

## Supplementary materials

**Isomorphous coordination polymers of Cobalt(II), Zinc(II) with a flexible ligand of cis, cis, cis-1, 2, 3, 4-cyclopentanetetracarboxylic acid and their molecular alloy: crystal structures, thermal decomposition mechanisms and magnetic properties**

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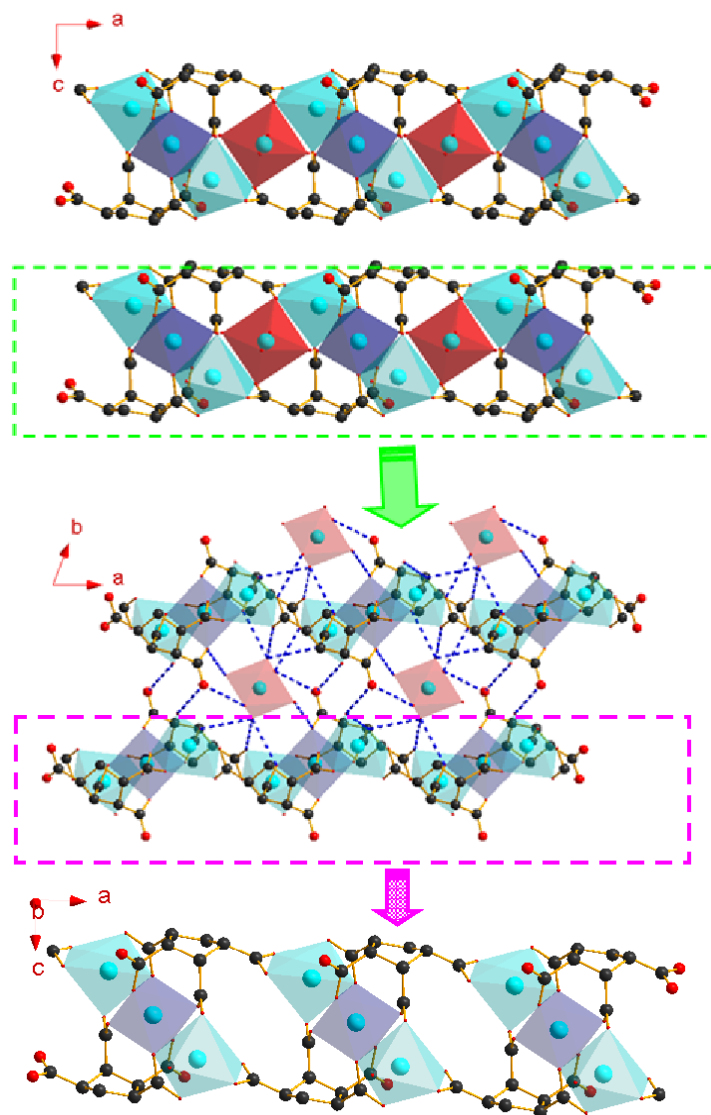
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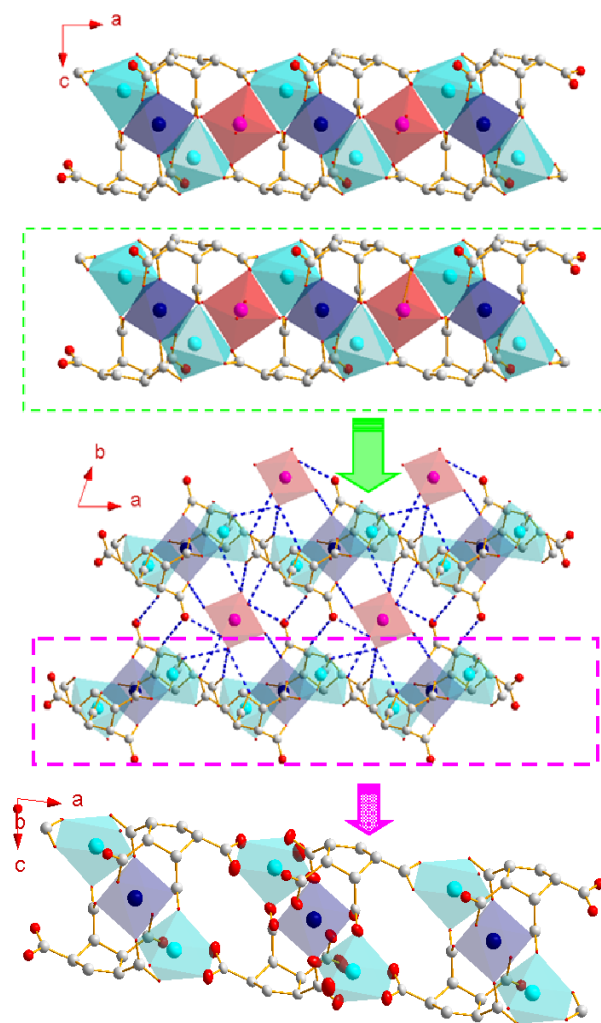
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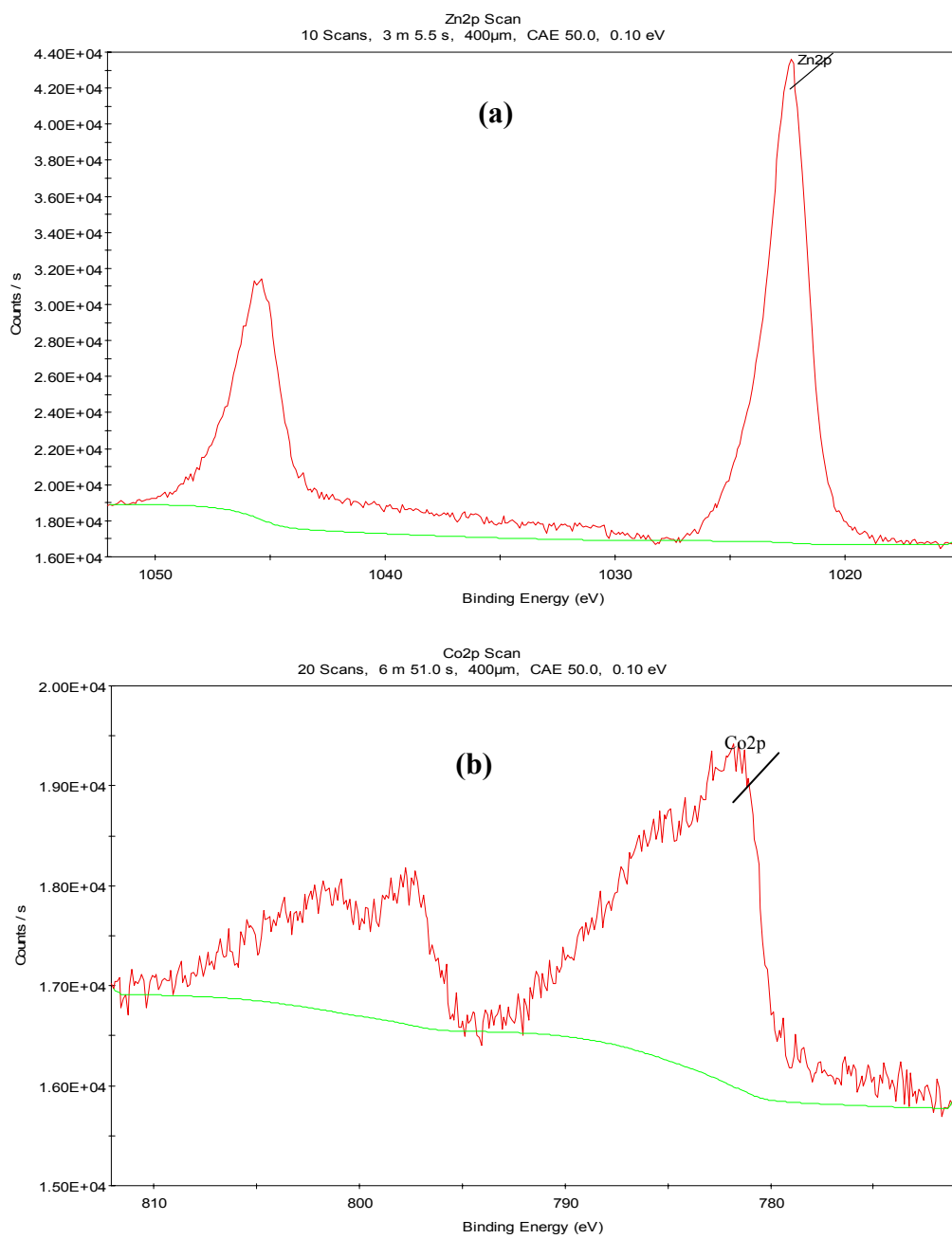
