

## **Supporting Information**

# 2-D Hydrogen-bonded Square-grid Coordination Networks with a Substitution-active Metal Site

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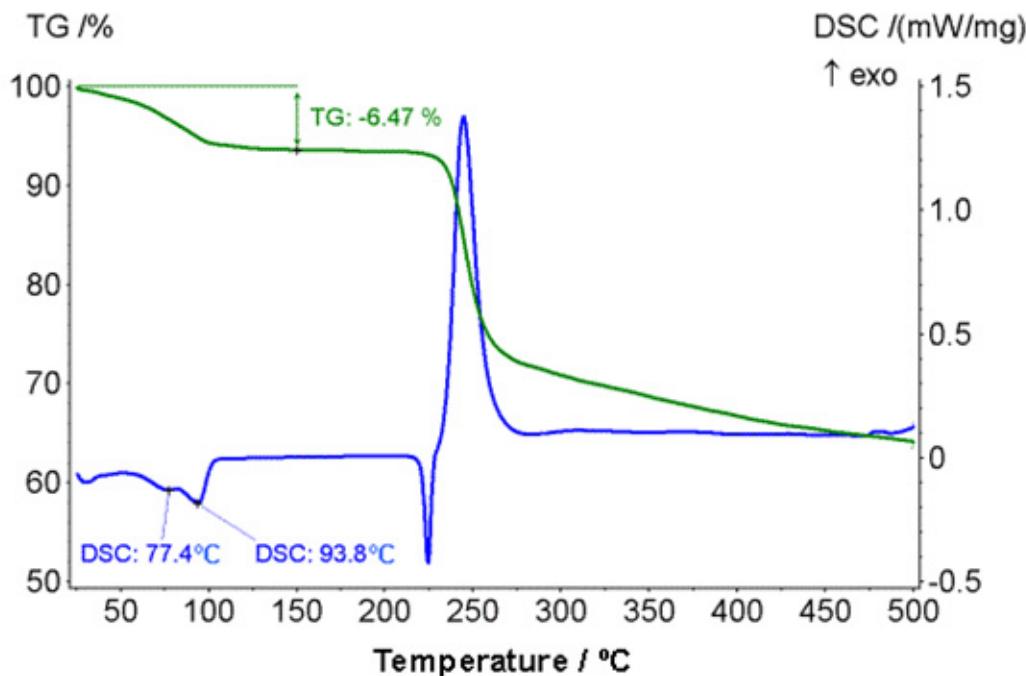


Figure S1. TG/DSC curves of **2** measured in  $\text{N}_2$  (heating rate is  $2\text{ }^\circ\text{C}/\text{min}$ )

