

## Supplementary Materials

### NMR and IR characterisation of ligands and Zn(II) complexes:

#### (±)-*trans*-*N,N'*-Bis-(4-fluoro-benzylidene)-cyclohexane-1,2-diamine (L1):

IR (neat, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 2936, 2860 ν(CH<sub>2</sub>/CH), 1645 ν(CH=N), 1601, 1506, 1226 ν(C-F), 834. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, δ, ppm) 1.45 – 1.51 (m, 2H); 1.74 – 1.87 (m, 6H); 3.33 – 3.40 (m, 2H); 6.96 – 7.01 (m, 4H); 7.54 – 7.59 (m, 4H); 8.13 (s, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, δ, ppm): 24.44, 32.88 (CH<sub>2</sub>); 73.70 (CH); 115.35, 115.55, 129.64, 129.73, 132.55, 132.58 (arom-C); 159.55, 162.77 (CH=N); 165.28 (CF).

#### (±)-*trans*-*N,N'*-Bis-(4-trifluoromethyl-benzylidene)-cyclohexane-1,2-diamine (L2):

IR (neat, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 2936, 2862 ν(CH<sub>2</sub>/CH), 1643 ν(CH=N), 1320 ν(CF), 1170, 1126, 1064, 842. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, δ, ppm): 1.48 – 1.53 (m, 2H); 1.78 – 1.90 (m, 6H); 3.44 – 3.61 (m, 2H); 7.56 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 4H); 7.69 (d, J = 7.0 Hz, 4H); 8.22 (s, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, δ, ppm): 24.32, 32.74 (CH<sub>2</sub>); 73.87 (CH); 122.52 (CF<sub>3</sub>); 125.42, 125.22, 125.35, 125.39, 125.42, 125.46, 127.93, 128.04, 131.79, 132.11, 139.33 (arom-C); 159.43 (CH=N).

#### (±)-*trans*-*N,N'*-Bis-(3,5-difluorobenzylidene)-cyclohexane-1,2-diamine (L3):

IR (neat, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3093, 3055, 3021, 2938, 2862 ν(CH<sub>2</sub>/CH), 1648 ν(CH=N), 1622, 1594, 1318, 1119 ν(CF), 854, 670. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, δ, ppm): 1.45 – 1.51 (m, 2H); 1.75 – 1.89 (m, 6H); 3.36 – 3.43 (m, 2H); 6.76 – 6.81 (m, 2H); 7.09 – 7.15 (m, 4H); 8.08 (s, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, δ, ppm): 24.25, 32.65 (CH<sub>2</sub>); 73.54 (CH); 105.33, 105.59, 105.84, 110.34, 110.41, 110.53, 110.60, 139.42, 139.51, 139.60, 158.33, 158.36, 158.39 (arom-C); 161.72, 161.84 (CH=N); 164.20, 164.32 (CF).

#### (±)-*trans*-*N,N'*-Bis-(3,5-bis-trifluoromethylbenzylidene)-cyclohexane-1,2-diamine (L4):

IR (neat, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 2942, 2872 ν(CH<sub>2</sub>/CH), 1652 ν(CH=N), 1277 ν(CF), 1131, 894, 681. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, δ, ppm): 1.49 – 1.62 (m, 2H), 1.80 – 1.92 (m, 6H); 3.46 – 3.53 (m, 2H); 7.83 (s, 2H); 8.04 (s, 4H); 8.27 (s, 2H). <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (100 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>, δ, ppm): 24.20, 32.60 (CH<sub>2</sub>); 73.76 (CH); 118.96, 121.67, 123.69, 123.73, 123.77 (CF<sub>3</sub>); 124.39, 127.10, 127.64, 127.67, 131.50, 131.83, 132.16, 132.50, 138.01 (arom-C); 157.70 (CH=N).

#### (±)-*trans*-*N,N'*-Bis-(4-fluorobenzyl)-cyclohexane-1,2-diaminium dichloride (L11):

IR (neat, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 2937 ν(CH<sub>2</sub>/CH), 2702, 2630 ν(NH<sub>2</sub><sup>+</sup>), 1603, 1509, 1221 ν(CF), 833. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CD<sub>3</sub>OD, δ, ppm): 1.42 – 1.47 (m, 2H); 1.67 (d, J = 11.0 Hz, 2H); 1.89 – 1.92 (m, 2H); 2.47 (d, J = 13.1 Hz, 2H); 3.55 (s, 2H); 4.29 (d, J = 13.0 Hz, 2H); 4.40 (d, J = 13.0 Hz, 2H); 7.16 – 7.22 (m, 4H); 7.68 – 7.71 (m, 4H). <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (100 MHz, CD<sub>3</sub>OD, δ, ppm): 22.23, 26.37 (CH<sub>2</sub>); 57.01 (CH); 115.50, 115.72, 132.53, 132.61 (arom-C); 162.26, 164.73 (CF).

#### (±)-*trans*-*N,N'*-Bis-(4-trifluoromethylbenzyl)-cyclohexane-1,2-diaminium dichloride (L12):

IR (neat, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 2934, 2873 ν(CH<sub>2</sub>/CH), 2707, 2630 ν(NH<sub>2</sub><sup>+</sup>), 1621, 1323 ν(CF), 1162, 1127, 1067, 828. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CD<sub>3</sub>OD, δ, ppm): 1.43 – 1.48 (m, 2H); 1.69 – 1.72 (m, 2H); 1.92 – 1.94 (m, 2H); 2.51 (d, J = 15.3 Hz, 2H); 3.62 (s, 2H); 4.39 (d, J = 13.1 Hz, 2H); 4.53 (d, J = 13.1 Hz, 2H); 7.76 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 4H); 7.88 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 4H). <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (100 MHz, CD<sub>3</sub>OD, δ, ppm): 22.38, 26.53 (CH<sub>2</sub>); 57.62 (CH); 122.56 (CF<sub>3</sub>); 125.26, 125.49, 125.53, 125.60, 126.64, 130.76, 130.86, 131.07, 131.40, 135.06 (arom-C).

