

## Supplementary Materials

### Resolution of Chiral polyoxoanion $[P_2Mo_{18}O_{62}]^{6-}$ with Histidine

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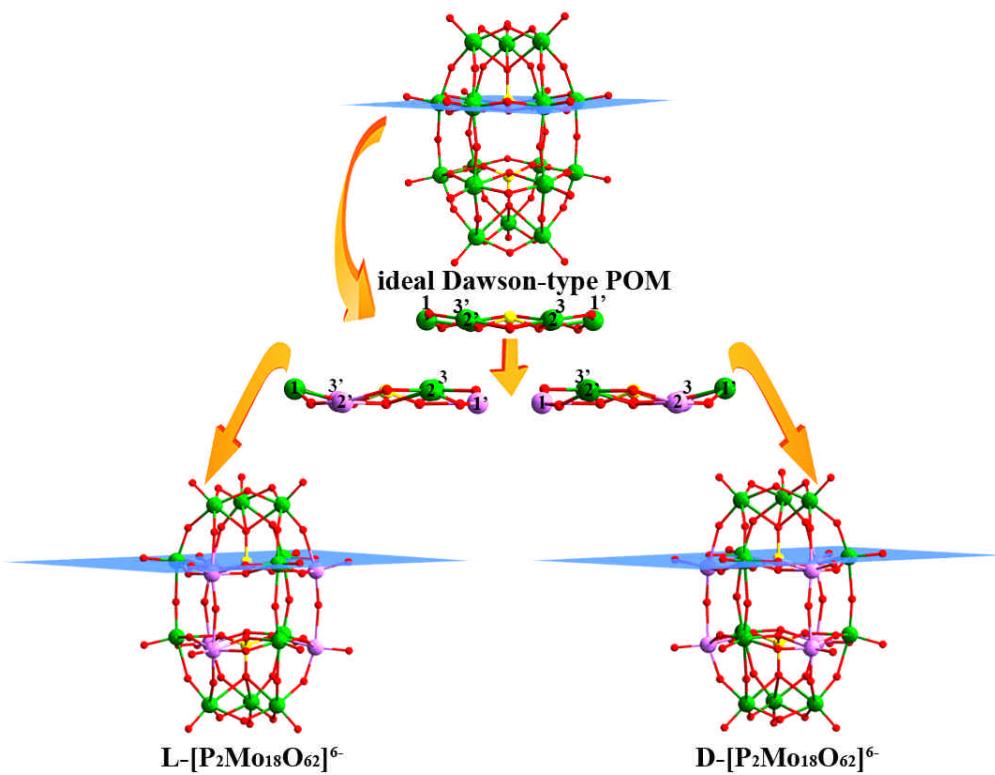
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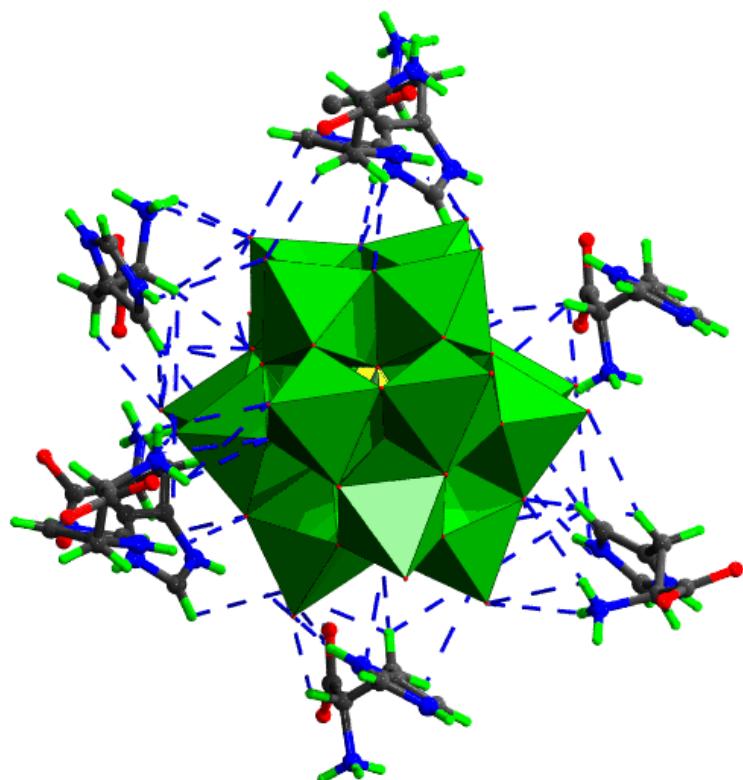
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**General methods and materials:**

