

## Supporting Information

### **Metal Acetylacetonates as a Source of Metals for Aqueous Synthesis of Metal-Organic Frameworks**

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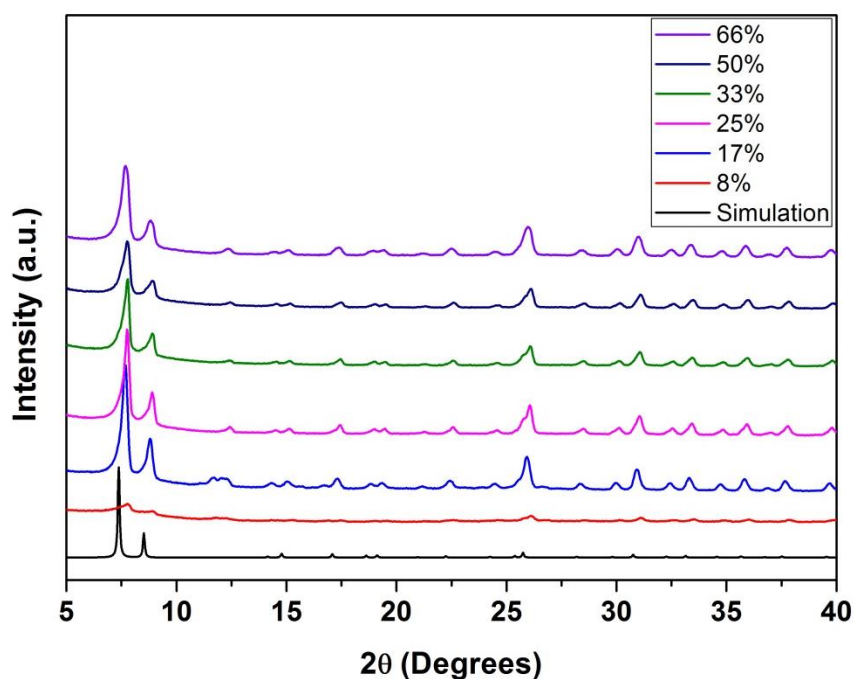
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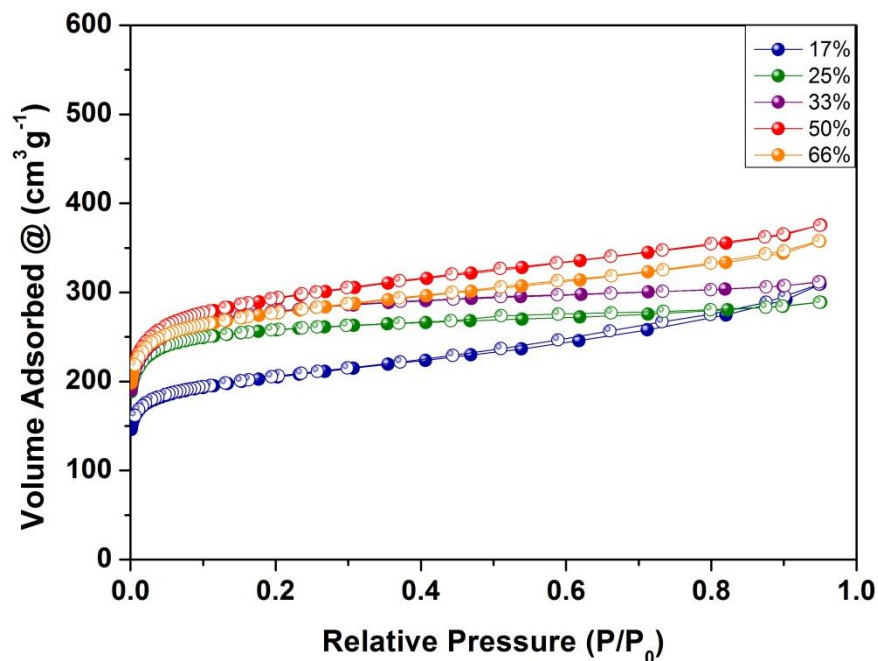
## Section 1. UiO-66-NH<sub>2</sub>

**Table S1:** Summary of the yield and  $S_{\text{BET}}$  values obtained for different samples in the optimisation of acetic acid concentration for the synthesis of UiO-66-NH<sub>2</sub> ( $V_{\text{tot}}$ : 6 mL; reagent concentration: 0.4 M).

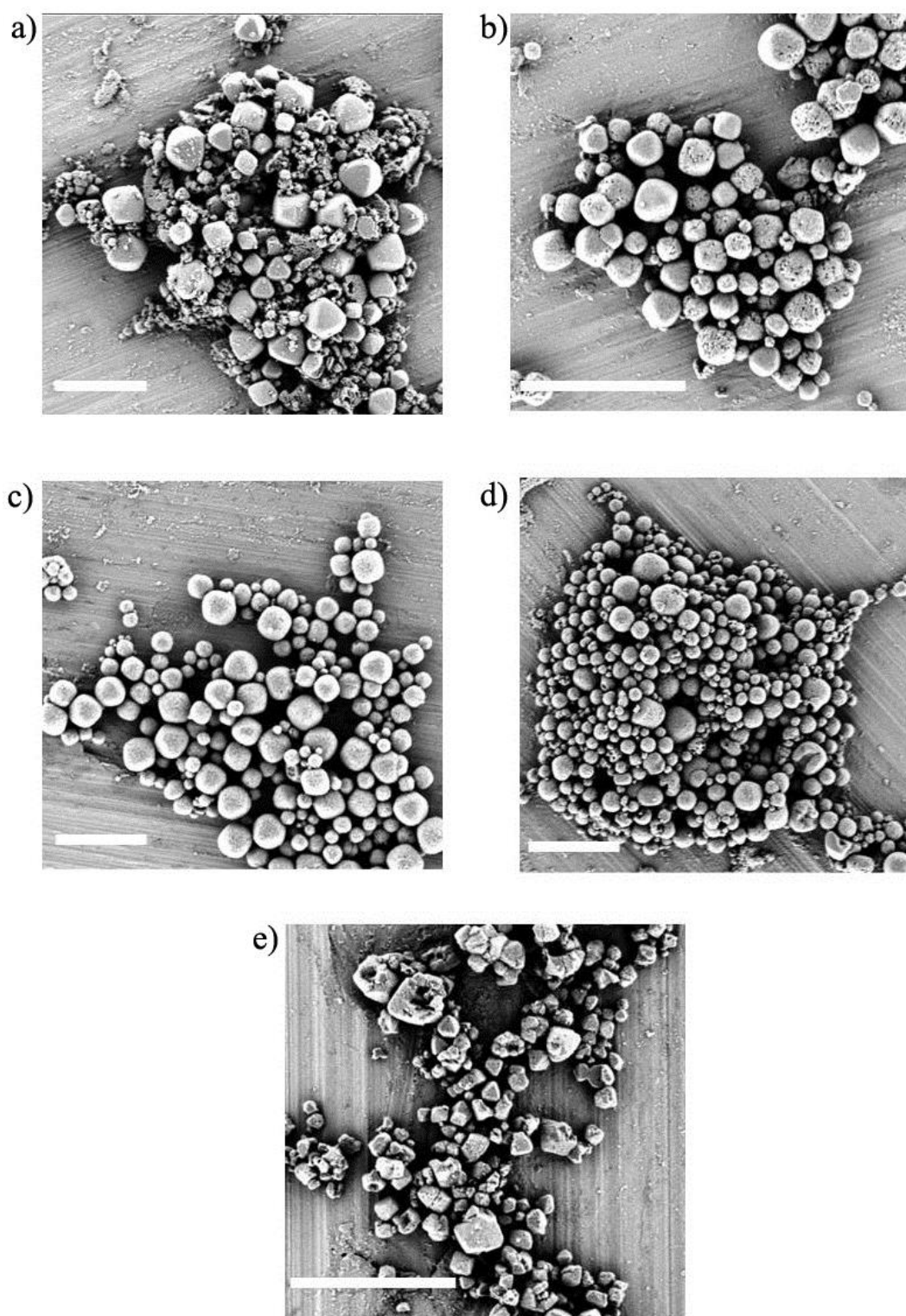
Acetic acid (v/v )	Yield (%)	$S_{\text{BET}}$ (m <sup>2</sup> g <sup>-1</sup> )
8%	-	-
17%	55	772
25%	60	1008
33%	65	1069
50%	70	1106
66%	60	1064



