

***Electronic Supplementary Information (ESI) for***

**An unusual uninodal 10-connected self-penetrating network built from  
sixteen-nuclear hybrid cadmium clusters**

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## Materials and Methods:

All reagents of A. R. grade employed were commercially available and used without further purification. C, H, and N elemental analyses were determined on an Elementar Vario EL III elemental analyzer. The FT-IR spectra (KBr pellets) were recorded on a Nicolet Avatar 360 FT-IR Spectrometer in the range of 4000–400  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ . Thermal stability studies were carried out on a NETSCHZ STA-449 C thermoanalyzer under nitrogen atmosphere (40–1000  $^{\circ}\text{C}$  range) at a heating rate of 10  $^{\circ}\text{C min}^{-1}$ . Powder X-ray diffraction (PXRD) pattern was measured on a Rigaku DMAX 2500 powder diffractometer at 40 kV and 100 mA using Cu-K $\alpha$  ( $\lambda = 1.54056 \text{ \AA}$ ), with a scan speed of 0.2 s/step and a step size of 0.02 $^{\circ}$ . The simulated powder pattern was calculated using single-crystal X-ray diffraction data and processed by the free Mercury 2.3 program provided by the Cambridge Crystallographic Data Centre. The solid-state fluorescence spectra were measured at room temperature using a Cary Eclipse fluorescence spectrophotometer. The excitation slit and emission slit both were 2.5 nm.

**Table S1.** Crystal data and structure refinements for **1**.

|                                      |                                                                          |
|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Empirical formula                    | $\text{Cd}_8\text{F}_3\text{S}_2\text{C}_{24}\text{N}_{35}\text{H}_{22}$ |
| Formula weight                       | 1821.09                                                                  |
| Temperature (K)                      | 293(2)                                                                   |
| Crystal system, Space group          | Tetragonal, $P4(2)/mnm$                                                  |
| Unit cell dimensions                 | $a = 17.8722(8) \text{ \AA}$                                             |
|                                      | $b = 17.8722(8) \text{ \AA}$                                             |
|                                      | $c = 14.3521(13) \text{ \AA}$                                            |
|                                      | $V = 4584.3(5) \text{ \AA}^3$                                            |
| Z, Density(cal.)                     | 4, 2.639 $\text{g/cm}^3$                                                 |
| Absorption coefficient               | 3.807 $\text{mm}^{-1}$                                                   |
| F(000)                               | 3416                                                                     |
| Crystal Size (mm)                    | 0.20 $\times$ 0.18 $\times$ 0.12                                         |
| Theta range for data collection      | 3.22 to 24.99                                                            |
| Limiting indices                     | $-21 \leq h \leq 21$ , $-21 \leq k \leq 21$ , $-17 \leq l \leq 11$       |
| Reflections collected / unique       | 27955 / 2208 [R(int) = 0.0406]                                           |
| Observed Reflection                  | 1625 ( $I > 2\sigma(I)$ )                                                |
| Data Completeness measured           | 0.996                                                                    |
| Refinement Method                    | Full-matrix least-squares on $F^2$                                       |
| Parameter/Restraints/Data(obs.)      | 2208 / 66 / 187                                                          |
| Goodness-of-fit                      | 1.068                                                                    |
| Final R indices ( $I > 2\sigma(I)$ ) | R1 = 0.0415, wR2 = 0.0881                                                |
| R indices (all)                      | R1 = 0.0628, wR2 = 0.0986                                                |
| Largest difference peak              | 2.514 and -1.512 $\text{e}^{-\text{A}^{-3}}$                             |

$$^a \text{R1} = \sum(|F_o| - |F_c|) / \sum|F_o|, \text{wR2} = [\sum w(F_o^2 - F_c^2)^2 / \sum w(F_o^2)^2]^{0.5}.$$

