

Supporting Information for

**Ethylenediamine complexes of  
the beryllium halides and pseudo-halides**

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# 1 X-ray Crystallographic Details

**Table S1** Crystal data and details of the structure determination of BeF<sub>2</sub>(en), [Be(en)<sub>3</sub>]Cl<sub>2</sub> and [Be(en)<sub>3</sub>]Br<sub>2</sub>.

	BeF <sub>2</sub> (en)	[Be(en) <sub>3</sub> ]Cl <sub>2</sub>	[Be(en) <sub>3</sub> ]Br <sub>2</sub>
Empirical formula	BeF <sub>2</sub> (C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>8</sub> N <sub>2</sub> )	[Be(C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>8</sub> N <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> ]Cl <sub>2</sub>	[Be(C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>8</sub> N <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> ]Br <sub>2</sub>
Relative molecular mass	107.12	260.22	349.14
Crystal system	monoclinic	triclinic	triclinic
Space group (No.)	C2/c (15)	P $\bar{1}$ (2)	P $\bar{1}$ (2)
Radiation / Å	1.54178	1.54178	1.54178
<i>a</i> / Å	8.7146(4)	7.3971(2)	7.5193(3)
<i>b</i> / Å	6.1071(3)	7.4939(2)	7.6801(4)
<i>c</i> / Å	8.9467(5)	12.4382(3)	12.6503(5)
$\alpha$ / deg	—	101.461(2)	79.817(4)
$\beta$ / deg	93.483(4)	97.088(2)	83.317(3)
$\gamma$ / deg	—	90.561(2)	89.851(4)
<i>V</i> / Å <sup>3</sup>	475.27(4)	670.16(3)	714.03(6)
<i>T</i> / K	100(2)	100(2)	100(2)
<i>Z</i>	4	2	2
<i>F</i> (000) / <i>e</i>	224	280	352
<i>d</i> <sub>calc.</sub> / g cm <sup>-3</sup>	1.50	1.29	1.62
$\mu$ / mm <sup>-1</sup>	1.3	4.2	7.1
$\vartheta$ / deg	8.872–78.274	3.656–77.319	3.575–76.561
Range of Miller indices	–10 ≤ <i>h</i> ≤ 10 –7 ≤ <i>k</i> ≤ 5 –10 ≤ <i>l</i> ≤ 11	–9 ≤ <i>h</i> ≤ 7 –9 ≤ <i>k</i> ≤ 8 –15 ≤ <i>l</i> ≤ 15	–9 ≤ <i>h</i> ≤ 9 –9 ≤ <i>k</i> ≤ 6 –15 ≤ <i>l</i> ≤ 15
Reflections collected / unique	2315 / 504	11859 / 2791	7894 / 2883
Restraints / parameters	0 / 49	0 / 233	0 / 153
<i>R</i> <sub>int</sub>	0.0099	0.0351	0.0151
<i>R</i> <sub>1</sub> ( <i>I</i> > 2σ( <i>I</i> ))	0.0330	0.0358	0.0215
<i>R</i> <sub>1</sub> (all data)	0.0357	0.0389	0.0238
<i>wR</i> <sub>2</sub> ( <i>I</i> > 2σ( <i>I</i> ))	0.0846	0.0932	0.0543
<i>wR</i> <sub>2</sub> (all data)	0.0864	0.0960	0.0556
<i>S</i>	1.134	1.071	1.067
$\Delta\rho_{\text{min, max}}$ / e Å <sup>-3</sup>	–0.27, 0.23	–0.48, 0.45	–0.53, 0.51

