

# Unified Synthesis of Mono/Bis-arylated Phenols via Rh(III)-Catalyzed Dehydrogenative Coupling

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## I. General

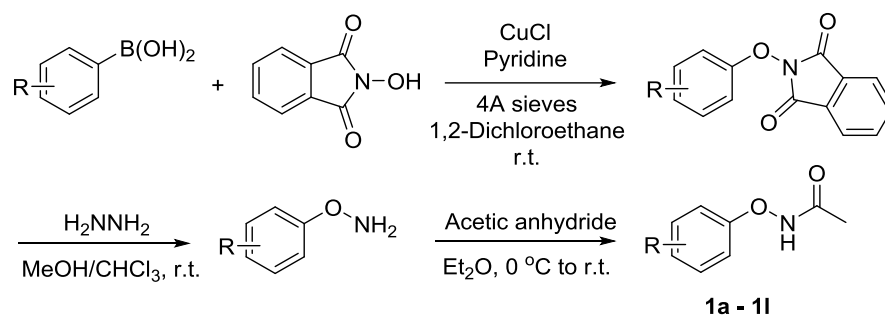
All reactions were carried out under an atmosphere of nitrogen unless otherwise noted. Reaction temperatures are reported as those of the oil bath. The dry solvents used were purified by distillation and were transferred under nitrogen.

Commercially available chemicals were obtained from Sigma-Aldrich, Alfa Aesar, TCI and Aladdin and used as received unless otherwise stated. Dichloro ( $\eta^5$ -pentamethylcyclopentadienyl) rhodium(III) dimer (99%) was purchased from Sinocompound Catalysts Co., Ltd.

Reactions were monitored with analytical thin-layer chromatography (TLC) on silica.  $^1\text{H}$  NMR and  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR data were recorded on Bruker nuclear resonance (400 MHz) spectrometers unless otherwise specified, respectively. Chemical shifts ( $\delta$ ) are given in ppm relative to TMS. The residual solvent signals were used as references and the chemical shifts converted to the TMS scale ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ :  $\delta_{\text{H}}=7.26$  ppm,  $\delta_{\text{C}}=77.16$  ppm;  $\text{CD}_2\text{Cl}_2$ :  $\delta_{\text{H}}=5.32$  ppm,  $\delta_{\text{C}}=53.84$  ppm; DMSO:  $\delta_{\text{H}}=2.50$  ppm,  $\delta_{\text{C}}=39.52$  ppm). HRMS (ESI) analysis was performed by The Analytical Instrumentation Center at University, Shenzhen Graduate School and (HRMS) data were reported with ion mass/charge ( $m/z$ ) ratios as values in atomic mass units. The visible spectroscopy was detected Shimadzu UV-2600 UV-Vis spectrophotometer and the fluorescence spectrophotometry was detected on Shimadzu RF-5301PC spectrofluorophotometer.

## II. Preparation of substrates

### Synthesis of 1a-1l



### General procedure:

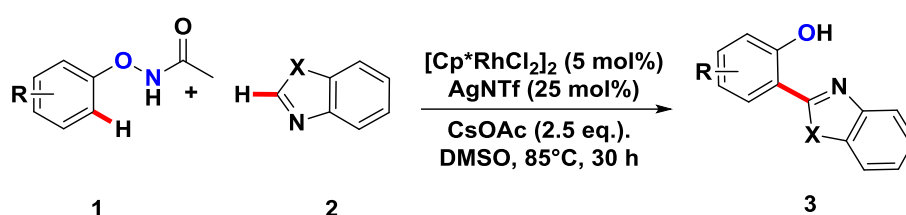
Following literature reports<sup>1</sup>, in a 50mL round-bottom flask, *N*-hydroxyphthalimide (1.0 eq.), copper (I) chloride (1.0 eq.), freshly activated 4 Å molecular sieves (250 mg/mmol), and phenylboronic acid (2.0 eq.) were combined in 1,2-dichloroethane (0.2 M). The pyridine (1.1 eq.) was then added to the suspension. The reaction mixture was open to the atmosphere and stirred at room temperature over 24-48 h. Upon completion, silica gel was added to the flask and the solvent was removed under vacuum. The desired *N*-aryloxypthalimides were obtained by flash column chromatography on silica gel.

Hydrazine monohydrate (3.0 eq.) was added to the solution of *N*-aryloxypthalimide (1.0 eq.) in 10% MeOH in  $\text{CHCl}_3$  (0.1 M). The reaction was allowed to stir at room temperature over 12 h. Upon completion, the reaction mixture was filtered off

and washed with CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>. The filtrate was concentrated under reduced pressure, and purified by flash silica gel column chromatography to give the corresponding *N*-aryloxyamine.

In a 20 mL round-bottom flask, *N*-aryloxyamine (1.0 eq.) was dissolved in ether (0.2 M). The flask was cooled in an ice bath, to which acetic anhydride (2.0 eq.) was slowly added. The ice bath was allowed to warm to room temperature and the mixture was stirred for 3 h at room temperature. The reaction mixture was concentrated under reduced pressure and purified by flash silica gel column chromatography to give the corresponding *N*-phenoxyacetamide.

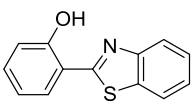
### III. The fluorescent mono-heteroarylated products

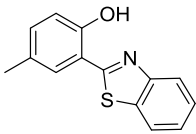


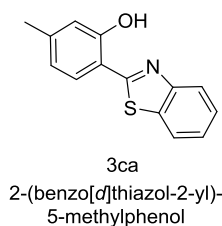
#### General procedure A:

*N*-phenoxyacetamide (1) (0.2 mmol), [Cp\*RhCl<sub>2</sub>]<sub>2</sub> (5 mol%), benzothiazole or benzoxazole (2) (0.3 mmol), AgNTf (25 mol%), and CsOAc (2.5 eq.) without external oxidant were weighed into a 10 mL pressure tube, to which was added DMSO (1 mL) in a glove box. The reaction vessel was stirred at 85 °C for 30h. Then the mixture was concentrated under vacuum and the residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel with a gradient eluent of petroleum ether and ethyl acetate to afford the corresponding product.

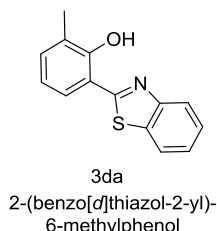
#### Characterization of products 3:

  
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2-(benzo[d]thiazol-2-yl)phenol  
The title compound was obtained in 85% yield as white solid; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 12.52 (s, 1H), 7.99 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.91 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.70 (dd, J = 7.8, 1.5 Hz, 1H), 7.51 (s, 1H), 7.40 (d, J = 13.1 Hz, 2H), 7.11 (dd, J = 8.3, 0.8 Hz, 1H), 6.96 (s, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 169.54, 158.11, 152.02, 132.91, 132.76, 128.57, 126.84, 125.70, 122.34, 121.66, 119.67, 118.03, 116.96. HRMS (ESI): Calcd. for C<sub>13</sub>H<sub>9</sub>NOS (M+H) 228.0483; Found: 228.0478.

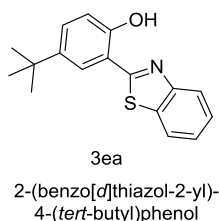
  
3ba  
2-(benzo[d]thiazol-2-yl)-4-methylphenol  
The title compound was obtained in 80% yield as white solid; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 12.31 (s, 1H), 7.98 (d, J = 8.7 Hz, 1H), 7.90 (d, J = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.54 – 7.46 (m, 2H), 7.44 – 7.38 (m, 1H), 7.19 (dd, J = 8.4, 2.1 Hz, 1H), 7.01 (d, J = 8.4 Hz, 1H), 2.36 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 169.53, 155.92, 152.05, 133.86, 132.73, 128.79, 128.44, 126.75, 125.54, 122.24, 121.60, 117.78, 116.47, 20.60. HRMS (ESI): Calcd. for C<sub>14</sub>H<sub>11</sub>NOS (M+H) 242.0640; Found: 242.0635.



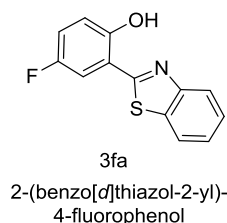
The title compound was obtained in 72% yield as white solid;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  12.45 (s, 1H), 7.96 (d,  $J$  = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.88 (d,  $J$  = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.56 (d,  $J$  = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.51 – 7.46 (m, 1H), 7.38 (ddd,  $J$  = 8.3, 7.2, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 6.92 (d,  $J$  = 0.8 Hz, 1H), 6.77 (dd,  $J$  = 8.0, 1.6 Hz, 1H), 2.37 (s, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  169.56, 157.99, 152.03, 143.93, 132.57, 128.37, 126.72, 125.42, 122.11, 121.59, 120.84, 118.20, 114.49, 21.88. HRMS (ESI): Calcd. for  $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{11}\text{NOS}$  ( $\text{M}+\text{H}$ ) 242.0640; Found: 242.0631.



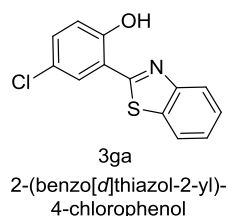
The title compound was obtained in 76% yield as white solid;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  12.76 (s, 1H), 7.96 (d,  $J$  = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.89 (d,  $J$  = 7.1 Hz, 1H), 7.55 (d,  $J$  = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.52 – 7.47 (m, 1H), 7.42 – 7.37 (m, 1H), 7.28 – 7.23 (m, 1H), 6.86 (t,  $J$  = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 2.37 (s, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  169.94, 156.41, 151.97, 133.81, 132.84, 127.07, 126.75, 126.19, 125.55, 122.19, 121.60, 119.11, 116.16, 16.18. HRMS (ESI): Calcd. for  $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{11}\text{NOS}$  ( $\text{M}+\text{H}$ ) 242.0640; Found: 242.0635.



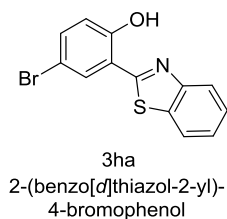
The title compound was obtained in 66% yield as white solid;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  12.33 (s, 1H), 7.99 (d,  $J$  = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 7.91 (d,  $J$  = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.65 (d,  $J$  = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 7.53 – 7.48 (m, 1H), 7.46 – 7.38 (m, 2H), 7.05 (d,  $J$  = 8.7 Hz, 1H), 1.37 (s, 9H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  169.94, 155.85, 152.11, 142.44, 132.71, 130.52, 126.74, 125.52, 124.72, 122.26, 121.59, 117.61, 116.09, 34.25, 31.52. HRMS (ESI): Calcd. for  $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{17}\text{NOS}$  ( $\text{M}+\text{H}$ ) 284.1109; Found: 284.1104.



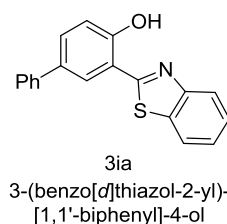
The title compound was obtained in 68% yield as white solid;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  12.31 (s, 1H), 8.01 (d,  $J$  = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.92 (d,  $J$  = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.56 – 7.50 (m, 1H), 7.47 – 7.41 (m, 1H), 7.38 (dd,  $J$  = 8.8, 2.8 Hz, 1H), 7.16 – 7.01 (m, 2H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (75 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  168.32, 157.36, 154.32, 154.20, 151.92, 132.83, 127.06, 126.04, 122.55, 121.75, 120.15, 119.84, 119.26, 119.16, 116.82, 116.71, 113.97, 113.65. HRMS (ESI): Calcd. for  $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_8\text{FNOS}$  ( $\text{M}+\text{H}$ ) 246.0389; Found: 246.0385.



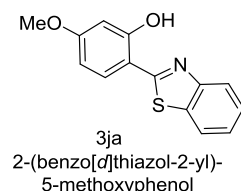
The title compound was obtained in 52% yield as white solid;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  12.54 (s, 1H), 8.01 (d,  $J$  = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.93 (d,  $J$  = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.66 (d,  $J$  = 2.5 Hz, 1H), 7.56 – 7.51 (m, 1H), 7.47 – 7.42 (m, 1H), 7.33 (dd,  $J$  = 8.9, 2.5 Hz, 1H), 7.06 (d,  $J$  = 8.8 Hz, 1H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (126 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  168.08, 156.75, 151.88, 132.82, 132.66, 127.68, 127.08, 126.09, 124.31, 122.54, 121.76, 119.58, 117.88. HRMS (ESI): Calcd. for  $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_8\text{ClNOS}$  ( $\text{M}+\text{H}$ ) 262.0093; Found: 262.0089.



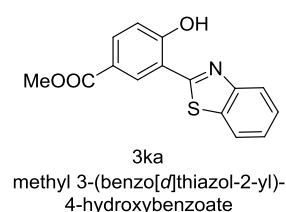
The title compound was obtained in 49% yield as white solid;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform- $d$ )  $\delta$  12.56 (s, 1H), 8.00 (d,  $J$  = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.93 (d,  $J$  = 8.2 Hz, 1H), 7.79 (d,  $J$  = 2.3 Hz, 1H), 7.55 – 7.51 (m, 1H), 7.47 – 7.41 (m, 2H), 7.00 (d,  $J$  = 8.8 Hz, 1H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  167.79, 157.02, 151.64, 135.33, 132.62, 130.49, 126.95, 125.97, 122.39, 121.65, 119.83, 118.35, 111.03. HRMS (ESI): Calcd. for  $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_8\text{BrNOS}$  ( $\text{M}+\text{H}$ ) 305.9588; Found: 305.9580.



