

# Benzoate substituents effects on the structure of Zn(II) complexes and 1D 4,4'-bipyridine derived coordination polymers

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## Abstract

The aim of this work is to study the influence of different substituents in two closely related ligands, 3,5-dihydroxybenzoate (3,5-(HO)<sub>2</sub>Bz) and 3,5-dimethoxybenzoate (3,5-(MeO)<sub>2</sub>Bz), in the structure of zinc complexes. The compound [Zn(3,5-(MeO)<sub>2</sub>Bz)<sub>2</sub>(CH<sub>3</sub>OH)]<sub>2</sub> (**2**) has been synthesized, characterized and its crystal structure elucidated, showing a *paddle wheel* type dinuclear molecule, with four bridging carboxylate ligands in a *syn-syn* coordination mode and methanol molecules in the apical positions. This discrete structural array is different than the polymeric structure observed in {[Zn(μ-3,5-(HO)<sub>2</sub>Bz)(μ-OH<sub>2</sub>)(H<sub>2</sub>O)<sub>2</sub>]}<sub>n</sub>·3,5-(HO)<sub>2</sub>Bz·4H<sub>2</sub>O, previously reported in our group. These two Zinc complexes were used as precursor for the synthesis of coordination polymers (CPs) with the 4,4'-bipyridine (4,4'-bpy) linker. The solvent used in their synthesis influences the chemical composition of this CPs. Thus, {[Zn(3,5-(HO)<sub>2</sub>Bz)<sub>2</sub>(μ-4,4'-bpy)]·2DMSO}<sub>n</sub> (**3**) was achieved in dimethylsulfoxide (DMSO) while {[Zn(3,5-(HO)<sub>2</sub>Bz)<sub>2</sub>(μ-4,4'-bpy)]·4,4'-bpy·1/2CH<sub>3</sub>OH}<sub>n</sub> (**4**) was formed in methanol (MeOH) as solvent. The reaction of **2** with 4,4'-bpy yielded [Zn<sub>2</sub>(μ-3,5-(MeO)<sub>2</sub>Bz)<sub>4</sub>(μ-4,4'-bpy)]<sub>n</sub> (**5**) in methanol, while after recrystallization in boiling water, complex {[Zn(3,5-(MeO)<sub>2</sub>Bz)<sub>2</sub>(μ-4,4'-bpy)]·H<sub>2</sub>O}<sub>n</sub> (**6**) was isolated in low yield. This compound **6** can also be synthesized by a mechanochemical approach, using water in a liquid assisted grinding. The crystal structures of complexes **3**, **4** and **6** were elucidated, all three showing zigzag polymeric arrays. Both polymers containing 3,5-(MeO)<sub>2</sub>Bz (**5** and **6**), showed solid state luminescence.

## 1. Introduction

Coordination polymers (CPs) have attracted an enormous interest among chemists due to their interesting physical and chemical properties [1,2]. The 4,4'-bipyridine (4,4'-bpy) is an *exo*-bidentate ligand which acts as an ideal linker between transition metals and could be considered as a prototypical rigid ligand for the formation of coordination polymers. The structure of the polymers constructed by 4,4'-bpy are strongly dependent on the geometric preference of the metal ions and on the metal-to-ligand molar ratio [1,3]. It can promote the formation of a great variety of frameworks, varying from 1D to 3D nets [4]. A 1:1 metal-to-ligand molar ratio usually generates linear or *zigzag* chains while the 1:2 metal-to-ligand molar ratio tends to form square grid [5,6] or diamond-like structures [7], among others. Besides, the final network could be highly influenced by other factors (anionic ligands that complete the metal coordination, pH value and solvent used in the synthesis, solubility of products). In some cases, a subtle alteration in any of these factors can lead to complexes with different structure and/or dimensionality [1]. It must be considered that 4,4'-bpy can also act as a terminal ligand or as an uncoordinated guest molecule, which may be further involved in hydrogen bonding and/or  $\pi$ - $\pi$  stacking interactions [8-12]. The supramolecular structures made from the aggregation of 1D polymers can exhibit cavities/channels of molecular dimensions and thus include different guest molecules [1,2]. All these possibilities explain the difficulty to define the suitable experimental conditions for the formation of a coordination polymer with a desired structure. Therefore, systematic investigation is still necessary for the better understanding of the relationships between the structures of the coordination polymers and the experimental parameters for their preparation.

The carboxylate ligands constitute an important class of ligands in the formation of CPs and concretely one of the most used in the construction of CPs in combination with 4,4'-bpy [13-15]. The presence of hydroxyl groups in carboxylate ligands determine the arrangement of the polymer chains, as hydroxyl groups can be involved in the formation of hydrogen bond intermolecular interactions [16] and even in metal coordination [17]. As part of our research in compounds formed by carboxylate ligands and Zn(II) as metal node, recently we have reported the synthesis of complex  $[\text{Zn}(3,5\text{-(HO)}_2\text{Bz})_2(\text{H}_2\text{O})_2]_n$  (**1**), which by recrystallization in water gives the coordination polymer  $\{[\text{Zn}(\mu\text{-}3,5\text{-(HO)}_2\text{Bz})(\mu\text{-OH}_2)(\text{H}_2\text{O})_2] \cdot 3,5\text{-(HO)}_2\text{Bz} \cdot 4\text{H}_2\text{O}\}_n$ . Moreover, its reaction with monodentate pyridine ligand leads to the formation of monomeric compounds [18]. As a continuation of this study, we first synthesized a Zn complex including a closely related ligand, 3,5-(MeO)<sub>2</sub>Bz. The properties as electron donating groups are very similar for hydroxyl and methoxy groups and thus both benzoic acid derivatives have a very similar pK<sub>a</sub> value (H(3,5-HO)<sub>2</sub>Bz, 4.04; H(3,5-MeO)<sub>2</sub>Bz, 3.96) [19]. The most important difference between both ligands is the capacity of hydroxyl groups of being a hydrogen bond donor, that not only determines the supramolecular interactions but also indirectly determines the coordination sphere around Zn(II) cations. Further, we used both complexes as precursors to prepare one-dimensional coordination polymers with 4,4'-bpy as linker, and different solvents were used for each precursor combination. These new materials are fully characterized, including the elucidation of four crystal structures and their solid-state luminescence analyzed.

## 2. Experimental

### 2.1 Materials and general details

Zinc oxide nanopowder (<100 nm particle size), Zinc acetate dihydrate ( $\text{Zn}(\text{MeCO}_2)_2 \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$ ), 3,5-dihydroxybenzoic acid ( $3,5\text{-H}(\text{HO})_2\text{Bz}$ ), 3,5-dimethoxybenzoic acid ( $3,5\text{-H}(\text{MeO})_2\text{Bz}$ ), 4,4'-bipyridine (4,4'-bpy), and methanol (MeOH) and dimethylsulfoxide (DMSO) as solvents, were purchased from Sigma-Aldrich and used without further purification. All reactions and manipulations were carried out in air. The synthesis of  $[\text{Zn}(\mu\text{-}3,5\text{-}(\text{HO})_2\text{Bz})_2(\text{H}_2\text{O})_2]_n$  (**1**) has been previously described in the literature [18]. Elemental analyses (C, H, N) were carried out on a Euro Vector 3100 instrument. FTIR-ATR spectra were recorded on a Tensor 27 (Bruker) spectrometer, equipped with an attenuated total reflectance (ATR) accessory model MKII Golden Gate with a diamond window in the range  $4000\text{-}600\text{ cm}^{-1}$ .  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectra were recorded on an NMR-FT Bruker 250 MHz or an NMR-FT Bruker 400 MHz spectrometer in  $\text{DMSO-}d_6$  solution at room temperature (r.t.). All chemical shifts ( $\delta$ ) are given in ppm. The photoluminescence properties of Zn(II) complexes were studied by confocal scanning laser microscopy (CSLM, Leica TCS SP5). Approx. 20 mg of each complex were mounted on Ibidi culture dishes (Ibidi GmbH, Martinsried, Germany), excited with a blue diode laser (405 nm) and the fluorescence intensity was recorded generating a lambda stack with emission wavelength ranging from 415 to 750 nm.

### 2.2 Synthesis of $[\text{Zn}(\mu\text{-}3,5\text{-}(\text{MeO})_2\text{Bz})_2(\text{CH}_3\text{OH})]_2$ (**2**)

A solution containing  $3,5\text{-H}(\text{MeO})_2\text{Bz}$  (364 mg, 2.00 mmol) in MeOH (40 mL) was added to a solution of  $\text{Zn}(\text{MeCO}_2)_2 \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$  (219 mg, 1.00 mmol) in MeOH (30 mL) at r.t. The resulting colorless solution was allowed to concentrate at r.t. until colorless crystals precipitated. The obtained crystals were filtered and washed with cold methanol

(5 mL) and dried in air. Suitable crystals for X-ray diffraction method were grown by slow evaporation of mother liquors for 24 h.

Yield: 284 mg (61.8%) (with respect to  $\text{Zn}(\text{MeCO}_2)_2 \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$ ) Elemental Analysis: Calc. for  $\text{C}_{38}\text{H}_{44}\text{O}_{18}\text{Zn}_2$  ( $919.56 \text{ g}\cdot\text{mol}^{-1}$ ): C 49.63; H 4.82. Found: C 49.59; H 4.78%. FTIR-ATR (wavenumber,  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ): 3191(w) [ $\nu(\text{O-H})$ ], 3098-3010(br) [ $\nu(\text{C-H})_{\text{ar}}$ ], 2977(w) [ $\nu(\text{C-H})_{\text{al}}$ ], 2946(w) [ $\nu(\text{C-H})_{\text{al}}$ ], 1629(w), 1586(s) [ $\nu_{\text{as}}(\text{COO})$ ], 1554(m), 1450(m) [ $\nu_{\text{s}}(\text{COO})$ ], 1424(m), 1381(s), 1326(m), 1303(w), 1249(w), 1194(m), 1151(s), 1059(m) [ $\delta(\text{C-H})_{\text{ip}}$ ], 1015(m) [ $\delta(\text{C-H})_{\text{ip}}$ ], 854(m), 788(w), 759(s) [ $\delta(\text{C-H})_{\text{oop}}$ ], 678(w), 649(w).  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (250 MHz;  $\text{DMSO}-d_6$ ; 298 K):  $\delta = 3.16$  [6H, d,  $^3J = 5.2 \text{ Hz}$ ,  $\text{CH}_3\text{-OH}$ ], 3.76 [24H, s,  $\text{CH}_3\text{-OR}$ ], 4.09 [2H, q,  $^3J = 5.2 \text{ Hz}$ ,  $\text{CH}_3\text{-OH}$ ], 6.60 [4H, t,  $^4J = 2.5 \text{ Hz}$ ,  $p\text{-CH}$ ], 7.08 [8H, d,  $^4J = 2.4 \text{ Hz}$ ,  $o\text{-CH}$ ].

### 2.3 Synthesis of $\{\text{Zn}(\text{3,5-(HO)}_2\text{Bz})_2(\mu\text{-4,4'-bpy})\}_n \cdot 2\text{DMSO}$ (3)

A solution containing 4,4'-bpy (93 mg, 0.60 mmol) in DMSO (10 mL) was added to a solution of compound **1** (234 mg, 0.57 mmol) in DMSO (10 mL) at r. t. The resulting yellow solution was allowed to concentrate at r.t. until a white powder precipitated. The obtained solid was filtered and washed with cold ethanol (5 mL) and dried in air. Suitable crystals for X-ray diffraction method were grown by slow evaporation of mother liquors for 50 h.

Yield: 288 mg (73.3%) (with respect to compound **1**). Elemental Analysis: Calc. for  $\text{C}_{28}\text{H}_{30}\text{N}_2\text{O}_{10}\text{S}_2\text{Zn}$  ( $684.09 \text{ g}\cdot\text{mol}^{-1}$ ): C 49.16; H 4.42, N 4.10. Found: C 49.43; H 4.39; N 4.03%. FTIR-ATR (wavenumber,  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ): 3190(m) [ $\nu(\text{O-H})$ ], 3101-3004(br) [ $\nu(\text{C-H})_{\text{ar}}$ ], 2991-2830 [ $\nu(\text{C-H})_{\text{al}}$ ], 1611(w) [ $\nu(\text{C=N})_{4,4'\text{-bpy}}$ ], 1577(s) [ $\nu_{\text{as}}(\text{COO})$ ], 1496(w), 1420(w), 1386(s) [ $\nu_{\text{s}}(\text{COO})$ ], 1357(s), 1284(m), 1226(w), 1162(m), 1078(w), 989(s) [ $\delta(\text{C-H})_{\text{ip}}$ ], 946(s), 862(w), 849(w), 823(m), 777(s) [ $\delta(\text{C-H})_{\text{oop}}$ ], 642(m).  $^1\text{H}$

NMR (250 MHz; DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>; 298 K):  $\delta$  = 6.30 [2H, t,  $^4J$  = 2.2 Hz, *p*-CH], 6.85 [4H, d,  $^4J$  = 2.3 Hz, *o*-CH], 7.87 [4H, d,  $^3J$  = 5.9 Hz, (*m*-CH)<sub>4,4'</sub>-bpy], 8.76 [4H, br, (*o*-CH)<sub>4,4'</sub>-bpy], 9.24 [4H, s, Ar-OH].

#### 2.4 Synthesis of $\{[Zn(3,5-(HO)_2Bz)_2(\mu-4,4'-bpy)] \cdot 4,4'-bpy \cdot 1/2 CH_3OH\}_n$ (4)

A solution containing 4,4'-bpy (186 mg, 1.20 mmol) in MeOH (10 mL) was added to a solution of compound **1** (234 mg, 0.57 mmol) in MeOH (10 mL) at room temperature. The resulting yellow solution was allowed to concentrate at r.t., until a white powder precipitated. The solid was filtered and washed with cold MeOH (5 mL) and dried in air.

Single crystals suitable for X-ray diffraction structure elucidation were obtained after 48 h by layering a solution of compound **1** (115 mg, 0.28 mmol) in MeOH (10 mL) over a solution containing 4,4'-bpy (87 mg, 0.56 mmol) in CHCl<sub>3</sub> (10 mL).

Yield: 320 mg (79.6%) (with respect to compound **1**). Elemental Analysis: Calc. for C<sub>34.5</sub>H<sub>28</sub>N<sub>4</sub>O<sub>8.5</sub>Zn (700.03 g·mol<sup>-1</sup>): C 59.19; H 4.03; N 8.00. Found: C 59.32; H 3.95; N 8.01%. FTIR-ATR (wavenumber, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3106-3055(br) [ $\nu$ (C-H)<sub>ar</sub>], 2991-2830 [ $\nu$ (C-H)<sub>al</sub>], 1610(w) [ $\nu$ (C=N)<sub>4,4'</sub>-bpy], 1594(m) [ $\nu$ <sub>as</sub>(COO)], 1554(s) [ $\nu$ (C=N)<sub>4,4'</sub>-bpy], 1443(w), 1409(s), 1388(s) [ $\nu$ <sub>s</sub>(COO)], 1326(w), 1227(w), 1148(s), 1061(m) [ $\delta$ (C-H)<sub>ip</sub>], 1004(m), 851(w), 809(m), 793(s) [ $\delta$ (C-H)<sub>oop</sub>], 772(s) [ $\delta$ (C-H)<sub>oop</sub>], 726 (w), 643(m), 615(m). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (250 MHz; DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>; 298 K):  $\delta$  = 6.29 [2H, t,  $^4J$  = 2.4 Hz, *p*-CH], 6.85 [4H, d,  $^4J$  = 2.3 Hz, *o*-CH], 7.85 [8H, dd,  $^3J$  = 4.6 Hz,  $^4J$  = 1.8 Hz (*m*-CH)<sub>4,4'</sub>-bpy], 8.74 [8H, d,  $^3J$  = 4.6 Hz, (*o*-CH)<sub>4,4'</sub>-bpy], 9.24 [4H, s, Ar-OH].

#### 2.5 Synthesis of $[Zn_2(\mu-3,5-(MeO)_2Bz)_4(\mu-4,4'-bpy)]_n$ (5)

A solution containing 4,4'-bpy (150 mg, 0.96 mmol) in MeOH (40 mL) was added to a solution of compound **2** (440 mg, 0.48 mmol) in MeOH (50 mL) at r.t. The

resulting solution was allowed to concentrate at r.t, until light yellow crystals precipitated out of solution. The obtained crystals were filtered and washed with cold methanol (5 mL) and dried **in air**. All the assays to obtain suitable crystals for structure elucidation yielded samples of bad quality.

