

Electronic Supplementary data

**Extending motifs in lithiocuprate chemistry: unexpected
structural diversity in thiocyanate complexes**

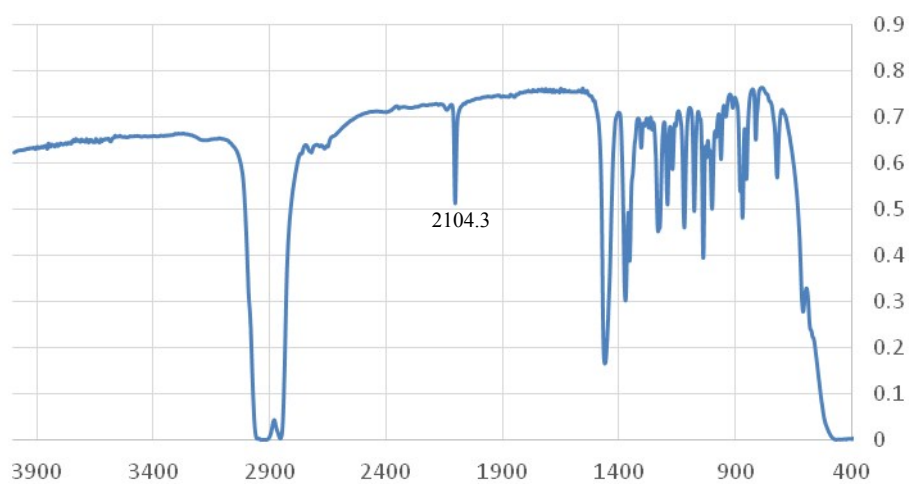
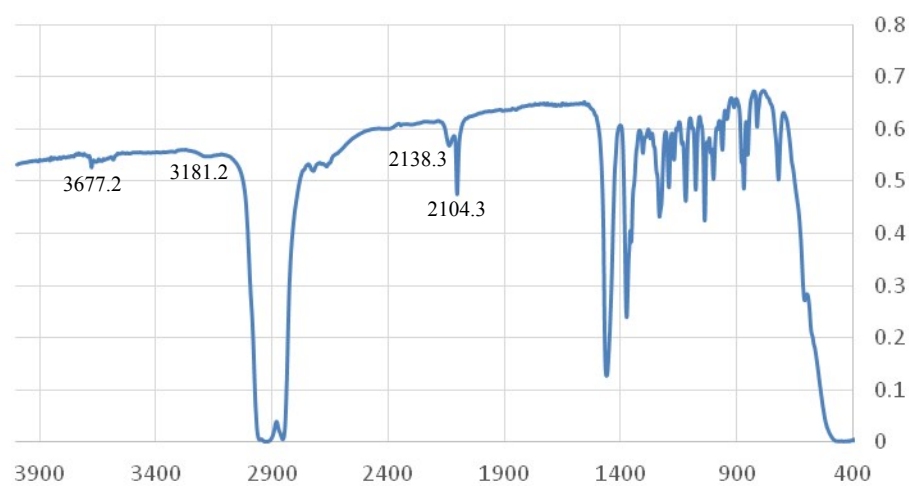
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Infrared spectroscopy**Figure S1a** IR spectrum of **8₂**.**Figure S1b** IR spectrum of **8₂** after air exposure.

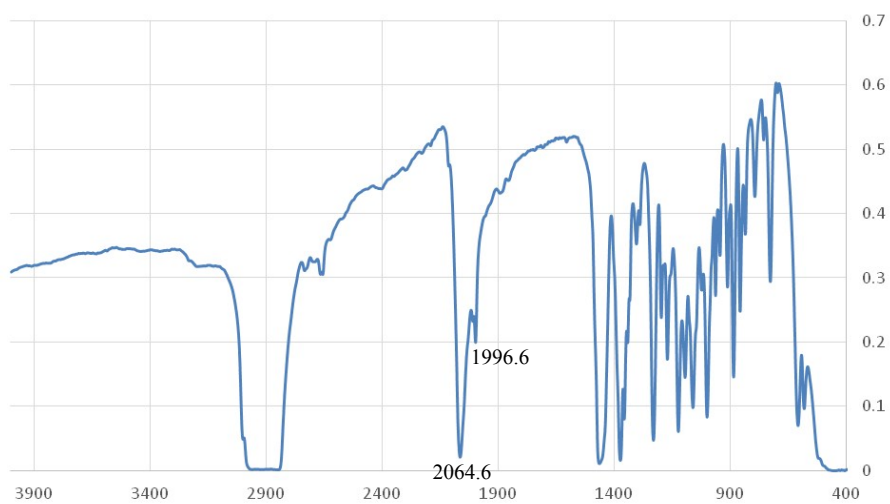


Figure S2a IR spectrum of $\mathbf{9}_2$.

