Supporting Information

A series of four-substituted polyoxometalate-thiacalix[4]arene-based materials for efficient photocatalytic reduction of Cr(VI) pollutant

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I. Experimental Section

Characterization

Chemical reagents were purchased commercially. Fourier Transform Infrared (FT-IR) spectrum was determined on a Nicolet 6700 instrument. Thermogravimetric analysis (TGA) was carried out on a PerkinElmer TG-7 analyzer under N₂. Elemental analysis data was determined on a Euro Vector EA3000 elemental analyzer. Powder X-ray diffraction (PXRD) pattern was recorded on a Rigaku Dmax 2000 X-ray diffractometer with graphite monochromatized Cu K α radiation ($\lambda = 1.541$ Å). UV-visible diffuse reflectance spectrum was measured on a UV-visible-near-IR spectrophotometer (Varian Cary 500). The absorbance spectrum of solution was determined on a Varian Cary 50 UV-visible spectrometer. Valence band X-ray photoelectron spectroscopy (VB-XPS) of 1-3 was determined on an ESCALAB250 with an Al Kα radiation. VB–XPS of **BWO** was determined on a FEI ESCALAB Xi+ with an Al K α radiation. Photoluminescence (PL) spectra were analyzed with fluorescence spectrometry (Hitachi F-4600). ¹H NMR data was measured on a Bruker 500 MHz instrument. Nitrogen adsorption-desorption experiment was conducted on an Autosorb-iQ instrument.

X-ray Crystallography

Single crystal X-ray data for 1 and 2 were collected on a Bruker APEXII X-ray diffractometer equipped with a CMOSPHOTON 100 detector with a Mo K α X-ray source ($\lambda = 0.71073$ Å) at 170 K. Single-crystal X-ray diffraction data for 3 was collected on an Oxford diffraction Gemini R Ultra diffractometer with graphite

monochromated Mo K_a radiation ($\lambda = 0.71073$ Å) at 298 K. The structures of **1–3** were solved by direct method and refined by the full–matrix least–squares method on F² values using the SHELXL 2018/3.^{1–3} Non–H atoms were refined with anisotropic parameters. Some atoms in **1–3** were split over two parts with the total occupancy of 1. The formula of **1–3** was established by electron diffraction density, thermogravimetric analysis and elemental analysis. CCDC numbers are 2303754, 2303755 and 2303756.

Synthesis of [Mn₂L₂(H₂O)₂][H₃Mn₄PW₁₀O₄₀]·2C₂H₅OH·4H₂O (1)

A mixture of **L** (10 mg, 0.0075 mmol), $MnCl_2 \cdot 4H_2O$ (7 mg, 0.03 mmol), H₃PW₁₂O₄₀ · xH₂O (18 mg, 0.011 mmol), NaOH solution (80 µL, 0.2 M) and H₂O/EtOH (8 mL, 2/6, v/v) was heated in an autoclave at 100 °C for 72 hours. After cooling to room temperature, yellow crystals of **1** were obtained (yield: 51%). Anal. Calcd. for C₁₄₀H₁₇₉Mn₆N₈O₆₄PS₁₆W₁₀ (*Mr* = 5709.97): C, 29.45; N, 1.96; S, 8.99. Found: C, 29.38; N, 1.87; S, 8.81. IR (KBr, cm⁻¹) : 3435 (m), 2957 (w), 2866 (w), 1621 (w), 1560 (w),1471 (m), 1429 (w), 1378 (w), 1260 (w), 1212 (w), 1151 (w), 1080 (s), 979 (s), 896 (m), 819 (s), 754 (w), 700 (w), 510 (w).

Synthesis of $[Cd_2L_2(H_2O)_2][H_3Cd_4PW_{10}O_{40}] \cdot C_2H_5OH \cdot 3H_2O$ (2)

A mixture of L (10 mg, 0.0075 mmol), CdCl₂ (9 mg, 0.05 mmol), H₃PW₁₂O₄₀·xH₂O (18 mg, 0.011 mmol), NaOH solution (90 μ L, 0.2 M) and H₂O/EtOH (8 mL, 2/6, v/v) was heated in an autoclave at 100 °C for 72 hours. Colorless crystals of **2** were obtained (yield: 46%) after cooling to room temperature. Anal. Calcd. for C₁₃₈H₁₇₁Cd₆N₈O₆₂PS₁₆W₁₀ (*Mr* = 5990.65): C, 27.67; N, 1.87; S, 8.56. Found: C,

27.48; N, 1.73; S, 8.43. IR (KBr, cm⁻¹) : 3436 (m), 2961 (w), 2866 (w), 1621 (w), 1563 (w), 1470 (w), 1427 (w), 1378 (w), 1266 (w), 1213 (w), 1145 (w), 1080 (m), 978 (m), 896 (m), 819 (s), 754 (w), 703 (w), 518 (w).