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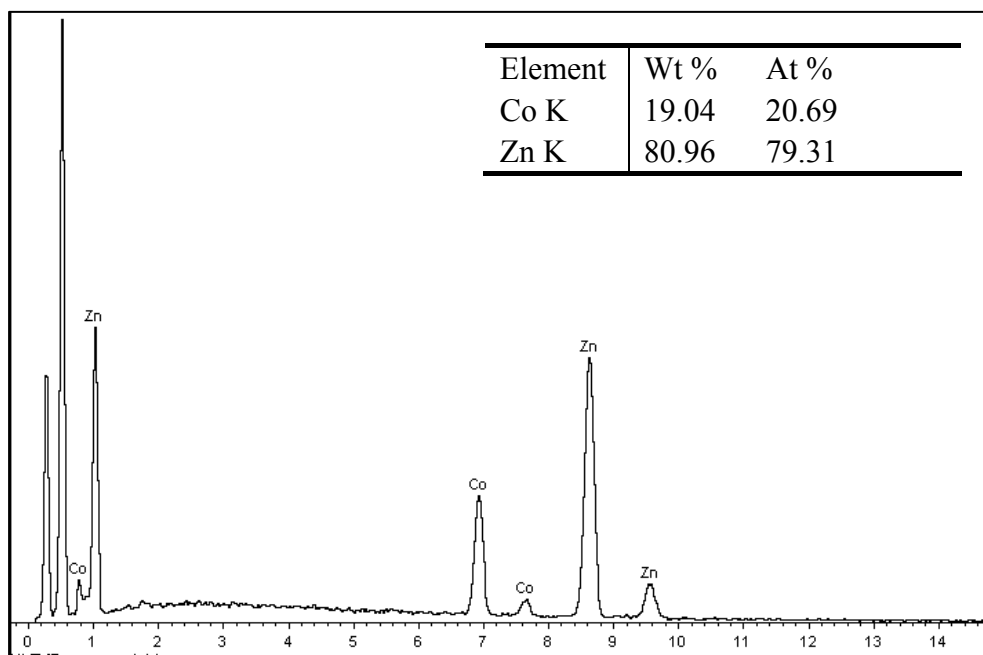
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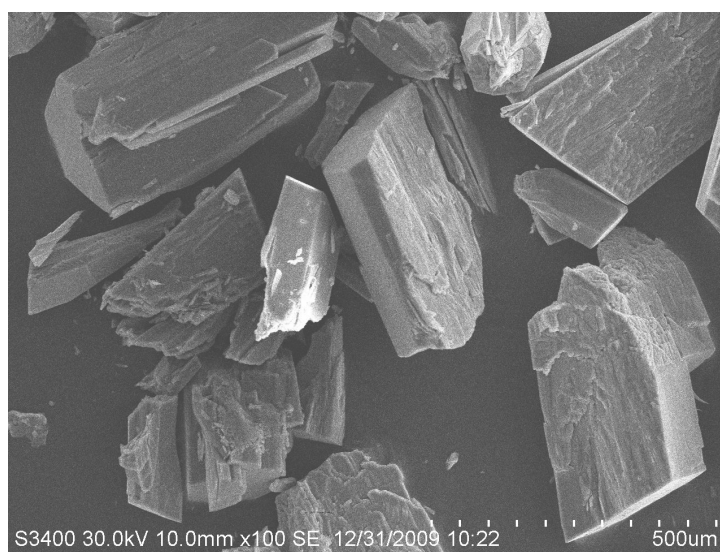
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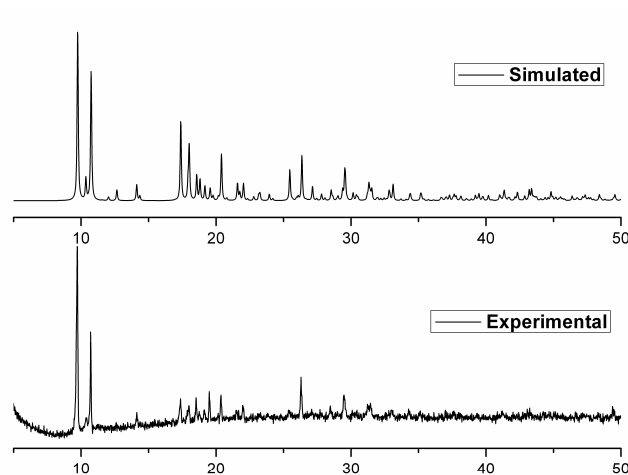


