

Triggering of Valence Tautomeric Transitions in Dioxolene-Based Cobalt Complexes Influenced by Ligand Substituents, Co-ligands, and Anions

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S1. ^1H -NMR Spectra:

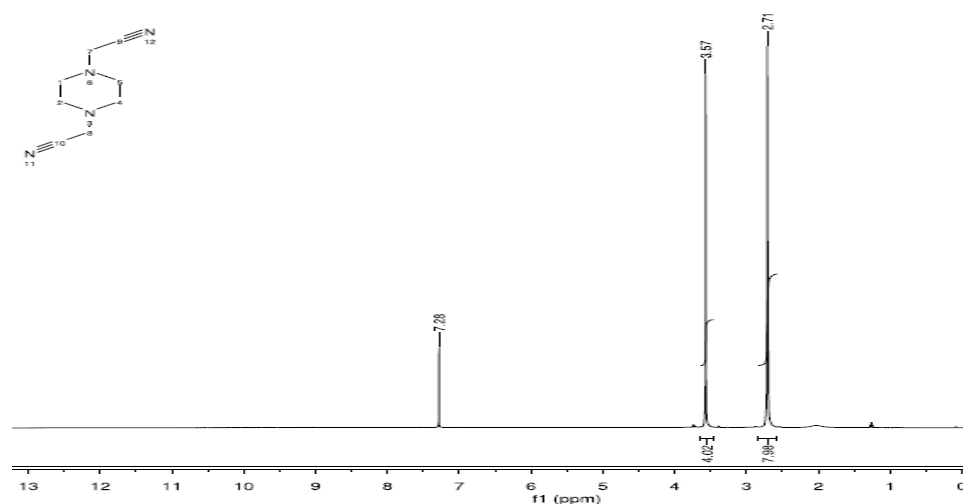


Figure S1. ^1H -NMR spectra of N,N'-Bis(cyanomethyl)piperazine.

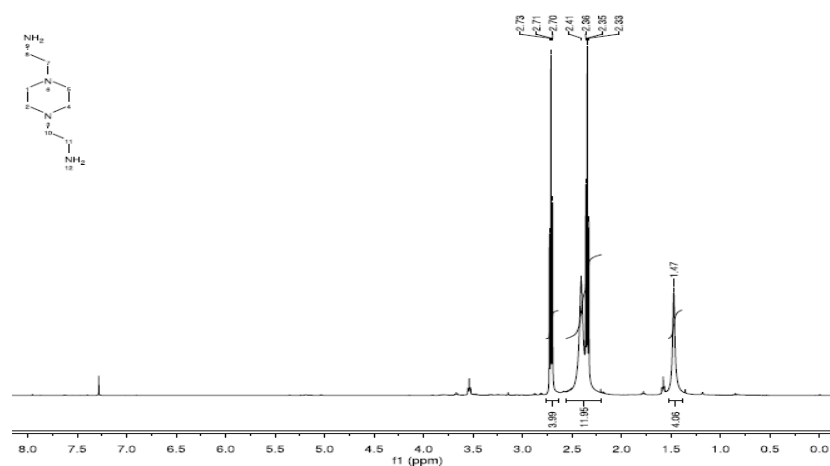


Figure S2. ^1H -NMR spectra of N,N'-Bis(2-aminoethyl)piperazine.

