## Supplementary Information For

## Cobalt and zinc halide complexes of 4-chloro and 4-methylaniline: syntheses, structures and magnetic behavior.

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Figure S1: A plot of the molecular unit of compound $\mathbf{2}$ showing $50 \%$ probability thermal ellipsoids. Hydrogen atoms are shown as spheres of arbitrary size. The asymmetric unit, copper coordination sphere and hydrogen atoms whose positions were refined are labeled.


Figure S2: A plot of the molecular unit of compound 3 showing 50\% probability thermal ellipsoids. Hydrogen atoms are shown as spheres of arbitrary size. The asymmetric unit, copper coordination sphere and hydrogen atoms whose positions were refined are labeled.

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Figure S3: A plot of the molecular unit of compound $\mathbf{4}$ showing 50\% probability thermal ellipsoids. Hydrogen atoms are shown as spheres of arbitrary size. The asymmetric unit, copper coordination sphere and hydrogen atoms whose positions were refined are labeled.


Figure S4: A plot of the molecular unit of compound 6 showing $50 \%$ probability thermal ellipsoids. Hydrogen atoms are shown as spheres of arbitrary size. The asymmetric unit, copper coordination sphere and hydrogen atoms whose positions were refined are labeled.


Figure S5: A plot of the molecular unit of compound 7 showing 50\% probability thermal ellipsoids. Hydrogen atoms are shown as spheres of arbitrary size. The asymmetric unit, copper coordination sphere and hydrogen atoms whose positions were refined are labeled.


Figure S6: A plot of the molecular unit of compound $\mathbf{8}$ showing $50 \%$ probability thermal ellipsoids. Hydrogen atoms are shown as spheres of arbitrary size. The asymmetric unit, copper coordination sphere and hydrogen atoms whose positions were refined are labeled.

## SI-1: SIMULATION AND MODELLING

The numerical solution of magnetic susceptibility of the $S=3 / 2$ rectangular lattice was obtained by quantum Monte Carlo simulations with the "looper" application of the ALPS libraries.
${ }^{1}$ For all simulations, the spins were arranged on a $64 x 64$ square lattice (ignoring 3D interaction). Along the edges two antiferromagnetic interactions $J$, $J$ ' were present in the single- $J$ form Hamiltonian, and the ratio $J^{\prime} / J$ was defined as $\alpha$ ( $0 \leq \alpha \leq 1$, step size 0.05 ). The scaled temperature window for the simulation was set to $[0.05 T / J$ to $300 T / J]$. The simulated data for each $\alpha$ were fitted to the ratio of polynomial expressions with given $C, J$ to extract the coefficients $A_{n, \alpha}$ and $B_{n, \alpha}$ according to Equation (1)

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\begin{equation*}
\chi(\alpha, T)=\frac{C}{T} \frac{1+\sum_{n=1}^{5} A_{n, \alpha}(J / T)^{n}}{1+\sum_{n=1}^{5} B_{n, \alpha}(J / T)^{n}} \tag{1}
\end{equation*}
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The empirical formulas are found to be valid for the temperature range $T / J>0.4$ and the values of $A_{n, \alpha}$ and $B_{n, \alpha}$ are listed in Table S1. The square lattice model corresponds to the $\alpha=1$ case.

Table S1. Fitted values of $A_{n, \alpha}$ and $B_{n, \alpha}$ for building the expression of susceptibility [Equation
(1)] of the $S=3 / 2$ rectangle model.

| $\alpha$ | $A_{l, \alpha}$ | $A_{2, \alpha}$ | $A_{3, \alpha}$ | $A_{4, \alpha}$ | $A_{5, \alpha}$ | $B_{1, \alpha}$ | $B_{2, \alpha}$ | $B_{3, \alpha}$ | $B_{4, \alpha}$ | $B_{5, \alpha}$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 0 | 0.396205 | 0.963443 | 0.093099 | -0.00936 | 0.000112 | 2.897135 | 5.67027 | 6.98343 | 2.55916 | -0.14614 |
| 0.05 | 0.769989 | 2.213246 | 0.901033 | 0.422884 | -0.00062 | 3.394935 | 7.993201 | 12.28081 | 12.0844 | 5.434277 |
| 0.10 | -0.65041 | 0.499495 | -0.35749 | 0.192128 | -0.00034 | 2.100521 | 2.458959 | 1.688069 | -3.85436 | 2.256264 |
| 0.15 | -0.817 | 0.666312 | -0.34065 | 0.274691 | -0.00054 | 2.058582 | 2.123834 | 1.480604 | -3.00184 | 3.139848 |
| 0.20 | -1.03865 | 0.839758 | -0.36229 | 0.390542 | -0.00082 | 1.962022 | 1.595264 | 1.156154 | -2.57609 | 4.457846 |
| 0.25 | -1.26431 | 1.040523 | -0.39691 | 0.511196 | -0.00121 | 1.861439 | 1.041646 | 0.923753 | -2.11181 | 5.871482 |


