

Multi-responsive sensor based on porous hydrogen-bonded organic frameworks for selective sensing of ions and dopamine molecules

1. Experimental Details

1.1. Materials and general methods

All chemicals were obtained commercially and used without further processing and purification. The Powder X-ray diffraction (PXRD) patterns of HOF-TCBP were measured by X-ray diffractometer (D2 PHASER) with Cu K α radiation ($\lambda=1.54056$ Å) at a scan rate of 5°/min and a scan range of 5° – 50°. Field emission scanning electron microscopy (FE-SEM) images were obtained by MODEL SU8010, Hitachi. The PL spectrum were obtained by F4600 fluorescence spectrometer. FT-IR was carried out on a Nicolet iS50 spectrometer from Thermo Fisher Scientific. UV-Vis absorption spectrum was recorded on Shimadzu UV-3600 spectrometer.

1.2. Synthesis of HOF-TCBP

Add 3,3',5,5'-tetrakis-(4-carboxyphenyl)-1,1'-biphenyl (H₄TCBP) (100 mg, 0.158 mmol) and DMF (0.7 mL) to a 20 mL vial. After 10 minutes of sonication, let stand for several days, and let the liquid slowly evaporate and crystallize. Then, add 0.5 mL of DMF to dissolve and 5 mL of acetone for anti-dissolving, mix well, and filter. Finally, it was washed several times with acetone and air-dried to obtain a white powder.

1.3. Metal ion sensing

In metal ion sensing experiments, a 10 mg HOF-TCBP powder sample was weighed, then dispersed into 200 mL of ethanol solvent, and after sonication for 30 min, a HOF-TCBP suspension was obtained. Prepare a series of nitrate solutions A(NO₃)_x (10⁻³M, A = Ca²⁺, K⁺, Cd²⁺, Al³⁺, Co²⁺, Zr⁴⁺, Sc³⁺, Cu²⁺, Fe³⁺, Cr³⁺), according to the titration method, gradually add to 2 mL of the HOF-TCBP suspension, and then measure the fluorescence spectrum.

1.4. Anion sensing

For the anion sensing experiments, the sodium salt aqueous solutions of Ac, Br, Cl, CO_3^{2-} , F, HPO_4^{2-} , SiO_3^{2-} , SO_3^{2-} , SO_4^{2-} , $\text{Cr}_2\text{O}_7^{2-}$ with a concentration of 10^{-3} M were first prepared, and then different amounts of the above stock solutions were added to 2 mL HOF-TCBP suspension, respectively, and the luminescence data were collected after standing overnight. In the anti-interference experiment of $\text{Cr}_2\text{O}_7^{2-}$, 230 μL of another nine anion solutions were added to 2 mL HOF-TCBP suspension, and then the $\text{Cr}_2\text{O}_7^{2-}$ solution was added incrementally, and the luminescence data were collected after standing overnight.

1.5. Dopamine sensing

Prepare a DA stock solution at a concentration of 10 mM. Meanwhile, the HOF-TCBP samples were dispersed in phosphate buffer solution (5 mg/100 mL) with pH 2 - 6, respectively, and ultrasonically treated for 30 min. Then 2 mL HOF-TCBP suspensions with different pH were taken respectively, and DA solution was added dropwise in order to measure the fluorescence spectrum. In addition, seven solutions were also prepared at a concentration of 10 mM, cysteine (Cys), phenylalanine (Phe), glutamic acid (Glu), urea (Urea), glucose (Glc), tryptophan (Trp) and aspartic acid (Asp) were added to 2 mL HOF-TCBP suspension at pH = 6, respectively, and the fluorescence was measured for selectivity experiments. The fetal bovine serum was diluted 30-fold before the measurement of the real sample fetal bovine serum.

2. Figures

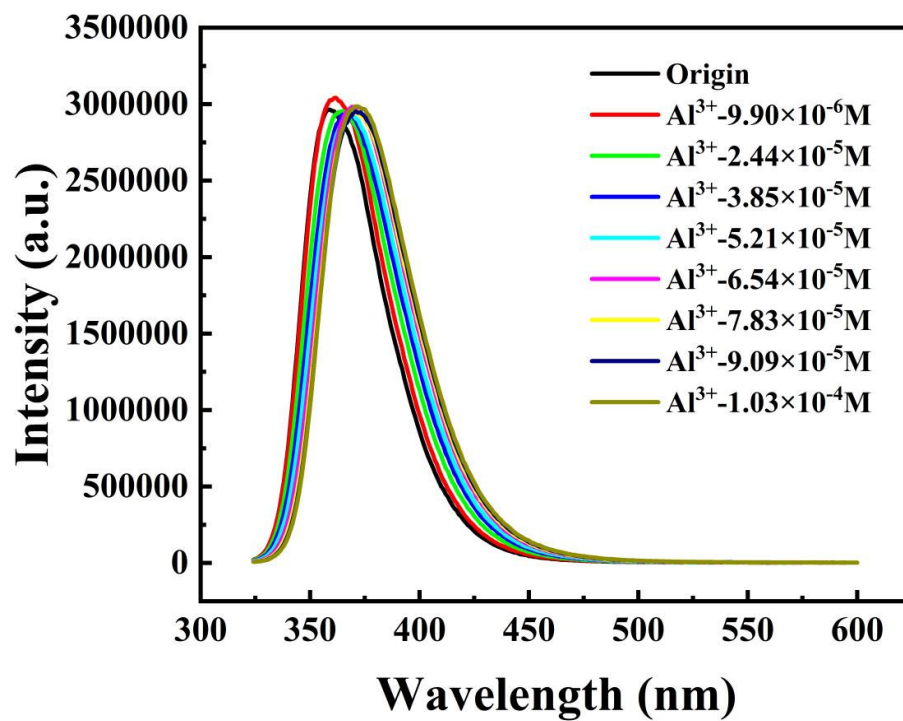


Figure S1. The PL spectrum of HOF-TCBP with different amounts of Al^{3+} .

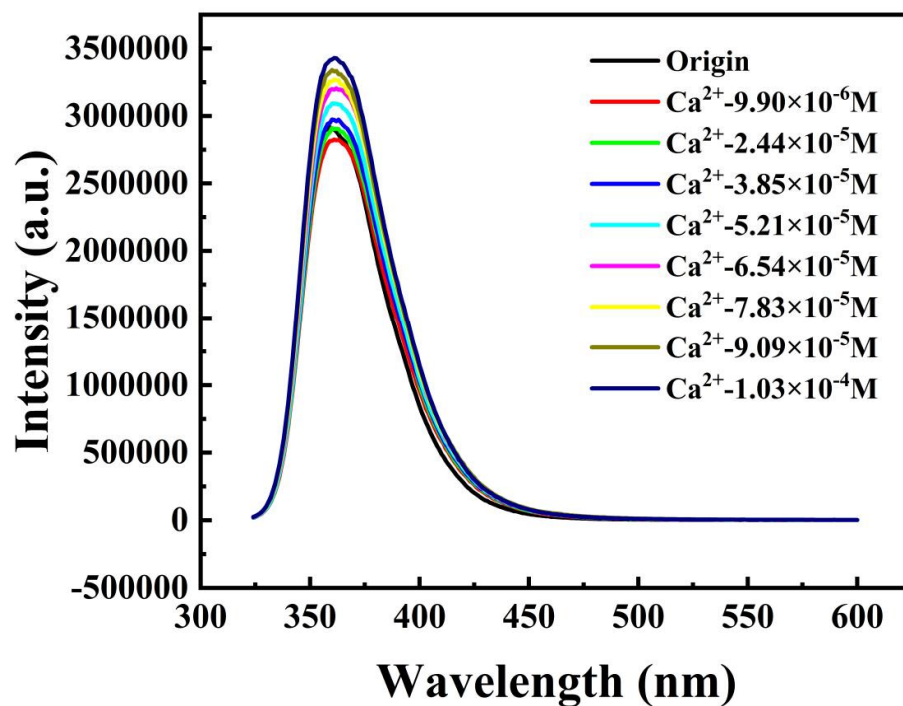


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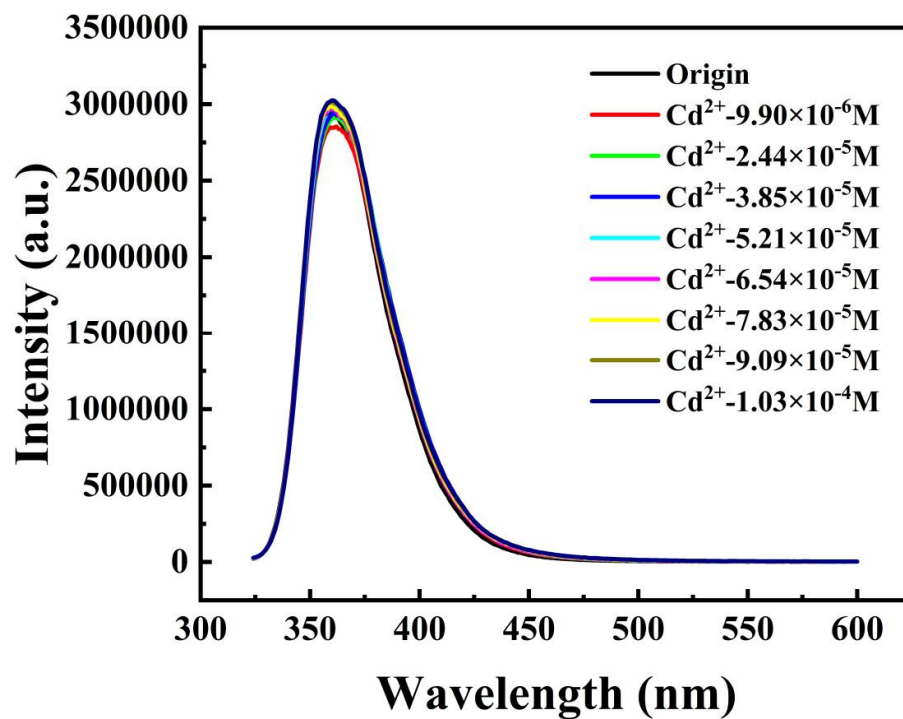


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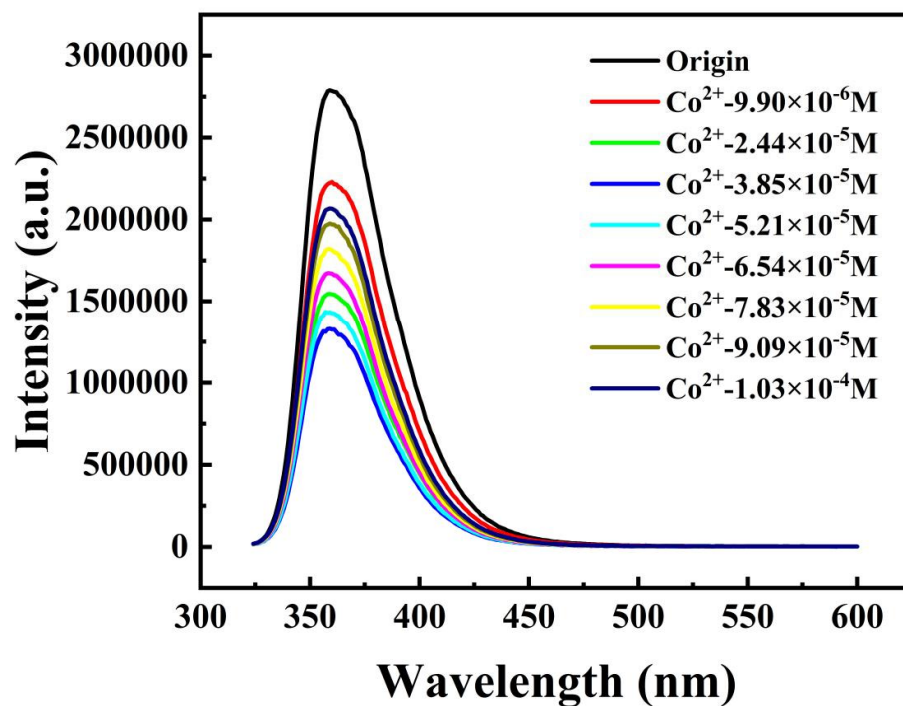