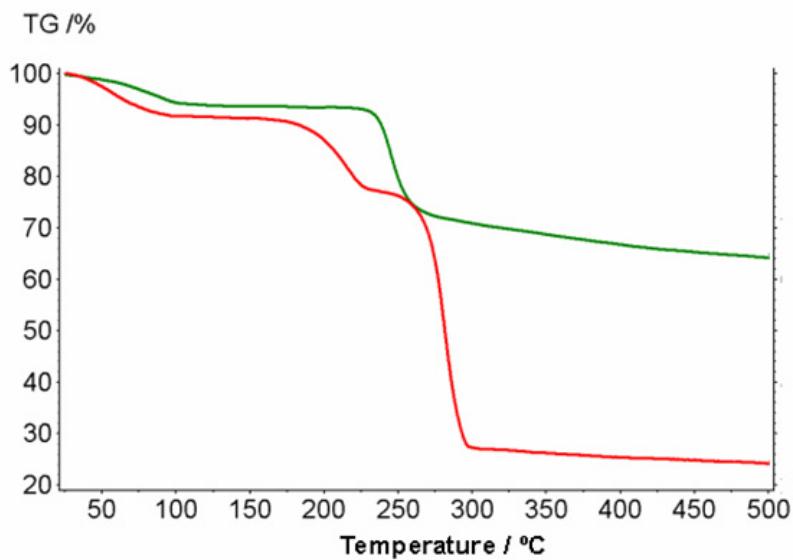
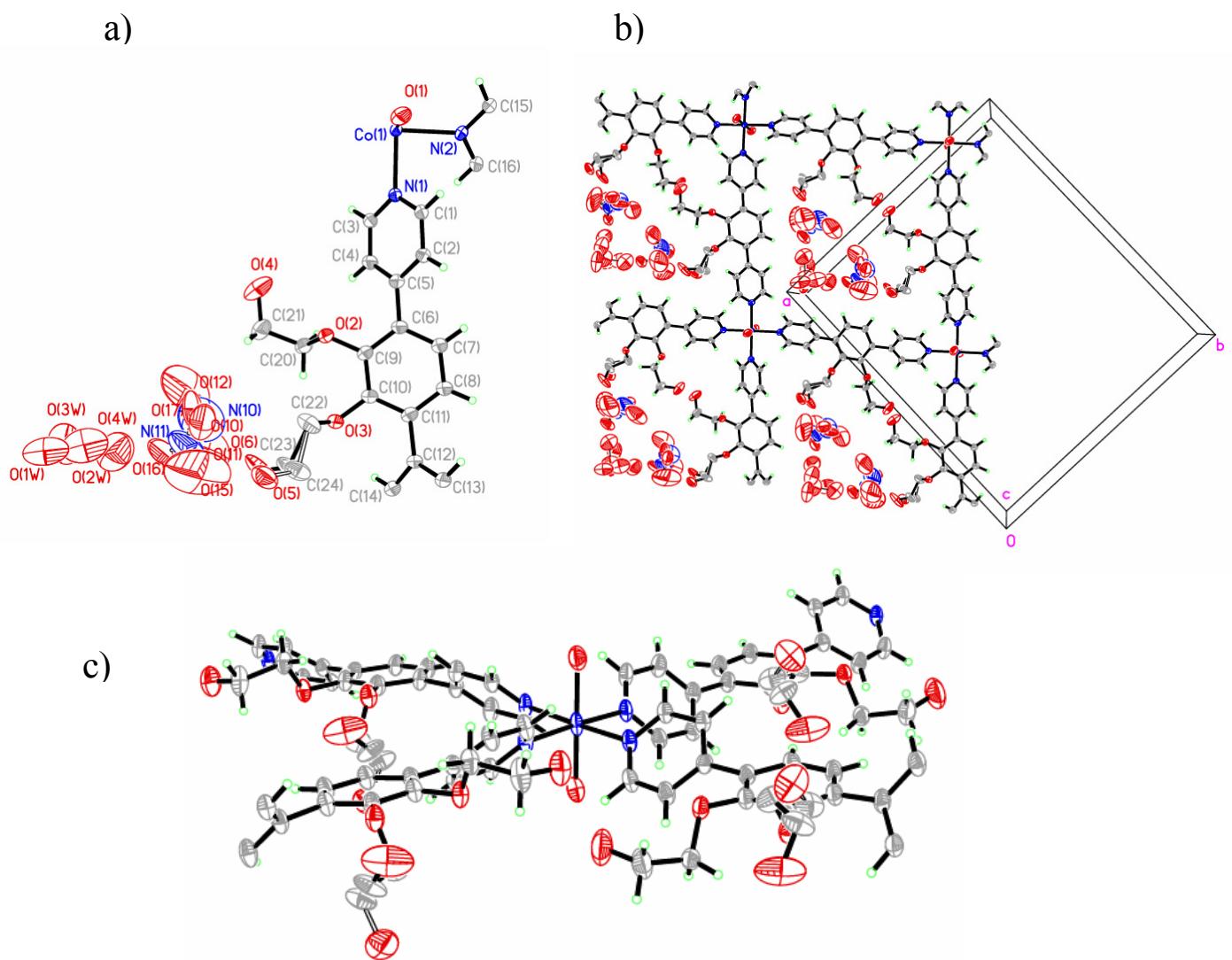