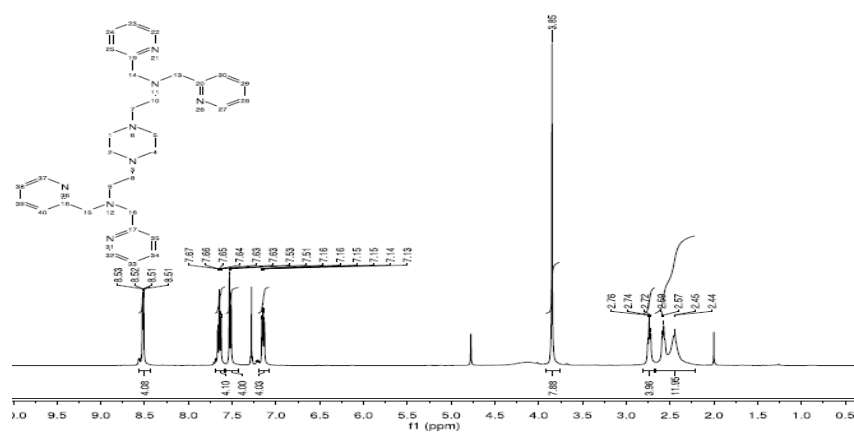


Figure S3. ^1H -NMR spectra of 1,1'-(piperazine-1,4-diyl)bis(N,N-bis(pyridinylmethyl)methanamine) (L^{tpap}) octadentate ligand.

S2. ^{13}C -NMR Spectra:

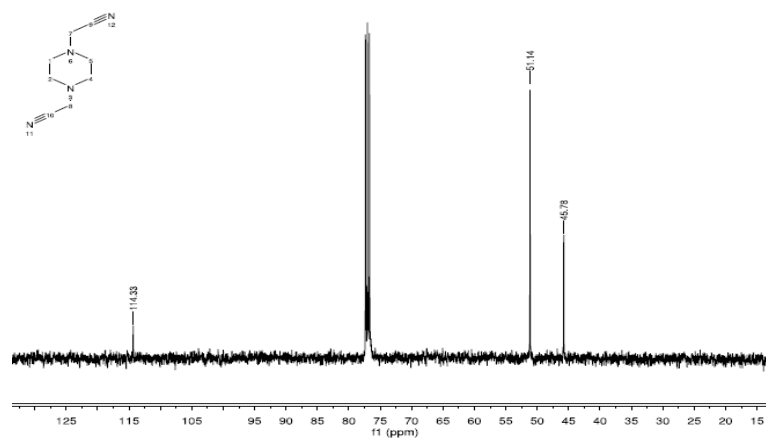


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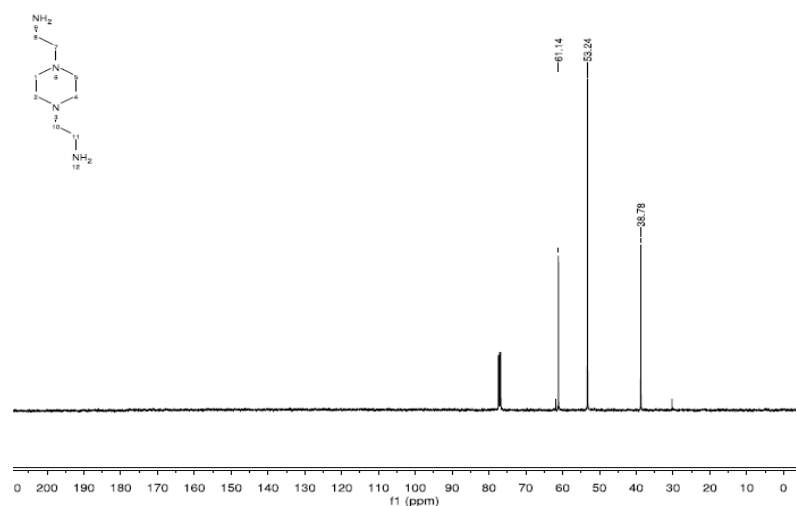


Figure S5. ^{13}C -NMR spectra of N,N' -Bis(2-aminoethyl)piperazine.

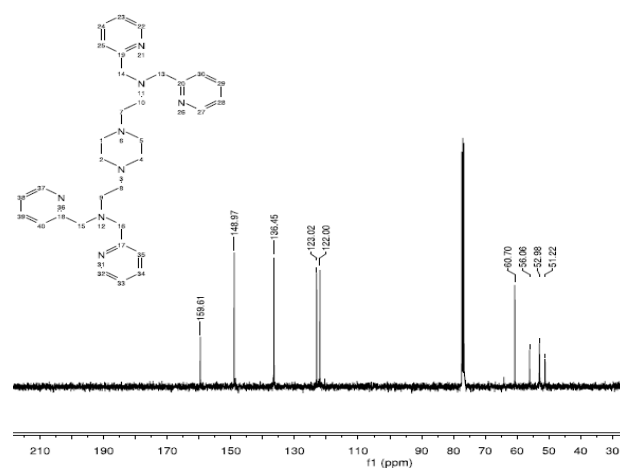


Figure S6. ^{13}C -NMR spectra of N,N,N',N' -Tetra-2-picolyl-1,4-bis(2-aminoethyl)piperazine (L^{tpbap}).

