

## Effective detection of Ag<sup>+</sup>, Hg<sup>2+</sup> and dye adsorption properties studies of Ln-MOFs based on benzimidazole carboxylic acid ligand

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### Supporting Information

**Table S1** Crystallographic data and structure refinement details for 1-5.

Complexes	1	2	3	4	5
Empirical formula	C <sub>30</sub> H <sub>18</sub> ClN <sub>4</sub> O <sub>8</sub> Pr	C <sub>30</sub> H <sub>18</sub> ClN <sub>4</sub> O <sub>8</sub> Nd	C <sub>30</sub> H <sub>18</sub> ClN <sub>4</sub> O <sub>8</sub> Eu	C <sub>30</sub> H <sub>18</sub> ClN <sub>4</sub> O <sub>8</sub> Ho	C <sub>30</sub> H <sub>18</sub> ClN <sub>4</sub> O <sub>8</sub> Ce
Formula weight	1493.69	742.17	765.89	762.86	738.05
Crystal system	Monoclinic	Monoclinic	Monoclinic	Monoclinic	Monoclinic
Space group	<i>C2/c</i>	<i>C2/c</i>	<i>C2/c</i>	<i>C2/c</i>	<i>C2/c</i>
Temperature/K	296(2)	296(2)	296(2)	296(2)	296(2)
<i>a</i> /Å	32.89(4)	33.038	33.009(4)	32.8110(18)	33.07(16)
<i>b</i> /Å	5.0867(6)	5.150	5.1593(7)	5.0340(3)	5.1931(3)
<i>c</i> /Å	16.067(2)	16.005	15.9530(19)	16.1817(9)	15.894(8)
<i>a</i> /deg	90	90	90	90	90
<i>b</i> /deg	90.82(4)	91.17	91.315(3)	90.401(2)	91.435(1)
<i>g</i> /deg	90	90	90	90	90
V/Å <sup>3</sup>	2688.1(6)	2722.7	2716.1(6)	2670.8(3)	2729.2(2)
Z	2	4	4	4	4
ρ <sub>calc</sub> /cm <sup>3</sup>	1.845	1.811	1.873	1.897	1.796
μ/mm <sup>-1</sup>	1.977	2.067	2.475	3.126	1.828
F(000)	1480	1468	1512	1469	1460

Reflections collected	18950	4264	18236	54560	20189
Independent	2367	2389	2386	4104	2418
$R^a/wR^b/[I > 2\sigma(I)]$	0.0576/0.1424	0.0848/0.20995	0.0632/0.1743	0.0518/0.1244	0.0369/0.1038

$$R^a = \Sigma(|F_o| - |F_c|) / \Sigma|F_o|, wR^b = [\Sigma w(|F_o|^2 - |F_c|^2)^2 / \Sigma w(F_o^{2\sigma})]^{1/2}$$

**Table S2** Selected bond lengths [Å] and angles [°] for 1-5

Ln-MOF 1			
O(1)-Pr(1)	2.372(8)	O(5)#2-Pr(1)-O(1)	75.6(2)
O(1)-Pr(1)#4	2.595(8)	O(3)#2-Pr(1)-O(1)	83.0(3)
O(2)-Pr(1)	2.372(8)	O(4)#5-Pr(1)-O(1)	132.0(3)
O(2)-Pr(1)#4	2.584(8)	O(2)-Pr(1)-O(1)	54.8(2)
O(3)-Pr(1)#2	2.309(8)	O(4)#7-Pr(1)-O(1)	78.1(3)
O(3)-Pr(1)#3	2.348(8)	O(5)#2-Pr(1)-O(3)#8	45.19(18)
O(4)-Pr(1)#5	2.385(8)	O(3)#2-Pr(1)-O(3)#8	91.1(3)
O(4)-Pr(1)#6	2.322(8)	O(4)#5-Pr(1)-O(3)#8	149.5(3)
Pr(1)-O(5)#2	1.91(2)	O(2)-Pr(1)-O(3)#8	132.2(3)
Pr(1)-O(3)#2	2.309(8)	O(4)#7-Pr(1)-O(3)#8	87.9(3)
Pr(1)-O(4)#5	2.385(8)	O(1)-Pr(1)-O(3)#8	77.8(3)
Pr(1)-O(4)#7	2.322(8)	O(5)#2-Pr(1)-O(1)#4	70.16(19)
Pr(1)-O(3)#8	2.348(8)	O(3)#2-Pr(1)-O(1)#4	74.1(2)
Pr(1)-O(1)#4	2.594(8)	O(4)#5-Pr(1)-O(1)#4	72.7(3)
Pr(1)-O(2)#4	2.584(8)	O(2)-Pr(1)-O(1)#4	146.8(4)
O(3)#1-O(5)-Pr(1)#2	81.2(7)	O(4)#7-Pr(1)-O(1)#4	124.2(3)
O(3)-O(5)-Pr(1)#2	79.5(7)	O(1)-Pr(1)-O(1)#4	145.7(3)
O(3)#1-O(5)-Pr(1)#3	79.5(7)	O(3)#8-Pr(1)-O(1)#4	77.5(2)
O(3)-O(5)-Pr(1)#3	81.2(7)	O(5)#2-Pr(1)-O(2)#4	108.4(3)
O(5)-O(3)-Pr(1)#2	54.6(7)	O(3)#2-Pr(1)-O(2)#4	123.6(3)
O(5)-O(3)-Pr(1)#3	53.6(7)	O(4)#5-Pr(1)-O(2)#4	72.6(2)
O(5)#2-Pr(1)-O(3)#2	45.89(18)	O(2)-Pr(1)-O(2)#4	134.1(3)
O(5)#2-Pr(1)-O(4)#5	126.2(3)	O(4)#7-Pr(1)-O(2)#4	75.3(3)
O(3)#2-Pr(1)-O(4)#5	87.3(3)	O(1)-Pr(1)-O(2)#4	147.7(4)
O(5)#2-Pr(1)-O(2)	117.4(3)	O(3)#8-Pr(1)-O(2)#4	83.2(3)
O(3)#2-Pr(1)-O(2)	88.9(3)	O(1)#4-Pr(1)-O(2)#4	49.8(2)
O(4)#5-Pr(1)-O(2)	78.3(3)	O(3)#2-Pr(1)-O(4)#7	160.8(3)
O(5)#2-Pr(1)-O(4)#7	129.8(4)	O(4)#5-Pr(1)-O(4)#7	103.1(3)
O(2)-Pr(1)-O(4)#7	77.7(3)		

