

Electronic Supplementary Information (ESI)

Multifunctional Zn^{II}-Ln^{III} (Ln = Tb, Dy) complexes based on the amine-phenol ligand with field-induced slow magnetic relaxation, luminescence and proton conduction

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Table S1. Selected bond lengths (\AA) and angles (deg) for **1**.

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|-------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Dy1—O9 | 2.285(3) | Dy1—O6 | 2.356(5) |
| Dy1—O4 | 2.296(4) | Dy1—O8 | 2.368(4) |
| Dy1—O10 | 2.337(4) | Dy1—O7 | 2.539(4) |
| Dy1—O5 | 2.334(4) | Dy1—O3 | 2.540(4) |
| Zn1—O10 | 2.059(4) | O4—Zn2 | 2.092(4) |
| Zn1—O9 | 2.072(4) | O5—Zn2 | 2.037(4) |
| Zn1—N1 | 2.101(6) | Zn2—N3 | 2.094(5) |
| Zn1—N2 | 2.131(5) | Zn2—N4 | 2.128(5) |
| Zn1—O12 | 2.202(5) | O2—Zn2 | 2.307(4) |
| Zn1—O13 | 2.306(6) | O1—Zn2 | 2.230(5) |
| O9—Dy1—O4 | 105.33(15) | O6—Dy1—O8 | 81.61(19) |
| O9—Dy1—O10 | 67.02(14) | O9—Dy1—O7 | 64.89(14) |
| O4—Dy1—O10 | 87.80(14) | O4—Dy1—O7 | 143.44(14) |
| O9—Dy1—O5 | 87.60(14) | O10—Dy1—O7 | 116.27(13) |
| O4—Dy1—O5 | 66.69(13) | O5—Dy1—O7 | 77.47(13) |
| O10—Dy1—O5 | 138.16(14) | O6—Dy1—O7 | 77.84(16) |
| O9—Dy1—O6 | 140.99(16) | O8—Dy1—O7 | 75.52(15) |
| O4—Dy1—O6 | 97.59(18) | O9—Dy1—O3 | 142.51(14) |
| O10—Dy1—O6 | 146.13(17) | O4—Dy1—O3 | 64.92(13) |
| O5—Dy1—O6 | 72.91(18) | O10—Dy1—O3 | 76.25(14) |
| O9—Dy1—O8 | 99.04(16) | O5—Dy1—O3 | 116.92(13) |
| O4—Dy1—O8 | 140.35(14) | O6—Dy1—O3 | 75.97(17) |
| O10—Dy1—O8 | 73.44(15) | O8—Dy1—O3 | 76.65(14) |
| O5—Dy1—O8 | 146.07(15) | O7—Dy1—O3 | 144.04(14) |
| O10—Zn1—O9 | 76.27(15) | O5—Zn2—O4 | 76.08(15) |
| O10—Zn1—N1 | 164.0(2) | O5—Zn2—N3 | 162.12(18) |
| O9—Zn1—N1 | 90.2(2) | O4—Zn2—N3 | 89.36(19) |
| O10—Zn1—N2 | 90.48(19) | O5—Zn2—N4 | 91.60(19) |
| O9—Zn1—N2 | 113.8(2) | O4—Zn2—N4 | 113.5(2) |
| N1—Zn1—N2 | 102.8(2) | N3—Zn2—N4 | 103.9(2) |
| O10—Zn1—O12 | 96.23(19) | O5—Zn2—O1 | 95.82(17) |
| O9—Zn1—O12 | 168.1(2) | O4—Zn2—O1 | 168.37(18) |
| N1—Zn1—O12 | 95.7(2) | N3—Zn2—O1 | 96.9(2) |
| N2—Zn1—O12 | 75.0(2) | N4—Zn2—O1 | 74.6(2) |
| O10—Zn1—O13 | 97.32(19) | O5—Zn2—O2 | 96.20(16) |
| O9—Zn1—O13 | 103.59(19) | O4—Zn2—O2 | 104.01(16) |
| N1—Zn1—O13 | 77.5(3) | N3—Zn2—O2 | 77.07(19) |
| N2—Zn1—O13 | 142.6(2) | N4—Zn2—O2 | 142.46(19) |
| Zn1—O10—Dy1 | 107.38(16) | Zn2—O4—Dy1 | 108.14(16) |
| Zn1—O9—Dy1 | 108.94(16) | Zn2—O5—Dy1 | 108.67(16) |

Table S2. Selected bond lengths (\AA) and angles (deg) for **2**.

