

## Supplementary information

### Tuning the supramolecular isomerism of MOF-74 by controlling the synthesis conditions

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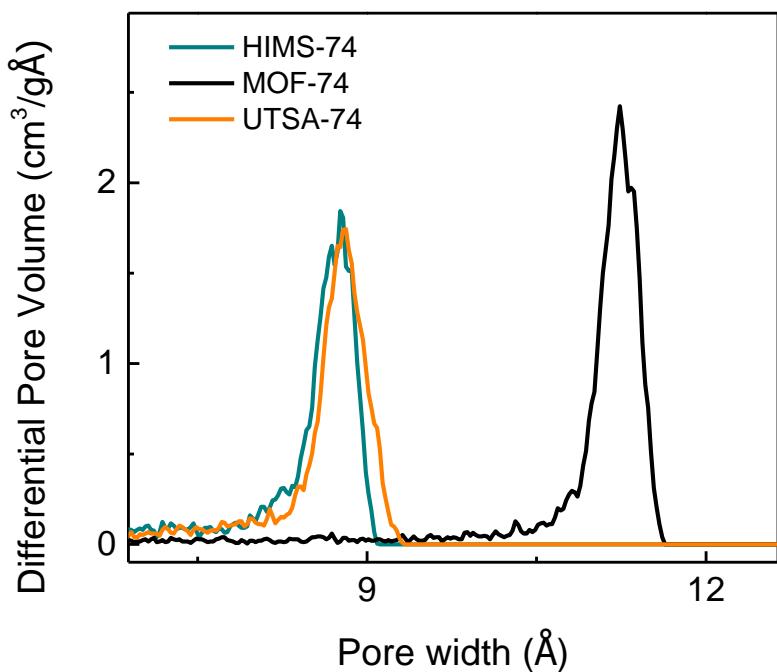


Fig. S1 Pore size distributions (PSDs) calculated from the single-crystal crystallographic data using iRASPA<sup>1</sup> for UTSA-74, HIMS-74 and MOF-74<sup>2</sup>.

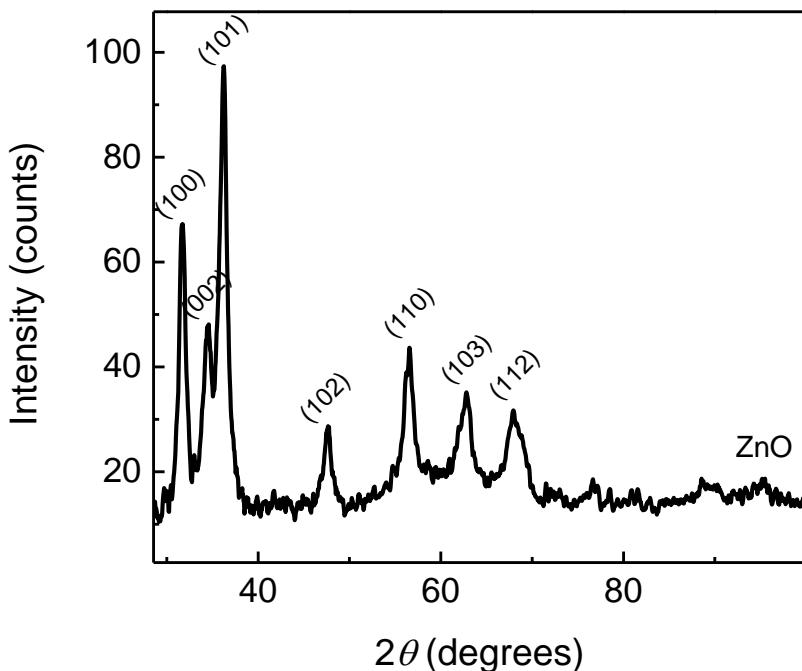


Fig. S2 PXRD pattern of the material obtained by reacting  $\text{Zn}(\text{NO}_3)_2 \cdot 6\text{H}_2\text{O}$ ,  $\text{H}_4\text{dobdc}$ , molar ratio Zn:linker 3:1, in NMP/EtOH/ $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  (v/v/v 20/1/1), under solvothermal conditions, in the absence of *cinchona* alkaloid.

