

## Electronic Supplementary Information

### Facile, fast and green synthesis of a highly porous calcium-syringate bioMOF with intriguing triple bioactivity

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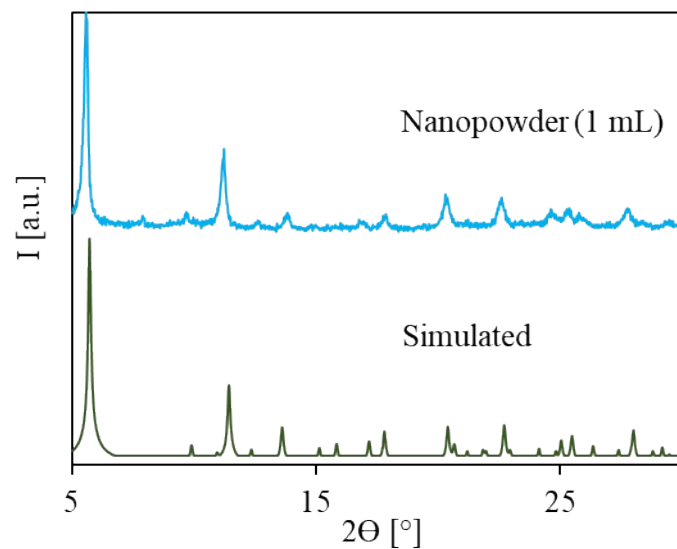
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## Crystalline structure description

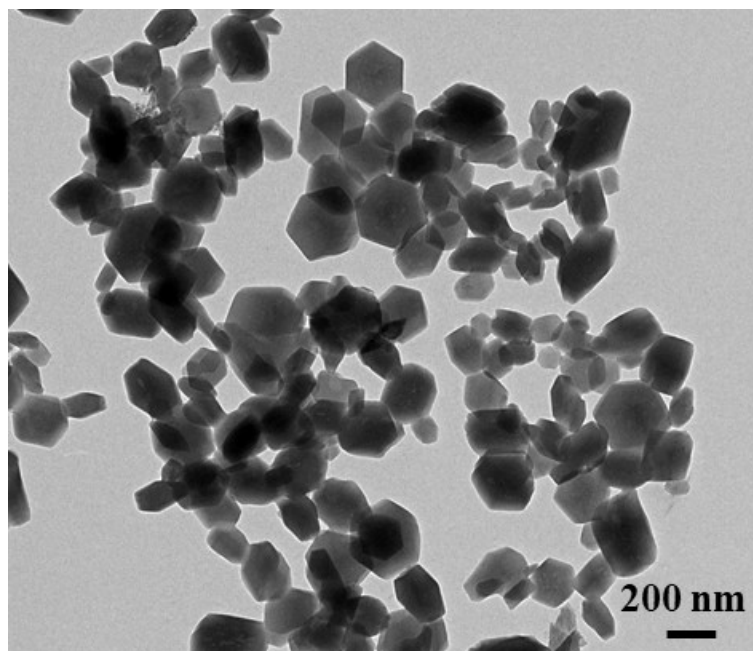
The crystalline structure of CaSyr-1 belongs to the trigonal system with the space group  $R\bar{3}$  (Table S3). The asymmetric unit contains two crystallographically independent  $\text{Ca}^{2+}$  ions, two independent  $\text{Syr}^{2-}$  linkers and two  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  ancillary ligands (Fig. S5). However, both  $\text{Ca}^{2+}$  ions show comparable coordination environment and both  $\text{Syr}^{2-}$  linkers play the same role in the structure (Table S4, S5). Ca1 and Ca2 display a distorted pentagonal bipyramidal geometry, with the typical heptacoordination of calcium. Ca1 and Ca2 are arranged in dimers through a double connection promoted by  $\mu_2$ -oxo (O2 and O5) bridges coming from the deprotonated phenol group in  $\text{Syr}^{2-}$ . Besides, each  $\text{Syr}^{2-}$  provides two additional oxygen atoms from the methoxy groups (O1, O3 and O4, O6, respectively), one to each  $\text{Ca}^{2+}$ , reinforcing the  $\mu_2$ -phenoxo bridges. To rationalize the description of the structure, it is considered that each dimeric subunit is formed by the two  $\text{Ca}^{2+}$  and the two  $\text{Syr}^{2-}$  that are held together through the methoxy-phenolate-methoxy double clamp. The pentagonal plane coordination in the coordination sphere of each calcium is completed by an oxygen (O8 and O10, respectively) coming from a carboxylate group of a syringate that participates in the formation of a neighboring dimeric subunit. Regarding the axial axis, one position is occupied by one aquo ligand (O11 and O12, respectively) and the other by another oxygen atom carboxylate (O7 and O9, respectively) coming from another close binuclear subunit. Hence, each syringate dianion participates in the formation of a dimer by the deprotonated phenol, reinforced by the two adjacent methoxide groups, while interconnecting two other dimeric units of an adjacent chain by an asymmetric  $\mu_2$ - $\eta^1$ :  $\eta^1$  carboxylate bridge. These bridges define chains parallel to the  $c$  axis (Fig. S6b), and in each chain the consecutive dimers are related by a center of inversion (Fig. 5d), thus, two different inter-dimer Ca-Ca distances alternate ( $\text{Ca1}\cdots\text{Ca1}$ ,  $d_1$ , and  $\text{Ca2}\cdots\text{Ca2}$ ,  $d_2$ , Fig. S6a). Each chain is connected to four

neighbor chains forming two types of prisms, triangular and hexagonal (ratio 2:1) (Fig. S6c), with a disposition in the space that resembles to the Kagome lattice (Fig. S6d). The roughly triangular sections do not display useful porosity according to the measurements in Mercury using a probe radius = 1.2 Å. Contrarily, the hexagonal section displays defined channels of  $\varnothing = 14$  Å that in the crystal was filled by a disordered mixture of solvents, water and DMF, one molecule of each per calcium atom, so solvent masking strategy was used to refine the crystal structure. Experimental data, particularly powder XRD and N<sub>2</sub> adsorption desorption characterization show that the Kagome framework remains intact after solvent elimination and gives rise to a highly porous architecture with a 36 v% of empty void per unit cell volume.

