

## Supplementary Information

# Synthesis, Characterisation and Computational Studies on a Novel One-Dimensional Arrangement of Schiff-base $Mn_3$ Single-Molecule Magnet

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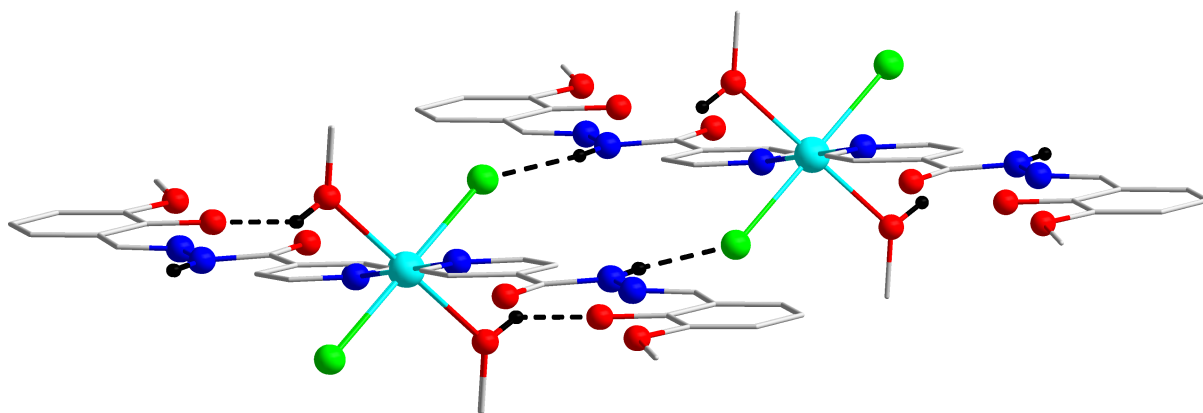
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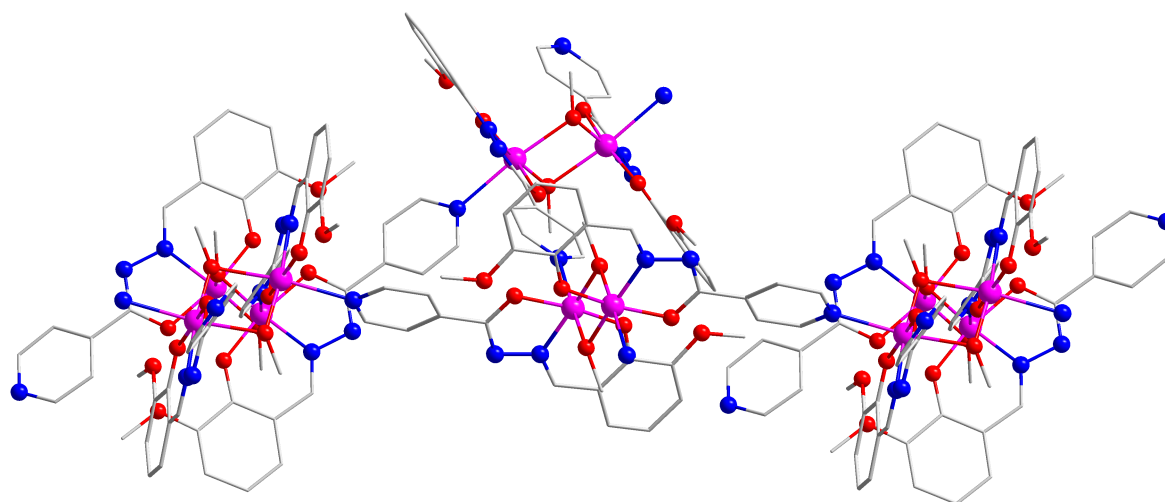
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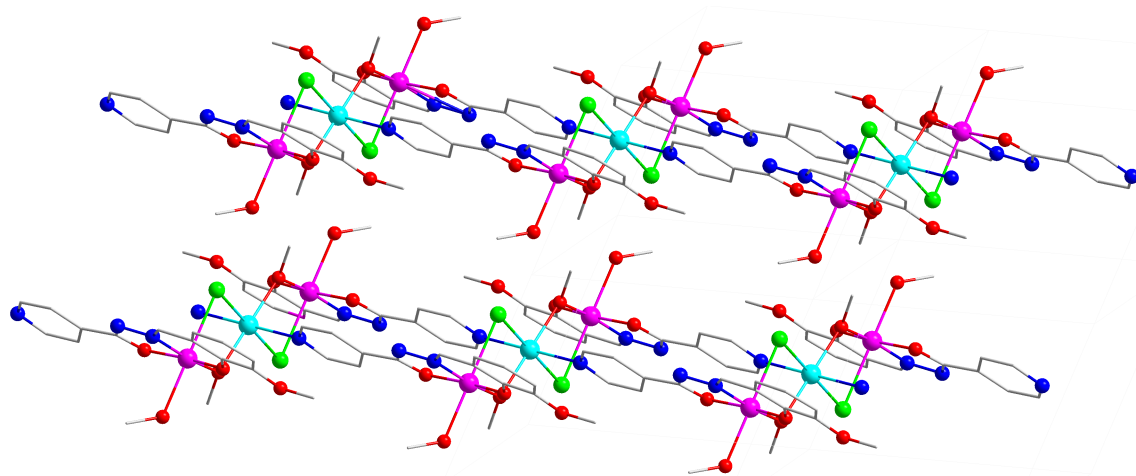
