

# The Effect of Different Ligand Substituents on the Chemistry of a Zinc/Pyrazole Anion Host

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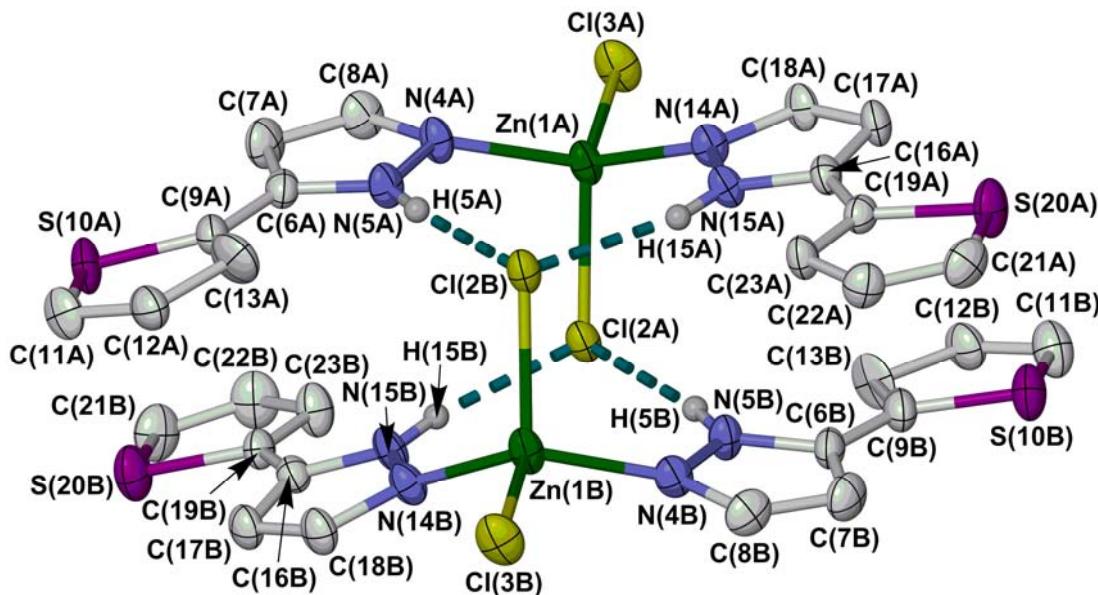
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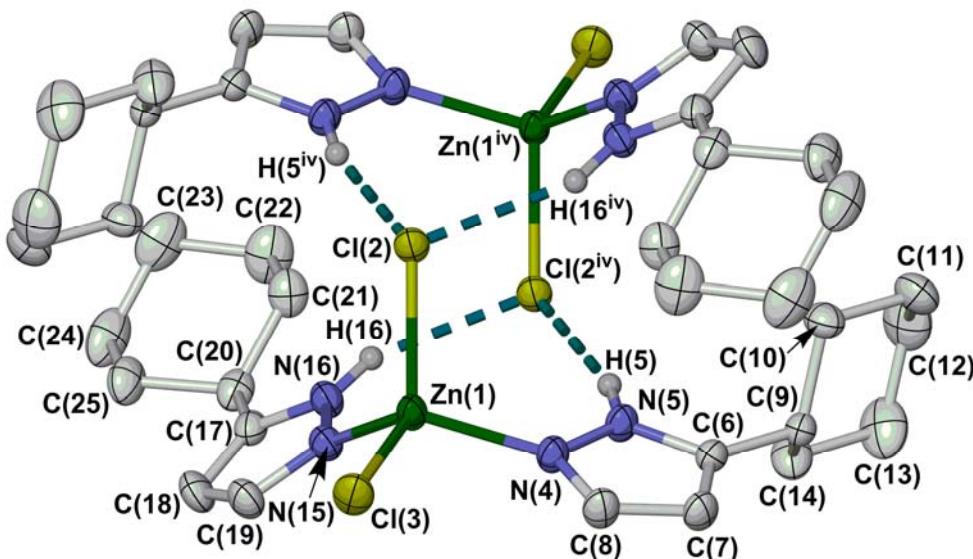
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**Table S1** Selected bond lengths and angles in the crystal structure of  $[ZnCl_2(Hpz^{Tn})_2]$  ( $\text{\AA}$ ,  $^\circ$ ).

