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Metal-organic framework gel with Cd²⁺ derived from only coordination bonds without intermolecular interactions and its catalytic ability

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Table S1. Gelation test of ligand **1** with metal ions (3.0 equiv) in organic solvents.

Entry	solvent	ZnSO ₄	CdSO ₄	Cd(NO ₃) ₂	Cd(ClO ₄) ₂	CdBr ₂	CdCl ₂	CdI ₂
1	MeOH	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
2	DCM	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
3	THF	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
4	Toluene	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
5	AN	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
6	EA	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
7	CHCl ₃	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
8	Ethanol	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
9	H ₂ O	G	G	G	G	P	P	P
10	DMF	S	S	S	S	S	S	S
11	DMSO	S	S	S	S	S	S	S
12	H ₂ O: DMSO	P	P	P	P	P	P	P

P: precipitate, G: stable gel, S: solution

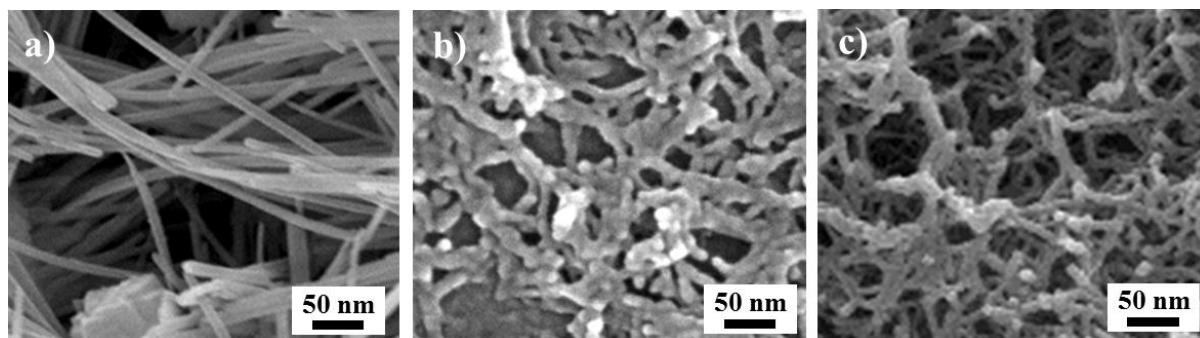


Fig. S1 SEM images of Cd²⁺ coordination polymer gel **1** with different anions; (a) CdSO₄, (b) Cd(NO₃)₂ and (c) Cd(ClO₄)₂.

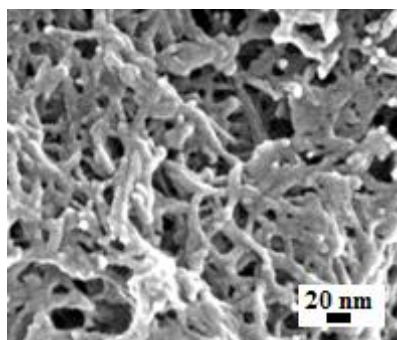


Fig. S2 SEM images of Cd²⁺ coordination polymer gel **1** with ZnSO₄

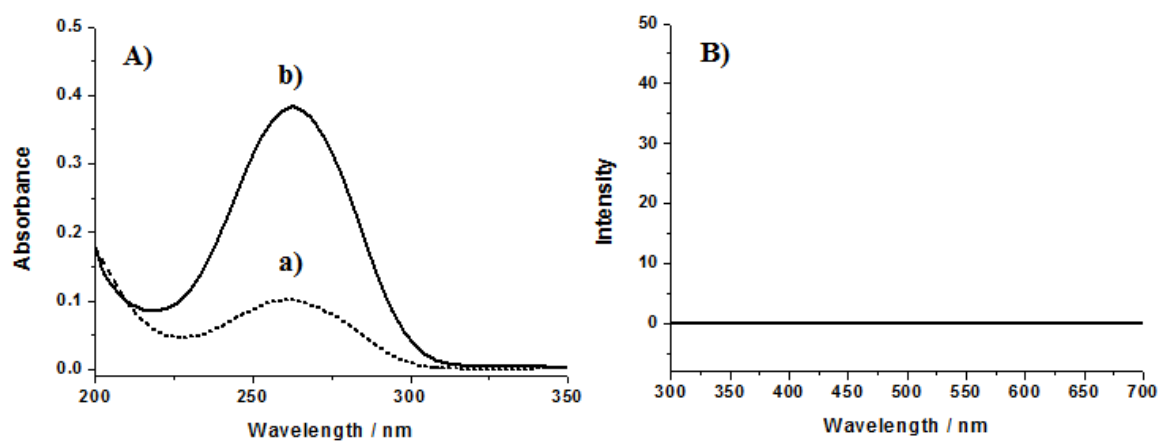


Fig. S3 (A) UV-vis spectra of (a) sol **1** (0.01 mM) and (b) coordination polymer gel **1** (0.01 mM) with CdSO₄ (3.0 equiv) in H₂O. (B) Fluorescence spectrum of coordination polymer gel **1** (0.01 mM) with CdSO₄ (3.0 equiv) upon excitation at $\lambda=262$ nm.