Synthesis of $[Ni_2L_2(H_2O)_2][H_3Ni_4PW_{10}O_{40}] \cdot 2C_2H_5OH \cdot 5H_2O$ (3)

A mixture of L (10 mg, 0.0075 mmol), NiCl₂·4H₂O (7 mg, 0.03 mmol), H₃PW₁₂O₄₀·xH₂O (18 mg, 0.011 mmol), NaOH solution (120 μ L, 0.2 M) and H₂O/EtOH (8 mL, 2/6, v/v) was heated in an autoclave at 100 °C for 72 hours. Yellow crystals of **3** were gained (yield: 43%) after cooling to room temperature. Anal. Calcd. for C₁₄₀H₁₈₁Ni₆N₈O₆₅PS₁₆W₁₀ (*Mr* = 5750.61): C, 29.24; N, 1.95; S, 8.92. Found: C, 29.52; N, 1.92; S, 8.89. IR (KBr, cm⁻¹) : 3434 (m), 2960 (w), 2870 (w), 1625 (w), 1570 (w), 1471 (m), 1427 (m), 1379 (w), 1267 (w), 1210 (w), 1149 (w), 1080 (s), 978 (s), 896 (s), 819 (s), 755 (w), 704 (w), 522 (w).

Synthesis of Bi₂WO₆

Bi₂WO₆ (**BWO**) was synthesized by the literature method.⁴ A mixture of Bi(NO₃)₃·5H₂O (4.85 g, 10 mmol), Na₂WO₄·2H₂O (1.65 g, 5 mmol) and 50 mL distilled water was stirred for 1 h and heated in an autoclave at 140 °C for 20 h. The resulting white solid sample was filtrated, washed three times with deionized water and ethanol, respectively, and dried at 60 °C overnight. The BWO microspheres was obtained after calcining at 300 °C for 4 h (yield 65%).

Synthesis of BWO/1

A certain amount of **BWO** and **1** were ground in an agate grinder for 20 minutes to obtain a series of **BWO**/1 composite materials. In this experiment, the mass of **1** was

constant at 20 mg. The **BWO/1** composite materials with mass ratios (**BWO**:1) of 0.20:1, 0.40:1, 0.60:1, 0.80:1, 1:1, referred to as 20**BWO/1**, 40**BWO/1**, 60**BWO/1**, 80**BWO/1** and 100**BWO/1**, were prepared by varying the amount of **BWO**.

Electrochemical experiments

Electrochemical test was performed on an electrochemical workstation (CHI 760E, Shanghai Chenhua). A typical three–electrode system was used at room temperature with a Pt electrode as the counter electrode, and a saturated calomel electrode (SCE) as the reference electrode. A 300 W Xenon lamp (PLS–SXE300) was employed as the light source, and 0.5 M Na₂SO₄ aqueous solution was used as the electrolyte. The transient photocurrent response test was performed at 0.6 V (*vs.* SCE). Electrochemical impedance spectroscopy (EIS) was determined from 0.1 to 10⁶ Hz at 0 V (*vs.* SCE). The Mott–Schottky curve of **BWO** and **1–3** was achieved at 1000, 1500, 2000 and 2500 Hz without light. For the preparation of the working electrode, the sample (5 mg for **1–3**, 4 mg for **BWO** and 9 mg for 80**BWO/1**) was dispersed in 180 μ L ethanol solution and 20 μ L Nafion solution (5 wt%), and sonicated for 30 min at room temperature. Subsequently, the suspension was evenly dropped on a fluorine–doped tin oxide (FTO) glass with an area of 1 cm².

Photocatalytic reduction of Cr(VI) with 1-3 as photocatalyst

Photocatalytic efficiencies of 1-3 for the reduction from Cr(VI) to Cr(III) were evaluated under the UV light. In the photocatalytic reduction experiments, 40 mL Cr(VI) solution was added to the quartz reactor. The pH value was adjusted by adding an appropriate amount of 0.1 M H₂SO₄ and NaOH. After stirring for 30 min in the dark, the adsorption–desorption equilibrium was achieved. Then the light was turned on and 1 mL solution was taken and filtered every 20 min. The Cr(VI) concentration was tested by the diphenylcarbazide method.⁵ The solution absorbance spectrum was measured with a UV–visible spectrometer, and the maximum absorption wavelength was determined at 542 nm, which was used to judge the residual Cr(VI) content in the filtrate. According to Eq. (1), the reduction rate of Cr(VI) was calculated. C and C₀ represent the concentrations of Cr(VI) at t and 0 min, respectively.

