

Aqueous solution as a *playground* of  $\{\text{MoO}_4\}$ ,  
 $\{\text{Mo}_4\text{O}_{12}\}$ ,  $\{\text{Mo}_8\text{O}_{26}\}$ ,  $\{\text{Mo}_8\text{V}_5\text{O}_{40}\}$  and  
 $\{\text{V}_7\text{Mo}_2\text{O}_{27}\}$  species in the presence of carboxylic  
acids and  $[\text{Co}(\text{C}_2\text{O}_4)(\text{NH}_3)_4]^+$  or  $[\text{Co}(\text{en})_3]^{3+}$  cations

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**Table S1.** Reactions of  $\text{Na}_2\text{MoO}_4 \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$  and  $[\text{Co}(\text{C}_2\text{O}_4)(\text{NH}_3)_4]\text{NO}_3 \cdot \text{H}_2\text{O}$  with 1.22, 2.44, 7.93, and 15.90 mmol of acetic acid.

**Table S2.** Reactions of  $\text{Na}_2\text{MoO}_4 \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$  and  $[\text{Co}(\text{C}_2\text{O}_4)(\text{NH}_3)_4]\text{NO}_3 \cdot \text{H}_2\text{O}$  with 1.22, 2.44, 7.93, and 15.90 mmol of succinic acid.

**Table S3.** Reactions of  $\text{Na}_2\text{MoO}_4 \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$  and  $[\text{Co}(\text{CO}_3)(\text{NH}_3)_4]\text{NO}_3 \cdot \text{H}_2\text{O}$  with 1.22, 2.44, 7.93, and 15.90 mmol of acetic or succinic acid.

**Table S4.** Reactions of  $\text{Na}_2\text{MoO}_4 \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$ ,  $\text{NH}_4\text{VO}_3$  and  $[\text{Co}(\text{C}_2\text{O}_4)(\text{NH}_3)_4]\text{NO}_3 \cdot \text{H}_2\text{O}$  or  $[\text{Co}(\text{CO}_3)(\text{NH}_3)_4]\text{NO}_3 \cdot \text{H}_2\text{O}$  with 1.22, 2.44, 7.93, and 15.90 mmol of succinic acid.

**Table S5.** Reactions of  $\text{Na}_2\text{MoO}_4 \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$ ,  $\text{NH}_4\text{VO}_3$  and  $[\text{Co}(\text{en})_3]\text{Cl}_3$  or  $[\text{Co}(\text{CO}_3)(\text{NH}_3)_4]\text{NO}_3 \cdot \text{H}_2\text{O}$  with 1.22, 2.44, 7.93, and 15.90 mmol of succinic acid.

**Table S6.** TG data of compounds **1-4**, **6-8**, **10-12**

**Table S7.** IR data for compounds **1-13**

**Table S8.** Analytical data of compounds **1-4**, **6-8**, **10-13**

**Table S9.** Crystallographic data for compounds **1-9**, **11**

**Table S10.** Hydrogen bonds in the compound **4**

**Table S11.** Hydrogen bonds in the compound **8**

**Table S12.** Hydrogen bonds in the compound **9**

**Figure S1.** TG curve of  $[\text{Co}(\text{C}_2\text{O}_4)(\text{NH}_3)_4]_4[\beta\text{-Mo}_8\text{O}_{26}] \cdot 12\text{H}_2\text{O}$  (**1**)

**Figure S2.** TG curve of  $[\text{Co}(\text{C}_2\text{O}_4)(\text{NH}_3)_4]_4[\beta\text{-Mo}_8\text{O}_{26}] \cdot 10\text{H}_2\text{O}$  (**2**)

**Figure S3.** TG curve of  $[\text{Co}(\text{C}_2\text{O}_4)(\text{NH}_3)_4]_{4n}[\text{Na}_2\text{Mo}_8\text{O}_{29}(\text{H}_2\text{O})_4]_n \cdot 6n\text{H}_2\text{O}$  (**3**)

**Figure S4.** TG curve of  $[\text{Co}(\text{C}_2\text{O}_4)(\text{NH}_3)_4]_4[\beta\text{-Mo}_8\text{O}_{26}] \cdot 4\text{H}_2\text{O} \cdot \text{C}_4\text{H}_6\text{O}_4$  (**6**)

**Figure S5.**  $[\text{Co}(\text{C}_2\text{O}_4)(\text{NH}_3)_4]_{2n}[\text{Mo}_4\text{O}_{12}(\text{C}_4\text{H}_4\text{O}_4)]_n \cdot 3n\text{H}_2\text{O}$  (**8**)

**Figure S6.** TG curve of  $[\text{Mo}_5\text{Co}_2\text{O}_{17}(\text{HCO}_3)(\text{H}_4\text{O}_4\text{O}_4\text{H})(\text{NH}_3)_7] \cdot 5\text{H}_2\text{O}$  (**10**)

**Figure S7.** TG curve of  $[\text{Mo}_7\text{Co}_2\text{O}_{18}(\text{NH}_3)_7] \cdot 5\text{H}_2\text{O}$  (**11**)

**Figure S8.** TG curve of  $[\text{Co}(\text{C}_2\text{O}_4)(\text{NH}_3)_4]_2[\text{H}_2\text{Mo}_8\text{V}_5\text{O}_{40}\text{Na}_2(\text{H}_2\text{O})_8] \cdot 5.5\text{H}_2\text{O}$  (**12**)

**Figure S9:**  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum of  $[\text{Mo}_5\text{Co}_2\text{O}_{17}(\text{HCO}_3)(\text{H}_4\text{C}_4\text{O}_4\text{H})(\text{NH}_3)_7] \cdot 5\text{H}_2\text{O}$  (**10**)

**Figure S10.** Example of  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectra of  $[\text{Mo}_5\text{Co}_2\text{O}_{18}(\text{NH}_3)_7] \cdot 5\text{H}_2\text{O}$  (**11**) obtained in reactions with succinic acid

**Figure S11.** Simulated and experimental PXRD patterns of **4**

**Figure S12.** Simulated and experimental PXRD patterns of **6**

**Figure S13.** Simulated and experimental PXRD patterns of **7**

**Figure S14.** Simulated and experimental PXRD patterns of **8**

**Figure S15.** Crystals of compounds **3-9**

**Table S1.** Reactions of  $\text{Na}_2\text{MoO}_4 \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$  and  $[\text{Co}(\text{C}_2\text{O}_4)(\text{NH}_3)_4]\text{NO}_3 \cdot \text{H}_2\text{O}$  with 1.22, 2.44, 7.93, and 15.90 mmol of acetic acid.

Solution based methods	Precursors / Acid	Mo : Co : Acid / mmol	Products
Room temperature	$\text{Na}_2\text{MoO}_4$ / $[\text{Co}(\text{C}_2\text{O}_4)(\text{NH}_3)_4]\text{NO}_3$ / $\text{CH}_3\text{COOH}$	5 : 2 : 1.22	$[\text{Co}(\text{C}_2\text{O}_4)(\text{NH}_3)_4]_4[\beta\text{-Mo}_8\text{O}_{26}] \cdot 12\text{H}_2\text{O}$ (1) $[\text{Co}(\text{C}_2\text{O}_4)(\text{NH}_3)_4]_4[\beta\text{-Mo}_8\text{O}_{26}] \cdot 10\text{H}_2\text{O}$ (2)
		5 : 2 : 2.44	
		5 : 2 : 7.93	
		5 : 2 : 15.90	
Reflux	$\text{Na}_2\text{MoO}_4$ / $[\text{Co}(\text{C}_2\text{O}_4)(\text{NH}_3)_4]\text{NO}_3$ / $\text{CH}_3\text{COOH}$	5 : 2 : 1.22	$[\text{Co}(\text{C}_2\text{O}_4)(\text{NH}_3)_4]_{4n}[\text{Na}_2\text{Mo}_8\text{O}_{29}(\text{H}_2\text{O})_4]_n \cdot 6n\text{H}_2\text{O}$ (3)
		5 : 2 : 2.44	
		5 : 2 : 7.93	$[\text{Co}(\text{C}_2\text{O}_4)(\text{NH}_3)_4]_4[\beta\text{-Mo}_8\text{O}_{26}] \cdot 12\text{H}_2\text{O}$ (1) $[\text{Co}(\text{C}_2\text{O}_4)(\text{NH}_3)_4]_{4n}[\text{Na}_2\text{Mo}_8\text{O}_{29}(\text{H}_2\text{O})_4]_n \cdot 6n\text{H}_2\text{O}$ (3)
		5 : 2 : 15.90	$[\text{Co}(\text{C}_2\text{O}_4)(\text{NH}_3)_4]_8[\beta\text{-Mo}_8\text{O}_{26}(\text{H}_2\text{O})_2][\gamma\text{-Mo}_8\text{O}_{26}] \cdot 12\text{H}_2\text{O}$ (4) $[\text{Co}(\text{C}_2\text{O}_4)(\text{NH}_3)_4]_8[\gamma\text{-Mo}_8\text{O}_{26}(\text{H}_2\text{O})_2] \cdot 6\text{H}_2\text{O}$ (5)
Solvothermal at 110 °C	$\text{Na}_2\text{MoO}_4$ / $[\text{Co}(\text{C}_2\text{O}_4)(\text{NH}_3)_4]\text{NO}_3$ / $\text{CH}_3\text{COOH}$	5 : 2 : 1.22	$[\text{Co}(\text{C}_2\text{O}_4)(\text{NH}_3)_4]_4[\beta\text{-Mo}_8\text{O}_{26}] \cdot 12\text{H}_2\text{O}$ (1) $[\text{Co}(\text{C}_2\text{O}_4)(\text{NH}_3)_4]_4[\beta\text{-Mo}_8\text{O}_{26}] \cdot 10\text{H}_2\text{O}$ (2)
		5 : 2 : 2.44	
		5 : 2 : 7.93	
		5 : 2 : 15.90	

**Table S2.** Reactions of  $\text{Na}_2\text{MoO}_4 \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$  and  $[\text{Co}(\text{C}_2\text{O}_4)(\text{NH}_3)_4](\text{NO}_3) \cdot \text{H}_2\text{O}$  with 1.22, 2.44, 7.93, and 15.90 mmol of succinic acid.

