### The Photocatalysis from a series of polyoxoazocobaltate high-nuclearity

#### nanoclusters

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Compound 2			
Co(1)–O(7)	1.985(13)	Co(2)–O(22)	2.009(10)
Co(1)–O(22)	1.997(12)	Co(2)–O(19)	2.024(10)
Co(1)-O(24)	2.011(11)	Co(2)–O(21)	2.037(11)
Co(1)-O(25)	2.053(11)	Co(2)–N(13)	2.073(17)
Co(1)–N(15)	2.109(16)	Co(2)–O(20)	2.078(10)
Co(1)–O(1)	2.400(11)	Co(2)–O(1)	2.452(12)
Co(3)–O(18)	1.989(11)	Co(4)–O(12)	2.004(11)
Co(3)–O(16)	1.997(11)	Co(4)–O(14)	2.016(12)
Co(3)–O(17)	2.024(12)	Co(4)–O(15)	2.037(11)
Co(3)–O(19)	2.027(11)	Co(4)–O(16)	2.081(12)
Co(3)–N(11)	2.149(16)	Co(4)–N(8)	2.293(17)
Co(3)–O(2)	2.405(11)	Co(4)–O(2)	2.450(10)
Co(5)–O(5)	2.014(11)	Co(6)–O(5)	2.005(12)
Co(5)–O(13)	2.031(11)	Co(6)–O(8)	2.058(11)
Co(5)–O(9)	2.042(11)	Co(6)–O(7)	2.058(12)
Co(5)–O(12)	2.045(11)	Co(6)–O(6)	2.065(10)
Co(5)–N(3)	2.110(18)	Co(6)–N(1)	2.165(16)
Co(5)–O(3)	2.426(12)	Co(6)–O(3)	2.369(11)
Co(7)–O(13)	1.993(12)	Co(8)–O(11)	1.990(12)

Table S1. Selected bond distances (Å) and angles (°) for compounds 2–3.

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Co(7)–O(28)	2.029(12)	Co(8)–O(23)	2.010(11)
Co(7)–O(15)	2.074(11)	Co(8)–O(17)	2.011(12)
Co(7)–O(26)	2.110(11)	Co(8)–O(14)	2.044(12)
Co(7)–N(23)	2.1(6)	Co(8)–N(9)	2.169(18)
Co(7)–O(4)	2.424(10)	Co(8)–O(2)	2.511(11)
Co(9)–O(21)	2.033(12)	Co(10)–O(9)	1.996(11)
Co(9)–O(24)	2.043(11)	Co(10)–O(10)	2.000(11)
Co(9)–O(23)	2.058(11)	Co(10)–O(6)	2.016(10)
Co(9)–O(10)	2.075(12)	Co(10)–O(11)	2.065(11)
Co(9)–N(17)	2.200(16)	Co(10)–N(5)	2.128(15)
Co(9)–O(1)	2.469(11)	Co(10)–O(3)	2.459(11)
Co(11)–N(19)	2.055(16)	Co(12)–O(19)	2.081(11)
Co(11)–O(7)	2.089(11)	Co(12)–O(20)	2.097(11)
Co(11)–N(2)	2.125(18)	Co(12)–O(18)	2.100(11)
Co(11)–O(25)	2.135(12)	Co(12)–N(22)	2.11(4)
Co(11)–O(8)	2.162(11)	Co(12)–N(12)	2.127(16)
Co(11)–N(16)	2.218(19)	Co(12)–N(14)	2.150(17)
Co(13)–O(25)	1.984(11)	Co(15)–O(12)	2.125(11)
Co(13)–O(27)	2.020(12)	Co(15)–O(15)	2.128(12)
Co(13)–O(26)	2.034(12)	Co(15)–O(13)	2.140(11)
Co(13)–O(8)	2.051(12)	Co(15)–N(4)	2.224(19)
Co(13)–N(20)	2.181(15)	Co(15)–N(7)	2.23(2)
Co(13)–O(4)	2.495(10)	Co(15)–S(24)	2.398(13)
Co(16)–O(6)	2.055(11)	Co(17)–O(10)	2.104(10)
Co(16)–O(5)	2.077(11)	Co(17)–O(23)	2.141(12)
Co(16)–O(9)	2.081(11)	Co(17)–N(6)	2.148(18)
Co(16)–S(2)	2.488(6)	Co(17)–O(11)	2.162(11)
Co(16)–S(6)	2.503(6)	Co(17)–N(18)	2.20(2)
Co(16)–S(4)	2.529(7)	Co(17)–S(10)	2.381(7)
Co(18)–O(20)	1.989(11)	Co(19)–O(28)	2.056(11)

