

## Supporting Information

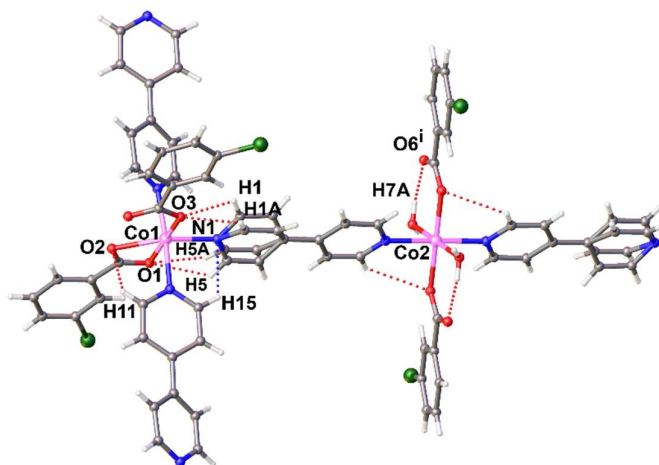
### Synthesis and crystal structure of poly[[bis(aqua- $\kappa O$ )tetrakis( $\mu$ -4,4'-bipyridine)- $\kappa^2 N:N'$ ]hexakis(3-chlorobenzoato)- $\kappa^5 O$ ; $\kappa^2 O:O'$ -tricobalt(II)] methanol disolvate]

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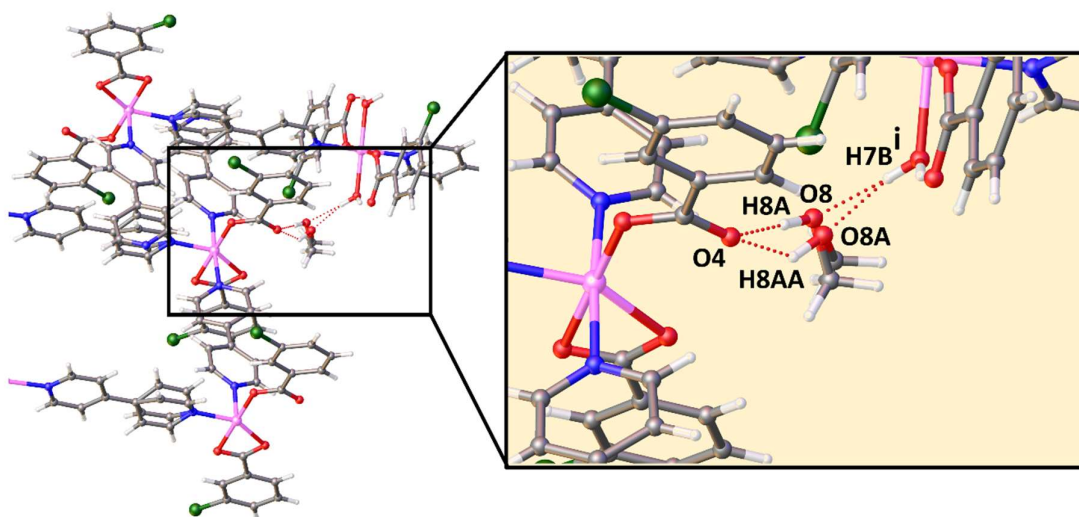
#### Experiment:

All chemicals and solvents were of analytical grade purchased commercially and used without further purification. Elemental analyses (C, H and N) were performed on a Perkin-Elmer PE-2400 CHNS/O analyses. IR data were recorded on a Perkin Elmer infrared spectrophotometer with KBr pellets in the 400–4000  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  region. Powder X-ray diffraction pattern was obtained on PAN analytical Empyrean X-ray diffractometer in the 2 $\theta$  range of 5–50° at room temperature and X-ray structure data analysis of the suitable single crystal was collected with a Bruker D8 Advance A25, using Mo-K $\alpha$  radiation ( $\lambda = 0.71073 \text{ \AA}$ ) at 296 K. Electronic spectra were recorded on Shimadzu UV-2600 UV-vis spectrophotometer in the range of 400–1100  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ . TGA data was obtained on a TG-DTA 2010S MAC apparatus and Hitachi STA7200 thermal analyzer between 35–800°C in  $\text{N}_2$  atmosphere with heating rate of 10 °C/min.

