

## **Supporting Information for**

### **Revealing the order–disorder type phase transition mechanism in two new supramolecular clathrates**

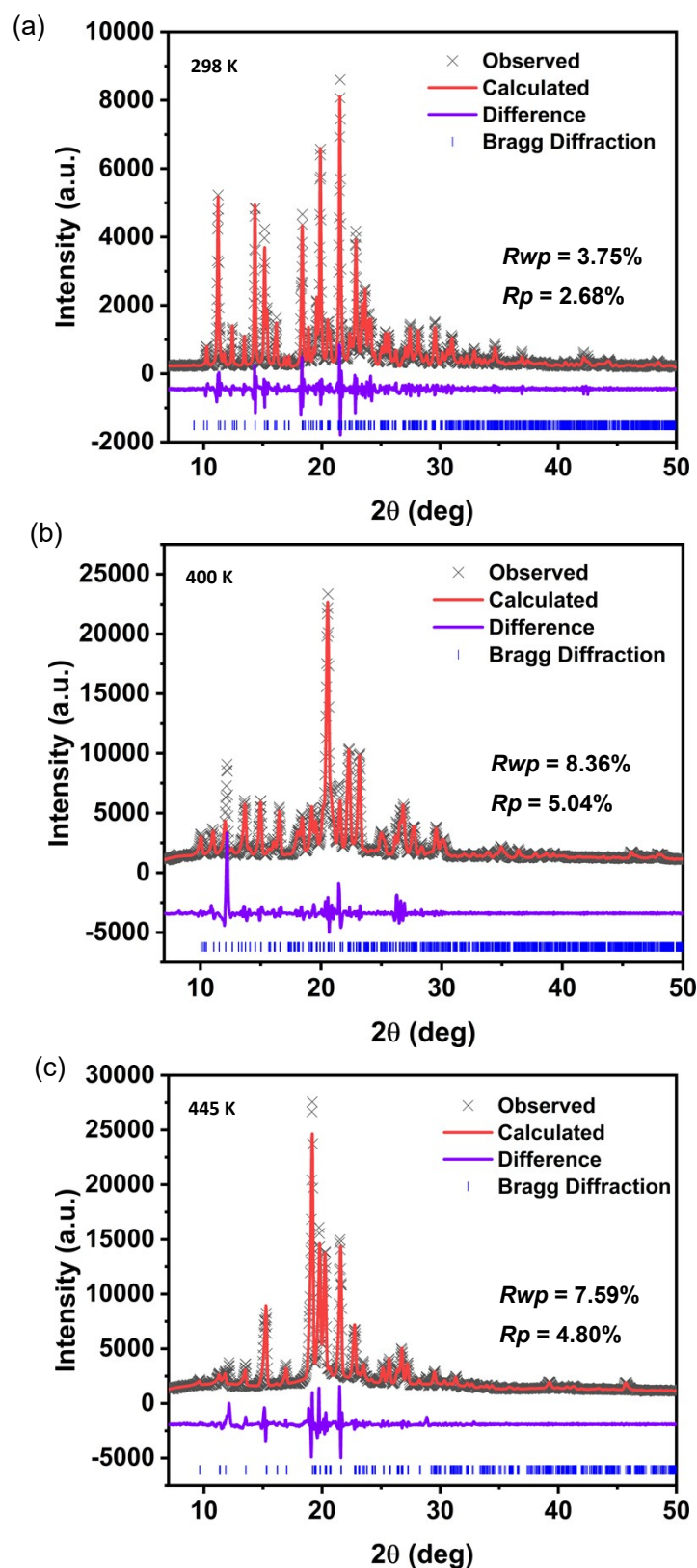
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## EXPERIMENTAL SECTION

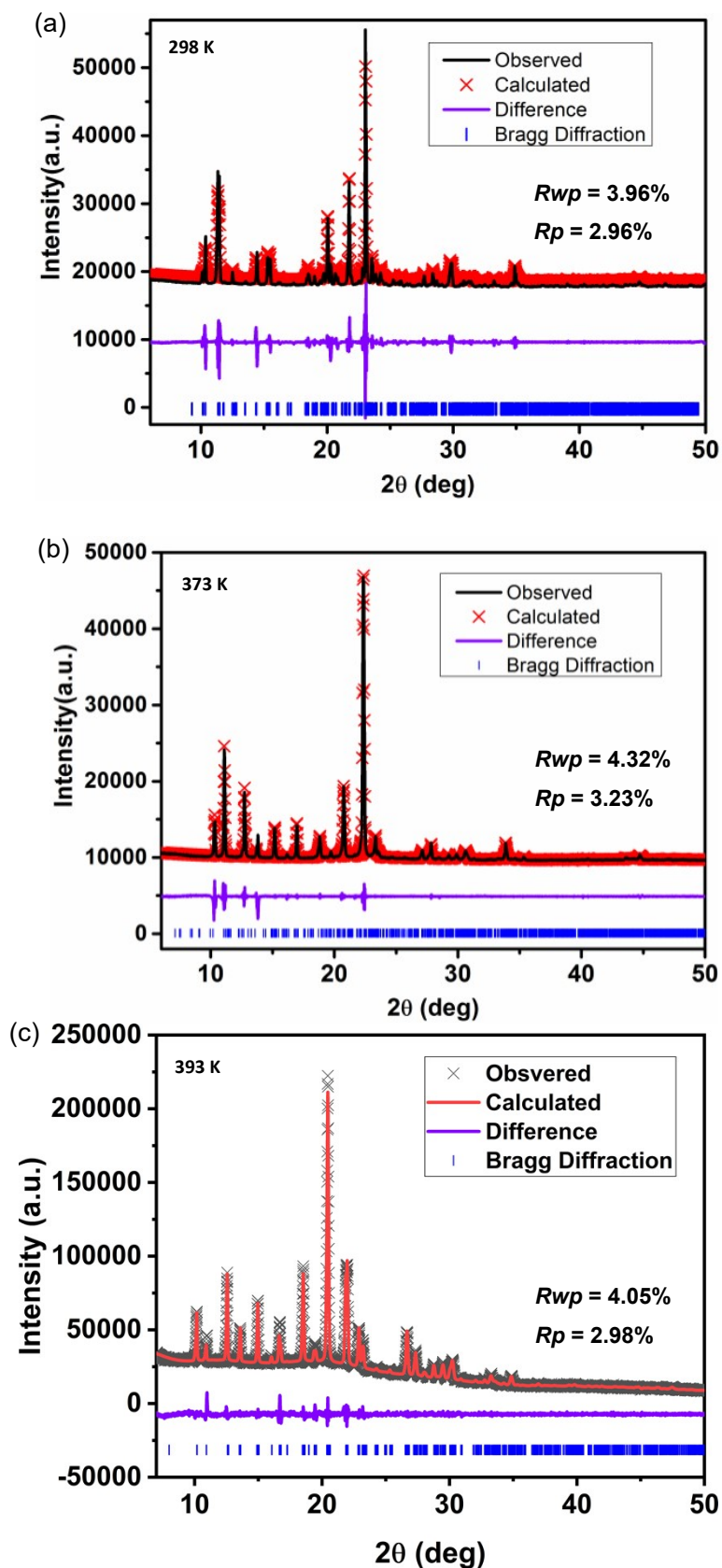
**Synthesis.** All the reagents and solvents used were of commercially available quality.

