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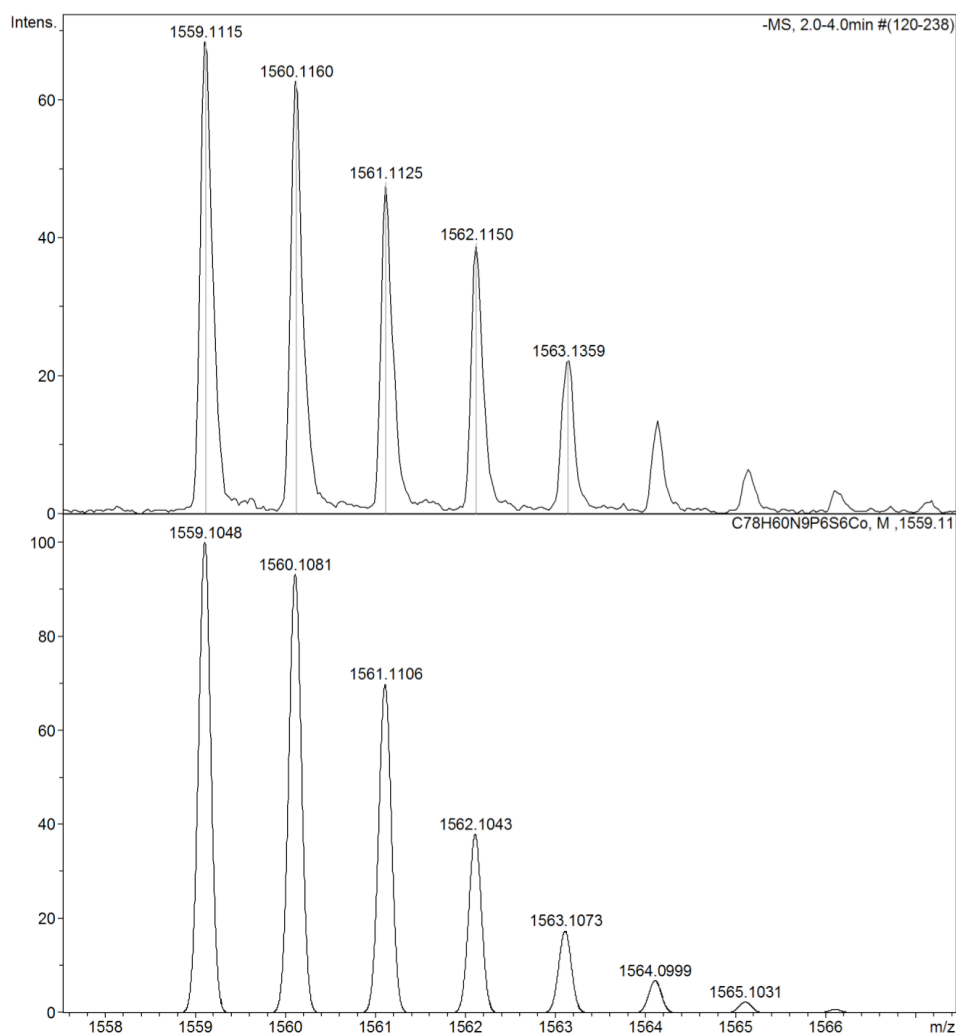
## Metal-Directed Self-Assembly of Transition Metal Heterometallicscorpionates

