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# Meterials and General Characterization.

All of chemicals were purchased and used without purification. Elemental analyses for C, H, and N were measured with Perkin-Elmer 2400 elemental analyzer. The TF-IR spectra were measured with a Vertex 70 FTIR on KBr disks on a spectrophotometer (4000–400 cm<sup>-1</sup>). TGA were measured with NETZSCH TG 209 under heating rate of  $10^{\circ}$ C min<sup>-1</sup>. Powder X-ray diffraction measurements were recorded on a PANalytical Empyrean X-ray diffractometer using Mo K $\alpha$  radiation. The fluorescent spectra were measured on an Edingburage FLS920 spectrophotometer.

#### S1. Detail experiment procedure for 2,6-Bis(4'-carboxyphenyl)pyrazine<sup>[1]</sup>

2,6-Dichloropyrazine (0.19 g, 1.269 mmol), 4-carboxyphenylboronic acid (0.45 g, 2.680 mmol), Na<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> (0.28 g, 2.7 mmol) and Pd(PPh<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (0.025 g, 0.035 mmol, 1.3 mol %) were added to a Around bottom flask. H<sub>2</sub>O (8 mL) and MeCN (7 mL) were added and N<sub>2</sub> bubbled through the mixture for 20 min. The reaction was heated at 60 °C under a N<sub>2</sub> atmosphere for 48 h later and let cool to room temperature. The MeCN was removed with a rotary evaporator. The precipitate was filtered and the aqueous solution acidified with 4 mL of 1.0 M HCl and a white precipitate formed. The precipitates were combined and dissolved in 1.0 M K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub>. The solution was washed with dichloromethane (2 x 20 mL) and the organic layer discarded. The aqueous phase was reacidified with 1.0 M HCl (5 mL) to precipitate the product that was recrystallized from DMSO as a fine white powder.

#### S2. Schematic synthetic ligand



#### **S3.** Preparation of Mg-MOF

A mixture of H<sub>2</sub>pdda (0.064g, 0.2mmol), Mg(NO<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>·6H<sub>2</sub>O (0.0513 g, 0.2 mmol ), and 8 mL of distilled water and 8ml DMF were sealed in a Teflon-lined stainless vessel (25 mL) heated at 140 °C for 72 h under autogenous pressure. The vessel was then cooled slowly down to room temperature at 2°C/h. Block crystals were obtained.

### S4. Crystallography:

Crystallographic data of Mg-MOF were collected on a SuperNova single crystal diffractometer equipped with graphite-monochromatic Mo K $\alpha$  radiation ( $\lambda = 0.71073$  Å). The data integration and empirical absorption correction were carried out by SAINT program. The crystal was kept at 153(2) K during data collection. Using Olex2,<sup>[2]</sup> the structure was solved with the XS <sup>[3]</sup> structure solution program using Direct Methods and refined with the XL <sup>[4]</sup> refinement package using Least Squares minimization. All hydrogen atoms in these coordination Fax: 86 471 4992147; Tel: 86 471 4995414; E-mail: cezlliu@imu.edu.cn

polymers were generated geometrically and refine isotropically using the riding model. Crystallographic data and structure refinement parameters for Mg-MOF are listed in Table S1. Selected Distances and Bond Angles for Mg-MOF are listed in Table S2. Copies of the data can be obtained free of charge on quoting the depository numbers CCDC-1000768 (Fax: +44-1223-336-033; E-Mail: deposit@ccdc.cam.ac.uk, http://www.ccdc.cam.ac.uk).

	Mg-MOF
Formula	$C_{20}H_{14}MgN_3O_5$
Fw	400.65
Cryst syst	monoclinic
Space group	C2/c
a, Å	16.0685(17)
b, Å	14.6258(12)
c, Å	9.3457(9)
β, deg	117.798(8)
V, Å <sup>3</sup>	1942.9(3)
Ζ	4
$D_{\upsilon} g/cm^3$	1.370
F(000)	828.0
Reflections collected/unique	5284/1716
μ, mm <sup>-1</sup>	0.129
GOF on $F^2$	1.073
Rint	0.0240
$R_1/wR_2$	0.0654/
(I>2(I))	0.1958

# Table S1 Crystal Data and Structure Refinement for Mg-MOF

Table S2 Selected Distances and Bond Angles for Mg-MOF

 Distance/Å				
Mg1–O1	2.044(2)	N3-Mg1 <sup>5</sup>	2.318(4)	
Mg1–O1 <sup>1</sup>	2.044(2)	O2–Mg1 <sup>2</sup>	2.065(2)	
Mg1-O2 <sup>2</sup>	2.065(2)	Mg1-N3 <sup>4</sup>	2.318(4)	
Mg1-O2 <sup>3</sup>	2.065(2)	Mg1–O5	2.052(5)	
Angles/°				
O11-Mg1-O1	171.41(2)	O11-Mg1-O5	85.71(8)	
O1-Mg1-O26	88.16(1)	O1-Mg1-O5	85.71(8)	
O1 <sup>1</sup> -Mg1-O2 <sup>2</sup>	88.16(1)	O2 <sup>6</sup> -Mg1-O2 <sup>2</sup>	171.95(2)	
O1-Mg1-O2 <sup>2</sup>	92.45(1)	O26-Mg1-N34	85.97(8)	
O11-Mg1-O26	92.45(1)	O2 <sup>2</sup> -Mg1-N3 <sup>4</sup>	85.97(8)	
O11-Mg1-N34	94.29(8)	O5-Mg1-O26	94.03(8)	
O1-Mg1-N3 <sup>4</sup>	94.29(8)	O5-Mg1-O2 <sup>2</sup>	94.03(8)	

