

## *Electronic Supplementary Information*

# **Metal imidazolate sulphate frameworks as a variation of zeolitic imidazolate frameworks**

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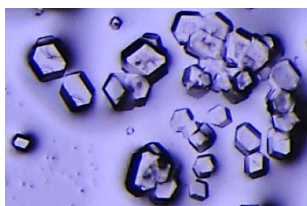
## **General Methods**

Zinc sulfate heptahydrate ( $\text{ZnSO}_4 \cdot 7\text{H}_2\text{O}$ ), benzimidazole, and 2-methylimidazole were purchased from Sigma-Aldrich. 2-Ethylimidazole, 2-nitroimidazole, 2-mercaptobenzimidazole, and 1,3-dimethyl-2-imidazolidinone were purchased from Tokyo Chemical Industry (TCI) Co., Ltd. Zinc nitrate hexahydrate ( $\text{Zn}(\text{NO}_3)_2 \cdot 6\text{H}_2\text{O}$ ), nickel nitrate hexahydrate ( $\text{Ni}(\text{NO}_3)_2 \cdot 6\text{H}_2\text{O}$ ), *N,N*-dimethylformamide (DMF), acetonitrile, and dichloromethane were purchased from Daejung Chemicals & Metals Co., Ltd. Before experiments,  $\text{Zn}(\text{NO}_3)_2 \cdot 6\text{H}_2\text{O}$  and  $\text{Ni}(\text{NO}_3)_2 \cdot 6\text{H}_2\text{O}$  were dried under vacuum at ambient temperature for 1 day, and all other reagents were used without further purification.

Powder X-ray diffraction (PXRD) data were collected on a Rigaku MiniFlex diffractometer with  $\text{CuK}\alpha$  radiation ( $\lambda = 1.5418 \text{ \AA}$ ). Single crystal X-ray diffraction (SCXRD) data were collected at 100 or 173 K with synchrotron radiation on a Rayonix MX225HS CCD area detector at BL2D-SMC beamline at Pohang Accelerator laboratory (PAL). Thermogravimetric analyses (TGA) were carried out using a PerkinElmer Pyris 1 in air at a heating rate of  $5^\circ\text{C}/\text{min}$ . Fourier transform infrared (FT-IR) spectra were measured employing a JASCO FT/IR-7400 spectrophotometer and a PerkinElmer FT/IR Spectrum Two spectrometer on samples prepared as KBr pellets.  $^1\text{H}$ -NMR spectra were recorded with a JEOL ECZ500/S1 spectrometer (500 MHz, Jeol, Tokyo, Japan). The  $\text{N}_2$ ,  $\text{H}_2$  and  $\text{CO}_2$  adsorption-desorption isotherms were measured using the standard volumetric procedure on a BELSORP-mini instrument (BEL-Japan, INC.). Methanol adsorption-desorption isotherms were measured using the standard volumetric procedure on a BELSORP-max instrument (BEL-Japan, INC.). Elemental analysis was performed with a Thermo Scientific Flash 2000 HT analyzer. Inductively coupled plasma-atomic emission spectroscopy (ICP-AES) was carried out employing PerkinElmer Optima 7300DV & Avio500. Field emission-scanning electron microscope (FE-SEM) images were obtained using the Carl Zeiss GeminiSEM 300 at 10 kV.

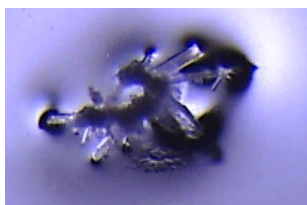
## Synthesis of Compounds

### Synthesis of $[\text{Zn}(\text{SO}_4)_2(\text{HmIm})_2][\text{NH}_2(\text{CH}_3)_2]_2$ (1).



$\text{Zn}(\text{SO}_4) \cdot 7\text{H}_2\text{O}$  (347 mg, 1.2 mmol) and 2-methylimidazole (mImH, 197 mg, 2.4 mmol) were placed in a 30 mL vial, and then 15 mL of DMF and 0.5 mL of  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  were added. After stirring the reaction mixture at room temperature for 30 minutes, the vial was capped and sealed with Teflon tape, and heated in an oven at  $120^\circ\text{C}$  for 4 days to give colourless block crystals. The collected crystals were washed sequentially with DMF ( $3 \times 10$  mL) and 15 mL of dichloromethane, and dried in air. Yield was 15 % (46 mg) based on 1 mole of zinc sulphate. Elemental microanalysis for  $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{28}\text{N}_6\text{O}_8\text{S}_2\text{Zn}$ , calculated (%): C, 28.05; H, 5.49; N, 16.35; S, 12.48. Found (%): C, 26.02; H, 4.63; N, 15.11; S, 11.24.

### Synthesis of $[\text{Zn}(\text{SO}_4)_2(\text{eImH})_2][\text{NH}_2(\text{CH}_3)_2]_2$ (2).



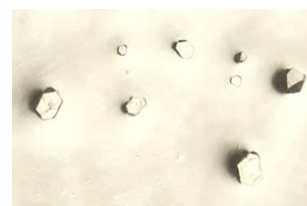
$\text{Zn}(\text{SO}_4) \cdot 7\text{H}_2\text{O}$  (347 mg, 1.2 mmol) and 2-ethylimidazole (eImH, 231 mg, 2.4 mmol) were placed in a 30 mL vial, and then 15 mL of DMF and 0.5 mL of  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  were added. After stirring the reaction mixture at room temperature for 30 minutes, the vial was capped and sealed with Teflon tape, and heated in an oven at  $120^\circ\text{C}$  for 4 days to give colourless rectangular crystals. The collected crystals were washed sequentially with DMF ( $3 \times 10$  mL) and 15 mL of dichloromethane, and dried in air (317 mg, yield 97 %). Elemental analysis for  $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{32}\text{N}_6\text{O}_8\text{S}_2\text{Zn}$ , calculated (%): C, 31.03; H, 5.95; N, 15.51; S, 11.83. Found (%): C, 29.74; H, 5.05; N, 14.20; S, 11.20. FT-IR spectrum is given in Fig. S23.

### Synthesis of $[\text{Zn}_2(\text{SO}_4)_2(\text{BIm})_2][\text{NH}_2(\text{CH}_3)_2]_2$ (MISF-1).



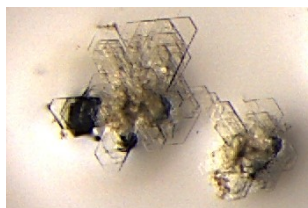
$\text{Zn}(\text{SO}_4) \cdot 7\text{H}_2\text{O}$  (347 mg, 1.2 mmol) and benzimidazole (BImH, 284 mg, 2.4 mmol) were placed in a 30 mL vial, and then 15 mL of DMF and 0.5 mL of  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  were added. After stirring the reaction mixture at room temperature for 30 minutes, the vial was capped and sealed with Teflon tape, and heated in an oven at  $120^\circ\text{C}$  for 4 days to give colourless needle crystals. The collected crystals were washed sequentially with DMF ( $3 \times 10$  mL) and 15 mL of dichloromethane, and dried in air (340 mg, yield 91 %). Elemental analysis for  $\text{C}_{18}\text{H}_{26}\text{N}_6\text{O}_8\text{S}_2\text{Zn}_2$ , calculated (%): C, 33.30; H, 4.04; N, 12.94; S, 9.87. Found (%): C, 34.21; H, 3.98; N, 12.76; S, 9.97. FT-IR spectrum is given in Fig. S23.

### Synthesis of $[\text{Zn}(\text{SO}_4)(\text{nIm})][\text{NH}_2(\text{CH}_3)_2]$ (MISF-2).



$\text{Zn}(\text{SO}_4) \cdot 7\text{H}_2\text{O}$  (144 mg, 0.5 mmol) and 2-nitroimidazole (nImH, 226 mg, 2.0 mmol) were placed in a 30 mL vial, and then 20 mL of DMF and 1.0 mL of  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  were added. After stirring the reaction mixture at room temperature for 30 minutes, the vial was capped and sealed with Teflon tape, and heated in an oven at  $120^\circ\text{C}$  for 3 days to give yellow block crystals. The collected crystals were washed sequentially with DMF ( $3 \times 10$  mL) and acetonitrile ( $3 \times 10$  mL), and dried in vacuum for 1 h (46 mg, yield 29 %). Elemental analysis for  $\text{C}_8\text{H}_{12}\text{N}_5\text{O}_6\text{SZn}$ , calculated (%): C, 25.85; H, 3.25; N, 18.84; S, 8.63. Found (%): C, 18.25; H, 3.59; N, 16.10; S, 10.05. FT-IR spectrum is given in Fig. S23.

### Synthesis of $[\text{Zn}_{0.5}(\text{H}_2\text{O})(\text{DMI})][\text{Zn}_3(\text{nIm})_3(\text{SO}_4)_2]$ (**MISF-3**).



