

Supplementary Information for:

**An All-rounder Aminoguanidine based Ligand, Its Unusual
Anionic Zinc(II) and Cadmium(II) Coordination Complexes and
Their Biological Implications**

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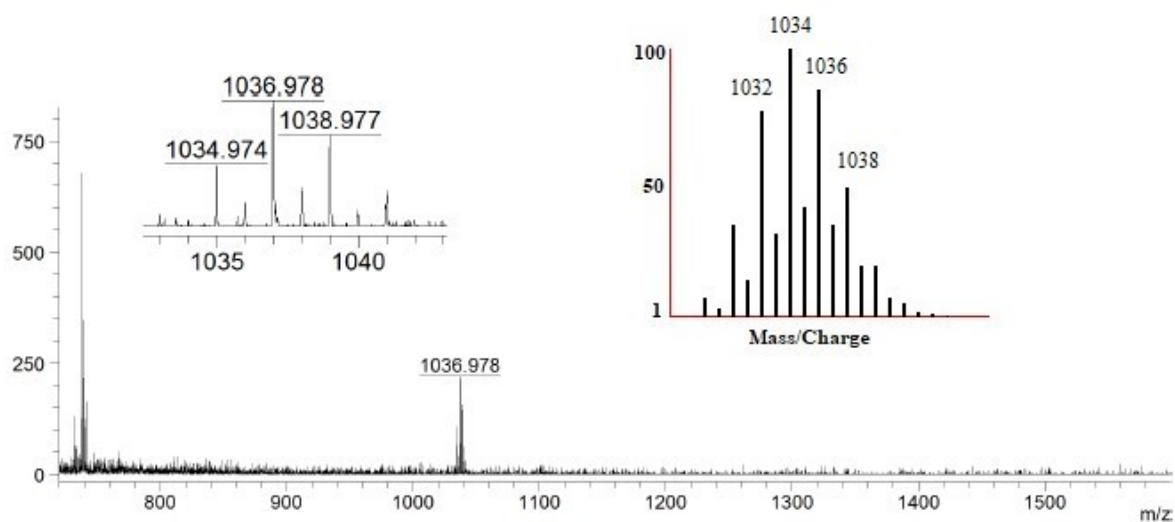


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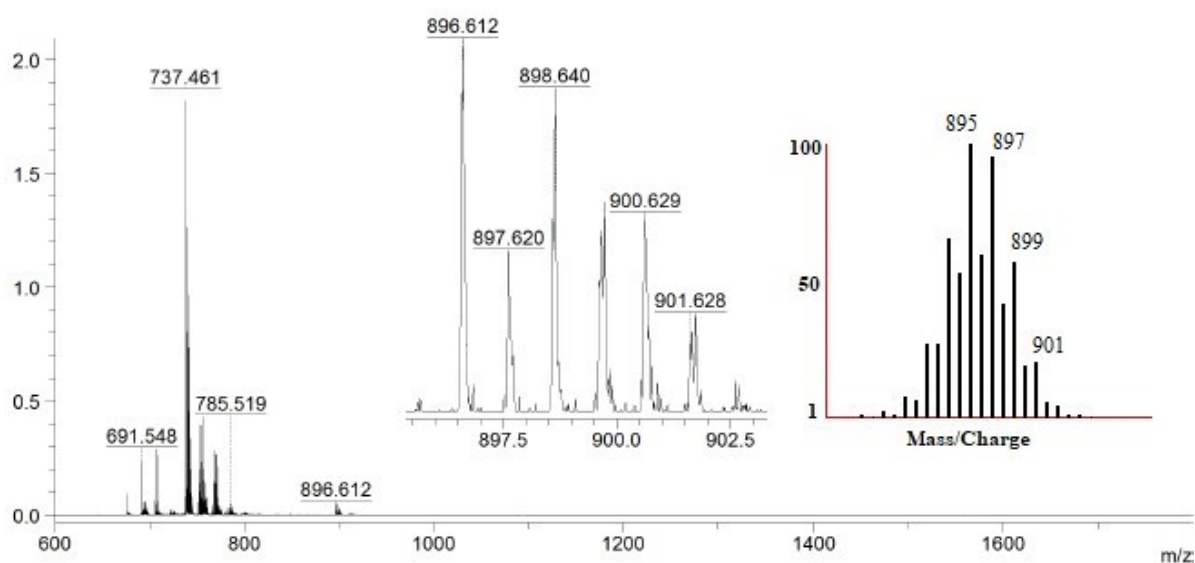