#### (±)-*trans*-*N,N'*-Bis-(3,5-difluorobenzyl)-cyclohexane-1,2-diaminium dichloride (L13):

IR (neat, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3046, 2950, 2874  $\nu$ (CH<sub>2</sub>/CH), 2629, 2593  $\nu$ (NH<sub>2</sub><sup>+</sup>), 1625, 1597, 1459, 1321, 1124  $\nu$ (CF), 858, 698. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CD<sub>3</sub>OD,  $\delta$ , ppm): 1.41 – 1.46 (m, 2H); 1.63 – 1.65 (m, 2H); 1.90 – 1.93 (m, 2H); 2.46 (d, *J* = 13.2 Hz, 2H); 3.51 (s, 2H); 4.30 (d, *J* = 13.1 Hz, 2H); 4.44 (d, *J* = 13.2 Hz, 2H); 7.04 – 7.09 (m, 2H); 7.34 (d, *J* = 5.8 Hz, 4H). <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (100 MHz, CD<sub>3</sub>OD,  $\delta$ , ppm): 22.42, 26.63 (CH<sub>2</sub>); 57.66 (CH); 104.51, 112.96, 113.20 (arom-C); 161.87, 162.00, 164.35, 164.48 (CF).

( $\pm$ )-*trans*-*N,N'*-Bis-(3,5-bis-trifluoromethylbenzyl)-cyclohexane-1,2-diaminium dichloride (L14):

IR (neat, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 2955  $\nu$ (CH<sub>2</sub>/CH), 2725, 2563, 2408  $\nu$ (NH<sub>2</sub><sup>+</sup>), 1597, 1278  $\nu$ (CF), 1139, 907, 683. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CD<sub>3</sub>OD,  $\delta$ , ppm): 1.45 – 1.50 (m, 2H); 1.69 (s, 2H); 1.94 – 1.97 (m, 2H); 2.52 (d, *J* = 13.2 Hz, 2H); 3.59 (s, 2H); 4.46 (d, *J* = 13.1 Hz, 2H); 4.64 (d, *J* = 13.1 Hz, 2H); 8.06 (s, 2H); 8.33 (s, 4H). <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (100 MHz, CD<sub>3</sub>OD,  $\delta$ , ppm): 23.71, 28.42 (CH<sub>2</sub>); 59.46 (CH); 119.15, 121.85 (CF<sub>3</sub>); 124.56, 127.26, 129.55, 131.27, 131.60, 131.93, 132.26 (C-arom.).

Dichloro[( $\pm$ )-*trans*-*N,N'*-bis-(4-fluorobenzyl)-cyclohexane-1,2-diamine]zinc(II) (Zn-L11):

IR (neat, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3206  $\nu$ (NH), 2960 – 2871  $\nu$ (CH<sub>2</sub>/CH), 1604, 1511, 1220  $\nu$ (CF), 840. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>,  $\delta$ , ppm): 1.13 – 1.35 (m, 4H), 1.71 – 1.73 (m, 4H), 2.30 – 2.43 (m, 2H), 3.71 (t, *J* = 11.0 Hz, 2H), 3.94 (d, *J* = 12.2 Hz, 2H), 7.13 – 7.17 (m, 4H), 7.53 (s, 4H). <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>,  $\delta$ , ppm): 24.16, 28.38, 48.67 (CH<sub>2</sub>); 60.88 (CH); 114.63, 114.84, 131.46, 132.62 (C-arom.); 160.28, 162.70 (CF).

Dichlorido[( $\pm$ )-*trans*-*N,N'*-bis-(4-trifluoromethylbenzyl)-cyclohexane-1,2-diamine]zinc(II) (Zn-L12):

IR (neat, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3204  $\nu$ (NH), 2953, 2867  $\nu$ (CH<sub>2</sub>/CH), 1324  $\nu$ (CF), 1113, 1065, 823. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>,  $\delta$ , ppm): 1.15 – 1.36 (m, 4H); 1.73 – 1.74 (m, 4H); 2.33 – 2.46 (m, 2H); 3.81 (t, *J* = 11.2 Hz, 2H); 4.08 (d, *J* = 12.6 Hz, 2H); 7.69 (s, 8H). <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>,  $\delta$ , ppm): 24.68, 28.96, 49.58 (CH<sub>2</sub>); 61.54 (CH); 123.37 (C-F); 125.26, 125.30, 125.38, 126.08, 130.27, 125.34, 126.08, 128.24 – 128.78, 130.27, 141.66 (C-arom.).

Dichlorido[( $\pm$ )-*trans*-*N,N'*-bis-(3,5-difluorobenzyl)-cyclohexane-1,2-diamine]zinc(II) (Zn-L13):

IR (neat, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3195  $\nu$ (NH), 2951, 2870  $\nu$ (CH<sub>2</sub>/CH), 1628, 1601, 1446, 1115  $\nu$ (CF), 833, 670. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>,  $\delta$ , ppm): 1.14 – 1.34 (m, 4H); 1.73 – 1.75 (m, 4H); 2.30 – 2.43 (m, 2H); 3.70 (t, *J* = 10.2 Hz, 2H); 4.04 (d, *J* = 12.9 Hz, 2H); 7.11 – 7.22 (m, 6H). <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>,  $\delta$ , ppm): 24.64, 28.96, 43.31 (CH<sub>2</sub>); 61.49 (CH); 103.06, 103.30, 103.55, 112.67, 141.42 (C-arom.); 161.23, 161.36, 163.67, 163.80 (CF).

Dichlorido[( $\pm$ )-*trans*-*N,N'*-bis-(3,5-bis-trifluoromethylbenzyl)-cyclohexane-1,2-diamine]zinc(II) (Zn-L14):

IR (neat, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3189  $\nu$ (NH), 2952, 2869  $\nu$ (CH<sub>2</sub>/CH), 1279  $\nu$ (CF), 1166, 1130, 897, 684. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>,  $\delta$ , ppm): 1.19 – 1.34 (m, 4H); 1.77 (s, 4H); 2.34 – 2.48 (m, 2H); 3.82 (t, *J* = 11.6 Hz, 2H); 4.24 (s, 2H); 7.99 (s, 2H); 8.16 (s, 4H). <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (100 MHz, DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>,  $\delta$ , ppm): 24.67, 29.02, 49.27 (CH<sub>2</sub>); 61.93 (CH); 119.75, 121.64 (CF<sub>3</sub>); 122.46, 125.17, 127.89, 129.84, 130.17, 130.49, 130.71, 130.82, 140.09 (C-arom.).

