

*Supplementary Material*

## Pillar-Layered Metal-Organic Frameworks for Sensing Specific Amino Acid and Photocatalyzing Rhodamine B Degradation

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### Materials and Methods

The reagents involved in the experiments were purchased commercially, DPA and H<sub>3</sub>NTB were prepared according to the previous literatures [1,2]. Powder X-ray diffraction (PXRD) data were obtained on a Bruker D8 X-ray diffractometer with Cu K $\alpha$  radiation ( $\lambda = 1.5418 \text{ \AA}$ ). Element analysis (EA) data were acquired on the Elementar Vario MICRO cube elemental analyzer. FT-IR-ATR spectra were recorded on a Bruker Vector 22 FT-IR spectrometer in 4000–400 cm<sup>-1</sup>. Thermogravimetric analyses (TGA) were performed on a Mettler-Toledo (TGA/DSC1) thermal analyzer under a nitrogen atmosphere with a heating rate of 10 °C/min. Fluorescence spectra (PL) were measured on a PerkinElmer LS-55 fluorescence spectrophotometer. Time-resolved fluorescence decay spectra were performed on a HORIBA Jobin Yvon FL-3 spectrometer. UV-vis spectra were captured on a Shimadzu UV-3600 spectrophotometer. The Mott-Schottky experiment was carried out on a Zahner electrochemical workstation in a standard three-electrode system, containing the sample coated glassy carbon as working electrode, a Pt wire as the counter electrode and a saturated calomel electrode as the reference electrode.

**Table S1.** Selected bond lengths ( $\text{\AA}$ ) and angles ( $^\circ$ ) for **1** and **2**.

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Cd3-O3#1	2.289(4)	O24-Cd2-O26	94.99(16)
Cd3-O4#1	2.457(4)	O24-Cd2-O15	86.49(19)
Cd3-O27	2.248(4)	O15-Cd2-O3#1	166.99(16)
Cd3-O13#2	2.340(4)	O15-Cd2-O17	98.85(16)
Cd3-O14#2	2.331(4)	O15-Cd2-O26	88.90(16)
Cd3-N2	2.276(5)	O20#3-Cd6-N7	140.45(16)
Cd2-O3#1	2.337(4)	O20#3-Cd6-O8	103.24(15)
Cd2-O17	2.367(4)	O20#3-Cd6-O7	103.86(17)
Cd2-O18	2.204(4)	O20#3-Cd6-O21#3	54.80(15)
Cd2-O26	2.262(4)	N7-Cd6-O8	113.58(16)
Cd2-O24	2.229(4)	N7-Cd6-O7	87.15(18)
Cd2-O15	2.260(4)	N7-Cd6-O21#3	86.94(16)
Cd6-O20#3	2.268(4)	O8-Cd6-O21#3	139.05(16)
Cd6-N7	2.289(5)	O7-Cd6-O8	54.20(15)
Cd6-O8	2.420(4)	O7-Cd6-O21#3	94.51(17)
Cd6-O7	2.359(4)	O2-Cd6-O20#3	101.30(16)
Cd6-O2	2.242(4)	O2-Cd6-N7	88.80(17)
Cd6-O21#3	2.467(4)	O2-Cd6-O8	96.45(16)
Cd5-O10	2.395(4)	O2-Cd6-O7	144.93(17)
Cd5-O1	2.254(4)	O2-Cd6-O21#3	120.04(18)
Cd5-O11	2.186(4)	O1-Cd5-O10	79.98(14)
Cd5-O8	2.331(4)	O1-Cd5-O8	79.81(16)
Cd5-O22#4	2.255(4)	O1-Cd5-O22#4	91.79(17)
Cd5-O9	2.265(5)	O1-Cd5-O9	97.3(2)
Cd1-O17	2.344(4)	O11-Cd5-O10	86.33(16)
Cd1-O29#2	2.329(4)	O11-Cd5-O1	166.28(16)
Cd1-O16	2.200(4)	O11-Cd5-O8	99.02(16)
Cd1-O19	2.240(4)	O11-Cd5-O22#4	91.63(18)
Cd1-O28#2	2.407(4)	O11-Cd5-O9	96.3(2)
Cd1-N4#5	2.334(6)	O8-Cd5-O10	88.94(14)
Cd4-O10	2.357(4)	O22#4-Cd5-O10	100.07(16)

