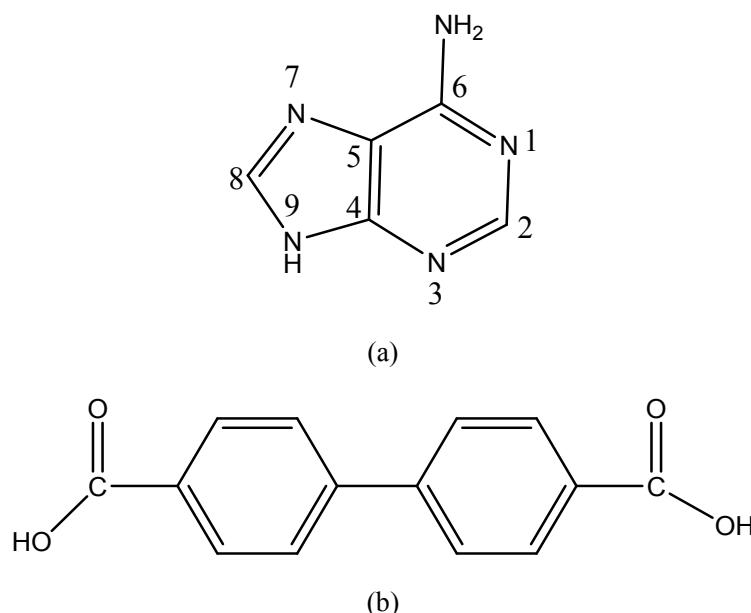


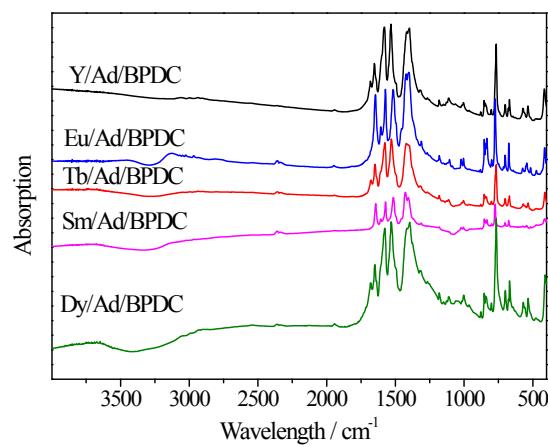
## Electronic Supporting Information

### Photoactive rare earth complexes for fluorescent tuning and sensing cations ( $\text{Fe}^{3+}$ ) and anions ( $\text{Cr}_2\text{O}_7^{2-}$ )