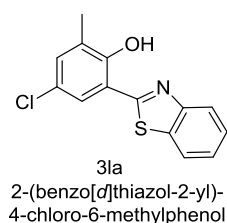
The title compound was obtained in 45% yield as white solid;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform- $d$ )  $\delta$  12.55 (s, 1H), 7.98 (d,  $J$  = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.89 (d,  $J$  = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.85 (d,  $J$  = 2.2 Hz, 1H), 7.62 – 7.54 (m, 3H), 7.52 – 7.30 (m, 5H), 7.15 (d,  $J$  = 8.6 Hz, 1H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  169.44, 157.59, 152.00, 140.26, 133.07, 132.77, 131.81, 129.05, 127.25, 126.91, 126.90, 125.78, 122.38, 121.71, 118.48, 117.11, 117.08. HRMS (ESI): Calcd. for  $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{13}\text{NOS}$  ( $\text{M}+\text{H}$ ) 304.0796; Found: 304.0794.



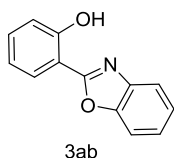
The title compound was obtained in 37% yield as white solid;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  12.74 (s, 1H), 7.93 (d,  $J$  = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.87 (d,  $J$  = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.58 (d,  $J$  = 8.7 Hz, 1H), 7.51 – 7.45 (m, 1H), 7.40 – 7.34 (m, 1H), 6.60 (d,  $J$  = 2.5 Hz, 1H), 6.54 (dd,  $J$  = 8.7, 2.5 Hz, 1H), 3.86 (s, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  169.42, 163.58, 160.09, 151.99, 132.30, 129.76, 126.69, 125.16, 121.81, 121.55, 110.54, 107.83, 101.47, 55.64. HRMS (ESI): Calcd. for  $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{11}\text{NO}_2\text{S}$  ( $\text{M}+\text{H}$ ) 258.0589; Found: 258.0584.



The title compound was obtained in 50% yield as white solid;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  13.13 (s, 1H), 8.43 (d,  $J$  = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 8.05 (dd,  $J$  = 8.7, 2.1 Hz, 1H), 8.01 (d,  $J$  = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.96 – 7.92 (m, 1H), 7.53 (ddd,  $J$  = 8.3, 7.3, 1.3 Hz, 1H), 7.45 (ddd,  $J$  = 8.3, 7.2, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.13 (d,  $J$  = 8.7 Hz, 1H), 3.94 (s, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  168.78, 166.31, 161.86, 151.61, 133.95, 132.78, 130.73, 127.04, 126.06, 122.40, 121.79, 121.77, 118.10, 116.67, 52.27. HRMS (ESI): Calcd. for  $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{11}\text{NO}_3\text{S}$  ( $\text{M}+\text{H}$ ) 286.0538; Found: 286.0544.

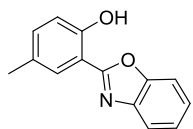


The title compound was obtained in 68% yield as white solid;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  12.76 (s, 1H), 7.97 (d,  $J$  = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.91 (d,  $J$  = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.54 – 7.48 (m, 2H), 7.45 – 7.40 (m, 1H), 7.21 (d,  $J$  = 2.3 Hz, 1H), 2.33 (s, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  168.48, 155.05, 151.74, 133.28, 132.81, 129.18, 126.95, 125.90, 125.09, 123.55, 122.34, 121.68, 116.88, 16.14. HRMS (ESI): Calcd. for  $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{10}\text{ClNOS}$  ( $\text{M}+\text{H}$ ) 276.0250; Found: 276.0237.



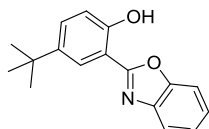
3ab  
2-(benzo[d]oxazol-2-yl)phenol

The title compound was obtained in 82% yield as white solid;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  11.48 (s, 1H), 8.02 (dd,  $J = 7.9, 1.7$  Hz, 1H), 7.76 – 7.70 (m, 1H), 7.63 – 7.58 (m, 1H), 7.47 – 7.42 (m, 1H), 7.41 – 7.35 (m, 2H), 7.13 (d,  $J = 8.2$  Hz, 1H), 7.05 – 6.98 (m, 1H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (126 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  163.02, 158.87, 149.26, 140.15, 133.68, 127.24, 125.49, 125.12, 119.68, 119.37, 117.54, 110.77. HRMS (ESI): Calcd. for  $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_9\text{NO}_2$  ( $\text{M}+\text{H}$ ) 212.0712; Found: 212.0720.



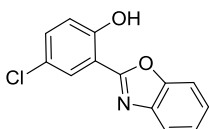
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2-(benzo[d]oxazol-2-yl)-  
4-methylphenol

The title compound was obtained in 70% yield as white solid;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  11.27 (s, 1H), 7.81 (d,  $J = 2.3$  Hz, 1H), 7.74 – 7.69 (m, 1H), 7.62 – 7.57 (m, 1H), 7.39 – 7.35 (m, 2H), 7.24 (dd,  $J = 8.4, 2.3$  Hz, 1H), 7.02 (d,  $J = 8.5$  Hz, 1H), 2.37 (s, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (126 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  162.99, 156.65, 149.11, 140.11, 134.50, 128.73, 126.91, 125.25, 124.92, 119.19, 117.18, 110.56, 110.10, 20.47. HRMS (ESI): Calcd. for  $\text{C}_{14}\text{H}_{11}\text{NO}_2$  ( $\text{M}+\text{H}$ ) 226.0868; Found: 226.0863.



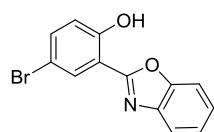
3eb  
2-(benzo[d]oxazol-2-yl)-  
4-(tert-butyl)phenol

The title compound was obtained in 72% yield as white solid;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  11.34 (s, 1H), 8.03 (d,  $J = 2.5$  Hz, 1H), 7.74 – 7.70 (m, 1H), 7.65 – 7.60 (m, 1H), 7.50 (dd,  $J = 8.7, 2.5$  Hz, 1H), 7.37 (dd,  $J = 6.0, 3.2$  Hz, 2H), 7.08 (d,  $J = 8.7$  Hz, 1H), 1.40 (s, 9H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (126 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  163.37, 156.75, 149.23, 142.44, 140.26, 131.24, 125.33, 125.03, 123.44, 119.29, 117.15, 110.71, 109.88, 34.36, 31.58. HRMS (ESI): Calcd. for  $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{17}\text{NO}_2$  ( $\text{M}+\text{H}$ ) 268.1338; Found: 268.1332.



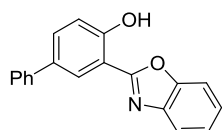
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2-(benzo[d]oxazol-2-yl)-  
4-chlorophenol

The title compound was obtained in 58% yield as white solid;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  11.45 (s, 1H), 8.01 (d,  $J = 2.6$  Hz, 1H), 7.77 – 7.73 (m, 1H), 7.65 – 7.60 (m, 1H), 7.43 – 7.37 (m, 3H), 7.07 (d,  $J = 8.9$  Hz, 1H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  161.84, 157.37, 149.30, 139.94, 133.54, 126.55, 125.99, 125.41, 124.59, 119.60, 119.10, 111.72, 110.95. HRMS (ESI): Calcd. for  $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_9\text{NO}_2\text{Cl}$  ( $\text{M}+\text{H}$ ) 246.0322; Found: 246.0317.



3hb  
2-(benzo[d]oxazol-2-yl)-  
4-bromophenol

The title compound was obtained in 62% yield as white solid;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  11.44 (s, 1H), 8.11 (d,  $J = 2.5$  Hz, 1H), 7.75 – 7.69 (m, 1H), 7.63 – 7.57 (m, 1H), 7.49 (dd,  $J = 8.8, 2.4$  Hz, 1H), 7.42 – 7.37 (m, 2H), 7.00 (d,  $J = 9.0$  Hz, 1H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (126 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  161.67, 157.80, 149.24, 139.88, 136.29, 129.45, 125.96, 125.37, 119.55, 119.46, 112.25, 111.43, 110.90. HRMS (ESI): Calcd. for  $\text{C}_{13}\text{H}_8\text{BrNO}_2$  ( $\text{M}+\text{H}$ ) 289.9817; Found: 289.9814.

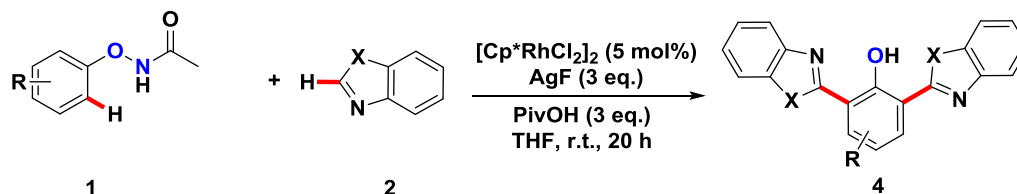


3lb  
3-(benzo[d]oxazol-2-yl)-  
[1,1'-biphenyl]-4-ol

The title compound was obtained in 61% yield as white solid;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  11.52 (s, 1H), 8.26 (d,  $J = 2.3$  Hz, 1H), 7.77 – 7.72 (m, 1H), 7.69 (dd,  $J = 8.6, 2.4$  Hz, 1H), 7.65 – 7.61 (m, 3H), 7.47 (t,  $J = 7.7$  Hz, 2H), 7.42 – 7.35 (m, 3H), 7.20 (d,  $J = 8.6$  Hz, 1H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (126 MHz,  $\text{CDCl}_3$ )  $\delta$  162.96, 158.33, 149.29, 140.15, 132.98, 132.45, 129.00,

127.22, 126.83, 125.60, 125.49, 125.19, 119.43, 118.01, 110.88, 110.81. HRMS (ESI): Calcd. for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>13</sub>NO<sub>2</sub> (M+H) 288.1025; Found: 288.1026.

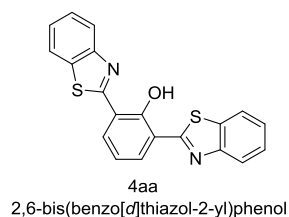
#### IV. The fluorescent mono-heteroarylated products



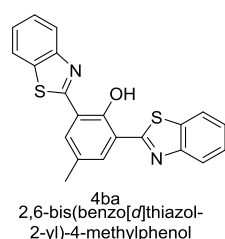
##### General procedure B:

N-phenoxyacetamide (1) (0.2 mmol), [Cp\*RhCl<sub>2</sub>]<sub>2</sub> (5 mol%), benzothiazole or benzoxazole (2) (0.5 mmol), AgF (3 eq.), and PivOH (3 eq.) were weighed into a 10 mL pressure tube, to which was added THF (1 mL) in a glove box. The reaction vessel was stirred at room temperature for 20h. Then the mixture was concentrated under vacuum and the residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel with a gradient eluent of petroleum ether and ethyl acetate to afford the corresponding product.

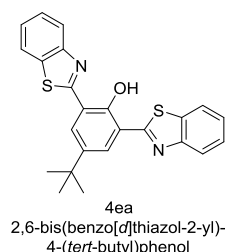
##### Characterization of products 4:



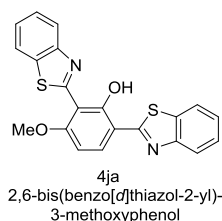
The title compound was obtained in 78% yield as yellow solid; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CD<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>) δ 8.32 (d, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 8.10 (d, J = 8.1 Hz, 2H), 8.00 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 7.60 – 7.53 (m, 2H), 7.49 – 7.43 (m, 2H), 7.18 (t, J = 7.8 Hz, 1H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CD<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>) δ 156.30, 151.56, 147.02, 131.67, 126.71, 125.55, 122.44, 121.71, 119.83. HRMS (ESI): Calcd. for C<sub>20</sub>H<sub>12</sub>N<sub>2</sub>OS<sub>2</sub> (M+H) 361.0469; Found: 361.0463.



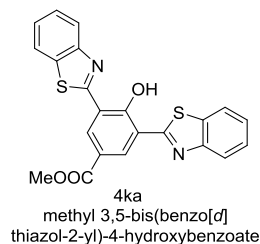
The title compound was obtained in 71% yield as yellow solid; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, CD<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>) δ 8.19 (s, 2H), 8.12 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 8.00 (d, J = 8.0 Hz, 2H), 7.56 (t, J = 7.3 Hz, 2H), 7.46 (t, J = 7.6 Hz, 2H), 2.50 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CD<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>) δ 150.96, 134.16, 132.21, 129.39, 126.70, 125.52, 122.10, 121.62, 20.23. HRMS (ESI): Calcd. for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>14</sub>N<sub>2</sub>OS<sub>2</sub> (M+H) 375.0626; Found: 375.0620.



