

# A luminescent Zn(II) coordination polymer based on a new tetrazolyl-benzimidazolyl tripodal heterotopic ligand for detecting acetone and triethylamine in water

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## Supporting Information

**Table S1** Crystallographic data and structure refinement summary for Zn-DTPB

Complex	Zn-DTPB
Empirical formula	C <sub>18</sub> H <sub>15</sub> N <sub>11</sub> OZn
Formula weight	466.78
Crystal system	Monoclinic
Space group	<i>P</i> 2 <sub>1</sub> /c
<i>a</i> / Å	9.5220(2)
<i>b</i> / Å	19.44852(5)
<i>c</i> / Å	10.4691(2)
$\alpha$ / °	90
$\beta$ / °	103.7040(10)
$\gamma$ / °	90
<i>V</i> / Å <sup>3</sup>	1887.12(7)
<i>Z</i>	4
<i>D</i> / g cm <sup>-3</sup>	1.643
$\mu$ / mm <sup>-1</sup>	2.146
<i>T</i> / K	150(2)
<i>R</i> <sup>a</sup> / <i>wR</i> <sup>b</sup>	0.0723 / 0.1866
Total / unique	15665 / 3865

<sup>a</sup>  $R_1 = \Sigma ||F_o| - |F_c|| / \Sigma |F_o|$ , <sup>b</sup>  $wR_2 = [\Sigma w(F_o^2 - F_c^2)^2 / \Sigma w(F_o^2)^2]^{1/2}$ , where  $w = 1 / [\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (aP)_2 + bP]$ .  $P = (F_o^2 + 2F_c^2) / 3$ .

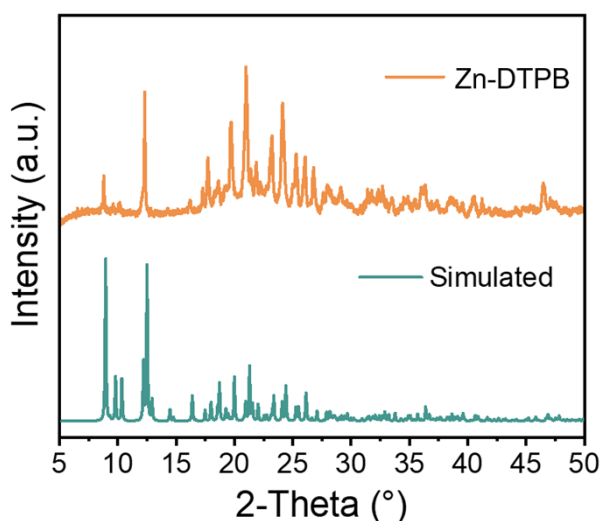
**Table S2** Selected bond lengths [ $\text{\AA}$ ] and angles [ $^\circ$ ] for Zn-DTPB

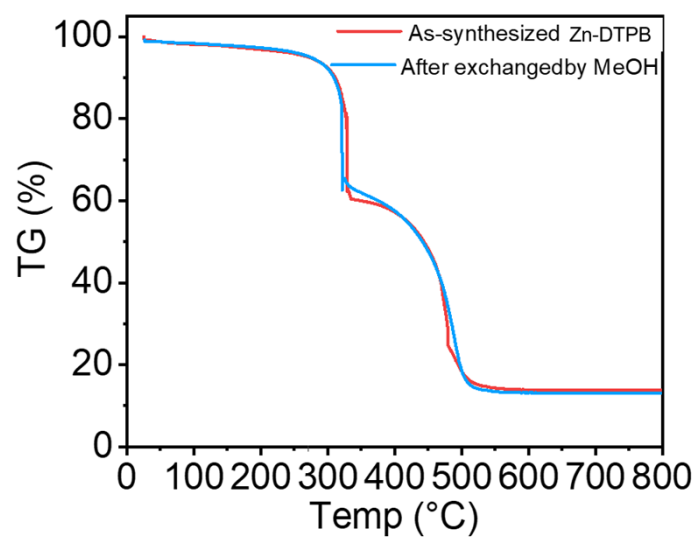
Zn-DTPB			
Zn(1)-N(3) <sup>1</sup>	2.014(2)	Zn(1)-N(1)	1.981(3)
Zn(1)-N(5) <sup>2</sup>	1.993(2)	Zn(1)-N(9) <sup>3</sup>	1.995(3)
N(1)-Zn(1)-N(3) <sup>1</sup>	106.57(11)	N(1)-Zn(1)-N(5) <sup>2</sup>	120.04(11)
N(1)-Zn(1)-N(9) <sup>3</sup>	106.97(10)	N(5) <sup>2</sup> -Zn(1)-N(3) <sup>1</sup>	110.46(10)
N(5) <sup>2</sup> -Zn(1)-N(9) <sup>3</sup>	108.05(10)	N(9) <sup>3</sup> -Zn(1)-N(3) <sup>1</sup>	103.49(10)

