

## Three new types of transition metal carboranylamidinate complexes

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## 1. Magnetic moments

The magnetic moments were determined with the Gouy method at 293 K, using the magnetic balance Johnson Matthey MSB MK I. Diamagnetic correction have been applied as  $\chi_{\text{mol, corr}} = \chi_{\text{mol}} - \chi_{\text{mol, dia}}$  while  $\chi_{\text{mol, dia}}$  was calculated as the sum of the molar diamagnetic susceptibility of each atom. The molar diamagnetic susceptibility values of the atoms were taken from literature [S1] as  $\chi_{\text{mol, dia}}^{\text{O}} = -4.61 \cdot 10^{-6} \text{ emu / mol}$ ,  $\chi_{\text{mol, dia}}^{\text{C(THF)}} = -6 \cdot 10^{-6} \text{ emu / mol}$ ,  $\chi_{\text{mol, dia}}^{\text{Li}} = -4.2 \cdot 10^{-6} \text{ emu / mol}$ ,  $\chi_{\text{mol, dia}}^{\text{Cl}} = -2.6 \cdot 10^{-5} \text{ emu / mol}$ ,  $\chi_{\text{mol, dia}}^{\text{Mn(III)}} = -1.1 \cdot 10^{-5} \text{ emu / mol}$ ,  $\chi_{\text{mol, dia}}^{\text{Mn(II)}} = -1.4 \cdot 10^{-5} \text{ emu / mol}$ .

S1 H. Landolt, R. Börnstein, O. Madelung, *Numerical data and functional relationships in science and technology: new series - Macroscopic and technical properties of matter*, Springer, Berlin, 1974.

### Results:

**Sample:  $\text{Mn}_4\text{Cl}_6[(o\text{-C}_2\text{B}_{10}\text{H}_{10})\text{C}(\text{N}^i\text{Pr})(\text{NH}^i\text{Pr})]_2(\text{THF})_4 \cdot \text{THF}$  (2)**

$$\chi_{\text{mol}} = 0.0354 \text{ emu / mol}$$

$$\chi_{\text{mol, dia}} = -4.89 \cdot 10^{-4} \text{ emu/mol}$$

$$\chi_{\text{mol, corr}} = 0.0359 \text{ emu / mol}$$

$$\mu/\mu_{\text{B}} \text{ (for one Mn ion)} = 4.60$$

**Sample:  $[\text{Li}(\text{DME})_3][\text{FeCl}_2\{(o\text{-C}_2\text{B}_{10}\text{H}_{10})\text{C}(\text{N}^i\text{Pr})(\text{NH}^i\text{Pr})\}]$  (3)**

$$\chi_{\text{mol}} = 0.0133 \text{ emu / mol}$$

$$\chi_{\text{mol, dia}} = -2.32 \cdot 10^{-4} \text{ emu/mol}$$

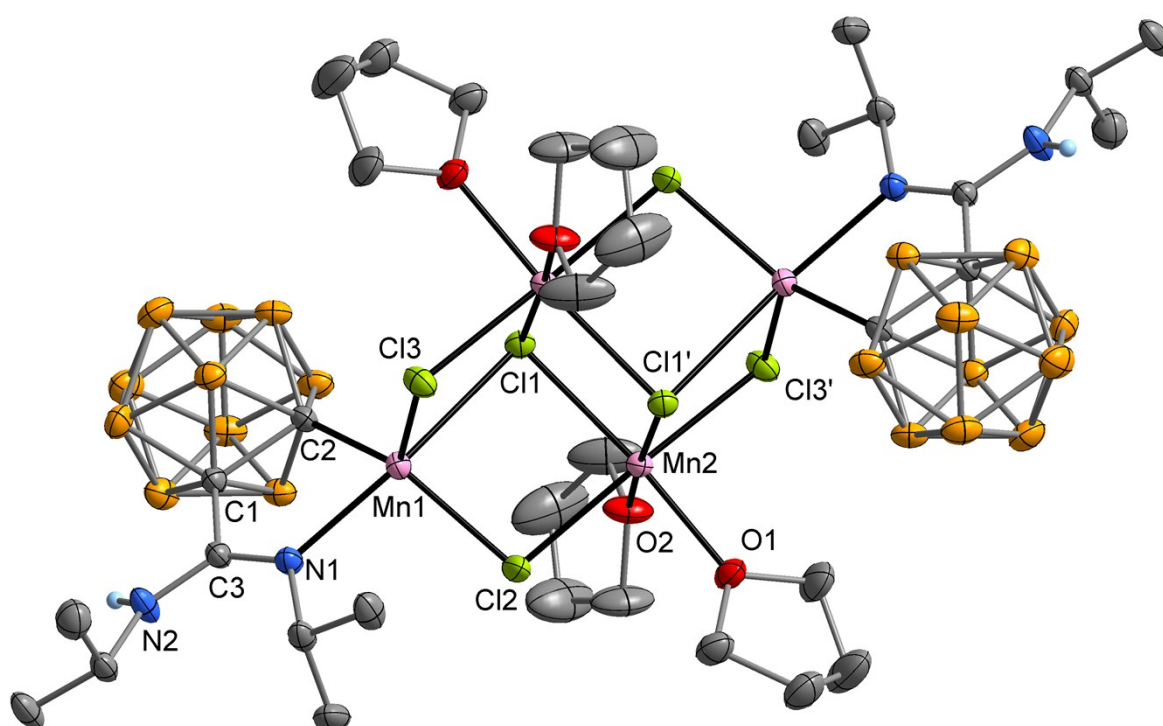
$$\chi_{\text{mol, corr}} = 0.0135 \text{ emu / mol}$$

$$\mu/\mu_{\text{B}} = 5.64$$

## 2. X-Ray crystallographic data for **2**, **3** and **4**

### STRUCTURE REPORT for Compound **2**

**Crystallographer:** P. Liebing  
**ID code:** LI0266  
**Compound:**  $\text{Mn}_4\text{Cl}_6\{(\text{C}_2\text{B}_{10}\text{H}_{10})\text{C}(\text{NiPr})(\text{NHiPr})\}_2(\text{THF})_4 \cdot \text{THF}$  (**2**)  
**Formula sum:**  $\text{C}_{38}\text{H}_{90}\text{B}_{20}\text{Cl}_6\text{Mn}_4\text{N}_4\text{O}_5$   
**Formula moieties:**  $\text{C}_{34}\text{H}_{82}\text{B}_{20}\text{Cl}_6\text{Mn}_4\text{N}_4\text{O}_4$ ,  $\text{C}_4\text{H}_8\text{O}$



**Figure S1.** Molecular structure of **2**. Displacement ellipsoids with 50% probability, H atoms omitted for clarity.

**Table S1.** Crystallographic Data and Details on Structure Refinement for Compound **2**.

|  |  |
|--|--|
| formula sum  | $C_{38}H_{90}B_{20}Cl_6Mn_4N_4O_5$                                     |
| formula weight   | 1331.79  |
| crystal color / shape / size (mm)  | colorless prisms / $0.24 \times 0.20 \times 0.17$                      |
| crystal system   | monoclinic   |
| space group  | $P2_1/n$   |
| unit cell parameters   |  |
| a (Å)  | 10.7605(4)   |
| b (Å)  | 19.0431(7)   |
| c (Å)  | 16.0549(6)   |
| $\alpha$ (deg)   | 90   |
| $\beta$ (deg)  | 92.892(3)  |
| $\gamma$ (deg)   | 90   |
| unit cell volume $V$ (Å <sup>3</sup> )   | 3285.7(2)  |
| molecules per cell $z$   | 2  |
| crystallographic density $\rho_{\text{calcd}}$ (g cm <sup>-3</sup> )   | 1.346  |
| absorption coefficient $\mu$ (mm <sup>-1</sup> )   | 1.036  |
| diffractometer   | STOE IPDS 2T   |
| radiation ( $\lambda$ [Å])   | graphite-monochromated Mo-K $\alpha$ (0.71073)                         |
| temperature (°C)   | -120   |
| scan type [S2]   | $\omega$ scan (increment 1.5°, exposure 3 min)                         |
| completeness of dataset  | 100%   |
| $\theta$ range of data collection (deg)  | 2.176 to 25.999  |
| reflections collected  | 22893 ( $-13 \leq h \leq 13, -23 \leq k \leq 23, -19 \leq l \leq 19$ ) |
| independent reflections  | 6452 ( $R_{\text{int}} = 0.0449$ )                                     |
| independent reflections with $I > 2\sigma(I)$  | 5387   |
| structure solution method  | heavy atom methods (SIR-97) [S36]                                      |
| refinement method  | full-matrix least-squares on $F^2$ (SHELXL 2016/4) [S4]                |
| absorption correction method   | numerical  |
| range of transmission factors  | 0.7950 to 0.8986   |
| data / parameters / restraints   | 6452 / 374 / 70 <sup>a</sup>   |
| goodness of fit (GooF) [all data]  | 1.020  |
| final R values   |  |
| $R_1$ [all data, $I \geq 2\sigma(I)$ ]   | 0.0446, 0.0331   |
| $wR_2$ [all data, $I \geq 2\sigma(I)$ ]  | 0.0757, 0.0721   |
| largest difference peak and hole   | 0.522 and $-0.320 \text{ eÅ}^{-3}$                                     |
| Extinction coefficient   | –  |
| Refinement special details: The free THF molecule (O3, C18–C21) is located on an inversion center and therefore disordered over two orientations (site occupancy factors constrained to 0.5). <sup>a</sup> Restraints on interatomic distances and anisotropic displacement parameters (SADI, SIMU) of the disordered atoms. |  |
| [S2] Stoe & Cie 2002. X-Area. Stoe & Cie, Darmstadt, Germany.  |  |

- [S3] A. Altomare, M. C. Burla, M. Camalli, G. Cascarano, C. Giacovazzo, A. Guagliardi, A. G. G. Moliterni, G. Polidori & R. Spagna, *J. Appl. Cryst.* 1999, **32**, 115-119.
- [S4] G. M. Sheldrick, *Acta Cryst.* 2015, **C71**, 3-8.

