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# Exploring Novel Cd(II) Complexes with 5-Methyl-4-Imidazolecarboxaldehyde: Synthesis, Structure, Computational Insights, and Affinity to DNA through switchSense Methodology

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**Table S1**. Cartesian coordinates (in Å) of the gas-phase optimized structures of compounds 1–4.

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Figure S1. The ESI-MS spectrogram for  $CH_3OH/H_2O$  solution of complex 1.



Figure S2. The ESI-MS spectrogram for CH<sub>3</sub>OH/H<sub>2</sub>O solution of complex 2.



Figure S3. The ESI-MS spectrogram for CH<sub>3</sub>OH/H<sub>2</sub>O solution of complex 3.



Figure S4. The ESI-MS spectrogram for CH<sub>3</sub>OH/H<sub>2</sub>O solution of complex 4.

### Table S2.

Bond lengths [Å] for complexes 1–4 obtained from X-ray analysis. Atoms numbering as in Fig. 1 (manuscript).

	Bond lengths [Å]				
1					
Cd(1)-N(3)	2.248(5)	Cd(1)-Cl(2)	2.511(2)		
Cd(1)-N(1)	2.260(5)	Cd(1)-O(2)	2.622(5)		
Cd(1)-Cl(1)	2.504(2)	Cd(1)-O(1)	2.640(5)		
2					
Cd(1)-N(3)	2.271(2)	Cd(1)-O(1)	2.609(2)		
Cd(1)-N(1)	2.312(2)	Cd(1)-Br(2)	2.5970(4)		
Cd(1)-O(2)	2.556(2)	Cd(1)-Br(1)	2.6587(4)		
3					
Cd(1)-N(1)	2.270(3)	Cd(1)-O(1)a	2.718(3)		
Cd(1)-N(1)a	2.270(3)	Cd(1)-I(1)	2.7874(4)		
Cd(1)-O(1)	2.718(3)	Cd(1)-I(1)a	2.7874(4)		
4					
Cd(1)-N(1)	2.260(3)	Cd(1)-O(2)	2.621(3)		
Cd(1)-N(5)	2.263(3)	Cd(1)-O(3)	2.750(3)		
Cd(1)-N(3)	2.299(3)	Cd(1)-O(4)	2.848(3)		
Cd(1)-N(7)	2.307(3)	Cd(1)-O(1)	2.873(3)		
a = 1-x, y, 0.5-z					

### Table S3.

Valence angles [°] for complexes 1–4 obtained from X-ray analysis. Atoms numbering as in Fig. 1 (manuscript).

