## **Supporting Information for:**

## Selective and Sensitive Sensing of Hydrogen Peroxide by a Boronic Acid Functionalized Metal-Organic Framework and its Application in Live-Cell Imaging

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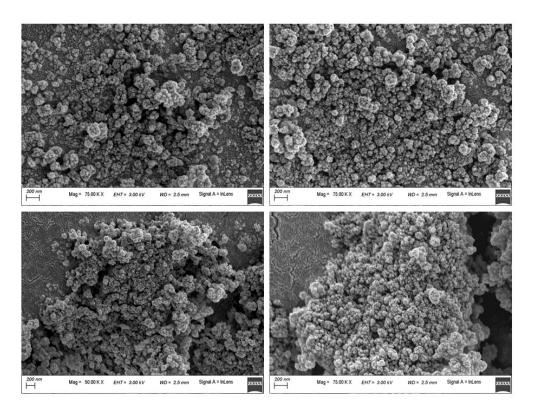
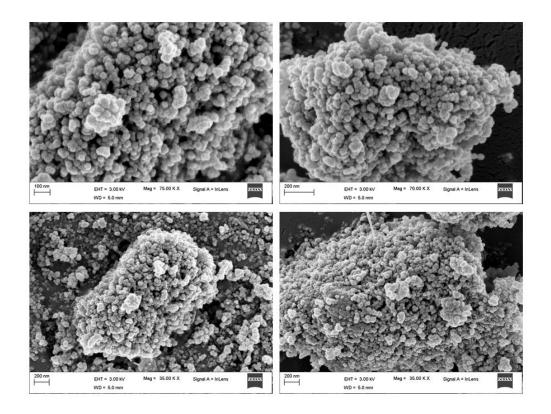


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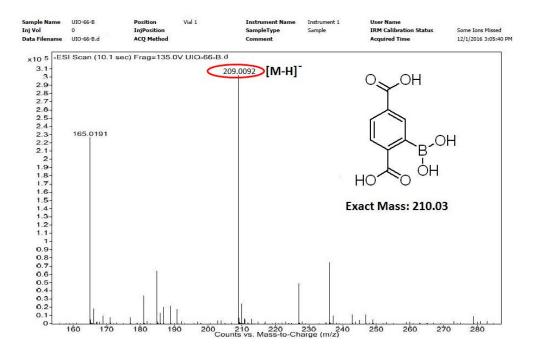


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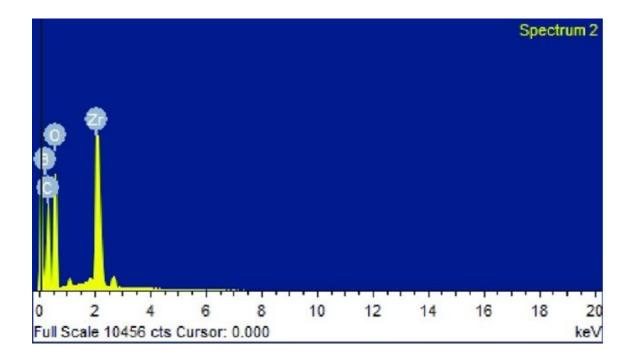


Figure S4. EDX spectrum of 1'.

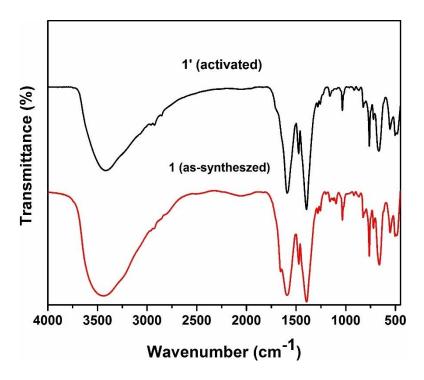
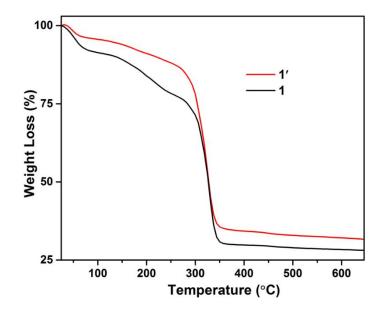
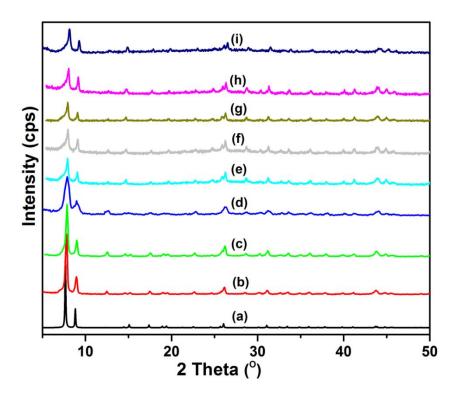


Figure S5. FT-IR spectra of as-synthesized 1 (red) and activated 1' (black).



**Figure S6.** TG curve of as-synthesized (red) and activated (black) of 1' measured under air atmosphere with a heating rate of 5  $^{\circ}$ C min<sup>-1</sup>.



**Figure S7.** XRPD patterns of 1' in different forms: calculated (a); as-synthesized (b); activated (c); after BET measurement (d); after treatment with water (e); after H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> sensing experiment (in 10 mm HEPES buffer at pH = 7.4) (f); after treatment with 1(M) HCl (g); after treatment with acetic acid (h); after treatment with NaOH at pH = 10 (i).