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|-------------|------------|-------------|------------|
| Tb1—O8 | 2.294(5) | Zn2—O20 | 2.039(5) |
| Tb1—O1 | 2.313(5) | Zn2—O1 | 2.088(5) |
| Tb1—O20 | 2.343(5) | Zn2—N4 | 2.098(6) |
| Tb1—O2 | 2.347(5) | Zn2—N1 | 2.133(6) |
| Tb1—O29 | 2.377(5) | Zn2—O4 | 2.216(5) |
| Tb1—O30 | 2.378(5) | Zn2—O5 | 2.302(5) |
| Tb1—O9 | 2.547(5) | Zn3—O2 | 2.057(5) |
| Tb1—O7 | 2.554(5) | Zn3—O8 | 2.070(5) |
| Tb1—Zn3 | 3.5560(10) | Zn3—N2 | 2.095(7) |
| Tb1—Zn2 | 3.5625(9) | Zn3—N3 | 2.129(6) |
| Zn3—O13 | 2.297(6) | Zn3—O12 | 2.202(6) |
| O8—Tb1—O1 | 105.37(17) | O30—Tb1—O9 | 75.66(18) |
| O8—Tb1—O20 | 87.84(17) | O8—Tb1—O7 | 142.26(16) |
| O1—Tb1—O20 | 66.60(16) | O1—Tb1—O7 | 64.58(16) |
| O8—Tb1—O2 | 66.63(16) | O20—Tb1—O7 | 116.63(16) |
| O1—Tb1—O2 | 87.75(16) | O2—Tb1—O7 | 76.41(17) |
| O20—Tb1—O2 | 137.91(16) | O29—Tb1—O7 | 75.84(17) |
| O8—Tb1—O29 | 141.32(17) | O30—Tb1—O7 | 77.16(17) |
| O1—Tb1—O29 | 97.88(18) | O9—Tb1—O7 | 144.81(17) |
| O20—Tb1—O29 | 73.46(18) | O8—Tb1—Zn3 | 33.38(12) |
| O2—Tb1—O29 | 145.87(18) | O1—Tb1—Zn3 | 94.99(12) |
| O8—Tb1—O30 | 98.68(18) | O20—Tb1—Zn3 | 113.07(12) |
| O1—Tb1—O30 | 140.49(17) | O2—Tb1—Zn3 | 33.47(12) |
| O20—Tb1—O30 | 146.17(18) | O29—Tb1—Zn3 | 167.08(13) |
| O2—Tb1—O30 | 73.52(18) | O30—Tb1—Zn3 | 88.12(14) |
| O29—Tb1—O30 | 81.25(19) | O9—Tb1—Zn3 | 92.00(11) |
| O8—Tb1—O9 | 64.52(16) | O7—Tb1—Zn3 | 109.04(12) |
| O1—Tb1—O9 | 143.25(16) | O8—Tb1—Zn2 | 95.38(13) |
| O20—Tb1—O9 | 77.47(16) | O1—Tb1—Zn2 | 33.88(11) |
| O2—Tb1—O9 | 115.97(16) | O20—Tb1—Zn2 | 32.87(12) |
| O29—Tb1—O9 | 78.31(17) | O2—Tb1—Zn2 | 113.76(11) |
| O29—Tb1—Zn2 | 86.95(13) | O1—Zn2—O5 | 104.32(19) |

