

## **Supplementary information**

### **Effects of Alkyl Chain Length on the Cold Crystallization of Schiff-Base Nickel(II) Complexes**

Toru Ishikawa,\* Akinori Honda and Kazuo Miyamura\*

Department of Chemistry, Faculty of Science, Tokyo University of Science, 1-3 Kagurazaka, Shinjuku-ku, Tokyo  
162-8601, Japan.

E-mail: 1319701@ed.tus.ac.jp (T. Ishikawa), miyamura@rs.kagu.tus.ac.jp (K. Miyamura)

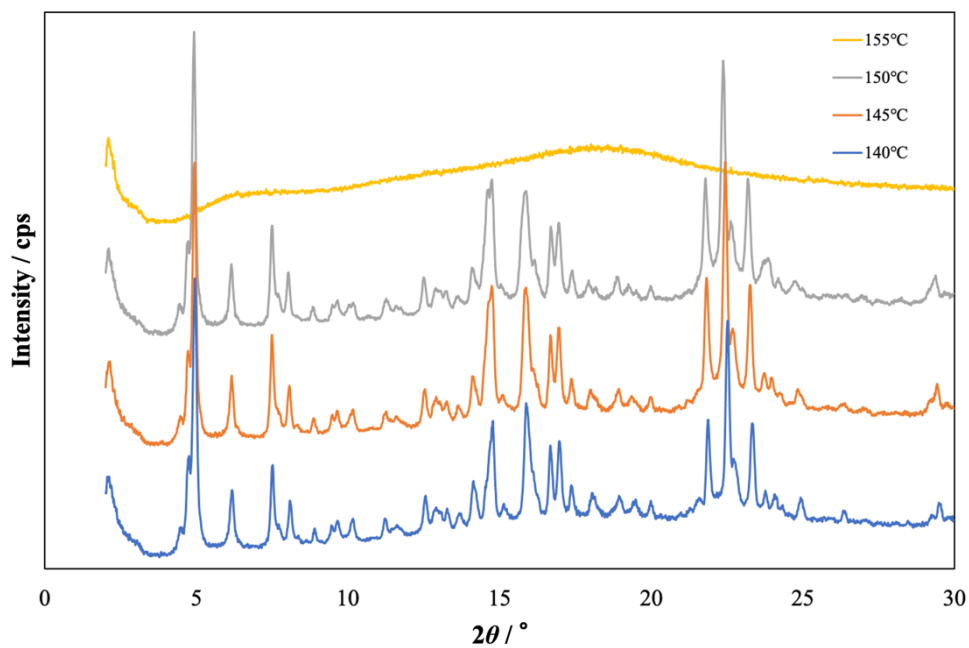


Fig. S1 X-ray diffraction patterns of OC6-salmpn at around 140-155°C after cold crystallization.

