

## *Supporting Information*

### **Solvent-Induced SC-SC Transformation within the Zn<sup>II</sup>-Triazole System: A Promising MnO<sub>4</sub><sup>-</sup> Selective Luminescent Probe**

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## Experimental Section

**General remarks.** All the reagents were commercially available and used without further purification. The elemental analysis of carbon, nitrogen, and hydrogen was performed on a PerkinElmer 240 elemental analyzer. The photoluminescence spectra were recorded by an MPF-4 fluorescence spectrophotometer with a xenon arc lamp as the light source.

**X-ray Crystal Structure Determination.** Diffraction data for the compounds **TTPA**, **TTPA'**, **1**, **2**, **3**, **4** and **4a** were performed on a SuperNova, Atlas diffractometer equipped with mirror-monochromated  $\text{CuK}\alpha$  radiation ( $\lambda = 1.5418 \text{ \AA}$ ) at room temperature and Bruker APEX-II CCD with graphite-monochromated  $\text{MoK}\alpha$  radiation ( $\lambda = 0.71073 \text{ \AA}$ ). An empirical absorption correction using SADABS<sup>1</sup> was applied for all data. All the structures were solved and refined to convergence on  $F^2$  for all independent reflections by the full-matrix least squares method using SHELXL-2014<sup>2</sup>. All nonhydrogen atoms were refined anisotropically and H-atoms were also included at calculated positions and refined as riders. In compound **3**, water hydrogen atoms could not be entirely found in the Fourier difference map. Compound **4a** crystallized with  $\text{CHBr}_3$ ,  $\text{CH}_3\text{CH}_2\text{OH}$  and  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  solvent molecules, unfortunately they were not possible to obtain sensible chemical model. Squeeze<sup>3</sup> procedure was applied to remove the contribution of the disordered solvent to the structure factors in **3**, **4** and **4a**.

### Synthesis of Tris(4-(1H-1,2,4-triazol-1-yl)phenyl)amine (TTPA)

A mixture of tris(4-bromophenyl)amine (20.0 mmol, 9.64 g),  $\text{CuI}$  (1 mmol, 0.19 g), 1,2,4-triazole (200.0 mmol, 13.80 g), 18-crown-6 (2.0 mmol, 0.53 g), and  $\text{K}_2\text{CO}_3$  (200.0 mmol, 27.6 g) was suspended in 100 mL of DMF. The mixture was placed in a 250-mL two-necked round-bottom flask under  $\text{N}_2$ , was refluxed at 160 °C for 2 days, and then cooled to room temperature. Solvent was removed by distillation under vacuum, and the reaction mixture was added to 200 mL  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$ . The deposit was filtered and washed with water and dried under vacuum, producing a light blue powder. The crude product was separated by column chromatography ( $\text{CH}_3\text{COOCH}_3/\text{CH}_3\text{OH}$

= 10:1) to afford white crystalline powder (yield: 78%, 7.22 g, based on tris(4-bromophenyl)amine). After a second re-crystallization from H<sub>2</sub>O or CH<sub>3</sub>OH/H<sub>2</sub>O (1:1 by volume), the products were obtained as light yellow rod-like (**TTPA**) or snowflake-like crystals (**TTPA'**). Elemental analysis calcd (%) for C<sub>24</sub>H<sub>20</sub>N<sub>10</sub>O (**TTPA**): C, 62.06; H, 4.34; N, 30.16. Found: C, 62.21; H, 4.26; N 30.18. Elemental analysis calcd (%) for C<sub>24</sub>H<sub>18</sub>N<sub>10</sub> (**TTPA'**): C, 64.56; H, 4.06; N, 31.37. Found: C, 64.51; H, 4.16, N, 31.18.

#### **Synthesis of [Mn(TTPA)(DMF)Cl<sub>2</sub>]·0.5DMF}<sub>n</sub> (**1**)**

A mixture of TTPA (0.0447 g, 0.1 mmol) and MnCl<sub>2</sub>·4H<sub>2</sub>O (0.0198 g, 0.1 mmol) was dissolved in CH<sub>3</sub>OH (1 mL), CHCl<sub>3</sub> (2 mL), DMF (1mL), and H<sub>2</sub>O (6 mL). The mixture was placed in a Teflon vessel (25 mL) under autogenous pressure and heated at 90 °C for 3 days and then cooled to room temperature for 12 h. Brown rod-shaped crystals of **1** were obtained, dried in air and collected in 30% yield (based on TTPA). Elemental analysis calcd. for C<sub>28.5</sub>H<sub>28.5</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>MnN<sub>11.5</sub>O<sub>1.5</sub> (%): C, 50.19; H, 4.21; N, 23.62. Found: C, 50.08; H, 4.02; N, 23.54.

#### **Synthesis of [Cu(TTPA)Cl<sub>2</sub>]·CHCl<sub>3</sub>·0.7H<sub>2</sub>O}<sub>n</sub> (**2**)**

A mixture of TTPA (0.0447 g, 0.1 mmol) and CuCl<sub>2</sub>·2H<sub>2</sub>O (0.0170 g, 0.1 mmol) was dissolved in CH<sub>3</sub>OH (1 mL), CHCl<sub>3</sub> (2 mL), and H<sub>2</sub>O (6 mL). The mixture was placed in a Teflon vessel (25 mL) under autogenous pressure and heated at 100 °C for 3 days and then cooled to room temperature for 12 h. Blue rod-shaped crystals of **2** were obtained, dried in air and collected in 40% yield (based on TTPA). Elemental analysis calcd. for C<sub>25</sub>H<sub>20.4</sub>Cl<sub>5</sub>CuN<sub>10</sub>O<sub>0.7</sub> (%): C, 42.11; H, 2.88; N, 19.65. Found: C, 41.95; H, 3.09; N, 19.70.

#### **Synthesis of {[Fe(TTPA)(H<sub>2</sub>O)Cl]Cl}·8.75H<sub>2</sub>O}<sub>n</sub> (**3**)**

A mixture of TTPA (0.0447 g, 0.1 mmol) and FeCl<sub>2</sub>·4H<sub>2</sub>O (0.0199 g, 0.1 mmol) was dissolved in H<sub>2</sub>O (8 mL). The mixture was placed in a Teflon vessel (25 mL) under autogenous pressure and heated at 100 °C for 3 days and then cooled to room temperature for 12 h. Yellow rod-shaped crystals of **3** were obtained, dried in air and collected in 40% yield (based on TTPA). Elemental analysis calcd. for C<sub>48</sub>H<sub>55.5</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>FeN<sub>20</sub>O<sub>9.75</sub> (%): C, 48.23; H, 4.67; N, 23.44. Found: C, 48.78; H, 3.19; N,

23.87. The squeeze details show that the contributions of 727 electrons were removed from the unit cell, corresponding with some 90 electrons from the formula. Combined with CNH element analysis, we added 6.75 water molecules to the formula.

#### **Synthesis of [Zn(TTPA)(NO<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>]<sub>n</sub> (4)**

A mixture of TTPA (0.0447 g, 0.1 mmol) and Zn(NO<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>·6H<sub>2</sub>O (0.0297 g, 0.1 mmol) was dissolved in H<sub>2</sub>O (6 mL). The mixture was placed in a Teflon vessel (25 mL) under autogenous pressure and heated at 100 °C for 3 days and then cooled to room temperature for 12 h. Colorless rod-shaped crystals of **4** were obtained, dried in air and collected in 40% yield (based on TTPA). Anal. Calcd for C<sub>24</sub>H<sub>18</sub>N<sub>12</sub>O<sub>6</sub>Zn: C, 45.33; H, 2.85; N, 26.43. Found: C, 45.41; H, 2.79; N 25.75. The squeeze details show that the contribution of 344 electrons was removed from the unit cell. However, according to the CHN element analysis, we did not find solvent H<sub>2</sub>O molecules. This is consistent with the fact that the crystal products tend to undergo desolvation in air and thus the freshly prepared single crystal needs to be mounted for XRD measurement by tube sealing technique.

#### **Synthesis of {[Zn(TTPA)(NO<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>]·2CHBr<sub>3</sub>}<sub>n</sub> (4a)**

**4** (1 mmol) was immersed into a CH<sub>3</sub>OH (1 mL), CHBr<sub>3</sub> (2 mL), and H<sub>2</sub>O (6 mL) solution for 6 h. Complex **4** maintained crystallinity throughout. There was no apparent change in the shape and color of the crystals. Colorless single crystals suitable for X-ray diffraction were obtained. Elemental analysis calcd. for C<sub>26</sub>H<sub>20</sub>Br<sub>6</sub>N<sub>12</sub>O<sub>6</sub>Zn (%): C, 27.36; H, 1.77; N, 14.72. Found: C, 27.28; H, 1.72; N, 14.27. According to the squeeze details, the contributions of 233 electrons were removed from the unit cell, which corresponds to one CHBr<sub>3</sub> molecule per formula with 112 electrons. So we added one CHBr<sub>3</sub> molecule per formula in accordance with CHN element analysis result.

