

### Supporting information

for

### Synthesis and theoretical studies on rare three-coordinate lead complexes

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Figure S1. Thermal ellipsoid plot (30%) of **3**. H atoms omitted for clarity.

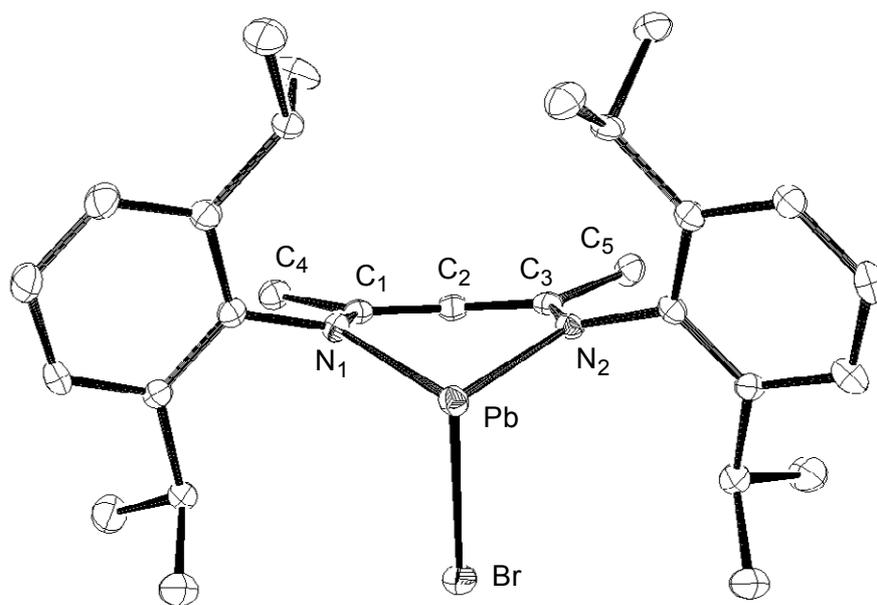


Figure S2. Temperature dependent NMR spectra of **5** showing the change in resonances corresponding to the (NSiMe<sub>3</sub>) protons.

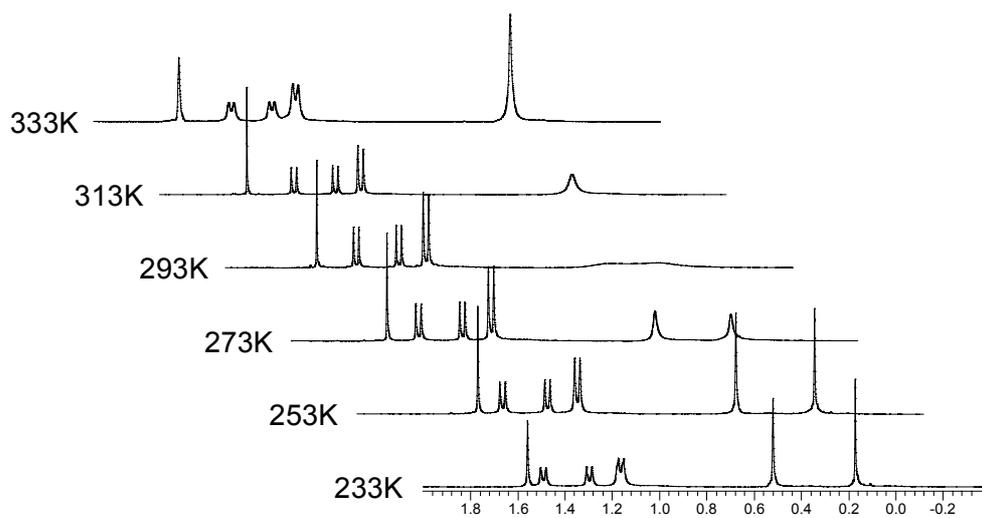


Table S1. Distance between Pb and the C<sub>3</sub>N<sub>2</sub> plane as determined using DFT calculations (see text) for both [ $\{\text{N}(\text{Me})\text{C}(\text{Me})\}_2\text{CH}\}\text{PbX}]^-$  and [ $\{\text{N}(\text{C}_6\text{H}_5)\text{C}(\text{Me})\}_2\text{CH}\}\text{PbX}]^-$  (X = Cl, Br, I).

