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SUPPLEMENTARY MATERIAL TO  
**Solid–solid synthesis, characterization and thermal  
decomposition of a homodinuclear cobalt(II) complex**

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TABLE S-I. Crystal data and structure refinement parameters for the title complex

Empirical formula	Co <sub>2</sub> C <sub>14</sub> H <sub>20</sub> O <sub>15</sub> N <sub>2</sub>	Temperature, K	293(2)
Formula weight	574.18	Wavelength, Å	0.71073
Crystal system	Monoclinic	$\theta$ range, °	2.57–25.02
Space group	<i>P</i> 2(1) <i>c</i>	Limiting indices	$-9 \leq h \leq 9, -32 \leq k \leq 27, -11 \leq l \leq 8$
<i>a</i> , Å	8.3680(5)	Reflections collected/unique	8367/3807 [ <i>R</i> (int) = 0.0649]
<i>b</i> , Å	27.2976(14)	Completeness to $\theta$ = 25.02	99.9 %
<i>c</i> , Å	9.5826(4)	Absorption correction	Semi-empirical from equivalents
<i>B</i> , °	98.276(5)	Max. and min. transmission	0.6105 and 0.5652
<i>V</i> , Å <sup>3</sup>	2166.12(19)	Refinement method	Full-matrix least-squares on <i>F</i> <sup>2</sup>
<i>Z</i>	4	Data / restraints / parameters	3807 / 0 / 298
<i>D</i> <sub>c</sub> , g cm <sup>-3</sup>	1.761	Goodness-of-fit on <i>F</i> <sup>2</sup>	1.031
$\mu$ (Cu K $\alpha$ ), mm <sup>-1</sup>	1.610	Final <i>R</i> indices [ <i>I</i> > 2 $\sigma$ ( <i>I</i> )]	<i>R</i> <sub>1</sub> = 0.0519, <i>wR</i> <sub>2</sub> = 0.0867
<i>F</i> (000)	1168	<i>R</i> indices (all data)	<i>R</i> <sub>1</sub> = 0.0915, <i>wR</i> <sub>2</sub> = 0.1086
Crystal size, mm	0.40 × 0.38 × 0.34	$\Delta\rho_{\max}$ and $\Delta\rho_{\min}$ , e Å <sup>-3</sup>	0.488 and -0.492

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TABLE S-II. Selected bond lengths and angles for the title complex

Bond	Distance, Å	Bond	Angle, °	Bond	Angle, °
Co1–O12	2.051(3)	O12–Co1–O13	96.40(16)	N2–Co2–N1	172.19(16)
Co1–O13	2.051(4)	O12–Co1–O2	79.84(13)	N2–Co2–O5	76.77(16)
Co1–O2	2.075(3)	O13–Co1–O2	86.93(14)	N1–Co2–O5	105.03(15)
Co1–O10	2.076(3)	O12–Co1–O10	169.57(14)	N2–Co2–O7	75.72(15)
Co1–O9	2.080(3)	O13–Co1–O10	88.33(15)	N1–Co2–O7	103.67(15)
Co1–O11	2.172(3)	O2–Co1–O10	91.18(14)	O5–Co2–O7	150.48(14)
Co2–N1	2.012(4)	O12–Co1–O9	91.00(13)	N2–Co2–O3	112.15(15)
Co2–N2	2.012(4)	O13–Co1–O9	91.79(14)	N1–Co2–O3	75.64(14)
Co2–O5	2.110(4)	O2–Co1–O9	170.53(13)	O5–Co2–O3	85.96(14)
Co2–O7	2.175(4)	O10–Co1–O9	98.17(14)	O7–Co2–O3	94.63(14)
Co2–O3	2.178(3)	O12–Co1–O11	86.32(15)	N2–Co2–O1	96.13(14)
Co2–O1	2.215(3)	O13–Co1–O11	176.65(14)	N1–Co2–O1	76.15(14)
O1–C1	1.263(5)	O2–Co1–O11	95.49(13)	O5–Co2–O1	96.80(14)
O2–C1	1.252(5)	O10–Co1–O11	89.31(13)	O7–Co2–O1	96.56(13)
		O9–Co1–O11	86.19(13)	O3–Co2–O1	151.39(13)

