

## Electronic Supporting Information (ESI)

for

### Structure modulation in zinc-ditetrazolate coordination polymers by *in situ* ligand synthesis

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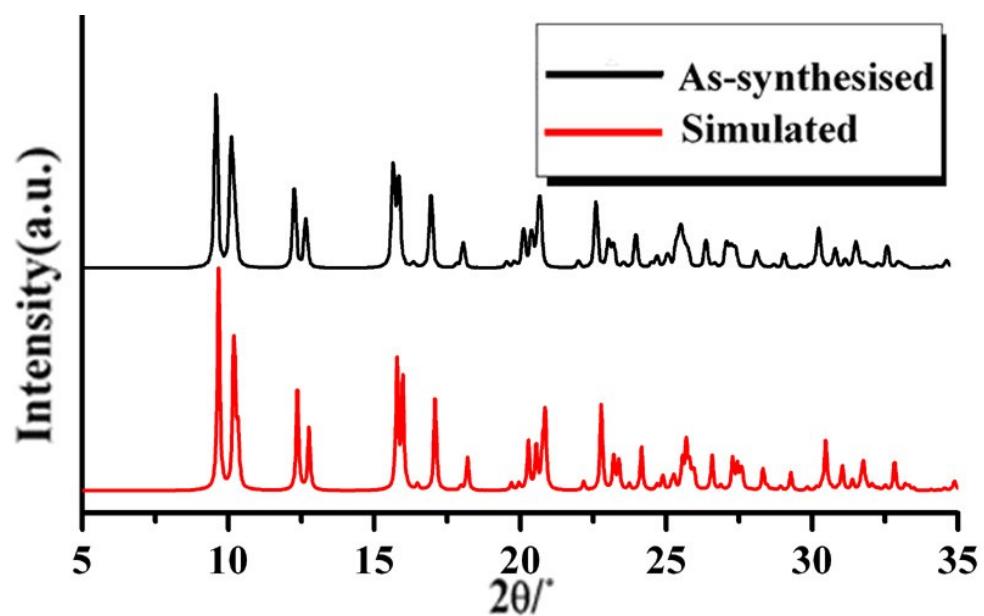
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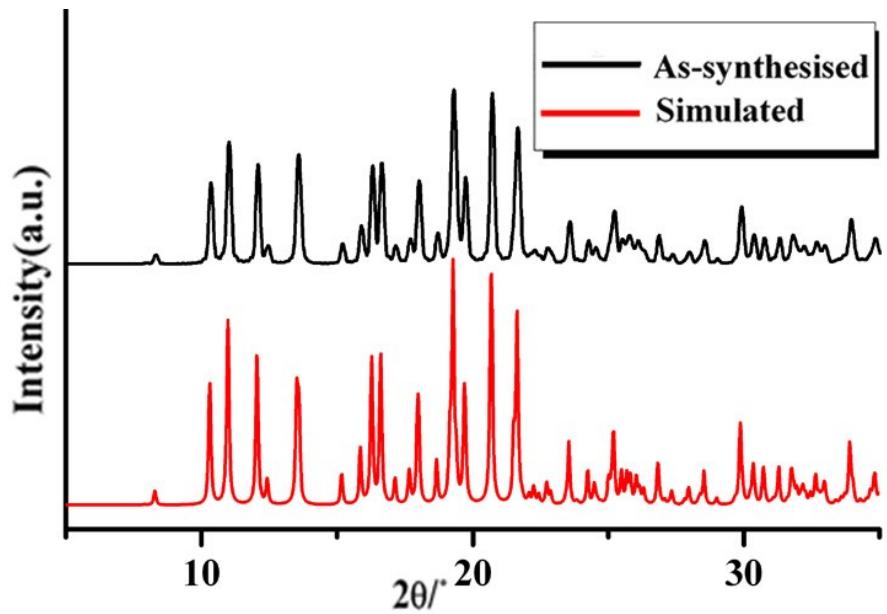
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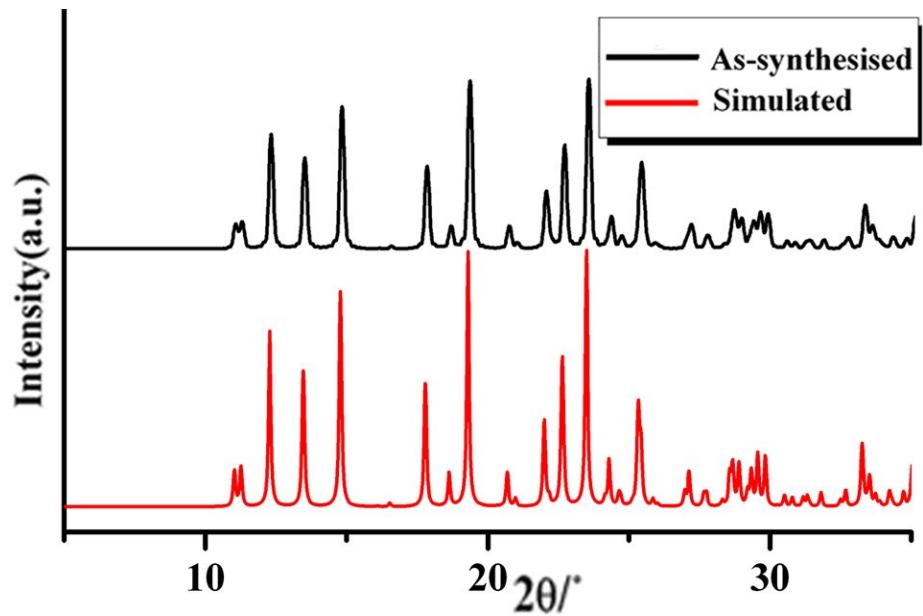
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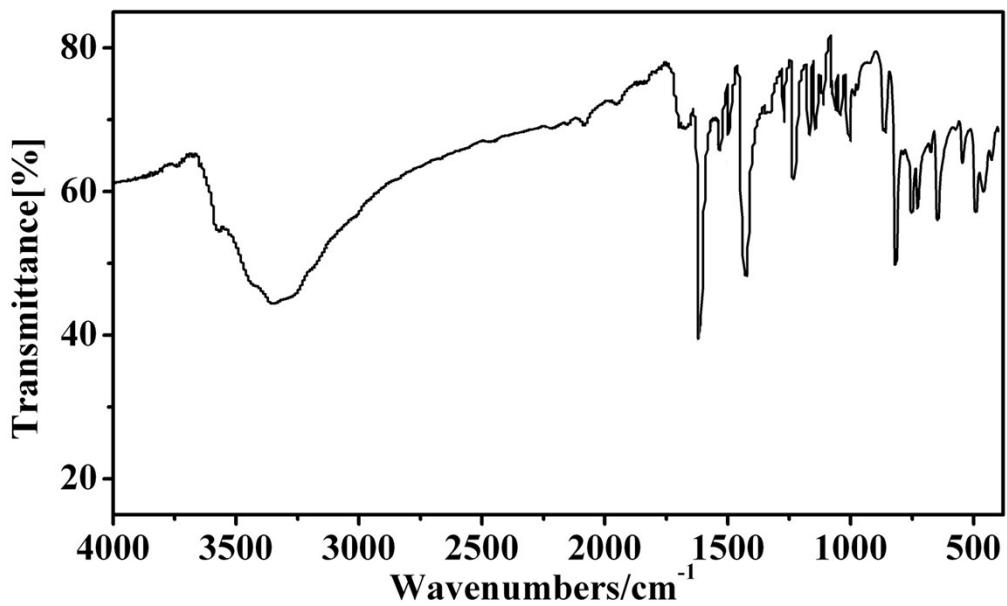
**Fig. S1.** XRPD patterns for **1**.



