# Electronic Supplementary Information (ESI) Spontaneous symmetry breaking of Co(II) metal-organic frameworks from achiral precursors via asymmetrical crystallization 

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## S1. Experimental Section

## S1.1. Materials

The ligand 2H-imidazole-4-carboxylic acid $\left(\mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{~L}\right)$ was purchased from J\&K Scientific Ltd. Metal salts, and organic solvents were commercially available and were used as received. The solvents used for synthesis were of analytical grade.

## S1.2. Physical measurements

Infrared spectra were obtained as KBr disks on a Nicolet Avatar 360 FTIR spectrometer in the range of 4000-400 $\mathrm{cm}^{-1}$ ( abbreviations used for the IR bands are $w=$ weak, $m=$ medium, $b=$ broad, and vs $=$ very strong). Elemental analyses ( $\mathrm{C}, \mathrm{H}$, and N ) were carried out with Elementar Vario EL Cube equipment. Thermogravimetric measurements were performed on a TA Instruments Q50 Thermogravimetric Analyzer under a nitrogen flow of $40 \mathrm{~mL}^{-1} \mathrm{~min}$ at a typical heating rate of $10{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C} \mathrm{min}^{-1}$. Powder X-ray diffraction (PXRD) experiments were performed on a D8 Advance X-ray diffractometer CuKa radiation. UV-vis diffused reflectance spectra were recorded with an Agilent 8453 UV-vis spectrophotometer (Agilent Technologies Co. Ltd.). Single crystal structures were determined using an Oxford Diffraction Gemini E instrument equipped with a graphite monochromator and ATLAS CCD detector (CrysAlis CCD, Oxford Diffraction Ltd.). The circular dichroism spectrum (CD) was recorded on a MOS 450 AF/CD device (Bio-Logic, Claix, France) spectropolarimeter with KCl pellets. Low pressure (up to 1 bar) gas adsorption isotherms of $\mathrm{CO}_{2}$ were measured on the Micrometrics ASAP 2020 Surface Area and Porosity Analyzer. In one typical run, about 150 mg as-synthesis samples were activated at $180^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ for 15 hours by using the "outgas" function of the surface area analyzer before measurements. Magnetic data were collected using crushed crystals of the sample on a Quantum Design MPMS XL-7 SQUID magnetometer. Chiral separation experiments were recorded by using gas chromatography (GC). Conditions Column: CHIRALDEX G-TA by ASTEC Company ( $30 \mathrm{~m} \times 0.25 \mathrm{~mm}$ I.D.). Column temperature: $26{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$. Carrier gas: $\mathrm{N}_{2} 0.5 \mathrm{~mL} / \mathrm{min}, \mathrm{H}_{2} 0.5 \mathrm{~mL} / \mathrm{min}$.

## S1.3. X-ray crystallography

Summary of crystallographic data and details of data collection for $\mathbf{1 P}-\mathrm{NH}_{3}, \mathbf{1 M}-\mathrm{NH}_{3}$ and $\mathbf{1 P}-\mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}$ are given in Table S1. Single crystals with suitable dimensions were chosen under an optical microscope and mounted on a glass fiber for data collection. Intensity data for all crystals were collected using MoKa ( $\lambda=0.71073 \AA$ ) radiation on an Oxford Diffraction Gemini E instrument equipped with a graphite monochromator and ATLAS CCD detector under the room temperature ( 293 K ). Structures were solved by direct methods (SHELXTL-97) and refined on $F^{2}$ using full-matrix least squares (SHELXTL-97). ${ }^{[1,2]}$ All non-hydrogen atoms were refined with anisotropic thermal parameters, and All non-hydrogen atoms were refined anisotropically till convergence is reached. Hydrogen atoms attached to the organic moieties present in all compounds are either located from the difference Fourier map or stereochemically fixed. After refining the coordination polymeric network in all three
compounds, some of the diffused peaks very close to each other with residual electron density ranging from $1.1 \AA^{-3}$ to $1.9 \AA^{-3}$ were observed in the difference Fourier map which can be attributed to disordered solvent molecules present in the crystal lattice. Attempts made to model these disordered peaks were unsuccessful since residual electron density of the peaks obtained was diffused and there was no obvious major site occupations for the solvent molecules. PLATON/SQUEEZE ${ }^{[3]}$ was used to correct the diffraction data for the contribution from disordered lattice solvent molecule. Final cycles of least-squares refinements improved the R -values with the modified data set after subtracting the contribution from the disordered solvent molecules using SQUEEZ program

