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Trinuclear (Aminonitrone)Zn^{II} Complexes as Key Intermediates in Zinc(II)-

mediated Generation of 1,2,4-Oxadiazoles from Amidoximes and Nitriles

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Analytical and Spectroscopy Data

Complexes 2a-d, [3a-d](OTf)₄, [4a-c(OTf)₂], and salts [5a-d](OTf) gave satisfactory C, H, and N elemental analyses for the proposed formulas, and these species were also characterized by high-resolution ESI-MS, IR, ¹H NMR, and CP-MAS TOSS ¹³C{¹H} NMR (for poorly soluble 2ad, $[3a-d](OTf)_4$, and [5d](OTf)) or ${}^{13}C{}^{1}H$ NMR spectroscopy (for $[4a-c(OTf)_2]$ and [5a-c](OTf)exhibiting sufficient solubility) and additionally by single-crystal X-ray diffraction for eight species (2a-c, [3a](OTf)₄, [4b(OTf)(EtOH)](OTf), [4c(OTf)₂], [5a-d](OTf), and [5d](OTf)). The positive mode HRESI mass spectra of 2a-d exhibit sets of peaks corresponding to the quasi-ions $[Zn(1)_2 H^{+}$, $[Zn_2(1)_2 - H^{+}]^+$, $[Zn_2(OAc)(1)_2]^+$, $[Zn_2(OAc)_2(1)_3 - H^{+}]^+$, $[Zn_2(OAc)_3(1)_4 - 2H^{+}]^+$, and in the negative mode spectra, sets of peaks from $[Zn(OAc)_3]^-$, $[Zn_2(OAc)_5]^-$ were identified. The HRESI⁺-MS of $[3a-d](OTf)_4$ display several groups of peaks corresponding to the fragmentation ions $[Zn(OAc)]^+, [Zn_2(1)_2 - H]^+, [Zn_2(OAc)_2(1) - H]^+, [Zn_2(OAc)(1)_2 - 2H]^+, [Zn_2(OAc)_2(1)_2 - H]^+, [Zn_2(Ac)_2(1)_2 - H]^$ $[Zn_2(OAc)_3(1)_2]^+$, and in the negative mode spectra, sets of peaks from $[Zn(OTf)_3(1)]^-$ and $[Zn_2(OTf)_4(1) - H]^-$. The HRESI⁺-MS of complexes $[4a-c(OTf)_2]$ exhibit sets of peaks the quasi-ions $[Zn{RC(NH_2)=NOC(N(CH_3)_2)=NH}(OTf)]^+$ corresponding to and $[Zn \{RC(NH_2)=NOC(N(CH_3)_2)=NH\}_2(OTf)]^+$, whereas in the negative mode the only observed peaks are due to $[RC(NH_2)=NOC(N(CH_3)_2)=NH_2 + 2OTf]^-$. The positive and negative mode ESI spectra of amidinium salts [5a-d](OTf) display group of peaks from $[M]^+$, $[2M + OTf]^+$, and $[M + 2OTf]^{-}$, respectively.

The IR spectra of $2\mathbf{a}$ -d, $[3\mathbf{a}$ -d](OTf)₄, $[4\mathbf{a}$ -c(OTf)₂], and $[5\mathbf{a}$ -d](OTf) display two to four bands from medium to very strong intensities at 3498–3126 cm⁻¹, which can be attributed to the N–H stretches. Weak to medium bands at 3088–2772 cm⁻¹ observed in the spectra were assigned to v(C–H). The IR spectra of $2\mathbf{a}$ -d, $[3\mathbf{a}$ -d](OTf)₄, and $[4\mathbf{a}$ -c(OTf)₂] exhibit one v(C=N) band in the range 1678–1638 cm⁻¹, which is specific to amidoximes,¹ whereas the spectra of $[5\mathbf{a}$ -d](OTf) exhibit two C=N absorption bands in the range 1694–1650 cm⁻¹, which are characteristic for *O*carbamidinium amidoximes. The spectra of $2\mathbf{a}$ -d and $[3\mathbf{a}$ -d](OTf)₄ also feature three strong to very strong bands in the region 1608–1340 cm⁻¹ from v(C=O) of the ligated acetate group. In addition, the spectra of $[3a-d](OTf)_4$, $[4a-c(OTf)_2]$, and [5a-d](OTf) display a two to three very strong bands in the region 1290–1160 cm⁻¹, characteristic to the v(S=O) of the triflate anion.

