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# Phase-Selective Microwave Assisted Synthesis of Iron(III) Aminoterephthalate MOFs

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## 1. Microwave-assisted solvothermal synthesis

**Table S1.** Letter codes for the resulting products of the following MW synthesis.

Letter Code	Resulting Reaction Product
<b>A</b>	MIL-53(Fe)-NH <sub>2</sub>
<b>B</b>	MIL-88B(Fe)-NH <sub>2</sub>
<b>C</b>	MIL-101(Fe)-NH <sub>2</sub>
<b>X</b>	Amorphous
<b>D</b>	Fe <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>

**Table S2.** Mass, mol and molar ratios, and dispensed amounts for the MW investigation of the system FeCl<sub>3</sub>·6H<sub>2</sub>O/H<sub>2</sub>BDC-NH<sub>2</sub>/HCl in water (V H<sub>2</sub>O = 4 mL, T = 100 °C, t = 5 min). The resulting phases are indicated by the letter assigned in Table S1.

Sample Name	FeCl <sub>3</sub> ·6H <sub>2</sub> O (mg)	FeCl <sub>3</sub> ·6H <sub>2</sub> O (mmol)	H <sub>2</sub> BDC-NH <sub>2</sub> (mg)	H <sub>2</sub> BDC-NH <sub>2</sub> (mmol)	Ligand Metal	[Fe] (M)	HCl 1 M (mL)	HCl: Fe	Result*
MW 1-01	21.6	0.08	14.48	0.08	1	0.02	0	0	<b>C</b>
MW 1-02	54	0.2	36.2	0.2	1	0.05	0	0	<b>C + A</b>
MW 1-03	108	0.4	72.4	0.4	1	0.1	0	0	<b>A + C</b>
MW 1-04	216	0.8	144.8	0.8	1	0.2	0	0	<b>A</b>
MW 1-05	54	0.2	36.2	0.2	1	0.05	0.05	0.25	<b>C + A</b>
MW 1-06	54	0.2	36.2	0.2	1	0.05	0.1	0.5	<b>C + A</b>
MW 1-07	54	0.2	36.2	0.2	1	0.05	0.15	0.75	<b>A + C</b>
MW 1-08	54	0.2	36.2	0.2	1	0.05	0.2	1	<b>A</b>

\* In the case of mixture, the first letter is the major phase

**Table S3.** Mass, mol and molar ratios, and dispensed amounts for the MW investigation of the system FeCl<sub>3</sub>·6H<sub>2</sub>O/H<sub>2</sub>BDC-NH<sub>2</sub>/HCl in water (V H<sub>2</sub>O = 4 mL, T= 150 °C, t= 5 min and <sup>(\*)</sup> t= 30 min). The resulting phases are indicated by the letter assigned in Table S1.

Sample Name	FeCl <sub>3</sub> 6H <sub>2</sub> O (mg)	FeCl <sub>3</sub> 6H <sub>2</sub> O (mmol)	H <sub>2</sub> BDC-NH <sub>2</sub> (mg)	H <sub>2</sub> BDC-NH <sub>2</sub> (mmol)	Ligand: Metal	[Fe] (M)	HCl 1 M (mL)	HCl: Fe	Result *
MW 2-01	21.6	0.08	14.48	0.08	1	0.02	0	0	C + A
MW 2-02	54	0.2	36.2	0.2	1	0.05	0	0	A + C
MW 2-03	108	0.4	72.4	0.4	1	0.1	0	0	A
MW 2-04( <sup>*</sup> )	108	0.4	72.4	0.4	1	0.1	0	0	A
MW 2-05	216	0.8	144.8	0.8	1	0.2	0	0	A
MW 2-06	54	0.2	36.2	0.2	1	0.05	0.1	0.5	C + A

\* In the case of mixture, the first letter is the major phase

**Table S4.** Mass, mol and molar ratios, and dispensed amounts for the MW investigation of the system FeCl<sub>3</sub>·6H<sub>2</sub>O/H<sub>2</sub>BDC-NH<sub>2</sub> in ethanol (V EtOH = 4 mL. T= 150 °C. t= 5 min). The resulting phases are indicated by the letter assigned in Table S1.

Sample name	FeCl <sub>3</sub> ·6H <sub>2</sub> O (mg)	FeCl <sub>3</sub> 6H <sub>2</sub> O (mmol)	H <sub>2</sub> BDC-NH <sub>2</sub> (mg)	H <sub>2</sub> BDC-NH <sub>2</sub> (mmol)	Ligand: Metal	[Fe] (M)	HCl 1 M (mL)	HCl: Fe	Result
MW 3-01	21.6	0.08	14.48	0.08	1	0.02	0	0	B
MW 3-02	54	0.2	36.2	0.2	1	0.05	0	0	B
MW 3-03	108	0.4	72.4	0.4	1	0.1	0	0	B
MW 3-04	216	0.8	144.8	0.8	1	0.2	0	0	B

**Table S5.** Mass, mol and molar ratios, and dispensed amounts for the MW investigation of assigned in Table S1. the system FeCl<sub>3</sub>·6H<sub>2</sub>O/H<sub>2</sub>BDC-NH<sub>2</sub> in ethanol (V EtOH = 4 mL. T= 150 °C. t= 5 min). The resulting phases are indicated by the letter assigned in Table S1.