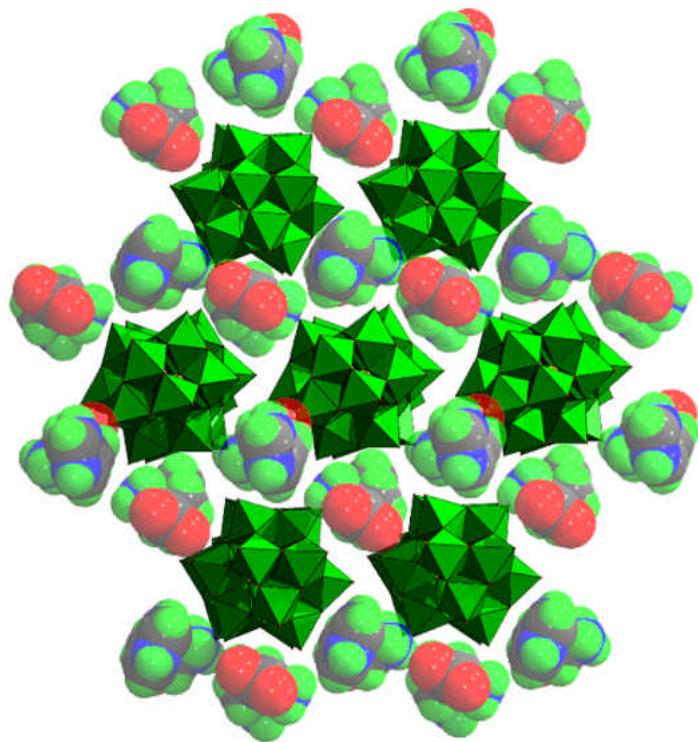
All chemicals were commercially purchased and used without further purification. Elemental analyses (C, H, N) were performed on a Perkin-Elmer 2400 CHN elemental analyzer; P, Mo were analyzed on a PLASMA-SPEC(I) ICP atomic emission spectrometer. IR spectra were recorded in the range of  $400 \sim 4000 \text{ cm}^{-1}$  on an Alpha Centaurt FT/IR Spectrophotometer using KBr pellets. The UV-vis absorption spectra were recorded using a Hitachi UV-3010 spectrophotometer. TG analysis was performed on a Perkin-Elmer TGA7 instrument in flowing  $\text{N}_2$  with a heating rate of  $10 \text{ }^{\circ}\text{C min}^{-1}$ . Solid-state CD spectra for compounds **1** were recorded using a JASCO J-810 spectrophotometer. Polarizing optical microscope measurements were performed using a Changfang XPV-400E polarized optical microscope.



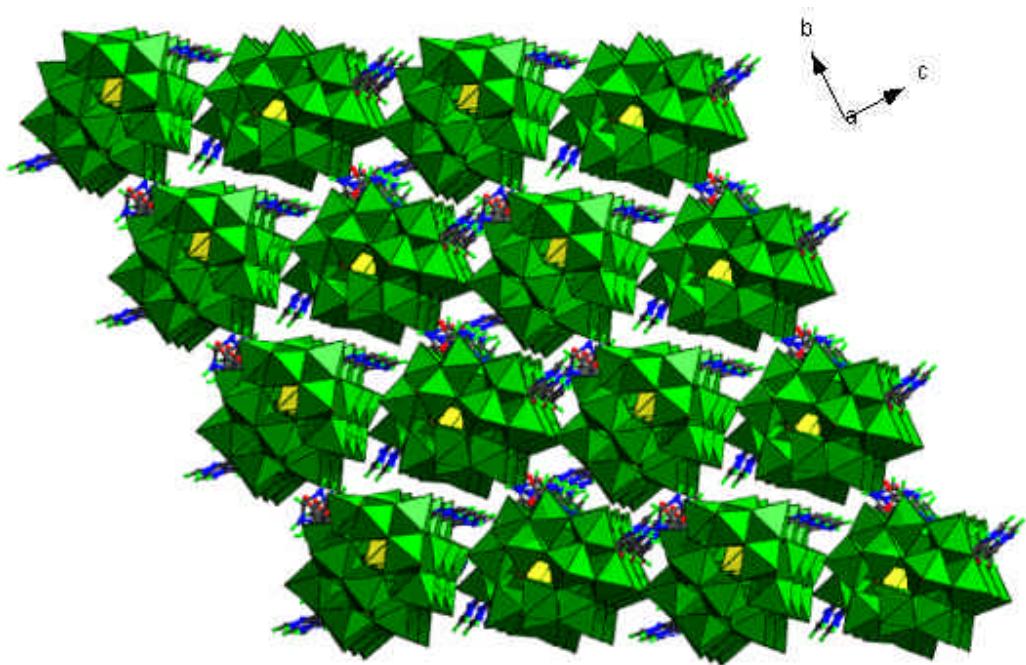
**Scheme S1** The L- $[P_2Mo_{18}O_{62}]^{6-}$  and D- $[P_2Mo_{18}O_{62}]^{6-}$  with  $D_3$  symmetry viewed as a ideal Dawson-type polyoxoanion by displacing two different sets of three Mo atoms in the ring.