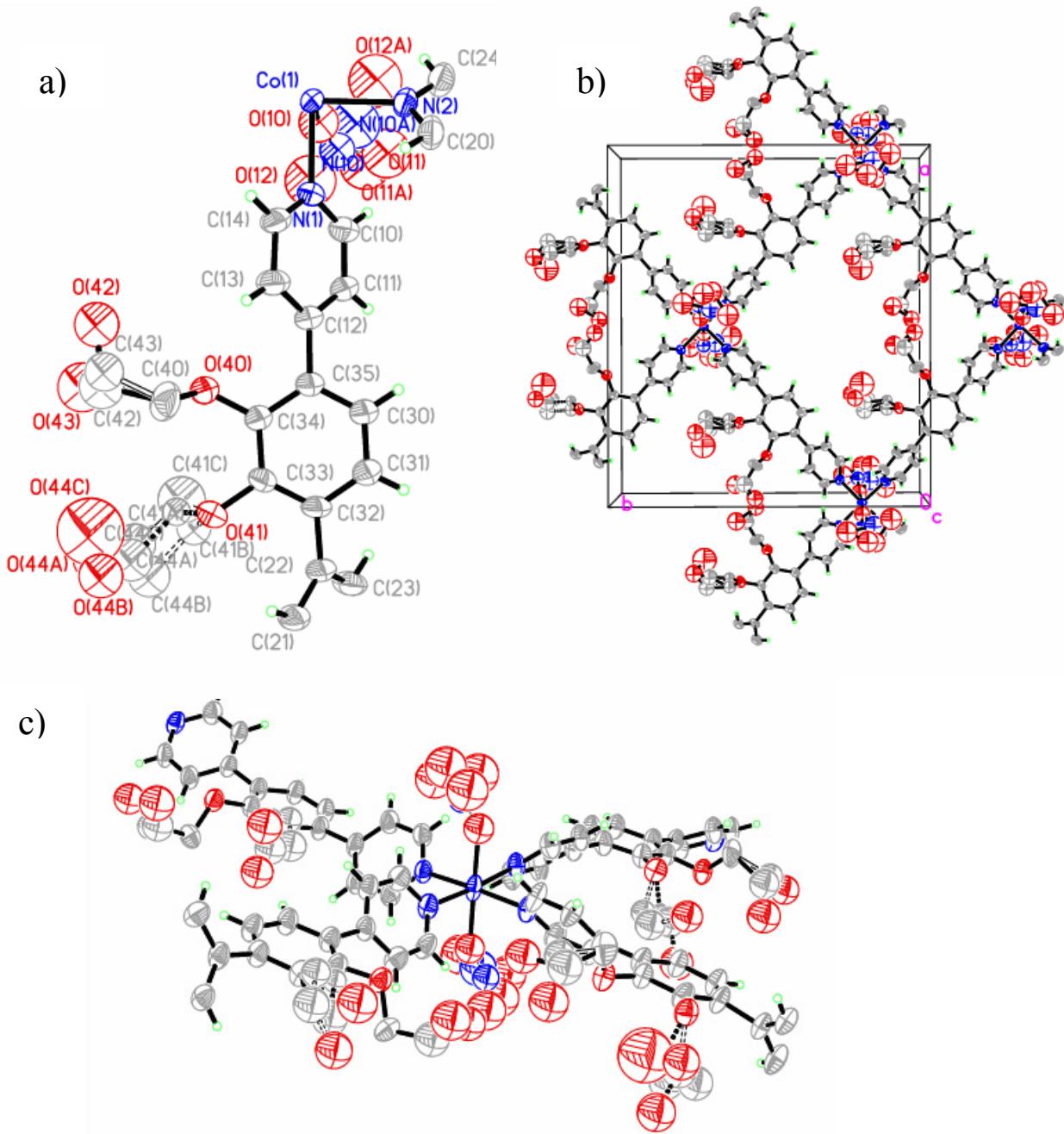
Figure S2. TG curve of **2** (green) and **5** (red) measured in  $\text{N}_2$  (heating rate is  $2\text{ }^\circ\text{C}/\text{min}$ )

Comparison by thermogravimetric analysis: As shown in Figure S2, **2** showed much higher thermal stability than **5** (decomposition temperature: **2**,  $220\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ ; **5**,  $170\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ ).