Sample Name	FeCl <sub>3</sub> ·6H <sub>2</sub> O (mg)	FeCl <sub>3</sub> 6H <sub>2</sub> O (mmol)	H <sub>2</sub> BDC-NH <sub>2</sub> (mg)	H <sub>2</sub> BDC-NH <sub>2</sub> (mmol)	Ligand: Metal	[Fe] (M)	HCl 1 M (mL)	HCl: Fe	Result
MW 3-05	216	0.8	36.2	0.2	0.25	0.2	0	0	B
MW 3-06	216	0.8	72.4	0.4	0.5	0.2	0	0	B
MW 3-07	216	0.8	217.2	1.2	1.5	0.2	0	0	B
MW 3-08	216	0.8	289.6	1.6	2	0.2	0	0	B

**Table S6.** Mass, mol and molar ratios, and dispensed amounts for the MW investigation of the system FeCl<sub>3</sub>·6H<sub>2</sub>O/H<sub>2</sub>BDC-NH<sub>2</sub> in ethanol (V EtOH = 4 mL, [Fe] = 0.1 M, ligand:metal = 1:1). The resulting phases are indicated by the letter assigned in Table S1.

Sample Name	FeCl <sub>3</sub> ·6H <sub>2</sub> O (mg)	FeCl <sub>3</sub> 6H <sub>2</sub> O (mmol)	H <sub>2</sub> BDC-NH <sub>2</sub> (mg)	H <sub>2</sub> BDC-NH <sub>2</sub> (mmol)	Ligand: Metal	[Fe] (M)	T (°C)	Time (min)	Result
MW 3-09	108	0.4	72.4	0.4	1	0.1	100	5	<b>B</b>
MW 3-10	108	0.4	72.4	0.4	1	0.1	100	10	<b>B</b>
MW 3-11	108	0.4	72.4	0.4	1	0.1	100	20	<b>C</b>
MW 3-12	108	0.4	72.4	0.4	1	0.1	100	30	<b>C</b>
MW 3-13	108	0.4	72.4	0.4	1	0.1	150	10	<b>B</b>
MW 3-14	108	0.4	72.4	0.4	1	0.1	150	20	<b>B</b>
MW 3-15	108	0.4	72.4	0.4	1	0.1	150	30	<b>B</b>
MW 3-16	108	0.4	72.4	0.4	1	0.1	180	5	<b>B</b>
MW 3-17	108	0.4	72.4	0.4	1	0.1	180	10	<b>D</b>
MW 3-18	108	0.4	72.4	0.4	1	0.1	180	20	<b>D</b>
MW 3-19	108	0.4	72.4	0.4	1	0.1	180	30	<b>D</b>

**Table S7.** Mass, mol and molar ratios, and dispensed amounts for the MW investigation of the system FeCl<sub>3</sub>·6H<sub>2</sub>O/H<sub>2</sub>BDC-NH<sub>2</sub> in DMF (V DMF = 4 mL. T = 150 °C. ligand:metal = 1:1). The resulting phases are indicated by the letter assigned in Table S1.

Sample Name	FeCl <sub>3</sub> 6H <sub>2</sub> O (mg)	FeCl <sub>3</sub> 6H <sub>2</sub> O (mmol)	H <sub>2</sub> BDC-NH <sub>2</sub> (mg)	H <sub>2</sub> BDC-NH <sub>2</sub> (mmol)	Ligand: Metal	[Fe] (M)	T (°C)	Time (min)	Result*
MW 4-01	21.6	0.08	14.48	0.08	1	0.02	150	5	<b>X</b>
MW 4-02	54	0.2	36.2	0.2	1	0.05	150	5	<b>C + B</b>
MW 4-03	108	0.4	72.4	0.4	1	0.1	150	5	<b>B + C</b>
MW 4-04	216	0.8	144.8	0.8	1	0.2	150	5	<b>C + A</b>
MW 4-05	21.6	0.08	14.48	0.08	1	0.02	150	30	<b>C</b>
MW 4-06	54	0.2	36.2	0.2	1	0.05	150	30	<b>C + B</b>
MW 4-07	108	0.4	72.4	0.4	1	0.1	150	30	<b>B + C</b>
MW 4-08	216	0.8	144.8	0.8	1	0.2	150	30	<b>A + C</b>

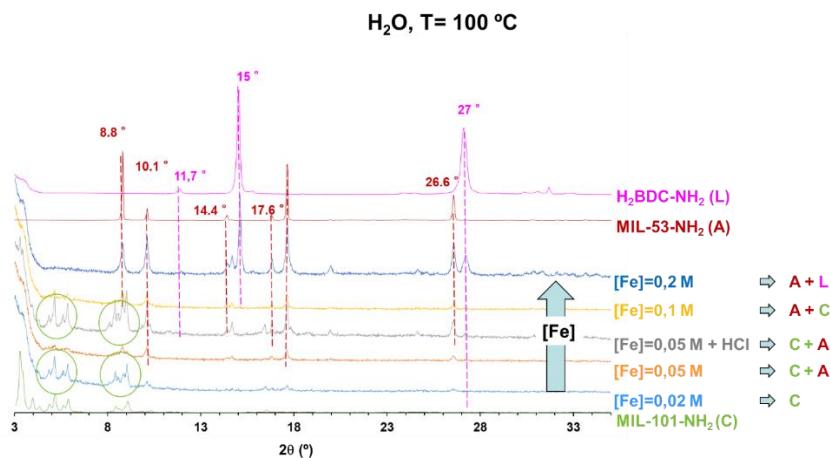
\* In the case of mixture, the first letter is the major phase

**Table S8.** Mass, mol and molar ratios, and dispensed amounts for the MW investigation of the system  $\text{FeCl}_3 \cdot 6\text{H}_2\text{O}/\text{H}_2\text{BDC-NH}_2/\text{HCl}$  in DMF (V DMF = 4 mL. T = 150 °C. t = 5 min). The resulting phases are indicated by the letter assigned in Table S1.