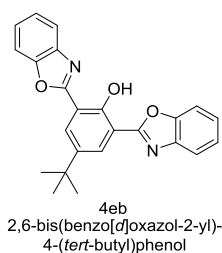
The title compound was obtained in 65% yield as yellow solid; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CD<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>) δ 8.32 (s, 2H), 8.10 (d, J = 7.8 Hz, 2H), 8.00 (d, J = 7.9 Hz, 2H), 7.58 – 7.52 (m, 2H), 7.47 – 7.42 (m, 2H), 1.48 (s, 9H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz, CD<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>) δ 166.85, 154.69, 152.30, 143.24, 135.07, 129.22, 127.08, 125.88, 122.94, 122.14, 119.86, 34.99, 31.75. HRMS (ESI): Calcd. for C<sub>24</sub>H<sub>20</sub>N<sub>2</sub>OS<sub>2</sub> (M+H) 417.1095; Found: 417.1091.



The title compound was obtained in 55% yield as yellow solid;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz,  $\text{CD}_2\text{Cl}_2$ )  $\delta$  8.72 (d,  $J$  = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 8.07 (dd,  $J$  = 8.2, 3.4 Hz, 2H), 8.02 – 7.94 (m, 2H), 7.57 (ddd,  $J$  = 8.2, 7.1, 1.2 Hz, 1H), 7.53 – 7.44 (m, 2H), 7.41 – 7.36 (m, 1H), 6.79 (d,  $J$  = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 4.16 (s, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz,  $\text{CD}_2\text{Cl}_2$ )  $\delta$  165.71, 163.84, 160.79, 159.61, 151.75, 148.97, 136.04, 135.27, 133.86, 133.46, 127.25, 126.60, 125.89, 124.94, 122.42, 121.94, 121.79, 115.36, 107.53, 102.73, 56.76. HRMS (ESI): Calcd. for  $\text{C}_{21}\text{H}_{14}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2\text{S}_2$  ( $\text{M}+\text{H}$ ) 391.0575; Found: 391.0570.

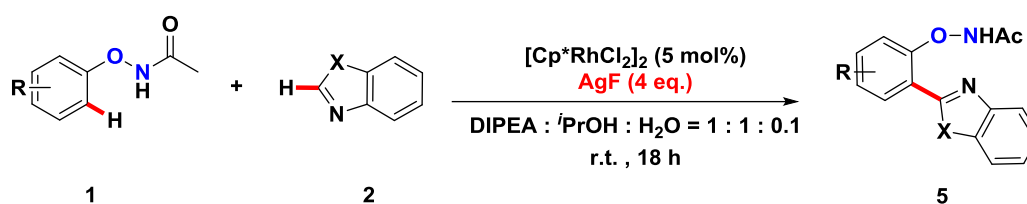


The title compound was obtained in 43% yield as yellow solid;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz, Methylene Chloride- $d_2$ )  $\delta$  8.92 (s, 1H), 8.12 (d,  $J$  = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 8.02 (d,  $J$  = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.58 (t,  $J$  = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 7.48 (t,  $J$  = 7.4 Hz, 1H), 3.99 (s, 2H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (126 MHz,  $\text{CD}_2\text{Cl}_2$ )  $\delta$  166.25, 160.00, 152.13, 135.19, 133.08, 127.37, 126.35, 123.22, 122.81, 122.30, 120.65, 52.83, 30.32. HRMS (ESI): Calcd. for  $\text{C}_{22}\text{H}_{14}\text{N}_2\text{O}_3\text{S}_2$  ( $\text{M}+\text{H}$ ) 419.0524; Found: 419.0519.



The title compound was obtained in 68% yield as yellow solid;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz,  $\text{CD}_2\text{Cl}_2$ )  $\delta$  8.34 (s, 2H), 7.83 – 7.79 (m, 2H), 7.71 – 7.67 (m, 2H), 7.45 – 7.40 (m, 4H), 1.47 (s, 9H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (126 MHz,  $\text{CD}_2\text{Cl}_2$ )  $\delta$  162.81, 156.34, 150.64, 143.18, 141.63, 130.37, 126.08, 125.47, 120.31, 114.20, 111.30, 35.02, 31.75. HRMS (ESI): Calcd. for  $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{20}\text{N}_2\text{O}_3$  ( $\text{M}+\text{H}$ ) 385.1552; Found: 385.1547.

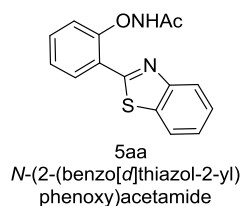
## V. External oxidation pathway towards DG preserved mono-hetero arylated products



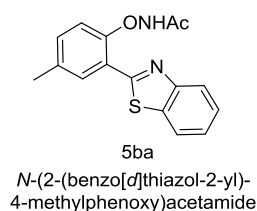
### General procedure B:

N-phenoxyacetamide (**1**) (0.2 mmol),  $[\text{Cp}^*\text{RhCl}_2]_2$  (5 mol%), benzothiazole or benzoxazole (**2**) (0.4 mmol), AgF (4 equiv., 2 eq. added for the first time and 1 eq. every 6 hours for 2 times) in  $i\text{PrOH}$ : ethyldiisopropylamine (DIPEA):  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  = 1: 1: 0.1, at room temperature for 18 hours. Then the mixture was concentrated under vacuum and the residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel with a gradient eluent of dichloromethane and ethyl acetate to afford the corresponding product.

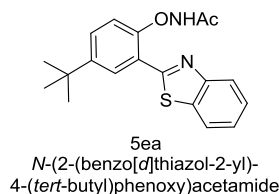
## Characterization of products 5:



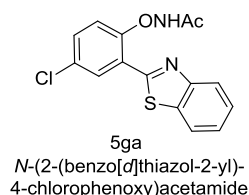
The title compound was obtained in 68% yield as white solid;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$  12.15 (s, 1H), 8.40 (d,  $J$  = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 8.15 (d,  $J$  = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 8.09 (d,  $J$  = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.60 – 7.50 (m, 2H), 7.48 – 7.43 (m, 1H), 7.35 (d,  $J$  = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 7.25 (t,  $J$  = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 2.00 (s, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz, DMSO)  $\delta$  167.63, 157.20, 151.62, 135.59, 132.28, 128.95, 126.37, 125.15, 122.88, 122.62, 121.96, 119.52, 113.21, 19.47. HRMS (ESI): Calcd. for  $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{12}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2\text{NaS}$  ( $\text{M}+\text{H}$ ) 285.0698; Found: 285.0695.



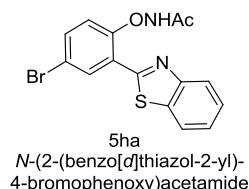
The title compound was obtained in 58% yield as white solid;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$  12.09 (s, 1H), 8.21 (d,  $J$  = 2.2 Hz, 1H), 8.15 (d,  $J$  = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 8.08 (d,  $J$  = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.58 – 7.52 (m, 1H), 7.48 – 7.42 (m, 1H), 7.35 (d,  $J$  = 11.0 Hz, 1H), 7.23 (d,  $J$  = 8.6 Hz, 1H), 2.38 (s, 3H), 1.99 (s, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz, DMSO)  $\delta$  167.51, 161.68, 155.34, 151.62, 135.61, 132.76, 131.89, 128.83, 126.34, 125.09, 122.55, 121.93, 119.25, 113.39, 20.04, 19.45. HRMS (ESI): Calcd. for  $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{14}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2\text{S}$  ( $\text{M}+\text{H}$ ) 299.0854; Found: 299.0847.



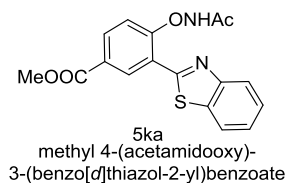
The title compound was obtained in 47% yield as white solid;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$  12.12 (s, 1H), 8.38 (s, 1H), 8.18 – 8.07 (m, 2H), 7.56 (dd,  $J$  = 21.0, 8.4 Hz, 2H), 7.49 – 7.42 (m, 1H), 7.26 (d,  $J$  = 8.8 Hz, 1H), 1.98 (s, 3H), 1.34 (s, 9H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz, DMSO)  $\delta$  167.99, 162.48, 155.76, 152.08, 145.59, 136.09, 129.97, 126.79, 125.55, 123.12, 122.38, 119.31, 113.66, 34.61, 31.65, 19.94. HRMS (ESI): Calcd. for  $\text{C}_{19}\text{H}_{20}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2\text{S}$  ( $\text{M}+\text{H}$ ) 341.1324; Found: 341.1320.



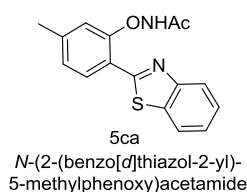
The title compound was obtained in 55% yield as white solid;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR NMR (300 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$  12.24 (s, 1H), 8.35 (d,  $J$  = 2.6 Hz, 1H), 8.16 (d,  $J$  = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 8.09 (d,  $J$  = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.61 – 7.52 (m, 2H), 7.49 – 7.43 (m, 1H), 7.38 (d,  $J$  = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 1.98 (s, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (75 MHz, DMSO)  $\delta$  168.32, 160.51, 156.46, 151.87, 136.21, 132.15, 128.21, 127.23, 127.08, 125.99, 123.33, 122.58, 121.44, 116.02, 19.90. HRMS (ESI): Calcd. For  $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{11}\text{ClN}_2\text{O}_2\text{S}$  ( $\text{M}+\text{H}$ ) 319.0308; Found: 319.0304.



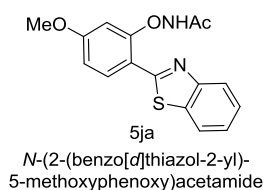
The title compound was obtained in 49% yield as white solid;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR NMR (500 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$  12.29 (s, 1H), 8.50 (d,  $J$  = 2.5 Hz, 1H), 8.17 (d,  $J$  = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 8.12 (d,  $J$  = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.71 (dd,  $J$  = 8.9, 2.6 Hz, 1H), 7.58 (t,  $J$  = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.48 (t,  $J$  = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 7.35 (d,  $J$  = 8.9 Hz, 1H), 2.00 (s, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (126 MHz, DMSO)  $\delta$  160.47, 156.97, 151.89, 136.23, 134.92, 131.07, 126.99, 125.91, 123.29, 122.47, 121.88, 116.46, 114.72, 19.76. HRMS (ESI): Calcd. for  $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{11}\text{BrN}_2\text{O}_2\text{S}$  ( $\text{M}+\text{H}$ ) 362.9803; Found: 362.9792.



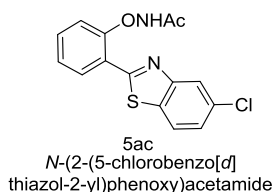
The title compound was obtained in 72% yield as white solid;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$  12.35 (s, 1H), 9.04 (d,  $J$  = 2.4 Hz, 1H), 8.21 – 8.10 (m, 3H), 7.54 (dt,  $J$  = 46.4, 7.8 Hz, 3H), 3.92 (s, 3H), 2.05 (s, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (126 MHz, DMSO)  $\delta$  165.17, 160.41, 160.25, 151.45, 135.55, 132.89, 130.22, 126.45, 125.34, 124.22, 122.76, 121.92, 119.46, 113.50, 52.14, 19.35. HRMS (ESI): Calcd. for  $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{14}\text{N}_2\text{O}_4\text{S}$  ( $\text{M}+\text{H}$ ) 343.0753; Found: 343.736.



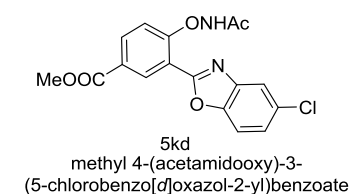
The title compound was obtained in 30% yield as white solid;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$  12.14 (s, 1H), 8.26 (d,  $J$  = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 8.10 (d,  $J$  = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 8.03 (d,  $J$  = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.52 (d,  $J$  = 7.2 Hz, 1H), 7.41 (t,  $J$  = 7.0 Hz, 1H), 7.14 (s, 1H), 7.03 (d,  $J$  = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 2.36 (s, 3H), 1.99 (s, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz, DMSO)  $\delta$  167.99, 162.26, 157.65, 152.12, 143.27, 135.94, 129.26, 126.75, 125.40, 124.14, 122.91, 122.35, 117.49, 113.94, 21.78, 19.96. HRMS (ESI): Calcd. for  $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{14}\text{N}_2\text{O}_2\text{S}$  ( $\text{M}+\text{H}$ ) 299.0854; Found: 299.0856.



The title compound was obtained in 35% yield as white solid;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$  12.11 (s, 1H), 8.35 (d,  $J$  = 8.7 Hz, 1H), 8.11 (d,  $J$  = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 8.02 (d,  $J$  = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.56 – 7.49 (m, 1H), 7.45 – 7.38 (m, 1H), 6.85 (d,  $J$  = 9.2 Hz, 2H), 3.85 (s, 3H), 2.01 (s, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz, DMSO)  $\delta$  168.26, 163.15, 162.16, 159.11, 152.16, 135.60, 130.92, 126.69, 125.15, 122.66, 122.29, 113.10, 109.02, 99.39, 56.21, 19.97. HRMS (ESI): Calcd. for  $\text{C}_{16}\text{H}_{14}\text{N}_2\text{O}_3\text{S}$  ( $\text{M}+\text{H}$ ) 315.0803; Found: 315.0797.

