

**Tuning the Structure of Metal Phosphonate Using Uncoordinating Methyl group:
Syntheses, Structures and Properties of a Series of Metal Diphosphonates**

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Table S1. Selected angles of compounds **1-8**.

1			
O(2)#1-Mn(1)-O(2)#2	179.03(10)	O(1)#3-Mn(1)-O(1W)	88.19(10)
O(2)#1-Mn(1)-O(1)#3	93.21(7)	O(1)-Mn(1)-O(1W)	172.85(9)
O(2)#2-Mn(1)-O(1)#3	87.43(7)	O(2)#1-Mn(1)-O(1W)#3	92.24(9)
O(2)#1-Mn(1)-O(1)	87.43(7)	O(2)#2-Mn(1)-O(1W)#3	87.06(9)
O(2)#2-Mn(1)-O(1)	93.21(7)	O(1)#3-Mn(1)-O(1W)#3	172.85(9)
O(1)#3-Mn(1)-O(1)	96.67(11)	O(1)-Mn(1)-O(1W)#3	88.19(10)
O(2)#1-Mn(1)-O(1W)	87.06(9)	O(1W)-Mn(1)-O(1W)#3	87.47(16)
O(2)#2-Mn(1)-O(1W)	92.24(9)		
2			
O(1W)-Co(1)-O(2W)	88.49(9)	O(6W)-Co(1)-O(3W)	87.33(9)
O(1W)-Co(1)-O(6W)	177.74(8)	O(4W)-Co(1)-O(3W)	172.55(8)
O(2W)-Co(1)-O(6W)	92.82(9)	O(1W)-Co(1)-O(5W)	92.27(9)
O(1W)-Co(1)-O(4W)	93.78(9)	O(2W)-Co(1)-O(5W)	175.97(9)
O(2W)-Co(1)-O(4W)	87.22(9)	O(6W)-Co(1)-O(5W)	86.30(9)
O(6W)-Co(1)-O(4W)	88.12(9)	O(4W)-Co(1)-O(5W)	96.67(8)
O(1W)-Co(1)-O(3W)	90.90(9)	O(3W)-Co(1)-O(5W)	88.92(8)
O(2W)-Co(1)-O(3W)	87.11(9)		
3			
O(1W)-Co(1)-O(1W)#1	180.0	O(3W)#1-Co(1)-O(2W)	90.44(15)
O(1W)-Co(1)-O(3W)#1	89.07(15)	O(3W)-Co(1)-O(2W)	89.56(15)
O(1W)#1-Co(1)-O(3W)#1	90.93(15)	O(1W)-Co(1)-O(2W)#1	91.03(17)
O(1W)-Co(1)-O(3W)	90.93(15)	O(1W)#1-Co(1)-O(2W)#1	88.97(17)
O(1W)#1-Co(1)-O(3W)	89.07(15)	O(3W)#1-Co(1)-O(2W)#1	89.49(15)
O(3W)#1-Co(1)-O(3W)	180.0	O(3W)-Co(1)-O(2W)#1	90.51(15)
O(1W)-Co(1)-O(2W)	88.97(17)	O(2W)-Co(1)-O(2W)#1	180.0
O(1W)#1-Co(1)-O(2W)	91.03(17)		
4			
O(1W)-Ni(1)-O(2W)	87.40(10)	O(6W)-Ni(1)-O(3W)	87.39(9)
O(1W)-Ni(1)-O(6W)	177.92(10)	O(4W)-Ni(1)-O(3W)	173.21(9)
O(2W)-Ni(1)-O(6W)	93.06(10)	O(1W)-Ni(1)-O(5W)	92.69(10)
O(1W)-Ni(1)-O(4W)	92.99(10)	O(2W)-Ni(1)-O(5W)	176.98(10)
O(2W)-Ni(1)-O(4W)	86.96(10)	O(6W)-Ni(1)-O(5W)	86.74(9)
O(6W)-Ni(1)-O(4W)	89.06(9)	O(4W)-Ni(1)-O(5W)	96.05(9)

