

Electronic Supplementary Information

Table S1. Selected bond distances (Å) and angles (°) for **1**.

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| Cu(1)-O(4) ⁱ | 1.986(3) | Cu(1)-O(3W) | 1.992(3) |
| Cu(1)-O(1) | 1.997(2) | Cu(1)-O(5W) | 1.998(3) |
| Cu(1)-O(4W) | 2.427(3) | | |
| O(4) ⁱ -Cu(1)-O(3W) | 89.73(11) | O(4) ⁱ -Cu(1)-O(1) | 163.43(8) |
| O(3W)-Cu(1)-O(1) | 90.66(10) | O(4) ⁱ -Cu(1)-O(5W) | 89.81(11) |
| O(3W)-Cu(1)-O(5W) | 178.49(10) | O(1)-Cu(1)-O(5W) | 90.19(10) |
| O(4) ⁱ -Cu(1)-O(4W) | 102.71(9) | O(3W)-Cu(1)-O(4W) | 89.43(11) |
| O(1)-Cu(1)-O(4W) | 93.86(10) | O(5W)-Cu(1)-O(4W) | 89.27(11) |

Symmetry codes for **1**: ⁱx+1/2, -y+1/2, z-1/2

Table S2. Selected bond distances (Å) and angles (°) for **2**.

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| Ni(1)-O(5) ⁱ | 2.054(2) | Ni(1)-O(3W) | 2.069(3) |
| Ni(1)-O(2) | 2.076(3) | Ni(1)-O(1W) | 2.077(3) |
| Ni(1)-O(5W) | 2.082(2) | Ni(1)-O(2W) | 2.166(3) |
| Ni(2)-O(6) ⁱ | 2.075(2) | Ni(2)-O(1) | 2.085(3) |
| Ni(2)-O(8) ⁱⁱ | 2.098(2) | Ni(2)-O(4) ⁱⁱⁱ | 2.111(2) |
| Ni(2)-O(4W) | 2.127(3) | Ni(2)-O(5W) | 2.129(2) |
| O(5) ⁱ -Ni(1)-O(2) | 98.72(11) | O(5) ⁱ -Ni(1)-O(1W) | 174.77(12) |
| O(2)-Ni(1)-O(1W) | 85.43(11) | O(5) ⁱ -Ni(1)-O(3W) | 89.43(11) |
| O(2)-Ni(1)-O(3W) | 89.39(11) | O(1W)-Ni(1)-O(3W) | 93.81(13) |
| O(5) ⁱ -Ni(1)-O(5W) | 88.02(10) | O(2)-Ni(1)-O(5W) | 95.64(10) |
| O(1W)-Ni(1)-O(5W) | 88.41(12) | O(3W)-Ni(1)-O(5W) | 174.65(12) |
| O(5) ⁱ -Ni(1)-O(2W) | 87.38(13) | O(2)-Ni(1)-O(2W) | 172.62(13) |
| O(1W)-Ni(1)-O(2W) | 88.72(13) | O(3W)-Ni(1)-O(2W) | 86.51(13) |
| O(5W)-Ni(1)-O(2W) | 88.68(12) | O(6) ⁱ -Ni(2)-O(1) | 92.15(10) |
| O(6) ⁱ -Ni(2)-O(8) ⁱⁱ | 91.45(10) | O(1)-Ni(2)-O(8) ⁱⁱ | 172.77(10) |

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| O(6) ⁱ -Ni(2)-O(4) ⁱⁱⁱ | 176.75(10) | O(1)-Ni(2)-O(4) ⁱⁱⁱ | 85.80(10) |
| O(8) ⁱⁱ -Ni(2)-O(4) ⁱⁱⁱ | 90.32(10) | O(6) ⁱ -Ni(2)-O(4W) | 90.40(12) |
| O(1)-Ni(2)-O(4W) | 88.77(11) | O(8) ⁱⁱ -Ni(2)-O(4W) | 84.93(11) |
| O(4) ⁱⁱⁱ -Ni(2)-O(4W) | 87.04(12) | O(6) ⁱ -Ni(2)-O(5W) | 92.42(10) |
| O(1)-Ni(2)-O(5W) | 96.86(10) | O(8) ⁱⁱ -Ni(2)-O(5W) | 89.25(10) |
| O(4) ⁱⁱⁱ -Ni(2)-O(5W) | 90.33(9) | O(4W)-Ni(2)-O(5W) | 173.60(12) |

