

## *Electronic supplementary information*

# **Cadmium(II) Complexes with 3,5-Di(1H-imidazol-1-yl)benzoate: Topological and Structural Diversity Tuned by Counteranions**

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**Table S1** Selected Bond Lengths (Å) and Bond Angles (°) for Complexes **1** - **4**

<b>1</b>			
Cd(1)-O(2)#1	2.375(4)	Cd(1)-N(3)#2	2.251(5)
Cd(1)-O(3)	2.401(4)	Cd(1)-N(1)	2.266(5)
Cd(1)-O(1)#1	2.406(4)	Cd(1)-O(4)	2.300(4)
N(1)-Cd(1)-O(3)	87.78(17)	N(3)#2-Cd(1)-N(1)	100.96(19)
O(4)-Cd(1)-O(3)	55.44(15)	N(3)#2-Cd(1)-O(4)	134.77(18)
O(2)#1-Cd(1)-O(3)	142.57(14)	N(1)-Cd(1)-O(4)	102.16(17)
N(3)#2-Cd(1)-O(1)#1	87.65(17)	N(3)#2-Cd(1)-O(2)#1	128.20(17)
N(1)-Cd(1)-O(1)#1	145.37(17)	N(1)-Cd(1)-O(2)#1	94.95(17)
O(4)-Cd(1)-O(1)#1	94.63(15)	O(4)-Cd(1)-O(2)#1	87.67(16)
O(2)#1-Cd(1)-O(1)#1	55.36(15)	N(3)#2-Cd(1)-O(3)	87.42(17)
O(3)-Cd(1)-O(1)#1	126.37(16)		
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Cd(1)-O(1)	2.350(3)	Cd(1)-O(2)	2.1919(15)
Cd(1)-N(1)#3	2.281(4)		
O(2)#4-Cd(1)-O(2)	180.0	N(1)#5-Cd(1)-O(1)	91.02(13)
O(2)-Cd(1)-N(1)#3	91.21(11)	N(1)#3-Cd(1)-N(1)#5	180.0

O(2)-Cd(1)-N(1)#5	88.79(11)	O(2)-Cd(1)-O(1)	95.61(10)
O(2)#4-Cd(1)-O(1)	84.39(10)	O(1)-Cd(1)-O(1)#4	180.0
N(1)#3-Cd(1)-O(1)	88.98(13)		

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Cd(1)-N(3)#10	2.250(6)	Cd(1)-O(6)	2.266(5)
Cd(1)-O(3)	2.335(6)	Cd(1)-O(10)	2.368(5)
Cd(1)-O(2)	2.397(5)	Cd(1)-O(1)	2.532(5)
Cd(1)-O(4)	2.563(5)	Cd(2)-N(1)#6	2.235(6)
Cd(2)-N(7)#7	2.283(6)	Cd(2)-N(5)#8	2.320(7)
Cd(2)-O(7)#9	2.337(5)	Cd(2)-O(5)	2.390(5)
Cd(2)-O(7)	2.431(5)		
N(3)#10-Cd(1)-O(6)	93.6(2)	N(3)#10-Cd(1)-O(3)	142.7(2)
O(6)-Cd(1)-O(3)	81.1(2)	N(3)#10-Cd(1)-O(10)	92.6(2)
O(6)-Cd(1)-O(10)	168.1(2)	O(3)-Cd(1)-O(10)	87.9(2)
N(3)#10-Cd(1)-O(2)	85.4(2)	O(6)-Cd(1)-O(2)	105.2(2)
O(3)-Cd(1)-O(2)	131.72(19)	O(10)-Cd(1)-O(2)	85.43(18)
N(3)#10-Cd(1)-O(1)	136.9(2)	O(6)-Cd(1)-O(1)	87.79(19)
O(3)-Cd(1)-O(1)	80.06(18)	O(10)-Cd(1)-O(1)	94.58(18)
O(2)-Cd(1)-O(1)	53.04(17)	N(3)#10-Cd(1)-O(4)	89.9(2)
O(6)-Cd(1)-O(4)	86.1(2)	O(3)-Cd(1)-O(4)	53.04(18)
O(10)-Cd(1)-O(4)	83.76(19)	O(2)-Cd(1)-O(4)	168.01(18)
O(1)-Cd(1)-O(4)	133.08(18)	N(1)#6-Cd(2)-N(7)#7	177.8(2)
N(1)#6-Cd(2)-N(5)#8	95.9(2)	N(7)#7-Cd(2)-N(5)#8	82.5(2)
N(1)#6-Cd(2)-O(7)#9	96.8(2)	N(7)#7-Cd(2)-O(7)#9	85.3(2)
N(5)#9-Cd(2)-O(7)#9	120.3(2)	N(1)#6-Cd(2)-O(5)	89.9(2)
N(7)#7-Cd(2)-O(5)	88.4(2)	N(5)#8-Cd(2)-O(5)	81.5(2)
O(7)#9-Cd(2)-O(5)	156.11(19)	N(1)#6-Cd(2)-O(7)	88.6(2)
N(7)#7-Cd(2)-O(7)	92.6(2)	N(5)#8-Cd(2)-O(7)	164.3(2)
O(7)#9-Cd(2)-O(7)	73.81(17)	O(5)-Cd(2)-O(7)	83.51(19)