Zn(1A)-Cl(2A)	2.3506(11)	Zn(1B)-Cl(2B)	2.3469(11)
Zn(1A)-Cl(3A)	2.2322(11)	Zn(1B)-Cl(3B)	2.2279(12)
Zn(1A)-N(4A)	2.029(3)	Zn(1B)-N(4B)	2.021(4)
Zn(1A)-N(14A)	2.038(3)	Zn(1B)-N(14B)	2.026(3)
Cl(2A)-Zn(1A)-Cl(3A)	117.68(4)	Cl(2B)-Zn(1B)-Cl(3B)	114.26(4)
Cl(2A)-Zn(1A)-N(4A)	99.49(10)	Cl(2B)-Zn(1B)-N(4B)	102.10(10)
Cl(2A)-Zn(1A)-N(14A)	101.19(10)	Cl(2B)-Zn(1B)-N(14B)	105.60(10)
Cl(3A)-Zn(1A)-N(4A)	107.33(10)	Cl(3B)-Zn(1B)-N(4B)	107.41(10)
Cl(3A)-Zn(1A)-N(14A)	105.68(10)	Cl(3B)-Zn(1B)-N(14B)	107.03(10)
N(4A)-Zn(1A)-N(14A)	126.25(13)	N(4B)-Zn(1B)-N(14B)	120.73(14)



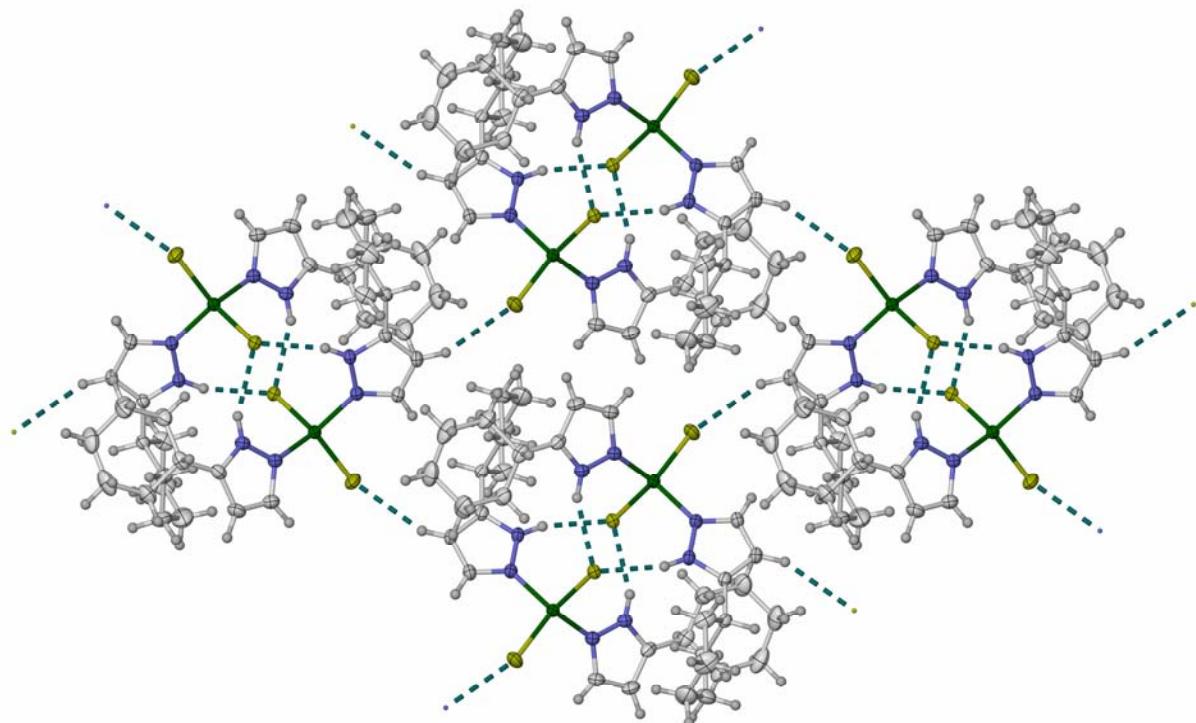
**Figure S2** View of the hydrogen-bonded dimer in the crystal structure of  $[ZnCl_2(Hpz^{Cy})_2]$ . All H atoms not involved in hydrogen bonding have been omitted for clarity, and displacement ellipsoids are at the 50% probability level. Symmetry code: (iv)  $-x, 1-y, 1-z$ . Colour code: C, white; H, grey; Cl, yellow; N, blue.