Solution based methods	Precursors / Acid	Mo : Co : Acid / mmol	Products
Room temperature	$\text{Na}_2\text{MoO}_4 /$ $[\text{Co}(\text{C}_2\text{O}_4)(\text{NH}_3)_4]\text{NO}_3 /$ $\text{HOOCCH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{COOH}$	5 : 2 : 1.22	$[\text{Co}(\text{C}_2\text{O}_4)(\text{NH}_3)_4]_{4n}[\text{Na}_2\text{Mo}_8\text{O}_{29}(\text{H}_2\text{O})_4]_n \cdot 6n\text{H}_2\text{O}$ (3)
		5 : 2 : 2.44	$[\text{Co}(\text{C}_2\text{O}_4)(\text{NH}_3)_4]_4[\beta\text{-Mo}_8\text{O}_{26}] \cdot 12\text{H}_2\text{O}$ (1)
		5 : 2 : 7.93	$[\text{Co}(\text{C}_2\text{O}_4)(\text{NH}_3)_4]_4[\beta\text{-Mo}_8\text{O}_{26}] \cdot 4\text{H}_2\text{O} \cdot \text{C}_4\text{H}_6\text{O}_4$ (6)
		5 : 2 : 15.90	
Reflux	$\text{Na}_2\text{MoO}_4 /$ $[\text{Co}(\text{C}_2\text{O}_4)(\text{NH}_3)_4]\text{NO}_3 /$ $\text{HOOCCH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{COOH}$	5 : 2 : 1.22	$[\text{Co}(\text{C}_2\text{O}_4)(\text{NH}_3)_4]_{4n}[\text{Na}_2\text{Mo}_8\text{O}_{29}(\text{H}_2\text{O})_4]_n \cdot 6n\text{H}_2\text{O}$ (3)
		5 : 2 : 2.44	$[\text{Co}(\text{C}_2\text{O}_4)(\text{NH}_3)_4]_4[\beta\text{-Mo}_8\text{O}_{26}] \cdot 12\text{H}_2\text{O}$ (1), $[\text{Co}(\text{C}_2\text{O}_4)(\text{NH}_3)_4]_4[\beta\text{-Mo}_8\text{O}_{26}] \cdot 4\text{H}_2\text{O} \cdot \text{C}_4\text{H}_6\text{O}_4$ (6) $[\text{Co}(\text{C}_2\text{O}_4)(\text{NH}_3)_4]_4[\gamma\text{-Mo}_8\text{O}_{26}(\text{H}_2\text{O})_2] \cdot 12\text{H}_2\text{O}$ (7) $[\text{Co}(\text{C}_2\text{O}_4)(\text{NH}_3)_4]_{2n}[\text{Mo}_4\text{O}_{12}(\text{C}_4\text{H}_4\text{O}_4)]_n \cdot 3n\text{H}_2\text{O}$ (8)
		5 : 2 : 7.93	$[\text{Co}(\text{C}_2\text{O}_4)(\text{NH}_3)_4]_4[\beta\text{-Mo}_8\text{O}_{26}] \cdot 4\text{H}_2\text{O} \cdot \text{C}_4\text{H}_6\text{O}_4$ (6)
		5 : 2 : 15.90	
Solvothermal at 110 °C	$\text{Na}_2\text{MoO}_4 /$ $[\text{Co}(\text{C}_2\text{O}_4)(\text{NH}_3)_4]\text{NO}_3 /$ $\text{HOOCCH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{COOH}$	5 : 2 : 1.22	$[\text{Co}(\text{C}_2\text{O}_4)(\text{NH}_3)_4]_{4n}[\text{Na}_2\text{Mo}_8\text{O}_{29}(\text{H}_2\text{O})_4]_n \cdot 6n\text{H}_2\text{O}$ (3)
		5 : 2 : 2.44	$[\text{Co}(\text{C}_2\text{O}_4)(\text{NH}_3)_4]_4[\beta\text{-Mo}_8\text{O}_{26}] \cdot 4\text{H}_2\text{O} \cdot \text{C}_4\text{H}_6\text{O}_4$ (6)
		5 : 2 : 7.93	$[\text{Co}(\text{C}_2\text{O}_4)(\text{NH}_3)_4]_4[\beta\text{-Mo}_8\text{O}_{26}] \cdot 4\text{H}_2\text{O} \cdot \text{C}_4\text{H}_6\text{O}_4$ (6) $[\text{Co}(\text{C}_2\text{O}_4)(\text{NH}_3)_4]_{4n}[\gamma\text{-Mo}_8\text{O}_{26}]_2 \cdot 9n\text{H}_2\text{O}$ (9)
		5 : 2 : 15.90	

**Table S3.** Reactions of  $\text{Na}_2\text{MoO}_4 \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$  and  $[\text{Co}(\text{CO}_3)(\text{NH}_3)_4](\text{NO}_3) \cdot \text{H}_2\text{O}$  with 1.22, 2.44, 7.93, and 15.90 mmol of acetic or succinic acid.

Solution based methods	Precursors / Acid	Mo : Co : Acid / mmol	Products
Room temperature	$\text{Na}_2\text{MoO}_4$ / $[\text{Co}(\text{CO}_3)(\text{NH}_3)_4]^+$ / $\text{CH}_3\text{COOH}$ or $\text{HOOCCH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{COOH}$	5 : 2 : 1.22	$[\text{Mo}_5\text{Co}_2\text{O}_{17}(\text{HCO}_3)(\text{H}_4\text{C}_4\text{O}_4\text{H})(\text{NH}_3)_7] \cdot 5\text{H}_2\text{O}$ (10) $[\text{Mo}_5\text{Co}_2\text{O}_{18}(\text{NH}_3)_7] \cdot 5\text{H}_2\text{O}$ (11)
		5 : 2 : 2.44	
		5 : 2 : 7.93	
		5 : 2 : 15.90	
Reflux	$\text{Na}_2\text{MoO}_4$ / $[\text{Co}(\text{CO}_3)(\text{NH}_3)_4]^+$ / $\text{CH}_3\text{COOH}$ or $\text{HOOCCH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{COOH}$	5 : 2 : 1.22	unidentified black-brown precipitate
		5 : 2 : 2.44	
		5 : 2 : 7.93	$[\text{Mo}_5\text{Co}_2\text{O}_{17}(\text{HCO}_3)(\text{H}_4\text{C}_4\text{O}_4\text{H})(\text{NH}_3)_7] \cdot 5\text{H}_2\text{O}$ (10) $[\text{Mo}_5\text{Co}_2\text{O}_{18}(\text{NH}_3)_7] \cdot 5\text{H}_2\text{O}$ (11)
		5 : 2 : 15.90	
Solvothermal at 110 °C	$\text{Na}_2\text{MoO}_4$ / $[\text{Co}(\text{CO}_3)(\text{NH}_3)_4]\text{NO}_3$ / $\text{CH}_3\text{COOH}$ or $\text{HOOCCH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{COOH}$	5 : 2 : 1.22	unidentified black-brown precipitate
		5 : 2 : 2.44	
		5 : 2 : 7.93	$[\text{Mo}_5\text{Co}_2\text{O}_{17}(\text{HCO}_3)(\text{H}_4\text{C}_4\text{O}_4\text{H})(\text{NH}_3)_7] \cdot 5\text{H}_2\text{O}$ (10) $[\text{Mo}_5\text{Co}_2\text{O}_{18}(\text{NH}_3)_7] \cdot 5\text{H}_2\text{O}$ (11)
		5 : 2 : 15.90	

**Table S4.** Reactions of  $\text{Na}_2\text{MoO}_4 \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$ ,  $\text{NH}_4\text{VO}_3$  and  $[\text{Co}(\text{C}_2\text{O}_4)(\text{NH}_3)_4](\text{NO}_3) \cdot \text{H}_2\text{O}$  or  $[\text{Co}(\text{CO}_3)(\text{NH}_3)_4](\text{NO}_3) \cdot \text{H}_2\text{O}$  with 1.22, 2.44, 7.93, and 15.90 mmol of succinic acid.