**Table S2.** Atomic Coordinates ( $\times 10^4$ ) and Equivalent Isotropic Displacement Parameters ( $\times 10^3$ ) for Compound **2**.

| Atom  | x        | y        | z        | $U_{\text{eq}} / \text{\AA}^2$ |
|-------|----------|----------|----------|--------------------------------|
| C(1)  | -1300(2) | 6911(1)  | 457(1)   | 19(1)                          |
| C(2)  | -798(2)  | 7588(1)  | -68(1)   | 20(1)                          |
| C(3)  | -1723(2) | 7076(1)  | 1330(1)  | 19(1)                          |
| C(4)  | -1974(2) | 7921(1)  | 2430(1)  | 25(1)                          |
| C(5)  | -847(2)  | 7784(1)  | 3013(1)  | 35(1)                          |
| C(6)  | -2361(2) | 8688(1)  | 2452(1)  | 31(1)                          |
| C(7)  | -2792(2) | 6352(1)  | 2453(1)  | 24(1)                          |
| C(8)  | -2649(3) | 5576(1)  | 2655(1)  | 36(1)                          |
| C(9)  | -4132(2) | 6547(1)  | 2265(2)  | 37(1)                          |
| C(10) | 1988(2)  | 10383(1) | 2528(1)  | 33(1)                          |
| C(11) | 2675(3)  | 10962(2) | 2987(2)  | 47(1)                          |
| C(12) | 3906(3)  | 10956(2) | 2574(2)  | 69(1)                          |
| C(13) | 3560(2)  | 10803(2) | 1690(2)  | 46(1)                          |
| C(14) | 3608(3)  | 8857(2)  | -125(2)  | 68(1)                          |
| C(15) | 4040(4)  | 8170(2)  | 139(2)   | 93(1)                          |
| C(16) | 4182(5)  | 8187(2)  | 1049(2)  | 88(1)                          |
| C(17) | 3823(3)  | 8893(2)  | 1311(2)  | 56(1)                          |
| C(18) | -409(14) | 9671(7)  | 4366(8)  | 94(3)                          |
| C(19) | -643(15) | 9606(7)  | 5249(8)  | 97(3)                          |
| C(20) | 36(13)   | 10178(7) | 5656(8)  | 89(3)                          |
| C(21) | 550(13)  | 10582(7) | 4976(6)  | 83(3)                          |
| B(1)  | -2224(2) | 7225(1)  | -351(1)  | 23(1)                          |
| B(2)  | -1177(2) | 7462(1)  | -1104(1) | 25(1)                          |
| B(3)  | -2062(2) | 6304(1)  | -167(2)  | 28(1)                          |
| B(4)  | -1975(2) | 6646(2)  | -1186(2) | 30(1)                          |
| B(5)  | 248(2)   | 6976(1)  | 322(1)   | 23(1)                          |
| B(6)  | 341(2)   | 7309(1)  | -694(1)  | 26(1)                          |
| B(7)  | -528(2)  | 6148(1)  | 246(1)   | 26(1)                          |
| B(8)  | -913(3)  | 5982(1)  | -816(2)  | 32(1)                          |
| B(9)  | -373(3)  | 6697(1)  | -1404(2) | 30(1)                          |
| B(10) | 525(2)   | 6393(1)  | -510(2)  | 29(1)                          |
| N(1)  | -1694(2) | 7722(1)  | 1565(1)  | 21(1)                          |
| N(2)  | -2031(2) | 6484(1)  | 1731(1)  | 27(1)                          |
| O(1)  | 2440(1)  | 10390(1) | 1695(1)  | 29(1)                          |
| O(2)  | 3175(2)  | 9198(1)  | 588(1)   | 36(1)                          |
| O(3)  | 42(7)    | 10354(4) | 4186(3)  | 93(2)                          |
| CL1   | 263(1)   | 9251(1)  | -551(1)  | 22(1)                          |
| CL2   | 629(1)   | 9028(1)  | 1589(1)  | 34(1)                          |
| CL3   | -2646(1) | 9323(1)  | 363(1)   | 26(1)                          |
| MN1   | -967(1)  | 8515(1)  | 689(1)   | 21(1)                          |
| MN2   | 1543(1)  | 9882(1)  | 608(1)   | 20(1)                          |

**Table S3.** Interatomic Distances for Compound **2**. Symmetry transformations used to generate equivalent atoms: #1 -x,-y+2,-z+1 #2 -x,-y+2,-z

| Atom 1 | Atom 2  | d / Å     | Atom 1 | Atom 2  | d / Å     |
|--------|---------|-----------|--------|---------|-----------|
| C(1)   | C(3)    | 1.528(3)  | C(21)  | C(20)#1 | 1.861(19) |
| C(1)   | C(2)    | 1.647(3)  | B(1)   | B(2)    | 1.754(3)  |
| C(1)   | B(5)    | 1.695(3)  | B(1)   | B(4)    | 1.768(3)  |
| C(1)   | B(1)    | 1.702(3)  | B(1)   | B(3)    | 1.786(3)  |
| C(1)   | B(3)    | 1.711(3)  | B(2)   | B(6)    | 1.754(3)  |
| C(1)   | B(7)    | 1.715(3)  | B(2)   | B(9)    | 1.773(4)  |
| C(2)   | B(6)    | 1.708(3)  | B(2)   | B(4)    | 1.778(4)  |
| C(2)   | B(2)    | 1.710(3)  | B(3)   | B(8)    | 1.767(4)  |
| C(2)   | B(5)    | 1.716(3)  | B(3)   | B(4)    | 1.769(4)  |
| C(2)   | B(1)    | 1.724(3)  | B(3)   | B(7)    | 1.773(4)  |
| C(2)   | MN1     | 2.156(2)  | B(4)   | B(9)    | 1.779(4)  |
| C(3)   | N(1)    | 1.288(3)  | B(4)   | B(8)    | 1.786(4)  |
| C(3)   | N(2)    | 1.348(3)  | B(5)   | B(6)    | 1.756(3)  |
| C(4)   | N(1)    | 1.484(2)  | B(5)   | B(10)   | 1.774(3)  |
| C(4)   | C(5)    | 1.517(3)  | B(5)   | B(7)    | 1.787(4)  |
| C(4)   | C(6)    | 1.521(3)  | B(6)   | B(9)    | 1.778(4)  |
| C(7)   | N(2)    | 1.474(3)  | B(6)   | B(10)   | 1.780(4)  |
| C(7)   | C(9)    | 1.505(3)  | B(7)   | B(8)    | 1.764(3)  |
| C(7)   | C(8)    | 1.518(3)  | B(7)   | B(10)   | 1.765(4)  |
| C(10)  | O(1)    | 1.446(3)  | B(8)   | B(9)    | 1.773(4)  |
| C(10)  | C(11)   | 1.500(3)  | B(8)   | B(10)   | 1.782(4)  |
| C(11)  | C(12)   | 1.511(4)  | B(9)   | B(10)   | 1.786(3)  |
| C(12)  | C(13)   | 1.477(4)  | N(1)   | MN1     | 2.232(2)  |
| C(13)  | O(1)    | 1.440(3)  | O(1)   | MN2     | 2.178(1)  |
| C(14)  | O(2)    | 1.416(3)  | O(2)   | MN2     | 2.188(2)  |
| C(14)  | C(15)   | 1.445(5)  | O(3)   | C(20)#1 | 1.050(1)  |
| C(15)  | C(16)   | 1.462(5)  | O(3)   | C(19)#1 | 1.090(2)  |
| C(16)  | C(17)   | 1.465(5)  | CL1    | MN2#2   | 2.548(1)  |
| C(17)  | O(2)    | 1.445(3)  | CL1    | MN2     | 2.558(1)  |
| C(18)  | O(3)    | 1.423(11) | CL1    | MN1     | 2.819(1)  |
| C(18)  | C(19)   | 1.458(8)  | CL2    | MN1     | 2.395(1)  |
| C(19)  | C(20)   | 1.449(9)  | CL2    | MN2     | 2.501(1)  |
| C(19)  | C(18)#1 | 1.868(19) | CL3    | MN1     | 2.409(1)  |
| C(20)  | C(21)   | 1.467(7)  | CL3    | MN2#2   | 2.513(1)  |
| C(20)  | C(21)#1 | 1.861(19) | MN2    | CL3#2   | 2.513(1)  |
| C(21)  | O(3)    | 1.424(10) | MN2    | CL1#2   | 2.548(1)  |

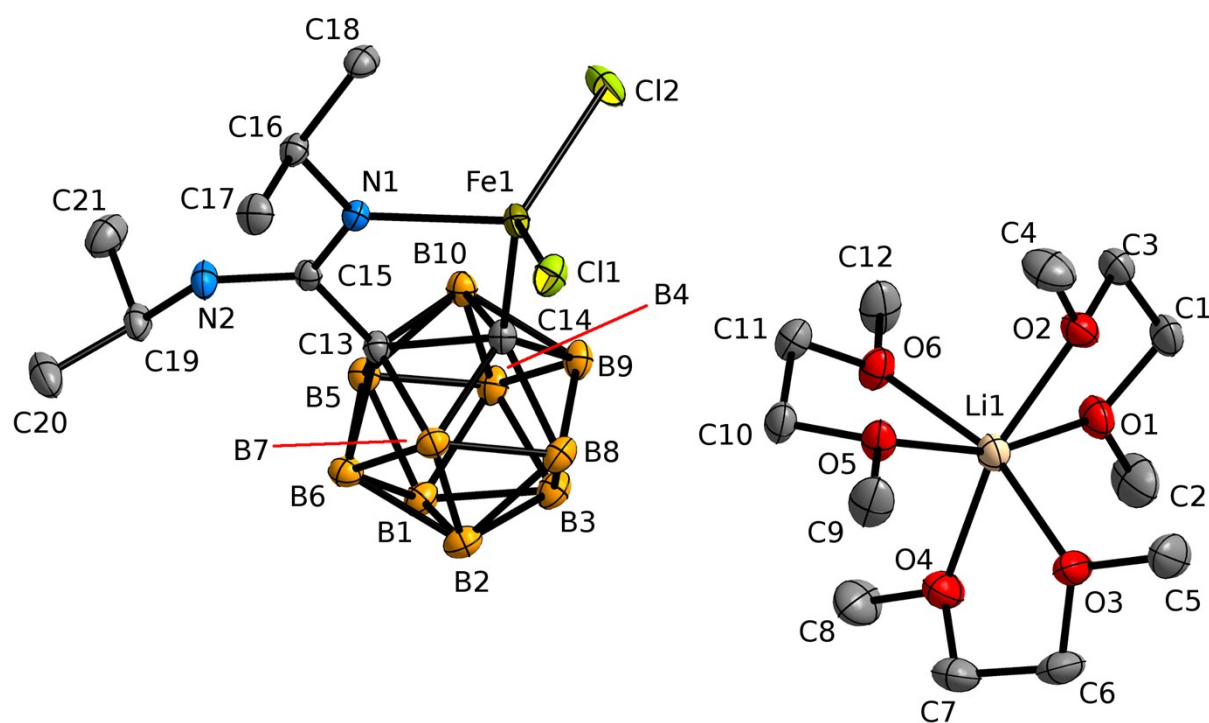


**Table S4.** Interatomic Angles (deg.) for Compound 2. Symmetry transformations used to generate equivalent atoms: #1 -x,-y+2,-z+1 #2 -x,-y+2,-z

