ELECTRONIC SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

Octahedral manganese(I) and ruthenium(II) complexes containing 2-(methylamido)pyridine–borane as a tripod κ^3 *N*,*H*,*H*-ligand

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Figure S1. ¹H (top) and ¹H{¹¹B} (bottom) NMR spectra ([²H₆]-benzene, 298 K, 400.54 MHz) of *fac*-[Mn($\kappa^{3}N$,*H*,*H*-mapyBH₃)(CO)₃] (**1**).



Figure S2. ¹³C{¹H} (top, 100.62 MHz), ¹¹B (bottom left, 128.51 MHz), and ¹¹B{¹H} (bottom right, 128.51 MHz) NMR spectra ([${}^{2}H_{6}$]-benzene, 298 K) of *fac*-[Mn($\kappa^{3}N$,*H*,*H*-mapyBH₃)(CO)₃] (**1**).



Figure S3. ¹H (top) and ¹H{¹¹B} (bottom) NMR spectra ([²H₆]-benzene, 298 K, 400.54 MHz) of *fac*-[RuH(κ^3 *N*,*H*,*H*-mapyBH₃)(CO)(P*i*Pr₃)] (**2**).



Figure S4. ¹³C{¹H} (top, 100.72 MHz), ¹¹B (middle left, 128.51 MHz), ¹¹B{¹H} (middle right, 128.51 MHz), and ³¹P{¹H} NMR spectra (bottom, 162.14 MHz) NMR spectra ([${}^{2}H_{6}$]-benzene, 298 K) of *fac*-[RuH($\kappa^{3}N$,*H*,*H*-mapyBH₃)(CO)(P*i*Pr₃)] (**2**).



Figure S5. Perspective QTAIM images of *fac*-[Mn(κ^3N ,*H*,*H*-mapyBH₃)(CO)₃] (**1**; top) and *fac*-[RuH(κ^3N ,*H*,*H*-mapyBH₃)(CO)(P*i*Pr₃)] (**2**; bottom), showing the atoms (large circles), bond paths (beige lines), bond critical points (small red circles), and ring critical points (small yellow circles).



Figure S6. Laplacian of the electron density in the MH₂B planes of *fac*-[Mn(κ^3 N,H,H-mapyBH₃)(CO)₃] (1; M = Mn; left) and *fac*-[RuH(κ^3 N,H,H-mapyBH₃)(CO)(P*i*Pr₃)] (2; M = Ru; right). Contour levels at 0.0 and ± (1,2,4,8) x 10^{*n*} e Å⁻⁵, with *n* ranging from +3 to -3). Blue and red lines represent negative and positive values, respectively.

| | 1 | 2 |
|---|---|--|
| formula | C ₉ H ₁₀ BMnN ₂ O ₃ | C ₁₆ H ₃₂ BN ₂ OPRu |
| fw | 259.94 | 411.28 |
| cryst syst | monoclinic | monoclinic |
| space group | C2/c | <i>P</i> 2₁/n |
| <i>a</i> , Å | 13.2584(3) | 7.4628(2) |
| b, Å | 12.7142(3) | 15.8516(3) |
| <i>c</i> , Å | 13.3824(3) | 16.3342(3) |
| α , deg | 90 | 90 |
| β , deg | 98.196(2) | 92.340(2) |
| γ, deg | 90 | 90 |
| V, Å ³ | 2232.83(9) | 1930.68(7) |
| Z | 8 | 4 |
| <i>F</i> (000) | 1056 | 856 |
| D_{calcd} , g cm ⁻³ | 1.547 | 1.415 |
| μ, mm ⁻¹ (Cu K $α$) | 9.572 | 7.361 |
| cryst size, mm | 0.37 x 0.12 x 0.07 | 0.16 x 0.12 x 0.09 |
| <i>Т</i> , К | 145(2) | 151(2) |
| heta range, deg | 4.84 to 69.73 | 3.89 to 69.54 |
| min./max. <i>h</i> , <i>k</i> , I | –16/8, –15/11, –16/15 | -7/9, -18/18, -14/19 |
| no. collected refins | 4899 | 8817 |
| no. unique reflns | 2059 | 3556 |
| no. reflns with /> 2o(/) | 1950 | 3401 |
| no. params/restraints | 158/0 | 222/0 |
| GOF (on F ²) | 1.077 | 1.041 |
| R_1 (on F, $I > 2\sigma(I)$) | 0.027 | 0.023 |
| wR_2 (on F^2 , all data) | 0.077 | 0.056 |
| min./max. $\Delta \rho$, e Å ⁻³ | -0.393/0.257 | -0.656/0.833 |
| CCDC dep. no. | 1524082 | 1524083 |

Table S1. Crystal, