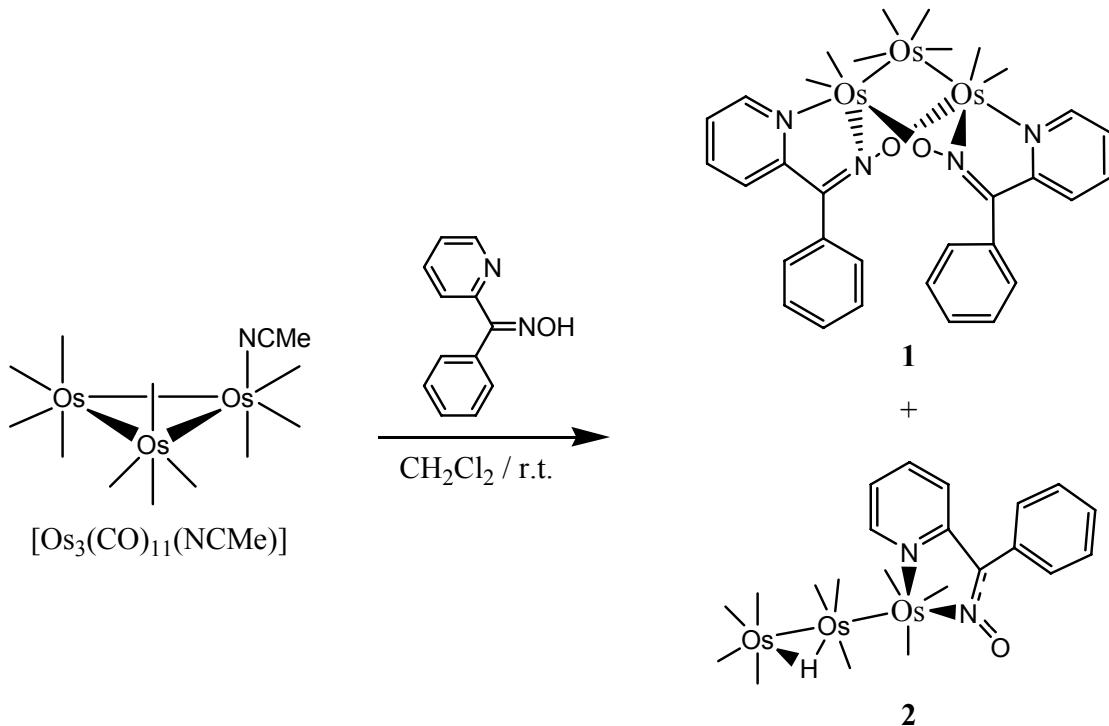


## Electronic Supplementary information

### An Open-Channel Architecture Assembly from the $[\text{Os}_3(\text{CO})_8\{\mu-\eta^3\text{-ON}=\text{CPh}(\text{NC}_5\text{H}_4)\}_2]$ Cluster

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Synthesis of the compound  $[\text{Os}_3(\text{CO})_8\{\mu-\eta^3\text{-ON}=\text{CPh}(\text{NC}_5\text{H}_4)\}_2]$  cluster