| Atom 1 | Atom 2 | Atom 3 | Angle / °  | Atom 1 | Atom 2 | Atom 3 | Angle / °  |
|--------|--------|--------|------------|--------|--------|--------|------------|
| C(3)   | C(1)   | C(2)   | 115.37(15) | B(6)   | B(5)   | B(10)  | 60.55(14)  |
| C(3)   | C(1)   | B(5)   | 116.27(16) | C(1)   | B(5)   | B(7)   | 58.97(13)  |
| C(2)   | C(1)   | B(5)   | 61.79(13)  | C(2)   | B(5)   | B(7)   | 106.22(16) |
| C(3)   | C(1)   | B(1)   | 115.85(16) | B(6)   | B(5)   | B(7)   | 107.72(16) |
| C(2)   | C(1)   | B(1)   | 61.92(12)  | B(10)  | B(5)   | B(7)   | 59.43(14)  |
| B(5)   | C(1)   | B(1)   | 114.65(15) | C(2)   | B(6)   | B(2)   | 59.17(12)  |
| C(3)   | C(1)   | B(3)   | 121.24(17) | C(2)   | B(6)   | B(5)   | 59.37(12)  |
| C(2)   | C(1)   | B(3)   | 112.98(15) | B(2)   | B(6)   | B(5)   | 108.26(17) |
| B(5)   | C(1)   | B(3)   | 114.87(16) | C(2)   | B(6)   | B(9)   | 106.37(17) |
| B(1)   | C(1)   | B(3)   | 63.11(14)  | B(2)   | B(6)   | B(9)   | 60.27(14)  |
| C(3)   | C(1)   | B(7)   | 121.62(16) | B(5)   | B(6)   | B(9)   | 108.41(18) |
| C(2)   | C(1)   | B(7)   | 112.89(16) | C(2)   | B(6)   | B(10)  | 106.55(17) |
| B(5)   | C(1)   | B(7)   | 63.19(14)  | B(2)   | B(6)   | B(10)  | 108.59(18) |
| B(1)   | C(1)   | B(7)   | 114.72(16) | B(5)   | B(6)   | B(10)  | 60.21(14)  |
| B(3)   | C(1)   | B(7)   | 62.31(14)  | B(9)   | B(6)   | B(10)  | 60.27(15)  |
| C(1)   | C(2)   | B(6)   | 108.68(16) | C(1)   | B(7)   | B(8)   | 104.46(17) |
| C(1)   | C(2)   | B(2)   | 108.62(15) | C(1)   | B(7)   | B(10)  | 104.20(17) |
| B(6)   | C(2)   | B(2)   | 61.76(13)  | B(8)   | B(7)   | B(10)  | 60.64(15)  |
| C(1)   | C(2)   | B(5)   | 60.49(12)  | C(1)   | B(7)   | B(3)   | 58.73(13)  |
| B(6)   | C(2)   | B(5)   | 61.71(13)  | B(8)   | B(7)   | B(3)   | 59.95(14)  |
| B(2)   | C(2)   | B(5)   | 112.25(16) | B(10)  | B(7)   | B(3)   | 108.46(17) |
| C(1)   | C(2)   | B(1)   | 60.63(12)  | C(1)   | B(7)   | B(5)   | 57.85(13)  |
| B(6)   | C(2)   | B(1)   | 112.08(16) | B(8)   | B(7)   | B(5)   | 108.06(17) |
| B(2)   | C(2)   | B(1)   | 61.44(13)  | B(10)  | B(7)   | B(5)   | 59.92(14)  |
| B(5)   | C(2)   | B(1)   | 112.47(16) | B(3)   | B(7)   | B(5)   | 107.50(17) |
| C(1)   | C(2)   | MN1    | 108.32(12) | B(7)   | B(8)   | B(3)   | 60.27(14)  |
| B(6)   | C(2)   | MN1    | 132.05(14) | B(7)   | B(8)   | B(9)   | 108.03(18) |
| B(2)   | C(2)   | MN1    | 129.85(14) | B(3)   | B(8)   | B(9)   | 107.80(18) |
| B(5)   | C(2)   | MN1    | 115.03(12) | B(7)   | B(8)   | B(10)  | 59.70(14)  |
| B(1)   | C(2)   | MN1    | 112.20(13) | B(3)   | B(8)   | B(10)  | 107.96(17) |
| N(1)   | C(3)   | N(2)   | 131.46(18) | B(9)   | B(8)   | B(10)  | 60.33(15)  |
| N(1)   | C(3)   | C(1)   | 117.51(17) | B(7)   | B(8)   | B(4)   | 108.05(17) |
| N(2)   | C(3)   | C(1)   | 110.99(17) | B(3)   | B(8)   | B(4)   | 59.71(15)  |
| N(1)   | C(4)   | C(5)   | 109.91(18) | B(9)   | B(8)   | B(4)   | 60.01(15)  |
| N(1)   | C(4)   | C(6)   | 109.60(17) | B(10)  | B(8)   | B(4)   | 108.23(19) |
| C(5)   | C(4)   | C(6)   | 111.25(19) | B(8)   | B(9)   | B(2)   | 108.02(18) |
| N(2)   | C(7)   | C(9)   | 111.37(18) | B(8)   | B(9)   | B(6)   | 107.78(17) |
| N(2)   | C(7)   | C(8)   | 106.25(18) | B(2)   | B(9)   | B(6)   | 59.21(14)  |
| C(9)   | C(7)   | C(8)   | 111.7(2)   | B(8)   | B(9)   | B(4)   | 60.36(16)  |
| O(1)   | C(10)  | C(11)  | 105.54(19) | B(2)   | B(9)   | B(4)   | 60.06(15)  |
| C(10)  | C(11)  | C(12)  | 101.5(2)   | B(6)   | B(9)   | B(4)   | 107.54(17) |
| C(13)  | C(12)  | C(11)  | 103.9(2)   | B(8)   | B(9)   | B(10)  | 60.08(15)  |
| O(1)   | C(13)  | C(12)  | 105.9(2)   | B(2)   | B(9)   | B(10)  | 107.46(17) |

| Atom 1 | Atom 2 | Atom 3  | Angle / °  | Atom 1  | Atom 2 | Atom 3  | Angle / °  |
|--------|--------|---------|------------|---------|--------|---------|------------|
| O(2)   | C(14)  | C(15)   | 107.0(3)   | B(6)    | B(9)   | B(10)   | 59.91(14)  |
| C(14)  | C(15)  | C(16)   | 106.7(3)   | B(4)    | B(9)   | B(10)   | 108.31(18) |
| C(15)  | C(16)  | C(17)   | 107.0(3)   | B(7)    | B(10)  | B(5)    | 60.65(13)  |
| O(2)   | C(17)  | C(16)   | 105.2(2)   | B(7)    | B(10)  | B(6)    | 107.66(17) |
| O(3)   | C(18)  | C(19)   | 110.6(9)   | B(5)    | B(10)  | B(6)    | 59.24(13)  |
| C(20)  | C(19)  | C(18)   | 105.5(9)   | B(7)    | B(10)  | B(8)    | 59.66(14)  |
| C(20)  | C(19)  | C(18)#1 | 9.3(8)     | B(5)    | B(10)  | B(8)    | 107.86(17) |
| C(18)  | C(19)  | C(18)#1 | 97.3(11)   | B(6)    | B(10)  | B(8)    | 107.30(18) |
| C(19)  | C(20)  | C(21)   | 105.1(8)   | B(7)    | B(10)  | B(9)    | 107.39(18) |
| C(19)  | C(20)  | C(21)#1 | 11.3(9)    | B(5)    | B(10)  | B(9)    | 107.28(17) |
| C(21)  | C(20)  | C(21)#1 | 97.6(10)   | B(6)    | B(10)  | B(9)    | 59.82(14)  |
| O(3)   | C(21)  | C(20)   | 111.1(9)   | B(8)    | B(10)  | B(9)    | 59.58(15)  |
| O(3)   | C(21)  | C(20)#1 | 34.1(4)    | C(3)    | N(1)   | C(4)    | 121.02(17) |
| C(20)  | C(21)  | C(20)#1 | 82.4(10)   | C(3)    | N(1)   | MN1     | 117.77(13) |
| C(1)   | B(1)   | C(2)    | 57.45(11)  | C(4)    | N(1)   | MN1     | 120.72(12) |
| C(1)   | B(1)   | B(2)    | 104.14(16) | C(3)    | N(2)   | C(7)    | 132.70(18) |
| C(2)   | B(1)   | B(2)    | 58.90(12)  | C(13)   | O(1)   | C(10)   | 109.26(16) |
| C(1)   | B(1)   | B(4)    | 104.66(17) | C(13)   | O(1)   | MN2     | 125.19(13) |
| C(2)   | B(1)   | B(4)    | 106.46(16) | C(10)   | O(1)   | MN2     | 125.53(13) |
| B(2)   | B(1)   | B(4)    | 60.65(14)  | C(14)   | O(2)   | C(17)   | 107.4(2)   |
| C(1)   | B(1)   | B(3)    | 58.69(13)  | C(14)   | O(2)   | MN2     | 125.58(15) |
| C(2)   | B(1)   | B(3)    | 105.82(16) | C(17)   | O(2)   | MN2     | 125.69(15) |
| B(2)   | B(1)   | B(3)    | 107.84(17) | C(20)#1 | O(3)   | C(19)#1 | 85.3(8)    |
| B(4)   | B(1)   | B(3)    | 59.70(14)  | C(20)#1 | O(3)   | C(18)   | 15.4(12)   |
| C(2)   | B(2)   | B(1)    | 59.66(12)  | C(19)#1 | O(3)   | C(18)   | 95.1(9)    |
| C(2)   | B(2)   | B(6)    | 59.07(12)  | C(20)#1 | O(3)   | C(21)   | 96.4(9)    |
| B(1)   | B(2)   | B(6)    | 108.45(16) | C(19)#1 | O(3)   | C(21)   | 18.6(12)   |
| C(2)   | B(2)   | B(9)    | 106.50(16) | C(18)   | O(3)   | C(21)   | 102.6(10)  |
| B(1)   | B(2)   | B(9)    | 108.36(18) | MN2#2   | CL1    | MN2     | 95.925(18) |
| B(6)   | B(2)   | B(9)    | 60.53(14)  | MN2#2   | CL1    | MN1     | 87.873(17) |
| C(2)   | B(2)   | B(4)    | 106.58(16) | MN2     | CL1    | MN1     | 88.563(16) |
| B(1)   | B(2)   | B(4)    | 60.05(14)  | MN1     | CL2    | MN2     | 100.25(2)  |
| B(6)   | B(2)   | B(4)    | 108.65(18) | MN1     | CL3    | MN2#2   | 98.47(2)   |
| B(9)   | B(2)   | B(4)    | 60.14(15)  | C(2)    | MN1    | N(1)    | 81.00(7)   |
| C(1)   | B(3)   | B(8)    | 104.50(18) | C(2)    | MN1    | CL2     | 126.52(6)  |
| C(1)   | B(3)   | B(4)    | 104.24(17) | N(1)    | MN1    | CL2     | 99.15(5)   |
| B(8)   | B(3)   | B(4)    | 60.66(15)  | C(2)    | MN1    | CL3     | 118.92(5)  |
| C(1)   | B(3)   | B(7)    | 58.96(13)  | N(1)    | MN1    | CL3     | 106.63(5)  |
| B(8)   | B(3)   | B(7)    | 59.78(14)  | CL2     | MN1    | CL3     | 112.20(2)  |
| B(4)   | B(3)   | B(7)    | 108.41(18) | C(2)    | MN1    | CL1     | 87.29(5)   |
| C(1)   | B(3)   | B(1)    | 58.21(12)  | N(1)    | MN1    | CL1     | 166.76(5)  |
| B(8)   | B(3)   | B(1)    | 107.97(18) | CL2     | MN1    | CL1     | 82.845(18) |
| B(4)   | B(3)   | B(1)    | 59.62(14)  | CL3     | MN1    | CL1     | 84.416(18) |
| B(7)   | B(3)   | B(1)    | 107.92(17) | O(1)    | MN2    | O(2)    | 87.23(6)   |
| B(1)   | B(4)   | B(3)    | 60.68(14)  | O(1)    | MN2    | CL2     | 87.50(4)   |
| B(1)   | B(4)   | B(2)    | 59.30(14)  | O(2)    | MN2    | CL2     | 87.90(5)   |

| Atom 1 | Atom 2 | Atom 3 | Angle / °  | Atom 1 | Atom 2 | Atom 3 | Angle / °  |
|--------|--------|--------|------------|--------|--------|--------|------------|
| B(3)   | B(4)   | B(2)   | 107.56(16) | O(1)   | MN2    | CL3#2  | 91.46(4)   |
| B(1)   | B(4)   | B(9)   | 107.49(17) | O(2)   | MN2    | CL3#2  | 86.87(5)   |
| B(3)   | B(4)   | B(9)   | 107.42(18) | CL2    | MN2    | CL3#2  | 174.70(2)  |
| B(2)   | B(4)   | B(9)   | 59.80(14)  | O(1)   | MN2    | CL1#2  | 92.74(5)   |
| B(1)   | B(4)   | B(8)   | 107.98(17) | O(2)   | MN2    | CL1#2  | 175.17(5)  |
| B(3)   | B(4)   | B(8)   | 59.62(14)  | CL2    | MN2    | CL1#2  | 96.93(2)   |
| B(2)   | B(4)   | B(8)   | 107.23(18) | CL3#2  | MN2    | CL1#2  | 88.305(19) |
| B(9)   | B(4)   | B(8)   | 59.63(15)  | O(1)   | MN2    | CL1    | 172.75(4)  |
| C(1)   | B(5)   | C(2)   | 57.72(12)  | O(2)   | MN2    | CL1    | 96.49(5)   |
| C(1)   | B(5)   | B(6)   | 104.33(16) | CL2    | MN2    | CL1    | 86.431(18) |
| C(2)   | B(5)   | B(6)   | 58.92(13)  | CL3#2  | MN2    | CL1    | 94.941(19) |
| C(1)   | B(5)   | B(10)  | 104.68(16) | CL1#2  | MN2    | CL1    | 84.075(18) |
| C(2)   | B(5)   | B(10)  | 106.46(15) |        |        |        |            |

**STRUCTURE REPORT for Compound 3****Crystallographer:** F. Engelhardt**ID code:** FE0004**Compound:**  $[\text{FeCl}_2\{(\text{C}_2\text{B}_{10}\text{H}_{10})\text{C}(\text{NiPr})(\text{NHiPr})\}][\text{Li}(\text{DME})_2](\mathbf{3})$ **Formula sum:**  $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{55}\text{B}_{10}\text{Cl}_2\text{FeLiN}_2\text{O}_6$ **Formula moieties:**  $\text{C}_9\text{H}_{25}\text{B}_{10}\text{N}_2\text{FeCl}_2$ ,  $\text{C}_{12}\text{H}_{30}\text{O}_6\text{Li}$ 

**Figure S2.** Molecular structure of **3** in the crystal. Anisotropic displacement parameters are shown at the 50% probability level, H atoms omitted for clarity.

