

Supporting Information for:

First-Row Transition Metal Complexes of a New Pentadentate Ligand, $\alpha,\alpha,\alpha',\alpha'$ -Tetra(pyrazolyl)lutidine.

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Experimental.

General Considerations. Pyrazole, thionyl chloride, NaH, and all transition metal halides were obtained commercially and were used as received. The compound 2,6-pyridinedicarboxaldehyde was prepared according to a literature method. Solvents were dried by conventional procedures and distilled prior to use, except where noted. Midwest MicroLab, LLC, Indianapolis, Indiana 45250, performed all elemental analyses. Melting point determinations were made on samples contained in glass capillaries using an Electrothermal 9100 apparatus and are uncorrected. ^1H and ^{13}C NMR spectra were recorded on a Varian 300 MHz spectrometer. Chemical shifts were referenced to solvent resonances at δ_{H} 7.27 and δ_{C} 77.23 for CDCl_3 , δ_{H} 3.31 and δ_{C} 49.15 for methanol- d_4 . UV-visible and NIR spectra were recorded using Shimadzu UV-1600/1700 or Jasco V-570 instruments. Solid-state magnetic measurements were made at room temperature using an MK1 magnetic susceptibility balance. EPR spectral measurements were obtained using a Bruker ELEXSYS E600 equipped with an ER4116DM cavity resonating at 9.63 GHz, an Oxford Instruments ITC503 temperature controller and ESR-900 helium flow cryostat. The ESR spectra were recorded with 100 kHz field modulation.

Syntheses.

$\alpha, \alpha, \alpha', \alpha'$ -tetra(pyrazolyl)lutidine, pz_4lut . A mixture of 50.2 mmol $\text{SO}(\text{pz})_2$ [generated in-situ from 2.50 g (104 mmol) NaH, 7.08 g (104 mmol) pyrazole and 3.66 ml (5.97 g, 50.2 mmol) SOCl_2 in 200 mL THF], 3.35 g (24.8 mmol) 2,6-pyridinedicarboxaldehyde and 0.805 g (6.20 mmol, 30 mol%) CoCl_2 (added as solids under N_2) were heated at reflux 20 h. The reaction mixture was then allowed to cool to room temperature and 100 mL of each H_2O and CH_2Cl_2 was carefully added. The aqueous and organic layers were separated. The pink aqueous layer was extracted with three 50 mL portions CH_2Cl_2 and the combined organics were dried over MgSO_4 , filtered and solvent was removed to leave a brown oily

residue. Chromatographic separation using neutral alumina with diethyl ether as an eluent afforded crude pz₄lut as a colorless powder from the second band ($R_f = 0.68$, Al₂O₃ plate). Colorless crystals 3.78 g (41 %) of pure pz₄lut were obtained after layering an acetone solution with hexanes, allowing the solvents to slowly diffuse over 2 d, filtering, and drying. Mp, 121-122 °C. Anal. Calcd. (obsd.) for C₁₉H₁₇N₉: C, 61.44 (61.07); H, 4.61 (4.92); N, 33.94 (33.71). ¹H NMR (CDCl₃) δ_H 7.74 (t, $J = 8$ Hz, 1H, H₄-py), 7.71 (s, 2H, CHpz₂), 7.57 (d, $J = 1$ Hz, 4H, H₃-pz), 7.52 (d, $J = 2$ Hz, 4H, H₅-pz), 7.12 (d, $J = 8$ Hz, 2H, H_{3/5}-py), 6.27 (dd, $J = 2,1$ Hz, 4H, H₄-pz). ¹³C NMR (CDCl₃) δ_C 154.7, 140.9, 138.8, 129.9, 122.9, 106.8, 78.0. UV-Vis (Methanol) λ_{max}, nm (ε, M⁻¹, cm⁻¹) 217 (30,637), 263 (6693).

[MnCl(pz₄lut)](Cl)•CH₂Cl₂, 1•CH₂Cl₂. A solution of 0.191 g (0.514 mmol) of **pz₄lut** in 8.5 mL dichloromethane was layered with a methanol solution (8.5 mL) of 0.108 g (0.546 mmol) MnCl₂•4H₂O. After 3 days, 0.176 g (59 %) of X-ray quality colorless blocks of **1•CH₂Cl₂** were collected after filtration, washing with Et₂O and drying under vacuum. Mp, 190-195 °C, dec. Anal. Calcd. (found) for C₂₀H₁₉Cl₄MnN₉: C, 41.26 (41.22); H, 3.29 (3.46); N, 21.65 (21.96). μ_{eff} (Evans) (CD₃OD, 298 K) 5.9 μ_B. UV-Vis (MeOH) λ_{max}, nm (ε, M⁻¹, cm⁻¹), 215 (29404), 264 (5614), 342 (53).

[FeCl(pz₄lut)](Cl)•CH₂Cl₂, 2•CH₂Cl₂. A solution of 0.100 g (0.789 mmol) of FeCl₂ in 8.5 mL of MeOH was layered onto a solution of 0.293 g (0.789 mmol) **pz₄lut** in 8.5 mL of CH₂Cl₂. After 3 days, 0.450 g (98 %) of orange X-ray quality crystals of **2•CH₂Cl₂** were collected as above. Mp, 247-257 °C dec. Anal. Calcd. (found) for C₂₀H₁₉Cl₄FeN₉: C, 41.20 (41.59); 3.28 (3.50); 21.62 (21.68). μ_{eff} (Evans) (CD₃OD, 298 K) 5.2 μ_B. UV-Vis (MeOH) λ_{max}, nm (ε, M⁻¹, cm⁻¹), 263 (8762), 300 (2677), 428 (282), 888 (19). 1050sh (10).

[CoCl(pz₄lut)](Cl)•CH₂Cl₂, 3•CH₂Cl₂. A solution of 0.286 g (0.770 mmol) **pz₄lut** in 8.5 mL of CH₂Cl₂ was layered with a solution of 0.105 g (0.809 mmol) CoCl₂ in 8.5 mL MeOH and solvents were allowed to slowly diffuse over 3 days. A 0.405 g (90 %) sample of **3•CH₂Cl₂** as pink X-ray quality crystals was collected and dried under vacuum. Mp, 282-285 °C dec. Anal. Calcd. (found) for C₂₀H₁₉Cl₄CoN₉; C, 40.98 (40.95); H, 3.27 (3.29); N, 21.51 (21.49). μ_{eff} (solid) 3.6 μ_{B} . UV-Vis (CH₃OH) λ_{max} , nm (ϵ , M⁻¹, cm⁻¹), 264 (4936), 300sh (608), 472 (20), 934 (4).

[NiCl(pz₄lut)](Cl), 4. A chloroform (8.5 mL) solution of 0.161 g (0.433 mmol) **pz₄lut** was layered with a ethanol (8.5 mL) solution of 0.106 g (0.446 mmol) of NiCl₂•6H₂O. After the solvents were allowed to diffuse for 3 d, 0.243 g (98 %) of violet microcrystalline **4**, was isolated after filtration and drying under vacuum. Mp, 200-203 °C, dec. Anal. Calcd. (found) for C₁₉H₁₇Cl₂N₉Ni: C, 45.55 (45.31); H, 3.42 (3.24); N, 25.16 (25.04). μ_{eff} (solid) 2.3 μ_{B} . UV-Vis (CH₃OH) λ_{max} , nm (ϵ , M⁻¹, cm⁻¹), 268 (3455), 300sh (188), 563 (25), 764sh (7), 874 (13). X-ray quality crystals of a solvate (**4•EtOH**) are obtained before drying. The solvent is readily removed by vacuum.

[CuCl(pz₄lut)](Cl), 5. A solution containing 0.169 g (0.45 mmol) **pz₄lut** in 8.5 mL CH₂Cl₂ was layered with a methanol (8.5 mL) solution of 0.063 g (0.47 mmol) CuCl₂ and solvents were allowed to diffuse over 3 days. A 0.216 g (95 %) sample of **5** as a green microcrystalline powder was collected by filtration and dried under vacuum. Mp, 267-270 °C, dec. Anal. Calcd. (Obsd.) for C₁₉H₁₇Cl₂CuN₉: C, 45.11 (45.85); H, 3.39 (3.00); N, 24.92 (24.56). μ_{eff} (solid) 2.3 μ_{B} . UV-Vis (CH₃OH) λ_{max} , nm (ϵ , M⁻¹, cm⁻¹), 270(3611), 424(278), 700 (43), 1150sh (12). X-ray quality crystals of a solvate (**5•0.82 CH₂Cl₂**) are obtained before drying. The solvent is readily removed by vacuum.