## S1.4. Synthesis of metal-organic frameworks

## Synthesis of Conglomerate 1 (1P- $\mathrm{NH}_{3}+1 \mathrm{M}-\mathrm{NH}_{3}$ ):

The mixture $\mathrm{Co}(\mathrm{Ac})_{2} \cdot 4 \mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}(0.4 \mathrm{mmol}, 0.10 \mathrm{mg}), \mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{~L}(0.3 \mathrm{mmol}, 0.034 \mathrm{~g})$, and mixed solvents $\mathrm{EtOH} / \mathrm{THF} / \mathrm{NH}_{3} \cdot \mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}(v / v / v=4 / 1 / 1,6 \mathrm{~mL})$ were loaded into a $15-\mathrm{mL}$ Teflon-lined reactor, stirred for 30 minutes at room temperature, then heated to $160^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ in a programmable oven for 72 h , followed by slow cooling ( $4{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C} / \mathrm{h}$ ) to room temperature. After washing with ethanol, both irregular and triangular crystals with blackish-purple colors were obtained. Yield: 80\% (based on ligand). IR (KBr pellet, cm ${ }^{-1}$ ): 3400 (b), 1590 (s), 1550 (s), 1400 (s), 1230 (m), 1200 (w), 1100 (w), 830 (w), 800 (w), 670 (w). Elemental analysis (\%) Calcd for $\left(\left[\mathrm{Co}_{6}\left(\mathrm{C}_{4} \mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{~N}_{2} \mathrm{O}_{2}\right)_{6}\left(\mathrm{NH}_{3}\right)\right] \cdot\left(\mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}\right)_{6}\right): \mathrm{C}, 25.31 ; \mathrm{H}, 2.37 ; \mathrm{N}, 15.99$. Found: C, 25.52; H, 2.20; N , 15.86.

## Synthesis of 1M-NH3

The mixture $\mathrm{Co}(\mathrm{Ac})_{2} \cdot 4 \mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}(0.4 \mathrm{mmol}, 0.10 \mathrm{mg}), \mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{~L}(0.3 \mathrm{mmol}, 0.034 \mathrm{~g})$, and mixed solvents $\mathrm{CH}_{3} \mathrm{CN} / \mathrm{DMF} / \mathrm{NH}_{3} \cdot \mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}(\mathrm{v} / \mathrm{v} / \mathrm{v}=4 / 1 / 1,6 \mathrm{~mL})$ were loaded into a $15-\mathrm{mL}$ Teflon-lined reactor, stirred for 30 minutes at room temperature, then heated to $160^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ in a programmable oven for 72 h , followed by slow cooling ( $4^{\circ} \mathrm{C} / \mathrm{h}$ ) to room temperature. After washing with ethanol, irregular crystals with blackish-purple colors were obtained. Yield: 85\% (based on ligand). IR (KBr pellet, $\mathrm{cm}^{-1}$ ): 3400 (b), 1590 (s), 1550 (s), 1400 (s), 1230 (m), 1200 (w), 1100 (w), 830 (w), $800(\mathrm{w}), 670(\mathrm{w})$. Elemental analysis (\%) Calcd for $\left(\left[\mathrm{Co}_{6}\left(\mathrm{C}_{4} \mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{~N}_{2} \mathrm{O}_{2}\right)_{6}\left(\mathrm{NH}_{3}\right)\right] \cdot\left(\mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}\right)_{6}\right): \mathrm{C}$, 25.31; H, 2.37; N, 15.99. Found: C, 25.22; H, 2.39; N, 16.12.

## Synthesis of 1P- $\mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}$

The mixture $\mathrm{Co}(\mathrm{Ac})_{2} \cdot 4 \mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}(0.4 \mathrm{mmol}, 0.10 \mathrm{mg}), \mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{~L}(0.3 \mathrm{mmol}, 0.034 \mathrm{~g})$, and mixed solvents $\mathrm{DMF} / \mathrm{NH}_{3} \cdot \mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}(\mathrm{v} / \mathrm{v}=4 / 1,10 \mathrm{~mL})$ were loaded into a $15-\mathrm{mL}$ Teflon-lined reactor, stirred for 30 minutes at room temperature, then heated to $140^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ in a programmable oven for 72 h , followed by slow cooling ( $3^{\circ} \mathrm{C} / \mathrm{h}$ ) to room temperature. After washing with ethanol, triangular crystals with reddish-purple colors were obtained. Yield: $55 \%$ (based on ligand). IR ( KBr pellet, $\left.\mathrm{cm}^{-1}\right): 3400$ (b), 1590 (s), 1550 (s), 1400 (s), 1230 (m), 1200 (w), 1100 (w), 830 (w), $800(\mathrm{w})$, 670 (w). Elemental analysis (\%) Calcd for ([ $\left.\left.\mathrm{Co}_{6}\left(\mathrm{C}_{4} \mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{~N}_{2} \mathrm{O}_{2}\right)_{6}\left(\mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}\right)\right] \cdot\left(\mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}\right)_{6}\right): \mathrm{C}, 25.28 ; \mathrm{H}, 2.28$; N, 14.75. Found: C, 25.14; H, 2.45; N, 14.96.

Fig. S2 ORTEP diagrams for MOFs 1P-NH3, 1M-NH3, $\mathbf{1 P}-\mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}$


Fig. S2.1: ORTEP diagram depicting the coordination sphere with atom numbering scheme for 1P-NH $\mathbf{N}_{3}$ (50\% probability factor for the thermal ellipsoids).


Fig. S2.2: ORTEP diagram depicting the coordination sphere with atom numbering scheme for 1M- $\mathrm{NH}_{3}$ ( $50 \%$ probability factor for the thermal ellipsoids).


Fig. S2.3: ORTEP diagram depicting the coordination sphere with atom numbering scheme for $1 \mathrm{P}-\mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}$ (50\% probability factor for the thermal ellipsoids).


Fig. S3 Portion of the crystal structure of $1 \mathrm{P}-\mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}$ as viewed along the $b$-axis. Turquoise, black, blue and red spheres represent $\mathrm{Co}, \mathrm{C}, \mathrm{N}$ and O atoms, respectively; H atoms have been omitted for clarity.