$\text{Zn}(\text{NO}_3)_2 \cdot 6\text{H}_2\text{O}$  (75 mg, 0.25 mmol),  $\text{nImH}$  (57 mg, 0.5 mmol), and 2-mercaptobenzimidazole (150 mg, 1.0 mmol) were placed in a 30 mL vial, and then dissolved completely in 10 mL of 1,3-dimethyl-2-imidazolidinone (DMI). After adding 0.75 mL of  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  in the solution, the vial was capped and sealed with Teflon tape, and heated in an oven at 120 °C for 4 days to give yellow plate crystals. Due to a low yield (ca. 8 %), the crystals were collected from a total of 10 batches, and washed with DMI ( $3 \times 10$  mL), and dried at 60 °C in vacuum for 10 h. Elemental analysis for evacuated **MISF-3**,  $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{18}\text{N}_{11}\text{O}_{16}\text{S}_2\text{Zn}_{3.5}$ , calculated (%): C, 18.91; H, 2.04; N, 17.33; S, 7.21. Found (%): C, 17.45; H, 2.13; N, 15.87; S, 7.07. FT-IR spectrum is given in Fig. S23.

### Preparation of **MISF-3-Ni**.

The activated **MISF-3** crystals (100 mg) at 60 °C for 10 h were immersed in 0.5 M DMI solution of  $\text{Ni}(\text{NO}_3)_2 \cdot 6\text{H}_2\text{O}$  at room temperature for 1 day. The collected crystals were immersed again in the same but fresh DMI solution for 1 day. The filtered crystals were washed with neat DMI ( $3 \times 15$  mL), and further soaked in 15 mL of dichloromethane for 1 day to replace the solvent, and then washed with dichloromethane ( $3 \times 10$  mL) to obtain **MISF-3-Ni**. Finally, **MISF-3-Ni** was heated at 60 °C for 10 hours under vacuum for further analysis. As a result of ICP-AES analysis, Zn was measured to be 322.997 ppm and Ni was measured to be 48.663 ppm, which corresponds to a molar ratio of Zn : Ni = 5.91 : 1. FT-IR spectrum is given in Fig. S23.

## X-Ray Crystallography

A single crystal was attached to an oil-covered CryoLoop on a goniometer head. Under liquid nitrogen stream, the crystal was mounted on a Bruker diffractometer with an ADSC Q210 CCD area detector at 2D SMC with a silicon (111) double-crystal monochromator at Pohang Accelerator laboratory (PAL). The wavelength of the X-ray generated by PLSII 2D bending magnets was adjusted to  $\lambda = 0.630$  Å (**MISF-1**) or 0.700 Å (**1**, **2**, **MISF-2**, and **MISF-3**). Data collection was conducted by an omega-scan method at 100 K except for **MISF-3** (173 K). Over the range of the omega angle, 180°, diffraction images were collected with a step increase of 1° and an exposure time of 1 sec per frame at a detector distance 90.00 mm, which was controlled using the PAL ADSC Quantum-210 ADX Program.<sup>S1</sup> The HKL3000sm (Ver. 703r) software package<sup>S2</sup> was used for the refinement of unit cell parameters, and data reduction with a higher symmetric unit cell. Absorption corrections were applied to all crystal data but seemed not to be effective for **MISF-1** that has thin needle morphology; thus, the eight large residual peaks ( $2.06 \sim 2.65 \text{ eÅ}^{-3}$ ) around two Zn atoms in **MISF-1** are ascribed to the insufficient absorption correction. The structure was solved by direct methods using the SHELX-S program and further developed with difference Fourier syntheses and subsequent refinement processes using the SHELX-L Version 2018/3.<sup>S3</sup> All non-H atoms were refined anisotropically except for those of the dimethylammonium cation of **MISF-2**. Hydrogen atoms were generated and included at ideal positions using the AIFX command in SHELX-L. Due to severe disorder of the dimethylammonium ion in **MISF-2**, a proper disordered model was not able to be applied and thus its N and C atoms were refined

isotropically under geometry restraints using DFIX. In contrast, the disorder of the coordinated sulphate ion to a Zn atom could be resolved and its atoms were refined anisotropically. In addition, the structural refinement of **MISF-2** could be conducted smoothly using TWIN and BASF instructions. In the case of **MISF-3**, a DMI solvent molecule was found in pores and refined anisotropically but with many SHELX restraints instructions (DFIX, SADI, ISOR) because of a large thermal motion. Additionally, one of the coordinated DMI to Zn4 had large and elongated thermal ellipsoids, but its possible disorder model was not further investigated to make a simpler structural model.

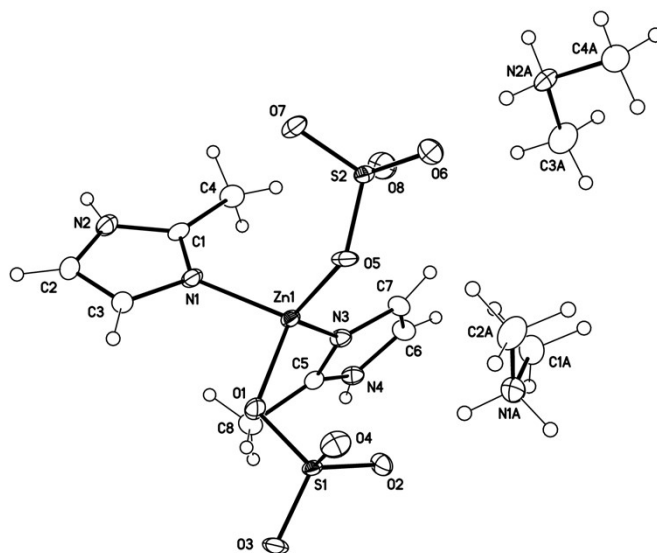
The CIF files for **1**, **2**, **MISF-1**, **MISF-2**, and **MISF-3** were deposited as CCDC 2128435-2128439 which can be obtained free of charge from the Cambridge Crystallographic Data Centre via [www.ccdc.cam.ac.uk/structures/](http://www.ccdc.cam.ac.uk/structures/).

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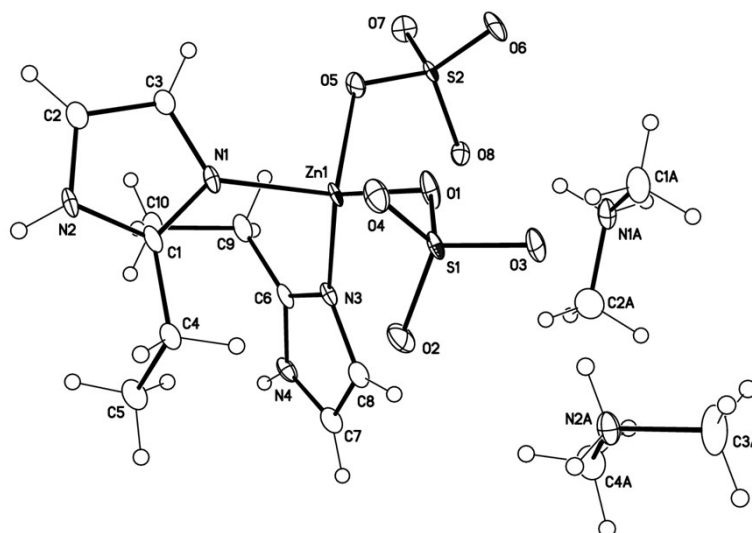
**Table S1.** Crystal data and refinement results for **1**

Empirical formula	C <sub>12</sub> H <sub>28</sub> N <sub>6</sub> O <sub>8</sub> S <sub>2</sub> Zn	
Formula weight	513.89	
Temperature	100(2) K	
Wavelength	0.700 Å	
Crystal system	Orthorhombic	
Space group	<i>Pca</i> 2 <sub>1</sub> (No. 29)	
Unit cell dimensions	<i>a</i> = 14.426(3) Å	$\alpha = 90^\circ$
	<i>b</i> = 10.493(2) Å	$\beta = 90^\circ$
	<i>c</i> = 14.810(3) Å	$\gamma = 90^\circ$
Volume	2241.8(8) Å <sup>3</sup>	
Z	4	
Density (calculated)	1.523 g/cm <sup>3</sup>	
Absorption coefficient	1.280 mm <sup>-1</sup>	
F(000)	1072	
Crystal size	0.050 x 0.016 x 0.006 mm <sup>3</sup>	
Theta range for data collection	2.364 to 27.816.	
Index ranges	-19 ≤ <i>h</i> ≤ 19, -13 ≤ <i>k</i> ≤ 13, -19 ≤ <i>l</i> ≤ 19	
Reflections collected	15716	
Independent reflections	5404 [R(int) = 0.0849]	
Completeness to theta = 24.835	99.9 %	
Absorption correction	Empirical	
Max. and min. transmission	1.000 and 0.917	
Refinement method	Full-matrix least-squares on F <sup>2</sup>	
Data / restraints / parameters	5404 / 1 / 268	
Goodness-of-fit on F2	1.146	
Final R indices [I > 2σ(I)]	R1 = 0.0446, wR2 = 0.1327	
R indices (all data)	R1 = 0.0469, wR2 = 0.1341	
Absolute structure parameter	0.022(8)	
Extinction coefficient	n/a	
Largest diff. peak and hole	1.456 and -1.558 e.Å <sup>-3</sup>	

**Figure S1.** An ORTEP drawing of the asymmetric unit of **1**. The thermal ellipsoids are displayed with 50% probability level.