**1** and **2** was obtained by slow evaporation of a solution of mixed methanol solution (10 mL) containing nortropine (1 mmol, 0.130 g), 18-crown-6 (1 mmol, 0.264 g) and perchloric acid or tetrafluoroborate acid (1 mmol) at room temperature. The large colorless block single crystals of **1** and **2** were obtained after about 2 weeks.

**Powder X-ray diffraction.** Room temperature powder X-ray diffraction (PXRD) experiments of **1** and **2** were performed on a Rigaku D/MAX 2000 PC X-ray diffraction instrument with Cu radiation ( $K_{\alpha 1}=1.54060 \text{ \AA}$ ,  $K_{\alpha 2}=1.54443 \text{ \AA}$ ). Variable temperature PXRD experiments of **1** and **2** were carried out on a Bruker D8 Discovery diffractometer with Cu radiation ( $K_{\alpha 1}=1.54060 \text{ \AA}$ ,  $K_{\alpha 2}=1.54443 \text{ \AA}$ ). The data were collected in the temperature range 298-445 K for  $\theta$  range from 5 to 70°.

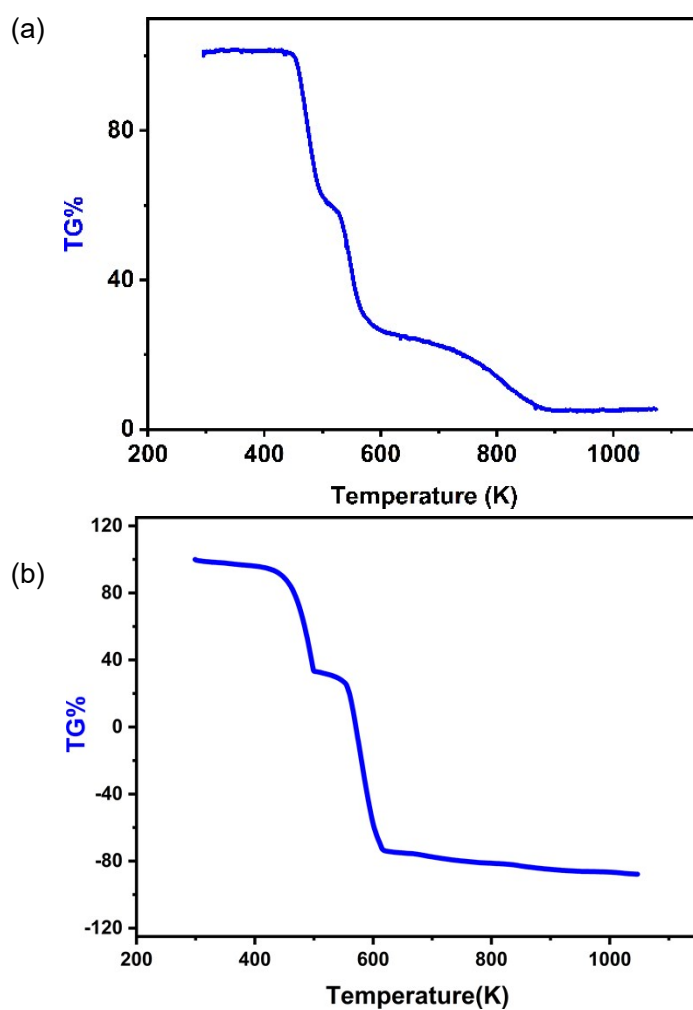


**Figure S1.** Patterns of the powder X-rays diffraction (PXRD) and simulated ones from the single-crystal structures of **1** at 298, 400 and 445 K.



**Figure S2.** Patterns of the powder X-rays diffraction (PXRD) and simulated ones from the single-crystal structures of **2** at 298 K (a), 373 K (b) and 393 K (c) high-temperatures. The PXRD patterns matches very well the patterns simulated from the single-crystal structures.

**DSC and TGA.** Differential scanning calorimetry (DSC) measurements were conducted using a TA Q2000 DSC instrument. The DSC runs were recorded on cooling and on heating the powdered sample at the rate of temperature changes of 10 K/min. Indium standard was used for the temperature and enthalpy calibration. Thermogravimetric analysis (TGA) measurement was performed on a TA-Instruments STD2960 system from room temperature to 1050 K in nitrogen atmosphere at a rate of 10 K/min (Figure S3), indicating that **1** and **2** can be stable up to 453 K and 423 K when a dehydration process occurs.



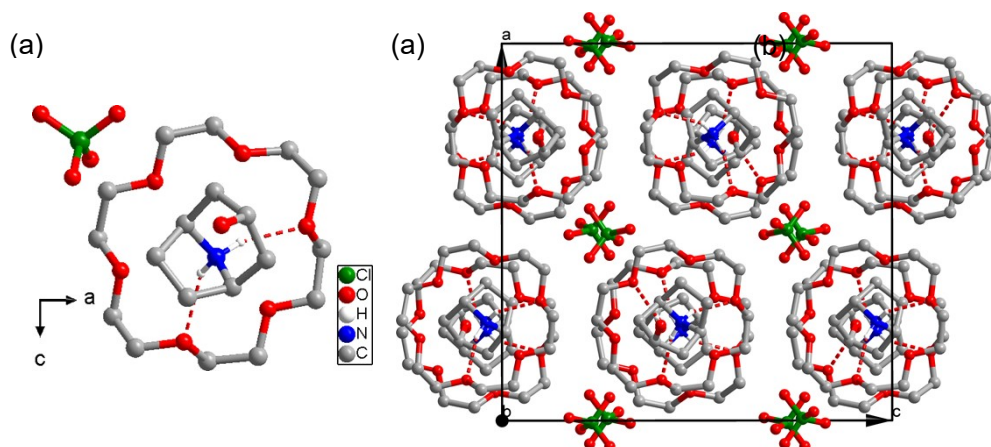
**Figure S3.** The thermogravimetric analysis of **1** (a) and **2** (b) in the range of 300-1050 K.

