

**Observation of slow relaxation of the magnetization and hysteresis  
loop in antiferromagnetic ordered phase of a 2D framework based on  
Co<sup>II</sup> magnetic chains**

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## Crystallographic studies

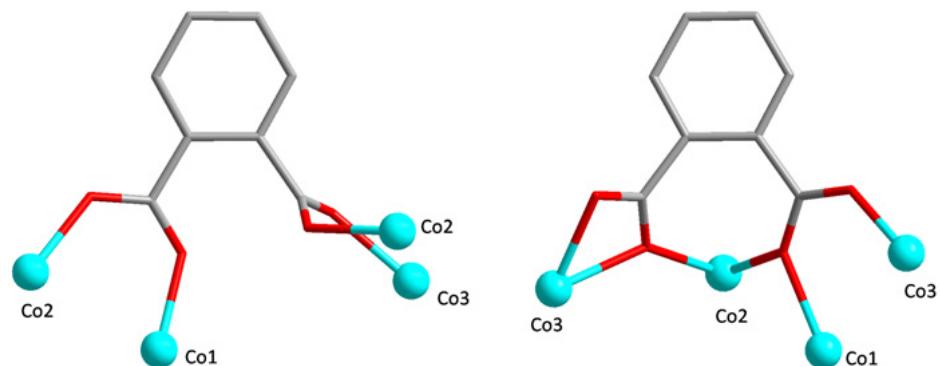
Diffraction intensity data for single crystals of **1** were collected at 113 K on a Rigaku Saturn 007 CCD diffractometer. The instruments were equipped with graphitemonochromated Mo- $K\alpha$  radiation ( $\lambda = 0.71073 \text{ \AA}$ ). The structures were solved by the direct method and refined by the full-matrix least-squares method on  $F^2$  with anisotropic thermal parameters for all non-hydrogen atoms.<sup>[1,2]</sup> Hydrogen atoms were located geometrically and refined isotropically.

[1] Sheldrick, G. M. *SHELXS 97, Program for the Solution of Crystal Structures*; University of Göttingen: Germany, **1997**.

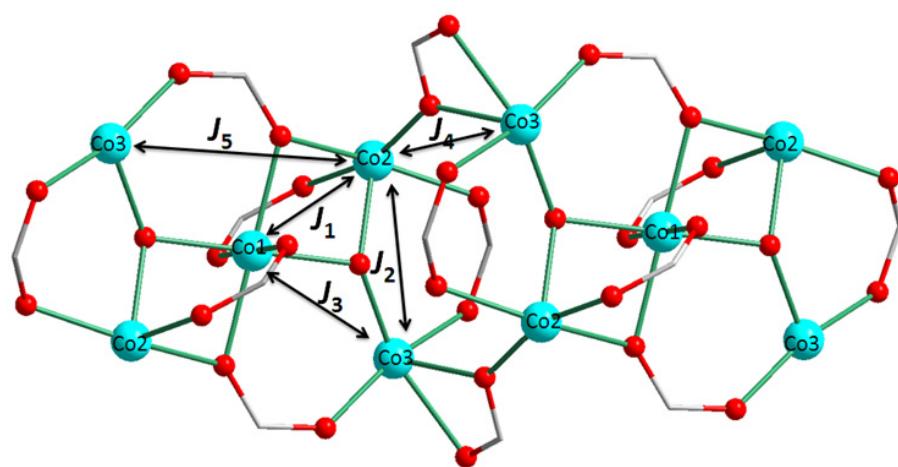
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## Physical measurements

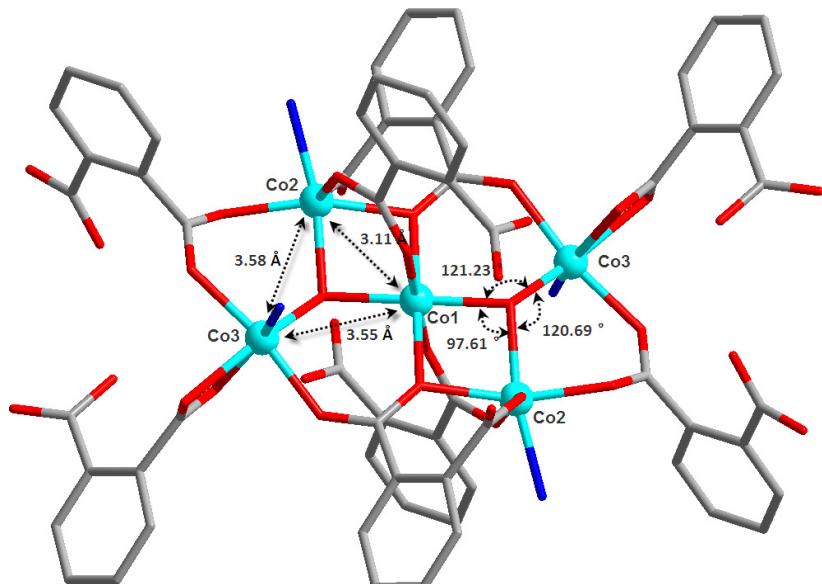
Analyses for C, H, and N were carried out on a Perkin-Elmer analyzer. TGA experiments were performed on a NETZSCH TG 209 instrument with a heating rate of  $10 \text{ }^\circ\text{C min}^{-1}$ . Variable-temperature magnetic susceptibilities were measured on a Quantum Design MPMS XL-7 SQUID magnetometer. Diamagnetic corrections were made with Pascal's constants for all the constituent atoms. Heat-capacity data were measured on a Quantum Design PPMS-9 physical property measurement system. Both the magnetic data and heat-capacity data are corrected with the contribution of sample holder.



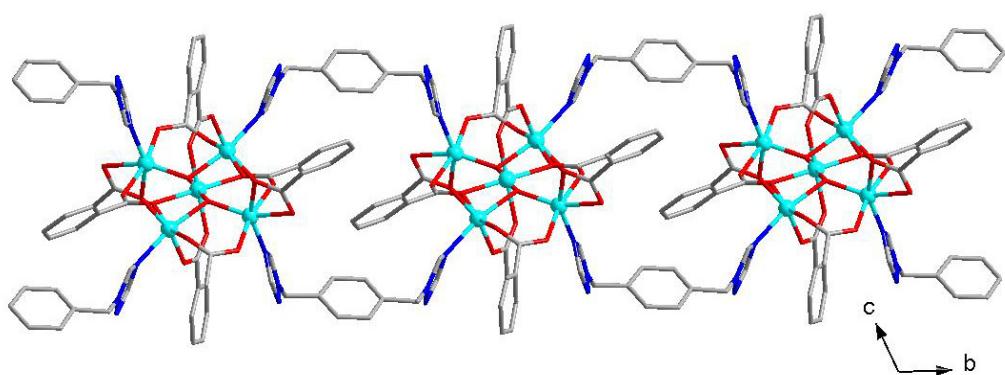
**Scheme S1.** Two coordination modes of the ipa<sup>2-</sup> anions:  $\mu_2\text{-}\eta^1:\eta^1$  (left) and  $\mu_3\text{-}\eta^2:\eta^1$  (right)



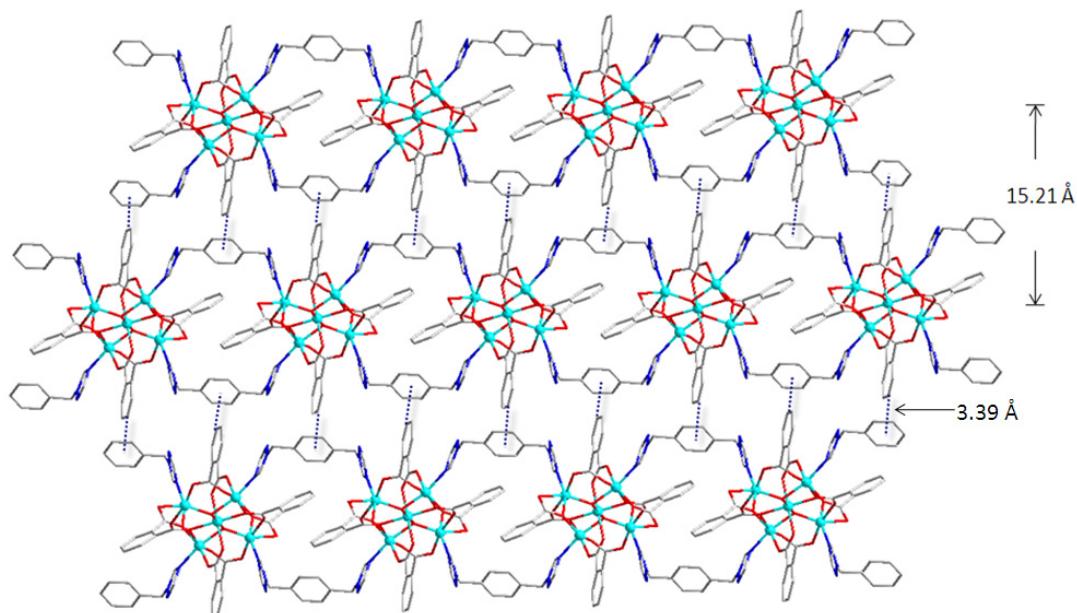
**Scheme S2.** The pathway of magnetic interactions among the Co<sup>II</sup> ions.