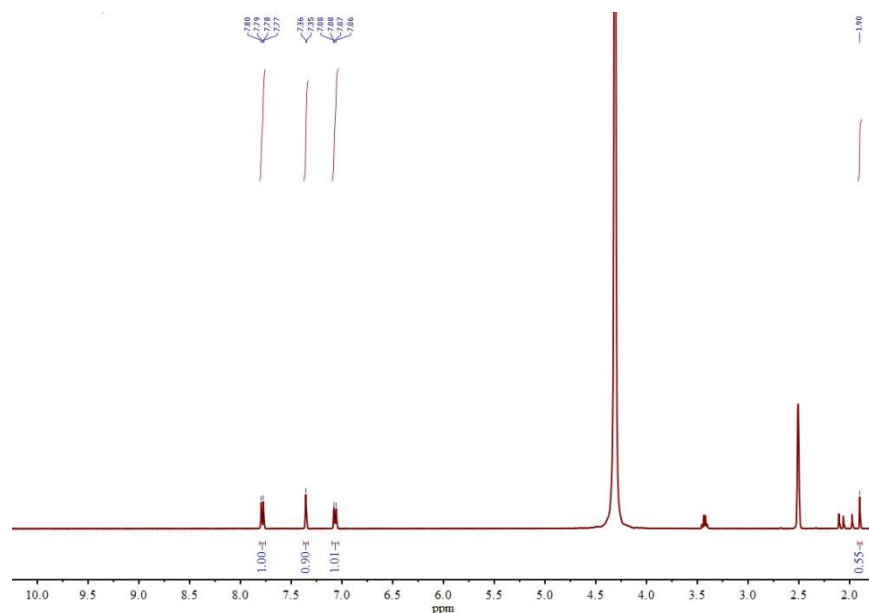
**Figure S1:** XRPD patterns for the UiO-66-NH<sub>2</sub> samples synthesised by using different concentrations of acetic acid in water (v/v).



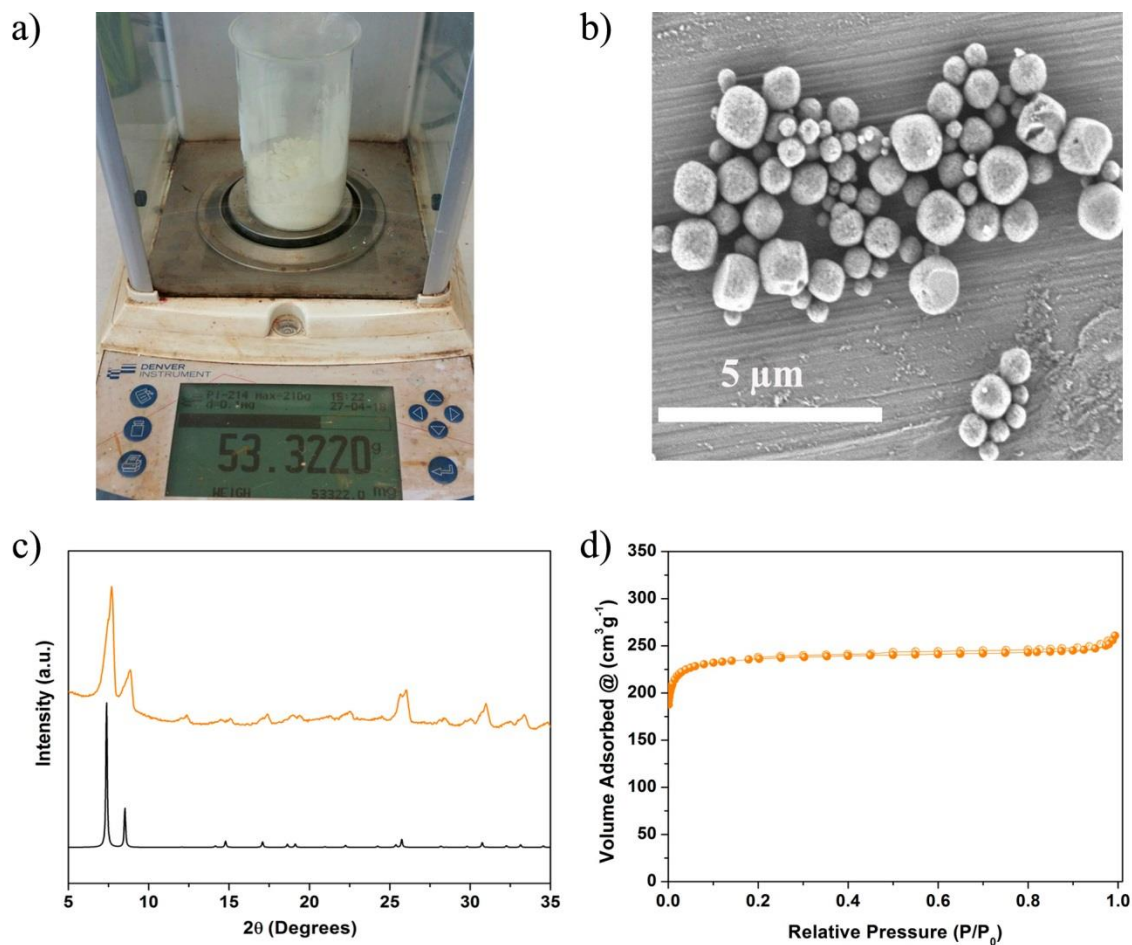
**Figure S2:** N<sub>2</sub> adsorption (filled dots) and desorption (empty dots) isotherms at 77 K for UiO-66-NH<sub>2</sub> samples synthesised by using different concentrations of acetic acid in water (v/v).



