

Supporting Information

In Situ Generation of Functionality in a Reactive Binicotinic-Acid-Based Ligand for the Design of Multi-Functional Copper (II) Complexes: Syntheses, Structures and Properties

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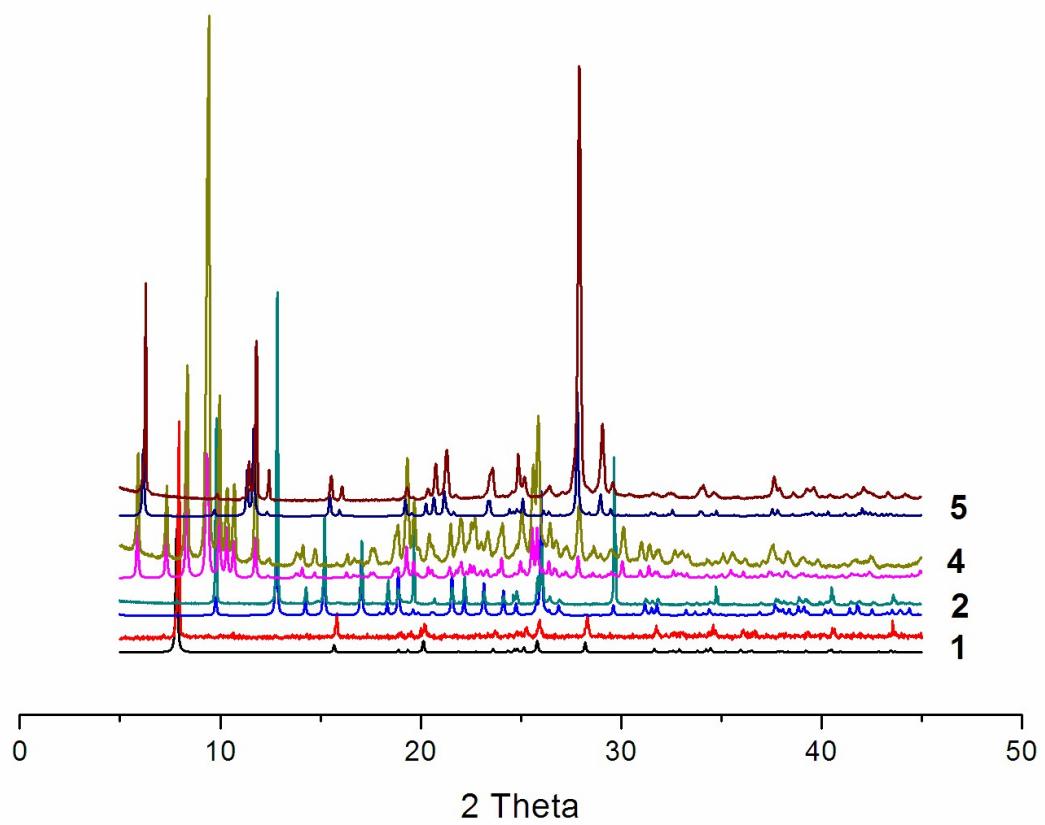


Figure S1. Comparison of the experimental and simulated PXRD patterns of complexes **1**, **2**, **4**, and **5**. The top is the experimental pattern, and the bottom is the simulated one

