

## Supporting Information

### **Metal Ion Complexes of *N,N'*-Bis(2-Pyridylmethyl)-*trans*-1,2-Diaminocyclohexane-*N,N'*-Diacetic Acid, H<sub>2</sub>bpcd; Cis/Trans Isomerization Equilibria**

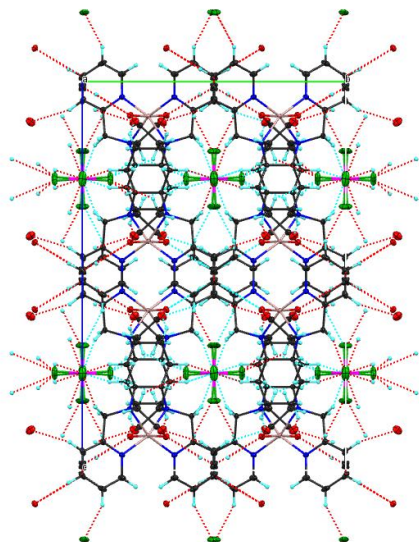
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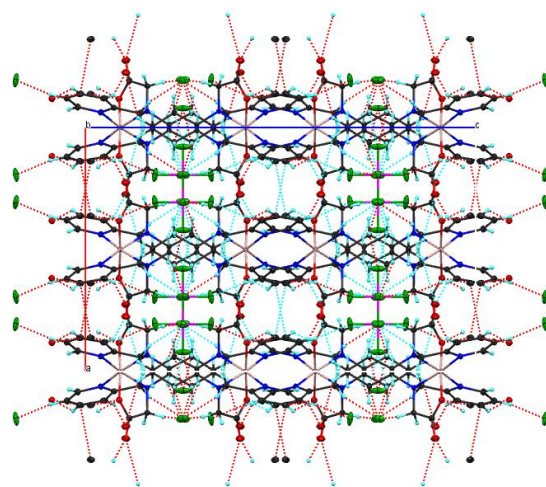
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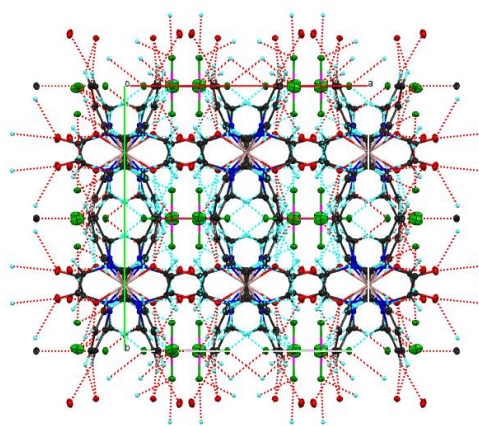