**Table S2** Selected bond lengths and angles in the crystal structure of  $[ZnCl_2(Hpz^{Cy})_2]$  ( $\text{\AA}$ ,  $^\circ$ ).

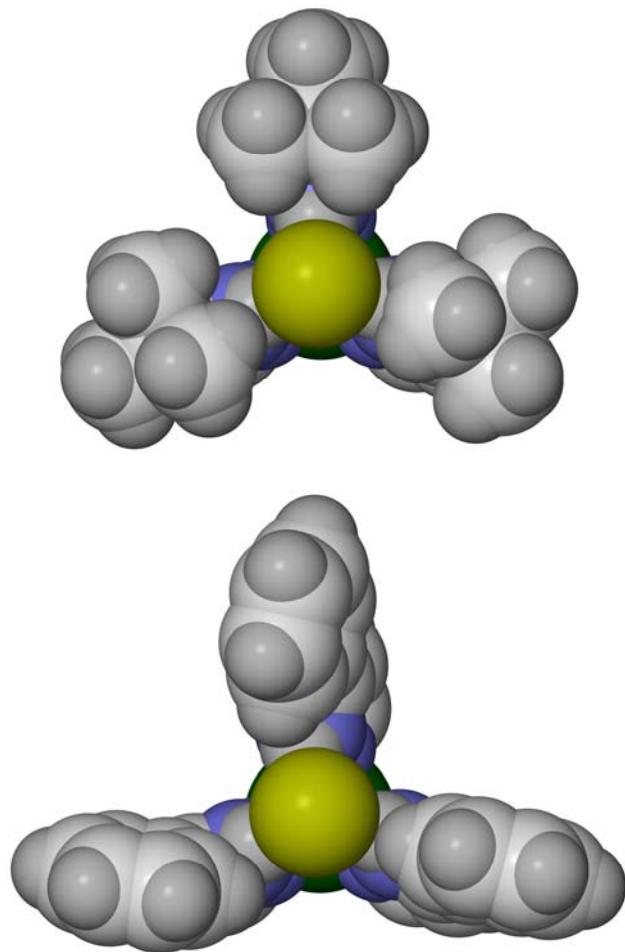
Zn(1)–Cl(2)	2.3101(4)
Zn(1)–Cl(3)	2.2469(4)
Zn(1)–N(4)	2.0378(10)
Zn(1)–N(15)	2.0334(10)
Cl(2)–Zn(1)–Cl(3)	116.141(14)
Cl(2)–Zn(1)–N(4)	106.89(3)
Cl(2)–Zn(1)–N(15)	105.64(3)
Cl(3)–Zn(1)–N(4)	104.50(3)
Cl(3)–Zn(1)–N(15)	107.38(3)
N(4)–Zn(1)–N(15)	116.75(4)

**Table S3** Metric parameters for hydrogen bonds in the  $[\text{ZnCl}_2(\text{Hpz}^{\text{R}})_2]$  structures ( $\text{\AA}$ ,  $^\circ$ ).  
 Symmetry codes: (i)  $1-x, 1-y, 1-z$ ; (ii)  $-x, -\frac{1}{2}+y, \frac{3}{2}-z$ ; (iii)  $1-x, \frac{1}{2}+y, \frac{3}{2}-z$ ; (iv)  $-x, 1-y, 1-z$ ;  
 (v)  $-x-\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}+y, \frac{3}{2}-z$ .

	D–H (D = N, C)	H...Cl	D...Cl	D–H...Cl
$[\text{ZnCl}_2(\text{Hpz}^{\text{Ph}})_2] \cdot \text{CHCl}_3$				
N(5)–H(5)...Cl(2 <sup>i</sup> )	0.88	2.42	3.2569(17)	160.2
N(16)–H(16)...Cl(2 <sup>i</sup> )	0.88	2.48	3.3292(17)	161.1
C(26)–H(26)...Cl(3)	1.00	2.55	3.534(3)	167.8
$[\text{ZnCl}_2(\text{Hpz}^{\text{Tn}})_2]$				
N(5A)–H(5A)...Cl(2B)	0.88	2.34	3.216(3)	170.4
N(15A)–H(15A)...Cl(2B)	0.88	2.37	3.230(4)	167.1
N(5B)–H(5B)...Cl(2A)	0.88	2.38	3.247(3)	169.1
N(15B)–H(15B)...Cl(2A)	0.88	2.37	3.240(3)	168.2
C(7A)–H(7A)...Cl(3B <sup>ii</sup> )	0.95	2.78	3.662(4)	155.1
C(7B)–H(7B)...Cl(3A <sup>iii</sup> )	0.95	2.75	3.684(4)	167.5
$[\text{ZnCl}_2(\text{Hpz}^{\text{Cy}})_2]$				
N(5)–H(5)...Cl(2 <sup>iv</sup> )	0.88	2.32	3.1811(10)	164.5
N(16)–H(16)...Cl(2 <sup>iv</sup> )	0.88	2.45	3.2755(11)	156.4
C(7)–H(7)...Cl(3 <sup>v</sup> )	0.95	2.80	3.6773(14)	154.4

