## SUPPORTING INFORMATION

Carbon-Carbon vs. Carbon-Oxygen bond activation in 2- and 3-

Furonitriles with Nickel.

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8.1 8.0 7.9 7.8 7.7 7.6 7.5 7.4 7.3 7.2 7.1 7.0 6.9 6.8 6.7 6.6 6.5 6.4 6.3 6.2 6.1 6.0 5.9 5.8 5.7 5.6 5.5 f1 (ppm)

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#### Cristalographic data for complex (7).

| Identification code             | 7                                     |                         |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Empirical formula               | C19 H35 N Ni O P2                     |                         |
| Formula weight                  | 414.13                                |                         |
| Temperature                     | 130(2) K                              |                         |
| Wavelength                      | 0.71073 Å                             |                         |
| Crystal system                  | Monoclinic                            |                         |
| Space group                     | P 21/n                                |                         |
| Unit cell dimensions            | a = 10.9347(15) Å                     | <i>α</i> = 90°.         |
|                                 | b = 14.4261(14)  Å                    | β= 107.794(13)°.        |
|                                 | c = 13.9266(16) Å                     | $\gamma = 90^{\circ}$ . |
| Volume                          | 2091.8(4) Å <sup>3</sup>              | •                       |
| Z                               | 4                                     |                         |
| Density (calculated)            | 1.315 Mg/m <sup>3</sup>               |                         |
| Absorption coefficient          | 1.087 mm <sup>-1</sup>                |                         |
| F(000)                          | 888                                   |                         |
| Crystal size                    | 0.490 x 0.400 x 0.330 mm <sup>3</sup> |                         |
| Theta range for data collection | 3.436 to 29.582°.                     |                         |
| Index ranges                    | -10<=h<=13, -18<=k<=19, -             |                         |
|                                 | 18<=l<=19                             |                         |

Table S1. Crystal data and structure refinament for complex (7).

| Reflections collected                    | 10578                                       |
|--|---|
| Independent reflections                  | 4940 [R(int) = 0.0366]                      |
| Completeness to theta = $25.242^{\circ}$ | 99.4 %                                      |
| Refinement method                        | Full-matrix least-squares on F <sup>2</sup> |
| Data / restraints / parameters           | 4940 / 0 / 225                              |
| Goodness-of-fit on F <sup>2</sup>        | 1.078                                       |
| Final R indices [I>2sigma(I)]            | R1 = 0.0428, wR2 = 0.0800                   |
| R indices (all data)                     | R1 = 0.0765, wR2 = 0.0939                   |
| Extinction coefficient                   | n/a   |
| Largest diff. peak and hole              | 0.645 and -0.463 e.Å <sup>-3</sup>          |

**Table S2**. Atomic coordinates (  $x \ 10^4$ ) and equivalent isotropic displacement parameters (Å<sup>2</sup>x 10<sup>3</sup>) for **7**. U(eq) is defined as one third of the trace of the orthogonalized U<sup>ij</sup> tensor.

|              | X        | у       | Z       | U(eq) |
|--------------|----------|---------|---------|-------|
| C(1)         | 873(3)   | 8191(2) | 6028(2) | 26(1) |
| C(2)         | 2056(3)  | 8366(2) | 5672(2) | 26(1) |
| C(3)         | 2815(3)  | 6659(2) | 4925(2) | 29(1) |
| C(4)         | 1445(3)  | 6293(2) | 4706(2) | 36(1) |
| C(5)         | 3745(4)  | 5857(2) | 5004(3) | 46(1) |
| C(6)         | 4752(3)  | 7987(2) | 6010(2) | 27(1) |
| C(7)         | 5392(3)  | 8495(2) | 6995(2) | 38(1) |
| C(8)         | 4584(3)  | 8628(2) | 5102(2) | 36(1) |
| <b>C(9</b> ) | 1583(3)  | 8542(2) | 8185(2) | 25(1) |
| C(10)        | 2782(3)  | 9095(2) | 8223(2) | 35(1) |
| C(11)        | 1652(4)  | 8188(2) | 9229(2) | 42(1) |
| C(12)        | -116(3)  | 6992(2) | 7306(2) | 26(1) |
| C(13)        | -366(3)  | 6143(2) | 6611(3) | 37(1) |
| C(14)        | -1290(3) | 7622(2) | 7093(3) | 38(1) |
| C(15)        | 4648(3)  | 6100(2) | 7748(2) | 26(1) |
| C(16)        | 5223(3)  | 5526(2) | 8525(2) | 26(1) |
| C(17)        | 6413(3)  | 5211(2) | 8436(2) | 30(1) |
| C(18)        | 6521(3)  | 5599(2) | 7607(3) | 44(1) |
| C(19)        | 2698(3)  | 6188(2) | 8508(2) | 30(1) |

| <b>O</b> (1) | 5483(2) | 6144(2) | 7158(2) | 50(1) |
|--------------|---------|---------|---------|-------|
| Ni(1)        | 3078(1) | 6778(1) | 7425(1) | 21(1) |
| P(1)         | 3243(1) | 7427(1) | 6044(1) | 21(1) |
| P(2)         | 1341(1) | 7603(1) | 7248(1) | 21(1) |
| N(1)         | 2399(3) | 5816(2) | 9127(2) | 45(1) |

### Table S3. Bond lengths [Å] and angles [°] for 7.

| C(1)-C(2)  | 1.541(4) |
|------------|----------|
| C(1)-P(2)  | 1.827(3) |
| C(1)-H(1A) | 0.9900   |
| C(1)-H(1B) | 0.9900   |
| C(2)-P(1)  | 1.837(3) |
| C(2)-H(2A) | 0.9900   |
| C(2)-H(2B) | 0.9900   |
| C(3)-C(5)  | 1.522(4) |
| C(3)-C(4)  | 1.528(4) |
| C(3)-P(1)  | 1.852(3) |
| C(3)-H(3)  | 1.0000   |
| C(4)-H(4A) | 0.9800   |
| C(4)-H(4B) | 0.9800   |
| C(4)-H(4C) | 0.9800   |
| C(5)-H(5A) | 0.9800   |
| C(5)-H(5B) | 0.9800   |
| C(5)-H(5C) | 0.9800   |
| C(6)-C(7)  | 1.525(4) |
| C(6)-C(8)  | 1.531(4) |
| C(6)-P(1)  | 1.850(3) |
| C(6)-H(6)  | 1.0000   |
| C(7)-H(7A) | 0.9800   |
| C(7)-H(7B) | 0.9800   |
| C(7)-H(7C) | 0.9800   |
| C(8)-H(8A) | 0.9800   |
| C(8)-H(8B) | 0.9800   |
| C(8)-H(8C) | 0.9800   |
| C(9)-C(11) | 1.521(4) |

| C(9)-C(10)      | 1.522(4)   |
|-----------------|------------|
| C(9)-P(2)       | 1.842(3)   |
| C(9)-H(9)       | 1.0000     |
| С(10)-Н(10А)    | 0.9800     |
| C(10)-H(10B)    | 0.9800     |
| С(10)-Н(10С)    | 0.9800     |
| C(11)-H(11A)    | 0.9800     |
| C(11)-H(11B)    | 0.9800     |
| С(11)-Н(11С)    | 0.9800     |
| C(12)-C(14)     | 1.527(4)   |
| C(12)-C(13)     | 1.533(4)   |
| C(12)-P(2)      | 1.844(3)   |
| C(12)-H(12)     | 1.0000     |
| C(13)-H(13A)    | 0.9800     |
| C(13)-H(13B)    | 0.9800     |
| С(13)-Н(13С)    | 0.9800     |
| C(14)-H(14A)    | 0.9800     |
| C(14)-H(14B)    | 0.9800     |
| C(14)-H(14C)    | 0.9800     |
| C(15)-C(16)     | 1.355(4)   |
| C(15)-O(1)      | 1.404(3)   |
| C(15)-Ni(1)     | 1.906(3)   |
| C(16)-C(17)     | 1.419(4)   |
| С(16)-Н(16)     | 0.9500     |
| C(17)-C(18)     | 1.321(4)   |
| С(17)-Н(17)     | 0.9500     |
| C(18)-O(1)      | 1.365(4)   |
| C(18)-H(18)     | 0.9500     |
| C(19)-N(1)      | 1.145(4)   |
| C(19)-Ni(1)     | 1.885(3)   |
| Ni(1)-P(2)      | 2.1910(8)  |
| Ni(1)-P(1)      | 2.1964(8)  |
| C(2)-C(1)-P(2)  | 110.59(19) |
| C(2)-C(1)-H(1A) | 109.5      |
| P(2)-C(1)-H(1A) | 109.5      |
| C(2)-C(1)-H(1B) | 109.5      |
| P(2)-C(1)-H(1B) | 109.5      |