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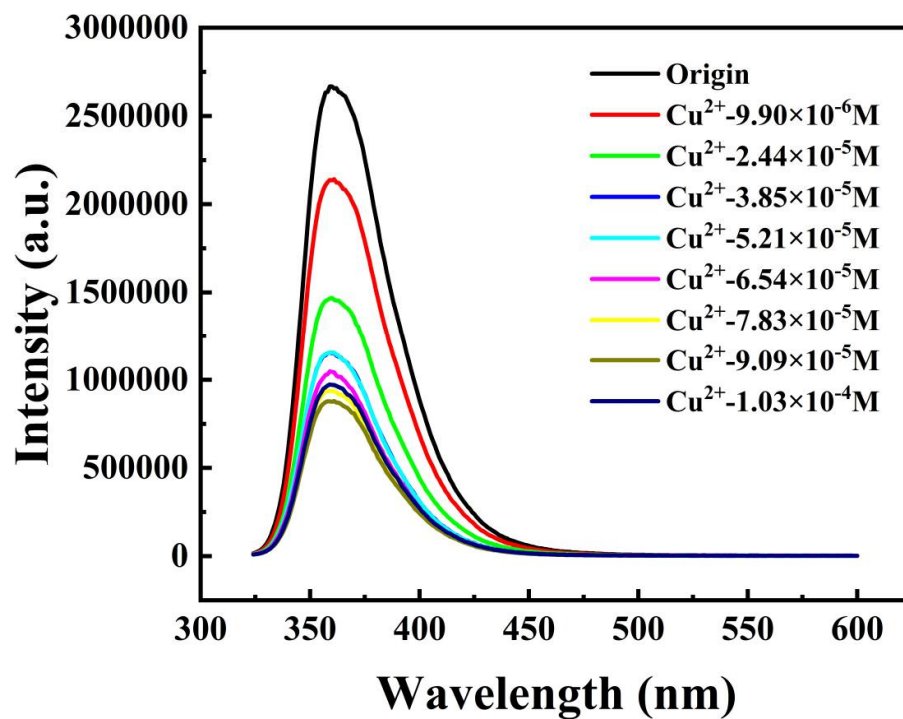


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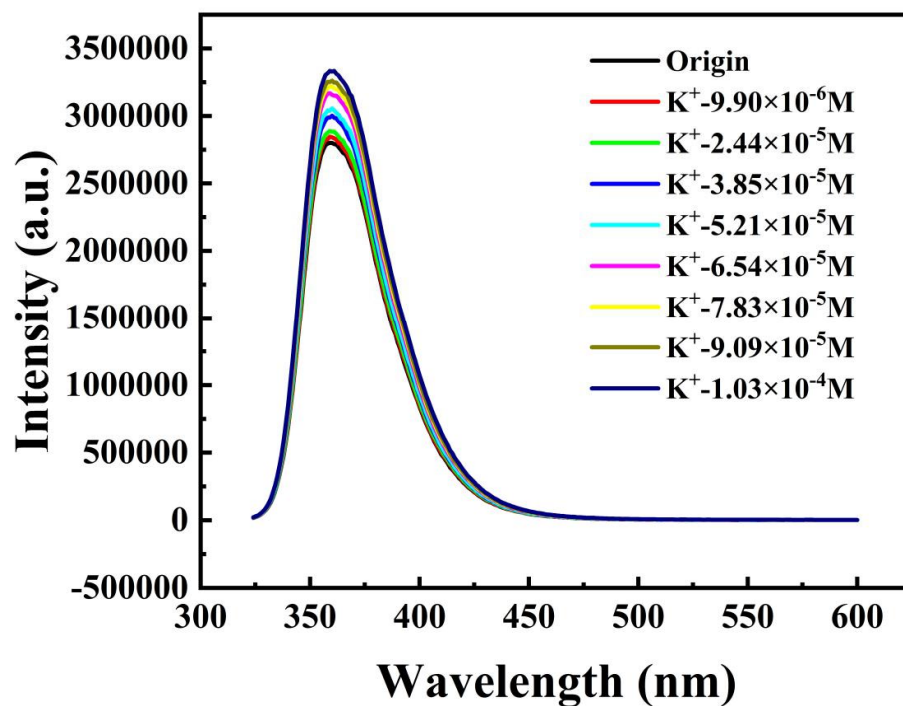


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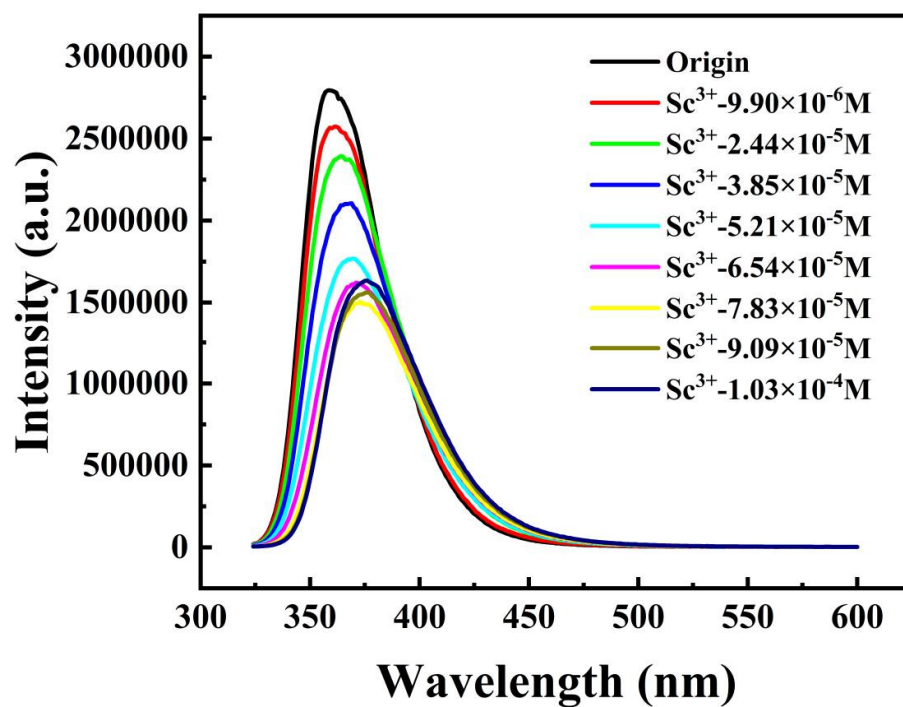


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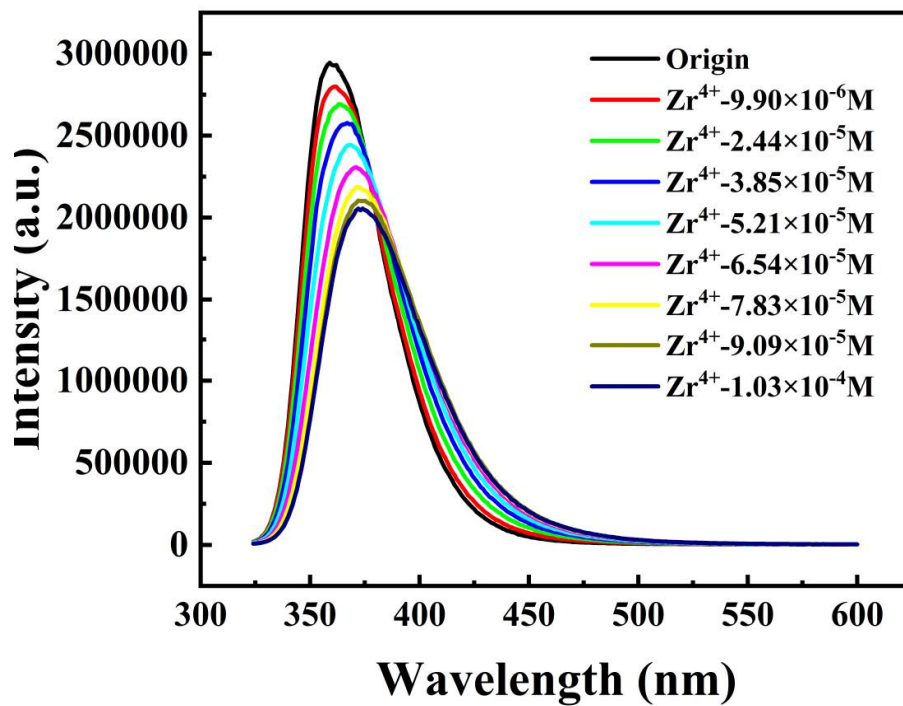


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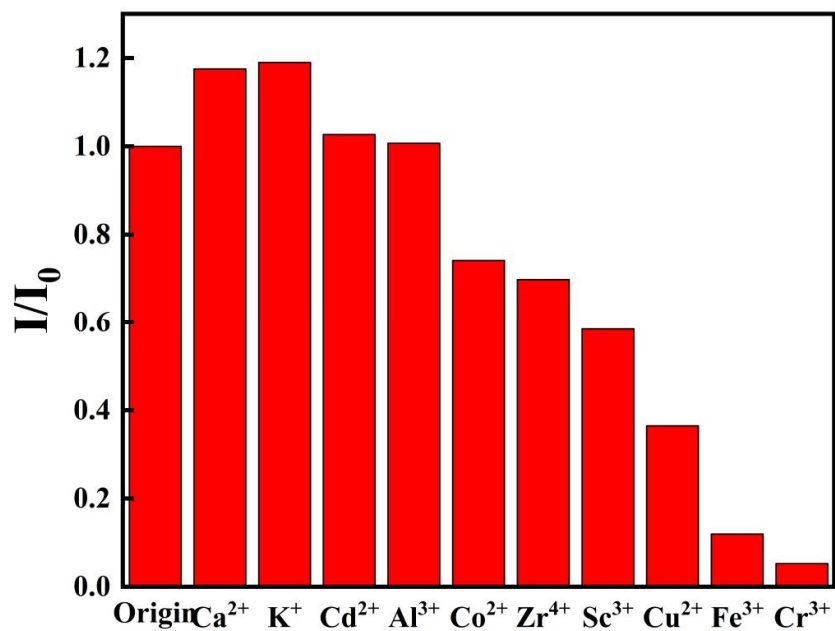


Figure S9. The 359 nm emission intensity of HOF-TCBP ethanol solution with 1.0×10^{-3} M different

metal ion.

