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A New Water Stable Zinc Metal Organic Framework as an Electrode Material for Hydrazine Sensing

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Supporting Information

Materials and Methods

Chemicals. $Zn(NO_3)_2.6H_2O$, Terephthalic acid (bdc), all reagents and solvents were purchased from Aldrich. These chemicals were used without further purification unless otherwise mentioned.

Synthesis of N,N'-bis(pyridin-3-ylmethyl)cyclohexane-1,4-diamine

3-Pyridylcarboxyldehyde (5g, 46.68 mmol) and (1r,4r)-cyclohexane-1,4-diamine (5.33g, 46.68 mmol) were added in ethanol (30 mL). Then, triethylamine (7.08g, 70.02 mmol) was added slowly and refluxed for 4 hrs. Monitored the completion of reaction with TLC and first cooled down the reaction mixture to room temperature followed by further reduction in temperature in ice bath. Portion wise addition of NaBH₄ (4.41g, 116.7 mmol) was carried out and then allowed the stirring of reaction content for overnight at room temperature. 10 mL of water was added to quench the extra reducing agent While 40 ml of dichloromethane was added and separated the organic layer. Repeated the extraction with DCM and combined the organic layers. Dried by organic solvent by using anhydrous Na₂SO₄ and got the desired product by evaporating the solvent by rotary evaporated (yield = 70%).



Synthesis of precursor metal-organic framework (MOF). $Zn(NO_3)_2.6H_2O$ (0.297 g, 1.0 mmol), N,N'-bis(pyridin-3-ylmethylene)cyclohexane-1,4-diamine (3-bpcda) (0.297 g, 1.0 mmol) and H₂bdc (0.172 g, 1.0 mmol) were added in DMF / H₂O (10 mL, v/v: 3/1). The reaction mixture were placed in glass vial and heated at 105 °C for 72 h. Structures of both the ligands are shown in scheme 1S. Yellow block-shaped crystals of Zn-MOF were collected and washed with DMF three time (10 Ml). The final product were dried in air at room temperature and used for further studies.

X-ray Crystallography

For Zn-MOF single crystal X-ray diffraction data were collected on an Oxford Diffraction Gemini CCD diffractometer employing Cu K α radiation (1.54180 Å) and operating in the ω -scan mode. Data reduction and empirical absorption corrections (multi-scan) were performed with Oxford Diffraction CrysAlisPro software Version 1.171.37.35. WINGX program suite was used to solve and refine the structure [1]. The structure was solved by direct methods with SIR-97 [2] and refined by full-matrix least-squares analysis with SHELXL97 [3].

Non-hydrogen atoms were refined with anisotropic thermal parameters, whereas H-atoms were included at estimated positions. Figure 1a of the compound 1 was produced with ORTEP3 [4]. A summary of the crystal data, structure solution and refinement parameters are given in Table 1S and selected bond lengths and angles are given in Table 2S. Asymmetric unit and unit cell structures are presented in Figures 1S, 2S and 3S.

Elemental Analysis and FT-IR spectroscopy

Elemental analyses were performed on Perkin Elmer Series 11 (CHNS/O), Analyzer 2400. The solid state FT-IR spectra of the ligands and their Zn(II) MOF were recorded on a Perkin-Elmer FT-IR 180 spectrophotometer or NICOLET 6700 FT-IR using KBr pellets over the range 4000-400 cm⁻¹.

The CHN elemental analyses results matched well with the calculated results. Anal. Calc. for $C_{13}H_{18}N_2O_4Zn_{0.50}$: C 52.22, H 6.07, N 9.37%. Found; C 52.37, H 6.25, and N 9.77%.

FT-IR spectra of Zn-MOF displayed characteristic stretching and absorption bands (Figure 4S), around 3303 (broad) and 1600 cm⁻¹ due to the water and N-H stretching (secondary amine) of ligand 3-bpcda and carboxylate group of bdc ligand respectively (Table 3S). In addition, the characteristic C-H stretching for aromatic and aliphatic functional groups at 3005 and 2914 cm⁻¹, respectively [5-7]. The FT-IR spectra and elemental analysis are consistent with the single crystal X-ray structure of Zn-MOF.