Figure S4. The underlying net Icv of $\mathbf{1 P}-\mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}$ and $\mathbf{1 M}-\mathrm{NH}_{3}$ (the identification of the nets and computation of their ideal symmetry are performed through the program Systre. ${ }^{[4]}$ Note Icv is known to RSCR..$^{[5]}$ )

Table S1 Selected bond length and bond angle for MOFs 1P-NH3, 1M-NH3 and 1P- $\mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}$

|  | $1 \mathrm{P}-\mathrm{NH}_{3}$ |  |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| $\mathrm{Co}(1)-\mathrm{O}(1) \# 1$ | $1.997(6)$ | $\mathrm{Co}(3)-\mathrm{O}(4) \# 1$ | $2.036(5)$ |
| $\mathrm{Co}(1)-\mathrm{O}(3) \# 2$ | $1.997(6)$ | $\mathrm{Co}(3)-\mathrm{O}(2)$ | $2.088(6)$ |
| $\mathrm{Co}(1)-\mathrm{N}(4)$ | $2.019(7)$ | $\mathrm{Co}(3)-\mathrm{O}(2) \# 1$ | $2.088(6)$ |
| $\mathrm{Co}(1)-\mathrm{N}(2) \# 3$ | $2.043(8)$ | $\mathrm{Co}(3)-\mathrm{O}(2) \# 2$ | $2.088(6)$ |
| $\mathrm{Co}(1)-\mathrm{O}(4)$ | $2.262(6)$ | $\mathrm{Co}(4)-\mathrm{N}(1)$ | $2.064(7)$ |
| $\mathrm{Co}(2)-\mathrm{N}(5)$ | $1.97(3)$ | $\mathrm{Co}(4)-\mathrm{N}(1) \# 2$ | $2.064(7)$ |
| $\mathrm{Co}(2)-\mathrm{N}(3)$ | $2.003(7)$ | $\mathrm{Co}(4)-\mathrm{N}(1) \# 1$ | $2.064(7)$ |