Solution based methods	Precursors / Acid	Mo : Co : V : Acid / mmol	Products
Room temperature / Reflux / Solvothermal at 110 °C / accelerated milling	$\text{Na}_2\text{MoO}_4 / \text{NH}_4\text{VO}_3$  $[\text{Co}(\text{C}_2\text{O}_4)(\text{NH}_3)_4]^+ /$ $\text{CH}_3\text{COOH}$	5 : 2 : 2 : 1.22	$[\text{Co}(\text{C}_2\text{O}_4)(\text{NH}_3)_4]_2[\text{H}_2\text{Mo}_8\text{V}_5\text{O}_{40}\text{Na}_2(\text{H}_2\text{O})_8] \cdot 5.5\text{H}_2\text{O}(12)$
		5 : 2 : 2 : 2.44	
		5 : 2 : 2 : 7.93	
		5 : 2 : 2 : 15.90	
Room temperature / Reflux / Solvothermal at 110 °C	$\text{Na}_2\text{MoO}_4 / \text{NH}_4\text{VO}_3$  $[\text{Co}(\text{C}_2\text{O}_4)(\text{NH}_3)_4]^+ /$ $\text{HOOCCH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{COOH}$	5 : 2 : 2 : 1.22	heterogenous solid mixture
		5 : 2 : 2 : 2.44	
		5 : 2 : 2 : 7.93	
		5 : 2 : 2 : 15.90	
Room temperature / Reflux / Solvothermal at 110 °C	$\text{Na}_2\text{MoO}_4 / \text{NH}_4\text{VO}_3$  $[\text{Co}(\text{CO}_3)(\text{NH}_3)_4]^+ /$ $\text{HOOCCH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{COOH}$	5 : 2 : 2 : 1.22	heterogenous solid mixture
		5 : 2 : 2 : 2.44	
		5 : 2 : 2 : 7.93	
		5 : 2 : 2 : 15.90	

**Table S5.** Reactions of  $\text{Na}_2\text{MoO}_4 \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$ ,  $\text{NH}_4\text{VO}_3$  and  $[\text{Co}(\text{en})_3]\text{Cl}_3$  or  $[\text{Co}(\text{CO}_3)(\text{NH}_3)_4](\text{NO}_3) \cdot \text{H}_2\text{O}$  with 1.22, 2.44, 7.93, and 15.90 mmol of succinic acid.

Solution based methods	Precursors / Acid	Mo : Co : Acid / mmol	Products
Room temperature / Reflux / Solvothermal at 110 °C	$\text{Na}_2\text{MoO}_4 / \text{NH}_4\text{VO}_3$	5 : 2 : 2: 1.22	heterogenous solid mixture
	$[\text{Co}(\text{en})_3]^{3+} /$	5 : 2 : 2: 2.44	
	$\text{CH}_3\text{COOH}$ or	5 : 2 : 2: 7.93	
	$\text{HOOCCH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{COOH}$	5 : 2 : 2: 15.90	
Accelerated ageing	$\text{Na}_2\text{MoO}_4 / \text{NH}_4\text{VO}_3$	5 : 2 : 2: 1.22	$\text{Na}_3[\text{Co}(\text{en})_3][\text{HV}_7\text{Mo}_2\text{O}_{27}] \cdot 18\text{H}_2\text{O}$ (13).
	$[\text{Co}(\text{en})_3]^{3+} /$	5 : 2 : 2: 2.44	
	$\text{CH}_3\text{COOH}$ or	5 : 2 : 2: 7.93	
	$\text{HOOCCH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{COOH}$ or without acid	5 : 2 : 2: 15.90	

**Table S6.** TG data of compounds **1-4, 6-8, 10-12**

	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>
1	9.15 %	18.56 %	6.28 %
	36-146 °C	146-316 °C	316-361 °C
2	8.46 %	19.23 %	7.09 %
	46-155 °C	155-316 °C	316-398 °C
3	5.22 %	19.49 %	5.88 %
	37-166 °C	166-287 °C	287-353 °C
4	22.86 %	12.12 %	10.93 %
	126-206 °C	206-297 °C	297-434 °C
6	24.34 %	10.98 %	4.23 %
	36-103 °C	103-331 °C	331-499 °C
7	23.34 %	10.78 %	
	33-291 °C	291-383 °C	
8	4.95 %	23.71 %	11.17 %
	39-100 °C	120-300 °C	320-385 °C
10	8.11 %	21.19 %	9.02 %
	28-155 °C	155-298 °C	298-395 °C
11	9.14 %	10.58 %	1.64 %
	32-154 °C	154-298 °C	298-365 °C
12	6.89 %	24.16 °C	3.52 %
	40-282 °C	282-342 °C	342-389 °C

\*Mass of compounds **5, 9** and **13** was insufficient for thermogravimetric analysis



**Table S7.** IR data for compounds **1-13**

	$\nu_s(\text{M}=\text{O}_t)$ + $\nu_a(\text{Mo}=\text{O}_t)$ M = Mo or/ and V	$\nu_s(\text{M}-\text{O}-\text{M})+$ $\nu_a(\text{M}-\text{O}-\text{M})$ M = Mo or/ and V	$\nu(\text{Mo}-\text{O}$ in $\text{Mo}-\text{O}-\text{Mo})$ M = Mo or/ and V	$\nu_s(\text{N}-\text{H})$ + $\nu_s(\text{O}-\text{H})$	$\delta_s(\text{N}-\text{H})$	$\nu_s(\text{C}-\text{O})$	$\nu_s(\text{C}-\text{O})$ + $\nu(\text{C}-\text{C})$
<b>Na<sub>2</sub>MoO<sub>4</sub>·2H<sub>2</sub>O</b>	953	797, 741	598				
<b>[Co(C<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub>)(NH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>4</sub>]NO<sub>3</sub>·H<sub>2</sub>O</b>				3180, 3269, 3492	1304, 1278		1632, 1417, 1364
<b>[Co(CO<sub>3</sub>)(NH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>4</sub>]NO<sub>3</sub>·H<sub>2</sub>O</b>				3297	1382, 1281	1612	
<b>[Co(en)<sub>3</sub>]Cl<sub>3</sub></b>							
<b>Succinic acid</b>						1719, 1723	1575, 1566, 1550, 1398,
<b>1</b>	956, 900	800, 762	536, 481	3297-2927	1311, 1222	1705, 1668	1381, 1318
<b>2</b>	955, 935	809, 788	540, 488	3498, 3281	1345, 1239	1734, 1700	1402, 1346
<b>3</b>	944, 935	778, 765	525, 483	3493 - 3185	1345, 1198	1669, 1654	1430, 1322
<b>4</b>	935, 912	802, 777	540, 478	3387, 3289	1334, 1190	1672, 1666	1423, 1311
<b>5</b>	980, 841	800, 756	555, 467	3100-2890	1300, 1298	1700, 1687	1513, 1470
<b>6</b>	977, 908	810, 798	567, 544	3308, 3198	1309, 1234	1718, 1744	1560, 1499, 1359
<b>7</b>	954, 902	796, 765	535, 474	3390, 3076	1299, 1198	1704, 1680	1393, 1326, 1249
<b>8</b>	976, 891	786, 770	555, 467	3100-2890	1300, 1298	1700, 1687	1513, 1470
<b>9</b>	993, 945, 899	756, 723	525, 483	3493 - 3185	1320, 1222	1723, 1698	1500, 1455
<b>10</b>	882, 822	832, 722	538, 474	2990-2879	1329, 1220	1699, 1685	1307, 1289
<b>11</b>	884, 841	836, 831	575, 484	3278	1278, 1234		
<b>12</b>	938, 874	825, 803	687, 648	3125	1311, 1264	1698, 1672	1409
<b>13</b>	945, 853	824, 769	665, 627	3230, 3125	1324, 1222		

**Table S8.** Analytical data of compounds **1-4, 6-8, 10-13**

(Compound) molecular formula	Analytical data													
	$w_{\text{calcd.}} (\%)$							$w_{\text{exp.}} (\%)$						
	Co	Mo	Na	V	C	H	N	Co	Mo	Na	V	C	H	N
(1) $\text{C}_8\text{H}_{72}\text{Co}_4\text{Mo}_8\text{N}_{16}\text{O}_{54}$	10.43	33.96			4.25	3.21	9.92	10.36	33.73			4.17	2.72	9.88
(2) $\text{C}_8\text{H}_{68}\text{Co}_4\text{Mo}_8\text{N}_{16}\text{O}_{52}$	10.60	34.52			4.32	3.08	10.08	10.45	34.23			4.18	3.01	9.89
(3) $\text{C}_8\text{H}_{68}\text{Co}_4\text{Mo}_8\text{N}_{16}\text{Na}_2\text{O}_{55}$	10.17	33.12	1.98		4.14	2.96	9.67	10.22	33.07	1.89		4.03	2.87	9.54
(4) $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{124}\text{Co}_8\text{Mo}_{16}\text{N}_{32}\text{O}_{98}$	10.86	35.37			4.43	2.88	10.59	11.02	35.97			4.41	2.79	10.39
(6) $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{62}\text{Co}_4\text{Mo}_8\text{N}_{16}\text{O}_{50}$	10.55	34.36			6.45	2.80	10.03	10.47	34.58			6.52	2.67	10.18
(7) $\text{C}_8\text{H}_{76}\text{Co}_4\text{Mo}_8\text{N}_{16}\text{O}_{56}$	10.27	33.43			4.18	3.34	9.76	10.20	33.14			4.15	3.23	9.58
(8) $\text{C}_8\text{H}_{34}\text{Co}_2\text{Mo}_4\text{N}_8\text{O}_{27}$	10.02	32.64			8.17	2.91	9.53	10.12	32.44			8.05	2.81	9.38
(10) $\text{C}_5\text{H}_{37}\text{Co}_2\text{Mo}_5\text{N}_7\text{O}_{29}$	9.38	38.16			4.78	2.97	7.80	9.22	38.20			4.55	2.81	7.88
(11) $\text{H}_{31}\text{Co}_2\text{Mo}_3\text{N}_7\text{O}_{23}$	10.76	43.81				2.85	8.96	10.57	43.87				2.73	8.81
(12) $\text{C}_6\text{H}_{57}\text{Co}_3\text{Mo}_8\text{N}_{12}\text{Na}_2\text{O}_{62.5}\text{V}_5$	6.98	30.28	1.81	10.08	2.84	2.27	6.63	6.88	30.09	1.89	10.10	2.83	2.22	6.75
(13) $\text{C}_6\text{H}_{60}\text{CoMo}_2\text{N}_6\text{Na}_3\text{O}_{45}\text{V}_7$	3.65	11.90	4.28	22.11	4.47	3.75	5.21	3.33	11.45	4.18	22.05	4.40	3.62	5.11

