

Supporting information for
Control of the charge-transfer interaction
between a flexible porous coordination host and
aromatic guests by framework isomerism

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General. X-ray powder diffraction data (XRPD) were collected on a Bruker D8 Discover with GADDS equipped with a sealed tube X-ray generator producing Cu-K α radiation. Thermogravimetric (TG) analyses were performed using a Rigaku Thermo plus TG 8120 apparatus in the temperature range between 298 K and 773 K under nitrogen atmosphere and with a heating rate of 5 K min⁻¹. Gas sorption isotherms of **2** were recorded on a BELSORP-max volumetric-adsorption instrument from BEL Japan, Inc. All measurements were performed using the samples after pretreatment at 50 °C under vacuum conditions for 2 hours. UV-Vis diffuse reflectance measurements were recorded on a JASCO V-670 spectrometer with integration sphere attachment. The samples were dispersed into aluminium oxide (5 wt%). Single crystal X-ray diffraction measurements were made on a Rigaku AFC10 diffractometer with Rigaku Saturn CCD system equipped with a rotating-anode X-ray generator producing multi layer mirror monochromated MoK α radiation.

Synthesis of 1 \rightarrow DMF. *N, N'*-di(4-pyridyl)-1,4,5,8-naphthalenediimide (dpNDI) was prepared according to the literature procedure.¹ A mixture of Zn(NO₃)₂·6H₂O (59.6 mg, 0.2 mmol), H₂thdc (34.4 mg, 0.2 mmol), and dpNDI (84 mg, 0.2 mmol) was suspended in DMF (20 mL) and heated at 120 °C for 2 hours. After cooling to room temperature,

the solution was stirred for 24 hours. A slightly yellowish powder of **1**DMF was formed and collected. The number of solvents in **1**DMF was determined by TG and elemental analysis. Elemental analysis of **1**DMF calcd (%) for $C_{48}H_{56}N_{10}O_{14}SZn$: C 52.67, H 5.16, N 12.80; found: C 53.22 H 5.20, N 12.55. Crystals suitable for single-crystal X-ray diffraction structure analysis were obtained by the following procedure. A mixture of $Zn(NO_3)_2 \cdot 6H_2O$ (14.9 mg, 0.05 mmol), H_2thdc (8.6 mg, 0.05 mmol), and dpNDI (21 mg, 0.05 mmol) were suspended in DMF (5 mL) and heated at 80 °C for 24 hours. After cooling to room temperature, rod-shaped crystals were obtained.

Synthesis of 2DMF·MeOH. A mixture of $Zn(NO_3)_2 \cdot 6H_2O$ (59.6 mg, 0.2 mmol), H_2thdc (34.4 mg, 0.2 mmol), and dpNDI (84 mg, 0.2 mmol) was suspended in mixed solvent (DMF/MeOH = 1/1, 20 mL) and heated at 80 °C for 48 hours. A slightly yellowish powder of **2**DMF·MeOH was formed and collected. The number of solvents in **2**DMF·MeOH was determined by TG and elemental analysis. Elemental analysis of **2**DMF·MeOH calcd (%) for $C_{46}H_{68}N_6O_{20}SZn$: C 49.22, H 6.11, N 7.49; found: C 49.70 H 6.00, N 7.60.

Synthesis of 1Danisole, 1DMB and 1NDMA. Powder sample of **1**DMF was immersed in anisole at room temperature for 24h. the resulting sample, **1**Danisole, is

collected by filtration. **1**DDMB and **1**DNDMA were prepared in the same way by using 1,2-dimethoxybenzene and N,N-dimethylaniline, respectively.

Synthesis of 2aniso**le**, **2**DDMB and **2**DNDMA. These samples were also prepared in the same manner as that of **1**aniso**le** by using **2** DMF·MeOH.

