

Supplementary Materials

Stereochemical Geometries and Photoluminescence in Pseudo-Halido-Zinc(II) Complexes. Structural Comparison between the Corresponding Cadmium(II) Analogs

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Preparation of Nitrate Complexes

[Zn(NTB)(N₃)]NO₃ (3a)

Sodium azide (0.065 g, 1.0 mmol) dissolved in H₂O (5 mL) was added to a mixture containing tris(2-benzimidazolyl)amine monohydrate, NTP (0.213 g, 0.50 mmol) and Zn(NO₃)₂·6H₂O (0.150 g, 0.5 mmol) dissolved in MeOH (15 mL). The resulting solution was heated for 10 min on a steam-bath, filtered through celite, and then allowed to crystallize at room temperature. After one day, the compound which separated was collected by filtration and recrystallized from CH₃CN to afford colorless tiny, long needles (yield: 0.225 g, 78%). Characterization: Anal. Calcd. (C₂₄H₂₁N₁₁O₃Zn, MM = 576.89 g/mol): C, 49.97; H, 3.67; N, 26.71%. Found: C, 49.74; H, 3.59; N, 26.27. IR bands (ATR, cm⁻¹): 3173 (vw) ν(N-H); 3106 (vw), 3047 (vw), 2974 (vw), 2900 (vw), 2844 (vw) ν(C-H); 2063 (vs), 2029 (m) ν(N₃⁻); 1625 (m), 1596, 1540 (m), 1474 (m), 1454 (s), 1389 (m), 1343 (m) ν(C=C and C=N); 1277 (s), 1041 (s), 966 (s), 915 (m), 750 (vs). UV (MeOH) λ_{max}, nm (ε_{max}, M⁻¹cm⁻¹): ~243 (1.27 × 10⁴, b), 263 (1.50 × 10⁴), 271 (1.50 × 10⁴), 278 (1.26 × 10⁴), 286 (sh). Molar conductivity, Λ_M (MeOH) = 141 Ω⁻¹·cm²·mol⁻¹.

[Zn(TPA)(NCS)]NO₃·½H₂O (4c)

Ammonium thiocyanate (0.076 g, 1.0 mmol) was added to a mixture containing tris(2-aminomethylpyridine)amine, TPA (0.146 g, 0.50 mmol) and Zn(NO₃)₂·6H₂O (0.150 g, 0.5 mmol) dissolved in MeOH (15 mL). The resulting clear solution was heated for 10 min on a steam-bath, filtered and then allowed to crystallize at room temperature. After 3 days, the compound which separated was collected by filtration and recrystallized from EtOH to afford colorless single crystals of X-ray quality (yield: 0.185 g, 76%). Characterization: Anal. Calcd: C₁₉H₁₉N₆O_{3.5}SZn (484.85 g/mol): C, 47.07; H, 3.95; N, 17.33%. Found: C, 46.89, H, 3.95; N, 17.53%. IR bands (ATR, cm⁻¹): ~3500 (vw, b) ν(O-H); 3056 (vw), 2905 (vw) ν(C-H); 2064 (vs) (C≡N, NCS⁻); 1603 (s), 1574 (m), 1480 (m), 1437 (s)

$\nu(\text{C}=\text{C}$ and $\text{C}=\text{N})$; 1573 (m), 1480 (m), 1437 (s); 1288 (m), 1152 (m), 1050 (m), 1019 (m), 908 (m), 827 (m), 756 (vs). UV (MeOH) λ_{max} , nm (ϵ_{max} , $\text{M}^{-1}\text{cm}^{-1}$): ~264, 270, 291, 297, 304, 309, 317. Molar conductivity, Λ_{M} (MeOH) = $151 \Omega^{-1}\cdot\text{cm}^2\cdot\text{mol}^{-1}$.