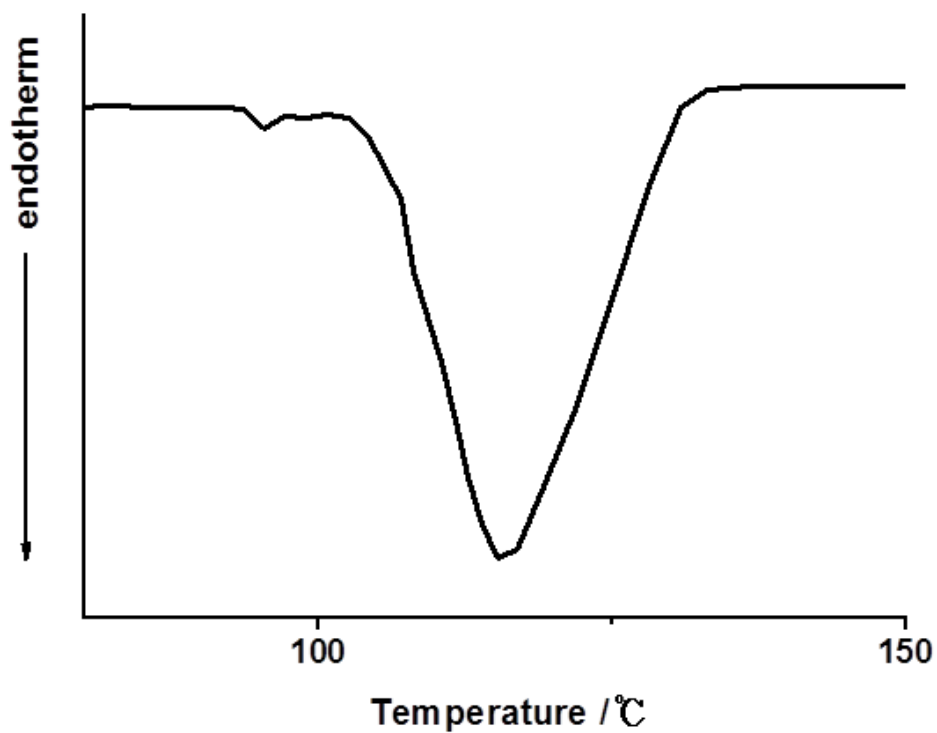


Fig. S4 DSC thermogram of coordination polymer gel **1** with CdSO₄ (3.0 equiv) in H₂O.

Table S2. Crystal and experimental data.

1a	
Formula	C ₂₇ H ₄₀ Cd _{0.5} N ₇ O ₁₂ S
Formula weight	742.92
Temperature (K)	173(2)
Crystal system	Monoclinic
Space group	C2/c
Z	8
F(000)	3096
<i>a</i> (Å)	15.7778(4)
<i>b</i> (Å)	14.6264(4)
<i>c</i> (Å)	29.5827(7)
β (°)	97.5540(10)
<i>V</i> (Å ³)	6767.6(3)
<i>D</i> _x (g/cm ³)	1.458
$2\theta_{\max}$ (°)	53
<i>R</i>	0.0322
<i>wR</i>	0.0845
No. of reflection used [$> 2\sigma(I)$]	29691
Diffractometer	Bruker SMART CCD system
Structure determination	SHELXTL
Refinement	Full-matrix

Table S3. Selected bond lengths (Å) and bond angles (°) for **1**, {[Cd(H1)₂(SO₄)₂].DMF·4H₂O}_n

Cd1-O4	2.277 (1)	Cd1-N2	2.330 (1)
Cd1-N6A	2.348(2)		
O4B-Cd1-O4	176.98(7)	O4B-Cd1-N2B	92.45(5)
O4-Cd1-N2B	85.35(5)	O4-Cd1-N2	92.44(5)
N2B-Cd1-N2	86.41(8)	O4B-Cd1-N6A	96.34(5)
O4-Cd1-N6A	85.89(5)	N2B-Cd1-N6A	93.91(6)
N2-Cd1-N6A	178.27(5)		

Symmetry code: A) $-x+1, y-1, -z+3/2$; B) $-x+1, y, -z+3/2$