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Formation of (PNP)Rh complexes containing
covalent rhodium-zinc bonds in studies of
potential Rh-catalysed Negishi coupling

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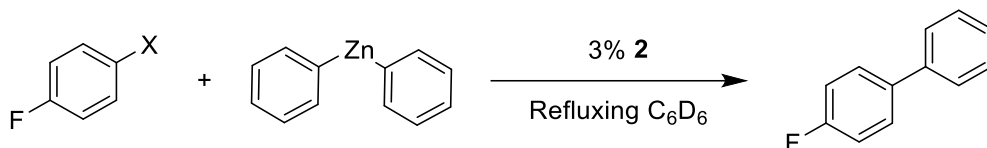
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General Considerations. Unless otherwise specified, all manipulations were performed under an argon atmosphere using standard Schlenk or glovebox techniques. Toluene, ethyl ether, and pentane were dried and deoxygenated (by purging) using a solvent purification system by MBraun and stored over molecular sieves in an Ar-filled glove box. C₆D₆ was distilled from NaK/Ph₂CO/18-crown-6-ether and stored over molecular sieves in the glovebox. Liquid aryl halides (4-fluorochlorobenzene, 4-fluorobromobenzene, 4-fluoriodobenzene, chlorobenzene, iodobenzene, and trifluorotoluene) were degassed and introduced into an argon filled glovebox and stored under molecular sieves. **1-Ph¹**, **1-Br¹**, and **1-I¹** were previously characterized by our group. **1-Cl¹** and **2²** were synthesized as described in the literature. Diphenylzinc was prepared as described in the literature.³ Bis(4-fluorophenyl)zinc was prepared as described in the literature.⁴ Phenylzinc chloride was prepared by mixing a 1:1 ratio of Ph₂Zn and ZnCl₂ in toluene and stirring overnight. ZnCl₂ was dried by refluxing in freshly distilled SOCl₂ followed by the removal of the volatiles via vacuum transfer.

Negishi Coupling Reactions

General procedure for Negishi Coupling Reactions. 2 (0.003 mmol, 100 μ L of a 0.030 M solution in C_6D_6) was added to a J. Young tube and treated with p - FC_6H_4X ($X= Cl, Br, I$) (0.10 mmol, 100 μ L of 1.0 M solution in p - FC_6H_4X / 0.33 M in $PhCF_3$ as an internal standard). Ph_2Zn (22 mg, 0.10 mmol) was added to the J. Young tube, and then the solution was diluted with 300 μ L of C_6D_6). The J. Young tubes were placed in a 90 $^\circ C$ oil bath. Reaction progress was monitored by ^{19}F NMR spectroscopy.



Entry	X	Time	Starting Material Remaining	4-fluoro-biphenyl
1	Cl	24h	92%	0%
2	Br	24h	90%	4%
3	I	44 h	50%	7%

Coupling of 4-fluoriodobenzene. In entry 3 there was a 36% conversion to a new product observed at -112.5 ppm by ^{19}F NMR spectroscopy. We hypothesize that this product is (phenyl)(4-fluorophenyl)zinc that is produced through an aryl-aryl transmetallation step.

Coupling of 4-fluorobromobenzene with slow addition of Ph_2Zn . **2** (0.007 mmol, 230 μ L of a 0.030 M solution in C_6D_6) was added to a 100 mL Schlenk flask and treated with 4-fluorobromobenzene (25 μ L, 0.23 mmol) and trifluorotoluene (10 μ L, 0.08 mmol) was added as an internal standard. The solution was diluted with 1 mL of toluene. Ph_2Zn (50 mg, 0.23 mmol) was dissolved in 50 mL of toluene and transferred to an addition funnel. The addition funnel was

mounted onto the Schlenk flask containing the reaction mixture, and the Ph₂Zn solution was added dropwise over a period of 6 hours while the reaction mixture was heated in a 90 °C oil bath. Within the first hour of Ph₂Zn addition, the reaction mixture had turned orange-brown color, which suggests that **4** is present as opposed to green (PNP)Rh species such as **1-Ph** or (PNP)Rh(C₆H₄F)(Br).⁵ The reaction progress was checked by ¹⁹F NMR spectroscopy after 20 h, which showed no formation of 4-fluorobiphenyl, and >95% of the starting material remaining.

Observation of (*p*-FC₆H₄)Zn(C₆H₅). Bis(4-fluorophenyl)zinc (10 mg, 0.039 mmol) and Ph₂Zn (25 mg, 0.11 mmol) were dissolved in 500 μL of C₆D₆ in order to match the product ratio and concentration in the reaction mixture of the Negishi coupling of 4-fluoroiodobenzene with diphenyl zinc. After mixing the two diarylzinc reagents in solution for 1 hour, analysis by ¹⁹F NMR showed a multiplet at -113.1 ppm.

