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Cu(I) and Pb(II) complexes containing new tris(7-naphthyridyl)methane derivatives: Synthesis, structures, spectroscopy and geometric conversion

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Figure S1. The absorption spectra of L^1 in CH_2Cl_2 (solid line), CH_3CN (dashed line) and CH_3OH (dashed dot line).

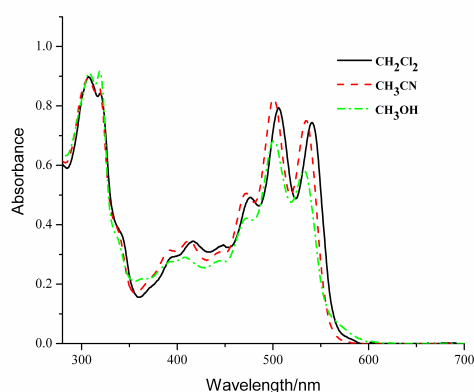


Figure S2. Plots of the relevant HOMO and LUMO for L^1 and $L^1H^+(3)$.



Figure S3. Room-temperature solid-state emission spectrum of L^2 with excitation at 500 nm.

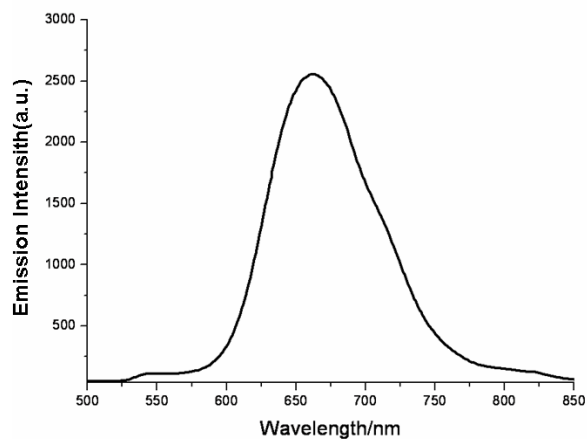


Figure S4. The absorption spectral changes of titration $[Cu(CH_3CN)_4]BF_4$ to L^1 of CH_3OH solution at room

temperature $[\text{Cu}^+]$: 0-0.4 equiv. Inset: $[\text{Cu}^+]$: 0.4-1.0 equiv, final absorption spectrum (dashed dot line) following the addition of PPh_3 in CH_2Cl_2 to the solution of the $[\text{Cu}(\text{CH}_3\text{CN})_4]\text{BF}_4$ titration $[\text{PPh}_3]$: 1.0 equiv.