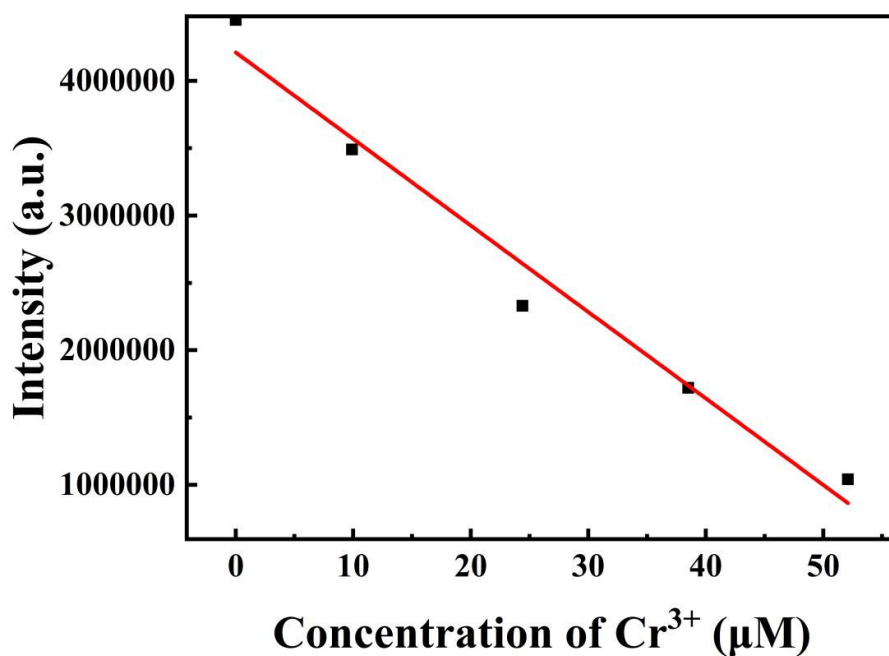


Figure S10. The fit curve of HOF-TCBP emission intensity at different Cr³⁺ concentrations.

Linear Equation: $Y = -64230.019X + 4211143.876$

$S = 6.4230019 \times 10^{10} \text{ M}^{-1}$

$$I_a = \frac{4229918 + 4218369 + 4221680 + 4194120 + 4191930 + 4198920 + 4197870 + 4196500 + 4199690 + 4184230}{10}$$

$$= 4203322.7$$

$$S_b = \sqrt{\frac{\sum (I_0 - I_a)^2}{N-1}} = 14751.90207 \quad (N=8)$$

$$\text{LOD} = \frac{3 \times S_b}{S} = \frac{3 \times 14751.90207}{6.4230019 \times 10^{10}} = 0.689 \text{ } \mu\text{M}$$

S is the slope of the calibration curve, S_b is the standard deviation of the blank group, I_0 is the fluorescence intensity of the HOF solution, and I_a is the average of I_0 .

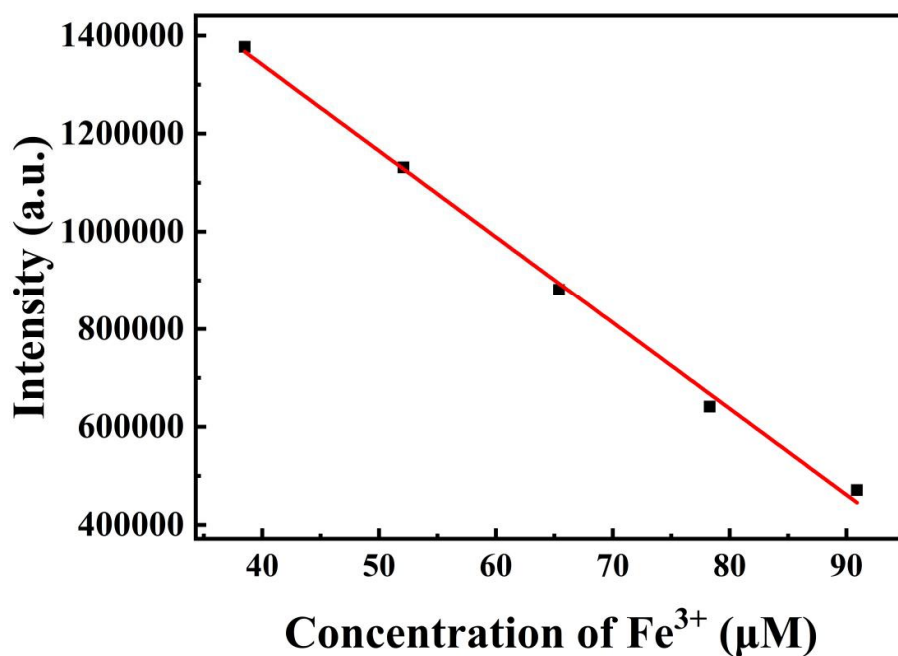


Figure S11. The fit curve of HOF-TCBP emission intensity at different Fe³⁺ concentrations.

Linear Equation: $Y = -17588.733X + 2044301.391$

$S = 1.7588733 \times 10^{10} \text{ M}^{-1}$

$I_a = \frac{4229918 + 4218369 + 4221680 + 4194120 + 4191930 + 4198920 + 4197870 + 4196500 + 4199690 + 4184230}{10}$

$= 4203322.7$

$S_b = \sqrt{\frac{\sum(I_0 - I_a)^2}{N-1}} = 14751.90207 \quad (N=8)$

$LOD = \frac{3 \times S_b}{S} = \frac{3 \times 14751.90207}{1.7588733 \times 10^{10}} = 2.516 \text{ μM}$

S is the slope of the calibration curve, S_b is the standard deviation of the blank group, I_0 is the fluorescence intensity of the HOF solution, and I_a is the average of I_0 .

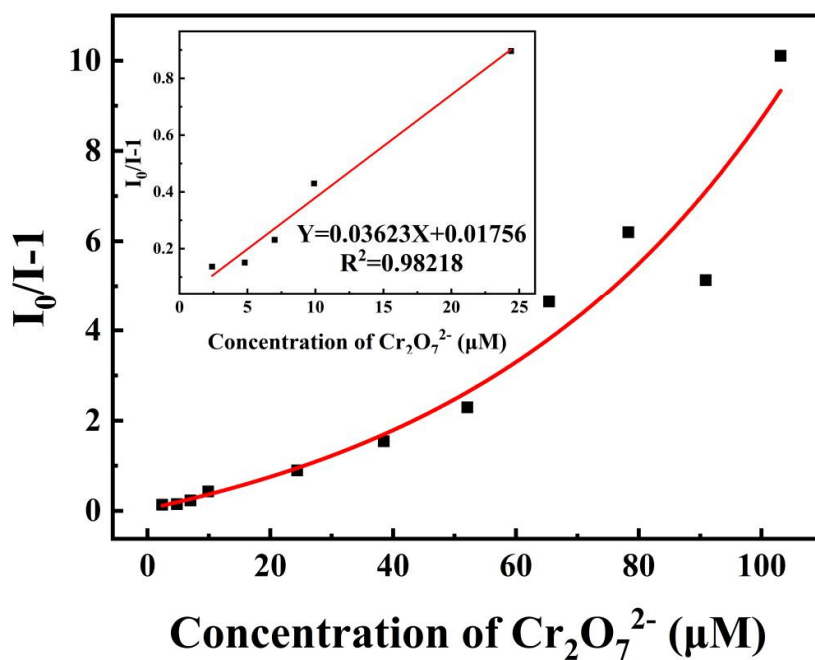


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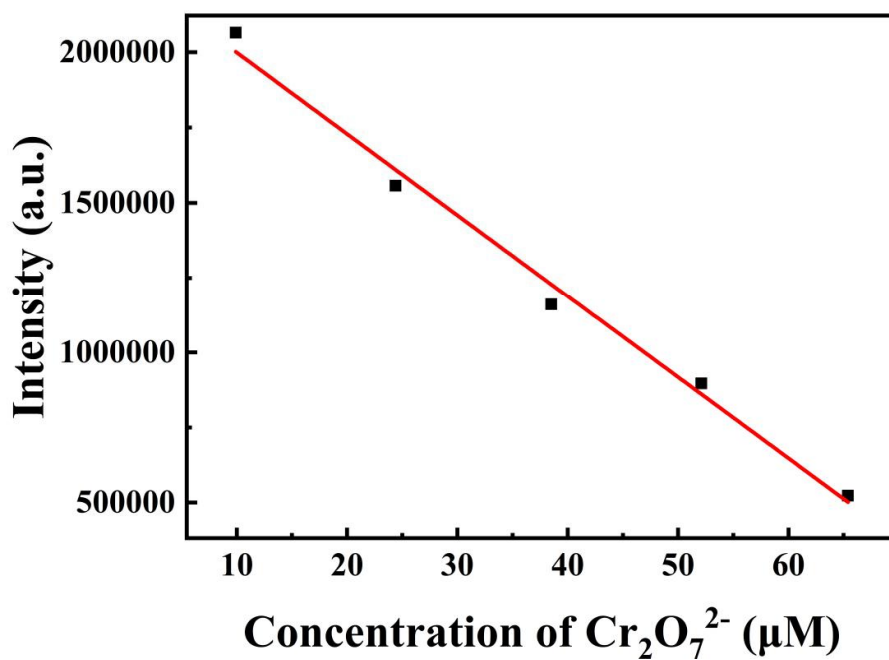


Figure S13. The fit curve of HOF-TCBP emission intensity at different $\text{Cr}_2\text{O}_7^{2-}$ concentrations.

Linear Equation: $Y=-27023.959X+2269090.727$

$S=2.7023959 \times 10^{10} \text{ M}^{-1}$

$$I_a = \frac{4229918+4218369+4221680+4194120+4191930+4198920+4197870+4196500+4199690+4184230}{10}$$

$$=4203322.7$$

$$S_b = \sqrt{\frac{\sum(I_0 - I_a)^2}{N-1}} = 14751.90207 \quad (N=8)$$

$$LOD = \frac{3 \times S_b}{S} = \frac{3 \times 14751.90207}{2.7023959 \times 10^{10}} = 1.638 \mu M$$

S is the slope of the calibration curve, S_b is the standard deviation of the blank group, I_0 is the fluorescence intensity of the HOF solution, and I_a is the average of I_0 .

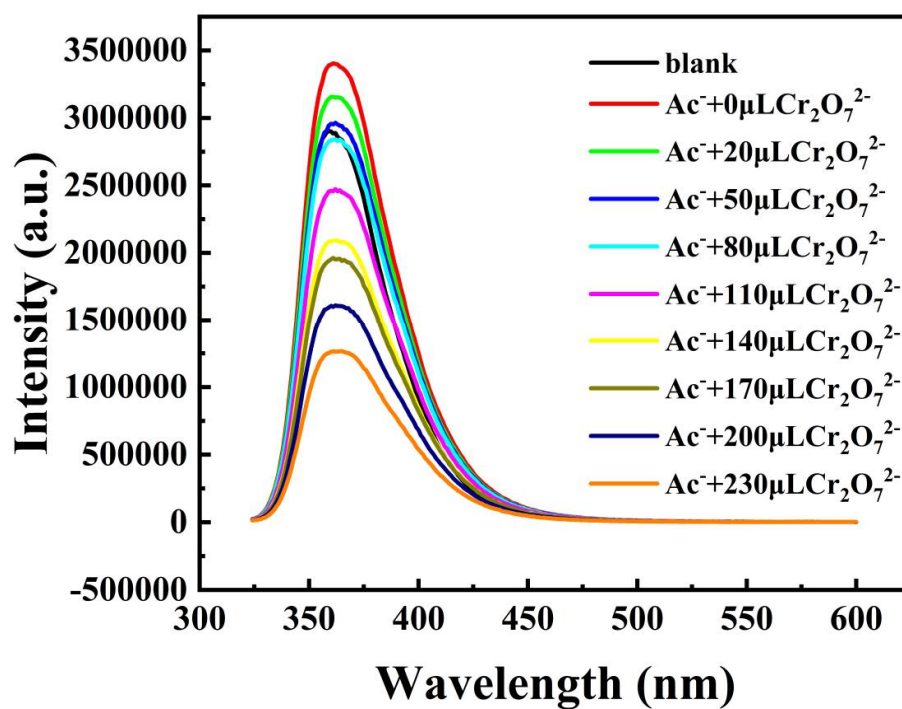


Figure S14. The change of fluorescence intensity of HOF-TCBP after adding Ac- (230 μ L, 10^{-3} M) and different contents of $Cr_2O_7^{2-}$ (10^{-3} M).