| $\mathrm{Co}(2)-\mathrm{N}(3) \# 4$ | 2.003(7) | $\mathrm{Co}(4)-\mathrm{O}(2) \# 2$ | 2.262(6) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\mathrm{Co}(2)-\mathrm{N}(3) \# 5$ | 2.003(7) | $\mathrm{Co}(4)-\mathrm{O}(2) \# 1$ | 2.262(6) |
| $\mathrm{Co}(3)-\mathrm{O}(4) \# 2$ | 2.036(5) | $\mathrm{Co}(4)-\mathrm{O}(2)$ | 2.262(6) |
| $\mathrm{Co}(3)-\mathrm{O}(4)$ | 2.036(5) |  |  |
| $\mathrm{O}(1) \# 1-\mathrm{Co}(1)-\mathrm{O}(3) \# 2$ | 125.9(3) | $\mathrm{O}(4)-\mathrm{Co}(3)-\mathrm{O}(2) \# 1$ | 92.3(2) |
| $\mathrm{O}(1) \# 1-\mathrm{Co}(1)-\mathrm{N}(4)$ | 118.1(3) | $\mathrm{O}(4) \# 1-\mathrm{Co}(3)-\mathrm{O}(2) \# 1$ | 170.5(3) |
| $\mathrm{O}(3) \# 2-\mathrm{Co}(1)-\mathrm{N}(4)$ | 112.1(3) | $\mathrm{O}(2)-\mathrm{Co}(3)-\mathrm{O}(2) \# 1$ | 78.5(3) |
| $\mathrm{O}(1) \# 1-\mathrm{Co}(1)-\mathrm{N}(2) \# 3$ | 91.1(3) | $\mathrm{O}(4) \# 2-\mathrm{Co}(3)-\mathrm{O}(2) \# 2$ | 170.5(3) |
| $\mathrm{O}(3) \# 2-\mathrm{Co}(1)-\mathrm{N}(2) \# 3$ | 98.0(3) | $\mathrm{O}(4)-\mathrm{Co}(3)-\mathrm{O}(2) \# 2$ | 97.3(2) |
| $\mathrm{N}(4)-\mathrm{Co}(1)-\mathrm{N}(2) \# 3$ | 101.2(3) | $\mathrm{O}(4) \# 1-\mathrm{Co}(3)-\mathrm{O}(2) \# 2$ | 92.3(2) |
| $\mathrm{O}(1) \# 1-\mathrm{Co}(1)-\mathrm{O}(4)$ | 86.0(3) | $\mathrm{O}(2)-\mathrm{Co}(3)-\mathrm{O}(2) \# 2$ | 78.5(3) |
| $\mathrm{O}(3) \# 2-\mathrm{Co}(1)-\mathrm{O}(4)$ | 88.2(2) | $\mathrm{O}(2) \# 1-\mathrm{Co}(3)-\mathrm{O}(2) \# 2$ | 78.5(3) |
| $\mathrm{N}(4)-\mathrm{Co}(1)-\mathrm{O}(4)$ | 75.4(2) | $\mathrm{N}(1)-\mathrm{Co}(4)-\mathrm{N}(1) \# 2$ | 106.7(2) |
| $\mathrm{N}(2) \# 3-\mathrm{Co}(1)-\mathrm{O}(4)$ | 173.7(3) | $\mathrm{N}(1)-\mathrm{Co}(4)-\mathrm{N}(1) \# 1$ | 106.7(2) |
| $\mathrm{N}(5)-\mathrm{Co}(2)-\mathrm{N}(3)$ | 111.4(2) | $\mathrm{N}(1) \# 2-\mathrm{Co}(4)-\mathrm{N}(1) \# 1$ | 106.7(2) |
| $\mathrm{N}(5)-\mathrm{Co}(2)-\mathrm{N}(3) \# 4$ | 111.4(2) | $\mathrm{N}(1)-\mathrm{Co}(4)-\mathrm{O}(2) \# 2$ | 149.0(3) |
| $\mathrm{N}(3)-\mathrm{Co}(2)-\mathrm{N}(3) \# 4$ | 107.5(2) | $\mathrm{N}(1) \# 2-\mathrm{Co}(4)-\mathrm{O}(2) \# 2$ | 77.6(3) |
| $\mathrm{N}(5)-\mathrm{Co}(2)-\mathrm{N}(3) \# 5$ | 111.4(2) | $\mathrm{N}(1) \# 1-\mathrm{Co}(4)-\mathrm{O}(2) \# 2$ | 101.1(3) |
| $\mathrm{N}(3)-\mathrm{Co}(2)-\mathrm{N}(3) \# 5$ | 107.5(2) | $\mathrm{N}(1)-\mathrm{Co}(4)-\mathrm{O}(2) \# 1$ | 101.1(3) |
| $\mathrm{N}(3) \# 4-\mathrm{Co}(2)-\mathrm{N}(3) \# 5$ | 107.5(2) | $\mathrm{N}(1) \# 2-\mathrm{Co}(4)-\mathrm{O}(2) \# 1$ | 149.0(3) |
| $\mathrm{O}(4) \# 2-\mathrm{Co}(3)-\mathrm{O}(4)$ | 91.4(3) | $\mathrm{N}(1) \# 1-\mathrm{Co}(4)-\mathrm{O}(2) \# 1$ | 77.6(3) |
| $\mathrm{O}(4) \# 2-\mathrm{Co}(3)-\mathrm{O}(4) \# 1$ | 91.4(3) | $\mathrm{O}(2) \# 2-\mathrm{Co}(4)-\mathrm{O}(2) \# 1$ | 71.5(2) |
| $\mathrm{O}(4)-\mathrm{Co}(3)-\mathrm{O}(4) \# 1$ | 91.4(3) | $\mathrm{N}(1)-\mathrm{Co}(4)-\mathrm{O}(2)$ | 77.6(3) |
| $\mathrm{O}(4) \# 2-\mathrm{Co}(3)-\mathrm{O}(2)$ | 92.3(2) | $\mathrm{N}(1) \# 2-\mathrm{Co}(4)-\mathrm{O}(2)$ | 101.1(3) |
| $\mathrm{O}(4)-\mathrm{Co}(3)-\mathrm{O}(2)$ | 170.5(3) | $\mathrm{N}(1) \# 1-\mathrm{Co}(4)-\mathrm{O}(2)$ | 149.0(3) |
| $\mathrm{O}(4) \# 1-\mathrm{Co}(3)-\mathrm{O}(2)$ | 97.3(2) | $\mathrm{O}(2) \# 2-\mathrm{Co}(4)-\mathrm{O}(2)$ | 71.5(2) |
| $\mathrm{O}(4) \# 2-\mathrm{Co}(3)-\mathrm{O}(2) \# 1$ | 97.3(2) | $\mathrm{O}(2) \# 1-\mathrm{Co}(4)-\mathrm{O}(2)$ | 71.5(2) |

Symmetry transformations: \#1-z-1,x-1/2,-y-3/2; \#2 y+1/2,-z-3/2,-x-1; \#3 x+1/2,-y-3/2,-z-2; \#4 $-z-1 / 2,-x, y-1 / 2 ; \# 5-y, z+1 / 2,-x-1 / 2$

|  | $1 \mathrm{M}-\mathrm{NH}$ |  |  |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :---: |
| 3 |  |  |  |  |