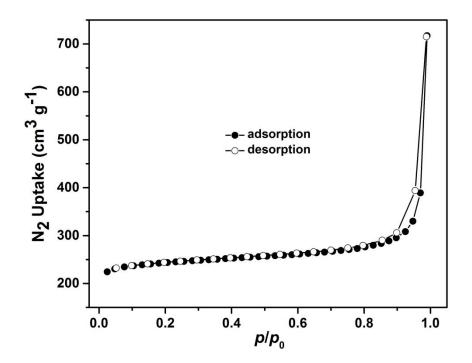


Figure S8.  $N_2$  adsorption (filled circles) and desorption (empty circles) isotherms of 1' measured at -196 °C.

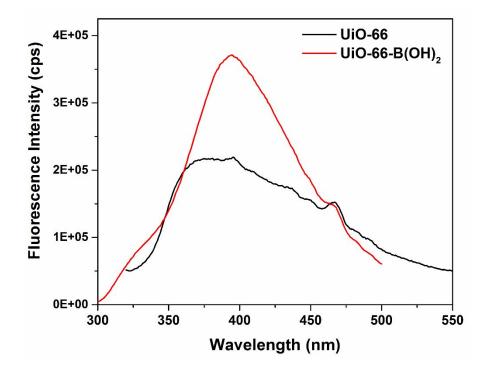


Figure S9. Fluorescence emission spectra of UiO-66 and UiO-66-B(OH)<sub>2</sub> compounds.

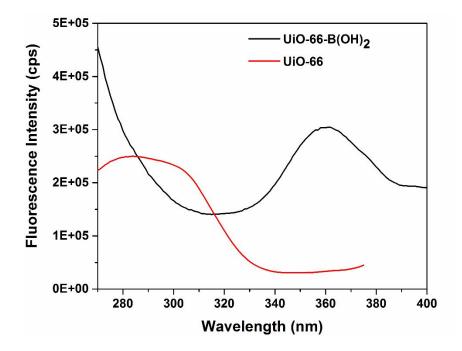
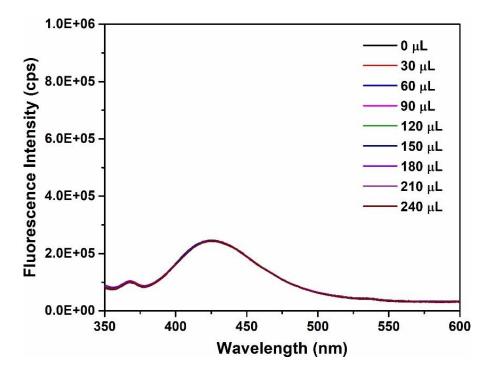
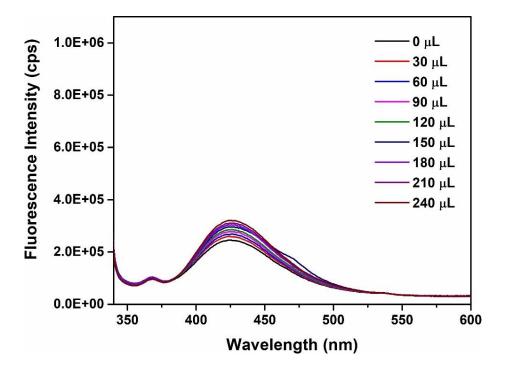


Figure S10. Fluorescence excitation spectra of UiO-66 and UiO-66-B(OH)<sub>2</sub> compounds.



**Figure S11.** Fluorescence response of 1' towards 10 mM NaOCl ( $\lambda_{ex} = 328$  nm and  $\lambda_{em} = 426$  nm).



**Figure S12.** Fluorescence response of 1' towards 10 mM  $O_2^{-}$  ( $\lambda_{ex} = 328$  nm and  $\lambda_{em} = 426$  nm).

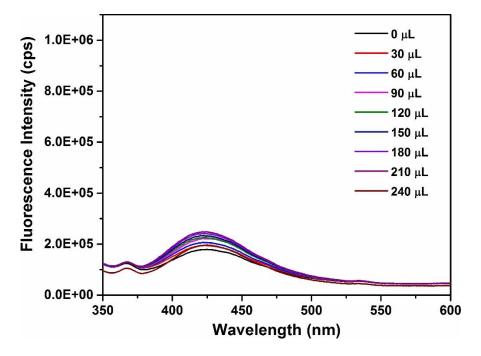


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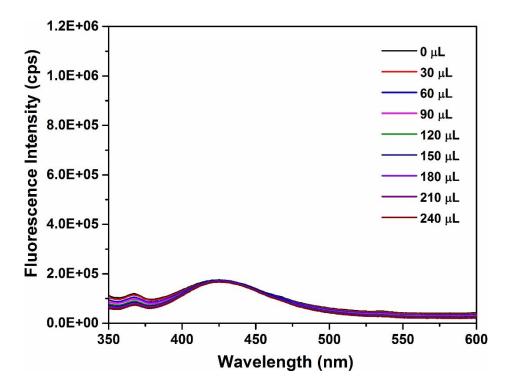
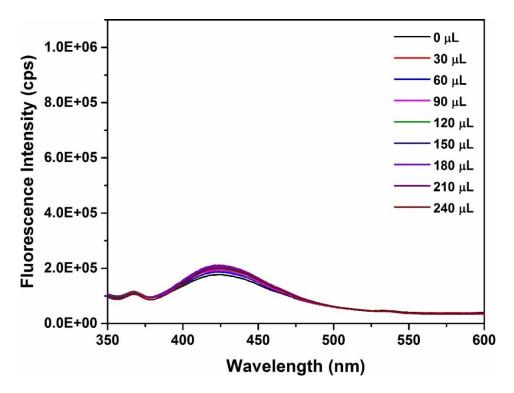


Figure S14. Fluorescence response of 1' towards 10 mM HO<sup>•</sup> ( $\lambda_{ex} = 328$  nm and  $\lambda_{em} = 426$  nm).