The ¹H NMR spectra of **2a–d** and [**3a–d**](OTf)₄ recorded in (CD₃)₂SO are equal to the spectra of corresponding **1a–d**, which indicates solvolysis of the complexes and therefore their spectra were recorded in (CD₃)₂CO, where the dissociation was not observed. Characteristic feature of the spectra is the absence of the N*H* signal due to a fast exchange with water protons. Another feature is the availability of broad singlets attributed to the N*H*₂ resonances at 6.40–5.29 ppm (for **2a–d**) and 8.48–7.93 (for [**3a–d**](OTf)₄). Low-field shift of the signal in the spectra of [**3a–d**](OTf)₄ is probably due to the positive charge on the HNCNH₂ moiety provided by the stabilization of **1a–d** ligand in the aminonitrone form. The ¹H NMR spectra of [**4a–c**(OTf)₂] and [**5a–d**](OTf) were recorded in (CD₃)₂SO and no solvolysis was observed for [**4a–c**(OTf)₂] likely due to bidentate character of the ligands that imparts the substitutional intertness. Characteristic feature of the spectra of [**4a–c**(OTf)₂] is availability of two or three broad signals at 7.98–7.57 and 7.12–4.78 ppm corresponding to the peaks of the N*H* and N*H*₂ moieties, respectively. The spectra of [**5a–d**](OTf) exhibit two sets of one or two broad singlets at 8.74–7.92 and 7.34–6.63 ppm attributed to the carbamidinium and amidoxime N*H*₂ resonances, correspondingly.

The ¹³C{¹H} NMR spectra of $[4a-c(OTf)_2]$ and [5a-d](OTf) were recorded in $(CD_3)_2$ SO. The spectra exhibit two signals at 161.89–155.68 ppm, which are characteristic for the R–*C*(=N)– NH₂, and O–*C*(=N)–N(CH₃)₂ resonances and the quartet at 122.77–119.54 ppm of the C atom of the triflate anion. In high-field region, the spectra of $[4a-c(OTf)_2]$ display one signal at 37.61– 37.32 ppm, whereas in the spectra of [5a-d](OTf) two signals at 38.35–37.09 ppm, which are characteristic of the N(*C*H₃)₂ resonances, were observed.

The solid state CP-MAS TOSS ¹³C{¹H} NMR spectra of **2a–d**, [**3a–d**](OTf)₄, and [**5d**](OTf) were measured due to poor solubility of these species in $(CD_3)_2CO$. The spectra of **2a–d** and [**3a–d**](OTf)₄ display one to two signals in the region 182.47–175.69 ppm, which can be

attributed to CH_3-CO_2 and one to three signals of the CH_3-CO_2 resonances were observed at 27.27– 20.12 ppm. In addition, the spectra of **2a–d** and [**3a–d**](OTf)₄ exhibit one signal at 164.47– 152.40 ppm corresponding to the C atom of the carbamidoxime group.

X-ray Structure Determinations, the structures of the O-iminoacylated oximes

In the molecular structures of [**5a**](OTf) and [**5d**](OTf), the N(2)–C(1) [1.342(3) and 1.334(3) Å] and the N(4)–C(3/4) [1.463(3)–1.467(3) Å] are normal single bonds (**Figure 6**).² The N(1)–C(1), N(4)–C(2), and N(3)–C(2) bond lengths [1.285(6)–1.323(3) Å] indicate intermediate order between typical single and double bonds,² which reflects the amide character of these bonds. The O(1)–N(1) distances [1.471(2) and 1.483(2) Å] are longer than usual O–N^{sp2} bonds, which is specific for *O*-imidoylamidoximes.³ In the carbamidoxime groups of both complexes, the HO- and H₂N-moieties are in the *sin*-configuration. An intramolecular hydrogen bond exists between one of the amidinium H atoms and the oxime N atom (N_{amidinium}•••N_{oxime} 2.207 and 2.519 Å; N_{amidinium}–H•••N_{oxime} 104.30 and 105.78, respectively). In both crystal structures, hydrogen bonds between the amide H atoms and the triflate O atoms were observed.



Figure 1S. The structure of [**5a**]⁺ showing the atomic numbering scheme. Thermal ellipsoids are given at the 50% probability level.

