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Internal hydrogen bonding and amide co-ordination in zinc(II) complexes of a tripodal N4 ligand: Structural, spectroscopic and reactivity studies.

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Figure captions

Fig. S1 An ORTEP plot drawn with 30 % probability thermal ellipsoids showing intermolecular N(7)-H(7N)···N(12) hydrogen bonding in the crystal structure of bppapa.

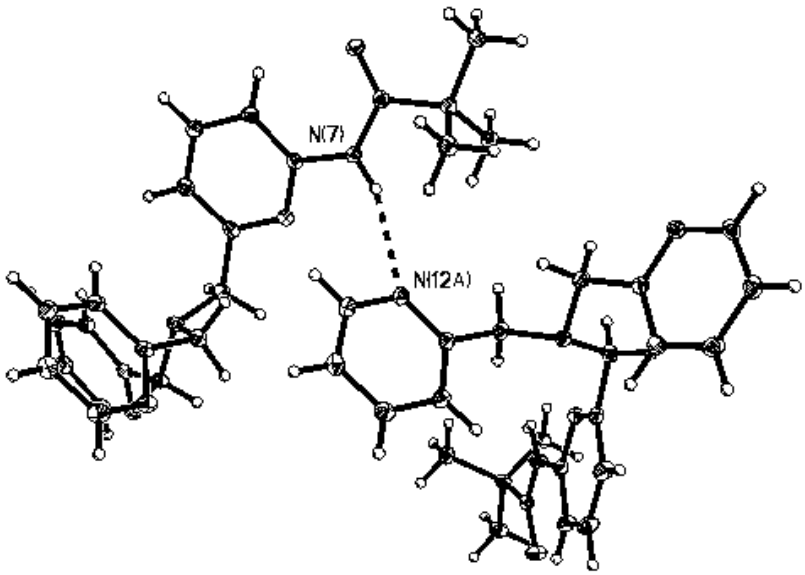
Fig. S2 An ORTEP plot drawn with 50 % probability thermal ellipsoids showing hydrogen bonding between the $[(bppapa)Zn]^{2+}$ cation and one of the PF_6^- anions in the crystal structure of **1**·0.5MeOH.

Fig. S3 Aromatic and NH region of the ^{1}H NMR spectra (360.1 MHz, CD_3CN) of **1** at 323 K (*top*) and 293 K (*bottom*).

Fig. S4 Aromatic and NH region of the ^{1}H NMR spectra (360.1 MHz, CD_3CN/CD_3OH 6:1, 323 K) of (i) **1** (0.046 mM), (ii) **1** (0.046 mM) mixed with $MeNOH·5H_2O$ (0.046) after 60 s; (iii) **1** (0.046 mM) mixed with $MeNOH·5H_2O$ (0.046) after 7.5 h; (iv) $[(bpapa)Zn(NCCH_3)](PF_6)_2$ (0.046 mM) mixed with

$MeNOH{\cdot}5H_2O$ (0.046) and $(CH_3)_3CCOOH$ (0.046 mM) after 60 s and (v) $[(bpapa)Zn(NCCH_3)](PF_6)_2$ (0.046 mM).

Fig. S5 Aromatic and NH region of the ^1H NMR (360.1 MHz, CD_3CN/CD_3OH 6:1, 323 K) of (i) bppapa (0.046 mM), (ii) bppapa (0.046 mM) mixed with $MeNOH{\cdot}5H_2O$ (0.046) after 7.5 h s; (iii) bppapa (0.046 mM) mixed with $MeNOH{\cdot}5H_2O$ (0.046) after 10 days; (iv) bpapa (0.046 mM).



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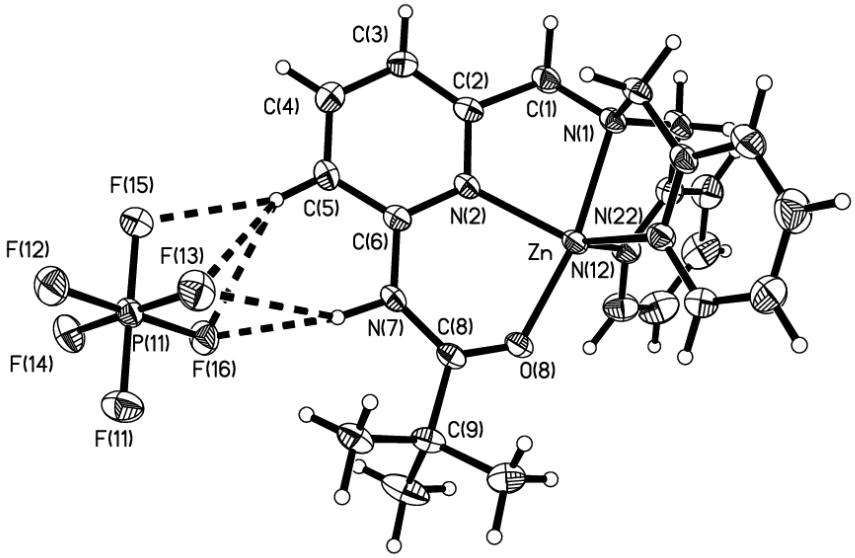