NMR Spectroscopy

¹H and ¹³C NMR spectra were recorded on a LAMBDA 500 spectrophotometer operating at 500.01, 125.65 and 200.0 MHz respectively; corresponding to a magnetic field of 11.74 T. Tetra-methylsilane (TMS) was used as an internal standard for ¹H and ¹³C NMR measurements. The ¹³C NMR spectra were obtained with ¹H broadband decoupling, and the spectral conditions were: 32 k data points, 0.967 s acquisition time, and 1.00 s pulse delay and 45° pulse angle. The ¹H and ¹³C NMR chemical shifts are given in Tables 4S and 5S respectively. The appearance of chemical shifts for N-H (Amine), C=O (Carbonyl), Ph (Phenyl), Cy (Cyclohexyl), -CH₂- (Methylene) and Py (Pyridyl) groups of both ligands in ¹H and ¹³C NMR spectra of compound **1** is consistence with single crystal X-ray structure.

| Crystal data | |
|-----------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Empirical formula | $C_{18}H_{30}N_4O_4Zn$ |
| Formula weight | 298.98 |
| Crystal system, space group | Triclinic, P-1' |
| Temperature (K) | 190 |
| a, b, c (Å) | 8.2199 (9), 8.3508 (10), 11.2244 (13) |
| α, β, γ (°) | 86.85 (1), 78.01(1), 66.22 (1) |
| V (Å ³) | 689.30 (15) |
| Ζ | 2 |
| Radiation type | Μο Κα |
| $\mu (\mathrm{mm}^{-1})$ | 0.95 |
| | |

Table 1S: Crystal data and structure refinement details of Zn-MOF.

| Crystal size (mm) | $0.3 \times 0.1 \times 0.1$ | |
|---|-----------------------------|--|
| Absorption correction | Multi-scan | |
| T _{min} , T _{max} | 0.971, 1.000 | |
| No. of measured, independent and observed | 5198, 3117, 2600 | |
| $[I > 2\sigma(I)]$ reflections | | |
| R _{int} | 0.031 | |
| $(\sin \theta / \lambda)_{max} (Å^{-1})$ | 0.686 | |
| $R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)]$, $wR(F^2)$, S | 0.040, 0.079, 1.04 | |
| No. of reflections | 3117 | |
| No. of parameters | 250 | |
| $\Delta \rho_{\text{max}}, \Delta \rho_{\text{min}} (e \text{ Å}^{-3})$ | 0.4, -0.43 | |

Table 2S: Selected bond lengths (Å) and bond angles (°) of Zn-MOF.

| Bond length(Å) | | Bond angles (°) | | |
|----------------|-----------|--------------------------|-----------|--|
| Zn1 -O1 | 2.106 (1) | O1 -Zn1 -O3 | 86.30 (5) | |
| Zn1 -O3 | 2.131 (1) | O1 -Zn1 -O3 ⁱ | 93.70 (7) | |
| Zn1 -N1 | 2.149 (1) | O1 -Zn1 -N1 | 88.11 (3) | |
| | | O3 -Zn1 -N1 | 93.27 (7) | |
| | | N1 -Zn1 -N1 ⁱ | 180.00 | |

Table 3S: Selected mid-IR frequencies (cm⁻¹) of free ligands and Zn-MOF.

| Species | v(C=O) | v(N-H) | v(C-H) _{aromatic} | v(C-H) _{aliphatic} |
|-----------------------|--------|---------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1,4-bdc and 3- | 1705.8 | 3335.2, 743.8 | 3055.7, 3029.8 | 2928.5, 2856.1 |
| bpcda | | | | |
| Zn-MOF | 1594.6 | 3305.8, 748.6 | 3005.8 | 2914.0 |

Table 4S: ¹H chemical shifts (ppm) of the Zn-MOF in DMSO-d₆.

| N-H | -CH ₂ - | Су | Ру | Ph |
|------|--------------------|------------------|------------|------|
| 5.35 | 4.36 | 3.00, 3.39, 3.65 | 8.69, 9.25 | 9.68 |

Table 5S: ¹³C chemical shifts (ppm) of Zn-MOF in DMSO-d₆.

| C=O | -CH2- | Су | Ру | Ph |
|--------|-------|--------------|----------------|--------|
| 153.05 | 48.57 | 29.48, 55.37 | 127.75, 141.88 | 130.18 |



Scheme 1S. Structures of N,N'-bis(pyridin-3-ylmethylene)cyclohexane-1,4-diamine (3-bpcda) and benzene dicarboxylic acid (H2bdc) linkers used in this work.



Figure 1S: A view of asymmetric unit of X-ray structure of Zn-MOF. Hydrogen atoms were omitted for clarity of structure.



Figure 2S: A view of the three-dimensional extended structure of Zn-MOF. The displacement ellipsoids are drawn at the 50% probability level.



Figure 3S: A view of two-dimensional framework of Zn-MOF along *a*-axis.



Figure 5S. The CV response with ZnMOF/ETH500/nafion modified GCE for (a) 0.350 mM hydrazine in 0.1 M K2SO4 solution, scan rate 50 mV /s and (b) in absence of hydrazine.



Figure 6S. (A) Plots between change in Ep (potential for maximum oxidation peak current) with chaage in hydrazine concentration and (B) change in log of Ip with log of hydrazine concentration (log C_{Hz}).



Figure 7S. PXRD patterns of ZnMOF/ETH500/nafion modified FTO electrode before and after electrochemical experiments for 0.350 mM of hydrazine in 0.1 M K₂SO₄.

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