**Table S1** Hydrogen bonds and interactions for compounds **L1** – **L4**.

Hydrogen Bonds for L1						
D	H	A	d(D-H)/Å	d(H-A)/Å	d(D-A)/Å	D-H-A/°
C9	H9B	F1 <sup>(i)</sup>	0.99	2.60	3.116(3)	112.5

C30	H30B	F4 <sup>(ii)</sup>	0.99	2.62	3.104(3)	110.5
Hydrogen Bonds for L2						
<b>D</b>	<b>H</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>d(D-H)/Å</b>	<b>d(H-A)/Å</b>	<b>d(D-A)/Å</b>	<b>D-H-A/°</b>
C10	H10A	F6 <sup>(iii)</sup>	0.99	2.68	3.395(4)	129.8
C11	H11A	F5 <sup>(iv)</sup>	0.99	2.62	3.337(5)	129.1
Hydrogen Bonds for L3						
	<b>H</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>d(D-H)/Å</b>	<b>d(H-A)/Å</b>	<b>d(D-A)/Å</b>	<b>D-H-A/°</b>
C32	H32	F4	0.95	2.62	3.0856(13)	110.6
C46	H46	N1 <sup>(v)</sup>	0.95	2.56	3.4900(15)	167.3
C13	H13A	F3 <sup>(vi)</sup>	0.95	2.60	3.2856(14)	126.2
Hydrogen Bonds for L4						
<b>D</b>	<b>H</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>d(D-H)/Å</b>	<b>d(H-A)/Å</b>	<b>d(D-A)/Å</b>	<b>D-H-A/°</b>
C3	H3	F1 <sup>(vii)</sup>	0.95	2.63	3.531(4)	157.9
C7	H7	F12 <sup>(viii)</sup>	0.95	2.66	3.598(4)	171.4
C13	H13B	F8 <sup>(ix)</sup>	0.99	2.63	3.461(4)	141.9
C15	H15A	F11 <sup>(x)</sup>	0.99	2.56	3.487(4)	155.2
C15	H15B	F1 <sup>(xi)</sup>	0.99	2.60	3.436(4)	142.3
C18	H18	F7 <sup>(xii)</sup>	0.95	2.61	3.193(4)	119.7

Symmetry transformations used to generate equivalent atoms:

(i)-1/2+x,1/2-y,+z; (ii)1/2+x,-5/2-y,+z; (iii)1/2+x,1-y,+z; (iv)1/2-x,-1+y,-1/2+z; (v)1-x,1/2+y,3/2-z; (vi)-x,1-y,1-z; (vii)1-x,1-y,-z; (viii)x,-1+y,+z; (ix)2-x,1-y,1-z; (x)1+x,+y,+z; (xi)1-x,1-y,1-z

**Table S2.** Hydrogen bonds and interactions for compounds L11 – L13.

Hydrogen Bonds for L11						
<b>D</b>	<b>H</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>d(D-H)/Å</b>	<b>d(H-A)/Å</b>	<b>d(D-A)/Å</b>	<b>D-H-A/°</b>

N1	H1A	Cl <sub>2</sub>	0.91	2.34	3.106(3)	142
N1	H1B	Cl <sub>1</sub>	0.91	2.15	3.057(2)	176
N2	H2A	Cl <sub>2</sub>	0.91	2.35	3.107(2)	141
N3	H2B	Cl <sub>1</sub>	0.91	2.35	3.127(2)	168
Hydrogen Bonds for L12						
D	H	A	d(D-H)/Å	d(H-A)/Å	d(D-A)/Å	D-H-A/°
N1 <sub>1</sub>	H11A	Cl <sub>4</sub>	0.91	2.18	3.0716(19)	165
N1 <sub>1</sub>	H11B	Cl <sub>2</sub>	0.91	2.26	3.092(2)	151
N2 <sub>3</sub>	H23A	Cl <sub>3</sub>	0.91	2.26	3.1466(19)	166
N2 <sub>3</sub>	H23B	Cl <sub>2</sub>	0.91	2.43	3.215(2)	144
N4 <sub>1</sub>	H41A	Cl <sub>4</sub>	0.91	2.35	3.172(2)	151
N4 <sub>1</sub>	H41B	Cl <sub>1</sub>	0.91	2.34	3.171(2)	151
N5 <sub>3</sub>	H53A	Cl <sub>1</sub>	0.91	2.34	3.120(2)	144
N5 <sub>3</sub>	H53B	Cl <sub>3</sub>	0.91	2.17	3.077(2)	177
Hydrogen Bonds for L13						
D	H	A	d(D-H)/Å	d(H-A)/Å	d(D-A)/Å	D-H-A/°
N1	H1A	Cl <sub>1</sub>	0.91	2.49	3.2302(10)	138
N1	H1B	Cl <sub>1</sub>	0.91	2.16	3.0703(11)	173

**Table S3.** Hydrogen bonds and interactions for compounds **Zn-L11** – **Zn-L14**.

Hydrogen Bonds for Zn-L11						
D	H	A	d(D-H)/Å	d(H-A)/Å	d(D-A)/Å	D-H-A/°
C1 <sub>0</sub>	H10	F1 <sup>(i)</sup>	0.95	2.589(2)	3.193(2)	121.72(5)
C1 <sub>1</sub>	H11	F1 <sup>(i)</sup>	0.95	2.540(2)	3.160(2)	123.06(5)

C1 3	H13	F1 <sup>(ii)</sup>	0.95	2.506(2)	3.279(2)	138.63(5)
Hydrogen Bonds for <b>Zn-L12</b>						
<b>D</b>	<b>H</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>d(D-H)/Å</b>	<b>d(H-A)/Å</b>	<b>d(D-A)/Å</b>	<b>D-H-A/°</b>
N1	H1	Cl1 <sup>(iii)</sup>	1.00	2.55	3.462(2)	152
N2	H2	Cl2 <sup>(iv)</sup>	1.00	2.47	3.410(2)	157
C1	H1A	F6A <sup>(iv)</sup>	0.99	2.47	3.426(4)	161
C1	H1A	F6B <sup>(iv)</sup>	0.99	2.53	3.43(2)	151' 11' 323
C6	H6	F3 <sup>(v)</sup>	0.95	2.54	3.483(3)	169
Hydrogen Bonds for <b>Zn-L13</b>						
<b>D</b>	<b>H</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>d(D-H)/Å</b>	<b>d(H-A)/Å</b>	<b>d(D-A)/Å</b>	<b>D-H-A/°</b>
N1	H1	Cl1 <sup>(vi)</sup>	1.00	2.41	3.4001(18)	168
C8	H8	F1 <sup>(vii)</sup>	1.00	2.47	3.225(2)	131
Hydrogen Bonds for <b>Zn-L14</b>						
<b>D</b>	<b>H</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>d(D-H)/Å</b>	<b>d(H-A)/Å</b>	<b>d(D-A)/Å</b>	<b>D-H-A/°</b>
N1	H1	Cl1	1.00	2.31	3.259(2)	158

