

## Supporting Information

### **Crystal engineering of auropilic supramolecular architectures and coordination polymers based on butterfly-like Copper-dicyanoaurate complexes: vapochromism, P-T behaviour and multi-metallic cocrystal formation.**

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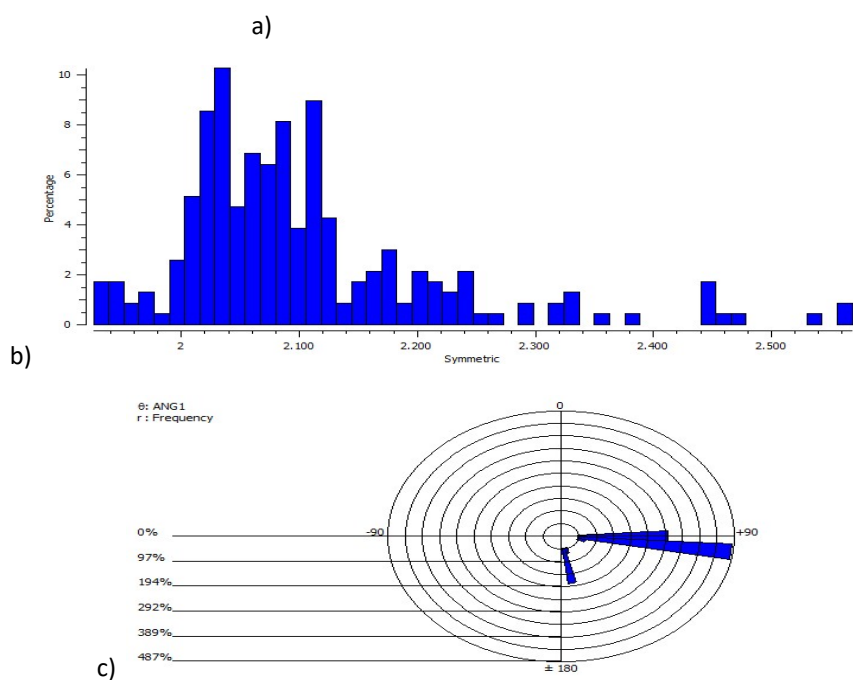
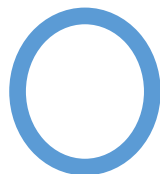
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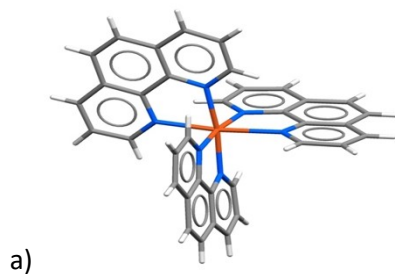
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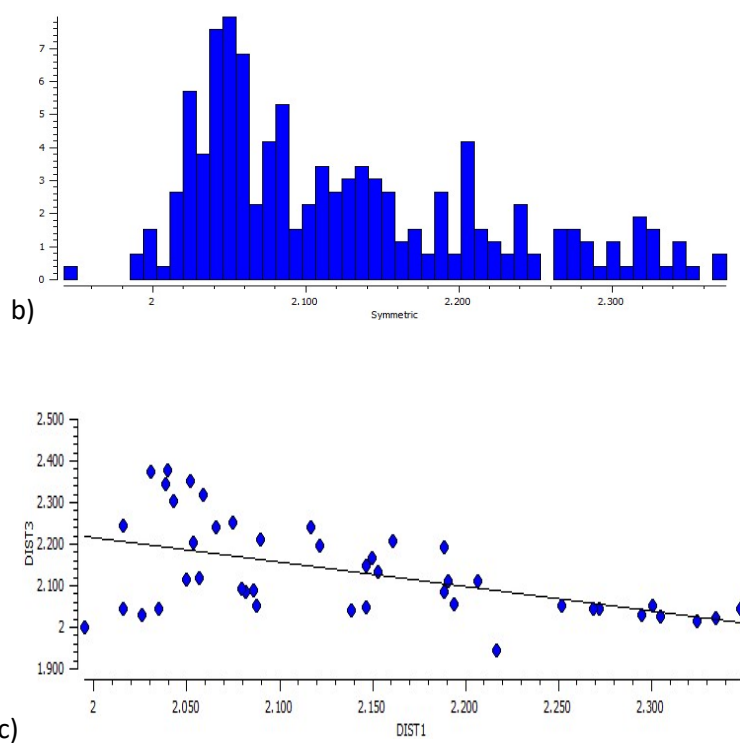
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**Part 1: Crystallographic, structural and Vibrational data in environmental conditions.**

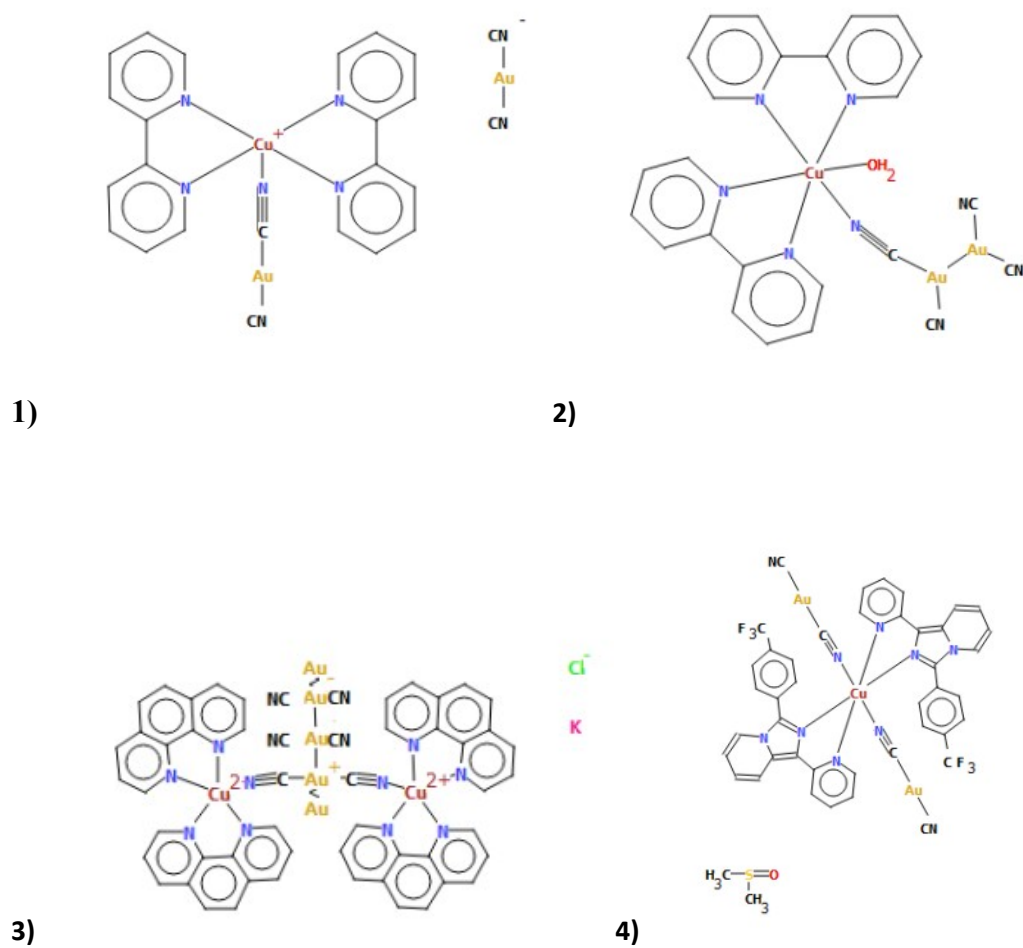


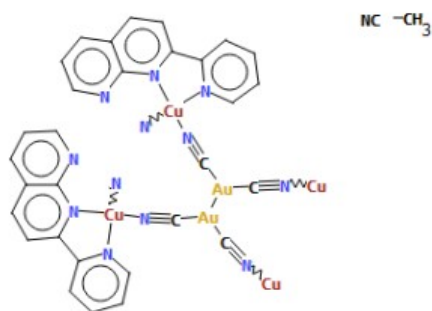
**Figure S1:** (a) Crystal structure of tris(bipy)Cu(II) complex (in the blue circle bipy with out of plane distortion ), (b) distribution of N-Cu distances and (c) N-Cu-N angle circular distribution (from CSD2020).





**Figure S2:** (a) Crystal structure of tris(phen)Cu(II) complex, (b) distribution of N–Cu distances and (c) correlation between N–Cu distances of the same coordinated phen molecules (from CSD2020).



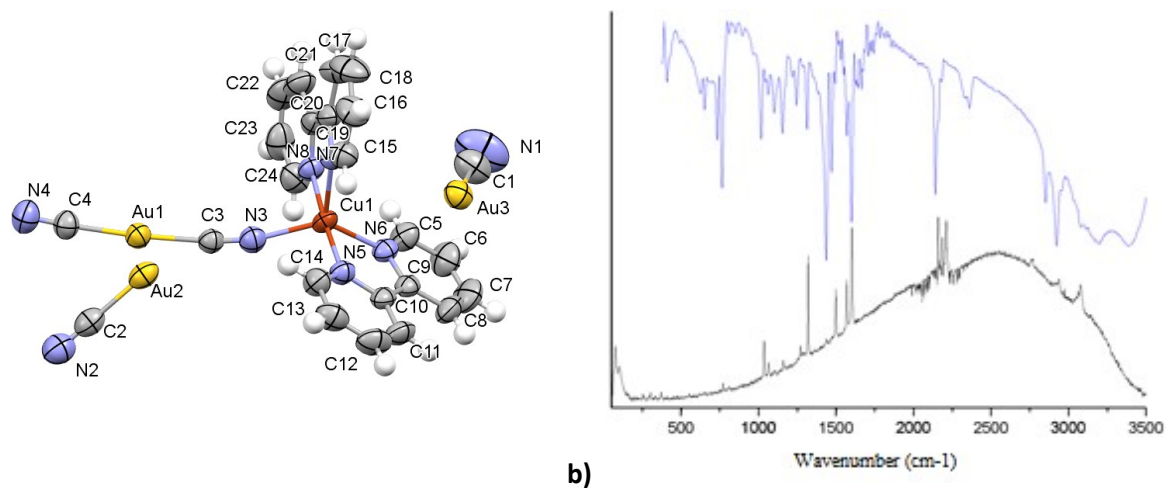


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**Scheme S1:** Formula structures of compound 1-5.

|                         | IR (cm <sup>-1</sup> )          | Raman (cm <sup>-1</sup> ) |
|-------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------|
| (1)                     | 2196(sh)/ 2185/ 2172/ 2156/2143 | 2212/2183/2160            |
| (2)                     | 2168/ 2146(sh)                  | 2210/2182/2159            |
| (3)                     | 2197/2166(w)/2131               | 2212/2151                 |
| (4)                     | 2187/2145                       | 2186/2150                 |
| (5)                     | 2152                            | 2163                      |
| (6)                     | 2153                            | 2156                      |
| K[Au(CN) <sub>2</sub> ] | 2140                            | 2162/2153                 |

**Table S1:**  $\nu(\text{CN})$  frequencies of compound 1-6 and K[Au(CN)<sub>2</sub>] in IR and Raman spectra.



**Figure S3:** ORTEP plot (a) of the asymmetric unit (50 % probability) and (b) IR (blue) and Raman (black) spectra of **1**.

|                   |                                                                  |
|-------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Empirical formula | C <sub>24</sub> H <sub>16</sub> Au <sub>2</sub> CuN <sub>8</sub> |
| Formula weight    | 873.94                                                           |
| Temperature/K     | 293(2)                                                           |
| Crystal system    | Triclinic                                                        |
| Space group       | P-1                                                              |
| a/Å               | 9.9841(3)                                                        |
| b/Å               | 11.0973(2)                                                       |

|                                                |                                                                |
|------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------|
| c/Å                                            | 12.3344(3)                                                     |
| $\alpha/^\circ$                                | 98.818(2)                                                      |
| $\beta/^\circ$                                 | 106.224(2)                                                     |
| $\gamma/^\circ$                                | 101.345(2)                                                     |
| Volume/Å <sup>3</sup>                          | 1254.67(5)                                                     |
| Z                                              | 2                                                              |
| $\rho_{\text{calc}}/\text{g}/\text{cm}^3$      | 2.313                                                          |
| $\mu/\text{mm}^{-1}$                           | 12.533                                                         |
| F(000)                                         | 806.0                                                          |
| Crystal size/mm <sup>3</sup>                   | 0.521 × 0.324 × 0.119                                          |
| Radiation                                      | MoK $\alpha$ ( $\lambda$ = 0.71073)                            |
| 2 $\theta$ range for data collection/ $^\circ$ | 6.52 to 50.06                                                  |
| Index ranges                                   | -11 ≤ h ≤ 11, -13 ≤ k ≤ 13, -14 ≤ l ≤ 14                       |
| Reflections collected                          | 18190                                                          |
| Independent reflections                        | 4418 [ $R_{\text{int}}$ = 0.0324, $R_{\text{sigma}}$ = 0.0124] |
| Data/restraints/parameters                     | 4418/0/319                                                     |
| Goodness-of-fit on F <sup>2</sup>              | 1.078                                                          |
| Final R indexes [ $ I  \geq 2\sigma(I)$ ]      | $R_1$ = 0.0214, $wR_2$ = 0.0542                                |
| Final R indexes [all data]                     | $R_1$ = 0.0257, $wR_2$ = 0.0563                                |
| Largest diff. peak/hole / e Å <sup>-3</sup>    | 1.26/-0.60                                                     |

**Table S2:** Crystal data and structure refinement for **1**.

| Atom | Atom             | Length/Å  |  | Atom | Atom | Length/Å |
|------|------------------|-----------|--|------|------|----------|
| Au1  | C4               | 1.979(5)  |  | N7   | C15  | 1.337(6) |
| Au1  | C3               | 1.994(5)  |  | N8   | C24  | 1.331(6) |
| Au1  | Au2              | 3.2929(2) |  | N8   | C20  | 1.331(5) |
| Au2  | C2 <sup>1</sup>  | 1.986(6)  |  | C4   | N4   | 1.129(6) |
| Au2  | C2               | 1.986(6)  |  | C11  | C12  | 1.366(7) |
| Au2  | Au1 <sup>1</sup> | 3.2929(2) |  | C20  | C21  | 1.388(6) |
| Au3  | C1               | 1.971(6)  |  | C20  | C19  | 1.480(6) |
| Au3  | C1 <sup>2</sup>  | 1.971(7)  |  | C15  | C16  | 1.372(7) |
| Cu1  | N5               | 1.981(3)  |  | C19  | C18  | 1.381(6) |
| Cu1  | N8               | 1.997(3)  |  | C2   | N2   | 1.129(6) |
| Cu1  | N3               | 2.031(4)  |  | C5   | C6   | 1.377(7) |
| Cu1  | N6               | 2.037(3)  |  | C14  | C13  | 1.387(6) |
| Cu1  | N7               | 2.120(3)  |  | C13  | C12  | 1.345(7) |
| N6   | C5               | 1.338(6)  |  | C24  | C23  | 1.377(7) |
| N6   | C9               | 1.344(5)  |  | C8   | C7   | 1.366(7) |
| N5   | C14              | 1.323(5)  |  | C16  | C17  | 1.367(8) |
| N5   | C10              | 1.338(5)  |  | C23  | C22  | 1.358(8) |
| N3   | C3               | 1.129(5)  |  | C21  | C22  | 1.356(8) |
| C10  | C11              | 1.396(6)  |  | C6   | C7   | 1.359(7) |
| C10  | C9               | 1.474(6)  |  | C18  | C17  | 1.379(8) |

|    |     |          |    |    |          |
|----|-----|----------|----|----|----------|
| C9 | C8  | 1.393(6) | N1 | C1 | 1.125(7) |
| N7 | C19 | 1.342(5) |    |    |          |