	Angles [°]				
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N(3)-Cd(1)-N(1)	141.31(18)	Cl(1)-Cd(1)-O(1)	161.09(11)		
N(3)-Cd(1)-Cl(1)	103.43(14)	Cl(2)-Cd(1)-O(1)	91.63(12)		
N(1)-Cd(1)-Cl(1)	98.77(14)	N(3)-Cd(1)-O(2)	68.86(16)		
N(3)-Cd(1)-Cl(2)	95.86(14)	N(1)-Cd(1)-O(2)	80.19(16)		
N(1)-Cd(1)-Cl(2)	107.79(14)	Cl(1)-Cd(1)-O(2)	89.48(12)		
Cl(1)-Cd(1)-Cl(2)	106.21(7)	Cl(2)-Cd(1)-O(2)	160.58(11)		
N(3)-Cd(1)-O(1)	80.39(16)	O(1)-Cd(1)-O(2)	74.48(12)		
N(1)-Cd(1)-O(1)	69.11(16)				
2					
N(3)-Cd(1)-N(1)	139.08(8)	O(2)-Cd(1)-O(1)	80.84(7)		
N(3)-Cd(1)-O(2)	69.82(7)	Br(2)-Cd(1)-O(1)	168.42(5)		
N(1)-Cd(1)-O(2)	84.19(7)	N(3)-Cd(1)-Br(1)	101.17(6)		
N(3)-Cd(1)-Br(2)	105.87(6)	N(1)-Cd(1)-Br(1)	97.01(6)		
N(1)-Cd(1)-Br(2)	104.57(6)	O(2)-Cd(1)-Br(1)	165.86(5)		
O(2)-Cd(1)-Br(2)	88.84(5)	Br(2)-Cd(1)-Br(1)	104.388(13)		
N(3)-Cd(1)-O(1)	75.56(8)	O(1)-Cd(1)-Br(1)	86.39(5)		
N(1)-Cd(1)-O(1)	69.34(7)				
3			-		
N(1)a-Cd(1)-N(1)	130.51(13)	N(1)-Cd(1)-O(1)	67.98(13)		
N(1)a-Cd(1)-I(1)	106.48(7)	N(1)-Cd(1)-O(1)a	72.54(13)		
N(1)-Cd(1)-I(1)	103.01(7)	O(1)-Cd(1)-I(1)	91.30(7)		
N(1)a-Cd(1)-I(1)a	103.01(7)	O(1)-Cd(1)-I(1)a	163.16(7)		
N(1)-Cd(1)-I(1)a	106.48(7)	O(1)a-Cd(1)-I(1)	163.16(7)		
I(1)-Cd(1)-I(1)a	105.130(16)	O(1)a-Cd(1)-I(1)a	91.30(7)		
N(1)a-Cd(1)-O(1)a	67.98(13)	O(1)-Cd(1)-O(1)a	72.60(13)		
N(1)a-Cd(1)-O(1)	72.54(13)				
4	1	1	1		
N(1)-Cd(1)-O(3)	79.20(11)	O(1)-Cd(1)-N(7)	79.00(11)		
N(1)-Cd(1)-O(1)	65.74(11)	O(1)-Cd(1)-O(4)	125.28(11)		
N(1)-Cd(1)-N(5)	128.68(12)	O(1)-Cd(1)-O(2)	136.07(11)		
N(1)-Cd(1)-N(7)	95.43(11)	O(1)-Cd(1)-N(3)	150.80(11)		
N(1)-Cd(1)-O(4)	151.94(11)	N(5)-Cd(1)-N(7)	98.89(11)		
N(1)-Cd(1)-O(2)	82.23(10)	N(5)-Cd(1)-O(4)	76.62(11)		
N(1)-Cd(1)-N(3)	112.12(12)	N(5)-Cd(1)-O(2)	149.09(10)		
O(3)-Cd(1)-O(1)	75.75(11)	N(5)-Cd(1)-N(3)	95.74(11)		
O(3)-Cd(1)-N(5)	66.99(11)	N(7)-Cd(1)-O(4)	65.41(11)		
O(3)-Cd(1)-N(7)	154.16(11)	N(7)-Cd(1)-O(2)	74.82(10)		
O(3)-Cd(1)-O(4)	126.99(11)	N(7)-Cd(1)-N(3)	129.22(11)		
O(3)-Cd(1)-O(2)	128.49(11)	O(4)-Cd(1)-O(2)	73.26(11)		
O(3)-Cd(1)-N(3)	75.32(11)	O(4)-Cd(1)-N(3)	71.34(11)		
O(1)-Cd(1)-N(5)	65.74(11)	O(2)-Cd(1)-N(3)	68.17(10)		
a = 1-x, y, 0.5-z					



**(a)** 



**(b)** 

Figure S5. The geometry of non-covalent interactions in the crystal structure of complex 1.



**(a)** 



**(b)** 

**Figure S6.** The geometry of hydrogen bonds (a) and  $\pi$ - $\pi$  stacking interactions (b) in the crystal structure of complex **2**.



Figure S7. The geometry of non-covalent interactions in the crystal structure of complex 3.



**(a)** 



**Figure S8.** The geometry of N–H···O hydrogen bonds (**a**) and H-bonds formed by  $H_2O$  and  $PF_6^-$  anions (**b**) in the crystal structure of complex **4**.

## Table S4.

The geometry of the most important h	ydrogen bonds in	n the crystal structur	res of complexes 1-
4. Atoms numbering as in Fig. 1 (man	uscript).		

D-H···A	<b>D-H</b> [Å]	H…A [Å]	D…A [Å]	D-H···A [°]	Symmetry code
1		· · ·	· • •	· • -	
N2-H2…O1	0.880	2.432	3.061	128.83	-1+x, y, z
N4–H4A…Cl1	0.880	2.449	3.234	148.66	1-x, 1-y, 2-z
N2-H2···Cl2	0.880	2.626	3.340	139.04	-x, 2-y, 1-z
2					
N4–H4…O2	0.880	2.142	2.891	142.60	1+x, y, z
N2–H2···Br1	0.880	2.566	3.407	160.21	-x, -y, 1-z
3					
N2-H2…O1	0.880	1.990	2.811	154.66	0.5+x, 1.5-y,
					0.5+z
4					
N6–H6A…O2	0.880	1.867	2.743	173.67	-0.25+x, 1.25-y, -
					0.25+z
N2-H2…O6	0.880	1.976	2.819	160.16	1-x, 1.5-y, z
N4–H4A…O4	0.880	2.030	2.858	156.49	1-x, 1-y, 1-z
N8–H8…O5	0.880	2.234	2.988	143.62	-
O6–H6C…O3	0.850	2.234	2.853	129.67	-
O7−H7A…O6	0.849	2.103	2.843	145.30	-
O5−H5E…O6	0.850	2.414	2.951	121.80	0.5+x, y, 0.5-z
O7–H7B…F10	0.850	2.205	2.864	134.26	_
C1–H1…F10	0.949	2.286	3.137	148.90	_

Table S5.Selected FT-IR spectroscopic data for ligand (L) and complexes 1–4.

