

## SUPPORTING INFORMATION

### **Multifarious zinc coordination polymers based on biphenyl-3,3',5,5'- tetracarboxylate and different flexibility of N-donor ligands**

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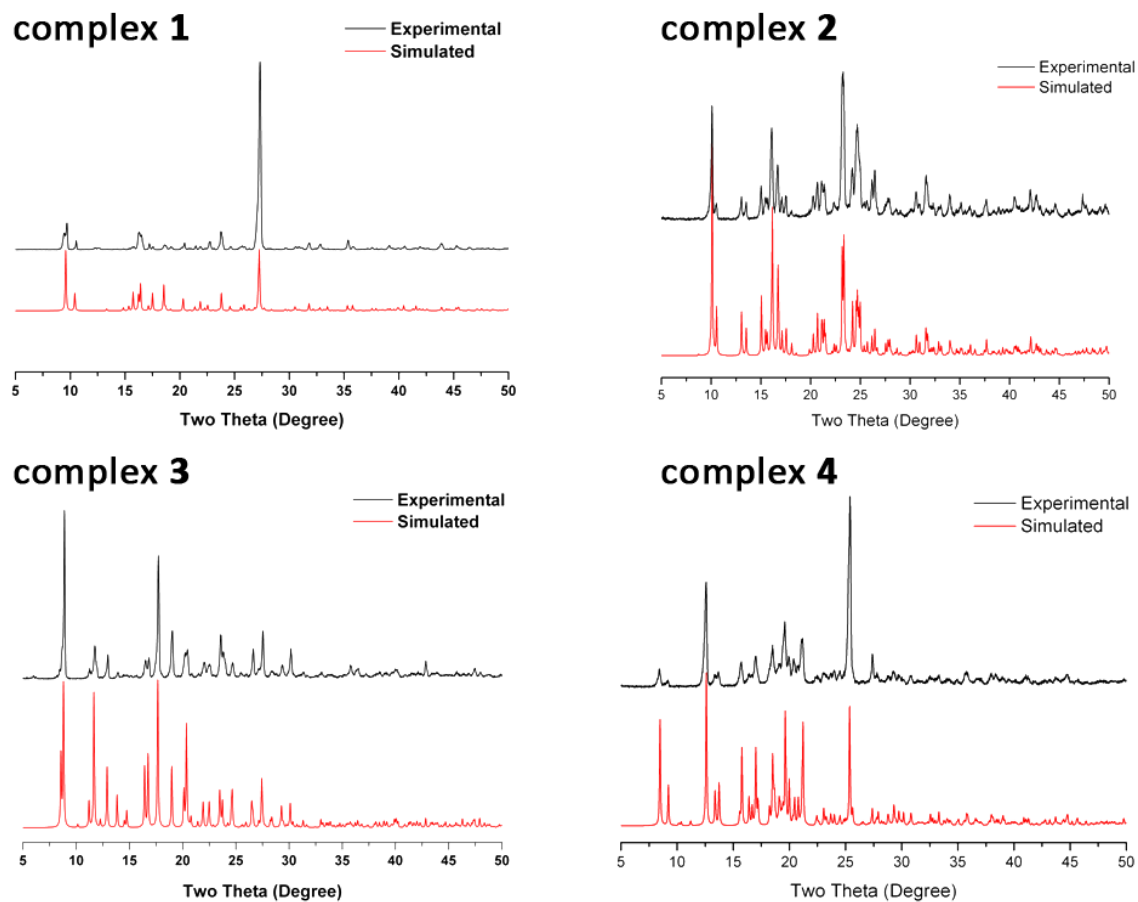
## 1. Crystallographic Data Tables