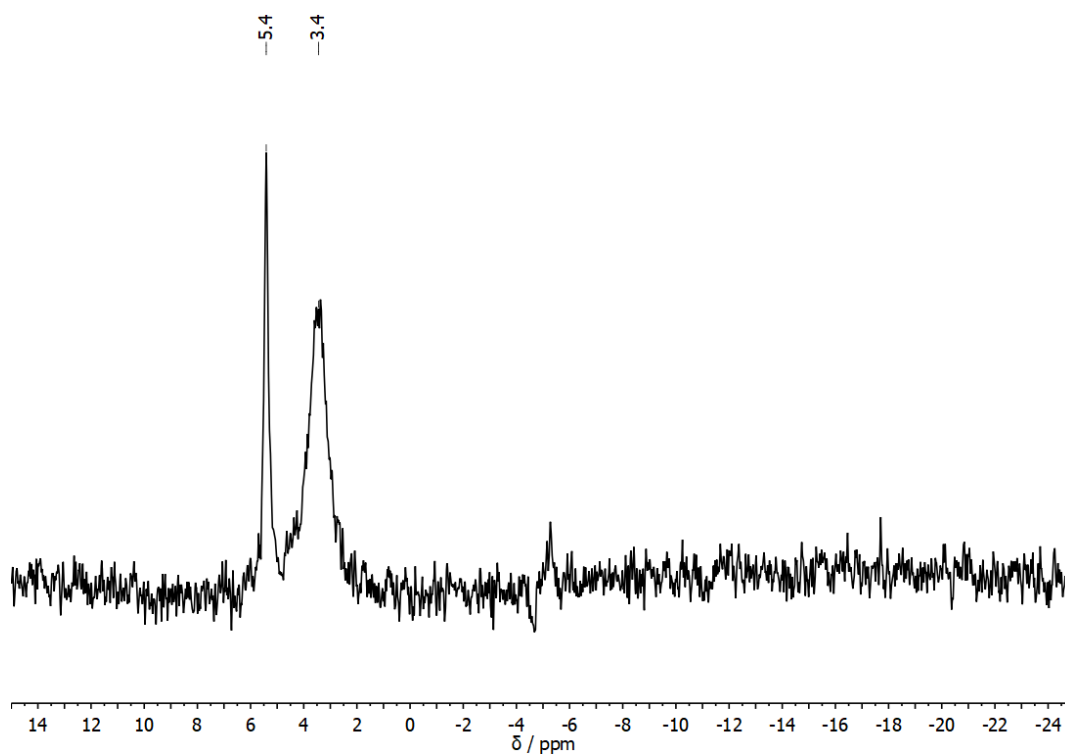
**Table S2** Crystal data and details of the structure determination of  $[\text{Be}(\text{en})_2]\text{I}_2 \cdot \text{en}$  and  $[\text{Be}(\text{en})_2](\text{N}_3)_2 \cdot \text{en}$ .

	$[\text{Be}(\text{en})_2]\text{I}_2 \cdot \text{en}$	$[\text{Be}(\text{en})_2](\text{N}_3)_2 \cdot \text{en}$
Empirical formula	$[\text{Be}(\text{C}_2\text{H}_8\text{N}_2)_2]\text{I}_2 \cdot \text{C}_2\text{H}_8\text{N}_2$	$[\text{Be}(\text{C}_2\text{H}_8\text{N}_2)_2](\text{N}_3)_2 \cdot \text{C}_2\text{H}_8\text{N}_2$
Relative molecular mass	443.12	273.38
Crystal system	monoclinic	monoclinic
Space group (No.)	C2/c (15)	C2/c (15)
Radiation / Å	1.54178	1.54178
$a$ / Å	11.5044(3)	10.5030(4)
$b$ / Å	8.39210(10)	9.3016(3)
$c$ / Å	15.9669(4)	14.8498(6)
$\beta$ / deg	100.712(2)	105.734(3)
$V$ / Å <sup>3</sup>	1514.68(6)	1396.39(9)
$T$ / K	100(2)	100(2)
$Z$	4	4
$F(000)$ / $e$	848	592
$d_{\text{calc.}}$ / $\text{g cm}^{-3}$	1.94	1.30
$\mu$ / $\text{mm}^{-1}$	32.5	0.8
$\vartheta$ / deg	5.640–78.776	6.192–76.083
Range of Miller indices	$-14 \leq h \leq 13$ $-7 \leq k \leq 10$ $-20 \leq l \leq 20$	$-13 \leq h \leq 13$ $-10 \leq k \leq 5$ $-18 \leq l \leq 18$
Reflections collected / unique	1626 / 1578	1428 / 1250
Restraints / parameters	0 / 118	0 / 135
$R_{\text{int}}$	0.0463	0.0207
$R_1$ ( $I > 2\sigma(I)$ )	0.0392	0.0308
$R_1$ (all data)	0.0398	0.0355
$wR_2$ ( $I > 2\sigma(I)$ )	0.1152	0.0853
$wR_2$ (all data)	0.1165	0.0883
$S$	1.042	1.036
$\Delta\rho_{\text{min, max}}$ / $\text{e Å}^{-3}$	-1.67, 2.33	-0.19, 0.19