Symmetry code: <sup>1</sup>1–*X*, +*Y*, -1/2–*Z*; <sup>2</sup>1–*X*, 2–*Y*, –*Z*; <sup>3</sup>+*X*, 2-*Y*, -1/2+*Z*; <sup>4</sup>–1/2+*X*, 1/2+*Y*, -1+*Z*; <sup>5</sup>1/2+*X*, -1/2+*Y*, 1+*Z*; <sup>6</sup>+*X*, 2–*Y*, -1/2+*Z* 

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### S5. Preparation of Eu<sup>3+</sup>@Act-MOF, Dy<sup>3+</sup>@Act-MOF and Tb<sup>3+</sup>@Act-MOF

Mg-MOF was first treated by a process of the activation  $300^{\circ}$ C 0.5 h under N<sub>2</sub> atmosphere. Then the Act-MOF (0.02 g) soaked in LnCl<sub>3</sub> aqueous solution (Ln = Eu, Dy, Tb) (10 mL, 100 ppm) and treated by ultrasonic wave (30 s) and the solution was removed by centrifuge.

# S6. Detail experiments for investigating the sensoring feature under different concentrations of Eu<sup>3+</sup> ions, various pH condition and mixture cations system

1. Detail experiments for the sensing feature under different concentrations of Eu<sup>3+</sup> ion.

The activated sample (Act-MOF) (10 mg) and distalled water (3 mL) were added to a cuvette. Then, 3  $\mu$ l EuCl<sub>3</sub> solution (200 ppm) was introduced to the above solution and luminescence measurement followed after being treated by ultrasonic wave (30 s). For increasing the concentrations of Eu<sup>3+</sup> ion in the measurement system, 3  $\mu$ L EuCl<sub>3</sub> solution was added each time.

2. Detail experiments for the sensing feature under various pH values.

A mixture of Act-MOF (0.01 mg), distilled water (3 mL) and  $EuCl_3$  solution (1 ml, 50 ppm) were sealed in a cuvette and luminescence measurement was carried on the mixture. The pH values of the mixtures were adjusted from 3 to 9 by HCl (0.1 M) and KOH solution (0.1 M).

3. Detail experiments for the sensoring feature under mixture cations system.

4 mL Eu<sup>3+</sup>@Act-MOF solution (consists of Act-MOF (0.01 mg), distilled water (3 mL) and EuCl<sub>3</sub> solution (1 mL, 50 ppm)) was added 1 mL aqueous solution (50ppm) of MCl<sub>n</sub> (M = Cd, Ni, Mn, Cu, Fe, Tb, Dy). Then the luminescence density was measured.

## **S7. Elemental analysis (ICP):**

According to the ICP result for  $Eu^{3+}$ @Act-MOF, the content of  $Eu^{3+}$  presenting in the pore of the Act-MOF is 0.53, therefore, the sample should be expressed as  $Eu^{3+}_{0.53}$ @Act-MOF( $C_{20}H_{14}N_3O_5MgEu_{0.53}$ ).

Scheme S1. Coordination mode of H<sub>2</sub>L



Figure S1 Morphology of crystal activation process



Figure S2 In aqueous solutions, samples were illuminated with 254 nm laboratory UV light.

The Act-MOF (0.02g) soaked in the solution of  $LnCl_3$  (Ln=Eu, Dy, Tb) (100ppm) and treated by ultrasonic wave (30s) and their photographs under a standard UV lamp.



**Figure S3** Photoluminescences of  $H_2L$  (left) ligand and Act-MOF (right) (Emission spectra (black) and Excitation spectrum (red)).



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**Figure S4** The emission spectra of EuCl<sub>3</sub> (black), a thoroughly ground mixture of EuCl<sub>3</sub> and Act-MOF (blue), Act-MOF (red) and Eu<sup>3+</sup>@Act-MOF (pink) excited at 393 nm in the solid state at room temperature.



**Figure S5** The emission spectra for Act-MOF (left) and  $Eu^{3+}$ @Act-MOF (right) excited at different wavelengths in the solid state at room temperature.



Figure S6 The test data of absolute quantum yield



Figure S7 The test data of fluorescence lifetime



 $(k_f$  is the rate constant of a radiative process and  $k_{nr}$  is the rate constant of a nonradiative process.<sup>[2]</sup>

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Figure S8 The relationship between the fluorescence intensity (monitored the emission spectra at 618 nm) and EuCl<sub>3</sub> concentration in the water solution.



Figure S9 The TGA data of Active MOF.



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