

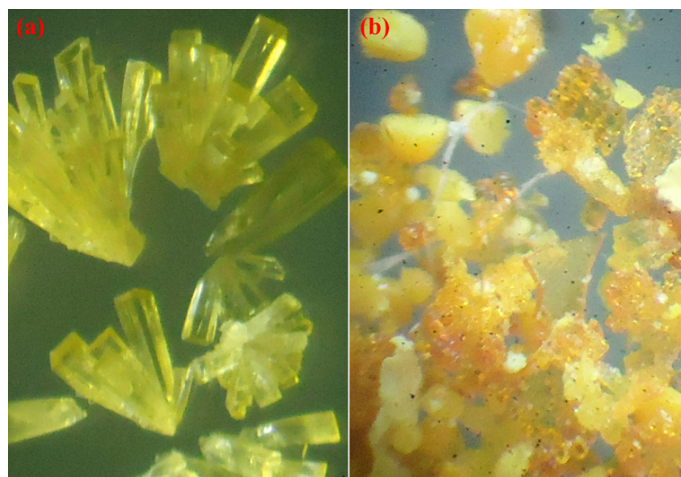
## Supporting Information

### **Functional heterometallic coordination polymers with metalloligand as tunable luminescent crystalline materials**

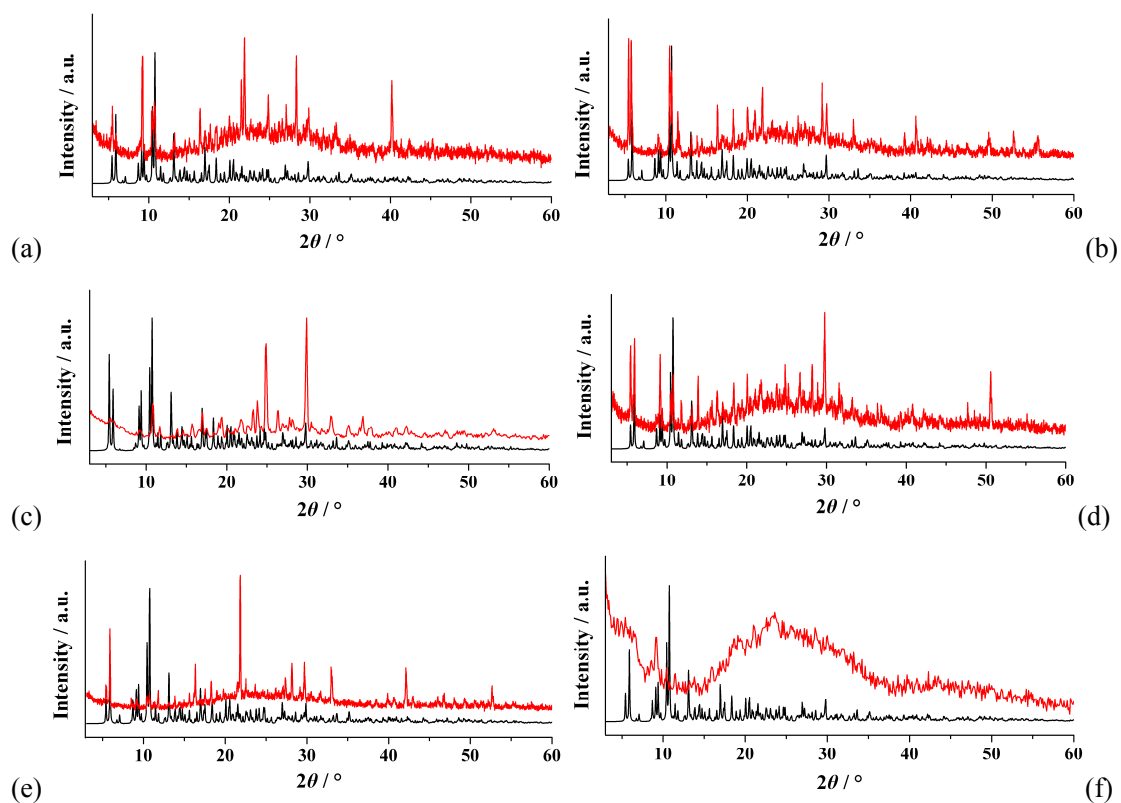
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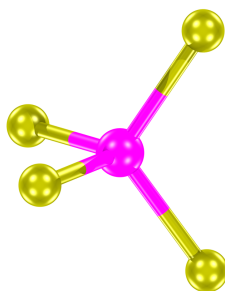
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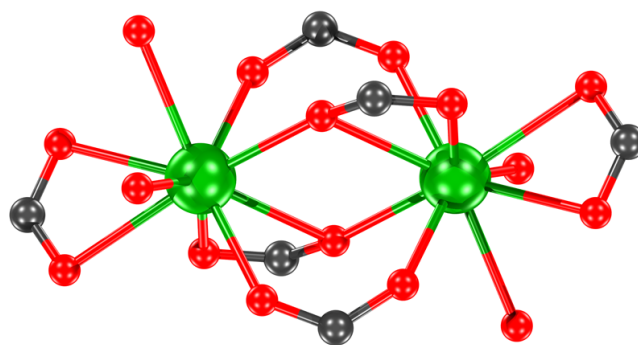
**Fig. S1** The images of (a) IFMC-23 and (b) no addition of BMIB.