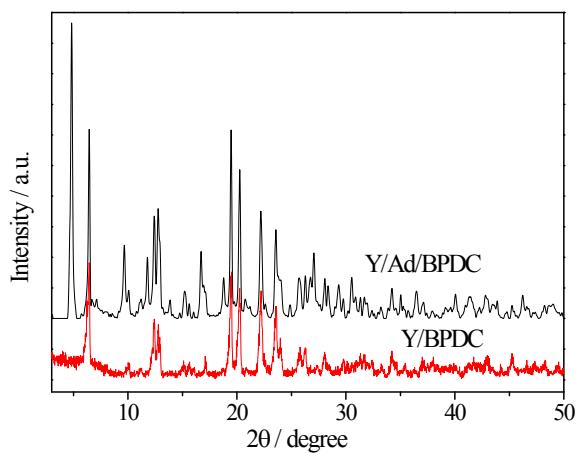
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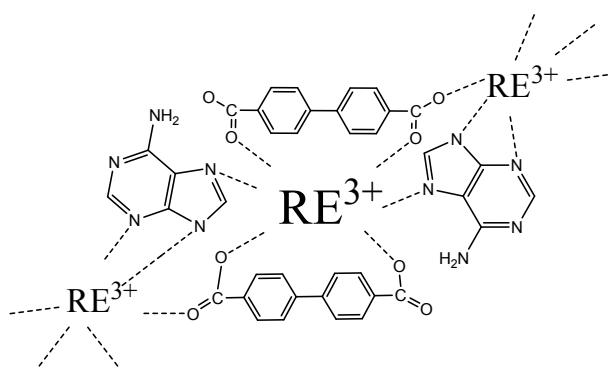
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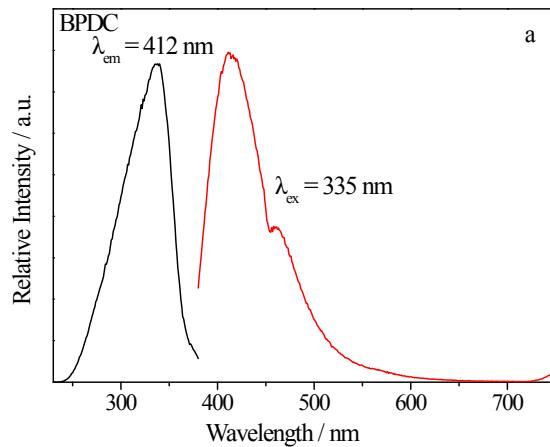
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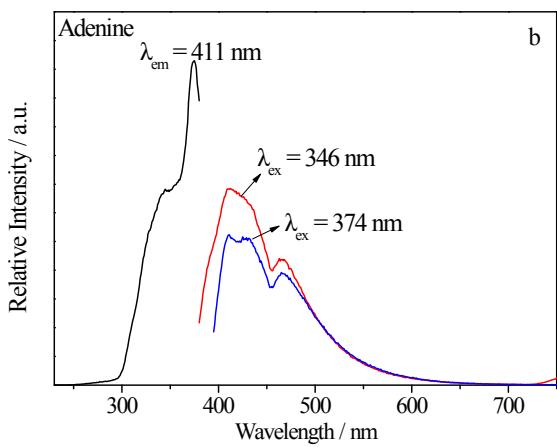


**Figure S3** PXRD pattern of Y/Ad/BPDC (black) and binary Y complex of BPDC (red)

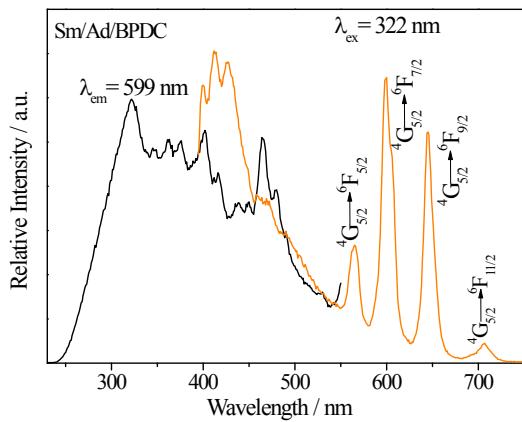


**Figure S4** The inferred structure of rare earth complexes

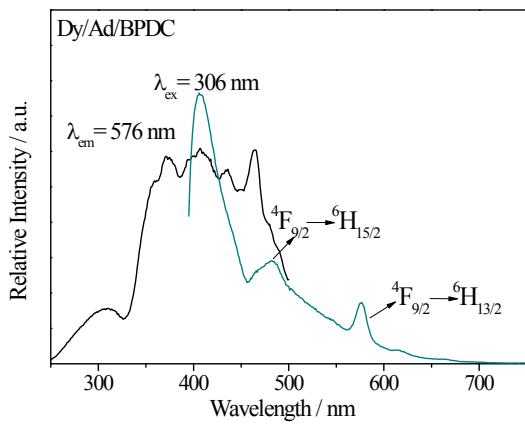




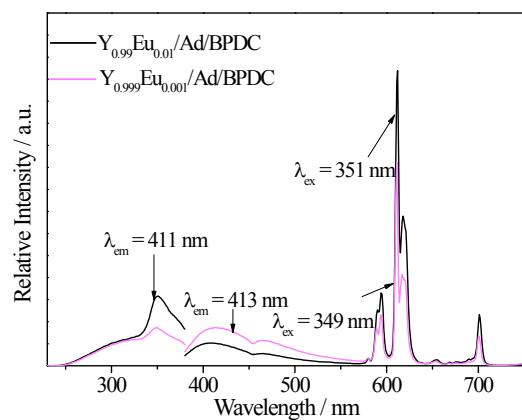
**Figure S5** The excitation and emission spectra of pure BPDC (a) and adenine (b)