| H(1A)-C(1)-H(1B) | 108.1      |
|------------------|------------|
| C(1)-C(2)-P(1)   | 112.23(19) |
| C(1)-C(2)-H(2A)  | 109.2      |
| P(1)-C(2)-H(2A)  | 109.2      |
| C(1)-C(2)-H(2B)  | 109.2      |
| P(1)-C(2)-H(2B)  | 109.2      |
| H(2A)-C(2)-H(2B) | 107.9      |
| C(5)-C(3)-C(4)   | 110.1(3)   |
| C(5)-C(3)-P(1)   | 113.7(2)   |
| C(4)-C(3)-P(1)   | 110.8(2)   |
| C(5)-C(3)-H(3)   | 107.3      |
| C(4)-C(3)-H(3)   | 107.3      |
| P(1)-C(3)-H(3)   | 107.3      |
| C(3)-C(4)-H(4A)  | 109.5      |
| C(3)-C(4)-H(4B)  | 109.5      |
| H(4A)-C(4)-H(4B) | 109.5      |
| C(3)-C(4)-H(4C)  | 109.5      |
| H(4A)-C(4)-H(4C) | 109.5      |
| H(4B)-C(4)-H(4C) | 109.5      |
| C(3)-C(5)-H(5A)  | 109.5      |
| C(3)-C(5)-H(5B)  | 109.5      |
| H(5A)-C(5)-H(5B) | 109.5      |
| C(3)-C(5)-H(5C)  | 109.5      |
| H(5A)-C(5)-H(5C) | 109.5      |
| H(5B)-C(5)-H(5C) | 109.5      |
| C(7)-C(6)-C(8)   | 111.0(3)   |
| C(7)-C(6)-P(1)   | 110.7(2)   |
| C(8)-C(6)-P(1)   | 113.7(2)   |
| C(7)-C(6)-H(6)   | 107.0      |
| C(8)-C(6)-H(6)   | 107.0      |
| P(1)-C(6)-H(6)   | 107.0      |
| C(6)-C(7)-H(7A)  | 109.5      |
| C(6)-C(7)-H(7B)  | 109.5      |
| H(7A)-C(7)-H(7B) | 109.5      |
| C(6)-C(7)-H(7C)  | 109.5      |
| H(7A)-C(7)-H(7C) | 109.5      |
| H(7B)-C(7)-H(7C) | 109.5      |

| C(6)-C(8)-H(8A)     | 109.5    |
|---------------------|----------|
| C(6)-C(8)-H(8B)     | 109.5    |
| H(8A)-C(8)-H(8B)    | 109.5    |
| C(6)-C(8)-H(8C)     | 109.5    |
| H(8A)-C(8)-H(8C)    | 109.5    |
| H(8B)-C(8)-H(8C)    | 109.5    |
| C(11)-C(9)-C(10)    | 110.6(3) |
| C(11)-C(9)-P(2)     | 112.7(2) |
| C(10)-C(9)-P(2)     | 110.2(2) |
| C(11)-C(9)-H(9)     | 107.7    |
| C(10)-C(9)-H(9)     | 107.7    |
| P(2)-C(9)-H(9)      | 107.7    |
| C(9)-C(10)-H(10A)   | 109.5    |
| C(9)-C(10)-H(10B)   | 109.5    |
| H(10A)-C(10)-H(10B) | 109.5    |
| С(9)-С(10)-Н(10С)   | 109.5    |
| H(10A)-C(10)-H(10C) | 109.5    |
| H(10B)-C(10)-H(10C) | 109.5    |
| C(9)-C(11)-H(11A)   | 109.5    |
| C(9)-C(11)-H(11B)   | 109.5    |
| H(11A)-C(11)-H(11B) | 109.5    |
| C(9)-C(11)-H(11C)   | 109.5    |
| H(11A)-C(11)-H(11C) | 109.5    |
| H(11B)-C(11)-H(11C) | 109.5    |
| C(14)-C(12)-C(13)   | 112.1(3) |
| C(14)-C(12)-P(2)    | 113.1(2) |
| C(13)-C(12)-P(2)    | 110.2(2) |
| C(14)-C(12)-H(12)   | 107.0    |
| C(13)-C(12)-H(12)   | 107.0    |
| P(2)-C(12)-H(12)    | 107.0    |
| C(12)-C(13)-H(13A)  | 109.5    |
| C(12)-C(13)-H(13B)  | 109.5    |
| H(13A)-C(13)-H(13B) | 109.5    |
| C(12)-C(13)-H(13C)  | 109.5    |
| H(13A)-C(13)-H(13C) | 109.5    |
| H(13B)-C(13)-H(13C) | 109.5    |
| C(12)-C(14)-H(14A)  | 109.5    |

| C(12)-C(14)-H(14B)  | 109.5      |
|---------------------|------------|
| H(14A)-C(14)-H(14B) | 109.5      |
| C(12)-C(14)-H(14C)  | 109.5      |
| H(14A)-C(14)-H(14C) | 109.5      |
| H(14B)-C(14)-H(14C) | 109.5      |
| C(16)-C(15)-O(1)    | 105.6(3)   |
| C(16)-C(15)-Ni(1)   | 131.8(2)   |
| O(1)-C(15)-Ni(1)    | 122.6(2)   |
| C(15)-C(16)-C(17)   | 109.9(3)   |
| C(15)-C(16)-H(16)   | 125.0      |
| C(17)-C(16)-H(16)   | 125.0      |
| C(18)-C(17)-C(16)   | 105.6(3)   |
| C(18)-C(17)-H(17)   | 127.2      |
| C(16)-C(17)-H(17)   | 127.2      |
| C(17)-C(18)-O(1)    | 111.1(3)   |
| C(17)-C(18)-H(18)   | 124.4      |
| O(1)-C(18)-H(18)    | 124.4      |
| N(1)-C(19)-Ni(1)    | 176.0(3)   |
| C(18)-O(1)-C(15)    | 107.8(2)   |
| C(19)-Ni(1)-C(15)   | 88.98(13)  |
| C(19)-Ni(1)-P(2)    | 86.57(9)   |
| C(15)-Ni(1)-P(2)    | 173.04(9)  |
| C(19)-Ni(1)-P(1)    | 172.07(10) |
| C(15)-Ni(1)-P(1)    | 96.68(9)   |
| P(2)-Ni(1)-P(1)     | 88.28(3)   |
| C(2)-P(1)-C(6)      | 103.28(14) |
| C(2)-P(1)-C(3)      | 103.23(14) |
| C(6)-P(1)-C(3)      | 103.74(13) |
| C(2)-P(1)-Ni(1)     | 108.75(9)  |
| C(6)-P(1)-Ni(1)     | 121.40(10) |
| C(3)-P(1)-Ni(1)     | 114.49(10) |
| C(1)-P(2)-C(9)      | 104.86(14) |
| C(1)-P(2)-C(12)     | 105.25(14) |
| C(9)-P(2)-C(12)     | 105.06(13) |
| C(1)-P(2)-Ni(1)     | 110.09(10) |
| C(9)-P(2)-Ni(1)     | 112.80(10) |
| C(12)-P(2)-Ni(1)    | 117.75(10) |

