

Electronic Supplementary Information

Crystal engineering of cadmium coordination polymers decorated by nitro-functionalized thiophene-2,5-dicarboxylate and structurally related bis(imidazole) ligands with varying flexibility

Table S1 Selected bond distances (\AA) and angles ($^\circ$) for complexes **1–5**

Compound 1 ^a					
Cd(1)–O(1)	2.227(4)	Cd(1)–O(3) ^{#2}	2.298(4)	Cd(1)–O(7)	2.388(5)
Cd(1)–O(4) ^{#2}	2.604(4)	Cd(1)–N(1)	2.260(5)	Cd(1)–N(2) ^{#1}	2.298(5)
O(1)–Cd(1)–N(1)	101.26(17)	O(1)–Cd(1)–N(2) ^{#2}	90.6(2)	N(1)–Cd(1)–N(2) ^{#1}	106.65(18)
O(1)–Cd(1)–O(3) ^{#2}	111.41(16)	N(1)–Cd(1)–O(3) ^{#2}	144.76(15)	N(2) ^{#1} –Cd(1)–O(3) ^{#2}	86.37(16)
O(1)–Cd(1)–O(7)	87.75(19)	N(1)–Cd(1)–O(7)	87.15(17)	N(2) ^{#1} –Cd(1)–O(7)	166.14(18)
O(3) ^{#2} –Cd(1)–O(7)	81.45(16)	O(1)–Cd(1)–O(4) ^{#2}	164.17(16)	N(1)–Cd(1)–O(4) ^{#2}	93.68(14)
N(2)–Cd(1)–O(4) ^{#2}	90.10(16)	O(3) ^{#2} –Cd(1)–O(4) ^{#2}	52.87(13)	O(7)–Cd(1)–O(4) ^{#2}	87.79(16)

Compound 2 ^b					
Cd(1)–O(1)	2.378(7)	Cd(1)–O(2) ^{#4}	2.476(7)	Cd(1)–O(3) ^{#3}	2.481(9)
Cd(1)–O(4) ^{#3}	2.323(7)	Cd(1)–N(1)	2.246(10)	Cd(1)–N(4) ^{#2}	2.221(10)
O(1)–Cd(1)–O(2) ^{#4}	164.4(3)	O(1)–Cd(1)–O(3) ^{#3}	92.9(3)	O(2) ^{#4} –Cd(1)–O(3) ^{#3}	80.4(3)
O(4) ^{#3} –Cd(1)–O(3) ^{#3}	55.4(3)	O(4) ^{#3} –Cd(1)–O(2) ^{#4}	80.3(3)	O(4) ^{#3} –Cd(1)–O(1)	84.3(3)
N(1)–Cd(1)–O(1)	92.2(3)	N(4) ^{#2} –Cd(1)–O(1)	97.7(3)	N(1)–Cd(1)–O(4) ^{#3}	143.0(3)
N(4) ^{#2} –Cd(1)–O(4) ^{#3}	103.5(3)	N(4) ^{#2} –Cd(1)–N(1)	113.5(3)	N(4) ^{#2} –Cd(1)–O(2) ^{#2}	83.6(3)
N(1)–Cd(1)–O(2) ^{#4}	101.6(3)	N(4) ^{#2} –Cd(1)–O(3) ^{#3}	155.3(3)	N(1)–Cd(1)–O(3) ^{#3}	88.1(3)