Symmetry codes for **2**: ⁱx, y, z+1; ⁱⁱ-x+3/4, y-1/4, z+5/4; ⁱⁱⁱ-x+3/4, y-1/4, z+1/4

Table S3. Selected bond distances (Å) and angles (°) for **3**.

| | | | |
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| Zn(1)-O(4) | 1.979(3) | Zn(1)-O(1) ⁱⁱ | 2.152(4) |
| Zn(1)-O(2) ⁱⁱ | 2.223(4) | Zn(2)-O(1W) ^{iv} | 1.970(5) |
| Zn(2)-O(2W') | 2.032(9) | Zn(2)-O(3) | 2.061(3) |
| Zn(2)-O(1W') | 2.185(11) | Zn(2)-O(2W) | 2.275(17) |
| O(4)-Zn(1)-O(4) ⁱ | 100.2(2) | O(4) ⁱ -Zn(1)-O(1) ⁱⁱⁱ | 91.02(12) |
| O(4) ⁱ -Zn(1)-O(1) ⁱⁱ | 113.32(14) | O(1) ⁱⁱ -Zn(1)-O(1) ⁱⁱⁱ | 142.38(17) |
| O(4)-Zn(1)-O(2) ⁱⁱ | 149.51(13) | O(4) ⁱ -Zn(1)-O(2) ⁱⁱ | 96.09(16) |
| O(1) ⁱⁱ -Zn(1)-O(2) ⁱⁱ | 58.76(13) | O(1) ⁱⁱⁱ -Zn(1)-O(2) ⁱⁱ | 91.86(14) |
| O(2) ⁱⁱ -Zn(1)-O(2) ⁱⁱⁱ | 82.1(2) | O(1W) ^{iv} -Zn(2)-O(1W) | 127.1(5) |
| O(1W) ^{iv} -Zn(2)-O(2W') | 134.1(3) | O(1W)-Zn(2)-O(2W') | 98.7(4) |
| O(2W') ^{iv} -Zn(2)-O(2W') | 35.4(5) | O(1W) ^{iv} -Zn(2)-O(3) ^{iv} | 92.1(2) |
| O(1W)-Zn(2)-O(3) ^{iv} | 86.0(2) | O(2W') ^{iv} -Zn(2)-O(3) ^{iv} | 93.4(3) |
| O(2W')-Zn(2)-O(3) ^{iv} | 90.7(3) | O(1W) ^{iv} -Zn(2)-O(3) | 86.0(2) |
| O(1W)-Zn(2)-O(3) | 92.1(2) | O(2W') ^{iv} -Zn(2)-O(3) | 90.7(3) |
| O(2W')-Zn(2)-O(3) | 93.4(3) | O(3) ^{iv} -Zn(2)-O(3) | 175.7(2) |
| O(1W) ^{iv} -Zn(2)-O(1W') ^{iv} | 29.0(3) | O(1W)-Zn(2)-O(1W') ^{iv} | 98.1(4) |
| O(2W') ^{iv} -Zn(2)-O(1W') ^{iv} | 127.7(4) | O(2W')-Zn(2)-O(1W') ^{iv} | 163.0(4) |
| O(3) ^{iv} -Zn(2)-O(1W') ^{iv} | 88.7(3) | O(3)-Zn(2)-O(1W') ^{iv} | 87.7(3) |
| O(1W') ^{iv} -Zn(2)-O(1W') | 69.2(6) | O(1W) ^{iv} -Zn(2)-O(2W) | 179.0(5) |
| O(1W)-Zn(2)-O(2W) | 53.9(5) | O(2W') ^{iv} -Zn(2)-O(2W) | 80.2(5) |
| O(2W')-Zn(2)-O(2W) | 44.8(5) | O(3) ^{iv} -Zn(2)-O(2W) | 87.7(5) |