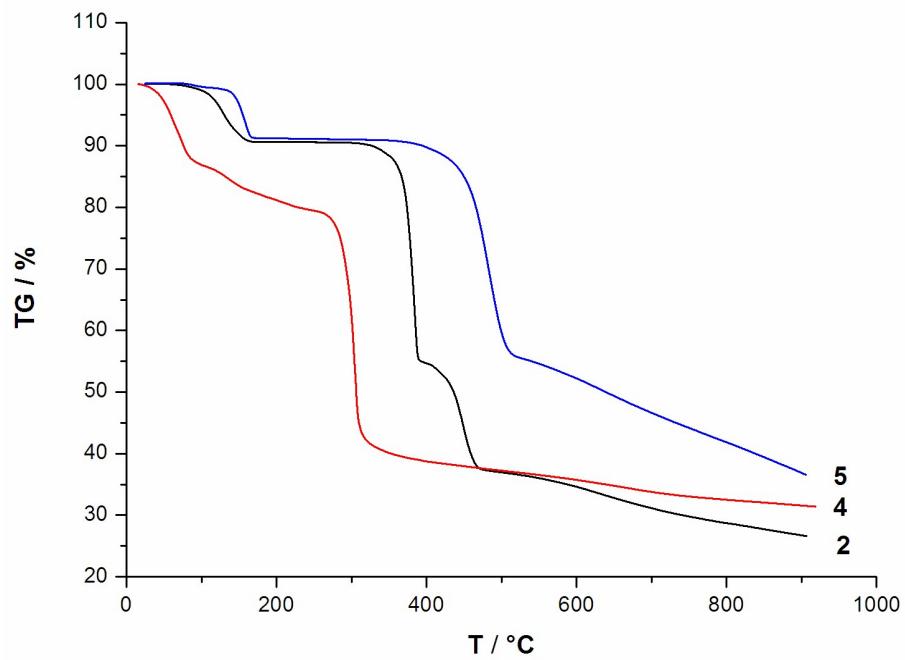


Figure S2. The thermogravimetry curves of **2**, **4**, and **5**.

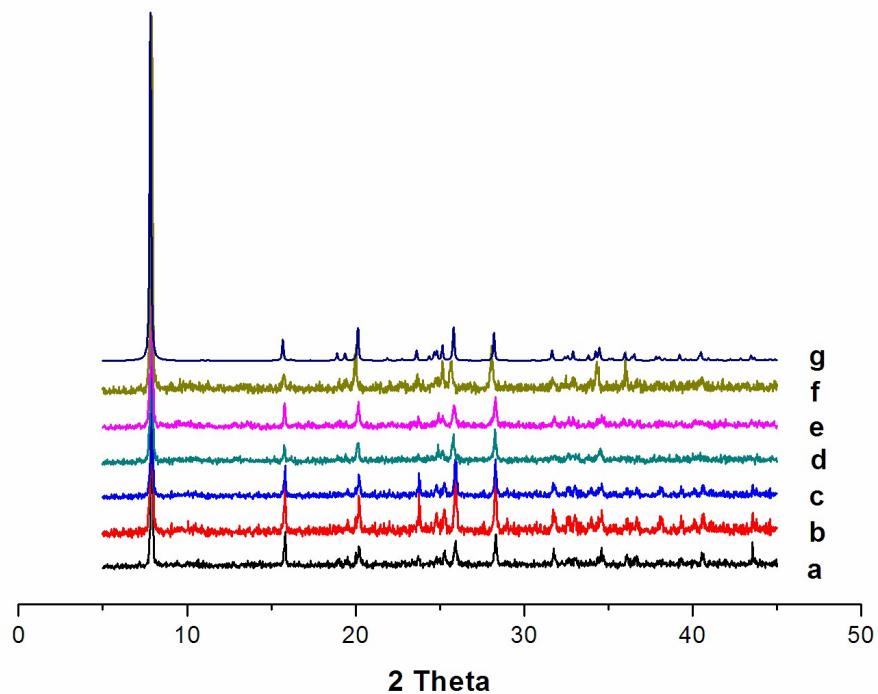


Figure S3. PXRD patterns of **1**: (a) the as-synthesis pattern, (b) dehydrated solid obtained on heating at 120 °C for 8 h under vacuum, (c) after the first recycling, (d) second, (e) third, and (f) after the fourth recycling. (g) the simulated XRD pattern.