S3 Infrared Spectra

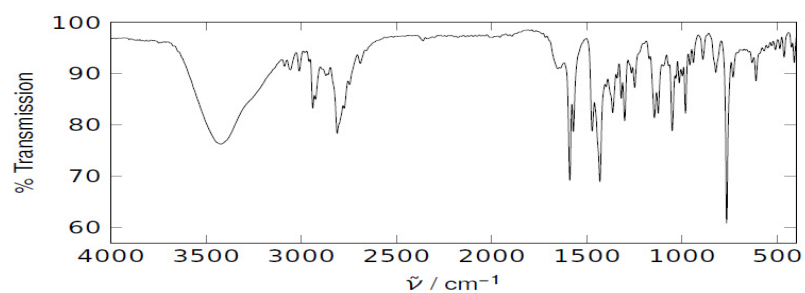


Figure S7. Infrared spectra of 1,1'-(piperazine-1,4-diyl)bis(N,N bis(pyridinylmethyl)methanamine)(L^{tpbap}) octadentate ligand.

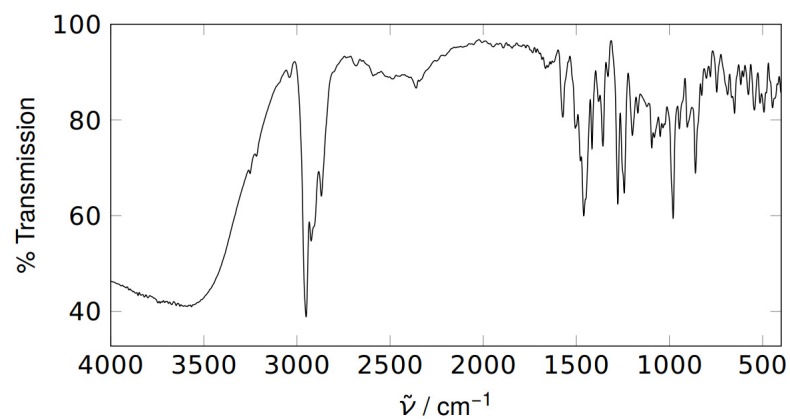


Figure S8. Infrared spectra of ligand $[\text{Co}(\text{3,5-dbsq})(\text{3,5-dbcac})_2(\text{4-Mepip})_2]$ (**1**).

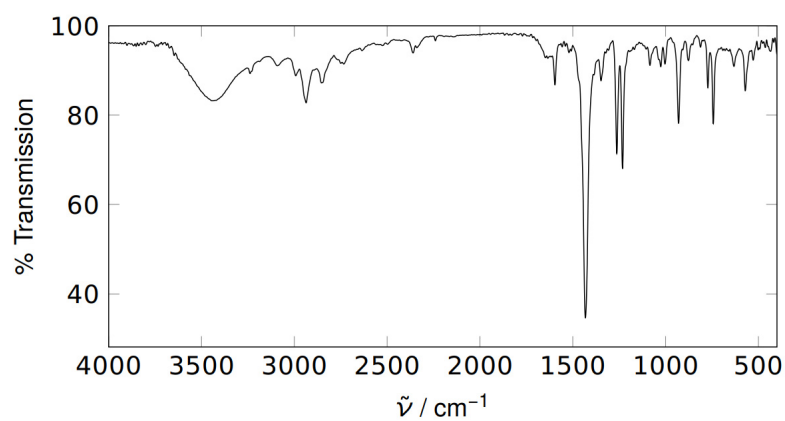


Figure S9. Infrared spectra of ligand $[\text{Co}(\text{tbcac})_2(\text{pip})_2] \text{CH}_3\text{CN}$ (**2**).