TABLE S-III. Hydrogen bond lengths and bond angles for the title complex

D–H	$d(\text{D–H}), \text{Å}$	$d(\text{H}\cdots\text{A}), \text{Å}$	$d(\text{D}\cdots\text{A}), \text{Å}$	$\angle\text{DHA}, ^\circ$	A symmetry operation
O9–H9C	0.850	1.919	2.764	172.28	O3 ( $x-1, y, z-1$ )
O9–H9D	0.850	1.808	2.652	171.56	O15 ( $x, y, z-1$ )
O10–H10C	0.850	1.985	2.831	173.26	O1
O10–H10D	0.850	2.470	2.965	117.97	O2
O10–H10D	0.850	1.848	2.695	173.45	O8 ( $x-1, y, z-1$ )
O11–H11C	0.850	1.831	2.675	171.39	O4 ( $-x+1, -y+1, z+1$ )
O11–H11D	0.850	1.939	2.782	171.32	O7 ( $x-1, y, z$ )
O12–H12C	0.850	1.801	2.635	166.60	O4 ( $x-1, y, z-1$ )
O12–H12D	0.850	2.127	2.936	167.46	O14
O13–H13C	0.850	1.886	2.726	169.72	O6 ( $x, y, z-1$ )
O13–H13D	0.850	1.982	2.823	170.12	O14 ( $-x+1, -y+1, -z$ )
O14–H14C	0.850	2.232	3.060	164.82	O5 ( $-x+1, -y+1, -z+1$ )
O14–H14D	0.850	2.103	2.933	165.10	O11 ( $-x, -y+1, -z$ )
O15–H10C	0.850	1.918	2.764	173.53	O6
O15–H10D	0.850	1.929	2.775	173.95	O8 ( $x-1, -y+3/2, z+1/2$ )

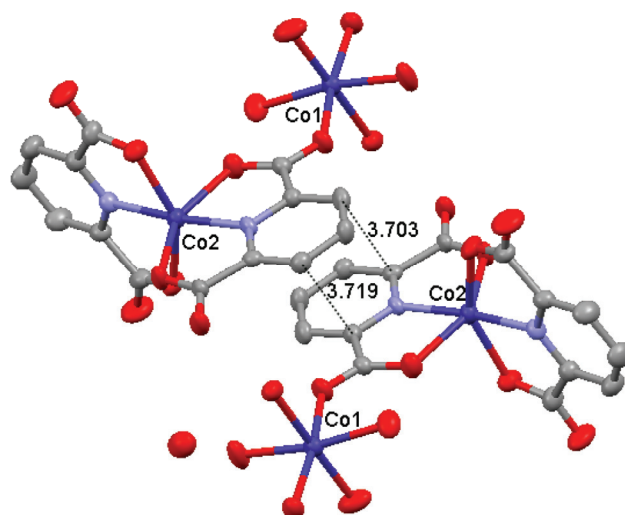
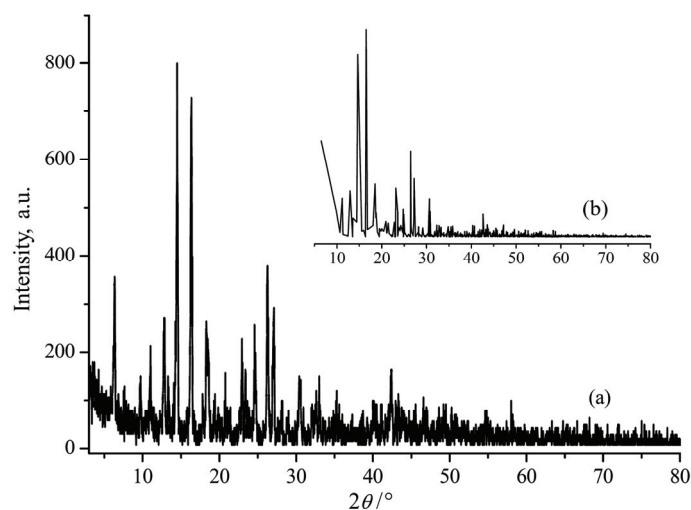
Fig. S-1. Weak spatial  $\pi$ - $\pi$  stacking interactions of the title complex.

Fig. S-2. XRD patterns for the title complex (a) generated from the experimental data and (b) simulated from the single crystal X-ray data.