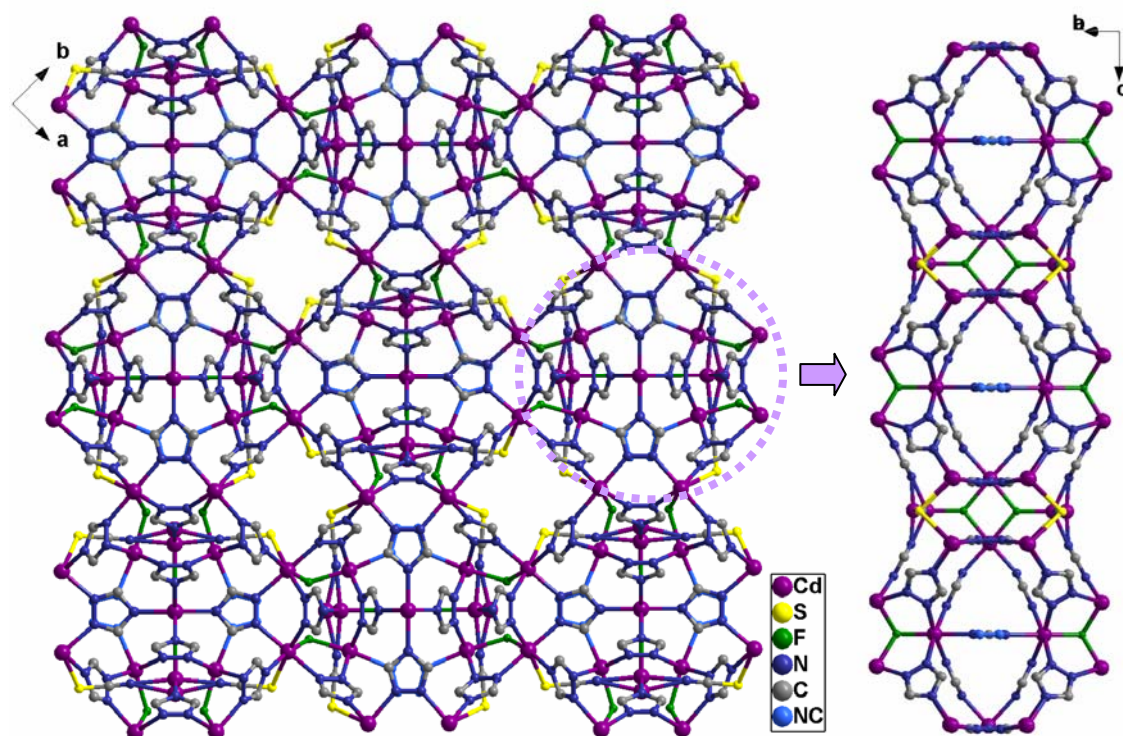
**Table S2.** Atomic coordinates ( $\times 10^4$ ) and equivalent isotropic displacement parameters ( $\text{\AA}^2 \times 10^3$ ) for **1**.

