

## **N,N'-substituted thioureas and their metal complexes: syntheses, structures and electronic properties**

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### **Electronic Supplementary Information**

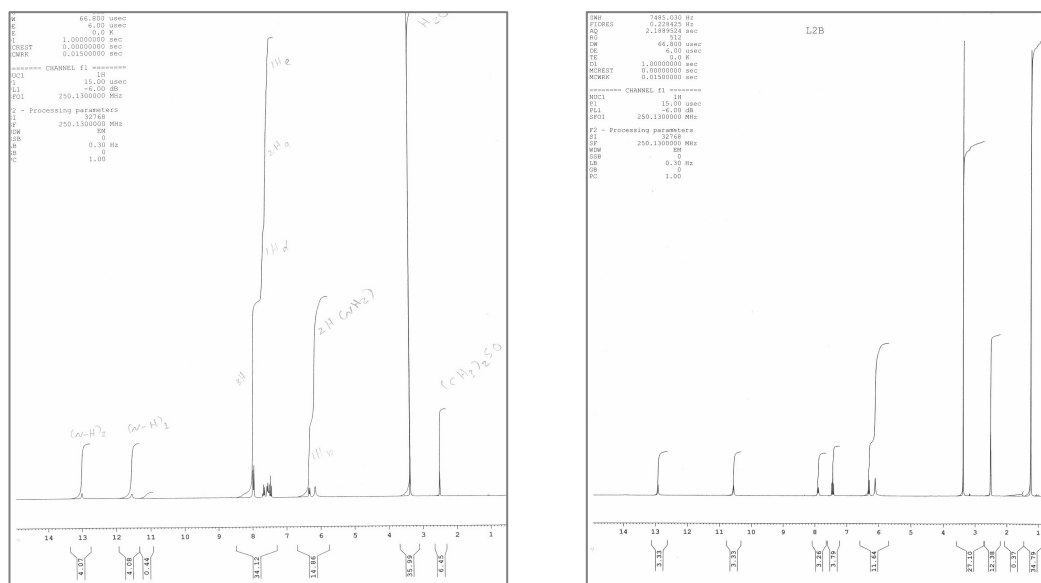
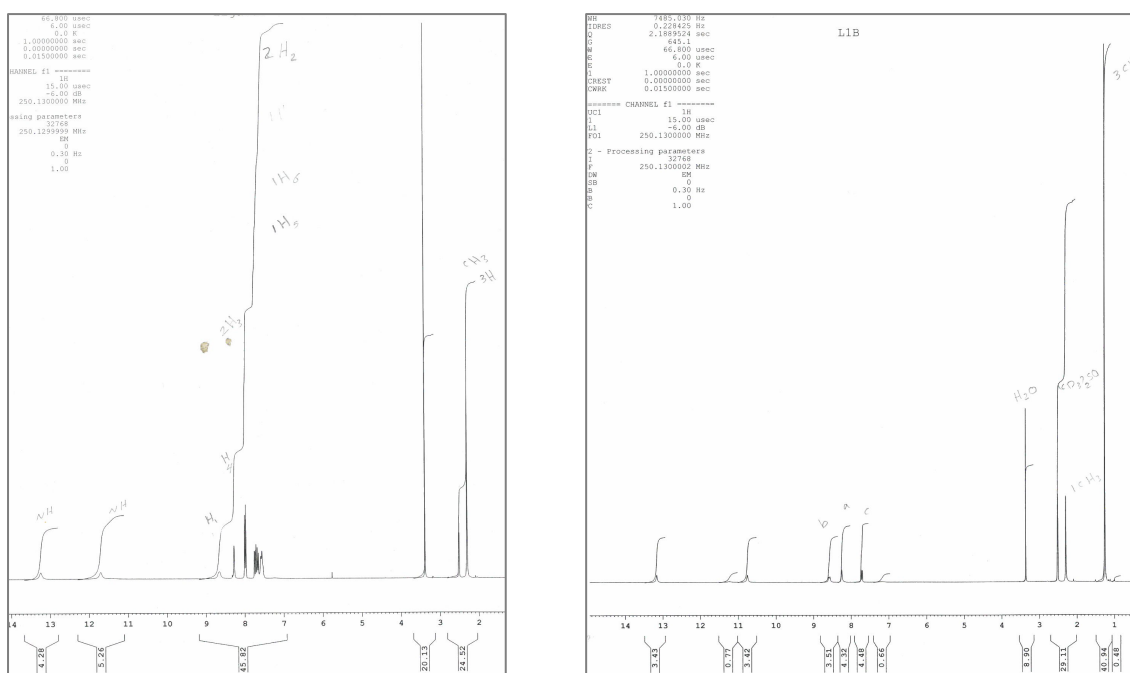
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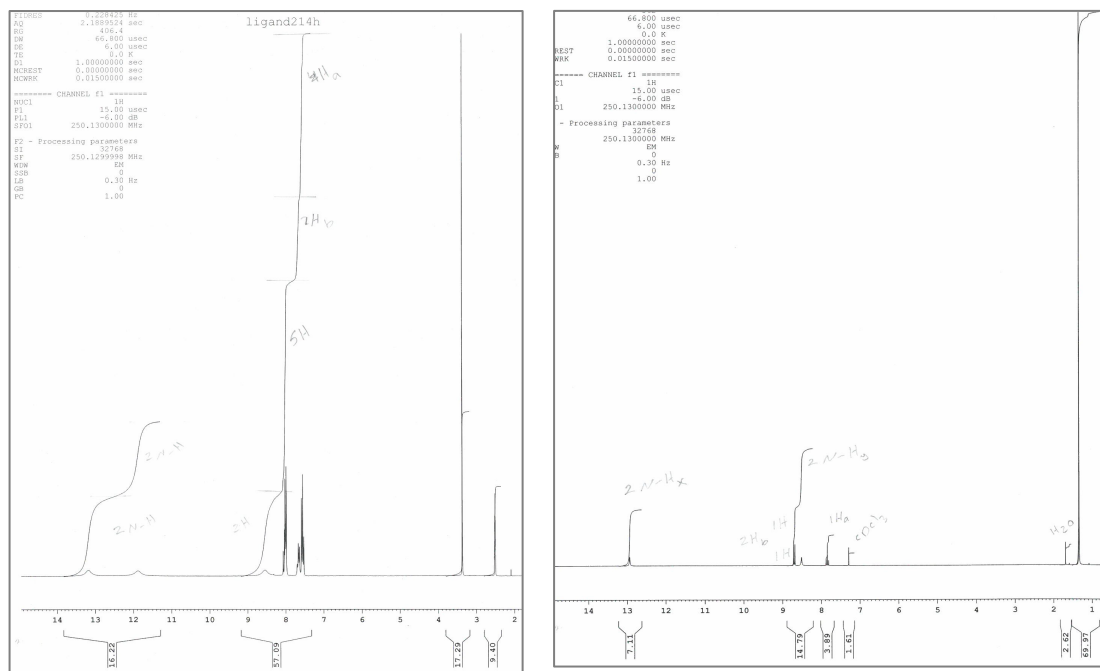
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**Table S1.** Data collection parameters for the X-ray crystallography.