Yield: 248 mg (51%) (**with respect to compound 2**). Elemental Analysis: Calc. for  $C_{46}H_{44}N_2O_{16}Zn_2$  ( $1011.67 \text{ g}\cdot\text{mol}^{-1}$ ): C 54.61; H 4.38, N 2.77. Found: C 54.40; H 4.18; N 2.80%. FTIR-ATR (wavenumber,  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ): 3094-3013(br) [ $\nu(\text{C-H})_{\text{ar}}$ ], 2937(w) [ $\nu(\text{C-H})_{\text{al}}$ ], 2835(w) [ $\nu(\text{C-H})_{\text{al}}$ ], 1613(w) [ $\nu(\text{C}=\text{N})_{4,4'\text{-bpy}}$ ], 1580 (s) [ $\nu_{\text{as}}(\text{COO})$ ], 1453(w), 1423(w), 1368(s) [ $\nu_{\text{s}}(\text{COO})$ ], 1330(w), 1220(m), 1152(s), 1046(m) [ $\delta(\text{C-H})_{\text{ip}}$ ], 831(w), 788(s) [ $\delta(\text{C-H})_{\text{oop}}$ ], 758(s) [ $\delta(\text{C-H})_{\text{oop}}$ ], 640(m).  $^1\text{H NMR}$  (400 MHz;  $\text{DMSO-}d_6$ ; 298 K):  $\delta = 3.77$  [24H, s,  $\text{CH}_3\text{-OR}$ ], 6.61 [4H, t,  $^4J = 2.5 \text{ Hz}$ ,  $p\text{-CH}$ ], 7.08 [8H, d,  $^4J = 2.4 \text{ Hz}$ ,  $o\text{-CH}$ ], 7.85 [4H, dd,  $^3J = 4.2 \text{ Hz}$ ,  $^4J = 1.7 \text{ Hz}$ , ( $m\text{-CH}$ ) $_{4,4'\text{-bpy}}$ ], 8.74 [4H, br, ( $o\text{-CH}$ ) $_{4,4'\text{-bpy}}$ ].

#### 2.6 Synthesis of $\{[\text{Zn}(3,5\text{-}(\text{MeO})_2\text{Bz})_2(\mu\text{-}4,4'\text{-bpy})] \text{H}_2\text{O}\}_n$ (**6**)

A single crystal of compound **6** suitable for X-ray diffraction structural elucidation was obtained **by recrystallization of compound 5 in boiling water for 6 h** with low yield. Owing to obtain the compound **6** with high yield the mechanochemical method was used. Reaction between **2** (264 mg, 0.57 mmol) and 4,4'-bpy (90.0 mg, 0.58 mmol) in 1:1 proportion was performed, by manual grinding in an agate mortar using some **drops** of water in a liquid assisted **grinding** process and posterior thermal treatment at 60 °C for 12 hours. This method leads to quantitative transformation of the initial reagents, although their elemental analysis denotes that the compound obtained by this route contains only 0.25 molecules of water instead of one. The presence of water was confirmed by FTIR-ATR spectrum (*vide infra*).



Elemental Analysis: Calc. for  $C_{28}H_{26.5}N_2O_{8.25}Zn$  (588.40  $g \cdot mol^{-1}$ ): C 57.15; H 4.54; N 4.76. Found: C 57.43; H 4.32; N 4.58%. FTIR-ATR (wavenumber,  $cm^{-1}$ ): 3644(w) [ $\nu(O-H)$ ], 3423(w) [ $\nu(O-H)$ ], 3097-3017(br) [ $\nu(C-H)_{ar}$ ], 2962(w) [ $\nu(C-H)_{al}$ ], 2840(w) [ $\nu(C-H)_{al}$ ], 1607(m) [ $\nu(C=N)_{4,4'-bpy}$ ], 1577 (s) [ $\nu_{as}(COO)$ ], 1450(m), 1420(w), 1370(s) [ $\nu_s(COO)$ ], 1332(m), 1209(m), 1149(s), 1060(m) [ $\delta(C-H)_{ip}$ ], 1048(m) [ $\delta(C-H)_{ip}$ ], 924(w), 828(m), 785(s) [ $\delta(C-H)_{oop}$ ], 760(s) [ $\delta(C-H)_{oop}$ ], 642(m).  $^1H$  NMR (400 MHz; DMSO- $d_6$ ; 298 K):  $\delta$  = 3.78 [12H, s,  $CH_3-OR$ ], 6.70 [2H, br,  $p-CH$ ], 7.07 [4H, d,  $^4J = 2.6$  Hz,  $o-CH$ ], 7.86 [4H, d,  $^3J = 5.3$  Hz, ( $m-CH$ ) $_{4,4'-bpy}$ ], 8.75 [4H, br, ( $o-CH$ ) $_{4,4'-bpy}$ ].

## 2.7 X-ray crystallography

For **2**, from a total of 28510 reflections, 4969 were independent (average redundancy 5.738, completeness = 99.5%,  $R_{int} = 4.83\%$ ,  $R_{sig} = 3.29\%$ ) and 4243 (85.39%) were greater than  $2\sigma(|F|^2)$ . For **3**, from a total of 51755 reflections, 8393 were independent (average redundancy 6.166, completeness = 99.7%,  $R_{int} = 7.96\%$ ,  $R_{sig} = 6.47\%$ ) and 6456 (76.92%) were greater than  $2\sigma(|F|^2)$ . For **4**, from a total of 75712 reflections, 9069 were independent (average redundancy 8.348, completeness = 99.8%,  $R_{int} = 4.76\%$ ,  $R_{sig} = 2.83\%$ ) and 7659 (84.45%) were greater than  $2\sigma(|F|^2)$ . For **6**, from a total of 79570 reflections, 8446 were independent (average redundancy 9.421, completeness = 99.1%,  $R_{int} = 5.88\%$ ,  $R_{sig} = 3.64\%$ ) and 6311 (74.72%) were greater than  $2\sigma(|F|^2)$ .

The structures were solved using the Bruker SHELXTL Software, package and refined using SHELX [20]. Crystal data and relevant details of structure refinement for compounds **2-4** and **6** are reported in Table 1.

[Insert table 1]

Molecular graphics were generated with the Mercury 3.6 software [21, 22].

Color codes for all molecular graphics: dark grey (Zn), blue (N), red (O), yellow (S), grey (C), white (H).

### 3. Results and discussion

#### 3.1 Synthesis and general characterization

The displacement of the acetate ions present in the  $\text{Zn}(\text{MeCO}_2)_2$  salt by 3,5- $\text{H}(\text{MeO})_2\text{Bz}$  acid in MeOH, yielded complex  $[\text{Zn}(3,5-(\text{MeO})_2\text{Bz})_2(\text{CH}_3\text{OH})]_2$  (**2**). This compound and the previously reported  $[\text{Zn}(3,5-(\text{HO})_2\text{Bz})_2(\text{H}_2\text{O})_2]_n$  (**1**), containing a closely related ligand, were used as starting materials to synthesize CPs using 4,4'-bpy as a linker. The solvent used in the synthesis has a great influence on the nature of the final product; here are presented the pure and crystalline products. All these new compounds (**2-6**) were characterized by elemental analysis, FTIR-ATR and  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectroscopies and powder X-ray diffraction (S.I: Figure S1-S4). Besides the crystal structure of compounds **2-4** and **6** has been elucidated.

#### 3.2 Crystal and extended structure of compound 2

Compound **2** crystallizes in the triclinic P-1 space group. It has a paddle-wheel binuclear Zn(II) structure, with four bridging carboxylate ligands in a *syn-syn* coordination mode (Figure 1a). Selected bond lengths and angles are provided in Table 2. The asymmetric unit contains one Zn(II) center, two bidentate anionic 3,5-(MeO) $_2$ Bz ligands and a coordinated MeOH molecule. Each Zn(II) cation presents a square pyramidal structure ( $\tau = 0.002$ ) [23], with four oxygen atoms from different 3,5-(MeO) $_2$ Bz ligands in the equatorial plane and the oxygen of the methanol molecule in the axial position (Figure 1a). The Zn-O bond lengths are in the 2.00-2.03 Å interval for the carboxylate ligand, and 1.978(10) Å for the oxygen of the methanol. All these

distances are of the same order as described in literature [24-26]. Zn(II) cations are displaced 0.35 Å from the basal plane towards the apex.

[Insert Table 2]

The more significant intermolecular interaction is a bifurcated hydrogen bond between the hydrogen of each methanol and two oxygen atoms of different carboxylate groups of a closer molecule. The expansion of these interactions defines supramolecular chains in [100] (Figure 1b).

[Insert Figure 1]

The comparison between **2** and  $\{[\text{Zn}(\mu\text{-}3,5\text{-(HO)}_2\text{Bz})(\mu\text{-OH}_2)(\text{H}_2\text{O})_2]\cdot(3,5\text{-(HO)}_2\text{Bz})\cdot 4\text{H}_2\text{O}\}_n$  [18] is remarkable. In the latter case, a polymeric cationic compound was formed, and only half of the carboxylate ligands are coordinated to the Zn(II) cations. Thus, replacement of the hydroxyl groups of 3,5-(HO)<sub>2</sub>Bz by methoxy groups, indirectly conditions the coordination sphere around Zn(II) centers and also reduces the possibility of supramolecular hydrogen bond interactions.

### 3.3 Crystal and extended structures of compounds **3**, **4** and **6**

The asymmetric units of compounds **3**, **4** and **6** contain one Zn(II) center, two carboxylate ligands (3,5-(HO)<sub>2</sub>Bz for **3** and **4** and 3,5-(MeO)<sub>2</sub>Bz for **6**) and one coordinated 4,4'-bpy linker. In addition, all of them contain uncoordinated guest molecules: two DMSO (**3**), one MeOH and one 4,4'-bpy (**4**) and one water molecule (**6**). Other Zn(II) compounds described in literature showing 1D coordination polymers with zigzag disposition of the 4,4'-bpy are  $\{[\text{Zn}(\text{L}_1)(4,4'\text{-bpy})]\cdot 0.52\text{CH}_3\text{OH}\}_n$  ( $\text{L}_1 = N$ - (1,3-diphenyl-4-propylene-5-pyrazolone) [27],  $\{[\text{Zn}(\text{L}_2)(4,4'\text{-bpy})]\cdot \text{CH}_3\text{OH}\}_n$  ( $\text{L}_2 = N$ - (1-phenyl-3-benzyl-4-propylene-5-pyrazolone) [27]  $\{\text{Zn}(4,4'$ -

bpy)<sub>2</sub>(O<sub>2</sub>CFeCO<sub>2</sub>)<sub>2</sub>·0.5H<sub>2</sub>O}<sub>n</sub> [28]. All these compounds include solvent molecules (CH<sub>3</sub>OH, H<sub>2</sub>O) in **their** structures.

In the three compounds the zinc centers present a distorted tetrahedral **structure**, in which each Zn(II) is coordinated to two nitrogen atoms from two 4,4'-bpy and two oxygen atoms from two monodentate carboxylate ligands (**Figures 2a-2c**).

### [Insert Figure 2]

The Zn-O<sub>carbox</sub> and Zn-N bond lengths (Table 3) **are comparable to those described in literature**: {Zn<sub>2</sub>(4,4'-bpy)<sub>2</sub>(4-aba)<sub>4</sub>·5H<sub>2</sub>O}<sub>n</sub> (4,4'-bpy = 4,4'-bipyridine; aba = 4-aminobenzoato) (Zn-O: 2.079(6) and 1.955(6) Å; Zn-N: 2.079(6) and 2.077(6) Å) [29]; [Zn(bpy)<sub>2</sub>(4,3-ahba)<sub>2</sub>]<sub>2</sub> (4,3-ahba = 4-amino-3-hydroxycarboxylic acid) (Zn-O: 1.955-2.006 Å; Zn-N: 2.174(4) and 2.264(3) Å) [30]; {[Zn(4,4'-bpy)(MeCO<sub>2</sub>)<sub>2</sub>]<sub>n</sub> (Zn-O: 2.016-2.298 Å; Zn-N: 2.173(3) and 2.180(3) Å) [14].

### [Insert Table 3]

The three compounds are 1D coordination polymers in which zinc centers are bridged *via* 4,4'-bpy ligand. The N-Zn-N angles are 95.28(10)° (**3**), 100.78(5)° (**4**) and 106.02(6)° (**6**), which determine that 4,4'-bpy ligand directs the formation of *zigzag* chains. These chains propagate along the [001] axis for **3**, along the [1-21] axis for **4** and along the [-110] axis for **6** (**Figures 3a-3c**). In each polymer the 4,4'-bpy **presents** different orientation respect **to** the plane that contains all the Zn atoms of the chain, and also respect **to** the plane of the aromatic ring of the carboxylate ligand. In **6**, consecutive 4,4'-bpy and 3,5-(MeO)<sub>2</sub>Bz ligands are almost planar (6°) (**Figure 3c**).

### [Insert Figure 3]

In **3**, each DMSO molecule **accepts** two hydrogen bonds with two hydroxyl groups from two 3,5-(HO)<sub>2</sub>Bz ligand from adjacent chains (O8-H8O...O10: 1.86 Å, 169°; O3-H3O...O10: 1.88 Å, 172° and O4-H4O...O9: 1.95 Å, 156°). All hydroxyl groups are involved in these interactions and establish 2D supramolecular networks parallel to **the** *ac* plane (Figure 4, Table 4).

**[Insert Figure 4]**

In **4**, the hydroxyl groups interacts with shorter hydrogen bonds with the non-coordinated oxygen atom of the carboxylate group (O4-H4A...O6: 1.82 Å, 167°; O7-H7A...O2: 1.94 Å, 170°) or with other hydroxyl groups of a neighboring chain (O3-H3A...O8: 1.92 Å, 160°). **Other weak  $\pi$ - $\pi$  stacking interactions between 4,4'-bpy and 3,5-(HO)<sub>2</sub>Bz ligands at a Cg1...Cg2 distance of 3.571(1) Å (Cg1:N1-C15-C16-C17-C18-C19; Cg2: C9-C10-C11-C12-C13-C14) are also present. All this set of interactions promotes the formation of the 3D supramolecular structure.** Interestingly, the non-coordinated 4,4'-bpy ligand does not have any strong direct interaction with this network, but interacts *via* the methanol solvent, that is connected with a nitrogen atom of this additional 4,4'-bpy and also with a hydroxyl groups of a 3,5-(HO)<sub>2</sub>Bz ligand (O8-H8A...O1W: 1.81 Å, 172° and O1W-H1WO...N3: 1.92 Å, 163°). In **6**, the water molecule forms a hydrogen bond interaction with one uncoordinated oxygen atom of a carboxylate group (Table 4).

**[Insert Table 4]**

It can be observed that DMSO molecules in **3** (**Figure 5a**) and MeOH and uncoordinated 4,4'-bpy ligand in **4** (Figure 5b), occupy potential channels in the crystal structures. However, all the essays to selectively remove these neutral molecules, using different solvent treatment or moderate heating under vacuum, leads to the collapse of

the structure instead of producing porous materials. Meanwhile, polymer chains in **6** form a close packed structure, leaving only **the appropriate volume** to accommodate one water molecule.

**[Insert Figure 5]**

### 3.3 Photoluminescence

When solid samples of compound **1-6** were observed under black-light (commercially available 8 W black light tube with a spectral peak centered around 365 nm) only compounds **5** and **6** show an intense blue photoluminescence visible to naked eye. The response to black light irradiation is only observed in solid state, after dissolution of **5** or **6** in hot water, photoluminescence disappears (and after solvent evaporation the recovered precipitates show blue photoluminescence again). The solid state fluorescence was measured at room temperature, using  $\lambda_{\text{ex}} = 405$  nm in both cases (Figure 6) and showed emission peaks at 490 and 480 nm for **5** and **6**, respectively. The emission peaks could be explained **using** ligand centered transitions, as Zn(II) ion belongs to  $d^{10}$  electronic configurations and is difficult to oxidize/ reduce [18, 31, 32].

**[Insert Figure 6]**

It seems that the combination of 4,4'-bpy and 3,5-(MeO)<sub>2</sub>Bz ligands is key **to produce** luminescent compounds, while the crystal structure has low influence, considering that both coordination polymers must probably have different **structures**, in **5** 4,4'-bpy connects binuclear clusters while in **6** **it connects** single Zn atoms. However, both compound show luminescence peaks, which are only 10 nm **shifted with similar intensities and shapes**. Luminescence is probably due to the increased rigidity of ligands in the polymeric structure, with concomitant decrease of radiation, the **minor** decay

process of the intraligand ( $\pi \rightarrow \pi^*$ ) excited state and the reduced energy loss between intramolecular or intermolecular interactions of organic linkers. The strong fluorescent emission of **5** and **6** may make them potentially useful photoactive materials.

### 3.4 FTIR-ATR and $^1\text{H}$ NMR spectroscopies

IR spectra of the compounds **2-6** confirm the presence of 3,5-(HO)<sub>2</sub>Bz, 3,5-(MeO)<sub>2</sub>Bz and 4,4'-bpy ligands. The five IR spectra displayed the characteristic carboxylate bands between 1586 and 1368  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ , attributable to  $\nu_{\text{as}}(\text{CO}_2)$  and  $\nu_{\text{s}}(\text{CO}_2)$ . For compounds **3-6**, the difference between these bands is 198 (**3**), 206 (**4**), 212 (**5**) and 207 (**6**)  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ , indicating that in these compounds the carboxylate shows a monodentate coordination mode; whereas, for compound **2** the difference is 136  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  indicating a bridged coordination mode [33, 34]. The absence of a band between 1720 and 1690  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  in the five compounds indicates that the carboxylic acid is deprotonated.