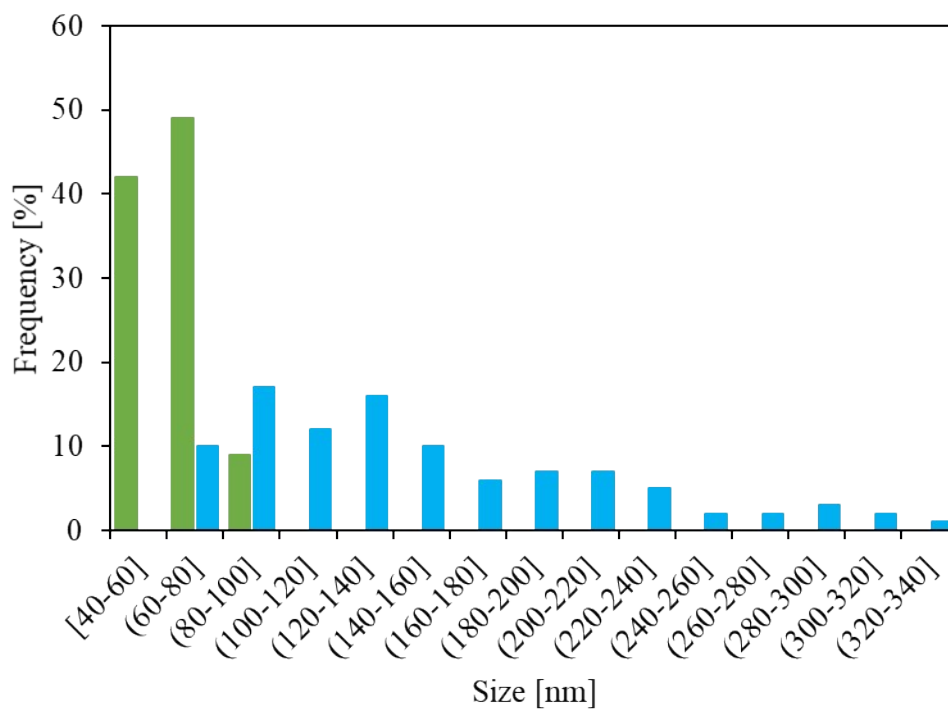
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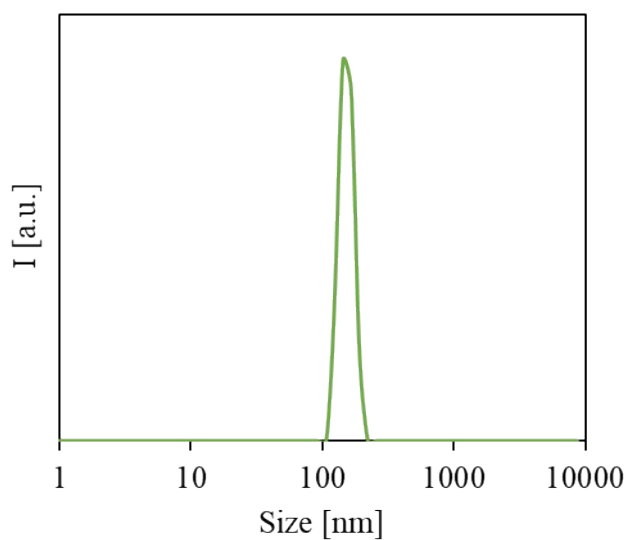
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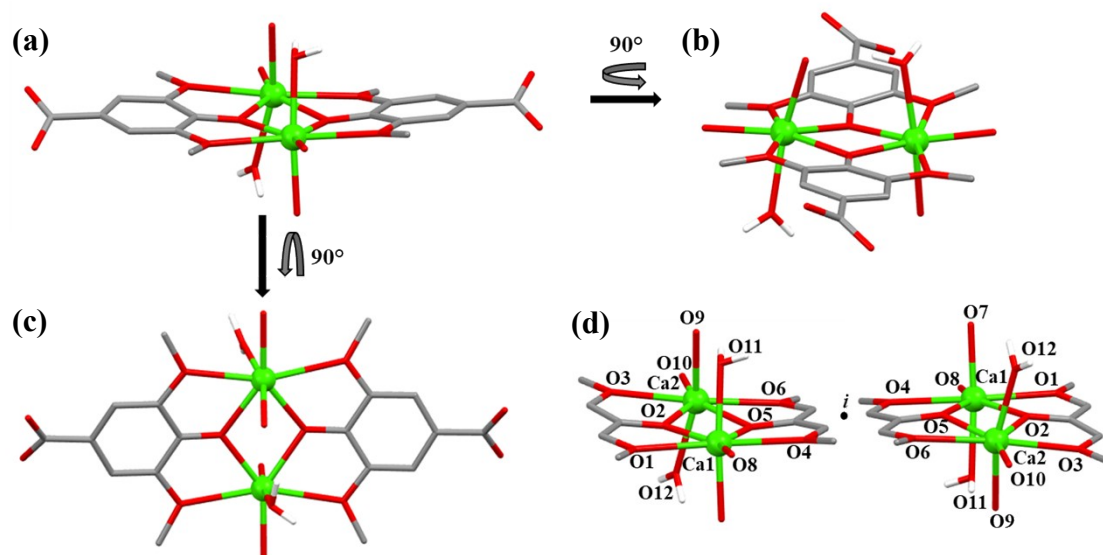
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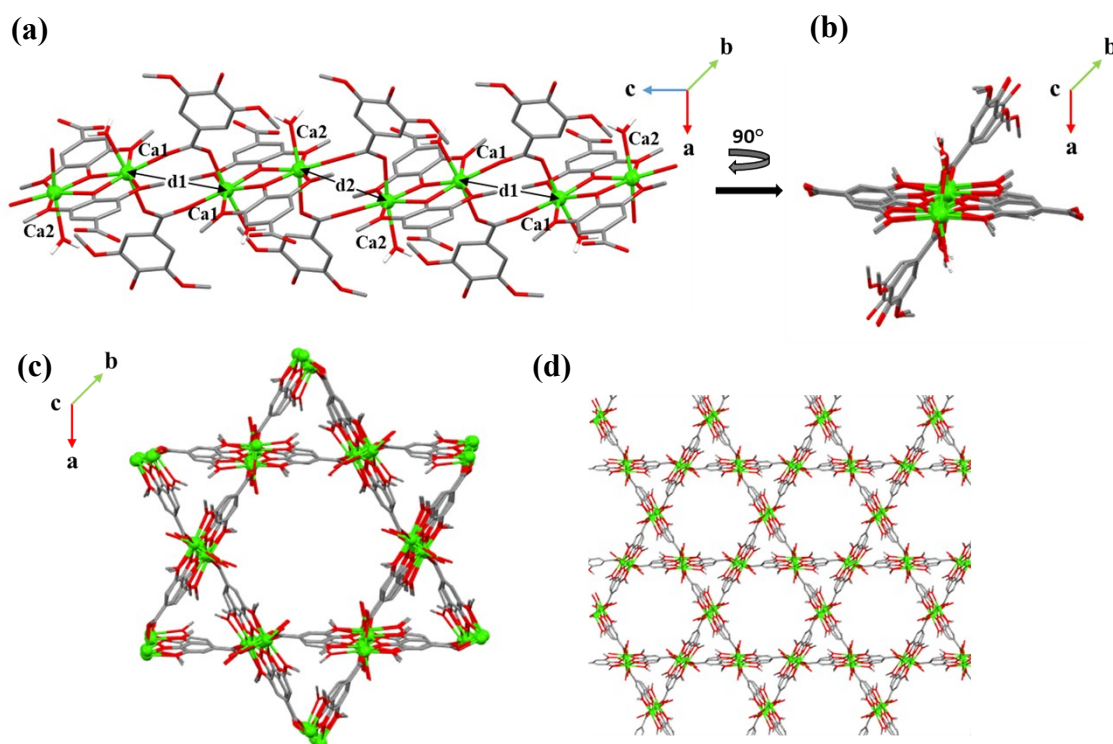
**Figure S3.** Particle size distribution histograms measured from the TEM images of CaSyr-1 prepared in 10 mL (green, 1:80 reactants:solvent molar ratio) and 1 mL (blue, 1:8 reactants:solvent molar ratio) of EtOH.