**Single Crystal X-ray Diffraction.** Single crystal X-ray diffractions were carried out with graphite monochromated Mo radiation ( $\lambda = 0.71073 \text{ \AA}$ ) on an Oxford Diffraction Gemini E Ultra diffractometer. Data sets were collected by using *CrysAlis<sup>Pro</sup>* software. The program Olex2-1.2 was employed as an interface to invoke program SHELXS97 and SHELXL97 executables.<sup>1</sup> The crystal structures were solved by direct methods with SHELXS97 and refined by full-matrix least squares on  $F^2$  with anisotropic atomic displacement parameters for all non-hydrogen atoms using SHELXL97.<sup>2, 3</sup> All H atoms were located from molecular geometric calculations and refined with isotropic temperature parameters. The crystallographic information of **1** and **2** crystal structures were listed in the Table S1. These data can be obtained free of charge from the Cambridge Crystallographic Data Centre (CCDC) via [www.ccdc.cam.ac.uk/data\\_request/cif](http://www.ccdc.cam.ac.uk/data_request/cif) (CCDC 2203857-2203862).

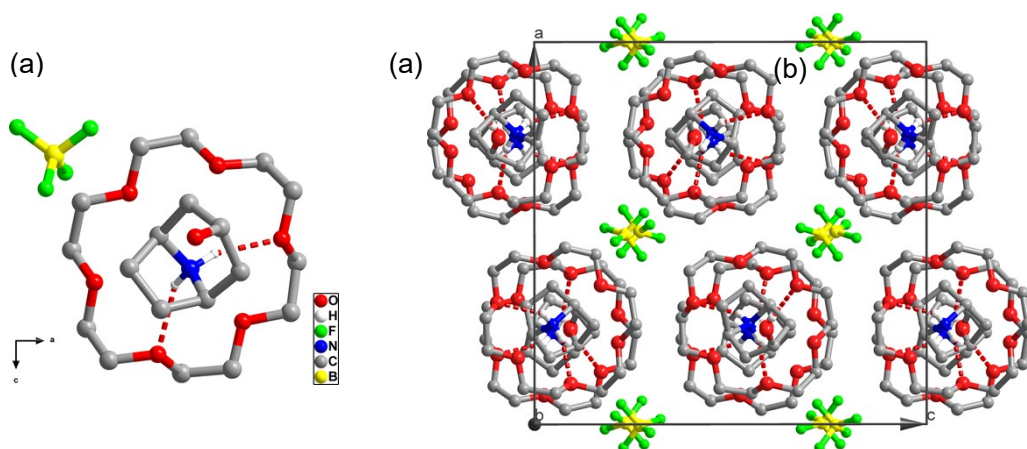
**Table S1.** Crystal data and structure refinement details for **1** at 200, 300, 365 K and **2** at 173, 293, 350 K, respectively. The crystal data of **2** at 373.15 K are refined from the corresponding high-temperature powder X-rays diffraction.

Crystal	<b>1</b> (LTP)	<b>1</b> (LTP)	<b>1</b> (LTP)	<b>2</b> (LTP)	<b>2</b> (RTP)	<b>2</b> (RTP)	<b>2</b> (HTP)
Empirical	C <sub>19</sub> H <sub>38</sub> Cl	C <sub>19</sub> H <sub>38</sub> ClNO <sub>1</sub>	C <sub>19</sub> H <sub>38</sub> ClNO <sub>1</sub>	C <sub>19</sub> H <sub>38</sub> BF <sub>4</sub> NO	C <sub>19</sub> H <sub>38</sub> BF <sub>4</sub> NO	C <sub>19</sub> H <sub>38</sub> BF <sub>4</sub> NO	C <sub>19</sub> H <sub>38</sub> BF <sub>4</sub> NO
Formula weight	491.95	491.95	491.95	479.31	479.31	479.31	479.31
Crystal system	orthorho	orthorhombic	orthorhombic	orthorhombic	orthorhombic	orthorhombic	orthorhombic
Space group	<i>Pbca</i>	<i>Pbca</i>	<i>Pnma</i>	<i>Pbca</i>	<i>Pbca</i>	<i>Pbca</i>	<i>Pnma</i>
Temperature (K)	200.04(1)	300.00(10)	365.01(11)	173.00(10)	300.80(10)	350(2)	373.15(2)
<i>a</i> / Å	17.1801(	17.3155(8)	15.6730(17)	17.1067(7)	17.2870(6)	17.3460(16)	17.1726
<i>b</i> / Å	15.4816(	15.6324(9)	10.8757(9)	15.3661(7)	15.6308(5)	15.8138(15)	15.8594
<i>c</i> / Å	17.8001(	17.8689(9)	14.2780(15)	17.6923(8)	17.7593(6)	17.7610(20)	17.5853
$\alpha$ / °	90	90	90	90	90	90	90
$\beta$ / °	90	90	90	90	90	90	90
$\gamma$ / °	90	90	90	90	90	90	90
<i>V</i> / Å <sup>3</sup>	4734.4(2)	4836.8(4)	2433.8(4)	4650.7(4)	4798.7(3)	4872.0(8)	4789.3
Z	8	8	4	8	8	8	4
$\rho$ / g cm <sup>-3</sup>	1.380	1.351	1.343	1.369	1.327	1.307	-
$\mu$ / mm <sup>-1</sup>	0.219	0.215	0.213	0.121	0.117	0.115	-
GOF on $F^2$	1.049	1.025	2.479	1.028	1.069	0.834	-

$R_1, [I > 2\sigma(I)]^a$	0.0383	0.0579	0.2497	0.0477	0.0557	0.1044	-
$wR_2, [I > 2\sigma(I)]^b$	0.0986	0.1759	0.6590	0.1089	0.1751	0.3211	-
$^a R_1 = \Sigma  F_o  -  F_c   / \Sigma F_o  \quad ^b wR_2 = \{\Sigma[w(F_o^2 - F_c^2)^2] / \Sigma[w(F_o^2)^2]\}^{1/2}$							

