## **Supporting information**

#### for

# Hydrogen bonding interactions and supramolecular networks of pyridine-aryl based thiosemicarbazides and their Zn(II) complexes

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#### Thermal stability of [Zn(1)<sub>2</sub>]·DMF 6

Thermal gravimetric analysis (TGA) was performed on red coloured crystalline  $[Zn(1)_2]$ ·DMF **6**. Thermogram showed a gradual weight loss ~10% (20- 220°C)<sup>1-4</sup> which corresponds to the loss of N,N-dimethyl formamide (DMF) from the pores of the crystalline **6**. The sharp weight loss from 220-350°C most likely corresponds to the decomposition or partial sublimation of the Zn(II) complex. Further third sharp weight loss was observed in a range of 450-720°C and is probably due to the complete decomposition of the complex **6** yielding Zinc oxide as a white solid. Both the sharp peaks attributes to the rest of the weight loss of the zinc complex **6**.



Fig S1: Thermal stability and thermogravimetric analysis (TGA) data for [Zn(1)2]-DMF, 6 recorded in a nitrogen atmosphere.



Fig S2: Thermal stability and derivative thermogravimetric analysis (DTGA) data for [Zn(1)2]·DMF, 6.

## UV-Vis spectroscopic studies of Zn(II) complex 6 .

The spectroscopic studies of receptors 6 was carried out in acetonitrile using  $1 \times 10^{-5}$  M solution in the cell.



Fig S3: Absorption spectra of Zn(II) complex  $[Zn(1)_2]$ ·DMF 6 in CH<sub>3</sub>CN.



#### Packing diagram of 1-4

Fig S4: Packing diagram of thiourea 1 (view along c axis).



Fig S5: Packing diagram of  $\mathbf{2}$  (view along axis a).



Fig S6: Packing diagram of **3**. (view along axis a)



Fig S7: Packing diagram of thiourea 4 (view along c axis).

| Bond length    |            | Bond angle        |           |  |
|----------------|------------|-------------------|-----------|--|
| Zinc complex 6 |            |                   |           |  |
| Zn(1)-N(2)     | 1.9969(14) | N(2)-Zn(1)-S(1)   | 86.73(4)  |  |
| Zn(1)-S(1)     | 2.2991(4)  | N(2)#1-Zn(1)-S(1) | 121.79(4) |  |
|                |            | S(1)#1-Zn(1)-S(1) | 124.18(2) |  |
|                | Zin        | c complex 7       |           |  |
| Zn(1)-N(2)     | 1.9969(14) | N(2)-Zn(1)-S(1)   | 86.73(4)  |  |
| Zn(1)-S(1)     | 2.2991(4)  | N(2)#1-Zn(1)-S(1) | 121.79(4) |  |
|                |            | S(1)#1-Zn(1)-S(1) | 124.18(2) |  |

## Table S1: Selected bond lengths $[{\rm \AA}]$ and bond angles $[^{\circ}]$ of 6 and 7

#### Void analysis of 6 and 7

| Table S2: Calculated values of cavity volume | s for contact surface of [Zn(1) <sub>2</sub> ] <sup>*</sup> | <sup>4</sup> and [Zn(5) <sub>2</sub> ] |
|--|---|--|
|--|---|--|

| Void volume ( $Å^3$ ) |
|-----------------------|
|                       |
| 261.11 (8.2)          |
| 323.78 (10.1)         |
| 354.73 (11.1)         |
| 383.55 (12.0)         |
| 462.45 (14.5)         |
| 487.42 (15.3)         |
|                       |

<sup>a</sup> Squeeze command was used to remove the disordered DMF.

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