Cd4-O23#4	2.245(4)	O22#4-Cd5-O8	166.50(18)
Cd4-O5#6	2.306(4)	O22#4-Cd5-O9	84.9(2)
Cd4-O12	2.187(4)	O9-Cd5-O10	174.3(3)
Cd4-O6#6	2.393(5)	O9-Cd5-O8	85.7(2)
Cd4-N9#5	2.339(6)	O17-Cd1-O28#2	91.62(16)
O3#1-Cd3-O4#1	54.56(13)	O29#2-Cd1-O17	96.17(15)
O3#1-Cd3-O13#2	104.97(15)	O29#2-Cd1-O28#2	55.11(15)
O3#1-Cd3-O14#2	132.24(16)	O29#2-Cd1-N4#5	82.15(19)
O27-Cd3-O3#1	94.52(14)	O16-Cd1-O17	94.83(16)
O27-Cd3-O4#1	139.81(14)	O16-Cd1-O29#2	143.41(16)
O27-Cd3-O13#2	98.10(15)	O16-Cd1-O19	119.63(17)
O27-Cd3-O14#2	128.83(17)	O16-Cd1-O28#2	89.84(16)
O27-Cd3-N2	86.29(17)	O16-Cd1-N4#5	87.22(18)
O13#2-Cd3-O4#1	113.30(16)	O19-Cd1-O17	85.01(16)
O14#2-Cd3-O4#1	90.44(16)	O19-Cd1-O29#2	96.05(16)
O14#2-Cd3-O13#2	56.10(15)	O19-Cd1-O28#2	150.50(16)
N2-Cd3-O3#1	115.27(16)	O19-Cd1-N4#5	94.0(2)
N2-Cd3-O4#1	85.76(16)	N4#5-Cd1-O17	177.95(16)
N2-Cd3-O13#2	139.08(16)	N4#5-Cd1-O28#2	88.4(2)
N2-Cd3-O14#2	89.67(17)	O10-Cd4-O6#6	102.35(17)
O3#1-Cd2-O17	87.41(14)	O23#4-Cd4-O10	97.70(16)
O18-Cd2-O3#1	100.15(15)	O23#4-Cd4-O5#6	88.45(17)
O18-Cd2-O17	85.40(16)	O23#4-Cd4-O6#6	139.34(17)
O18-Cd2-O26	168.83(16)	O23#4-Cd4-N9#5	85.04(19)
O18-Cd2-O24	96.18(18)	O5#6-Cd4-O10	94.54(16)
O18-Cd2-O15	91.76(18)	O5#6-Cd4-O6#6	55.22(15)
O26-Cd2-O3#1	80.45(14)	O5#6-Cd4-N9#5	97.52(19)
O26-Cd2-O17	83.48(14)	O12-Cd4-O10	82.35(16)
O24-Cd2-O3#1	87.02(17)	O12-Cd4-O23#4	118.56(18)
O24-Cd2-O17	174.40(17)	O12-Cd4-O5#6	152.99(17)
O12-Cd4-N9#5	85.81(18)	O12-Cd4-O6#6	99.05(16)
N9#5-Cd4-O10	167.70(17)	N9#5-Cd4-O6#6	82.8(2)

Symmetry transformations used to generate equivalent atoms: #1 -1+X, +Y,

+Z; #2 +X,1/2-Y,-1/2+Z; #3 1+X,1/2-Y,1/2+Z; #4 1+X,+Y, +Z; #5 +X,-1+Y,+Z;  
#6 +X,1/2-Y,1/2+Z; #7 -1+X,1/2-Y,-1/2+Z; #8 +X,1+Y,+Z.

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Cu(2)-Cu(1)	2.8159(13)	Cu(2)-O(7)	2.068(6)
Cu(1)-O(6)	1.994(6)	Cu(2)-O(9)#1	2.026(6)
Cu(1)-O(10)#1	2.042(6)	Cu(2)-O(5)#2	2.068(6)
Cu(1)-O(4)#2	2.038(6)	Cu(2)-O(2)	2.042(7)
Cu(1)-O(1)	2.004(6)	Cu(2)-N (3)	2.166(8)
O(6)-Cu(1)-Cu(2)	84.22(16)	O(1)-Cu(1)-N(1)	95.6(3)
O(6)-Cu(1)-O(10)#2	89.5(3)	N(1)-Cu(1)-Cu(2)	175.1(2)
O(6)-Cu(1)-O(4)#1	88.1(3)	O(7)-Cu(2)-Cu(1)	78.87(17)
O(6)-Cu(1)-O(1)	164.6(2)	O(7)-Cu(2)-O(5)#1	87.6(3)
O(6)-Cu(1)-N(1)	99.8(3)	O(7)-Cu(2)-N(3)	96.0(3)
O(10)#2-Cu(1)-Cu(2)	83.37(16)	O(9)#2-Cu(2)-Cu(1)	80.65(15)
O(10)#2-Cu(1)-N(1)	93.7(3)	O(9)#2-Cu(2)-O(7)	89.5(3)
O(4)#1-Cu(1)-Cu(2)	80.11(17)	O(9)#2-Cu(2)-O(5)#1	164.4(2)
O(4)#1-Cu(1)-O(10)#2	163.5(2)	O(9)#2-Cu(2)-O(2)	88.0(3)
O(4)#1-Cu(1)-N (1)	102.8(3)	O(9)#2-Cu(2)-N(3)	100.5(3)
O(1)-Cu(1)-Cu(2)	80.39(16)	O(5)#1-Cu(2)-Cu(1)	83.72(17)
O(1)-Cu(1)-O(10)#2	88.5(3)	O(5)#1-Cu(2)-N(3)	95.0(3)
O(1)-Cu(1)-O(4)#1	89.5(3)	N(3)-Cu(2)-Cu(1)	174.7(2)
Symmetry transformations used to generate equivalent atoms: #1 3/2-X,1/2-Y, -1/2+Z; #2 3/2-X,3/2-Y,1/2+Z			