Synthesis and Characterization

Treatment of 1-Cl with 1 eq. of Ph₂Zn. 1-Cl (38 mg, 0.059 mmol) was dissolved in C₆D₆ in a J. Young tube. Iodobenzene (13 μL, 0.12 mmol) was added to trap the 16-electron rhodium complex after the reductive elimination of biphenyl. The reaction mixture was treated with Ph₂Zn (13 mg, 0.059 mmol). Analysis by ³¹P{¹H} NMR spectroscopy within 15 minutes of mixing showed **1-Ph** as the major product with trace amounts of **1-I** and **4**. The reaction mixture was left overnight at room temperature, and analysis by ¹H NMR spectroscopy in the morning showed the formation of biphenyl and **1-I** as the major rhodium complex.

Treatment of 2 with Ph₂Zn. **2** (10 mg, 0.018 mmol) was dissolved in C₆D₆ with iodobenzene (4 μL, 0.036 mmol) and treated with Ph₂Zn (4 mg, 0.018 mmol). Analysis with ³¹P{¹H} NMR spectroscopy within 45 min. at room temperature showed **1-I** as the major product and **4** and **1-Cl** as minor side products. ¹H NMR spectroscopy showed the formation of C₆H₆.

Synthesis of (PNP)Rh(ZnPh)(Ph) (4). **3** (36 mg, 0.058 mmol) was added to a J. Young tube with Ph₂Zn (15 mg, 0.068 mmol) and dissolved in C₆D₆. The J. Young tube was rotated for 4 hours and was observed by ³¹P{¹H} and ¹H NMR to convert >95% to **4**. The solution was diluted with pentane and filtered through Celite. The volatiles were removed and the red solid was redissolved in pentane and placed in a -35 °C freezer to recrystallize overnight. The product was isolated as a red solid (21 mg, 48% yield). ³¹P{¹H} NMR (C₆D₆, 202 MHz): δ 46.2 (d, *J* = 119 Hz). ¹H NMR (C₆D₆, 500 MHz): δ 7.92 (d, *J* = 7.5 Hz, 2H, Ar-*H* of PNP), 7.76 (d, *J* = 7 Hz, 2H, Ar-*H*), 7.23 (d, *J* = 6.5 Hz, Ar-*H*), 7.18 (t, *J* = 7 Hz, 2H, Ar-*H*), 7.12 (m, 3H, Ar-*H*), 6.99 (t, *J* = 7 Hz, 1H, Ar-*H*), 6.95 (s, 2H, Ar-*H* of PNP), 6.86 (d, *J* = 8.5 Hz, 2H, Ar-*H* of PNP), 2.44 (m, 2H, CHMe₂), 2.19 (s, 6H, Ar-Me), 2.19 (m, 2H, CHMe₂), 1.12 (app. q (dvt), *J* = 8 Hz, 6H, PCHMe₂), 1.08 (app. q (dvt), *J* = 7 Hz, 6H, PCHMe₂), 0.95 (app. q (dvt), *J* = 6 Hz, 6H, PCHMe₂), 0.89 (app. q (dvt), *J* = 7.5 Hz, 6H, PCHMe₂). ¹³C{¹H} NMR (C₆D₆, 100.6 MHz): δ 161.1 (dvt, *J* = 10 Hz, *J* = 1 Hz, C-N of PNP), 158.2 (dvt, *J* = 30.9 Hz, *J* = 9.9 Hz, *i*-Ph), 145.8 (d, *J* = 10.4 Hz, Zn-C), 140.8 (br. vt, *J* = 1.9 Hz, Ph), 137.3 (s, Ph), 132.4 (s, Ar PNP), 131.8 (s, Ar PNP), 128.6 (s, Ph), 126.7 (s, Ph), 125.9 (s, Ph), 125.1 (vt, *J* = 3.1 Hz, Ar PNP), 123.3 (vt, *J* = 18.2 Hz, Ar PNP), 121.2 (s, Ph), 116.5 (vt, *J* = 4.7 Hz, Ar of PNP), 20.61 (vt, *J* = 2.3 Hz, PCHMe₂), 20.57 (s, Ar-Me), 20.0 (vt, *J* = 2.4 Hz, PCHMe₂), 18.5 (vt, *J* = 2.7 Hz, PCHMe₂), 17.8 (s, PCHMe₂). Anal. Calcd for C₃₈H₅₀NP₂RhZn: C, 60.77; H, 6.71; N, 1.86 Found: C, 59.67; H, 6.34; N, 1.76.