**Figure S15.** Fluorescence response of 1' towards 10 mM TBHP ( $\lambda_{ex} = 328$  nm and  $\lambda_{em} = 426$  nm).

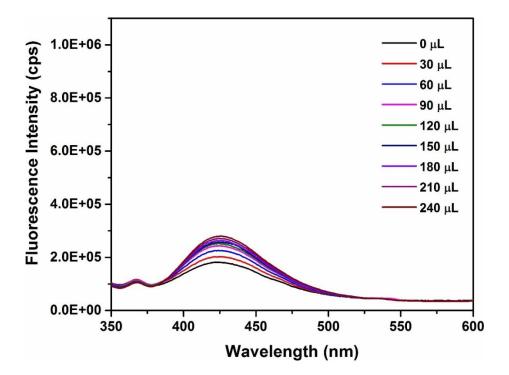
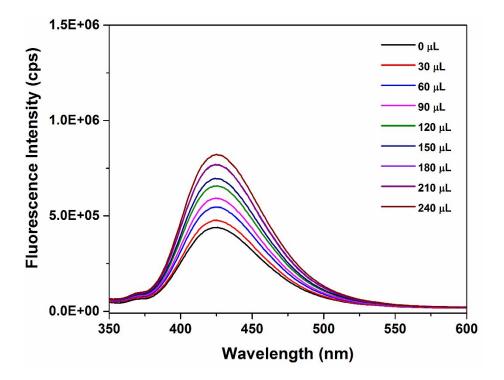
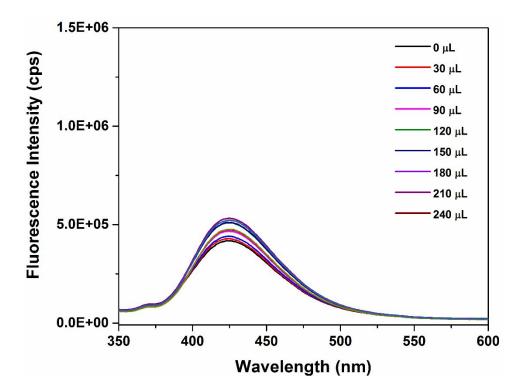


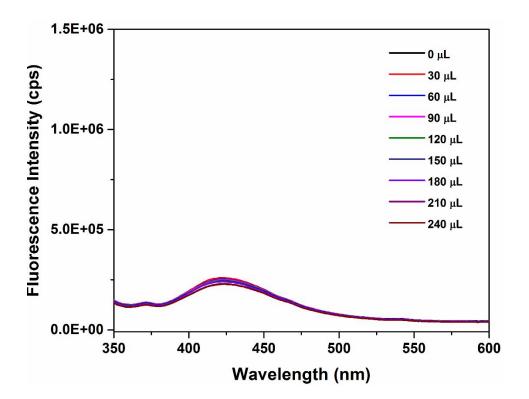
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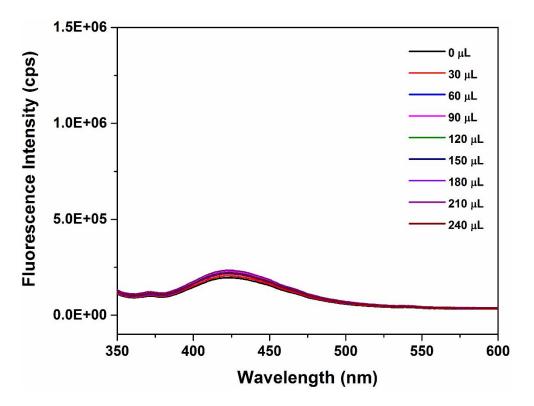
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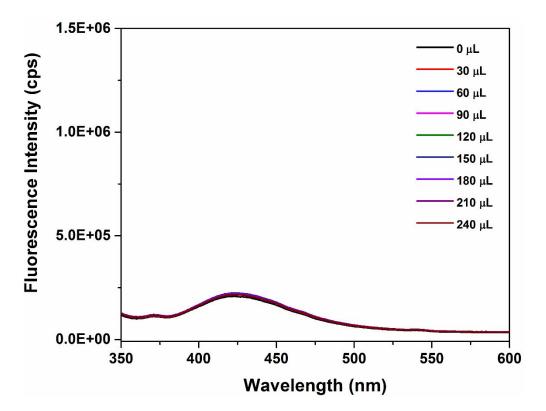
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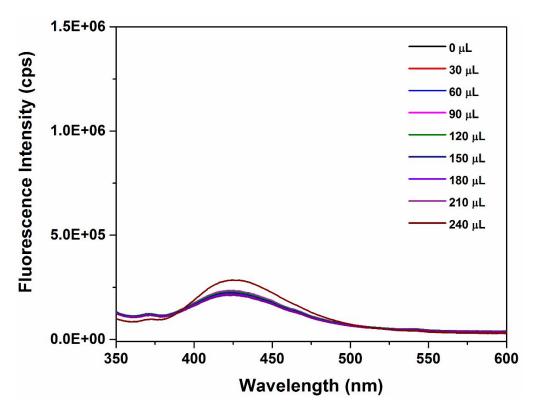
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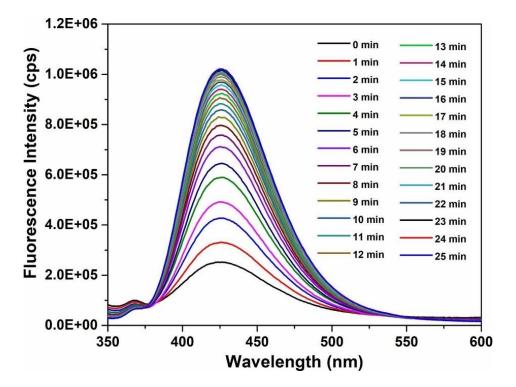
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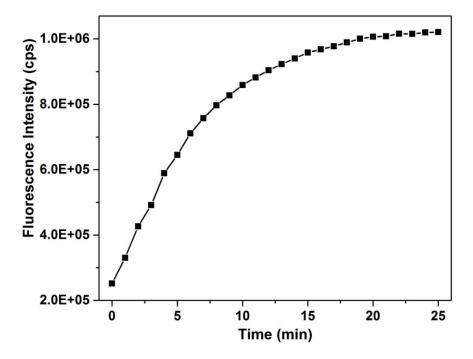
**Figure S21.** Fluorescence response of 1' towards 10 mM mannose ( $\lambda_{ex} = 328$  nm and  $\lambda_{em} = 426$  nm).



