

Supporting Information

One-pot strategic construction of the functionalized nanomaterial ZIF-90-Rhn for stepwise detecting and capturing toward Ag⁺, formaldehyde in aqueous solution

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Materials and instrumentations

Imidazole-2-carboxaldehyde and propan-2-ol was purchased from J&K; Rhodanine-3-acetic acid was purchased from Shanghai Titan Scientific Co., Ltd; Polyvinylpyrrolidone was purchased from Shanghai Macklin Biochemical Co., Ltd; Silver nitrate was purchased from Aladdin. Zinc nitrate hexahydrate was purchased from Sino pharm Chemical Reagent Co., Ltd; silver standard solution was purchased Steel Yanak Co., LTD; Cy-N was homemade in the lab. All the other chemicals obtained from commercial sources were analytical pure and used without further purification. The water was purified by Millipore filtration system.

X-Ray Diffracter data (XRD) were obtained with Ultima IV multipurpose X-ray diffraction system (Japan). Fluorescence emission studies were carried out with a Hitachi F-4500 Fluorescence Spectrophotometer. Fourier transform infrared (FT-IR) spectra were recorded in the region of 440-4000 cm^{-1} with a FTIR-8400s Fourier Transform Infrared Spectrometer (Shimadzu). The scanning electron microscope (SEM) was used Ultra-high Resolution Scanning Electron Microscope SU8010. Thermogravimetric Analysis data (TG) were obtained by a METTLER TOLEDO TGA/DSC1 Synchronous Thermal Analyzer. XPS studies were performed on a Physical Electronics spectrometer (PHI Versa Probe II Scanning XPS Microprobe) with scanning monochromatic X-ray Al $K\alpha$ radiation (100 μm , 100 W, 20 kV, 1,486.6 eV) as the excitation source and with a dual-beam charge neutralizer. The Brunauer–Emmette–Teller (BET) surface area and pore size measurements of the prepared samples were recorded by N_2 adsorption/desorption analysis using an ASAP 2020 Micromeritics (USA). ^1H NMR spectra were measured on a Varian Gemin-400 MHz spectrometer with chemical shifts reported in ppm (TMS as internal standard). Ultraviolet visible (UV) absorption spectra were obtained by a UV-2600 spectrometer (Techcomp., China).

