

## Supplementary Materials

### **Structure-directing roles of auxiliary carboxylate ligands in the formation of Zn(II) and Cd(II) coordination polymers based on a flexible *N,N'*-di(3-pyridyl)dodecanedioamide**

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**Table S1.** Crystal data for complexes **1 – 5**

compound	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>
formula	C <sub>29</sub> H <sub>35</sub> N <sub>5</sub> O <sub>7</sub> Zn	C <sub>31</sub> H <sub>38</sub> N <sub>4</sub> O <sub>10</sub> Zn	C <sub>40</sub> H <sub>48</sub> N <sub>7</sub> O <sub>7</sub> Zn	C <sub>41</sub> H <sub>49</sub> CdN <sub>6</sub> O <sub>8</sub>	C <sub>42</sub> H <sub>53</sub> CdN <sub>6</sub> O <sub>11</sub>
fw	630.99	692.02	804.22	866.26	930.30
crystal system	Monoclinic	Triclinic	Triclinic	Monoclinic	Triclinic
space group	<i>P2<sub>1</sub>/n</i>	<i>P</i> $\bar{1}$	<i>P</i> $\bar{1}$	<i>P2<sub>1</sub>/n</i>	<i>P</i> $\bar{1}$
a, Å	19.6517(17)	9.482(2)	7.7047(8)	11.9409(1)	9.7935(4)
b, Å	5.9639(5)	11.424(3)	8.9034(11)	8.7538(1)	12.1729(6)
c, Å	26.919(3)	15.607(4)	29.447(4)	38.6259(4)	18.9627(9)
$\alpha$ , °	90	89.33(2)	89.256(12)	90	78.802(3)
$\beta$ , °	105.210(7)	81.068(13)	89.387(10)	95.216(1)	89.871(3)
$\gamma$ , °	90	78.376(16)	71.385(10)	90	70.511(3)
V, Å <sup>3</sup>	3044.4(5)	1635.5(7)	1914.1(4)	4020.78(7)	2085.76(17)
Z	4	2	2	4	2
D <sub>calc</sub> , g/cm <sup>3</sup>	1.377	1.405	1.395	1.431	1.481
F(000)	1320	724	846	1796	966
$\mu$ (Mo K $\alpha$ ), mm <sup>-1</sup>	0.859	0.812	0.702	0.603	0.592
range(2 $\theta$ ) for data collection, deg	4.30 ≤ 2 $\theta$ ≤ 50.00	5.28 ≤ 2 $\theta$ ≤ 58.20	4.16 ≤ 2 $\theta$ ≤ 50.00	3.50 ≤ 2 $\theta$ ≤ 56.58	3.62 ≤ 2 $\theta$ ≤ 56.68
independent reflections	5321 [R(int) = 0.0787]	7509 [R(int) = 0.0355]	6701 [R(int) = 0.0357]	9987 [R(int) = 0.0963]	10282 [R(int) = 0.0547]
data / restraints / parameters	5321 / 0 / 396	7509 / 0 / 418	6701 / 0 / 496	9987 / 0 / 505	10282 / 0 / 561
quality-of-fit indicator <sup>c</sup>	1.051	1.013	1.044	1.002	1.050
final R indices [I > 2 $\sigma$ (I)] <sup>a,b</sup>	R1 = 0.0337, wR2 = 0.0815	R1 = 0.0405, wR2 = 0.0740	R1 = 0.0433, wR2 = 0.1110	R1 = 0.0529, wR2 = 0.0873	R1 = 0.0404, wR2 = 0.0783
R indices (all data)	R1 = 0.0480, wR2 = 0.0873	R1 = 0.0754, wR2 = 0.0773	R1 = 0.0533, wR2 = 0.1179	R1 = 0.1142, wR2 = 0.1027	R1 = 0.0599, wR2 = 0.0857

<sup>a</sup>R<sub>1</sub> =  $\sum(|F_o| - |F_c|) / \sum|F_o|$ . <sup>b</sup>wR<sub>2</sub> =  $[\sum w(F_o^2 - F_c^2)^2 / \sum w(F_o^2)^2]^{1/2}$ . w = 1 / [ $\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (ap)^2 + (bp)$ ], p = [max(F<sub>o</sub><sup>2</sup> or 0) + 2(F<sub>c</sub><sup>2</sup>)] / 3. a = 0.0393, b = 1.6958, **1**; a = 0.0255, b = 0.0000, **2**; a = 0.0577, b = 1.3771, **3**; a = 0.0359, b = 0.0000, **4**; a = 0.0346, b = 0.4081, **5**. <sup>c</sup>quality-of-fit =  $[\sum w(|F_o^2| - |F_c^2|)^2 / (N_{\text{observed}} - N_{\text{parameters}})]^{1/2}$ .