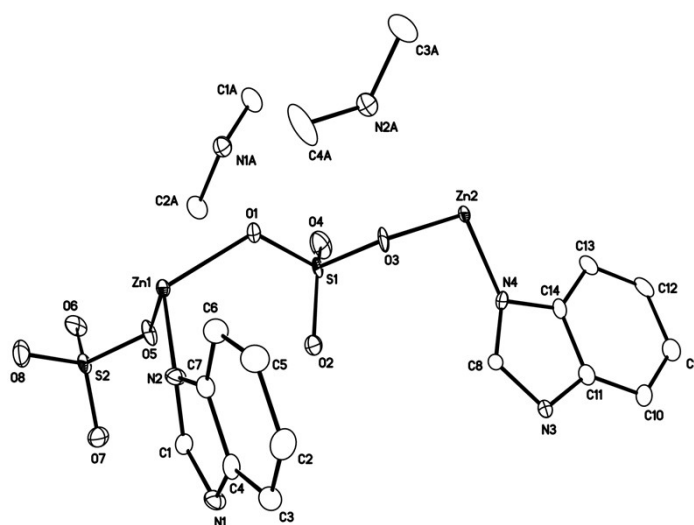
**Table S2.** Crystal data and refinement results for **2**

Empirical formula	C <sub>14</sub> H <sub>32</sub> N <sub>6</sub> O <sub>8</sub> S <sub>2</sub> Zn	
Formula weight	541.94	
Temperature	100(2) K	
Wavelength	0.700 Å	
Crystal system	Orthorhombic	
Space group	<i>Pca</i> 2 <sub>1</sub> (No. 29)	
Unit cell dimensions	<i>a</i> = 14.624(3) Å	$\alpha = 90^\circ$
	<i>b</i> = 10.424(2) Å	$\beta = 90^\circ$
	<i>c</i> = 15.046(3) Å	$\gamma = 90^\circ$
Volume	2293.6(8) Å <sup>3</sup>	
Z	4	
Density (calculated)	1.569 g/cm <sup>3</sup>	
Absorption coefficient	0.938 mm <sup>-1</sup>	
F(000)	1136	
Crystal size	0.090 x 0.070 x 0.030 mm <sup>3</sup>	
Theta range for data collection	1.732 to 24.826.	
Index ranges	-19 ≤ <i>h</i> ≤ 19, -13 ≤ <i>k</i> ≤ 13, -19 ≤ <i>l</i> ≤ 19	
Reflections collected	16686	
Independent reflections	5516 [R(int) = 0.0654]	
Completeness to theta = 22.210	99.4 %	
Absorption correction	Empirical	
Max. and min. transmission	1.000 and 0.476	
Refinement method	Full-matrix least-squares on F <sup>2</sup>	
Data / restraints / parameters	5516 / 1 / 287	
Goodness-of-fit on F2	1.020	
Final R indices [I > 2σ(I)]	R1 = 0.0308, wR2 = 0.0836	
R indices (all data)	R1 = 0.0309, wR2 = 0.0837	
Absolute structure parameter	0.014(6)	
Extinction coefficient	0.0050(9)	
Largest diff. peak and hole	0.629 and -0.553 e.Å <sup>-3</sup>	

**Figure S2.** An ORTEP drawing of the asymmetric unit of **2**. The thermal ellipsoids are displayed at 50% probability level.

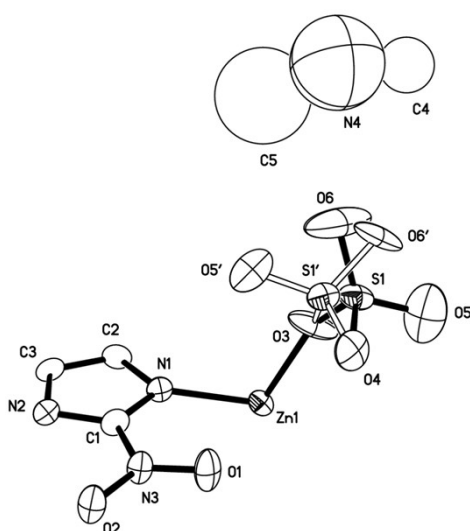
**Table S3.** Crystal data and refinement results for **MISF-1**

Empirical formula	C <sub>36</sub> H <sub>52</sub> N <sub>12</sub> O <sub>16</sub> S <sub>4</sub> Zn <sub>4</sub>	
Formula weight	1298.61	
Temperature	100(2) K	
Wavelength	0.630 Å	
Crystal system	Orthorhombic	
Space group	<i>Pca</i> 2 <sub>1</sub> (No. 29)	
Unit cell dimensions	<i>a</i> = 9.7390(19) Å	$\alpha = 90^\circ$
	<i>b</i> = 22.092(4) Å	$\beta = 90^\circ$
	<i>c</i> = 11.364(2) Å	$\gamma = 90^\circ$
Volume	2445.0(8) Å <sup>3</sup>	
Z	2	
Density (calculated)	1.764 g/cm <sup>3</sup>	
Absorption coefficient	1.573 mm <sup>-1</sup>	
F(000)	1328	
Crystal size	0.140 x 0.031 x 0.009 mm <sup>3</sup>	
Theta range for data collection	1.634 to 24.834°	
Index ranges	-12 ≤ <i>h</i> ≤ 12, -29 ≤ <i>k</i> ≤ 29, -15 ≤ <i>l</i> ≤ 14	
Reflections collected	18075	
Independent reflections	5901 [R(int) = 0.0958]	
Completeness to theta = 22.210°	99.7 %	
Absorption correction	Empirical	
Max. and min. transmission	1.000 and 0.670	
Refinement method	Full-matrix least-squares on F <sup>2</sup>	
Data / restraints / parameters	5901 / 1 / 355	
Goodness-of-fit on F <sup>2</sup>	1.053	
Final R indices [I > 2σ(I)]	R1 = 0.0560, wR2 = 0.1468	
R indices (all data)	R1 = 0.0582, wR2 = 0.1487	
Absolute structure parameter	0.011(15)	
Extinction coefficient	n/a	
Largest diff. peak and hole	2.653 and -1.836 e.Å <sup>-3</sup>	

**Figure S3.** An ORTEP drawing of the asymmetric unit of **MISF-1**. The thermal ellipsoids are displayed at 50% probability level. Hydrogen atoms are not shown for simplicity.

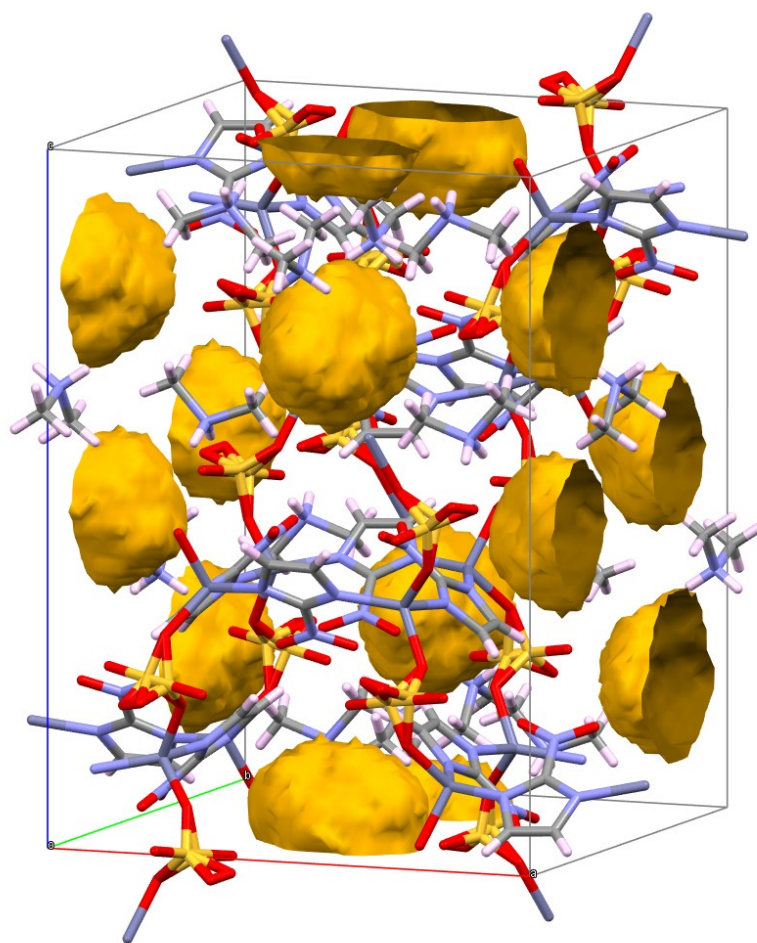
**Table S4.** Crystal data and refinement results for **MISF-2**

Empirical formula	C <sub>5</sub> H <sub>10</sub> N <sub>4</sub> O <sub>6</sub> S Zn	
Formula weight	319.62	
Temperature	100 (2) K	
Wavelength	0.700 Å	
Crystal system	Tetragonal	
Space group	<i>I</i> 4 <sub>1</sub> / <i>a</i> (No. 88)	
Unit cell dimensions	<i>a</i> = 15.217(2) Å	$\alpha = 90^\circ$
	<i>b</i> = 15.217(2) Å	$\beta = 90^\circ$
	<i>c</i> = 20.632(4) Å	$\gamma = 90^\circ$
Volume	4777.5(14) Å <sup>3</sup>	
Z	16	
Density (calculated)	1.777 g/cm <sup>3</sup>	
Absorption coefficient	2.168 mm <sup>-1</sup>	
F(000)	2592	
Crystal size	0.070 x 0.060 x 0.030 mm <sup>3</sup>	
Theta range for data collection	1.638 to 29.992°	
Index ranges	-21 ≤ <i>h</i> ≤ 21, -15 ≤ <i>k</i> ≤ 15, -29 ≤ <i>l</i> ≤ 29	
Reflections collected	6972	
Independent reflections	3646 [R(int) = 0.0165]	
Completeness to theta = 24.835°	99.9 %	
Absorption correction	Empirical	
Max. and min. transmission	1.000 and 0.388	
Refinement method	Full-matrix least-squares on F <sup>2</sup>	
Data / restraints / parameters	3646 / 14 / 167	
Goodness-of-fit on F <sup>2</sup>	1.088	
Final R indices [I > 2σ(I)]	R1 = 0.0554, wR2 = 0.1543	
R indices (all data)	R1 = 0.0566, wR2 = 0.1556	
Extinction coefficient	n/a	
Largest diff. peak and hole	1.168 and -1.147 e.Å <sup>-3</sup>	



**Figure S4.** An ORTEP drawing of the asymmetric unit of **MISF-2**. The thermal ellipsoids are displayed at 50% probability level. Hydrogen atoms are not shown for simplicity. The sulphate ion is disordered over two sites with equal probability, respectively. The dimethyl ammonium cation was severely disordered and a proper disordered model could not be applied. Therefore, the thermal parameters of the C and N atoms of the dimethylammonium ion were refined isotropically.