**Table S5.** Crystallographic Data and Details on Structure Refinement for Compound **3**.

|   |  |
|---|--|
| formula sum   | C <sub>21</sub> H <sub>55</sub> B <sub>10</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub> N <sub>2</sub> O <sub>6</sub> FeLi |
| formula weight  | 673.46   |
| crystal color / shape / size (mm)                                 | orange block / 0.42 × 0.30 × 0.19  |
| crystal system  | monoclinic   |
| space group   | <i>P</i> 2 <sub>1</sub> / <i>n</i>   |
| unit cell parameters  |  |
| <i>a</i> (Å)  | 14.304(5)  |
| <i>b</i> (Å)  | 15.457(4)  |
| <i>c</i> (Å)  | 18.237(5)  |
| α (deg)   | 90   |
| β (deg)   | 110.13(2)  |
| γ (deg)   | 90   |
| unit cell volume <i>V</i> (Å <sup>3</sup> )                       | 3786(2)  |
| molecules per cell <i>z</i>                                       | 4  |
| crystallographic density ρ <sub>calcd</sub> (g cm <sup>-3</sup> ) | 1.182  |
| absorption coefficient μ (mm <sup>-1</sup> )                      | 0.573  |
| diffractometer  | STOE IPDS 2T   |
| radiation (λ [Å])   | graphite-monochromated Mo-Kα (0.71073)   |
| temperature (°C)  | -173   |
| scan type [S2]  | ω scan (increment 1°, exposure 8 min)  |
| completeness of dataset   | 97.2%  |
| θ range of data collection (deg)                                  | 1.775 to 29.194  |
| reflections collected   | 27045 (-19 ≤ <i>h</i> ≤ 19, -21 ≤ <i>k</i> ≤ 17, -24 ≤ <i>l</i> ≤ 24)                              |
| independent reflections   | 9728 ( <i>R</i> <sub>int</sub> = 0.0395)   |
| independent reflections with <i>I</i> > 2σ( <i>I</i> )            | 7588   |
| structure solution method   | dual-space algorithms (SHELXT- 2014/5) [S5]  |
| refinement method   | full-matrix least-squares on <i>F</i> <sup>2</sup> (SHELXL-2016/4) [S4]                            |
| absorption correction method                                      | numerical  |
| range of transmission factors                                     | 0.9771 to 0.9545   |
| data / parameters / restraints                                    | 9728 / 431 / 738   |
| goodness of fit (GooF) [all data]                                 | 0.950  |
| final <i>R</i> values   |  |
| <i>R</i> <sub>1</sub> [all data, <i>I</i> ≥ 2σ ( <i>I</i> )]      | 0.0561, 0.0364   |
| <i>wR</i> <sub>2</sub> [all data, <i>I</i> ≥ 2σ ( <i>I</i> )]     | 0.0787, 0.0734   |
| largest difference peak and hole                                  | 0.506 and -0.473 eÅ <sup>-3</sup>  |
| Refinement special details: None                                  |  |

[S5] G. M. Sheldrick, G. M. *Acta Cryst.* 2015, **A71**, 3–8.

**Table S6.** Atomic Coordinates ( $\times 10^4$ ) and Equivalent Isotropic Displacement Parameters ( $\times 10^3$ ) for Compound **3**.

| Atom  | x        | y       | z       | $U_{eq} / \text{\AA}^2$ |
|-------|----------|---------|---------|-------------------------|
| C(13) | 8232(1)  | 3030(1) | 8142(1) | 15(1)                   |
| C(14) | 8189(1)  | 3929(1) | 7604(1) | 17(1)                   |
| C(15) | 8679(1)  | 2263(1) | 7849(1) | 15(1)                   |
| C(16) | 9354(1)  | 1708(1) | 6908(1) | 17(1)                   |
| C(17) | 8477(1)  | 1219(1) | 6344(1) | 24(1)                   |
| C(18) | 10009(1) | 2073(1) | 6478(1) | 22(1)                   |
| C(19) | 8595(1)  | 1187(1) | 8902(1) | 21(1)                   |
| C(20) | 7966(2)  | 372(1)  | 8754(1) | 33(1)                   |
| C(21) | 9621(2)  | 1053(1) | 9502(1) | 33(1)                   |
| N(1)  | 8989(1)  | 2428(1) | 7272(1) | 14(1)                   |
| N(2)  | 8684(1)  | 1469(1) | 8154(1) | 21(1)                   |
| B(1)  | 7336(1)  | 3865(1) | 9060(1) | 21(1)                   |
| B(2)  | 6523(1)  | 3912(1) | 8066(1) | 22(1)                   |
| B(3)  | 7281(1)  | 4821(1) | 8505(1) | 23(1)                   |
| B(4)  | 8457(1)  | 4424(1) | 9135(1) | 20(1)                   |
| B(5)  | 8415(1)  | 3279(1) | 9097(1) | 18(1)                   |
| B(6)  | 7221(1)  | 2962(1) | 8435(1) | 19(1)                   |
| B(79) | 7117(1)  | 3364(1) | 7490(1) | 18(1)                   |
| B(8)  | 7149(1)  | 4502(1) | 7539(1) | 21(1)                   |
| B(9)  | 8322(1)  | 4814(1) | 8187(1) | 20(1)                   |
| B(10) | 9021(1)  | 3866(1) | 8544(1) | 18(1)                   |
| Fe(1) | 8862(1)  | 3667(1) | 6787(1) | 16(1)                   |
| Li(1) | 3537(2)  | 2543(2) | 4820(2) | 24(1)                   |
| O(1)  | 2842(1)  | 1452(1) | 4211(1) | 29(1)                   |
| C(1)  | 2196(1)  | 1025(1) | 4538(1) | 31(1)                   |
| O(2)  | 2672(1)  | 2127(1) | 5498(1) | 27(1)                   |
| C(2)  | 3146(2)  | 891(1)  | 3719(1) | 45(1)                   |
| Cl(2) | 10301(1) | 4444(1) | 7099(1) | 32(1)                   |
| O(3)  | 4869(1)  | 2030(1) | 5599(1) | 32(1)                   |
| Cl(1) | 7816(1)  | 3561(1) | 5532(1) | 24(1)                   |
| C(3)  | 1832(1)  | 1675(1) | 4986(1) | 29(1)                   |
| O(4)  | 4507(1)  | 2631(1) | 4151(1) | 34(1)                   |
| C(4)  | 2419(2)  | 2641(1) | 6047(1) | 41(1)                   |
| C(8)  | 4380(2)  | 3128(1) | 3467(1) | 45(1)                   |
| C(7)  | 5502(1)  | 2634(1) | 4675(1) | 38(1)                   |
| O(6)  | 2521(1)  | 3351(1) | 4028(1) | 26(1)                   |
| C(6)  | 5617(1)  | 1932(1) | 5259(1) | 38(1)                   |
| O(5)  | 3812(1)  | 3765(1) | 5412(1) | 25(1)                   |
| C(5)  | 4944(2)  | 1399(1) | 6179(1) | 45(1)                   |
| C(9)  | 4666(2)  | 4004(1) | 6048(1) | 38(1)                   |
| C(10) | 3477(1)  | 4442(1) | 4855(1) | 27(1)                   |
| C(12) | 1662(2)  | 3141(1) | 3380(1) | 36(1)                   |

C(11) 2466(1) 4201(1) 4307(1) 27(1)

**Table S7.** Interatomic Distances for Compound 3.

| Atom 1 | Atom 2 | d / Å    | Atom 1 | Atom 2 | d / Å    |
|--------|--------|----------|--------|--------|----------|
| Fe(1)  | Cl(2)  | 2.280(1) | C(14)  | B(7)   | 1.713(2) |
| Fe(1)  | Cl(1)  | 2.269(1) | C(13)  | B(5)   | 1.713(2) |
| Li(1)  | O(5)   | 2.143(3) | C(13)  | B(7)   | 1.709(2) |
| Li(1)  | O(4)   | 2.143(3) | C(13)  | B(6)   | 1.708(2) |
| Li(1)  | O(2)   | 2.128(3) | C(13)  | B(10)  | 1.706(2) |
| Li(1)  | O(3)   | 2.101(3) | C(14)  | B(9)   | 1.702(2) |
| N11    | Fe(1)  | 2.090(1) | C(14)  | B(8)   | 1.700(2) |
| Li(1)  | O(6)   | 2.077(3) | C(13)  | C(14)  | 1.690(2) |
| Li(1)  | O(1)   | 2.074(3) | C(13)  | C(15)  | 1.527(2) |
| C(14)  | Fe(1)  | 2.073(1) | C(16)  | C(18)  | 1.522(2) |
| B(3)   | B(4)   | 1.789(3) | C(16)  | C(17)  | 1.521(2) |
| B(6)   | B(7)   | 1.789(2) | C(19)  | C(20)  | 1.517(2) |
| B(2)   | B(3)   | 1.788(3) | C(19)  | C(21)  | 1.513(3) |
| B(5)   | B(6)   | 1.788(3) | C(1)   | C(3)   | 1.497(2) |
| B(1)   | B(2)   | 1.787(3) | C(10)  | C(11)  | 1.495(3) |
| B(5)   | B(10)  | 1.787(2) | C(7)   | C(6)   | 1.490(3) |
| B(1)   | B(4)   | 1.786(2) | C161   | N11    | 1.481(2) |
| B(3)   | B(8)   | 1.778(2) | C191   | N21    | 1.479(2) |
| B(4)   | B(9)   | 1.778(2) | O(2)   | C(3)   | 1.425(2) |
| B(1)   | B(3)   | 1.777(2) | O(1)   | C(1)   | 1.423(2) |
| B(4)   | B(10)  | 1.777(2) | O(5)   | C(10)  | 1.422(2) |
| B(2)   | B(7)   | 1.776(2) | O(4)   | C(8)   | 1.422(2) |
| B(2)   | B(8)   | 1.775(2) | O(6)   | C(11)  | 1.421(2) |
| B(3)   | B(9)   | 1.775(2) | O(1)   | C(2)   | 1.420(2) |
| B(1)   | B(6)   | 1.774(2) | O(2)   | C(4)   | 1.419(2) |
| B(2)   | B(6)   | 1.772(2) | O(6)   | C(12)  | 1.418(2) |
| B(1)   | B(5)   | 1.771(2) | O(3)   | C(6)   | 1.418(2) |
| B(4)   | B(5)   | 1.771(2) | O(3)   | C(5)   | 1.416(2) |
| B(9)   | B(10)  | 1.767(2) | O(4)   | C(7)   | 1.415(2) |
| B(7)   | B(8)   | 1.761(2) | O(5)   | C(9)   | 1.415(2) |
| B(8)   | B(9)   | 1.755(3) | C(15)  | N(2)   | 1.347(2) |
| C(14)  | B(10)  | 1.719(2) | C(15)  | N(1)   | 1.302(2) |

