

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

High-valent oxovanadium metallosupramolecular species as catalysts for the oxidation of benzyl alcohol derivatives

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1. Characterization of compounds

Elemental analyses (C, H, and N) were performed by the Analytical Services Laboratory of Rudjer Bošković Institute, Zagreb.

Powder X-ray diffraction (PXRD) data were collected on a Malvern Panalytical Aeris diffractometer in the Bragg-Brentano geometry using $\text{CuK}\alpha$ radiation ($\lambda = 1.5406 \text{ \AA}$). Powder patterns were collected at room temperature in the region between 5° and 40° (2θ). The data were collected and visualized using the Malvern Panalytical HighScore Software Suite.¹

Single crystal diffraction (SCXRD)

High-quality single crystals were grown in a way described in the manuscript. Diffracted intensities were collected on Rigaku XtaLAB Synergy-S diffractometer equipped with Dualflex source ($\text{CuK}\alpha$ radiation, $\lambda = 1.54184 \text{ \AA}$), and HyPix detector using ω -scans. The crystals were kept at 170 K during data collection. Data were prepared using the CrysAlis program package.² The structures were solved with dual space methods using SHELXT.³ The refinement procedure by full-matrix least-squares methods based on F^2 values against all reflections included anisotropic displacement parameters for all non-H atoms. Hydrogen atoms bound to carbon atoms were placed in geometrically idealized positions and refined using the riding model with $U_{\text{iso}} = 1.2U_{\text{eq}}$ of the connected carbon atom or as ideal CH_3 groups with $U_{\text{iso}} = 1.5U_{\text{eq}}$. Where possible, hydrogen atoms attached to heteroatoms were located in the difference Fourier maps at the final stages of the refinement procedure. Disorder of alkoxy chains of **1 β** , **2 β** and **5 β** was modelled in two orientations based on peaks in difference Fourier map. Void volume electron density in **1t**, **1 β** , **2 β** and **5 β** was modelled using solvent mask as implemented in Olex2. All refinements were performed using SHELXL.⁴ The SHELX programs operated within the Olex2 suite.⁵ Geometrical calculations and molecular graphics were done with Platon⁶ and Mercury.⁷ CCDC 2367532-2367538 contain the supplementary crystallographic data for this paper. These data can be obtained free of charge via <http://www.ccdc.cam.ac.uk/conts/retrieving.html> (or from the Cambridge Crystallographic Data Centre, 12, Union Road, Cambridge CB2 1EZ, UK; fax: +44 1223 336033).

UV-Vis spectroscopy

UV-Vis measurements were carried out using a Varian Cary Bio 100 spectrophotometer with 1-cm quartz cuvettes. The UV-Vis spectra of H_2SIH and complexes **1t** and **1–6** were recorded in methanol and acetonitrile at room temperature immediately after solution preparation. All compounds, except complex **6**, were dissolved in methanol or acetonitrile within minutes using ultrasound. The concentrations used were $6.0 \times 10^{-5} \text{ mol dm}^{-3}$ for H_2SIH and complexes **1–5**, $1.5 \times 10^{-5} \text{ mol dm}^{-3}$ for complex **1t**, and below $3 \times 10^{-5} \text{ mol dm}^{-3}$ for complex **6** due to incomplete dissolution.

Nuclear magnetic resonance spectra (^1H , APT, gHMQC and gHMBC NMR) were acquired on a Bruker Avance 600 NMR spectrometer using a C/H dual 5 mm probe and z-gradient accessories at 298K in CD_3OD or CDCl_3 and TMS as the internal standard.

Attenuated Total Reflectance Infrared spectra (ATR-IR) were recorded on a Perkin Elmer Spectrum One spectrometer fitted with an ATR reluctance attachment. Spectra were collected in the $4000\text{--}450 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ range on a diamond window.

Differential scanning calorimetry (DSC) method was used for getting information about the purity of hydrazone. Measurement was performed under the nitrogen stream (10 mL min^{-1}) on the TA Discovery DSC 25 instrument using Tzero aluminium pans and lids. The heating rate was 10 K min^{-1} in the

temperature range from 25 to 400 °C. The result was evaluated using the TA Instruments Trios (v5.1.1.46572) software.

Thermogravimetric analyses (TGA) were performed on a Mettler-Toledo TG/DSC 3+ Stare System thermobalance using open alumina crucibles under an oxygen atmosphere in the temperature range from 25 to 600 °C. All experiments were recorded with a heating rate of 5 °C min⁻¹ in a dynamic atmosphere with a flow rate of 10 mL min⁻¹. The results of TGA and experiments were evaluated using the Mettler STARe software.

Fourier Transform Infrared spectra (FTIR) of the gaseous products evolved during thermal decomposition of the complexes were recorded with the use of the thermobalance coupled online with the Nicolet iS50 FT-IR spectrometer (Thermo Scientific) by a transfer line heated at 200 °C. FTIR spectra were recorded in the range of 4000–400 cm⁻¹ with a resolution of 4 cm⁻¹.

Catalytic investigation

The catalytic oxidation of alcohols was monitored using gas chromatography (GC) on an Agilent 8860 chromatograph (Agilent Technologies, Santa Clara, CA, USA) equipped with a flame ionization detector (FID) and an HP-5 column (30 m × 0.320 mm × 0.25 μm). Quantification of reaction parameters was achieved through calibration curves generated from authentic standards of the reactants and products. The conversion of alcohols to their respective aldehydes was calculated relative to internal standards, including biphenyl for benzyl alcohol, acetophenone for 2-nitro and 2-chlorobenzyl alcohol, and dodecane for 2-methylbenzyl alcohol. Calibration curve correlation coefficients (R^2) were consistently high at 0.9999, confirming the accuracy of the quantification.

1.1. PXRD

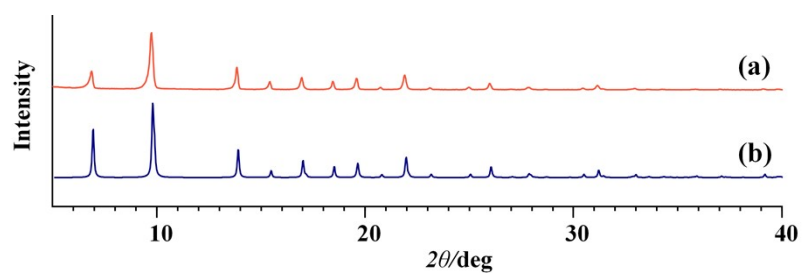


Fig. S1 Powder X-ray diffraction patterns of (a) tetranuclear assembly $[\text{VO}(\text{SiH})(\text{OCH}_3)]_4 \cdot 4\text{CH}_3\text{OH}$ ($\mathbf{1t} \cdot 4\text{CH}_3\text{OH}$) obtained by reaction of NH_4VO_3 with H_2SiH in CH_3OH ; (b) $[\text{VO}(\text{SiH})(\text{OCH}_3)]_4 \cdot 4\text{CH}_3\text{OH}$ ($\mathbf{1t} \cdot 4\text{CH}_3\text{OH}$) calculated from the X-ray single-crystal structure.

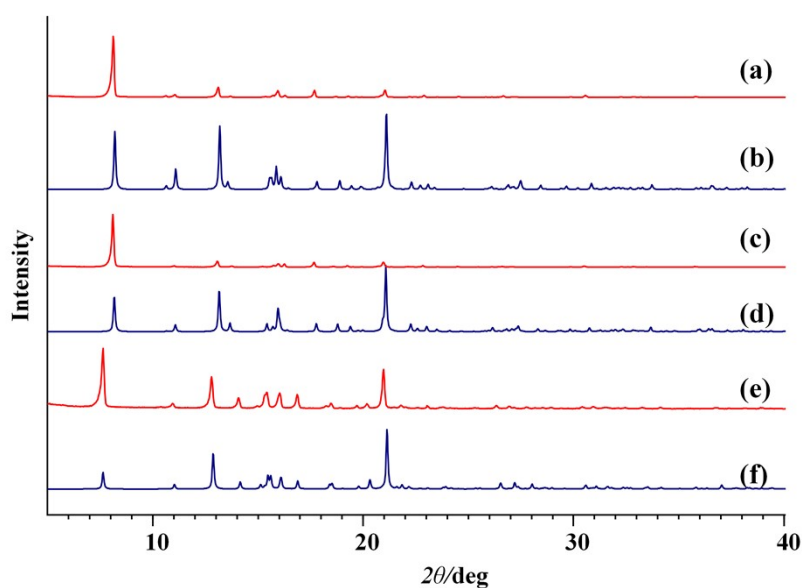


Fig. S2 Powder X-ray diffraction patterns of polynuclear assemblies $[\text{VO}(\text{SiH})(\text{OR})]_n$ belonging to α series: (a and b) $\text{R} = \text{OC}_2\text{H}_5$ (2α); (c and d) $\text{R} = \text{OC}_3\text{H}_7$ (3α), (e and f) $\text{R} = \text{OC}_4\text{H}_9$ (4α). The red lines indicate those of prepared samples, while the blue lines indicate those calculated from the X-ray single-crystal structures of the corresponding samples.

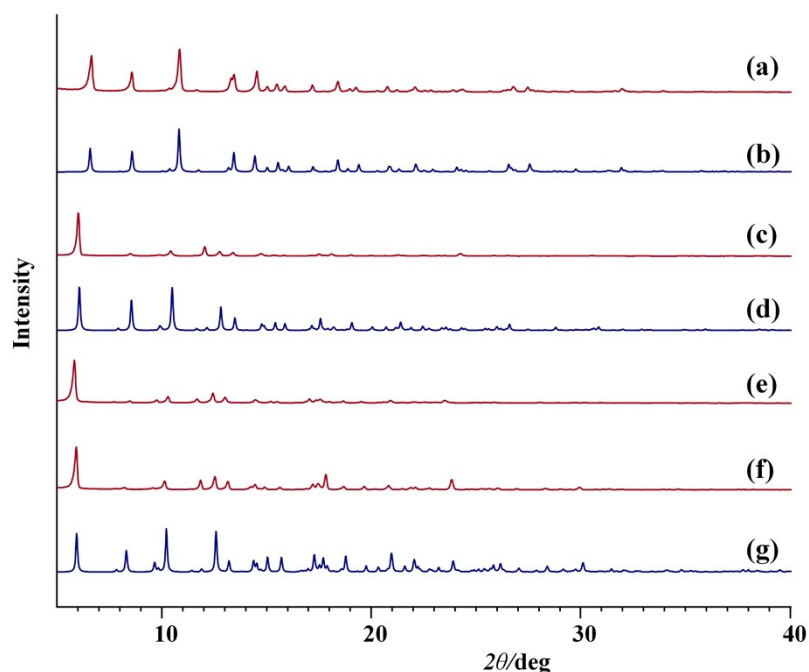


Fig. S3 Powder X-ray diffraction patterns of polynuclear assemblies $[\text{VO}(\text{SiH})(\text{OR})]_n$ belonging to α series: (a and b) $\text{R} = \text{OCH}_3$ ($1\beta \cdot 0.25\text{CH}_3\text{OH}$); (c and d) $\text{R} = \text{OC}_2\text{H}_5$ ($2\beta \cdot 0.25\text{C}_2\text{H}_5\text{OH}$), (e) $\text{R} = \text{OC}_4\text{H}_9$ (4β); (f and g) $\text{R} = \text{OC}_5\text{H}_{10}$ (5β). The red lines indicate those of prepared samples, while the blue lines indicate those calculated from the X-ray single-crystal structures of the corresponding samples.