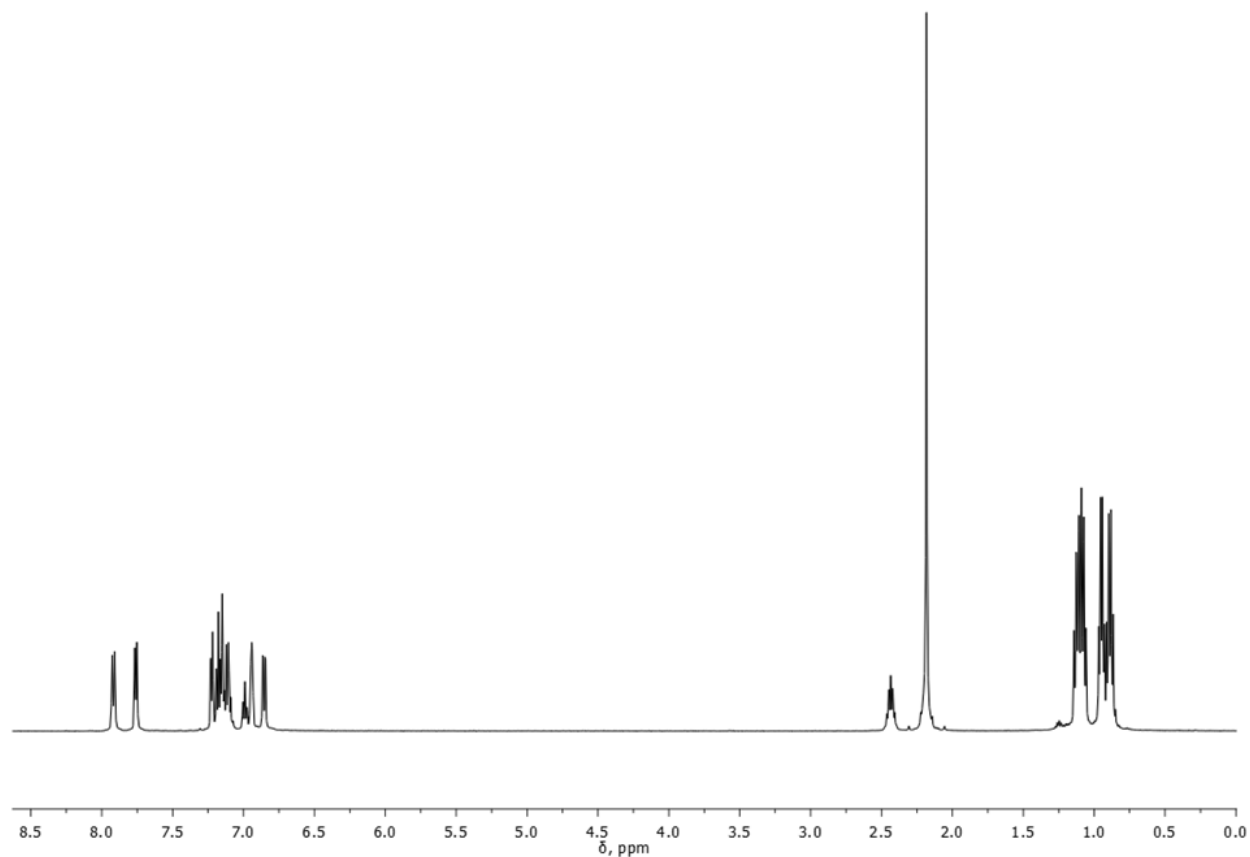


Figure S1: ^1H NMR spectrum of **4** in C_6D_6 . Residual pentane can be observed at 0.86 and 1.23 ppm.

Treatment of 3 with 0.5 eq. Ph_2Zn . **3** (28 mg, 0.045 mmol) was dissolved in C_6D_6 in a J. Young tube and treated with Ph_2Zn (5 mg, 0.023 mmol). The reaction was mixed overnight at room temperature and examined by ^1H and $^{31}\text{P}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR spectroscopy. The mixture was observed to be a 1:1 mixture of **3** and **4** with 0.5 equivalents of free *tert*-butylethylene. The solution was transferred to a 10 mL Schlenk flask and the volatiles were removed. The solid residue was redissolved in C_6D_6 and transferred to a J. Young tube. The reaction was heated at 90 °C overnight. ^1H and $^{31}\text{P}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR showed no change in the distribution of products.