Symmetry transformations used to generate equivalent atoms: <sup>1</sup>-1 + x, y, z; <sup>2</sup>-1 + x, 1/2 - y, 1/2 + z; <sup>3</sup>-x, 1 - y, 1 - z.

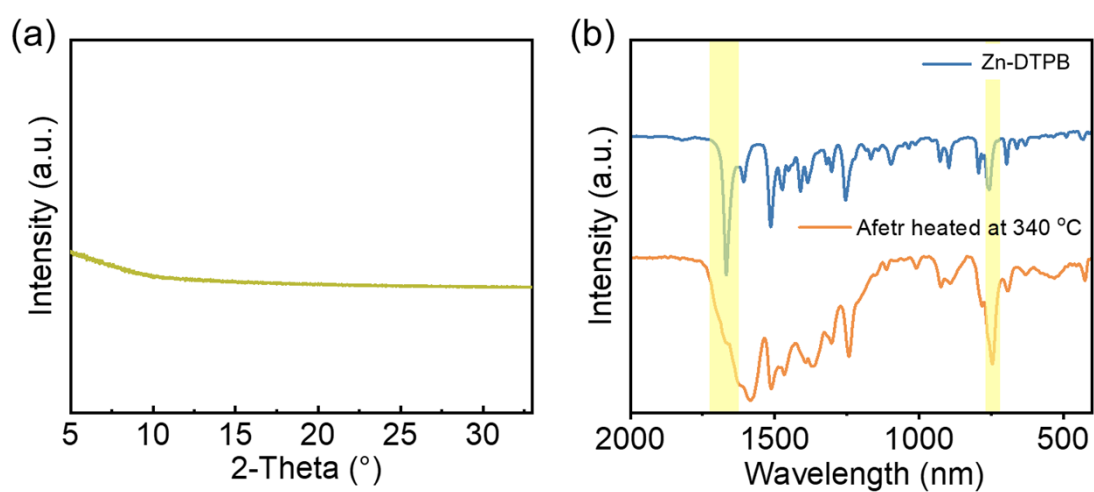
**Table S3** Comparisons of the acetone sensing performances of Zn-DTPB and reported MOFs.