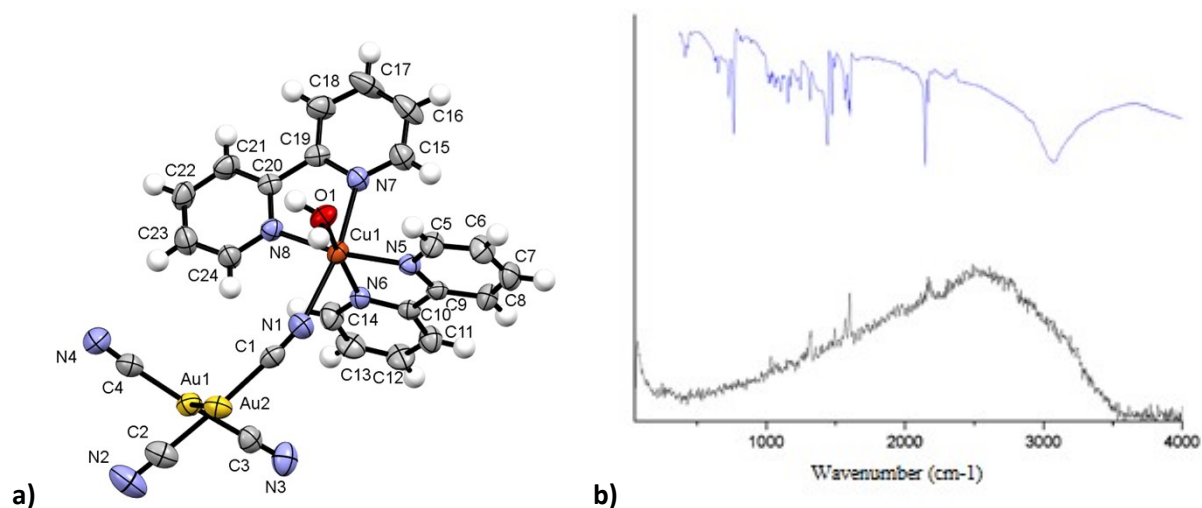
<sup>1</sup>2-X,1-Y,1-Z; <sup>2</sup>2-X,2-Y,-Z

**Table S3** Bond Lengths for **1**.

| Atom            | Atom | Atom             | Angle/°    | Atom | Atom | Atom | Angle/°  |
|-----------------|------|------------------|------------|------|------|------|----------|
| C4              | Au1  | C3               | 175.68(16) | C8   | C9   | C10  | 124.5(4) |
| C4              | Au1  | Au2              | 93.46(13)  | C19  | N7   | C15  | 118.8(4) |
| C3              | Au1  | Au2              | 87.64(11)  | C19  | N7   | Cu1  | 112.7(3) |
| C2 <sup>1</sup> | Au2  | C2               | 180.000(1) | C15  | N7   | Cu1  | 128.1(3) |
| C2 <sup>1</sup> | Au2  | Au1              | 90.25(13)  | C24  | N8   | C20  | 118.8(4) |
| C2              | Au2  | Au1              | 89.75(13)  | C24  | N8   | Cu1  | 123.3(3) |
| C2 <sup>1</sup> | Au2  | Au1 <sup>1</sup> | 89.75(13)  | C20  | N8   | Cu1  | 117.5(3) |
| C2              | Au2  | Au1 <sup>1</sup> | 90.25(13)  | N4   | C4   | Au1  | 177.1(4) |
| Au1             | Au2  | Au1 <sup>1</sup> | 180.0      | C12  | C11  | C10  | 119.3(5) |
| C1              | Au3  | C1 <sup>2</sup>  | 180.0      | N8   | C20  | C21  | 120.5(5) |
| N5              | Cu1  | N8               | 176.84(15) | N8   | C20  | C19  | 115.1(3) |
| N5              | Cu1  | N3               | 93.22(14)  | C21  | C20  | C19  | 124.3(4) |
| N8              | Cu1  | N3               | 89.94(14)  | N7   | C15  | C16  | 123.1(5) |
| N5              | Cu1  | N6               | 80.63(14)  | N7   | C19  | C18  | 120.8(5) |
| N8              | Cu1  | N6               | 97.28(14)  | N7   | C19  | C20  | 115.0(4) |
| N3              | Cu1  | N6               | 134.00(14) | C18  | C19  | C20  | 124.1(4) |
| N5              | Cu1  | N7               | 99.93(13)  | N2   | C2   | Au2  | 179.6(5) |
| N8              | Cu1  | N7               | 79.00(13)  | N6   | C5   | C6   | 122.7(5) |
| N3              | Cu1  | N7               | 106.47(14) | N5   | C14  | C13  | 122.2(5) |
| N6              | Cu1  | N7               | 119.52(13) | C12  | C13  | C14  | 118.6(5) |
| C5              | N6   | C9               | 118.5(4)   | N8   | C24  | C23  | 122.9(5) |
| C5              | N6   | Cu1              | 127.5(3)   | C13  | C12  | C11  | 120.2(4) |
| C9              | N6   | Cu1              | 114.0(3)   | C7   | C8   | C9   | 119.1(5) |
| C14             | N5   | C10              | 119.7(4)   | C17  | C16  | C15  | 118.1(5) |
| C14             | N5   | Cu1              | 124.6(3)   | C22  | C23  | C24  | 118.1(5) |
| C10             | N5   | Cu1              | 115.7(3)   | C22  | C21  | C20  | 120.1(5) |
| C3              | N3   | Cu1              | 168.0(3)   | C7   | C6   | C5   | 118.5(5) |
| N3              | C3   | Au1              | 173.4(4)   | C6   | C7   | C8   | 120.0(5) |
| N5              | C10  | C11              | 120.0(4)   | C19  | C18  | C17  | 119.6(5) |
| N5              | C10  | C9               | 115.1(3)   | C21  | C22  | C23  | 119.5(5) |
| C11             | C10  | C9               | 124.8(4)   | C16  | C17  | C18  | 119.6(5) |
| N6              | C9   | C8               | 121.0(4)   | N1   | C1   | Au3  | 178.4(8) |
| N6              | C9   | C10              | 114.5(4)   |      |      |      |          |

<sup>1</sup>2-X,1-Y,1-Z; <sup>2</sup>2-X,2-Y,-Z

**Table S4:** Bond Angles for **1**.



**Figure S4:** ORTEP plot (a) of the asymmetric unit (50 % probability) and (b) IR (blue) and Raman (black) spectra of **2**.

|                                             |                                                                    |
|---------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Empirical formula                           | C <sub>24</sub> H <sub>18</sub> Au <sub>2</sub> CuN <sub>8</sub> O |
| Formula weight                              | 891.94                                                             |
| Temperature/K                               | 298.00                                                             |
| Crystal system                              | monoclinic                                                         |
| Space group                                 | P2 <sub>1</sub> /c                                                 |
| a/Å                                         | 15.2706(10)                                                        |
| b/Å                                         | 14.2900(6)                                                         |
| c/Å                                         | 12.7118(10)                                                        |
| α/°                                         | 90                                                                 |
| β/°                                         | 114.476(9)                                                         |
| γ/°                                         | 90                                                                 |
| Volume/Å <sup>3</sup>                       | 2524.6(3)                                                          |
| Z                                           | 4                                                                  |
| ρ <sub>calc</sub> /g/cm <sup>3</sup>        | 2.347                                                              |
| μ/mm <sup>-1</sup>                          | 12.462                                                             |
| F(000)                                      | 1652.0                                                             |
| Crystal size/mm <sup>3</sup>                | 0.24 × 0.23 × 0.15                                                 |
| Radiation                                   | MoKα (λ = 0.71073)                                                 |
| 2θ range for data collection/°              | 6.412 to 59.242                                                    |
| Index ranges                                | -15 ≤ h ≤ 20, -19 ≤ k ≤ 19, -17 ≤ l ≤ 12                           |
| Reflections collected                       | 18791                                                              |
| Independent reflections                     | 7099 [R <sub>int</sub> = 0.0464, R <sub>sigma</sub> = 0.0562]      |
| Data/restraints/parameters                  | 7099/0/326                                                         |
| Goodness-of-fit on F <sup>2</sup>           | 0.994                                                              |
| Final R indexes [I ≥ 2σ (I)]                | R <sub>1</sub> = 0.0360, wR <sub>2</sub> = 0.0551                  |
| Final R indexes [all data]                  | R <sub>1</sub> = 0.0673, wR <sub>2</sub> = 0.0639                  |
| Largest diff. peak/hole / e Å <sup>-3</sup> | 0.63/-0.81                                                         |

**Table S5:** Crystal data and structure refinement for **2**.

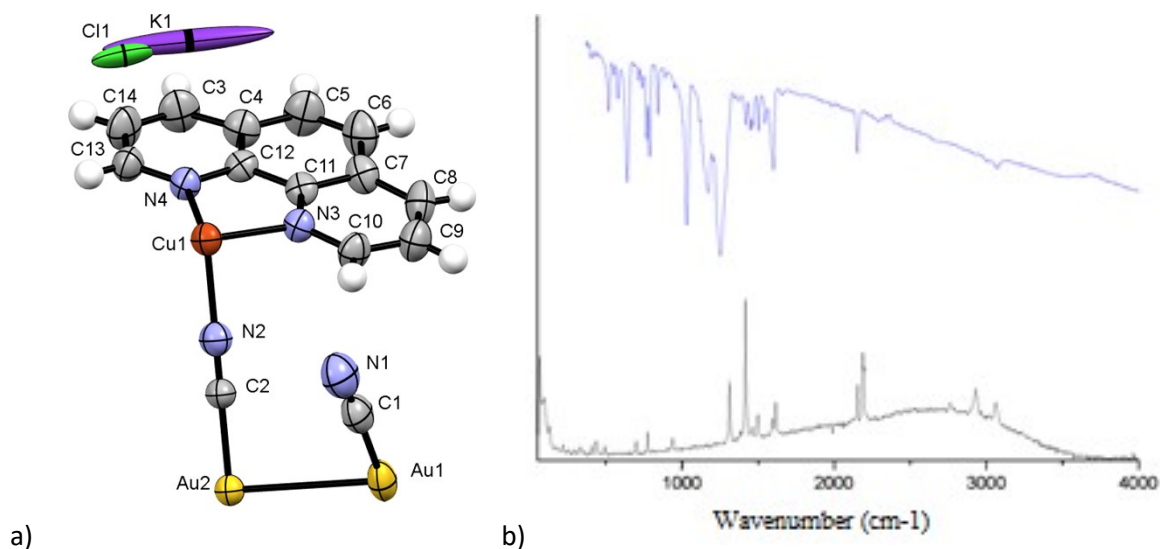
| Atom | Atom | Length/Å  |  | Atom | Atom | Length/Å |
|------|------|-----------|--|------|------|----------|
| Au1  | Au2  | 3.2359(4) |  | C10  | C11  | 1.386(7) |
| Au1  | C4   | 1.986(7)  |  | C9   | C8   | 1.370(7) |
| Au1  | C3   | 1.984(7)  |  | C20  | C19  | 1.487(7) |
| Au2  | C1   | 1.997(6)  |  | C20  | C21  | 1.363(8) |
| Au2  | C2   | 1.976(7)  |  | C19  | C18  | 1.386(7) |
| Cu1  | N6   | 2.023(4)  |  | C4   | N4   | 1.123(7) |
| Cu1  | N8   | 2.058(4)  |  | N3   | C3   | 1.130(7) |
| Cu1  | N7   | 2.290(4)  |  | C15  | C16  | 1.379(8) |
| Cu1  | N5   | 2.024(4)  |  | C24  | C23  | 1.365(8) |
| Cu1  | N1   | 2.418(5)  |  | C14  | C13  | 1.378(8) |
| Cu1  | O1   | 1.999(4)  |  | C21  | C22  | 1.381(8) |
| N6   | C10  | 1.347(6)  |  | C5   | C6   | 1.370(8) |
| N6   | C14  | 1.336(7)  |  | C6   | C7   | 1.370(8) |
| N8   | C20  | 1.362(6)  |  | C8   | C7   | 1.369(8) |
| N8   | C24  | 1.333(7)  |  | C23  | C22  | 1.349(8) |
| N7   | C19  | 1.338(7)  |  | C13  | C12  | 1.361(8) |
| N7   | C15  | 1.328(7)  |  | C11  | C12  | 1.374(9) |
| N5   | C9   | 1.344(6)  |  | C18  | C17  | 1.369(9) |
| N5   | C5   | 1.330(7)  |  | C2   | N2   | 1.147(8) |
| N1   | C1   | 1.136(7)  |  | C17  | C16  | 1.363(9) |
| C10  | C9   | 1.470(7)  |  |      |      |          |

**Table S6:** Bond Lengths for **2**.

| Atom | Atom | Atom | Angle/°    |  | Atom | Atom | Atom | Angle/°  |
|------|------|------|------------|--|------|------|------|----------|
| C4   | Au1  | Au2  | 85.92(19)  |  | C1   | N1   | Cu1  | 157.1(5) |
| C3   | Au1  | Au2  | 96.30(17)  |  | N6   | C10  | C9   | 114.8(5) |
| C3   | Au1  | C4   | 175.9(2)   |  | N6   | C10  | C11  | 121.3(5) |
| C1   | Au2  | Au1  | 93.61(17)  |  | C11  | C10  | C9   | 123.9(5) |
| C2   | Au2  | Au1  | 84.99(19)  |  | N1   | C1   | Au2  | 175.0(5) |
| C2   | Au2  | C1   | 177.0(2)   |  | N5   | C9   | C10  | 115.1(4) |
| N6   | Cu1  | N8   | 97.27(18)  |  | N5   | C9   | C8   | 121.3(5) |
| N6   | Cu1  | N7   | 96.05(16)  |  | C8   | C9   | C10  | 123.6(5) |
| N6   | Cu1  | N5   | 80.15(18)  |  | N8   | C20  | C19  | 116.3(5) |
| N6   | Cu1  | N1   | 87.61(17)  |  | N8   | C20  | C21  | 121.1(5) |
| N8   | Cu1  | N7   | 75.94(16)  |  | C21  | C20  | C19  | 122.6(5) |
| N8   | Cu1  | N1   | 93.83(17)  |  | N7   | C19  | C20  | 116.1(4) |
| N7   | Cu1  | N1   | 169.47(17) |  | N7   | C19  | C18  | 120.5(5) |
| N5   | Cu1  | N8   | 167.39(16) |  | C18  | C19  | C20  | 123.3(5) |

|     |     |     |            |     |     |     |          |
|-----|-----|-----|------------|-----|-----|-----|----------|
| N5  | Cu1 | N7  | 91.99(16)  | N4  | C4  | Au1 | 175.7(5) |
| N5  | Cu1 | N1  | 98.37(17)  | N3  | C3  | Au1 | 179.5(6) |
| O1  | Cu1 | N6  | 168.86(17) | N7  | C15 | C16 | 122.9(6) |
| O1  | Cu1 | N8  | 92.70(17)  | N8  | C24 | C23 | 122.6(5) |
| O1  | Cu1 | N7  | 91.17(16)  | N6  | C14 | C13 | 122.3(6) |
| O1  | Cu1 | N5  | 91.16(17)  | C20 | C21 | C22 | 120.5(6) |
| O1  | Cu1 | N1  | 86.78(17)  | N5  | C5  | C6  | 122.4(6) |
| C10 | N6  | Cu1 | 114.8(4)   | C5  | C6  | C7  | 118.1(6) |
| C14 | N6  | Cu1 | 126.5(4)   | C7  | C8  | C9  | 118.8(5) |
| C14 | N6  | C10 | 118.7(5)   | C22 | C23 | C24 | 120.4(6) |
| C20 | N8  | Cu1 | 119.0(4)   | C12 | C13 | C14 | 119.2(6) |
| C24 | N8  | Cu1 | 123.5(4)   | C12 | C11 | C10 | 119.2(6) |
| C24 | N8  | C20 | 117.5(5)   | C17 | C18 | C19 | 119.8(6) |
| C19 | N7  | Cu1 | 111.9(3)   | C13 | C12 | C11 | 119.4(6) |
| C15 | N7  | Cu1 | 128.7(4)   | C8  | C7  | C6  | 120.2(5) |
| C15 | N7  | C19 | 119.2(5)   | C23 | C22 | C21 | 117.7(6) |
| C9  | N5  | Cu1 | 114.7(3)   | N2  | C2  | Au2 | 178.2(7) |
| C5  | N5  | Cu1 | 125.7(4)   | C16 | C17 | C18 | 119.6(6) |
| C5  | N5  | C9  | 119.2(5)   | C17 | C16 | C15 | 118.1(6) |

