## **Supporting Information.**

## Thermogravimetric analysis

Thermogravimetric analysis was undertaken on all Re (but not Tc) containing complexes under a constant stream of N<sub>2</sub> with the results shown below. At lower temperatures (<  $250 \,^{\circ}$ C) it was possible to confirm the loss of 4 H<sub>2</sub>O molecules in 1 and one MeOH in 5. At higher temperatures, the weight losses observed can be more difficult to assign due to the presence of volatile Re<sub>2</sub>O<sub>7</sub> but in most cases, reasonable agreement is observed for loss of the P=O donor ligands.

| Temp.<br>Range (° C) | % wt. loss expt | % wt. loss calc | Assignment  |
|----------------------|-----------------|-----------------|---|
| 0-250                | 5.66            | 5.52            | Loss of 4 eq. $H_2O$                                |
| 540 - 640            | 71.87           | 74.32           | Loss of 2 eq. $Re_2O_7$<br>ThO <sub>2</sub> remains |

TGA analysis for [Th(ReO<sub>4</sub>)<sub>4</sub>].4H<sub>2</sub>O (1)

| Temp.<br>Range (° C) | % wt. loss expt | % wt. loss calc | Assignment                              |
|----------------------|-----------------|-----------------|---|
| 0-250                | 2.17            | 1.65            | Loss of MeOH                            |
| 300 - 700            | 39.31           | 41.99           | Loss of 3 eq. TPPO and MeO <sup>-</sup> |
|                      |                 |                 | Mixed Th & Re oxides remain             |

TGA analysis for [Th(ReO<sub>4</sub>)<sub>4</sub>(TPPO)<sub>3</sub>(OCH<sub>3</sub>)(HOCH<sub>3</sub>)] (5)

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| Temp.<br>Range (° C) | % wt. loss expt | % wt. loss calc | Assignment                  |
|----------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------------------|
| 260 - 550            | 43.36           | 41.44           | Loss of 4 eq. TBPO          |
| 550 - 900            | 5.04            | -               | -                           |
|                      |                 |                 | Mixed Th & Re oxides remain |

TGA analysis for [Th(ReO<sub>4</sub>)<sub>4</sub>(TBPO)<sub>4</sub>] (4)

| Temp.<br>Range (° C) | % wt. Loss<br>expt | % wt. loss calc | Assignment                  |
|----------------------|--------------------|-----------------|-----------------------------|
| 140 - 900            | 48.45              | 46.34           | Loss of 4 eq. TiBP          |
|                      |                    |                 | Mixed Th & Re oxides remain |

 $TGA \text{ analysis for } [Th(ReO_4)_4(TiBP)_4] (3)$ 

| Temp.<br>Range (° C) | % wt. loss expt | % wt. Loss calc | Assignment                                       |
|----------------------|-----------------|-----------------|--|
| 100- 900             | 35.54           | 34.60           | Loss of 4 eq. TEP<br>Mixed Th & Re oxides remain |

TGA analysis for  $[Th(ReO_4)_4(TEP)_4]$  (2)





Mid- and far-infrared ATR (in transmission) and Raman (absorption) spectra of [Th(ReO<sub>4</sub>)<sub>4</sub>].4H<sub>2</sub>O (1)











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Mid- and far-infrared ATR (in transmission) and Raman (absorption) spectra of crystalline [Th(ReO<sub>4</sub>)<sub>3</sub>(TPPO)<sub>3</sub>(OCH<sub>3</sub>)(HOCH<sub>3</sub>)] (5)

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Mid-infrared ATR (in transmission) spectrum of [Th(TcO<sub>4</sub>)<sub>4</sub>(TEP)<sub>4</sub>] (7)

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Mid-infrared ATR (in transmission) spectrum of [Th(TcO<sub>4</sub>)<sub>4</sub>(TiBP)<sub>4</sub>] (8)





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Mid-infrared ATR (in transmission) and Raman (absorption) spectra of [Th(TcO<sub>4</sub>)<sub>3</sub>(TPPO)<sub>3</sub>(OCH<sub>3</sub>)(HOCH<sub>3</sub>)] (10)





Solution state variable temperature (213-298 K)  $^{31}$ P NMR spectra (162 MHz, 16 scans) for [Th(ReO<sub>4</sub>)<sub>4</sub>(TEP)<sub>4</sub>] (**2**) in MeOD.



Solution state variable temperature (213-298 K) <sup>31</sup>P NMR spectra (162 MHz, 16 scans) for [Th(ReO<sub>4</sub>)<sub>4</sub>(TiBP)<sub>4</sub>] (**3**) in MeOD.



Solution state variable temperature (213-298 K)  $^{31}$ P NMR spectra (162 MHz, 64 scans) for [Th(ReO<sub>4</sub>)<sub>4</sub>(TBPO)<sub>4</sub>] (4) in CD<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>.



Solution state variable temperature (213-298 K)  $^{31}$ P NMR spectra (162 MHz, 64 scans) for [Th(ReO<sub>4</sub>)<sub>3</sub>(TPPO)<sub>3</sub>(OCH<sub>3</sub>)(HOCH<sub>3</sub>)] (**5**) in MeOD.



Solution state variable temperature (208-298 K)  $^{31}$ P NMR spectra (162 MHz, 16 scans) for [Th(TcO<sub>4</sub>)<sub>4</sub>(TEP)<sub>4</sub>] (7) in MeOD.



Solution state variable temperature (208-298 K)  $^{31}$ P NMR spectra (162 MHz, 256 scans) for [Th(TcO<sub>4</sub>)<sub>4</sub>(TiBP)<sub>4</sub>] (8) in MeOD.



Solution state variable temperature (208-298 K)  $^{31}$ P NMR spectra (162 MHz, 256 scans) for [Th(TcO<sub>4</sub>)<sub>4</sub>(TBPO)<sub>4</sub>] (9) in CD<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>.



Solution state variable temperature (208-298 K) <sup>31</sup>P NMR spectra (162 MHz, 256 scans) for [Th(TcO<sub>4</sub>)<sub>3</sub>(TPPO)<sub>3</sub>(OCH<sub>3</sub>)(HOCH<sub>3</sub>)] (**10**) in MeOD.



Solution state variable temperature (208-298 K)  $^{99}$ Tc NMR spectra (90.08 MHz, 512 scans) for [Th(TcO<sub>4</sub>)<sub>3</sub>(TPPO)<sub>3</sub>(OCH<sub>3</sub>)(HOCH<sub>3</sub>)] (**10**) in MeOD.



Solution state variable temperature (208-298 K)  $^{99}$ Tc NMR spectra (90.08 MHz, 512 scans) for [Th(TcO<sub>4</sub>)<sub>4</sub>(TBPO)<sub>4</sub>] (**9**) in CD<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>.



Solution state variable temperature (208-298 K) <sup>99</sup>Tc NMR spectra (90.08 MHz, 512 scans) for [Th(TcO<sub>4</sub>)<sub>4</sub>(TiBP)<sub>4</sub>] (**8**) in MeOD.



Solution state variable temperature (208-298 K)  $^{99}$ Tc NMR spectra (90.08 MHz, 512 scans) for [Th(TcO<sub>4</sub>)<sub>4</sub>(TEP)<sub>4</sub>] (7) in MeOD.