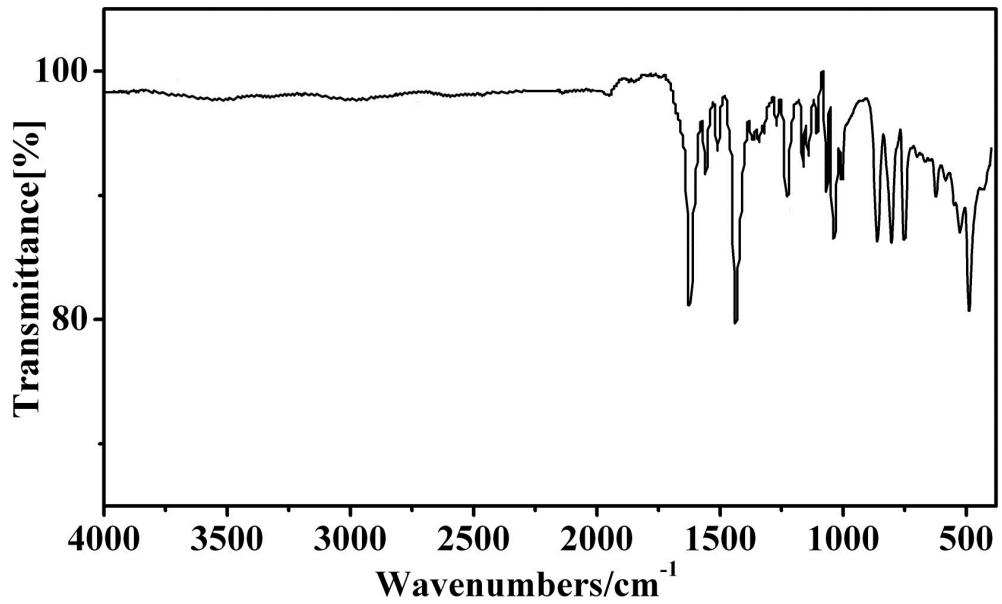
**Fig. S2.** XRPD patterns for **2**.