**Table S2.** Standard deviation and detection limit calculation of **1** for Glu and Asp in aqueous suspension.

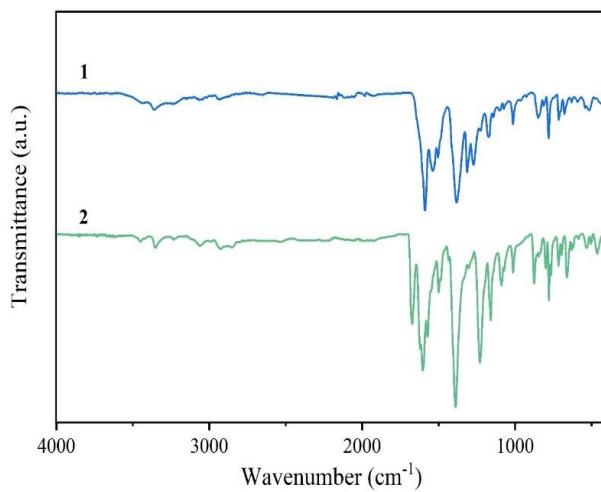
	Glu	Asp
1	788.5851	839.4675
2	788.4088	839.6109
3	788.7129	838.8484
Standard deviation ( $\sigma$ )	0.1247	0.3309
$K_{sv}$	$8.43 \times 10^3 \text{ M}^{-1}$	$9.74 \times 10^3 \text{ M}^{-1}$
Detection limit ( $3\sigma / K_{sv}$ )	$4.44 \times 10^{-5} \text{ M}$	$1.02 \times 10^{-4} \text{ M}$

**Table S3.** Fluorescence lifetime of MOF **1** before and after addition of Glu and Asp.

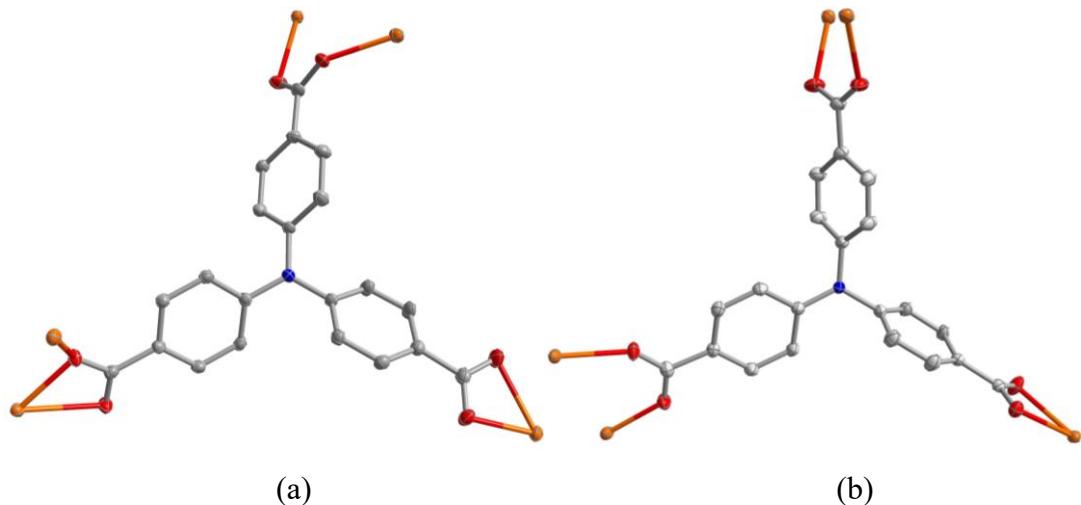
AAs	MOF <b>1</b>		MOF <b>1</b> + AA	
	Lifetime (ns)	R <sup>2</sup>	Lifetime (ns)	R <sup>2</sup>
Glu	20.4	0.99911	26.7	0.99911
Asp	19.6	0.99943	27.2	0.99925

**Table S4.** H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>-assisted photocatalytic degradation of aqueous RhB by MOF **2** and reported MOFs under visible light.

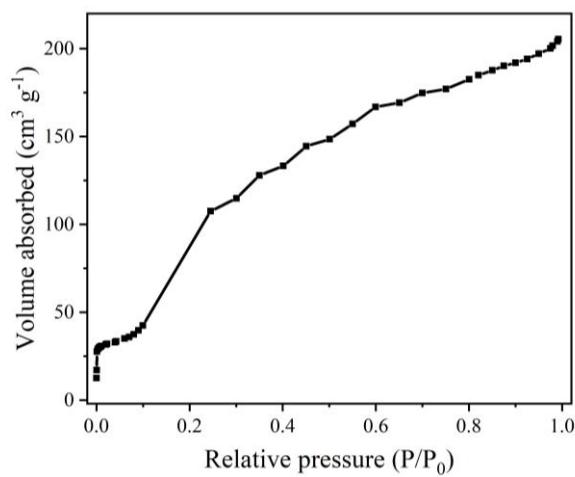
MOFs	Efficiency (%)	T (min)	k (min <sup>-1</sup> )	Ref.
[Cu <sub>2</sub> (DPA)(OBA) <sub>2</sub> ] ( <b>2</b> )	99	120	0.0375	This work
Co <sub>3</sub> (BPT) <sub>2</sub> (bpp)	90	120	0.0192	[3]
CoFe-MOF	97	100	0.02257	[4]
Zn <sub>3</sub> (BTC) <sub>2</sub> (H <sub>2</sub> O) <sub>3</sub>	85	85	0.0095	[5]
NNU-36	96	70	0.0468	[6]