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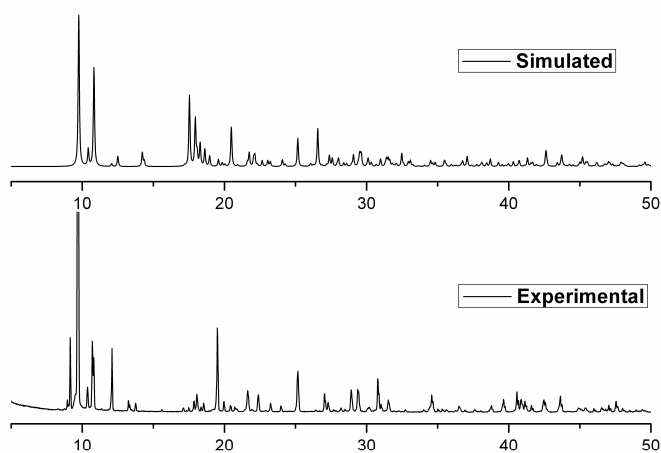


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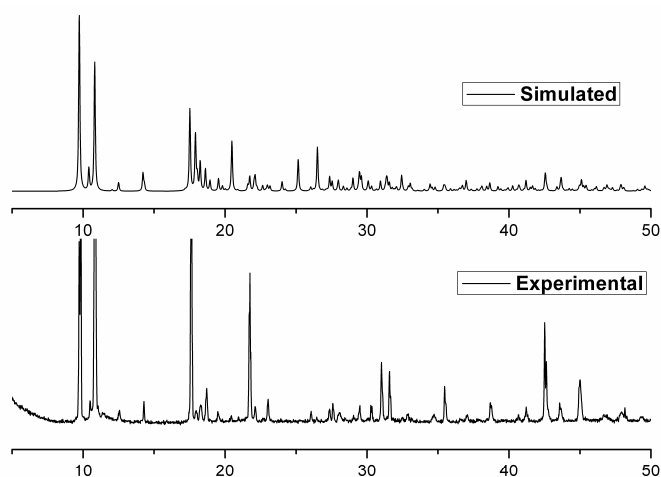
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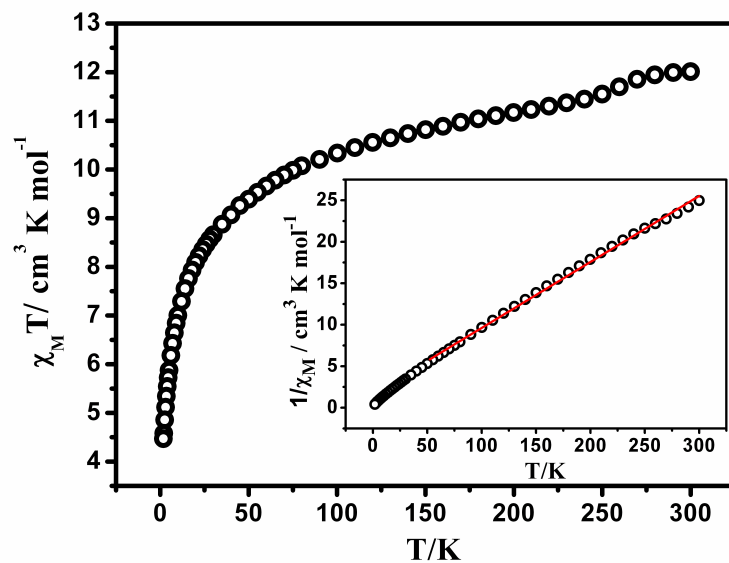
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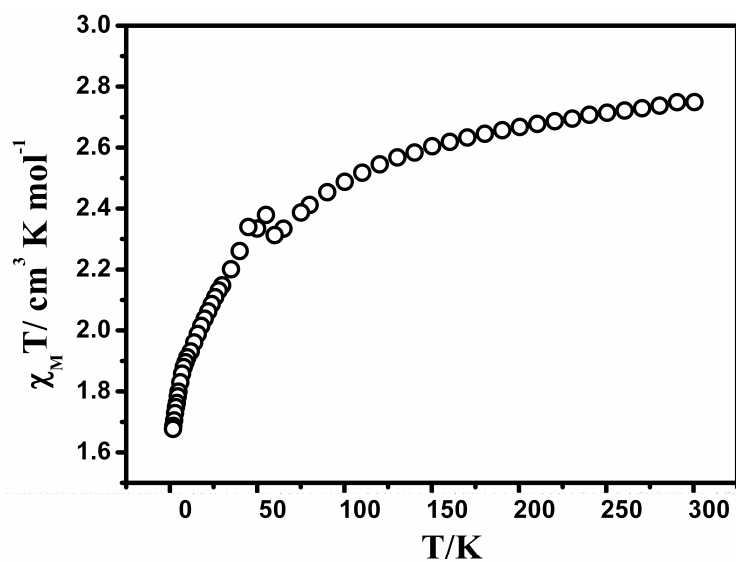
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**Fig. S8** Temperature dependence of  $\chi_M T$  for **1** (inset: plot of  $\chi_M^{-1}$  versus  $T$ , open circles and red line represent experimental data and fits).



