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Supporting Information

Synthesis, characterization and antimicrobial activity of pentagonal-bipyramidal isothiocyanato Co(II) and Ni(II) complexes with 2,6-diacetylpyridine bis(trimethylammoniumacetohydrazone)

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$D - H \cdots A$	$d(\mathrm{D-H})/\mathrm{\AA}$	$d(\mathrm{H}\cdots\mathrm{A})/\mathrm{\AA}$	$d(\mathrm{D}\cdots\mathrm{A})/\mathrm{\AA}$	<(DHA)/ °	Symmetry transformation for acceptors
$[CoH_2L(NCS)_2](SCN)_2$					
N2-H2N…N10	0.887(19)	1.99(3)	2.844(5)	161(5)	x, y-1, z
N6–H6N…N11	0.88(2)	1.98(3)	2.830(8)	162(6)	-x+2, y+1/2, -z+1/2
$[CoH_2L(NCS)_2][Co(NCS)_4]$					
N2-H2N…O1w	0.87(2)	1.96(3)	2.748(7)	151(5)	
N6-H6N…S2	0.88(2)	2.66(3)	3.469(5)	154(6)	x, y+1, z
O1w-H1w…O2w	0.95(2)	1.78(3)	2.724(9)	168(9)	x-1/2, -y+1/2, z+1/2
$[NiH_2L(NCS)_2](SCN)_2$					
N2-H2N…N11	0.864(19)	1.98(2)	2.838(5)	174(5)	x-1/2, -y+1, z
N6-H6N…N10	0.898(18)	2.03(2)	2.881(4)	157(4)	x, y-1, z

Table S1. Hydrogen bonding geometry for $[CoH_2L(NCS)_2](SCN)_2$, $[CoH_2L(NCS)_2][Co(NCS)_4]$ and $[NiH_2L(NCS)_2](SCN)_2$.