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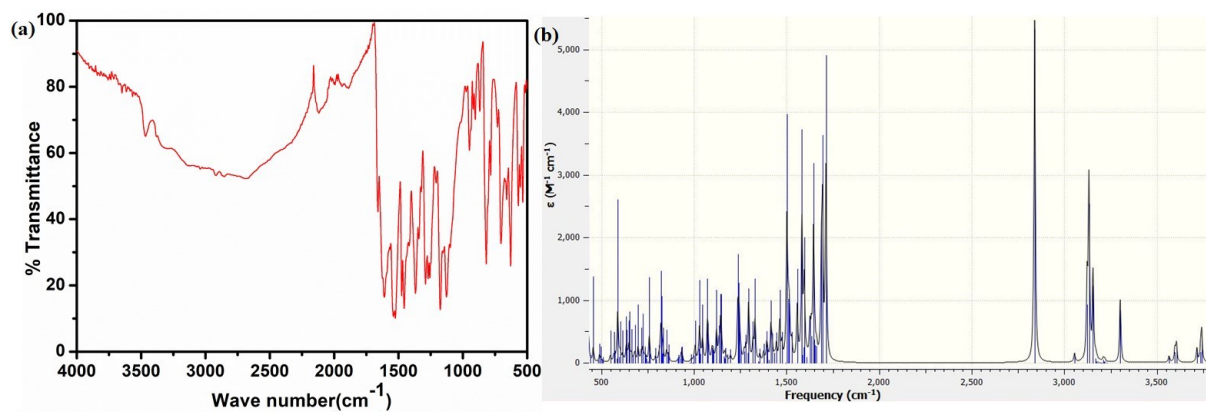


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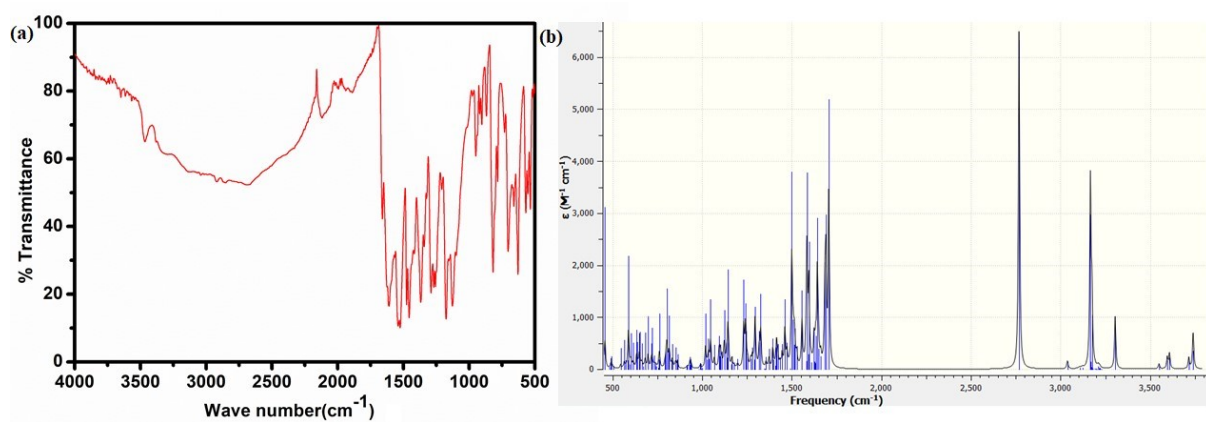


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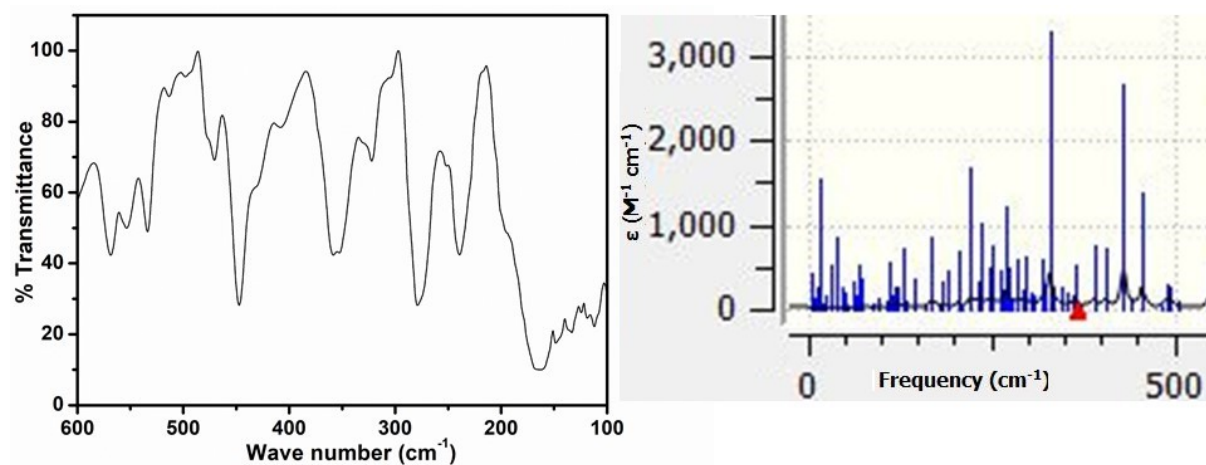