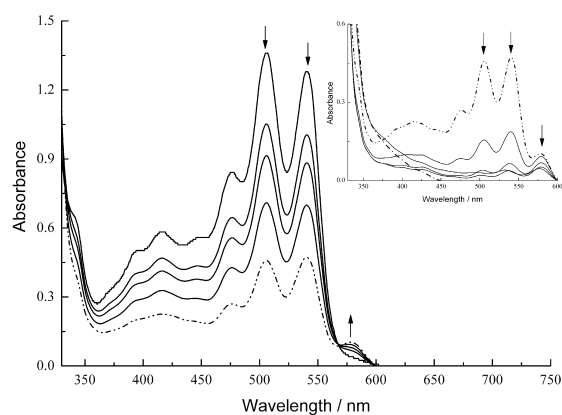


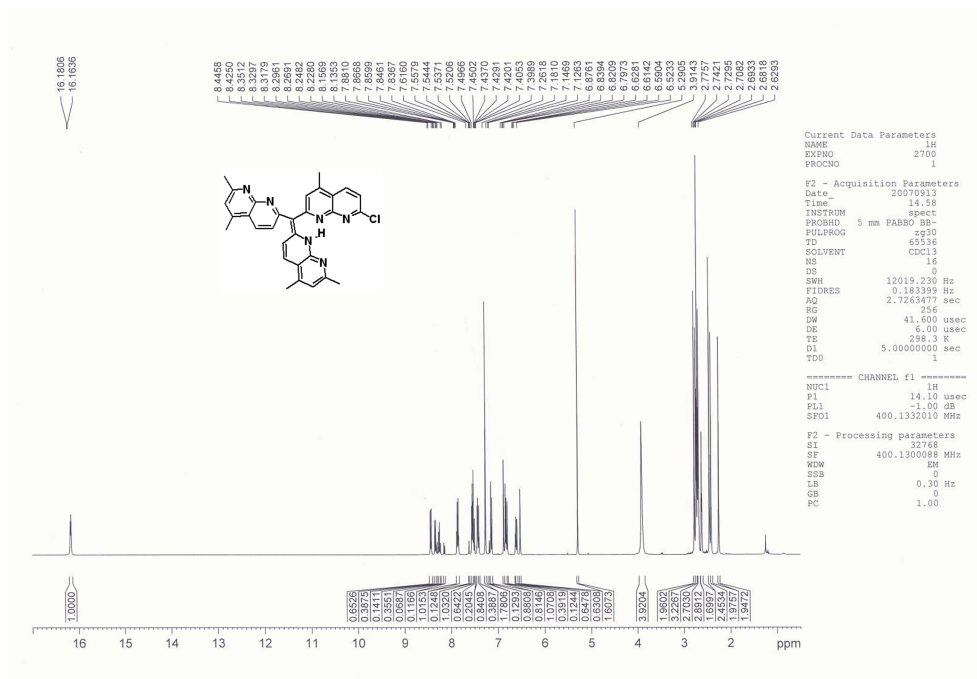
Table S1. Total energies (E_{tot} : a.u) and relative energies (ΔE : kcal·mol⁻¹) for L^1H^+ (1-4) and L^1H^+ (6) obtained at the SCRFB3LYP/6-311++G(d,p) level in CH_2Cl_2 solution.

| Species | E_{tot} | ΔE |
|----------------------------|------------------|------------|
| L^1H^+ (3) | -1947.886562 | 0.0 |
| L^1H^+ (4) | -1947.883769 | 1.8 |
| L^1H^+ (2) | -1947.877734 | 5.5 |
| L^1H^+ (6) | -1947.875389 | 7.0 |
| L^1H^+ (1) | -1947.874666 | 7.5 |

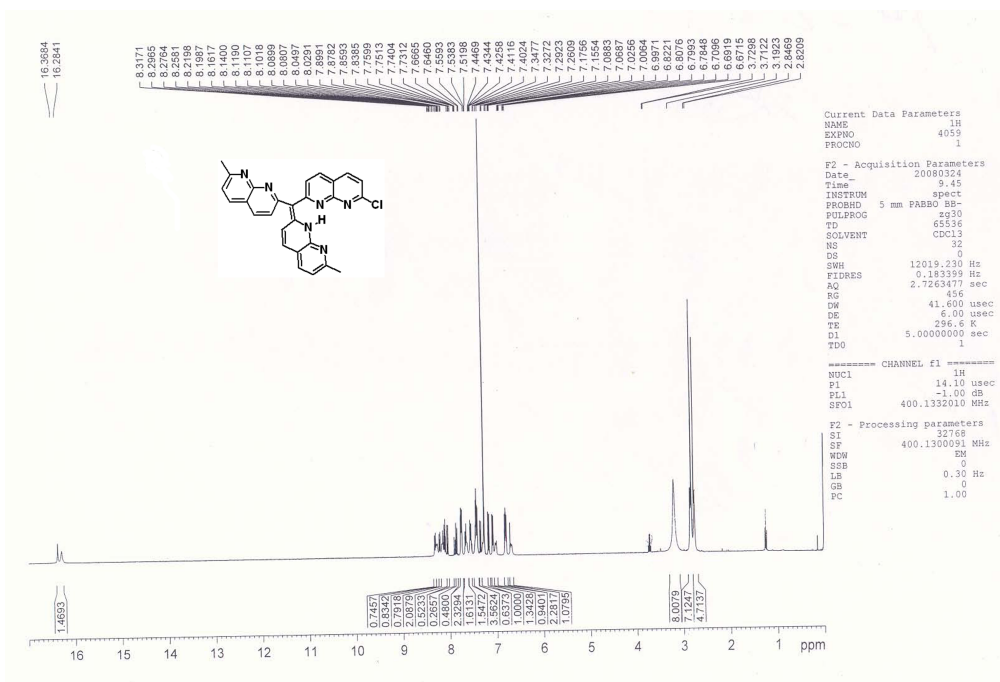
Table S2. Total energies (E_{tot} : a.u) and relative energies (ΔE : kcal·mol⁻¹) for L^1 , $\text{L}^1_{\text{N}(1-4)}$, $\text{L}^1_{\text{N}(6)}$ and $\text{L}^1_{\text{C}(10)}$ obtained at the SCRFB3LYP/6-311++G(d,p) level in CH_2Cl_2 solution.