Compound 3 ^c					
Cd(1)–O(1)	2.359(2)	Cd(1)–O(2) ^{#1}	2.249(2)	Cd(1)–O(3) ^{#2}	2.404(2)
Cd(1)–O(4) ^{#2}	2.353(2)	Cd(1)–N(3)	2.332(3)	Cd(1)–N(4)	2.269(3)
O(2) ^{#1} –Cd(1)–N(4)	90.04(9)	O(2) ^{#1} –Cd(1)–N(3)	82.63(9)	N(4)–Cd(1)–N(3)	97.34(9)
O(2) ^{#1} –Cd(1)–O(4) ^{#2}	96.30(8)	N(4)–Cd(1)–O(4) ^{#2}	160.89(9)	N(3)–Cd(1)–O(4) ^{#2}	101.33(9)
O(2) ^{#1} –Cd(1)–O(1)	95.49(8)	N(4)–Cd(1)–O(1)	79.59(8)	N(3)–Cd(1)–O(1)	176.43(8)
O(4) ^{#2} –Cd(1)–O(1)	81.87(8)	O(2) ^{#1} –Cd(1)–O(3) ^{#2}	150.91(9)	N(4)–Cd(1)–O(3) ^{#2}	118.83(9)
N(3)–Cd(1)–O(3) ^{#2}	96.17(9)	O(4) ^{#2} –Cd(1)–O(3) ^{#2}	55.25(8)	O(1)–Cd(1)–O(3) ^{#2}	86.95(7)

Compound 4 ^d					
Cd(1)–O(1)	2.260(4)	Cd(1)–O(2)	2.519(4)	Cd(1)–N(1)	2.239(3)
N(1)–Cd(1)–N(1) ^{#1}	96.84(18)	N(1)–Cd(1)–O(1)	126.30(13)	N(1)–Cd(1)–O(1) ^{#1}	93.14(14)
O(1)–Cd(1)–O(1) ^{#1}	121.7(2)	N(1)–Cd(1)–O(2)	86.12(14)	N(1) ^{#1} –Cd(1)–O(2)	136.73(15)
O(1)–Cd(1)–O(2)	53.35(13)	O(1) ^{#1} –Cd(1)–O(2)	96.42(15)	O(2)–Cd(1)–O(2) ^{#1}	120.3(2)

Compound 5 ^e					
Cd(1)–O(1)	2.342(2)	Cd(1)–O(2)	2.448(2)	Cd(1)–O(3)	2.288(2)
Cd(1)–O(4)	2.591(3)	Cd(1)–N(1)	2.238(2)	Cd(1) ^{#1} –N(4)	2.241(2)

N(1)–Cd(1)–N(4)#2	99.29(7)	N(1)–Cd(1)–O(4)	135.62(8)	N(4)#2–Cd(1)–O(3)	100.96(9)
N(1)–Cd(1)–O(1)	97.96(8)	N(4)#2–Cd(1)–O(1)	143.46(8)	O(3)–Cd(1)–O(1)	88.52(9)
N(1)–Cd(1)–O(2)	134.27(8)	N(4)#2–Cd(1)–O(2)	91.25(7)	O(3)–Cd(1)–O(2)	84.25(8)
O(1)–Cd(1)–O(2)	54.33(7)	N(1)–Cd(1)–O(4)	84.05(8)	N(4)#2–Cd(1)–O(4)	108.85(9)
O(3)–Cd(1)–O(4)	52.08(8)	O(1)–Cd(1)–O(4)	104.78(9)	O(2)–Cd(1)–O(4)	133.98(7)

^aSymmetry codes: #1-x+2, y+1/2, -z+1/2; #2 -x+2, y-1/2, -z+1/2.

Table S2 Hydrogen Bond Lengths (Å) and Bond Angles (°) in Complexes **1**, **2** and **5**.

Compound 1 ^a				
D–H···A	d(D–H)	d(H···A)	d(D···A)	<(DHA)
O(7)–H(1W)···O(2) ⁱ	0.85	2.11	2.919(7)	157.7
O(7)–H(2W)···O(3) ⁱⁱ	0.85	1.93	2.740(6)	159.5
O(8)–H(3W)···O(2) ⁱⁱⁱ	0.85	2.46	3.206(14)	146.4
O(8)–H(4W)···O(4) ^{iv}	0.85	2.48	3.311(15)	167.7

^aSymmetry codes: (i) -x+1, -y+2, -z+2; (ii) -x, -y+2, -z+2; (iii) -x+1, y-1/2, -z+3/2; (iv) x+1, y, z.