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Cd(1)-N(5)	2.283(3)	Cd(1)-N(7)#11	2.289(3)
Cd(1)-N(1)	2.331(3)	Cd(1)-N(3)#12	2.362(3)
Cd(1)-O(1)#13	2.441(3)		

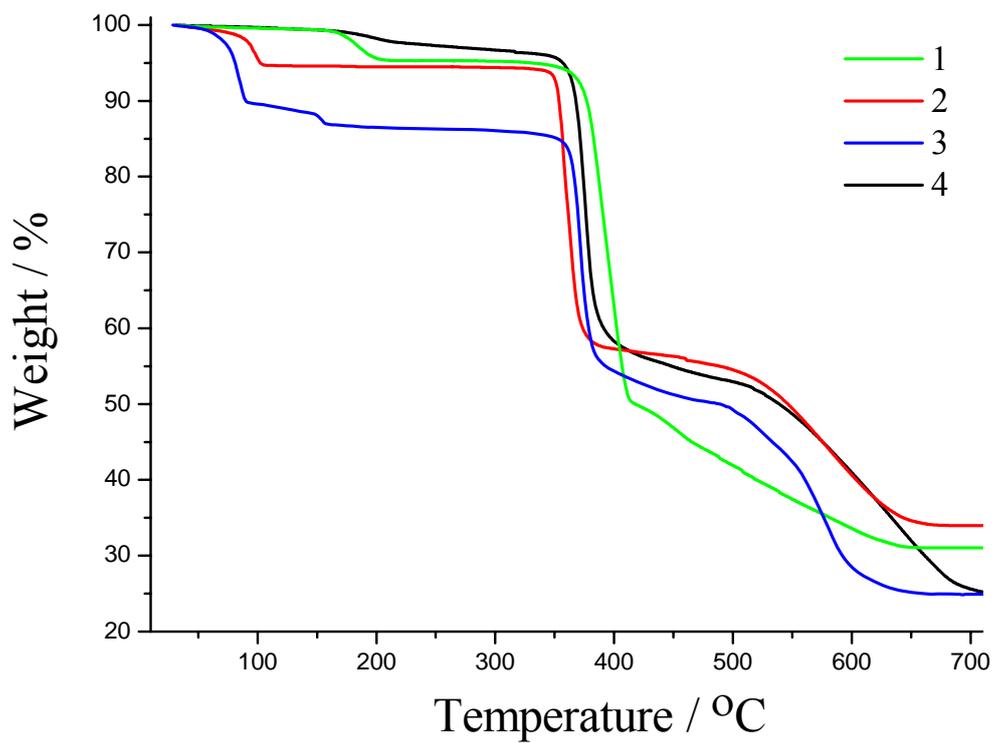
N(5)-Cd(1)-N(7)#11	97.46(11)	N(5)-Cd(1)-N(1)	146.96(11)
N(7)#11-Cd(1)-N(1)	95.94(10)	N(5)-Cd(1)-N(3)#12	85.32(12)
N(7)#11-Cd(1)-N(3)#12	173.18(11)	N(1)-Cd(1)-N(3)#12	84.87(11)
N(5)-Cd(1)-O(1)#13	133.56(10)	N(7)#11-Cd(1)-O(1)#13	81.81(10)
N(1)-Cd(1)-O(1)#13	78.23(10)	N(3)#12-Cd(1)-O(1)#13	91.76(11)

