

## Zn(II) and Cd(II) Pincer Complexes Bearing Meta Alkylated Pyridinium Amidates; Synthesis & Preliminary Anticancer Evaluation

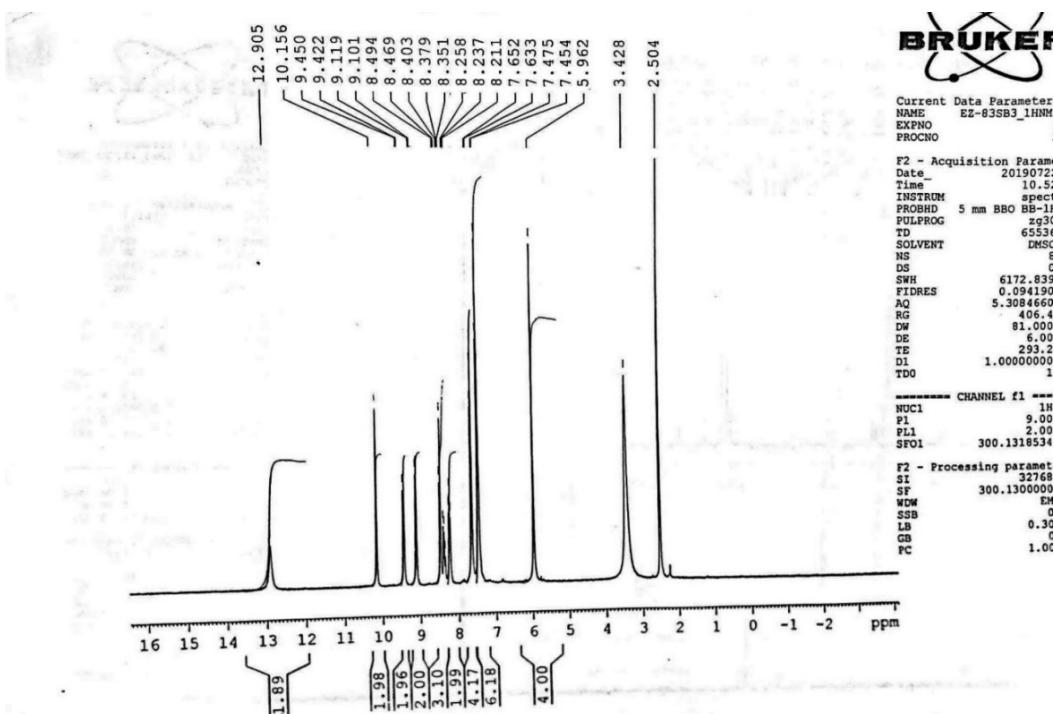
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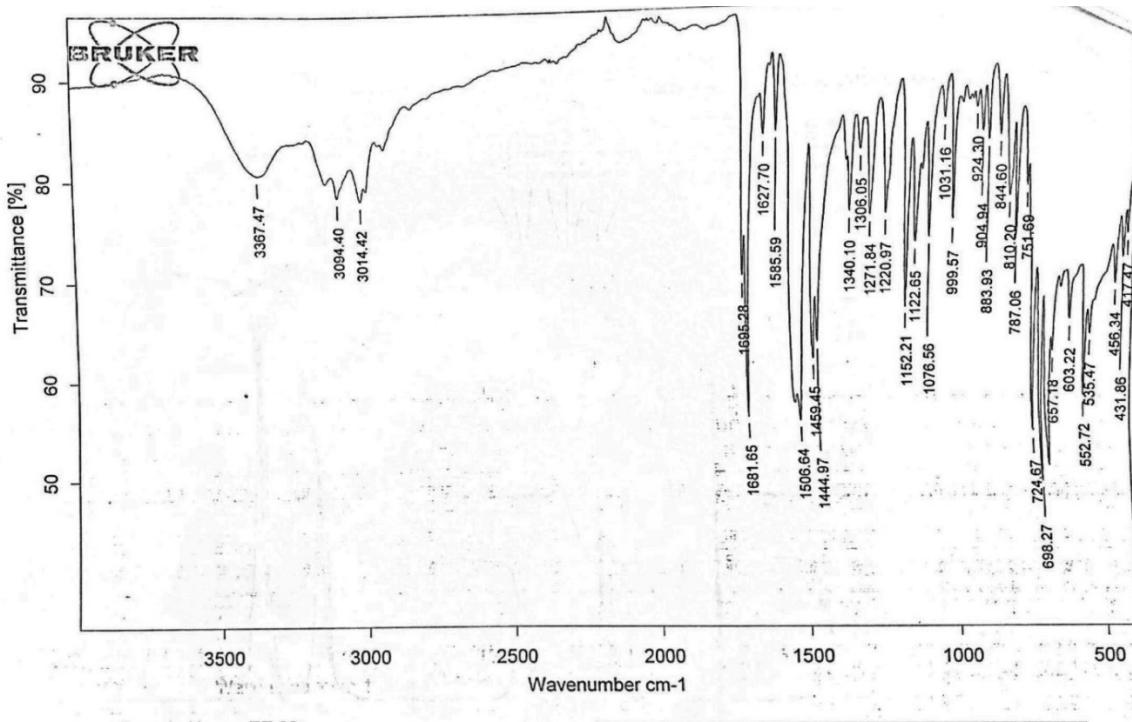
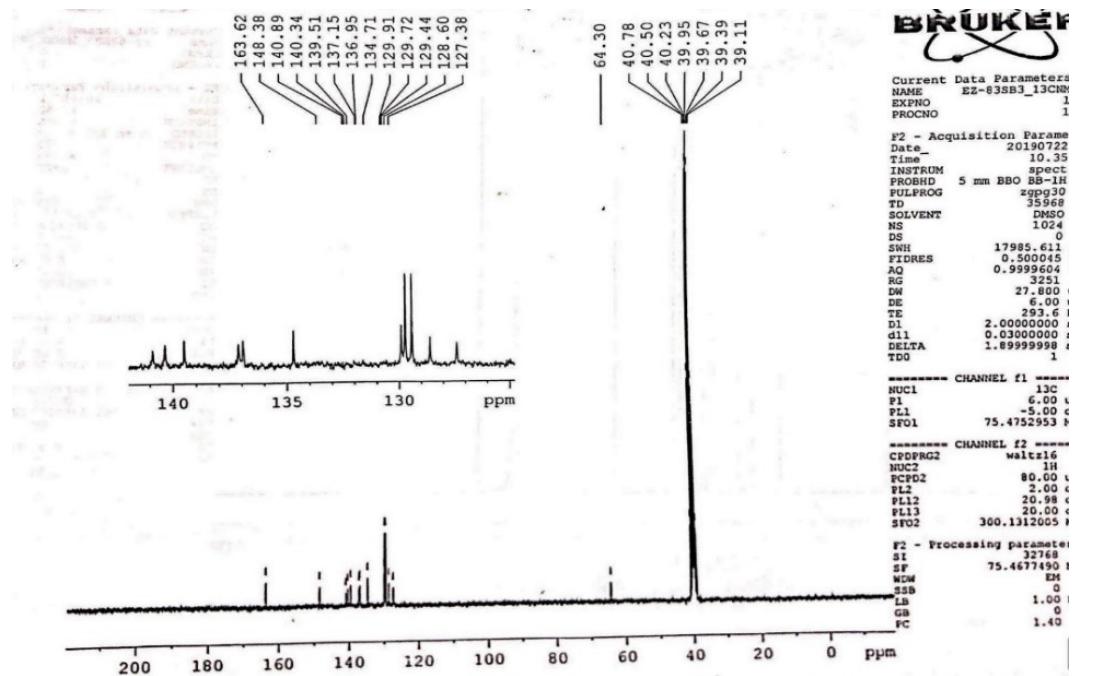


