# **Supporting Information**

# Synthesis, Structure and Reactivity of [Tm<sup>But</sup>]ZnH, a Monomeric Terminal Zinc Hydride Compound in a Sulfur-Rich Coordination Environment: Access to a Heterobimetallic Compound

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#### **EXPERIMENTAL SECTION**

#### **General considerations**

All manipulations were performed using a combination of glovebox, high vacuum, and Schlenk techniques under an argon or nitrogen atmosphere.<sup>1</sup> Solvents were purified and degassed using standard procedures. NMR spectra were measured on Bruker 300 DRX, Bruker 300 DPX, Bruker 400 Avance III, Bruker 400 Cyber-enabled Avance III, and Bruker 500 DMX spectrometers. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra are reported in ppm relative to SiMe<sub>4</sub>  $(\delta = 0)$  and were referenced internally with respect to the protio solvent impurity ( $\delta =$ 7.16 for C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>5</sub>H).<sup>2</sup> <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra are reported in ppm relative to SiMe<sub>4</sub> ( $\delta = 0$ ) and were referenced internally with respect to the solvent ( $\delta = 128.06$  for C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>).<sup>2</sup> <sup>19</sup>F NMR spectra are reported in ppm relative to  $CFCl_3$  ( $\delta = 0$ ) and were referenced internally with respect to  $C_6F_6$  ( $\delta = -164.9$ ).<sup>3</sup> Coupling constants are given in hertz. Infrared spectra were recorded on a Perkin Elmer Spectrum Two spectrometer in attenuated total reflectance (ATR) mode, and are reported in reciprocal centimeters. Mass spectra were obtained on a JEOL JMS-HX110HF tandem mass spectrometer using fast atom bombardment (FAB). [Tm<sup>But</sup>]ZnOPh,<sup>4</sup> CpMo(CO)<sub>3</sub>H<sup>5</sup> and [Tp<sup>But,Me</sup>]ZnH<sup>6</sup> were prepared according to the literature procedures. PhOH (Aldrich), PhSH (Aldrich), 4fluorothiophenol (Aldrich), PhSeH (TCI), Ph<sub>2</sub>S<sub>2</sub> (Aldrich), Ph<sub>2</sub>Se<sub>2</sub> (Aldrich), Ph<sub>2</sub>Te<sub>2</sub> (Aldrich), HCO<sub>2</sub>H (Aldrich), PhSiH<sub>3</sub> (Acros), H<sub>2</sub>S (Aldrich), CO<sub>2</sub> (Aldrich), Me<sub>2</sub>Zn (Strem Chemicals) and Et<sub>2</sub>Zn (Strem Chemicals) were commercially obtained and used without further purification.

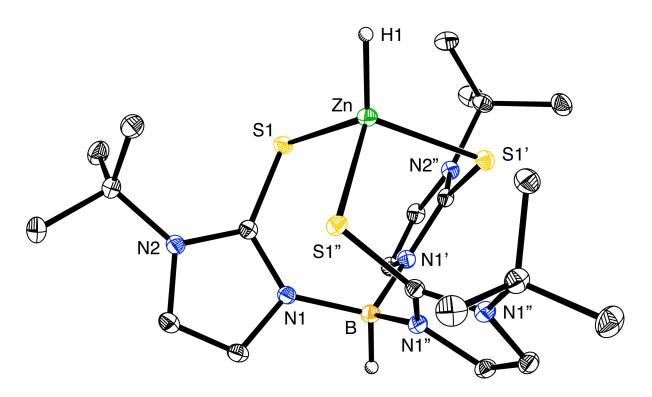
#### **X-ray Structure Determinations**

X-ray diffraction data were collected on a Bruker Apex II diffractometer. Crystal data, data collection and refinement parameters are summarized in Table 1. The structures were solved using direct methods and standard difference map techniques, and were refined by full-matrix least-squares procedures on  $F^2$  with SHELXTL (Version 2014/7).<sup>7</sup>

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## Synthesis of [Tm<sup>Bu<sup>t</sup></sup>]ZnH