**Table S2.** Selected bond distances (Å) and angles (°) for **1 – 5**.

<b>1</b>			
<i>Bond distances</i>			
Zn-N(1)	2.150(2)	Zn-O(1)	2.154(2)
Zn-N(2)	2.102(2)	Zn-O(2A)	2.089(2)
Zn-N(5B)	2.165(2)	Zn-O(7)	2.136(2)
<i>Bond angles</i>			
N(1)-Zn-N(5B)	94.48(7)	N(1)-Zn-O(1)	76.16(6)
N(2)-Zn-N(1)	169.23(7)	N(2)-Zn-N(5B)	87.43(7)
N(2)-Zn-O(1)	93.12(6)	N(2)-Zn-O(7)	87.75(7)
O(1)-Zn-N(5B)	95.54(7)	O(2A)-Zn-N(1)	89.31(6)
O(2A)-Zn-N(2)	101.20(6)	O(2A)-Zn-N(5B)	92.60(8)
O(2A)-Zn-O(1)	163.83(6)	O(2A)-Zn-O(7)	85.22(7)
O(7)-Zn-N(1)	90.85(7)	O(7)-Zn-N(5B)	174.22(7)
O(7)-Zn-O(1)	87.90(7)		
<b>2</b>			
<i>Bond distances</i>			
Zn-N(1)	2.086(2)	Zn-O(3)	1.936(2)
Zn-N(4B)	2.036(2)	Zn-O(5A)	1.943(2)
<i>Bond angles</i>			
N(4B)-Zn-N(1)	95.53(9)	O(3)-Zn-N(1)	105.37(8)
O(3)-Zn-N(4B)	126.49(8)	O(3)-Zn-O(5A)	119.31(7)
O(5A)-Zn-N(1)	102.27(8)	O(5A)-Zn-N(4B)	102.73(7)
<b>3</b>			
<i>Bond distances</i>			
Zn-N(1)	2.042(2)	Zn-O(5B)	1.938(2)
Zn-N(7)	2.076(2)	Zn-O(6A)	1.924(2)
<i>Bond angles</i>			
N(1)-Zn-N(7)	96.73(9)	O(6A)-Zn-N(1)	101.71(9)
O(5B)-Zn-N(1)	121.43(11)	O(6A)-Zn-O(5B)	123.90(11)
O(5B)-Zn-N(7)	96.60(9)	O(6A)-Zn-N(7)	113.18(8)
<b>4</b>			
<i>Bond distances</i>			
Cd-N(1)	2.336(3)	Cd-N(4A)	2.300(3)
Cd-O(3)	2.336(2)	Cd-O(4)	2.523(2)
Cd-O(5B)	2.352(2)	Cd-O(6B)	2.455(2)
Cd-O(8)	2.383(2)		
<i>Bond angles</i>			

**Table S2.** Selected bond distances (Å) and angles (°) for **1 – 5**. (cont.)

N(1)-Cd-O(4)	88.92(9)	N(1)-Cd-O(5B)	90.27(9)
N(1)-Cd-O(6B)	90.94(10)	N(1)-Cd-O(8)	174.72(8)
N(4A)-Cd-N(1)	96.20(10)	N(4A)-Cd-O(3)	135.04(9)
N(4A)-Cd-O(4)	83.80(8)	N(4A)-Cd-O(5B)	138.01(8)
N(4A)-Cd-O(6B)	84.69(9)	N(4A)-Cd-O(8)	86.54(9)
O(3)-Cd-N(1)	96.04(9)	O(3)-Cd-O(4)	53.40(8)
O(3)-Cd-O(5B)	84.92(8)	O(3)-Cd-O(6B)	138.07(8)
O(3)-Cd-O(8)	78.88(8)	O(5B)-Cd-O(4)	137.93(7)
O(5B)-Cd-O(6B)	53.67(8)	O(5B)-Cd-O(8)	90.69(8)
O(6B)-Cd-O(4)	168.40(8)	O(8)-Cd-O(4)	86.89(8)
O(8)-Cd-O(6B)	93.81(9)		