**Figure S22.** Fluorescence response of 1' towards 10 mM xylose ( $\lambda_{ex} = 328$  nm and  $\lambda_{em} = 426$  nm).



**Figure S23.** Change in the fluorescence spectrum of 1' in presence of 10 mM H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> as a function of time ( $\lambda_{ex} = 328$  nm and  $\lambda_{em} = 426$  nm).



**Figure S24.** Change in the fluorescence intensity of 1' in presence of 10 mM  $H_2O_2$  as a function of time ( $\lambda_{ex} = 328$  nm and  $\lambda_{em} = 426$  nm).

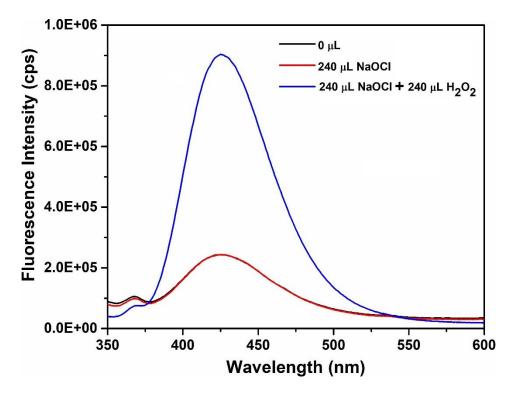
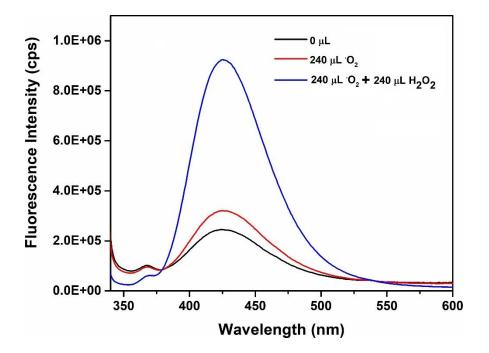
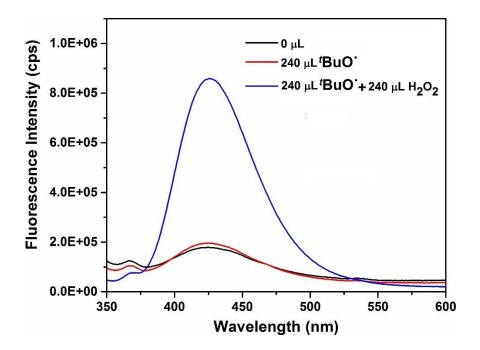


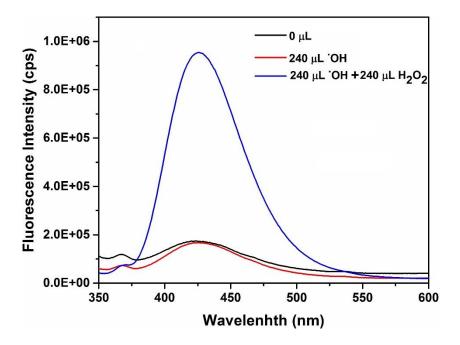
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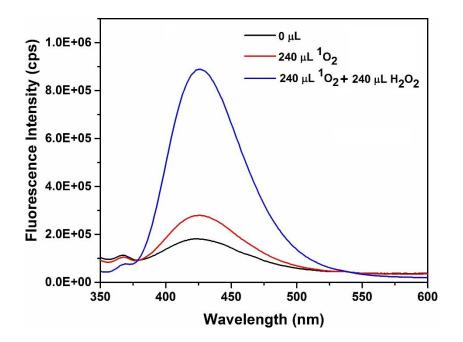
**Figure S26.** Fluorescence response of 1' towards 10 mM H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> in presence of 10 mM O<sub>2</sub><sup>-</sup> ( $\lambda_{ex} = 328$  nm and  $\lambda_{em} = 426$  nm).