Symmetry transformations used to generate equivalent atoms:

(i)-x,1-y,1-z; (ii)+x,3/2-y, -1/2+z; (iii)1-x,1-y,,1-z; (iv)1-x,2-y,1-z; (v)-x,-y,-z; (vi)-x,1-y,1-z; (vii)1/2+x,1-y,z

**Table S4.** Crystal data and structure refinement for compounds **L1**, **L2**, **L3** and **L4**.

Compound	L1	L2	L3	L4
Empirical formula	C <sub>20</sub> H <sub>20</sub> F <sub>2</sub> N <sub>2</sub>	C <sub>22</sub> H <sub>20</sub> F <sub>6</sub> N <sub>2</sub>	C <sub>20</sub> H <sub>18</sub> F <sub>4</sub> N <sub>2</sub>	C <sub>24</sub> H <sub>18</sub> F <sub>12</sub> N <sub>2</sub>
Temperature [K]	100(1)	100(1)	100(1)	100(1)
Wavelength [Å]	1.54186	1.54186	1.54184	1.54186
Crystal system	Orthorhombic	Orthorhombic	Monoclinic	Triclinic
Space group	<i>Pna</i> 2 <sub>1</sub>	<i>Pca</i> 2 <sub>1</sub>	<i>P</i> 2 <sub>1</sub> /c	<i>P</i> -1
Unit cell dimensions [Å], [°]	a = 12.2541(4) b = 7.8234(2) c = 14.2698(4)	a = 21.2205(2) b = 11.0966(3) c = 8.4451(4)	a = 16.01994(8) b = 16.33377(8) c = 13.72619(7) $\alpha$ = 90	a = 9.2376(2) b = 9.7046(2) c = 15.6329(3) $\alpha$ = 105.839(2)

	$\alpha, \beta, \gamma = 90.0$	$\alpha, \beta, \gamma = 90.0$	$\beta = 90.5538(4)$ $\gamma = 90$	$\beta = 92.671(2)$ $\gamma = 117.377(2)$
Formula weight	326.38	426.40	362.36	562.40
Volume [ $\text{\AA}^3$ ]	3323.94(11)	1988.61(11)	3591.51(3)	1172.68(5)
Z / Calculated density [ $\text{Mg/m}^3$ ]	8 / 1.304	4 / 1.424	8 / 1.340	2 / 1.593
Absorption coeff. [ $\text{mm}^{-1}$ ]	0.759	1.071	0.924	1.488
F(000)	1376	880	1504.0	568
Crystal size [mm]	0.3 x 0.29 x 0.08	0.24 x 0.13 x 0.08	0.32 x 0.23 x 0.18	0.30 x 0.26 x 0.18
Theta range for data collection	10.316 to 144.256°	7.968 to 144.238°	5.516 to 133.202°	10.542 to 130.148°
Index ranges	-10 ≤ h ≤ 20 -7 ≤ k ≤ 6 -40 ≤ l ≤ 41	-25 ≤ h ≤ 25 -13 ≤ k ≤ 13 -10 ≤ l ≤ 5	-19 ≤ h ≤ 19 -19 ≤ k ≤ 19 -16 ≤ l ≤ 15	-10 ≤ h ≤ 10 -11 ≤ k ≤ 5 -16 ≤ l ≤ 18
Reflections collected / Independent reflections	33784 / 6372 [R(int) = 0.0234]	43994 / 2847 [R(int) = 0.0563]	64208 / 6349 [R(int) = 0.0442]	38679 / 3962 [R(int) = 0.0235]
Refinement method	Full-matrix least-squares on F <sup>2</sup>			
Data / restraints / parameters	6372 / 1 / 433	2847 / 1 / 272	6349 / 0 / 469	3962 / 0 / 343
Goodness-of-fit on F <sup>2</sup>	1.046	1.063	1.029	1.089
Final R indices [I > 2σ(I)]	R1 = 0.0415 wR2 = 0.1098	R1 = 0.0461 wR2 = 0.1238	R1 = 0.0316 wR2 = 0.0800	R1 = 0.0585 wR2 = 0.1806
R indices (all data)	R1 = 0.0422 wR2 = 0.1103	R1 = 0.0498 wR2 = 0.1288	R1 = 0.0338 wR2 = 0.0813	R1 = 0.0594 wR2 = 0.1814
Flack parameter	0.10(12)	0.0(3)	n/a	n/a
Largest diff. peak and hole [ $\text{e.\AA}^{-3}$ ]	0.30 and -0.21	0.47 and -0.40	0.193 and -0.206	0.48 and -0.32

**Table S5.** Crystal data and structure refinement for compounds **L11** – **L13**.

Compound	<b>L11</b>	<b>L12</b>	<b>L13</b>
Empirical formula	$\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{26}\text{Cl}_2\text{F}_2\text{N}_2$	$\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{26}\text{Cl}_2\text{F}_6\text{N}_2$	$\text{C}_{20}\text{H}_{24}\text{Cl}_2\text{F}_4\text{N}_2$
Temperature [K]	100(1)	100(1)	100(1)
Wavelength [ $\text{\AA}$ ]	1.54184	1.54184	1.54184
Crystal system	Tetragonal	Orthorhombic	Orthorhombic

