# **Supporting Information**

## Metallo-Wittig Chemistry of an Alkylidene to Form a Terminal Titanium Oxo Complex

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NMR Spectroscopic Data of 2 and 3





Figure S1. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of 2 recorded in C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub> (500.39 MHz, 23 °C)





Figure S2. <sup>31</sup>P{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR spectrum of 2 recorded in C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub> (145.78 MHz, 23 °C)





Figure S3.  ${}^{19}F{}^{1}H{}$  NMR spectrum of 2 recorded in C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub> (338.86 MHz, 23 °C)





Figure S4. <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR spectrum of 2 recorded in C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub> (125.82 MHz, 23  $^{\circ}$ C)



Figure S5. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of 3 recorded in C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub> (500.39 MHz, 23 °C)



Figure S6. <sup>31</sup>P{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR spectrum of 3 recorded in  $C_6D_6$  (145.78 MHz, 23 °C)



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UV-Vis Spectroscopic Data of 2 and 3





Figure S8. UV-Vis-NIR absorption spectrum of Compound 2 in hexanes solution

(0.0526 mM).

$$\epsilon_{\lambda=274} = 15494 \frac{L}{mol(cm)}$$

$$\epsilon_{\lambda=302} = 6762 \frac{L}{mol(cm)}$$





Figure S9. UV-Vis-NIR absorption spectrum of Compound 2 in

hexanes solution (0.259 mM)







hexanes solution (1.178 mM)

$$\epsilon_{\lambda=511} = 661 \frac{L}{mol(cm)}$$





Figure S11. UV-Vis-NIR absorption spectrum of Compound 3 in hexanes solution (0.0513 mM)

$$\varepsilon_{\lambda=227} = 13156 \frac{L}{mol(cm)}$$
$$\varepsilon_{\lambda=335} = 7210 \frac{L}{mol(cm)}$$
$$\varepsilon_{\lambda=466} = 1643 \frac{L}{mol(cm)}$$

### **Computational Data for 2 and 3**

 Table S1. Cartesian coordinates of B3LYP optimized geometry of 2 (singlet).

0 1			
Ti	0.283813	0.434270	-0.985170
S	-2.362127	0.976797	-2.765526
Р	0.680572	-2.041884	-1.797297
Р	0.946508	2.564609	0.437742
F	-4.047691	-1.010397	-2.284776
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F	-4.870453	0.618493	-3.472355
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Η	1.145304	-1.923344	-4.142953
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Figure S12. Computed Molecular Orbital 197 (LUMO) of Compound 2.

Table	<b>S2.</b>	Selected	Calculated	Absorptions	of 2	in	n-hexane	solution	at the	TD-DFT-
B3LYI	P lev	vel.								

Orbital Transition	CI Coef.	Transition Energy	Oscillator Strength
		(eV)	
196 (HOMO) → 197 (LUMO)	0.70466	1.9133 (648.02 nm)	0.0002

196 (HOMO) → 198 (LUMO+1)	0.69861	2.4127 (513.88 nm)	0.0341
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 Table S3. Cartesian coordinates of B3LYP optimized geometry of 3 (singlet).

0 1			
Ti	1.122162	-0.927504	0.377287
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Η	2.161032	5.084690	0.901714
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Η	-1.983925	5.745745	1.852665
С	-1.575484	4.179190	0.435161
Η	-2.623324	3.918888	0.324826

**Table S4.** Selected Calculated Absorptions of **3** in n-hexane solution at the TD-DFT-B3LYP level.

Orbital Transition	CI Coef.	Transition Energy	Oscillator Strength
		(eV)	
245 (HOMO) → 246 (LUMO)	0.70254	2.5384 (488.44 nm)	0.0808

#### **Crystallographic Data**

For description of solid-state structure analysis and refinement for 2 and 3, refer to Experimental Procedure.

For compound **2**, A total of 85632 reflections were measured over the ranges  $1.489 \le 0 = 27.00^{\circ}$ ,  $-21 \le h \le 21$ ,  $-15 \le k \le 15$ ,  $-35 \le l \le 35$  yielding 12515 unique reflections (Rint = 0.0471). The intensity data were corrected for Lorentz and polarization effects and for absorption using SADABS<sup>1</sup> (minimum and maximum transmission 0.6834, 0.7456). The structure was solved by direct methods (SHELXS-97<sup>2</sup>). Refinement was by full-matrix least squares based on F<sup>2</sup> using SHELXL-2014. All reflections were used during refinement. The weighting scheme used was w=1/[ $\sigma^2(F_o^2)$  + (0.0927P)<sup>2</sup> + 2.8904P] where P = ( $F_o^2 + 2F_c^2$ )/3. Non-hydrogen atoms were refined anisotropically and hydrogen atoms were refined using a riding model. Refinement converged to R1=0.0539 and wR2=0.1519 for 9264 observed reflections for which F > 4 $\sigma$ (F) and R1=0.0758 and wR2=0.1618 and GOF =1.051 for all 12515 unique, non-zero reflections and 536 variables.<sup>3</sup> The maximum  $\Box \Box$  in the final cycle of least squares was 0.001 and the two most prominent peaks in the final difference Fourier were +1.400 and -0.779 e/Å<sup>3</sup>.