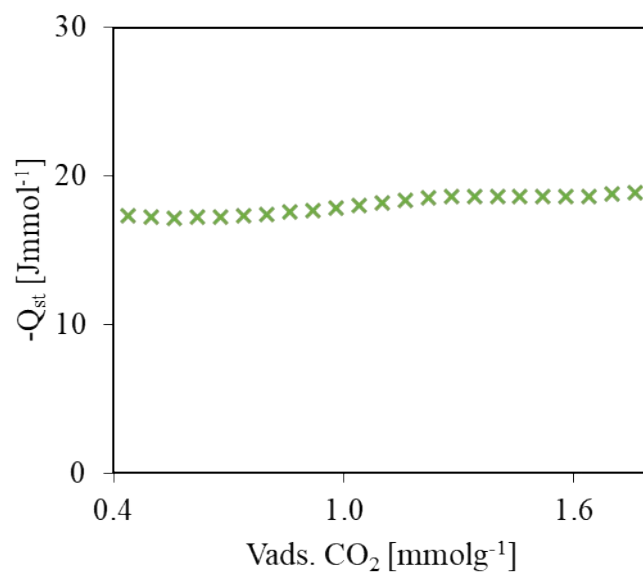
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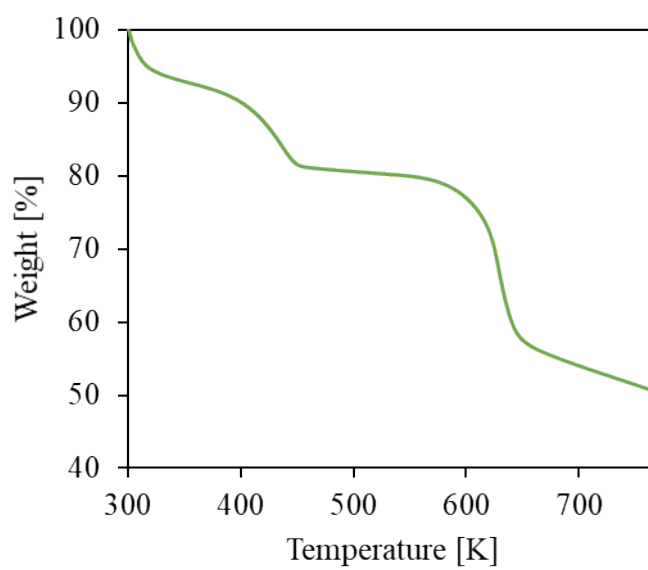
**Figure S5.** Dimeric unit of CaSyr-1: (a,b,c) observed from different angles, and (d) center of inversion between the interconnected dimers.



**Figure S6.** Chains formed after dimer connection in: (a)  $-\{[Ca_2Ca_1]-[Ca_1Ca_2]\}_n$ -fashion (b), visualized from *c* axis; (c) chains interconnection forming triangular and hexagonal prisms, and (d) resembling Kagome lattice.