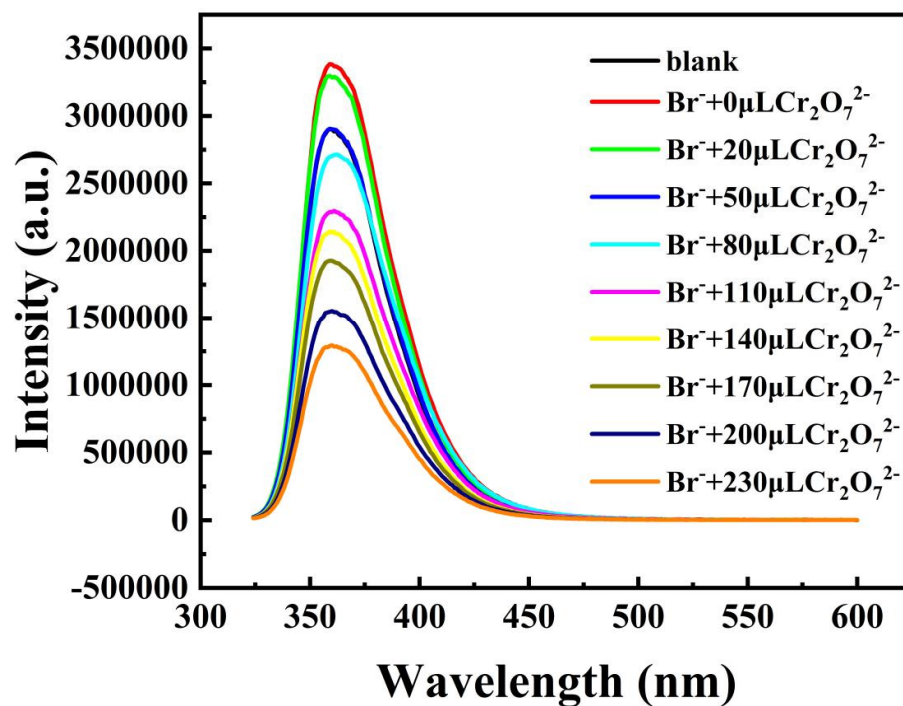


Figure S15. The change of fluorescence intensity of HOF-TCBP after adding Br^- (230 μL , 10^{-3} M) and different contents of $\text{Cr}_2\text{O}_7^{2-}$ (10^{-3} M).

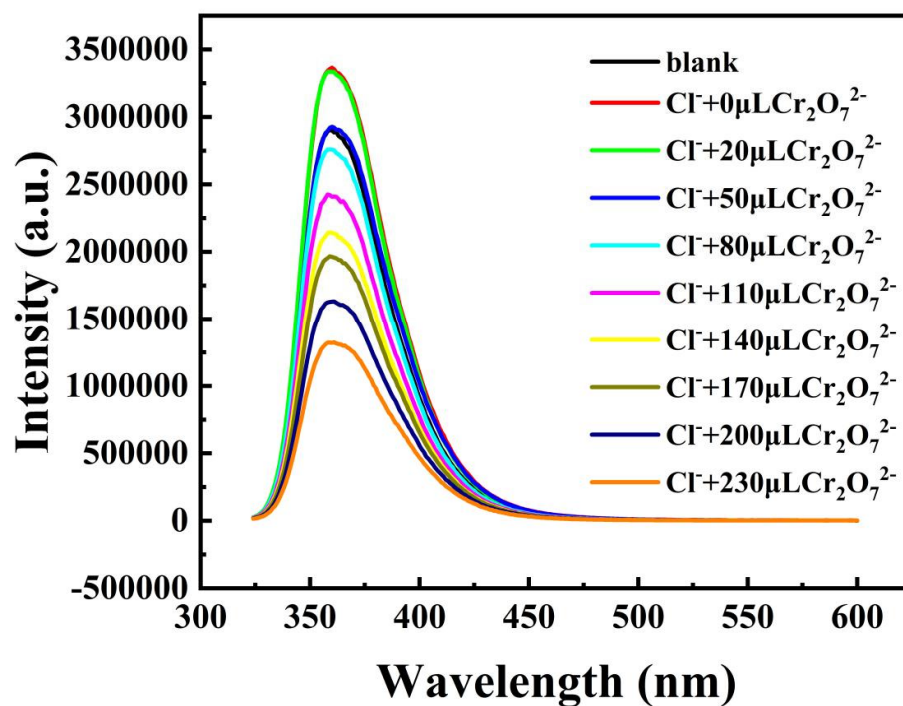


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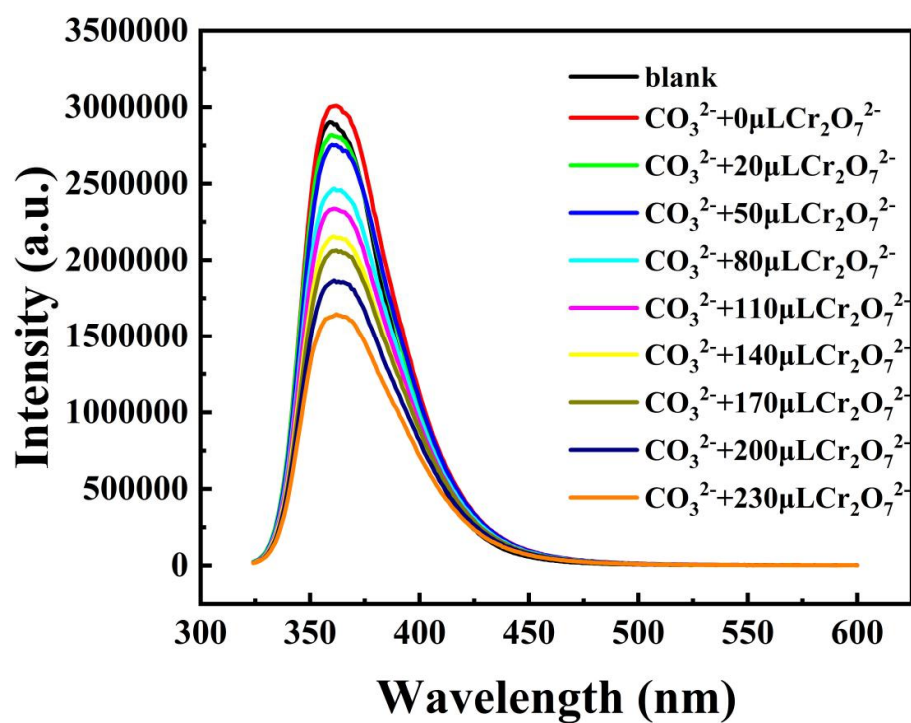


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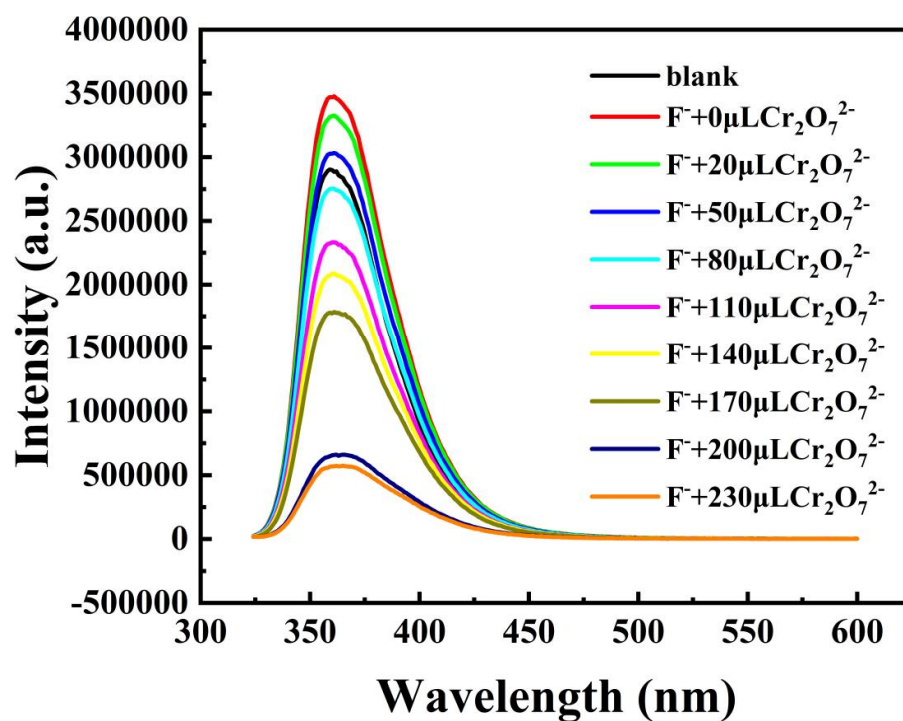


Figure S18. The change of fluorescence intensity of HOF-TCBP after adding F^- (230 μL , 10^{-3} M) and different contents of $\text{Cr}_2\text{O}_7^{2-}$ (10^{-3} M).

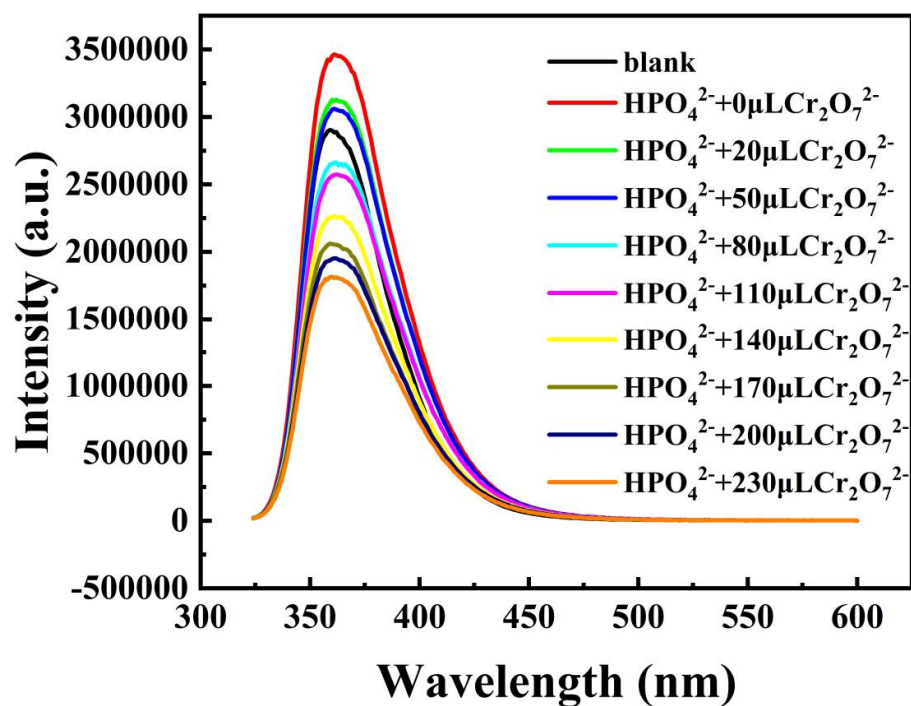


Figure S19. The change of fluorescence intensity of HOF-TCBP after adding HPO_4^{2-} (230 μL , 10^{-3} M) and different contents of $\text{Cr}_2\text{O}_7^{2-}$ (10^{-3} M).