Symmetry transformations used to generate equivalent atoms: #1  $-x, y-1/2, -z+3/2$ ; #2  $x-1, y, z$ ; #3  $-x+5/2, -y+3/2, -z$ ; #4  $-x+2, -y+1, -z$ ; #5  $x-1/2, y-1/2, z$ ; #6  $-x+2, -y+1, -z$ ; #7  $-x+1, -y, -z+1$ ; #8  $-x+2, -y, -z+1$ ; #9  $-x+2, -y+1, -z+1$ ; #10  $x-1, y, z$ ; #11  $-x+1/2, y+1/2, -z+3/2$ ; #12  $x, -y, z+1/2$ ; #13  $-x, -y+1, -z+1$ .

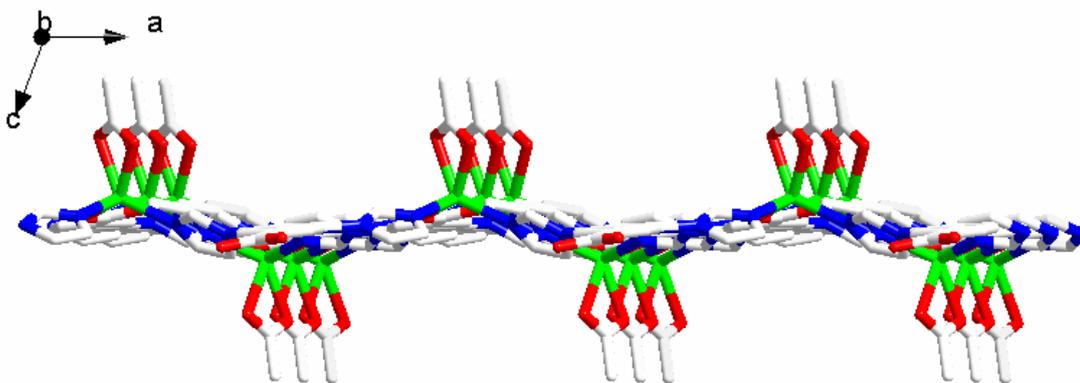
**Table S2** Hydrogen bonding distances (Å) and angles (°) for complexes **1-4**

D – H ... A / D ... A	<i>d</i> (D-H)	<i>d</i> (H ...A)	<i>d</i> (D ...A)	∠( D – H ... A)
<b>Complex 1</b>				
C10 - H10 ... O4#1	0.93	2.52	3.360(8)	150
C8 - H8 ... O3#2	0.93	2.49	3.272(9)	142
O5 ... O3#3			2.814	
O5 ... O1			2.912	
<b>Complex 2</b>				
C4 - H4A ... O3#4	0.93	2.42	3.348(7)	180
C6 - H6A ... O3#4	0.93	2.37	3.269(5)	161
O2 ... O3			2.535	
<b>Complex 3</b>				
C10 - H10 ... O7#5	0.93	2.59	3.198(11)	124
C10 - H10 ... O8#5	0.93	2.44	3.344(12)	166
C17 - H17 ... O12	0.93	2.47	3.344(11)	157
O4 ... O12#6			2.941	
O10 ... O3#7			2.765	
O10 ... O1#7			2.765	
O10 ... O14#8			2.784	
O5 ... O1			2.848	
O5 ... O13			2.986	
O2 ... O11			3.002	
O15 ... O4#9			2.832	
<b>Complex 4</b>				
C9 - H9 ... O5#10	0.93	2.49	3.385(5)	161
C10 - H10 ... O1#11	0.93	2.41	2.942(4)	117
C15 - H15 ... O5#12	0.93	2.38	3.296(5)	168
C20 - H20 ... O5#12	0.93	2.53	3.445(5)	168
C23 - H23 ... O2#11	0.93	2.58	3.161(5)	121
C25 - H25 ... O3#13	0.93	2.34	2.982(5)	126
C25 - H25 ... O4#13	0.93	2.45	3.267(5)	147
O5 ... O3#14			2.749	
O5 ... O4#12			2.910	