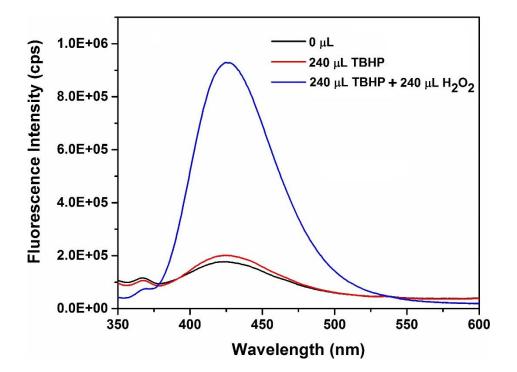
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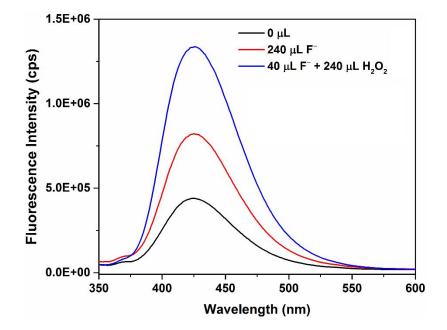
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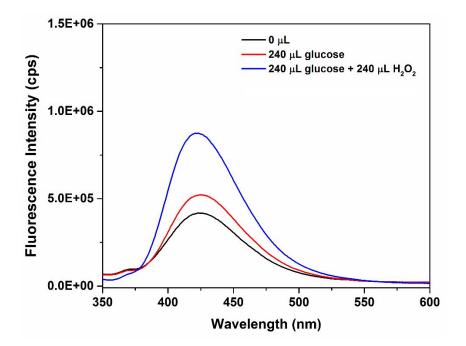
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**Figure S30.** Fluorescence response of 1' towards 10 mM H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> in presence of 10 mM TBHP ( $\lambda_{ex}$  = 328 nm and  $\lambda_{em}$  = 426 nm).



**Figure S31.** Fluorescence response of 1' towards 10 mM  $H_2O_2$  in presence of 10 mM  $F^-$  ( $\lambda_{ex} = 328$  nm and  $\lambda_{em} = 426$  nm).



**Figure S32.** Fluorescence response of 1' towards 10 mM  $H_2O_2$  in presence of 10 mM glucose ( $\lambda_{ex}$  = 328 nm and  $\lambda_{em}$  = 426 nm).

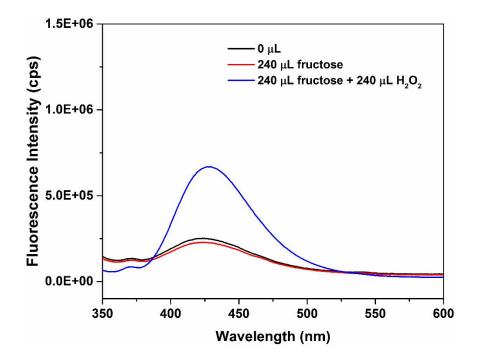
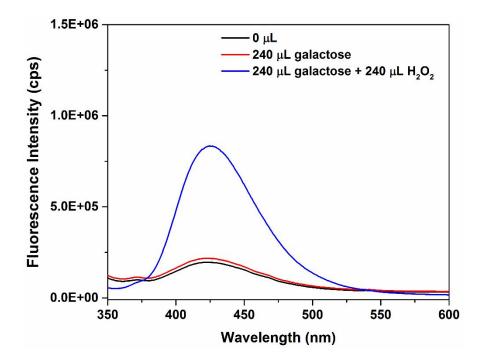
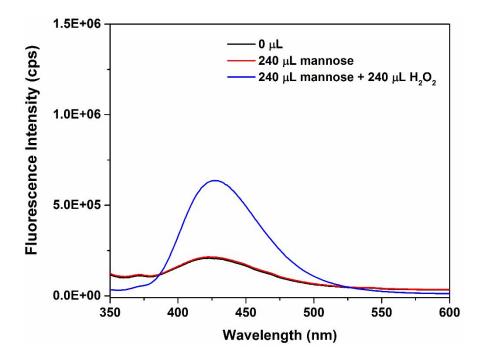


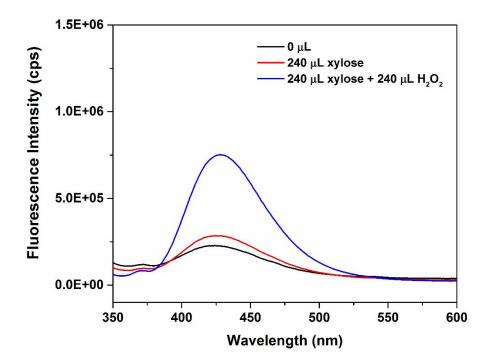
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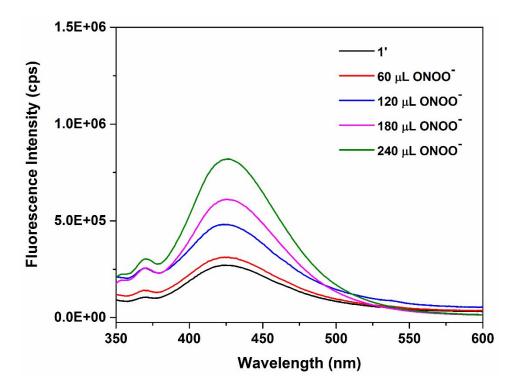
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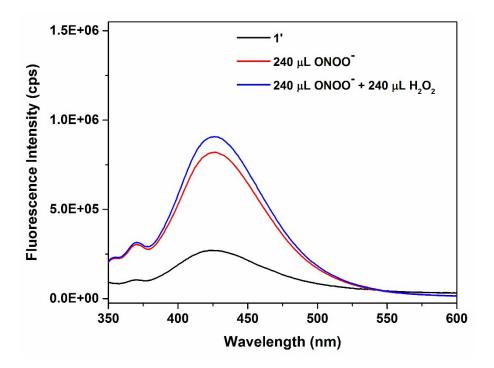
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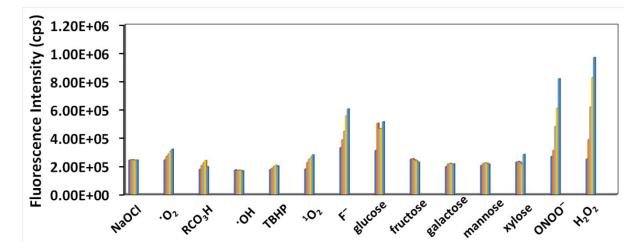
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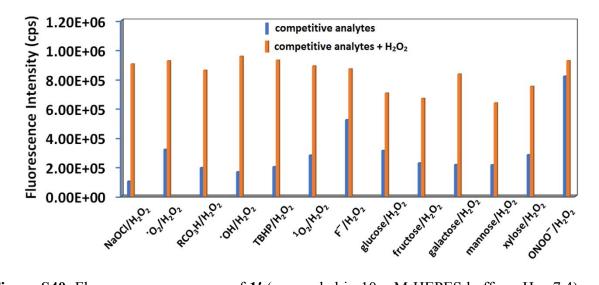
**Figure S37.** Fluorescence response of 1' towards 10 mM ONOO<sup>-</sup> ( $\lambda_{ex} = 328$  nm and  $\lambda_{em} = 426$  nm).