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| O(3)-Zn(2)-O(2W) | 94.3(5) | O(1W') ^{iv} -Zn(2)-O(2W) | 152.0(5) |
| O(1W')-Zn(2)-O(2W) | 82.9(5) | O(1W) ^{iv} -Zn(2)-O(2W) ^{iv} | 53.9(5) |
| O(1W)-Zn(2)-O(2W) ^{iv} | 179.0(5) | O(2W')-Zn(2)-O(2W) ^{iv} | 80.2(5) |
| O(3)-Zn(2)-O(2W) ^{iv} | 87.7(5) | O(2W)-Zn(2)-O(2W) ^{iv} | 125.1(8) |

Symmetry codes for **3**: ⁱ-x+1/2, -y, z; ⁱⁱ-x+1/2, y, z-1/2; ⁱⁱⁱx, -y, z-1/2; ^{iv}-x+1/2, -y+1, z

Table S4. Selected bond distances (Å) and angles (°) for **4**.

| | | | |
|--|------------|-------------------------------|------------|
| Mn(1)-O(1) | 2.110(3) | Mn(1)-O(1W) | 2.141(3) |
| Mn(1)-O(3) ⁱ | 2.156(3) | Mn(1)-N(2) | 2.247(3) |
| Mn(1)-N(1) | 2.279(3) | Mn(1)-O(4) ⁱ | 2.458(3) |
| O(1)-Mn(1)-O(1W) | 88.83(11) | O(1)-Mn(1)-O(3) ⁱ | 104.52(10) |
| O(1W)-Mn(1)-O(3) ⁱ | 88.56(12) | O(1)-Mn(1)-N(2) | 89.75(10) |
| O(1W)-Mn(1)-N(2) | 131.99(12) | O(3) ⁱ -Mn(1)-N(2) | 137.75(11) |
| O(1)-Mn(1)-N(1) | 149.80(11) | O(1W)-Mn(1)-N(1) | 86.60(11) |
| O(3) ⁱ -Mn(1)-N(1) | 105.19(10) | N(2)-Mn(1)-N(1) | 71.69(10) |
| O(1)-Mn(1)-O(4) ⁱ | 93.93(10) | O(1W)-Mn(1)-O(4) ⁱ | 143.89(11) |
| O(3) ⁱ -Mn(1)-O(4) ⁱ | 55.89(9) | N(2)-Mn(1)-O(4) ⁱ | 84.07(10) |
| N(1)-Mn(1)-O(4) ⁱ | 107.14(10) | | |

Symmetry code for **4**: ⁱx+1, y, z

Table S5. Selected bond distances (Å) and angles (°) for **5**.

| | | | |
|-------------------------------|------------|-------------------------------|-----------|
| Mn(1)-O(2) | 2.102(2) | Mn(1)-O(1W) | 2.127(2) |
| Mn(1)-O(3) ⁱ | 2.135(2) | Mn(1)-N(2) | 2.241(3) |
| Mn(1)-N(1) | 2.288(3) | | |
| O(2)-Mn(1)-O(1W) | 88.68(10) | O(2)-Mn(1)-O(3) ⁱ | 103.00(9) |
| O(1W)-Mn(1)-O(3) ⁱ | 94.36(10) | O(2)-Mn(1)-N(2) | 93.11(8) |
| O(1W)-Mn(1)-N(2) | 130.07(10) | O(3) ⁱ -Mn(1)-N(2) | 133.23(9) |
| O(2)-Mn(1)-N(1) | 155.07(9) | O(1W)-Mn(1)-N(1) | 84.91(10) |
| O(3) ⁱ -Mn(1)-N(1) | 101.49(10) | N(2)-Mn(1)-N(1) | 73.15(9) |

Symmetry code for **5**: ⁱx+1, y, z

Table S6. Selected bond distances (Å) and angles (°) for **6**.

