

## Hydrothermal syntheses, structures and luminescent properties of Zn(II) coordination polymers assembled with benzene-1,2,3-tricarboxylic acid involving in situ ligand reactions

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<b>1</b>					
Zn1-O1	1.943(2)	Zn1-O4#1	1.966(2)	Zn1-N1	1.988(2)
Zn1-N4 #2	1.997(2)	O1-Zn1-O4#1	115.86(8)	O1-Zn1-N1	114.68(8)
O4#1-Zn1-N1	99.33(7)	O1-Zn1-N4#2	110.52(9)	O4#1-Zn1- N4#2	100.92(8)
N1-Zn1-N4#2	114.42(8)				
<b>2</b>					
Zn1-O5#1	1.947(2)	Zn1-O1	1.957(2)	Zn1-N3	2.024(3)
Zn1-N1	2.039(3)	O1-Zn1-O5#1	130.13(10)	O5#1-Zn2-N3	106.94(10)
O1-Zn1-N3	103.59(10)	O5#1-Zn1-N1	96.32(10)	O1-Zn1-N1	110.91(10)
N3-Zn1-N1	107.544(11)				
<b>3</b>					
Zn1-O3	1.981(5)	Zn1-O5#2	1.957(6)	Zn1-O2#1	1.942(5)
Zn1-N1	2.005(6)	Zn2-O7	2.066(9)	Zn2-O8	2.123(11)
Zn2-N2#3	2.138(7)	Zn2-O1	2.161(5)	O2#1-Zn1-O5#2	129.3(3)
O2#1-Zn1-O3	95.2(2)	O5#2-Zn1-O3	98.7(2)	O2#1-Zn1-N1	113.5(2)
O5#2-Zn1-N1	104.3(3)	O3-Zn1-N1	114.5(2)	O7-Zn2-O8	180.00(1)
O7-Zn2-N2#3	92.3(2)	O8-Zn2-N2#3	87.7(2)	O7-Zn2-O1	90.18(15)
O8-Zn2-O1	89.82(15)	N2#3-Zn2-O1	92.1(2)	N2#4-Zn2-O1	87.9(2)
O1#5-Zn2-O1	179.6(3)	N2#3-Zn2-N2#4	175.4(4)		
<b>4</b>					
Zn1-O1	1.985(3)	Zn1-O11#1	1.986(3)	Zn1-N1	2.001(4)
Zn1-N5	2.023(4)	Zn2-O6	1.968(3)	Zn2-N9	1.991(4)
Zn1-O1	1.950(3)	Zn2-O5#2	1.936(3)	Zn2-O9	2.019(3)
Zn2-N7#2	2.051(4)	Zn3-O7	1.980(3)	Zn3-N3#3	2.011(4)
Zn3-N11#1	2.041(4)	Zn3-O4#4	2.233(4)	Zn3-O3#4	2.233(4)
O1-Zn1-O11#1	124.98(13)	O1-Zn1-N1	107.06(14)	O11#1-Zn1-N1	105.16(13)
O1-Zn1-N5	96.48(13)	O11#1-Zn1-N5	11.42(14)	N1-Zn1-N5	111.48(15)
O6-Zn2-N9	123.71(14)	O6-Zn2-O9	110.17(12)	N9-Zn2-O9	113.38(14)
O6-Zn2-N7#2	101.58(14)	N9-Zn2-N7#2	104.77(15)	O9-Zn2-N7#2	99.21(13)
O7-Zn3-N3#3	105.20(14)	O7-Zn3-N11#1	94.35(14)	N3#3-Zn3-N11#1	103.17(16)
O7-Zn3-O4#4	101.60(12)	N3#3-Zn3-O4#4	146.81(15)	N11#1-Zn3-O4#4	93.88(14)
O7-Zn3-O3#4	134.33(13)	N3#3-Zn3-O3#4	88.22(14)	N11#1-Zn3-O3#4	125.37(14)
O4#4-Zn3-O3#4	58.86(13)				
<b>5</b>					
Zn1-O1	1.946(2)	Zn1-O4#1	1.963(2)	Zn1-N3#2	1.999(2)
Zn1-N1	2.018(2)	O1-Zn1-O4#1	117.37(8)	O1-Zn1-N3#2	110.71(8)
O4#1-Zn1-N3#2	106.53(9)	O1-Zn1-N1	114.51(8)	O4#1-Zn1-N1	92.83(8)
N3#2-Zn1-N1	113.71(9)				

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<sup>a</sup>Symmetry codes. For **1**: #1 x-1,y,z; #2 -x,-y,-z. For **3**: #1 x,y-1,z. For **4**: #1 -x+1/2,y+1/2,-z+1/2; #2 -x+1/2,y-1/2,-z+1/2; #3 -x+1/2,-y+3/2,-z; #4 x+1/2,-y+3/2,z+1/2; #5 -x+1,y,-z+1/2. For **5**: #1 -x+1,y+1/2,-z+3/2; #2 x,-y+1/2,z-1/2; #3 -x+2,-y,-z+2; #4 x-1,y,z. For **6**: #1 x+1,-y-1/2,z+1/2; #2 x-1,-y-1/2,z-1/2.