\*Mass of compounds **5** and **9** was insufficient for elemental analysis

	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>
Formula	$C_{16}H_{124}Co_8Mo_{16}N_{32}O_{98}$	$C_8H_{64}Co_4Mo_8N_{16}O_{50}$	$C_{12}H_{62}Co_4Mo_8N_{16}O_{50}$
$M_r$	4339.94	2187.99	2234.01
Crystal system	triclinic	monoclinic	triclinic
Space group	$P-1$	$P2_1/c$	$P-1$
$a/\text{\AA}$	11.7837(3)	9.99760(10)	8.4824(2)

**Table S9.** Crystallographic data for compounds **1-9**, and **11**; for **12** and **13** are given data for unit cell

	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>
Formula	$C_8H_{72}Co_4Mo_8N_{16}O_{54}$	$C_8H_{68}Co_4Mo_8N_{16}O_{52}$	$C_8H_{68}Co_4Mo_8N_{16}Na_2O_{55}$
$M_r$	2260.05	2224.02	2318.16
Crystal system	triclinic	triclinic	triclinic
Space group	$P-1$	$P-1$	$P-1$
$a/\text{\AA}$	8.51130(10)	8.51020(10)	9.4465(3)
$b/\text{\AA}$	13.7625(2)	13.7353(2)	10.7769(3)
$c/\text{\AA}$	13.9561(2)	13.95510(10)	15.2702(4)
$\alpha/^\circ$	93.0160(10)	95.0810(10)	106.856(2)
$\beta/^\circ$	107.3180(10)	107.1720(10)	93.852(2)
$\gamma/^\circ$	103.2230(10)	102.5790(10)	96.451(2)
$V/\text{\AA}^3$	1506.42(4)	1500.51(3)	1470.20(7)
$Z$	1	1	1
Reflections unique	45721	38779	18029
Reflections observed [ $I \geq 2\sigma(I)$ ]	6014	5998	5951
Parameters	427	424	443
$R_1(\text{obs})$	0.0613	0.0326	0.0355
$wR_2(\text{obs})$	0.1710	0.0857	0.0995
$Goof$	1.067	1.044	1.073

$b/\text{\AA}$	12.5652(2)	20.6814(3)	13.3673(2)
$c/\text{\AA}$	20.6823(4)	13.4605(2)	14.0305(2)
$\alpha/^\circ$	91.8640(10)	90	84.2600(10)
$\beta/^\circ$	101.574(2)	95.0550(10)	73.105(2)
$\gamma/^\circ$	99.735(2)	90	71.519(2)
$V/\text{\AA}^3$	2949.84(11)	2772.33(6)	1443.65(5)
$Z$	1	2	1
Reflections unique	43082	21943	34979
Reflections observed [ $I \geq 2\sigma(I)$ ]	12083	5636	5921
Parameters	765	395	422
$R_1(\text{obs})$	0.0595	0.0553	0.0316
$wR_2(\text{obs})$	0.1742	0.1561	0.0902
$\text{Goof}$	1.038	1.057	1.075

	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>
Formula	$\text{C}_8\text{H}_{76}\text{Co}_4\text{Mo}_8\text{N}_{16}\text{O}_{56}$	$\text{C}_8\text{H}_{34}\text{Co}_2\text{Mo}_4\text{N}_8\text{O}_{27}$	$\text{C}_8\text{H}_{66}\text{Co}_4\text{Mo}_8\text{N}_{16}\text{O}_{51}$
$M_r$	2296.01	1176.05	2206.00
Crystal system	triclinic	monoclinic	triclinic

Space group	<i>P</i> -1	<i>I</i> 2/ <i>a</i>	<i>P</i> -1
<i>a</i> /Å	11.5181(3)	27.0622(3)	7.9160(2)
<i>b</i> /Å	12.4156(3)	7.36240(10)	12.5833(3)
<i>c</i> /Å	12.6190(2)	33.9652(4)	15.4115(3)
$\alpha$ /°	89.522(2)	90	108.216(2)
$\beta$ /°	65.036(2)	92.8440(10)	94.540(2)
$\gamma$ /°	70.301(2)	90	103.045(2)
<i>V</i> /Å <sup>3</sup>	1521.15(7)	6758.98(14)	1401.85(6)
<i>Z</i>	1	8	1
Reflections unique	18953	89140	44530
Reflections observed [ <i>I</i> ≥2σ( <i>I</i> )]	6151	7091	5969
Parameters	454	459	406
<i>R</i> <sub>1</sub> (obs)	0.0414	0.0523	0.0555
<i>wR</i> <sub>2</sub> (obs)	0.1113	0.1464	0.1546
<i>Goof</i>	1.032	1.050	1.116

	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>
Formula	$\text{Co}_2\text{H}_{31}\text{Mo}_5\text{N}_7\text{O}_{23}$	$\text{C}_6\text{H}_{57}\text{Co}_3\text{Mo}_8\text{N}_{12}\text{Na}_2\text{O}_{62.5}\text{V}_5$	$\text{C}_6\text{H}_{60}\text{CoMo}_2\text{N}_6\text{Na}_3\text{O}_{45}\text{V}_7$
$M_r$	1094.83	2542.63	1612.95
Crystal system	monoclinic	triclinic	monoclinic
Space group	$P2_1/n$	$P-1$	$P-1$
$a/\text{\AA}$	9.3392(4)	13.2251(3)	12.1225(2)
$b/\text{\AA}$	28.0114(9)	15.9667(3)	13.4878(2)
$c/\text{\AA}$	9.6973(4)	16.2567(5)	14.4274(2)
$\alpha/^\circ$	90	86.364(2)	92.9430(10)
$\beta/^\circ$	102.988(4)	81.442(2)	97.9090(10)
$\gamma/^\circ$	90	88.936(2)	91.0120(10)
$V/\text{\AA}^3$	2471.95(17)	3387.59(15)	2332.71(6)
$Z$	4	2	2
Reflections unique	26766		
Reflections observed [ $I > 2\sigma(I)$ ]	5035		
Parameters	351		
$R_I(\text{obs})$	0.0623		
$wR_2(\text{obs})$	0.1458		
$\text{GooF}$	1.078		

**Table S10.** Hydrogen bonds in the compound **4**

Eleven hydrogen bonds formed between $\beta$ -octamolybdate and $[\text{Co}(\text{C}_2\text{O}_4)(\text{NH}_3)_4]^+$ in <b>4</b>	
N1–H1A...O6 <sup>a</sup>	3.056(11) Å
N1–H1B...O7 <sup>b</sup>	3.087(11) Å
N4–H4A...O10 <sup>c</sup>	2.988(11) Å
N5–H5A...O2 <sup>b</sup>	2.952(10) Å
N5–H5C...O9 <sup>b</sup>	2.873(10) Å
N10–H10A...O1 <sup>d</sup>	3.204(11) Å
N15–H15B...O8 <sup>e</sup>	3.062(10) Å
N15–H15A...O12 <sup>e</sup>	3.011(11) Å
N15–H15C...O7 <sup>d</sup>	3.133(11) Å
N16–H16A...O4 <sup>c</sup>	3.033(10) Å
N16–H16A...O12 <sup>e</sup>	3.320(11) Å

**a = -x,2-y,-z; b = x,y,z; c = -1+x,y,z; d = x,-1+y,z; e = -x,1-y,-z;**

Eleven hydrogen bonds formed between $\gamma$ -octamolybdate and $[\text{Co}(\text{C}_2\text{O}_4)(\text{NH}_3)_4]^+$ in <b>4</b>	
N2–H2C...O26 <sup>a</sup>	3.003(12) Å
N6–H6C...O17 <sup>b</sup>	3.032(11) Å
N7–H7B...O23 <sup>a</sup>	3.181(11) Å
N7–H7C...O23 <sup>b</sup>	3.099(11) Å
N7–H7C...O20 <sup>c</sup>	3.260(10) Å
N8–H8C...O23 <sup>b</sup>	3.223(10) Å
N8–H8C...O23 <sup>b</sup>	3.069(11) Å
N11–H11B...O19 <sup>a</sup>	3.380(10) Å
N11–H11C...O24 <sup>a</sup>	3.089(10) Å
N12–H12C...O15 <sup>d</sup>	3.185(10) Å
N13–H13B...O15 <sup>d</sup>	2.831(11) Å

