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Hydrothermal generation, structural versatility and properties of metal(II)-organic architectures driven by a pyridine-tricarboxylic acid

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†Electronic Supplementary Information (ESI) available: synthesis and analytical data for **2–12**, structural parameters (Tables S1 and S2), additional structural representations (Figs. S1–S5), coordination modes of H_2cpia^- , $Hcpia^{2-}$, or $cpia^{3-}$ in other compounds (Scheme S1), emission data (Table S3), PXRD patterns (Fig. S6 and S13), diffuse reflectance spectra (Fig. S7), absorption spectra of the MB solutions in catalytic tests including kinetic data (Figs. S8–S11), and catalyst recycling experiments (Fig. S12). CCDC-1876103–1876114.

Synthesis and analytical data for 2–12

Synthesis of [M(Hcpia)(phen)(H₂O)₂] (M = Co, **2; Ni, **3**; Zn, **4**).** A mixture of MCl₂·xH₂O (*x* = 6 for **2**; *x* = 6 for **3** and *x* = 0 for **4**, 0.2 mmol), H₃cpia (57.4 mg, 0.2 mmol), phen (40.0 mg, 0.2 mmol), NaOH (16.0 mg, 0.4 mmol), and H₂O (10 mL) was stirred at room temperature for 15 min, then sealed in a 25 mL Teflon-lined stainless steel vessel, and heated at 120 °C for 3 days, followed by cooling to room temperature at a rate of 10 °C·h⁻¹. Crystals of **2–4** were isolated manually, and washed with distilled water. Yield: 65% for **2**, 50% for **3**, 55% for **4** (based on H₃cpia). Anal. Calcd for C₂₆H₁₉CoN₃O₈ (**2**): C 55.73, H 3.42, N 7.50%. Found: C 55.61, H 3.40, N 7.53%. IR (KBr, cm⁻¹): 3335 w, 3049 w, 1691 m, 1592 s, 1516 w, 1475 w, 1428 w, 1376 m, 1352 w, 1271 m, 1230 w, 1137 w, 1097 w, 1038 w, 1009 w, 921 w, 875 w, 846 m, 787 w, 723 m, 699 w, 682 w, 664 w, 636w. Calcd for C₂₆H₁₉NiN₃O₈ (**3**): C 55.75, H 3.42, N 7.50%. Found: C 55.63, H 3.41, N 7.55%. IR (KBr, cm⁻¹): 3324 w, 3061 w, 1685 m, 1586 s, 1516 w, 1487 w, 1428 w, 1399 m, 1376 w, 1352 w, 1271 m, 1236 w, 1137 w, 1091 w, 1038 w, 1009 w, 927 w, 852 m, 793 w, 776 w, 723 m, 700 w, 676 w, 648 w. Calcd for C₂₆H₁₉ZnN₃O₈ (**4**): C 55.09, H 3.38, N 7.41%. Found: C 55.21, H 3.36, N 7.45%. IR (KBr, cm⁻¹): 3405 w, 3160 w, 1685 m, 1586 s, 1516 w, 1487 w, 1428 w, 1394 s, 1358 w, 1277 m, 1230 w, 1142 w, 1097 w, 1038 w, 1009 w, 921 w, 875 w, 846 m, 811 w, 770 w, 723 m, 705 w, 682 w, 642 w.

Synthesis of [Zn(Hcpia)(2,2'-bipy)(H₂O)₂]₅·4H₂O (5**).** A mixture of ZnCl₂ (27.3 mg, 0.20 mmol), H₃cpia (57.4 mg, 0.20 mmol), 2,2'-bipy (31.2 mg, 0.2 mmol), NaOH (16.0 mg, 0.4 mmol), and H₂O (10 mL) was stirred at room temperature for 15 min, then sealed in a 25 mL Teflon-lined stainless steel vessel, and heated at 120 °C for 3 days, followed by cooling to room temperature at a rate of 10 °C·h⁻¹. Colourless block-shaped crystals of **5** were isolated manually, washed with distilled water and dried (yield 55% based on H₃cpia). Anal. Calcd for C₁₂₀H₁₀₃Zn₅N₁₅O₄₄: C, 51.73; H, 3.73; N, 7.54. Found: C, 51.59; H, 3.75; N, 7.57%. IR (KBr, cm⁻¹): 3434 w, 3112 w, 1714 m, 1602 m, 1546 m, 1474 w, 1434 w, 1413 s, 1388 w, 1337 m, 1311 w, 1275 w, 1235 m, 1153 w, 1117 w, 1097 w, 1046 w, 1016 w, 934 w, 912 w, 882 w, 837 w, 806 w, 776 m, 730 w, 694 w, 654 w.

Synthesis of [Zn₂(μ-Hcpia)₂(2,2'-bipy)₂] (6**).** Synthesis of **6** was similar to **5** except using 160 °C

instead of 120 °C. Colorless block-shaped crystals of **6** were isolated manually, washed with distilled water and dried (yield 61% based on H₃cpia). Anal. Calcd for C₂₄H₁₅ZnN₃O₆: C, 56.88; H, 2.98; N, 8.29. Found: C, 56.71; H, 3.00; N, 8.34%. IR (KBr, cm⁻¹): 1711 w, 1655 s, 1599 s, 1565 m, 1470 w, 1437 w, 1386 w, 1342 m, 1276 w, 1231 m, 1153 w, 1114 w, 1097 w, 1041 w, 1013 w, 963 w, 914 w, 886 w, 830 w, 806 w, 763 m, 728 w, 695 w, 657 w.

Synthesis of [M(μ -Hcpia)(phen)(H₂O)]_n (M = Co, **7; Cd, **8**).** A mixture of CoCl₂·6H₂O /CdCl₂·H₂O (0.20 mmol), H₃cpia (57.4 mg, 0.20 mmol), phen (40.0 mg, 0.20 mmol), NaOH (16.0 mg, 0.40 mmol), and H₂O (10 mL) was stirred at room temperature for 15 min, then sealed in a 25 mL Teflon-lined stainless steel vessel, and heated at 160 °C for 3 days, followed by cooling to room temperature at a rate of 10 °C·h⁻¹. Pink (**7**) or colorless (**8**) block-shaped crystals of **7** and **8** were isolated manually, washed with distilled water and dried (yield 60% for **7**; 55% for **8** based on H₃cpia). Anal. Calcd for C₂₆H₁₇CoN₃O₇ (**7**): C, 57.58; H, 3.16; N, 7.75. Found: C, 57.41; H, 3.13; N, 7.70%. IR for **7** (KBr, cm⁻¹): 3434 w, 3189 w, 1644 s, 1597 s, 1540 w, 1510 w, 1428 w, 1388 s, 1341 w, 1230 w, 1160 w, 1142 w, 1038 w, 1021 w, 944 w, 858 m, 840 w, 811 w, 787 w, 729 w, 711 w, 670 w. Anal. Calcd for C₂₆H₁₇CdN₃O₇ (**8**): C, 52.41; H, 2.88; N, 7.05. Found: C, 52.57; H, 2.89; N, 7.09%. IR for **8** (KBr, cm⁻¹): 3434 w, 3331 w, 3127 w, 1694 w, 1607 m, 1592 w, 1541 w, 1449 w, 1383 s, 1296 w, 1240 w, 1158 w, 1082 w, 1041 w, 1010 w, 898 w, 842 m, 776 w, 724 w, 684 w, 659 w.

Synthesis of {[Pb(μ -Hcpia)]·2H₂O}_n (9**).** A mixture of PbCl₂ (55.6 mg, 0.20 mmol), H₃cpia (57.4 mg, 0.20 mmol), NaOH (16.0 mg, 0.40 mmol), and H₂O (10 mL) was stirred at room temperature for 15 min, then sealed in a 25 mL Teflon-lined stainless steel vessel, and heated at 160 °C for 3 days, followed by cooling to room temperature at a rate of 10 °C·h⁻¹. Colourless block-shaped crystals of **9** were isolated manually, washed with distilled water and dried (yield 58% based on H₃cpia). Anal. Calcd for C₁₄H₁₁PbNO₈: C, 31.82; H, 2.10; N, 2.65. Found: C, 31.71; H, 2.12; N, 2.62%. IR (KBr, cm⁻¹): 3440 w, 1674 w, 1586 m, 1568 m, 1540 s, 1499 w, 1376 s, 1301 w, 1242 w, 1160 w, 1131 w, 1068 w, 1038 w, 1009 w, 933 w, 875 w, 846 w, 816 m, 787 w, 770 w, 688 w, 658 w.

Synthesis of {[Cd₄(μ_3 -cpia)₂Cl₂(phen)₆(H₂O)₂]·10H₂O}_n (10**).** A mixture of CdCl₂·H₂O (60.3 mg,

0.30 mmol), H₃cpia (57.4 mg, 0.20 mmol), phen (60.0 mg, 0.30 mmol), NaOH (24.0 mg, 0.60 mmol), and H₂O (10 mL) was stirred at room temperature for 15 min, then sealed in a 25 mL Teflon-lined stainless steel vessel, and heated at 160 °C for 3 days, followed by cooling to room temperature at a rate of 10 °C·h⁻¹. Colourless block-shaped crystals of **10** were isolated manually, washed with distilled water and dried (yield 41% based on H₃cpia). Anal. Calcd for C₁₀₀H₈₄Cl₂Cd₄N₁₄O₂₄: C, 50.33; H, 3.55; N, 8.22. Found: C, 50.48; H, 3.53; N, 8.27%. IR (KBr, cm⁻¹): 3440 w, 3061 w, 1609 m, 1592 s, 1552 s, 1422 m, 1394 m, 1358 w, 1306 w, 1248 w, 1166 w, 1131 w, 1097 w, 1044 w, 1015 w, 921 w, 846 w, 822 w, 770 w, 729 w, 706 w, 670 w.