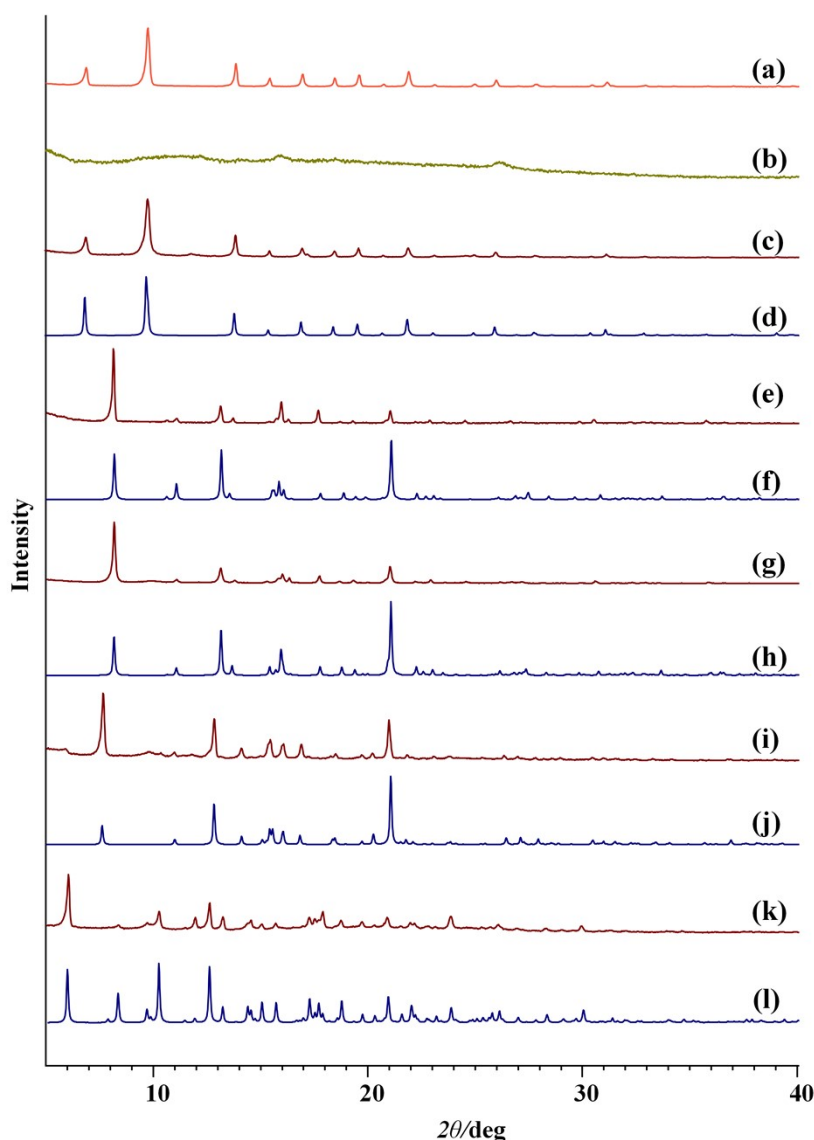


Fig. S4 Powder X-ray diffraction patterns of

- (a) $[\text{VO}(\text{SIH})(\text{OCH}_3)]_4 \cdot 4\text{CH}_3\text{OH}$ (**1t**·4CH₃OH) obtained by reaction of NH_4VO_3 with H_2SIH in CH_3OH ;
- (b) thermally activated complex $[\text{VO}(\text{SIH})]_x$ obtained by heating of **1t**·4CH₃OH for 1 hour at 165 °C;
- (c) sample obtained upon an immersion of $[\text{VO}(\text{SIH})]_x$ in methanol for one week;
- (d) $[\text{VO}(\text{SIH})(\text{OCH}_3)]_4 \cdot 4\text{CH}_3\text{OH}$ (**1t**·4CH₃OH) calculated from the X-ray single-crystal structure;
- (e) sample obtained upon an immersion of $[\text{VO}(\text{SIH})]_x$ in ethanol for one week;
- (f) $[\text{VO}(\text{SIH})(\text{OC}_2\text{H}_5)]_n \cdot 0.25\text{CH}_3\text{OH}$ (**2α**) calculated from the X-ray single-crystal structure;
- (g) sample obtained upon an immersion of $[\text{VO}(\text{SIH})]_x$ in propanol for one week;
- (h) $[\text{VO}(\text{SIH})(\text{OC}_3\text{H}_7)]_n$ (**3α**) calculated from the X-ray single-crystal structure;
- (i) sample obtained upon an immersion of $[\text{VO}(\text{SIH})]_x$ in butanol for one week;
- (j) $[\text{VO}(\text{SIH})(\text{OC}_4\text{H}_9)]_n$ (**4α**) calculated from the X-ray single-crystal structure;
- (k) sample obtained upon an immersion of $[\text{VO}(\text{SIH})]_x$ in pentanol for one week;
- (l) $[\text{VO}(\text{SIH})(\text{OC}_4\text{H}_9)]_n$ (**5β**) calculated from the X-ray single-crystal structure;

1.2. SCXRD

Table S1 Experimental and crystallographic data for α polymorphs of [VO(OR)(SIH)] polymers

| Identifier | 2α | 3α | 4α |
|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------|
| Empirical formula | C ₁₅ H ₁₄ N ₃ O ₄ V | C ₁₆ H ₁₆ N ₃ O ₄ V | C ₁₇ H ₁₈ N ₃ O ₄ V |
| M_r | 351.23 | 365.26 | 379.28 |
| T/K | 169.99(10) | 169.99(10) | 169.99(10) |
| Crystal system | orthorhombic, dark red irregular | orthorhombic, brown plate | orthorhombic, orange irregular |
| Space group | <i>P b c a</i> | <i>P b c a</i> | <i>P b c a</i> |
| $a/\text{\AA}$ | 13.05222(6) | 12.9499(3) | 12.5068(2) |
| $b/\text{\AA}$ | 11.39032(5) | 11.4867(3) | 11.70940(10) |
| $c/\text{\AA}$ | 21.55450(11) | 21.6234(5) | 23.1275(3) |
| $\alpha/^\circ$ | 90 | 90 | 90 |
| $\beta/^\circ$ | 90 | 90 | 90 |
| $\gamma/^\circ$ | 90 | 90 | 90 |
| $V/\text{\AA}^3$ | 3204.49(2) | 3216.52(13) | 3386.96(8) |
| Z | 8 | 8 | 8 |
| $\rho_{\text{cal}}/\text{g cm}^{-3}$ | 1.456 | 1.509 | 1.488 |
| μ/mm^{-1} | 5.391 | 5.393 | 5.143 |

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|-----------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| $F(000)$ | 1440 | 1504 | 1568 |
| Crystal size/mm ³ | 0.665×0.14×0.11 | 0.26×0.05×0.02 | 0.195×0.078×0.042 |
| Radiation | CuK α ($\lambda = 1.54184\text{\AA}$) | CuK α ($\lambda = 1.54184\text{\AA}$) | CuK α ($\lambda = 1.54184\text{\AA}$) |
| 2Θ range/ $^\circ$ | 8.204 to 155.53 | 8.178 to 155.356 | 7.646 to 155.626 |
| Index ranges | $-16 \leq h \leq 16,$ $-14 \leq k \leq 14,$ $-23 \leq l \leq 27$ | $-8 \leq h \leq 16,$ $-14 \leq k \leq 14,$ $-26 \leq l \leq 27$ | $-15 \leq h \leq 14,$ $-14 \leq k \leq 14,$ $-29 \leq l \leq 29$ |
| Reflections collected | 127302 | 16891 | 24059 |
| Independent reflections | 3412 [$R_{\text{int}} = 1.44\%$, $R_{\text{sigma}} = 5.88\%$] | 3389 [$R_{\text{int}} = 3.33\%$, $R_{\text{sigma}} = 3.87\%$] | 3604 [$R_{\text{int}} = 2.82\%$, $R_{\text{sigma}} = 3.79\%$] |
| Data/restraints/parameters | 3412/-/210 | 3389/-/218 | 3604/-/227 |
| g_1, g_2 in w^a | 0.0437, 1.5078 | 0.0479, 2.2125 | 0.0704, 3.7488 |
| Goodness-of-fit on F^2, S^b | 1.096 | 1.068 | 1.077 |
| Final R and wR^c values [$I \geq 2\sigma(I)$] | $R_1 = 2.87\%$, $wR_2 = 8.17\%$ | $R_1 = 3.77\%$, $wR_2 = 9.95\%$ | $R_1 = 4.76\%$, $wR_2 = 12.93\%$ |
| Final R and wR^c values [all data] | $R_1 = 2.89\%$, $wR_2 = 8.2\%$ | $R_1 = 4.2\%$, $wR_2 = 10.24\%$ | $R_1 = 5.13\%$, $wR_2 = 13.3\%$ |
| Largest diff. peak/hole / $e \text{\AA}^{-3}$ | 0.545/-0.339 | 0.620/-0.372 | 1.317/-0.558 |

^a $w = 1/[\sigma F_o^2 + (g_1 P)^2 + g_2 P]$ where $P = (F_o^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$

^b $S = \{\Sigma[w(F_o^2 - F_c^2)2]/(N_r - N_p)\}^{1/2}$ where N_r = number of independent reflections, N_p = number of refined parameters.

^c $R = \Sigma||F_o| - |F_c|/\Sigma|F_o|$; $wR = \{\Sigma[w(F_o^2 - F_c^2)2]/\Sigma[w(F_o^2)2]\}^{1/2}$

Table S2 Experimental and crystallographic data for β polymorphs of [VO(OR)(SIH)] polymers and **1t**·4CH₃OH tetramer

| Identifier | 1β ·0.25CH ₃ OH | 1t ·4CH ₃ OH | 2β ·0.25C ₂ H ₅ OH | 5β |
|---------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Empirical formula | C ₅₇ H ₅₂ N ₁₂ O ₁₇ V ₄ | C ₁₅ H ₁₆ N ₃ O ₅ V | C _{31·34} H ₂₆ N ₆ O _{8·50} V ₂ | C _{35·67} H _{28·50} N ₆ O ₈ V ₂ |
| M_r | 690.43 | 369.25 | 724.60 | 771.03 |
| T/K | 169.98(10) | 170(2) | 293(2) | 170(2) |
| Crystal system | orthorhombic, brown plate | tetragonal, yellow block | orthorhombic, brown plate | orthorhombic, brown block |
| Space group | <i>I b c a</i> | <i>I</i> -4 | <i>I b c a</i> | <i>I b c a</i> |
| $a/\text{\AA}$ | 22.0687(2) | 18.1755(4) | 20.6605(9) | 21.2703(3) |
| $b/\text{\AA}$ | 20.5886(2) | 18.1755(4) | 22.3137(8) | 29.7362(4) |
| $c/\text{\AA}$ | 26.8420(3) | 10.3739(4) | 29.1125(15) | 22.5536(4) |
| $\alpha/^\circ$ | 90 | 90 | 90 | 90 |
| $\beta/^\circ$ | 90 | 90 | 90 | 90 |
| $\gamma/^\circ$ | 90 | 90 | 90 | 90 |
| $V/\text{\AA}^3$ | 12196.0(2) | 3427.0(2) | 13421.2(10) | 14265.1(4) |
| Z | 16 | 8 | 16 | 16 |
| $\rho_{\text{calc}}/\text{g cm}^{-3}$ | 1.504 | 1.431 | 1.434 | 1.436 |
| μ/mm^{-1} | 5.668 | 5.112 | 5.181 | 4.901 |
| $F(000)$ | 5648 | 1520 | 5921 | 6312 |
| Crystal size/mm ³ | 0.227×0.19×0.051 | 0.09×0.06×0.05 | 0.32×0.02×0.02 | 0.05×0.03×0.02 |
| Radiation | CuK α ($\lambda = 1.54184\text{\AA}$) | CuK α ($\lambda = 1.54184\text{\AA}$) | CuK α ($\lambda = 1.54184\text{\AA}$) | CuK α ($\lambda = 1.54184\text{\AA}$) |

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|-----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 2 Θ range/ $^{\circ}$ | 8.012 to 155.45 | 9.818 to 155.094 | 7.924 to 154.864 | 8.246 to 155.516 |
| Index ranges | $-24 \leq h \leq 27$, $-19 \leq k \leq 26$, $-33 \leq l \leq 34$ | $-22 \leq h \leq 22$, $-19 \leq k \leq 23$, $-13 \leq l \leq 13$ | $-24 \leq h \leq 26$, $-28 \leq k \leq 26$, $-35 \leq l \leq 35$ | $-26 \leq h \leq 20$, $-37 \leq k \leq 37$, $-28 \leq l \leq 28$ |
| Reflections collected | 34430 | 17514 | 86108 | 33047 |
| Independent reflections | 6412 [$R_{\text{int}} = 2.55\%$, $R_{\text{sigma}} = 3.15\%$] | 3558 [$R_{\text{int}} = 4.21\%$, $R_{\text{sigma}} = 5.22\%$] | 6996 [$R_{\text{int}} = 4.66\%$, $R_{\text{sigma}} = 12.28\%$] | 7431 [$R_{\text{int}} = 4.93\%$, $R_{\text{sigma}} = 8.63\%$] |
| Data/restraints/parameters | 6412/-/409 | 3558/-/200 | 6996/-/428 | 7431/-/494 |
| g_1, g_2 in w^a | 0.0547, 11.9058 | 0.0506, 1.9758 | 0.0868, 7.4950 | 0.1305, 16.8622 |
| Goodness-of-fit on F^2, S^b | 1.092 | 1.074 | 1.023 | 1.050 |
| Final R and wR^c values [$I \geq 2\sigma(I)$] | $R_1 = 3.52\%$, $wR_2 = 9.99\%$ | $R_1 = 3.81\%$, $wR_2 = 9.87\%$ | $R_1 = 5.77\%$, $wR_2 = 14.71\%$ | $R_1 = 6.78\%$, $wR_2 = 19.09\%$ |
| Final R and wR^c values [all data] | $R_1 = 3.77\%$, $wR_2 = 10.18\%$ | $R_1 = 4.18\%$, $wR_2 = 10.28\%$ | $R_1 = 9.49\%$, $wR_2 = 16.96\%$ | $R_1 = 8.88\%$, $wR_2 = 20.74\%$ |
| Largest diff. peak/hole / e \AA^{-3} | 0.348/-0.474 | 0.160/-0.291 | 0.581/-0.413 | 0.916/-0.781 |
| Flack parameter | - | 0.005(4) | - | - |

^a $w = 1/[\sigma F_o^2 + (g_1 P)^2 + g_2 P]$ where $P = (F_o^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$

^b $S = \{\Sigma[w(F_o^2 - F_c^2)2]/(N_r - N_p)\}^{1/2}$ where N_r = number of independent reflections, N_p = number of refined parameters.