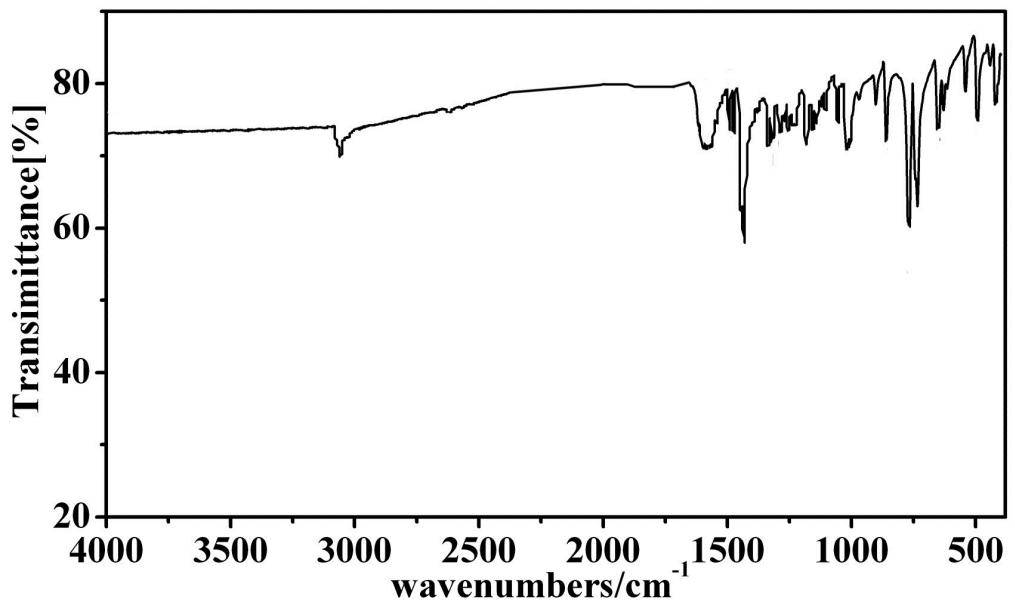
**Fig. S3.** XRPD patterns for **3**.



**Fig. S4.** IR spectrum of compound **1**.



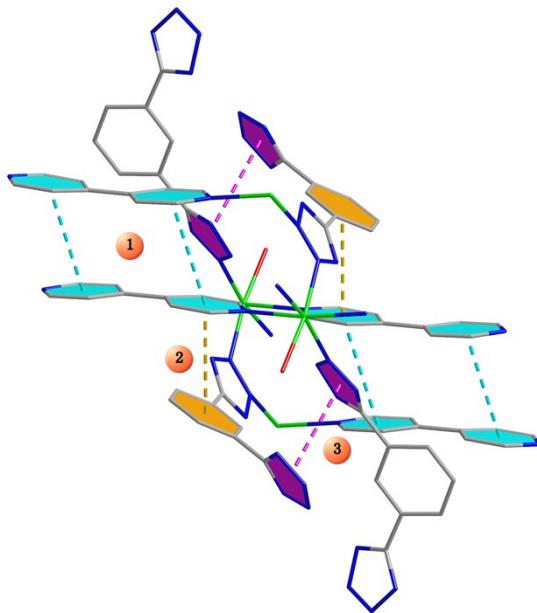
**Fig. S5.** IR spectrum of compound 2.