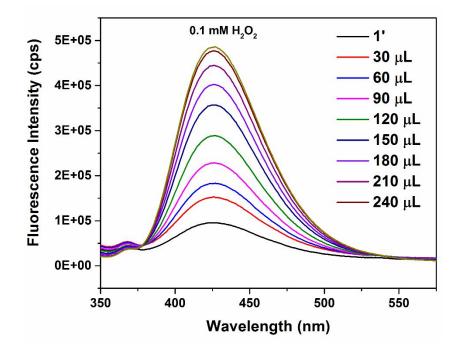
**Figure S38.** Fluorescence response of 1' towards 10 mM H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> in presence of 10 mM ONOO<sup>-</sup> ( $\lambda_{ex}$  = 328 nm and  $\lambda_{em}$  = 426 nm).



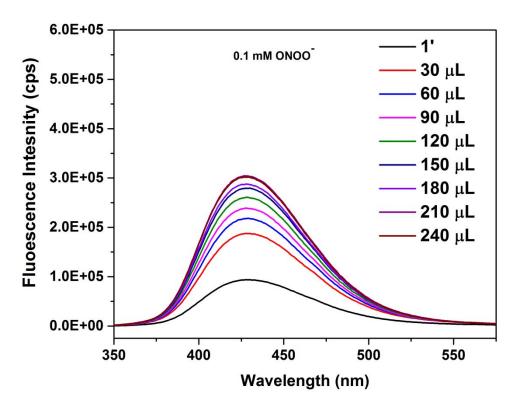
**Figure S39.** Fluorescence responses of 1' (suspended in 10 mM HEPES buffer, pH = 7.4) upon the addition of solutions of various ROS (10 mM of ClO<sup>-</sup>,  $O_2^{\bullet-}$ , 'BuO<sup>•</sup>, HO<sup>•</sup>, TBHP,  $^1O_2$ , ONOO- and H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>) and other biologically relevant species (10 mM of F<sup>-</sup>, glucose, fructose, galactose, xylose and mannose) at room temperature. The bars denote fluorescence intensity after the addition of blank, 60, 120, 180 and 240 µL of each ROS. The spectra were collected after 6 min of each addition.



**Figure S40.** Fluorescence responses of **1'** (suspended in 10 mM HEPES buffer, pH = 7.4) upon the addition of  $H_2O_2$  solution (240 µL, 10 mM) in the presence of interfering ROS and ONOO-(240 µL, 10 mM) and other biologically relevant species (240 µL, 10 mM) at room temperature. The spectra were collected after 30 min of each analyte addition. The final concentration of each analyte in the solution was  $9.67 \times 10^{-4}$  M.



**Figure S41.** Fluorescence turn-on response of 1' (suspended in 10 mM HEPES buffer, pH = 7.4) upon the stepwise addition of 0.1 mM H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> solution at room temperature ( $\lambda_{ex} = 328$  nm and  $\lambda_{em} = 426$  nm).



**Figure S42.** Fluorescence turn-on response of 1' (suspended in 10 mM HEPES buffer, pH = 7.4) upon the stepwise addition of 0.1 mM ONOO<sup>-</sup> solution at room temperature ( $\lambda_{ex} = 328$  nm and  $\lambda_{em} = 426$  nm).

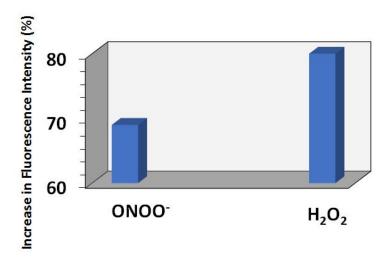
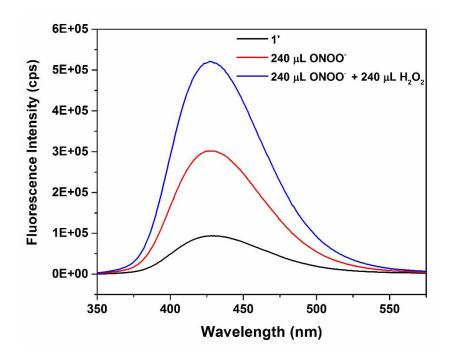
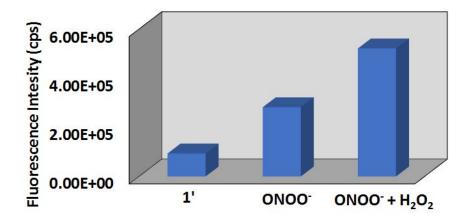


Figure S43. Percentage increases in fluorescence intensity of 1' (suspended in 10 mM HEPES buffer, pH = 7.4) upon the addition of 240  $\mu$ L of 0.1 mM of H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> and ONOO<sup>-</sup> solutions ( $\lambda_{ex} = 328$  nm and  $\lambda_{em} = 426$  nm).