A solution of  $[Tm^{Bu^t}]$ ZnOPh (162 mg, 0.255 mmol) in C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>6</sub> (*ca.* 6 mL) was treated with PhSiH<sub>3</sub> (35 µL, 0.28 mmol). The solution was stirred at room temperature for 1 hour, over which period a cloudy suspension formed. The volatile components were removed *in vacuo*, and the resulting powder was washed twice with a mixture of pentane (3 mL) and Et<sub>2</sub>O (2 mL), yielding [Tm<sup>Bu<sup>t</sup></sup>]ZnH as a white powder (130 mg, 94%). Crystals suitable for X-ray diffraction were obtained from a solution in benzene. Analysis calcd. for [Tm<sup>But</sup>]ZnH•0.5(benzene): C, 49.5%; H, 6.6%; N, 14.4%. Found: C, 50.2%; H, 6.4%; N, 13.9%. <sup>1</sup>H NMR ( $C_6D_6$ ): 1.50 [s, 27H, HB{ $C_2N_2H_2$ [C(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>]CS}], 5.78 [s, 1H, ZnH], 6.39 [d,  ${}^{3}J_{H-H} = 2$ , 3H, HB{C<sub>2</sub>N<sub>2</sub>H<sub>2</sub>[C(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>3</sub>]CS}], 6.70 [d,  ${}^{3}J_{H-H} = 2$ , 3H,  $HB\{C_2N_2H_2[C(CH_3)_3]CS\}_3]$ , [BH, not observed]. <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>): 28.8 [9C, HB{C<sub>2</sub>N<sub>2</sub>H<sub>2</sub>[C(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>]CS<sub>3</sub>], 59.2 [3C, HB{C<sub>2</sub>N<sub>2</sub>H<sub>2</sub>[C(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>]CS<sub>3</sub>], 116.4 [3C, HB{C<sub>2</sub>N<sub>2</sub>H<sub>2</sub>[C(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>]CS<sub>3</sub>], 122.5 [3C, HB{C<sub>2</sub>N<sub>2</sub>H<sub>2</sub>[C(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>]CS<sub>3</sub>], 159.5 [3C, HB{C<sub>2</sub>N<sub>2</sub>H<sub>2</sub>[C(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>]CS<sub>3</sub>. IR data (ATR, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3185 (w), 3146 (w), 2980 (w), 2910 (w), 2443 (w), 1716 (m), 1564 (w), 1477 (w), 1412 (m), 1396 (m), 1356 (vs), 1302 (m), 1254 (w), 1228 (w), 1190 (s), 1170 (s), 1129 (w), 1062 (m), 1028 (w), 926 (w), 820 (m), 755 (m), 724 (s), 686 (m), 674 (s), 587 (m), 550 (m), 501 (m), 469 (s). FAB-MS:  $m/z = 541.6 [M - H]^+$ , M = [Tm<sup>Bu<sup>t</sup></sup>]ZnH.



Molecular Structure of  $[Tm^{Bu^t}]ZnH$ 

## Reaction of [Tm<sup>But</sup>]ZnH with H<sub>2</sub>S

A solution of  $[Tm^{Bu^t}]ZnH$  (5 mg, 0.009 mmol) in  $C_6D_6$  (0.7 mL) in an NMR tube equipped with a J. Young valve was treated with  $H_2S$  (1 atm). The sample was monitored by <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectroscopy, thereby demonstrating the immediate formation of  $[Tm^{Bu^t}]ZnSH$  as identified by comparison of the <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum to that of an authentic sample.<sup>4</sup>

# Reactivity of [Tm<sup>Bu<sup>t</sup></sup>]ZnH towards ArEH

## (a) PhOH

A solution of  $[Tm^{Bu^t}]$ ZnH (8.8 mg, 0.016 mmol) in C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub> (*ca*. 0.7 mL) in an NMR tube equipped with a J. Young valve was treated with PhOH (2.3 mg, 0.024 mmol). The sample was monitored by <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectroscopy, thereby demonstrating the rapid

conversion to [Tm<sup>Bu<sup>t</sup></sup>]ZnOPh, as identified by comparison with the data for an authentic sample.<sup>4</sup>

### (b) PhSH

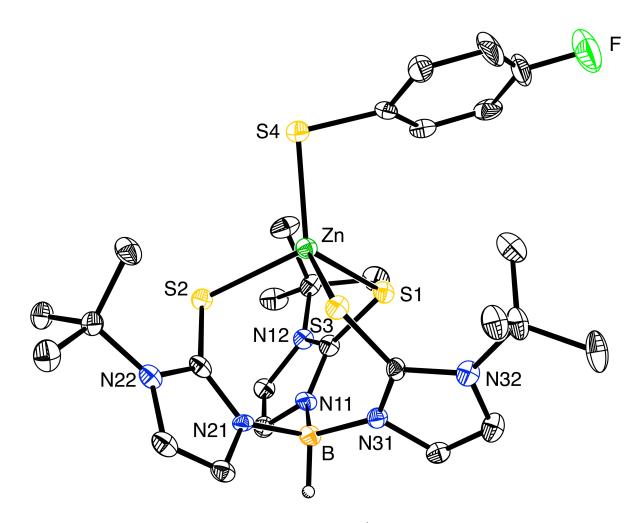
A solution of  $[Tm^{Bu^{t}}]ZnH$  (10 mg, 0.018 mmol) in C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub> (*ca*. 0.7 mL) in an NMR tube equipped with a J. Young valve was prepared in a glove box. The sample was removed from the glove box treated with PhSH (2.3 µL, 0.022 mmol) and then degassed *via* one freeze-pump-thaw cycle. The sample was monitored by <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectroscopy, thereby demonstrating the rapid conversion to  $[Tm^{Bu^{t}}]ZnSPh$  as identified by comparison with the data for an authentic sample.<sup>4</sup>