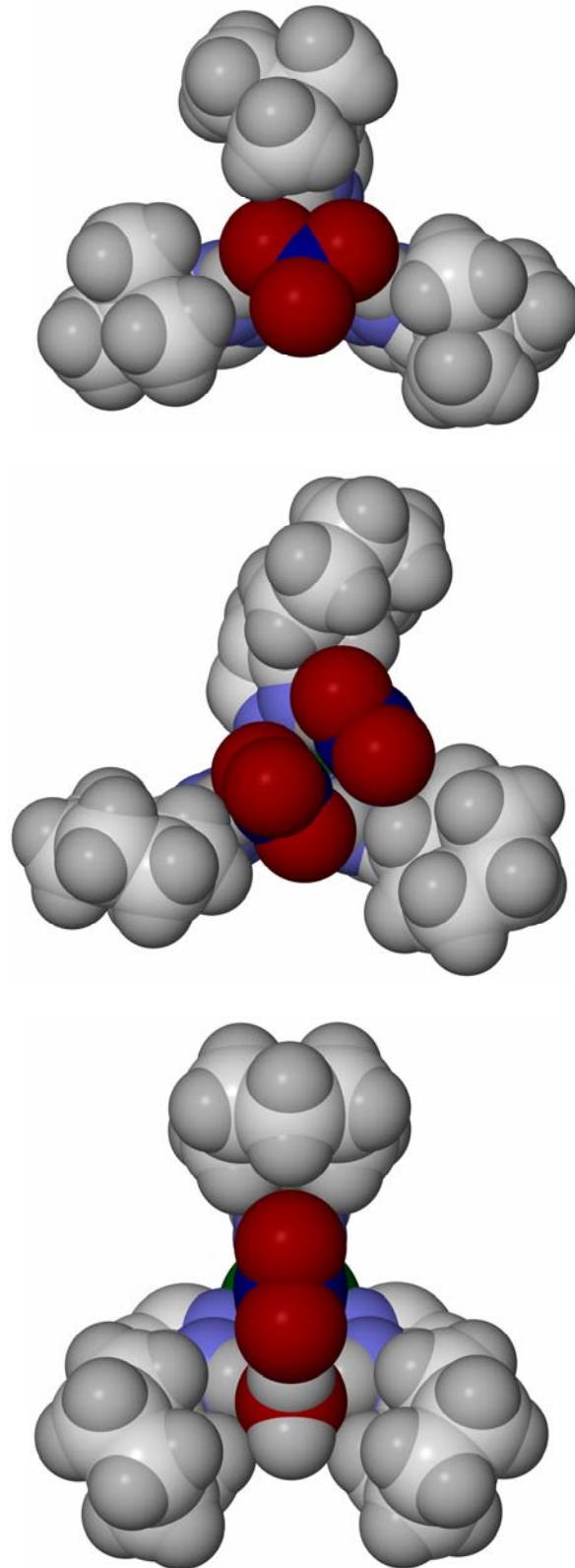


**Figure S3** Partial packing diagram of  $[\text{ZnCl}_2(\text{Hpz}^{\text{Cy}})_2]$ , showing the association of the dimers in the crystal through the  $\text{C}(7)\text{–H}(7)\dots\text{Cl}(3^{\text{v}})$  interaction (Table S3). The view is along the crystallographic (101) plane with  $b$  vertical, and displacement ellipsoids are at the 50% probability level. Colour code: C, white; H, grey; Cl, yellow; N, blue; Zn, green.