O(1W)-Ni(1)-O(3W)	90.61(9)	O(3W)-Ni(1)-O(5W)	89.53(9)
O(2W)-Ni(1)-O(3W)	87.45(10)		
5			
O(2)-Cu(1)-O(2)#1	180.0	O(2)-Cu(1)-O(3)#3	87.99(11)
O(2)-Cu(1)-O(3)#2	92.01(11)	O(2)#1-Cu(1)-O(3)#3	92.01(11)
O(2)#1-Cu(1)-O(3)#2	87.99(11)	O(3)#2-Cu(1)-O(3)#3	180.0
6			
O(3W)-Zn(1)-O(3W)#1	180.0	O(1W)-Zn(1)-O(2W)	88.76(12)
O(3W)-Zn(1)-O(1W)	90.90(11)	O(1W)#1-Zn(1)-O(2W)	91.24(12)
O(3W)#1-Zn(1)-O(1W)	89.10(11)	O(3W)-Zn(1)-O(2W)#1	89.94(11)
O(3W)-Zn(1)-O(1W)#1	89.10(11)	O(3W)#1-Zn(1)-O(2W)#1	90.06(11)
O(3W)#1-Zn(1)-O(1W)#1	90.90(11)	O(1W)-Zn(1)-O(2W)#1	91.24(12)
O(1W)-Zn(1)-O(1W)#1	180.0	O(1W)#1-Zn(1)-O(2W)#1	88.76(13)
O(3W)-Zn(1)-O(2W)	89.94(11)	O(2W)-Zn(1)-O(2W)#1	180.0
O(3W)#1-Zn(1)-O(2W)	90.06(11)		
7			
O(1)-Zn(1)-O(1)#1	130.28(11)	O(1)-Zn(1)-O(1W)	105.88(7)
O(1)-Zn(1)-O(2W)	102.19(7)	O(1)#1-Zn(1)-O(1W)	105.88(7)
O(1)#1-Zn(1)-O(2W)	102.19(7)	O(2W)-Zn(1)-O(1W)	109.24(15)
8			
O(3)#1-Cd(1)-O(3)	179.14(14)	O(2)#2-Cd(1)-O(1W)	84.98(13)
O(3)#1-Cd(1)-O(2)#2	94.49(11)	O(2)#3-Cd(1)-O(1W)	167.80(13)
O(3)-Cd(1)-O(2)#2	86.06(10)	O(3)#1-Cd(1)-O(1W)#1	96.52(13)
O(3)#1-Cd(1)-O(2)#3	86.06(11)	O(3)-Cd(1)-O(1W)#1	82.87(13)
O(3)-Cd(1)-O(2)#3	94.49(11)	O(2)#2-Cd(1)-O(1W)#1	167.80(13)
O(2)#2-Cd(1)-O(2)#3	101.03(16)	O(2)#3-Cd(1)-O(1W)#1	84.98(13)
O(3)#1-Cd(1)-O(1W)	82.87(13)	O(1W)-Cd(1)-O(1W)#1	91.2(2)
O(3)-Cd(1)-O(1W)	96.52(13)		

Symmetry transformations used to generate equivalent atoms: For **1**: #1 $x, -y, z-1/2$; #2 $-x+1, -y, -z+2$; #3 $-x+1, y, -z+3/2$; #4 $-x+3/2, -y+1/2, -z+2$. For **3** and **6**: #1 $-x+1, -y+1, -z$. For **5**: #1 $-x+2, -y+2, -z$; #2 $-x+1, -y+2, -z$; #3 $x+1, y, z$. For **7**: #1 $x, -y+3/2, z$. For **8**: #1 $-x+1, y, -z+1/2$; #2 $x, -y, z-1/2$; #3 $-x+1, -y, -z+1$.

Table S2 Some O-H \cdots O interactions found for compounds **1-8**.

D-H	H \cdots A	D \cdots A	<(DHA)	
1				
0.82	1.83	2.638(2)	168.2	O3-H3A \cdots O1_\$1
2				
0.82	1.89	2.674(3)	158.8	O2-H2A \cdots O6_\$1
0.85	1.82	2.667(3)	176.4	O1W-H2W \cdots O5_\$3
0.85	1.99	2.832(3)	168.5	O2W-H3W \cdots O3W_\$4
0.85	2.00	2.748(3)	146.0	O2W-H4W \cdots O4W_\$5
0.85	1.94	2.787(3)	171.4	O3W-H6W \cdots O8W_\$6