**Ln-MOF 2**

Nd(1)-O(4)	2.385(8)	O(4)#2-Nd(1)-O(2)#1	127.0(3)
Nd(1)-O(4)#2	2.385(8)	O(3)#3-Nd(1)-O(2)#1	77.6(3)
Nd(1)-O(3)#3	2.400(8)	O(3)#4-Nd(1)-O(2)#1	74.2(3)
Nd(1)-O(3)#4	2.400(8)	O(4)-Nd(1)-O(2)#5	127.0(3)
Nd(1)-O(2)#1	2.526(8)	O(4)#2-Nd(1)-O(2)#5	87.7(3)
Nd(1)-O(2)#5	2.526(8)	O(3)#3-Nd(1)-O(2)#5	74.2(3)
Nd(1)-O(1)#5	2.530(7)	O(3)#4-Nd(1)-O(2)#5	77.6(3)
Nd(1)-O(1)#1	2.530(7)	O(2)#1-Nd(1)-O(2)#5	133.4(4)
Nd(1)-C(1)#1	2.878(12)	O(4)-Nd(1)-O(1)#5	75.9(3)
Nd(1)-C(1)#5	2.878(12)	O(4)#2-Nd(1)-O(1)#5	80.8(3)
O(1)-Nd(1)#1	2.530(7)	O(3)#3-Nd(1)-O(1)#5	74.7(3)
O(2)-Nd(1)#1	2.526(8)	O(3)#4-Nd(1)-O(1)#5	127.9(3)
O(3)-Nd(1)#6	2.400(8)	O(2)#1-Nd(1)-O(1)#5	148.1(3)
O(4)-Nd(1)-O(4)#2	89.6(4)	O(2)#5-Nd(1)-O(1)#5	51.4(3)
O(4)-Nd(1)-O(3)#3	88.1(3)	O(4)-Nd(1)-O(1)#1	80.8(3)
O(4)#2-Nd(1)-O(3)#3	155.2(3)	O(4)#2-Nd(1)-O(1)#1	75.9(3)
O(4)-Nd(1)-O(3)#4	155.2(3)	O(3)#3-Nd(1)-O(1)#1	127.9(3)
O(4)#2-Nd(1)-O(3)#4	88.1(3)	O(3)#4-Nd(1)-O(1)#1	74.7(3)
O(3)#3-Nd(1)-O(3)#4	104.0(4)	O(2)#1-Nd(1)-O(1)#1	51.4(3)
O(4)-Nd(1)-O(2)#1	87.7(3)	O(2)#5-Nd(1)-O(1)#1	148.1(3)
O(1)#5-Nd(1)-O(1)#1	146.9(4)		

### Ln-MOF 3

Eu(1)-O(2)	2.383(6)	O(2)#1-Eu(1)-O(3)#2	126.7(2)
Eu(1)-O(2)#1	2.383(6)	O(1)#3-Eu(1)-O(3)#2	77.1(2)
Eu(1)-O(1)#3	2.422(6)	O(1)#4-Eu(1)-O(3)#2	74.7(2)
Eu(1)-O(1)#4	2.422(6)	O(5)-Eu(1)-O(3)#5	113.26(18)
Eu(1)-O(3)#2	2.528(7)	O(2)-Eu(1)-O(3)#5	126.7(2)
Eu(1)-O(3)#5	2.528(7)	O(2)#1-Eu(1)-O(3)#5	87.8(2)
Eu(1)-O(4)#5	2.540(7)	O(1)#3-Eu(1)-O(3)#5	74.7(2)
Eu(1)-O(4)#2	2.540(7)	O(1)#4-Eu(1)-O(3)#5	77.1(2)
O(1)-Eu(1)#6	2.422(6)	O(3)#2-Eu(1)-O(3)#5	133.5(4)
O(3)-Eu(1)#2	2.528(7)	O(5)-Eu(1)-O(4)#5	73.17(16)
O(4)-Eu(1)#2	2.540(7)	O(2)-Eu(1)-O(4)#5	75.7(2)
O(2)#1-O(5)-Eu(1)	83.2(4)	O(2)#1-Eu(1)-O(4)#5	80.6(2)
O(5)-Eu(1)-O(2)	44.95(16)	O(1)#3-Eu(1)-O(4)#5	75.6(2)
O(5)-Eu(1)-O(2)#1	44.95(16)	O(1)#4-Eu(1)-O(4)#5	127.3(2)
O(2)-Eu(1)-O(2)#1	89.9(3)	O(3)#2-Eu(1)-O(4)#5	148.5(2)
O(5)-Eu(1)-O(1)#3	128.02(17)	O(3)#5-Eu(1)-O(4)#5	51.4(2)

O(2)-Eu(1)-O(1)#3	87.6(2)	O(5)-Eu(1)-O(4)#2	73.17(16)
O(2)#1-Eu(1)-O(1)#3	155.9(2)	O(2)-Eu(1)-O(4)#2	80.6(2)
O(5)-Eu(1)-O(1)#4	128.02(17)	O(2)#1-Eu(1)-O(4)#2	75.7(2)
O(2)-Eu(1)-O(1)#4	155.9(2)	O(1)#3-Eu(1)-O(4)#2	127.3(2)
O(2)#1-Eu(1)-O(1)#4	87.6(2)	O(1)#4-Eu(1)-O(4)#2	75.6(2)
O(1)#3-Eu(1)-O(1)#4	104.0(3)	O(3)#2-Eu(1)-O(4)#2	51.4(2)
O(5)-Eu(1)-O(3)#2	113.26(18)	O(3)#5-Eu(1)-O(4)#2	148.5(2)
O(2)-Eu(1)-O(3)#2	87.8(2)	O(4)#5-Eu(1)-O(4)#2	146.3(3)