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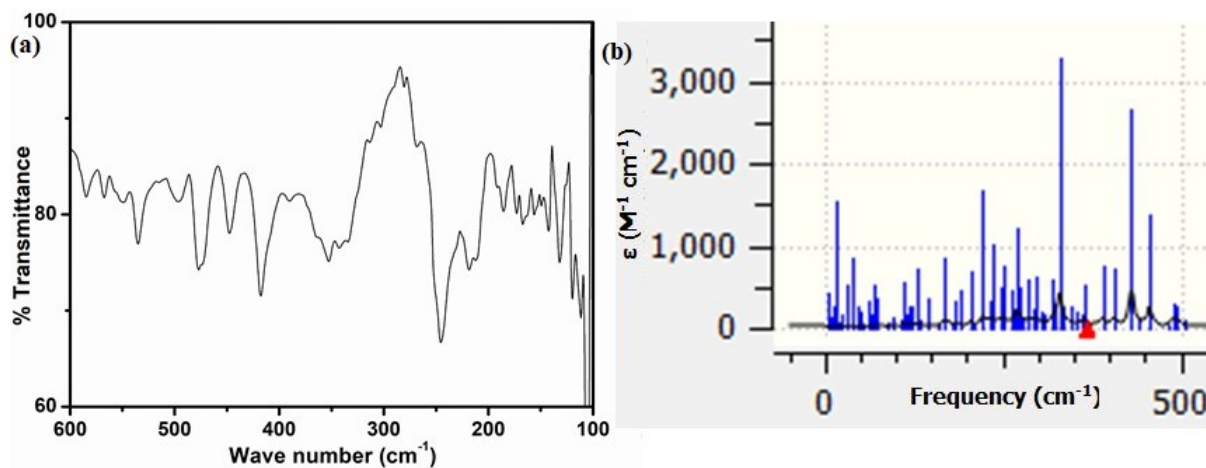


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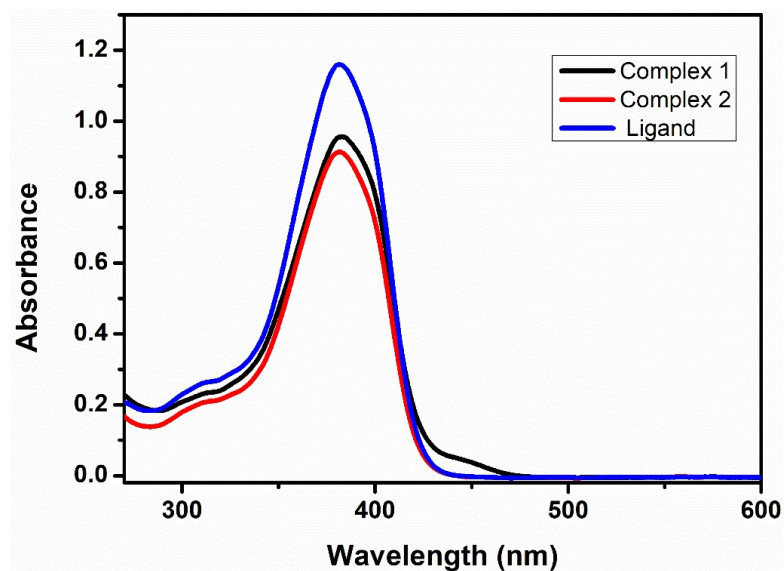


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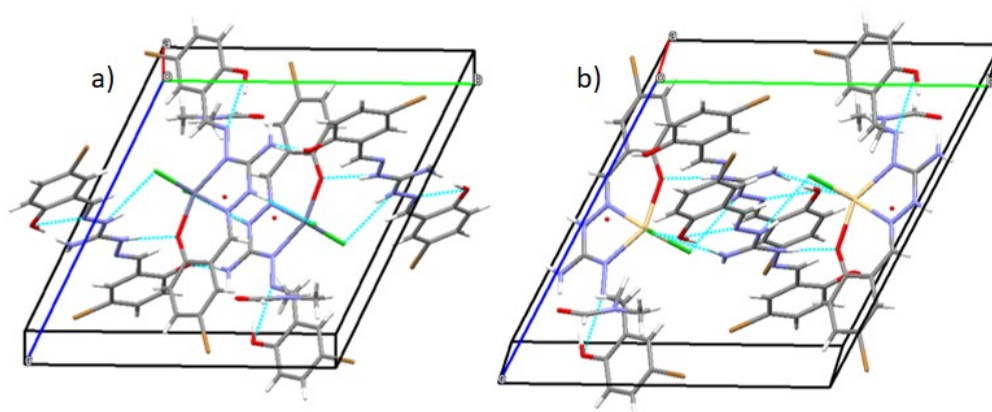


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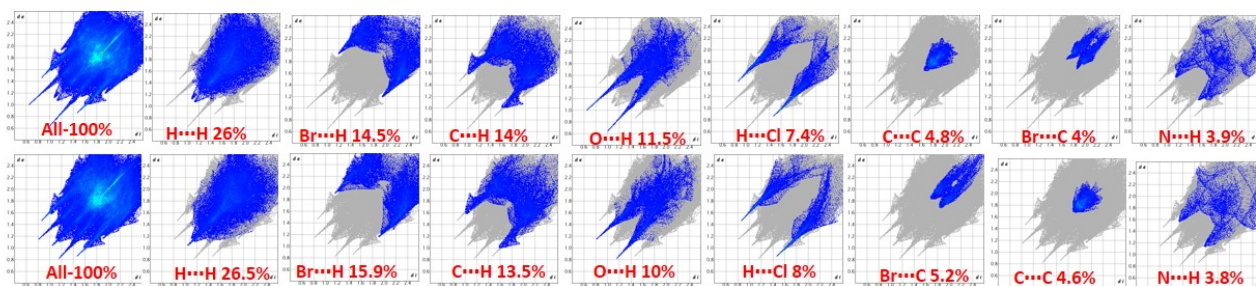