| atom   | <i>x</i> | <i>y</i>  | <i>z</i> | <i>U</i> (eq) |
|--------|----------|-----------|----------|---------------|
| Cd(1)  | 0        | 0         | 1301(1)  | 20(1)         |
| Cd(2)  | 3291(1)  | 1552(1)   | 1323(1)  | 22(1)         |
| Cd(3)  | 4610(1)  | 2883(1)   | 0        | 25(1)         |
| Cd(4)  | 1722(14) | -1722(14) | 0        | 27(1)         |
| Cd(4') | 1446(1)  | -1446(1)  | 0        | 27(1)         |
| S(1)   | 3703(2)  | 432(2)    | 0        | 47(1)         |
| F(1)   | 611(3)   | -611(3)   | 0        | 25(2)         |
| F(2)   | 3472(4)  | 2260(4)   | 0        | 34(2)         |
| C(1)   | -1165(5) | 359(6)    | 3059(7)  | 47(3)         |
| C(2)   | 1634(4)  | 813(4)    | 1181(6)  | 26(2)         |
| C(3)   | 5649(5)  | 2143(5)   | 1719(6)  | 35(2)         |
| C(4)   | 2996(8)  | -187(9)   | 0        | 44(4)         |
| C(5)   | 2379(6)  | -1554(5)  | -1893(7) | 47(3)         |
| C(6)   | 4936(5)  | 1441(5)   | 2448(6)  | 30(2)         |
| C(7)   | 6037(6)  | 3963(6)   | 0        | 47(4)         |
| C(8)   | 6539(6)  | 2963(6)   | 0        | 80(3)         |
| N(1)   | -624(4)  | 624(4)    | 2516(7)  | 32(3)         |
| N(2)   | -1249(4) | 717(4)    | 3852(5)  | 37(2)         |
| N(3)   | 886(3)   | 886(3)    | 1203(7)  | 24(2)         |
| N(4)   | 2491(7)  | -587(6)   | 0        | 42(3)         |
| N(5)   | 1998(4)  | 1458(4)   | 1167(5)  | 26(2)         |
| N(6)   | 4563(4)  | 1638(4)   | 1692(5)  | 31(2)         |
| N(7)   | 5036(4)  | 2105(4)   | 1215(5)  | 34(2)         |
| N(8)   | 5628(4)  | 1752(4)   | 2500(5)  | 34(2)         |
| N(9)   | 5871(6)  | 3323(6)   | 0        | 75(3)         |
| N(10)  | 6539(6)  | 2963(6)   | 0        | 80(3)         |
| N(11)  | 1809(5)  | -1809(5)  | -1368(7) | 38(3)         |
| N(12)  | 2478(4)  | -1934(4)  | -2661(5) | 37(2)         |

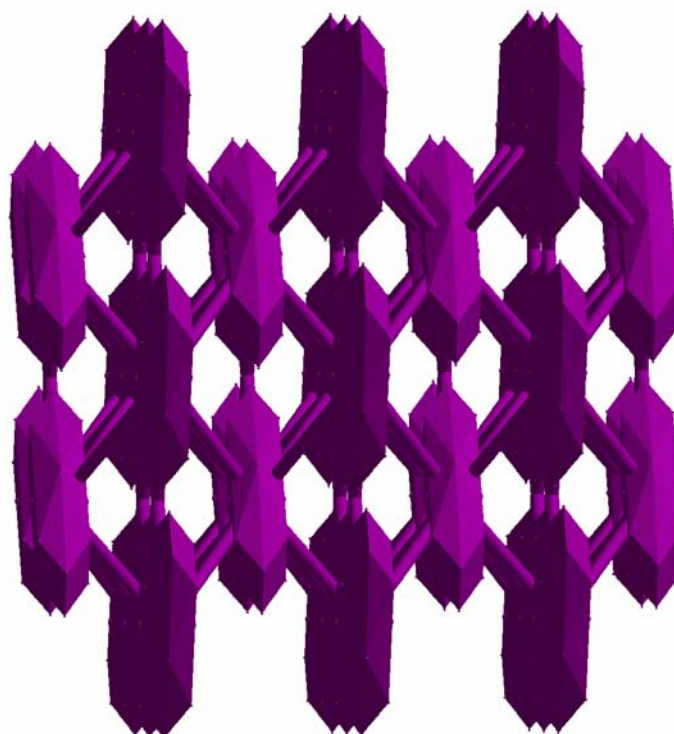
**Table S3.** Selected bond lengths (Å) and bond angles (°) for **1**.