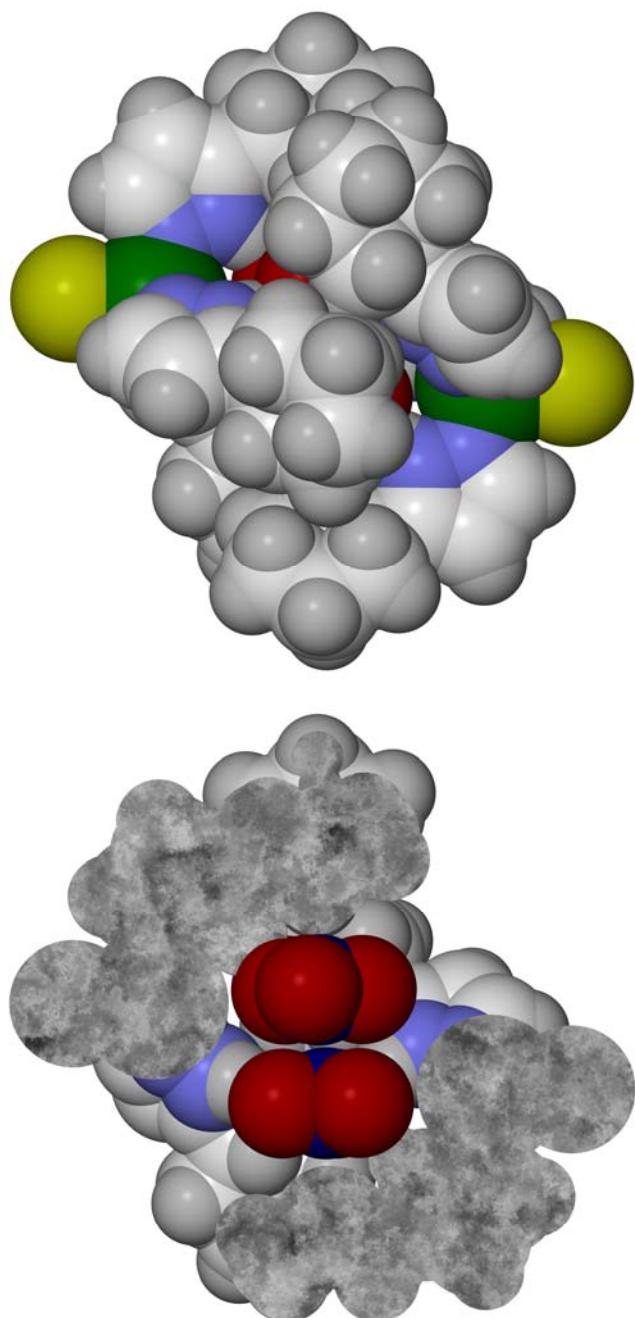
**Figure S4** Comparative space-filling views of the guest-binding cavities in  $[\text{ZnCl}(\text{Hpz}'^{\text{Bu}})_3]\text{Cl}$  (top) and  $[\text{ZnCl}(\text{Hpz}^{\text{Ph}})_3]\text{Cl}$  (bottom). The view in both cases is parallel to the  $\text{Zn}-\text{Cl}$  bond. Colour code: C, white; H, grey; Cl, yellow; N, blue; Zn, green.

Data for  $[\text{ZnCl}(\text{Hpz}'^{\text{Bu}})_3]\text{Cl}$  are taken from ref. 15 of the main paper.

