

## Supplementary information

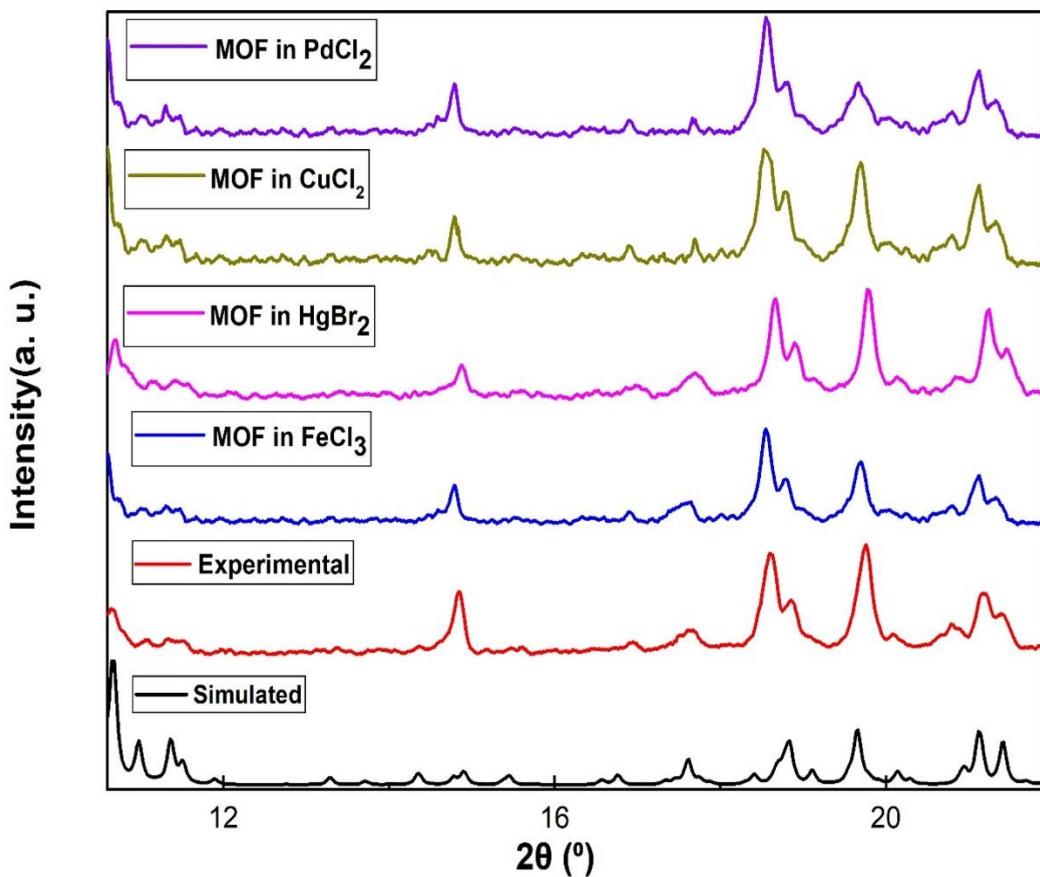
### An Insight into Sensitive detection of Metal ions using a Novel Cobalt MOF: Single crystal, Photoluminescence, and theoretical studies

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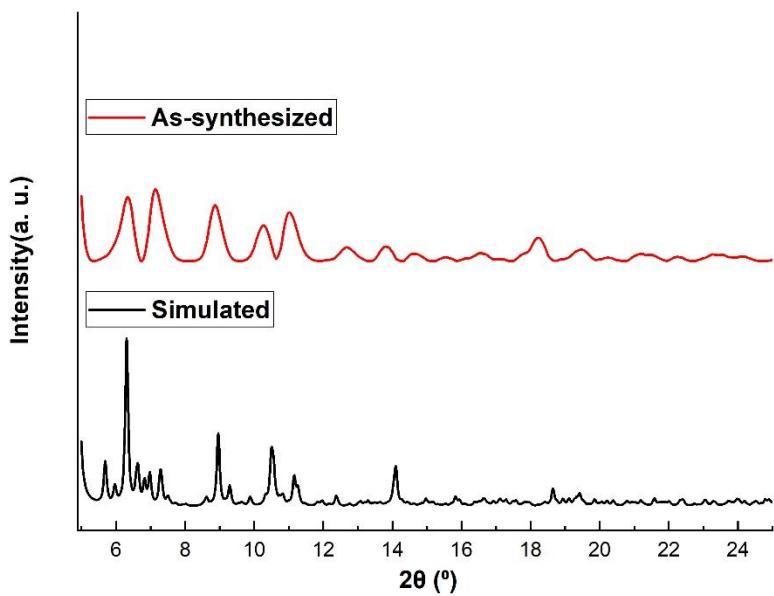
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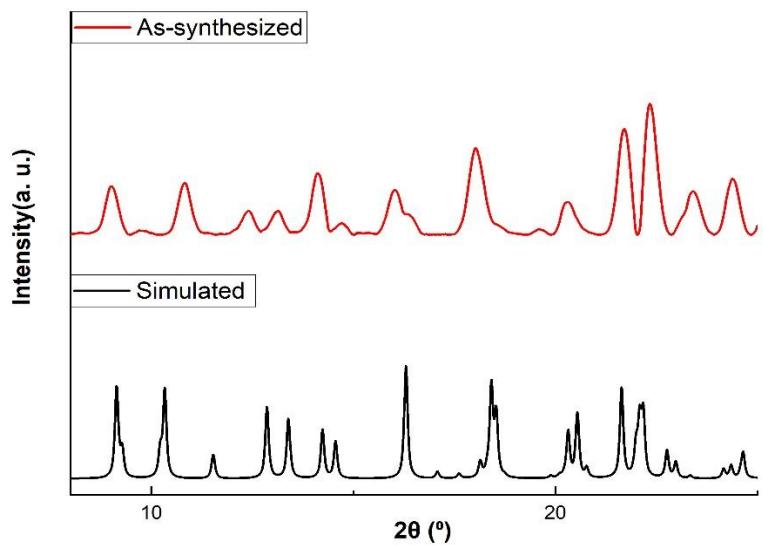
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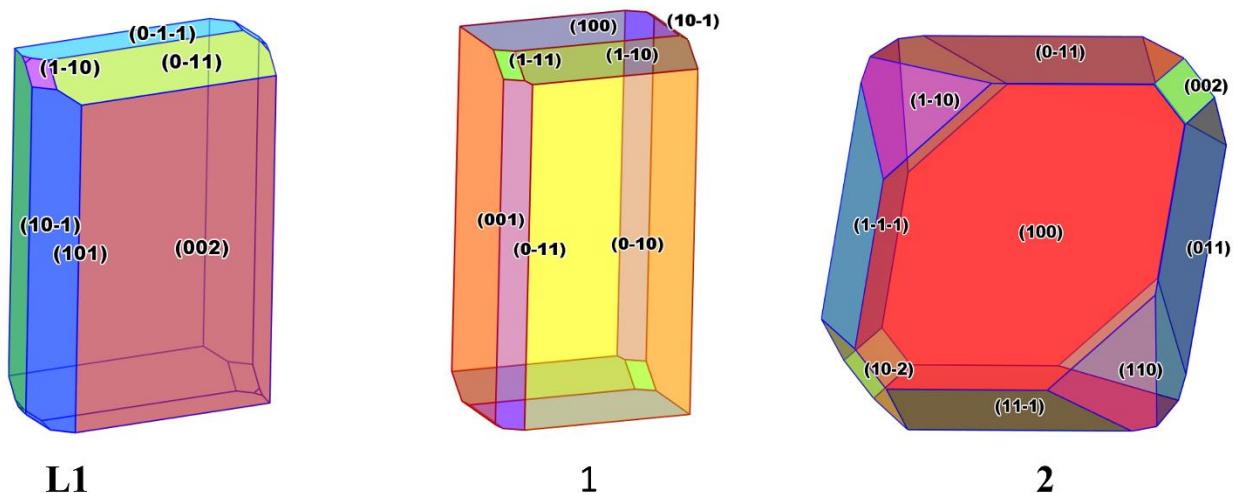
**Fig. S1-** Comparison of PXRD pattern of assynthesized compound **1** and patterns recorded after exposing **1** to different metal ions solutions with the simulated pattern.(Here compound **1** has been denoted as MOF for the illustration to be meaningful).