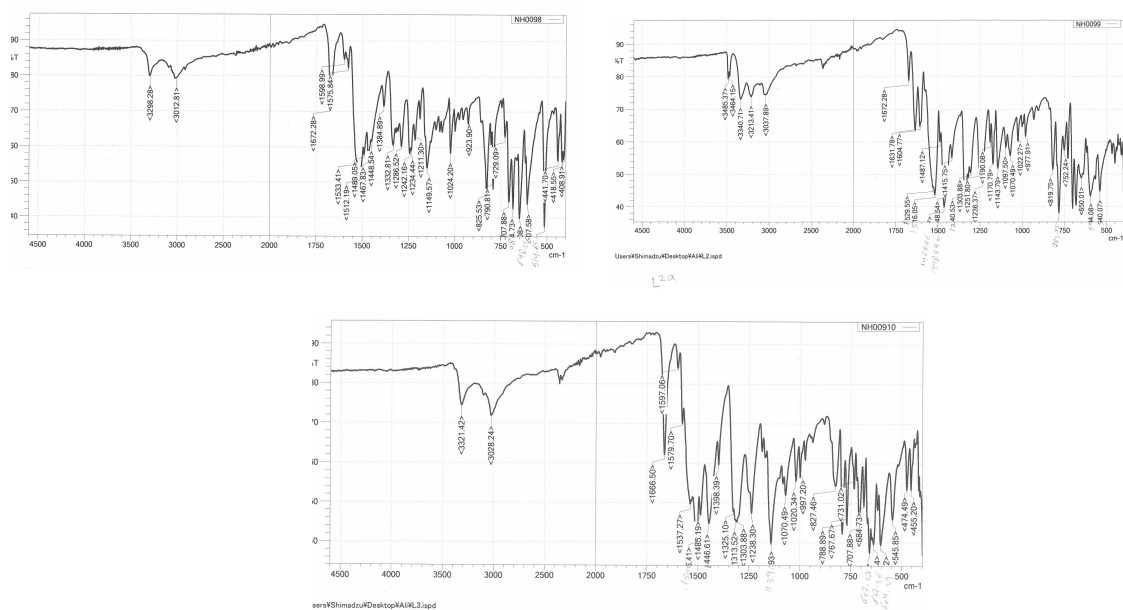
| Compound                    | 1                                                                                | 4                                                                                               | 6                                                                                | 7                                                                                               |
|-----------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Formula                     | C <sub>30</sub> H <sub>29</sub> ClCuN <sub>7</sub> O <sub>6</sub> S <sub>2</sub> | C <sub>14</sub> H <sub>18</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub> N <sub>6</sub> O <sub>8</sub> S <sub>2</sub> Zn | C <sub>26</sub> H <sub>24</sub> ClCuN <sub>8</sub> O <sub>6</sub> S <sub>2</sub> | C <sub>14</sub> H <sub>22</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub> N <sub>8</sub> NiO <sub>10</sub> S <sub>2</sub> |
| $D_{calc}/\text{g cm}^{-3}$ | 1.587                                                                            | 1.865                                                                                           | 1.695                                                                            | 1.750                                                                                           |
| $\mu/\text{mm}^{-1}$        | 0.975                                                                            | 1.656                                                                                           | 1.094                                                                            | 1.228                                                                                           |
| Formula Weight              | 746.71                                                                           | 598.73                                                                                          | 707.64                                                                           | 656.12                                                                                          |
| Colour                      | Red                                                                              | Colourless                                                                                      | Dark Orange                                                                      | Red                                                                                             |
| Shape                       | needle                                                                           | prism                                                                                           | blade                                                                            | blade                                                                                           |
| Size/mm <sup>3</sup>        | 0.27×0.03×0.02                                                                   | 0.11×0.06×0.05                                                                                  | 0.13×0.07×0.01                                                                   | 0.17×0.06×0.03                                                                                  |
| $T/\text{K}$                | 100(2)                                                                           | 100(2)                                                                                          | 100(2)                                                                           | 100(2)                                                                                          |
| Crystal System              | monoclinic                                                                       | monoclinic                                                                                      | monoclinic                                                                       | monoclinic                                                                                      |
| Space Group                 | $P2_1/n$                                                                         | $P2_1$                                                                                          | $P2_1/c$                                                                         | $C2/c$                                                                                          |
| $a/\text{\AA}$              | 15.4602(11)                                                                      | 5.1243(2)                                                                                       | 10.4870(7)                                                                       | 14.5374(10)                                                                                     |
| $b/\text{\AA}$              | 9.7669(7)                                                                        | 11.4452(3)                                                                                      | 17.9141(13)                                                                      | 17.6166(11)                                                                                     |
| $c/\text{\AA}$              | 21.9107(15)                                                                      | 18.1830(5)                                                                                      | 15.3930(11)                                                                      | 10.1978(7)                                                                                      |
| $\alpha/^\circ$             | 90                                                                               | 90                                                                                              | 90                                                                               | 90                                                                                              |
| $\beta/^\circ$              | 109.196(2)                                                                       | 91.109(3)                                                                                       | 106.4260(10)                                                                     | 107.5720(10)                                                                                    |
| $\gamma/^\circ$             | 90                                                                               | 90                                                                                              | 90                                                                               | 90                                                                                              |
| $V/\text{\AA}^3$            | 3124.5(4)                                                                        | 1066.21(6)                                                                                      | 2773.8(3)                                                                        | 2489.8(3)                                                                                       |
| $Z$                         | 4                                                                                | 2                                                                                               | 4                                                                                | 4                                                                                               |
| $Z'$                        | 1                                                                                | 1                                                                                               | 1                                                                                | 0.5                                                                                             |
| $\theta_{min}/^\circ$       | 2.509                                                                            | 2.103                                                                                           | 2.925                                                                            | 3.121                                                                                           |
| $\theta_{max}/^\circ$       | 27.485                                                                           | 27.548                                                                                          | 27.484                                                                           | 27.479                                                                                          |
| Measured Refl's.            | 20514                                                                            | 7361                                                                                            | 36950                                                                            | 17829                                                                                           |
| Indep't Refl's              | 7140                                                                             | 7361                                                                                            | 6352                                                                             | 2849                                                                                            |
| Refl's $I \geq 2\sigma(I)$  | 5054                                                                             | 7240                                                                                            | 5291                                                                             | 2416                                                                                            |
| $R_{int}$                   | 0.0528                                                                           | .                                                                                               | 0.0449                                                                           | 0.0439                                                                                          |
| Parameters                  | 443                                                                              | 325                                                                                             | 460                                                                              | 224                                                                                             |
| Restraints                  | 0                                                                                | 7                                                                                               | 3                                                                                | 371                                                                                             |
| Largest Peak                | 0.396                                                                            | 0.533                                                                                           | 0.654                                                                            | 0.860                                                                                           |
| Deepest Hole                | -0.574                                                                           | -0.417                                                                                          | -0.334                                                                           | -0.628                                                                                          |
| GooF                        | 1.025                                                                            | 1.130                                                                                           | 0.999                                                                            | 1.144                                                                                           |
| $wR_2$ (all data)           | 0.1133                                                                           | 0.1100                                                                                          | 0.0963                                                                           | 0.1352                                                                                          |
| $wR_2$                      | 0.1027                                                                           | 0.1058                                                                                          | 0.0905                                                                           | 0.1295                                                                                          |
| $R_1$ (all data)            | 0.0699                                                                           | 0.0329                                                                                          | 0.0460                                                                           | 0.0527                                                                                          |
| $R_1$                       | 0.0439                                                                           | 0.0322                                                                                          | 0.0355                                                                           | 0.0450                                                                                          |
| Flack Parameter             |                                                                                  | 0.021(9)                                                                                        |                                                                                  |                                                                                                 |
| Hooft Parameter             |                                                                                  | 0.0421(10)                                                                                      |                                                                                  |                                                                                                 |