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Co(18)–O(28)	2.006(12)	Co(19)–O(26)	2.137(12)
Co(18)–N(21)	2.0(6)	Co(19)–O(27)	2.152(11)
Co(18)–O(18)	2.057(11)	Co(19)–O(29)	2.171(16)
Co(18)–O(27)	2.065(11)	Co(19)–N(24)	2.33(6)
Co(18)–O(4)	2.440(11)	Co(19)–S(22)	2.36(3)
Co(20)–O(22)	2.079(11)	Co(14)–O(17)	2.036(12)
Co(20)–O(21)	2.082(11)	Co(14)–O(16)	2.095(11)
Co(20)–O(24)	2.096(13)	Co(14)–O(14)	2.111(12)
Co(20)–S(14)	2.502(7)	Co(14)–N(10)	2.31(2)
Co(20)–S(16)	2.511(6)	Co(14)–S(12)	2.511(7)
Co(20)–S(18)	2.564(7)		
O(7)–Co(1)–O(22)	177.1(5)	O(22)–Co(2)–O(19)	175.5(5)
O(7)–Co(1)–O(24)	95.8(5)	O(22)–Co(2)–O(21)	82.4(4)
O(22)–Co(1)–O(24)	82.7(5)	O(19)–Co(2)–O(21)	96.6(4)
O(7)–Co(1)–O(25)	84.1(5)	O(22)–Co(2)–N(13)	97.5(6)
O(22)–Co(1)–O(25)	97.1(5)	O(19)–Co(2)–N(13)	86.9(5)
O(24)–Co(1)–O(25)	177.0(5)	O(21)–Co(2)–N(13)	94.2(6)
O(7)–Co(1)–N(15)	87.7(7)	O(22)–Co(2)–O(20)	97.9(4)
O(22)–Co(1)–N(15)	94.9(7)	O(19)–Co(2)–O(20)	82.9(4)
O(24)–Co(1)–N(15)	91.9(6)	O(21)–Co(2)–O(20)	177.8(5)
O(25)–Co(1)–N(15)	91.1(6)	N(13)-Co(2)-O(20)	87.9(5)
O(7)–Co(1)–O(1)	95.4(4)	O(22)–Co(2)–O(1)	80.4(4)
O(22)–Co(1)–O(1)	82.0(4)	O(19)–Co(2)–O(1)	95.2(4)
O(24)–Co(1)–O(1)	81.5(4)	O(21)–Co(2)–O(1)	80.0(4)
O(25)–Co(1)–O(1)	95.5(4)	N(13)-Co(2)-O(1)	174.1(5)
N(15)-Co(1)-O(1)	173.0(6)	O(20)–Co(2)–O(1)	97.9(4)
O(18)–Co(3)–O(16)	101.0(5)	O(12)–Co(4)–O(14)	97.7(5)
O(18)–Co(3)–O(17)	174.5(5)	O(12)–Co(4)–O(15)	81.9(5)
O(16)-Co(3)-O(17)	82.7(5)	O(14)–Co(4)–O(15)	175.6(5)
O(18)-Co(3)-O(19)	81.5(4)	O(12)–Co(4)–O(16)	173.9(4)

O(16)–Co(3)–O(19)	177.5(5)	O(14)–Co(4)–O(16)	80.6(5)
O(17)–Co(3)–O(19)	94.8(5)	O(15)-Co(4)-O(16)	99.3(5)
O(18)-Co(3)-N(11)	89.8(6)	O(12)-Co(4)-N(8)	88.2(7)
O(16)-Co(3)-N(11)	95.4(6)	O(14)-Co(4)-N(8)	94.3(7)
O(17)-Co(3)-N(11)	93.9(6)	O(15)-Co(4)-N(8)	90.1(7)
O(19)–Co(3)–N(11)	84.1(5)	O(16)-Co(4)-N(8)	97.8(7)
O(18)–Co(3)–O(16)	101.0(5)	O(12)–Co(4)–O(14)	97.7(5)
O(18)-Co(3)-O(17)	174.5(5)	O(12)–Co(4)–O(15)	81.9(5)
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O(18)–Co(3)–O(19)	81.5(4)	O(12)–Co(4)–O(16)	173.9(4)
O(16)-Co(3)-O(19)	177.5(5)	O(14)-Co(4)-O(16)	80.6(5)
O(5)–Co(5)–O(13)	98.2(5)	O(5)–Co(6)–O(8)	96.1(5)
O(5)–Co(5)–O(9)	81.5(4)	O(5)–Co(6)–O(7)	177.1(4)
O(13)-Co(5)-O(9)	176.7(5)	O(8)–Co(6)–O(7)	85.2(5)
O(5)–Co(5)–O(12)	174.2(5)	O(5)–Co(6)–O(6)	81.6(4)
O(13)-Co(5)-O(12)	84.0(5)	O(8)–Co(6)–O(6)	177.4(5)
O(9)-Co(5)-O(12)	95.9(4)	O(7)–Co(6)–O(6)	97.1(5)
O(5)-Co(5)-N(3)	95.5(6)	O(5)-Co(6)-N(1)	95.2(6)
O(13)-Co(5)-N(3)	89.5(6)	O(8)–Co(6)–N(1)	89.4(6)
O(9)-Co(5)-N(3)	93.8(6)	O(7)–Co(6)–N(1)	87.4(6)
O(12)-Co(5)-N(3)	89.8(6)	O(6)–Co(6)–N(1)	92.1(6)
O(5)-Co(5)-O(13)	98.2(5)	O(5)–Co(6)–O(8)	96.1(5)
O(5)-Co(5)-O(9)	81.5(4)	O(5)–Co(6)–O(7)	177.1(4)
O(13)-Co(5)-O(9)	176.7(5)	O(8)–Co(6)–O(7)	85.2(5)
O(5)–Co(5)–O(12)	174.2(5)	O(5)–Co(6)–O(6)	81.6(4)
O(13)-Co(5)-O(12)	84.0(5)	O(8)–Co(6)–O(6)	177.4(5)
O(13)-Co(7)-O(28)	175.2(5)	O(11)-Co(8)-O(17)	174.7(5)
O(13)–Co(7)–O(15)	84.1(5)	O(23)–Co(8)–O(17)	94.8(5)
O(28)–Co(7)–O(15)	93.2(5)	O(11)–Co(8)–O(14)	96.9(5)
O(13)-Co(7)-O(26)	99.1(5)	O(23)–Co(8)–O(14)	177.0(5)