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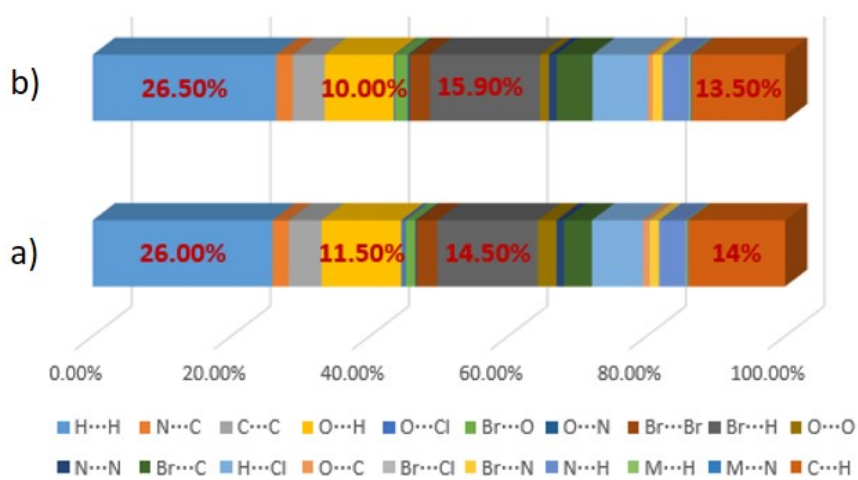


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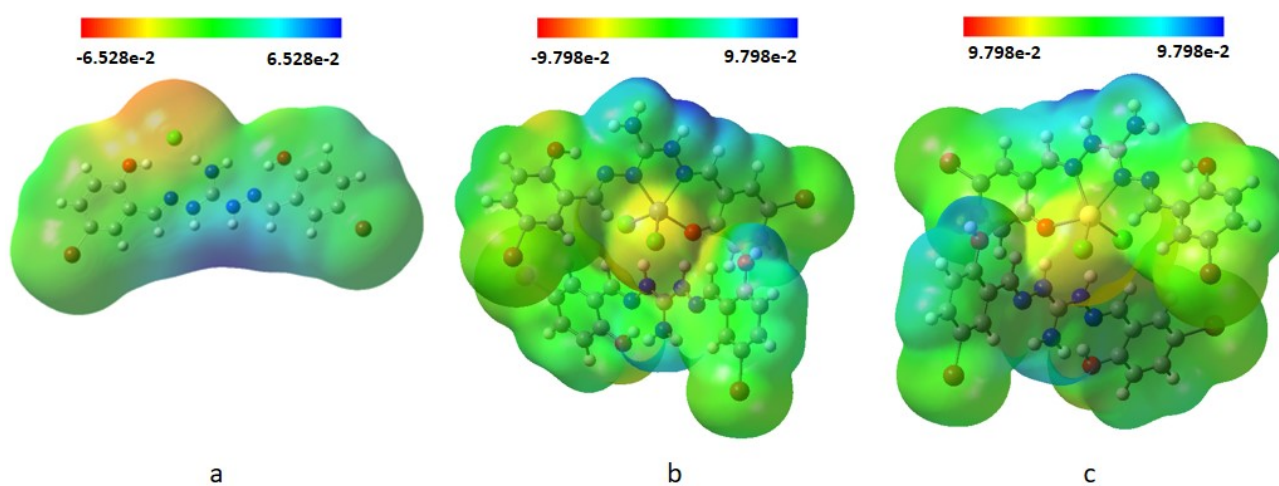