Synthesis of {[Zn₃(μ₃-cpia)₂(phen)₃]·10H₂O}_n (11**).** A mixture of ZnCl₂ (40.9 mg, 0.3 mmol), H₃cpia (57.4 mg, 0.20 mmol), phen (60.0 mg, 0.30 mmol), NaOH (24.0 mg, 0.60 mmol), and H₂O (10 mL) was stirred at room temperature for 15 min, then sealed in a 25 mL Teflon-lined stainless steel vessel, and heated at 160 °C for 3 days, followed by cooling to room temperature at a rate of 10 °C·h⁻¹. Colourless block-shaped crystals of **11** were isolated manually, washed with distilled water and dried (yield 55% based on H₃cpia). Anal. Calcd for C₆₄H₅₆Zn₃N₈O₂₂: C, 51.75; H, 3.80; N, 7.54. Found: C, 51.65; H, 3.77; N, 7.59%. IR (KBr, cm⁻¹): 3438 m, 3331 w, 3056 w, 1638 m, 1607 s, 1561 w, 1515 w, 1449 w, 1429 m, 1368 s, 1250 w, 1168 w, 1138 w, 1102 w, 1046 w, 1016 w, 924 w, 842 m, 786 w, 724 m, 669 w.

Synthesis of {[Zn₄(μ₄-cpia)₂(μ-OH)₂(μ-4,4'-bipy)₂]·4,4'-bipy·2H₂O}_n (12**).** A mixture of ZnCl₂ (40.9 mg, 0.3 mmol), H₃cpia (57.4 mg, 0.20 mmol), 4,4'-bipy (46.8 mg, 0.30 mmol), NaOH (28.0 mg, 0.70 mmol), and H₂O (10 mL) was stirred at room temperature for 15 min, then sealed in a 25 mL Teflon-lined stainless steel vessel, and heated at 160 °C for 3 days, followed by cooling to room temperature at a rate of 10 °C·h⁻¹. Colourless block-shaped crystals of **12** were isolated manually, washed with distilled water and dried (yield 52% based on H₃cpia). Anal. Calcd for C₅₈H₄₂Zn₄N₈O₁₆: C, 50.90; H, 3.09; N, 8.19. Found: C, 51.05; H, 3.07; N, 8.25%. IR (KBr, cm⁻¹): 3487 w, 3044 w, 1633 s, 1609 s, 1574 w, 1540 w, 1487 w, 1423 w, 1393 w, 1364 s, 1260 w, 1225 w, 1160 w, 1131 w, 1073 w, 1044 w, 1009 w, 875 w, 851 w, 817 m, 776 w, 717 w, 676 w, 642 w.

Table S1. Selected bond lengths [Å] and angles [°] for compounds **1–12**.^a

1					
Mn(1)-O(2)	2.149(2)	Mn(1)-O(2)#1	2.149(2)	Mn(1)-O(7)	2.154(2)
Mn(1)-O(7)#1	2.154(2)	Mn(1)-N(1)	2.262(3)	Mn(1)-N(1)#1	2.262(3)
O(2)-Mn(1)-O(2)#1	170.66(13)	O(2)#1-Mn(1)-O(7)	93.96(9)	O(2)-Mn(1)-O(7)	92.79(9)
O(7)-Mn(1)-O(7)#1	87.36(15)	O(2)-Mn(1)-N(1)	74.75(8)	O(2)-Mn(1)-N(1)#1	98.94(9)
O(7)-Mn(1)-N(1)#1	88.97(10)	O(7)-Mn(1)-N(1)	166.74(9)	N(1)-Mn(1)-N(1)#1	97.32(13)
2					
Co(1)-O(2)	2.108(2)	Co(1)-O(7)	2.158(2)	Co(1)-O(8)	2.065(2)
Co(1)-N(1)	2.134(2)	Co(1)-N(2)	2.155(2)	Co(1)-N(3)	2.102(2)
O(8)-Co(1)-N(3)	98.40(8)	O(8)-Co(1)-O(2)	172.71(8)	N(3)-Co(1)-O(2)	86.68(8)
O(8)-Co(1)-N(1)	98.11(8)	N(3)-Co(1)-N(1)	162.66(8)	O(2)-Co(1)-N(1)	77.39(7)
O(8)-Co(1)-N(2)	86.17(8)	N(3)-Co(1)-N(2)	77.77(9)	O(2)-Co(1)-N(2)	100.08(8)
N(1)-Co(1)-N(2)	98.11(8)	O(8)-Co(1)-O(7)	87.18(7)	N(3)-Co(1)-O(7)	91.16(8)
O(2)-Co(1)-O(7)	N(3)-Co(1)-O(7)	N(1)-Co(1)-O(7)	94.91(8)	N(2)-Co(1)-O(7)	166.10(8)
3					
Ni(1)-O(2)	2.067(2)	Ni(1)-O(7)	2.114(2)	Ni(1)-O(8)	2.060(2)
Ni(1)-N(1)	2.085(2)	Ni(1)-N(2)	2.067(2)	Ni(1)-N(3)	2.099(2)
O(8)-Ni(1)-O(2)	172.98(7)	O(8)-Ni(1)-N(2)	98.41(8)	O(2)-Ni(1)-N(2)	86.97(7)
O(8)-Ni(1)-N(1)	95.74(7)	O(2)-Ni(1)-N(1)	79.25(7)	N(2)-Ni(1)-N(1)	165.31(8)
O(8)-Ni(1)-N(3)	86.11(8)	O(2)-Ni(1)-N(3)	99.36(8)	N(2)-Ni(1)-N(3)	79.58(8)
N(1)-Ni(1)-N(3)	97.54(8)	O(8)-Ni(1)-O(7)	87.40(7)	O(2)-Ni(1)-O(7)	88.09(7)
N(2)-Ni(1)-O(7)	90.07(8)	N(1)-Ni(1)-O(7)	94.49(7)	N(3)-Ni(1)-O(7)	166.84(7)
4					
Zn(1)-O(2)	2.147(2)	Zn(1)-O(7)	2.169(2)	Zn(1)-O(8)	2.082(2)
Zn(1)-N(1)	2.125(2)	Zn(1)-N(2)	2.120(2)	Zn(1)-N(3)	2.188(2)
O(8)-Zn(1)-N(2)	99.77(9)	O(8)-Zn(1)-N(1)	97.46(8)	N(2)-Zn(1)-N(1)	161.83(9)
O(8)-Zn(1)-O(2)	70.96(8)	N(2)-Zn(1)-O(2)	86.40(8)	N(1)-Zn(1)-O(2)	77.20(8)
O(8)-Zn(1)-O(7)	86.45(8)	N(2)-Zn(1)-O(7)	90.21(9)	N(1)-Zn(1)-O(7)	96.60(8)
O(2)-Zn(1)-O(7)	86.93(8)	O(8)-Zn(1)-N(3)	86.74(9)	N(2)-Zn(1)-N(3)	77.11(9)
N(1)-Zn(1)-N(3)	98.22(9)	O(2)-Zn(1)-N(3)	101.15(9)	O(7)-Zn(1)-N(3)	164.37(8)
5					
Zn(1)-O(1)	2.137(5)	Zn(1)-O(7)	2.145(5)	Zn(1)-O(8)	2.094(5)
Zn(1)-N(1)	2.116(6)	Zn(1)-N(2)	2.077(7)	Zn(1)-N(3)	2.135(8)
O(8)-Zn(1)-N(2)	98.7(3)	N(2)-Zn(1)-N(1)	160.0(3)	O(8)-Zn(1)-N(1)	100.2(2)
N(3)-Zn(1)-N(2)	77.4(3)	N(3)-Zn(1)-O(8)	86.4(2)	N(1)-Zn(1)-N(3)	97.8(3)
N(2)-Zn(1)-O(1)	85.0(3)	O(1)-Zn(1)-O(8)	173.9(2)	N(1)-Zn(1)-O(1)	76.7(2)
N(3)-Zn(1)-O(1)	99.3(2)	O(7)-Zn(1)-N(2)	90.9(3)	O(8)-Zn(1)-O(7)	87.5(2)
N(1)-Zn(1)-O(7)	96.0(2)	O(7)-Zn(1)-N(3)	165.7(3)	O(7)-Zn(1)-O(1)	87.5(2)
6					
Zn(1)-O(2)	2.085(3)	Zn(1)-O(3)#1	2.558(3)	Zn(1)-O(4)#1	2.018(3)
Zn(1)-N(1)	2.130(3)	Zn(1)-N(2)	2.091(3)	Zn(1)-N(3)	2.143(3)
O(4)#1-Zn(1)-N(2)	151.81(13)	N(2)-Zn(1)-N(1)	103.27(12)	O(4)#1-Zn(1)-N(1)	102.94(12)
N(3)-Zn(1)-N(2)	76.99(13)	N(3)-Zn(1)-O(4)#1	90.90(12)	N(1)-Zn(1)-N(3)	94.24(13)
N(2)-Zn(1)-O(2)	99.44(12)	O(2)-Zn(1)-O(4)#1	95.77(11)	N(1)-Zn(1)-O(2)	78.50(11)
N(3)-Zn(1)-O(2)	171.06(12)	O(3)#1-Zn(1)-N(2)	100.65(11)	O(4)#1-Zn(1)-O(3)#1	55.91(12)
N(1)-Zn(1)-O(3)#1	154.44(13)	O(3)#1-Zn(1)-N(3)	99.83(12)	O(3)#1-Zn(1)-O(2)	88.83(11)
7					
Co(1)-O(2)	2.086(2)	Co(1)-O(5)#1	2.037(2)	Co(1)-O(7)	2.060(2)