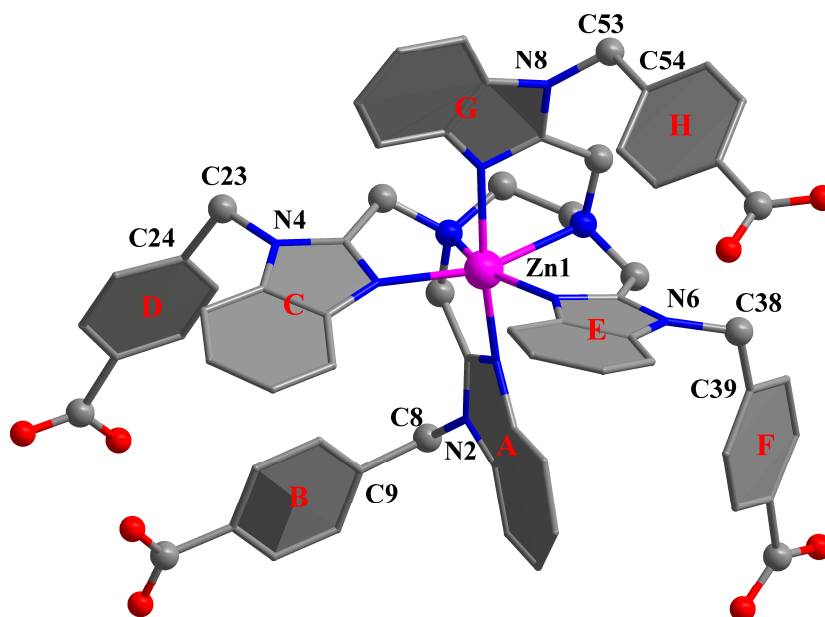
**Fig. S2** XRPD patterns (top, red) and simulated patterns (bottom, black) for (a) – (e) IFMC-21 to 25 and (f) no addition of BMIB, respectively.



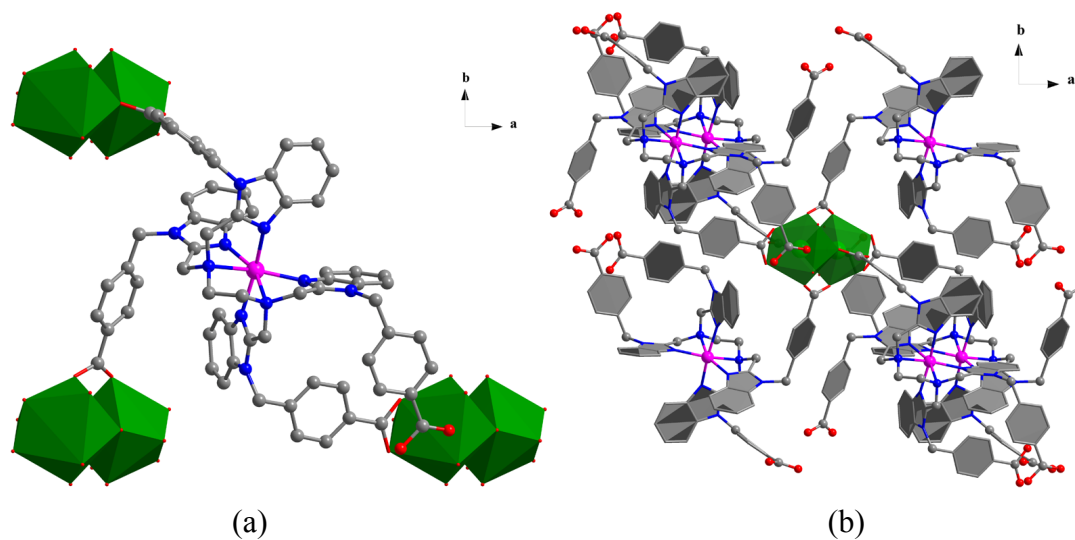
**Fig. S3**  $[\text{ZnBr}_4]^{2-}$  unit in IFMC-21.