0.85	1.86	2.704(3)	177.0	O3W-H5W...O7W
0.85	1.98	2.681(3)	139.4	O4W-H7W...O3
0.85	1.86	2.707(3)	171.6	O6W-H11W...O3_\$5
0.85	1.96	2.806(3)	174.7	O6W-H12W...O7W_\$2
0.85	1.96	2.811(3)	175.9	O7W-H14W...O6_\$3
0.85	1.94	2.787(3)	177.4	O8W-H15W...O3_\$7
3				
0.82	1.66	2.445(5)	160.7	O1-H1A...O4_\$1
0.82	1.74	2.545(5)	166.0	O2-H2A...O6_\$2
0.82	1.76	2.578(5)	177.6	O5-H5A...O3_\$3
0.85	1.87	2.701(7)	165.1	O1W-H1W...O4W
0.85	1.99	2.823(7)	167.7	O1W-H1W...O4W_\$4
0.85	2.00	2.815(5)	161.6	O2W-H3W...O4_\$5
0.85	1.98	2.785(5)	158.9	O3W-H5W...O6_\$1
4				
0.82	1.89	2.668(3)	159.0	O2-H2A...O6_\$1
0.85	1.82	2.672(3)	177.4	O1W-H2W...O5_\$3
0.85	2.00	2.844(3)	169.5	O2W-H3W...O3W_\$4
0.85	2.00	2.755(3)	146.7	O2W-H4W...O4W_\$5
0.85	1.93	2.778(3)	171.7	O3W-H6W...O8W_\$6
0.85	1.86	2.710(3)	176.3	O3W-H5W...O7W
0.85	1.98	2.680(3)	139.1	O4W-H7W...O3
0.85	1.85	2.696(3)	172.6	O6W-H11W...O3_\$5
0.85	1.96	2.807(3)	175.5	O6W-H12W...O7W_\$2
0.85	1.96	2.804(3)	175.3	O7W-H14W...O6_\$3
0.85	1.93	2.782(3)	177.5	O8W-H15W...O3_\$7
6				
0.82	1.66	2.449(3)	160.9	O1-H1A...O4_\$1
0.82	1.75	2.555(3)	166.2	O2-H2A...O6_\$2
0.82	1.77	2.588(3)	177.5	O5-H5A...O3_\$3
0.85	1.87	2.703(5)	165.8	O1W-H1W...O4W
0.85	1.98	2.816(5)	167.3	O1W-H1W...O4W_\$4
0.85	2.00	2.815(4)	161.7	O2W-H3W...O4_\$5
0.85	1.98	2.794(3)	159.3	O3W-H5W...O6_\$1
7				
0.82	1.79	2.545(2)	153.1	O2-H2A...O3_\$1
0.85	1.85	2.696(2)	176.3	O1W-H1W...O3_\$2
0.85	1.88	2.724(2)	173.6	O2W-H3W...O2_\$3
8				
0.82	1.84	2.654(4)	169.3	O1-H1A...O2_\$1

Operators for generating equivalent atoms: **1**: \$1x, -y+1, z+1/2. **2** and **4**: \$1 x, y-1, z; \$2 x-1, y, z; \$3 x+1, y, z; \$4 -x+2, -y+1, -z; \$5 -x+1, -y+1, -z; \$6 -x+1, -y+2, -z; \$7 x, y+1, z. **3** and **6**: \$1 -x+2, -y+2, -z; \$2 -x+2, y-1/2, -z+1/2; \$3 -x+2, y+1/2, -z+1/2;

4: $-x+1, y-1/2, -z-1/2$; 5: $-x+2, -y+1, -z$. 5: $x-1, y, z$; 2: $-x+2, -y+1, -z$; 3: $x+1, y-1, z$. 7: $x, -y, z-1/2$; 2: $-x+1, y, -z+1/2$. 7: $x-1/2, y, -z-1/2$; 2: $x+1/2, y, -z-1/2$; 3: $x+1/2, y, -z+1/2$. 8: $x, -y, z-1/2$; 2: $-x+1, y, -z+1/2$; 3: $x, -y+1, z-1/2$.