In these spectra, the bands belonging to the 4,4'-bpy ligand which are assigned to the  $\nu(\text{C}=\text{N})$ , appear between 1629 and 1607  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ . Moreover, compound **3** exhibits a band at 1554  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ , which can be assigned to  $\nu(\text{C}=\text{N})$  of the free 4,4'-bpy molecule [35]. The bands attributable to the aromatic groups  $\nu(\text{C}=\text{N})$ ,  $\nu(\text{C}=\text{C})$ ,  $\delta(\text{C}=\text{N})$ ,  $\delta(\text{C}=\text{C})$ ,  $\delta(\text{C}-\text{H})_{\text{ip}}$ ,  $\delta(\text{C}-\text{H})_{\text{oop}}$  are also assigned (S.I: Figure S5-S9) [36, 37].

The  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectra of the complexes **2-6** were recorded in DMSO- $d_6$  and clearly show the signals of the 3,5-(HO)<sub>2</sub>Bz, 3,5-(MeO)<sub>2</sub>Bz and 4,4'-bpy ligands. Compounds **2-6** present two signals attributable to *p*-H and *o*-H of 3,5-(HO)<sub>2</sub>Bz and (3,5-(MeO)<sub>2</sub>Bz ligands between 7.08 and 6.29 ppm. For **3** and **4** other signal attributable to OH groups of the aromatic ring are also present. The integral value of the signals attributable to *o*-H and *m*-H are consistent with the presence of one 4,4'-bpy in

compound **2**, **5** and **6** and two 4,4'-bpy in compound **4**. These signals appear between 8.76 and 7.07 ppm (S.I: Figure S10-S14) [36, 37]

#### 4. Conclusions

The crystal structure elucidation of  $[\text{Zn}(\mu\text{-}3,5\text{-(MeO)}_2\text{Bz})_2(\text{CH}_3\text{OH})]_2$  (**2**) allowed to ascertain that the replacement of the hydroxyl groups in 3,5-(HO)<sub>2</sub>Bz ligand by methoxy groups has a noticeable influence in both the coordination of the carboxylate to the Zn(II) center and the supramolecular structure. The reaction of both zinc benzoates with 4,4'-bpy resulted in four CPs. It is remarkable that, independent of the carboxylate ligand, 4,4'-bpy formed polymeric *zigzag* chains in which Zn(II) ions adopt a tetrahedral structure and the 3,5-(HO)<sub>2</sub>Bz or 3,5-(MeO)<sub>2</sub>Bz acts as a monodentate carboxylate ligand. The addition of 4,4'-bpy linker displaced the bridging coordination of both carboxylate ligands. The chemical composition of the CPs depends on the experimental conditions, especially the solvent used in their synthesis.. Moreover, the substituents of the benzoate derivatives as well as the solvent occluded molecules (DMSO, **3** and MeOH, **4**), played an important role in the formation of the supramolecular networks based on hydrogen bond interactions directing the final packing. Interestingly, the neutral guest molecules (DMSO in **3**; MeOH and non-coordinated 4,4'-bpy in **4**) occupy potential channels. Both CPs including 3,5-(MeO)<sub>2</sub>Bz and 4,4'-bpy (**5** and **6**) demonstrated blue-green emission in the solid state, in spite of their different bpy:benzoate ratio.

#### Declaration of Competing Interest

The are no conflicts to declare

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### Appendix A. Supplementary data

Complete  $^1\text{H}$  NMR and FTIR-ATR spectra and PXRD data is available as Supporting Information. CCDC 1942915 (**2**), 1856041 (**3**), 1856042 (**4**) and 1942916 (**6**) contain the supplementary crystallographic data for this paper. These data can be obtained free of charge via <http://www.ccdc.cam.ac.uk/conts/retrieving.html>, or from the Cambridge Crystallographic Data Center, 12 Union Road, Cambridge CB2 1Ez, UK; fax:(+44)1223-336-033; or e-mail: [deposit@ccdc.cam.ac.uk](mailto:deposit@ccdc.cam.ac.uk).

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## Figure captions

**Figure 1.** Crystal structure of  $[\text{Zn}(\mu\text{-}3,5\text{-(MeO)}_2\text{Bz})_2(\text{CH}_3\text{OH})]_2$  (**2**). **a.** Molecule detail; **b.** Supramolecular chains formed by expansion of hydrogen bond interactions. Hydrogen atoms are omitted for clarity, except those which participate in the intermolecular interactions.

**Figure 2.** Coordination environment of Zn in **a.**  $\{[\text{Zn}(3,5\text{-(HO)}_2\text{Bz})_2(\mu\text{-}4,4'\text{-bpy})]\cdot 2\text{DMSO}\}_n$  (**3**); **b.**  $\{[\text{Zn}(3,5\text{-(HO)}_2\text{Bz})_2(\mu\text{-}4,4'\text{-bpy})]\cdot 4,4'\text{-bpy}\cdot 1/2\text{CH}_3\text{OH}\}_n$  (**4**) and **c.**  $\{[\text{Zn}(3,5\text{-(MeO)}_2\text{Bz})_2(\mu\text{-}4,4'\text{-bpy})]\cdot \text{H}_2\text{O}\}_n$  (**6**) (*bottom*). Hydrogen atoms, solvent molecules and non-coordinated 4-4'-bpy are omitted for clarity

**Figure 3.** Different perspective views of chains in **a.**  $\{[\text{Zn}(3,5\text{-(HO)}_2\text{Bz})_2(\mu\text{-}4,4'\text{-bpy})]\cdot 2\text{DMSO}\}_n$  (**3**); **b.**  $\{[\text{Zn}(3,5\text{-(HO)}_2\text{Bz})_2(\mu\text{-}4,4'\text{-bpy})]\cdot 4,4'\text{-bpy}\cdot 1/2\text{CH}_3\text{OH}\}_n$  (**4**) and **c.**  $\{[\text{Zn}(3,5\text{-(MeO)}_2\text{Bz})_2(\mu\text{-}4,4'\text{-bpy})]\cdot \text{H}_2\text{O}\}_n$  (**6**). Hydrogen atoms, solvent molecules and non-coordinated 4-4'-bpy are omitted for clarity

**Figure 4.** Views of the 2D supramolecular expansion in **3** formed by O-H $\cdots$ O hydrogen bond interactions. Only hydrogen atoms which participate in the intermolecular interactions are shown.

**Figure 5.** View of **a.** compound **3** (*c* axis) and **b.** compound **4** (*b* axis). Hydrogen atoms are omitted for clarity. DMSO in **3** and non-coordinated 4-4'-bpy in **4** are depicted in yellow and green color, respectively.

**Figure 6.** Spectral profiles representing photoluminescence intensity versus emission wavelength in the 415–750 nm range for  $[\text{Zn}_2(\mu\text{-}3,5\text{-DMB})_4(\mu\text{-}4,4'\text{-bpy})]_n$  (**5**, *red line*) and  $\{[\text{Zn}(3,5\text{-DMB})_2(\mu\text{-}4,4'\text{-bpy})]\cdot \text{H}_2\text{O}\}_n$  (**6**, *blue line*)

**Table 1.** Crystallographic data for compounds **2**, **3**, **4** and **6**

	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>6</b>
Empirical formula	C <sub>38</sub> H <sub>44</sub> O <sub>18</sub> Zn <sub>2</sub>	C <sub>28</sub> H <sub>30</sub> N <sub>2</sub> O <sub>10</sub> S <sub>2</sub> Zn	C <sub>69</sub> H <sub>56</sub> N <sub>8</sub> O <sub>17</sub> Zn <sub>2</sub>	C <sub>28</sub> H <sub>28</sub> N <sub>2</sub> O <sub>9</sub> Zn
Formula weight	919.47	684.03	1399.95	601.89
<i>T</i> (K)	100(2) K	100(2)	100(2)	100(2)
Wavelength (Å)	0.71073 Å	0.71073	0.71073	0.71073
System, space group	Triclinic, P -1	Monoclinic, <b>Pc</b>	Triclinic, P -1	Monoclinic, C 2/c
Unit cell dimensions				
<i>a</i> (Å)	6.8291(4)	13.2419(7)	10.6316(6)	23.0160(14)
<i>b</i> (Å)	11.7622(7)	7.7558(4)	11.6986(7)	27.8171(15)
<i>c</i> (Å)	12.6198(7)	15.6016(7)	14.0895(8)	8.7942(5)
<i>α</i> (°)	98.886(3)	90	96.653(2)	90
<i>β</i> (°)	94.647(3)	108.253(2)	102.794(2)	102.896(2)
<i>γ</i> (°)	93.081(3)	90	111.997(2)	<b>90</b>
<i>V</i> (Å <sup>3</sup> )	995.97(10)	1521.68(13)	1545.70(16)	5488.4(5)
<i>Z</i>	1	2	1	8
<i>D</i> <sub>calc</sub> (g cm <sup>-3</sup> )	1.533	1.493	1.504	1.457
<i>μ</i> (mm <sup>-1</sup> )	1.282	1.003	0.858	0.952
<i>F</i> (000)	476	718	722	2496
Crystal size (mm <sup>3</sup> )	0.22 x 0.061 x 0.044 mm <sup>3</sup>	0.172x0.099x0.033	0.329x0.091x0.075	0.244 x 0.101 x 0.090
<i>hkl</i> ranges	-9<= <i>h</i> <=9, -15<= <i>k</i> <=15, -16<= <i>l</i> <=16	-18<= <i>h</i> <=18, -11<= <i>k</i> <=11, -18<= <i>l</i> <=22	-14<= <i>h</i> <=14, -16<= <i>k</i> <=16, -19<= <i>l</i> <=19	-32<= <i>h</i> <=32, -39<= <i>k</i> <=39, 12<= <i>l</i> <=12
<i>2θ</i> range (°)	2.588 to 28.378 (0.75Å resolution)	2.626 to 30.583 (0.70Å resolution)	1.925 to 30.097 (0.71Å resolution)	2.332 to 30.675 (0.70Å resolution)
Reflections collected/ unique/[ <i>R</i> <sub>int</sub> ]	28510/4969 [ <i>R</i> <sub>int</sub> = 0.0483]	51755/8393/[ <i>R</i> <sub>int</sub> = 0.0796]	75712/9069/[ <i>R</i> <sub>int</sub> = 0.0476]	79557/8444 [ <i>R</i> <sub>int</sub> = 0.0588]
Completeness to <i>θ</i> = 25.240	99.7 %	99.9%	99.8%	99.8 %
Absorption Correction	Semi-empirical from equivalents	Semi-empirical from equivalents	Semi-empirical from equivalents	Semi-empirical from equivalents
Max. and min. transmission	0.7457 and 0.6774	0.7461 and 0.7051	0.7460 and 0.6566	0.7460 and 0.6930
Refinement method	Full-matrix least- squares on <b><i>F</i><sup>2</sup></b>	Full matrix least-squares on <b><i>F</i><sup>2</sup></b>	Full matrix least- squares on <b><i>F</i><sup>2</sup></b>	Full-matrix least- squares on <b><i>F</i><sup>2</sup></b>
Data/restraints/parameters	4969/5/267	8393/2/393	9069/5/438	8444 / 3 / 371
Goodness of fit (GOF) on <b><i>F</i><sup>2</sup></b>	1.022	1.097	1.064	1.049
Final <i>R</i> indices [ <i>I</i> >2σ( <i>I</i> )]	<i>R</i> 1 = 0.0248, <i>wR</i> 2 = 0.0557	<i>R</i> 1 = 0.0376, <i>wR</i> 2 = 0.0612	<i>R</i> 1 = 0.0371, <i>wR</i> 2 = 0.0990	<i>R</i> 1 = 0.0406, <i>wR</i> 2 = 0.0868
<i>R</i> indices (all data)	<i>R</i> 1 = 0.0352, <i>wR</i> 2 = 0.0596	<i>R</i> 1 = 0.0765 <i>wR</i> 2 = 0.0759	<i>R</i> 1 = 0.0458 <i>wR</i> 2 = 0.1038	<i>R</i> 1 = 0.0686, <i>wR</i> 2 = 0.0958
Extinction coefficient	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Largest. Diff. peak and hole (e Å <sup>-3</sup> )	0.581 and -0.691	0.430 and -0.652	2.449 and -1.420	0.365 and -0.558

**Table 2.** Selected bond lengths (Å) and bond angles (°) for compound **2**, and lengths (Å) and angles (°) related to hydrogen bond interactions

<b>2</b>				
<i>Bond length (Å)</i>		<i>Bond angles (°)</i>		
Zn(1)-O(9)	1.9718(10)	O(9)-Zn(1)-O(5)	101.46(5)	
Zn(1)-O(5)	2.0009(12)	O(9)-Zn(1)-O(1)	101.61(5)	
Zn(1)-O(1)	2.0107(13)	O(5)-Zn(1)-O(1)	89.10(6)	
Zn(1)-O(6)#1	2.0234(13)	O(9)-Zn(1)-O(6)#1	98.72(5)	
Zn(1)-O(2)#1	2.0305(15)	O(5)-Zn(1)-O(6)#1	159.67(5)	
Zn(1)-Zn(1)#1	2.8726(3)	O(1)-Zn(1)-O(6)#1	89.27(7)	
		O(9)-Zn(1)-O(2)#1	98.52(5)	
		O(5)-Zn(1)-O(2)#1	88.53(7)	
		O(1)-Zn(1)-O(2)#1	159.79(5)	
		O(6)#1-Zn(1)-O(2)#1	86.05(8)	
Intermolecular interactions				
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O(9)-H(9O)...O(2)	0.84	2.31	2.9897(19)	138
O(9)-H(9O)...O(6)	0.84	2.31	3.0227(18)	143

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**Table 3.** Selected bond lengths (Å) and bond angles (°) for compounds **3**, **4** and **6**