Compound 2 ^b				
D–H···A	d(D–H)	d(H···A)	d(D···A)	<(DHA)
O(7)–H(1W)···O(4) ⁱ	0.85	2.17	3.015(12)	179.2
O(7)–H(2W)···S(1)	0.85	2.95	3.353(9)	111.3
O(7)–H(2W)···O(3)	0.85	2.15	2.998(13)	179.4

^bSymmetry codes: (i) x, -y+3/2, z-1/2.

Compound 5 ^c				
D–H···A	d(D–H)	d(H···A)	d(D···A)	<(DHA)
O(9)–H(1W)···O(4)	0.85	2.12	2.923(4)	156.3
O(9)–H(2W)···O(6) ⁱ	0.85	2.38	3.233(4)	179.4

^cSymmetry codes: (i) x+1, -y+1/2, z+1/2.

Fig. S1 Coordination environment of Cd²⁺ ion in **1**. All water and hydrogen atoms are omitted for clarity. Symmetry transformation used to generate equivalent atoms: (A) 1 + x, y, z; (B) x, 1.5 – y, –0.5 + z.

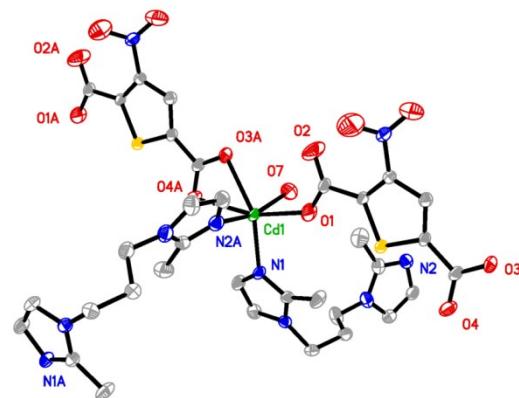


Fig. S2 Coordination environment of Cd^{2+} ion in **2**. All water and hydrogen atoms are omitted for clarity. Symmetry transformation used to generate equivalent atoms: (A) $1 + x, 1.5 - y, 0.5 + z$; (B) $1 + x, y, z$; (C) $2 - x, 2 - y, 1 - z$.

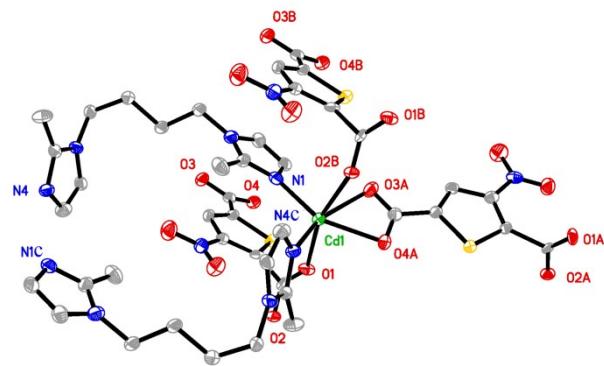


Fig. S3 Coordination environment of Cd^{2+} ion in **3**. All water and hydrogen atoms are omitted for clarity Symmetry transformation used to generate equivalent atoms (A) $1.5 - x, 0.5 - y, 1.5 - z$; (B) $1.5 - x, 0.5 + y, 1.5 - z$.