^c $R = \Sigma||F_o| - |F_c|/\Sigma|F_o|$; $wR = \{\Sigma[w(F_o^2 - F_c^2)2]/\Sigma[w(F_o^2)2]\}^{1/2}$

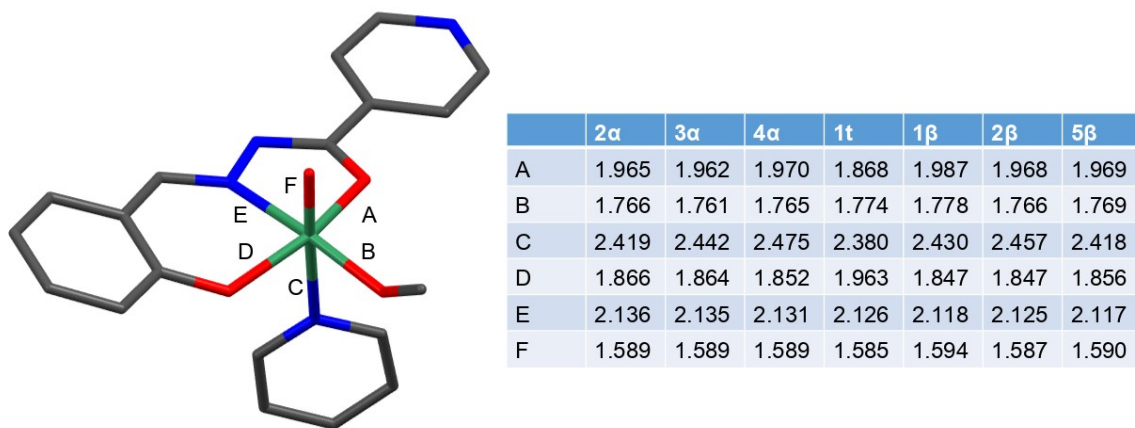
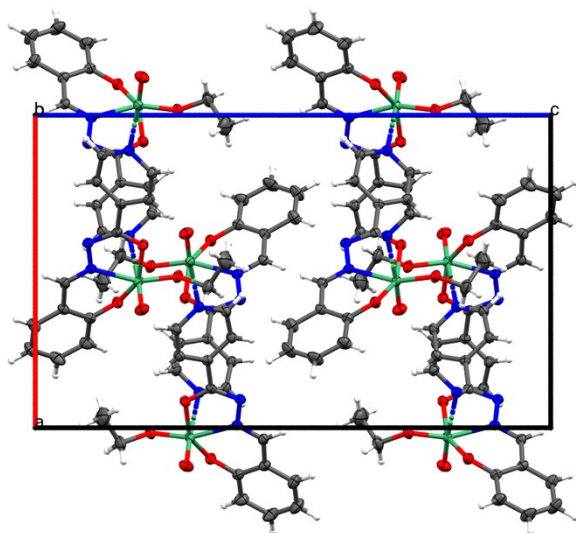
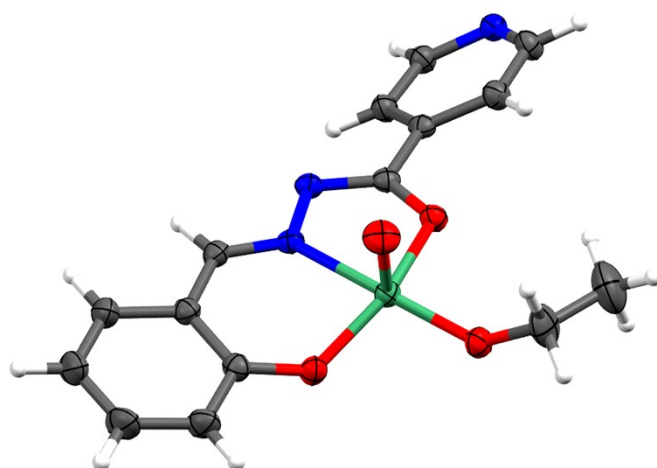
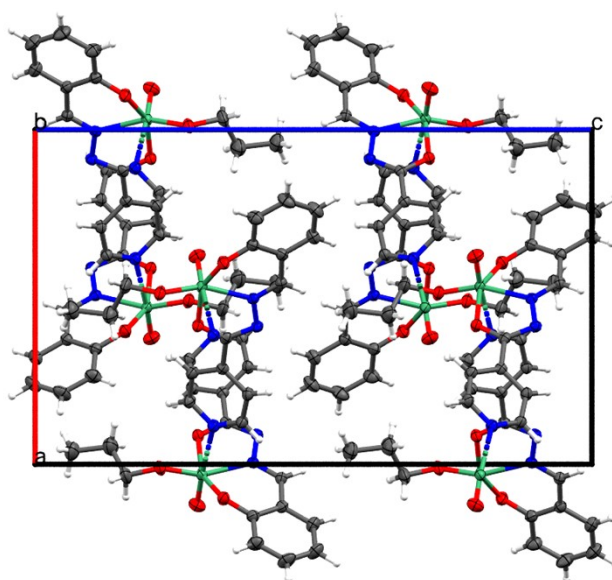
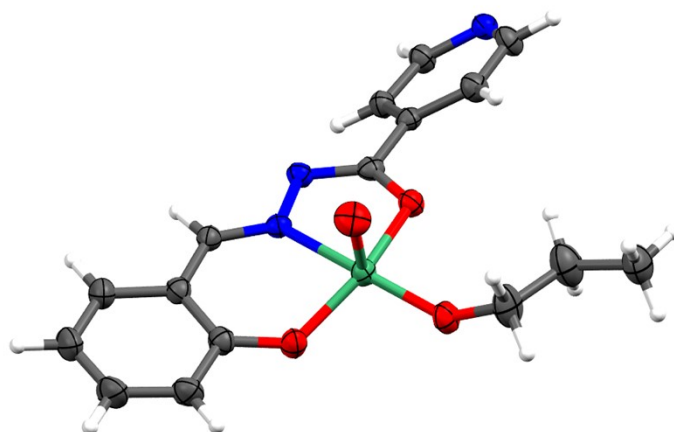


