# **Supporting Information**

## Dinuclear Cd(II), Mn(II) and Cu(II) complexes derived from

### (anthraquinone-1-diyl) benzoate: DNA binding and cleavage studies

5 Lin Liu,<sup>a,†</sup> Gong-Ming Zhang,<sup>a,†</sup> Ru-Gang Zhu,<sup>\*b</sup> Yong-Hui Liu,<sup>b</sup> Hui-Meng Yao,<sup>a</sup> Zheng-Bo Han<sup>\*a</sup>











Figure S4. XRPD patterns of simulated and as-synthesized of 1-3.

	1		
Cd1-O6 <sup>i</sup>	2.274(3)	Cd1-O1	2.467(3)
Cd1-O5	2.292(3)	Cd1-O6	2.625(3)
Cd1-O9	2.303(3)	Cd1-O6i	2.274(3)
Cd1-O2	2.305(3)	Cd1-O5	2.292(3)
Cd1-O1W	2.342(3)		
O6 <sup>i</sup> -Cd1-O5	124.90 (11)	O5-Cd1-O1	82.36 (11)
O6 <sup>i</sup> -Cd1-O9	84.56 (18)	O9-Cd1-O1	93.33 (17)
O5-Cd1-O9	89.15 (16)	O2-Cd1-O1	54.59 (10)
O6 <sup>i</sup> -Cd1-O2	98.20 (11)	O1W-Cd1-O1	87.15 (12)
O5-Cd1-O2	136.90 (10)	O6i-Cd1-O6	73.27 (11)
O9-Cd1-O2	94.84 (15)	O5-Cd1-O6	51.66 (10)
O6 <sup>i</sup> -Cd1-O1W	98.15 (13)	O9-Cd1-O6	85.55 (15)
O5-Cd1-O1W	84.14 (12)	O2-Cd1-O6	171.40 (9)
O9-Cd1-O1W	173.15 (14)	O1W-Cd1-O6	89.21 (12)
O2-Cd1-O1W	91.00 (12)	O1-Cd1-O6	133.99 (10)
O6 <sup>i</sup> -Cd1-O1	152.52 (12)		
Symmetry code: (i) $-x+$	3, -y+1, -z+1.		
	2		
Mn1-O6i	2.082 (3)	Mn1-O2	2.198 (3)
Mn1-O5	2.145 (3)	Mn1-O2W	2.248 (3)
Mn1-O9	2.159 (4)	O5-Mn1-O2W	83.36 (10)
O6 <sup>i</sup> -Mn1-O5	117.14 (11)	O9-Mn1-O2W	170.48 (13)
O6 <sup>i</sup> -Mn1-O9	91.20 (16)	O2-Mn1-O2W	88.93 (11)
O5-Mn1-O9	89.12 (13)	O6 <sup>i</sup> -Mn1-O1	153.12 (11)
O6 <sup>i</sup> -Mn1-O2	97.13 (11)	O5-Mn1-O1	89.73 (10)
O5-Mn1-O2	145.53 (11)	O9-Mn1-O1	90.10 (15)
O9-Mn1-O2	94.03 (14)	O2-Mn1-O1	56.00 (10)
O6 <sup>i</sup> -Mn1-O2W	97.41 (12)	O2W-Mn1-O1	84.05 (12)
Symmetry code: (i) $-x+$	3, -y+1, -z+1.		
	3		
Cu1-O2 <sup>i</sup>	1.962 (2)	Cu1-O1	1.968 (2)
Cu1-O6	1.962 (2)	Cu1-O10A	2.172 (2)
Cu1-O5 <sup>i</sup>	1.967 (2)	Cu1-Cu1 <sup>i</sup>	2.6154 (14)
O2 <sup>i</sup> -Cu1-O6	89.03 (10)	O5 <sup>i</sup> -Cu1-O1	90.59 (9)
O2 <sup>i</sup> -Cu1-O5 <sup>i</sup>	89.29 (9)	O2 <sup>i</sup> -Cu1-O10A	97.20 (9)
O6-Cu1-O5 <sup>i</sup>	168.98 (8)	06-Cu1-O10A	94.26 (9)
O2 <sup>i</sup> -Cu1-O1	169.00 (8)	O5 <sup>i</sup> -Cu1-O10A	96.75 (9)
O6-Cu1-O1	89.00 (10)	01-Cu1-O10A	93.74 (9)
Symmetry code: (i) $-x+$	1, -v, -z.		