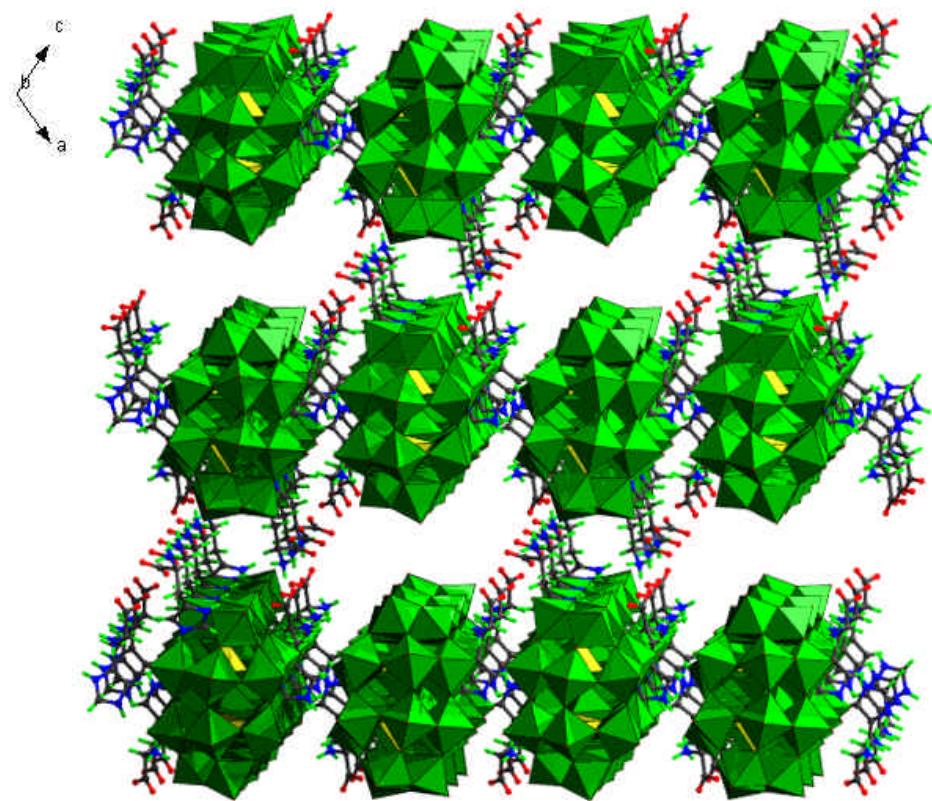
**Figure S1** Polyhedral and ball-and-stick representation of the H-bonding interactions between the  $[P_2Mo_{18}O_{62}]^{6-}$  polyoxoanions and histidine molecules in compound **1a**.



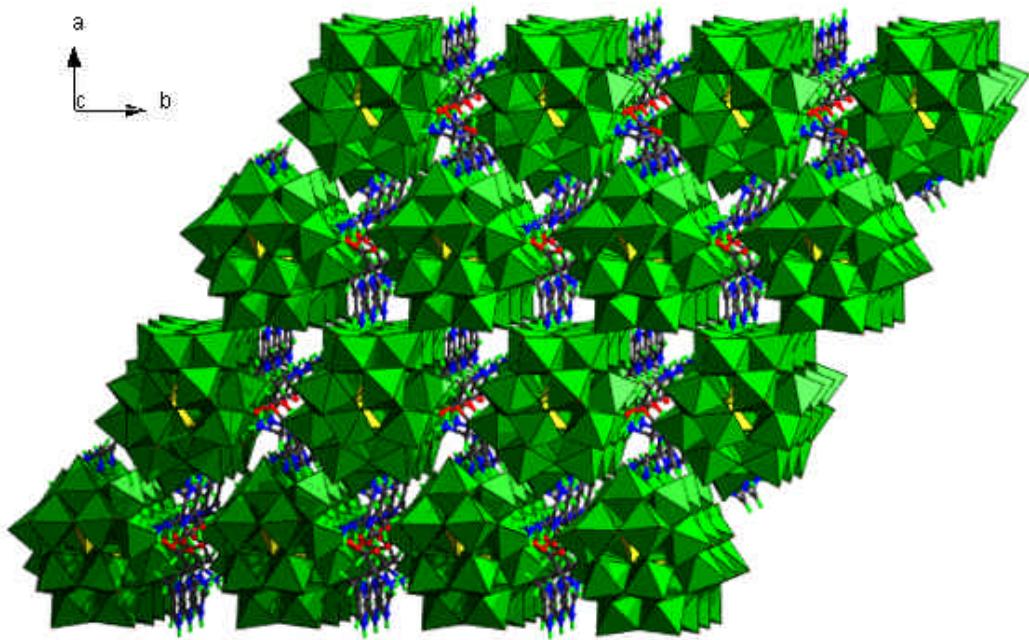
**Figure S2** Polyhedral and filling diagram representation of the 2D layer formed of  $[P_2Mo_{18}O_{62}]^{6-}$  polyoxoanion and L-histidine in compound **1a**.