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**Table S1** Crystallographic data and details of refinements for TTPA, TTPA', **1-4**, and **4a**.

	<b>TTPA</b>	<b>TTPA'</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4a</b>
formula	C <sub>24</sub> H <sub>20</sub> N <sub>10</sub> O	C <sub>24</sub> H <sub>18</sub> N <sub>10</sub>	C <sub>28.5</sub> H <sub>28.5</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub> MnN <sub>11.5</sub> O <sub>1.5</sub>	C <sub>25</sub> H <sub>20.4</sub> Cl <sub>5</sub> CuN <sub>10</sub> O <sub>0.7</sub>	C <sub>48</sub> H <sub>55.5</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub> Fe N <sub>20</sub> O <sub>9.75</sub>	C <sub>24</sub> H <sub>18</sub> N <sub>12</sub> O <sub>6</sub> Zn	C <sub>26</sub> H <sub>20</sub> Br <sub>6</sub> N <sub>12</sub> O <sub>6</sub> Zn
<i>M</i> (g mol <sup>-1</sup> )	464.50	446.48	681.97	712.90	1195.37	635.87	1141.37
crystal system	triclinic	Monoclinic	Monoclinic	Monoclinic	Monoclinic	Triclinic	triclinic
space group	<i>P</i> -1	<i>P</i> 2 <sub>1</sub> / <i>c</i>	<i>C</i> 2/ <i>c</i>	<i>C</i> 2/ <i>c</i>	<i>C</i> 2/ <i>c</i>	<i>P</i> -1	<i>P</i> -1
temperature	293(10)	173(2)	296(2) K	293(2) K	293 K	113(2) K	173.00(10) K
<i>a</i> (Å)	7.4910(4)	14.917(3)	18.5353(15)	17.897(2)	29.6595(7)	12.359(10)	10.9739(6)
<i>b</i> (Å)	11.4453(6)	20.459(4)	15.4936(15)	14.8153(15)	12.2726(5)	12.665(9)	12.7951(7)
<i>c</i> (Å)	13.0462(6)	15.642(3)	21.554(2)	21.628(2)	32.6526(9)	13.855(10)	13.6318(6)
<i>α</i> (°)	100.758(4)	90	90	90	90	75.70(3)	104.805(4)
<i>β</i> (°)	92.216(4)	116.312(3)	96.986(2)	98.305(11)	100.427(3)	72.44(2)	96.979(4)
<i>γ</i> (°)	93.539(4)	90	90	90	90	87.55(4)	91.525(5)
<i>V</i> (Å <sup>3</sup> )	1095.35(9)	4278.9(14)	6143.9(10)	5674.6(11)	11689.2(6)	2002(3)	1833.50(17)
<i>Z</i>	2	8	8	8	8	2	2
<i>F</i> (000)	484.0	1856	2808	2888	4972	648	1096
<i>ρ</i> <sub>calc</sub> (Mg m <sup>-3</sup> )	1.408	1.386	1.475	1.669	1.358	1.055	2.110
<i>μ</i> (mm <sup>-1</sup> )	0.768	0.090	0.650	1.281	0.420	0.657	9.129
data/restraints/params	4264/0/319	7533/0/613	5405/62/428	5003/12/388	10290/0/658	7041/36/388	6536/24/423
GOF on <i>F</i> <sup>2</sup>	1.035	1.011	1.009	1.063	1.024	1.009	1.094
<i>R</i> <sub>1</sub> <sup>a</sup> (I=2σ(I))	0.0378	0.0548	0.0542	0.0636	0.0719	0.0941	0.0682
<i>ωR</i> <sub>2</sub> <sup>b</sup> (all data)	0.0979	0.1613	0.1436	0.1708	0.2122	0.2594	0.2018
<sup>a</sup> <i>R</i> <sub>1</sub>	=	Σ   <i>F</i> <sub>o</sub>	-	<i>F</i> <sub>c</sub>   /  <i>F</i> <sub>o</sub>  .	<sup>b</sup> <i>ωR</i> <sub>2</sub>	=	[Σw(  <i>F</i> <sub>o</sub>   <sup>2</sup> -  <i>F</i> <sub>c</sub>   <sup>2</sup> )/w  <i>F</i> <sub>o</sub>   <sup>2</sup> ] <sup>1/2</sup> .