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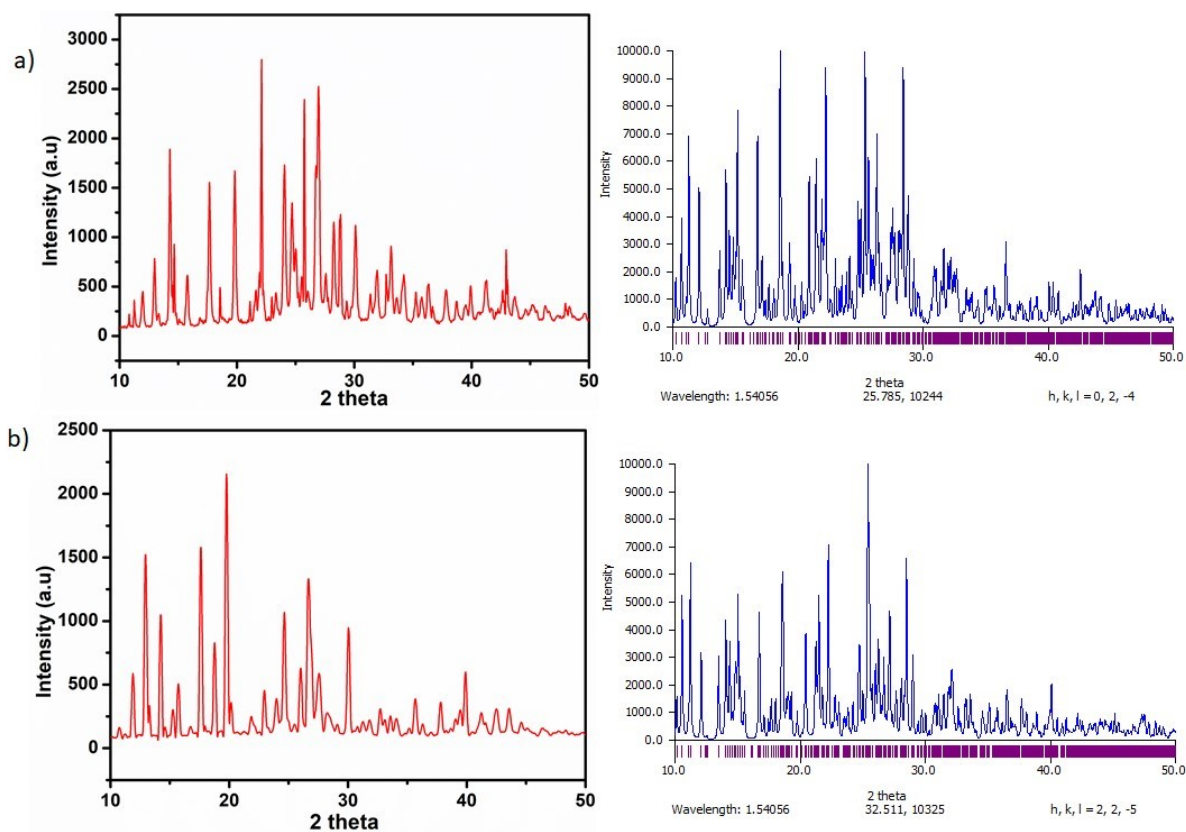


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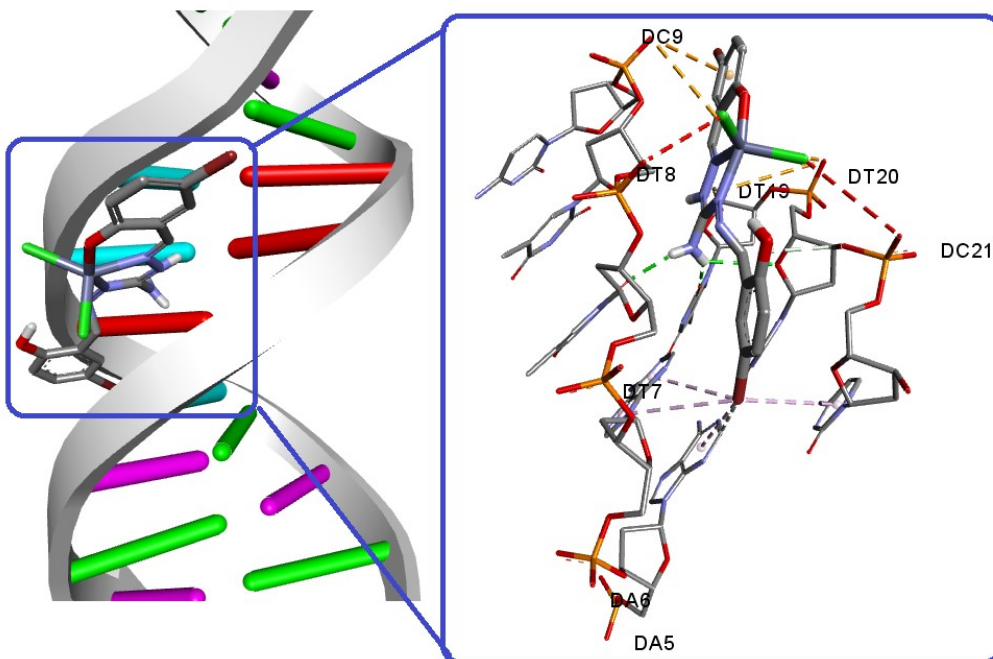


