

## Supplementary Information for

Control of the Hierarchical Self-Assembly of Polyoxometalate-Based Metallomacrocycles by Redox Trigger and Solvent Composition

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**Fig. S3.** T<sub>2</sub> measurements of <sup>1</sup>H signals (600 MHz) ranging from 8 to 15 ppm of a solution of **1** (1 mM) in the presence of 1 equiv of  $[Co(H_2O)_6](NO_3)_2$  in DMSO- $d_6$ ).

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 $[Co(H_2O)_6](NO_3)_2$  (blue) and the aggregated species after oxidation of the Co(II) with 1 equiv TBABr<sub>3</sub> (red) or by modification of the solvent composition (DMSO- $d_6$ /CD<sub>3</sub>CN 1:4, black).

**Fig. S5.** <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz) DMSO- $d_6$  solution containing (a) **1** (1 mM); (b) in the presence of 1 equiv of  $[Co(H_2O)_6](NO_3)_2$ ; (c) after oxidation of the Co(II) with 1 equiv TBABr<sub>3</sub>.

**Fig. S6.** (Top) Comparison of the experimental SAXS pattern of  $1.Co^{III}$  (red) in DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>/H<sub>2</sub>O (1:1, v/v) to the theoretical SAXS intensity (computed using SasView) of a flexible cylinder of 94 nm in length and 3.5 nm in radius (black).

**Fig. S7.** (Down) SAXS patterns of solutions of **1.Co<sup>II</sup>** ( $c_{POM} = 1 \text{ mM}$ ) in DMSOd<sub>6</sub>/H<sub>2</sub>O (1:1, v/v, blue) and DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>/H<sub>2</sub>O (1:4, v/v, orange). (Right) Comparison of the experimental SAXS pattern of **1.Co<sup>II</sup>** (red) in DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>/H<sub>2</sub>O (1:4, v/v) to the theoretical SAXS intensity (computed using SasView) of a flexible cylinder of 76 nm in length and 3.0 nm in radius and a Kuhn length of 19 nm (black).

**Fig. S8.** TEM micrographs of worms-like supramolecular organizations of  $1.Co^{II}$  (a) and  $1.Co^{III}$  (b) from DMSO- $d_{o}/H_{2}O$  (1:4, v/v) mixtures after deposition on a grid and rincing with  $H_{2}O$ .

**Fig. S9.** Absorption spectra recorded for solutions of  $1.Co^{II}$  (blue) and  $1.Co^{III}$  (red) in DMSO- $d_6$ /H<sub>2</sub>O mixtures (2:98, v/v).

Fig. S10. Absorption spectrum and molecular structure of 1-bromopyrene in DMSO.

**Fig. S11.** TEM micrographs of worms-like supramolecular organizations of  $1.Co^{II}$  (a) and  $1.Co^{III}$  (b) containing 1-bromopyrene in DMSO- $d_6/H_2O$  mixtures.

## **Generals Methods**

**NMR**. NMR spectra were recorded on a Bruker Avance III nanobay 400 MHz spectrometer equipped with a BBFO probe head. <sup>1</sup>H chemical shifts are quoted as parts per million [ppm] relative to tetramethylsilane by using the solvent signals as secondary standard. <sup>31</sup>P chemical shifts are quoted relative to 85% H<sub>3</sub>PO<sub>4</sub>. T<sub>2</sub> NMR experiments were carried out without spinning at 600 MHz on a Bruker Avance III spectrometer equipped with a 5 mm BBFO probe head. T<sub>2</sub> was measured using a standard CPMG approach. Ten loop counter (2 - 200) were chosen for vclist and delay during echo time (d<sub>20</sub>) was 500 µs. T<sub>2</sub> NMR spectrum was acquired with a spectral width of 12 kHz, an acquisition time of 2.73 s, a relaxation delay of 0.5 s and 2048 scans. The T<sub>2</sub> values were extracted from fitting the area of a given signal as a function of relaxation delays by using Dynamics center (Bruker software).

**UV-visible** spectra were recorded on a Jasco V-670 equipped with a ETC-717 Peltier module.

**SAXS**. SAXS experiments were performed at the SWING beamline of the SOLEIL synchrotron (Saint-Aubin, France). Measurements were carried out using a fixed energy of 12 or 8 keV. Samples were inserted in glass capillaries and scattering patterns were recorded on an AVIEX 170170 CCD camera formed by four detectors and radially averaged using beamline specific image treatement and data normalization.

**TEM**. TEM was carried out at "Plateforme de l'Institut des Matériaux de Paris Centre", UPMC using two Jeol electron microscopes, JEM 2011 LaB6 and Jeol 2100 LaB6, operating at 200 kV accelerating voltage with 1.8 Å resolution, (equiped with EDX systeme for chemical analysis). Micrographs were recorded after deposition of a few drops of solutions of **1.Co<sup>III</sup>** ( $c_{POM} = 100 \mu$ M) on a Cu grid covered with an amorphous carbon film and several rinsing with the appropriate solvent (acetonitrile for DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>/CD<sub>3</sub>CN mixture and water for DMSO-*d*<sub>6</sub>/H<sub>2</sub>O mixtures).



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