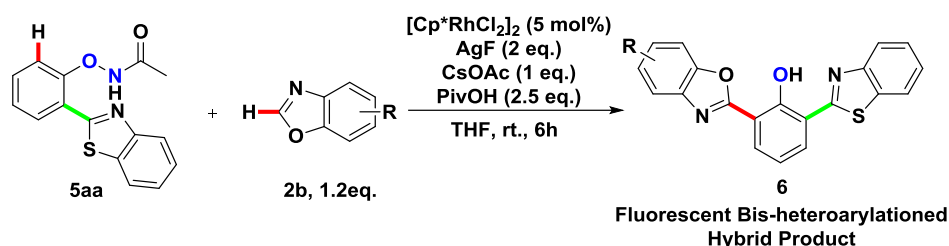


The title compound was obtained in 59% yield as white solid;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (500 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$  12.18 (s, 1H), 8.39 (d,  $J$  = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 8.20 (d,  $J$  = 8.5 Hz, 1H), 8.16 (d,  $J$  = 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.57 (t,  $J$  = 7.8 Hz, 1H), 7.51 (dd,  $J$  = 8.5, 2.0 Hz, 1H), 7.36 (d,  $J$  = 8.3 Hz, 1H), 7.26 (t,  $J$  = 7.5 Hz, 1H), 2.00 (s, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (126 MHz, DMSO)  $\delta$  157.28, 152.52, 134.31, 132.60, 131.06, 129.31, 128.91, 125.17, 123.42, 122.86, 121.88, 119.19, 113.22, 112.80, 19.35. HRMS (ESI): Calcd. for  $\text{C}_{15}\text{H}_{11}\text{ClN}_2\text{O}_2\text{S}$  ( $\text{M}+\text{H}$ ) 319.0308; Found: 319.0302.



The title compound was obtained in 37% yield as white solid;  $^1\text{H}$  NMR (400 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ )  $\delta$  12.16 (s, 1H), 8.65 (d,  $J$  = 2.2 Hz, 1H), 8.12 (d,  $J$  = 9.0 Hz, 1H), 7.94 (d,  $J$  = 2.1 Hz, 1H), 7.84 (d,  $J$  = 8.7 Hz, 1H), 7.46 (dd,  $J$  = 8.7, 2.2 Hz, 2H), 3.85 (s, 3H), 1.96 (s, 3H).  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR (101 MHz, DMSO)  $\delta$  168.19, 164.98, 161.61, 160.81, 148.89, 142.47, 134.44, 132.09, 129.21, 125.94, 124.01, 119.76, 114.00, 112.79, 112.47, 52.40, 19.51. HRMS (ESI): Calcd. for  $\text{C}_{17}\text{H}_{13}\text{ClN}_2\text{O}_5$  ( $\text{M}+\text{H}$ ) 361.0591; Found: 361.0587.

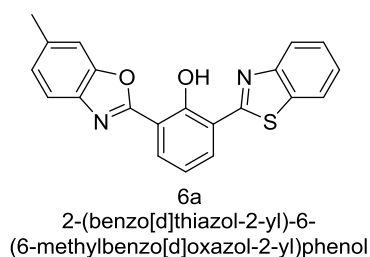
## VI. The fluorescent bis-heteroarylated hybrid products



### General procedure D:

DG preserved mono-hetero arylated products, *N*-(2-(benzo[*d*]thiazol-2-yl) - phenoxy)acetamide (**5aa**) (0.20 mmol), [Cp<sup>\*</sup>RhCl<sub>2</sub>]<sub>2</sub> (5 mol%), benzoxazole (**2b**) (0.24 mmol), AgF (2 eq.), PivOH (2.5 eq.) and CsOAc (1 eq.) were weighed into a 5 mL pressure tube, to which was added THF (1 mL). The reaction vessel was stirred at room temperature for 6 h. Then the mixture was concentrated under vacuum and the residue was purified by column chromatography on silica gel with a gradient eluent of dichloromethane and ethyl acetate to afford the corresponding product.

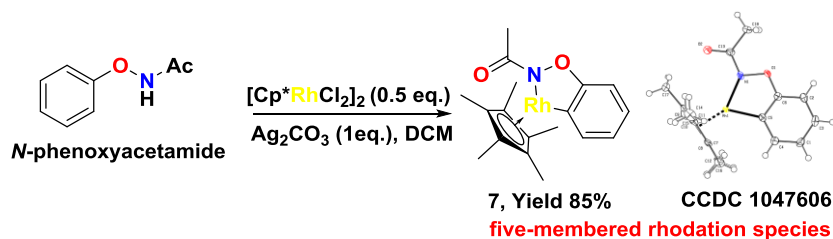
### Characterization of products **6**:



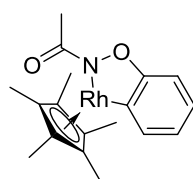
The title compound was obtained in 82% yield as white solid; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CD<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>) δ 8.93 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 8.28 (dd, *J* = 16.4, 7.9 Hz, 2H), 8.04 (d, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 7.68 (d, *J* = 8.1 Hz, 1H), 7.61 (t, *J* = 7.6 Hz, 1H), 7.54 – 7.48 (m, 2H), 7.29 (t, *J* = 8.2 Hz, 2H), 2.55 (s, 3H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (126 MHz, CD<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>) δ 179.85, 172.00, 162.67, 157.18, 150.23, 141.83, 137.35, 133.37, 130.25, 127.11, 126.76, 125.54, 123.35, 122.10, 120.38, 119.30, 111.56, 111.49, 22.18. HRMS (ESI): Calcd. for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>14</sub>N<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>S (M+H) 359.0854; Found: 359.0846.

## VII. Mechanism study

### (1) The synthesis of the five-membered rhodation species



### Characterization of rhodation species:



The rhodation species was obtained in 85% yield as red solid; <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz, Chloroform-*d*) δ 8.35 (d, *J* = 7.7 Hz, 1H), 7.26 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 1H), 7.19 (t, *J* = 6.8 Hz, 1H), 6.97 (t, *J* = 8.0 Hz, 1H), 2.54 (s, 3H), 1.85 (s, 15H). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (101 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>) δ 178.05, 166.48, 158.22, 157.76, 135.29, 127.65, 118.18, 110.02, 97.89, 97.82, 21.99, 10.52. HRMS (ESI): Calcd. for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>22</sub>NO<sub>2</sub>Rh (M+H) 388.0784; Found: 388.0783.

## (2) Plausible catalytic cycle

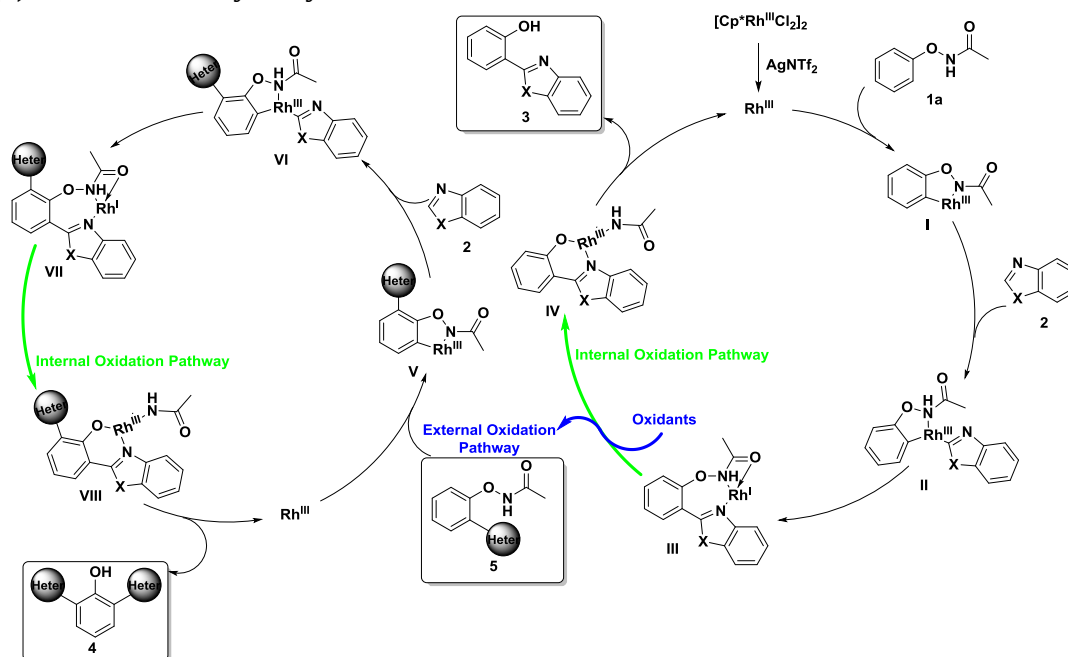


Figure S1. Proposed mechanism

## VIII. X-ray Crystallographic Data

Figure S2 Molecular structure and atom numbering scheme for 4aa.

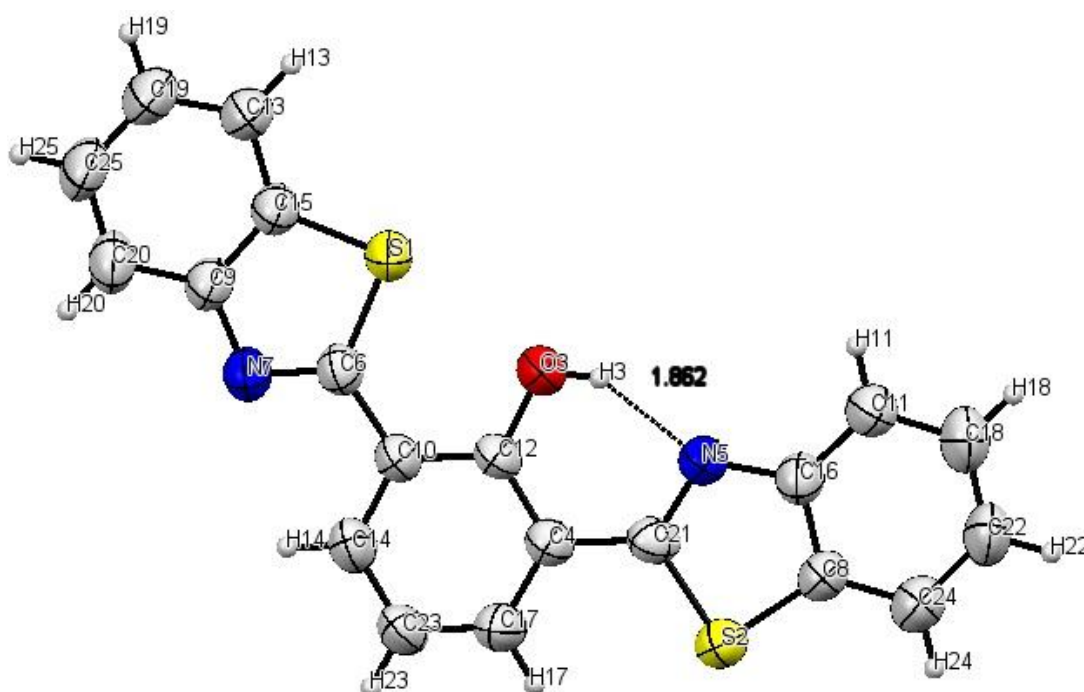


Table S1.1 Crystal data and structure refinement for **4aa**.

|                                   |                                                                 |          |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------|----------|
| Identification code               | shelx                                                           |          |
| Empirical formula                 | C <sub>20</sub> H <sub>12</sub> N <sub>2</sub> O S <sub>2</sub> |          |
| Formula weight                    | 360.44                                                          |          |
| Temperature                       | 293(2) K                                                        |          |
| Wavelength                        | 1.54187 Å                                                       |          |
| Crystal system                    | Orthorhombic                                                    |          |
| Space group                       | P b c a                                                         |          |
| Unit cell dimensions              | a = 7.38990(10) Å                                               | α = 90 ° |
|                                   | b = 13.5531(2) Å                                                | β = 90 ° |
|                                   | c = 32.123(2) Å                                                 | γ = 90 ° |
| Volume                            | 3217.3(2) Å <sup>3</sup>                                        |          |
| Z                                 | 8                                                               |          |
| Density (calculated)              | 1.488 Mg/m <sup>3</sup>                                         |          |
| Absorption coefficient            | 3.082 mm <sup>-1</sup>                                          |          |
| F(000)                            | 1488                                                            |          |
| Crystal size                      | 0.200 x 0.080 x 0.010 mm <sup>3</sup>                           |          |
| Theta range for data collection   | 6.532 to 68.345 °                                               |          |
| Index ranges                      | -8 ≤ h ≤ 8, -16 ≤ k ≤ 15, -36 ≤ l ≤ 37                          |          |
| Reflections collected             | 19105                                                           |          |
| Independent reflections           | 2903 [R(int) = 0.1139]                                          |          |
| Completeness to theta = 67.687 °  | 99.2 %                                                          |          |
| Absorption correction             | Semi-empirical from equivalents                                 |          |
| Max. and min. transmission        | 0.540 and 0.309                                                 |          |
| Refinement method                 | Full-matrix least-squares on F <sup>2</sup>                     |          |
| Data / restraints / parameters    | 2903 / 0 / 226                                                  |          |
| Goodness-of-fit on F <sup>2</sup> | 1.095                                                           |          |
| Final R indices [I > 2σ(I)]       | R1 = 0.0684, wR2 = 0.1715                                       |          |
| R indices (all data)              | R1 = 0.1153, wR2 = 0.2246                                       |          |
| Extinction coefficient            | n/a                                                             |          |
| Largest diff. peak and hole       | 0.296 and -0.439 e.Å <sup>-3</sup>                              |          |

Table S1.2 Bond lengths [Å] and angles [°] for **4aa**.

