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## Investigation of the Effect of polar Functional Groups on the Crystal Structures of Indium MOFs

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## Synthesis of 2-amino-5-nitroterephthalic acid

The synthesis was accomplished by following the literature procedure reported by Skibo et al.<sup>1</sup> The reaction scheme is shown in Figure 1.



Fig. S1 Reaction scheme for the synthesis of 2-amino-5-nitroterephthalic acid ( $H_2BDC-NH_2/NO_2$ ).

**Step 1:** A mixture of 87g (416 mmol) of dimethyl aminoterephthalate and 800 mL of a 1M NaOH solution was heated in a 1 L flask to 70 °C until the solid was solved completely. After cooling down to room temperature conc. HCl was added until a yellow solid precipitated which was filtered and washed with water. The <sup>1</sup>H-NMR spectrum of the final product is displayed in Figure S2.

Yield: 67 g (370 mmol, 89%)

<sup>1</sup>**H-NMR:** (200 MHz, DMSO-D6, 300 K): δ [ppm]: 7.77 (1H, d, J = 8.3 Hz, H3), 7.39 (1H, d, J = 1.4 Hz, H1), 7.02 (1H, dd, J = 8.3 Hz, J = 1.6 Hz, H2).



Fig. S2 <sup>1</sup>H-NMR spectrum of 2-aminoterephthalic acid.

**Step 2:** A suspension of 20.8 g 2-aminoterephthalic acid (114 mmol) and 100 mL formamide was heated rapidly to 150 °C until the solid was solved. During cooling down to room temperature a brown solid precipitated which was filtered of and dissolved in a saturated aqueous Na(HCO<sub>3</sub>) solution. While acidifying this solution with conc. acetic acid a white solid precipitated which was filtered off, washed with water and dried completely. The <sup>1</sup>H-NMR spectrum of the final product is displayed in Figure S3.

Yield: 9.7 g (53 mmol, 48%)

<sup>1</sup>**H-NMR:** (200 MHz, DMSO-D6, 300 K): δ [ppm]: 9.1 (1H, s H1), 8.54 (1H, s H2), 8.07 (1H, d, J = 8.2 Hz, H4), 7.69 (1H dd, J = 8.2 Hz, J = 1.7 Hz, H3)



Fig. S3 <sup>1</sup>H-NMR spectrum of 2-formamidoterephthalic acid.

**Step 3:** To 20 mL of fuming nitric acid, cooled in an ice bath, 5.1 g (24 mmol) of formamidoterephthalic acid was added under stirring. To this suspension 10 mL of conc. sulfuric acid, which was also cooled in an ice bath, was added slowly within 15-20 minutes keeping the temperature between 5-10°C. After addition, the solid was dissolved and the solution was purred on 100 g of ice and stored in a refrigerator overnight. The precipitated solid was filtered off and recrystallized from hot water. Orange-brown crystals of 2-amino-5-nitroterephthalic acid (H<sub>2</sub>BDC-NH<sub>2</sub>/NO<sub>2</sub>) were obtained. The <sup>1</sup>H-NMR spectrum of the final product is displayed in Figure S4 and S5. Detailed information of the crystal structure of H<sub>2</sub>BDC-NH<sub>2</sub>/NO<sub>2</sub> can be found in Table S1 and Figures S6 and S7.

Yield: 1.5 g (6.6 mmol, 27%)

<sup>1</sup>H-NMR: (200 MHz, DMSO-D6, 300 K): δ [ppm]: 8.49 (1H, s, H1), 6.89 (1H, s, H2).



Fig. S4 <sup>1</sup>H-NMR spectrum of 2-amino-5-nitroterephthalic acid ( $H_2BDC-NH_2/NO_2$ ) measured in DMSO-D<sub>6</sub>.

<sup>1</sup>H-NMR: (200 MHz, NaOD/D<sub>2</sub>O, 300 K): δ [ppm]: 8.36 (1H, s, H1), 6.41 (1H, s, H2).



**Fig. S5** <sup>1</sup>H-NMR spectrum of 2-amino-5-nitroterephthalic acid ( $H_2BDC-NH_2/NO_2$ ) measured in 5% NaOD/D<sub>2</sub>O.