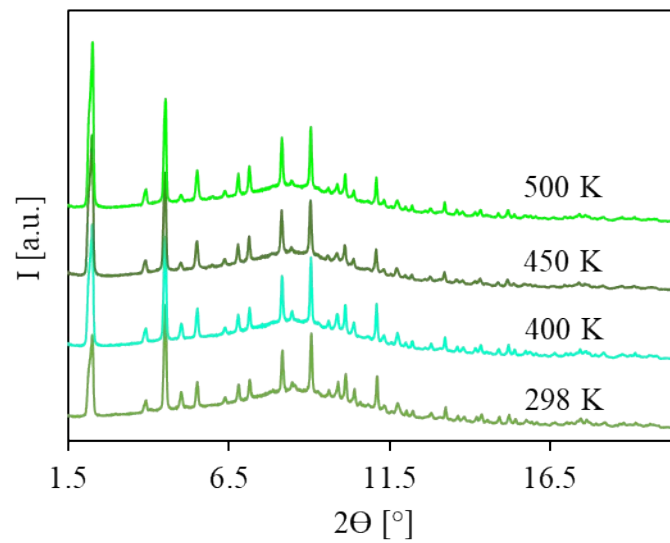


**Figure S7.**  $\text{CO}_2$  enthalpy of adsorption ( $Q_{st}$ ) of CaSyr-1.

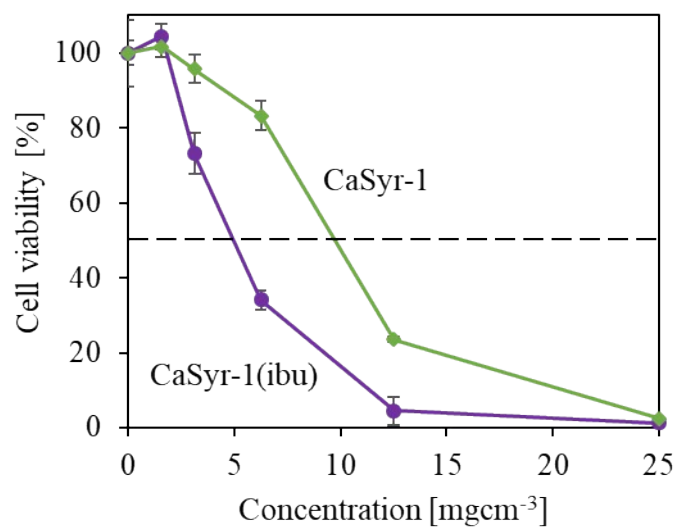


**Figure S8.** Thermogravimetric analysis of CaSyr-1 under  $\text{N}_2$ .

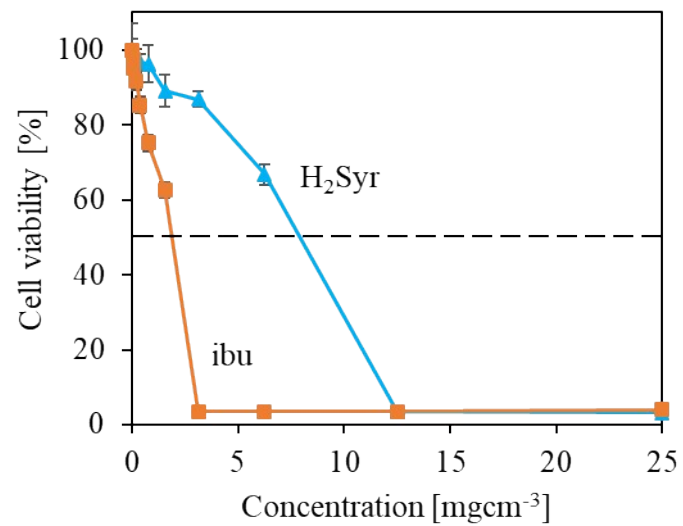




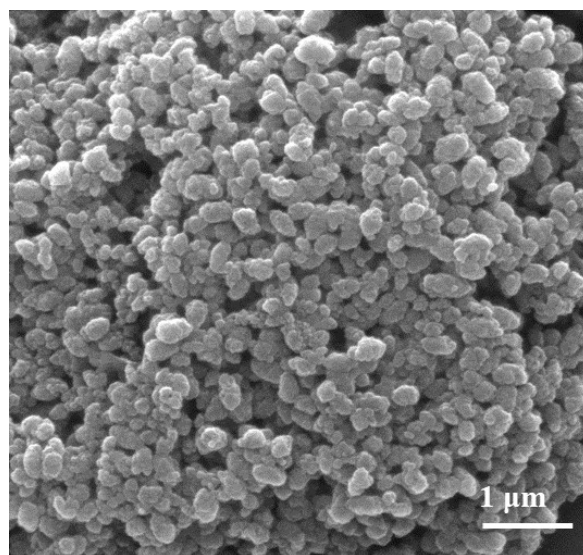