**Table S2** Selected bond lengths [Å] and angles [°] for **TTPA**, **TTPA'**, **1-4**, and **4a**.

<b>TTPA</b>					
N(1)-N(2)	1.3699(15)	C(2)-C(3)	1.3846(17)	N(4)-N(5)	1.3652(14)
N(1)-C(4)	1.4262(15)	N(3)-C(7)	1.360(2)	C(5)-C(6)	1.3842(17)
C(1)-C(2)	1.3964(17)	C(3)-C(4)	1.3886(17)	C(9)-C(10)	1.3961(17)
N(1)-C(8)	1.3416(17)	N(3)-C(8)	1.3233(18)	N(4)-C(12)	1.4260(15)
C(1)-C(6)	1.4035(17)	C(4)-C(5)	1.3873(18)	C(9)-C(14)	1.3933(17)
N(2)-C(7)	1.3171(18)	N(4)-C(16)	1.3475(16)	N(10)-C(17)	1.4189(15)
C(21)-C(22)	1.3883(17)	C(20)-C(21)	1.3870(17)	C(19)-C(20)	1.3858(17)
C(18)-C(19)	1.3861(17)	C(17)-C(22)	1.4015(17)	C(17)-C(18)	1.3943(17)
C(13)-C(14)	1.3865(17)	C(12)-C(13)	1.3871(17)	C(11)-C(12)	1.3875(17)
C(10)-C(11)	1.3876(17)	N(10)-C(9)	1.4248(15)	N(10)-C(1)	1.4166(15)
N(9)-C(24)	1.3246(16)	N(9)-C(23)	1.3537(17)	N(8)-C(23)	1.3203(17)
N(7)-C(24)	1.3415(16)	N(7)-C(20)	1.4261(15)	N(7)-N(8)	1.3673(14)
N(6)-C(16)	1.3180(17)	N(6)-C(15)	1.3631(18)	N(5)-C(15)	1.3168(17)
N(9)-C(24)-N(7)	110.33(11)	N(2)-N(1)-C(4)	121.12(10)	C(5)-C(6)-C(1)	120.73(11)
C(8)-N(1)-N(2)	109.76(11)	N(2)-C(7)-N(3)	115.88(12)	C(8)-N(1)-C(4)	128.95(11)
N(3)-C(8)-N(1)	110.50(13)	C(7)-N(2)-N(1)	101.61(11)	C(10)-C(9)-N(10)	119.76(11)
C(8)-N(3)-C(7)	102.24(12)	C(14)-C(9)-N(10)	120.99(11)	N(5)-N(4)-C(12)	123.06(10)
C(14)-C(9)-C(10)	119.24(11)	C(16)-N(4)-N(5)	109.20(10)	C(11)-C(10)-C(9)	120.29(11)
C(16)-N(4)-C(12)	127.70(11)	C(12)-C(11)-C(10)	119.62(11)	C(15)-N(5)-N(4)	102.23(10)
C(11)-C(12)-N(4)	118.93(11)	C(16)-N(6)-C(15)	102.26(11)	C(13)-C(12)-N(4)	120.40(11)
N(8)-N(7)-C(20)	121.14(10)	C(13)-C(12)-C(11)	120.64(11)	C(24)-N(7)-N(8)	109.52(10)
C(14)-C(13)-C(12)	119.49(11)	C(24)-N(7)-C(20)	129.35(11)	C(13)-C(14)-C(9)	120.55(11)
C(23)-N(8)-N(7)	102.09(10)	N(5)-C(15)-N(6)	115.46(12)	C(24)-N(9)-C(23)	102.74(11)
N(6)-C(16)-N(4)	110.83(11)	C(1)-N(10)-C(9)	118.52(10)	C(18)-C(17)-N(10)	120.54(11)
C(1)-N(10)-C(17)	121.02(10)	C(18)-C(17)-C(22)	118.70(11)	C(17)-N(10)-C(9)	120.37(10)
C(22)-C(17)-N(10)	120.75(11)	C(2)-C(1)-N(10)	121.05(11)	C(19)-C(18)-C(17)	120.78(11)
C(2)-C(1)-C(6)	119.01(11)	C(20)-C(19)-C(18)	119.71(11)	C(6)-C(1)-N(10)	119.93(11)
C(19)-C(20)-N(7)	119.39(11)	C(3)-C(2)-C(1)	120.28(11)	C(19)-C(20)-C(21)	120.55(11)
C(2)-C(3)-C(4)	119.86(11)	C(21)-C(20)-N(7)	120.04(11)	C(3)-C(4)-N(1)	118.77(11)
C(5)-C(4)-N(1)	120.43(11)	C(21)-C(22)-C(17)	120.60(11)	C(5)-C(4)-C(3)	120.79(11)
C(20)-C(21)-C(22)	119.58(11)	N(8)-C(23)-N(9)	115.31(12)	C(6)-C(5)-C(4)	119.29(11)
<b>TTPA'</b>					
N(1)-C(17)	1.423(3)	N(1)-C(1)	1.428(3)	N(1)-C(9)	1.429(3)
N(2)-C(8)	1.335(4)	N(2)-N(3)	1.357(3)	N(2)-C(4)	1.434(3)
N(3)-C(7)	1.322(4)	N(4)-C(8)	1.319(4)	N(4)-C(7)	1.347(4)
N(5)-C(16)	1.349(3)	N(5)-N(6)	1.362(3)	N(5)-C(12)	1.428(3)
N(6)-C(15)	1.329(3)	N(7)-C(16)	1.325(3)	N(7)-C(15)	1.364(4)
N(8)-C(24)	1.340(4)	N(8)-N(9)	1.364(3)	N(8)-C(20)	1.427(3)
N(9)-C(23)	1.325(4)	N(10)-C(24)	1.325(4)	N(10)-C(23)	1.362(4)
N(11)-C(33)	1.423(3)	N(11)-C(25)	1.426(3)	N(11)-C(41)	1.428(3)
N(12)-C(32)	1.342(4)	N(12)-N(13)	1.362(3)	N(12)-C(28)	1.441(3)
N(13)-C(31)	1.326(3)	N(14)-C(32)	1.325(4)	N(14)-C(31)	1.362(4)
N(15)-C(40)	1.339(3)	N(15)-N(16)	1.374(3)	N(15)-C(36)	1.432(3)
N(16)-C(39)	1.324(3)	N(17)-C(40)	1.325(3)	N(17)-C(39)	1.358(4)
N(18)-C(48)	1.346(3)	N(18)-N(19)	1.374(3)	N(18)-C(44)	1.435(3)
N(19)-C(47)	1.321(4)	N(20)-C(48)	1.317(4)	N(20)-C(47)	1.366(4)
C(1)-C(6)	1.396(3)	C(1)-C(2)	1.400(3)	C(2)-C(3)	1.384(4)
C(3)-C(4)	1.387(4)	C(4)-C(5)	1.391(3)	C(5)-C(6)	1.375(4)
C(9)-C(10)	1.390(4)	C(9)-C(14)	1.394(4)	C(10)-C(11)	1.385(3)
C(9)-C(10)	1.390(4)	C(9)-C(14)	1.394(4)	C(10)-C(11)	1.385(3)
C(12)-C(13)	1.387(4)	C(13)-C(14)	1.384(3)	C(11)-C(12)	1.388(3)
C(17)-C(22)	1.396(4)	C(17)-C(18)	1.397(4)	C(18)-C(19)	1.383(4)
C(19)-C(20)	1.379(4)	C(20)-C(21)	1.391(4)	C(21)-C(22)	1.387(4)
C(25)-C(30)	1.395(3)	C(25)-C(26)	1.400(4)	C(26)-C(27)	1.382(3)

C(27)-C(28)	1.391(4)	C(28)-C(29)	1.385(4)	C(29)-C(30)	1.389(3)
C(33)-C(38)	1.395(3)	C(33)-C(34)	1.404(3)	C(34)-C(35)	1.382(3)
C(35)-C(36)	1.388(3)	C(36)-C(37)	1.390(3)	C(37)-C(38)	1.391(3)
C(17)-N(1)-C(1)	120.5(2)	C(17)-N(1)-C(9)	118.5(2)	C(1)-N(1)-C(9)	120.8(2)
C(8)-N(2)-N(3)	108.7(2)	C(8)-N(2)-C(4)	129.8(3)	N(3)-N(2)-C(4)	121.4(2)
C(7)-N(3)-N(2)	102.5(3)	C(8)-N(4)-C(7)	101.9(3)	C(16)-N(5)-N(6)	109.9(2)
C(16)-N(5)-C(12)	128.5(2)	N(6)-N(5)-C(12)	121.6(2)	C(15)-N(6)-N(5)	101.6(2)
C(16)-N(7)-C(15)	102.0(2)	C(24)-N(8)-N(9)	109.5(2)	C(24)-N(8)-C(20)	129.1(3)
N(9)-N(8)-C(20)	121.4(2)	C(23)-N(9)-N(8)	102.1(3)	C(24)-N(10)-C(23)	102.1(3)
C(33)-N(11)-C(25)	120.3(2)	C(33)-N(11)-C(41)	120.8(2)	C(25)-N(11)-C(41)	118.9(2)
C(32)-N(12)-N(13)	109.0(2)	C(32)-N(12)-C(28)	128.9(2)	N(13)-N(12)-C(28)	122.2(2)
C(31)-N(13)-N(12)	102.2(2)	C(32)-N(14)-C(31)	101.4(3)	C(40)-N(15)-N(16)	109.5(2)
C(40)-N(15)-C(36)	130.0(2)	N(16)-N(15)-C(36)	120.5(2)	C(39)-N(16)-N(15)	101.6(2)
C(40)-N(17)-C(39)	102.1(2)	C(48)-N(18)-N(19)	108.5(2)	C(48)-N(18)-C(44)	130.0(2)
N(19)-N(18)-C(44)	121.2(2)	C(47)-N(19)-N(18)	102.2(2)	C(48)-N(20)-C(47)	101.6(2)
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C(3)-C(2)-C(1)	120.8(3)	C(2)-C(3)-C(4)	119.7(3)	C(3)-C(4)-C(5)	120.1(3)
C(3)-C(4)-N(2)	119.5(2)	C(5)-C(4)-N(2)	120.4(2)	C(6)-C(5)-C(4)	120.0(2)
C(5)-C(6)-C(1)	121.0(3)	N(3)-C(7)-N(4)	115.4(3)	N(4)-C(8)-N(2)	111.6(3)
C(10)-C(9)-C(14)	119.3(3)	C(10)-C(9)-N(1)	121.2(2)	C(14)-C(9)-N(1)	119.6(2)
C(11)-C(10)-C(9)	120.4(3)	C(10)-C(11)-C(12)	119.7(3)	C(13)-C(12)-C(11)	120.4(3)
C(13)-C(12)-N(5)	119.5(2)	C(11)-C(12)-N(5)	120.1(2)	C(14)-C(13)-C(12)	119.6(3)
C(13)-C(14)-C(9)	120.5(3)	N(7)-C(16)-N(5)	110.7(3)	C(22)-C(17)-C(18)	119.2(2)
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C(20)-C(19)-C(18)	120.3(3)	C(19)-C(20)-C(21)	120.4(3)	C(19)-C(20)-N(8)	120.2(3)
C(21)-C(20)-N(8)	119.4(3)	C(22)-C(21)-C(20)	119.4(3)	C(21)-C(22)-C(17)	120.5(3)
N(9)-C(23)-N(10)	115.3(3)	N(10)-C(24)-N(8)	111.0(3)	C(30)-C(25)-C(26)	118.8(2)
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C(35)-C(34)-C(33)	120.5(2)	C(34)-C(35)-C(36)	120.1(2)	C(35)-C(36)-C(37)	120.0(2)
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C(45)-C(44)-N(18)	119.4(2)	C(43)-C(44)-N(18)	121.0(2)	C(46)-C(45)-C(44)	120.1(3)
C(45)-C(46)-C(41)	120.9(3)	N(19)-C(47)-N(20)	115.7(3)	N(20)-C(48)-N(18)	111.9(3)