Treatment of 3 with 1 eq. of PhZnCl. **3** (31 mg, 0.05 mmol) was dissolved in C₆D₆ in a J. Young tube and treated with PhZnCl (9 mg, 0.05 mmol). Analysis by ³¹P{¹H} NMR spectroscopy 20 minutes after mixing showed that about 34% of the reaction mixture was composed of **4**. The reaction was left for 24 h at room temperature and the color of the solution became brown. The mixture was analyzed by ³¹P{¹H} NMR spectroscopy. Broad doublets were observed at 47.0 ppm ($J_{\text{Rh-P}} = 101$ Hz) and 45.3 ppm ($J = 116$ Hz) and **4** still composed about 30% of the reaction mixture. The reaction was heated at 80 °C for 1 h, at which point the reaction turned green. Analysis by ³¹P{¹H} NMR spectroscopy showed a mixture of approximately ten compounds. Compound **4** still composed about 30% of the mixture.

Treatment of 4 with PhCl. **4** (11 mg, 0.015 mmol) was dissolved in C₆D₆ in a J. Young tube and treated with chlorobenzene (8 μL, 0.079 mmol) and refluxed for 48 h. ³¹P{¹H} NMR spectroscopy showed a 1:1 distribution of **6** and **1-Cl**. ¹H NMR spectroscopy showed the formation of approximately 1.5 equivalents of biphenyl.

***In Situ* observation of (PNP)Rh(ZnCl₂)_{1.5} (**6**).** Method 1: **3** (18 mg, 0.029 mmol) was dissolved in C₆D₆ in a J. Young tube and treated with anhydrous ZnCl₂ (30 mg, 0.22 mmol) and mixed for 2 days at room temperature. The reaction had turned from an orange-red color to bright green. Analysis of the mixture by ¹H NMR spectroscopy shows complete consumption of **3** and free *tert*-butyl ethylene. Analysis by ³¹P{¹H} NMR spectroscopy showed a broad doublet at 46.5 ppm (approximate $J_{\text{Rh-P}} = 100$ Hz). Method 2: **3** (74 mg, 0.12 mmol) was dissolved in C₆D₆ and treated with anhydrous ZnCl₂ (24 mg, 0.18 mmol) in a J. Young tube and refluxed for 8 hours. The product could also be made in a shorter period of time by using >1.5 eq of anhydrous ZnCl₂ and refluxing the solution. Attempts to isolate the product via filtration through Celite and the removal of the volatiles under vacuum led to the partial formation of **7**. ³¹P{¹H}

NMR (202 MHz, C₆D₆): δ 46.5 (br. d, $J_{\text{Rh-P}} = 100$ Hz); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, C₆D₆): δ 7.71 (br, 4H, Ar-H), 6.83 (br, 4H, Ar-H), 6.70 (d, $J = 7$ Hz, 4H, Ar-H), 2.52 (br, 4H, PCHMe₂), 2.27 (br, 4H, PCHMe₂), 2.14 (s, 12H, Ar-Me), 1.49 (br, 6H, PCHMe₂), 1.37 (br, 12H, PCHMe₂), 1.23 (br, 18H, PCHMe₂), 0.98 (br, 6H, PCHMe₂), 0.93 (br, 6H, PCHMe₂); ¹³C{¹H} NMR (128 MHz, C₆D₆): δ 162.7 (br, Ar-N), 132.0 (s, Ar), 131.5 (br, Ar), 131.3 (br, Ar), 126.5 (s, Ar), 119.1 (br, Ar), 118.6 (br, Ar), 27.3 (br, PCHMe₂), 23.5 (br, PCHMe₂), 20.5 (s, Ar-Me), 20.3 (s, Me), 20.1 (s, Me), 18.7 (s, Me), 18.0 (s, Me).