#### (c) p-FC<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>SH

A solution of  $[Tm^{Bu^t}]ZnH$  (8 mg, 0.015 mmol) in  $C_aD_a$  (*ca*. 0.7 mL) in an NMR tube equipped with a septum was treated with p-FC<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>SH (1.6  $\mu$ L, 0.015 mmol). The sample was monitored by <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectroscopy, thereby demonstrating the rapid conversion to  $[Tm^{Bu^{t}}]ZnS(C_{e}H_{4}-4-F)$ . The volatile components were removed by lyophilization to give a white powder, which was dissolved in Et<sub>2</sub>O (*ca.* 1 mL). The solution was allowed to evaporate at room temperature to yield  $[Tm^{Bu^{t}}]ZnS(C_{e}H_{4}-4-F)$  (7) mg, 71%) as a microcrystalline powder. Analysis calcd. for  $[Tm^{Bu^t}]ZnS(C_6H_4-4-$ F)•(benzene): C, 53.0%; H, 5.9%; N, 11.2%. Found: C, 52.7%; H, 5.8%; N, 11.3%. Crystals of  $[Tm^{Bu^{t}}]ZnS(C_{e}H_{4}-4-F)$  suitable for X-ray diffraction were obtained *via* slow diffusion of pentane into a solution in benzene.  ${}^{1}H NMR (C_6D_6)$ : 1.41 [s, 27H,  $HB\{C_2N_2H_2[C(CH_3)_3]CS\}_3], 6.37 [d, {}^{3}J_{H-H} = 2, 3H, HB\{C_2N_2H_2[C(CH_3)_3]CS\}_3], 6.62 [d, {}^{3}J_{H-H} = 2, 3H, HB\{C_2N_2H_2[C(CH_3)_3]CS]_3], 6.62 [d, {}^{3}J_{H-H} = 2, 3H, HB\{C_2N_2H_2[C(CH_3)_3]CS]_3$ 2, 3H, HB{C<sub>2</sub>N<sub>2</sub>H<sub>2</sub>[C(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>]CS<sub>3</sub>], 6.77 [m, 2H, CdS(C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>-4-F)], 7.86 [m, 2H, CdS(C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>-4-F)], [BH, not observed].  ${}^{13}C{}^{1}H$  NMR (C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>): 28.7 [9C, HB{C<sub>2</sub>N<sub>2</sub>H<sub>2</sub>[C(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>]CS}], 59.4  $[3C, HB\{C_2N_2H_2[C(CH_3)_3]CS\}_3], 114.7 [d, {}^2J_{C-F} = 21, 2C, CdS(C_6H_4-4-F)], 117.0 [3C, CdS($  $CdS(C_6H_4-4-F)]$ , 139.9 [d,  ${}^{4}J_{C-F}$  = 3, 1C,  $CdS(C_6H_4-4-F)]$ , 157.2 [3C,

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HB{ $C_2N_2H_2[C(CH_3)_3]CS$ }, 160.6 [d,  ${}^{1}J_{C-F} = 240, 1C, CdS(C_6H_4-4-F)$ ].  ${}^{19}F$  NMR ( $C_6D_6$ ): 125.31 (multiplet). IR data (ATR, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3180 (w), 3147 (w), 2976 (w), 2928 (w), 2417 (w), 2233 (w), 1860 (w), 1687 (w), 1565 (m), 1480 (s), 1420 (m), 1398 (w), 1362 (vs), 1310 (m), 1259 (w), 1221 (m), 1194 (vs), 1174 (vs), 1130 (m), 1087 (m), 1071 (m), 1031 (w), 1014 (w), 928 (w), 816 (s), 759 (s), 732 (vs), 688 (s), 626 (s), 590 (m), 554 (m), 494 (s), 458 (w).



Molecular Structure of  $[Tm^{Bu^t}]ZnS(C_6H_4-4-F)$ 

## (d) PhSeH

A solution of  $[Tm^{Bu^t}]$ ZnH (10 mg, 0.018 mmol) in C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub> (*ca*. 0.7 mL) in an NMR tube equipped with a septum was treated with PhSeH (2  $\mu$ L, 0.019 mmol). The sample was

monitored by <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectroscopy, thereby demonstrating the rapid conversion to [Tm<sup>But</sup>]ZnSePh, as identified by comparison with the data for an authentic sample.<sup>4</sup>

# Reactivity of [Tm<sup>But</sup>]ZnH towards Ph<sub>2</sub>E<sub>2</sub>

## (a) $Ph_2S_2$

A solution of  $[Tm^{Bu^t}]ZnH$  (10 mg, 0.018 mmol) in C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub> (*ca*. 0.7 mL) in an NMR tube equipped with a J. Young valve was treated with Ph<sub>2</sub>S<sub>2</sub> (2 mg, 0.009 mmol). The sample was monitored by <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectroscopy, thereby demonstrating the rapid conversion to  $[Tm^{Bu^t}]ZnSPh$ , as identified by comparison with the data for an authentic sample.<sup>4</sup> The conversion is quantitative in the presence of excess Ph<sub>2</sub>S<sub>2</sub>.