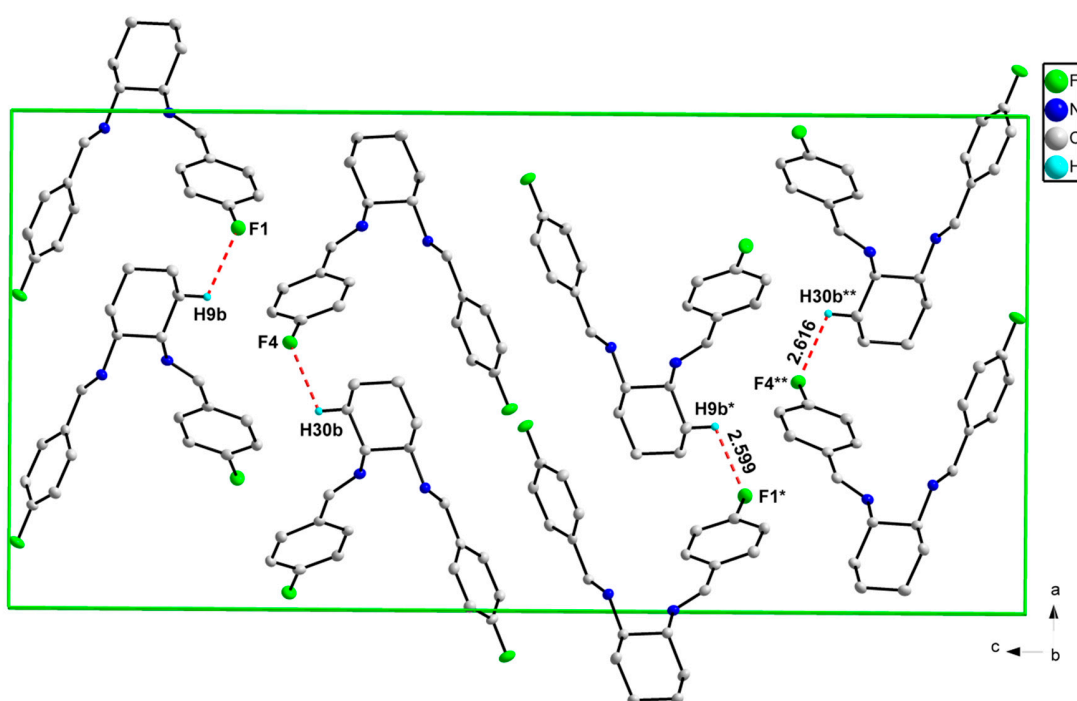
Space group	I4 <sub>1</sub> /a	P2 <sub>1</sub> 2 <sub>1</sub> 2 <sub>1</sub>	Pbcn
Unit cell dimensions [Å], [°]	a = 24.7671(4) b = 24.7671(4) c = 13.7413(3)  $\alpha = \beta = \gamma = 90$	a = 13.70588(12) b = 17.22503(16) c = 19.47689(18)  $\alpha = \beta = \gamma = 90$	a = 13.70588(12) b = 17.22503(16) c = 19.47689(18)  $\alpha = \beta = \gamma = 90$
Formula weight	403.33	503.35	439.31
Volume [Å <sup>3</sup> ]	8429.1(4)	4598.19(7)	2084.32(5)
Z / Calculated density [Mg/m <sup>3</sup> ]	16 / 1.271	8 / 1.454	4 / 1.400
Absorption coeff. [mm <sup>-1</sup> ]	2.968	3.098	3.192
F(000)	3392.0	2080.0	912.0
Crystal size [mm]	0.315 x 0.126 x 0.071	0.48 x 0.05 x 0.04	0.16 x 0.11 x 0.08
Theta range for data collection	7.138 to 133.128°	3.224 to 78.898°	3.046 to 78.729°
Index ranges	-24<= <i>h</i> <=18 -26<= <i>k</i> <=29 -12<= <i>l</i> <=16	-17<= <i>h</i> <=13 -21<= <i>k</i> <=21 -24<= <i>l</i> <=24	-17<= <i>h</i> <=17 -17<= <i>k</i> <=18 -13<= <i>l</i> <=11
Reflections collected / Independent reflections	11957 / 3676 [R(int) = 0.0511]	49049 / 8119 [R(int) = 0.0479]	17820 / 1844 [R(int) = 0.0385]
Refinement method	Full-matrix least-squares on F <sup>2</sup>		
Data / restraints / parameters	3676 / 0 / 235	8119 / 0 / 577	1844 / 0 / 127
Goodness-of-fit on F <sup>2</sup>	1.090	1.036	1.067
Final R indices [I>2σ(I)]	R1 = 0.0618 wR2 = 0.1748	R1 = 0.0240 wR2 = 0.0610	R1 = 0.0256 wR2 = 0.0683
R indices (all data)	R1 = 0.0715 wR2 = 0.1823	R1 = 0.0251 wR2 = 0.0615	R1 = 0.0265 wR2 = 0.0693
Flack parameter	n/a	-0.002(4)	n/a
Largest diff. peak and hole [e.Å <sup>-3</sup> ]	0.39 and -0.61	0.257 and -0.171	0.385 and -0.174

