

Supporting Information for
Flexible ligand-Gd dye-encapsulated dual emission metal-organic
framework

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S1. Experiments and methods

S1.1 Reagents and materials

Dimethyl-5-hydroxyisophthalate, 1,3,5-tris (bromomethyl) benzene, rhodamine B (RhB) and gadolinium(III) nitrate hexahydrate ($\text{Gd}(\text{NO}_3)_3 \cdot 6\text{H}_2\text{O}$) were purchased from Heowns Biochemistry Technology Co., Ltd., Tianjin, China. Potassium iodide, potassium carbonate and sodium hydroxide were get from Macklin Biochemical Co., Ltd., Shanghai, China. Copper nitrate, Ferric nitrate, Ferrous nitrate, Sodium nitrate, Chromic nitrate, Calcium nitrate, Magnesium nitrate, Nickel nitrate, Sodium fluoride, Sodium iodide, Sodium sulfite and Sodium sulfate were get from Guangfu Fine Chemistry Graduate School, Tianjin, China. N,N'-dimethylformamide, methanol, and concentrated hydrochloric acid were purchased from Concord Chemical Research Institute (Tianjin, China). All the chemicals were obtained at least of analytical grade and used without further purification. The ultrapure water used throughout all the experiments was purified through Water Purifier Nanopure water system (18.3 M Ω cm).

S1.2 Instrumentation and Characterization

NMR experiments were performed on AV 400, Bruker, America. The UV-vis absorption spectra were obtained by a UV-3600-visible spectrophotometer (Shimadzu, Japan). The fluorescence experiments were performed on a FL-4600 Fluorescence Spectrometer, Hitachi, Japan, equipped with a plotterunit and a quartz cell (1 cm \times 1 cm). unit and a quartz cell (1 cm \times 1 cm). Infrared spectra (IR) were obtained by Bruker TENSOR 27 Fourier transform infrared spectroscopy, over the ranging from 400 to 4000 cm^{-1} . N_2 adsorption-desorption isotherm was recorded with ASAP2020/Tristar 3000 surface area and pore analyzer at 274 K. Thermogravimetric analysis (TGA) was performed on a PTC-10ATG-DTA analyzer heated from 20 $^\circ\text{C}$ at a ramp rate of 15 $^\circ\text{C}$ min^{-1} under air. Powder X-ray diffraction (PXRD) patterns from an angle range of 1.5 $^\circ$ to 50 $^\circ$ were recorded on a D/max-2500 diffractometer (Rigaku, Japan) using Cu K α radiation ($\lambda = 1.5418 \text{ \AA}$) with a scanning speed of 8 $^\circ$ min^{-1} and a step size of 0.02 $^\circ$ in 2θ . X-ray Photoelectron Spectroscopy (XPS) were carried out by Kratos Analytical Ltd., England.