	$[\{\text{N}(\text{Me})\text{C}(\text{Me})\}_2\text{CH}]^-$			$[\{\text{N}(\text{C}_6\text{H}_5)\text{C}(\text{Me})\}_2\text{CH}]^-$		
	LPbCl	LPbBr	LPbI	LPbCl	LPbBr	LPbI
Pb-C <sub>3</sub> N <sub>2</sub> plane	0.042	0.078	0.025	0.221	0.307	0.473

Figure S3. Optimised geometry for [ $\{\text{N}(\text{Me})\text{C}(\text{Me})\}_2\text{CH}\}\text{PbCl}]^-$ . H atoms omitted for clarity.

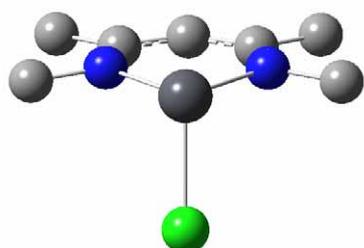


Figure S4. Optimised geometry for [ $\{\text{N}(\text{Me})\text{C}(\text{Me})\}_2\text{CH}\}\text{PbBr}]^-$ . H atoms omitted for clarity.

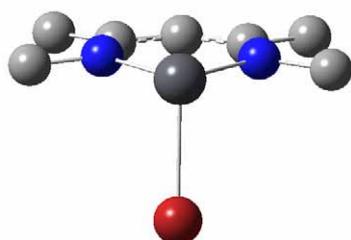


Figure S5. Optimised geometry for [ $\{\text{N}(\text{Me})\text{C}(\text{Me})\}_2\text{CH}\}\text{PbI}]^-$ . H atoms omitted for clarity.

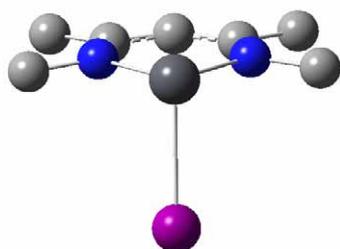


Figure S6. Optimised geometry for  $[\{N(C_6H_5)C(Me)\}_2CH]PbCl$ . H atoms omitted for clarity.

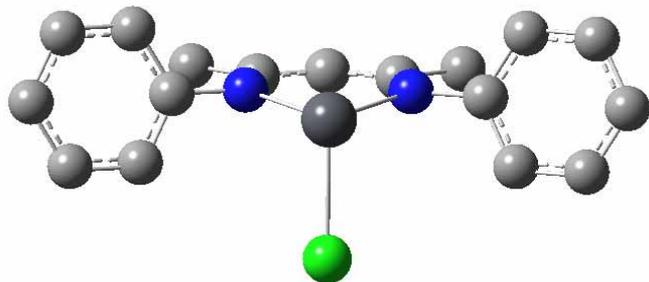


Figure S7. Optimised geometry for  $[\{N(C_6H_5)C(Me)\}_2CH]PbBr$ . H atoms omitted for clarity.