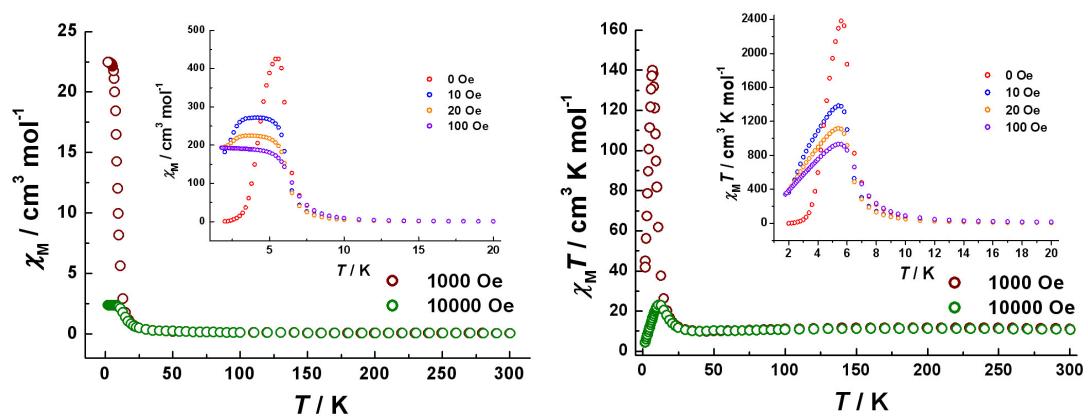
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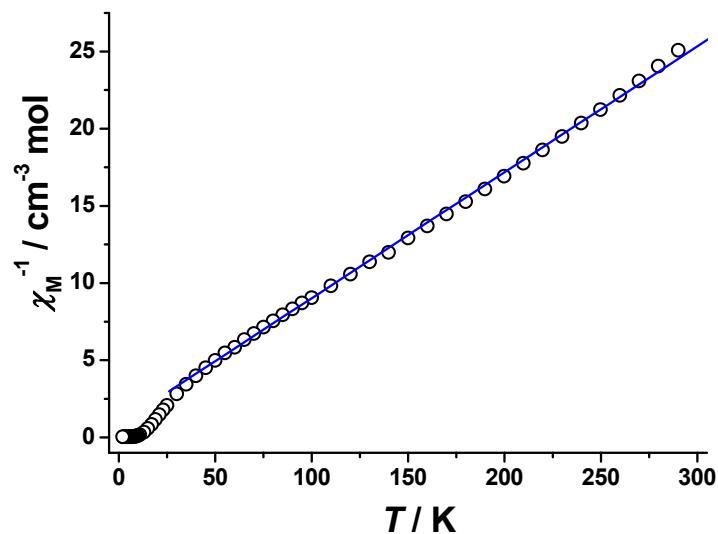
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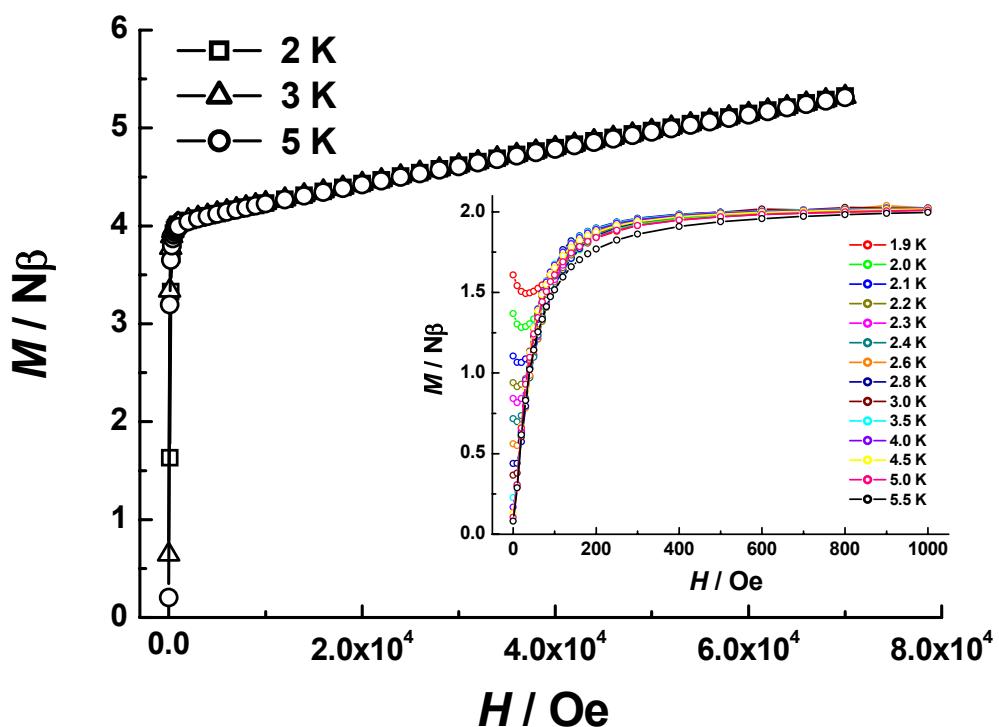
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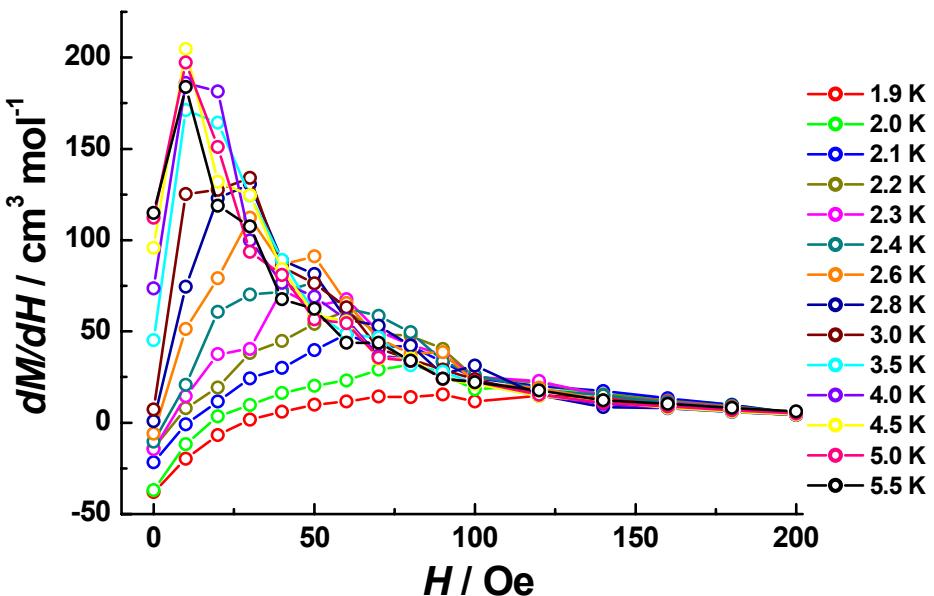