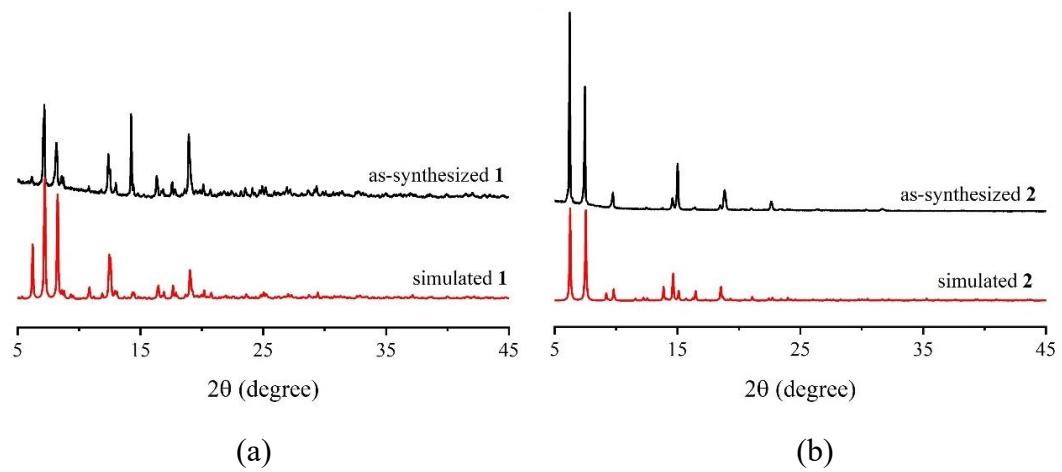
**Figure S1.** FTIR-ATR spectra of **1** and **2**.



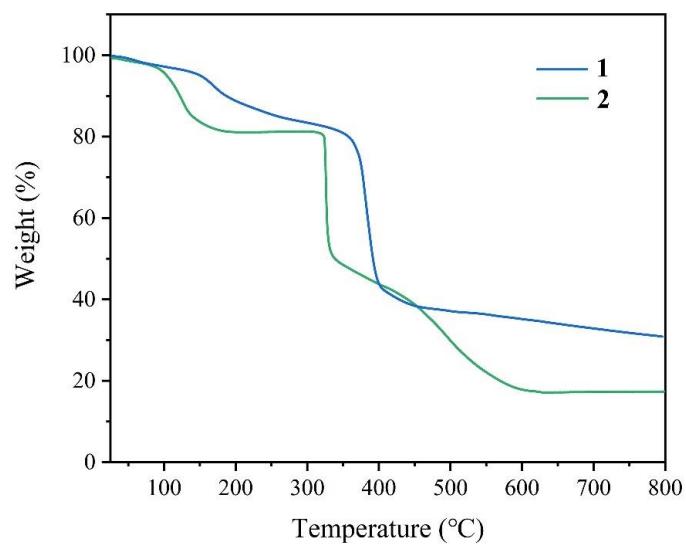
**Figure S2.** Coordination modes of  $\text{NTB}^{3-}$  in **1**.



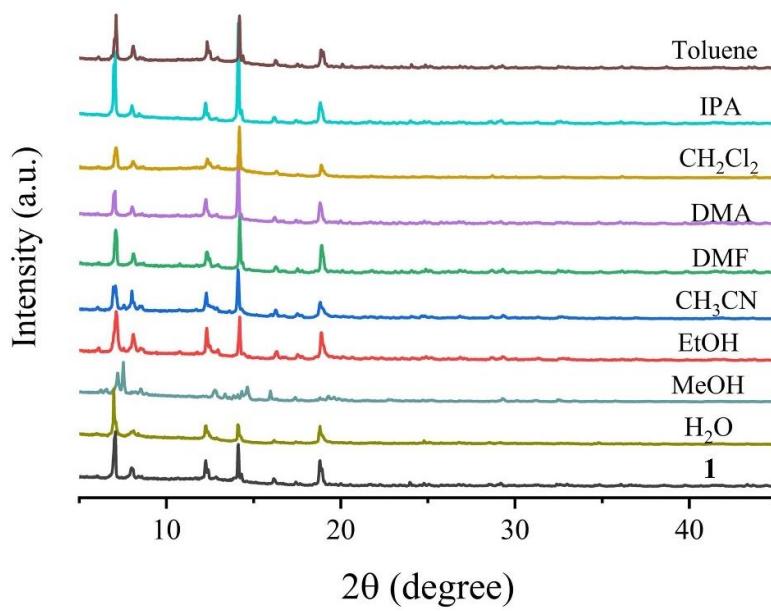
**Figure S3.** The  $\text{N}_2$  adsorption isotherm of MOF **2** at 77 K.