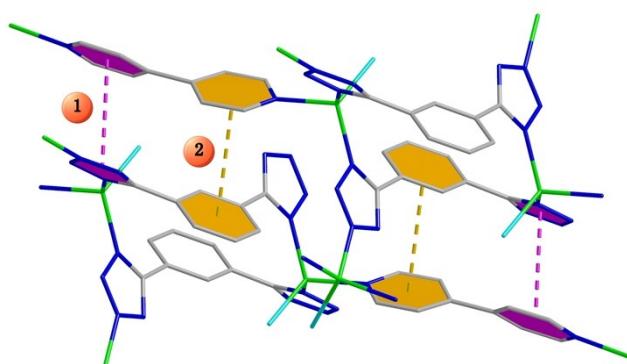
**Fig. S6.** IR spectrum of compound 3.

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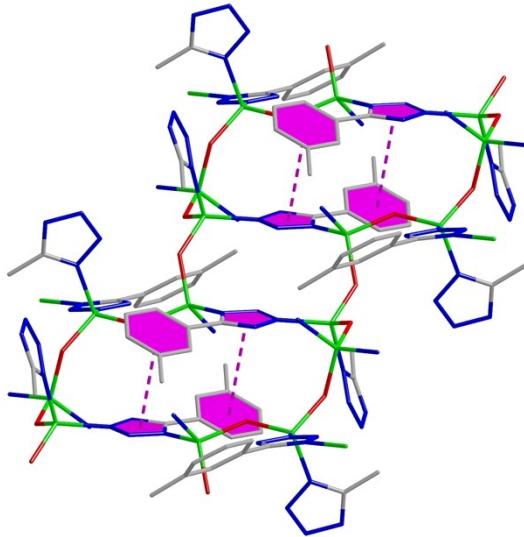
### The $\pi$ - $\pi$ stacking interactions



**Fig. S7.** The  $\pi$ - $\pi$  stacking interactions (blue, orange and purple dashed lines) in **1**. Color codes: Zn-(green), C-(gray), O-(red), N-(blue). Hydrogen atoms are omitted for clarity.



**Fig. S8.** The  $\pi$ - $\pi$  stacking interactions (orange and purple dashed lines) in **2**. Color codes: Zn-(green), C-(gray), O-(red), N-(blue). Hydrogen atoms are omitted for clarity.



**Fig. S9.** The  $\pi$ - $\pi$  stacking interactions (purple dashed lines) in **3**. Color codes: Zn-(green), C-(gray), O-(red), N-(blue). Hydrogen atoms are omitted for clarity.

**Table S1**  $\pi$ - $\pi$  contacts ( $\text{\AA}$  and  $^\circ$ ) in **1-3**.

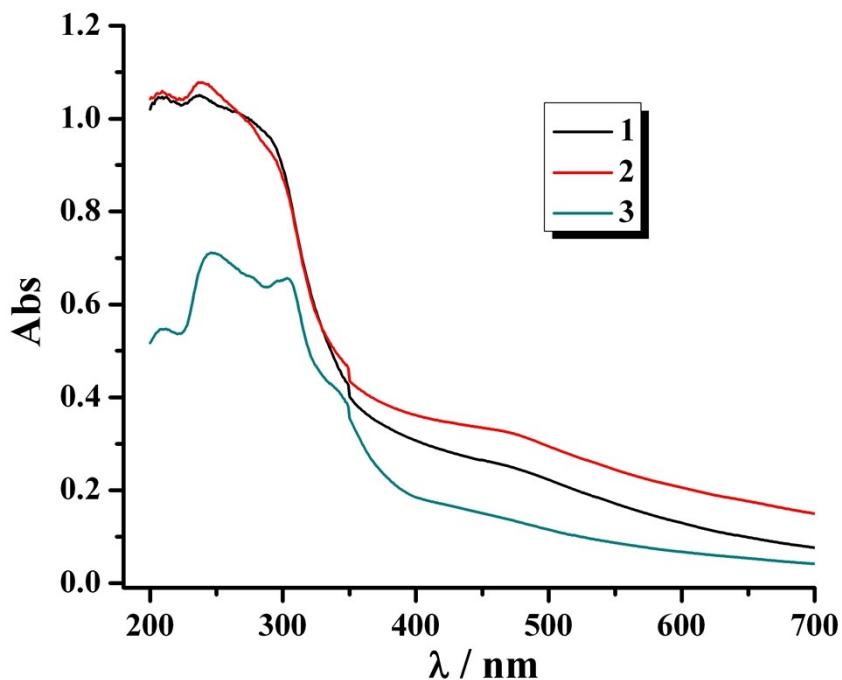
	Group 1 … Group 2	CCD	DA
<b>1</b>	Cg(purple) … Cg(purple)	3.799(3)	3.3(2)
	Cg(blue) … Cg(blue)	3.797(3)	6.8(2)
	Cg(blue) … Cg(orange)	3.759(3)	23.99(17)
<b>2</b>	Cg(purple) … Cg(purple)	3.640(2)	2.5(2)
	Cg(orange) … Cg(orange)	4.065(2)	16.14(19)
<b>3</b>	Cg(purple) … Cg(purple)	3.916(5)	25.8(4)