**Table S8.** Interatomic Angles for Compound 3.

| Atom 1 | Atom 2 | Atom 3 | Angle / °  | Atom 1 | Atom 2 | Atom 3 | Angle / °  |
|--------|--------|--------|------------|--------|--------|--------|------------|
| C(15)  | C(13)  | C(14)  | 111.74(9)  | C(13)  | B(6)   | B(1)   | 104.56(11) |
| C(15)  | C(13)  | B(10)  | 116.25(12) | B(2)   | B(6)   | B(1)   | 60.50(10)  |
| C(14)  | C(13)  | B(10)  | 60.81(9)   | C(13)  | B(6)   | B(7)   | 58.46(9)   |
| C(15)  | C(13)  | B(6)   | 124.24(11) | B(2)   | B(6)   | B(7)   | 59.86(9)   |
| C(14)  | C(13)  | B(6)   | 111.49(11) | B(1)   | B(6)   | B(7)   | 107.73(11) |
| B(10)  | C(13)  | B(6)   | 114.82(10) | C(13)  | B(6)   | B(5)   | 58.62(9)   |
| C(15)  | C(13)  | B(7)   | 113.17(11) | B(2)   | B(6)   | B(5)   | 108.14(12) |
| C(14)  | C(13)  | B(7)   | 60.54(9)   | B(1)   | B(6)   | B(5)   | 59.62(9)   |
| B(10)  | C(13)  | B(7)   | 112.99(11) | B(7)   | B(6)   | B(5)   | 107.38(11) |
| B(6)   | C(13)  | B(7)   | 63.15(9)   | C(13)  | B(7)   | C(14)  | 59.22(9)   |
| C(15)  | C(13)  | B(5)   | 126.43(12) | C(13)  | B(7)   | B(8)   | 105.39(12) |
| C(14)  | C(13)  | B(5)   | 111.54(10) | C(14)  | B(7)   | B(8)   | 58.55(9)   |
| B(10)  | C(13)  | B(5)   | 63.03(9)   | C(13)  | B(7)   | B(2)   | 104.74(11) |
| B(6)   | C(13)  | B(5)   | 63.10(9)   | C(14)  | B(7)   | B(2)   | 105.98(11) |
| B(7)   | C(13)  | B(5)   | 114.84(11) | B(8)   | B(7)   | B(2)   | 60.24(9)   |
| C(13)  | C(14)  | B(8)   | 109.02(10) | C(13)  | B(7)   | B(6)   | 58.39(9)   |
| C(13)  | C(14)  | B(9)   | 108.94(10) | C(14)  | B(7)   | B(6)   | 106.62(12) |
| B(8)   | C(14)  | B(9)   | 62.11(10)  | B(8)   | B(7)   | B(6)   | 107.87(11) |
| C(13)  | C(14)  | B(7)   | 60.24(9)   | B(2)   | B(7)   | B(6)   | 59.66(9)   |
| B(8)   | C(14)  | B(7)   | 62.16(10)  | C(14)  | B(8)   | B(9)   | 59.01(9)   |
| B(9)   | C(14)  | B(7)   | 112.90(11) | C(14)  | B(8)   | B(7)   | 59.29(9)   |
| C(13)  | C(14)  | B(10)  | 60.04(8)   | B(9)   | B(8)   | B(7)   | 108.06(12) |
| B(8)   | C(14)  | B(10)  | 112.89(10) | C(14)  | B(8)   | B(2)   | 106.61(11) |
| B(9)   | C(14)  | B(10)  | 62.20(9)   | B(9)   | B(8)   | B(2)   | 108.66(12) |
| B(7)   | C(14)  | B(10)  | 112.07(10) | B(7)   | B(8)   | B(2)   | 60.30(9)   |
| C(13)  | C(14)  | Fe(1)  | 108.91(8)  | C(14)  | B(8)   | B(3)   | 106.49(12) |
| B(8)   | C(14)  | Fe(1)  | 131.48(9)  | B(9)   | B(8)   | B(3)   | 60.36(10)  |
| B(9)   | C(14)  | Fe(1)  | 128.71(9)  | B(7)   | B(8)   | B(3)   | 108.63(11) |
| B(7)   | C(14)  | Fe(1)  | 115.49(9)  | B(2)   | B(8)   | B(3)   | 60.44(9)   |
| B(10)  | C(14)  | Fe(1)  | 111.80(9)  | C(14)  | B(9)   | B(8)   | 58.88(9)   |
| N(1)   | C(15)  | N(2)   | 123.95(12) | C(14)  | B(9)   | B(10)  | 59.37(9)   |
| N(1)   | C(15)  | C(13)  | 115.54(11) | B(8)   | B(9)   | B(10)  | 107.98(12) |
| N(2)   | C(15)  | C(13)  | 120.40(11) | C(14)  | B(9)   | B(3)   | 106.45(12) |
| N(1)   | C(16)  | C(17)  | 109.98(12) | B(8)   | B(9)   | B(3)   | 60.44(10)  |
| N(1)   | C(16)  | C(18)  | 109.00(11) | B(10)  | B(9)   | B(3)   | 108.52(11) |
| C(17)  | C(16)  | C(18)  | 110.26(12) | C(14)  | B(9)   | B(4)   | 106.64(11) |
| N(2)   | C(19)  | C(21)  | 109.76(12) | B(8)   | B(9)   | B(4)   | 108.73(12) |
| N(2)   | C(19)  | C(20)  | 108.27(13) | B(10)  | B(9)   | B(4)   | 60.20(9)   |
| C(21)  | C(19)  | C(20)  | 112.55(14) | B(3)   | B(9)   | B(4)   | 60.46(10)  |
| C(15)  | N(1)   | C(16)  | 119.06(11) | C(13)  | B(10)  | C(14)  | 59.15(9)   |
| C(15)  | N(1)   | Fe(1)  | 121.18(9)  | C(13)  | B(10)  | B(9)   | 105.29(12) |
| C(16)  | N(1)   | Fe(1)  | 119.53(8)  | C(14)  | B(10)  | B(9)   | 58.43(9)   |
| C(15)  | N(2)   | C(19)  | 131.25(11) | C(13)  | B(10)  | B(4)   | 104.88(11) |
| B(5)   | B(1)   | B(6)   | 60.56(9)   | C(14)  | B(10)  | B(4)   | 105.92(12) |