| Compound                    | 15                                                                               | 16                                                    | 19                                                                                             | 21                                                                                 |
|-----------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Formula                     | C <sub>24</sub> H <sub>36</sub> ClCuN <sub>6</sub> O <sub>7</sub> S <sub>2</sub> | C <sub>12</sub> H <sub>17</sub> ClCuN <sub>3</sub> OS | C <sub>22</sub> H <sub>28</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub> CuN <sub>8</sub> O <sub>2</sub> S <sub>2</sub> | C <sub>17</sub> H <sub>26</sub> ClCuN <sub>5</sub> O <sub>6.5</sub> S <sub>2</sub> |
| $D_{calc}/\text{g cm}^{-3}$ | 1.488                                                                            | 1.606                                                 | 1.531                                                                                          | 1.597                                                                              |
| $\mu/\text{mm}^{-1}$        | 0.992                                                                            | 1.830                                                 | 1.175                                                                                          | 1.261                                                                              |
| Formula Weight              | 683.70                                                                           | 350.33                                                | 635.08                                                                                         | 567.54                                                                             |
| Colour                      | Orange                                                                           | Red                                                   | Dark Orange                                                                                    | Yellow                                                                             |
| Shape                       | plate                                                                            | needle                                                | plate                                                                                          | rod                                                                                |
| Size/mm <sup>3</sup>        | 0.11×0.09×0.01                                                                   | 0.29×0.01×0.01                                        | 0.08×0.06×0.01                                                                                 | 0.13×0.04×0.01                                                                     |
| $T/\text{K}$                | 100(2)                                                                           | 100(2)                                                | 100(2)                                                                                         | 100(2)                                                                             |
| Crystal System              | orthorhombic                                                                     | monoclinic                                            | monoclinic                                                                                     | monoclinic                                                                         |
| Space Group                 | $P2_12_12_1$                                                                     | $P2_1/c$                                              | $P2_1/c$                                                                                       | $P2_1$                                                                             |
| $a/\text{\AA}$              | 9.0770(3)                                                                        | 12.5881(9)                                            | 10.7026(8)                                                                                     | 12.3999(3)                                                                         |
| $b/\text{\AA}$              | 17.2213(8)                                                                       | 6.0555(4)                                             | 16.3850(11)                                                                                    | 14.2258(4)                                                                         |
| $c/\text{\AA}$              | 19.5201(6)                                                                       | 19.3671(14)                                           | 7.9196(5)                                                                                      | 13.3826(3)                                                                         |
| $\alpha/^\circ$             | 90                                                                               | 90                                                    | 90                                                                                             | 90                                                                                 |
| $\beta/^\circ$              | 90                                                                               | 101.012(2)                                            | 97.287(2)                                                                                      | 90.462(2)                                                                          |
| $\gamma/^\circ$             | 90                                                                               | 90                                                    | 90                                                                                             | 90                                                                                 |
| $V/\text{\AA}^3$            | 3051.3(2)                                                                        | 1449.12(18)                                           | 1377.58(16)                                                                                    | 2360.59(11)                                                                        |
| $Z$                         | 4                                                                                | 4                                                     | 2                                                                                              | 4                                                                                  |
| $Z'$                        | 1                                                                                | 1                                                     | 0.5                                                                                            | 2                                                                                  |
| $\theta_{min}/^\circ$       | 1.577                                                                            | 2.143                                                 | 2.286                                                                                          | 2.230                                                                              |
| $\theta_{max}/^\circ$       | 27.480                                                                           | 27.554                                                | 27.537                                                                                         | 27.483                                                                             |
| Measured Refl's.            | 35113                                                                            | 14550                                                 | 20899                                                                                          | 30299                                                                              |
| Indep't Refl's              | 6990                                                                             | 3348                                                  | 3166                                                                                           | 10291                                                                              |
| Refl's $I \geq 2\sigma(I)$  | 4976                                                                             | 2880                                                  | 2867                                                                                           | 8684                                                                               |
| $R_{int}$                   | 0.1008                                                                           | 0.0518                                                | 0.0958                                                                                         | 0.0477                                                                             |
| Parameters                  | 381                                                                              | 184                                                   | 180                                                                                            | 681                                                                                |
| Restraints                  | 33                                                                               | 0                                                     | 0                                                                                              | 157                                                                                |
| Largest Peak                | 1.130                                                                            | 0.603                                                 | 1.519                                                                                          | 1.249                                                                              |
| Deepest Hole                | -0.700                                                                           | -0.354                                                | -0.671                                                                                         | -0.796                                                                             |
| GooF                        | 1.035                                                                            | 1.030                                                 | 1.025                                                                                          | 1.050                                                                              |
| $wR_2$ (all data)           | 0.1439                                                                           | 0.0826                                                | 0.1671                                                                                         | 0.1579                                                                             |
| $wR_2$                      | 0.1278                                                                           | 0.0786                                                | 0.1616                                                                                         | 0.1509                                                                             |
| $R_1$ (all data)            | 0.1073                                                                           | 0.0386                                                | 0.0651                                                                                         | 0.0687                                                                             |
| $R_1$                       | 0.0662                                                                           | 0.0308                                                | 0.0619                                                                                         | 0.0572                                                                             |
| Flack Parameter             | -0.019(12)                                                                       |                                                       |                                                                                                | -0.003(8)                                                                          |
| Hooft Parameter             | 0.005(9)                                                                         |                                                       |                                                                                                | 0.020(4)                                                                           |