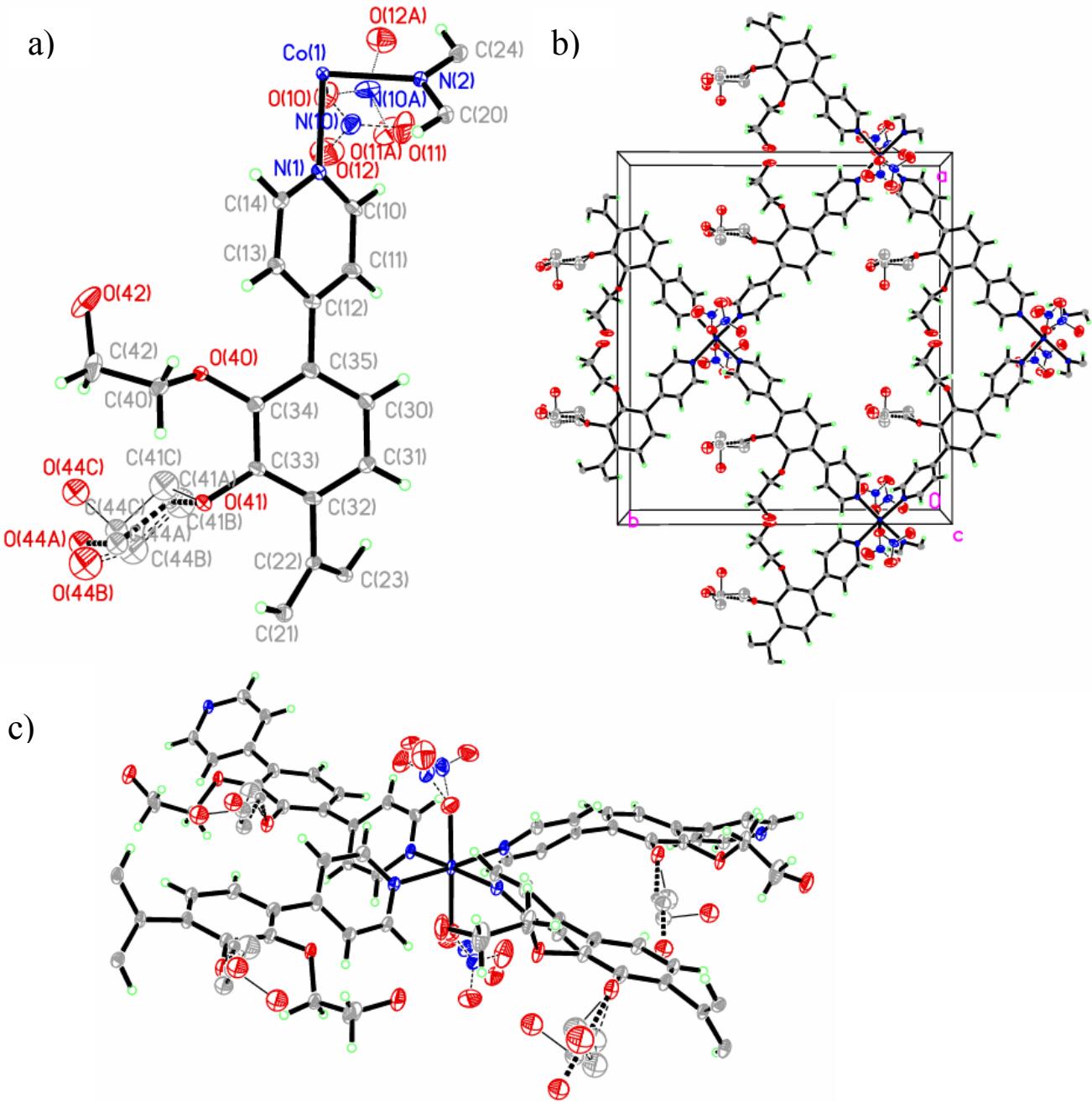
Comparison by X-ray analysis: Whereas **2** kept its crystallinity even at high temperature ( $<150\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ ), crystal **5** gradually deteriorated above room temperature and no longer diffracted at  $60\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ .