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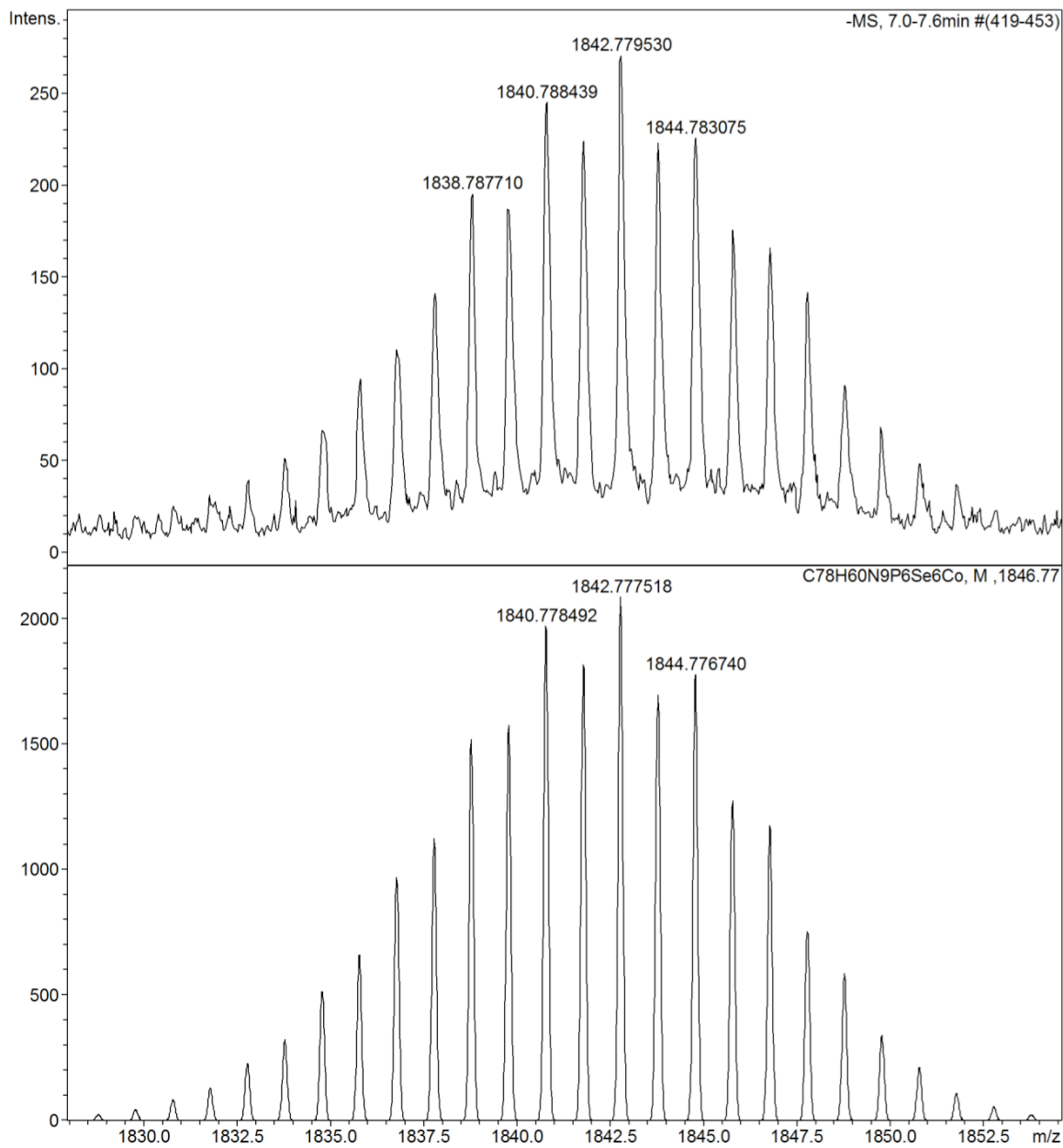
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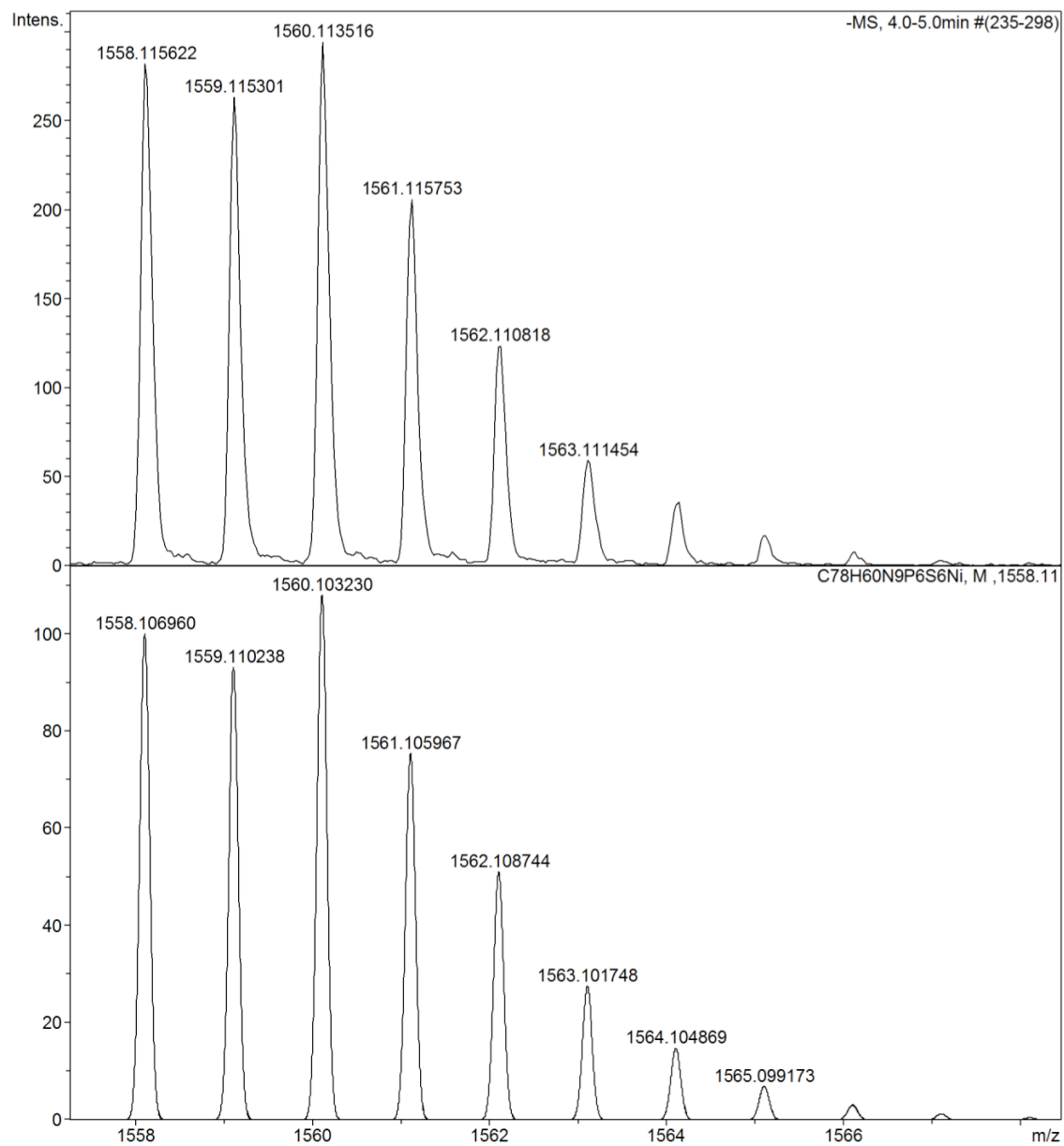
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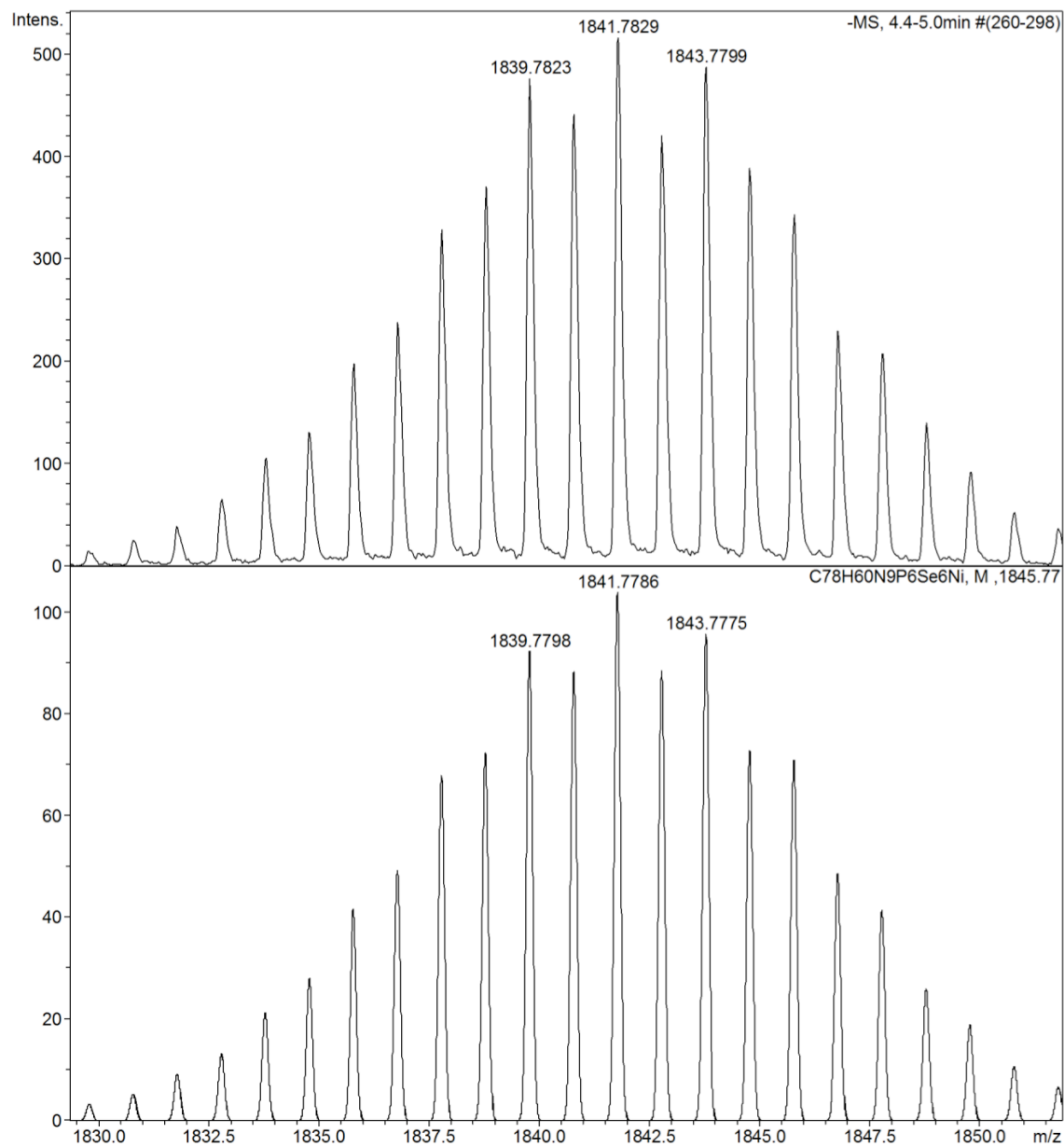
**Figure S1.** Experimental isotopic pattern for the  $[M-K(thf)_2]^-$  peak in the high resolution ESI(-) mass spectrum of **3** (top) and the simulated isotopic pattern for the same fragment (bottom).