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| O30—Tb1—Zn2 | 165.87(14) | N4—Zn2—O5 | 77.2(2) |
| O9—Tb1—Zn2 | 109.60(12) | N1—Zn2—O5 | 142.6(2) |
| O7—Tb1—Zn2 | 92.49(11) | O4—Zn2—O5 | 68.1(2) |
| Zn3—Tb1—Zn2 | 104.51(2) | O20—Zn2—Tb1 | 38.58(13) |
| O20—Zn2—O1 | 76.54(18) | O1—Zn2—Tb1 | 38.14(13) |
| O20—Zn2—N4 | 162.7(2) | N4—Zn2—Tb1 | 127.34(19) |
| O1—Zn2—N4 | 89.4(2) | N1—Zn2—Tb1 | 102.48(18) |
| O20—Zn2—N1 | 91.1(2) | O4—Zn2—Tb1 | 134.09(17) |
| O1—Zn2—N1 | 113.0(2) | O5—Zn2—Tb1 | 105.96(14) |
| N4—Zn2—N1 | 103.9(3) | O2—Zn3—O8 | 76.31(18) |
| O20—Zn2—O4 | 95.6(2) | O2—Zn3—N2 | 163.8(2) |
| O1—Zn2—O4 | 168.7(2) | O8—Zn3—N2 | 90.1(2) |
| N4—Zn2—O4 | 96.7(2) | O2—Zn3—N3 | 90.5(2) |
| N1—Zn2—O4 | 74.7(2) | O8—Zn3—N3 | 114.1(2) |
| O20—Zn2—O5 | 96.21(19) | N2—Zn3—N3 | 103.2(3) |
| O2—Zn3—O12 | 96.0(2) | Zn3—O2—Tb1 | 107.5(2) |
| O8—Zn3—O12 | 167.9(2) | Zn2—O1—Tb1 | 107.98(19) |
| N2—Zn3—O12 | 95.9(3) | Zn3—O8—Tb1 | 109.0(2) |
| N3—Zn3—O12 | 74.9(3) | Zn2—O20—Tb1 | 108.5(2) |
| O2—Zn3—O13 | 96.9(2) | O2—Zn3—Tb1 | 39.00(13) |
| O8—Zn3—O13 | 103.1(2) | O8—Zn3—Tb1 | 37.58(13) |
| N2—Zn3—O13 | 77.4(3) | N2—Zn3—Tb1 | 127.6(2) |
| N3—Zn3—O13 | 142.8(3) | N3—Zn3—Tb1 | 102.33(18) |
| O12—Zn3—O13 | 68.1(2) | O12—Zn3—Tb1 | 134.85(19) |
| O13—Zn3—Tb1 | 106.25(16) | | |

Table S3. The Zn^{II}/Dy^{III}/Tb^{III} ions of geometric analysis in complexes **1** and **2**.

