

**Supplementary Material for**

**Modulation of coordination in pincer-type isonicotinohydrazone Schiff base ligands by  
proton transfer**

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**Table S1** Hydrogen bonds geometry for **1** and **2**.

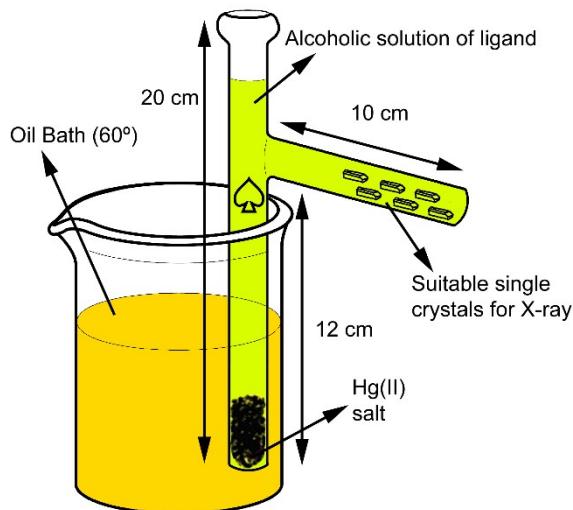
Crystal	D–H...A	d(D-H)/Å	d(H-A)/Å	d(D-A)/Å	D-H-A/°
<b>1</b>	N1–H1...N4 <sup>i</sup>	0.86	2.220(7)	2.9258(7)	139.2(6)
	C11–H11...N6 <sup>ii</sup>	0.93	2.59(1)	3.434(9)	151.3(8)
	C12–H12...S2 <sup>iii</sup>	0.93	2.925(8)	3.649(8)	135.8(7)
<b>2</b>	N4–H4...N6 <sup>iv</sup>	0.86	1.975(4)	2.803(4)	161.2(3)
	C5–H5...N5 <sup>v</sup>	0.93	2.596(5)	3.324(5)	135.6(3)
	C9–H9...S2 <sup>vi</sup>	0.93	2.987(3)	3.864(3)	157.9(3)

Symmetry operation codes: <sup>i</sup> 1/2-x, 1/2+y, 1/2-z; <sup>ii</sup> 1/2-x, -1/2+y, 1/2-z; <sup>iii</sup> x, 2-y, 1/2+z; <sup>iv</sup> 1+x, y, z; <sup>v</sup> x, 1/2-y, -1/2+z; <sup>vi</sup> 2-x, -1/2+y, 1, 5-z.

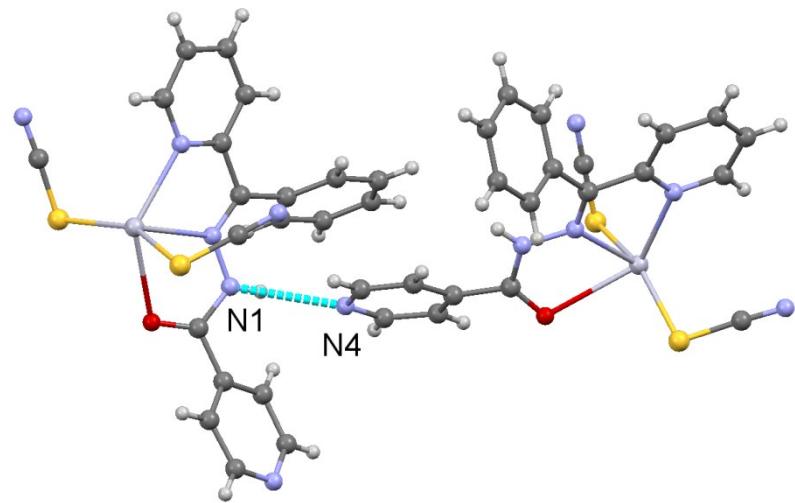
**Table S2.** Geometry of classical  $\pi \dots \pi$  interactions in **1** and **2**.

Crystal	$\pi \dots \pi$ interaction	$\phi$	Cg...Cg	$\Delta$
<b>1</b>	R1...R1 <sup>i</sup>	0	3.655(6)	1.513(11)
	R2...R3 <sup>ii</sup>	13.8(3)	3.882(4)	1.563(13)
<b>2</b>	R1...R2 <sup>iii</sup>	9.8(1)	3.742(2)	1.523(5)

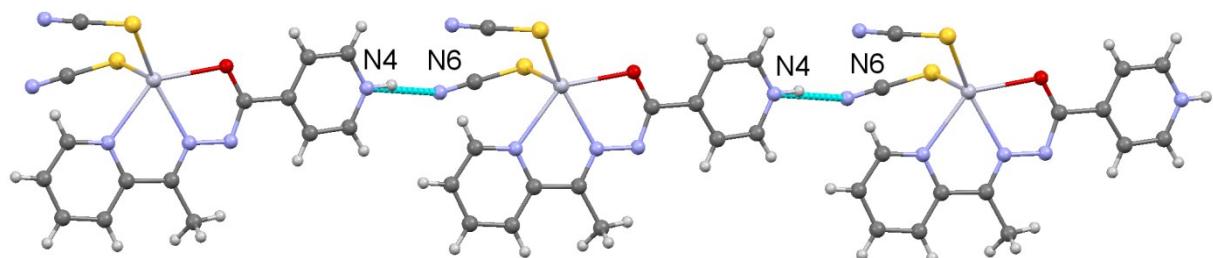
Angles in deg, distances in Å.  $\phi$  – Angle between planes of interacting rings; Cg...Cg – centroid-centroid distance;  $\Delta$  – shift between ring centroids. R1: N3-C3-C4-C5-C6-C7; R2: C8-C9-C10-N4-C11-C12; R3: C13-C14-C15-C16-C17-C18. Symmetry codes: <sup>i</sup> -x, 1-y, 1-z; <sup>ii</sup> 1/2-x, -1/2+y, 1/2-z; <sup>iii</sup> 1-x, -y, -z.



Scheme. S1. Representation of the branched tube used for the crystallization of compounds **1**–**2**.



**Fig. S1.**  $\text{N}_{\text{amide}}-\text{H}\dots\text{N}$  Hydrogen bond in **1**.



**Fig. S2.**  $\text{N}_{\text{pyridine}}-\text{H}\dots\text{N}$  Hydrogen bond in **2**.