Table S1 Selected Bond Lengths  $(\text{\AA})$  and Angles (deg) for 1-3

D-H···A	D-H	H…A	D····A	∠D-H…A
O1W-H1WA <sup></sup> O(5) <sup>i</sup>	0.84	2.13	2.854(5)	143
$O1W-H1WB-O(1)^{i}$	0.85	2.52	2.845(5)	103
$C(11) - H(11A) - O(4)^{ii}$	0.95	2.55	3.263(6)	132
C(19) -H(19A) ··· O(3) <sup>iii</sup>	0.95	2.59	3.310(6)	133
$C(24) - H(24A) - O(2)^{iv}$	0.95	2.58	3.469(5)	157
$C(32) - H(32A) - O(8)^{ii}$	0.95	2.57	3.258(6)	129
C(43) -H(43C) ··· O(9)	0.98	2.35	2.76(2)	104

Table S2 Hydrogen bonding geometry (Å, deg) for 1

Symmetry codes: (i) 2-x,1-y,1-z; (ii) -1+x,y,z; (iii) 1+x,y,z (iv) 3-x,1-y,1-z.

### 5 Table S3 $\pi$ - $\pi$ stacking interaction for 3

Cg(I) is Plane number I; Alpha is Dihedral Angle between Planes I and J (Deg); Beta is Angle Cg(I)-Cg(J) or Cg(I)-Me vector and normal to plane I (Deg); Gamma is Angle Cg(I)-Cg(J) vector and normal to plane J (Deg); Cg-Cg is Distance between ring Centroids (Ang.); CgI-Perp is Perpendicular distance of Cg(I) on ring J (Ang.); CgJ-Perp is Perpendicular distance of Cg(J) on ring I (Ang.); Slippage is 10 Distance between Cg(I) and Perpendicular Projection of Cg(J) on Ring I (Ang). Cg(3) is the centroid

		$\mathcal{O}(\mathbf{y})$	1	5	$\mathcal{O}$		$\mathcal{O}$	$\mathcal{O}$		
of	the	C(8)/C(9)/C	C(10)/C(11)/	C(12)/C(12)	3); Cg	g(4) is	the	centroid	of	the
C(12	)/C(13	)/C(17)/C(16)	)/C(15)/C(14)	4); $Cg(5)$	is	the	ce	ntroid	of	the
C(15	)/C(16	)/C(21)/C(20)	)/C(19)/C(18	8); $Cg(9)$	is	the	ce	ntroid	of	the
C(35	)/C(36	)/C(37)/C(38	)/C(39)/C(40	0).						

Cg(I)-Cg(J)	Cg-Cg	Alpha	Beta	Gamma	CgI-Perp	CgJ-Perp	Slippage
$Cg(3)-Cg(5)^i$	3.7579	2.30	22.79	22.39	3.474	3.465	
$Cg(4)$ - $Cg(4)^{i}$	3.7422	0.02	23.45	23.45	3.433	3.433	1.489
$Cg(5)-Cg(3)^i$	3.7579	2.30	22.39	22.79	3.465	3.474	
$Cg(5)-Cg(4)^{i}$	3.7142	1.42	22.93	21.51	3.455	3.421	
$Cg(5)-Cg(9)^{ii}$	3.8195	18.52	23.49	9.07	3.772	3.503	

15 Symmetry codes: (i) 1-x, 3-y, 1-z; (ii) -x, 2-y, 1-z.

#### **Table S4** X-H $\cdots$ Cg interactions (Gamma < 30°) for **3**

X-H···Cg is the distance between the carbon atom and the ring centroid; H-Perp is the perpendicular 20 distance of H from ring; Cg(1) is the centroid of the C(33)/C(34) /C(35) /C(40)/C(41)/C(42) plane.

Х-Н	Cg	HCg	H-Perp	Gamma	X-HCg	XCg
C(4)-H(14a)	$Cg(1)^i$	2.88 Å	2.64 Å	23.55°	153	3.729(5) Å

Symmetry codes: (i) 1-x, 1-y, -z.

 Table S5 Hydrogen bonding geometry (Å, deg) for 3

D-H···A	D-H	$H^{\dots}A$	DA	∠D-H…A
$C(9) - H(9A) - O(7)^{i}$	0.93	2.42	3.267(6)	152
$C(25) - H(25A) - O(9)^{ii}$	0.93	2.58	3.497(5)	168
$C(39) - H(39A) - O(8)^{i}$	0.93	2.44	3.239(5)	144
C(43) -H(43 C)O(3) <sup>iii</sup>	0.96	2.39	3.231(7)	146
$C(45) - H(45 A) - O(4)^{iv}$	0.93	2.55	3.282(4)	136

Symmetry codes: (i) -x, 1-y, 1-z; (ii) -1+x, y, z (iii) x,-1+y,z (iv) 1-x,2-y,1-z