**Table S7:** Bond Angles for **2**.



**Figure S5:** ORTEP plot (a) of the asymmetric unit (50 % probability) and (b) IR (blue) and Raman (black) spectra of **3**.

|                   |                                           |
|-------------------|-------------------------------------------|
| Empirical formula | $C_{108}H_{64}Au_6Cl_{5.04}Cu_4K_3N_{28}$ |
| Formula weight    | 3485.86                                   |
| Temperature/K     | 293(2)                                    |

|                                                |                                                                |
|------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------|
| Crystal system                                 | Orthorhombic                                                   |
| Space group                                    | Fddd                                                           |
| a/Å                                            | 9.6024(4)                                                      |
| b/Å                                            | 32.1409(14)                                                    |
| c/Å                                            | 35.6158(19)                                                    |
| $\alpha/^\circ$                                | 90.00                                                          |
| $\beta/^\circ$                                 | 90.00                                                          |
| $\gamma/^\circ$                                | 90.00                                                          |
| Volume/Å <sup>3</sup>                          | 10992.1(9)                                                     |
| Z                                              | 4                                                              |
| $\rho_{\text{calc}}/\text{g/cm}^3$             | 2.105                                                          |
| $\mu/\text{mm}^{-1}$                           | 9.028                                                          |
| F(000)                                         | 6562.7                                                         |
| Crystal size/mm <sup>3</sup>                   | 0.63 × 0.23 × 0.22                                             |
| Radiation                                      | MoK $\alpha$ ( $\lambda$ = 0.71073)                            |
| 2 $\theta$ range for data collection/ $^\circ$ | 6.66 to 50.04                                                  |
| Index ranges                                   | -11 ≤ h ≤ 9, -33 ≤ k ≤ 38, -42 ≤ l ≤ 39                        |
| Reflections collected                          | 20239                                                          |
| Independent reflections                        | 2437 [ $R_{\text{int}}$ = 0.0471, $R_{\text{sigma}}$ = 0.0264] |
| Data/restraints/parameters                     | 2437/0/182                                                     |
| Goodness-of-fit on $F^2$                       | 1.086                                                          |
| Final R indexes [ $I \geq 2\sigma(I)$ ]        | $R_1$ = 0.0454, $wR_2$ = 0.1573                                |
| Final R indexes [all data]                     | $R_1$ = 0.0551, $wR_2$ = 0.1665                                |
| Largest diff. peak/hole / e Å <sup>-3</sup>    | 1.68/-1.23                                                     |

**Table S8:** Crystal data and structure refinement for **3**.

| Atom | Atom             | Length/Å  |  | Atom | Atom             | Length/Å   |
|------|------------------|-----------|--|------|------------------|------------|
| Au1  | C1               | 1.985(12) |  | N4   | C12              | 1.356(10)  |
| Au1  | C1 <sup>1</sup>  | 1.985(12) |  | C12  | C4               | 1.405(12)  |
| Au1  | Au1 <sup>2</sup> | 3.1707(8) |  | C12  | C11              | 1.415(12)  |
| Au1  | Au2              | 3.2158(4) |  | C4   | C3               | 1.422(14)  |
| Au2  | C2 <sup>3</sup>  | 1.971(13) |  | C4   | C5               | 1.442(13)  |
| Au2  | C2               | 1.971(13) |  | C11  | C7               | 1.417(12)  |
| Au2  | Au1 <sup>4</sup> | 3.2158(4) |  | C7   | C8               | 1.423(14)  |
| Cu1  | N3 <sup>4</sup>  | 2.002(6)  |  | C7   | C6               | 1.440(14)  |
| Cu1  | N3               | 2.002(6)  |  | C14  | C3               | 1.340(14)  |
| Cu1  | N2               | 2.037(12) |  | C14  | C13              | 1.402(14)  |
| Cu1  | N4 <sup>4</sup>  | 2.074(7)  |  | C9   | C8               | 1.329(15)  |
| Cu1  | N4               | 2.074(7)  |  | C9   | C10              | 1.404(13)  |
| C2   | N2               | 1.111(16) |  | C5   | C6               | 1.331(14)  |
| N1   | C1               | 1.133(14) |  | Cl1  | Cl1 <sup>5</sup> | 2.35(2)    |
| N3   | C10              | 1.332(11) |  | K1   | K1 <sup>6</sup>  | 4.8303(19) |
| N3   | C11              | 1.350(10) |  | K1   | K1 <sup>5</sup>  | 4.830(2)   |
| N4   | C13              | 1.325(11) |  |      |                  |            |

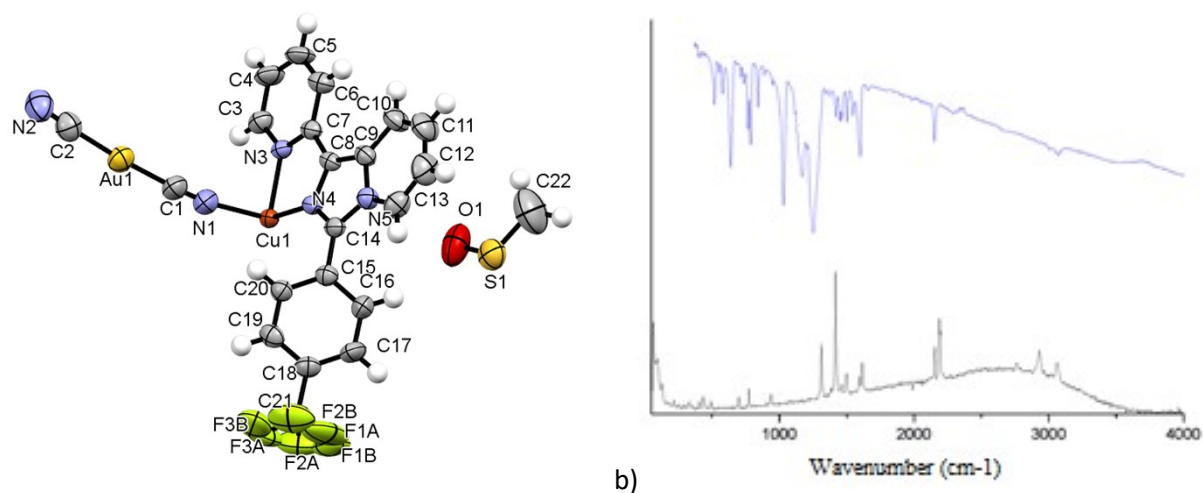
<sup>1</sup>+X,3/4-Y,-1/4-Z; <sup>2</sup>-1/4-X,3/4-Y,+Z; <sup>3</sup>3/4-X,+Y,-1/4-Z; <sup>4</sup>3/4-X,3/4-Y,+Z; <sup>5</sup>5/4-X,+Y,1/4-Z; <sup>6</sup>1/4-X,+Y,1/4-Z

**Table S9: Bond Lengths for 5.**

| Atom             | Atom | Atom             | Angle/°    |  | Atom            | Atom | Atom            | Angle/°  |
|------------------|------|------------------|------------|--|-----------------|------|-----------------|----------|
| C1               | Au1  | C1 <sup>1</sup>  | 178.6(5)   |  | C11             | N3   | Cu1             | 113.1(5) |
| C1               | Au1  | Au1 <sup>2</sup> | 90.7(3)    |  | C13             | N4   | C12             | 118.2(7) |
| C1 <sup>1</sup>  | Au1  | Au1 <sup>2</sup> | 90.7(3)    |  | C13             | N4   | Cu1             | 130.8(6) |
| C1               | Au1  | Au2              | 89.3(3)    |  | C12             | N4   | Cu1             | 111.0(5) |
| C1 <sup>1</sup>  | Au1  | Au2              | 89.3(2)    |  | N4              | C12  | C4              | 123.3(8) |
| Au1 <sup>2</sup> | Au1  | Au2              | 180.0      |  | N4              | C12  | C11             | 116.8(7) |
| C2 <sup>3</sup>  | Au2  | C2               | 180.0      |  | C4              | C12  | C11             | 119.8(8) |
| C2 <sup>3</sup>  | Au2  | Au1 <sup>4</sup> | 90.0       |  | C12             | C4   | C3              | 116.4(8) |
| C2               | Au2  | Au1 <sup>4</sup> | 90.0       |  | C12             | C4   | C5              | 119.5(8) |
| C2 <sup>3</sup>  | Au2  | Au1              | 90.0       |  | C3              | C4   | C5              | 124.0(9) |
| C2               | Au2  | Au1              | 90.0       |  | N3              | C11  | C12             | 117.8(7) |
| Au1 <sup>4</sup> | Au2  | Au1              | 180.0      |  | N3              | C11  | C7              | 122.2(8) |
| N3 <sup>4</sup>  | Cu1  | N3               | 177.8(4)   |  | C12             | C11  | C7              | 120.1(8) |
| N3 <sup>4</sup>  | Cu1  | N2               | 91.1(2)    |  | C11             | C7   | C8              | 116.5(9) |
| N3               | Cu1  | N2               | 91.1(2)    |  | C11             | C7   | C6              | 118.3(8) |
| N3 <sup>4</sup>  | Cu1  | N4 <sup>4</sup>  | 81.3(3)    |  | C8              | C7   | C6              | 125.1(8) |
| N3               | Cu1  | N4 <sup>4</sup>  | 97.6(3)    |  | C3              | C14  | C13             | 120.8(9) |
| N2               | Cu1  | N4 <sup>4</sup>  | 118.3(2)   |  | C8              | C9   | C10             | 121.7(9) |
| N3 <sup>4</sup>  | Cu1  | N4               | 97.6(3)    |  | C9              | C8   | C7              | 119.4(9) |
| N3               | Cu1  | N4               | 81.3(3)    |  | N4              | C13  | C14             | 121.9(9) |
| N2               | Cu1  | N4               | 118.3(2)   |  | C6              | C5   | C4              | 120.5(9) |
| N4 <sup>4</sup>  | Cu1  | N4               | 123.5(4)   |  | N3              | C10  | C9              | 120.4(9) |
| N2               | C2   | Au2              | 180.000(1) |  | C5              | C6   | C7              | 121.9(9) |
| C2               | N2   | Cu1              | 180.000(1) |  | C14             | C3   | C4              | 119.3(9) |
| C10              | N3   | C11              | 119.6(7)   |  | N1              | C1   | Au1             | 176.6(9) |
| C10              | N3   | Cu1              | 127.0(6)   |  | K1 <sup>5</sup> | K1   | K1 <sup>6</sup> | 167.4(4) |

<sup>1</sup>+X,3/4-Y,-1/4-Z; <sup>2</sup>-1/4-X,3/4-Y,+Z; <sup>3</sup>3/4-X,+Y,-1/4-Z; <sup>4</sup>3/4-X,3/4-Y,+Z; <sup>5</sup>1/4-X,+Y,1/4-Z; <sup>6</sup>5/4-X,+Y,1/4-Z

**Table S10: Bond Angles for 3.**



**Figure S6:** ORTEP plot (a) of the asymmetric unit (50 % probability) and (b) IR (blue) and Raman (black) spectra of **4**.

|                                             |                                                                                     |
|---------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Empirical formula                           | C <sub>44</sub> H <sub>28</sub> Au <sub>2</sub> CuF <sub>6</sub> N <sub>10</sub> OS |
| Formula weight                              | 1316.30                                                                             |
| Temperature/K                               | 298.00                                                                              |
| Crystal system                              | monoclinic                                                                          |
| Space group                                 | C2/c                                                                                |
| a/Å                                         | 20.8380(15)                                                                         |
| b/Å                                         | 13.0922(5)                                                                          |
| c/Å                                         | 16.6160(10)                                                                         |
| α/°                                         | 90                                                                                  |
| β/°                                         | 103.178(7)                                                                          |
| γ/°                                         | 90                                                                                  |
| Volume/Å <sup>3</sup>                       | 4413.7(5)                                                                           |
| Z                                           | 4                                                                                   |
| ρ <sub>calc</sub> /g/cm <sup>3</sup>        | 1.981                                                                               |
| μ/mm <sup>-1</sup>                          | 7.230                                                                               |
| F(000)                                      | 2508.0                                                                              |
| Crystal size/mm <sup>3</sup>                | 0.35 × 0.21 × 0.11                                                                  |
| Radiation                                   | MoKα (λ = 0.71073)                                                                  |
| 2θ range for data collection/°              | 6.61 to 52.742                                                                      |
| Index ranges                                | -26 ≤ h ≤ 23, -16 ≤ k ≤ 16, -20 ≤ l ≤ 20                                            |
| Reflections collected                       | 22944                                                                               |
| Independent reflections                     | 4518 [R <sub>int</sub> = 0.0524, R <sub>sigma</sub> = 0.0455]                       |
| Data/restraints/parameters                  | 4518/187/327                                                                        |
| Goodness-of-fit on F <sup>2</sup>           | 1.018                                                                               |
| Final R indexes [I ≥ 2σ (I)]                | R <sub>1</sub> = 0.0356, wR <sub>2</sub> = 0.0592                                   |
| Final R indexes [all data]                  | R <sub>1</sub> = 0.0640, wR <sub>2</sub> = 0.0679                                   |
| Largest diff. peak/hole / e Å <sup>-3</sup> | 0.60/-0.75                                                                          |