Table S1 Crystal structure data of 2-amino-5-nitroterephthalic acid (H<sub>2</sub>BDC-NH<sub>2</sub>/NO<sub>2</sub>).

	H <sub>2</sub> BDC-NH <sub>2</sub> /NO <sub>2</sub>
structure determination	single crystal data
formula sum	$C_8H_6N_2O_6$
Z	4
crystal system	triclinic
a / Å	6.7000(13)
b/Å	9.2100(18)
c / Å	15.040(3)
α/°	78.47(3)
β/°	78.31(3)
γ/°	89.31(3)
V / Å <sup>3</sup>	890.1(3)
space group	P-1
solution method	direct methods
range / °2θ	2.3 – 28.0
wavelength / Å	ΜοΚα
GOF	1.026
tot., uniq. data, R <sub>int</sub>	4159, 4159, 0.0
observed data $[I > 2\sigma(I)]$	2818
$R_1$ , $wR_2$	0.059, 0.180
Δe min./max (e/ų)	-0.53, 0.39
calc. density / g/cm <sup>3</sup>	1.17352

atom 1	atom 2	distance / Å	atom 1	atom 2	distance / Å
C1	C2	1.408(3)	C10	C11	1.386(3)
	C6	1.368(3)	C10	N3	1.438(3)
	C7	1.510(3)	C11	C12	1.387(3)
C2	C3	1.390(3)	C12	C13	1.427(3)
	N1	1.443(3)		C16	1.487(3)
C3	C4	1.395(3)	C13	C14	1.428(3)
C4	C5	1.426(3)		N4	1.341(3)
	C8	1.476(3)	C15	07	1.293(3)
C5	C6	1.428(3)		08	1.233(3)
	N2	1.342(3)	C16	O9	1.316(3)
C7	01	1.293(3)		O10	1.223(3)
	02	1.228(3)	N1	O5	1.247(3)
C8	O3	1.311(3)		O6	1.230(3)
	O4	1.228(3)	N3	011	1.228(2)
C9	C10	1.407(3)		012	1.243(2)
	C14	1.371(3)			
	C15	1.506(3)			

**Table S2** Selected bond lengths of  $H_2BDC-NH_2$ .



Fig. S6 Asymmetric unit of 2-amino-5-nitroterephthalic acid (H<sub>2</sub>BDC-NH<sub>2</sub>/NO<sub>2</sub>).



**Fig. S7** Crystal structure of 2-amino-5-nitroterephthalic acid ( $H_2BDC-NH_2/NO_2$ ). Above the hydrogen bonding model is shown, whereas the unit cell along [010] is shown below. Carbon atoms are shown in grey, nitrogen in blue and oxygen in red. Hydrogen bonds are marked in dashed lines.

atom 2	distance / Å
01	2.261(2)
02	2.292(2)
01	1.266(5)
02	1.277(5)
C4	1.491(4)
N1	1.367(10)
C2	1.430(8)
C4	1.386(6)
	atom 2 01 02 01 02 02 04 N1 C2 C4

Table S3 Selected bond lengths of In-BDC-NH $_2$  (1).

Table S4 Selected bond lengths of In-BDC-NH<sub>2</sub>/NO<sub>2</sub> (3).

atom 1	atom 2	distance / Å	atom 1	atom 2	distance / Å
ln1	01	2.0355(4)	C1	C2	1.511(15)
	02	2.087(6)	C2	C3	1.358(13)
	O4	2.152(4)	C3	C4	1.392(18)
	O5	2.168(4)		N1	1.64(3)
02	C1	1.221(17)	C4	C5	1.325(19)
O3	C1	1.268(18)		N2	1.36(3)
O4	C6	1.234(6)	C5	C6	1.509(10)
O5	C7	1.224(6)	C7	C8	1.499(11)
O6	N1	1.18(3)	C8	C9A	1.365(16)
07	N1	1.39(4)		C9B	1.43(3)
08	N3	1.41(3)	C9A	N3	1.51(2)
O9	N3	1.35(2)	C9B	N4	1.412(14)



Fig. S8 Asymmetric unit of  $In-BDC-NH_2$  (1) with numbering scheme as used in Table S3.