**Table S1. Crystallographic Data for 1-4.**

| Items                                      | 1                                                  | 2                                                                 | 3                                                                | 4                                                                             |
|--------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| formula                                    | C <sub>13</sub> H <sub>11</sub> NO <sub>6</sub> Zn | C <sub>28</sub> H <sub>22</sub> N <sub>2</sub> O <sub>10</sub> Zn | C <sub>25</sub> H <sub>24</sub> N <sub>4</sub> O <sub>6</sub> Zn | C <sub>36</sub> H <sub>36</sub> N <sub>8</sub> O <sub>9</sub> Zn <sub>2</sub> |
| weight                                     | 342.60                                             | 611.85                                                            | 514.85                                                           | 855.47                                                                        |
| crystal system                             | Monoclinic                                         | Triclinic                                                         | Monoclinic                                                       | Monoclinic                                                                    |
| space group                                | <i>P</i> 2 <sub>1</sub> / <i>c</i>                 | <i>P</i> -1                                                       | <i>P</i> 2 <sub>1</sub> / <i>c</i>                               | <i>P</i> 2 <sub>1</sub> / <i>c</i>                                            |
| <i>a</i> (Å)                               | 7.277(3)                                           | 11.470 (2)                                                        | 10.1877 (9)                                                      | 20.848 (2)                                                                    |
| <i>b</i> (Å)                               | 9.581 (4)                                          | 11.555 (2)                                                        | 12.789 (1)                                                       | 9.5471 (9)                                                                    |
| <i>c</i> (Å)                               | 18.528 (8)                                         | 12.047 (2)                                                        | 17.693 (2)                                                       | 19.181 (2)                                                                    |
| <i>α</i> (°)                               | 90.00                                              | 67.634 (8)                                                        | 90.00                                                            | 90.00                                                                         |
| <i>β</i> (°)                               | 95.204 (8)                                         | 70.48 (1)                                                         | 99.720 (4)                                                       | 99.637 (5)                                                                    |
| <i>γ</i> (°)                               | 90.00                                              | 65.664 (9)                                                        | 90.00                                                            | 90.00                                                                         |
| <i>V</i> (Å <sup>3</sup> )                 | 1288 (1)                                           | 1314.9 (4)                                                        | 2271.6 (4)                                                       | 3816.8 (6)                                                                    |
| <i>Z</i>                                   | 4                                                  | 2                                                                 | 4                                                                | 4                                                                             |
| <i>T</i> /K                                | 298 (2)                                            | 298 (2)                                                           | 298 (2)                                                          | 298 (2)                                                                       |
| <i>D<sub>C</sub></i> (g cm <sup>-3</sup> ) | 1.769                                              | 1.545                                                             | 1.505                                                            | 1.489                                                                         |
| <i>μ</i> (mm <sup>-1</sup> )               | 1.944                                              | 1.00                                                              | 1.126                                                            | 1.32                                                                          |
| <i>F</i> (000)                             | 696                                                | 628                                                               | 1068                                                             | 1760                                                                          |
| <i>θ</i> range (°)                         | 2.21–27.49                                         | 2.02–27.5                                                         | 2.03–27.43                                                       | 2.35–27.40                                                                    |
| parameters                                 | 185                                                | 370                                                               | 313                                                              | 488                                                                           |
| Gof on <i>F</i> <sup>2</sup>               | 1.045                                              | 0.982                                                             | 1.039                                                            | 1.900                                                                         |
| <i>R</i> <sub>1</sub> <sup>a</sup>         | 0.0544                                             | 0.0437                                                            | 0.0464                                                           | 0.099                                                                         |
| <i>wR</i> <sub>2</sub> <sup>b</sup>        | 0.1560                                             | 0.1112                                                            | 0.1489                                                           | 0.2865                                                                        |

$$R_1 = \sum ||F_0| - |F_c|| / \sum |F_0|. \quad wR_2 = [\sum w(F_o^2 - F_c^2)^2 / \sum w(F_0)^2]^{1/2}.$$

## 2. Powder X-ray Diffraction



**Figure S1:** Experimental PXRD patterns for complex 1-4, and their pattern simulated from single crystal X-ray structural data.

### 3. Thermogravimetric Analysis

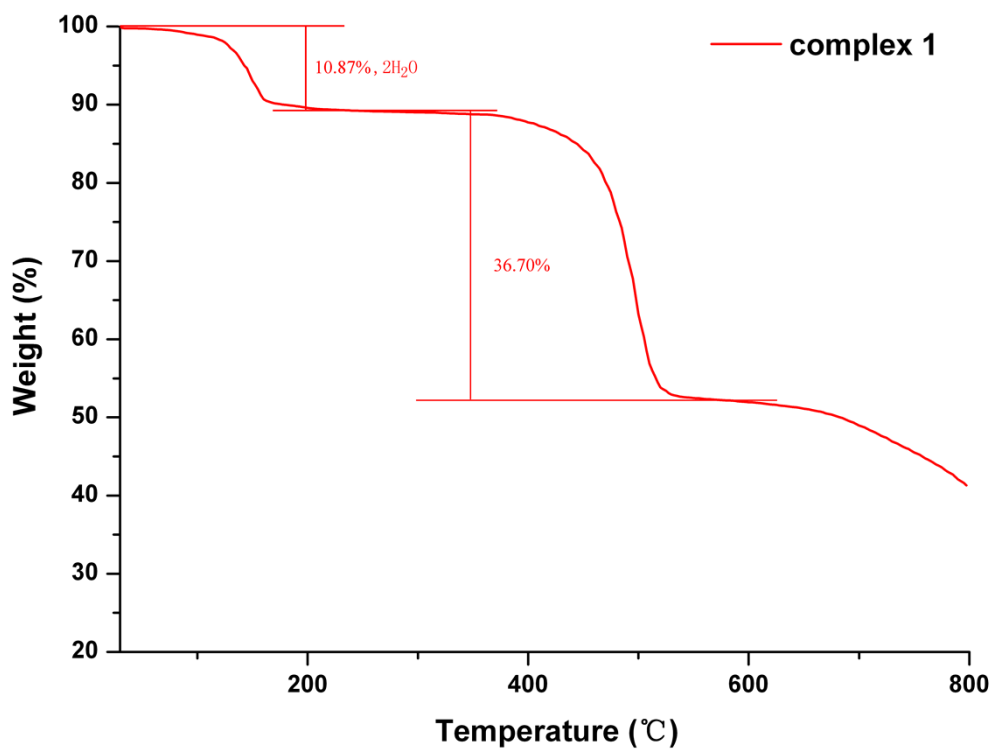


Figure S2. TGA data for the as-synthesized 1.