**Table S11:** Crystal data and structure refinement for **4**.

| Atom | Atom | Length/Å |  | Atom | Atom             | Length/Å  |
|------|------|----------|--|------|------------------|-----------|
| Au1  | C1   | 1.980(6) |  | C12  | C11              | 1.387(9)  |
| Au1  | C2   | 1.974(7) |  | C18  | C17              | 1.378(7)  |
| N4   | C14  | 1.313(5) |  | C18  | C21              | 1.477(8)  |
| N4   | C8   | 1.356(5) |  | C3   | C4               | 1.359(7)  |
| N4   | Cu1  | 2.238(3) |  | C6   | C5               | 1.367(7)  |
| N5   | C14  | 1.373(6) |  | C4   | C5               | 1.363(7)  |
| N5   | C9   | 1.395(6) |  | Cu1  | N1               | 2.158(5)  |
| N5   | C13  | 1.393(6) |  | Cu1  | N1 <sup>1</sup>  | 2.158(5)  |
| C7   | N3   | 1.342(5) |  | C1   | N1               | 1.136(6)  |
| C7   | C8   | 1.452(6) |  | C2   | N2               | 1.123(7)  |
| C7   | C6   | 1.386(7) |  | C21  | F2A              | 1.346(12) |
| N3   | C3   | 1.340(5) |  | C21  | F1A              | 1.239(12) |
| N3   | Cu1  | 2.012(4) |  | C21  | F3A              | 1.315(11) |
| C14  | C15  | 1.455(6) |  | C21  | F2B              | 1.336(9)  |
| C20  | C15  | 1.383(6) |  | C21  | F1B              | 1.322(10) |
| C20  | C19  | 1.374(7) |  | C21  | F3B              | 1.287(9)  |
| C9   | C8   | 1.385(6) |  | F2A  | F3A              | 1.10(3)   |
| C9   | C10  | 1.416(7) |  | S1   | S1 <sup>1</sup>  | 1.312(6)  |
| C15  | C16  | 1.395(6) |  | S1   | O1               | 1.508(6)  |
| C10  | C11  | 1.336(7) |  | S1   | C22              | 1.668(9)  |
| C19  | C18  | 1.378(6) |  | S1   | C22 <sup>1</sup> | 1.742(9)  |
| C16  | C17  | 1.371(7) |  | F2B  | F3B              | 1.54(2)   |
| C13  | C12  | 1.350(8) |  |      |                  |           |

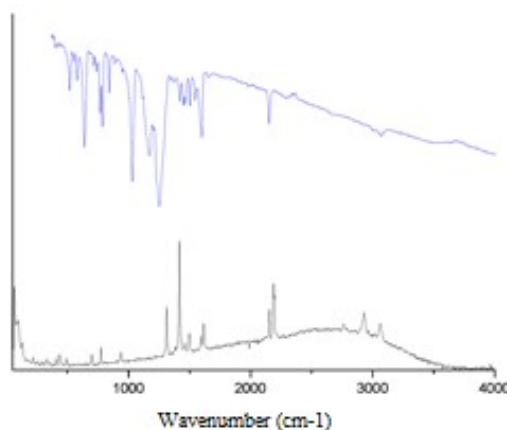
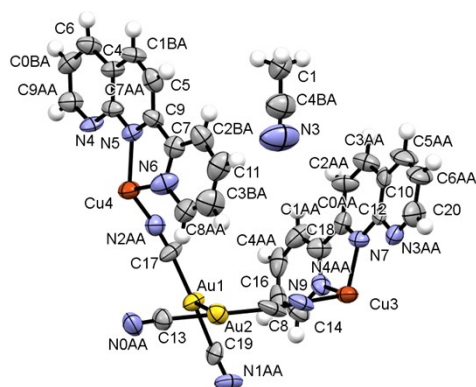
<sup>1</sup>1-X,+Y,3/2-Z**Table S12:** Bond Lengths for **4**.

| Atom | Atom | Atom | Angle/°  |  | Atom            | Atom | Atom            | Angle/°    |
|------|------|------|----------|--|-----------------|------|-----------------|------------|
| C2   | Au1  | C1   | 176.1(2) |  | N3 <sup>1</sup> | Cu1  | N4              | 100.88(13) |
| C14  | N4   | C8   | 108.4(4) |  | N3              | Cu1  | N4              | 77.90(14)  |
| C14  | N4   | Cu1  | 140.9(3) |  | N3              | Cu1  | N4 <sup>1</sup> | 100.88(14) |
| C8   | N4   | Cu1  | 108.1(3) |  | N3 <sup>1</sup> | Cu1  | N4 <sup>1</sup> | 77.90(14)  |
| C14  | N5   | C9   | 107.9(4) |  | N3 <sup>1</sup> | Cu1  | N3              | 178.4(2)   |
| C14  | N5   | C13  | 130.7(4) |  | N3              | Cu1  | N1              | 88.54(16)  |
| C13  | N5   | C9   | 121.1(4) |  | N3 <sup>1</sup> | Cu1  | N1 <sup>1</sup> | 88.54(16)  |
| N3   | C7   | C8   | 114.9(4) |  | N3              | Cu1  | N1 <sup>1</sup> | 92.48(16)  |
| N3   | C7   | C6   | 120.2(4) |  | N3 <sup>1</sup> | Cu1  | N1              | 92.48(16)  |
| C6   | C7   | C8   | 124.9(4) |  | N1 <sup>1</sup> | Cu1  | N4              | 165.67(15) |
| C7   | N3   | Cu1  | 118.7(3) |  | N1 <sup>1</sup> | Cu1  | N4 <sup>1</sup> | 92.08(15)  |
| C3   | N3   | C7   | 118.6(4) |  | N1              | Cu1  | N4              | 92.08(15)  |

|     |     |                 |           |                 |     |                  |            |
|-----|-----|-----------------|-----------|-----------------|-----|------------------|------------|
| C3  | N3  | Cu1             | 122.7(3)  | N1              | Cu1 | N4 <sup>1</sup>  | 165.67(15) |
| N4  | C14 | N5              | 109.5(4)  | N1              | Cu1 | N1 <sup>1</sup>  | 98.3(3)    |
| N4  | C14 | C15             | 125.9(4)  | N1              | C1  | Au1              | 175.9(5)   |
| N5  | C14 | C15             | 124.6(4)  | N2              | C2  | Au1              | 175.7(6)   |
| C19 | C20 | C15             | 121.0(4)  | C1              | N1  | Cu1              | 171.0(5)   |
| N5  | C9  | C10             | 118.3(4)  | F2A             | C21 | C18              | 109.0(8)   |
| C8  | C9  | N5              | 104.5(4)  | F1A             | C21 | C18              | 115.3(8)   |
| C8  | C9  | C10             | 137.2(5)  | F1A             | C21 | F2A              | 104.6(13)  |
| N4  | C8  | C7              | 118.9(4)  | F1A             | C21 | F3A              | 130.3(10)  |
| N4  | C8  | C9              | 109.7(4)  | F3A             | C21 | C18              | 113.4(7)   |
| C9  | C8  | C7              | 131.4(4)  | F3A             | C21 | F2A              | 49.0(13)   |
| C20 | C15 | C14             | 119.0(4)  | F2B             | C21 | C18              | 110.2(6)   |
| C20 | C15 | C16             | 118.1(5)  | F1B             | C21 | C18              | 114.8(6)   |
| C16 | C15 | C14             | 122.8(4)  | F1B             | C21 | F2B              | 101.9(7)   |
| C11 | C10 | C9              | 119.2(5)  | F3B             | C21 | C18              | 115.3(7)   |
| C20 | C19 | C18             | 120.4(4)  | F3B             | C21 | F2B              | 71.8(11)   |
| C17 | C16 | C15             | 120.6(5)  | F3B             | C21 | F1B              | 128.3(9)   |
| C12 | C13 | N5              | 118.3(5)  | F3A             | F2A | C21              | 64.1(10)   |
| C13 | C12 | C11             | 121.3(5)  | F2A             | F3A | C21              | 67.0(11)   |
| C10 | C11 | C12             | 121.6(6)  | S1 <sup>1</sup> | S1  | O1               | 64.23(14)  |
| C19 | C18 | C17             | 119.1(5)  | S1 <sup>1</sup> | S1  | C22 <sup>1</sup> | 64.4(4)    |
| C19 | C18 | C21             | 119.9(5)  | S1 <sup>1</sup> | S1  | C22              | 70.4(4)    |
| C17 | C18 | C21             | 121.0(5)  | O1              | S1  | C22 <sup>1</sup> | 105.5(4)   |
| C16 | C17 | C18             | 120.7(5)  | O1              | S1  | C22              | 109.2(4)   |
| N3  | C3  | C4              | 122.9(5)  | C22             | S1  | C22 <sup>1</sup> | 99.9(7)    |
| C5  | C6  | C7              | 120.5(5)  | S1 <sup>1</sup> | O1  | S1               | 51.5(3)    |
| C3  | C4  | C5              | 119.2(5)  | S1              | C22 | S1 <sup>1</sup>  | 45.2(3)    |
| C4  | C5  | C6              | 118.6(5)  | C21             | F2B | F3B              | 52.7(6)    |
| N4  | Cu1 | N4 <sup>1</sup> | 79.53(17) | C21             | F3B | F2B              | 55.6(7)    |

<sup>1</sup>1-X,+Y,3/2-Z

**Table S13:** Bond Angles for **4**.



a)

b)

**Figure S7:** ORTEP plot (a) of the asymmetric unit (50 % probability) and (b) IR (blue) and Raman (black) spectra of **5**.

|                                             |                                                                                 |
|---------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Empirical formula                           | C <sub>32</sub> H <sub>21</sub> Au <sub>2</sub> Cu <sub>2</sub> N <sub>11</sub> |
| Formula weight                              | 1080.61                                                                         |
| Temperature/K                               | 295(5)                                                                          |
| Crystal system                              | triclinic                                                                       |
| Space group                                 | P-1                                                                             |
| a/Å                                         | 11.7397(11)                                                                     |
| b/Å                                         | 12.2661(14)                                                                     |
| c/Å                                         | 13.3343(17)                                                                     |
| α/°                                         | 87.894(10)                                                                      |
| β/°                                         | 75.657(9)                                                                       |
| γ/°                                         | 64.038(10)                                                                      |
| Volume/Å <sup>3</sup>                       | 1666.9(4)                                                                       |
| Z                                           | 2                                                                               |
| ρ <sub>calc</sub> /g/cm <sup>3</sup>        | 2.153                                                                           |
| μ/mm <sup>-1</sup>                          | 10.074                                                                          |
| F(000)                                      | 1012.0                                                                          |
| Crystal size/mm <sup>3</sup>                | 0.56 × 0.34 × 0.22                                                              |
| Radiation                                   | MoKα (λ = 0.71073)                                                              |
| 2θ range for data collection/°              | 6.544 to 52.744                                                                 |
| Index ranges                                | -14 ≤ h ≤ 14, -15 ≤ k ≤ 15, -16 ≤ l ≤ 16                                        |
| Reflections collected                       | 17920                                                                           |
| Independent reflections                     | 6808 [R <sub>int</sub> = 0.0770, R <sub>sigma</sub> = 0.0868]                   |
| Data/restraints/parameters                  | 6808/0/425                                                                      |
| Goodness-of-fit on F <sup>2</sup>           | 1.025                                                                           |
| Final R indexes [I ≥ 2σ (I)]                | R <sub>1</sub> = 0.0539, wR <sub>2</sub> = 0.1329                               |
| Final R indexes [all data]                  | R <sub>1</sub> = 0.0992, wR <sub>2</sub> = 0.1903                               |
| Largest diff. peak/hole / e Å <sup>-3</sup> | 1.60/-1.09                                                                      |

<sup>1</sup>2-X,-Y,-Z; <sup>2</sup>X,-1+Y,+Z; <sup>3</sup>1-X,-Y,1-Z

**Table S14** Crystal data and structure refinement for **5**.

| Atom | Atom              | Length/Å  |  | Atom | Atom | Length/Å  |
|------|-------------------|-----------|--|------|------|-----------|
| Au1  | Au2               | 3.1340(8) |  | C0AA | C2AA | 1.424(18) |
| Au1  | C17               | 1.991(13) |  | C1AA | C4AA | 1.39(2)   |
| Au1  | C19               | 2.009(15) |  | C10  | C3AA | 1.390(18) |
| Au2  | C13               | 2.011(13) |  | C10  | C5AA | 1.409(19) |
| Au2  | C14               | 2.006(19) |  | C3AA | C2AA | 1.349(19) |
| Cu3  | N9                | 2.037(14) |  | C5AA | C6AA | 1.37(2)   |
| Cu3  | N1AA <sup>1</sup> | 1.893(12) |  | C20  | C6AA | 1.39(2)   |
| Cu3  | N4AA              | 2.131(11) |  | N4   | C7AA | 1.360(15) |
| Cu3  | N7                | 2.037(10) |  | N4   | C9AA | 1.316(15) |
| Cu4  | N2AA <sup>2</sup> | 1.919(12) |  | N5   | C7AA | 1.322(15) |
| Cu4  | N0AA <sup>3</sup> | 1.964(12) |  | N5   | C9   | 1.357(15) |
| Cu4  | N5                | 2.046(10) |  | N6   | C7   | 1.376(18) |
| Cu4  | N6                | 2.102(12) |  | N6   | C8AA | 1.383(18) |
| N9   | C14               | 1.076(19) |  | C7   | C9   | 1.485(17) |
| C13  | N0AA              | 1.088(16) |  | C7   | C2BA | 1.388(18) |
| C17  | N2AA              | 1.150(16) |  | C7AA | C4   | 1.414(16) |
| C19  | N1AA              | 1.144(16) |  | C9   | C5   | 1.402(19) |
| N4AA | C8                | 1.375(16) |  | C8AA | C3BA | 1.33(2)   |
| N4AA | C18               | 1.358(17) |  | C4   | C6   | 1.452(17) |
| N3AA | C12               | 1.358(16) |  | C4   | C1BA | 1.404(17) |
| N3AA | C20               | 1.308(18) |  | C5   | C1BA | 1.350(18) |
| N7   | C12               | 1.353(15) |  | C6   | C0BA | 1.361(19) |
| N7   | C0AA              | 1.348(15) |  | C9AA | C0BA | 1.391(19) |
| C8   | C16               | 1.36(2)   |  | C2BA | C11  | 1.35(2)   |
| C12  | C10               | 1.402(17) |  | C11  | C3BA | 1.37(2)   |
| C16  | C4AA              | 1.38(2)   |  | C4BA | N3   | 1.12(2)   |
| C18  | C0AA              | 1.476(18) |  | C4BA | C1   | 1.41(3)   |
| C18  | C1AA              | 1.371(18) |  |      |      |           |