Table S5 Overview of the bands visible in The IR spectrum of  $In-BDC-NH_2$  (1) discussed in the manuscript.

wavenumber / cm <sup>-1</sup>	vibration	wavenumber / cm <sup>-1</sup>	vibration
3438	asymNH <sub>2</sub> stretching	1254	-NH <sub>3</sub> <sup>+</sup> rocking
3336	symNH <sub>2</sub> stretching	1151	C-N stretching
3183	asym. N-H stretching	1099	-NH3 <sup>+</sup> rocking
2780	sym. N-H stretching	1019	-NH3 <sup>+</sup> rocking
1661	C-O stretching	861	arom. ring
1623	sym. carboxylate stretching	832	arom. ring
1551	asymNH₃⁺ deformation	765	N-H out of plane
1498	symNH <sub>3</sub> <sup>+</sup> deformation	700	C-N deformation
1426	asym. carboxylate stretching	662	arom. ring
1330	C-N stretching		



**Fig. S9** Thermogravimetric measurement of  $In-BDC-NH_2$  (1). The calculated values based on the assumed sum formula are given in brackets.



Fig. S10 Comparison of the PXRD pattern recorded for granulated crystals of In-BDC- $H/NH_2$  and the simulated pattern of In-BDC- $NH_2$ .



**Fig. S11** Comparison of the PXRD pattern recorded for the sample using the same synthesis conditions as used for **1** with linker molecule replaced by  $H_2BDC-NH_2/NO_2$  and the simulated pattern of dimethylammonium 2-amino-5-nitroterephthalate hemihydrate obtained from single crystal XRD measurements.<sup>2</sup>



**Fig. S12** Comparison of the PXRD pattern recorded for  $In-BDC-NH_2/NO_2$  and the simulated pattern of  $In-BDC-NH_2/NO_2$  obtained from single crystal XRD measurements.



Fig. S13 Asymmetric unit of  $In-BDC-NH_2/NO_2$  with numbering scheme as used in Table S4.



**Fig. S14** Crystal structure of In-BDC-NH<sub>2</sub>/NO<sub>2</sub>. Trinuclear clusters composed of three InO<sub>6</sub> octahedra bridged by an  $\mu_3$ -O atom (left) are interlinked by a disordered tetradentate BDC-NH<sub>2</sub>/NO<sub>2</sub><sup>2-</sup> ions (middle) to form a super-tetrahedron (right).



**Fig. S15** Crystal structure of  $In-BDC-NH_2/NO_2$ . To each super-tetrahedron (left) four additional trinulcear In-O-clusters are attached via tridentate carboxylate ions (middle). Thus, four additional super-tetrahedra are formed (right; only two face-sharing super-tetrahedra are displayed), face-sharing with the central one (left).



**Fig. S16** <sup>1</sup>H-NMR spectrum of In-BDC-NH<sub>2</sub>/NO<sub>2</sub>. The MOF was dissolved in 5% NaOD/D<sub>2</sub>O. Signals of DMF as well as HCOO<sup>-</sup> and dimethylammonium ions (DMA), the hydrolysis products of DMF, are visible.

wavenumber / cm <sup>-1</sup>	vibration	wavenumber / cm <sup>-1</sup>	vibration
3430	asymNH <sub>2</sub> stretching	1254	Ar-N stretching asym. carboxylate
3316	symNH <sub>2</sub> stretching	1159	stretching
3193	asym. C-H stretching ammonium stretching	1096	N-H stretching
3065	vibration	1023	C-H stretching
2923	C-H stretching	871	arom. ring
2801	sym. C-H stretching	784	N-H deformation
1644	C-O stretching sym. carboxylate	761	N-H out of plane
1620	stretching	660	arom. ring
1577	C=C stretching	501	N-H out of plane
1299	C-N stretching		

**Table S6** Overview of the bands visible in The IR spectrum of  $In-BDC-NH_2/NO_2$  (3) discussed in the manuscript.



**Fig. S17** Thermogravimetric measurement of In-BDC-NH<sub>2</sub>/NO<sub>2</sub>. A clear assignment of decomposition steps was not possible.

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