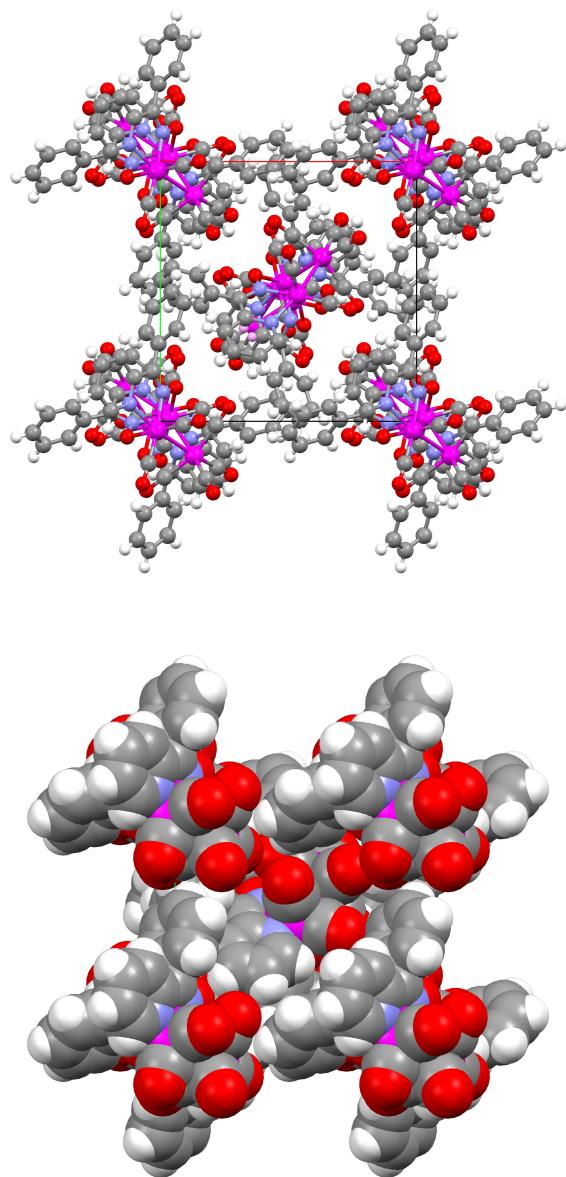
Scheme S1 Reaction of  $[\text{Os}_3(\text{CO})_{11}(\text{NCMe})]$  with phenyl 2-pyridyl ketoxime.

**Table S1** Selected bond distances ( $\text{\AA}$ ) and angles ( $^\circ$ ) of crystals **a** and **b**.

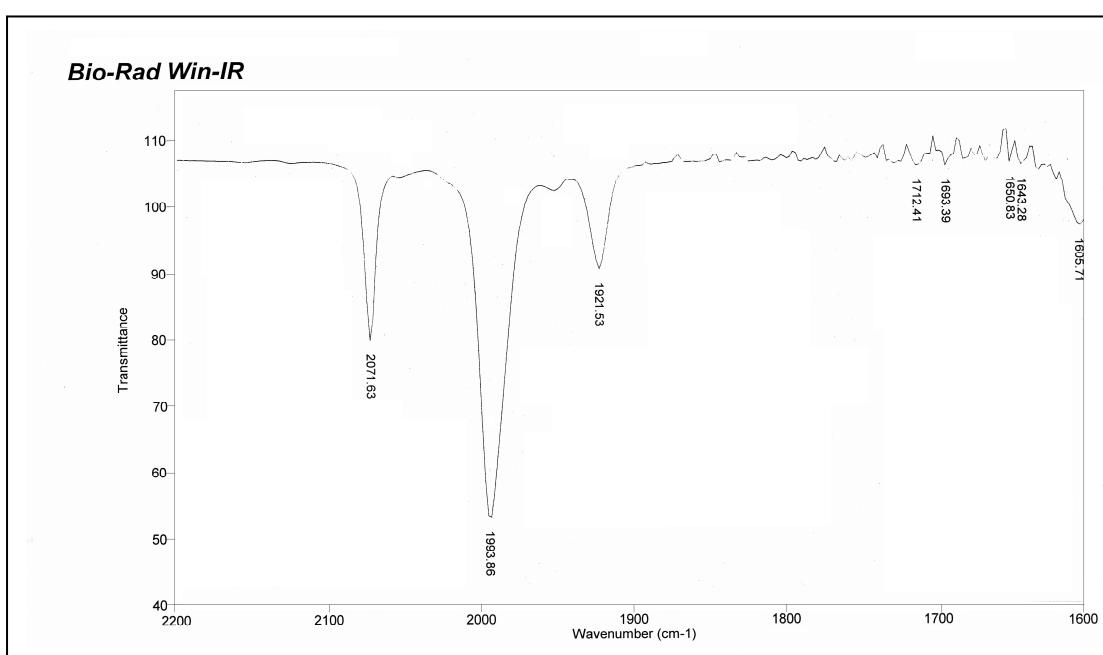
Bond lengths	<b>a</b>	<b>b</b>
Os1-Os2	2.8232(7)	2.8443(8)
Os1-N1	2.147(6)	2.161(5)
Os1-N2	2.133(6)	2.131(5)
Os1*-O5	2.120(5)	2.108(4)
N2-O5	1.347(8)	1.348(6)
N1-C5	1.336(10)	1.345(7)
N1-C9	1.353(9)	1.374(7)
N2-C10	1.297(9)	1.300(7)
C9-C10	1.484(11)	1.462(8)
Bond angles		
Os1-Os2-Os1*	78.86(2)	78.66(3)
Os2-Os1-N2	93.90(17)	92.33(13)
Os2-Os1-O5*	90.40(14)	89.09(11)
Os1-N1-C5	127.2(5)	127.5(4)
Os1-N1-C9	116.0(5)	114.3(4)
Os1-N2-O5	124.7(5)	125.7(3)
Os1-N2-C10	118.1(5)	118.1(4)
Os1*-O5-N2	112.1(4)	111.9(3)
N1-Os1-N2	74.9(2)	74.56(18)
N1-C9-C10	114.3(7)	115.0(5)
N2-C10-C9	115.6(7)	115.3(5)
N2-C10-C11	122.5(7)	122.0(5)
O5-N2-C10	117.2(6)	116.1(5)

