

## Electronic Supplementary Information

### **A mechanistic insight into the rapid and selective removal of Congo Red by an amide functionalised Zn(II) coordination polymer**

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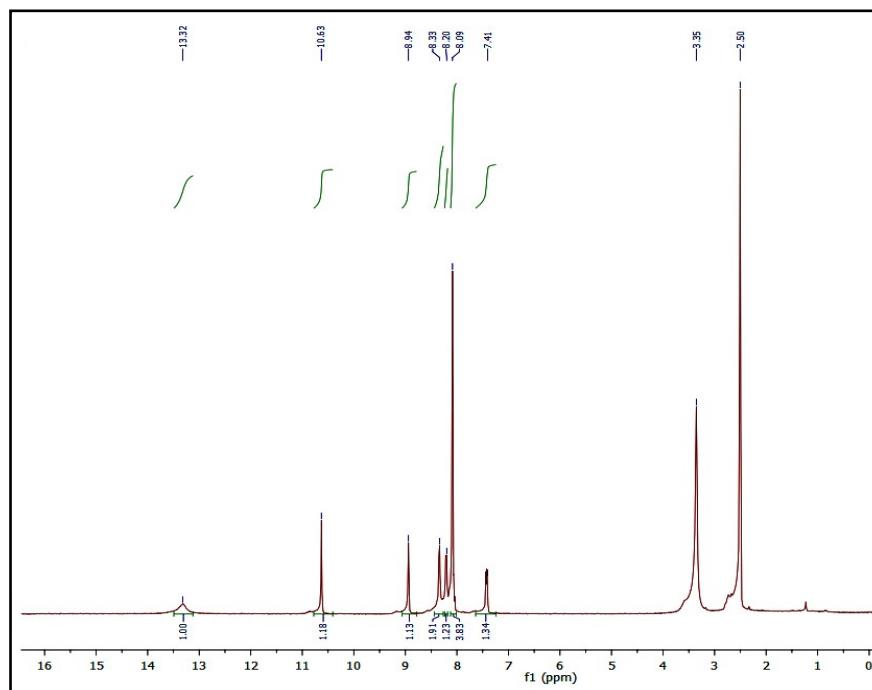
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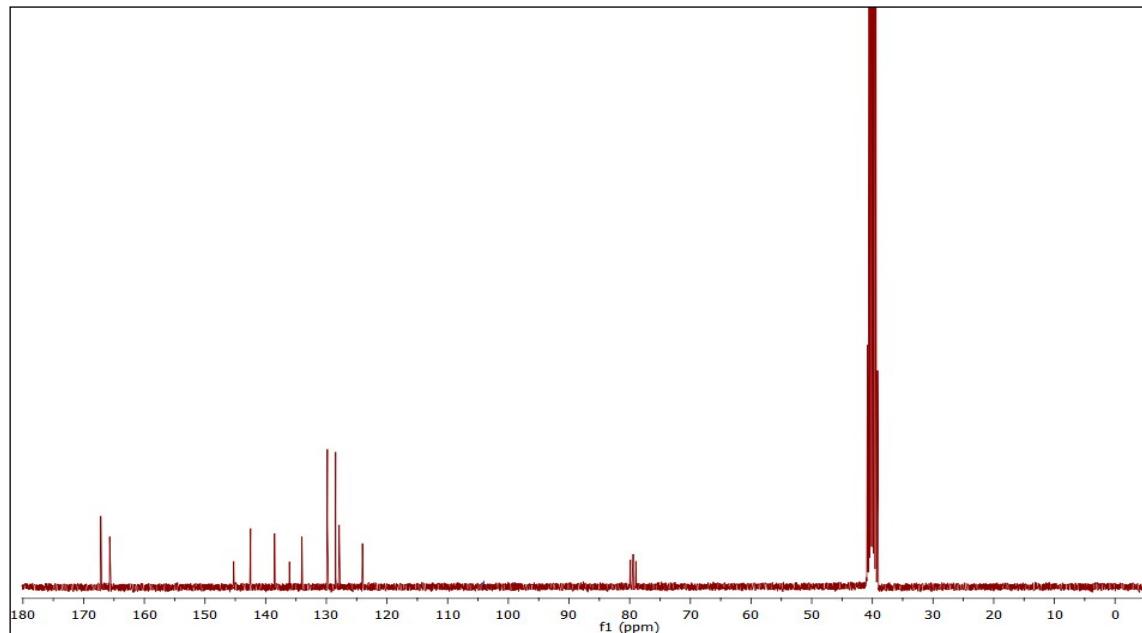
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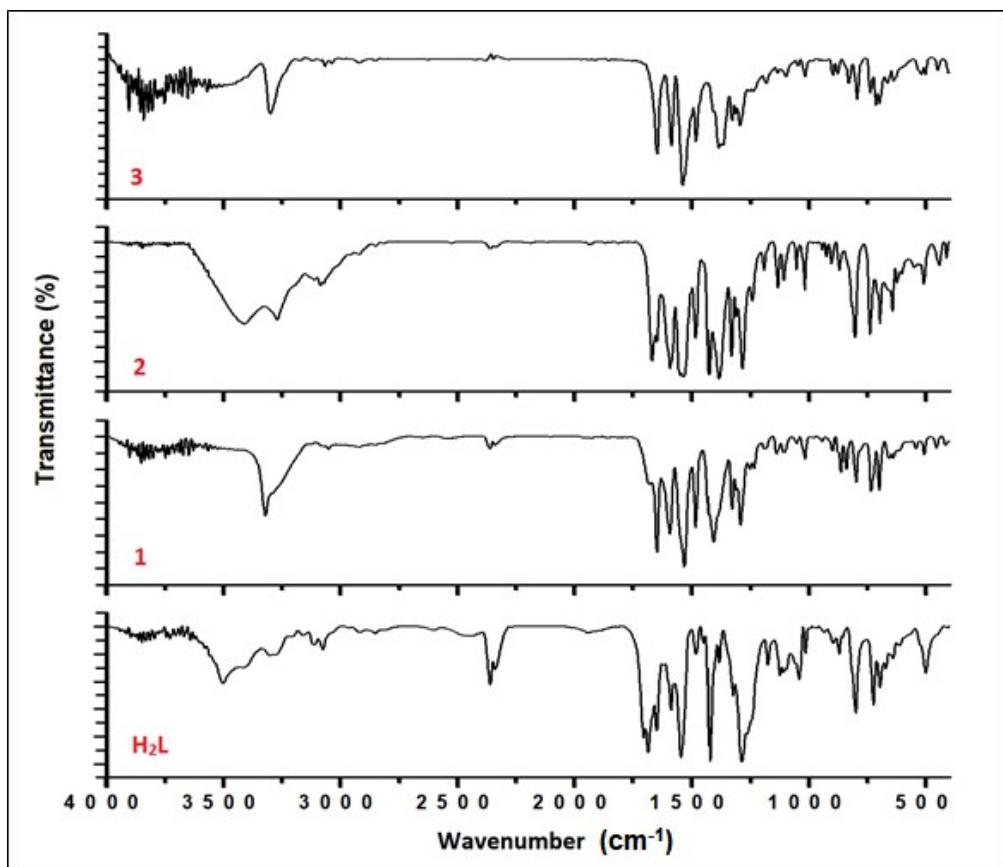
