

## Supplementary information

### Exploring the interaction of decavanadate with methylene blue, toluidine blue and rhodamine B

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**Table S1.** Bond lengths (Å) and angles (°) for the V<sub>10</sub> anion in **2,3-ampV<sub>10</sub>** and **MBV<sub>10</sub>**

	<b>2,3-ampV<sub>10</sub></b>	<b>MBV<sub>10</sub></b>
<i>Bonds (Å)</i>		
V1-O1	1.609(3)	1.595(6)
V1-O2	1.901(2)	2.048(5)
V1-O3	2.064(2)	1.846(6)
V1-O4	1.864(2)	1.827(6)
V1-O5	1.799(2)	1.910(6)
V1-O14	2.345(2)	2.330(5)
V2-O2	1.784(2)	1.684(5)
V2-O6	1.616(2)	1.676(5)
V2-O7	1.972(2)	2.009(6)
V2-O13	1.860(2)	1.894(6)
V2-O14	2.236(2)	2.106(5)
V3-O3	1.683(2)	1.845(6)
V3-O7	1.926(2)	2.057(5)
V3-O8	1.687(2)	1.597(6)
V3-O9	1.942(2)	1.789(6)
V3-O14	2.098(2)	2.273(6)
V4-O4	1.807(2)	1.833(6)
V4-O9	1.979(2)	1.879(6)
V4-O10	1.615(2)	1.604(5)
V4-O11	1.843(2)	1.892(6)
V4-O14	2.239(2)	2.322(5)
V5-O5	1.846(2)	1.763(5)
V5-O11	1.870(2)	1.882(5)
V5-O12	1.616(2)	1.595(7)
V5-O13	1.859(2)	1.966(5)
V5-O14	2.294(2)	2.274(6)
<i>Angles (°)</i>		

O1-V1-O2	101.7(2)	100.0(3)
O1-V1-O3	100.2(1)	102.3(3)
O1-V1-O4	102.5(1)	104.5(3)
O1-V1-O5	105.3(1)	101.5(3)
O1-V1-O14	173.2(1)	173.2(2)
O2-V1-O3	81.75(9)	84.2(2)
O2-V1-O4	153.2(1)	155.4(2)
O2-V1-O5	91.8(1)	82.3(2)
O2-V1-O14	76.95(9)	73.4(2)
O3-V1-O4	82.72(9)	93.1(2)
O3-V1-O5	154.5(1)	154.4(3)
O3-V1-O14	73.01(8)	78.6(2)
O4-V1-O5	92.9(1)	90.2(3)
O4-V1-O14	77.67(9)	82.1(2)
O5-V1-O14	81.47(9)	76.8(2)
O2-V2-O6	102.7(1)	106.6(3)
O2-V2-O7	92.8(1)	94.2(3)
O2-V2-O13	95.4(1)	99.4(3)
O2-V2-O14	82.20(9)	86.9(2)
O6-V2-O7	100.8(1)	95.2(3)
O6-V2-O13	101.7(1)	99.0(3)
O6-V2-O14	174.8(1)	165.9(2)
O7-V2-O13	153.7(1)	156.6(2)
O7-V2-O14	76.95(8)	79.8(2)
O13-V2-O14	79.49(9)	82.0(2)
O3-V3-O7	97.2(1)	87.9(2)
O3-V3-O8	106.7(1)	102.2(3)
O3-V3-O9	97.7(1)	95.7(2)
O3-V3-O14	87.55(9)	80.1(2)
O7-V3-O8	97.0(1)	99.3(3)
O7-V3-O9	156.48(9)	154.7(2)

O7-V3-O14	81.34(9)	75.0(2)
O8-V3-O9	96.0(1)	104.3(3)
O8-V3-O14	165.71(9)	173.8(3)
O9-V3-O14	81.24(9)	81.0(2)
O4-V4-O9	91.31(9)	91.6(3)
O4-V4-O10	101.9(1)	104.1(3)
O4-V4-O11	95.5(1)	91.5(3)
O4-V4-O14	81.66(9)	82.2(2)
O9-V4-O10	100.1(1)	102.3(3)
O9-V4-O11	154.6(1)	154.9(3)
O9-V4-O14	76.98(8)	77.9(2)
O10-V4-O11	102.4(1)	101.1(3)
O10-V4-O14	175.5(1)	173.6(3)
O11-V4-O14	79.80(9)	77.9(2)
O5-V5-O11	90.4(1)	95.5(3)
O5-V5-O12	103.4(1)	105.0(3)
O5-V5-O13	91.7(1)	93.3(2)
O5-V5-O14	81.96(9)	81.1(2)
O11-V5-O12	101.9(1)	102.5(3)
O11-V5-O13	155.2(1)	152.4(2)
O11-V5-O14	77.81(9)	79.3(2)
O12-V5-O13	101.7(1)	100.4(3)
O12-V5-O14	174.6(1)	173.3(3)
O13-V5-O14	77.97(9)	76.3(2)

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**Table S2.** Decavanadate salts containing aminopyridines as counterions found in the CCDC database

