## **Electronic supplementary information**

for

## Homochiral tartrate-bridged dinuclear chromium(III) complex anion with resonance-assisted hydrogen bond for proton conduction

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Figure S1. Energy dispersive X-ray spectrum for crystals of compound 1.

EDX was performed on a field emission scanning electron microscope (model JSM-7000F) operated at 10 keV.



Figure S2. PXRD pattern and profile fitting results for  $Na[Cr_2(bpy)_2(L-tart)_2H] \cdot 9H_2O(1)$ 

Temperature/K	100 200			200	
Crystal colour, habit	red, stick				
Empirical formula	$C_{28}H_{39}Cr_2N_4NaO_{21}$				
<i>M</i> <sub>r</sub> /g mol <sup>−1</sup>	894.62				
Crystal system	Monoclinic				
Space group		P2			
a/Å	21	1.0907(6)	19.9810(5)		
b/Å	8	.6541(2)	8.7003(2)		
c/Å	22	2.8011(5)	22.9085(5)		
α/°		90	90		
β/°	11	10.661(3)	99.220(2)		
γ/°		90	90		
V/Å <sup>3</sup>	38	94.02(18)	393	30.98(16)	
Z		2		2	
$ ho_{ m calcd}/ m g~ m cm^{-3}$		1.526		1.512	
/mm <sup>−1</sup>		5.481	5.430		
F(000)		1848	1848		
$\theta$ range/°	3.	54–79.64	3.21–77.82		
Measured	35728		29681		
reflections					
Independent	15014		-	11359	
reflections					
Observed	12819		:	10097	
reflections				1	
No. of parameters,	1034,	837,	1061,	835,	
restraints	5	2	3	5	
R <sub>int</sub>	0.0807		0.0453		
$R, WR [l > 2\sigma(l)]$	0.0967, 0.2704	0.0572, 0.1501	0.0753, 0.2164	0.0653, 0.1870	
R, wR [all data]	0.1080, 0.2857	0.0671, 0.1441	0.0840, 0.2244	0.0725, 0.1924	
Goodness of fit	1.173	1.076	1.089	1.053	
Flack parameter	0.006(5)	0.011(5)	0.006(9)	0.010(7)	
$\Delta \rho$ max, $\Delta \rho$ min/e Å <sup>-3</sup>	2.494, -1.006	0.544; -0.856	1.138, -0.718	1.518, -0.580	
PLATON SQUEEZE	Volume 1 = 1378 Å <sup>3</sup>			Volume 1 = 1398 Å <sup>3</sup>	
details		Volume 2 = 7 Å <sup>3</sup>		Volume 2 = 14 $A^3$	
	-	Electron count $1 = 492$	-	Electron count 1 = 514	
		Electron count $2 = 8$		Electron count 2 = 8	
	Probe radius = 1.2 Å			Probe radius = 1.2 Å	

Table S1. Crystallogr	aphic data and structure refinement de	tails for compound <b>1</b>
Tomporaturo/K	100	200

Cg( <i>i</i> )…Cg( <i>j</i> )	Cg(i)…Cg(j)/Å <sup>a</sup>	<b>α/°</b> <sup>b</sup>	<b>6/°</b> c	Cg( <i>i</i> )…plane [Cg(j)]/Å <sup>d</sup>	Symmetry operator
(N1→C5)…(N5→C25)	4.029(7)	6.0(5)	28.4	3.437(4)	х, у, г
(N2→C10)…(N6→C30)	3.575(6)	1.5(5)	21.2	3.346(4)	<i>x</i> , −1 + <i>y</i> , <i>z</i>
(N3→C15)…(N8→C40)	3.603(8)	4.7(7)	20.4	3.445(6)	<i>x</i> , <i>y</i> , −1 + <i>z</i>
(N3→C15)…(N7→C35)	4.215(9)	7.1(8)	36.4	3.335(5)	x, -1 + y, -1 + z
(N4→C20)…(N8→C40)	3.760(8)	6.4(7)	23.7	3.468(5)	x, -1 + y, -1 + z

**Table S2.** Geometric parameters of the aromatic stacking interactions in  $Na[Cr_2(bpy)_2(L-tart)_2H]\cdot 9H_2O(1)$ 

<sup>a</sup> Cg = centre of gravity of the aromatic ring. <sup>b</sup>  $\alpha$  = angle between the planes of two aromatic rings. <sup>c</sup>  $\beta$  = angle between the Cg···Cg line and the normal to the plane of the first aromatic ring.

D…A	D…A/Å	D…A	D…A/Å
025…026	2.79(2)	036 …028	3.07(3)
025…013	2.934(14)	037 …042	2.88(3)
026…020	2.728(19)	037…039	2.94(3)
026…024	2.834(19)	038…014	2.822(13)
027…028	2.855(19)	039…036	2.73(4)
027…014	2.941(16)	039…011	2.88(2)
028 …045	2.80(4)	040…048	2.45(8)
028 …01	2.996(16)	040…026	3.23(8)
029…022	2.63(2)	041…047	2.24(4)
029…044	2.67(4)	041…03	2.649(16)
030…02	2.729(15)	042 …012	2.80(2)
030…018	2.807(18)	042 …030	3.45(3)
031…035	2.64(3)	043…048	2.36(6)
031…08	2.719(19)	043…048	3.12(6)
032…046	2.59(2)	044…024	2.73(4)
032…08	3.085(17)	044…020	3.15(3)
033 …041	2.41(3)	045…039	2.98(4)
033 …05	2.746(15)	045…030	3.03(4)
034…07	2.845(17)	046…046	2.09(3)
034…041	3.11(3)	046…010	2.639(18)
035…043	2.91(3)	047 …010	2.44(3)
035…024	3.36(3)	047 …03	2.59(3)
036…042	2.59(5)	048…024	3.04(6)

**Table S3.** Possible hydrogen-bonding geometry in  $Na[Cr_2(bpy)_2(L-tart)_2H] \cdot 9H_2O(1)$ 



Figure S3. TGA and DSC curves for Na[Cr<sub>2</sub>(bpy)<sub>2</sub>(*L*-tart)<sub>2</sub>H]·9H<sub>2</sub>O (1)

TGA/DSC was measured under a synthetic air atmosphere at 10 K min<sup>-1</sup> heating rate using a simultaneous thermal analyser Netzsch STA 449 F5 Jupiter.

Δ <i>Т</i> (К)	٨	T(DSC <sub>max</sub> ) (K)		
	exp.	calc.	elimination	
300–365	18.18	18.12	9H <sub>2</sub> O	352 endo
540–625	bpy and (L-tart) <sub>2</sub> H	34.92	2bpy	620 egzo
625–680	elimination is overlapped	25.62	( <i>L</i> -tart)₂H	657 egzo
residue	21.58	21.34	$Na_2O + Cr_2O_3$	710 egzo