Spectra of 2a-d

2a









Figure 4S. IR spectrum of 2a.



Figure 6S. 13C{1H} CP-MAS TOSS NMR spectrum of 2a.



Acquisition Paramete	r				
Source Type	ESI	Ion Polarity	Negative	Set Nebulizer	0.4 Bar
Focus	Not active			Set Dry Heater	180 °C
Scan Begin	50 m/z	Set Capillary	3500 V	Set Dry Gas	4.0 l/min
Scan End	3000 m/z	Set End Plate Offset	-500 V	Set Divert Valve	Source



2b







Figure 11S. 13C{1H} CP-MAS TOSS NMR spectrum of 2b.



Scan End	3000 m/z	Set End Plate Offset	-500 V	Set Divert Valve	Source
Scan Begin	50 m/z	Set Capillary	3500 V	Set Dry Gas	4.0 l/min
Focus	Not active			Set Dry Heater	180 °C
Source Type	ESI	Ion Polarity	Negative	Set Nebulizer	0.4 Bar
Acquisition Param	leter				



c











Figure 16S. 13C{1H} CP-MAS TOSS NMR spectrum of 2c.





Acquisition Parame	eter				
Source Type	ESI	Ion Polarity	Negative	Set Nebulizer	0.4 Bar
Focus	Not active			Set Dry Heater	180 °C
Scan Begin	50 m/z	Set Capillary	3500 V	Set Dry Gas	4.0 l/min
Scan End	3000 m/z	Set End Plate Offset	-500 V	Set Divert Valve	Source



2d











Figure 21S. 13C{1H} CP-MAS TOSS NMR spectrum of 2d.

Spectra of [3a-d](OTf)₄

[**3a**](OTf)₄





Figure 24S. IR spectrum of [3a](OTf)₄.



ure 26S. 13C{1H} CP-MAS TOSS NMR spectrum of $[3a](OTf)_4$.

[**3b**](OTf)₄



Scan End	3000 m/z	Set End Plate Offset	-500 V	Set Divert Valve	Source
Scan Begin	50 m/z	Set Capillary	3500 V	Set Dry Gas	4.0 l/min
Focus	Not active			Set Dry Heater	180 °C
Source Type	ESI	Ion Polarity	Negative	Set Nebulizer	0.4 Bar
Acquisition Param	leter				





Figure 29S. IR spectrum of [3b](OTf)₄.



Figure 31S. 13C{1H} CP-MAS TOSS NMR spectrum of [3b](OTf)₄.

[**3c**](OTf)₄









Figure 34S. IR spectrum of [3c](OTf)₄.



Figure 36S. 13C{1H} CP-MAS TOSS NMR spectrum of [3c](OTf)₄.

[**3d**](OTf)₄



Scan End	3000 m/z	Set End Plate Offset	-500 V	Set Divert Valve	Source
Scan Begin	50 m/z	Set Capillary	3500 V	Set Dry Gas	4.0 l/min
Focus	Not active			Set Dry Heater	180 °C
Source Type	ESI	Ion Polarity	Negative	Set Nebulizer	0.4 Bar
Acquisition Param	leter				





Figure 39S. IR spectrum of [3d](OTf)₄.



Figure 41S. 13C{1H} CP-MAS TOSS NMR spectrum of [3d](OTf)₄.

Spectra of [4a-c(OTf)₂]

[**4a**(OTf)₂]







Figure 44S. IR spectrum of [4a(OTf)₂].





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Figure 46S. ¹³C NMR spectrum of [4a(OTf)₂].

[**4b**(OTf)₂]



Acquisition Param	eter				
Source Type	ESI	Ion Polarity	Negative	Set Nebulizer	1.0 Bar
Focus	Not active		-	Set Dry Heater	180 °C
Scan Begin	50 m/z	Set Capillary	3500 V	Set Dry Gas	6.0 l/min
Scan End	3000 m/z	Set End Plate Offset	-500 V	Set Divert Valve	Source





Figure 49S. IR spectrum of [4b(OTf)₂].





[**4c**(OTf)₂]









Figure 54S. IR spectrum of [4c(OTf)₂].



Figure 56S. ¹³C NMR spectrum of [4c(OTf)₂].

Spectra of [5a-d](OTf)

[**5a**](OTf)







Figure 598. IR spectrum of [5a](OTf).