Fig. S1.  $^1\text{H}$ ,  $^{13}\text{C}$ NMR and FT-IR spectra of  $H_2L_{Bn}^m(\text{Cl})_2$

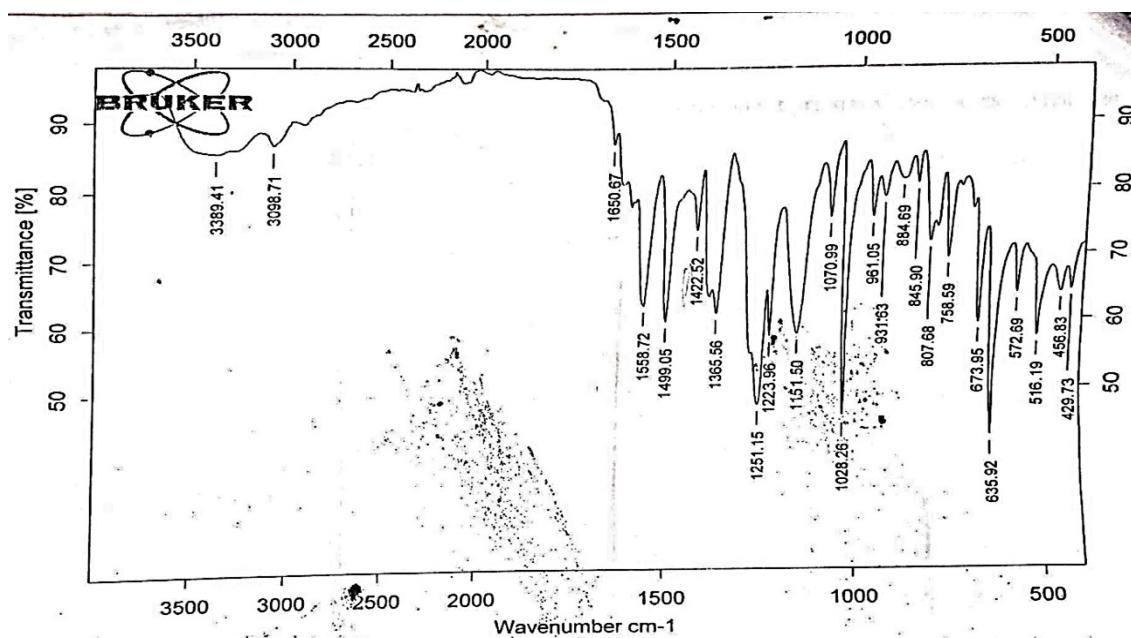
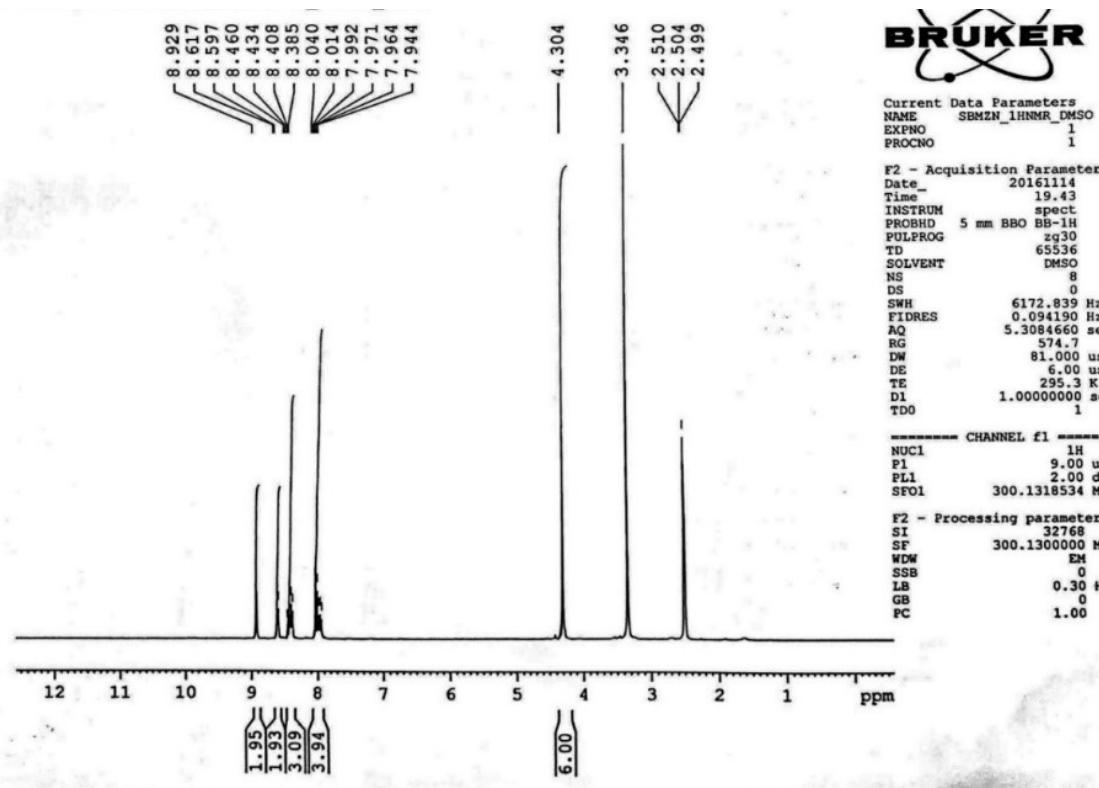


Fig. S2.  $^1\text{H}$  and FT-IR spectra of  $[\text{Zn}(L_{\text{Me}})^m(\text{OTf})_2]$  (C1)