O(28)–Co(7)–O(26)	83.4(5)	O(17)–Co(8)–O(14)	83.1(5)
O(15)-Co(7)-O(26)	176.5(5)	O(11)-Co(8)-N(9)	100.3(7)
O(13)-Co(7)-N(23)	96(10)	O(23)-Co(8)-N(9)	94.1(6)
O(28)–Co(7)–N(23)	88(10)	O(17)-Co(8)-N(9)	84.9(7)
O(15)-Co(7)-N(23)	93(10)	O(14)-Co(8)-N(9)	87.8(7)
O(26)–Co(7)–N(23)	88(10)	O(11)-Co(8)-O(2)	96.8(4)
O(13)-Co(7)-O(28)	175.2(5)	O(11)-Co(8)-O(17)	174.7(5)
O(13)-Co(7)-O(15)	84.1(5)	O(23)–Co(8)–O(17)	94.8(5)
O(28)–Co(7)–O(15)	93.2(5)	O(11)-Co(8)-O(14)	96.9(5)
O(13)–Co(7)–O(26)	99.1(5)	O(23)-Co(8)-O(14)	177.0(5)
O(28)–Co(7)–O(26)	83.4(5)	O(17)-Co(8)-O(14)	83.1(5)
O(21)–Co(9)–O(24)	81.1(5)	O(9)-Co(10)-O(10)	175.6(4)
O(21)–Co(9)–O(23)	98.8(5)	O(9)–Co(10)–O(6)	81.3(4)
O(24)–Co(9)–O(23)	177.3(4)	O(10)–Co(10)–O(6)	97.0(5)
O(21)–Co(9)–O(10)	174.1(4)	O(9)-Co(10)-O(11)	98.2(5)
O(24)–Co(9)–O(10)	97.3(5)	O(10)–Co(10)–O(11)	83.3(4)
O(23)–Co(9)–O(10)	82.6(4)	O(6)-Co(10)-O(11)	178.1(4)
O(21)-Co(9)-N(17)	98.3(6)	O(9)–Co(10)–N(5)	94.9(6)
O(24)-Co(9)-N(17)	94.2(6)	O(10)–Co(10)–N(5)	89.3(6)
O(23)–Co(9)–N(17)	88.5(6)	O(6)-Co(10)-N(5)	93.9(5)
O(10)-Co(9)-N(17)	87.5(6)	O(11)-Co(10)-N(5)	88.0(5)
O(21)–Co(9)–O(24)	81.1(5)	O(9)-Co(10)-O(10)	175.6(4)
O(21)–Co(9)–O(23)	98.8(5)	O(9)-Co(10)-O(6)	81.3(4)
O(24)–Co(9)–O(23)	177.3(4)	O(10)–Co(10)–O(6)	97.0(5)
O(21)–Co(9)–O(10)	174.1(4)	O(9)-Co(10)-O(11)	98.2(5)
O(24)–Co(9)–O(10)	97.3(5)	O(10)–Co(10)–O(11)	83.3(4)
N(19)-Co(11)-O(7)	164.1(6)	O(19)-Co(12)-O(20)	81.0(4)
N(19)-Co(11)-N(2)	104.0(7)	O(19)–Co(12)–O(18)	77.6(4)
O(7)–Co(11)–N(2)	86.5(6)	O(20)–Co(12)–O(18)	78.9(4)
N(19)-Co(11)-O(25)	87.2(6)	O(19)–Co(12)–N(22)	156(2)

O(7)–Co(11)–O(25)	79.7(4)	O(20)–Co(12)–N(22)	84.4(18)
N(2)-Co(11)-O(25)	161.1(6)	O(18)–Co(12)–N(22)	82(2)
N(19)-Co(11)-O(8)	86.5(6)	O(19)–Co(12)–N(12)	85.0(6)
O(7)–Co(11)–O(8)	81.9(4)	O(20)–Co(12)–N(12)	162.5(6)
N(2)-Co(11)-O(8)	87.7(6)	O(18)–Co(12)–N(12)	87.8(6)
O(25)-Co(11)-O(8)	77.7(5)	N(22)-Co(12)-N(12)	105.0(15)
N(19)-Co(11)-O(7)	164.1(6)	O(19)–Co(12)–O(20)	81.0(4)
N(19)-Co(11)-N(2)	104.0(7)	O(19)-Co(12)-O(18)	77.6(4)
O(7)–Co(11)–N(2)	86.5(6)	O(20)–Co(12)–O(18)	78.9(4)
N(19)-Co(11)-O(25)	87.2(6)	O(19)–Co(12)–N(22)	156(2)
O(7)–Co(11)–O(25)	79.7(4)	O(20)–Co(12)–N(22)	84.4(18)
O(25)-Co(13)-O(27)	98.4(5)	O(12)-Co(15)-O(15)	77.1(4)
O(25)-Co(13)-O(26)	173.5(4)	O(12)-Co(15)-O(13)	79.5(4)
O(27)–Co(13)–O(26)	80.7(5)	O(15)-Co(15)-O(13)	79.4(5)
O(25)-Co(13)-O(8)	83.8(5)	O(12)-Co(15)-N(4)	86.3(6)
O(27)–Co(13)–O(8)	172.8(4)	O(15)-Co(15)-N(4)	160.3(6)
O(26)–Co(13)–O(8)	96.3(5)	O(13)-Co(15)-N(4)	87.3(6)
O(25)-Co(13)-N(20)	86.9(6)	O(12)-Co(15)-N(7)	86.9(7)
O(27)-Co(13)-N(20)	101.7(6)	O(15)-Co(15)-N(7)	88.7(8)
O(26)-Co(13)-N(20)	99.5(6)	O(13)-Co(15)-N(7)	163.6(8)
O(8)-Co(13)-N(20)	85.2(6)	N(4)-Co(15)-N(7)	101.1(8)
O(25)-Co(13)-O(4)	91.8(4)	O(12)-Co(15)-S(24)	174.6(5)
O(27)–Co(13)–O(4)	81.1(4)	O(15)-Co(15)-S(24)	105.6(5)
O(26)–Co(13)–O(4)	81.7(4)	O(13)-Co(15)-S(24)	105.4(5)
O(8)-Co(13)-O(4)	92.0(4)	N(4)-Co(15)-S(24)	91.9(6)
N(20)-Co(13)-O(4)	177.0(6)	N(7)-Co(15)-S(24)	88.5(7)
O(6)-Co(16)-O(5)	80.1(4)	O(10)-Co(17)-O(23)	79.9(4)
O(6)-Co(16)-O(9)	78.3(4)	O(10)–Co(17)–N(6)	84.9(6)
O(5)-Co(16)-O(9)	79.1(4)	O(23)–Co(17)–N(6)	160.1(6)
O(6)-Co(16)-S(2)	95.0(3)	O(10)–Co(17)–O(11)	78.6(4)

