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## Halide ion-driven self-assembly of Zn(II) compounds derived from an asymmetrical hydrazone-pyridine building block: Combined experimental and theoretical study

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1		2		3	
Zn(1) N(1)	2.072(4)	Zn(1) N(1)	2.071(2)	Zn(1) N(1)	2.128(2)
Zn(1) N(1A)	2.072(4)	Zn(1) N(1A)	2.071(2)	Zn(1) N(3)	2.517(3)
Zn(1) I(1)	2.5490(5)	Zn(1) Br(1)	2.3587(4)	Zn(1) O(1)	2.006(2)
Zn(1) I(1)	2.5490(5)	Zn(1) Br(1)	2.3587(4)	Zn(1) Cl(1)	2.2475(7)
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O(1) C(6)	1.235(6)	O(1) C(6)	1.235(3)	O(1) C(6)	1.242(3)
C(6) N(2)	1.344(6)	C(6) N(2)	1.340(3)	C(6) N(2)	1.320(4)
N(2) N(3)	1.395(5)	N(2) N(3)	1.391(3)	N(2) N(3)	1.385(3)
N(3) C(7)	1.278(6)	N(3) C(7)	1.281(3)	N(3) C(7)	1.272(4)
C(11) O(2)	1.353(5)	C(11) O(2)	1.362(3)	C(11) O(2)	1.351(4)
I(1) Zn(1) I(1)	118.97(4)	Br(1) Zn(1)Br(1)	119.40(3)	Cl(1) Zn(1)Cl(1)	119.95(4)
N(1) Zn(1) I(1)	112.48(11)	N(1) Zn(1)Br(1)	113.96(6)	N(1) Zn(1)Cl(1)	97.25(4)
N(1) Zn(1) I(1)	105.89(11)	N(1) Zn(1)Br(1)	105.59(6)	O(1) Zn(1)Cl(1)	118.66(2)
N(1) Zn(1) I(1)	112.48(11)	N(1) Zn(1)Br(1)	113.96(6)	Cl(1) Zn(1) N(3)	91.00(3)
N(1) Zn(1) I(1)	105.89(11)	N(1) Zn(1)Br(1)	105.59(6)	O(1) Zn(1) N(1)	91.93(9)
N(1) Zn(1) N(1)	99.50(2)	N(1) Zn(1) N(1)	96.06(12)	O(1) Zn(1) N(3)	71.46(8)
				N(1)Zn(1)N(3)	163.39(1)

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<i>D</i> —HA	<i>d</i> (D—H)	<i>d</i> (HA)	<i>d</i> (DA)	<dha< th=""><th>Symmetry codes</th></dha<>	Symmetry codes
1					
O(2)-(H2B)O(1)	0.840(3)	1.824(3)	2.645(4)	165.10(2)	-x+1/2, -y-1/2, z-1/2
C(14)-(H14C)O(1)	0.979(5)	2.598(3)	3.476(6)	149.17(3)	x-1/2, y-1/2, -z+1/2
N(2)-H(2A)O(3)	0.877(3)	1.959(3)	2.823(5)	168.42(4)	x-1/2, y-1/2, -z+1/2
2					
O(2)-(H2B)O(1)	0.839(2)	1.791(2)	2.610(2)	164.91(1)	-x+1/2, -y+1/2, z-1/2
C(14)-(H14C)O(1)	0.981(3)	2.559(2)	3.437(3)	149.14(2)	x-1/2, y +1/2, -z+1/2
N(2)-H(2A)O(3)	0.860(3)	1.973(3)	2.814(3)	165.67(3)	x-1/2, y +1/2, -z+1/2
3					
C(13)-H(13)O(2)	0.929(4)	2.425(3)	3.339(5)	168.21(2)	-x+1, -y+1, z
N(2)-H(2A)Cl(1)	0.861(2)	2.760(7)	3.454(2)	138.79(2)	-x+3/2, -y+1/2, -z+1/2
O(2)-H(2B)Cl(1)	0.819(4)	2.684(4)	3.352(2)	139.86(4)	-x+3/2, -y+1/2, -z+1/2

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**Table S3** IR spectral assignments (cm<sup>-1</sup>) for  $H_2L$  and **1-3**.

Compound	V <sub>N-H</sub>	V <sub>C=O</sub>	V <sub>C=N</sub>	V <sub>N-N</sub>
H <sub>2</sub> L	3243	1652	1597	1161
1	3240	1656	1597	1159
2	3243	1656	1601	1167
3	3231	1622	1592	1170