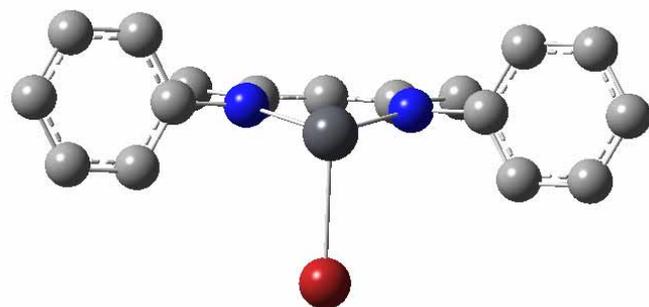
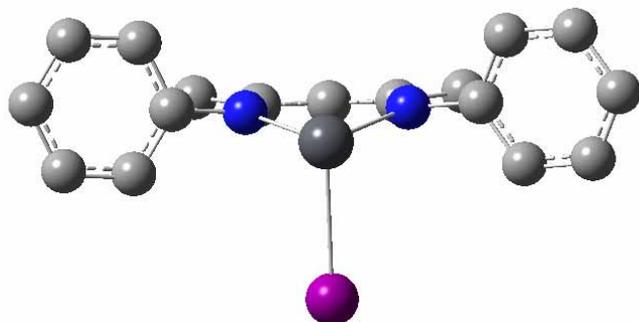
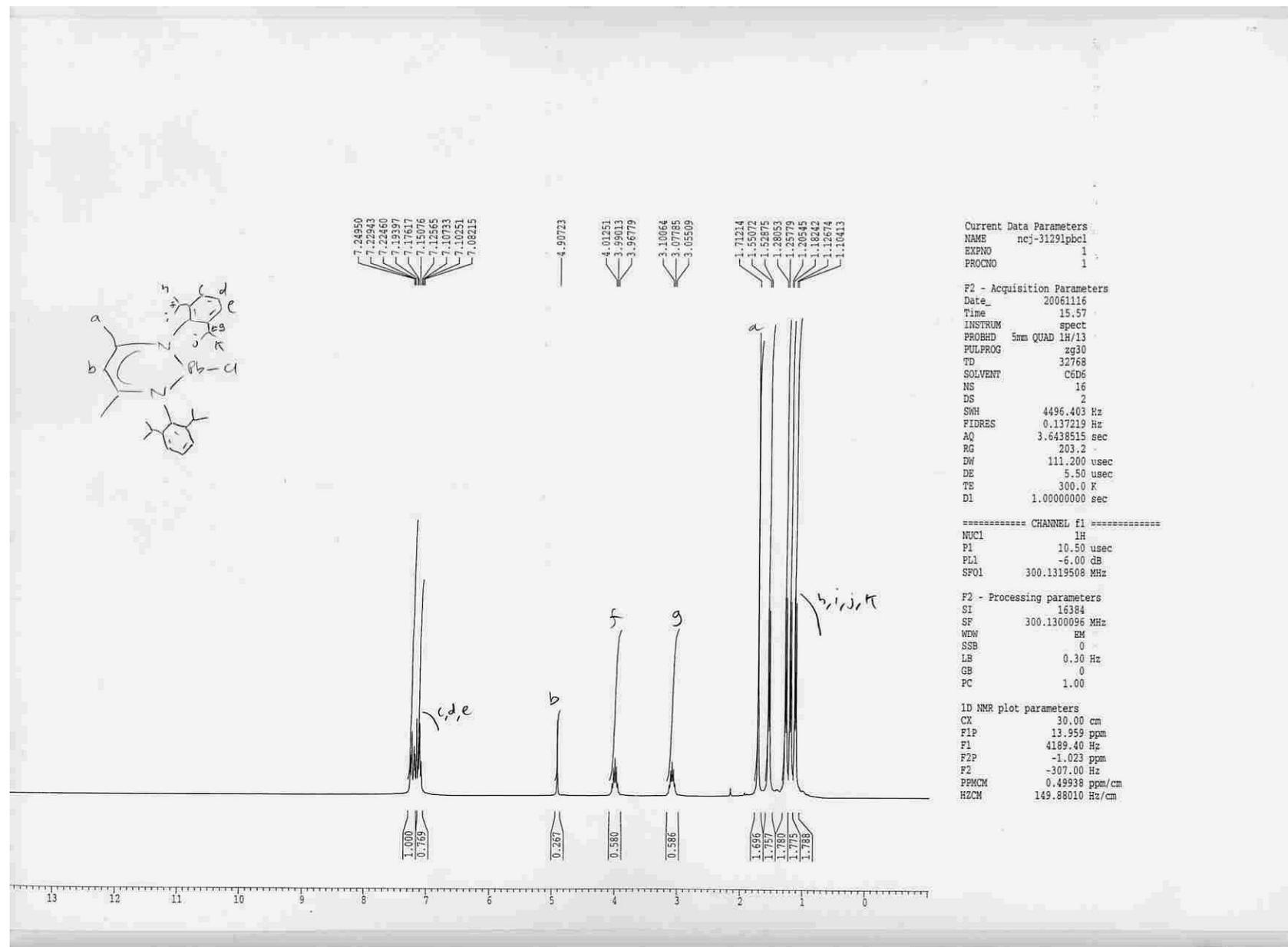


Figure S8. Optimised geometry for  $[\{N(C_6H_5)C(Me)\}_2CH]PbI$ . H atoms omitted for clarity.



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Figure S9.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of compound **1**



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Figure S10.  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum of compound **1**