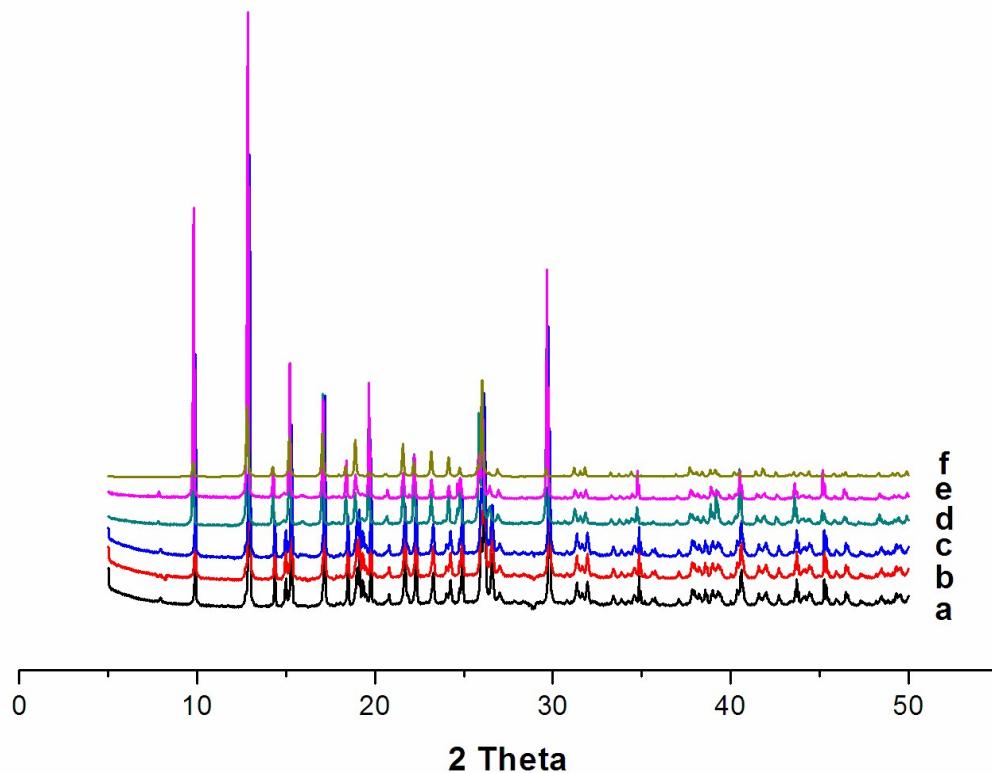


Figure S4. PXRD patterns of **2**: (a) the as-synthesis pattern, (b) dehydrated solid obtained on heating at 120 °C for 8 h under vacuum, (c) after the first recycling, (d) second, (e) third, and (f) after the fourth recycling. (g) the simulated XRD pattern.

NMR data

1. *2-phenyl-2-(phenylamino)acetonitrile* (**Table 2, entry 1**). Little yellow solid, yield, 19 mg, 95%.

¹H NMR (**400 MHz, CDCl₃**) δ = 7.60 (d, *J* = 4 Hz, 2H), 7.45 (d, *J* = 8 Hz, 3H), 7.30~7.26 (m, 2H), 6.93 (t, *J* = 8 Hz, 1H), 6.77 (d, *J* = 8 Hz, 2H), 5.42 (d, *J* = 12 Hz, 1H), 4.02 (d, *J* = 8 Hz, 1H).

¹³C NMR δ: 50.36, 114.27, 118.32, 120.44, 127.41, 129.49, 129.70, 129.73, 134.05, 144.79.

2. *2-(phenylamino)-2-p-tolylacetonitrile* (**Table 2, entry 2**). Little yellow solid, yield, 22 mg, 95%.. ¹H NMR (**400 MHz, CDCl₃**) δ = 7.46 (d, *J* = 8 Hz, 2H), 7.29~7.26 (m, 4H), 6.89 (d, *J* = 8 Hz, 1H), 6.76 (d, *J* = 8 Hz, 2H), 5.37 (d, *J* = 8 Hz, 1H), 3.98 (d, *J* = 8 Hz, 1H), 2.39 (s, 3H). ¹³C

NMR δ: 21.33, 50.05, 114.18, 118.48, 120.29, 127.30, 129.68, 130.10, 131.08, 139.72, 144.63.

3. *2-(p-tolylamino)-2-p-tolylacetonitrile* (**Table 2, entry 3**). Little yellow solid, yield, 22 mg, 93%.

¹H NMR (**400 MHz, CDCl₃**) δ = 7.46 (d, *J* = 8 Hz, 2H), 7.27 (d, *J* = 8 Hz, 2H), 7.07 (d, *J* = 8 Hz, 2H), 6.69 (d, *J* = 8 Hz, 2H), 5.34 (d, *J* = 8 Hz, 1H), 3.84 (d, *J* = 8 Hz, 1H), 2.39 (s, 3H), 2.28 (s, 3H). ¹³C

NMR δ: 20.63, 21.32, 50.63, 114.60, 116.63, 127.30, 129.83, 130.08, 130.19, 131.39, 139.66, 142.63.