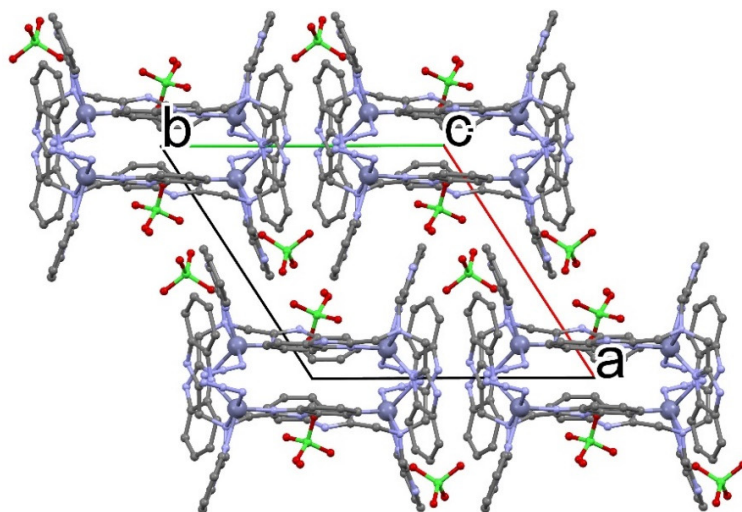


Figure S1. Packing plot of 3.

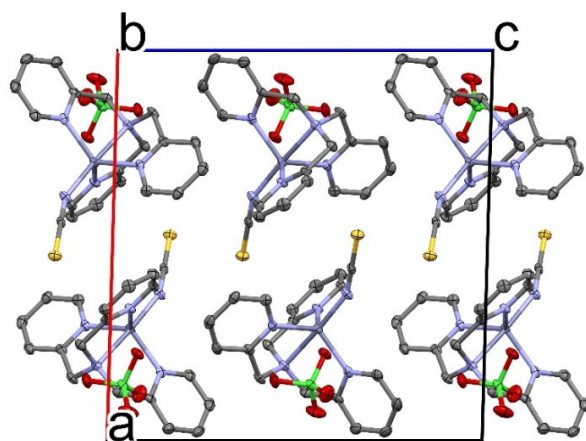


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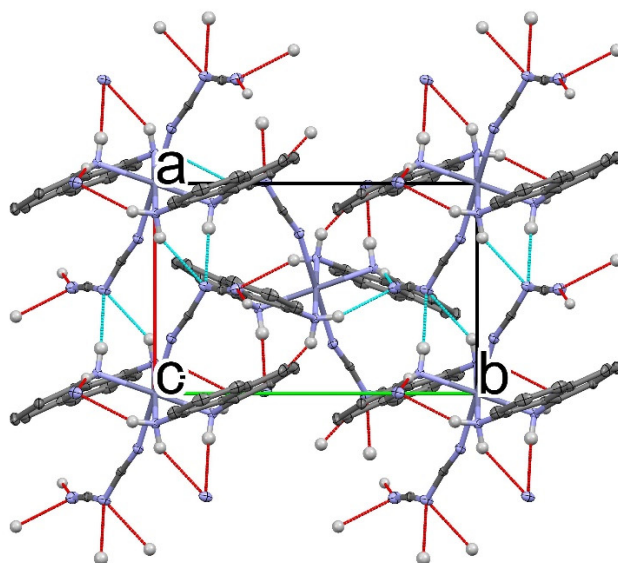


Figure S3. Packing plot of **5**. Broken lines indicate hydrogen bonds.