| | | | |
|---|------------|--------------------------------|------------|
| Zn(1)-O(1) | 1.974(3) | Zn(1)-O(3) ⁱ | 1.986(3) |
| Zn(1)-N(1) ⁱⁱ | 2.003(3) | Zn(1)-N(3) | 2.018(3) |
| O(1)-Zn(1)-O(3) ⁱ | 115.88(13) | O(1)-Zn(1)-N(1) ⁱⁱ | 119.87(13) |
| O(3) ⁱ -Zn(1)-N(1) ⁱⁱ | 107.35(13) | O(1)-Zn(1)-N(3) | 102.62(13) |
| O(3) ⁱ -Zn(1)-N(3) | 100.06(14) | N(1) ⁱⁱ -Zn(1)-N(3) | 108.87(13) |

Symmetry codes for **6**: ⁱ-x, y-1/2, -z+3/2; ⁱⁱ-x+1, y+1/2, -z+3/2

Table S7. Selected bond distances (Å) and angles (°) for **7**.

| | | | |
|---|------------|-------------------------------|------------|
| Zn(1)-O(1) | 1.962(2) | Zn(1)-O(3) ⁱ | 1.970(2) |
| Zn(1)-N(1) | 1.991(3) | Zn(1)-O(4) ⁱⁱ | 1.999(2) |
| O(1)-Zn(1)-O(3) ⁱ | 125.75(9) | O(1)-Zn(1)-N(1) | 115.45(10) |
| O(3) ⁱ -Zn(1)-N(1) | 111.64(10) | O(1)-Zn(1)-O(4) ⁱⁱ | 100.16(10) |
| O(3) ⁱ -Zn(1)-O(4) ⁱⁱ | 90.67(8) | N(1)-Zn(1)-O(4) ⁱⁱ | 106.58(10) |

Symmetry codes for **7**: ⁱ-x, y+1/2, -z+3/2; ⁱⁱ x, y+1, z

Table S8. Selected bond distances (Å) and angles (°) for **8**.

| | | | |
|---------------------------------|------------|--|------------|
| Zn(1)-O(3) ⁱ | 1.949(3) | Zn(1)-O(1) | 1.999(3) |
| Zn(1)-N(1) ⁱⁱ | 2.017(3) | Zn(1)-N(1') ⁱⁱ | 2.028(14) |
| Zn(1)-N(3) | 2.028(3) | | |
| O(3) ⁱ -Zn(1)-O(1) | 105.09(11) | O(3) ⁱ -Zn(1)-N(1) ⁱⁱ | 121.8(3) |
| O(1)-Zn(1)-N(1) ⁱⁱ | 113.4(4) | O(3) ⁱ -Zn(1)-N(1') ⁱⁱ | 113.0(3) |
| O(1)-Zn(1)-N(1') ⁱⁱ | 117.0(4) | O(3) ⁱ -Zn(1)-N(3) | 110.08(14) |
| O(1)-Zn(1)-N(3) | 102.75(13) | N(1) ⁱⁱ -Zn(1)-N(3) | 102.1(3) |
| N(1') ⁱⁱ -Zn(1)-N(3) | 108.4(4) | | |

Symmetry code for **8**: ⁱ-x+2, -y, -z+2; ⁱⁱ -x+3/2, y-1/2, -z+1/2

Table S9. Selected bond distances (Å) and angles (°) for **9**.

| | | | |
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| Co(1)-O(2) | 1.963(3) | Co(1)-O(4) ⁱ | 2.021(3) |
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| Co(1)-N(1) ⁱⁱ | 2.034(3) | Co(1)-N(3) | 2.042(3) |
| O(2)-Co(1)-O(4) ⁱ | 103.38(12) | O(2)-Co(1)-N(1) ⁱⁱ | 121.35(13) |
| O(4) ⁱ -Co(1)-N(1) ⁱⁱ | 115.77(12) | O(2)-Co(1)-N(3) | 110.00(13) |
| O(4) ⁱ -Co(1)-N(3) | 100.83(12) | N(1) ⁱⁱ -Co(1)-N(3) | 103.66(13) |