### (b) $Ph_2Se_2$

A solution of  $[Tm^{Bu^t}]ZnH$  (6 mg, 0.011 mmol) in C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub> (*ca*. 0.7 mL) in an NMR tube equipped with a J. Young valve was treated with Ph<sub>2</sub>Se<sub>2</sub> (2 mg, 0.006 mmol). The sample was monitored by <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectroscopy, thereby demonstrating the rapid conversion to  $[Tm^{Bu^t}]ZnSePh$ , as identified by comparison with the data for an authentic sample.<sup>4</sup> The conversion is quantitative in the presence of excess Ph<sub>2</sub>Se<sub>2</sub>.

### (c) $Ph_2Te_2$

A solution of  $[Tm^{Bu^t}]ZnH$  (6 mg, 0.011 mmol) in C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub> (*ca*. 0.7 mL) in an NMR tube equipped with a J. Young valve was treated with Ph<sub>2</sub>Te<sub>2</sub> (2 mg, 0.005 mmol). The sample was monitored by <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectroscopy, thereby demonstrating the rapid conversion to  $[Tm^{Bu^t}]ZnTePh$ , as identified by comparison with the data for an authentic sample.<sup>4</sup> The conversion is quantitative in the presence of excess Ph<sub>2</sub>Te<sub>2</sub>.

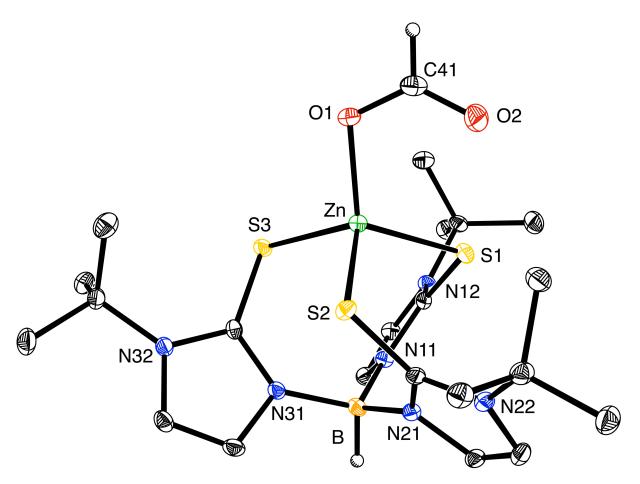
## Synthesis of $[Tm^{Bu^t}]Zn(\kappa^1-O_2CH)$

## (a) From $HCO_2H$

A solution of [Tm<sup>Bu<sup>t</sup></sup>]ZnH (25 mg, 0.046 mmol) in benzene (*ca.* 0.7 mL) was treated with formic acid (1.8 µL, 0.048 mmol), resulting in immediate effervescence. The volatile components were removed by lyophilization to yield  $[Tm^{Bu^{t}}]Zn(\kappa^{1}-O_{2}CH)$  as a white powder (24 mg, 89%). Crystals of  $[Tm^{Bu^t}]Zn(\kappa^1-O_2CH)$  suitable for X-ray diffraction were obtained *via* slow diffusion of pentane into a solution in benzene. Analysis calcd. for  $[Tm^{Bu^{t}}]Zn(\kappa^{1}-O_{2}CH)$ •(benzene): C, 50.5%; H, 6.2%; N, 12.6%. Found: C, 49.7%; H, 6.9%; N, 12.0%. <sup>1</sup>H NMR ( $C_6D_6$ ): 1.48 [s, 27H, HB{ $C_2N_2H_2$ [C(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>]CS}<sub>3</sub>], 6.37 [d, <sup>3</sup>J<sub>H-H</sub> = 2, 3H, HB{ $C_2N_2H_2$ [C(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>]CS}<sub>3</sub>], 6.64 [d, <sup>3</sup>J<sub>H-H</sub> = 2, 3H, HB{ $C_2N_2H_2$ [C(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>]CS}<sub>3</sub>], 9.15 [s, 1 H, O<sub>2</sub>CH], [BH, not observed].  ${}^{13}C{}^{1}H$  NMR (C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>): 28.9 [9C,  $HB\{C_2N_2H_2[C(CH_3)_3]CS\}_3], 59.6[3C, HB\{C_2N_2H_2[C(CH_3)_3]CS\}_3], 117.1[3C, 100]$ HB{C<sub>2</sub>N<sub>2</sub>H<sub>2</sub>[C(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>]CS<sub>3</sub>], 123.0 [3C, HB{C<sub>2</sub>N<sub>2</sub>H<sub>2</sub>[C(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>]CS<sub>3</sub>], 157.5 [3C, HB{C<sub>2</sub>N<sub>2</sub>H<sub>2</sub>[C(CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>3</sub>]CS<sub>3</sub>, 167.4 [1C of O<sub>2</sub>CH]. IR data (ATR, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3144 (w), 2977 (w), 2926(w), 2801 (w), 2420 (w), 1630 (s), 1567 (w), 1480 (w), 1419 (m), 1398 (m), 1362 (vs), 1305 (m), 1229 (w), 1193 (vs), 1174 (vs), 1133 (w), 1071 (w), 1031 (w), 929 (w), 821 (m), 760 (m), 728 (s), 685 (s), 590 (m), 553 (m), 495 (m), 456 (w). FAB-MS: m/z = 541.5 [M –  $O_2CH$ <sup>+</sup>,  $M = [Tm^{Bu^t}]ZnO_2CH$ .