**Figure S2.** Experimental isotopic pattern for the  $[M-K(thf)_2]^-$  peak in the high resolution ESI(-) mass spectrum of **4** (top) and the simulated isotopic pattern for the same fragment (bottom).



**Figure S3.** Experimental isotopic pattern for the  $[M-K(thf)_2]^-$  peak in the high resolution ESI(-) mass spectrum of **5** (top) and the simulated isotopic pattern for the same fragment (bottom).



**Figure S4.** Experimental isotopic pattern for the  $[M-K(thf)_2]^-$  peak in the high resolution ESI(-) mass spectrum of **6** (top) and the simulated isotopic pattern for the same fragment (bottom).

**Table S1.** Crystal data and structure refinement details for compounds **3–6**

	<b>3</b> ·1.696THF·0. 304CH <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub>	<b>4</b> ·2THF	<b>5</b> ·1.184THF·0.216 CH <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub>	<b>6</b> ·2THF
Empirical formula	C <sub>179.09</sub> H <sub>166.18</sub> Cl <sub>0.61</sub> Co <sub>2</sub> K <sub>2</sub> N <sub>18</sub> O <sub>5.70</sub> P <sub>12</sub> S <sub>12</sub>	C <sub>180</sub> H <sub>168</sub> Co <sub>2</sub> K <sub>2</sub> N <sub>18</sub> O <sub>6</sub> P <sub>12</sub> Se <sub>12</sub>	C <sub>179.35</sub> H <sub>166.70</sub> Cl <sub>0.43</sub> K <sub>2</sub> N <sub>18</sub> Ni <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5.78</sub> P <sub>12</sub> S <sub>12</sub>	C <sub>180</sub> H <sub>168</sub> K <sub>2</sub> N <sub>18</sub> Ni <sub>2</sub> O <sub>6</sub> P <sub>12</sub> Se <sub>12</sub>
Formula weight	3635.80	4194.54	3633.87	4194.10
Space group	Triclinic	Triclinic	Triclinic	Triclinic
Crystal system	<i>P</i> $\bar{1}$	<i>P</i> $\bar{1}$	<i>P</i> $\bar{1}$	<i>P</i> $\bar{1}$
<i>a</i> /Å	16.0136(4)	16.1262(6)	15.9889(6)	16.1143(3)
<i>b</i> /Å	16.3827(4)	16.3809(6)	16.2392(6)	16.3352(3)
<i>c</i> /Å	20.3288(5)	20.5889(7)	20.4481(7)	20.6585(4)
$\alpha$ /°	67.641(1)	67.647(1)	67.523(1)	67.608(1)
$\beta$ /°	88.941(1)	89.772(1)	89.428(1)	89.713(1)
$\gamma$ /°	62.375(1)	62.696(1)	62.557(1)	62.413(1)
<i>V</i> /Å <sup>3</sup>	4288.04(18)	4372.5(3)	4263.5(3)	4357.72(14)
Temperature/K	100(2)	100(2)	100(2)	100(2)
Wavelength/Å	0.71073	0.71073	0.71073	0.71073
<i>Z</i>	1	1	1	1
$\rho$ (calc.)/g cm <sup>-3</sup>	1.408	1.593	1.415	1.598
$\mu$ (mm <sup>-1</sup> )	0.572	2.906	0.599	2.942
Crystal size/mm <sup>3</sup>	0.18x0.13 x 0.12	0.15 x 0.14 x 0.09	0.26 x 0.19 x 0.18	0.11 x 0.07 x 0.07
Refl. collected	111939	50814	117974	64282
Unique refl. ( <i>R</i> <sub>int</sub> )	16862 (0.0290)	17239 (0.0460)	18120 (0.0445)	19979 (0.0423)
<i>R</i> <sub>1</sub> , <sup>a</sup> <i>wR</i> <sub>2</sub> <sup>b</sup> ( <i>I</i> >2 $\sigma$ ( <i>I</i> ))	0.0304, 0.0745	0.0399, 0.0817	0.0440, 0.1003	0.0365, 0.0714
<i>R</i> <sub>1</sub> , <sup>a</sup> <i>wR</i> <sub>2</sub> <sup>b</sup> (all data)	0.0330, 0.0758	0.0588, 0.0880	0.0502, 0.1029	0.0560, 0.0774
GoF	1.045	1.020	1.115	1.018

$$^a R_1 = \frac{\sum ||F_o| - |F_c||}{\sum |F_o|}, \quad ^b wR_2 = [\frac{\sum w(F_o^2 - F_c^2)^2}{\sum (F_o^2)^2}]^{1/2}$$