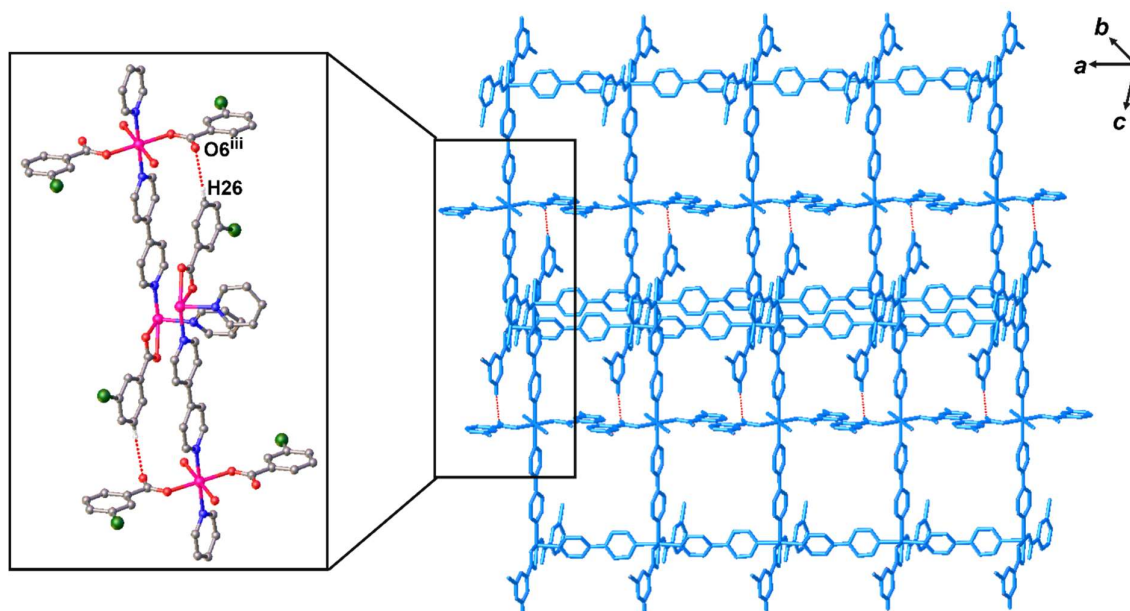
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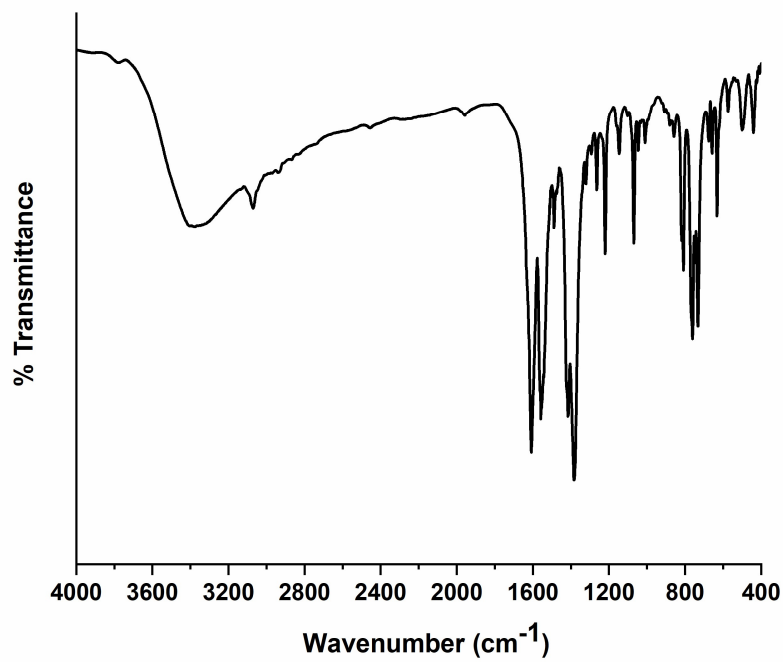
**Figure S1.** Representation of intramolecular hydrogen bonding interactions and hydrogen bonding between methanol lattice solvent and 3-Clbenz of the title compound. (Symmetry code (i) 1-x, 2-y, -z)



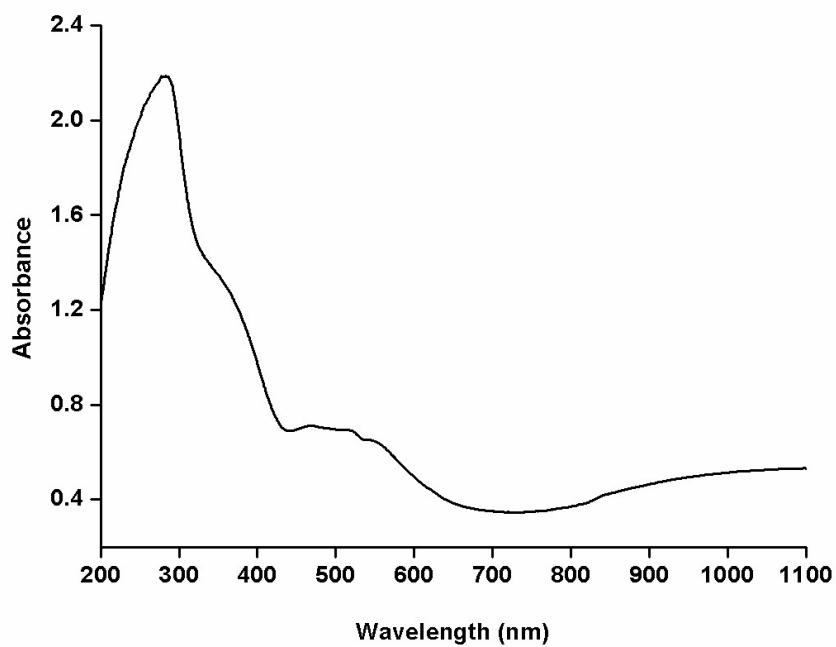
**Figure S2.** Representation of intermolecular hydrogen bonding interactions between methanol lattice solvent and the ladder chains (Symmetry code: (i)  $1-x, 2-y, 1-z$ )