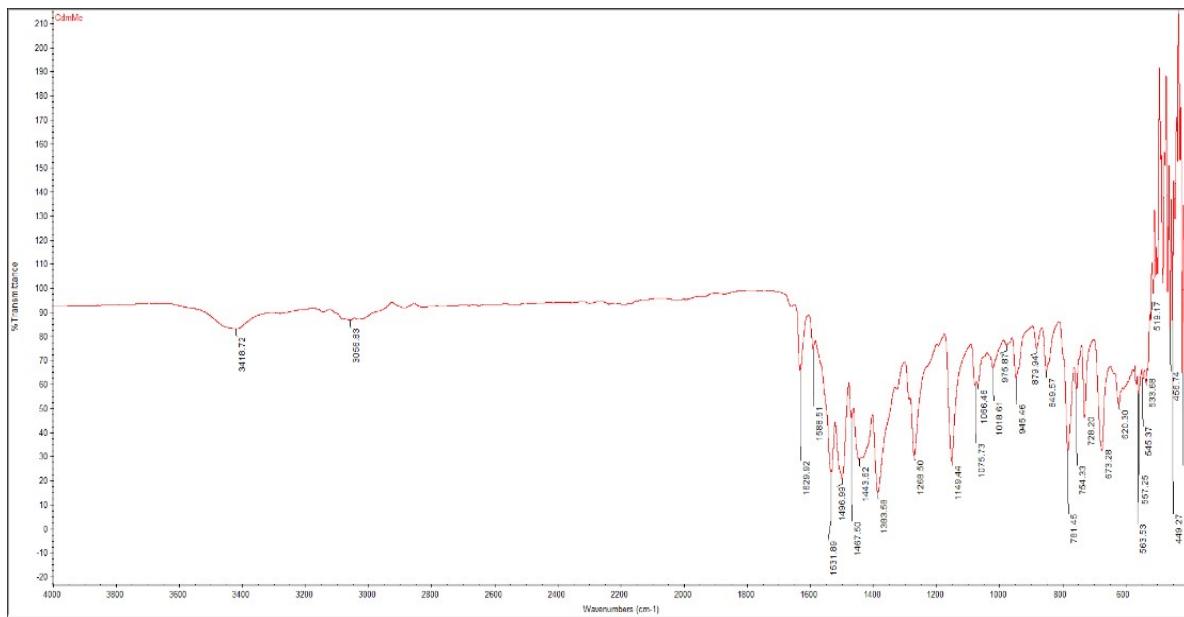
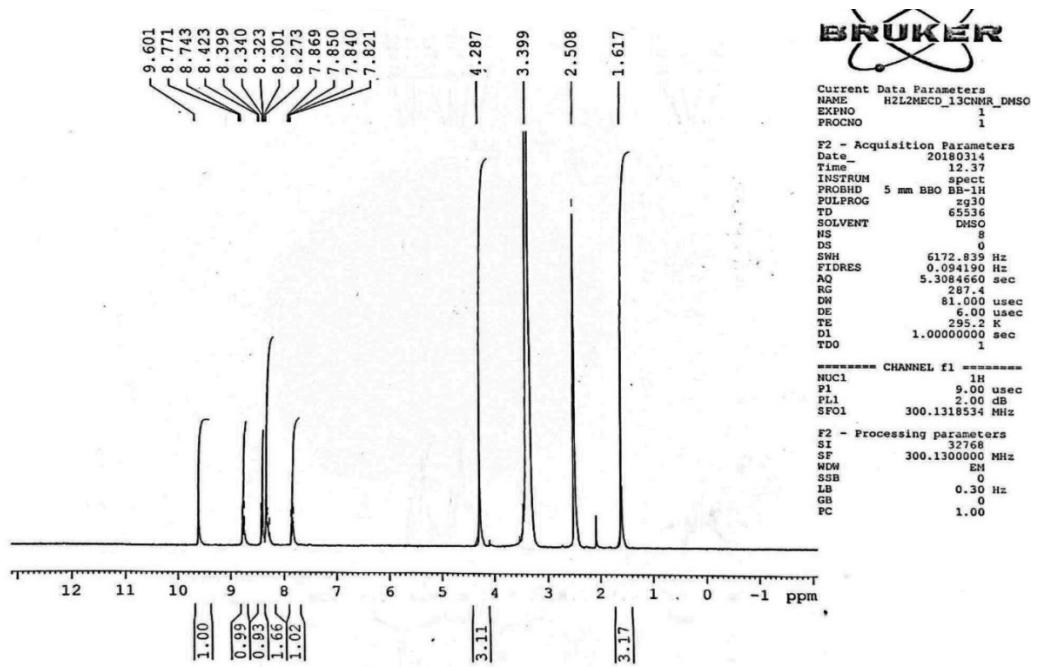


Fig. S3. <sup>1</sup>H and FT-IR spectra of  $[Cd(L_{Me}^m)(Cl)(OAc)]$  (C2)