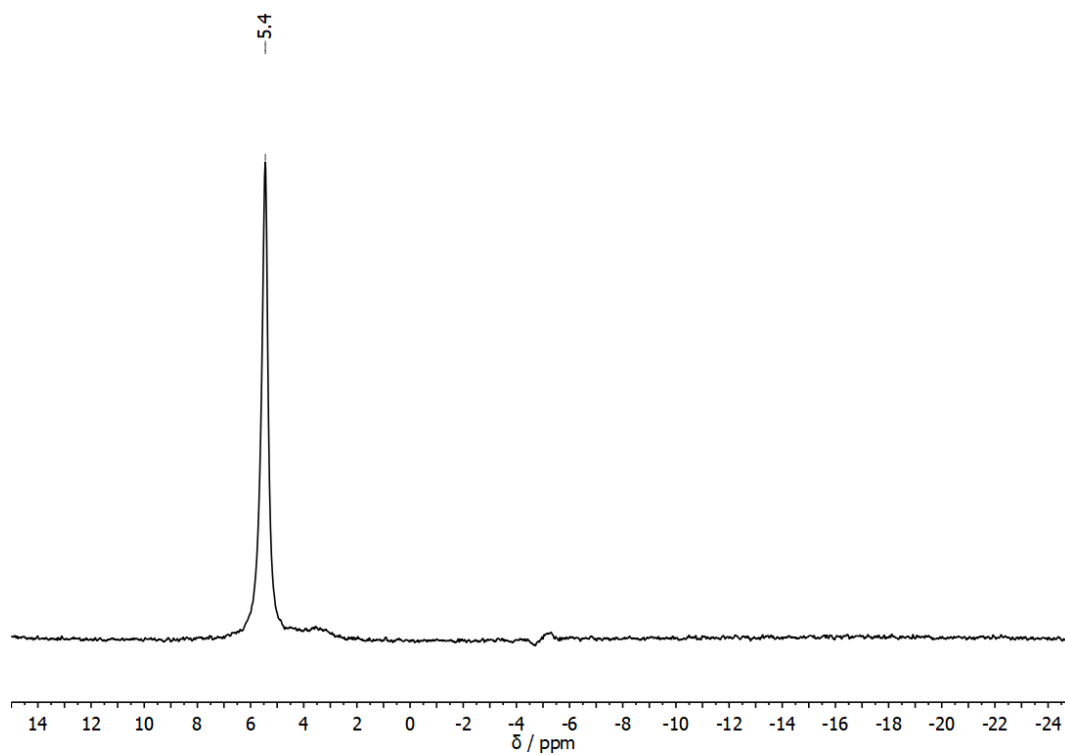
**Table S3** Crystal data and details of the structure determination of  $[\text{Be}(\text{en})_2]_4(\text{SCN})_7\text{Cl}$  and  $[\text{Be}_3(\text{OH})_3(\text{en})_3][\text{C}_2\text{H}_9\text{N}_2](\text{SCN})_4$ .

	$[\text{Be}(\text{en})_2]_4(\text{SCN})_7\text{Cl}$	$[\text{Be}_3(\text{OH})_3(\text{en})_3][\text{C}_2\text{H}_9\text{N}_2](\text{SCN})_4$
Empirical formula	$[\text{Be}(\text{C}_2\text{H}_8\text{N}_2)_2]_4(\text{SCN})_7\text{Cl}$	$[\text{Be}_3(\text{OH})_3(\text{C}_2\text{H}_8\text{N}_2)_3][\text{C}_2\text{H}_9\text{N}_2](\text{SCN})_4$
Relative molecular mass	958.88	551.80
Crystal system	monoclinic	triclinic
Space group (No.)	$P2_1/c$ (14)	$P\bar{1}$ (2)
Radiation / Å	1.54178	1.54178
$a$ / Å	13.9529(2)	10.5372(3)
$b$ / Å	14.0186(3)	11.0027(3)
$c$ / Å	48.6062(7)	13.3669(3)
$\alpha$ / deg	—	104.350(2)
$\beta$ / deg	90.185(1)	109.886(2)
$\gamma$ / deg	—	97.482(2)
$V$ / Å <sup>3</sup>	9507.3(3)	1372.15(7)
$T$ / K	100(2)	100(2)
$Z$	8	2
$F(000)$ / $e$	4064	584
$d_{\text{calc.}}$ / $\text{g cm}^{-3}$	1.34	1.33
$\mu$ / $\text{mm}^{-1}$	4.0	3.5
$\vartheta$ / deg	2.727–78.499	3.703–79.056
Range of Miller indices	$-17 \leq h \leq 11$ $-17 \leq k \leq 15$ $-60 \leq l \leq 61$	$-12 \leq h \leq 6$ $-13 \leq k \leq 13$ $-15 \leq l \leq 16$
Reflections collected / unique	19416 / 15177	5678 / 4827
Restraints / parameters	363 / 1130	0 / 376
$R_{\text{int}}$	0.0317	0.0253
$R_1$ ( $I > 2\sigma(I)$ )	0.0554	0.0307
$R_1$ (all data)	0.0775	0.0403
$wR_2$ ( $I > 2\sigma(I)$ )	0.1331	0.0727
$wR_2$ (all data)	0.1498	0.0775
$S$	1.031	1.013
$\Delta\rho_{\text{min, max}}$ / $\text{e Å}^{-3}$	-0.79, 1.02	-0.28, 0.28