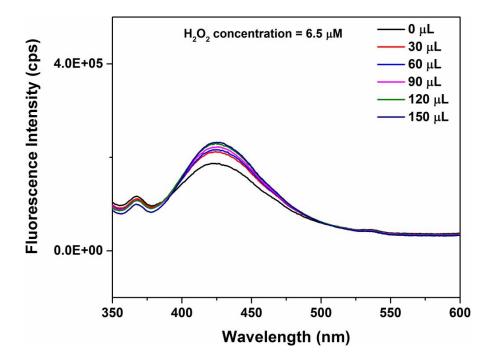


**Figure S44.** Fluorescence response of 1' towards 0.1 mM H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> in presence of 0.1 mM ONOO- $(\lambda_{ex} = 328 \text{ nm and } \lambda_{em} = 426 \text{ nm}).$ 

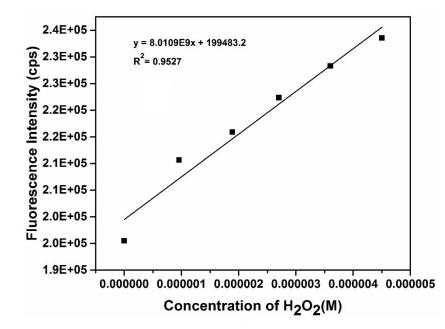
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**Figure S45.** Bar representation showing fluorescence response of 1' towards 0.1 mM H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> in presence of 0.1 mM ONOO<sup>-</sup> ( $\lambda_{ex} = 328$  nm and  $\lambda_{em} = 426$  nm).



**Figure S46.** Fluorescence response of 1' at very low concentration of  $H_2O_2$  ( $\lambda_{ex} = 328$  nm and  $\lambda_{em} = 426$  nm).



**Figure S47.** Change in the fluorescence intensity of 1' in 10 mM HEPES suspension (pH = 7.4) as a function of  $H_2O_2$  concentration.

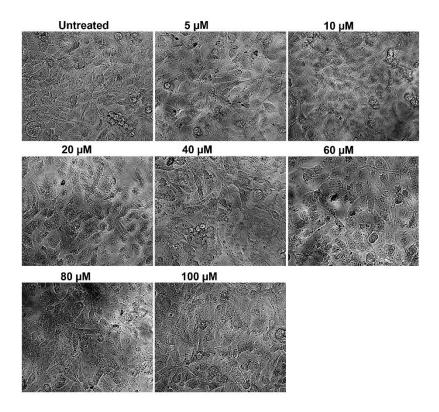


Figure S48. Morphological analysis of untreated cells and the cells treated with various concentrations of 1'.

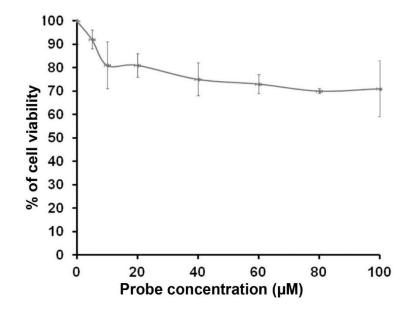
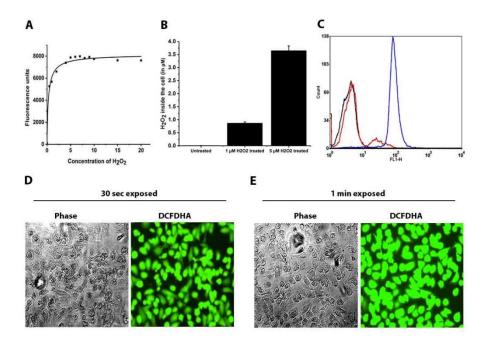
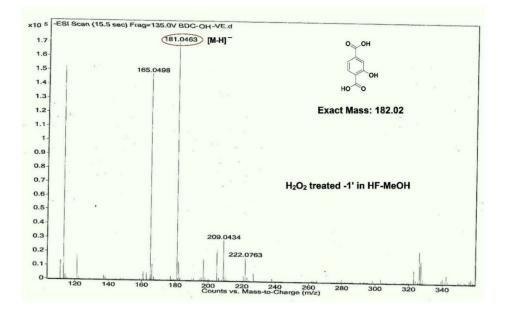


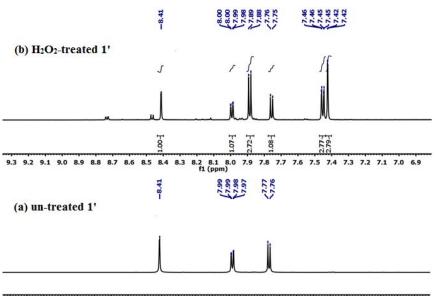
Figure S49. Cell viability assay for 1'-treated MDAMB-231 cells.