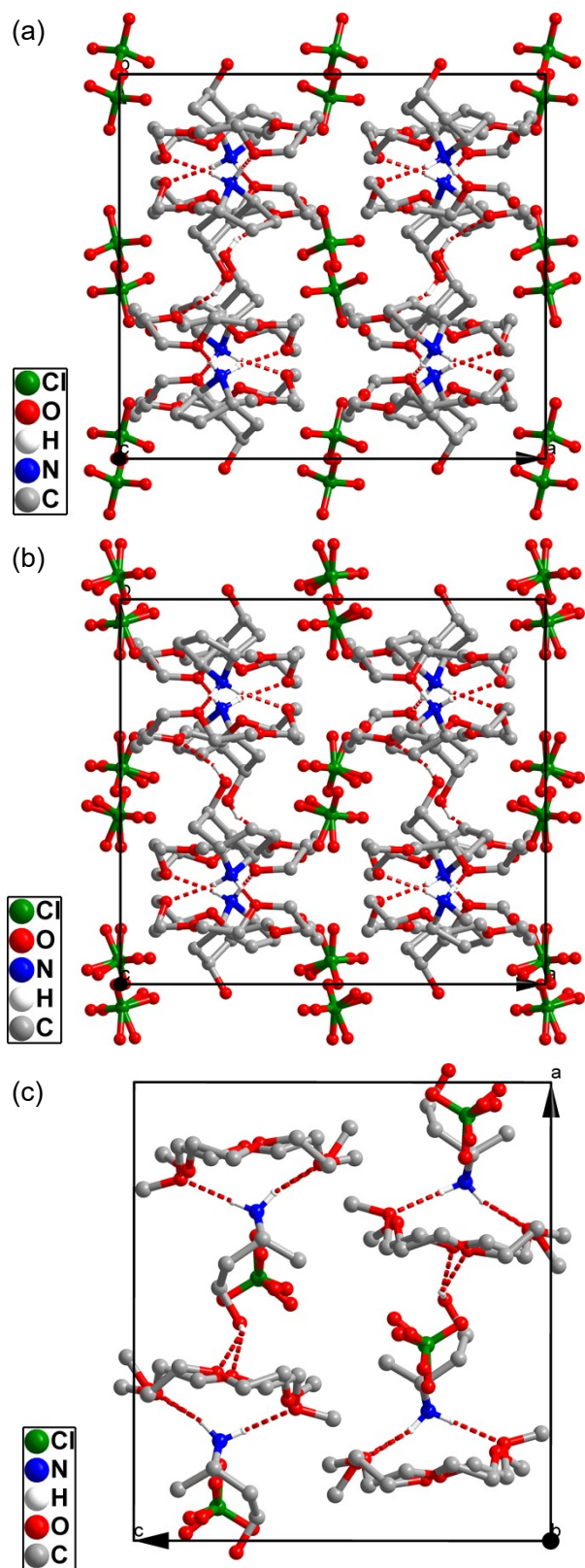


**Figure S4.** (a) Asymmetric units of **1** in the disordered structure of Low-temperature phase at 200 K. Dashed lines represent hydrogen bonds N–H···O. (b) The crystallographic packing diagrams of **1** viewed along the *c*-axis. Hydrogen atoms bonded to the C atoms were omitted for clarity. Dashed lines represent hydrogen bonds N–H···O and O–H···O.

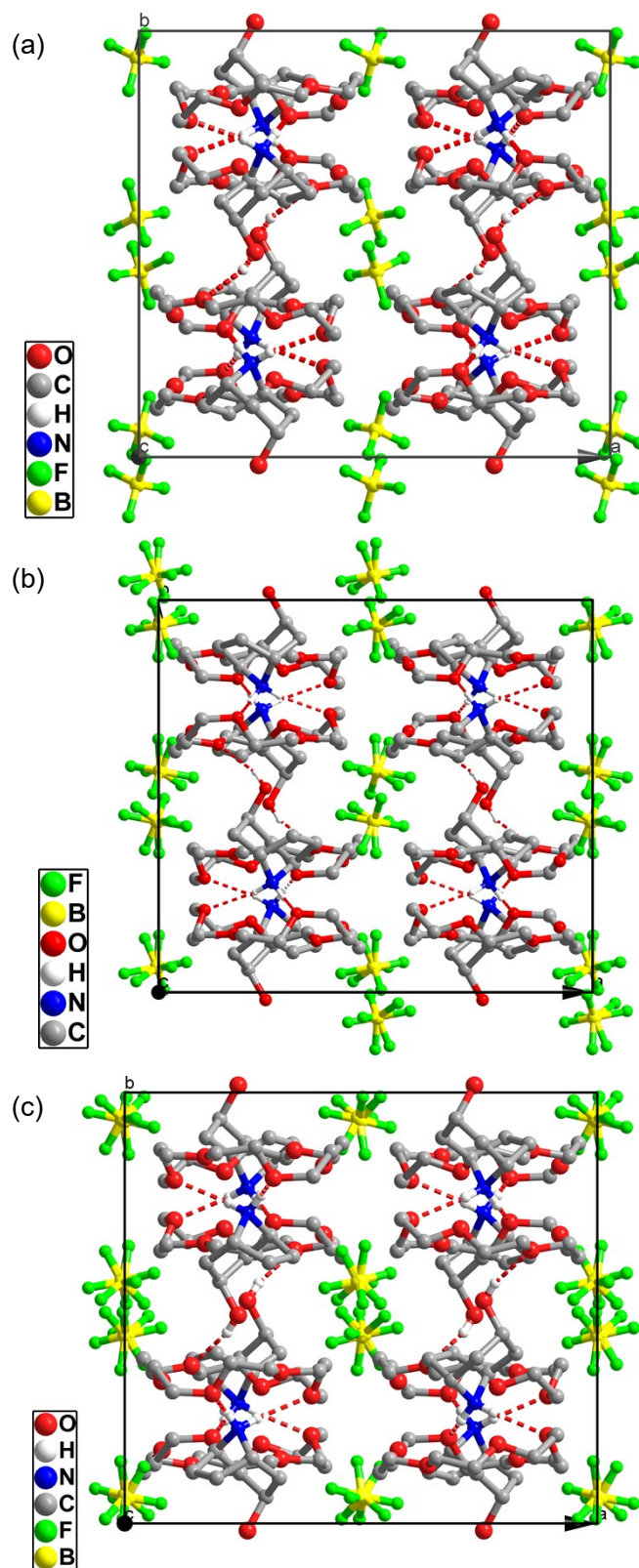


**Figure S5.** (a) Asymmetric units of **2** in the disordered structure of Low-temperature phase at 350 K. Dashed lines represent hydrogen bonds N–H···O. (b) The crystallographic packing diagrams of **2** viewed along the *c*-axis in the LTP at 350 K. Hydrogen atoms bonded to the C atoms were omitted for clarity. Dashed lines represent hydrogen bonds N–H···O and O–H···O.