Organic part	Formulation	CCDC# refcode	Ref.
2-aminopyridine	[2-ampH] <sub>6</sub> [V <sub>10</sub> O <sub>28</sub> ]·2H <sub>2</sub> O	DEFPIO, DEFPIO01, DEFPIO02,	1-3
	[[Cu(2-amp) <sub>2</sub> (H <sub>2</sub> O)] <sub>2</sub> H <sub>2</sub> V <sub>10</sub> O <sub>28</sub> ]·4H <sub>2</sub> O	FASBEI	4
3-aminopyridine	[[Co(3-amp)(H <sub>2</sub> O) <sub>5</sub> ]] <sub>2</sub> [3-ampH] <sub>2</sub> [V <sub>10</sub> O <sub>28</sub> ]·6H <sub>2</sub> O	SUDGEG	5
	[3-ampH] <sub>6</sub> [V <sub>10</sub> O <sub>28</sub> ]·2H <sub>2</sub> O	AROYOW	6
4-aminopyridine	[4-dmampH] <sub>4</sub> [H <sub>2</sub> V <sub>10</sub> O <sub>28</sub> ]·5H <sub>2</sub> O*	ROSYEG	7
	[4-ampH] <sub>10</sub> [[Na(H <sub>2</sub> O) <sub>6</sub> ]{HV <sub>10</sub> O <sub>28</sub> }] [V <sub>10</sub> O <sub>28</sub> ]·15H <sub>2</sub> O	SUDGIK	5
	[[4-ampH] <sub>6</sub> {Co(H <sub>2</sub> O) <sub>6</sub> }] <sub>3</sub> [V <sub>10</sub> O <sub>28</sub> ] <sub>2</sub> ·14H <sub>2</sub> O	SUDGOQ	5
	[[4-ampH] <sub>10</sub> {Zn(H <sub>2</sub> O) <sub>6</sub> }] [V <sub>10</sub> O <sub>28</sub> ] <sub>2</sub> ·10H <sub>2</sub> O	SUDGUW	5
	[4-dmampH] <sub>6</sub> [V <sub>10</sub> O <sub>28</sub> ]·16H <sub>2</sub> O	ZADHUK, ZADHUK01	8, 9
4-dimethylaminopyridinium	[4-dmampH] <sub>6</sub> [V <sub>10</sub> O <sub>28</sub> ]·H <sub>2</sub> O	XEHZIW	9
	[4-dmampH] <sub>4</sub> (NH <sub>4</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> [V <sub>10</sub> O <sub>28</sub> ]·8H <sub>2</sub> O	WULQIF	10
	[[C <sub>7</sub> H <sub>11</sub> N <sub>2</sub> ] <sub>4</sub> ][Mg(H <sub>2</sub> O) <sub>6</sub> ][O <sub>28</sub> V <sub>10</sub> ]·4H <sub>2</sub> O	LOPGOQ	11

\*dmampH = dimethylaminopyridinium cation

# CCDC = Cambridge Crystallographic Data Centre

**Table S3.** Tentative assignments for the infrared absorption spectrum (cm<sup>-1</sup>) of (2,3-ampH)<sub>6</sub>[V<sub>10</sub>O<sub>28</sub>]·4H<sub>2</sub>O (**2,3-ampV<sub>10</sub>**)<sup>12, 13</sup>

Tentative assignments	<b>2,3-ampV<sub>10</sub></b>
$\nu(\text{O-H})$ and $\nu(\text{N-H})$	3551, 3356 and 3176
$\nu(\text{C-C})_{\text{ring}}$ , $\delta(\text{N-H})$ or $\delta(\text{O-H})_{\text{water}}$	1653
$\nu(\text{C-C})_{\text{ring}}$ and $\delta(\text{N-H})$	1566
$\delta(\text{CH}_3)$	1470, 1387, 1362 and 1304
$\nu(\text{C=N})$	1252
$\nu(\text{V=O})$	947
$\nu_{\text{as}}(\text{V-O})$ , $\nu_{\text{sym}}(\text{V-O})$ and $\delta(\text{C-H})$	839 and 737
$\delta(\text{V-O-V})$	594 and 453
$\delta(\text{C-N-C})$	538

ν = stretching, ν<sub>as</sub> = asymmetric stretching, ν<sub>sym</sub> = symmetric stretching, and δ = in- or out-of-plane bending

**Table S4.** Tentative assignments for the IR (cm<sup>-1</sup>) spectra registered for **MBV<sub>10</sub>** and **TBV<sub>10</sub>**<sup>14-17</sup>

Assignment	MBV <sub>10</sub>	TBV <sub>10</sub>
$\nu(\text{O-H})$ and $\nu(\text{N-H})$	3450 and 3348	3314 and 3188
$\delta(\text{N-H})$	-	1599
$\nu(\text{C=N}), \nu(\text{C-C})$	1599, 1221	1649
$\nu(\text{C=S}^+)$	1489	1486
$\delta(\text{C-H})$	1441, 1392, 1252 and 1178	1323, 1487
$\delta(\text{C-N})$	1153	1385
$\nu(\text{C-S-C})$	1040	1025
$\nu(\text{V=O})$	964	959
$\nu_{\text{as}}(\text{V-O})$ and $\nu_{\text{sim}}(\text{V-O})$	831 and 760	827 and 744
$\delta(\text{V-O-V})$	607	663