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**Table S2** Hydrogen Bonds ( $\text{\AA}$ ,  $^\circ$ ) for **1**

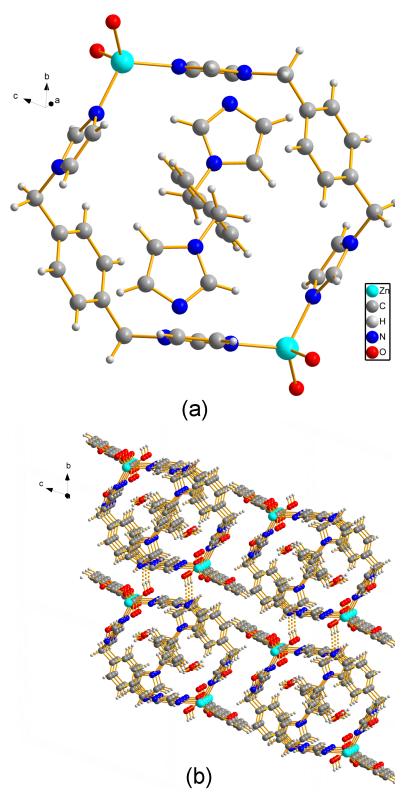
D–H...A	$r$ (D–H)	$r$ (H...A)	$r$ (D...A)	$\alpha$ (D–H...A)	Symmetry operation
O5–H5...N6	0.8200	1.8000	2.604(4)	167.00	1-x,1-y,1-z
C4–H4...O3	0.9300	2.4400	2.752(4)	100.00	
C6–H6...O1	0.9300	2.3900	2.719(3)	100.00	
C10–H10...O2	0.9300	2.4100	3.091(4)	130.00	
C11–H11...O5	0.9300	2.5900	3.512(4)	173.00	-1+x, y, z
C13–H13B...O4	0.9700	2.5200	3.419(5)	153.00	1-x,1-y,-z
C15–H15...O1	0.9300	2.5800	3.472(4)	160.00	-x,1-y,-z
C16–H16...O3	0.9300	2.5600	3.378(4)	147.00	-1+x,y,-1+z
C20–H20A...O3	0.9700	2.4300	3.260(4)	143.00	-1+x,y,-1+z
C20–H20B...O1W	0.9700	2.5700	3.453(9)	151.00	1-x,1-y,-z
C21–H21...O6	0.9300	2.4200	3.279(4)	154.00	1-x,-y,-z
C23–H23...O3	0.9300	2.6000	3.294(4)	132.00	-1+x,y,-1+z
C24–H24...O5	0.9300	2.4100	3.255(4)	151.00	x,y,1+z

**Table S3** The dihedral angles of different coordination conformations in compounds **1-5** and **R1**

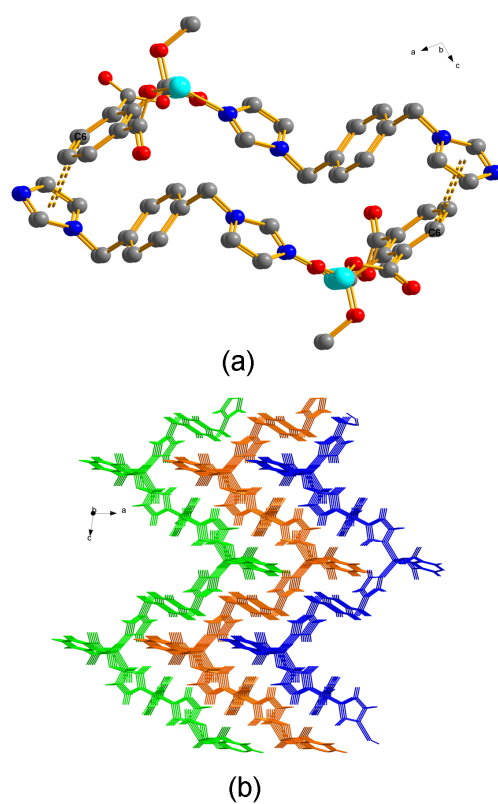
Plane1	Plane2	a	b	c	e	d
phenyl ring	CG1	19.673(13)	30.790(5)	60.517(8)	55.500(6)	6.163(2)
phenyl ring	CG2	82.736(26)	69.515(8)	64.240(8)	50.076(5)	80.295(8)
phenyl ring	CG3	11.794(2)	33.630(5)	47.742(5)	50.519(6)	25.266(5)
CG1 <sup>a</sup>	CG3	29.908(3)	59.052(5)	87.465(12)	83.955(12)	30.198(5)
CG1	CG2	77.439(22)	59.573(8)	54.424(8)	54.615(8)	86.165(8)
CG2	CG3	77.885(27)	62.358(10)	53.941(8)	50.239(8)	67.852(6)