O(5)–Co(16)–S(2)	93.8(3)	O(23)–Co(17)–O(11)	77.8(4)
O(9)–Co(16)–S(2)	170.9(4)	N(6)-Co(17)-O(11)	86.7(6)
O(6)–Co(16)–S(6)	94.5(3)	O(10)-Co(17)-N(18)	88.6(7)
O(5)-Co(16)-S(6)	170.5(4)	O(23)-Co(17)-N(18)	85.9(7)
O(9)–Co(16)–S(6)	92.2(3)	N(6)-Co(17)-N(18)	106.7(7)
S(2)–Co(16)–S(6)	94.4(2)	O(11)-Co(17)-N(18)	160.7(7)
O(6)–Co(16)–S(4)	171.5(4)	O(10)–Co(17)–S(10)	177.6(4)
O(5)-Co(16)-S(4)	93.4(4)	O(23)–Co(17)–S(10)	98.1(3)
O(9)–Co(16)–S(4)	95.1(4)	N(6)-Co(17)-S(10)	97.2(5)
S(2)-Co(16)-S(4)	91.0(2)	O(11)–Co(17)–S(10)	102.4(4)
S(6)-Co(16)-S(4)	91.1(2)	N(18)-Co(17)-S(10)	89.9(6)
O(20)–Co(18)–O(28)	175.3(5)	O(28)–Co(19)–O(26)	82.1(5)
O(20)–Co(18)–N(21)	87(10)	O(28)–Co(19)–O(27)	80.6(4)
O(28)–Co(18)–N(21)	95(10)	O(26)–Co(19)–O(27)	75.5(5)
O(20)–Co(18)–O(18)	82.5(4)	O(28)–Co(19)–O(29)	162.9(6)
O(28)–Co(18)–O(18)	93.4(5)	O(26)–Co(19)–O(29)	91.5(6)
N(21)-Co(18)-O(18)	87(10)	O(27)–Co(19)–O(29)	113.3(6)
O(20)–Co(18)–O(27)	100.0(5)	O(28)-Co(19)-N(24)	78.9(14)
O(28)–Co(18)–O(27)	84.0(5)	O(26)-Co(19)-N(24)	79.4(14)
N(21)-Co(18)-O(27)	96(10)	O(27)-Co(19)-N(24)	149.4(16)
O(18)-Co(18)-O(27)	175.9(5)	O(29)-Co(19)-N(24)	84.3(15)
O(20)-Co(18)-O(4)	99.2(4)	O(28)–Co(19)–S(22)	94.9(7)
O(28)–Co(18)–O(4)	78.7(4)	O(26)–Co(19)–S(22)	173.5(8)
N(21)-Co(18)-O(4)	173(10)	O(27)–Co(19)–S(22)	98.3(7)
O(18)-Co(18)-O(4)	94.8(4)	O(29)–Co(19)–S(22)	92.9(8)
O(27)–Co(18)–O(4)	81.6(4)	N(24)-Co(19)-S(22)	105.8(15)
O(22)–Co(20)–O(21)	79.7(4)	O(17)-Co(14)-O(16)	80.1(4)
O(22)–Co(20)–O(24)	78.8(5)	O(17)–Co(14)–O(14)	80.9(5)
O(21)–Co(20)–O(24)	78.7(5)	O(16)–Co(14)–O(14)	78.1(5)
O(22)–Co(20)–S(14)	95.2(4)	O(17)-Co(14)-N(10)	80.3(7)

