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Synthesis of α -halo amide derivatives. *N-tert-butyl-2-chloroacetamide*.¹ The following procedure for the preparation of *N-tert-butyl-2-chloroacetamide* is typical for the class, with the only variation for the different examples being the choice of amine and acid halide precursors used in the acylation reaction. To a stirred solution of *tert*-butylamine (1.44 mL, 1.37 mmol), 20% sodium hydroxide solution (3.4 g), and methylene chloride (5 mL) at 0 °C was added chloroacetylchloride (1.19 mL, 1.42 mmol) dropwise over 20 minutes. Following completion of the addition, the temperature of the solution was allowed to warm to room temperature. The aqueous layer was then separated and washed with CH₂Cl₂ (2 x 50 mL). The combined CH₂Cl₂ fractions were washed with 1M HCl (20 mL), saturated sodium bicarbonate solution (20 mL), and water (20 mL). The organic layer was then dried (Na₂SO₄), filtered, and the solvent was removed under vacuum to yield the pure product as a white solid. All of the derivatives described below were isolated as white solids with the exception of *N-methyl-N-tert-butyl-2-chloroacetamide* which is a colorless oil. Yield: 60%. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 300 MHz): δ 6.36 (br, 1H), 3.92 (s, 2H), 1.36 (s, 9H); ¹³C{¹H} NMR (CDCl₃, 75 MHz): δ 164.9, 51.8, 42.9, 28.5; FTIR (KBr, cm⁻¹): 3300 (N-H), 1675 (C=O); GC/MS *t*_R 5.71 min; *m/z* (relative intensity) 149 (5, M⁺), 58 (100); Melting point: 82-83 °C.

***N-methyl-N-tert-butyl-2-chloroacetamide*.²** Yield: 73%. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 300 MHz): δ 4.05 (s, 2H), 2.95 (s, 3H), 1.41 (s, 9H); ¹³C{¹H} NMR (CDCl₃, 75 MHz): δ 166.8, 57.5, 44.5, 32.4, 27.9; FTIR (neat, cm⁻¹): 1659 (C=O); GC/MS *t*_R 7.26 min; *m/z* (relative intensity) 164 (5, M⁺), 72 (100).

***N-tert-butyl-2-bromopropionamide*.³** Yield: 73%. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 300 MHz): δ 6.17 (br, 1H), 4.29 (quartet, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 1H), 1.82 (d, *J* = 6.9 Hz, 3H), 1.34 (s, 9H); ¹³C{¹H} NMR (CDCl₃, 75 MHz): δ 168.4, 51.7, 46.0, 28.4, 23.1; FTIR (KBr, cm⁻¹): 3300 (N-H), 1655 (C=O); GC/MS *t*_R 6.60 min; *m/z* (relative intensity) 207/209 (10, M⁺), 58 (100); Melting Point: 120-123 °C.

***N-methyl-N-tert-butyl-2-bromopropionamide*.** Yield: 74%. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 300 MHz): δ 4.54 (quartet, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 1H), 2.98 (s, 3H), 1.79 (d, *J* = 6.6 Hz, 3H), 1.55 (s, 3H),

1.42 (s, 9H); $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR (CDCl_3 , 75 MHz): δ 169.4, 57.5, 42.0, 32.3, 27.9, 22.1; FTIR (KBr, cm^{-1}): 1645 (C=O); GC/MS t_R 7.97 min; m/z (relative intensity) 221/223 (10, M^+), 72 (100). Melting point: 46-48 $^\circ\text{C}$.

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Table S1. ^1H NMR or EPR Data for Amide-Appended Ligands and Copper Complexes

