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Three robust Cd(II) coordination polymers as bifunctional luminescent probes for the efficient detection of pefloxacin and $Cr_2O_7^{2-}$ in water

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S1 Synthesis of $[Cd(DCTP)(L)(OH)]_n$ (1)

A mixture comprising Cd(OAc)₂ · 2H₂O (0.2 mmol, 53.30 mg), ligand L (0.1 mmol, 22.63 mg), and H₂DCTP (0.2 mmol, 47.00 mg) were dissolved in 10 mL H₂O. The resulting reaction mixture was transferred into a 25 mL high-pressure reactor lined with polytetrafluoroethylene. Crystallization was induced by heating the reactor to 140°C under self-generated pressure, maintained for 72 hours. After gradual cooling to room temperature at 5°C/h, yellow transparent crystals were isolated by filtration, washed with water and EtOH, and air-dried to yield the product. The achieved yield, calculated with respect to the L ligand, amounts to 56.7%. Anal. Calcd. (%) for $C_{21}H_{17}CdCl_2N_4O_5$ (Mr = 588.68): C, 42.84; H, 2.92; N, 9.52%. Found: C, 43.55; H, 3.02; N, 9.48%. IR (KBr, cm⁻¹): 3487(m), 3118(s), 1580(s), 1551(m), 1525(m), 1371(s),1081(m), 833(m).

S2 Synthesis of [Cd(TBTA)(L)(OH)]_n (2)

The preparation procedure of **2** was similar to **1**, except that H₂TBTA (0.2 mmol, 96.20 mg) is used instead of H₂DCTP. Blocky, Colorless block crystals were obtained after 72 h culture. Yield: 53.2% (based on the L ligand). Anal. Calcd. (%) for $C_{21}H_{15}Br_4CdN_4O_5$ (Mr = 835.41): C, 30.19; H, 1.81; N, 6.71%. Found: C, 29.70; H, 1.95; N, 6.35%. IR (KBr, cm⁻¹): 3287(m), 1600(s), 1528 (m), 1511 (m), 1390(s), 1308(s), 852(m), 741(w).

S3 Synthesis of $[Cd(NPHT)(L)(H_2O)]_n$ (3)

The procedure for the preparation of **3** resembles that of **1**, except that the mixture was replaced by Cd(OAc)₂·2H₂O (0.3 mmol, 79.96 mg), ligand L (0.1 mmol, 22.63 mg), H₂DCTP (0.2 mmol, 42.22 mg), H₂O(8 mL), and ethanol (2 mL). Colorless block crystals of **3** were filtered. Yield: 51.2% (based on the L ligand). Anal. Calcd. (%) for C₂₁H₁₉CdN₅O₇ (Mr = 565.81): C, 44.58; H, 3.39; N, 12.38%. Found: C, 45.62; H, 4.51; N, 12.18%. IR (KBr, cm⁻¹): 3352(s), 1600(s), 1560(m), 1527(m), 1394(m), 1229(w), 1111(m), 751(s).

S4 Materials and methods

All chemical reagents were procured from commercial sources (Jinan Henghua Sci. & Tec. Co., Ltd) and employed without further purification. Powder X-Ray Diffraction (PXRD) pattern was measured on a Rigaku D/Max–2500PC diffractometer equipped with a 40 kV and 40 mA X-ray tube ($\lambda = 0.15418$ nm) on a copper target tube. Fourier Transform Infrared (FTIR) spectra were recorded on a Bruker VERTEX 80 V FTIR spectrophotometer (5000–400 cm⁻¹). Thermal analyses (TGA) were measured by a Netzsch STA449 F1 thermal analyzer from 25 to 800 °C under the air atmosphere protection at a rate of 10 °C·min⁻¹. Ultraviolet–visible (UV–Vis) spectra were recorded on a UV–Vis PuxiT9 ultraviolet-visible spectrophotometer. Elemental analyses (C, H, and N) were measured on a PerkinElmer 240C analyzer. Luminescence spectra were obtained using an Edinburgh Instruments FS5 spectrophotometer.

S5 Computational Details

All calculations on electronic structures were carried out via ORCA 2.8 program.¹ Geometry optimizations was calculated through density functional theory (DFT). A mixed basis sets was chosen for the energy calculation throughout, which corresponds to the double-f basis set with polarization functions 6-31G(d,p) for C, H, N O, Cl and Br, whereas for Cd the pseudo potential LanL2DZ was used.^{2,3} The highest occupied molecular orbital (HOMO) and the lowest unoccupied molecular orbital (LUMO) are analyzed using Multiwfn 3.7 program and molecular orbital visualization was analyzed by VMD 1.9.3 program.^{4–6} Multiwfn can be freely obtained at http://sobereva.com/multiwfn. VMD can be freely obtained at http://www.ks.uiuc.edu.