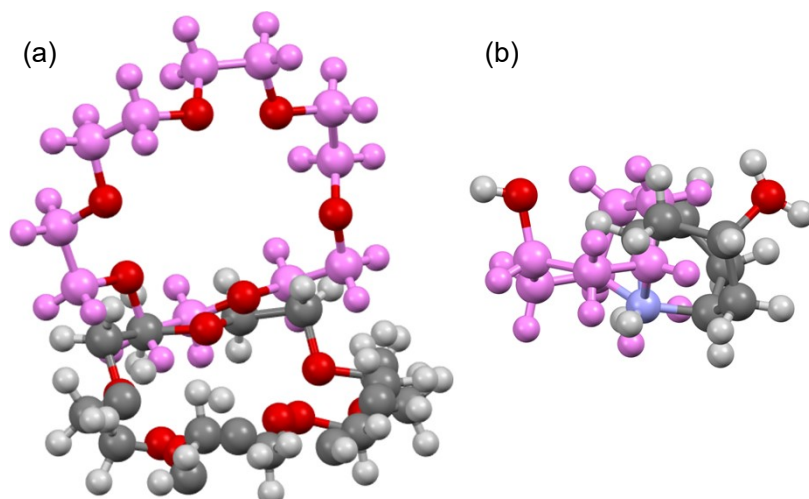




**Figure S6.** The crystallographic packing diagrams of **1** viewed along the *c*-axis in the LTP at 200 K (a), RTP at 293 K (b) and ITP at 365 K (c). Hydrogen atoms bonded to the C atoms were omitted for clarity. Dashed lines represent hydrogen bonds N–H···O and O–H···O.

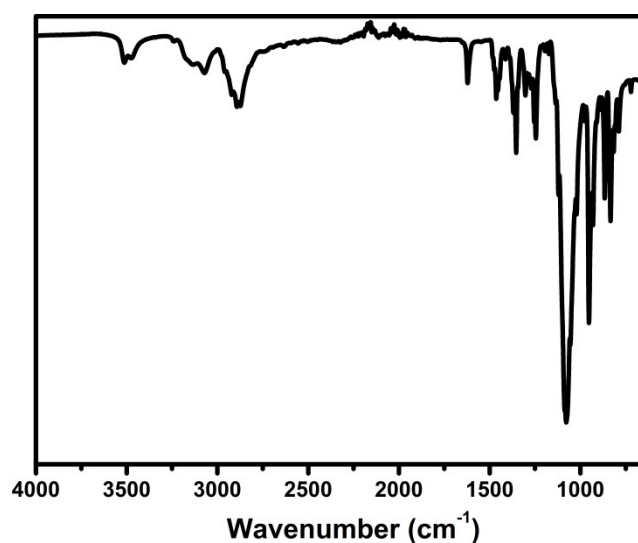


**Figure S7.** The crystallographic packing diagrams of **2** viewed along the *c*-axis in LTP at 173 K (a), RTP at 293 K (b) and at 350 K (c). Hydrogen atoms bonded to the C atoms were omitted for clarity. Dashed lines represent hydrogen bonds N–H···O and O–H···O.

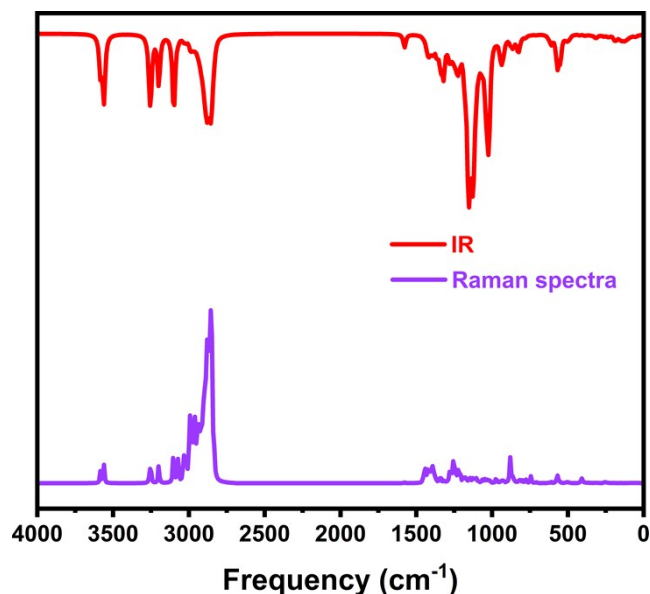


**Figure S8.** The conformational change of crown ether (a) and NRT (b) moiety in phase-I (carmine) and phase-III (gray) of **1** by providing an overlapping molecular image using mercury program.

**IR and Raman spectroscopy characterization.** IR spectra of the title compound were recorded on a Perkin-Elmer spectrum 2000 operating at  $4\text{ cm}^{-1}$  resolution. Variable-temperature Raman measurements were carried out in a HORIBA equipped with a  $50\times$  (0.75 N.A.) objective with an excitation wavelength of 532 nm using a laser power  $< 0.1\text{ mW}$  to avoid the damage of the samples during the measurement.



**Figure S9.** IR spectrum of **1**. The main peaks at 2894 are tentatively assigned the  $\delta(\text{CH}_2)$  and at  $1078\text{ cm}^{-1}$  are tentatively assigned the  $\nu(\text{ClO}_4)$  and  $\nu(\text{C-O})$ .



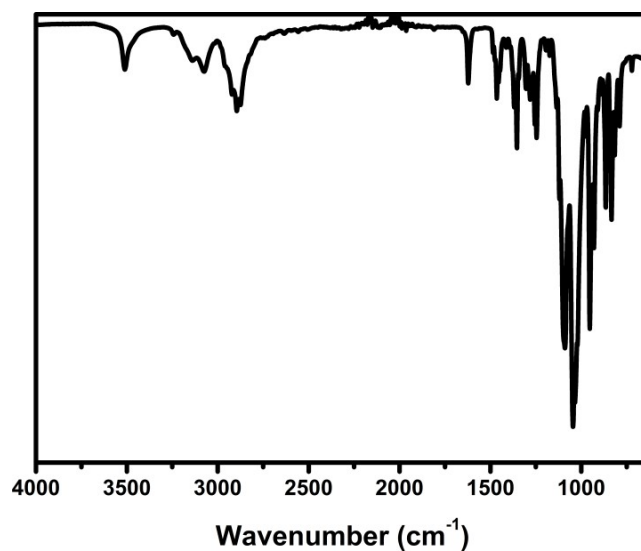
**Figure S10.** Calculated IR spectrum and Raman spectra of **1**. The main peaks at 2894  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  are tentatively assigned the  $\delta(\text{CH}_2)$  and at 1078  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  are tentatively assigned the  $\nu(\text{ClO}_4)$  and  $\nu(\text{C-O})$ .

**Table S2.** Measured and calculated vibration wavenumbers ( $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ) of **1** and proposed assignments of the observed Raman and IR bands.