MOFs	Detection medium	fluorescence quenching efficiencies (65%)	fluorescence quenching efficiencies (85%)	References
Zn-DTPB	H <sub>2</sub> O	0.52%	1.47%	This work
[Cd <sub>2</sub> (btec)(TPB) <sub>0.5</sub> (H <sub>2</sub> O) <sub>4</sub> ] $\cdot$ 2H <sub>2</sub> O	H <sub>2</sub> O	1.9%	4.5%	<i>Inorg. Chem. Front.</i> , 2021, <b>8</b> , 3096–3104
[Zn <sub>6</sub> (1,4-bpeb) <sub>4</sub> (IPA) <sub>6</sub> (H <sub>2</sub> O)] <sub>n</sub>	H <sub>2</sub> O	0.75%	1.59%	<i>Molecules</i> , 2023, <b>28</b> , 7315.
Tb(BTC)(H <sub>2</sub> O) <sub>6</sub>	H <sub>2</sub> O	1.11%	2.79%	<i>J. Mater. Chem.</i> , 2012, <b>22</b> , 6819-6823
Eu(BTC) (MOF-76)	1-propanol	0.58%	1.18%	<i>Adv. Mater.</i> , 2007, <b>19</b> , 1693-1696
[Tb <sub>4</sub> ( $\mu_6$ -L) <sub>2</sub> ( $\mu$ -HCOO)( $\mu_3$ -OH) <sub>3</sub> ( $\mu_3$ -O)(DMF) <sub>2</sub> (H <sub>2</sub> O) <sub>4</sub> ] <sub>n</sub> $\cdot$ (H <sub>2</sub> O) <sub>4n</sub>	DMF	21%	60%	<i>ACS Appl. Mater. Interfaces.</i> , 2018, <b>10</b> , 23976-23986
[Cd <sub>3</sub> (tib) <sub>2</sub> (BTB) <sub>2</sub> ] $\cdot$ 3DEF $\cdot$ 4.5H <sub>2</sub> O	CH <sub>3</sub> CN	0.81%	1.44%	<i>Inorg. Chem.</i> , 2016, <b>55</b> , 11821-11830
[Cd <sub>3</sub> (tib) <sub>2</sub> (BTB) <sub>2</sub> (DMA) <sub>2</sub> (H <sub>2</sub> O) <sub>2</sub> ] $\cdot$ 2DMA $\cdot$ 8H <sub>2</sub> O	CH <sub>3</sub> CN	0.86%	1.50%	<i>Inorg. Chem.</i> , 2016, <b>55</b> , 11821-11830
Yb(BPT)(H <sub>2</sub> O) (DMF) <sub>1.5</sub> (H <sub>2</sub> O) <sub>1.25</sub>	1-propanol	0.75%	3.85%	<i>Chem. Commun.</i> , 2011, <b>47</b> , 5551-5553
{[Cd <sub>3</sub> (L)(H <sub>2</sub> O) <sub>2</sub> (DMF) <sub>2</sub> ] $\cdot$ 5DMF} <sub>n</sub>	1-propanol	2.79%	5.40%	<i>J. Mater. Chem.</i> , 2012, <b>22</b> , 23201-23209
{[Cd <sub>3</sub> (L)(dib)] $\cdot$ 3H <sub>2</sub> O $\cdot$ 5DMA} <sub>n</sub>	1-propanol	2.83%	4.89%	<i>J. Mater. Chem.</i> , 2012, <b>22</b> , 23201-23209
[Cu(dmpy) <sub>3</sub> (H <sub>2</sub> O) <sub>2</sub> ](H <sub>2</sub> O)(ClO <sub>4</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> *	Acetonitrile	0.0002%	0.0004%	<i>RSC Adv.</i> , 2020, <b>10</b> , 42137-42146

