

**Synthesis and characterization of dithiooxamidate-bridged  
polynuclear Ni complexes**

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Supplementary Materials

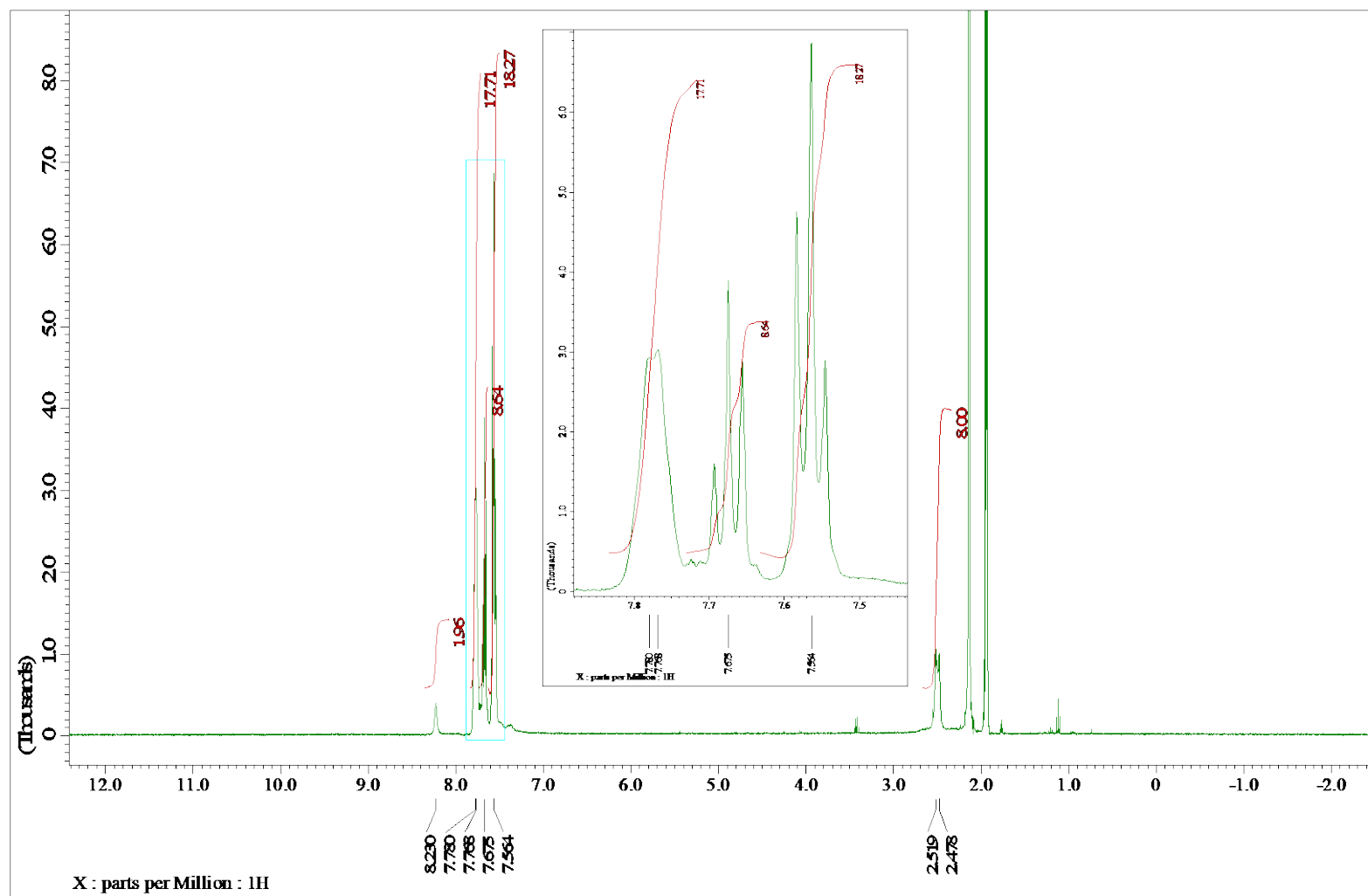


Figure S1 <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of complex **1** in CD<sub>3</sub>CN