### 1

Mn(1)-O(1)	2.242(3)	Mn(1)-N(4)	2.274(3)	Mn(1)-N(10)#2	2.289(3)
Mn(1)-N(7)#1	2.249(3)	Mn(1)-Cl(1)	2.4807(14)	Mn(1)-Cl(2)	2.5050(12)
O(1)-Mn(1)-N(7)	93.73(13)	O(1)-Mn(1)-N(4)	176.11(13)	N(7)#1-Mn(1)-N(4)	88.13(12)
O(1)-Mn(1)-N(10)#2	93.13(13)	N(7)#1-Mn(1)-N(10)#2	172.99(13)	N(4)-Mn(1)-N(10)#2	84.93(13)
O(1)-Mn(1)-Cl(1)	88.91(10)	N(7)#1-Mn(1)-Cl(1)	91.39(10)	N(4)-Mn(1)-Cl(1)	94.47(10)
N(10)#2-Mn(1)-Cl(1)	90.18(10)	O(1)-Mn(1)-Cl(2)	85.99(10)	N(7)#1-Mn(1)-Cl(2)	87.58(10)
N(4)-Mn(1)-Cl(2)	90.68(10)	N(10)#2-Mn(1)-Cl(2)	91.47(9)	Cl(1)-Mn(1)-Cl(2)	174.71(5)

### 2

Cl(1)-Cu(1)	2.376(2)	Cl(3)-Cu(1)	2.339(2)	Cu(1)-N(0AA)#1	1.980(5)
Cu(1)-N(1)	1.985(5)	Cu(1)-N(2)#2	2.205(6)	N(0AA)-Cu(1)#3	1.980(5)
N(0AA)#1-Cu(1)-N(1)	174.2(2)	N(0AA)#1-Cu(1)-N(2)#2	90.6(2)	N(1)-Cu(1)-N(2)#2	95.2(2)
N(0AA)#1-Cu(1)-Cl(3)	88.25(17)	N(1)-Cu(1)-Cl(3)	90.16(17)	N(2)#2-Cu(1)-Cl(3)	105.18(17)
N(0AA)#1-Cu(1)-Cl(1)	89.69(17)	N(1)-Cu(1)-Cl(1)	89.84(17)	N(2)#2-Cu(1)-Cl(1)	95.39(17)

### 3

Fe1-Cl1	2.332(3)	Fe1-N7	2.201(4)	Fe1-N91	2.220(4)
Fe1-O1	2.143(4)	Fe1-N191	2.187(4)	O1-Fe1-Cl1	176.74(12)
Fe1-N13	2.226(4)	O1-Fe1-N91	91.38(15)	O1-Fe1-N13	87.82(15)

O1-Fe1-N7	89.73(15)	O1-Fe1-N191	87.99(15)	N7-Fe1-Cl1	87.46(14)
N7-Fe1-N91	89.30(15)	N7-Fe1-N13	94.39(15)	N91-Fe1-Cl1	90.23(13)
N91-Fe1-N13	176.22(15)	N13-Fe1-Cl1	90.76(13)	N191-Fe1-Cl1	94.88(14)
N191-Fe1-N7	176.94(15)	N191-Fe1-N91	88.72(15)	N191-Fe1-N13	87.56(15)
<b>4</b>					
O(5)-Zn(1)	2.310(9)	O(1)-Zn(1)	2.007(6)	Zn(1)-N(6)#1	2.131(6)
O(4)-Zn(1)	2.264(5)	Zn(1)-N(10)#2	2.151(4)	O(1)-Zn(1)-N(1)	92.2(2)
Zn(1)-N(1)	2.116(5)	N(1)-Zn(1)-N(6)#1	93.3(2)	O(1)-Zn(1)-N(10)#2	86.9(2)
O(1)-Zn(1)-N(6)#1	109.3(3)	N(6)#1-Zn(1)-N(10)#2	92.2(2)	O(1)-Zn(1)-O(4)	162.6(3)
N(1)-Zn(1)-N(10)#2	174.4(2)	N(6)#1-Zn(1)-O(4)	87.7(2)	N(10)#2-Zn(1)-O(4)	88.44(18)
N(1)-Zn(1)-O(4)	90.76(18)	O(1)-Zn(1)-O(5)	113.8(4)	N(1)-Zn(1)-O(5)	85.3(2)
N(6)#1-Zn(1)-O(5)	136.9(3)	N(10)#2-Zn(1)-O(5)	90.0(2)	O(4)-Zn(1)-O(5)	49.4(3)
<b>4a</b>					
Zn01-O1	2.139(5)	Zn01-O5	2.166(5)	Zn01-O4	2.446(6)
Zn01-N10#1	2.115(5)	Zn01-N7#2	2.070(5)	Zn01-N3	2.074(5)
O1-Zn01-O5	176.85(17)	O1-Zn01-O4	121.81(18)	O5-Zn01-O4	55.90(18)
N10#1-Zn01-O1	88.4(2)	N10#1-Zn01-O5	94.1(2)	N10#1-Zn01-O4	149.6(2)
N7#2-Zn01-O1	91.3(2)	N7#2-Zn01-O5	86.3(2)	N7#2-Zn01-O4	84.2(2)
N7#2-Zn01-N10#1	100.4(2)	N7#2-Zn01-N3	163.3(2)	N3-Zn01-O1	87.4(2)
N3-Zn01-O5	94.3(2)	N3-Zn01-O4	82.4(2)	N3-Zn01-N10#1	96.2(2)

<sup>a</sup> Symmetry transformations used to generate equivalent atoms: For **1**: #1  $-x + 1, -y + 1, -z$ ; #2  $x, -y, z + 1/2$ ; #3  $x, -y, z - 1/2$ . For **2**: #1  $-x + 2, y + 1, -z + 1/2$ ; #2  $-x + 2, -y + 1, -z + 1$ ; #3  $-x + 2, y - 1, -z + 1/2$ . For **3**: #1  $-1/2 + x, 1/2 + y, +z$ . For **4**: #1  $-x, -y + 1, -z + 1$ ; #2  $x - 1, y - 1, z + 1$ ; #3  $x + 1, y + 1, z - 1$ . For **4a**: #1  $1 - x, -y, 2 - z$ ; #2  $1 + x, 1 + y, 1 + z$ ; #3  $-1 + x, -1 + y, -1 + z$ .



Table S3 Hydrogen bonds and short contacts for TTPA [Å and deg.]

D-H...A	d(D-H)	d(H...A)	d(D...A)	<(DHA)
C(13)-H(13)...N(9)#1	0.93	2.64	3.4571(17)	147
C(16)-H(16)...N(3)#2	0.93	2.49	3.3908(18)	163
C(24)-H(24)...O(1)#3	0.93	2.29	3.2128(17)	173
O(1)-H(1A)...N(5)#4	0.85	2.15	3.0021(16)	177
O(1)-H(1B)...N(9)	0.85	2.06	2.9078(16)	174

Symmetry transformations used to generate equivalent atoms:

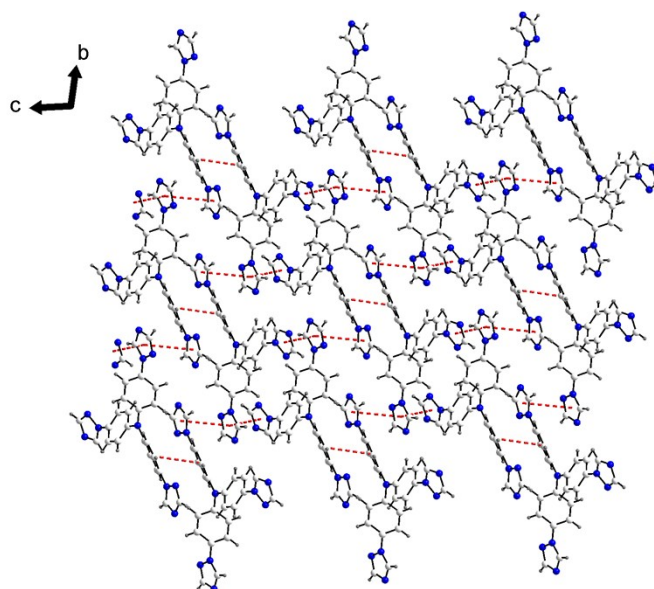
#1 x,y-1,z    #2 -x+2,-y,-z    #3 -x+1,-y+2,-z+1    #4 -x,-y+1,-z+1

Table S4 Short contacts for TTPA' [Å and deg.]