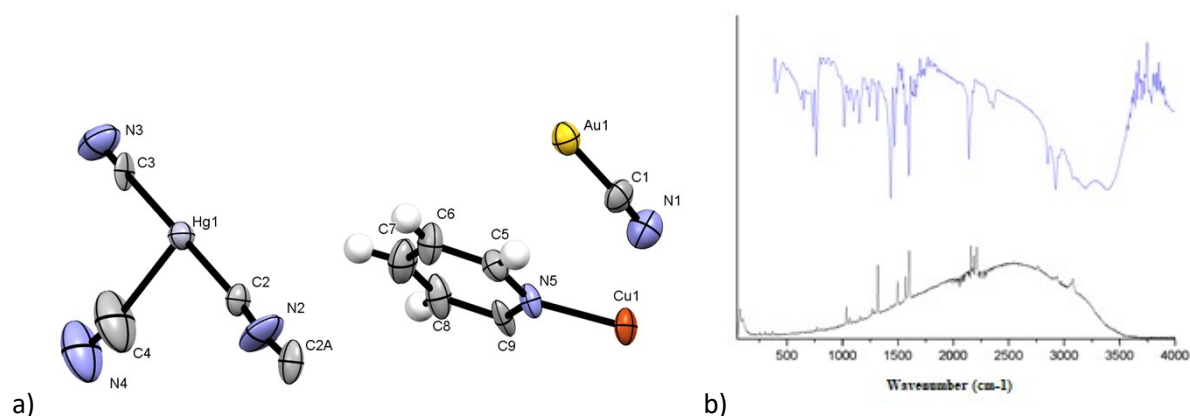
**Table S15** Bond Lengths for **5**.

| Atom | Atom | Atom | Angle/°  |  | Atom | Atom | Atom | Angle/°   |
|------|------|------|----------|--|------|------|------|-----------|
| C17  | Au1  | Au2  | 91.3(4)  |  | N7   | C0AA | C2AA | 121.6(12) |
| C17  | Au1  | C19  | 176.8(6) |  | C2AA | C0AA | C18  | 121.6(12) |
| C19  | Au1  | Au2  | 86.8(4)  |  | C18  | C1AA | C4AA | 119.4(16) |
| C13  | Au2  | Au1  | 88.1(4)  |  | C12  | C10  | C5AA | 116.7(12) |
| C14  | Au2  | Au1  | 92.0(4)  |  | C3AA | C10  | C12  | 117.7(12) |
| C14  | Au2  | C13  | 179.6(6) |  | C3AA | C10  | C5AA | 125.4(14) |
| N9   | Cu3  | N4AA | 100.8(4) |  | C2AA | C3AA | C10  | 120.8(13) |
| N9   | Cu3  | N7   | 113.3(5) |  | C3AA | C2AA | C0AA | 118.8(13) |

|                   |      |                   |           |  |      |      |      |           |
|-------------------|------|-------------------|-----------|--|------|------|------|-----------|
| N1AA <sup>1</sup> | Cu3  | N9                | 111.3(5)  |  | C16  | C4AA | C1AA | 118.1(15) |
| N1AA <sup>1</sup> | Cu3  | N4AA              | 112.4(5)  |  | C6AA | C5AA | C10  | 120.8(14) |
| N1AA <sup>1</sup> | Cu3  | N7                | 130.9(5)  |  | N3AA | C20  | C6AA | 126.3(15) |
| N7                | Cu3  | N4AA              | 78.1(4)   |  | C9AA | N4   | C7AA | 119.1(11) |
| N2AA <sup>2</sup> | Cu4  | N0AA <sup>3</sup> | 114.7(5)  |  | C7AA | N5   | Cu4  | 125.2(8)  |
| N2AA <sup>2</sup> | Cu4  | N5                | 131.2(4)  |  | C7AA | N5   | C9   | 118.6(11) |
| N2AA <sup>2</sup> | Cu4  | N6                | 104.9(5)  |  | C9   | N5   | Cu4  | 115.9(8)  |
| N0AA <sup>3</sup> | Cu4  | N5                | 105.4(5)  |  | C7   | N6   | Cu4  | 114.6(8)  |
| N0AA <sup>3</sup> | Cu4  | N6                | 116.5(5)  |  | C7   | N6   | C8AA | 114.8(13) |
| N5                | Cu4  | N6                | 79.1(4)   |  | C8AA | N6   | Cu4  | 128.7(11) |
| C14               | N9   | Cu3               | 156.9(13) |  | N6   | C7   | C9   | 113.5(11) |
| N0AA              | C13  | Au2               | 176.1(15) |  | N6   | C7   | C2BA | 121.6(13) |
| N9                | C14  | Au2               | 174.0(15) |  | C2BA | C7   | C9   | 124.9(14) |
| N2AA              | C17  | Au1               | 172.5(14) |  | N4   | C7AA | C4   | 121.9(11) |
| N1AA              | C19  | Au1               | 174.1(12) |  | N5   | C7AA | N4   | 116.0(11) |
| C17               | N2AA | Cu4 <sup>4</sup>  | 160.5(11) |  | N5   | C7AA | C4   | 122.1(11) |
| C19               | N1AA | Cu3 <sup>1</sup>  | 168.3(13) |  | N5   | C9   | C7   | 116.1(11) |
| C13               | N0AA | Cu4 <sup>3</sup>  | 175.5(15) |  | N5   | C9   | C5   | 121.0(12) |
| C8                | N4AA | Cu3               | 126.2(10) |  | C5   | C9   | C7   | 122.8(12) |
| C18               | N4AA | Cu3               | 114.1(8)  |  | C3BA | C8AA | N6   | 123.8(17) |
| C18               | N4AA | C8                | 117.4(12) |  | C5AA | C6AA | C20  | 116.5(14) |
| C20               | N3AA | C12               | 116.7(12) |  | C7AA | C4   | C6   | 117.9(11) |
| C12               | N7   | Cu3               | 125.1(9)  |  | C1BA | C4   | C7AA | 119.6(11) |
| C0AA              | N7   | Cu3               | 116.3(9)  |  | C1BA | C4   | C6   | 122.3(12) |
| C0AA              | N7   | C12               | 118.3(11) |  | C1BA | C5   | C9   | 121.8(13) |
| C16               | C8   | N4AA              | 121.5(15) |  | C0BA | C6   | C4   | 116.9(13) |
| N3AA              | C12  | C10               | 122.9(11) |  | N4   | C9AA | C0BA | 122.8(13) |
| N7                | C12  | N3AA              | 114.4(11) |  | C11  | C2BA | C7   | 120.3(17) |
| N7                | C12  | C10               | 122.7(12) |  | C6   | C0BA | C9AA | 121.5(13) |
| C8                | C16  | C4AA              | 120.5(15) |  | C5   | C1BA | C4   | 116.9(12) |
| N4AA              | C18  | C0AA              | 113.5(11) |  | C2BA | C11  | C3BA | 118.8(16) |
| N4AA              | C18  | C1AA              | 122.5(13) |  | C8AA | C3BA | C11  | 120.1(17) |
| C1AA              | C18  | C0AA              | 124.0(13) |  | N3   | C4BA | C1   | 176(3)    |
| N7                | C0AA | C18               | 116.6(12) |  |      |      |      |           |

<sup>1</sup>2-X,-Y,-Z; <sup>2</sup>4X,-1+Y,+Z; <sup>3</sup>1-X,-Y,1-Z; <sup>4</sup>4X,1+Y,+Z

**Table S16** Bond Angles for **5**.



**Figure S8:** ORTEP plot (a) of the asymmetric unit (50 % probability) and (b) IR (blue) and Raman (black) spectra of **6**.

|                                             |                                                                                   |
|---------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Empirical formula                           | C <sub>28</sub> H <sub>16</sub> Au <sub>2</sub> CuHg <sub>2</sub> N <sub>12</sub> |
| Formula weight                              | 1379.20                                                                           |
| Temperature/K                               | 293(2)                                                                            |
| Crystal system                              | Orthorhombic                                                                      |
| Space group                                 | Ibam                                                                              |
| a/Å                                         | 7.7626(13)                                                                        |
| b/Å                                         | 18.272(2)                                                                         |
| c/Å                                         | 22.003(3)                                                                         |
| $\alpha$ /°                                 | 90.00                                                                             |
| $\beta$ /°                                  | 90.00                                                                             |
| $\gamma$ /°                                 | 90.00                                                                             |
| Volume/Å <sup>3</sup>                       | 3120.9(8)                                                                         |
| Z                                           | 4                                                                                 |
| $\rho_{\text{calc}}$ /g/cm <sup>3</sup>     | 2.935                                                                             |
| $\mu$ /mm <sup>-1</sup>                     | 19.885                                                                            |
| F(000)                                      | 2460.0                                                                            |
| Crystal size/mm <sup>3</sup>                | 0.35 × 0.25 × 0.24                                                                |
| Radiation                                   | MoK $\alpha$ ( $\lambda$ = 0.71073)                                               |
| 2 $\theta$ range for data collection/°      | 6.8 to 50.04                                                                      |
| Index ranges                                | -7 ≤ h ≤ 9, -17 ≤ k ≤ 21, -23 ≤ l ≤ 26                                            |
| Reflections collected                       | 6835                                                                              |
| Independent reflections                     | 1421 [ $R_{\text{int}}$ = 0.0588, $R_{\text{sigma}}$ = 0.3621]                    |
| Data/restraints/parameters                  | 1421/65/121                                                                       |
| Goodness-of-fit on $F^2$                    | 1.099                                                                             |
| Final R indexes [ $I \geq 2\sigma(I)$ ]     | $R_1$ = 0.0358, $wR_2$ = 0.0756                                                   |
| Final R indexes [all data]                  | $R_1$ = 0.0478, $wR_2$ = 0.0814                                                   |
| Largest diff. peak/hole / e Å <sup>-3</sup> | 1.71/-1.28                                                                        |

**Table S18** Crystal data and structure refinement for **6**.

| Atom | Atom             | Length/Å   |  | Atom | Atom             | Length/Å  |
|------|------------------|------------|--|------|------------------|-----------|
| Hg1  | C2               | 2.07(2)    |  | C9   | C9 <sup>4</sup>  | 1.43(2)   |
| Hg1  | C3               | 2.07(2)    |  | C5   | C6               | 1.390(14) |
| Hg1  | C2A <sup>1</sup> | 2.10(3)    |  | C6   | C7               | 1.375(16) |
| Hg1  | C4               | 2.367(19)  |  | C8   | C7               | 1.347(16) |
| Au1  | C1               | 1.969(13)  |  | C1   | N1               | 1.134(14) |
| Au1  | C1 <sup>2</sup>  | 1.969(13)  |  | N3   | C3 <sup>7</sup>  | 0.93(2)   |
| Au1  | Au1 <sup>3</sup> | 3.2324(12) |  | N3   | C3               | 0.93(2)   |
| Cu1  | N5               | 1.958(8)   |  | N2   | C2               | 0.95(2)   |
| Cu1  | N5 <sup>4</sup>  | 1.958(8)   |  | N2   | C2A              | 1.01(3)   |
| Cu1  | N5 <sup>5</sup>  | 1.958(8)   |  | C3   | C3 <sup>7</sup>  | 1.87(4)   |
| Cu1  | N5 <sup>6</sup>  | 1.958(8)   |  | C4   | N4 <sup>8</sup>  | 1.04(3)   |
| N5   | C5               | 1.313(12)  |  | C4   | C4 <sup>8</sup>  | 1.04(3)   |
| N5   | C9               | 1.368(12)  |  | C2A  | Hg1 <sup>9</sup> | 2.10(3)   |
| C9   | C8               | 1.390(14)  |  |      |                  |           |

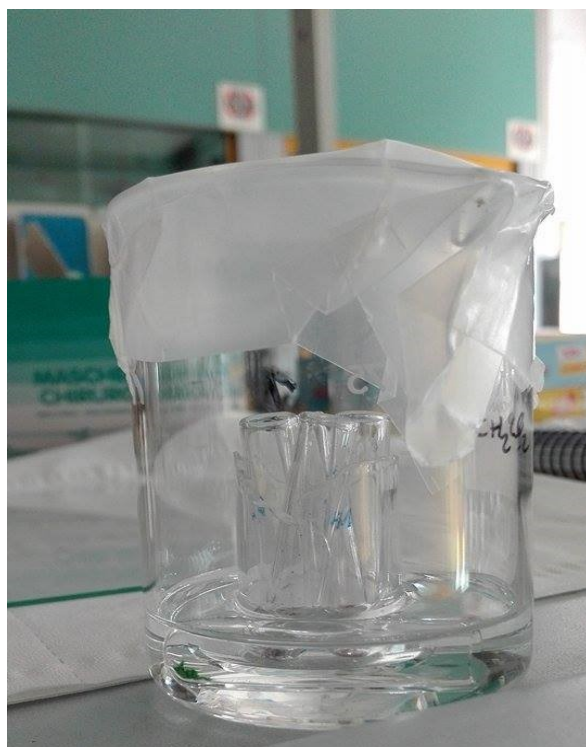
<sup>1</sup>-1/2+X,1/2-Y,+Z; <sup>2</sup>-X,+Y,1/2-Z; <sup>3</sup>-X,-Y,+Z; <sup>4</sup>1-X,+Y,1/2-Z; <sup>5</sup>1-X,-Y,+Z; <sup>6</sup>+X,-Y,1/2-Z; <sup>7</sup>-X,1-Y,-Z; <sup>8</sup>1-X,1-Y,-Z; <sup>9</sup>1/2+X,1/2-Y,+Z

**Table S19: Bond Lengths for 6.**

| Atom             | Atom | Atom             | Angle/°   |  | Atom            | Atom | Atom             | Angle/°   |
|------------------|------|------------------|-----------|--|-----------------|------|------------------|-----------|
| C2               | Hg1  | C3               | 179.8(11) |  | N5              | C9   | C8               | 118.7(10) |
| C2               | Hg1  | C2A <sup>1</sup> | 75.2(13)  |  | N5              | C9   | C9 <sup>4</sup>  | 115.5(6)  |
| C3               | Hg1  | C2A <sup>1</sup> | 104.9(13) |  | C8              | C9   | C9 <sup>4</sup>  | 125.7(7)  |
| C2               | Hg1  | C4               | 95.6(11)  |  | N5              | C5   | C6               | 122.7(10) |
| C3               | Hg1  | C4               | 84.2(10)  |  | C7              | C6   | C5               | 117.0(11) |
| C2A <sup>1</sup> | Hg1  | C4               | 170.9(12) |  | C7              | C8   | C9               | 120.3(10) |
| C1               | Au1  | C1 <sup>2</sup>  | 173.2(6)  |  | N1              | C1   | Au1              | 174.4(10) |
| C1               | Au1  | Au1 <sup>3</sup> | 93.4(3)   |  | C8              | C7   | C6               | 120.9(11) |
| C1 <sup>2</sup>  | Au1  | Au1 <sup>3</sup> | 93.4(3)   |  | C3 <sup>7</sup> | N3   | C3               | 180.0(18) |
| N5               | Cu1  | N5 <sup>4</sup>  | 83.8(4)   |  | C2              | N2   | C2A              | 170(4)    |
| N5               | Cu1  | N5 <sup>5</sup>  | 104.3(4)  |  | N2              | C2   | Hg1              | 174(3)    |
| N5 <sup>4</sup>  | Cu1  | N5 <sup>5</sup>  | 149.5(5)  |  | N3              | C3   | C3 <sup>7</sup>  | 0.0(9)    |
| N5               | Cu1  | N5 <sup>6</sup>  | 149.5(5)  |  | N3              | C3   | Hg1              | 179(2)    |
| N5 <sup>4</sup>  | Cu1  | N5 <sup>6</sup>  | 104.3(4)  |  | C3 <sup>7</sup> | C3   | Hg1              | 179(2)    |
| N5 <sup>5</sup>  | Cu1  | N5 <sup>6</sup>  | 83.8(4)   |  | N4 <sup>8</sup> | C4   | C4 <sup>8</sup>  | 0.0(11)   |
| C5               | N5   | C9               | 120.3(8)  |  | N4 <sup>8</sup> | C4   | Hg1              | 169(4)    |
| C5               | N5   | Cu1              | 127.0(6)  |  | C4 <sup>8</sup> | C4   | Hg1              | 169(4)    |
| C9               | N5   | Cu1              | 112.4(6)  |  | N2              | C2A  | Hg1 <sup>9</sup> | 174(3)    |