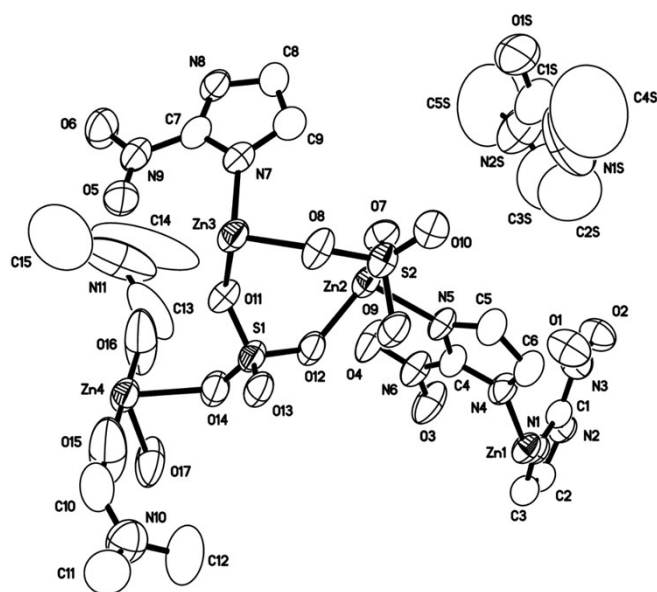


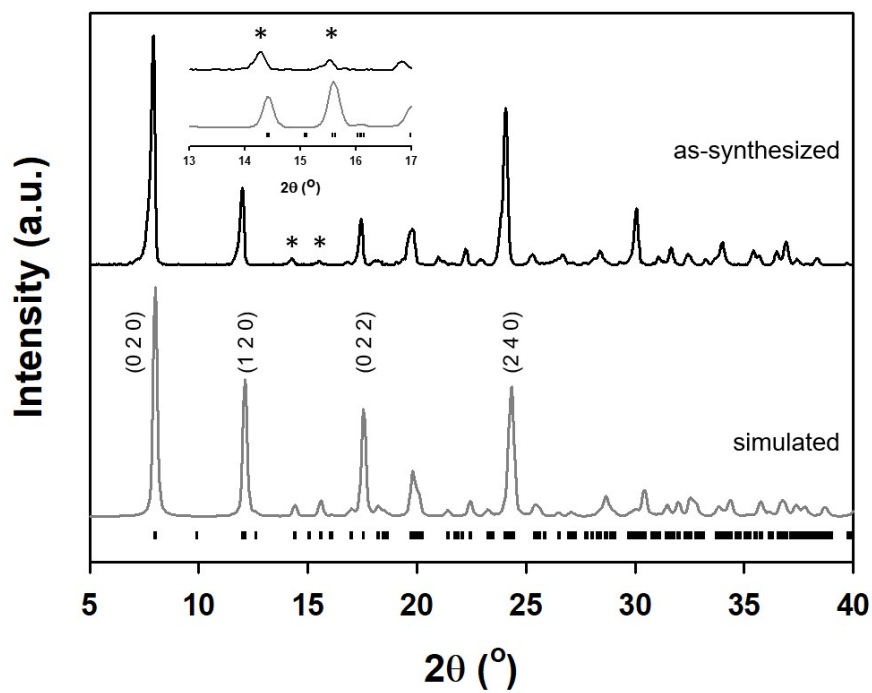


**Figure S5.** The isolate small pores in the unit cell of **MISF-2** calculated and drawn by Mercury 2020.2.0 (Build 290188).

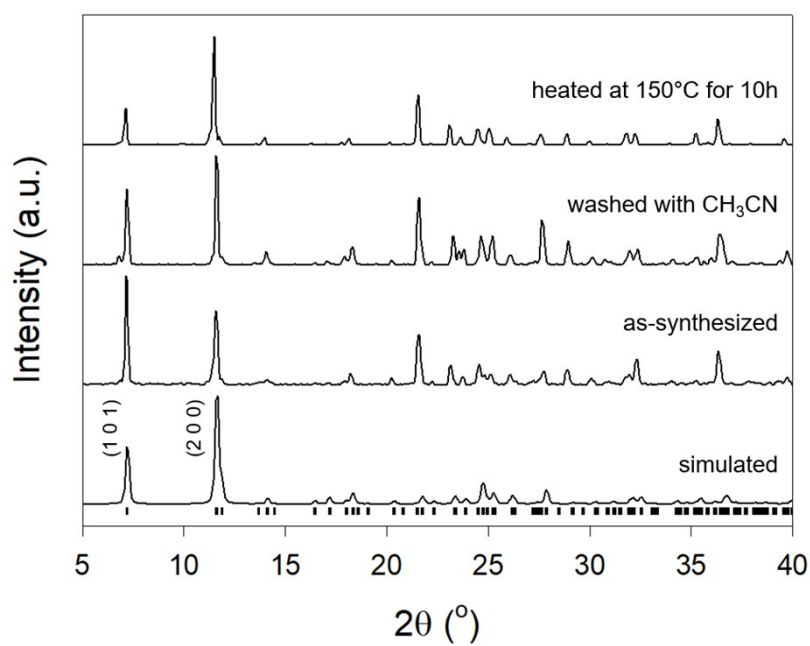
**Table S5.** Crystal data and refinement results for **MISF-3**

Empirical formula	$C_{19}H_{26}N_{13}O_{17}S_2Zn_{3.5}$	
Formula weight	1001.44	
Temperature	173 (2) K	
Wavelength	0.700 Å	
Crystal system	Monoclinic	
Space group	$C2/c$ (No. 15)	
Unit cell dimensions	$a = 24.841(5)$ Å	$\alpha = 90^\circ$ .
	$b = 14.724(3)$ Å	$\beta = 102.79(3)^\circ$
	$c = 20.723(4)$ Å	$\gamma = 90^\circ$ .
Volume	$7392(3)$ Å <sup>3</sup>	
Z	8	
Density (calculated)	1.803 g/cm <sup>3</sup>	
Absorption coefficient	2.440 mm <sup>-1</sup>	
F(000)	4048	
Crystal size	0.099 x 0.094 x 0.094 mm <sup>3</sup>	
Theta range for data collection	1.594 to 27.817°	
Index ranges	-33 ≤ h ≤ 33, -18 ≤ k ≤ 18, -27 ≤ l ≤ 27	
Reflections collected	17368	
Independent reflections	8885 [R(int) = 0.0320]	
Completeness to theta = 24.835°	97.7 %	
Absorption correction	Empirical	
Max. and min. transmission	1.000 and 0.452	
Refinement method	Full-matrix least-squares on F <sup>2</sup>	
Data / restraints / parameters	8885 / 33 / 496	
Goodness-of-fit on F2	1.078	
Final R indices [I > 2σ(I)]	R1 = 0.0750, wR2 = 0.2241	
R indices (all data)	R1 = 0.1090, wR2 = 0.2467	
Extinction coefficient	0.00152(18)	
Largest diff. peak and hole	1.685 and -1.366 e.Å <sup>-3</sup>	

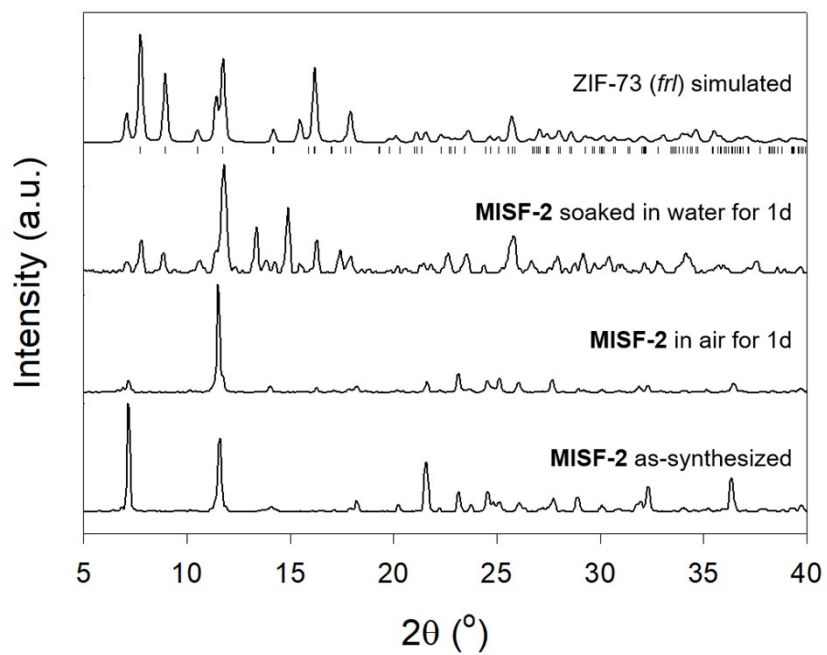
**Figure S6.** An ORTEP drawing of the asymmetric unit of **MISF-3**. The thermal ellipsoids are displayed at 50% probability level. Hydrogen atoms are not shown for simplicity. The two DMI molecules coordinated to Zn4 sit on a special position and thus half of them are shown in the asymmetric unit.