S6 X-ray crystallography

The crystal data of **1–3** were obtained by Rigaku XtaLab Mini diffractometer equipped with Mo–K α Radiation at a temperature of 296(2) K ($\lambda = 0.071073$ nm). The reflection data is processed using the CrysAlisPro program (version 1.171.38.43). The crystal structure is directly solved by the SHELLXT–2015 program and refined by the full-matrix least square method based on F^2 in the SHELLXT–2018 program. All nonhydrogen atoms are anisotropically refined, the position of hydrogen atoms is geometrically generated, and the ride model is used for isotropic refinement. The main crystallographic data are shown in Table S1. The selected key lengths and key angles are shown in Table S2.

S7 FITR spectra

The IR spectra shows a broad peak at 3487 cm⁻¹ for **1**, 3287 cm⁻¹ for **2**, and 3352 cm⁻¹ for **3**, which are attributed to the O–H tensile stretching mode (Fig. S8).⁷ The absence of a strong absorption band for CPs **1–3** near 1700 cm⁻¹ indicates that the carboxyl group of the organic ligand is completely deprotonated.⁸ The asymmetric [V_{as} (COO)] and symmetric [V_s (COO)] stretching vibrations of the carboxylate groups can be observed at different wavenumbers for CPs **1–3**: 1580, 1511, 1371 cm⁻¹ for **1**, 1600, 1511, 1390 for **2**, and 1600, 1560, 1394 cm⁻¹ for **3**. The ΔV values ($\Delta V = [V_{as} (\text{COO})-V_s(\text{COO})]$) demonstrate that the carboxyl groups adopt the monodentate and chelating modes in CPs **1–3** (209 and 140 cm⁻¹ for **1**, 210 and 121 cm⁻¹ for **2**, and 206 and 166 cm⁻¹ for **3**).⁹ The bands at 1525 cm⁻¹ for **1**, 1528 cm⁻¹ for **2**, and 1527 cm⁻¹ for **3** are caused by the C = N stretching vibrations of the L ligand.¹⁰

S8 The sensing of antibiotics and metal ions

In order to assess selectivity and sensitivity of CPs 1–3 to some common antibiotics, including pefloxacin (PEF), sulfadiazine (SDZ), sulfamethazine (SMZ), sulfamethoxazole (SMX),

metronidazole (MDZ), ornidazole (ORN), ronidazole (RNZ), nitrofurazone (NFZ), nitrofurantoin (NFT), Norfloxacin (NOR), Amoxicillin (AMX), Tetracycline (TC) and Uric acid (UA). 4.0 mg finely ground powders of **1–3** were added in 4 mL aqueous solutions, creating the suspension solution under ultrasonic vibration. Further, 200 μ L different antibiotics (5 × 10⁻⁵ mol·L⁻¹) were slowly dropped into the solution and irradiated ultrasonically again. The blank experiments were also disposed by using the suspension of the samples in water and treating them under the same requirement. The resulting suspensions were promptly used for the measurements of fluorescence recognition. The anti-interference experiments were performed, introducing PEF and other antibiotics into, and aqueous solutions (c:c = 1:1) of **1–3** to form suspensions (4 mL).

As for the metal ions, The powder of 1-3 (4 mg) was added in aqueous solutions (2 mL) and MeCN (2 mL), which had K_nX (X = Cr₂O₇²⁻, OCN⁻, SO₄²⁻, ClO³⁻, CO₃²⁻, H₂PO⁴⁻, NO³⁻, Cl⁻, Br⁻, I⁻, IO₃⁻, P₂O₇⁴⁻, SCN⁻, HPO₄²⁻, BrO₃⁻, and HCO₃⁻) with a concentration of 5×10^{-4} mol·L⁻¹. Before the luminescence sensing measurement, the mixed suspensions were sonicated for 30 min. The blank experiment was done without adding any metal anions. The CPs **1–3** were added to the aqueous suspension containing Cr₂O₇²⁻ and each of the interfering metal ions (0.02 mol·L⁻¹, 2 mL) with the identical concentration in the sensing selective experiments.

