

## *Supporting Information*

### **A Series of inorganic–organic hybrid cadmium borates with novel Cd-centred [Cd@B<sub>14</sub>O<sub>20</sub>(OH)<sub>6</sub>]<sup>2-</sup> clusters**

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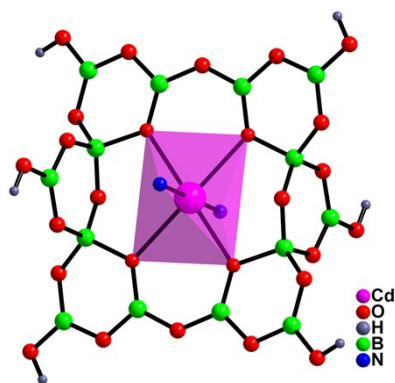
**Table S1.** Selected bond length ranges (Å) of compounds **1-4**.

Compound	1	2	3	4
Cd-N	2.296(2)-2.296(2)	2.274(7)-2.274(7)	2.292(2)-2.292(2)	2.232(2)-2.232(2)
Cd-O	2.3494(18)-2.366(2)	2.346(4)-2.373(4)	2.3733(18)-2.382(2)	2.3532(18)-2.3789(17)
B(1) <sub>Δ</sub> -O	1.353(3)-1.385(3)	1.349(7)-1.383(7)	1.344(4)-1.395(4)	1.354(4)-1.387(4)
B(2) <sub>T</sub> -O	1.424(3)-1.527(3)	1.419(7)-1.524(7)	1.442(3)-1.533(3)	1.435(3)-1.523(3)
B(3) <sub>Δ</sub> -O	1.352(3)-1.378(3)	1.348(7)-1.396(7)	1.352(4)-1.371(3)	1.350(3)-1.374(4)
B(4) <sub>Δ</sub> -O	1.353(3)-1.385(3)	1.358(7)-1.362(7)	1.354(4)-1.373(3)	1.353(3)-1.373(4)
B(5) <sub>Δ</sub> -O	1.352(4)-1.373(4)	1.346(7)-1.389(7)	1.340(3)-1.395(3)	1.349(4)-1.389(3)
B(6) <sub>Δ</sub> -O	1.355(3)-1.379(3)	1.351(7)-1.374(7)	1.356(4)-1.378(4)	1.357(3)-1.374(3)
B(7) <sub>T</sub> -O	1.419(3)-1.526(3)	1.425(6)-1.520(7)	1.439(3)-1.524(3)	1.426(3)-1.527(3)

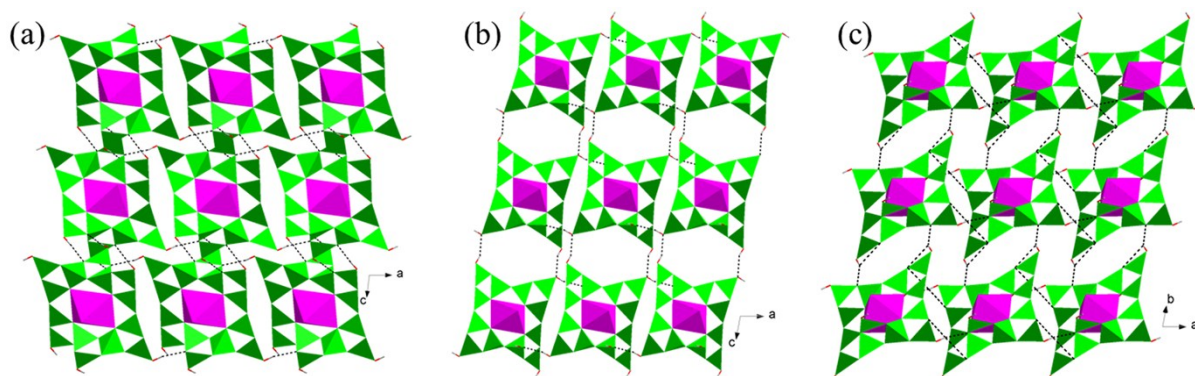
**Table S2.** Details of hydrogen bonds data of compounds **1-4**.

Interaction	D-H(Å)	H...A (Å)	D...A (Å)	<DHA (°)
<b>Compound 1</b>				
N1-H1D...O11(#1)	0.89	2.01	2.878(4)	165.5
N1-H1D...O12(#1)	0.89	2.55	3.221(3)	132.2
N1-H1E...O4(#2)	0.89	2.04	2.910(3)	164.4
N1-H1F...O3	0.89	1.99	2.767(3)	145.5
O4-H4A...O7(#3)	0.82	1.93	2.748(3)	174.8
O3-H3A...O10(#1)	0.82	1.87	2.679(3)	171.4
O2-H2A...O13(#4)	0.82	1.91	2.714(3)	166.5
<b>Compound 2</b>				
O1-H1A...O9(#1)	0.82	1.9	2.705(5)	165.8
O2-H2A...O12(#2)	0.82	1.88	2.687(5)	169.8
O3-H3A...O11(#3)	0.82	1.96	2.777(5)	173.4
N2-H2C...O8(#2)	0.89	1.98	2.866(7)	170.6
N2-H2C...O13(#2)	0.89	2.57	3.190(7)	126.9
N2-H2D...O3(#4)	0.89	2.07	2.912(6)	157.9
N2-H2E...O2	0.89	1.94	2.775(6)	155.3
<b>Compound 3</b>				
O1-H1B...O6(#1)	0.85	2.53	3.384(3)	179.9
O2-H2D...O11(#2)	0.82	2.1	2.806(3)	144.6
O11- H11A...O4(#3)	0.82	1.95	2.751(3)	164.3
N2-H2B...O9(#4)	0.86	1.78	2.629(3)	169.6
N2-H2B...O7(#4)	0.86	2.65	3.174(3)	120.5
<b>Compound 4</b>				
O2-H2B...O7(#1)	0.82	2	2.739(3)	149.4
O3-H3F...O1(#2)	0.82	1.8	2.594(3)	162.9
O3-H3F...O10(#2)	0.82	2.68	3.102(3)	113.9
O5-H5C...O12(#3)	0.82	2	2.808(3)	168.8
N3-H3C...O10(#4)	0.89	2.43	3.053(3)	127.5
N3-H3D...O3(#3)	0.89	2.03	2.884(3)	159.1
N3-H3E...O7(#5)	0.89	2.44	3.095(3)	131.0