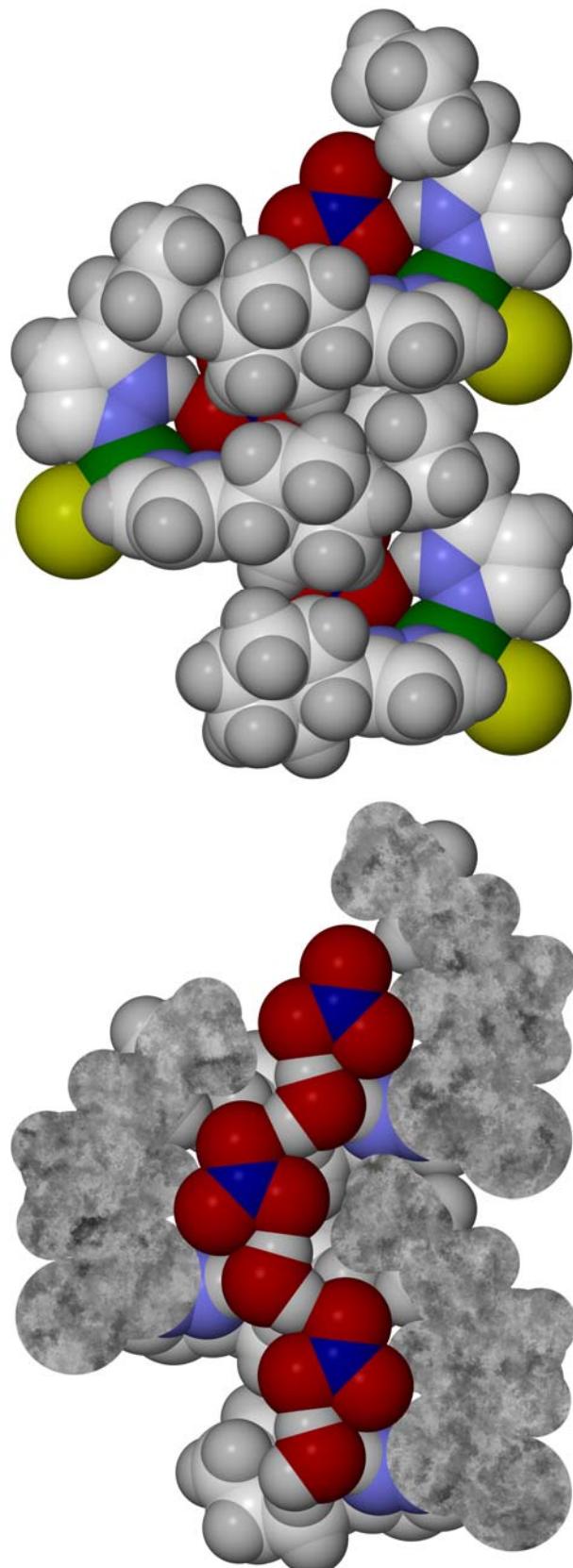


**Figure S5** Comparative space-filling views of the guest-binding cavities in  $[ZnCl(Hpz'^{Bu})_3]NO_3$ , containing one nitrate guest (top); half the dimeric capsule in  $[ZnCl(Hpz^{Cy})_3]NO_3$ , containing two nitrate ions (middle); and the monomeric unit in  $[ZnBr(Hpz^{Cy})_3]NO_3 \cdot H_2O$ , containing a nitrate ion and water molecule (bottom). The views are parallel to the Zn-X ( $X^- = Cl^-$  or  $Br^-$ ) bond, and only one orientation of the disordered residues in the structures is shown. Colour code: C, white; H, grey; Cl or Br, yellow; N{pyrazole}, pale blue; N{nitrate}, dark blue; O, red; Zn, green.