| $\mathrm{O}(3)-\mathrm{Co}(1)-\mathrm{N}(2)$ | 98.26(16) | $\mathrm{O}(4) \# 5-\mathrm{Co}(3)-\mathrm{O}(2) \# 1$ | 170.32(14) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\mathrm{O}(1) \# 1-\mathrm{Co}(1)-\mathrm{N}(2)$ | 91.43(16) | $\mathrm{O}(4)-\mathrm{Co}(3)-\mathrm{O}(2) \# 1$ | 96.81(13) |
| $\mathrm{N}(4) \# 2-\mathrm{Co}(1)-\mathrm{N}(2)$ | 100.87(17) | $\mathrm{O}(4) \# 2-\mathrm{Co}(3)-\mathrm{O}(2) \# 1$ | 91.83(14) |
| $\mathrm{O}(3)-\mathrm{Co}(1)-\mathrm{O}(4) \# 2$ | 88.68(13) | $\mathrm{O}(2) \# 6-\mathrm{Co}(3)-\mathrm{O}(2) \# 1$ | 78.88(15) |
| $\mathrm{O}(1) \# 1-\mathrm{Co}(1)-\mathrm{O}(4) \# 2$ | 85.34(14) | $\mathrm{O}(2) \# 7-\mathrm{Co}(3)-\mathrm{O}(2) \# 1$ | 78.88(15) |
| $\mathrm{N}(4) \# 2-\mathrm{Co}(1)-\mathrm{O}(4) \# 2$ | 75.31(14) | $\mathrm{N}(1) \# 3-\mathrm{Co}(4)-\mathrm{N}(1)$ | 107.00(12) |
| $\mathrm{N}(2)-\mathrm{Co}(1)-\mathrm{O}(4) \# 2$ | 172.98(15) | $\mathrm{N}(1) \# 3-\mathrm{Co}(4)-\mathrm{N}(1) \# 4$ | 107.00(12) |
| $\mathrm{N}(5)-\mathrm{Co}(2)-\mathrm{N}(3) \# 3$ | 111.05(13) | $\mathrm{N}(1)-\mathrm{Co}(4)-\mathrm{N}(1) \# 4$ | 107.00(12) |
| $\mathrm{N}(5)-\mathrm{Co}(2)-\mathrm{N}(3)$ | 111.05(12) | $\mathrm{N}(1) \# 3-\mathrm{Co}(4)-\mathrm{O}(2)$ | 149.13(15) |
| $\mathrm{N}(3) \# 3-\mathrm{Co}(2)-\mathrm{N}(3)$ | 107.84(13) | $\mathrm{N}(1)-\mathrm{Co}(4)-\mathrm{O}(2)$ | 77.36(14) |
| $\mathrm{N}(5)-\mathrm{Co}(2)-\mathrm{N}(3) \# 4$ | 111.05(13) | $\mathrm{N}(1) \# 4-\mathrm{Co}(4)-\mathrm{O}(2)$ | 100.46(15) |
| $\mathrm{N}(3) \# 3-\mathrm{Co}(2)-\mathrm{N}(3) \# 4$ | 107.84(13) | $\mathrm{N}(1) \# 3-\mathrm{Co}(4)-\mathrm{O}(2) \# 4$ | 100.46(15) |
| $\mathrm{N}(3)-\mathrm{Co}(2)-\mathrm{N}(3) \# 4$ | 107.84(13) | $\mathrm{N}(1)-\mathrm{Co}(4)-\mathrm{O}(2) \# 4$ | 149.13(14) |
| $\mathrm{O}(4) \# 5-\mathrm{Co}(3)-\mathrm{O}(4)$ | 91.96(14) | $\mathrm{N}(1) \# 4-\mathrm{Co}(4)-\mathrm{O}(2) \# 4$ | 77.36(14) |
| $\mathrm{O}(4) \# 5-\mathrm{Co}(3)-\mathrm{O}(4) \# 2$ | 91.96(14) | $\mathrm{O}(2)-\mathrm{Co}(4)-\mathrm{O}(2) \# 4$ | 71.83(13) |
| $\mathrm{O}(4)-\mathrm{Co}(3)-\mathrm{O}(4) \# 2$ | 91.96(14) | $\mathrm{N}(1) \# 3-\mathrm{Co}(4)-\mathrm{O}(2) \# 3$ | 77.36(14) |
| $\mathrm{O}(4) \# 5-\mathrm{Co}(3)-\mathrm{O}(2) \# 6$ | 96.81(13) | $\mathrm{N}(1)-\mathrm{Co}(4)-\mathrm{O}(2) \# 3$ | 100.46(15) |
| $\mathrm{O}(4)-\mathrm{Co}(3)-\mathrm{O}(2) \# 6$ | 91.83(14) | $\mathrm{N}(1) \# 4-\mathrm{Co}(4)-\mathrm{O}(2) \# 3$ | 149.13(14) |
| $\mathrm{O}(4) \# 2-\mathrm{Co}(3)-\mathrm{O}(2) \# 6$ | 170.32(14) | $\mathrm{O}(2)-\mathrm{Co}(4)-\mathrm{O}(2) \# 3$ | 71.83(13) |
| $\mathrm{O}(4) \# 5-\mathrm{Co}(3)-\mathrm{O}(2) \# 7$ | 91.83(14) | $\mathrm{O}(2) \# 4-\mathrm{Co}(4)-\mathrm{O}(2) \# 3$ | 71.83(13) |
| Symmetry transformations: \#1 -z,x+1/2,-y+1/2; \#2 $z-1, x+1, y ; ~ \# 3 ~-z+1 / 2,-x, y+1 / 2 ; ~ \# 4$ $-y, z-1 / 2,-x+1 / 2 ; \# 5 y-1, z, x+1 ; \# 6 x-1 / 2,-y+1 / 2,-z+1 ; \# 7-y-1 / 2,-z+1, x+1 / 2$ |  |  |  |
| $1 \mathrm{P}-\mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}$ |  |  |  |
| $\mathrm{Co}(1)-\mathrm{O}(3) \# 1$ | 1.989(3) | $\mathrm{Co}(3)-\mathrm{O}(4) \# 5$ | 2.041(3) |
| $\mathrm{Co}(1)-\mathrm{O}(1) \# 1$ | 2.010(3) | $\mathrm{Co}(3)-\mathrm{O}(2) \# 1$ | 2.097(3) |
| $\mathrm{Co}(1)-\mathrm{N}(4)$ | 2.025(4) | $\mathrm{Co}(3)-\mathrm{O}(2) \# 5$ | 2.097(3) |
| $\mathrm{Co}(1)-\mathrm{N}(2) \# 2$ | 2.042(4) | $\mathrm{Co}(3)-\mathrm{O}(2)$ | 2.097(3) |
| $\mathrm{Co}(1)-\mathrm{O}(4)$ | 2.278(3) | $\mathrm{Co}(4)-\mathrm{N}(1) \# 5$ | 2.057(4) |
| $\mathrm{Co}(2)-\mathrm{O}(1 \mathrm{~W})$ | 1.983(15) | $\mathrm{Co}(4)-\mathrm{N}(1) \# 1$ | 2.057(4) |
| $\mathrm{Co}(2)-\mathrm{N}(3)$ | 2.015(4) | $\mathrm{Co}(4)-\mathrm{N}(1)$ | 2.057(4) |
| $\mathrm{Co}(2)-\mathrm{N}(3) \# 3$ | 2.015(4) | $\mathrm{Co}(4)-\mathrm{O}(2)$ | 2.267(3) |
| $\mathrm{Co}(2)-\mathrm{N}(3) \# 4$ | 2.015(4) | $\mathrm{Co}(4)-\mathrm{O}(2) \# 5$ | 2.267(3) |
| $\mathrm{Co}(3)-\mathrm{O}(4) \# 1$ | 2.041(3) | $\mathrm{Co}(4)-\mathrm{O}(2) \# 1$ | 2.267(3) |
| $\mathrm{Co}(3)-\mathrm{O}(4)$ | 2.041(3) |  |  |
| $\mathrm{O}(3) \# 1-\mathrm{Co}(1)-\mathrm{O}(1) \# 1$ | 123.76(16) | $\mathrm{O}(4)-\mathrm{Co}(3)-\mathrm{O}(2) \# 5$ | 170.20(14) |
| $\mathrm{O}(3) \# 1-\mathrm{Co}(1)-\mathrm{N}(4)$ | 113.25(17) | $\mathrm{O}(4) \# 5-\mathrm{Co}(3)-\mathrm{O}(2) \# 5$ | 96.93(12) |
| $\mathrm{O}(1) \# 1-\mathrm{Co}(1)-\mathrm{N}(4)$ | 119.05(17) | $\mathrm{O}(2) \# 1-\mathrm{Co}(3)-\mathrm{O}(2) \# 5$ | 78.80(14) |
| $\mathrm{O}(3) \# 1-\mathrm{Co}(1)-\mathrm{N}(2) \# 2$ | 98.45(15) | $\mathrm{O}(4) \# 1-\mathrm{Co}(3)-\mathrm{O}(2)$ | 170.20(14) |
| $\mathrm{O}(1) \# 1-\mathrm{Co}(1)-\mathrm{N}(2) \# 2$ | 91.44(15) | $\mathrm{O}(4)-\mathrm{Co}(3)-\mathrm{O}(2)$ | 96.93(12) |
| $\mathrm{N}(4)-\mathrm{Co}(1)-\mathrm{N}(2) \# 2$ | 100.38(16) | $\mathrm{O}(4) \# 5-\mathrm{Co}(3)-\mathrm{O}(2)$ | 91.76(13) |
| $\mathrm{O}(3) \# 1-\mathrm{Co}(1)-\mathrm{O}(4)$ | 88.52(13) | $\mathrm{O}(2) \# 1-\mathrm{Co}(3)-\mathrm{O}(2)$ | 78.80(14) |
| $\mathrm{O}(1) \# 1-\mathrm{Co}(1)-\mathrm{O}(4)$ | 85.85(13) | $\mathrm{O}(2) \# 5-\mathrm{Co}(3)-\mathrm{O}(2)$ | 78.80(14) |
| $\mathrm{N}(4)-\mathrm{Co}(1)-\mathrm{O}(4)$ | 75.33(13) | $\mathrm{N}(1) \# 5-\mathrm{Co}(4)-\mathrm{N}(1) \# 1$ | 107.29(12) |
| $\mathrm{N}(2) \# 2-\mathrm{Co}(1)-\mathrm{O}(4)$ | 172.88(14) | $\mathrm{N}(1) \# 5-\mathrm{Co}(4)-\mathrm{N}(1)$ | 107.29(12) |