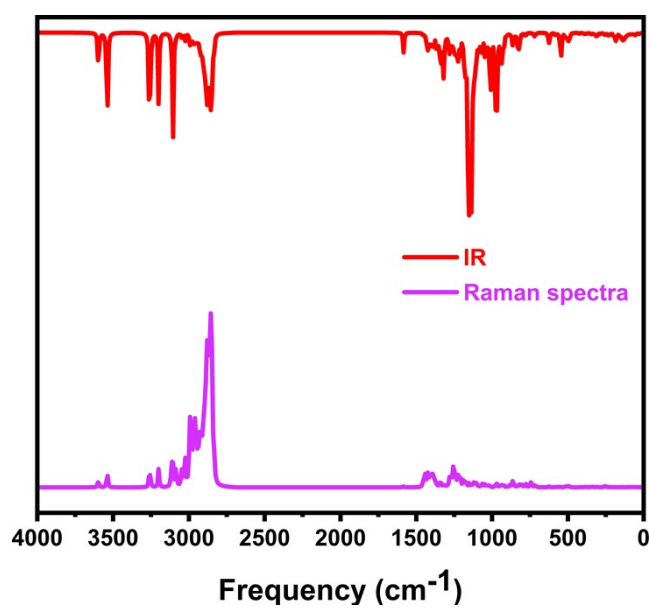
Observed wavenumbers ( $\text{cm}^{-1}$ )		Calculated wavenumbers ( $\text{cm}^{-1}$ )	Proposed assignments
Raman	IR		
77	-	65	$\tau(\text{CH}_2)$ twisting
159	-	143	$\omega(\text{C-O-C})$ wagging, $\omega(\text{CH}_2)$ wagging
223	-	198	$\omega(\text{C-O-C})$ wagging
268	-	255	$\omega(\text{CH}_2)$ wagging
326	-	325	$\omega(\text{CH}_2)$ wagging
383	-	389	$\omega(\text{CH}_2)$ wagging
404	-	432	$\omega(\text{Cl-O})$ wagging
459	-	447	$\omega(\text{CH}_2)$ wagging
524	-	523	$\omega(\text{CH}_2)$ wagging, $\omega(\text{NH}_2)$ wagging
568	-	581	$\delta(\text{C-O})$ stretching
585	-	594	(C-O-C) bending
625	-	642	$\omega(\text{OH})$ wagging
757	753	752	$\tau(\text{CH}_2)$ twisting
791	788	784	$\tau(\text{CH}_2)$ twisting
809	816	815	$\tau(\text{CH}_2)$ twisting
830	834	825	$\tau(\text{CH}_2)$ twisting
869	866	873	$\omega(\text{CH}_2)$ wagging
889	887	889	$\omega(\text{NH}_2)$ wagging
910	909	906	$\omega(\text{CH}_2)$ wagging, $\omega(\text{NH}_2)$ wagging
934	931	927	$\delta(\text{ClO})$ stretching, $\omega(\text{CH}_2)$ wagging, $\omega(\text{NH}_2)$ wagging
979	976	985	$\omega(\text{CH}_2)$ wagging, $\omega(\text{NH}_2)$ wagging
1025	1021	1024	$\delta(\text{C-C})$ stretching

1091	1077	1075	$\rho(\text{ClO}_2)$ rocking
1124	1121	1120	$\omega(\text{CH}_2)$ wagging
1140	1136	1139	$\omega(\text{CH}_2)$ wagging, $\delta(\text{C-O})$ stretching
1153	1173	1166	$\omega(\text{CH}_2)$ wagging, $\omega(\text{NH}_2)$ wagging
1200	1194	1181	$\tau(\text{CH}_2)$ twisting, $\delta(\text{ClO})$ stretching
1216	-	1212	$\omega(\text{CH}_2)$ wagging
1245	1245	1147	$\omega(\text{CH}_2)$ wagging
1276	1272	1277	$\tau(\text{CH}_2)$ twisting
1287	1303	1294	$\omega(\text{CH}_2)$ wagging
1309	1354	1345	$\tau(\text{CH}_2)$ twisting
1439	1412	1412	$\delta(\text{CH}_2)$ scissoring
1464	-	1436	$\delta(\text{CH}_2)$ scissoring, $\omega(\text{NH}_2)$ wagging
1474	1464	1470	$\delta(\text{CH}_2)$ scissoring
1486	-	1491	$\delta(\text{CH}_2)$ scissoring
1527	-	1514	$\delta(\text{CH}_2)$ scissoring
2966	2958	2960	$\delta(\text{CH}_2)$ stretching
2980	-	2981	$\delta(\text{CH}_2)$ stretching
2995	-	2998	$\delta(\text{CH}_2)$ stretching
3013	-	3023	$\delta(\text{CH}_2)$ stretching
3037	-	3037	$\delta(\text{CH}_2)$ stretching
3071	3071	3123	$\delta(\text{CH}_2)$ stretching
3522	3475	3429	$\omega(\text{NH}_2)$ stretching
3739	3736	3747	$\nu(\text{OH})$ stretching

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**Figure S11.** IR spectrum of **2**. The main peaks at 2895 cm<sup>-1</sup> are tentatively assigned the  $\delta(\text{CH}_2)$  and at 1045 cm<sup>-1</sup> are tentatively assigned the  $\nu(\text{BF}_4)$  and  $\nu(\text{C-O})$ . Notation used:  $\delta$ , stretching,  $\nu$ , vibrations.



**Figure S12.** Calculated IR spectrum and Raman spectra of **2**. The main peaks at 2895 cm<sup>-1</sup> are tentatively assigned the  $\delta(\text{CH}_2)$  and at 1045 cm<sup>-1</sup> are tentatively assigned the  $\nu(\text{BF}_4)$  and  $\nu(\text{C-O})$ . Notation used:  $\delta$ , stretching,  $\nu$ , vibrations.