Symmetry code for **9**: ⁱ-x+2, -y+1, -z+1; ⁱⁱ-x+3/2, y+1/2, -z-1/2

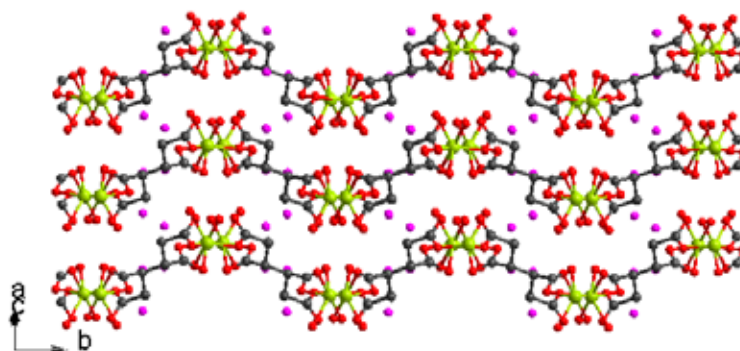


Fig. S1 View of the 3D supramolecular network of **1** (pink dots represent free water molecules).

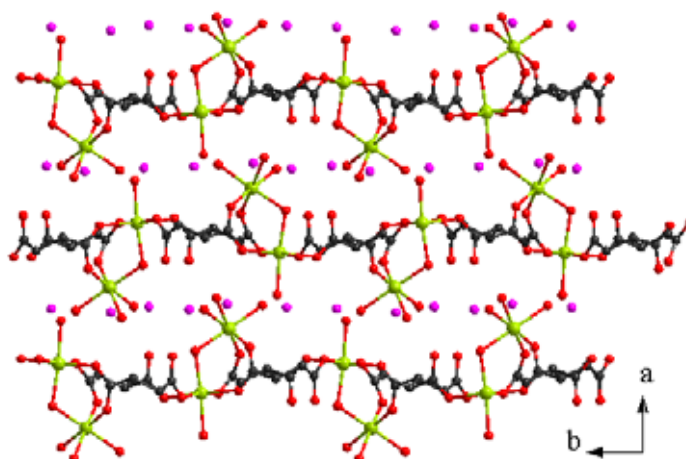


Fig. S2 View of the 3D supramolecular network of **2** (pink dots represent free water molecules).

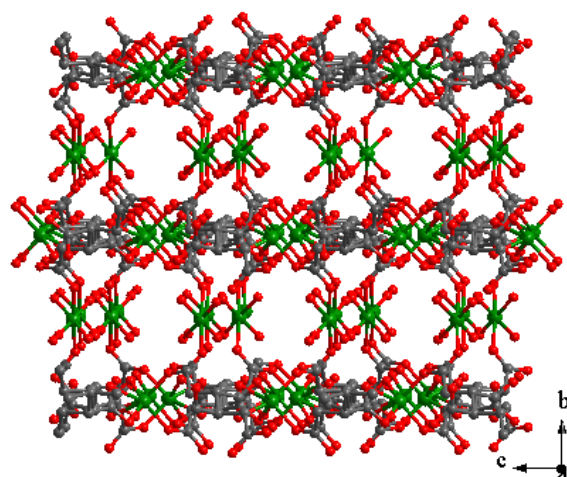


Fig. S3 View of the 3D network of **3**.

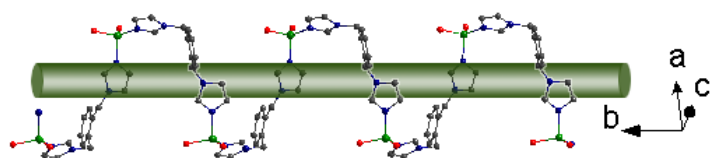


Fig. S4 The helical chain of the '*trans*' shaped obib ligands in **6**.

