# Supporting Information

# Synthesis, structure and characterization of two new metal-organic

### coordination polymers based on the ligand 5-iodo-1,

### **3-benzenedicarboxylic acid**

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#### FT-IR spectra

The FT-IR spectral data show features attributable to the carboxylate stretching vibrations of (1) and (2). The characteristic bands of the carboxylate groups appear in the range of 1622–1689 cm<sup>-1</sup> for the asymmetric stretching and 1384–1521 cm<sup>-1</sup> for the symmetric stretching, respectively. The broad band centred at 3400 cm<sup>-1</sup> in **2** corresponds to the –OH stretching vibrations of the lattice water molecules.

#### **PXRD** Patterns

Powder X-ray diffraction analysis (PXRD) was used to check the phase purities of the complexes 1 and 2 (Fig. S2, Fig. S3). The PXRD patterns of the bulk samples 1 and 2 match very well with the corresponding simulated XRD patterns calculated from the single crystal data using Mercury 1.4.2 [http://www.ccdc.cam.ac.uk/Solutions/FreeSoftware/Pages/FreeMercury.aspx], indicating the high phase purities of the products 1 and 2.

# Figure 1

PXRD patterns for **1** recorded (black) the simulated XRD pattern calculated from single-crystal data with Mercury 1.4.2, (red) the sample as-synthesized.

#### Figure 2

PXRD patterns for **2** recorded (black) the simulated XRD pattern calculated from single-crystal data with Mercury 1.4.2, (red) the sample as-synthesized.

#### Figure S3

2D layered network along [100] direction with 1D channel formed through the interlayer hydrogen bonds.

#### Figure S4

The solid state UV–Vis absorption spectra for  $H_2$ iip (black), 1 (red) and 2 (green).