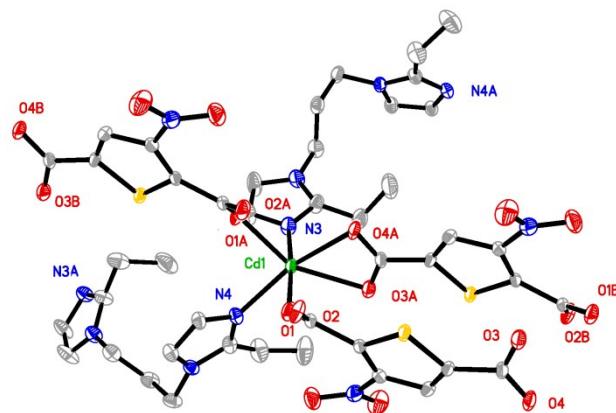


Fig. S4 Coordination environment of Cd^{2+} ion in **4**. All water and hydrogen atoms are omitted for clarity Symmetry transformation used to generate equivalent atoms (A) $x, 1.5 - y, 0.5 - z$; (B) $-0.5 - x, 1 - y, z$; (C) $-0.5 - x, 0.5 + y, 0.5 - z$; (D) $1 - x, 1 - y, 1 - z$.

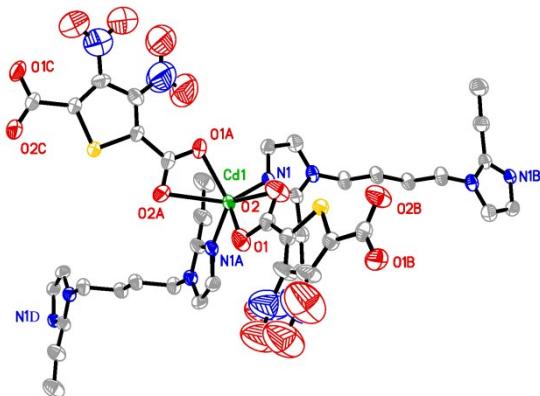


Fig. S5 Coordination environment of Cd²⁺ ion in **5**. All water and hydrogen atoms are omitted for clarity. Symmetry transformation used to generate equivalent atoms: (A) 2 - x, -0.5 + y, 0.5 - z.

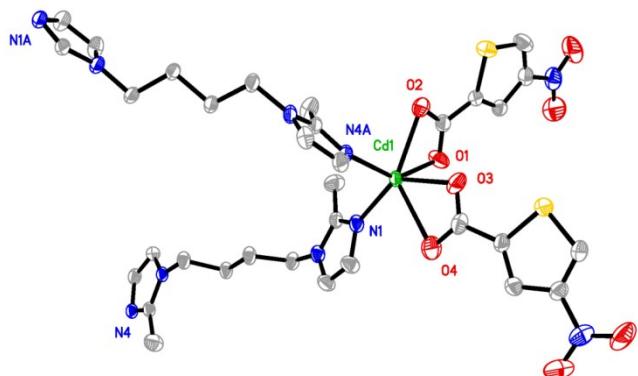


Fig. S6 ¹H NMR spectrum of H₂ntdc and Hntc ligands.

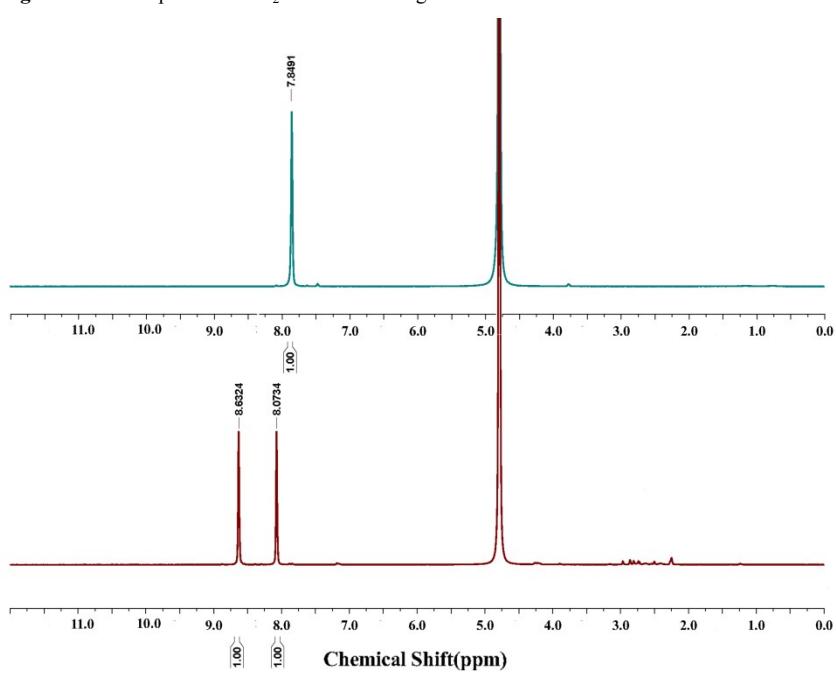


Fig. S7 PXRD patterns of as-synthesized and simulated **1-5**.