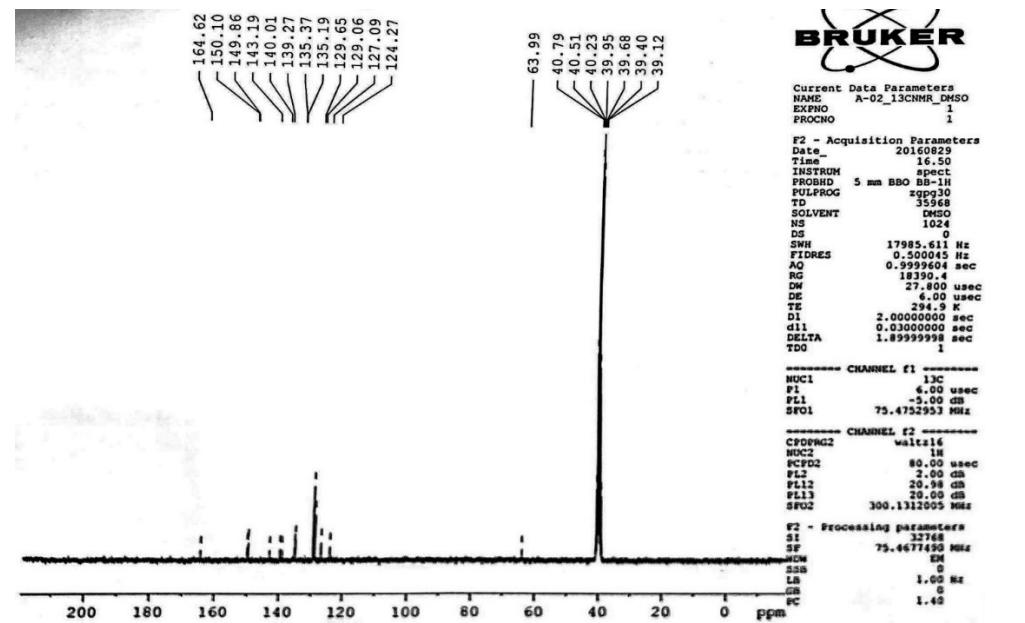
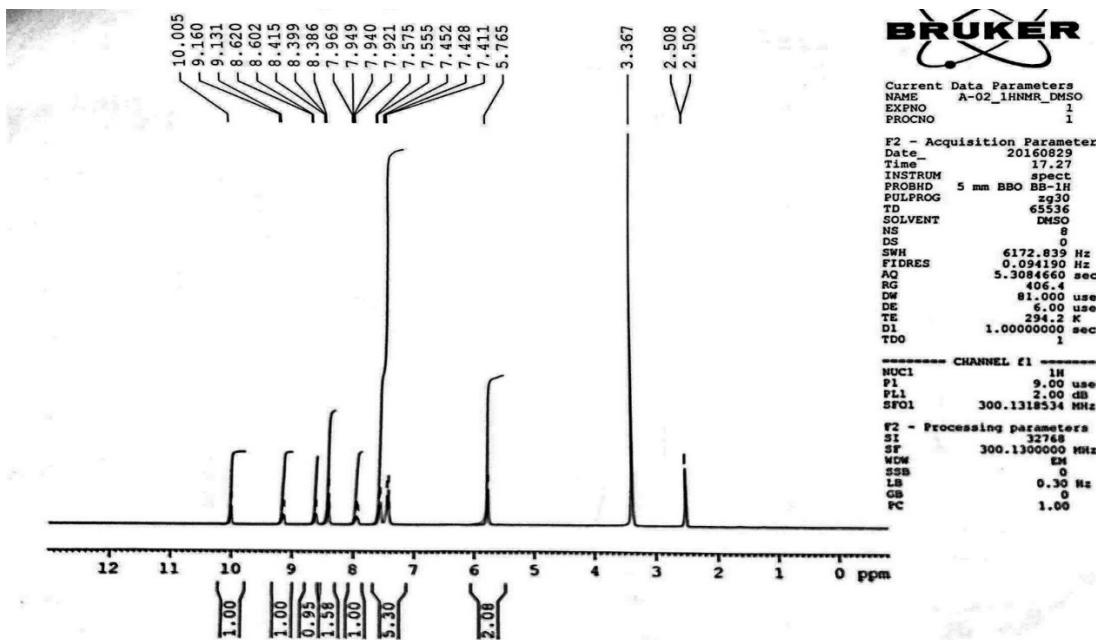
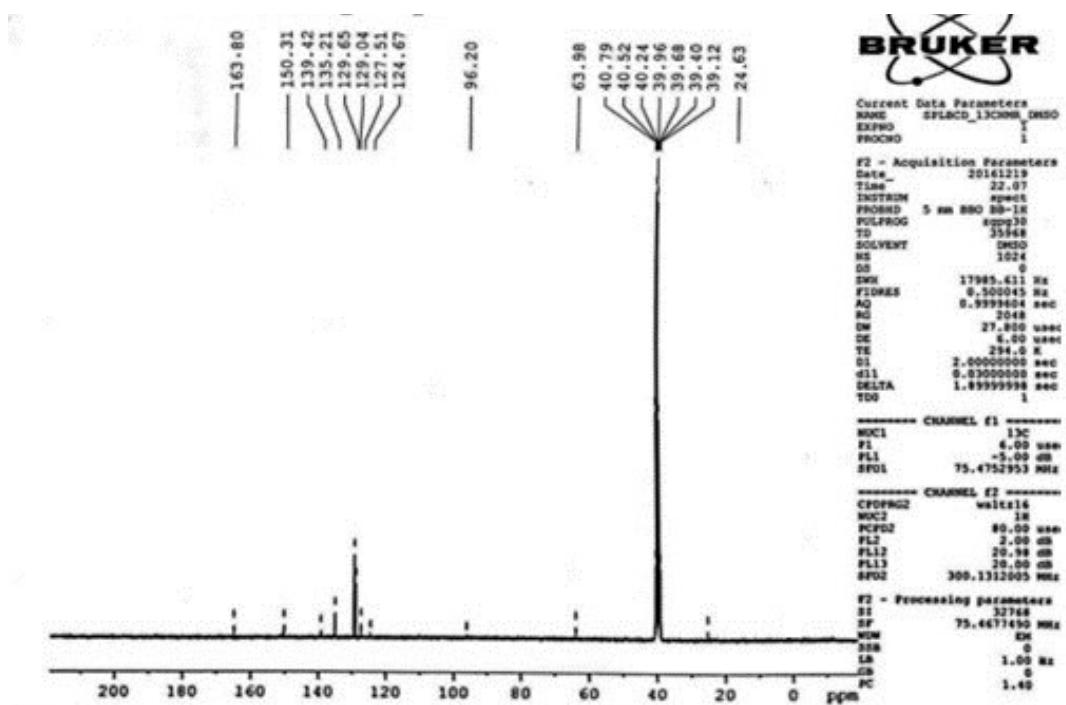
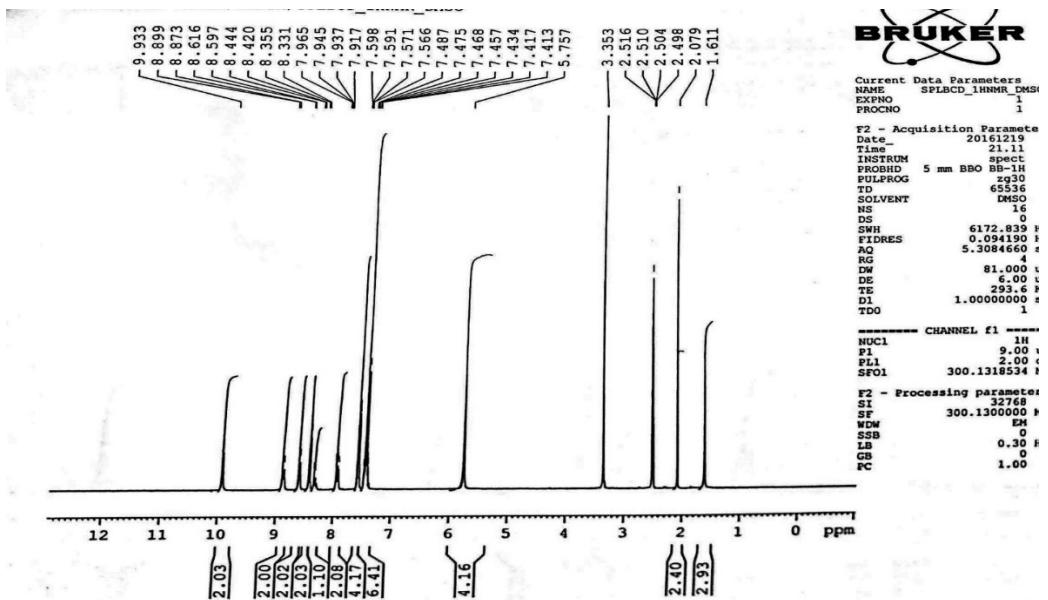
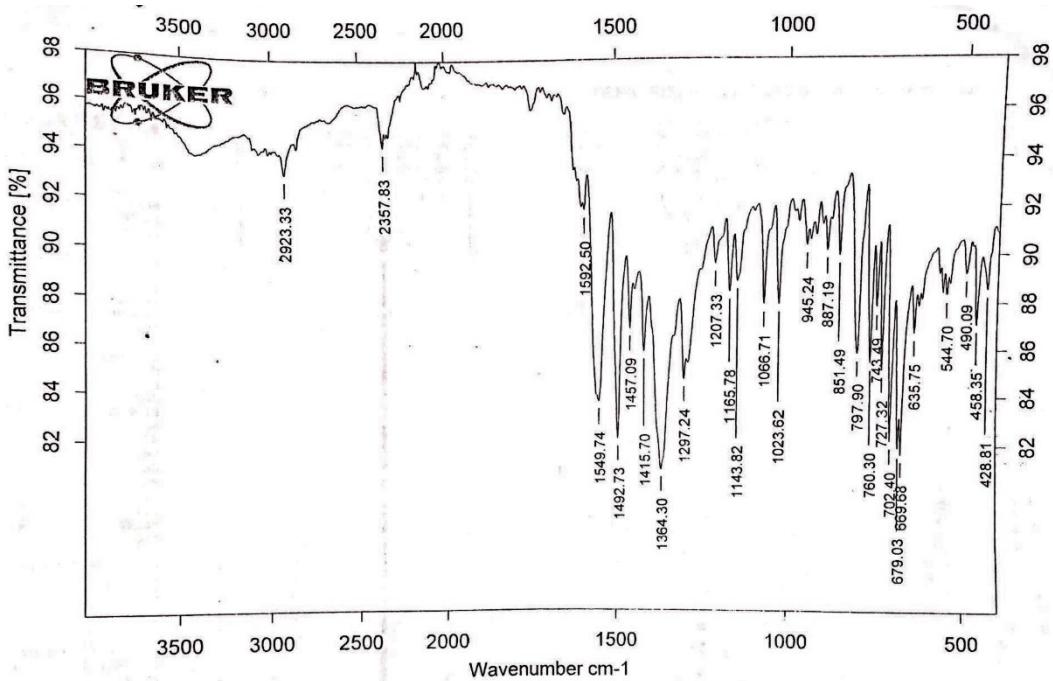