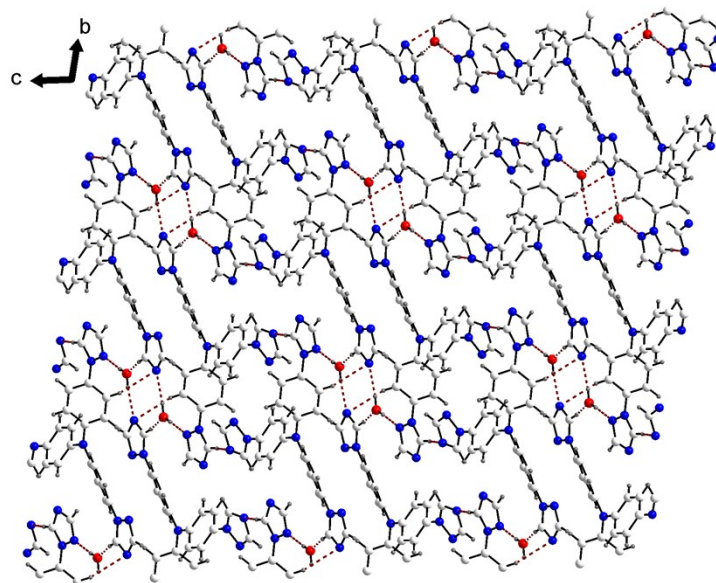
D-H...A	d(D-H)	d(H...A)	d(D...A)	<(DHA)
C(8)-H(8)...N(19)#1	0.95	2.56	3.497(4)	170
C(16)-H(16)...N(4)#2	0.95	2.60	3.222(4)	123
C(27)-H(27)...N(7)#3	0.95	2.61	3.165(4)	118
C(31)-H(31)...N(6)#4	0.95	2.50	3.413(4)	162
C(37)-H(37)...N(10)#5	0.95	2.64	3.572(4)	166
C(40)-H(40)...N(10)#5	0.95	2.45	3.303(4)	150
C(46)-H(46)...N(16)#3	0.95	2.64	3.267(4)	124
C(48)-H(48)...N(14)#6	0.95	2.59	3.479(4)	156

Symmetry transformations used to generate equivalent atoms:

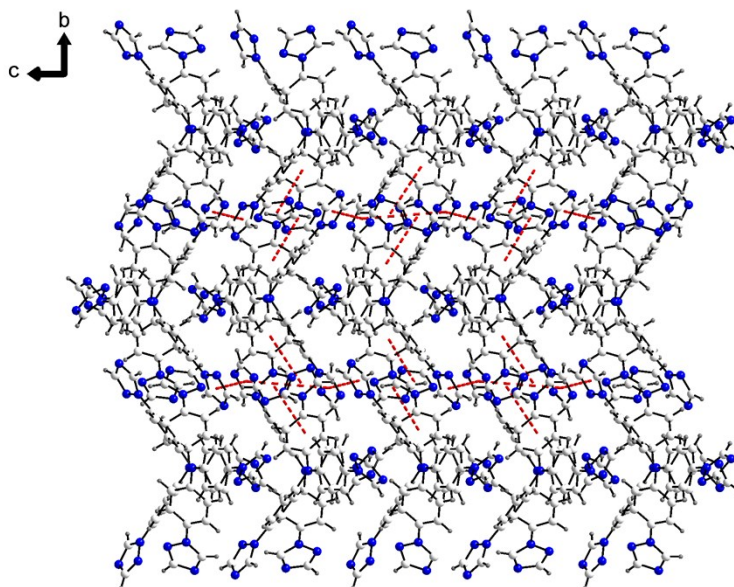
#1 -x+2,y-1/2,-z+3/2    #2 -x+2,y+1/2,-z+3/2    #3 x,-y+1/2,z-1/2  
#4 -x+1,-y,-z+1    #5 -x+1,-y+1,-z+1    #6 -x+1,y+1/2,-z+1/2



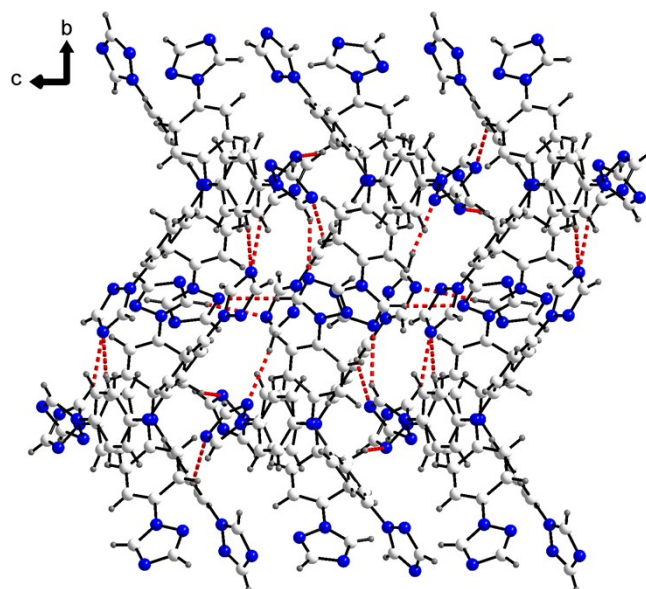
**Fig. S1**  $\pi \cdots \pi$  packing architecture of **TTPA** as viewed along the *a* axis. Blue, N; gray, C; red dashed line,  $\pi \cdots \pi$  interaction. Analysis of the crystal packing of **TTPA** shows the existence of  $\pi \cdots \pi$  interactions due to the distance between two neighbouring aromatic rings being measured at 3.24-3.41 Å. The free lattice water molecules also appears to engage in O-H $\cdots$ N hydrogen bonding with an angle of 146.5-173.5°. Such hydrogen bonding allows the **TTPA** ligands to generate a 3D supra-molecular framework.



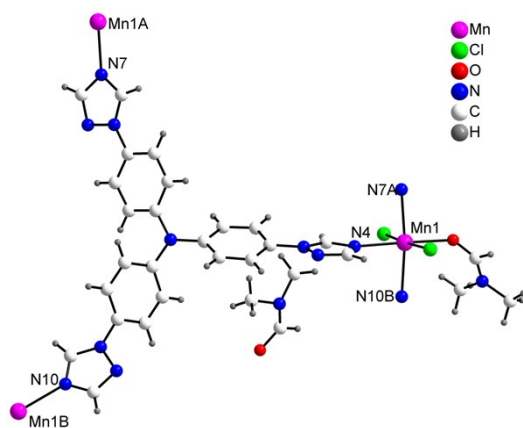
**Fig. S2** 3D supramolecular network of **TTPA**. Gray, C; red, O; red dashed line, hydrogen bond.



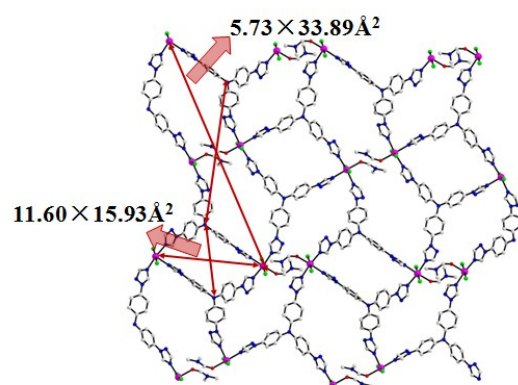
**Fig. S3**  $\pi \cdots \pi$  packing architecture of **TTPA'** as viewed along the *a* axis. Blue, N; gray, C; red dashed line,  $\pi \cdots \pi$  interaction. The  $\pi \cdots \pi$  distances between the aromatic rings of different molecules of **TTPA'** are 3.47-3.58 Å, which seem to be responsible for making **TTPA'** a 3D supra-molecular framework.



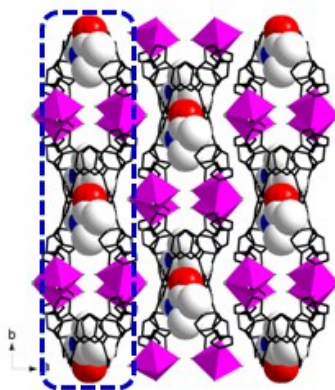
**Fig. S4** 3D supramolecular network of **TTPA'**. Gray, C; red, O; red dashed line, hydrogen bond.



**Fig. S5** View of the coordination environment of  $\text{Mn}^{2+}$  and the TTPA ligand in **1**. Purple, Mn; green, Cl; red, O; blue, N; gray, C; dark gray, H.