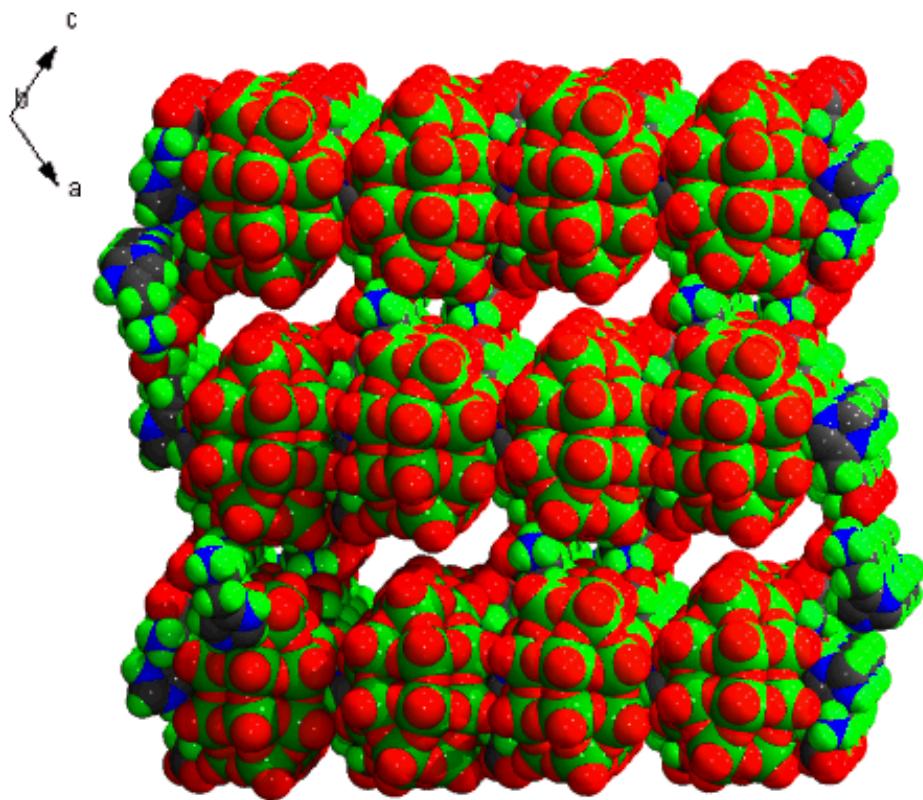
**Figure S3** Polyhedral and ball-and-stick representation of the 3D supramolecular structure of **1a** viewed along *a* axis



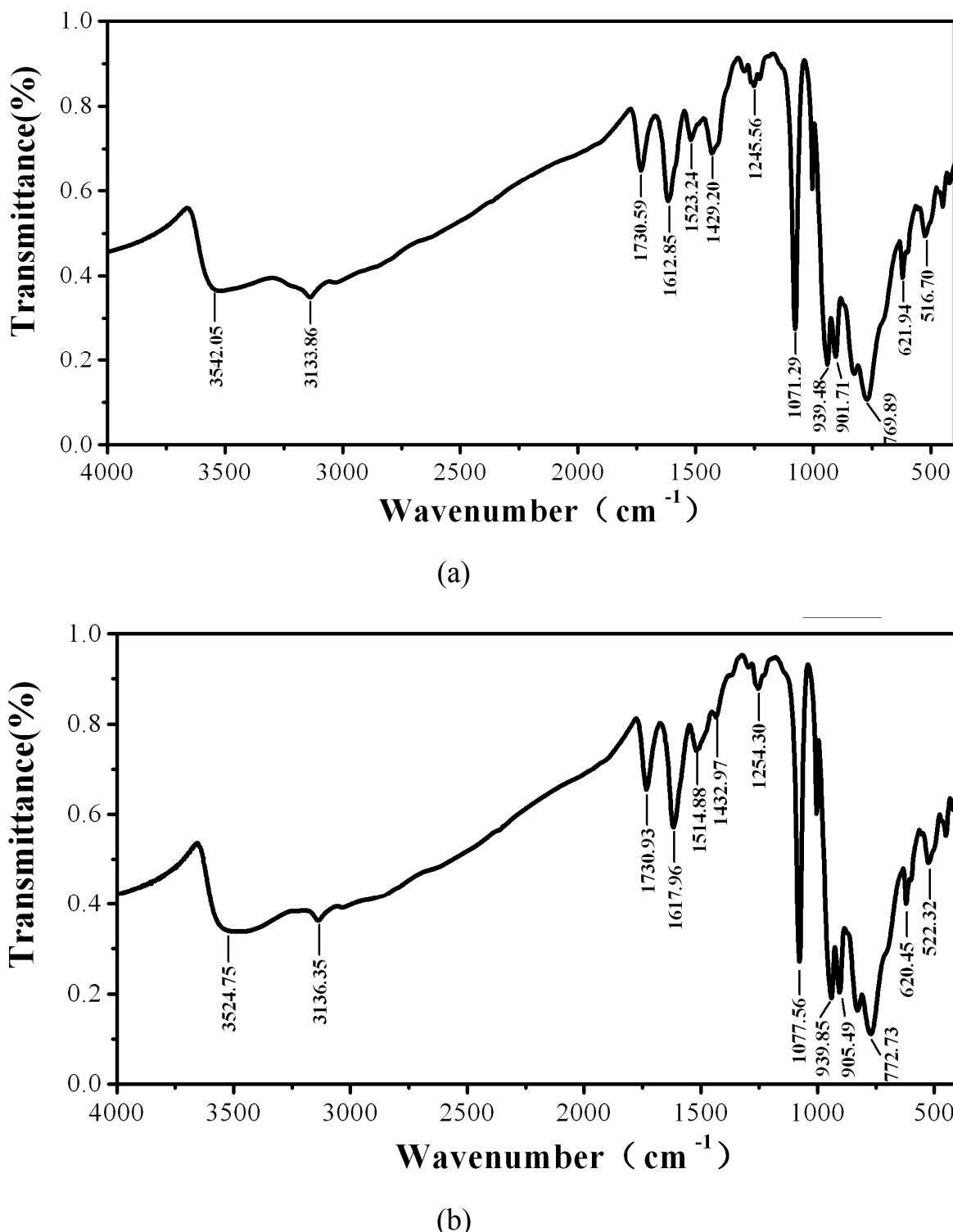
**Figure S4** Polyhedral and ball-and-stick representation of the 3D supramolecular structure of **1a** viewed along *b* axis