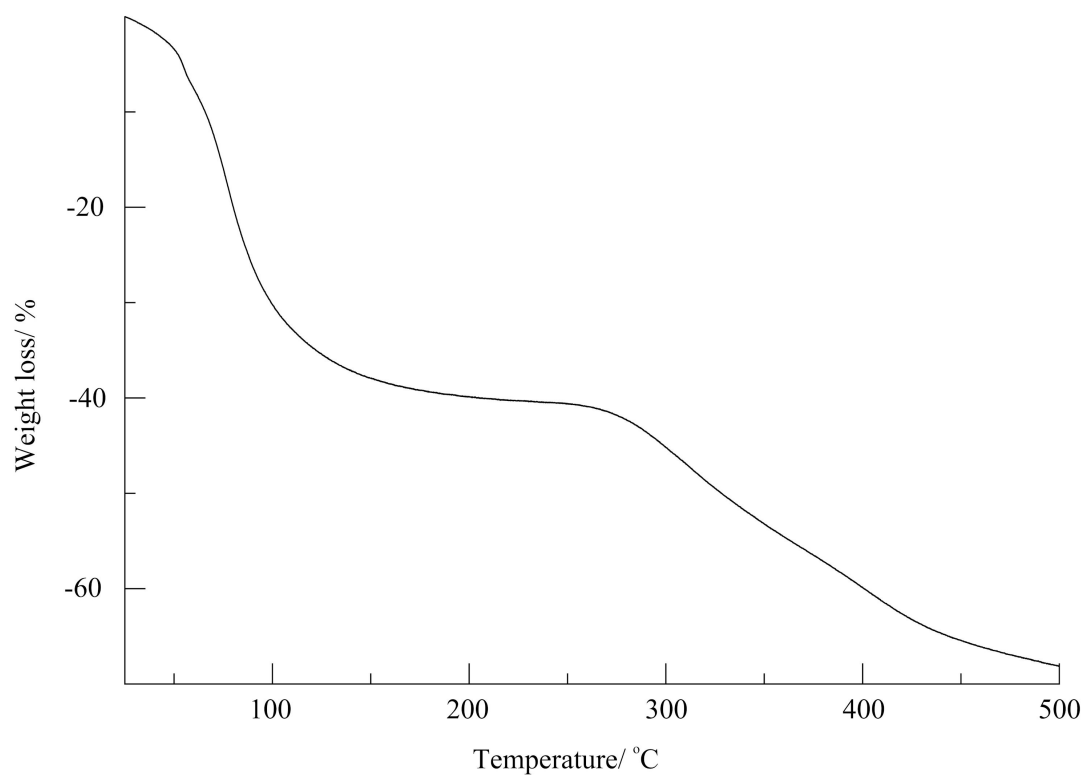


Figure S1 TG analysis showing the weight loss in **15**DMF. The observed weight loss 39.9 wt% at 200 °C is the weight of 6 DMF (calculated weight loss: 40.1 wt%).