Co(1)-N(1)	2.160(2)	Co(1)-N(2)	2.161(3)	Co(1)-N(3)	2.167(3)
O(5)#1-Co(1)-O(7)	90.62(9)	O(5)#1-Co(1)-O(2)	102.98(8)	O(2)-Co(1)-O(7)	93.37(8)
O(5)#1-Co(1)-N(1)	86.62(9)	O(7)-Co(1)-N(1)	169.87(8)	O(2)-Co(1)-N(1)	77.79(8)
O(5)#1-Co(1)-N(2)	91.21(9)	O(7)-Co(1)-N(2)	101.38(8)	O(2)-Co(1)-N(2)	159.43(9)
N(1)-Co(1)-N(2)	88.43(9)	O(5)#1-Co(1)-N(3)	167.47(10)	O(7)-Co(1)-N(3)	90.91(9)
O(2)-Co(1)-N(3)	89.35(9)	N(1)-Co(1)-N(3)	93.89(10)	N(2)-Co(1)-N(3)	76.30(10)

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Cd(1)-O(1)	2.201(2)	Cd(1)-O(6)#1	2.310(2)	Cd(1)-O(7)	2.244(2)
Cd(1)-N(1)#1	2.379(3)	Cd(1)-N(2)	2.381(3)	Cd(1)-N(3)	2.347(3)
O(1)-Cd(1)-O(7)	91.28(9)	O(1)-Cd(1)-O(6)#1	107.10(9)	O(7)-Cd(1)-O(6)#1	90.62(8)
O(1)-Cd(1)-N(3)	161.41(10)	O(7)-Cd(1)-N(3)	89.86(9)	O(6)#1-Cd(1)-N(3)	91.43(10)
O(1)-Cd(1)-N(1)#1	89.67(10)	O(7)-Cd(1)-N(1)#1	161.55(9)	O(6)#1-Cd(1)-N(1)#1	71.52(9)
N(3)-Cd(1)-N(1)#1	95.07(10)	O(1)-Cd(1)-N(2)	91.22(10)	O(7)-Cd(1)-N(2)	111.39(9)
O(6)#1-Cd(1)-N(2)	151.25(9)	N(3)-Cd(1)-N(2)	71.14(10)	N(2)-Cd(1)-N(1)#1	87.01(9)

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Pb(1)-O(1)	2.370(4)	Pb(1)-O(1)#2	2.758(5)	Pb(1)-O(3)#1	2.541(4)
Pb(1)-O(4)#1	2.527(4)	Pb(1)-N(1)	2.534(5)	Pb(1)-O(6)#3	3.035(4)
O(1)-Pb(1)-O(4)#1	95.35(15)	O(1)-Pb(1)-N(1)	67.20(15)	N(1)-Pb(1)-O(4)#1	78.85(15)
O(1)-Pb(1)-O(3)#1	74.46(14)	O(4)#1-Pb(1)-O(3)#1	51.39(14)	N(1)-Pb(1)-O(3)#1	112.29(16)
O(1)-Pb(1)-O(1)#2	66.72(18)	O(4)#1-Pb(1)-O(1)#2	133.76(13)	N(1)-Pb(1)-O(1)#2	124.81(14)
O(3)#1-Pb(1)-O(1)#2	82.40(14)	O(6)#3-Pb(1)-O(1)	142.12(13)	O(6)#3-Pb(1)-O(1)#2	94.82(14)
O(6)#3-Pb(1)-O(3)#1	70.34(14)	O(6)#3-Pb(1)-O(4)#1	73.33(13)	O(6)#3-Pb(1)-N(1)	140.35(15)
Pb(1)-O(1)-Pb(1)#2	113.28(18)				

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Cd(1)-O(1)	2.299(3)	Cd(1)-O(3)#1	2.257(3)	Cd(1)-O(7)	2.309(3)
Cd(1)-N(1)	2.334(4)	Cd(1)-N(2)	2.323(4)	Cd(1)-N(3)	2.375(4)
Cd(2)-O(5)	2.276(4)	Cd(2)-Cl(1)	2.505(2)	Cd(2)-N(4)	2.367(5)
Cd(2)-N(5)	2.377(5)	Cd(2)-N(6)	2.444(5)	Cd(2)-N(7)	2.401(5)
O(3)#1-Cd(1)-O(1)	156.62(13)	O(3)#1-Cd(1)-O(7)	86.79(12)	O(1)-Cd(1)-O(7)	86.50(12)
O(3)#1-Cd(1)-N(2)	93.92(14)	O(1)-Cd(1)-N(2)	109.02(14)	O(7)-Cd(1)-N(2)	95.70(14)
O(3)#1-Cd(1)-N(1)	88.36(14)	O(1)-Cd(1)-N(1)	71.54(13)	O(7)-Cd(1)-N(1)	103.54(13)
N(2)-Cd(1)-N(1)	160.73(15)	O(3)#1-Cd(1)-N(3)	101.53(14)	O(1)-Cd(1)-N(3)	90.44(14)
O(7)-Cd(1)-N(3)	164.70(14)	N(2)-Cd(1)-N(3)	71.14(16)	N(1)-Cd(1)-N(3)	89.64(15)
O(5)-Cd(2)-N(4)	86.47(17)	O(5)-Cd(2)-N(5)	117.08(17)	N(4)-Cd(2)-N(5)	70.6(2)
O(5)-Cd(2)-N(7)	82.86(17)	N(4)-Cd(2)-N(7)	96.53(18)	N(5)-Cd(2)-N(7)	154.43(17)
O(5)-Cd(2)-N(6)	150.36(16)	N(4)-Cd(2)-N(6)	87.96(16)	N(5)-Cd(2)-N(6)	88.17(16)
N(7)-Cd(2)-N(6)	68.90(16)	O(5)-Cd(2)-Cl(1)	96.66(12)	N(4)-Cd(2)-Cl(1)	164.08(14)
N(5)-Cd(2)-Cl(1)	94.23(15)	N(7)-Cd(2)-Cl(1)	99.35(12)	N(6)-Cd(2)-Cl(1)	96.62(12)

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Zn(1)-O(1)	2.475(4)	Zn(1)-O(1)#1	2.475(4)	Zn(1)-O(2)	1.994(3)
Zn(1)-O(2)#1	1.994(3)	Zn(1)-N(2)	2.083(4)	Zn(1)-N(2)#1	2.083(4)
Zn(2)-O(3)#2	2.426(5)	Zn(2)-O(4)#2	2.060(4)	Zn(2)-O(5)	2.083(3)
Zn(2)-N(1)	2.088(4)	Zn(2)-N(3)	2.078(4)	Zn(2)-N(4)	2.175(4)
O(2)-Zn(1)-O(2)#1	124.0(2)	O(2)-Zn(1)-N(2)#1	112.81(15)	O(2)-Zn(1)-N(2)	109.35(16)
N(2)-Zn(1)-N(2)#1	80.0(2)	O(2)-Zn(1)-O(1)	57.49(13)	O(2)#1-Zn(1)-O(1)	91.71(14)
N(2)#1-Zn(1)-O(1)	157.47(15)	N(2)-Zn(1)-O(1)	84.58(15)	O(1)-Zn(1)-O(1)#1	114.5(2)
O(4)#2-Zn(2)-N(3)	103.16(17)	O(4)#2-Zn(2)-O(5)	92.04(15)	N(3)-Zn(2)-O(5)	98.39(15)
O(4)#2-Zn(2)-N(1)	147.23(17)	N(3)-Zn(2)-N(1)	109.24(15)	O(5)-Zn(2)-N(1)	78.75(14)
O(4)#2-Zn(2)-N(4)	94.40(16)	N(3)-Zn(2)-N(4)	78.55(17)	O(5)-Zn(2)-N(4)	173.36(15)
N(1)-Zn(2)-N(4)	96.61(15)	O(4)#2-Zn(2)-O(3)#2	55.89(17)	N(3)-Zn(2)-O(3)#2	157.20(16)