TABLE S-IV. Experimental data and calculated results for powder X-ray diffraction pattern of the title complex (monoclinic:  $a = 8.397 \text{ \AA}$ ,  $b = 27.409 \text{ \AA}$ ,  $c = 9.609 \text{ \AA}$  and  $\beta = 98.22^\circ$ )

No.	$2\theta, ^\circ$	$h$	$k$	$l$	$d_{\text{exp}}, \text{ \AA}$	$d_{\text{cal}}, \text{ \AA}$	$I/I_0$	No.	$2\theta, ^\circ$	$h$	$k$	$l$	$d_{\text{exp}}, \text{ \AA}$	$d_{\text{cal}}, \text{ \AA}$	$I/I_0$
1	6.44	0	2	0	13.710	13.705	37.7	9	18.43	1	4	-1	4.811	4.810	34.0
2	9.84	0	1	1	8.980	8.985	13.2	10	18.65	0	0	-2	4.755	4.755	19.1
3	11.12	1	1	0	7.950	7.953	18.6	11	19.44	0	6	0	4.563	4.568	9.5
4	12.92	0	4	0	6.845	6.852	38.3	12	20.88	1	5	-1	4.250	4.256	9.6
5	13.48	1	1	-1	6.565	6.559	8.5	13	21.39	2	0	0	4.151	4.155	6.3

TABLE S-IV. Continued

No.	$2\theta, ^\circ$	$h$	$k$	$l$	$d_{\text{exp}}, \text{\AA}$	$d_{\text{cal}}, \text{\AA}$	$I/I_0$	No.	$2\theta, ^\circ$	$h$	$k$	$l$	$d_{\text{exp}}, \text{\AA}$	$d_{\text{cal}}, \text{\AA}$	$I/I_0$
6	14.60	1	2	-1	6.061	6.059	100	14	23.04	1	1	2	3.857	3.856	22.0
7	16.45	1	2	1	5.386	5.386	97.4	15	23.51	2	3	0	3.782	3.783	14.6
8	17.97	1	3	1	4.933	4.931	7.2	16	24.17	2	3	-1	3.680	3.683	6.3
17	24.74	0	5	2	3.596	3.592	17.4	26	40.14	1	4	-4	2.245	2.246	9.8
18	26.38	2	0	-2	3.376	3.377	56.0	27	41.83	3	8	0	2.158	2.154	6.2
19	27.17	2	2	-2	3.279	3.279	37.6	28	42.45	2	8	-3	2.128	2.128	13.1
20	30.52	1	7	-2	2.927	2.927	16.0	29	47.06	3	2	-4	1.929	1.928	6.3
21	32.23	1	9	-1	2.775	2.776	6.1	30	50.39	4	6	1	1.809	1.810	7.1
22	32.67	0	5	3	2.739	2.744	8.3	31	57.94	4	4	3	1.590	1.589	6.0
23	33.12	1	3	3	2.703	2.703	8.6	32	65.18	5	4	-4	1.430	1.432	6.4
24	38.36	2	7	2	2.345	2.345	7.4	33	76.94	2	1	7	1.238	1.239	7.5
25	38.87	3	5	-2	2.315	2.318	6.7								

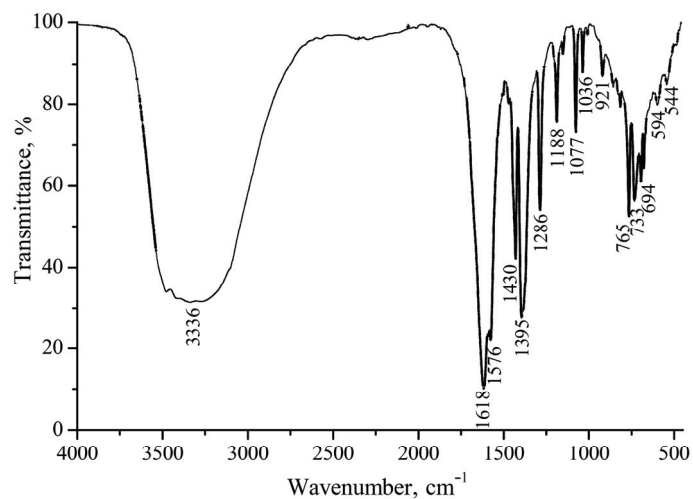


Fig. S-3. FT-IR spectrum of the title complex.