**Figure S3:** FESEM images of the UiO-66-NH<sub>2</sub> samples synthesised by using different concentrations of acetic acid in water (v/v): 17% (a), 25% (b), 33% (c), 50% (d) and 66% (e). Scale bars: 3 μm.



**Figure S4:** NMR spectrum of the digested UiO-66-NH<sub>2</sub> (synthesized by using 50 % acetic acid) in HF/DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>.



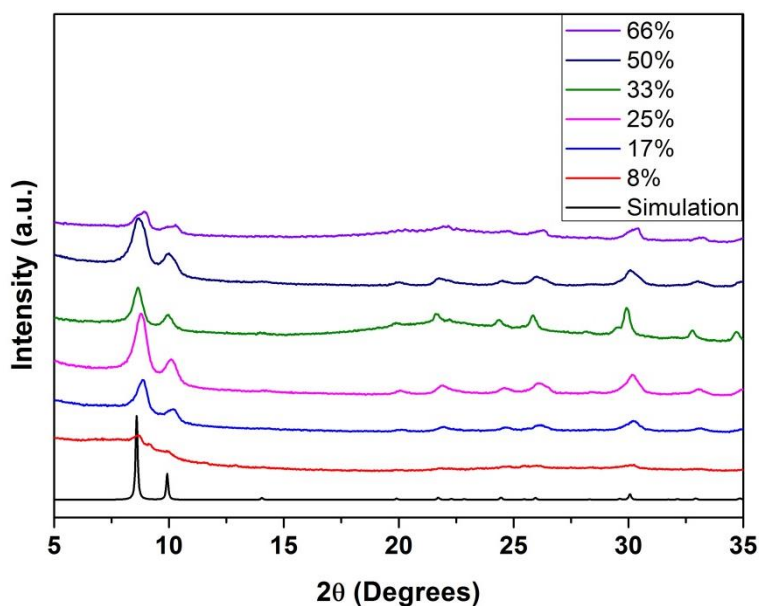
**Figure S5:** Photograph (a), FESEM image (b), XRPD patterns of simulated (black) and synthesized UiO-66-NH<sub>2</sub> (orange) (c) and N<sub>2</sub> adsorption (filled dots) and desorption (empty dots) isotherms at 77 K of the UiO-66-NH<sub>2</sub> (53 g) powder.



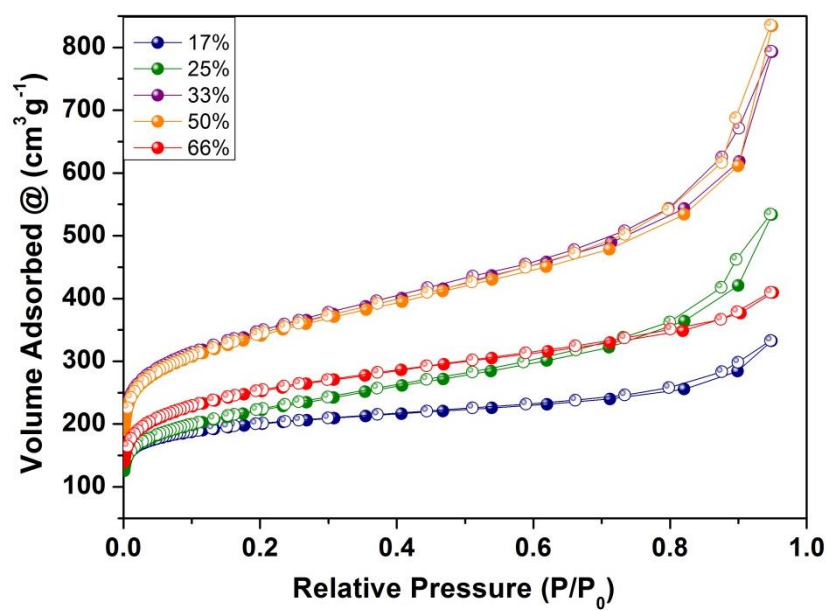
## Section 2. Zr-fumarate

**Table S2:** Summary of the yield and  $S_{\text{BET}}$  values obtained for different samples in the optimisation of acetic acid concentration for the synthesis of Zr-fumarate ( $V_{\text{tot}}$ : 6 mL; reagent concentration: 0.4 M).

Acetic acid (v/v)	Yield (%)	$S_{\text{BET}}$ ( $\text{m}^2 \text{g}^{-1}$ )
8%	-	-
17%	70	750
25%	88	797
33%	88	1249
50%	83	1220
66%	87	917