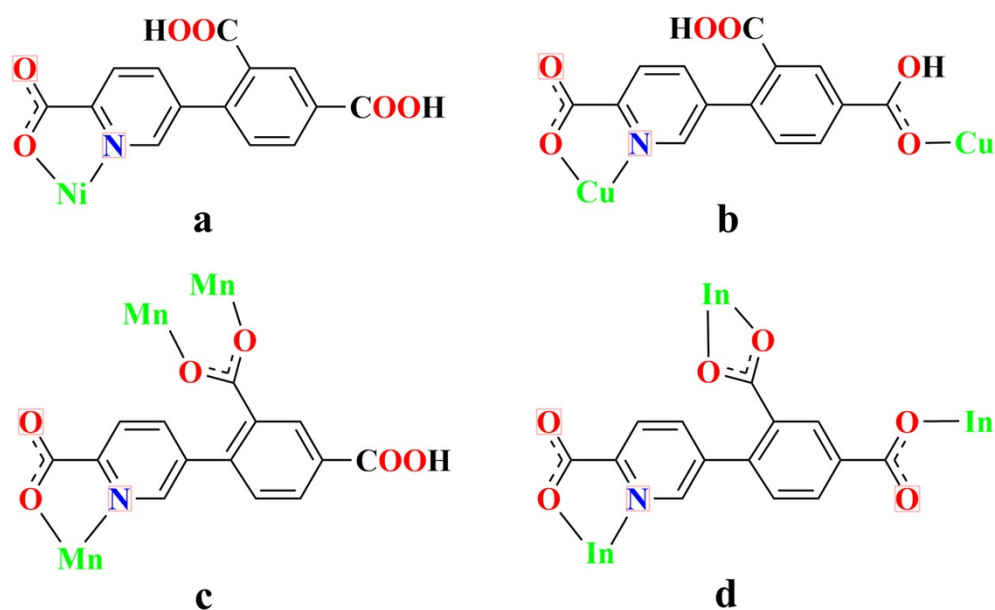
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Zn(1)-O(2)	1.973(3)	Zn(1)-O(3)#1	1.950(3)	Zn(1)-O(4)#1	2.763(3)
Zn(1)-O(13)	1.913(4)	Zn(1)-N(4)	2.069(4)	Zn(2)-O(1)	2.177(3)
Zn(2)-O(5)#2	2.105(3)	Zn(2)-O(13)	1.920(4)	Zn(2)-N(1)#2	2.069(4)
Zn(2)-N(6)	2.062(4)	Zn(3)-O(7)	1.968(3)	Zn(3)-O(9)#3	2.737(3)
Zn(3)-O(10)#3	1.934(3)	Zn(3)-O(14)	1.921(3)	Zn(3)-N(5)	2.072(4)
Zn(4)-O(8)	2.162(3)	Zn(4)-O(12)#4	2.103(3)	Zn(4)-O(14)	1.915(3)
Zn(4)-N(2)#4	2.063(4)	Zn(4)-N(3)	2.061(4)		
O(13)-Zn(1)-O(3)#1	122.57(14)	O(13)-Zn(1)-O(2)	112.64(15)	O(3)#1-Zn(1)-O(2)	104.21(13)
O(13)-Zn(1)-N(4)	104.15(16)	O(3)#1-Zn(1)-N(4)	110.84(15)	O(2)-Zn(1)-N(4)	100.33(14)
O(4)#1-Zn(1)-O(2)	155.89(13)	O(4)#1-Zn(1)-O(3)#1	51.95(13)	O(4)#1-Zn(1)-O(13)	87.13(13)
O(4)#1-Zn(1)-N(4)	87.27(13)	O(13)-Zn(2)-N(6)	111.24(16)	O(13)-Zn(2)-N(1)#2	133.43(15)
N(6)-Zn(2)-N(1)#2	115.28(14)	O(13)-Zn(2)-O(5)#2	98.53(14)	N(6)-Zn(2)-O(5)#2	95.66(14)
N(1)#2-Zn(2)-O(5)#2	79.14(13)	O(13)-Zn(2)-O(1)	91.05(14)	N(6)-Zn(2)-O(1)	89.66(13)
N(1)#2-Zn(2)-O(1)	87.36(12)	O(1)-Zn(2)-O(5)#2	166.50(12)	O(14)-Zn(3)-O(10)#3	121.78(13)
O(14)-Zn(3)-O(7)	110.66(14)	O(7)-Zn(3)-O(10)#3	106.17(14)	O(14)-Zn(3)-N(5)	105.08(15)
N(5)-Zn(3)-O(10)#3	109.97(15)	N(5)-Zn(3)-O(7)	101.34(14)	O(10)#3-Zn(3)-O(9)#3	51.94(13)
O(7)-Zn(3)-O(9)#3	157.35(14)	O(14)-Zn(3)-O(9)#3	81.74(14)	N(5)-Zn(3)-O(9)#3	93.11(14)
O(14)-Zn(4)-N(3)	111.09(15)	O(14)-Zn(4)-N(2)#4	135.61(15)	N(3)-Zn(4)-N(2)#4	113.30(15)
O(14)-Zn(4)-O(12)#4	98.17(14)	N(3)-Zn(4)-O(12)#4	92.98(15)	N(2)#4-Zn(4)-O(12)#4	79.50(14)
O(14)-Zn(4)-O(8)	92.25(14)	N(3)-Zn(4)-O(8)	90.03(14)	N(2)#4-Zn(4)-O(8)	87.96(13)
O(12)#4-Zn(4)-O(8)	167.29(13)	Zn(1)-O(13)-Zn(2)	117.84(17)	Zn(3)-O(14)-Zn(4)	116.72(16)

^a Symmetry transformations used to generate equivalent atoms: #1 $x, -y+1/2, -z+1/2$ for **1**; #1 $-x+2, -y, -z+1$ for **6**; #1 $-x+1, y+1/2, -z+1/2$ for **7**; #1 $-x, y+1/2, -z+1/2$ for **8**; #1 $-x+1, -y+2, -z+1$; #2 $-x+2, -y+3, -z+1$; #3 $x+1, y+1, z+1$ for **9**; #1 $-x+2, -y+2, -z+1$ for **10**; #1 $-x+1, y, -z+1/2$; #2 $-x+2, -y, -z$ for **11**; #1 $x, y+1, z$; #2 $-x, -y+1, -z+1$; #3 $x, y-1, z$; #4 $-x+1, -y+3, -z$ for **12**.

Table S2. Hydrogen bonds in crystal packing [\AA , $^\circ$] of **1–12**.

Complexes	D-H...A	$d(\text{D-H})$	$d(\text{H...A})$	$d(\text{D...A})$	$\angle\text{DHA}$	Symmetry code
1	O(4)-H(4)···O(3)	0.811	1.853	2.618	156.97	$-x+1/2, -y, z$
	O(5)-H(5)···O(2)	0.768	1.896	2.649	166.44	$x+1/2, y-1/2, z$
	O(7)-H(1W)···O(6)	0.751	2.035	2.734	154.99	$x-1/2, y+1/2, z$
	O(7)-H(2W)···O(1)	0.768	1.938	2.695	168.64	$-x+1/2, y, z-1/2$
2	O(5)-H(1)···O(1)	0.820	1.792	2.602	169.41	$x+1, y, z+1$
	O(7)-H(1W)···O(4)	0.813	1.970	2.729	155.28	$x-1, y, z$
	O(7)-H(2W)···O(1)	0.811	1.945	2.750	172.49	$-x+1, -y+1, -z+1$
	O(8)-H(3W)···O(3)	0.944	1.688	2.631	178.38	$-x+2, -y+2, -z+2$
	O(8)-H(4W)···O(4)	0.847	1.865	2.703	170.22	$x-1, y, z$
3	O(5)-H(1)···O(1)	0.820	1.783	2.594	169.52	$x+1, y, z+1$
	O(7)-H(1W)···O(4)	0.872	1.877	2.733	167.08	$x-1, y, z$
	O(7)-H(2W)···O(1)	0.871	1.918	2.742	157.06	$-x+1, -y+1, -z+1$
	O(8)-H(3W)···O(3)	0.850	1.790	2.640	179.48	$-x+2, -y+2, -z+2$
	O(8)-H(4W)···O(4)	0.850	1.853	2.703	179.34	$x-1, y, z$
4	O(5)-H(1)···O(1)	0.820	1.793	2.603	168.80	$x-1, y, z-1$
	O(7)-H(1W)···O(1)	0.879	1.871	2.749	176.21	$-x+2, -y+1, -z+1$
	O(7)-H(2W)···O(3)	0.877	1.901	2.722	155.25	$x+1, y, z$
	O(8)-H(3W)···O(4)	0.854	2.122	2.650	119.61	$-x+1, -y, -z$
	O(8)-H(4W)···O(3)	0.854	2.141	2.712	123.91	$x+1, y, z$
5	O(6)-H(6)···O(2)	0.820	1.836	2.625	161.23	$x-1, y, z$
	O(7)-H(1W)···O(26)	0.820	2.084	2.883	164.77	
	O(7)-H(2W)···O(11)	0.850	1.872	2.722	179.65	
	O(8)-H(3W)···O(3)	0.820	1.861	2.665	166.21	$-x+1, -y+1, -z+1$
	O(8)-H(4W)···O(11)	0.850	1.873	2.723	179.89	
6	O(6)-H(1)···O(1)	0.820	1.776	2.584	168.06	$x-1, y, z-1$
	O(3)-H(1)···O(1)	0.820	1.748	2.566	174.89	$-x+2, y-1/2, -z+1/2$
	O(7)-H(1W)···O(2)	0.876	2.041	2.818	147.39	$-x+2, -y+2, -z+1$
7	O(7)-H(2W)···O(6)	0.875	1.761	2.615	164.82	$x+1, -y+3/2, z+1/2$
	O(3)-H(3)···O(5)	0.820	1.743	2.556	170.97	$-x-1, y+1/2, -z+1/2$
	O(7)-H(1W)···O(2)	0.847	1.801	2.642	171.79	$-x+1, -y+1, -z$
8	O(7)-H(2W)···O(6)	0.829	2.006	2.810	163.59	$x+1, -y+1/2, z-1/2$
	O(5)-H(5)···O(7)	0.820	1.796	2.604	168.54	$-x, -y, -z$
	O(7)-H(1W)···O(3)	0.850	1.873	2.723	179.91	
9	O(7)-H(2W)···O(8)	0.850	1.904	2.754	179.79	$-x+1, -y+1, -z+1$
	O(8)-H(3W)···O(4)	0.850	1.915	2.765	179.64	$-x+1, -y+2, -z+1$
	O(8)-H(4W)···O(2)	0.850	1.852	2.702	179.85	$x, y-1, z$
	O(7)-H(1W)···O(1)	0.85	1.850	2.700	179.57	$-x+2, -y+1, -z+1$
	O(7)-H(2W)···O(4)	0.850	1.830	2.680	179.53	$-x+2, -y+2, -z+1$
10	O(8)-H(3W)···O(6)	0.850	1.966	2.816	179.02	
	O(9)-H(5W)···O(4)	0.850	1.968	2.818	178.74	$x, y-1, z$
	O(10)-H(7W)···O(2)	0.871	1.923	2.787	170.92	
	O(11)-H(9W)···O(12)	0.620	2.186	2.680	138.24	$-x+1, -y+1, -z+1$