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*Bond distances*

Cd-N(1)	2.415(2)	Cd-N(5)	2.314(2)
Cd-O(4)	2.339(2)	Cd-O(5)	2.428(2)
Cd-O(5B)	2.479(2)	Cd-O(8A)	2.381(2)
Cd-O(9A)	2.359(2)		

*Bond angles*

N(1)-Cd-O(5)	107.76(6)	N(1)-Cd-O(5B)	168.89(6)
N(5)-Cd-N(1)	85.60(7)	N(5)-Cd-O(4)	135.75(7)
N(5)-Cd-O(5)	89.00(7)	N(5)-Cd-O(5B)	83.89(6)
N(5)-Cd-O(8A)	143.14(7)	N(5)-Cd-O(9A)	91.21(7)
O(4)-Cd-N(1)	82.73(7)	O(4)-Cd-O(5)	55.08(6)
O(4)-Cd-O(5B)	107.39(6)	O(4)-Cd-O(8A)	81.11(6)
O(4)-Cd-O(9A)	128.66(6)	O(5)-Cd-O(5B)	75.68(6)
O(8A)-Cd-N(1)	102.86(7)	O(8A)-Cd-O(5)	120.93(6)
O(8A)-Cd-O(5B)	83.61(6)	O(9A)-Cd-N(1)	81.75(7)
O(9A)-Cd-O(5)	170.48(6)	O(9A)-Cd-O(5B)	94.88(6)
O(9A)-Cd-O(8A)	55.61(6)		

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Symmetry transformations used to generate equivalent atoms:

(A)  $x, y-1, z$ ; (B)  $-x+7/2, y-5/2, -z+5/2$  for **1**; (A)  $x-1, y, z$ ; (B)  $x-2, y, z$  for **2**; (A)

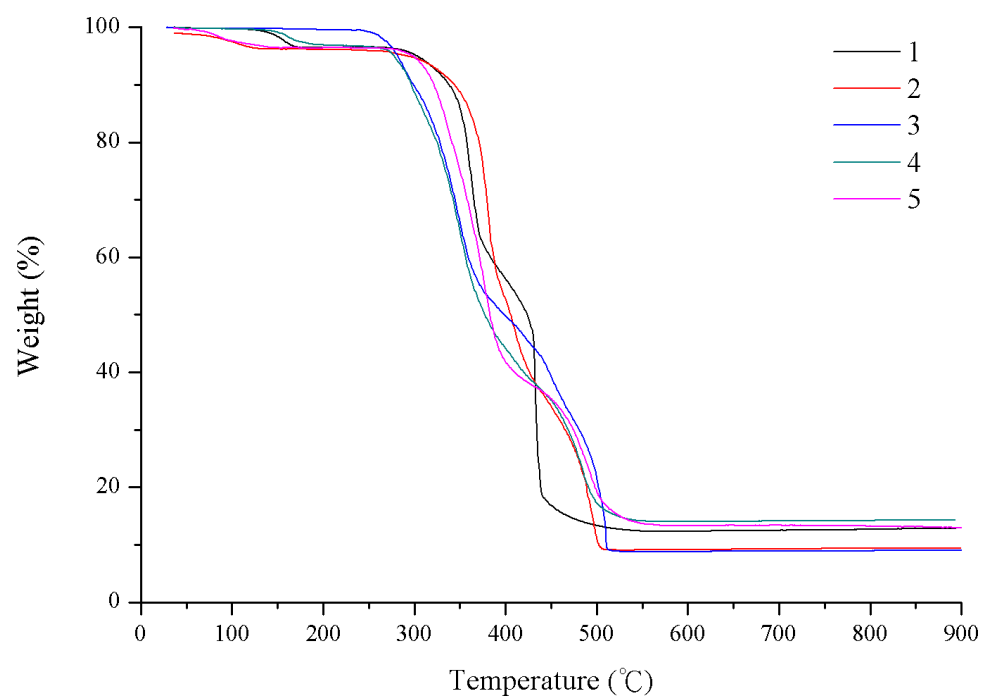
$-x+1, -y+1, -z$ ; (B)  $x-1, y, z$  for **3**; (A)  $-x+2, -y-3, -z$ ; (B)  $-x+1/2, y-1/2, -z+1/2$  for **4**; (A)

$x-1, y, z$ ; (B)  $-x+2, -y+1, -z-1$  for **5**.