**Figure S3.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectra of ligands **L<sup>3a</sup>** and **L<sup>3b</sup>**.



**Figure S4.** Examples of IR spectra of ligands **L<sup>1a</sup>** (top left), **L<sup>2a</sup>** (top right) and **L<sup>3a</sup>** (bottom).

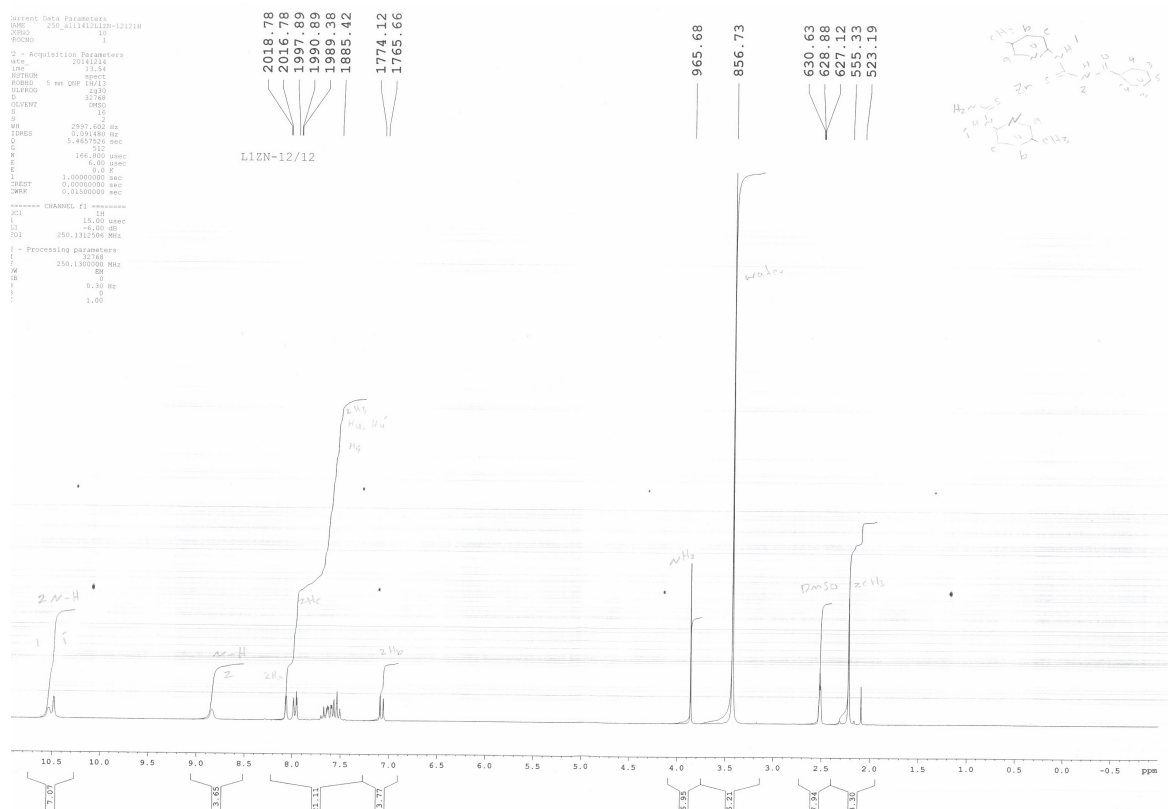


Figure S5.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of complex 5.