#### Ln-MOF 4

Ho(1)-O(2)#2	2.283(4)	O(1)#4-Ho(1)-O(4)#1	128.87(14)
Ho(1)-O(2)	2.283(4)	O(2)#2-Ho(1)-O(4)#5	80.17(14)
Ho(1)-O(1)#3	2.306(4)	O(2)-Ho(1)-O(4)#5	75.92(14)
Ho(1)-O(1)#4	2.306(4)	O(1)#3-Ho(1)-O(4)#5	128.87(14)
Ho(1)-O(4)#1	2.435(4)	O(1)#4-Ho(1)-O(4)#5	75.14(14)
Ho(1)-O(4)#5	2.435(4)	O(4)#1-Ho(1)-O(4)#5	145.5(2)
Ho(1)-O(3)#5	2.447(4)	O(2)#2-Ho(1)-O(3)#5	85.14(15)
Ho(1)-O(3)#1	2.447(4)	O(2)-Ho(1)-O(3)#5	128.53(13)
O(1)-Ho(1)#6	2.306(4)	O(1)#3-Ho(1)-O(3)#5	76.76(14)
O(3)-Ho(1)#1	2.447(4)	O(1)#4-Ho(1)-O(3)#5	75.34(15)
O(4)-Ho(1)#1	2.435(4)	O(4)#1-Ho(1)-O(3)#5	146.33(14)
O(2)#2-Ho(1)-O(2)	91.39(19)	O(4)#5-Ho(1)-O(3)#5	52.85(13)
O(2)#2-Ho(1)-O(1)#3	88.33(15)	O(2)#2-Ho(1)-O(3)#1	128.53(13)
O(2)-Ho(1)-O(1)#3	154.60(14)	O(2)-Ho(1)-O(3)#1	85.14(15)
O(2)#2-Ho(1)-O(1)#4	154.61(14)	O(1)#3-Ho(1)-O(3)#1	75.34(15)
O(2)-Ho(1)-O(1)#4	88.33(15)	O(1)#4-Ho(1)-O(3)#1	76.76(14)
O(1)#3-Ho(1)-O(1)#4	102.5(2)	O(4)#1-Ho(1)-O(3)#1	52.85(13)
O(2)#2-Ho(1)-O(4)#1	75.91(14)	O(4)#5-Ho(1)-O(3)#1	146.33(14)
O(2)-Ho(1)-O(4)#1	80.17(14)	O(3)#5-Ho(1)-O(3)#1	134.7(2)
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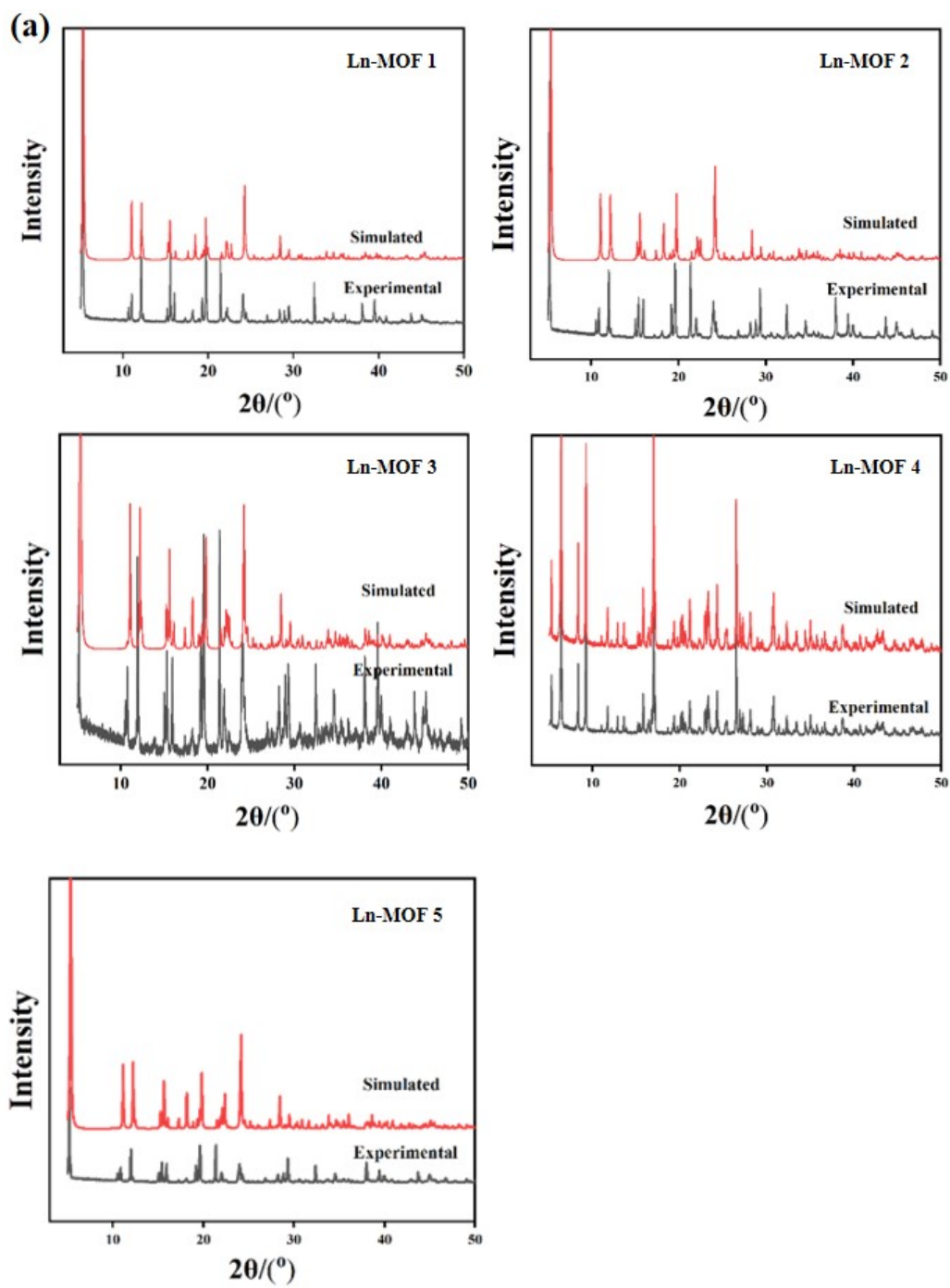
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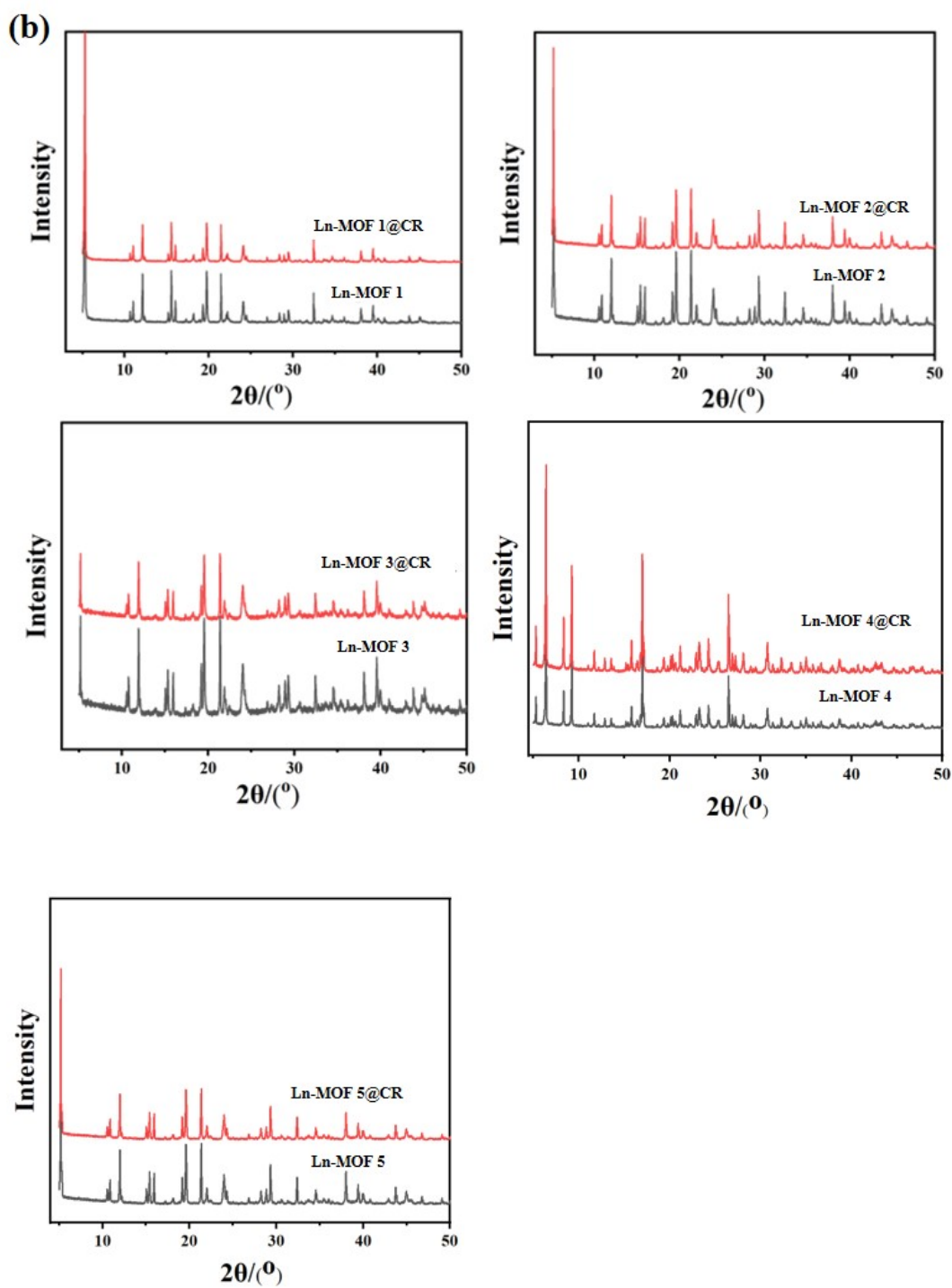
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Ce(1)-O(2)	2.405(3)	O(2)#2-Ce(1)-O(3)#1	126.30(12)
Ce(1)-O(1)#3	2.439(3)	O(2)-Ce(1)-O(3)#1	88.28(13)
Ce(1)-O(1)#4	2.439(4)	O(1)#3-Ce(1)-O(3)#1	74.53(13)
Ce(1)-O(3)#5	2.552(4)	O(1)#4-Ce(1)-O(3)#1	77.54(12)
Ce(1)-O(3)#1	2.552(4)	O(3)#5-Ce(1)-O(3)#1	133.55(19)
Ce(1)-O(4)#1	2.556(4)	O(2)#2-Ce(1)-O(4)#1	76.11(12)
Ce(1)-O(4)#5	2.556(4)	O(2)-Ce(1)-O(4)#1	81.08(12)