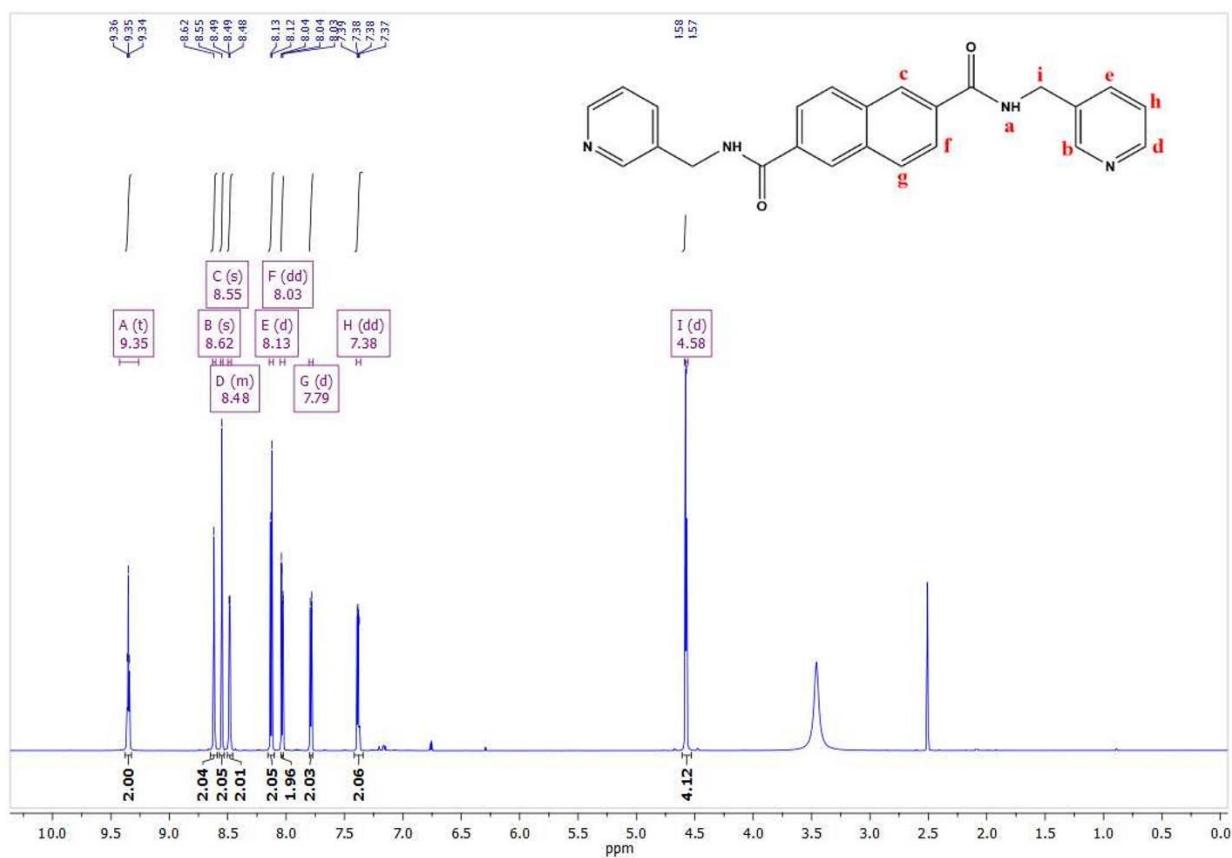
**Fig. S2-** Comparison of PXRD pattern of assynthesized compound **2** and its simulated pattern.



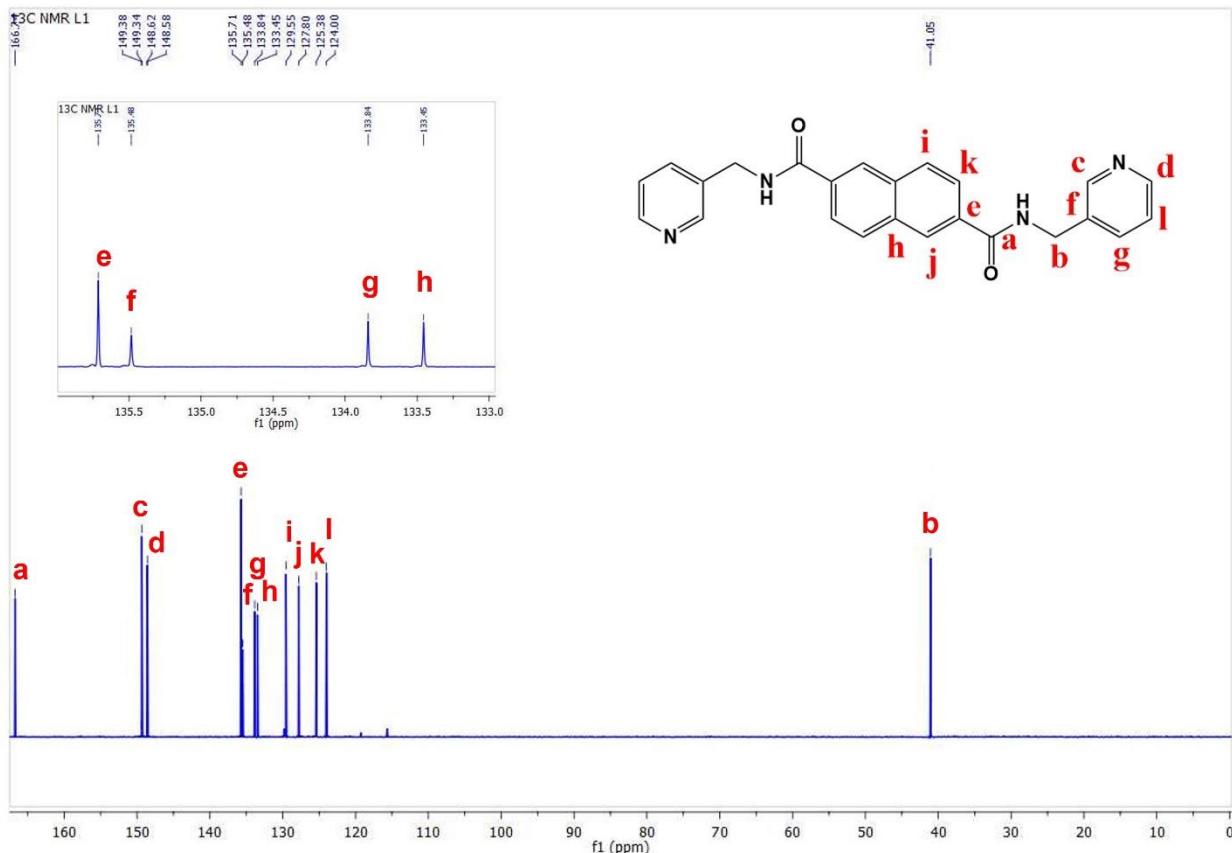
**Fig. S3-** Comparison of PXRD pattern of assynthesized compound **3** and its simulated pattern.