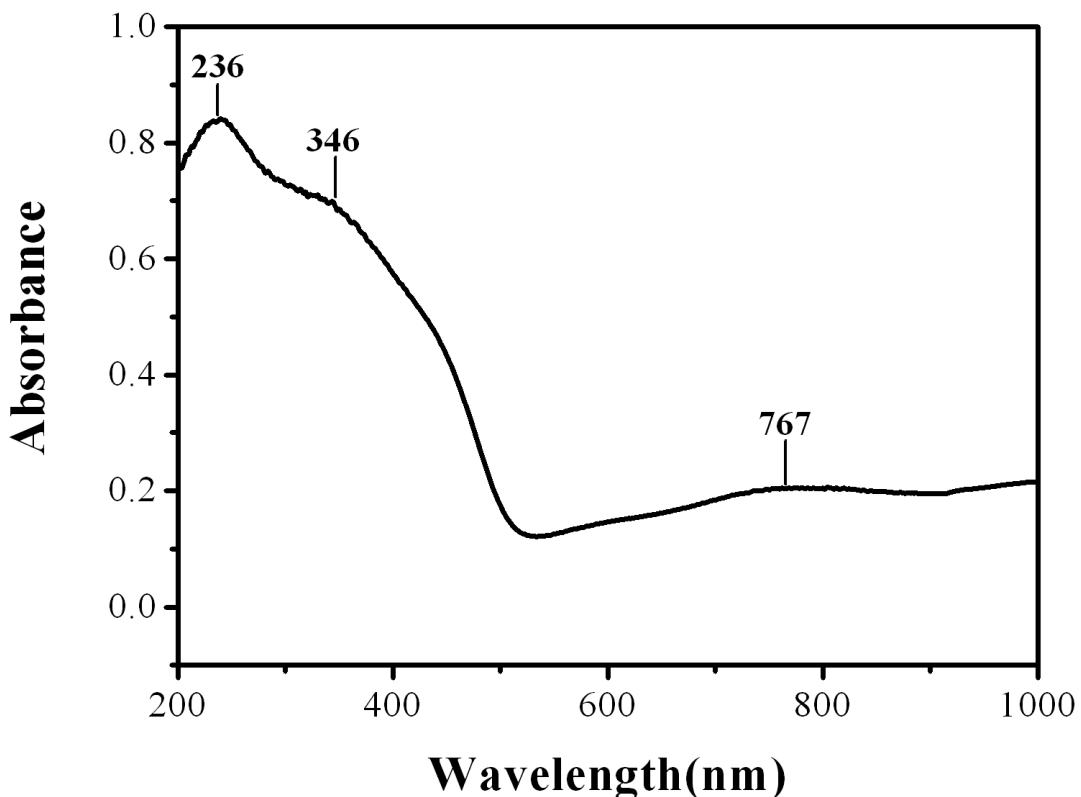
**Figure S5** Polyhedral and ball-and-stick representation of the 3D supramolecular structure of **1a** viewed along *c* axis