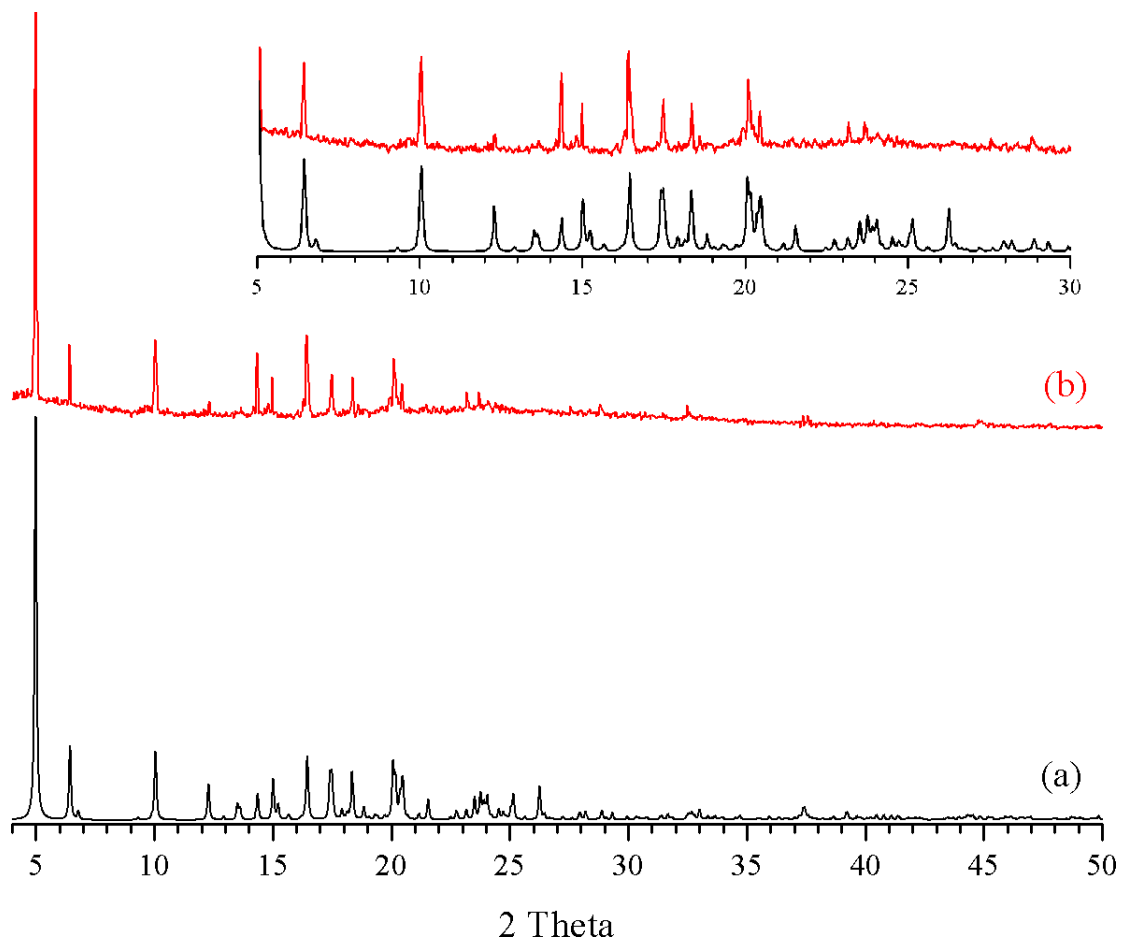
**Table S3.** Ligand conformations and corresponding angles for complexes  
**1 – 5.**