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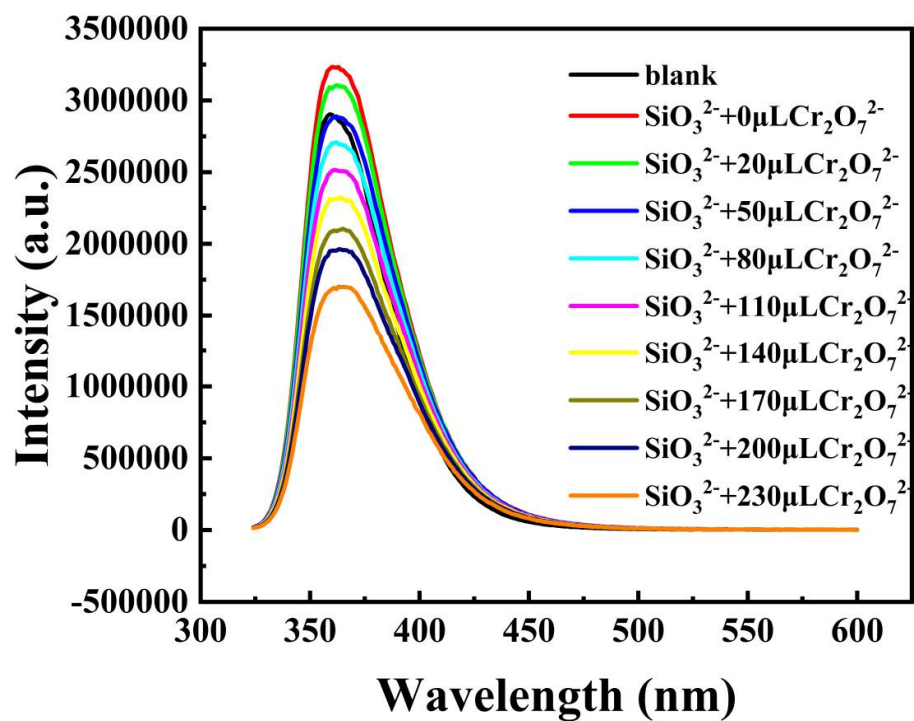


Figure S20. The change of fluorescence intensity of HOF-TCBP after adding SiO_3^{2-} (230 μL , 10^{-3} M) and different contents of $\text{Cr}_2\text{O}_7^{2-}$ (10^{-3} M).

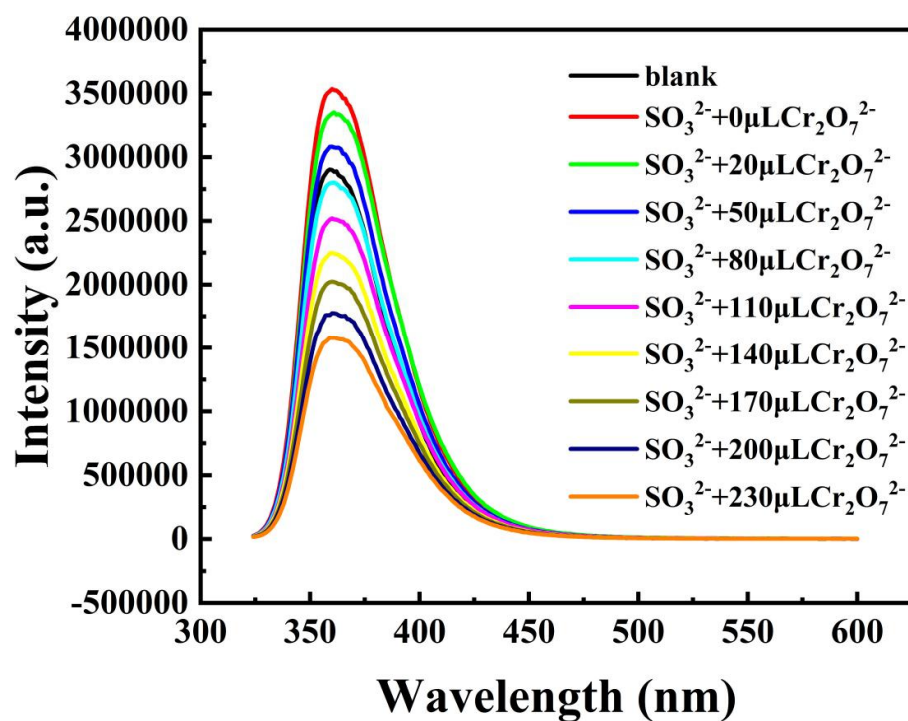


Figure S21. The change of fluorescence intensity of HOF-TCBP after adding SO_3^{2-} (230 μL , 10^{-3} M) and different contents of $\text{Cr}_2\text{O}_7^{2-}$ (10^{-3} M).

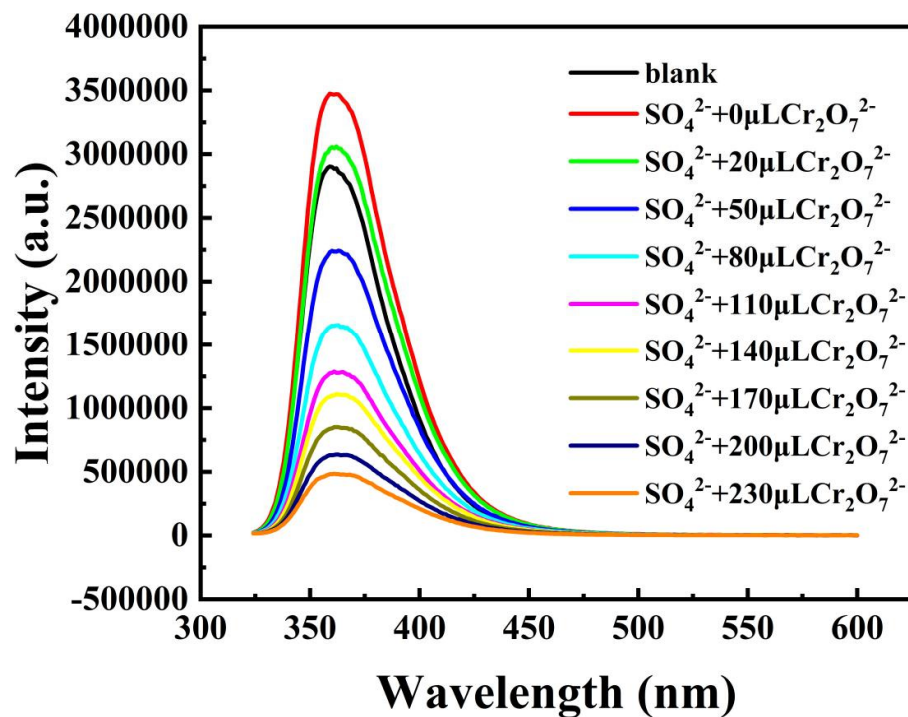


Figure S22. The change of fluorescence intensity of HOF-TCBP after adding SO_4^{2-} (230 μL , 10^{-3} M) and

different contents of $\text{Cr}_2\text{O}_7^{2-}$ (10^{-3} M).

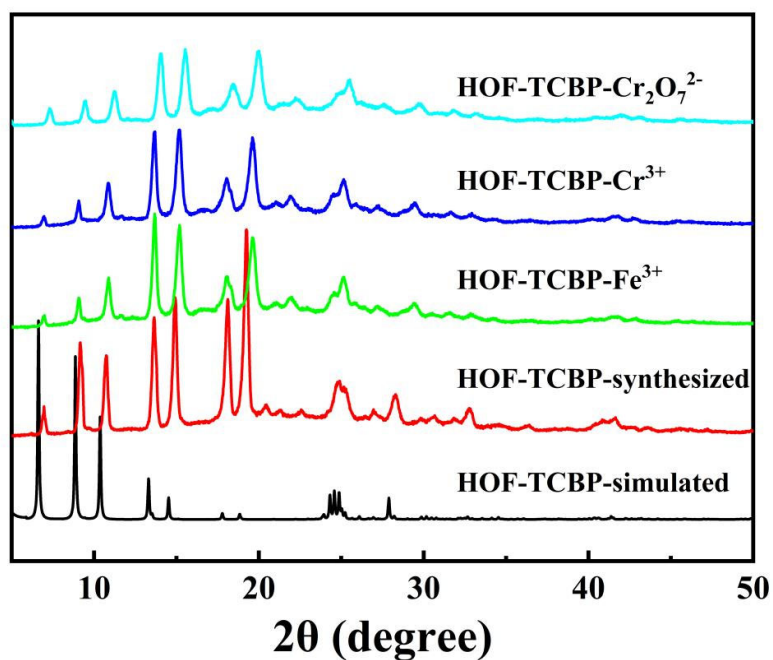


Figure S23. PXRD patterns of HOF-TCBP and HOF-TCBP immersed in Cr^{3+} , Fe^{3+} and $\text{Cr}_2\text{O}_7^{2-}$ aqueous solutions (10^{-3} M).

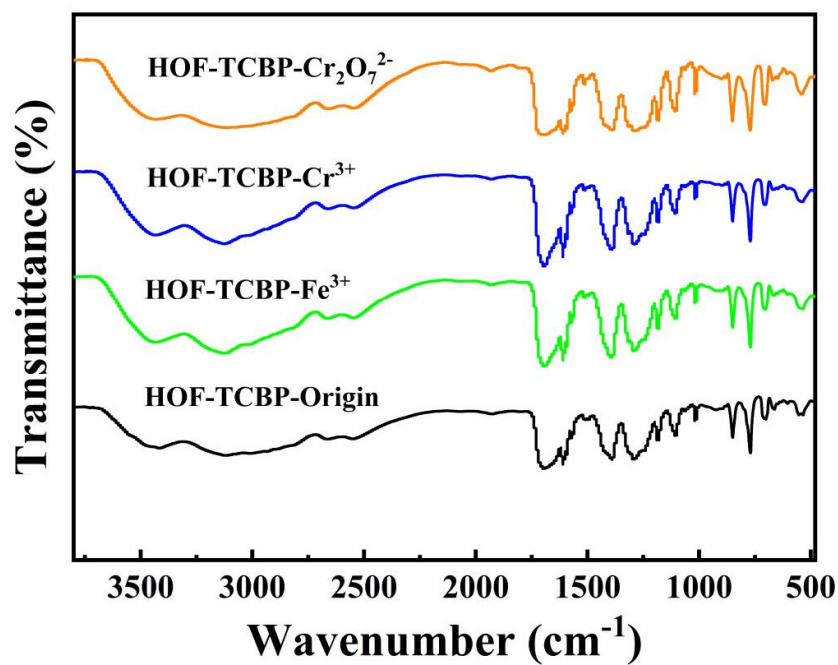


Figure S24. FT-IR spectra of HOF-TCBP and HOF-TCBP immersed in Cr^{3+} , Fe^{3+} and $\text{Cr}_2\text{O}_7^{2-}$ aqueous solutions (10^{-3} M).

