

## Electronic Supplementary Information

### Interaction of 2,4,6-tris(2-pyrimidyl)-1,3,5-triazine (TPymT) with $\text{CoX}_2$ ( $\text{X} = \text{Cl}, \text{Br}$ ) in water: Trapping of new self-assembled water-chloride/bromide clusters in a $[\text{Co}(\text{bpca})_2]^+$ host (bpca = bis(2-pyrimidylcarbonyl)amidate anion)

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**Table S1.** Selected bond lengths (Å) and angles (°) for  $[\text{Co}(\text{bpca})_2]\text{Cl}\cdot 7.5\text{H}_2\text{O}$

<i>Bond lengths</i>					
Co(1)–N(1)	1.895(4)	Co(1)–N(9)	1.930(5)	N(1)–C(1)	1.369(7)
Co(1)–N(2)	1.929(5)	O(1)–C(1)	1.219(6)	N(1)–C(6)	1.376(7)
Co(1)–N(4)	1.947(5)	O(2)–C(6)	1.216(6)	N(6)–C(11)	1.364(8)
Co(1)–N(6)	1.890(4)	O(3)–C(11)	1.215(7)	N(6)–C(16)	1.379(7)
Co(1)–N(7)	1.940(5)	O(4)–C(16)	1.206(6)		
<i>Bond angles</i>					
N(1)–Co(1)–N(2)	83.26(19)	N(2)–Co(1)–N(4)	166.18(18)	N(4)–Co(1)–N(7)	92.25(19)
N(1)–Co(1)–N(4)	82.98(19)	N(2)–Co(1)–N(6)	98.18(19)	N(4)–Co(1)–N(9)	91.29(19)
N(1)–Co(1)–N(6)	178.33(19)	N(2)–Co(1)–N(7)	90.42(19)	N(6)–Co(1)–N(7)	83.2(2)
N(1)–Co(1)–N(7)	96.0(2)	N(2)–Co(1)–N(9)	89.36(18)	N(6)–Co(1)–N(9)	83.0(2)
N(1)–Co(1)–N(9)	97.91(19)	N(4)–Co(1)–N(6)	95.60(19)	N(7)–Co(1)–N(9)	165.99(19)

**Table S2.** Selected bond lengths (Å) and angles (°) for  $[\text{Co}(\text{bpca})_2]\text{Br}\cdot 7.5\text{H}_2\text{O}$

<i>Bond lengths</i>					
Co(1)–N(1)	1.895(2)	Co(1)–N(9)	1.945(3)	N(1)–C(1)	1.368(4)
Co(1)–N(2)	1.934(3)	O(1)–C(1)	1.212(4)	N(1)–C(6)	1.377(4)
Co(1)–N(4)	1.948(3)	O(2)–C(6)	1.211(4)	N(6)–C(11)	1.367(4)
Co(1)–N(6)	1.899(2)	O(3)–C(11)	1.210(4)	N(6)–C(16)	1.369(4)
Co(1)–N(7)	1.940(3)	O(4)–C(16)	1.206(4)		
<i>Bond angles</i>					
N(1)–Co(1)–N(2)	83.11(10)	N(2)–Co(1)–N(4)	166.08(10)	N(4)–Co(1)–N(7)	91.09(11)
N(1)–Co(1)–N(4)	82.99(10)	N(2)–Co(1)–N(6)	98.07(11)	N(4)–Co(1)–N(9)	92.45(11)
N(1)–Co(1)–N(6)	178.62(11)	N(2)–Co(1)–N(7)	90.05(11)	N(6)–Co(1)–N(7)	83.09(11)
N(1)–Co(1)–N(7)	97.65(11)	N(2)–Co(1)–N(9)	89.72(11)	N(6)–Co(1)–N(9)	83.25(11)
N(1)–Co(1)–N(9)	96.06(11)	N(4)–Co(1)–N(6)	95.84(11)	N(7)–Co(1)–N(9)	166.17(11)

**Table S3.** Hydrogen bond lengths (Å) and angles (°) for [Co(bpca)<sub>2</sub>]Cl·7.5H<sub>2</sub>O and [Co(bpca)<sub>2</sub>]Br·7.5H<sub>2</sub>O