**Table S4.** Anisotropic displacement parameters ( $Å^2x \ 10^3$ ) for **7**. The anisotropic displacement factor exponent takes the form:  $-2\pi^2$ [ $h^2a^{*2}U^{11} + ... + 2hka^{*}b^{*}U^{12}$ ]

|              | U <sup>11</sup> | U <sup>22</sup> | U <sup>33</sup> | U <sup>23</sup> | U <sup>13</sup> | U <sup>12</sup> |
|--------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| C(1)         | 25(2)           | 24(2)           | 29(2)           | 6(1)            | 7(1)            | 8(1)            |
| C(2)         | 32(2)           | 23(2)           | 25(1)           | 4(1)            | 12(1)           | 5(1)            |
| C(3)         | 41(2)           | 25(2)           | 27(2)           | -5(1)           | 19(1)           | -4(1)           |
| C(4)         | 39(2)           | 36(2)           | 33(2)           | -8(2)           | 10(1)           | -5(2)           |
| C(5)         | 48(2)           | 36(2)           | 65(2)           | -18(2)          | 32(2)           | -6(2)           |
| C(6)         | 27(2)           | 27(2)           | 31(2)           | -1(1)           | 16(1)           | -2(1)           |
| C(7)         | 32(2)           | 47(2)           | 39(2)           | -13(2)          | 16(2)           | -12(2)          |
| C(8)         | 44(2)           | 31(2)           | 43(2)           | 9(2)            | 27(2)           | -1(2)           |
| C(9)         | 27(2)           | 23(1)           | 27(2)           | -2(1)           | 13(1)           | 0(1)            |
| C(10)        | 34(2)           | 34(2)           | 41(2)           | -10(2)          | 17(2)           | -9(2)           |
| C(11)        | 63(2)           | 35(2)           | 34(2)           | -5(2)           | 25(2)           | -4(2)           |
| C(12)        | 23(2)           | 25(2)           | 35(2)           | -1(1)           | 15(1)           | -1(1)           |
| C(13)        | 31(2)           | 28(2)           | 57(2)           | -11(2)          | 23(2)           | -9(1)           |
| C(14)        | 25(2)           | 33(2)           | 60(2)           | -13(2)          | 20(2)           | -2(1)           |
| C(15)        | 27(2)           | 24(2)           | 30(2)           | 2(1)            | 14(1)           | 2(1)            |
| C(16)        | 26(2)           | 25(2)           | 25(2)           | -1(1)           | 5(1)            | 1(1)            |
| C(17)        | 26(2)           | 25(2)           | 36(2)           | 0(1)            | 4(1)            | 4(1)            |
| C(18)        | 34(2)           | 48(2)           | 58(2)           | 14(2)           | 27(2)           | 18(2)           |
| C(19)        | 32(2)           | 29(2)           | 31(2)           | 7(1)            | 15(1)           | 7(1)            |
| <b>O</b> (1) | 46(2)           | 62(2)           | 57(2)           | 30(1)           | 37(1)           | 28(1)           |
| Ni(1)        | 23(1)           | 21(1)           | 22(1)           | 4(1)            | 11(1)           | 4(1)            |
| P(1)         | 25(1)           | 20(1)           | 22(1)           | 2(1)            | 11(1)           | 2(1)            |
| P(2)         | 21(1)           | 19(1)           | 24(1)           | 1(1)            | 10(1)           | 1(1)            |
| N(1)         | 54(2)           | 44(2)           | 49(2)           | 19(2)           | 33(2)           | 20(2)           |

### **Table S5.** Torsion angles [°] for 7.

| P(2)-C(1)-C(2)-P(1)     | 34.9(3)   |
|-------------------------|-----------|
| O(1)-C(15)-C(16)-C(17)  | 0.3(3)    |
| Ni(1)-C(15)-C(16)-C(17) | -178.4(2) |
| C(15)-C(16)-C(17)-C(18) | -0.3(4)   |

| C(16)-C(17)-C(18)-O(1) | 0.1(4)      |
|------------------------|-------------|
| C(17)-C(18)-O(1)-C(15) | 0.1(4)      |
| C(16)-C(15)-O(1)-C(18) | -0.3(4)     |
| Ni(1)-C(15)-O(1)-C(18) | 178.6(2)    |
| C(1)-C(2)-P(1)-C(6)    | -158.0(2)   |
| C(1)-C(2)-P(1)-C(3)    | 94.1(2)     |
| C(1)-C(2)-P(1)-Ni(1)   | -27.8(2)    |
| C(7)-C(6)-P(1)-C(2)    | 84.2(2)     |
| C(8)-C(6)-P(1)-C(2)    | -41.6(2)    |
| C(7)-C(6)-P(1)-C(3)    | -168.4(2)   |
| C(8)-C(6)-P(1)-C(3)    | 65.8(2)     |
| C(7)-C(6)-P(1)-Ni(1)   | -37.9(3)    |
| C(8)-C(6)-P(1)-Ni(1)   | -163.70(17) |
| C(5)-C(3)-P(1)-C(2)    | 174.8(2)    |
| C(4)-C(3)-P(1)-C(2)    | -60.6(2)    |
| C(5)-C(3)-P(1)-C(6)    | 67.3(2)     |
| C(4)-C(3)-P(1)-C(6)    | -168.1(2)   |
| C(5)-C(3)-P(1)-Ni(1)   | -67.2(2)    |
| C(4)-C(3)-P(1)-Ni(1)   | 57.5(2)     |
| C(2)-C(1)-P(2)-C(9)    | 94.1(2)     |
| C(2)-C(1)-P(2)-C(12)   | -155.4(2)   |
| C(2)-C(1)-P(2)-Ni(1)   | -27.5(2)    |
| C(11)-C(9)-P(2)-C(1)   | 165.7(2)    |
| C(10)-C(9)-P(2)-C(1)   | -70.2(2)    |
| C(11)-C(9)-P(2)-C(12)  | 55.0(3)     |
| C(10)-C(9)-P(2)-C(12)  | 179.1(2)    |
| C(11)-C(9)-P(2)-Ni(1)  | -74.5(2)    |
| C(10)-C(9)-P(2)-Ni(1)  | 49.6(2)     |
| C(14)-C(12)-P(2)-C(1)  | -52.5(2)    |
| C(13)-C(12)-P(2)-C(1)  | 73.9(2)     |
| C(14)-C(12)-P(2)-C(9)  | 57.9(2)     |
| C(13)-C(12)-P(2)-C(9)  | -175.7(2)   |
| C(14)-C(12)-P(2)-Ni(1) | -175.56(18) |
| C(13)-C(12)-P(2)-Ni(1) | -49.2(2)    |

### Table S6. Hydrogen bonds for 7 [Å and °].

| D-HA             | d(D-H) | d(HA) | d(DA)    | <(DHA) |
|------------------|--------|-------|----------|--------|
|                  |        |       |          |        |
| C(6)-H(6)O(1)    | 1.00   | 2.53  | 3.080(4) | 114.3  |
| C(2)-H(2A)N(1)#1 | 0.99   | 2.69  | 3.580(4) | 149.8  |
| C(2)-H(2A)N(1)#1 | 0.99   | 2.69  | 3.580(4) | 149.8  |
| C(6)-H(6)O(1)    | 1.00   | 2.53  | 3.080(4) | 114.3  |

Symmetry transformations used to generate equivalent atoms:

#1 -x+1/2,y+1/2,-z+3/2

### Cristalographic data for complex (11).

| Identification code             | 11                                    |                        |
|---------------------------------|---------------------------------------|------------------------|
| Empirical formula               | C19 H35 N Ni O P2                     |                        |
| Formula weight                  | 414.13                                |                        |
| Temperature                     | 130(2) K                              |                        |
| Wavelength                      | 0.71073 Å                             |                        |
| Crystal system                  | Monoclinic                            |                        |
| Space group                     | P 21/n                                |                        |
| Unit cell dimensions            | a = 15.6451(9) Å                      | <i>α</i> = 90°.        |
|                                 | b = 14.6989(13) Å                     | β= 103.432(6)°.        |
|                                 | c = 19.3297(15) Å                     | $\gamma = 90^{\circ}.$ |
| Volume                          | 4323.6(6) Å <sup>3</sup>              |                        |
| Ζ                               | 8                                     |                        |
| Density (calculated)            | 1.272 Mg/m <sup>3</sup>               |                        |
| Absorption coefficient          | 1.051 mm <sup>-1</sup>                |                        |
| F(000)                          | 1776                                  |                        |
| Crystal size                    | 0.450 x 0.280 x 0.100 mm <sup>3</sup> |                        |
| Theta range for data collection | 3.519 to 29.434°.                     |                        |
| Index ranges                    | -19<=h<=17, -14<=k<=19, -             |                        |
|                                 | 17<=l<=26                             |                        |
| Reflections collected           | 18841                                 |                        |
| Independent reflections         | 9914 [R(int) = 0.0401]                |                        |
| Completeness to theta = 25.242° | 99.7 %                                |                        |