O(21)–Co(20)–S(14)	94.1(4)	O(16)–Co(14)–N(10)	156.0(7)
O(24)–Co(20)–S(14)	171.3(4)	O(14)-Co(14)-N(10)	85.3(7)
O(22)–Co(20)–S(16)	93.9(3)	O(17)–Co(14)–S(12)	93.5(4)
O(21)–Co(20)–S(16)	171.9(4)	O(16)-Co(14)-S(12)	96.2(4)
O(24)–Co(20)–S(16)	95.2(4)	O(14)–Co(14)–S(12)	172.6(4)
S(14)-Co(20)-S(16)	91.4(2)	N(10)-Co(14)-S(12)	98.6(6)
O(22)–Co(20)–S(18)	170.6(4)	S(14)-Co(20)-S(18)	90.0(2)
O(21)–Co(20)–S(18)	92.2(3)	S(16)–Co(20)–S(18)	93.7(2)
O(24)–Co(20)–S(18)	95.1(4)		
Compound <b>3</b>			
Co(1)–O(6)	2.031(11)	Co(2)–O(9)	2.054(11)
Co(1)–O(8)	2.057(12)	Co(2)–O(10)	2.060(11)
Co(1)–O(7)	2.069(10)	Co(2)–O(5)	2.076(10)
Co(1)–O(5)	2.095(9)	Co(2)–O(11)	2.091(10)
Co(1)–N(7)	2.132(13)	Co(2)–N(30)	2.131(12)
Co(3)–N(25)	2.155(14)	Co(2)–O(1)	2.442(10)
Co(3)–O(16)	2.057(10)	Co(4)–O(11)	2.042(11)
Co(3)–O(18)	2.095(10)	Co(4)–O(16)	2.056(11)
Co(3)–O(17)	2.099(11)	Co(4)–O(12)	2.095(11)
Co(3)–O(15)	2.118(11)	Co(4)–O(13)	2.122(11)
Co(5)–N(22)	2.160(17)	Co(4)–N(27)	2.175(13)
Co(5)–O(17)	2.043(10)	Co(6)–O(9)	2.053(9)
Co(5)–O(28)	2.073(10)	Co(6)–O(23)	2.068(9)
Co(5)–O(19)	2.083(9)	Co(6)–O(6)	2.074(10)
Co(5)–O(14)	2.090(10)	Co(6)–O(25)	2.090(10)
Co(7)–N(19)	2.171(12)	Co(6)–N(10)	2.101(16)
Co(7)–O(18)	2.012(10)	Co(8)–O(23)	2.052(10)
Co(7)–O(21)	2.028(12)	Co(8)–O(21)	2.059(11)
Co(7)–O(20)	2.057(9)	Co(8)–O(24)	2.098(10)
Co(7)–O(19)	2.065(11)	Co(8)–O(22)	2.111(10)

Co(9)–O(3)	2.449(10)	Co(8)–N(13)	2.150(14)
Co(9)–O(22)	2.044(11)	Co(11)–O(26)	2.059(10)
Co(9)–O(20)	2.048(10)	Co(11)–O(28)	2.061(11)
Co(9)–O(7)	2.088(10)	Co(11)–O(8)	2.068(11)
Co(9)–O(26)	2.089(11)	Co(11)–O(27)	2.078(10)
Co(9)–N(1)	2.172(12)	Co(11)–N(4)	2.161(15)
Co(12)–O(22)	2.085(10)	Co(13)–O(24)	2.061(9)
Co(12)–O(20)	2.114(11)	Co(13)–O(13)	2.064(10)
Co(12)–O(21)	2.137(10)	Co(13)–O(15)	2.095(11)
Co(12)–N(20)	2.223(14)	Co(13)–O(25)	2.103(11)
Co(12)–S(10)	2.492(6)	Co(13)–S(12)	2.543(6)
Co(12)–S(2)	2.501(5)	Co(15)–S(22)	2.531(4)
Co(14)–O(19)	2.155(10)	Co(15)–O(5)	2.126(12)
Co(14)–O(17)	2.159(10)	Co(15)–O(6)	2.129(10)
Co(14)–O(18)	2.166(12)	Co(15)–O(9)	2.157(10)
Co(14)–N(26)	2.192(14)	Co(15)–N(8)	2.297(13)
Co(14)–N(23)	2.237(17)	Co(15)–S(8)	2.497(6)
Co(14)–S(14)	2.529(5)	Co(17)–S(20)	2.485(5)
Co(16)–O(26)	2.151(11)	Co(17)–O(10)	2.129(9)
Co(16)–O(8)	2.163(10)	Co(17)–O(12)	2.131(10)
Co(16)–O(7)	2.165(11)	Co(17)–N(34)	2.170(16)
Co(16)–N(5)	2.183(16)	Co(17)–O(11)	2.173(11)
Co(16)–N(2)	2.215(13)	Co(17)–N(31)	2.220(14)
Co(16)–S(6)	2.489(5)	Co(19)–N(14)	2.315(14)
Co(18)–O(16)	2.085(11)	Co(19)–N(16)	2.044(16)
Co(18)–O(13)	2.147(11)	Co(19)–O(23)	2.110(10)
Co(18)–O(15)	2.147(10)	Co(19)–O(25)	2.153(10)
Co(18)–O(29)	2.150(14)	Co(19)–O(24)	2.198(11)
Co(18)–N(28)	2.257(13)	Co(19)–N(11)	2.271(16)
Co(18)–S(18)	2.524(6)	Co(10)–O(27)	2.468(11)