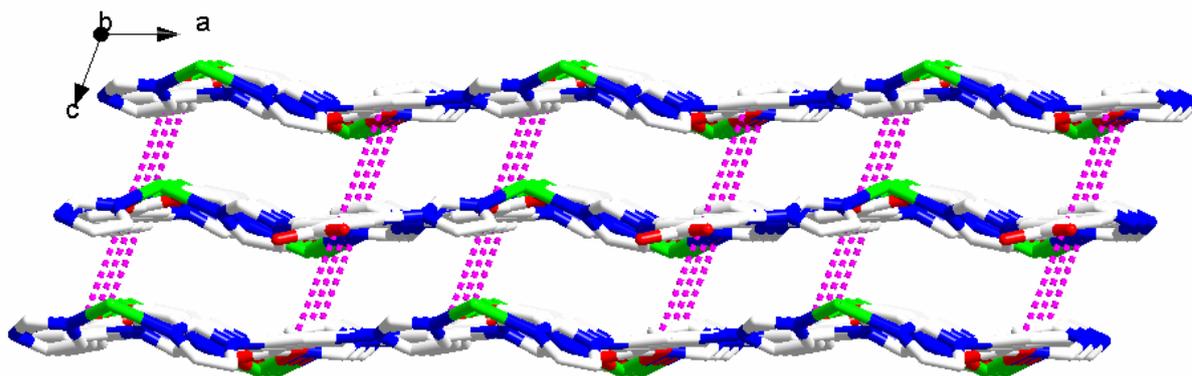
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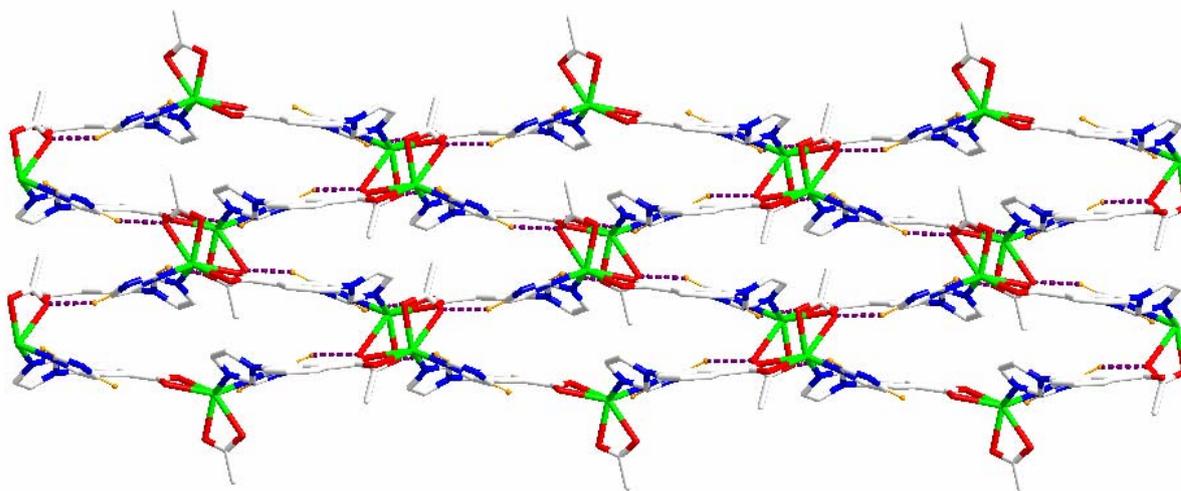
**Figure S1.** The TG curves of **1-4**.



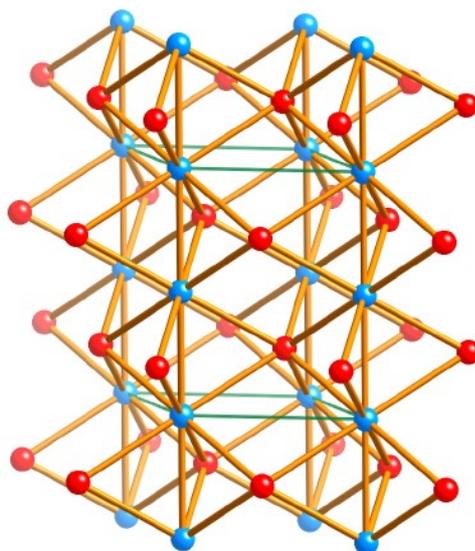
**Figure S2.** The acetate is alternating above and below the 2D plane in **1**.