| Species | E_{tot} | ΔE |
|-----------------------------|------------------|------------|
| $\text{L}^1_{\text{N}(6)}$ | -1947.412090 | 15.9 |
| $\text{L}^1_{\text{N}(3)}$ | -1947.424294 | 8.3 |
| $\text{L}^1_{\text{N}(2)}$ | -1947.435864 | 1.0 |
| L^1 | -1947.437488 | 0.0 |
| $\text{L}^1_{\text{C}(10)}$ | -1947.423082 | 9.0 |
| $\text{L}^1_{\text{N}(4)}$ | -1947.415497 | 13.8 |
| $\text{L}^1_{\text{N}(1)}$ | -1947.400905 | 23.0 |

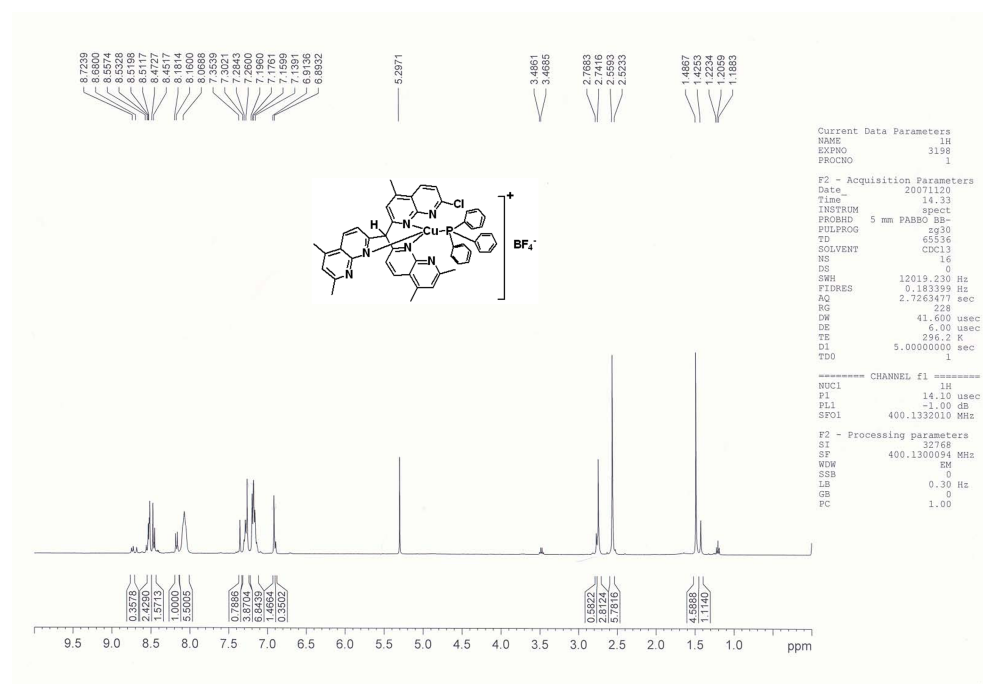
¹H-NMR of L¹



¹H-NMR of L²



¹H-NMR of complex 1



¹H-NMR of complex 3