\* Symmetry code for **a**: y, x, 1/2-z; and **b**: 1-y, 1-x, 1/2-z

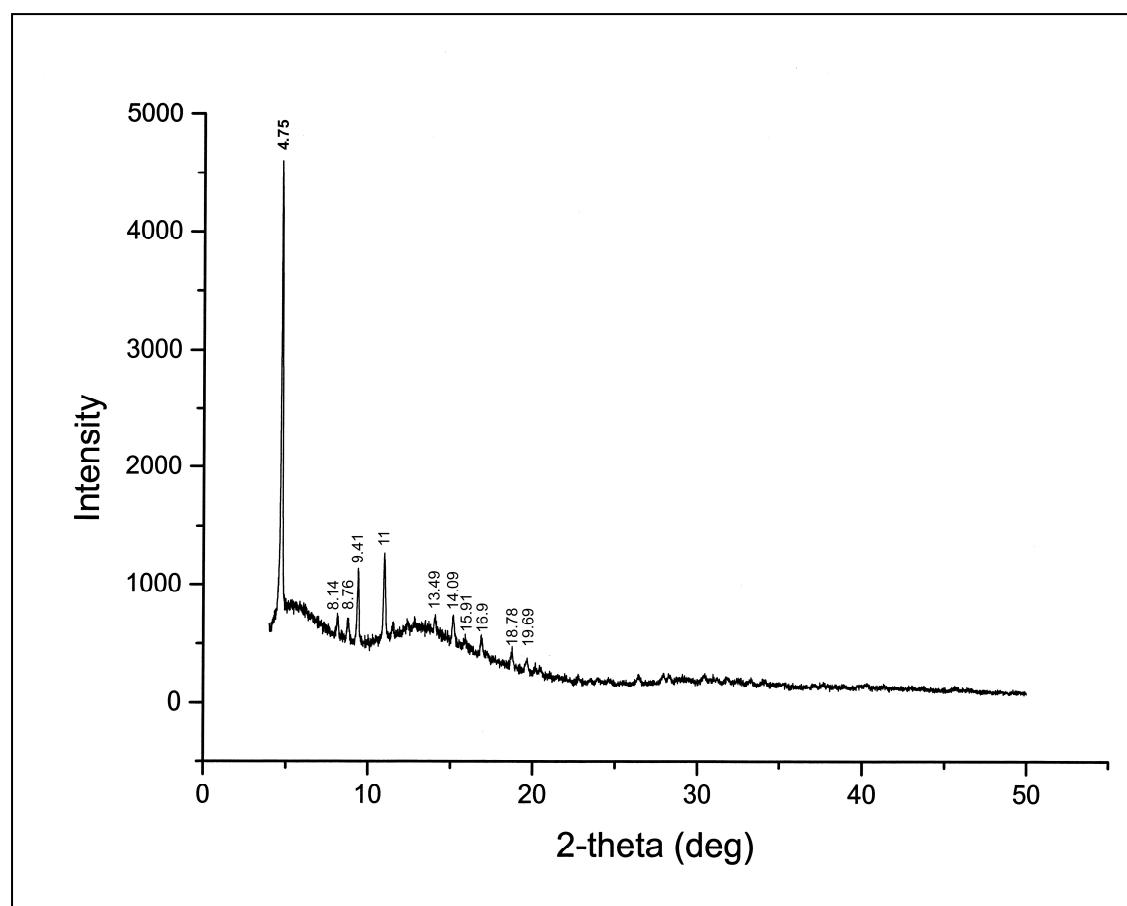
**Fig. S1** Unit cell of packing diagram in ball and stick form (upper) and space-filling (lower) of crystal **b** viewed down the *c*-axis.