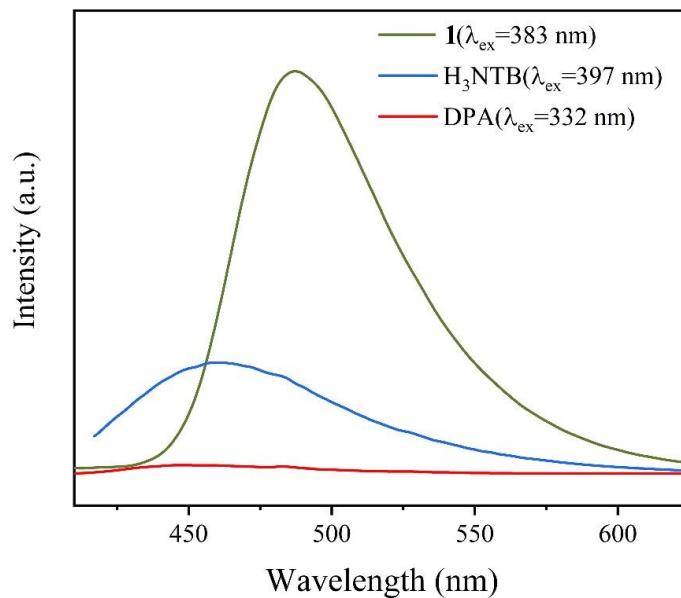
**Figure S4.** PXRD patterns of **1** and **2**.



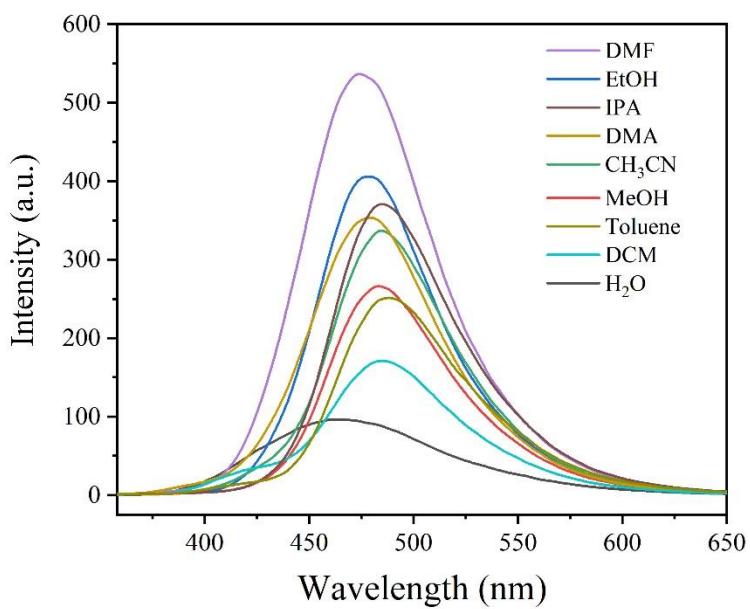
**Figure S5.** TG curves of **1** and **2**.



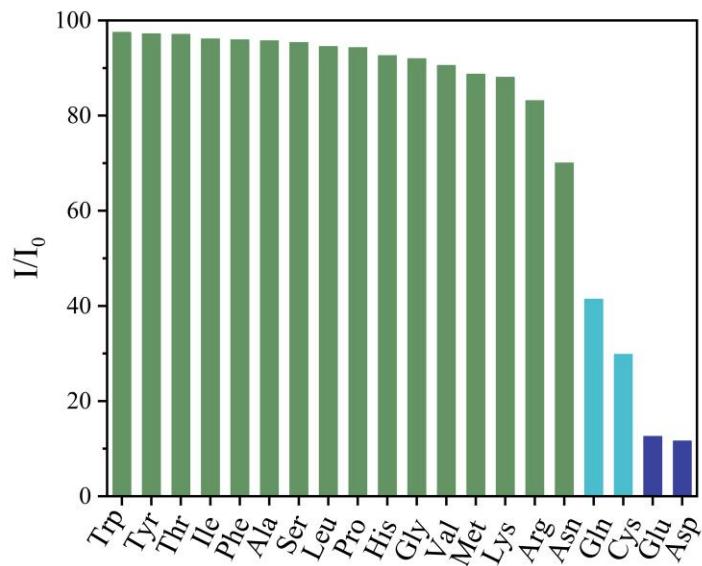
**Figure S6.** PXRD of **1** after immersing in different solvent.



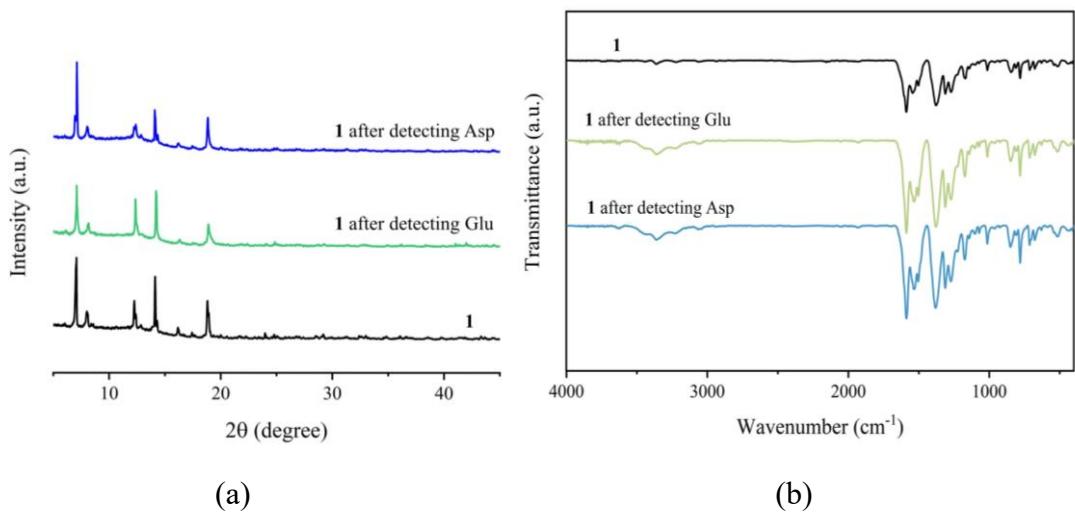
**Figure S7.** Fluorescence spectra of MOF **1** and its ligands  $\text{H}_3\text{NTB}$  and DPA in the solid state.