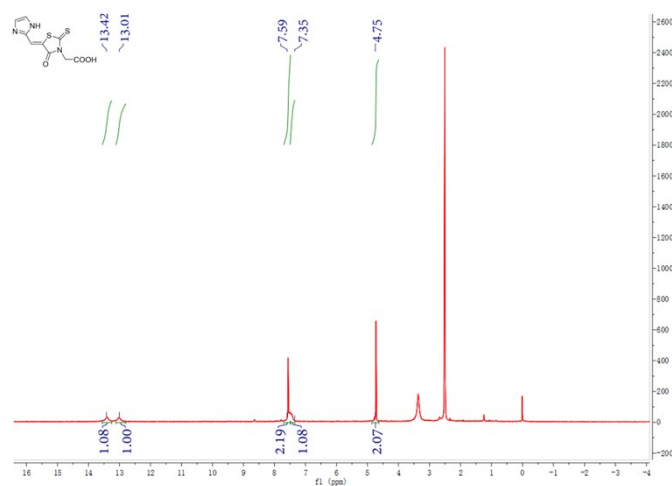


Fig. S1 ^1H NMR spectrum of **ligand 1**

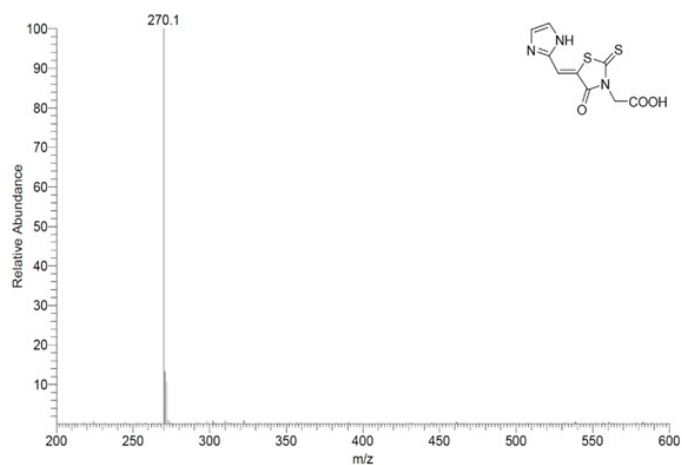


Fig. S2 ESI mass spectra spectrum of **ligand 1**

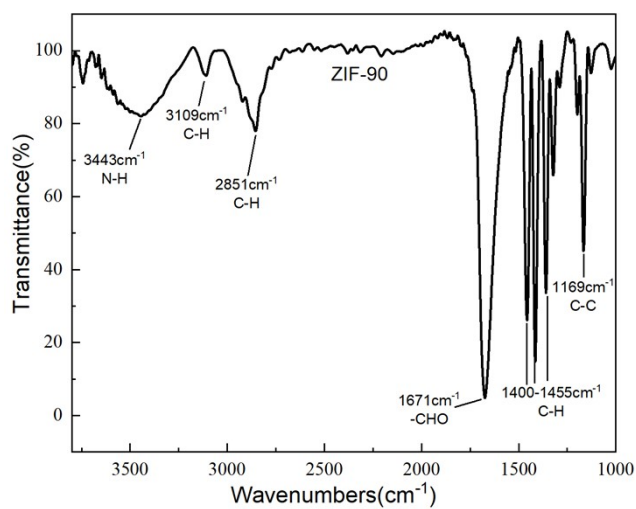


Fig. S3 The FT-IR spectra of ZIF-90

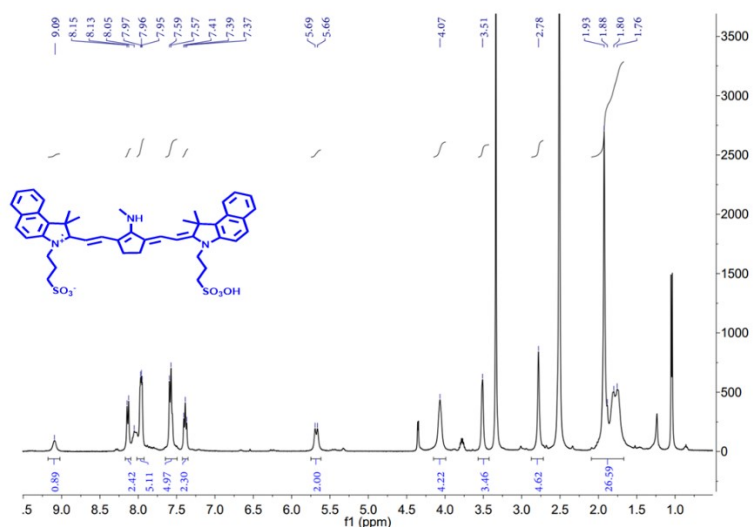


Fig. S4 ¹H NMR spectrum of Cy-N

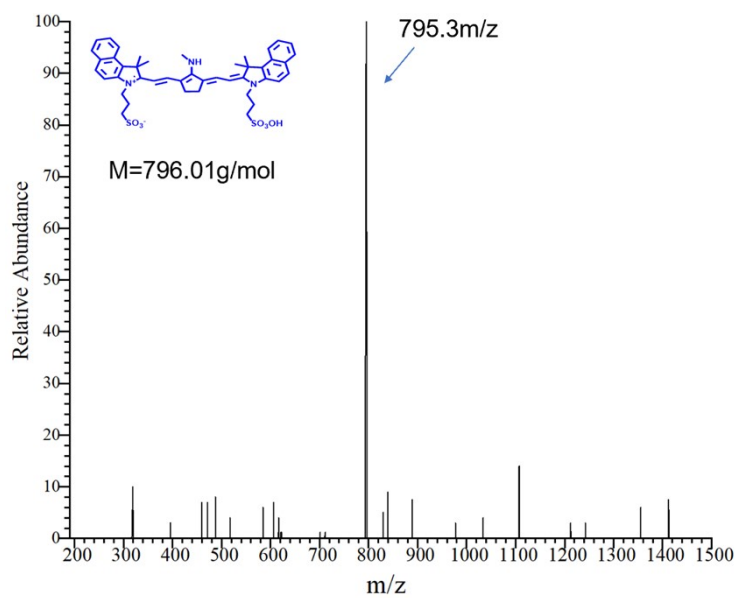


Fig. S5 ESI mass spectra spectrum of Cy-N

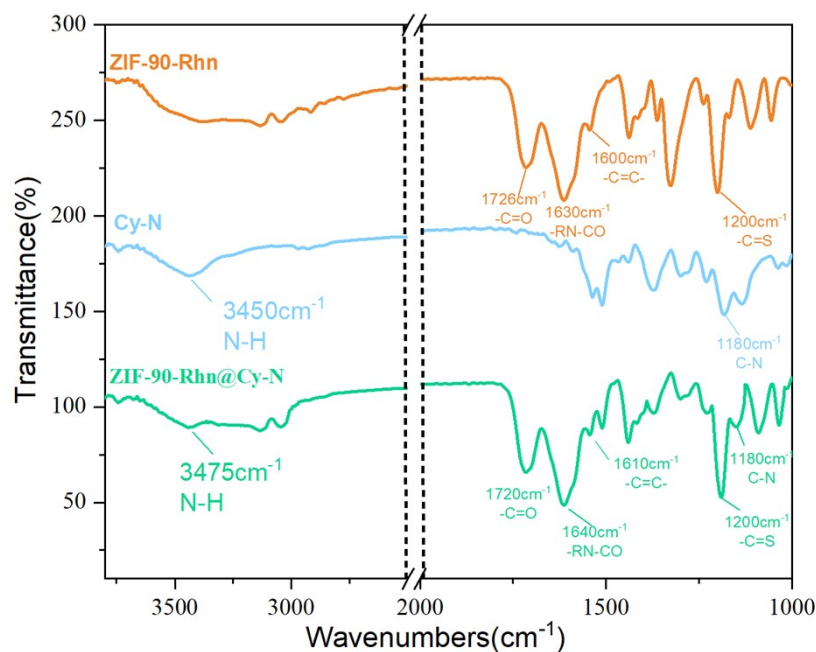


Fig. S6 The FT-IR spectra of **ZIF-90-Rhn**, **Cy-N**, **ZIF-90-Rhn@Cy-N**.

In Fig. S6: The FT-IR spectrum of **ZIF-90-Rhn@Cy-N** was investigated as shown in Figure 5 to further confirm the encapsulating of **ZIF-90-Rhn** for **Cy-N**. The bands at 1726, 1630, 1600, 1200 cm^{-1} belonged to the vibrational absorption peaks of carbonyl ($-\text{COOH}$, HN-CO), $\text{C}=\text{C}$ and thione ($-\text{C}=\text{S}$) groups in **ZIF-90-Rhn** molecule. The weak peaks at 3450 cm^{-1} and 1180 cm^{-1} could be attributed to the $-\text{N-H}$ and $-\text{C-NH}$ stretching vibration peak which stemmed from the **Cy-N** separately. However, the characteristic peaks of carbonyl ($-\text{COOH}$, HN-CO), $\text{C}=\text{C}$, and $-\text{N-H}$ groups belonged to **ZIF-90-Rhn@Cy-N** changed and formed new peaks in 1720 cm^{-1} , 1640 cm^{-1} , and 1610 cm^{-1} , which showed that **Cy-N** had successful doped into **ZIF-90-Rhn**, and **ZIF-90-Rhn@Cy-N** had been generated.