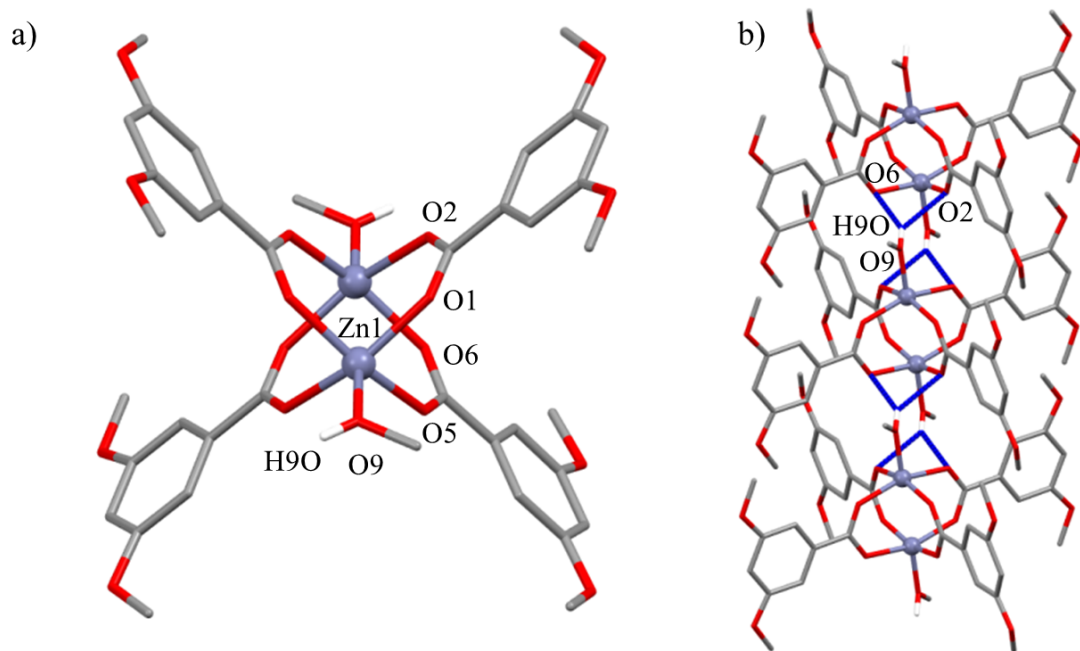
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Zn(1)-O(5)	1.957(3)	O(1)-Zn(1)-N(1)	126.44(15)
Zn(1)-N(1)	2.049(3)	O(5)-Zn(1)-N(1)	97.74(14)
Zn(1)-N(2)#1	2.060(4)	O(1)-Zn(1)-N(2)#1	97.32(14)
Zn(1)⋯Zn(1)	11.1388(7)	O(5)-Zn(1)-N(2)#1	131.48(15)
		N(1)-Zn(1)-N(2)#1	95.28(10)
<b>4</b>			
<i>Bond length (Å)</i>		<i>Bond angles (°)</i>	
Zn(1)-O(1)	1.9630(11)	O(1)-Zn(1)-O(5)	103.78(4)
Zn(1)-O(5)	1.9771(11)	O(1)-Zn(1)-N(1)	118.00(5)
Zn(1)-N(1)	2.0410(12)	O(5)-Zn(1)-N(1)	100.25(5)
Zn(1)-N(2)#1	2.0292(13)	O(1)-Zn(1)-N(2)	121.25(5)
Zn(1)⋯Zn(1)	11.1334(7)	O(5)-Zn(1)-N(2)	110.99(5)
		N(1)-Zn(1)-N(2)	100.78(5)
<b>6</b>			
<i>Bond length (Å)</i>		<i>Bond angles (°)</i>	
Zn(1)-O(5)	1.9316(13)	O(5)-Zn(1)-O(1)	128.00(6)
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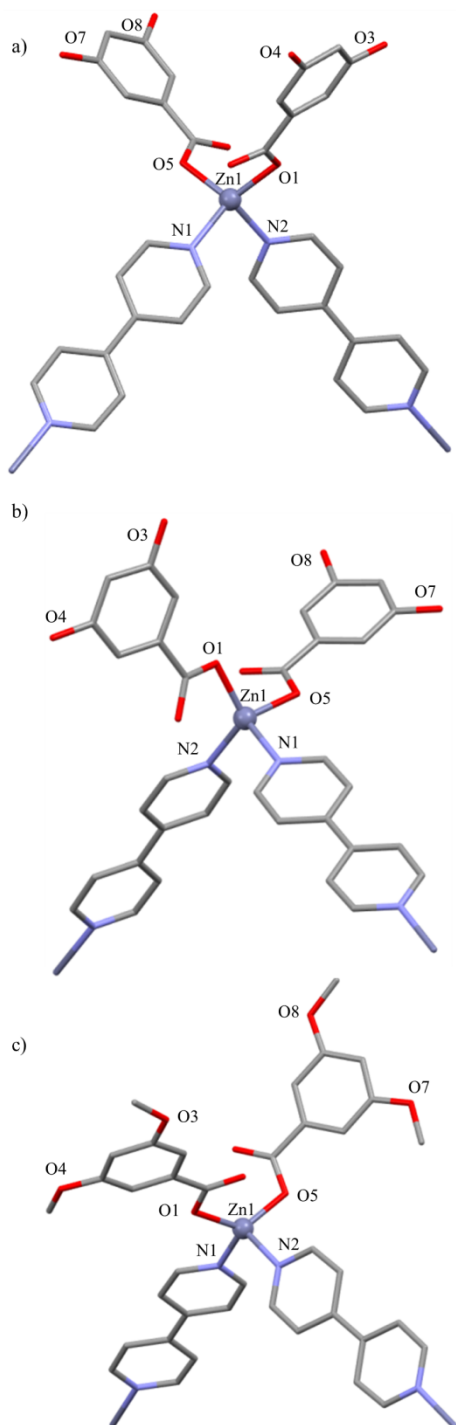
**Table 4.** Lengths (Å) and angles (°) related to hydrogen bond interaction in compounds 3, 4 and 6

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O(3)-H(3A)...O(10)	0.84	1.88	2.716(5)	172
O(4)-H(4O)...S(1)	0.84	2.86	3.601(3)	149
O(4)-H(4O)...O(9)	0.84	1.95	2.742(5)	156
O(7)-H(7O)...O(9)	0.84	1.91	2.746(5)	178
O(8)-H(8O)...S(2)	0.84	2.86	3.631(4)	154
O(8)-H(8O)...O(10)	0.84	1.86	2.694(5)	169
<b>4</b>				
O1W-H1WO...N3	0.84	1.92	2.7334(5)	163
O3-H3A...O8	0.84	1.92	2.722(2)	160
O4-H4A...O6	0.84	1.82	2.647(2)	167
O7-H7A...O2	0.84	1.94	2.770(2)	170
O8-H8A...O1W	0.84	1.81	2.646(3)	172
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O1W-H1WB...O6	0.85(3)	1.96(3)	2.807(3)	173(2)

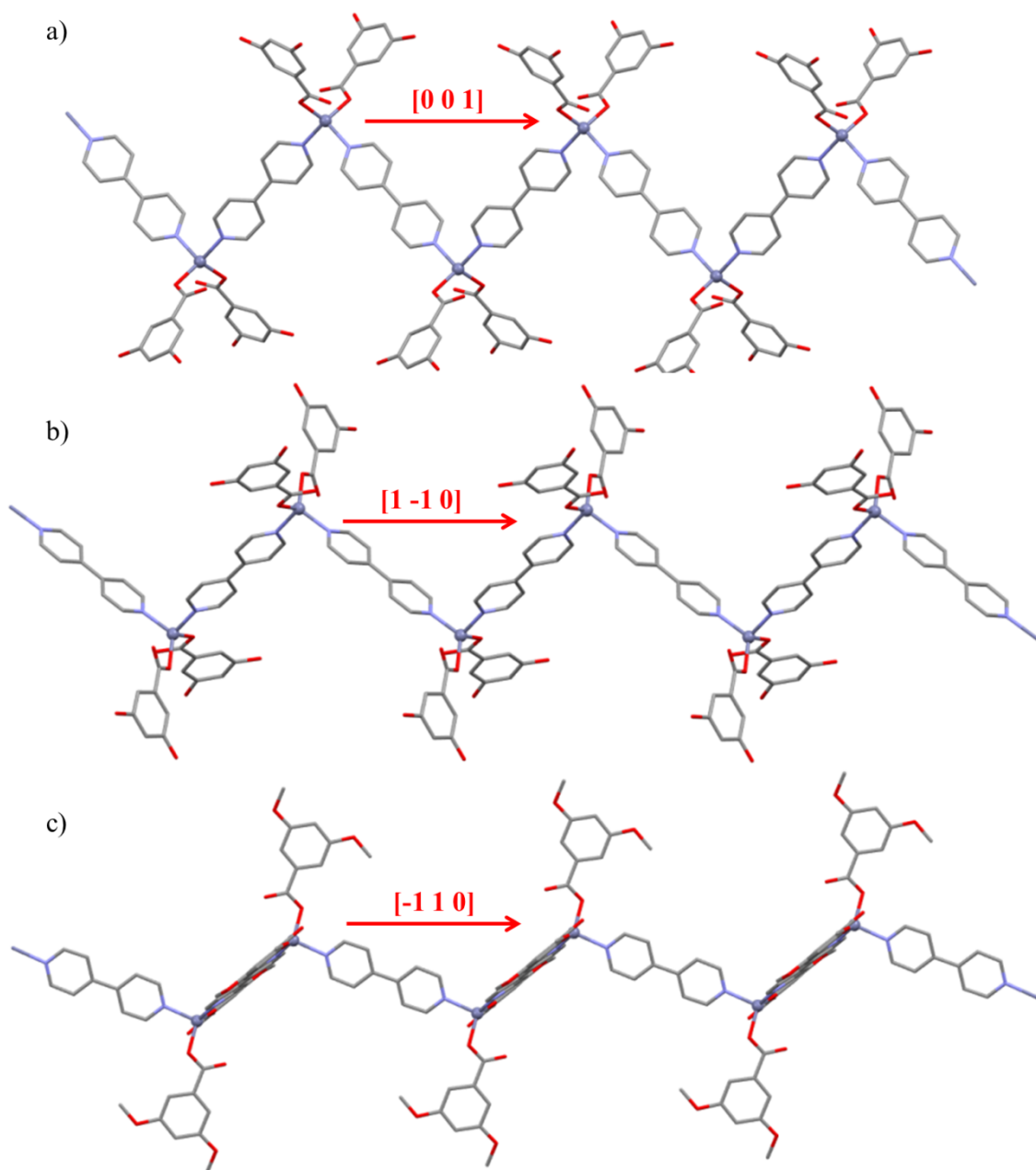




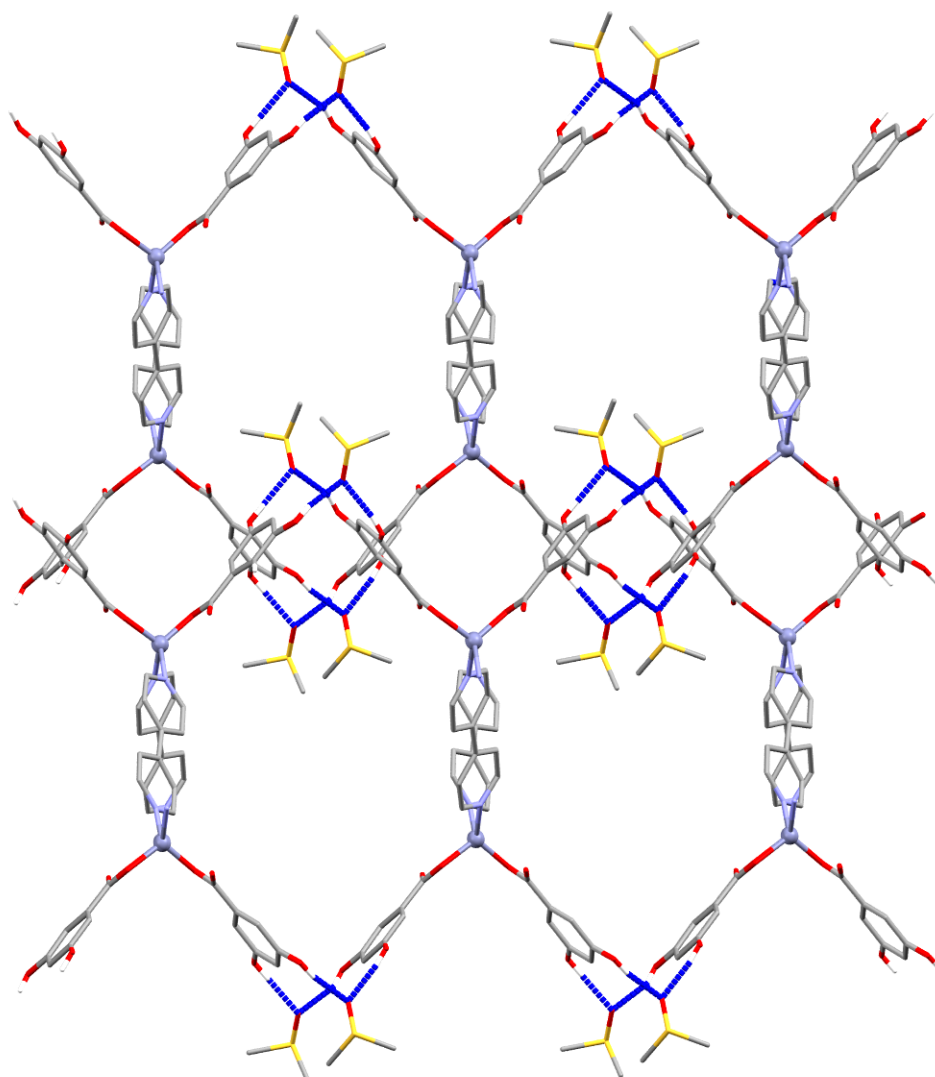
**Figure 1.** Crystal structure of  $[\text{Zn}(\mu\text{-}3,5\text{-(MeO)}_2\text{Bz)}_2(\text{CH}_3\text{OH})]_2$  (**2**). **a.** Molecule detail; **b.** Supramolecular chains formed by expansion of hydrogen bond interactions. Hydrogen atoms are omitted for clarity, except those which participate in the intermolecular interactions.



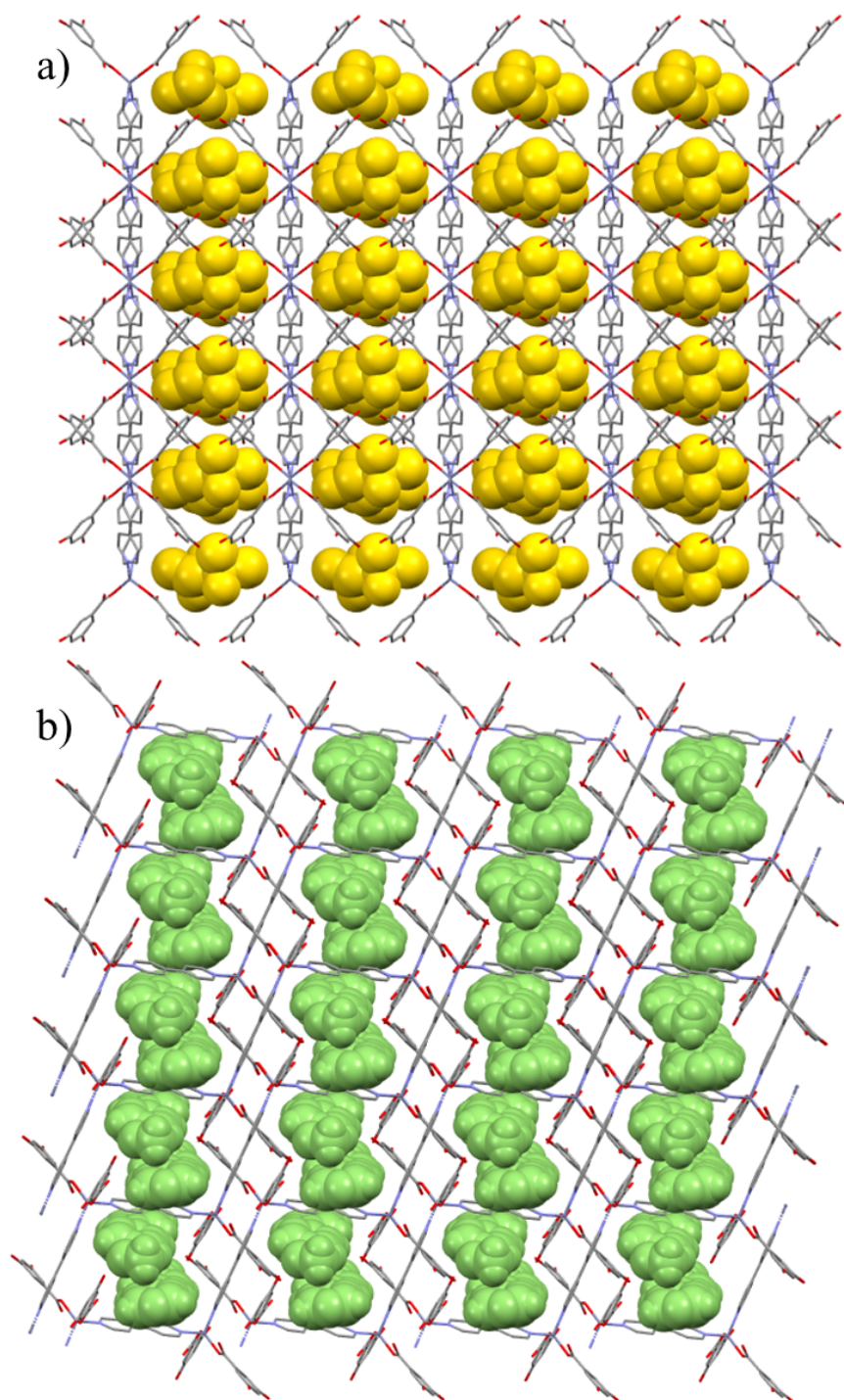
**Figure 2.** Coordination environment of Zn in **a.**  $\{[\text{Zn}(3,5\text{-(HO)}_2\text{Bz})_2(\mu\text{-}4,4'\text{-bpy})]\cdot 2\text{DMSO}\}_n$  (**3**); **b.**  $\{[\text{Zn}(3,5\text{-(HO)}_2\text{Bz})_2(\mu\text{-}4,4'\text{-bpy})]\cdot 4,4'\text{-bpy}\cdot 1/2\text{CH}_3\text{OH}\}_n$  (**4**) and **c.**  $\{[\text{Zn}(3,5\text{-(MeO)}_2\text{Bz})_2(\mu\text{-}4,4'\text{-bpy})]\cdot \text{H}_2\text{O}\}_n$  (**6**) (*bottom*). Hydrogen atoms, solvent molecules and non-coordinated 4-4'-bpy are omitted for clarity



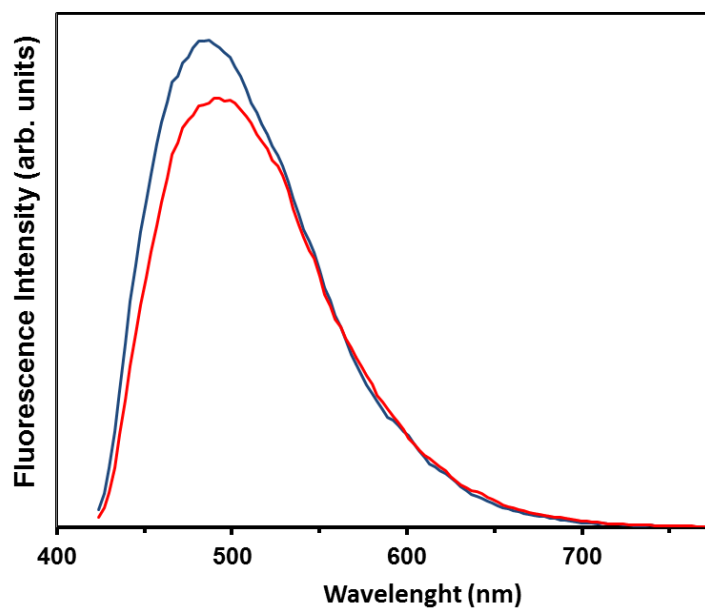
**Figure 3.** Different perspective views of chains in **a.**  $\{[\text{Zn}(3,5\text{-(HO)}_2\text{Bz})_2(\mu\text{-}4,4'\text{-bpy})]\cdot 2\text{DMSO}\}_n$  (**3**); **b.**  $\{[\text{Zn}(3,5\text{-(HO)}_2\text{Bz})_2(\mu\text{-}4,4'\text{-bpy})]\cdot 4,4'\text{-bpy}\cdot 1/2\text{CH}_3\text{OH}\}_n$  (**4**) and **c.**  $\{[\text{Zn}(3,5\text{-(MeO)}_2\text{Bz})_2(\mu\text{-}4,4'\text{-bpy})]\cdot \text{H}_2\text{O}\}_n$  (**6**). Hydrogen atoms, solvent molecules and non-coordinated 4-4'-bpy are omitted for clarity



**Figure 4.** Views of the 2D supramolecular expansion in **3** formed by O-H $\cdots$ O hydrogen bond interactions. Only hydrogen atoms which participate in the intermolecular interactions are shown.