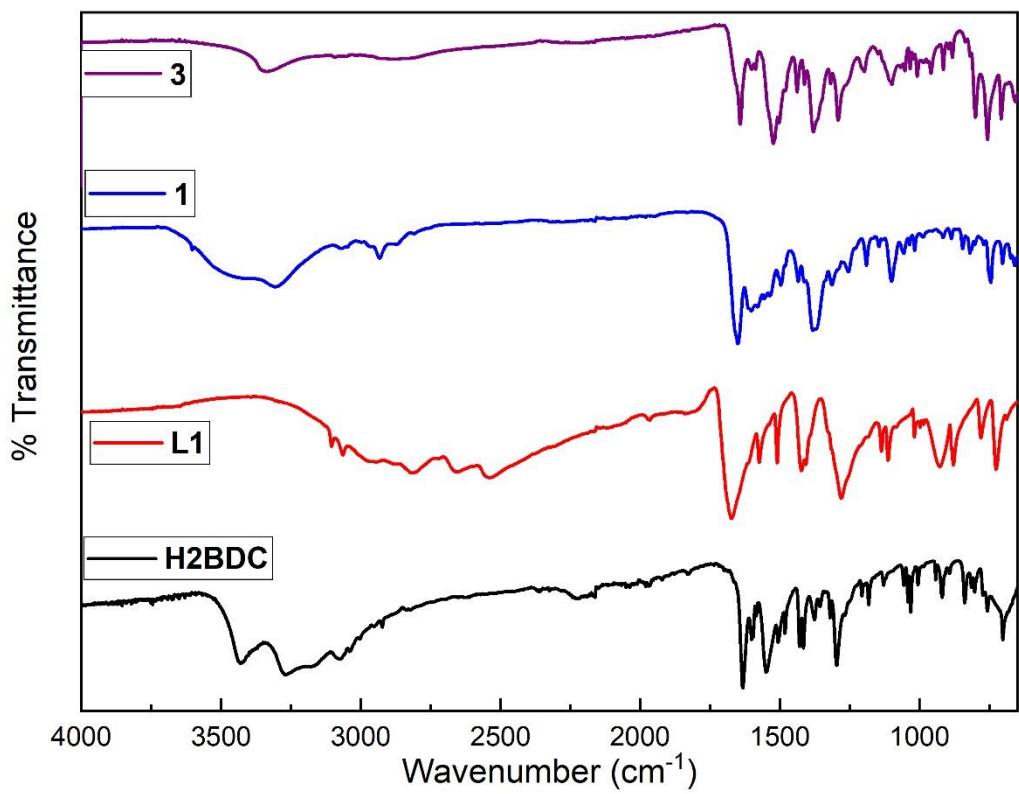
**Fig. S4-** BFDH morphologies of **L1**, compound **1** and **2**.



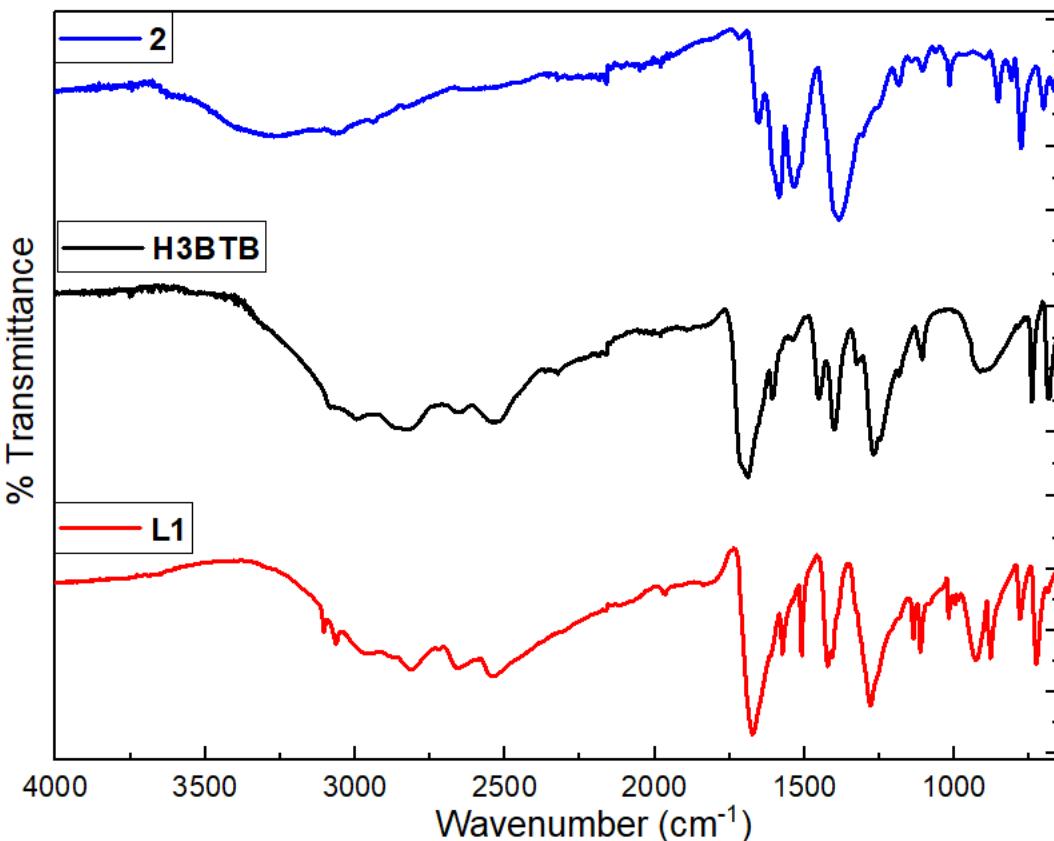
**Fig. S5**  $^1\text{H}$ -NMR of **L1**