	D–H···A	<i>d</i> (D–H)	<i>d</i> (H···A)	<i>d</i> (D···A)	∠(DHA)	
<b>[Co(bpca)<sub>2</sub>]Cl·7.5H<sub>2</sub>O<sup>a</sup></b>	O(5)–H(5B)···Cl(1)	0.96	2.25	3.208(5)	176	
	O(5)–H(5C)···Cl(1) <sup>#1</sup>	1.00	2.22	3.197(5)	165	
	O(6)–H(6A)···O(7)	0.96	1.91	2.849(7)	166	
	O(6)–H(6B)···O(5)	1.01	1.87	2.821(7)	157	
	O(7)–H(7A)···O(6)	0.96	2.41	2.849(7)	107	
	O(7)–H(7A)···N(8) <sup>#2</sup>	0.96	2.57	3.032(7)	110	
	O(7)–H(7B)···O(10) <sup>#3</sup>	1.00	2.28	2.815(7)	112	
	O(8)–H(8B)···Cl(1)	0.96	2.38	3.130(6)	135	
	O(8)–H(8C)···O(9)	1.00	1.87	2.713(8)	140	
	O(9)–H(9B)···O(11) <sup>#4</sup>	0.96	1.85	2.658(7)	141	
	O(9)–H(9C)···Cl(1) <sup>#5</sup>	1.00	2.29	3.114(6)	139	
	O(10)–H(10B)···O(6)	0.96	1.90	2.812(7)	157	
	O(10)–H(10C)···O(7) <sup>#3</sup>	1.00	1.94	2.815(7)	144	
	O(11)–H(11B)···O(10) <sup>#6</sup>	1.00	2.34	2.878(7)	113	
	O(12)–H(12A)···N(8)	0.96	2.41	3.182(10)	138	
	O(12)–H(12B)···O(4) <sup>#2</sup>	1.00	2.04	2.948(9)	149	
	<b>[Co(bpca)<sub>2</sub>]Br·7.5H<sub>2</sub>O<sup>b</sup></b>	O(5)–H(5B)···Br(1)	0.96	2.39	3.338(3)	172
		O(5)–H(5C)···Br(1) <sup>#1</sup>	1.00	2.35	3.307(3)	159
O(6)–H(6B)···O(5)		0.96	1.94	2.816(5)	151	
O(6)–H(6C)···O(10) <sup>#2</sup>		1.00	1.84	2.824(5)	165	
O(7)–H(7B)···Br(1)		0.96	2.44	3.351(4)	159	
O(7)–H(7C)···O(8)		1.00	1.77	2.692(12)	151	
O(8)–H(8B)···O(7)		0.96	2.17	2.692(12)	113	
O(8)–H(8C)···Br(1) <sup>#3</sup>		1.00	2.24	3.142(8)	148	
O(9)–H(9B)···O(3) <sup>#2</sup>		0.96	2.12	2.964(4)	146	
O(9)–H(9C)···O(1) <sup>#3</sup>		1.00	2.31	2.927(4)	118	
O(9)–H(9C)···O(2) <sup>#3</sup>		1.00	2.45	3.386(4)	154	
O(10)–H(10B)···N(10)		0.95	2.03	2.959(4)	164	
O(10)–H(10C)···O(7) <sup>#2</sup>		1.00	1.83	2.760(5)	153	
O(11)–H(11A)···O(6) <sup>#4</sup>		0.96	1.99	2.763(12)	136	
O(11)–H(11B)···O(10)		1.00	2.04	2.726(13)	123	
O(11)–H(11C)···O(6) <sup>#4</sup>		0.80	1.97	2.763(12)	172	
O(11)–H(11D)···O(12)		1.00	1.82	2.297(15)	105	

<sup>a</sup> Symmetry transformations used to generate equivalent atoms: #1:  $x, 3/2 - y, 1/2 + z$ ; #2:  $1 - x, 2 - y, -z$ ; #3:  $-x, 2 - y, -z$ ; #4:  $x, y, -1 + z$ ; #5:  $x, 3/2 - y, -1/2 + z$ ; #6:  $-x, 2 - y, 1 - z$ .

<sup>b</sup> Symmetry transformations used to generate equivalent atoms: #1:  $x, 1/2 - y, -1/2 + z$ ; #2:  $1 - x, -y, 1 - z$ ; #3:  $x, 1/2 - y, 1/2 + z$ ; #4:  $-1 + x, y, z$ .