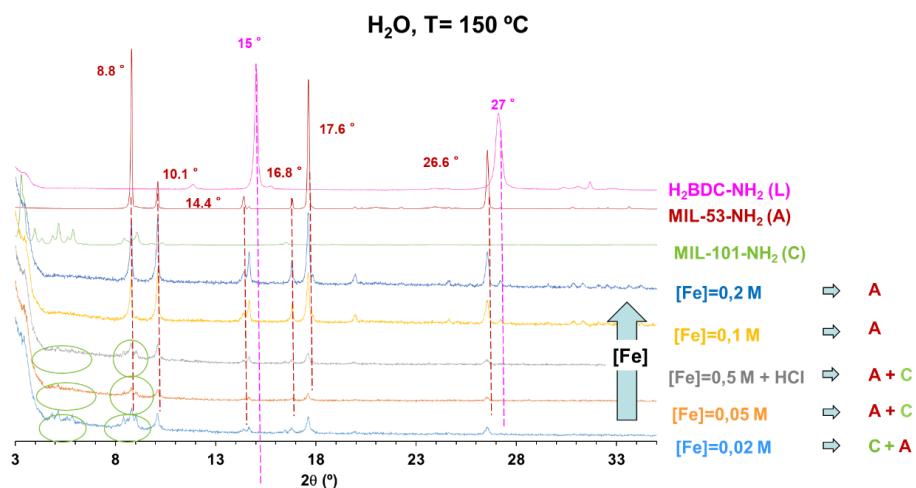
Sample Name	$\text{FeCl}_3 \cdot 6\text{H}_2\text{O}$ (mg)	$\text{FeCl}_3 \cdot 6\text{H}_2\text{O}$ (mmol)	$\text{H}_2\text{BDC-NH}_2$ (mg)	$\text{H}_2\text{BDC-NH}_2$ (mmol)	Ligand: Metal	[Fe] (M)	HCl 1 M (mL)	HCl: Fe	Result*
MW 4-10	54	0.2	36.2	0.2		1	0.05	0	C + B
MW 4-11	54	0.2	36.2	0.2		1	0.05	0.1	0.5 B
MW 4-12	54	0.2	54.3	0.3		1.5	0.05	0	0 C + B
MW 4-13	54	0.2	54.3	0.3		1.5	0.05	0.1	0.5 B