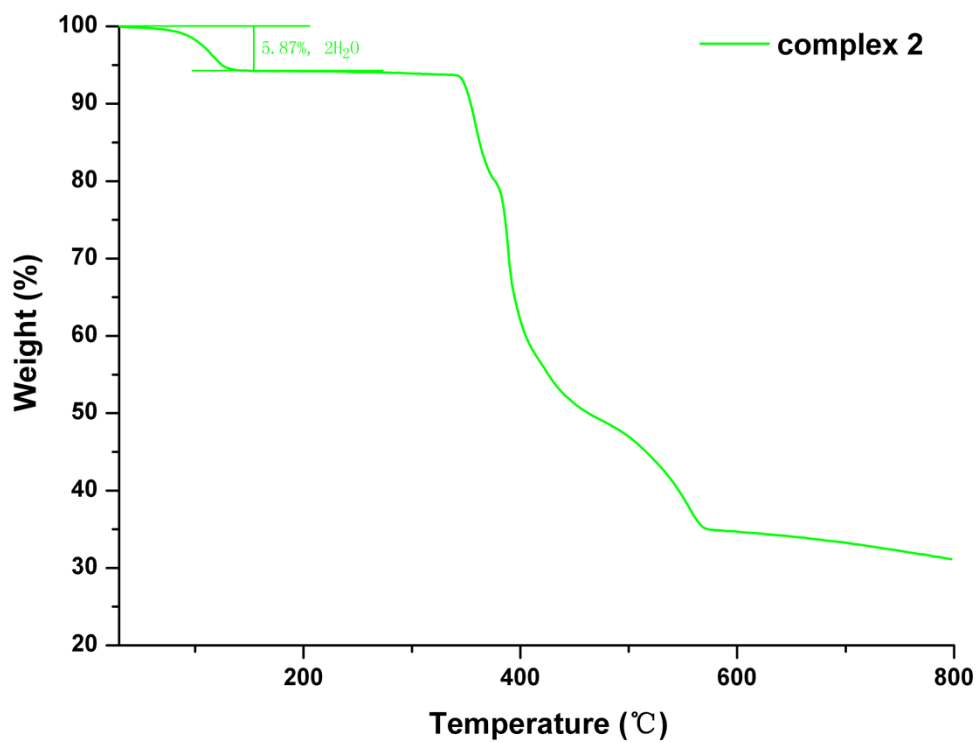


Figure S3. TGA data for the as-synthesized 2.

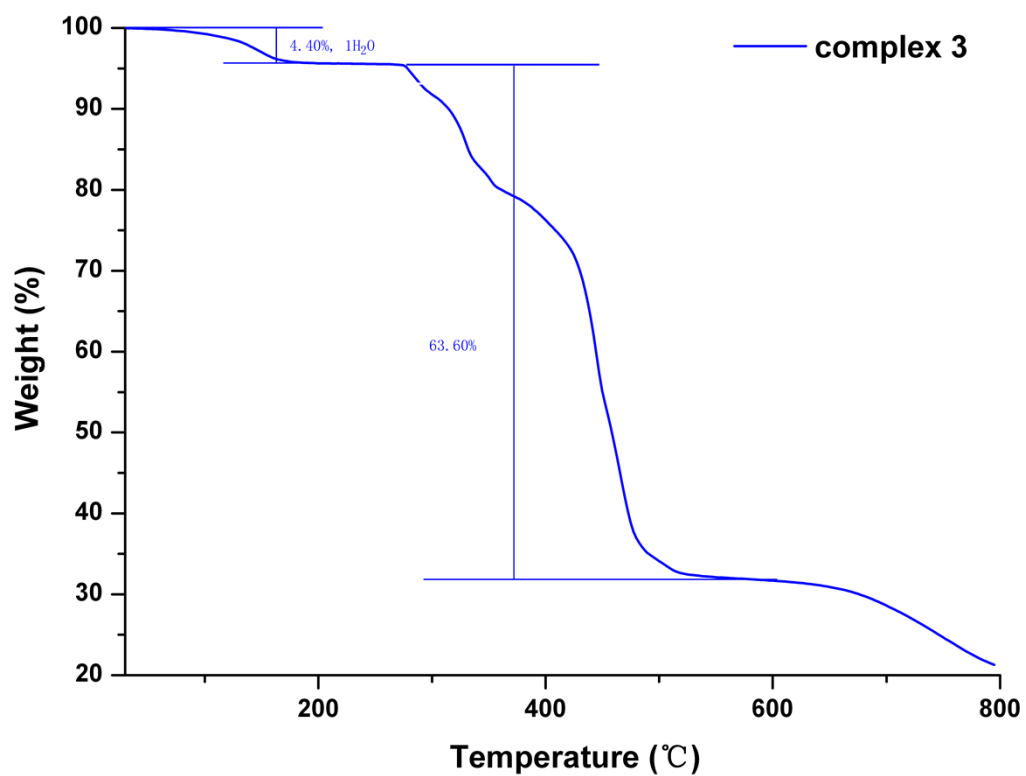


Figure S4. TGA data for the as-synthesized 3.