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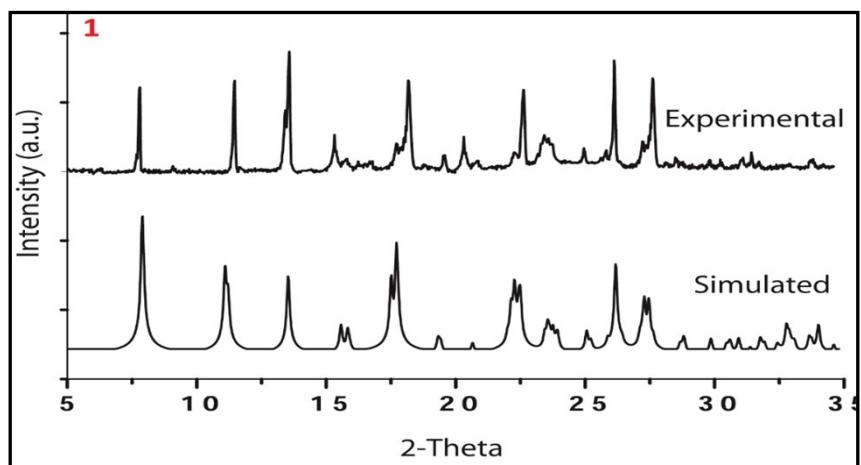
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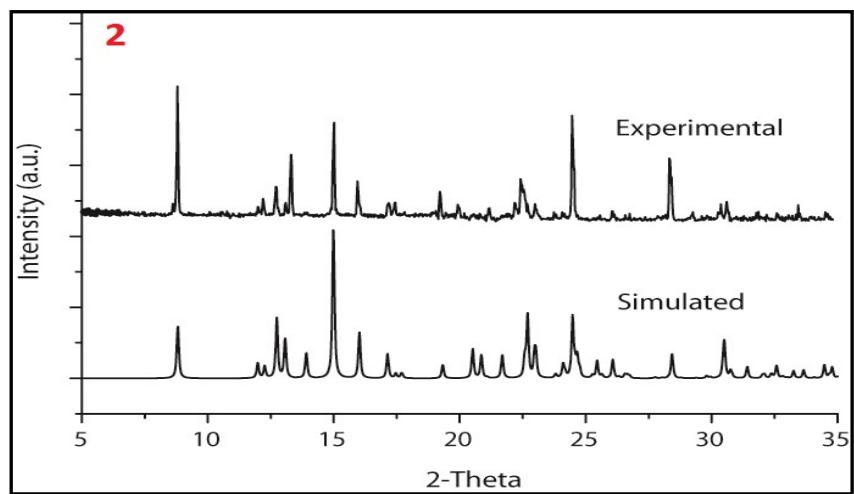
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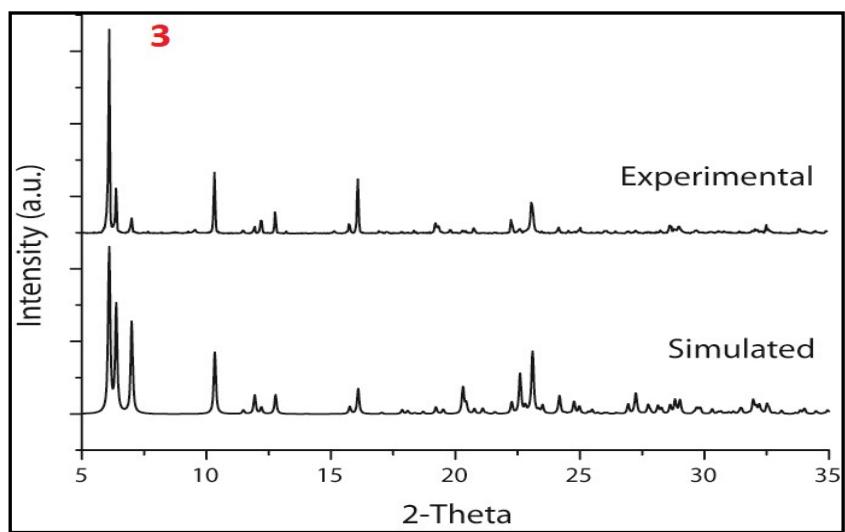
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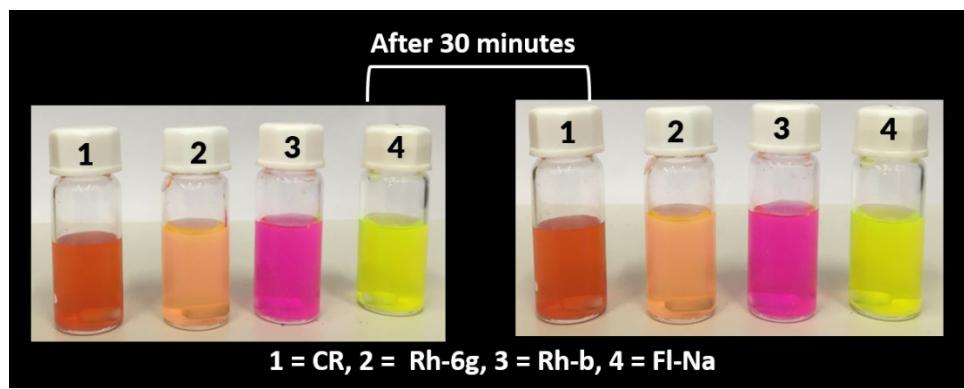