## (b) From $CO_2$

A solution of  $[Tm^{Bu^t}]ZnH$  (11 mg, 0.020 mmol) in  $C_6D_6$  (*ca.* 0.7 mL) in an NMR tube equipped with a J. Young valve was treated with  $CO_2$  (*ca.* 1.3 atm). The reaction was monitored by <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectroscopy, thereby demonstrating the rapid formation of  $[Tm^{Bu^t}]Zn(\kappa^1-O_2CH)$ .



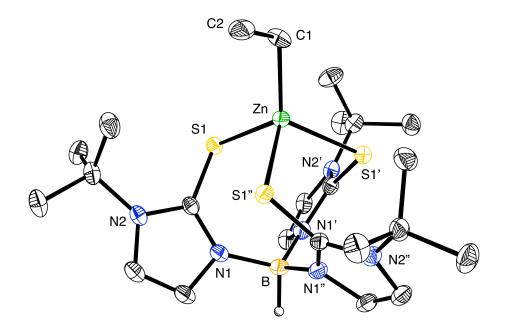
Molecular Structure of  $[Tm^{Bu^t}]Zn(\kappa^1-O_2CH)$ 

# Synthesis of [Tm<sup>But</sup>]ZnEt

A solution of  $[Tm^{But}]ZnH$  (10 mg, 0.018 mmol) in C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub> (*ca.* 0.7 mL) in an NMR tube equipped with a J. Young valve was treated with Et<sub>2</sub>Zn (25 µL of a 0.9 M solution in C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>, 0.023 mmol), thereby resulting in the formation of  $[Tm^{But}]ZnEt$  accompanied by a dark gray precipitate. The mixture was filtered after one hour and the volatile components were removed by lyophilization, yielding  $[Tm^{But}]ZnEt$  as a white powder (6 mg, 57%). Crystals of  $[Tm^{But}]ZnEt$  suitable for X-ray diffraction were obtained *via* slow diffusion of pentane into a solution in benzene. Analysis calcd. for  $[Tm^{But}]ZnEt$ : C, 48.3%; H, 6.9%; N, 14.7%. Found: C, 48.0%; H, 7.1%; N, 14.3%. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>, room temperature): 1.069 [A component of ABX<sub>3</sub> multiplet, <sup>2</sup>J<sub>H-H</sub> = 13, <sup>3</sup>J<sub>H-H</sub> = 8, 1H of Zn<u>CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>], 1.085 [B component of ABX<sub>3</sub> multiplet, <sup>2</sup>J<sub>H-H</sub> = 13, <sup>3</sup>J<sub>H-H</sub> = 8, 1H of</u>