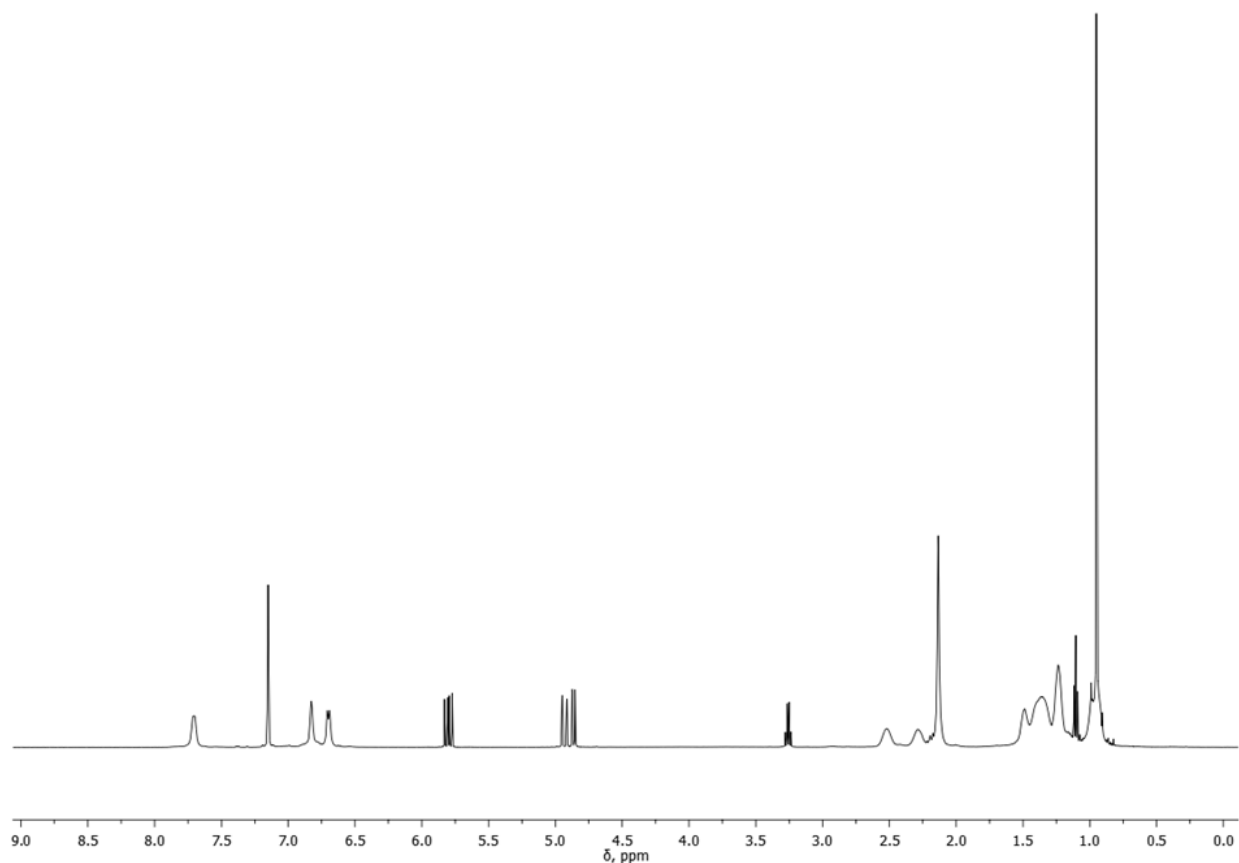


Figure S2: ¹H NMR spectrum of **6** characterized *in situ* in C₆D₆. Tert-butylethylene is observed at 5.80, 4.93, 4.86, and 0.95 ppm. Diethyl ether can be observed at 3.26 and 1.11 ppm.

Treatment of 3 with 0.6 eq. of ZnCl₂. **3** (75 mg, 0.12 mmol) was dissolved in C₆D₆ and treated with anhydrous ZnCl₂ (10 mg, 0.07 mmol). The mixture was heated overnight at 80 °C and produced a mixture of intractable products observed by ¹H NMR and ³¹P{¹H} NMR containing **3** (~30%) and several other products. **6** accounted for ~5% of the reaction mixture.

Treatment of 3 with 1 eq. of ZnCl₂. **3** (75 mg, 0.11 mmol) was dissolved in C₆D₆ and treated with anhydrous ZnCl₂ (15 mg, 0.11 mmol) the reaction was heated at 80 °C for 48 hours. After this time, ³¹P{¹H} NMR spectroscopy showed a mixture of products containing 23% **6** and 9% **3**.

Synthesis of [(PNP)Rh(H)]₂[μ-ZnCl₄] (7**).** Method 1: **3** (74 mg, 0.12 mmol) was dissolved in C₆D₆ and treated with anhydrous ZnCl₂ (24 mg, 0.18 mmol) in a J. Young tube and refluxed for 8 hours. Analysis by ¹H NMR spectroscopy indicated that the starting material had been converted to the product **6**. The reaction mixture was diluted with toluene and filtered through Celite and the volatiles were removed under vacuum. Analysis by ¹H and ³¹P{¹H} NMR spectroscopy showed a mixture of **6** and **7**. The volatiles were removed from the reaction to leave a fine flowing powder, which was exposed to the glovebox atmosphere and stirred as a solid for 5 days at which point the powder had turned purple. The product was extracted with pentane and filtered through Celite to yield **7** (48 mg, 63%). Method 2: **3** (26 mg, 0.042 mmol) was dissolved in C₆D₆ and treated with anhydrous ZnCl₂ (15 mg, 0.11 mmol) was refluxed for 8 h and showed complete conversion to **6**. The solution was then filtered through Celite to remove excess ZnCl₂ and transferred into a new J. Young tube. Water (1 μL, 0.056 mmol) was added to the solution and shaken vigorously for five seconds. Within less than a minute, the green solution had turned purple and contained a precipitate. Analysis by ¹H and ³¹P{¹H} NMR spectroscopy showed complete conversion to **7**. The solution was diluted with pentane and filtered through

