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## **Supplementary Material**

## Synthesis, Structure, and Biological Assays of Novel Trifluoromethyldiazepine-Metal Complexes

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**Figure S1:** IR spectra of HDZP and [Cu(DZP)<sub>2</sub>]·2H<sub>2</sub>O

**Figure S2:** IR spectra of HDZP and [Ni(DZP)<sub>2</sub>].



**Figure S3:** IR spectra of HDZP and  $[Co(DZP)_2(H_2O)_2] \cdot 2H_2O$ .



**Figure S4:** IR spectra of HDZP and [Mn(DZP)<sub>3</sub>]·2H<sub>2</sub>O.



Figure S5: Electronic spectra (in solid state) of HDZP ligand and Cu-DZP, Ni-DZP, Co-DZP and Mn-DZP complexes.



**Figure S6:** Crystal packing of  $[Cu(DZP)_2]$  showing C-H··· $\pi$  interactions.



Figure S7: Hirshfeld surface mapped over shape index for [Cu(DZP)<sub>2</sub>].



Figure S8: Hirshfeld surface mapped over curvedness for [Cu(DZP)<sub>2</sub>].





**Figure S10:** Crystal packing of [Cu(DZP)<sub>2</sub>] showing non-classical C-H…F intermolecular interactions.



Figure S11: TGA Curve for the thermal decomposition of [Cu(DZP)<sub>2</sub>]·2H<sub>2</sub>O.



Figure S12: TGA curve for the thermal decomposition of [Ni(DZP)<sub>2</sub>].



**Figure 13:** TGA curve for the thermal decomposition of  $[Co(DZP)_2(H_2O)_2] \cdot 2H_2O$ .



**Figure 14:** TGA curve for the thermal decomposition of  $[Mn(DZP)_3] \cdot 2H_2O$ .







Figure S16: Distribution of bond and ring (red and yellow spheres) critical points in a dimer of [Cu(DZP)<sub>2</sub>] complex.



| HDZP | Cu-DZP | Ni-DZP | Co-DZP | Mn-DZP | Assignments <sup>a</sup>         |  |
|------|--------|--------|--------|--------|----------------------------------|--|
| 3242 | 3229   | 3226   | -      | 3221   | ν N2-H                           |  |
| 3054 | 3052   | 3051   | 3076   | 3080   | νC-H                             |  |
| 2978 | 2971   | 2985   | 2978   | 2978   | $\nu_a  CH_2$                    |  |
| 2921 | 2935   | 2936   | -      | 2930   | $v_a CH_2$                       |  |
| 2866 | 2865   | 2870   | -      | 2878   | vs CH <sub>2</sub>               |  |
| 2768 | -      | -      | -      | -      | v N1-H                           |  |
| 1635 | 1624   | 1624   | 1628   | 1628   | v C = O + v C 10 - C 11          |  |
| 1615 | 1596   | 1596   | 1594   | 1598   | ν C=C (R1)                       |  |
| 1540 | 1562   | 1565   | 1557   | 1558   | v C-N                            |  |
| 1526 | 1539   | 1539   | 1537   | 1541   | δ Ν2-Η                           |  |
| 1464 | 1469   | 1470   | 1469   | 1469   | $\delta CH_2$                    |  |
| 1442 | 1438   | 1439   | 1437   | 1448   | $\delta CH_2$                    |  |
| 1322 | 1312   | 1313   | 1313   | 1307   | $\omega CH_2$                    |  |
| 1302 | 1300   | 1301   | 1297   | 1295   | $\omega CH_2$                    |  |
| 1263 | 1291   | 1290   | 1254   | 1259   | v C-C (R1)                       |  |
| 1243 | 1238   | 1236   | -      | 1241   | v C10-C12                        |  |
| 1211 | 1227   | 1208   | 1206   | 1227   | τω CH <sub>2</sub>               |  |
| 1189 | 1183   | 1183   | 1186   | 1188   | $v_a CF_3$                       |  |
| 1136 | 1132   | 1134   | 1136   | 1145   | $v_a CF_3$                       |  |
| 1036 | 1039   | 1040   | 1042   | 1044   | $v_s CF_3$                       |  |
| 1028 | 1031   | 1030   | 1033   | 1034   | ρCH <sub>2</sub>                 |  |
| 987  | -      | -      | -      | -      | γ N1-H                           |  |
| 934  | 937    | 937    | 937    | 938    | γ N2-H                           |  |
| 861  | 865    | 865    | 870    | 866    | $\delta$ CCC (R2) + $\delta$ CCN |  |
|      |        |        |        |        | (R2)                             |  |
| 788  | 793    | 796    | 798    | 797    | δ CCN (R2)                       |  |
| 750  | 752    | 751    | 754    | 755    | δ C=O                            |  |
| 708  | 714    | 715    | 716    | 715    | $\delta_s CF_3$                  |  |
| 673  | 681    | -      | 681    | 674    | γ NCC (R2)                       |  |
| 563  | 564    | -      | 579    | 565    | $\delta_a CF_3$                  |  |
| 536  | 552    | 552    | 552    | 552    | δ CCO (R1)                       |  |
| -    | 590    | 597    | 594    | 591    | v M-N                            |  |
| -    | 487    | 451    | 489    | 487    | ν М-О                            |  |