“Cg” means the different kind of rings, “CCD” is the centroid-to-centroid distance and “DA” is the dihedral angle between rings.

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### The Uv-vis spectra

The UV-vis absorption spectra of the samples **1-3** in the solid state are shown in Fig. S10. These three compounds all exhibit low energy bands from 200 to 320 nm. Compounds **1** and **2** show two similar absorption energy bands at maximum 209 and 237 nm, 209 and 236 nm, respectively, which can be assigned to ligand-to-metal charge transfer transitions.<sup>S1</sup> While compound **3** reveals three absorption energy bands at maximum 212, 246 and 303 nm, which also can be ascribed to ligand-to-metal charge transfer transitions. The presence of the third absorption band at 303 nm is probably the effect of the OH<sup>-</sup> groups which links two different Zn<sup>2+</sup> ions to give a binuclear {Zn<sub>2</sub>} cluster.<sup>S2</sup>



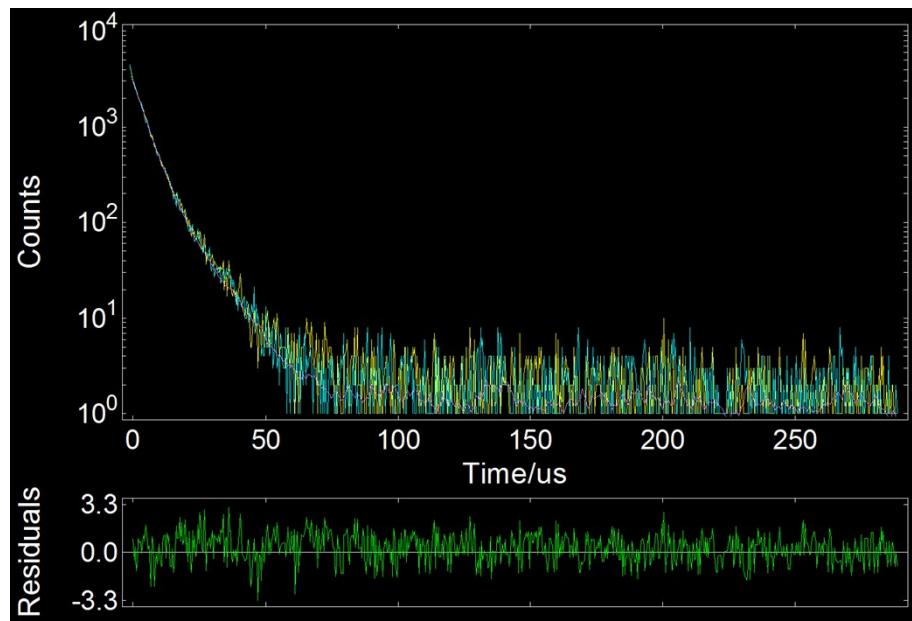
**Fig. S10.** Uv-vis spectrum of compounds **1-3**.