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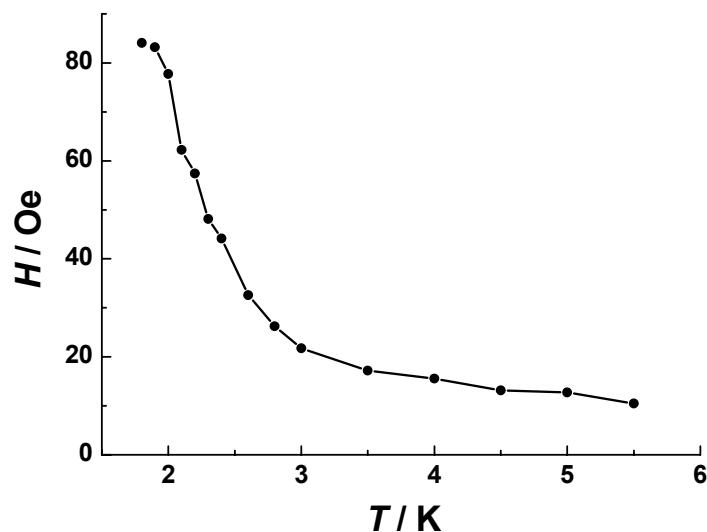
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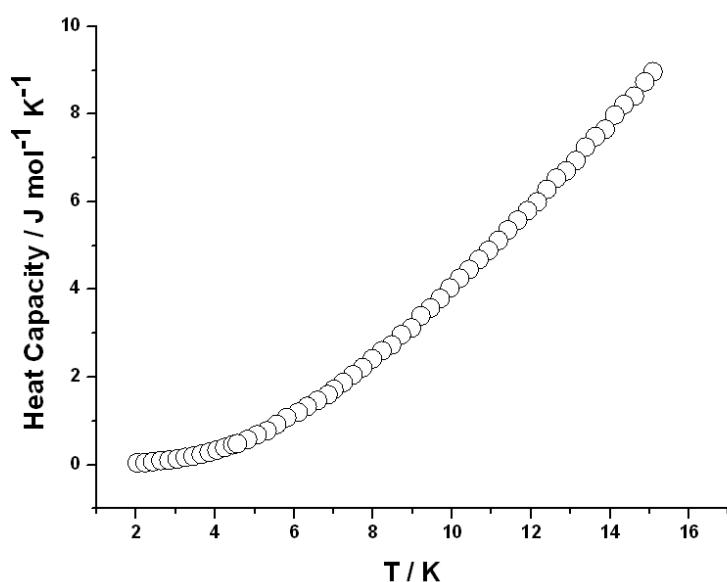
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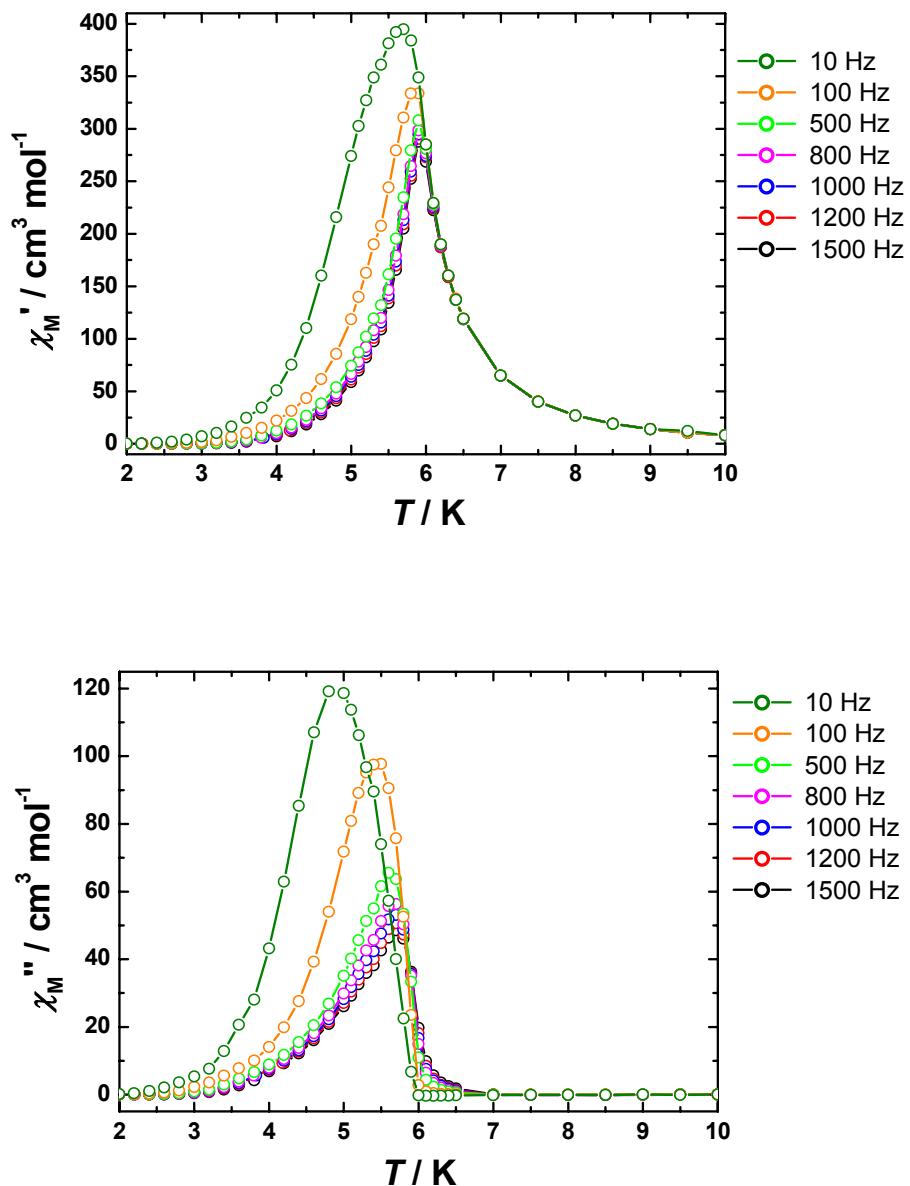