Celite and the volatiles were removed under vacuum. The purple solid was recrystallized from pentane in a -35 °C freezer (16 mg, 63% yield). Method 3: **2** (14 mg, 0.025 mmol) was dissolved in C₆D₆ and treated with ZnCl₂ (10 mg, 0.073 mmol). Within 15 min. of mixing, the solution had turned from green to purple. Analysis by ¹H and ³¹P{¹H} NMR spectroscopy showed >95% conversion to **7**. Method 4: **(PNP)H** (300 mg, 0.70 mmol) and [Rh(COD)Cl]₂ (172 mg, 0.35 mmol) were dissolved in toluene and treated with ZnCl₂ (47 mg, 0.35 mmol) and stirred vigorously overnight at room temperature. The resulting solution was diluted with pentane and filtered through a pad of Celite and then the volatiles were removed under vacuum. The resulting solid was recrystallized by dissolving in diethyl ether and layering with pentane. **7** was isolated as a purple solid (352 mg, 80% yield). ³¹P{¹H} NMR (121 MHz, C₆D₆): δ 49.6 (d, *J*_{Rh-P} = 104 Hz), 49.5 (d, *J*_{Rh-P} = 104 Hz); ¹H NMR (500 MHz, C₆D₆): δ 7.42 (br, 4H, Ar-*H*), 6.89 (br, 4H, Ar-*H*), 6.61 (dd, *J* = 8.5 Hz, *J* = 1.5 Hz, 4H, Ar-*H*), 3.05 (br, 2H, PCHMe₂), 2.83 (br, 2H, PCHMe₂), 2.22 (br, 2H, PCHMe₂), 2.14 (br, 2H, PCHMe₂), 2.10 (s, 12H, PCHMe₂), 1.53 (dt (apparent q.), *J* = 7.5 Hz, 12H, PCHMe₂), 1.45 (br, 6H, PCHMe₂), 1.36 (br, 6H, PCHMe₂), 1.30 (br, 12H, PCHMe₂), 1.12 (br, 6H, PCHMe₂), 1.07 (br, 6H, PCHMe₂), -19.98 (dt, *J*_{Rh-H} = 26 Hz, *J*_{P-H} = 10.5 Hz, 2H, Rh-H); ¹³C{¹H} NMR (128 MHz, C₆D₆): δ 161.5 (br., C-N), 161.1 (br., C-N), 131.4 (s), 130.9 (s), 125.4 (br.), 124.9 (br.), 122.5 (s), 122.4 (s), 122.2 (s), 117.7 (br.), 116.2 (br.), 26.4 (br.), 25.5 (overlapping br.), 25.1 (br.), 20.6 (s, Ar-*Me*), 19.4 (s), 19.2 (s), 19.0 (s), 18.9 (s), 18.6 (br.). Anal. Calcd for C₅₂H₈₂Cl₄N₂P₄Rh₂Zn: C, 49.10; H, 6.50; N, 2.20 Found: C, 48.83; H, 5.95; N, 2.09.