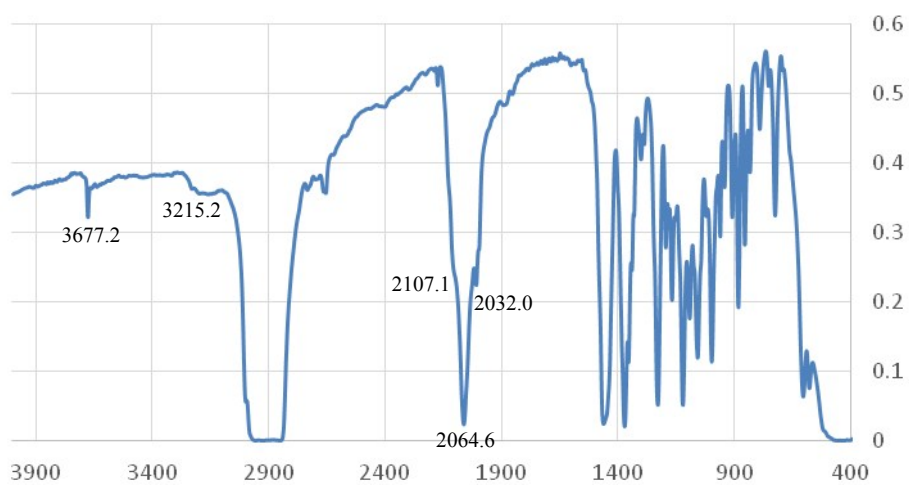


Figure S2b IR spectrum of $\mathbf{9}_2$ after air exposure.

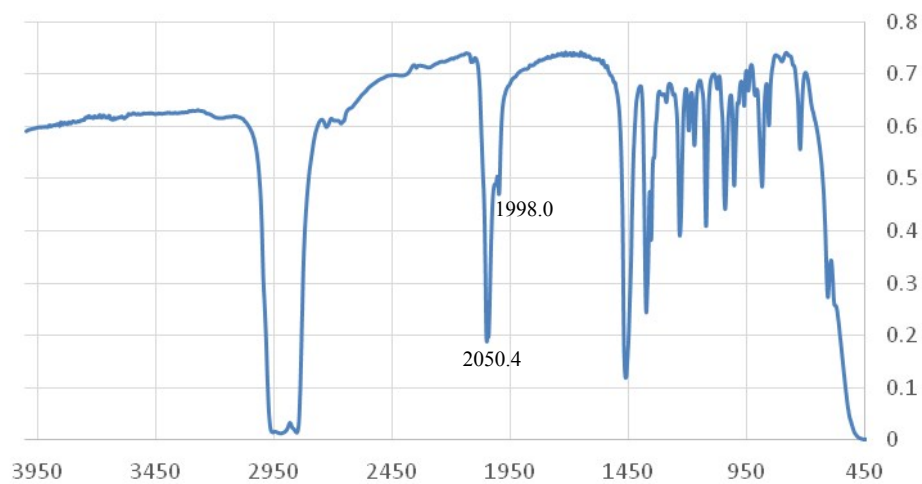


Figure S3a IR spectrum of 10_2 .

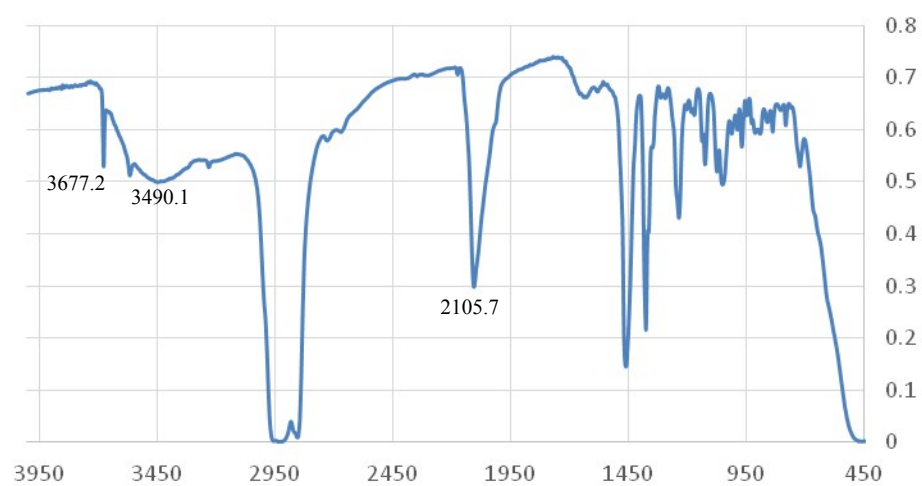


Figure S3b IR spectrum of 10_2 after air exposure.