**Figure 5.** View of **a.** compound **3** (*c* axis) and **b.** compound **4** (*b* axis). Hydrogen atoms are omitted for clarity. DMSO in **3** and non-coordinated 4-4'-bpy in **4** are depicted in yellow and green color, respectively.



**Figure 6.** Spectral profiles representing photoluminescence intensity versus emission wavelength in the 415–750 nm range for  $[\text{Zn}_2(\mu\text{-}3,5\text{-DMB})_4(\mu\text{-}4,4'\text{-bpy})]_n$  (**5**, red line) and  $\{[\text{Zn}(3,5\text{-DMB})_2(\mu\text{-}4,4'\text{-bpy})]\cdot\text{H}_2\text{O}\}_n$  (**6**, blue line)

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## Supporting Information

### **Benzoate substituents effects on the structure of zinc complexes and 1D 4,4'-bipyridine derived coordination polymers**

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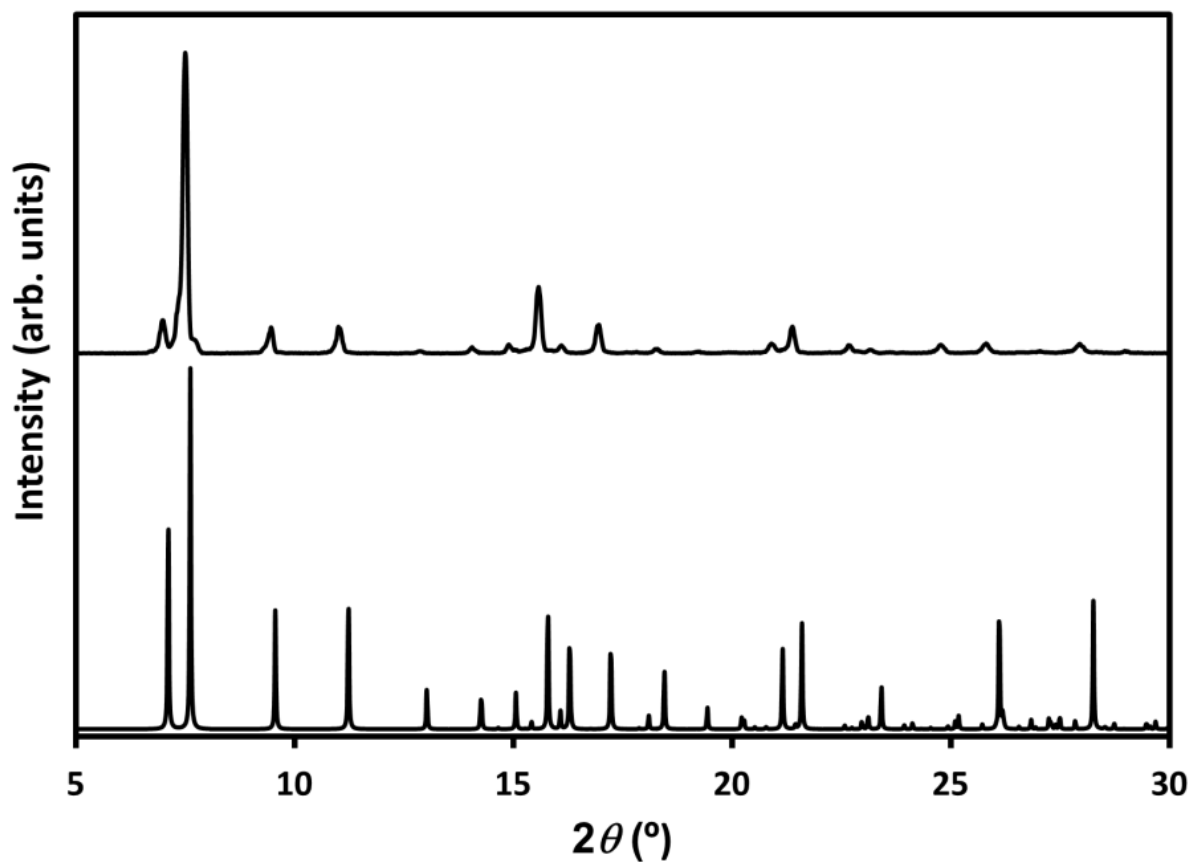
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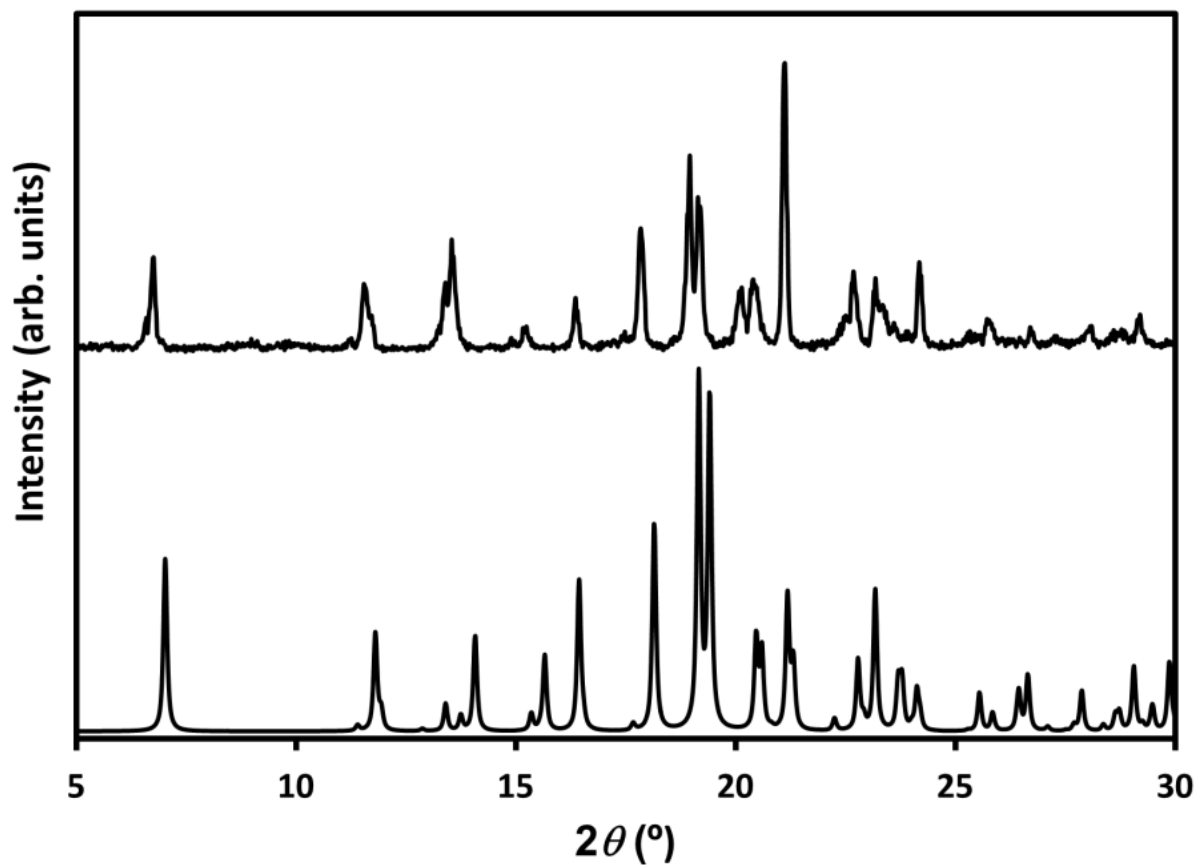
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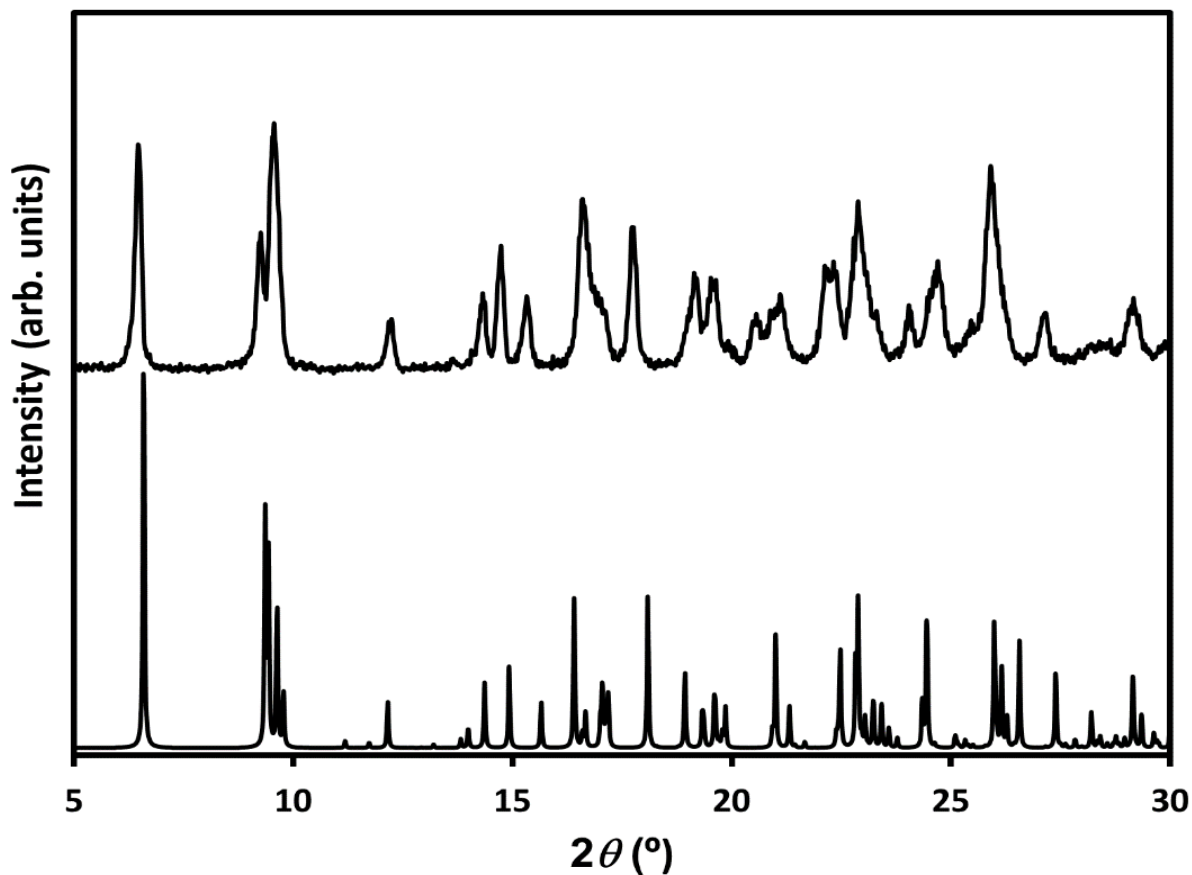
## Powder X-Ray diffraction patterns



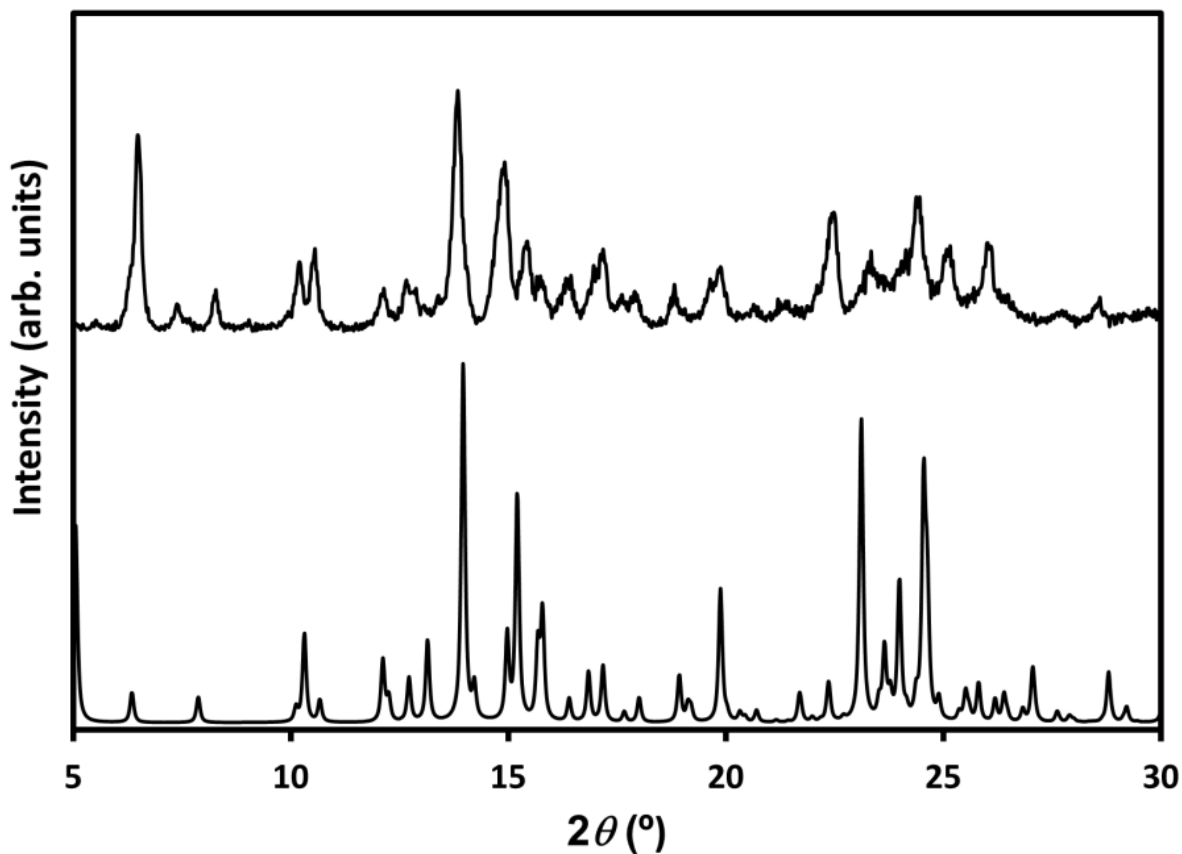
**Figure S1.** Comparison between the powder XRD pattern simulated from the crystal structure data of  $[\text{Zn}(\mu\text{-}3,5\text{-(MeO)}_2\text{Bz})_2(\text{CH}_3\text{OH})_2]_2$  (**2**), determined at 100 K (*bottom*) and the experimental pattern measured at room temperature (*top*).



**Figure S2.** Comparison between the powder XRD pattern simulated from the crystal structure data of  $\{[\text{Zn}(3,5\text{-(HO)}_2\text{Bz})_2(\mu\text{-}4,4'\text{-bpy})]\cdot 2\text{DMSO}\}_n$  (**3**), determined at 100 K (*bottom*) and the experimental pattern measured at room temperature (*top*).