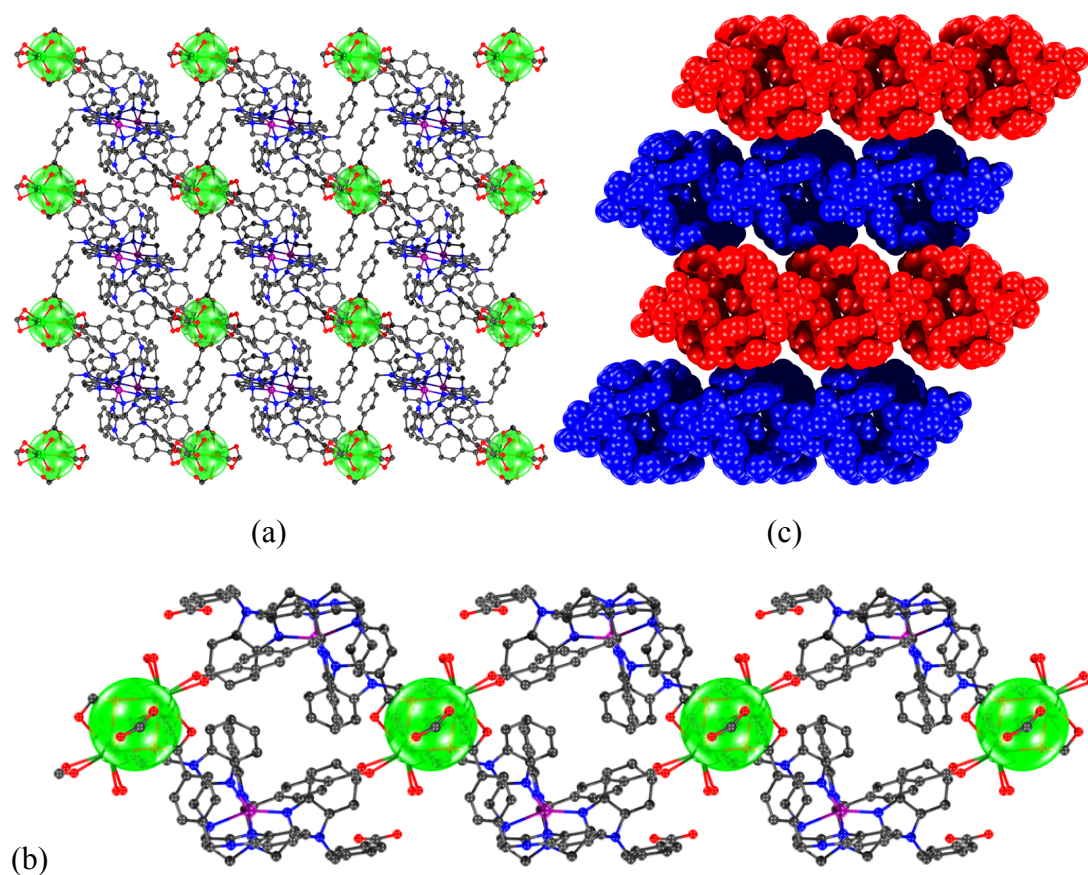
**Fig. S4** The coordination mode of the bimetallic unit  $[\text{Eu}_2(\text{COO})_2(\text{COO})_4(\text{H}_2\text{O})_4]$  in IFMC-21.



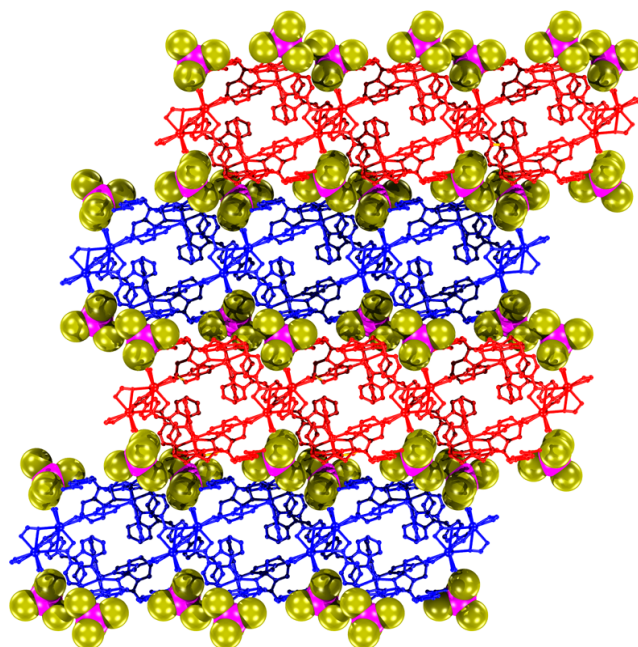
**Fig. S5** The binding mode of the carboxylate ligand to Zn(II) ion in IFMC-21.



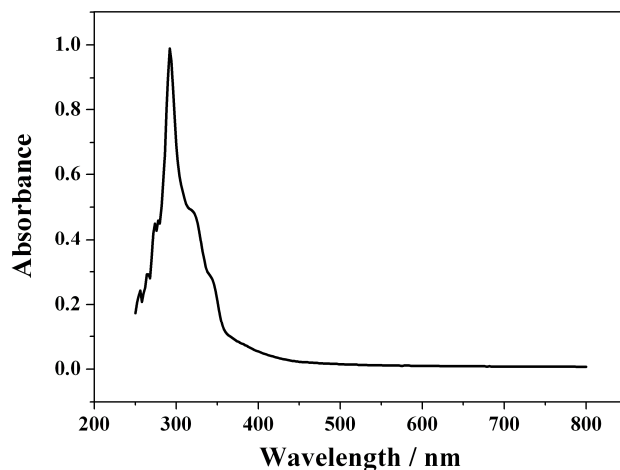
**Fig. S6** (a) The carboxylate ligand acts as three-connected node and (b) bimetallic unit works as six-connected node in IFMC-21, respectively.