<sup>a</sup>CG represent carboxylate group.**Table S4** The statistics of the powder XRD preferred orientation for compounds **1-5**

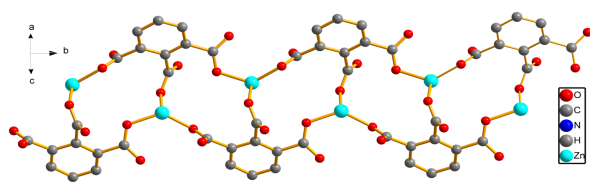
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	H K L		H K L		
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<b>2</b>	1 1 0	0.8178393	0 0 2	0.3665267	0.8006425
<b>3</b>	0 0 2	0.6329221	1 -1 -1	0.1345561	0.8582032
<b>4</b>	0 1 1	0.1159393	1 0 1	0.126422	0.02893791
<b>5</b>	0 2 0	0.1366501	1 1 0	0.1194237	0.1099115



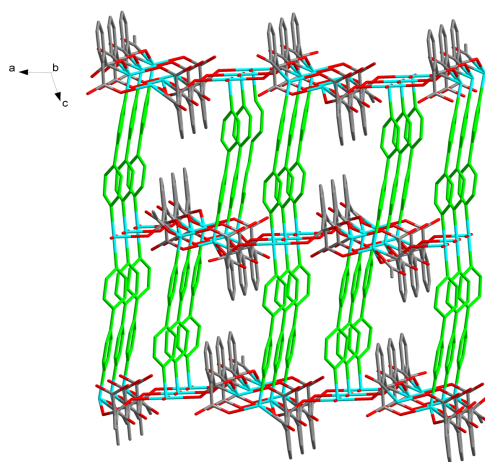
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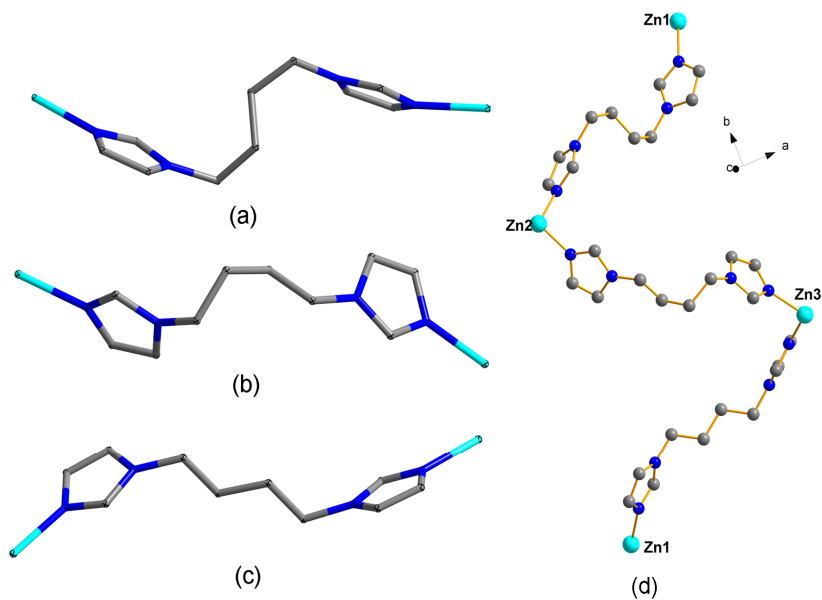


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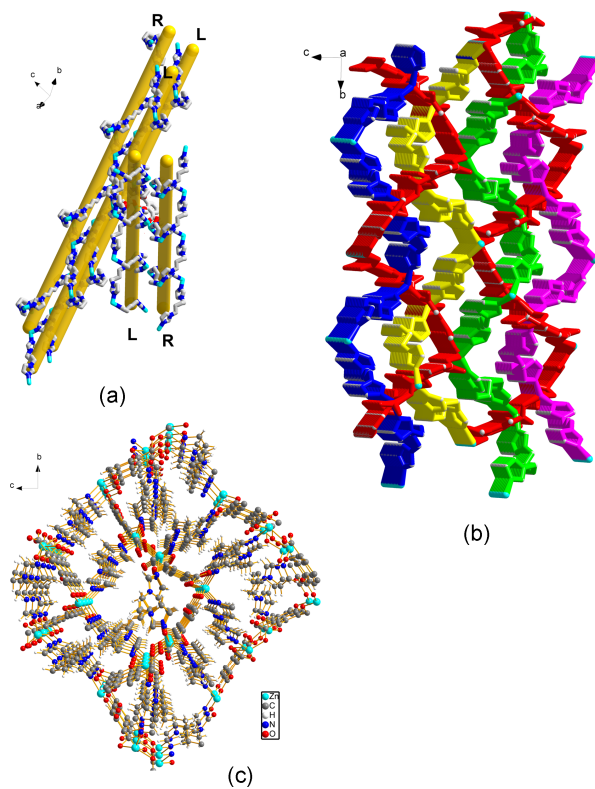