 Table S7. Crystal data and structure refinement for complex (11).

| Refinement method                 | Full-matrix least-squares on       |  |
|-----------------------------------|------------------------------------|--|
|                                   | F <sup>2</sup>                     |  |
| Data / restraints / parameters    | 9914 / 0 / 449                     |  |
| Goodness-of-fit on F <sup>2</sup> | 1.089                              |  |
| Final R indices [I>2sigma(I)]     | R1 = 0.0591, wR2 = 0.1437          |  |
| R indices (all data)              | R1 = 0.1064, wR2 = 0.1738          |  |
| Extinction coefficient            | n/a                                |  |
| Largest diff. peak and hole       | 1.053 and -0.788 e.Å <sup>-3</sup> |  |

**Table S8**. Atomic coordinates (  $x \ 10^4$ ) and equivalent isotropic displacement parameters (Å<sup>2</sup>x 10<sup>3</sup>) for **11**. U(eq) is defined as one third of the trace of the orthogonalized U<sup>ij</sup> tensor.

|              | x       | у       | Z       | U(eq) |
|--------------|---------|---------|---------|-------|
| C(1)         | 8825(3) | 4758(3) | 3182(2) | 27(1) |
| C(2)         | 8742(3) | 4734(3) | 2375(2) | 24(1) |
| C(3)         | 6915(3) | 4818(3) | 1573(2) | 27(1) |
| C(4)         | 6581(3) | 5220(4) | 2189(3) | 42(1) |
| C(5)         | 6154(3) | 4417(4) | 1011(3) | 38(1) |
| <b>C(6)</b>  | 8175(3) | 3640(3) | 1112(2) | 25(1) |
| C(7)         | 8846(3) | 2872(3) | 1289(3) | 34(1) |
| <b>C(8)</b>  | 8526(3) | 4428(4) | 740(2)  | 36(1) |
| <b>C(9</b> ) | 8108(3) | 3954(3) | 4313(2) | 29(1) |
| C(10)        | 7209(3) | 4430(4) | 4099(3) | 41(1) |
| C(11)        | 8778(3) | 4512(4) | 4851(2) | 38(1) |
| C(12)        | 9540(3) | 3041(3) | 3852(2) | 26(1) |
| C(13)        | 9922(3) | 2721(4) | 3238(2) | 34(1) |
| C(14)        | 9428(3) | 2242(3) | 4332(2) | 34(1) |
| C(15)        | 6639(3) | 2417(3) | 1910(2) | 26(1) |
| C(16)        | 5735(3) | 2323(3) | 1964(3) | 32(1) |
| C(17)        | 5272(3) | 1941(4) | 1364(3) | 36(1) |
| C(18)        | 6628(3) | 2063(3) | 1271(2) | 32(1) |
| C(19)        | 7226(3) | 2209(3) | 3326(2) | 28(1) |
| N(1)         | 7007(3) | 1776(3) | 3756(2) | 37(1) |
| Ni(1)        | 7536(1) | 2990(1) | 2652(1) | 22(1) |
| P(2)         | 8495(1) | 3663(1) | 3508(1) | 23(1) |

| P(1)         | 7818(1) | 4004(1) | 1914(1) | 21(1) |
|--------------|---------|---------|---------|-------|
| <b>O</b> (1) | 5799(2) | 1756(2) | 910(2)  | 37(1) |
| C(20)        | 6331(3) | 6402(3) | 7748(2) | 26(1) |
| C(21)        | 6295(3) | 6457(3) | 6938(2) | 31(1) |
| C(22)        | 7128(3) | 5694(3) | 5855(2) | 29(1) |
| C(23)        | 7986(3) | 6227(4) | 6093(3) | 38(1) |
| C(24)        | 6482(4) | 6186(4) | 5258(3) | 41(1) |
| C(25)        | 5645(3) | 4759(3) | 6218(2) | 32(1) |
| C(26)        | 5835(3) | 3933(4) | 5785(3) | 38(1) |
| C(27)        | 5175(3) | 4466(4) | 6786(3) | 47(1) |
| C(28)        | 8141(3) | 6513(3) | 8582(2) | 28(1) |
| C(29)        | 8538(3) | 6875(4) | 7980(3) | 42(1) |
| C(30)        | 8855(3) | 6128(4) | 9198(3) | 39(1) |
| C(31)        | 6899(3) | 5276(3) | 9002(2) | 27(1) |
| C(32)        | 6569(3) | 6038(4) | 9415(2) | 37(1) |
| C(33)        | 6216(3) | 4516(3) | 8793(3) | 36(1) |
| C(34)        | 8454(3) | 4095(3) | 8226(2) | 26(1) |
| C(35)        | 9366(3) | 3994(3) | 8198(3) | 33(1) |
| C(36)        | 9786(3) | 3546(4) | 8786(3) | 38(1) |
| C(37)        | 8410(3) | 3672(3) | 8826(2) | 31(1) |
| C(38)        | 7923(3) | 3937(3) | 6809(2) | 28(1) |
| N(2)         | 8134(3) | 3498(3) | 6373(2) | 36(1) |
| Ni(2)        | 7586(1) | 4698(1) | 7481(1) | 22(1) |
| P(3)         | 6667(1) | 5387(1) | 6620(1) | 24(1) |
| P(4)         | 7259(1) | 5688(1) | 8218(1) | 22(1) |
| O(2)         | 9216(2) | 3319(2) | 9195(2) | 39(1) |

 Table S9.
 Bond lengths [Å] and angles [°] for 11.

| C(1)-C(2)  | 1.534(6) |
|------------|----------|
| C(1)-P(2)  | 1.846(5) |
| C(1)-H(1A) | 0.9900   |
| C(1)-H(1B) | 0.9900   |
| C(2)-P(1)  | 1.854(4) |
| С(2)-Н(2А) | 0.9900   |
| C(2)-H(2B) | 0.9900   |

| C(3)-C(4)    | 1.526(6) |
|--------------|----------|
| C(3)-C(5)    | 1.531(6) |
| C(3)-P(1)    | 1.852(4) |
| C(3)-H(3)    | 1.0000   |
| C(4)-H(4A)   | 0.9800   |
| C(4)-H(4B)   | 0.9800   |
| C(4)-H(4C)   | 0.9800   |
| C(5)-H(5A)   | 0.9800   |
| C(5)-H(5B)   | 0.9800   |
| C(5)-H(5C)   | 0.9800   |
| C(6)-C(7)    | 1.525(6) |
| C(6)-C(8)    | 1.532(6) |
| C(6)-P(1)    | 1.844(4) |
| C(6)-H(6)    | 1.0000   |
| C(7)-H(7A)   | 0.9800   |
| C(7)-H(7B)   | 0.9800   |
| C(7)-H(7C)   | 0.9800   |
| C(8)-H(8A)   | 0.9800   |
| C(8)-H(8B)   | 0.9800   |
| C(8)-H(8C)   | 0.9800   |
| C(9)-C(11)   | 1.532(6) |
| C(9)-C(10)   | 1.539(6) |
| C(9)-P(2)    | 1.846(4) |
| C(9)-H(9)    | 1.0000   |
| C(10)-H(10A) | 0.9800   |
| C(10)-H(10B) | 0.9800   |
| C(10)-H(10C) | 0.9800   |
| C(11)-H(11A) | 0.9800   |
| C(11)-H(11B) | 0.9800   |
| C(11)-H(11C) | 0.9800   |
| C(12)-C(13)  | 1.522(6) |
| C(12)-C(14)  | 1.533(6) |
| C(12)-P(2)   | 1.856(4) |
| C(12)-H(12)  | 1.0000   |
| C(13)-H(13A) | 0.9800   |
| C(13)-H(13B) | 0.9800   |
| C(13)-H(13C) | 0.9800   |