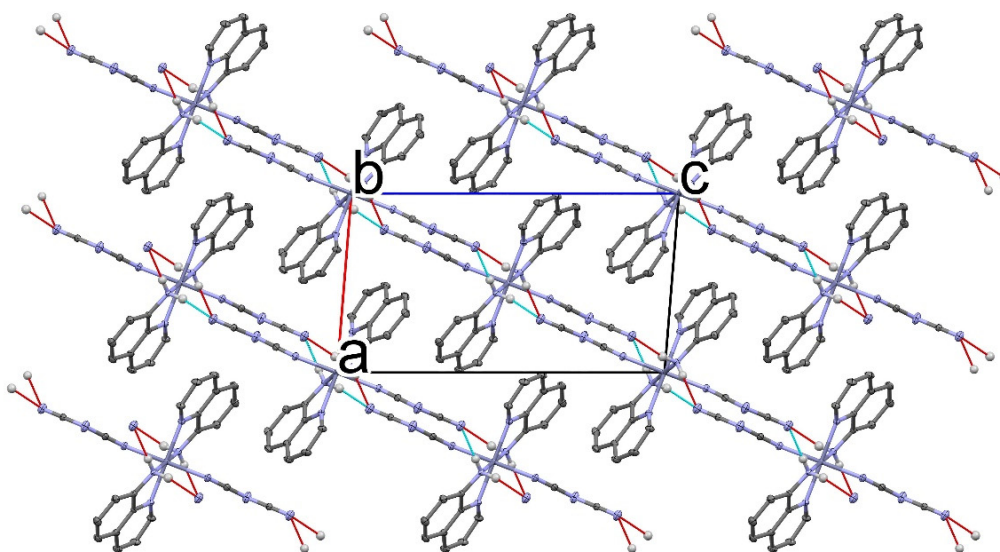


Figure S4. Packing plot of **6a**. Broken lines indicate hydrogen bonds.

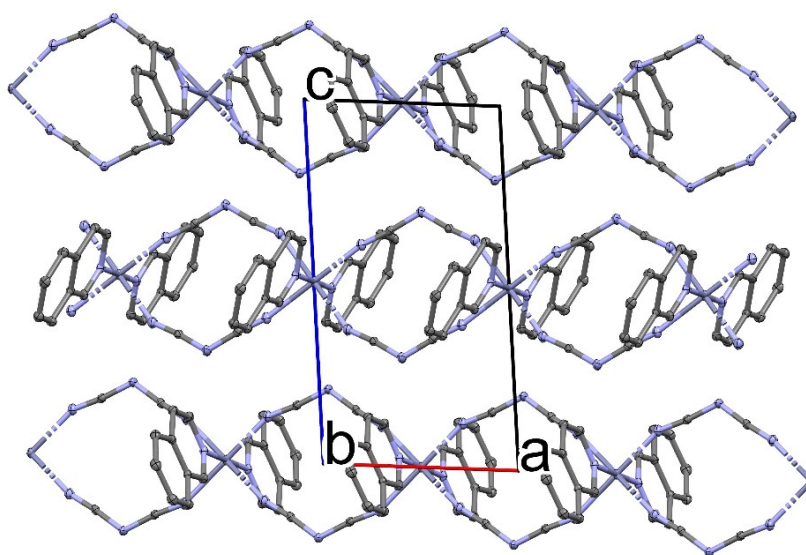


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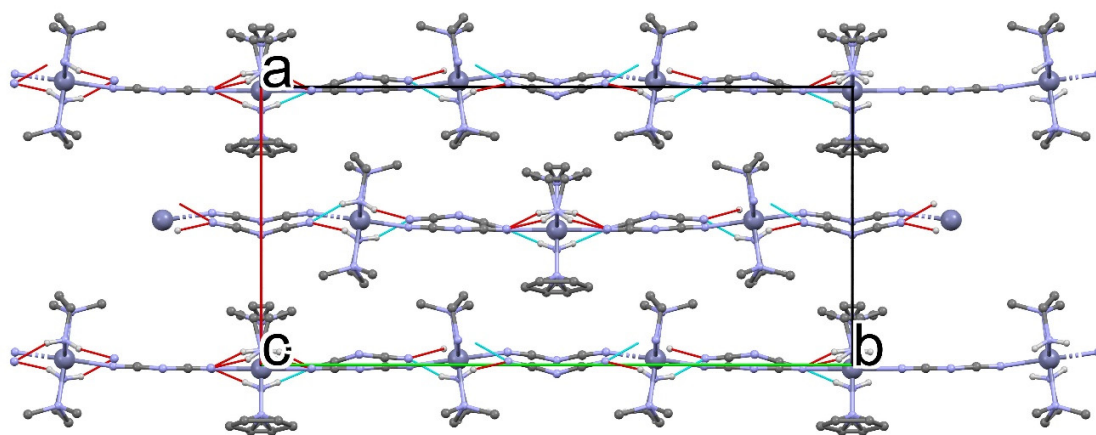