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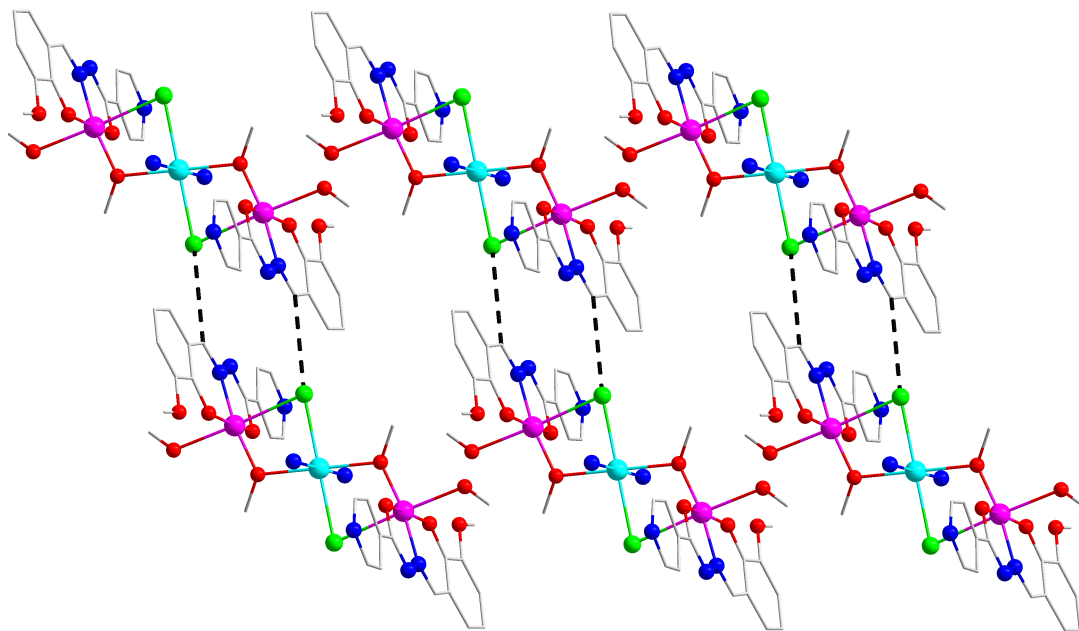
**Fig. S1** The packing arrangement of **1** viewed along the *b* axis. The black dotted lines represent the hydrogen bonds between the units. The hydrogen atoms and solvent molecules are omitted for clarity. Color code: Turquoise ( $Mn^{II}$ ), Red (O), Blue (N), Gray (C), Green (Cl).