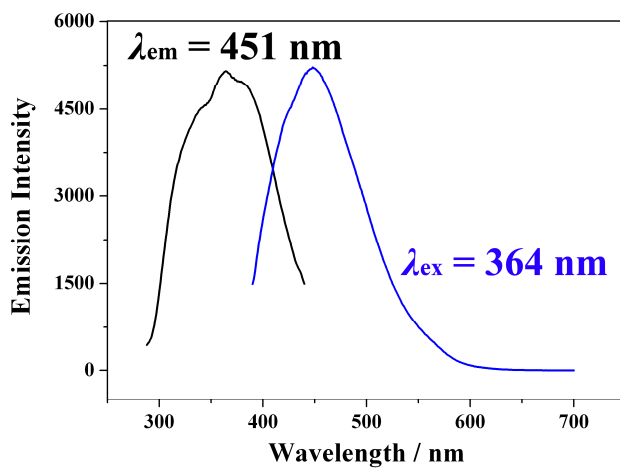
**Fig. S7** (a) and (b) Ball-and-stick representations of the 2D sheet-like structure of IFMC-21. (c) Spacefill representation of 3D supramolecular structure of IFMC-21.



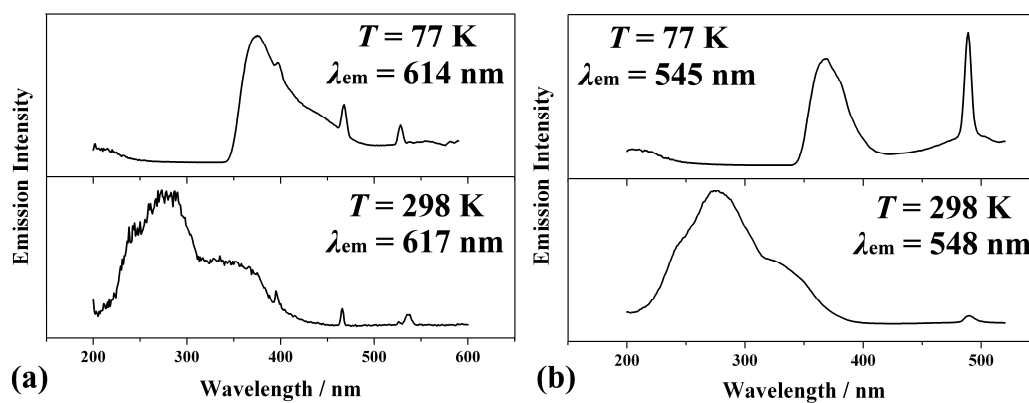
**Fig. S8** The packing arrangement of IFMC-21 in the *ac* plane, with isolated  $[\text{ZnBr}_4]^{2-}$  located in the interspaces of the 2D sheet-like structure.



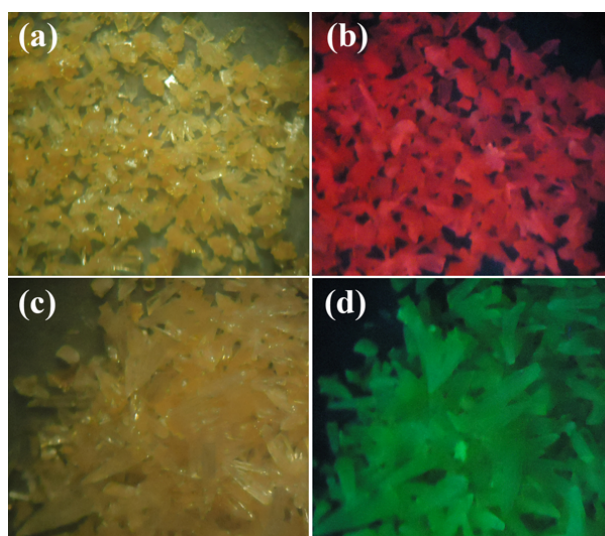
**Fig. S9** The UV absorption spectrum of ligand H<sub>4</sub>L.



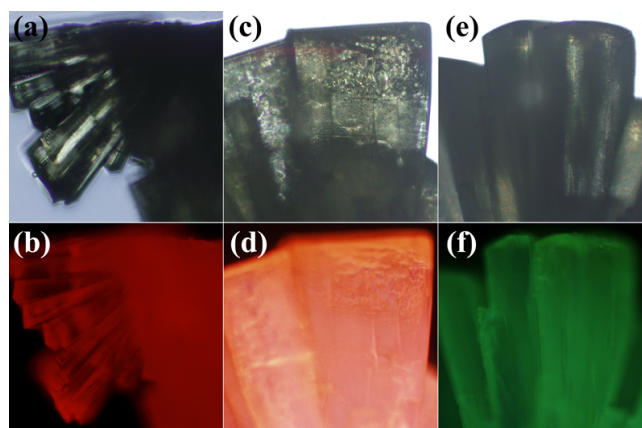
**Fig. S10** Excitation and emission spectra of H<sub>4</sub>L in the solid state at room temperature.