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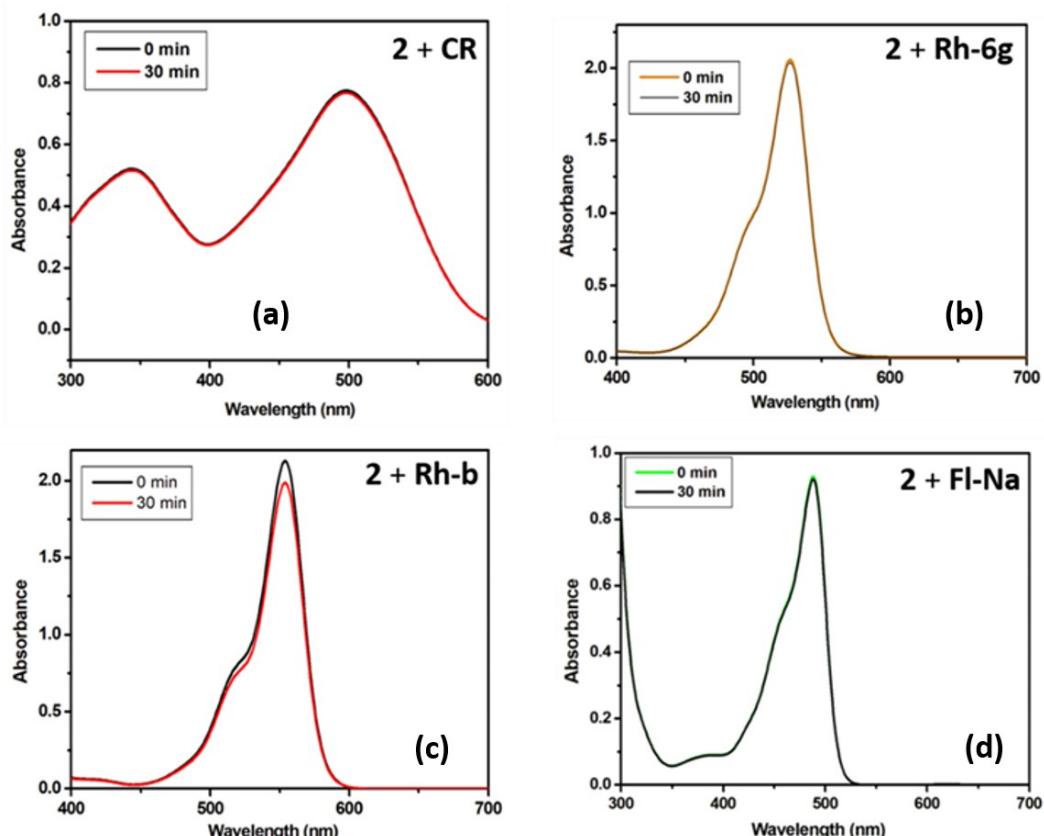
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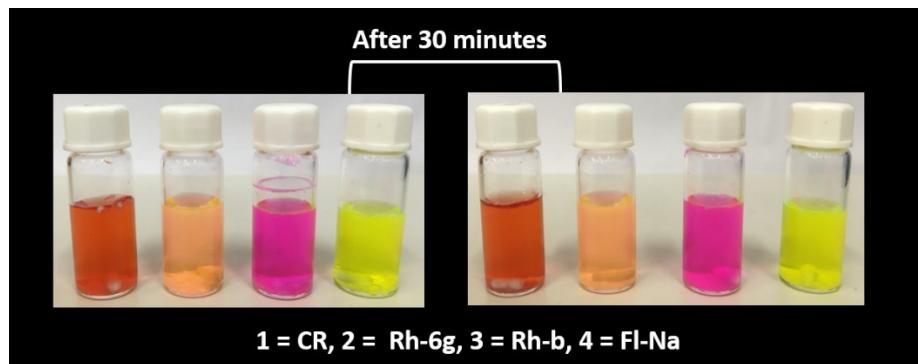


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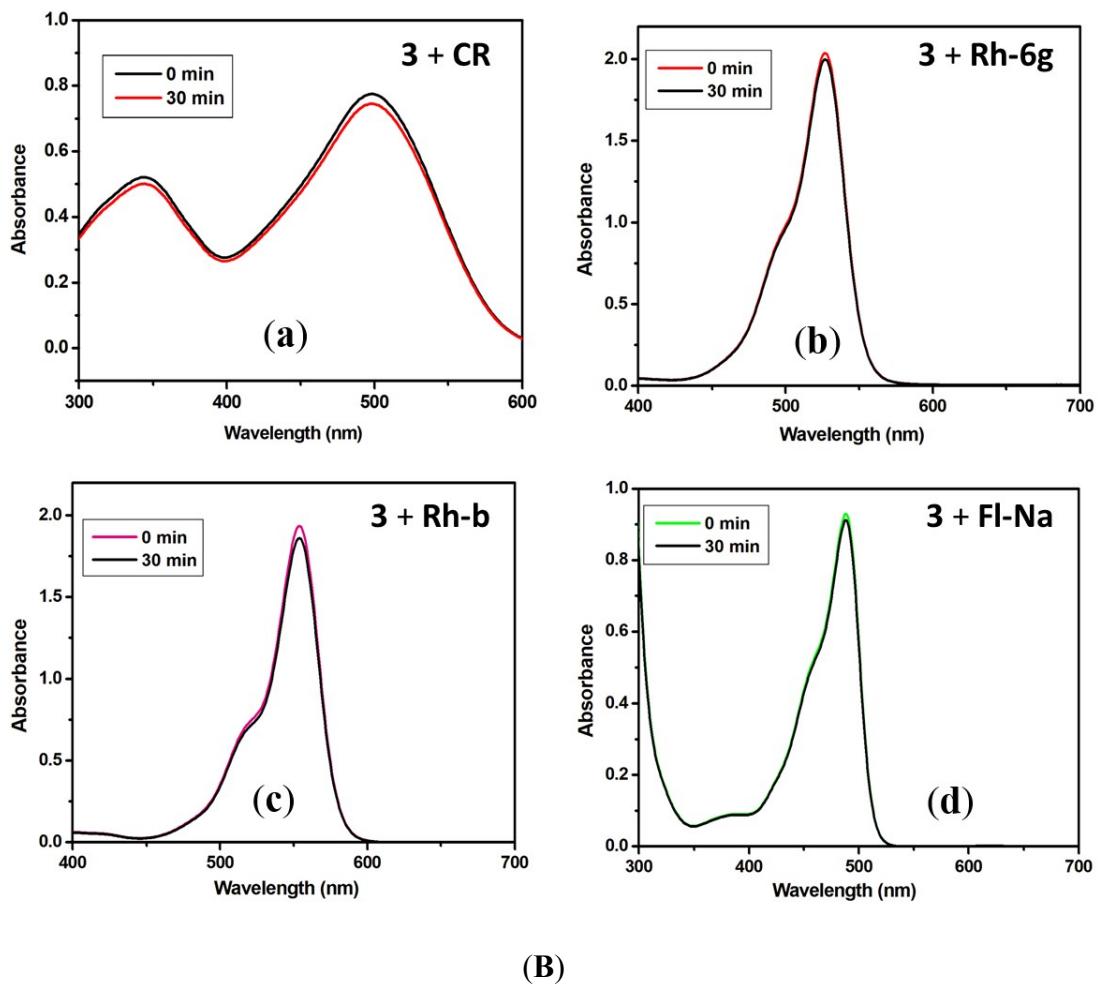


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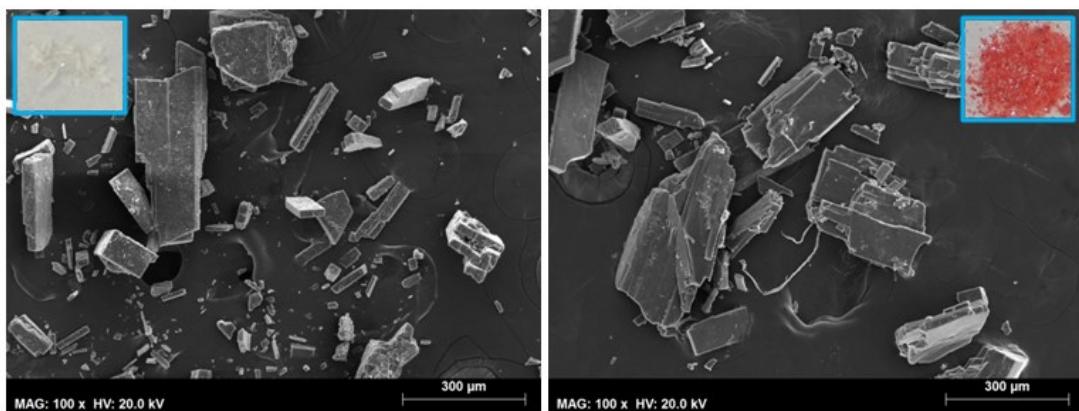