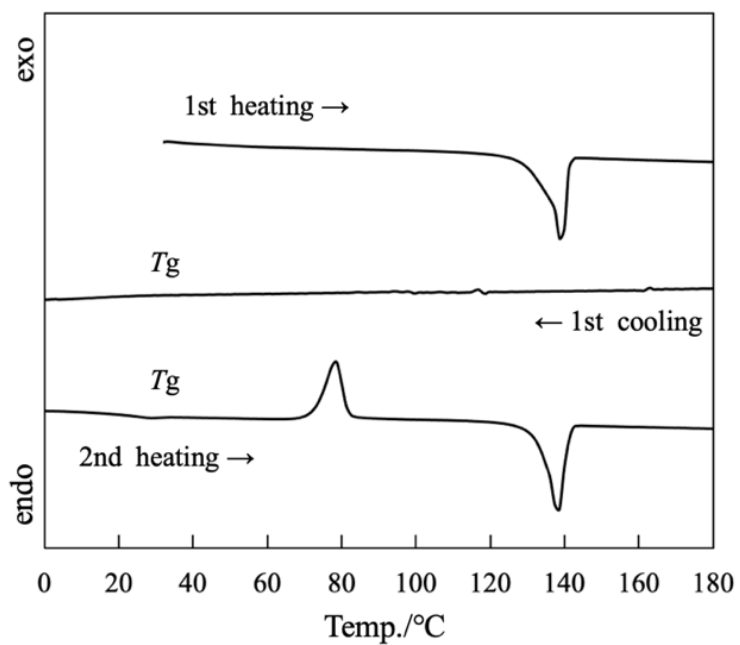
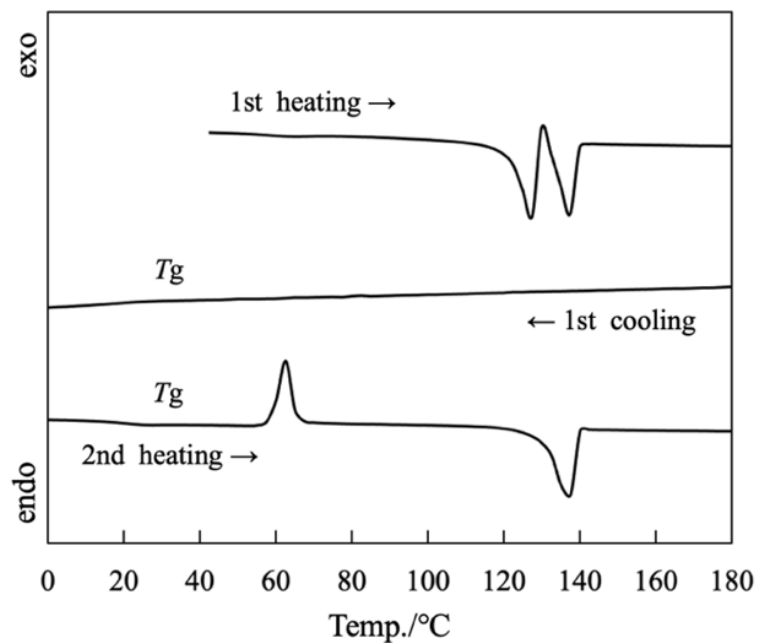
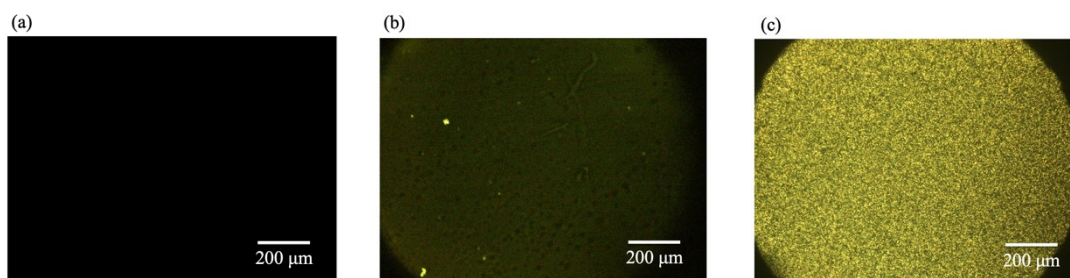


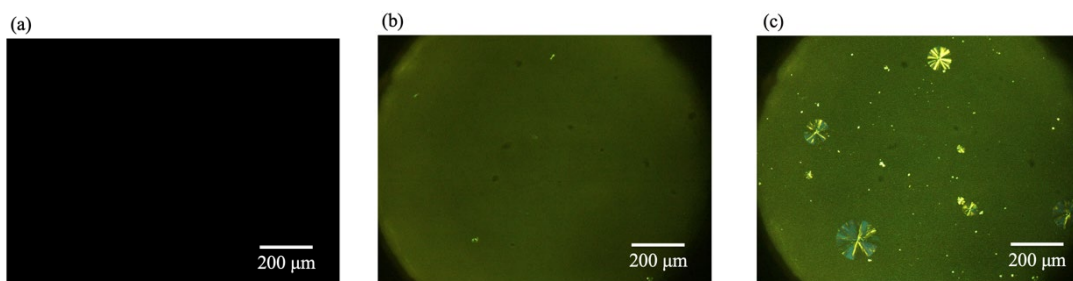
Fig. S2 DSC diagrams of OC8-salmpn. Heating and cooling rate: 5°C/min.