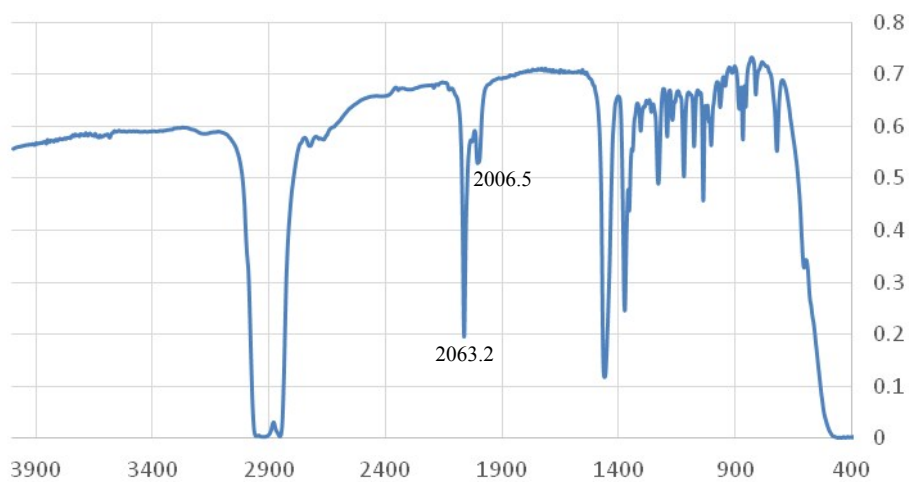


Figure S4a IR spectrum of **11₂**.

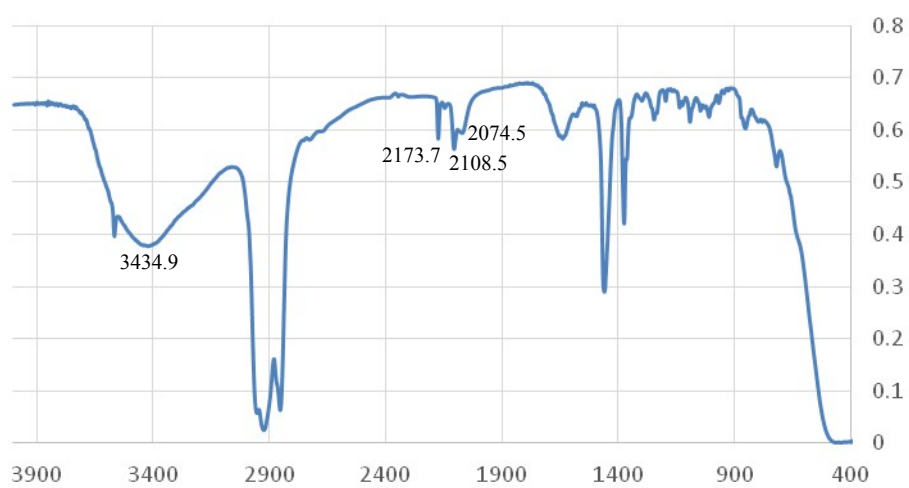


Figure S4b IR spectrum of **11₂** after air exposure.

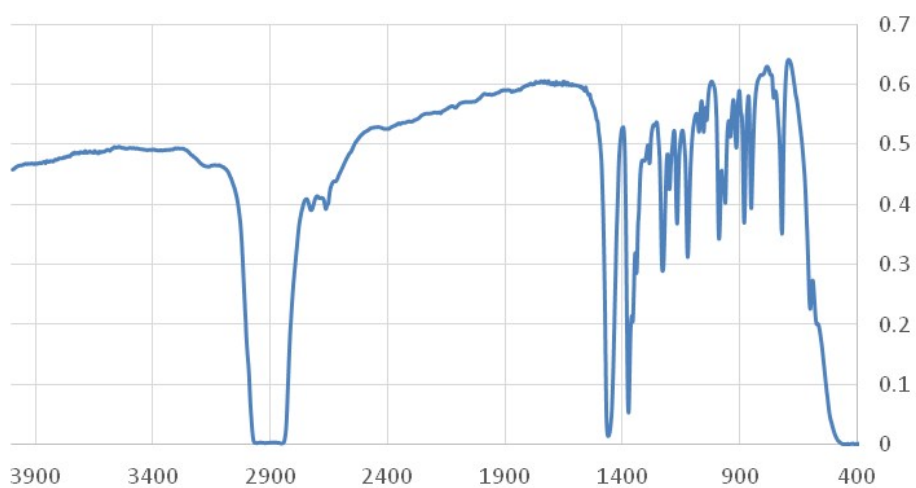


Figure S5 IR spectrum of **12₂**.