[ZnCl(pz₄lut)][ZnCl₃(MeOH)] 6. A dichloromethane (8.5 mL) solution containing 0.276 g (0.743 mmol) **pz₄lut** was layered with a methanol (8.5 mL) solution containing 0.109 g (0.800 mmol) of ZnCl₂. After allowing the solvents to diffuse over 4 days, 0.253 g (89 % based on ZnCl₂) of **6** were collected by filtration and dried under vacuum. Mp, 284-290 °C, dec. Anal. Calcd. (found) for C₂₀H₂₁Cl₄N₉OZn₂: C, 35.53 (35.15); H, 3.13 (3.43); N, 18.65 (18.28). This compound is surprisingly less soluble in CD₃OD, than in CH₃OH in which the complex has sparing solubility (it is also insoluble in all other typical organic solvents), so ¹H NMR were recorded as a saturated solution 10 vol-% D₂O in CD₃OD while ¹³C NMR spectral data could not be recorded in a reasonable amount of acquisition time. ¹H NMR (CD₃OD/10 vol-% D₂O) δ_H 8.32 (br s, 4H), 8.27-8.23 (br m, 6H), 8.09 (br m, 3H), 6.57 (s, 4H, H₄-pz). X-ray quality crystals of a solvate (**6**•0.63 CH₂Cl₂•0.34 MeOH) are obtained before drying. The solvent is readily removed by vacuum. UV-Vis (CH₃OH) λ_{max}, nm (ε, M⁻¹, cm⁻¹), 216 (25,271), 264 (5,736), 300sh (1008).

Crystal Structure Determinations.

General considerations. X-ray intensity data from a colorless block of $[\text{MnCl}(\text{pz}_4\text{lut})](\text{Cl})\cdot\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$ (**1** $\cdot\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$), an orange block of $[\text{FeCl}(\text{pz}_4\text{lut})](\text{Cl})\cdot\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$ (**2** $\cdot\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$), a pink block of $[\text{CoCl}(\text{pz}_4\text{lut})](\text{Cl})\cdot\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$ (**3** $\cdot\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$), a violet block of $[\text{NiCl}(\text{pz}_4\text{lut})](\text{Cl})\cdot\text{EtOH}$ (**4** $\cdot\text{EtOH}$), an aquamarine plate of $[\text{CuCl}(\text{pz}_4\text{lut})](\text{Cl})\cdot 0.82\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$ (**5** $\cdot 0.82\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$), and a colorless block of $[\text{ZnCl}(\text{pz}_4\text{lut})][\text{ZnCl}_3(\text{MeOH})]\cdot 0.63\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2\cdot 0.34\text{MeOH}$ (**6** $\cdot 0.63\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2\cdot 0.34\text{MeOH}$) were measured at 100(2) K a Bruker AXS 3-circle diffractometer equipped with a SMART2^{S1} CCD detector using Cu K α radiation ($\lambda = 1.54178\text{ \AA}$), as summarized in Table 1. Raw data frame integration and Lp corrections were performed with SAINT+.^{S2} Final unit cell parameters were determined by least-squares refinement of 5863 reflections for (**1** $\cdot\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$), 7197 reflections for (**2** $\cdot\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$), 6674 reflections for (**3** $\cdot\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$), 5800 reflections for (**4** $\cdot\text{EtOH}$), 4545 reflections for (**5** $\cdot 0.82\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$), 9556 reflections for (**6** $\cdot 0.63\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2\cdot 0.34\text{MeOH}$), each with $I > 2\sigma(I)$ from their respective data sets. For each, analysis of the data showed negligible crystal decay during collection. Numerical absorption corrections were applied to the data for each derivative the cobalt derivatives. Direct methods structure solutions, difference Fourier calculations and full-matrix least-squares refinements against F^2 were performed with SHELXTL.^{S2} The crystals of **1** $\cdot\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$ **2** $\cdot\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$ **3** $\cdot\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$ and **4** $\cdot\text{EtOH}$ were pseudo-orthorhombic twins consisting of two monoclinic components (68:32 ratio for Co) with beta angle close to 90° and the TWIN -1 0 0 0 -1 0 0 1 instruction was used during the refinements. All non-hydrogen atoms were refined with anisotropic displacement parameters. Hydrogen atoms were placed in geometrically idealized positions and included as riding atoms.

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Table S1. Crystallographic Data and Refinement Parameters for (a) [MnCl(pz₄lut)](Cl)•CH₂Cl₂ (**1**•CH₂Cl₂); (b) [FeCl(pz₄lut)](Cl)•CH₂Cl₂ (**2**•CH₂Cl₂); (c) [CoCl(pz₄lut)](Cl)•CH₂Cl₂ (**3**•CH₂Cl₂); (d) [NiCl(pz₄lut)](Cl)•EtOH (**4**•EtOH), (e) [CuCl(pz₄lut)](Cl)•0.82CH₂Cl₂ (**5**•0.82CH₂Cl₂), (f) [ZnCl(pz₄lut)][ZnCl₃(MeOH)]•0.63 CH₂Cl₂•0.34 MeOH (**6**•0.63 CH₂Cl₂•0.34 MeOH).

Compound	1 •CH ₂ Cl ₂	2 •CH ₂ Cl ₂	3 •CH ₂ Cl ₂	4 •EtOH	5 •0.82 CH ₂ Cl ₂	6 •0.63 CH ₂ Cl ₂ •0.34 MeOH
Formula	C ₂₀ H ₁₉ Cl ₄ MnN ₉	C ₂₀ H ₁₉ Cl ₄ FeN ₉	C ₂₀ H ₁₉ Cl ₄ CoN ₉	C ₂₁ H ₂₃ Cl ₂ N ₉ NiO	C _{19.82} H _{18.65} Cl _{3.64} CuN ₉	C _{21.37} H _{25.21} Cl _{5.26} N ₉ O _{1.74} Zn ₂
Formula weight	582.18	583.09	586.17	547.09	575.71	753.22
Crystal system	Monoclinic	Monoclinic	Monoclinic	Monoclinic	Monoclinic	Monoclinic
Space Group	P2 ₁ /n	P2 ₁ /c	P2 ₁ /n	C2/c	P2 ₁ /c	P2 ₁ /n
a, Å	10.5304(6)	10.4115(5)	10.2900(2)	21.7305(7)	10.8339(2)	11.52640(10)
b, Å	19.2722(10)	19.2410(9)	19.1675(3)	22.0929(8)	22.2728(3)	13.94720(10)
c, Å	11.9444(6)	12.0005(6)	12.0572(2)	9.7949(4)	9.80290(10)	18.9316(2)
β, deg	90.000(2)	90.000(2)	90.0330(10)	90.0000(10)	92.9950(10)	102.3930(10)
V, Å ³	2424.0(2)	2404.0(2)	2378.08(7)	3156.57(6)	2362.22(6)	2972.55(5)
Z	4	4	4	8	4	4
T, K	100(2)	100(2)	100(2)	100(2)	100(2)	100(2)
ρ calcd, Mg m ⁻³	1.595	1.611	1.637	1.546	1.619	1.683
λ, Å	1.54178	1.54178	1.54178	1.54178	1.54178	1.54178
μ (Cu Kα), mm ⁻¹	8.734	9.372	10.046	3.573	5.345	6.653
R[I>2σ(I)] ^a (all data)	0.0473 (0.0483)	0.0353 (0.0387)	0.0411 (0.0418)	0.0366 (0.0381)	0.0311 (0.0410)	0.0237 (0.0240)
wR ^b (all data)	0.1102 (0.1108)	0.0862 (0.0874)	0.1126 (0.1131)	0.0930 (0.0940)	0.0745 (0.0792)	0.0623 (0.0624)

^aR = $\frac{\sum ||F_o| - |F_c||}{\sum |F_o|}$. ^bwR = $[\frac{\sum w(|F_o|^2 - |F_c|^2)^2}{\sum w|F_o|^2}]^{1/2}$

Table S2. Intracationic Geometric Parameters for $[\text{MCl}(\text{pz}_4\text{lut})]^+$ (M = Mn, Fe, Co, Ni, Cu, Zn).