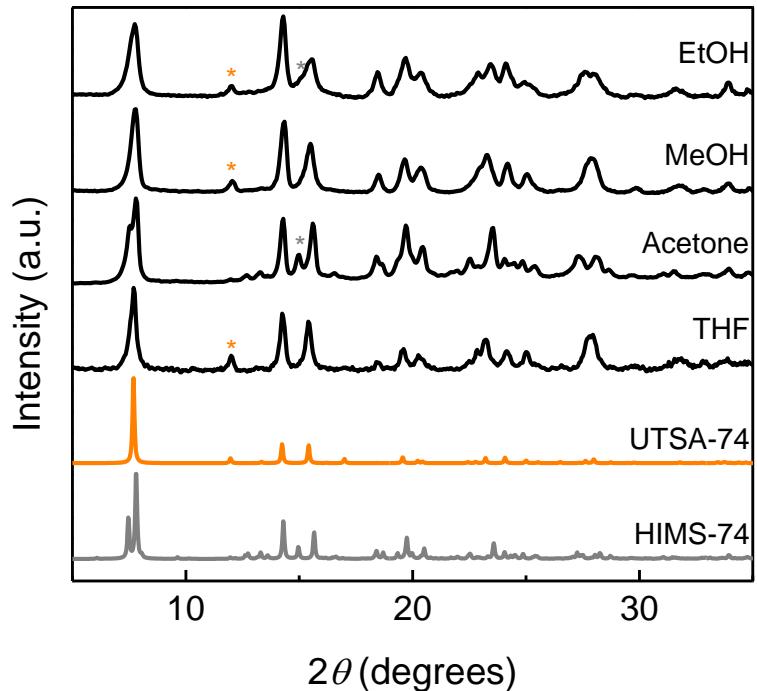


Fig. S3 PXRD pattern of the simulated UTSA-74 and HIMS-74 samples recovered after immersing in different polar solvents.

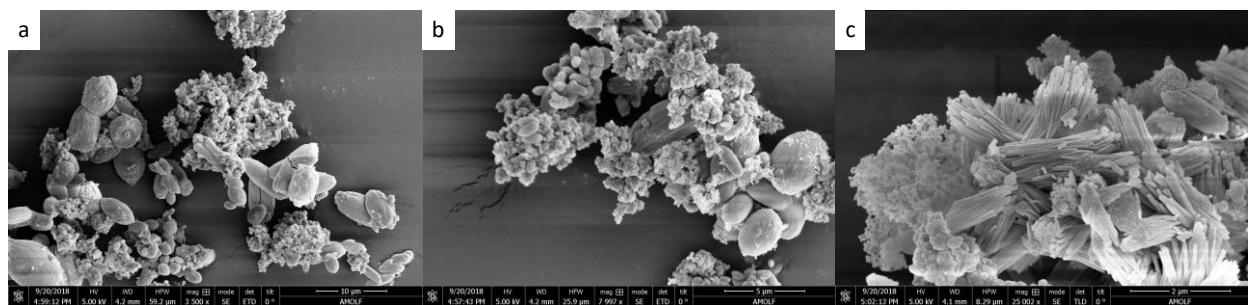


Fig. S4 SEM images of HIMS-74 particles immersed in methanol for 6 days with 3 times replenish of solvent.