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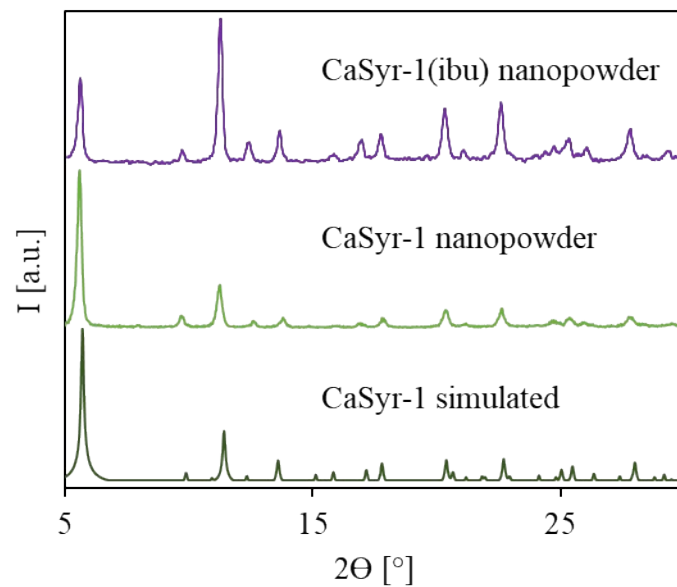
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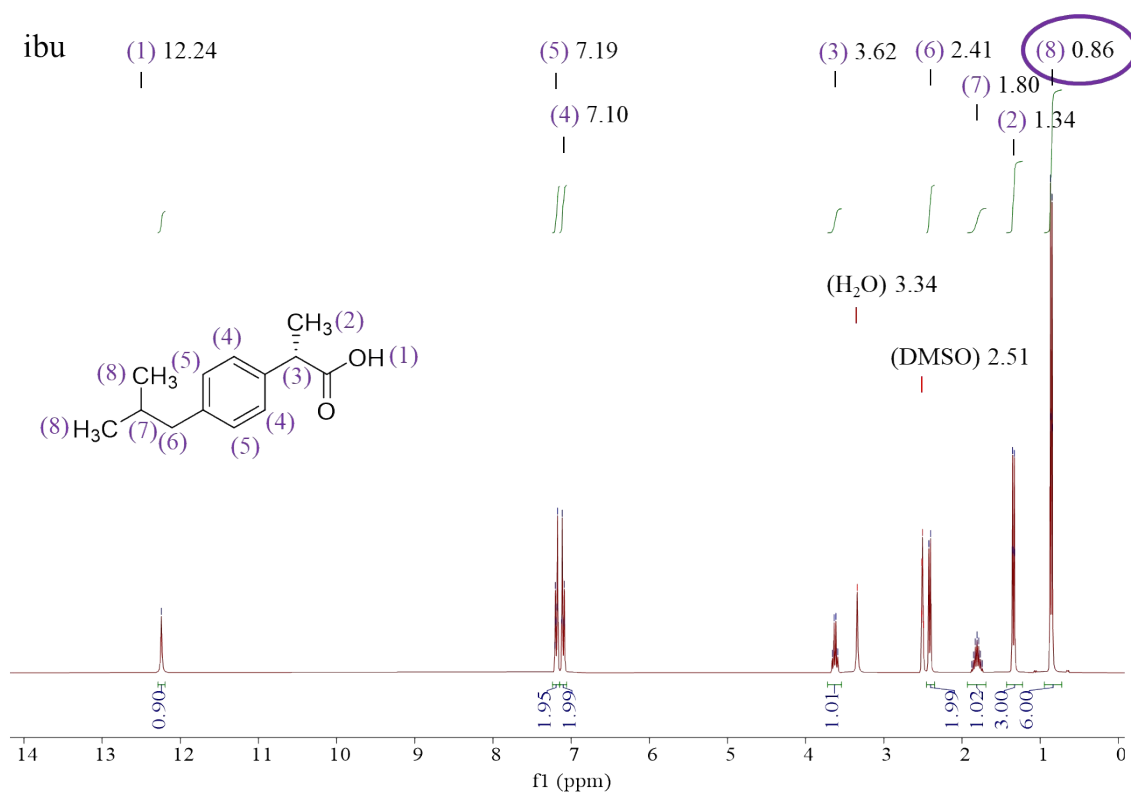
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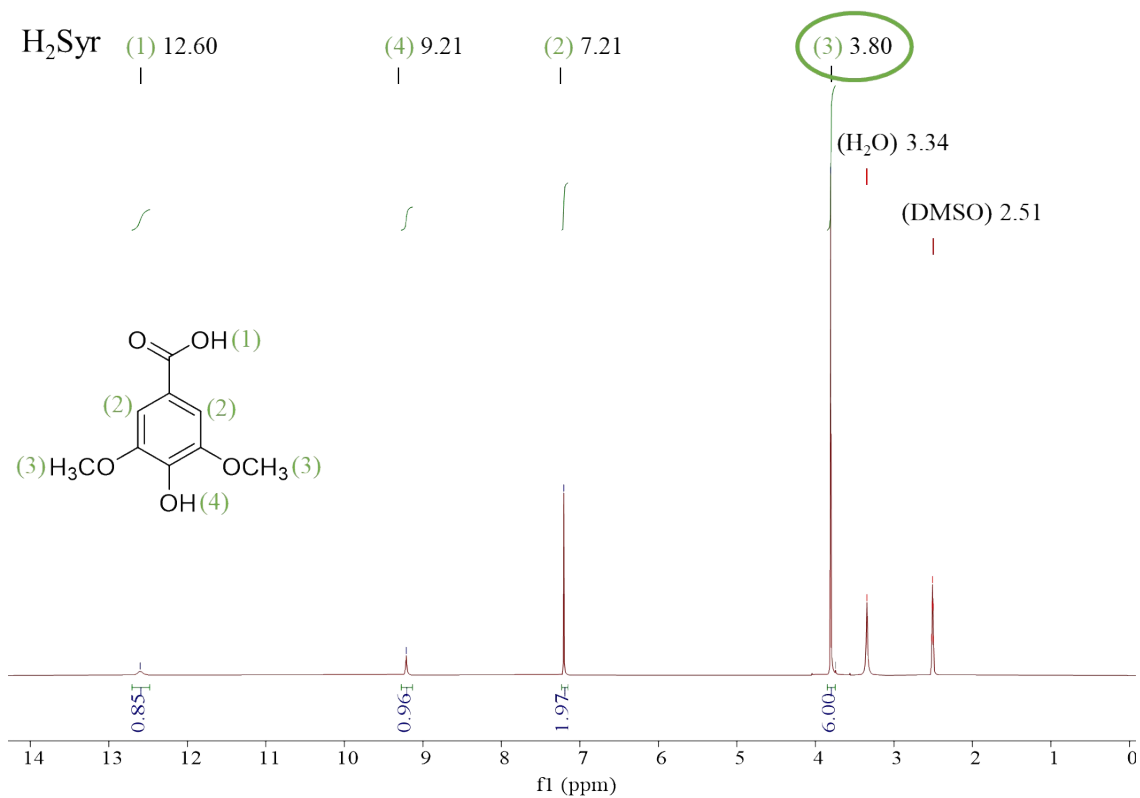