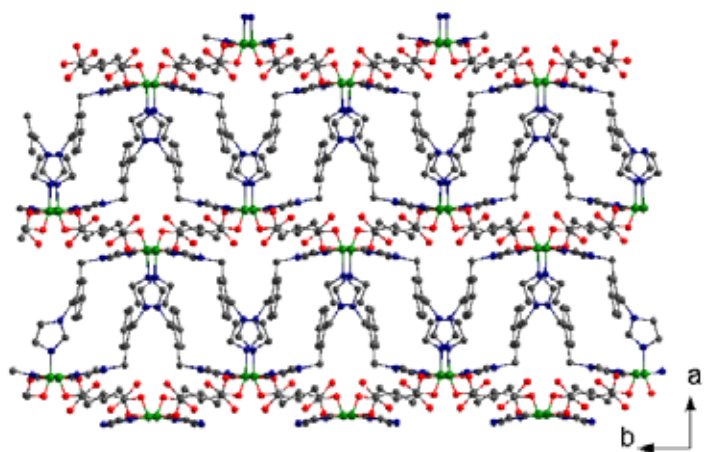


Fig. S5 View of the 3D network of **6**.

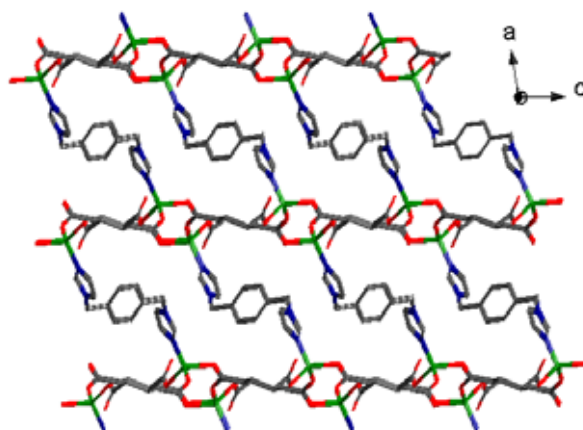


Fig. S6 View of the 3D network of **7**.

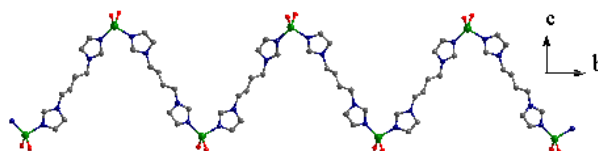


Fig. S7 The infinite zigzag chain of the bbi ligands in **8**.

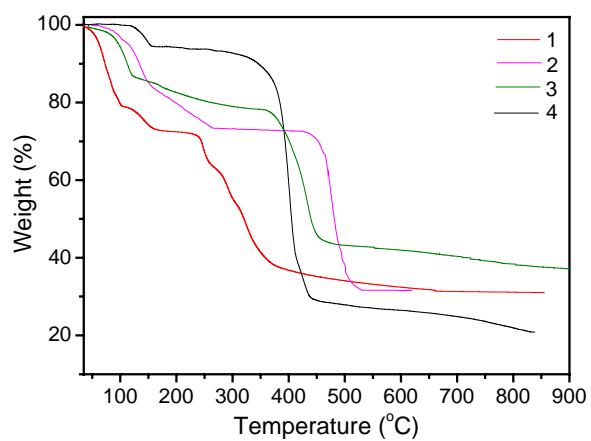


Fig. S8 TGA curves of **1-4**.

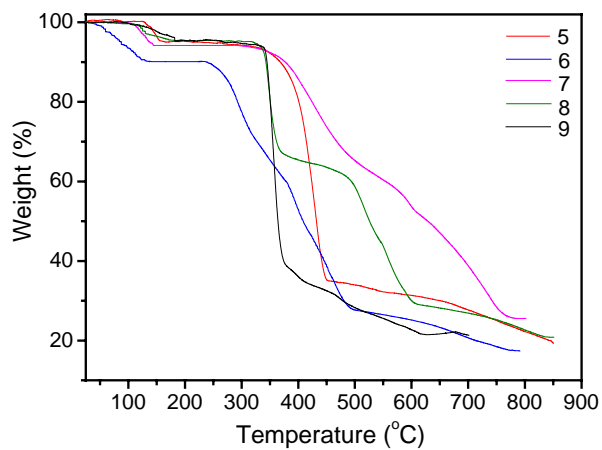


Fig. S9 TGA curves of **5-9**.