| C(14)-H(14A) | 0.9800     |
|--------------|------------|
| C(14)-H(14B) | 0.9800     |
| C(14)-H(14C) | 0.9800     |
| C(15)-C(18)  | 1.335(6)   |
| C(15)-C(16)  | 1.449(6)   |
| C(15)-Ni(1)  | 1.951(4)   |
| C(16)-C(17)  | 1.341(7)   |
| C(16)-H(16)  | 0.9500     |
| C(17)-O(1)   | 1.363(6)   |
| C(17)-H(17)  | 0.9500     |
| C(18)-O(1)   | 1.397(5)   |
| C(18)-H(18)  | 0.9500     |
| C(19)-N(1)   | 1.160(6)   |
| C(19)-Ni(1)  | 1.883(5)   |
| Ni(1)-P(1)   | 2.1788(12) |
| Ni(1)-P(2)   | 2.1930(12) |
| C(20)-C(21)  | 1.558(6)   |
| C(20)-P(4)   | 1.849(4)   |
| C(20)-H(20A) | 0.9900     |
| C(20)-H(20B) | 0.9900     |
| C(21)-P(3)   | 1.831(5)   |
| C(21)-H(21A) | 0.9900     |
| C(21)-H(21B) | 0.9900     |
| C(22)-C(24)  | 1.529(6)   |
| C(22)-C(23)  | 1.530(7)   |
| C(22)-P(3)   | 1.844(5)   |
| C(22)-H(22)  | 1.0000     |
| C(23)-H(23A) | 0.9800     |
| C(23)-H(23B) | 0.9800     |
| C(23)-H(23C) | 0.9800     |
| C(24)-H(24A) | 0.9800     |
| C(24)-H(24B) | 0.9800     |
| C(24)-H(24C) | 0.9800     |
| C(25)-C(27)  | 1.519(7)   |
| C(25)-C(26)  | 1.541(7)   |
| C(25)-P(3)   | 1.854(4)   |
| C(25)-H(25)  | 1.0000     |

| C(26)-H(26A) | 0.9800   |
|--------------|----------|
| C(26)-H(26B) | 0.9800   |
| C(26)-H(26C) | 0.9800   |
| C(27)-H(27A) | 0.9800   |
| C(27)-H(27B) | 0.9800   |
| C(27)-H(27C) | 0.9800   |
| C(28)-C(29)  | 1.535(6) |
| C(28)-C(30)  | 1.538(6) |
| C(28)-P(4)   | 1.850(4) |
| C(28)-H(28)  | 1.0000   |
| C(29)-H(29A) | 0.9800   |
| C(29)-H(29B) | 0.9800   |
| C(29)-H(29C) | 0.9800   |
| C(30)-H(30A) | 0.9800   |
| C(30)-H(30B) | 0.9800   |
| C(30)-H(30C) | 0.9800   |
| C(31)-C(33)  | 1.533(6) |
| C(31)-C(32)  | 1.533(6) |
| C(31)-P(4)   | 1.837(4) |
| C(31)-H(31)  | 1.0000   |
| C(32)-H(32A) | 0.9800   |
| C(32)-H(32B) | 0.9800   |
| C(32)-H(32C) | 0.9800   |
| C(33)-H(33A) | 0.9800   |
| C(33)-H(33B) | 0.9800   |
| C(33)-H(33C) | 0.9800   |
| C(34)-C(37)  | 1.331(6) |
| C(34)-C(35)  | 1.446(6) |
| C(34)-Ni(2)  | 1.948(4) |
| C(35)-C(36)  | 1.345(7) |
| C(35)-H(35)  | 0.9500   |
| C(36)-O(2)   | 1.363(6) |
| C(36)-H(36)  | 0.9500   |
| C(37)-O(2)   | 1.397(5) |
| C(37)-H(37)  | 0.9500   |
| C(38)-N(2)   | 1.169(6) |
| C(38)-Ni(2)  | 1.880(5) |

| Ni(2)-P(4)       | 2.1793(12) |
|------------------|------------|
| Ni(2)-P(3)       | 2.1801(12) |
|                  |            |
| C(2)-C(1)-P(2)   | 111.3(3)   |
| C(2)-C(1)-H(1A)  | 109.4      |
| P(2)-C(1)-H(1A)  | 109.4      |
| C(2)-C(1)-H(1B)  | 109.4      |
| P(2)-C(1)-H(1B)  | 109.4      |
| H(1A)-C(1)-H(1B) | 108.0      |
| C(1)-C(2)-P(1)   | 112.0(3)   |
| C(1)-C(2)-H(2A)  | 109.2      |
| P(1)-C(2)-H(2A)  | 109.2      |
| C(1)-C(2)-H(2B)  | 109.2      |
| P(1)-C(2)-H(2B)  | 109.2      |
| H(2A)-C(2)-H(2B) | 107.9      |
| C(4)-C(3)-C(5)   | 110.6(4)   |
| C(4)-C(3)-P(1)   | 110.1(3)   |
| C(5)-C(3)-P(1)   | 114.0(3)   |
| C(4)-C(3)-H(3)   | 107.3      |
| C(5)-C(3)-H(3)   | 107.3      |
| P(1)-C(3)-H(3)   | 107.3      |
| C(3)-C(4)-H(4A)  | 109.5      |
| C(3)-C(4)-H(4B)  | 109.5      |
| H(4A)-C(4)-H(4B) | 109.5      |
| C(3)-C(4)-H(4C)  | 109.5      |
| H(4A)-C(4)-H(4C) | 109.5      |
| H(4B)-C(4)-H(4C) | 109.5      |
| C(3)-C(5)-H(5A)  | 109.5      |
| C(3)-C(5)-H(5B)  | 109.5      |
| H(5A)-C(5)-H(5B) | 109.5      |
| C(3)-C(5)-H(5C)  | 109.5      |
| H(5A)-C(5)-H(5C) | 109.5      |
| H(5B)-C(5)-H(5C) | 109.5      |
| C(7)-C(6)-C(8)   | 111.2(4)   |
| C(7)-C(6)-P(1)   | 110.7(3)   |
| C(8)-C(6)-P(1)   | 112.8(3)   |
| C(7)-C(6)-H(6)   | 107.3      |

| C(8)-C(6)-H(6)      | 107.3    |
|---------------------|----------|
| P(1)-C(6)-H(6)      | 107.3    |
| C(6)-C(7)-H(7A)     | 109.5    |
| C(6)-C(7)-H(7B)     | 109.5    |
| H(7A)-C(7)-H(7B)    | 109.5    |
| C(6)-C(7)-H(7C)     | 109.5    |
| H(7A)-C(7)-H(7C)    | 109.5    |
| H(7B)-C(7)-H(7C)    | 109.5    |
| C(6)-C(8)-H(8A)     | 109.5    |
| C(6)-C(8)-H(8B)     | 109.5    |
| H(8A)-C(8)-H(8B)    | 109.5    |
| C(6)-C(8)-H(8C)     | 109.5    |
| H(8A)-C(8)-H(8C)    | 109.5    |
| H(8B)-C(8)-H(8C)    | 109.5    |
| C(11)-C(9)-C(10)    | 112.2(4) |
| C(11)-C(9)-P(2)     | 112.9(3) |
| C(10)-C(9)-P(2)     | 109.8(3) |
| C(11)-C(9)-H(9)     | 107.2    |
| C(10)-C(9)-H(9)     | 107.2    |
| P(2)-C(9)-H(9)      | 107.2    |
| С(9)-С(10)-Н(10А)   | 109.5    |
| C(9)-C(10)-H(10B)   | 109.5    |
| H(10A)-C(10)-H(10B) | 109.5    |
| С(9)-С(10)-Н(10С)   | 109.5    |
| H(10A)-C(10)-H(10C) | 109.5    |
| H(10B)-C(10)-H(10C) | 109.5    |
| C(9)-C(11)-H(11A)   | 109.5    |
| C(9)-C(11)-H(11B)   | 109.5    |
| H(11A)-C(11)-H(11B) | 109.5    |
| C(9)-C(11)-H(11C)   | 109.5    |
| H(11A)-C(11)-H(11C) | 109.5    |
| H(11B)-C(11)-H(11C) | 109.5    |
| C(13)-C(12)-C(14)   | 110.8(4) |
| C(13)-C(12)-P(2)    | 110.2(3) |
| C(14)-C(12)-P(2)    | 112.3(3) |
| C(13)-C(12)-H(12)   | 107.8    |
| C(14)-C(12)-H(12)   | 107.8    |

