

Supplementary Information for

**Rapid synthesis of nanoscale terbium-based metal-organic frameworks by an
ultrasound-vapour phase diffusion combined method for highly selective sensing of
picric acid**

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Table S1

Yields of Tb(1,3,5-BTC) crystals prepared by ultrasonic synthesis and
ultrasonic-vapour phase diffusion methods

Synthetic methods	Reaction time	Temperature (°C)	Yields(based on Tb)	Product
<i>Ultrasound diffusion</i>	2 min	60	65.7%	[Tb(1,3,5-btc)] _n
	10 min	60	63.5%	[Tb(1,3,5-btc)] _n
	20 min	60	64.0%	[Tb(1,3,5-btc)] _n
	30 min	60	59.1%	[Tb(1,3,5-btc)] _n
<i>ultrasound</i>	30 min	60	0.6%	[Tb(1,3,5-btc)] _n
	60 min	60	1.7%	[Tb(1,3,5-btc)] _n
	90 min	60	7.2%	[Tb(1,3,5-btc)] _n
	140 min	60	14.2%	[Tb(1,3,5-btc)] _n and [Tb(1,3,5-btc)(H ₂ O) ₆] _n

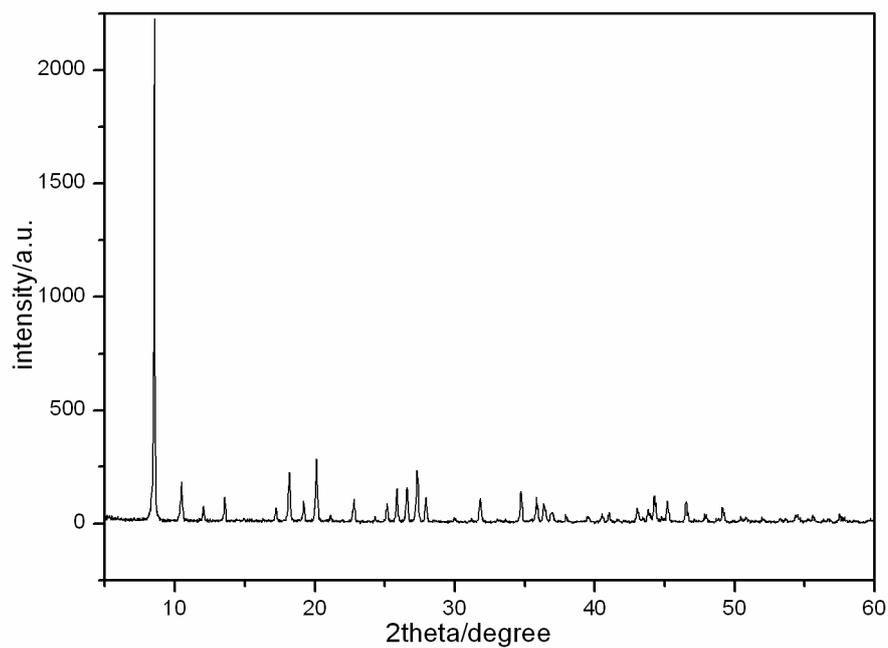


Fig. S1 PXRD patterns of the as-synthesized Tb(1,3,5-btc) by conventional solvothermal heating method at 80 °C for 24h.