Reduction rate =
$$\frac{C_0 - C}{C} \times 100\%$$
 (1)

Photocatalytic reduction of Cr(VI) with BWO/1 as photocatalyst

The photocatalytic performances for the reduction of Cr(VI) of **BWO**/1 and **BWO** were evaluated under the UV light. Typically, the catalyst was added into a 40 mL solution with the Cr(VI) concentration of 15 mg/L, which was prepared by dissolving dried $K_2Cr_2O_7$ in deionized water. The solution pH was adjusted to 2 with 0.1 M H_2SO_4 solution. Prior to illumination, the reaction solutions were stirred for 30 min in the dark to reach adsorption–desorption equilibrium. Then 1 mL solution was taken and filtered every 20 min. The concentrations of Cr(VI) were recorded by the diphenylcarbazide method.⁵ The reduction rate of Cr(VI) was calculated by Eq. (1). The Cr(VI) content was determined with a UV–visible spectrometer at 542 nm.

II. Supporting Figures



Scheme S1. Synthetic route for L.



Fig. S1. ¹H NMR spectrum of L.



Fig. S2. FT–IR spectrum of L.



Fig. S3. 3D supramolecular architecture formed by hydrogen bonds in 1.



Fig. S4. N₂ adsorption–desorption isotherms of 1–3.



Fig. S5. (a) Photocurrent response curves of 1–3. (b) EIS Nyquist plots of 1–3.



Fig. S6. (a) Reusability tests of 1. (b) PXRD patterns of 1 before and after the

reusability tests.



Fig. S7. (a) Reusability tests of 2. (b) PXRD patterns of 2 before and after the

reusability tests.



Fig. S8. (a) Reusability tests of 3. (b) PXRD patterns of 3 before and after the

reusability tests.



Fig. S9. UV-vis DRS and Tauc plots of 1 (a), 2 (b), and 3 (c).



Fig. S10. VB–XPS spectrum of 1.



Fig. S11. VB–XPS spectrum of 2.



Fig. S12. VB–XPS spectrum of 3.



Fig. S13. Mott–Schottky curves of 1 (a), 2 (b) and 3 (c).



Fig. S14. Trapping experiments for the photocatalytic activities of 1 (a), 2 (b) and 3 (c) with different scavengers.



Fig. S15. PXRD patterns of BWO and 80BWO/1.



Fig. S16. N_2 adsorption-desorption isotherms of BWO, 80BWO/1 and 1.



Fig. S17. Trapping experiments for the photocatalytic activities of 80BWO/1 with different scavengers.



Fig. S18. TGA curve of 1.

The weight loss of 1 before 230 °C corresponded to the removal of two coordination water molecules, four free water molecules and two free ethanol molecules (obsd. 3.4%, calcd. 3.48%).



The weight loss before 210 °C was ascribed to the removal of two coordination water molecules, three free water molecules and one free ethanol molecule (obsd. 2.2%, calcd. 2.27%).



Fig. S20. TGA curve of 3.

The weight loss of 3.8% before 217 °C was assigned to the loss of two coordination water molecules, five free water molecules and two free ethanol molecules (calcd. 3.79%).



Fig. S21. UV-visible absorption spectra of Cr(VI) aqueous solution at different pH

values by 1 photocatalysis.



Fig. S22. UV-visible absorption spectra of Cr(VI) aqueous solution with different amounts of 1.



Fig. S23. UV–visible absorption spectra of Cr(VI) aqueous solution with different substrate concentrations by **1** photocatalysis.



Fig. S24. UV-visible absorption spectra of Cr(VI) aqueous solution with 1 (a), 2 (b),

3 (c) as photocatalyst.



Fig. S25. UV-visible absorption spectra of the reusability test with 1 as photocatalyst.



Fig. S26. UV-visible absorption spectra of Cr(VI) aqueous solution after adding different scavengers with 1 as photocatalyst.



Fig. S27. UV-visible absorption spectra of Cr(VI) aqueous solution with 1, BWO and BWO/1 as photocatalyst.



Fig. S28. UV-visible absorption spectra of the reusability test with 80BWO/1 as photocatalyst.