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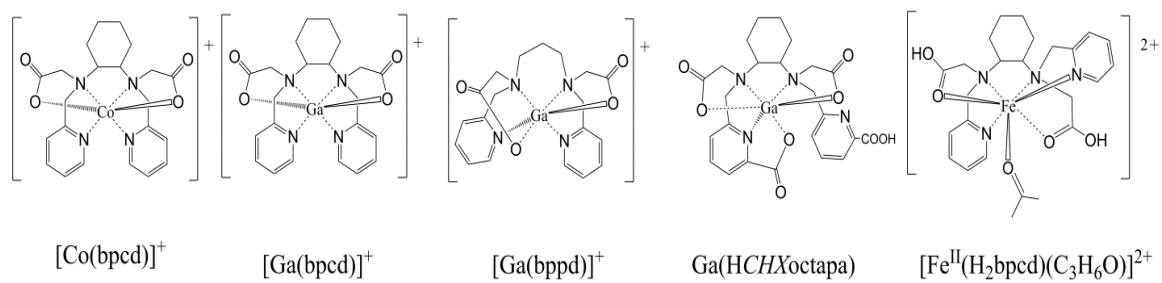
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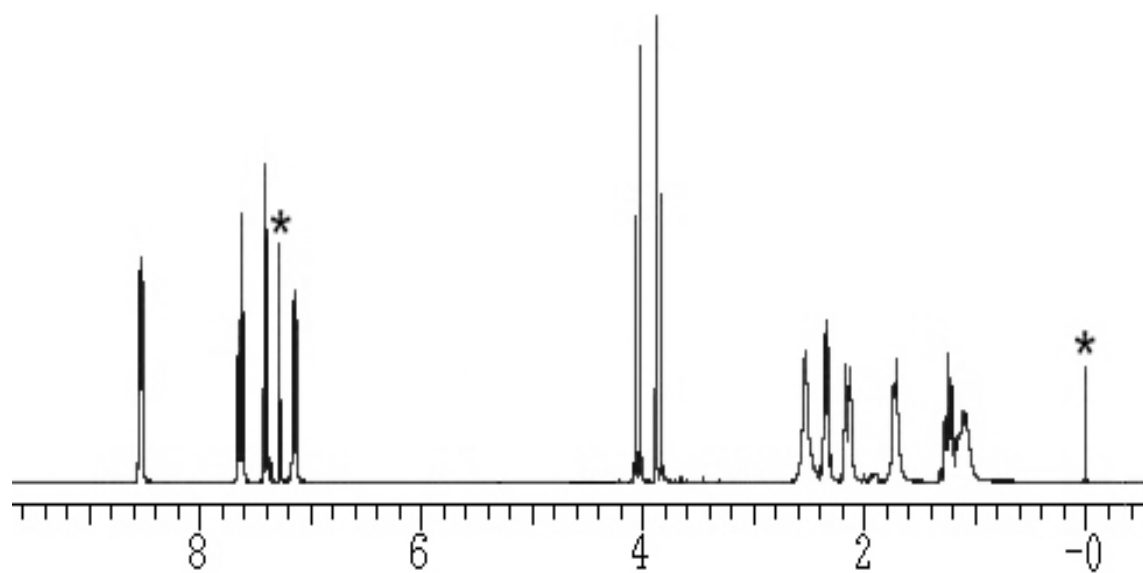
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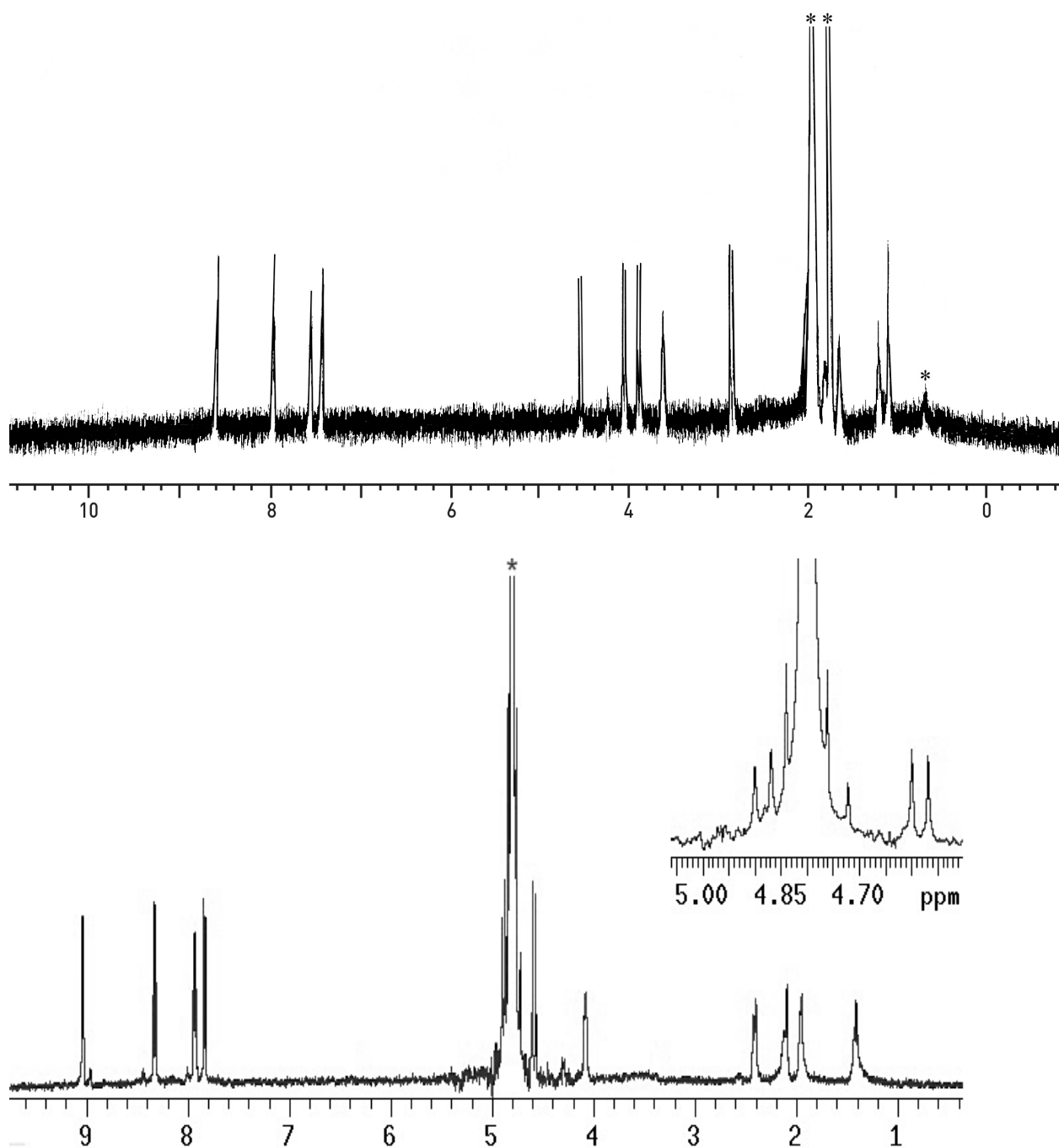
**Figure S2.** Packing diagrams of [Ga(bpcd)]PF<sub>6</sub> shown along a) *a*, b) *b*, and c) *c*. Short interactions inside the unit cell are shown in cyan.