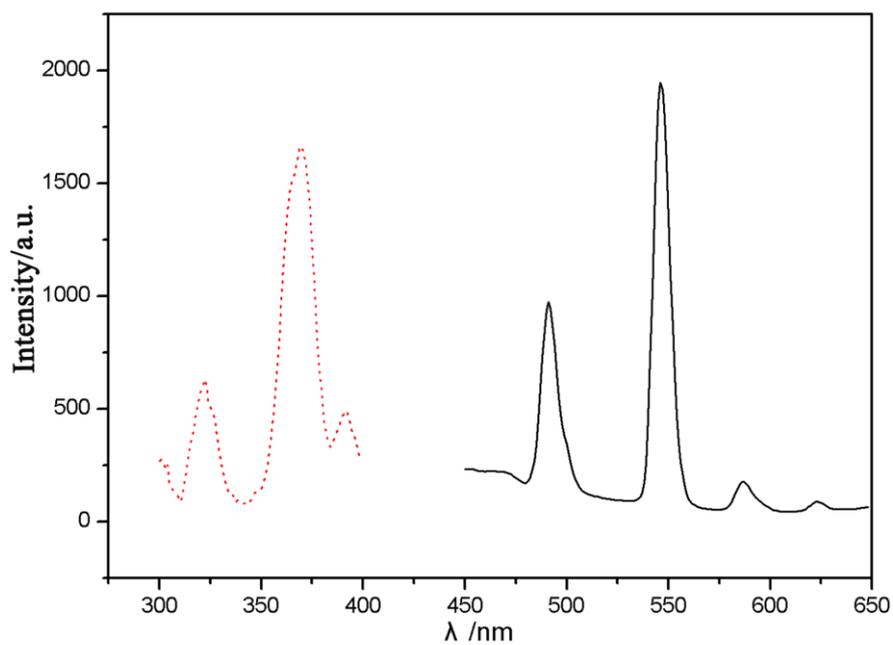


Fig. S2 Emission and excitation spectra of solid state [Tb(1,3,5-BTC)]_n. The excitation wavelength is 324 nm and the emission wavelengths are 491, 546, and 589 nm.

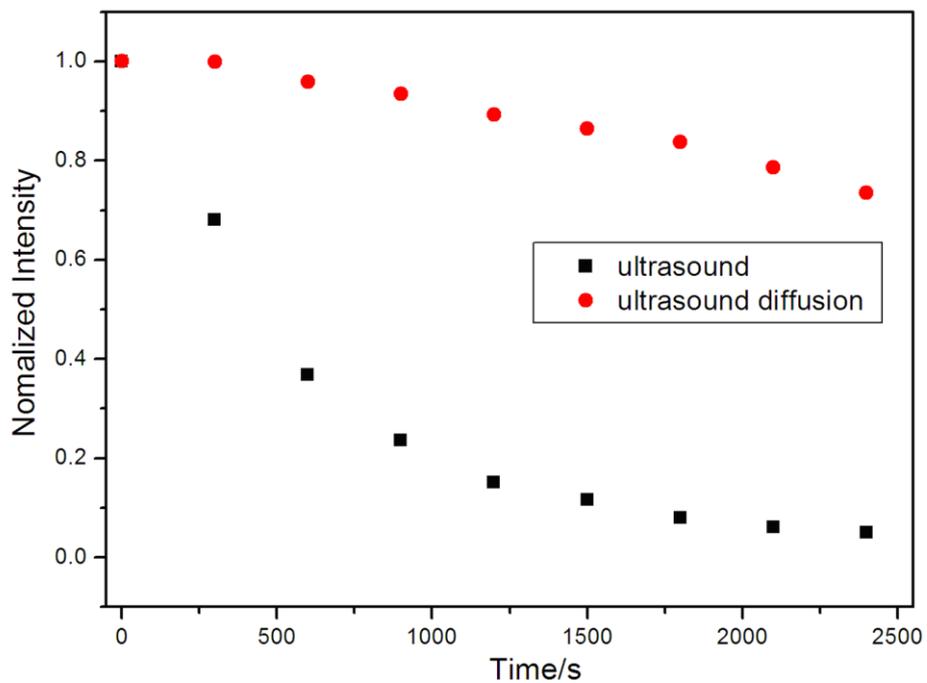
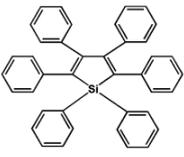
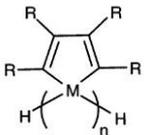
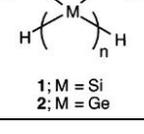
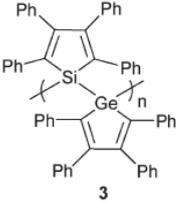
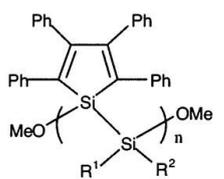
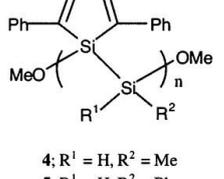
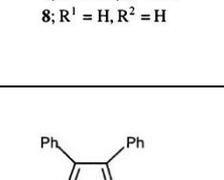
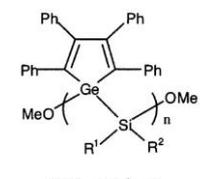
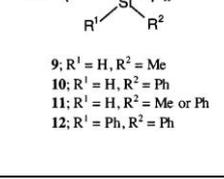
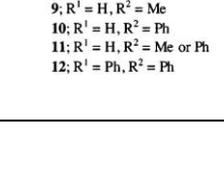