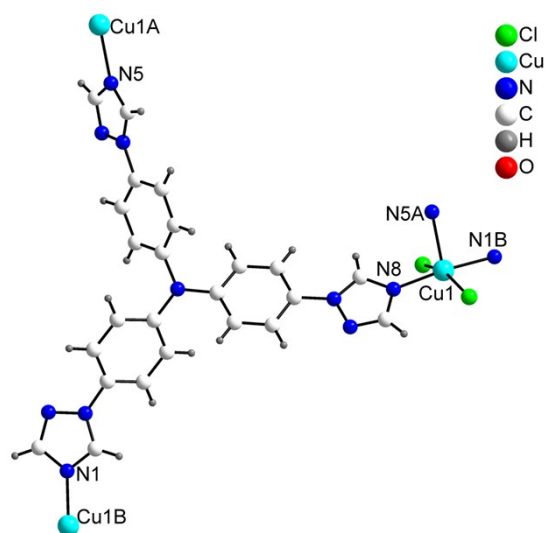


**Fig. S6** Two types of windows in the 2D sheet of **1**. Purple, Mn; green, Cl; red, O; blue, N; gray, C.

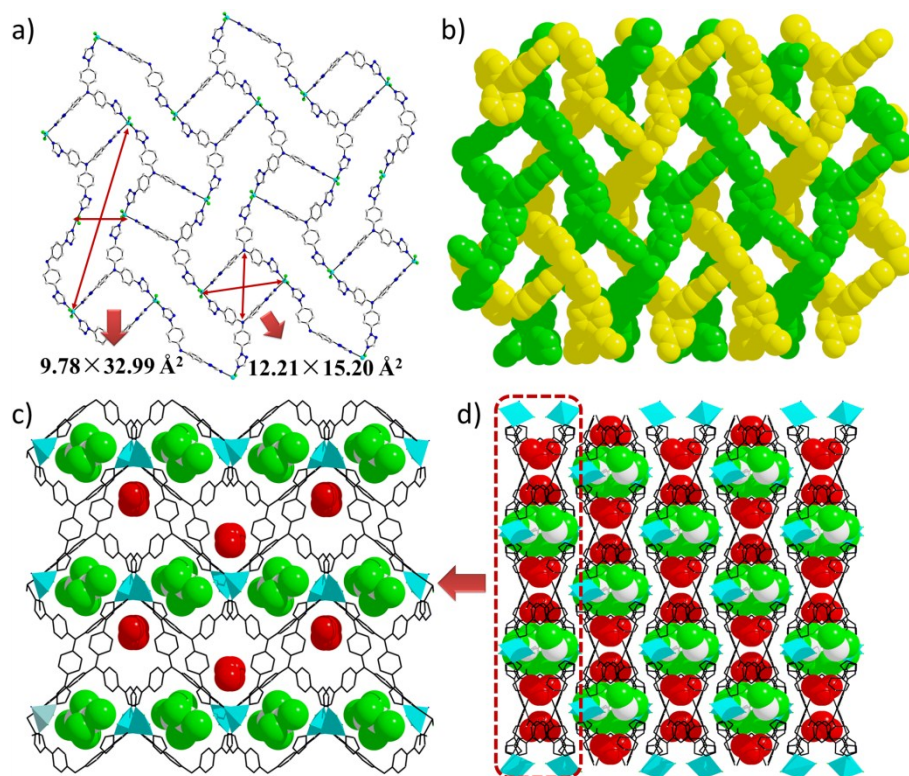


**Fig. S7** The stacking of porous layers of **1** in an AA' sequence.

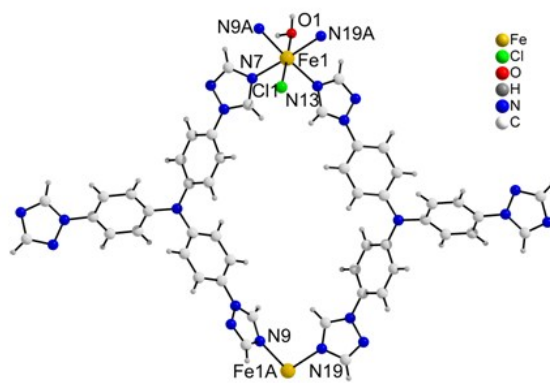




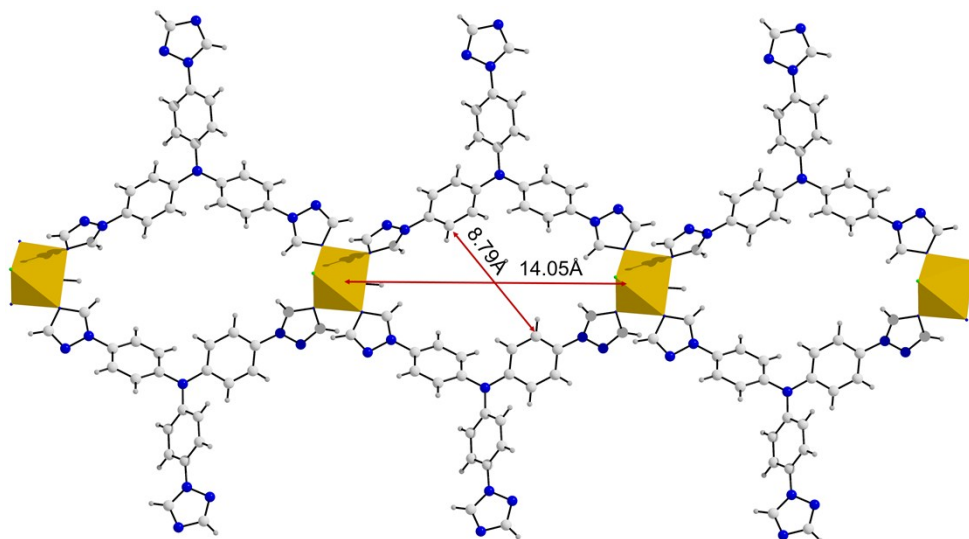
**Fig. S8** View of the coordination environment of Cu<sup>2+</sup> and the TTPA ligand in **2**.



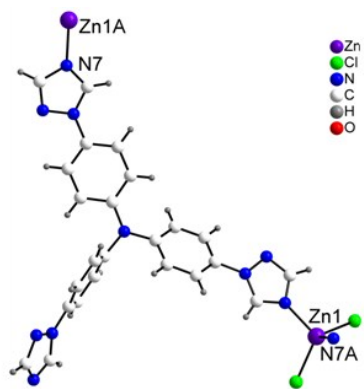
**Fig. S9** (a) The 2D sheet of **2** with two types of windows (H atoms have been omitted for clarity). (b) Two-fold interpenetrated layer in **2** (green and yellow represent two interpenetrated sheets). (c) The free water and  $\text{CHCl}_3$  molecules are located in the void of the porous layer. (d) The stacking of porous layers is in an  $-AA'$  sequence.



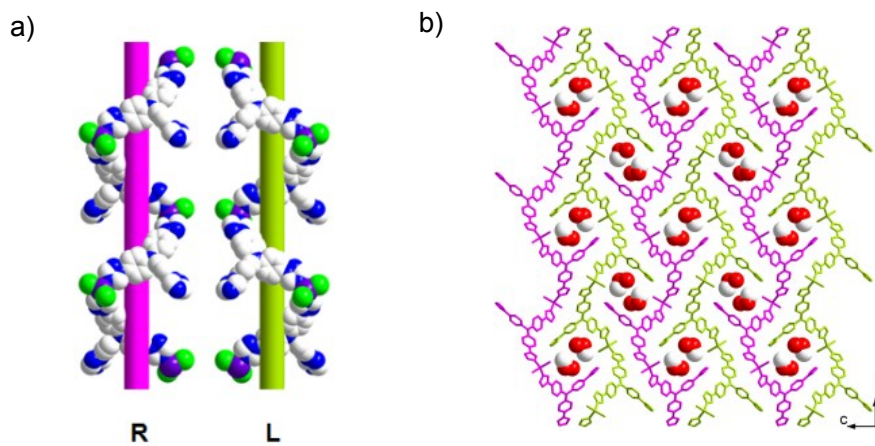
**Fig. S10** View of the coordination environment of Fe<sup>2+</sup> and the TPA ligand in **3**.