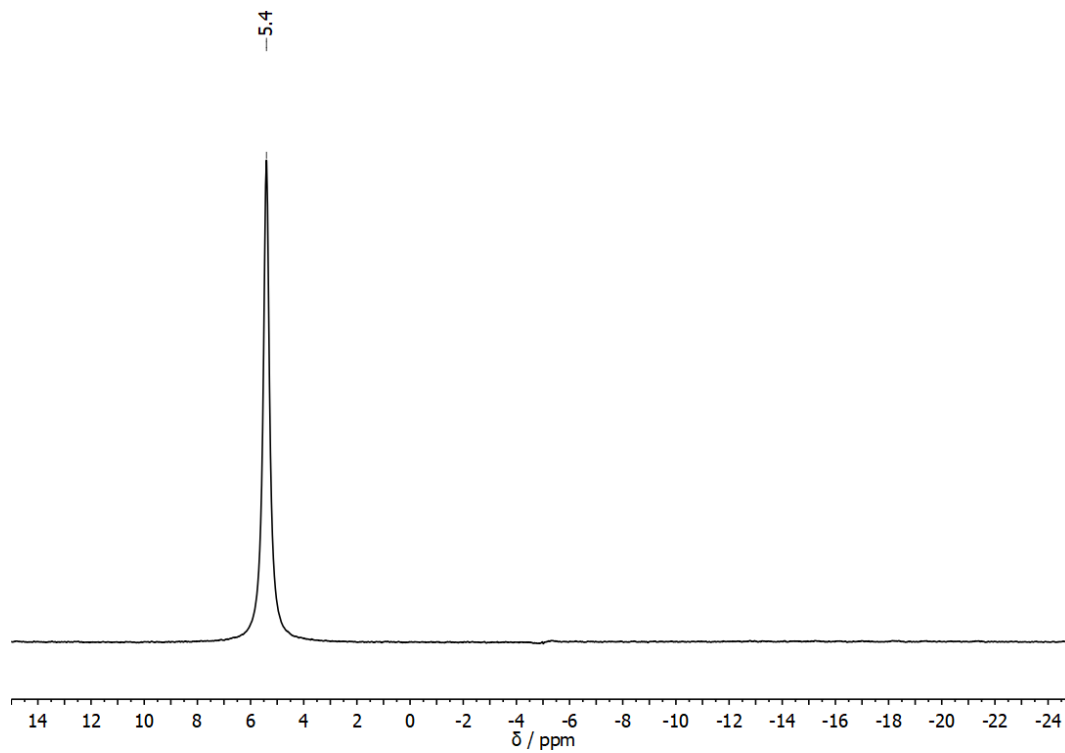
## 2 NMR Spectra



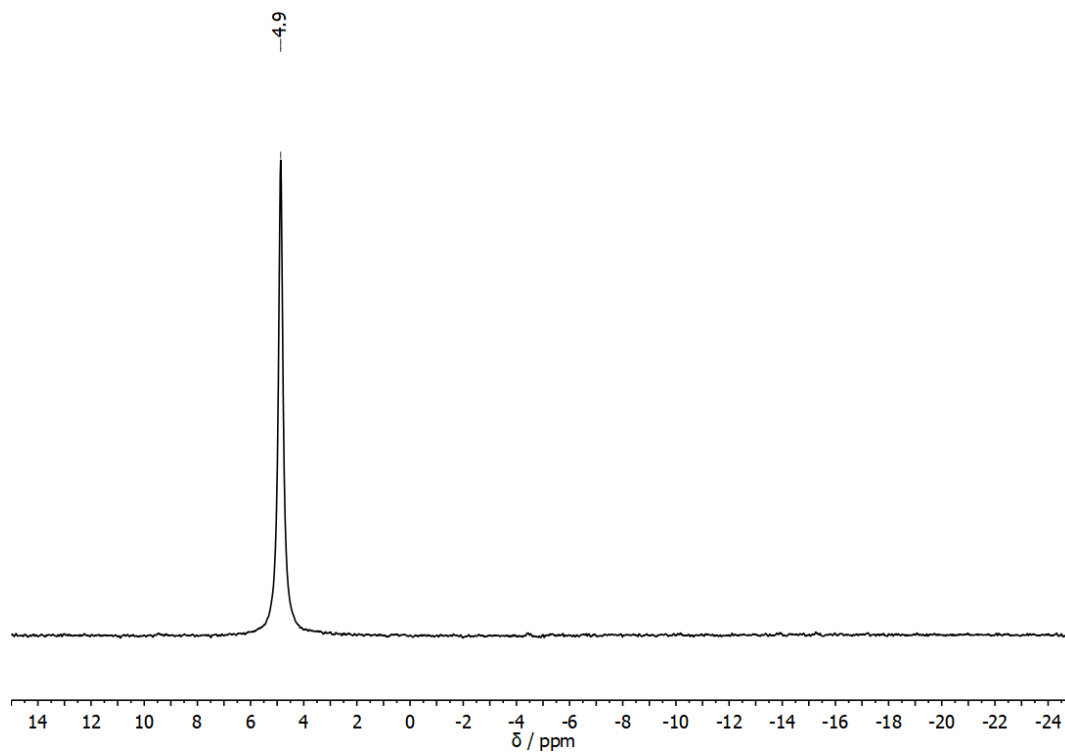
**Figure S1**  $^9\text{Be}$  NMR spectrum of  $\text{BeCl}_2$  