**a = 1-x,1-y,1-z; b = x,1+y,z; c = 1-x,2-y,1-z; d = x,y,z**

**Table S11.** Hydrogen bonds in the compound **8**

<b>Eleven hydrogen bonds formed between <math>\gamma</math>-octamolybdate and <math>[\text{Co}(\text{C}_2\text{O}_4)(\text{NH}_3)_4]^+</math> in <b>8</b></b>	
N1–H1C...O2 <sup>a</sup>	3.002(9) Å
N1–H1A...O8 <sup>a</sup>	3.089(9) Å
N3–H3B...O16 <sup>b</sup>	2.992(9) Å
N4–H4C...O16 <sup>b</sup>	3.004(9) Å
N5–H5B...O2 <sup>c</sup>	3.129(7) Å
N5–H5B...O4 <sup>c</sup>	3.033(7) Å
N6–H6C...O2 <sup>c</sup>	3.139(7) Å
N7–H7A...O14 <sup>b</sup>	3.041(7) Å
N7–H7B...O10 <sup>d</sup>	3.184(7) Å
N7–H7C...O4 <sup>c</sup>	2.993(7) Å
N8–H8A...O16 <sup>b</sup>	3.319(7) Å

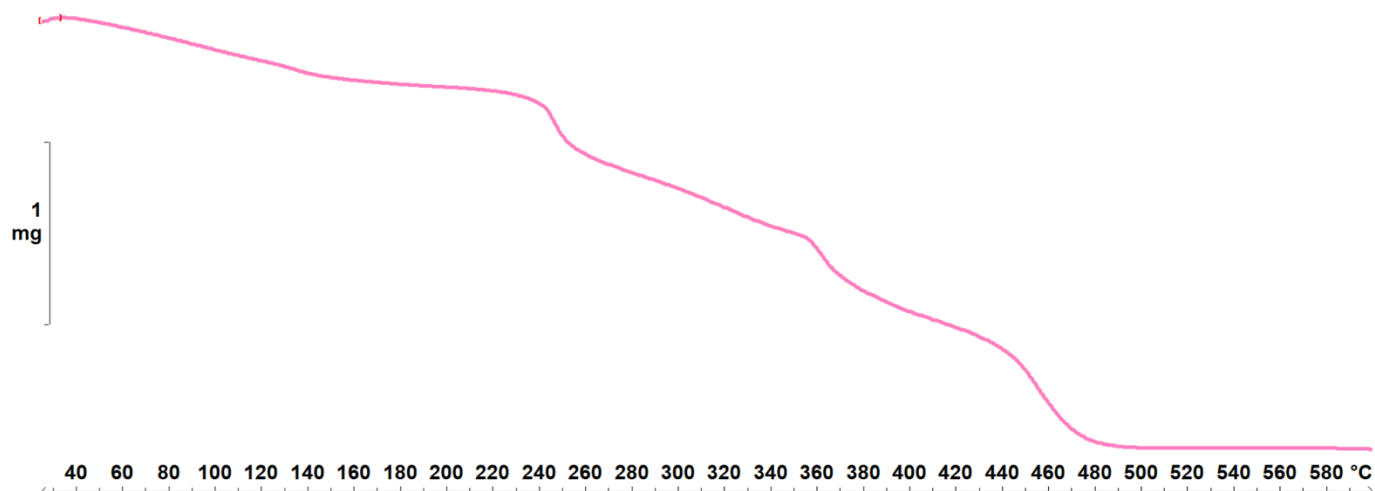
**a** =  $x, 1+y, z$ ; **b** =  $-1/2+x, 1-y, z$ ; **c** =  $1-x, 1/2+y, 3/2-z$ ; **d** =  $1-x, 3/2+y, 3/2-z$



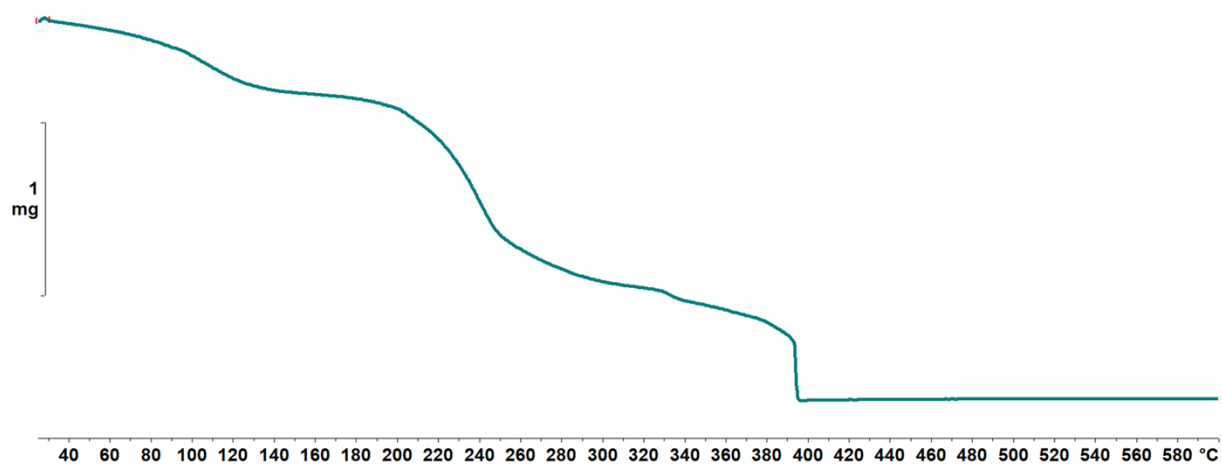
**Table S12.** Hydrogen bonds in the compound **9**

Eleven hydrogen bonds formed between {Mo <sub>8</sub> O <sub>24</sub> } and [Co(C <sub>2</sub> O <sub>4</sub> )(NH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>4</sub> ] <sup>+</sup> in <b>9</b>	
N1–H1A...O12 <sup>a</sup>	3.156(9) Å
N1–H1C...O9 <sup>b</sup>	3.079(10) Å
N2–H2A...O2 <sup>c</sup>	2.857(10) Å
N2–H2B...O7 <sup>b</sup>	2.983(9) Å
N3–H3A...O5 <sup>c</sup>	3.075(9) Å
N5–H5B...O9 <sup>d</sup>	3.277(10) Å
N6–H6C...O13 <sup>e</sup>	3.163(10) Å
N7–H7A...O9 <sup>d</sup>	2.995(11) Å
N7–H7B...O13 <sup>e</sup>	3.064(11) Å
N8–H8A...O4 <sup>f</sup>	2.977(10) Å
N8–H8B...O2 <sup>g</sup>	3.328(10) Å

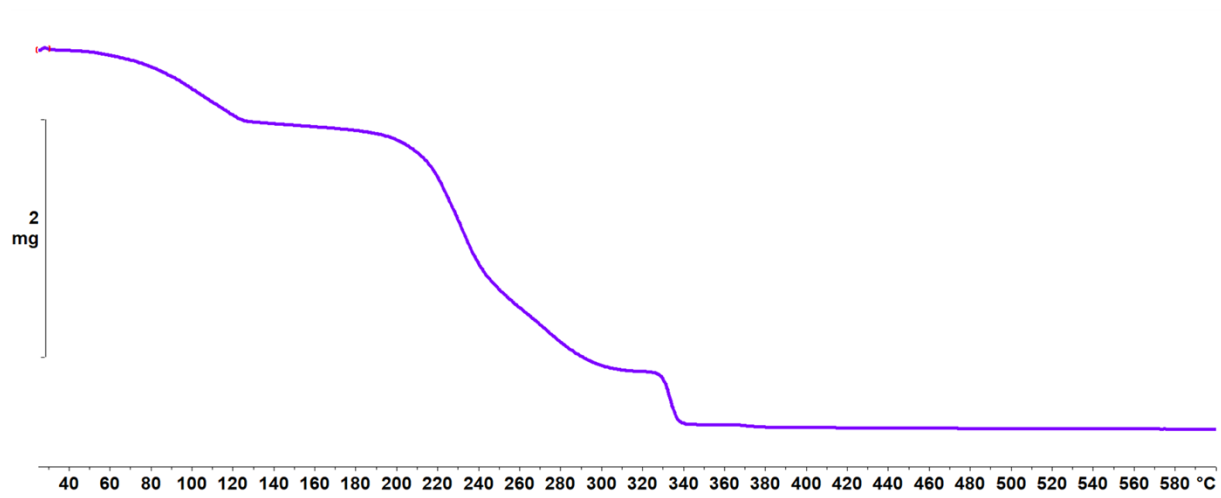
**a** = 2-*x*,1-*y*,-*z*; **b** = *x*,*y*,*z*; **c** = -1+*x*,*y*,*z*; **d** = 3-*x*,1-*y*,1-*z*; **e** = -*x*,*y*,1+*z*; **f** = 3-*x*,2-*y*,1-*z*; **g** = 4-*x*,2-*y*,1-*z*



**Figure S1.** TG curve of  $[\text{Co}(\text{C}_2\text{O}_4)(\text{NH}_3)_4]_4[\beta\text{-Mo}_8\text{O}_{26}]\cdot 10\text{H}_2\text{O}$  (**1**)