pound	Torsion angle (°)	Conformation	Dihedral angle (°)
<b>1</b>	175.8, 173.6, 178.5, 176.4,	AAAAAAAAAA	76.1
	176.9, 177.5, 175.8, 175.9, 174.4	trans	
<b>2</b>	-174.0, 170.9, -170.6, 171.0,	AAAAGAAAA	86.4
	76.4, -175.0, -170.1, -167.3, -163.1	trans	
<b>3</b>	-177.1, -177.8, 179.3, -179.8,	AAAAAAAAAA	14.2
	179.6, -179.2, 179.2, -177.4, -179.2	trans	
<b>4</b>	178.8, 176.9, 179.5, 179.2,	AAAAAAAAAA	0
	-180.0, -179.2, 179.5, -176.9, -178.8	trans	
<b>4</b>	178.4, 177.7, -178.8, -177.2,	AAAAAAAAAA	63.1
	178.7, -176.4, -177.7, 176.0, 176.3	trans	
<b>5</b>	-178.5, 177.0, 178.4, 179.5,	AAAAAAAAAA	0
	180.0, -179.5, -178.4, -177.0, 178.5	trans	
<b>5</b>	176.6, 176.4, 178.8, 176.9,	AAAAAAAGA	77.1
	-179.1, -178.6, -168.7, -65.1, -173.5	trans	
<b>5</b>	166.8, 179.4, -172.9, -60.3,	AAAGAGAAA	0
	-180.0, 60.3, 172.9, -179.4, -166.8	trans	

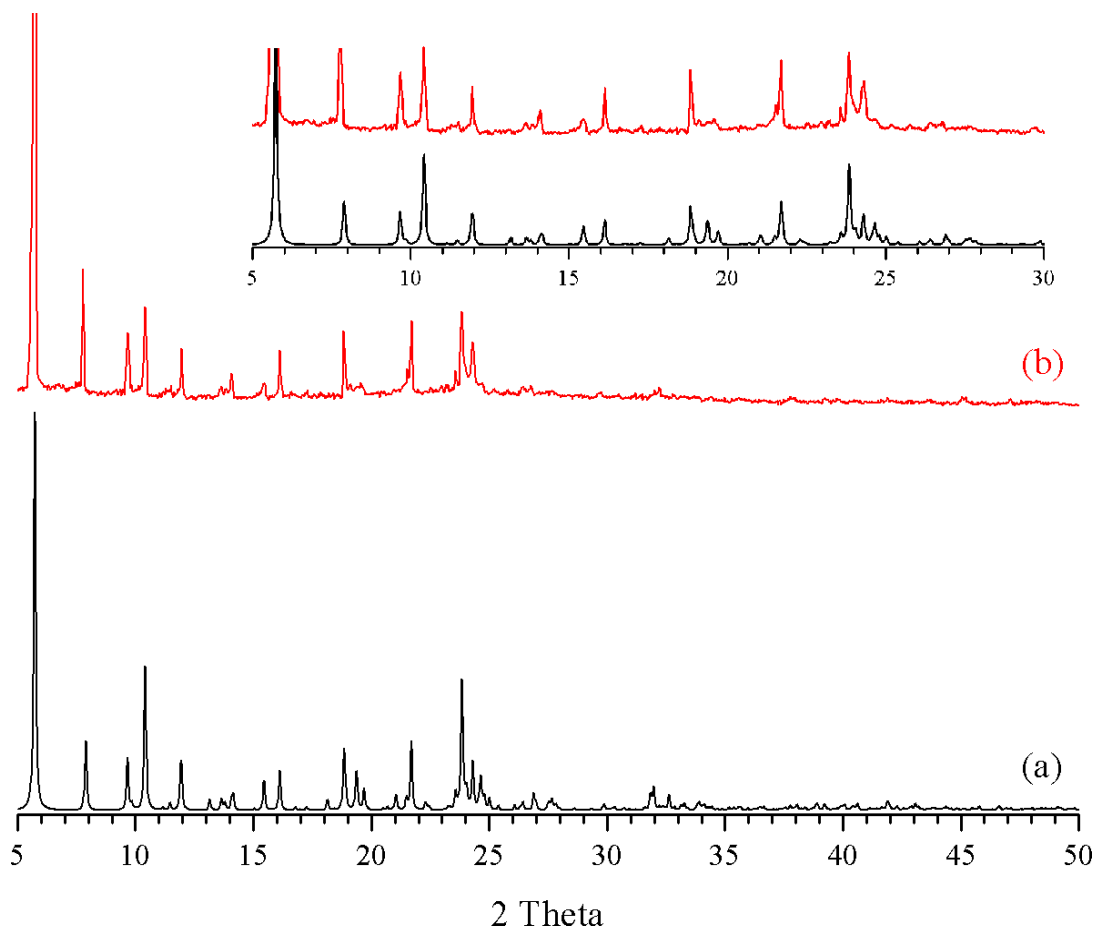
**Figure S1.** TGA curves for complexes **1** – **5**.