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Co(20)–O(27)	2.130(11)	Co(10)–O(14)	2.053(11)
Co(20)–O(14)	2.135(11)	Co(10)–O(12)	2.057(10)
Co(20)–O(28)	2.143(10)	Co(10)–O(10)	2.084(10)
Co(20)–S(16)	2.513(6)	Co(10)–N(33)	2.192(15)
Co(20)–S(24)	2.565(5)	O(11)–Co(2)–O(1)	97.9(4)
Co(20)–S(4)	2.658(5)	N(30)-Co(2)-O(1)	173.1(4)
O(6)-Co(1)-O(8)	175.7(4)	O(9)–Co(2)–O(10)	177.7(4)
O(6)-Co(1)-O(7)	94.3(4)	O(9)–Co(2)–O(5)	84.7(4)
O(8)–Co(1)–O(7)	84.7(4)	O(10)–Co(2)–O(5)	93.5(4)
O(6)-Co(1)-O(5)	84.6(4)	O(9)–Co(2)–O(11)	98.0(4)
O(8)–Co(1)–O(5)	96.4(4)	O(10)–Co(2)–O(11)	83.9(4)
O(7)–Co(1)–O(5)	178.6(4)	O(5)–Co(2)–O(11)	177.3(5)
O(6)-Co(1)-N(7)	87.3(5)	O(9)-Co(2)-N(30)	95.6(5)
O(8)–Co(1)–N(7)	96.9(5)	O(10)-Co(2)-N(30)	85.8(5)
O(7)–Co(1)–N(7)	95.6(4)	O(5)-Co(2)-N(30)	91.6(4)
O(5)-Co(1)-N(7)	85.2(4)	O(11)–Co(2)–N(30)	89.0(4)
O(6)-Co(1)-O(1)	78.4(4)	O(9)–Co(2)–O(1)	83.1(4)
O(17)–Co(3)–N(25)	84.9(5)	O(10)–Co(2)–O(1)	95.3(4)
O(15)-Co(3)-N(25)	95.7(5)	O(5)–Co(2)–O(1)	81.6(4)
O(16)–Co(3)–O(18)	173.9(4)	O(11)-Co(4)-O(16)	174.5(4)
O(16)–Co(3)–O(17)	92.4(4)	O(11)–Co(4)–O(12)	83.6(4)
O(18)–Co(3)–O(17)	83.0(4)	O(16)–Co(4)–O(12)	92.3(4)
O(16)–Co(3)–O(15)	83.8(4)	O(11)–Co(4)–O(13)	99.8(4)
O(18)–Co(3)–O(15)	100.8(4)	O(16)-Co(4)-O(13)	84.2(4)
O(17)–Co(3)–O(15)	176.1(4)	O(12)–Co(4)–O(13)	176.5(4)
O(16)-Co(3)-N(25)	93.2(5)	O(11)–Co(4)–N(27)	98.2(5)
O(18)–Co(3)–N(25)	90.4(4)	O(16)–Co(4)–N(27)	85.7(5)
O(19)–Co(5)–N(22)	88.1(5)	O(12)–Co(4)–N(27)	93.4(5)
O(14)-Co(5)-N(22)	94.7(5)	O(13)–Co(4)–N(27)	86.2(5)
O(17)–Co(5)–O(28)	177.8(5)	O(9)–Co(6)–O(23)	174.9(4)

O(17)-Co(5)-O(19)	82.2(4)	O(9)–Co(6)–O(6)	83.3(4)
O(28)–Co(5)–O(19)	98.1(4)	O(23)–Co(6)–O(6)	92.9(4)
O(17)–Co(5)–O(14)	96.2(4)	O(9)–Co(6)–O(25)	100.2(4)
O(28)–Co(5)–O(14)	83.3(4)	O(23)–Co(6)–O(25)	83.2(4)
O(19)-Co(5)-O(14)	176.8(5)	O(6)–Co(6)–O(25)	173.8(4)
O(17)–Co(5)–N(22)	88.0(5)	O(9)–Co(6)–N(10)	95.9(5)
O(28)-Co(5)-N(22)	94.1(5)	O(23)–Co(6)–N(10)	87.6(5)
O(20)–Co(7)–N(19)	85.8(4)	O(6)-Co(6)-N(10)	92.3(5)
O(19)-Co(7)-N(19)	101.8(5)	O(25)–Co(6)–N(10)	92.5(5)
O(18)–Co(7)–O(21)	95.1(4)	O(23)–Co(8)–O(21)	174.4(4)
O(18)–Co(7)–O(20)	176.9(4)	O(23)–Co(8)–O(24)	83.6(4)
O(21)–Co(7)–O(20)	84.6(4)	O(21)–Co(8)–O(24)	97.0(4)
O(18)–Co(7)–O(19)	84.8(4)	O(23)–Co(8)–O(22)	97.1(4)
O(21)–Co(7)–O(19)	175.1(4)	O(21)–Co(8)–O(22)	82.4(4)
O(20)–Co(7)–O(19)	95.2(4)	O(24)–Co(8)–O(22)	179.3(4)
O(18)–Co(7)–N(19)	97.2(4)	O(23)–Co(8)–N(13)	89.9(5)
O(21)-Co(7)-N(19)	83.1(5)	O(21)–Co(8)–N(13)	95.7(5)
O(22)–Co(9)–O(3)	82.1(4)	O(24)–Co(8)–N(13)	88.2(4)
O(20)–Co(9)–O(3)	79.5(4)	O(22)–Co(8)–N(13)	91.6(5)
O(22)–Co(9)–O(20)	82.4(4)	O(26)–Co(11)–O(28)	96.6(4)
O(22)–Co(9)–O(7)	98.8(4)	O(26)–Co(11)–O(8)	82.2(4)
O(20)–Co(9)–O(7)	178.6(4)	O(28)–Co(11)–O(8)	178.2(4)
O(22)–Co(9)–O(26)	176.3(4)	O(26)–Co(11)–O(27)	176.7(4)
O(20)–Co(9)–O(26)	94.4(4)	O(28)–Co(11)–O(27)	83.3(4)
O(7)–Co(9)–O(26)	84.3(4)	O(8)–Co(11)–O(27)	97.9(4)
O(22)–Co(9)–N(1)	96.4(5)	O(26)–Co(11)–N(4)	88.0(5)
O(20)–Co(9)–N(1)	91.9(4)	O(28)–Co(11)–N(4)	94.3(5)
O(7)–Co(9)–N(1)	88.7(4)	O(8)–Co(11)–N(4)	87.1(5)
O(26)–Co(9)–N(1)	85.6(5)	O(27)–Co(11)–N(4)	95.3(5)
O(7)–Co(9)–O(3)	99.9(4)	O(13)–Co(13)–S(12)	94.3(3)

