## New third-generation bis-, tris- and tetrakis(pyrazolyl)borate ligands with 3-pyridyl and 4-pyridyl substituents: synthesis and coordination chemistry

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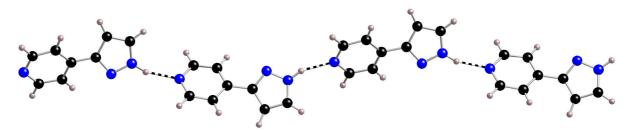
## **Electronic Supporting Information**

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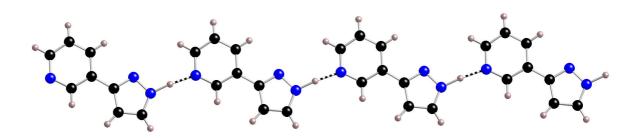
**Table S1.** Hydrogen bond details for 3-(3-pyridyl)pyrazole (two polymorphs) and 3-(4-pyridyl)pyrazole.<sup>a</sup>

	N-H (Å)	(N)HN (Å)	NN (Å)	N-HN (°)
3-(3-pyridyl)pyrazole polymorph I				
N10-H1N2 <sup>i</sup>	1.19(3)	1.66(3)	2.840(3)	167(2)
3-(3-pyridyl)pyrazole polymorph II				
N2-H2N108	0.94(2)	1.96(2)	2.892(3)	169(2)
N102-H102N8 <sup>ii</sup>	1.00(2)	1.85(2)	2.852(3)	170(2)
3-(4-pyridyl)pyrazole				
N2-H2N9 <sup>iii</sup>	0.91(2)	2.04(2)	2.899(2)	158(2)
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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>a</sup> Symmetry operations: (i): x, y-1, z; (ii): x+1, y-1, z; (iii): x-1, 1/2-y, z+1/2.



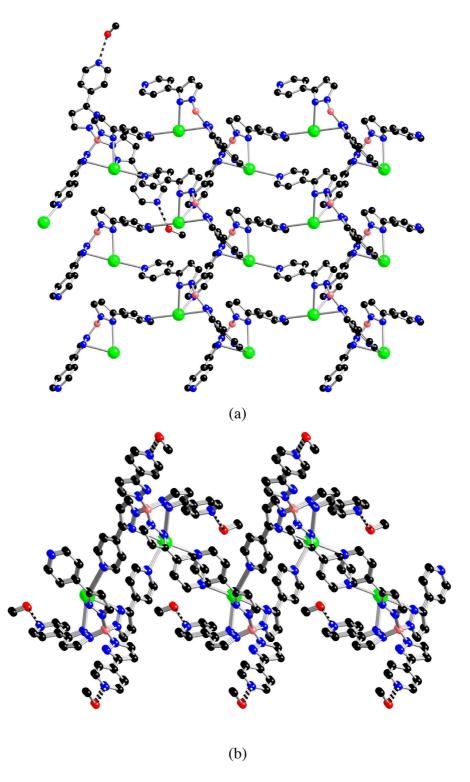
**Figure S1**. Hydrogen bonded chains in the structure of (a) 3-(4-pyridyl)pyrazole. Hydrogen bonds are shown by the striped bonds.



**Figure S2**. Hydrogen bonded chains in the structure of (a) 3-(3-pyridyl)pyrazole, polymorph I. Hydrogen bonds are shown by the striped bonds.



**Figure S3**. Hydrogen bonded chains in the structure of 3-(3-pyridyl)pyrazole, polymorph II. Hydrogen bonds are shown by the striped bonds.



**Figure S4**. (a) The 2D (4,4) sheet motif in the structure of [Tl(Tkp<sup>4py</sup>)].2MeOH. For clarity, a complete Tkp<sup>4py</sup> ligand is shown only at top left (along with the corresponding hydrogen bonded methanol molecules); the rest of the sheet is represented only by the Tl atoms (green), the B atoms (pink), and the 4-pyridylpyrazolyl moieties which bridge the Tl atoms. (b) The same sheet viewed side-on, with all 4-pyridylpyrazolyl groups and methanol molecules shown. Hydrogen bonds are represented by the striped connections.

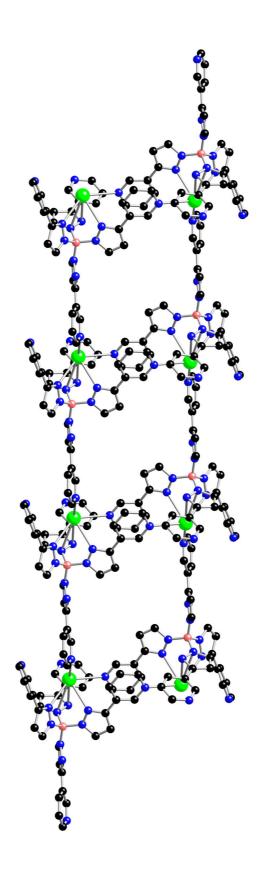
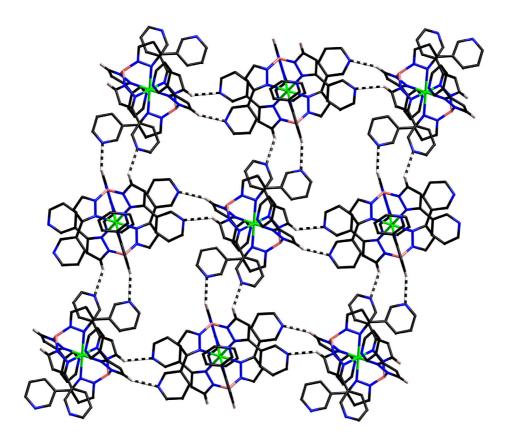


Figure S5. The ladder motif in the structure of  $[Tl(Tkp^{3py})].H_2O.$ 



**Figure S6.** The 2D (4,4) sheet motif in the packing structure of  $[Ni(Tp^{3py})_2]$ , as defined by weak C-H...N interactions (striped bonds).