M =	Mn	Fe	Co	Ni	Cu	Zn
M-Cl (Å)	2.365	2.307	2.323	2.360	2.279	2.334
M-N1 _{py} (Å)	2.364	2.300	2.221	2.099	2.109	2.256
M-N3 _{pz} (Å)	2.237	2.179	2.140	2.088	1.999	2.163
M-N5 _{pz} (Å)	2.257	2.187	2.138	2.098	2.376	2.159
M-N7 _{pz} (Å)	2.255	2.198	2.144	2.098	2.408	2.121
M-N9 _{pz} (Å)	2.293	2.222	2.176	2.104	1.998	2.169
Avg. axial (Å)	2.365	2.304	2.272	2.230	2.194	2.295
Avg. Eq. (Å)	2.261	2.197	2.150	2.097	2.195	2.153
Avg. total (Å)	2.295	2.233	2.190	2.141	2.195	2.200
M-N _{4pl} (Å)	0.451	0.392	0.283	0.165	0.242	0.322
MN3-N2C6 (°)	1.50	1.93	1.22	0.58	3.55	3.27
MN5-N4C6 (°)	3.97	5.08	2.07	4.60	3.65	3.75
MN7-N6C7 (°)	0.85	1.21	4.78	0.90	6.19	1.08
MN9-N8C7 (°)	6.80	7.50	4.70	0.96	2.64	7.14
Avg MN-NC (°)	3.28	3.93	3.19	1.76	4.01	3.81
N1-M-Cl (°)	179.52	179.60	179.97	177.82	177.85	173.76
Oct. Vol (Å) ³	15.421	14.279	13.688	12.930	13.723	13.786
Quad. Elong.	1.034	1.026	1.016	1.010	1.024	1.021
∠variance (°) ²	114.41	88.46	627.84	25.34	44.24	66.54

Structural Discussion. In the $[\text{MCl}(\text{pz}_4\text{lut})](\text{Cl})$ complexes ($\text{M} = \text{Mn, Fe, Co, Ni, Cu, Zn}$), the metal sits above the mean plane of pyrazolyl nitrogens toward the axial chloride group. A closer examination of the geometries of the various $[\text{MCl}(\text{pz}_4\text{lut})]^+$ cations (Table S1, Figures S1 and S2), indicates that nickel(II) provides the best ‘fit’ for the new ligands. Relative to other metal centers, nickel is situated closest to (0.165 Å above) the mean plane of equatorial pyrazolyl nitrogens. The metal-bound pyrazolyls experience the least amount of ring-twisting in the Ni^{II} case, defined by the average $\text{MN-NC}(\text{sp}^3)$ torsion angle of 1.76° (compared to MnN-NC of 3.28° in the manganese case, for example). Also, the nickel complex exhibits the smallest octahedral volume [Volume of $\text{MN}_{4(\text{pz})}\text{N}_{(\text{py})}\text{Cl} = 12.930 \text{ \AA}^3$] and quadratic elongation $(1.010)^{\text{S3}}$ compared to all other metals in the series. There is a regular variation in bond distances versus the number of d-electrons on traversing the series from manganese (d^5) to nickel (d^8) (Figure S1). Copper (d^9) represents the break in the trend (Figure S1a) of smaller divalent metal cations giving shorter mean bond distances, due to distortion of equatorial Cu-N bonds. The $[\text{CuCl}(\text{pz}_4\text{lut})]^+$ cation contains two very short Cu-N(pz) (Cu-N5 and Cu-N7, avg. 1.999 Å) bonds and two long Cu-N(pz) bonds (Cu-N3 and Cu-N9, avg. 2.392 Å) giving a coordination sphere that approaches square planar (with two long Cu-N(pz) contacts). If these longer axial contacts are ignored, then the Cu-N(pyrazolyl) bonds and the weighted average of all metal-ligand bonds (2.096 Å) fall in line with other metals in the series (Figure S1b). The preference for lower coordination geometries for Cu^{2+} is well-documented and is also observed in the related square-pyramidal $[\text{CuCl}(\kappa^4\text{-PY5})]^+$ cation.^{S4} Usually this coordination preference is attributed to Jahn-Teller distortion due to single occupancy of degenerate e_g^* orbitals. The low symmetry of the complexes in this series was expected to remove such degeneracy and this distortion was unanticipated.

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Figure S1. Plots of bond distances as a function of d-electron count of metal in $[\text{MCl}(\text{pz}_4\text{lut})]^+$. (a) Avg. of all groups of MN_5Cl considered (b) long Cu-N(pyrazolyl) bond distances ignored.

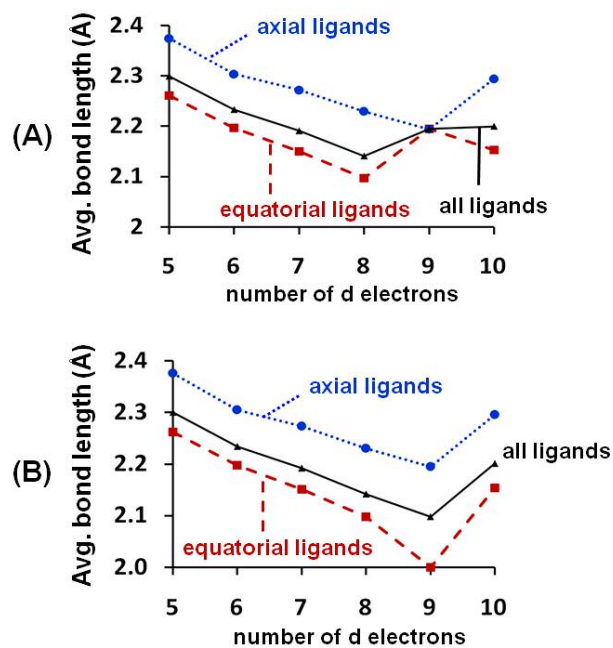


Figure S2. Plots of MN_5Cl octahedral volume (top) and deviation of M from equatorial N_4 plane (bottom) versus d- electron count of metal in $[\text{MCl}(\text{pz}_4\text{lut})]^+$ complexes.