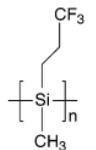
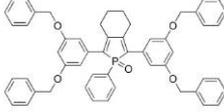
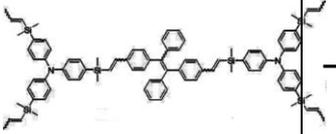
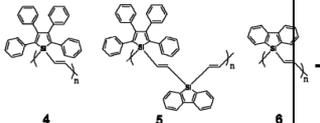
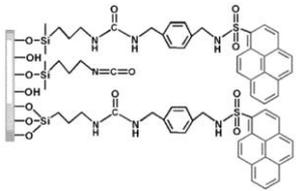
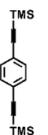
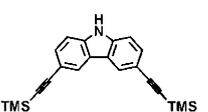
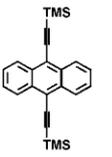
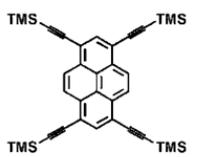
Fig. S3 Variation of luminescence intensity of suspension of the as-prepared [Tb(1,3,5-btc)]_n nano- and microcrystals in ethanol solution with the standing time, clearly revealing better luminescence stability of [Tb(1,3,5-btc)]_n nanocrystal suspension in solution. The excitation wavelength is 324 nm.

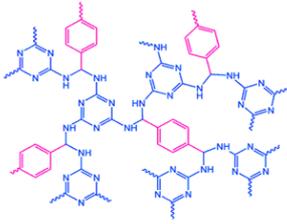
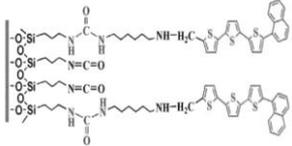
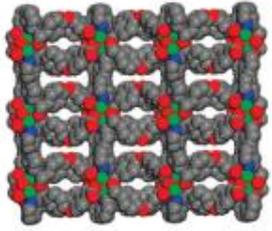
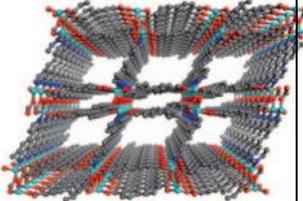
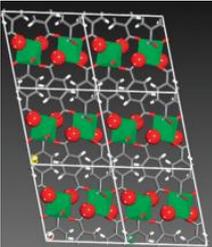
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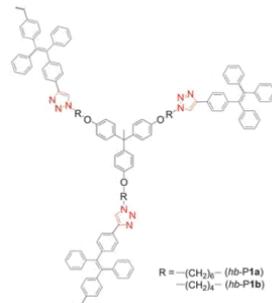
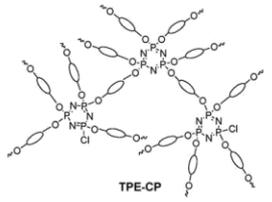
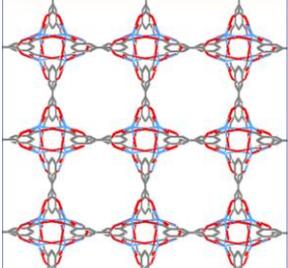
Summary of the selectivity of different sensor systems with picric acid reported previously and investigated in the present work.