S2. Supporting figures

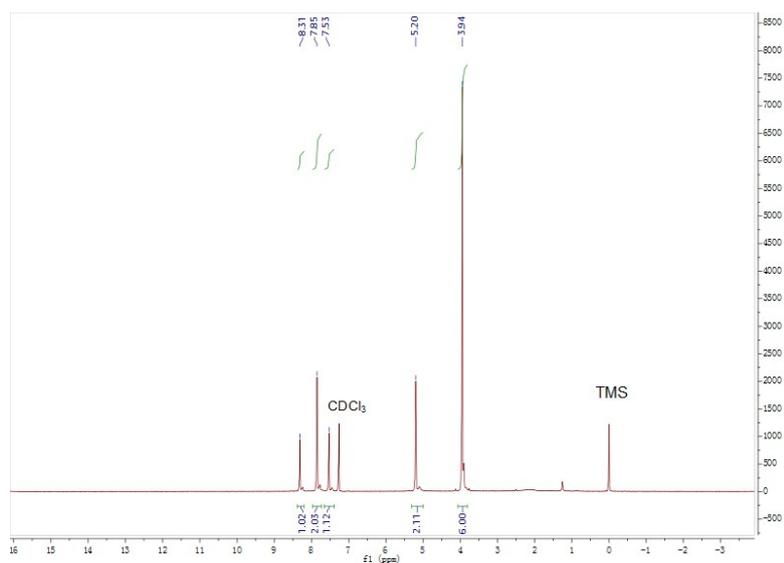


Figure S1. ^1H NMR spectra of L-COOMe

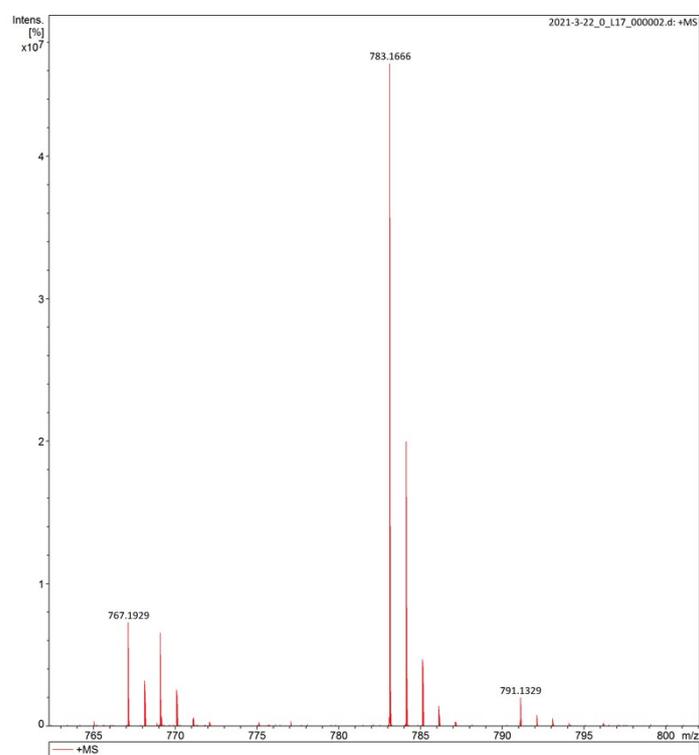


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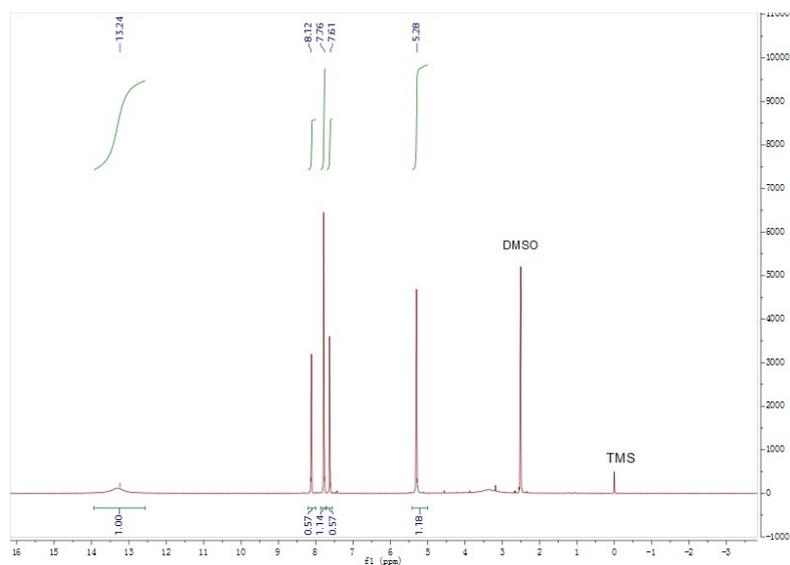


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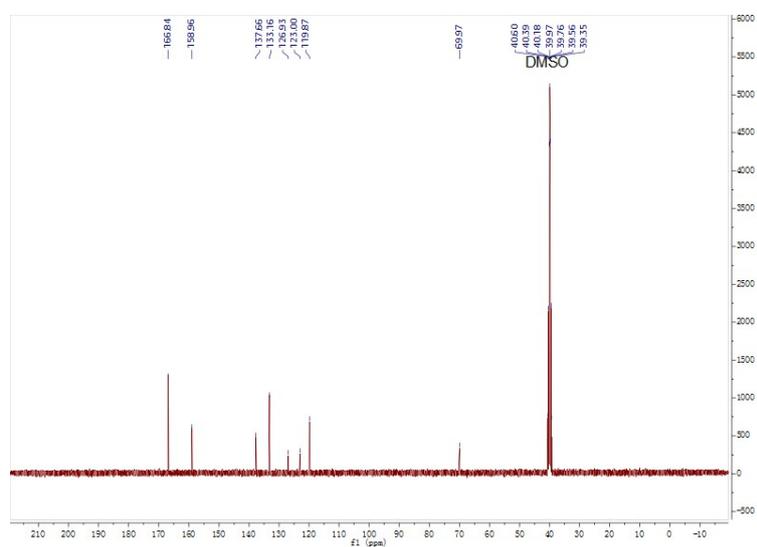