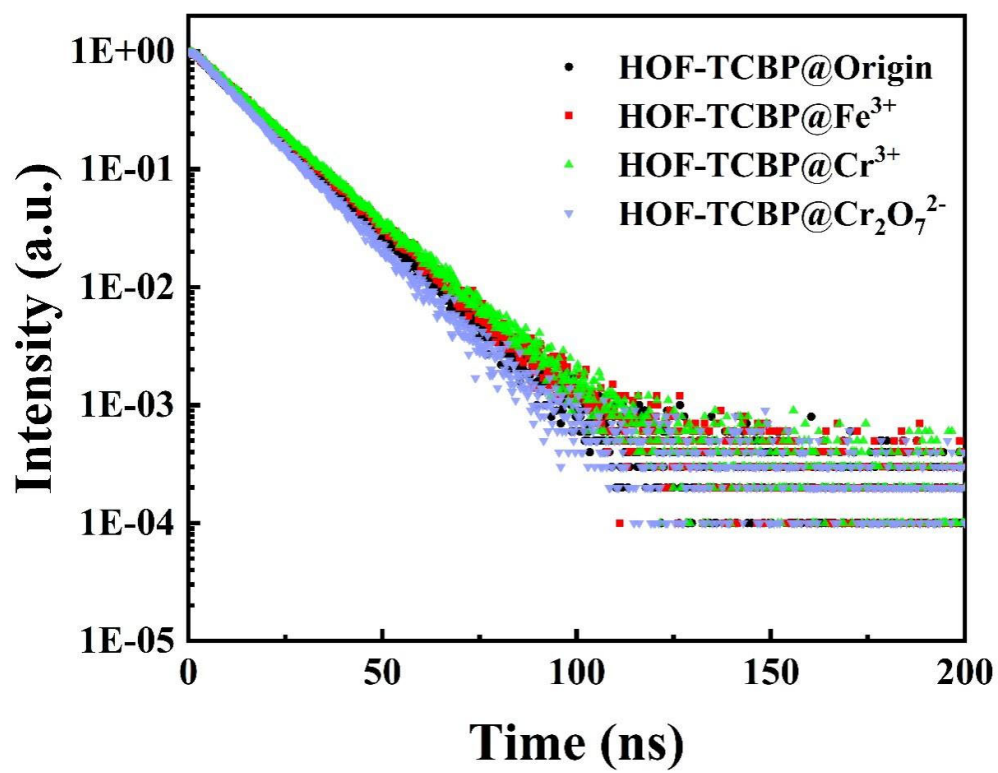


Figure S25. HOF-TCBP fluorescence lifetimes monitored at 359 nm with and without ion addition.

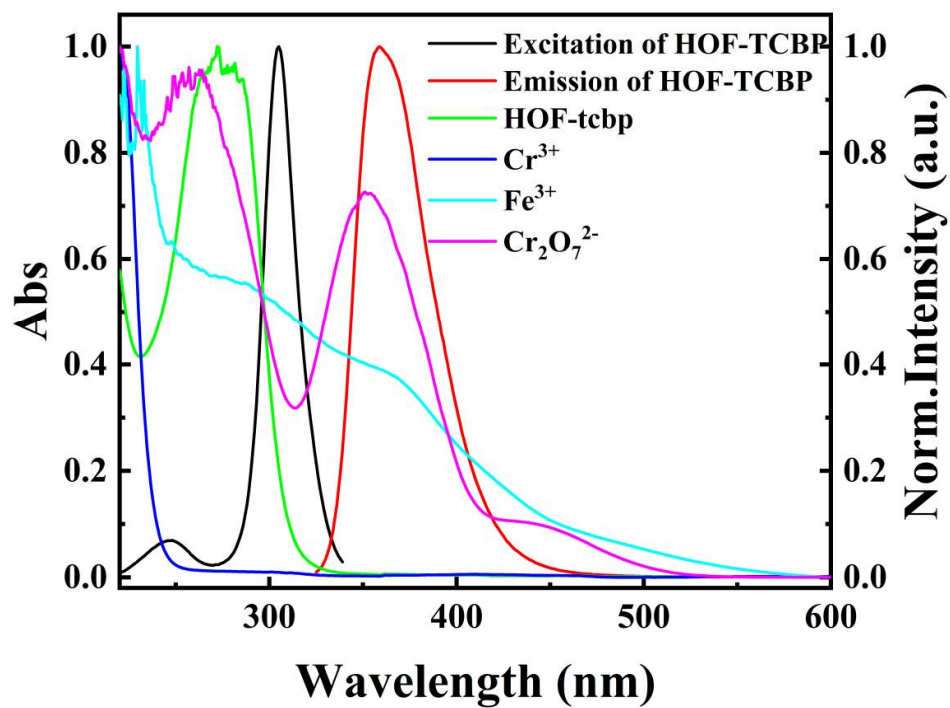


Figure S26. Absorption spectra of ions and excitation and emission spectra of HOF-TCBP.

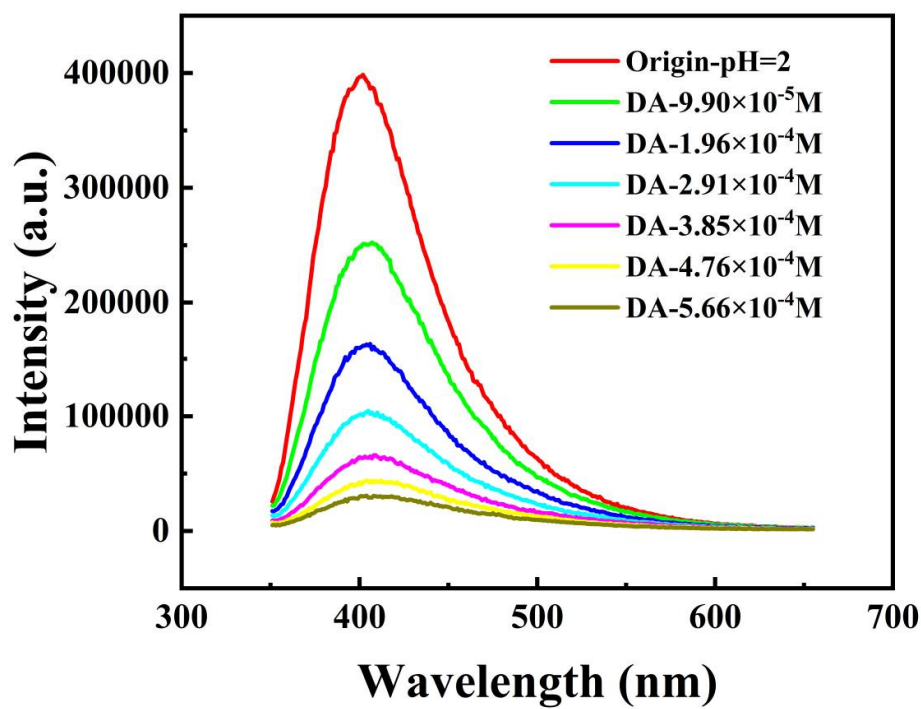


Figure S27. PL spectra of HOF-TCBP with different DA contents in pH=2 buffer solution.

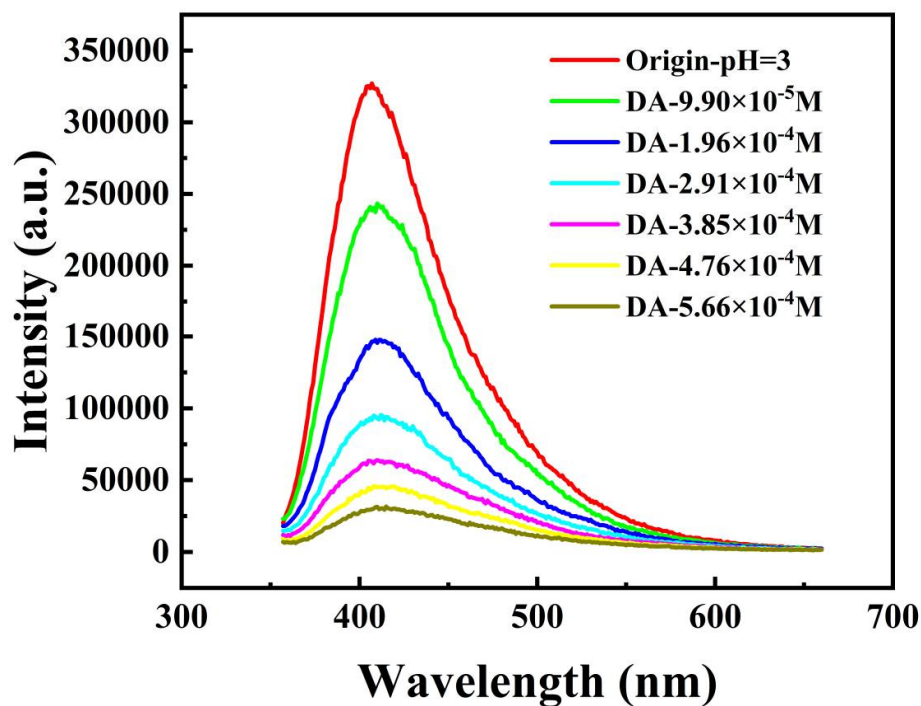


Figure S28. PL spectra of HOF-TCBP with different DA contents in pH = 3 buffer solution.

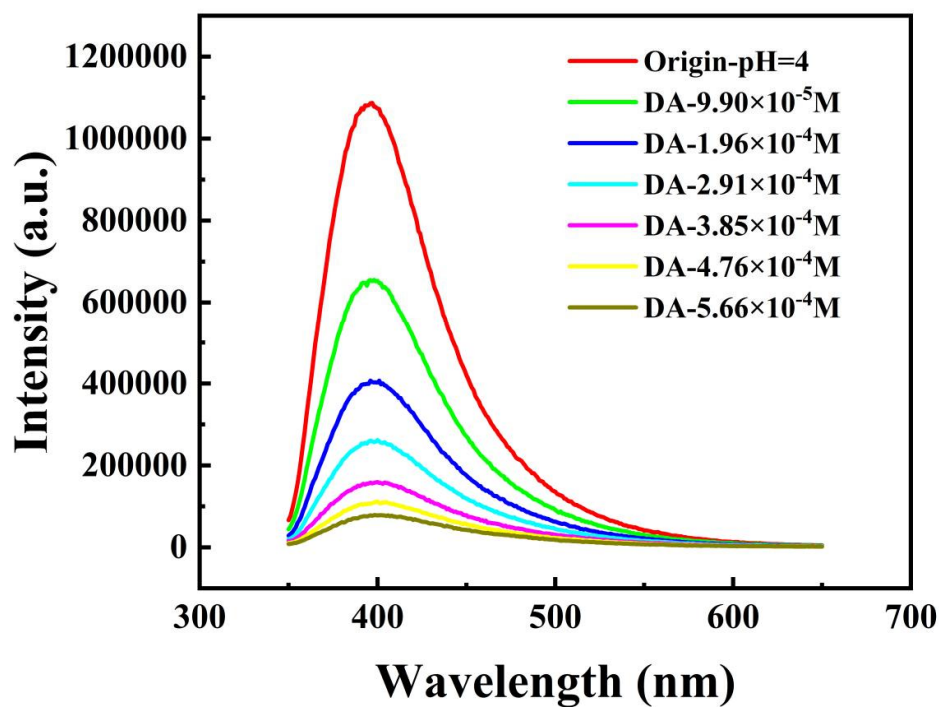


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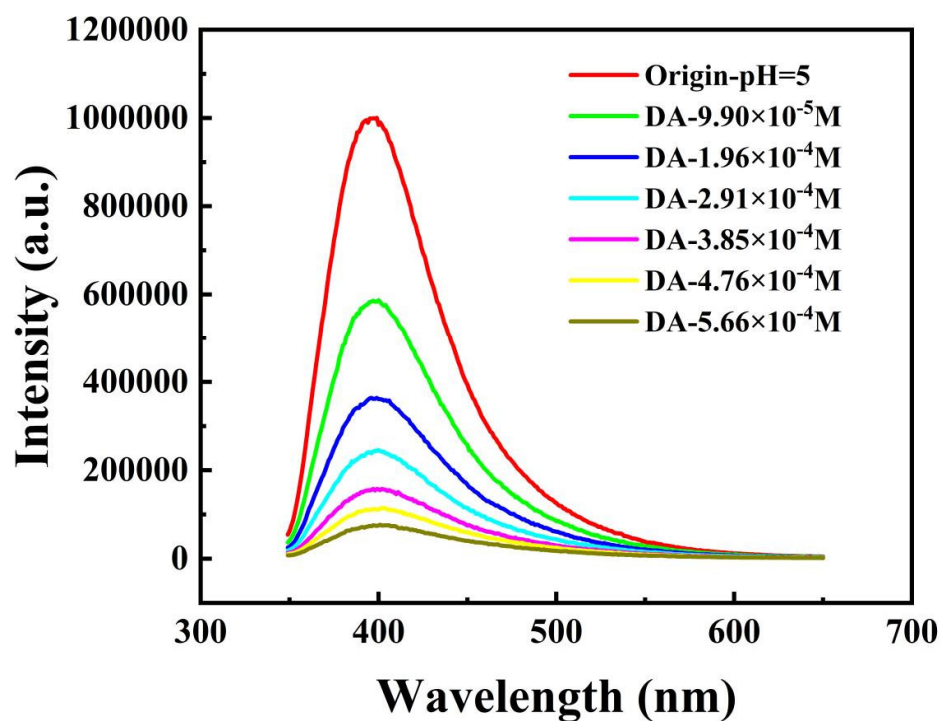


Figure S30. PL spectra of HOF-TCBP with different DA contents in pH = 5 buffer solution.