| $\mathrm{O}(1 \mathrm{~W})-\mathrm{Co}(2)-\mathrm{N}(3)$ | $110.38(12)$ | $\mathrm{N}(1) \# 1-\mathrm{Co}(4)-\mathrm{N}(1)$ | $107.29(12)$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| $\mathrm{O}(1 \mathrm{~W})-\mathrm{Co}(2)-\mathrm{N}(3) \# 3$ | $110.38(12)$ | $\mathrm{N}(1) \# 5-\mathrm{Co}(4)-\mathrm{O}(2)$ | $149.11(14)$ |
| $\mathrm{N}(3)-\mathrm{Co}(2)-\mathrm{N}(3) \# 3$ | $108.55(12)$ | $\mathrm{N}(1) \# 1-\mathrm{Co}(4)-\mathrm{O}(2)$ | $99.98(14)$ |
| $\mathrm{O}(1 \mathrm{~W})-\mathrm{Co}(2)-\mathrm{N}(3) \# 4$ | $110.38(12)$ | $\mathrm{N}(1)-\mathrm{Co}(4)-\mathrm{O}(2)$ | $77.25(13)$ |
| $\mathrm{N}(3)-\mathrm{Co}(2)-\mathrm{N}(3) \# 4$ | $108.55(12)$ | $\mathrm{N}(1) \# 5-\mathrm{Co}(4)-\mathrm{O}(2) \# 5$ | $77.25(13)$ |
| $\mathrm{N}(3) \# 3-\mathrm{Co}(2)-\mathrm{N}(3) \# 4$ | $108.55(12)$ | $\mathrm{N}(1) \# 1-\mathrm{Co}(4)-\mathrm{O}(2) \# 5$ | $149.11(14)$ |
| $\mathrm{O}(4) \# 1-\mathrm{Co}(3)-\mathrm{O}(4)$ | $91.99(13)$ | $\mathrm{N}(1)-\mathrm{Co}(4)-\mathrm{O}(2) \# 5$ | $99.98(14)$ |
| $\mathrm{O}(4) \# 1-\mathrm{Co}(3)-\mathrm{O}(4) \# 5$ | $91.99(13)$ | $\mathrm{O}(2)-\mathrm{Co}(4)-\mathrm{O}(2) \# 5$ | $71.90(12)$ |
| $\mathrm{O}(4)-\mathrm{Co}(3)-\mathrm{O}(4) \# 5$ | $91.99(13)$ | $\mathrm{N}(1) \# 5-\mathrm{Co}(4)-\mathrm{O}(2) \# 1$ | $99.99(14)$ |
| $\mathrm{O}(4) \# 1-\mathrm{Co}(3)-\mathrm{O}(2) \# 1$ | $96.93(12)$ | $\mathrm{N}(1) \# 1-\mathrm{Co}(4)-\mathrm{O}(2) \# 1$ | $77.25(13)$ |
| $\mathrm{O}(4)-\mathrm{Co}(3)-\mathrm{O}(2) \# 1$ | $91.76(13)$ | $\mathrm{N}(1)-\mathrm{Co}(4)-\mathrm{O}(2) \# 1$ | $149.11(14)$ |
| $\mathrm{O}(4) \# 5-\mathrm{Co}(3)-\mathrm{O}(2) \# 1$ | $170.20(14)$ | $\mathrm{O}(2)-\mathrm{Co}(4)-\mathrm{O}(2) \# 1$ | $71.90(12)$ |
| $\mathrm{O}(4) \# 1-\mathrm{Co}(3)-\mathrm{O}(2) \# 5$ | $91.76(13)$ | $\mathrm{O}(2) \# 5-\mathrm{Co}(4)-\mathrm{O}(2) \# 1$ | $71.90(12)$ |
| Sy |  |  |  |