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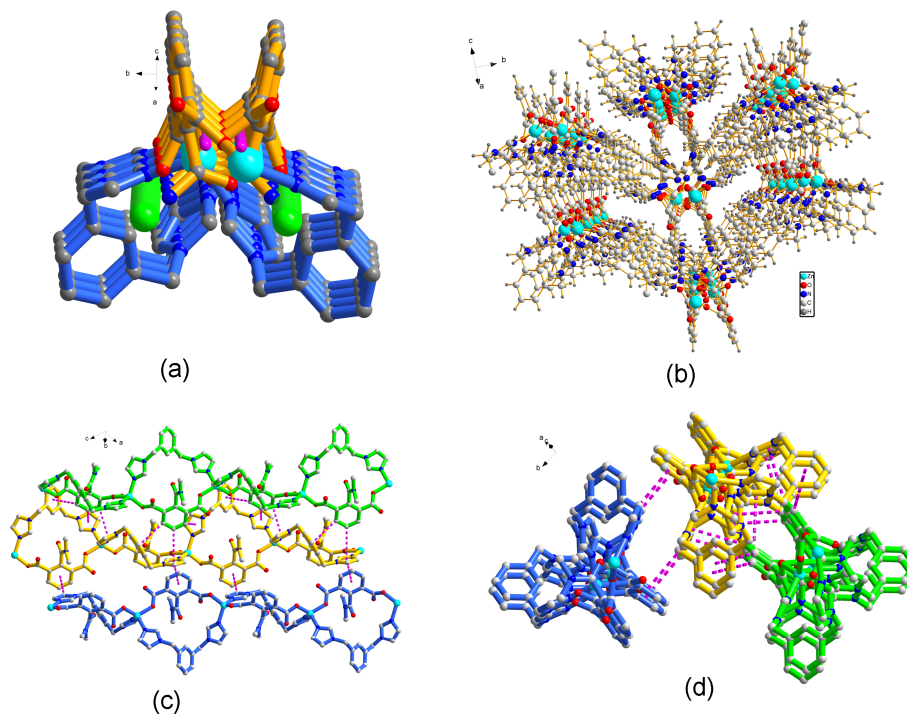
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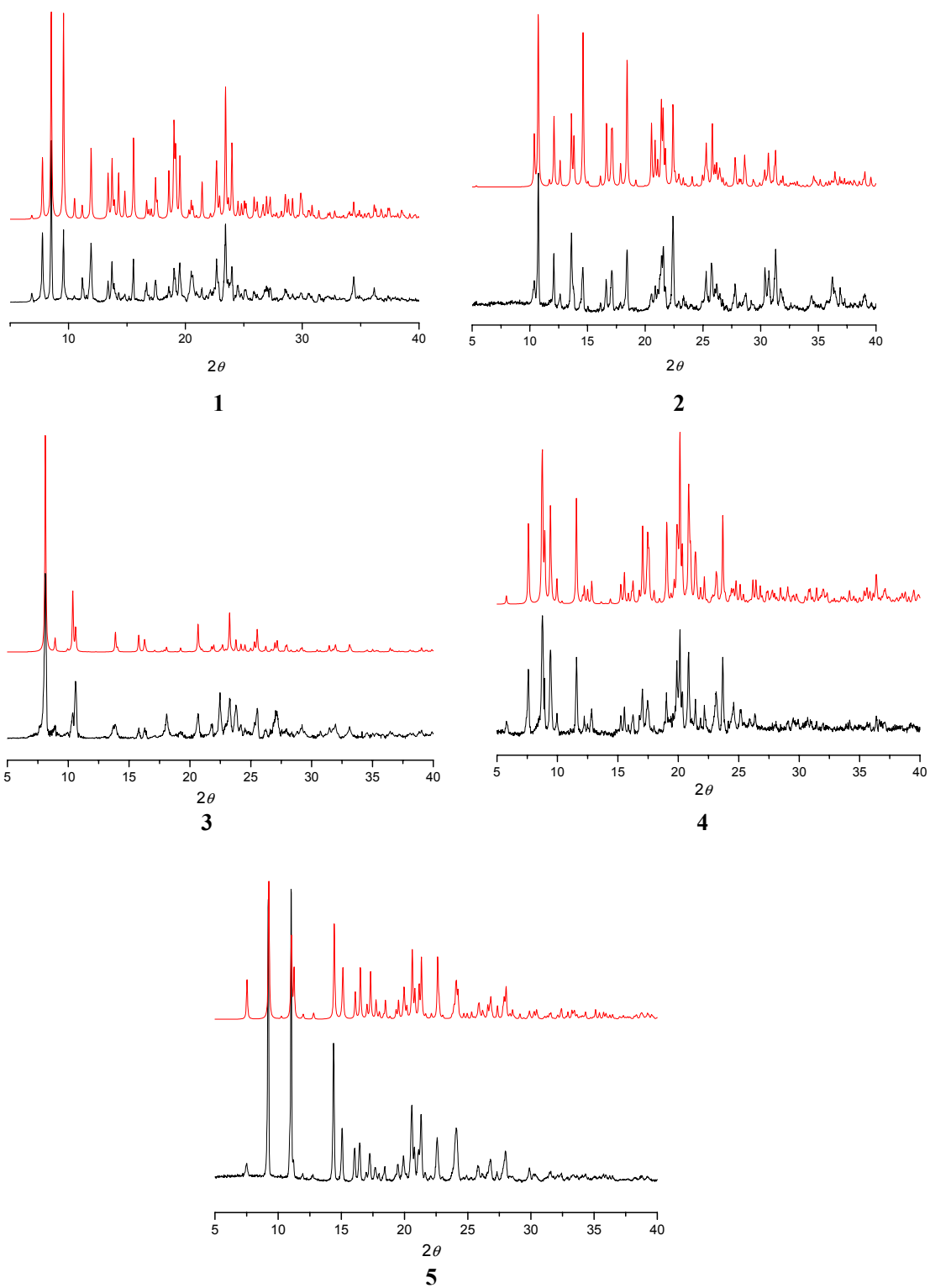