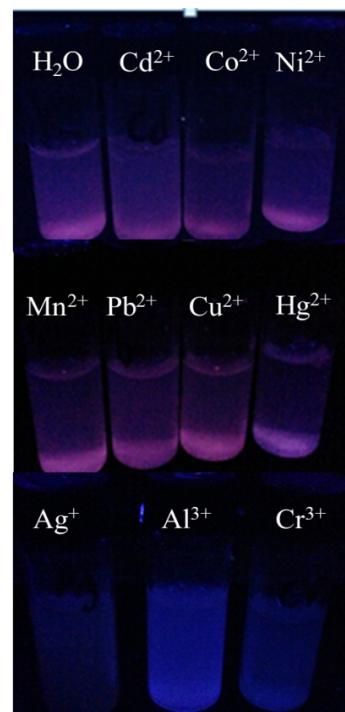
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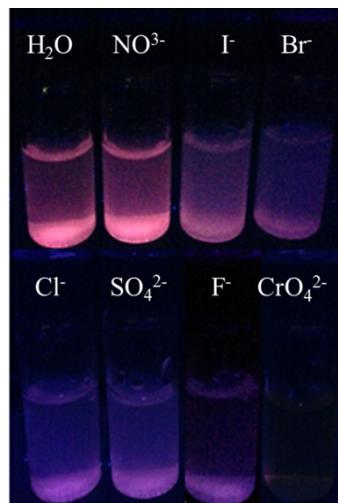
**Figure S7** The excitation and emission spectra of Dy/Ad/BPDC



**Figure S8** The excitation and emission spectra of  $\text{Y}_{1-x}\text{Eu}_x/\text{Ad/BPDC}$  excited at 351 nm and 349 nm which belongs to the excitation of organic ligands



**Figure S9** The photographs of  $\text{Y}_{0.99}\text{Eu}_{0.01}/\text{Ad/BPDC}$  in the metal ions aqueous ( $10^{-2} \text{ mol}\cdot\text{L}^{-1}$ ) under UV-light irradiation at 365 nm



**Figure S10** The photographs of  $\text{Y}_{0.99}\text{Eu}_{0.01}/\text{Ad}/\text{BPDC}$  in the anions aqueous ( $10^{-2} \text{ mol}\cdot\text{L}^{-1}$ ) under UV-light irradiation at 365 nm

**Table S1** Changes of wavenumbers in FTIR spectra

	vRing	vBenzene Ring	asym vCOO <sup>+</sup>	sym vCOO <sup>-</sup>	Asym δN9H	vC2N3,vC5C6, δC2H	vC5N7
Adenine	1603				1330	1308	1124
BPDC		1606	1685	1427			
Y/Ad/BPDC	1580	1600~1500	1681	1400			

v, stretching vibration; δ, deformation vibration; sym, symmetric vibration; asym, asymmetric vibration.

the unit of wavenumber is  $\text{cm}^{-1}$

**Table S2** Quenching effect coefficients ( $K_{sv}$ ) of different metal ions on the luminescent intensity of metal ion-incorporated

$\text{Y}_{0.99}\text{Eu}_{0.01}/\text{Ad}/\text{BPDC}$

Metal ions	$K_{sv}[\text{M}^{-1}]$
$\text{Co}^{2+}$	10
$\text{Cd}^{2+}$	17
$\text{Ni}^{2+}$	19
$\text{Mn}^{2+}$	67
$\text{Pb}^{2+}$	194
$\text{Cu}^{2+}$	285
$\text{Hg}^{2+}$	317
$\text{Al}^{3+}$	553
$\text{Ag}^+$	9121
$\text{Cr}^{3+}$	26704
$\text{Fe}^{3+}$	6031920