“√” — sensitive; “×” — insensitive; “—” — not detected

Fluorophores	structures	NB	2-NT	4-NT	2,4-DNT	2,6-DNT	PA	Ref.
Hexaphenylsilole film		×	×	×	×	×	√	[1]
Organic conjugated polymers 1-12	 1; M = Si 2; M = Ge	√	—	—	√	√	√	[47]
		×	—	—	√	√	√	
	 3	√	—	—	√	√	√	
	 4; R ¹ = H, R ² = Me 5; R ¹ = H, R ² = Ph 6; R ¹ = H, R ² = Me or Ph 7; R ¹ = Ph, R ² = Ph 8; R ¹ = H, R ² = H	√	—	—	√	√	√	
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Fluoroalkylated polysilane Film		—	—	—	✓	✓	✓	[46]
Phosphole oxide		—	—	—	✓	—	✓	[48]
Poly(silylene-vinylene)		—	—	—	—	—	✓	[49]
Organic conjugated polymers		—	—	—	✓	—	✓	[51]
Pyrene moieties		✓	—	—	✓	—	✓	[52]
Organic fluorophores 1-5		✓	—	✓	—	—	✓	[53]
		✗	—	✓	—	—	✓	
		✓	—	✓	—	—	✓	
		✓	—	✓	—	—	✓	
		✓	—	✗	—	—	✓	

SNW-1 nanoparticles		✓	—	✓	✓	—	✓	[54]
Terthiophene		✗	—	—	✗	—	✓	[55]
An anthracene /porphyrin dimer	—	—	—	—	—	—	✓	[57]
[Zn ₂ (oba) ₂ (bpy)]		✓	✓	—	✗	—	—	[58]
[Zn ₂ (bpdc) ₂ (bpee)]		✗	—	—	✓	—	—	[59]
[Eu ₂ (BDC) ₃ (H ₂ O) ·(H ₂ O) ₂]		✓	—	✓	—	—	—	[60]
[Zn ₄ O(L) ₂ ·(H ₂ O) ₃]]		✓	✓	—	✓	✓	✓	[61]

Hyperbranched polytriazoles	 <p>R = -(CH₂)₆- (hb-P1a) -(CH₂)₄- (hb-P1b)</p>	-	-	-	-	-	✓	[62]
Tetrakis(4-methoxyphenyl) porphyrin (TMOPP) film		-	-	-	✓	-	✗	[63]
TPE-CP	 <p>TPE-CP</p>	-	-	-	-	-	✓	[64]
[Tb(1,3,5-BTC)] _n		✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✓	this work