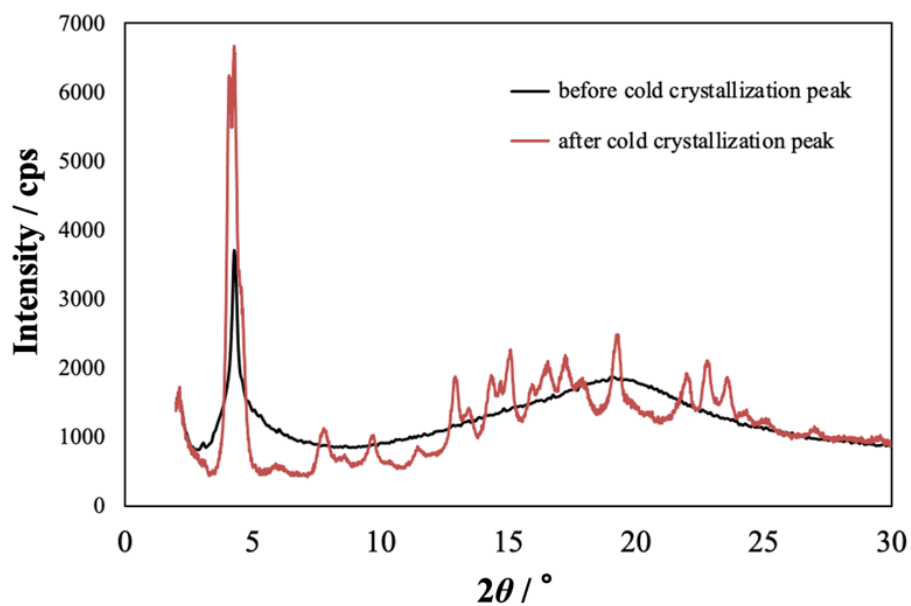
**Fig. S3** DSC diagrams of OC10-salmpn. Heating and cooling rate: 5°C/min.



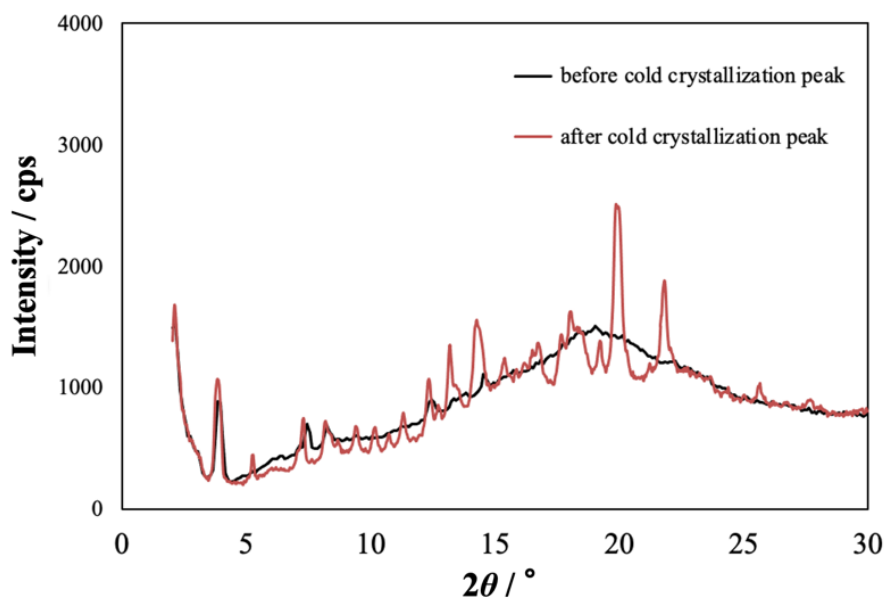
**Fig. S4** Optical microscopic images of OC8-salmpn (a) melted isotropic liquid state at 170°C on 1st heating, and (b) isotropic supercooled liquid state under  $T_g$ , and (c) cold crystallized state at 100 °C on 2nd heating.