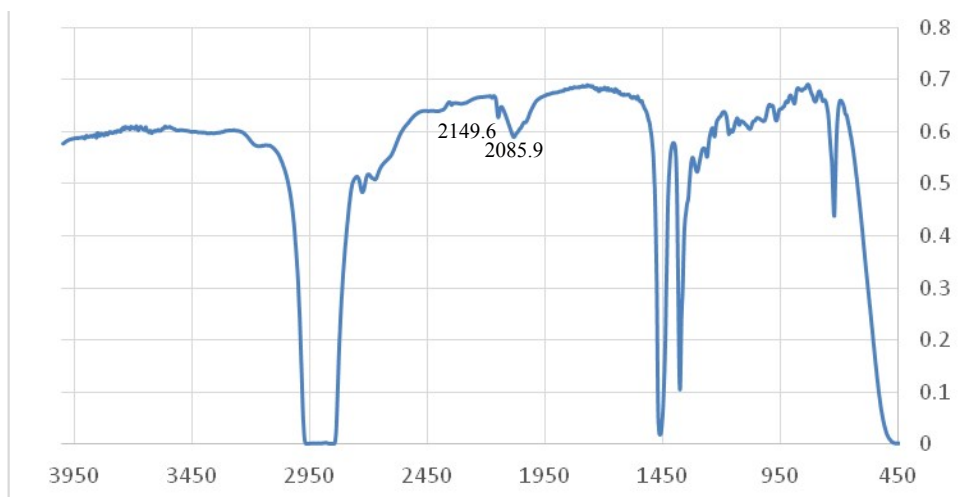


Figure S6a IR spectrum of precipitate obtained after dissolving **10**₂ in benzene, showing a thiocyanate signal.

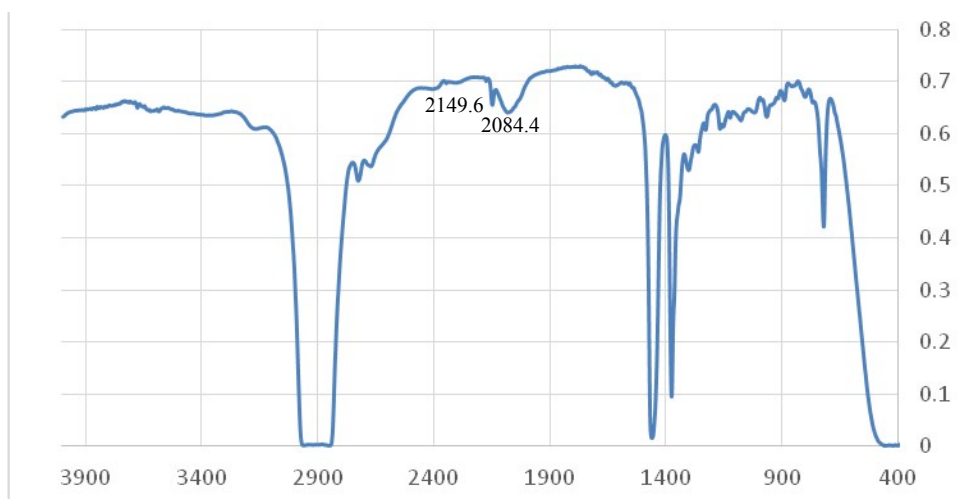


Figure S6b IR spectrum of precipitate obtained after dissolving **10**₂ in benzene after subsequent air exposure.

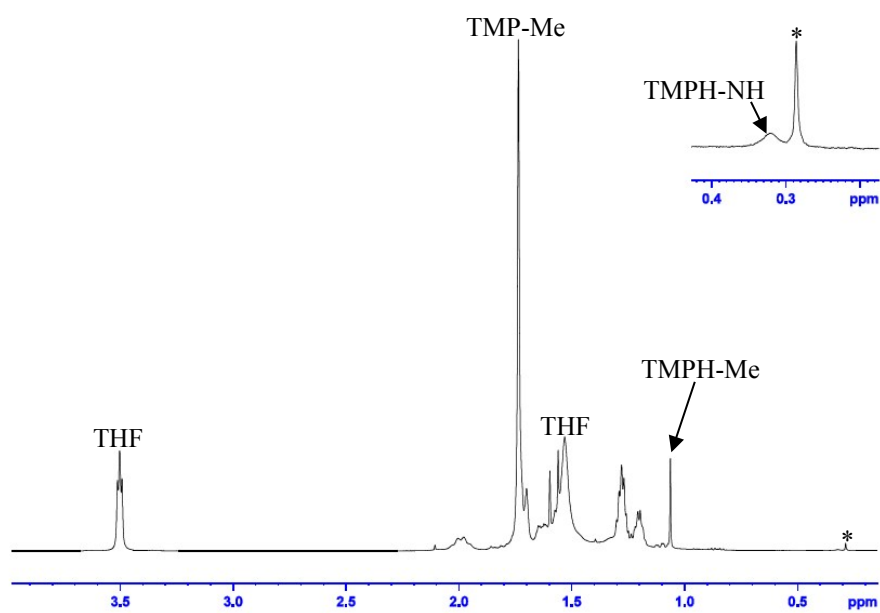
¹H NMR spectroscopy

Figure S7 ¹H NMR spectrum of **82**. Inset: NH peak attributable to trace TMPH and vacuum grease (*).