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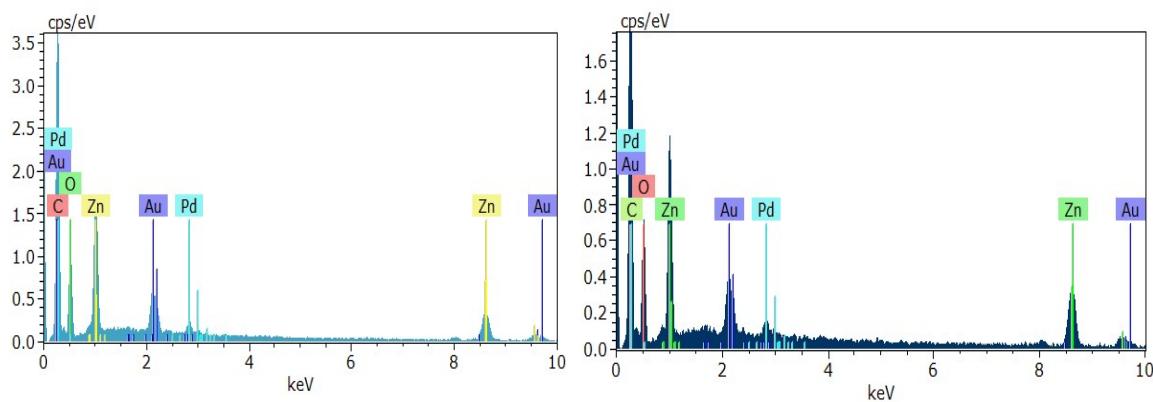


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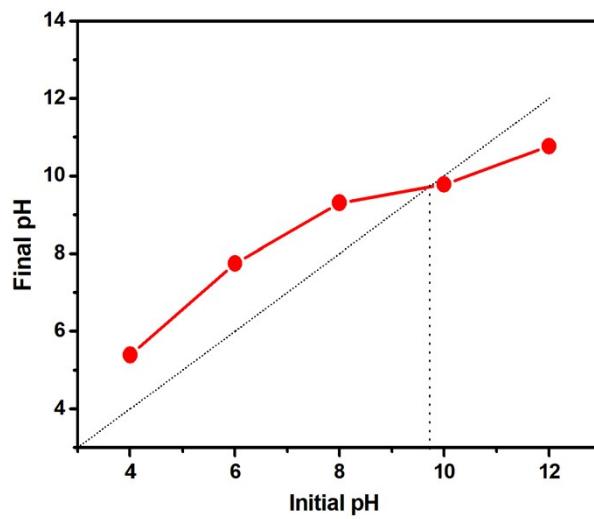
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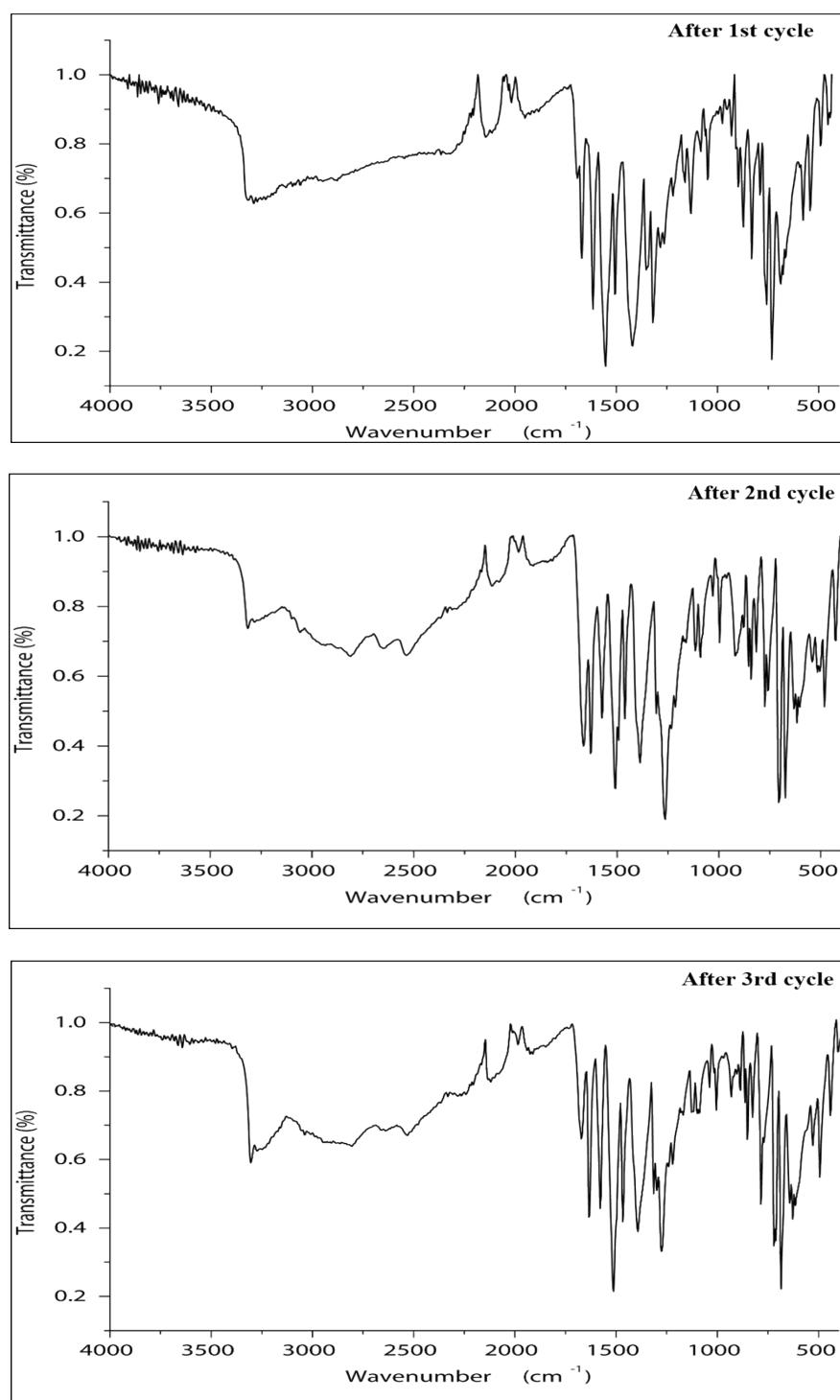
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**Table S1. Selected bond distances (Å) and angles (°) for compounds 1-3**