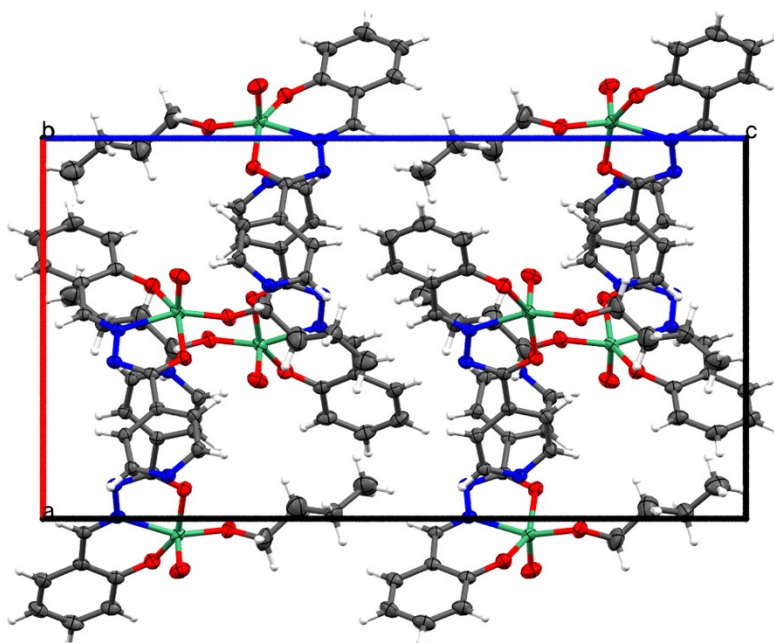
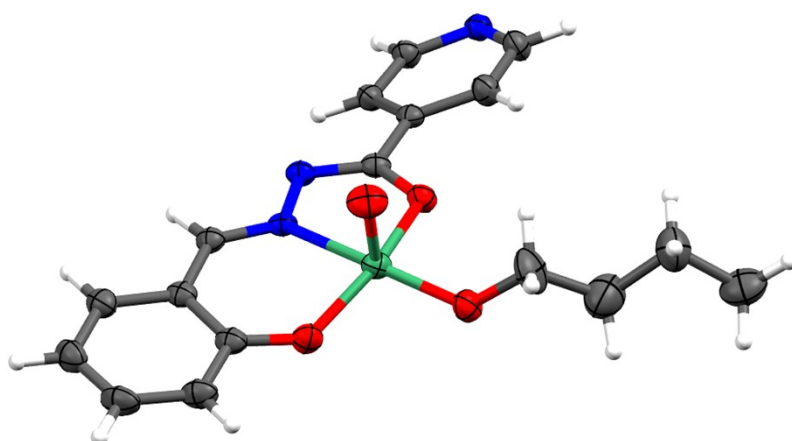
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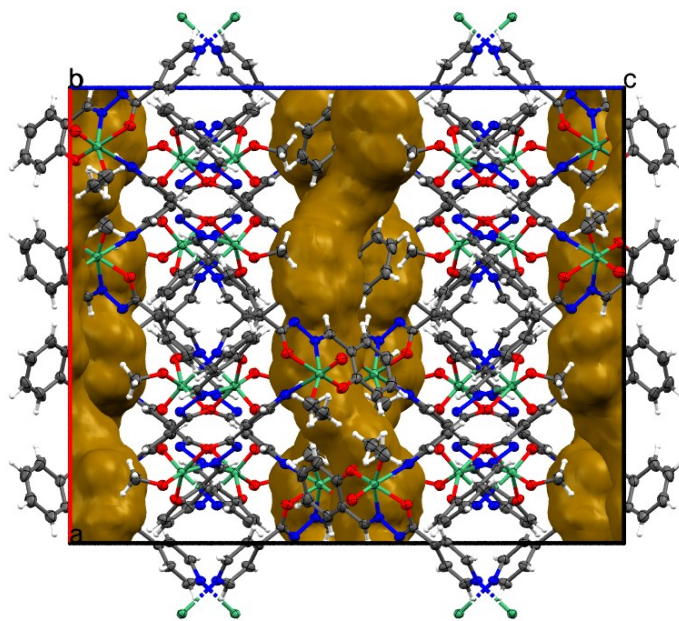
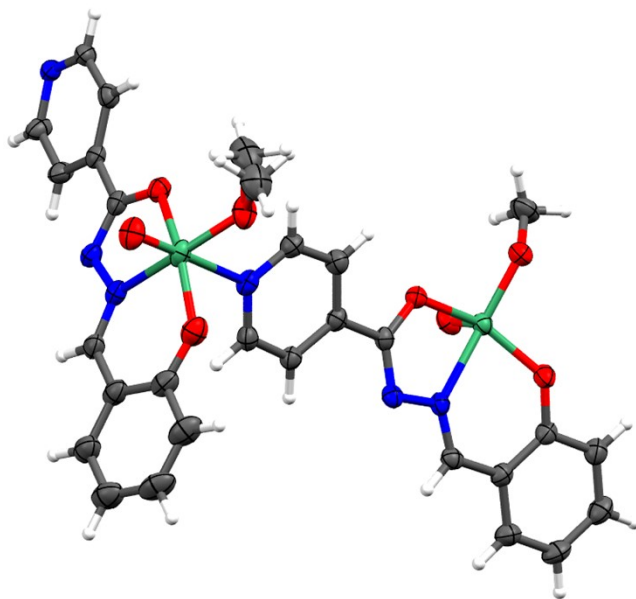
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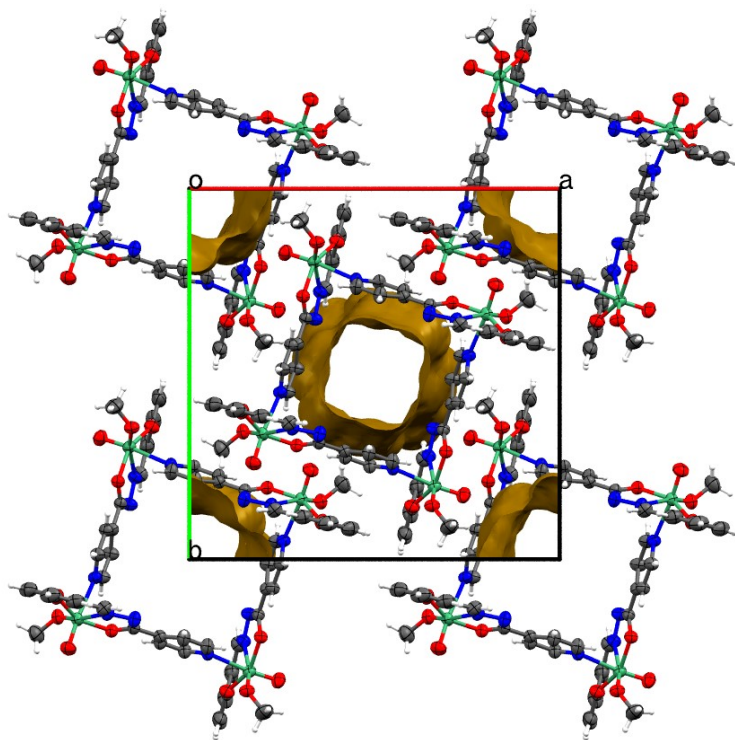
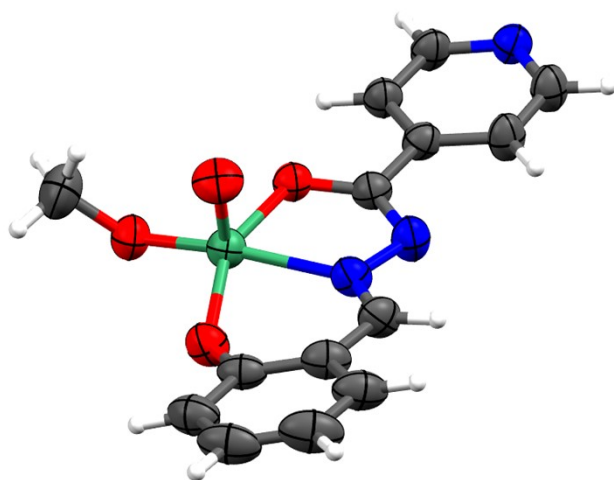
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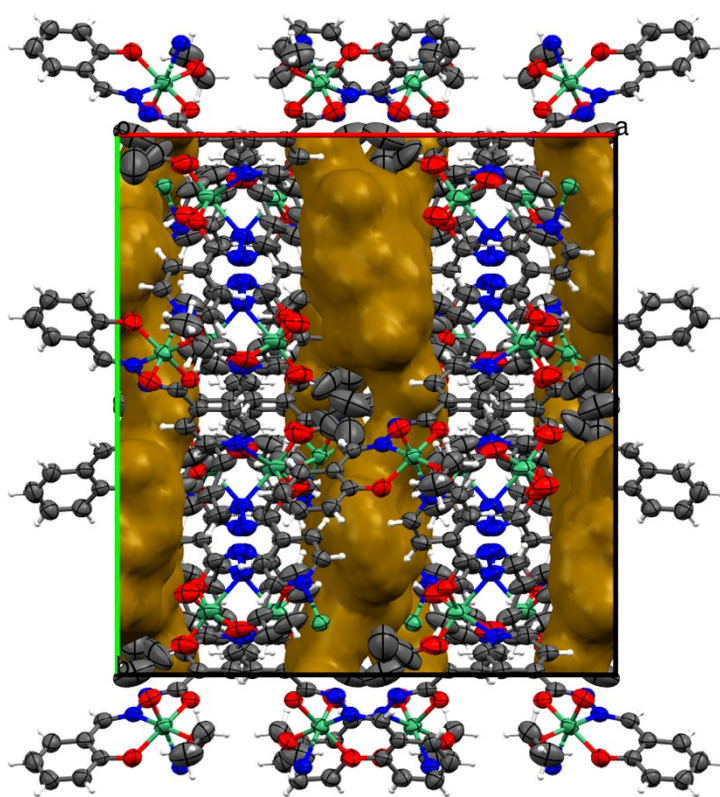
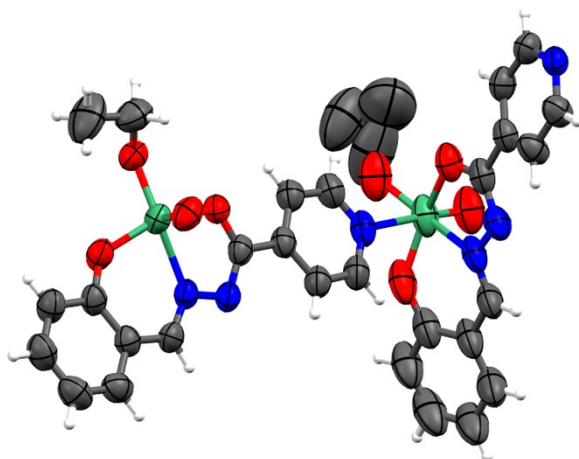
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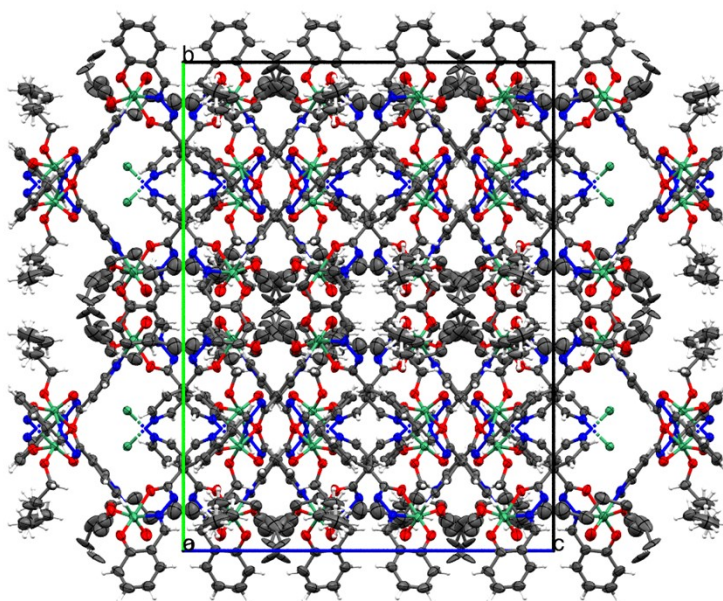
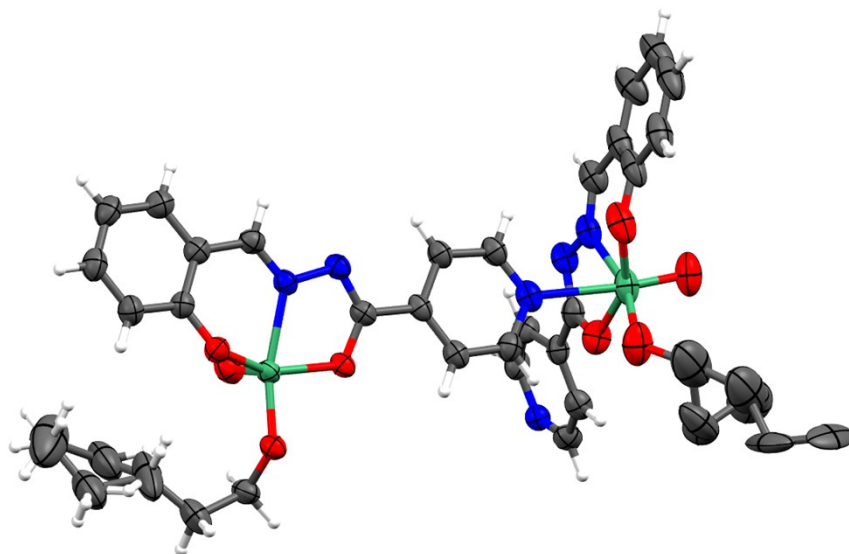
(d) 1 β



(e) 1t



(f) 2β



(g) 5β

Fig. S6 Asymmetric unit (top) and packing of molecules/polymers (bottom) for compounds characterized in this work. Atoms are shown as thermal ellipsoids at 50% probability level. Where applicable, void space is enclosed in yellow surface.

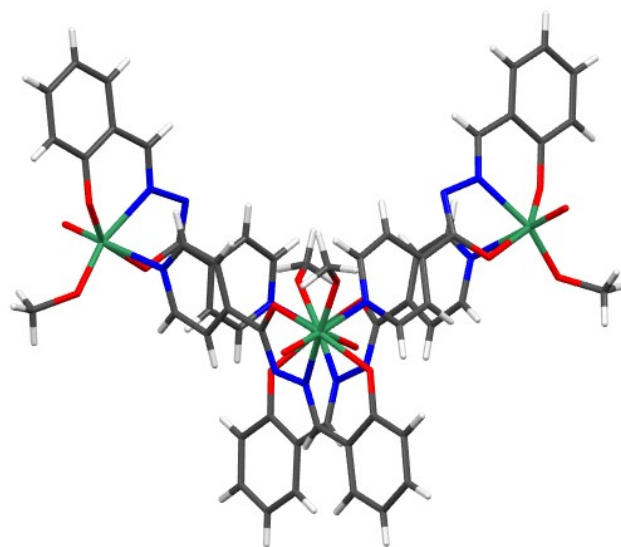


Fig. S7 Folded-square shape of tetranuclear complex **1t** (side view).

1.3. UV-Vis

Table S3 UV-Vis spectral data of H₂SIH and its complexes in methanol and acetonitrile.

| Compound | Solvent | λ_{\max}/nm ($\epsilon/\text{dm}^3 \text{ mol}^{-1} \text{ cm}^{-1}$) |
|-----------------------------------------------------------|--------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| H ₂ SIH | CH ₃ OH | 214 (1.88·10 ⁴), ~238 ^a , ~279 ^a , 288 (1.36·10 ⁴), ~299 ^a , 333 (1.17·10 ⁴) |
| | CH ₃ CN | 232 (1.06·10 ⁴), ~277 ^a , 286 (1.69·10 ⁴), 297 (1.52·10 ⁴), 329 (1.24·10 ⁴) |
| [VO(SIH)(OCH ₃) ₄] | CH ₃ OH | 230 (1.04·10 ⁵), ~275 ^a , 322 (6.95·10 ⁴), 404 (1.76·10 ⁴) |
| | CH ₃ CN | 231 (7.37·10 ⁴), 271 (5.47·10 ⁴), 323 (4.27·10 ⁴), ~340 ^a , 403 (2.25·10 ⁴) |
| [VO(SIH)(OCH ₃) _n] | CH ₃ OH | 231 (3.18·10 ⁴), ~275 ^a , 322 (2.09·10 ⁴), 404 (5.78·10 ³) |
| | CH ₃ CN | 231 (2.02·10 ⁴), 267 (1.66·10 ⁴), 320 (1.29·10 ⁴), 390 (5.25·10 ³) |
| [VO(SIH)(OC ₂ H ₅) _n] | CH ₃ OH | 232 (2.68·10 ⁴), ~275 ^a , 322 (1.82·10 ⁴), 404 (4.46·10 ³) |
| | CH ₃ CN | 231 (1.27·10 ⁴), 267 (1.00·10 ⁴), 320 (7.89·10 ³), 390 (3.34·10 ³) |
| [VO(SIH)(OC ₃ H ₇) _n] | CH ₃ OH | 231 (2.78·10 ⁴), ~275 ^a , 321 (1.88·10 ⁴), 404 (4.67·10 ³) |
| | CH ₃ CN | 231 (1.88·10 ⁴), 267 (1.54·10 ⁴), 320 (1.20·10 ⁴), 390 (4.89·10 ³) |
| [VO(SIH)(OC ₄ H ₉) _n] | CH ₃ OH | 231 (2.88·10 ⁴), ~275 ^a , 322 (1.95·10 ⁴), 404 (4.80·10 ³) |
| | CH ₃ CN | 231 (2.13·10 ⁴), 267 (1.74·10 ⁴), 320 (1.36·10 ⁴), 390 (5.59·10 ³) |
| [VO(SIH)(OC ₅ H ₁₁) _n] | CH ₃ OH | 231 (2.54·10 ⁴), ~275 ^a , 322 (1.71·10 ⁴), 404 (4.27·10 ³) |
| | CH ₃ CN | 231 (2.50·10 ⁴), 267 (2.05·10 ⁴), 320 (1.60·10 ⁴), 390 (6.59·10 ³) |
| [VO ₂ (HSIH)] ^b | CH ₃ OH | 229, ~275 ^a , 322, 401 |
| | CH ₃ CN | 232, ~275 ^a , 323, ~338 ^a , 405 |

^a Shoulder.

^b Due to incomplete dissolution of the compound, ϵ values remained undetermined.

