Supporting Information

Modulating the regioselectively of solid-state photodimerization in coordination polymers crystals[†]

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Experimental General methods Synthesis

The ligand 1,4-bis[2-(4-pyridyl)ethenyl]benzene (1,4-bpeb) was prepared according to a literature method.^{S1} Other reagents and chemicals were obtained commercially and used without further purification. Deionized water (distilled) was used throughout the experiments. Elemental analyses (C, H, and N) were performed using a PE 2400 II elemental analyzer. Mass spectra were recorded on a Bruker micr OTOF-Q III mass spectrometer. NMR spectra were recorded at ambient temperature on a Bruker AVANCE 400M spectrometer. ¹H NMR chemical shifts were referenced to the solvent signal in CDCl₃ or DMSO-*d*₆. ¹³C-NMR spectra were recorded at a resonance frequency of 101.6 MHz on a Bruker AVANCE 400M spectrometer. IR spectra were recorded on a Varian 1000 FT–IR spectrometer as KBr disks (4000-400 cm⁻¹). Photo-irradiation experiments were conducted with a high-pressure mercury lamp at a wavelength of 365 nm. Fluorescence spectra were collected on a JASCO FP-6500.

X-ray data collection and structure determination. Single-crystal X-ray diffraction data for 1, 2, 3, 1a, 2a and 3a were recorded on a Bruker Smart CCD diffractometer or Agilent Xcalibur E with a graphite monochromated Mo K α radiation ($\lambda = 0.71073$ Å) at 293K. Structures were solved by Direct methods and refined by full-matrix least-squares techniques using the *SHELXL*-2014, *SHELXL*-2017 and *SHELXL*-2018 program.^{S2} Non-hydrogen atoms were refined with anisotropic displacement parameters.



Figure S2. ¹H NMR spectrum of **2** (d_6 -DMSO).



Figure S3. ¹H NMR spectrum of **3** (d_6 -DMSO).





(*b*)





(d)



(*e*)



(f) Figure. S4. PXRD spectra of (a)-1, (b)-2, (c)-3, (d)-1a, (e)-2a, (f)-3a.





(*c*) Figure S5. Thermogravimetric analyses of (*a*)-1, (*b*)-2, (*c*)-3.



(*a*)



(b)





Figure S7. Crystal structure showing the arrangement of 1,4-bpeb in 1.



Figure S8. Coordination environment of Cd ions in compound 1.







Figure S11. ¹H NMR spectrum of **3a**.







Figure S12. ¹H-NMR spectra of (**a**)-**1**, (**b**)-**2**, (**c**)-**3** in DMSO-*d6* subjected to UV irradiation at different time intervals. The photodimerization was monitored by comparing ¹H-NMR cyclobuytl signals.