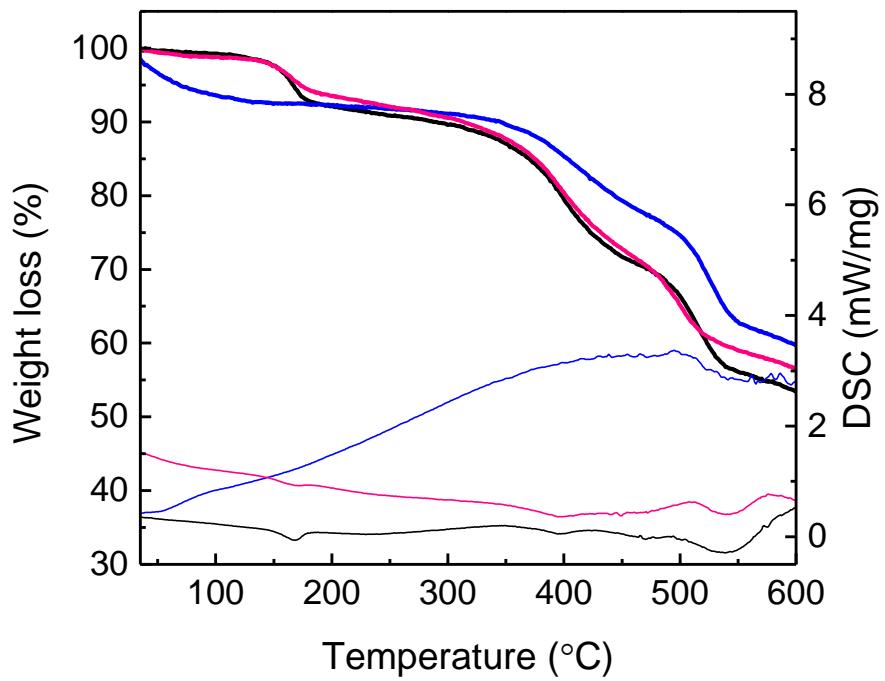


Fig. S5 TGA-DSC curves of as synthesized HIMS-74 (black) and the HIMS-74 samples recovered after exposure to methanol (blue) or acetone (pink).

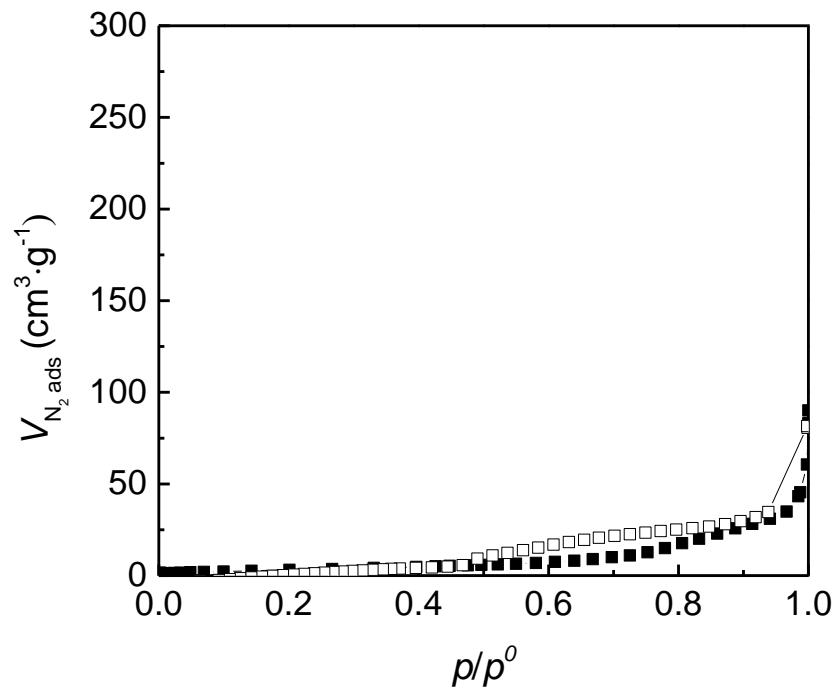


Fig. S6 N<sub>2</sub> adsorption isotherm for pretreated HIMS-74 recovered after immersion in MeOH at 77K.