| Complex | Metal Ions | Label | Shape | Symmetry | Distortion(τ) |
|---------|-------------------|--------------|--|----------------------------|----------------------|
| 1 | Zn ^{II} | HP-6 | Hexagon | D_{6h} | 30.601 |
| | | PPY-6 | Pentagonal pyramid | C_{5v} | 20.009 |
| | | OC-6 | Octahedron | O_h | 4.256 |
| | | TPR-6 | Trigonal prism | D_{3h} | 11.066 |
| | | JPPY-6 | Johnson pentagonal pyramid J2 | C_{5v} | 24.080 |
| 1 | Dy ^{III} | OP-8 | Octagon | D_{8h} | 32.141 |
| | | HPY-8 | Heptagonal pyramid | C_{7v} | 23.166 |
| | | HBPY-8 | Hexagonal bipyramid | D_{6h} | 15.530 |
| | | CU-8 | Cube | O_h | 10.076 |
| | | SAPR-8 | Square antiprism | D_{4d} | 2.296 |
| | | TDD-8 | Triangular dodecahedron | D_{2d} | 1.841 |
| | | JGBF-8 | Johnson gyrobifastigium J26 | D_{2d} | 15.391 |
| | | JETBPY-8 | Johnson elongated triangular bipyramid J14 | D_{3h} | 24.197 |
| | | JBTPR-8 | Biaugmented trigonal prism J50 | C_{2v} | 3.325 |
| | | BTPR-8 | Biaugmented trigonal prism | C_{2v} | 3.111 |
| | | JSD-8 | Snub diphenoïd J84 | D_{2d} | 3.976 |
| 2 | Zn ^{II} | TT-8 | Triakis tetrahedron | T_d | 10.588 |
| | | ETBPY-8 | Elongated trigonal bipyramid | D_{3h} | 21.086 |
| | | HP-6 | Hexagon | D_{6h} | 30.726 |
| | | PPY-6 | Pentagonal pyramid | C_{5v} | 20.122 |
| | | OC-6 | Octahedron | O_h | 4.184 |
| 2 | Tb ^{III} | TPR-6 | Trigonal prism | D_{3h} | 11.144 |
| | | JPPY-6 | Johnson pentagonal pyramid J2 | C_{5v} | 24.202 |
| | | OP-8 | Octagon | D_{8h} | 32.083 |
| | | HPY-8 | Heptagonal pyramid | C_{7v} | 23.270 |
| | | HBPY-8 | Hexagonal bipyramid | D_{6h} | 15.570 |
| | | CU-8 | Cube | O_h | 10.166 |
| | | SAPR-8 | Square antiprism | D_{4d} | 2.348 |
| | | TDD-8 | Triangular dodecahedron | D_{2d} | 1.893 |
| | | JGBF-8 | Johnson gyrobifastigium J26 | D_{2d} | 15.420 |
| | | JETBPY-8 | Johnson elongated triangular bipyramid J14 | D_{3h} | 24.260 |
| | | JBTPR-8 | Biaugmented trigonal prism J50 | C_{2v} | 3.393 |
| | | BTPR-8 | Biaugmented trigonal prism | C_{2v} | 3.172 |

Table S4. The fitting parameters α and τ values of **1** by using CC-FIT software.

| T | α_1 | τ_1 | α_2 | τ_2 |
|-------|------------|-----------|------------|----------|
| 2.0 K | 0.3281 | 0.01555 | 0.6345 | 0.4116 |
| 2.4 K | 0.3605 | 0.004125 | 0.02030 | 0.1449 |
| 2.8 K | 0.2668 | 0.0006348 | 0.5077 | 0.09546 |
| 3.2 K | 0.2428 | 0.0001297 | 0.5658 | 0.03055 |

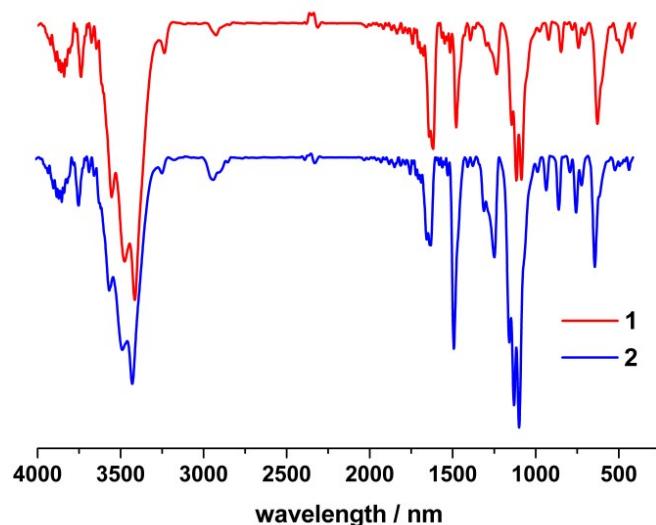


Fig.S1. The IR spectra of complexes **1** and **2**.

