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# Metal-directed assembly of chiral bis-Zn(II) Schiff base structures

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Copies of NMR and MS spectra for complex 1:







Extension of the aromatic region (<sup>1</sup>H NMR for 1, DMSO- $d_6$ ):



 $^{13}C\{^{1}H\}$  NMR (DEPT-Q) in DMSO- $d_{6}$ :



MS spectrum recorded for 1 (MALDI+, dctb):



# Copies of NMR and MS spectra for complex 2:









Extension of the aromatic region (<sup>1</sup>H NMR for **2**, Acetone- $d_6$ ):



MS spectrum recorded for 2 (MALDI+, dctb):

Copies of NMR and MS spectra for complex **3**:









Extension of the aromatic region (<sup>1</sup>H NMR for **3**, Acetone- $d_6$ ):



#### MS spectrum recorded for **3** (MALDI+, dctb):

Copies of NMR and MS spectra for complex 4:



<sup>1</sup>H NMR in CD<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>:





# <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum (DEPTQ) in CD<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>:



MS spectrum recorded for **4** (MALDI+, dctb or pyrene):

Note that the matrix has a large impact on the ms analysis (dctb versus pyrene).

### Copies of NMR and MS spectra for complex **5**:









#### Extension of the aromatic region (<sup>1</sup>H NMR for **5**, Acetone- $d_6$ ):

#### <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (DEPT-Q) in DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>:





#### MS spectrum recorded for **5** (MALDI+, dctb):

### DOSY NMR of complex 4:

Solvent =  $CD_2Cl_2$ ,  $r_{calc}$  = 7.04 Å using Stokes-Einstein equation for spherical particles:

$$D = \frac{k_{\rm B}T}{6\pi \, n \, R}$$

where *n* is the viscosity of the medium and  $k_{\rm B}$  is the Boltzmann's constant and *R* is the radius of the species.



Comparison of the  ${}^{1}H/{}^{13}C$  NMR spectra for crude 5, pure 5 and complex 1:



Solvent: DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>, 400 MHz, r.t.



Full comparison between complex **1** and **5**; below an expansion is shown for the region where the OAc fragments resonate:



# Comparison between complex **1** and **5**; $^{13}$ C region of the OAc fragments (DMSO- $d_6$ ):