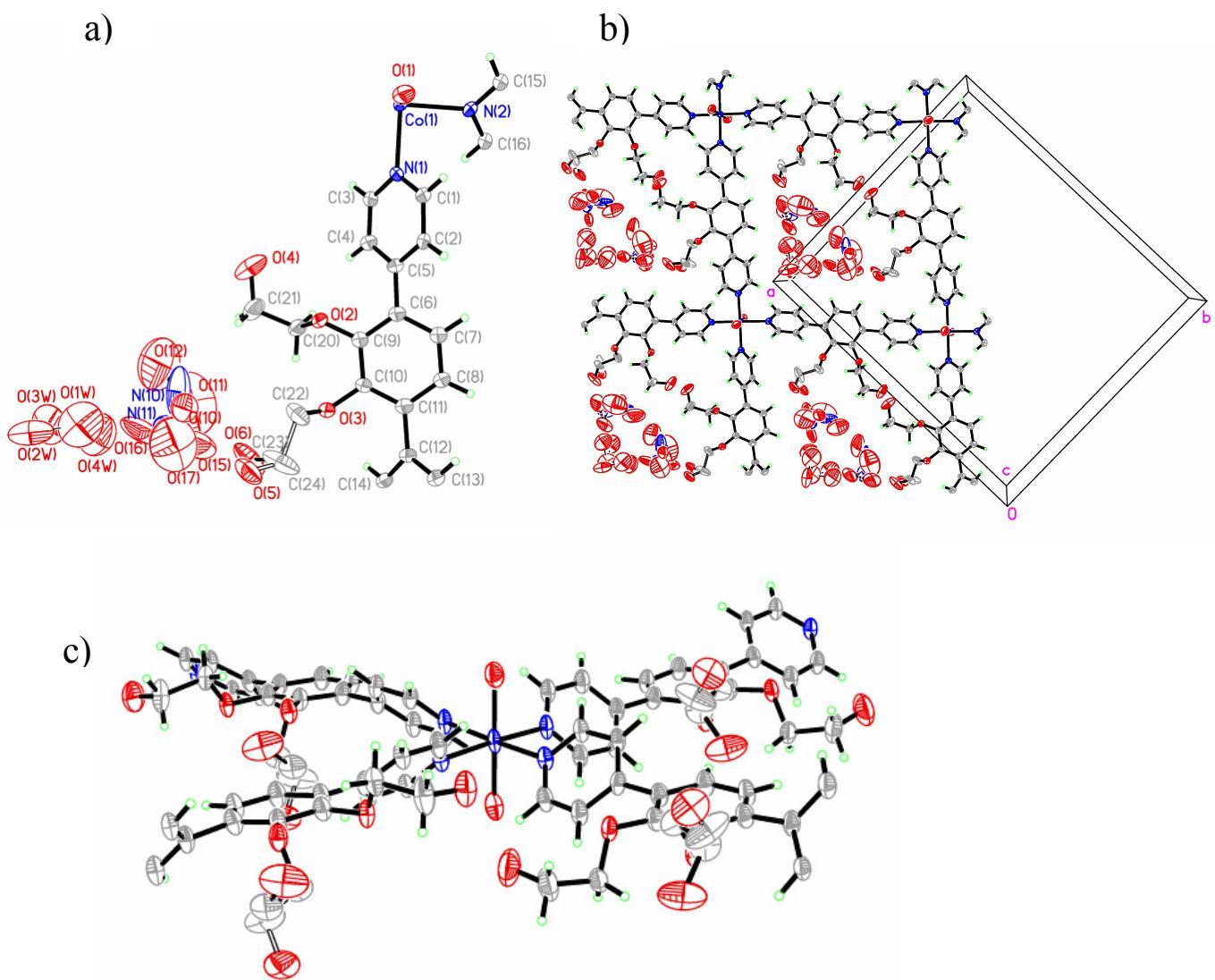
**Figure S3.** ORTEP view (50% probability level) of **2** (80 K). (a) The crystallographic asymmetric unit. Hydrogen atoms are not labeled. (b) The 2-D layer. (c) The geometry around Co(II) atom. The thermal temperature factors of all non-hydrogen atoms were anisotropically refined. Hydrogen atoms were treated as a riding model. Several restraints were applied to disordered ethylene glycol groups, nitrate ions and water molecules.



