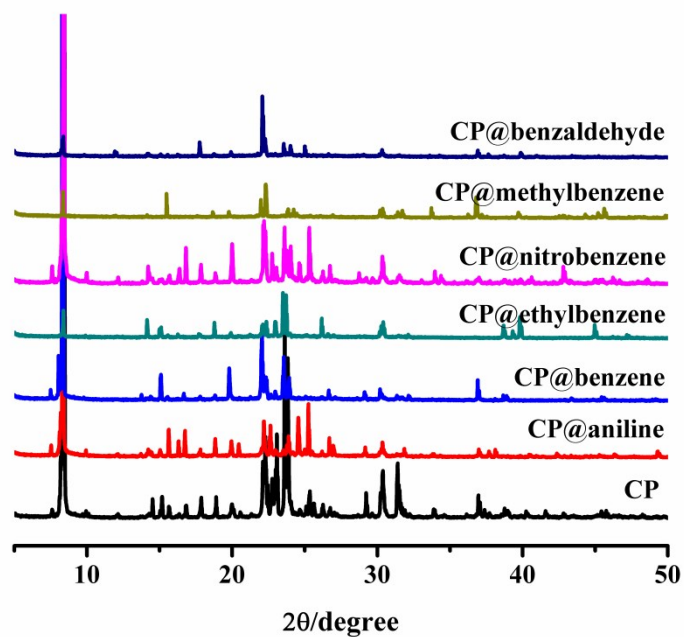


Figure S8 PXRD patterns of CP@ different benzenes. The black line is simulated curve.

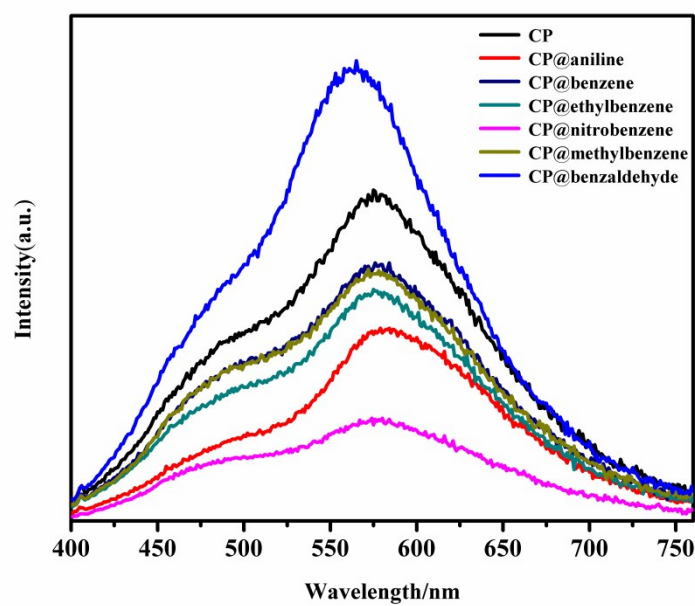
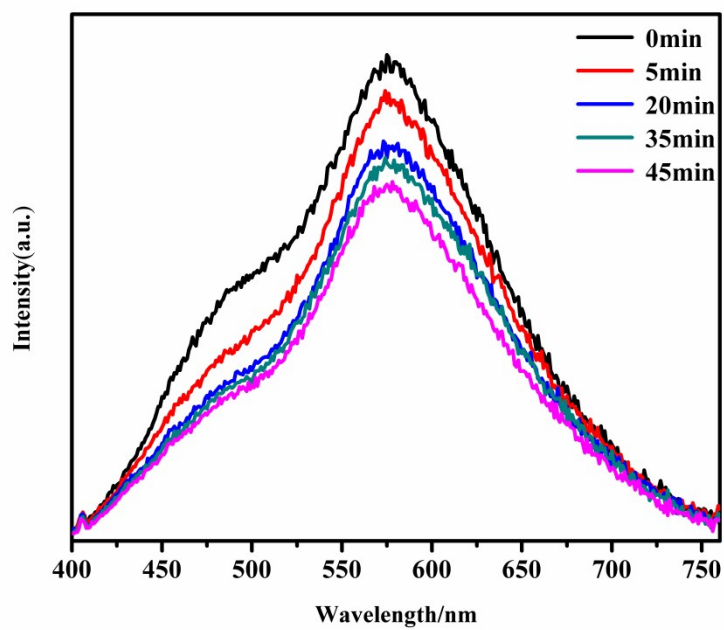
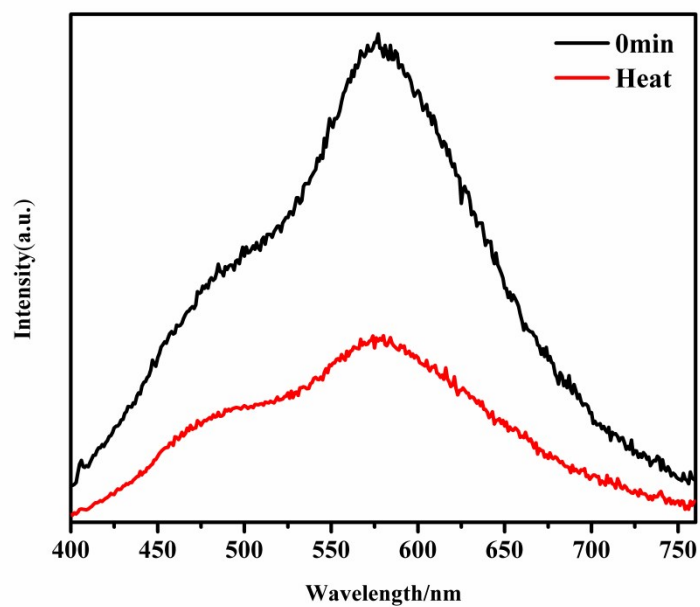