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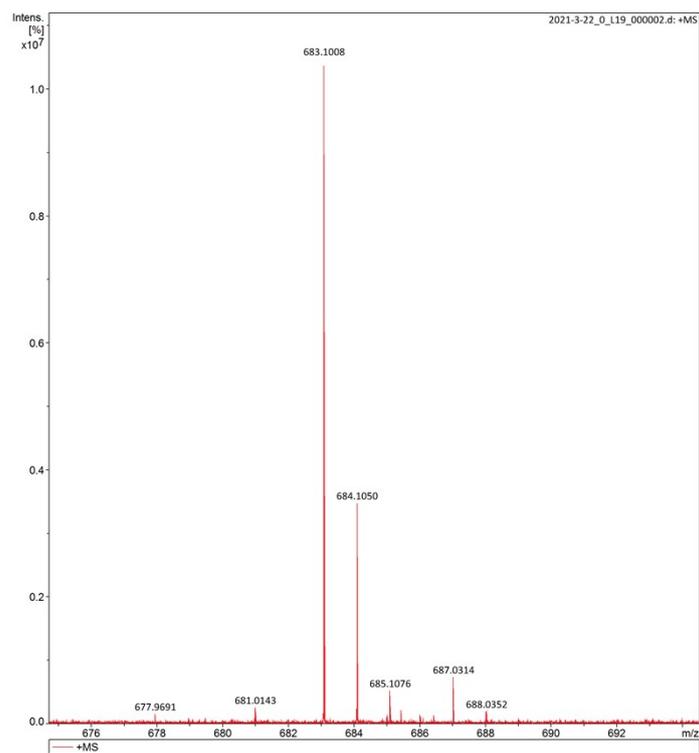


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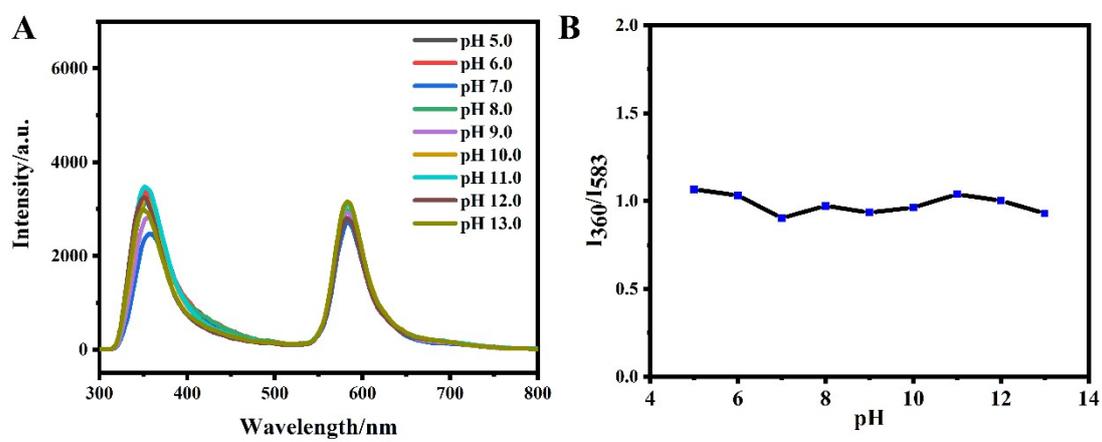


Figure S6. (A) Fluorescent spectra and (B) Fluorescence intensity ratio (I_{360}/I_{583}) of RhB@MOF in different pH values.