in ethylenediamine.



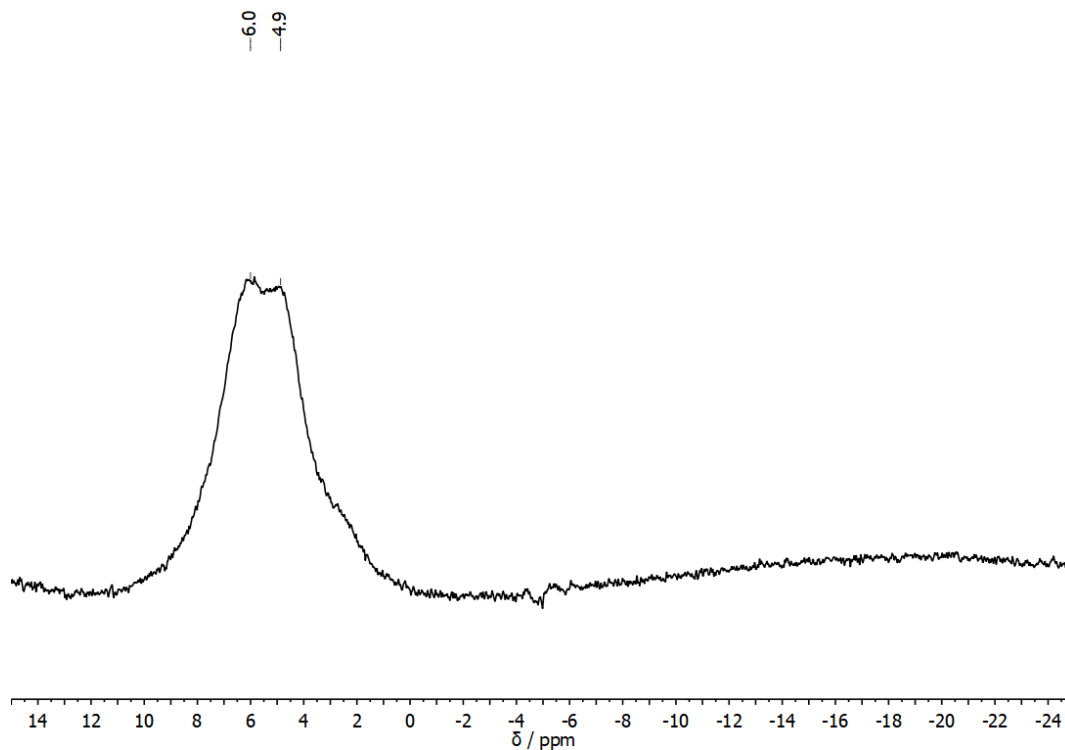
**Figure S2**  $^9\text{Be}$  NMR spectrum of  $\text{BeBr}_2$  in ethylenediamine.