<sup>1</sup>-1/2+X,1/2-Y,+Z; <sup>2</sup>-X,+Y,1/2-Z; <sup>3</sup>-X,-Y,+Z; <sup>4</sup>1-X,+Y,1/2-Z; <sup>5</sup>1-X,-Y,+Z; <sup>6</sup>+X,-Y,1/2-Z; <sup>7</sup>-X,1-Y,-Z; <sup>8</sup>1-X,1-Y,-Z; <sup>9</sup>1/2+X,1/2-Y,+Z

**Part 2: Vapochromism measurements.**

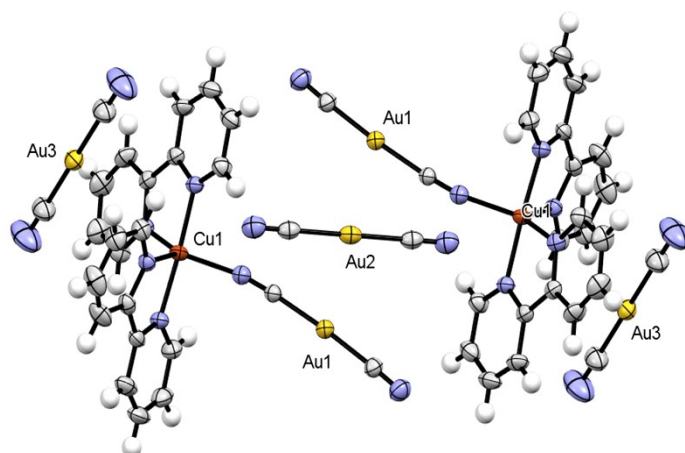


**Figure S9:** Apparatus for the measurement of vapochromism

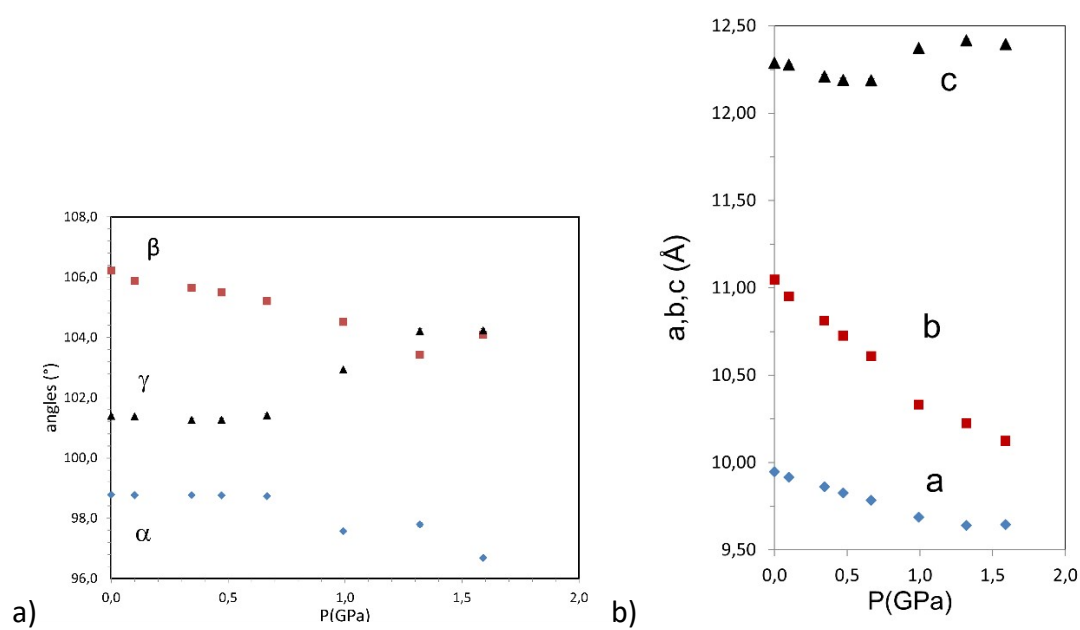
**Part 3: High pressure SCXRD Measurements on 1.**

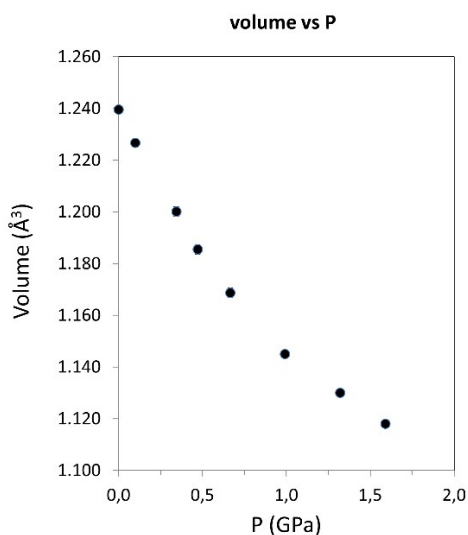
| Identification code                                         | <b>1</b>                                                         | <b>1</b>                                                         | <b>1</b>                                                         | <b>1</b>                                                        |
|-------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------|
| Pressure/GPa                                                | 0.1(1)                                                           | 1.0(1)                                                           | 1.3(1)                                                           | 1.6(1)                                                          |
| Empirical formula                                           | C <sub>24</sub> H <sub>16</sub> Au <sub>2</sub> CuN <sub>8</sub> | C <sub>24</sub> H <sub>16</sub> Au <sub>2</sub> CuN <sub>8</sub> | C <sub>24</sub> H <sub>17</sub> Au <sub>2</sub> CuN <sub>8</sub> | C <sub>24</sub> H <sub>8</sub> Au <sub>2</sub> CuN <sub>8</sub> |
| Formula weight                                              | 873.92                                                           | 873.92                                                           | 874.93                                                           | 865.86                                                          |
| Temperature/K                                               | 298.0                                                            | 298.00                                                           | 298.0                                                            | 298.00                                                          |
| Crystal system                                              | triclinic                                                        | triclinic                                                        | triclinic                                                        | triclinic                                                       |
| Space group                                                 | <i>P</i> $\bar{1}$                                               | <i>P</i> $\bar{1}$                                               | <i>P</i> $\bar{1}$                                               | <i>P</i> $\bar{1}$                                              |
| a/Å                                                         | 9.916(2)                                                         | 9.688(2)                                                         | 9.640(6)                                                         | 9.645(5)                                                        |
| b/Å                                                         | 10.950(3)                                                        | 10.331(2)                                                        | 10.225(7)                                                        | 10.125(6)                                                       |
| c/Å                                                         | 12.278(2)                                                        | 12.372(3)                                                        | 12.417(8)                                                        | 12.395(6)                                                       |
| $\alpha$ /°                                                 | 98.765(19)                                                       | 97.57(2)                                                         | 97.79(7)                                                         | 96.68(5)                                                        |
| $\beta$ /°                                                  | 105.877(17)                                                      | 104.512(19)                                                      | 103.42(6)                                                        | 104.09(5)                                                       |
| $\gamma$ /°                                                 | 101.38(2)                                                        | 102.93(2)                                                        | 104.21(7)                                                        | 104.23(5)                                                       |
| Volume/Å <sup>3</sup>                                       | 1226.7(4)                                                        | 1145.0(4)                                                        | 1130.0(10)                                                       | 1118.0(10)                                                      |
| Z                                                           | 2                                                                | 2                                                                | 2                                                                | 2                                                               |
| $\rho_{\text{calc}}$ /g/cm <sup>3</sup>                     | 2.366                                                            | 2.535                                                            | 2.572                                                            | 2.572                                                           |
| $\mu$ /mm <sup>-1</sup>                                     | 12.820                                                           | 13.733                                                           | 13.918                                                           | 14.066                                                          |
| F(000)                                                      | 806.0                                                            | 806.0                                                            | 808.0                                                            | 790.0                                                           |
| Crystal size/mm <sup>3</sup>                                | 0.15 × 0.14 × 0.11                                               | 0.15 × 0.14 × 0.11                                               | 0.15 × 0.14 × 0.11                                               | 0.15 × 0.14 × 0.11                                              |
| Radiation<br>$\lambda$ /Å                                   | MoK $\alpha$<br>0.71073                                          | MoK $\alpha$<br>0.71073                                          | MoK $\alpha$<br>0.71073                                          | MoK $\alpha$<br>0.71073                                         |
| 2 $\theta$ range for data collection/°                      | 6.576 to 32.136                                                  | 3.47 to 34.058                                                   | 3.444 to 32.052                                                  | 3.448 to 31.852                                                 |
| Index ranges                                                | -7 ≤ h ≤ 7<br>-5 ≤ k ≤ 5<br>-9 ≤ l ≤ 9                           | -7 ≤ h ≤ 7<br>-5 ≤ k ≤ 5<br>-10 ≤ l ≤ 10                         | -6 ≤ h ≤ 7<br>-4 ≤ k ≤ 4<br>-9 ≤ l ≤ 9                           | -6 ≤ h ≤ 6<br>-4 ≤ k ≤ 4<br>-9 ≤ l ≤ 9                          |
| Reflections collected                                       | 1623                                                             | 1465                                                             | 681                                                              | 666                                                             |
| Independent refl.<br>R <sub>int</sub><br>R <sub>sigma</sub> | 390<br>0.1521<br>0.1135                                          | 370<br>0.1623<br>0.1256                                          | 226<br>0.2559<br>0.2273                                          | 224<br>0.2633<br>0.2691                                         |
| Data/restraints/param.                                      | 390/70/26                                                        | 370/86/26                                                        | 226/129/12                                                       | 224/159/9                                                       |
| Goodness-of-fit on F <sup>2</sup>                           | 1.127                                                            | 1.131                                                            | 1.033                                                            | 1.169                                                           |
| Final R indexes<br>I ≥ 2 $\sigma$ (I)                       | R <sub>1</sub> = 0.0874<br>wR <sub>2</sub> = 0.1978              | R <sub>1</sub> = 0.0994<br>wR <sub>2</sub> = 0.2185              | R <sub>1</sub> = 0.1601<br>wR <sub>2</sub> = 0.3583              | R <sub>1</sub> = 0.1856<br>wR <sub>2</sub> = 0.3703             |
| Final R indexes<br>all data                                 | R <sub>1</sub> = 0.1023<br>wR <sub>2</sub> = 0.2056              | R <sub>1</sub> = 0.1126<br>wR <sub>2</sub> = 0.2264              | R <sub>1</sub> = 0.2059<br>wR <sub>2</sub> = 0.3884              | R <sub>1</sub> = 0.2352<br>wR <sub>2</sub> = 0.4134             |
| Largest diff. peak/hole / e Å <sup>-3</sup>                 | 0.58/-0.70                                                       | 0.67/-0.66                                                       | 0.90/-0.84                                                       | 1.22/-0.90                                                      |

**Table S20** Crystal data and structure refinement for **1** at the different pressures.



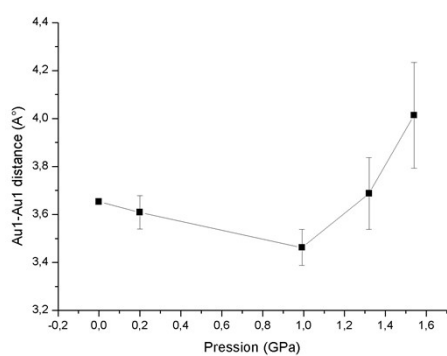
**Figure S10:** Model of **1** with the numeration of heavy metal atoms for clarity.



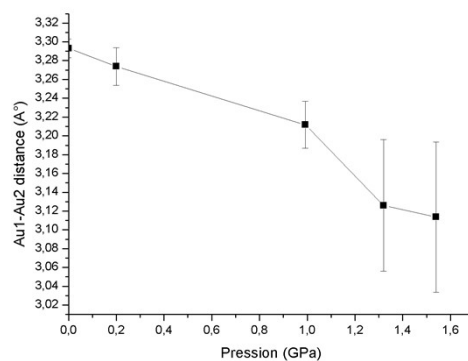


c)

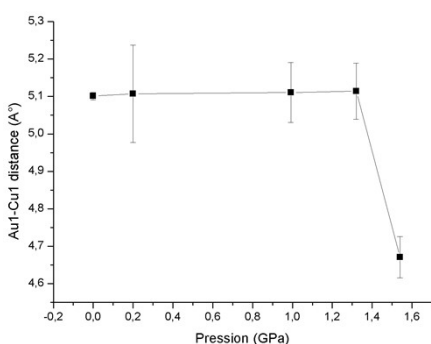
**Figure S11:** Pressure dependence of cell angles (a), cell axes (b) and cell volume (c).