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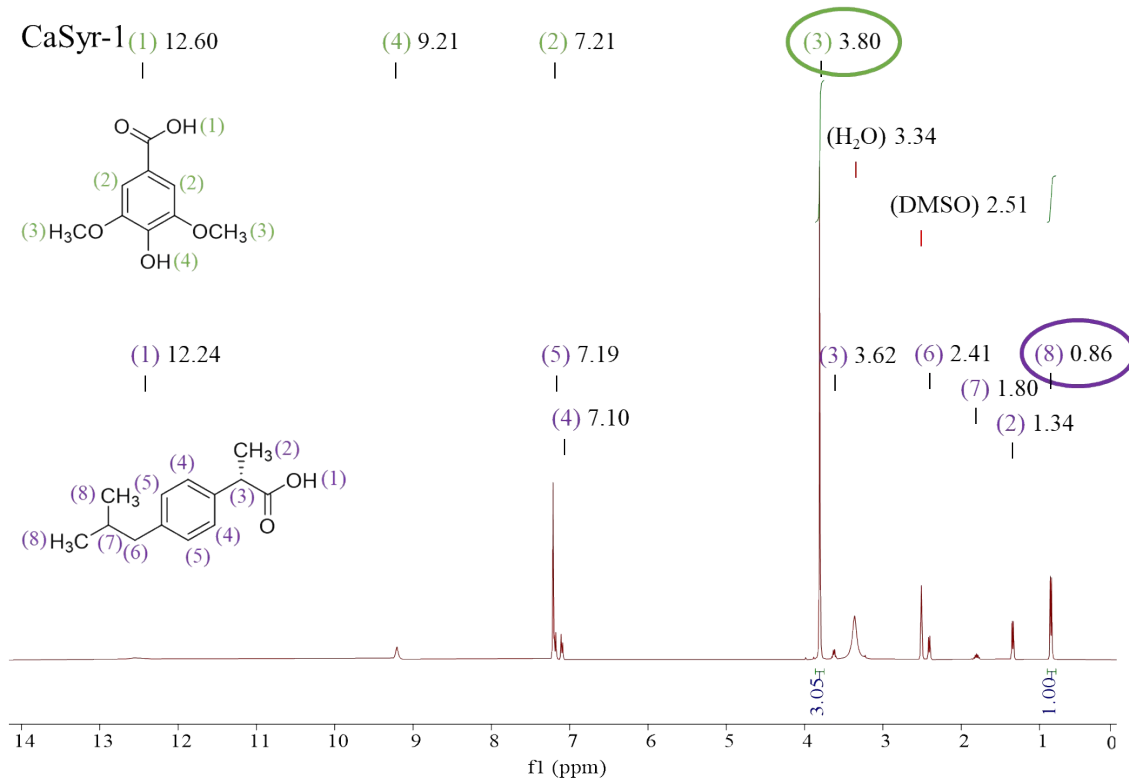
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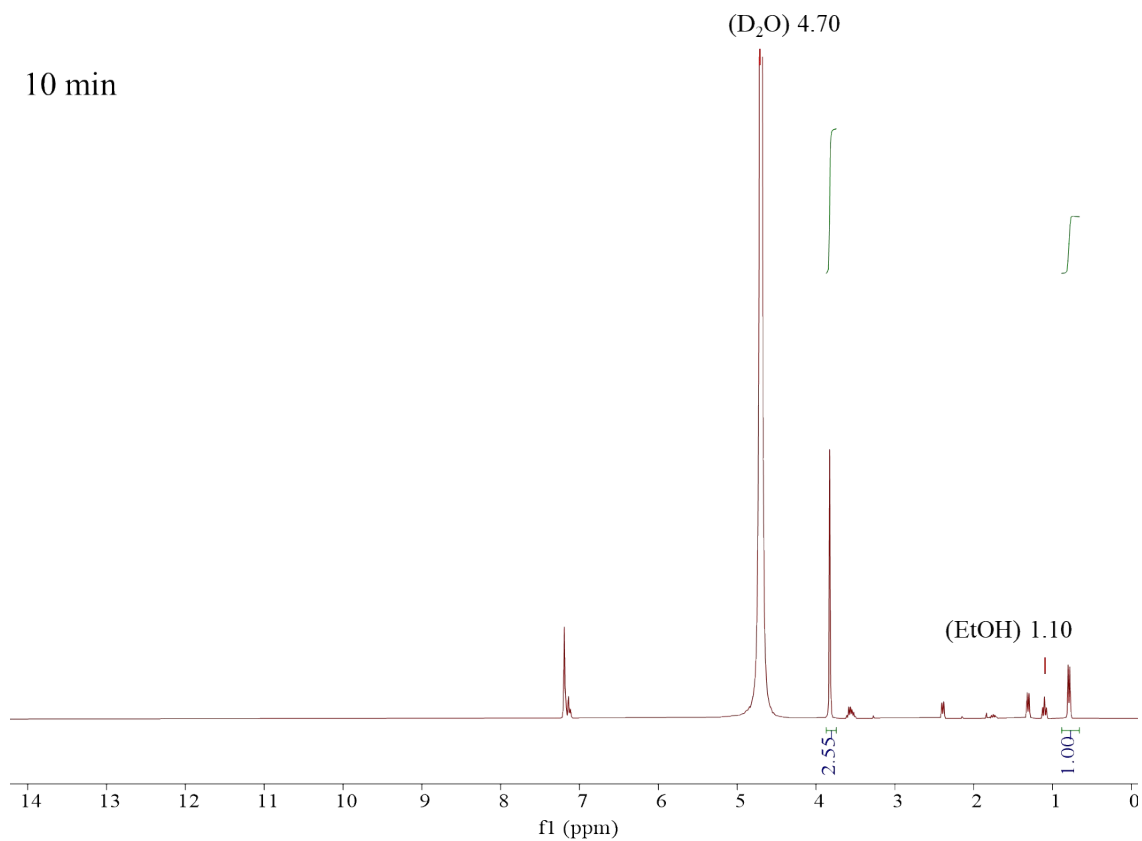
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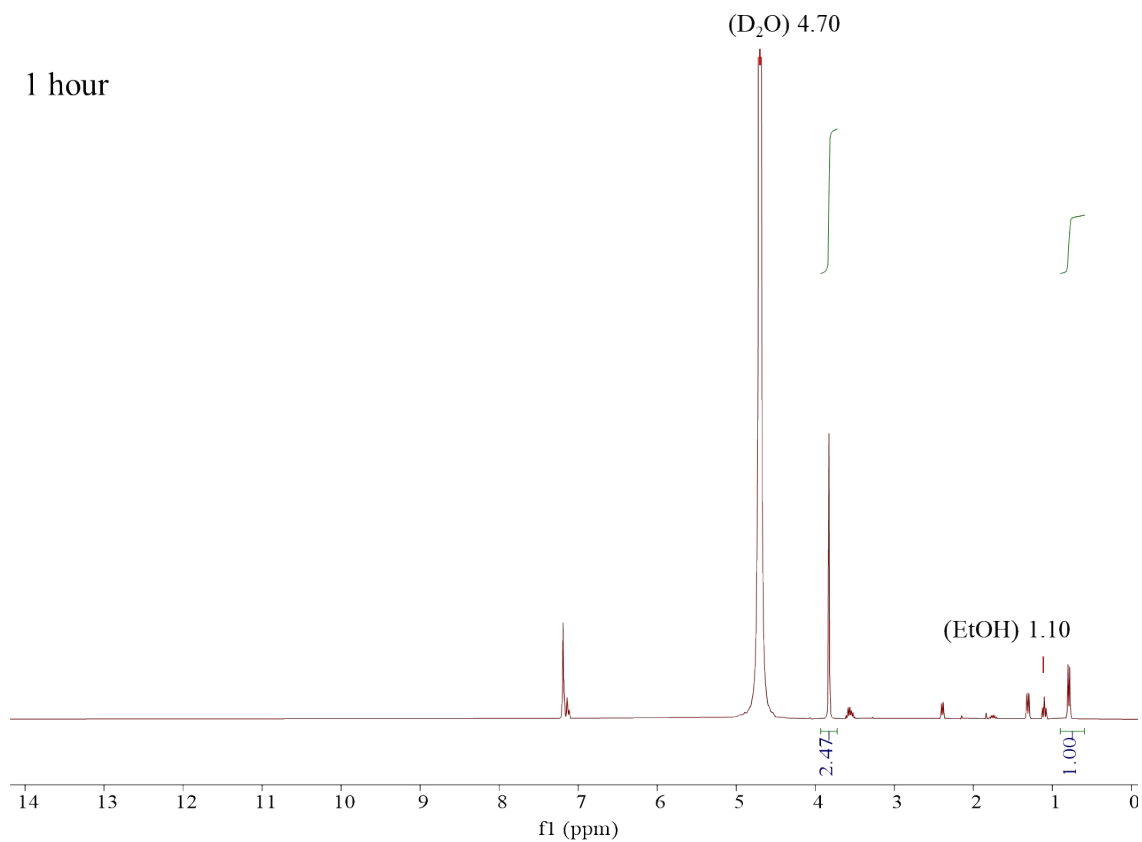
**Figure S15.**  $^1H$ -NMR of syringic acid.



