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Metal-Organic Frameworks Constructed From Terphenyl-2,5,2',5'-tetracarboxylic

Acid and Bis(imidazole) Bridging Ligands

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Figure S1. IR spectra of 1 (a), 2 (b), 3 (c), 4 (d), and 5 (e).



Figure S2. The [M(1,3-bimb)]₂ loop in compound 1 (M=Ni) and 2 (M=Mn).



Figure S3. The $[Ni(1,4-bmib)]_n$ chain in compound **3**.



Figure S4. The $[Ni(4,4'-bibp)]_n$ net in compound **4**.



Figure S5. The $[Ni(4,4'-bimbp)]_n$ chain in compound **5**.



Figure S6. PXRD patterns of **1** (a), **2** (b), **3** (c), **4** (d), and **5** (e). Dark: calculated from the X-ray single-crystal data; Blue: observed for the as-synthesized solids.