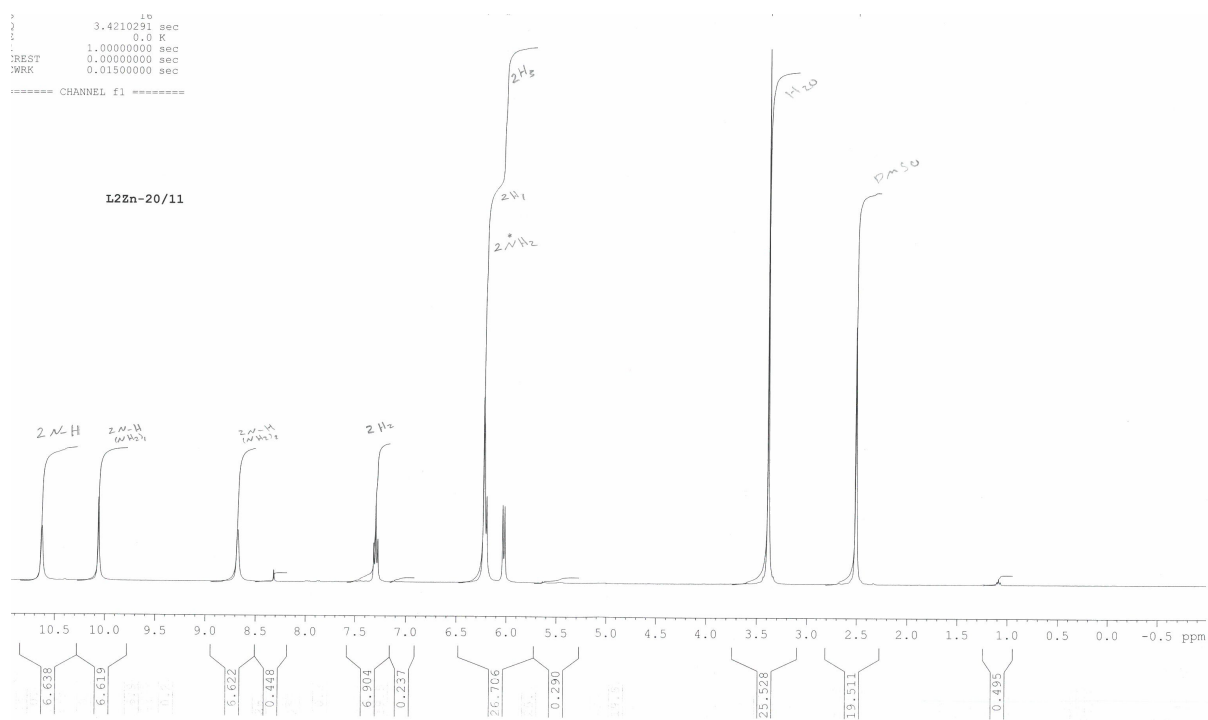
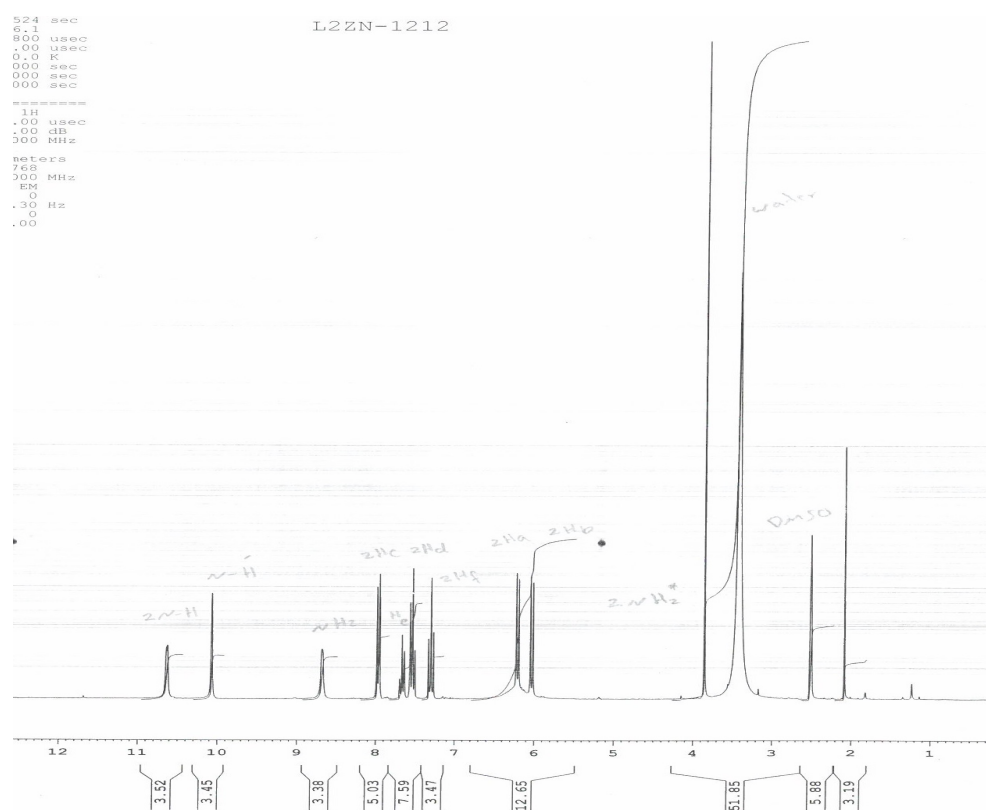
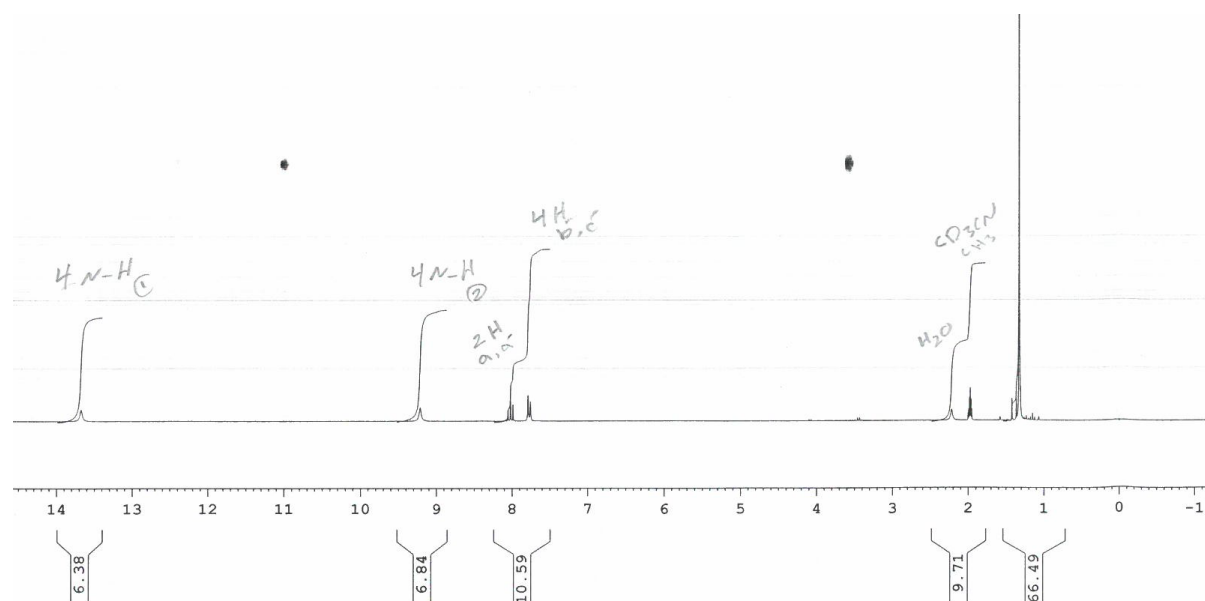


Figure S6.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of complex 9.