Fig. S4.  $^1\text{H}$ , and  $^{13}\text{C}$ NMR spectra of  $[\text{Zn}(\text{LB}_n)^m(\text{Cl})_2]$  (C3)





**Fig. S5.  $^1\text{H}$ ,  $^{13}\text{C}$ NMR and FT-IR spectra of  $[\text{Cd}(L_{Bn}^m)(\text{Cl})(\text{OAc})]$  (C4)**

**Table S1. Experimental details of C3 and C4**

Crystal data	C3	C4
CCDC	<b>2265862</b>	<b>2265863</b>
<b>Chemical formula</b>	C <sub>62</sub> H <sub>52</sub> Cl <sub>4</sub> N <sub>10</sub> O <sub>5</sub> Zn <sub>2</sub>	C <sub>35</sub> H <sub>31</sub> CdClN <sub>6</sub> O <sub>4</sub>
M <sub>r</sub>	1289.67	747.51
<b>Crystal system, space group</b>	Triclinic, <i>P</i> 1	Monoclinic, <i>P</i> 2 <sub>1</sub> /n
<b>Temperature (K)</b>	296	296
<i>a</i> , <i>b</i> , <i>c</i> (Å)	9.1405 (14), 13.016 (2), 13.591 (3)	13.5644 (14), 9.4204 (9), 26.700 (2)
β (°)	107.064 (5), 101.287 (5), 99.980 (6)	95.262 (4)
<i>V</i> (Å <sup>3</sup> )	1469.2 (4)	3397.4 (6)
<i>Z</i>	1	4
<b>Radiation type</b>	Mo <i>K</i> α	Mo <i>K</i> α
μ (mm <sup>-1</sup> )	1.06	0.77
<b>Crystal size (mm)</b>	0.38 × 0.24 × 0.20	0.42 × 0.20 × 0.18
<b>Diffractometer</b>	Bruker Kappa APEXII CCD	Bruker Kappa APEXII CCD
<b>Absorption correction</b>	Multi-scan (SADABS; Bruker, 2007)	Multi-scan (SADABS; Bruker, 2007)
<b>No. of measured, independent and observed [<i>I</i> &gt; 2σ(<i>I</i>)] reflections</b>	15334, 6557, 3603	18149, 7880, 5313
<i>R</i> <sub>int</sub>	0.057	0.051
(sin θ/λ) <sub>max</sub> (Å <sup>-1</sup> )	0.652	0.653
<i>R</i> [ <i>F</i> <sup>2</sup> > 2σ( <i>F</i> <sup>2</sup> )], <i>wR</i> ( <i>F</i> <sup>2</sup> ), <i>S</i>	0.061, 0.169, 0.96	0.055, 0.128, 1.04
<b>No. of reflections</b>	6557	7880
<b>No. of parameters</b>	320	455
<b>No. of restraints</b>	3	186
<b>H-atom treatment</b>	H atoms treated by a mixture of independent and constrained refinement	H-atom parameters constrained
Δρ <sub>max</sub> , Δρ <sub>min</sub> (e Å <sup>-3</sup> )	0.82, -0.63	1.15, -0.71