|                      |           |                     |           |                      |            |
|----------------------|-----------|---------------------|-----------|----------------------|------------|
| Cd(1)-N(1)           | 2.353(10) | Cd(2)-F(2)          | 2.304(4)  | Cd(4)-N(11)          | 1.976(11)  |
| Cd(1)-N(3)           | 2.245(9)  | Cd(2)-S(1)          | 2.855(3)  | Cd(4')-N(4)          | 2.417(10)  |
| Cd(1)-F(1)           | 2.423(6)  | Cd(3)-N(2)#5        | 2.337(7)  | Cd(4')-N(11)         | 2.168(10)  |
| Cd(2)-N(5)           | 2.328(6)  | Cd(3)-N(7)          | 2.357(7)  | Cd(4')-F(1)          | 2.109(9)   |
| Cd(2)-N(6)           | 2.339(7)  | Cd(3)-F(2)          | 2.318(7)  | S(1)-C(4)            | 1.678(16)  |
| Cd(2)-N(8)#4         | 2.364(7)  | Cd(3)-N9            | 2.388(9)  | C(4)-N(4)            | 1.152(16)  |
| Cd(2)-N(12)#3        | 2.301(7)  | Cd(4)-N(4)          | 2.450(12) |                      |            |
|                      |           |                     |           |                      |            |
| N(3)#1-Cd(1)-N(3)    | 172.9(5)  | N(5)-Cd(2)-N(8)#4   | 89.2(2)   | N(7)-Cd(3)-N(9)      | 83.6(3)    |
| N(3)#1-Cd(1)-N(1)    | 92.65(19) | N(6)-Cd(2)-N(8)#4   | 85.2(2)   | N(11)-Cd(4)-N(11)#7  | 167(2)     |
| N(1)-Cd(1)-N(1)#1    | 84.3(5)   | N(12)#3-Cd(2)-S(1)  | 174.1(2)  | N(11)-Cd(4)-N(4)     | 91.20(13)  |
| N(3)-Cd(1)-F(1)      | 87.25(19) | F(2)-Cd(2)-S(1)     | 78.49(16) | N(4)#8-Cd(4)-N(4)    | 158.2(17)  |
| N(1)-Cd(1)-F(1)      | 177.5(3)  | N(5)-Cd(2)-S(1)     | 98.11(18) | F(1)-Cd(4')-N(11)    | 115.0(3)   |
| N(1)#1-Cd(1)-F(1)    | 98.3(3)   | N(6)-Cd(2)-S(1)     | 86.9(2)   | N(11)-Cd(4')-N(11)#7 | 129.9(6)   |
| F(1)-Cd(1)-F(1)#2    | 79.2(3)   | N(8)#4-Cd(2)-S(1)   | 89.6(2)   | F(1)-Cd(4')-N(4)     | 95.6(3)    |
| N(12)#3-Cd(2)-F(2)   | 97.7(2)   | F(2)-Cd(3)-N(2)#5   | 95.8(2)   | N(11)-Cd(4')-N(4)    | 87.63(13)  |
| N(12)#3-Cd(2)-N(5)   | 86.7(2)   | N(2)#5-Cd(3)-N(2)#6 | 89.6(4)   | N(4)#8-Cd(4')-N(4)   | 168.8(6)   |
| F(2)-Cd(2)-N(5)      | 95.7(2)   | F(2)-Cd(3)-N(7)     | 90.0(2)   | Cd(2)-S(1)-Cd(2)#7   | 105.5(4)   |
| N(12)#3-Cd(2)-N(6)   | 88.7(3)   | N(2)#5-Cd(3)-N(7)   | 87.2(3)   | Cd(4')-F(1)-Cd(1)    | 129.62(16) |
| F(2)-Cd(2)-N(6)      | 90.8(2)   | N(2)#6-Cd(3)-N(7)   | 173.6(3)  | Cd(1)#2-F(1)-Cd(1)   | 100.8(3)   |
| N(5)-Cd(2)-N(6)      | 172.5(2)  | N(7)-Cd(3)-N(7)#7   | 95.5(4)   | Cd(3)-F(2)-Cd(2)     | 112.75(19) |
| N(12)#3-Cd(2)-N(8)#4 | 93.9(3)   | F(2)-Cd(3)-N(9)     | 170.5(3)  | Cd(2)#7-F(2)-Cd(2)   | 111.0(3)   |
| F(2)-Cd(2)-N(8)#4    | 167.7(2)  | N(2)#6-Cd(3)-N(9)   | 90.9(3)   |                      |            |