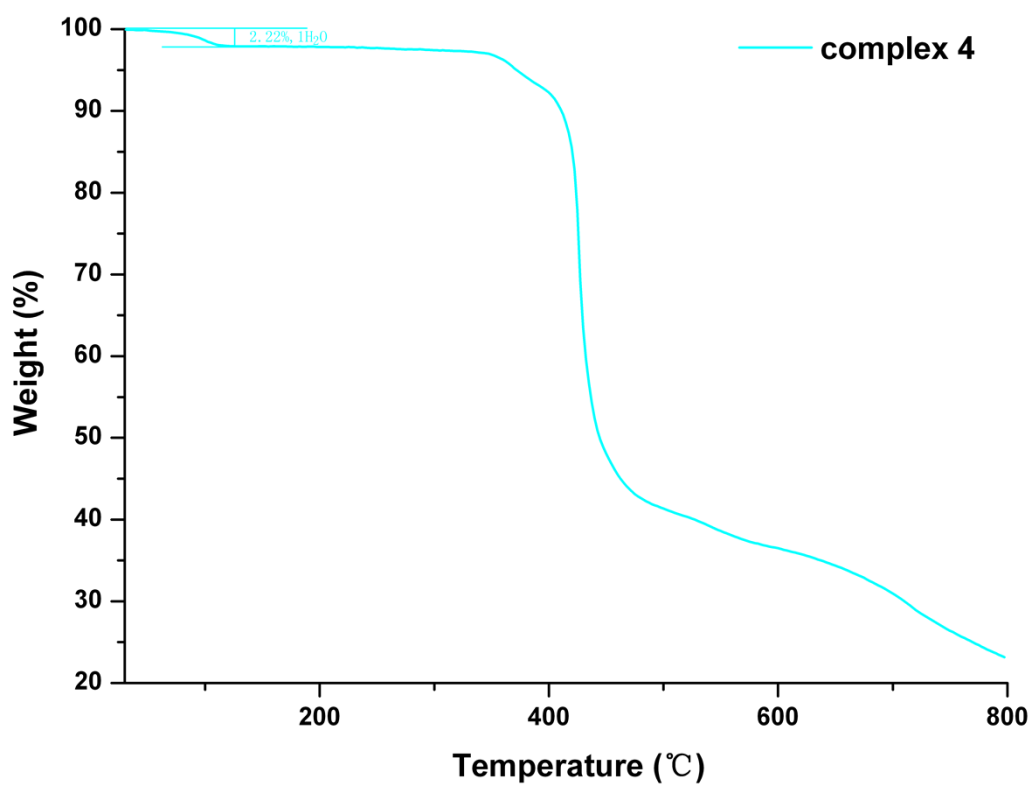
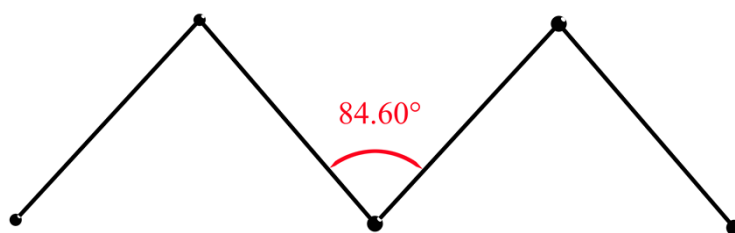
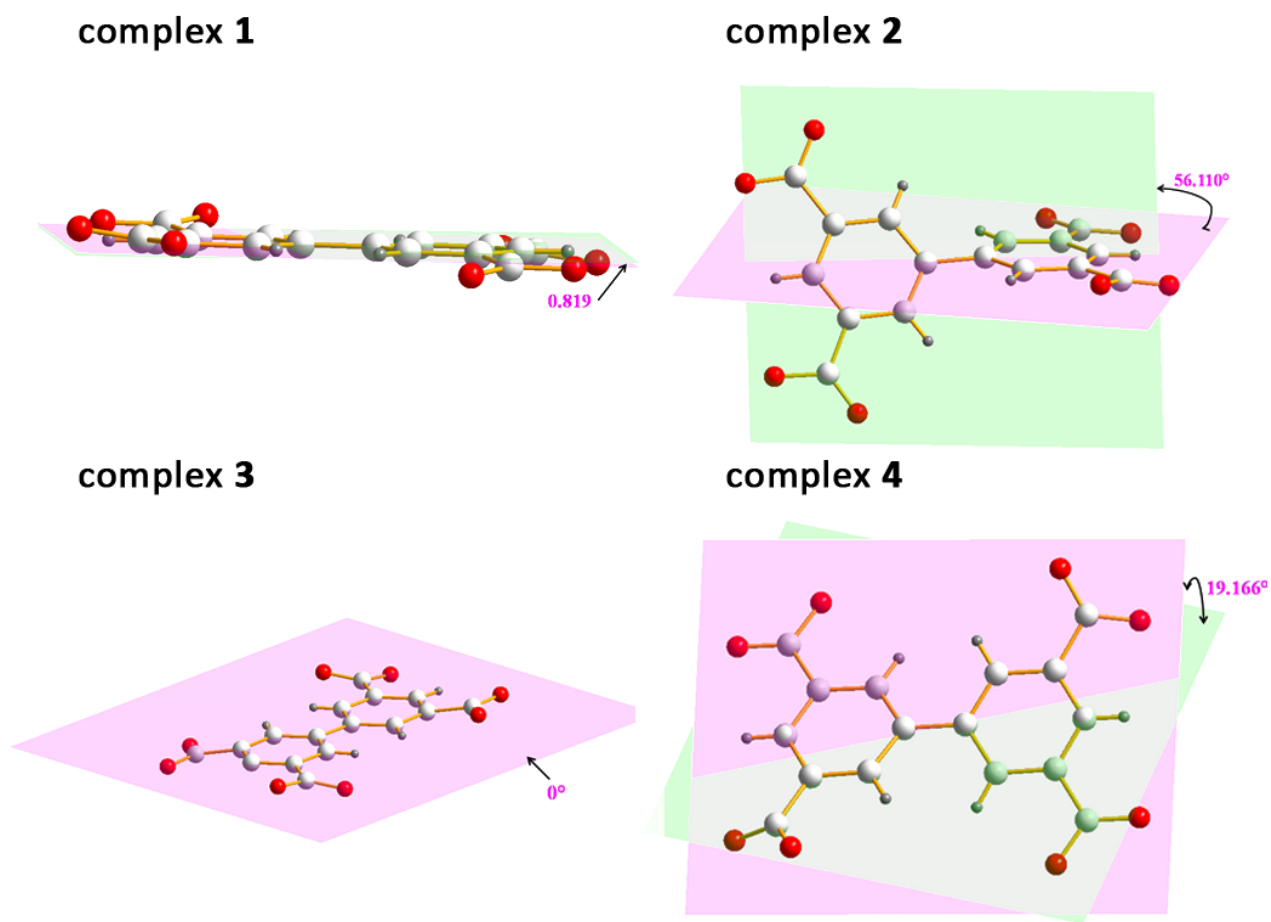