**Fig. S5** Optical microscopic images of OC10-salmpn (a) melted isotropic liquid state at 170°C on 1st heating, and (b) isotropic supercooled liquid state under  $T_g$ , and (c) cold crystallized state at 100 °C on 2nd heating.



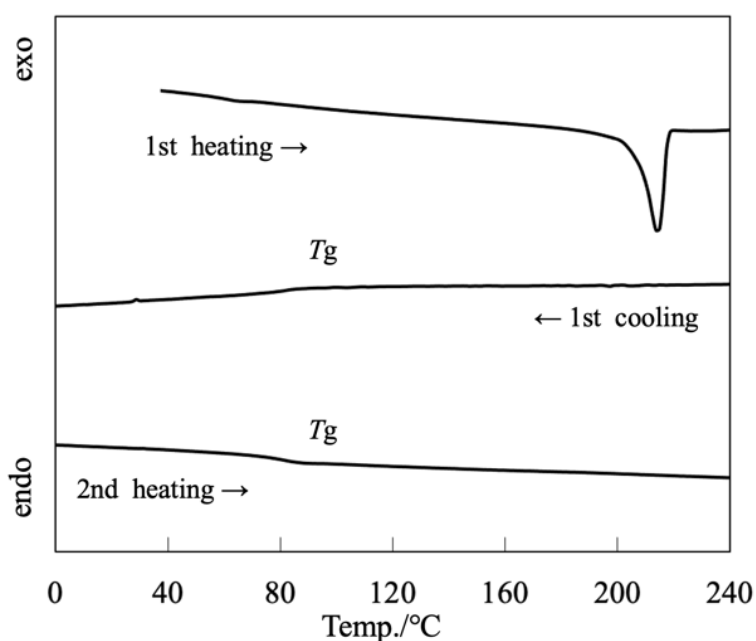
**Fig. S6** X-ray diffraction patterns of OC8-salmpn. Black line: at 25 °C on heating (before cold crystallization peak). Red line: once heated to 100°C (after cold crystallization peak).



**Fig. S7** X-ray diffraction patterns of OC10-salmpn. Black line: at 25 °C on heating (before cold crystallization peak). Red line: once heated to 80°C (after cold crystallization peak).

**Table S1** Phase transition temperature and phase transition enthalpy of OC $n$ -salmpn ( $n = 6,8,10$ ).

$n$	1st heating				1st cooling		2nd heating			
	$T_m$ (°C)	$\Delta H_m$ (kJ/mol)	$T_m$ (°C)	$\Delta H_m$ (kJ/mol)	$T_g$ (°C)	$T_g$ (°C)	$T_c$ (°C)	$\Delta H_c$ (kJ/mol)	$T_m$ (°C)	$\Delta H_m$ (kJ/mol)
6	150.9	24.4			43.1	37.2	102.1	17.0	151.4	22.7
8	135.3	22.4			29.9	30.5	72.5	14.4	134.0	21.2
10	122.2	19.3	134.3	14.0	19.1	15.4	58.8	12.8	132.1	20.3



**Fig. S8** DSC diagrams of OC2-salmpn. Heating and cooling rate: 5°C/min.

**Table S2** Phase transition temperature and phase transition enthalpy of OC $n$ -salmpn ( $n = 2,4$ ).

$n$	1st heating		1st cooling	2nd cooling
	$T_m$ (°C)	$\Delta H_m$ (kJ/mol)	$T_g$ (°C)	$T_g$ (°C)
2	207.9	18.6	85.9	73.3
4	94.9	42.2	49.6	44.9