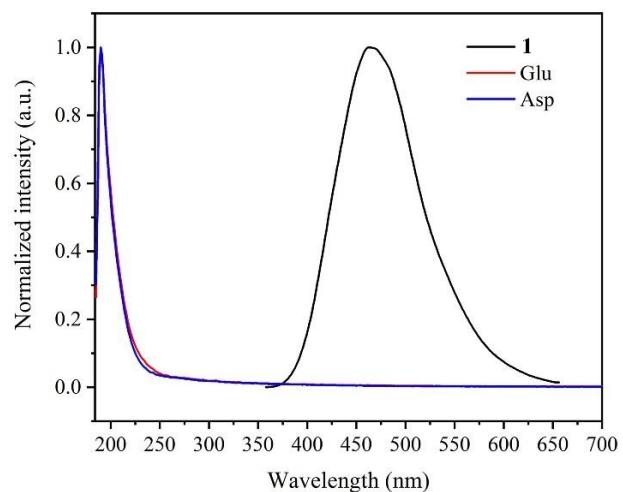
**Figure S8.** PL spectra of **1** after immersing in varied solvent.



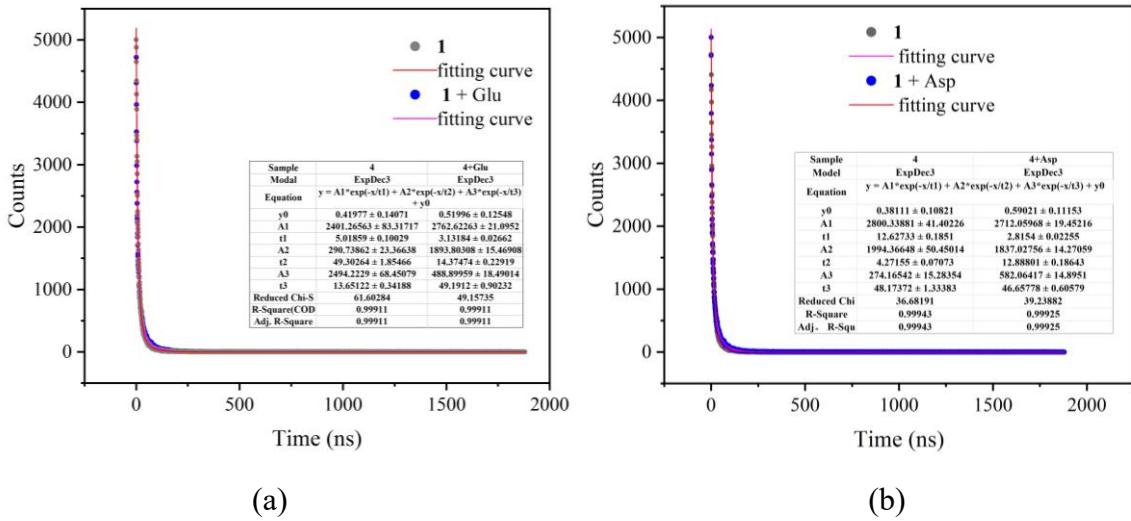
**Figure S9.** Fluorescence quenching effect of **1** by adding amino acid aqueous solution (300  $\mu$ L, 2.5 mM,  $\lambda_{\text{ex}} = 338$  nm).



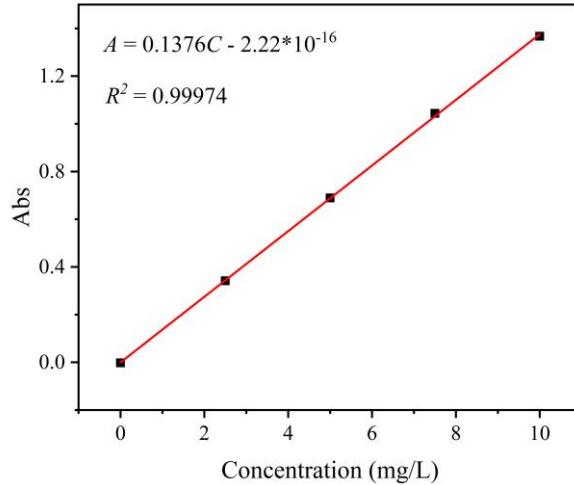
**Figure S10.** PXRD (a) and FTIR-ATR (b) spectra of MOF **1** before and after detecting Glu and Asp.