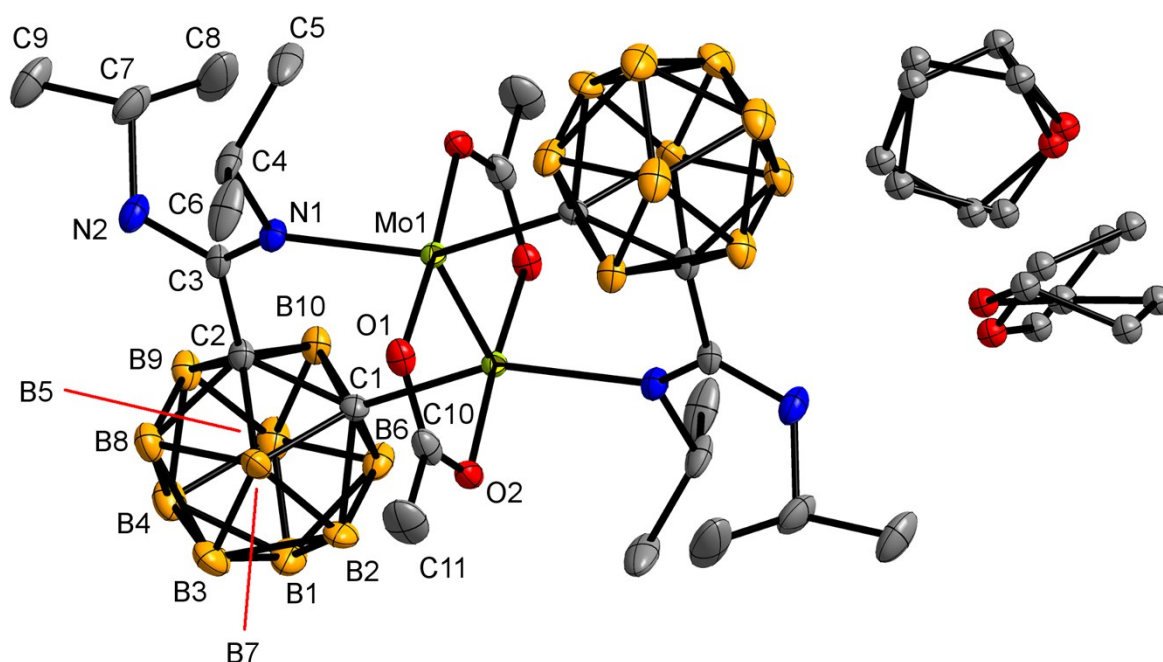


| Atom 1 | Atom 2 | Atom 3 | Angle / °  | Atom 1 | Atom 2 | Atom 3 | Angle / °  |
|--------|--------|--------|------------|--------|--------|--------|------------|
| B(5)   | B(1)   | B(3)   | 108.28(11) | B(9)   | B(10)  | B(4)   | 60.22(9)   |
| B(6)   | B(1)   | B(3)   | 108.14(11) | C(13)  | B(10)  | B(5)   | 58.68(8)   |
| B(5)   | B(1)   | B(4)   | 59.72(9)   | C(14)  | B(10)  | B(5)   | 106.74(12) |
| B(6)   | B(1)   | B(4)   | 108.15(11) | B(9)   | B(10)  | B(5)   | 107.82(11) |
| B(3)   | B(1)   | B(4)   | 60.27(10)  | B(4)   | B(10)  | B(5)   | 59.59(9)   |
| B(5)   | B(1)   | B(2)   | 108.23(11) | C(14)  | Fe(1)  | N(1)   | 82.49(5)   |
| B(6)   | B(1)   | B(2)   | 59.67(9)   | C(14)  | Fe(1)  | Cl(1)  | 115.55(5)  |
| B(3)   | B(1)   | B(2)   | 60.18(10)  | N(1)   | Fe(1)  | Cl(1)  | 106.97(4)  |
| B(4)   | B(1)   | B(2)   | 108.16(11) | C(14)  | Fe(1)  | Cl(2)  | 108.74(5)  |
| B(6)   | B(2)   | B(8)   | 107.92(11) | N(1)   | Fe(1)  | Cl(2)  | 115.93(4)  |
| B(6)   | B(2)   | B(7)   | 60.48(9)   | Cl(1)  | Fe(1)  | Cl(2)  | 120.96(2)  |
| B(8)   | B(2)   | B(7)   | 59.46(9)   | O(1)   | Li(1)  | O(6)   | 91.38(13)  |
| B(6)   | B(2)   | B(1)   | 59.83(9)   | O(1)   | Li(1)  | O(3)   | 102.25(12) |
| B(8)   | B(2)   | B(1)   | 107.27(13) | O(6)   | Li(1)  | O(3)   | 162.16(15) |
| B(7)   | B(2)   | B(1)   | 107.70(12) | O(1)   | Li(1)  | O(2)   | 78.32(10)  |
| B(6)   | B(2)   | B(3)   | 107.84(13) | O(6)   | Li(1)  | O(2)   | 100.24(13) |
| B(8)   | B(2)   | B(3)   | 59.82(9)   | O(3)   | Li(1)  | O(2)   | 93.83(11)  |
| B(7)   | B(2)   | B(3)   | 107.47(12) | O(1)   | Li(1)  | O(5)   | 163.02(15) |
| B(1)   | B(2)   | B(3)   | 59.65(10)  | O(6)   | Li(1)  | O(5)   | 77.51(10)  |
| B(9)   | B(3)   | B(8)   | 59.19(9)   | O(3)   | Li(1)  | O(5)   | 91.43(12)  |
| B(9)   | B(3)   | B(1)   | 107.61(12) | O(2)   | Li(1)  | O(5)   | 90.91(11)  |
| B(8)   | B(3)   | B(1)   | 107.62(11) | O(1)   | Li(1)  | O(4)   | 91.82(11)  |
| B(9)   | B(3)   | B(2)   | 107.17(11) | O(6)   | Li(1)  | O(4)   | 90.05(11)  |
| B(8)   | B(3)   | B(2)   | 59.74(9)   | O(3)   | Li(1)  | O(4)   | 78.19(11)  |
| B(1)   | B(3)   | B(2)   | 60.17(10)  | O(2)   | Li(1)  | O(4)   | 165.83(15) |
| B(9)   | B(3)   | B(4)   | 59.85(10)  | O(5)   | Li(1)  | O(4)   | 100.88(12) |
| B(8)   | B(3)   | B(4)   | 107.26(11) | C(2)   | O(1)   | C(1)   | 111.42(13) |
| B(1)   | B(3)   | B(4)   | 60.07(10)  | C(2)   | O(1)   | Li(1)  | 129.63(13) |
| B(2)   | B(3)   | B(4)   | 107.99(12) | C(1)   | O(1)   | Li(1)  | 114.50(12) |
| B(5)   | B(4)   | B(10)  | 60.45(8)   | O(1)   | C(1)   | C(3)   | 108.27(13) |
| B(5)   | B(4)   | B(9)   | 107.99(10) | C(4)   | O(2)   | C(3)   | 112.00(13) |
| B(10)  | B(4)   | B(9)   | 59.58(9)   | C(4)   | O(2)   | Li(1)  | 125.58(13) |
| B(5)   | B(4)   | B(1)   | 59.76(9)   | C(3)   | O(2)   | Li(1)  | 107.20(12) |
| B(10)  | B(4)   | B(1)   | 107.54(11) | C(5)   | O(3)   | C(6)   | 112.23(14) |
| B(9)   | B(4)   | B(1)   | 107.17(13) | C(5)   | O(3)   | Li(1)  | 125.64(13) |
| B(5)   | B(4)   | B(3)   | 107.83(12) | C(6)   | O(3)   | Li(1)  | 112.94(13) |
| B(10)  | B(4)   | B(3)   | 107.41(11) | O(2)   | C(3)   | C(1)   | 108.25(14) |
| B(9)   | B(4)   | B(3)   | 59.69(10)  | C(7)   | O(4)   | C(8)   | 112.67(14) |
| B(1)   | B(4)   | B(3)   | 59.67(10)  | C(7)   | O(4)   | Li(1)  | 108.22(13) |
| C(13)  | B(5)   | B(4)   | 104.86(10) | C(8)   | O(4)   | Li(1)  | 128.39(14) |
| C(13)  | B(5)   | B(1)   | 104.46(12) | O(4)   | C(7)   | C(6)   | 108.55(15) |
| B(4)   | B(5)   | B(1)   | 60.52(9)   | C(12)  | O(6)   | C(11)  | 111.82(13) |
| C(13)  | B(5)   | B(10)  | 58.29(8)   | C(12)  | O(6)   | Li(1)  | 129.76(13) |
| B(4)   | B(5)   | B(10)  | 59.96(8)   | C(11)  | O(6)   | Li(1)  | 114.74(12) |
| B(1)   | B(5)   | B(10)  | 107.76(11) | O(3)   | C(6)   | C(7)   | 108.65(15) |
| C(13)  | B(5)   | B(6)   | 58.28(9)   | C(9)   | O(5)   | C(10)  | 112.10(13) |

| Atom 1 | Atom 2 | Atom 3 | Angle / °  | Atom 1 | Atom 2 | Atom 3 | Angle / °  |
|--------|--------|--------|------------|--------|--------|--------|------------|
| B(4)   | B(5)   | B(6)   | 108.19(12) | C(9)   | O(5)   | Li(1)  | 126.92(13) |
| B(1)   | B(5)   | B(6)   | 59.82(10)  | C(10)  | O(5)   | Li(1)  | 109.28(12) |
| B(10)  | B(5)   | B(6)   | 107.02(11) | O(5)   | C(10)  | C(11)  | 107.78(13) |
| C(13)  | B(6)   | B(2)   | 104.94(11) | O(6)   | C(11)  | C(10)  | 108.06(13) |

**STRUCTURE REPORT for Compound 4**

**Crystallographer:** F. Engelhardt  
**ID code:** FE0019  
**Compound:**  $[\text{Mo}_2\{(\text{C}_2\text{B}_{10}\text{H}_{10})\text{C}(\text{N}^i\text{Pr})(\text{NH}^i\text{Pr})\}_2(\text{COOCH}_3)_2]$  (**4**)  
**Formula sum:**  $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{44}\text{B}_{10}\text{N}_2\text{O}_4\text{Mo}$   
**Formula moieties:**  $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{56}\text{B}_{20}\text{N}_4\text{O}_4\text{Mo}_2$ ,  $4(\text{C}_4\text{H}_8\text{O})$



**Figure S3.** Molecular structure of **4** including disorder in the crystal, showing disorder of the two non-coordinated THF molecules. Anisotropic displacement parameters are shown at the 50% probability level. C and O atoms of disordered THF moieties are shown as spheres of arbitrary size. Only half of the molecule is contained within the asymmetric unit. The other half is generated by an inversion center lying on the midpoint of the Mo-Mo-bond.

**Table S9.** Crystallographic Data and Details on Structure Refinement for Compound **4**.

|   |  |
|---|--|
| formula sum   | C <sub>19</sub> H <sub>44</sub> B <sub>10</sub> N <sub>2</sub> O <sub>4</sub> Mo |
| formula weight  | 568.60   |
| crystal color / shape / size (mm)   | colorless prisms / 0.27 × 0.15 × 0.12  |
| crystal system  | monoclinic   |
| space group   | <i>P2<sub>1</sub>/n</i>  |
| unit cell parameters  |  |
| a (Å)   | 9.4087(4)  |
| b (Å)   | 17.8661(8)   |
| c (Å)   | 16.6682(7)   |
| α (deg)   | 90   |
| β (deg)   | 93.737(3)  |
| γ (deg)   | 90   |
| unit cell volume <i>V</i> (Å <sup>3</sup> )   | 2795.9(2)  |
| molecules per cell <i>z</i>   | 4  |
| crystallographic density ρ <sub>calcd</sub> (g cm <sup>-3</sup> )   | 1.351  |
| absorption coefficient μ (mm <sup>-1</sup> )  | 0.498  |
| diffractometer  | STOE IPDS 2T   |
| radiation (λ [Å])   | graphite-monochromated Mo-Kα (0.71073)   |
| temperature (°C)  | -173   |
| scan type [S2]  | ω scan (increment 1.5°, exposure 3 min)  |
| completeness of dataset   | 100%   |
| θ range of data collection (deg)  | 2.280 to 25.349  |
| reflections collected   | 24078 (-11 ≤ <i>h</i> ≤ 11, -21 ≤ <i>k</i> ≤ 21, -20 ≤ <i>l</i> ≤ 20)            |
| independent reflections   | 5122 ( <i>R</i> <sub>int</sub> = 0.0517)   |
| independent reflections with <i>I</i> > 2σ ( <i>I</i> )   | 4037   |
| structure solution method   | dual-space algorithms (SHELXT 2014/5) [S5]                                       |
| refinement method   | full-matrix least-squares on <i>F</i> <sup>2</sup> (SHELXL 2016/4) [S4]          |
| absorption correction method  | none   |
| range of transmission factors   | -  |
| data / parameters / restraints  | 5122 / 425 / 1090 <sup>a</sup>   |
| goodness of fit (GooF) [all data]   | 1.024  |
| final <i>R</i> values   |  |
| <i>R</i> 1 [all data, <i>I</i> ≥ 2σ ( <i>I</i> )]   | 0.0514, 0.0358   |
| <i>wR</i> 2 [all data, <i>I</i> ≥ 2σ ( <i>I</i> )]  | 0.0833, 0.0777   |
| largest difference peak and hole  | 0.387 and -0.674 eÅ <sup>-3</sup>  |
| Extinction coefficient  | -  |
| Refinement special details: The lattice solvent molecules (THF) are disordered over two positions. Refinement was stabilized by applying appropriate restraints (SAME, RIGU and SIMU) to the interatomic distances and the thermal displacement parameters. |  |

**Table S10.** Atomic Coordinates ( $\times 10^4$ ) and Equivalent Isotropic Displacement Parameters ( $\times 10^3$ ) for Compound 4.

| Atom 1 | x        | y        | z        | U(eq)  |
|--------|----------|----------|----------|--------|
| B(1)   | 2849(4)  | 2242(2)  | 3256(2)  | 31(1)  |
| N(1)   | 5396(2)  | 1133(1)  | 6110(1)  | 17(1)  |
| O(1)   | 7489(2)  | 246(1)   | 5106(1)  | 20(1)  |
| C(1)   | 3962(3)  | 1206(2)  | 4386(2)  | 16(1)  |
| Mo(1)  | 5516(1)  | 1(1)     | 5568(1)  | 13(1)  |
| B(2)   | 4260(4)  | 1607(2)  | 3475(2)  | 24(1)  |
| N(2)   | 4263(3)  | 2242(2)  | 6490(2)  | 24(1)  |
| O(2)   | 6397(2)  | 218(1)   | 3884(1)  | 19(1)  |
| C(2)   | 4035(3)  | 1878(2)  | 5088(2)  | 17(1)  |
| C(3)   | 4606(3)  | 1711(2)  | 5947(2)  | 17(1)  |
| B(3)   | 4529(4)  | 2577(2)  | 3654(2)  | 30(1)  |
| B(8)   | 4411(4)  | 2733(2)  | 4695(2)  | 24(1)  |
| C(8)   | 2365(5)  | 1526(3)  | 7099(3)  | 60(1)  |
| B(7)   | 5231(4)  | 1898(2)  | 4358(2)  | 22(1)  |
| C(7)   | 3593(4)  | 2059(2)  | 7254(2)  | 34(1)  |
| B(6)   | 2526(4)  | 1374(2)  | 3726(2)  | 23(1)  |
| C(6)   | 7829(3)  | 1071(2)  | 6734(2)  | 40(1)  |
| B(5)   | 1682(4)  | 2196(2)  | 4060(2)  | 27(1)  |
| C(5)   | 5808(5)  | 520(2)   | 7457(2)  | 42(1)  |
| C(4)   | 6271(3)  | 1138(2)  | 6897(2)  | 26(1)  |
| B(4)   | 2932(4)  | 2945(2)  | 4012(2)  | 29(1)  |
| B(9)   | 2651(4)  | 2507(2)  | 4935(2)  | 22(1)  |
| C(9)   | 3142(4)  | 2789(2)  | 7626(2)  | 40(1)  |
| B(10)  | 2410(3)  | 1531(2)  | 4770(2)  | 20(1)  |
| C(10)  | 7517(3)  | 295(2)   | 4348(2)  | 22(1)  |
| C(11)  | 8897(4)  | 462(2)   | 3995(2)  | 37(1)  |
| O(1A)  | 589(12)  | 4262(6)  | 4328(5)  | 63(3)  |
| C(1A)  | 536(7)   | 3998(4)  | 5130(3)  | 34(2)  |
| C(2A)  | 1665(17) | 3421(7)  | 5186(7)  | 39(3)  |
| C(3A)  | 1430(20) | 3018(7)  | 4402(8)  | 41(3)  |
| C(4A)  | 760(20)  | 3608(7)  | 3832(7)  | 42(3)  |
| O(1A') | 660(20)  | 4142(10) | 4237(10) | 108(5) |
| C(1A') | 1674(9)  | 4215(4)  | 4949(5)  | 39(2)  |
| C(2A') | 1470(20) | 3479(7)  | 5326(9)  | 41(4)  |
| C(3A') | 1420(30) | 2946(8)  | 4639(10) | 38(4)  |
| C(4A') | 880(30)  | 3395(11) | 3933(10) | 64(5)  |
| O(1B)  | 5833(12) | 3916(7)  | 3835(8)  | 38(3)  |
| C(1B)  | 6977(12) | 4423(6)  | 4001(9)  | 39(3)  |
| C(2B)  | 6746(11) | 5014(5)  | 3381(6)  | 71(3)  |
| C(3B)  | 5131(11) | 5092(5)  | 3323(8)  | 73(3)  |
| C(4B)  | 4630(13) | 4330(6)  | 3507(9)  | 48(3)  |
| O(1B') | 6068(11) | 3928(6)  | 3610(7)  | 37(3)  |

|        |          |         |          |       |
|--------|----------|---------|----------|-------|
| C(1B') | 6619(13) | 4545(7) | 4070(11) | 61(4) |
| C(2B') | 5518(10) | 5154(5) | 4013(9)  | 79(3) |
| C(3B') | 4185(10) | 4741(6) | 3808(7)  | 68(3) |
| C(4B') | 4618(12) | 4070(5) | 3357(7)  | 41(3) |