**Fig. S9** Temperature dependence of  $\chi_M T$  for **3** (open circles represent experimental data).



**Table S1** Selected bond lengths (Å) and angles (°) for complexes **1**, **2** and **3**

Complex 1			
Co1-O7	2.056(3)	Co2-O9	2.067(3)
Co1-O8	2.061(3)	Co2-O3	2.070(3)
Co1-O6	2.113(3)	Co3-O12	2.071(3)
Co1-O4	2.161(3)	Co3-O10	2.074(3)
Co1-O3	2.197(3)	Co3-O11	2.079(3)
Co1-O5	2.197(3)	O2-Co2-O9	89.93(11)
O7-Co1-O8	93.38(14)	O2-Co2-O9#1	90.07(11)
O7-Co1-O6	100.61(12)	O9-Co2-O9#1	180.0 2_766
O8-Co1-O6	92.17(12)	O2-Co2-O3	90.65(11)
O7-Co1-O4	156.46(12)	O2-Co2-O3#1	89.35(11)
O8-Co1-O4	95.81(13)	O9-Co2-O3	85.28(11)
O6-Co1-O4	100.65(12)	O9-Co2-O3#1	94.72(11)
O7-Co1-O3	100.01(11)	O3-Co2-O3#1	180.000(1)
O8-Co1-O3	85.74(12)	O12-Co3-O12#3	180.0 2_656
O6-Co1-O3	159.36(11)	O12-Co3-O10	89.13(14)
O4-Co1-O3	59.27(10)	O12-Co3-O10#3	90.87(14)
O7-Co1-O5	96.68(13)	O10-Co3- O10#3	180.0
O8-Co1-O5	151.86(12)	O10-Co3- O11	92.72(13)
O6-Co1-O5	60.19(11)	O10-Co3- O11#3	87.28(13)
O4-Co1-O5	85.23(12)	O12-Co3- O11	90.67(14)
O3-Co1-O5	118.01(11)	O12-Co3- O11#3	89.33(14)
O2-Co2-O2#1	180.00(16)	O11-Co3- O11#3	180.0
Co2-O2	2.060(3)		
Complex 2			
Zn1-O7	2.017(3)	Zn2-O2	2.035(3)
Zn1-O8	2.067(3)	Zn2-O9	2.081(3)
Zn1-O6	2.094(3)	Zn2-O3	2.097(3)
Zn1-O4	2.211(3)	Zn3-O12	2.065(3)
Zn1-O3	2.217(3)	Zn3-O10	2.096(3)
Zn1-O5	2.247(3)	Zn3-O11	2.091(3)
O7-Zn1-O8	93.38(13)	O2-Zn2-O9#1	88.93(10)
O7-Zn1-O6	108.59(11)	O9-Zn2-O9#1	180.00(14)
O8-Zn1-O6	91.64(12)	O2-Zn2-O3	88.73(11)
O7-Zn1-O4	152.32(11)	O2-Zn2-O3#1	91.27(11)
O8-Zn1-O4	98.07(13)	O9-Zn2-O3	86.05(10)
O6-Zn1-O4	96.18(11)	O9-Zn2-O3#1	93.95(10)
O7-Zn1-O3	96.94(10)	O3-Zn2-O3#1	180.000(1)
O8-Zn1-O3	89.18(11)	O12-Zn3-O12#3	180.000(1)
O6-Zn1-O3	154.35(10)	O12-Zn3-O10	88.57(12)
O4-Zn1-O3	58.37(10)	O12-Zn3-O10#3	91.43(12)
O7-Zn1-O5	96.44(11)	O10-Zn3- O10#3	180.0
O8-Zn1-O5	151.39(12)	O10-Zn3- O11	87.56(12)