	O(12)-H(11W)···O(10)	0.850	1.972	2.822	177.93	
11	O(7)-H(1W)···O(2)	0.850	1.968	2.818	179.38	
	O(7)-H(2W)···O(8)	1.005	1.789	2.710	150.65	$x+1, y, z$
	O(8)-H(3W)···O(7)	0.977	1.809	2.753	161.40	$-x+1, y, -z+1/2$
	O(8)-H(4W)···O(9)	0.850	2.126	2.976	178.89	$-x+1/2, -y+1/2, -z+1$
	O(9)-H(5W)···O(6)	0.850	1.907	2.757	179.07	$x-1/2, y+1/2, z+1$
12	O(15)-H(1W)···O(11)	0.850	1.997	2.847	179.10	$-x, -y+2, -z$
	O(15)-H(2W)···O(16)	0.850	2.003	2.853	178.64	
	O(16)-H(3w)···O(6)	0.850	1.957	2.807	179.26	$-x+1, -y+1, -z+1$
	O(16)-H(4W)···O(4)	0.850	2.113	2.963	179.13	



Scheme S1 Coordination modes of H_2cpia^- , Hcpia^{2-} , or cpia^{3-} in other reported compounds.

Table S3. Emission wavelengths (nm) of compounds **4–6**, **8–12**, and H_3cpia .

Compound	H_3cpia	4	5	6	8
λ_{em}	371	366, 384	349, 370	371	367, 386
Compound	9	10	11	12	
λ_{em}	374	368, 385	377, 394	377	

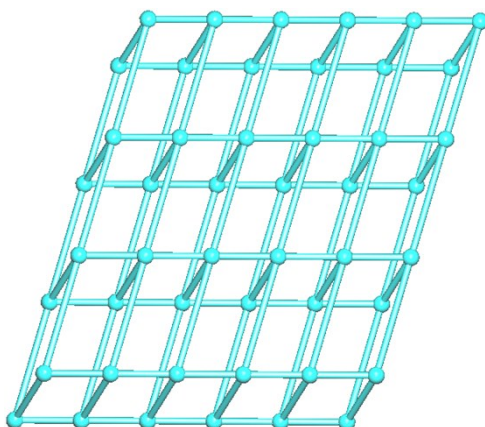


Fig. S1. Topological view of a simplified 2D H-bonded layer in **4** showing a uninodal 5-connected net with the SnS [SP 2-periodic net (4,4)Ia] topology and the $(4^8.6^2)$ point symbol; view along the b axis; centroids of 5-connected $[\text{Zn}(\text{Hcpia})(2,2'\text{-bipy})(\text{H}_2\text{O})_2]$ nodes (cyan balls).

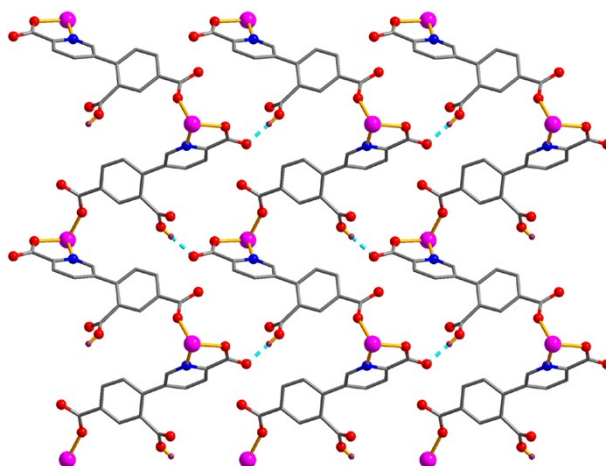


Fig. S2. 2D supramolecular network in **7** viewed along the ab plane (blue dashed lines represent the H-bonds).

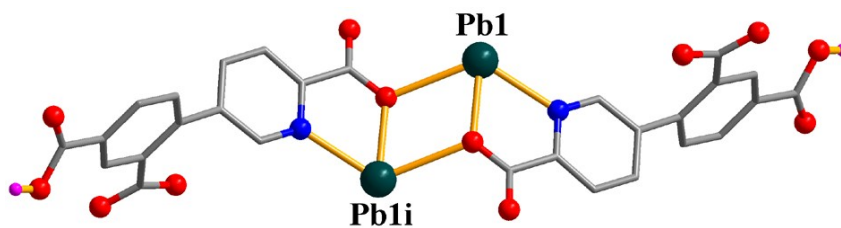


Fig. S3. Dimeric $[\text{Pb}_2(\mu_4\text{-Hcpia})_2]$ unit in **9**. Symmetry code: $i = -x + 2, -y + 3, -z + 1$.

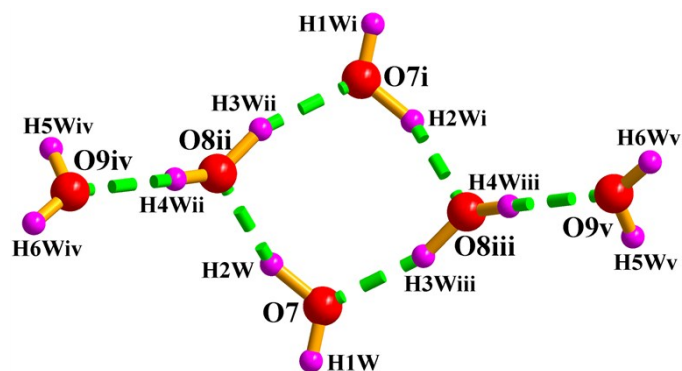


Fig. S4. Hexameric $(\text{H}_2\text{O})_6$ cluster with a cyclic $(\text{H}_2\text{O})_4$ core in **11**. Symmetry codes: $i = -x + 2, y, -z + 1/2$; $ii = x + 1, y, z$; $iii = -x + 1, y, -z + 1/2$; $iv = -x + 3/2, -y + 1/2, -z + 1$; $v = x + 1/2, -y + 1/2, z - 1/2$.