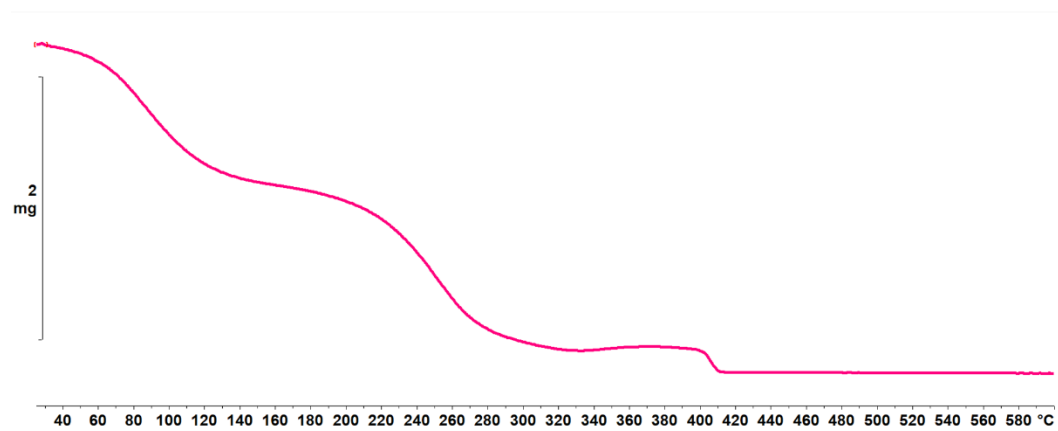


**Figure S2.** TG curve of  $[\text{Co}(\text{C}_2\text{O}_4)(\text{NH}_3)_4]_4[\beta\text{-Mo}_8\text{O}_{26}]\cdot 12\text{H}_2\text{O}$  (**2**)

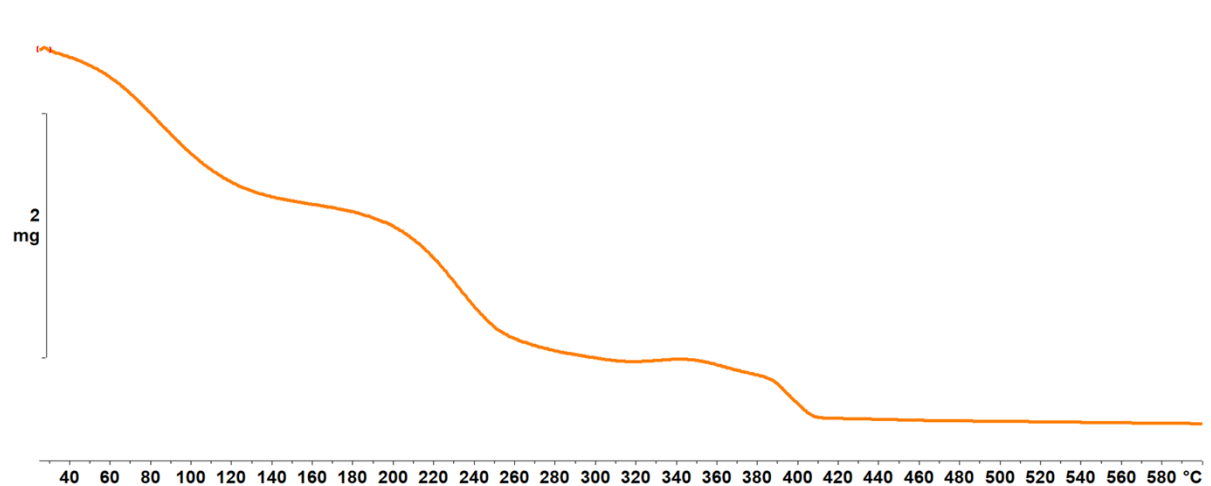


**Figure S3.** TG curve of  $[\text{Co}(\text{C}_2\text{O}_4)(\text{NH}_3)_4]_{4n}[\text{Na}_2\text{Mo}_8\text{O}_{29}(\text{H}_2\text{O})_4]_n \cdot 6n\text{H}_2\text{O}$  (**3**)

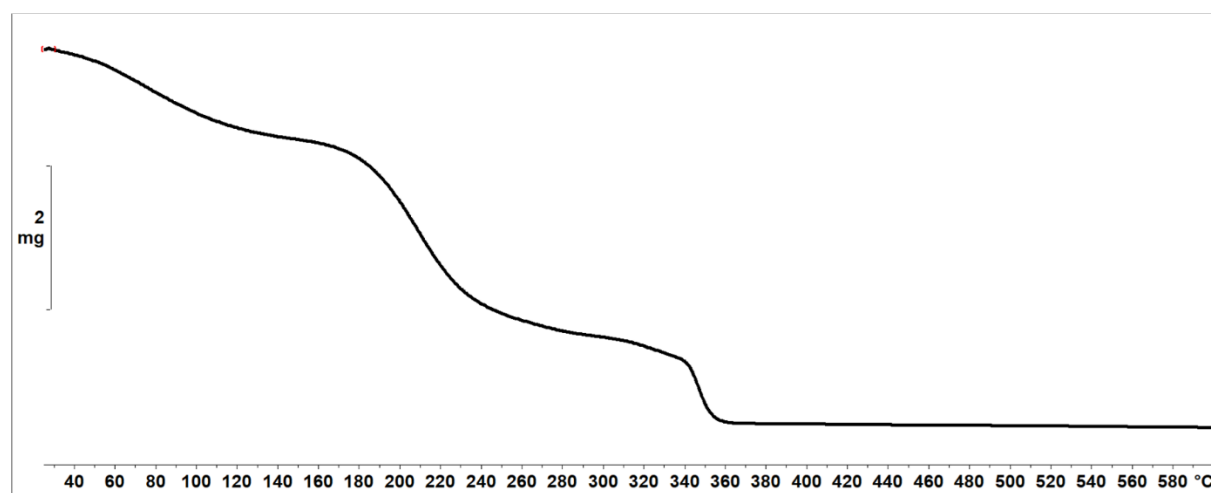
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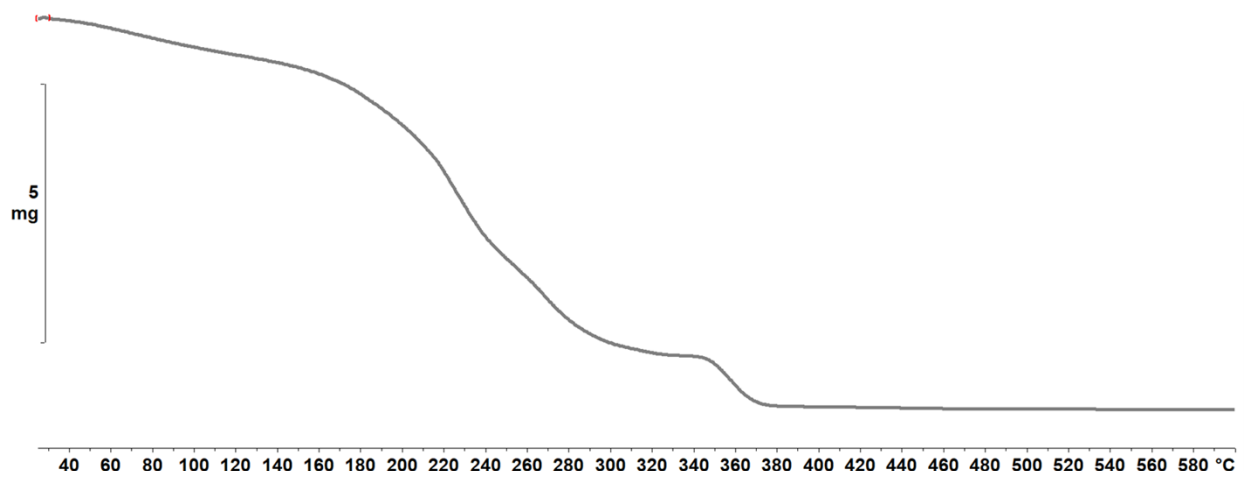
**Figure S4.** TG curve of  $[\text{Co}(\text{C}_2\text{O}_4)(\text{NH}_3)_4]_4[\beta\text{-Mo}_8\text{O}_{26}] \cdot 4\text{H}_2\text{O} \cdot \text{C}_4\text{H}_6\text{O}_4$  (**6**)



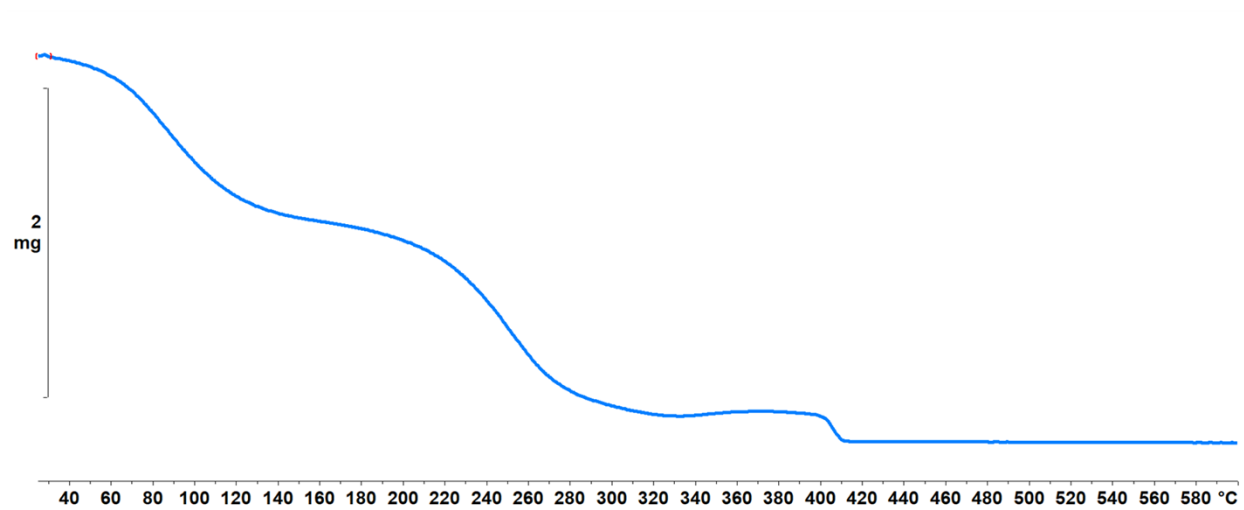
**Figure S5.** TG curve of  $[\text{Co}(\text{C}_2\text{O}_4)(\text{NH}_3)_4]_{2n}[\text{Mo}_4\text{O}_{12}(\text{H}_4\text{C}_4\text{O}_4)]_n \cdot 3n\text{H}_2\text{O}$  (**8**)