\* In the case of mixture, the first letter is the major phase

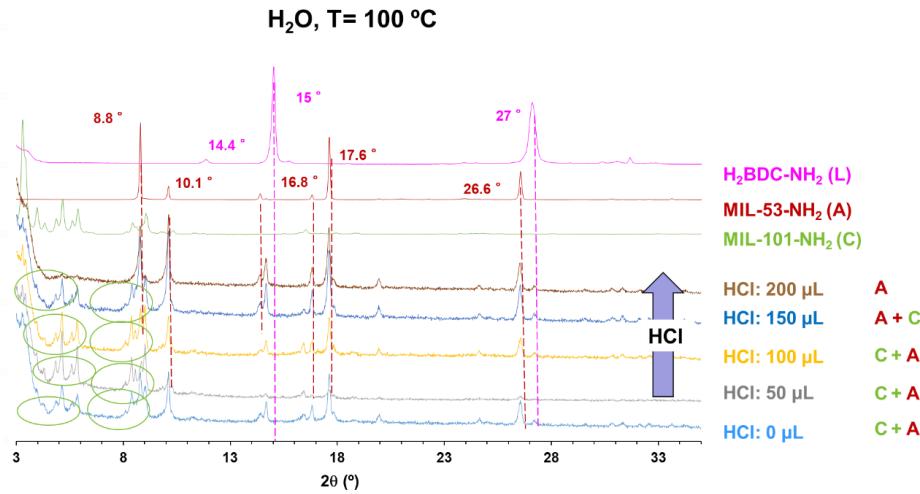
## 2. PXRD patterns



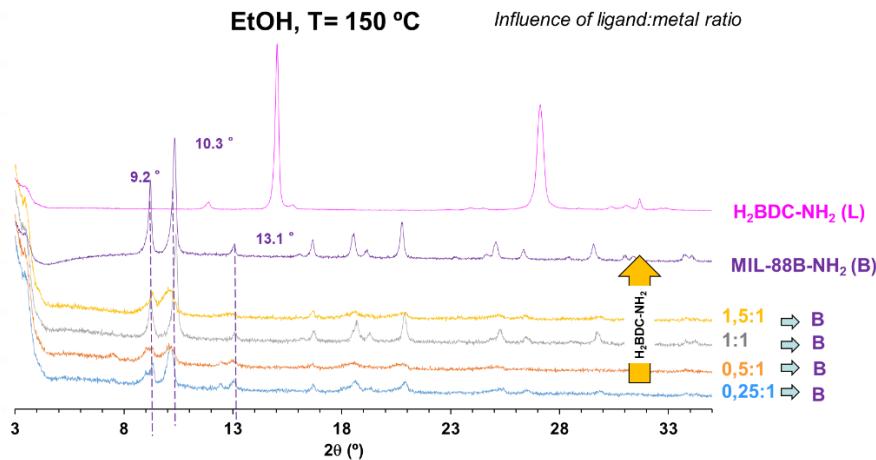
**Figure S1.** PXRD patterns for the MW investigation of the system  $\text{FeCl}_3 \cdot 6\text{H}_2\text{O}/\text{H}_2\text{BDC-NH}_2/\text{HCl}$  in water (V  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  = 4 mL, T = 100 °C, t = 5 min) after activation with EtOH, compared to simulated MIL-101-NH<sub>2</sub> (green), MIL-53-NH<sub>2</sub> (red) and H<sub>2</sub>BDC-NH<sub>2</sub> (pink).



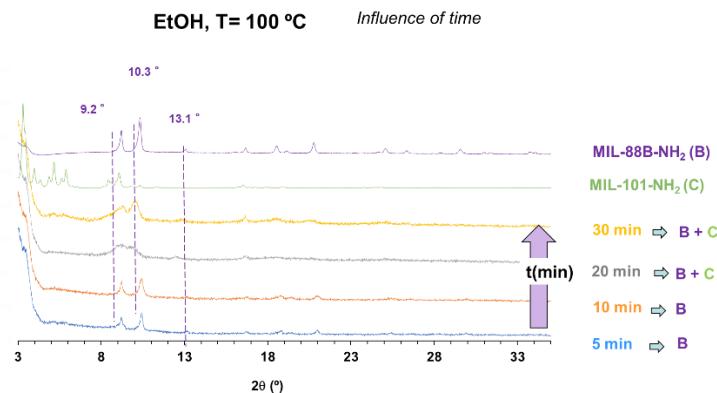
**Figure S2.** PXRD patterns for the MW investigation of the system  $\text{FeCl}_3 \cdot 6\text{H}_2\text{O}/\text{H}_2\text{BDC-NH}_2/\text{HCl}$  in water (V  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  = 4 mL, T = 150 °C, t = 5 min) after activation with EtOH, compared to simulated MIL-101-NH<sub>2</sub> (green), MIL-53-NH<sub>2</sub> (red) and H<sub>2</sub>BDC-NH<sub>2</sub> (pink).



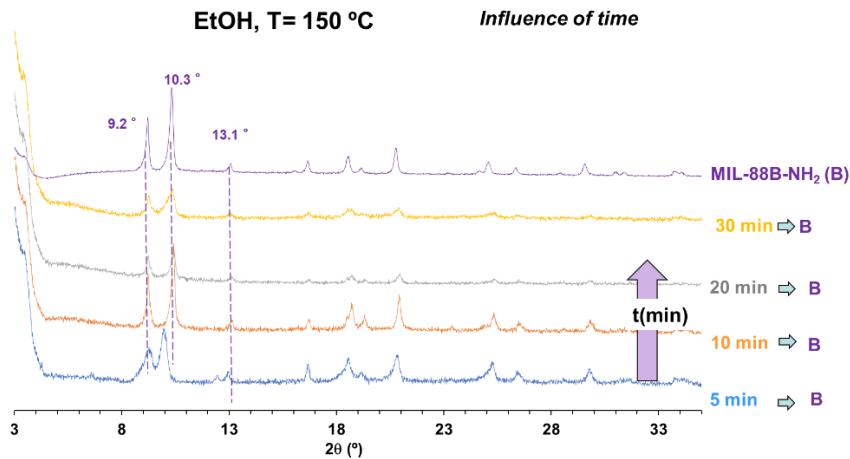
**Figure S3.** PXRD patterns for the MW investigation of the system  $\text{FeCl}_3 \cdot 6\text{H}_2\text{O}/\text{H}_2\text{BDC-NH}_2/\text{HCl}$  in water ( $V \text{ H}_2\text{O} = 4 \text{ mL}$ ,  $T = 100 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ ,  $t = 5 \text{ min}$ ,  $[\text{Fe}] = 0.05 \text{ M}$ ) after activation with EtOH, compared to simulated MIL-101-NH<sub>2</sub> (green), MIL-53-NH<sub>2</sub> (red) and H<sub>2</sub>BDC-NH<sub>2</sub> (pink).