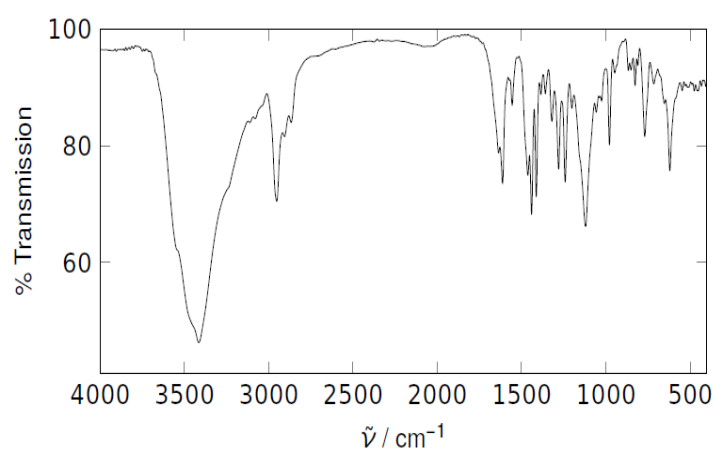


Figure S10. Infrared spectra of ligand $[\text{Co}_2(\text{Ltpbap})(\text{3,5-dbcac})_2](\text{SO}_4) \cdot 5.5\text{MeOH} \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$ (**3a**).

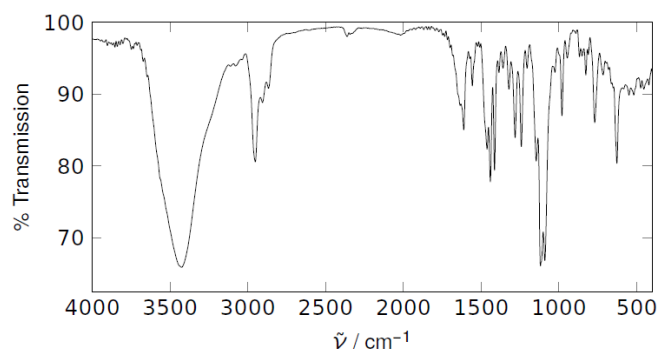


Figure S11. Infrared spectra of ligand $[\text{Co}_2 (\text{L}^{\text{tpbap}})(3,5\text{-dbcac})_2](\text{ClO}_4)_2 \cdot 1.5 \text{H}_2\text{O}$ (**3b**).

S4 Bond Length Tables and Crystal Structure at 173 K

Table S1. Selected bond length for complex 1 at 173 K.

| Bond | Bond length (Å) |
|---------|-----------------|
| O1-C1 | 1.302(15) |
| O2-C2 | 1.312(14) |
| O3-C15 | 1.348(15) |
| O4-C16 | 1.362(14) |
| C1-C2 | 1.470(16) |
| C2-C3 | 1.393(16) |
| C3-C4 | 1.399(16) |
| C4-C5 | 1.413(15) |
| C5-C6 | 1.372(17) |
| C6-C1 | 1.409(19) |
| C15-C16 | 1.423(16) |
| C16-C17 | 1.404(15) |
| C17-C18 | 1.407(16) |
| C18-C19 | 1.391(15) |
| C19-C20 | 1.388(17) |
| C20-C15 | 1.369(19) |

Table S2. Selected bond length for complex 2 at 173 K.

| Bond | Bond length (Å) |
|---------|-----------------|
| O1-C1 | 1.333(5) |
| O2-C2 | 1.318(5) |
| O3-C7 | 1.334(5) |
| O4-C8 | 1.315(5) |
| C1-C2 | 1.445(6) |
| C2-C3 | 1.385(6) |
| C3-C4 | 1.413(6) |
| C4-C5 | 1.396(6) |
| C5-C6 | 1.394(6) |
| C6-C1 | 1.397(6) |
| C7-C8 | 1.417(6) |
| C8-C9 | 1.412(6) |
| C9-C10 | 1.403(7) |
| C10-C11 | 1.391(7) |

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|---------|-----------|
| C11-C12 | 1.410 (7) |
| C12-C7 | 1.378(6) |