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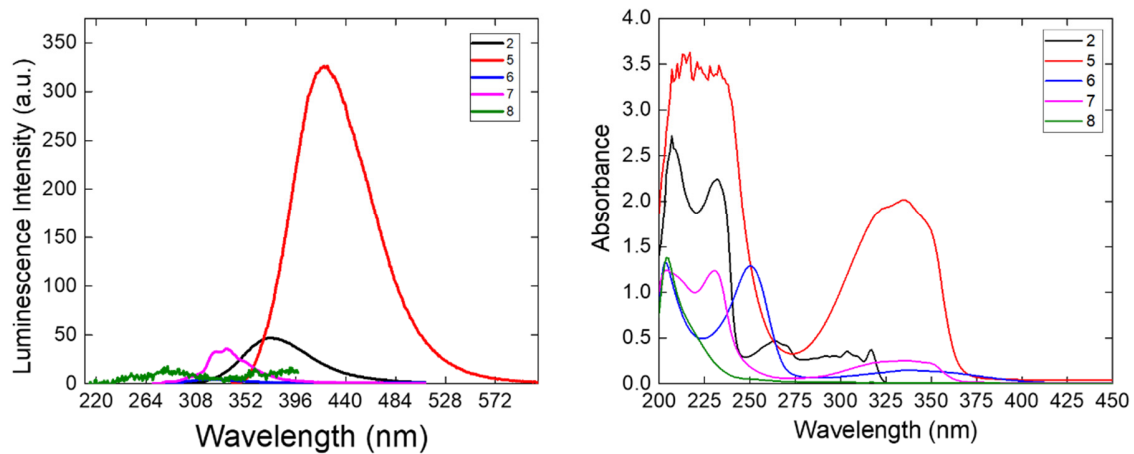


Figure S7. Left: Fluorescence and Right: UV-Vis. absorption spectra of the dicyanamido Zn(II) complexes **2**, **5**, **6**, **7** and **8** in methanol.

Table S1. Selected bond distances (Å) and bond angles (°) of **3**, **4**, **5**, **6a**, **7** and **8**.

Compound 3			
Zn1-N1	2.020(5)	Zn2-N11	2.019(5)
Zn1-N4	2.491(5)	Zn2-N14	2.489(5)
Zn1-N5	2.043(5)	Zn2-N15	2.034(5)
Zn1-N7	2.013(5)	Zn2-N17	2.002(5)
Zn1-N9	2.013(5)	Zn2-N19	2.038(5)
N1-N2	1.193(8)	N11-N12	1.206(8)
N2-N3	1.158(8)	N12-N13	1.171(8)
N1-Zn1-N4	174.4(2)	N11-Zn2-N14	173.0(2)
N9-Zn1-N5	122.3(2)	N19-Zn2-N15	123.3(2)
N7-Zn1-N5	112.0(2)	N17-Zn2-N15	110.3(2)
N7-Zn1-N9	106.1(2)	N17-Zn2-N19	108.5(2)
Zn1-N1-N2	119.9(4)	Zn2-N11-N12	120.7(4)
N1-N2-N3	178.5(6)	N11-N12-N13	177.6(7)
Compound 4			
Zn1-N1	2.006(3)	Zn1-N2	2.261(3)
Zn1-N3	2.079(3)	Zn1-N4	2.058(3)
Zn1-N5	2.044(3)	N1-C19	1.175(4)
S1-C19	1.627(4)		
N1-Zn1-N2	175.26(12)	N3-Zn1-N4	115.27(11)
N3-Zn1-N5	107.47(11)	N4-Zn1-N5	124.32(11)
N1-Zn1-N3	98.53(11)	Zn1-N1-C19	154.3(3)
N1-C19-S1	178.8(3)		
Compound 5			
Zn1-N1	2.1620(14)	Zn1-N2	2.1199(15)
Zn1-N3	2.2179(14)	N3-C11	1.158(2)
N4-C11	1.310(2)	N4-C12	1.321(2)
N5-C12	1.155(2)		
N1-Zn1-N2	80.25(6)	N1-Zn1-N3	92.75(5)
Zn1-N1-C1	117.41(11)	Zn1-N2-C7	114.89(11)
Zn1-N3-C11	161.72(14)	C11-N4-C12	121.66(16)
N3-C11-N4	173.05(18)	N5-C12-N4	172.85(19)
Compound 6a			
Zn1-N1	2.1227(11)	Zn1-N2	2.1586(11)
Zn1-N3	2.2051(11)	N3-C10	1.1648(18)
N4-C11	1.3042(17)	N4-C10	1.3107(18)
N5-C11	1.1591(17)		