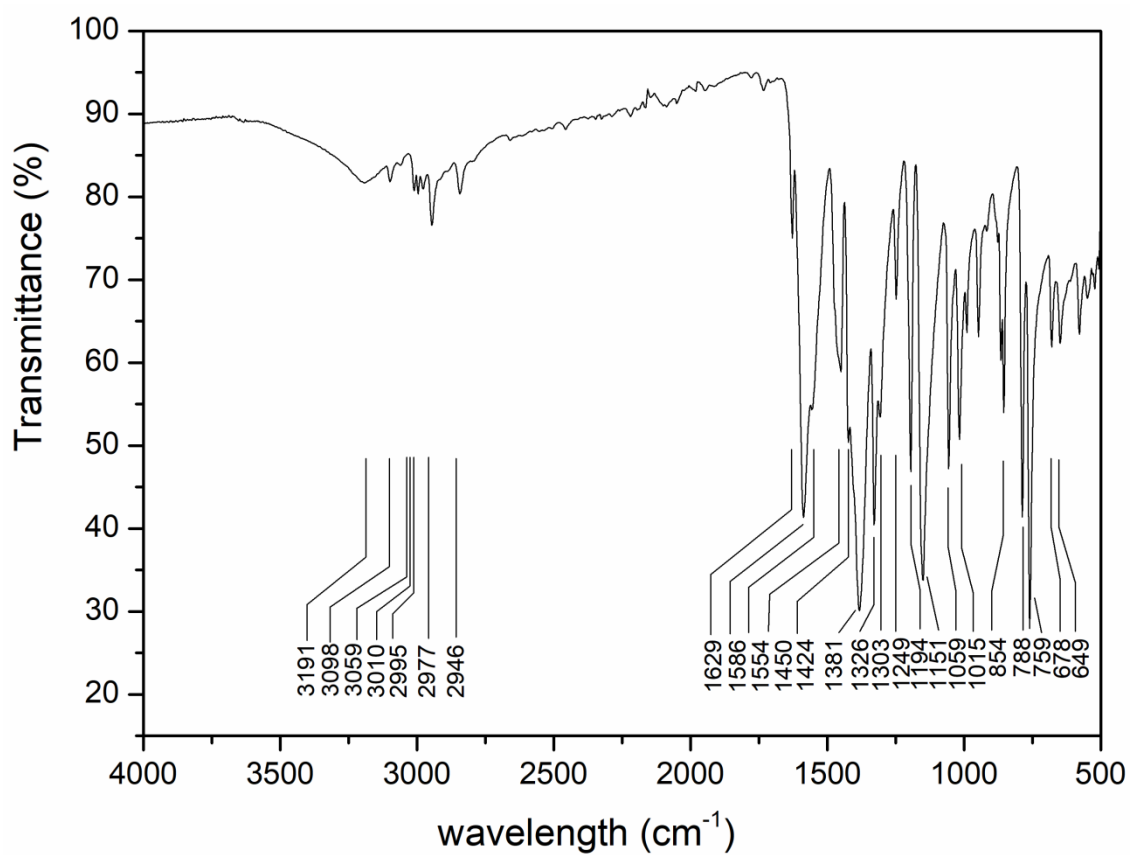


**Figure S3.** Comparison between the powder XRD pattern simulated from the crystal structure data of  $\{[\text{Zn}(3,5\text{-}(\text{HO})_2\text{Bz})_2(\mu\text{-}4,4'\text{-bpy})]\cdot 4,4'\text{-bpy}\cdot 1/2\text{CH}_3\text{OH}\}_n$  (4), determined at 100 K (*bottom*) and the experimental pattern measured at room temperature (*top*). Small displacement of the peaks was due to the different characterization temperature of the powder (room temperature) and the single crystal (100 K).

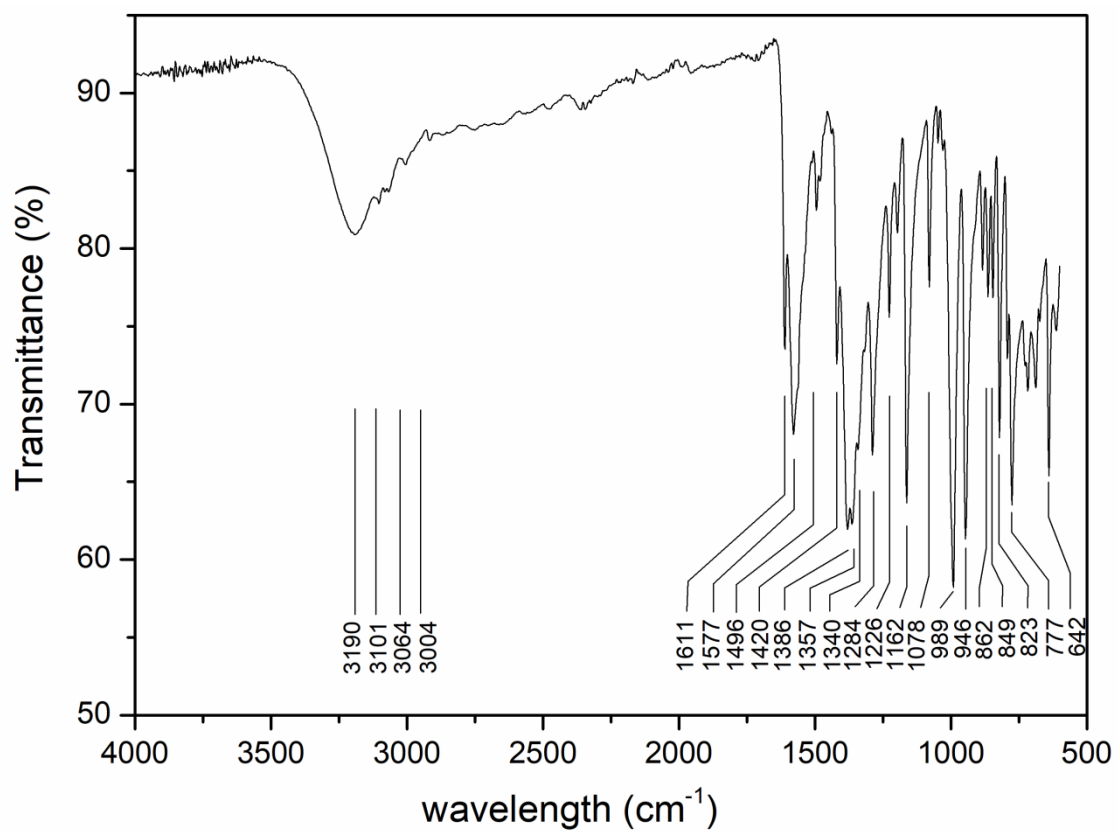


**Figure S4.** Comparison between the powder XRD pattern simulated from the crystal structure data of  $\{[\text{Zn}(3,5\text{-}(\text{MeO})_2\text{Bz})_2(\mu\text{-}4,4'\text{-bpy})]\cdot\text{H}_2\text{O}\}_n$  (**6**), determined at 100 K (*bottom*) and the experimental pattern measured at room temperature (*top*). Small displacement of the peaks was due to the different characterization temperature of the powder (room temperature) and the single crystal (100 K) and also possibly be the loss of some water content.

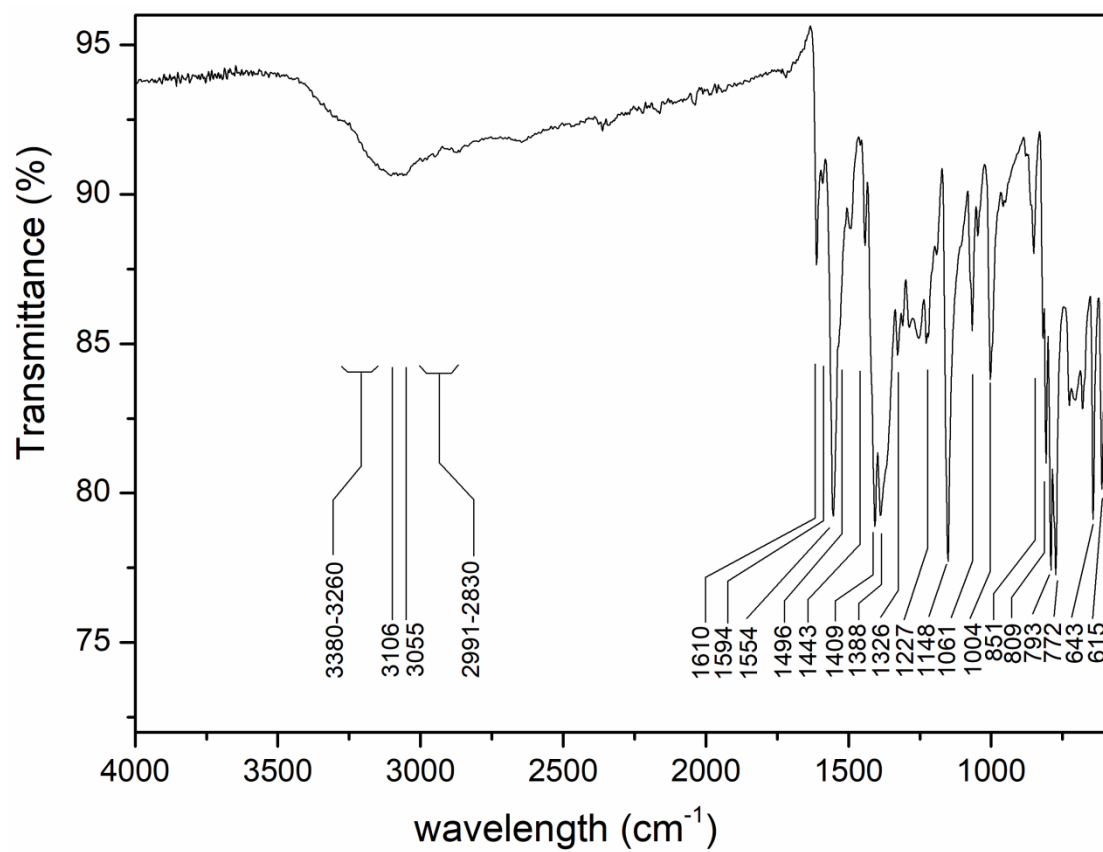
ATR-FTIR and  $^1\text{H-NMR}$  spectroscopic data



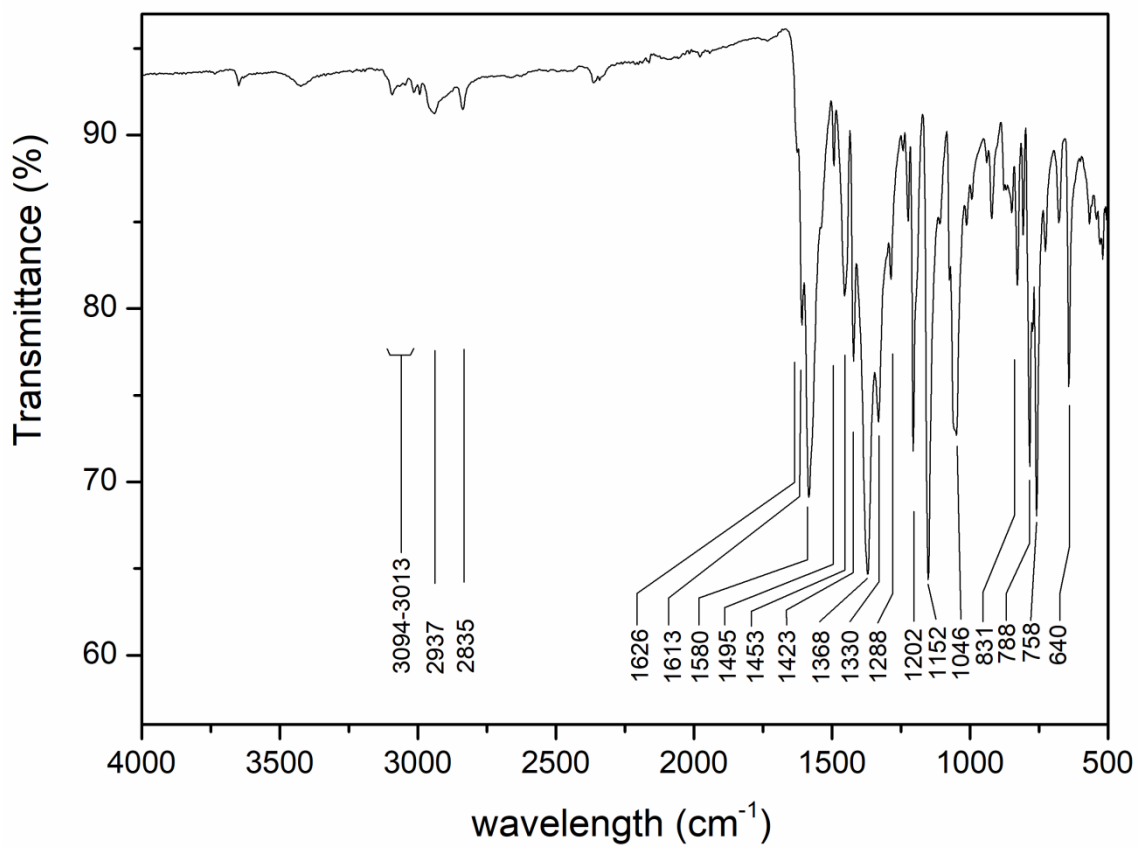
**Figure S5.** FTIR-ATR spectrum of  $[\text{Zn}(\mu\text{-}3,5\text{-(MeO)}_2\text{Bz})_2(\text{CH}_3\text{OH})]_2$  (**2**)



**Figure S6.** FTIR-ATR spectrum of  $\{[Zn(3,5-(HO)_2Bz)_2(\mu-4,4'-bpy)] \cdot 2DMSO\}_n$  (**3**)

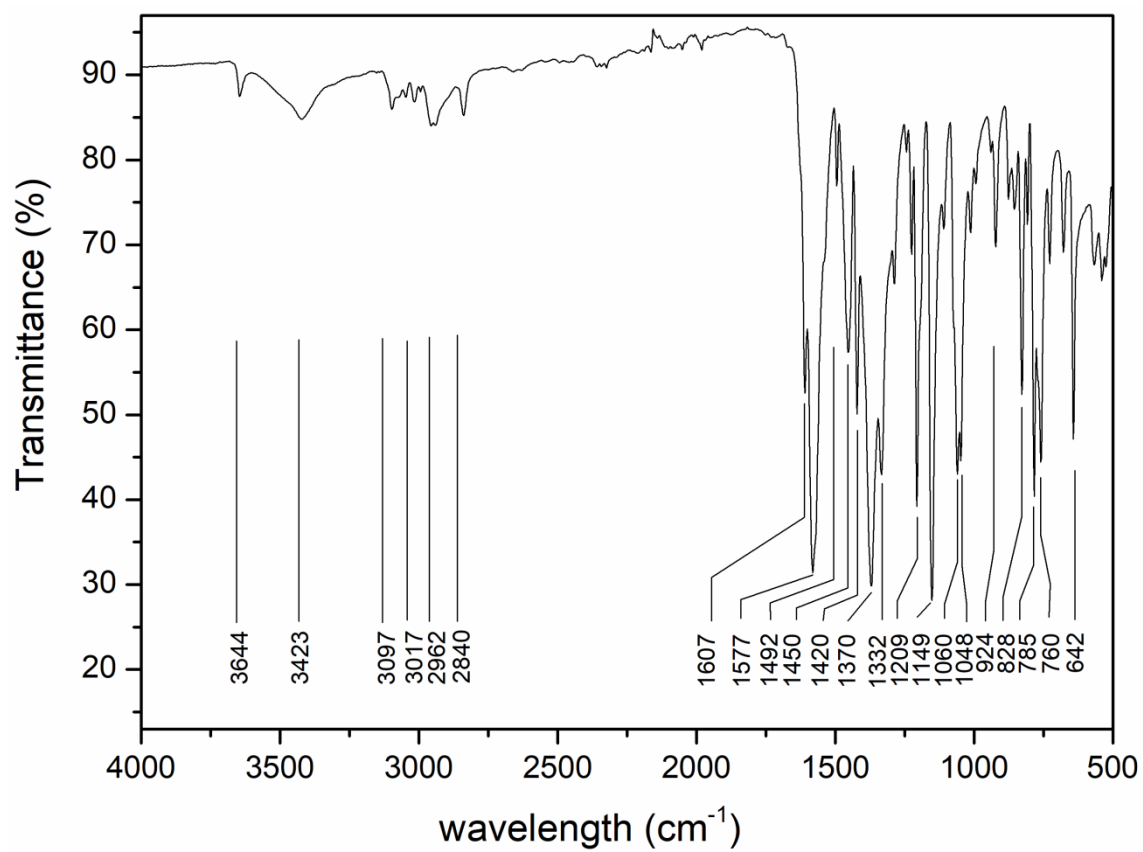


**Figure S7.** FTIR-ATR spectrum of  $\{[\text{Zn}(\text{3,5-(HO)}_2\text{Bz})_2(\mu\text{-4,4'-bpy})]\cdot\text{4,4'-bpy}\cdot\frac{1}{2}\text{CH}_3\text{OH}\}_n$  (**4**)