**Fig. S6** <sup>13</sup>C-NMR of **L1**



**Fig. S7** – IR spectra comparison of **L1**, **H2BDC**, and compound **1** and **3**.



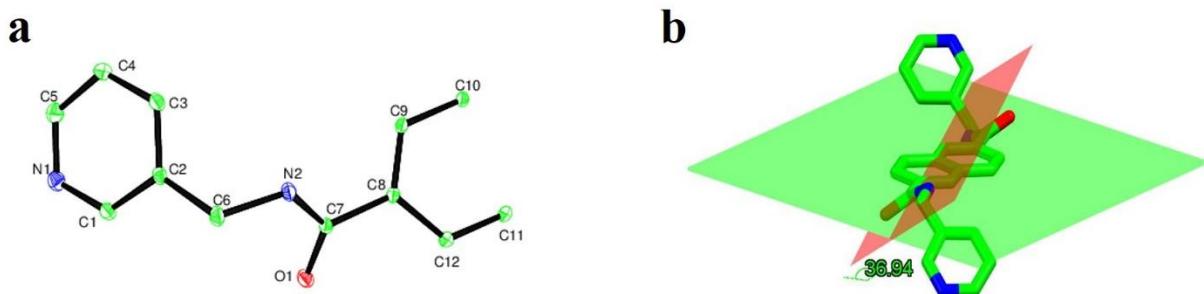
**Fig. S8** – IR spectra comparison of **L1**, **H3BTB**, and compound **2**.

From the IR spectra (Fig. S7) it is apparent that the peak at  $1509$  and  $1574\text{ cm}^{-1}$  (C=N stretching, pyridine ring) in **L1** (Red graph) slightly shifted in the spectra of compound **1** (blue graph) confirming the coordination of pyridine rings to Co(II) ions, while the peak at  $1673\text{cm}^{-1}$  corresponds to C=O stretching of **L1** (amide group, red graph) is slightly shifted in **1** ( $1652\text{cm}^{-1}$ ) which might be due to the hydrogen bonding with solvent molecules (DMF) (Fig. S7). Similarly, the peak at  $1631\text{cm}^{-1}$  (C=O stretching, carboxylic group) in **H2BDC** (black graph) is shifted and flattened at  $1616\text{ cm}^{-1}$  in the spectra of **1** (blue graph) which confirms the coordination of carboxylic groups to Co(II) ions (Fig. S7). In the case of **3**, respective spectral peaks confirms the coordination of ligands with Ni(II). In addition, a sharp band at  $1523\text{ cm}^{-1}$  and a weak band at  $1593\text{ cm}^{-1}$ , respectively, confirms the presence both free and coordinated carbonyl groups (carboxylic) (Fig. S7). A shift of  $16\text{ cm}^{-1}$  (from  $1676\text{ cm}^{-1}$  (**L1**) to  $1660\text{ cm}^{-1}$ ) in **2** (Fig. S8) was observed for C=O (amide) stretching, which might be due the hydrogen bonding between amide group and

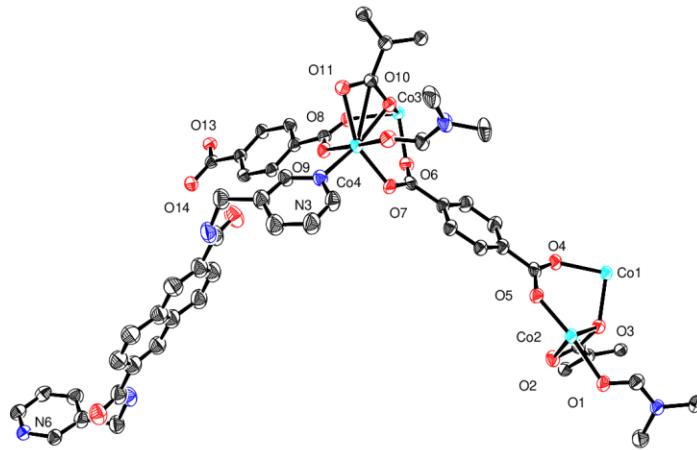
lattice DMF molecules. Similarly, an observed shift in N-H (amide group) stretching frequency from  $3104\text{ cm}^{-1}$  (**L1**) to  $3061\text{ cm}^{-1}$  (**2**) is due to hydrogen bonding with DMF molecules.

**Table S1- IR table**

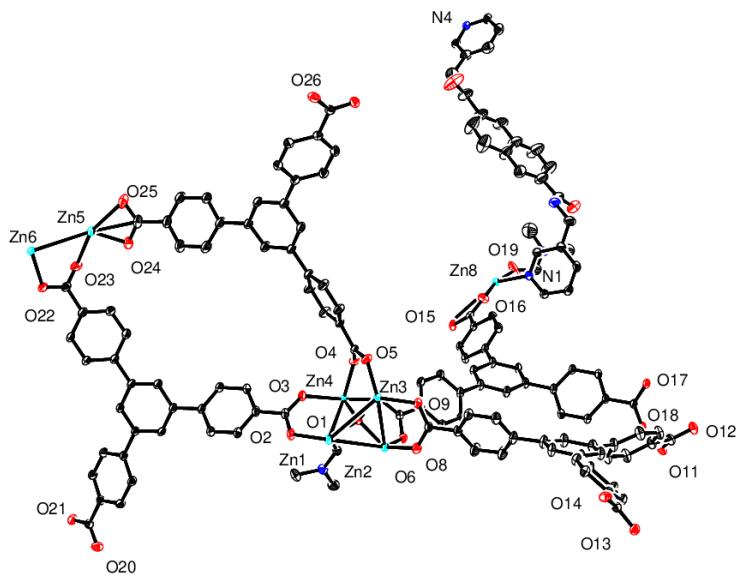
Complex	Group	Functionality	Wavenumber ( $\text{cm}^{-1}$ )
<b>L1</b>	v (N-H)	Amide	3105 (m, s)
	v (C=O)	Amide	1667(s)
	v (C=N)	Pyridine	1510 (m,s)
	v (C-H) <sub>bending</sub>	Naphthalene	1417 (m, s)
<b>1</b>	v (N-H)	Amide	3286 (b)
	v (C=O)	Amide	1652 (s)
	v (C=N)	Pyridine	1491 (w)
	v (C-H) <sub>bending</sub>	Naphthalene	1378 (m, s)
<b>2</b>	v (C-H) Overtone	Naphthalene	2870 (w)
	v (C-H)	Methyl group (DMF)	2929 (w)
<b>3</b>	v (N-H)	Amide	3095 (w, b)
	v (C=O)	Amide	1662 (m)
	v (C=O)	Carboxylic	1590 (m, s)



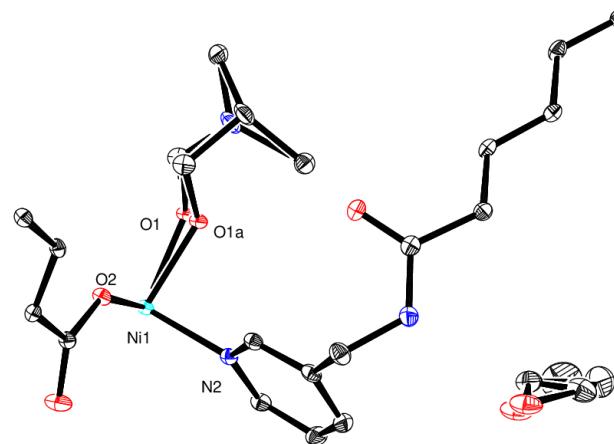
**Fig. S9** a) ORTEP diagram of **L1** at 30% probability, b) showing dihedral angle between naphthalene and amide plane.