**Figure S7.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of complex **10**.



**Figure S8.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of complex **22**.

### Single Mass Analysis

Tolerance = 5.0 PPM / DBE: min = -0.5, max = 50.0

Element prediction: Off

Number of isotope peaks used for i-FIT = 4

Monoisotopic Mass, Odd and Even Electron Ions

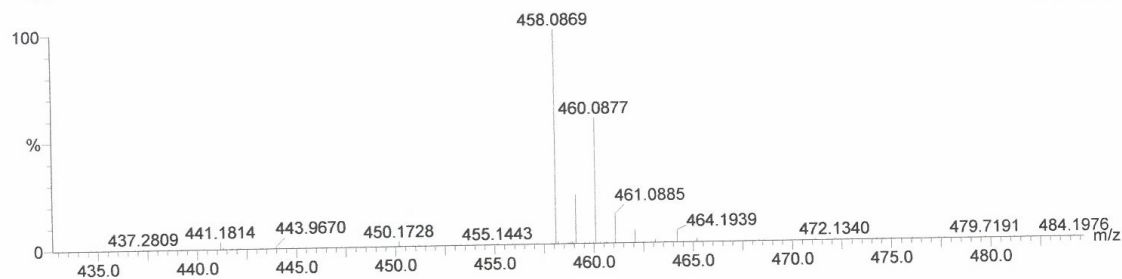
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Elements Used:

C: 0-18 H: 0-27 N: 0-4 O: 0-2 S: 0-2 <sup>63</sup>Cu: 0-1

AJA\_MS8922\_APF4 16 (1.009) Cm (16-1)

1: TOF MS AP+  
2.30e+003



Minimum: -0.5  
Maximum: 50.0

| Mass     | Calc. Mass | mDa  | PPM  | DBE | i-FIT | i-FIT (Norm) | Formula                              |
|----------|------------|------|------|-----|-------|--------------|--------------------------------------|
| 458.0869 | 458.0871   | -0.2 | -0.4 | 7.5 | 79.5  | 0.0          | C18 H27 N4 O2 S2<br><sup>63</sup> Cu |

**Figure S9.** HRMS of complex 21.

Monoisotopic Mass, Odd and Even Electron Ions

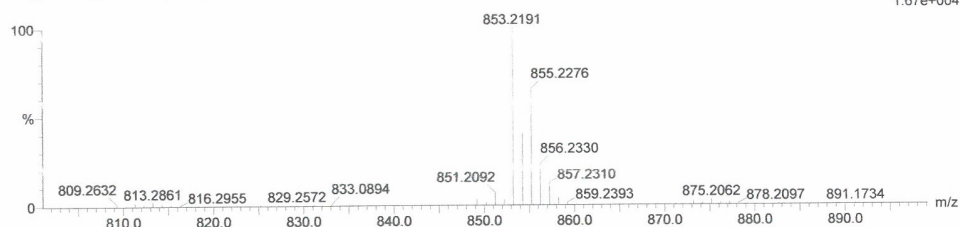
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Elements Used:

C: 0-34 H: 0-50 N: 0-10 O: 0-4 S: 0-4 <sup>63</sup>Cu: 0-1

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2: TOF MS ES+  
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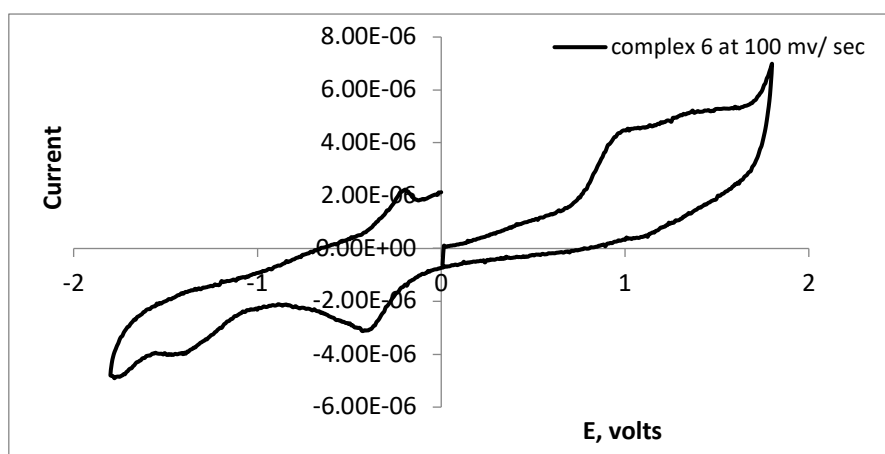
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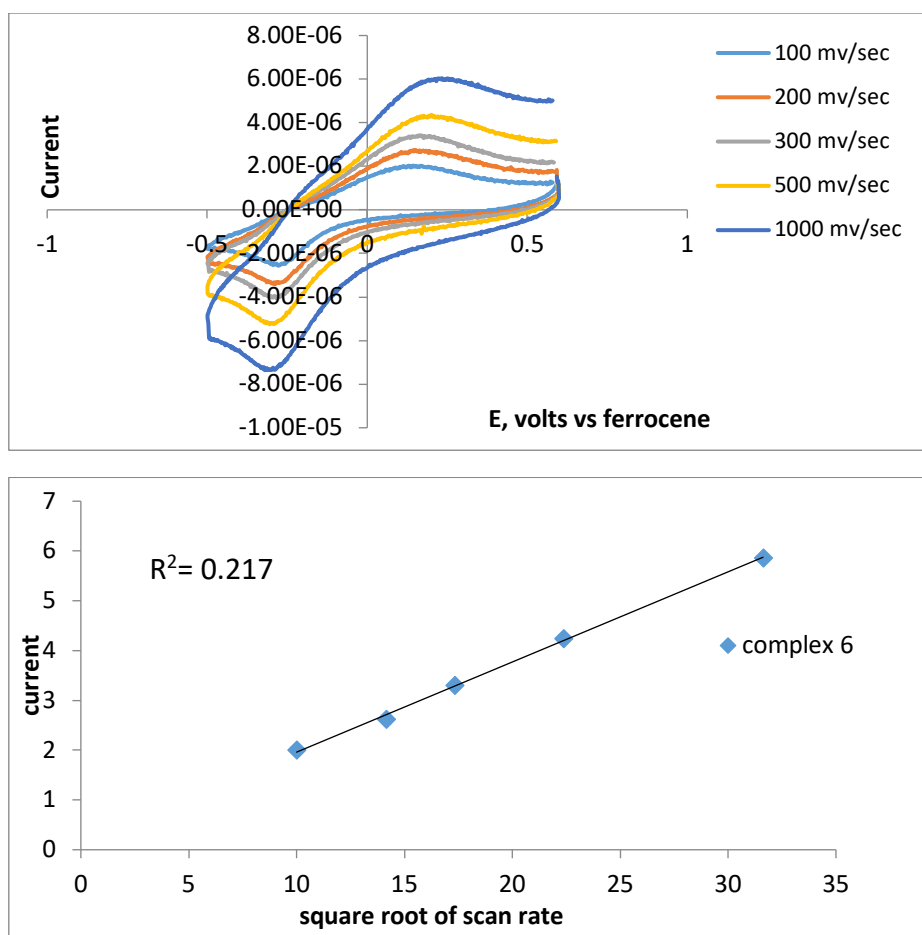
| Mass     | Calc. Mass | mDa  | PPM  | DBE  | i-FIT | i-FIT (Norm) | Formula                               |
|----------|------------|------|------|------|-------|--------------|---------------------------------------|
| 853.2191 | 853.2195   | -0.4 | -0.5 | 15.0 | 106.1 | 0.0          | C34 H50 N10 O4 S4<br><sup>63</sup> Cu |

**Figure S10.** HRMS of complex 22.

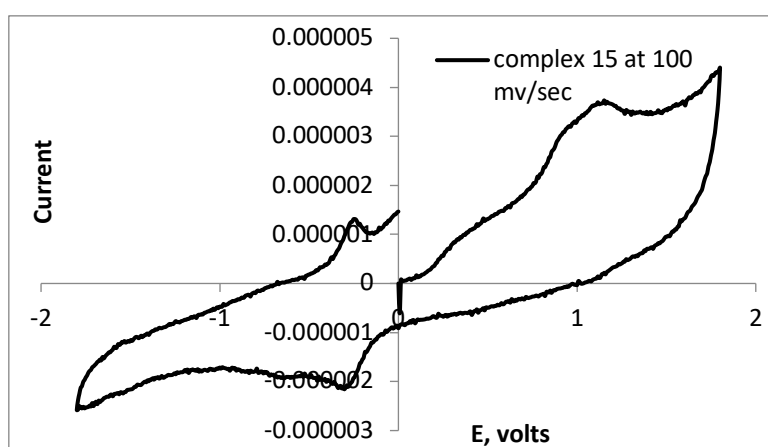
**Table S2:** Redox potential for the Cu complexes

| Complex      | Complex   | $E_p/V$ vs $Ag^+/AgCl$            | $E_p/V$ vs $Fc^+/Fc$              |
|--------------|-----------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| $L^1Cu$      | <b>1</b>  | +0.922, +0.043<br>-0.216          | +0.541, -0.337<br>-0.596          |
| $L^2Cu$      | <b>6</b>  | +0.929, +0.110, -1.346            | +0.474, -0.345,<br>-1.801         |
| $L_3Cu$      | <b>11</b> | +0.461, -0.547                    | -0.029, -1.033                    |
| $L_3Cu$      | <b>12</b> | -0.575                            | -1.072                            |
| $L^{1b}Cu$   | <b>15</b> | -0.281                            | -0.733                            |
| $L^{1b}CuCl$ | <b>16</b> | +1.159, +0.662, +0.086,<br>-0.122 | +0.634, 0.137, -0.437,<br>-0.648  |
| $L_{2b}Cu$   | <b>18</b> | -0.640, -0.222                    | -1.144, -0.726                    |
| $L_{3b}Cu$   | <b>21</b> | +0.186, -0.257,<br>-0.778, -1.385 | -0.167, -0.610,<br>-1.130, -1.738 |
| $L_{3b}Cu$   | <b>22</b> | +0.017, -1.181                    | -0.358, -1.555                    |

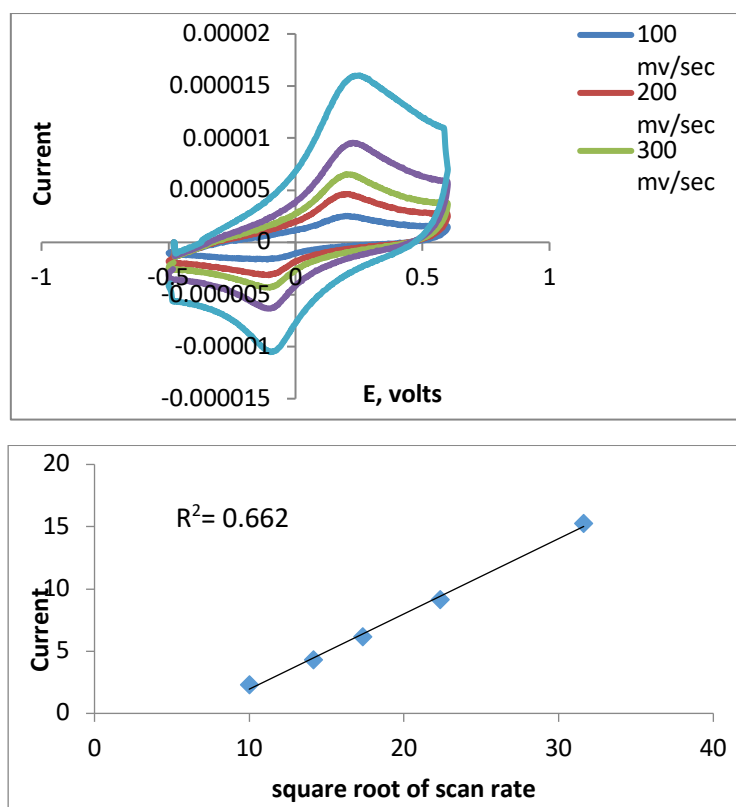
**Figure S11.** Cyclic voltammogram of complex 6.