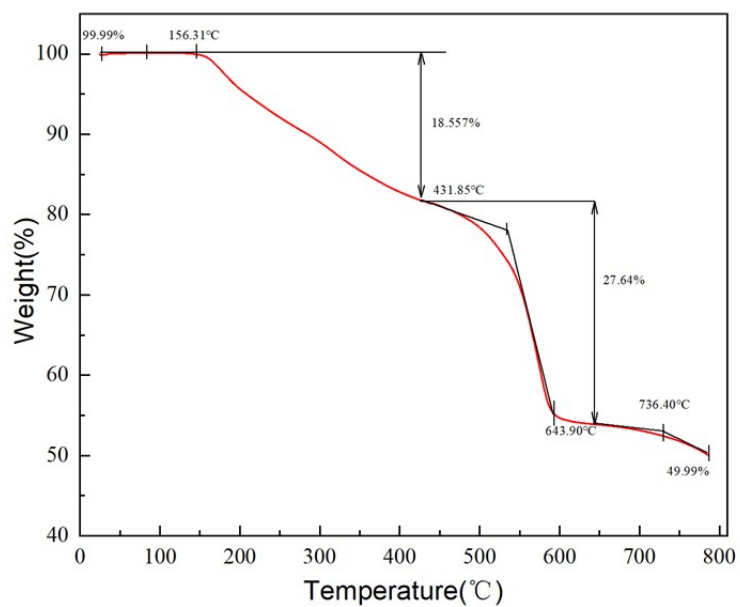


Fig. S7 Thermogravimetric analysis (TGA) of **ZIF-90-Rhn(a)** in an air atmosphere in the temperature range of 50-800 °C with a heating rate of 10 °C min⁻¹.

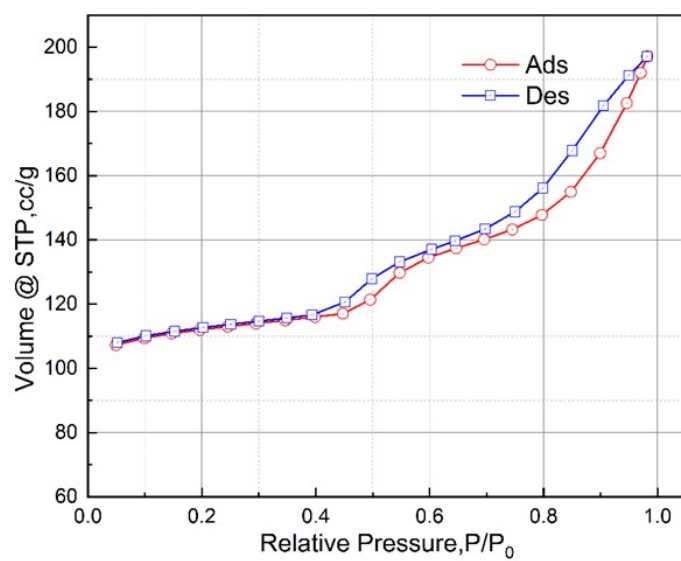


Fig. S8 N₂ adsorption (black curve) and desorption (red curve) isotherms of **ZIF-90-Rhn(a)** recorded at -195.8 °C.

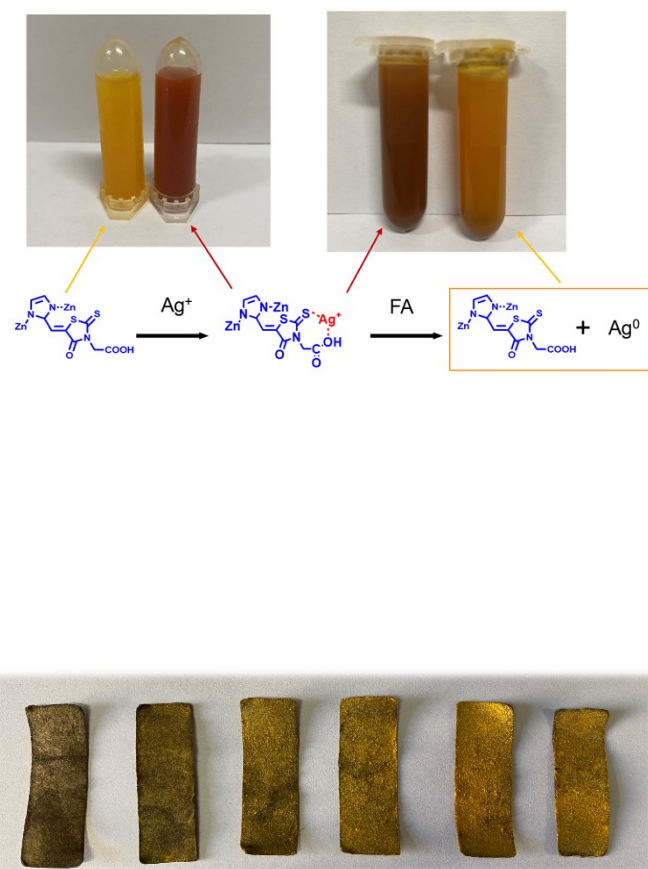


Fig. S9 The phenomenon of original experiment.