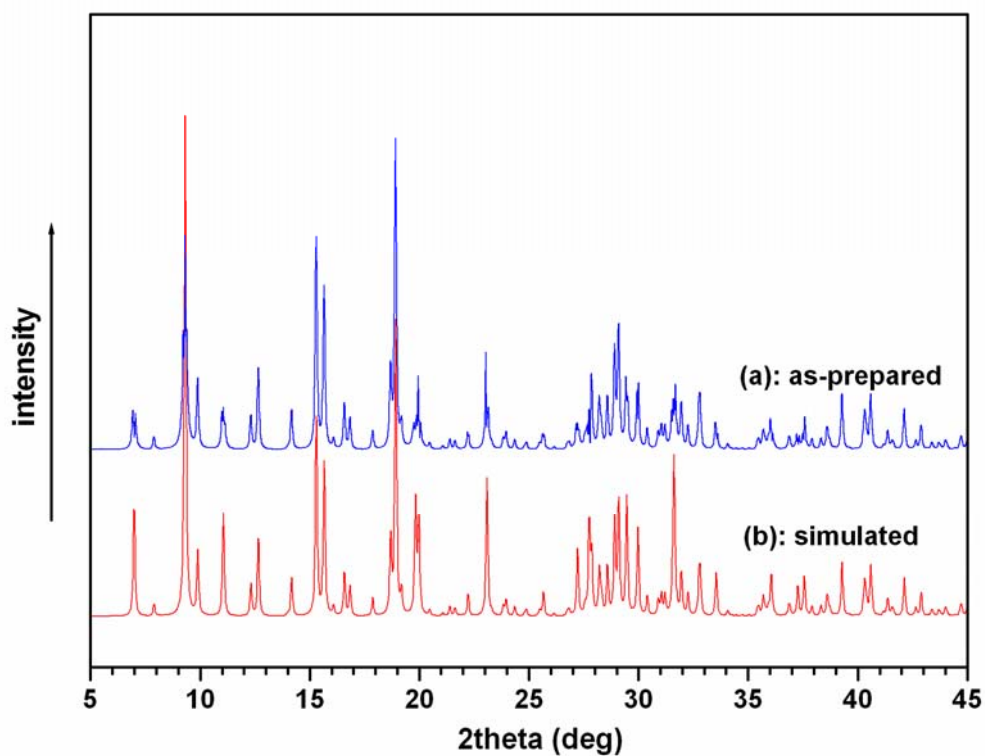
Symmetry transformations used to generate equivalent atoms: #1  $-x, -y, z$ ; #2  $-x, -y, -z$ ; #3  $y + 1/2, -x + 1/2, z + 1/2$ ; #4  $-y + 1/2, x - 1/2, -z + 1/2$ ; #5  $-y + 1/2, x + 1/2, -z + 1/2$ ; #6  $-y + 1/2, x + 1/2, z - 1/2$ ; #7  $x, y, -z$ ; #8  $-y, -x, z$ .