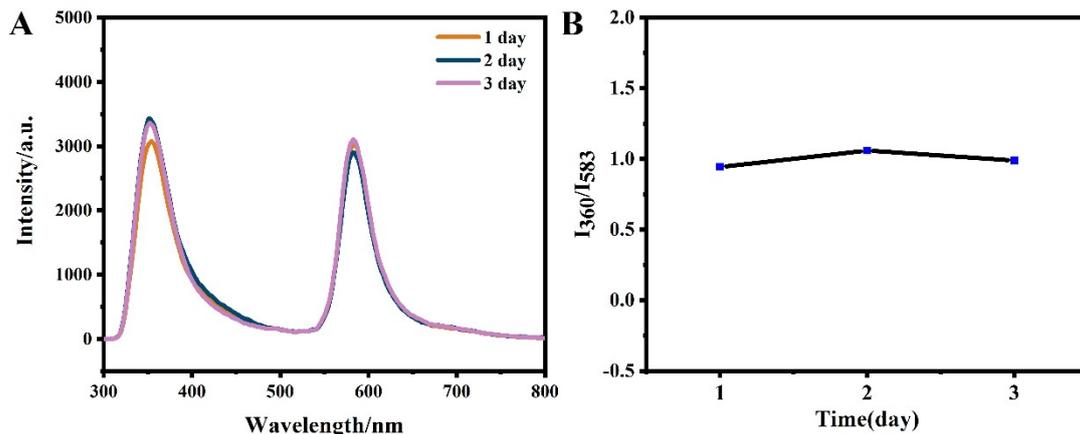


Figure S7. (A) Fluorescence spectra and (B) Fluorescence intensity ratio (I_{360}/I_{583}) of RhB@MOF in room temperature within three days under the excitation of 290 nm.

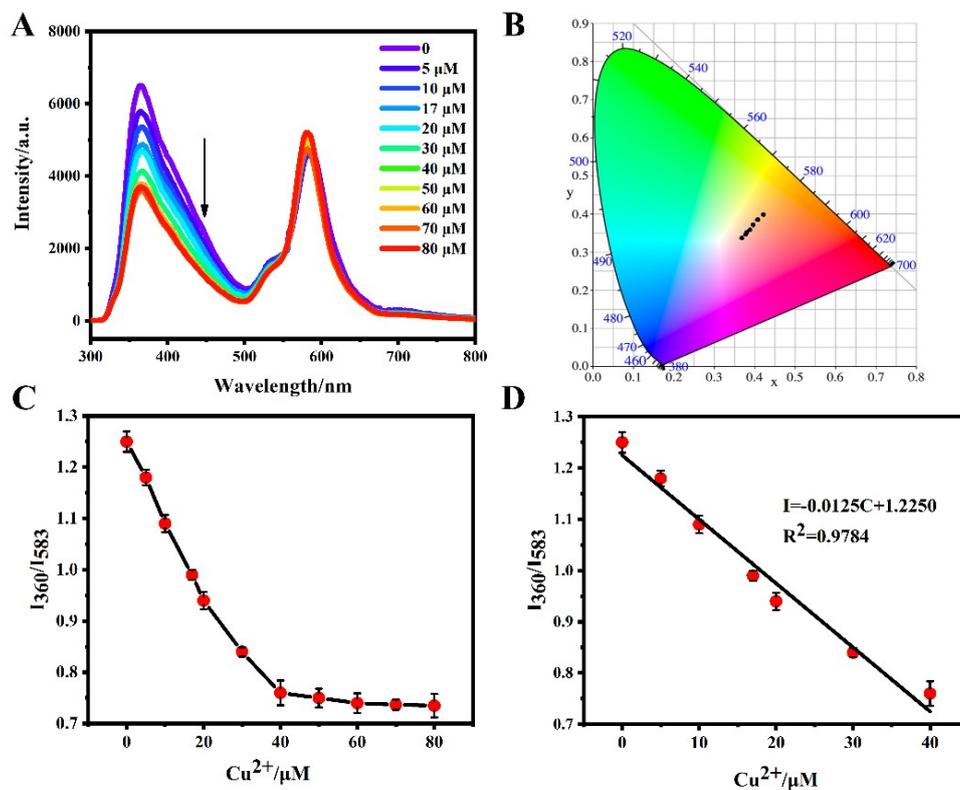


Figure S8. (A) Fluorescence spectra of RhB@MOF under different concentrations of Cu^{2+} . (B) CIE chromaticity coordinates of RhB@MOF responding to various concentration of Cu^{2+} . (C) Plot of the intensity ratio of I_{360}/I_{583} vs Cu^{2+} concentration. (D) Linear relationship between the intensity ratio of I_{360}/I_{583} and Cu^{2+} concentration.