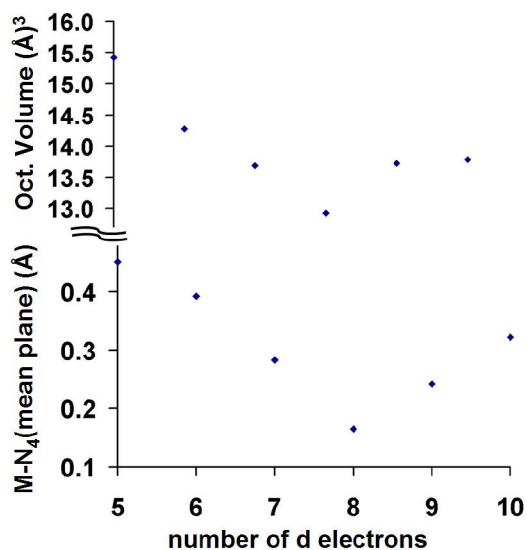
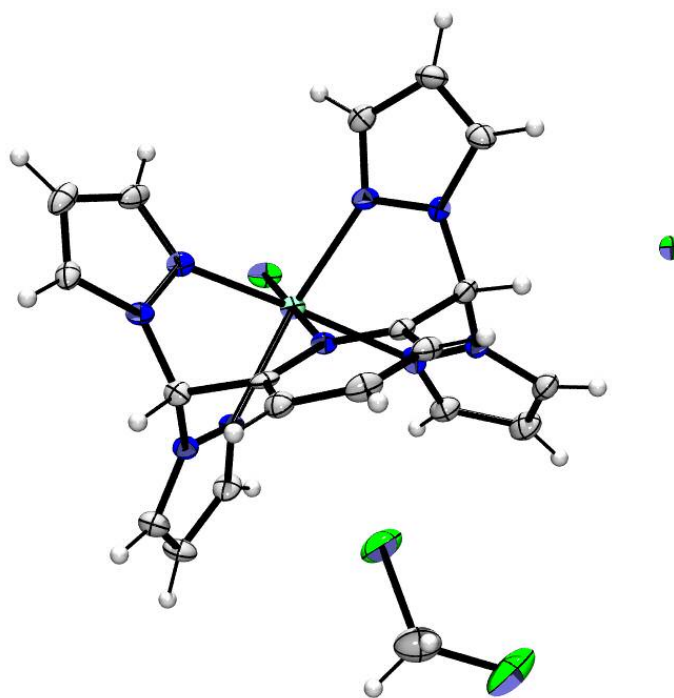
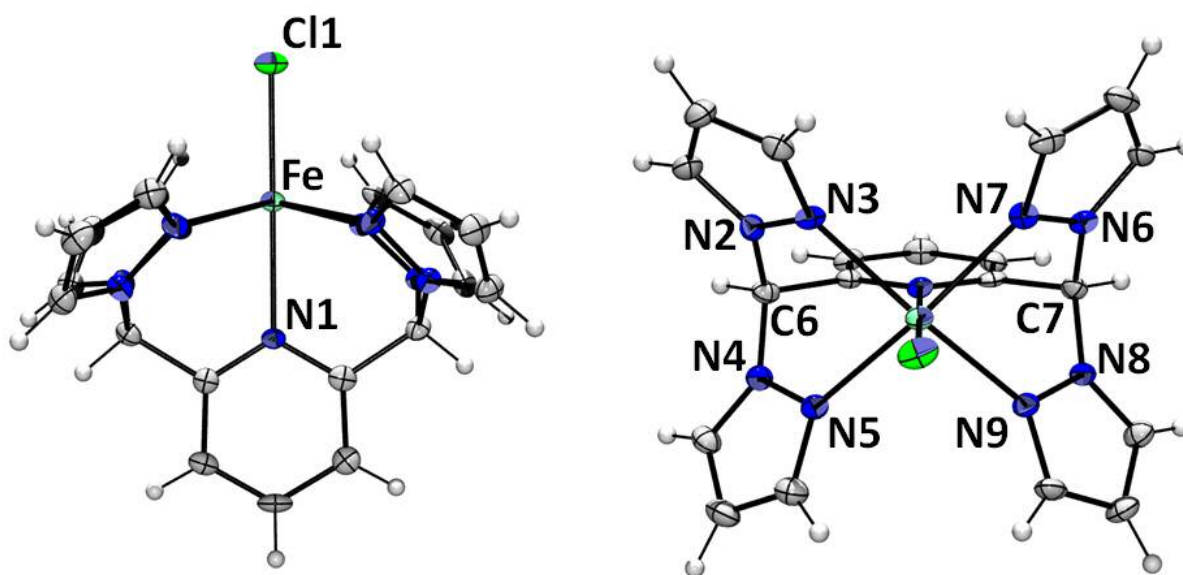


Figure S4. ORTEP diagrams (50% probability ellipsoids) of $[\text{FeCl}(\text{pz}_4\text{lut})](\text{Cl})\cdot\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$.

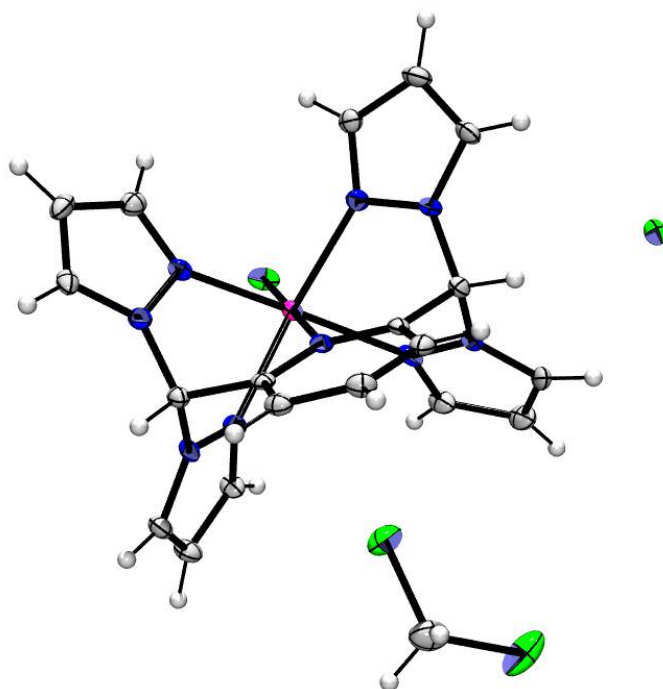


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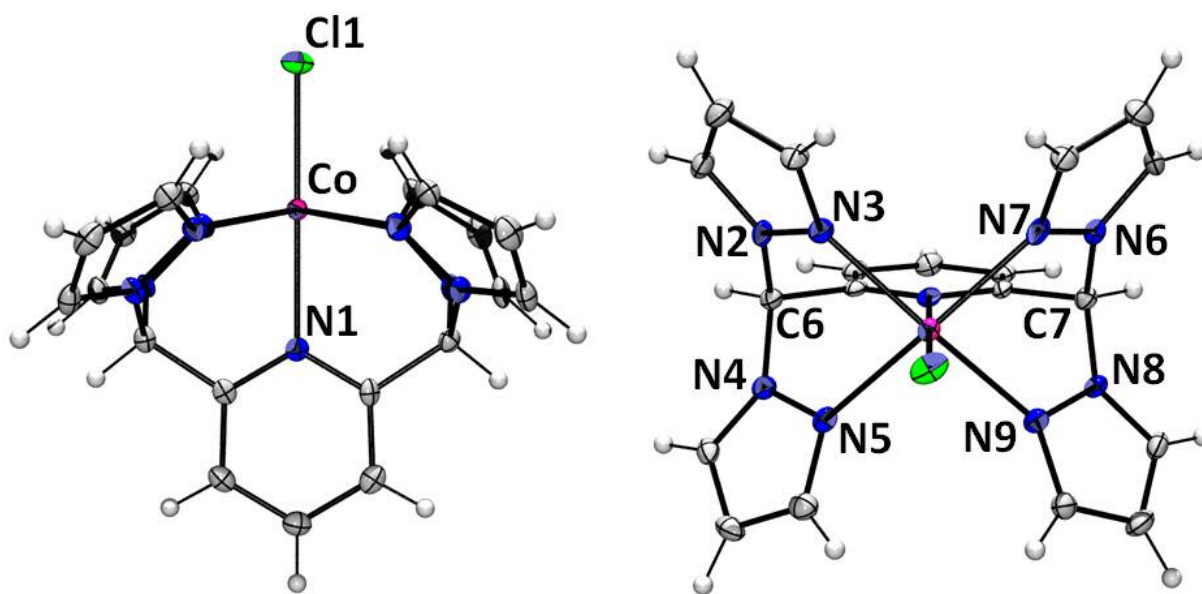


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Figure S5. ORTEP diagrams (50% probability ellipsoids) of $[\text{CoCl}(\text{pz}_4\text{lut})](\text{Cl})\cdot\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$.