4. *2-(p-tolylamino)-2-(4-methoxyphenyl)acetonitrile* (**Table 2, entry 4**). Little yellow solid, yield,

23 mg, 92%. ¹H NMR (**400 MHz, CDCl₃**) δ = 7.48 (d, *J* = 8 Hz, 2H), 7.06 (d, *J* = 8 Hz, 2H), 6.94

(d, *J* = 8 Hz, 2H), 6.67 (d, *J* = 8 Hz, 2H), 5.32 (s, 1H), 3.86 (s, 1H), 3.83 (s, 3H), 2.27 (s, 3H). ¹³C

NMR δ: 20.62, 50.20, 55.63, 114.27, 114.50, 114.68, 118.69, 126.21, 128.72, 129.71, 130.14, 142.55.

5. *2-(4-chlorophenylamino)-2-p-tolylacetonitrile* (**Table 2, entry 5**). Little yellow solid, yield, 24

mg, 94%. ¹H NMR (**400 MHz, CDCl₃**) δ = 7.45 (d, *J* = 8 Hz, 2H), 7.26 (d, *J* = 8 Hz, 2H), 7.21 (d,

J = 8 Hz, 2H), 6.69 (d, *J* = 8 Hz, 2H), 5.33 (d, *J* = 8 Hz, 1H), 4.01 (d, *J* = 8 Hz, 1H), 2.40 (s, 3H).

¹³C NMR δ: 21.34, 50.17, 115.44, 118.15, 125.19, 127.28, 129.60, 130.19, 130.68, 139.94, 143.38.

6. *2-(p-tolylamino)-2-phenylacetonitrile* (**Table 2, entry 6**). Little yellow solid, yield, 21 mg, 93%.

¹H NMR (**400 MHz, CDCl₃**) δ = 7.59 (d, *J* = 4 Hz, 2H), 7.44 (d, *J* = 4 Hz, 3H), 7.07 (d, *J* = 8 Hz,

2H), 6.69 (d, *J* = 8 Hz, 2H), 5.38 (d, *J* = 8 Hz, 1H), 3.90 (d, *J* = 8 Hz, 1H), 2.28 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR

δ: 20.63, 50.78, 114.57, 118.46, 127.38, 129.42, 129.59, 130.18, 134.21, 142.49.

7. *2-(4-methoxyphenylamino)-2-p-tolylacetonitrile* (**Table 2, entry 7**). Little yellow solid, yield,

23 mg, 92%. ¹H NMR (**400 MHz, CDCl₃**) δ = 7.47 (d, *J* = 8 Hz, 2H), 7.26 (s, 2H), 6.84 (d, *J* = 8

Hz, 2H), 6.75 (d, *J* = 8 Hz, 2H), 5.31 (s, 1H), 3.78 (s, 3H), 3.76 (s, 1H), 2.39 (s, 3H). ¹³C NMR δ:

- 21.33, 51.47, 55.81, 115.14, 116.38, 118.74, 127.31, 130.05, 131.36, 138.60, 139.53, 154.23.
8. 2-(4-methoxyphenylamino)-2-(4-methoxyphenyl)acetonitrile (**Table 2, entry 8**). Little yellow solid, yield, 25 mg, 92%. **1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ = 7.49 (d, *J* = 8 Hz, 2H), 6.94 (d, *J* = 8 Hz, 3H), 6.83 (d, *J* = 12 Hz, 2H), 6.74 (d, *J* = 8 Hz, 2H), 5.27 (d, *J* = 8 Hz, 1H), 3.83 (s, 3H), 3.77 (s, 3H), 3.74 (s, 1H). NMR δ: 51.10, 55.54, 55.77, 114.66, 115.09, 116.34, 118.80, 126.26, 128.73, 138.76, 134.16, 160.46.
9. 2-(4-methoxyphenylamino)-2-phenylacetonitrile (**Table 2, entry 9**). Little yellow solid, yield, 22 mg, 94%. **1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ = 7.59 (d, *J* = 8 Hz, 2H), 7.44 (d, *J* = 8 Hz, 2H), 6.84 (d, *J* = 8 Hz, 1H), 6.75 (d, *J* = 8 Hz, 1H), 5.34 (d, *J* = 8 Hz, 1H), 3.79 (d, *J* = 8 Hz, 1H), 3.77 (s, 3H). **13C NMR δ:** 51.64, 55.76, 115.07, 116.36, 118.58, 127.38, 129.38, 129.57, 134.19, 138.65, 154.18.
10. 2-(4-chlorophenylamino)-2-phenylacetonitrile (**Table 2, entry 10**). Little yellow solid, yield, 23 mg, 94%. **1H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl₃)** δ = 7.58 (d, *J* = 4 Hz, 2H), 7.47 (m, *J* = 8 Hz, 3H), 7.22 (d, *J* = 8 Hz, 2H), 6.69 (d, *J* = 8 Hz, 2H), 5.38 (d, *J* = 8 Hz, 1H), 4.05 (d, *J* = 8 Hz, 1H). **13C NMR δ:** 50.43, 115.50, 117.98, 125.32, 127.37, 129.57, 129.62, 129.86, 133.61, 143.31.