| P(2)-C(12)-H(12)    | 107.8      |
|---------------------|------------|
| C(12)-C(13)-H(13A)  | 109.5      |
| C(12)-C(13)-H(13B)  | 109.5      |
| H(13A)-C(13)-H(13B) | 109.5      |
| C(12)-C(13)-H(13C)  | 109.5      |
| H(13A)-C(13)-H(13C) | 109.5      |
| H(13B)-C(13)-H(13C) | 109.5      |
| C(12)-C(14)-H(14A)  | 109.5      |
| C(12)-C(14)-H(14B)  | 109.5      |
| H(14A)-C(14)-H(14B) | 109.5      |
| C(12)-C(14)-H(14C)  | 109.5      |
| H(14A)-C(14)-H(14C) | 109.5      |
| H(14B)-C(14)-H(14C) | 109.5      |
| C(18)-C(15)-C(16)   | 103.1(4)   |
| C(18)-C(15)-Ni(1)   | 134.5(3)   |
| C(16)-C(15)-Ni(1)   | 122.3(3)   |
| C(17)-C(16)-C(15)   | 108.5(4)   |
| C(17)-C(16)-H(16)   | 125.8      |
| C(15)-C(16)-H(16)   | 125.8      |
| C(16)-C(17)-O(1)    | 110.7(4)   |
| C(16)-C(17)-H(17)   | 124.6      |
| O(1)-C(17)-H(17)    | 124.6      |
| C(15)-C(18)-O(1)    | 113.5(4)   |
| C(15)-C(18)-H(18)   | 123.2      |
| O(1)-C(18)-H(18)    | 123.2      |
| N(1)-C(19)-Ni(1)    | 175.5(4)   |
| C(19)-Ni(1)-C(15)   | 89.32(18)  |
| C(19)-Ni(1)-P(1)    | 174.00(14) |
| C(15)-Ni(1)-P(1)    | 91.95(13)  |
| C(19)-Ni(1)-P(2)    | 89.68(13)  |
| C(15)-Ni(1)-P(2)    | 177.25(14) |
| P(1)-Ni(1)-P(2)     | 88.79(4)   |
| C(9)-P(2)-C(1)      | 104.9(2)   |
| C(9)-P(2)-C(12)     | 104.3(2)   |
| C(1)-P(2)-C(12)     | 105.0(2)   |
| C(9)-P(2)-Ni(1)     | 116.07(15) |
| C(1)-P(2)-Ni(1)     | 109.41(14) |

| C(12)-P(2)-Ni(1)    | 116.07(15) |
|---------------------|------------|
| C(6)-P(1)-C(3)      | 104.11(19) |
| C(6)-P(1)-C(2)      | 102.59(19) |
| C(3)-P(1)-C(2)      | 104.0(2)   |
| C(6)-P(1)-Ni(1)     | 119.92(15) |
| C(3)-P(1)-Ni(1)     | 114.94(15) |
| C(2)-P(1)-Ni(1)     | 109.52(14) |
| C(17)-O(1)-C(18)    | 104.2(4)   |
| C(21)-C(20)-P(4)    | 111.3(3)   |
| C(21)-C(20)-H(20A)  | 109.4      |
| P(4)-C(20)-H(20A)   | 109.4      |
| C(21)-C(20)-H(20B)  | 109.4      |
| P(4)-C(20)-H(20B)   | 109.4      |
| H(20A)-C(20)-H(20B) | 108.0      |
| C(20)-C(21)-P(3)    | 110.7(3)   |
| C(20)-C(21)-H(21A)  | 109.5      |
| P(3)-C(21)-H(21A)   | 109.5      |
| C(20)-C(21)-H(21B)  | 109.5      |
| P(3)-C(21)-H(21B)   | 109.5      |
| H(21A)-C(21)-H(21B) | 108.1      |
| C(24)-C(22)-C(23)   | 111.4(4)   |
| C(24)-C(22)-P(3)    | 114.1(3)   |
| C(23)-C(22)-P(3)    | 111.3(3)   |
| C(24)-C(22)-H(22)   | 106.5      |
| C(23)-C(22)-H(22)   | 106.5      |
| P(3)-C(22)-H(22)    | 106.5      |
| C(22)-C(23)-H(23A)  | 109.5      |
| C(22)-C(23)-H(23B)  | 109.5      |
| H(23A)-C(23)-H(23B) | 109.5      |
| C(22)-C(23)-H(23C)  | 109.5      |
| H(23A)-C(23)-H(23C) | 109.5      |
| H(23B)-C(23)-H(23C) | 109.5      |
| C(22)-C(24)-H(24A)  | 109.5      |
| C(22)-C(24)-H(24B)  | 109.5      |
| H(24A)-C(24)-H(24B) | 109.5      |
| C(22)-C(24)-H(24C)  | 109.5      |
| H(24A)-C(24)-H(24C) | 109.5      |

| H(24B)-C(24)-H(24C) | 109.5    |
|---------------------|----------|
| C(27)-C(25)-C(26)   | 110.9(4) |
| C(27)-C(25)-P(3)    | 110.7(3) |
| C(26)-C(25)-P(3)    | 111.3(3) |
| C(27)-C(25)-H(25)   | 107.9    |
| C(26)-C(25)-H(25)   | 107.9    |
| P(3)-C(25)-H(25)    | 107.9    |
| C(25)-C(26)-H(26A)  | 109.5    |
| C(25)-C(26)-H(26B)  | 109.5    |
| H(26A)-C(26)-H(26B) | 109.5    |
| C(25)-C(26)-H(26C)  | 109.5    |
| H(26A)-C(26)-H(26C) | 109.5    |
| H(26B)-C(26)-H(26C) | 109.5    |
| C(25)-C(27)-H(27A)  | 109.5    |
| C(25)-C(27)-H(27B)  | 109.5    |
| H(27A)-C(27)-H(27B) | 109.5    |
| C(25)-C(27)-H(27C)  | 109.5    |
| H(27A)-C(27)-H(27C) | 109.5    |
| H(27B)-C(27)-H(27C) | 109.5    |
| C(29)-C(28)-C(30)   | 111.4(4) |
| C(29)-C(28)-P(4)    | 109.7(3) |
| C(30)-C(28)-P(4)    | 113.3(3) |
| C(29)-C(28)-H(28)   | 107.4    |
| C(30)-C(28)-H(28)   | 107.4    |
| P(4)-C(28)-H(28)    | 107.4    |
| C(28)-C(29)-H(29A)  | 109.5    |
| C(28)-C(29)-H(29B)  | 109.5    |
| H(29A)-C(29)-H(29B) | 109.5    |
| C(28)-C(29)-H(29C)  | 109.5    |
| H(29A)-C(29)-H(29C) | 109.5    |
| H(29B)-C(29)-H(29C) | 109.5    |
| C(28)-C(30)-H(30A)  | 109.5    |
| C(28)-C(30)-H(30B)  | 109.5    |
| H(30A)-C(30)-H(30B) | 109.5    |
| C(28)-C(30)-H(30C)  | 109.5    |
| H(30A)-C(30)-H(30C) | 109.5    |
| H(30B)-C(30)-H(30C) | 109.5    |