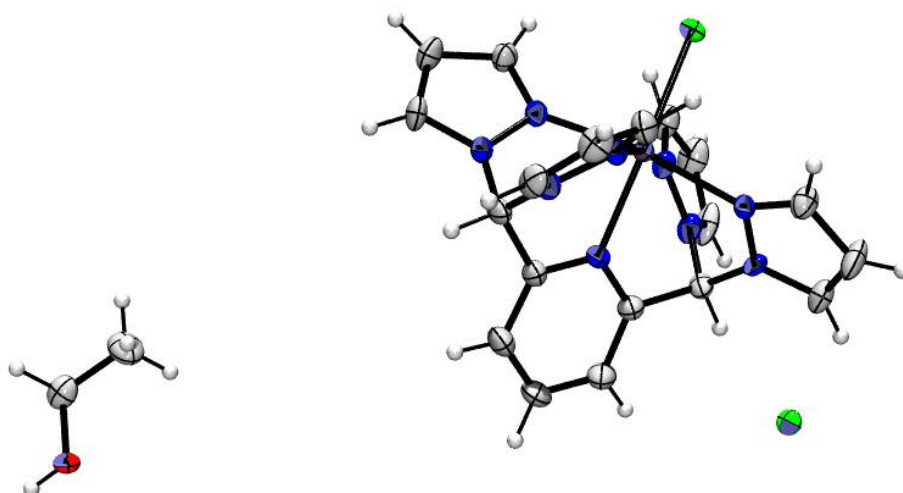


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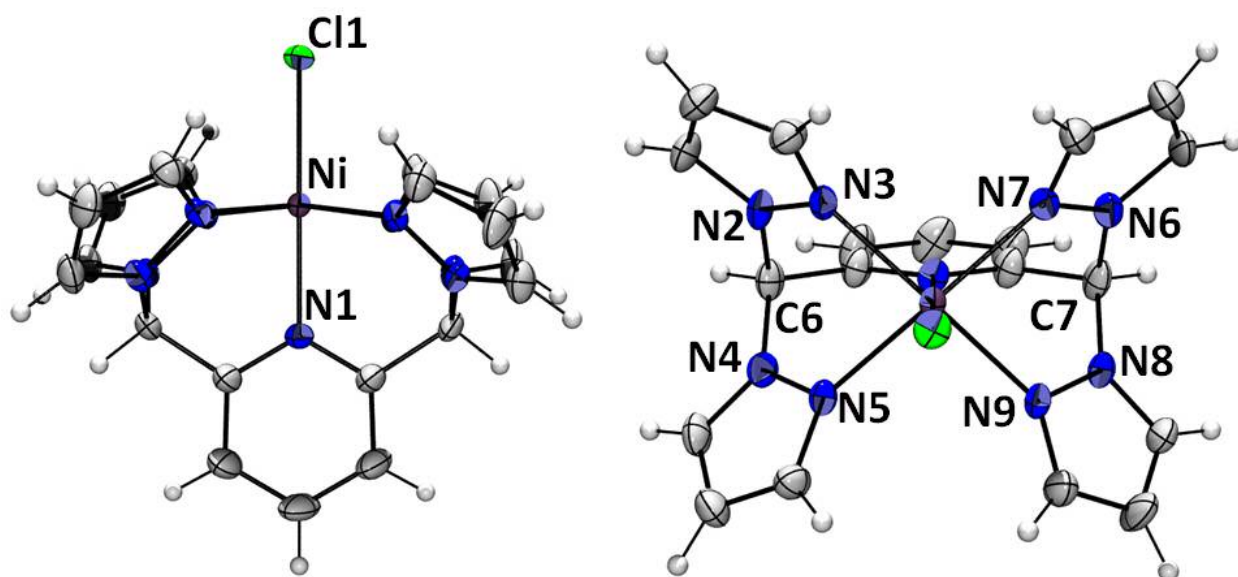


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Figure S6. ORTEP diagrams (50% probability ellipsoids) of $[\text{NiCl}(\text{pz}_4\text{lut})](\text{Cl})\cdot\text{EtOH}$.



Asymmetric Unit (with anion and solvent disorder components removed)



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Figure S7. ORTEP diagrams (50% probability ellipsoids) of $[\text{CuCl}(\text{pz}_4\text{lut})](\text{Cl}) \cdot 0.82\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$.

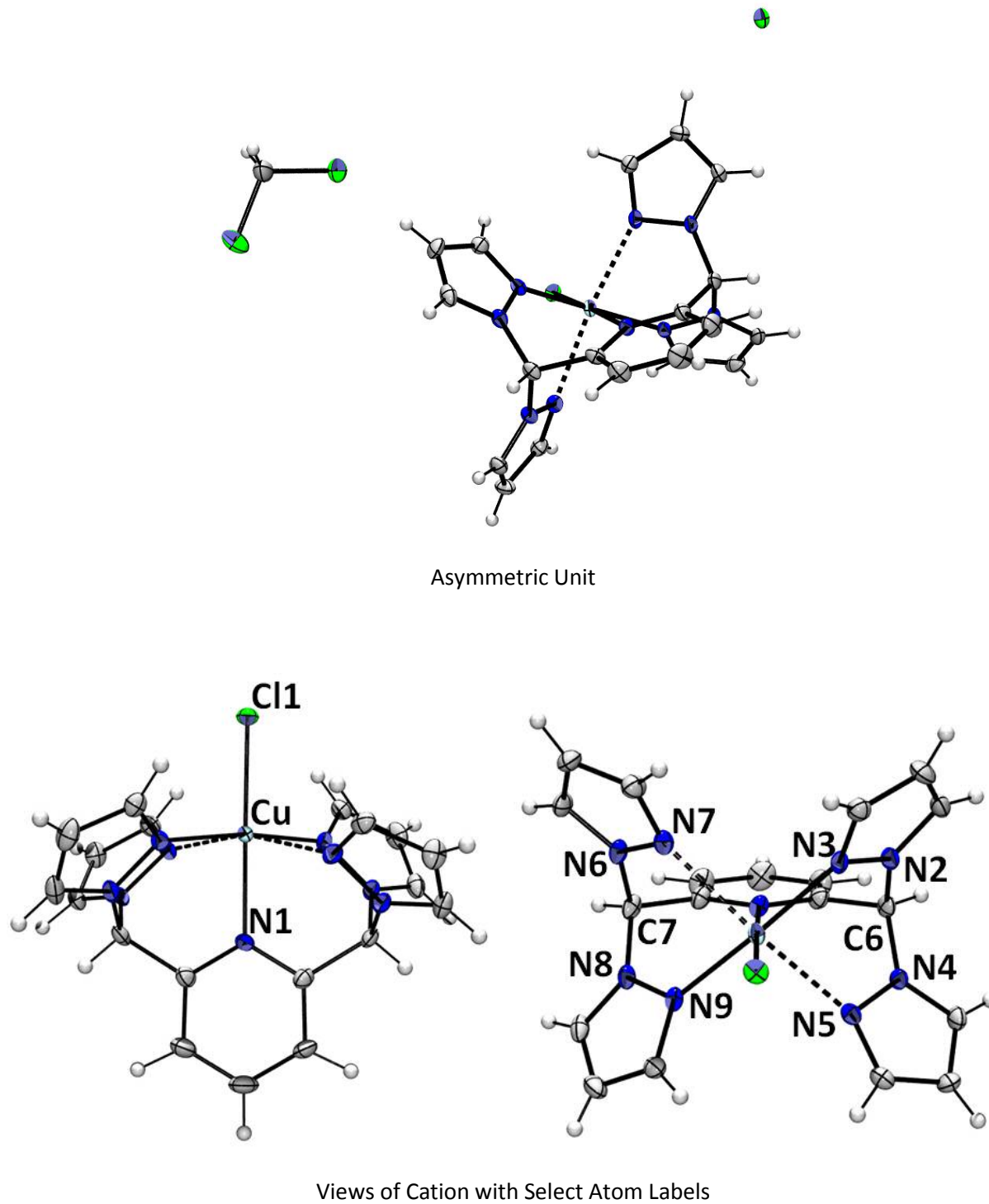
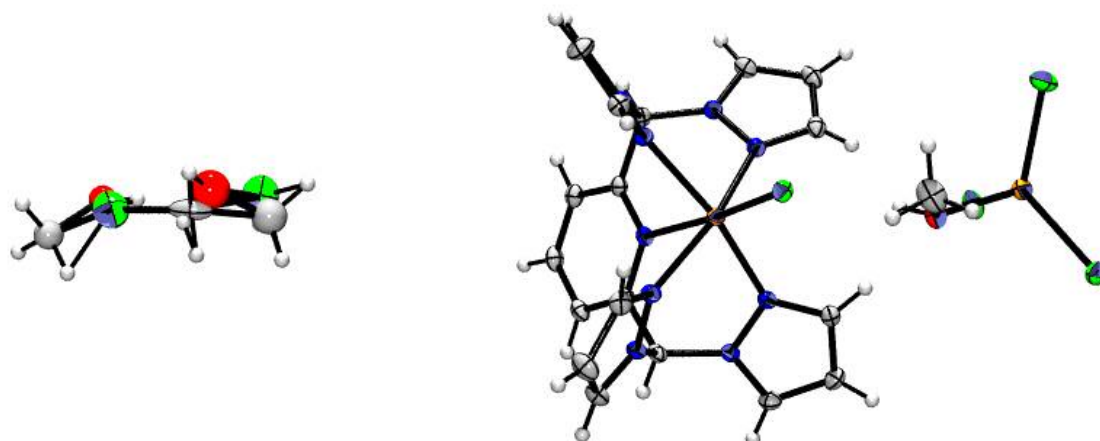
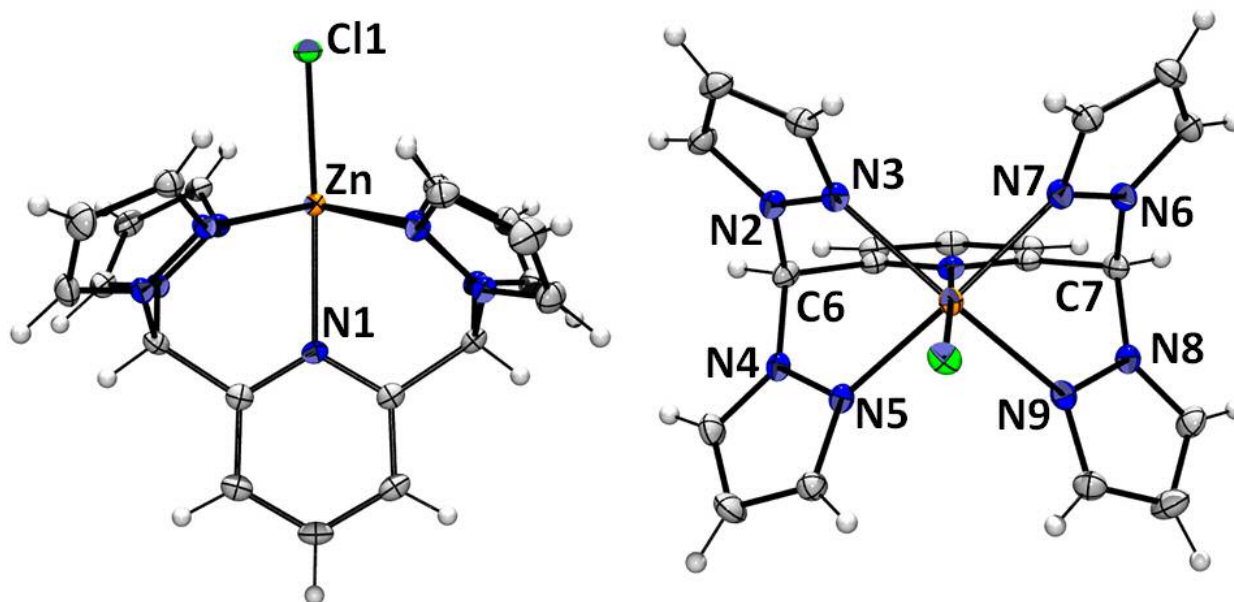