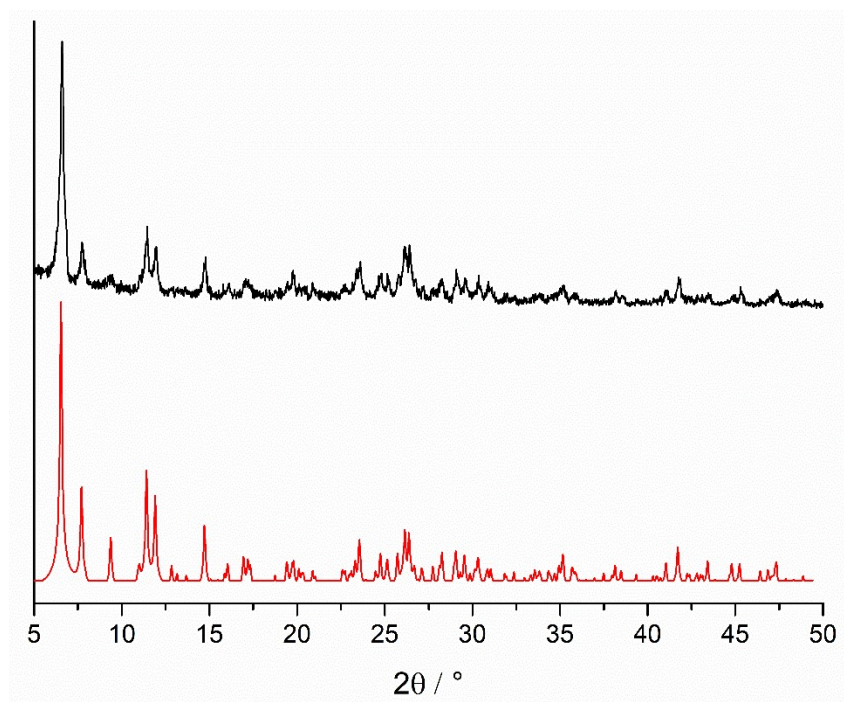
$\nu$  = stretching,  $\nu_{\text{as}}$  = asymmetric stretching,  $\nu_{\text{sim}}$  = symmetric stretching e  $\delta$  = in-plane angular deformation

**Table S5.** Final discoloration values of MB solution at 10.0 mg L<sup>-1</sup> and TB at 10.0 mg L<sup>-1</sup> bleached by **2,3-ampV<sub>10</sub>** represented by arithmetic mean (%)  $\pm$  standard deviation (SD) in the different reaction conditions

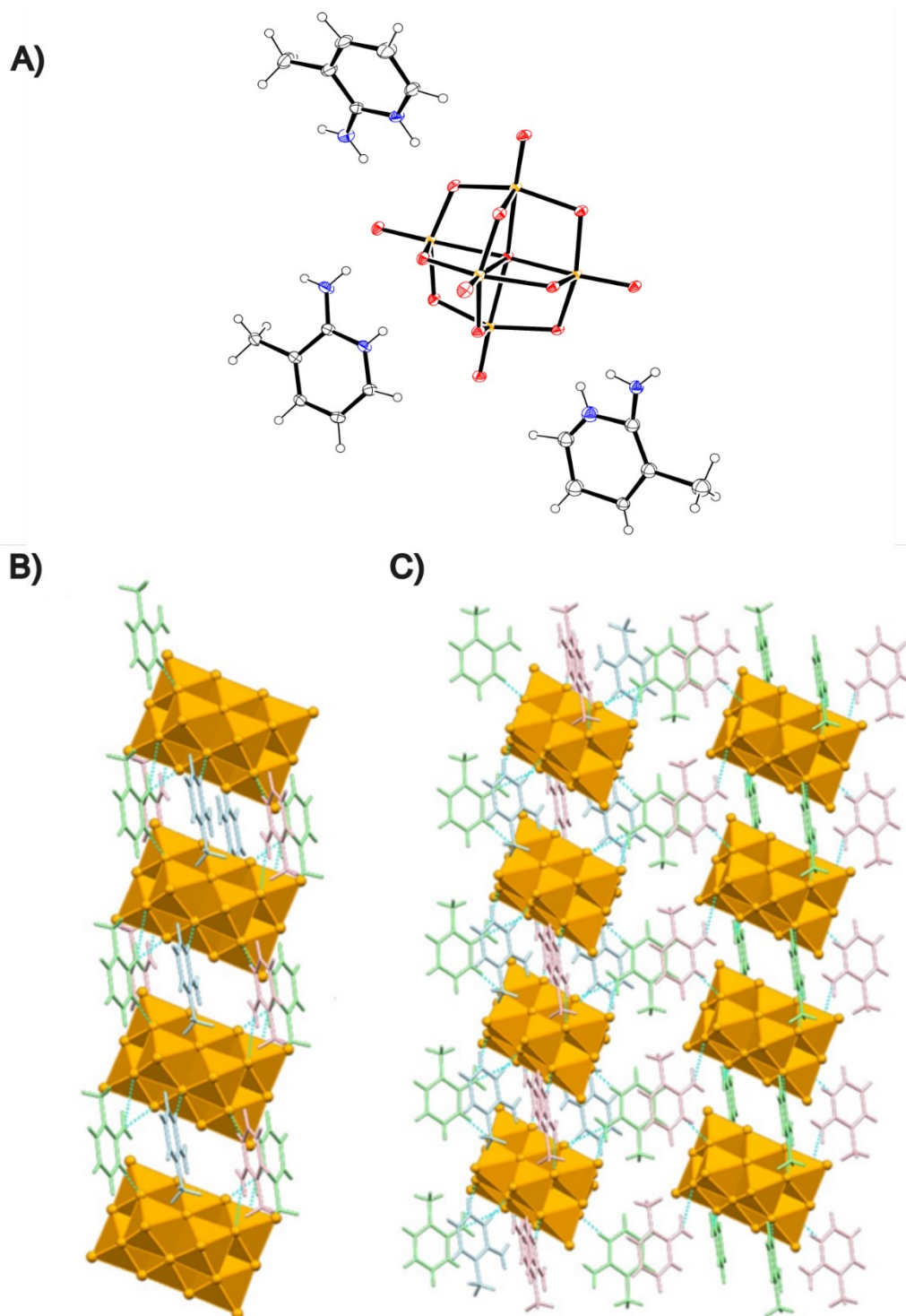
Reaction condition	Reaction time (min)	MB* bleaching (%) $\pm$ SD	TB* bleaching (%) $\pm$ SD
<i>General investigation (pH 6)</i>			
10.0 mg of <b>2,3-AmpV<sub>10</sub></b> + AM <sub>(aq)</sub> a 10.0 mg L <sup>-1</sup>	15	89.88 $\pm$ 0.57	70.27 $\pm$ 0.79
<i>Effect of 2,3-AmpV<sub>10</sub> amount (pH 6)</i>			
16 mg of <b>2,3-AmpV<sub>10</sub></b> + dye solution	15	NA	77.28 $\pm$ 1.17
4.0 mg of <b>2,3-AmpV<sub>10</sub></b> + dye solution	15	86.54 $\pm$ 1.48	49.50 $\pm$ 4.46
2.0 mg of <b>2,3-AmpV<sub>10</sub></b> + dye solution	15	82.67 $\pm$ 0.24	NA
1.0 mg of <b>2,3-AmpV<sub>10</sub></b> + dye solution	15	32.10 $\pm$ 2.05	NA
<i>Presence of peroxide</i>			
10.0 mg of <b>2,3-AmpV<sub>10</sub></b> + dye solution + 1.0 mL de H <sub>2</sub> O <sub>2</sub> 35%	10	90.50 $\pm$ 0.64	NA
<i>pH 3</i>			
10.0 mg of <b>2,3-AmpV<sub>10</sub></b> + dye solution, pH 3	15	93.18 $\pm$ 0.73	83.57 $\pm$ 1.10