**Table S6.** Crystal data and structure refinement for compounds **Zn-L11 – Zn-L14**.

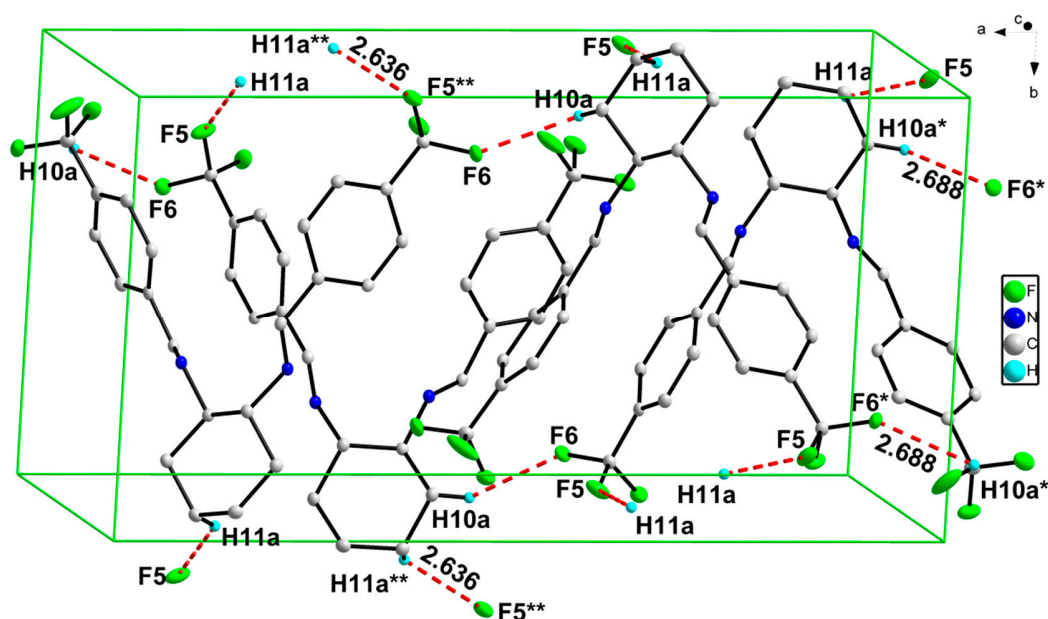
Compound	Zn-L11	Zn-L12	Zn-L13	Zn-L14
Empirical formula	C <sub>20</sub> H <sub>24</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub> F <sub>2</sub> N <sub>2</sub> Zn	C <sub>22</sub> H <sub>24</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub> F <sub>6</sub> N <sub>2</sub> Zn	C <sub>20</sub> H <sub>22</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub> F <sub>4</sub> N <sub>2</sub> Zn	C <sub>24</sub> H <sub>22</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub> F <sub>12</sub> N <sub>2</sub> Zn
Temperature [K]	100.02(13)	100(1)	99.99(11)	100(1)
Wavelength [Å]	1.54184	1.54184	1.54184	1.54184
Crystal system	Orthorhombic	Triclinic	Monoclinic	Monoclinic
Space group	<i>Pbca</i>	<i>P</i> -1	<i>C2/c</i>	<i>C2/c</i>
Unit cell dimensions [Å], [°]	a = 13.32270(10) b = 11.12120(10) c = 27.4597(2)  α = β = γ = 90	a = 9.7407(3) b = 10.7838(3) c = 12.9831(5)  α = 109.817(3) β = 95.541(3) γ = 103.759(3)	a = 11.1380(3) b = 14.1925(3) c = 13.9702(3)  α = 90 β = 111.490(3) γ = 90	a = 27.2981(8) b = 9.8751(2) c = 10.4760(3)  α = 90 β = 96.848(2) γ = 90
Formula weight	466.68	566.70	502.66	702.70
Volume [Å <sup>3</sup> ]	4068.55(6)	1222.54(7)	2054.83(9)	2803.88(13)
Z / Calculated density [Mg/m <sup>3</sup> ]	8 / 1.524	2 / 1.539	4 / 1.625	4 / 1.665
Absorption coeff. [mm <sup>-1</sup> ]	4.311	3.942	4.462	3.889
F(000)	1920.0	576.0	1024.0	1408.0
Crystal size [mm]	0.2 x 0.1 x 0.09	0.15 x 0.10 x 0.07	0.14 x 0.11 x 0.07	0.11 x 0.04 x 0.03
Theta range for data collection	6.438 to 157.304°	3.688 to 77.54°	9.226 to 133.19°	6.522 to 157.064°
Index ranges	-15<=h<=16 -14<=k<=8 -34<=l<=34	-11<=h<=12 -13<=k<=13 -16<=l<=16	-10<=h<=13 -16<=k<=15 -16<=l<=16	-32<=h<=33 -12<=k<=12 -11<=l<=12
Reflections collected / Independent reflections	20503 / 4143 [R(int) = 0.0320]	11784 / 4287 [R(int) = 0.0292]	5616 / 1793 [R(int) = 0.0425]	20109 / 2874 [R(int) = 0.0702]
Refinement method	Full-matrix least-squares on F <sup>2</sup>			
Data / restraints / parameters	4143 / 0 / 244	4287 / 0 / 307	1793 / 0 / 132	2874 / 0 / 190
Goodness-of-fit on F <sup>2</sup>	1.058	1.021	1.060	1.062
Final R indices [I>2σ(I)]	R <sub>1</sub> = 0.0266 wR <sub>2</sub> = 0.0674	R <sub>1</sub> = 0.0324 wR <sub>2</sub> = 0.0800	R <sub>1</sub> = 0.0341 wR <sub>2</sub> = 0.0948	R <sub>1</sub> = 0.0426 wR <sub>2</sub> = 0.1180



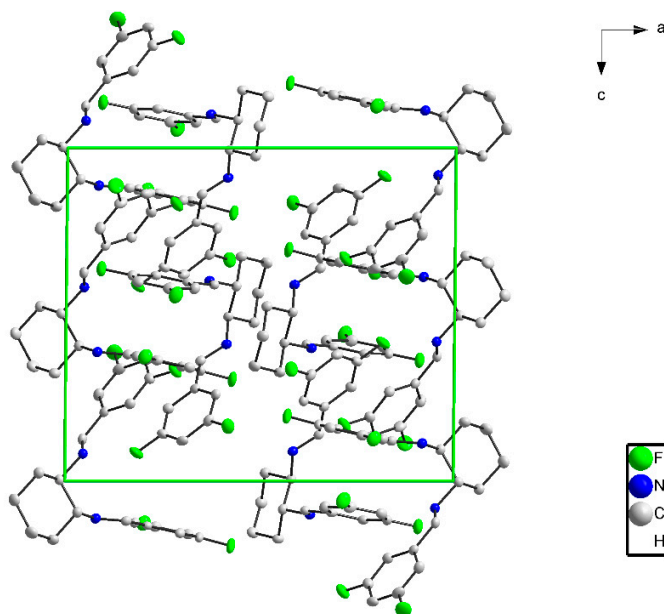
R indices (all data)	$R_1 = 0.0282$ $wR_2 = 0.0683$	$R_1 = 0.0344$ $wR_2 = 0.0814$	$R_1 = 0.0359$ $wR_2 = 0.0960$	$R_1 = 0.0475$ $wR_2 = 0.1216$
Flack parameter	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Largest diff. peak and hole [ $e \cdot \text{\AA}^{-3}$ ]	0.30 and -0.42	0.825 and -0.401	0.39 and -0.50	0.82 and -0.40