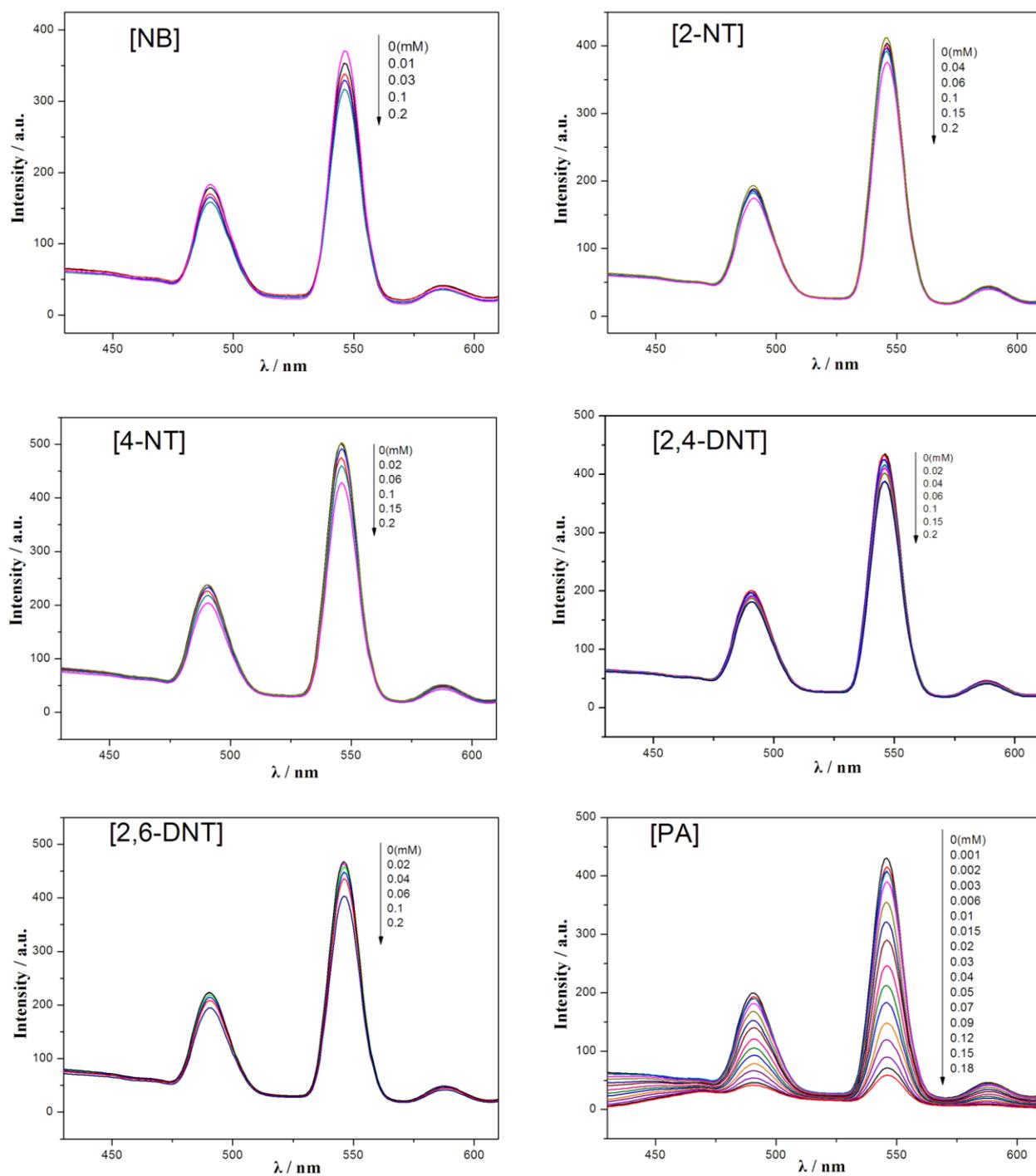


Fig. S4 Luminescence quenching of [Tb(1,3,5-BTC)]_n nanocrystals with nitroaromatics (NB, NTs, DNTs, and PA) in aqueous solution.

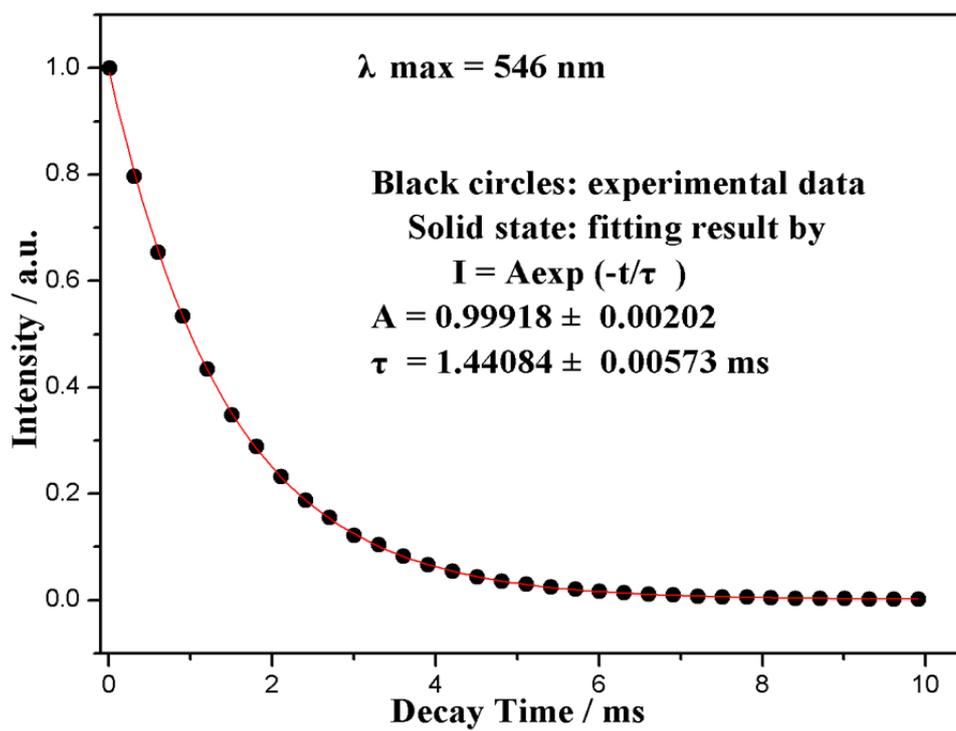


Fig. S5 The decay curves for the luminescence of $[\text{Tb}(1,3,5\text{-BTC})]_n$ nanocrystals.