**Fig. S2** The packing arrangement of **2** viewed along the *ab* plane. The hydrogen atoms and solvent molecules are omitted for clarity. Color code: Purple ( $Mn^{III}$ ), Red (O), Blue (N), Gray (C).



**Fig. S3** The packing arrangement of **3** viewed along the *c* axis. The hydrogen atoms and solvent molecules are omitted for clarity. Color code: Turquoise (Mn<sup>II</sup>), Purple (Mn<sup>III</sup>), Red (O), Blue (N), Gray (C), Green (Cl).



**Fig. S4** The packing arrangement of **3** viewed along the *b* axis. The hydrogen atoms and solvent molecules are omitted for clarity. The black dotted lines represent the hydrogen bonds between the polymeric chains. Color code: Turquoise (Mn<sup>II</sup>), Purple (Mn<sup>III</sup>), Red (O), Blue (N), Gray (C), Green (Cl).

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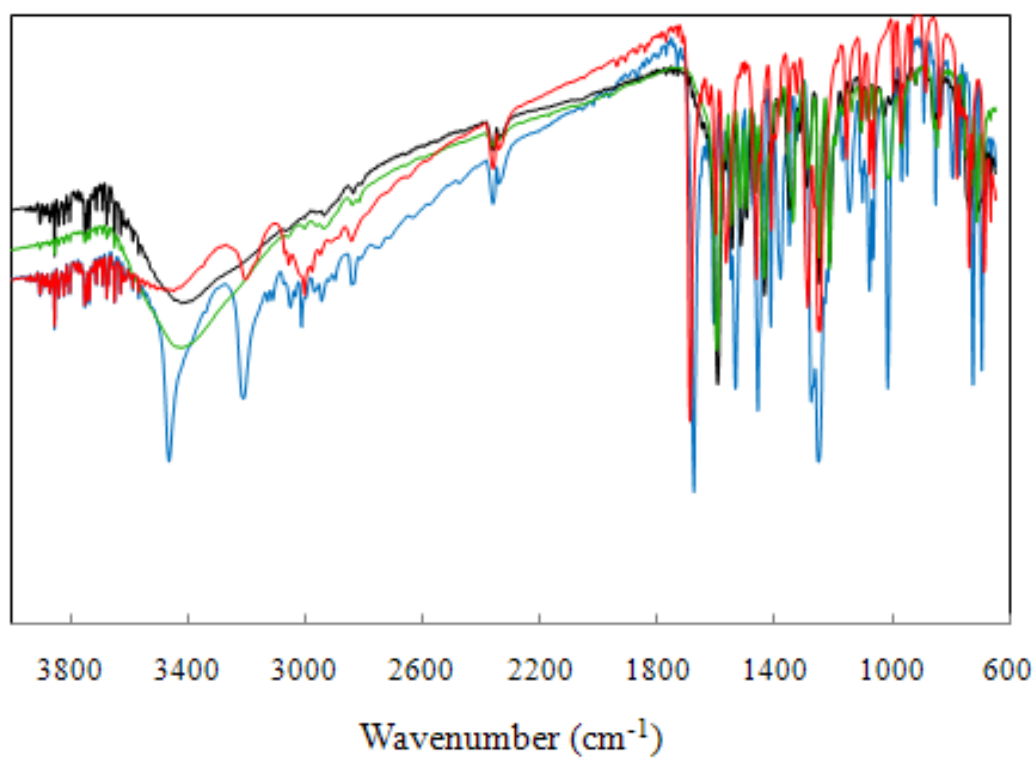


Fig. S5 Infrared spectra of H<sub>2</sub>hmi(red), complex 1(blue), complex 2(black) and complex 3(green) from 4000 to 600 cm<sup>-1</sup>.