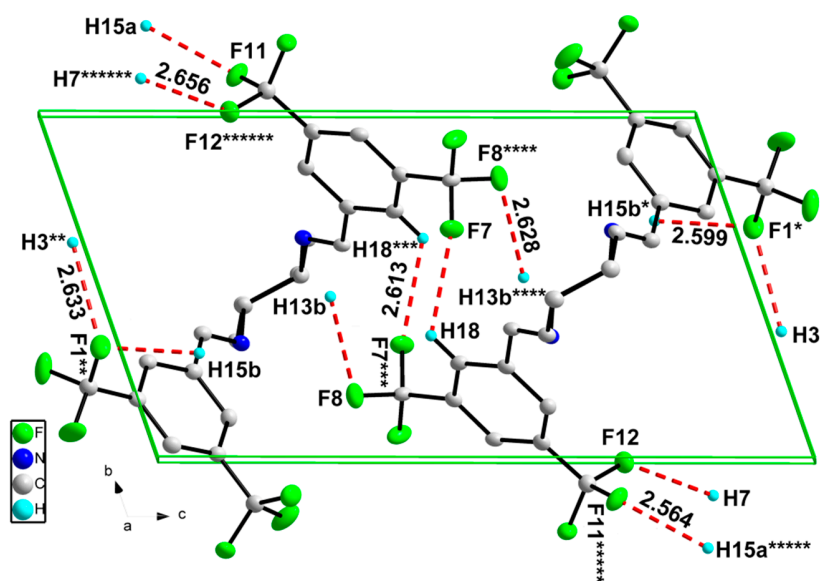
**Figure S1.** The crystal packing of **L1** viewed along the *b* axis. Red dashed lines indicate system (intermolecular) hydrogen-bond. Hydrogen atoms are omitted for clarity. Symmetry code: (\*)  $-0.5+x, 0.5-y, +z$ ; (\*\*)  $0.5+x, -2.5-y, +z$ .



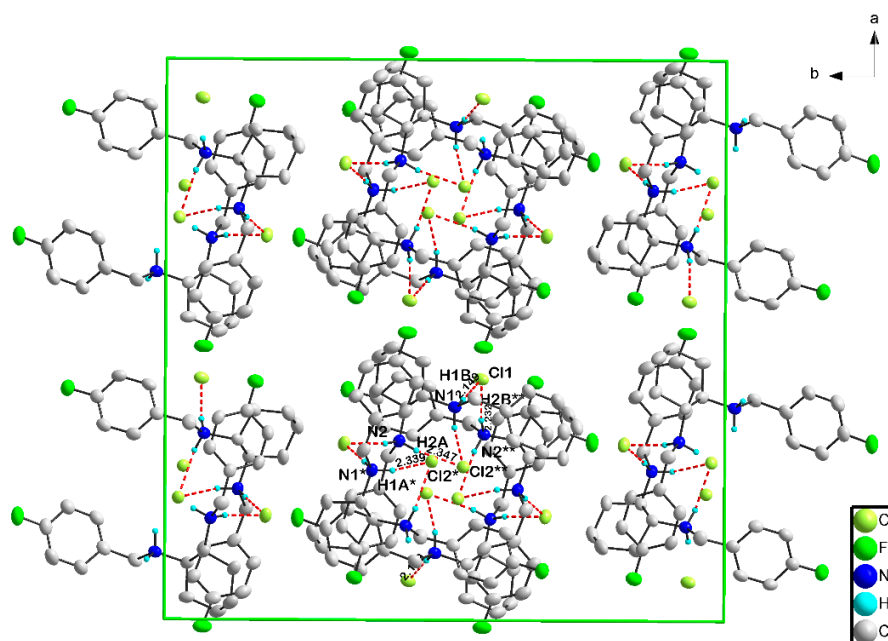
**Figure S2.** The crystal packing of **L2** viewed between the **a**, **b**, **c** axis. Red dashed lines indicate system (intermolecular) hydrogen-bond. Hydrogen atoms are omitted for clarity. Symmetry code: (\*)  $0.5+x, 1-y, +z$ ; (\*\*)  $0.5-x, -1+y, -0.5+z$



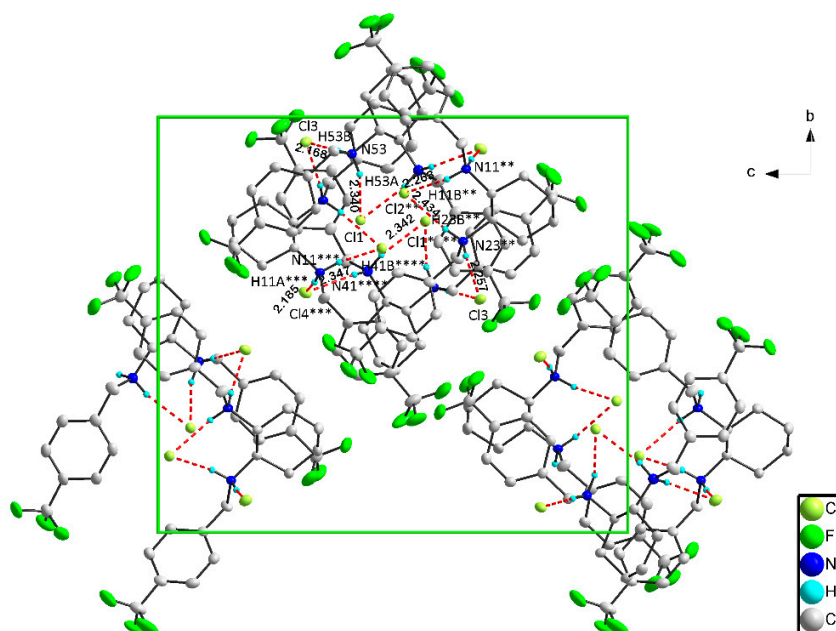
**Figure S3.** The crystal packing of **L3** viewed between the **a**, **b**, **c** axis. Red dashed lines indicate system (intermolecular) hydrogen-bond. Hydrogen atoms are omitted for clarity.