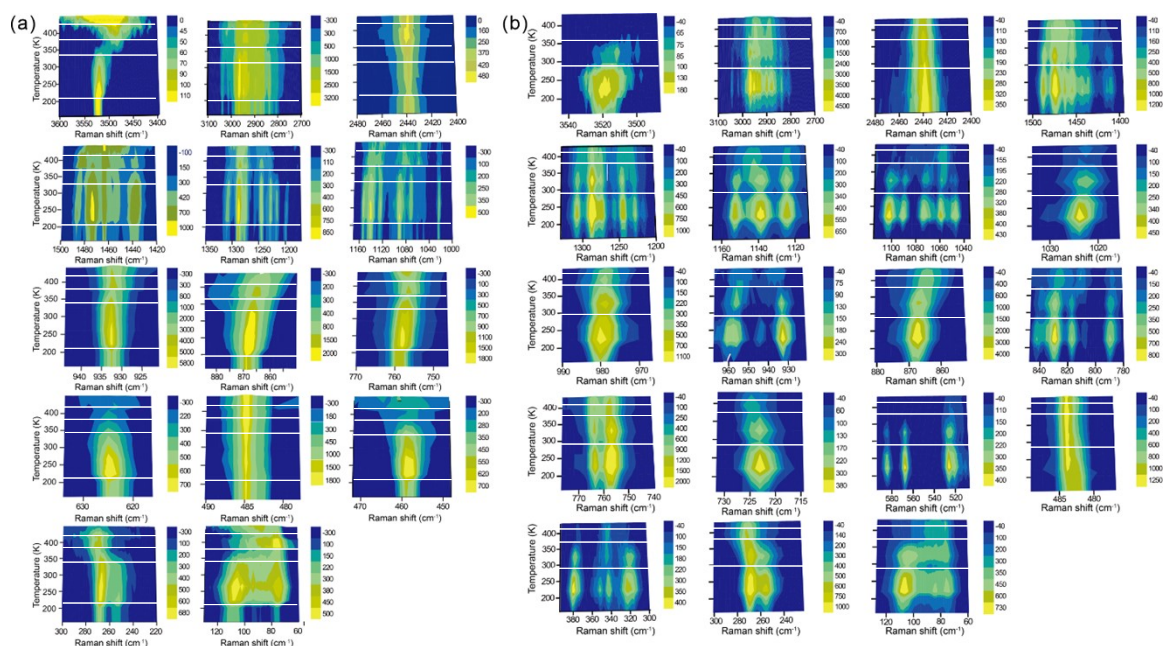
**Table S3.** Measured and calculated vibration wavenumbers (cm<sup>-1</sup>) of **2** and proposed assignments of the observed Raman and IR bands.

Observed wavenumbers (cm <sup>-1</sup> )		Calculated wavenumbers (cm <sup>-1</sup> )	Proposed assignments
Raman	IR		
76	-	77	$\tau(\text{CH}_2)$ twisting
107	-	109	$\tau(\text{CH}_2)$ twisting
167	-	169	$\omega(\text{C-O-C})$ wagging
265	-	268	$\omega(\text{CH}_2)$ wagging
322	-	323	$\omega(\text{CH}_2)$ wagging
379	-	370	$\omega(\text{CH}_2)$ wagging, $\omega(\text{NH}_2)$ wagging
486	-	450	$\omega(\text{CH}_2)$ wagging, $\omega(\text{NH}_2)$ wagging
524	-	524	$\rho(\text{BF}_4)$ rocking
566	-	546	$\omega(\text{CH}_2)$ wagging
585	-	583	(C-O-C) bending
631	-	655	$\omega(\text{OH})$ wagging
725	721	752	$\tau(\text{CH}_2)$ twisting
766	789	760	$\delta(\text{B-F})$ stretching
789	815	816	$\tau(\text{CH}_2)$ twisting
832	833	827	$\tau(\text{CH}_2)$ twisting
870	865	872	$\omega(\text{CH}_2)$ wagging
887	887	890	$\delta(\text{C-N})$ stretching
911	909	912	$\omega(\text{CH}_2)$ wagging, $\delta(\text{C-C})$ stretching
933	953	927	$\omega(\text{CH}_2)$ wagging, $\omega(\text{NH}_2)$ wagging
979	976	985	$\omega(\text{CH}_2)$ wagging, $\omega(\text{NH}_2)$ wagging
1022	1021	1021	$\delta(\text{C-C})$ stretching, $\omega(\text{BF})$ wagging
1047	1045	1060	$\omega(\text{BF})$ wagging, $\omega(\text{NH}_2)$ wagging
1090	1090	1091	$\omega(\text{CH}_2)$ wagging, $\omega(\text{NH}_2)$ wagging
1124	1120	1123	$\omega(\text{CH}_2)$ wagging
1140	1136	1141	$\omega(\text{CH}_2)$ wagging, $\delta(\text{C-O})$ stretching
1152	-	1159	$\omega(\text{CH}_2)$ wagging, $\omega(\text{NH}_2)$ wagging
1177	1174	1178	$\tau(\text{CH}_2)$ twisting, $\tau(\text{NH}_2)$ twisting
1196	1194	1197	$\omega(\text{CH}_2)$ wagging, $\delta(\text{BF})$ stretching
1245	1246	1145	$\delta(\text{C-O})$ stretching
1274	-	1276	$\tau(\text{CH}_2)$ twisting
1285	1281	1287	$\omega(\text{CH}_2)$ wagging
1306	1306	1308	$\omega(\text{CH}_2)$ wagging
-	1354	1347	$\tau(\text{CH}_2)$ twisting, $\delta(\text{C-O})$ stretching
1411	1413	1412	$\omega(\text{CH}_2)$ wagging
1453	-	1453	$\delta(\text{CH}_2)$ scissoring
1463	1466	1461	$\delta(\text{CH}_2)$ scissoring, $\omega(\text{NH}_2)$ wagging
1474	1475	1474	$\delta(\text{CH}_2)$ scissoring
1486	1487	1491	$\delta(\text{CH}_2)$ scissoring
1527	-	1514	$\delta(\text{CH}_2)$ scissoring