NA = Data not available,

\* monitored absorption wavelength for MB = 664 nm and for TB = 630 nm

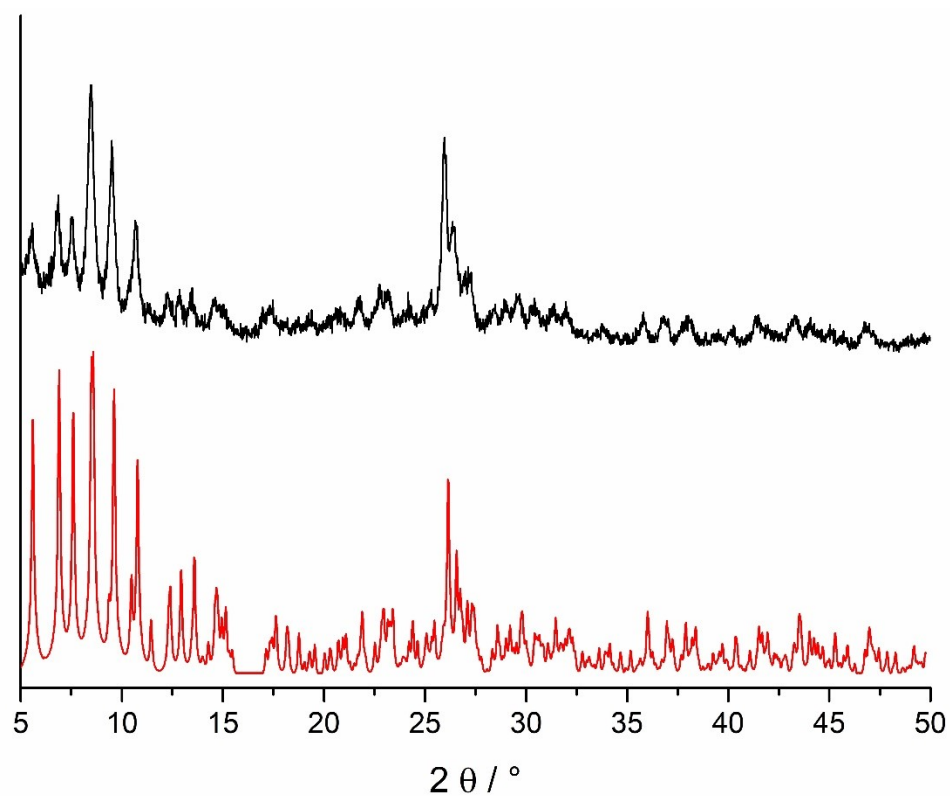


**Figure S1.** Calculated (red line) and experimental (black line) PXR D patterns of **2,3-ampV<sub>10</sub>**. Main peaks in the experimental diffractogram are located at 6.6, 7.7, 11.5, 12.0, 14.8, 17.2, 19.7, 23.6, 24.8, 26.1, 28.2, 29.1 and 30.3° 2θ.