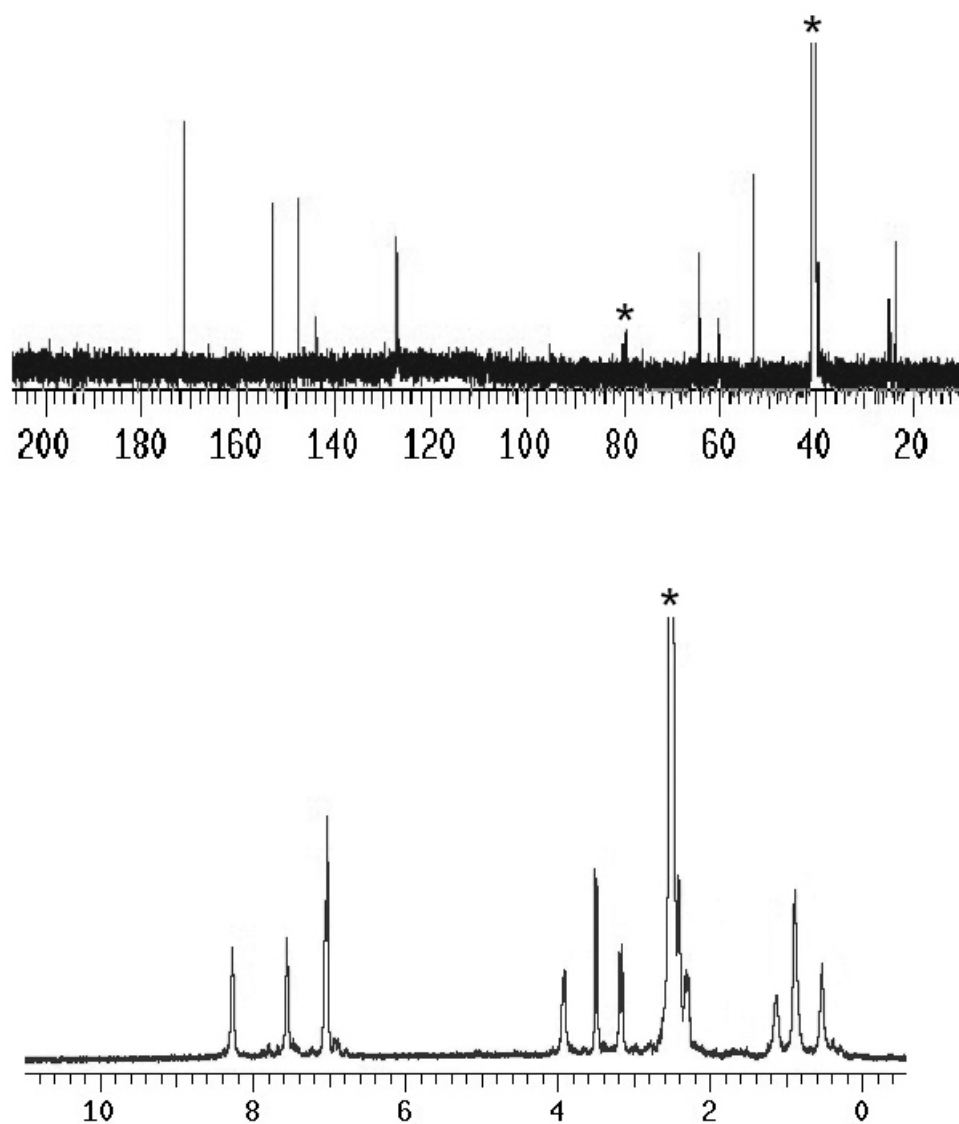
**Figure S3.** Species represented in Tables S1 and S2.