**Table S11.** Interatomic Distances for Compound **4**. Symmetry transformations used to generate equivalent atoms: #1 -x+1,-y,-z+1.

| Atom 1 | Atom 2  | d / Å     | Atom 1 | Atom 2 | d / Å     |
|--------|---------|-----------|--------|--------|-----------|
| B(1)   | B(2)    | 1.767(5)  | B(8)   | B(4)   | 1.780(5)  |
| B(1)   | B(6)    | 1.772(5)  | B(8)   | B(7)   | 1.787(5)  |
| B(1)   | B(4)    | 1.776(5)  | C(8)   | C(7)   | 1.505(5)  |
| B(1)   | B(3)    | 1.778(6)  | C(7)   | C(9)   | 1.518(4)  |
| B(1)   | B(5)    | 1.788(6)  | B(6)   | B(10)  | 1.772(5)  |
| N(1)   | C(3)    | 1.291(4)  | B(6)   | B(5)   | 1.776(5)  |
| N(1)   | C(4)    | 1.502(3)  | C(6)   | C(4)   | 1.514(5)  |
| N(1)   | Mo(1)   | 2.222(2)  | B(5)   | B(9)   | 1.758(5)  |
| O(1)   | C(10)   | 1.267(4)  | B(5)   | B(10)  | 1.782(5)  |
| O(1)   | Mo(1)   | 2.101(2)  | B(5)   | B(4)   | 1.786(5)  |
| C(1)   | C(2)    | 1.675(4)  | C(5)   | C(4)   | 1.528(5)  |
| C(1)   | B(6)    | 1.712(4)  | B(4)   | B(9)   | 1.761(5)  |
| C(1)   | B(2)    | 1.718(4)  | B(9)   | B(10)  | 1.779(5)  |
| C(1)   | B(7)    | 1.721(4)  | C(10)  | C(11)  | 1.490(4)  |
| C(1)   | B(10)   | 1.732(4)  | O(1A)  | C(1A)  | 1.421(9)  |
| C(1)   | Mo(1)#1 | 2.211(3)  | O(1A)  | C(4A)  | 1.447(10) |
| Mo(1)  | Mo(1)#1 | 2.069(1)  | C(1A)  | C(2A)  | 1.478(11) |
| Mo(1)  | O(2)#1  | 2.109(2)  | C(2A)  | C(3A)  | 1.495(10) |
| B(2)   | B(7)    | 1.758(5)  | C(3A)  | C(4A)  | 1.526(10) |
| B(2)   | B(6)    | 1.760(5)  | O(1A') | C(4A') | 1.446(12) |
| B(2)   | B(3)    | 1.774(5)  | O(1A') | C(1A') | 1.478(13) |
| N(2)   | C(3)    | 1.363(4)  | C(1A') | C(2A') | 1.475(12) |
| N(2)   | C(7)    | 1.493(4)  | C(2A') | C(3A') | 1.487(12) |
| N(2)   | H(2A)   | 0.976(18) | C(3A') | C(4A') | 1.489(12) |
| O(2)   | C(10)   | 1.273(4)  | O(1B)  | C(1B)  | 1.421(11) |
| C(2)   | C(3)    | 1.526(4)  | O(1B)  | C(4B)  | 1.431(11) |
| C(2)   | B(10)   | 1.702(4)  | C(1B)  | C(2B)  | 1.484(12) |
| C(2)   | B(8)    | 1.708(4)  | C(2B)  | C(3B)  | 1.523(12) |
| C(2)   | B(7)    | 1.711(4)  | C(3B)  | C(4B)  | 1.479(12) |
| C(2)   | B(9)    | 1.727(4)  | O(1B') | C(1B') | 1.421(11) |
| B(3)   | B(8)    | 1.768(5)  | O(1B') | C(4B') | 1.424(10) |
| B(3)   | B(4)    | 1.778(5)  | C(1B') | C(2B') | 1.502(11) |
| B(3)   | B(7)    | 1.785(5)  | C(2B') | C(3B') | 1.476(11) |
| B(8)   | B(9)    | 1.775(5)  | C(3B') | C(4B') | 1.484(10) |

**Table S12.** Interatomic Angles for Compound **4**. Symmetry transformations used to generate equivalent atoms: #1 -x+1,-y,-z+1

| Atom 1 | Atom 2 | Atom 3  | Angle / °  | Atom 1 | Atom 2 | Atom 3  | Angle / °  |
|--------|--------|---------|------------|--------|--------|---------|------------|
| B(1)   | B(2)   | B(3)    | 60.3(2)    | C(1)   | B(2)   | B(1)    | 106.7(2)   |
| B(1)   | B(3)   | B(4)    | 59.9(2)    | C(1)   | B(2)   | B(3)    | 106.8(2)   |
| B(1)   | B(3)   | B(7)    | 107.3(3)   | C(1)   | B(2)   | B(6)    | 58.95(18)  |
| B(1)   | B(4)   | B(3)    | 60.0(2)    | C(1)   | B(2)   | B(7)    | 59.34(18)  |
| B(1)   | B(4)   | B(5)    | 60.3(2)    | C(1)   | B(6)   | B(1)    | 106.7(2)   |
| B(1)   | B(4)   | B(8)    | 107.4(3)   | C(1)   | B(6)   | B(10)   | 59.58(17)  |
| B(1)   | B(6)   | B(5)    | 60.5(2)    | C(1)   | B(6)   | B(2)    | 59.29(18)  |
| B(10)  | B(5)   | B(1)    | 107.4(2)   | C(1)   | B(6)   | B(5)    | 107.1(2)   |
| B(10)  | B(5)   | B(4)    | 107.7(2)   | C(1)   | B(7)   | B(2)    | 59.17(18)  |
| B(10)  | B(6)   | B(1)    | 108.6(2)   | C(1)   | B(7)   | B(3)    | 106.2(3)   |
| B(10)  | B(6)   | B(5)    | 60.31(19)  | C(1)   | B(7)   | B(8)    | 106.1(2)   |
| B(10)  | C(1)   | Mo(1)#1 | 120.30(18) | C(1)   | C(2)   | B(10)   | 61.69(17)  |
| B(10)  | C(2)   | B(7)    | 113.9(2)   | C(1)   | C(2)   | B(7)    | 61.10(17)  |
| B(10)  | C(2)   | B(8)    | 114.2(2)   | C(1)   | C(2)   | B(8)    | 111.9(2)   |
| B(10)  | C(2)   | B(9)    | 62.49(18)  | C(1)   | C(2)   | B(9)    | 111.6(2)   |
| B(2)   | B(1)   | B(3)    | 60.1(2)    | C(1)#1 | Mo(1)  | N(1)    | 152.92(9)  |
| B(2)   | B(1)   | B(4)    | 108.0(3)   | C(10)  | O(1)   | Mo(1)   | 117.11(18) |
| B(2)   | B(1)   | B(5)    | 107.8(2)   | C(10)  | O(2)   | Mo(1)#1 | 116.89(18) |
| B(2)   | B(1)   | B(6)    | 59.7(2)    | C(1A)  | C(2A)  | C(3A)   | 102.5(9)   |
| B(2)   | B(3)   | B(1)    | 59.7(2)    | C(1A)  | O(1A)  | C(4A)   | 106.3(8)   |
| B(2)   | B(3)   | B(4)    | 107.6(3)   | C(1A') | C(2A') | C(3A')  | 103.9(11)  |
| B(2)   | B(3)   | B(7)    | 59.22(19)  | C(1B)  | C(2B)  | C(3B)   | 102.1(8)   |
| B(2)   | B(6)   | B(1)    | 60.0(2)    | C(1B)  | O(1B)  | C(4B)   | 108.3(10)  |
| B(2)   | B(6)   | B(10)   | 108.3(2)   | C(1B') | O(1B') | C(4B')  | 109.3(9)   |
| B(2)   | B(6)   | B(5)    | 108.6(3)   | C(2)   | B(10)  | B(5)    | 105.2(2)   |
| B(2)   | B(7)   | B(3)    | 60.1(2)    | C(2)   | B(10)  | B(6)    | 104.6(2)   |
| B(2)   | B(7)   | B(8)    | 107.4(3)   | C(2)   | B(10)  | B(9)    | 59.45(18)  |
| B(2)   | C(1)   | B(10)   | 112.1(2)   | C(2)   | B(10)  | C(1)    | 58.39(17)  |
| B(2)   | C(1)   | B(7)    | 61.49(19)  | C(2)   | B(7)   | B(2)    | 105.0(2)   |
| B(2)   | C(1)   | Mo(1)#1 | 112.91(18) | C(2)   | B(7)   | B(3)    | 104.5(2)   |
| B(3)   | B(1)   | B(5)    | 108.1(3)   | C(2)   | B(7)   | B(8)    | 58.42(18)  |
| B(3)   | B(4)   | B(5)    | 108.1(3)   | C(2)   | B(7)   | C(1)    | 58.43(16)  |
| B(3)   | B(4)   | B(8)    | 59.6(2)    | C(2)   | B(8)   | B(3)    | 105.3(2)   |
| B(3)   | B(7)   | B(8)    | 59.4(2)    | C(2)   | B(8)   | B(4)    | 105.3(2)   |
| B(3)   | B(8)   | B(4)    | 60.1(2)    | C(2)   | B(8)   | B(7)    | 58.56(18)  |
| B(3)   | B(8)   | B(7)    | 60.3(2)    | C(2)   | B(8)   | B(9)    | 59.42(18)  |
| B(3)   | B(8)   | B(9)    | 107.7(3)   | C(2)   | B(9)   | B(10)   | 58.06(17)  |
| B(4)   | B(1)   | B(3)    | 60.1(2)    | C(2)   | B(9)   | B(4)    | 105.3(2)   |
| B(4)   | B(1)   | B(5)    | 60.1(2)    | C(2)   | B(9)   | B(5)    | 105.2(2)   |
| B(4)   | B(3)   | B(7)    | 108.4(3)   | C(2)   | B(9)   | B(8)    | 58.36(18)  |
| B(4)   | B(5)   | B(1)    | 59.6(2)    | C(2)   | C(1)   | B(10)   | 59.92(17)  |
| B(4)   | B(8)   | B(7)    | 108.2(3)   | C(2)   | C(1)   | B(2)    | 108.4(2)   |
| B(4)   | B(9)   | B(10)   | 109.0(2)   | C(2)   | C(1)   | B(6)    | 108.5(2)   |