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CPs	1	2	3
CCDC	2308927	2308928	2308929
Chemical formula	$C_{21}H_{17}CdCl_2N_4O_5$	$\mathrm{C_{21}H_{15}Br_4CdN_4O_5}$	$\mathrm{C}_{21}\mathrm{H}_{19}\mathrm{CdN}_{5}\mathrm{O}_{7}$
Formula weight	588.68	835.41	565.81
Crystal system	triclinic	triclinic	triclinic
Space group	Pī	Pī	Pī
<i>a</i> (nm)	1.022(6)	1.124(5)	1.050(7)
<i>b</i> (nm)	1.077(7)	1.132(5)	1.104(1)
<i>c</i> (nm)	1.162(7)	1.138(3)	1.234(9)
α (°)	117.383(6)	74.967(3)	75.039(7)
eta (°)	95.964(5)	75.011(3)	77.438(6)
γ (°)	102.135(5)	67.570(4)	73.334(7)
<i>V</i> (nm ³)	1.081(1)	1.271(1)	1.308(2)
Ζ	2	2	2
D_{calcd} (g/cm ³)	1.809	2.182	1.436
Absorption coefficient, mm ⁻¹	1.301	7.185	0.880
<i>F</i> (000)	586.0	794.0	568.0
Crystal size, mm ³	$0.23 \times 0.22 \times 0.18$	$0.24 \times 0.22 \times 0.20$	$0.26 \times 0.22 \times 0.20$
θ range (°)	2.227~30.537	2.468~30.618	2.246~25.027
	$-14 \le h \le 14,$	$-16 \le h \le 16,$	$-12 \le h \le 12,$
Index ranges	$-15 \le k \le 15$,	$-16 \le k \le 16,$	$-13 \le k \le 13,$
Poflactions collected	$-10 \le l \le 10$	$-10 \le l \le 10$	$-14 \le l \le 14$
In demondent reflections (D)	6274(0.0521)	7446(0.0622)	4600(0.0826)
Deta/mathemint/margareneters	02/4(0.0321) 6274/6/201	7440(0.0055)	4000(0.0820)
Data/restraint/parameters	02/4/0/301	/440/0/319	4000/1/310
Goodness-of-fit on F^2	1.059	1.048	1.054
Final R ₁ , wR ₂ $(I > 2\sigma(I))$	0.0381, 0.0976	0.0548, 0.0866	0.0392, 0.1079
Largest diff. peak/hole (e·nm ⁻³)	1920/-1290	1120/-970	1400/-990

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Parameter	Value	Parameter	Value
1			
Cd1-O5	0.244(2)	Cd1-O2	0.249(2)
Cd1-O3	0.222(2)	Cd1-01	0.230(2)
Cd1-N1	0.229(2)	Cd1-N4(A)	0.231(2)
O5-Cd1-O2	84.83(8)	O3-Cd1-O5	86.83(8)
O3-Cd1-O2	101.10(9)	O3-Cd1-O1	154.66(1)
O3-Cd1-N1	109.93(9)	O3-Cd1-N4(A)	82.04(9)
O1-Cd1-O5	94.80(9)	O1-Cd1-O2	54.06(8)
O1-Cd1-N4(A)	93.38(1)	N1-Cd1-O5	84.50(8)
N1-Cd1-O2	146.47(8)	N1-Cd1-O1	95.38(8)
N1-Cd1-N4(A)	103.44(8)	N4(A)-Cd1-O5	168.02(8)
N4(A)-Cd1-O2	92.92(2)		
2			
Cd101	0.234(3)	Cd1-O3	0.237(3)
Cd1-N1	0.225(3)	Cd1-O2	0.252(4)
Cd1-N4(A)	0.232(4)	Cd1-O5	0.233(4)
O1-Cd1-O2	53.68(1)	O3-Cd1-O1	85.26(1)
O3-Cd1-O2	98.66(1)	O3-Cd1-N4(A)	155.51(1)
O3-Cd1-O5	80.90(1)	N1-Cd1-O1	153.95(1)
N4-Cd1-O3	101.51(1)	N4-Cd1-O2	100.28(1)
N1-Cd1-N4(A)	98.62(1)	N1-Cd1-O5	106.04(1)
N4(A)-Cd1-O1	82.72(1)	N4(A)-Cd1-O2	91.28(1)
N4(A)-Cd1-O5	80.25(1)	O5-Cd1-O1	99.85(1)
O5-Cd1-O2	153.24(1)		
3			
Cd1-07	0.235(3)	Cd1-O1	0.236(3)
Cd1-O4(A)	0.238(3)	Cd1-O3(A)	0.260(3)
Cd1-N5(B)	0.234(3)	Cd1-N2	0.226(3)
O7-Cd1-O1	77.51(1)	O7-Cd1-O4(A)	83.66(1)
O7-Cd1-O3(A)	79.20(1)	O1-Cd1-O4(A)	161.11(1)
O1-Cd1-O3(A)	124.32(9)	O4(A)-Cd1-O3(A)	51.83(9)
N5(B)-Cd1-O7	98.02(9)	N5(B)-Cd1-O1	91.13(1)
N5(B)-Cd1-O4(A)	90.17(1)	N5(B)-Cd1-O3(A)	141.99(9)
N2-Cd1-O7	169.25(1)	N2-Cd1-O1	107.14(1)
N2-Cd1-O4(A)	91.65(1)	N2-Cd1-O3(A)	90.29(1)
N2-Cd1-N5(B)	91.64(1)		

 Table S2. Selected bond lengths (nm) and angles (°) for 1–3

Symmetry codes for 1: A: 1-*x*, 2-*y*, 1-*z*; B: -*x*, 1-*y*, -*z*; C: -*x*, 2-*y*, 2-*z*; for 2: A: 1-*x*, 1-*y*, 1-*z*; B: -*x*, 2-*y*, 1-*z*;

C: 1-*x*, 2-*y*, 2-*z*; for **3**: A: 1-*x*, 1-*y*, 1-*z*; B: 1-*x*, 2-*y*, 1-*z*.



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