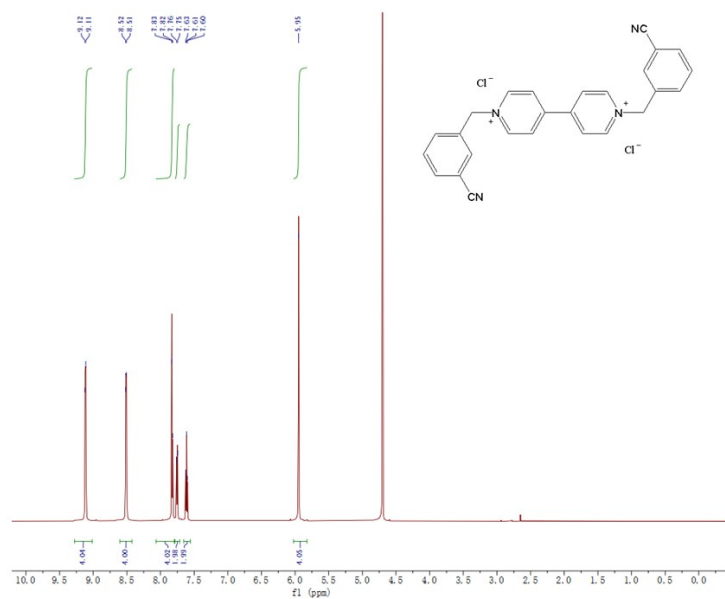
Figure S9 The luminescence emission spectral changes ( $\lambda_{ex} = 380$  nm), when detected different benzenes in solid state.