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|             |          |
|-------------|----------|
| S(1)-C(15)  | 1.727(5) |
| S(1)-C(6)   | 1.739(5) |
| S(2)-C(8)   | 1.716(5) |
| S(2)-C(21)  | 1.739(5) |
| O(3)-C(12)  | 1.348(5) |
| O(3)-H(3)   | 0.8200   |
| N(5)-C(21)  | 1.318(6) |
| N(5)-C(16)  | 1.387(6) |
| N(7)-C(6)   | 1.308(6) |
| N(7)-C(9)   | 1.378(6) |
| C(4)-C(17)  | 1.379(6) |
| C(4)-C(12)  | 1.408(6) |
| C(4)-C(21)  | 1.463(6) |
| C(6)-C(10)  | 1.483(6) |
| C(8)-C(24)  | 1.396(7) |
| C(8)-C(16)  | 1.409(6) |
| C(9)-C(20)  | 1.396(6) |
| C(9)-C(15)  | 1.401(7) |
| C(10)-C(14) | 1.387(6) |
| C(10)-C(12) | 1.404(6) |
| C(11)-C(18) | 1.379(6) |
| C(11)-C(16) | 1.390(6) |
| C(11)-H(11) | 0.9300   |
| C(13)-C(19) | 1.384(6) |
| C(13)-C(15) | 1.401(6) |
| C(13)-H(13) | 0.9300   |
| C(14)-C(23) | 1.379(6) |
| C(14)-H(14) | 0.9300   |
| C(17)-C(23) | 1.374(7) |
| C(17)-H(17) | 0.9300   |
| C(18)-C(22) | 1.376(8) |
| C(18)-H(18) | 0.9300   |
| C(19)-C(25) | 1.385(7) |
| C(19)-H(19) | 0.9300   |
| C(20)-C(25) | 1.367(7) |
| C(20)-H(20) | 0.9300   |

|                   |          |
|-------------------|----------|
| C(22)-C(24)       | 1.377(7) |
| C(22)-H(22)       | 0.9300   |
| C(23)-H(23)       | 0.9300   |
| C(24)-H(24)       | 0.9300   |
| C(25)-H(25)       | 0.9300   |
| C(15)-S(1)-C(6)   | 89.1(2)  |
| C(8)-S(2)-C(21)   | 89.9(2)  |
| C(12)-O(3)-H(3)   | 109.5    |
| C(21)-N(5)-C(16)  | 111.3(4) |
| C(6)-N(7)-C(9)    | 110.3(4) |
| C(17)-C(4)-C(12)  | 119.0(4) |
| C(17)-C(4)-C(21)  | 121.3(4) |
| C(12)-C(4)-C(21)  | 119.7(4) |
| N(7)-C(6)-C(10)   | 120.7(4) |
| N(7)-C(6)-S(1)    | 115.8(4) |
| C(10)-C(6)-S(1)   | 123.5(3) |
| C(24)-C(8)-C(16)  | 120.0(5) |
| C(24)-C(8)-S(2)   | 129.9(4) |
| C(16)-C(8)-S(2)   | 110.0(3) |
| N(7)-C(9)-C(20)   | 125.8(5) |
| N(7)-C(9)-C(15)   | 115.4(4) |
| C(20)-C(9)-C(15)  | 118.8(5) |
| C(14)-C(10)-C(12) | 118.5(4) |
| C(14)-C(10)-C(6)  | 118.9(4) |
| C(12)-C(10)-C(6)  | 122.6(4) |
| C(18)-C(11)-C(16) | 118.8(5) |
| C(18)-C(11)-H(11) | 120.6    |
| C(16)-C(11)-H(11) | 120.6    |
| O(3)-C(12)-C(10)  | 117.7(4) |
| O(3)-C(12)-C(4)   | 122.3(4) |
| C(10)-C(12)-C(4)  | 120.0(4) |
| C(19)-C(13)-C(15) | 116.8(5) |
| C(19)-C(13)-H(13) | 121.6    |
| C(15)-C(13)-H(13) | 121.6    |
| C(23)-C(14)-C(10) | 121.6(5) |
| C(23)-C(14)-H(14) | 119.2    |
| C(10)-C(14)-H(14) | 119.2    |
| C(9)-C(15)-C(13)  | 122.0(5) |

|                   |          |
|-------------------|----------|
| C(9)-C(15)-S(1)   | 109.4(4) |
| C(13)-C(15)-S(1)  | 128.6(4) |
| N(5)-C(16)-C(11)  | 125.7(5) |
| N(5)-C(16)-C(8)   | 114.1(4) |
| C(11)-C(16)-C(8)  | 120.2(5) |
| C(23)-C(17)-C(4)  | 121.6(5) |
| C(23)-C(17)-H(17) | 119.2    |
| C(4)-C(17)-H(17)  | 119.2    |
| C(22)-C(18)-C(11) | 120.9(5) |
| C(22)-C(18)-H(18) | 119.6    |
| C(11)-C(18)-H(18) | 119.6    |
| C(13)-C(19)-C(25) | 121.8(5) |
| C(13)-C(19)-H(19) | 119.1    |
| C(25)-C(19)-H(19) | 119.1    |
| C(25)-C(20)-C(9)  | 119.6(5) |
| C(25)-C(20)-H(20) | 120.2    |
| C(9)-C(20)-H(20)  | 120.2    |
| N(5)-C(21)-C(4)   | 123.1(4) |
| N(5)-C(21)-S(2)   | 114.8(3) |
| C(4)-C(21)-S(2)   | 122.1(4) |
| C(18)-C(22)-C(24) | 121.7(5) |
| C(18)-C(22)-H(22) | 119.1    |
| C(24)-C(22)-H(22) | 119.1    |
| C(17)-C(23)-C(14) | 119.3(5) |
| C(17)-C(23)-H(23) | 120.4    |
| C(14)-C(23)-H(23) | 120.4    |
| C(22)-C(24)-C(8)  | 118.3(5) |
| C(22)-C(24)-H(24) | 120.8    |
| C(8)-C(24)-H(24)  | 120.8    |
| C(20)-C(25)-C(19) | 120.9(5) |
| C(20)-C(25)-H(25) | 119.6    |
| C(19)-C(25)-H(25) | 119.6    |

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Symmetry transformations used to generate equivalent atoms:

Figure S3 Molecular structure and atom numbering scheme for **5aa**

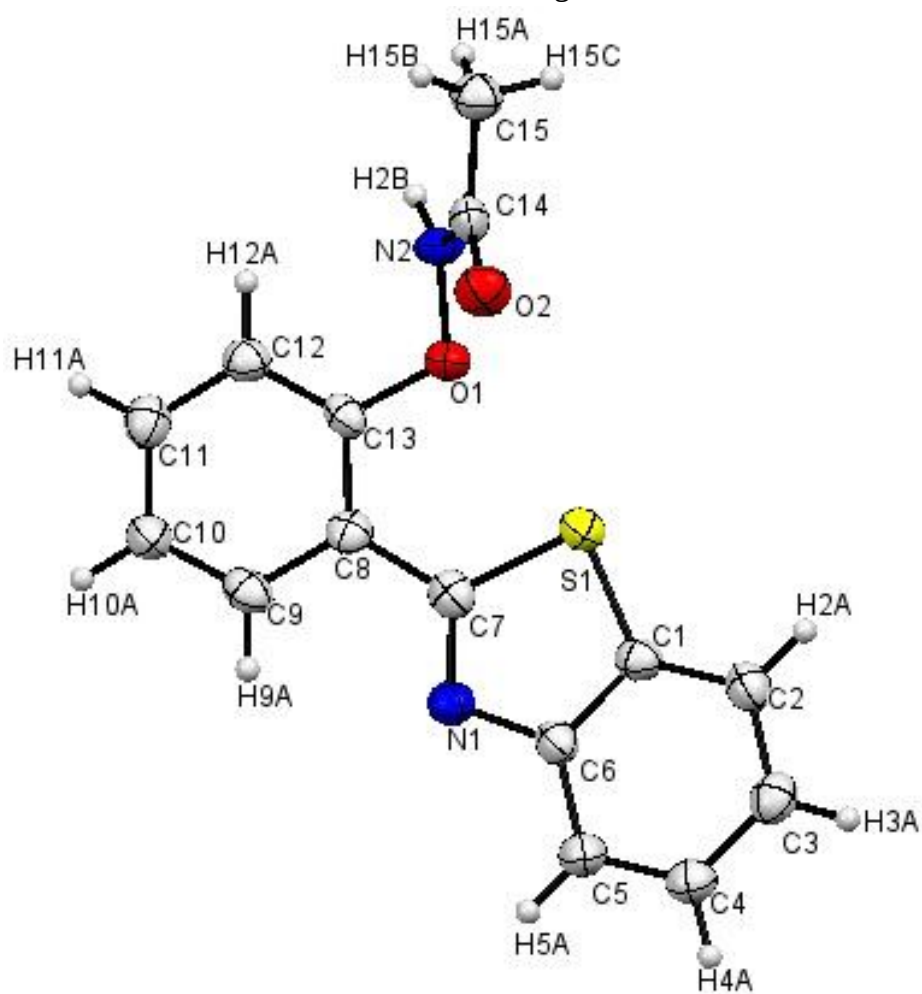


Table S2.1 Crystal data and structure refinement for **5aa**

|                                   |                                                                                           |          |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------|
| Identification code               | A                                                                                         |          |
| Empirical formula                 | C <sub>3.53</sub> H <sub>2.82</sub> N <sub>0.47</sub> O <sub>0.47</sub> S <sub>0.24</sub> |          |
| Formula weight                    | 66.90                                                                                     |          |
| Temperature                       | 150(2) K                                                                                  |          |
| Wavelength                        | 0.71073 Å                                                                                 |          |
| Crystal system                    | Orthorhombic                                                                              |          |
| Space group                       | P2 <sub>1</sub> 2 <sub>1</sub> 2 <sub>1</sub>                                             |          |
| Unit cell dimensions              | a = 4.7941(7) Å                                                                           | α = 90 ° |
|                                   | b = 15.333(2) Å                                                                           | β = 90 ° |
|                                   | c = 17.698(3) Å                                                                           | γ = 90 ° |
| Volume                            | 1301.0(3) Å <sup>3</sup>                                                                  |          |
| Z                                 | 17                                                                                        |          |
| Density (calculated)              | 1.452 Mg/m <sup>3</sup>                                                                   |          |
| Absorption coefficient            | 0.251 mm <sup>-1</sup>                                                                    |          |
| F(000)                            | 592                                                                                       |          |
| Crystal size                      | 0.186 x 0.086 x 0.053 mm <sup>3</sup>                                                     |          |
| Theta range for data collection   | 3.516 to 27.482 °                                                                         |          |
| Index ranges                      | -6 ≤ h ≤ 5, -17 ≤ k ≤ 19, -22 ≤ l ≤ 22                                                    |          |
| Reflections collected             | 7897                                                                                      |          |
| Independent reflections           | 2850 [R(int) = 0.0835]                                                                    |          |
| Completeness to theta = 25.242 °  | 99.4 %                                                                                    |          |
| Absorption correction             | Semi-empirical from equivalents                                                           |          |
| Max. and min. transmission        | 0.987 and 0.974                                                                           |          |
| Refinement method                 | Full-matrix least-squares on F <sup>2</sup>                                               |          |
| Data / restraints / parameters    | 2850 / 0 / 181                                                                            |          |
| Goodness-of-fit on F <sup>2</sup> | 1.042                                                                                     |          |
| Final R indices [I > 2σ(I)]       | R1 = 0.0567, wR2 = 0.1193                                                                 |          |
| R indices (all data)              | R1 = 0.0895, wR2 = 0.1374                                                                 |          |
| Absolute structure parameter      | 0.13(13)                                                                                  |          |
| Extinction coefficient            | n/a                                                                                       |          |
| Largest diff. peak and hole       | 0.272 and -0.426 e.Å <sup>-3</sup>                                                        |          |

Table S2.2 Bond lengths [Å] and angles [°] for **5aa**.

