## **Supporting Information**

## Inherently strong B–N bonds in pyridine-based intramolecular Lewis pairs

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Additional spectra of 2-{[bis(pentafluorophenyl)boryl]methyl}pyridine (5)



*Figure 1:* <sup>1</sup>H-NMR spectrum of compound **5** measured in benzene-d6 (500 MHz) at ambient temperature. Additional peaks arise due to trace impurities with *n*-hexane and silicone-grease from the reaction and purification method.



*Figure 2:* <sup>13</sup>C-NMR spectrum of compound **5** measured in benzene-d6 (500 MHz) at ambient temperature. Additional peaks arise due to trace impurities with *n*-hexane and silicone-grease from the reaction and purification method.

Additional spectra of 2-{[bis(pentafluorophenyl)boryl]methyl}-4-dimethylamino-6-methylpyridine (9)



Figure 3: <sup>1</sup>H-NMR spectrum of compound **9** measured in benzene-d6 (500 MHz) at ambient temperature.







*Figure 5:* <sup>1</sup>H-NMR spectrum of compound **12** measured in benzene-d6 (500 MHz) at ambient temperature. Additional peaks arise due to trace impurities with *n*-hexane, toluene and silicone-grease from the reaction and purification method.



*Figure 6:* <sup>13</sup>C-NMR spectrum of compound **12** measured in benzene-d6 (500 MHz) at ambient temperature. Additional peaks arise due to trace impurities with *n*-hexane, toluene and silicone-grease from the reaction and purification method.