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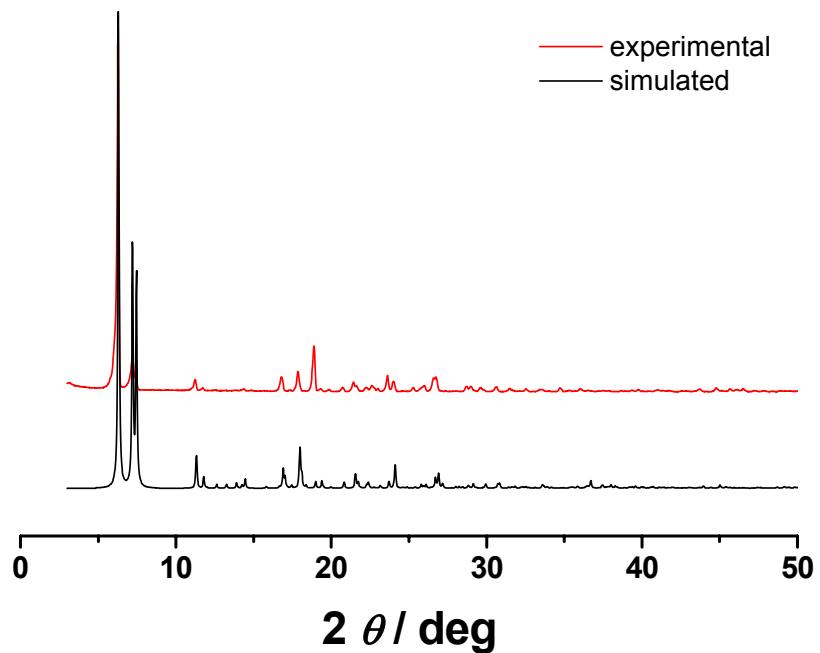
**Figure S8.** ( $T, H$ ) phase diagram of **1**. The plots were obtained from the maximum of susceptibility from Figure S7. Solid lines are guides for eyes.



