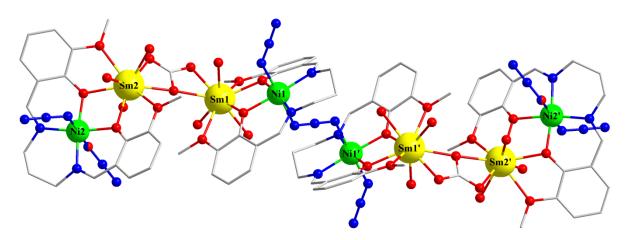
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SUPPORTING INFORMATION



 $\label{eq:Figure S1. View of the octanuclear cationic species $$ [[(N_3)_{1.5}(H_2O)_{0.5}Ni(valpn)Sm(H_2O)_3(\mu-CO_3)Sm(H_2O)_3(valpn)Ni(N_3)(\mu_{1,3}-N_3)_{0.5}]_2]^+$ in $\bf 1$ (' = -x, 2-y, 1-z) $$ $$ (-x, 2-y, 1-z) $$ (-x, 2$

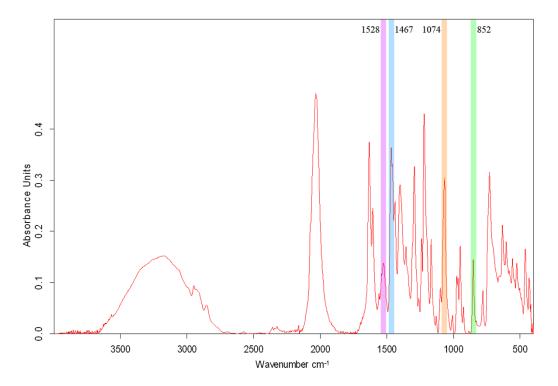


Figure S2. The infrared spectrum of 2