

## Supporting Information

### Synthesis and crystallographic characterisation of $\text{Mg}(\text{H}_2\text{dhtp})(\text{H}_2\text{O})_5 \cdot \text{H}_2\text{O}$

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**Table S.1.** Selected bond lengths [Å] and angles [°] for Mg(H<sub>2</sub>dhtp)(H<sub>2</sub>O)<sub>5</sub>·H<sub>2</sub>O

Mg(1)-O(1)	2.0231(11)	O(2W)-Mg(1)-O(5W)	91.90(4)
Mg(1)-O(2W)	2.0402(11)	O(4W)-Mg(1)-O(5W)	89.57(4)
Mg(1)-O(4W)	2.0416(11)	O(1)-Mg(1)-O(3W)	95.69(4)
Mg(1)-O(5W)	2.0490(11)	O(2W)-Mg(1)-O(3W)	92.15(4)
Mg(1)-O(3W)	2.0903(10)	O(4W)-Mg(1)-O(3W)	90.49(4)
Mg(1)-O(1W)	2.1134(10)	O(5W)-Mg(1)-O(3W)	85.78(4)
		O(1)-Mg(1)-O(1W)	90.78(4)
O(1)-Mg(1)-O(2W)	88.73(4)	O(2W)-Mg(1)-O(1W)	91.01(4)
O(1)-Mg(1)-O(4W)	89.74(4)	O(4W)-Mg(1)-O(1W)	86.50(4)
O(2W)-Mg(1)-O(4W)	177.07(5)	O(5W)-Mg(1)-O(1W)	87.72(4)
O(1)-Mg(1)-O(5W)	178.38(5)	O(3W)-Mg(1)-O(1W)	172.86(4)

**Table S.2.** Hydrogen bonds for Mg(H<sub>2</sub>dhtp)(H<sub>2</sub>O)<sub>5</sub>·H<sub>2</sub>O [Å and °]

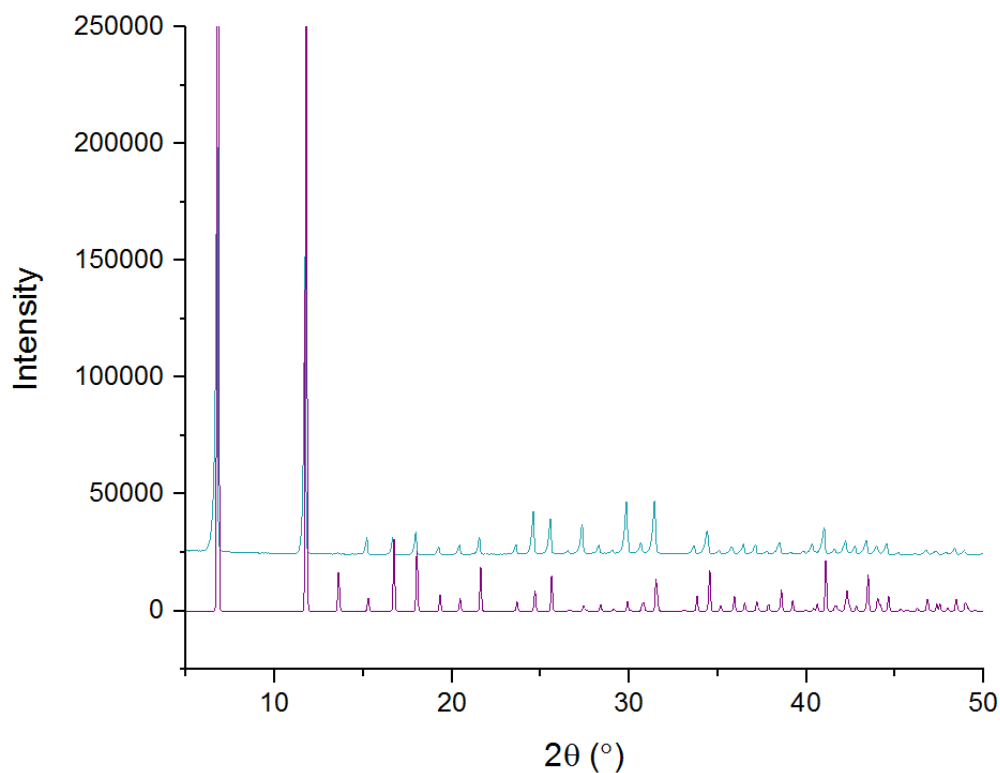
D-H···A	d(D-H)	d(H···A)	d(D···A)	<(DHA)
O(3)-H(3)···O(2)	0.84	1.79	2.5334(14)	147.2
O(6)-H(6)···O(5)	0.84	1.75	2.4926(14)	147.0
O(2W)-H(2A)···O(6W)	0.892(9)	1.900(10)	2.7825(14)	170.0(15)
O(6W)-H(6A)···O(1W) <sup>I</sup>	0.898(9)	2.168(10)	3.0020(14)	154.1(14)
O(5W)-H(5A)···O(5) <sup>II</sup>	0.897(9)	1.819(9)	2.7154(14)	177.0(16)
O(3W)-H(3W)···O(4) <sup>II</sup>	0.911(9)	1.731(10)	2.6275(13)	167.4(15)
O(2W)-H(2W)···O(6) <sup>III</sup>	0.881(9)	1.958(10)	2.8236(14)	167.3(15)
O(3W)-H(3A)···O(2) <sup>IV</sup>	0.897(9)	1.924(11)	2.7617(14)	154.7(15)
O(4W)-H(4A)···O(3W) <sup>V</sup>	0.886(9)	1.849(9)	2.7334(13)	176.4(16)
O(4W)-H(4W)···O(2) <sup>V</sup>	0.887(9)	1.885(11)	2.7361(13)	160.2(15)
O(5W)-H(5W)···O(3) <sup>VI</sup>	0.891(9)	1.856(10)	2.7416(14)	172.7(16)
O(6W)-H(6W)···O(4) <sup>VII</sup>	0.892(9)	1.853(10)	2.7397(15)	172.1(17)