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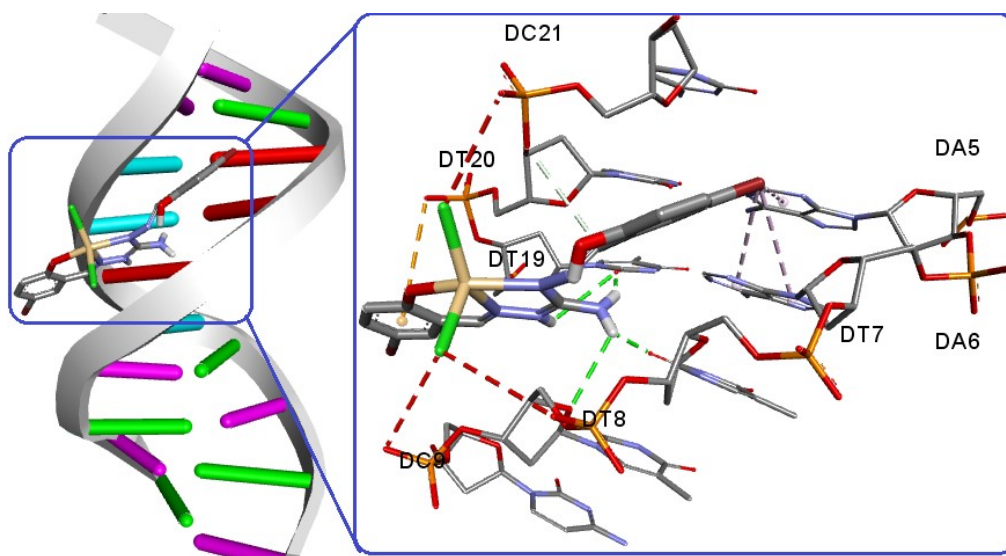


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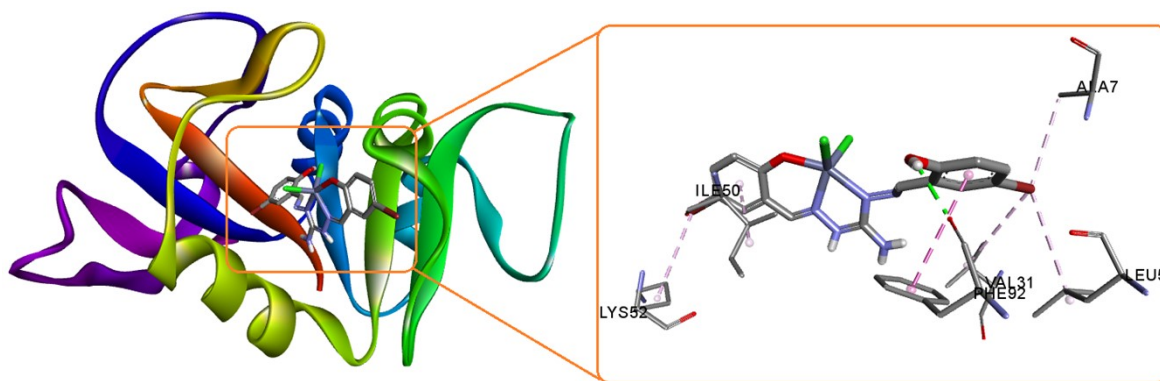


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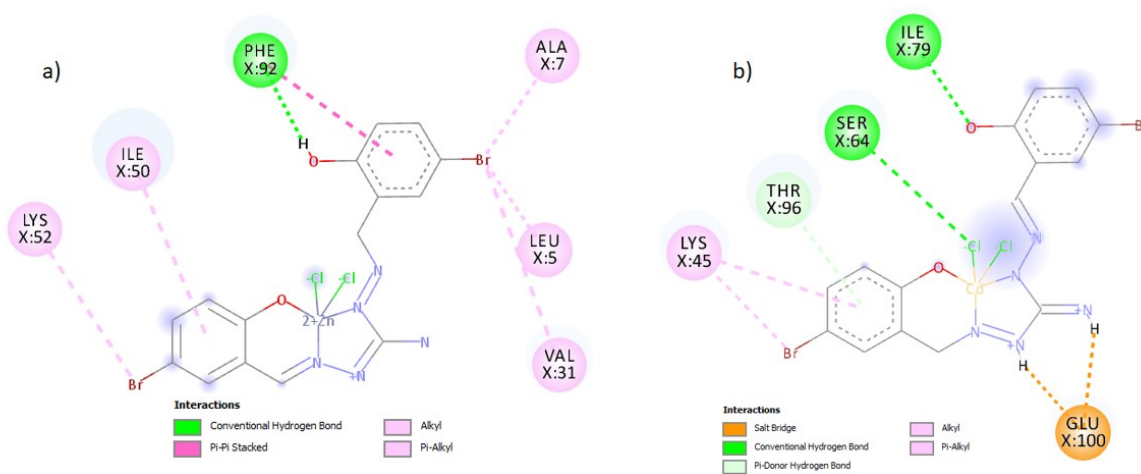


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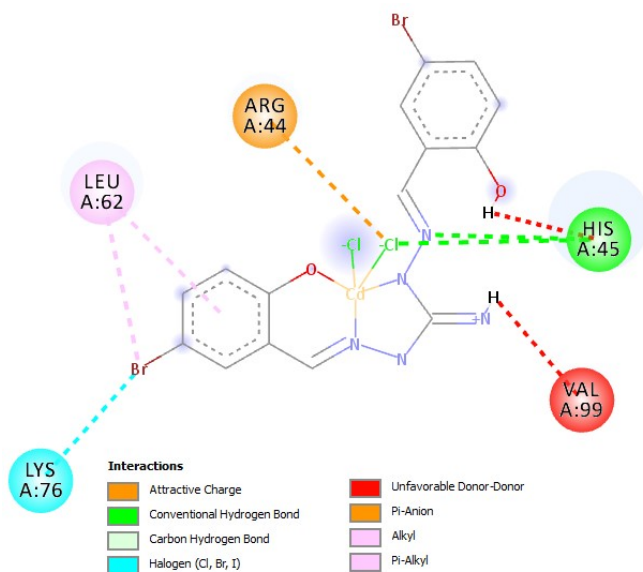


Figure S18. 2D representation of $[CdCl_2(H_4Brsal-dag)]^-$ with the active site residues of DHFR from *E. coli*.

