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Supplementary Information for

Pyrazine-bridged Cu(II) chains: diaquabis(n-methyl-2-pyridone)copper(II) perchlorate complexes

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Crystallographic Supplementary Information:



Figure S1 - a) A thermal ellipsoid plot showing the disordered perchlorate ion of 1. The occupancy of the Cl1 ion is 0.677 and the occupancy of the Cl' ion is 0.323. b) A thermal ellipsoid plot of the disordered perchlorate ion of 3. O3 and O3B each have occupancies of 0.5. Attempts to further model the disorder did not improve the refinement.



Figure S2 - A packing diagram of 2(HT) viewed parallel to the *ab*-face diagonal showing interdigitation of the pyridone ligands between chains.



Figure S3 - A packing diagram of 2(LT) viewed parallel to the *a*-axis (chain axis) showing the isolation of the chains.

Temp (K)	SG	a (Å)	b (Å)	c (Å)	a (°)	β (°)	γ (°)	V (Å ³)	V/molec.
220	C2/c	15.016	6.865	22.324		93.368		2297	574
195	C2/c	14.985	6.859	22.293		93.331		2288	572
170	<i>P</i> -1	8.069	15.348	24.304	75.215	84.771	76.940	2833	708
145	<i>P</i> -1	6.849	8.059	11.668	79.955	73.917	66.271	565	565
120	<i>P</i> -1	6.846	8.051	11.659	79.958	73.894	66.234	564	564

Table S1 - Temperature dependent crystallographic data for 2.



Figure S4 - A wire-frame overlay of the molecular units of **2**(LT) (solid lines) and **2**(HT) (dashed lines). Table S2 - X-Ray data collection and refinement parameters for the 280 K structures of **1** and **3**.

Compound	1	3	
Formula	$C_{16}H_{22}Cl_2CuN_4O_{12}$	$C_{16}H_{22}Cl_2CuN_4O_{12}$	
Mol. Wt.	596.81	596.81	
Temp (K)	280(2)	280(2)	
Crystal System	Triclinic	Monoclinic	
Space Group	Pl	<i>C</i> 2/m	
Unit cell: a(Å)	6.8314(6)	23.0309(19)	
$D(\mathbf{A})$	8.1609(9)	6.8184(5)	
	10.4545(10)	7.7006(15)	
	90.984(8)	90	
p()	99.500(7)	90.399(11)	
ΥC	93.911(8)	90	
Volume (Å)	573.28(10)	1209.2(3)	
Ζ	1	2	
Abs. Coef (mm ⁻¹)	1.256	3.927	
Crys. Dim. (mm)	0.49x0.13x0.07	0.13x0.09x0.07	
$\theta/2\theta$ range (°)	3.332-30.708	5.746-76.645	
Index ranges	$-7 \le h \le 9$	$-28 \le h \le 23$	

	$-11 \le k \le 11$	$-8 \le k \le 8$
	$-13 \le l \le 14$	$-9 \le l \le 8$
Total Rlfn	5016	3789
Ind. Rlfn (R _{int})	3882 (0.0606)	1333 (0.0259)
Min-max. trans.	0.437-1.000	0.681-0.887
Data/restr./param.	3882/2/207	1333/1/129
GooF	1.069	1.071
Fin. $R_1(wR_2)I > 2\sigma$	0.0792 (0.2060)	0.0398(0.1089)
Fin. $R_1(wR_2)$ all	0.0973 (0.2306)	0.0450(0.1174)
Peak(hole) (e/Å ³)	2.708, near Cu1 (-0.993)	0.368(-0.407)

Magnetism Supplementary Information



Figure S5 - M(H) for compound **2** at 1.8 K.



Figure S6 - M(H) for compound **3** at 1.8 K.



Figure S7 - M(H) for compounds 1-3 at 1.8 K.



Figure S8 - $\chi(T)$ (\Box) and $\chi T(T)$ (\circ) for **2**. The solids lines represent the best fit to the S = $\frac{1}{2}$ Heisenberg chain model with a Curie-Weiss correction to account for interchain interactions. The inset shows an expansion of the $\chi(T)$ data in the region of the maximum.



Figure S9 - $\chi(T)$ (\Box) and $\chi T(T)$ (\circ) for **3**. The solids lines represent the best fit to the S = $\frac{1}{2}$ Heisenberg chain model with a Curie-Weiss correction to account for interchain interactions. The inset shows an expansion of the $\chi(T)$ data in the region of the maximum.

Powder X-ray diffraction Supplementary Information



Figure S10: Comparison of the powder X-ray diffraction pattern of **1** (blue trace) with the calculated pattern based upon room temperature single crystal X-ray data (orange trace).



Figure S11: Comparison of the powder X-ray diffraction pattern of **2** (blue trace) with the calculated pattern based upon single crystal X-ray data at 220 K (orange trace).



Figure S12. Comparison of the powder X-ray diffraction pattern of **3** (blue trace) with the calculated pattern based upon the single crystal X-ray data (orange trace).