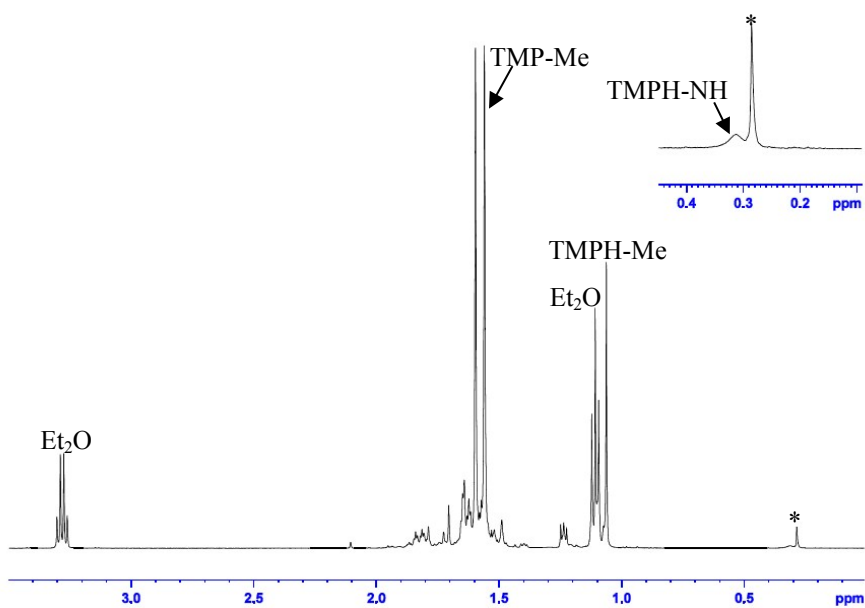


Figure S8 ¹H NMR spectrum of **92**. Inset: NH peak attributable to trace TMPH and vacuum grease (*).

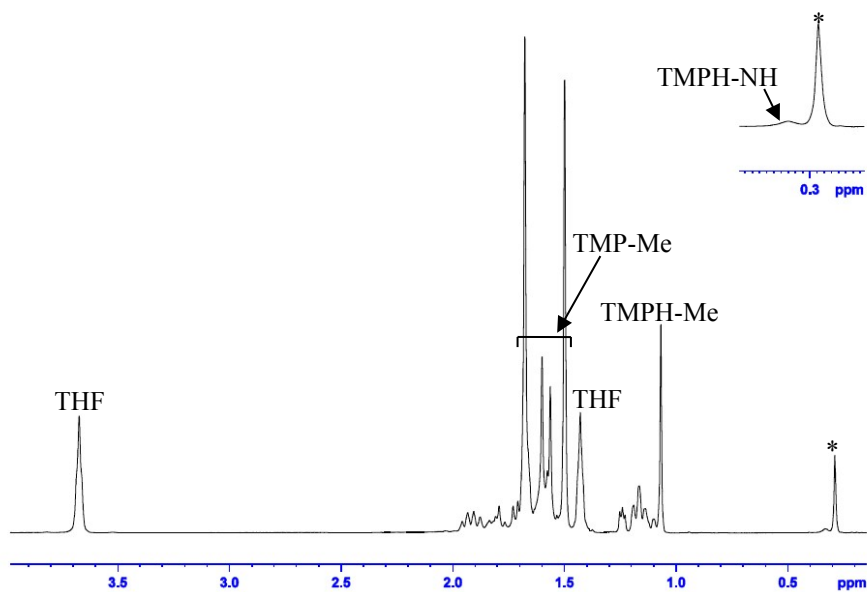


Figure S9 ^1H NMR spectrum of **10₂**. Inset: NH peak attributable to trace TMPH and vacuum grease (*).