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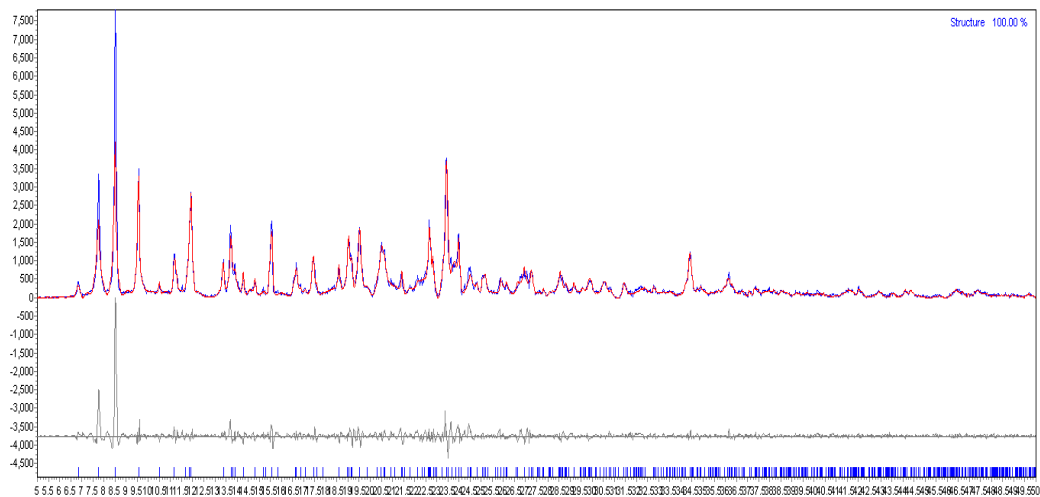
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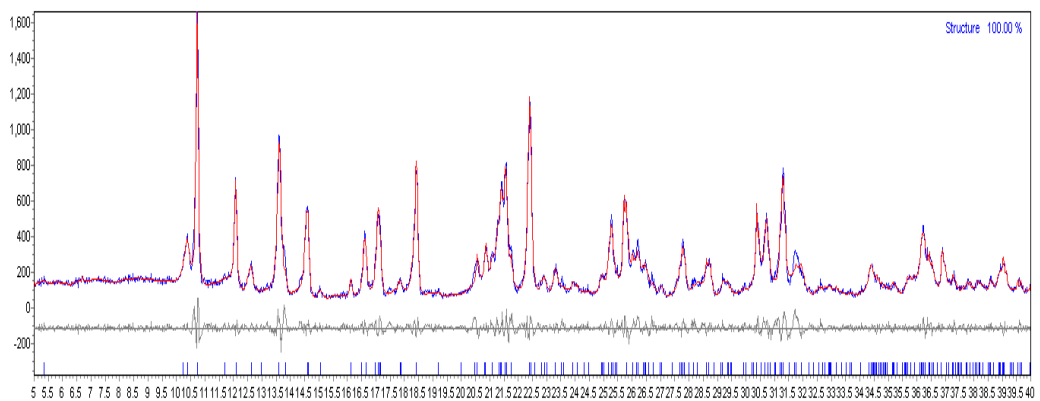