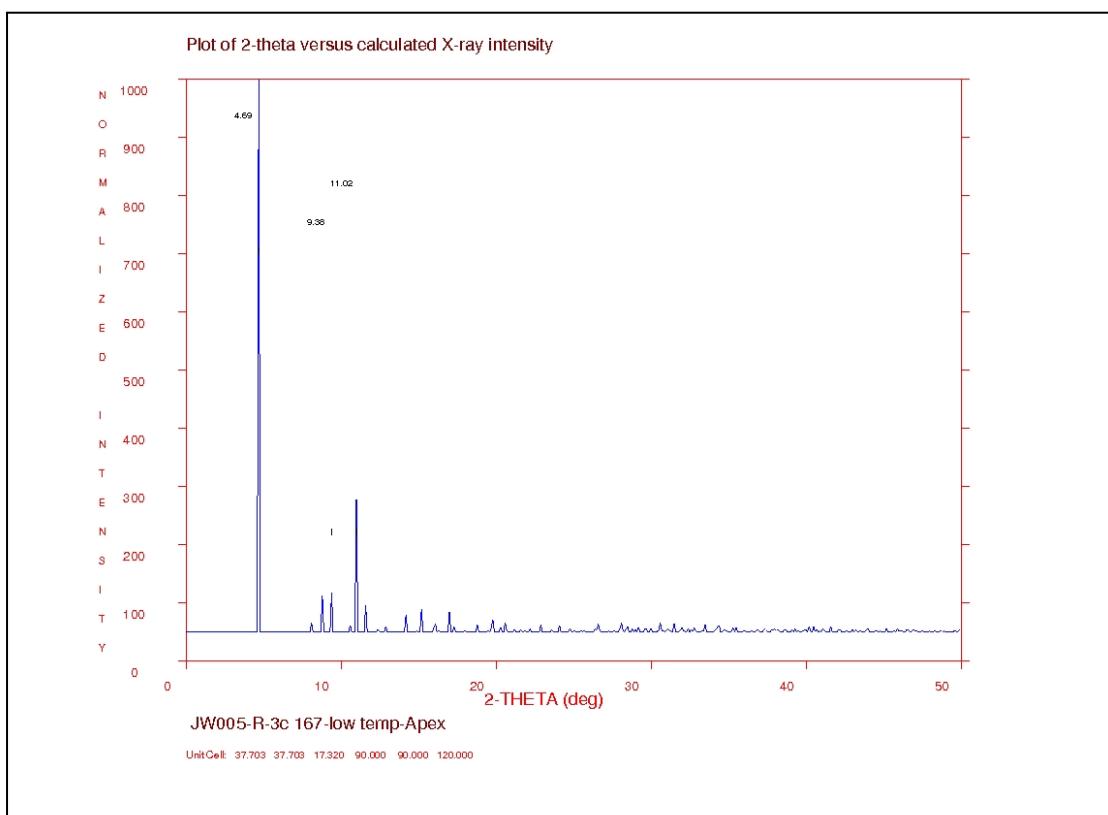
**Fig. S2** IR spectrum of compound **a** in solution.



**Fig. S3** Powder XRD of compound **a** using Copper K $\alpha_1$  radiation, 0-50°.



**Fig. S4** Simulated Powder XRD of compound **a** using Copper K $\alpha_1$  radiation.



**Fig. S5** Simulated Powder XRD of compound **b** using Copper K $\alpha_1$  radiation from 0-50°.