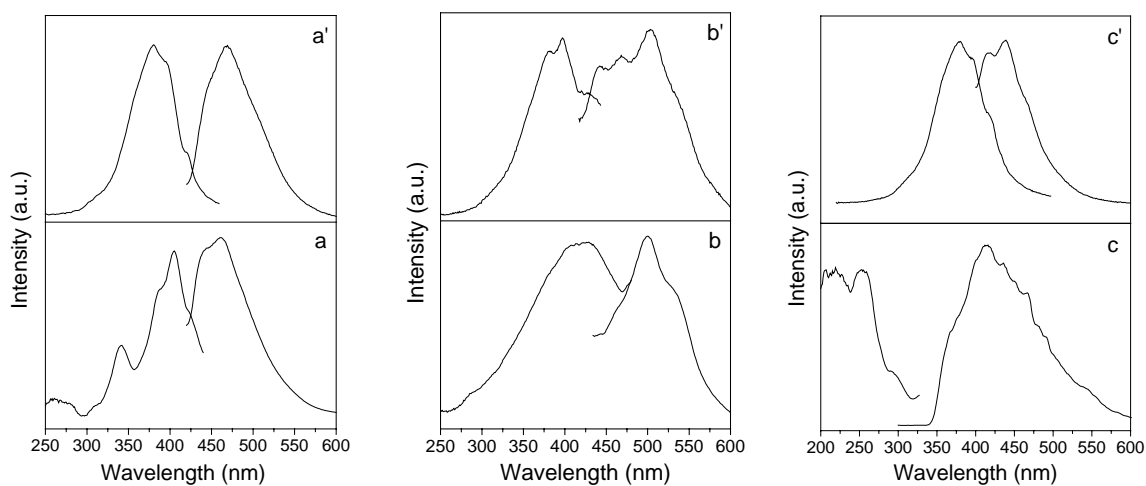
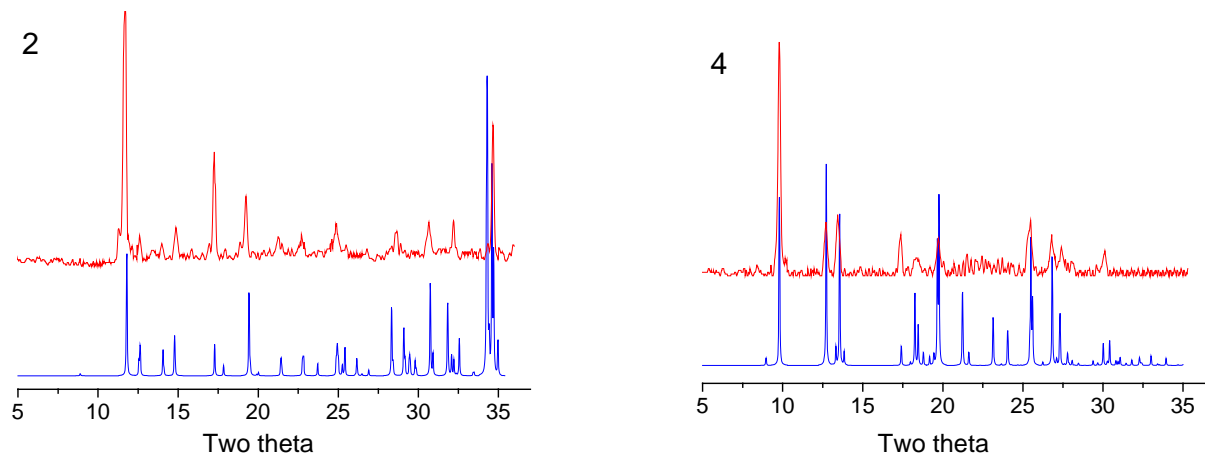


Fig. S10 Solid-state photoluminescent spectra of **6** (a), **7** (b) and **8** (c) and free ligands obib (a'), pbib (b') and bbi (c') at room temperature.