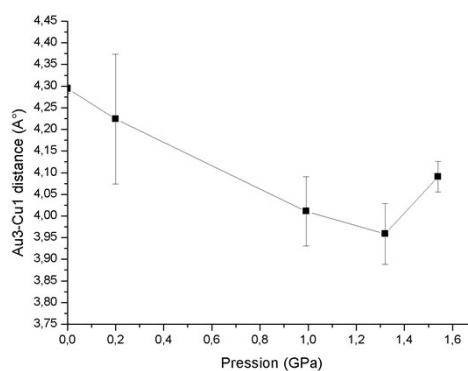
a)



b)



c)



d)

**Figure S12:** Pressure dependence of the main intermetallic distances and angles (for the error bars, a conservative value of 10  $\sigma$  has been used as reported in literature).

| Pressure (GPa) |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |
|----------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| Assignment     | 0.6 | 0.8 | 1.1 | 1.4 | 1.7 | 2.0 | 2.3 | 2.6 | 2.9 | 3.4 | 3.6 |
|                | 94  | 94  |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |     |

|                                            |        |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
|--------------------------------------------|--------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
|                                            | 110    | 112  | 107  | 106  | 107  | 107  | 107  | 107  | 107  | 107  | 107  |
|                                            | 125    | 131  |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
|                                            | 155    | 155  | 155  |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
|                                            | 168    | 170  |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
|                                            | 182    | 182  |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
|                                            | 204    | 204  |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
| $\nu_{\text{CCC}}$                         | 236    | 236  |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
| $\delta_{\text{AuCN}}$                     | 248    | 248  |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
|                                            | 256    | 256  |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
| $\nu_{\text{Cu-N(L1)}}$                    | 268    | 268  |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
|                                            | 284    |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
|                                            | 300    | 298  |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
|                                            | 305    | 305  |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
|                                            | 318    | 316  |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
|                                            | 366    | 366  |      |      | 372  | 372  |      |      |      |      |      |
| $\delta_{\text{CCC}} + \nu_{\text{C6-C6}}$ | 371    | 373  | 376  | 377  | 377  | 377  | 380  | 380  | 380  | 383  | 383  |
|                                            |        |      | 401  | 399  | 398  | 398  | 397  | 397  |      |      |      |
| $\nu_{\text{Cu-N(C)}}$                     | 408    | 408  |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
|                                            |        |      | 419  | 419  | 423  | 423  | 423  | 423  | 423  | 423  | 423  |
|                                            | 436    |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
| $\nu_{\text{AuCN}}$                        | 469    |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
|                                            | 481    |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
|                                            | (497)  | 498  | 499  | 500  | 501  | 501  |      |      |      |      |      |
|                                            | 543    | 544  |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
| $\nu_{\text{CCC}}$                         | 551    | 552  |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
|                                            | 635    | 635  |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
|                                            | 642    | 642  |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
|                                            | 648    | 648  |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
| $\nu_{\text{CCC}}$                         | 663    | 663  | 663  | 663  | 663  | 663  | 663  | 663  | 663  | 667  | 667  |
|                                            |        |      |      |      | 733  | 733  | 733  | 733  | 733  | 735  | 735  |
|                                            | 739    |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
| $\delta_{\text{CCC}}$                      | 768    | 768  | 770  | 770  | 772  | 772  | 773  | 773  | 775  | 775  | 775  |
| $\nu_{\text{CH}} + \nu_{\text{CCC}}$       | 810    | 810  |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
| $\nu_{\text{CH}}$                          | 883    | 883  | 884  | 886  | 888  | 888  | 892  | 892  | 892  | 892  | 892  |
| $\delta_{\text{CCC}}$                      | 958    | 959  |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
|                                            | (1015) |      |      |      | 1015 | 1016 | 1016 | 1018 | 1018 | 1020 | 1020 |
|                                            | 1025   | 1026 | 1027 | 1028 | 1028 | 1029 | 1030 | 1031 | 1031 | 1032 | 1033 |
| $\nu_{\text{CC}}$                          | 1035   | 1035 | 1035 | 1036 | 1038 | 1038 | 1039 | 1040 | 1041 | 1044 | 1044 |
| $\nu_{\text{CC}}$                          | 1064   | 1064 | 1064 | 1064 | 1065 | 1065 | 1065 | 1066 | 1066 | 1069 | 1069 |
|                                            | 1088   | 1088 |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
| $\delta_{\text{CH}} + \nu_{\text{CC}}$     | 1108   | 1109 |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
|                                            | 1158   | 1160 |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
| $\delta_{\text{CH}}$                       | 1180   | 1177 | 1177 | 1177 | 1177 | 1177 | 1177 | 1177 | 1177 | 1180 | 1180 |
| $\delta_{\text{CH}}$                       | 1257   | 1257 |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
|                                            | 1271   | 1271 | 1271 |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |
| $\nu_{\text{CC}}$                          | 1286   | 1282 | 1282 | 1282 | 1282 | 1282 | 1286 | 1286 | 1286 | 1289 | 1289 |

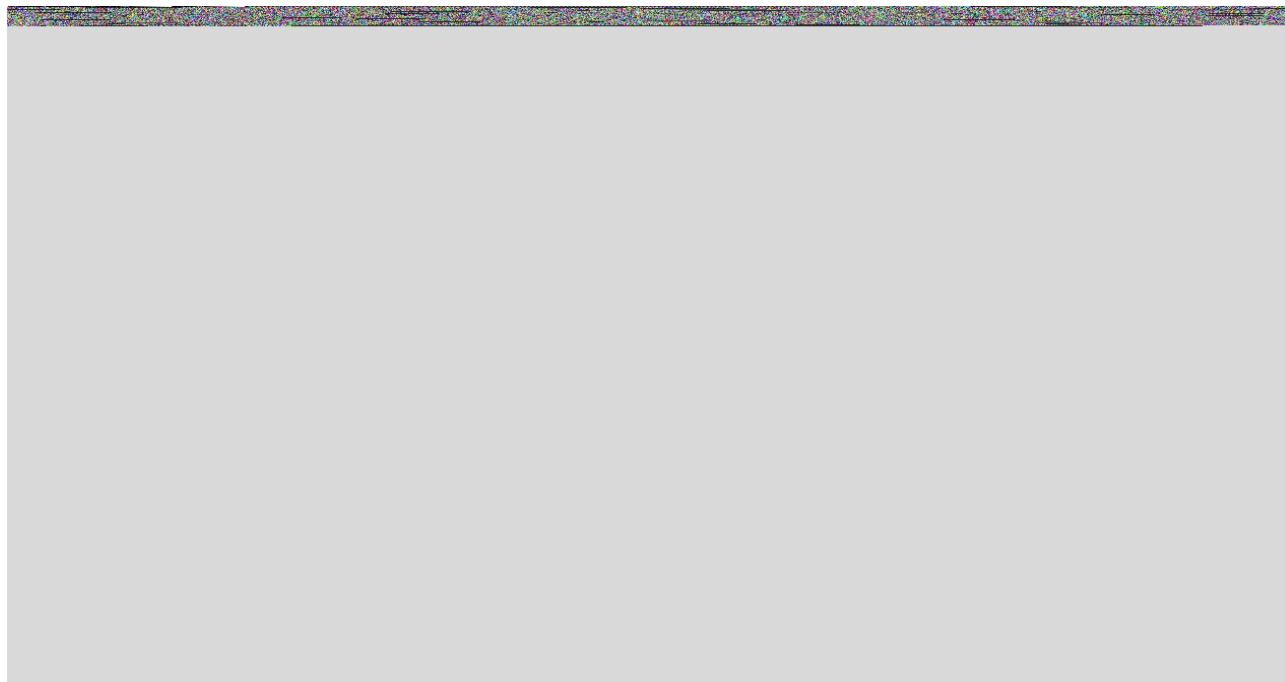
**Table S21:** vibrational modes assignment of **1** and dependence from pressure. Frequencies are in  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ .

**Part 4: Variable temperature SCXRD Measurements on 1 and 6.**

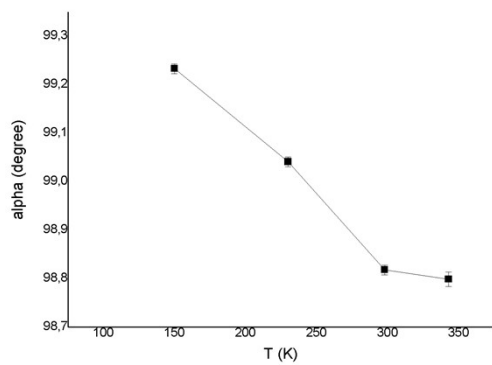
| Identification code                  | <b>1</b><br>(T =150 K)                                           | <b>1</b><br>(T= 230 K)                                           | <b>1</b><br>(T= 298 K)                                           | <b>1</b><br>(T= 343 K)                                           |
|--------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Empirical formula                    | C <sub>24</sub> H <sub>16</sub> Au <sub>2</sub> CuN <sub>8</sub> | C <sub>24</sub> H <sub>16</sub> Au <sub>2</sub> CuN <sub>8</sub> | C <sub>24</sub> H <sub>16</sub> Au <sub>2</sub> CuN <sub>8</sub> | C <sub>24</sub> H <sub>16</sub> Au <sub>2</sub> CuN <sub>8</sub> |
| Formula weight                       | 873.92                                                           | 873.92                                                           | 873.92                                                           | 873.92                                                           |
| Temperature/K                        | 150                                                              | 230.00                                                           | 293(2)                                                           | 343(5)                                                           |
| Crystal system                       | triclinic                                                        | triclinic                                                        | triclinic                                                        | triclinic                                                        |
| Space group                          | P-1                                                              | P-1                                                              | P-1                                                              | P-1                                                              |
| a/Å                                  | 9.9382(3)                                                        | 9.9530(3)                                                        | 9.9841(3)                                                        | 9.9689(3)                                                        |
| b/Å                                  | 10.9997(3)                                                       | 11.0325(3)                                                       | 11.0973(2)                                                       | 11.1085(4)                                                       |
| c/Å                                  | 12.2677(3)                                                       | 12.3018(4)                                                       | 12.3344(3)                                                       | 12.3564(4)                                                       |
| α/°                                  | 99.233(2)                                                        | 99.041(2)                                                        | 98.818(2)                                                        | 98.799(3)                                                        |
| β/°                                  | 106.193(2)                                                       | 106.260(3)                                                       | 106.224(2)                                                       | 106.251(3)                                                       |
| γ/°                                  | 100.783(2)                                                       | 100.966(2)                                                       | 101.345(2)                                                       | 101.677(3)                                                       |
| Volume/Å <sup>3</sup>                | 1232.57(6)                                                       | 1240.98(6)                                                       | 1254.67(5)                                                       | 1254.11(8)                                                       |
| Z                                    | 2                                                                | 2                                                                | 2                                                                | 2                                                                |
| ρ <sub>calc</sub> /g/cm <sup>3</sup> | 2.355                                                            | 2.339                                                            | 2.313                                                            | 2.314                                                            |
| μ/mm <sup>-1</sup>                   | 12.758                                                           | 12.671                                                           | 12.533                                                           | 12.538                                                           |
| F(000)                               | 806.0                                                            | 806.0                                                            | 806.0                                                            | 806.0                                                            |
| Crystal size/mm <sup>3</sup>         | 0.35 × 0.22 × 0.21                                               | 0.35 × 0.22 × 0.21                                               | 0.35 × 0.22 × 0.21                                               | 0.35 × 0.22 × 0.21                                               |
| Radiation                            | MoKα<br>(λ = 0.71073)                                            | MoKα<br>(λ = 0.71073)                                            | MoKα<br>(λ = 0.71073)                                            | MoKα<br>(λ = 0.71073)                                            |
| 2θ range for data collection/°       | 3.548 to 52.736                                                  | 3.538 to 52.744                                                  | 6.52 to 50.06                                                    | 7.01 to 61.016                                                   |

|                                                |                                                                        |                                                                        |                                                                        |                                                                        |
|------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Index ranges                                   | $-12 \leq h \leq 12,$<br>$-13 \leq k \leq 12,$<br>$-15 \leq l \leq 15$ | $-12 \leq h \leq 12,$<br>$-13 \leq k \leq 13,$<br>$-15 \leq l \leq 15$ | $-11 \leq h \leq 11,$<br>$-13 \leq k \leq 13,$<br>$-14 \leq l \leq 14$ | $-14 \leq h \leq 14,$<br>$-15 \leq k \leq 15,$<br>$-17 \leq l \leq 17$ |
| Reflections collected                          | 11170                                                                  | 13756                                                                  | 18190                                                                  | 69157                                                                  |
| Independent reflections                        | 5040<br>[ $R_{\text{int}} = 0.0266,$<br>$R_{\text{sigma}} = 0.0284$ ]  | 5083<br>[ $R_{\text{int}} = 0.0301,$<br>$R_{\text{sigma}} = 0.0283$ ]  | 4418<br>[ $R_{\text{int}} = 0.0324,$<br>$R_{\text{sigma}} = 0.0124$ ]  | 7640<br>[ $R_{\text{int}} = 0.0768,$<br>$R_{\text{sigma}} = 0.0378$ ]  |
| Data/restraints/parameters                     | 5040/0/319                                                             | 5083/0/319                                                             | 4418/0/319                                                             | 7640/0/320                                                             |
| Goodness-of-fit on $F^2$                       | 1.044                                                                  | 1.044                                                                  | 1.078                                                                  | 1.035                                                                  |
| Final R indexes [ $I \geq 2\sigma(I)$ ]        | $R_1 = 0.0454,$<br>$wR_2 = 0.1224$                                     | $R_1 = 0.0356,$<br>$wR_2 = 0.0864$                                     | $R_1 = 0.0214,$<br>$wR_2 = 0.0542$                                     | $R_1 = 0.0364,$<br>$wR_2 = 0.0654$                                     |
| Final R indexes [all data]                     | $R_1 = 0.0514,$<br>$wR_2 = 0.1268$                                     | $R_1 = 0.0422,$<br>$wR_2 = 0.0904$                                     | $R_1 = 0.0519,$<br>$wR_2 = 0.0783$                                     | $R_1 = 0.0619,$<br>$wR_2 = 0.0733$                                     |
| Largest diff. peak/hole / $e \text{ \AA}^{-3}$ | 2.25/-0.93                                                             | 1.40/-1.51                                                             | 1.20/-0.85                                                             | 1.10/-0.82                                                             |

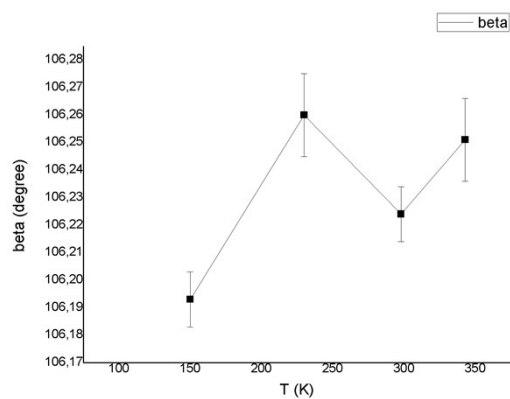
**Table S22** Crystal data and structure refinement for **1** at the different temperature.



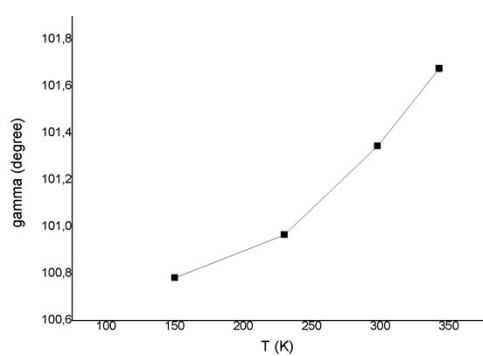
**Figure S13:** Asymmetric unit of **1**.