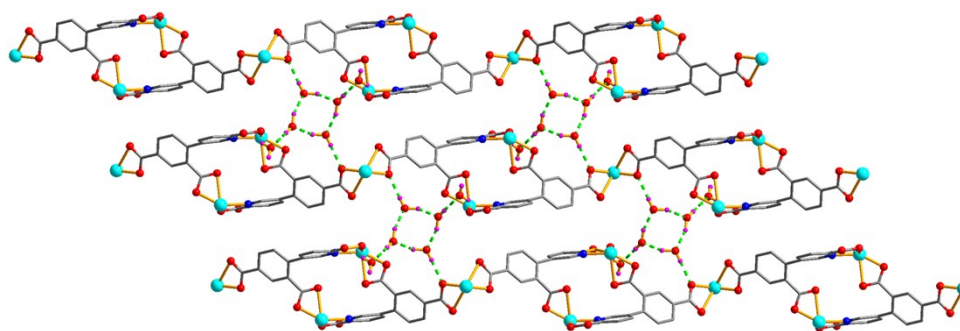
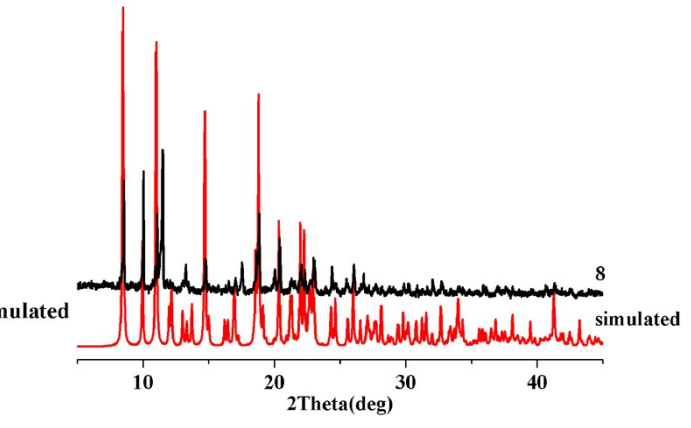
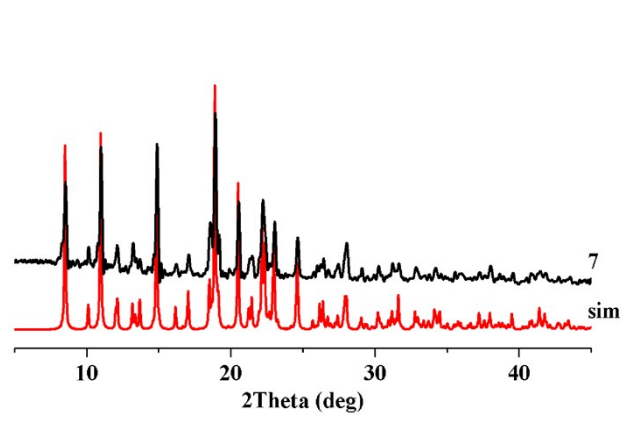
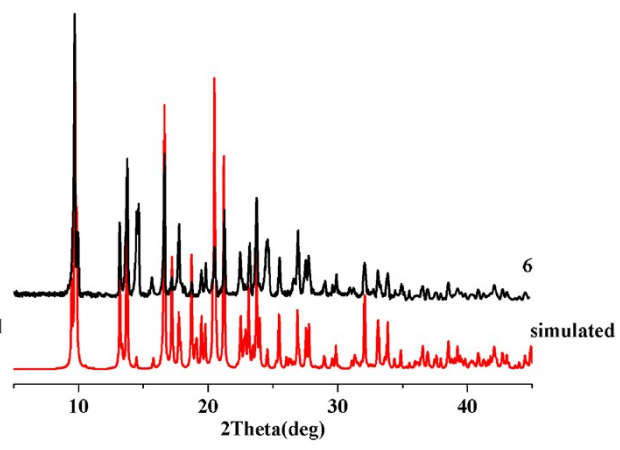
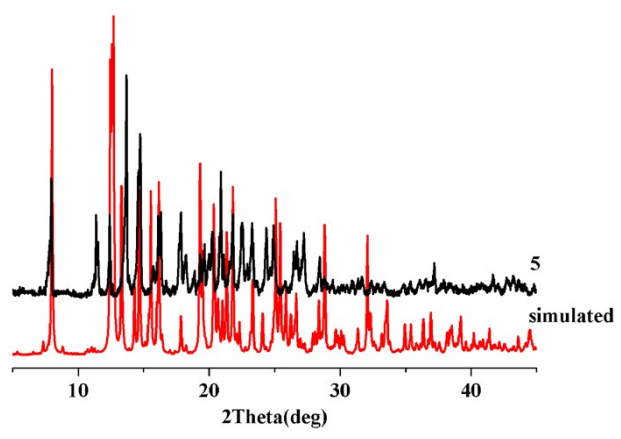
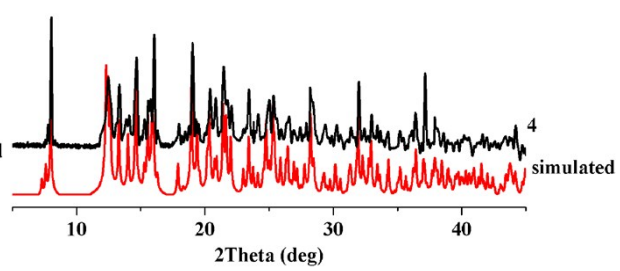
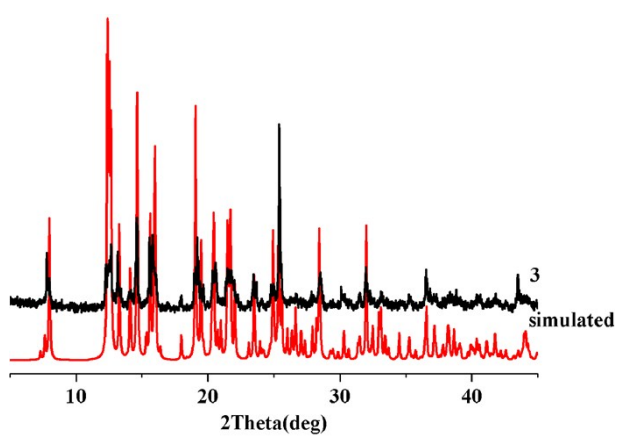
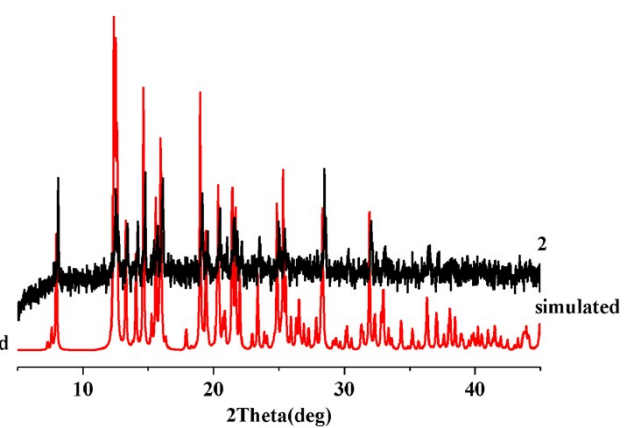
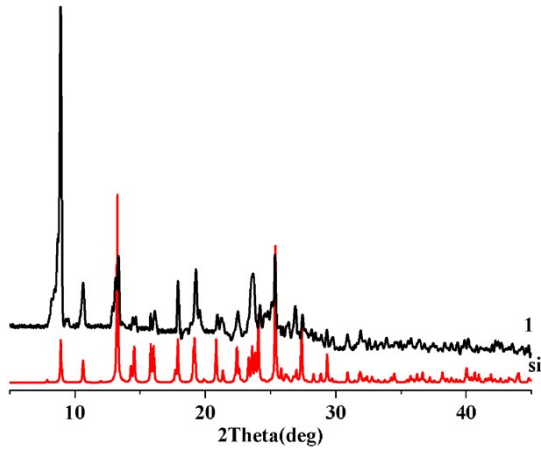


Fig. S5. The 2D H-bonded layer in **11** (view along the b axis, green dashed lines represent the H-bonds).