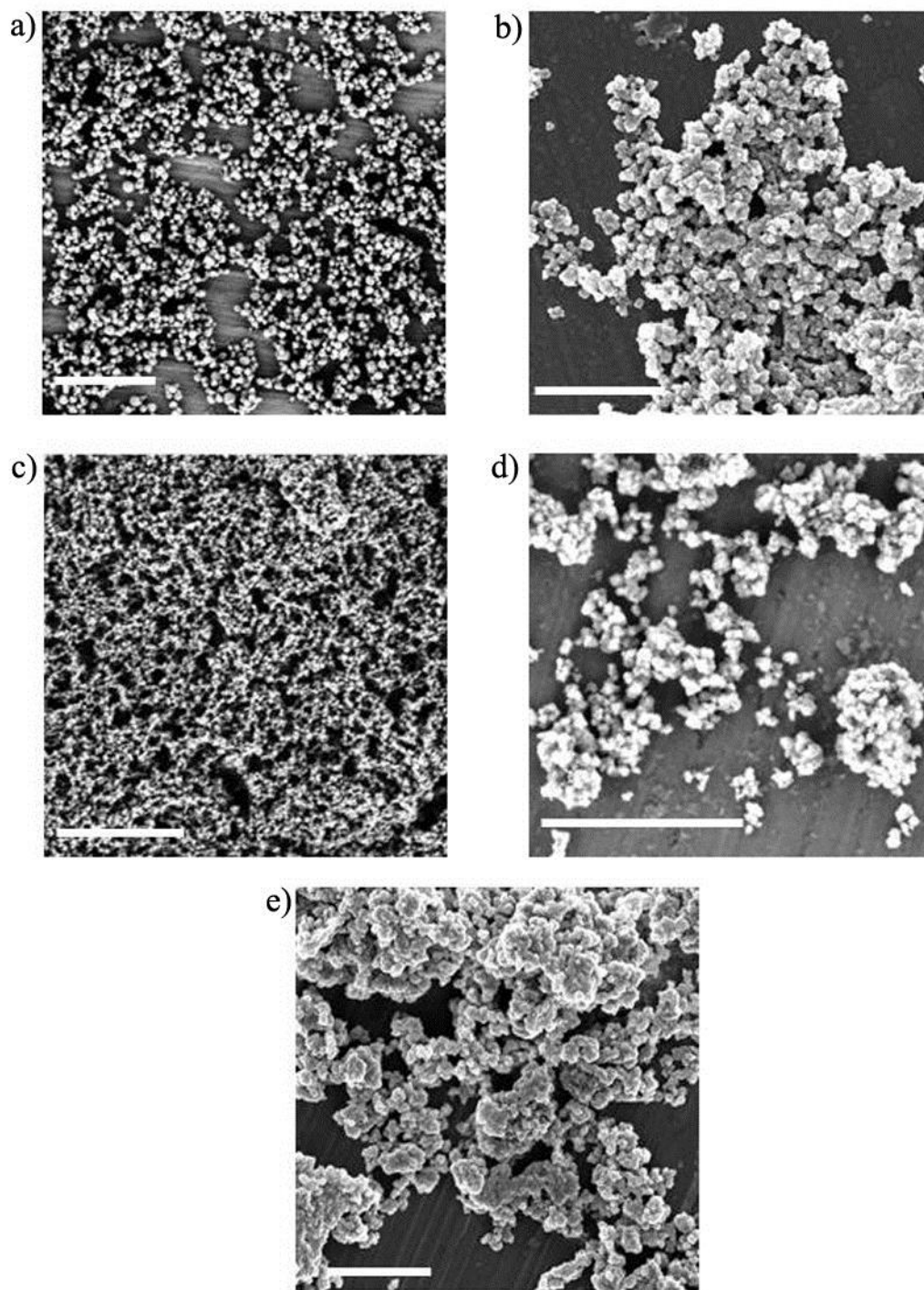


**Figure S6:** XRPD patterns for the Zr-fumarate samples synthesised by using different concentrations of acetic acid in water (v/v).

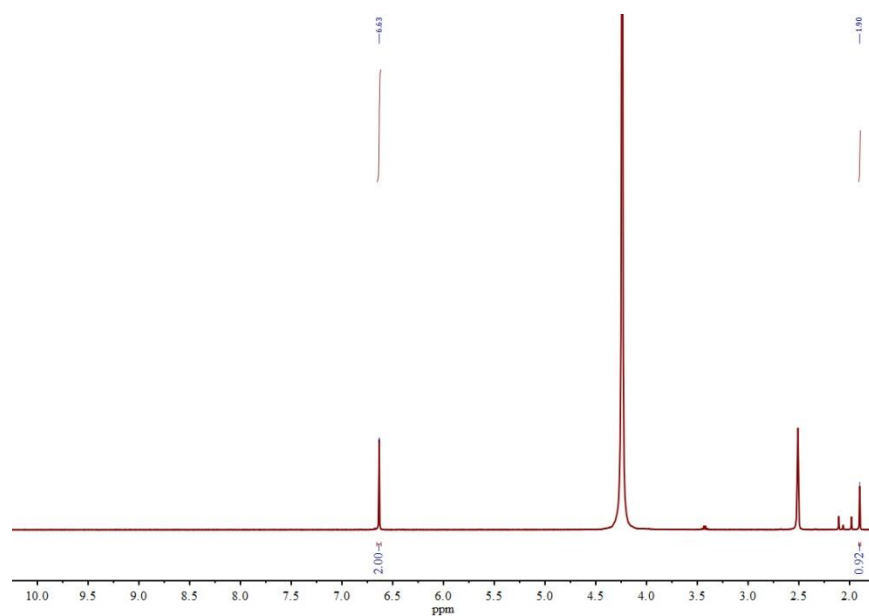


**Figure S7:** N<sub>2</sub> adsorption (filled dots) and desorption (empty dots) isotherms at 77 K for Zr-fumarate samples synthesised by using different concentrations of acetic acid in water (v/v).





**Figure S8:** FESEM images of the Zr-fumarate samples synthesised by using different concentrations of acetic acid in water (v/v): 17% (a), 25% (b), 33% (c), 50% (d) and 66% (e) Scale bars: 1  $\mu\text{m}$ .

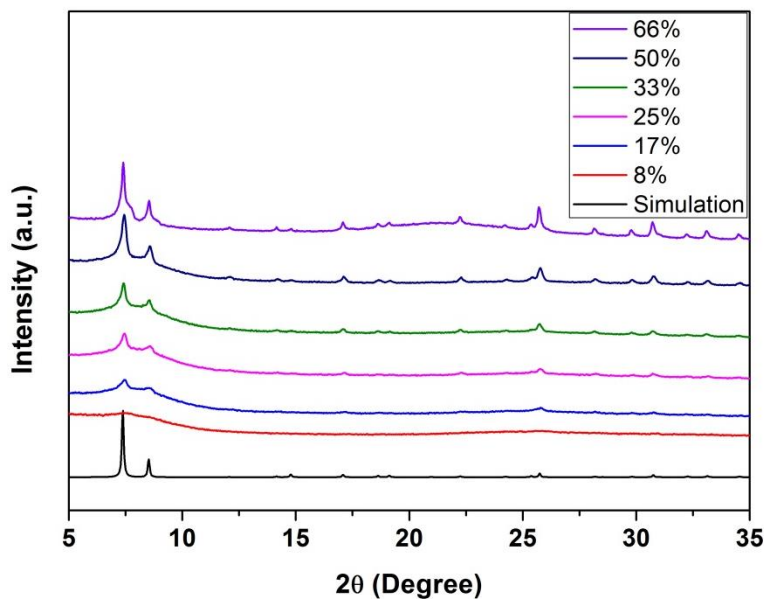


**Figure S9:** NMR spectrum of the digested Zr-fumarate (synthesized by using 30 % acetic acid) in HF/DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>.