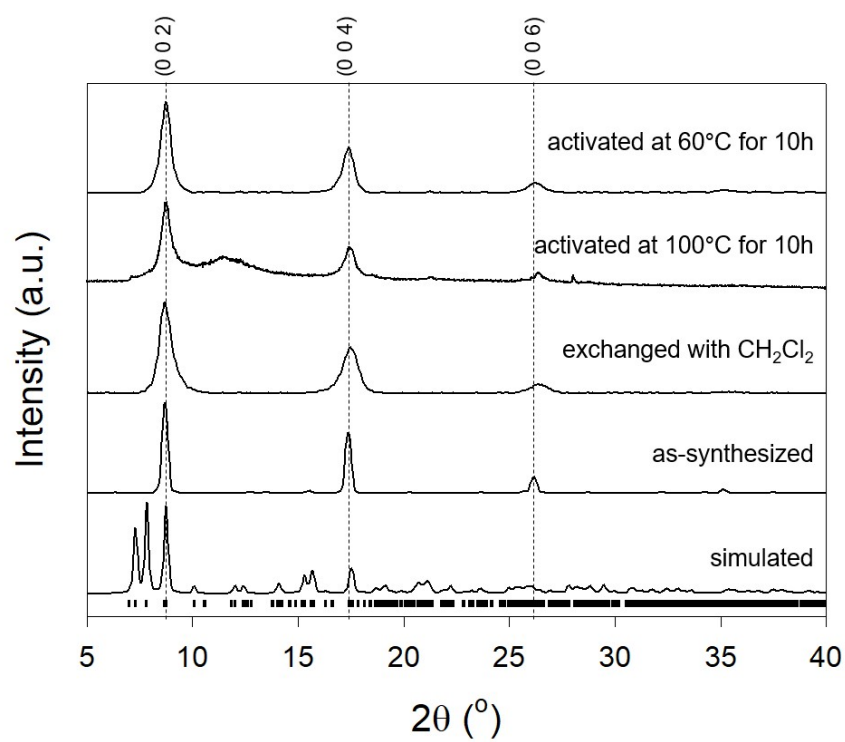
**Figure S7.** The measured and simulated PXRD patterns for **MISF-1**. The inset is enlarged display for the as-synthesized (top) and simulated (bottom) patterns between  $13^\circ$  and  $17^\circ$ .



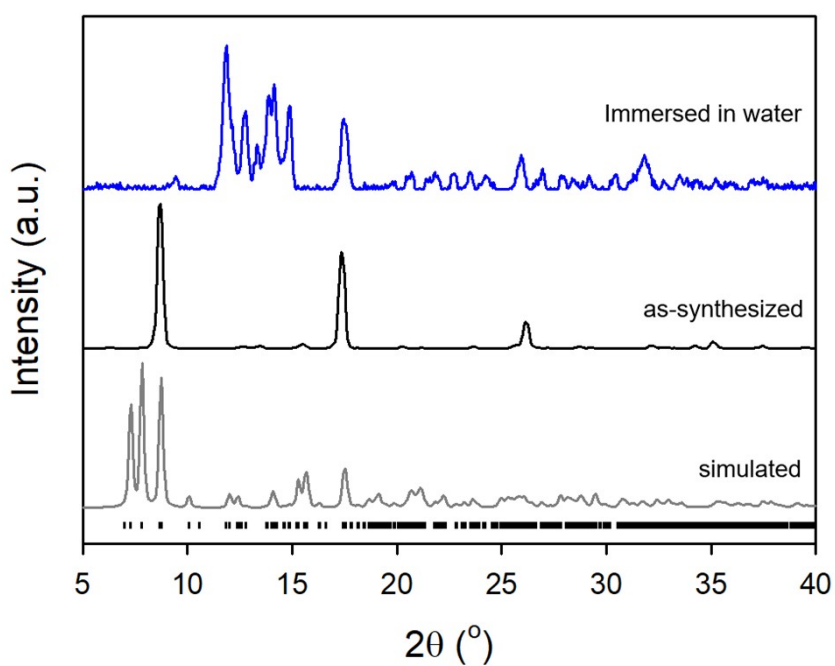
**Figure S8.** The measured and simulated PXRD patterns for **MISF-2**.



**Figure S9.** The PXRD patterns of **MISF-2** samples. The chemical composition of the solid obtained when **MISF-2** is soaked in water for 1 d gave elemental analysis results as follows. Found (%):C, 24.95; H, 1.35; N, 36.35; S, 0.

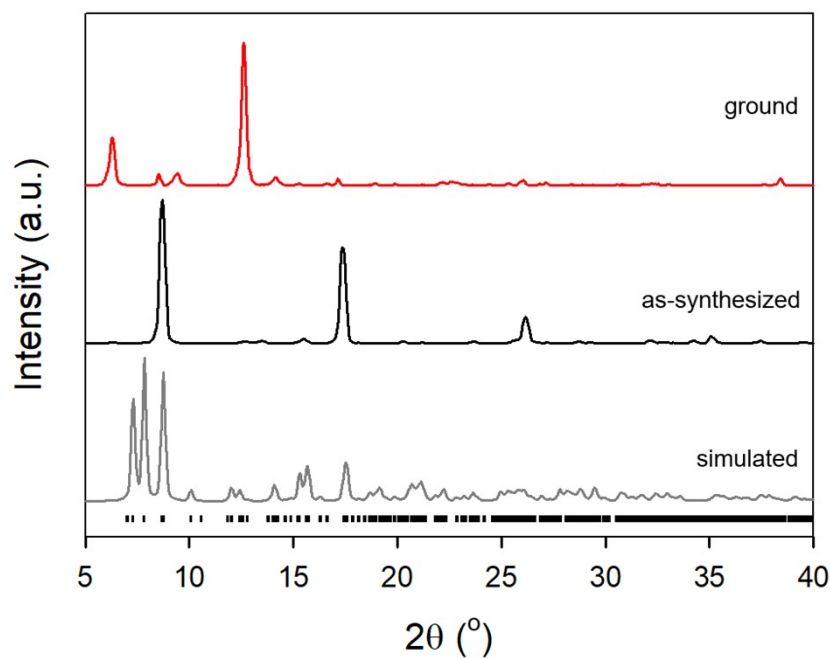


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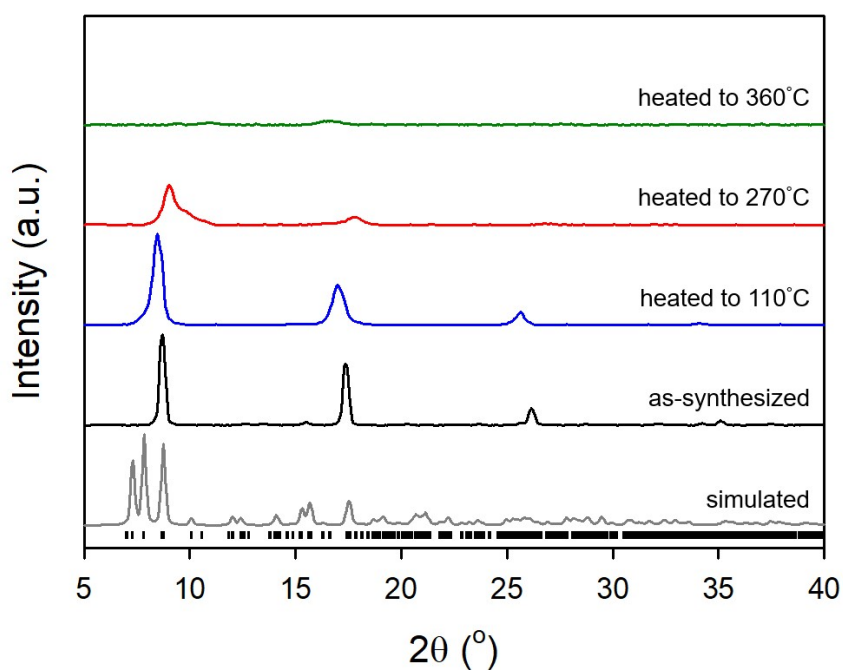


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**Figure S10.** The PXRD patterns for **MISF-3** samples: (a) the activated samples are compared to the as-synthesized one, where the simulated pattern was generated using the X-ray structure.