Figure S8. ORTEP diagrams (50% probability ellipsoids) of $[\text{ZnCl}(\text{pz}_4\text{lut})][\text{ZnCl}_3(\text{MeOH})] \cdot 0.63 \text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2 \cdot 0.34 \text{MeOH}$.



Asymmetric Unit



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Figure S9. UV-Vis spectrum of **pz₄lut** in MeOH.

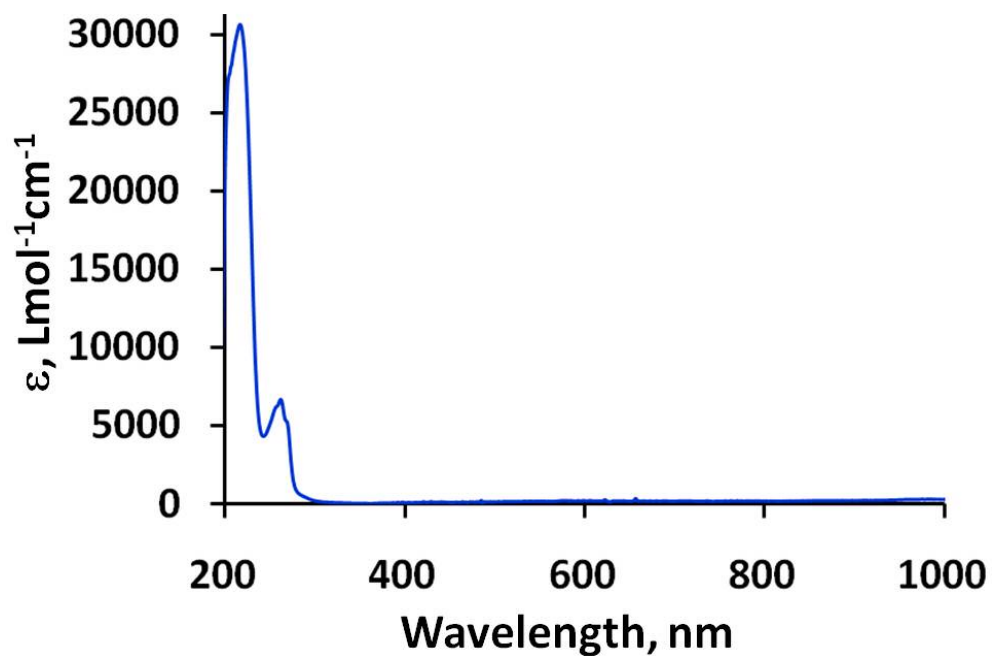


Figure S10. UV-Vis/NIR spectrum of $[\text{MnCl}(\text{pz}_4\text{lut})](\text{Cl}) \cdot \text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$ in MeOH.

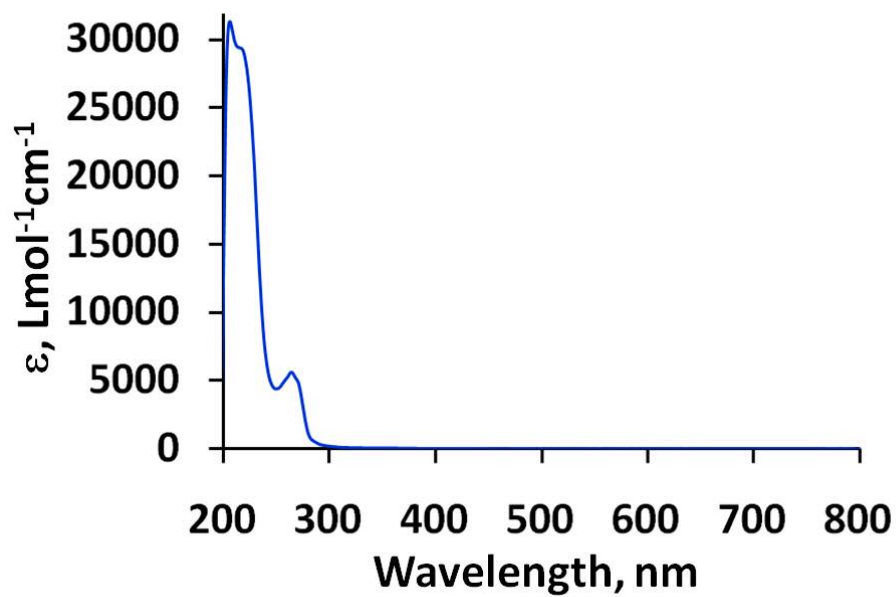


Figure S11. UV-Vis/NIR spectrum of $[\text{FeCl}(\text{pz}_4\text{lut})](\text{Cl}) \cdot \text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$ in MeOH.

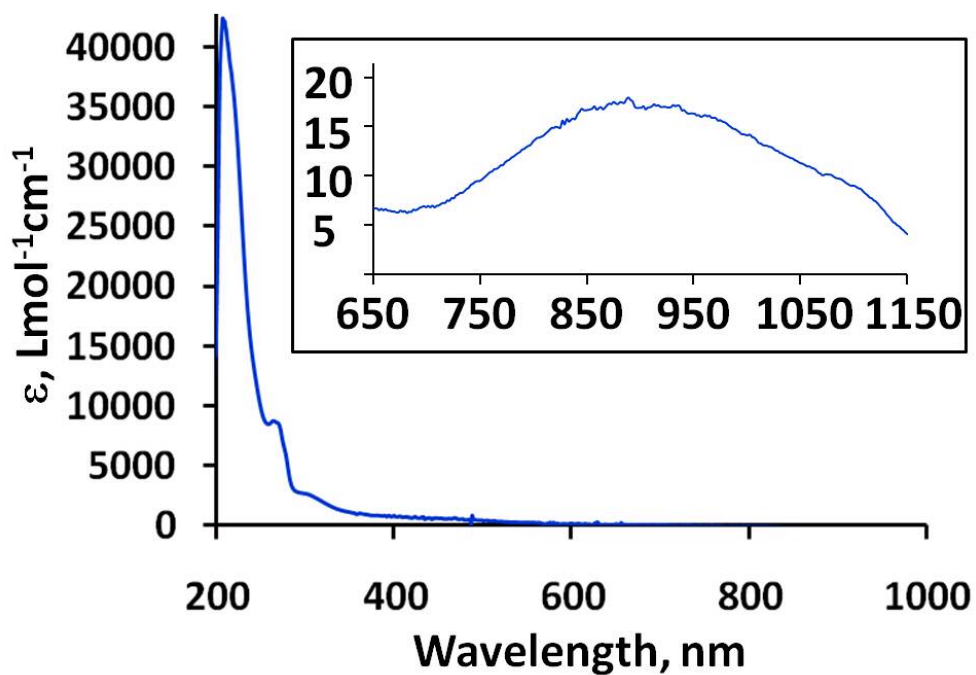


Figure S12. UV-Vis/NIR spectrum of $[\text{CoCl}(\text{pz}_4\text{lut})](\text{Cl}) \cdot \text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$ in MeOH.