Figure 61S. ¹³C NMR spectrum of [5a](OTf).

[**5b**](OTf)







Figure 64S. IR spectrum of [5b](OTf).





Figure 66S. ¹³C NMR spectrum of [5b](OTf).

[**5c**](OTf)



Acquisition Param	eter				
Source Type	ESI	Ion Polarity	Negative	Set Nebulizer	1.0 Bar
Focus	Not active			Set Dry Heater	180 °C
Scan Begin	50 m/z	Set Capillary	3500 V	Set Dry Gas	6.0 l/min
Scan End	3000 m/z	Set End Plate Offset	-500 V	Set Divert Valve	Source







Figure 698. IR spectrum of [5c](OTf).





[**5d**](OTf)











Figure 74S. IR spectrum of [5d](OTf).



igure 75S. ¹H NMR spectrum of [5d](OTf).

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Figure 76S. 13C{1H} CP-MAS TOSS NMR spectrum of [5d](OTf).

Identification code	2a	2b	2c	[3a](OTf) ₄
Empirical formula	$C_{18}H_{22}N_4O_6Zn$	$C_{18}H_{20}Cl_2N_4O_6Zn$	$C_{10}H_{22}N_4O_6Zn$	$C_{36}H_{50}F_{12}N_8O_{26}S_4Zn_3$
Formula weight	455.76	524.65	359.68	1563.19
Temperature/K	100(2)	100(2)	100(2)	100(2)
Crystal system	monoclinic	monoclinic	monoclinic	triclinic
Space group	$P2_1/c$	C2/c	$P2_1/c$	P-1
a/Å	11.955(2)	32.7550(17)	14.998(5)	9.9101(6)
b/Å	17.5685(11)	10.5714(5)	8.7997(4)	17.0394(9)
c/Å	15.782(3)	13.5063(6)	23.691(8)	18.2463(6)
α/°	90	90	90	74.733(4)
β/°	139.46(4)	110.305(4)	148.87(8)	89.846(4)
γ/°	90	90	90	82.485(5)
Volume/Å ³	2154.3(14)	4386.2(4)	1616(2)	2945.2(3)
Z	4	8	4	2
$\rho_{calc}g/cm^3$	1.405	1.589	1.478	1.763
µ/mm ⁻¹	1.180	1.406	1.550	3.890
F(000)	944.0	2144.0	752.0	1584.0
Crystal size/mm ³	0.15 imes 0.1 imes 0.1	0.3 imes 0.25 imes 0.25	0.25 imes 0.25 imes 0.2	0.1 imes 0.1 imes 0.1
Radiation	MoK α ($\lambda = 0.71073$)	MoKα (λ = 0.71073)	MoKa ($\lambda = 0.71073$)	$CuK\alpha (\lambda = 1.54184)$
2@ range for data collection/°	5.222 to 55	5.47 to 54.996	5.494 to 54.978	6.342 to 144.998
	$-15 \le h \le 15$,	$-31 \le h \le 42,$	$-18 \le h \le 19,$	$-11 \le h \le 12$,
Index ranges	$-22 \le k \le 22,$	$-13 \le k \le 13,$	$-11 \le k \le 11,$	$-21 \le k \le 21,$
	$-20 \le l \le 20$	$-17 \le l \le 17$	$-30 \le l \le 30$	$-18 \le 1 \le 22$
Reflections collected	37536	18244	13150	32356
Independent reflections	4962 [$R_{int} = 0.0467$,	$5042 [R_{int} = 0.0343,$	$3720 [R_{int} = 0.0224,$	11567 [$R_{int} = 0.0918$,
Independent reflections	$R_{sigma} = 0.0257$]	$R_{sigma} = 0.0341]$	$R_{sigma} = 0.0190$]	$R_{sigma} = 0.0936$]
Data/restraints/parameters	4962/0/266	5042/0/284	3720/0/196	11567/0/813
Goodness-of-fit on F ²	1.059	1.080	1.053	1.020
Final R indexes [I>= 2σ (I)]	$R_1 = 0.0299, wR_2 = 0.0706$	$R_1 = 0.0402, wR_2 = 0.1001$	$R_1 = 0.0226, wR_2 = 0.0600$	$R_1 = 0.0793, wR_2 = 0.2065$
Final R indexes [all data]	$R_1 = 0.0380, wR_2 = 0.0748$	$R_1 = 0.0471, wR_2 = 0.1039$	$R_1 = 0.0266, wR_2 = 0.0629$	$R_1 = 0.1152, wR_2 = 0.2496$
Largest diff. peak/hole / e Å-3	0.42/-0.34	1.53/-0.73	0.32/-0.37	1.66/-1.03
CCDC number	1504005	1504000	1503999	1504006

Table 1S. Crystal data for 2a–c and [3a](OTf)₄.