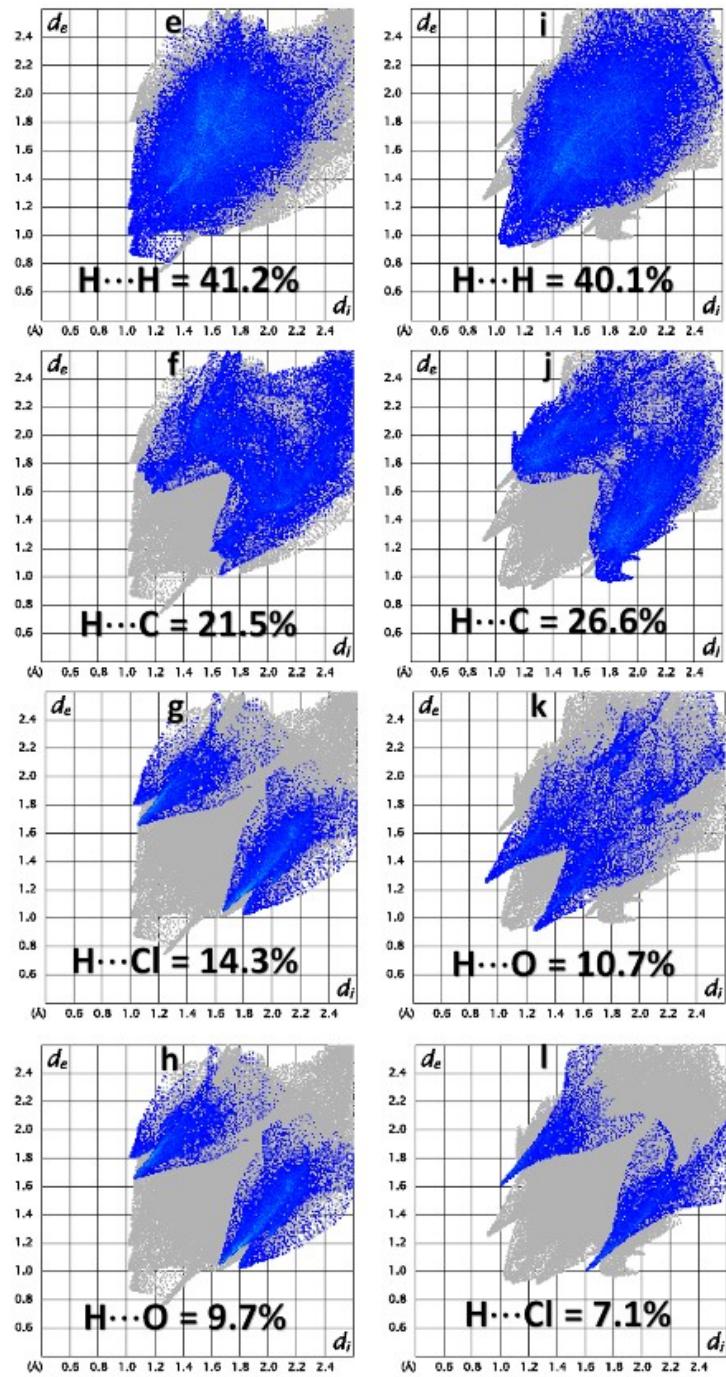
**Table S2. Important bond lengths (Å) and bond angles (°) in C3 and C4**

	Bond lengths (Å)	Bond Angles (°)		
C3	Zn1—N2	2.033 (3)	N2—Zn1—N1	76.43 (13)
	Zn1—N1	2.211 (3)	N2—Zn1—N3	75.80 (13)
	Zn1—N3	2.226 (3)	N1—Zn1—N3	152.16 (13)
	Zn1—Cl1	2.2907 (12)	N2—Zn1—Cl1	125.54 (10)
	Zn1—Cl2	2.3009 (12)	N1—Zn1—Cl1	98.42 (10)
			N3—Zn1—Cl1	96.01 (10)
			N2—Zn1—Cl2	117.44 (11)
			N1—Zn1—Cl2	98.17 (10)
			N3—Zn1—Cl2	96.28 (10)
			Cl1—Zn1—Cl2	116.96 (5)
C4	Cd1—N2	2.278 (3)	N2—Cd1—O3	142.64 (12)
	Cd1—O3	2.292 (3)	N2—Cd1—N1	71.01 (12)
	Cd1—N1	2.369 (3)	O3—Cd1—N1	112.47 (12)
	Cd1—N3	2.387 (3)	N2—Cd1—N3	70.34 (11)
	Cd1—Cl1	2.5023 (11)	O3—Cd1—N3	98.80 (13)
	Cd1—O4	2.538 (3)	N1—Cd1—N3	141.34 (11)
			N2—Cd1—Cl1	124.41 (8)
			O3—Cd1—Cl1	92.36 (9)
			N1—Cd1—Cl1	99.99 (9)
			N3—Cd1—Cl1	100.87 (8)
			N2—Cd1—O4	91.03 (12)
			O3—Cd1—O4	52.65 (12)
			N1—Cd1—O4	90.37 (11)
			N3—Cd1—O4	91.13 (12)
			Cl1—Cd1—O4	144.56 (9)

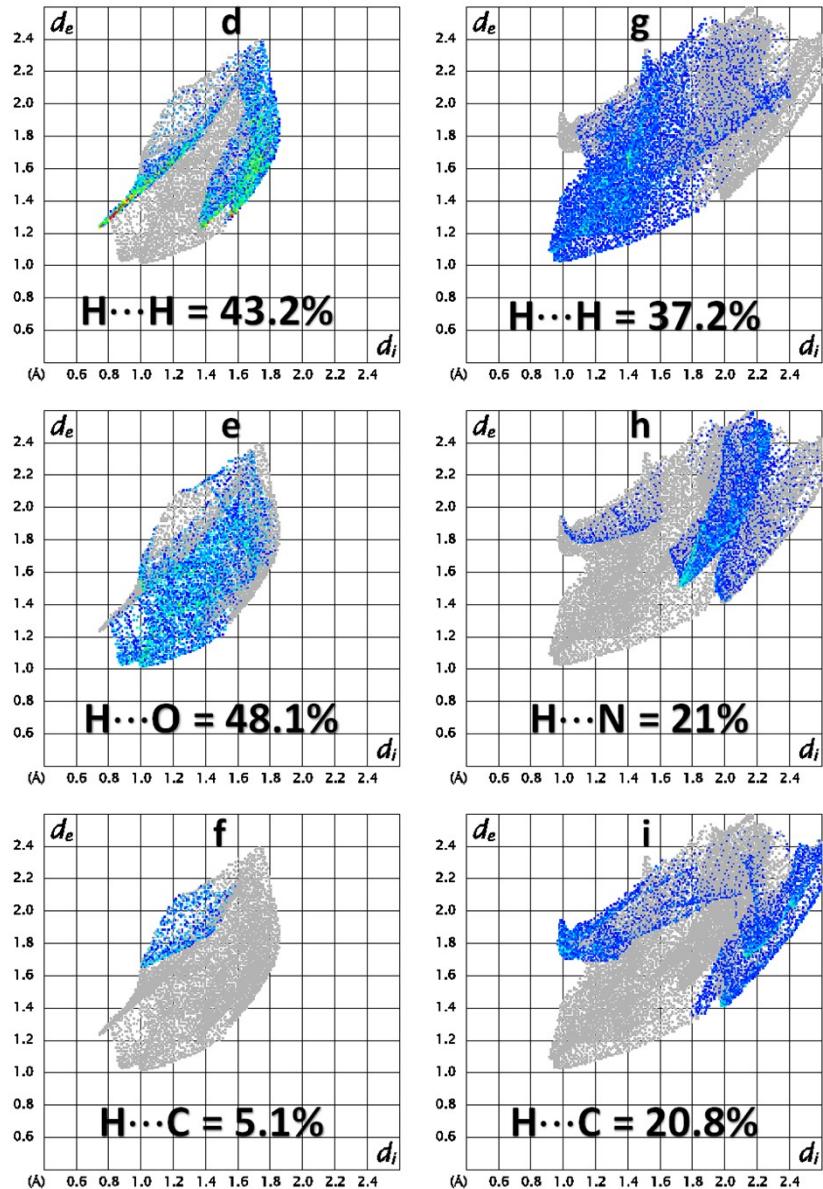
**Table S3. Hydrogen bond geometry ( $\text{\AA}$ ,  $^\circ$ ) in C3 and C4.**