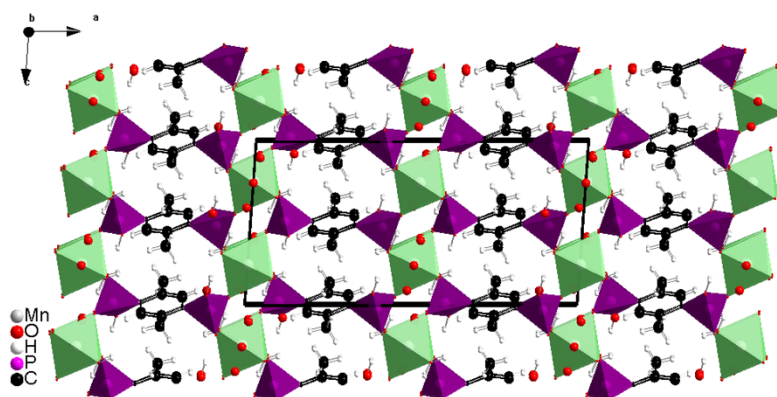


Figure S1. Three-dimensional packing diagram of compound **1** viewing along b -direction. The CPO_3 tetrahedrons and MnO_6 octahedrons are shaded in pink and green respectively. $\text{O-H}\cdots\text{O}$ interactions are shown as dash lines.

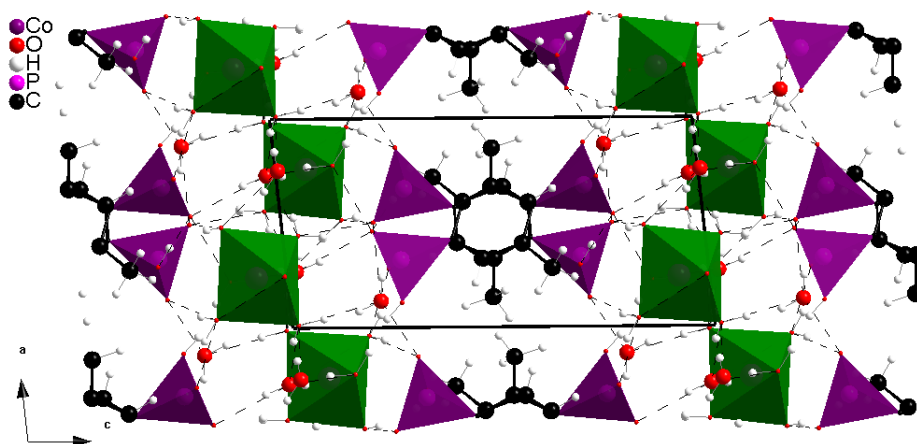


Figure S2. Three-dimensional packing diagram of compound **2** viewing along b -direction. The CPO_3 tetrahedrons and CoO_6 octahedrons are shaded in pink and green respectively. $\text{O-H}\cdots\text{O}$ interactions are shown as dash lines.

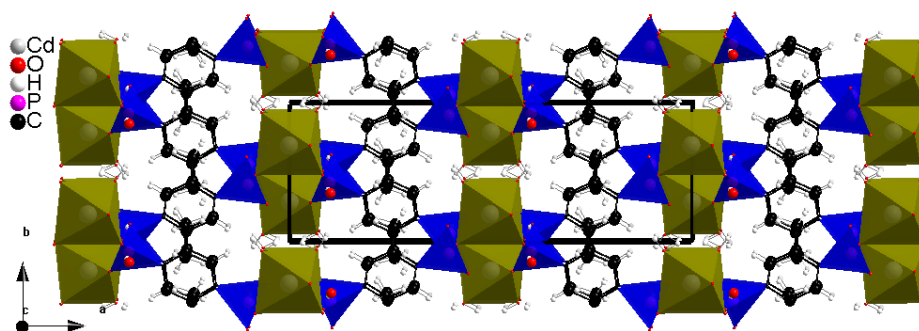


Figure S3. Three-dimensional packing diagram of compound **7** viewing along *c*-direction. The CPO_3 tetrahedrons and CdO_6 octahedrons are shaded in pink and green respectively.

Table S3. Comparison of the structures reported in this paper and those from literature synthesis condition used for 1,4-phenyldiphosphonic acid.