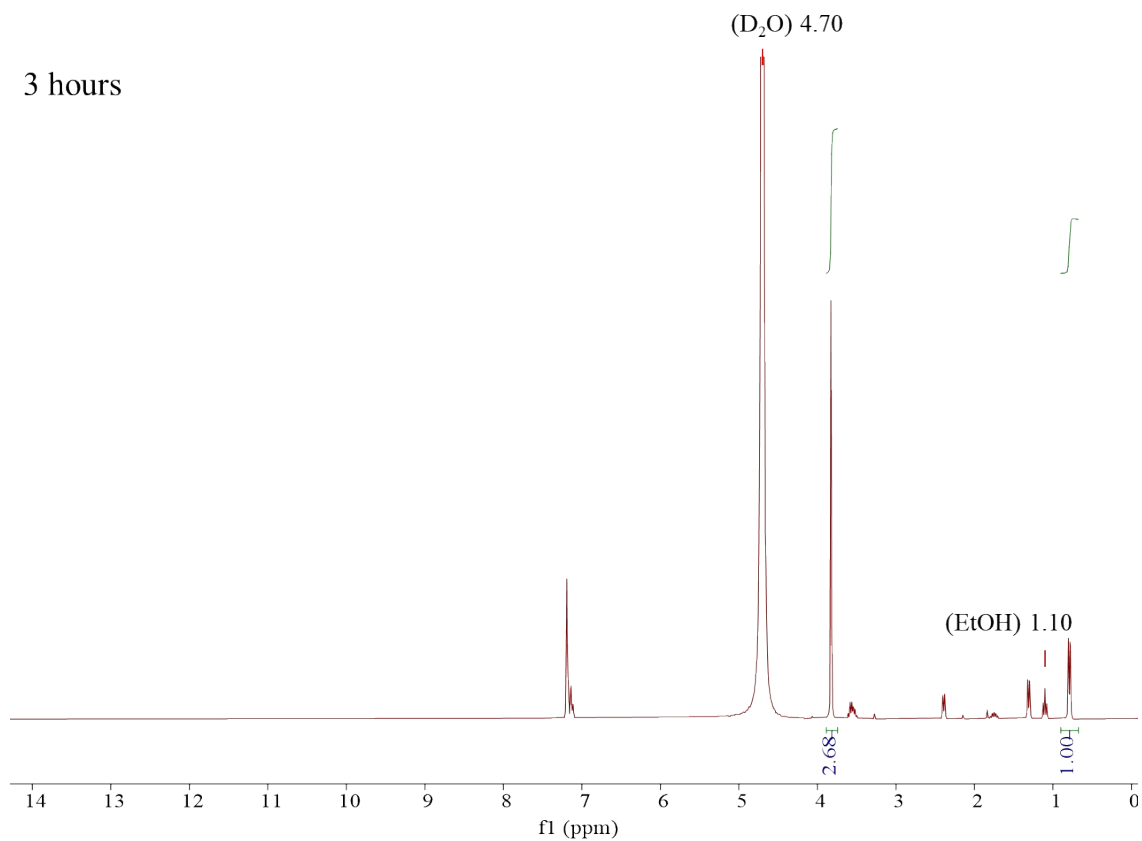
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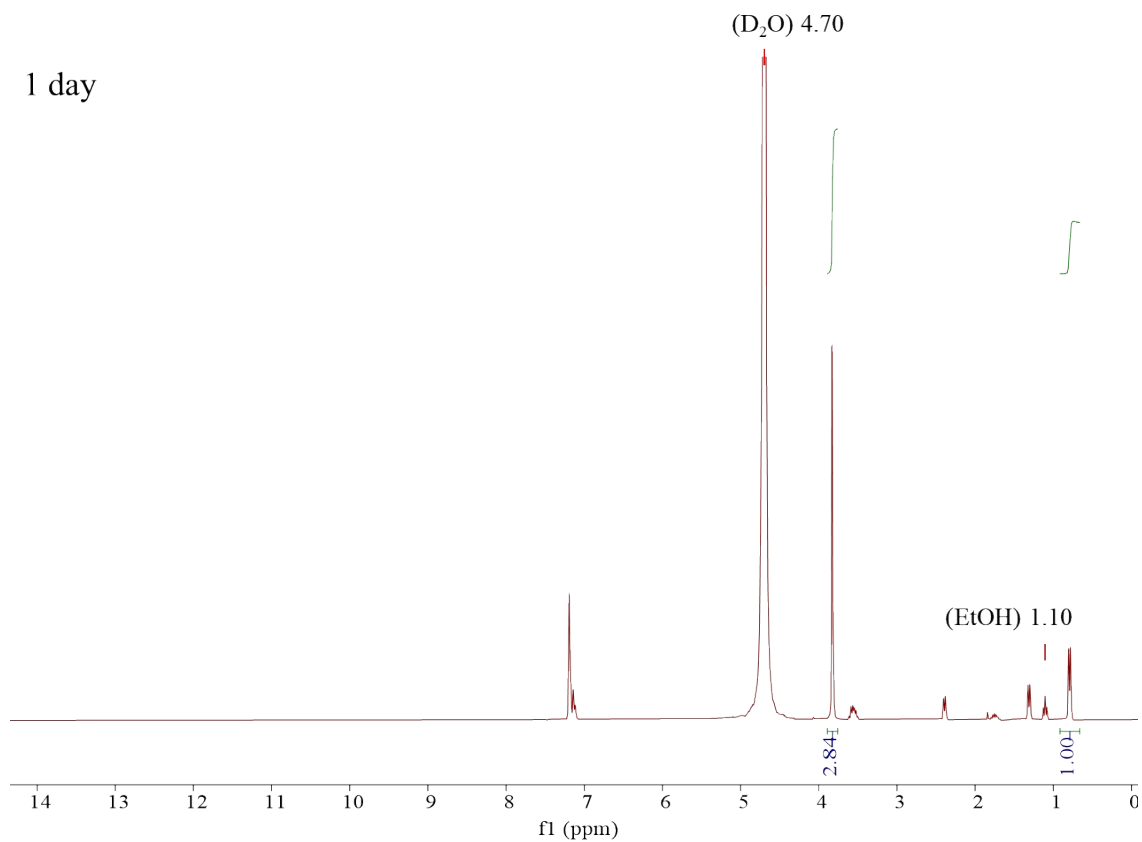
**Figure S17.** <sup>1</sup>H-NMR of CaSyr-1(ibu) release after 10 min of exposure to PBS medium.



