

## **Supplementary Information**

### **Selective and Reversible Adsorption of Cationic Dyes by Mixed Ligand Zn(II) Coordination Polymers Synthesized by Reactants Ratio Modulation**

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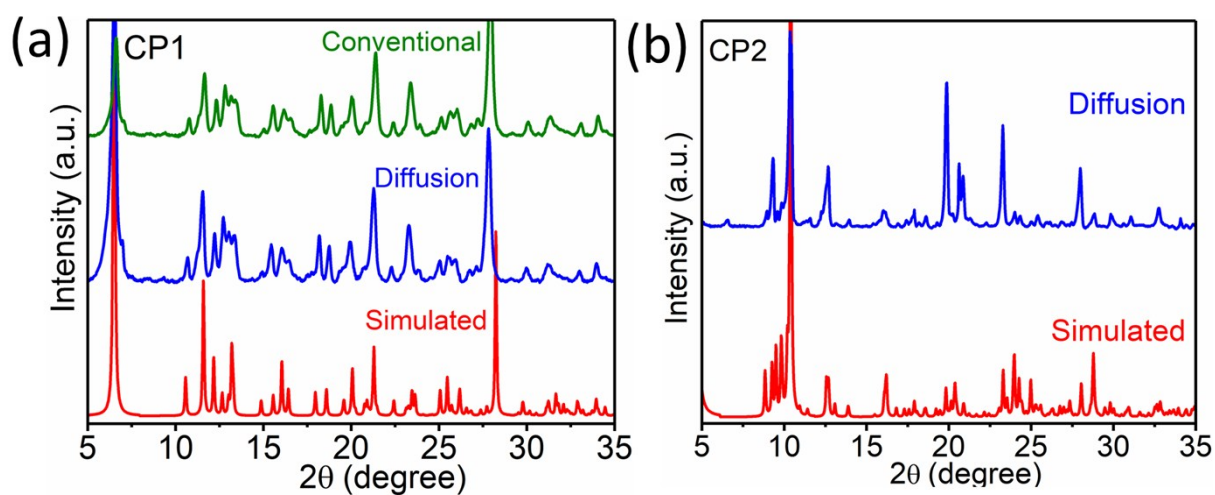
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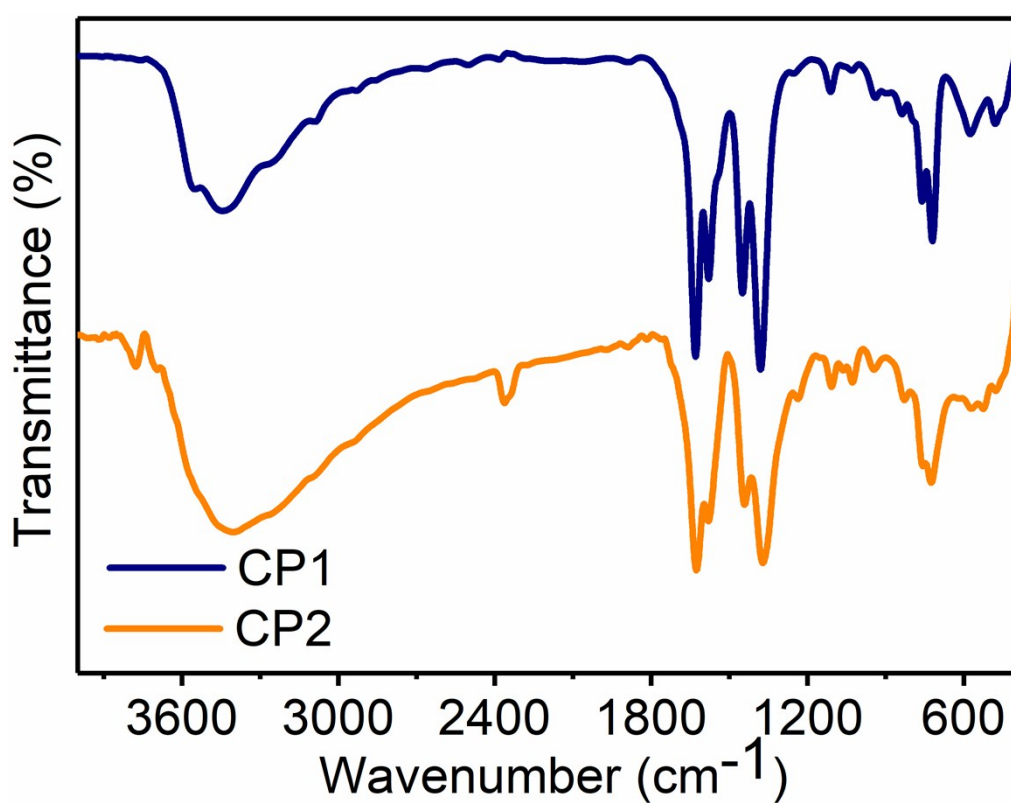
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#### **Synthesis of 1,4-bis(4-pyridyl)-2,3-diaza-1,3-butadiene (L):**