**Table S2.** Crystal data and structure refinement details of compounds **3a**, **3b**, **4a** and **4b**.

	<b>3a</b>	<b>3b</b>	<b>4a</b>	<b>4b</b>
Empirical formula	C <sub>180</sub> H <sub>168</sub> Co <sub>2</sub> K <sub>2</sub> N <sub>18</sub> O <sub>6</sub> P <sub>12</sub> S <sub>12</sub>	C <sub>180</sub> H <sub>168</sub> Co <sub>2</sub> K <sub>2</sub> N <sub>18</sub> O <sub>6</sub> P <sub>12</sub> S <sub>12</sub>	C <sub>180</sub> H <sub>168</sub> Co <sub>2</sub> K <sub>2</sub> N <sub>18</sub> O <sub>6</sub> P <sub>12</sub> Se <sub>12</sub>	C <sub>180</sub> H <sub>168</sub> Co <sub>2</sub> K <sub>2</sub> N <sub>18</sub> O <sub>6</sub> P <sub>12</sub> Se <sub>12</sub>
Formula weight	3631.73	3631.73	4194.53	4194.10
Space group	Triclinic	Triclinic	Triclinic	Triclinic
Crystal system	<i>P</i> $\bar{1}$	<i>P</i> $\bar{1}$	<i>P</i> $\bar{1}$	<i>P</i> $\bar{1}$
<i>a</i> /Å	16.0185(15)	16.128(4)	16.1384(8)	16.2092(15)
<i>b</i> /Å	16.1962(16)	16.427(6)	16.3880(8)	16.4743(16)
<i>c</i> /Å	20.537(2)	20.759(5)	20.6000(11)	20.887(2)
$\alpha$ /°	67.0861(16)	67.734(4)	67.7161(8)	67.8293(16)
$\beta$ /°	89.5626(18)	89.760(5)	89.7051(9)	90.0911(17)
$\gamma$ /°	63.0038(16)	62.594(4)	62.5180(7)	62.7076(15)
Unit cell volume/Å <sup>3</sup>	4279.1(7)	4420.6(17)	4375.7(4)	4485.6(7)
Temperature/K	100(2)	250(2)	100(2)	250(2)
Wavelength/ Å	0.71073	0.71073	0.71073	0.71073
Z	1	2	1	1
$\rho$ <sub>(calc.)</sub> /g cm <sup>-3</sup>	1.409	1.364	1.592	1.553
$\mu$ (mm <sup>-1</sup> )	0.564	0.546	2.904	2.833
Crystal size/mm <sup>3</sup>	0.62 x 0.35 x 0.30	0.62 x 0.35 x 0.30	0.31 x 0.27 x 0.21	0.31 x 0.27 x 0.21
Refl. collected	68343	83197	77713	82031
Unique refl. ( <i>R</i> <sub>int</sub> )	17435 (0.0351)	18069 (0.0201)	19956 (0.0428)	20461 (0.0261)
<i>R</i> <sub>1</sub> , <sup>a</sup> <i>wR</i> <sub>2</sub> <sup>b</sup> ( <i>I</i> > 2 $\sigma$ ( <i>I</i> ))	0.0545, 0.1324	0.0342, 0.0950	0.0704, 0.1417	0.0334, 0.0858
<i>R</i> <sub>1</sub> , <sup>a</sup> <i>wR</i> <sub>2</sub> <sup>b</sup> (all data)	0.0596, 0.1356	0.0393, 0.1000	0.0796, 0.1454	0.0430, 0.0914
GoF	1.092	1.022	1.186	0.995

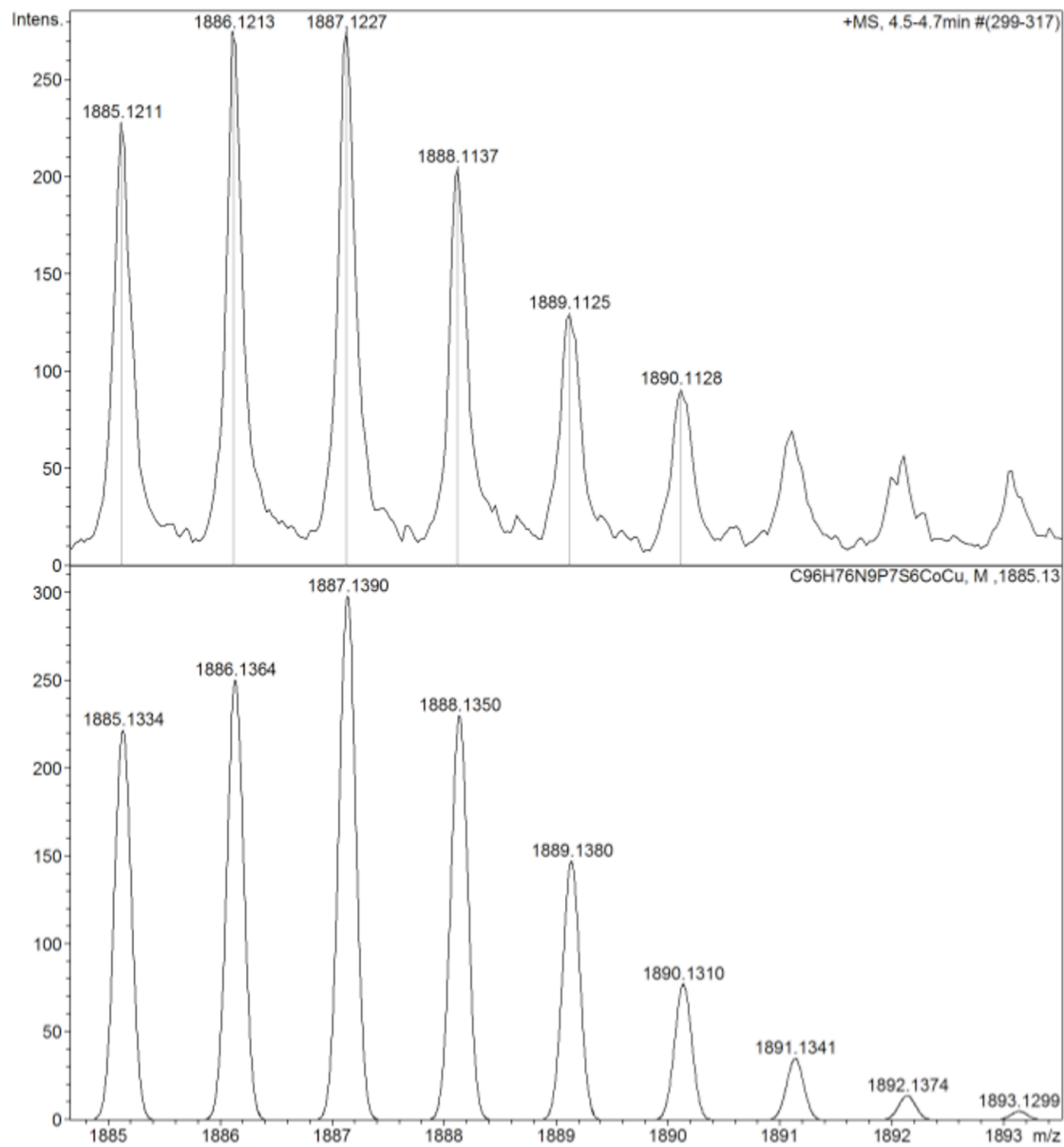
$$^a R_1 = \sum ||F_o| - |F_c|| / \sum |F_o|. \quad ^b wR_2 = [\sum w(F_o^2 - F_c^2)^2 / \sum (F_o^2)^2]^{1/2}$$

**Table S3.** Selected bond lengths (Å) and angles (°) for **3a** and **4a** (collected at 100 K).

	<b>3a</b>	<b>4a</b>
Co–E	2.507(1), 2.529(1), 2.545(1)	2.653(1), 2.592(1), 2.635(4)
Co–N	2.078(1), 2.085(1), 2.114(3)	2.080(4), 2.092(4), 2.117(4)
P=E	1.953(1), 1.958(1), 1.951(1)	2.123(4), 2.102(1), 2.109(7)
P–E(Co)	1.989(1), 1.984(1), 1.983(1)	2.140(4), 2.131(2), 2.137(2)
Co···K	3.864(1)	3.856(1)
E–Co–E	88.5(1), 87.8(1), 86.2(1)	88.0(2), 86.7(1), 85.3(1)
N–Co–N	94.5(1), 93.8(1), 99.4(1)	101.3(2), 94.5(3), 94.7(2)
E–Co–N <sub>(endocyc)</sub>	86.0(1), 84.8(1), 91.2(1)	87.3(1), 85.4(2), 85.6(1)
E–Co–N <sub>(trans)</sub>	173.2(1), 173.2(1), 171.0(1)	172.0(1), 172.0(2), 170.7(2)
P–E–Co	99.4(1), 100.6(1), 99.0(1)	95.7(1), 95.2(1), 96.3(2)
N–K–N	90.8(1), 80.5(1), 81.1(1)	79.8(2), 80.3(1), 89.6(2)