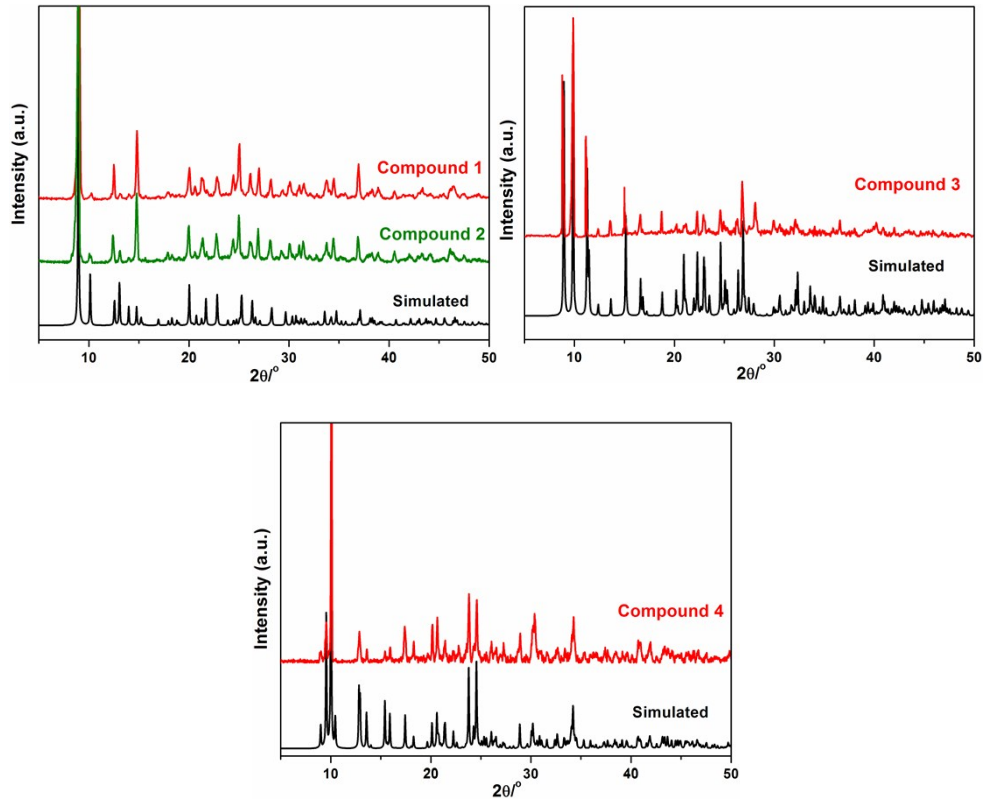
Symmetry codes: For **1**: (#1)  $-x+1, y+1/2, -z+1/2$ ; (#2)  $-x+2, y+1/2, -z+1/2$ ; (#3)  $-x+1, y-1/2, -z+1/2$ ; (#4)  $x-1, y, z$ . For **2**: (#1)  $x-1, y, z$ ; (#2)  $-x+1, y+1/2, -z+1/2$ ; (#3)  $-x+1, y-1/2, -z+1/2$ ; (#4)  $-x+2, y+1/2, -z+1/2$ . For **3**: (#1)  $-x-1, y-1/2, -z+1/2$ ; (#2)  $-x-2, -y, -z$ ; (#3)  $x-1, y, z$ ; (#4)  $-x-1, y-1/2, -z+1/2$ . For **4**: (#1)  $-x+1, -y+2, -z$ ; (#2)  $x-1, y, z$ ; (#3)  $-x+1, -y+1, -z$ ; (#4)  $-x+2, -y+1, -z$ ; (#5)  $x+1, y-1, z$ .



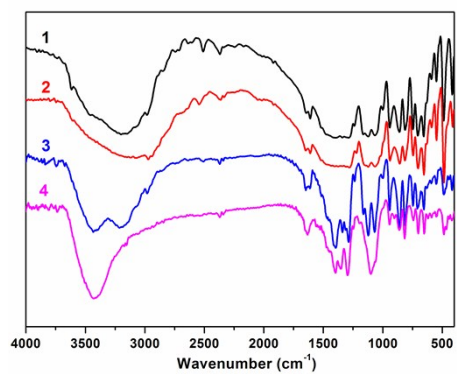
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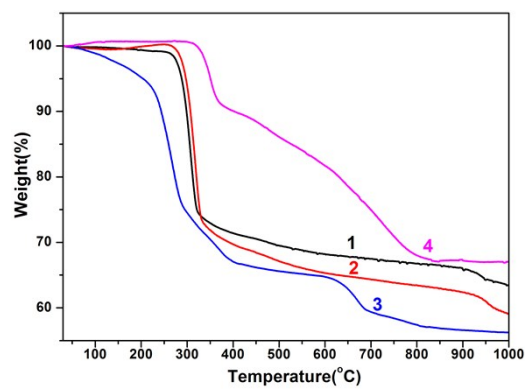
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