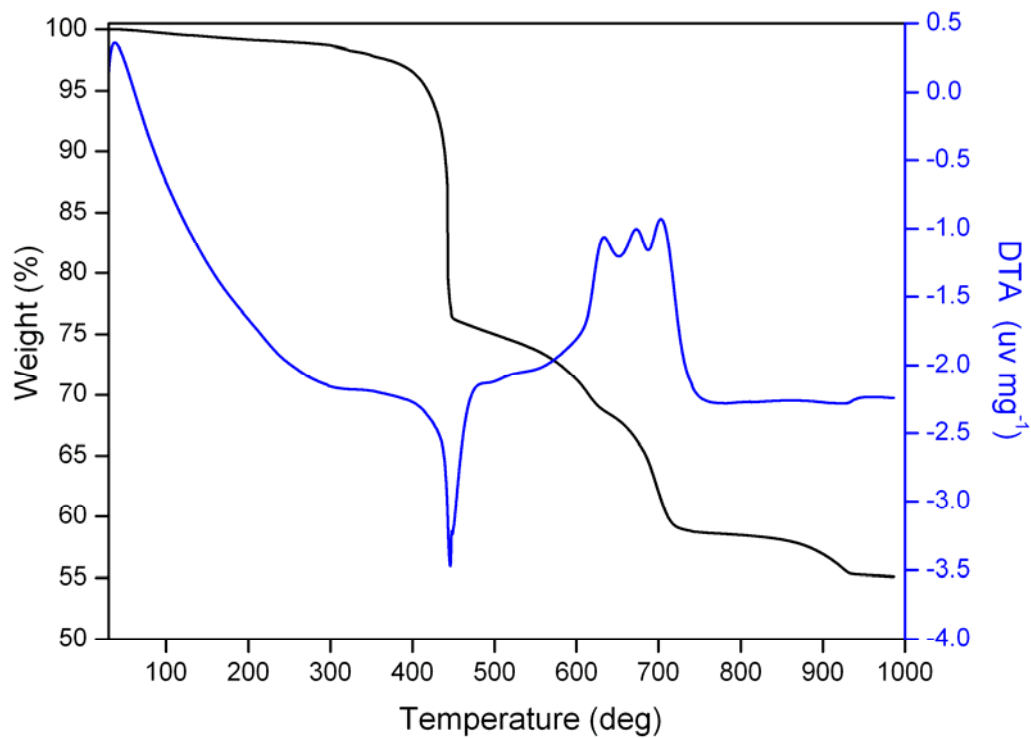
**Fig. S1** The complicated 3D framework of **1** viewed from the *c*-axis direction.



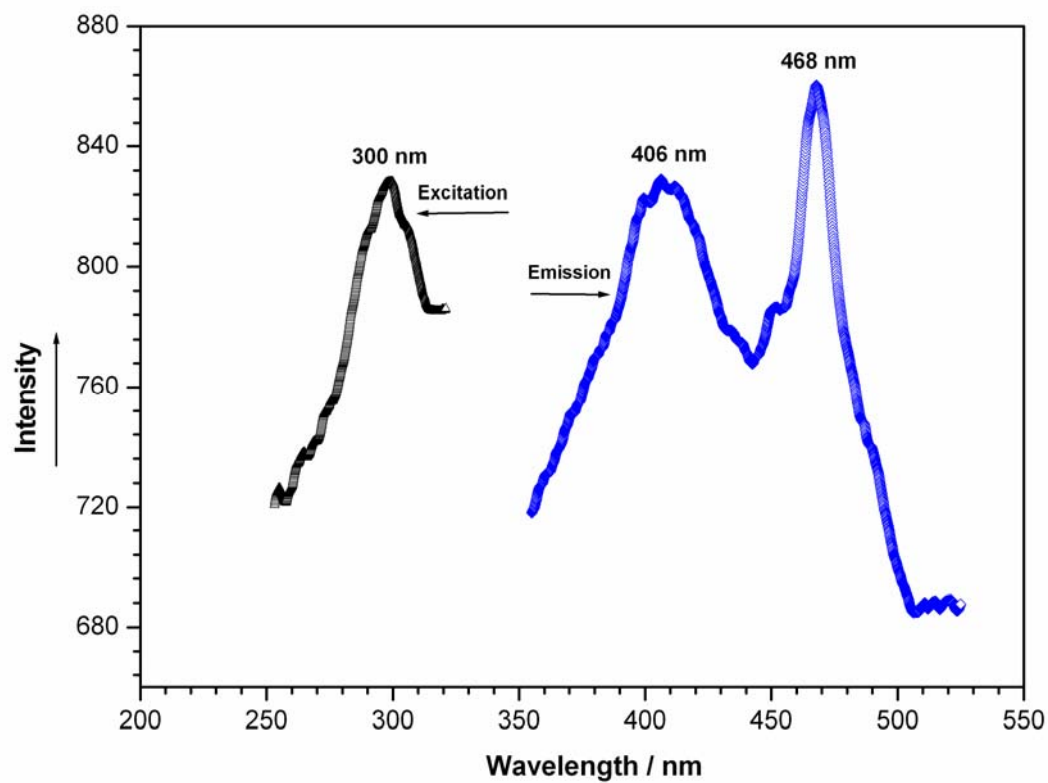
**Fig. S2** The polyhedral demonstration of the 10-connected topological net of **1**.