| 0.30 | -1.42706 | 1.210714 | -0.40996 | 0.636565 | -0.00157 | 1.823712 | 0.624263 | 0.887352 | -1.55887 | 7.447175 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 0.35 | -1.63518 | 1.457654 | -0.46745 | 0.748126 | -0.00233 | 1.740843 | 0.105638 | 0.877573 | -0.86552 | 8.806197 |
| 0.40 | -1.77652 | 1.657993 | -0.50187 | 0.900245 | -0.0031 | 1.724577 | -0.25986 | 1.05198 | -0.22754 | 10.81874 |
| 0.45 | -1.91938 | 1.864754 | -0.54213 | 1.042632 | -0.00362 | 1.706946 | -0.64516 | 1.257447 | 0.422289 | 12.83349 |
| 0.50 | -2.01474 | 2.029443 | -0.56131 | 1.273862 | -0.00405 | 1.736645 | -0.90925 | 1.569569 | 0.916277 | 16.24473 |
| 0.55 | -2.11508 | 2.216227 | -0.60568 | 1.496705 | -0.00476 | 1.761713 | -1.18457 | 1.957346 | 1.41143 | 19.6484 |
| 0.60 | -2.25168 | 2.454528 | -0.68157 | 1.706434 | -0.00556 | 1.750198 | -1.5506 | 2.278049 | 2.036454 | 22.95271 |
| 0.65 | -2.34065 | 2.632797 | -0.71374 | 1.93295 | -0.00643 | 1.786567 | -1.79948 | 2.629892 | 2.838001 | 26.7375 |
| 0.70 | -2.46305 | 2.894968 | -0.84127 | 2.240106 | -0.00816 | 1.789328 | -2.11252 | 3.130903 | 3.186335 | 31.66576 |
| 0.75 | -2.50336 | 3.000677 | -0.83271 | 2.637955 | -0.00797 | 1.874206 | -2.23455 | 3.559377 | 3.497411 | 38.89372 |
| 0.80 | -2.5847 | 3.172927 | -0.86155 | 2.877478 | -0.00879 | 1.917893 | -2.45657 | 3.842443 | 4.601108 | 43.5635 |
| 0.85 | -2.66801 | 3.405841 | -1.00162 | 3.37745 | -0.011 | 1.960369 | -2.65083 | 4.522825 | 4.491997 | 52.43699 |
| 0.90 | -2.79326 | 3.682372 | -1.13719 | 3.606621 | -0.01315 | 1.95997 | -2.98127 | 4.897639 | 5.502365 | 57.03889 |
| 0.95 | -2.81764 | 3.778448 | -1.12938 | 4.159222 | -0.01308 | 2.060566 | -3.01454 | 5.297742 | 5.955627 | 68.20129 |
| 1.00 | -2.93113 | 4.10106 | -1.39978 | 4.769242 | -0.01599 | 2.072726 | -3.28065 | 6.168849 | 5.084592 | 79.81426 |

## SI-2 Magnetic data for 5 and 7



Figure S7. Temperature dependence of $\chi(\mathrm{O})$ and $\chi \mathrm{T}$ ( $\square$ for5 . The solid line, dotted line, dashed line are fits using the Curie-Weiss model, 1D chain model and 2D square lattice model, respectively.


Figure S8. Temperature dependence of $\chi(\mathrm{O})$ and $\chi \mathrm{T}$ ( $\square$ for7 . The dotted lines and dashed lines are fits using the 1D chain model and 2D rectangle lattice model, respectively.

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