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# A Chiral Metal-Organic Framework Fluorescent Sensor incorporating H<sub>8</sub>-BINOL

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#### **Experimental**

# Synthesis of 3,3'-dibromo-5,5',6,6',7,7',8,8'-octahydro-1,1'-binaphthyl-2,2'-diol (Br-H<sub>8</sub>-BINOL)

The synthesis was conducted following a literature procedure.<sup>1</sup> (*S*) or (*R*)-5,5',6,6',7,7',8,8'-Cctahydro-1,1'-binaphthol (H<sub>8</sub>- **BINOL**) (1.00 g, 3.40 mmol) was dissolved in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (35 mL) before being cooled in an ice bath to 0 °C. Bromine (0.37 mL, 7.22 mmol) was added dropwise and the reaction stirred for 30 minutes prior to quenching with a saturated solution of Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>3</sub> (35 mL). The product was extracted with H<sub>2</sub>O (2 × 35 mL) and brine (35 mL). The organic layer was dried over anhydrous Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> and the solvent evaporated under reduced pressure. The brown sticky crude oil purified using flash column chromatography with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> yielding a yellow-brown solid (74%, 0.905 g). <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  (ppm): 7.28 (s, 2H), 5.11 (s, 2H), 2.76-2.73 (m, 4H), 2.33-2.25 (m, 2H), 2.13-2.06 (m, 2H), 1.77-1.61 (m, 8H).



Figure S1. <sup>1</sup>H-NMR spectra of (*S*)-Br-H<sub>8</sub>-BINOL.



Figure S2. <sup>1</sup>H-NMR spectra of (*R*)-Br-H<sub>8</sub>-BINOL.



Figure S3. <sup>1</sup>H-NMR spectra of (S)-Br-OEt-H<sub>8</sub>-BINOL.



Figure S4. <sup>1</sup>H-NMR spectra of (*R*)-Br-OEt-H<sub>8</sub>-BINOL.



Figure S5. <sup>1</sup>H-NMR spectra of (*S*)-L.



Figure S6. <sup>1</sup>H-NMR spectra of (*R*)-L.

	<i>(S)</i> -1	( <i>R</i> )-1
Empirical formula	$C_{121}H_{125}Cd_2N_7O_{17}$	$C_{62}H_{67}CdN_4O_{10}$
Formula weight	2174.07	1140.59
Temperature/K	99.98(10)	100.00(10)
Crystal system	orthorhombic	orthorhombic
Space group	<i>P</i> 2 <sub>1</sub> 2 <sub>1</sub> 2	P2 <sub>1</sub> 2 <sub>1</sub> 2
a/Å	20.82810(10)	20.87686(8)
b/Å	18.67620(10)	18.70172(6)
c/Å	15.42900(10)	15.50573(5)
α/°	90	90
$eta /^{\circ}$	90	90
γ/°	90	90
Volume/Å <sup>3</sup>	6001.72(6)	6053.95(3)
Ζ	2	4
$ ho_{calc}g/cm^3$	1.203	1.251
µ/mm <sup>-1</sup>	3.344	3.360
F(000)	2264.0	2380.0
Crystal size/mm <sup>3</sup>	0.3  imes 0.15  imes 0.1	$0.3 \times 0.2 \times 0.2$
Radiation	Cu Ka ( $\lambda = 1.54184$ )	Cu Kα (λ = 1.54184)
2θ range for data collection/°	6.356 to 152.986	6.346 to 152.696
Index ranges	$-26 \le h \le 24, -23 \le k \le 22, -19 \le l \le 18$	$-26 \le h \le 23, -22 \le k \le 22, -19 \le l \le 19$
Reflections collected	204803	230369
Independent reflections	12291 [ $R_{int} = 0.0588, R_{sigma} = 0.0180$ ]	12321 [ $R_{\text{int}} = 0.0725, R_{\text{sigma}} = 0.0218$ ]
Data/restraints/parameters	12291/59/686	12321/0/689
Goodness-of-fit on F <sup>2</sup>	1.088	1.040
Final R indexes [I>=2 $\sigma$ (I)]	$R_1 = 0.0435, wR_2 = 0.1324$	$R_1 = 0.0476, wR_2 = 0.1346$
Final R indexes [all data]	$R_1 = 0.0442, wR_2 = 0.1332$	$R_1 = 0.0479, wR_2 = 0.1349$
Largest diff. peak/hole / e $Å^{-3}$	1.39/-0.67	1.55/-1.20
Flack parameter	-0.018(2)	-0.0060(19)

 Table S1. Crystallographic parameters for 1.



Figure S7. The coordination environments of (a) (S)-1 and (b) (R)-1.



**Figure S8.** The bond angles in a Cd(II) complex of (*R*)-1. (a) axial-equatorial bond angles and (b) equatorial bond angles.



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Figure S64. Stern-Volmer plots of (a) (S)-1 and (b) (R)-1 with the enantiomers of phenylglycinol.



Figure S65. Stern-Volmer plots of (a) (S)-1 and (b) (R)-1 with the enantiomers of phenylethanediol.



**Figure S66:** Optimised geometries and interaction energies ( $E_{int}$ ) of (S)-1 interacting with (L)-aspartic acid dimethyl ester ((L)-Asp-diME). Panels (a) and (b) depicts the (L)-Asp-diME within the smaller channel, while (c) and (d) show the (L)-Asp-diME positioned in the larger channel. The carbon, oxygen, nitrogen, and hydrogen atoms are represented in black, red, blue and white, respectively. Green dashed lines represent attractive interactions while orange dashed lines represent repulsive interaction.



Figure S67: Optimised geometries and relative energies of (a) (*D*)-aspartic acid dimethyl ester (Asp-diME). (b) (*L*)-Asp-diME. The carbon, oxygen, nitrogen, and hydrogen atoms are represented in black, red, blue and white, respectively.

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