

Table S1 Characteristic IR absorption bands of the compound $[\text{Cr}_2\text{Zn}(\text{C}_2\text{O}_4)_4(\text{OH}_2)_6]\cdot 4\text{H}_2\text{O}$.

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Wavenumber [cm^{-1}]	Assignment
3565 s,b	$\text{V}(\text{OH}), \text{V}(\text{H}_2\text{O})$
1719 s	$\text{V}_{\text{asym}}(\text{O}=\text{C}-\text{O})$
1622 vs	$\text{V}_{\text{asym}}(\text{OCO}) + \delta(\text{H}_2\text{O}^*)$
1391 m	$\text{V}_{\text{sym}}(\text{OCO}) + \text{V}(\text{C}-\text{C})$
1268 m	$\text{V}_{\text{sym}}(\text{O}=\text{C}-\text{O})$
1081 w	$\text{V}(\text{C}-\text{O})$
910 w	$\delta_{\text{asym}}(\text{OCO})$
813 w	coordinated water
400-500 w	$\text{V}(\text{Cr}(\text{III})-\text{O}); \text{V}(\text{Zn}(\text{II})-\text{O})$

s- strong (v - very); b - broad; m - medium; w – weak; H_2O^* - coordinated water.

Table S2 Characteristic IR absorption bands of the oxalic acid.

$\text{V}(\text{OH}), \text{V}(\text{H}_2\text{O})$	$\text{V}_{\text{asym}}(\text{COO})$	$\text{V}_{\text{sim}}(\text{CO}) + \delta(\text{OCO})$	$\text{V}(\text{C}-\text{OH})$	$\delta(\text{OCO})$	$\delta(\text{CCO})$
3426 s,b	1703s	1261 vs	1129 m	721 s	481 s

s- strong (v - very); b - broad; m - medium; w – weak.