**Figure S4.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum for *N,N'*-bis(2-pyridylmethyl)-1,2-diaminocyclohexane, bpmdac, in  $\text{CDCl}_3$  at  $25^\circ\text{C}$ .



**Figure S5.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectra of  $[\text{Co}(\text{bpcd})]^+$  in  $\text{CD}_3\text{CN}$  (top) and  $\text{D}_2\text{O}$  (bottom) at  $25\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ , the \* indicates solvent or an impurity. The insert expands the region around the solvent signal. Signals centered at 2.85 and 3.90 ppm ( $\Delta\nu_{\text{AB}}/J = 28.7$ ), and 4.07 and 4.57 ppm ( $\Delta\nu_{\text{AB}}/J = 16.8$ ) in the  $\text{CD}_3\text{CN}$  spectrum (top) have relative intensity four and are assigned as the methylene *AX* quartets.



**Figure S6.**  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum (top) and  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum (bottom) of  $[\text{Ga}(\text{bpcd})]^+$  in  $\text{DMSO-d}_6$  at  $25^\circ\text{C}$ , the \* indicates solvent or an impurity. The signals in the  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum centered at Signals centered at 2.30 and 3.49 ppm, and 3.17 and 3.92 ppm are assigned as the pendant arm methylene *AX* quartets.

**Table S1.** Bond Distances (Å) and Experimental Data for Co(bpcd)<sup>+</sup>, Ga(bpcd)<sup>+</sup>, Ga(bppd)<sup>+</sup>, Ga(HCHXoctapa), and [Fe<sup>II</sup>(H<sub>2</sub>bpcd)(C<sub>3</sub>H<sub>6</sub>O)]<sup>2+</sup>. Structures are show in Figure S3.

Bond (Å)	Co(bpcd) <sup>+a</sup>	Ga(bpcd) <sup>+b</sup>	Ga(bppd) <sup>+c</sup>	Ga(HCHXoctapa) <sup>d</sup>	[Fe <sup>II</sup> (H <sub>2</sub> bpcd)(C <sub>3</sub> H <sub>6</sub> O)] <sup>2+e</sup>
M–O <sub>ac1</sub>	1.8868 (8)	1.9343 (9)	1.9459 (15)	1.953 (3)	2.293 (2)
M–O <sub>ac2</sub>	*	1.9344 (9)**	1.8956 (14)	1.894 (3)	2.288 (2)
M–N <sub>am1</sub>	1.9548 (9)	2.0866 (10)	2.0673 (16)	2.152 (4)	2.309 (3)
M–N <sub>am2</sub>	*	*	2.1061 (17)	2.174 (3)	2.300 (3)
M–N <sub>py1</sub>	1.9448 (9)	2.0574 (10)	2.0156 (17)	1.999 (3)	2.162 (3)
M–N <sub>py2</sub>	*	2.0575 (10)**	2.1377 (17)	***	2.163 (3)
C–O <sub>ac1</sub>	1.3029 (13)	1.3025 (15)	1.286 (3)	1.293 (5)	1.308 (6)
C=O <sub>ac1</sub>	1.2212 (14)	1.2151 (15)	1.211 (3)	1.216 (5)	1.226 (4)
C–O <sub>ac2</sub>	*	*	1.287 (3)	1.319 (5)	1.297 (6)
C=O <sub>ac2</sub>	*	*	1.208 (3)	1.208 (5)	1.235 (5)
M–O <sub>ac3</sub> of py				1.959 (3)	
C–O <sub>ac3</sub> of py				1.301 (5)	
C=O <sub>ac3</sub> of py				1.215 (5)	
M–O <sub>acetone</sub> M above N/N/N/X plane	0****	0****	0.0387 (9)	0.136***	2.172 (2) *****
Temp, K	100	100	296	100	150