| C(33)-C(31)-C(32)   | 111.8(4)   |
|---------------------|------------|
| C(33)-C(31)-P(4)    | 110.6(3)   |
| C(32)-C(31)-P(4)    | 113.1(3)   |
| C(33)-C(31)-H(31)   | 107.0      |
| C(32)-C(31)-H(31)   | 107.0      |
| P(4)-C(31)-H(31)    | 107.0      |
| C(31)-C(32)-H(32A)  | 109.5      |
| C(31)-C(32)-H(32B)  | 109.5      |
| H(32A)-C(32)-H(32B) | 109.5      |
| C(31)-C(32)-H(32C)  | 109.5      |
| H(32A)-C(32)-H(32C) | 109.5      |
| H(32B)-C(32)-H(32C) | 109.5      |
| C(31)-C(33)-H(33A)  | 109.5      |
| C(31)-C(33)-H(33B)  | 109.5      |
| H(33A)-C(33)-H(33B) | 109.5      |
| C(31)-C(33)-H(33C)  | 109.5      |
| H(33A)-C(33)-H(33C) | 109.5      |
| H(33B)-C(33)-H(33C) | 109.5      |
| C(37)-C(34)-C(35)   | 103.6(4)   |
| C(37)-C(34)-Ni(2)   | 133.4(3)   |
| C(35)-C(34)-Ni(2)   | 122.9(3)   |
| C(36)-C(35)-C(34)   | 108.1(4)   |
| C(36)-C(35)-H(35)   | 125.9      |
| C(34)-C(35)-H(35)   | 125.9      |
| C(35)-C(36)-O(2)    | 110.7(4)   |
| C(35)-C(36)-H(36)   | 124.7      |
| O(2)-C(36)-H(36)    | 124.7      |
| C(34)-C(37)-O(2)    | 113.3(4)   |
| C(34)-C(37)-H(37)   | 123.3      |
| O(2)-C(37)-H(37)    | 123.3      |
| N(2)-C(38)-Ni(2)    | 176.9(4)   |
| C(38)-Ni(2)-C(34)   | 88.85(18)  |
| C(38)-Ni(2)-P(4)    | 174.41(15) |
| C(34)-Ni(2)-P(4)    | 92.90(13)  |
| C(38)-Ni(2)-P(3)    | 89.42(13)  |
| C(34)-Ni(2)-P(3)    | 177.08(14) |
| P(4)-Ni(2)-P(3)     | 88.60(5)   |

| C(21)-P(3)-C(22) | 105.8(2)   |
|------------------|------------|
| C(21)-P(3)-C(25) | 104.9(2)   |
| C(22)-P(3)-C(25) | 104.2(2)   |
| C(21)-P(3)-Ni(2) | 110.31(15) |
| C(22)-P(3)-Ni(2) | 114.49(15) |
| C(25)-P(3)-Ni(2) | 116.12(16) |
| C(31)-P(4)-C(20) | 103.7(2)   |
| C(31)-P(4)-C(28) | 104.3(2)   |
| C(20)-P(4)-C(28) | 104.3(2)   |
| C(31)-P(4)-Ni(2) | 118.82(16) |
| C(20)-P(4)-Ni(2) | 109.56(14) |
| C(28)-P(4)-Ni(2) | 114.73(15) |
| C(36)-O(2)-C(37) | 104.2(4)   |

**Table S10**. Anisotropic displacement parameters (Å<sup>2</sup>x 10<sup>3</sup>)for **11**. The anisotropic displacement factor exponent takes the form:  $-2\pi^2$ [ h<sup>2</sup>a<sup>\*2</sup>U<sup>11</sup> + ... + 2 h k a<sup>\*</sup> b<sup>\*</sup> U<sup>12</sup> ]

|               | U <sup>11</sup> | U <sup>22</sup> | U <sup>33</sup> | U <sup>23</sup> | U <sup>13</sup> | U <sup>12</sup> |
|---------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| <b>C</b> (1)  | 28(2)           | 24(2)           | 28(2)           | -4(2)           | 4(2)            | -2(2)           |
| C(2)          | 22(2)           | 21(2)           | 29(2)           | 2(2)            | 5(2)            | -5(2)           |
| <b>C(3)</b>   | 24(2)           | 31(3)           | 28(2)           | 6(2)            | 9(2)            | 6(2)            |
| C(4)          | 39(3)           | 48(3)           | 42(3)           | 6(3)            | 16(2)           | 22(3)           |
| C(5)          | 25(2)           | 40(3)           | 44(3)           | 12(2)           | 1(2)            | 4(2)            |
| C(6)          | 21(2)           | 30(2)           | 25(2)           | -6(2)           | 6(2)            | -2(2)           |
| <b>C</b> (7)  | 29(2)           | 40(3)           | 35(2)           | -12(2)          | 10(2)           | 5(2)            |
| <b>C(8)</b>   | 36(3)           | 49(3)           | 25(2)           | -1(2)           | 12(2)           | 0(2)            |
| <b>C(9</b> )  | 31(2)           | 33(3)           | 25(2)           | -2(2)           | 12(2)           | 1(2)            |
| C(10)         | 38(3)           | 54(3)           | 35(3)           | -5(2)           | 16(2)           | 8(3)            |
| <b>C</b> (11) | 47(3)           | 40(3)           | 28(2)           | -4(2)           | 10(2)           | 0(2)            |
| C(12)         | 23(2)           | 27(2)           | 26(2)           | 2(2)            | 5(2)            | 0(2)            |
| C(13)         | 26(2)           | 40(3)           | 37(3)           | 8(2)            | 11(2)           | 7(2)            |
| C(14)         | 35(2)           | 33(3)           | 33(2)           | 4(2)            | 7(2)            | 8(2)            |
| C(15)         | 21(2)           | 25(2)           | 30(2)           | 0(2)            | 2(2)            | -5(2)           |
| C(16)         | 28(2)           | 30(3)           | 36(2)           | 3(2)            | 4(2)            | -3(2)           |
| C(17)         | 25(2)           | 38(3)           | 44(3)           | 6(2)            | 3(2)            | -3(2)           |

| C(18)        | 26(2) | 35(3) | 32(2) | 1(2)   | 4(2)  | -3(2)  |
|--------------|-------|-------|-------|--------|-------|--------|
| C(19)        | 18(2) | 35(3) | 28(2) | -9(2)  | 3(2)  | -5(2)  |
| N(1)         | 37(2) | 39(2) | 36(2) | 6(2)   | 9(2)  | -5(2)  |
| Ni(1)        | 20(1) | 24(1) | 24(1) | 0(1)   | 6(1)  | 0(1)   |
| P(2)         | 23(1) | 25(1) | 21(1) | -1(1)  | 7(1)  | 0(1)   |
| P(1)         | 19(1) | 24(1) | 21(1) | 0(1)   | 6(1)  | 2(1)   |
| <b>O</b> (1) | 37(2) | 34(2) | 34(2) | -1(2)  | -3(1) | -8(2)  |
| C(20)        | 19(2) | 25(2) | 31(2) | -1(2)  | 3(2)  | 5(2)   |
| C(21)        | 28(2) | 35(3) | 29(2) | 3(2)   | 5(2)  | 4(2)   |
| C(22)        | 36(2) | 27(2) | 25(2) | 2(2)   | 7(2)  | 8(2)   |
| C(23)        | 42(3) | 44(3) | 32(2) | -2(2)  | 17(2) | -4(2)  |
| C(24)        | 51(3) | 41(3) | 31(2) | 8(2)   | 8(2)  | 10(3)  |
| C(25)        | 24(2) | 36(3) | 32(2) | -3(2)  | -2(2) | -2(2)  |
| C(26)        | 34(3) | 38(3) | 39(3) | -7(2)  | 2(2)  | -2(2)  |
| C(27)        | 30(3) | 61(4) | 52(3) | -20(3) | 15(2) | -22(3) |
| C(28)        | 22(2) | 31(3) | 30(2) | -6(2)  | 5(2)  | -8(2)  |
| C(29)        | 34(3) | 53(3) | 41(3) | -5(3)  | 18(2) | -20(2) |
| C(30)        | 32(2) | 35(3) | 41(3) | -5(2)  | -5(2) | -4(2)  |
| C(31)        | 25(2) | 32(2) | 25(2) | 2(2)   | 9(2)  | -3(2)  |
| C(32)        | 42(3) | 43(3) | 30(2) | -2(2)  | 16(2) | 0(2)   |
| C(33)        | 37(3) | 38(3) | 36(3) | 0(2)   | 15(2) | -12(2) |
| C(34)        | 19(2) | 29(2) | 28(2) | -5(2)  | 3(2)  | 2(2)   |
| C(35)        | 25(2) | 35(3) | 39(3) | 0(2)   | 8(2)  | -1(2)  |
| C(36)        | 29(2) | 39(3) | 42(3) | -6(2)  | -2(2) | 2(2)   |
| C(37)        | 33(2) | 31(3) | 28(2) | -3(2)  | 5(2)  | 7(2)   |
| C(38)        | 20(2) | 38(3) | 26(2) | 6(2)   | 2(2)  | 2(2)   |
| N(2)         | 39(2) | 37(2) | 34(2) | -1(2)  | 14(2) | 5(2)   |
| Ni(2)        | 21(1) | 25(1) | 22(1) | 0(1)   | 5(1)  | 1(1)   |
| P(3)         | 23(1) | 28(1) | 22(1) | 0(1)   | 5(1)  | 1(1)   |
| P(4)         | 18(1) | 24(1) | 22(1) | -1(1)  | 5(1)  | -2(1)  |
| O(2)         | 41(2) | 43(2) | 30(2) | -1(2)  | 1(1)  | 8(2)   |