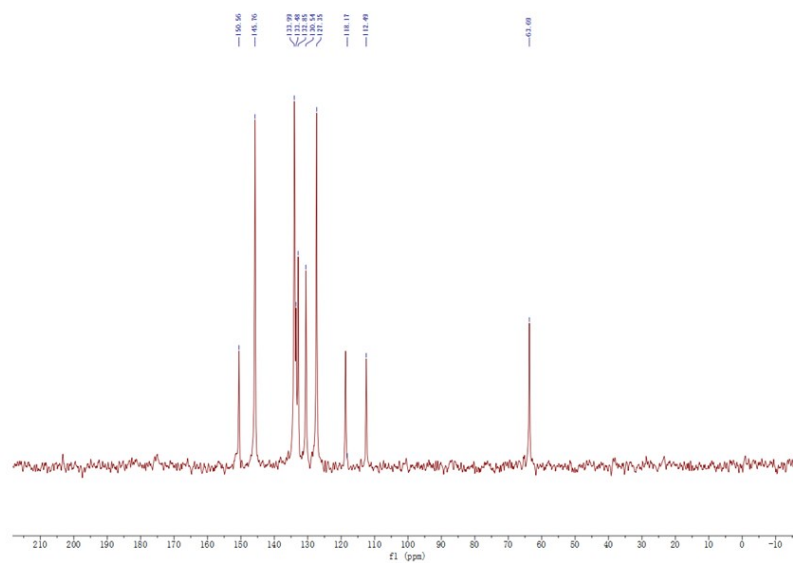
**Figure S10** The blue ray luminescence emission spectrum changes of compound 1.



**Figure S11** The thermally controlled luminescence emission spectra of the compound 1 heated at about 98°C for 6 min.



**Figure S12** The <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of 1,1'-bis(3-cyanobenzyl)-[4,4'-bipyridine] dichloride ligand in D<sub>2</sub>O (600 MHz).



**Figure S13** The <sup>13</sup>C-NMR spectrum of 1,1'-bis(3-cyanobenzyl)-[4,4'-bipyridine] dichloride ligand in D<sub>2</sub>O (151MHz).

**Table S1.** Crystal Data of the compound 1.

Identification code	1
Empirical formula	C <sub>42</sub> H <sub>32</sub> N <sub>4</sub> O <sub>10</sub> Zn
Formula weight	818.08
Temperature/K	297.2
Crystal system	monoclinic
Space group	C2/c
a/Å	21.270(2)
b/Å	12.2947(12)
c/Å	14.7085(12)
α/°	90
β/°	97.489(3)
γ/°	90
Volume/Å <sup>3</sup>	3813.5(6)
Z	4
ρ <sub>calc</sub> /cm <sup>3</sup>	1.425
μ/mm <sup>-1</sup>	0.710
F(000)	1688.0
Crystal size/mm <sup>3</sup>	0.3 × 0.26 × 0.25
Radiation	MoKα (λ = 0.71073)
2θ range for data collection/°	4.89 to 52.19
Index ranges	-26 ≤ h ≤ 26, -15 ≤ k ≤ 15, -18 ≤ l ≤ 16
Reflections collected	27119
Independent reflections	3775 [R <sub>int</sub> = 0.0618, R <sub>sigma</sub> = 0.0342]
Data/restraints/parameters	3775/4/266
Goodness-of-fit on F <sup>2</sup>	1.053
Final R indexes [I ≥ 2σ (I)]	R <sub>1</sub> = 0.0376, wR <sub>2</sub> = 0.0863
Final R indexes [all data]	R <sub>1</sub> = 0.0541, wR <sub>2</sub> = 0.0938



**Table S2.** Selected bond length (Å) and angle (°) of the compound 1.

Bonds	Dist. (Å)
Zn1-O4 <sup>1</sup>	1.9434(15)
Zn1-O4 <sup>2</sup>	1.9434(15)
Zn1-O1	1.9431(16)
Zn1-O1 <sup>3</sup>	1.9431(16)
Angle	(°)
O4 <sup>1</sup> -Zn1-O4 <sup>2</sup>	121.17(10)
O1 <sup>3</sup> -Zn1-O4 <sup>2</sup>	92.89(7)
O1-Zn1-O4 <sup>1</sup>	92.89(7)
O1 <sup>3</sup> -Zn1-O4 <sup>1</sup>	116.71(8)
O1-Zn1-O4 <sup>2</sup>	116.71(8)
O1-Zn1-O1 <sup>3</sup>	118.81(11)