Table S1: Main FTIR bands (in cm<sup>-1</sup>) and tentative assignment free ligand HDZP and itscomplexes $[Cu(DZP)_2] \cdot 2H_2O$ (Cu-DZP),  $[Ni(DZP)_2]$ (Ni-DZP), $[Co(DZP)_2(H_2O)_2] \cdot 2H_2O$ (Co-DZP) and  $[Mn(DZP)_3] \cdot 2H_2O$ (Mn-DZP).

<sup>a</sup> v: stretching,  $\delta$ : bending,  $\omega$ : wagging,  $\tau \omega$ : twisting,  $\gamma$ : out-of-plane bending modes; a: antisymmetric, s: symmetric.

| Complex                  | UV-Vis bands (nm) | Assignment  |  |
|--------------------------|-------------------|---|--|
| $[Cu(DZP)_2]\cdot 2H_2O$ | 231               | $\pi \rightarrow \pi^*$   |  |
|                          | 290               | $\pi  ightarrow \pi^*$  |  |
|                          | 337               | $n \rightarrow \pi^*$   |  |
|                          | 387               | Charge transfer   |  |
|                          | 492               | $^{2}\mathrm{B}_{1\mathrm{g}} \rightarrow ^{2}\mathrm{B}_{2\mathrm{g}}$ |  |
|                          | 674               | $^{2}B_{1g} \rightarrow ^{2}A_{1g}$                                     |  |
| [Ni(DZP)2]               | 234               | $\pi  ightarrow \pi^*$  |  |
|                          | 268               | $\pi  ightarrow \pi^*$  |  |
|                          | 334               | $n \rightarrow \pi^*$   |  |
|                          | 389               | Charge transfer   |  |
|                          | 563               | $^{1}A_{1g} \rightarrow ^{1}B_{1g}$                                     |  |
| [Co(DZP)2(H2O)2]·2H2O    | 273               | $\pi  ightarrow \pi^*$  |  |
|                          | 354               | $n \rightarrow \pi^*$   |  |
|                          | 418               | ${}^{4}T_{1g}(F) \rightarrow {}^{4}T_{1g}(P)$                           |  |
|                          | 629               | ${}^{4}T_{1g}(F) \rightarrow {}^{4}A_{2g}(F)$                           |  |
| [Mn(DZP)3]·2H2O          | 232               | $\pi  ightarrow \pi^*$  |  |
|                          | 290               | $\pi  ightarrow \pi^*$  |  |
|                          | 408               | ${}^{6}A_{1g} \rightarrow {}^{4}E_{g}, {}^{4}A_{1g} ({}^{4}G)$          |  |

**Table S2:** Electronic spectral data of  $[Cu(DZP)_2] \cdot 2H_2O$ ,  $[Ni(DZP)_2]$ , $[Co(DZP)_2(H_2O)_2] \cdot 2H_2O$  and  $[Mn(DZP)_3] \cdot 2H_2O$  complexes.

**Table S3:** Hydrogen bonds for [Cu(DZP)<sub>2</sub>]·2H<sub>2</sub>O [Å and °].

| D-H···A             | d(D-H) | $d(H \cdots A)$ | $d(D \cdots A)$ | <(DHA) |
|---------------------|--------|-----------------|-----------------|--------|
| C(11)-H(11A)····O#1 | 0.97   | 2.47            | 2.984(3)        | 113    |
| N(2)-H(2N)····O#2   | 0.86   | 2.17            | 2.871(3)        | 139    |

Symmetry transformations used to generate equivalent atoms: (#1) -x+1, -y+1, -z+2; (#2) -x+1, y-1/2, -z+3/2.