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Zn<u>CH</u><sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>], 1.53 [s, 27H, HB{C<sub>2</sub>N<sub>2</sub>H<sub>2</sub>[C(C<u>H</u><sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>]CS}<sub>3</sub>], 1.99 [X<sub>3</sub> component of ABX<sub>3</sub> multiplet, t, <sup>3</sup>J<sub>H-H</sub> = 8, 3H, ZnCH<sub>2</sub>C<u>H<sub>3</sub></u>], 4.72 [broad s, 1H, <u>H</u>B{C<sub>2</sub>N<sub>2</sub>H<sub>2</sub>[C(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>]CS}<sub>3</sub>], 6.41 [d, <sup>3</sup>J<sub>H-H</sub> = 2, 3H, HB{C<sub>2</sub>N<sub>2</sub><u>H<sub>2</sub></u>[C(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>]CS}<sub>3</sub>], 6.70 [d, <sup>3</sup>J<sub>H-H</sub> = 2, 3H, HB{C<sub>2</sub>N<sub>2</sub><u>H<sub>2</sub></u>[C(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>]CS}<sub>3</sub>]. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (C<sub>7</sub>D<sub>8</sub>, 340 K) 0.78 [q, <sup>3</sup>J<sub>H-H</sub> = 8, 2H of Zn<u>CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub></u>], 1.55 [s, 27H, HB{C<sub>2</sub>N<sub>2</sub>H<sub>2</sub>[C(C<u>H<sub>3</sub></u>)<sub>3</sub>]CS}<sub>3</sub>], 1.73 [t, <sup>3</sup>J<sub>H-H</sub> = 8, 3H, ZnCH<sub>2</sub>C<u>H<sub>3</sub></u>], 4.52 [broad m, 1H, <u>H</u>B{C<sub>2</sub>N<sub>2</sub>H<sub>2</sub>[C(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>]CS}<sub>3</sub>], 6.46 [d, <sup>3</sup>J<sub>H-H</sub> = 2, 3H, HB{C<sub>2</sub>N<sub>2</sub><u>H<sub>2</sub></u>[C(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>]CS}<sub>3</sub>], 6.60 [d, <sup>3</sup>J<sub>H-H</sub> = 2, 3H, HB{C<sub>2</sub>N<sub>2</sub><u>H<sub>2</sub></u>[C(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>]CS}<sub>3</sub>]. <sup>13</sup>C<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>): 5.4 [1C of ZnCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>], 14.9 [1C of ZnCH<sub>2</sub><u>CH<sub>3</sub></u>], 28.8 [9C, HB{C<sub>2</sub>N<sub>2</sub>H<sub>2</sub>[C(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>]CS}<sub>3</sub>], 59.0 [3C, HB{C<sub>2</sub>N<sub>2</sub>H<sub>2</sub>[C(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>]CS}<sub>3</sub>], 116.3 [3C, HB{C<sub>2</sub>N<sub>2</sub>H<sub>2</sub>[C(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>]CS}<sub>3</sub>], 122.5 [3C, HB{C<sub>2</sub>N<sub>2</sub>H<sub>2</sub>[C(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>]CS}<sub>3</sub>], 159.6 [3C, HB{C<sub>2</sub>N<sub>2</sub>H<sub>2</sub>[C(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>]CS}<sub>3</sub>]. IR Data (ATR, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3134 (w), 2976 (w), 2925 (w), 2878 (w), 2415 (w), 2294 (w), 2237 (w), 1566 (w), 1481 (w), 1417 (m), 1396 (w), 1360 (vs), 1299 (m), 1255 (w), 1228 (w), 1193 (vs), 1174 (vs), 1133 (w), 1069 (m), 1029 (w), 980 (w), 929 (w), 908 (w), 821 (m), 757 (m), 725 (s), 686 (s), 634 (w), 588 (m), 554 (m), 495 (m), 457 (w).



Molecular Structure of  $[Tm^{Bu^t}]ZnEt$ (only one configuration of the disordered ethyl group is shown)

## Reactivity of [Tm<sup>But</sup>]ZnH towards Me<sub>2</sub>Zn

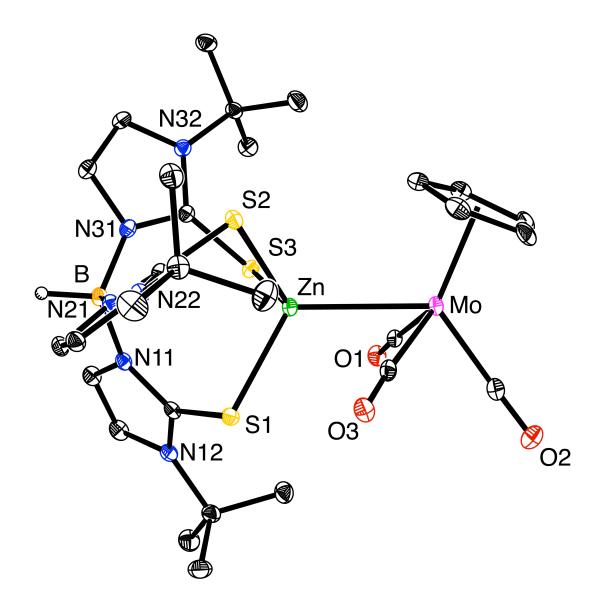
A solution of  $[Tm^{Bu^t}]ZnH$  (5 mg, 0.009 mmol) in  $C_6D_6$  (0.7 mL) in an NMR tube equipped with a J. Young valve was treated with Me<sub>2</sub>Zn (7 mg, 0.073 mmol), resulting in the deposition of a white precipitate. The mixture was lyophilized to afford  $[Tm^{Bu^t}]ZnMe$  as a white powder as identified by comparison of the <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum to that of an authentic sample.<sup>4</sup>

# Reactivity of [Tm<sup>But</sup>]ZnH towards Me<sub>2</sub>Cd

A solution of  $[Tm^{But}]ZnH$  (5 mg, 0.09 mmol) in  $C_6D_6$  (*ca*. 0.7 mL) in an NMR tube equipped with a J. Young valve was treated with Me<sub>2</sub>Cd (100 µL of a 0.111 M solution in  $C_6D_6$ , 0.011 mmol) resulting in the formation of a dark precipitate. The sample was monitored by <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectroscopy, thereby demonstrating the formation of, inter alia,  $[Tm^{But}]CdMe.^8$ 

