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a Tetranuclear Cobalt(II) Complex with
Ladder Structure

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Cobalt, Phosphoraneiminato Complex

The title compound has been prepared from cobalt(II) acetate and $\text{Me}_3\text{SiNPEt}_3$ in boiling toluene in the presence of silicon grease and traces of water as blue single crystals which were characterized by IR spectroscopy and by a crystal structure determination. Space group Pbca , $Z = 8$, lattice dimensions at -50°C : $a = 1449.3(1)$, $b = 1724.9(1)$, $c = 2356.6(2)$ pm, $R = 0.0548$.

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