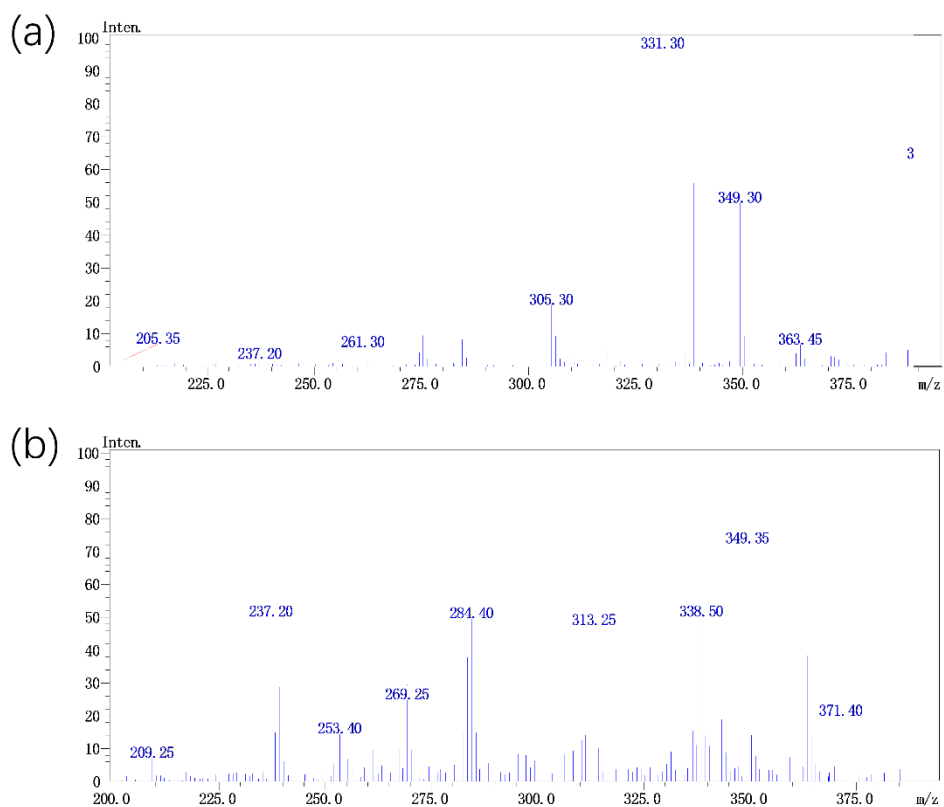
**Fig. S1** PXRD of simulated and as-synthesized Zn-DTPB.



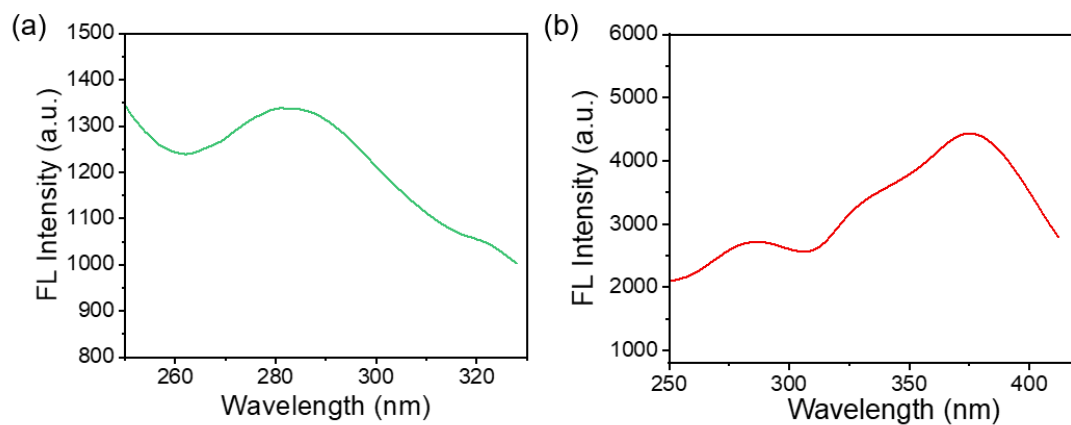
**Fig. S2** TG curve of Zn-DTPB before and after immersing in water.



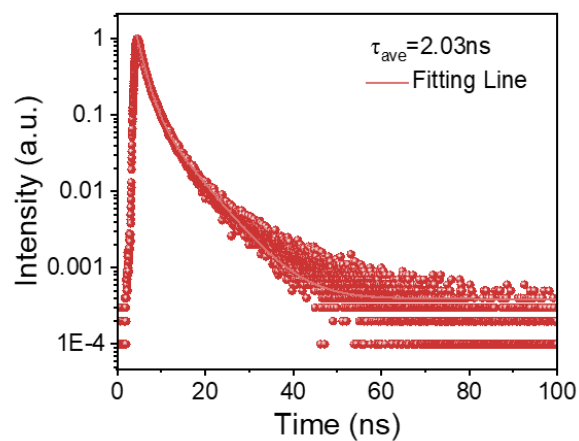
**Fig. S3** (a) PXRD of Zn-DTPB after heated at 340 °C. (b) IR of Zn-DTPB before and after heated at 340 °C.