Symmetry transformations used to generate equivalent atoms:

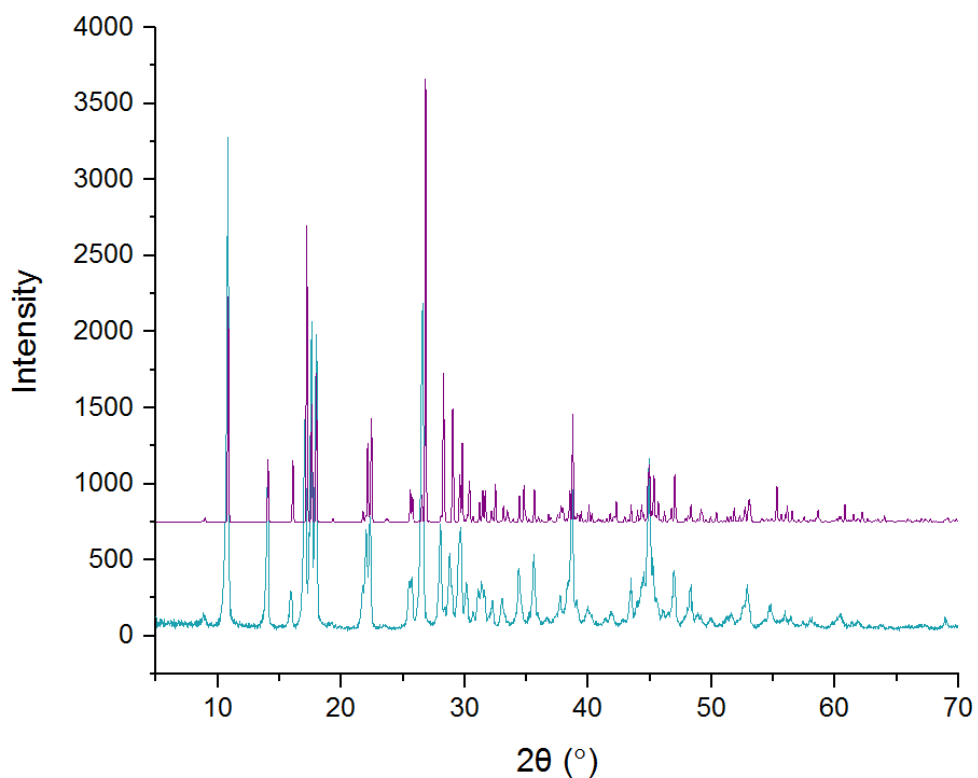
**I:** x, y-1, z    **II:** x+1/2, -y+3/2, z-1/2    **III:** -x+1/2, y-1/2, -z+1/2