Figure S5. TGA data for the as-synthesized 4.

#### 4. Additional Structural Figures



**Figure S6.** Dihedral angle of a  $4^4$ -sql sheet in complex **2** viewed along  $c$  axis.



**Figure S7.** Dihedral angles are calculated for the bptc<sup>+</sup> ligands in the complex **1-4**.

## 5. IR Spectrum

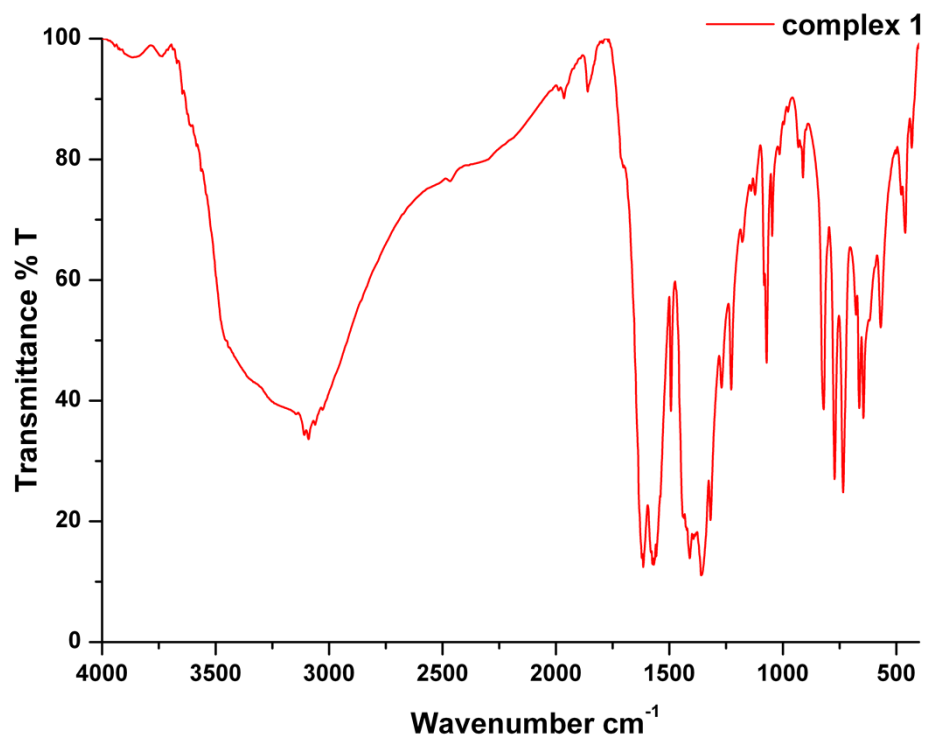


Figure S8. IR spectroscopy for complex 1.