## Synthesis of [Tm<sup>But</sup>]ZnMoCp(CO)<sub>3</sub>

A solution of  $[Tm^{Bu^{t}}]ZnH$  (12 mg, 0.022 mmol) in  $C_{6}D_{6}$  (*ca.* 0.7 mL) in an NMR tube equipped with a J. Young valve was treated with CpMo(CO)<sub>3</sub>H (12 mg, 0.049 mmol), resulting in immediate evolution of H<sub>2</sub>. The mixture was filtered and the volatile components were removed from the filtrate by lyophilization to yield  $[Tm^{Bu^{t}}]ZnMoCp(CO)_{3}$  as a pale pink powder (10 mg, 58%). Crystals of  $[Tm^{Bu^{t}}]ZnMoCp(CO)_{3}$  suitable for X-ray diffraction were obtained *via* slow diffusion of pentane into a solution in benzene. Analysis calcd. for  $[Tm^{Bu^{t}}]ZnMoCp(CO)_{3}$  (benzene): C, 48.5%; H, 5.2%; N, 9.7%. Found: C, 48.2%; H, 5.0%; N, 9.4%. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CD<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>): 1.78 [s, 27H, HB{C<sub>2</sub>N<sub>2</sub>H<sub>2</sub>[C(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>]CS}<sub>3</sub>], 5.19 [s, 5H, MoCp], 6.84 [d, <sup>3</sup>J<sub>H-H</sub> = 2, 3H, HB{C<sub>2</sub>N<sub>2</sub>H<sub>2</sub>[C(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>]CS}<sub>3</sub>], 7.05 [d, <sup>3</sup>J<sub>H-H</sub> = 2, 3H, HB{C<sub>2</sub>N<sub>2</sub>H<sub>2</sub>[C(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>]CS}<sub>3</sub>]. <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (CD<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>): 29.3 [9C, HB{C<sub>2</sub>N<sub>2</sub>H<sub>2</sub>[C(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>]CS}<sub>3</sub>], 59.8 [3C, HB{C<sub>2</sub>N<sub>2</sub>H<sub>2</sub>[C(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>]CS}<sub>3</sub>], 88.8 [5C of MoCp], 117.1 [3C, 
$$\begin{split} HB\{\underline{C}_{2}N_{2}H_{2}[C(CH_{3})_{3}]CS\}_{3}], 123.5 \ [3C, HB\{\underline{C}_{2}N_{2}H_{2}[C(CH_{3})_{3}]CS\}_{3}], 157.0 \ [3C, \\ HB\{C_{2}N_{2}H_{2}[C(CH_{3})_{3}]\underline{C}S\}_{3}], 3C \ of \ CO \ not \ observed. \ IR \ Data \ for \ [Tm^{Bu^{t}}]ZnMoCp(CO)_{3} \\ (ATR, \ cm^{-1}): \ 3186 \ (w), \ 3153 \ (w), \ 2978 \ (w), \ 2925 \ (w), \ 2419 \ (w), \ 1938 \ (s), \ 1835 \ (vs), \ 1568 \\ (m), \ 1478 \ (m), \ 1420 \ (m), \ 1397 \ (m), \ 1360 \ (vs), \ 1307 \ (m), \ 1258 \ (w), \ 1229 \ (w), \ 1195 \ (s), \ 1174 \\ (s), \ 1136 \ (w), \ 1072 \ (w), \ 1059 \ (w), \ 1036 \ (w), \ 1010 \ (w), \ 1001 \ (w), \ 926 \ (w), \ 853 \ (w), \\ 837 \ (w), \ 822 \ (m), \ 801 \ (m), \ 760 \ (m), \ 737 \ (m), \ 724 \ (m), \ 680 \ (vs), \ 598 \ (s), \ 555 \ (m), \ 515 \ (m), \\ 490 \ (m), \ 457 \ (w). \ FAB-MS: \ m/z = 541.2 \ [M - MoCp(CO)_{3}]^{+}, \ M = \ [Tm^{Bu^{t}}]ZnMoCp(CO)_{3}. \end{split}$$



Molecular Structure of  $[Tm^{Bu^t}]$ ZnMoCp(CO)<sub>3</sub>

## Comparison of the Reactivity of [Tm<sup>But</sup>]ZnH and [Tp<sup>But,Me</sup>]ZnH towards CO<sub>2</sub>

A solution of  $[Tm^{But}]ZnH$  (5.0 mg, 0.009 mmol) and  $[Tp^{But,Me}]ZnH$  (4.5 mg, 0.009 mmol) in C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub> (0.7 mL) in an NMR tube equipped with a J. Young valve was treated with CO<sub>2</sub> (1 atm). The reaction was monitored by <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectroscopy, thereby demonstrating the immediate formation of  $[Tm^{But}]Zn(\kappa^1-O_2CH)$ , while  $[Tp^{But,Me}]ZnH$  remained unreacted. The mixture was allowed to stand overnight at room temperature, after which period *ca.* 35 % of  $[Tp^{But,Me}]ZnH$  had converted to  $[Tp^{But,Me}]Zn(\kappa^1-O_2CH)$ . The mixture was then heated at 60 °C for one day, thereby resulting in complete conversion of  $[Tp^{But,Me}]ZnH$  to  $[Tp^{But,Me}]Zn(\kappa^1-O_2CH)$ .