N1-Zn1-N2	78.94(4)	Zn1-N1-C6	109.08(8)
Zn1-N2-C1	127.56(9)	Zn1-N3-C10	147.31(10)
C10-N4-C11	122.26(12)	N3-C10-N4	173.71(14)
N5-C11-N4	171.69(14)		
Compound 7			
Zn1-N1	2.1369(17)	Zn2-N5	2.1593(17)
Zn1-N2	2.1675(17)	Zn2-N6	2.1438(1)
Zn1-N4	2.1721(17)	Zn2-N8	2.1735(17)
N2-C10	1.159(2)	N3-C10	1.307(2)
N3-C11	1.313(2)	N4-C11	1.154(2)
N1'-Zn1-N2	90.22(6)	N1-Zn1-N4''	90.47(6)
N2'-Zn1-N4''	90.27(7)	N6*-Zn2-N5	90.31(6)
N6*-Zn2-N8 ⁺	90.59(7)	N5*-Zn2-N8 ⁺	90.24(6)
Zn1-N2-C10	168.49(16)	C10-N3-C11	119.51(17)
Zn1-N4-C11	148.80(15)	C20-N5-C12	117.85(16)
Zn2-N5-C20	121.19(13)	Zn2-N5-C12	120.92(12)
Zn2-N6-C21	166.26(15)	C21-N7-C22	119.09(17)
Zn2-N8-C22	154.04(15)	N2-C10-N3	174.7(2)
N4-C1-N3	174.6(2)		
Compound 8			
Zn1-N1	2.278(3)	Zn2-N5	2.263(3)
Zn1-N3	2.246(3)	Zn2-N5'	2.263(3)
Zn1-N11	2.255(3)	Zn2-N15	2.067(5)
Zn1-N12	2.063(4)	Zn2-N16	2.258(4)
Zn1-N13	2.262(3)	Zn2-N17	2.107(5)
Zn1-N14	2.111(4)	Zn2-N18	2.239(4)
C1-N1	1.162(4)	C1-N2	1.302(4)
C2-N3	1.152(4)	C3-N4	1.296(4)
C3-N5	1.144(4)	C2-N4	1.298(4)
C4-N6	1.170(5)	C4-N7	1.296(4)
C6-N10	1.149(4)	C6-N9	1.313(4)
C5-N8	1.146(5)	C5-N9	1.312(4)
N12-Zn1-N14	178.55(11)	N15-Zn2-N17	179.25(19)
N11-Zn1-N13	179.34(17)	N18-Zn2-N16	178.92(19)
N3-Zn1-N1	179.22(16)	N5-Zn2-N5'	177.66(18)
Zn1-N1-C1	158.5(3)	Zn1-N3-C2	163.6(3)
N1-C1-N2	172.2(4)	N4-C3-N5	171.0(4)
Zn2-N5-C3	162.4(3)	N3-C2-N4	170.5(4)

C1-N2-C1''	124.8(5)	C2-N4-C3	125.7(4)
N6-C4-N7	172.3(5)	N9-C6-N10	172.4(4)
N8-C5-N9	172.8(4)	C4-N7-C4''	120.9(5)

Symmetry codes for 7: (') -x,-y,1-z; (") -x-1,-y,1-z; (*) 1-x,1-y,-z; (+) -x,1-y,-z; (·) -1+x,y,z.

Symmetry codes for 8: (') x,1-y,z; (") x,2-y,z.

Table S2. Possible hydrogen bonds.