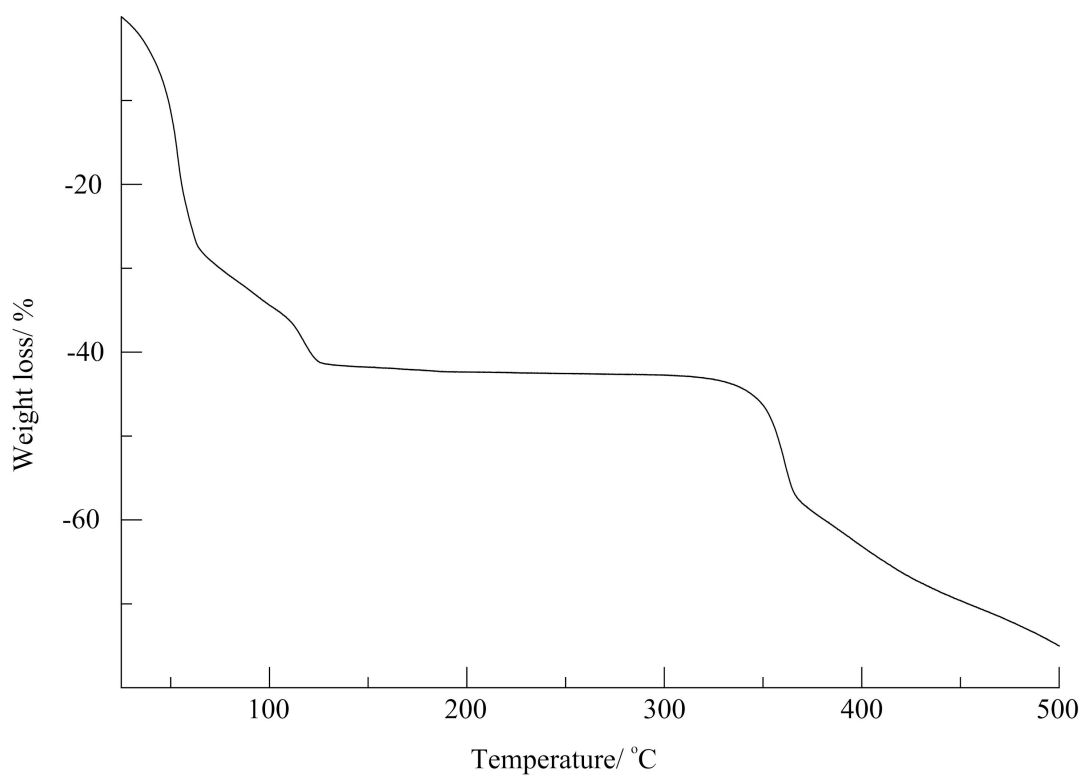


Figure S2 TG analysis showing the weight loss in **2** DMF·MeOH. The observed weight loss 41.6 wt% at 136 °C is the weight of 10 MeOH and 2 DMF (calculated weight loss: 41.6 wt%).

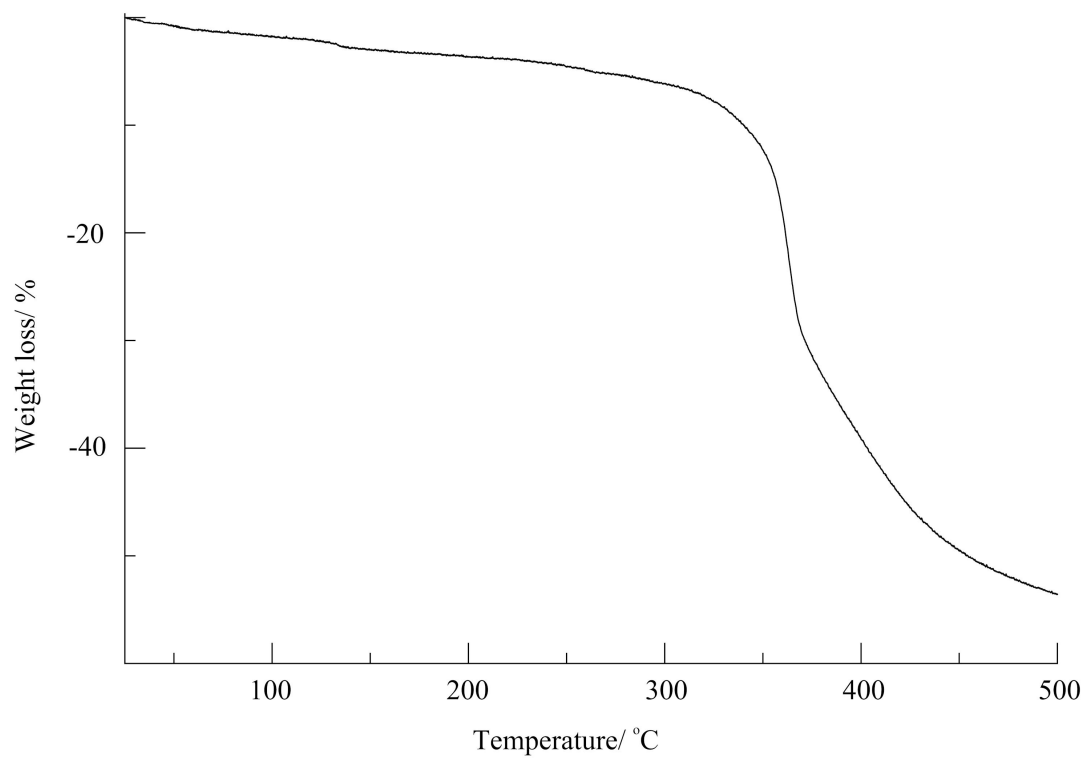


Figure S3 TG analysis of **2**.