<sup>a</sup>McLauchlan et al.<sup>16</sup> <sup>b</sup>This work. <sup>c</sup>Kissel et al.<sup>15</sup> <sup>d</sup>Ramogida et al.<sup>8</sup> with values from deposited data, not as reported in manuscript. <sup>e</sup>Oddon et al.<sup>10</sup> \*N/A. Symmetry equivalent. \*\* Symmetry equivalent, but a difference in the distances is noted in the refinement output file. \*\*\* N/A. N<sub>3</sub>O<sub>3</sub> donor set. This plane is closest to the plane that would contain the cyclohexyl unit, i.e. it contains the two N<sub>am</sub>, 1 N<sub>pyr</sub>, and O<sub>ac3</sub> of py. \*\*\*\*\* Special position. \*\*\*\*\* N/A. Not a relevant descriptor for 7-coordinate geometry. Reference numbers refer to the numbering in the main manuscript

**Table S2.** Selected Bond Angles (°) for Co(bpcd)<sup>+</sup>, Ga(bpcd)<sup>+</sup>, Ga(bppd)<sup>+</sup>, Ga(HCHXoctapa), and [Fe<sup>II</sup>(H<sub>2</sub>bpcd)(C<sub>3</sub>H<sub>6</sub>O)]<sup>2+</sup> Structures. Structures are show in Figure S3.

Angle (deg)	Co(bpcd) <sup>+</sup> <sup>a</sup>	Ga(bpcd) <sup>+</sup> <sup>b</sup>	Ga(bppd) <sup>+</sup> <sup>c</sup>	Ga(HCHXoctapa) <sup>d</sup>	[Fe <sup>II</sup> (H <sub>2</sub> bpcd)(C <sub>3</sub> H <sub>6</sub> O)] <sup>2+</sup> <sup>e</sup>
O <sub>ac1</sub> –M–O <sub>ac2</sub>	176.08 (5)	176.56 (5)	91.83 (7)	92.89 (13)	152.23 (8)
N <sub>am1</sub> –M–N <sub>am2</sub>	89.33 (5)	85.30 (5)	96.47 (7)	81.92 (12)	76.96 (10)
N <sub>pyr1</sub> –M–N <sub>py2</sub>	106.74 (5)	114.95 (6)	90.80 (6)	**	177.41 (11)
N <sub>am1</sub> –M–N <sub>py1</sub>	82.17 94)	80.51 (4)	81.46 (7)	79.77 (14)	75.64 (11)
N <sub>am2</sub> –M–N <sub>py2</sub>	*	*	80.39 (7)	**	76.50 (11)
N <sub>am1</sub> –M–O <sub>ac1</sub>	87.84 (4)	85.36(4)	83.59 (7)	82.94 (12)	70.27 (10)
N <sub>pyr1</sub> –M–O <sub>ac1</sub>	89.92 (4)	91.19 (4)	99.41 (7)	89.13 (13)	99.00 (11)
O=C–O <sub>ac</sub>	124.95 (10)	125.09 (12)	125.0 (3)	124.9 (4)	124.26
	*	*	123.5 (2)	125.1 (4)	124.32
				114.3 (4)	
C(O)–O <sub>ac</sub> –M	114.57 (7)	115.26 (8)	117.81 (15)	117.6 (3)	112.54
	*	*	114.77 (14)	117.4 (3)	111.65
				116.9 (3)	

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