**Figure S8.** FTIR-ATR spectrum of  $[Zn_2(\mu\text{-}3,5\text{-(MeO)}_2\text{Bz})_4(\mu\text{-}4,4'\text{-bpy})]_n$  (**5**)





**Figure S9.** FTIR-ATR spectrum of  $\{[Zn(3,5-(MeO)_2Bz)_2(\mu-4,4'-bpy)] \cdot H_2O\}_n$  (**6**)

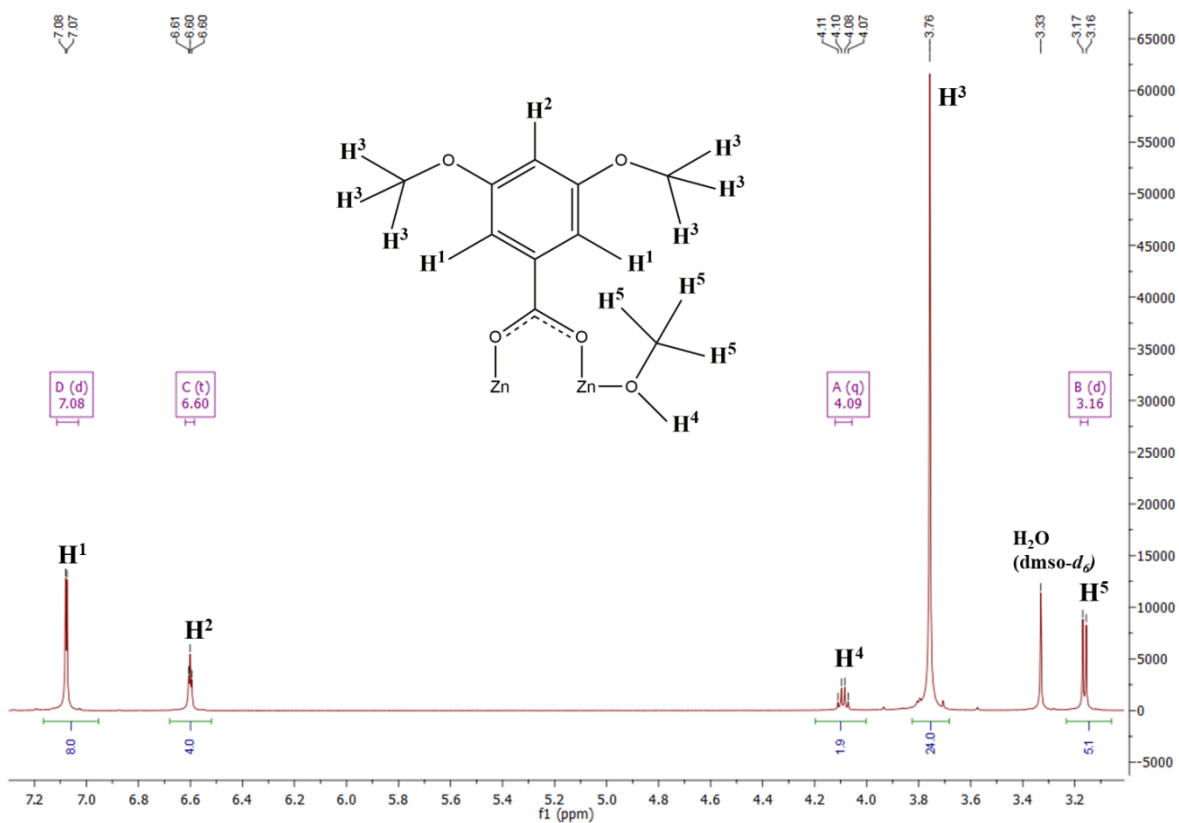


Figure S10.  $^1\text{H-NMR}$  spectrum of  $[\text{Zn}(\mu\text{-}3,5\text{-(MeO)}_2\text{Bz})_2(\text{CH}_3\text{OH})_2]$  (**2**)

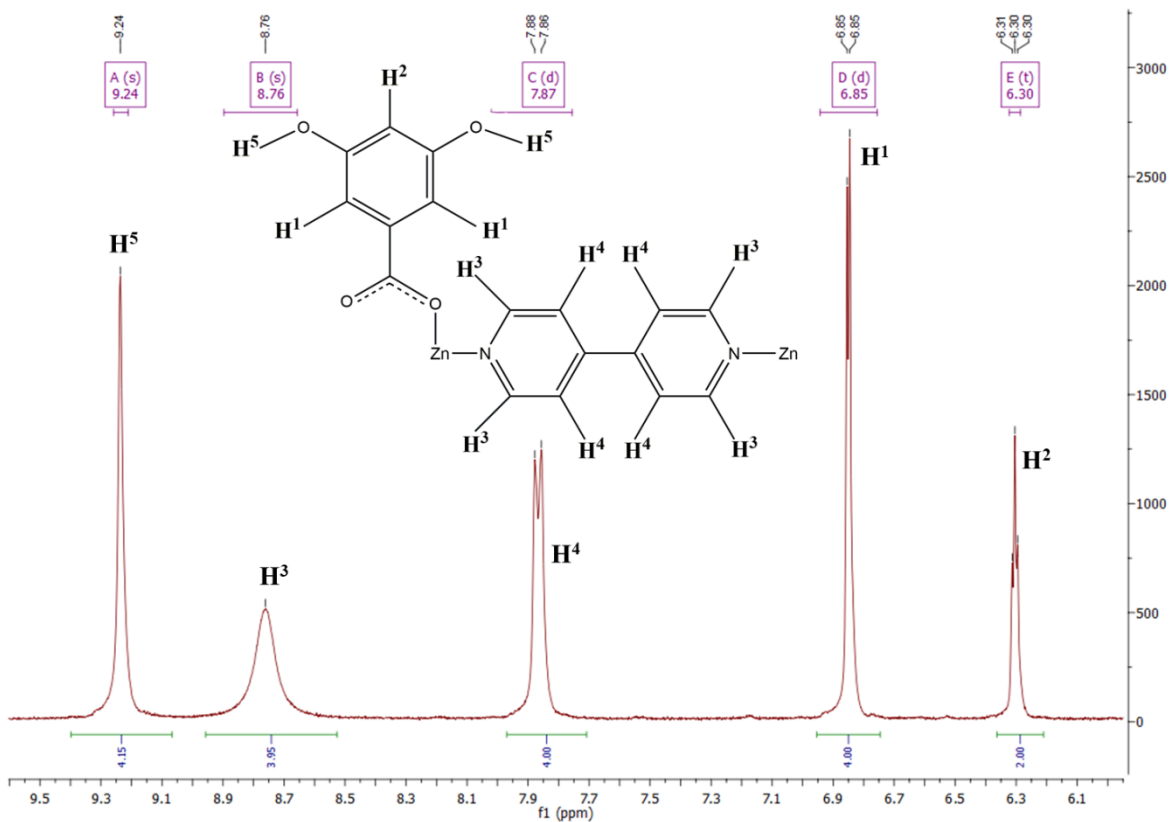
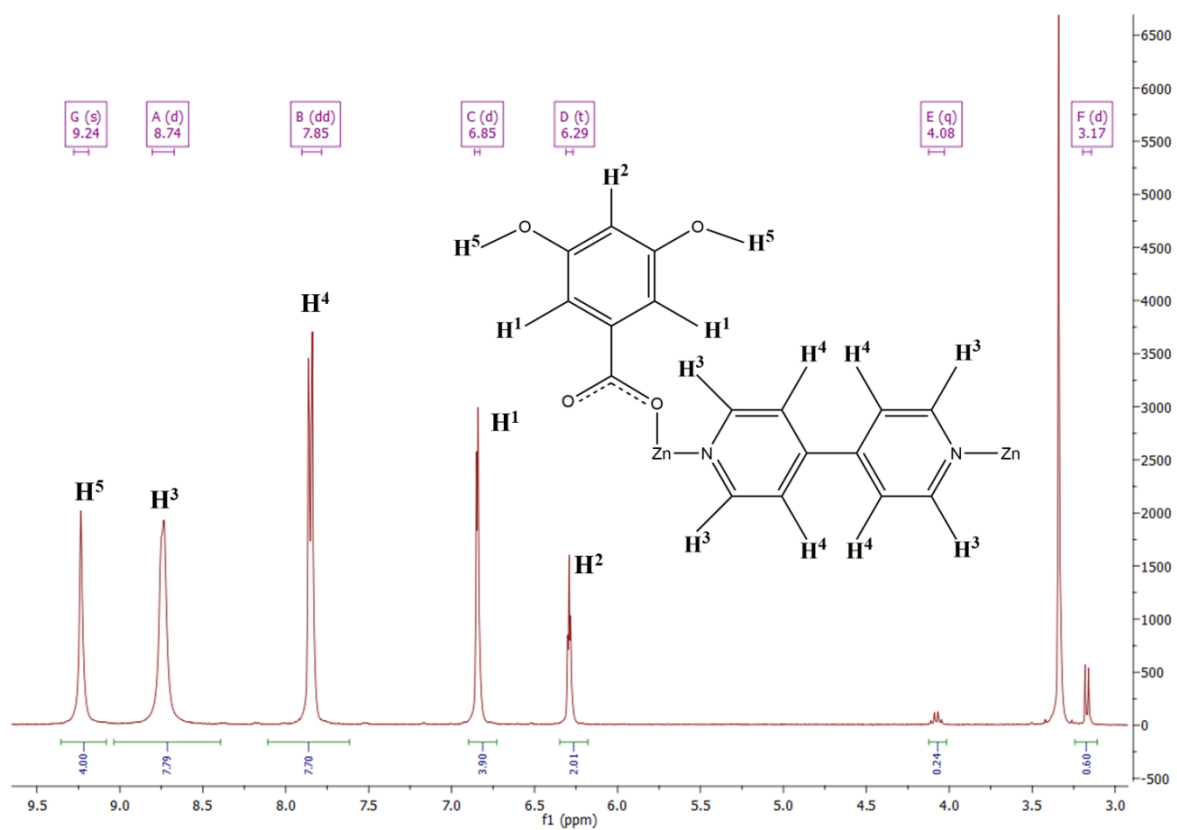


Figure S11.  $^1\text{H-NMR}$  spectrum of  $\{[\text{Zn}(3,5\text{-(HO)}_2\text{Bz})_2(\mu\text{-}4,4'\text{-bpy})]\cdot 2\text{DMSO}\}_n$  (**3**)



**Figure S12.** <sup>1</sup>H-NMR spectrum of  $\{[Zn(3,5-(HO)_2Bz)_2(\mu-4,4'-bpy)] \cdot 4,4'-bpy \cdot 1/2CH_3OH\}_n$  (4)

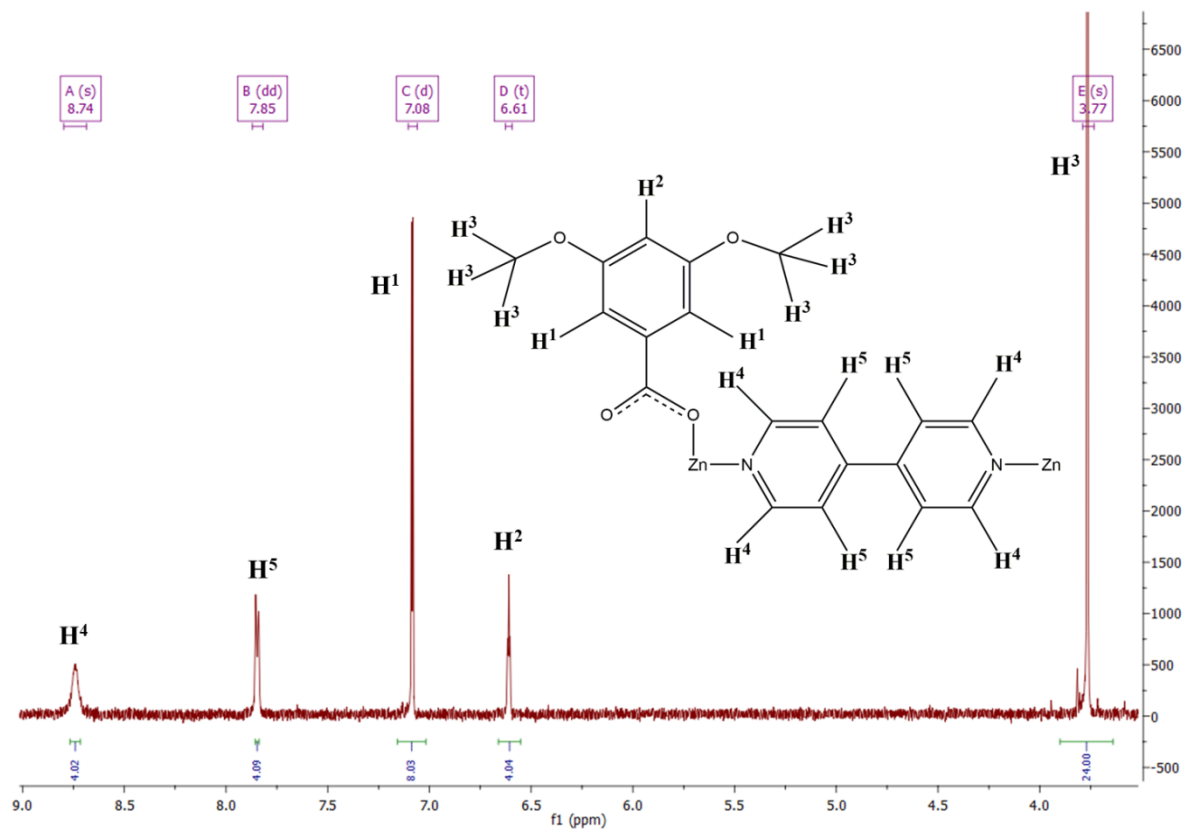


Figure S13.  $^1\text{H-NMR}$  spectrum of  $[\text{Zn}_2(\mu\text{-}3,5\text{-(MeO)}_2\text{Bz})_4(\mu\text{-}4,4'\text{-bpy})]_n$  (5)