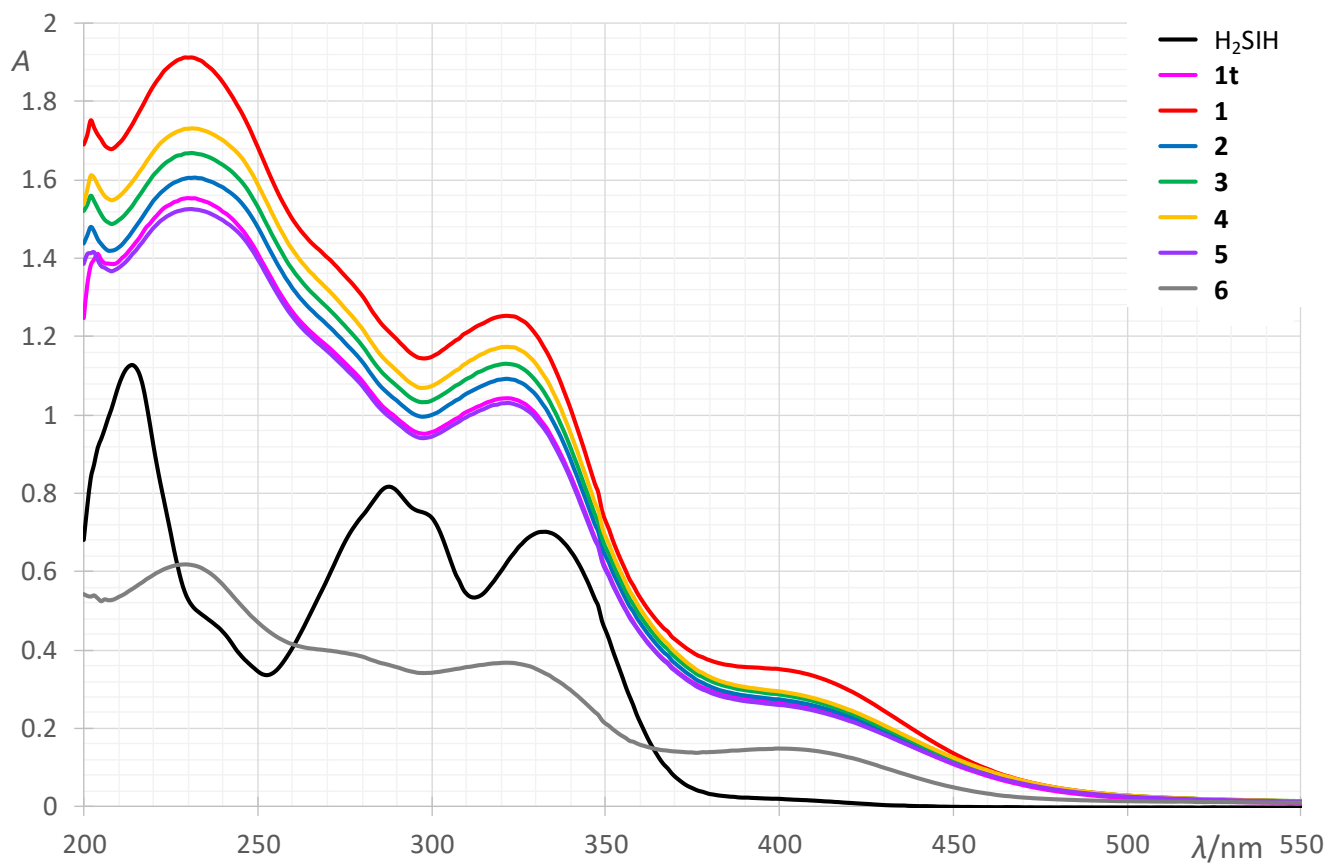


Fig. S8 The UV-Vis spectra of H_2SIH and its complexes in methanol. The concentrations were $6.0 \times 10^{-5} \text{ mol dm}^{-3}$ for H_2SIH and $[\text{VO}(\text{SIH})(\text{OR})_n]$ complexes (**1–5**), $1.5 \times 10^{-5} \text{ mol dm}^{-3}$ for $[\text{VO}(\text{SIH})(\text{OCH}_3)_4]$ (**1t**), and below $3 \times 10^{-5} \text{ mol dm}^{-3}$ for $[\text{VO}_2(\text{HSIH})]$ (**6**).

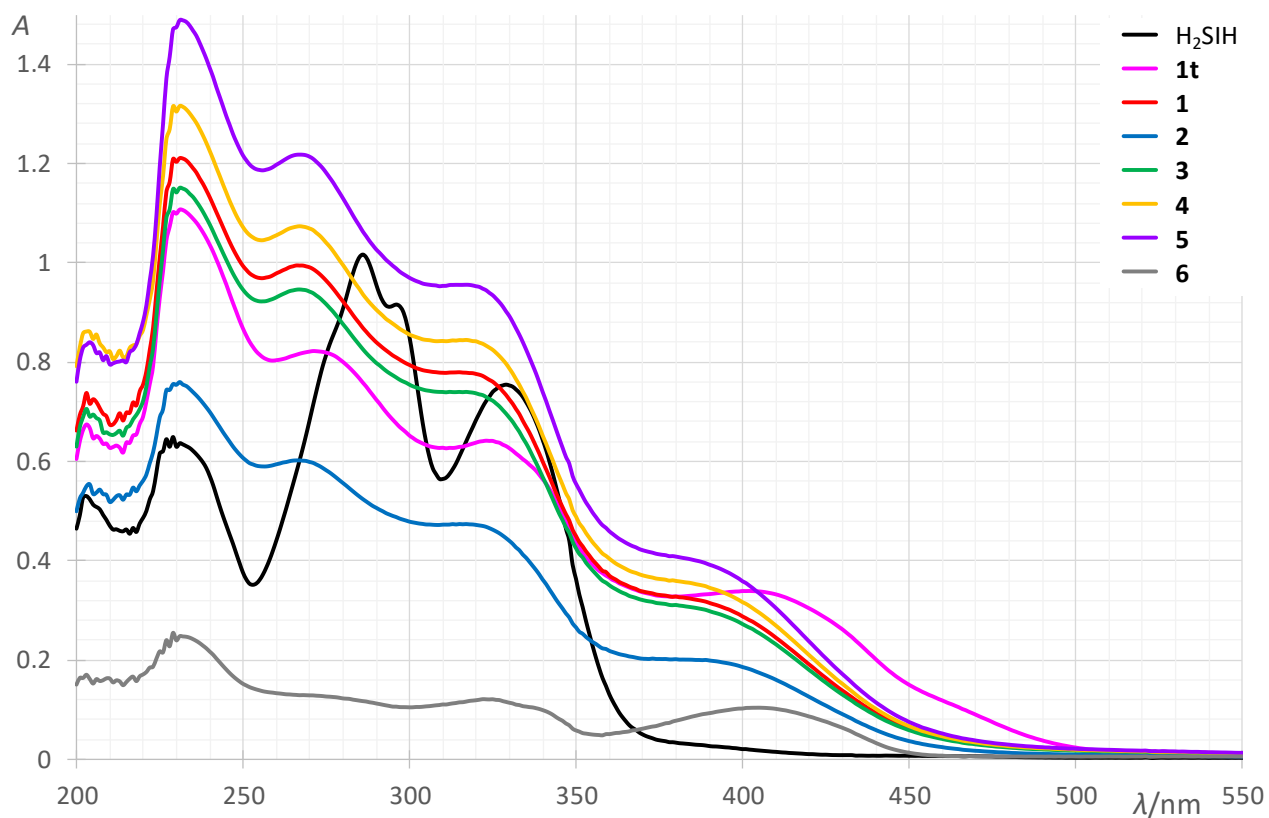
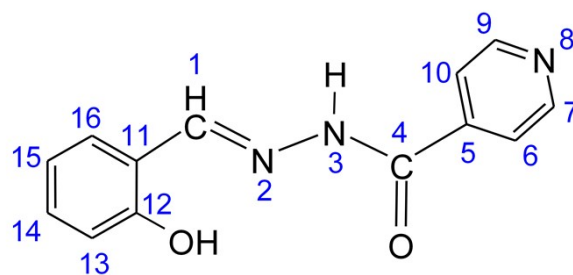


Fig. S9 The UV-Vis spectra of H_2SIH and its complexes in acetonitrile. The concentrations were $6.0 \times 10^{-5} \text{ mol dm}^{-3}$ for H_2SIH and $[\text{VO}(\text{SIH})(\text{OR})_n]$ complexes (**1–5**), $1.5 \times 10^{-5} \text{ mol dm}^{-3}$ for $[\text{VO}(\text{SIH})(\text{OCH}_3)_4]$ (**1t**), and below $3 \times 10^{-5} \text{ mol dm}^{-3}$ for $[\text{VO}_2(\text{HSIH})]$ (**6**).

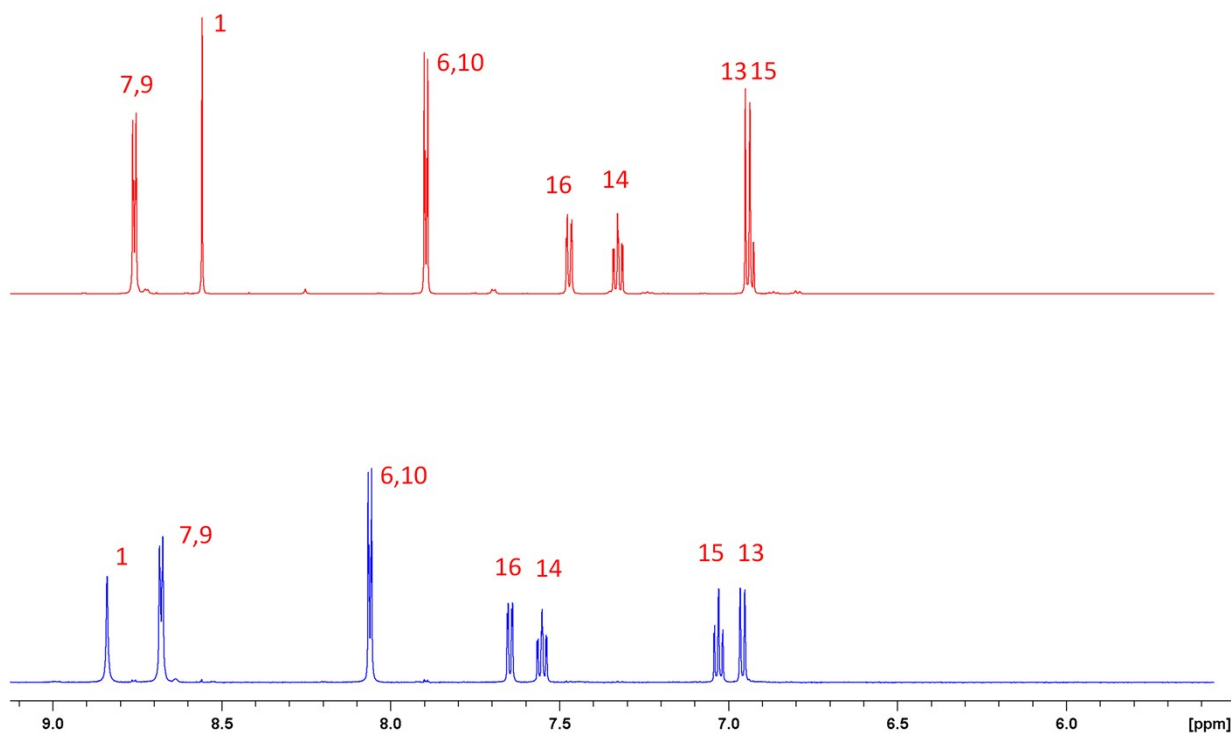
1.4. NMR spectroscopy

Table S4 ^1H and ^{13}C chemical shifts (ppm) of H_2SIH and $[\text{VO}(\text{SIH})(\text{OC}_3\text{H}_7)]$