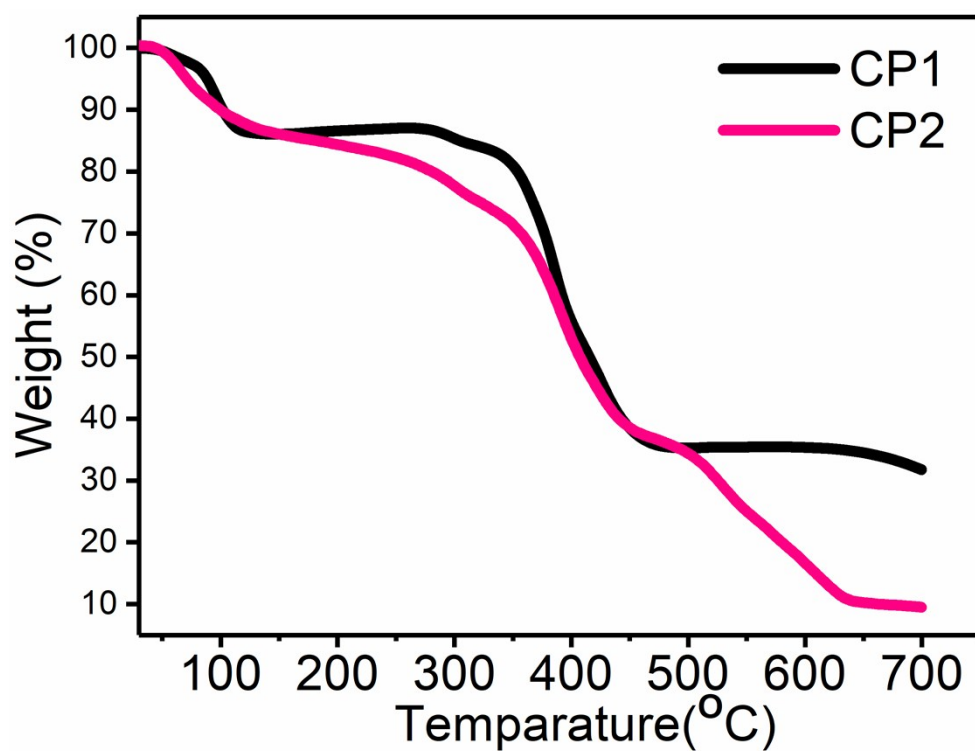
Ligand 1,4-bis(4-pyridyl)-2,3-diaza-1,3-butadiene (L) was synthesized by adopting the procedure reported by Bisht *et.al* with slight modifications.<sup>1</sup> Pyridine-4-carboxaldehyde (4 mL, 40 mmol) and hydrazine hydrate (1 mL, 21 mmol) were separately dissolved in 7.5 mL of ethanol each. The resulting solutions were mixed gently and allowed to stir at room temperature for 20 min. The yellow precipitate thus obtained was collected and washed with cold methanol/ether mixture (1:1, 10 mL) and dried in air. Yield = 92%. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>): δ7.82(d,4H), 8.70(s,2H), 8.76(d,4H).



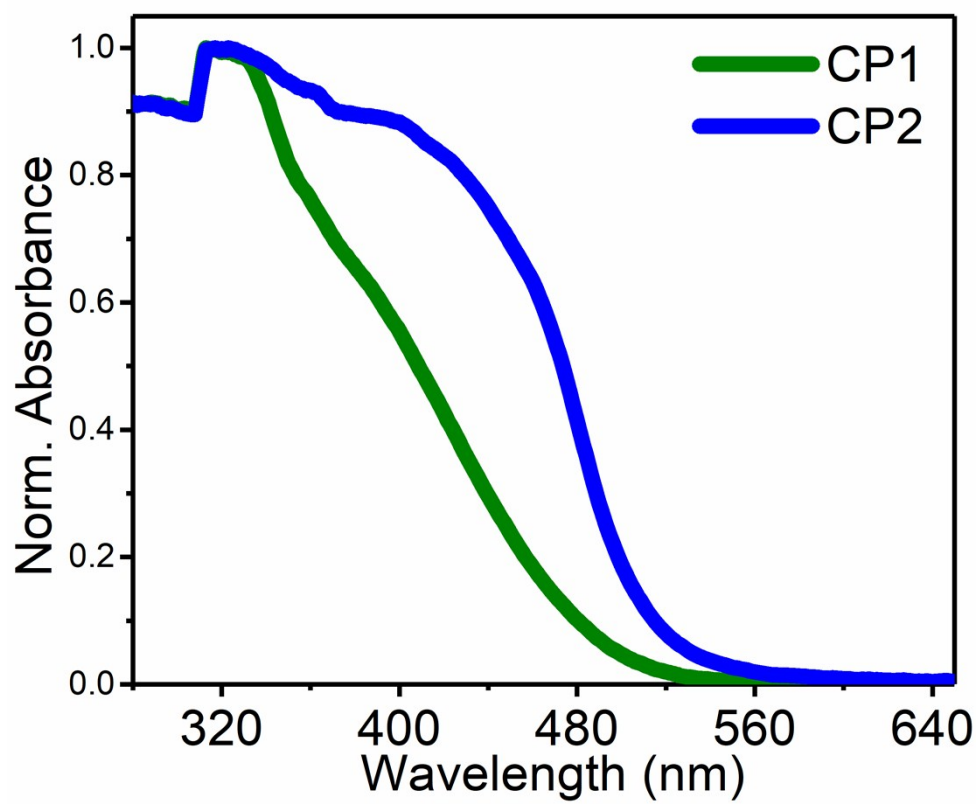
**Figure S1.** Experimental PXRD profiles of bulk samples for **CP1** and **CP2** (diffusion and conventional) were confirmed by simulated patterns.