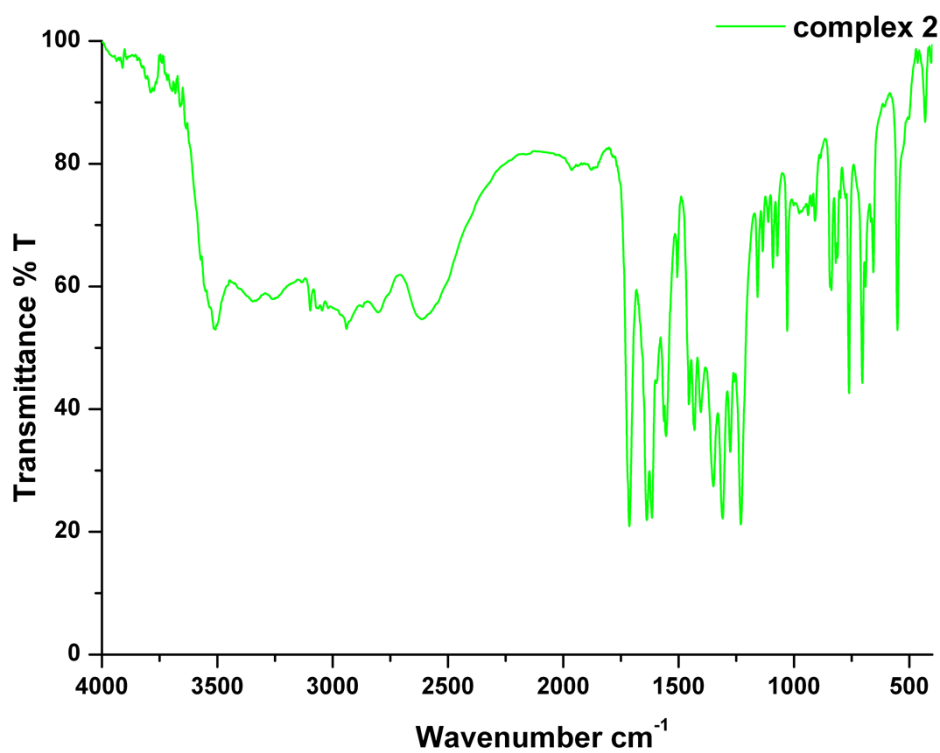


Figure S9. IR spectroscopy for complex 2.

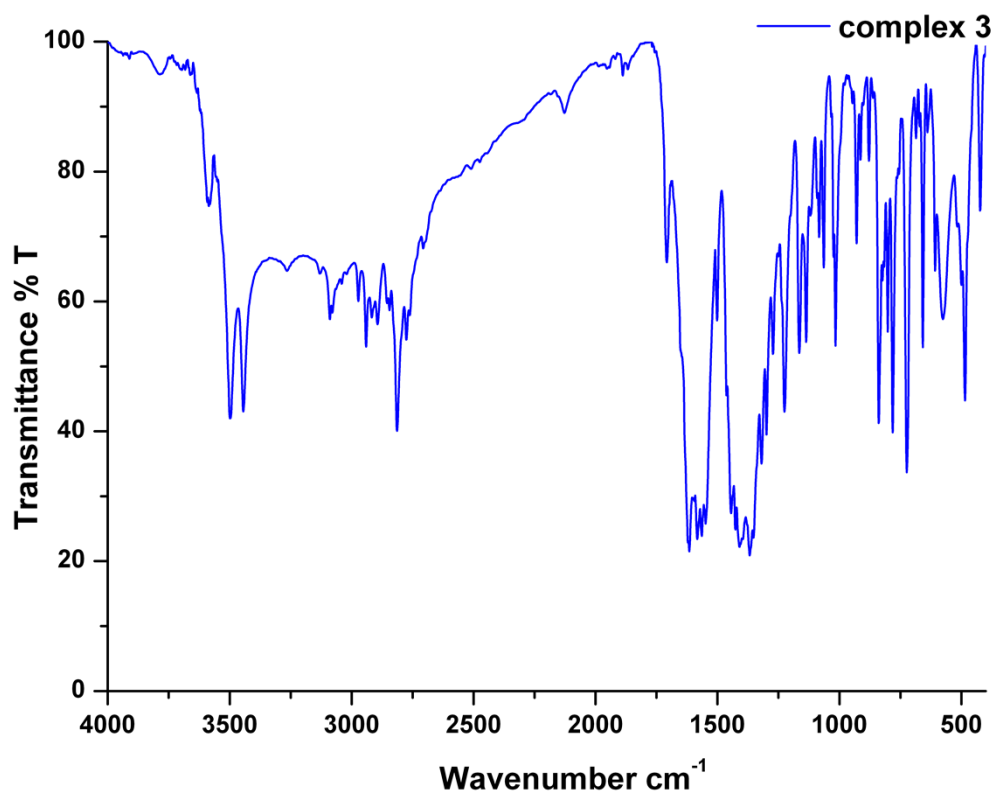


Figure S10. IR spectroscopy for complex 3.