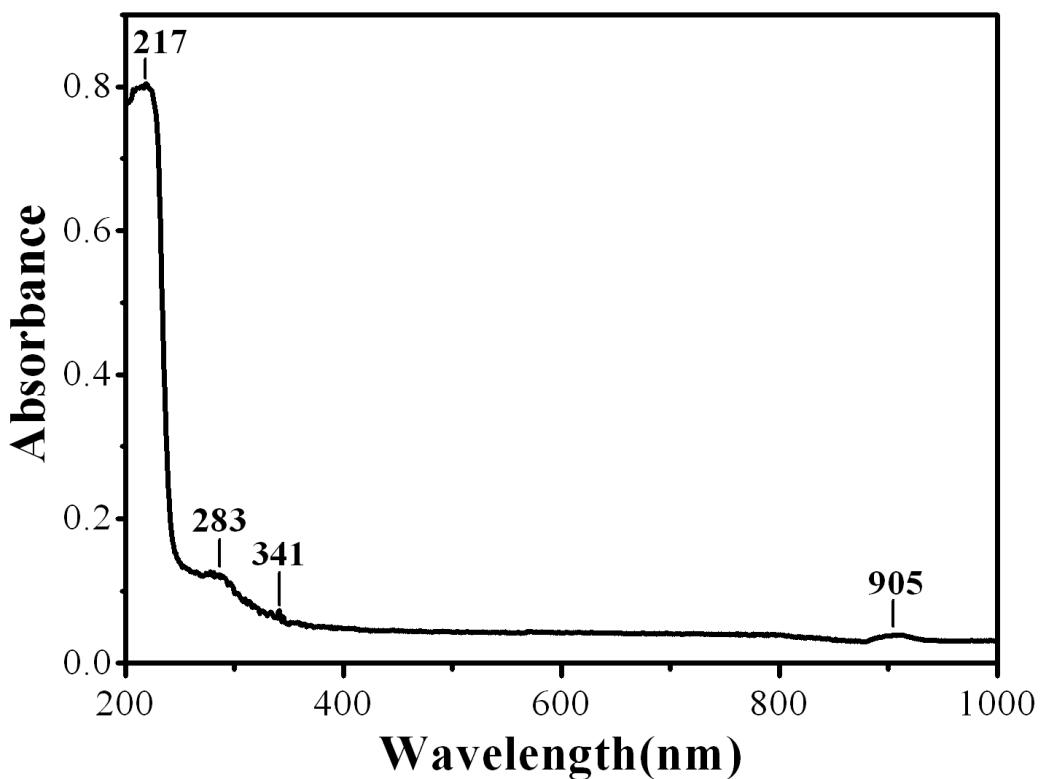
**Figure S6** A space-filling diagram representation of 3D supramolecular structure with channels in compound **1a**.



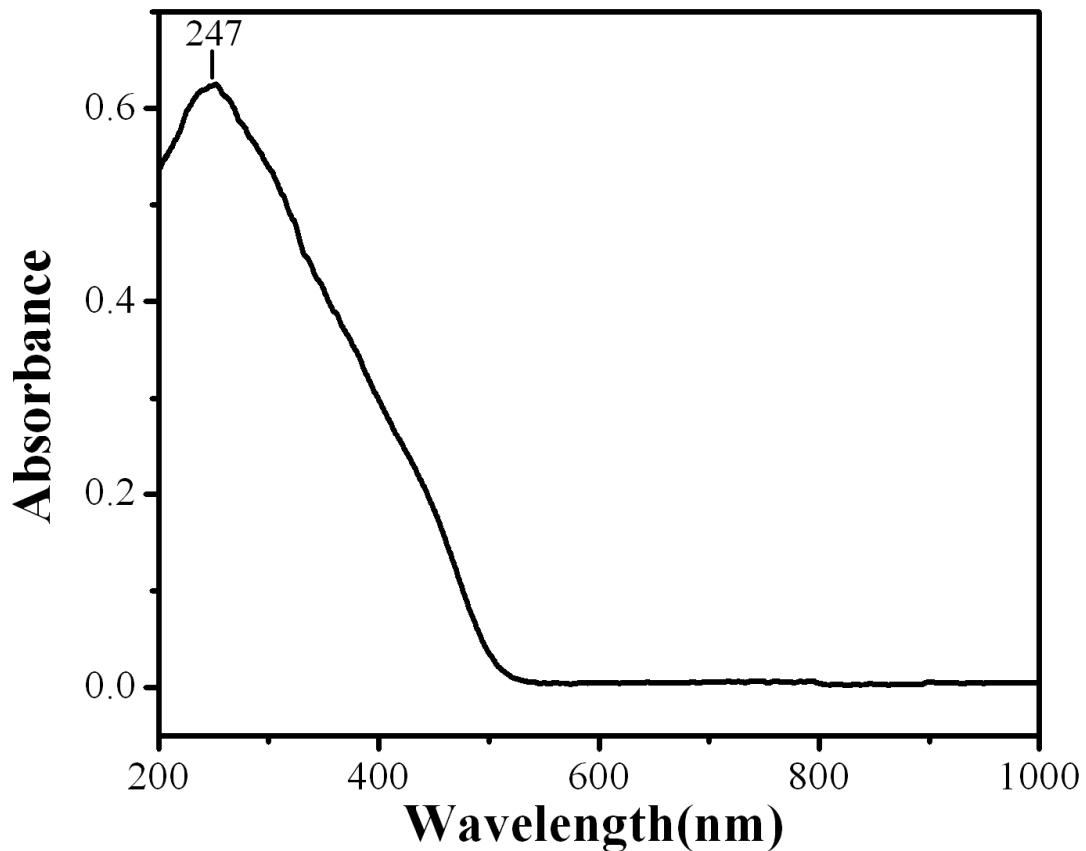
**Figure S7.** IR spectrum for compounds **1a** and **1b**