|                |          |
|----------------|----------|
| S(1)-C(1)      | 1.734(5) |
| S(1)-C(7)      | 1.764(5) |
| N(1)-C(7)      | 1.310(6) |
| N(1)-C(6)      | 1.397(6) |
| N(2)-C(14)     | 1.356(6) |
| N(2)-O(1)      | 1.413(5) |
| N(2)-H(2B)     | 0.8800   |
| O(1)-C(13)     | 1.394(6) |
| O(2)-C(14)     | 1.233(6) |
| C(1)-C(6)      | 1.402(7) |
| C(1)-C(2)      | 1.403(7) |
| C(2)-C(3)      | 1.388(7) |
| C(2)-H(2A)     | 0.9500   |
| C(3)-C(4)      | 1.403(8) |
| C(3)-H(3A)     | 0.9500   |
| C(4)-C(5)      | 1.384(7) |
| C(4)-H(4A)     | 0.9500   |
| C(5)-C(6)      | 1.402(7) |
| C(5)-H(5A)     | 0.9500   |
| C(7)-C(8)      | 1.481(7) |
| C(8)-C(13)     | 1.402(7) |
| C(8)-C(9)      | 1.406(7) |
| C(9)-C(10)     | 1.379(7) |
| C(9)-H(9A)     | 0.9500   |
| C(10)-C(11)    | 1.395(7) |
| C(10)-H(10A)   | 0.9500   |
| C(11)-C(12)    | 1.395(8) |
| C(11)-H(11A)   | 0.9500   |
| C(12)-C(13)    | 1.388(7) |
| C(12)-H(12A)   | 0.9500   |
| C(14)-C(15)    | 1.503(7) |
| C(15)-H(15A)   | 0.9800   |
| C(15)-H(15B)   | 0.9800   |
| C(15)-H(15C)   | 0.9800   |
| C(1)-S(1)-C(7) | 89.0(2)  |
| C(7)-N(1)-C(6) | 110.9(4) |

|                    |          |
|--------------------|----------|
| C(14)-N(2)-O(1)    | 116.5(4) |
| C(14)-N(2)-H(2B)   | 121.8    |
| O(1)-N(2)-H(2B)    | 121.8    |
| C(13)-O(1)-N(2)    | 113.9(3) |
| C(6)-C(1)-C(2)     | 121.1(5) |
| C(6)-C(1)-S(1)     | 110.1(4) |
| C(2)-C(1)-S(1)     | 128.8(4) |
| C(3)-C(2)-C(1)     | 118.0(5) |
| C(3)-C(2)-H(2A)    | 121.0    |
| C(1)-C(2)-H(2A)    | 121.0    |
| C(2)-C(3)-C(4)     | 120.9(5) |
| C(2)-C(3)-H(3A)    | 119.5    |
| C(4)-C(3)-H(3A)    | 119.5    |
| C(5)-C(4)-C(3)     | 121.3(5) |
| C(5)-C(4)-H(4A)    | 119.4    |
| C(3)-C(4)-H(4A)    | 119.4    |
| C(4)-C(5)-C(6)     | 118.3(5) |
| C(4)-C(5)-H(5A)    | 120.8    |
| C(6)-C(5)-H(5A)    | 120.8    |
| N(1)-C(6)-C(1)     | 114.8(4) |
| N(1)-C(6)-C(5)     | 124.9(5) |
| C(1)-C(6)-C(5)     | 120.3(5) |
| N(1)-C(7)-C(8)     | 121.5(4) |
| N(1)-C(7)-S(1)     | 115.3(4) |
| C(8)-C(7)-S(1)     | 123.3(4) |
| C(13)-C(8)-C(9)    | 117.1(5) |
| C(13)-C(8)-C(7)    | 124.2(5) |
| C(9)-C(8)-C(7)     | 118.7(5) |
| C(10)-C(9)-C(8)    | 121.7(5) |
| C(10)-C(9)-H(9A)   | 119.2    |
| C(8)-C(9)-H(9A)    | 119.2    |
| C(9)-C(10)-C(11)   | 120.0(5) |
| C(9)-C(10)-H(10A)  | 120.0    |
| C(11)-C(10)-H(10A) | 120.0    |
| C(10)-C(11)-C(12)  | 119.9(5) |
| C(10)-C(11)-H(11A) | 120.0    |
| C(12)-C(11)-H(11A) | 120.0    |
| C(13)-C(12)-C(11)  | 119.3(5) |

|                     |          |
|---------------------|----------|
| C(13)-C(12)-H(12A)  | 120.3    |
| C(11)-C(12)-H(12A)  | 120.3    |
| C(12)-C(13)-O(1)    | 122.2(4) |
| C(12)-C(13)-C(8)    | 122.0(4) |
| O(1)-C(13)-C(8)     | 115.8(4) |
| O(2)-C(14)-N(2)     | 122.3(5) |
| O(2)-C(14)-C(15)    | 123.0(5) |
| N(2)-C(14)-C(15)    | 114.7(4) |
| C(14)-C(15)-H(15A)  | 109.5    |
| C(14)-C(15)-H(15B)  | 109.5    |
| H(15A)-C(15)-H(15B) | 109.5    |
| C(14)-C(15)-H(15C)  | 109.5    |
| H(15A)-C(15)-H(15C) | 109.5    |
| H(15B)-C(15)-H(15C) | 109.5    |

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Symmetry transformations used to generate equivalent atoms:

Figure S4 Molecular structure and atom numbering scheme for **6a**.

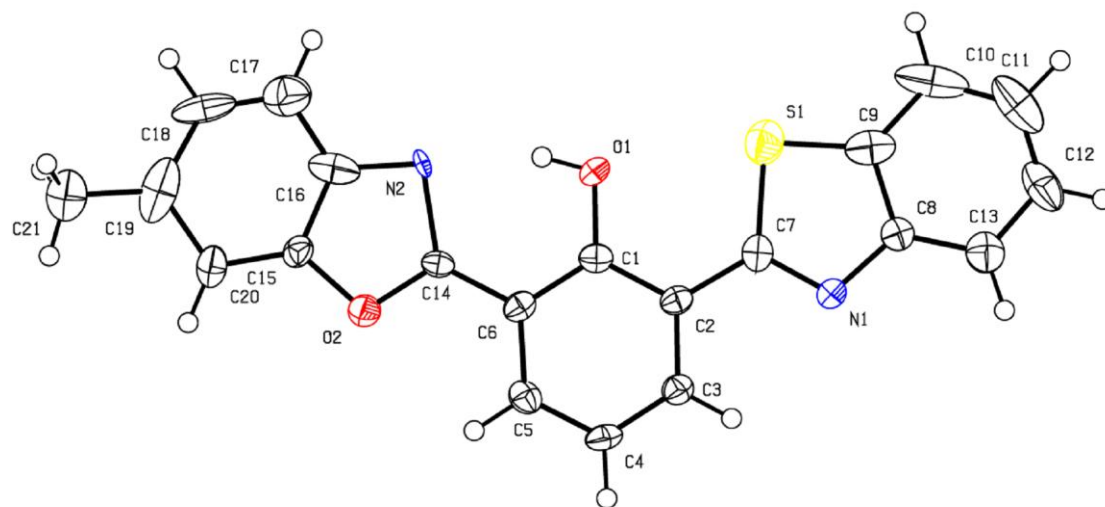


Table S3.1 Crystal data and structure refinement for **6a**.

|                                   |                                                                 |                         |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Identification code               | a                                                               |                         |
| Empirical formula                 | C <sub>21</sub> H <sub>14</sub> N <sub>2</sub> O <sub>2</sub> S |                         |
| Formula weight                    | 358.40                                                          |                         |
| Temperature                       | 150(2) K                                                        |                         |
| Wavelength                        | 1.54178 Å                                                       |                         |
| Crystal system                    | Triclinic                                                       |                         |
| Space group                       | P-1                                                             |                         |
| Unit cell dimensions              | a = 4.6897(7) Å                                                 | $\alpha$ = 109.35(2) °  |
|                                   | b = 12.449(3) Å                                                 | $\beta$ = 96.794(16) °  |
|                                   | c = 15.119(4) Å                                                 | $\gamma$ = 99.101(16) ° |
| Volume                            | 808.4(3) Å <sup>3</sup>                                         |                         |
| Z                                 | 2                                                               |                         |
| Density (calculated)              | 1.472 Mg/m <sup>3</sup>                                         |                         |
| Absorption coefficient            | 1.935 mm <sup>-1</sup>                                          |                         |
| F(000)                            | 372                                                             |                         |
| Crystal size                      | ? x ? x ? mm <sup>3</sup>                                       |                         |
| Theta range for data collection   | 3.151 to 61.992 °                                               |                         |
| Index ranges                      | -5 ≤ h ≤ 3, -13 ≤ k ≤ 14, -16 ≤ l ≤ 17                          |                         |
| Reflections collected             | 3871                                                            |                         |
| Independent reflections           | 2528 [R(int) = 0.0455]                                          |                         |
| Completeness to theta = 61.992 °  | 98.9 %                                                          |                         |
| Refinement method                 | Full-matrix least-squares on F <sup>2</sup>                     |                         |
| Data / restraints / parameters    | 2528 / 6 / 236                                                  |                         |
| Goodness-of-fit on F <sup>2</sup> | 1.188                                                           |                         |
| Final R indices [I > 2σ(I)]       | R1 = 0.1127, wR2 = 0.2996                                       |                         |
| R indices (all data)              | R1 = 0.1509, wR2 = 0.3289                                       |                         |
| Extinction coefficient            | n/a                                                             |                         |
| Largest diff. peak and hole       | 2.164 and -0.499 e.Å <sup>-3</sup>                              |                         |

Table S3.2 Bond lengths [Å] and angles [°] for **6a**.

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|              |           |
|--------------|-----------|
| S(1)-C(9)    | 1.647(9)  |
| S(1)-C(7)    | 1.726(7)  |
| N(1)-C(7)    | 1.316(8)  |
| N(1)-C(8)    | 1.383(8)  |
| O(2)-C(14)   | 1.358(8)  |
| O(2)-C(15)   | 1.386(7)  |
| O(1)-C(1)    | 1.349(7)  |
| O(1)-H(1A)   | 0.8501    |
| N(2)-C(16)   | 1.374(10) |
| N(2)-C(14)   | 1.584(7)  |
| C(1)-C(6)    | 1.407(9)  |
| C(1)-C(2)    | 1.414(9)  |
| C(2)-C(3)    | 1.388(9)  |
| C(2)-C(7)    | 1.463(9)  |
| C(3)-C(4)    | 1.373(9)  |
| C(3)-H(3A)   | 0.9500    |
| C(4)-C(5)    | 1.375(9)  |
| C(4)-H(4A)   | 0.9500    |
| C(5)-C(6)    | 1.413(9)  |
| C(5)-H(5A)   | 0.9500    |
| C(6)-C(14)   | 1.435(9)  |
| C(8)-C(13)   | 1.395(10) |
| C(8)-C(9)    | 1.412(10) |
| C(9)-C(10)   | 1.415(13) |
| C(10)-C(11)  | 1.385(15) |
| C(10)-H(10A) | 0.9500    |
| C(11)-C(12)  | 1.336(14) |
| C(11)-H(11A) | 0.9500    |
| C(12)-C(13)  | 1.367(11) |
| C(12)-H(12A) | 0.9500    |
| C(13)-H(13A) | 0.9500    |
| C(15)-C(20)  | 1.364(10) |
| C(15)-C(16)  | 1.410(10) |
| C(16)-C(17)  | 1.353(12) |
| C(17)-C(18)  | 1.309(14) |
| C(17)-H(17A) | 0.9500    |

|              |           |
|--------------|-----------|
| C(18)-C(19)  | 1.450(14) |
| C(18)-H(18A) | 0.9500    |
| C(19)-C(20)  | 1.441(11) |
| C(19)-C(21)  | 1.449(12) |
| C(20)-H(20A) | 0.9500    |
| C(21)-H(21A) | 0.9800    |
| C(21)-H(21B) | 0.9800    |
| C(21)-H(21C) | 0.9800    |

|                  |          |
|------------------|----------|
| C(9)-S(1)-C(7)   | 90.7(3)  |
| C(7)-N(1)-C(8)   | 109.3(5) |
| C(14)-O(2)-C(15) | 106.0(5) |
| C(1)-O(1)-H(1A)  | 106.2    |
| C(16)-N(2)-C(14) | 95.5(5)  |
| O(1)-C(1)-C(6)   | 121.3(5) |
| O(1)-C(1)-C(2)   | 118.6(6) |
| C(6)-C(1)-C(2)   | 120.1(6) |
| C(3)-C(2)-C(1)   | 118.5(6) |
| C(3)-C(2)-C(7)   | 119.4(6) |
| C(1)-C(2)-C(7)   | 122.1(6) |
| C(4)-C(3)-C(2)   | 121.9(6) |
| C(4)-C(3)-H(3A)  | 119.0    |
| C(2)-C(3)-H(3A)  | 119.0    |
| C(3)-C(4)-C(5)   | 120.1(6) |
| C(3)-C(4)-H(4A)  | 119.9    |
| C(5)-C(4)-H(4A)  | 119.9    |
| C(4)-C(5)-C(6)   | 120.5(6) |
| C(4)-C(5)-H(5A)  | 119.8    |
| C(6)-C(5)-H(5A)  | 119.7    |
| C(5)-C(6)-C(1)   | 118.8(6) |
| C(5)-C(6)-C(14)  | 120.8(6) |
| C(1)-C(6)-C(14)  | 120.4(6) |
| N(1)-C(7)-C(2)   | 121.0(6) |
| N(1)-C(7)-S(1)   | 115.1(5) |
| C(2)-C(7)-S(1)   | 123.8(5) |
| N(1)-C(8)-C(13)  | 126.1(6) |
| N(1)-C(8)-C(9)   | 114.4(6) |
| C(13)-C(8)-C(9)  | 119.5(7) |