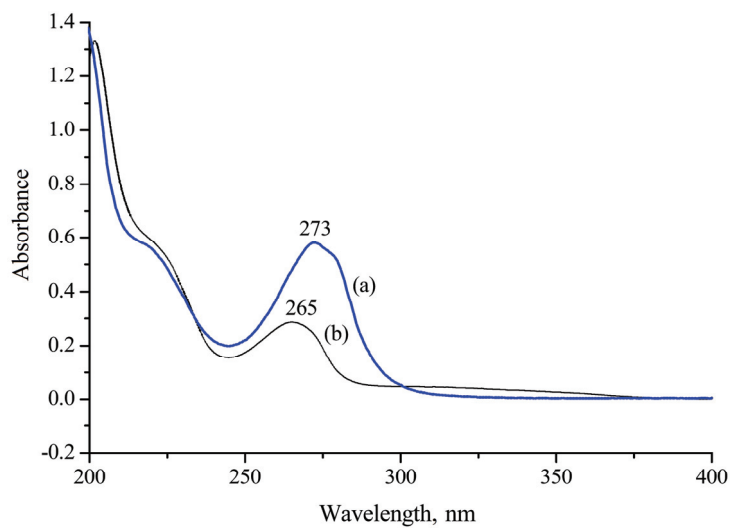


Fig. S-4. UV spectra of (a) the ligand and (b) the title complex.

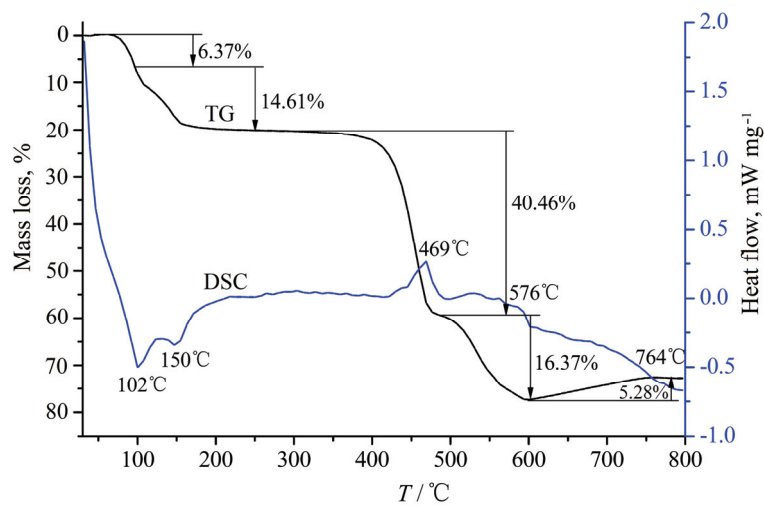


Fig. S-5. TG–DSC curves of the title complex obtained under a air atmosphere.

TABLE S-V. Thermal decomposition data of the title complex

Reaction	$T_{\text{DSC}}$ , °C	Mass loss, %	
		$m_{\text{exp}}$	$m_{\text{theor}}$
$[\text{Co}_2(\text{C}_7\text{H}_3\text{O}_4\text{N})_2(\text{H}_2\text{O})_5] \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$ ↓ -2H <sub>2</sub> O	102 (endo.)	6.37	6.28
$[\text{Co}_2(\text{C}_7\text{H}_3\text{O}_4\text{N})_2(\text{H}_2\text{O})_5]$ ↓ -5H <sub>2</sub> O	150 (endo.)	14.61	15.69
$[\text{Co}_2(\text{C}_7\text{H}_3\text{O}_4\text{N})_2]$ ↓ -2C <sub>5</sub> H <sub>3</sub> N, -2CO <sub>2</sub>	469 (exo.)	40.46	42.17
CoC <sub>2</sub> O <sub>4</sub> + Co ↓ -2CO <sub>2</sub>	576 (exo.)	16.37	15.33
2Co ↓ +O <sub>2</sub>	764 (exo.)	5.28 <sup>a</sup>	5.57 <sup>a</sup>
2CoO		27.47 <sup>b</sup>	26.10 <sup>c</sup>

<sup>a</sup>The increased mass percentage; <sup>b</sup>the experimental mass percentage of the residue in the sample, <sup>c</sup>the calculated mass percentage of the residue in the sample