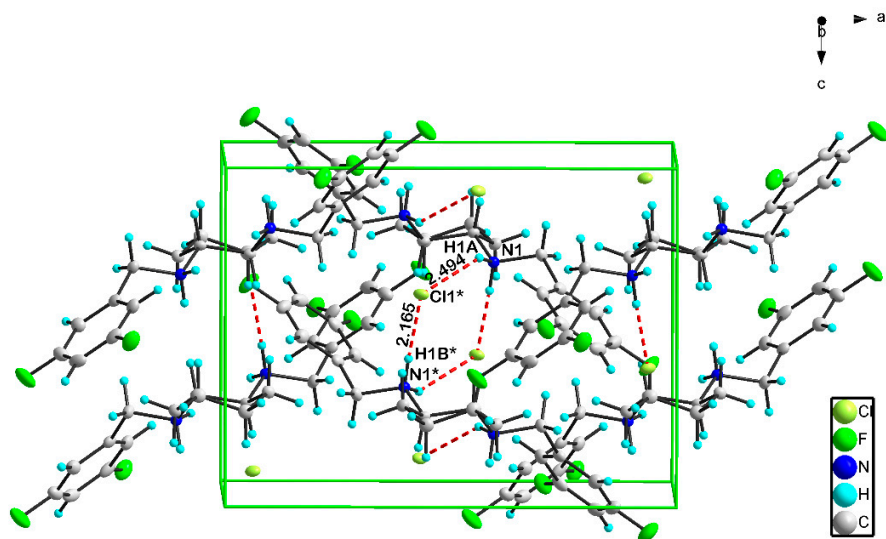
**Figure S4.** The crystal packing of **L4** viewed along the *a* axis. Red dashed lines indicate system (intermolecular) hydrogen-bond. Hydrogen atoms are omitted for clarity. Symmetry code: (\*) $1+x,y,z$ ; (\*\*)  $1-x,1-y,-z$ ; (\*\*\*)  $1-x,1-y,1-z$ ; (\*\*\*\*)  $2-x,1-y,1-z$ ; (\*\*\*\*\*)  $x,-1+y,z$ ; (\*\*\*\*\*)  $x,-1+y,z$ .



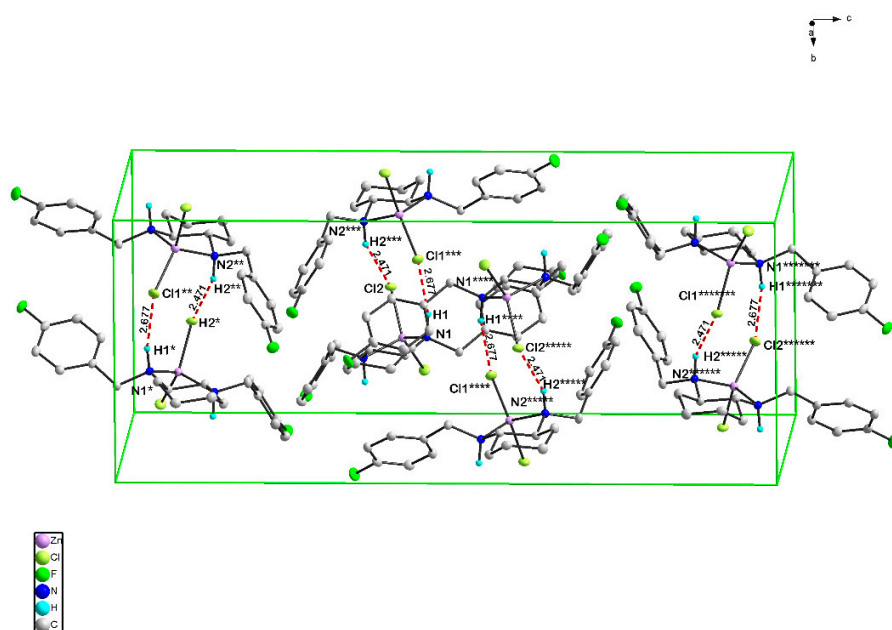
**Figure S5.** The crystal packing of **L11** viewed between the **a**, **b**, **c** axis. Red dashed lines indicate system (intermolecular) hydrogen-bond. Hydrogen atoms are omitted for clarity. Symmetry code: (\*) $1+x,y,z$ ; (\*\*) $1-x,1-y,-z$ .



**Figure S6.** The crystal packing of **L12** viewed between the **a**, **b**, **c** axis. Red dashed lines indicate system (intermolecular) hydrogen-bond. Hydrogen atoms are omitted for clarity. Symmetry code: (\*) $1+x,y,z$ ; (\*\*) $1-x,1-y,-z$ ; (\*\*\*) $1-x,1-y,1-z$ .

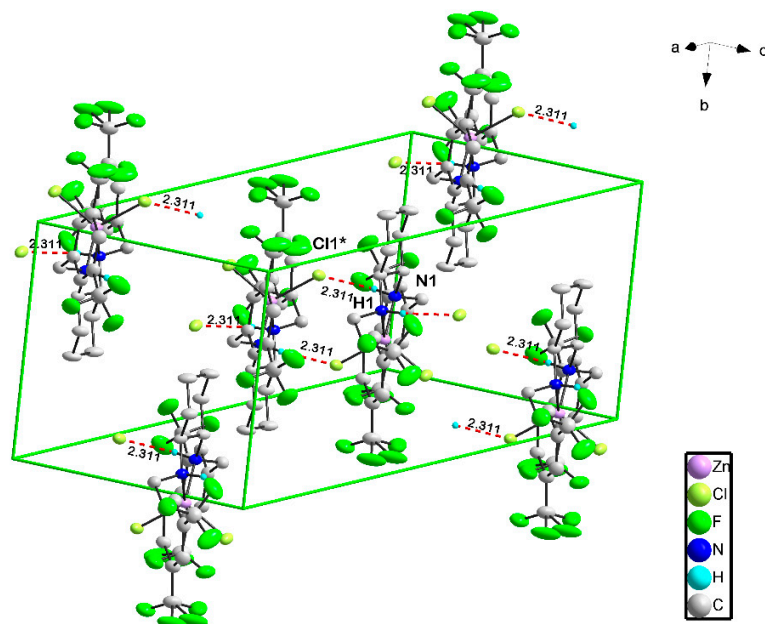


**Figure S7.** The crystal packing of **L13** viewed between the **a**, **b**, **c** axis. Red dashed lines indicate system (intermolecular) hydrogen-bond. Hydrogen atoms are omitted for clarity. Symmetry code: (\*)1+x,+y,+z.



**Figure S8.** The crystal packing of **Zn-L11** viewed between the **a**, **b**, **c** axis. Red dashed lines indicate system (intermolecular) hydrogen-bond. Hydrogen atoms are omitted for clarity. Symmetry code: (\*)1+x,+y,+z; (\*\*)1-x,1-y,-z; (\*\*\*)1-x,1-y,1-z; (\*\*\*\*)2-x,1-y,1-z; (\*\*\*\*\*)x,-1+y,+z; (\*\*\*\*\*)x,-1+y,+z; (\*\*\*\*\*)1/2+x,1-y,+z.





**Figure S11.** The crystal packing of **Zn-L14** viewed between the **a**, **b**, **c** axis. Red dashed lines indicate system (intermolecular) hydrogen-bond. Hydrogen atoms are omitted for clarity. Symmetry code: (\*)1+x,y,z.