O6-Zn1-O5	59.76(10)	O11-Zn3- O10#3	92.44(12)
O4-Zn1-O5	85.29(11)	O11-Zn3- O11#3	180.0
O3-Zn1-O5	116.02(11)	O12-Zn3- O11	91.07(12)
O2-Zn2-O2#1	180.00(16)	O12-Zn3- O11#3	88.93(12)
O2-Zn2-O9	91.07(10)		
<b>Complex 3</b>			
Zn1-O7	2.016(4)	Co2-O2	2.042(4)
Zn1-O8	2.059(4)	Co2-O9	2.078(4)
Zn1-O6	2.109(4)	Co2-O3	2.081(4)
Zn1-O4	2.203(5)	Co3-O12	2.068(4)
Zn1-O3	2.216(4)	Co3-O10	2.102(4)
Zn1-O5	2.248(5)	Co3-O11	2.088(4)
O7-Zn1-O8	93.7(2)	O2-Co2-O9#1	89.07(15)
O7-Zn1-O6	108.36(16)	O9-Co2-O9#1	180.00(5)
O8-Zn1-O6	91.18(17)	O2-Co2-O3	88.79(16)
O7-Zn1-O4	152.64(16)	O2-Co2-O3#1	91.21(16)
O8-Zn1-O4	97.9(2)	O9-Co2-O3	85.89(15)
O6-Zn1-O4	96.15(16)	O9-Co2-O3#1	94.11(15)
O7-Zn1-O3	97.01(15)	O3-Co2-O3#1	180.0
O8-Zn1-O3	89.88(17)	O12-Co3-O12#3	180.0
O6-Zn1-O3	154.48(16)	O12-Co3-O10	91.13(17)
O4-Zn1-O3	58.47(15)	O12-Co3-O10#3	88.87(17)
O7-Zn1-O5	96.31(17)	O10-Co3- O10#3	180.0
O8-Zn1-O5	151.07(17)	O10-Co3- O11	92.76(17)
O6-Zn1-O5	59.90(15)	O10-Co3- O11#3	87.24(17)
O4-Zn1-O5	85.41(18)	O11-Co3- O11#3	180.0
O3-Zn1-O5	115.62(17)	O12-Co3- O11#3	91.48(18)
O2-Co2-O2#1	180.0	O12-Co3- O11	88.52(18)
O2-Co2-O9	90.93(15)		

**Symmetry codes :** #1 = 2-x, 1-y, 1-z; #2 = -1+x, y, z; #3 = 1-x, -y, 1-z; #4 = 1+x, y, z.

**Table S2** XPS Peak table of complex 3

Name	Start BE	Peak BE	End BE	PP Hgt (N)	PP At. %
C1s	297.98	285.13	279.18	33.56	46.49
O1s	544.98	532.05	525.18	22.95	31.78
Co2p	811.98	781.62	771.18	3.82	5.29
Zn2p	1051.98	1022.41	1015.18	11.87	16.44