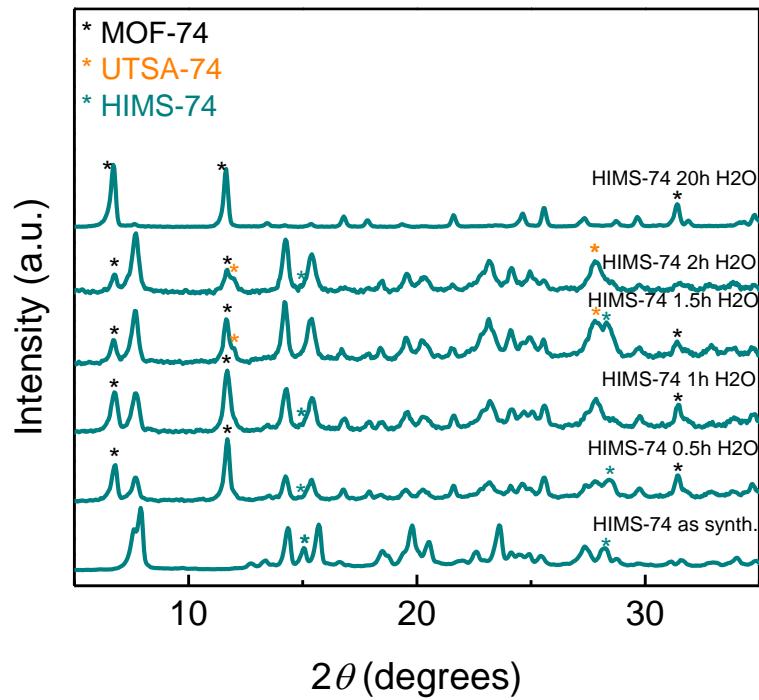


Fig. S7 PXRD patterns of the as synthesized HIMS-74 before and after immersion in H<sub>2</sub>O at different stages showing its conversion to MOF-74. PXRD also indicates the presence of UTSA-74 phase.