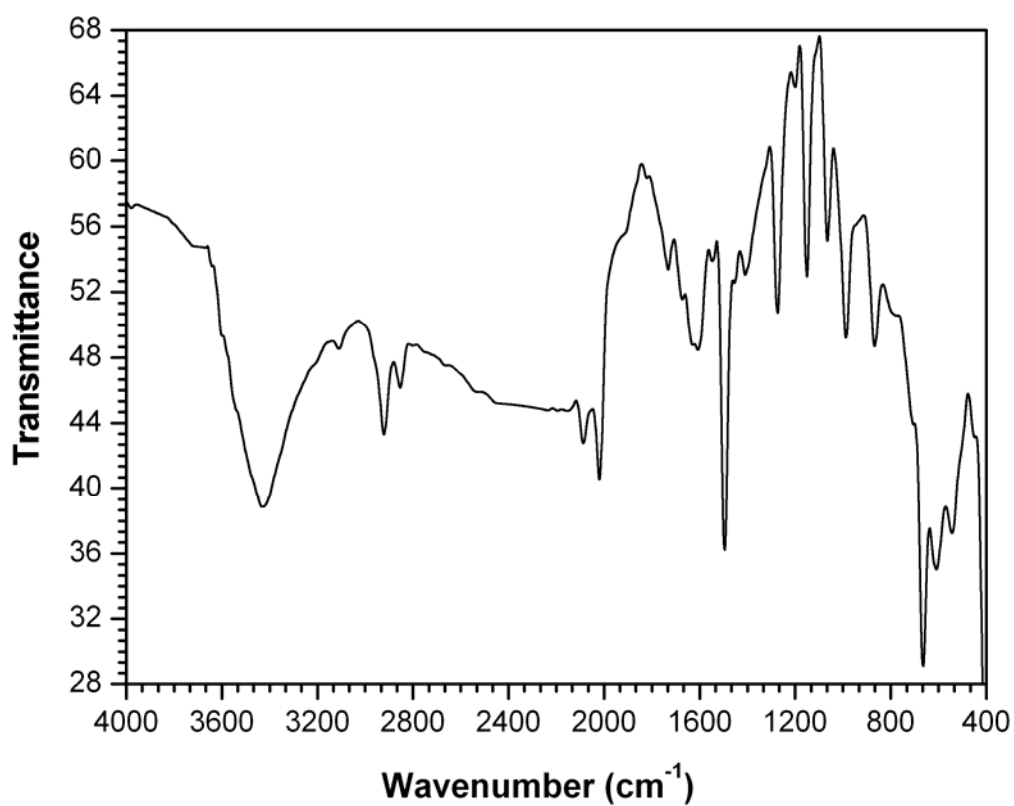
**Fig. S3** PXRD patterns for compound **1**.



**Fig. S4** TG/DTA curves of compound **1**.



**Fig. S5** Solid state excitation and emission spectra of **1** at room temperature.



**Fig. S6** FT-IR spectrum for **1**.