Fig. S29. UV-visible absorption spectra of Cr(VI) aqueous solution with 80BWO/1

as photocatalyst after adding different scavengers.

Photocatalyst/ Dosage (mg)	Reaction solution volume (mL) / Concentration (mg/L) / pH	Scavenger/ Amount (mmol)	Light source	Illumination time (min)	Reduction rate (%)	Refs.
MoS ₂ -PVP/20	20/30/2.6	_	visible light	120	99.5	6
MIL-125(Ti)/50	50/10/2	TA/1	UV light	120	99.4	7
Ag/TiO ₂ /CoFe ₂ O ₄ /5	50/5/2	_	UV light	150	95.1	8
c-SB/TiO ₂ /25	50/10/2	-	UV light	180	98.56	9
CuNb ₂ O ₆ /g-C ₃ N ₄ /20	100/20/3	_	visible light	150	92.8	10

Table S1. Comparison of Cr(VI) reduction rates with different photocatalysts.

SnO ₂ /g-C ₃ N ₄ /diatomite/100	100/20/3	CA/0.5	visible light	150	98.6	11
Co-doped V ₂ O ₅ /30	-/20/7	_	simulated sunlight	100	90.5	12
$LaFeO_3/g-C_3N_4/30$	50/10/-	Na2C2O4/1	full light	120	>90	13
Ag@NH2-MIL-88B(Fe)/10	100/23.5/5	AO/0.021	LED lamp	80	99.99	14
$Ti_{0.4}$ - $Zn_{0.6}$ - UiO -66- NH_2 /5	50/20/2	-	full light	120	99.8	15
CdS/g-C ₃ N ₄ /50	50/10/-	_	full light	60	64	16
20Fe-O@ZIF-L/50	100/30/7	CA/0.2	full light	90	86.6	17
CdTe/30	50/50/7	_	full light	180	82.44	18
Ta ₃ N ₅ /BiOCl/30	100/20/2.5	-	visible light	80	91.6	19
$CeO_2/CaIn_2S_4/50$	50/50/5.6	-	visible light	105	95	20
Tb@Zr-MOF/10	30/31/-	FA/530.4	UV light	60	97.5	21
Zn-MOF/40	40/20/2	EtOH/17.2	Sunlight	90	93	22
Cd-MOF/7	40/10/3	MeOH/0.005	UV light	50	100	23
1/20	40/15/2	-	UV light	80	97.6	This work
2/20	40/15/2	-	UV light	100	99.9	This work
3 /20	40/15/2	_	UV light	120	99.9	This work

TA = tartaric acid, CA = citric acid, AO = ammonium oxalate monohydrate, and FA =

formic acid.

Table S2. Comparison of Cr(VI) reduction rates with different composite BWO

materials.

Photocatalyst/ Dosage (mg)	Reaction solution volume (mL)/ Concentration (mg/L)	Light source	Irradiation time (min)	Reduction efficiency (%)	Refs.
FeC ₂ O ₄ / BWO /50	50/20	565 mW cm ⁻²	30	100	24
Ti_3C_2 / BWO /75	50/10	visible light	120	92.5	25

PW ₁₂ /CN@ BWO /30	50/20	1 kW Xe lamp	90	98.7	26
CeO ₂ @ BWO /20	40/8	300W Xe lamp	60	99.6	27
S _{0.10} F- BWO /50	50/50	300 W Xe lamp	120	94.3	28
$MgIn_2S_4/BWO/50$	100/35	300 W Xe lamp	40	100	29
C ₃ N ₅ / BWO /20	100/10	300 W Xe lamp	50	97	30
BWO /ZnIn ₂ S ₄ /50	50/50	250 W Xe lamp	90	97.36	31
TaON/ BWO /20	100/10	300 W Xe lamp	50	95.6	32
80 BWO/1 /36	15/40	UV lamp	20	91	This work

 Table S3. Crystallographic data for 1–3.