Identification code	[4b(OTf)(EtOH)](OTf)	[4c (OTf) ₂]	[5a](OTf)	[5d](OTf)
Empirical formula	$C_{24}H_{32}Cl_2F_6N_8O_9S_2Zn$	$C_{14}H_{28}F_6N_8O_8S_2Zn$	$C_{11}H_{15}F_3N_4O_4S$	$C_9H_{19}F_3N_4O_4S$
Formula weight	890.96	679.93	356.33	336.34
Temperature/K	100(2)	100(2)	100(2)	100(2)
Crystal system	triclinic	orthorhombic	monoclinic	monoclinic
Space group	P-1	Pna2 ₁	C2/c	P2 ₁ /c
a/Å	8.7052(5)	16.8415(3)	16.7859(5)	11.8893(13)
b/Å	12.9506(6)	20.4363(4)	8.3599(2)	18.4419(14)
c/Å	17.0474(7)	16.1946(3)	21.9907(5)	7.2746(7)
α/°	108.023(4)	90	90	90
β/°	90.814(4)	90	90.745(2)	103.177(11)
γ/°	95.484(4)	90	90	90
Volume/Å ³	1817.27(16)	5573.83(17)	3085.67(15)	1553.0(3)
Ζ	2	8	8	4
$\rho_{calc}g/cm^3$	1.628	1.621	1.534	1.438
µ/mm ⁻¹	1.027	1.124	2.429	0.260
F(000)	908.0	2784.0	1472.0	704.0
Crystal size/mm ³	0.15 imes 0.1 imes 0.1	0.2 imes 0.2 imes 0.2	0.1 imes 0.1 imes 0.1	0.2 imes 0.2 imes 0.2
Radiation	MoK α ($\lambda = 0.71073$)	MoKa ($\lambda = 0.71073$)	$CuK\alpha \ (\lambda = 1.54184)$	MoKa ($\lambda = 0.71073$)
2Θ range for data collection/°	5.232 to 55	5.298 to 55	8.042 to 153.006	5.648 to 54.998
	$-11 \le h \le 11$,	$-21 \le h \le 21,$	$-20 \le h \le 21$,	$-14 \le h \le 15$,
Index ranges	$-16 \le k \le 16,$	$-26 \le k \le 26,$	$-10 \le k \le 10,$	$-23 \le k \le 23,$
	$-22 \le l \le 22$	$-21 \le l \le 21$	$-27 \le l \le 24$	$-9 \le l \le 8$
Reflections collected	16514	53585	21892	7523
	$8351 [R_{int} = 0.0246,$	$12565 [R_{int} = 0.0373,$	$3225 [R_{int} = 0.1226,$	3561 [$R_{int} = 0.0336$,
Independent reflections	$R_{sigma} = 0.0384$]	$R_{sigma} = 0.0327]$	$R_{sigma} = 0.0425$]	$R_{sigma} = 0.0539$]
Data/restraints/parameters	8351/2/477	12565/14/721	3225/0/210	3561/0/195
Goodness-of-fit on F ²	1.045	1.046	1.033	1.055
Final R indexes [I>=2σ (I)]	$R_1 = 0.0509, wR_2 = 0.1203$	$R_1 = 0.0420, wR_2 = 0.0983$	$R_1 = 0.0569, wR_2 = 0.1174$	$R_1 = 0.0494, wR_2 = 0.1108$
Final R indexes [all data]	$R_1 = 0.0688, wR_2 = 0.1342$	$R_1 = 0.0489, wR_2 = 0.1023$	$R_1 = 0.0630, wR_2 = 0.1223$	$R_1 = 0.0740, wR_2 = 0.1229$
Largest diff. peak/hole / e Å-3	2.59/-0.58	1.27/-1.11	0.37/-0.55	0.46/-0.28
CCDC number	1504001	1504002	1504004	1504003