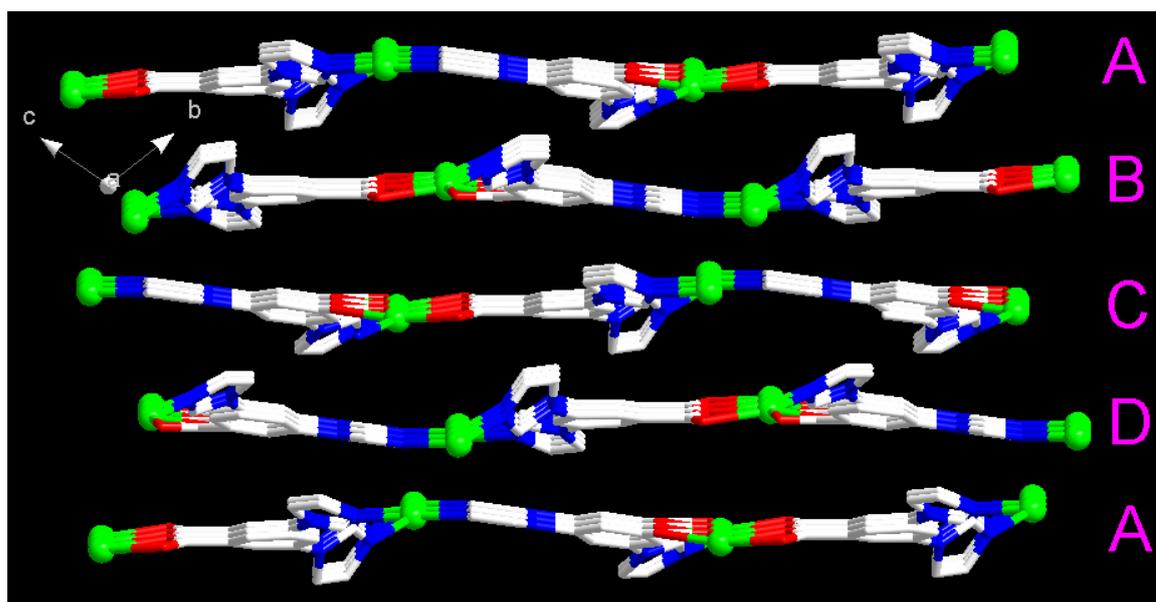
**Figure S3.** The  $\pi$ - $\pi$  interactions between the 2D layers in **1**.



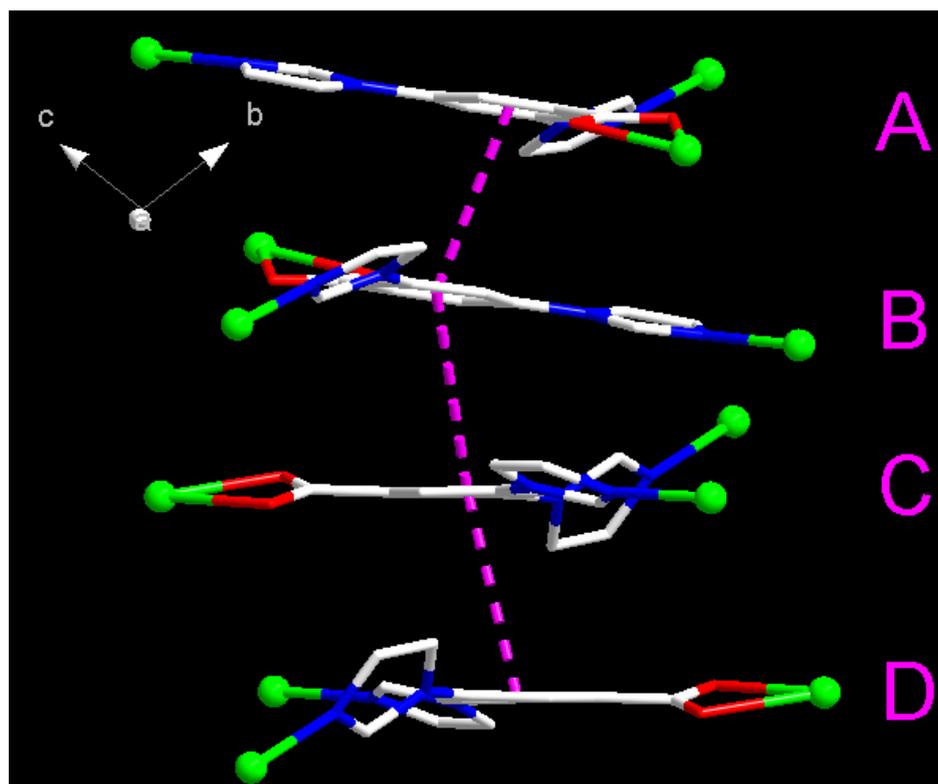
**Figure S4.** 3D packing diagram of **1**. The dashed lines represent of the hydrogen bonds.