O(26)–Co(9)–O(3)	95.5(4)	O(15)–Co(13)–S(12)	89.6(3)
N(1)-Co(9)-O(3)	171.4(4)	O(25)–Co(13)–S(12)	98.5(3)
O(22)–Co(12)–O(20)	79.9(4)	O(24)–Co(13)–O(13)	172.8(4)
O(22)–Co(12)–O(21)	81.2(4)	O(24)–Co(13)–O(15)	101.2(4)
O(20)–Co(12)–O(21)	80.6(4)	O(13)-Co(13)-O(15)	79.0(4)
O(22)–Co(12)–N(20)	158.5(4)	O(24)–Co(13)–O(25)	81.2(4)
O(20)–Co(12)–N(20)	84.5(5)	O(13)-Co(13)-O(25)	97.6(4)
O(21)-Co(12)-N(20)	81.7(4)	O(15)-Co(13)-O(25)	171.4(4)
O(22)–Co(12)–S(10)	98.7(3)	O(24)–Co(13)–S(12)	92.9(3)
O(20)–Co(12)–S(10)	172.1(3)	O(6)–Co(15)–S(8)	90.6(3)
O(21)–Co(12)–S(10)	91.5(3)	O(9)–Co(15)–S(8)	100.7(3)
N(20)-Co(12)-S(10)	94.7(4)	N(8)-Co(15)-S(8)	94.0(4)
O(22)–Co(12)–S(2)	94.7(3)	O(5)–Co(15)–S(22)	92.7(3)
O(20)–Co(12)–S(2)	91.9(3)	O(6)–Co(15)–S(22)	170.4(3)
O(21)–Co(12)–S(2)	172.0(3)	O(9)–Co(15)–S(22)	92.0(3)
N(20)-Co(12)-S(2)	100.5(4)	N(8)-Co(15)-S(22)	105.5(3)
S(10)–Co(12)–S(2)	96.01(17)	S(8)-Co(15)-S(22)	95.54(17)
O(19)-Co(14)-O(17)	78.0(4)	O(5)-Co(15)-O(6)	81.5(4)
O(19)-Co(14)-O(18)	79.1(4)	O(5)-Co(15)-O(9)	81.0(4)
O(17)–Co(14)–O(18)	80.0(4)	O(6)-Co(15)-O(9)	79.6(4)
O(19)-Co(14)-N(26)	157.9(5)	O(5)-Co(15)-N(8)	81.9(5)
O(17)-Co(14)-N(26)	84.5(5)	O(6)-Co(15)-N(8)	81.4(4)
O(18)-Co(14)-N(26)	84.8(5)	O(9)-Co(15)-N(8)	156.0(4)
O(19)-Co(14)-N(23)	83.8(5)	O(5)–Co(15)–S(8)	171.5(3)
O(17)-Co(14)-N(23)	88.0(5)	O(12)-Co(17)-N(31)	160.2(4)
O(18)-Co(14)-N(23)	160.8(5)	N(34)-Co(17)-N(31)	102.1(5)
N(26)-Co(14)-N(23)	109.1(6)	O(11)-Co(17)-N(31)	86.2(5)
O(19)–Co(14)–S(14)	101.3(3)	O(10)–Co(17)–S(20)	178.0(3)
O(17)–Co(14)–S(14)	176.2(3)	O(12)-Co(17)-S(20)	98.3(3)
O(18)-Co(14)-S(14)	96.2(3)	N(34)-Co(17)-S(20)	96.0(4)

N(26)-Co(14)-S(14)	95.3(4)	O(11)–Co(17)–S(20)	98.6(3)
N(23)-Co(14)-S(14)	95.6(4)	N(31)–Co(17)–S(20)	97.5(3)
O(26)–Co(16)–O(8)	78.0(4)	O(10)–Co(17)–O(12)	79.8(4)
O(26)–Co(16)–O(7)	81.1(4)	O(10)-Co(17)-N(34)	84.7(5)
O(8)–Co(16)–O(7)	79.9(4)	O(12)-Co(17)-N(34)	88.1(5)
O(26)–Co(16)–N(5)	88.2(5)	O(10)-Co(17)-O(11)	80.3(4)
O(8)–Co(16)–N(5)	82.3(5)	O(12)-Co(17)-O(11)	79.7(4)
O(7)–Co(16)–N(5)	160.8(5)	N(34)-Co(17)-O(11)	162.1(5)
O(26)–Co(16)–N(2)	83.4(4)	O(10)-Co(17)-N(31)	84.2(4)
O(8)–Co(16)–N(2)	159.6(4)	O(23)-Co(19)-N(11)	88.7(5)
O(7)–Co(16)–N(2)	89.1(5)	O(25)-Co(19)-N(11)	87.6(5)
N(5)-Co(16)-N(2)	105.4(6)	O(24)–Co(19)–N(11)	162.1(5)
O(26)–Co(16)–S(6)	174.8(3)	N(16)-Co(19)-N(14)	93.3(6)
O(8)–Co(16)–S(6)	103.3(3)	O(23)-Co(19)-N(14)	83.0(5)
O(7)–Co(16)–S(6)	94.1(3)	O(25)-Co(19)-N(14)	159.8(5)
N(5)-Co(16)-S(6)	97.0(4)	O(24)-Co(19)-N(14)	88.3(5)
N(2)-Co(16)-S(6)	94.6(4)	N(11)-Co(19)-N(14)	104.0(5)
O(16)-Co(18)-O(13)	82.9(4)	N(16)-Co(19)-O(23)	174.0(5)
O(16)-Co(18)-O(15)	82.4(4)	N(16)-Co(19)-O(25)	101.8(5)
O(13)-Co(18)-O(15)	76.0(4)	O(23)–Co(19)–O(25)	80.7(4)
O(16)–Co(18)–O(29)	171.8(5)	N(16)-Co(19)-O(24)	95.3(6)
O(13)-Co(18)-O(29)	96.7(5)	O(23)-Co(19)-O(24)	79.8(4)
O(15)-Co(18)-O(29)	105.5(5)	O(25)-Co(19)-O(24)	77.1(4)
O(16)-Co(18)-N(28)	80.9(5)	N(16)-Co(19)-N(11)	96.8(6)
O(13)-Co(18)-N(28)	85.9(5)	O(14)-Co(10)-O(12)	98.4(4)
O(15)-Co(18)-N(28)	156.6(5)	O(14)-Co(10)-O(10)	177.3(4)
O(29)–Co(18)–N(28)	90.9(5)	O(12)–Co(10)–O(10)	82.6(4)
O(16)–Co(18)–S(18)	96.6(3)	O(14)-Co(10)-N(33)	94.3(5)
O(13)–Co(18)–S(18)	173.1(3)	O(12)–Co(10)–N(33)	86.6(5)
O(15)–Co(18)–S(18)	97.1(3)	O(10)-Co(10)-N(33)	88.2(5)