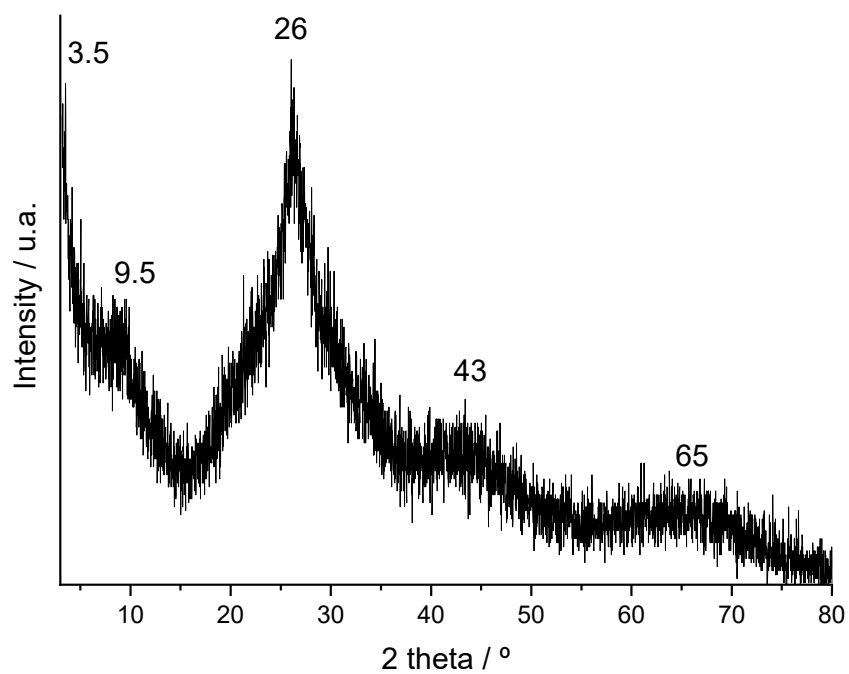


**Figure S2.** A) ORTEP view of the asymmetric unit of **2,3-ampV<sub>10</sub>**. Ellipsoid probability 35%, for the disordered 2-amino-3-methylpyridinium cation just the model with the bigger occupancy factor is reported. B) Chain formed by the 2,3-ampH<sup>+</sup> cation and V<sub>10</sub> anions interactions in **2,3-ampV<sub>10</sub>** (view along the *b* axis). C) 2,3-ampH<sup>+</sup> cation and V<sub>10</sub> anions network (view along the *b* axis). Color scheme: V = yellow, O = red, N = blue.

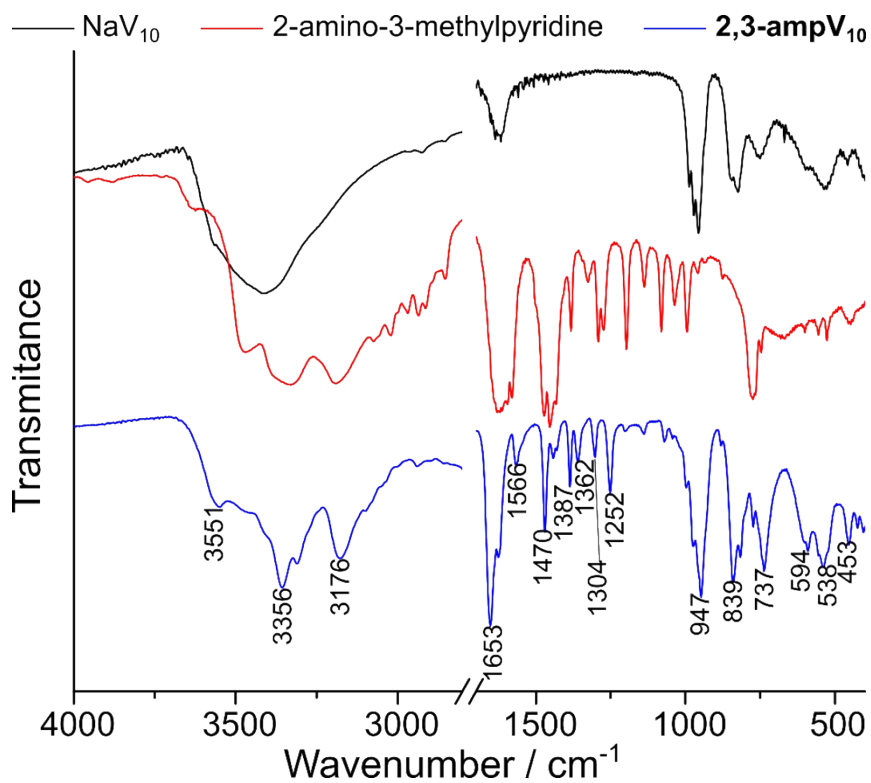




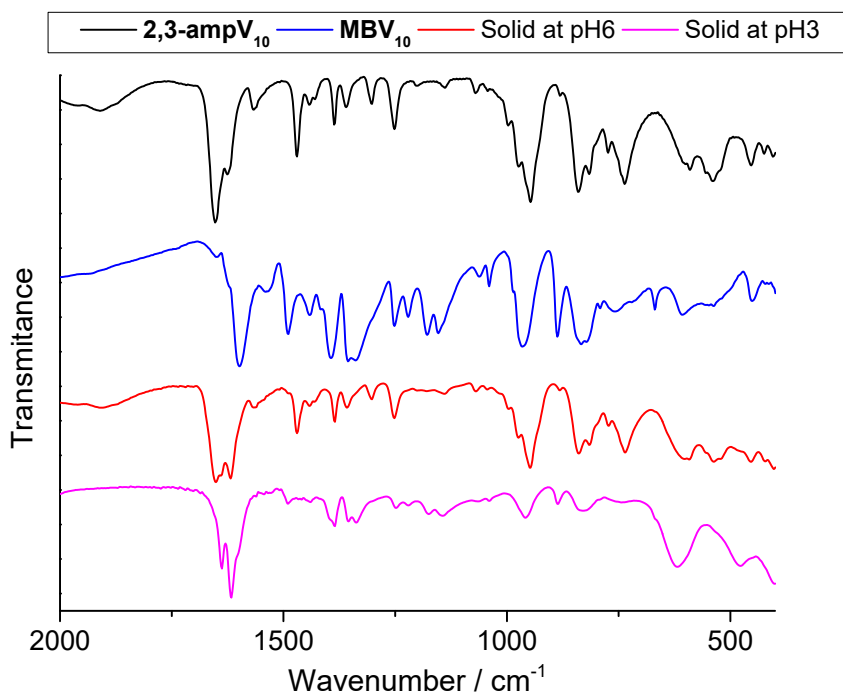
**Figure S3.** Calculated (red line) and experimental (black line) PXRD patterns of MBV<sub>10</sub>. Main peaks in the experimental diffractogram are located at 5.6, 6.9, 7.5, 8.5, 9.5, 10.6, 26, 26.4, and 27.1° in  $2\theta$ .