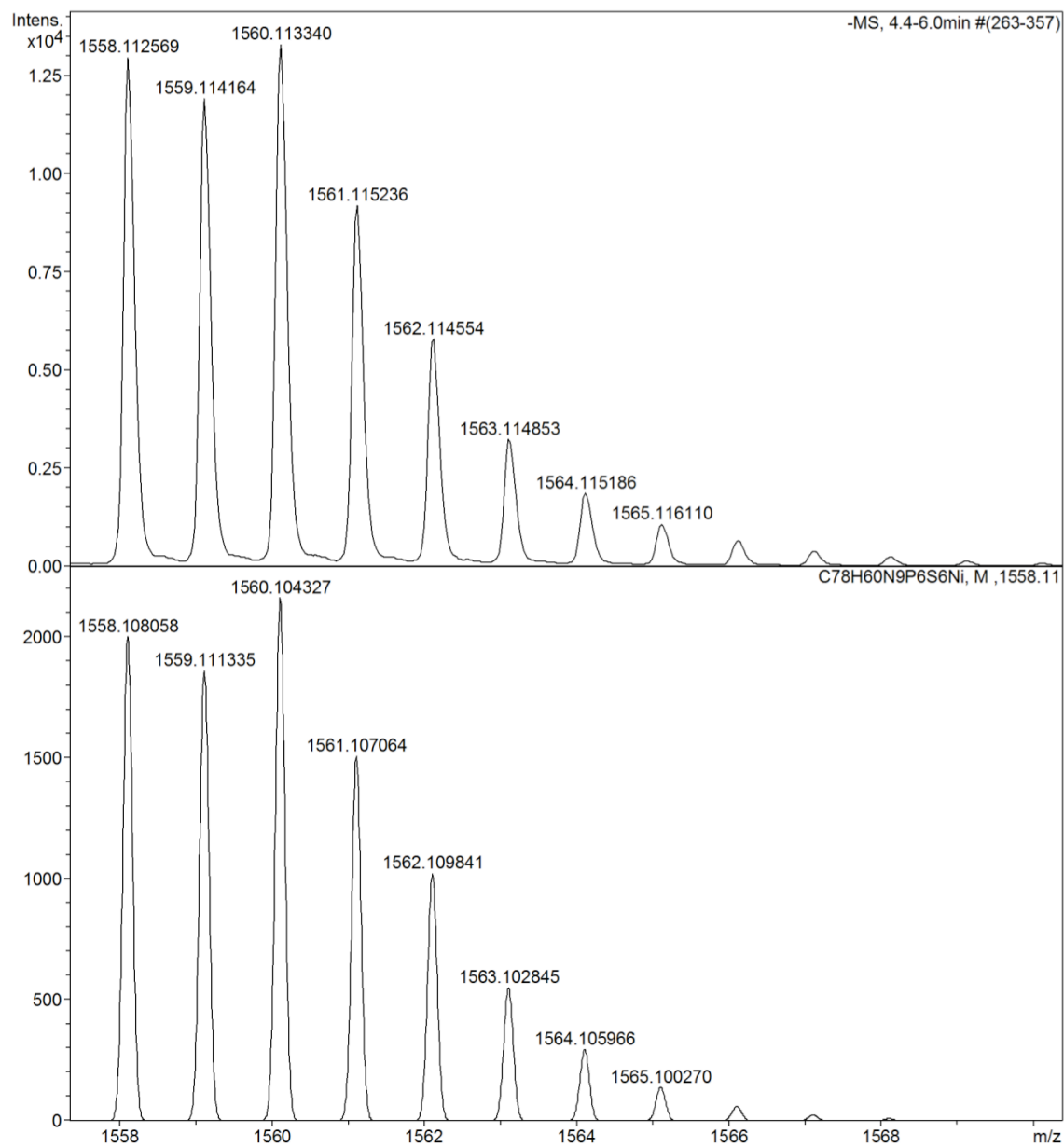
**Table S4.** Selected bond lengths (Å) and angles (°) for **3b** and **4b** (collected at 250 K).

	<b>3b</b>	<b>4b</b>
Co–E	2.570(1), 2.542(1), 2.500(1)	2.664(1), 2.596(1), 2.634(4)
Co–N	2.083(1), 2.089(1), 2.121(1)	2.088(4), 2.093(2), 2.131(2)
P=E	1.952(1), 1.954(1)	2.114(1), 2.103(1), 2.086(6)
P–E(Co)	1.985(1), 1.984(1), 1.982(1)	2.143(4), 2.134(1), 2.139(1)
Co···K	3.885(1)	3.877(1)
E–Co–E	88.1(1), 88.3(1), 87.1(1)	87.5(2), 86.8(2), 84.8(1)
N–Co–N	94.2(1), 100.0(1), 95.1(1)	101.6(2), 94.7(1), 95.8(3)
E–Co–N <sub>(endocyc)</sub>	86.2(1), 84.7(1), 84.5(1)	87.0(1), 85.2(2), 85.5(1)
E–Co–N <sub>(trans)</sub>	172.7(1), 171.8(1), 172.8(1)	172.0(1), 171.3(1), 170.0(2)
P–E–Co	99.5(1), 100.3(1), 98.9(1)	95.7(1), 95.3(1), 96.8(2)
N–K–N	90.8(1), 79.4(1), 80.9(1)	79.7(1), 79.3(1), 89.5(1)