O(1)-Ce(1)#6	2.439(3)	O(1)#3-Ce(1)-O(4)#1	74.90(12)
O(3)-Ce(1)#1	2.552(4)	O(1)#4-Ce(1)-O(4)#1	126.85(12)
O(4)-Ce(1)#1	2.556(3)	O(3)#5-Ce(1)-O(4)#1	148.69(12)
O(2)#2-Ce(1)-O(2)	89.11(17)	O(3)#1-Ce(1)-O(4)#1	50.53(12)
O(2)#2-Ce(1)-O(1)#3	87.68(13)	O(2)#2-Ce(1)-O(4)#5	81.08(12)
O(2)-Ce(1)-O(1)#3	155.84(12)	O(2)-Ce(1)-O(4)#5	76.11(12)
O(2)#2-Ce(1)-O(1)#4	155.84(12)	O(1)#3-Ce(1)-O(4)#5	126.85(12)
O(2)-Ce(1)-O(1)#4	87.68(13)	O(1)#4-Ce(1)-O(4)#5	74.90(12)
O(1)#3-Ce(1)-O(1)#4	104.57(19)	O(3)#5-Ce(1)-O(4)#5	50.53(12)
O(2)#2-Ce(1)-O(3)#5	88.28(13)	O(3)#1-Ce(1)-O(4)#5	148.69(12)
O(2)-Ce(1)-O(3)#5	126.30(12)	O(4)#1-Ce(1)-O(4)#5	147.81(17)
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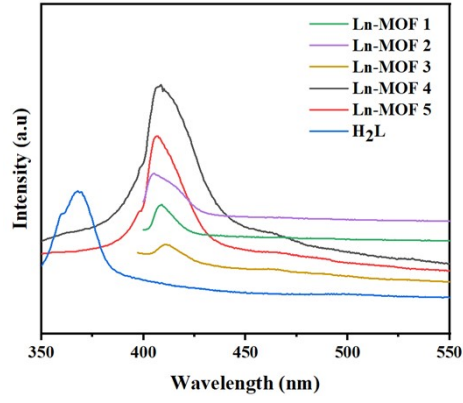
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Symmetry codes, for 1: #1 -x+1,y,-z+3/2; #2 -x+1,-y,-z+1; #3 x,-y,z+1/2; #4 -x+1,y,-z+1/2; #5 -x+1,-y+1,-z+1; #6 x,-y+1,z+1/2; #7 x,-y+1,z-1/2; #8 x,-y,z-1/2; for 2: #1 -x+1,-y+2,-z+1; #2 -x+1,y,-z+1/2; #3 x,y+1,z; #4 -x+1,y+1,-z+1/2; #5 x,-y+2,z-1/2; #6 x,y-1,z; for 3: #1 -x+1,y,-z+1/2; #2 -x+1,-y+2,-z+1; #3 x,y+1,z; #4 -x+1,y+1,-z+1/2; #5 x,-y+2,z-1/2; #6 x,y-1,z; for 4: #1 -x+1,-y+2,-z+1; #2 -x+1,y,-z+3/2; #3 -x+1,y+1,-z+3/2; #4 x,y+1,z; #5 x,-y+2,z+1/2; #6 x,y-1,z; for 5: #1 -x+1,-y+2,-z+1; #2 -x+1,y,-z+3/2; #3 -x+1,y+1,-z+3/2; #4 x,y+1,z; #5 x,-y+2,z+1/2; #6 x,y-1,z.