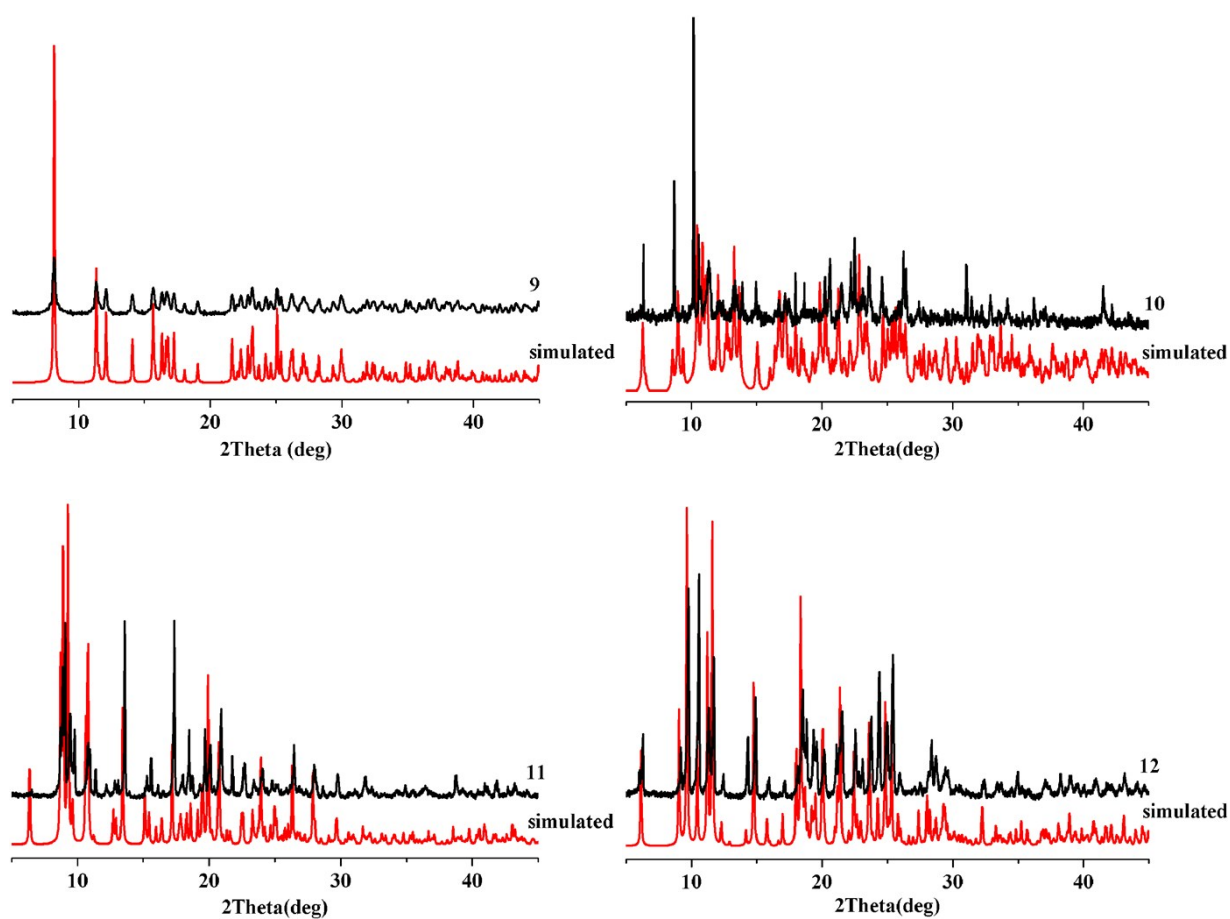
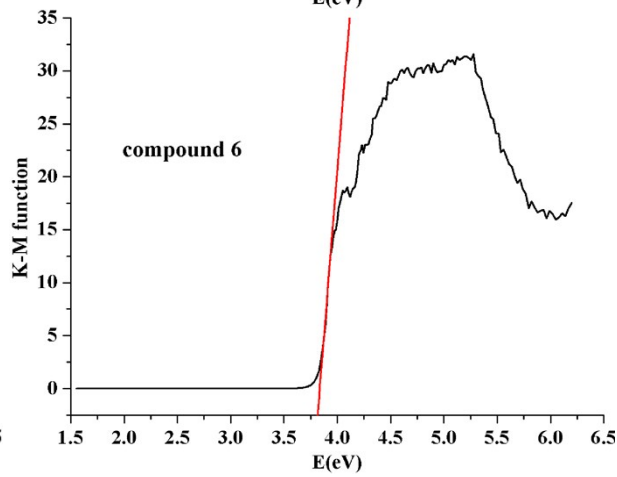
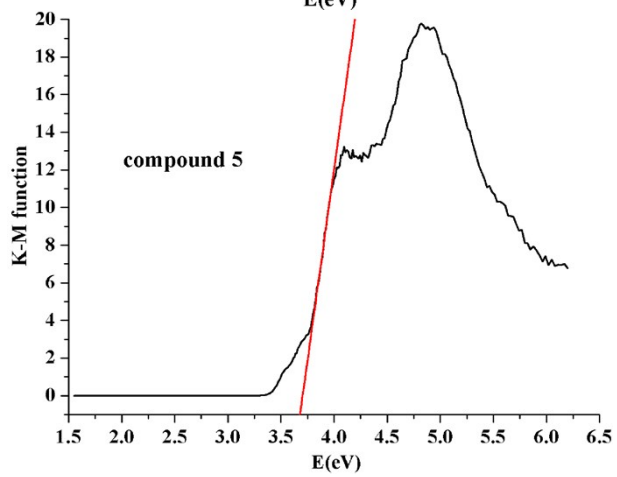
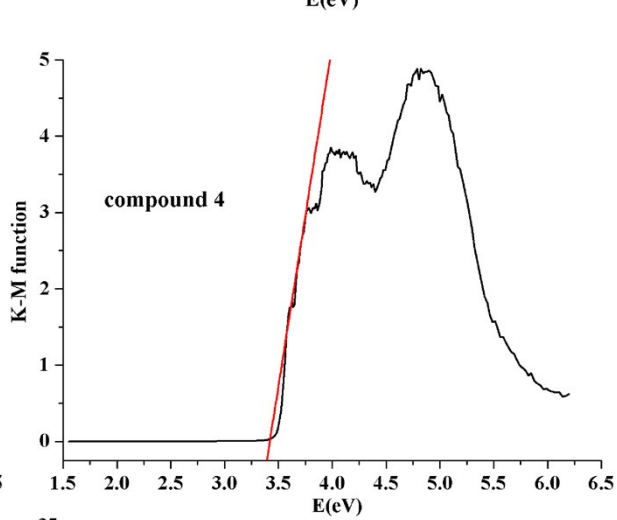
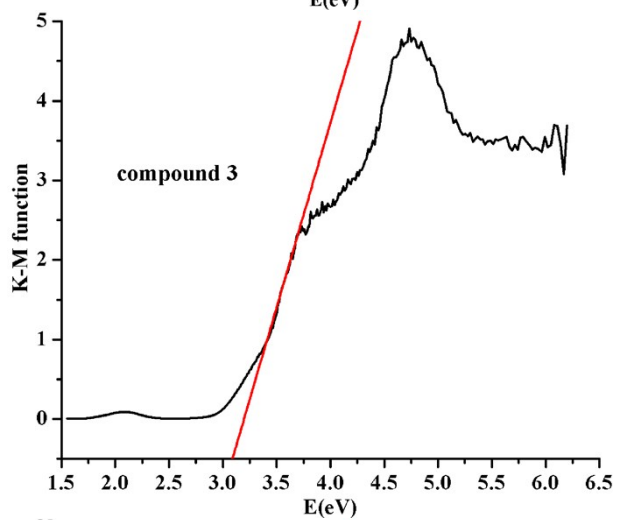
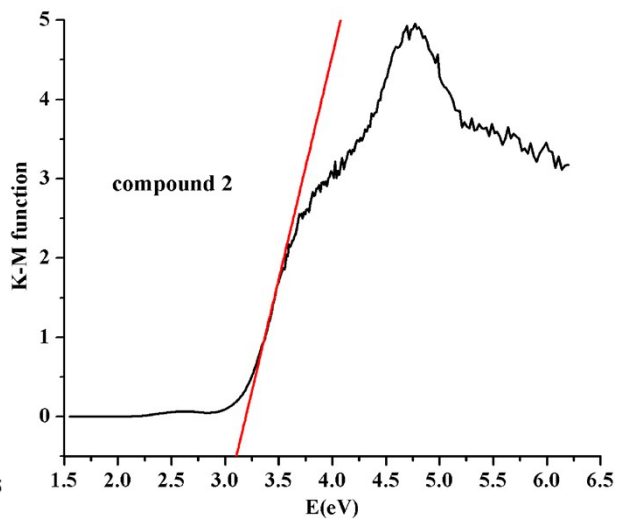
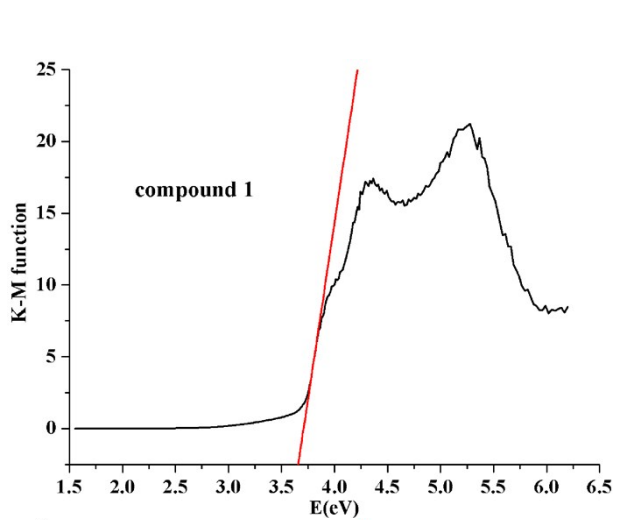


Fig. S6. PXR D patterns of compounds **1–12** at room temperature. Black patterns correspond to the experimental data obtained using the as-synthesized bulk samples. Red patterns were simulated from the single crystal X-ray data.