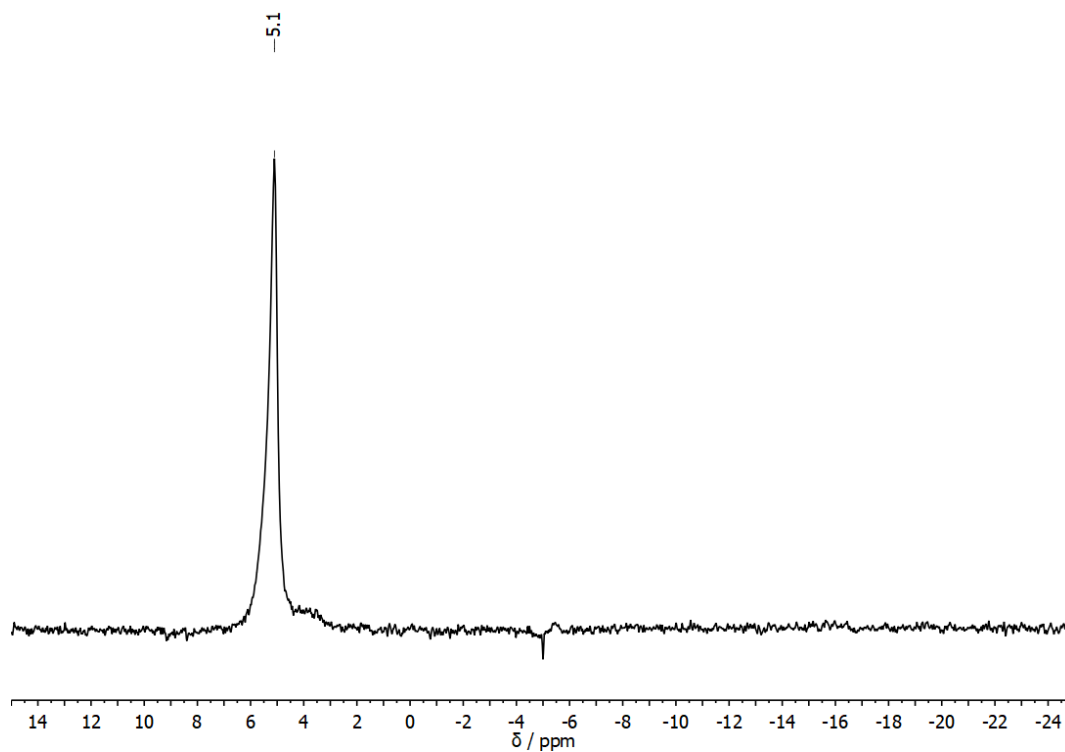
**Figure S3**  $^9\text{Be}$  NMR spectrum of  $\text{BeI}_2$  in ethylenediamine.