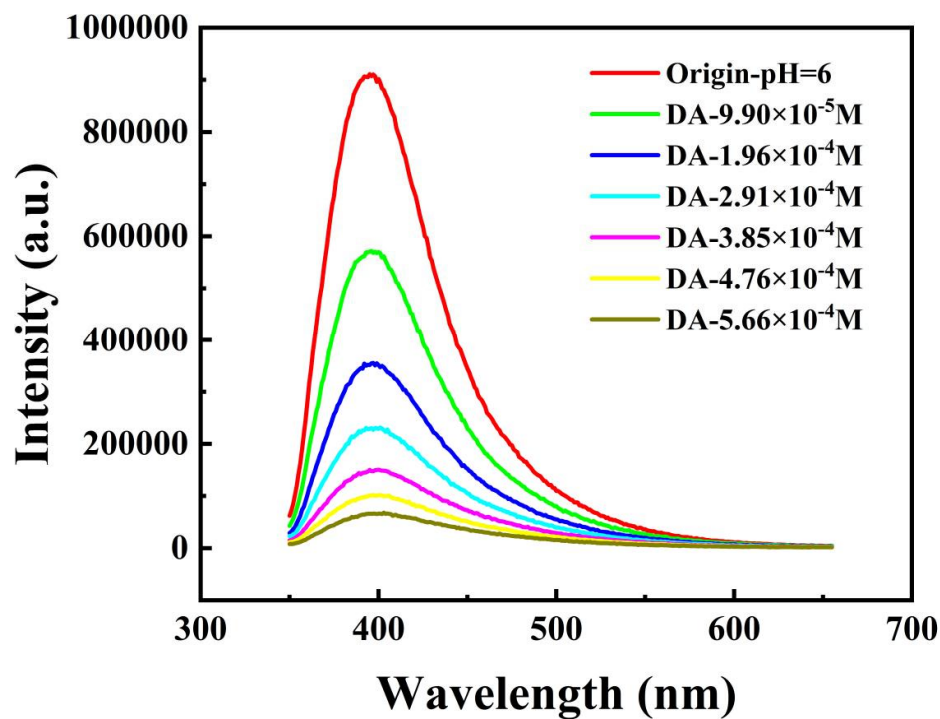


Figure S31. PL spectra of HOF-TCBP with different DA contents in pH = 6 buffer solution.

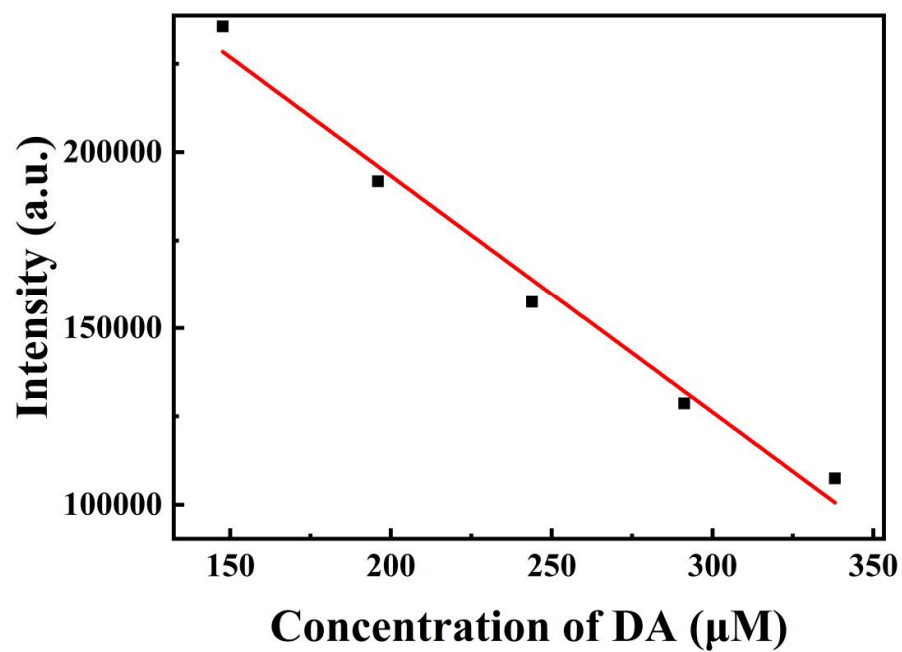


Figure S32. The fit curve of HOF-TCBP emission intensity at different DA concentrations.

Linear Equation: $Y = -671.37516X + 327573.67977$

$S = 6.7137516 \times 10^8 \text{ M}^{-1}$

$$I_a = \frac{573293.7 + 589806.6 + 583444.1 + 583242.7 + 571631.2 + 566931.1 + 581790.5 + 569683.1 + 565883.4 + 580910.8}{10}$$

$= 576661.72$

$$S_b = \sqrt{\frac{\sum (I_0 - I_a)^2}{N-1}} = 8183.077976 \quad (N=8)$$

$$\text{LOD} = \frac{3 \times S_b}{S} = \frac{3 \times 8183.077976}{6.7137516 \times 10^8} = 36.57 \text{ } \mu\text{M}$$

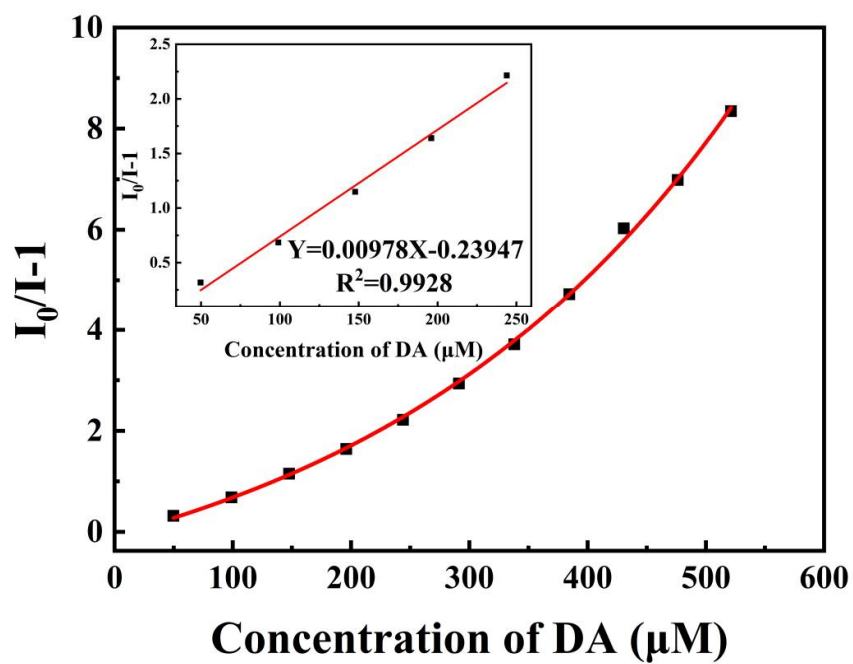


Figure S33. S-V plots of DA; inset: the above figures are the linear fitting curves at low concentrations.

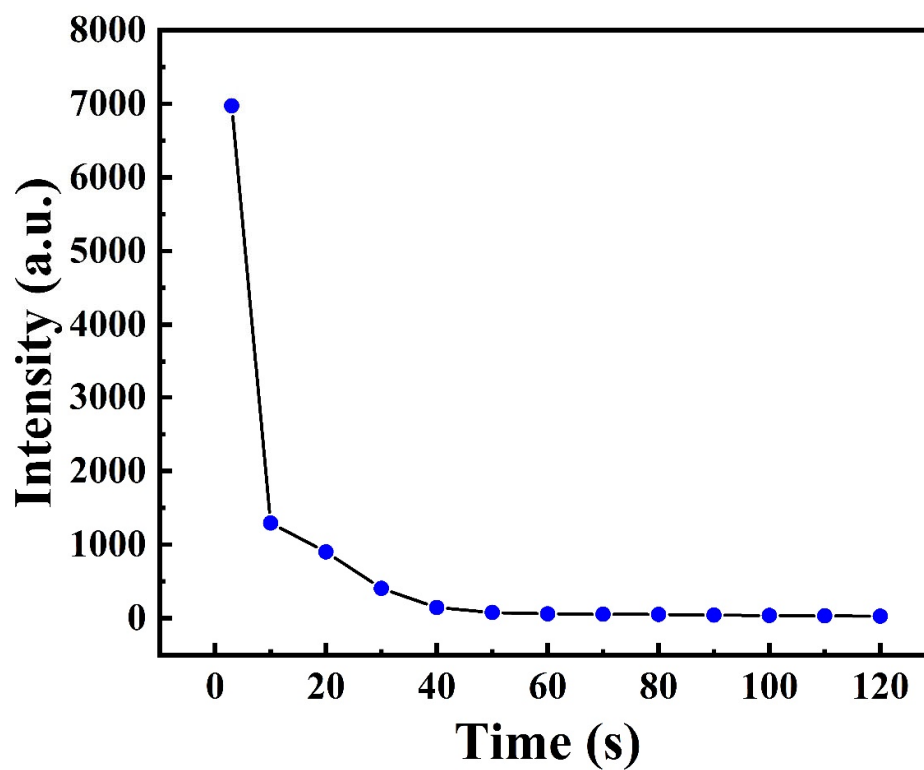


Figure S34. After adding a certain concentration of DA, the luminescence intensity of HOF-TCBP

suspension at 397 nm changes with time.

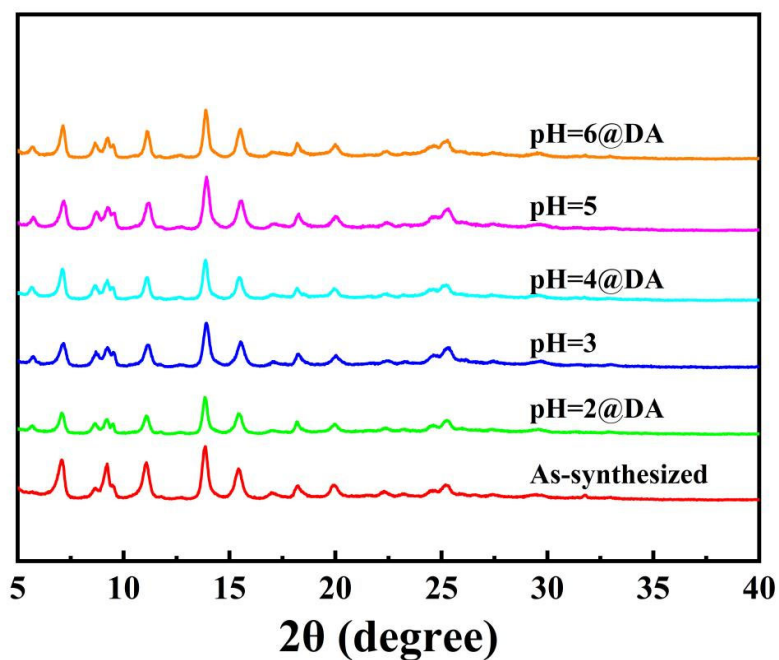


Figure S35. PXRD patterns of HOF-TCBP synthesized samples and immersed in pH = 2 - 6 buffer solution and DA solution (10^{-2} M).