	Synthesis conditions		product	structure
Co	Literature method	$\text{Co}(\text{en})_3\text{Cl}_3$ (0.3 mmol, 0.12 g), H_4L (0.3 mmol, 0.0798 g), 8 ml H_2O , pH=3-4, 140 °C, 54 h	Blue green powder and pink plate crystals	Unknown phases (see Figure S11)
	This paper	H_4L (0.0665 g), $\text{Co}(\text{ac})_2 \cdot 4\text{H}_2\text{O}$ (0.0623 g), 3 mL H_2O , 160 °C, 3 days	Pink block crystals	Compound 2
		H_4L (0.0665 g), $\text{CoCl}_2 \cdot 6\text{H}_2\text{O}$ (0.0595 g), 3 mL H_2O , 160 °C, 3 days	Pink block crystals	Compound 3
Ni	Literature method	$\text{NiSO}_4 \cdot 6\text{H}_2\text{O}$ (0.2 mmol, 0.0525 g), H_4L (0.2 mmol, 0.0532 g), 8 ml H_2O , pH=3-4, 140 °C, 54 h	Clear solution	---
		$\text{NiSO}_4 \cdot 6\text{H}_2\text{O}$ (0.2 mmol, 0.0525 g), H_4L (0.2 mmol, 0.0532 g), 2 ml H_2O , pH=3-4, 140 °C, 54 h	Small green block crystals	Same to that of compound 4 (see Figure S12)
	This paper	H_4L (0.0665 g, 0.25 mmol), $\text{NiSO}_4 \cdot \text{H}_2\text{O}$ (0.1586 g, 0.25 mmol), 10 mL H_2O , 160 °C, 3 days	Green block crystals	Compound 4
Zn	Literature method	ZnCl_2 (1 mmol, 0.136 g), H_4L (0.5 mmol, 0.1331 g), 60 °C, 7 days	Small colorless crystals	Compound 7
	This paper	H_4L (0.0665 g), ZnCl_2 (0.0623 g), 3 mL H_2O , 160 °C, 3 days		Compound 6

Cu	Literature method	CuSO ₄ ·5H ₂ O (1 mmol, 0.2497 g), H ₄ L (0.25 mmol, 0.0665 g), 60 °C 1 day	Blue plate crystals	Same to that of compound 5 (see Figure S13)
	This paper	H ₄ L (0.0887 g, 0.3333 mmol), CuSO ₄ ·5H ₂ O (0.1665 g, 0.6666 mmol), and 10 mL H ₂ O, 160 °C, 3 days	Blue plate crystals	Compound 5

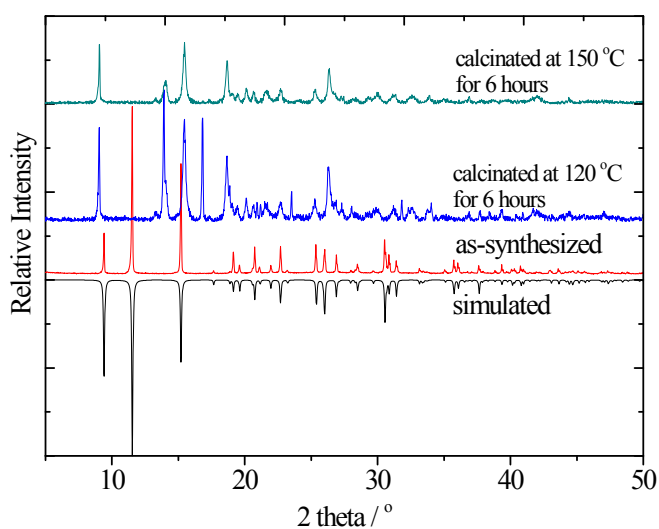


Figure S4. Comparison of simulated and experimental XRD pattern of compound **1**.