Entry	Complex	^1H NMR ^{a,b} (ppm) or EPR ^c
1	L^{HAmH}	7.95 (br, 1H), 3.08 (s, 2H), 2.84 (heptet, $J = 6.6$ Hz, 2H), 2.60-2.75 (m, 12H), 1.35 (s, 9H), 0.95 (d, $J = 6.6$ Hz, 12H)
2	L^{HAmMe}	3.28 (s, 2H), 3.00 (s, 3H), 2.80-2.90 (m, 6H), 2.60-2.70 (m, 4H), 2.53 (m, 4H), 1.39 (s, 9H), 0.94 (d, $J = 6.6$ Hz, 12H)
3	L^{MeAmH}	8.20 (br, 1H) 3.11 (quartet, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 1H), 2.40-2.86 (m, 14H), 1.34 (s, 9H), 1.20 (d, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 3H), 0.99 (d, $J = 6.6$ Hz, 6H), 0.93 (d, $J = 6.6$ Hz, 6H)
4	L^{MeAmMe}	3.51 (quartet, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 1H), 3.11 (s, 3H), 2.79 (m, 4H), 2.50-2.65 (m, 10H), 1.39 (s, 9H), 1.09 (d, $J = 7.2$ Hz, 3H), 0.92 (d, $J = 6.6$ Hz, 12H)
5	L^{Piv}	6.10 (br, 1H), 3.20 (s, 2H), 2.82 (heptet, $J = 6.6$ Hz, 2H), 2.54-2.76 (m, 14H), 1.19 (s, 9H), 0.95 (d, $J = 6.6$ Hz, 12H)
6	$[\text{L}^{\text{HAmH}}\text{Cu}(\text{CH}_3\text{CN})]\text{ClO}_4$	6.30 (br, 1H), 3.39 (s, 2H), 3.06 (heptet, $J = 6.6$ Hz, 2H), 2.70-3.00 (m, 8H), 2.45-2.60 (m, 4H), 1.31 (d, $J = 6.6$ Hz, 6H), 1.20 (d, $J = 6.6$ Hz, 6H)
7	$[\text{L}^{\text{HAmMe}}\text{Cu}(\text{CH}_3\text{CN})]\text{ClO}_4$	3.72 (s, 2H), 2.40-3.30 (m, 17H), 1.38 (s, 9H), 1.21 (m, 12H)
8	$[\text{L}^{\text{MeAmH}}\text{Cu}(\text{CH}_3\text{CN})]\text{SbF}_6$	6.30 (br, 1H), 3.53-3.62 (m, 1H), 3.31 (quartet, $J = 6.9$ Hz, 1H), 3.05 (heptet, $J = 6.6$ Hz, 2H), 2.44-2.89 (m, 13H), 1.42 (d, $J = 6.9$ Hz, 3H), 1.30 (s, 9H), 1.23 (d, $J = 6.6$ Hz, 6H), 1.18 (d, $J = 6.6$ Hz, 6H)
9	$[\text{L}^{\text{MeAmMe}}\text{Cu}(\text{CH}_3\text{CN})]\text{SbF}_6$	3.95 (quartet, $J = 6.6$ Hz, 1H), 3.62 (m, 1H), 3.07 (heptet, $J = 6.6$ Hz, 2H), 2.90 (s, 3H), 2.46-2.89 (m, 11H), 1.44 (d, $J = 6.6$ Hz, 3H), 1.39 (s, 9H), 1.15-1.26 (m, 12H)
10	$[\text{L}^{\text{Piv}}\text{Cu}(\text{CH}_3\text{CN})]\text{O}_3\text{SCF}_3$	6.80 (br, 1H), 3.55 (m, 2H), 3.10 (heptet, $J = 6.6$ Hz, 2H), 2.43-2.96 (m, 16H), 2.23 (3H), 1.24 (d, $J = 6.6$ Hz, 6H), 1.22 (d, $J = 6.6$ Hz, 6H)
11	$[\text{L}^{\text{MeAmH}}\text{Cu}(\text{CO})]\text{SbF}_6$	7.23 (br, 1H), 3.58 (quartet, $J = 6.6$ Hz, 1H), 3.00-3.46 (m, 8H), 2.74-2.98 (m, 6H), 1.53 (d, $J = 6.6$ Hz, 3H), 1.36 (s, 9H), 1.30-1.38 (m, 12H)
12	$[\text{L}^{\text{MeAmMe}}\text{Cu}(\text{CO})]\text{SbF}_6$	4.25 (quartet, $J = 6.6$ Hz, 1H), 3.39 (heptet, $J = 6.6$ Hz, 2H), 2.80-3.30 (m, 15H), 1.53 (d, $J = 6.6$ Hz, 3H), 1.44 (s, 9H), 1.30-1.40 (m, 12H)