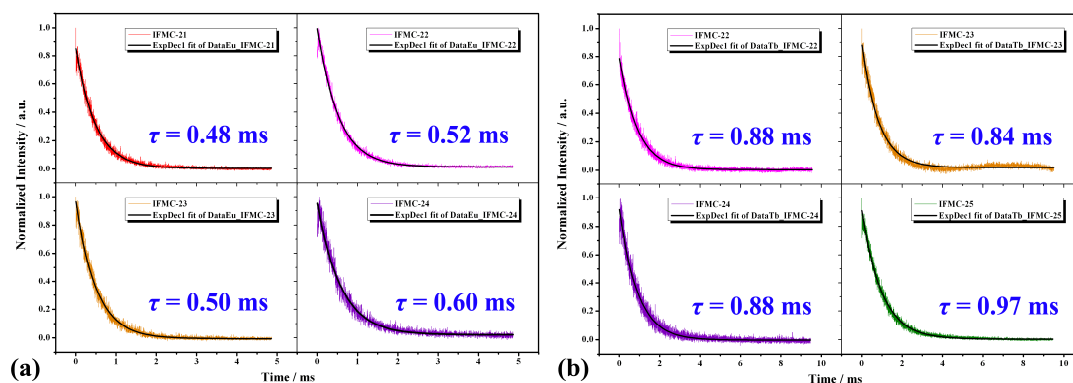
**Fig. S11** Excitation spectra of IFMC-21 (a) and IFMC-25 (b) in the solid state, respectively.



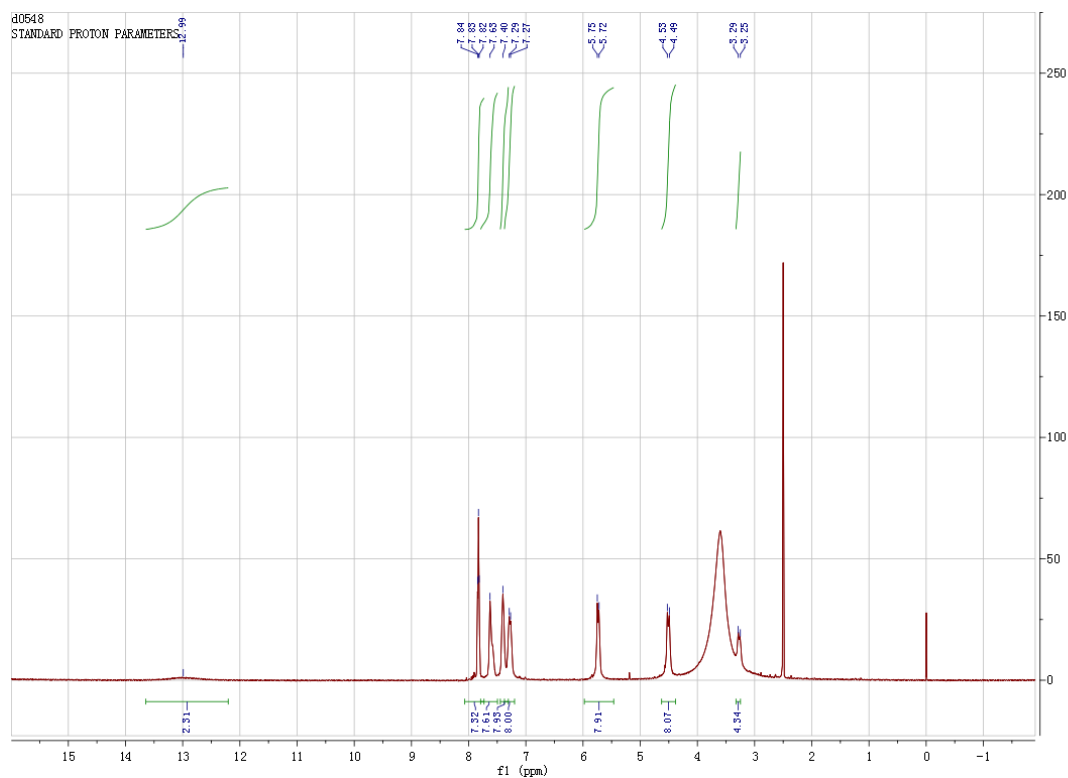
**Fig. S12** The photographs of IFMC-21 ((a) and (b)) and IFMC-25 ((c) and (d)). (a) and (c): under natural light; (b) and (d): under a UV lamp.