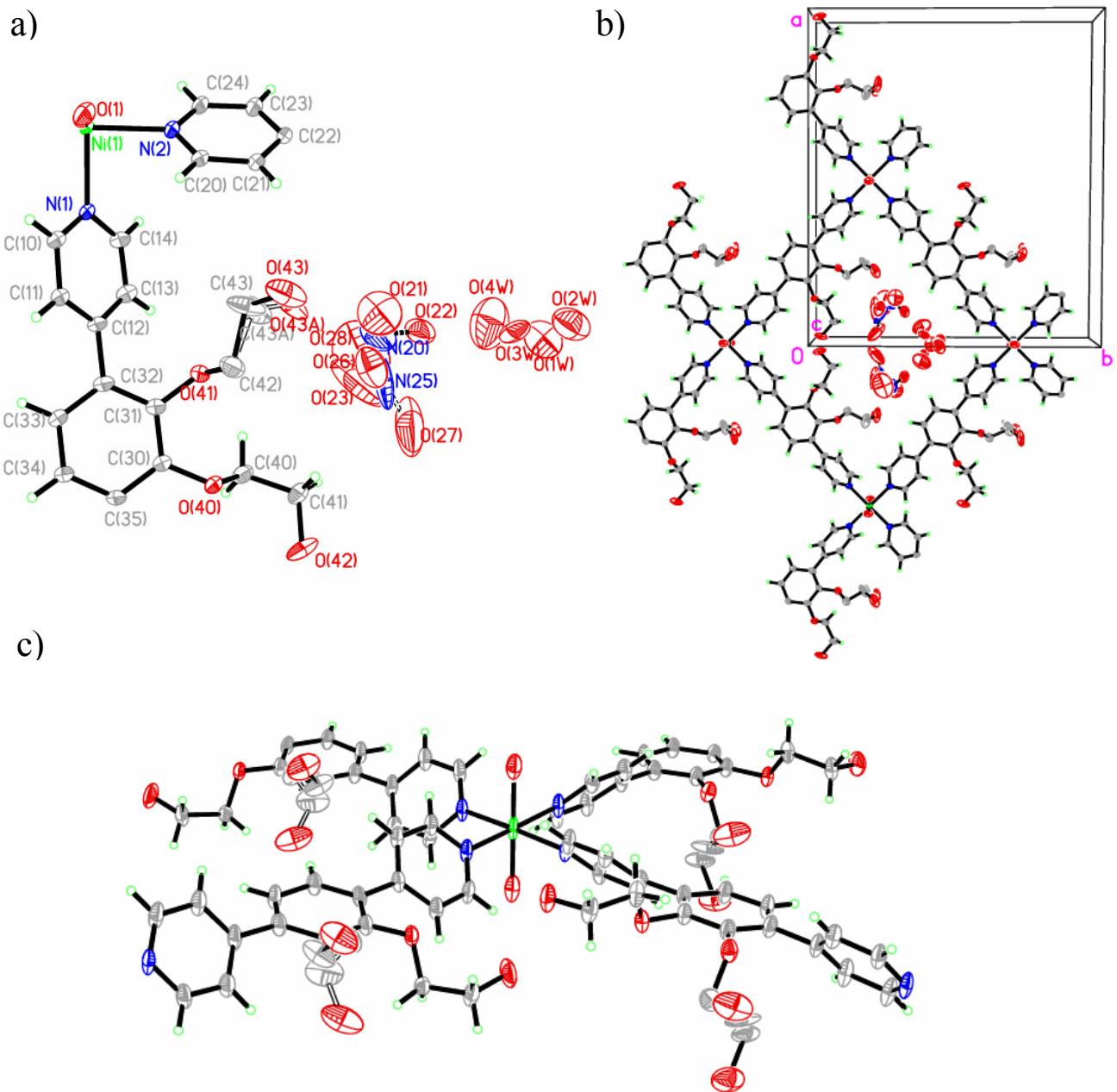
**Figure S4.** ORTEP view (50% probability level) of **6** (423 K). (a) The crystallographic asymmetric unit. Hydrogen atoms are not labeled. (b) The 2-D layer. (c) The geometry around Co(II) atom. The thermal temperature factors of nitrate ions and ethylene glycol groups were isotropically refined because of severe disorder. Hydrogen atoms were treated as a riding model. Several restraints were applied to disordered nitrate ions and disordered ethylene glycol groups.