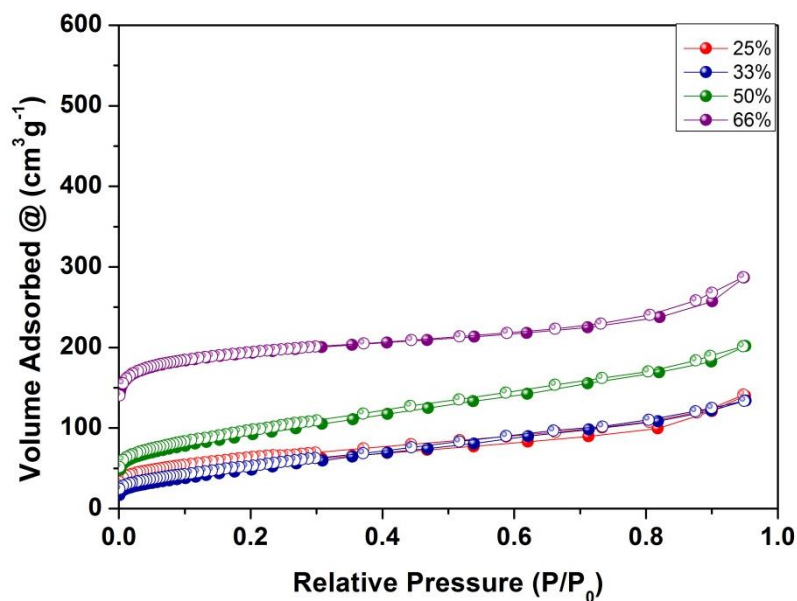
### Section 3. UiO-66-(OH)<sub>2</sub>

**Table S3:** Summary of the yield and  $S_{\text{BET}}$  values obtained for different samples in the optimisation of acetic acid concentration in the synthesis of UiO-66-(OH)<sub>2</sub> ( $V_{\text{tot}}$ : 6 ml, reagent concentration: 0.4 M).

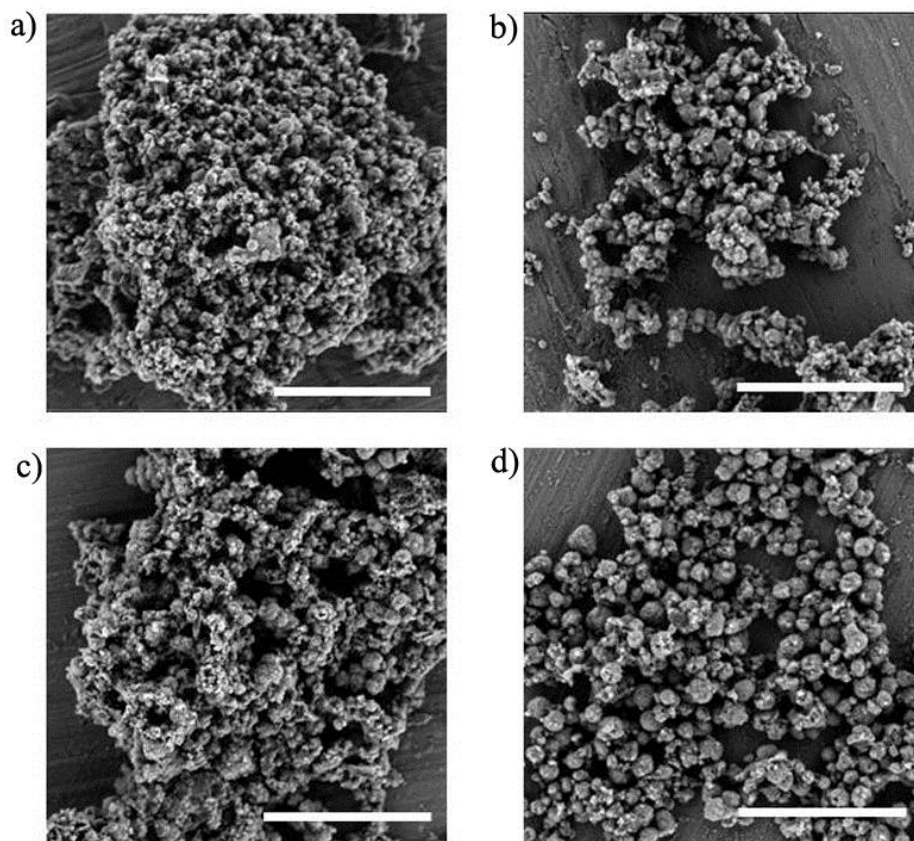
Acetic Acid (v/v)	Yield (%)	$S_{\text{BET}}$ (m <sup>2</sup> g <sup>-1</sup> )
8%	-	-
17%	-	-
25%	90	200
33%	93	200
50%	94	330
66%	94	733



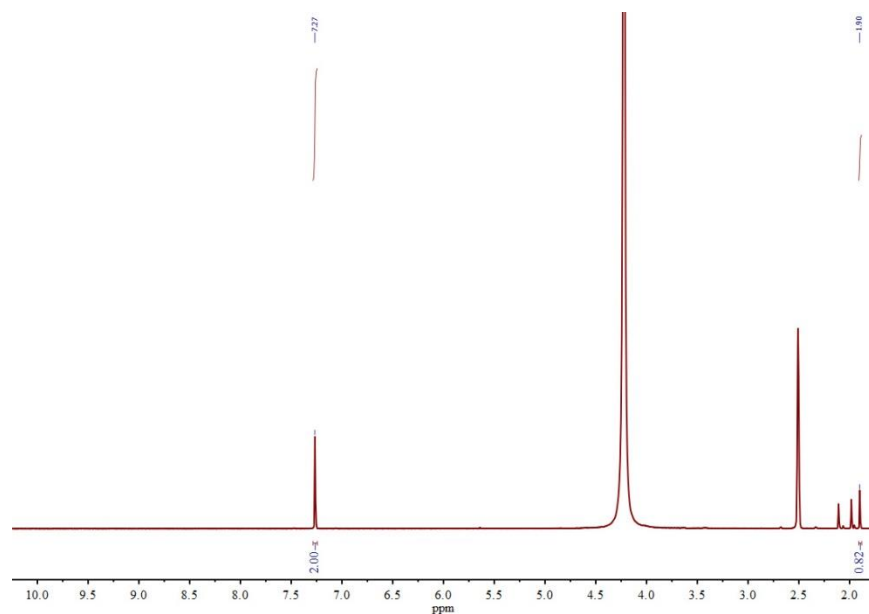
**Figure S10:** XRPD patterns of the UiO-66-(OH)<sub>2</sub> samples synthesised by using different concentrations of acetic acid in water (v/v).



**Figure S11:** N<sub>2</sub> adsorption (filled dots) and desorption (empty dots) isotherms at 77 K for UiO-66-(OH)<sub>2</sub> samples synthesised by using different concentrations of acetic acid in water (v/v).



**Figure S12:** FESEM images of the UiO-66-(OH)<sub>2</sub> samples synthesised by using different concentrations of acetic acid in water (v/v): 25% (a), 33% (b), 50% (c) and 66% (d). Scale bars: 3 μm.