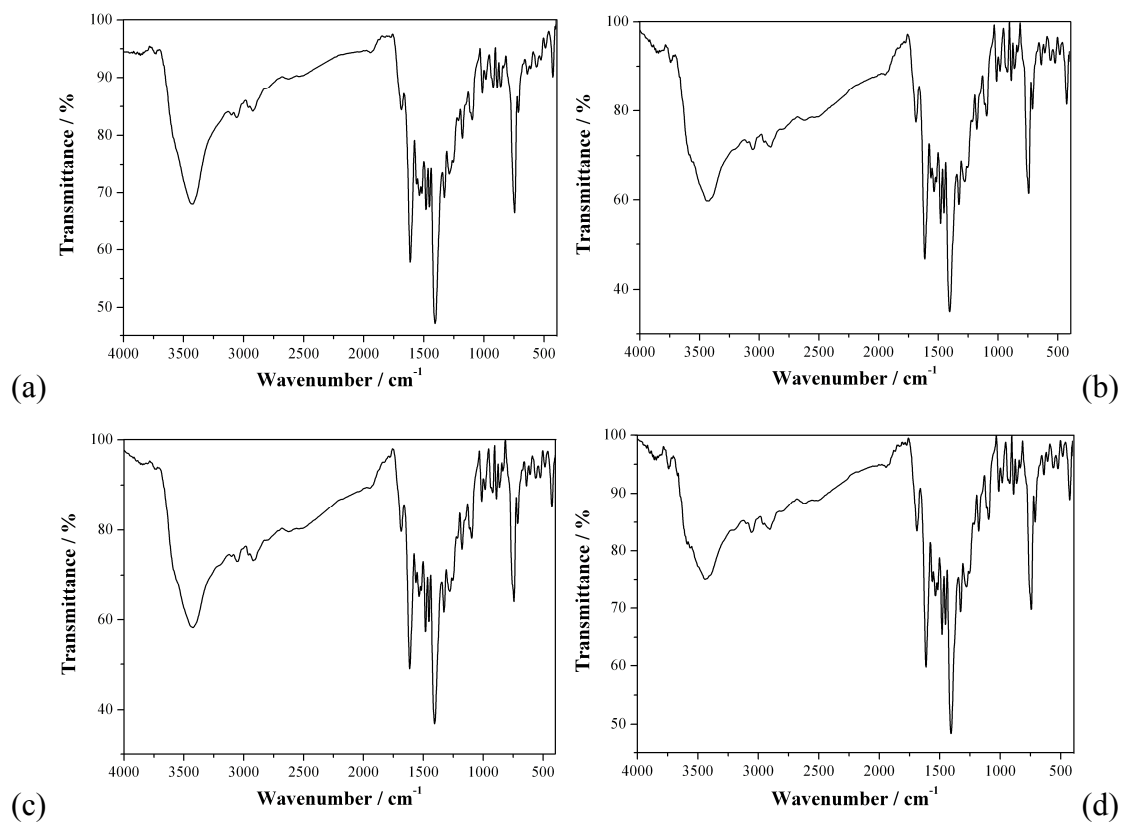
**Fig. S13** Fluorescence camera images of IFMC-21 (a, b), IFMC-23 (c, d) and IFMC-25 (e, f) under different light sources (a, c and e: under natural light; b, d and f: under UV light).

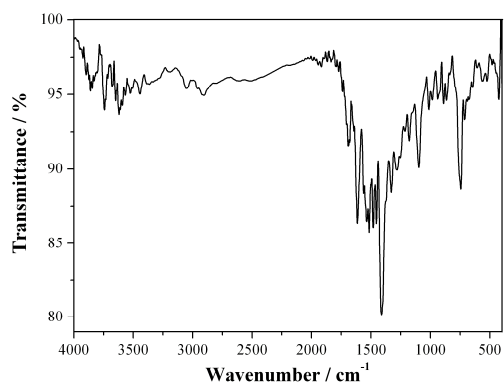


**Fig. S14** Solid state fluorescence decay curves of IFMC-21 – 25 (Monitor wavelengths: a, 617 nm and b, 545 nm).



**Fig. S15** The  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of  $\text{H}_4\text{L}$ :  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{DMSO-d}_6$ )  $\delta$  (TMS, ppm) 12.99 (s, 4H), 7.83 (t,  $J = 6.8$ , 8H), 7.63 (s, 8H), 7.40 (s, 8H), 7.28 (d,  $J = 11.4$ , 8H), 5.73 (d,  $J = 15.6$ , 8H), 4.51 (d,  $J = 17.7$ , 8H), 3.27 (d,  $J = 20.1$ , 4H).