**Fig. S7** Simulated(red) and experimental XRPD patterns of **1-5**.



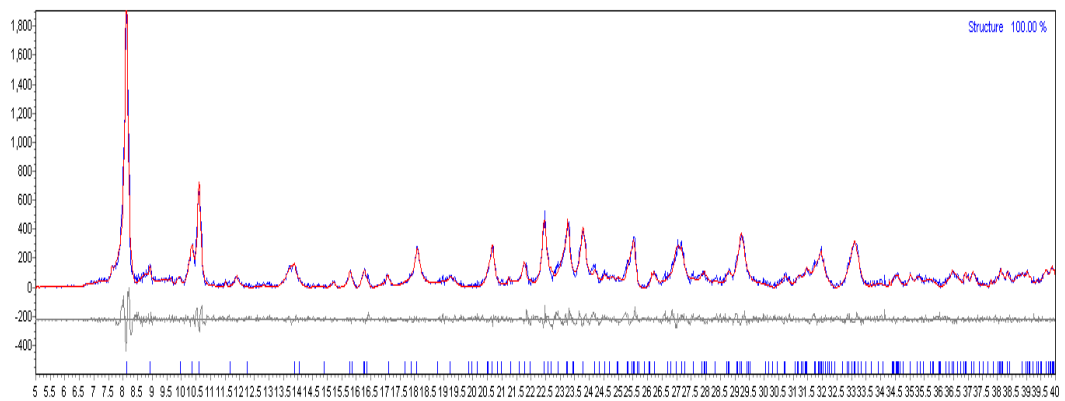
$R_{wp}$ : 10.27  $R_p$ : 7.72

(a)



$R_{wp}$ : 10.02  $R_p$ : 7.69

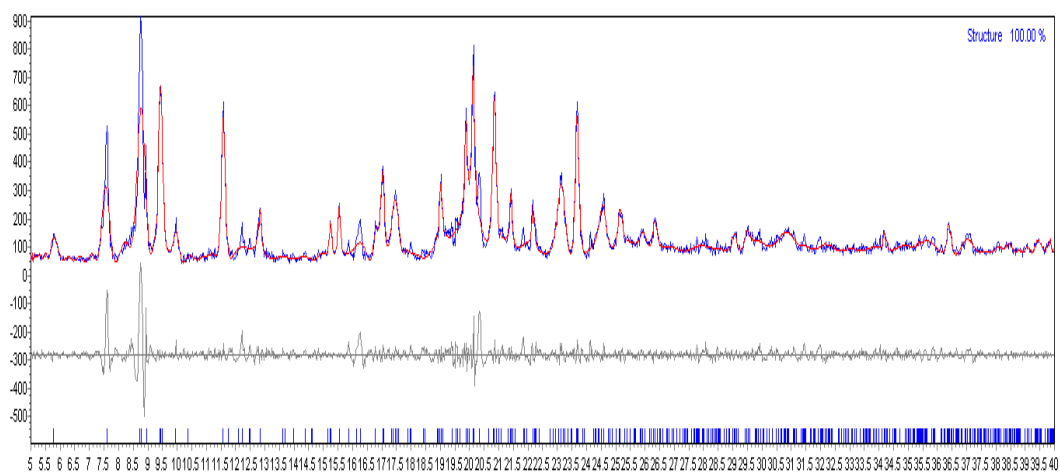
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$R_{wp}$ : 12.98  $R_p$ : 9.94

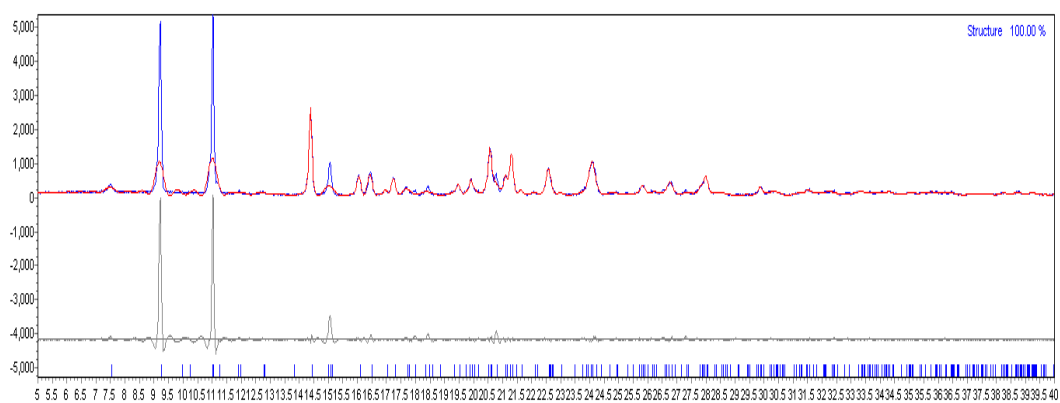
(c)