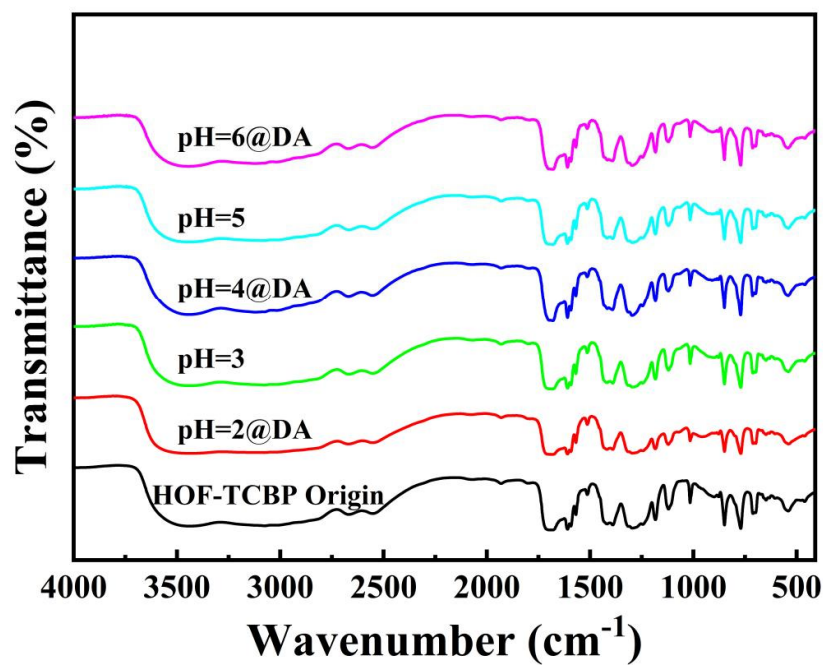


Figure S36. FT-IR spectra of HOF-TCBP synthesized samples and immersed in pH = 2 - 6 buffer solution and DA solution (10^{-2} M).

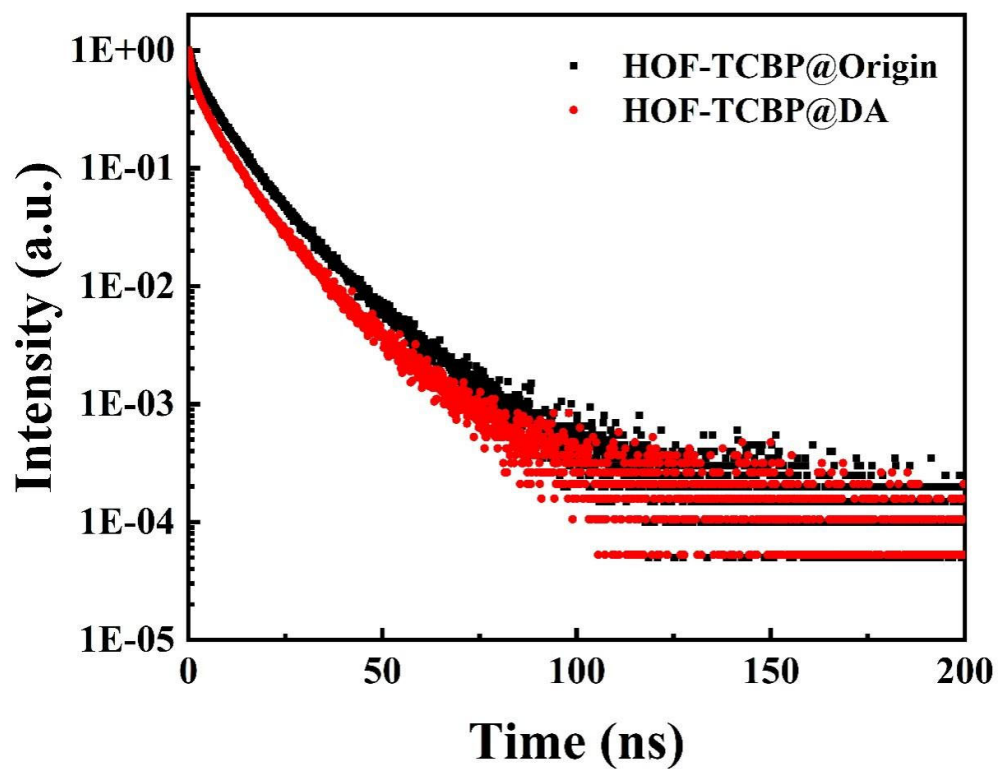


Figure S37. HOF-TCBP fluorescence lifetime monitored at 397 nm without and with DA addition.

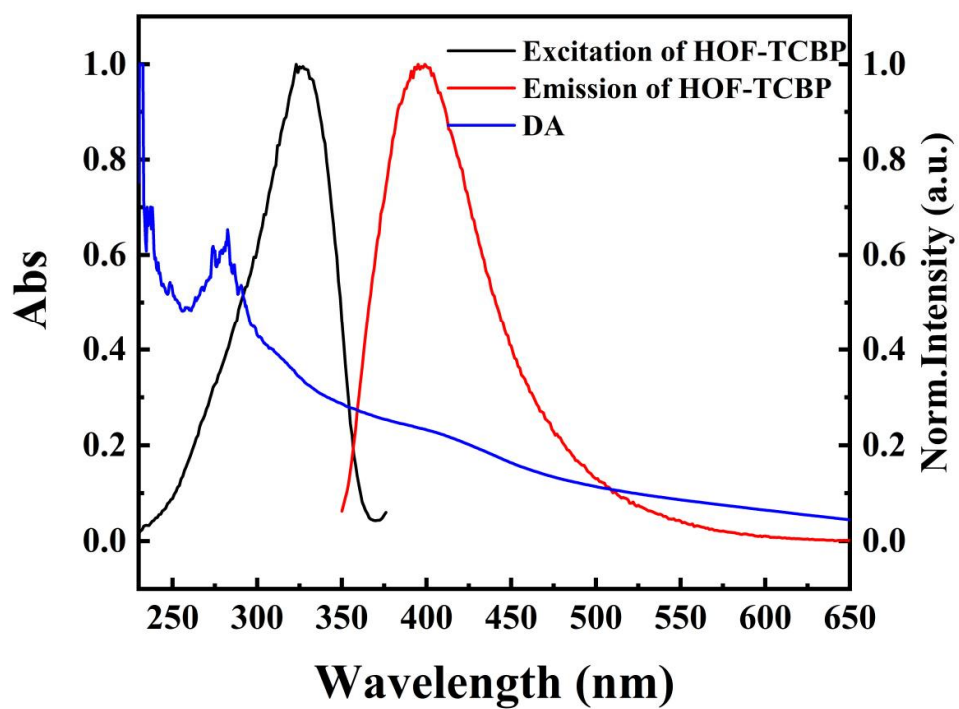


Figure S38. Absorption spectra of DA and excitation and emission spectra of HOF-TCBP.**Table S1.** Comparison of luminescent materials for detecting Fe³⁺ ion.

Material	Solvent	K _{sv} (M ⁻¹)	Detection limit(mM)	Ref.
Ag(bpy)(IPA-OH)	H ₂ O	-	1.2	[1]
Ag(bpy)(IPA-2,6-NDC)	H ₂ O	-	1.8	[1]
PAF-5CF	EtOH	11865	38	[2]
FJI-C8	DMF	8245	23.3	[3]
[Eu ₂ (ppda) ₂ (npdc)(H ₂ O) ₂] _n	H ₂ O	1.64×10 ⁵	16.6	[4]
{[Cd ₃ (BPDPE)(BDC) ₃ ·(DMF) ₂] ₂ DMF·2H ₂ O} _n	DMF	8.57×10 ³	10	[5]
[Cd ₂ (TFBA)(HCOO) (bpe)H ₂ O] _n	H ₂ O	1.03×10 ⁶	2.49	[6]
[Tb(TBOT)(H ₂ O)](H ₂ O) ₄ (DMF)(NMP) _{0.5}	H ₂ O	5.51×10 ³	130	[7]
[Cd(Hcbic)] _n	H ₂ O	1.8×10 ⁵	31	[8]
[Ln ₂ L(1,3-bdc) ₃] ₃ ·5H ₂ O	H ₂ O	1.2×10 ⁴	23	[9]
BUT-14	H ₂ O	2.2×10 ³	3.8	[10]
BUT-15	H ₂ O	1.7×10 ⁴	0.3	[10]
HOF-TCBP	Ethanol	3.01×10⁴	2.516	This work

Table S2. Comparison of luminescent materials for detecting Cr³⁺ ion.

Material	Solvent	K _{sv} (M ⁻¹)	Detection limit(mM)	Ref.
[Eu ₂ (ppda) ₂ (npdc)(H ₂ O)]·H ₂ O	H ₂ O	1.98×10 ⁶	61.7	[3]
[Zn(L)(H ₂ O)]·H ₂ O	H ₂ O	2.03×10 ⁴	2.44	[11]
{[Zn ₂ (μ ₃ -OH)(cpta)(4,4'-bipy)]·H ₂ O} _n	H ₂ O	9.47×10 ³	5.55	[12]
[Zn ₂ (TPOM)(BDC) ₂] ₄ ·4H ₂ O	DMF	-	4.9	[13]
[Eu ₂ (tpbpc) ₄ ·CO ₃ ·H ₂ O]·DMF·solvent	H ₂ O	5.14×10 ²	3.64	[14]
Zn ₃ (bpdc) ₂ (pdc)(DMF)·6DMF	H ₂ O	3.87×10 ³	25.1	[15]
[Zn (tbda)] _n	H ₂ O	2.68×10 ³	180	[16]
YF ₃ : Eu ³⁺ nanoparticles	H ₂ O	6.458×10 ³	1.88	[17]
PVP@Gd ₂ O ₃ :Eu ³⁺ NPs	H ₂ O	-	2.1	[18]
S/N-CQDs	H ₂ O	-	6.0	[19]
{[Cd ₂ (adc) ₂ (4-nvp) ₆] ₃ ·MeOH·H ₂ O} _n	CH ₃ CN /H ₂ O	-	0.31	[20]
HOF-TCBP	Ethanol	8.5×10⁴	0.689	This work

Table S3. Comparison of luminescent materials for detecting Cr₂O₇²⁻ ion.

Material	Solvent	K _{sv} (M ⁻¹)	Detection limit(mM)	Ref.
Zn-MOF-1	H ₂ O	2.07×10 ⁴	3.53	[11]
[Zn ₂ (TPOM)(BDC) ₂] ₄ ·4H ₂ O	DMF	7.59×10 ³	3.9	[13]

Eu ₄ L ₃	DMF	1.526×10 ³	10	[21]
1-Eu	Ethanol	-	22	[22]
[Eu ₂ (tpbpc) ₄ ·CO ₃ ·H ₂ O]·DMF·solvent	H ₂ O	1.04×10 ⁴	4.95	[14]
[Tb(TATAB)(H ₂ O) ₂]·NMP·H ₂ O] _n	H ₂ O	-	1.0	[23]
[Zn ₂ (4,4'-nba) ₂ (1,4-bib) ₂] _n	H ₂ O	6.7×10 ³	3.8	[24]
[Zn(IPA)(3-PN)] _n	H ₂ O	1.37×10 ³	12	[25]
[Cd(IPA)(3-PN)] _n	H ₂ O	2.91×10 ³	2.26	[25]
HOF-TCBP	Ethanol	3.62×10⁴	1.638	This work

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