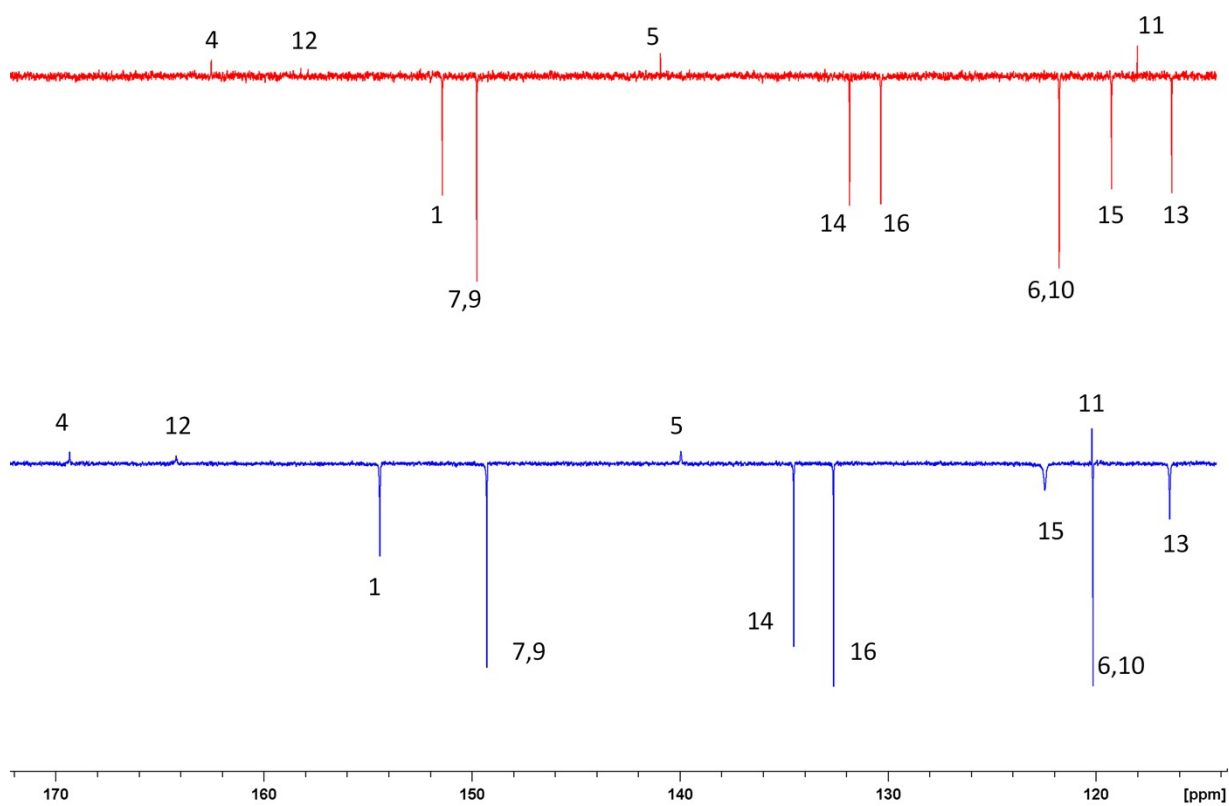
| Atom | H_2SIH | | $[\text{VO}(\text{SIH})(\text{OC}_3\text{H}_7)]$ | |
|-----------|------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| | δ / ppm (^1H) | δ / ppm (^{13}C) | δ / ppm (^1H) | δ / ppm (^{13}C) |
| 1 | 8.56 | 151.41 | 8.84 | 154.41 |
| 4 | – | 162.51 | – | 169.32 |
| 5 | – | 140.92 | – | 139.94 |
| 6 | 7.90 | 121.76 | 8.07 | 122.41 |
| 7 | 8.76 | 149.75 | 8.68 | 149.27 |
| 8 | – | – | – | – |
| 9 | 8.76 | 149.75 | 8.68 | 149.27 |
| 10 | 7.90 | 121.76 | 8.07 | 122.41 |
| 11 | – | 117.99 | – | 120.18 |
| 12 | – | 158.21 | – | 164.20 |
| 13 | 6.95 | 116.34 | 7.04 | 116.45 |
| 14 | 7.33 | 131.83 | 7.55 | 134.52 |
| 15 | 6.94 | 119.24 | 6.96 | 102.14 |
| 16 | 7.48 | 130.33 | 7.65 | 132.60 |



Scheme S1 The structural formula of H_2SIH with the NMR numbering scheme.



(a)



(b)

Fig. S10 A portion of the (a) ^1H NMR and (b) ^{13}C NMR spectra in CD_3OD of H_2SIH (red line), $[\text{VO}(\text{SIH})(\text{OC}_3\text{H}_7)]$ (blue line).

1.5. ATR-IR spectroscopy

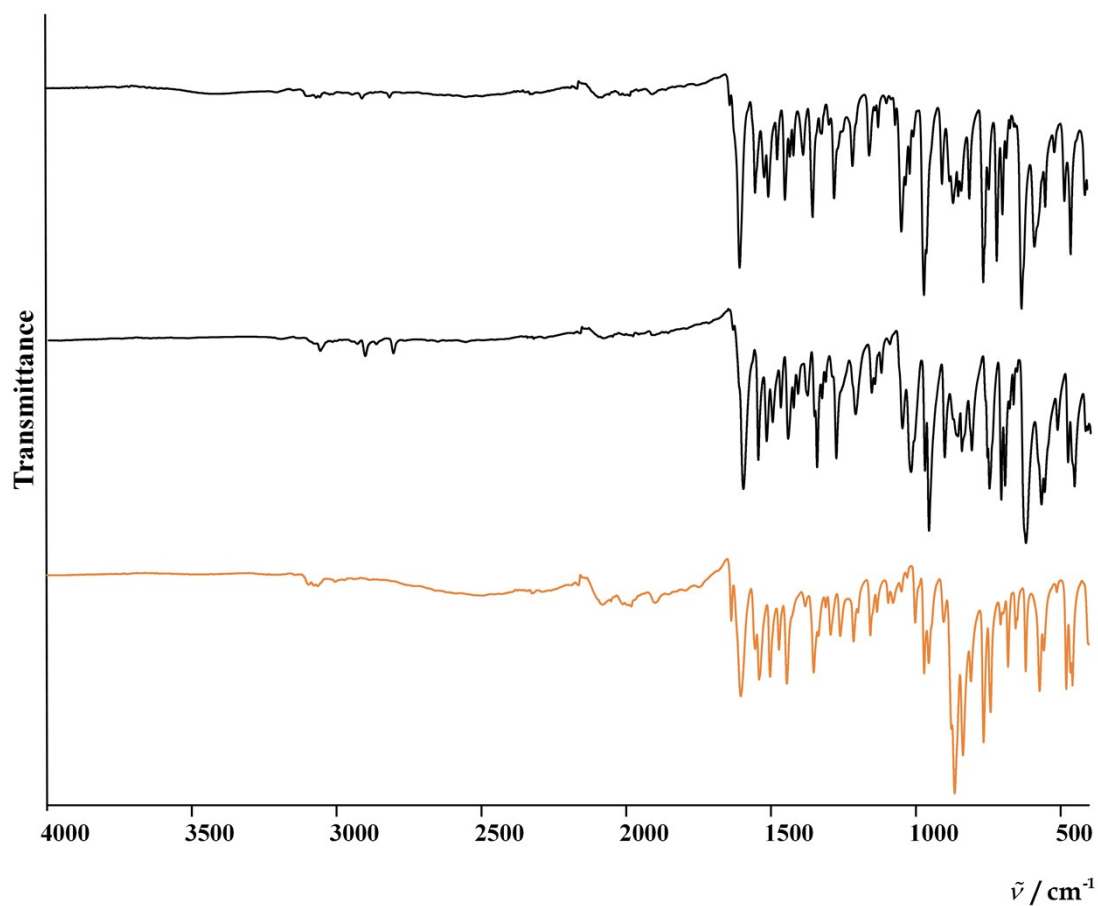


Fig. S11 IR-ATR spectra of $[\text{VO}(\text{SiH})(\text{OCH}_3)]_4 \cdot 4\text{CH}_3\text{OH}$ (for **1t**·4 CH_3OH), $[\text{VO}(\text{SiH})(\text{OCH}_3)]_n \cdot 0.25\text{MeOH}$ (**1**·0.25 CH_3OH) and $[\text{VO}_2(\text{HSiH})]$ (**6**) (from top to bottom).

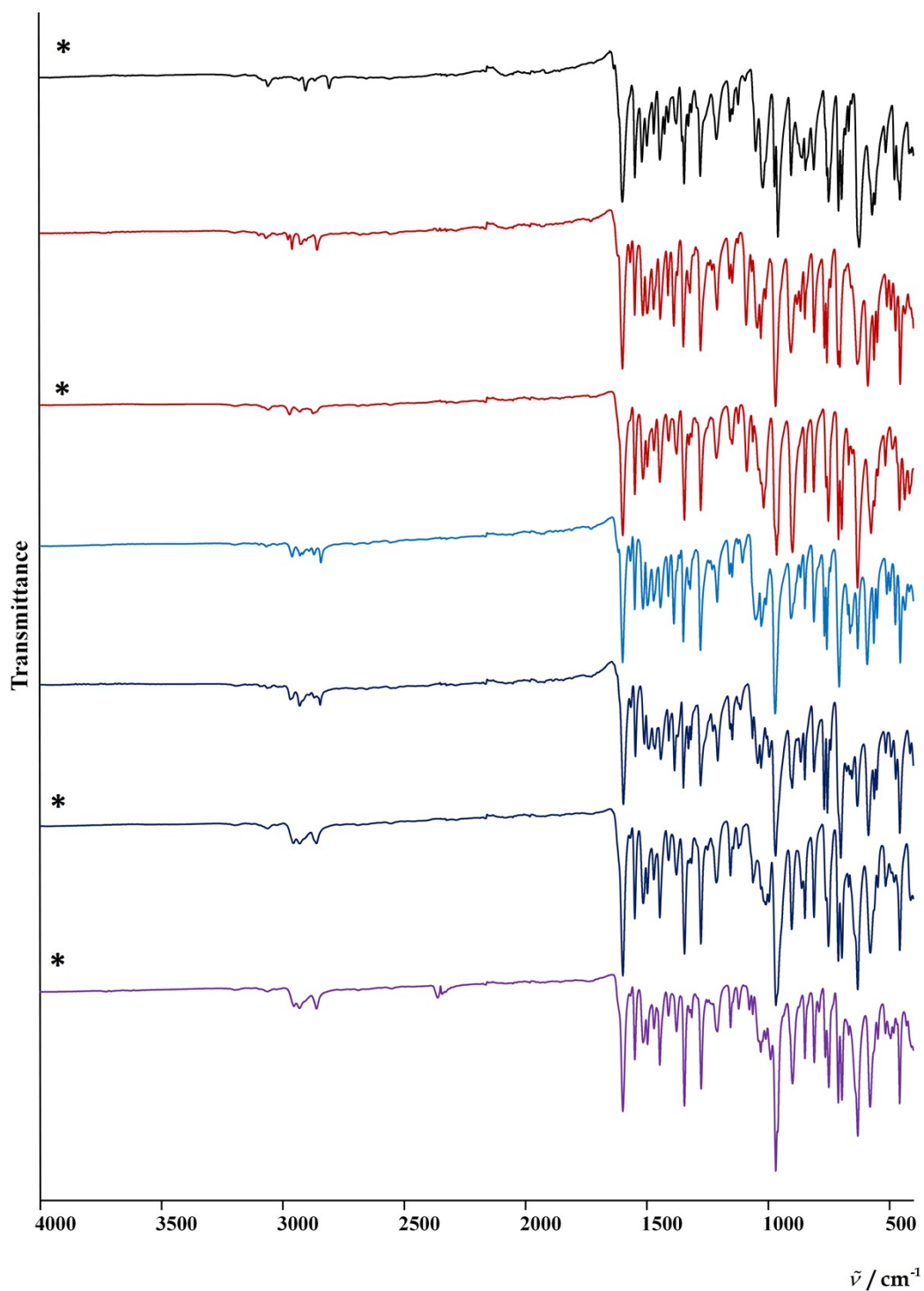


Fig. S12 IR-ATR spectra of coordination polymers (compounds belonging to the β series are marked with an asterisk): $[\text{VO}(\text{SiH})(\text{OCH}_3)]_n \cdot 0.25\text{MeOH}$ ($1\beta \cdot 0.25\text{CH}_3\text{OH}$), $[\text{VO}(\text{SiH})(\text{OC}_2\text{H}_5)]_n$ (2α), $[\text{VO}(\text{SiH})(\text{OC}_2\text{H}_5)]_n \cdot 0.25\text{C}_2\text{H}_5\text{OH}$ ($2\beta \cdot 0.25\text{C}_2\text{H}_5\text{OH}$), $[\text{VO}(\text{SiH})(\text{OC}_3\text{H}_7)]_n$ (3α), $[\text{VO}(\text{SiH})(\text{OC}_4\text{H}_9)]_n$ (4α), $[\text{VO}(\text{SiH})(\text{OC}_4\text{H}_9)]_n$ (4β), $[\text{VO}(\text{SiH})(\text{OC}_4\text{H}_9)]_n$ (5β) (from top to bottom).