Symmetry transformations: \#1 -z-1,x-1/2,-y-3/2; \#2 -y-1/2,-z-2,x-1/2; \#3 z+1/2,-x-3/2,-y-2; \#4 $-y-3 / 2,-z-2, x-1 / 2 ; \# 5 y+1 / 2,-z-3 / 2,-x-1$

Table S2 A summary of structure determinations of ten randomly selected reddish-purple and triangular crystals of $1 \mathrm{P}-\mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}$ : Cell parameters, $R$ factors, Flack absolute structure parameters for each refinement in $P 2_{1} 3$ space group and observed helicity are given.

| SN | a | Vol. | $R 1$ | $w R 2$ | Flack <br> parameter | Helicity |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 | $17.465(2)$ | $5326.9(12)$ | 0.0538 | 0.1545 | $0.98(4)$ | M |
| 2 | $17.49820(10)$ | $5357.72(5)$ | 0.0394 | 0.1436 | $0.03(3)$ | P |
| 3 | $17.5204(2)$ | $5378.14(11)$ | 0.0656 | 0.1964 | $0.04(6)$ | P |
| 4 | $17.4524(8)$ | $5315.8(4)$ | 0.0549 | 0.1618 | $0.00(5)$ | P |
| 5 | $17.5332(5)$ | $5389.9(3)$ | 0.0509 | 0.1755 | $0.03(4)$ | P |
| 6 | $17.43180(10)$ | $5296.96(5)$ | 0.0657 | 0.1952 | $-0.011(10)$ | P |
| 7 | $17.4907(2)$ | $5350.83(11)$ | 0.0656 | 0.2045 | $-0.03(5)$ | P |
| 8 | $17.45850(10)$ | $5321.34(5)$ | 0.0581 | 0.1828 | $0.01(4)$ | P |
| 10 | $17.46890(10)$ | $5330.85(5)$ | 0.0583 | 0.1861 | $0.03(4)$ | P |
|  | $17.46840(10)$ | $5330.40(5)$ | 0.0441 | 0.1308 | $0.01(3)$ | P |

Table S3 A summary of structure determinations of ten randomly selected blackish-purple and irregular crystals of $\mathbf{1 M}-\mathrm{NH}_{3}$ : Cell parameters, $R$ factors, Flack absolute structure parameters for each refinement in $P 2_{1} 3$ space group and observed helicity are given.