**IV:** -x+3/2, y-1/2, -z+1/2    **V:** -x+3/2, y+1/2, -z+1/2

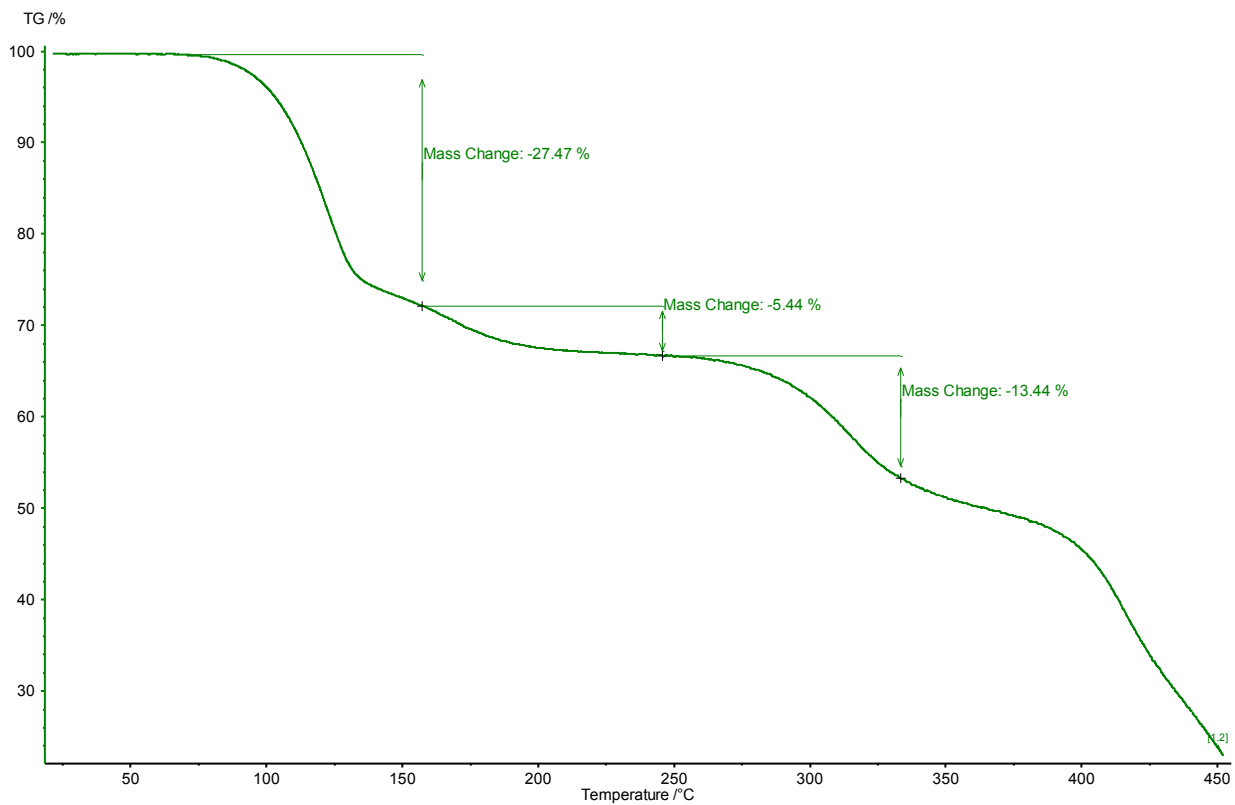
**VI:** x-1/2, -y+3/2, z-1/2    **VII:** -x+1, -y+1, -z+1



**Fig. S.1.** Powder XRD patterns for CPO-27-Mg. Teal – as-synthesised; Purple – simulated spectrum at a factor of 100



**Fig. S.2.** Powder XRD spectra for monomeric species,  $\text{Mg}(\text{H}_2\text{dhtp})(\text{H}_2\text{O})_5 \cdot \text{H}_2\text{O}$ . Teal – as-synthesised; Purple – simulated from single crystal data at a factor of 100



**Fig. S.3.** Thermogravimetric analysis (TGA) showing three mass changes of 27.47, 5.44 and 13.44% corresponding to the loss of  $5\text{H}_2\text{O}$ ,  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  and  $\text{CO}_2$  respectively