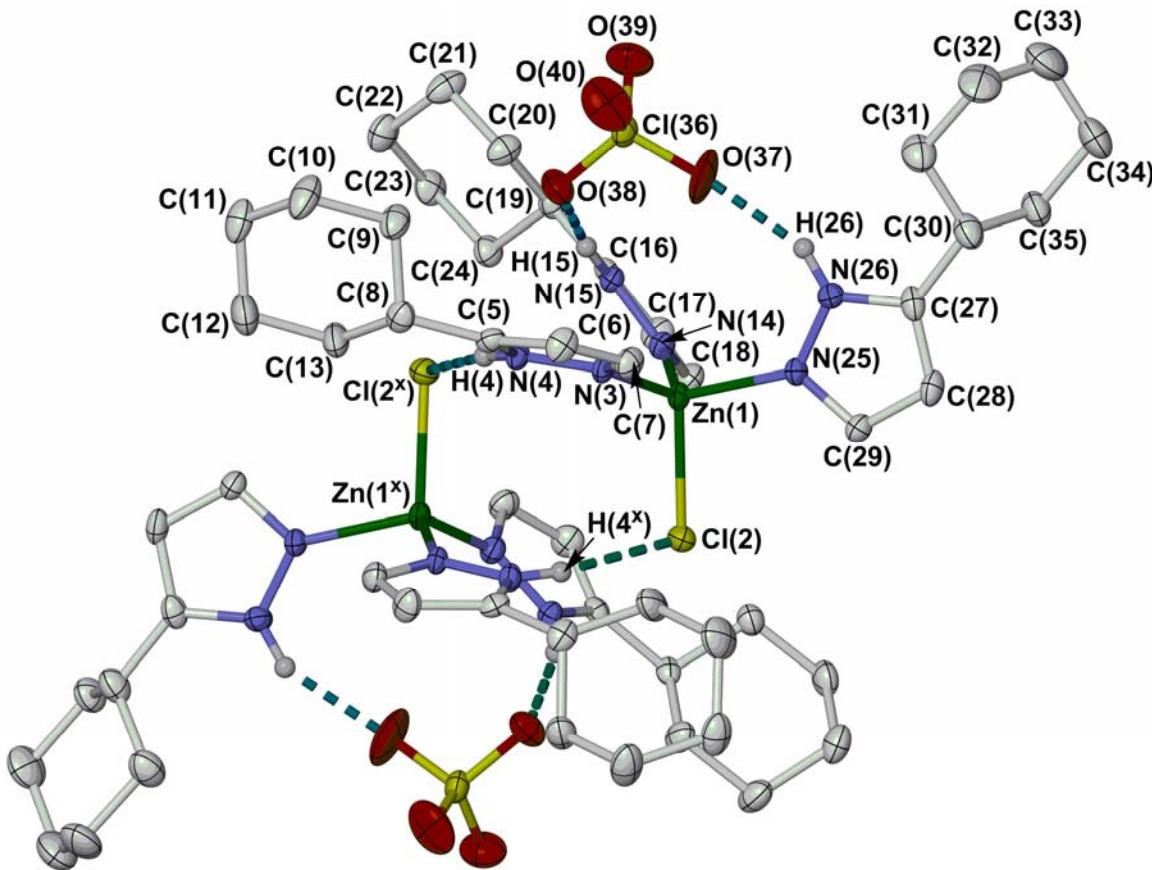
Data for  $[ZnCl(Hpz'^{Bu})_3]NO_3$  are taken from ref. 15 of the main paper.



**Figure S6** Space-filling (top) and cutaway (bottom) diagrams of the hydrogen-bonded dimer in  $[ZnCl(Hpz^{Cy})_3]NO_3$ , showing the pair of nitrate ions encapsulated by two  $[ZnCl(Hpz^{Cy})_3]^+$  cations. Both views are the same as Fig. 3 of the main paper. Colour code: C, white; H, grey; Cl, yellow; N{pyrazole}, pale blue; N{nitrato}, dark blue; O, red; Zn, green.



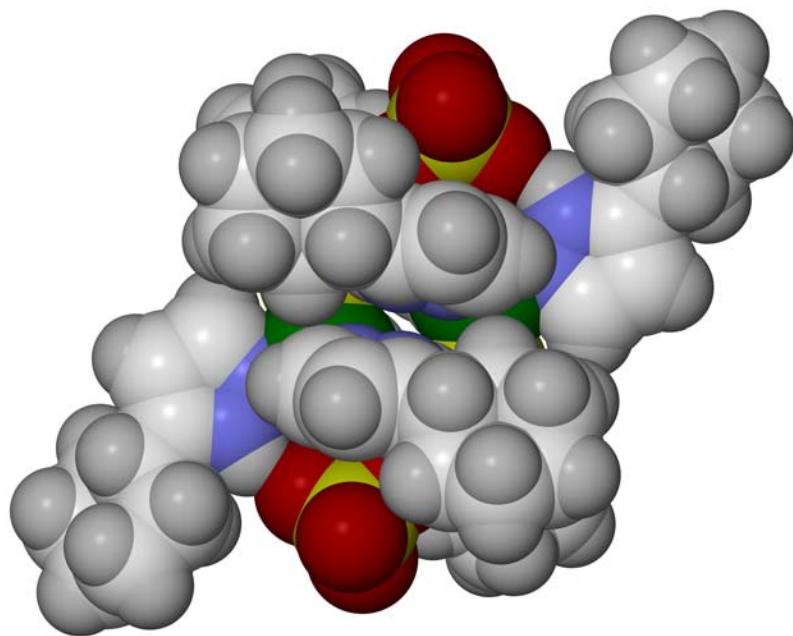
**Figure S7** Partial space-filling (top) and cutaway (bottom) packing diagrams of  $[ZnBr(Hpz^{Cy})_3]NO_3 \cdot H_2O$ , showing the  $[NO_3 \cdot H_2O]_{n^-}$  chains sheathed by the  $[ZnBr(Hpz^{Cy})_3]^+$  cations. Both views are the same as Fig. 5 of the main paper. Colour code: C, white; H, grey; Br, yellow; N{pyrazole}, pale blue; N{nitrate}, dark blue; O, red; Zn, green.