Commoned		Vibration band (cm <sup>-1</sup> )				Δν	
Compound	$\nu(OH)_{\rm H2O}$	ν(C=O)	ν(C=C, C=N)	$\nu(\mathbf{PF_6}^-)$	(C=O)	(C=N)	
L	-	1664	1512, 1439	-	-	-	
1	-	1642, 1616	1516, 1436	-	48	3	
2	-	1659, 1619	1512, 1445	-	45	6	
3	-	1622 broad	1519, 1449	-	42	10	
4	3653 broad	1650, 1623	1523, 1451	830	41	12	



**Figure S9.** The stability studies of ligand (L) and complexes 1–4 in TE40 buffer monitored by UV-Vis at three different time points (0, 24, and 48h).  $[L] = 1 \cdot 10^{-4} \text{ M}, [1-4] = 1 \cdot 10^{-5} \text{ M}.$ 



Figure S10. The equilibrium geometries of gas-phase optimized 1-3 compounds with corresponding dipole moment vectors.

#### Table S6.

Results of the FBO analysis of the bonds formed by Cd(II) ion within the studied coordination compounds. The bond lengths are given in Å, whereas FBO is a dimensionless quantity.

System Bond		Crystal structure		Gas phase structure		
System	Dolla	<b>Bond Length</b>	FBO	<b>Bond Length</b>	FBO	
	Cd-Cl	2.504	1.160	2.410	1.280	
	Cd-Cl	2.513	1.151	2.410	1.280	
1	Cd-N	2.261	0.813	2.285	0.819	
	Cd-N	2.247	0.822	2.285	0.819	
	Cd-O	2.630	0.489	3.312	0.162	
	Cd-O	2.629	0.491	3.312	0.162	
	Cd-Br	2.658	1.146	2.532	1.317	
	Cd-Br	2.597	1.230	2.532	1.317	
2	Cd-N	2.312	0.774	2.279	0.823	
2	Cd-N	2.272	0.799	2.279	0.823	
	Cd-O	2.610	0.503	3.232	0.188	
	Cd-O	2.557	0.543	3.232	0.188	
	Cd-I	2.787	1.194	2.700	1.319	
	Cd-I	2.786	1.195	2.734	1.252	
2	Cd-N	2.271	0.811	2.267	0.833	
5	Cd-N	2.271	0.811	2.281	0.813	
	Cd-O	2.7079	0.440	3.214	0.187	
	Cd-O	2.7079	0.440	3.001	0.286	
	Cd-N	2.255	0.851	2.316	0.692	
	Cd-N	2.298	0.808	2.316	0.692	
	Cd-N	2.266	0.840	2.316	0.692	
4	Cd-N	2.304	0.804	2.315	0.692	
	Cd-O	2.753	0.431	2.655	0.371	
	Cd-O	2.874	0.351	2.655	0.372	
	Cd-O	2.620	0.514	2.655	0.372	
	Cd-O	2.847	0.373	2.654	0.372	



**Figure S11**. The eigenvalues of 1–3 compounds' frontier orbitals. The values marked by green and blue correspond to gas-phase and crystal structures respectively.

### Table S7.

The molecular volumes of 1–4 systems calculated numerically with the use of the marching terathedra method (in  $Å^3$ ).

System	Volume				
	Crystal structure	Gas-phase structure			
1	349.10	361.04			
2	365.86	377.62			
3	392.39	404.96			
4	849.80*	537.67			

\*value affected by a presence of hexafluorophosphate anions and water molecules in a crystal structure Table S8.

#### Table S8.

The values of Molecular Polarity Index (MPI) of 1-4 systems (in kcal·mol<sup>-1</sup>).

System	M	PI
System	Crystal structure	Gas-phase structure
1	34.62	27.94
2	34.40	27.74
3	33.19	26.97



**Figure S12.** Results showing changes in fluorescence over time occurring during the analysis of the interactions of the ligand with the DNA helix performed in the static mode (weak binders) at a temperature of 25 °C.