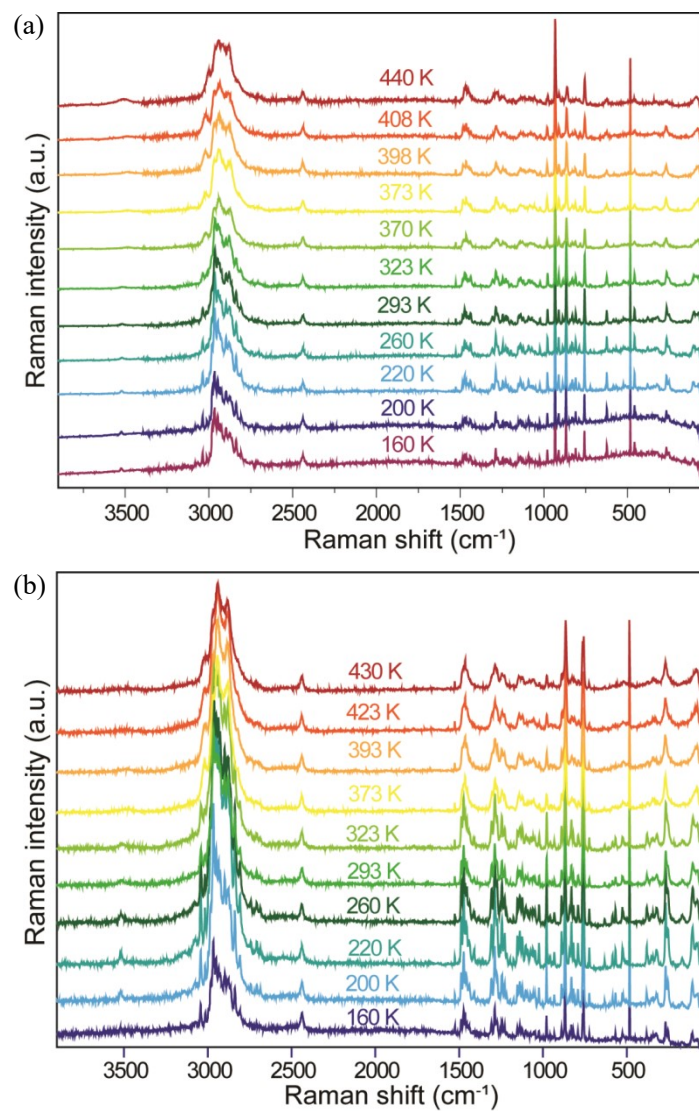
2965	-	2981	$\delta(\text{CH}_2)$ stretching
2997	3002	2996	$\delta(\text{CH}_2)$ stretching
3018	-	3020	$\delta(\text{CH}_2)$ stretching
3041	-	3040	$\delta(\text{CH}_2)$ stretching
3077	3074	3078	$\delta(\text{CH}_2)$ stretching
3139	3138	3138	$\omega(\text{NH}_2)$ stretching
3247	3242	3248	$\omega(\text{NH}_2)$ stretching
3512	3511	-	$\omega(\text{NH}_2)$ stretching
3724	3724	3725	$\delta(\text{OH})$ stretching
3786	3784	3786	$\delta(\text{OH})$ stretching

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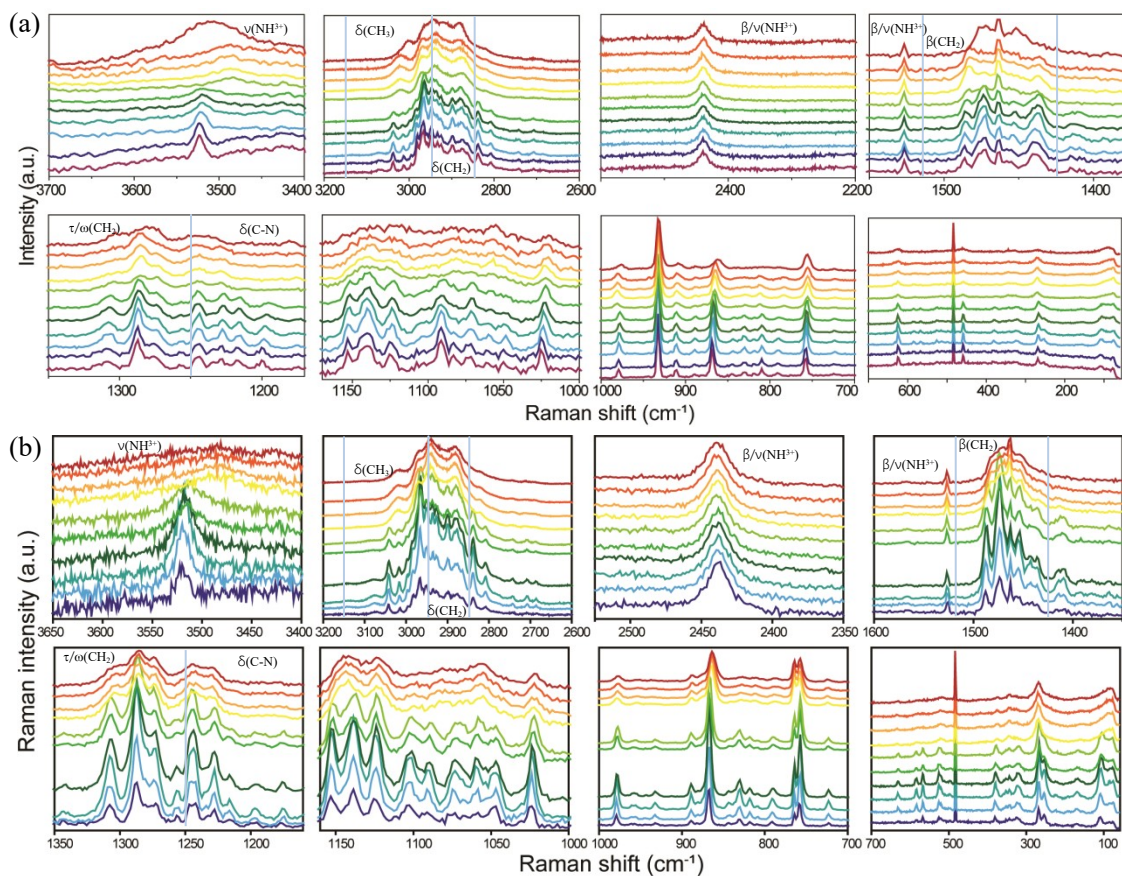




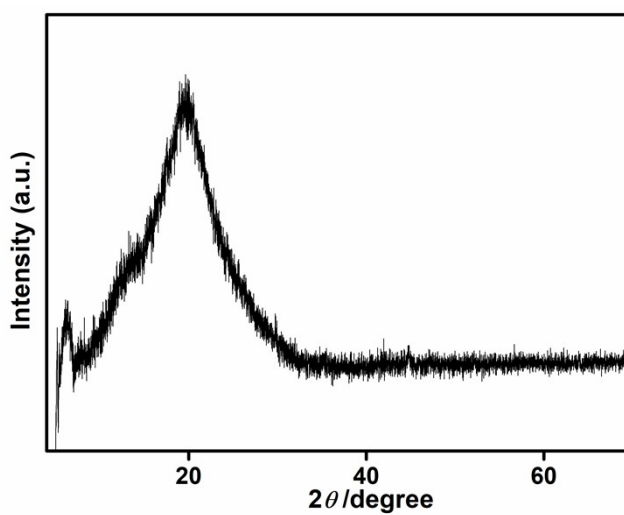
**Figure S13.** Temperature-dependent Raman spectra for **1** (a) and **2** (b) crystals in the range from 60 to 3900  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ . The white dashed line indicates the phase transition location.



**Figure S14.** Raman spectra in the 60-3900  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  region for 1 (a) and 2 (b) at different temperature.



**Figure S15.** Raman modes for **1** (a) and **2** (b) at different temperature. Notation used:  $\delta$ , stretching,  $\beta$ , bending;  $\tau$ , twisting;  $\omega$ , wagging, and  $\nu$ , other vibrations.



**Figure S16.** The powder X-ray diffraction of **2** at 430 K.

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