Table S1. Selected bond distances (Å) and angles (deg) for the complexes **1–5^a**

Complex 1					
Cu(1)-O(6) ⁱ	1.867(2)	Cu(2)-O(1) ⁱⁱ	1.969(2)	Cu(2)-O(2)	2.597(3)
Cu(1)-O(4)	1.910(2)	Cu(2)-O(1) ⁱⁱⁱ	1.9689(19)	Cu(2)-Cu(2) ^v	2.9427(5)
Cu(1)-N(1)	1.974(3)	Cu(2)-O(1)	1.971(2)	Cu(2)-Cu(2) ⁱⁱⁱ	2.9427(5)
Cu(1)-O(1)	1.997(2)	Cu(2)-O(1) ^{iv}	1.971(2)	O(1)-Cu(2) ⁱⁱⁱ	1.9689(19)
Cu(1)-O(2)	2.550(8)				
O(6) ⁱ -Cu(1)-O(4)	170.81(11)	O(4)-Cu(1)-O(2)	93.22(8)	O(1) ⁱⁱⁱ -Cu(2)-O(1) ^{iv}	97.27(9)
O(6) ⁱ -Cu(1)-N(1)	92.90(10)	N(1)-Cu(1)-O(2)	97.94(10)	O(1)-Cu(2)-O(1) ^{iv}	160.23(12)
O(4)-Cu(1)-N(1)	86.27(10)	O(1)-Cu(1)-O(2)	80.87(9)	O(1) ⁱⁱ -Cu(2)-O(2)	91.81(6)
O(6) ⁱ -Cu(1)-O(1)	93.16(9)	O(1) ⁱⁱ -Cu(2)-O(1) ⁱⁱⁱ	176.37(12)	O(1) ⁱⁱⁱ -Cu(2)-O(2)	91.81(6)
O(4)-Cu(1)-O(1)	87.83(9)	O(1) ⁱⁱ -Cu(2)-O(1)	97.27(9)	O(1)-Cu(2)-O(2)	80.11(6)
N(1)-Cu(1)-O(1)	173.91(9)	O(1) ⁱⁱⁱ -Cu(2)-O(1)	83.36(9)	O(1) ^{iv} -Cu(2)-O(2)	80.11(6)
O(6) ⁱ -Cu(1)-O(2)	95.95(8)	O(1) ⁱⁱ -Cu(2)-O(1) ^{iv}	83.36(9)		
Complex 2					
Cu(1)-O(3) ⁱ	1.865(2)	Cu(1)-N(1)	1.985(3)	Cu(2)-O(4) ⁱⁱ	1.938(2)
Cu(1)-O(1)	1.941(2)	Cu(1)-O(7)	2.273(3)	Cu(2)-O(2)	1.981(2)
Cu(1)-O(8)	1.973(2)	Cu(2)-O(6)	1.871(2)	Cu(2)-N(2) ⁱⁱ	1.982(3)
O(3) ⁱ -Cu(1)-O(1)	170.69(11)	N(1)-Cu(1)-O(7)	97.80(10)	O(6)-Cu(2)-O(4) ⁱⁱ	173.41(11)
O(3) ⁱ -Cu(1)-O(8)	89.20(10)	O(8)-Cu(1)-N(1)	162.88(11)	O(6)-Cu(2)-O(2)	93.92(10)
O(1)-Cu(1)-O(8)	89.64(9)	O(3) ⁱ -Cu(1)-O(7)	96.29(10)	O(4) ⁱⁱ -Cu(2)-O(2)	87.88(10)
O(3) ⁱ -Cu(1)-N(1)	92.62(10)	O(1)-Cu(1)-O(7)	93.02(10)	O(6)-Cu(2)-N(2) ⁱⁱ	91.47(10)
O(1)-Cu(1)-N(1)	85.81(10)	O(8)-Cu(1)-O(7)	98.92(10)	O(4) ⁱⁱ -Cu(2)-N(2) ⁱⁱ	85.62(10)
O(2)-Cu(2)-N(2) ⁱⁱ	168.11(10)				
Complex 3					