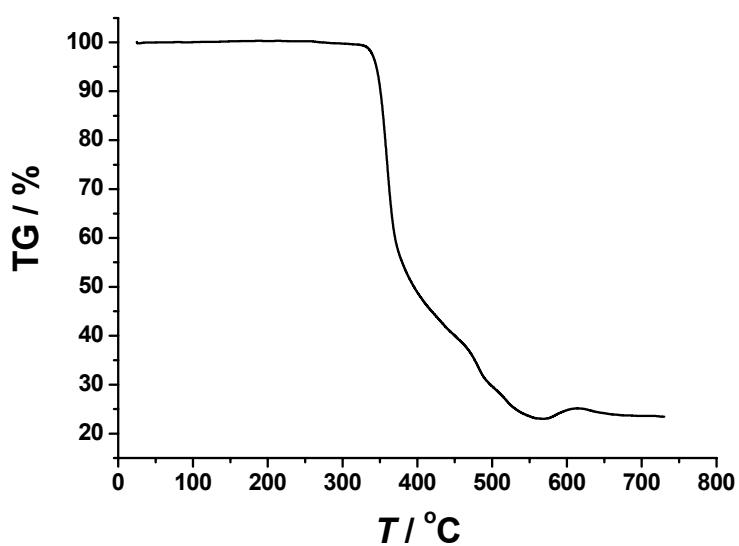
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**Figure S11.** X-Ray powder diffraction patterns of 1.



**Figure S12.** TGA curve of 1. The sample was heated to 730 °C at the heating rate of 10 °C/min.