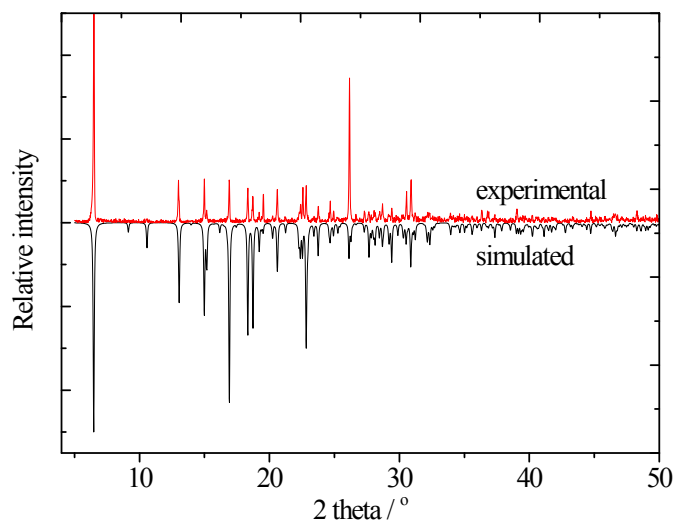


Figure S5. Comparison of simulated and experimental XRD pattern of compound **2**.

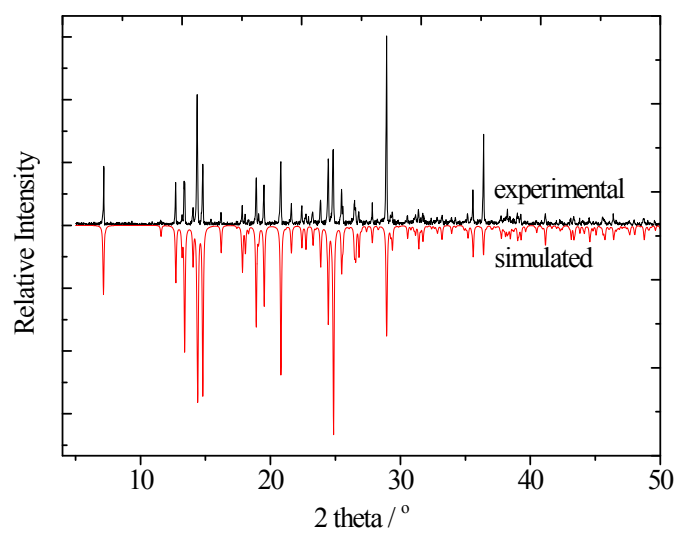


Figure S6. Comparison of simulated and experimental XRD pattern of compound **3**.

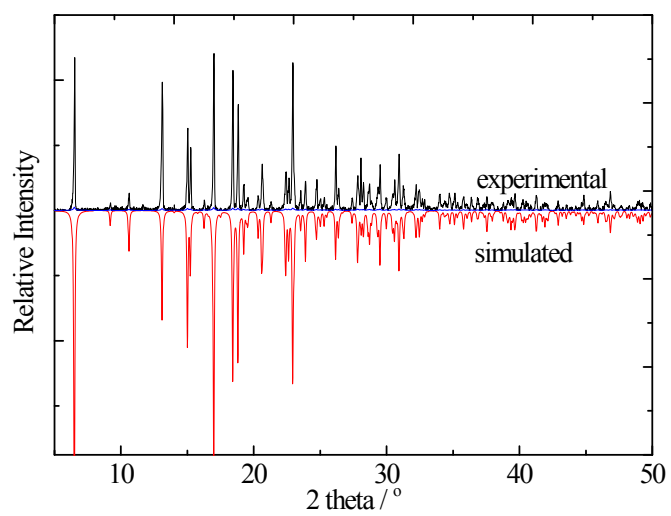


Figure S7. Comparison of simulated and experimental XRD pattern of compound **4**.

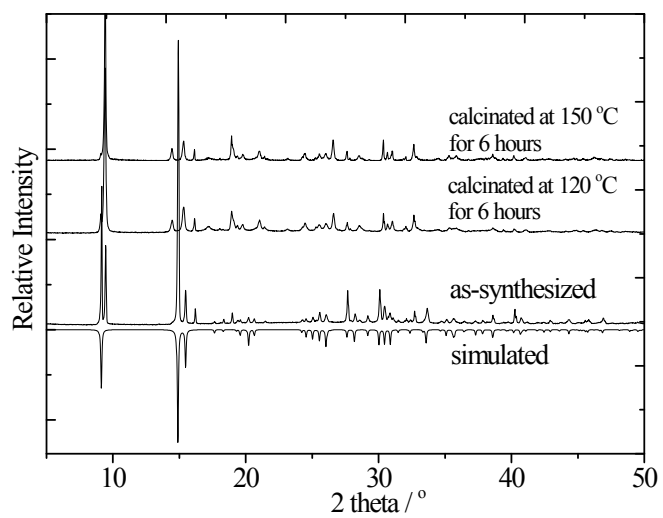


Figure S8. Comparison of simulated and experimental XRD pattern of compound **5**.