**Figure S6.** TG curve of  $[\text{Mo}_5\text{Co}_2\text{O}_{17}(\text{HCO}_3)(\text{H}_4\text{C}_4\text{O}_4\text{H})(\text{NH}_3)_7] \cdot 5\text{H}_2\text{O}$  (**10**)

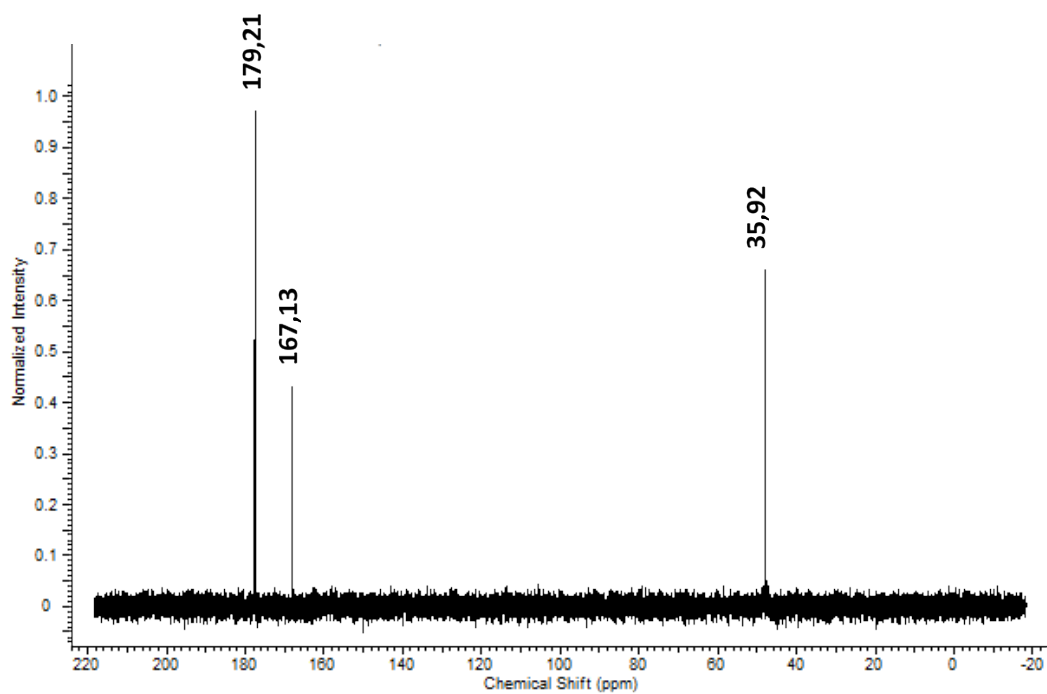


**Figure S7:** TG curve of  $[\text{Mo}_7\text{Co}_2\text{O}_{18}(\text{NH}_3)_7] \cdot 5\text{H}_2\text{O}$  (11)

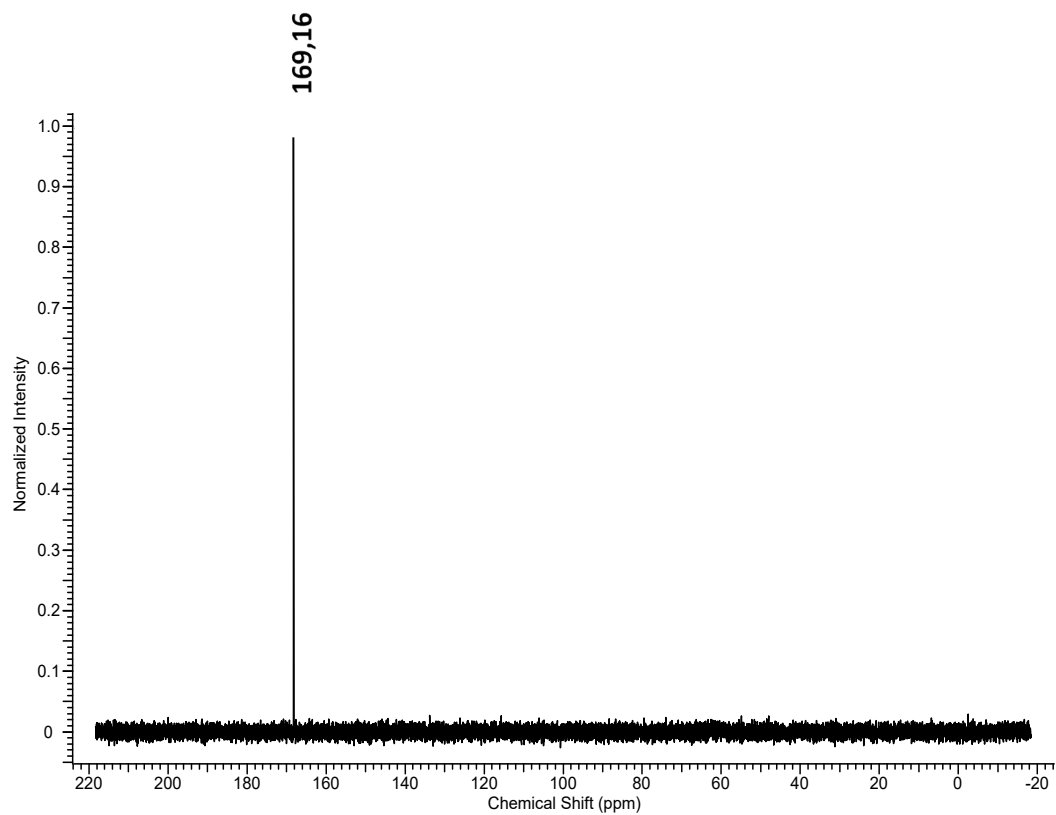


**Figure S8.** TG curve of  $[\text{Co}(\text{C}_2\text{O}_4)(\text{NH}_3)_4]_2[\text{H}_2\text{Mo}_8\text{V}_5\text{O}_{40}\text{Na}_2(\text{H}_2\text{O})_8] \cdot x\text{H}_2\text{O}$  (12)

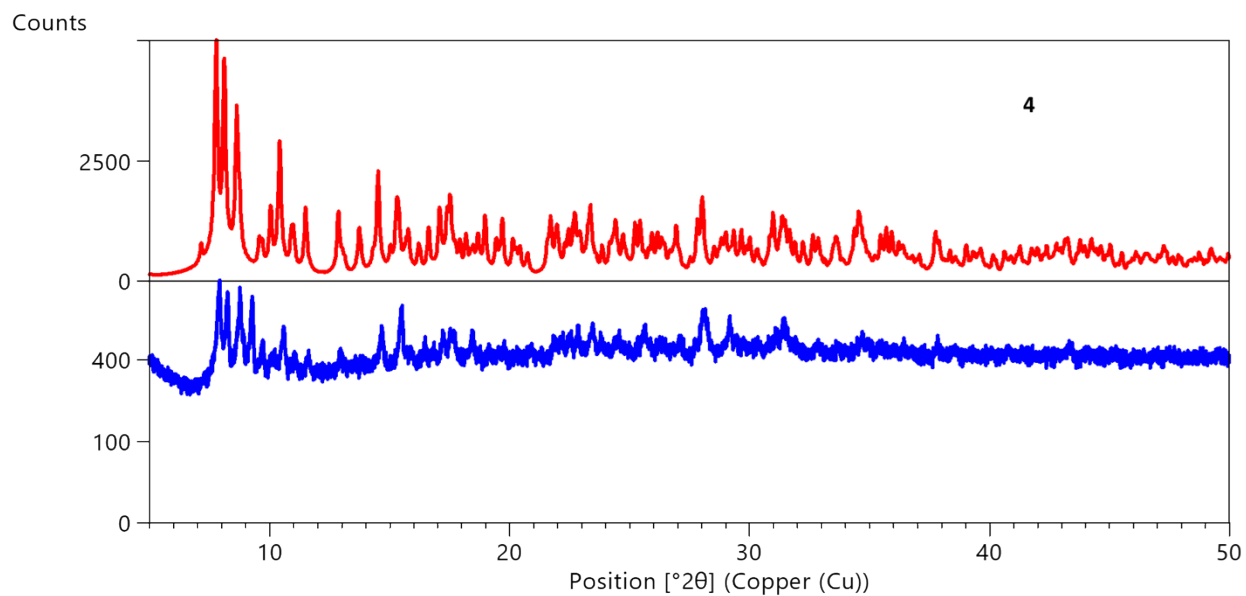
The sample for the NMR experiments was prepared by dissolving it in NaOH solution in D<sub>2</sub>O. The resulting dark brown Co<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> oxide precipitated and the remaining solution was taken for the <sup>13</sup>C NMR measurements.