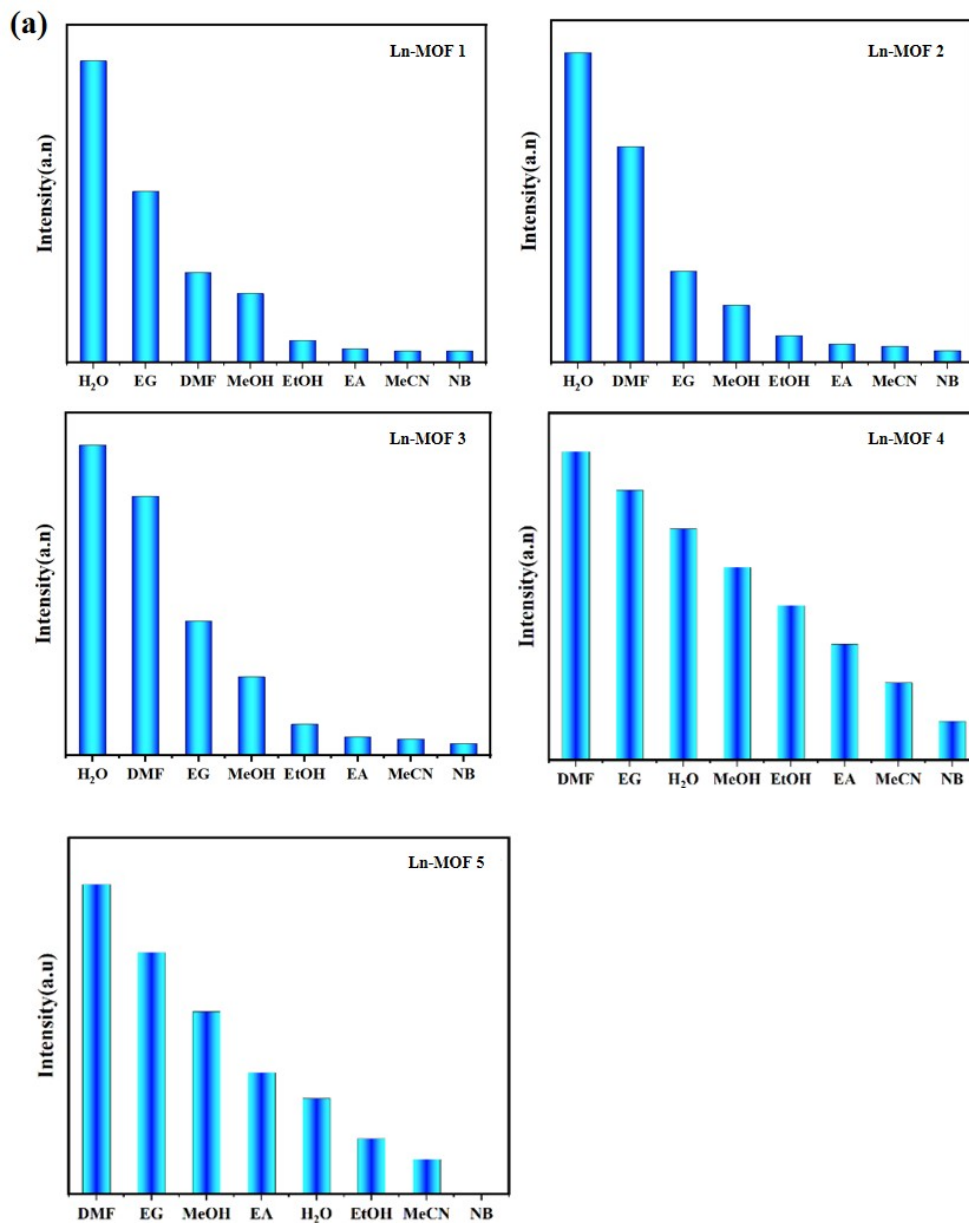




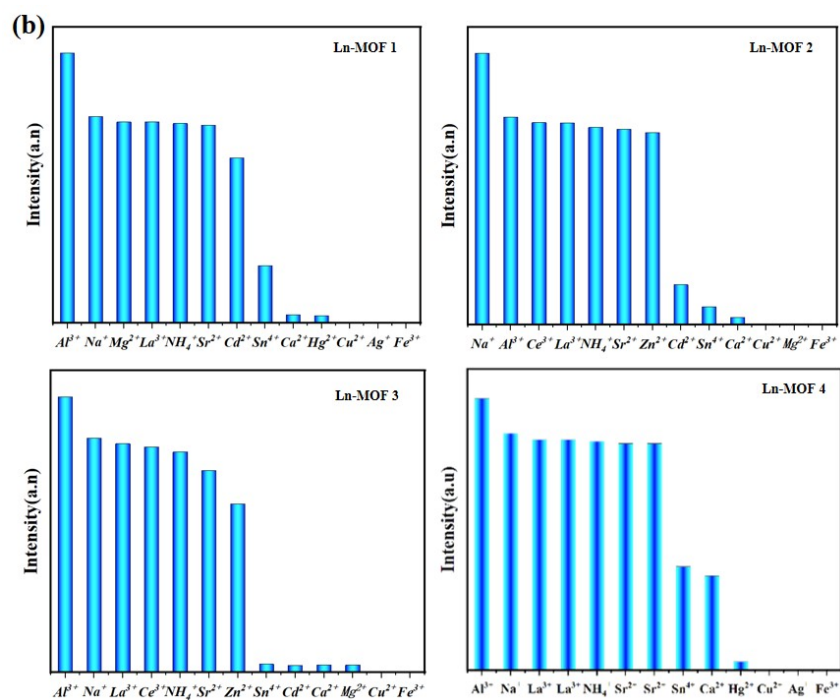
**Fig. S1:** (a) The experimental and simulated PXRD patterns of Ln-MOFs 1-5. (b) PXRD of Ln-MOFs 1-5 before and after dye adsorption.



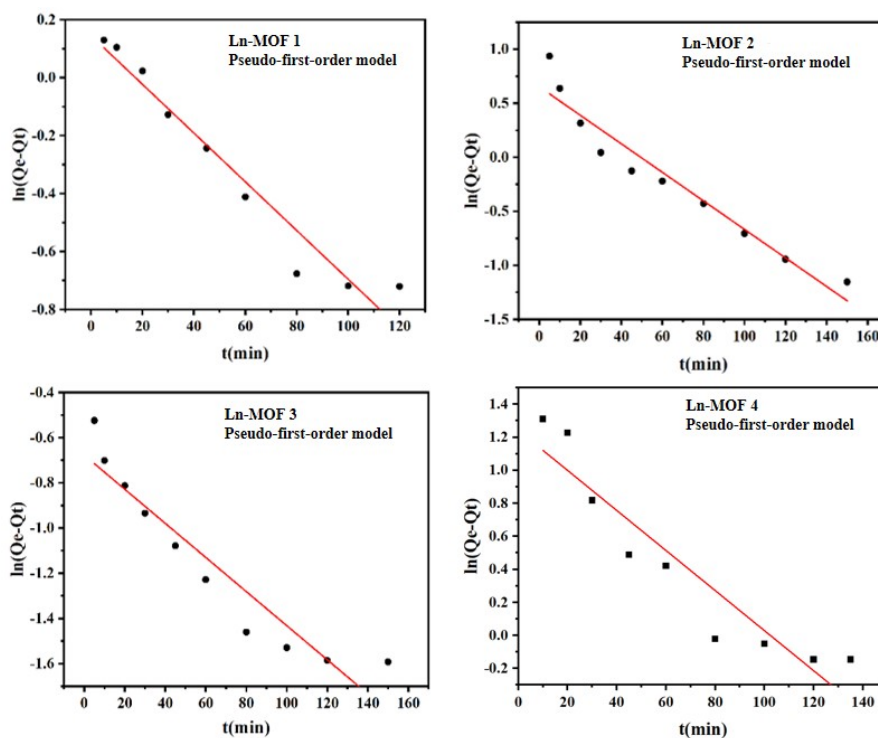
**Fig. S2:** Emission spectra of H<sub>2</sub>L ligand and Ln-MOFs 1-5 at room temperature ( $\lambda_{\text{ex}} = 360$  nm and 350 nm, respectively).