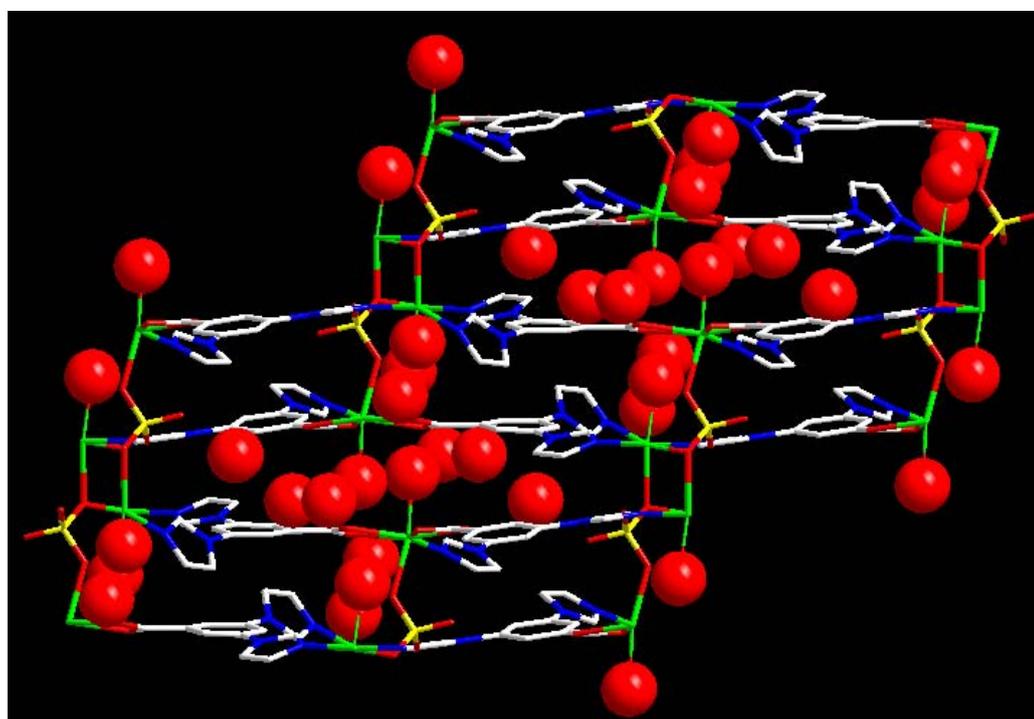
**Figure S5.** The (6,8)-connected **seh** net.



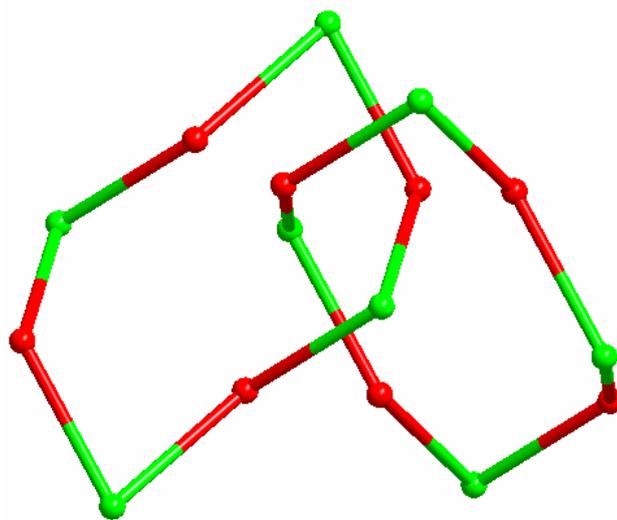
**Figure S6.** The packing diagram of 2D layers in **3**.



**Figure S7.** The schematic representation of  $\pi$ - $\pi$  interactions between the 2D layers in **3**.



**Figure S8.** The 3D structure of **3**. Red balls represent of the coordinated and uncoordinated water molecules.



**Figure S9.** The close-up view of self-penetrated rings in **4**.