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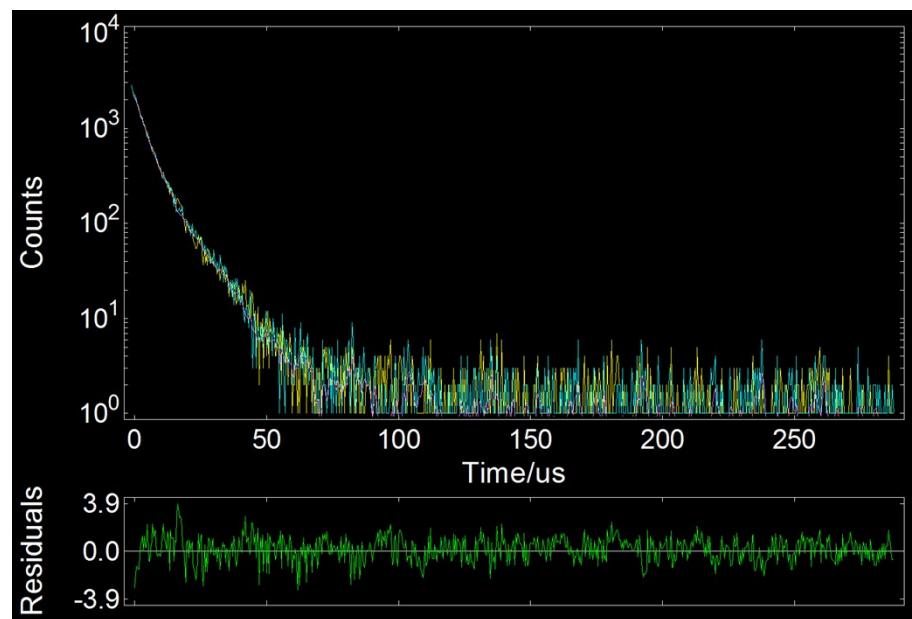
S2. (a) V. Béreau, *Inorg. Chem. Commun.*, 2004, **7**, 829; (b) B. Liu, J. Yang, G. C. Yang, J. F. Ma, *Inorg. Chem.*, 2013, **52**, 84.

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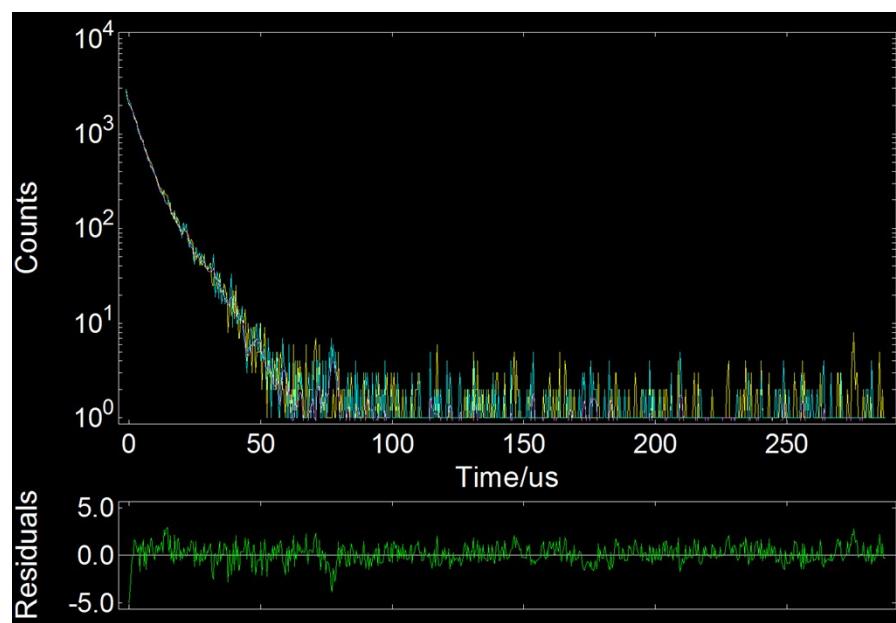
## The fluorescence lifetime



**Fig. S11.** Fluorescence decay curves for compound 1. The scattering points are experimental data and the solid lines are the fitting results.



**Fig. S12.** Fluorescence decay curves for compound 2. The scattering points are experimental data and the solid lines are the fitting results.



**Fig. S13.** Fluorescence decay curves for compound **3**. The scattering points are experimental data and the solid lines are the fitting results.

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**Table S2** The selected bond lengths [Å] and angles [°] of compound **1**.