|                    |          |
|--------------------|----------|
| C(8)-C(9)-C(10)    | 119.5(8) |
| C(8)-C(9)-S(1)     | 110.6(6) |
| C(10)-C(9)-S(1)    | 129.9(7) |
| C(11)-C(10)-C(9)   | 117.6(8) |
| C(11)-C(10)-H(10A) | 121.2    |
| C(9)-C(10)-H(10A)  | 121.2    |
| C(12)-C(11)-C(10)  | 122.3(9) |
| C(12)-C(11)-H(11A) | 118.9    |
| C(10)-C(11)-H(11A) | 118.9    |
| C(11)-C(12)-C(13)  | 121.8(9) |
| C(11)-C(12)-H(12A) | 119.1    |
| C(13)-C(12)-H(12A) | 119.1    |
| C(12)-C(13)-C(8)   | 119.2(8) |
| C(12)-C(13)-H(13A) | 120.4    |
| C(8)-C(13)-H(13A)  | 120.4    |
| O(2)-C(14)-C(6)    | 120.3(5) |
| O(2)-C(14)-N(2)    | 113.5(5) |
| C(6)-C(14)-N(2)    | 126.1(5) |
| C(20)-C(15)-O(2)   | 128.5(6) |
| C(20)-C(15)-C(16)  | 123.5(7) |
| O(2)-C(15)-C(16)   | 108.0(6) |
| C(17)-C(16)-N(2)   | 119.5(7) |
| C(17)-C(16)-C(15)  | 123.4(8) |
| N(2)-C(16)-C(15)   | 117.0(6) |
| C(18)-C(17)-C(16)  | 114.1(8) |
| C(18)-C(17)-H(17A) | 122.9    |
| C(16)-C(17)-H(17A) | 123.0    |
| C(17)-C(18)-C(19)  | 127.5(8) |
| C(17)-C(18)-H(18A) | 116.3    |
| C(19)-C(18)-H(18A) | 116.2    |
| C(20)-C(19)-C(18)  | 116.9(8) |
| C(20)-C(19)-C(21)  | 121.5(9) |
| C(18)-C(19)-C(21)  | 121.6(9) |
| C(15)-C(20)-C(19)  | 114.6(7) |
| C(15)-C(20)-H(20A) | 122.7    |
| C(19)-C(20)-H(20A) | 122.7    |
| C(19)-C(21)-H(21A) | 109.5    |
| C(19)-C(21)-H(21B) | 109.5    |

|                     |       |
|---------------------|-------|
| H(21A)-C(21)-H(21B) | 109.5 |
| C(19)-C(21)-H(21C)  | 109.5 |
| H(21A)-C(21)-H(21C) | 109.5 |
| H(21B)-C(21)-H(21C) | 109.5 |

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Symmetry transformations used to generate equivalent atoms:

Figure S5 Molecular structure and atom numbering scheme for **rhodation species**.

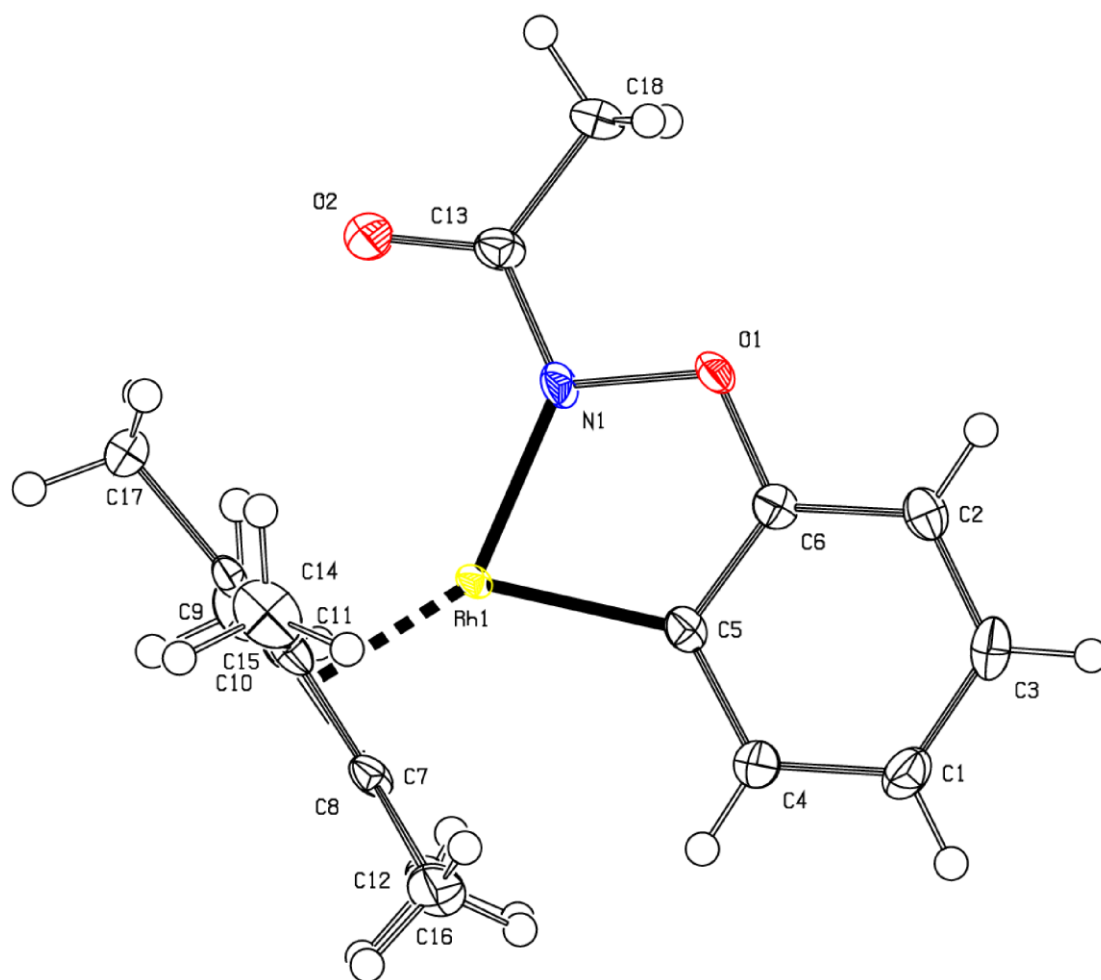


Table S4.1 Crystal data and structure refinement for **rhodation species**

|                                   |                                                                                                                        |
|-----------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Identification code               | p                                                                                                                      |
| Empirical formula                 | C <sub>18</sub> H <sub>22</sub> N O <sub>2</sub> Rh                                                                    |
| Formula weight                    | 387.28                                                                                                                 |
| Temperature                       | 293(2) K                                                                                                               |
| Wavelength                        | 1.54178 Å                                                                                                              |
| Crystal system, space group       | Monoclinic, P2(1)/c                                                                                                    |
| Unit cell dimensions              | a = 7.6555(3) Å    alpha = 90 deg.<br>b = 13.0617(5) Å    beta = 96.793(3) deg.<br>c = 16.9622(5) Å    gamma = 90 deg. |
| Volume                            | 1684.21(10) Å <sup>3</sup>                                                                                             |
| Z, Calculated density             | 4, 1.527 Mg/m <sup>3</sup>                                                                                             |
| Absorption coefficient            | 8.244 mm <sup>-1</sup>                                                                                                 |
| F(000)                            | 792                                                                                                                    |
| Crystal size                      | 0.25 x 0.21 x 0.19 mm                                                                                                  |
| Theta range for data collection   | 4.28 to 67.09 deg.                                                                                                     |
| Limiting indices                  | -8<=h<=9, -15<=k<=15, -20<=l<=20                                                                                       |
| Reflections collected / unique    | 19846 / 2989 [R(int) = 0.0658]                                                                                         |
| Completeness to theta = 67.09     | 99.4 %                                                                                                                 |
| Absorption correction             | Semi-empirical from equivalents                                                                                        |
| Max. and min. transmission        | 0.3034 and 0.2324                                                                                                      |
| Refinement method                 | Full-matrix least-squares on F <sup>2</sup>                                                                            |
| Data / restraints / parameters    | 2989 / 6 / 199                                                                                                         |
| Goodness-of-fit on F <sup>2</sup> | 1.028                                                                                                                  |
| Final R indices [I>2sigma(I)]     | R1 = 0.0425, wR2 = 0.1095                                                                                              |
| R indices (all data)              | R1 = 0.0451, wR2 = 0.1137                                                                                              |
| Largest diff. peak and hole       | 1.296 and -1.656 e.Å <sup>-3</sup>                                                                                     |

Table S4.2 Bond lengths [Å] and angles [deg] for **rhodation species**.

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|              |          |
|--------------|----------|
| Rh(1)-N(1)   | 1.975(2) |
| Rh(1)-C(5)   | 2.004(3) |
| Rh(1)-C(8)   | 2.141(2) |
| Rh(1)-C(7)   | 2.159(3) |
| Rh(1)-C(11)  | 2.168(3) |
| Rh(1)-C(10)  | 2.190(2) |
| Rh(1)-C(9)   | 2.260(2) |
| N(1)-C(13)   | 1.375(3) |
| N(1)-O(1)    | 1.448(3) |
| O(1)-C(6)    | 1.356(3) |
| O(2)-C(13)   | 1.223(3) |
| C(18)-C(13)  | 1.504(4) |
| C(18)-H(18A) | 0.9600   |
| C(18)-H(18B) | 0.9600   |
| C(18)-H(18C) | 0.9600   |
| C(1)-C(4)    | 1.389(4) |
| C(1)-C(3)    | 1.392(4) |
| C(1)-H(1A)   | 0.9300   |
| C(2)-C(3)    | 1.381(4) |
| C(2)-C(6)    | 1.391(4) |
| C(2)-H(2A)   | 0.9300   |
| C(3)-H(3A)   | 0.9300   |
| C(4)-C(5)    | 1.411(4) |
| C(4)-H(4A)   | 0.9300   |
| C(5)-C(6)    | 1.405(4) |
| C(7)-C(8)    | 1.423(4) |
| C(7)-C(11)   | 1.449(4) |
| C(7)-C(16)   | 1.491(4) |
| C(8)-C(10)   | 1.452(4) |
| C(8)-C(12)   | 1.495(4) |
| C(9)-C(11)   | 1.421(4) |
| C(9)-C(10)   | 1.422(4) |
| C(9)-C(17)   | 1.492(4) |
| C(10)-C(15)  | 1.482(4) |
| C(11)-C(14)  | 1.492(4) |

|              |        |
|--------------|--------|
| C(12)-H(12A) | 0.9600 |
| C(12)-H(12B) | 0.9600 |
| C(12)-H(12C) | 0.9600 |
| C(14)-H(14A) | 0.9600 |
| C(14)-H(14B) | 0.9600 |
| C(14)-H(14C) | 0.9600 |
| C(15)-H(15A) | 0.9600 |
| C(15)-H(15B) | 0.9600 |
| C(15)-H(15C) | 0.9600 |
| C(16)-H(16A) | 0.9600 |
| C(16)-H(16B) | 0.9600 |
| C(16)-H(16C) | 0.9600 |
| C(17)-H(17A) | 0.9600 |
| C(17)-H(17B) | 0.9600 |
| C(17)-H(17C) | 0.9600 |

|                   |            |
|-------------------|------------|
| N(1)-Rh(1)-C(5)   | 79.23(10)  |
| N(1)-Rh(1)-C(8)   | 159.06(10) |
| C(5)-Rh(1)-C(8)   | 105.71(10) |
| N(1)-Rh(1)-C(7)   | 160.98(10) |
| C(5)-Rh(1)-C(7)   | 104.36(10) |
| C(8)-Rh(1)-C(7)   | 38.66(10)  |
| N(1)-Rh(1)-C(11)  | 126.35(10) |
| C(5)-Rh(1)-C(11)  | 134.16(11) |
| C(8)-Rh(1)-C(11)  | 64.78(10)  |
| C(7)-Rh(1)-C(11)  | 39.13(11)  |
| N(1)-Rh(1)-C(10)  | 125.20(9)  |
| C(5)-Rh(1)-C(10)  | 137.51(10) |
| C(8)-Rh(1)-C(10)  | 39.17(10)  |
| C(7)-Rh(1)-C(10)  | 64.50(9)   |
| C(11)-Rh(1)-C(10) | 63.27(9)   |
| N(1)-Rh(1)-C(9)   | 112.51(9)  |
| C(5)-Rh(1)-C(9)   | 168.11(10) |
| C(8)-Rh(1)-C(9)   | 64.09(9)   |
| C(7)-Rh(1)-C(9)   | 63.95(10)  |
| C(11)-Rh(1)-C(9)  | 37.35(10)  |
| C(10)-Rh(1)-C(9)  | 37.23(10)  |
| C(13)-N(1)-O(1)   | 109.14(19) |