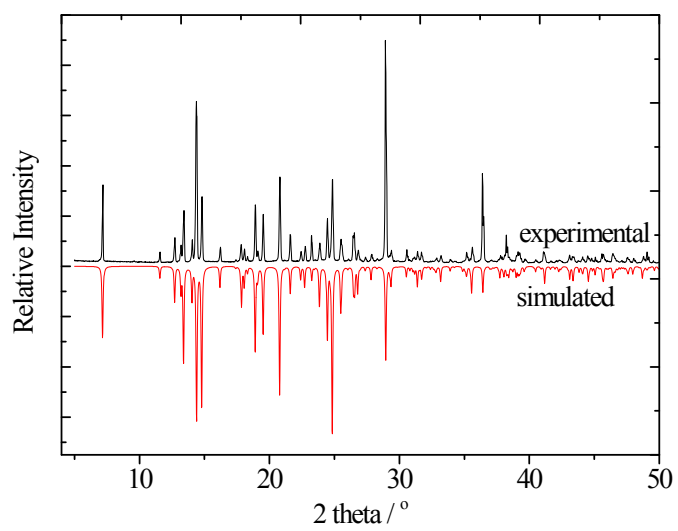


Figure S9. Comparison of simulated and experimental XRD pattern of compound **6**.

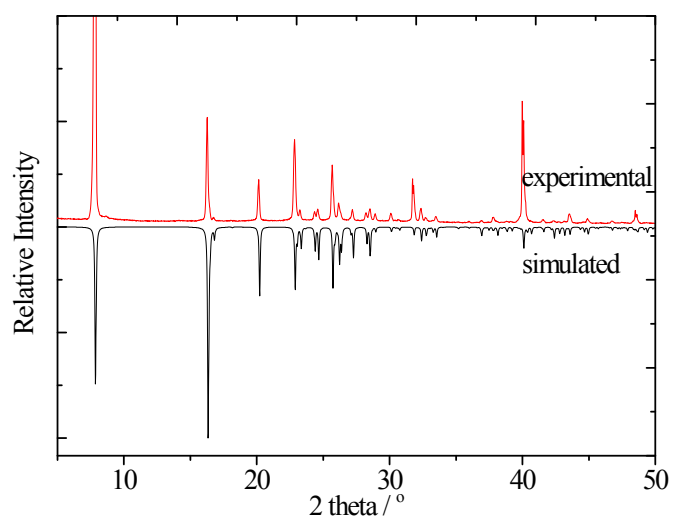


Figure S10. Comparison of simulated and experimental XRD pattern of compound **7**.

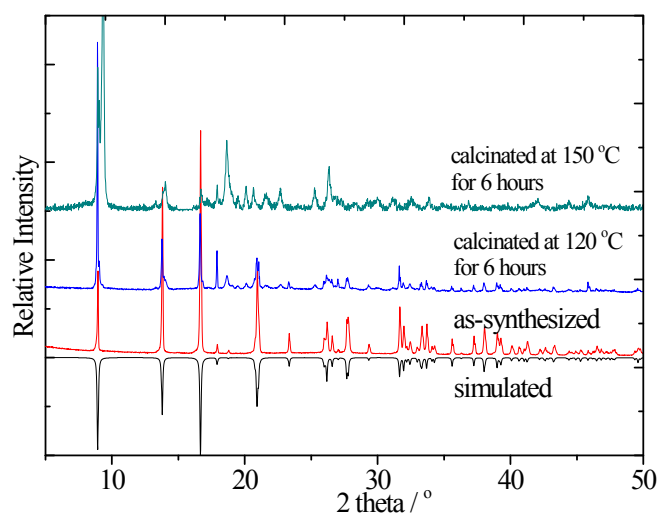


Figure S10. Comparison of simulated and experimental XRD pattern of compound **8**.