	1	2	3
Formula	$C_{140}H_{179}Mn_6N_8O_{64}PS_{16}W_{10}\\$	$C_{138}H_{171}Cd_6N_8O_{62}PS_{16}W_{10}\\$	$C_{140}H_{181}N_8Ni_6O_{65}PS_{16}W_{10}\\$
Mr	5709.97	5990.65	5750.61
Crystal system	tetragonal	tetragonal	tetragonal
Space group	<i>I</i> 4/ <i>m</i>	<i>I</i> 4/ <i>m</i>	<i>I</i> 4/ <i>m</i>
<i>a</i> (Å)	14.816(3)	14.8942(14)	14.9033(5)
<i>c</i> (Å)	44.354(10)	44.431(6)	44.2544(17)
$V(Å^3)$	9736(5)	9856(2)	9829.3(8)
Ζ	2	2	2
D_{calc} [g·cm ⁻³]	1.948	2.019	1.942
F(000)	5490.0	5700	5546.0
R _{int}	0.0840	0.1335	0.0867
GOF on F^2	1.015	0.921	1.042
$\frac{R_{I}^{a}}{[I > 2\sigma(I)]}$	0.1058	0.0981	0.0950
wR_2^b (all data)	0.2950	0.2657	0.2944

 ${}^{a}\mathbf{R}_{1} = \Sigma ||F_{o}| - |F_{c}|| / \Sigma |F_{o}|. {}^{b}w\mathbf{R}_{2} = \{\Sigma [w(F_{o}{}^{2} - F_{c}{}^{2})^{2}] / \Sigma w(F_{o}{}^{2})^{2}] \}^{1/2}$



	1	l	
Mn(1)-O(1)	2.056(17)	Mn(2)-O(6)#4	1.8253(7)
Mn(1)-O(1)#2	2.056(17)	Mn(2)-O(6)#1	1.8253(7)
Mn(1)-O(1)#1	2.056(17)	Mn(2)-O(7A)	1.829(10)
Mn(1)-O(1)#3	2.056(17)	Mn(2)-O(8)	1.641(13)
Mn(1)-O(1W)	2.36(2)	Mn(2)-O(7B)	1.836(19)
O(1)-Mn(1)-O(1) ^{#2}	87.91(17)	O(6)#1-Mn(2)-O(6)#4	158.01(16)
O(1) ^{#3} -Mn(1)-O(1) ^{#1}	87.91(17)	O(6)#4-Mn(2)-O(7A)	88.5(5)
O(1)-Mn(1)-O(1) ^{#3}	158.0(9)	O(6) ^{#1} -Mn(2)-O(7A)	88.5(5)
O(1) ^{#1} -Mn(1)-O(1) ^{#2}	158.0(9)	O(6) ^{#1} -Mn(2)-O(7B)	86.0(3)
O(1) -Mn(1)-O(1) ^{#1}	87.91(17)	O(6)#4-Mn(2)-O(7B)	86.0(3)
O(1) ^{#3} -Mn(1)-O(1) ^{#2}	87.91(17)	O(8)-Mn(2)-O(6)#1	100.87(9)
O(1) -Mn(1)-O(1W)	101.0(5)	O(8)-Mn(2)-O(6)#4	100.87(9)
O(1)#1-Mn(1)-O(1W)	101.0(5)	O(8)-Mn(2)-O(7A)	107(2)
O(1)#2-Mn(1)-O(1W)	101.0(5)	O(8)-Mn(2)-O(7B)	102.6(16)
O(1) ^{#3} -Mn(1)-O(1W)	101.0(5)		

Symmetry code: #1 -y+1,x,z; #2 y,-x+1,z; #3 -x+1,-y+1,z; #5 -y+1,x,-z+1

Table S5. Hydrogen bonds for compound 1 (Å and °).

D-HA	d(D-H)	d(HA)	d(DA)	<(DHA)
C(2)-H(2)O(6) ^{#10}	0.95	2.75	3.37(2)	123.4
C(2)-H(2)O(8) ^{#11}	0.95	2.45	3.382(13)	166.2

Symmetry code: #10 -x+3/2,-y+3/2,-z+1/2; #11 -y+3/2,x+1/2,z-1/2

Table S6. Selected bond lengths (Å) and angles (°) for compound 2.

		2	
Cd(1)-O(1) ^{#8}	2.201(18)	Cd(2)-O(6A)	1.98(5)
Cd(1)-O(1) ^{#9}	2.201(18)	Cd(2)-O(8) ^{#4}	1.78(2)
Cd(1)-O(1)	2.201(18)	Cd(2)-O(8) ^{#1}	1.78(2)
$Cd(1)-O(1)^{\#10}$	2.201(18)	Cd(2)-O(7)	1.594(18)
Cd(1)-O(1W)	2.47(2)	Cd(2)-O(6B)	1.98(4)