1.6. TGA

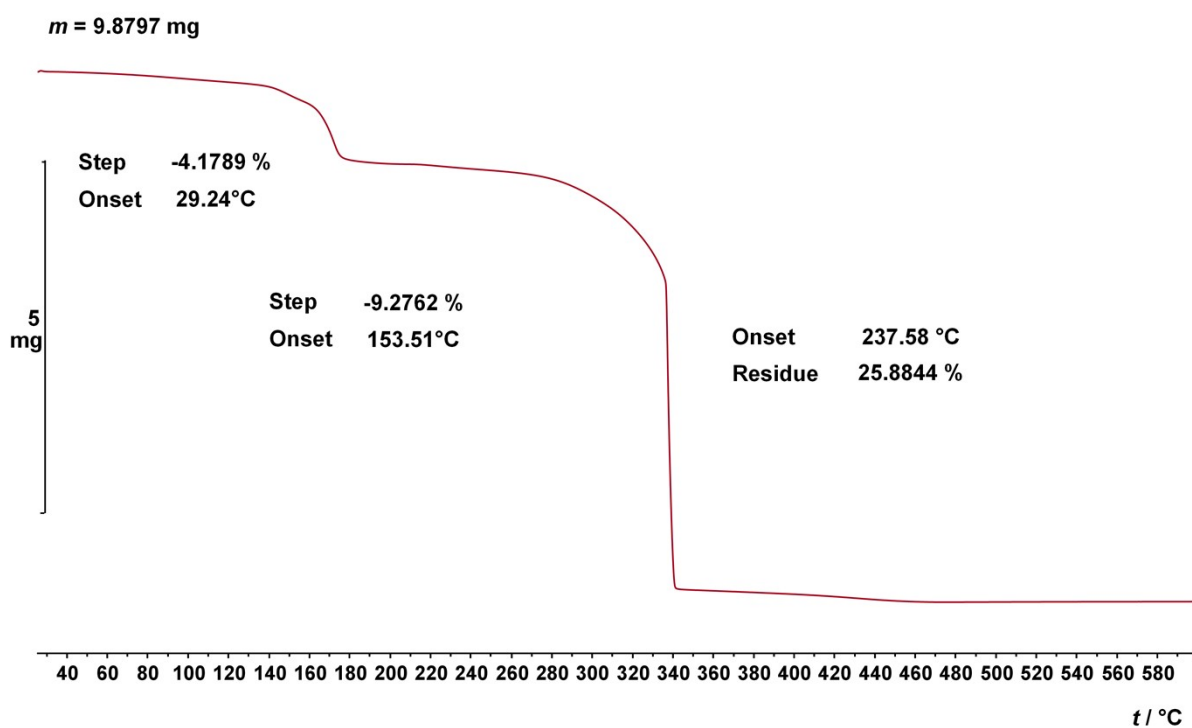


Fig. S13 TG curve of $[\text{VO}(\text{SiH})(\text{OCH}_3)_4] \cdot 2\text{MeOH}$ ($1\mathbf{t} \cdot 2\text{CH}_3\text{OH}$) under the O_2 atmosphere in the range of 25 - 600 °C. Experiment was recorded with a heating rate of $5 \text{ }^\circ\text{C min}^{-1}$ in a dynamic atmosphere with a flow rate of $200 \text{ cm}^3 \text{ min}^{-1}$.

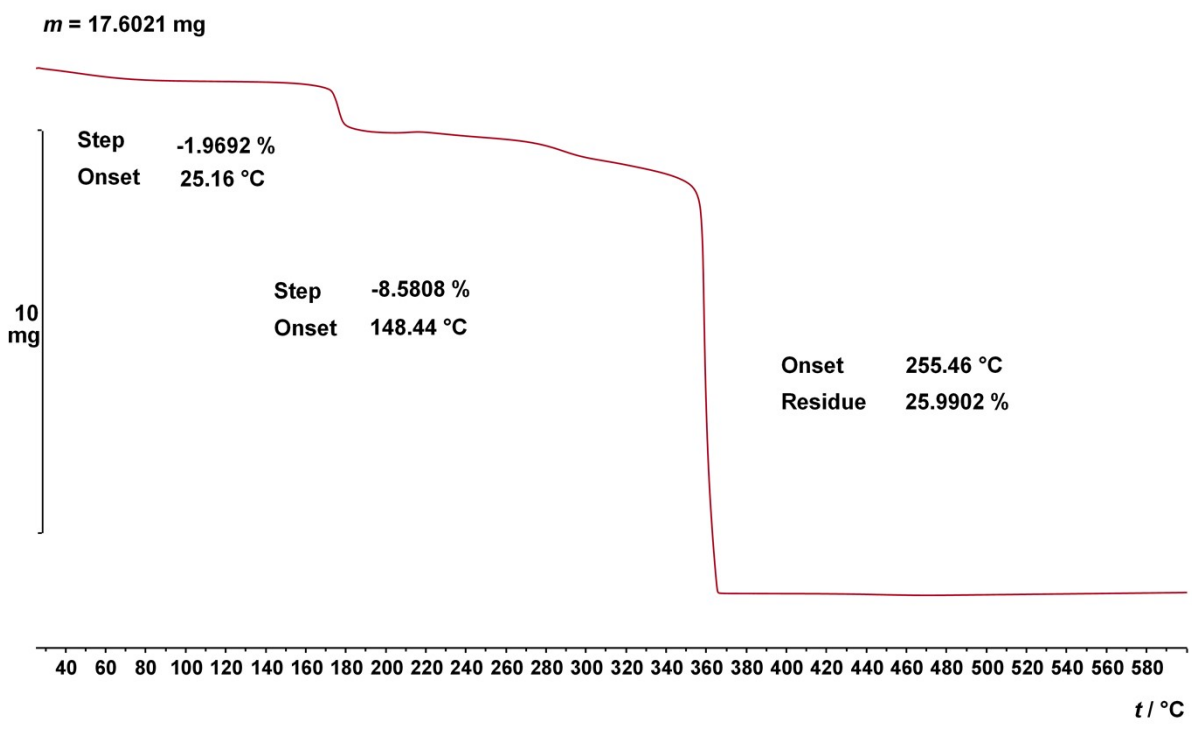


Fig. S14 TG curve of $1\beta \cdot 0.25 \text{ CH}_3\text{OH}$ under the O_2 atmosphere in the range of 25 - 600 °C. Experiment was recorded with a heating rate of 5 °C min^{-1} in a dynamic atmosphere with a flow rate of $200 \text{ cm}^3 \text{ min}^{-1}$.

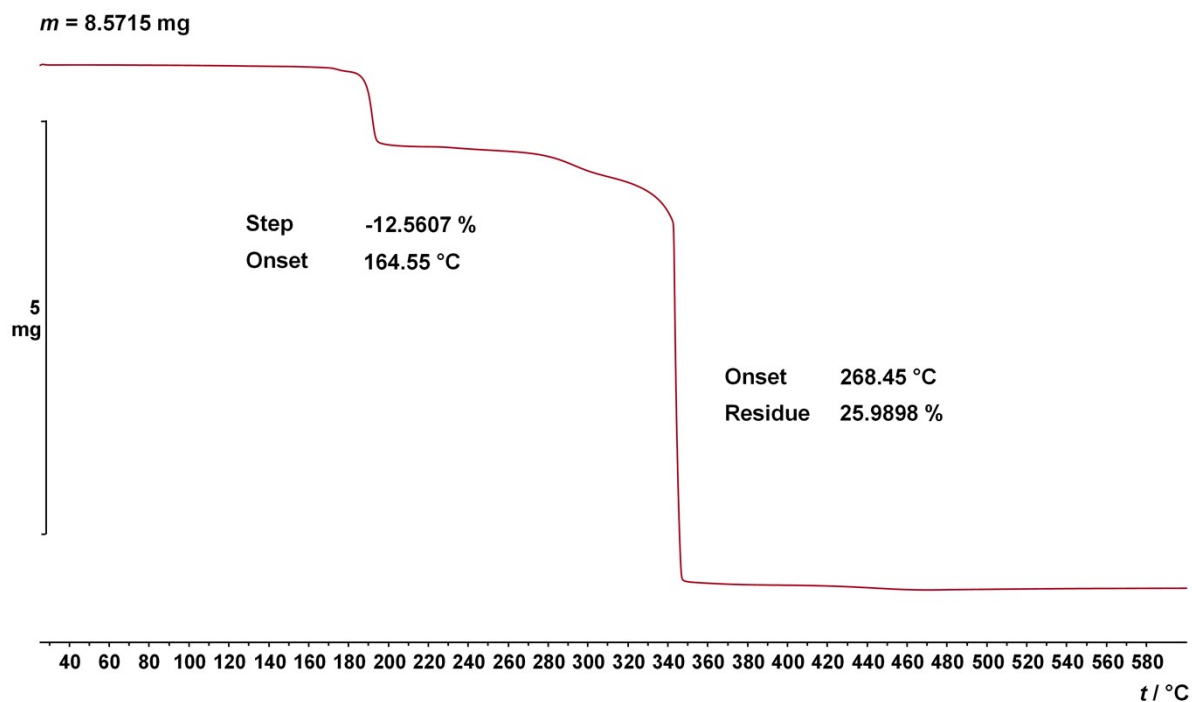


Fig. S15 TG curve of 2α under the O_2 atmosphere in the range of 25 - 600 °C. Experiment was recorded with a heating rate of 5 °C min^{-1} in a dynamic atmosphere with a flow rate of $200 \text{ cm}^3 \text{ min}^{-1}$.

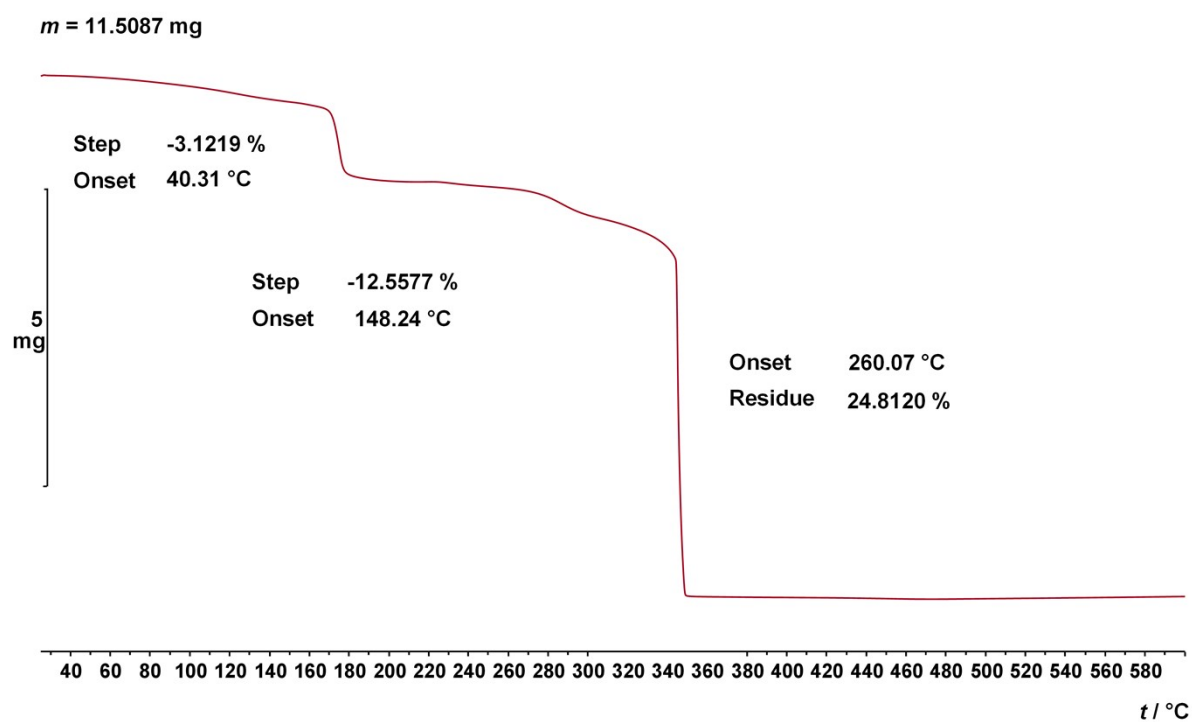


Fig. S16 TG curve of $2\beta \cdot 0.25\text{CH}_3\text{OH}$ under the O_2 atmosphere in the range of 25 - 600 °C. Experiment was recorded with a heating rate of 5 °C min^{-1} in a dynamic atmosphere with a flow rate of $200 \text{ cm}^3 \text{ min}^{-1}$.

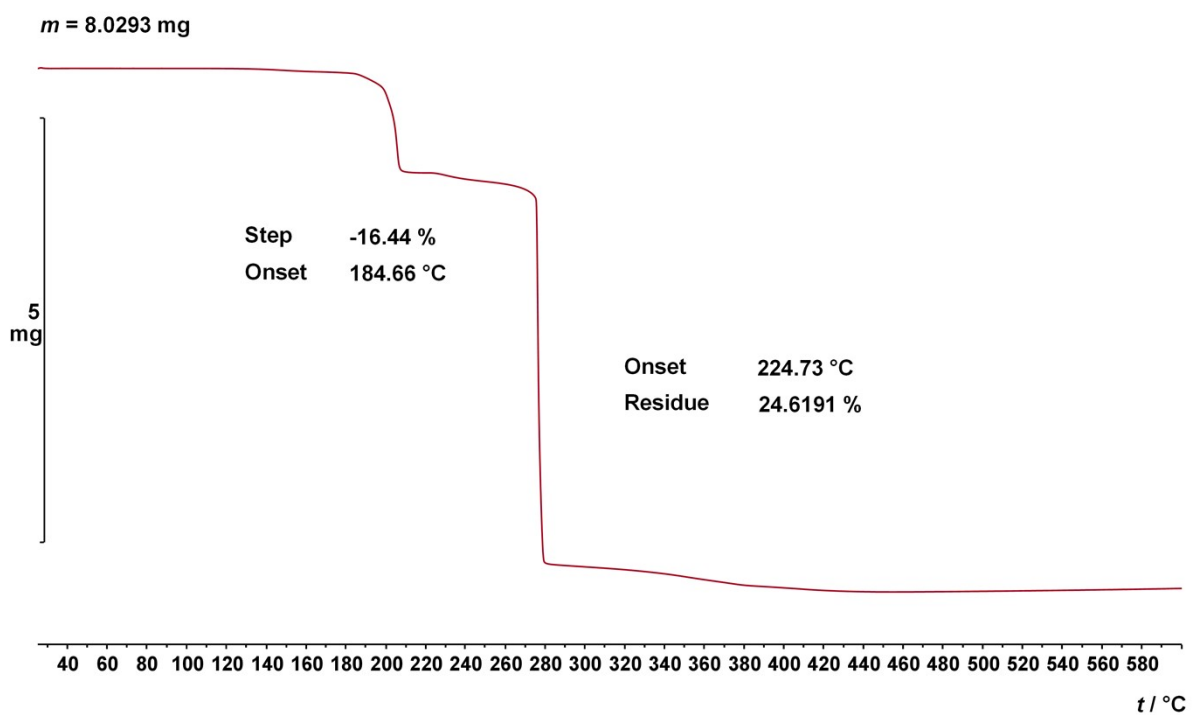


Fig. S17 TG curve of **3α** under the O₂ atmosphere in the range of 25 - 600 °C. Experiment was recorded with a heating rate of 5 °C min⁻¹ in a dynamic atmosphere with a flow rate of 200 cm³ min⁻¹.