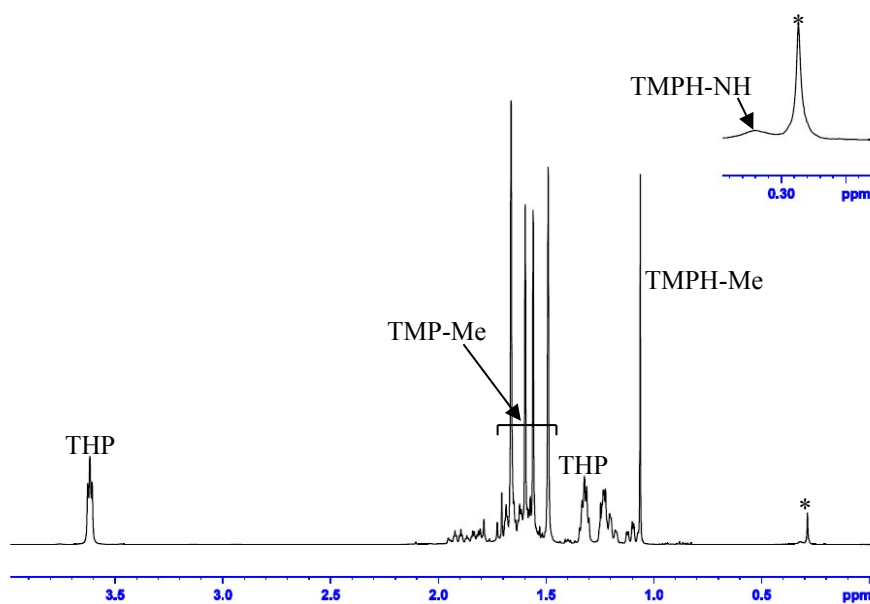


Figure S10 ^1H NMR spectrum of **11₂**. Inset: NH peak attributable to trace TMPH and vacuum grease (*).

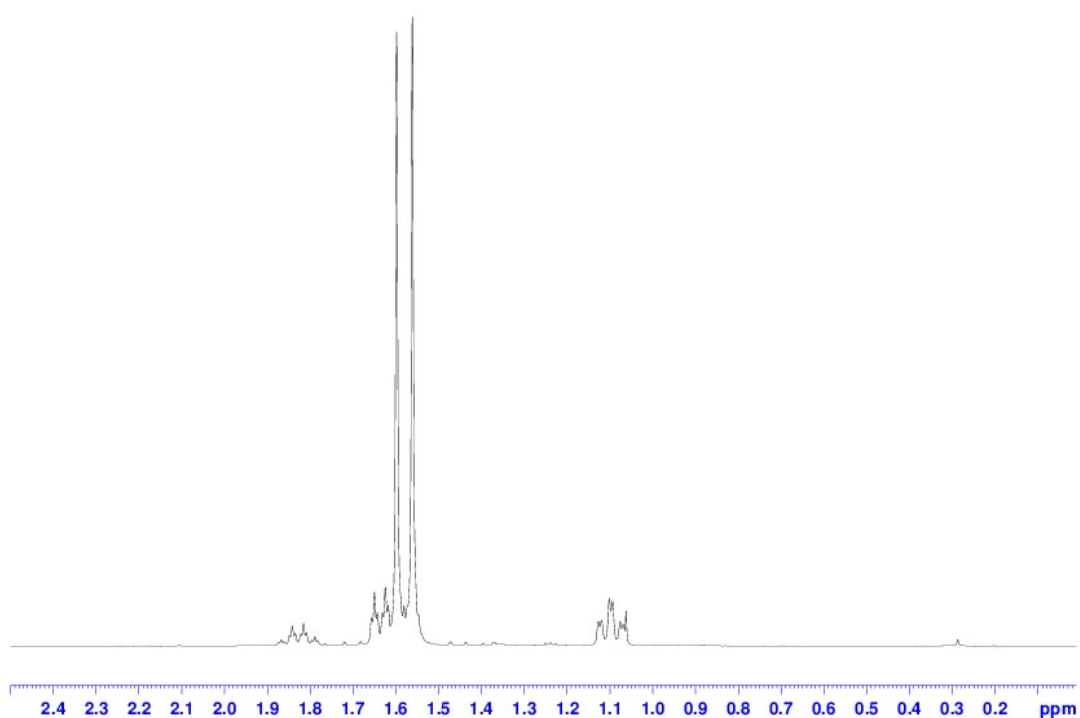


Figure S11 ¹H NMR spectrum of **12₂**, establishing the position of the TMP-Me resonances in a Gilman cuprate.

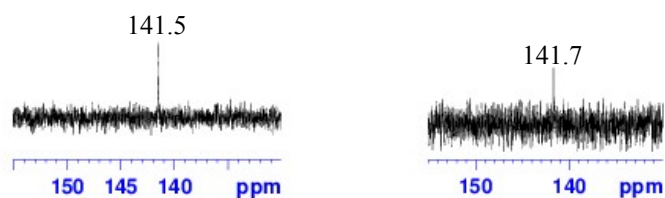


Figure S12 ¹³C NMR spectra of the SCN region of **10₂** (left) and **11₂** (right). In either case the sample concentration is 50 mg/0.7 mL. All other peaks were unchanged relative to the values observed for 20 mg/0.7 mL samples (see manuscript Figure 6 and Experimental Section)