Cu(1)-O(5) ⁱ	1.861(3)	Cu(1)-N(1)	1.980(3)	Cu(1)-O(2)	2.291(3)
Cu(1)-O(3)	1.917(3)	Cu(1)-O(1)	2.019(3)		
O(5) ⁱ -Cu(1)-O(3)	177.36(13)	O(3)-Cu(1)-O(1)	88.75(12)	O(3)-Cu(1)-O(2)	94.61(13)
O(5) ⁱ -Cu(1)-N(1)	93.26(11)	N(1)-Cu(1)-O(1)	155.06(13)	N(1)-Cu(1)-O(2)	109.42(12)
O(3)-Cu(1)-N(1)	86.28(11)	O(5) ⁱ -Cu(1)-O(2)	87.99(13)	O(1)-Cu(1)-O(2)	95.32(13)
O(5) ⁱ -Cu(1)-O(1)	90.60(12)				
Complex 4					
Cu(1)-O(16)	1.9311(19)	Cu(1)-N(2)	2.292(2)	Cu(2)-N(3)	2.044(2)
Cu(1)-O(14)	1.9635(19)	Cu(2)-O(10)	1.935(2)	Cu(2)-N(1)	2.054(2)
Cu(1)-N(6)	2.041(2)	Cu(2)-O(20)	1.9605(19)	Cu(2)-N(4)	2.266(2)
Cu(1)-N(5)	2.058(2)				
O(16)-Cu(1)-O(14)	168.82(9)	N(6)-Cu(1)-N(5)	165.62(9)	O(10)-Cu(2)-O(20)	173.57(9)
O(16)-Cu(1)-N(6)	88.06(9)	O(16)-Cu(1)-N(2)	113.70(8)	O(10)-Cu(2)-N(3)	88.37(9)
O(14)-Cu(1)-N(6)	90.96(9)	O(14)-Cu(1)-N(2)	77.34(8)	O(20)-Cu(2)-N(3)	88.46(9)
O(16)-Cu(1)-N(5)	82.30(8)	N(6)-Cu(1)-N(2)	86.77(9)	O(10)-Cu(2)-N(1)	82.39(8)
O(14)-Cu(1)-N(5)	96.43(8)	N(5)-Cu(1)-N(2)	106.85(8)	O(20)-Cu(2)-N(1)	98.77(8)
N(3)-Cu(2)-N(1)	159.23(9)				
Complex 5					
Cu(1)-O(1)	1.893(3)	Cu(1)-N(2)	1.968(3)	Cu(1)-O(8)	2.297(3)
Cu(1)-O(6)	1.938(3)	Cu(1)-O(7)	1.988(2)		
O(1)-Cu(1)-O(6)	172.32(8)	O(6)-Cu(1)-O(7)	89.31(12)	O(6)-Cu(1)-O(8)	95.48(10)
O(1)-Cu(1)-N(2)	94.70(11)	N(2)-Cu(1)-O(7)	161.66(8)	N(2)-Cu(1)-O(8)	106.40(12)
O(6)-Cu(1)-N(2)	83.75(10)	O(1)-Cu(1)-O(8)	92.17(9)	O(7)-Cu(1)-O(8)	91.12(13)
O(1)-Cu(1)-O(7)	89.91(11)				

^a Symmetry transformations used to generate equivalent atoms for **1**: i) $-x + 1/2, -y + 1/2, -z + 1$. ii) $x, -y + 1, z + 1/2$. iii) $-x, -y, -z$. iv) $-x, y, -z + 1/2$. v) $-x, -y, -z + 1$. for **2**: i) $-x + 1, -y, -z + 1$. ii) $-x + 2, -y + 1, -z + 1$. For **3**: i) $-x, -y + 1, -z + 2$.