For compound **3**, A total of 135355 reflections were measured over the ranges  $1.271 \le \theta \le 27.498^{\circ}$ ,  $-14 \le h \le 14$ ,  $-28 \le k \le 28$ ,  $-31 \le 1 \le 31$  yielding 13521 unique reflections (R<sub>int</sub> = 0.0792). The intensity data were corrected for Lorentz and polarization effects and for absorption using SADABS (minimum and maximum transmission 0.7205, 0.7456). The structure was solved by direct methods SHELXS-97. Refinement was by full-matrix least squares based on F<sup>2</sup> using SHELXL-2014. All reflections were used during refinement. The weighting scheme used was w=1/[ $\sigma^2(F_o^2)$  + (0.0837P)<sup>2</sup> + 4.9007P] where P = (F\_o^2 + 2F\_c^2)/3. Non-hydrogen atoms were refined anisotropically and hydrogen atoms were refined using a riding model. Refinement converged to R1=0.0595 and wR2=0.1466 for 9482 observed reflections for which F > 4 $\sigma$ (F) and R1=0.0958 and wR2=0.1704 and GOF =1.064 for all 13521 unique, non-zero reflections and 721 variables. The maximum  $\Delta/\sigma$  in the final cycle of least squares was 0.001 and the two most prominent peaks in the final difference Fourier were +1.162 and -0.544 e/Å<sup>3</sup>.

These results were checked using the IUCR's CheckCIF routine. Any Level A, B, or C alerts in the output are related to disordered tert-butyl and isopropyl groups, as well as the presence of disordered, co-crystallized solvent molecules.

	Compound 2	Compound <b>3</b>
Empirical formula	C <sub>50</sub> H <sub>75</sub> NP <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>7.5</sub> F <sub>3</sub> Ti	C <sub>69</sub> H <sub>81</sub> NO <sub>2</sub> P <sub>2</sub> Ti
Formula weight	1009.01	1066.18
Temperature	100(1) K	100(1) K
Wavelength	0.71073 Å	0.71073 Å
Crystal system	monoclinic	monoclinic
Space group	$P2_1/n$	$P2_1/n$
Cell constants:		
a	16.5327(12) Å	11.4489(3)Å
b	12.0477(8) Å	21.9022(6)Å
с	27.564(2) Å	23.9798(6)Å
β	97.271(4)°	101.442(2)°
Volume	5446.2(7) Å <sup>3</sup>	5893.6(3)Å <sup>3</sup>
Z	4	4
Density	1.231 g/cm <sup>3</sup>	1.202 g/cm <sup>3</sup>
Absorption coefficient	$0.312 \text{ mm}^{-1}$	$0.245 \text{ mm}^{-1}$
F(000)	2148	2280
Crystal size	0.48 x 0.33 x 0.13 mm <sup>3</sup>	$0.15\times0.08\times0.06\ mm^3$
Theta range for data collection	1.489 to 27.500°	1.271 – 27.498°
Index ranges	$-21 \le h \le 21, -15 \le k \le 15, -35 \le 1$	$-14 \le h \le 14, -28 \le k \le 28, -31 \le 1$
	$\leq$ 35	≤ 31
Reflections collected	85632	135355
Independent reflections	12515 [R(int) = 0.0471]	13521[R(int) = 0.0792]
Completeness to theta = $27.52^{\circ}$	100%	100%
Absorption correction	Semi-empirical from equivalents	Semi-empirical from equivalents
Max. and min. transmission	0.7456 and 0.6834	0.7456 and 0.7205
Refinement method	Full-matrix least-squares on F2	Full-matrix least-squares on F2
Data / restraints / parameters	12515/0/536	13521/45/721
Goodness-of-fit on F2	1.051	1.064
Final R indices $[I>2\sigma(I)]$	$R_1 = 0.0539, wR_2 = 0.1519$	$R_1 = 0.0595, wR_2 = 0.1466$
R indices (all data)	$R_1 = 0.0758, wR_2 = 0.1618$	$R_1 = 0.0958, wR_2 = 0.1704$
Largest diff. peak and hole	1.400/-0.779 eÅ <sup>-3</sup>	1.162/-0.544 eÅ <sup>-3</sup>

Table S5: Summary of Structure Determinations for Compounds 2 and 3

#### References

1) G. M. Sheldrick, SADABS. University of Gottingen, Germany, 2007. 2) G. M. Sheldrick, *Acta Cryst.*, 2008, **A64**, 112-122. 3)  $R_1 = \Sigma ||F_o| - |F_c|| / \Sigma |F_o|$   $wR_2 = [\Sigma w (F_o^2 - F_c^2)^2 / \Sigma w (F_o^2)^2]^{\frac{1}{2}}$   $GOF = [\Sigma w (F_o^2 - F_c^2)^2 / (n - p)]^{\frac{1}{2}}$ where n = the number of reflections and p = the number of parameters refined