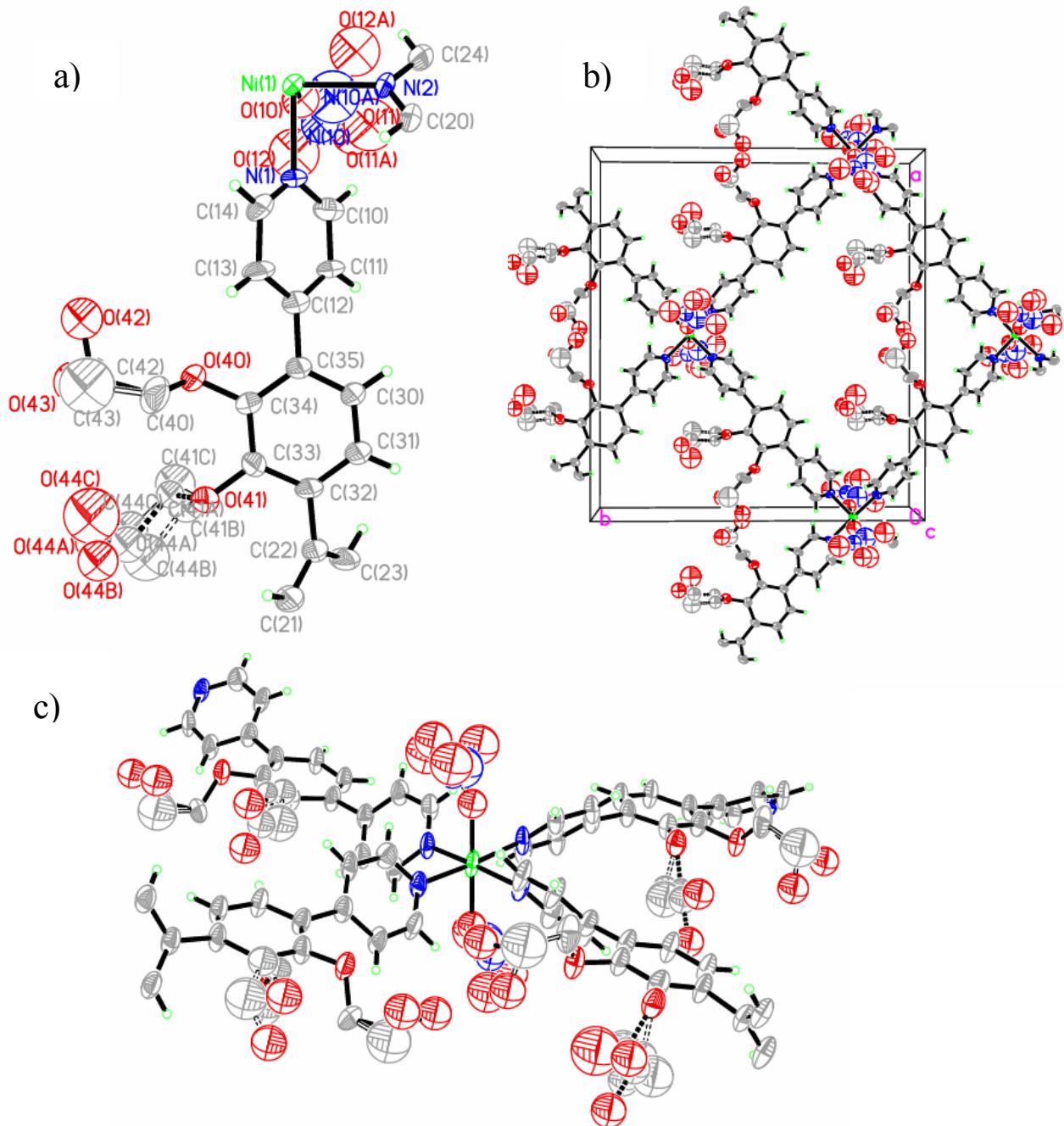
**Figure S5.** ORTEP view (50% probability level) of **6** (80 K). (a) The crystallographic asymmetric unit. Hydrogen atoms are not labeled. (b) The 2-D layer. (c) The geometry around Co(II) atom. The thermal temperature factors of ethylene glycol groups were isotropically refined because of severe disorder. Hydrogen atoms were treated as a riding model. Several restraints were applied to disordered nitrate ions and ethylene glycol groups.