**Figure S2.** The PXRD patterns of (a) simulated single-crystal X-ray data of compound **1**, (b) bulk materials as synthesized for compound **1**.

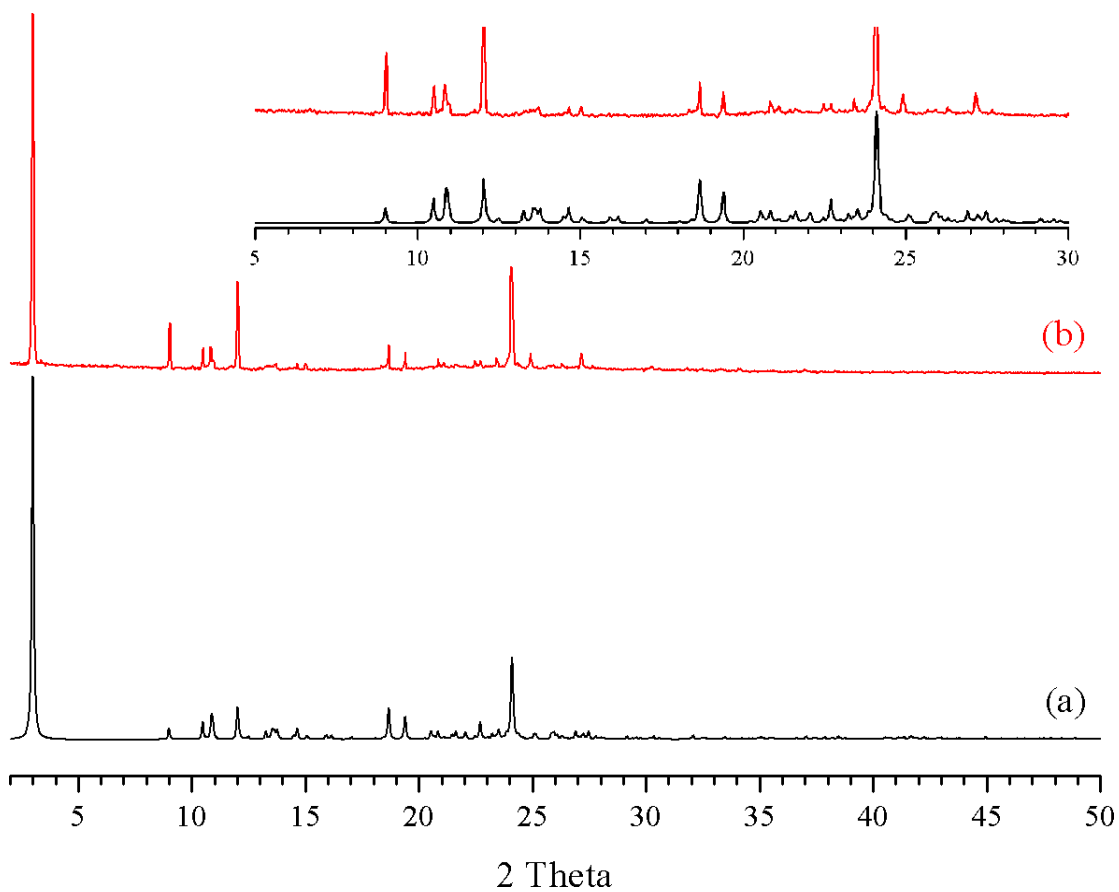


**Figure S3.** The PXRD patterns of (a) simulated single-crystal X-ray data of compound **2**, (b) bulk materials as synthesized for compound **2**.