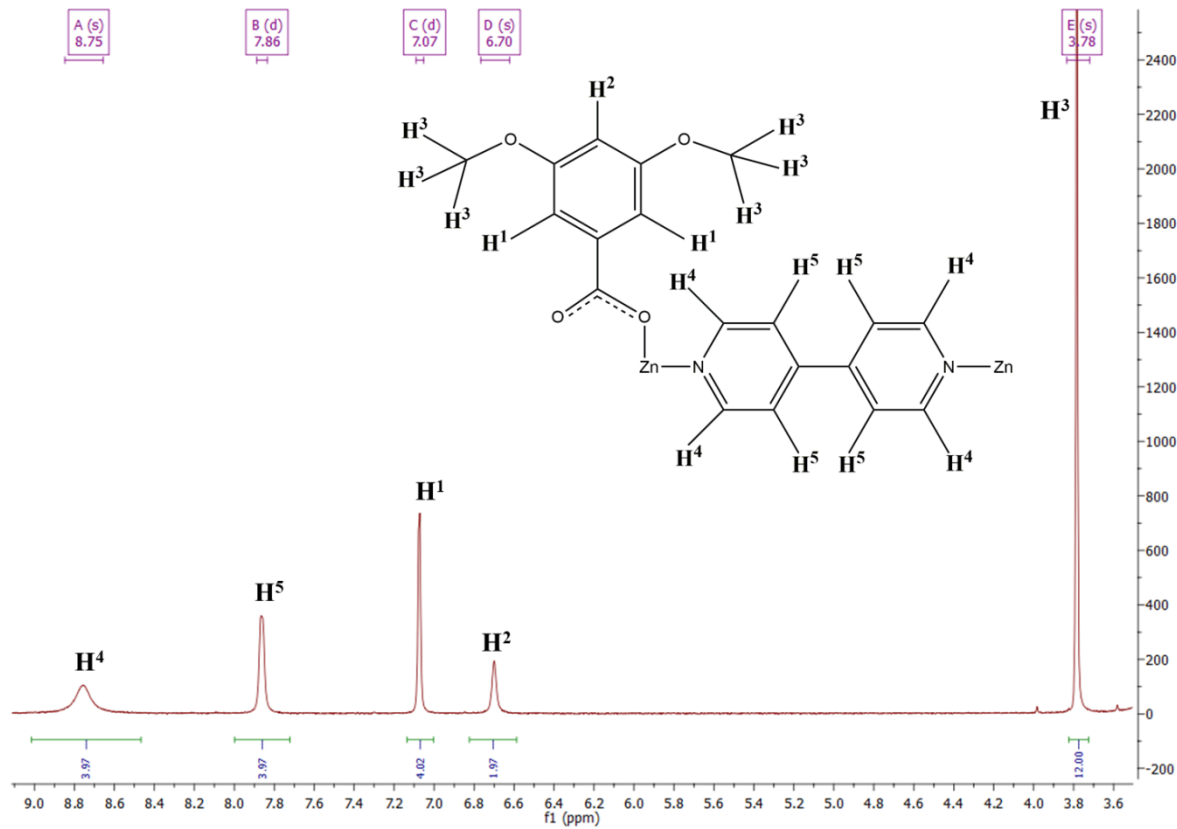


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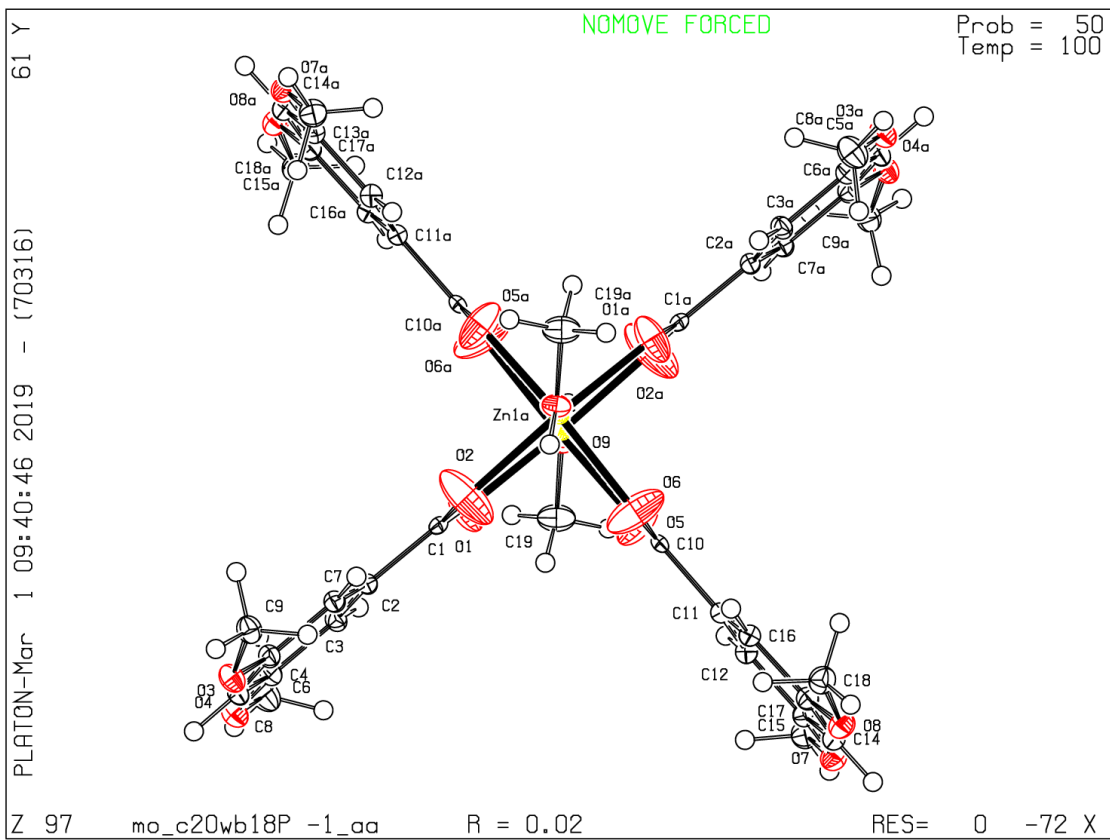
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### ● Alert level C

STRVA01\_ALERT\_4\_C Flack test results are ambiguous.  
From the CIF: `_refine_ls_abs_structure_Flack` 0.481  
From the CIF: `_refine_ls_abs_structure_Flack_su` 0.013  
PLAT341\_ALERT\_3\_C Low Bond Precision on C-C Bonds ..... 0.0067 Ang.

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### ● Alert level G

PLAT004\_ALERT\_5\_G Polymeric Structure Found with Maximum Dimension 1 Info  
PLAT007\_ALERT\_5\_G Number of Unrefined Donor-H Atoms ..... 4 Report  
PLAT111\_ALERT\_2\_G ADDSYM Detects New (Pseudo) Centre of Symmetry . 95 %Fit  
PLAT113\_ALERT\_2\_G ADDSYM Suggests Possible Pseudo/New Space Group P2/c Check

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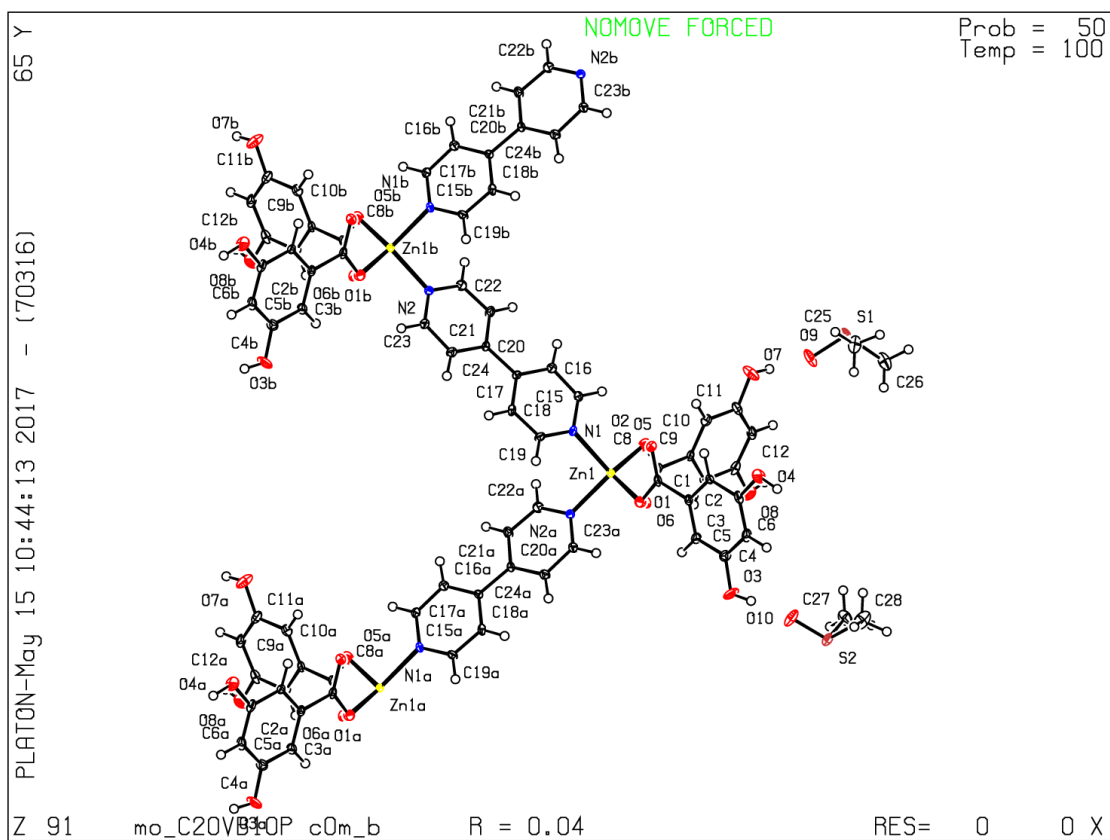
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Datablock mo\_C20VB108A\_0m\_b - ellipsoid plot



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## Datablock: mo\_C20VB231\_0m\_aa

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Bond precision:    C-C = 0.0029 A                      Wavelength=0.71073

Cell:              a=10.6316(6)              b=11.6986(7)              c=14.0895(8)  
                    alpha=96.653(2)          beta=102.794(2)          gamma=111.997(2)  
Temperature:      100 K

	Calculated	Reported
Volume	1545.70(16)	1545.70(16)
Space group	P -1	P -1
Hall group	-P 1	-P 1
Moiety formula	2(C24 H18 N2 O8 Zn), 2(C10 H8 N2), C H4 O	2(C24 H18 N2 O8 Zn), 2(C10 H8 N2), C H4 O
Sum formula	C69 H56 N8 O17 Zn2	C69 H56 N8 O17 Zn2
Mr	1400.00	1399.95
Dx, g cm-3	1.504	1.504
Z	1	1
Mu (mm-1)	0.858	0.858
F000	722.0	722.0
F000'	722.89	
h,k,lmax	14,16,19	14,16,19
Nref	9089	9067
Tmin,Tmax	0.911,0.938	0.657,0.746
Tmin'	0.754	

Correction method= # Reported T Limits: Tmin=0.657 Tmax=0.746  
AbsCorr = MULTI-SCAN

Data completeness= 0.998                      Theta(max)= 30.097

R(reflections)= 0.0371( 7698)              wR2(reflections)= 0.1038( 9067)

S = 1.064                      Npar= 438

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● **Alert level C**

PLAT250_ALERT_2_C	Large U3/U1 Ratio for Average U(i,j) Tensor ....	2.9	Note
PLAT369_ALERT_2_C	Long C(sp2)-C(sp2) Bond C25 - C26 .	1.54	Ang.
PLAT369_ALERT_2_C	Long C(sp2)-C(sp2) Bond C27 - C30 .	1.55	Ang.
PLAT911_ALERT_3_C	Missing FCF Refl Between Thmin & STh/L= 0.600	11	Report
PLAT918_ALERT_3_C	Reflection(s) with I(obs) much Smaller I(calc) .	3	Check
PLAT975_ALERT_2_C	Check Calcd Resid. Dens. 0.76A From OlW	1.19	eA-3

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● **Alert level G**

ABSTY01\_ALERT\_1\_G Extra text has been found in the \_exptl\_absorpt\_correction\_type field, which should be only a single keyword. A literature citation should be included in the \_exptl\_absorpt\_process\_details field.

PLAT002_ALERT_2_G	Number of Distance or Angle Restraints on AtSite	4	Note
PLAT003_ALERT_2_G	Number of Uiso or Uij Restrained non-H Atoms ...	7	Report
PLAT004_ALERT_5_G	Polymeric Structure Found with Maximum Dimension	1	Info
PLAT007_ALERT_5_G	Number of Unrefined Donor-H Atoms .....	5	Report
PLAT154_ALERT_1_G	The s.u.'s on the Cell Angles are Equal ..(Note)	0.002	Degree
PLAT171_ALERT_4_G	The CIF-Embedded .res File Contains EADP Records	1	Report
PLAT172_ALERT_4_G	The CIF-Embedded .res File Contains DFIX Records	3	Report
PLAT177_ALERT_4_G	The CIF-Embedded .res File Contains DELU Records	4	Report
PLAT300_ALERT_4_G	Atom Site Occupancy of OlW Constrained at	0.5	Check
PLAT300_ALERT_4_G	Atom Site Occupancy of ClW Constrained at	0.5	Check
PLAT300_ALERT_4_G	Atom Site Occupancy of HlWO Constrained at	0.5	Check
PLAT300_ALERT_4_G	Atom Site Occupancy of HlWA Constrained at	0.5	Check
PLAT300_ALERT_4_G	Atom Site Occupancy of HlWB Constrained at	0.5	Check
PLAT300_ALERT_4_G	Atom Site Occupancy of HlWC Constrained at	0.5	Check
PLAT302_ALERT_4_G	Anion/Solvent/Minor-Residue Disorder (Resd 3 )	100%	Note
PLAT432_ALERT_2_G	Short Inter X...Y Contact C32 ..C32	3.07	Ang.
PLAT720_ALERT_4_G	Number of Unusual/Non-Standard Labels .....	4	Note
PLAT789_ALERT_4_G	Atoms with Negative _atom_site_disorder_group #	6	Check
PLAT794_ALERT_5_G	Tentative Bond Valency for Zn1 (II) .	1.83	Info
PLAT860_ALERT_3_G	Number of Least-Squares Restraints .....	7	Note
PLAT910_ALERT_3_G	Missing # of FCF Reflection(s) Below Theta(Min).	1	Note
PLAT912_ALERT_4_G	Missing # of FCF Reflections Above STh/L= 0.600	10	Note
PLAT913_ALERT_3_G	Missing # of Very Strong Reflections in FCF ....	1	Note
PLAT933_ALERT_2_G	Number of OMIT Records in Embedded .res File ...	5	Note
PLAT978_ALERT_2_G	Number C-C Bonds with Positive Residual Density.	3	Info

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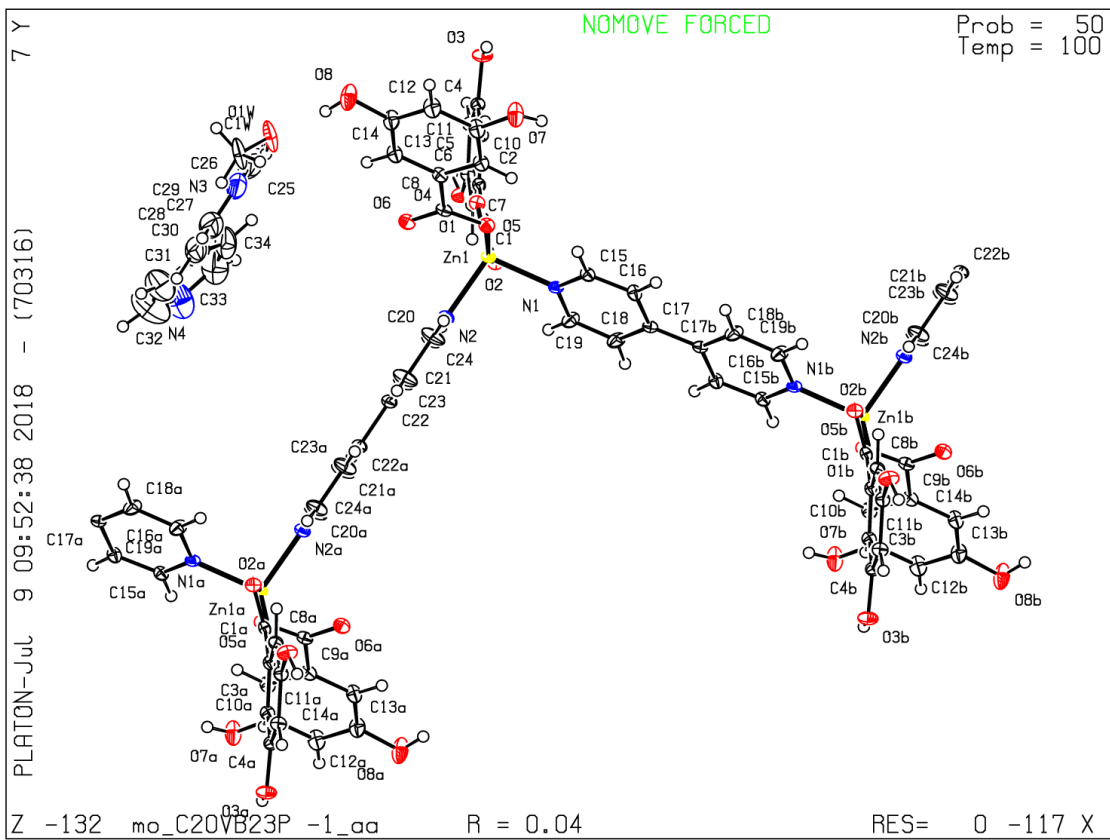
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Bond precision:	C-C = 0.0025 A	Wavelength=0.71073	
Cell:	a=23.0160(14)	b=27.8171(15)	c=8.7942(5)
	alpha=90	beta=102.896(2)	gamma=90
Temperature:	100 K		
	Calculated	Reported	
Volume	5488.4(5)	5488.4(5)	
Space group	C 2/c	C 2/c	
Hall group	-C 2yc	-C 2yc	
Moiety formula	C28 H26 N2 O8 Zn, H2 O	C28 H26 N2 O8 Zn , H2 O	
Sum formula	C28 H28 N2 O9 Zn	C28 H28 N2 O9 Zn	
Mr	601.91	601.89	
Dx,g cm-3	1.457	1.457	
Z	8	8	
Mu (mm-1)	0.952	0.952	
F000	2496.0	2496.0	
F000'	2499.46		
h,k,lmax	33,39,12	32,39,12	
Nref	8519	8444	
Tmin,Tmax	0.891,0.918	0.693,0.746	
Tmin'	0.793		

Correction method= # Reported T Limits: Tmin=0.693 Tmax=0.746  
AbsCorr = MULTI-SCAN

Data completeness= 0.991      Theta(max)= 30.675

R(reflections)= 0.0406( 6309)      wR2(reflections)= 0.0958( 8444)

S = 1.049      Npar= 371

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PLAT976\_ALERT\_2\_C Check Calcd Resid. Dens.      0.45A      From OlW      -0.47 eA-3  
PLAT977\_ALERT\_2\_C Check Negative Difference Density on H1WA      -0.38 eA-3

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PLAT004\_ALERT\_5\_G Polymeric Structure Found with Maximum Dimension      1 Info  
PLAT083\_ALERT\_2\_G SHELXL Second Parameter in WGHT      Unusually Large      8.25 Why ?  
PLAT128\_ALERT\_4\_G Alternate Setting for Input Space Group      C2/c      I2/a Note  
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