Table 2S. Crystal data for	[4b(OTf)(EtOH)](OTf)	, [4c (OTf) ₂], [5 a	[(OTf), and [5d](OTf).
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Theoretical study of bonding situation in solid state structures of 2 and [4(OTf)₂]

Inspection of the crystallographic data suggests the presence of different types of noncovalent interactions in solid-state structures of 2a-c, [4b(OTf)(EtOH)](OTf), and [4c(OTf)₂], viz. intra- and intermolecular hydrogen (HB's) and halogen (XB's) bonds. Besides, in [4c(OTf)₂], the coordination polyhedron of zinc metal center is supplemented by two triflate anionic ligands to distorted octahedron. In order to (i) confirm or deny the hypothesis on the existence of these weak contacts in 2a-c, [4b(OTf)(EtOH)](OTf), and [4c(OTf)₂], and to quantify their energies from theoretical point of view; (ii) to understand more deeply the nature of Zn-O contacts and to compare them with other ordinary Zn-N coordination bonds in [4c(OTf)₂], we carried out DFT calculations and performed topological analysis of the electron density distribution within the formalism of Bader's theory (QTAIM method)⁴ for **2a–c**, [**4b**(OTf)(EtOH)](OTf), and [**4c**(OTf)₂]. Results are summarized in **Table 3S**, the contour line diagrams of the Laplacian distribution $\nabla^2 \rho(\mathbf{r})$, bond paths, and selected zero-flux surfaces for 2a-b, [4b(OTf)(EtOH)](OTf), and [4c(OTf)₂] are shown in Figures 76S and 77S. The Poincare-Hopf relationship in all cases is satisfied, thus all critical points have been found.

Table 3S. Values of the density of all electrons – $\rho(\mathbf{r})$, Laplacian of electron density – $\nabla^2 \rho(\mathbf{r})$, energy density – H_b, potential energy density – V(\mathbf{r}), and Lagrangian kinetic energy – G(\mathbf{r}) (Hartree) at the bond critical points (3, -1), corresponding to non-covalent interactions and coordination bonds in solid state structures of 2a-c, [4b(OTf)(EtOH)](OTf), and [4c(OTf)₂], bond lengths -l (Å) and Wiberg bond indices – WI, as well as energies for these contacts E_{int} (kcal/mol), defined by two approaches.

Contact	ρ(r)	$ abla^2 ho(\mathbf{r})$	H_{b}	V(r)	G(r)	E _{int} ^a	E_{int}^{b}	l	WI
2a									
0 110	0.038	0.155	0.000	-0.038	0.038	11.9	10.2	1.76	0.04
0-11.0	0.036	0.149	0.001	-0.036	0.037	11.3	10.0	1.78	0.03
N HO			BCP	not foun	d			2.19	0.00
N-II ^m O			BCP	not foun	d			2.22	0.00
				2b				1	
О НО	0.035	0.153	0.001	-0.035	0.037	11.0	10.0	1.79	0.03
0-11 0	0.032	0.139	0.002	-0.031	0.033	9.7	8.9	1.83	0.01
N HO			BCP	not foun	d			2.26	0.00
			BCP	not foun	d			2.24	0.00
Cl…Cl	0.009	0.035	0.002	-0.005	0.007	1.6	1.9	3.33	0.01
				2c					
0 110	0.033	0.143	0.002	-0.033	0.034	10.4	9.2	1.81	0.03
0-11.0	0.028	0.117	0.002	-0.025	0.027	7.8	7.3	1.90	0.02
N HO			BCP	not foun	d			2.23	0.00
	BCP not found							2.25	0.00
			[4b (OT	f)(EtOH)	(OTf)				
Cl…F	0.007	0.033	0.001	-0.005	0.007	1.6	1.9	3.09	0.00
			[4	$1c(OTf)_2$					
7n O	0.023	0.087	-0.002	-0.025	0.023	7.8	6.2	2.51	0.14
	0.019	0.074	0.000	-0.019	0.019	6.0	5.1	2.60	0.12
	0.095	0.422	-0.023	-0.152	0.129	47.7	34.7	1.95	0.31
7n N	0.091	0.402	-0.021	-0.143	0.122	44.9	32.8	1.97	0.29
	0.067	0.288	-0.013	-0.097	0.085	30.4	22.9	2.09	0.25
	0.064	0.272	-0.012	-0.093	0.080	29.2	21.5	2.11	0.24