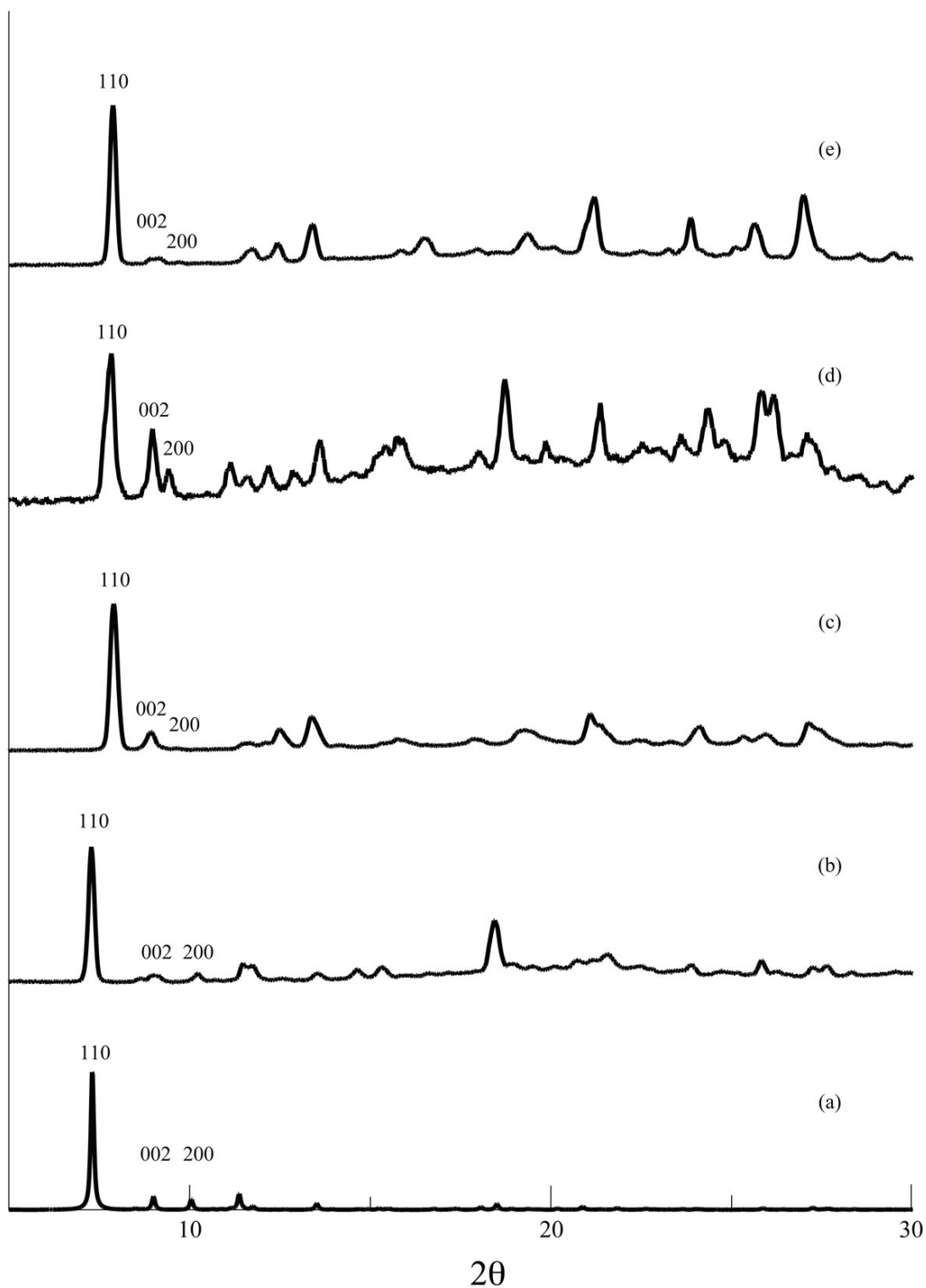


Figure S4 XRPD patterns of (a) simulated **1DDMF** from single crystal, (b) experimental as synthesized form **1DDMF**, (c) **1Danisole**, (d) **1DDMB**, and (e) **1NDMA**.