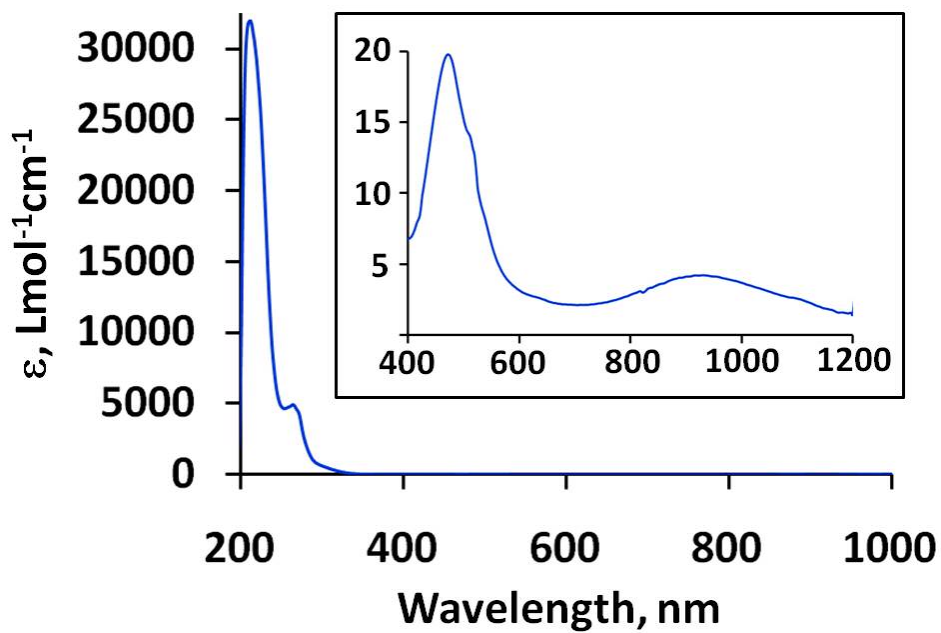


Figure S13. UV-Vis/NIR spectrum of $[\text{NiCl}(\text{pz}_4\text{lut})](\text{Cl}) \cdot \text{EtOH}$ in MeOH.

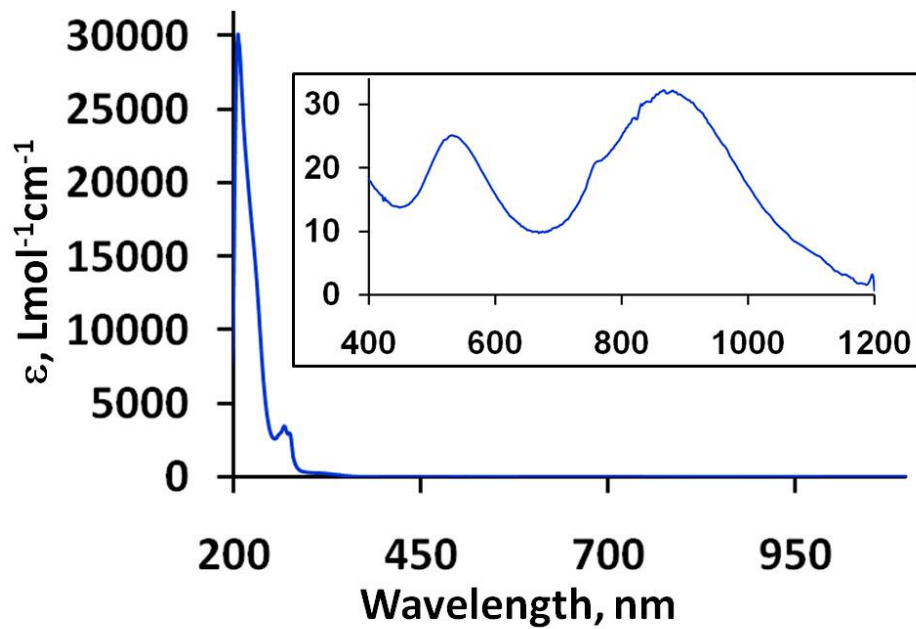


Figure S14. UV-Vis/NIR spectrum of $[\text{CuCl}(\text{pz}_4\text{lut})](\text{Cl})$ in MeOH.

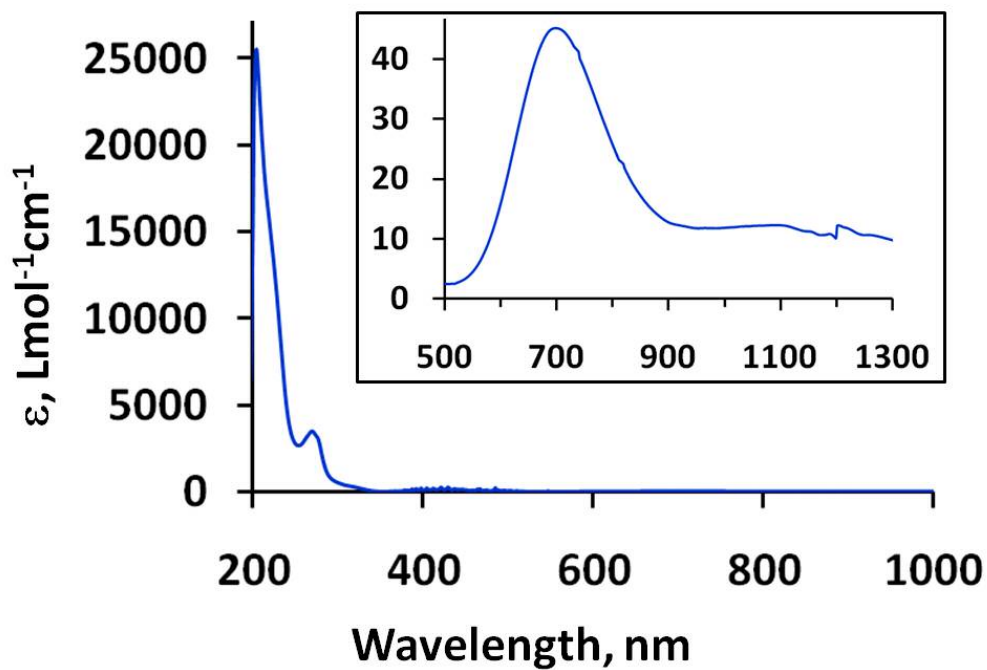


Figure S15. UV-Vis/NIR spectrum of $[\text{ZnCl}(\text{pz}_4\text{lut})][\text{ZnCl}_3(\text{MeOH})]$ in MeOH.