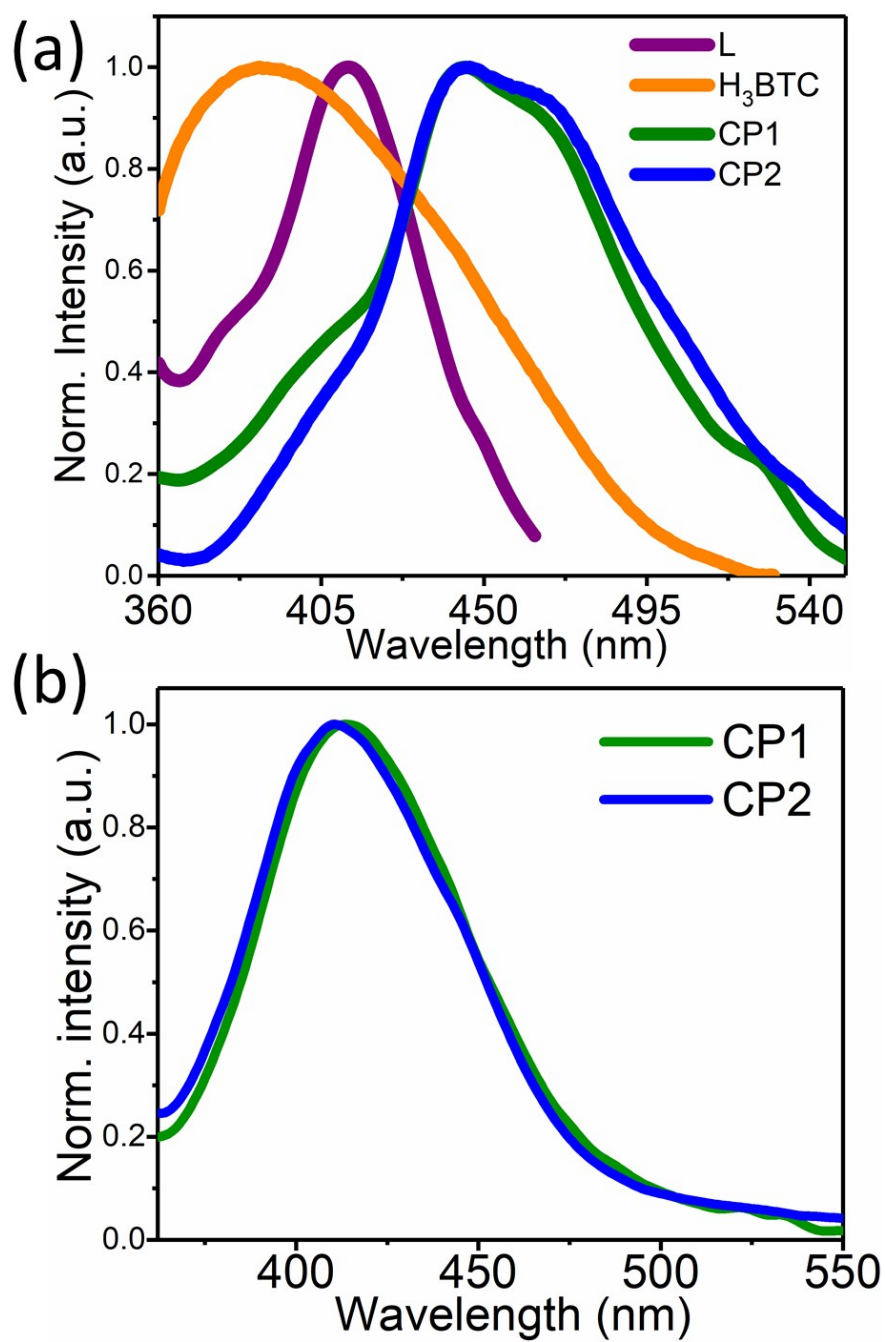
**Figure S2.** IR spectra recorded for compound **CP1** and **CP2** dispersed in KBr pellets in  $\text{N}_2$  atmosphere.



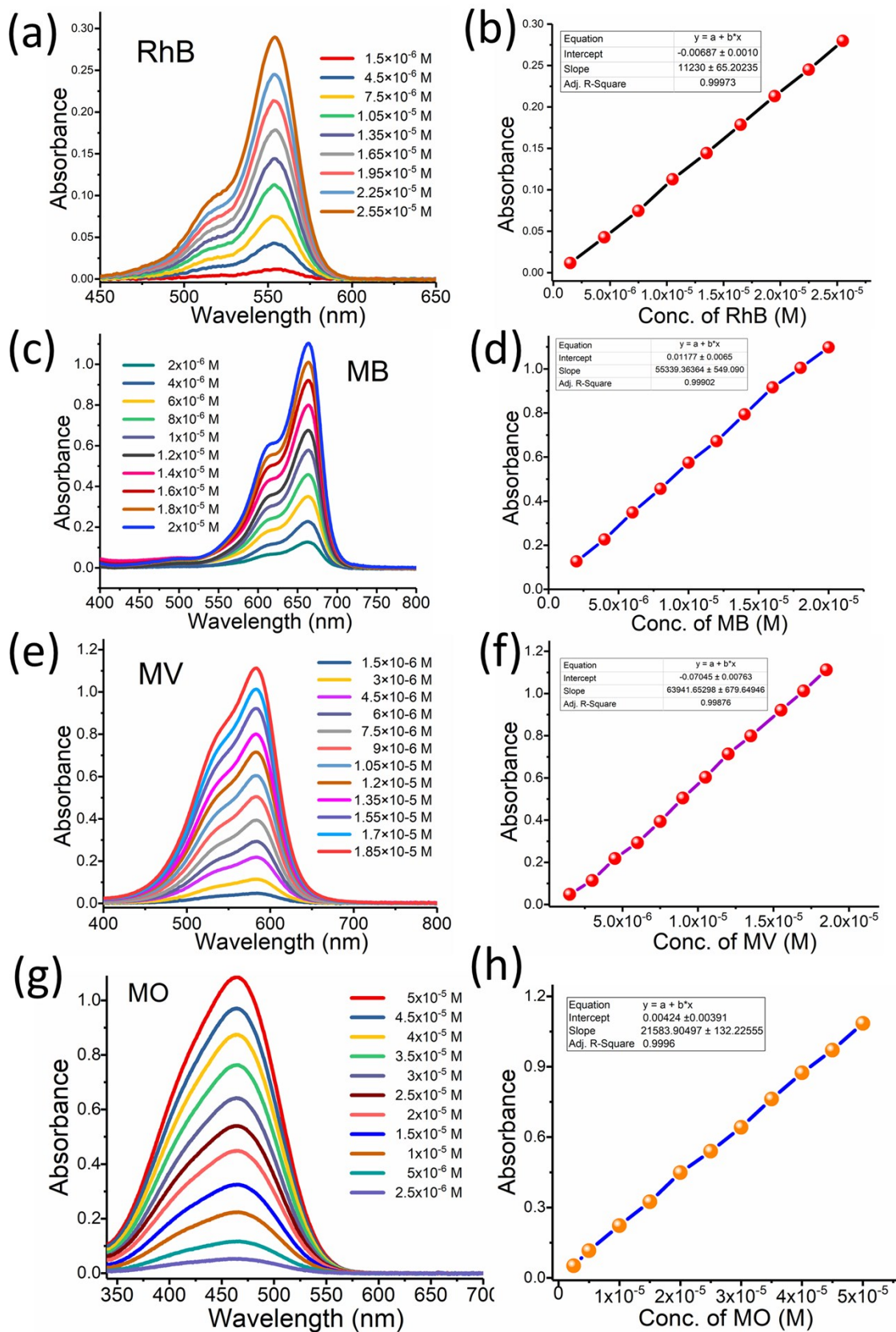
**Figure S3.** TGA profiles recorded for compound CP1 and CP2 in N<sub>2</sub> atmosphere.