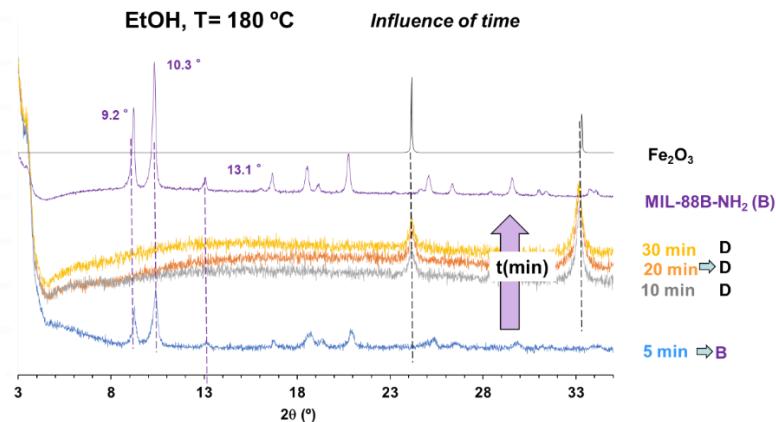
**Figure S4.** PXRD patterns for the MW investigation of the system  $\text{FeCl}_3 \cdot 6\text{H}_2\text{O}/\text{H}_2\text{BDC-NH}_2$  in ethanol ( $V \text{ EtOH} = 4 \text{ mL}$ ,  $T = 150 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ ,  $[\text{Fe}] = 0.2 \text{ M}$ ,  $t = 5 \text{ min}$ ) after activation with EtOH, compared to simulated MIL-88B-NH<sub>2</sub> (purple) and H<sub>2</sub>BDC-NH<sub>2</sub> (pink).



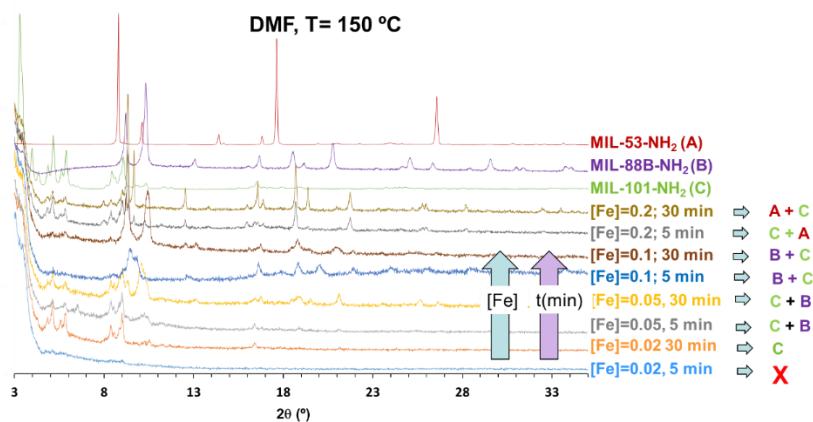
**Figure S5.** PXRD patterns for the MW investigation of the system  $\text{FeCl}_3 \cdot 6\text{H}_2\text{O}/\text{H}_2\text{BDC-NH}_2$  in ethanol ( $V \text{ EtOH} = 4 \text{ mL}$ ,  $T = 100 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ ,  $[\text{Fe}] = 0.1 \text{ M}$ ) after activation with EtOH, compared to simulated MIL-88B-NH<sub>2</sub> (purple) and MIL-101-NH<sub>2</sub> (green).



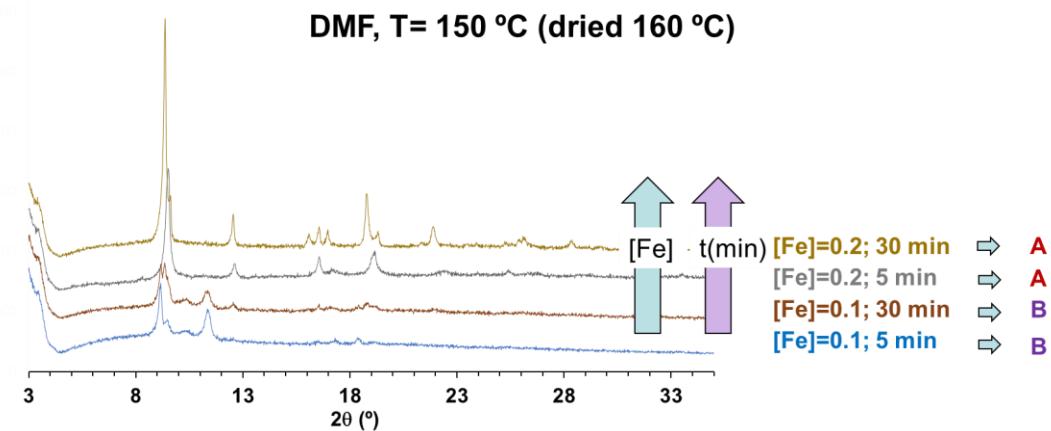
**Figure S6.** PXRD patterns for the MW investigation of the system  $\text{FeCl}_3 \cdot 6\text{H}_2\text{O}/\text{H}_2\text{BDC-NH}_2$  in ethanol (V EtOH = 4 mL, T = 150 °C, [Fe] = 0.1 M,) after activation with EtOH, compared to simulated MIL-88B-NH<sub>2</sub> (purple).