**Fig. S3:** (a) The fluorescence intensity of **1-5** in different solvents; (b) The fluorescence intensity of **1-4** in solutions containing various cations.



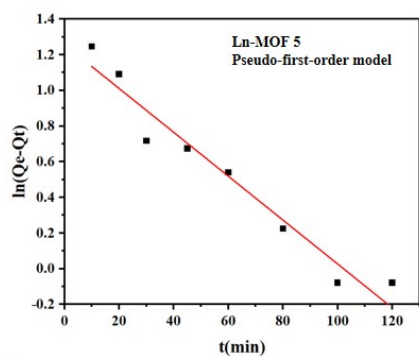


Fig. S4: Pseudo-first-order kinetic model for the adsorption of CR by Ln-MOFs 1-5.

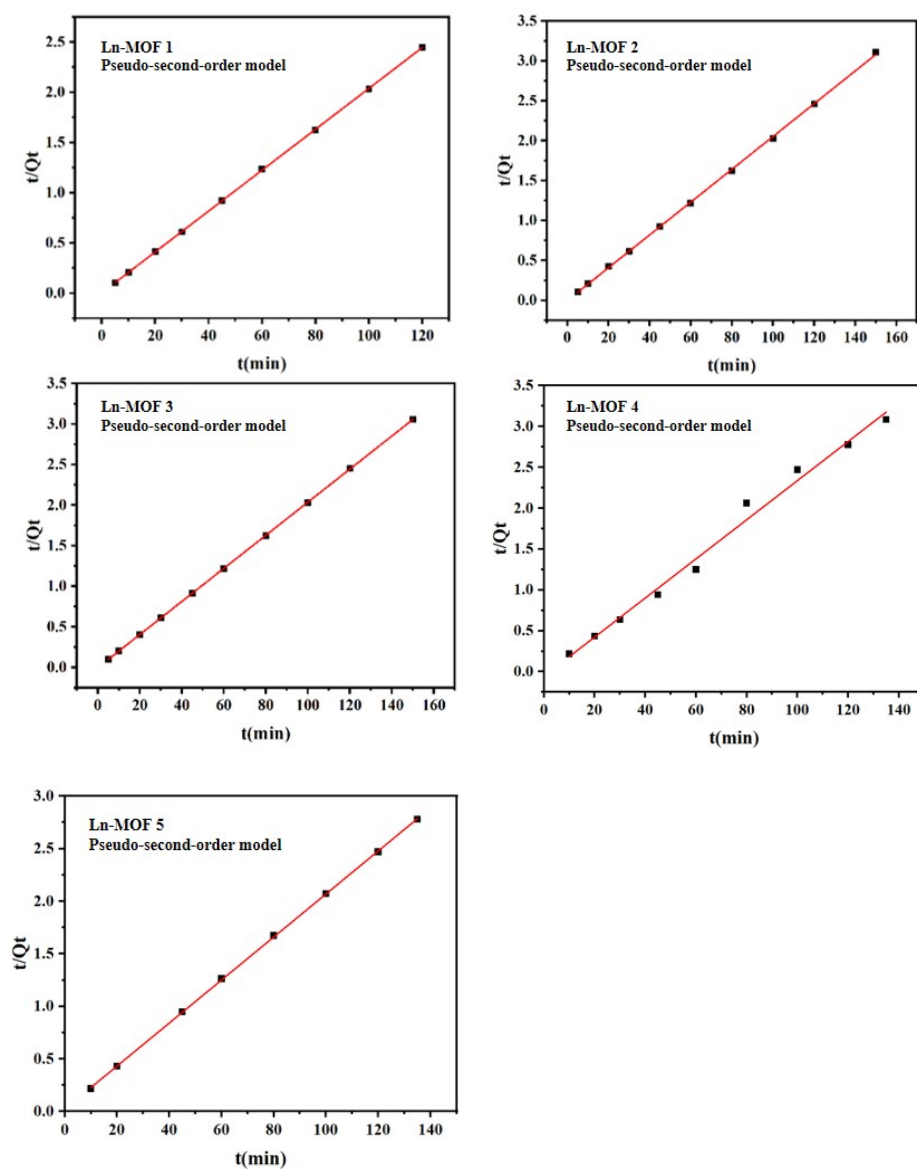
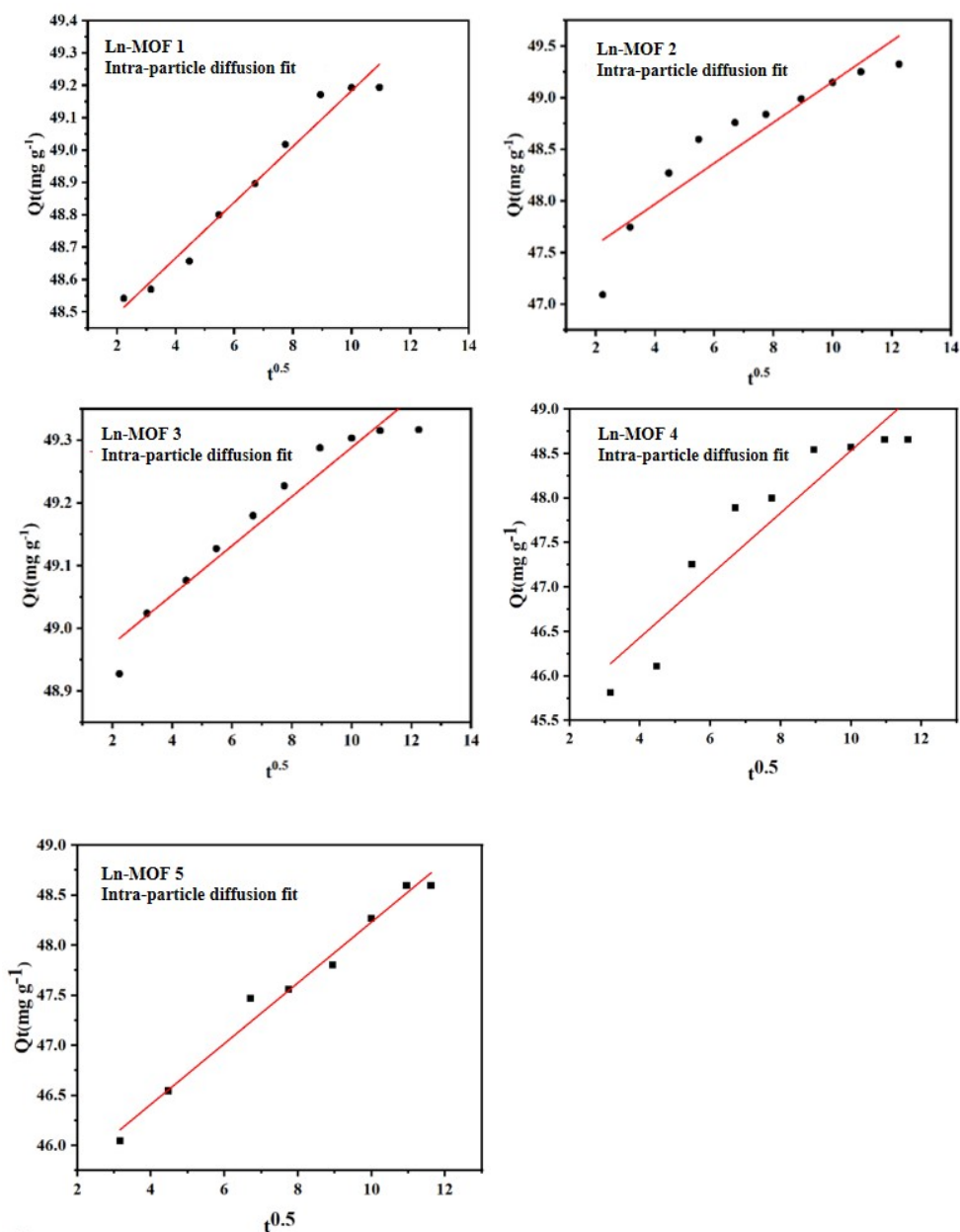