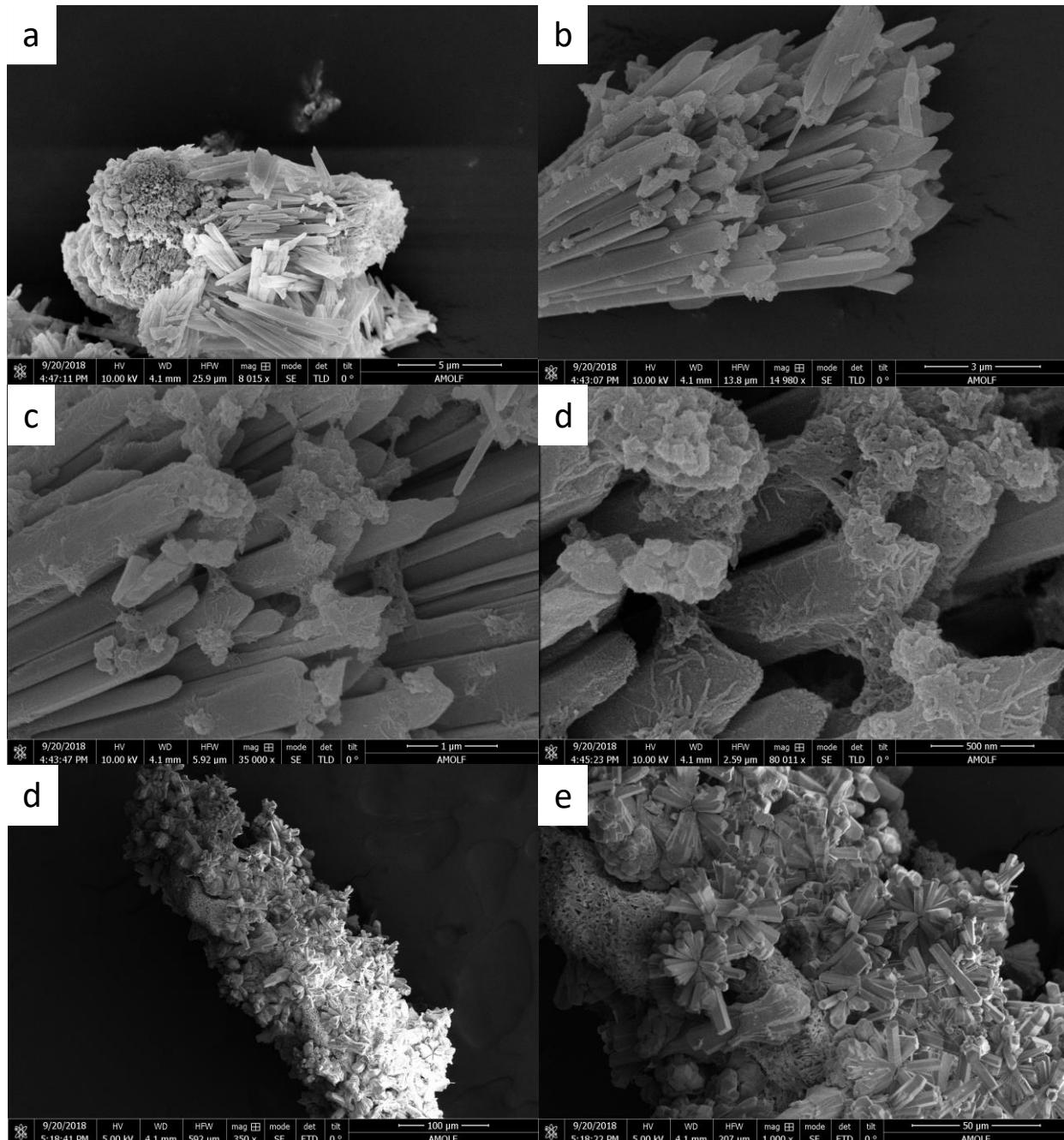


Fig. S8 Solvent-mediated isomerization of HIMS-74 to MOF-74 by immersion in H<sub>2</sub>O and imaging of the crystals after 1.5h (a-d) and 20h (f-h) exposure time.

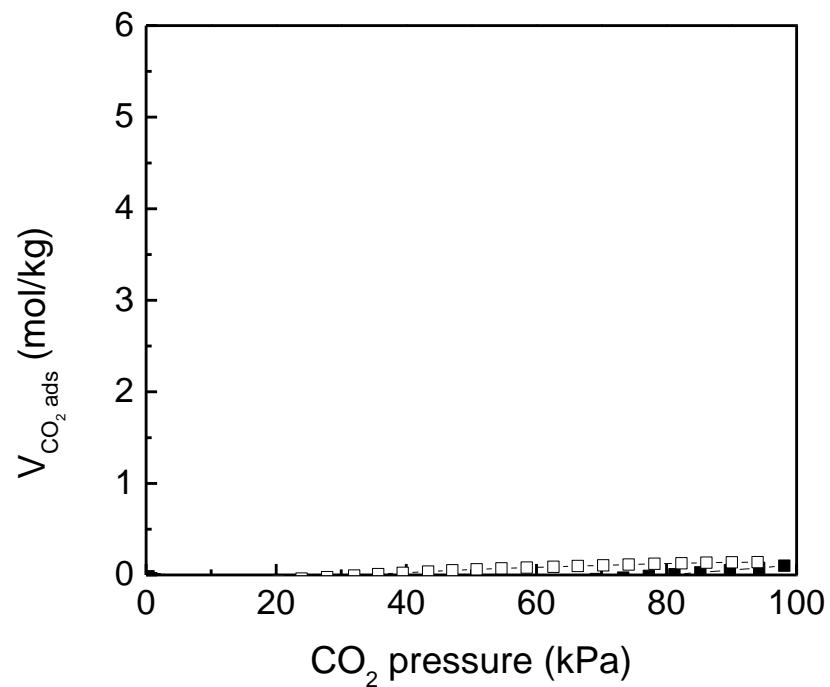


Fig. S9 CO<sub>2</sub> adsorption isotherm for activated HIMS-74 at 273K.