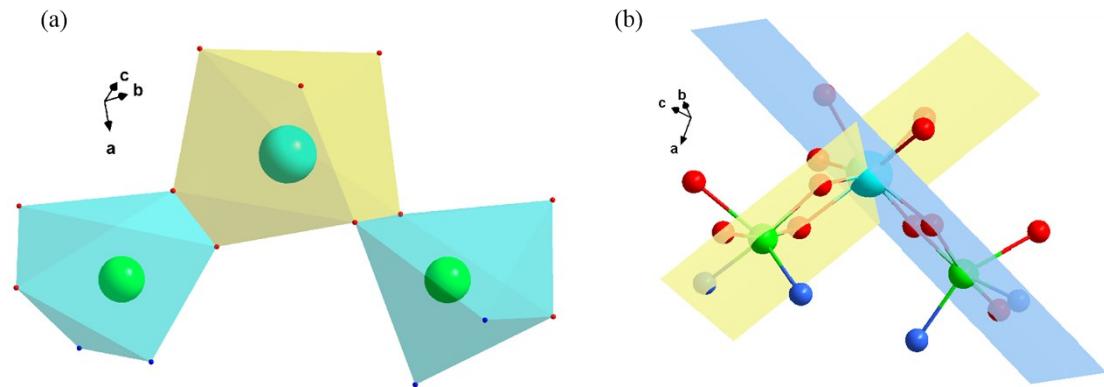


Fig.S2. The coordination polyhedron around Zn^{II} and Ln^{III} (a) and the dihedral angle (b).

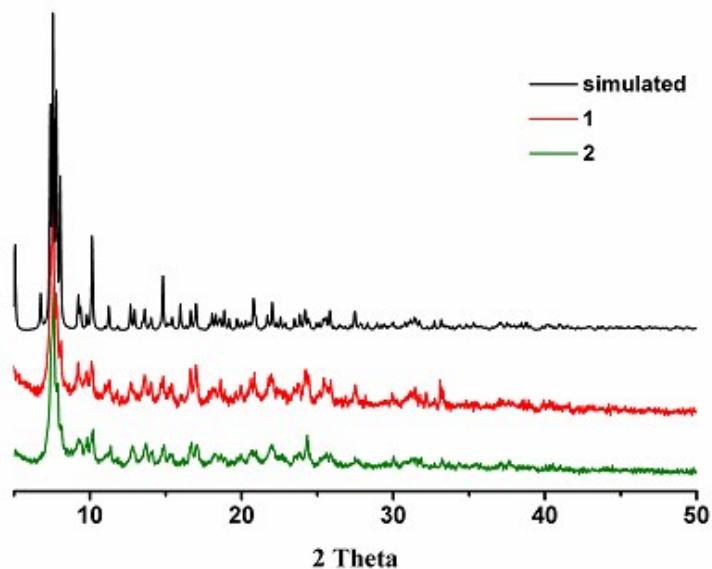


Fig. S3. The PXRD patterns of complexes **1** and **2**.

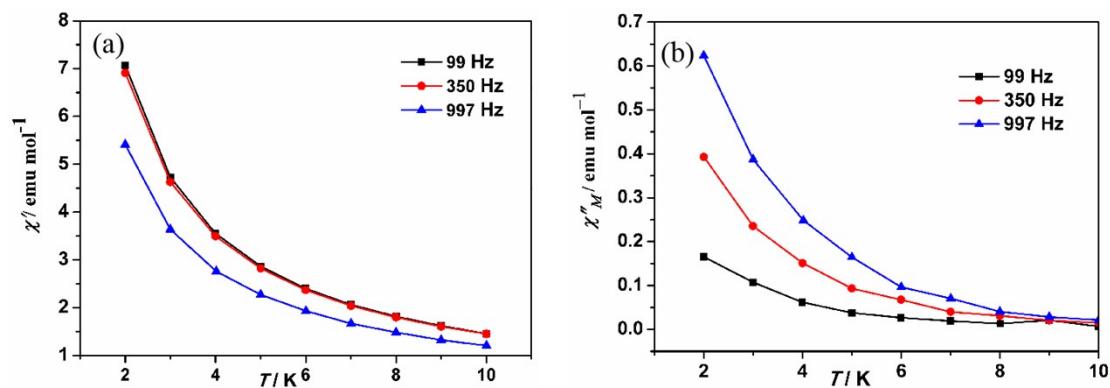


Fig. S4. Frequency dependence of the in-phase (χ') and out-of-phase (χ'') ac susceptibility signals for **1** under zero-dc field.