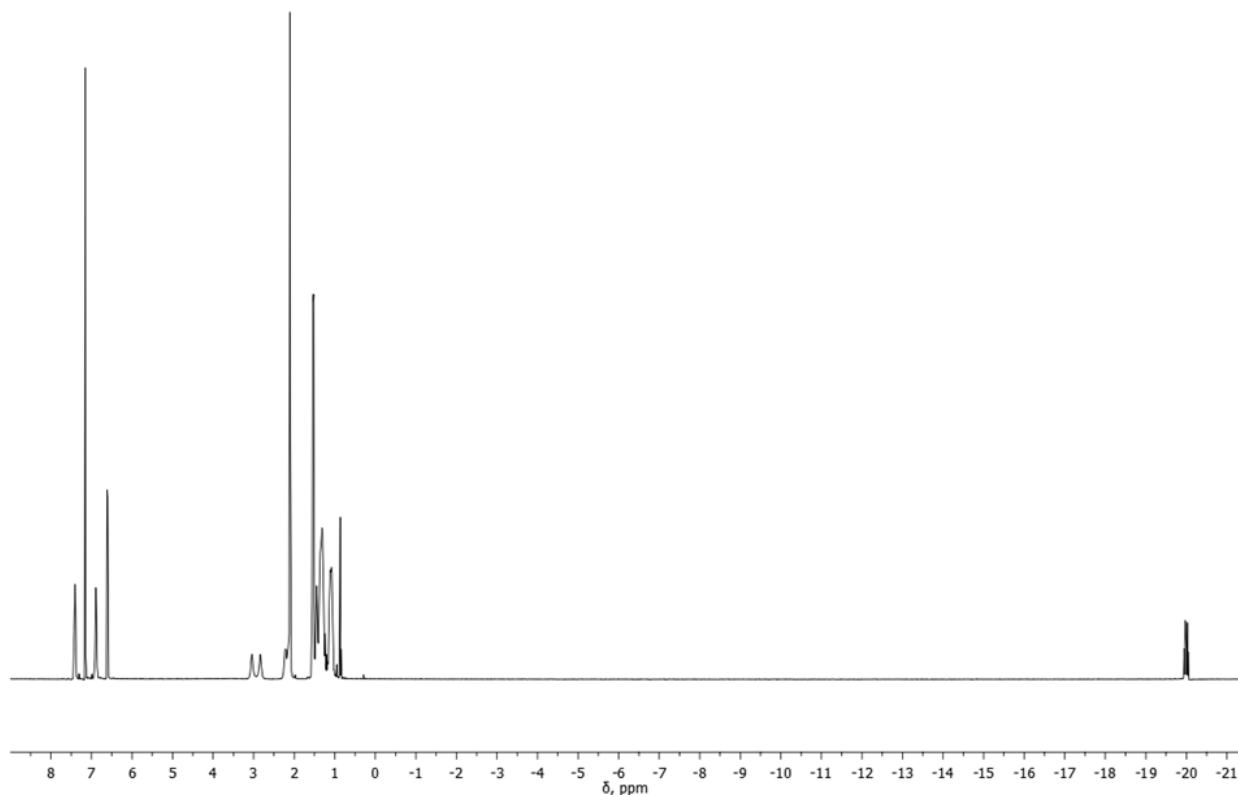


Figure S3: ^1H NMR Spectrum of **7** in C_6D_6 . Residual silicone grease can be observed at 0.29 ppm. Pentane is visible at 0.86 ppm and 1.23 ppm.

Treatment of 6 with chlorobenzene. **3** (23 mg, 0.037 mmol) was treated with ZnCl_2 (15 mg, 0.11 mmol) in C_6D_6 . The reaction was heated at 80 °C for 4 h, at which time complete conversion to **6** was observed. The reaction was then filtered through Celite in toluene, and the volatiles were removed. The residue was dissolved in 600 μL of C_6D_6 and transferred to a J. Young tube. Chlorobenzene (19 μL , 0.185 mmol) was added to the reaction and heated at 75 °C for 48 hours. Conversion to **1-Cl** was observed to be <10% by ^1H NMR spectroscopy.

Treatment of 6 with bromobenzene. **3** (23 mg, 0.037 mmol) was treated with ZnCl_2 (15 mg, 0.11 mmol) in C_6D_6 . The reaction was heated at 80 °C for 4 h, at which time complete

conversion to **6** was observed. The reaction was then filtered through Celite in toluene, and the volatiles were removed. The residue was dissolved in 600 μL C_6D_6 and transferred to a J. Young tube. Phenyl bromide (20 μL , 0.185 mmol) was added to the reaction which was then heated at 75 $^\circ\text{C}$ for 48 hours. At this time, conversion to **1-Br** was observed to be 73% by ^1H NMR spectroscopy.

Treatment of 6 with iodobenzene. **3** (23 mg, 0.037 mmol) was treated with ZnCl_2 (15 mg, 0.11 mmol) in C_6D_6 . The reaction was heated at 80 $^\circ\text{C}$ for 4 h, at which time complete conversion to **6** was observed. The reaction was then filtered through Celite in toluene, and the volatiles were removed. The residue was dissolved in 600 μL C_6D_6 and transferred to a J. Young tube. Phenyl iodide (21 μL , 0.185 mmol) was added to the reaction, which was then heated for 1 h at 75 $^\circ\text{C}$. Analysis by ^1H and $^{31}\text{P}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR spectroscopy showed complete conversion to **1-I**. A precipitate was also observed, presumably ZnCl_2 .