**Figure S3.** Representation of intermolecular hydrogen bonding interactions between adjacent ladder chains with  $C26-H26 \cdots O6^{iii}$  (Symmetry code: (iii)  $x, y-1, z+1$ )



**Figure S4.** FT-IR spectrum of the title compound



**Figure S5.** Solid state diffuse reflectance spectrum of the title compound

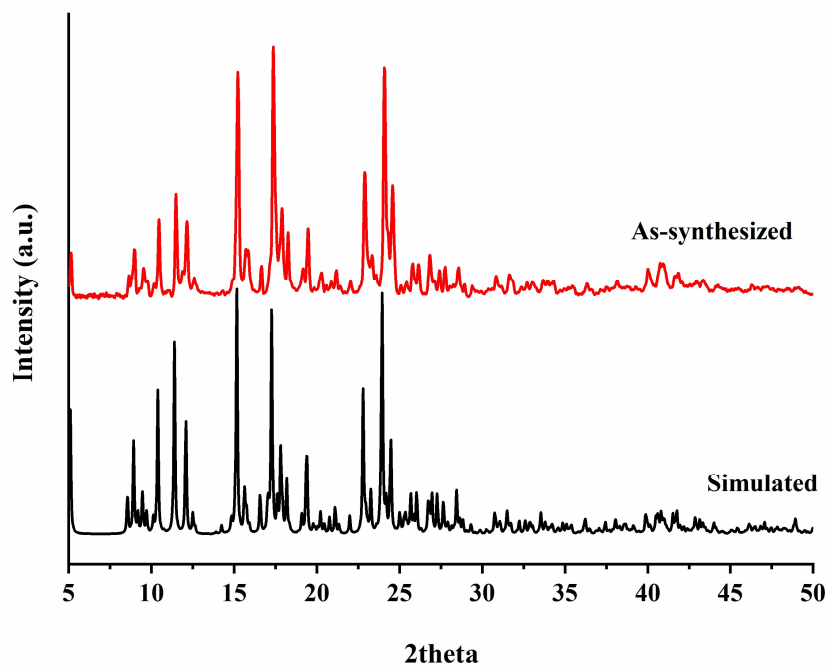


Figure S6. Powder XRD patterns of the title compound

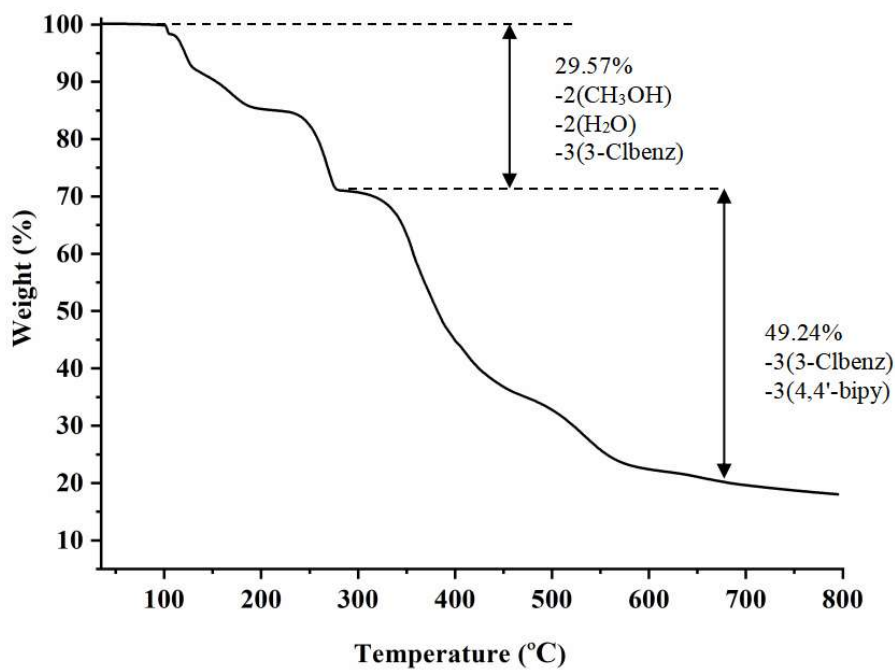


Figure S7. TGA curve of the title compound