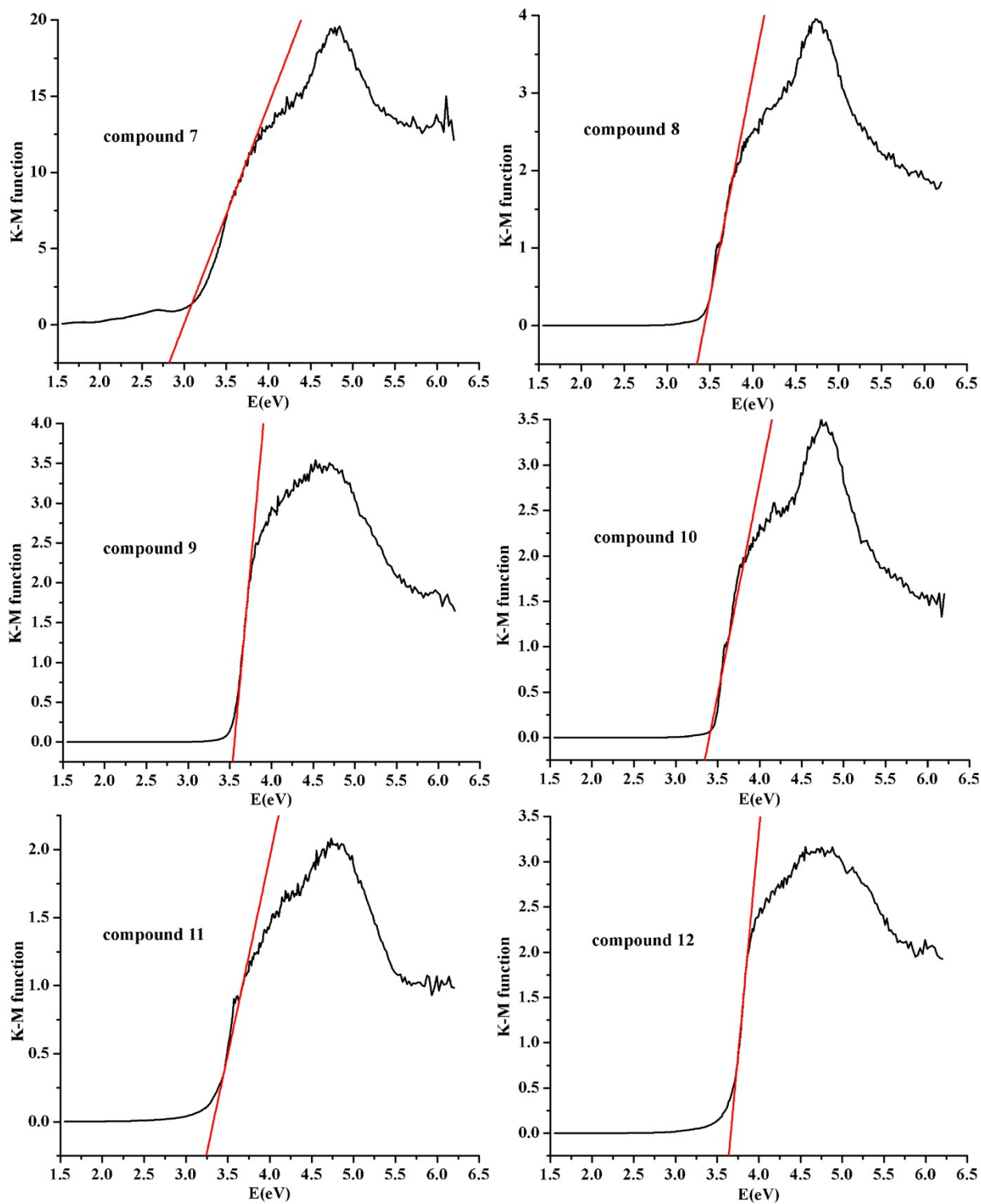


Fig. S7. Kubelka-Munk-transformed diffuse reflectance spectra of compounds 1–12.

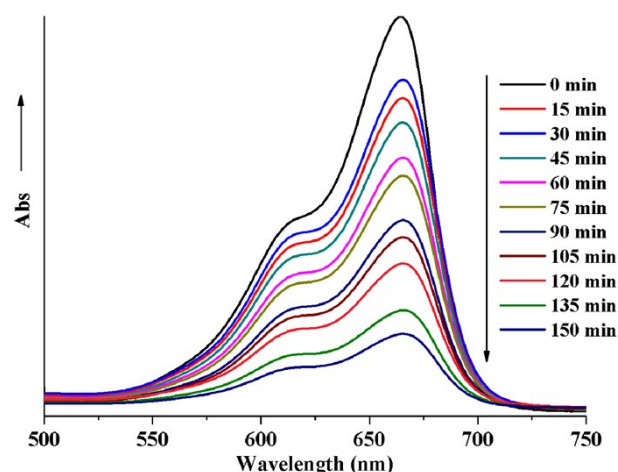


Fig. S8. Time-dependent UV-Vis spectra of the reaction mixtures in the course of the MB photodegradation catalyzed by 7. Reaction conditions: catalyst (50 mg), 100 mL aqueous solution, MB (1 mg), under 125 W Hg lamp irradiation.

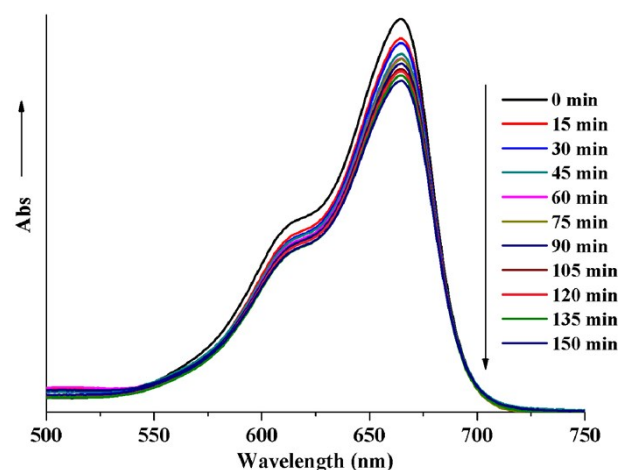


Fig. S9. Time-dependent UV-Vis spectra of the reaction mixtures in the course of the MB photodegradation catalyzed by H₃dbba (blank test). Reaction conditions: H₃cpia (50 mg), 100 mL aqueous solution, MB (1 mg), under 125 W Hg lamp irradiation.

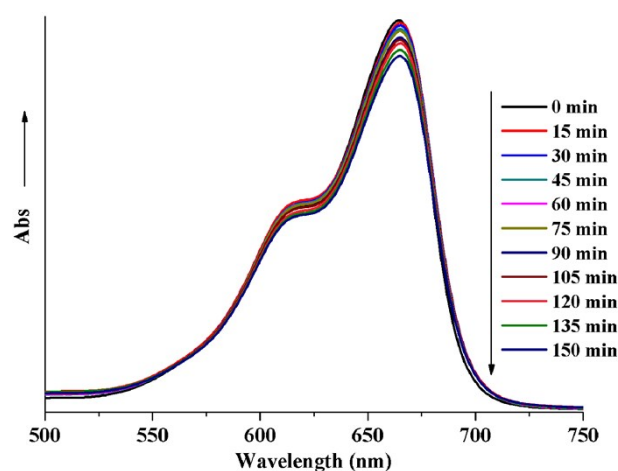


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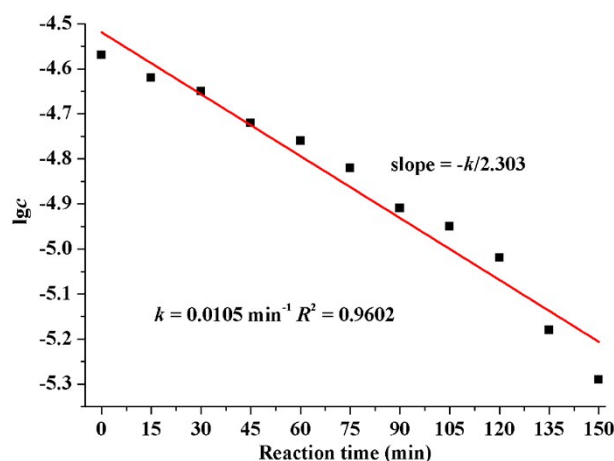


Fig. S11. Relationship between $\lg c$ and reaction time in the course of the MB photodegradation catalyzed by 7. The red line corresponds to a linear fit. Reaction conditions: catalyst (50 mg), 100 mL aqueous solution, MB (1 mg), under 125 W Hg lamp irradiation.

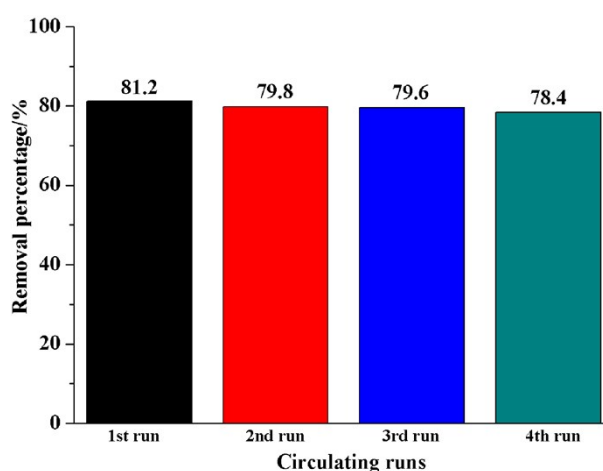


Fig. S12. Catalyst recycling experiments in the MB photodegradation (removal efficiency, %) under the UV light irradiation with catalyst 7. Reaction conditions: catalyst (50 mg), 100 mL aqueous solution, MB (1 mg), under 125 W Hg lamp irradiation.

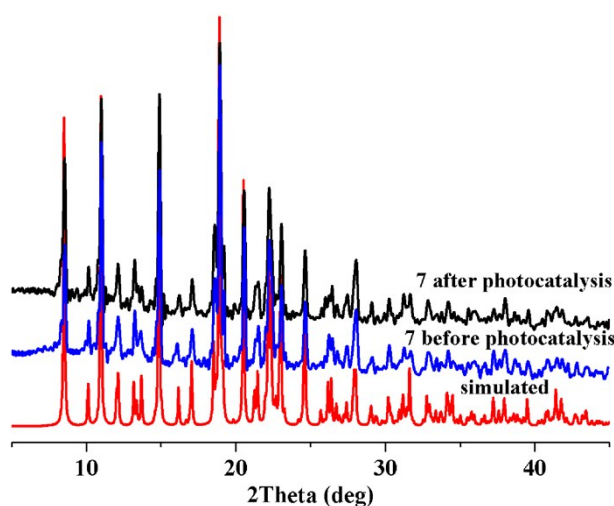


Fig. S13. PXRD patterns for 7: simulated (red), before (blue) and after (black) photocatalysis.