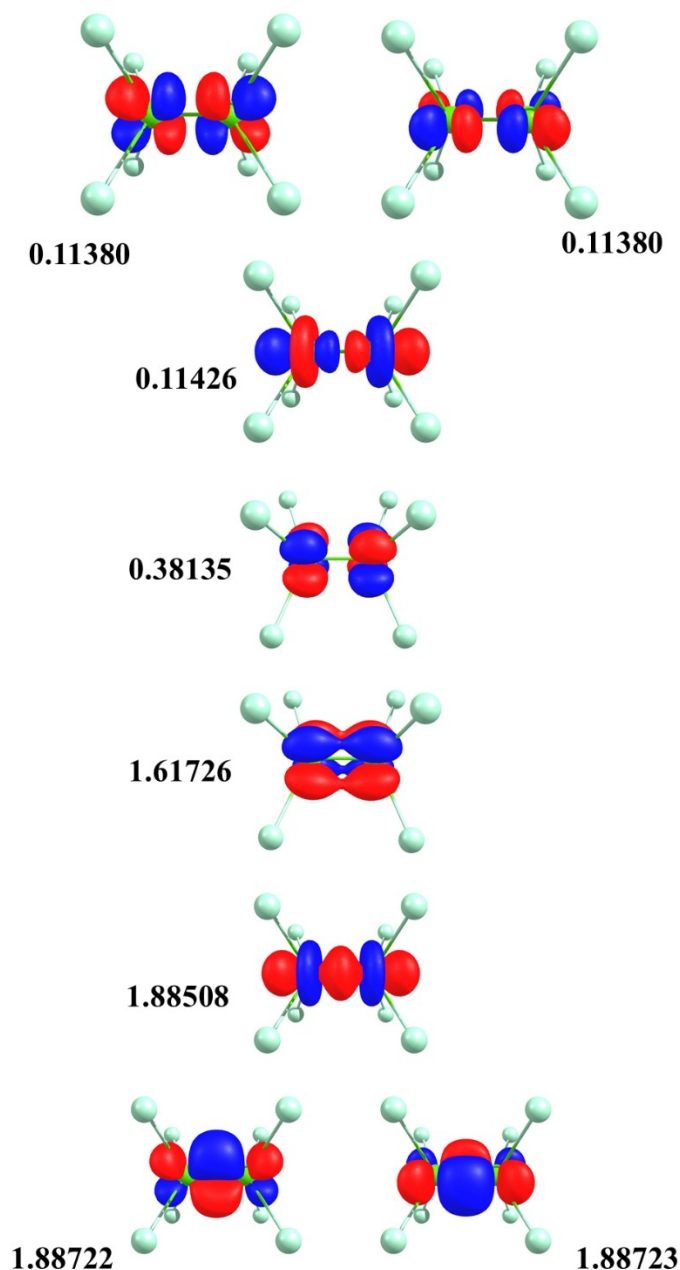


|      |       |         |            |         |        |         |            |
|------|-------|---------|------------|---------|--------|---------|------------|
| B(4) | B(9)  | B(8)    | 60.5(2)    | C(2)    | C(1)   | B(7)    | 60.47(18)  |
| B(5) | B(9)  | B(10)   | 60.50(19)  | C(2)    | C(1)   | Mo(1)#1 | 132.48(17) |
| B(5) | B(9)  | B(4)    | 61.0(2)    | C(2A)   | C(3A)  | C(4A)   | 104.0(8)   |
| B(5) | B(9)  | B(8)    | 109.0(3)   | C(2A')  | C(1A') | O(1A')  | 99.6(10)   |
| B(6) | B(1)  | B(3)    | 107.7(2)   | C(2A')  | C(3A') | C(4A')  | 104.8(10)  |
| B(6) | B(1)  | B(4)    | 107.8(3)   | C(2B')  | C(3B') | C(4B')  | 105.3(8)   |
| B(6) | B(1)  | B(5)    | 59.8(2)    | C(3)    | C(2)   | B(10)   | 118.4(2)   |
| B(6) | B(10) | B(5)    | 59.96(19)  | C(3)    | C(2)   | B(7)    | 117.7(2)   |
| B(6) | B(10) | B(9)    | 106.9(2)   | C(3)    | C(2)   | B(8)    | 117.7(2)   |
| B(6) | B(2)  | B(1)    | 60.3(2)    | C(3)    | C(2)   | B(9)    | 118.8(2)   |
| B(6) | B(2)  | B(3)    | 108.4(3)   | C(3)    | C(2)   | C(1)    | 120.8(2)   |
| B(6) | B(5)  | B(1)    | 59.6(2)    | C(3)    | N(1)   | C(4)    | 117.0(2)   |
| B(6) | B(5)  | B(10)   | 59.73(19)  | C(3)    | N(1)   | Mo(1)   | 133.35(19) |
| B(6) | B(5)  | B(4)    | 107.2(3)   | C(3)    | N(2)   | C(7)    | 123.0(3)   |
| B(6) | C(1)  | B(10)   | 61.92(18)  | C(3B')  | C(2B') | C(1B')  | 103.0(7)   |
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| B(6) | C(1)  | B(7)    | 112.1(2)   | C(4A')  | O(1A') | C(1A')  | 105.4(11)  |
| B(6) | C(1)  | Mo(1)#1 | 111.01(18) | C(4B)   | C(3B)  | C(2B)   | 103.5(7)   |
| B(7) | B(2)  | B(1)    | 109.0(3)   | C(6)    | C(4)   | C(5)    | 111.7(3)   |
| B(7) | B(2)  | B(3)    | 60.7(2)    | C(8)    | C(7)   | C(9)    | 112.4(3)   |
| B(7) | B(2)  | B(6)    | 108.0(2)   | Mo(1)#1 | Mo(1)  | C(1)#1  | 96.92(7)   |
| B(7) | C(1)  | B(10)   | 111.8(2)   | Mo(1)#1 | Mo(1)  | N(1)    | 109.90(6)  |
| B(7) | C(1)  | Mo(1)#1 | 123.25(19) | Mo(1)#1 | Mo(1)  | O(1)    | 92.22(6)   |
| B(7) | C(2)  | B(9)    | 113.9(2)   | Mo(1)#1 | Mo(1)  | O(2)#1  | 91.88(6)   |
| B(8) | B(3)  | B(1)    | 107.9(3)   | N(1)    | C(3)   | C(2)    | 121.1(2)   |
| B(8) | B(3)  | B(2)    | 107.5(2)   | N(1)    | C(3)   | N(2)    | 125.1(3)   |
| B(8) | B(3)  | B(4)    | 60.3(2)    | N(1)    | C(4)   | C(5)    | 111.6(3)   |
| B(8) | B(3)  | B(7)    | 60.4(2)    | N(1)    | C(4)   | C(6)    | 109.0(3)   |
| B(8) | B(4)  | B(5)    | 107.5(2)   | N(2)    | C(3)   | C(2)    | 113.8(2)   |
| B(8) | B(9)  | B(10)   | 107.4(2)   | N(2)    | C(7)   | C(8)    | 110.7(3)   |
| B(8) | C(2)  | B(7)    | 63.01(19)  | N(2)    | C(7)   | C(9)    | 107.8(3)   |
| B(8) | C(2)  | B(9)    | 62.22(19)  | O(1)    | C(10)  | C(11)   | 118.9(3)   |
| B(9) | B(10) | B(5)    | 59.17(19)  | O(1)    | C(10)  | O(2)    | 121.9(3)   |
| B(9) | B(4)  | B(1)    | 107.7(3)   | O(1)    | Mo(1)  | C(1)#1  | 90.93(9)   |
| B(9) | B(4)  | B(3)    | 107.9(2)   | O(1)    | Mo(1)  | N(1)    | 91.68(8)   |
| B(9) | B(4)  | B(5)    | 59.4(2)    | O(1)    | Mo(1)  | O(2)#1  | 175.71(8)  |
| B(9) | B(4)  | B(8)    | 60.2(2)    | O(1A)   | C(1A)  | C(2A)   | 102.8(7)   |
| B(9) | B(5)  | B(1)    | 107.3(3)   | O(1A)   | C(4A)  | C(3A)   | 105.0(7)   |
| B(9) | B(5)  | B(10)   | 60.33(19)  | O(1A')  | C(4A') | C(3A')  | 105.6(10)  |
| B(9) | B(5)  | B(4)    | 59.6(2)    | O(1B)   | C(1B)  | C(2B)   | 104.1(9)   |
| B(9) | B(5)  | B(6)    | 107.7(2)   | O(1B)   | C(4B)  | C(3B)   | 107.5(9)   |
| B(9) | B(8)  | B(4)    | 59.4(2)    | O(1B')  | C(1B') | C(2B')  | 107.5(8)   |
| B(9) | B(8)  | B(7)    | 108.0(2)   | O(1B')  | C(4B') | C(3B')  | 106.5(8)   |
| C(1) | B(10) | B(5)    | 106.0(2)   | O(2)    | C(10)  | C(11)   | 119.2(3)   |
| C(1) | B(10) | B(6)    | 58.50(18)  | O(2)#1  | Mo(1)  | C(1)#1  | 89.86(9)   |
| C(1) | B(10) | B(9)    | 106.5(2)   | O(2)#1  | Mo(1)  | N(1)    | 85.71(8)   |

### 3. Computational Details

The effective bond order (EBO) [S6] was calculated on compound **4** and also on  $[\text{Mo}_2\text{Cl}_8]^{4-}$  molecule. The calculations on  $[\text{Mo}_2\text{Cl}_8]^{4-}$  system were performed imposing  $D_{4h}$  symmetry. Initially both systems were optimized employing the Amsterdam Density Functional (ADF) package. [S7] The scalar relativistic effects were incorporated through a two-component Hamiltonian with the zeroth-order regular approximation (ZORA). [S8, S9] The BP86 generalized gradient approximation exchange-correlation functional was used with the standard Slater-type orbital (STO) basis set and the triple- $\xi$  quality double plus polarization function for all the atoms (TZ2P). [S10-S12] To accurately analyze systems containing transition metals, the correlation effects should be considered. In this context, the single-reference formalism cannot properly describe their electronic structure and a more accurate treatment is needed. The complete active space self-consistent field (CASSCF) approximation is a robust method frequently used to study properties of multireference systems. [S13, S14] All the correlated calculations were performed employing the ORCA 4.4 program. [S15] The Stuttgart-Dresden effective core potential (ECP), def-SD, was used along with def2-TZVPP for Mo atom. [S16] This basis set def2-TZVPP was also employed for all the other atoms. The active space was selected in order to include the  $d$  orbitals from the metal and those with possible contributions of  $p$  orbitals of the ligands. For both systems, a CAS(8,8)SCF was employed, including the bonding  $\sigma_{z^2}$ ,  $\pi_{d_{yz}}$ ,  $\pi_{d_{xz}}$  and  $\delta_{x^2-y^2}$  orbitals and their anti-bonding counterparts. The calculations were performed on their ground states and the fractional occupation numbers were obtained for the active orbitals. The EBO was determined using the equation S1, in which  $\eta_b$  and  $\eta_{ab}$  are the occupation numbers of the bonding and anti-bonding molecular pairs derived from the CASSCF wave function.

$$EBO = \sum (\eta_b - \eta_{ab})/2 \quad (\text{S1})$$



**Figure S4.** Molecular orbitals included in the active space obtained from the CAS(8,8)SCF calculation with their fractional occupations.

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