D-H...A	Symmetry code	D...A (Å)	D-H...A (°)
Compound 3			
O9-H9C..O3		2.805(13)	162
N6-H6..N3	[2-x,1-y,1-z]	3.097(9)	145
N8-H8..O6A	[1-x,1-y,1-z]	2.808(10)	171
N10-H10..O9		2.709(10)	167
N16-H16..O8A	[1-x,1-y,1-z]	2.861(16)	164
N18-H18..O8A	[x,1+y,-1+z]	2.986(14)	152
N20-H20A..N13	[-x,1-y,z]	3.002(10)	152
Compound 5			
N1-H1A..N5	[3/2-x,1/2+y,1/2-z]	3.147(2)	157
N1-H1B..N4	[-1+x,y,z]	3.217(2)	149
N2-H2A..N4	[-1+x,y,z]	3.080(2)	158
N2-H2B..N5	[-1/2+x,1/2-y,1/2+z]	3.058(2)	163
Compound 6a			
N1-H1A..N5	[1/2+x,3/2-y,1/2+z]	3.0136(17)	179
N1-H1B..N5	[1/2-x,1/2-y,1/2-z]	3.0204(16)	168
Compound 8			
N12-H12A..N10	[x,1-y,z]	3.058(5)	166
N12-H12B..N6	[x,y,-1+z]	3.105(5)	159
N14_H14A..N10	[x,1-y,1+z]	3.087(5)	158
N14-H14B-N6		2.990(5).	163
N15-H15A..N8		3.070(5)	163
N15-H15B..N8	[x,1-y,z]	3.070(5)	156
N17-H17D..N8	[x,y,1+z]	3.076(5)	171
N17..H17E..N8	[x,1-y,1+z]	3.076(5)	171

Table S3. Ring··ring interactions in 7.

6-Membered Ring (1) (N1, C1, C2, C7, C8, C9)
6-Membered Ring (2) (C2, C3, C4, C5, C6, C7)
10-Membered Ring (3) (N1, C1, C2, C3, C4, C5, C6, C7, C8, C9, C10)
6-Membered Ring (4) (N5, C12, C13, C14, C19, C20)
6-Membered Ring (5) (C14, C15, C16, C17, C18, C19)
10-Membered Ring (6) (N5, C12, C13, C14, C15, C16, C17, C18, C19, C20)

Short Ring-Interactions with Cg-Cg Distances < 6 Ang., Alpha < 20 Deg., Beta < 60 Deg.

- Cg(I) = Plane number I (= ring number in () above)
- Alpha = Dihedral Angle between Planes I and J (Deg)
- Beta = Angle Cg(I)→Cg(J) or Cg(I)→Me vector and normal to plane I (Deg)
- Gamma = Angle Cg(I)→Cg(J) vector and normal to plane J (Deg)
- Cg-Cg = Distance between ring Centroids (Ang.)
- CgI_Perp = Perpendicular distance of Cg(I) on ring J (Ang.)
- CgJ_Perp = Perpendicular distance of Cg(J) on ring I (Ang.)
- Slippage = Distance between Cg(I) and Perpend. Projection of Cg(J) on Ring I (Ang).