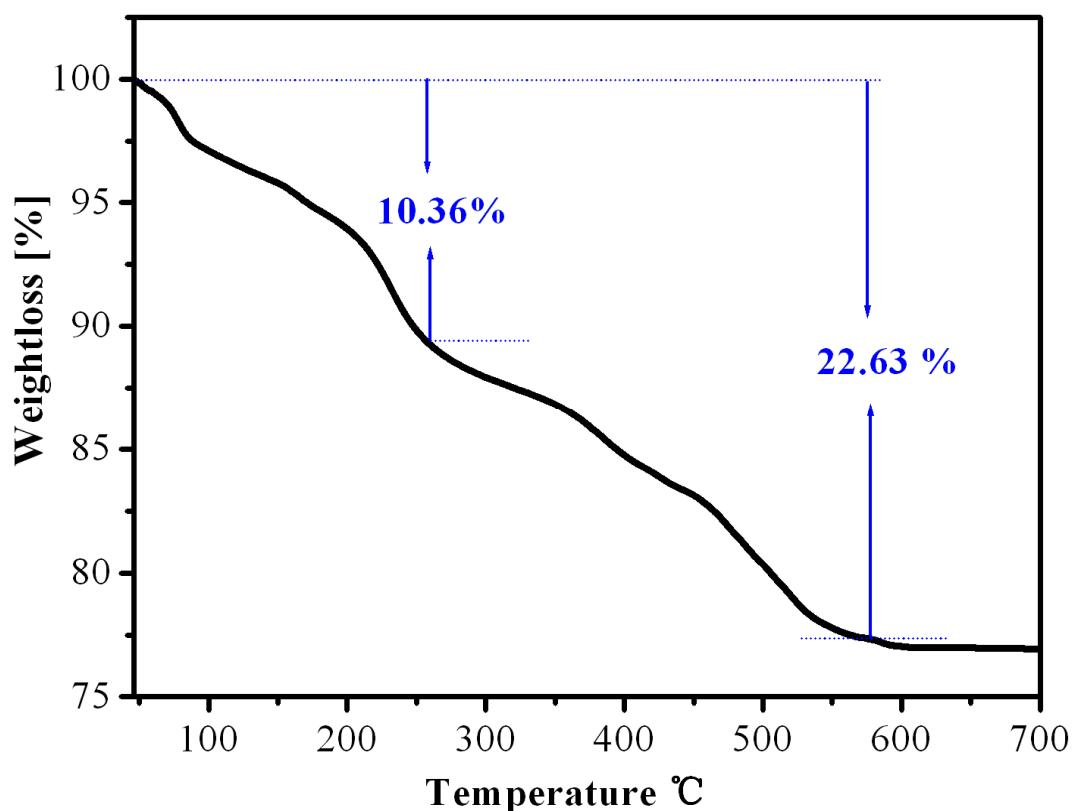
**Figure S8.** The UV-Vis spectrum for compounds **1a** in the solid state.



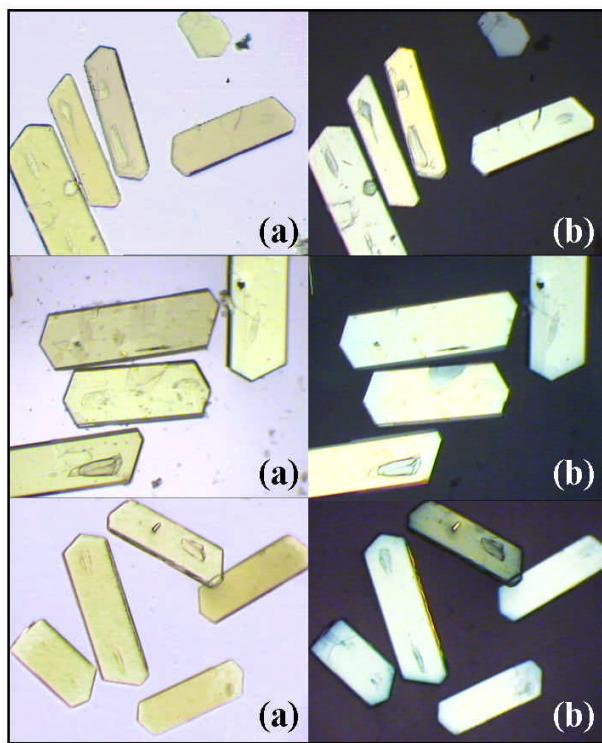
**Figure S9.** The UV-Vis spectrum for L-histidine in the solid state.