**Figure S4.** PXRD pattern of ATV<sub>10</sub>.



**Figure S5.** Infrared absorption spectrum of  $(2,3\text{-ampH})_6[\text{V}_{10}\text{O}_{28}] \cdot 4\text{H}_2\text{O}$  ( $2,3\text{-ampV}_{10}$ ) as compared to its starting materials.



**Figure S6.** IR spectrum recorded for the remain solids isolated from MB bleaching reactions with  $2,3\text{-ampV}_{10}$ .

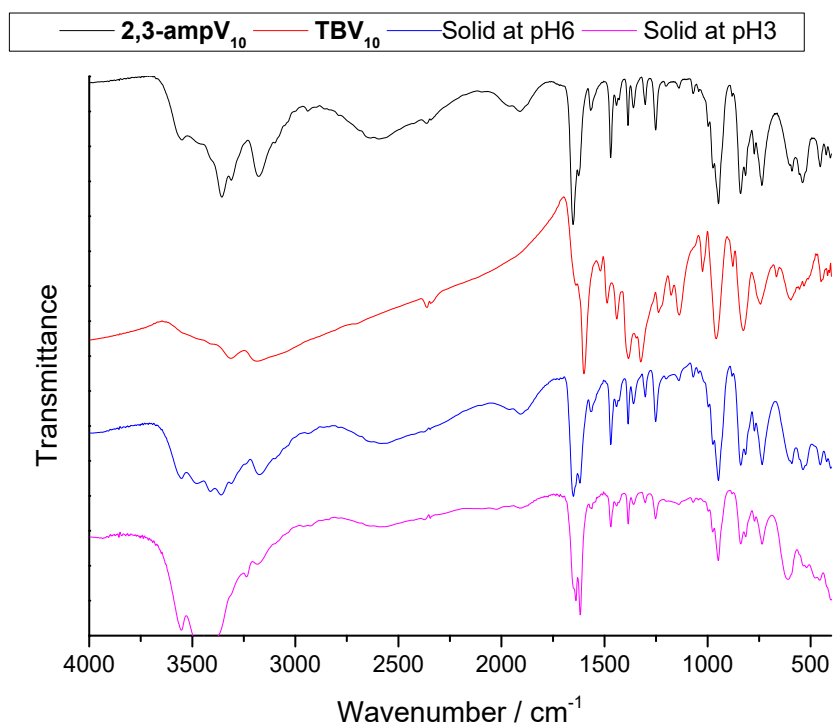


Figure S7. IR spectrum recorded for the solids isolated from TB bleaching reactions with **2,3-ampV<sub>10</sub>**.