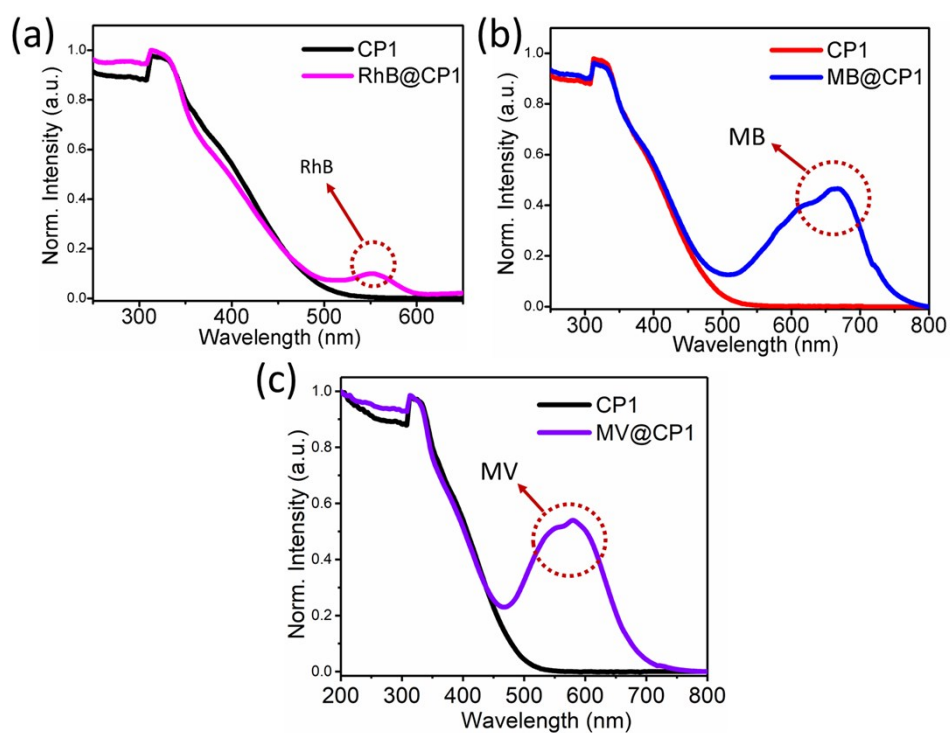
**Figure S4.** Solid state UV-Vis absorbance spectra for pristine samples of CP1 and CP2.



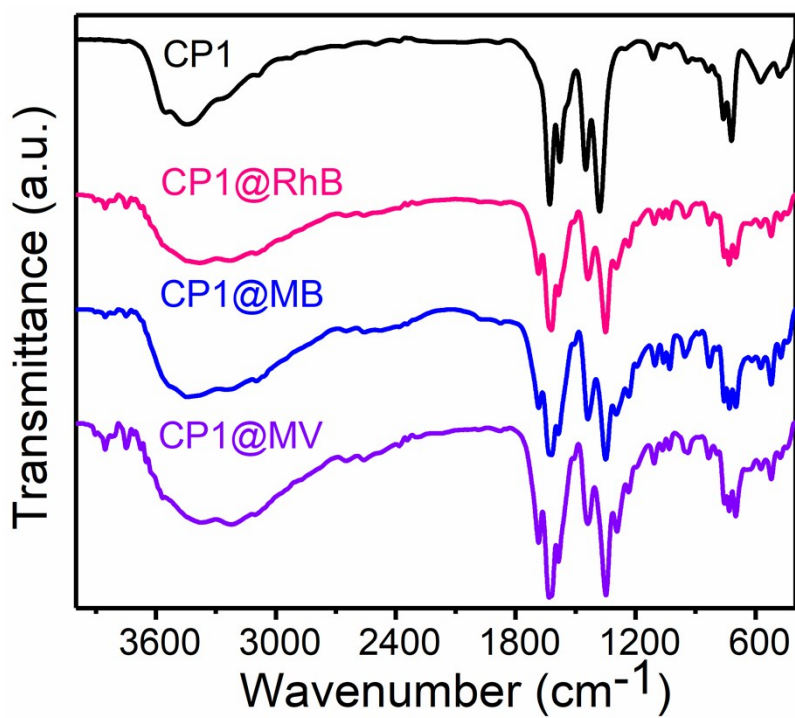
**Figure S5.** (a & b) Photoluminescence spectra of L, H<sub>3</sub>BTC, CP1 and CP2 in the solid state and the suspension of DMF.