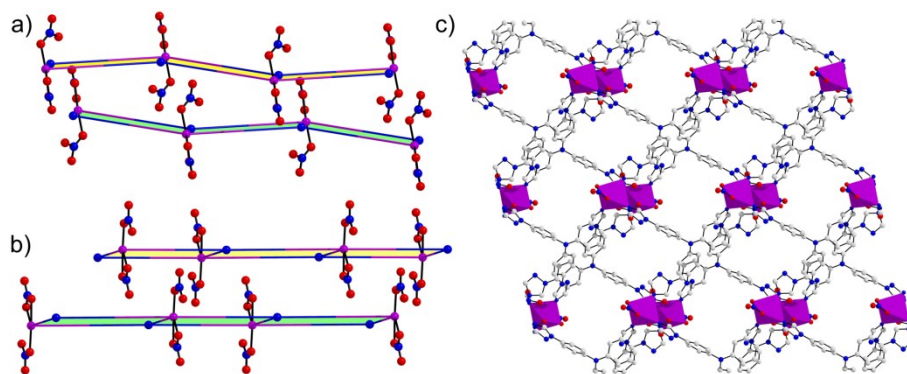
**Fig. S11** Multi-fold interpenetrated layers in **3** (different colors represent different interpenetrated chains). Brown polyhedron, the coordination configuration of  $\text{Fe}^{\text{II}}$ ; green, Cl; red, O; blue, N; gray, C; dark gray, H.



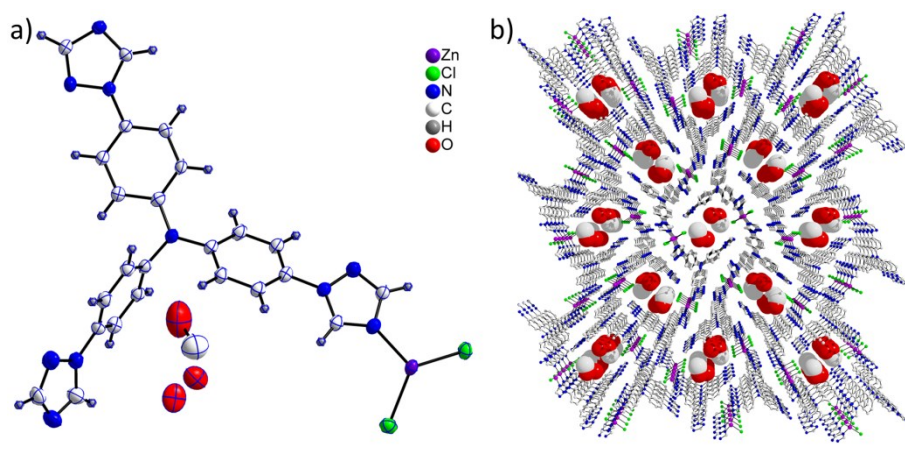
**Fig. S12** View of the coordination environment of  $\text{Zn}^{2+}$  and the TTPA ligand in **4**.



**Fig. 13** (a) View of a pair of polyhedral chains of **4** (H atoms have been omitted for clarity); (b) Methanol and water molecules located in the voids of the framework of **4**. Purple and green chains represent different chiralities.

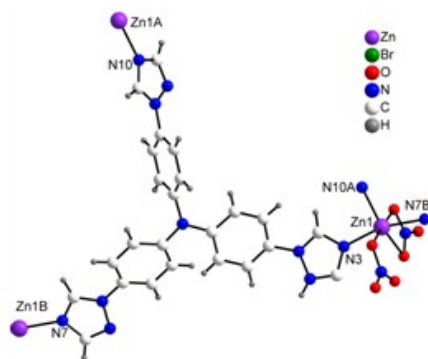


**Fig. S14** (a) The configuration of the ladder-like chains in **4** (a) and **4a** (b). (c) The 3D framework stacked by the ladder-like chains along the *a* axis.

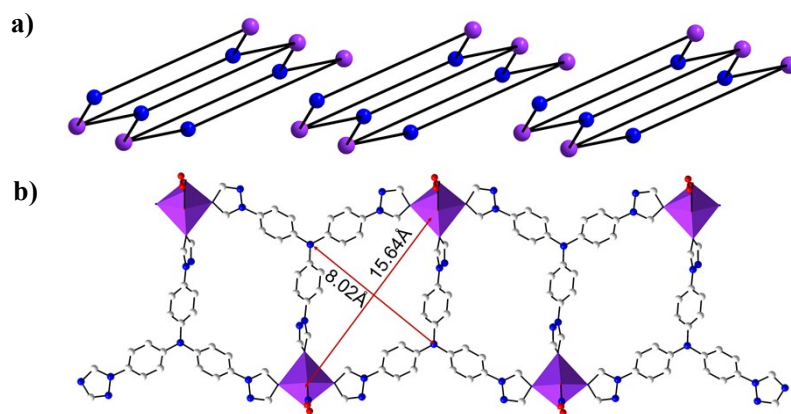


**Fig. S15** (a) Ellipsoid view of the asymmetric unit of **4**. (b) The methanol and water molecules located in the voids of the framework.

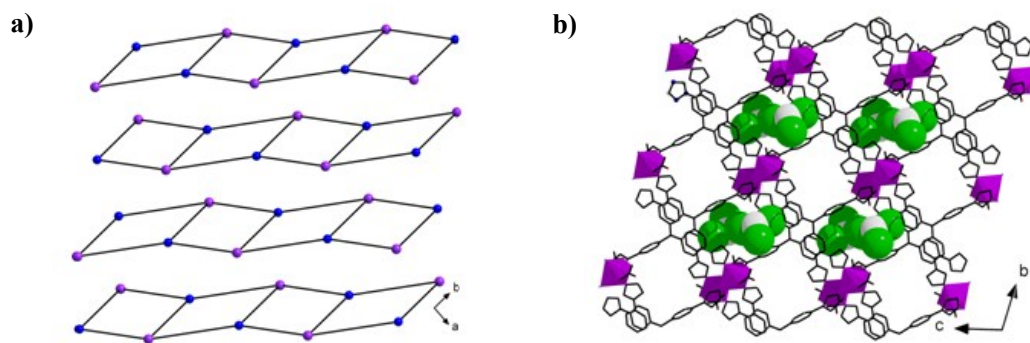




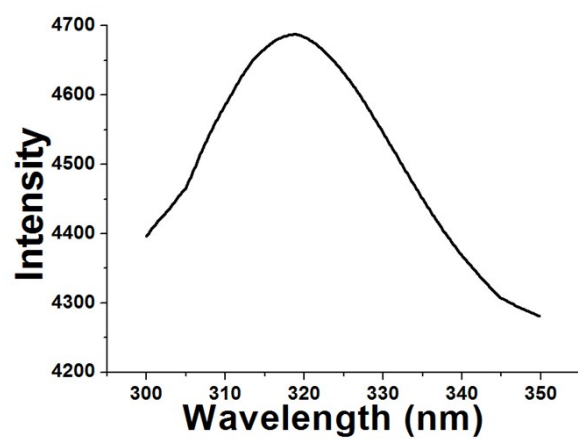
**Fig. S16** View of the coordination environment of Zn<sup>2+</sup> and the TTPA ligand in **4a**.



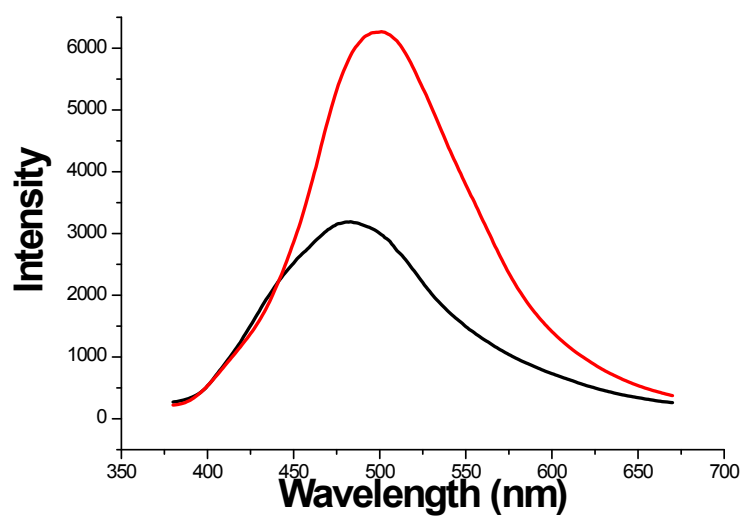
**Fig. S17** (a) The 1D chain structure of **4a** along the *a* axis. (b) Simplified chain composed of Zn centers and TTPA ligands as three-connected nodes (purple: Zn, blue: TTPA ligands) arranging in an alternating manner to produce a thick layer.



