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## Cd(II)-based MOF as a photosensitive Schottky diode: experimental and theoretical studies

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Fig. S1. Solid sate UV-vis spectrum of 1.



Fig. S2. TGA of 1.



**Fig. S3.** FT-IR spectra of **1** before (a) and after (b) heating the complex at 120 °C indicating the stability of the material.



**Fig. S4.** Powder X-ray diffraction patterns of **1** in different states. (a) Simulated from single crystal X-ray diffraction data, (b) bulk material, (c) bulk material after heating at 120 °C and (d) thin film deposited on glass surface.

To ensure that the Complex 1 type material exhibits better electrical performances after exposed under illumination of incident radiation, we performed another experiment. Here we took another compound containing same 4-bpd ligand,  $\{[Cd(4-bpd)(N(CN)_2)_2]\}_n$  (complex 2) and fabricated same type of device with configuration ITO/2/Al. The I-V characteristics of that device were recorded under dark and under illumination of incident light and presented in Fig. S5 with the measured data in Table S1.



Fig. S5. Current-voltage (I-V) measurement of the ITO/Complex 2/Al sandwich structure

| Condition | On/Off Ratio | Photosensitivity | Conductivity                              |
|-----------|--------------|------------------|---|
| Dark      | 41.28        | 1.75             | 6.05 x 10 <sup>-5</sup> S.m <sup>-1</sup> |
| Light     | 69.03        |                  | 1.82 x 10 <sup>-4</sup> S.m <sup>-1</sup> |

Table S1: Electrical parameters of ITO/ Complex 2/Al device

From Fig. S5 it can be seen that complex 2 shows the same kind of non-linear rectifying nature like complex 1. The measured parameters from Table S1 illustrate the enhancement in rectification ratio (on/off ratio) as well as conductivity under illumination of incident light. But comparing this obtained value of complex 2 based devices with complex 1 based device, it can be easily seen that the complex 1 based device shows better performance under same kind of experimental conditions.



Fig. S6. Some electronic bands of ground state of 1.



**Fig. S7.** Calculated Full Partial DOS of Cadmium atom (point lines), SCN atoms (solid lines) and 4-bpd molecule (dashed lines) of **1**.



Fig. S8. Calculated Full Partial DOS of SCN 'p' (red line) and 's' (blue line) of 1.



Fig. S9. Calculated Full Partial DOS of 4-bpd 'p' (red line) and 's' (blue line) of 1.



Fig. S10. Calculated Full Partial DOS of Cd 'd' (green line), 'p' (red line) and 's' (blue line) of 1.