Table S1. Crystal refinement parameters of the complexes [ZnCl₂(H₄Brsal-dag)]H₆Brsal-dag·DMF·H₂O (**1**) and [CdCl₂(H₄Brsal-dag)]H₆Brsal-dag·DMF·H₂O (**2**).

Parameters	[ZnCl ₂ (H ₄ Brsal-dag)]H ₆ Brsal-dag·DMF·H ₂ O	[CdCl ₂ (H ₄ Brsal-dag)]H ₆ Brsal-dag·DMF·H ₂ O
CCDC number	2259210	2290289
Empirical Formula	C ₃₃ H ₃₅ Br ₄ Cl ₂ N ₁₁ O ₆ Zn	C ₃₃ H ₃₅ Br ₄ CdCl ₂ N ₁₁ O ₆
Formula weight (M)	1137.63	1184.66
Temperature (T)	295(2) K	298(2) K
Wavelength (Mo/Cu Kα)	1.54178 Å	0.71073 Å
Crystal system	triclinic	triclinic
Space group	<i>P</i> -1	<i>P</i> -1
Unit cell dimensions	a=12.4293(3)Å α=115.0430(10)° b = 13.9253(3)Å β= 99.3430(10)° c = 14.0492(3)Å γ= 95.0030(10)°	a =12.3459(7) Å α=116.555(2)° b =14.1549(9) Å β=99.070(2)° c = 14.4164(9) Å γ=94.806(2)°
Volume V, Z	2140.51(8) Å ³ , 2	2191.2(2) Å ³ , 2
Calculated density (ρ)	1.765 g/cm ³	1.796 g/cm ³
Absorption coefficient, μ	6.792 mm ⁻¹	4.322 mm ⁻¹
<i>F</i> (000)	1124	1160
Crystal size	0.223 x 0.052 x 0.035 mm	0.305 x 0.196 x 0.124 mm
Limiting Indices	-14≤h≤14, -16≤k≤15, -16≤l≤16	-15≤h≤15, -17≤k≤17, -17≤l≤17
Reflections collected	77726	100702
Independent Reflections	7857[R(int)=0.1049]	8307[R(int)=0.0623]
Refinement method	Full-matrix least-squares on F ²	Full-matrix least-squares on F ²
Data / restraints / parameters	7857/8/555	8307/10/554
Goodness-of-fit on F ²	1.065	1.084
Final <i>R</i> indices [I > 2σ(I)]	R ₁ = 0.0510, wR ₂ = 0.1046	R ₁ = 0.0424, wR ₂ = 0.0990
<i>R</i> indices (all data)	R ₁ = 0.1142, wR ₂ = 0.1250	R ₁ = 0.0700, wR ₂ = 0.1182
Weighing Scheme	'w=1/[s ² (Fo ²)+(0.0432P) ² +4.6321P], where P=(Fo ² +2Fc ²)/3'	'w=1/[s ² (Fo ²)+(0.0442P) ² +5.7744P], where P=(Fo ² +2Fc ²)/3'
Largest difference peak and hole	0.725 and -0.705 e Å ⁻³	0.925 and -1.111 e Å ⁻³

$$R_1 = \sum ||F_o| - |F_c|| / \sum |F_o|; wR_2 = [\sum w(F_o^2 - F_c^2)^2 / \sum w(F_o^2)^2]^{1/2}$$

Table S2. The bond lengths (Å) and bond angles (°) of the complex [CdCl₂(H₄Brsal-dag)]H₆Brsal-dag.DMF.H₂O (**2**).

Bond lengths (Å)		Bond angles (°)	
Cd1–O1	2.216(3)	O1–Cd1–N1	79.12(14)
Cd1–N4	2.287(4)	O1–Cd1–N4	148.74(13)
Cd1–N1	2.327(4)	N1–Cd1–N4	70.86(15)
Cd1–Cl1	2.4861(13)	O1–Cd1–Cl1	98.22(10)
Cd1–Cl2	2.4884(13)	N1–Cd1–Cl1	111.96(11)
N4–N5	1.390(6)	N4–Cd1–Cl1	100.82(11)
C8–N3	1.314(6)	O1–Cd1–Cl2	91.84(10)
C8–N4	1.336(7)	N1–Cd1–Cl2	137.33(11)
N3–C8	1.355(7)	N4–Cd1–Cl2	104.22(11)
N1–N2	1.379(6)	Cl1–Cd1–Cl2	110.59(4)
N1–C7	1.283(7)		
O1–C1	1.326(6)		
O2–C15	1.354(7)		
Br2–C12	1.904(6)		
C4–Br1	1.914(5)		

Table S3. Interaction parameters of the complex [CdCl₂(H₄Brsal-dag)]H₆Brsal-dag.DMF.H₂O (2).