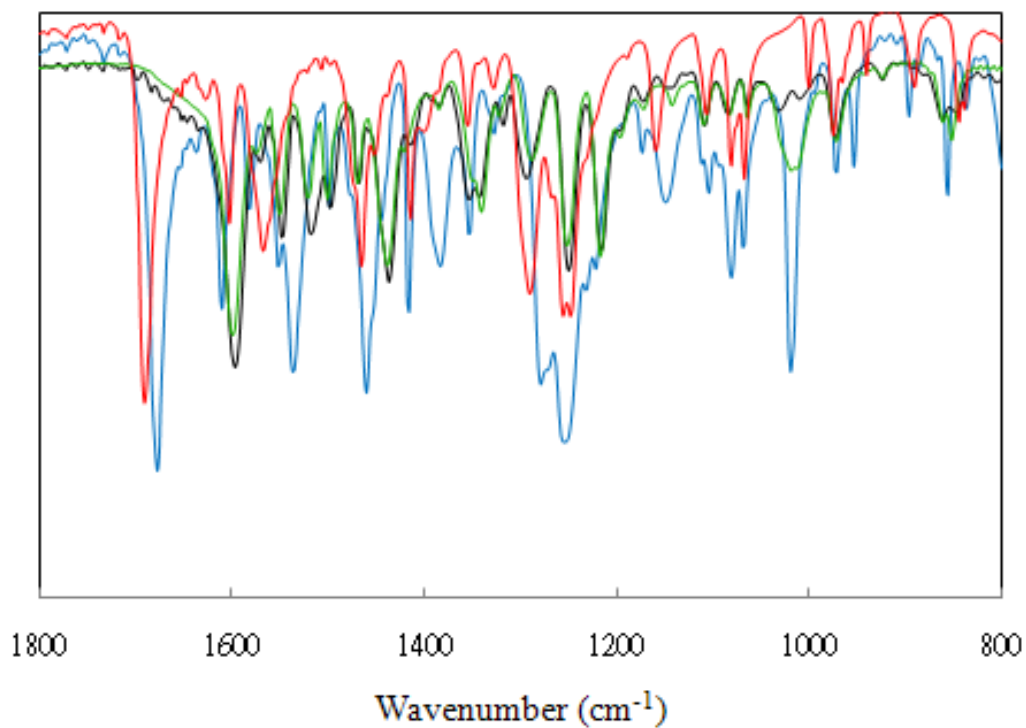


Fig. S6 Infrared spectra of H<sub>2</sub>hmi (red), complex 1 (blue), complex 2 (black) and complex 3 (green) from 1800-800 cm<sup>-1</sup>.