<b>1</b>	Zn1-O2 2.006(3), Zn1-O3 2.034(2), Zn1-O4 2.431(3), Zn1-O5 2.029(3), Zn1-N2 2.064(3).  $\angle$ O2-Zn1-O5 101.31(13); $\angle$ O2-Zn1-O3 103.12(11); $\angle$ O5-Zn1-O3 99.79(11); $\angle$ O2-Zn1-N2 143.16(12); $\angle$ O5-Zn1-N2 92.75(11); $\angle$ O3-Zn1-N2 107.81(11); $\angle$ O2-Zn1-O4 92.55(11); $\angle$ O5-Zn1-O4 156.53(10); $\angle$ O3-Zn1-O4 58.25(9); $\angle$ N2-Zn1-O4 87.15(9).
<b>2</b>	Cd1-O1 2.2900(12); Cd1-N2 2.3139(13); Cd1-O4 2.3425(13).  $\angle$ O1-Cd1-O1' 180.0; $\angle$ O4-Cd1-O4' 180.00(7); $\angle$ N2-Cd1-N'2 180.00(8); $\angle$ O1-Cd1-N2 89.55(5); $\angle$ O1'-Cd1-N2 90.45(5); $\angle$ O1-Cd1-O4 93.16(5); $\angle$ O1'-Cd1-O4 86.84(5); $\angle$ N2-Cd1-O4 89.76(5); $\angle$ N2'-Cd1-O4 90.24(5).
<b>3</b>	Pb1-O1 2.3821(19); Pb1-O4 2.3817(17); Pb1-N4 2.534(2).  $\angle$ O4-Pb1-O1 106.94(7); $\angle$ O4-Pb1-N4 76.58(6); $\angle$ O1-Pb1-N4 80.35(6).