$R_{wp}$ : 13.93     $R_p$ : 10.15

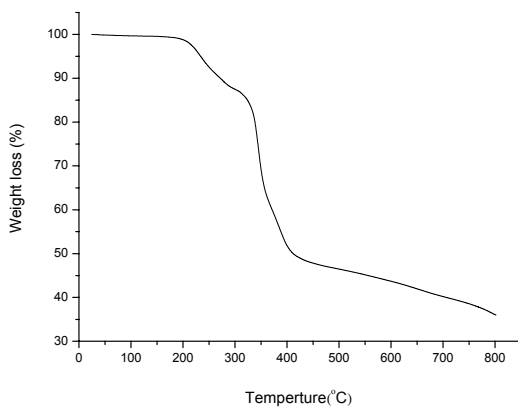
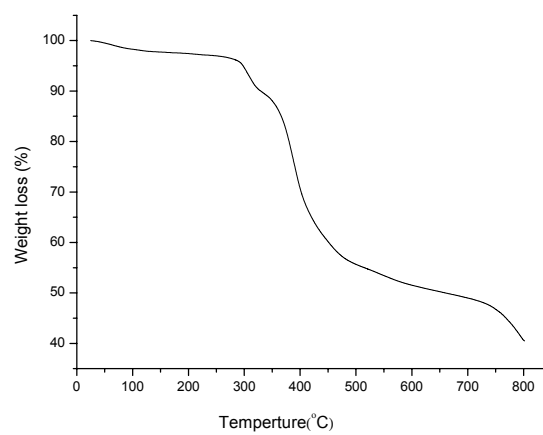
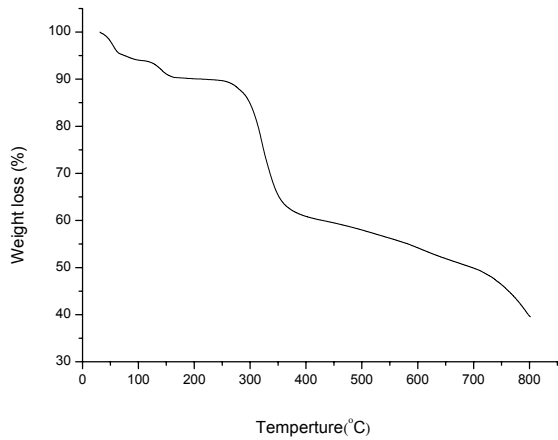
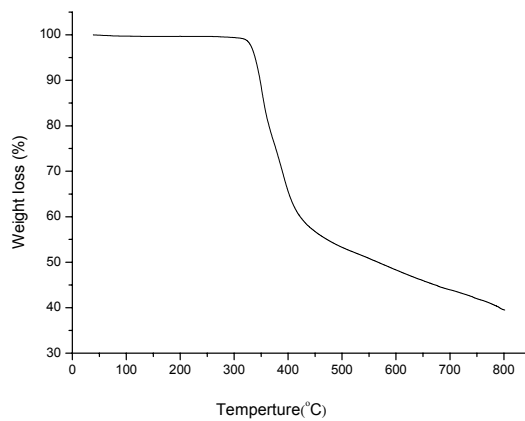
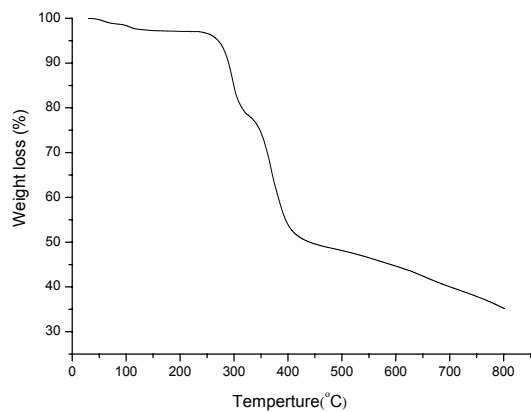
(d)



$R_{wp}$ : 9.04     $R_p$ : 6.79

(e)

**Fig. S8** The final Rietveld refinement plots of **1** (a), **2** (b), **3** (c), **4** (d) and **5** (e): experimental pattern (blue), calculated pattern (red), and difference profile (bottom gray line). Stick marks (|) at the bottom of the pattern indicate peak positions allowed by the unitcell parameters and space group.



