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Supporting information for article:

Zinc(II) and nickel(II) complexes of 3,5-dimethyl-1-(pyridin-2-yl)-1*H*-pyrazole: relationship between fluorescence and crystal packing

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**Figure S1** 3D excitation and emission of L (left) i Zn(II) complex (1) (right) in methanol (a, b) and dichloromethane (c, d), respectively.



**Figure S2** Excitation (dotted line) and emission (solid line) spectra of ligand L (a) and Zn(II) complex (b) in dichloromethane.



**Figure S3** The crystal packing of compound 1. Both figures show polyhedron (tetrahedron) around Zn atom. The crystal packing of compound 2. Both figures show polyhedron (octahedron) around Ni atom.







## compound 1







compound 2







HEWCAP



HEWCET



HEWCIX



HEWCOD

**Figure S4** Molecular packing of all compounds in the unit cell in the bc, ac, ab plane, respectively. H atoms are omitted for clarity.



HEWCAP



compound 2



HEWCOD

**Figure S5** Molecular packing of of compound 1, HEWCAP and HEWCET with pink plane showing the layered nature of packing (comounds with fluorescence properties). Next three figures represent the crystal packing for remaining compounds without fluorescence. The molecular packing is presented along b axis for all compounds excluding HEWCET where [0 1 1] direction is presented. H atoms are omitted for clarity.



**Figure S6** Hirshfeld surface mapped with (a) d norm, (b) shape index and curvedness(c) of the complexes 1, 2 and HEWCAP, HEWCET, HEWCIX and HEWCOD.



**Figure S7** Hirshfeld surface of the complex 1, HEWCAP and HEWCET mapped with curvedness with surrounding molecules, showing layered structure features

HEWCET

HEWCAP

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		3,3%	21,8%	24%	22,4%	11,8%
		MCl	NN	ОН	IH	MN
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		0,6%				



**Figure S8** Fingerprint plots of examined compounds and HEWCAP, HEWCET, HEWCIX and HEWCOD