13	$[\text{L}^{\text{HAmMe}}\text{CuCl}]\text{ClO}_4 \cdot \text{H}_2\text{O}$	$g_{\parallel} \approx 2.26, g_{\perp} \approx 2.06, A_{\parallel} \approx 149 \text{ G}$
14	$[\text{L}^{\text{MeAmH}}\text{CuCl}]\text{PF}_6 \cdot \text{MeOH}$	$g_{\parallel} \approx 2.26, g_{\perp} \approx 2.06, A_{\parallel} \approx 136 \text{ G}$
15	$[\text{L}^{\text{Piv}}\text{Cu}(\text{O}_3\text{SCF}_3)](\text{O}_3\text{SCF}_3)$	$g_{\parallel} \approx 2.28, g_{\perp} \approx 2.07, A_{\parallel} \approx 155 \text{ G}$

^a¹H NMR spectra of ligands obtained in CDCl₃; spectra of Cu(I) complexes obtained in CD₃CN ([L^{RAmR'}Cu(CH₃CN)]X), d₆-acetone ([L^{MeAmR'}Cu(CO)]SbF₆), or CD₂Cl₂ ([L^{Piv}Cu(CH₃CN)]OTf). ^bSpectra obtained at 300 MHz using a Varian VXR300 or Varian VI300 spectrometer. EPR spectra obtained on 1:1 CH₂Cl₂:toluene solutions (~2 mM) using a Bruker ESP300 spectrometer fitted with a liquid nitrogen finger dewar (77K, ~9.4 GHz).

Table S2. $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR Data for Amide-Appended Ligands and Copper Complexes

Entry	Complex	$^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR (ppm) ^{a,b}
1	L^{HAmH}	171.80, 63.41, 58.69, 54.98, 54.75, 50.57, 50.40, 28.83, 18.19
2	L^{HAmMe}	172.04, 63.94, 56.02, 54.58, 52.79, 52.26, 31.82, 28.10, 18.40
3	L^{MeAmH}	174.34, 64.17, 55.31, 55.08, 54.66, 50.28, 50.14, 28.77, 20.28, 16.04, 9.46
4	L^{MeAmMe}	173.84, 62.26, 56.60, 54.16, 53.65, 52.84, 52.65, 31.53, 28.20, 18.54, 18.28, 10.20
6	L^{Piv}	178.5, 56.7, 56.6, 54.7, 53.6, 51.9, 38.6, 37.3, 27.7, 18.3
7	$[\text{L}^{\text{HAmH}}\text{Cu}(\text{CH}_3\text{CN})]\text{ClO}_4$	168.34, 60.46, 57.68, 53.12, 50.86, 50.29, 49.57, 29.87, 19.34, 18.94
8	$[\text{L}^{\text{HAmMe}}\text{Cu}(\text{CH}_3\text{CN})]\text{ClO}_4$	169.45, 59.41, 57.66, 56.77, 52.75, 50.14, 49.84, 30.23, 27.41, 19.52, 18.80
9	$[\text{L}^{\text{MeAmH}}\text{Cu}(\text{CH}_3\text{CN})]\text{SbF}_6$	171.7, 64.4, 57.8, 57.7, 55.0, 53.4, 52.7, 50.9, 48.4, 47.7, 46.6, 27.8, 19.9, 19.8, 18.3, 18.1, 17.2
10	$[\text{L}^{\text{MeAmMe}}\text{Cu}(\text{CH}_3\text{CN})]\text{SbF}_6$	173.50, 61.37, 57.84, 57.48, 56.99, 54.96, 53.77, 52.28, 48.23, 47.93, 46.87, 31.33, 27.29, 20.32, 19.37, 18.39, 18.14, 16.50
11	$[\text{L}^{\text{Piv}}\text{Cu}(\text{CH}_3\text{CN})]\text{O}_3\text{SCF}_3$	178.7, 116.9, 59.5, 57.9, 54.4, 50.4, 50.3, 38.4, 37.5, 27.3, 19.8, 19.2, 3.0

^aSpectra of ligands obtained in CDCl_3 ; spectra of Cu(I) complexes obtained in CD_3CN ($[\text{L}^{\text{RAmR}}\text{Cu}(\text{CH}_3\text{CN})]\text{X}$) or CD_2Cl_2 ($[\text{L}^{\text{Piv}}\text{Cu}(\text{CH}_3\text{CN})]\text{OTf}$). ^bSpectra obtained at 75 MHz using a Varian VXR300 or Varian VI300 spectrometer.