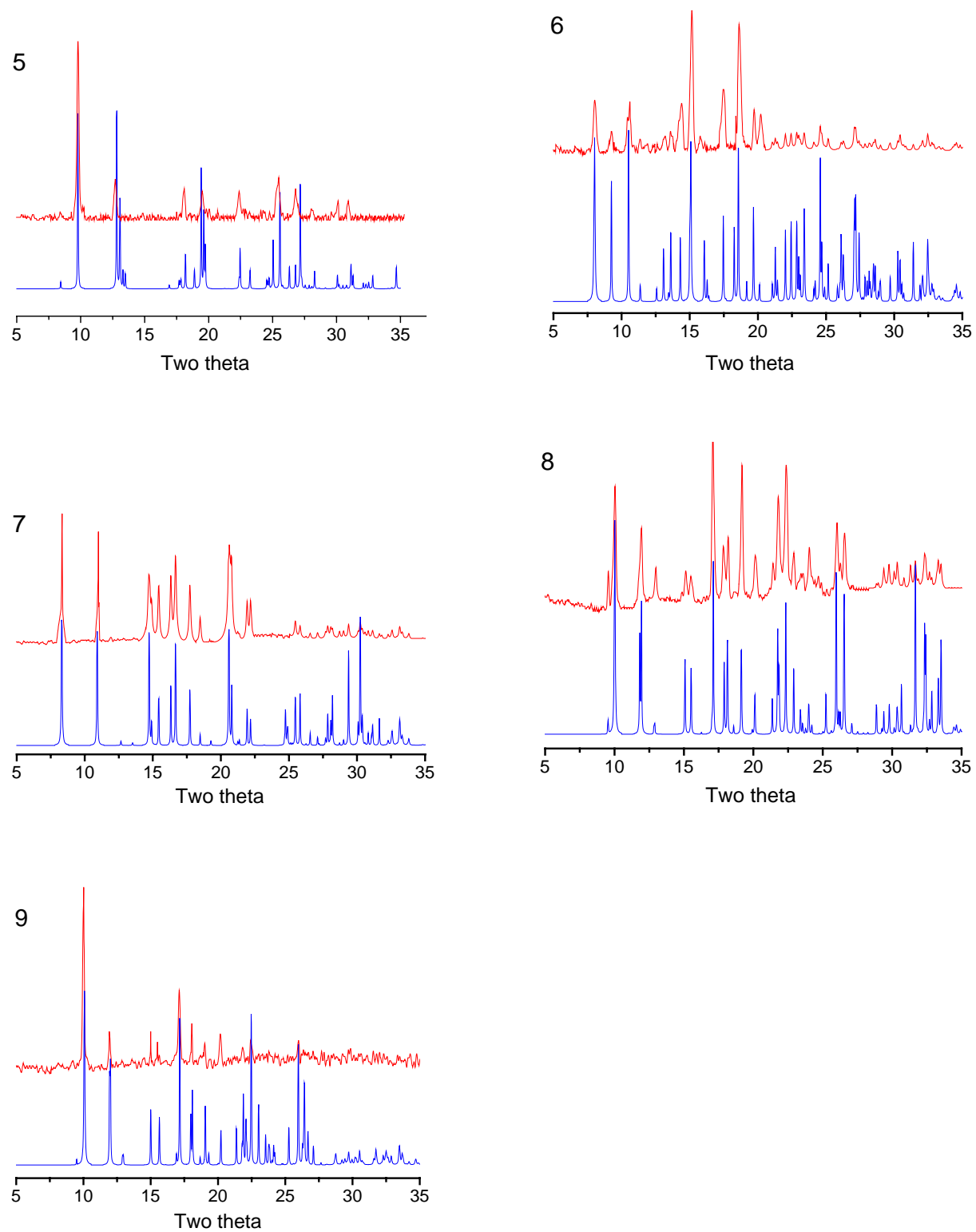


Fig. S11. The simulated (blue) and experimental (red) XRPD patterns for the compounds.