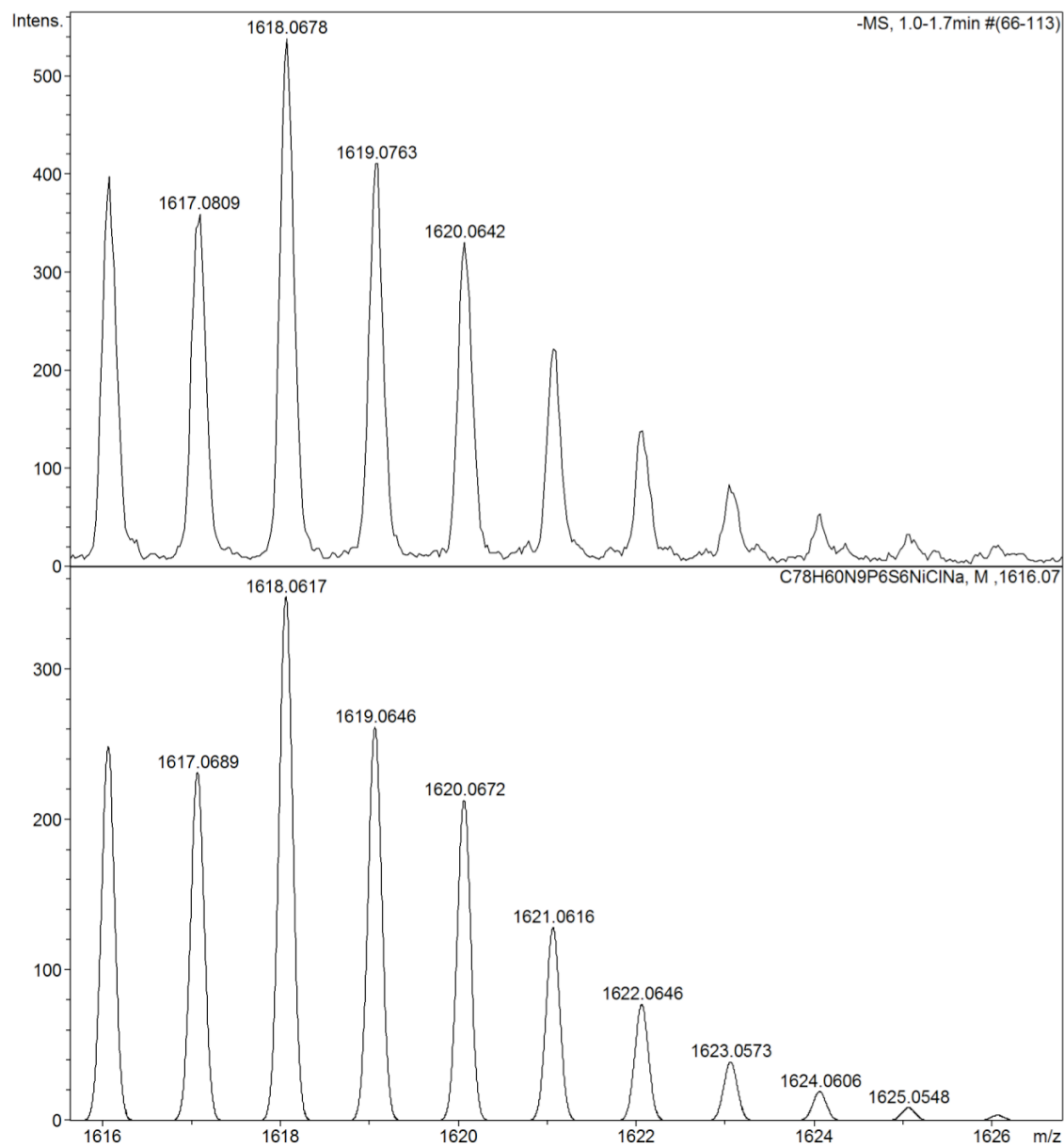


**Figure S5.** Experimental isotopic pattern for the  $[M+H]^+$  peak in the high resolution ESI(+) mass spectrum of **7** (top) and the simulated isotopic pattern for the same fragment (bottom).