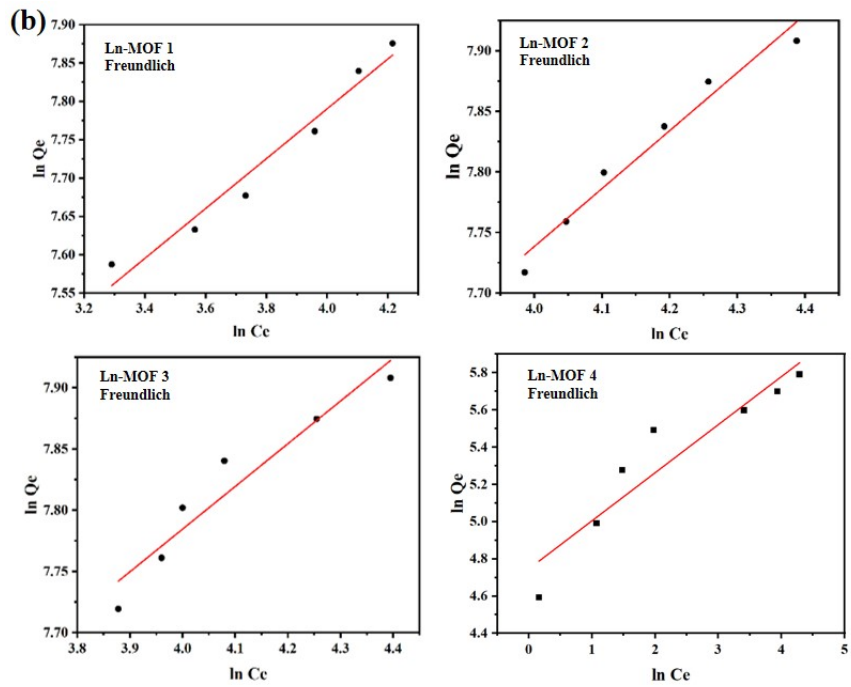
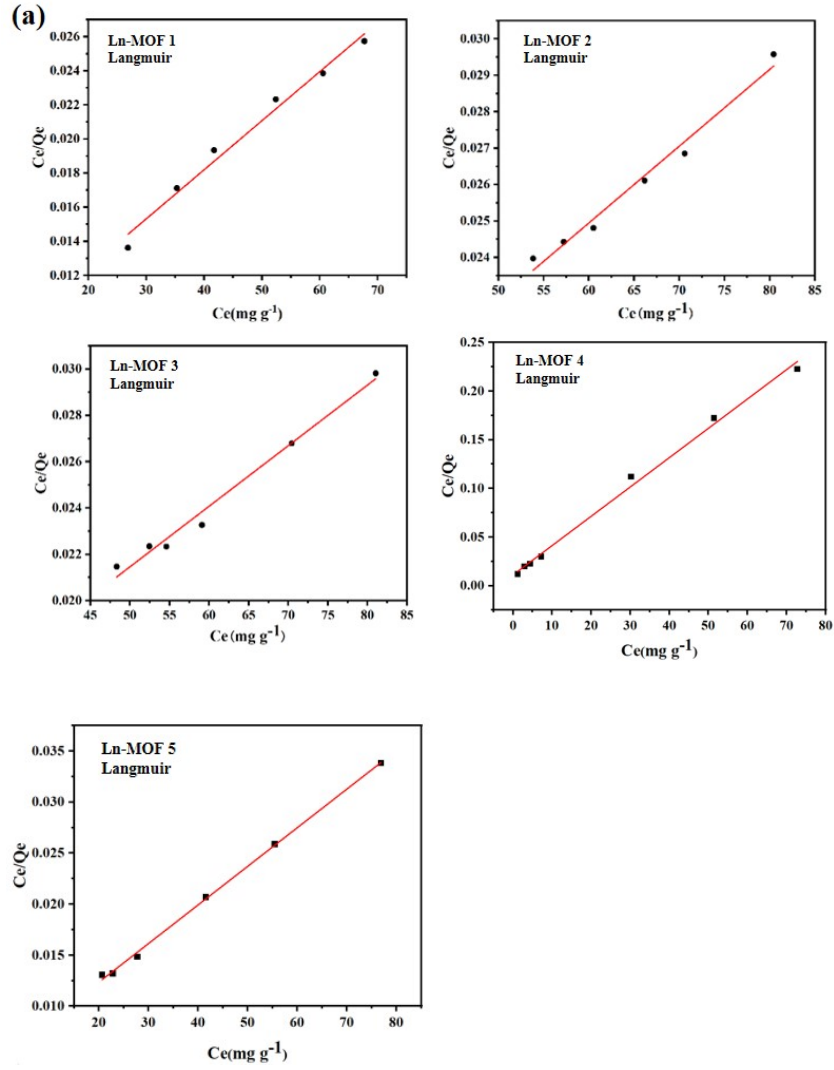
Fig. S5: Pseudo-second-order kinetic model for the adsorption of CR by Ln-MOFs 1-5.