Table S3. Bond valence sum values (BVS) are calculated from literature known formula $z_j = \sum S_{ij}$ tabulated extracted and calculated from the X-ray data obtained at 173 K for the Co ions in complex **1**, **2**, **3a** and **3b**.

| Complex | Oxidation state 2+ (HS) | Oxidation state 3+ (LS) |
|-------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| Complex 1 | 3.2841 | 2.9287 |
| Complex 2 | 3.1199 | 2.7796 |
| Complex 3a | 3.2307 | 2.9278 |
| Complex 3b | 3.2407 | 2.9377 |

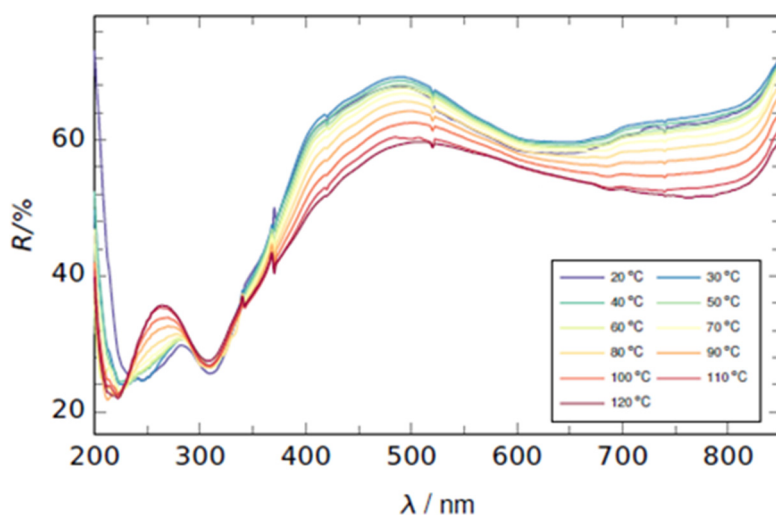


Figure S12. Solid state reflectance spectra for complex **1**. The temperature dependence of the reflectance shows a VT- transition between 20 °C and 120 °C.

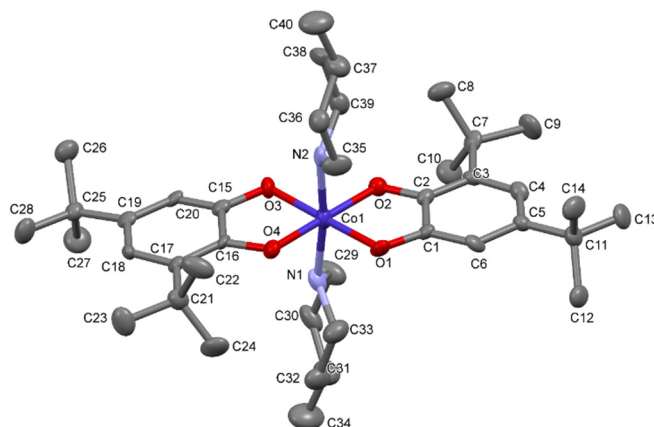


Figure S13. Complex structure of **1** at 173 K with atom labels. Thermal displacement probability set to 50%; hydrogen atoms are omitted for clarity.

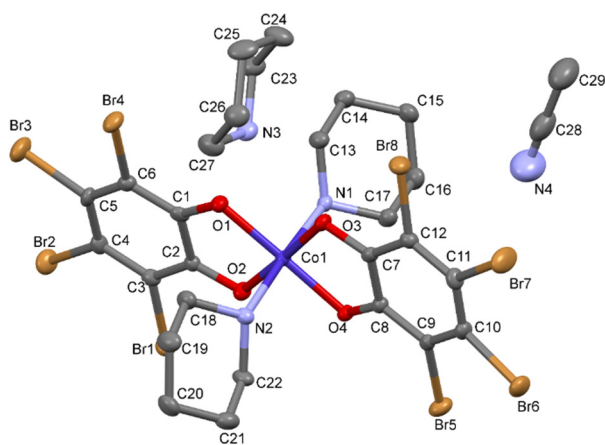


Figure S14: Complex structure of **2** at 173 K with atom labels. Thermal displacement probability set to 50%; hydrogen atoms are omitted for clarity.