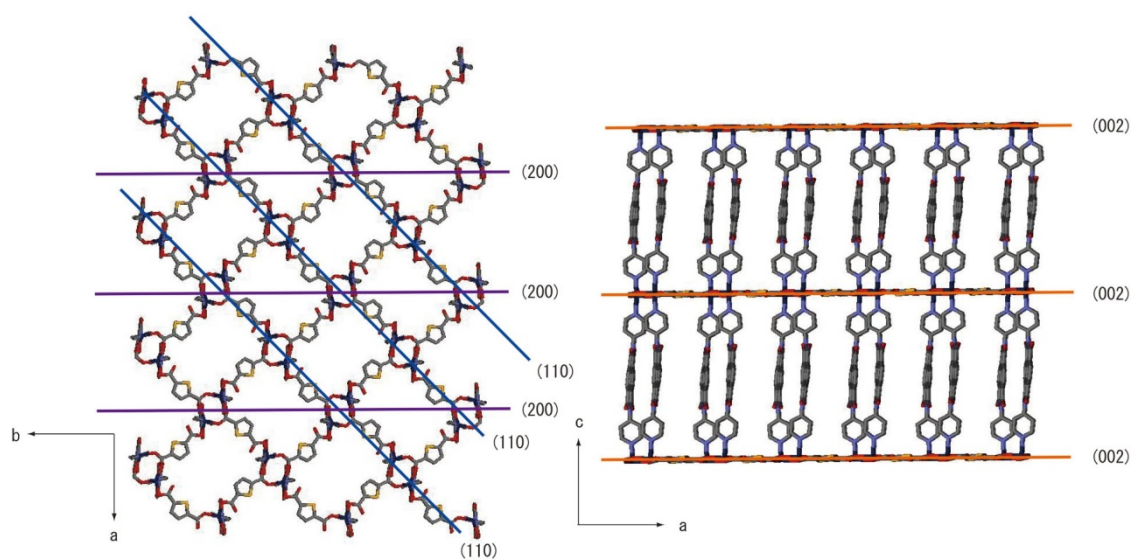


Figure S5 Three crystal faces in **1DDMF**.