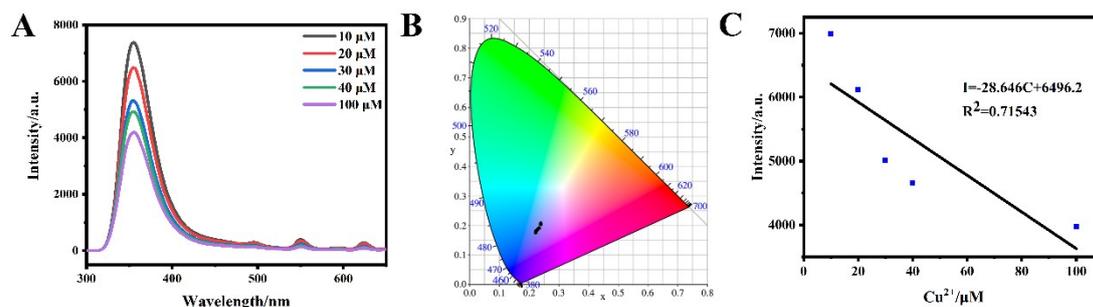


Figure S9. (A) Fluorescence spectra of MOF under different concentrations of Cu²⁺. (B) CIE chromaticity coordinates of MOF responding to various concentration of Cu²⁺. (C) Linear relationship between the intensity ratio of I_{360} and Cu²⁺ concentration.

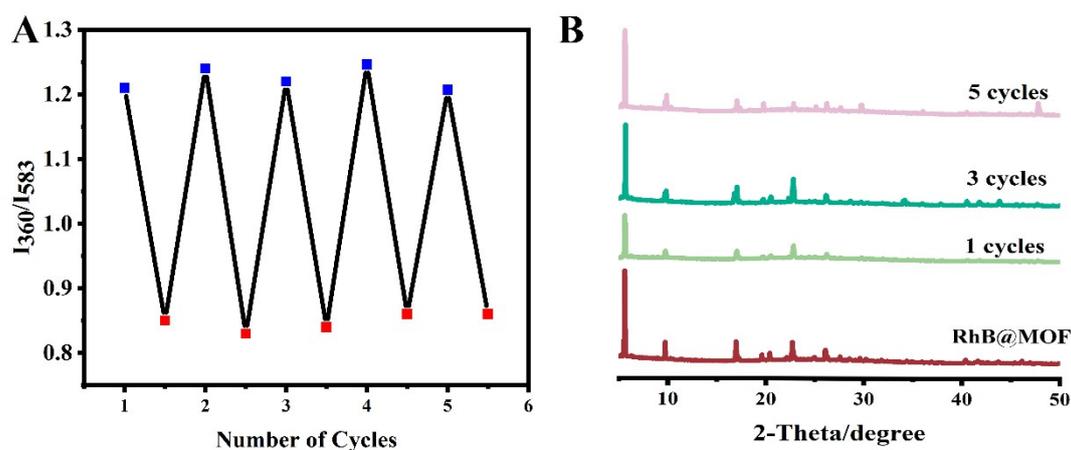


Figure S10. (A) The ratiometric fluorescence of I_{360}/I_{583} with 30 μM Cu²⁺ (blue dots) and ultrapure water (red dots). (B) PXRD patterns of RhB@MOF after five cycles with the treatment of 30 μM Cu²⁺.