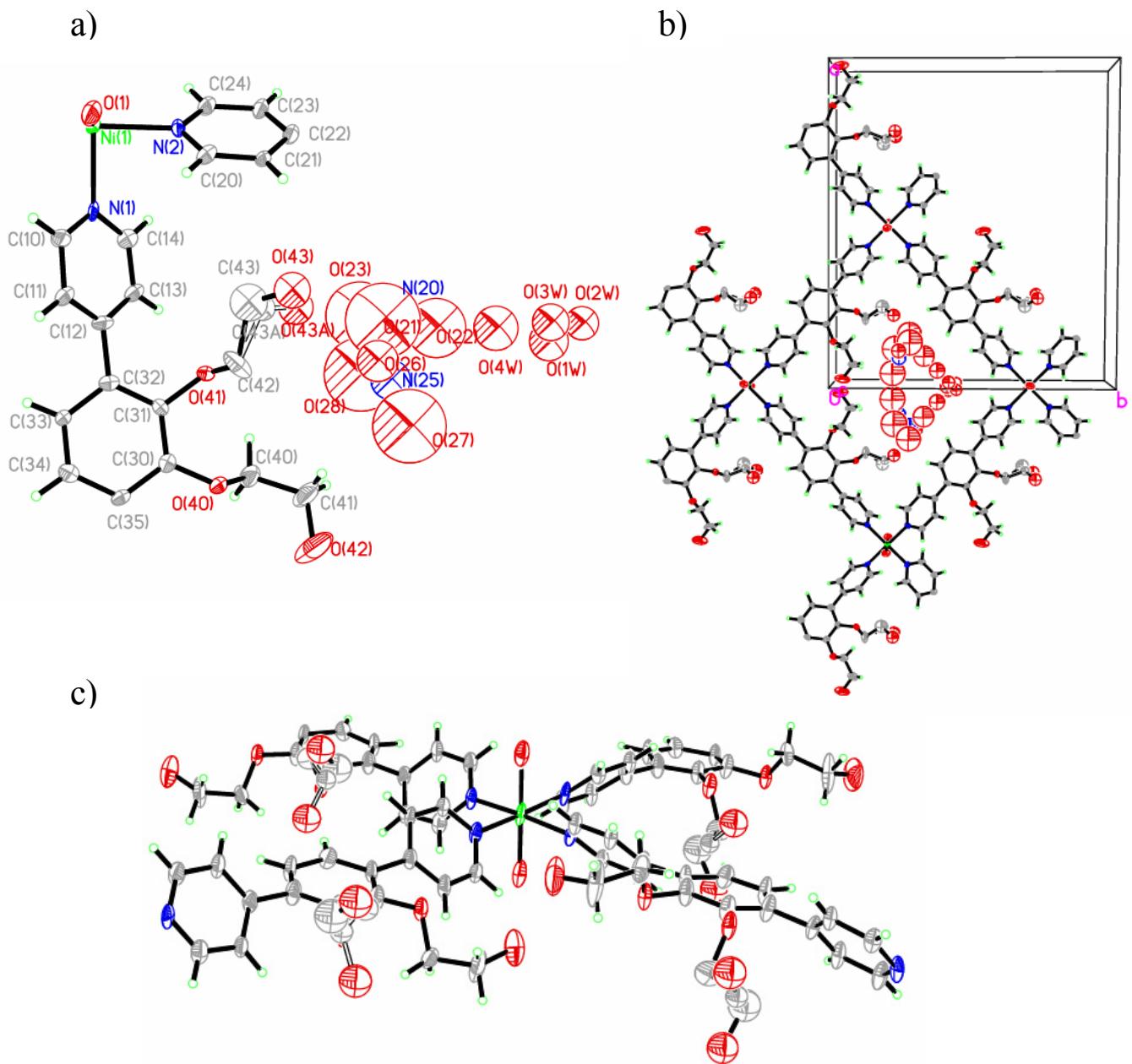
**Figure S6.** ORTEP view (50% probability level) of **2'** (80 K). (a) The crystallographic asymmetric unit. Hydrogen atoms are not labeled. (b) The 2-D layer. (c) The geometry around Co(II) atom. The thermal temperature factors of all non-hydrogen atoms were anisotropically refined. Hydrogen atoms were treated as a riding model. Several restraints were applied to disordered ethylene glycol groups, water molecules and nitrate ions.



**Figure S7.** ORTEP view (50% probability level) of **3** (80 K). (a) The crystallographic asymmetric unit. Hydrogen atoms are not labeled. (b) The 2-D layer. (c) The geometry around Ni(II) atom. The thermal temperature factors of all non-hydrogen atoms were anisotropically refined. Hydrogen atoms were treated as a riding model. Several restraints were applied to disordered ethylene glycol groups, nitrate ions and water molecules.



**Figure S8.** ORTEP view (50% probability level) of **7** (373 K). (a) The crystallographic asymmetric unit. Hydrogen atoms are not labeled. (b) The 2-D layer. (c) The geometry around Ni(II) atom. The thermal temperature factors of ethylene glycol groups, nitrate ions and guest molecules were isotropically refined because of severe disorder. Hydrogen atoms were treated as a riding model. Several restraints were applied to disordered nitrate ions and ethylene glycol groups.



**Figure S9.** ORTEP view (50% probability level) of **3'** (80 K). (a) The crystallographic asymmetric unit. Hydrogen atoms are not labeled. (b) The 2-D layer. (c) The geometry around Ni(II) atom. The thermal temperature factors of ethylene glycol groups, nitrate ions and guest molecules were isotropically refined because of severe disorder. Hydrogen atoms were treated as a riding model. Several restraints were applied to disordered nitrate ions, ethylene glycol groups and water molecules.