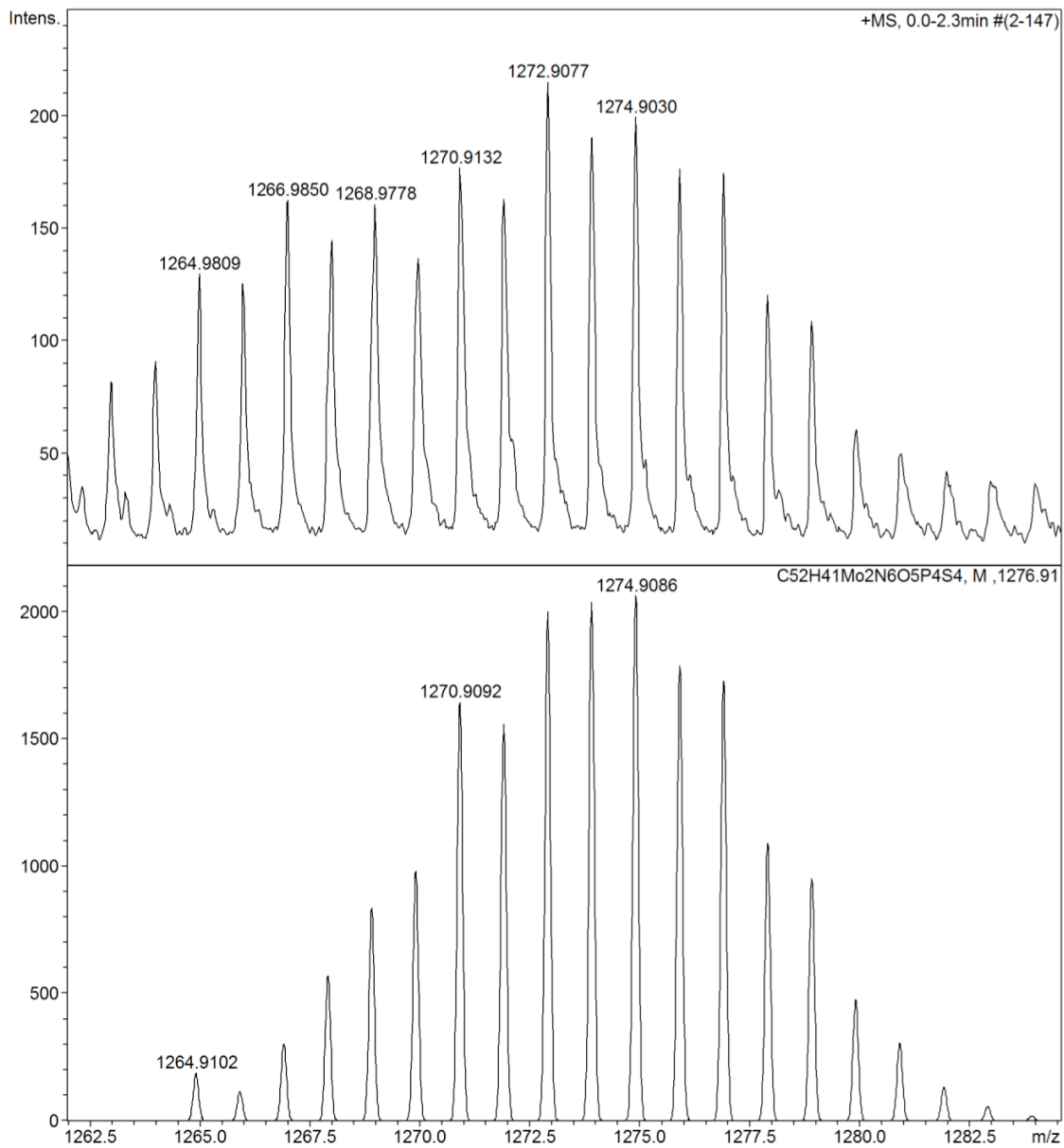




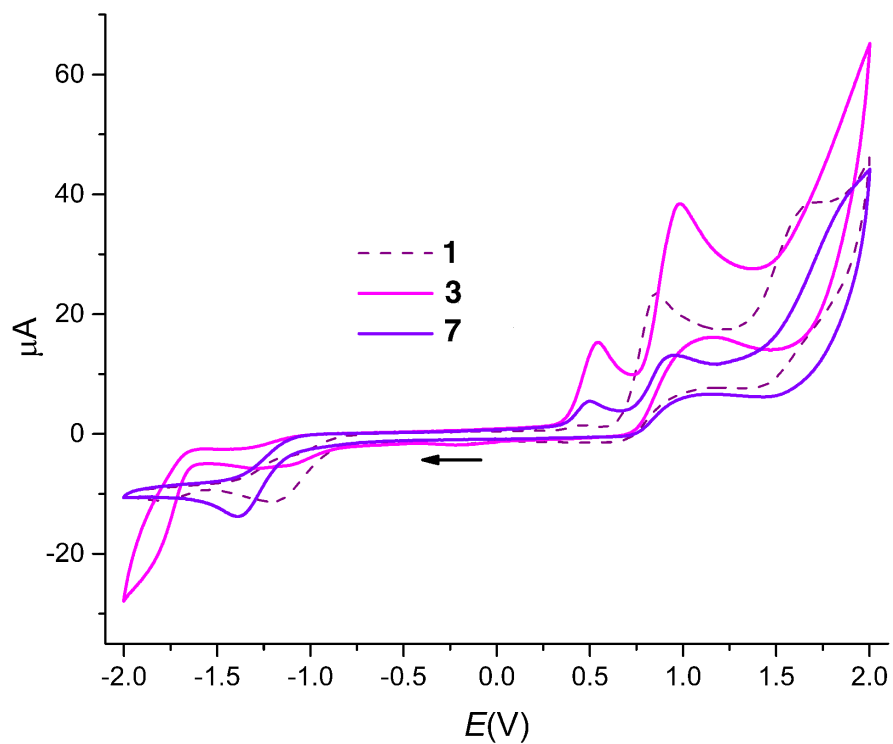
**Figure S6.** Experimental isotopic pattern for the  $[M-CuPPh_3]^-$  peak in the high resolution ESI(-) mass spectrum of **8** (top) and the simulated isotopic pattern for the same fragment (bottom).



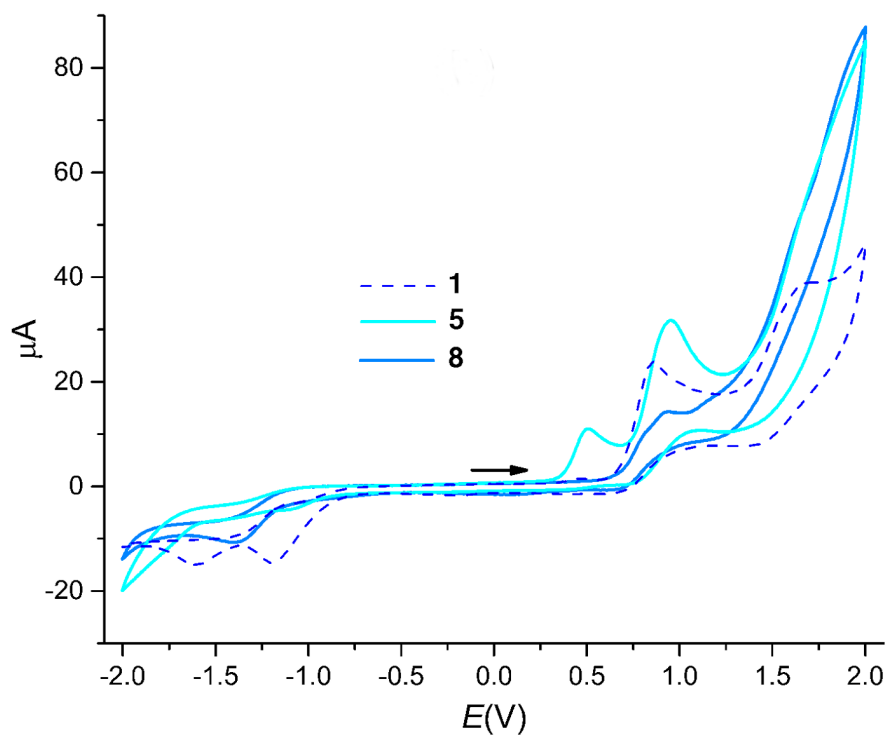
**Figure S7.** Experimental isotopic pattern for the  $[\text{Ni}(\text{L}^{\text{TzS}})_3 + \text{NaCl}]^-$  peak in the high resolution APCI(-) mass spectrum of **9** (top) and the simulated isotopic pattern for the same fragment (bottom).



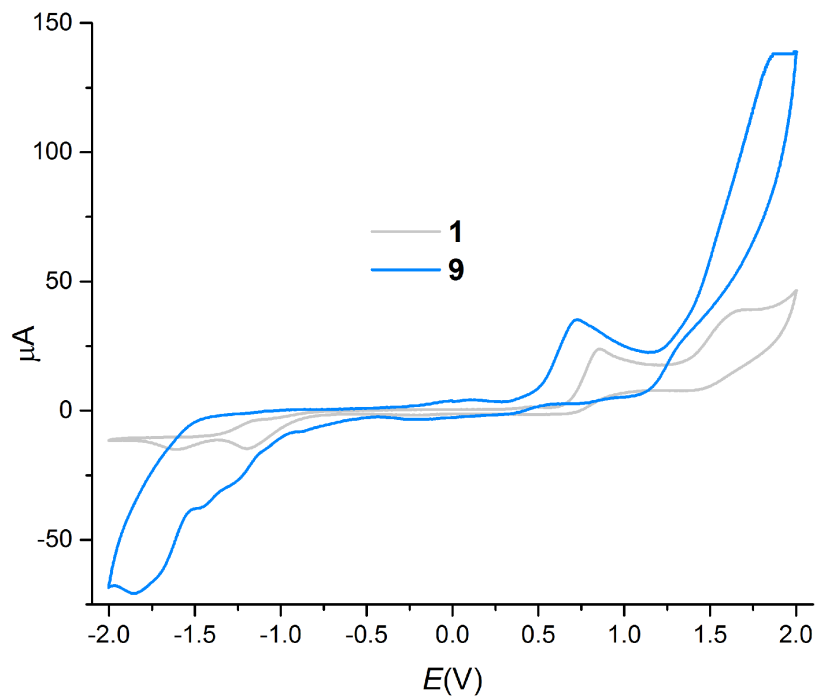
**Figure S8.** Experimental isotopic pattern for the  $[M+H]^+$  peak in the high resolution APCI(+) mass spectrum of **10** (top) and the simulated isotopic pattern for the same fragment (bottom).