Table S2. Geometrical Parameters of Hydrogen Bonds (\AA , $^\circ$) for complexes **1–5**

D-H \cdots A	d(D-H) (\AA)	d(H \cdots A) (\AA)	d(D \cdots A) (\AA)	$\angle(\text{DHA})$	Symmetry codes
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			Complex 1		
O1-H1W···O6	0.82	1.96	2.732(3)	157.1	$-x + 1/2, y - 1/2, -z + 1/2$
O2-H2W···O5	0.83	1.90	2.723(3)	175.6	$-x, y, -z - 1/2$
O3-H4W···O3	0.83	1.47	2.282(19)	172.4	$-x + 1, y, -z + 3/2$
O3-H3W···O3	0.83	1.88	2.31(2)	110.8	$-x + 1, -y, -z + 1$
			Complex 2		
O2-H2w···O4	0.84	2.03	2.861(3)	172.0	$-x + 2, y - 1/2, -z + 3/2$
O8-H4w···O5	0.84	1.88	2.689(3)	162.1	$-x + 2, y - 3/2, -z + 3/2$
O8-H3w···O6	0.82	1.93	2.731(3)	165.9	$x, y - 1, z$
O7-H1w···O3	0.82	2.04	2.855(3)	169.3	$-x + 1, -y + 1, -z + 1$
			Complex 3		
O2-H4w···O4	0.83	1.95	2.749(4)	164.4	$x - 1, y, z$
O2-H3w···O3	0.82	1.99	2.800(4)	168.8	$-x, -y, -z + 1$
O1-H2w···O5	0.83	2.29	2.828(4)	122.8	$x, y, z - 1$
O1-H2w···O2	0.83	2.18	2.950(5)	155.5	$-x, -y + 1, -z + 1$
O1-H1w···O1	0.83	2.43	3.004(6)	127.5	$-x + 1, -y + 1, -z + 1$
			Complex 4		
O1-H1w···O21	0.83	1.93	2.759(4)	175.8	
O1-H2w···O17	0.83	2.26	2.890(3)	132.8	$x - 1, y, z$
O2-H3w···O3	0.83	2.13	2.811(4)	139.0	
O2-H4w···O9	0.81	2.26	2.905(6)	136.5	$-x + 1, -y + 1, -z$
O2-H4w···O8	0.81	2.57	3.182(6)	132.6	$-x + 1, -y + 1, -z$
O3-H5w···O1	0.84	2.13	2.921(4)	156.9	
O3-H6w···O11	0.84	2.02	2.801(3)	154.5	$x - 1, y, z$
O4-H7w···O7	0.83	1.95	2.757(4)	164.9	$-x + 1, -y + 1, -z + 1$
O4-H8w···O21	0.83	2.28	3.060(4)	157.0	
O5-H9w···O4	0.83	2.06	2.850(4)	158.6	
O5-H10w···O9	0.85	1.89	2.745(5)	179.7	$x - 1, y, z$
O6-H11w···O20	0.83	2.55	3.267(3)	145.4	
O6-H12w···O1	0.83	2.14	2.886(4)	149.4	
O7-H13w···O15	0.84	2.01	2.797(4)	155.9	$-x + 1, -y + 1, -z + 1$
O7-H14w···O4	0.84	2.30	2.757(4)	115.0	$-x + 1, -y + 1, -z + 1$
O8-H15w···O15	0.84	2.02	2.794(4)	152.8	
O8-H16w···O7	0.85	1.87	2.720(5)	179.0	$x, y - 1, z - 1$
O9-H17w···O14	0.82	2.32	3.014(5)	141.9	
O9-H18w···O8	0.85	2.36	3.212(6)	179.5	
			Complex 5		
O4-H4···N1	0.82	1.78	2.514(4)	147.6	
O7-H1w···O1	0.83	1.89	2.706(4)	165.2	$-x, -y + 2, -z + 1$
O7-H2w···O8	0.82	2.03	2.833(4)	164.5	$x - 1, y, z$
O8-H4w···O6	0.82	1.98	2.703(4)	145.8	$x + 1, y, z$
O8-H3w···O5	0.82	1.91	2.721(4)	172.2	$-x, -y + 1, -z + 1$
O2-H1'···O3	0.88(6)	1.73(6)	2.607(4)	176(6)	$-x + 3, -y + 2, -z$

The ^1H and ^{13}C NMR spectra