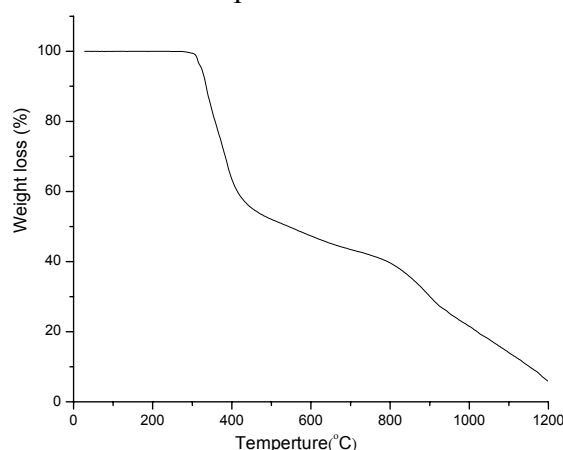
**Fig. S9** TG curves of complexes 1-5.

### The high temperature TGA and ZnO ex-situ analysis

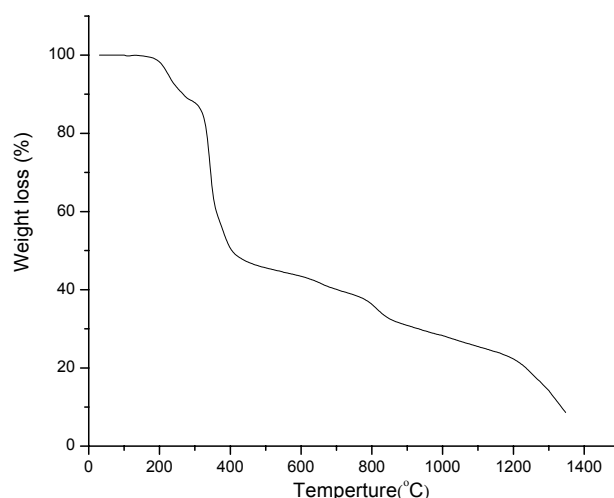
The high temperature TGA experiments in nitrogen environment were carried out for compound **2** and **5** (see following Fig. S10 and Fig. S11). As shown in following Figures, the curves are same as the results of prior experiments before 800°C, but a continuous weight loss occurred from 800 to 1200°C for **2**, without a definite endpoint in the experiments, even if the temperature to 1400°C for **5**. The decomposition mechanisms might be the carboreduction in nitrogen environment. The organic ligands were decomposed to CO or C in nitrogen environment, then CO or C reduced the ZnO to Zn at higher temperature. The boiling point of metallic Zn is 907°C.



Similar researches have been reported.<sup>1-3</sup>



**Fig. S10** TGA curve for **2** from RT to 1200°C in nitrogen environment

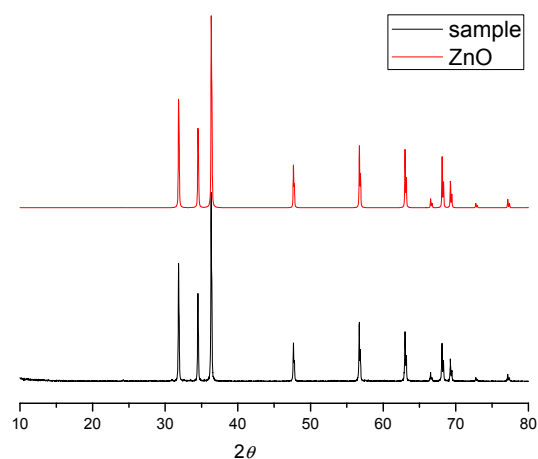


**Fig. S11** TGA curve for **5** from RT to 1375°C in nitrogen environment

Because the amount of remaining residue after TGA is small (about 2 mg), we can not to characterize them by powder XRD. In order to decompose samples to ZnO and confirm the sample purity, about 200 mg samples were placed in a Muffle Furnace, which were heated at 800°C for 2 hr in air. Gravimetric analysis was used to analyze the ZnO contents. The results are listed in following Table S5. The purity of remaining residue was confirmed by x-ray diffraction (Fig. S12).

**Table S5** The results of ZnO contents by Gravimetric analysis

Sample	Weight (mg)		ZnO(%)	
	Start	After heated	Observed	Calculated
<b>1</b>	203.8	25.7	12.61	12.54
<b>2</b>	211.5	32.9	15.56	15.48
<b>3</b>	201.3	48.3	23.99	23.89
<b>4</b>	208.8	42.4	20.31	20.21
<b>5</b>	213.2	28.4	13.32	13.29



**Fig. S12** The powder XRD pattern of the remaining residue after heated at 800°C for 2 hr in air.

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