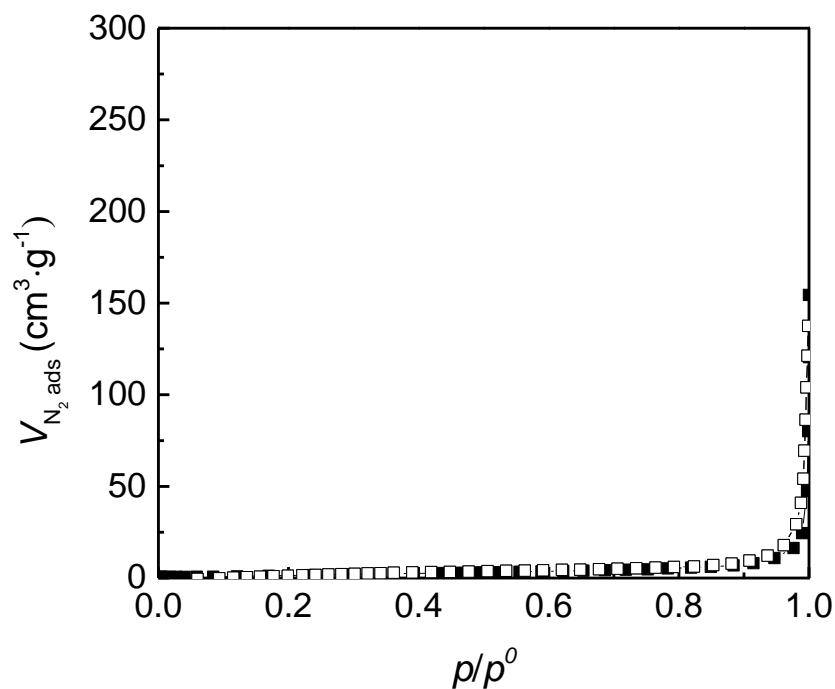


Fig. S10 N<sub>2</sub> adsorption isotherm for activated HIMS-74 as-synthesized at 77K.

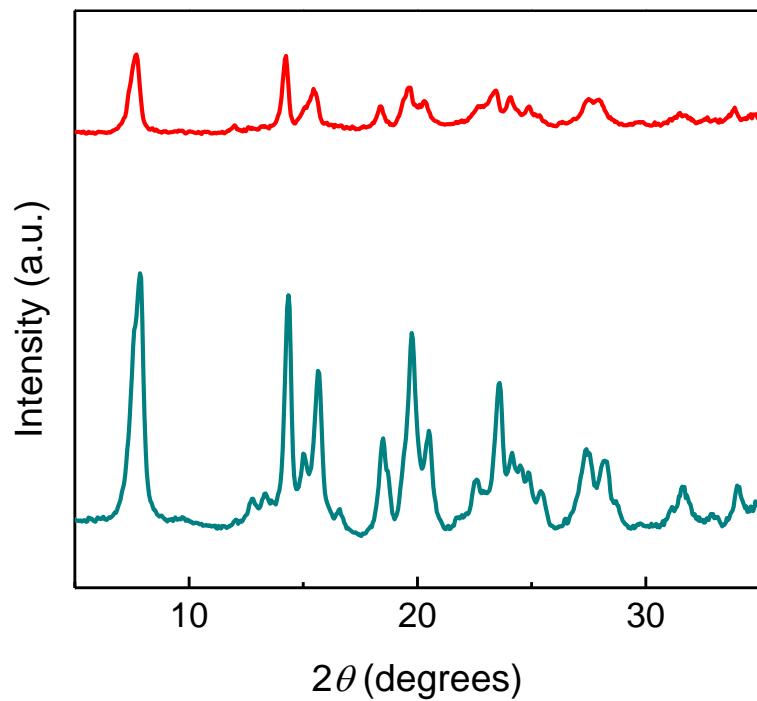


Fig. S11 PXRD patterns of the as synthesized HIMS-74 (cyan) and activated by vacuum heating with 1 °C/min from room temperature to 150 °C and a hold of 2h.

