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A new octa-Mn-substituted poly(polyoxotungstate)

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Materials and physical measurements

The precursor of Na_{10}[A−α-SiW_{9}O_{34}]·18H_2O was synthesized as previously described¹ and further identified by IR spectroscopy. All other chemicals are commercially purchased without further purification and disposal. Carbon and hydrogen elemental analysis were performed on a Perkin–Elmer 2400–II CHNS / O analyzer. IR spectra were recorded with a Smart Omni-Transmission spectrometer using KBr pellets in the range of 400–4000 cm⁻¹. Powder X-ray diffraction (PXRD) pattern was obtained by using a Bruker D8 Advance XRD diffractometer with Cu Kα radiation (λ = 1.54056 Å). Thermogravimetric (TG) analysis was performed under a N₂ atmosphere on a Mettler–Toledo TGA/SDTA 851e instrument with a heating rate of 10 °C min⁻¹ from 25 to 500 °C. Cyclic voltammograms (CV) were recorded on a CS electrochemical workstation at room temperature. In throughout the experiments, we used twice-distilled water, a three-electrode system and a carbon paste electrode acted as a working electrode, the counter electrode was a platinum gauze, an Ag/AgCl electrode was used as a referenced. The supporting electrolyte of 1 was Na₂SO₄ + H₂SO₄ aqueous solution (0.5 mol L⁻¹). Magnetic property was investigated on a Quantum Design SQUID MPMS3 magnetometer.


X-ray crystallography
A suitable crystal of 1 was selected from the mother liquor and mounted on fiber glass and then transferred directly to a Bruker APEX-II CCD detector at 296(2) K with Mo Kα monochromated radiation (λ = 0.71073 Å). The structure was solved by the direct method and refined on $F^2$ by full-matrix least-squares methods using the SHELX-2016/6 program package.¹ No hydrogen atoms associated with water molecules were located from the difference Fourier map. In the structural refinements, the “omit” constraint was used owing to the low-quality diffraction data in high θ, the contribution of these disordered solvent molecules to the overall intensity data of all structures was treated using the SQUEEZE method in PLATON. In order to balance the charge of compound 1, 19 protons should be added. These protons cannot be located crystallographically and are assumed to be delocalized over the entire structure, which is very common in POMs.² In the refinements, 3 dimethylamine molecules for 1 are found from the Fourier maps. In addition, on the basis of elemental analysis and TGA, 5 dimethylamine molecules for 1 are directly added to molecular formula. The crystallographic data and structure refinement parameters for 1 are listed in Table 1.


**Thermogravimetric analysis (TGA)**

To study the thermal stability and determine the number of lattice water molecules and free organic molecules of 1, the TG curve was measured in the temperature range of 25–500°C under flowing N₂ atmosphere. It is easy to see from Figure S5 that the weight loss of compound 1 is a two-step process. Primarily, the first step weight loss of 4.87 % (calcd. 4.78%) takes place between 25 and 200°C attributed to the loss of thirty-one lattice water molecules. The second step weight loss of 5.22% (calcd. 5.17 %) occurs at 200 - 500 °C due to the removal of eight dimethylamine groups and the dehydration of twenty-seven protons. The overall weight loss is 10.09% (calcd. 9.95%) for 1. Obviously, the TG result is basically consistent with the structural determination.

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