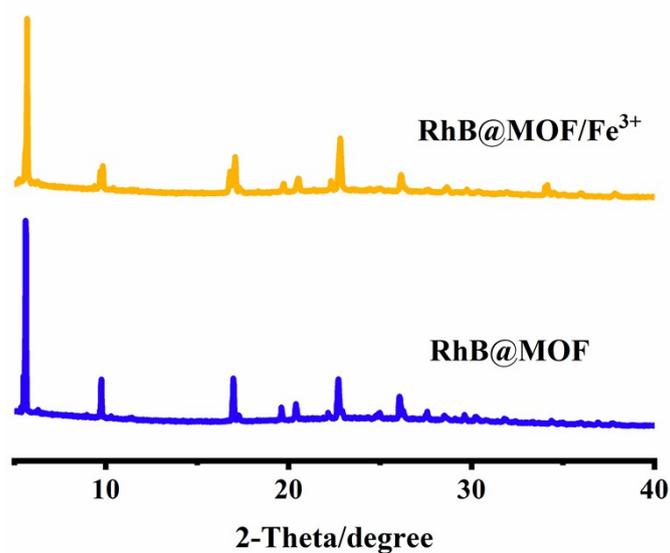


Figure S11. PXRD patterns of RhB@MOF before and after treated with Fe³⁺ aqueous solution.

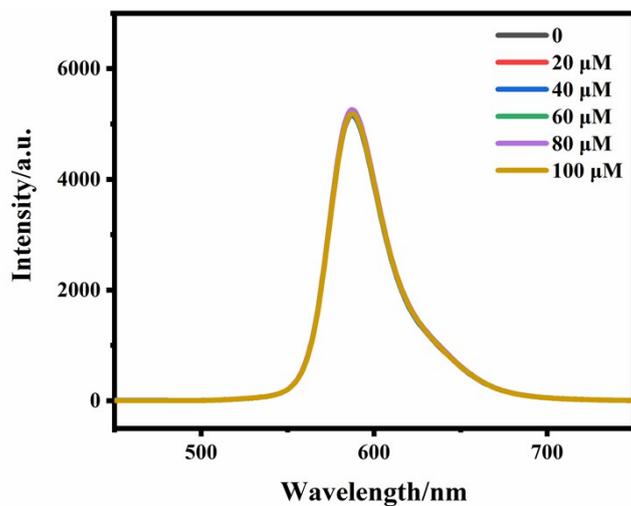


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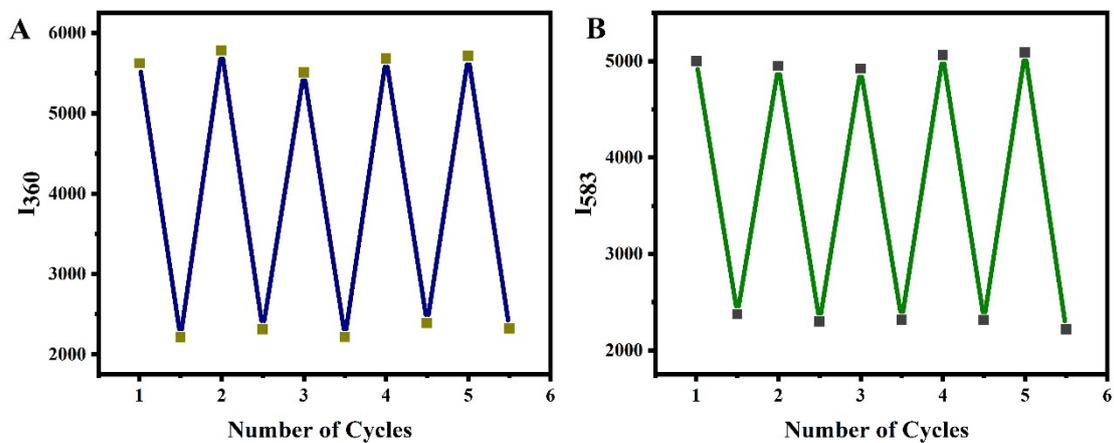


Figure S13. The emission intensity of I_{360} (A) and I_{583} (B) with Fe^{3+} aqueous solution and ultrapure water.