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| C(13)-N(1)-Rh(1)    | 132.81(17) |
| O(1)-N(1)-Rh(1)     | 118.03(14) |
| C(6)-O(1)-N(1)      | 109.45(18) |
| C(13)-C(18)-H(18A)  | 109.5      |
| C(13)-C(18)-H(18B)  | 109.5      |
| H(18A)-C(18)-H(18B) | 109.5      |
| C(13)-C(18)-H(18C)  | 109.5      |
| H(18A)-C(18)-H(18C) | 109.5      |
| H(18B)-C(18)-H(18C) | 109.5      |
| C(4)-C(1)-C(3)      | 120.5(3)   |
| C(4)-C(1)-H(1A)     | 119.7      |
| C(3)-C(1)-H(1A)     | 119.7      |
| C(3)-C(2)-C(6)      | 118.7(3)   |
| C(3)-C(2)-H(2A)     | 120.6      |
| C(6)-C(2)-H(2A)     | 120.6      |
| C(2)-C(3)-C(1)      | 120.1(3)   |
| C(2)-C(3)-H(3A)     | 119.9      |
| C(1)-C(3)-H(3A)     | 119.9      |
| C(1)-C(4)-C(5)      | 121.2(3)   |
| C(1)-C(4)-H(4A)     | 119.4      |
| C(5)-C(4)-H(4A)     | 119.4      |
| C(6)-C(5)-C(4)      | 116.0(2)   |
| C(6)-C(5)-Rh(1)     | 113.43(18) |
| C(4)-C(5)-Rh(1)     | 130.5(2)   |
| O(1)-C(6)-C(2)      | 117.0(2)   |
| O(1)-C(6)-C(5)      | 119.6(2)   |
| C(2)-C(6)-C(5)      | 123.4(2)   |
| C(8)-C(7)-C(11)     | 106.9(2)   |
| C(8)-C(7)-C(16)     | 127.7(3)   |
| C(11)-C(7)-C(16)    | 125.3(3)   |
| C(8)-C(7)-Rh(1)     | 69.96(14)  |
| C(11)-C(7)-Rh(1)    | 70.77(15)  |
| C(16)-C(7)-Rh(1)    | 126.89(19) |
| C(7)-C(8)-C(10)     | 107.6(2)   |
| C(7)-C(8)-C(12)     | 127.3(2)   |
| C(10)-C(8)-C(12)    | 125.0(2)   |
| C(7)-C(8)-Rh(1)     | 71.38(14)  |
| C(10)-C(8)-Rh(1)    | 72.24(14)  |

|                     |            |
|---------------------|------------|
| C(12)-C(8)-Rh(1)    | 125.02(18) |
| C(11)-C(9)-C(10)    | 107.0(2)   |
| C(11)-C(9)-C(17)    | 127.1(3)   |
| C(10)-C(9)-C(17)    | 125.8(2)   |
| C(11)-C(9)-Rh(1)    | 67.81(15)  |
| C(10)-C(9)-Rh(1)    | 68.68(14)  |
| C(17)-C(9)-Rh(1)    | 130.82(19) |
| C(9)-C(10)-C(8)     | 108.8(2)   |
| C(9)-C(10)-C(15)    | 126.2(2)   |
| C(8)-C(10)-C(15)    | 124.9(2)   |
| C(9)-C(10)-Rh(1)    | 74.09(14)  |
| C(8)-C(10)-Rh(1)    | 68.60(13)  |
| C(15)-C(10)-Rh(1)   | 125.91(19) |
| C(9)-C(11)-C(7)     | 109.4(2)   |
| C(9)-C(11)-C(14)    | 125.6(3)   |
| C(7)-C(11)-C(14)    | 124.8(3)   |
| C(9)-C(11)-Rh(1)    | 74.84(16)  |
| C(7)-C(11)-Rh(1)    | 70.10(15)  |
| C(14)-C(11)-Rh(1)   | 125.10(19) |
| C(8)-C(12)-H(12A)   | 109.5      |
| C(8)-C(12)-H(12B)   | 109.5      |
| H(12A)-C(12)-H(12B) | 109.5      |
| C(8)-C(12)-H(12C)   | 109.5      |
| H(12A)-C(12)-H(12C) | 109.5      |
| H(12B)-C(12)-H(12C) | 109.5      |
| O(2)-C(13)-N(1)     | 119.3(2)   |
| O(2)-C(13)-C(18)    | 121.6(2)   |
| N(1)-C(13)-C(18)    | 119.1(2)   |
| C(11)-C(14)-H(14A)  | 109.5      |
| C(11)-C(14)-H(14B)  | 109.5      |
| H(14A)-C(14)-H(14B) | 109.5      |
| C(11)-C(14)-H(14C)  | 109.5      |
| H(14A)-C(14)-H(14C) | 109.5      |
| H(14B)-C(14)-H(14C) | 109.5      |
| C(10)-C(15)-H(15A)  | 109.5      |
| C(10)-C(15)-H(15B)  | 109.5      |
| H(15A)-C(15)-H(15B) | 109.5      |
| C(10)-C(15)-H(15C)  | 109.5      |

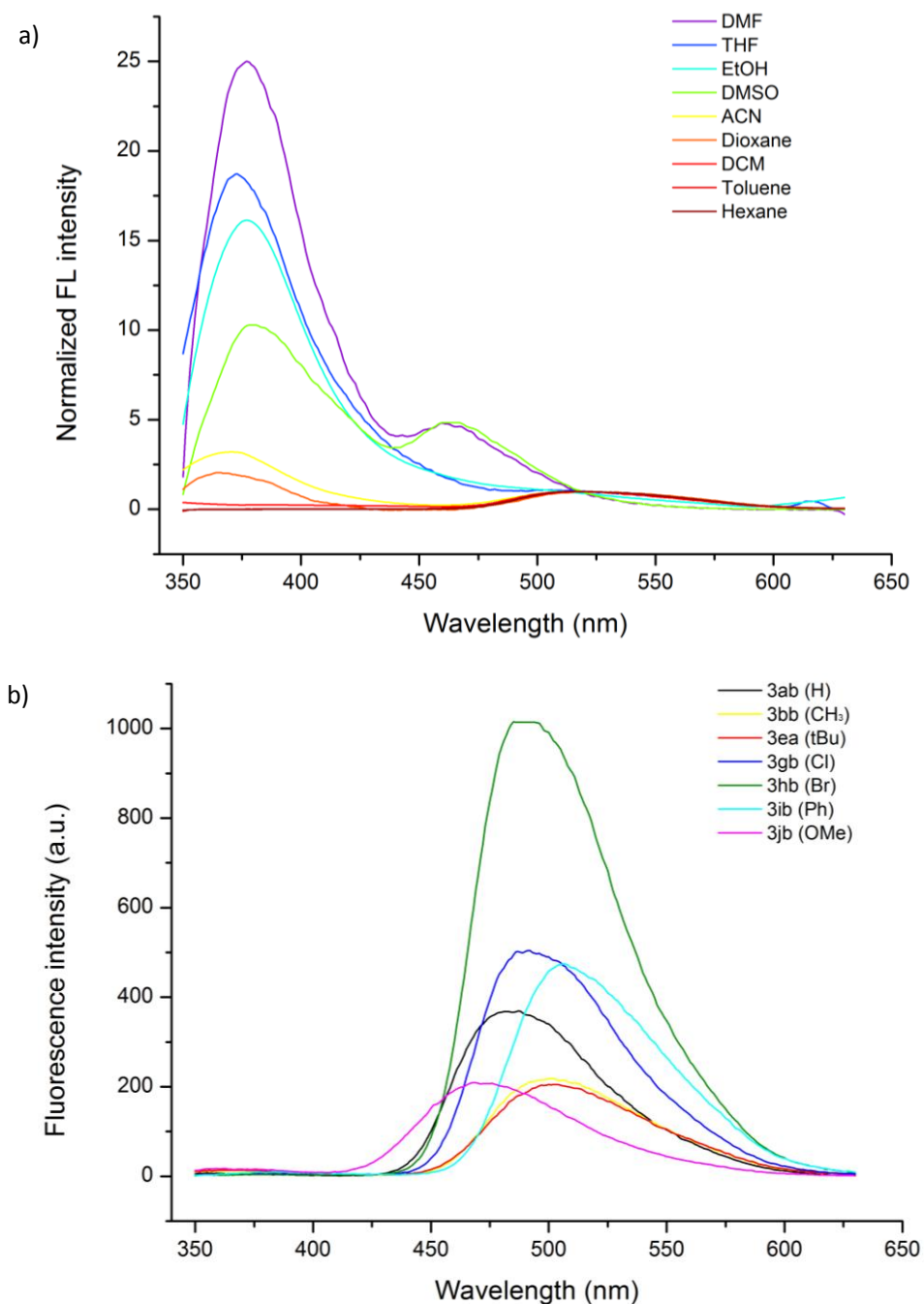
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| H(15A)-C(15)-H(15C) | 109.5 |
| H(15B)-C(15)-H(15C) | 109.5 |
| C(7)-C(16)-H(16A)   | 109.5 |
| C(7)-C(16)-H(16B)   | 109.5 |
| H(16A)-C(16)-H(16B) | 109.5 |
| C(7)-C(16)-H(16C)   | 109.5 |
| H(16A)-C(16)-H(16C) | 109.5 |
| H(16B)-C(16)-H(16C) | 109.5 |
| C(9)-C(17)-H(17A)   | 109.5 |
| C(9)-C(17)-H(17B)   | 109.5 |
| H(17A)-C(17)-H(17B) | 109.5 |
| C(9)-C(17)-H(17C)   | 109.5 |
| H(17A)-C(17)-H(17C) | 109.5 |
| H(17B)-C(17)-H(17C) | 109.5 |

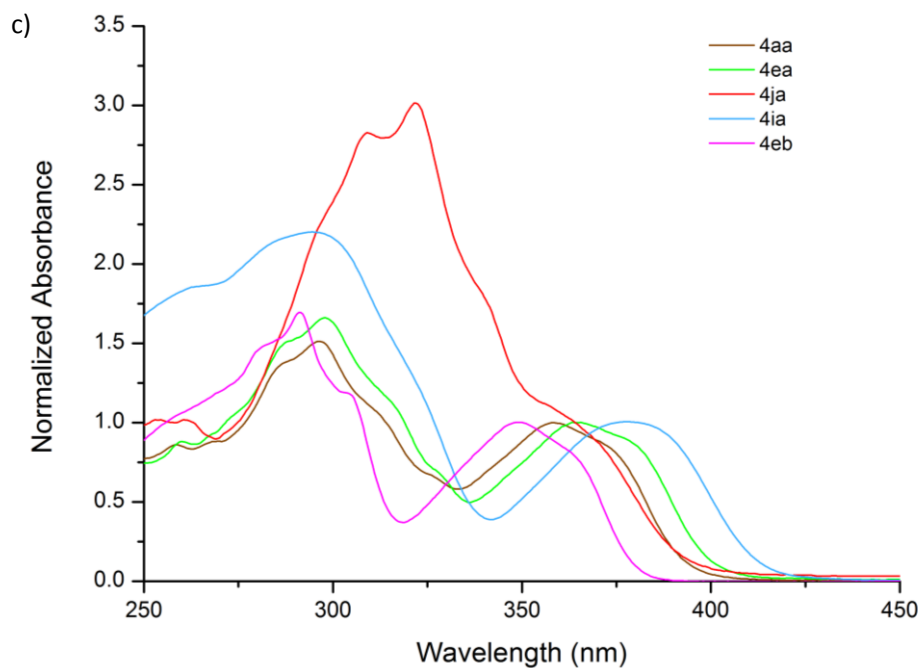
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Symmetry transformations used to generate equivalent atoms:

## IX. The excitation and emission spectras

Figure S6 a) The Normalized fluorescence spectra of 3aa in different solvents ( $2 \times 10^{-6}$  mol L<sup>-1</sup>,  $\lambda_{\text{ex}} = 330$  nm); b) The fluorescence spectra of mono-substituted products (Benzoxazoles) in DCM ( $2 \times 10^{-6}$  mol L<sup>-1</sup>,  $\lambda_{\text{ex}} = 330$  nm); c) The normalized absorption spectra in DCM ( $2 \times 10^{-6}$  mol L<sup>-1</sup>) and fluorescence spectra of bis-substituted products in DCM ( $2 \times 10^{-6}$  mol L<sup>-1</sup>,  $\lambda_{\text{ex}} = 360$  nm) <sup>2-4</sup>.





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## XI. VII. $^1\text{H}$ and $^{13}\text{C}$ NMR spectra