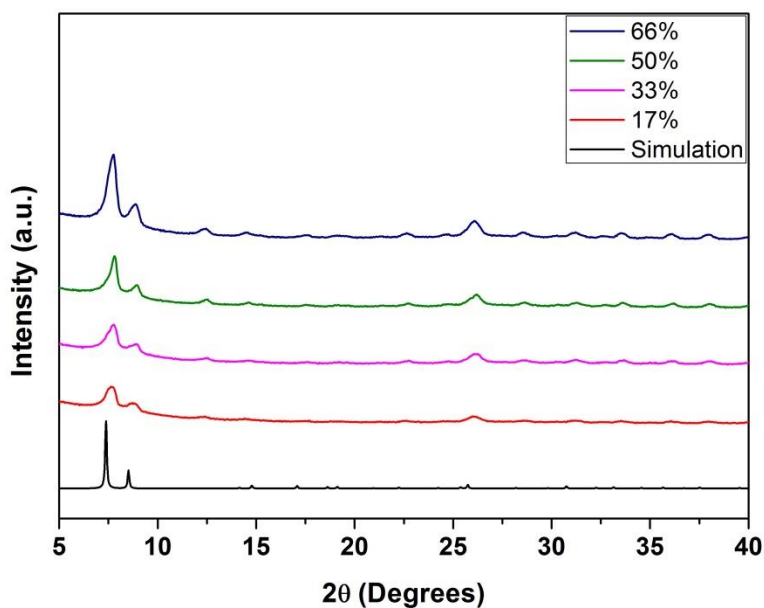
**Figure S13:** NMR spectrum of the digested UiO-66-(OH)<sub>2</sub> (synthesized by using 66 % acetic acid) in HF/DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>.



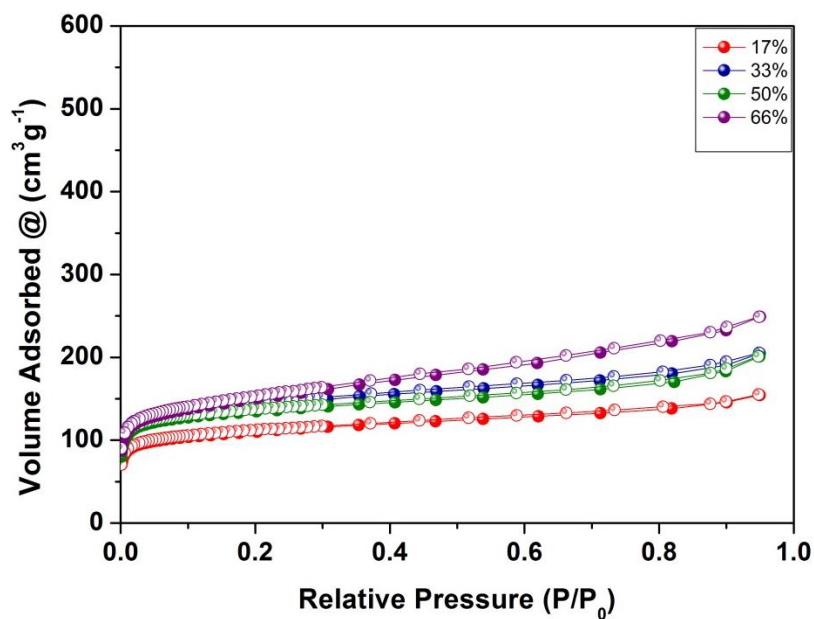
## Section 4. UiO-66-(COOH)<sub>2</sub>

**Table S4:** Summary of the yield and  $S_{\text{BET}}$  values obtained for different samples in the optimisation of acetic acid concentration for the synthesis of UiO-66-(COOH)<sub>2</sub> ( $V_{\text{tot}}$ : 6 mL; reagent concentration: 0.75 M).

Acetic acid (v/v)	Yield (%)	$S_{\text{BET}}$ (m <sup>2</sup> g <sup>-1</sup> )
17%	88	415
33%	90	538
50%	89	518
66%	91	542

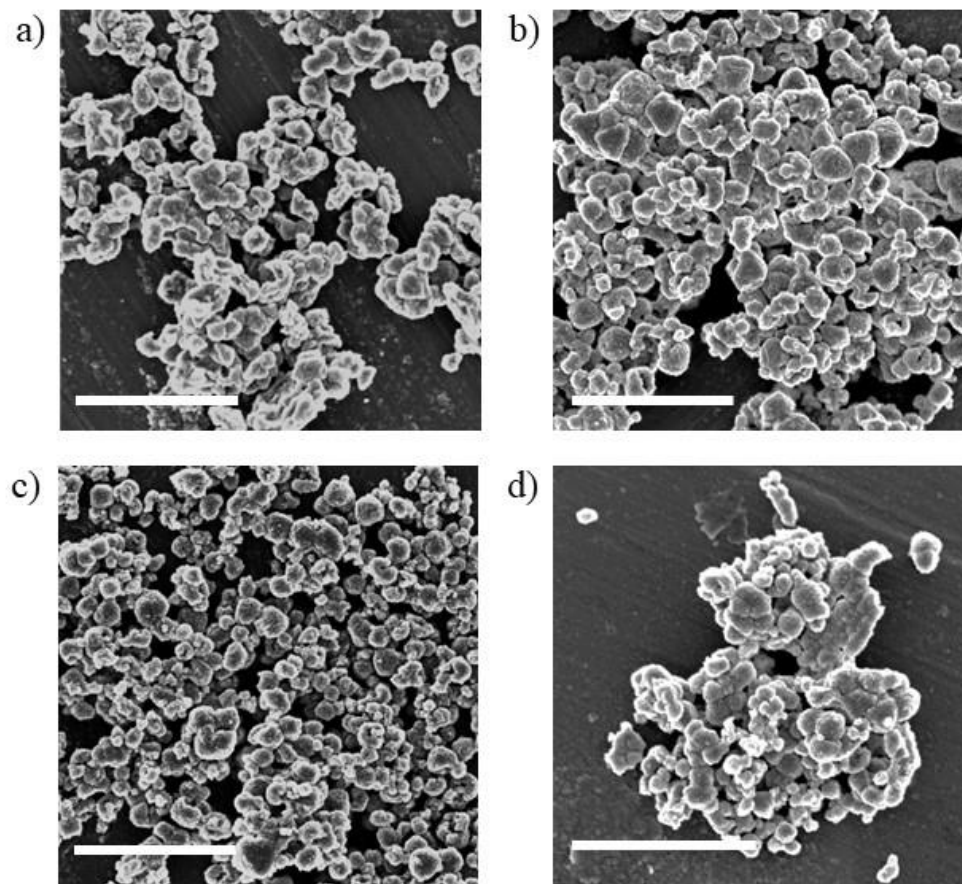


**Figure S14:** XRPD patterns for the UiO-66-(COOH)<sub>2</sub> samples synthesised by using different concentrations of acetic acid in water (v/v).