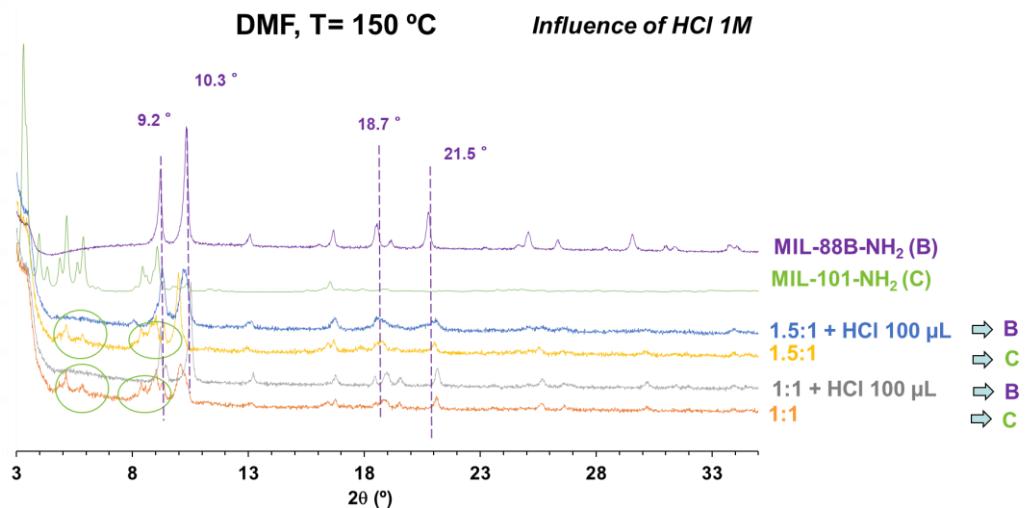
**Figure S7.** PXRD patterns for the MW investigation of the system  $\text{FeCl}_3 \cdot 6\text{H}_2\text{O}/\text{H}_2\text{BDC-NH}_2$  in ethanol (V EtOH = 4 mL, T = 180 °C, [Fe] = 0.1 M,) after activation with EtOH, compared to simulated MIL-88B-NH<sub>2</sub> (purple) and Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> (black).



**Figure S8.** PXRD patterns for the MW investigation of the system  $\text{FeCl}_3 \cdot 6\text{H}_2\text{O}/\text{H}_2\text{BDC-NH}_2$  in DMF (V DMF = 4 mL, T = 150 °C, ligand:metal = 1:1) after activation with EtOH, compared to simulated MIL-88B-NH<sub>2</sub> (purple) and MIL-101-NH<sub>2</sub> (green).



**Figure S9.** PXRD patterns for the MW investigation of the system  $\text{FeCl}_3 \cdot 6\text{H}_2\text{O}/\text{H}_2\text{BDC-NH}_2$  in DMF ( $V \text{ DMF} = 4 \text{ mL}$ ,  $T = 150 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ , ligand:metal = 1:1) after activation with EtOH and dried at  $160 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ , for better discriminating between the different  $\text{Fe-BDC-NH}_2$  MOF phases.



**Figure S10.** PXRD patterns for the MW investigation of the system  $\text{FeCl}_3 \cdot 6\text{H}_2\text{O}/\text{H}_2\text{BDC-NH}_2/\text{HCl}$  in DMF ( $V \text{ DMF} = 4 \text{ mL}$ ,  $T = 150 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ ,  $t = 30 \text{ min}$ ) after activation with EtOH, compared to simulated MIL-88B-NH<sub>2</sub> (purple) and MIL-101-NH<sub>2</sub> (green).

### 3. Particle size and reaction yield

**Table S9.** Particle size and reaction yield for the MW investigation of the system  $\text{FeCl}_3 \cdot 6\text{H}_2\text{O}/\text{H}_2\text{BDC-NH}_2$  in water ( $V \text{ H}_2\text{O} = 4 \text{ mL}$ ,  $T = 100 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ ,  $t = 5 \text{ min}$ ).

[Fe] (M)	Particle Size ( $\varnothing \text{ nm}$ )	PdI	Yield (wt.%)	STY ( $\text{kg} \cdot \text{m}^{-3} \cdot \text{d}^{-1}$ )	Result
0.02	$450 \pm 200$	$0.25 \pm 0.01$	$\sim 100^{\text{*}}$	3850	C
0.05	$190 \pm 70$	$0.32 \pm 0.01$	$\sim 100^{\text{*}}$	5400	C + A
0.1	$450 \pm 150$	$0.20 \pm 0.06$	$\sim 100^{\text{*}}$	8700	C + A
0.2	$260 \pm 70$	$0.11 \pm 0.02$	70	10400	A

\* remaining ligand found prior activation due to poor  $\text{H}_2\text{BDC-NH}_2$  solubility in water

**Table S10.** Particle size and reaction yield for the MW investigation of the system FeCl<sub>3</sub>·6H<sub>2</sub>O/H<sub>2</sub>BDC-NH<sub>2</sub> in water (V H<sub>2</sub>O = 4 mL, T= 150 °C, t= 5 min).

[Fe] (M)	Particle Size (Ø nm)	PdI	Yield (wt.%)	STY (kg·m <sup>-3</sup> ·d <sup>-1</sup> )	Result
0.02	300 ± 85	0.20 ± 0.11	~100(*)	2950	C + A
0.05	300 ± 90	0.37 ± 0.11	~100(*)	3900	A + C
0.1	325 ± 150	0.28 ± 0.03	60	4300	A
0.2	310 ± 120	0.30 ± 0.03	50	7000	A

\* remaining ligand found prior activation due to poor H<sub>2</sub>BDC-NH<sub>2</sub> solubility in water

**Table S11.** Particle size and reaction yield for the MW investigation of the system FeCl<sub>3</sub>·6H<sub>2</sub>O/H<sub>2</sub>BDC-NH<sub>2</sub>/HCl in water ([Fe] = 0.05 M, V H<sub>2</sub>O = 4 mL, T= 100 °C, t= 5 min).