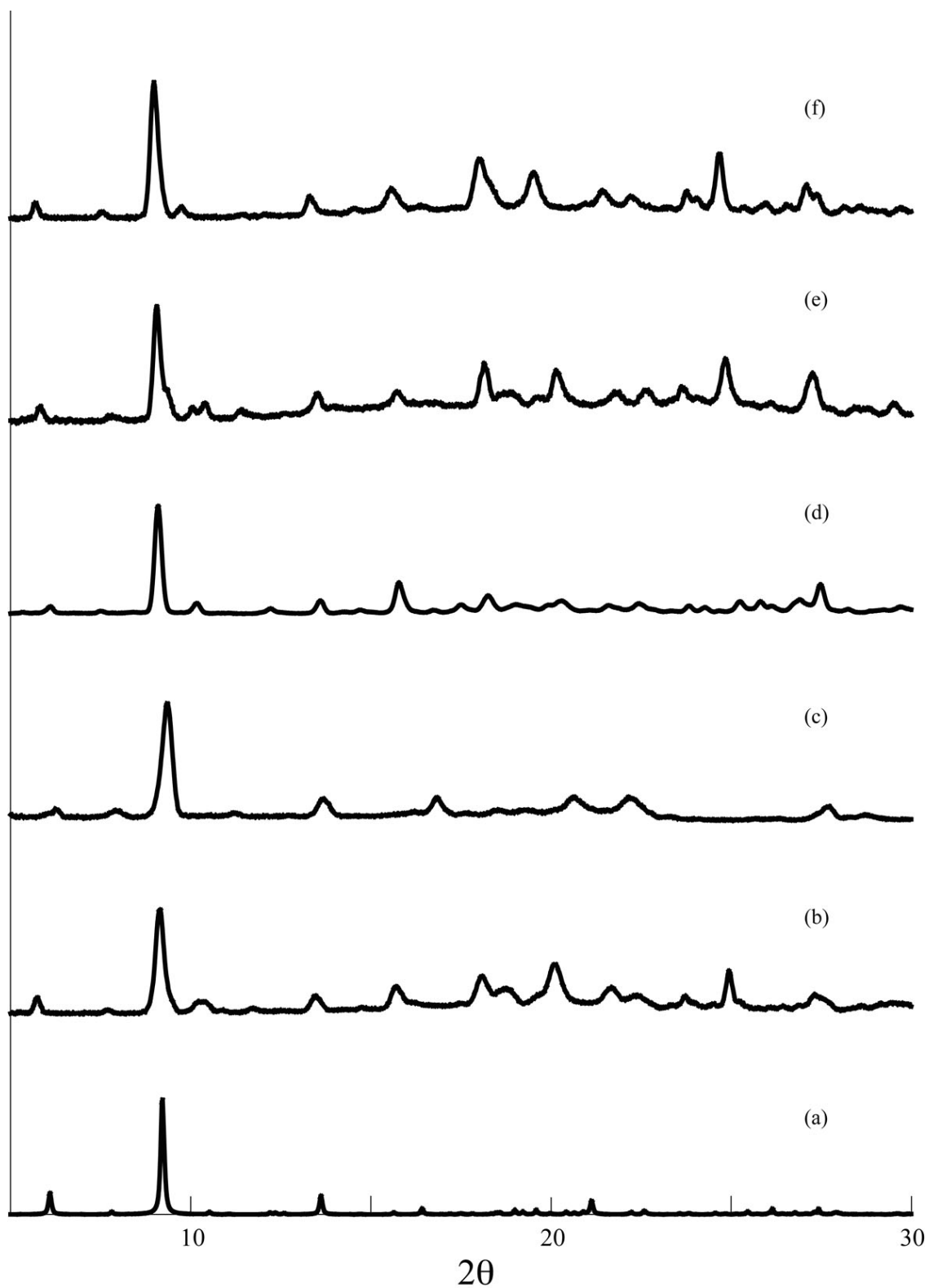


Figure S6 XRPD patterns of (a) simulated **2**DMF·MeOH from single crystal, (b) experimental as synthesized form **2**DMF·MeOH, (c) desolvated form **2**, (d) **2**anisole, (e) **2**DMB, and (f) **2**NDMA