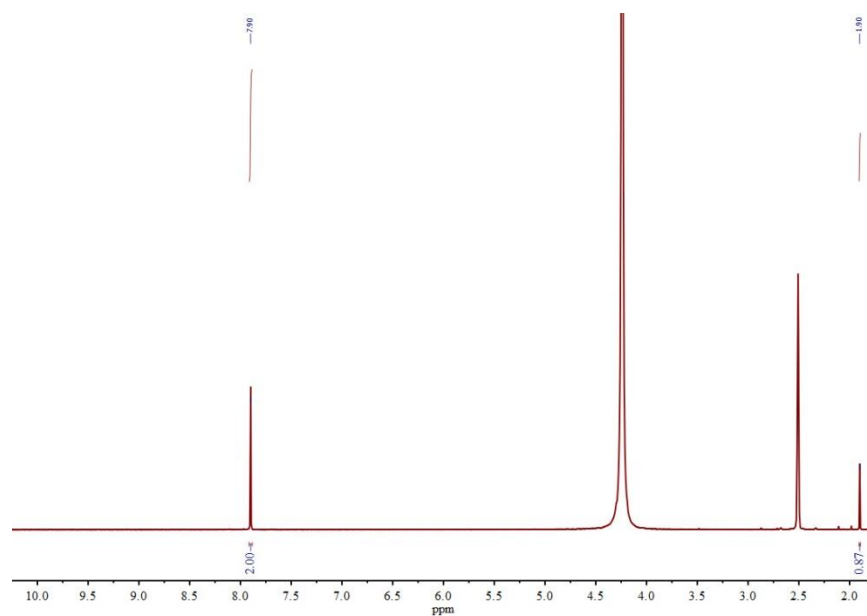


**Figure S15:** N<sub>2</sub> adsorption (filled dots) and desorption (empty dots) isotherms at 77 K for the UiO-66-(COOH)<sub>2</sub> samples synthesised by using different concentrations of acetic acid in water (v/v).





**Figure S16:** FESEM images of the UiO-66-(COOH)<sub>2</sub> samples synthesised by using different concentrations of acetic acid in water (v/v): 17% (a), 33% (b), 50% (c) and 66% (d). Scale bars: 2 μm.

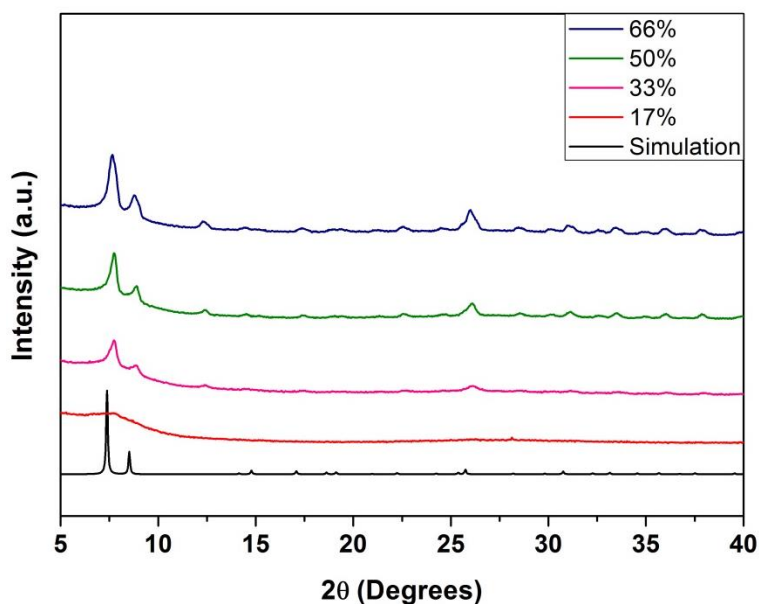


**Figure S17:** NMR spectrum of the digested UiO-66-(COOH)<sub>2</sub> (synthesized by using 33 % acetic acid) in HF/DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>.

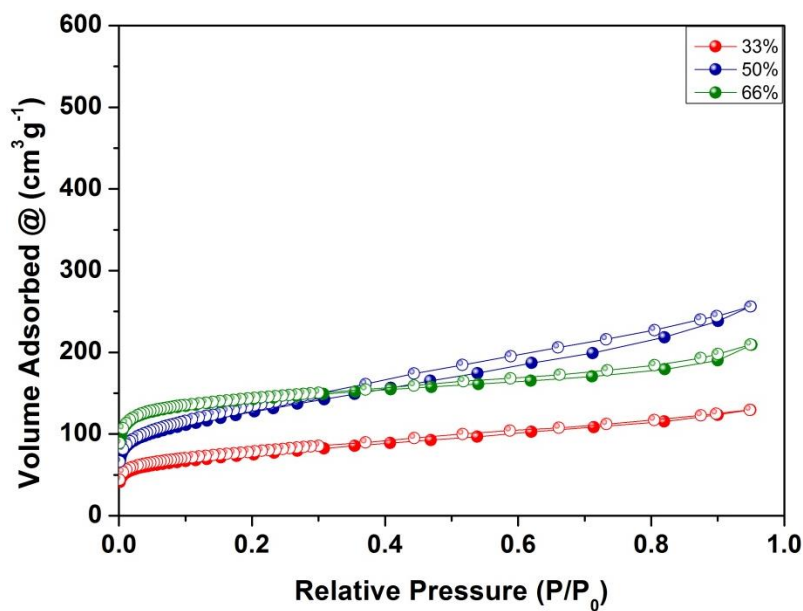
## Section 5. UiO-66-COOH

**Table S5:** Summary of the yield and  $S_{\text{BET}}$  values obtained for different samples in the optimisation of acetic acid concentration for the synthesis of UiO-66-COOH ( $V_{\text{tot}}$ : 6 mL; reagent concentration: 0.75 M).