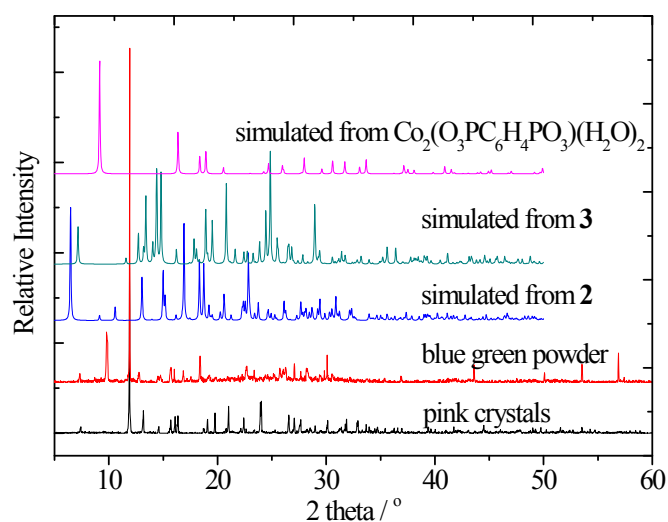


Figure S11. Comparison of the XRD pattern of the products synthesized from $\text{Co}(\text{en})_3\text{Cl}_3$ and H_4L and those from simulated compounds **2** and **3** and simulated from $\text{Co}_2(\text{O}_3\text{PC}_6\text{H}_4\text{PO}_3)(\text{H}_2\text{O})_2$ reported in the literature (D.-K. Cao, S. Gao, L.-M. Zheng, *J. Solid State Chem.*, 2004, **177**, 2311-2315.).

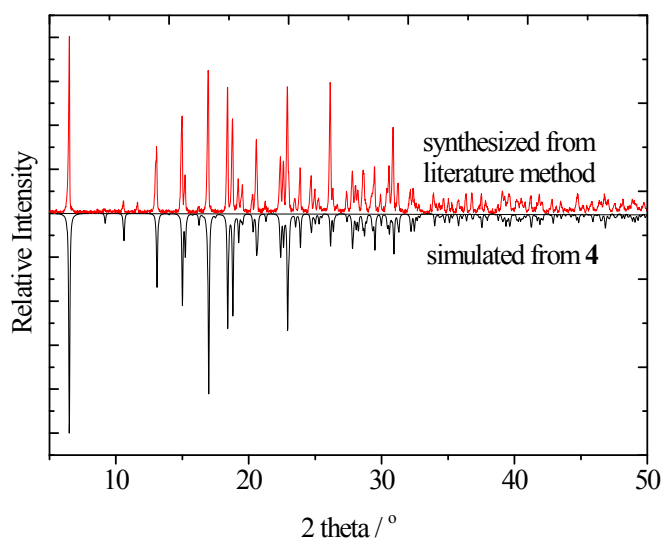


Figure S12. Comparison of the simulated and experimental XRD pattern of the product synthesized from $\text{NiSO}_4 \cdot 6\text{H}_2\text{O}$ and H_4L using literature method.

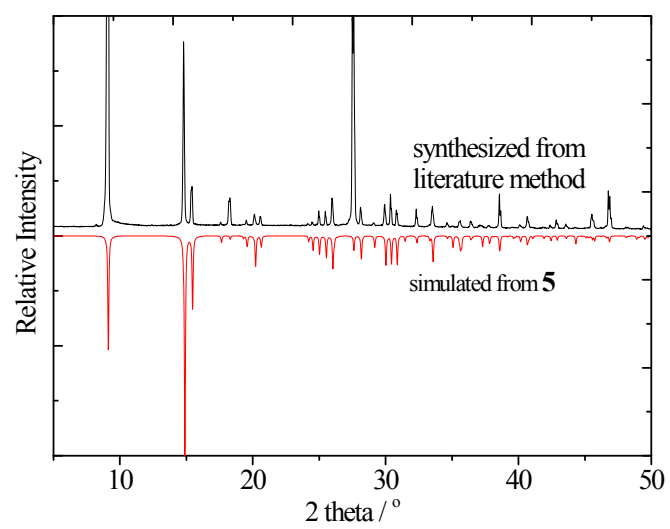


Figure S13. Comparison of the simulated and experimental XRD pattern of the product synthesized from $\text{CuSO}_4 \cdot 5\text{H}_2\text{O}$ and H4L using literature method.