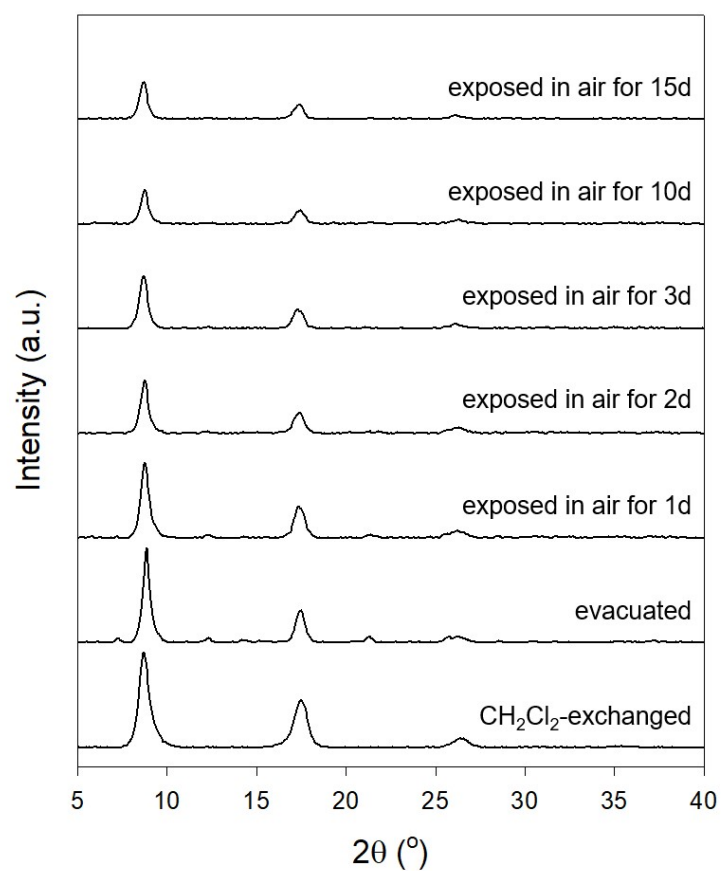


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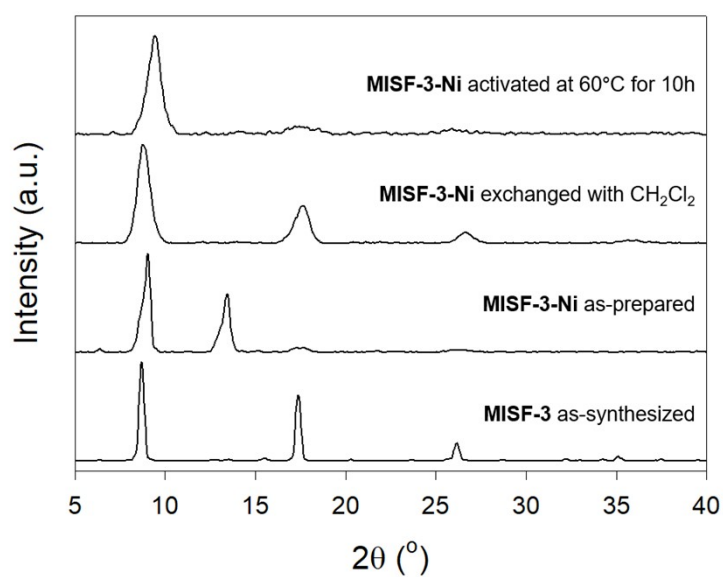


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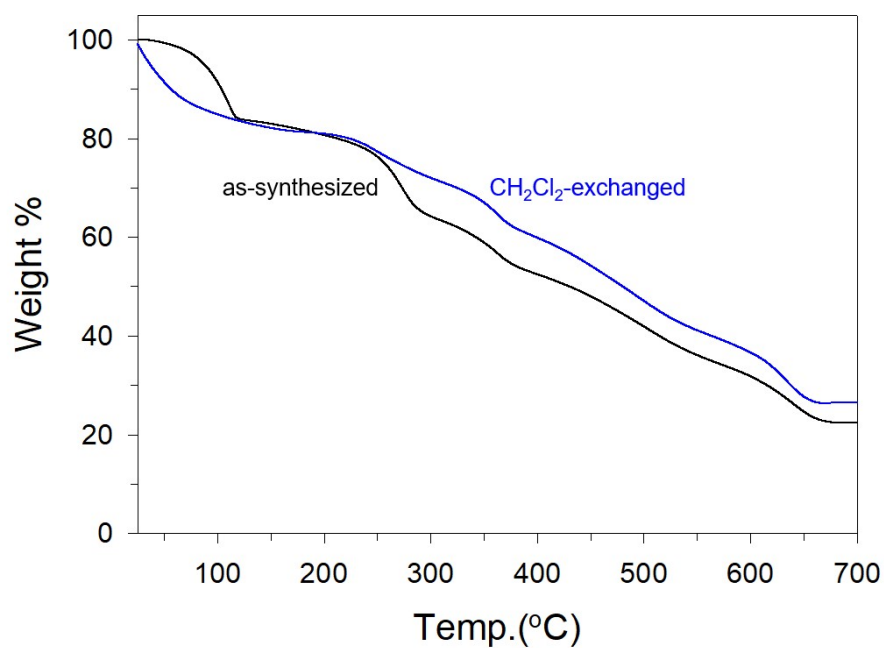
**Figure S10.** The PXRd patterns for **MISF-3** samples (c) ground in air for about 5 min, and (d) heated at a TGA apparatus at ambient atmosphere up to 110 °C, 270 °C, and 360 °C, respectively. Elemental analysis results are as follows. Found (%) for the 110 °C sample: C, 25.76; H, 3.2; N, 22.79; S, 5.63. For the 270 °C sample, found (%): C, 19.91; H, 2.2; N, 21.07; S, 7.11. For the 360 °C sample, found (%): C, 15.93; H, 1.58; N, 19.85; S, 8.82.



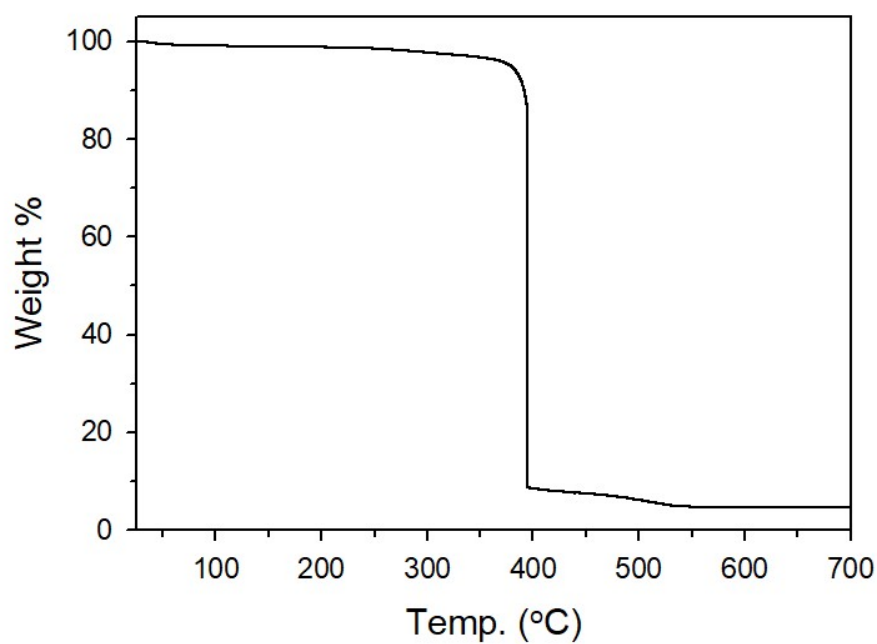
**Figure S11.** The PXRD patterns for **MISF-3** when evacuated samples are exposed in air up to 15 days. Each PXRD pattern was measured with almost the same quantity of samples to monitor the decrease in peak intensity.



**Figure S12.** The PXRD patterns for **MISF-3-Ni** samples.



(a)



(b)

**Figure S13.** The TGA curves for **MISF-3** samples: (a) as-synthesized and solvent-exchanged samples and (b) a pale-yellow powder produced immediately when MISF-3 is immersed in water. The elemental analysis for the pale-yellow powder: found(%): C, 24.99; H, 1.40; N, 36.19; S, 0.



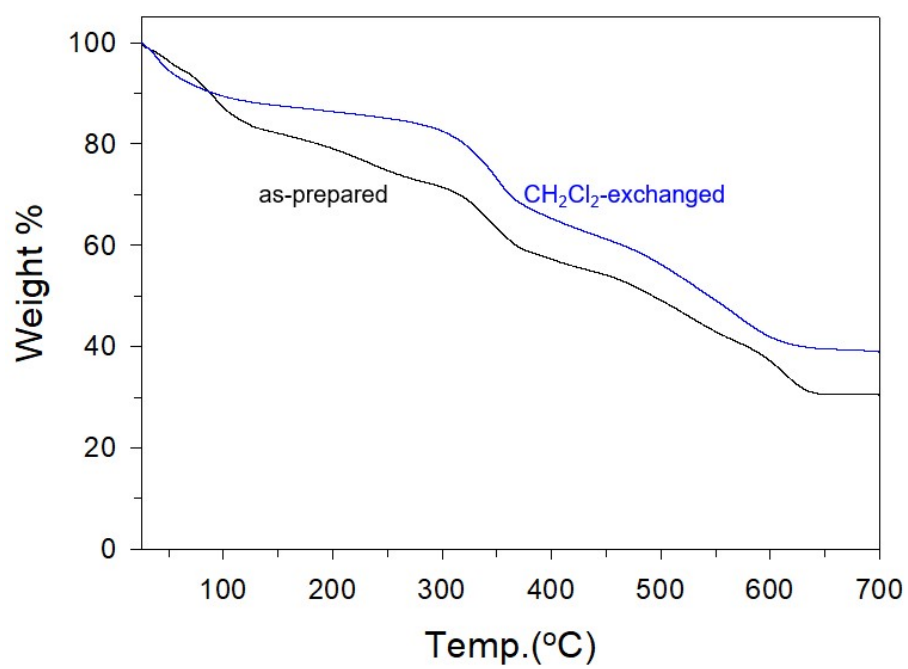


Figure S14. The TGA curves for MISF-3-Ni samples.