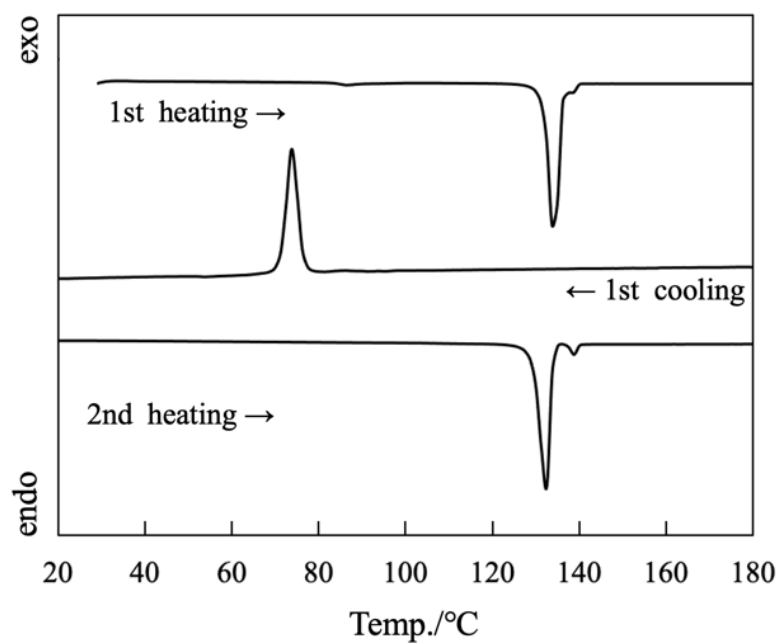


Fig. S9 DSC diagrams of OC12-salmpn. Heating and cooling rate: 5°C/min.

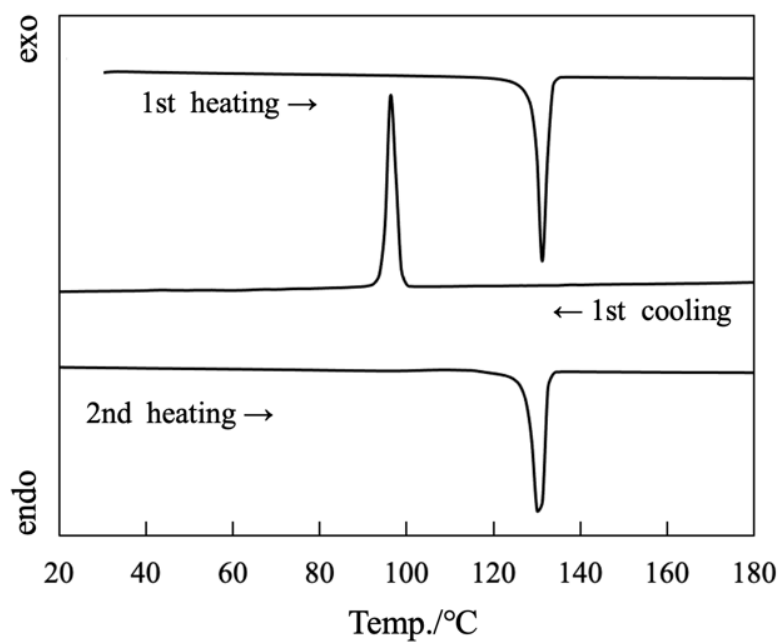


Fig. S10 DSC diagrams of OC16-salmpn. Heating and cooling rate: 5°C/min.