Table S11Torsion angles [°] for 11.

| P(2)-C(1)-C(2)-P(1)     | 32.9(4) |
|-------------------------|---------|
| C(18)-C(15)-C(16)-C(17) | -0.7(5) |

| Ni(1)-C(15)-C(16)-C(17) | 177.4(3)  |
|-------------------------|-----------|
| C(15)-C(16)-C(17)-O(1)  | 0.8(6)    |
| C(16)-C(15)-C(18)-O(1)  | 0.4(5)    |
| Ni(1)-C(15)-C(18)-O(1)  | -177.4(3) |
| C(11)-C(9)-P(2)-C(1)    | -52.9(4)  |
| C(10)-C(9)-P(2)-C(1)    | 73.1(4)   |
| C(11)-C(9)-P(2)-C(12)   | 57.2(4)   |
| C(10)-C(9)-P(2)-C(12)   | -176.8(3) |
| C(11)-C(9)-P(2)-Ni(1)   | -173.8(3) |
| C(10)-C(9)-P(2)-Ni(1)   | -47.8(4)  |
| C(2)-C(1)-P(2)-C(9)     | -152.8(3) |
| C(2)-C(1)-P(2)-C(12)    | 97.6(3)   |
| C(2)-C(1)-P(2)-Ni(1)    | -27.6(3)  |
| C(13)-C(12)-P(2)-C(9)   | 177.7(3)  |
| C(14)-C(12)-P(2)-C(9)   | 53.6(4)   |
| C(13)-C(12)-P(2)-C(1)   | -72.2(4)  |
| C(14)-C(12)-P(2)-C(1)   | 163.7(3)  |
| C(13)-C(12)-P(2)-Ni(1)  | 48.7(4)   |
| C(14)-C(12)-P(2)-Ni(1)  | -75.4(3)  |
| C(7)-C(6)-P(1)-C(3)     | -172.9(3) |
| C(8)-C(6)-P(1)-C(3)     | 61.8(3)   |
| C(7)-C(6)-P(1)-C(2)     | 78.9(3)   |
| C(8)-C(6)-P(1)-C(2)     | -46.4(3)  |
| C(7)-C(6)-P(1)-Ni(1)    | -42.6(3)  |
| C(8)-C(6)-P(1)-Ni(1)    | -168.0(3) |
| C(4)-C(3)-P(1)-C(6)     | -177.0(3) |
| C(5)-C(3)-P(1)-C(6)     | 58.0(4)   |
| C(4)-C(3)-P(1)-C(2)     | -69.9(4)  |
| C(5)-C(3)-P(1)-C(2)     | 165.1(3)  |
| C(4)-C(3)-P(1)-Ni(1)    | 49.8(4)   |
| C(5)-C(3)-P(1)-Ni(1)    | -75.1(3)  |
| C(1)-C(2)-P(1)-C(6)     | -153.2(3) |
| C(1)-C(2)-P(1)-C(3)     | 98.5(3)   |
| C(1)-C(2)-P(1)-Ni(1)    | -24.8(3)  |
| C(16)-C(17)-O(1)-C(18)  | -0.6(5)   |
| C(15)-C(18)-O(1)-C(17)  | 0.1(5)    |
| P(4)-C(20)-C(21)-P(3)   | 33.7(4)   |

| C(37)-C(34)-C(35)-C(36) | -1.5(5)   |
|-------------------------|-----------|
| Ni(2)-C(34)-C(35)-C(36) | -179.6(3) |
| C(34)-C(35)-C(36)-O(2)  | 1.5(6)    |
| C(35)-C(34)-C(37)-O(2)  | 0.9(5)    |
| Ni(2)-C(34)-C(37)-O(2)  | 178.8(3)  |
| C(20)-C(21)-P(3)-C(22)  | -151.8(3) |
| C(20)-C(21)-P(3)-C(25)  | 98.3(3)   |
| C(20)-C(21)-P(3)-Ni(2)  | -27.5(3)  |
| C(24)-C(22)-P(3)-C(21)  | -57.6(4)  |
| C(23)-C(22)-P(3)-C(21)  | 69.5(4)   |
| C(24)-C(22)-P(3)-C(25)  | 52.7(4)   |
| C(23)-C(22)-P(3)-C(25)  | 179.8(3)  |
| C(24)-C(22)-P(3)-Ni(2)  | -179.4(3) |
| C(23)-C(22)-P(3)-Ni(2)  | -52.3(4)  |
| C(27)-C(25)-P(3)-C(21)  | -68.2(4)  |
| C(26)-C(25)-P(3)-C(21)  | 168.0(3)  |
| C(27)-C(25)-P(3)-C(22)  | -179.2(4) |
| C(26)-C(25)-P(3)-C(22)  | 57.0(4)   |
| C(27)-C(25)-P(3)-Ni(2)  | 53.9(4)   |
| C(26)-C(25)-P(3)-Ni(2)  | -69.9(4)  |
| C(33)-C(31)-P(4)-C(20)  | 76.0(4)   |
| C(32)-C(31)-P(4)-C(20)  | -50.2(4)  |
| C(33)-C(31)-P(4)-C(28)  | -175.1(3) |
| C(32)-C(31)-P(4)-C(28)  | 58.7(4)   |
| C(33)-C(31)-P(4)-Ni(2)  | -45.8(4)  |
| C(32)-C(31)-P(4)-Ni(2)  | -172.0(3) |
| C(21)-C(20)-P(4)-C(31)  | -154.2(3) |
| C(21)-C(20)-P(4)-C(28)  | 96.9(3)   |
| C(21)-C(20)-P(4)-Ni(2)  | -26.4(3)  |
| C(29)-C(28)-P(4)-C(31)  | 176.9(3)  |
| C(30)-C(28)-P(4)-C(31)  | 51.7(4)   |
| C(29)-C(28)-P(4)-C(20)  | -74.6(4)  |
| C(30)-C(28)-P(4)-C(20)  | 160.1(3)  |
| C(29)-C(28)-P(4)-Ni(2)  | 45.2(4)   |
| C(30)-C(28)-P(4)-Ni(2)  | -80.0(3)  |
| C(35)-C(36)-O(2)-C(37)  | -0.9(5)   |
| C(34)-C(37)-O(2)-C(36)  | -0.1(5)   |

Table S12. Hydrogen bonds for 11 [Å and °].

| D-HA               | d(D-H) | d(HA) | d(DA)    | <(DHA) |
|--------------------|--------|-------|----------|--------|
| C(3)-H(3)N(1)#1    | 1.00   | 2.52  | 3.467(6) | 158.6  |
| C(17)-H(17)N(2)#2  | 0.95   | 2.48  | 3.410(6) | 164.5  |
| C(20)-H(20B)N(2)#3 | 0.99   | 2.55  | 3.525(6) | 168.1  |
| C(24)-H(24B)O(2)#3 | 0.98   | 2.58  | 3.561(7) | 175.5  |
| C(28)-H(28)N(2)#3  | 1.00   | 2.63  | 3.547(6) | 152.9  |
| C(36)-H(36)N(1)#4  | 0.95   | 2.61  | 3.522(6) | 159.8  |

Symmetry transformations used to generate equivalent atoms:

#1 -x+3/2,y+1/2,-z+1/2 #2 x-1/2,-y+1/2,z-1/2

#3 -x+3/2,y+1/2,-z+3/2 #4 x+1/2,-y+1/2,z+1/2