**Fig. S10** ORTEP diagram of **1** at 30% probability.

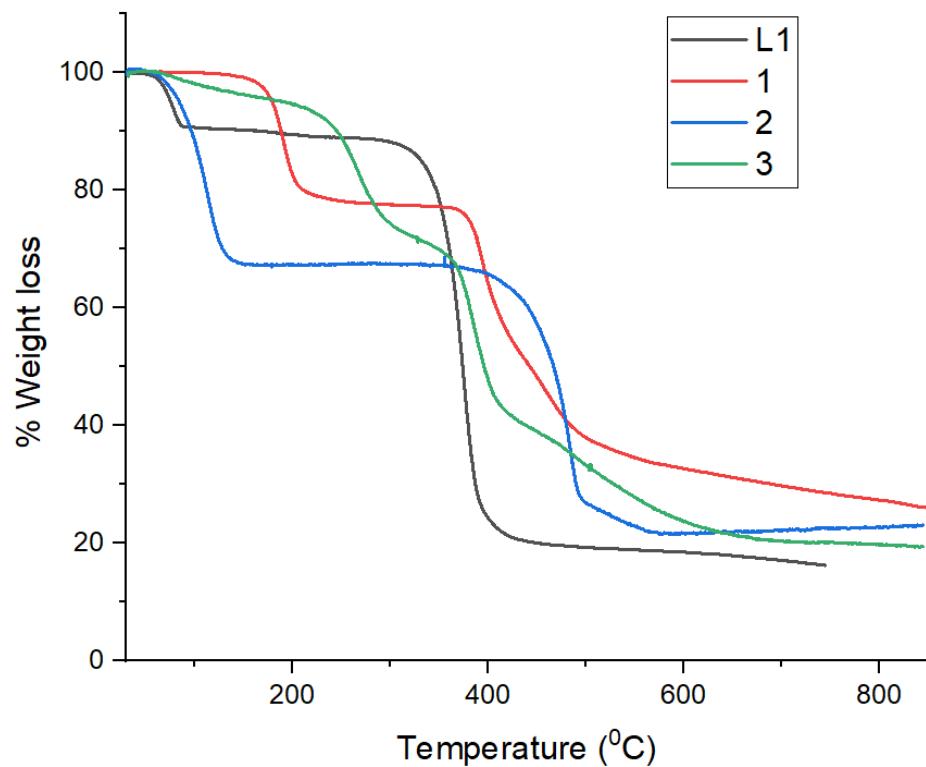


**Fig. S11** ORTEP diagram of **2** at 30% probability.

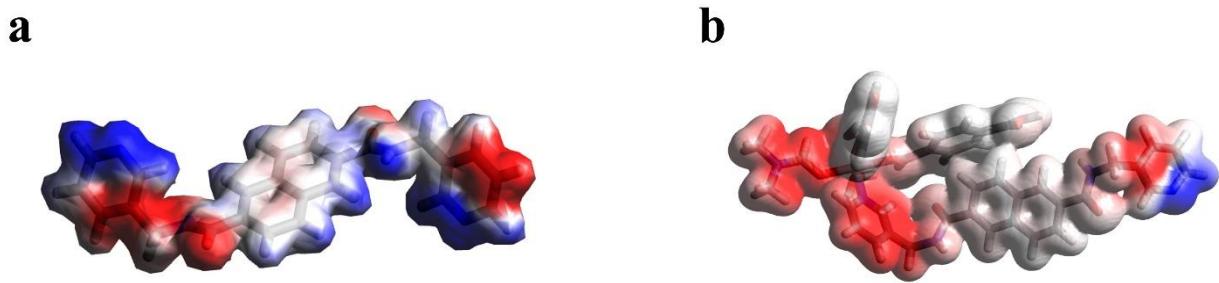


**Fig. S12** ORTEP diagram of **3** at 30% probability.

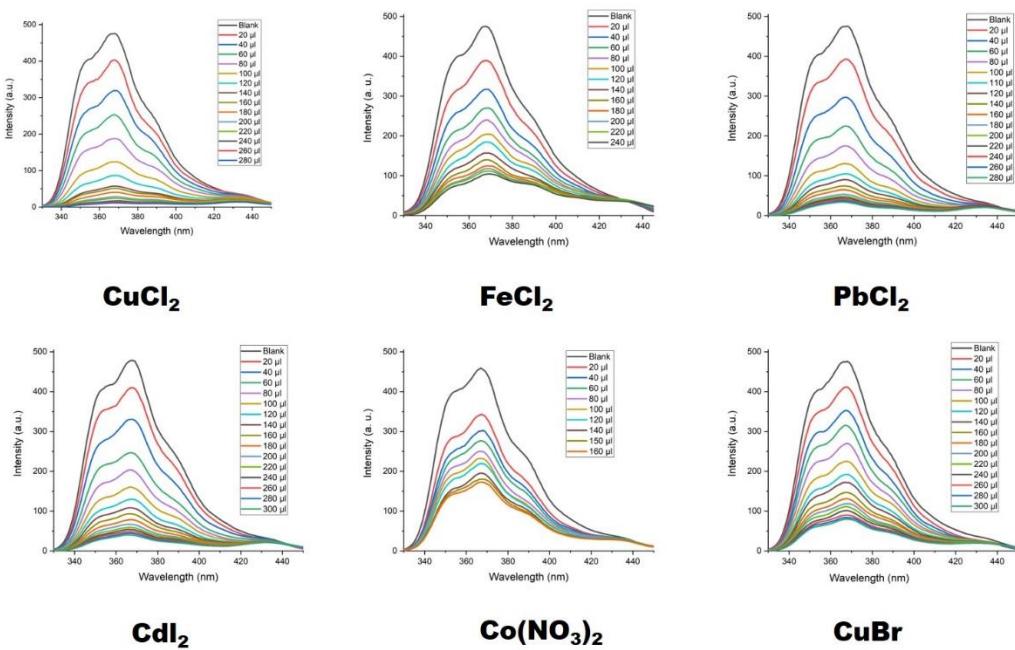
#### Thermal stability-



**Fig. S13** Thermal stability curves of **L1**, compound **1**, **2**, and **3**.



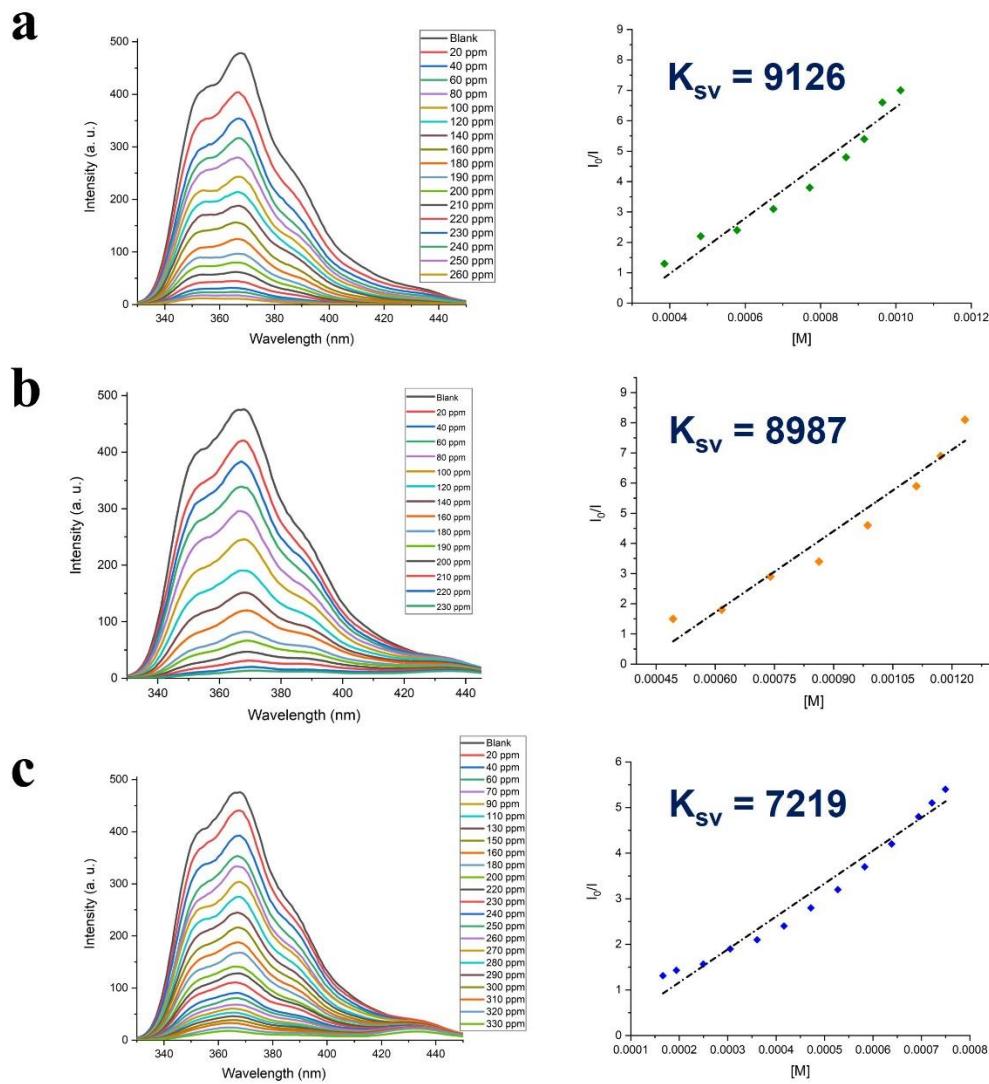
**Fig. S14** - Electrostatic potentials mapped on electron isodensity surface at 0.01 au. MEP