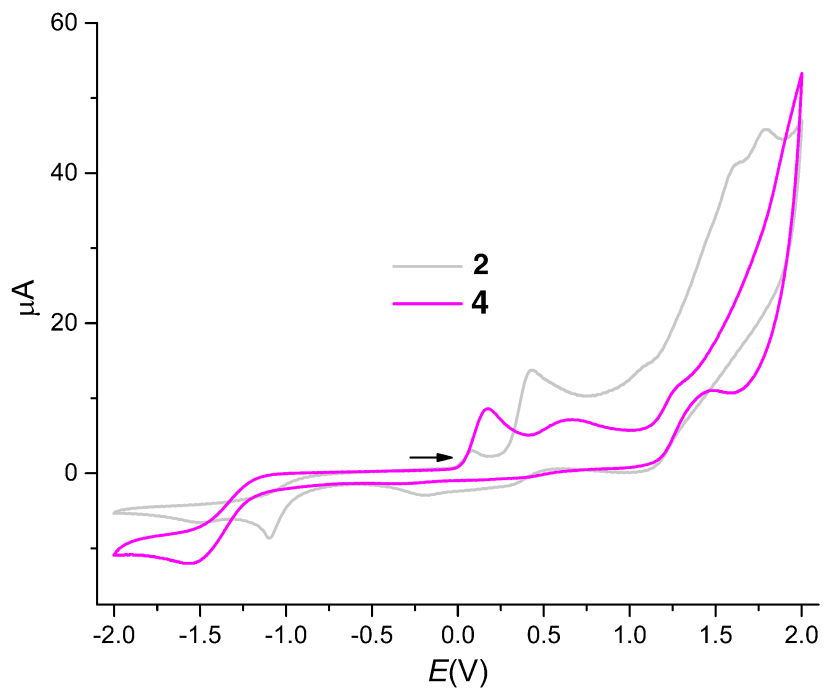
**Figure S9.** Cyclic voltammogram of compounds **3** and **7** against ligand **1** in  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$  with 0.1 M  $[\text{NBu}_4][\text{ClO}_4]$  at a scan rate of  $0.05 \text{ V s}^{-1}$ .



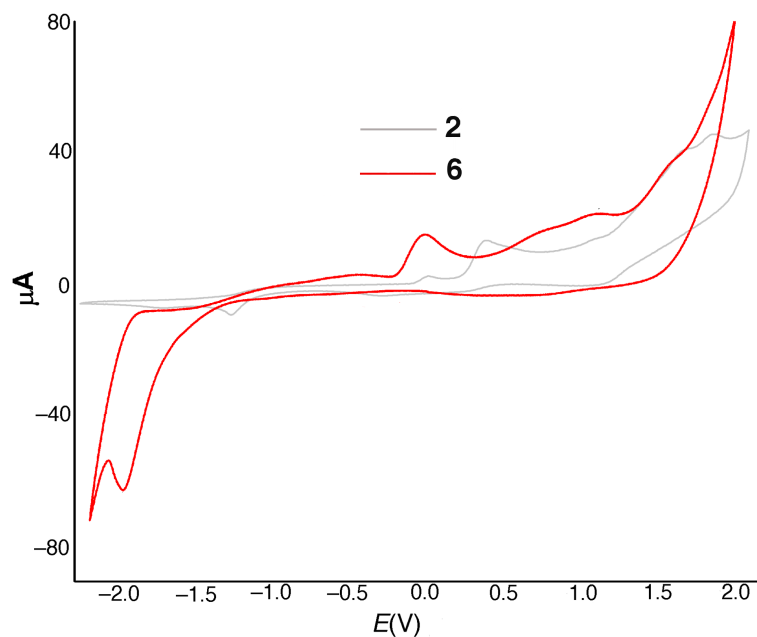
**Figure S10.** Cyclic voltammogram of compounds **5** and **8** against ligand **1** in  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$  with 0.1 M  $[\text{NBu}_4][\text{ClO}_4]$  at a scan rate of  $0.05 \text{ V s}^{-1}$ .



**Figure S11.** Cyclic voltammogram of compound **9** and ligand **1** in  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$  with 0.1 M  $[\text{NBu}_4][\text{ClO}_4]$  at a scan rate of  $0.05 \text{ V s}^{-1}$ .



**Figure S12.** Cyclic voltammogram of compound **4** and ligand **2** in  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$  with 0.1 M  $[\text{NBu}_4][\text{ClO}_4]$  at a scan rate of  $0.05 \text{ V s}^{-1}$ .



**Figure S13.** Cyclic voltammogram of compound **6** and ligand **2** in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> with 0.1 M [NBu<sub>4</sub>][ClO<sub>4</sub>] at a scan rate of 0.05 V s<sup>-1</sup>.

**Table S5.** Crystal data and structure refinement details for compounds **8–10**

	<b>8</b> ·2.632THF·2.369CH <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub>	<b>9</b> ·5.888THF	<b>10</b> ·2CH <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub>
Empirical formula	C <sub>108.90</sub> H <sub>100.79</sub> Cl <sub>4.74</sub> CuN <sub>9</sub> NiO <sub>2.63</sub> P <sub>7</sub> S <sub>6</sub>	C <sub>105.55</sub> H <sub>115.10</sub> N <sub>10</sub> Ni <sub>2</sub> O <sub>9.89</sub> P <sub>6</sub> S <sub>6</sub>	C <sub>54</sub> H <sub>44</sub> Cl <sub>4</sub> Mo <sub>2</sub> N <sub>6</sub> O <sub>5</sub> P <sub>4</sub> S <sub>4</sub>
Formula weight	2272.08	2177.61	1442.75
Space group	Triclinic	Triclinic	Monoclinic
Crystal system	<i>P</i> $\bar{1}$	<i>P</i> $\bar{1}$	<i>C2/c</i>
<i>a</i> /Å	16.0347(5)	16.0990(10)	27.9452(6)
<i>b</i> /Å	17.7231(6)	16.7130(10)	10.2398(2)
<i>c</i> /Å	19.7522(6)	20.6239(12)	24.6315(9)
$\alpha$ /°	81.0699(6)	84.1575(13)	90
$\beta$ /°	78.5117(6)	73.4498(12)	122.6709(7)
$\gamma$ /°	81.7524(6)	79.8242(13)	90
Unit cell volume/Å <sup>3</sup>	5397.3(3)	5227.8(5)	5933.2(3)
Temperature/K	100(2)	100(2)	100(2)
Wavelength/Å	0.71073	0.71073	0.71073
<i>Z</i>	2	2	4
$\rho$ (calc.)/g cm <sup>-3</sup>	1.401	1.389	1.615
$\mu$ (mm <sup>-1</sup> )	0.763	0.635	0.904
Crystal size/mm <sup>3</sup>	0.21 x 0.15 x 0.14	0.27 x 0.16 x 0.10	0.14 x 0.13 x 0.12
Refl. collected	99525	96610	42508
Unique refl. ( <i>R</i> <sub>int</sub> )	24639 (0.0470)	23891 (0.0463)	6784 (0.0199)
<i>R</i> <sub>1</sub> , <sup>a</sup> <i>wR</i> <sub>2</sub> <sup>b</sup> ( <i>I</i> > 2 $\sigma$ ( <i>I</i> ))	0.0390, 0.0932	0.0382, 0.0872	0.0220, 0.0564
<i>R</i> <sub>1</sub> , <sup>a</sup> <i>wR</i> <sub>2</sub> <sup>b</sup> (all data)	0.0533, 0.1007	0.0511, 0.0936	0.0234, 0.0574
Goof	1.023	1.021	1.065

<sup>a</sup> $R_1 = \sum ||F_o| - |F_c|| / \sum |F_o|$ . <sup>b</sup> $wR_2 = [\sum w(F_o^2 - F_c^2)^2 / \sum (F_o^2)^2]^{1/2}$