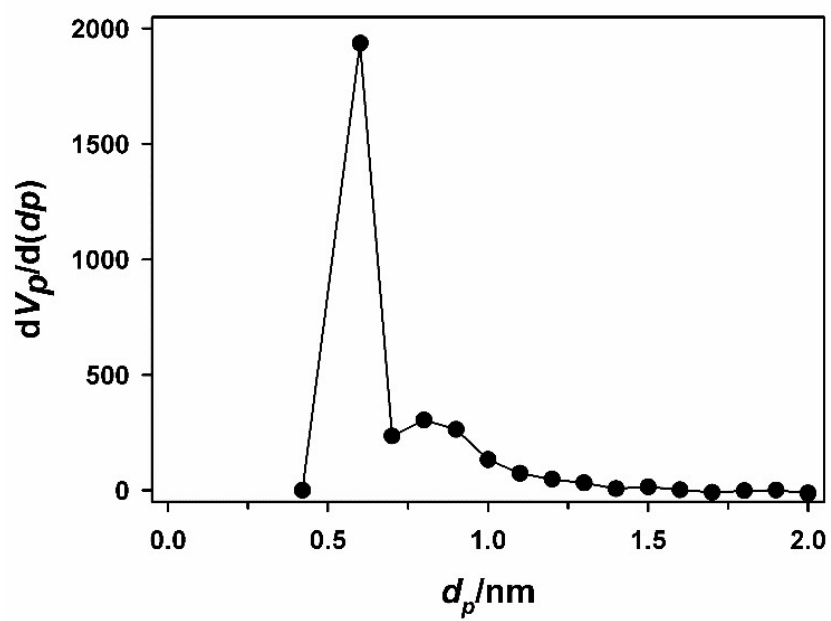


Figure S15. The pore size distribution of MIS-3.

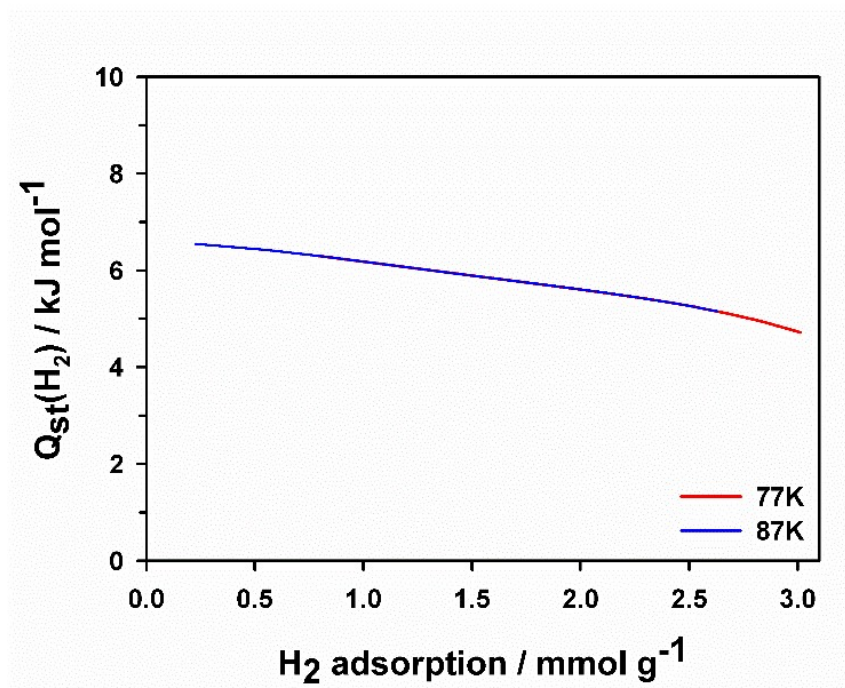


Figure S16. The isosteric heat of H<sub>2</sub> adsorption for MISF-3.

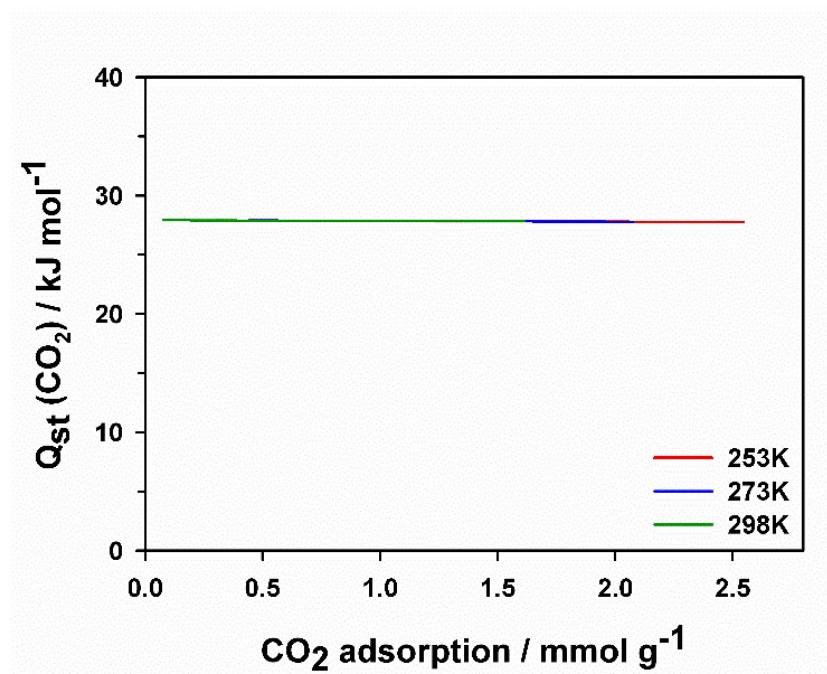


Figure S17. The isosteric heat of CO<sub>2</sub> adsorption for MISF-3.

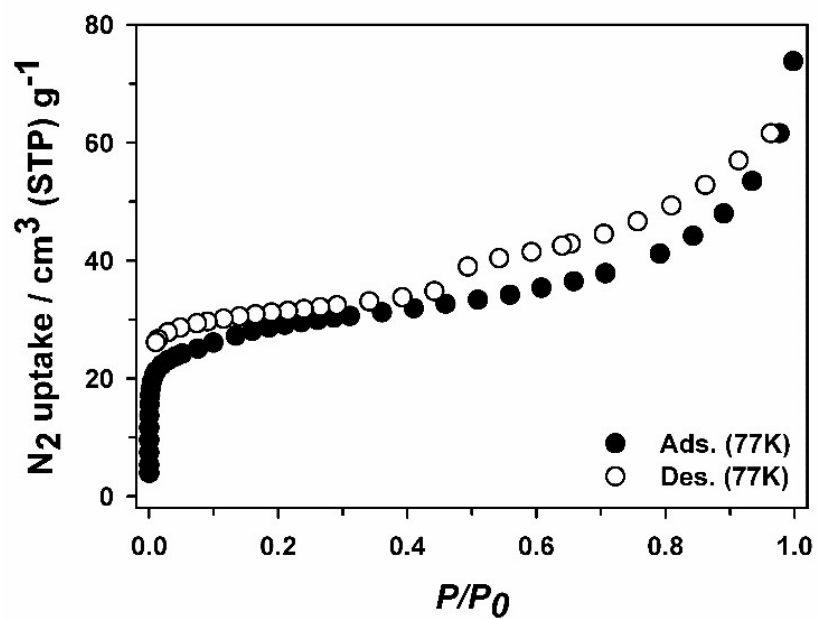


Figure S18. The  $\text{N}_2$  adsorption-desorption isotherm of **MISF-3-Ni** measured at 77 K.