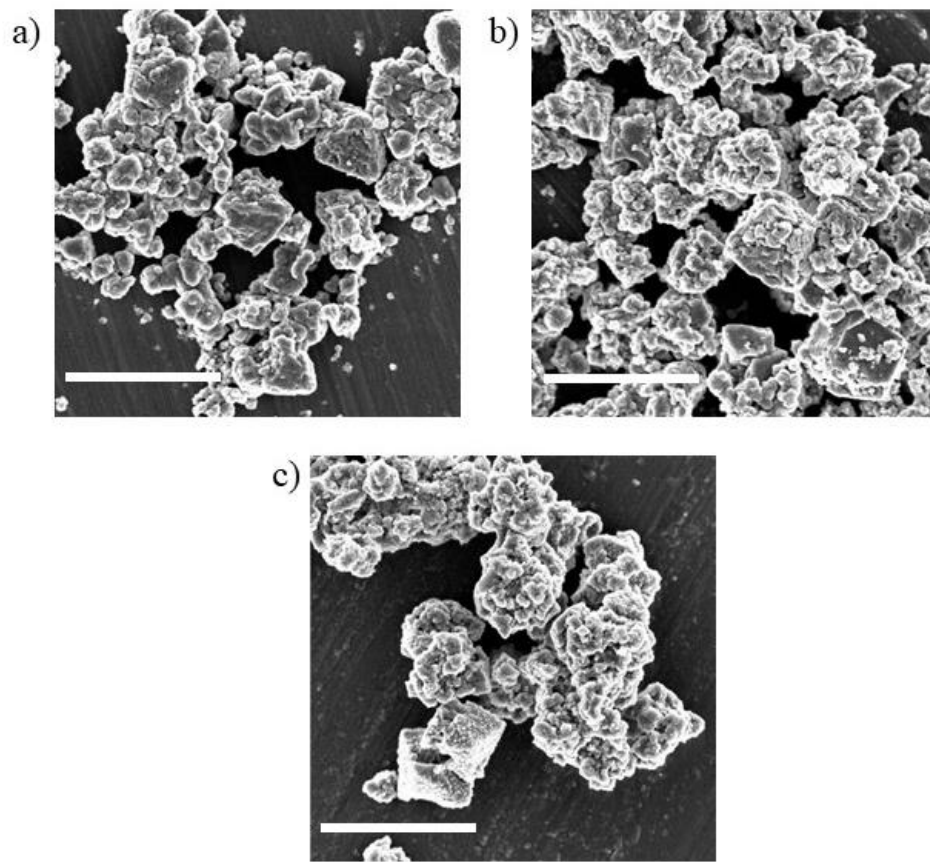
Acetic acid (v/v)	Yield (%)	$S_{\text{BET}}$ ( $\text{m}^2 \text{g}^{-1}$ )
17%	-	-
33%	88	268
50%	91	452
66%	90	538



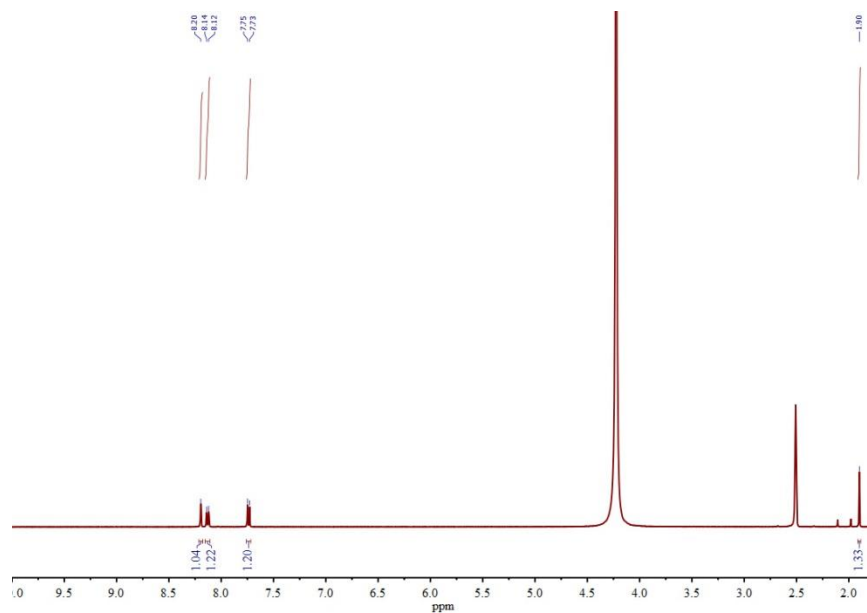
**Figure S18:** XRPD patterns for the UiO-66-COOH samples synthesised by using different concentrations of acetic acid in water (v/v).



**Figure S19:** N<sub>2</sub> adsorption (filled dots) and desorption (empty dots) isotherms at 77 K for the UiO-66-COOH samples synthesised by using different concentrations of acetic acid in water (v/v).



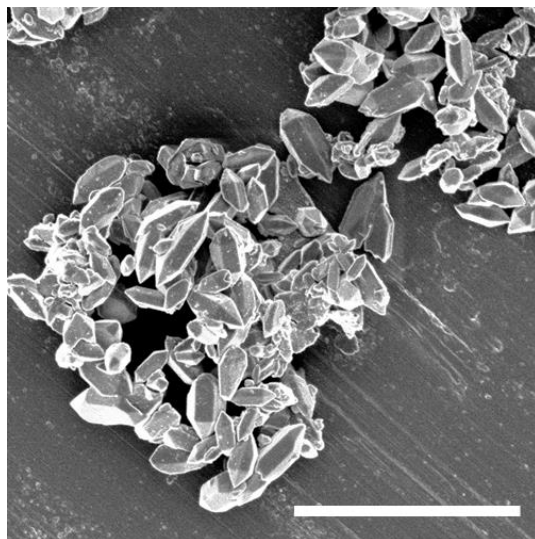
**Figure S20:** FESEM images of the UiO-66-COOH samples synthesised by using different concentrations of acetic acid in water (v/v): 33% (a), 50% (b) and 66% (c). Scale bars: 2  $\mu$ m.



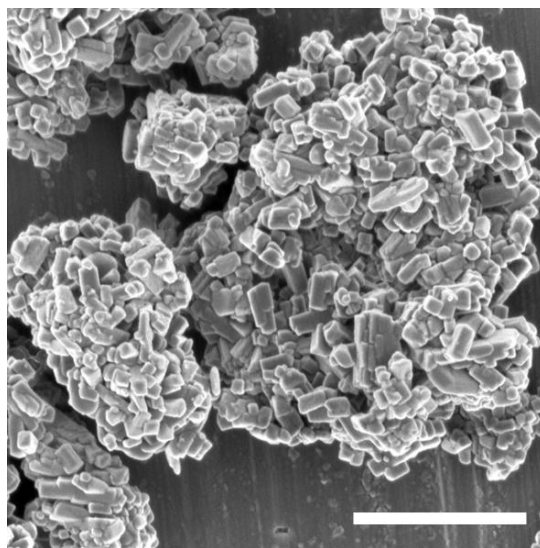
**Figure S21:** NMR spectrum of the digested UiO-66-COOH (synthesized by using 66 % acetic acid) in HF/DMSO- $d_6$ .



## Section 6. MIL-88A and CAU-10



**Figure S22:** Representative FESEM image of the hexagonal rod-like crystals of MIL-88A. Scale bar: 3  $\mu\text{m}$ .



**Figure S23:** Representative FESEM image of the submicrometre crystals of CAU-10. Scale bar: 1  $\mu\text{m}$ .