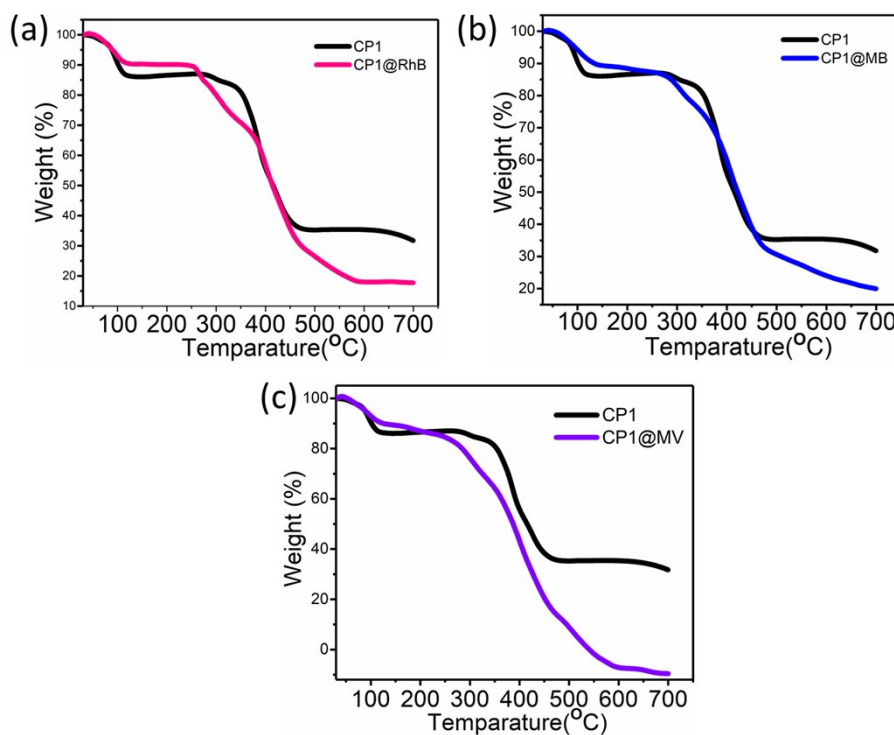
**Figure S6.** Calibration plots of standard RhB, MB, MV and MO (a, c, e & g) by UV-Vis spectra in an aqueous solution and their fitting of Abs. vs concentration of respective dye values (b, d, f & h).



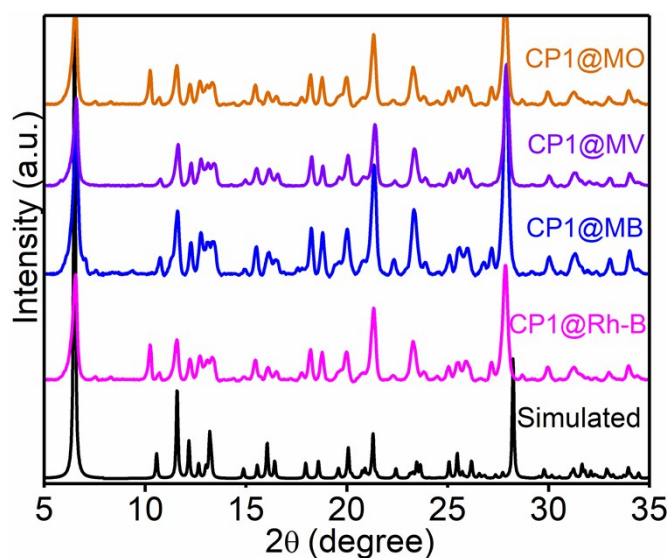
**Figure S7.** Solid state UV-Vis spectra of **CP1@Dye** materials confirming the adsorbates characteristic bands at particular wavelengths after adsorption of dyes.



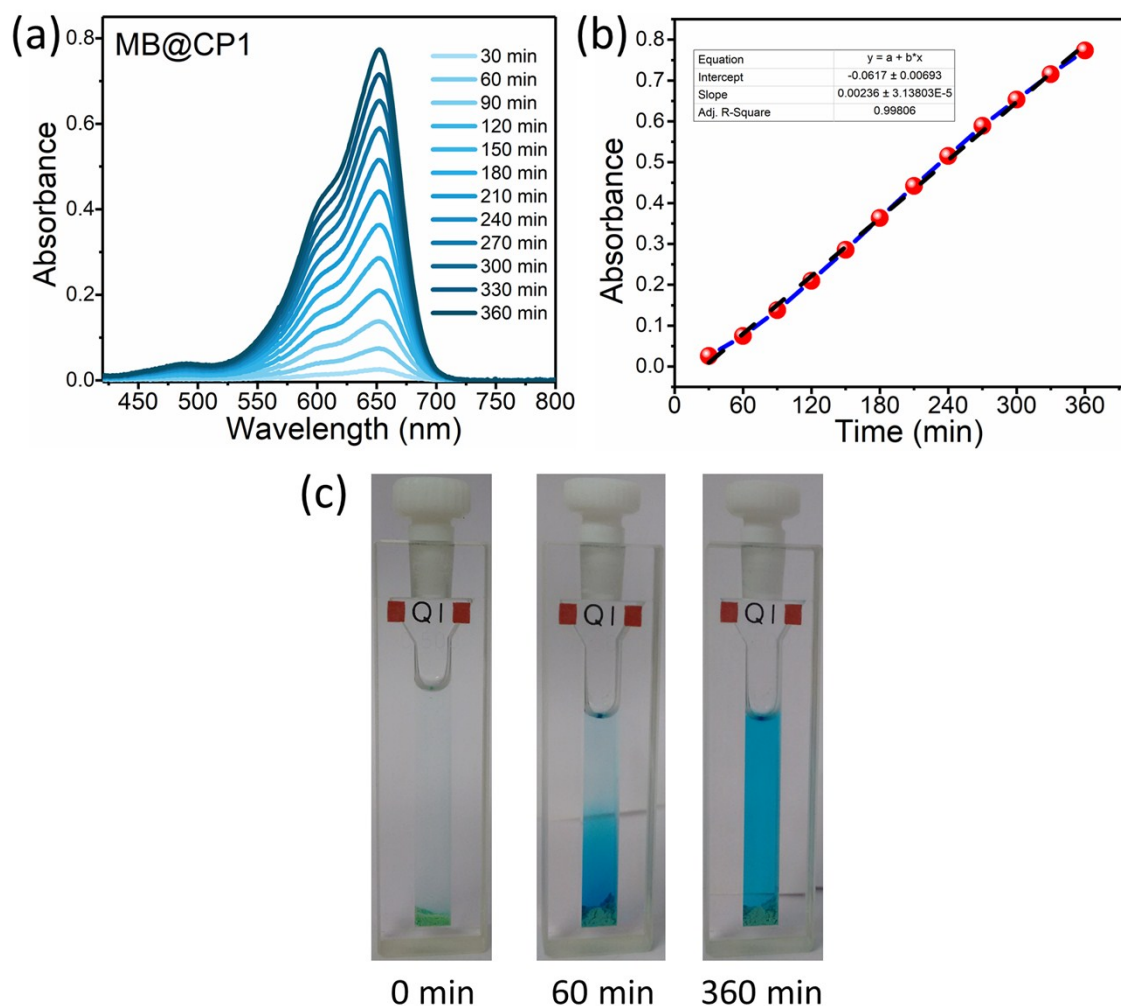
**Figure S8.** FTIR spectra of **CP1@dye** confirming the framework integrity of **CP1** before and after adsorption of cationic dyes.