**Figure S8** View of the hydrogen-bonded dimer in the crystal structure of  $[ZnCl(Hpz^{Cy})_3]ClO_4$ . All H atoms not involved in hydrogen bonding have been omitted for clarity, and displacement ellipsoids are at the 50% probability level. Symmetry code: (x)  $-x, y, \frac{1}{2}-z$ . Colour code: C, white; H, grey; Cl, yellow; N, blue; O, red; Zn, green.

**Table S4** Selected bond lengths and angles in the crystal structure of  $[ZnCl(Hpz^{Cy})_3]ClO_4$  ( $\text{\AA}$ ,  $^\circ$ ).

Zn(1)–Cl(2)	2.3075(9)
Zn(1)–N(3)	2.031(2)
Zn(1)–N(14)	2.020(2)
Zn(1)–N(25)	2.051(2)
Cl(2)–Zn(1)–N(3)	111.12(6)
Cl(2)–Zn(1)–N(14)	103.39(7)
Cl(2)–Zn(1)–N(25)	103.61(6)
N(3)–Zn(1)–N(14)	122.78(8)
N(3)–Zn(1)–N(25)	102.60(9)
N(14)–Zn(1)–N(25)	111.98(9)



**Figure S9** Space-filling view of the hydrogen-bonded dimer in the crystal structure of  $[ZnCl(Hpz^{Cy})_3]ClO_4$ . The view is the same as in Fig. S6, and Fig. 6 of the main paper. Colour code: C, white; H, grey; Cl, yellow; N, blue; O, red; Zn, green.

**Table S5** Metric parameters for hydrogen bonds in the  $[ZnY(Hpz^R)_3]X$  structures ( $\text{\AA}$ ,  $^\circ$ ). Symmetry codes: (vi)  $1-x, -y, -z$ ; (viii)  $\frac{1}{2}+x, \frac{1}{2}-y, \frac{3}{2}-z$ ; (x)  $-x, y, \frac{1}{2}-z$ .

	D–H (D = N, O)	H...A (A = O, Cl)	D...A	D–H...A
$[ZnCl(Hpz^{Ph})_3]Cl$				
N(4)–H(4)...Cl(36)	0.88	2.37	3.2058(18)	158.4
N(15)–H(15)...Cl(36)	0.88	2.34	3.1428(16)	152.2
N(26)–H(26)...Cl(36)	0.88	2.29	3.1332(15)	161.5
$[ZnCl(Hpz^{Cy})_3]NO_3$				
N(4)–H(4)...O(37)	0.88	1.99	2.834(3)	160.7
N(15)–H(15)...O(38)	0.88	1.97	2.813(3)	160.7
N(26)–H(26)...O(39 <sup>A</sup> )	0.88	2.04	2.913(3)	172.4
$[ZnBr(Hpz^{Cy})_3]NO_3 \cdot H_2O$				
N(4)–H(4)...O(27)	0.88	2.01	2.874(3)	166.5
N(15)–H(15)...O(24)	0.88	2.07	2.865(5)	149.4
O(27)–H(27A)...O(25 <sup>viii</sup> ) <sup>a</sup>	0.99	2.55	3.321(4)	134.3
O(27)–H(27A)...O(26 <sup>viii</sup> ) <sup>a</sup>	0.99	1.91	2.887(4)	169.2
O(27)–H(27B)...O(24) <sup>a</sup>	0.99	2.31	2.822(4)	111.2
O(27)–H(27B)...O(25) <sup>a</sup>	0.99	1.76	2.739(4)	171.2
$[ZnCl(Hpz^{Cy})_3]ClO_4$				
N(4)–H(4)...Cl(2 <sup>x</sup> )	0.88	2.44	3.298(2)	165.3
N(15)–H(15)...O(38)	0.88	2.08	2.919(3)	159.8
N(26)–H(26)...O(37)	0.88	2.02	2.830(3)	152.9

<sup>a</sup>The long bonds O(27)–H(27A) and O(27)–H(27B) are an artefact of the refinement procedure, and metric parameters involving these H atoms should be treated with caution. See the main paper for more details.