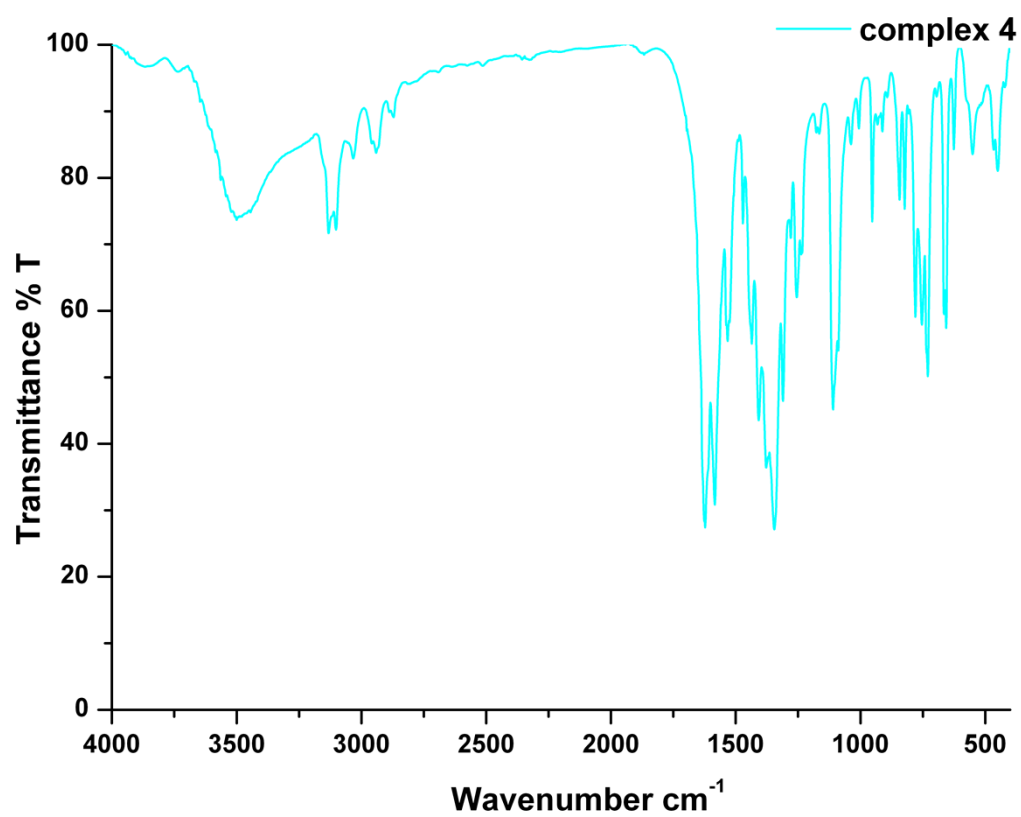


Figure S11. IR spectroscopy for complex 4.

## 6. Crystallographic Data Tables

**Table S2.** Bond lengths [Å] and angles [°] for complex 1.

|                              |                   |                              |                   |
|------------------------------|-------------------|------------------------------|-------------------|
| <b>Zn1—O1</b>                | <b>1.905(3)</b>   | <b>Zn1—O5</b>                | <b>2.040(3)</b>   |
| <b>Zn1—O3<sup>i</sup></b>    | <b>1.947(3)</b>   | <b>Zn1—N1</b>                | <b>2.043(3)</b>   |
| <b>O1—Zn1—O3<sup>i</sup></b> | <b>119.26(13)</b> | <b>O3<sup>i</sup>—Zn1—N1</b> | <b>101.24(12)</b> |
| <b>O1—Zn1—O5</b>             | <b>107.22(14)</b> | <b>O5—Zn1—N1</b>             | <b>94.77(13)</b>  |
| <b>O3<sup>i</sup>—Zn1—O5</b> | <b>105.06(13)</b> | <b>C7—O1—Zn1</b>             | <b>121.9(3)</b>   |
| <b>O1—Zn1—N1</b>             | <b>125.22(13)</b> |                              |                   |

**Symmetry transformations used to generate equivalent atoms:**

(i)  $x, -I+y, z$ .

**Table S3.** Bond lengths [Å] and angles [°] for complex 2.

|                                          |                   |                              |                   |
|------------------------------------------|-------------------|------------------------------|-------------------|
| <b>Zn1—O1</b>                            | <b>1.976(3)</b>   | <b>Zn1—O5<sup>i</sup></b>    | <b>2.146(3)</b>   |
| <b>Zn1—N1</b>                            | <b>2.059(3)</b>   | <b>Zn1—O6<sup>i</sup></b>    | <b>2.248(4)</b>   |
| <b>Zn1—N2</b>                            | <b>2.063(3)</b>   | <b>O1—Zn1—N1</b>             | <b>128.88(13)</b> |
| <b>N2—Zn1—O5<sup>i</sup></b>             | <b>92.38(13)</b>  | <b>O1—Zn1—N2</b>             | <b>101.44(13)</b> |
| <b>O1—Zn1—O6<sup>i</sup></b>             | <b>93.29(12)</b>  | <b>N1—Zn1—N2</b>             | <b>98.43(13)</b>  |
| <b>N1—Zn1—O6<sup>i</sup></b>             | <b>91.52(13)</b>  | <b>O1—Zn1—O5<sup>i</sup></b> | <b>116.64(14)</b> |
| <b>N2—Zn1—O6<sup>i</sup></b>             | <b>150.74(13)</b> | <b>N1—Zn1—O5<sup>i</sup></b> | <b>108.97(15)</b> |
| <b>O5<sup>i</sup>—Zn1—O6<sup>i</sup></b> | <b>58.36(12)</b>  |                              |                   |

**Symmetry transformations used to generate equivalent atoms:**

(i)  $x, y, I+z$ .