**Table S2. Hydrogen bond geometry (Å, °) in compounds 1-3**

Compound	D-H $\cdots$ A	D $\cdots$ H (Å)	H $\cdots$ A (Å)	D $\cdots$ A (Å)	$\angle$ D-H $\cdots$ A(°)
<b>1</b>	N1-H1N $\cdots$ O4	0.88	2.10	2.978(4)	172
	O5-H5A $\cdots$ O1	0.81	1.91	2.709(4)	173
	O5-H5B $\cdots$ O7	0.89	1.76	2.646(5)	172
	C10-H10 $\cdots$ O4	0.93	2.64	3.341(4)	133
	C12-H12 $\cdots$ O1	0.93	2.36	3.068(4)	132
	C13-H13 $\cdots$ O6	0.93	2.26	2.850(4)	121
	C22-H22B $\cdots$ O5	0.96	2.72	3.382(9)	126
<b>2</b>	O4-H4A $\cdots$ O2	0.93	1.79	2.6919(19)	164
	O4-H4B $\cdots$ O3	0.81	1.95	2.7546(19)	171
	N1-H1N $\cdots$ O2	0.82	2.34	3.086(2)	152
<b>3</b>	N1-H1N $\cdots$ O3	0.86	2.12	2.951(3)	162
	N2-H2N $\cdots$ O6	0.88	2.09	2.943(3)	163
	C10-H10 $\cdots$ O3	0.93	2.42	2.876(3)	110
	C28-H28 $\cdots$ O4	0.93	2.36	2.999(3)	125