Synthesis and crystal structures of Zn(II) and Co(II) coordination compounds with ortho substituted pyridine ligands: Two structure types and polymorphism in the region of their coexistence.

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Figure S1. Crystal structure of $Zn(NCS)_2(2$ -methylpyridine)₂ (**1-Zn**) with view of the coordination sphere of the zinc(II) cation with labeling and displacement ellipsoids drawn at 50 % probability level.



Figure S2. Crystal structure of $Zn(NCS)_2(2$ -bromopyridine)₂ (**2-Zn**) with view of the coordination sphere of the zinc(II) cation with labeling and displacement ellipsoids drawn at 50 % probability level. Symmetry code: A = -x + 1, y, -z + $\frac{1}{2}$.



Figure S3. Crystal structure of $Co(NCS)_2(2$ -chloropyridine)₂ (**3-Coa**) with view of the coordination sphere of the cobalt(II) cation with labeling and displacement ellipsoids drawn at 50 % probability level.



Figure S4. Crystal structure of $Co(NCS)_2(2$ -chloropyridine)_2 (**3-Co** β) with view of the coordination sphere of the cobalt(II) cation with labeling and displacement ellipsoids drawn at 50 % probability level. Symmetry code: A = -x, y, -z + $\frac{1}{2}$.

Table S1. Selected crystal data on the structure determination from single crystal data for compound $Co(NCS)_2(2$ -chloropyridine)₂ (**3-Co** β) at T = 200 K.

compound	3-Соβ	
Formula	$C_{12}H_8Cl_2CoN_4S_2$	
$MW / g \cdot mol^{-1}$	402.17	
Crystal system	orthorhombic	
Space group	Pbcn	
a /Å	11.2928(7)	
b / Å	9.7123(5)	
<i>c</i> / Å	15.1913(8)	
$V/\text{\AA}^3$	1666.17(16)	
T / K	200	
Ζ	4	
$D_{ m calc}$ / mg·m ³	1.603	
μ / mm^{-1}	1.597	
$ heta_{ m max}$ / °	28.03	
Refl. collected	11189	
Unique reflections	2005	
$R_{\rm int}$	0.0342	
Refl. $[F_0 > 4\sigma(F_0)]$	1671	
Parameters	97	
$R_1 [F_0 > 4\sigma(F_0)]$	0.0312	
wR_2	0.0799	
GOF	1.036	
$\Delta \rho_{ m max/min}$ / e·Å ⁻³	0.377 / -0.442	



Figure S5. Crystal structure of $Zn(NCS)_2(2$ -chloropyridine)₂ (**3-Zn** α) with view of the coordination sphere of the zinc(II) cation with labeling and displacement ellipsoids drawn at 50 % probability level.



Figure S6. Crystal structure of $Zn(NCS)_2(2$ -chloropyridine)₂ (**3-Zn** β) with view of the coordination sphere of the zinc(II) cation with labeling and displacement ellipsoids drawn at 50 % probability level. Symmetry code: A = -x + 1, y, -z + 3/2.



Figure S7. Comparison of molecular geometries: a) Molecule of **3-Zn** α as found in the crystal (space group $P2_12_12_1$); b) Molecule of **3-Zn** β (crystals in *Pbcn*); c) Molecule of **3-Zn** α after force field energy minimization; d) Molecule of **1-Zn** after force field energy minimization. Note the similarity between the experimentally determined molecular structure in *Pbcn* (b) and the minimization results (c and d).



Figure S8. Experimental XRPD pattern of compound **1-Co** (A) and XRPD calculated from single crystal data of compound **1-Co** (B).



Figure S9. Experimental XRPD pattern of compound **1-Zn** (A) and XRPD calculated from single crystal data of compound **1-Zn** (B).



Figure S10. Experimental XRPD pattern of compound 2-Co (A) and XRPD calculated from

single crystal data of compound 2-Co (B).



Figure S11. Experimental XRPD pattern of compound **2-Zn** (A) and XRPD calculated from single crystal data of compound **2-Zn** (B).



Figure S12. Experimental XRPD pattern of compound **3-Coα** (A) and XRPD calculated from single crystal data of compound **3-Coα** (B).



Figure S13. Experimental XRPD pattern of compound **3-Coβ** (A) and XRPD calculated from single crystal data of compound **3-Coβ** (B).



Figure S14. Experimental XRPD pattern of compound 3-Zn α (A) and XRPD calculated from

single crystal data of compound **3-Znα** (B).



Figure S15. Differential scanning calorimetry (DSC) measurement for compound 1-Co.

Heating rate 3 °C·min⁻¹; N₂ atmosphere; T_P = peak temperature (°C).



Figure S16. Differential scanning calorimetry (DSC) measurement for compound 1-Zn.

Heating rate 3 °C·min⁻¹; N₂ atmosphere; T_P = peak temperature (°C).



Figure S17. Differential scanning calorimetry (DSC) measurement for compound 2-Co.

Heating rate 3 °C·min⁻¹; N₂ atmosphere; T_P = peak temperature (°C).



Figure S18. Differential scanning calorimetry (DSC) measurement for compound **2-Zn**. Heating rate 3 °C·min⁻¹; N₂ atmosphere; T_P = peak temperature (°C).



Figure S19. Differential scanning calorimetry (DSC) measurement for compound 3-Coβ.

Heating rate 3 °C·min⁻¹; N₂ atmosphere; T_P = peak temperature (°C).



Figure S20. Experimental XRPD of compound **1-Zn** (top) and the intermediate, which were obtained at 134 °C in the DSC measurement of compound **1-Zn** (middle) as well as XRPD calculated from single crystal data of **1-Zn** (bottom).



Figure S21. Experimental XRPD of compound **2-Co** (top) and the intermediate, which were obtained at 53 °C and 72 °C in the DSC measurement of compound **2-Co** (middle) as well as XRPD calculated from single crystal data of **2-Co** (bottom).



Figure S22. Experimental XRPD of compound **3-Co** β (top) and the intermediate, which were obtained at 84.8 °C in the DSC measurement of compound **3-Co** β (middle) as well as XRPD calculated from single crystal data of **3-Co** β (bottom).



Figure S23. Experimental XRPD of the residues which were obtained after heating **3-Zn** α at 130 °C and at 160 °C for three days in methanol and experimental and calculated powder pattern of **3-Zn** α .



Figure S24. Experimental XRPD of the residues which were obtained after heating **3-Coa** at 130 °C and at 160 °C for three days in methanol and experimental and calculated powder pattern of **3-Coa**.



Figure S255. IR spectrum of Co(NCS)₂(2-methylpyridine)₂ (1-Co).



Figure S266. IR spectrum of Zn(NCS)₂(2-methylpyridine)₂ (1-Zn).



Figure S277. IR spectrum of Co(NCS)₂(2-bromopyridine)₂ (2-Co).



Figure S288. IR spectrum of Zn(NCS)₂(2-bromopyridine)₂ (2-Zn).



Figure S29. IR spectrum of Co(NCS)₂(2-chloropyridine)₂ (**3-Coα**).



Figure S30. IR spectrum of Co(NCS)₂(2-chloropyridine)₂ (3-Coβ).



Figure S291. IR spectrum of Zn(NCS)₂(2-chloropyridine)₂ (3-Znα).