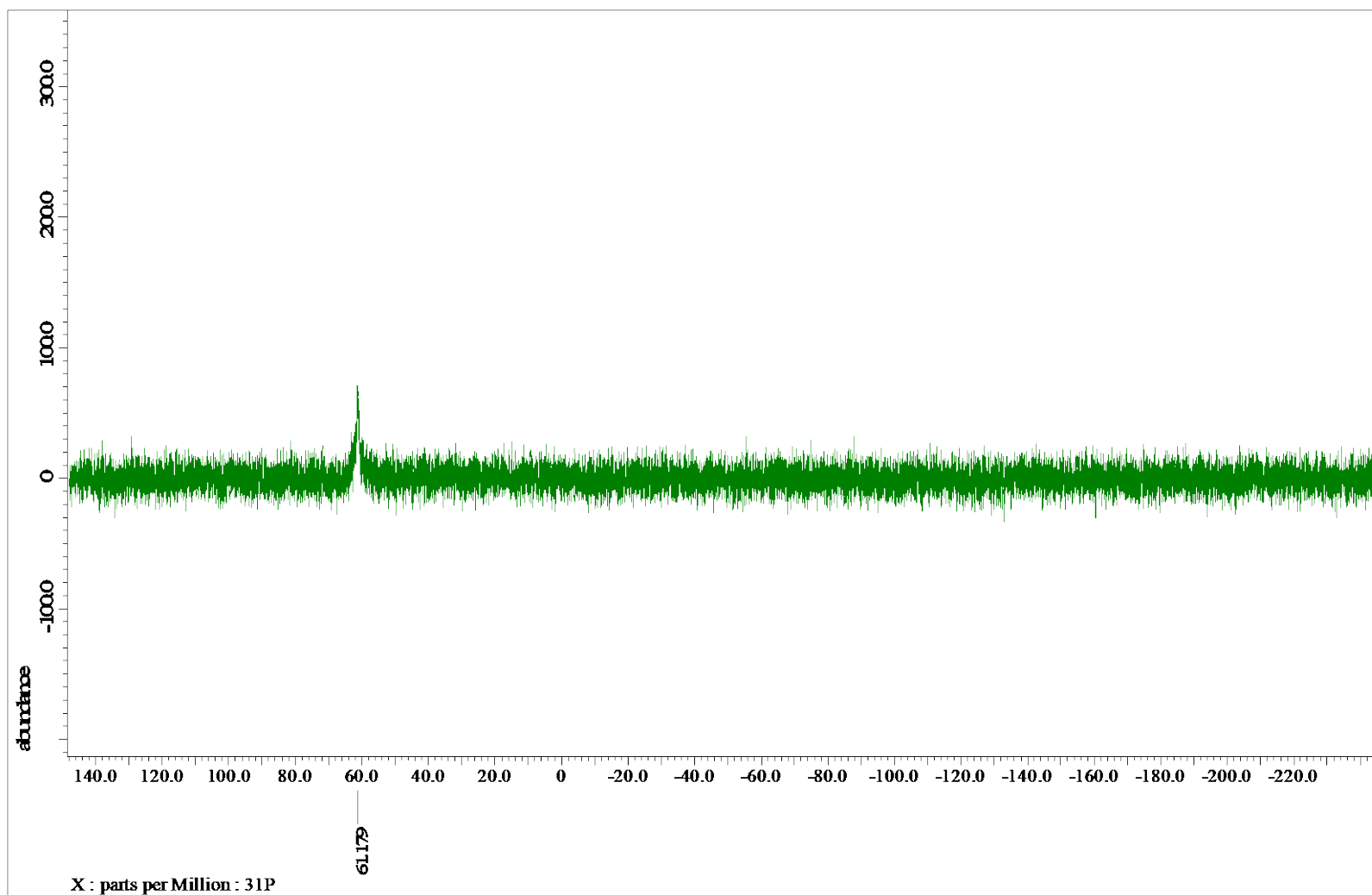


Figure S2  $^{31}\text{P}$  NMR spectrum of complex **2** in  $\text{CD}_3\text{CN}$  (85%  $\text{H}_3\text{PO}_4$  aq. shows a singlet peak at  $\delta$  -1.458 ppm)