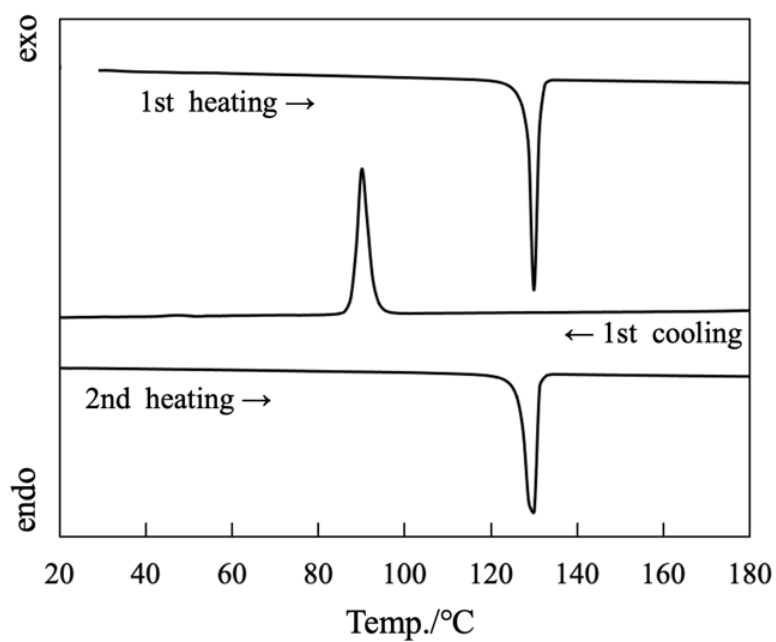
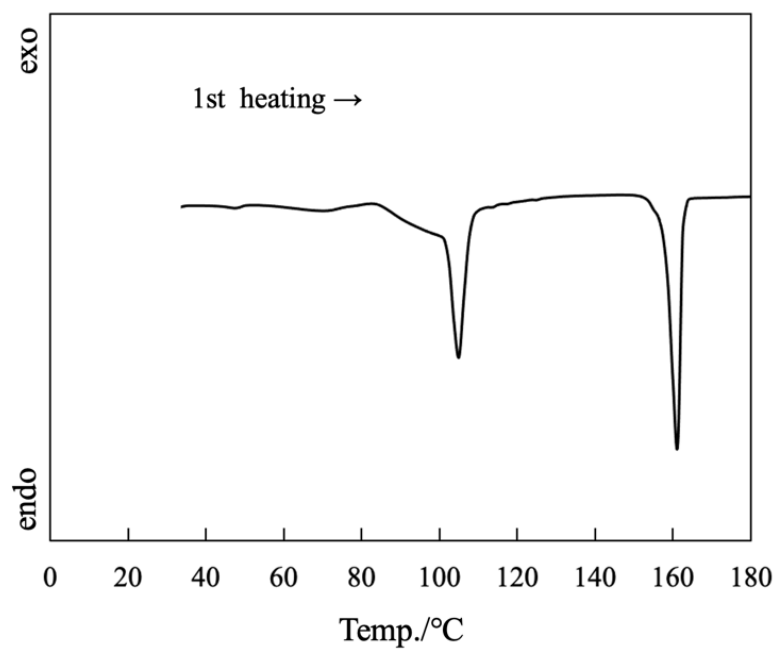


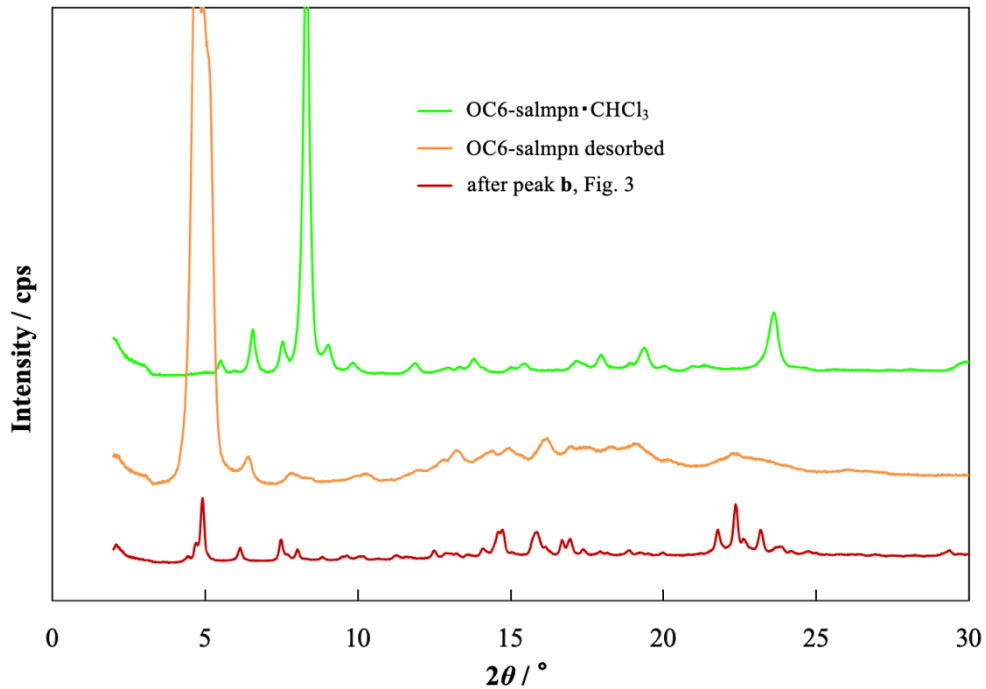
Fig. S11 DSC diagrams of OC18-salmpn. Heating and cooling rate: 5°C/min.