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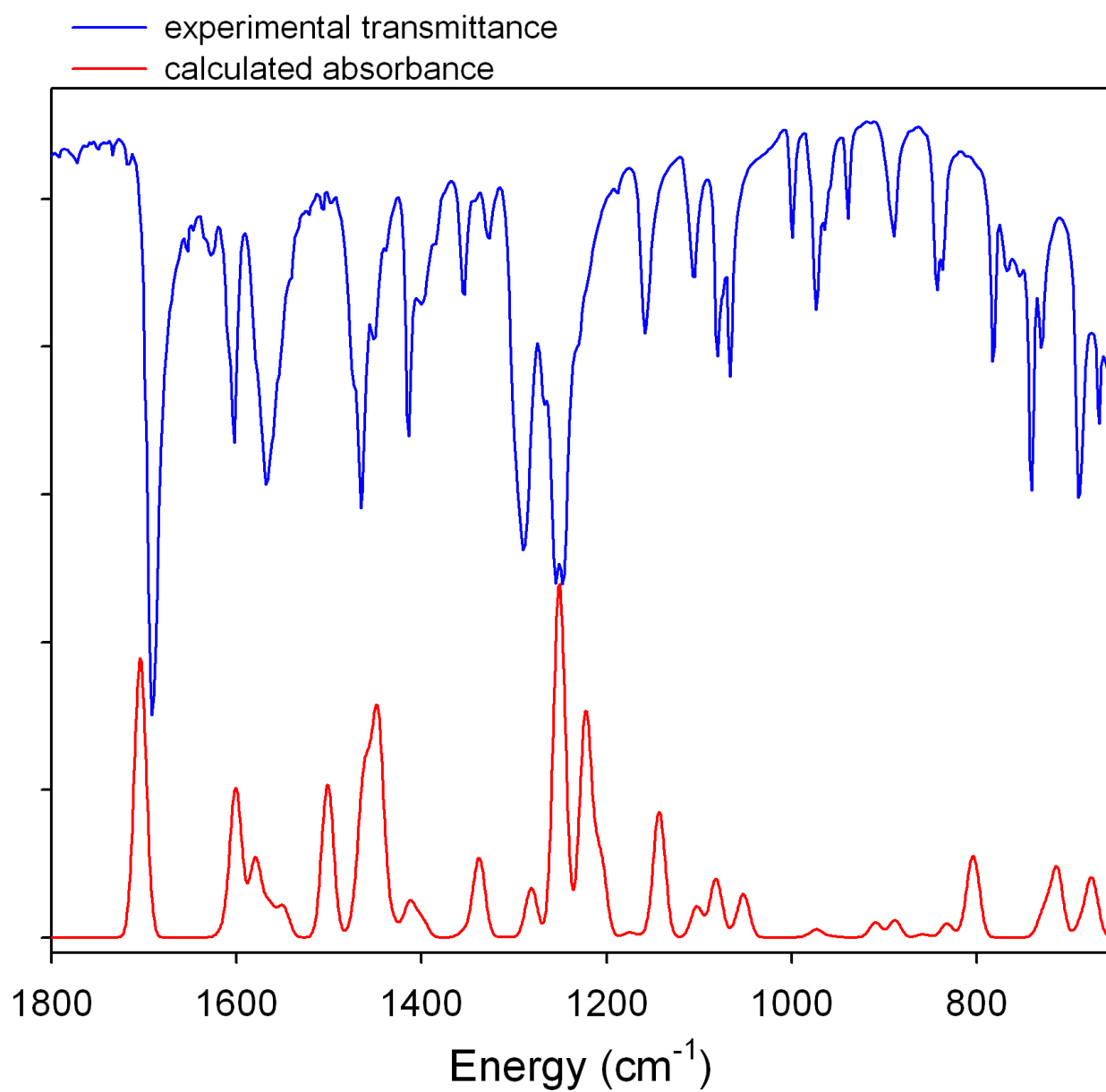
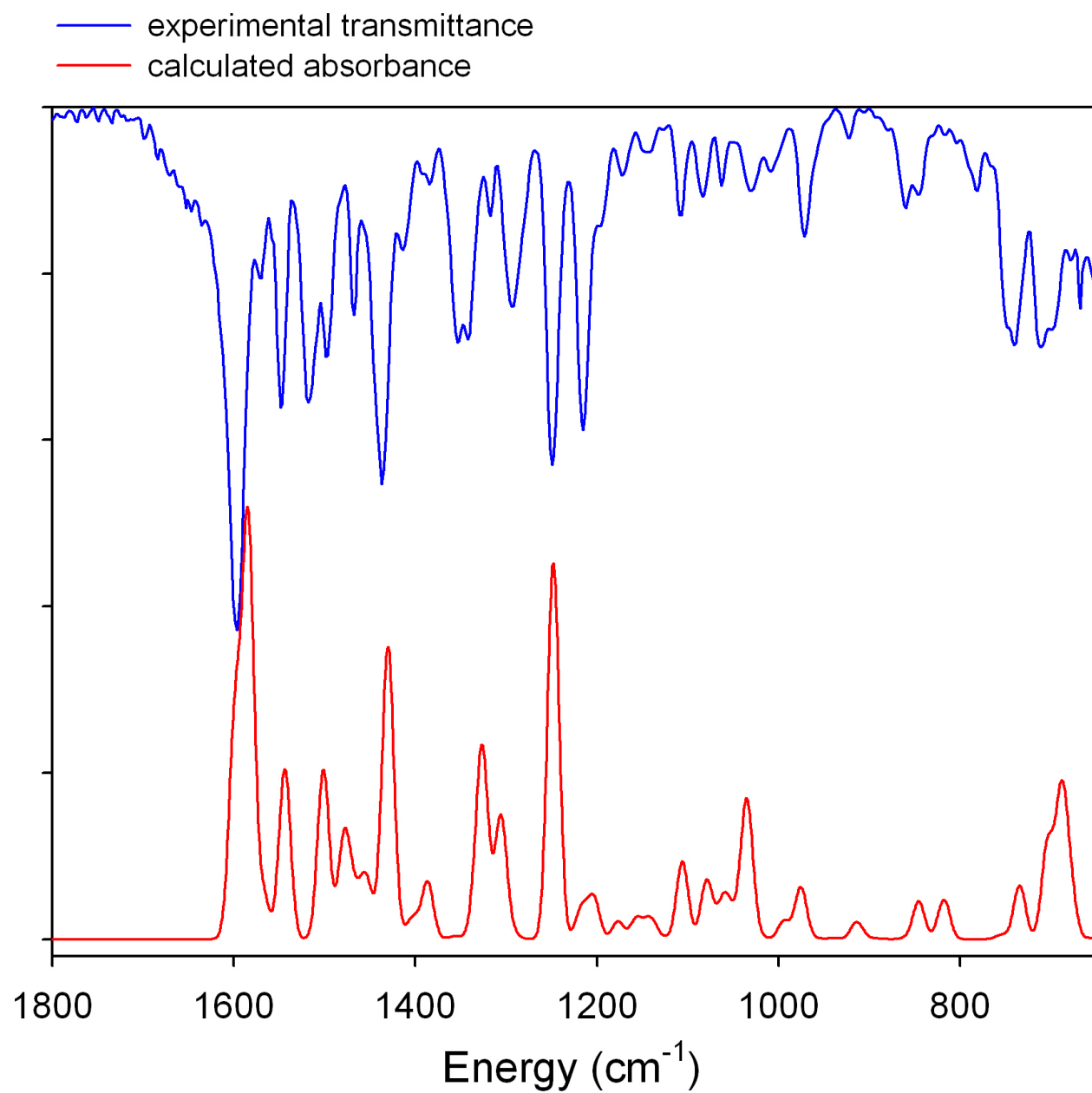


Fig. S7 The IR comparison of DFT caculated absorbance (red) and eperimental transmittance (blue) of H<sub>2</sub>hmi



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