	$[\mathrm{Tm}^{\mathrm{Bu}^{\mathrm{t}}}]\mathrm{ZnH}\bullet0.5(\mathrm{C}_{6}\mathrm{H}_{6})$	$[\mathrm{Tm}^{\mathrm{Bu}^{\mathrm{t}}}]\mathrm{ZnS}(\mathrm{C}_{6}\mathrm{H}_{4}\text{-}4\text{-}\mathrm{F})$
lattice	Rhombohedral	Monoclinic
formula	$C_{24}H_{38}BN_6S_3Zn$	$C_{27}H_{38}BFN_6S_4Zn$
formula weight	1165.93	670.05
space group	R-3	$P2_1/n$
a/Å	13.3984(11)	13.199(5)
b/Å	13.3984(11)	17.979(6)
c/Å	27.542(2)	13.504(5)
$\alpha/^{\circ}$	90	90
β/°	90	92.785(5)
γ/°	120	90
$V/\text{\AA}^3$	4281.9(6)	3200.9(19)
Ζ	6	4
temperature (K)	130(2)	130(2)
radiation ( $\lambda$ , Å)	0.71073	0.71073
ho (calcd.), g cm <sup>-3</sup>	1.356	1.390
$\mu$ (Mo K $\alpha$ ), mm <sup>-1</sup>	1.104	1.062
θ max, deg.	32.771	25.679
no. of data collected	22244	35664
no. of data used	3358	6078
no. of parameters	113	373
$R_1 \left[ I > 2\sigma(I) \right]$	0.0373	0.0680
$wR_2 [I > 2\sigma(I)]$	0.0739	0.1182
$R_1$ [all data]	0.0651	0.1651
$wR_2$ [all data]	0.0799	0.1524
GOF	1.005	1.006
R <sub>int</sub>	0.0755	0.2396

**Table 1.** Crystal, intensity collection and refinement data.

	[Tm <sup>But</sup> ]Zn-	$[\mathrm{Tm}^{\mathrm{Bu}^{\mathrm{t}}}]\mathrm{ZnEt} \bullet 3(\mathrm{C}_{6}\mathrm{H}_{6})$
$(\kappa^1 - O_2 CH) \bullet 2(C_6 H_6)$		
lattice	Monoclinic	Rhombohedral
formula	$C_{34}H_{47}BN_6O_2S_3Zn$	$C_{41}H_{57}BN_6S_3Zn$
formula weight	744.13	806.28
space group	$P2/_{1}$	R-3
a/Å	10.3568(8)	13.4730(14)
b/Å	19.5721(15)	13.4730(14)
c/Å	10.5278(11)	67.359(7)
$\alpha/°$	90	90
β/°	119.4240(1)	90
γ/°	90	120
$V/\text{\AA}^3$	1858.8(3)	10589(2)
Ζ	2	12
temperature (K)	130(2)	130(2)
radiation ( $\lambda$ , Å)	0.71073	0.71073
ho (calcd.), g cm <sup>-3</sup>	1.330	1.517
$\mu$ (Mo K $\alpha$ ), mm <sup>-1</sup>	0.868	0.916
θ max, deg.	30.974	28.276
no. of data collected	30599	37365
no. of data used	11621	2775
no. of parameters	442	121
$R_1 \left[ I > 2\sigma(I) \right]$	0.0467	0.0411
$wR_2[I > 2\sigma(I)]$	0.0785	0.1274
$R_1$ [all data]	0.0694	0.0496
$wR_2$ [all data]	0.0858	0.1322
GOF	1.007	1.037
R <sub>int</sub>	0.0576	0.0538

Table 1 (continued). Crystal, intensity collection and refinement data.

	[Tm <sup>But</sup> ]ZnMoCp(CO) <sub>3</sub>
	•2(C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>6</sub> )
lattice	Triclinic
formula	$C_{41}H_{51}BMoN_6O_3S_3Zn$
formula weight	944.17
space group	P-1
a/Å	10.2866(10)
b/Å	12.0489(12)
c/Å	19.2260(19)
$\alpha/^{\circ}$	92.6350(10)
β/°	93.9040(10)
γ/°	114.8880(10)
$V/\text{\AA}^3$	2149.3(4)
Ζ	2
temperature (K)	296(2)
radiation (λ, Å)	0.71073
ho (calcd.), g cm <sup>-3</sup>	1.459
μ (Mo Kα), mm <sup>-1</sup>	1.040
θ max, deg.	30.722
no. of data collected	35130
no. of data used	13225
no. of parameters	518
$R_1 \left[ I > 2\sigma(I) \right]$	0.0398
$wR_2 [I > 2\sigma(I)]$	0.0871
$R_1$ [all data]	0.0607
$wR_2$ [all data]	0.0965
GOF	1.033
R <sub>int</sub>	0.0504

**Table 1 (continued).** Crystal, intensity collection and refinement data.

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