Table S3 Phase transition temperature and phase transition enthalpy of OC $n$ -salmpn ( $n = 12, 14, 16, 18$ ).

$n$	1st heating		1st cooling		2nd heating			
	$T_m$ (°C)	$\Delta H_m$ (kJ/mol)	$T_c$ (°C)	$\Delta H_c$ (kJ/mol)	$T_m$ (°C)	$\Delta H_m$ (kJ/mol)	$T_m$ (°C)	$\Delta H_m$ (kJ/mol)
12	131.9	48.2	76.3	42.1	129.4	44.3	137.3	1.7
14	129.6	46.8	83.6	42.0	129.6	41.5	133.8	0.9
16	128.4	58.9	92.9	56.4	126.7	57.5		
18	129.4	65.4	98.4	63.1	127.8	67.1		

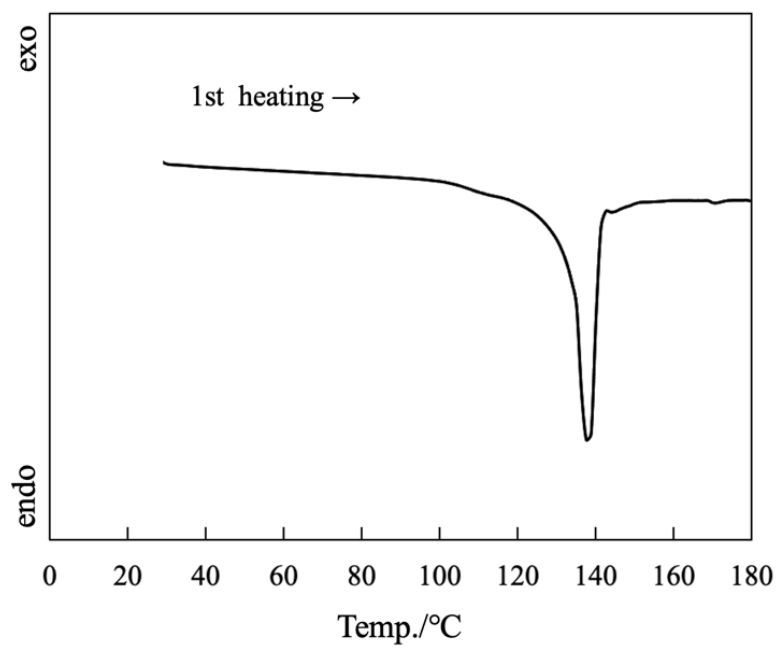


**Fig. S12a** DSC diagrams of OC6-salmpn · CHCl<sub>3</sub> on 1st heating. Heating rate: 5°C/min.



**Fig. S12b** X-ray diffraction patterns of simulated single crystal structure, OC6-salmpn · CHCl<sub>3</sub>, and OC6-salmpn desorption and the pattern in Fig. 5 (red curve).





**Figure S13** DSC diagrams of OC4-salmpn · CHCl<sub>3</sub> on 1st heating. Heating rate: 5 °C/min.