S1 Calculation of pH for Ag⁺ to form the precipitation of AgOH

According to the K_{sp} calculation formula (1) of AgOH:

$$\underline{K_{sp} = c(\text{Ag}^+) \times c(\text{OH}^-) = 2.0 \times 10^{-8} \quad 25^\circ\text{C} \quad (1)}$$

The concentration of Ag⁺ used in this experiment was 100 μM. Thus, when OH⁻ concentration was 2.0×10^{-4} M, Ag⁺ would start to form precipitation of AgOH.

According to the pH calculation formula (2):

$$\underline{\text{pH} = 14 - \lg c(\text{OH}^-) \quad 25^\circ\text{C} \quad (2)}$$

With 2.0×10^{-4} M of OH⁻, the solution pH is 10.3.

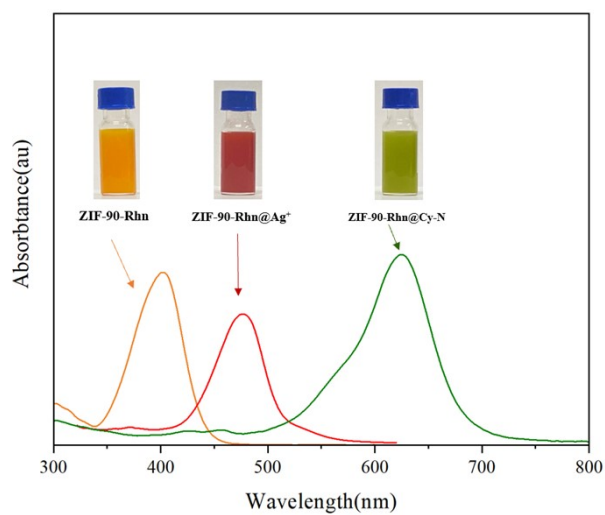


Fig. S10 UV-vis spectra of **ZIF-90-Rhn**, **ZIF-90-Rhn@Ag⁺** and **ZIF-90-Rhn@Cy-N**

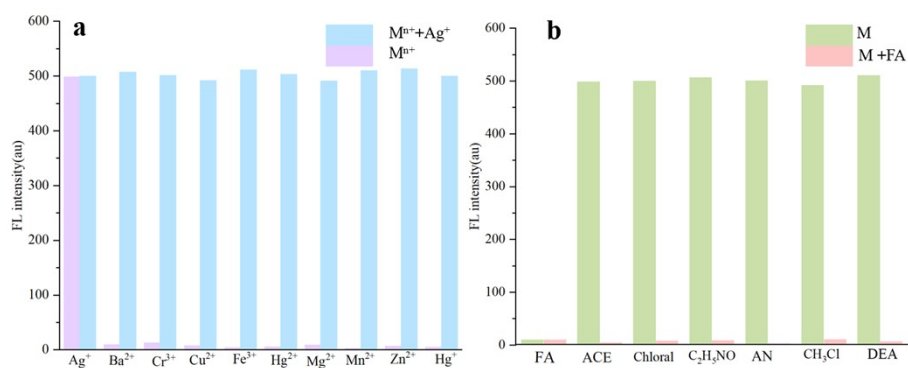


Fig. S11 Anti-interference ability of **ZIF-90-Rhn@Cy-N**, $\lambda_{\text{ex}} = 678 \text{ nm}$, $\lambda_{\text{em}} = 722 \text{ nm}$