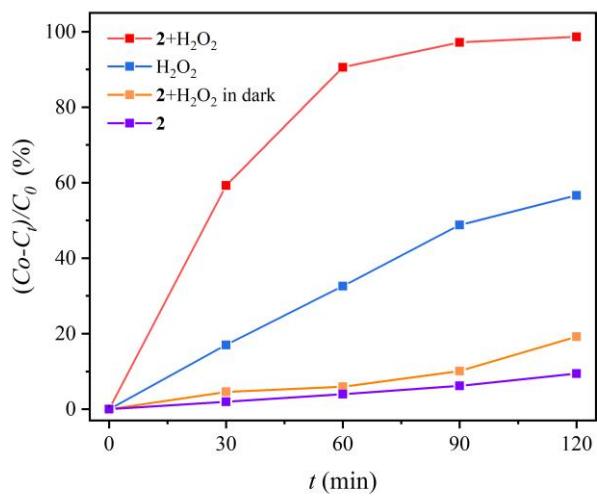
**Figure S11.** Fluorescence emission spectra of **1** and UV absorption spectra of Glu and Asp in water.



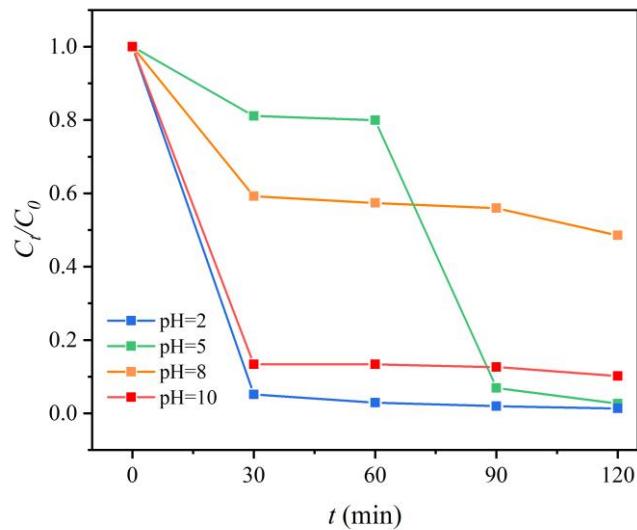
**Figure S12.** Fluorescence lifetime of **1** before and after detecting Glu (a) and Asp (b) in water.



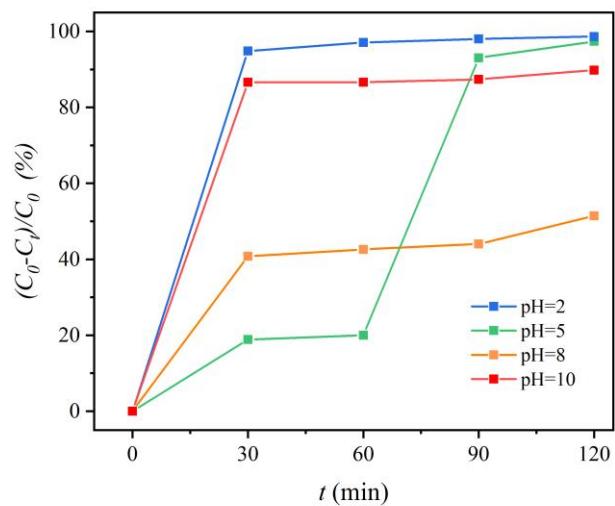
**Figure S13.** The standard curve of MOF **2** for the UV absorption versus concentration of RhB.



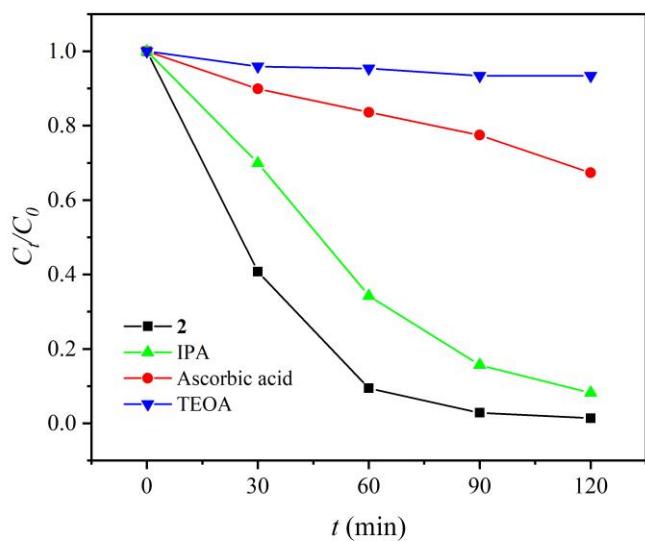
**Figure S14.** The degradation efficiency of RhB by **2** at varied reaction time.