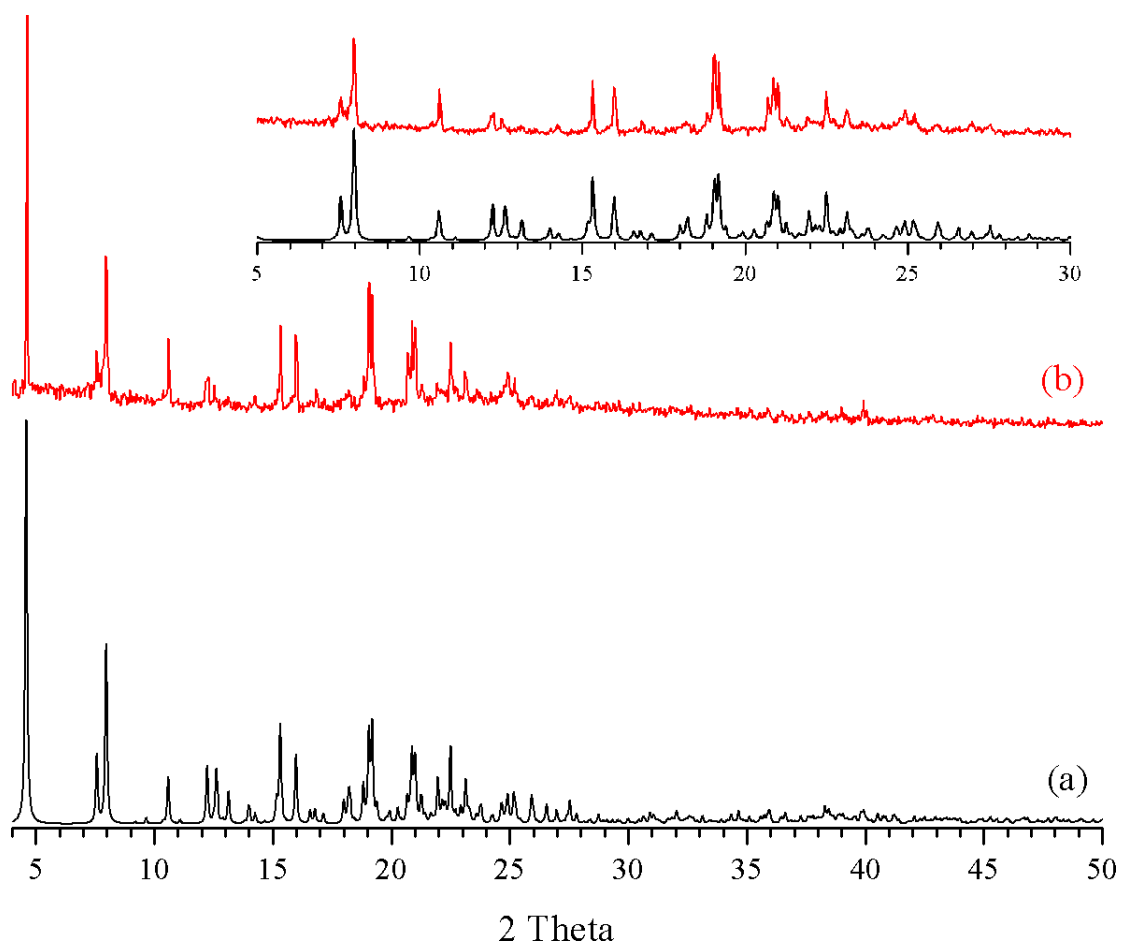




**Figure S4.** The PXRD patterns of (a) simulated single-crystal X-ray data of compound **3**, (b) bulk materials as synthesized for compound **3**.



**Figure S5.** The PXRD patterns of (a) simulated single-crystal X-ray data of compound **4**, (b) bulk materials as synthesized for compound **4**.



**Figure S6.** The PXRD patterns of (a) simulated single-crystal X-ray data of compound **5**, (b) bulk materials as synthesized for compound **5**.