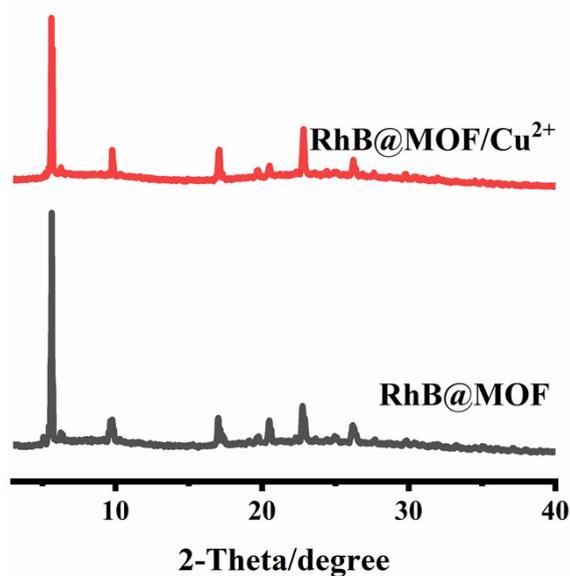


Figure S14. PXRD patterns of RhB@MOF before and after treated with Cu^{2+} aqueous solution.

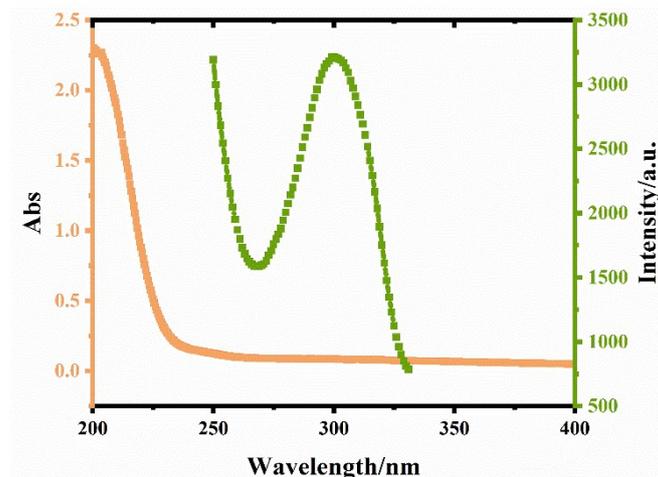


Figure S15. UV-Vis absorption spectra of Cu^{2+} and excitation spectra of MOF.

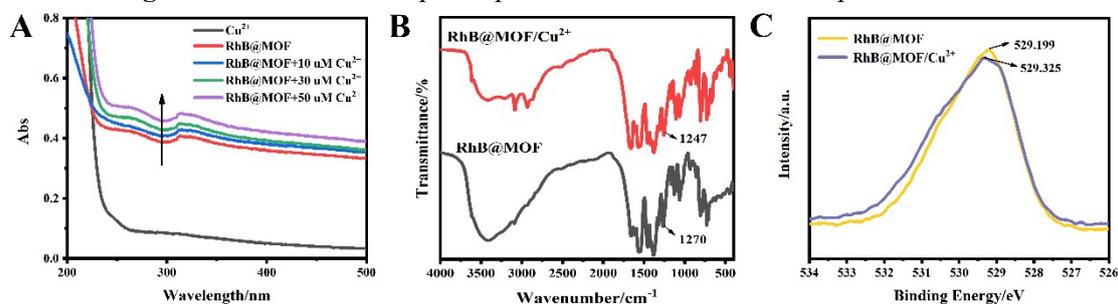


Figure S16. (A) UV-Vis absorption spectra of RhB@MOF under various concentrations of Cu^{2+} . (B) FT-IR of RhB@MOF before and after treated with Cu^{2+} . (C) O1s XPS for RhB@MOF before and after soaked in aqueous solutions of Cu^{2+} .

Table S1. Comparison of the limit of detection (LOD) for the detection of Cu^{2+} with other analytical methods.

No	Material	LOD/ μM	Reference
1	RhB@MOF	0.185	this work
2	COF-JLU3	0.31	1
3	Receptor 1	7.99	2
4	BOPHY-PTZ	0.001	3
5	GA-UiO-66- NH_2	315	4
6	Eu^{3+} @Bio-MOF-1	0.14	5
7	Tb^{3+} @UiO-66-(COOH) ₂	0.23	6
8	PQD@ SiO_2	3	7
9	DPE	0.2	8

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