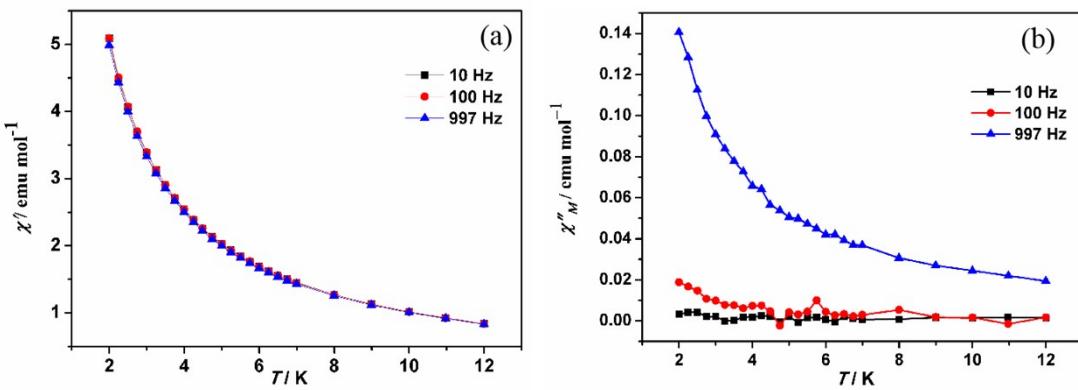


Fig. S5. Frequency dependence of the in-phase (χ') and out-of-phase (χ'') ac susceptibility signals for **2** under zero-dc field.

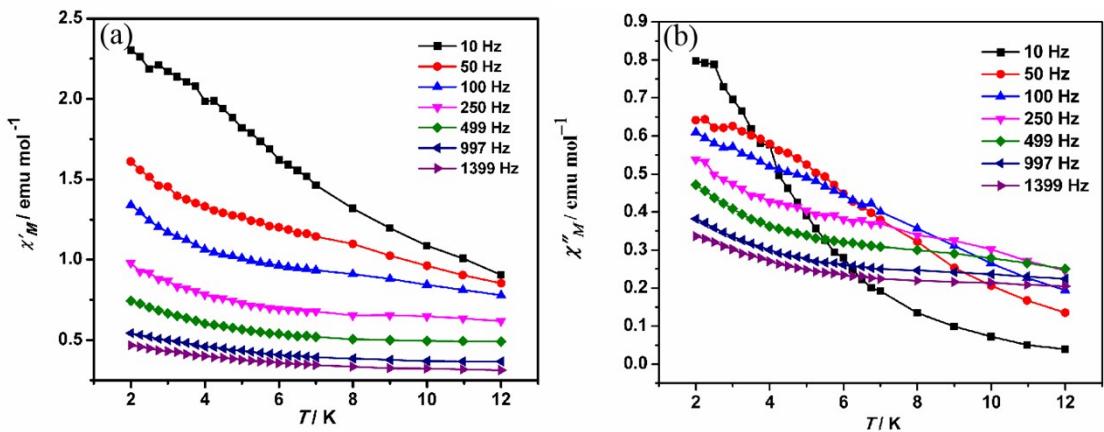


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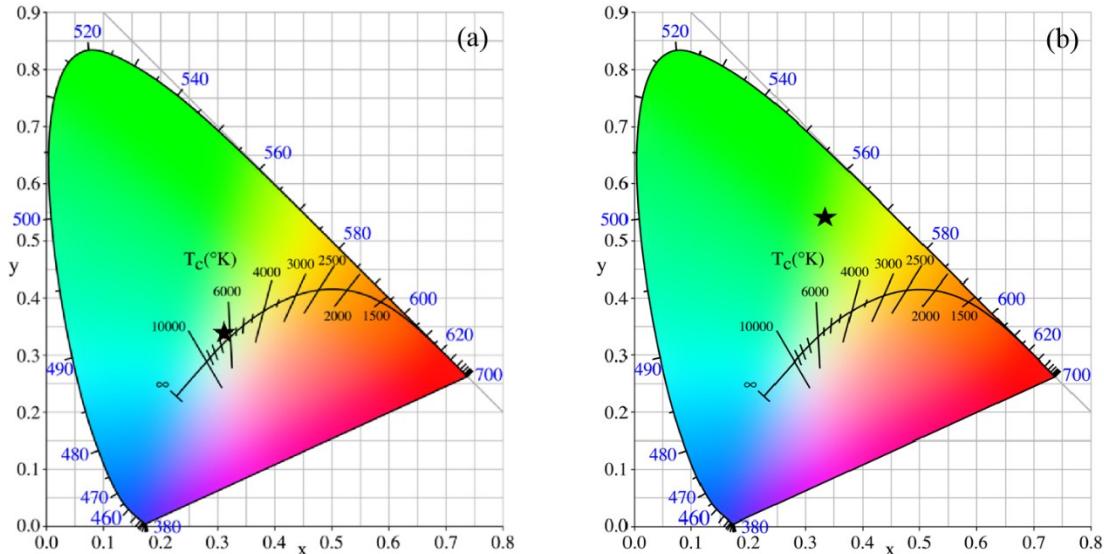