**Figure S10.** The UV-Vis spectrum for polyoxoanion  $[P_2Mo_{18}O_{62}]^{6-}$  in the solid state.



**Figure S11.** The TG curve of compound **1** exhibits two weight loss stages in the temperature ranges 46-570°C, corresponding to the loss of coordinated water and histidine molecules respectively. The whole weight loss (22.63%) is in good agreement with the calculated value (22.93%).



**Figure S12.** The polarizing optical micrographs of compound **1a**. (a) The bright field images of compound **1a** crystals; (b) The dark field images of compound **1a** crystals.

**Table S1** Selected H-bonding for compound **1a** and **1b**

Compound <b>1a</b>	Compound <b>1b</b>
O(20)-H(1A)	2.44
H(18A)-O(35)	2.517
O(35)-H(5B)	2.526
O(14)-H(11A)	2.531
O(45)-H(2B)	2.531
O(20)-H(3A)	2.569
H(18A)-O(37)	2.598
O(22)-H(2A)	2.598
O(24)-H(5A)	2.599
H(8B)-O(30)	2.617
O(55)-H(9C)	2.483
O(59)-H(1A)	2.553
H(16A)-O(55)	2.554
O(45)-H(17B)	2.567
H(6A)-O(4)	2.569
O(59)-H(6B)	2.586
O(33)-H(6B)	2.607
O(61)-H(17A)	2.608
O(57)-H(14A)	2.628
H(2A)-O(51)	2.661

O(37)-H(7B)	2.673	O(25)-H(5B)	2.7
O(11)-H(8B)	2.676	O(50)-H(16A)	2.702
O(35)-H(9A)	2.679	O(55)-H(9A)	2.707
O(19)-H(2C)	2.693	O(33)-H(5A)	2.711
O(20)-H(1C)	2.693	H(2A)-O(18)	2.715
O(30)-H(6B)	2.696	O(56)-H(91A)	2.729
H(7A)-O(1)	2.706	O(59)-H(31A)	2.731
O(61)-H(3A)	2.706	H(9B)-O(32)	2.737
O(37)-H(7A)	2.735	H(1A)-O(62)	2.752
H(1B)-O(60)	2.751	O(33)-H(5B)	2.762
O(55)-H(2B)	2.769	O(51)-H(2C)	2.769
H(5B)-O(58)	2.792	O(56)-H(14A)	2.782
H(9B)-O(32)	2.804	O(36)-H(17B)	2.786
O(1)-H(15A)	2.83	O(21)-H(15A)	2.805
O(8)-H(4D)	2.837	H(9C)-O(32)	2.814
O(37)-H(9A)	2.854	O(34)-H(6A)	2.821
O(54)-H(8A)	2.855	O(25)-H(7A)	2.839
O(61)-H(6A)	2.855	O(27)-H(8B)	2.843
O(47)-H(6A)	2.86	O(16)-H(31A)	2.849
O(26)-H(11A)	2.862	O(47)-H(2B)	2.859
O(60)-H(1A)	2.866	O(33)-H(31A)	2.866
H(9A)-O(8)	2.87	O(59)-H(2A)	2.871
H(14A)-O(48)	2.871	H(1A)-O(13)	2.874
O(35)-H(8B)	2.873	H(2B)-O(9)	2.88
O(25)-H(8A)	2.877	O(16)-H(3B)	2.881
O(18)-H(1C)	2.89	O(22)-H(31A)	2.886
H(5A)-O(31)	2.91	H(14A)-O(37)	2.901
O(25)-H(4C)	2.918	O(47)-H(3C)	2.911
H(5B)-O(7)	2.919	H(9A)-O(63)	2.922
O(17)-H(6A)	2.923	O(36)-H(8C)	2.943
O(55)-H(3B)	2.94	H(15A)-O(50)	2.956
H(2C)-O(47)	2.943	H(15A)-O(45)	2.96
O(45)-H(6A)	2.962	H(15A)-O(3)	2.964
H(18A)-O(24)	2.964	H(2C)-O(41)	2.982
O(4)-H(6A)	2.976	H(9B)-O(63)	2.988
O(45)-H(3A)	3.004	O(55)-H(8C)	2.999