	<b>D—H<math>\cdots</math>A</b>	<b>D—H</b>	<b>H<math>\cdots</math>A</b>	<b>D<math>\cdots</math>A</b>	<b><math>\angle(D—H\cdots A)^\circ</math></b>
<b>C3</b>	C5—H5 $\cdots$ O2 <sup>i</sup>	0.93	2.53	3.188 (6)	128
	C9—H9 $\cdots$ O2	0.93	2.27	2.800 (6)	115
	C10—H10 $\cdots$ Cl2 <sup>ii</sup>	0.93	2.82	3.590 (5)	141
	C11—H11 $\cdots$ Cl2 <sup>iii</sup>	0.93	2.86	3.459 (5)	124
	C12—H12 $\cdots$ Cl1	0.93	2.87	3.411 (4)	119
	C12—H12 $\cdots$ Cl2	0.93	2.85	3.550 (5)	133
	C21—H21 $\cdots$ Cl1	0.93	2.98	3.551 (5)	122
	C21—H21 $\cdots$ Cl2	0.93	2.89	3.555 (4)	130
	C23—H23 $\cdots$ Cl1 <sup>iv</sup>	0.93	2.87	3.679 (5)	147
	C24—H24 $\cdots$ O1	0.93	2.11	2.735 (6)	124
	C24—H24 $\cdots$ O3 <sup>iv</sup>	0.93	2.53	3.221 (11)	132
	C25—H25B $\cdots$ Cl1 <sup>v</sup>	0.97	2.97	3.785 (6)	142
	O3—H3A $\cdots$ O1 <sup>ii</sup>	0.82 (1)	2.12 (6)	2.890 (9)	156 (15)
	O3—H3B $\cdots$ O2 <sup>i</sup>	0.82 (1)	2.26 (4)	3.054 (9)	166 (12)
<b>C4</b>	C5—H5 $\cdots$ O2 <sup>i</sup>	0.93	2.48	3.206 (6)	135
	C11—H11 $\cdots$ O4 <sup>vi</sup>	0.93	2.30	3.135 (6)	149
	C12—H12 $\cdots$ O1	0.93	2.14	2.717 (6)	119
	C21—H21 $\cdots$ O2	0.93	2.28	2.810 (6)	115
	C22—H22 $\cdots$ Cl1 <sup>vii</sup>	0.93	2.97	3.704 (5)	137
	C24—H24 $\cdots$ Cl1	0.93	2.72	3.598 (5)	158
	C25—H25A $\cdots$ Cl1 <sup>viii</sup>	0.97	2.72	3.617 (5)	154

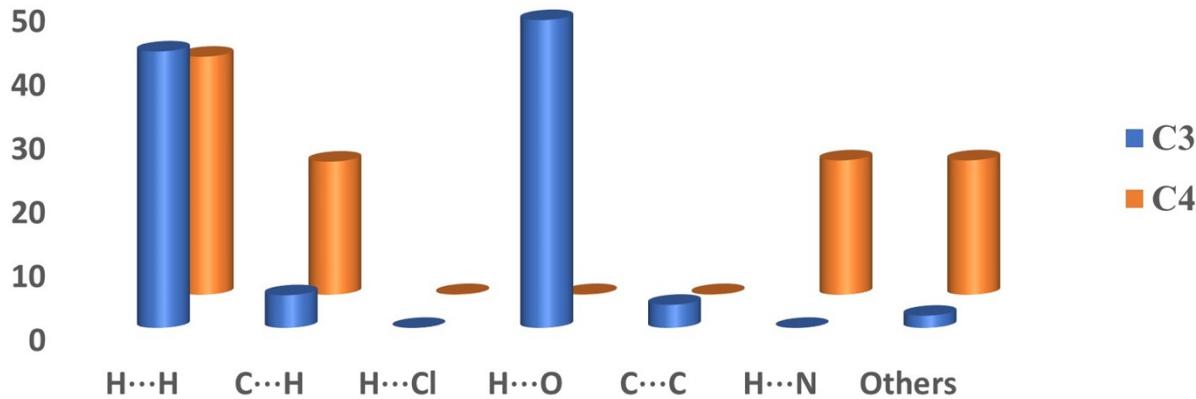
**Symmetry codes:** (i)  $-x+1, -y, -z$ ; (ii)  $x+1, y, z$ ; (iii)  $-x+1, -y, -z+1$ ; (iv)  $-x, -y+1, -z+1$ ; (v)  $x-1, y, z$ ; (vi)  $x, y+1, z$ ; (vii)  $x, y-1, z$ ; (viii)  $-x+3/2, y-1/2, -z+1/2$ .