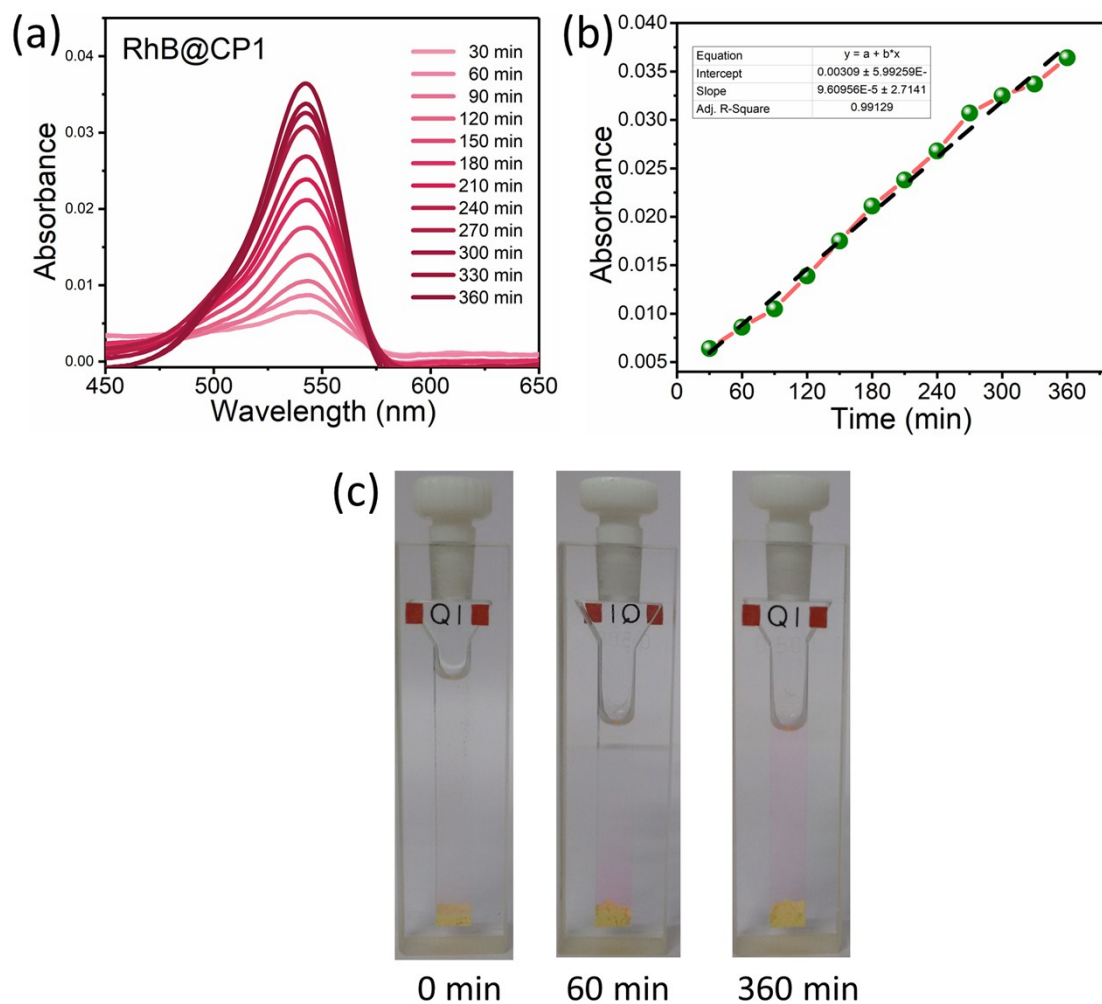
**Figure S9.** TGA profiles of **CP1@Dye** recorded in  $N_2$  atmosphere confirming thermal stability before and after adsorption dyes.



**Figure S10.** PXRD patterns of **CP1@Dye** confirming the framework stability after adsorption of dye from aqueous solutions.



**Figure S11.** Time dependent UV-Vis spectra depicting enhancement in the absorbance ( $\lambda_{\max}$  652 nm) suggesting increase in MB concentration with time (a), absorbance-time profile showing linear release of MB (30 to 360 min) (b) and digital photographs showing progressive color change due to release of adsorbed MB in 0.5 mL MeOH after soaking 10 mg of CP1@MB (c).



**Figure S12.** Time dependent UV-Vis spectra depicting enhancement in the absorbance ( $\lambda_{\max}$  542 nm) suggesting increase in RhB concentration with time (a), absorbance-time profile showing linear release of RhB (30 to 360 min) (b) and digital photographs showing progressive color change due to release of adsorbed RhB in 0.5 mL MeOH after soaking 10 mg of CP1@RhB (c).

**Table S1.** Details of hydrogen bonding interactions observed in the structure of **CP2**.

| D-H...A                                                                 | d(H...A) (Å) | d(D...A) (Å) | ∠D-H...A (°) |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| <b>CP2</b>                                                              |              |              |              |
| O7-H7B...O1AA#1                                                         | 2.04         | 2.914        | 172.5        |
| O10-H10A...N6#1                                                         | 1.84         | 2.697        | 168.6        |
| O11-H11A...O0AA#1                                                       | 2.17         | 2.900        | 141.0        |
| O11-H11B...O9                                                           | 1.78         | 2.585        | 152.9        |
| O7-H7A...O7#3                                                           | 2.21         | 3.060        | 162.9        |
| O7-H7A...O7#2                                                           | 2.21         | 3.060        | 162.9        |
| <b>Symmetry code:</b> #1. x, y, z, #2. -1+x, +y, +z, #3. 1-x, 1-y, 2-z. |              |              |              |