Table S1 Crystallographic data

	complex <b>1</b>	complex <b>1a</b>	complex <b>2a</b>	complex <b>3a</b>
Formula	C <sub>84</sub> H <sub>84</sub> B <sub>2</sub> F <sub>8</sub> N <sub>4</sub> Ni <sub>2</sub> O <sub>4</sub> P <sub>6</sub> S <sub>2</sub>	C <sub>56</sub> H <sub>54</sub> B <sub>2</sub> F <sub>8</sub> N <sub>2</sub> Ni <sub>2</sub> O <sub>0</sub> P <sub>4</sub> S <sub>2</sub>	C <sub>93.28</sub> H <sub>97.85</sub> B <sub>2</sub> F <sub>8</sub> N <sub>7</sub> Ni <sub>3</sub> O <sub>2</sub> P <sub>6</sub> S <sub>4</sub>	C <sub>105</sub> H <sub>120</sub> B <sub>2</sub> F <sub>8</sub> N <sub>6</sub> Ni <sub>4</sub> O <sub>6</sub> P <sub>6</sub> S <sub>6</sub>
Formula weight	1754.53	1234.05	2012.82	2348.70
Crystal system	Triclinic	Triclinic	Triclinic	Triclinic
Space group	<i>P</i> -1	<i>P</i> -1	<i>P</i> -1	<i>P</i> -1
<i>a</i> /Å	12.6917(5)	12.9801(10)	15.3755(5)	17.3068(5)
<i>b</i> /Å	13.3422(5)	15.7005(13)	16.7251(5)	18.1122(4)
<i>c</i> /Å	13.3579(5)	17.4317(13)	20.9172(6)	20.3566(5)
$\alpha$ /°	115.314(8)	109.039(8)	91.506(6)	107.072(2)
$\beta$ /°	91.395(6)	98.793(7)	110.803(8)	108.790(2)
$\gamma$ /°	97.129(7)	94.153(7)	106.440(7)	95.823(2)
<i>V</i> /Å <sup>3</sup>	2021.39(18)	3290.1(5)	4774.3(4)	5637.7(3)
<i>Z</i>	1	2	2	2
<i>T</i> /K	100(2)	100(2)	120(2)	130(2)
<i>D</i> <sub>cal</sub> /g cm <sup>-3</sup>	1.441	1.246	1.400	1.384
$\mu$ /mm <sup>-1</sup>	0.708	0.789	0.840	0.921
<i>F</i> (000)	908	1268	2085	2440
Crystal size/mm <sup>3</sup>	0.25 × 0.06 × 0.06	0.30 × 0.18 × 0.07	0.32 × 0.23 × 0.10	0.79 × 0.31 × 0.18
Reflections collected	32589	52221	76421	97896
Independent reflections	9251	15046	21849	32501
<i>R</i> <sub>int</sub>	0.0735	0.1196	0.0423	0.0549
Completeness	0.998	0.998	0.998	0.999
Goodness-of-fit on <i>F</i> <sup>2</sup>	1.054	0.948	1.070	1.054
<i>R</i> <sub>1</sub> , <i>wR</i> <sub>2</sub> ( <i>I</i> > 2σ( <i>I</i> ))*	0.0648, 0.1326	0.0773, 0.1648	0.0543, 0.1335	0.0920, 0.2470
<i>R</i> <sub>1</sub> , <i>wR</i> <sub>2</sub> (all data)*	0.1007, 0.1456	0.1372, 0.1916	0.0715, 0.1422	0.1301, 0.2853

\*  $R_1 = \Sigma ||F_o| - |F_c|| / \Sigma |F_o|$ ,  $wR_2 = ((\Sigma (w(F_o^2 - F_c^2)^2)) / \Sigma (wF_o^4))$