Hydrogen bonding interactions				
D–H ... A	D–H (Å)	H ... A (Å)	D--A (Å)	D–H ... A (°)
N8–H8NB ... N6	0.83(4)	2.45(4)	2.736(6)	101(3)
N8–H8NB ... Cl(2) ^a	0.83(4)	2.49(4)	3.267(5)	156(3)
N8–H8NA ... N10	0.84(3)	2.31(6)	2.667(7)	106(5)
N8–H8NA ... Cl(1) ^a	0.84(3)	2.66(4)	3.370(5)	143(5)
N2–H2N ... Cl(2) ^b	0.83(6)	2.63(3)	3.357(6)	147(6)
N2–H2N ... O(6) ^b	0.83(6)	2.51(8)	3.135(15)	132(6)
O2–H2O ... N5	0.96(5)	1.94(5)	2.714(6)	136(6)
N3–H3NA ... O(3) ^b	0.84(6)	2.12(6)	2.906(9)	156(6)
O3–H3O ... O(5)	0.95(8)	1.74(9)	2.627(13)	154(7)
N3–H3NB ... N5	0.84(5)	2.30(8)	2.639(8)	104(6)
O4–H4O ... N6	0.96(7)	1.94(8)	2.755(7)	141(6)
N7–H7N ... Cl(1)	0.84(6)	2.44(5)	3.226(4)	157(5)
N9–H9N ... O(1)	0.83(5)	1.86(5)	2.683(7)	175(5)
C9–H9 ... Cl2	0.93	2.75	3.591(5)	150
C22–H22 ... O3	0.93	2.45	2.767(8)	100
C32–H32A ... O5	0.96	2.37	2.81(3)	108

D = donor, A = acceptor, Equivalent position codes a = 1-x,1-y,1-z; b = 1-x,2-y,1-z;

π ... π interactions			
Cg ... Cg	Cgv ... Cg (Å)	α (°)	β (°)
Cg(1) ... Cg(1) ^a	3.597(3)	0.0(2)	15.6
Cg(1) ... Cg(2) ^a	3.784(3)	6.11(19)	28.7
Cg(2) ... Cg(1) ^a	3.784(3)	6.11(19)	22.6
Cg(4) ... Cg(4) ^b	3.895(4)	0.0(3)	26.8
Cg(5) ... Cg(6) ^c	3.667(3)	9.3(3)	11.3
Cg(6) ... Cg(5) ^c	3.667(3)	9.3(3)	20.2

Equivalent position codes: a= 1-x,2-y,1-z ;b= 1-x,1-y,-z ; c= 1-x,1'-y,1-z

C–X ... π interactions			
C–X ... Cg	X ... Cg (Å)	C ... Cg (Å)	C–X ... Cg (°)
C28–H28 ... Cg(3) ^a	2.60	3.501(7)	163

Equivalent position codes: a= -x,1-y,1-z; Cg(3)= C(1), C(2), C(3), C(4), C(5), C(6).

Table S4. The Frontier molecular orbital energies and calculated chemical reactivity parameters for the compounds.

Energy parameters (eV)	H ₅ Brsal-dag.HCl	Complex 1	Complex 2
HOMO	-5.93	-5.92	-5.93
HOMO-1	-6.21	-6.11	-6.61
LUMO	-3.02	-2.47	-2.48
LUMO+1	-2.16	-2.32	-2.29
E _{HOMO} -E _{LUMO} : ΔE	2.90	3.45	3.45
Ionization Energy, I	5.93	5.92	5.93
Electron Affinity, A	3.02	2.47	2.48
Chemical hardness, η	1.45	1.72	1.72
Electronegativity, χ	4.47	4.19	4.20
Chemical potential, μ	-4.47	-4.19	-4.20
Electrophilicity, ω	6.90	5.10	5.12
Total Energy	-4896645.56	-361630.84	-361153.39
Global softness, σ (eV ⁻¹)	0.68	0.58	0.68
Nucleophilicity, ε (eV ⁻¹)	0.14	0.19	0.19
Dipole moment (Debye)	12.94	8.24	8.17

Table S5. Results of the inhibitory zones and the % antimicrobial activity of the complexes.

Bacterial strains	Conc.(μL)	Complex 1	Complex 2	Ciprofloxacin
<i>E.coli</i>	25	-	11mm, (52.3%)	21mm, (100%)
	50	-	20mm, (95.23%)	
	75	-	24mm, (114.28%)	
	100	-	25mm, (119.04%)	
<i>S.aureus</i>	25	-	-	40mm, (100%)
	50	-	12mm, (30%)	
	75	10mm, (25%)	12mm, (30%)	
	100	11mm, (27.5%)	13mm, (32.5%)	