plot a) for **L1**, and b) Co(II) complex using Avogadro software<sup>1</sup>. (RWB scheme was used, where red colour corresponds to high electron density regions and blue colour corresponds to least electron density regions)



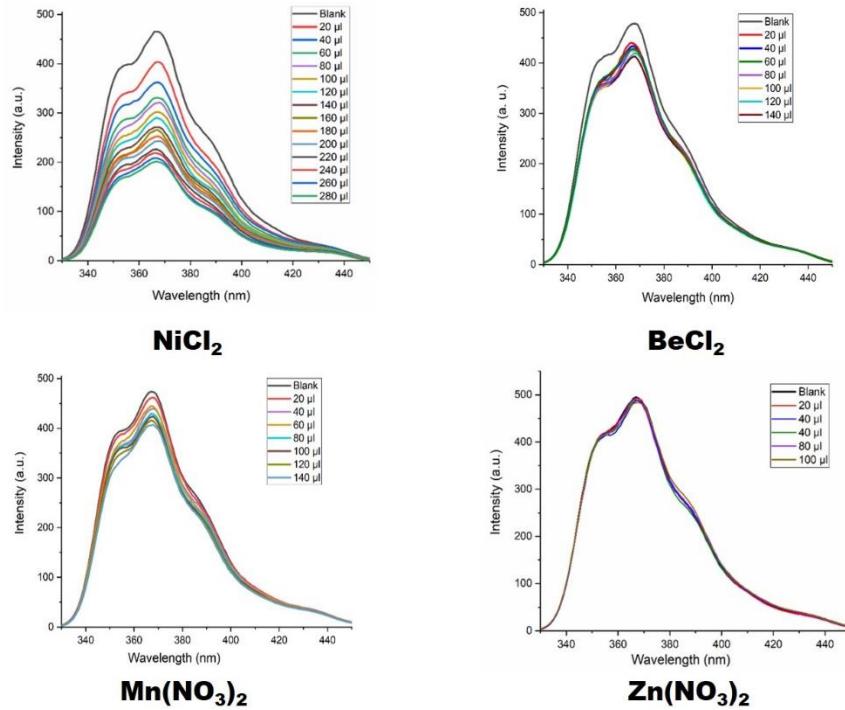
**Fig. S15** Quenching of fluorescence intensity of **1** by  $\text{Cu}^{+2}$ ,  $\text{Fe}^{+2}$ ,  $\text{Pb}^{+2}$ ,  $\text{Cd}^{+2}$ ,  $\text{Co}^{+2}$ , and  $\text{Cu}^+$  ions.  
(Note- Blank corresponds to the emission from **1** before the addition of analytes)