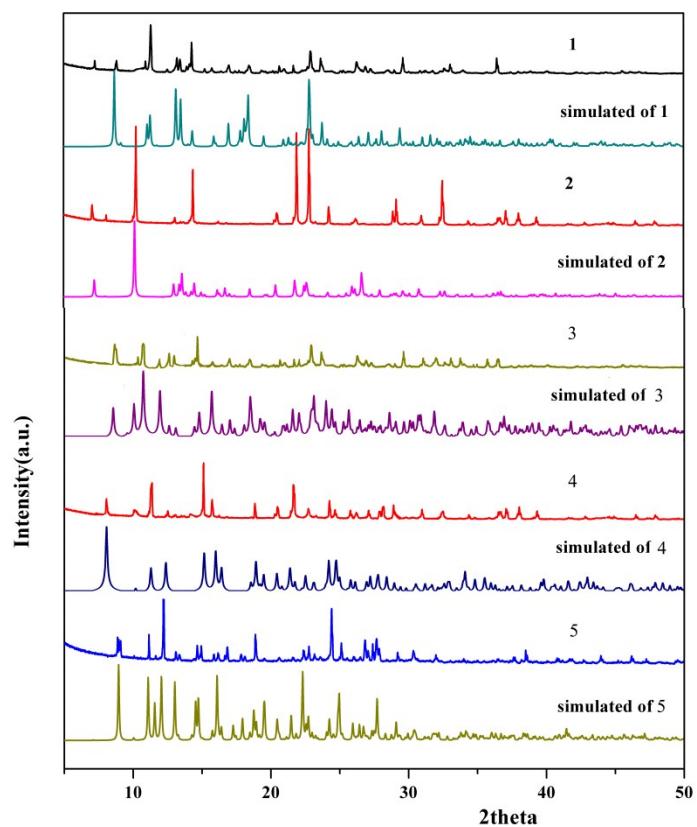


Fig. S8 TG curves of complexes **1-5**.

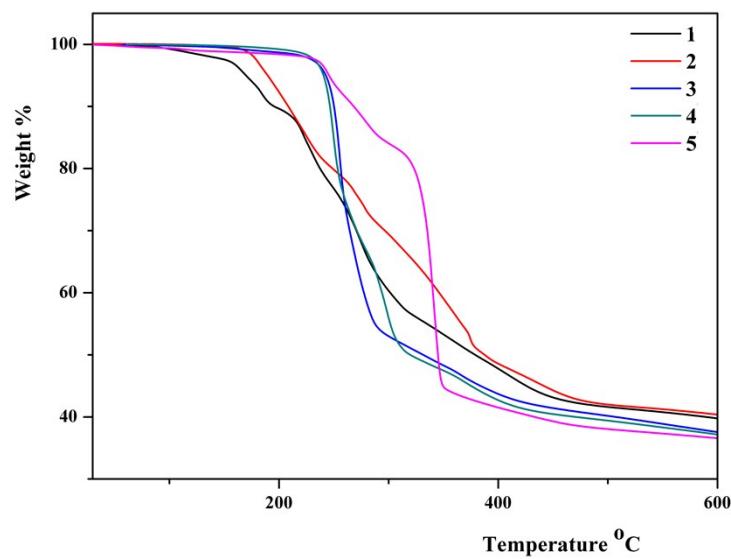


Fig. S9 Solid-state emission spectra of **1-4**.