**Figure S13.** Representative results showing changes in fluorescence over time occurring during the analysis of the interactions of the complex **2** with the DNA helix performed in the static mode (weak binders) at temperatures: 15, 20, 25, 30, and 37 °C. The thinner lines in each color represent the measurement points and the bold line represents the fitted data from which the kinetic parameters are calculated.



**Figure S14.** Representative results showing changes in fluorescence over time occurring during the analysis of the interactions of the complex **3** with the DNA helix performed in the static mode (weak binders) at temperatures: 15, 20, 25, 30, and 37 °C. The thinner lines in each color represent the measurement points and the bold line represents the fitted data from which the kinetic parameters are calculated.



**Figure S15.** Representative results showing changes in fluorescence over time occurring during the analysis of the interactions of the complex **4** with the DNA helix performed in the static mode (weak binders) at temperatures: 15, 20, 25, 30, and 37 °C. The thinner lines in each color represent the measurement points and the bold line represents the fitted data from which the kinetic parameters are calculated.

**Table S9.** The determined values of thermodynamic parameters  $\Delta G$  (Gibbs free energy),  $\Delta H$  (enthalpy), and  $\Delta S$  (entropy) for 1–4 are based on their association constant K<sub>A</sub>. All thermodynamic parameters were computed as given in eqs. 1–3, respectively.

Compound	Temp. [°C]	∆G [kJ·mol <sup>-1</sup> ]	∆S [kJ·mol <sup>-1</sup> ·K <sup>-1</sup> ]	∆H [kJ·mol <sup>-1</sup> ]
	15	-15.08	_	_
	20	-16.08	0.20	42.07
1	25	-17.30	0.24	55.45
	30	-17.42	0.02	-10.06
	37	-18.13	0.10	13.50
	15	-14.90	_	—
	20	-16.57	0.33	81.20
2	25	-16.33	-0.05	-30.34
	30	-17.75	0.28	68.00
	37	-18.53	0.11	16.22
	15	-13.35	_	—
	20	-14.55	0.24	55.62
3	25	-15.07	0.10	15.69
	30	-16.44	0.27	66.77
	37	-17.52	0.15	30.19
	15	-15.29	_	_
	20	-16.32	0.21	44.19
4	25	-16.75	0.09	8.82
	30	-18.89	0.43	110.80
	37	-19.34	0.06	0.61



**Figure S16.** Result showing changes in fluorescence over time occurring during the analysis of the interactions of the salt CdCl<sub>2</sub> with the DNA helix performed in the static mode (weak binders) at temperature 25 °C.

**Table S10.** Values (along with their standard deviations in the parentheses) of determined association rates  $k_a$  (in  $[M^{-1} \cdot s^{-1}]$ ), dissociation rates  $k_d$  (in  $[s^{-1}]$ ), associations constants  $K_A$  (in  $[M^{-1}]$ ), and dissociation constants  $K_D$  (in [M]) for salt CdCl<sub>2</sub> interactions with DNA measured by switchSense technique at temperature 25 °C.

Compound	Temp. [°C]	$k_a [M^{-1} \cdot s^{-1}]$	$\mathbf{k}_{\mathbf{d}} \left[ \mathbf{s}^{-1} \right]$	$K_A[M^{-1}]$	<b>K</b> <sub>D</sub> [ <b>M</b> ]
CdCl <sub>2</sub>	25	$373\pm35$	$(5.78 \pm 0.14) \cdot 10^{-1}$	$644\pm62$	$(1.55 \pm 0.15) \cdot 10^{-3}$



**Figure S17.** Dependence of the change of **a**) Gibbs free energy ( $\Delta$ G), **b**) enthalpy ( $\Delta$ H), and **c**) entropy ( $\Delta$ S) as a function of temperature for the complex **1**.



**Figure S18.** Dependence of the change of **a**) Gibbs free energy ( $\Delta$ G), **b**) enthalpy ( $\Delta$ H), and **c**) entropy ( $\Delta$ S) as a function of temperature for the complex **2**.



**Figure S19.** Dependence of the change of **a**) Gibbs free energy ( $\Delta$ G), **b**) enthalpy ( $\Delta$ H), and **c**) entropy ( $\Delta$ S) as a function of temperature for the complex **3**.



**Figure S20.** Dependence of the change of **a**) Gibbs free energy ( $\Delta$ G), **b**) enthalpy ( $\Delta$ H), and **c**) entropy ( $\Delta$ S) as a function of temperature for the complex **4**.