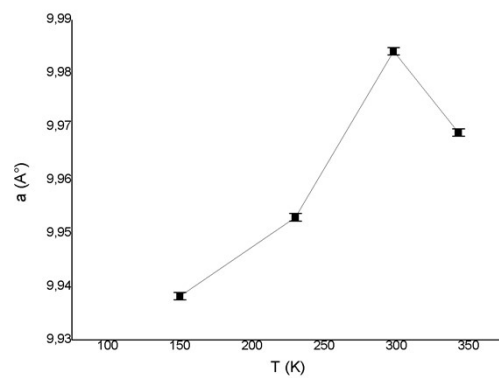
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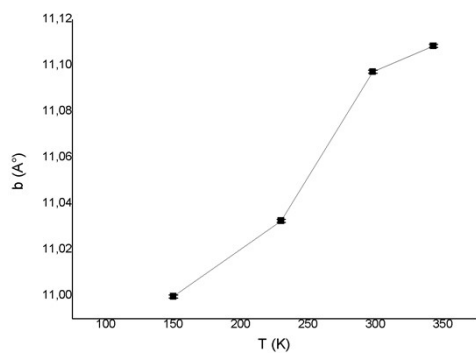
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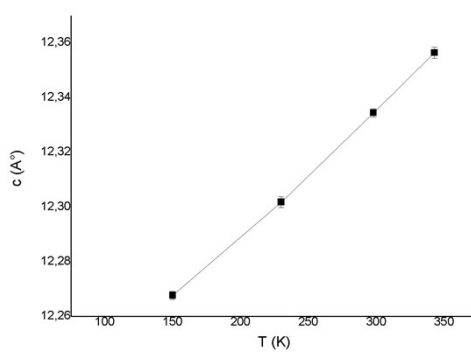
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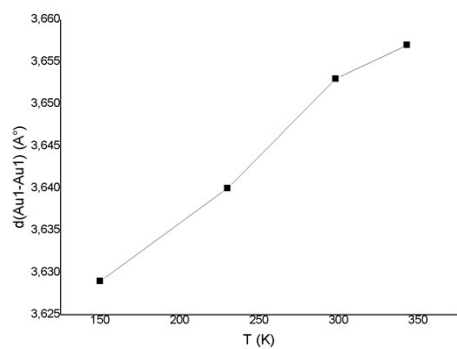


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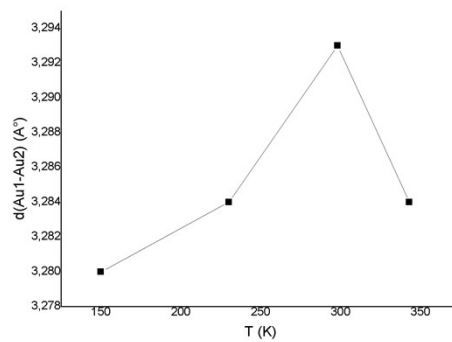


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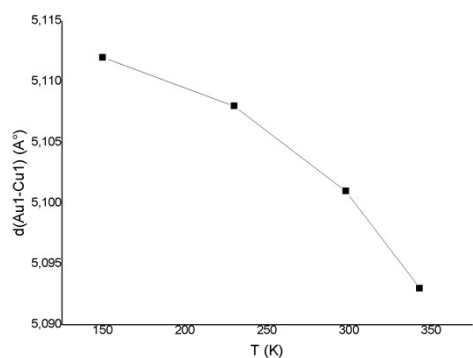
**Figure S14:** Temperature dependence of cell angles (a-c) and cell axes (d-f) for **1** (for the error bars, a conservative value of 10  $\sigma$  has been used as reported in literature).



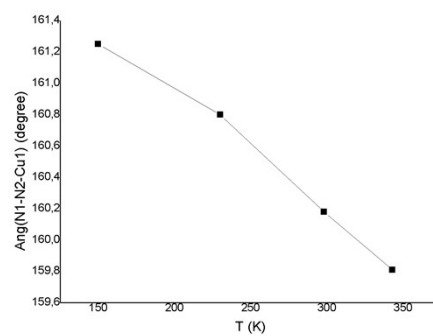
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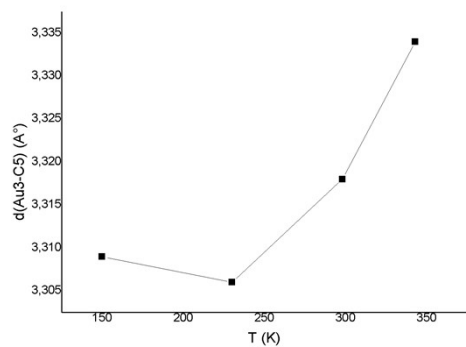
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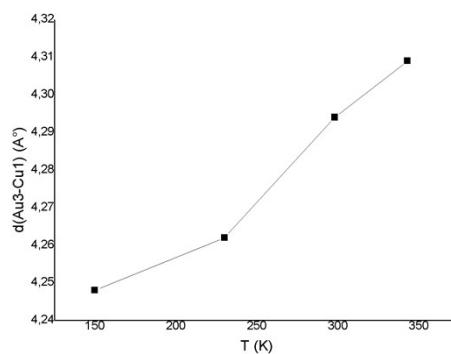
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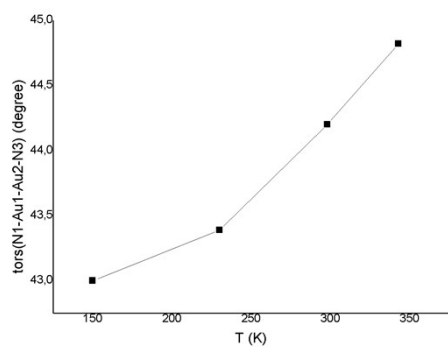
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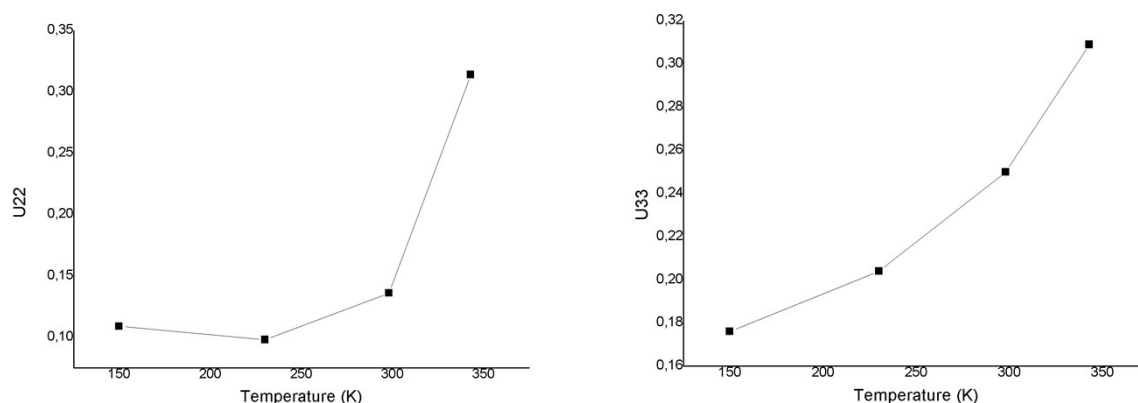


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**Figure S15:** Temperature dependence of the main distances and angles for **1** (for the error bars, a conservative value of  $10\sigma$  has been used as reported in literature).



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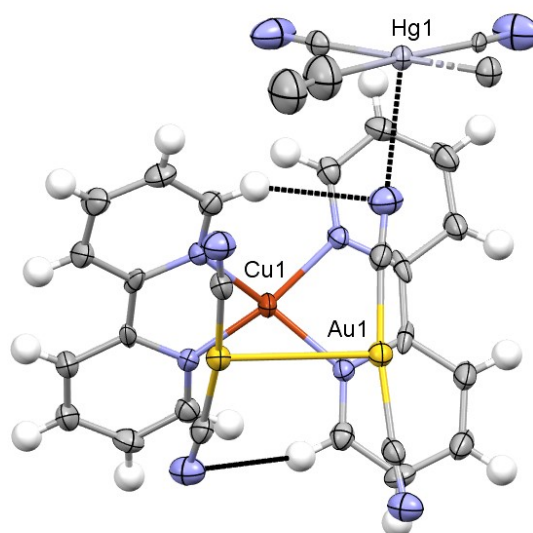
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**Figure S16:** Temperature dependence of U22 and U33 tensor component of N3 atom for **1**.

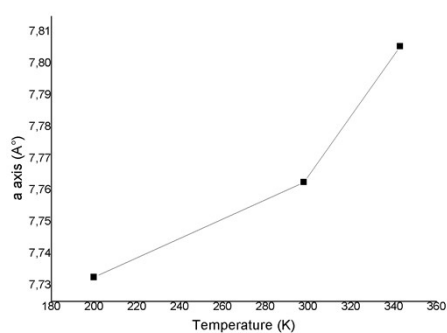
| Identification code                            | <b>6</b><br>(T= 200K)                                                             | <b>6</b><br>(T= 298K)                                                             | <b>6</b><br>(T= 343K)                                                             |
|------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Empirical formula                              | C <sub>28</sub> H <sub>16</sub> Au <sub>2</sub> CuHg <sub>2</sub> N <sub>12</sub> | C <sub>28</sub> H <sub>16</sub> Au <sub>2</sub> CuHg <sub>2</sub> N <sub>12</sub> | C <sub>28</sub> H <sub>16</sub> Au <sub>2</sub> CuHg <sub>2</sub> N <sub>12</sub> |
| Formula weight                                 | 1379.20                                                                           | 1379.20                                                                           | 1379.18                                                                           |
| Temperature/K                                  | 200.00                                                                            | 293(2)                                                                            | 342.9(7)                                                                          |
| Crystal system                                 | orthorhombic                                                                      | orthorhombic                                                                      | orthorhombic                                                                      |
| Space group                                    | lbam                                                                              | lbam                                                                              | lbam                                                                              |
| a/Å                                            | 7.7326(2)                                                                         | 7.7626(13)                                                                        | 7.8055(7)                                                                         |
| b/Å                                            | 18.2993(6)                                                                        | 18.272(2)                                                                         | 18.3374(16)                                                                       |
| c/Å                                            | 22.0376(6)                                                                        | 22.003(3)                                                                         | 22.0881(17)                                                                       |
| $\alpha/^\circ$                                | 90                                                                                | 90.00                                                                             | 90                                                                                |
| $\beta/^\circ$                                 | 90                                                                                | 90.00                                                                             | 90                                                                                |
| $\gamma/^\circ$                                | 90                                                                                | 90.00                                                                             | 90                                                                                |
| Volume/Å <sup>3</sup>                          | 3118.35(16)                                                                       | 3120.9(8)                                                                         | 3161.5(5)                                                                         |
| Z                                              | 4                                                                                 | 4                                                                                 | 4                                                                                 |
| $\rho_{\text{calc}}/\text{g}/\text{cm}^3$      | 2.938                                                                             | 2.935                                                                             | 2.898                                                                             |
| $\mu/\text{mm}^{-1}$                           | 19.901                                                                            | 19.885                                                                            | 19.629                                                                            |
| F(000)                                         | 2460.0                                                                            | 2460.0                                                                            | 2460.0                                                                            |
| Crystal size/mm <sup>3</sup>                   | 0.34 × 0.32 × 0.22                                                                | 0.34 × 0.32 × 0.22                                                                | 0.34 × 0.32 × 0.24                                                                |
| Radiation                                      | MoK $\alpha$ ( $\lambda$ = 0.71073)                                               | MoK $\alpha$ ( $\lambda$ = 0.71073)                                               | MoK $\alpha$ ( $\lambda$ = 0.71073)                                               |
| 2 $\theta$ range for data collection/ $^\circ$ | 3.696 to 52.728                                                                   | 6.768 to 52.722                                                                   | 6.768 to 52.722                                                                   |
| Index ranges                                   | -9 ≤ h ≤ 9,<br>-22 ≤ k ≤ 22,<br>-27 ≤ l ≤ 27                                      | -7 ≤ h ≤ 9,<br>-17 ≤ k ≤ 21,<br>-23 ≤ l ≤ 26                                      | -9 ≤ h ≤ 9,<br>-22 ≤ k ≤ 21,<br>-27 ≤ l ≤ 21                                      |
| Reflections collected                          | 16425                                                                             | 6835                                                                              | 16520                                                                             |
| Independent reflections                        | 1641 [R <sub>int</sub> = 0.0850,<br>R <sub>sigma</sub> = 0.0308]                  | 1421 [R <sub>int</sub> = 0.0588,<br>R <sub>sigma</sub> = 0.0308]                  | 1663 [R <sub>int</sub> = 0.1068,<br>R <sub>sigma</sub> = 0.0484]                  |

|                                                |                                     |                                     |                                     |
|------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Data/restraints/parameters                     | 1641/73/121                         | 1421/65/121                         | 1663/0/125                          |
| Goodness-of-fit on $F^2$                       | 1.160                               | 1.099                               | 1.036                               |
| Final R indexes [ $I \geq 2\sigma(I)$ ]        | $R_1 = 0.0380$ ,<br>$wR_2 = 0.0783$ | $R_1 = 0.0358$ ,<br>$wR_2 = 0.0756$ | $R_1 = 0.0380$ ,<br>$wR_2 = 0.0744$ |
| Final R indexes [all data]                     | $R_1 = 0.0470$ ,<br>$wR_2 = 0.0814$ | $R_1 = 0.0478$ ,<br>$wR_2 = 0.0814$ | $R_1 = 0.0592$ ,<br>$wR_2 = 0.0818$ |
| Largest diff. peak/hole / $e \text{ \AA}^{-3}$ | 1.99/-1.36                          | 1.71/-1.28                          | 1.25/-0.97                          |

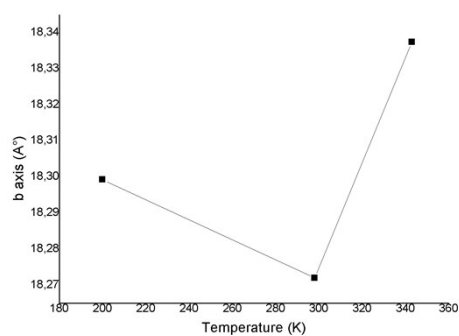
**Table S23** Crystal data and structure refinement for **6** at the different temperature.



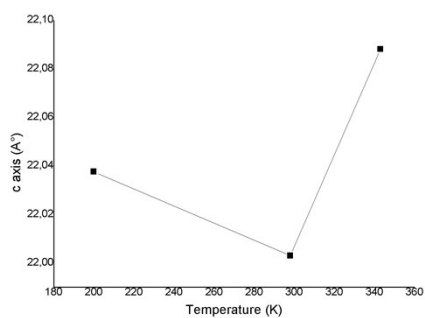
**Figure S17:** Model of **6** with the numeration of heavy metal atoms for clarity.



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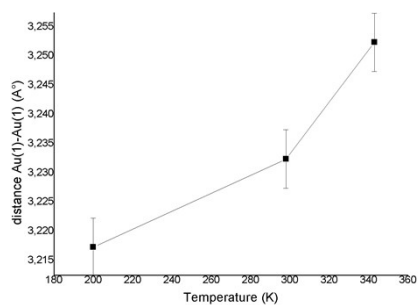


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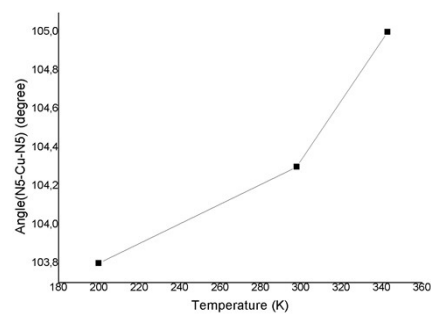


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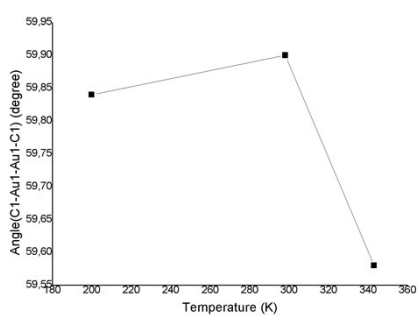
**Figure S18:** Temperature dependence of cell axes (**a-c**) for **6** (for the error bars, a conservative value of  $10\sigma$  has been used as reported in literature).



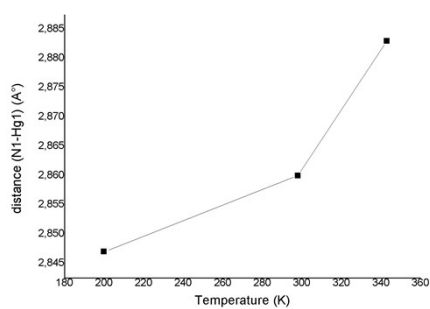
a)



b)



c)



d)

**Figure S19:** Temperature dependence of the main distances and angles for **6** (for the error bars, a conservative value of  $10\sigma$  has been used as reported in literature).