O(29)–Co(18)–S(18)	84.7(4)	O(14)-Co(10)-O(27)	80.2(4)
N(28)–Co(18)–S(18)	100.9(4)	O(12)–Co(10)–O(27)	99.4(4)
O(27)–Co(20)–O(14)	81.2(4)	O(10)–Co(10)–O(27)	97.2(4)
O(27)–Co(20)–O(28)	80.1(4)	N(33)-Co(10)-O(27)	172.4(5)
O(14)-Co(20)-O(28)	80.6(4)	S(16)-Co(20)-S(4)	95.51(18)
O(27)–Co(20)–S(16)	172.8(3)	S(24)-Co(20)-S(4)	91.70(18)
O(14)–Co(20)–S(16)	94.0(3)	O(27)–Co(20)–S(4)	88.8(3)
O(28)–Co(20)–S(16)	93.9(3)	O(14)–Co(20)–S(4)	169.0(3)
O(27)–Co(20)–S(24)	94.2(3)	O(28)–Co(20)–S(4)	93.3(3)
O(14)–Co(20)–S(24)	93.5(3)	S(16)-Co(20)-S(24)	91.47(19)
O(28)–Co(20)–S(24)	172.3(3)		

**Table S2.** The substituent groups of the organic ligands, the coordination modes of the organicligands and Co<sup>II</sup> ions in compounds 1–3.

Compounds	Substituent groups	Organic ligands	Metal ions
1	-CH <sub>3</sub>	Ŕ	
2	None	ÂN	
3	-NH <sub>2</sub>	Arg. Ar	



**Fig. S1.** (a) The  $\alpha$ -Keggin-type skeleton based on Co<sup>II</sup> ions and MT ligands in compound **2**; (b) The  $\alpha$ -Keggin polyoxoazocobaltate core of compound **2**; (c) The coordination environments from eight peripheral Co<sup>II</sup> ions of compound **2**; (d) Stick view of homometallic high-nuclearity cluster of compound **2**.



**Fig. S2.** (a) The semi-open  $\{Co_{10}\}$  metallic cluster in compound **3**; (b) The coordination environments from ten peripheral Co<sup>II</sup> ions of compound **3**; (d) Stick view of high-nuclearity nanoscale cluster of compound **3**.



Fig S3. The structural distribution of the ten peripheral  $Co^{II}$  ions for the  $\{Co_{10}\}$  core in

compound 3.



**Fig. S4.** The simulated, as-synthesized and as-synthesized after photocatalytic experiments powder X–ray diffraction patterns for compounds 1–3.



Fig. S5. The TG curves of compounds 1–3.



**Fig. S6.** Cyclic voltammograms of 1–, 2– and 3–CPE (+800 to -800mV) in 0.01 M H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> + 0.5 M Na<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> aqueous solution for compounds 1–3. Scan rate: 100 mVs<sup>-1</sup>.



**Fig. S7.** Absorption spectra of the MO solution during the decomposition reaction under visiblelight irradiation in the presence of (a) MO; (b) MO/Co(NO<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>; (c) MO/MMT; (d) MO/MT; (e) MO/AMT; (f) MO/Compound 1; (g) MO/Compound 2; (h) MO/Compound 3.



**Fig. S8.** (a) Photocatalytic decomposition rates of MO solution under visible-light irradiation with the use of compounds 1-3, Co(NO<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>, MMT, MT, AMT and no crystal in the same conditions; (b) Decolorization rates of MO in different reaction systems.



**Fig. S9.** Absorption spectra of the MB solution during the decomposition reaction under visiblelight irradiation in the presence of (a) MB; (b) MB/Co(NO<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>; (c) MB/MMT; (d) MB/MT; (e) MB/AMT; (f) MB/Compound 1; (g) MB/Compound 2; (h) MB/Compound 3.



Fig. S10. (a) Photocatalytic decomposition rates of MB solution under visible-light irradiation with the use of compounds 1-3,  $Co(NO_3)_2$ , MMT, MT, AMT and no crystal in the same conditions; (b) Decolorization rates of MB in different reaction systems.



**Fig. S11.** Absorption spectra of the RhB solution during the decomposition reaction under visiblelight irradiation in the presence of (a) RhB; (b) RhB/Co(NO<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>; (c) RhB/MMT; (d) RhB/MT; (e) RhB/AMT; (f) RhB/Compound 1; (g) RhB/Compound 2; (h) RhB/Compound 3.



Fig. S12. (a) Photocatalytic decomposition rates of RhB solution under visible-light irradiation with the use of compounds 1-3, Co(NO<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>, MMT, MT, AMT and no crystal in the same conditions; (b) Decolorization rates of RhB in different reaction systems.