**Figure S12.** Cyclic voltammogram of complex **6** at varying scan rates along with a plot of current vs square root of the scan rate.



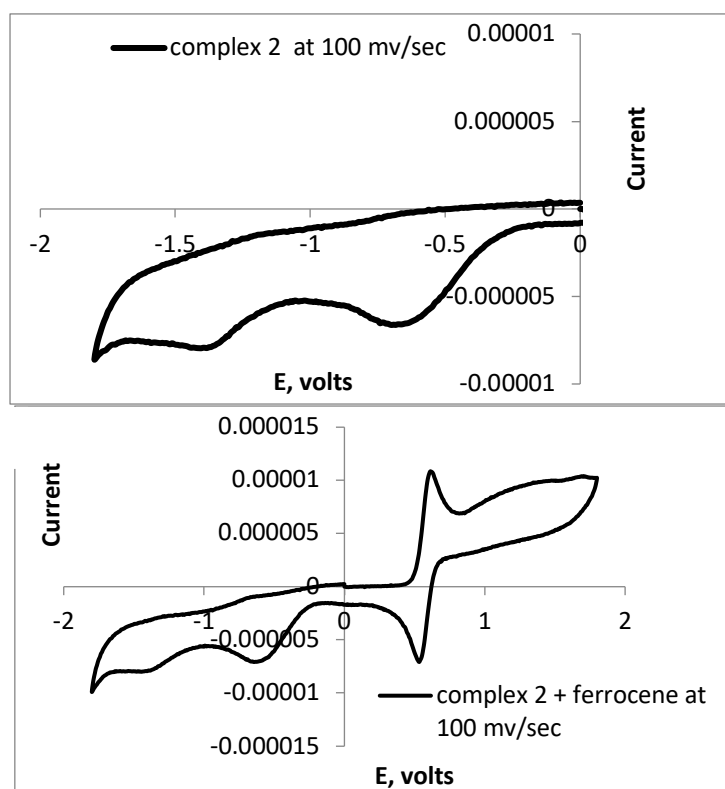
**Figure S13.** Cyclic voltammogram of complex **15**.



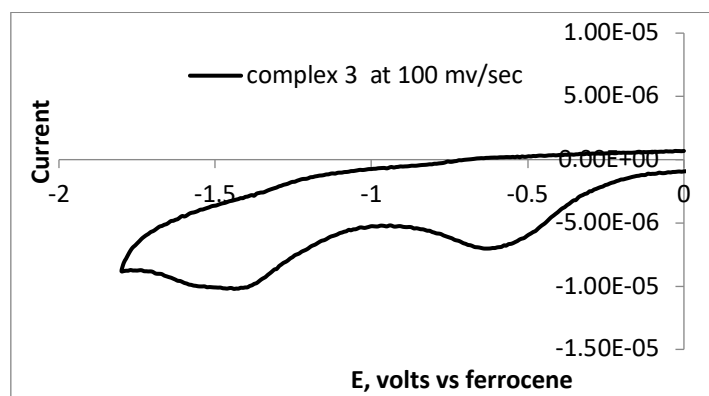
**Figure S14.** Cyclic voltammogram of complex **15** at varying scan rates along with a plot of current vs square root of the scan rate.

**Table S3.** Redox potential for Ni complexes

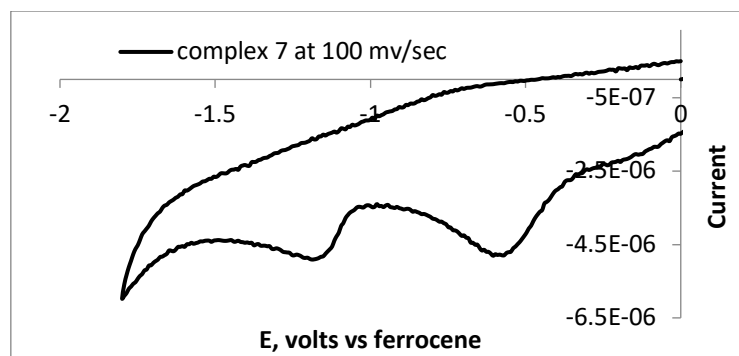
| Complex      | Complex   | $E_P/V$ vs $Ag^+/AgCl$ | $E_P/V$ vs $Fc^+/Fc$ |
|--------------|-----------|------------------------|----------------------|
| $L^{1a/c}Ni$ | <b>2</b>  | -0.569, -1.332         | -1.1447, -1.908      |
| $L^{1a}Ni$   | <b>3</b>  | -0.446, -1.346         | -1.022, -1.922       |
| $L^{2c}Ni$   | <b>7</b>  | -0.641, -1.044         | -1.267, -1.670       |
| $L^{2a}Ni$   | <b>8</b>  | -0.785, -1.138         | -1.332, -1.685       |
| $L^{3a}Ni$   | <b>13</b> | -0.706, -1.224         | -1.112, -1.631       |
| $L^{1b}Ni$   | <b>17</b> | -0.576, -1.044         | -1.150, -1.618       |
| $L^{2b}Ni$   | <b>20</b> | -0.641                 | -1.253               |
| $L^{3b}Ni$   | <b>23</b> | -0.648, -1.354         | -1.058, -1.764       |



**Figure S15.** Cyclic voltammogram of complex **2** (top) and complex **2** + ferrocene (bottom).



**Figure S16.** Cyclic voltammogram of complex **3**.



**Figure S17.** Cyclic voltammogram of complex 7.