^a $E_{int} = -V(\mathbf{r})/2^{5}$ ^b $E_{int} = 0.429G(\mathbf{r})^{6}$



Figure 77S. Contour line diagrams of the Laplacian distribution $\nabla^2 \rho(\mathbf{r})$, bond paths and selected zero-flux surfaces for HB's in **2a** (top) and XB's in **2b** (down left) and [**4b**(OTf)(EtOH)](OTf) (down right). Bond critical points (3, -1) are shown in blue, nuclear critical points (3, -3) – in pale brown, ring critical points (3, +1) – in orange, length unit – Å.

Figure 77S. Contour line diagram of the Laplacian distribution $\nabla^2 \rho(\mathbf{r})$, bond paths and selected zero-flux surfaces for contacts Zn–O and Zn–N in [4c(OTf)₂]. Bond critical points (3, -1) are shown in blue, nuclear critical points (3, -3) – in pale brown, ring critical points (3, +1) – in orange, length unit – Å.

The OTAIM analysis demonstrates the presence of appropriate bond critical points (BCPs) (3, -1) for intramolecular O-H···O HB's in **2a**-c, but does not reveals any BCPs for intramolecular N-H…O HB's, despite the fact that lengths of corresponding contacts are less than the sum of Bondi's (the shortest)⁷ van der Waals radii of these atoms (vdw r(H + O) = 2.72 Å) (**Table 3S**, Figure 77S). In 2b and [4b(OTf)(EtOH)](OTf), the BCPs for intermolecular Cl...Cl and intramolecular Cl…F XB's were successfully found (vdw r(Cl + Cl) = 3.50 Å; vdw r(Cl + F) = 3.22Å) (Table 3S, Figure 77S). The low magnitude of the electron density, positive values of the Laplacian, and zero or close to zero positive energy density in these BCPs are typical for hydrogen and halogen bonding. We have defined energies for these contacts according to the procedures proposed by Espinosa et al.⁵ and Vener et al.⁶ (Table 3S), and one can state that strength of O-H…O contacts (7.3–11.9 kcal/mol) is corresponds to moderate HB's following the classification of Jeffrey ("weak" HB's: <4 kcal/mol, "moderate" HB's: 15-4 kcal/mol, "strong" HB's: 40-15 kcal/mol),⁸ and both Cl···Cl and Cl···F XB's are weak (1.6–1.9 kcal/mol). The balance between the Lagrangian kinetic energy $G(\mathbf{r})$ and potential energy density $V(\mathbf{r})$ at the BCPs (3, -1) reveals the nature of these interactions, if the ratio $-G(\mathbf{r})/V(\mathbf{r}) > 1$ is satisfied, than the nature of appropriate interaction is purely non-covalent, in case the $-G(\mathbf{r})/V(\mathbf{r}) < 1$ some covalent component takes place.9 Based on this criterion one can state that the covalent contribution in all discussed above HB's and XB's is absent. The negligible values of the Wiberg bond indices for these contacts (0.00–0.04) computed by using the natural bond orbital (NBO) partitioning scheme¹⁰ additionally confirm the electrostatic nature of these non-covalent interactions.

In [4c(OTf)₂], the QTAIM analysis reveals the presence of two BCPs for Zn–O and four BCPs for Zn–N contacts. The properties of electron density in BCPs for Zn–N contacts are typical for ordinary coordination bonds (the $\rho(\mathbf{r})$ and $\nabla^2 \rho(\mathbf{r})$ values are positive and relatively high; the H_b values are significantly negative; the $-G(\mathbf{r})/V(\mathbf{r}) \ll 1$; Wiberg bond indices for these contacts are noticeable), whereas Zn–O contacts can be classified as non-covalent close shell interactions with some contribution of covalent component.

Bond	2a	2b	2c
Zn–O	0.29	0.29	0.31
0–C	1.31	1.29	1.30
C=O	1.53	1.55	1.54
O•••H	0.03	0.03	0.03
Н–О	0.72	0.73	0.73
O–N	1.01	1.00	1.00
Zn–N	0.30	0.29	0.31

Table 4S. Calculated Wiberg bond indices for selected bonds in 2a–c.

Table 5S.	Cartesian	atomic	coordinates	of model	structures.
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Atom	Х	Y	Z	
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