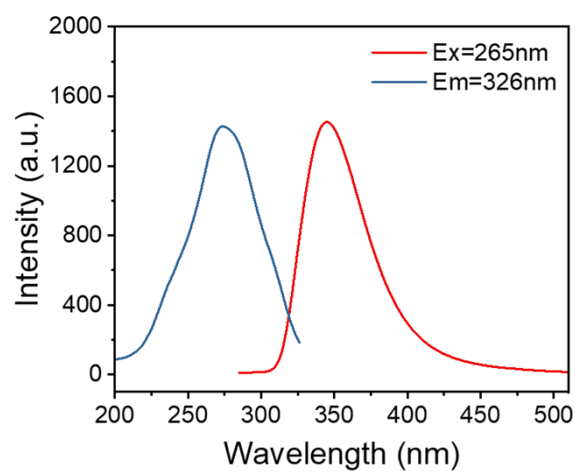
**Fig. S4** MS spectra of (a) as-synthesized Zn-DTPB and (b) Zn-DTPB after heating at 340 °C that were digested by HCl.



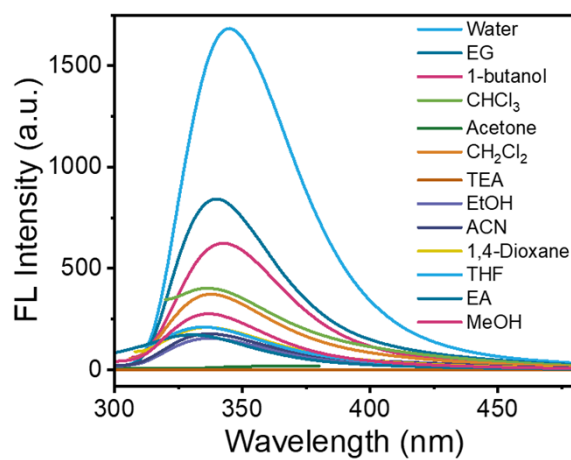
**Fig. S5** Excitation spectra of (a) H<sub>2</sub>DBPT and (b) Zn-DTPB.



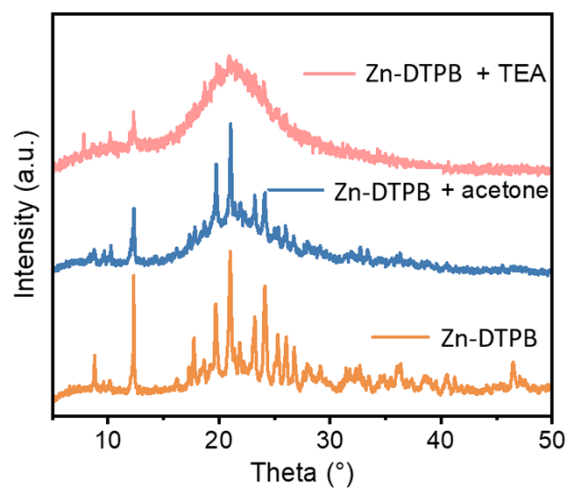
**Fig. S6** Time-resolved fluorescence spectra of Zn-DTPB.



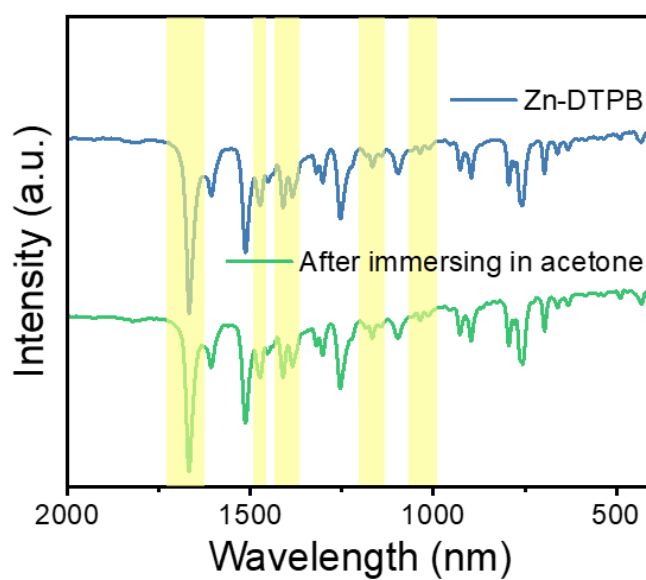
**Fig. S7** Fluorescent excitation and emission spectra of Zn-DTPB after dispersed in water.