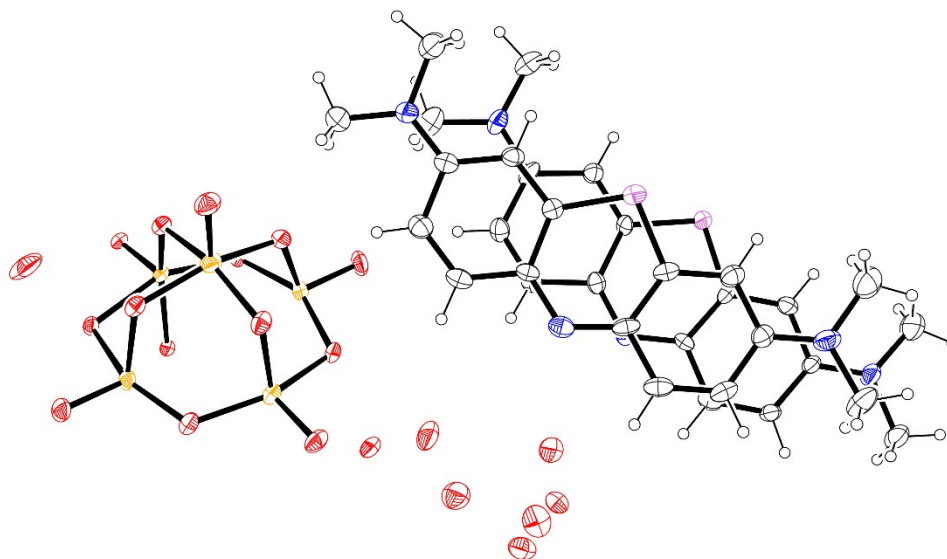
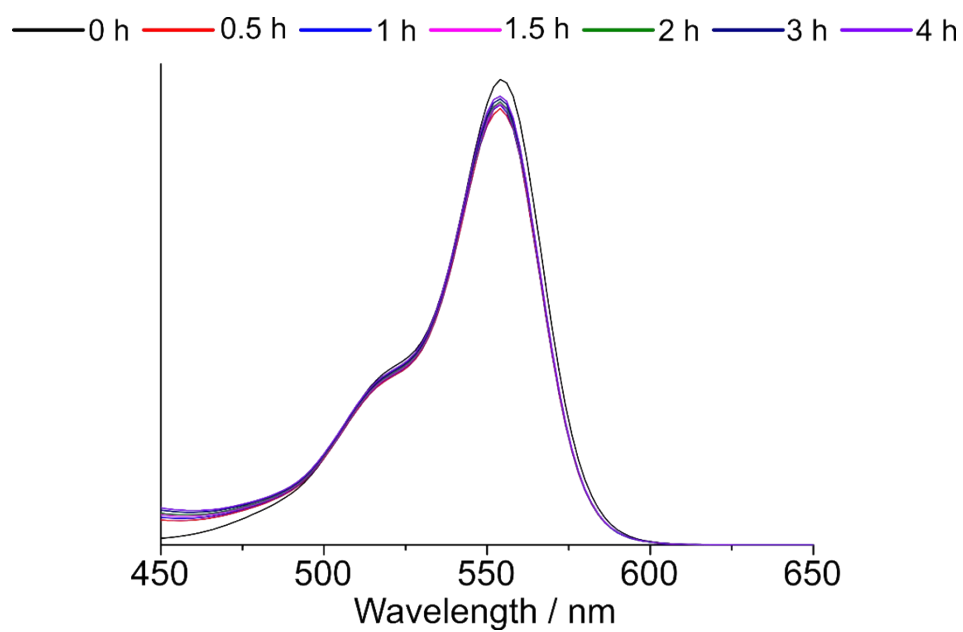
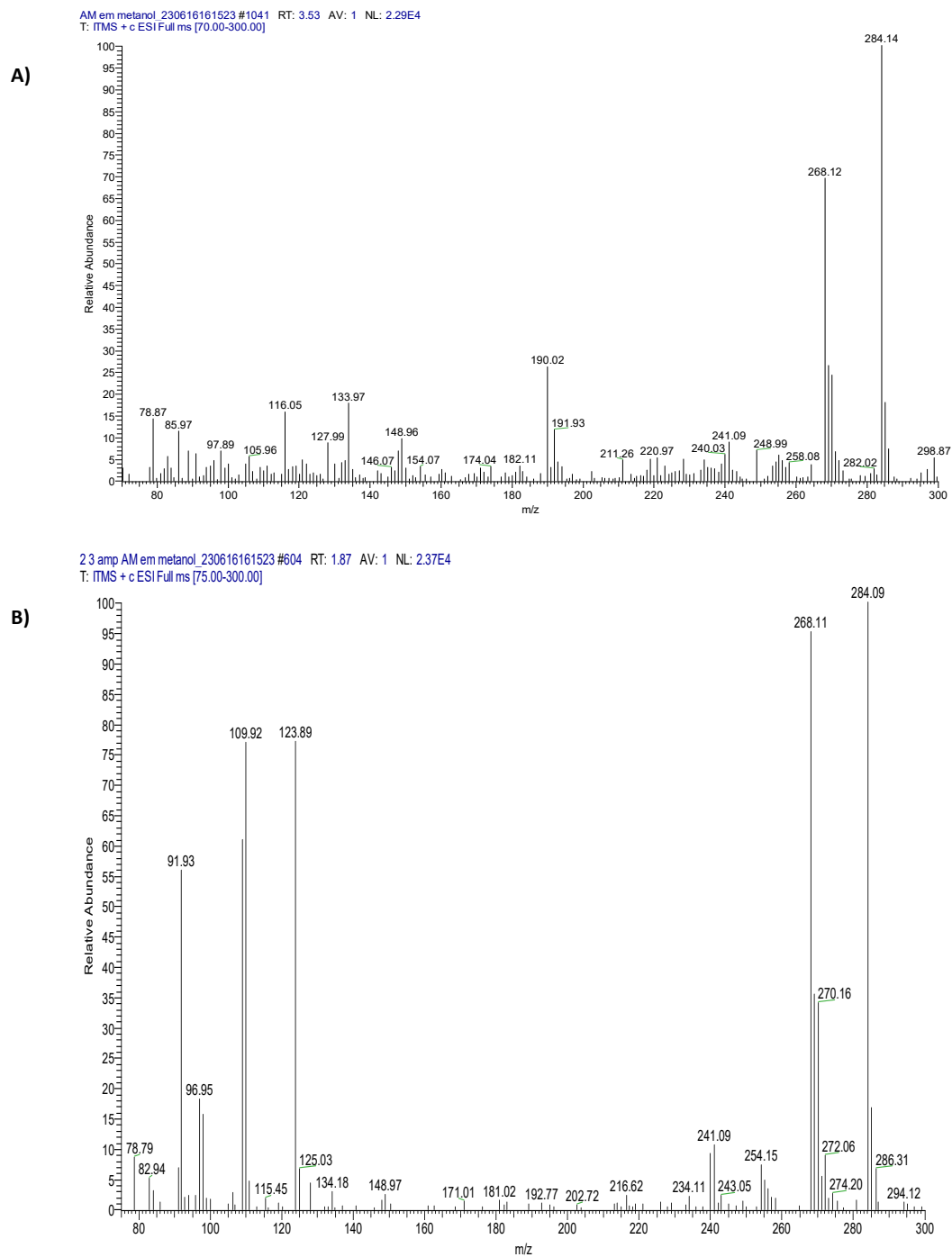