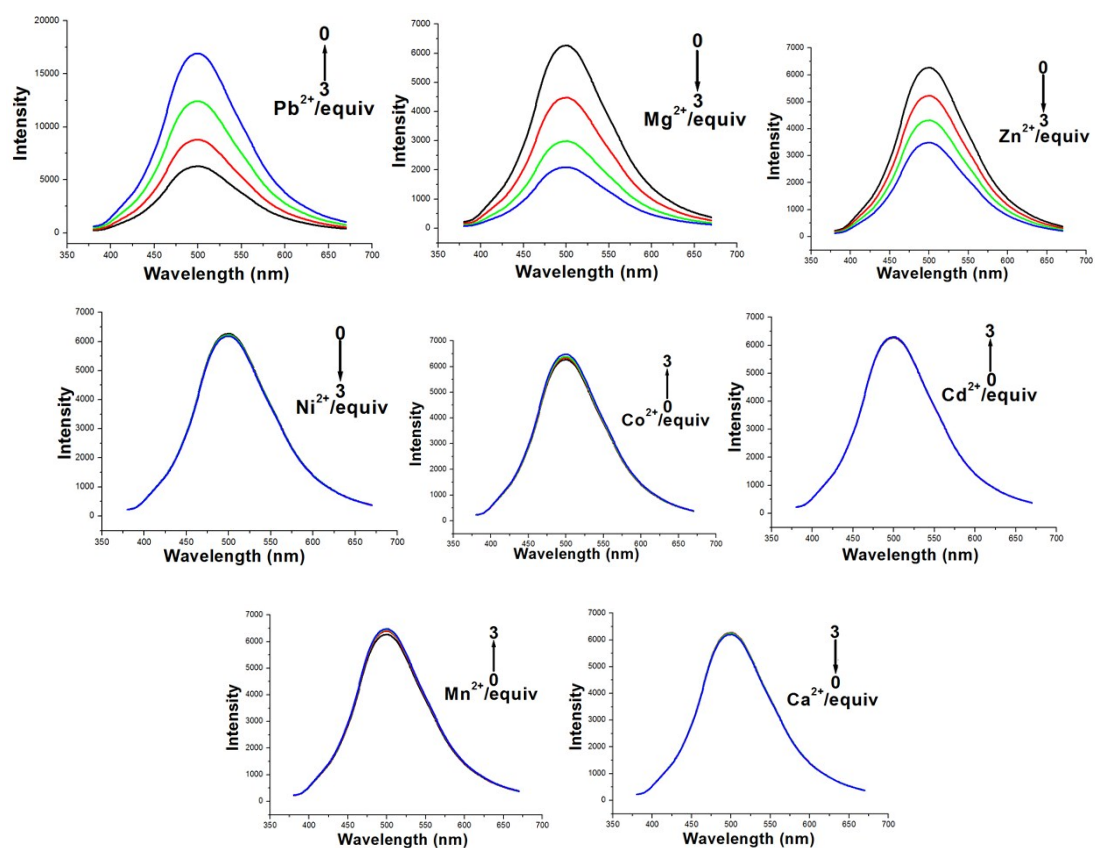
**Fig. S18** (a) The packing view of the thick layers of **4a** along the  $a$  axis. (b) The  $\text{CHBr}_3$  molecules are located in the voids of the stacking network.



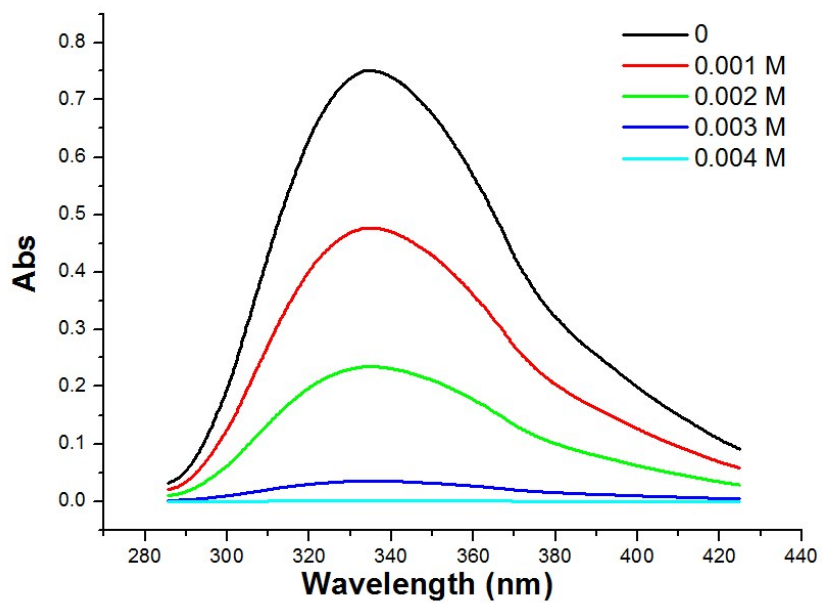
**Fig. S19** Emission spectra of solutions of TTPA in DMF at room temperature ( $1 \times 10^{-4}$  M).



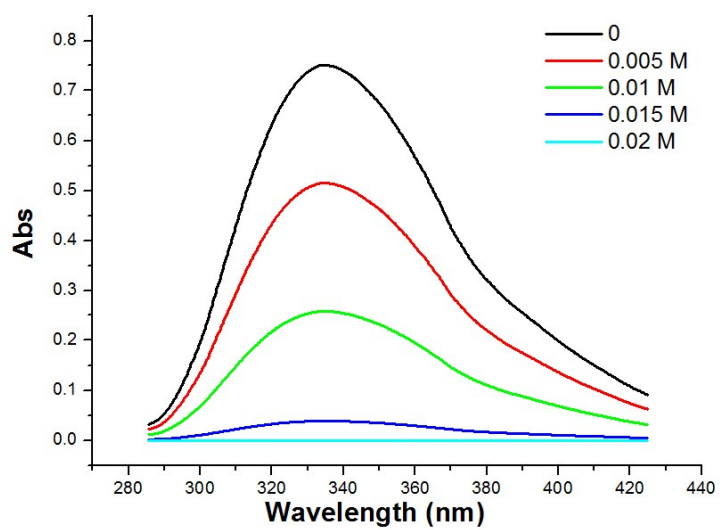
**Fig. S20** Emission spectra of solutions of **4** and **4a** at room temperature ( $1 \times 10^{-4}$  M). Black, **4**; red, **4a**.



**Fig. S21** Emission spectra of complex **4a** in DMF ( $10^{-3}$  M) at room temperature in the presence of 0-3 equiv of  $\text{Pb}^{2+}$ ,  $\text{Mg}^{2+}$ ,  $\text{Ca}^{2+}$ ,  $\text{Zn}^{2+}$ ,  $\text{Mn}^{2+}$ ,  $\text{Cd}^{2+}$ ,  $\text{Co}^{2+}$ ,  $\text{Ni}^{2+}$ .

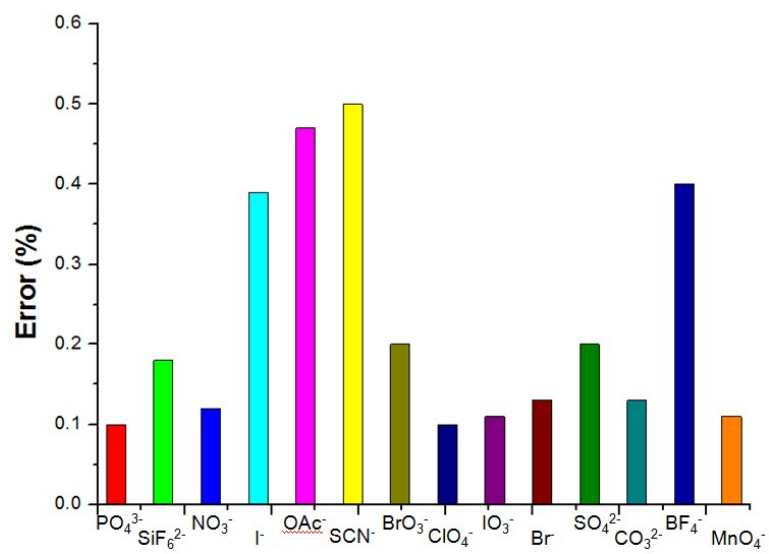


**Fig. S22** Photoluminescent spectra of **4a** during different concentration of Pb<sup>2+</sup>-inclusion process at room temperature.



**Fig. S23** Photoluminescent spectra of **4a** during different concentration of MnO<sub>4</sub><sup>-</sup>-inclusion process at room temperature.





**Fig. S24.** Error bars of photoluminescent spectra of **4a** with various anions ( $10^{-2}$  M).