HCl (µL)	Particle Size (Ø nm)	PdI	Yield (wt.%)	STY (kg·m <sup>-3</sup> ·d <sup>-1</sup> )	Result
0	240 ± 100	0.35 ± 0.06	~100(*)	8500	C + A
50	480 ± 80	0.41 ± 0.05	~100(*)	8000	C + A
100	500 ± 100	0.50 ± 0.06	~100(*)	7500	C + A
150	590 ± 140	0.41 ± 0.06	~100(*)	7300	A + C
200	320 ± 110	0.39 ± 0.07	~100(*)	6500	A

\* remaining ligand found prior activation due to poor H<sub>2</sub>BDC-NH<sub>2</sub> solubility in water

**Table S12.** Particle size and reaction yield for the MW investigation of the system FeCl<sub>3</sub>·6H<sub>2</sub>O/H<sub>2</sub>BDC-NH<sub>2</sub> in ethanol (V EtOH = 4 mL, T = 150 °C, t = 5 min).

[Fe] (M)	Particle Size (Ø nm)	PdI	Yield (wt.%)	STY (kg·m <sup>-3</sup> ·d <sup>-1</sup> )	Result
0.02	300 ± 80	0.28 ± 0.12	~100	2050	B
0.05	250 ± 140	0.29 ± 0.09	85	3100	B
0.1	250 ± 80	0.12 ± 0.03	45	3300	B
0.2	210 ± 70	0.10 ± 0.02	40	6200	B

**Table S13.** Particle size and reaction yield for the MW investigation of the system FeCl<sub>3</sub>·6H<sub>2</sub>O/H<sub>2</sub>BDC-NH<sub>2</sub> in ethanol (V EtOH = 4 mL, T = 150 °C, t= 5 min, [Fe] = 0.2 M).

Ligand:Metal	Particle Size (Ø nm)	PdI	Yield (wt.%)	STY (kg·m <sup>-3</sup> ·d <sup>-1</sup> )	Result
0.25:1	300 ± 85	0.15 ± 0.07	90	3200	B
0.5:1	290 ± 70	0.07 ± 0.05	60	4700	B
1:1	210 ± 70	0.10 ± 0.02	40	6200	B
1.5:1	270 ± 80	0.12 ± 0.06	35	5600	B

**Table S14.** Particle size and reaction yield for the MW investigation of the system FeCl<sub>3</sub>·6H<sub>2</sub>O/H<sub>2</sub>BDC-NH<sub>2</sub> in ethanol (V EtOH = 4 mL, T = 100 °C, [Fe] = 0.1 M).

Time (min)	Particle Size (Ø nm)	PdI	Yield (wt.%)	STY (kg·m <sup>-3</sup> ·d <sup>-1</sup> )	Result
5	220 ± 80	0.25 ± 0.05	95	16000	<b>B</b>
10	320 ± 80	0.34 ± 0.08	~100	10700	<b>B</b>
20	240 ± 80	0.28 ± 0.04	~100	6800	<b>C</b>
30	290 ± 70	0.20 ± 0.02	80	3500	<b>C</b>

**Table S15.** Particle size and reaction yield for the MW investigation of the system FeCl<sub>3</sub>·6H<sub>2</sub>O/H<sub>2</sub>BDC-NH<sub>2</sub> in ethanol (V EtOH = 4 mL, T = 150 °C, [Fe] = 0.1 M).

Time (min)	Particle Size (Ø nm)	PdI	Yield (wt.%)	STY (kg·m <sup>-3</sup> ·d <sup>-1</sup> )	Result
5	250 ± 80	0.12 ± 0.03	40	3300	<b>B</b>
10	250 ± 100	0.16 ± 0.08	90	2600	<b>B</b>
20	250 ± 70	0.11 ± 0.01	60	2000	<b>B</b>
30	230 ± 60	0.07 ± 0.04	50	2100	<b>B</b>

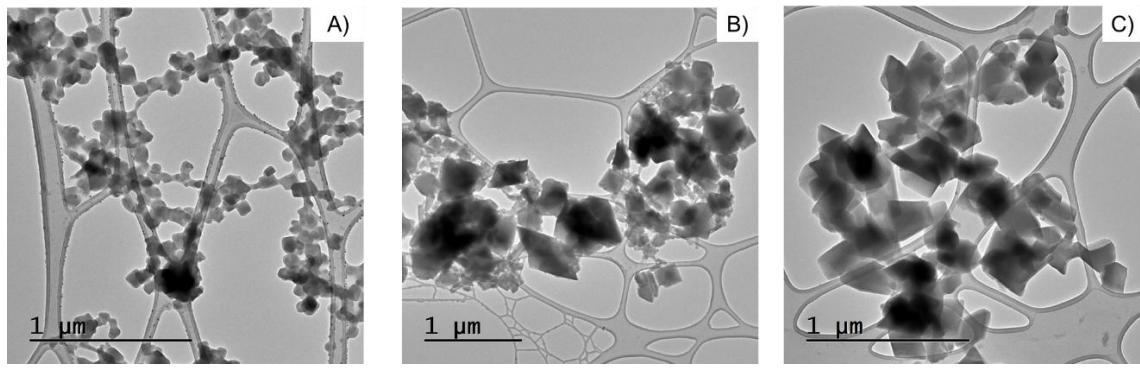
**Table S16.** Particle size and reaction yield for the MW investigation of the system FeCl<sub>3</sub>·6H<sub>2</sub>O/H<sub>2</sub>BDC-NH<sub>2</sub> in DMF (V DMF = 4 mL, T = 150 °C, ligand:metal = 1:1).