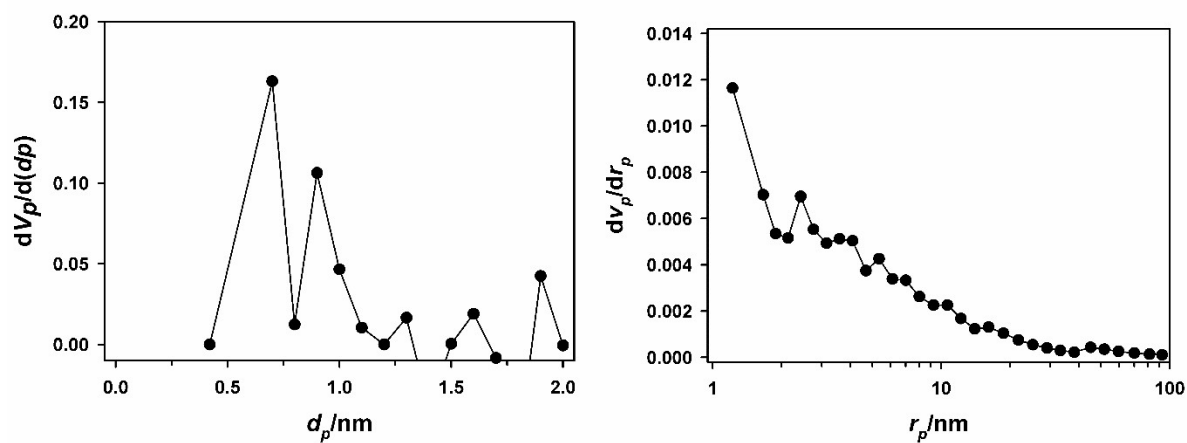
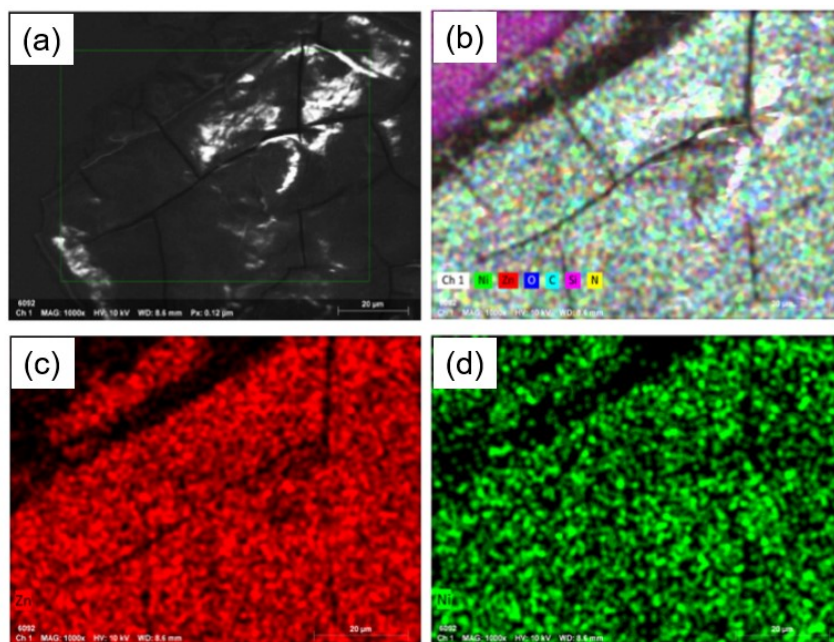
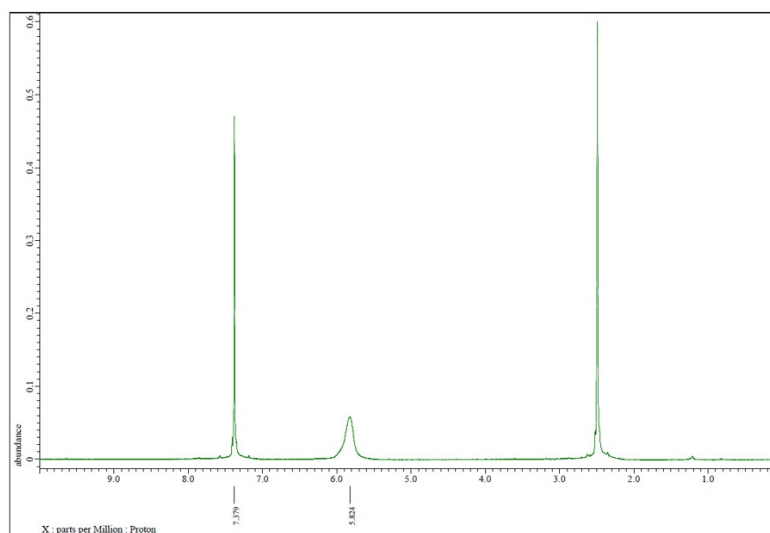


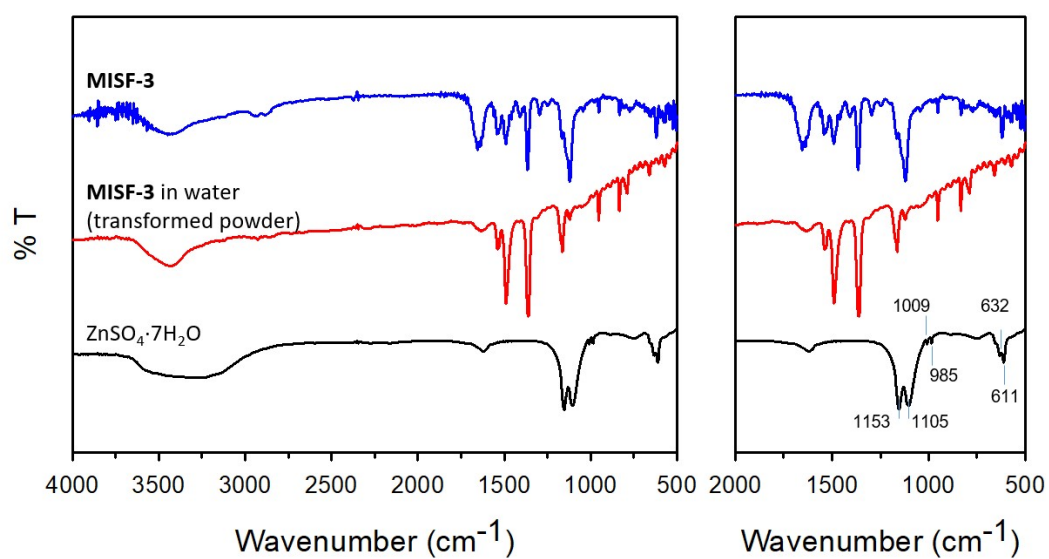
Figure S19. The pore size distribution of **MISF-3-Ni**.



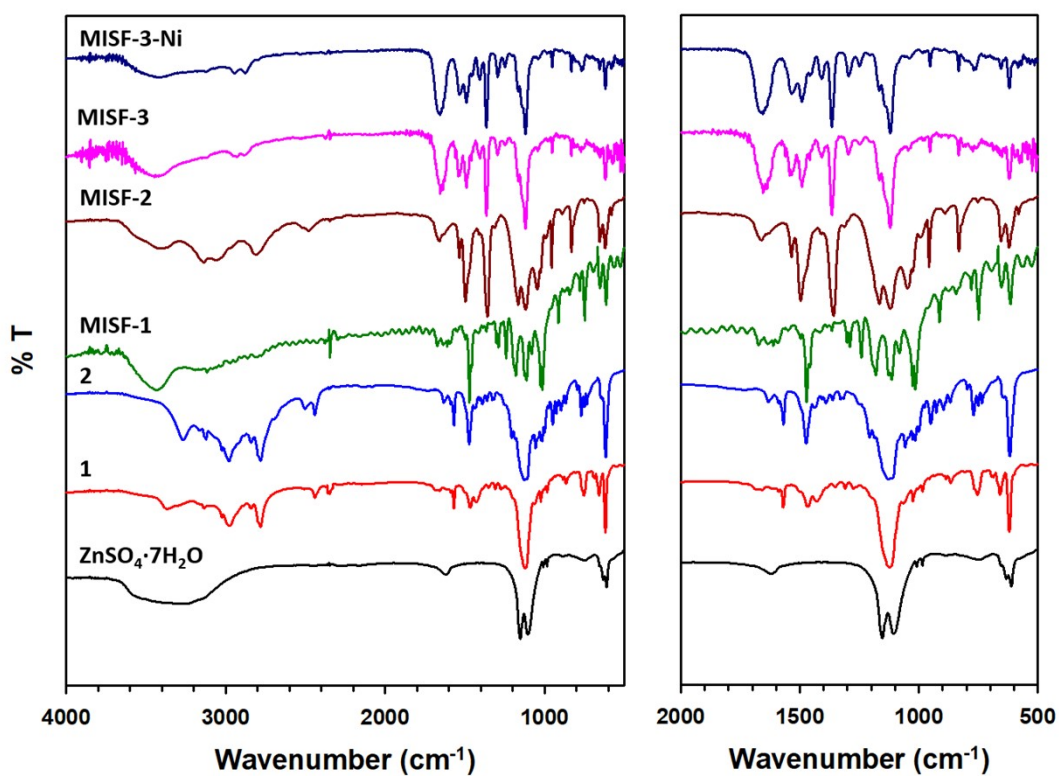
**Figure S20.** The SEM and energy dispersive X-ray elemental mapping images of a **MISF-3-Ni** crystal: (a) the mapping area on a crystal surface, the mapping of Ni, Zn, O, C, Si, and N, (c) Zn, and (d) Ni.



**Figure S21.**  $^1\text{H}$ -NMR spectrum for the pale-yellow solid obtained by immersing **MISF-3** in water. The solid was dissolved in  $\text{DCl}/\text{DMSO}-d_6$ . Only the 2-methylimidazole at 7.339 ppm was observed except for the water and DMSO signals.



**Figure S22.** FT-IR spectrum for the pale-yellow solid (or transformed powder) obtained by immersing **MISF-3** in water, **MISF-3**, and  $\text{ZnSO}_4 \cdot 7\text{H}_2\text{O}$  (reference). The wavenumbers in the spectrum are given for the sulphate bands.



**Figure S23.** FT-IR spectra for the compounds in this work and  $\text{ZnSO}_4 \cdot 7\text{H}_2\text{O}$  (reference).