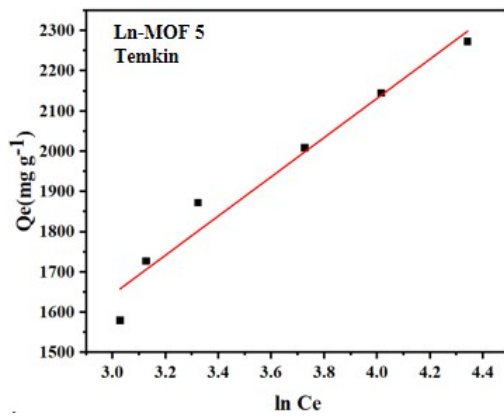
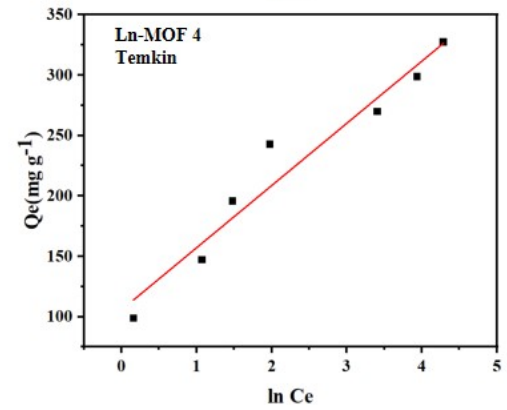
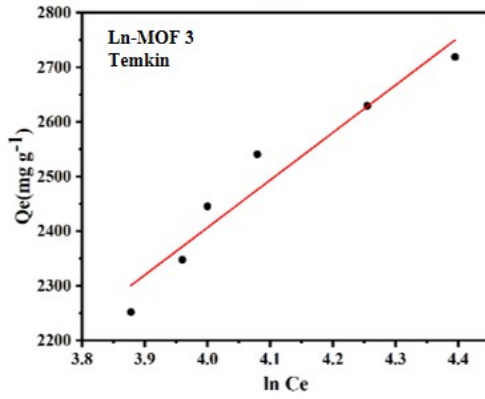
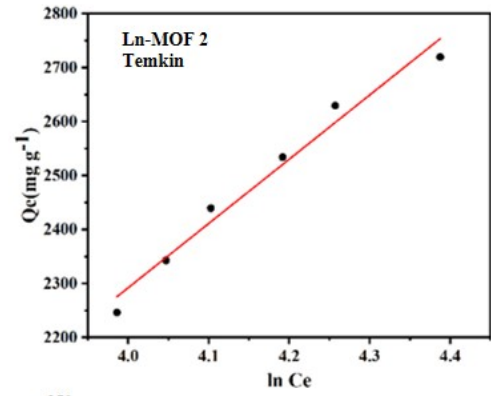
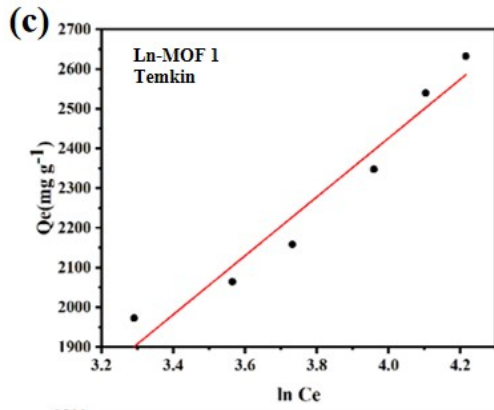
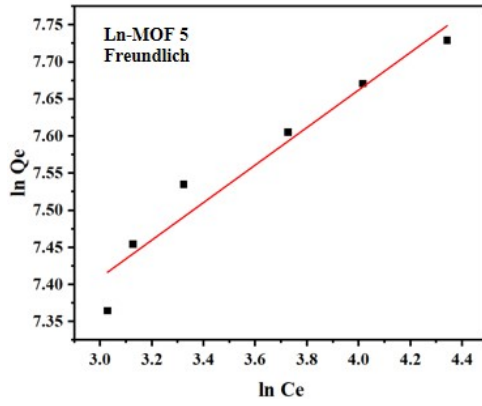


**Fig. S6:** Particle diffusion model for the adsorption of CR by Ln-MOFs 1-5.

**Table S3.** Kinetic parameters of adsorption of CR by Ln-MOFs 1-5

	The pseudo-first-order rate equation			The pseudo-second-order rate equation			Intra-particle diffusion equation		
	$\ln(Q_e - Q_t) = \ln Q_e - K_1 t$			$t/Q_t = 1/K_2 Q_e^2 + t/Q_e$			$Q_t = K_i t^{0.5} + C$		
	$K_1 (\text{min}^{-1})$	$Q_e (\text{mg g}^{-1})$	$R^2$	$K_2 (\text{min}^{-1})$	$Q_e (\text{mg g}^{-1})$	$R^2$	$K_i$	$C$	$R^2$
1	0.0084	1.156	0.9409	0.0961	49.26	0.9999	0.086	48.32	0.9670
2	0.0132	1.923	0.9283	0.1547	48.66	0.9997	0.197	47.18	0.8517
3	0.0075	0.508	0.8848	0.179	49.02	0.9999	0.039	48.89	0.9314
4	0.0121	3.442	0.8703	0.011	41.81	0.9949	0.350	45.03	0.8649
5	0.0123	3.477	0.9439	0.017	48.89	0.9998	0.303	45.19	0.9798





**Fig. S7:** (a) Fitting results of Langmuir model for CR adsorption by Ln-MOFs **1-5**; (b) Fitting results of Freundlich model for CR adsorption by Ln-MOFs **1-5**; (c) Fitting results of Temkin model for CR adsorption by Ln-MOFs **1-5**.  $\ln Q_e = B \ln K_T + B \ln C_e$

**Table S4.** Isotherm parameters of adsorption of CR by Ln-MOFs **1-5**

	Langmuir			Freundlich			Temkin		
	$C_e/Q_e = C_e/Q_m + 1/Q_m K_L$			$\ln Q_e = B \ln K_T + B \ln C_e$			$Q_e = \ln K_F + b_F \ln C_e$		
	$K_L$ (L mg <sup>-1</sup> )	$Q_m$ (mg g <sup>-1</sup> )	R <sup>2</sup>	$K_F$ (mg g <sup>-1</sup> )	$b_F$	R <sup>2</sup>	$K_T$	B	R <sup>2</sup>
1	0.00029	3448	0.9832	657	0.32	0.9545	0.4857	740	0.9381
2	0.00028	3571	0.9814	336	0.47	0.9597	0.1255	1190	0.9698
3	0.00027	3703	0.9858	595	0.35	0.9053	0.2922	869	0.9209
4	0.00301	332	0.9939	115	0.25	0.8643	7.7194	51	0.9391
5	0.00038	2645	0.9984	757	0.25	0.9285	1.4514	487	0.9543