**Table S2.** Zeta potential values of **CP1** and **CP1@dye** materials.

| Composition    | Zeta Potential (mV) |
|----------------|---------------------|
| <b>CP1</b>     | -21                 |
| <b>CP1@MO</b>  | -22                 |
| <b>CP1@RhB</b> | -18.4               |
| <b>CP1@MB</b>  | -17.4               |
| <b>CP1@MV</b>  | -11.5               |



**Table S3.** Crystal Data and Refinement Parameters for **CP1** and **CP2**.

| Identification code                                                                                        | CP1                                                                            | CP2                                                                             |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Chemical formula                                                                                           | C <sub>36</sub> H <sub>40</sub> N <sub>4</sub> O <sub>17</sub> Zn <sub>2</sub> | C <sub>65</sub> H <sub>96</sub> N <sub>12</sub> O <sub>33</sub> Zn <sub>5</sub> |
| Formula weight                                                                                             | 931.46                                                                         | 1900.38                                                                         |
| Crystal Colour                                                                                             | Pale Yellow                                                                    | Pale Yellow                                                                     |
| Crystal Size (mm)                                                                                          | 0.28 × 0.25 × 0.03                                                             | 0.20 × 0.11 × 0.04                                                              |
| Temperature (K)                                                                                            | 150(2)                                                                         | 150(2)                                                                          |
| Crystal System                                                                                             | Triclinic                                                                      | Triclinic                                                                       |
| Space Group                                                                                                | $\bar{p}1$                                                                     | $\bar{p}1$                                                                      |
| a (Å)                                                                                                      | 7.9461(12)                                                                     | 10.3241(17)                                                                     |
| b (Å)                                                                                                      | 9.0703(13)                                                                     | 11.0585(18)                                                                     |
| c (Å)                                                                                                      | 14.198(2)                                                                      | 19.221(3)                                                                       |
| $\alpha$ (°)                                                                                               | 77.108(2)                                                                      | 85.079(3)                                                                       |
| $\beta$ (°)                                                                                                | 75.211(2)                                                                      | 83.258(3)                                                                       |
| $\gamma$ (°)                                                                                               | 68.670(2)                                                                      | 64.713(3)                                                                       |
| Z                                                                                                          | 1                                                                              | 1                                                                               |
| V (Å <sup>3</sup> )                                                                                        | 911.9(2)                                                                       | 1968.9(6)                                                                       |
| Density (Mg/m <sup>3</sup> )                                                                               | 1.696                                                                          | 1.603                                                                           |
| Absorption Coefficient (mm <sup>-1</sup> )                                                                 | 1.403                                                                          | 1.596                                                                           |
| F(000)                                                                                                     | 480                                                                            | 984                                                                             |
| Reflections Collected                                                                                      | 6481                                                                           | 14187                                                                           |
| Independent Reflections                                                                                    | 3170                                                                           | 6892                                                                            |
| R <sub>(int)</sub>                                                                                         | 0.0174                                                                         | 0.0579                                                                          |
| Number of parameters                                                                                       | 292                                                                            | 450                                                                             |
| S(Goodness of Fit) on F <sup>2</sup>                                                                       | 1.071                                                                          | 1.123                                                                           |
| Final R1/wR2 (I>2 $\sigma$ (I))                                                                            | 0.0289/0.0778                                                                  | 0.0877/0.1998                                                                   |
| Weighted R1/wR2 (all data)                                                                                 | 0.0298/0.0784                                                                  | 0.1104/0.2101                                                                   |
| CCDC Numbers                                                                                               | 1560856                                                                        | 1560857                                                                         |
| $R = \Sigma   F_o  -  F_c   / \Sigma  F_o $ ; $wR = [\Sigma w(F_o^2 - F_c^2)^2 / \Sigma w(F_o^2)^2]^{1/2}$ |                                                                                |                                                                                 |