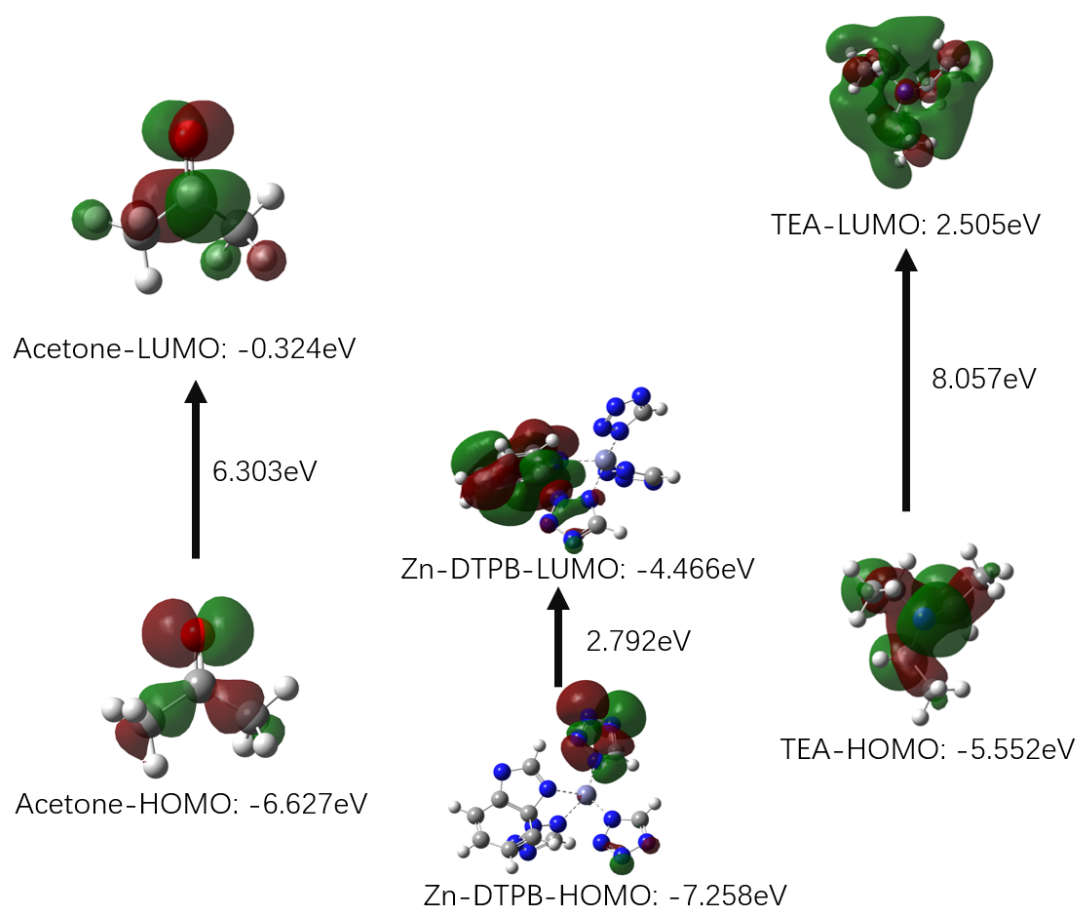
**Fig. S8** Fluorescent spectra of Zn-DTPB after dispersed in various solvents.