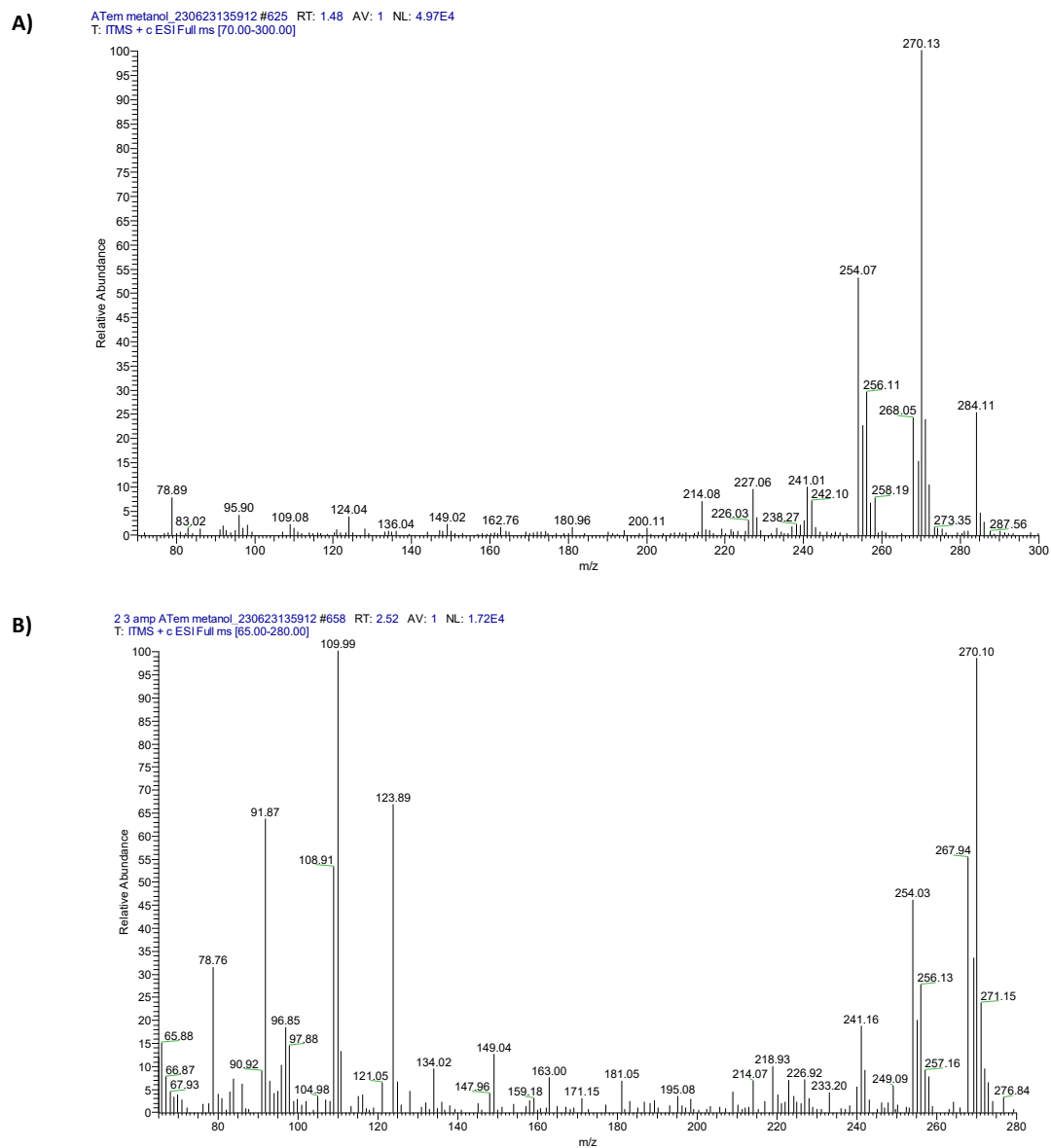
Figure S8. ORTEP view of the asymmetric unit of **MBV<sub>10</sub>**. Ellipsoid probability 30%. Color scheme: V = yellow, O = red, N = blue and S = purple.



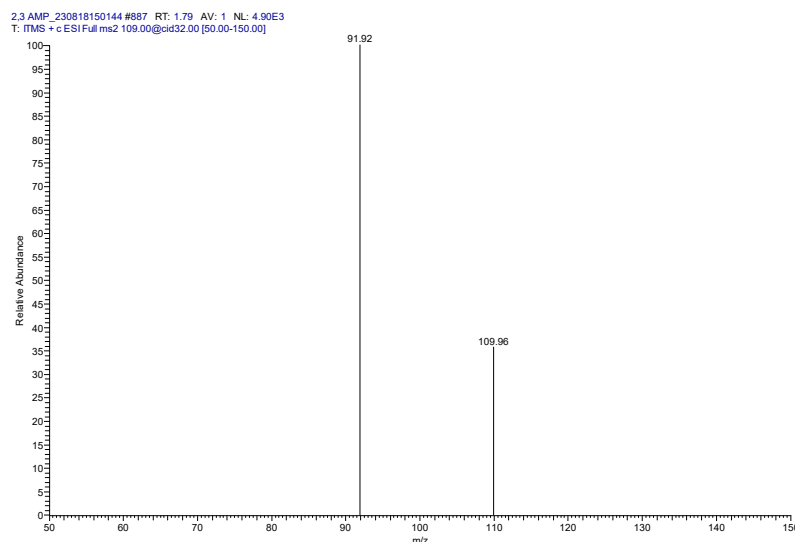
**Figure S9.** Electronic spectra registered for the supernatants of the bleaching reactions using 10 mg of **2,3-ampV<sub>10</sub>** in 10 mg L<sup>-1</sup> aqueous solution of RB in time.



**Figure S10.** ESI-MS scan of MB ( $10 \text{ mg L}^{-1}$ ) in positive mode: **A)** before and **B)** after the reaction with  $10 \text{ mg}$  of **2,3-ampV<sub>10</sub>**.



**Figure S11.** ESI-MS scan of TB ( $10 \text{ mg L}^{-1}$ ) in positive mode: **A)** before and **B)** after the reaction with  $10 \text{ mg 2,3-ampV}_{10}$ .



**Figure S12.** ESI-MS scan of 2-amino-3-methylpyridine in methanol in positive mode. The mass spectra showed peaks at  $m/z$  109.9 that corresponded to the protonated form of 2,3-ampH<sup>+</sup>. The peak at  $m/z$  91.9 may correspond to C<sub>6</sub>NH<sub>6</sub><sup>+</sup>.

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