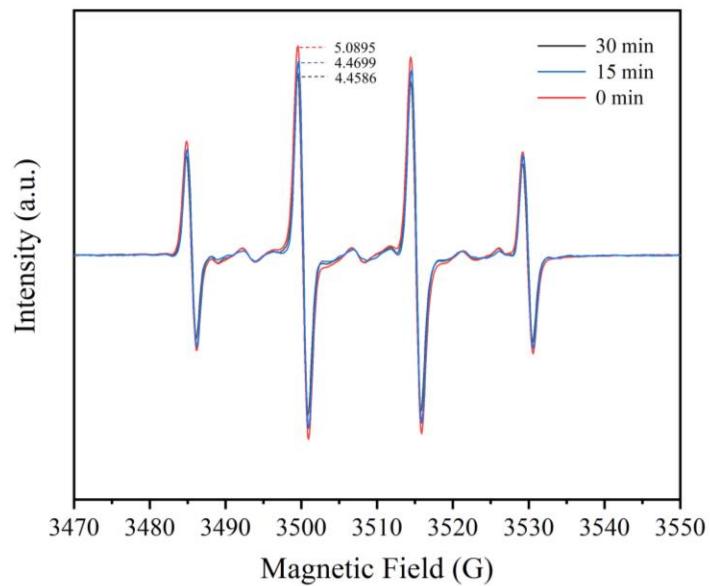
**Figure S15.** The concentration of RhB in the degradation process at acidic (pH = 2 and 5) and basic (pH = 8 and 10) conditions.



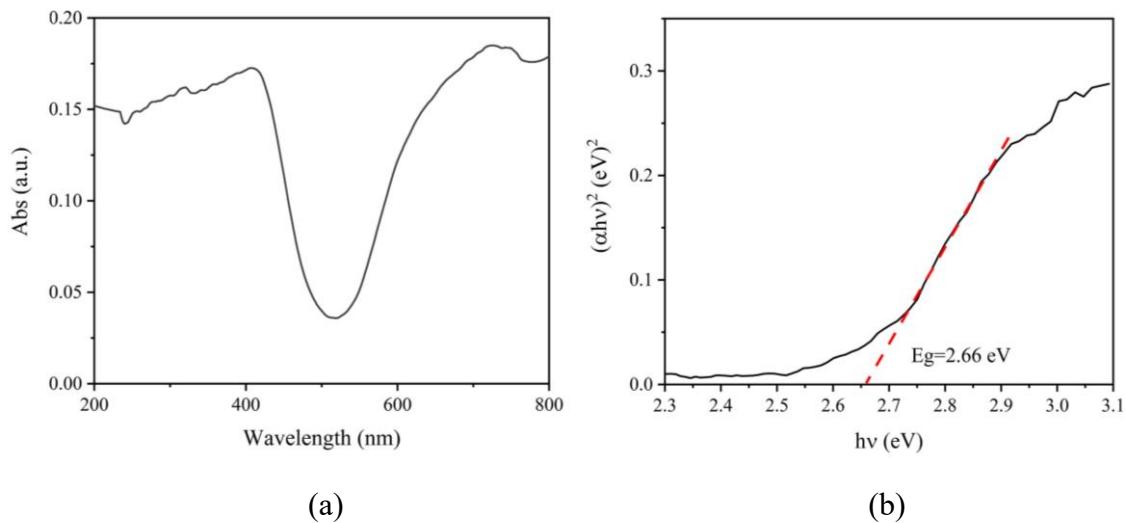
**Figure S16.** The degradation efficiency of RhB by **2** at acidic (pH = 2 and 5) and basic (pH = 8 and 10) conditions.



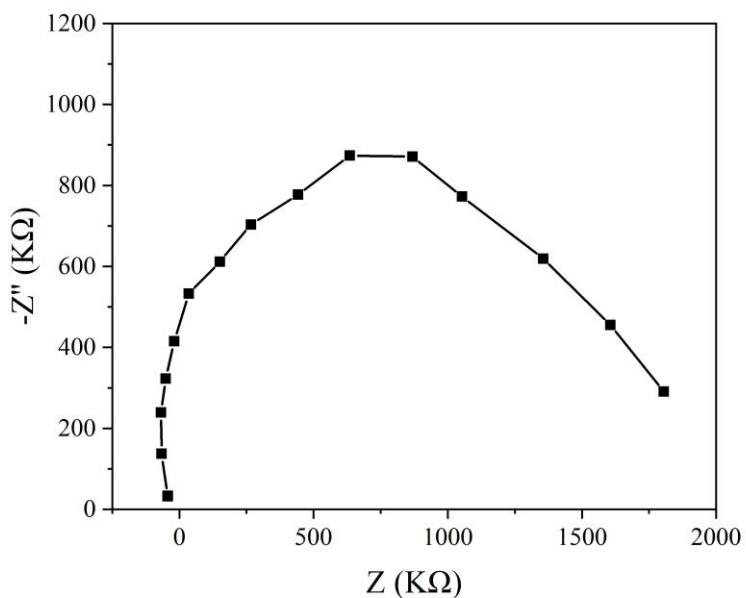
**Figure S17.** The concentration of RhB at varied photodegradation time with different radical trapping agents.



**Figure S18.** The EPR spectra of photodegradation of RhB by MOF 2 at different reaction time using DMPO as spin-trapping agent.



**Figure S19.** UV-vis diffuse reflectance spectrum (a) and Tauc plot (b) of MOF **2**.



**Figure S20.** EIS Nyquist plot of MOF **2**.

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