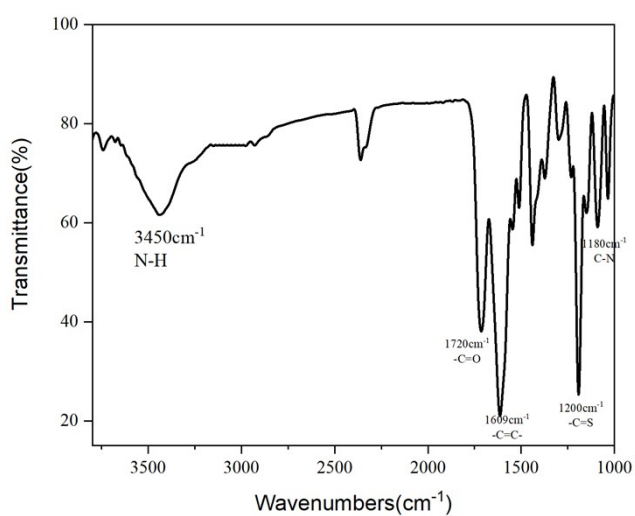


Fig. S12 The FT-IR spectra of analyte after identification of Ag⁺ and FA

In Fig. S12: The compound after **ZIF-90-Rhn@Cy-N** continuously recognizes Ag⁺ and formaldehyde was measured. The bands at 1180, 1200, 1609, 1720 and 3450 cm⁻¹ belong to the vibrational absorption peaks of the **ZIF-90-Rhn@Cy-N** molecule.



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Fig. S13 National standard sample certificate of the People's Republic of China about silver
standard solution

S2: Calculation of removal rate

The removal rates of Ag⁺ and FA could be calculated in this way:

$$\text{Removal rate} = (\text{initial conc.} - \text{final conc.}) / \text{initial conc.} \times 100\%$$

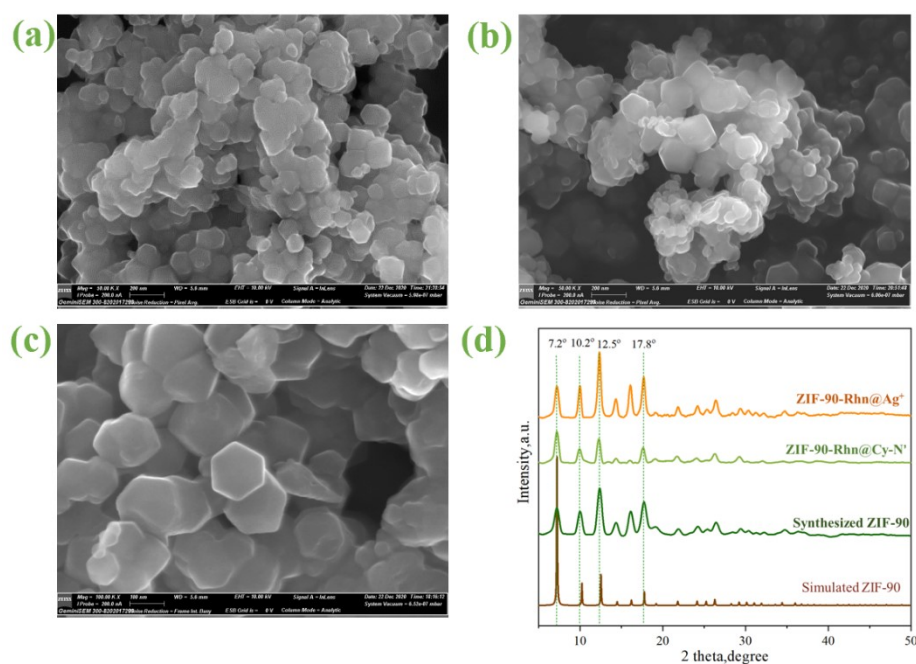


Fig. S14 (a) The SEM of **ZIF-90-Rhn@Ag⁺**. (b) The SEM of **ZIF-90-Rhn@Cy-N'**. (c) The SEM of **ZIF-90**. (d) The PXRD of **ZIF-90-Rhn@Ag⁺**, **ZIF-90-Rhn@Cy-N'**, **ZIF-90** and **Simulated ZIF-90**.