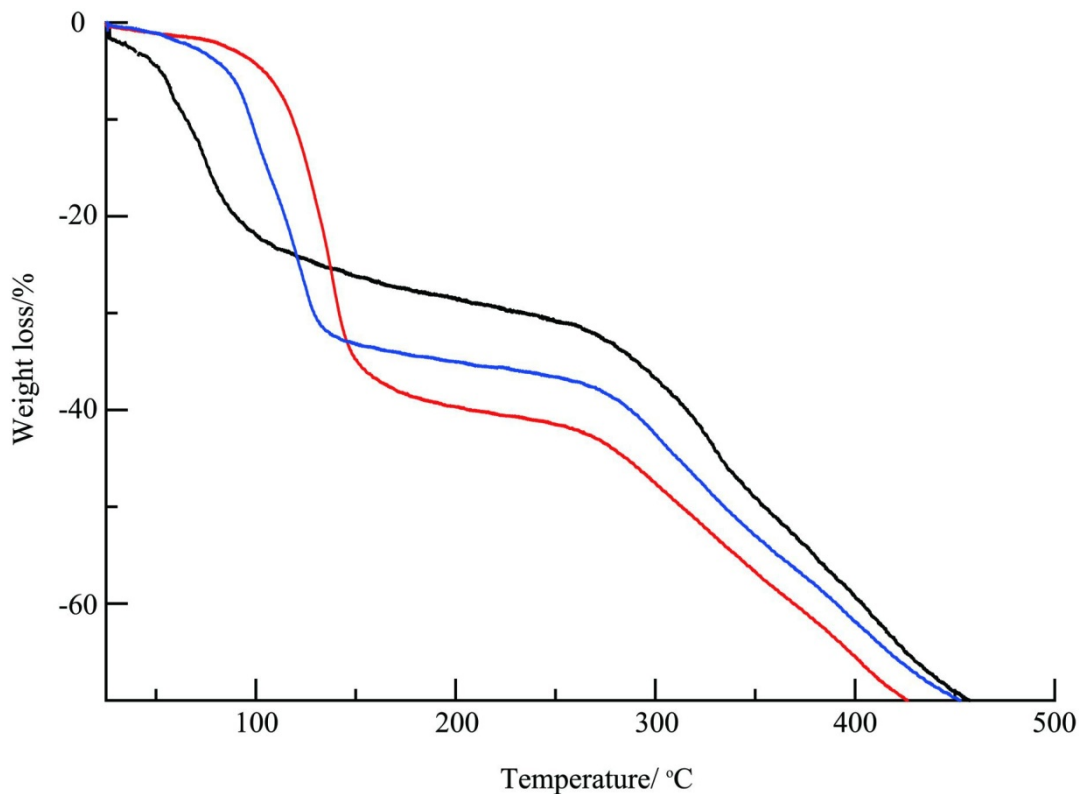


Figure S7 TG analysis showing the weight loss in **Danisole** (black line), **DMB** (red line) and **NDMA** (blue line). The observed weight loss 29.2 wt% at 295 °C for **Danisole** is the weight of 2.5 anisole (calculated weight loss: 29.2 wt%), 42.1 wt% at 260 °C for **DMB** is the weight of 3.5 DMB (calculated weight loss 42.4 wt%) and 35.7 wt% at 226 °C for **NDMA** is the weight of 3 NDMA (calculated weight loss 35.7 wt%).

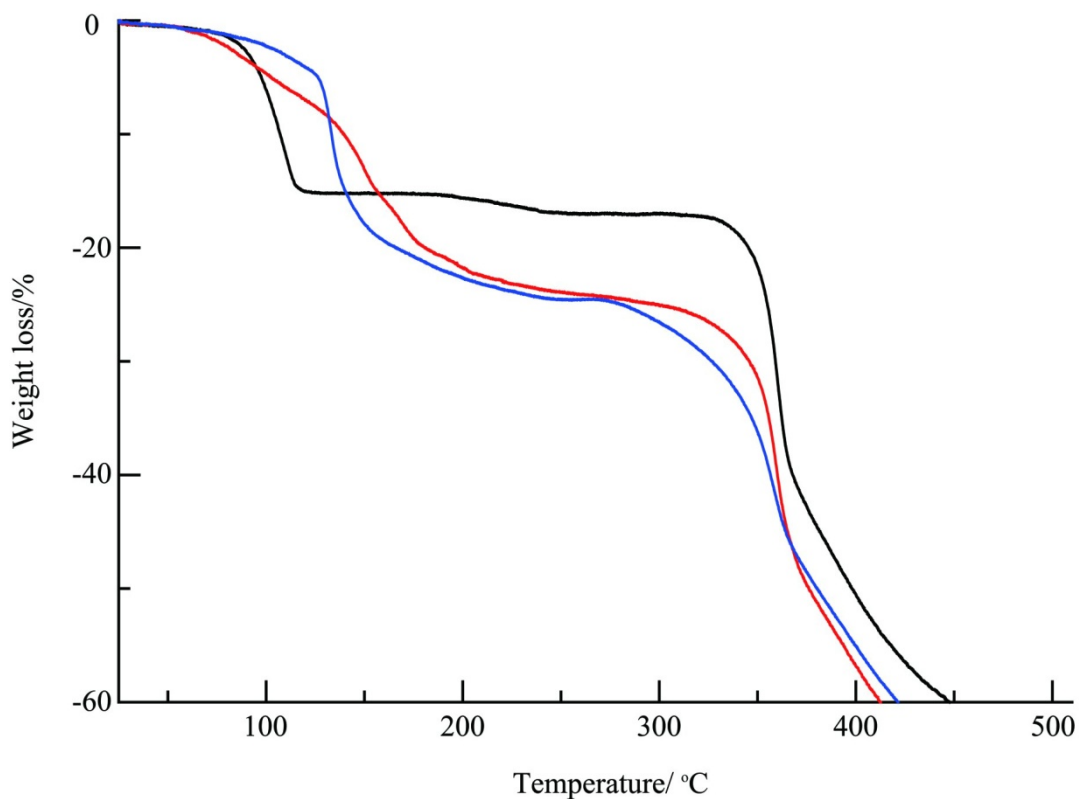


Figure S8 TG analysis showing the weight loss in **Danisole** (black line), **DDMB** (red line) and **NDMA** (blue line). The observed weight loss 17 wt% at 310 °C for **Danisole** is the weight of 1.25 anisole (calculated weight loss: 17 wt%), 24 wt% at 255 °C for **DDMB** is the weight of 1.5 DMB (calculated weight loss 24 wt%) and 24.4 wt% at 240 °C for **NDMA** is the weight of 1.75 NDMA (calculated weight loss 24.4 wt%).

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