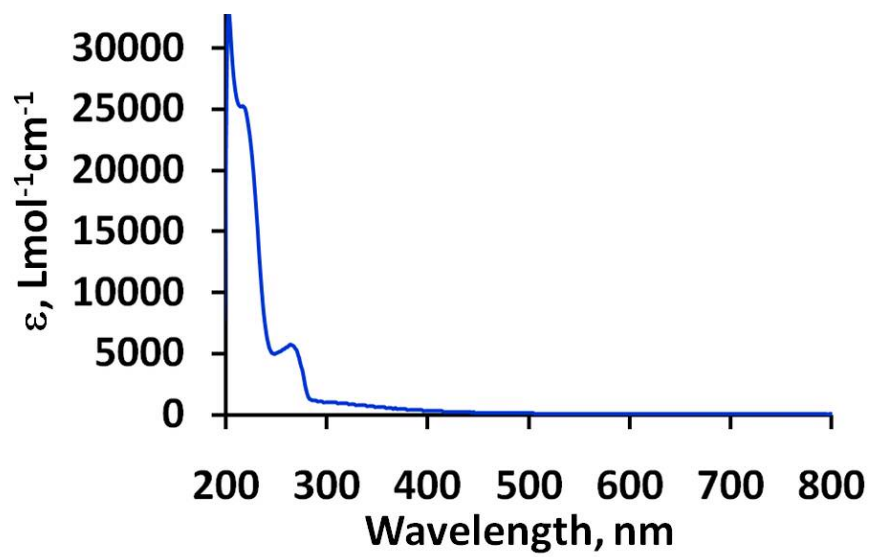


Figure S16. EPR spectra of $[\text{MnCl}(\text{pz}_4\text{lut})](\text{Cl}) \cdot \text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$ as a frozen dispersion in silicone oil. Transitions at $g_{\text{eff}} \sim 10, 6$ and 2 would be expected for a perfectly axial ($E/D = 0$) system with 7 cm^{-1} (10 K) $> \Delta \gg 0.3 \text{ cm}^{-1}$. The complexity of the spectrum suggests that either the zero-field splitting is not sufficiently large that the Zeeman interaction can be treated as a perturbation (*i.e.* $\Delta \approx 0.3 \text{ cm}^{-1}$), and/or that there is a significant rhombic zero field splitting term ($E/D > 0$).

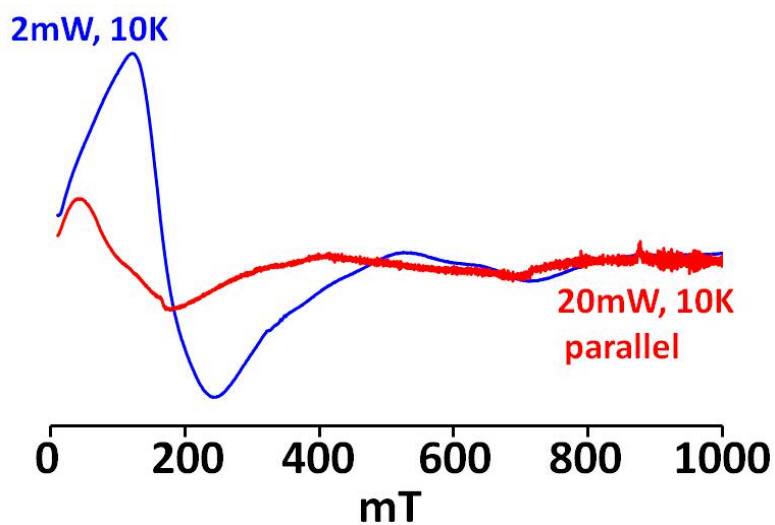


Figure S17. EPR spectra of $[\text{FeCl}(\text{pz}_4\text{lut})](\text{Cl}) \cdot \text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$ as a frozen dispersion in silicone oil. The parallel mode signal at $g_{\text{eff}} \sim 9$ is due to Fe(II), the dominant species. The perpendicular mode signal reveals traces of Fe(III)

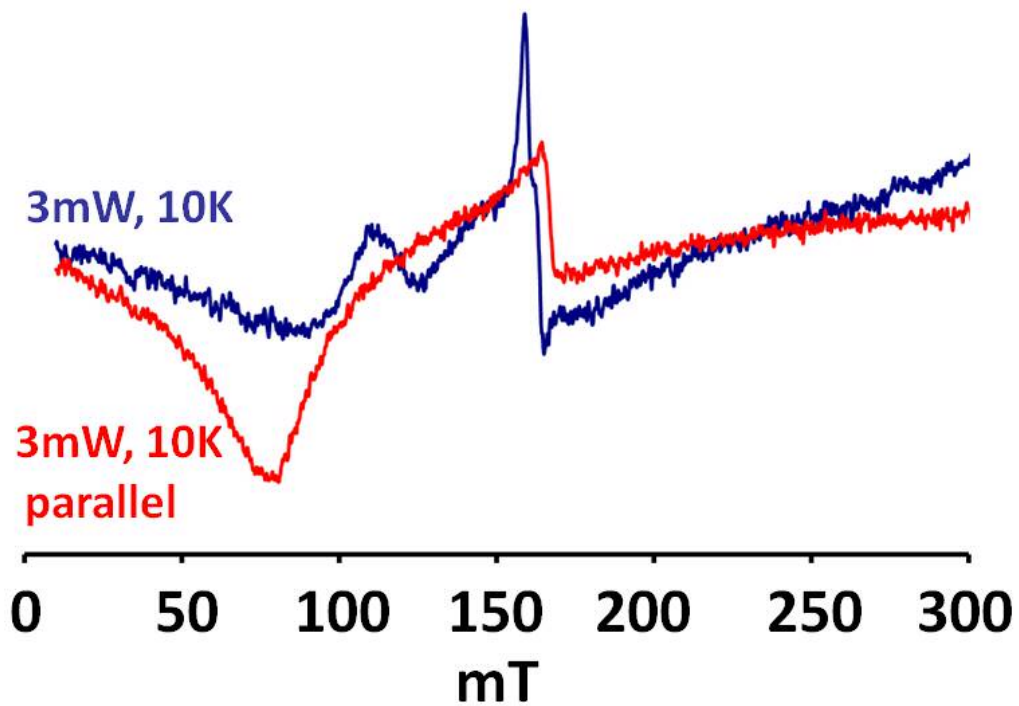


Figure S18. EPR spectra of $[\text{CoCl}(\text{pz}_4\text{lut})](\text{Cl}) \cdot \text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$ as a frozen dispersion in silicone oil. The major resonances at $g_{\text{eff}} = 4.3$ and 2.3 indicate $S = 3/2$ with $\Delta \gg g\beta BS$ and $M_S = |\pm 1/2\rangle$. The small feature at $g_{\text{eff}} = 11.5$ is likely due to spin-spin interaction between $\text{Co}(\text{II})$ ions ($S = 0, 1, 2, 3$).

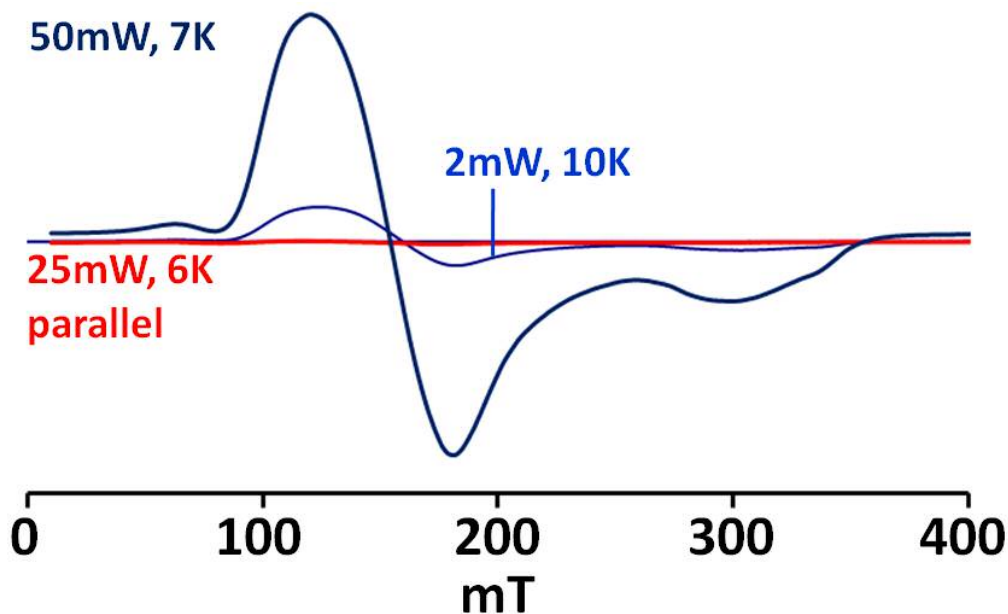


Figure S19. EPR spectra of $[\text{CuCl}(\text{pz}_4\text{lut})](\text{Cl})$ as a frozen dispersion in silicone oil. g_{\parallel} and A_{\parallel} are indicative of nitrogen ligation of $\text{Cu}(\text{II})$. The shoulder to the high field side of the main g_{\perp} peak, and its partner to the low field side, are due to dipolar interaction between adjacent $\text{Cu}(\text{II})$ ions.