Treatment of 3 with chlorobenzene. **3** (23 mg, 0.037 mmol) was dissolved in 600 μL of C_6D_6 in a J. Young tube and treated with chlorobenzene (19 μL , 0.185 mmol). The reaction was heated at 75 $^\circ\text{C}$ for 45 min. and was observed by $^{31}\text{P}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR spectroscopy to be >95% converted to **1-Cl**.

X-Ray Structural Determination Details

X-ray data collection, solution, and refinement for (PNP)Rh(Ph)(ZnPh) (4). A dark red, multi-faceted block of suitable size (0.24 x 0.14 x 0.11 mm) was selected from a representative sample of crystals of the same habit using an optical microscope and mounted onto a nylon loop. Low temperature (110 K) X-ray data were obtained on a Bruker APEXII CCD based diffractometer (Mo sealed X-ray tube, $K_{\alpha} = 0.71073 \text{ \AA}$). All diffractometer manipulations, including data collection, integration and scaling were carried out using the Bruker APEXII software.⁶ An absorption correction was applied using SADABS.⁷ The space group was determined on the basis of systematic absences and intensity statistics and the structure was solved by direct methods and refined by full-matrix least squares on F^2 . The structure was solved in the monoclinic $C c$ space group using XS⁸ (incorporated in SHELXLE). All non-hydrogen atoms were refined with anisotropic thermal parameters. All hydrogen atoms were placed in idealized positions and refined using riding model. The structure was refined (weighted least squares refinement on F^2) and the final least-squares refinement converged. Twin was found by using TwinRotMat incorporated in PLATON program with a twin matrix of $\begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$ and a BASF number of 0.07, which refined to 0.12 as final refinement.⁹

X-ray data collection, solution, and refinement for [(PNP)Rh(Ph)]₂(μ -Zn) (5). An orange, multi-faceted plate of suitable size (0.30 x 0.17 x 0.03 mm) was selected from a representative sample of crystals of the same habit using an optical microscope and mounted onto a nylon loop. Low temperature (110 K) X-ray data were obtained on a Bruker APEXII CCD based diffractometer (Mo sealed X-ray tube, $K_{\alpha} = 0.71073 \text{ \AA}$). All diffractometer manipulations, including data collection, integration and scaling were carried out using the Bruker APEXII software.⁶ An absorption correction was applied using SADABS.⁷ The space group was

determined on the basis of systematic absences and intensity statistics and the structure was solved by direct methods and refined by full-matrix least squares on F^2 . The structure was solved in the monoclinic $P 2_1/c$ space group using XS⁸ (incorporated in SHELXL). All non-hydrogen atoms were refined with anisotropic thermal parameters. All hydrogen atoms were placed in idealized positions and refined using riding model. The structure was refined (weighted least squares refinement on F^2) and the final least-squares refinement converged. No additional symmetry was found using ADDSYM incorporated in PLATON program.⁹ The SQUEEZE protocol included in PLATON was used to account for disordered solvent molecules found in the crystal lattice that could not be satisfactorily modeled.¹⁰

X-ray data collection, solution, and refinement for [(PNP)Rh(H)]₂[μ -ZnCl₄] (7). A purple, multi-faceted block of suitable size (0.21 x 0.12 x 0.11 mm) was selected from a representative sample of crystals of the same habit using an optical microscope and mounted onto a nylon loop. Low temperature (110 K) X-ray data were obtained on a Bruker APEXII CCD based diffractometer (Cu sealed X-ray tube, $K_{\alpha} = 1.54178 \text{ \AA}$). All diffractometer manipulations, including data collection, integration and scaling were carried out using the Bruker APEXII software.⁶ An absorption correction was applied using SADABS.⁷ The space group was determined on the basis of systematic absences and intensity statistics and the structure was solved by direct methods and refined by full-matrix least squares on F^2 . The structure was solved in the monoclinic $P 2_1/c$ space group using XS⁸ (incorporated in SHELXL). All non-hydrogen atoms were refined with anisotropic thermal parameters. All hydrogen atoms were placed in idealized positions and refined using riding model. Hydrogen atoms on Rh could not be located from difference Fourier maps and were removed. The structure was refined (weighted least squares refinement on F^2) and the final least-squares refinement converged. No additional symmetry was

found using ADDSYM incorporated in PLATON program.⁹ The SQUEEZE protocol included in PLATON was used to account for disordered solvent molecules found in the crystal lattice that could not be satisfactorily modeled.

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