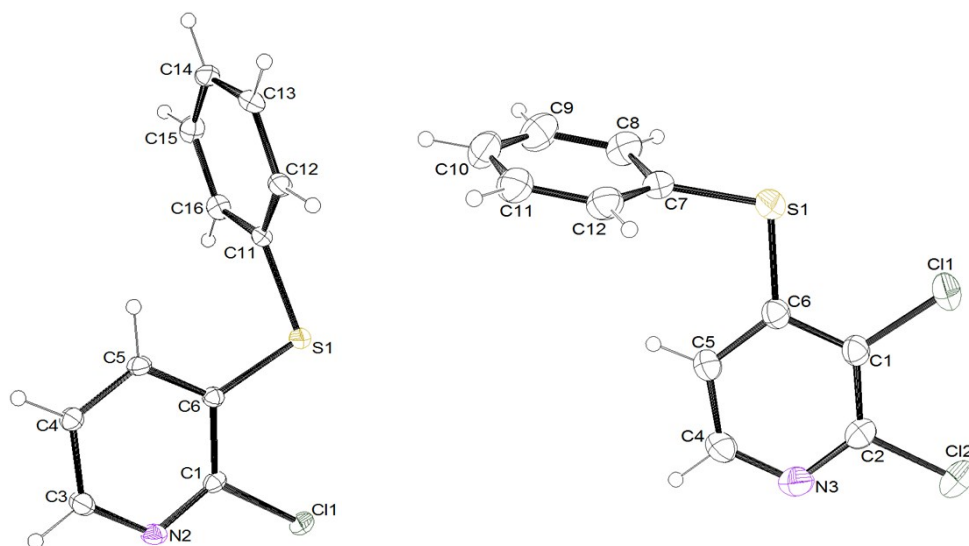


Figure S13 ORTEP diagrams (30% probability) of compounds **15c** and **16c**.