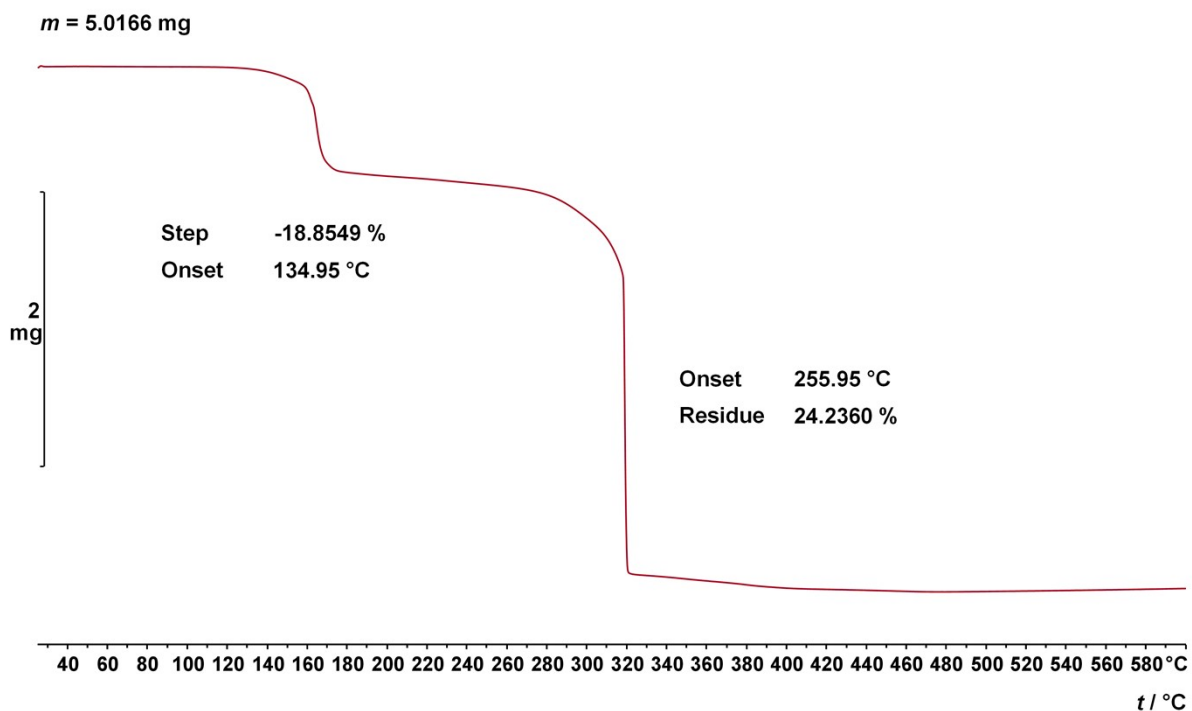


Fig. S18 TG curve of **4α** under the O₂ atmosphere in the range of 25 - 600 °C. Experiment was recorded with a heating rate of 5 °C min⁻¹ in a dynamic atmosphere with a flow rate of 200 cm³ min⁻¹.

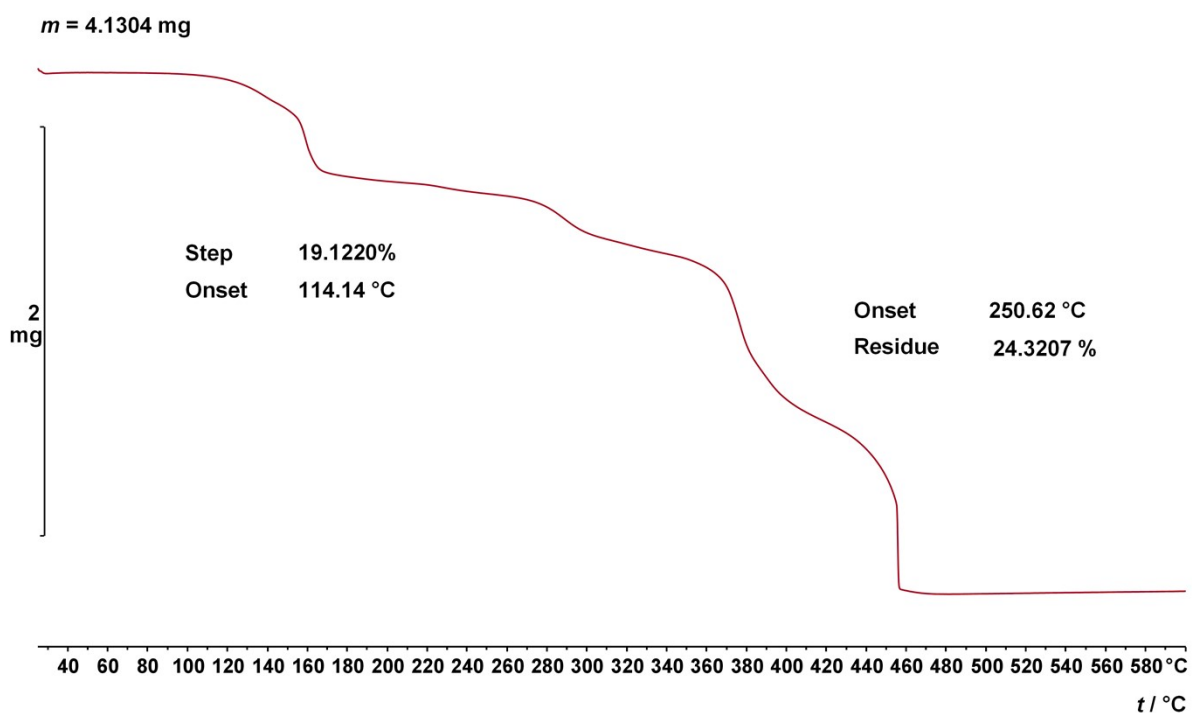


Fig. S19 TG curve of **4β** under the O₂ atmosphere in the range of 25 - 600 °C. Experiment was recorded with a heating rate of 5 °C min⁻¹ in a dynamic atmosphere with a flow rate of 200 cm³ min⁻¹.

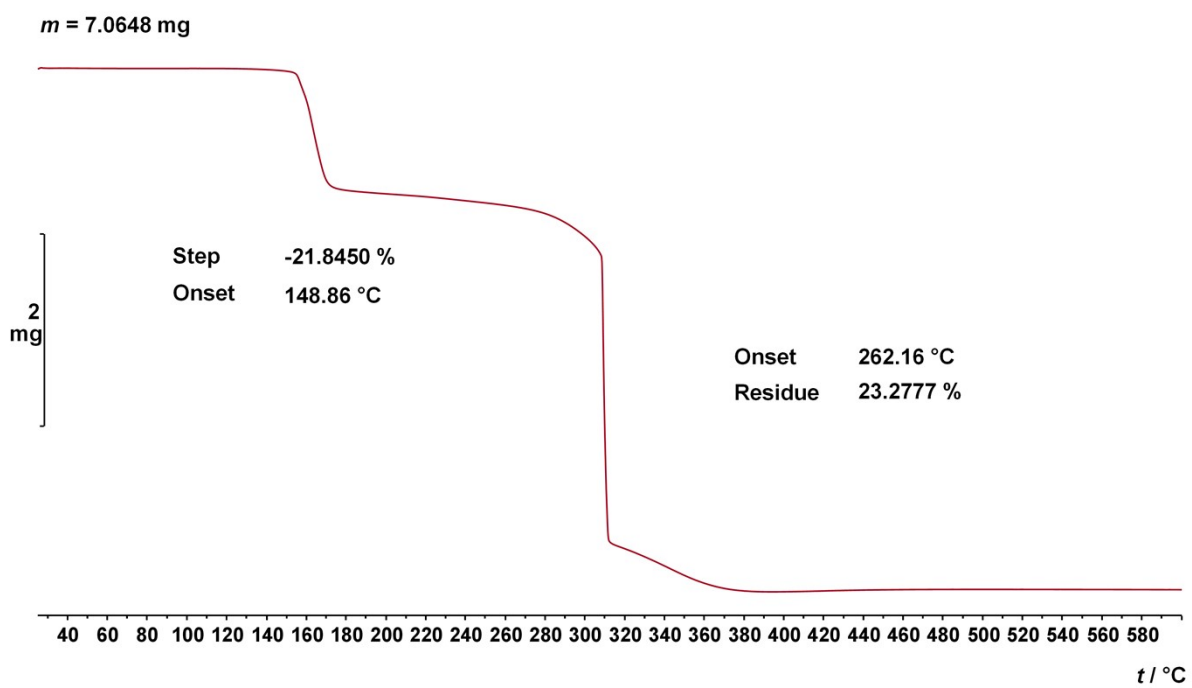


Fig. S20 TG curve of **5 β** under the O₂ atmosphere in the range of 25 - 600 °C. Experiment was recorded with a heating rate of 5 °C min⁻¹ in a dynamic atmosphere with a flow rate of 200 cm³ min⁻¹.

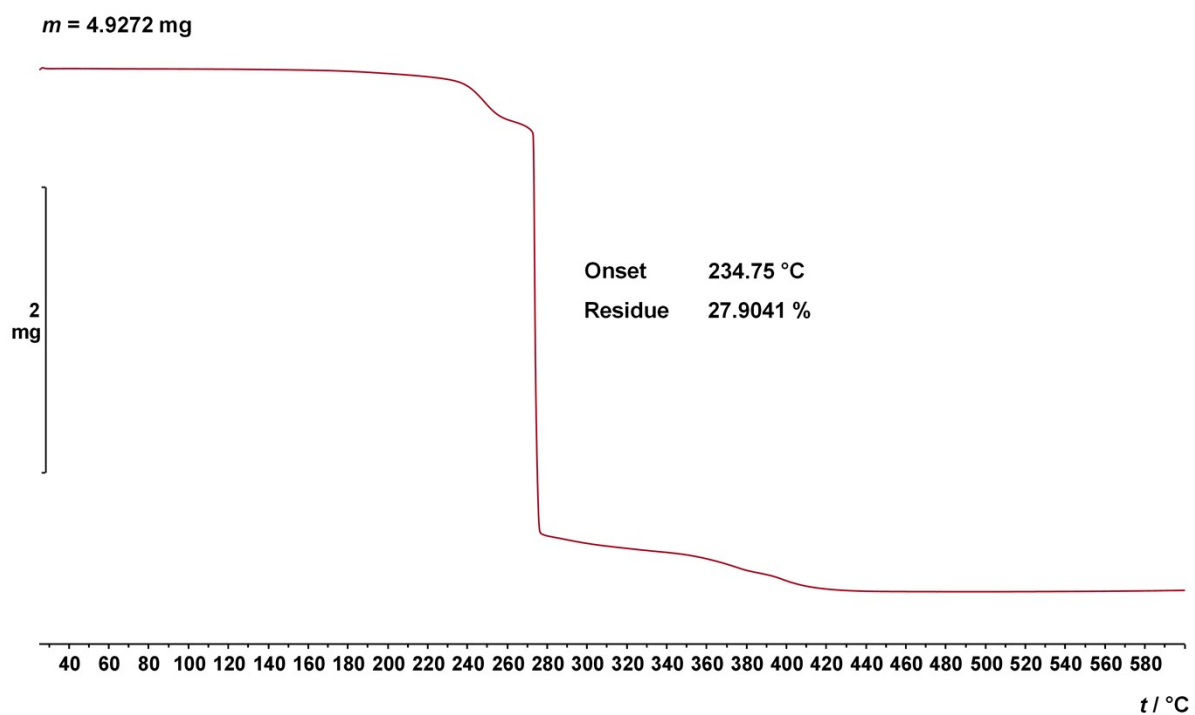


Fig. S21 TG curve of **6** under the O₂ atmosphere in the range of 25 - 600 °C. Experiment was recorded with a heating rate of 5 °C min⁻¹ in a dynamic atmosphere with a flow rate of 200 cm³ min⁻¹.

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