### Stern-Volmer plots

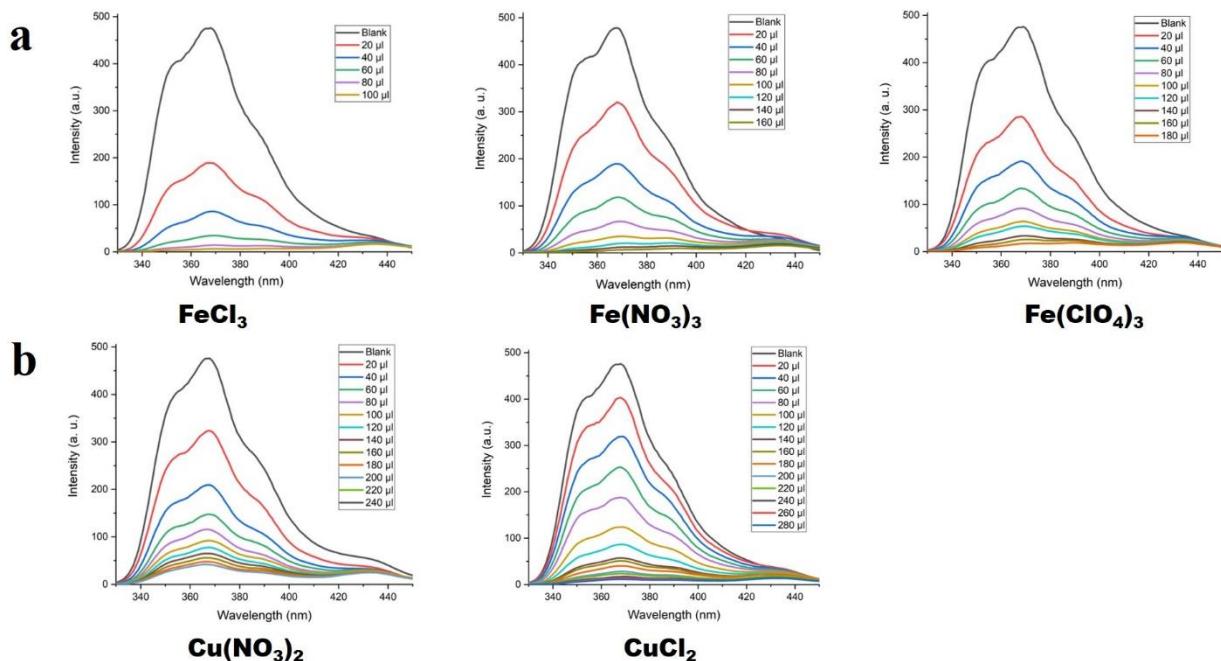
Stern-Volmer equation is used to find out the catalytic efficiency of analytes in a photophysical intermolecular deactivation process. The equation is  $(I_0/I) = K_{SV} [A] + 1$ , where in our case,  $I_0$  is the initial fluorescence intensity of **1** soaked in DMF,  $I$  is the fluorescence intensity in the presence of analyte,  $[A]$  is the molar concentration of analyte, and  $K_{SV}$  is the Stern-Volmer constant ( $M^{-1}$ ) or quenching constant.



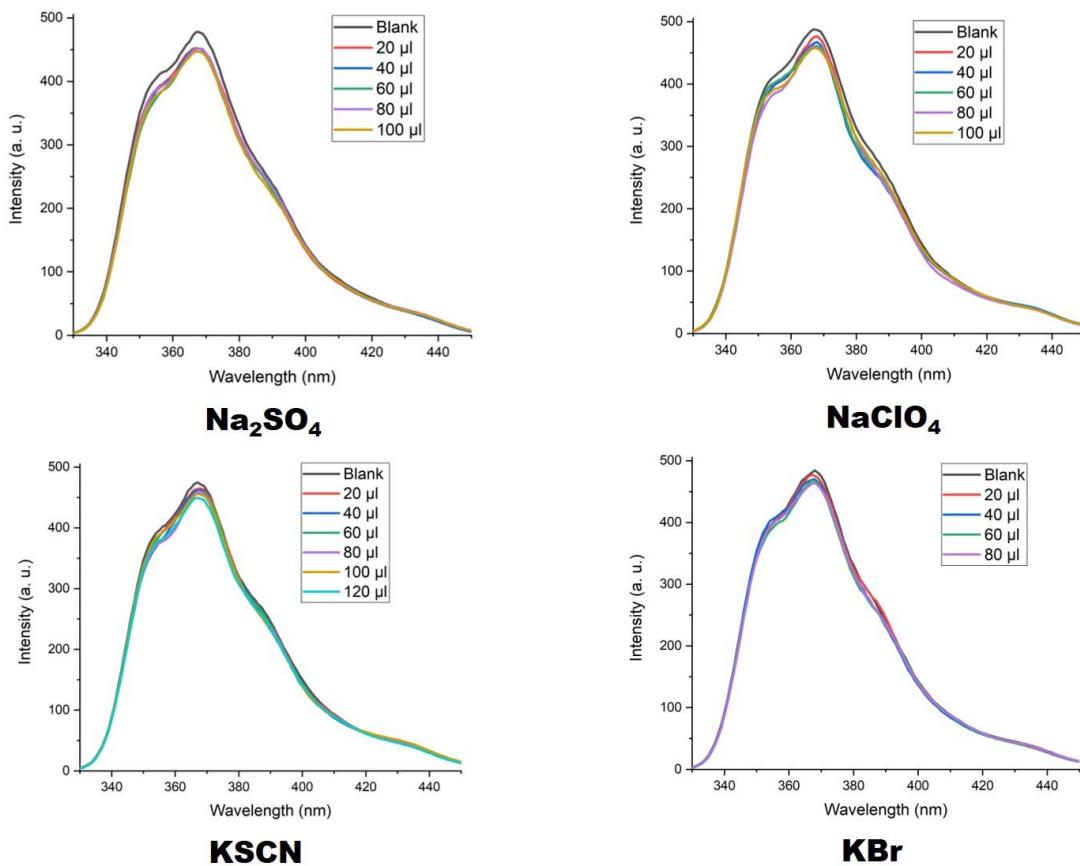
**Fig. S16-** Emission spectra and the corresponding Stern-Volmer plots of **1** in different **a)**  $\text{Ru}^{+3}$ , **b)**  $\text{Fe}^{+3}$  and **c)**  $\text{Hg}^{+2}$  concentrations in DMF.



**Fig. S17** Quenching of fluorescence of **1** by  $\text{Ni}^{+2}$ ,  $\text{Be}^{+2}$ ,  $\text{Mn}^{+2}$ , and  $\text{Zn}^{+2}$  ions. (Note- Blank corresponds to the emission from **1** before the addition of analytes)



**Fig. S18** Comparison of fluorescence quenching of **1** with **a)** different Fe(III) and **b)** Cu(II) salts. (Note- Blank corresponds to the emission from Co-MOF before the addition of analytes)



**Fig. S19** Illustrates negligible change in fluorescence intensity upon the addition of  $\text{ClO}_4^-$ ,  $\text{SCN}^-$ , and  $\text{Br}^-$  ions. (Note- Blank corresponds to the emission from **1** before the addition of analytes)