**Figure S50.** (A) The calibration curve of  $H_2O_2$ . The 2'5'-DCFD-HA was incubated with varying concentrations of  $H_2O_2$  and the fluorescence intensity was recorded. (B) Intracellular levels of  $H_2O_2$  as estimated from the cell lysate prepared from MDAMB-231 cells treated with 2'5'-DCFD-HA and exposed to 1 or 5  $\mu$ M of  $H_2O_2$ . (C) The ROS inside the cells was estimated using flow cytometry. As compared with unlabeled cells (black curve), 2'5'-DCFD-HA treated alone (red curve), the 2'5'-DCFD-HA treated cells and exposed to  $H_2O_2$  showed more than 10-fold increase in  $H_2O_2$ . (D) and (E) To ascertain the effect of high energy wavelength exposure, the 2'5'-DCFD-HA +  $H_2O_2$  treated cells were exposed to 30 sec and 1 min to monitor any changes in cell morphology.

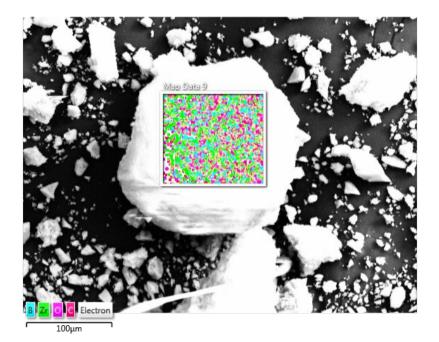


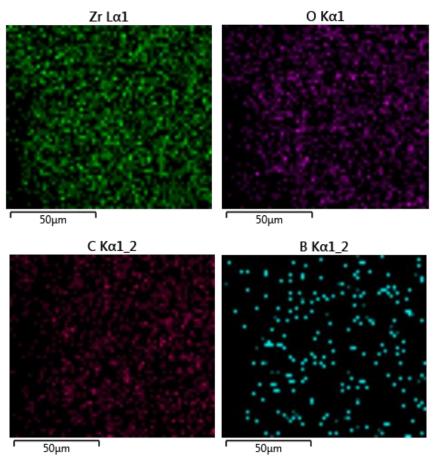
**Figure S51.** ESI-MS spectrum of  $H_2O_2$ -treated **1'** after digestion in HF/MeOH. The spectrum shows m/z peak at 181.0463, which corresponds to the [M-H]<sup>-</sup> ion (M = mass of H<sub>2</sub>BDC-OH ligand).



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**Figure S52.** <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra of (a) un-treated **1'** and (b)  $H_2O_2$ -treated **1'** after digestion in HF/DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>. In the spectrum of  $H_2O_2$ -treated **1'**, new peaks appear at 7.42, 7.45 and 7.88 ppm, which can be assigned to the aromatic protons of the  $H_2BDC$ -OH ligand.





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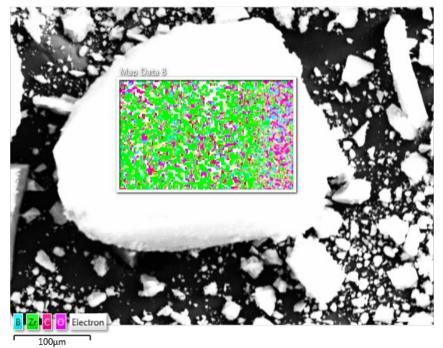
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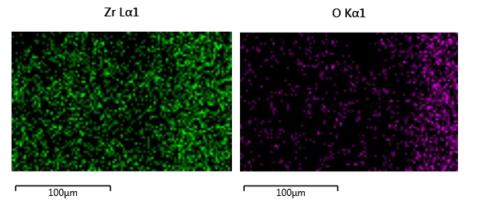
Figure S53. EDX elemental mapping of untreated 1'.

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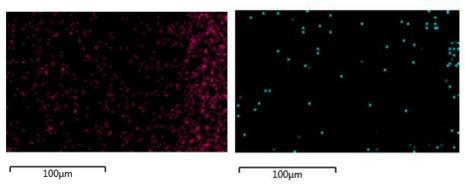


Figure S54. EDX elemental mapping of  $H_2O_2$ -treated 1'.

**Table S1.** Comparison of the limit of detection (LOD) values for the  $H_2O_2$  sensing by the MOF materials reported till date using different analytical methods.

Sl. No.	Compound	Limit of Detection (LOD) (µM)	Analytical Method	Reference
1.	hemin@HKUST-1	2.0	chemiluminescence	1
2.	AP-Ni-MOF	0.9	electrochemistry	2
3.	Co/DOBDC	0.5	electrochemistry	3
4.	Cu-MOF	1.0	electrochemistry	4
5.	Co-MOF	3.76	electrochemistry	5
6.	Fe-MIL-53	0.075	electrochemistry	6
7.	Fe-MIL-88	0.562	colorimetry	7
8.	Zr-UiO-66-B(OH) <sub>2</sub>	0.015	fluorescence	This work

Number of Run (n)	Fluorescence intensities ( $X$ ) at 426 nm before addition of H <sub>2</sub> O <sub>2</sub> solution	Mean $(\overline{X_i})$	Standard deviation $(\sigma) = \sqrt{\frac{\Sigma(X - \overline{X_i})^2}{n}}$
1.	188116.832	188162.7	40.9
2.	188161.873		
3.	188224.7849		
4.	188120.8757		
5.	188189.0261		

**Table S2.** Calculation of standard deviation ( $\sigma$ ) and LOD<sup>#</sup>.

<sup>#</sup>LOD =  $\frac{3\sigma}{m} = \frac{(3 \times 40.9)}{(8.01 \times 10^9)} = 0.015 \ \mu\text{M}$ 

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