	1		
Zn(1)-O(1)	1.910(5)	Zn(2)-N(8)#2	2.026(5)
Zn(1)-O(2)	1.912(5)	Zn(2)-N(4)#3	2.037(5)
Zn(1)-N(2)	2.004(6)	N(4)-Zn(2)#6	2.037(5)
Zn(1)-N(5)	2.029(6)	N(8)-Zn(2)#7	2.026(5)
Zn(2)-O(2)#1	1.904(5)	O(2)-Zn(2)#8	1.904(5)
Zn(2)-O(1)	1.933(5)		
O(1)-Zn(1)-O(2)	105.1(2)	O(2)#1-Zn(2)-O(1)	103.0(2)
O(1)-Zn(1)-N(2)	112.6(2)	O(2)#1-Zn(2)-N(8)#2	118.0(2)
O(2)-Zn(1)-N(2)	115.0(2)	O(1)-Zn(2)-N(8)#2	109.7(2)
O(1)-Zn(1)-N(5)	109.9(2)	O(2)#1-Zn(2)-N(4)#3	109.3(2)
O(2)-Zn(1)-N(5)	108.2(2)	O(1)-Zn(2)-N(4)#3	113.8(2)
N(2)-Zn(1)-N(5)	106.0(2)	N(8)#2-Zn(2)-N(4)#3	103.4(2)
Symmetry transformations used to generate equivalent atoms: #1: x, -y+3/2, z-1/2; #2: x-1, -y+3/2, z-1/2; #3: -x+1, y-1/2, -z+3/2; #6: -x+1, y+1/2, -z+3/2; #7: x+1, -y+3/2, z+1/2; #8: x, -y+3/2, z+1/2.			

**Table S3** The selected bond lengths [Å] and angles [°] of compound **2**.

	2		
Zn(1)-N(1)	2.013(3)	Zn(2)-N(10)#3	2.031(3)
Zn(1)-N(9)	2.035(3)	Zn(2)-Cl(2)	2.1889(13)
Zn(1)-N(5)#1	2.038(3)	N(5)-Zn(1)#1	2.038(3)
Zn(1)-Cl(1)	2.2006(13)	N(7)-Zn(2)#4	2.000(3)
Zn(2)-N(7)#2	2.000(3)	N(10)-Zn(2)#5	2.031(3)
Zn(2)-N(3)	2.010(3)		
N(1)-Zn(1)-N(9)	106.39(12)	N(7)#2-Zn(2)-N(3)	103.85(13)
N(1)-Zn(1)-N(5)#1	103.72(12)	N(7)#2-Zn(2)-N(10)#3	111.47(13)
N(9)-Zn(1)-N(5)#1	106.60(12)	N(3)-Zn(2)-N(10)#3	105.16(13)
N(1)-Zn(1)-Cl(1)	117.10(9)	N(7)#2-Zn(2)-Cl(2)	117.29(10)
N(9)-Zn(1)-Cl(1)	108.44(10)	N(3)-Zn(2)-Cl(2)	108.86(10)
N(5)#1-Zn(1)-Cl(1)	113.88(9)	N(10)#3-Zn(2)-Cl(2)	109.37(9)
Symmetry transformations used to generate equivalent atoms: #1: -x+1, -y+2, -z; #2: x, y, z+1; #3: x+1, y+1, z; #4: x, y, z-1; #5: x-1, y-1, z.			

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**Table S4** The selected bond lengths [ $\text{\AA}$ ] and angles [ $^\circ$ ] of compound **3**.

3			
Zn(1)-O(1)	1.910(5)	Zn(2)-N(8)#2	2.026(5)
Zn(1)-O(2)	1.912(5)	Zn(2)-N(4)#3	2.037(5)
Zn(1)-N(2)	2.004(6)	N(4)-Zn(2)#6	2.037(5)
Zn(1)-N(5)	2.029(6)	N(8)-Zn(2)#7	2.026(5)
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O(1)-Zn(1)-N(2)	112.6(2)	O(2)#1-Zn(2)-N(8)#2	118.0(2)
O(2)-Zn(1)-N(2)	115.0(2)	O(1)-Zn(2)-N(8)#2	109.7(2)
O(1)-Zn(1)-N(5)	109.9(2)	O(2)#1-Zn(2)-N(4)#3	109.3(2)
O(2)-Zn(1)-N(5)	108.2(2)	O(1)-Zn(2)-N(4)#3	113.8(2)
N(2)-Zn(1)-N(5)	106.0(2)	N(8)#2-Zn(2)-N(4)#3	103.4(2)

Symmetry transformations used to generate equivalent atoms: #1: x, -y+3/2, z-1/2;  
#2: x-1, -y+3/2, z-1/2; #3: -x+1, y-1/2, -z+3/2; #6: -x+1, y+1/2, -z+3/2; #7: x+1, -y+3/2, z+1/2; #8: x, -y+3/2, z+1/2

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