(e)

**Fig. S16** IR curves for **IFMC-21** to **25**.



**Table S1.** Crystal data and structure refinements for **IFMC-21** to **25**

	<b>IFMC-21</b>	<b>IFMC-22</b>	<b>IFMC-23</b>
Empirical formula	C <sub>66</sub> H <sub>59</sub> N <sub>10</sub> O <sub>11</sub> Br <sub>4</sub> Zn <sub>2</sub> Eu	C <sub>66</sub> H <sub>59</sub> N <sub>10</sub> O <sub>11</sub> Br <sub>4</sub> Zn <sub>2</sub> Eu <sub>0.75</sub> Tb <sub>0.25</sub>	C <sub>66</sub> H <sub>59</sub> N <sub>10</sub> O <sub>11</sub> Br <sub>4</sub> Zn <sub>2</sub> Eu <sub>0.5</sub> Tb <sub>0.5</sub>
<i>M</i> w	1770.57	1772.31	1774.05
Crystal system	Monoclinic	Monoclinic	Monoclinic
Space group	<i>P</i> 2 <sub>1</sub> / <i>n</i>	<i>P</i> 2 <sub>1</sub> / <i>n</i>	<i>P</i> 2 <sub>1</sub> / <i>n</i>
<i>a</i> (Å)	15.6650(10)	15.7550(12)	15.6800(9)
<i>b</i> (Å)	13.5120(8)	13.5370(10)	13.5150(8)
<i>c</i> (Å)	33.082(2)	33.101(3)	33.051(2)
$\beta$ (deg)	99.9330(10)	99.7820(10)	99.786(8)
<i>V</i> (Å <sup>3</sup> )	6897.4(7)	6957.0(9)	6902.1(7)
<i>Z</i>	4	4	4
<i>D</i> <sub>c</sub> (Mg·m <sup>-3</sup> )	1.705	1.692	1.707
Abs.coeff. (mm <sup>-1</sup> )	3.971	3.965	4.026
<i>F</i> (000)	3504	3506	3508
reflns collected	34093	41097	39658
Independent reflns	12212	15842	15047
$\theta$ range (deg)	1.25 – 25.08	1.25 – 27.73	1.55 – 27.06
GOF on <i>F</i> <sup>2</sup>	1.044	0.989	1.044
<i>R</i> <sub>int</sub>	0.0556	0.0478	0.0477
<i>R</i> <sub>1</sub> <sup>a</sup>	0.0545	0.0601	0.0517
<i>wR</i> <sub>2</sub> (all data) <sup>b</sup>	0.1744	0.2174	0.1638
	<b>IFMC-24</b>	<b>IFMC-25</b>	
Empirical formula	C <sub>66</sub> H <sub>59</sub> N <sub>10</sub> O <sub>11</sub> Br <sub>4</sub> Zn <sub>2</sub> Eu <sub>0.25</sub> Tb <sub>0.75</sub>	C <sub>66</sub> H <sub>59</sub> N <sub>10</sub> O <sub>11</sub> Br <sub>4</sub> Zn <sub>2</sub> Tb	
<i>M</i> w	1775.79	1777.53	
Crystal system	Monoclinic	Monoclinic	
Space group	<i>P</i> 2 <sub>1</sub> / <i>n</i>	<i>P</i> 2 <sub>1</sub> / <i>n</i>	
<i>a</i> (Å)	15.676(2)	15.6340(8)	
<i>b</i> (Å)	13.5140(17)	13.4910(7)	
<i>c</i> (Å)	33.055(4)	33.0790(18)	
$\beta$ (deg)	99.803(2)	99.7480(10)	
<i>V</i> (Å <sup>3</sup> )	6900.3(15)	6876.2(6)	
<i>Z</i>	4	4	
<i>D</i> <sub>c</sub> (Mg·m <sup>-3</sup> )	1.709	1.717	
Abs.coeff. (mm <sup>-1</sup> )	4.056	4.099	
<i>F</i> (000)	3510	3512	
reflns collected	33958	36569	
Independent reflns	12051	13485	
$\theta$ range (deg)	1.25 – 24.96	1.25 – 26.00	
GOF on <i>F</i> <sup>2</sup>	1.029	1.034	
<i>R</i> <sub>int</sub>	0.0661	0.0431	
<i>R</i> <sub>1</sub> <sup>a</sup>	0.0557	0.0491	
<i>wR</i> <sub>2</sub> (all data) <sup>b</sup>	0.1786	0.1543	

$${}^a R_1 = \frac{\sum ||F_o| - |F_c||}{\sum |F_o|}, \quad {}^b wR_2 = \frac{|\sum w(|F_o|^2 - |F_c|^2)|}{\sum w(F_o^2)^2}^{1/2}.$$