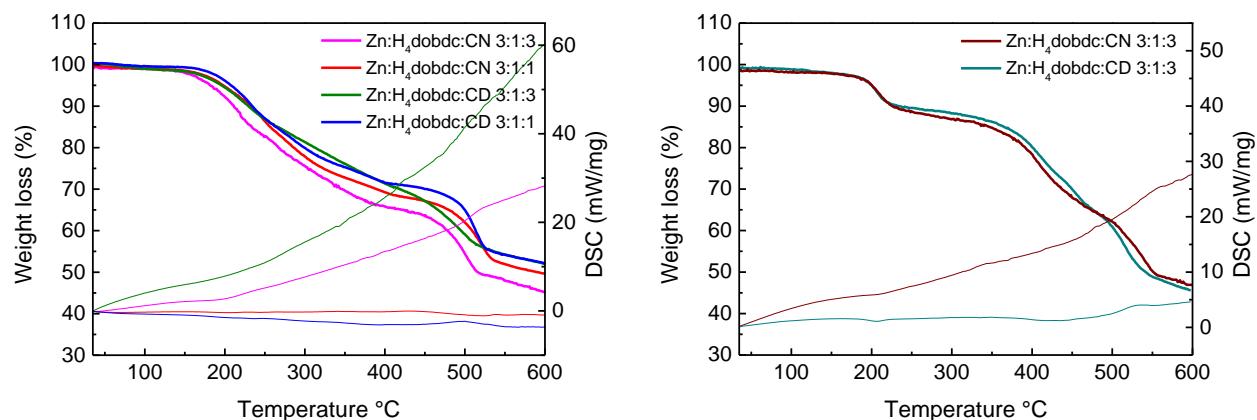


Fig. S12 TGA patterns of materials obtained in DMF (left) and materials obtained in NMP (right).