**Table S2-** Pertinent atomic parameters for compound **1**, **2**, and **3**.

Bond lengths		
<b>1</b> Co4-N3 2.150(10) Co2-N6 <sup>4</sup> 2.141(10) Co1-O3 <sup>1</sup> 2.127(7) Co1-O4 2.048(7) Co1-O13 <sup>2</sup> 2.066(6) Co1-O13 <sup>3</sup> 2.066(6) Co2-O1 2.154(7) Co2-O2 2.237(7) Co2-O3 2.140(7) Co2-O5 2.021(7)	<b>2</b> Zn1-O1 1.919(2) Zn1-O2 1.908(2) Zn1-O14 <sup>1</sup> 1.983(2) Zn1-O21 <sup>2</sup> 1.960(2) Zn2-O1 1.927(2) Zn2-O6 1.935(2) Zn2-O8 1.980(2) Zn2-O13 <sup>1</sup> 1.960(2) Zn3-O1 1.929(2) Zn3-O5 1.927(2)	<b>3</b> Ni1-N2 2.118(2) Ni1-O1 2.072(15) Ni1-O2 <sup>3</sup> 2.0420(18)

Co2-O14 <sup>3</sup> 2.034(6)	Zn3-O9 1.959(2)	
Co3-O6 2.069(7)	Zn3-O20 <sup>2</sup> 1.977(2)	
Co3-O8 <sup>5</sup> 2.054(6)	Zn4-O1 2.030(2)	
Co3-O10 <sup>5</sup> 2.116(7)	Zn4-O3 2.198(2)	
Co4-O7 2.047(7)	Zn4-O4 2.122(2)	
Co4-O9 2.021(6)	Zn4-O7 2.112(2)	
Co4-O10 2.140(8)	Zn4-O10 2.135(2)	
Co4-O11 2.261(7)	Zn4-N4 <sup>3</sup> 2.102(3)	
Co4-O12 2.135(6)	Zn5-O9 <sup>4</sup> 1.951(2)	
	Zn5-O23 2.020(3)	
	Zn5-O24 1.952(3)	
	Zn5-O25 2.384(3)	
	Zn5-O27 <sup>5</sup> 1.965(3)	
	Zn6-O9 <sup>4</sup> 1.952(2)	
	Zn6-O11 <sup>6</sup> 1.959(3)	
	Zn6-O18 <sup>6</sup> 1.974(2)	
	Zn6-O22 1.951(2)	
	Zn7-O9 1.925(2)	
	Zn7-O15 1.924(2)	
	Zn7-O17 <sup>5</sup> 1.961(2)	
	Zn7-O26 <sup>7</sup> 1.954(3)	
	Zn8-O9 1.953(2)	
	Zn8-O12 <sup>5</sup> 1.977(2)	
	Zn8-O16 2.043(3)	
	Zn8-O19 2.272(4)	
	Zn8-N1 2.031(3)	
<b>Bond angles</b>		
O3-Co1-O3 <sup>1</sup> 180	O1-Zn1-O14 <sup>1</sup> 108.56(9)	O1 <sup>3</sup> -Ni1-N2 85.3(6)
O4-Co1-O3 92.2(3)	O1-Zn1-O21 <sup>2</sup> 111.96(10)	O1-Ni1-N2 94.7(6)
O4-Co1-O3 <sup>1</sup> 92.2(3)	O2-Zn1-O1 122.81(9)	O1A <sup>3</sup> -Ni1-O1A 180.00(17)
O4-Co1-O3 <sup>1</sup> 87.8(3)	O2-Zn1-O14 <sup>1</sup> 102.98(11)	O1A <sup>3</sup> -Ni1-N2 <sup>3</sup> 85.32(14)
O4-Co1-O4 180.0(4)	O2-Zn1-O21 <sup>2</sup> 106.50(11)	O1A <sup>3</sup> -Ni1-N2 94.68(14)
O4-Co1-O13 <sup>2</sup> 85.8(3)	O21 <sup>2</sup> -Zn1-O14 <sup>1</sup> 101.72(11)	N2-Ni1-N2 <sup>3</sup> 180.0
O4-Co1-O13 <sup>3</sup> 94.2(3)	O1-Zn2-O6 115.29(9)	O2-Ni1-O1 <sup>3</sup> 90.5(7)
O13 <sup>2</sup> -Co1-O3 <sup>1</sup> 87.9(3)	O1-Zn2-O8 109.39(10)	O2-Ni1-O1 <sup>3</sup> 89.5(7)
O13 <sup>3</sup> -Co1-O3 <sup>1</sup> 92.1(3)	O1-Zn2-O13 <sup>1</sup> 113.61(9)	O2 <sup>3</sup> -Ni1-O1A 91.05(18)
O13 <sup>2</sup> -Co1-O13 <sup>3</sup> 180.0	O6-Zn2-O8 101.04(11)	O2 <sup>3</sup> -Ni1-O1A <sup>3</sup> 88.95(18)
O1-Co2-O2 82.9(3)	O6-Zn2-O13 <sup>1</sup> 105.44(11)	O2-Ni1-N2 90.61(8)
O3-Co2-O1 84.0(3)	O13-Zn2-O8 111.37(10)	O2-Ni1-N2 <sup>3</sup> 89.39(8)
O3-Co2-O2 59.6(3)	O1-Zn3-O9 112.64(11)	O2-Ni1-O2 <sup>3</sup> 180
O3-Co2-N6 <sup>4</sup> 162.5(3)	O1-Zn3-O20 <sup>2</sup> 108.15(10)	
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	Zn5 <sup>7</sup> -O9-Zn6 <sup>7</sup> 108.31(10)
	Zn5 <sup>7</sup> -O9-Zn8 114.37(10)
	Zn6 <sup>7</sup> -O9-Zn8 105.06(10)

	Zn7-O9-Zn5 <sup>7</sup> 106.15(10) Zn7-O9-Zn6 <sup>7</sup> 108.29(9) Zn7-O9-Zn8 114.41(10)	
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**Symmetry elements 1:**  $^11\text{-X},2\text{-Y},-\text{Z}$ ;  $^21\text{-X},2\text{-Y},1\text{-Z}$ ;  $^3+\text{X},+\text{Y},-\text{1+Z}$ ;  $^4\text{-X},1\text{-Y},1\text{-Z}$ ;  $^52\text{-X},2\text{-Y},1\text{-Z}$ ;  $^6+\text{X},+\text{Y},1\text{+Z}$ ;  $^7\text{-X},2\text{-Y},-\text{Z}$ ;  $^83\text{-X},2\text{-Y},1\text{-Z}$ . **2:**  $^1+\text{X},-\text{1/2-Y},\text{1/2+Z}$ ;  $^2+\text{X},-\text{1/2-Y},-\text{1/2+Z}$ ;  $^31\text{-X},1\text{-Y},1\text{-Z}$ ;  $^41+\text{X},\text{1/2-Y},\text{1/2+Z}$ ;  $^5+\text{X},\text{1/2-Y},\text{1/2+Z}$ ;  $^61+\text{X},+\text{Y},\text{1+Z}$ ;  $^7\text{-1+X},+\text{Y},+\text{Z}$ . **3:**  $^12\text{-X},1\text{-Y},2\text{-Z}$ ;  $^22\text{-X},-\text{Y},-\text{Z}$ ;  $^31\text{-X},1\text{-Y},1\text{-Z}$ .

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