O(6A)-Cd(2)-O(9) ^{#1}	107.4(17)	Cd(2)-O(9) ^{#1}	2.54(3)
O(1) ^{#10} -Cd(1)-O(1) ^{#9}	88.77(13)	O(8) ^{#1} -Cd(2)-O(6A)	88.7(6)
O(1) ^{#10} -Cd(1)-O(1)	88.77(13)	O(8)#4-Cd(2)-O(6A)	88.7(6)
O(1) ^{#9} -Cd(1)-O(1)	163.2(9)	O(8) ^{#4} -Cd(2)-O(8) ^{#1}	152.6(16)
O(1) ^{#8} -Cd(1)-O(1)	88.77(13)	O(8) ^{#1} -Cd(2)-O(6B)	88.0(6)
O(1) ^{#10} -Cd(1)-O(1) ^{#8}	163.2(9)	O(8)#4-Cd(2)-O(6B)	88.0(6)
O(1)#8-Cd(1)-O(1)#9	88.77(13)	O(8) ^{#4} -Cd(2)-O(9) ^{#1}	77.4(8)
O(1)#8-Cd(1)-O(1W)	98.4(4)	O(8) ^{#1} -Cd(2)-O(9) ^{#1}	77.4(8)
O(1)#10-Cd(1)-O(1W)	98.4(4)	O(7)-Cd(2)-O(6A)	97(2)
O(1)#9-Cd(1)-O(1W)	98.4(4)	O(7)-Cd(2)-O(8)#4	103.7(8)
O(1)-Cd(1)-O(1W)	98.4(4)	O(7)-Cd(2)-O(8) ^{#1}	103.7(8)
O(7)-Cd(2)-O(9) ^{#1}	156.0(16)	O(7)-Cd(2)-O(6B)	97(2)
O(6B)-Cd(2)-O(9) ^{#1}	58.6(17)		

Symmetry code: ^{#1} -y+1,x-1,z ; ^{#4} -y+1,x-1,-z+2; ^{#8} -y+1,x,z; ^{#9} -x+1,-y+1,z; ^{#10} y,-x+1,z

Table S7. Hydrogen bonds for compound 2 (Å and °).

D-HA	d(D-H)	d(HA)	d(DA)	<(DHA)
C(2)-H(2)O(7)	0.95	2.45	3.39(2)	170.3

Table S8. Selected bond lengths (Å) and angles (°) for compound 3.

		3	
Ni(1)-O(1) ^{#3}	1.991(14)	Ni(2)-O(5)	1.799(10)
Ni(1)-O(1)#1	1.991(14)	Ni(2)-O(5)#6	1.799(10)
Ni(1)-O(1)	1.991(14)	Ni(2)-O(9)	1.85(2)
Ni(1)-O(1) ^{#2}	1.991(14)	Ni(2)-O(6)	1.846(17)
Ni(1)-O(1W)	2.307(18)	Ni(2)-O(10)	1.659(3)
O(1) ^{#2} -Ni(1)-O(1) ^{#1}	88.49(13)	O(5) -Ni(2)-O(5) #6	154.8(8)
O(1) ^{#2} -Ni(1)-O(1) ^{#3}	88.49(13)	O(5)-Ni(2)-O(9)	87.9(4)
O(1) ^{#3} -Ni(1)-O(1) ^{#1}	161.3(8)	O(5) ^{#6} -Ni(2)-O(9)	87.9(4)
O(1)-Ni(1)-O(1)#2	161.38(8)	O(5) -Ni(2)-O(6)	86.3(4)

O(1) -Ni(1)-O(1)#3	88.49(13)	O(5) ^{#6} -Ni(2)-O(6)	86.3(4)
O(1)-Ni(1)-O(1) ^{#1}	88.49(13)	O(10)-Ni(2)-O(5) ^{#6}	102.6(4)
O(1)#1-Ni(1)-O(1W)	99.4(4)	O(10)-Ni(2)-O(5)	102.6(4)
O(1)-Ni(1)-O(1W)	99.4(4)	O(10)-Ni(2)-O(9)	103.7(13)
O(1)#3-Ni(1)-O(1W)	99.4(4)	O(10)-Ni(2)-O(6)	103.2(11)
O(1)#2-Ni(1)-O(1W)	99.4(4)		

Symmetry code: #1 -y+1,x,z; #2 -x+1,-y+1,z; #3 y,-x+1,z; #6 x,y,-z+1

Table S9. Hydrogen bonds for compound 3 (Å and °).

D-HA	d(D-H)	d(HA)	d(DA)	<(DHA)
C(2)-H(2)O(10) ^{#10}	0.93	2.26	3.154(14)	162.2

Symmetry code: #10 y+1/2,-x+3/2,z-1/2

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