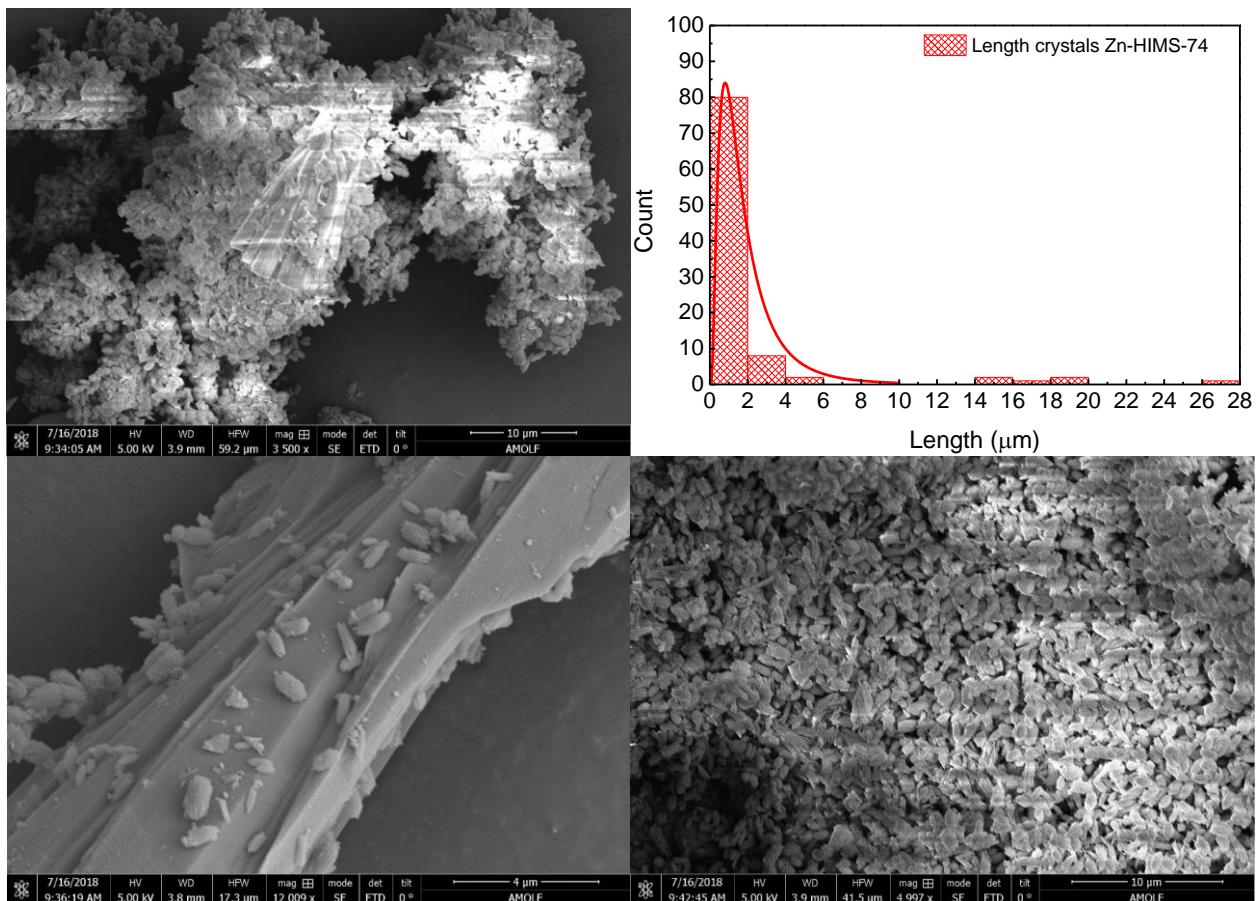


Fig. S13 SEM images of as synthesized HIMS-74 crystals and the corresponding histogram.

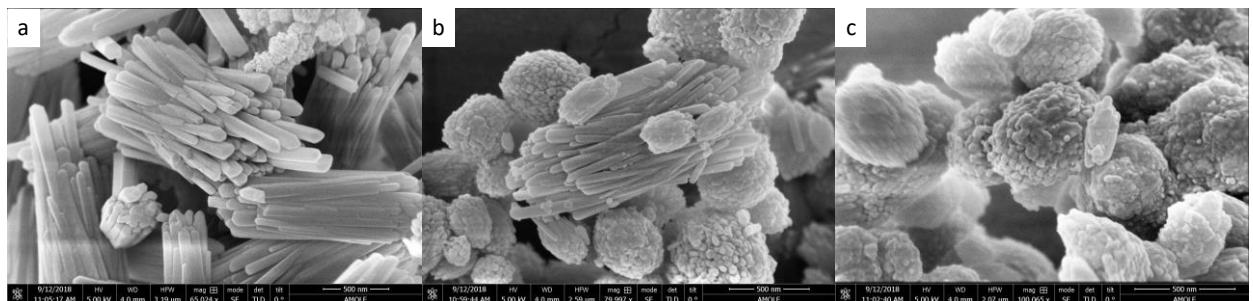


Fig. S14 SEM images of HIMS-74 particles synthesized at small scale (a) and large scale (b & c).

Table S1. Crystal Data and refinement information for complexes.

Complexes	<b>HIMS-74</b>	<b>UTSA-74*</b>
Formula	C <sub>44</sub> H <sub>42</sub> N <sub>4</sub> O <sub>22</sub> Zn <sub>6</sub>	C <sub>8</sub> H <sub>2</sub> O <sub>7</sub> Zn <sub>2</sub>
Formula weight	1371.16	340.88
Crystal system	Monoclinic	Trigonal
Space group	P2 <sub>1</sub> /a	R-3c
a (Å)	14.030 (4)	22.970 (5)
b (Å)	23.660 (4)	22.970 (5)
c (Å)	15.820 (4)	15.910 (5)
α (°)	90	90
β (°)	113.39 (5)	90
γ (°)	90	120
Volume (Å <sup>3</sup> )	4820(3)	7270(4)
Z	4	18
Dx (g/cm <sup>3</sup> )	1.890	1.401
μ (mm <sup>-1</sup> )	3.212	3.164
Reflections	7914	1943
Collected		
Reflections	7018	1817
Unique		
R <sub>1</sub> <sup>a</sup> [I > 2σ (I)]	0.0362	0.0560
wR <sub>2</sub> <sup>b</sup>	0.0982	0.1746

<sup>a</sup>R<sub>1</sub> = Σ|Fo|-|Fc| / Σ|Fo|,

<sup>b</sup>wR<sub>2</sub> = {Σ[w(|Fo|<sup>2</sup> - |Fc|<sup>2</sup>)<sup>2</sup>] / Σ[w(|Fo|<sup>4</sup>)]}<sup>1/2</sup>

\*The formula and derived parameters are calculated without solvent.

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