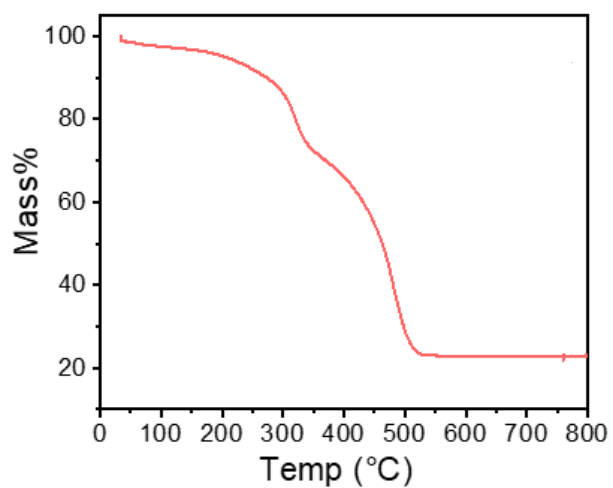
**Fig. S9** The PXRD patterns of Zn-DTPB before and after sensing acetone and TEA.



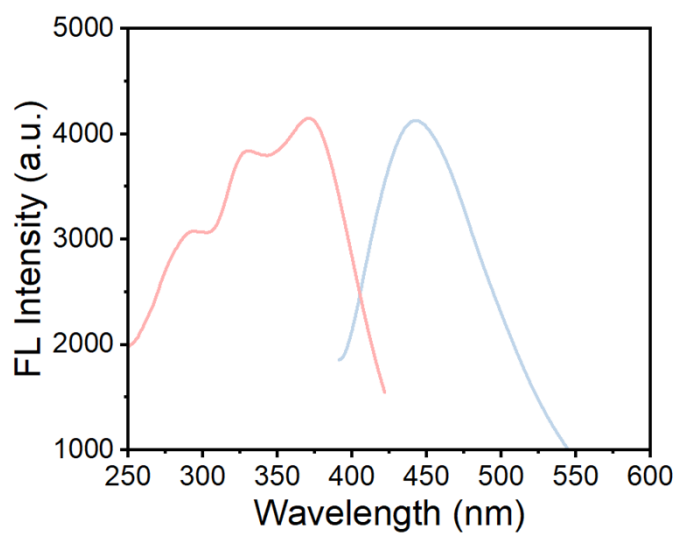
**Fig. S10** The IR spectra of Zn-DTPB before and after immersing in acetone.



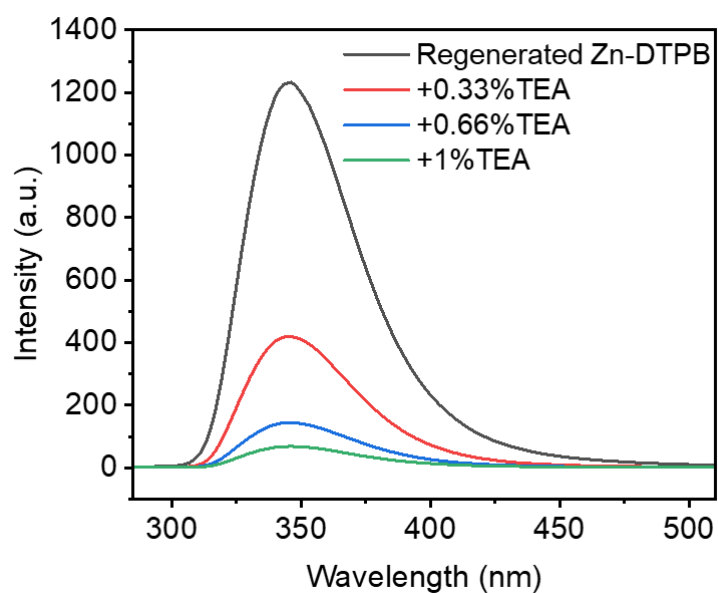
**Fig. S11** HOMO and LUMO energy level diagram for the acetone, Zn-DTPB, and TEA.



**Fig. S12** The TG curve of *a*Zn-DTPB.



**Fig. S13** Solid-state fluorescent excitation and emission spectra of aZn-DTPB.



**Fig. S14** Fluorescence spectra of a suspension of Zn-DTPB regenerated from aZn-DTPB with the addition of 0% to 1% (Vol%) TEA.