**Table S2** The selected bond lengths for compounds **IFMC-21** to **25**

<b>IFMC-21</b>			
N(1)-Zn(1)	2.122(6)	N(7)-Zn(1)	2.151(6)
N(3)-Zn(1)	2.097(6)	N(9)-Zn(1)	2.287(6)
N(5)-Zn(1)	2.076(6)	N(10)-Zn(1)	2.285(6)
Eu(1)-O(6)	2.358(6)	Eu(1)-O(1w)	2.465(5)
Eu(1)-O(5)	2.353(6)	Eu(1)-O(2)	2.521(6)
Eu(1)-O(8)	2.377(5)	Eu(1)-O(2w)	2.638(8)
Eu(1)-O(1)	2.418(6)	Eu(1)-O(8)#3	2.694(5)
Eu(1)-O(7)	2.422(5)		
<b>IFMC-22</b>			
N(1)-Zn(1)	2.069(6)	N(7)-Zn(1)	2.093(6)
N(3)-Zn(1)	2.157(6)	N(9)-Zn(1)	2.286(6)
N(5)-Zn(1)	2.099(6)	N(10)-Zn(1)	2.289(6)
O(1)-Ln(1)	2.363(5)	O(4)-Ln(1)	2.352(5)
O(2)-Ln(1)	2.349(6)	O(4)-Ln(1)#1	2.730(5)
O(1W)-Ln(1)	2.483(6)	O(5)-Ln(1)	2.537(6)
O(3)-Ln(1)	2.416(5)	O(6)-Ln(1)	2.430(6)
O(2W)-Ln(1)	2.582(6)		
<b>IFMC-23</b>			
N(1)-Zn(1)	2.082(5)	N(7)-Zn(1)	2.113(5)
N(3)-Zn(1)	2.156(5)	N(9)-Zn(1)	2.286(5)
N(5)-Zn(1)	2.089(5)	N(10)-Zn(1)	2.287(4)
O(1)-Ln(1)	2.338(5)	O(2W)-Ln(1)	2.637(6)
O(2)-Ln(1)#3	2.350(4)	O(4)-Ln(1)	2.410(4)
O(1W)-Ln(1)	2.455(4)	O(7)-Ln(1)	2.399(5)
O(3)-Ln(1)#3	2.350(4)	O(8)-Ln(1)	2.514(4)
O(3)-Ln(1)	2.698(4)		
<b>IFMC-24</b>			
N(1)-Zn(1)	2.084(6)	N(7)-Zn(1)	2.107(7)
N(3)-Zn(1)	2.155(7)	N(9)-Zn(1)	2.282(6)
N(5)-Zn(1)	2.114(7)	N(10)-Zn(1)	2.285(6)
O(1)-Ln(1)	2.314(7)	O(4)-Ln(1)#1	2.711(6)
O(2)-Ln(1)	2.344(6)	O(2W)-Ln(1)	2.455(6)
O(1W)-Ln(1)	2.604(9)	O(5)-Ln(1)	2.402(7)
O(3)-Ln(1)#3	2.392(6)	O(6)-Ln(1)	2.507(6)
O(4)-Ln(1)	2.334(6)		

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**IFMC-25**

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N(1)-Zn(1)	2.078(5)	N(7)-Zn(1)	2.090(5)
N(3)-Zn(1)	2.154(5)	N(9)-Zn(1)	2.286(5)
N(5)-Zn(1)	2.122(5)	N(10)-Zn(1)	2.282(4)
O(1)-Tb(1)	2.319(5)	O(4)-Tb(1)	2.342(4)
O(2)-Tb(1)#4	2.325(5)	O(4)-Tb(1)#4	2.671(4)
O(1W)-Tb(1)	2.429(5)	O(5)-Tb(1)#3	2.495(4)
O(3)-Tb(1)#2	2.383(4)	O(6)-Tb(1)#3	2.377(4)
O(2W)-Tb(1)	2.676(9)		

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Symmetry transformations used to generate equivalent atoms: for **IFMC-21**: #3  $-x+3,-y,-z+1$ ; for **IFMC-22**: #1  $-x+1,-y-1,-z$ ; for **IFMC-23**: #3  $-x,-y,-z+2$ ; for **IFMC-24**: #1  $-x+1,-y+1,-z+1$ ; #3  $-x+1,-y,-z+1$ ; for **IFMC-25**: #2  $x,y-1,z$ ; #3  $-x,-y+1,-z$ ; #4  $-x+1,-y+1,-z$ .

**Table S3** The angles between the benzimidazole rings and the benzene rings

Compounds	Three atoms	Angle/°	Two planes	Dihedral angle/°
<b>IFMC-21</b>	N2-C8-C9	110.123	AB	88.727
	N4-C23-C24	111.306	CD	85.800
	N6-C38-C39	110.533	EF	87.331
	N8-C53-C54	112.769	GH	88.164
<b>IFMC-22</b>	N2-C8-C9	110.300	AB	88.863
	N4-C23-C24	111.582	CD	87.763
	N6-C38-C39	111.176	EF	87.229
	N8-C53-C54	112.238	GH	85.272
<b>IFMC-23</b>	N2-C8-C9	110.629	AB	87.874
	N4-C23-C24	111.617	CD	88.566
	N6-C38-C39	111.329	EF	84.614
	N8-C53-C54	109.697	GH	88.554
<b>IFMC-24</b>	N2-C8-C9	109.456	AB	87.683
	N4-C23-C24	112.798	CD	88.189
	N6-C38-C39	109.795	EF	88.782
	N8-C53-C54	111.867	GH	84.785
<b>IFMC-25</b>	N2-C8-C9	110.658	AB	87.544
	N4-C23-C24	113.009	CD	88.916
	N6-C38-C39	110.822	EF	88.942
	N8-C53-C54	112.091	GH	84.833

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