**Eq. (S.1).** Thermogravimetric analysis calculations

$$328.52 \text{ gmol}^{-1} \times 0.2747\% = 90.24 \text{ gmol}^{-1} \quad 5\text{H}_2\text{O}$$

$$328.52 \text{ gmol}^{-1} \times 0.0544\% = 17.87 \text{ gmol}^{-1} \quad \text{H}_2\text{O}$$

$$328.52 \text{ gmol}^{-1} \times 0.1344\% = 44.15 \text{ gmol}^{-1} \quad \text{CO}_2$$

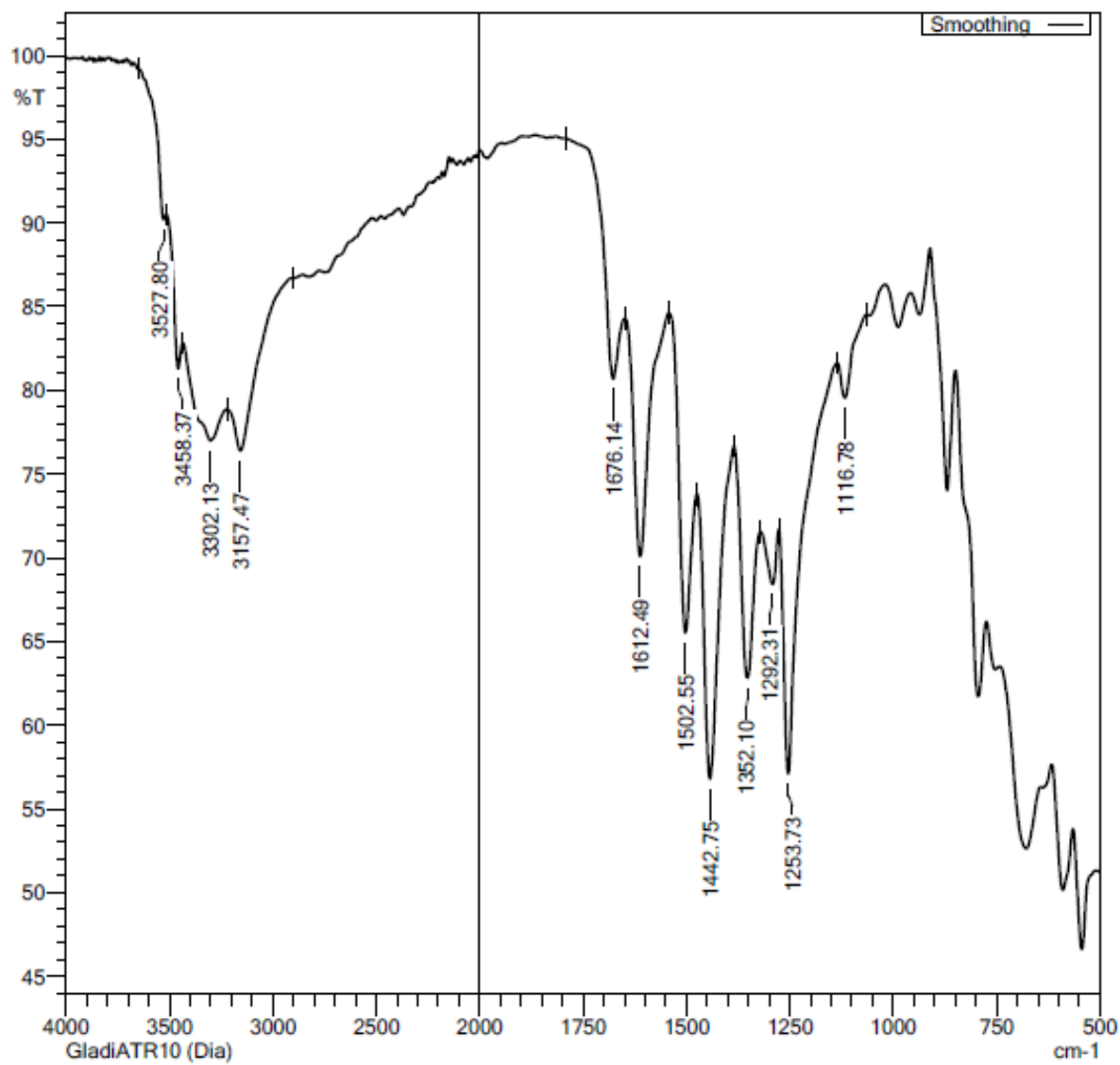


Fig. S.4. Infra-red spectrum of Mg(H<sub>2</sub>dhtp)(H<sub>2</sub>O)<sub>5</sub>•H<sub>2</sub>O