**Table S4.** Selected bond lengths and bond angles for **CP1** and **CP2**.

| <b>CP1</b>                                                                    |            |                      |            |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------|----------------------|------------|
| Zn(1)-O(1)                                                                    | 1.9493(14) | O(5)#1-Zn(1)-N(1)    | 129.17(7)  |
| Zn(1)-O(5)#1                                                                  | 1.9508(14) | O(1)-Zn(1)-O(7)      | 97.95(6)   |
| Zn(1)-N(1)                                                                    | 2.0316(18) | O(5)#1-Zn(1)-O(7)    | 97.98(6)   |
| Zn(1)-O(7)                                                                    | 2.0777(15) | O(5)- Zn1-O(7)       | 175.18(6)  |
| O(1)-C(7)                                                                     | 1.277(3)   | N(1)-Zn(1)-O(7)      | 95.89(7)   |
| O(2)-C(7)                                                                     | 1.239(3)   | C(7)-O(1)-Zn(1)      | 119.81(13) |
| O(3)-C(8)                                                                     | 1.271(3)   | C(9)-O(5)-Zn(1)#2    | 116.46(13) |
| O(4)-C(8)                                                                     | 1.262(3)   | C(10)-N(1)-Zn(1)     | 118.24(15) |
| O(5)-C(9)                                                                     | 1.290(3)   | C(14)-N(1)-Zn(1)     | 123.57(15) |
| O(5)-Zn(1)#2                                                                  | 1.951(2)   | C(15)-N(2)-N(2)#3    | 111.3(3)   |
| N(2)-N(2)#3                                                                   | 1.411(4)   | O(2)-C(7)-O(1)       | 125.20(19) |
| O(1)-Zn(1)-O(5)#1                                                             | 123.84(6)  | O(4)-C(8)-O(3)       | 124.0(2)   |
| O(1)-Zn(1)-N(1)                                                               | 102.03(7)  | O(6)-C(9)-O(5)       | 123.57(19) |
| <b>Symmetry code:</b> #1. x-1, y+1, z; #2. x+1, y-1, z; #3. -x-1, -y+1, -z+2. |            |                      |            |
| <b>CP2</b>                                                                    |            |                      |            |
| Zn(3)-O(8)                                                                    | 2.062(5)   | O(9)#4-Zn(3)-Zn(2)#4 | 46.13(18)  |
| Zn(3)-O(8)#4                                                                  | 2.062(5)   | O(9)-Zn(3)-Zn(2)#4   | 133.87(18) |
| Zn(3)-O(3)#2                                                                  | 2.075(5)   | O(8)-Zn(1)-O(1)      | 114.9(3)   |
| Zn(3)-O(3)#3                                                                  | 2.075(5)   | O(8)-Zn(1)-O(6)#1    | 131.3(3)   |
| Zn(3)-O(9)#4                                                                  | 2.138(5)   | O(1)-Zn(1)-O(6)#1    | 107.4(3)   |
| Zn(3)-O(9)                                                                    | 2.138(5)   | O(8)-Zn(1)-N(1)      | 102.9(3)   |
| Zn(1)-O(8)                                                                    | 1.970(5)   | O(1)-Zn(1)-N(1)      | 95.7(3)    |
| Zn(1)-O(1)                                                                    | 1.986(5)   | O(6)#1-Zn(1)-N(1)    | 95.6(3)    |
| Zn(1)-O(6)#1                                                                  | 1.997(5)   | O(2)-Zn(2)-O(4)#2    | 169.7(3)   |
| Zn(1)-N(1)                                                                    | 2.133(7)   | O(2)-Zn(2)-N(3)      | 95.1(3)    |
| Zn(2)-O(2)                                                                    | 2.027(5)   | O(4)#2-Zn(2)-N(3)    | 94.0(3)    |
| Zn(2)-O(4)#2                                                                  | 2.027(5)   | O(2)-Zn(2)-O(8)      | 92.0(3)    |
| Zn(2)-N(3)                                                                    | 2.102(7)   | O(4)#2-Zn(2)-O(8)    | 92.3(2)    |
| Zn(2)-O(8)                                                                    | 2.099(5)   | N(3)-Zn(2)-O(8)      | 93.1(3)    |
| Zn(2)-O(7)                                                                    | 2.118(5)   | O(2)-Zn(2)-O(7)      | 85.2(3)    |

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| Zn(2)-O(9)                                                                                                                     | 2.242(5)   | N(3)-Zn(2)-O(7)   | 96.8(3)    |
| O(3)-Zn(3)#5                                                                                                                   | 2.075(5)   | O(8)-Zn(2)-O(7)   | 169.7(2)   |
| O(4)-Zn(2)#5                                                                                                                   | 2.027(5)   | O(2)-Zn(2)-O(9)   | 83.9(2)    |
| O(6)-Zn(1)#6                                                                                                                   | 1.997(5)   | O(4)#2-Zn(2)-O(9) | 87.5(2)    |
| N(2)-N(2)#7                                                                                                                    | 1.426(16)  | N(3)-Zn(2)-O(9)   | 173.2(2)   |
| N(4)-N(5)                                                                                                                      | 1.443(12)  | O(8)-Zn(2)-O(9)   | 80.03(19)  |
| O(8)-Zn(3)-O(8)#1                                                                                                              | 180.0      | O(7)-Zn(2)-O(9)   | 89.8(2)    |
| O(8)-Zn(3)-O(3)#3                                                                                                              | 83.4(2)    | N(1)-Zn(1)-O(3)   | 171.54(5). |
| O(8)#4-Zn(3)-O(3)#2                                                                                                            | 83.4(2)    | C(1)-O(1)-Zn(1)   | 119.5(5)   |
| O(8)-Zn(3)-O(3)#3                                                                                                              | 83.4(2)    | C(1)-O(2)-Zn(2)   | 151.3(5)   |
| O(8)#4-Zn(3)-O(3)#3                                                                                                            | 96.6(2)    | C(8)-O(3)-Zn(3)#5 | 124.2(5)   |
| O(3)#3-Zn(3)-O(3)#2                                                                                                            | 180.0(3)   | C(8)-O(4)-Zn(2)#5 | 133.7(5)   |
| O(8)-Zn(3)-O(9)#4                                                                                                              | 96.6(2)    | C(9)-O(6)-Zn(1)#6 | 110.0(5)   |
| O(8)#4-Zn(3)-O(9)#4                                                                                                            | 83.4(2)    | Zn(1)-O(8)-Zn(3)  | 111.0(2)   |
| O(3)#3-Zn(3)-O(9)#4                                                                                                            | 91.9(2)    | Zn(1)-O(8)-Zn(2)  | 115.4(2)   |
| O(3)#3-Zn(3)-O(9)#4                                                                                                            | 91.9(2)    | Zn(3)-O(8)-Zn(2)  | 96.8(2)    |
| O(8)-Zn(3)-O(9)                                                                                                                | 83.4(2)    | Zn(3)-O(9)-Zn(2)  | 90.6(2)    |
| O(8)#4-Zn(3)-O(9)                                                                                                              | 96.3(2)    | C(14)-N(1)-Zn(1)  | 120.2(6)   |
| O(3)#2-Zn(3)-O(9)                                                                                                              | 88.1(2)    | C(10)-N(1)-Zn(1)  | 121.4(6)   |
| O(3)#3-Zn(3)-O(9)                                                                                                              | 88.1(2)    | C(20)-N(3)-Zn(2)  | 121.0(6)   |
| O(9)#4-Zn(3)-O(9)                                                                                                              | 180.0(3)   | C(16)-N(3)-Zn(2)  | 117.0(8)   |
| O(8)-Zn(3)-Zn(2)#4                                                                                                             | 137.97(14) | O(1)-C(1)-O(2)    | 124.4(7)   |
| O(8)#4-Zn(3)-Zn(2)#4                                                                                                           | 42.03(14)  | O(4)-C(8)-O(3)    | 126.5(7)   |
| O(3)#3-Zn(3)-Zn(2)#4                                                                                                           | 80.17(14)  | O(5)-C(9)-O(6)    | 122.1(7)   |
| O(4)#2-Zn(2)-O(7)                                                                                                              | 88.9(2)    |                   |            |
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