Fig. S7. CIE chromaticity diagram for the emission spectra of complex **1** under excitation 295 nm (a) and complex **2** under excitation 294 nm (b).

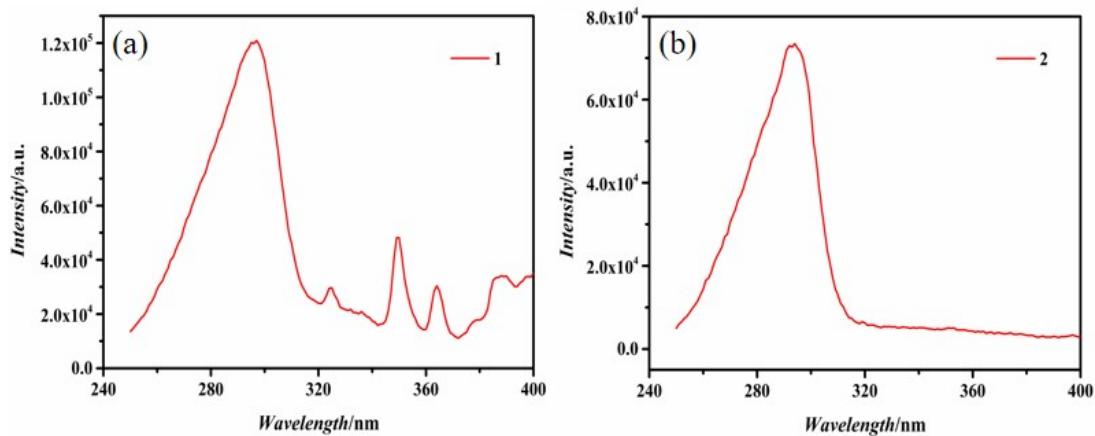


Fig. S8. (a) The fluorescent excitation spectra ($\lambda_{\text{em}} = 572$ nm) of **1**; (b) The fluorescent excitation spectra ($\lambda_{\text{em}} = 547$ nm) of **2**.

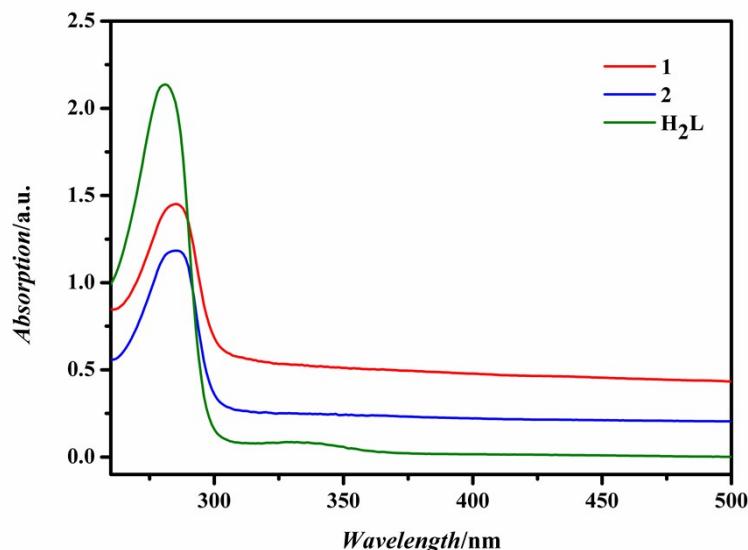


Fig. S9. The UV-Vis absorption spectra of **1**, **2** and **H₂L**.