[Fe] (M)	Time (min)	Particle Size (Ø nm)	PdI	Yield (wt.%)	STY (kg·m <sup>-3</sup> ·d <sup>-1</sup> )	Result
0.02	5	-	-	-	-	X
	30	300 ± 80	0.12 ± 0.09	70	600	<b>C</b>
0.05	5	250 ± 60	0.14 ± 0.09	40	1500	<b>C + B</b>
	30	270 ± 80	0.26 ± 0.09	70	400	<b>C + B</b>
0.1	5	270 ± 70	0.08 ± 0.01	50	3500	<b>B + C</b>
	30	490 ± 150	0.20 ± 0.02	70	2300	<b>B + C</b>
0.2	5	230 ± 80	0.2 ± 0.01	20	6000	<b>C + A</b>
	30			45	3800	<b>A + C</b>

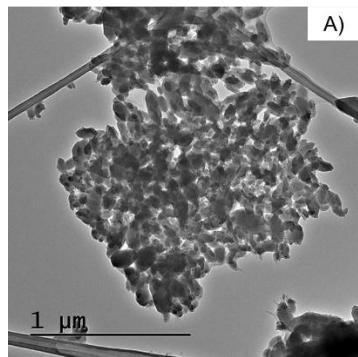
**Table S17.** Particle size and reaction yield for the MW investigation of the system FeCl<sub>3</sub>·6H<sub>2</sub>O/H<sub>2</sub>BDC-NH<sub>2</sub>/HCl in DMF (V DMF = 4 mL, T = 150 °C, t = 30 min, [Fe] = 0.05).

Ligand:Metal	HCl (µL)	Particle Size (Ø nm)	PdI	Yield (wt.%)	STY (kg·m <sup>-3</sup> ·d <sup>-1</sup> )	Result
1:1	0	270 ± 80	0.26 ± 0.09	70	400	<b>C + B</b>
	100	293 ± 100	0.34 ± 0.06	90	500	<b>B</b>
1.5:1	0	500 ± 150	0.18 ± 0.02	70	450	<b>C + B</b>
	100	600 ± 130	0.20 ± 0.09	~100	600	<b>B</b>

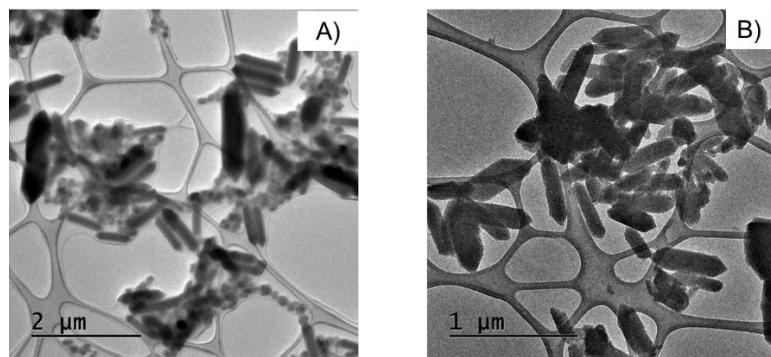
#### 4. TEM



**Figure S11.** TEM micrographs for PXRD for the MW investigation of the system  $\text{FeCl}_3 \cdot 6\text{H}_2\text{O}/\text{H}_2\text{BDC-NH}_2/\text{HCl}$  in water ( $V \text{ H}_2\text{O} = 4 \text{ mL}$ ,  $t = 5 \text{ min}$ ) after activation with EtOH: (A)  $T = 100^\circ\text{C}$ ,  $\text{HCl } 0.1 \text{ M} = 0 \mu\text{L}$ ; (B)  $T = 100^\circ\text{C}$ ,  $\text{HCl } 0.1 \text{ M} = 100 \mu\text{L}$ ; (C)  $T = 150^\circ\text{C}$ ,  $\text{HCl } 0.1 \text{ M} = 0 \mu\text{L}$ .



**Figure S12.** TEM micrographs for PXRD for the MW investigation of the system  $\text{FeCl}_3 \cdot 6\text{H}_2\text{O}/\text{H}_2\text{BDC-NH}_2$  in ethanol ( $V \text{ EtOH} = 4 \text{ mL}$ ,  $t = 5 \text{ min}$   $T = 100^\circ\text{C}$ ,  $[\text{Fe}] = 0.1 \text{ M}$ ) after activation with EtOH scale bar =  $1 \mu\text{m}$ .



**Figure S13.** TEM micrographs for PXRD for the MW investigation of the system  $\text{FeCl}_3 \cdot 6\text{H}_2\text{O}/\text{H}_2\text{BDC-NH}_2/\text{HCl}$  in DMF ( $V \text{ DMF} = 4 \text{ mL}$ ,  $t = 30 \text{ min}$ ,  $T = 100^\circ\text{C}$ , ligand:metal = 1:1) after activation with EtOH: (A)  $\text{HCl } 0.1 \text{ M} = 0 \mu\text{L}$  (scale bar =  $2 \mu\text{m}$ ); (B)  $\text{HCl } 0.1 \text{ M} = 100 \mu\text{L}$  (scale bar =  $1 \mu\text{m}$ ).