The **ZIF-90-Rhn@Cy-N'** product was employed to removal Ag^+ and FA and this process had been repeated for three recycles. It could be seen in Figure S14, **ZIF-90-Rhn@Cy-N'** was able to remove Ag^+ and FA as well, and after three recycles, the removal rate was up to respectively, which demonstrated that probe **ZIF-90-Rhn@Cy-N** could be reused for the removal of Ag^+ and FA.

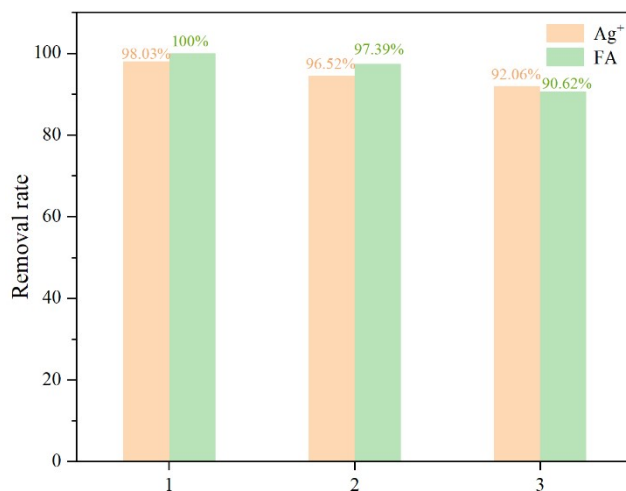


Fig. S15 The removal rate of **ZIF-90-Rhn@Cy-N'** product for the removal of Ag^+ and FA with three recycles.

Table S1. Comparison of ZIF-90-Rhn@Cy-N with reported Ag⁺ sensors

Ref.	Sensor Material	Detection limit	response time
1	Sm ³⁺ @MIL-121	0.09 μ M	30 min
2	AuNPs	0.41 μ M	3 min
3	3D MOF-MoS ₂ NB	0.25 nM	2 h
4	GR-5/GC DNAzyme	4.2 nM	30 min
5	Metal-Polydopamine	34 pM	10 min
6	Europium-Based Probe	9 nM	-
7	OPDA	60 nM	-
8	FA-CDs@Eu-MOFs-based	80 pM	-
9	Cys@Fe ₃ O ₄ Nps	0.1 nM	150 s
10	Si-CDs@DA	2.5 nM	
This work	ZIF-90-Rhn@Cy-N	0.56 μ M	3 min

Table S2. Comparison of ZIF-90-Rhn@Ag⁺/Cy-N with reported FA sensors

Ref.	Sensor Material	Detection limit	response time (s)
11	Al-MIL-53-NH ₂	8.37 μ M	60
12	Zr-UiO-66-NH ₂	4.0 μ M	120
13	Eu/Zr-UiO-66-NH ₂	6.7 μ M	-
14	Ag ⁺ /Eu ³⁺ -UiO-66	1.7 μ M	360
15	ZIF-90-LW	2.3 μ M	28
16	Na-FA	7.1 $\times 10^{-7}$ M	1800

17	FP1	0.01 mM	10800
18	FAP	0.5 μ M	7200
19	RFAP	0.3 μ M	7200
20	probe 1	900 nM	-
This work	ZIF-90-Rhn@Ag ⁺ /Cy-N	2.16	300

Table S3 Comparison of ZIF-90-Rhn@Cy-N with reported Ag⁺ adsorbent

Ref.	Sensor Material	removal time	removal efficiency
21	TiO ₂ -Based Photocatalysis	30 min	100%
22	MoS ₂	-	99%
23	Mo ₃ S ₁₃ -Ppy	1h	99%
24	MoS ₄ -LDH	6 h	99.5%
25	poly(S ₄₀ -r-DOBP ₆₀)	24 h	100%
This work	ZIF-90-Rhn@Cy-N	3 min	100%

Table S4 Comparison of ZIF-90-Rhn@Ag⁺/Cy-N with reported FA adsorbent

Ref.	Sensor Material	removal time	removal efficiency
	AlOOH	42 min	100%
	PPCT/KOH	4 h	93%
	UiO-66-NH ₂	48 h	93%
	MnO ₂ / AlOOH	40 min	52%
	BN layer	30 min	83%

This work	ZIF-90-Rhn@ Ag ⁺ /Cy-N	3 min	97%
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