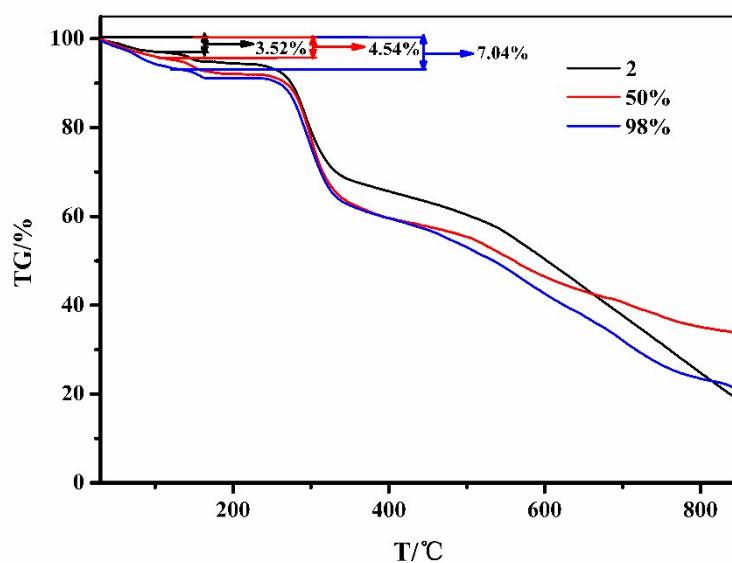


Fig. S10. The TG curves of **2** with the fresh sample and **2** stored at 50% and 98% RH conditions for 1 h.

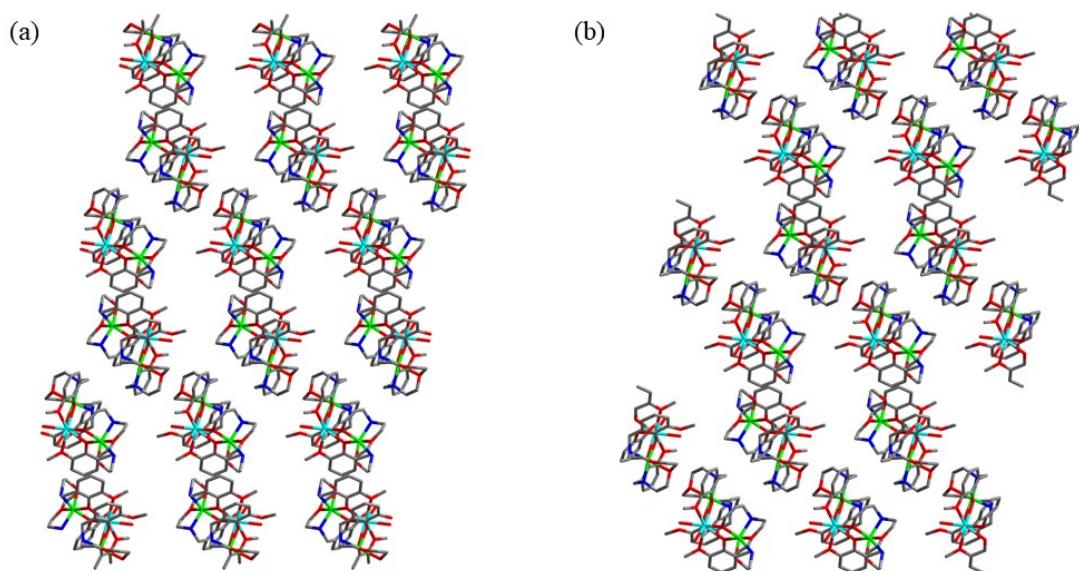


Fig. S11. The three-dimensional packing structures of **1** (a) and **2** (b).