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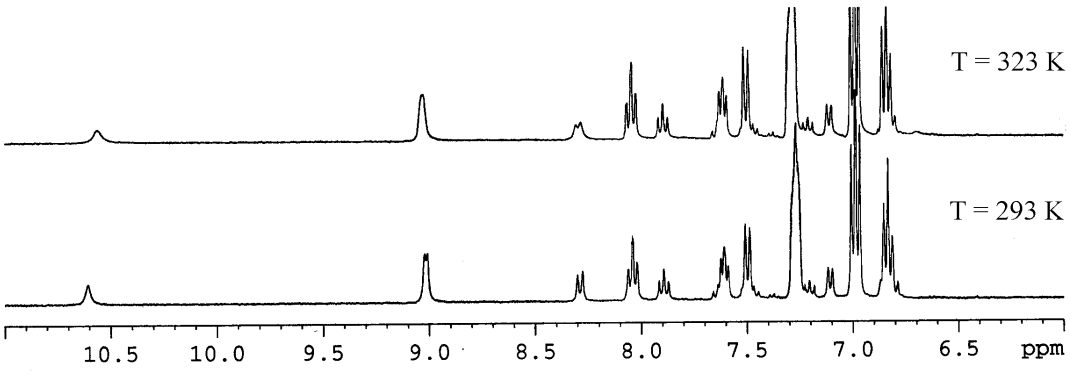

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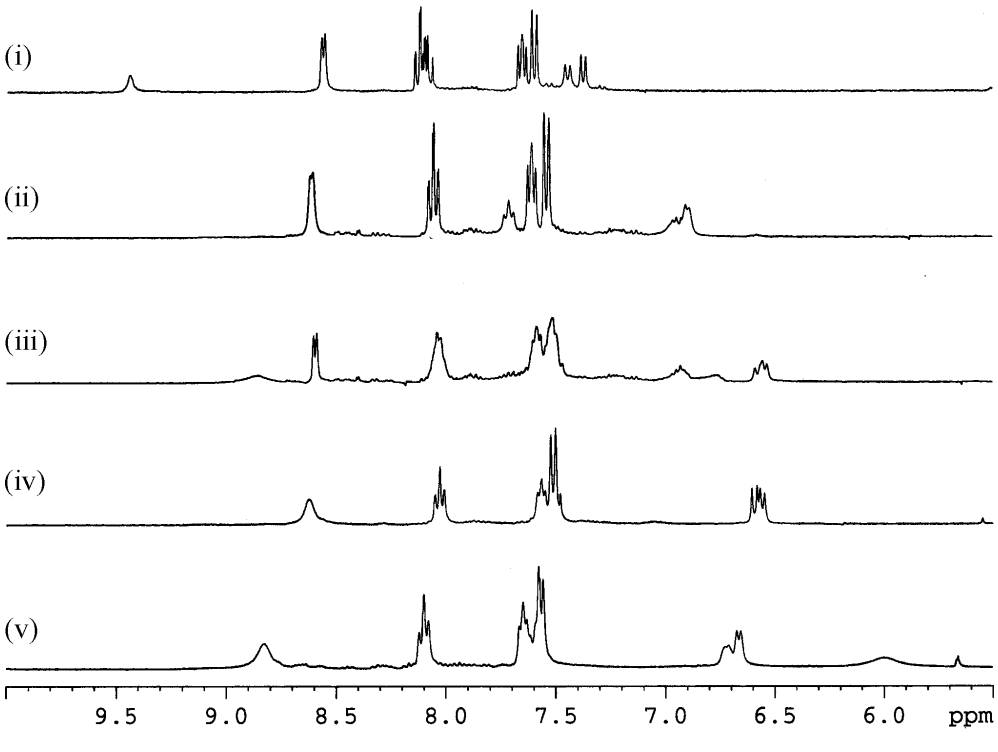

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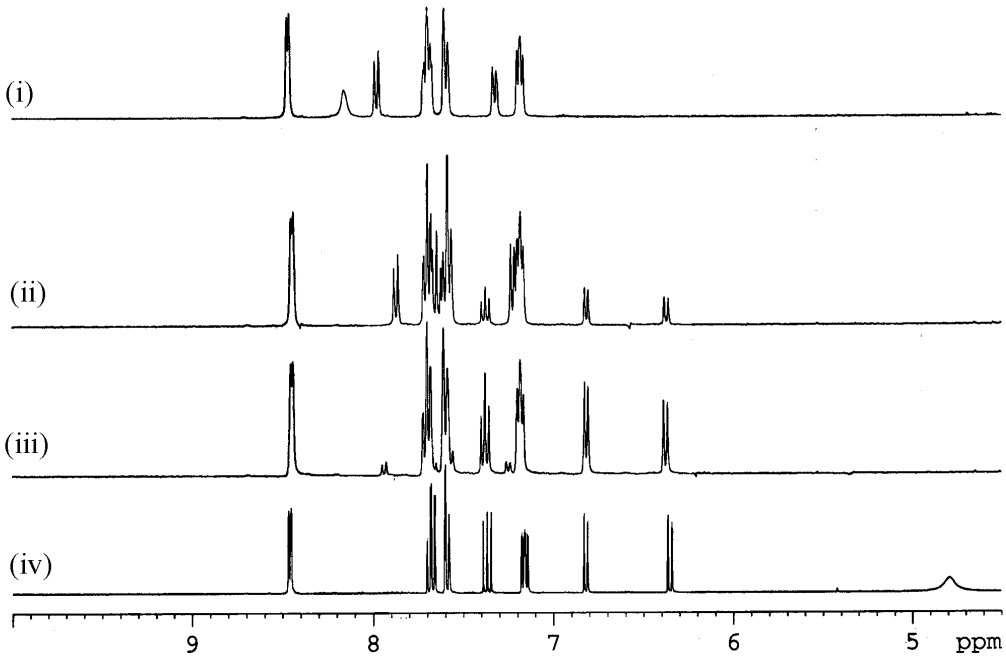

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