Cg(I) Cg(J) [ARU(J)]	Cg-Cg	Alpha	Beta	Gamma	CgI_Perp	CgJ_Perp	Slippage
Cg1 → Cg1 [2566]	4.505(2)	0.00(8)	39.6	39.6	3.4737(7)	3.4737(7)	2.869
Cg1 → Cg1 [2666]	5.031(2)	0.00(8)	44.5	44.5	3.5879(7)	3.5878(7)	3.527
Cg1 → Cg2 [2566]	3.7498(19)	0.65(9)	21.6	22.0	3.4768(7)	3.4858(9)	1.382
Cg1 → Cg2 [2666]	3.7763(19)	0.65(9)	18.8	19.4	3.5619(7)	3.5757(9)	1.214
Cg1 → Cg3 [2566]	3.9637(19)	0.35(7)	28.6	28.6	3.4817(7)	3.4806(6)	1.896
Cg1 → Cg3 [2666]	4.277(2)	0.35(7)	33.2	33.5	3.5678(7)	3.5809(6)	2.339
Cg1 → Cg4 [1555]	5.925(3)	36.70(9)	53.7	89.8	0.0209(7)	3.5056(8)	
Cg2 → Cg2 [2566]	4.438(2)	0.00(10)	38.6	38.6	3.4672(9)	3.4672(9)	2.770
Cg2 → Cg2 [2666]	3.883(2)	0.00(10)	23.1	23.1	3.5716(9)	3.5716(9)	1.523
Cg2 → Cg3 [2566]	3.9255(19)	0.30(8)	27.8	27.5	3.4822(9)	3.4728(6)	1.830
Cg2 → Cg3 [2666]	3.6296(18)	0.30(8)	10.7	10.6	3.5673(9)	3.5659(6)	0.677
Cg3 → Cg3 [2566]	3.7538(18)	0.00(6)	21.9	21.9	3.4828(6)	3.4828(6)	1.401
Cg3 → Cg3 [2666]	3.7737(18)	0.00(6)	19.1	19.1	3.5667(6)	3.5667(6)	1.233
Cg4 → Cg2 [2666]	5.869(3)	37.26(9)	53.7	89.9	0.0071(8)	3.4719(9)	
Cg4 → Cg4 [2555]	4.587(2)	0.02(9)	40.1	40.1	3.5107(8)	3.5107(8)	2.952
Cg4 → Cg4 [2655]	4.968(2)	0.02(9)	45.5	45.5	3.4828(8)	3.4828(8)	3.543
Cg4 → Cg5 [2555]	3.7582(19)	1.01(9)	20.8	21.8	3.4892(8)	3.5125(9)	1.336
Cg4 → Cg5 [2655]	3.7455(19)	1.01(9)	21.7	22.5	3.4611(8)	3.4809(9)	1.383
Cg4 → Cg6 [2555]	4.0133(19)	0.52(8)	28.9	29.3	3.5011(8)	3.5119(6)	1.942
Cg4 → Cg6 [2655]	4.226(2)	0.52(8)	34.5	34.8	3.4705(8)	3.4816(6)	2.396
Cg5 → Cg4 [2555]	3.7581(19)	1.01(9)	21.8	20.8	3.5125(9)	3.4891(8)	1.396
Cg5 → Cg4 [2655]	3.7456(19)	1.01(9)	22.5	21.7	3.4809(9)	3.4611(8)	1.432
Cg5 → Cg5 [2555]	4.372(2)	0.00(10)	37.1	37.1	3.4865(9)	3.4865(9)	2.638
Cg5 → Cg5 [2655]	3.909(2)	0.00(10)	27.6	27.6	3.4638(9)	3.4638(9)	1.811
Cg5 → Cg6 [2555]	3.8911(19)	0.49(8)	26.3	25.9	3.5008(9)	3.4881(6)	1.725
Cg5 → Cg6 [2655]	3.6270(18)	0.49(8)	17.3	16.9	3.4708(9)	3.4622(6)	1.081
Cg6 → Cg6 [2555]	3.7614(18)	0.02(6)	21.4	21.4	3.5013(6)	3.5012(6)	1.375
Cg6 → Cg6 [2655]	3.7434(18)	0.02(6)	22.0	22.0	3.4704(6)	3.4704(6)	1.403

[2566] = -X,1-Y,1-Z
 [2666] = 1-X,1-Y,1-Z
 [1555] = X,Y,Z
 [2555] = -X,-Y,-Z
 [2655] = 1-X,-Y,-Z

Cg(I) refer to Ring Centre-of-Gravity numbers given in () in the Ring-Analysis above

Cg(I)	x	y	z
Cg1	0.15000(9)	0.34427(8)	0.46940(6)
Cg2	0.31703(11)	0.59243(8)	0.54045(6)
Cg3	0.23369(8)	0.46825(6)	0.50512(4)
Cg4	0.31077(10)	0.15613(7)	0.03752(6)
Cg5	0.22093(11)	-0.09376(8)	-0.03165(6)
Cg6	0.26610(8)	0.03132(6)	0.00271(4)