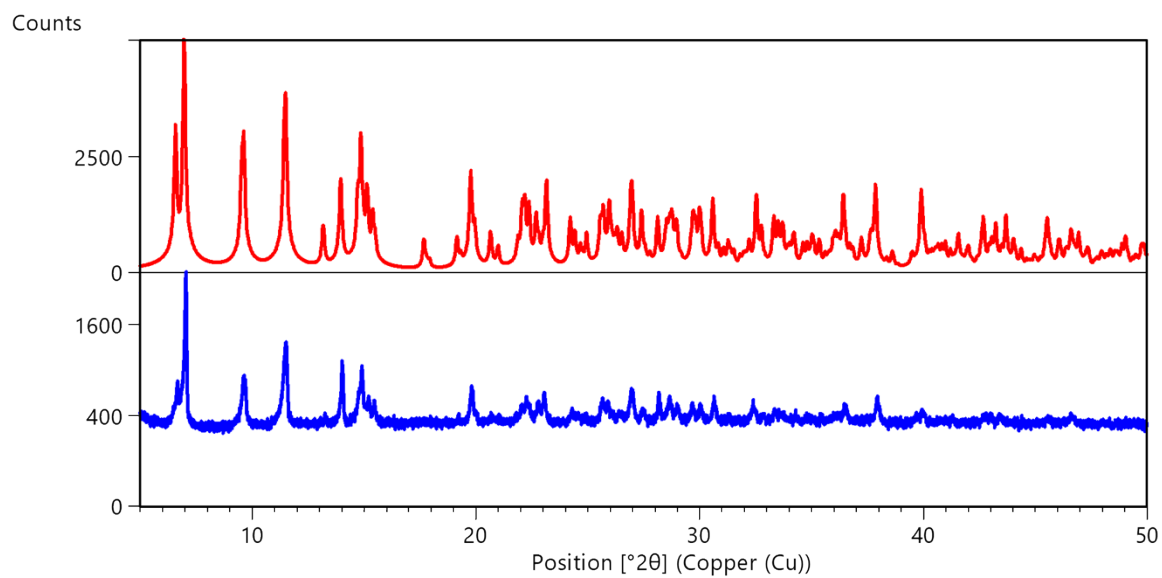
**Figure S9.** <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of [Mo<sub>5</sub>Co<sub>2</sub>O<sub>17</sub>(HCO<sub>3</sub>)(H<sub>4</sub>C<sub>4</sub>O<sub>4</sub>H)(NH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>7</sub>] $\cdot$ 5H<sub>2</sub>O (**10**)



**Figure S10.** Example of  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectra of  $[\text{Mo}_5\text{Co}_2\text{O}_{18}(\text{NH}_3)_7] \cdot 5\text{H}_2\text{O}$  (**11**) obtained in reactions with succinic acid

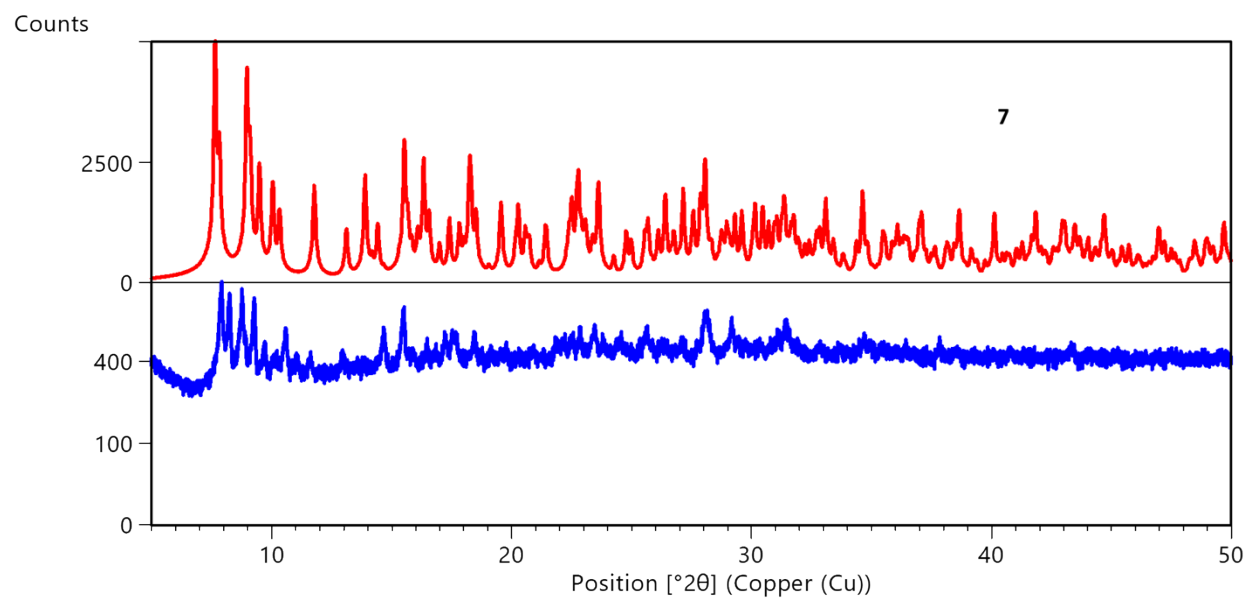


**Figure S11.** PXRD patterns of compound **4** (red-simulated pattern, blue-experimental pattern)

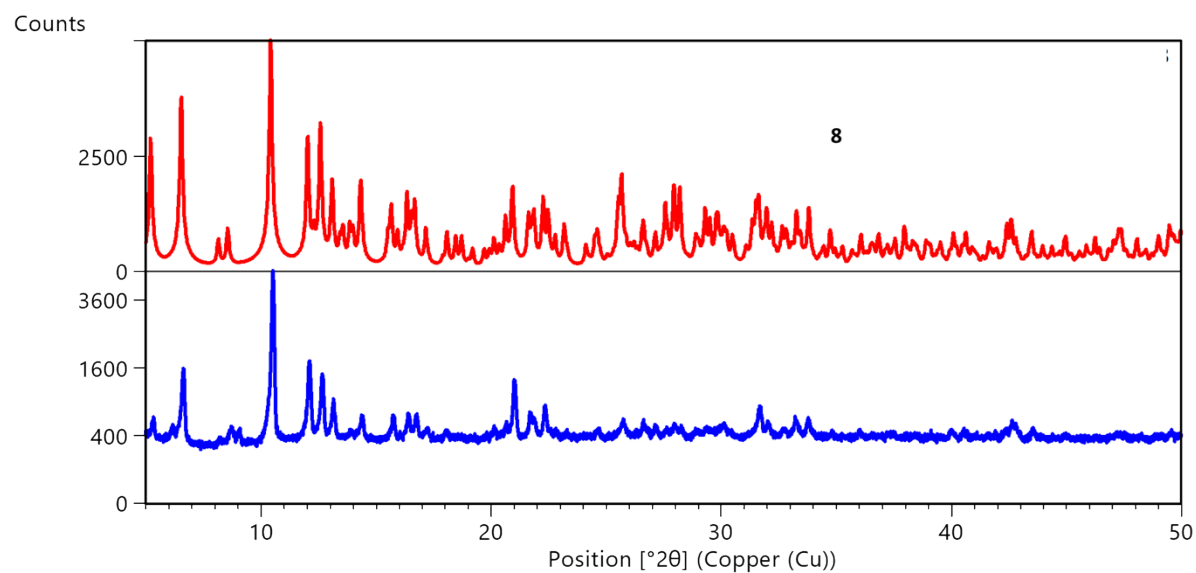


**Figure S12.** PXRD patterns of compound **6** (red-simulated pattern, blue-experimental pattern)





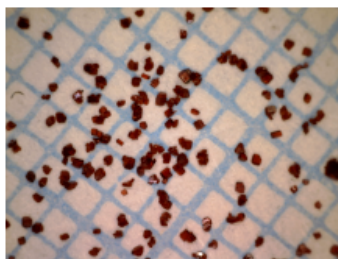
**Figure S13.** PXRD patterns of compound **7** (red-simulated pattern, blue-experimental pattern)



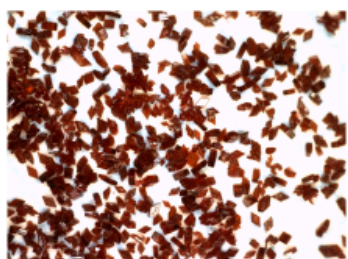
**Figure S14.** PXRD patterns of compound **8** (red-simulated pattern, blue-experimental pattern)



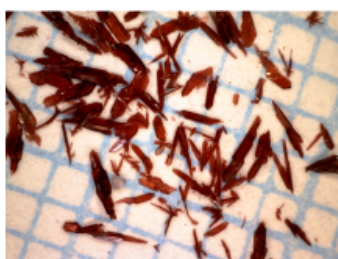
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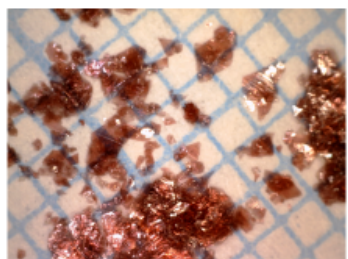
5 – pink prisms



4 – pink prisms



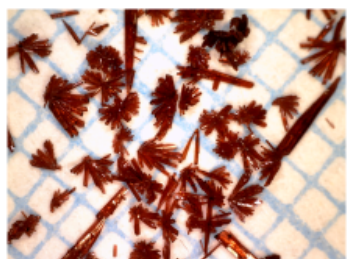
6 – pink prisms



7 – light pink  
plates



8 – light pink  
needles



9 – pink rods

**Figure S15.** Crystals of compounds 3-9