**Figure S18.** <sup>1</sup>H-NMR of CaSyr-1(ibu) release after 1 hour of exposure to PBS medium.



**Figure S19.** <sup>1</sup>H-NMR of CaSyr-1(ibu) release after 3 hour of exposure to PBS medium.



**Figure S20.** <sup>1</sup>H-NMR of CaSyr-1(ibu) release after 1 day of exposure to PBS medium.

## Tables

**Table S1.** Elemental analysis of CaSyr-1 obtained in the synthesis performed with 1:80 reactants:solvent molar ratio.

Material	Calculated [%]		Experimental [%]		Ratio Ca:Syr:H <sub>2</sub> O
	Carbon	Hydrogen	Carbon	Hydrogen	
CaSyr-1	42.52	3.96	42.19	3.92	1:1:1

**Table S2.** Calcium-based MOFs tested for CO<sub>2</sub> adsorption.

Ca-based MOF	CO <sub>2</sub> uptake [mmolg <sup>-1</sup> ]	Conditions T [K] / P [kPa]	Reference
CaSyr-1	3.7	273 / 100	This work
	2.4	298 / 100	
	1.8	313 / 100	
Ca-5TIA-MOF	1.12	298 / 100	S1
MUT-1	0.97	298 / 100	S2
CaBTB	1.98	298 / 100	S3
Ca(SDB)	1.04	273 / 100	S4

**Table S3.** Crystallographic data for CaSyr-1 determined by single crystal XRD.

Empirical formulae	$C_{18} H_{20} Ca_2 O_{12} [2(H_2 O) 2(C_3 H_7 N O)]$
Formula weight	690.72
T [K]	100(2)
Wavelength [Å]	0.72932
System, space group	Trigonal, $R\bar{3}$
<i>a</i> [Å]	30.963(2)
<i>b</i> [Å]	30.963(2)
<i>c</i> [Å]	16.953(1)
$\alpha$ [°]	90
$\beta$ [°]	90
$\gamma$ [°]	120
<i>V</i> [Å <sup>3</sup> ]	14075(2)
<i>Z</i>	18
<i>D</i> <sub>calc</sub> [g cm <sup>-3</sup> ]	1.467
$\mu$ [mm <sup>-1</sup> ]	0.469
<i>F</i> (000)	6552.0
Crystal size [mm <sup>3</sup> ]	42
<i>hkl</i> ranges	-42 ≤ <i>h</i> ≤ 42 -42 ≤ <i>k</i> ≤ 42 -23 ≤ <i>l</i> ≤ 23
2 $\theta$ range [°]	1.458 to 30.427
Reflections collected/unique/[ <i>R</i> <sub>int</sub> ]	83456/8717/[ <i>R</i> <sub>int</sub> = 0.0390]
Completeness	99.4%
Refinement method	Full matrix least-squares on   <i>F</i>   <sup>2</sup>
Data/restraints/parameters	8717/ 0 / 295
Goodness of fit (GOF) on   <i>F</i>   <sup>2</sup>	1.061
Final <i>R</i> indices [ <i>I</i> > 2 $\sigma$ ( <i>I</i> )]	<i>R</i> 1 = 0.0336, <i>wR</i> 2 = 0.1001
<i>R</i> indices (all data)	<i>R</i> 1 = 0.0360, <i>wR</i> 2 = 0.1018
Largest Diff. peak and hole [e Å <sup>-3</sup> ]	0.451 and -0.494

**Table S4.** Selected bond distances in CaSyr-1.

Bond	Distance [Å]
Ca1-O1	2.649(1)
Ca1-O2	2.303(1)
Ca1-O4	2.555(1)
Ca1-O5	2.343(2)
Ca1-O7	2.302(2)
Ca1-O8	2.261(1)
Ca1-O11	2.388(2)
Ca2-O2	2.327(1)
Ca2-O3	2.540(1)
Ca2-O5	2.308(1)
Ca2-O6	2.675(2)
Ca2-O9	2.378(2)
Ca2-O10	2.273(1)
Ca2-O12	2.407(2)



**Table S5.** Selected bond angles in CaSyr-1.

<b>Objects</b>	<b>Angle [°]</b>
O1-Ca1-O2	64.07(4)
O2-Ca1-O5	69.58(5)
O4-Ca1-O5	65.52(5)
O2-Ca2-O3	65.77(4)
O2-Ca2-O5	69.79(5)
O5-Ca2-O6	63.61(5)
Ca1-O2-Ca2	110.28(5)
Ca1-O5-Ca2	109.51(6)

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