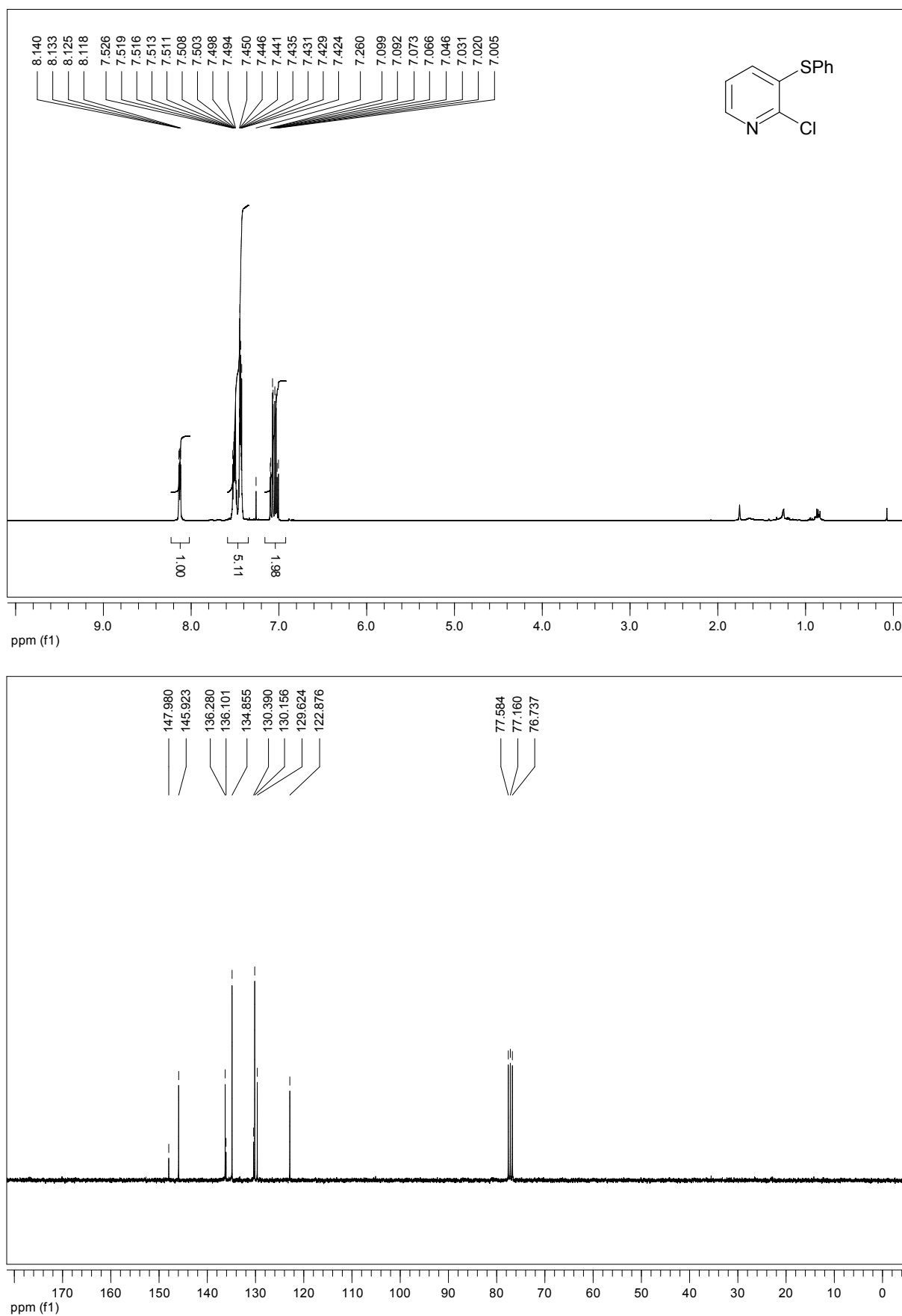


Figure S14 ¹H and ¹³C NMR spectra of 2-chloro-3-(phenylsulfanyl)pyridine **15c**.

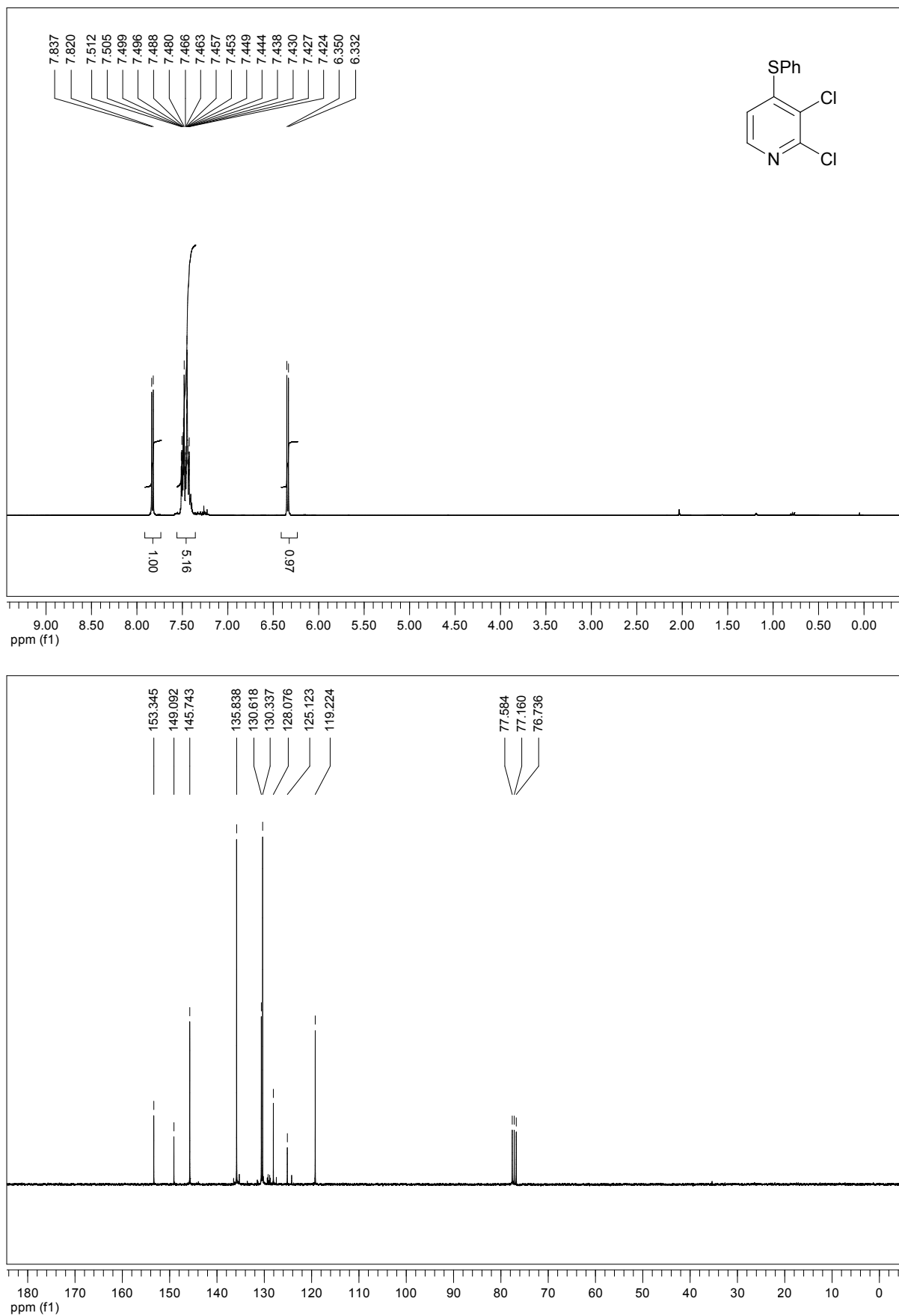


Figure S15 ^1H and ^{13}C NMR spectra of 2,3-dichloro-4-(phenylsulfanyl)pyridine **16c**.