| SN | a | Vol. | $R 1$ | $w R 2$ | Flack <br> parameter | Helicity |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 | $17.47050(10)$ | $5332.32(5)$ | 0.0418 | 0.1457 | $0.00(4)$ | M |
| 2 | $17.46870(10)$ | $5330.67(5)$ | 0.0449 | 0.1453 | $0.02(4)$ | M |
| 3 | $17.50350(10)$ | $5362.59(5)$ | 0.0395 | 0.1323 | $0.00(3)$ | M |
| 4 | $17.4779(3)$ | $5339.10(16)$ | 0.0770 | 0.1688 | $0.94(7)$ | P |
| 5 | $17.50570(10)$ | $5364.61(5)$ | 0.0490 | 0.1521 | $0.01(3)$ | M |
| 6 | $17.51450(10)$ | $5372.71(5)$ | 0.0531 | 0.1704 | $-0.05(4)$ | M |
| 7 | $17.51760(10)$ | $5375.56(5)$ | 0.0561 | 0.1873 | $-0.07(4)$ | M |
| 8 | $17.48820(10)$ | $5348.54(5)$ | 0.0520 | 0.1733 | $0.03(4)$ | M |
| 10 | $17.48450(10)$ | $5345.15(5)$ | 0.0550 | 0.1824 | $0.05(4)$ | M |
|  | $17.50280(10)$ | $5361.95(5)$ | 0.0491 | 0.1669 | $0.00(4)$ | M |



Fig. S5 Solid state UV-vis diffused reflectance spectra of $\mathbf{1 M}-\mathrm{NH}_{3}$ and $\mathbf{1 P}-\mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}$ (using $\mathrm{BaSO}_{4}$ as substrate).


Fig. S6 Solid state CD spectra recorded for four blackish-purple and triangular single crystals of racemic conglomerate ( $\mathbf{1 P -} \mathrm{NH}_{3}+\mathbf{1 M}-\mathrm{NH}_{3}$ ). Two of them show positive dichroic signal approximately at 300 nm (top), the other two show the opposite signals (bottom).


Fig. $\mathbf{S 7}$ Solid state CD spectra recorded for four blackish-purple and irregular single crystals of racemic conglomerate ( $\mathbf{1} \mathbf{P}-\mathrm{NH}_{3}+\mathbf{1} \mathbf{M}-\mathrm{NH}_{3}$ ). Two of them show positive dichroic signal approximately at 300 nm (top), the other two shows the opposite signal (bottom)


Fig. S 8 Solid state CD spectra of bulk samples of 1 (containing both $1 \mathbf{P}-\mathrm{NH}_{3}$ and $1 \mathbf{M}-\mathrm{NH}_{3}$ ) from six batches. All of them are almost CD silent, which show the formation of racemic conglomerate.


Fig. S9 Solid state CD spectra of bulk samples of $\mathbf{1 P}-\mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}$ from eighteen batches. Positive dichroic signal approximately at 300 nm for all samples indicate the bulk homochirality nature of $\mathbf{1 P}-\mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}$.


Fig. S10 Solid state CD spectra of bulk samples of $\mathbf{1 M}-\mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}$ from eighteen batches. Negative dichroic signal approximately at 300 nm for all samples indicate the bulk homochirality nature of $\mathbf{1 M}-\mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}$.


Fig. S11 Solid state CD spectra recorded for twelve reddish-purple and triangular single crystals of $1 \mathrm{P}-\mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}$. Positive dichroic signal approximately at 300 nm for all samples indicate the exclusive formation of enantiomorph 1P- $\mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}$.


Fig. S12 Solid state CD spectra recorded for twelve blackish-purple and irregular single crystals of $\mathbf{1} \mathbf{M}-\mathrm{NH}_{3}$. Negative dichroic signal approximately at 300 nm for all samples indicate the exclusive formation of enantiomorph $\mathbf{1 M}-\mathrm{NH}_{3}$.


Fig. S13 Curie plot for $1 \mathbf{P}-\mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}$ and $\mathbf{1 M}-\mathrm{NH}_{3}$. The solid line is the best fit to the Curie-Weiss law.


Fig. S14 Comparison of the experimental PXRD patterns of 1M-NH ${ }_{3}$, conglomerate 1P- $\mathrm{NH}_{3}+$ $\mathbf{1 M}-\mathrm{NH}_{3}$ and $\mathbf{1 P}-\mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}$ with the simulated patterns.


Fig. S15 TGA plots of $\mathbf{1 P}-\mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}$ and $\mathbf{1 M}-\mathrm{NH}_{3}$ at the temperature range of $30-600^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$. The Y -axis is the percentages of residual weight.


Fig. S16 $\mathrm{CO}_{2}$ sorption isotherm of $1 \mathrm{P}-\mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}$ at $195 \mathrm{~K} . P / P_{0}$ is the ratio of gas pressure $(P)$ to saturation pressure $\left(P_{0}\right)$, with $P_{0}=1.0$ bar.


Fig. S17 Chiral GC results of the a) blank racemic 2-butanol; b) racemic 2-butanol with $\mathbf{1 M}-\mathrm{NH}_{3} ; \mathrm{c}$ ) racemic 2-butanol with $1 \mathrm{P}-\mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}$.

Table S3 Chiral GC results $(e e=(|(R)-(S)| /|(R)+(S)|) \times 100 \%)$.

| Sample | Area (\%) |  | ee (\%) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| racemic 2- butanol | 49.6 | 50.7 | 1.1 |
| $\mathbf{1} \mathbf{M}-\mathrm{NH}_{3}+$ racemic 2- butanol | 48.1 | 51.9 | 3.8 |
| $\mathbf{1 P}-\mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}$ + racemic 2- butanol | 53.3 | 46.7 | 6.6 |

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