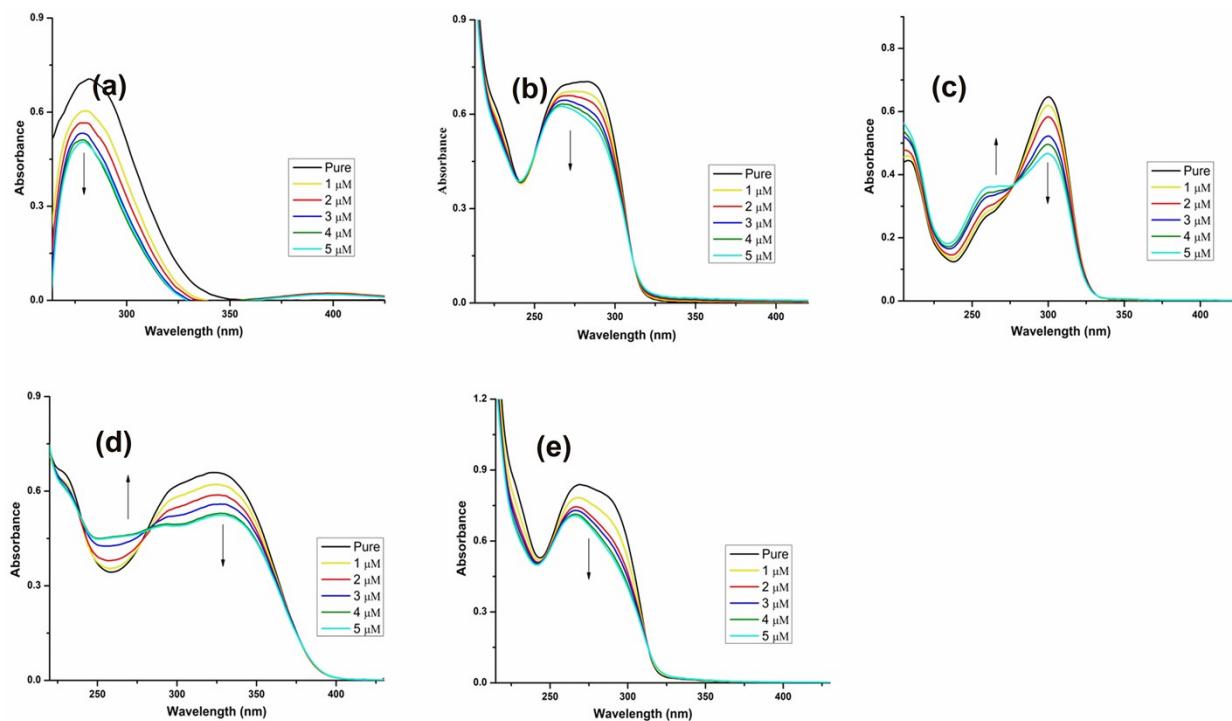
**Fig. S6.** 2D fingerprint plots for main molecule of (e-h) C3, (i-l) C4



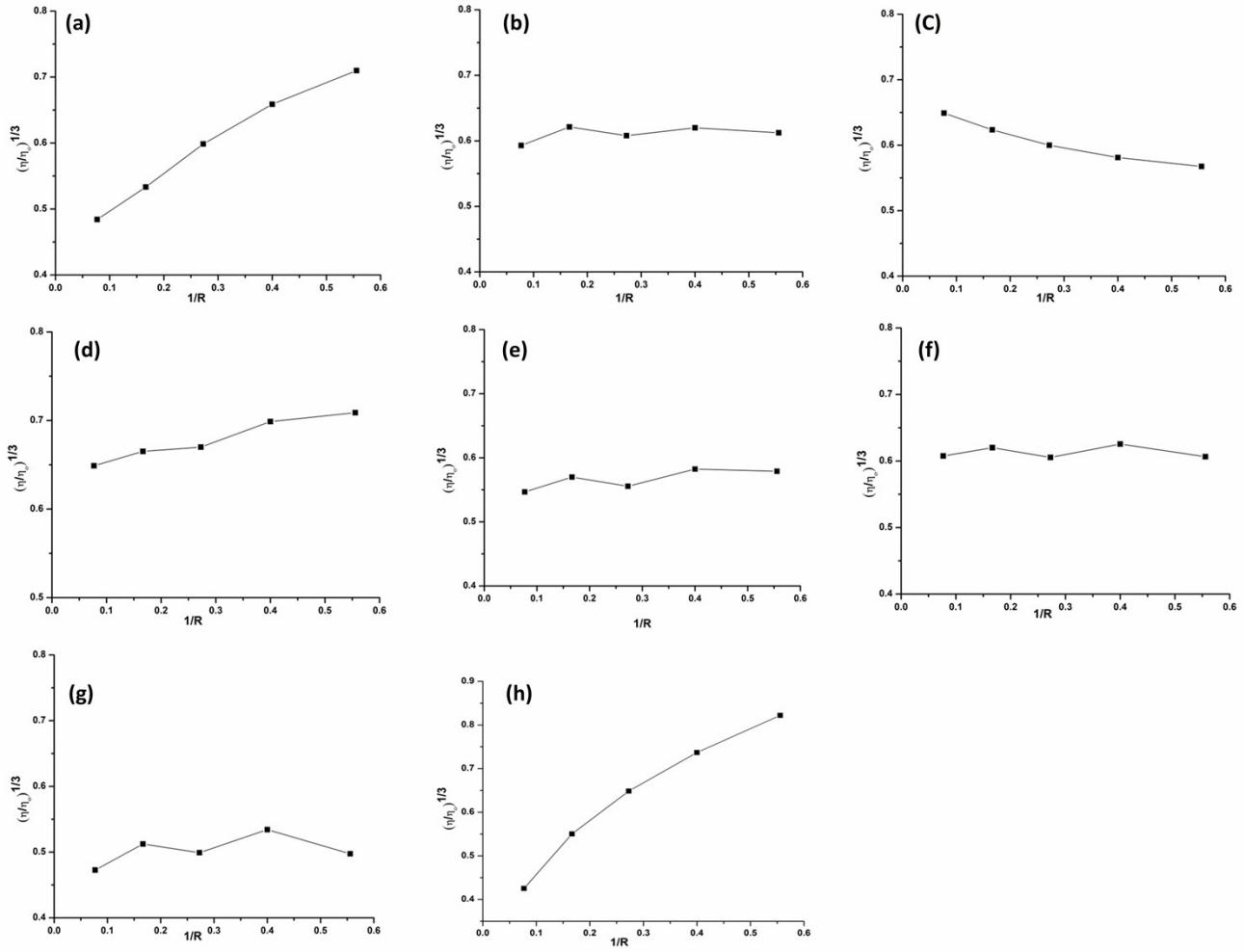
**Fig. S7.** 2D fingerprint plots for solvent molecules of (d-f) C3, (g-i) C4.



**Fig. S8.** Contribution of some important intermolecular contacts in the solvent molecules for the Hirshfeld surface of the complexes (**C3** and **C4**)



**Fig. S9.** Absorption titration curves of compounds (a)  $H_2L^m$  (b)  $H_2L_{Me}^m(OTf)_2$  (c) **C1** (d) **C2** (e) **C3** in Tris-HCl buffer solution containing varied CT-DNA concentrations.



**Fig. S10.** Variation of the relative specific viscosity parameter  $[(\eta/\eta_0)^{1/3}]$  vs  $1/R$  (a)  $H_2L^m$  (b)  $H_2L_{Me}^m(OTf)_2$  (c)  $H_2L_{Bn}^m(Cl)_2$  (d) **C1** (e) **C2** (f) **C3** (g) **C4** (h) EtBr by keeping constant CT-DNA concentration