**Figure S4**  $^9\text{Be}$  NMR spectrum of  $[\text{Be}(\text{NH}_3)_4](\text{N}_3)_2$  in ethylenediamine.

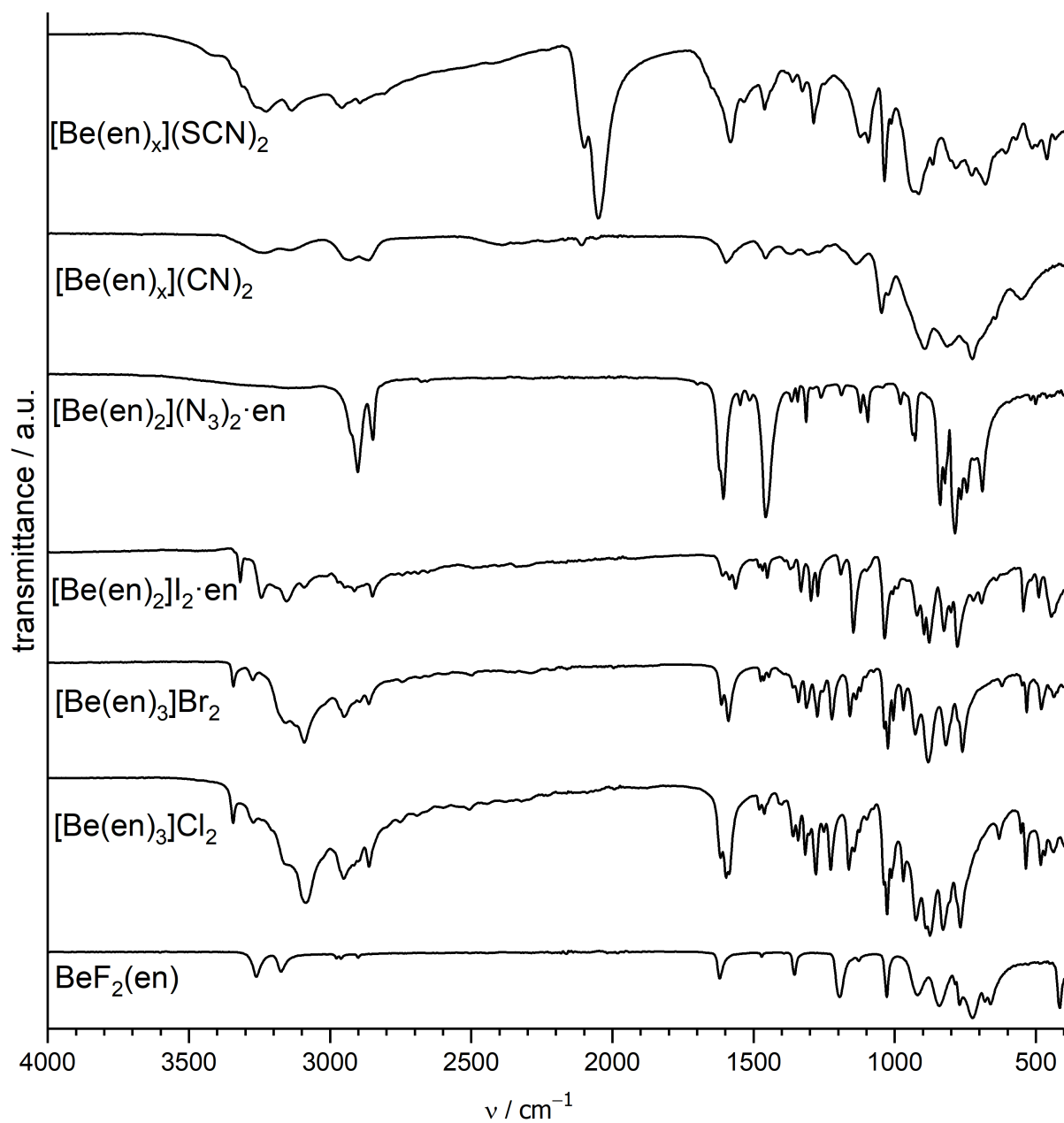


**Figure S5**  $^9\text{Be}$  NMR spectrum of  $[\text{Be}(\text{NH}_3)_4](\text{CN})_2$  in ethylenediamine.



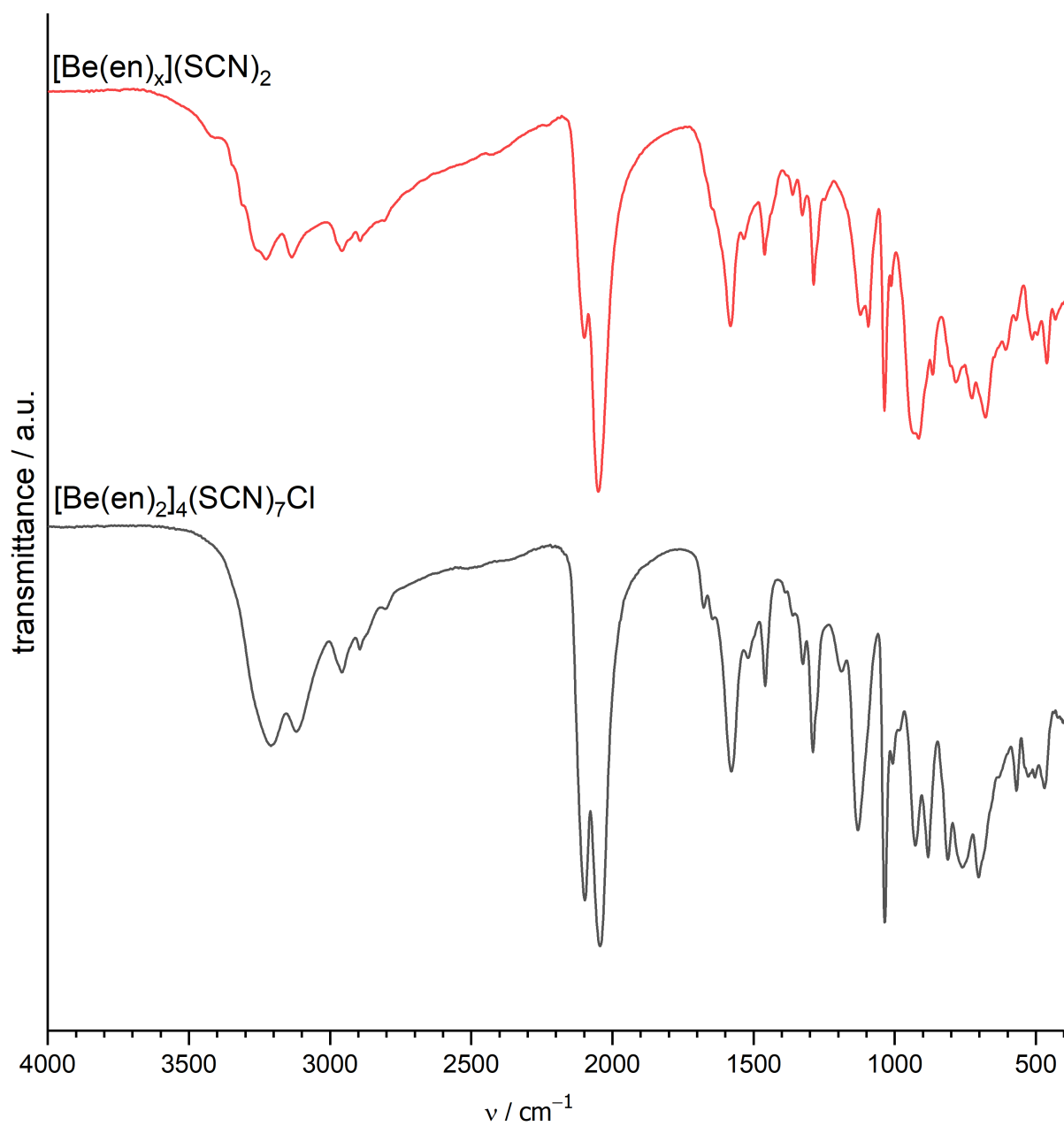
**Figure S6**  $^9\text{Be}$  NMR spectrum of  $[\text{Be}(\text{NH}_3)_4](\text{SCN})_2$  in ethylenediamine.

### 3 IR Spectra



**Figure S7** IR spectra of the reaction products of ethylenediamine with  $[\text{Be}(\text{NH}_3)_4](\text{SCN})_2$  and  $[\text{Be}(\text{NH}_3)_4](\text{CN})_2$ , respectively, as well as of  $[\text{Be}(\text{en})_2](\text{N}_3)_2 \cdot \text{en}$ ,  $[\text{Be}(\text{en})_2]\text{I}_2 \cdot \text{en}$ ,  $[\text{Be}(\text{en})_3]\text{Br}_2$ ,  $[\text{Be}(\text{en})_3]\text{Cl}_2$  and  $\text{BeF}_2(\text{en})$  (from top to bottom).





**Figure S8** IR spectra of the reaction product of ethylenediamine with  $[\text{Be}(\text{NH}_3)_4](\text{SCN})_2$  (top) and of  $[\text{Be}(\text{en})_2]_4(\text{SCN})_7\text{Cl}$  (bottom).