**Table S4.** Bond lengths [Å] and angles [°] for complex 3.

|                                            |                   |                                              |                   |
|--------------------------------------------|-------------------|----------------------------------------------|-------------------|
| <b>Zn1—O1</b>                              | <b>2.0568(18)</b> | <b>Zn1—N4<sup>ii</sup></b>                   | <b>2.140(2)</b>   |
| <b>Zn1—O2<sup>i</sup></b>                  | <b>2.0860(19)</b> | <b>Zn1—O3<sup>iii</sup></b>                  | <b>2.2451(19)</b> |
| <b>Zn1—N1</b>                              | <b>2.126(2)</b>   | <b>Zn1—O4<sup>iii</sup></b>                  | <b>2.2471(19)</b> |
| <b>O1—Zn1—O2<sup>i</sup></b>               | <b>119.41(8)</b>  | <b>N1—Zn1—O3<sup>iii</sup></b>               | <b>95.71(9)</b>   |
| <b>O1—Zn1—N1</b>                           | <b>94.41(9)</b>   | <b>N4<sup>ii</sup>—Zn1—O3<sup>iii</sup></b>  | <b>86.35(8)</b>   |
| <b>O2<sup>i</sup>—Zn1—N1</b>               | <b>87.43(8)</b>   | <b>O1—Zn1—O4<sup>iii</sup></b>               | <b>148.90(8)</b>  |
| <b>O1—Zn1—N4<sup>ii</sup></b>              | <b>90.49(9)</b>   | <b>O2<sup>i</sup>—Zn1—O4<sup>iii</sup></b>   | <b>91.53(7)</b>   |
| <b>O2<sup>i</sup>—Zn1—N4<sup>ii</sup></b>  | <b>88.32(8)</b>   | <b>N1—Zn1—O4<sup>iii</sup></b>               | <b>89.84(9)</b>   |
| <b>N1—Zn1—N4<sup>ii</sup></b>              | <b>174.66(9)</b>  | <b>N4<sup>ii</sup>—Zn1—O4<sup>iii</sup></b>  | <b>87.05(9)</b>   |
| <b>O1—Zn1—O3<sup>iii</sup></b>             | <b>90.48(7)</b>   | <b>O3<sup>iii</sup>—Zn1—O4<sup>iii</sup></b> | <b>58.42(7)</b>   |
| <b>O2<sup>i</sup>—Zn1—O3<sup>iii</sup></b> | <b>149.68(7)</b>  |                                              |                   |

**Symmetry transformations used to generate equivalent atoms:**

(i)  $-x, 1-y, 1-z$ ; (ii)  $-1+x, -1+y, z$ ; (iii)  $x, 0.5-y, 0.5+z$ .

**Table S5.** Bond lengths [Å] and angles [°] for complex 4.

|                              |                   |                               |                   |
|------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------|
| <b>Zn1—O4<sup>i</sup></b>    | <b>1.944(4)</b>   | <b>Zn2—O5<sup>ii</sup></b>    | <b>1.957(4)</b>   |
| <b>Zn1—O1</b>                | <b>1.971(4)</b>   | <b>Zn2—O7</b>                 | <b>1.975(4)</b>   |
| <b>Zn1—N1</b>                | <b>1.999(6)</b>   | <b>Zn2—N7</b>                 | <b>2.011(5)</b>   |
| <b>Zn1—N3</b>                | <b>2.032(5)</b>   | <b>Zn2—N5</b>                 | <b>2.018(6)</b>   |
| <b>O4<sup>i</sup>—Zn1—O1</b> | <b>114.67(17)</b> | <b>O5<sup>ii</sup>—Zn2—O7</b> | <b>113.11(18)</b> |
| <b>O4<sup>i</sup>—Zn1—N1</b> | <b>116.8(2)</b>   | <b>O5<sup>ii</sup>—Zn2—N7</b> | <b>116.2(2)</b>   |

|                              |                   |                               |                 |
|------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------|
| <b>O1—Zn1—N1</b>             | <b>102.5(2)</b>   | <b>O7—Zn2—N7</b>              | <b>103.3(2)</b> |
| <b>O4<sup>i</sup>—Zn1—N3</b> | <b>109.95(19)</b> | <b>O5<sup>ii</sup>—Zn2—N5</b> | <b>113.1(2)</b> |
| <b>O1—Zn1—N3</b>             | <b>104.86(18)</b> | <b>O7—Zn2—N5</b>              | <b>101.4(2)</b> |
| <b>N1—Zn1—N3</b>             | <b>107.1(2)</b>   | <b>N7—Zn2—N5</b>              | <b>108.3(2)</b> |

**Symmetry transformations used to generate equivalent atoms:**

(i)  $x, I+y, z$ ; (ii)  $x, -I+y, z$ .

## 7. Fluorescent Emission and Excitation Data

**Table S6.** The emission and excitation data for H<sub>4</sub>bptc, 4,4'-bpy, bpe, bpmp, biim-4,  $\{[\text{Zn}_2(\text{bptc})(4,4'\text{-bpy})(\text{H}_2\text{O})_2]\cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}\}_n$  (**1**),  $\{[\text{Zn}(\text{H}_2\text{bptc})(\text{bpe})]\cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}\}_n$  (**2**),  $\{[\text{Zn}_2(\text{bptc})(\text{bpmp})_2]\cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}\}_n$  (**3**) and  $\{[\text{Zn}_2(\text{bptc})(\text{biim-4})_2]\cdot \text{H}_2\text{O}\}_n$  (**4**)

| Compound            | $\lambda_{\text{em}}/\text{nm}$ | $\lambda_{\text{ex}}/\text{nm}$ |
|---------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| H <sub>4</sub> bptc | 385                             | 326                             |
| 4,4'-bpy            | 421                             | 348                             |
| bpe                 | 456                             | 360                             |
| bpmp                | 391                             | 341                             |
| biim-4              | 423                             | 360                             |
| <b>1</b>            | 456                             | 366                             |
| <b>2</b>            | 378                             | 335                             |
| <b>3</b>            | 428                             | 340                             |
| <b>4</b>            | 438                             | 347                             |