Table S2 Selected bond lengths (Å) and angles (°)

complex 1		complex 1a		complex 2a		complex 3a	
Ni1–S1	2.205(1)	Ni1–S1a	2.286(5)	Ni1–S1	2.2086(8)	Ni1–S1	2.196(1)
		Ni1–S2b\$	2.263(4)	Ni1–S2	2.2251(8)	Ni1–S2	2.183(1)
		Ni2–S3a	2.25(1)	Ni2–S3	2.2082(9)	Ni2–S3	2.185(1)
		Ni2–S4b%	2.238(3)	Ni2–S4	2.2030(8)	Ni2–S4	2.174(1)
						Ni3–S5	2.179(1)
						Ni3–S6	2.174(1)
Ni1–N1#	1.932(3)	Ni1–N1a\$	1.83(2)	Ni3–N1	1.873(2)	Ni4–N1	2.104(4)
		Ni1–N2b	1.86(1)	Ni3–N2	1.870(2)	Ni4–N2	2.064(4)
		Ni2–N3a%	1.89(2)	Ni3–N3	1.861(2)	Ni4–N3	2.099(4)
		Ni2–N4b	1.89(2)	Ni3–N4	1.870(2)	Ni4–N4	2.080(4)
						Ni4–N5	2.085(4)
						Ni4–N6	2.054(4)
Ni1–P1	2.186(1)	Ni1–P1	2.180(1)	Ni1–P1	2.1958(8)	Ni1–P1	2.193(1)
Ni1–P2	2.180(1)	Ni1–P2	2.176(1)	Ni1–P2	2.2069(9)	Ni1–P2	2.187(1)
		Ni2–P3	2.184(1)	Ni2–P3	2.2027(9)	Ni2–P3	2.191(1)
		Ni2–P4	2.179(1)	Ni2–P4	2.1954(9)	Ni2–P4	2.190(1)
						Ni3–P5	2.197(1)
						Ni3–P6	2.176(2)
S1–C27	1.723(4)	S1a–C28	1.587(7)	S1–C28	1.708(3)	S1–C84	1.718(4)
		S2b–C28	1.589(7)	S2–C29	1.717(3)	S2–C85	1.723(4)
		S3a–C56	1.55(1)	S3–C57	1.714(3)	S3–C88	1.726(4)
		S4b–C56	1.639(6)	S4–C58	1.720(3)	S4–C89	1.729(5)
						S5–C86	1.736(5)
						S6–C87	1.715(4)
N1–C27	1.313(5)	N1a–C28	1.44(2)	N1–C29	1.290(4)	N1–C84	1.291(6)
		N2b–C28	1.38(1)	N2–C28	1.298(4)	N2–C85	1.286(6)
		N3a–C56	1.36(2)	N3–C57	1.287(4)	N3–C88	1.286(6)
		N4b–C56	1.37(2)	N4–C58	1.287(4)	N4–C89	1.270(6)
						N5–C86	1.290(6)
						N6–C87	1.294(6)
C27–C27#	1.496(7)	C28–C28\$	1.459(9)	C28–C29	1.493(4)	C84–C85	1.507(6)
		C56–C56%	1.472(9)	C57–C58	1.487(4)	C86–C87	1.500(6)
						C88–C89	1.500(6)
N1#–Ni1–S1	89.07(9)	N1a\$–Ni1–S1a	86.6(6)				
		N2b–Ni1–S2b\$	85.0(3)				
		N3a%–Ni2–S3a	83.3(6)				
		N4b–Ni2–S4b%	87.0(5)				
				S1–Ni1–S2	91.70(3)	S2–Ni1–S1	91.93(5)
				S4–Ni2–S3	92.85(3)	S4–Ni2–S3	92.31(5)
						S6–Ni3–S5	92.36(5)
				N2–Ni3–N1	83.4(1)	N2–Ni4–N1	77.9(1)
				N3–Ni3–N4	83.3(1)	N4–Ni4–N3	77.8(1)
						N6–Ni4–N5	78.4(2)
P2–Ni1–P1	85.93(4)	P2–Ni1–P1	93.36(5)	P1–Ni1–P2	91.13(3)	P2–Ni1–P1	91.08(5)
		P4–Ni2–P3	91.61(5)	P4–Ni2–P3	90.32(3)	P4–Ni2–P3	90.88(5)
						P6–Ni3–P5	90.80(5)

The subscripts #, \$ and % indicate the equivalent atoms generated by the symmetry operators (1–x, 1–y, –z), (2–x, –y, 1–z) and (1–x, 1–y, 2–z), respectively.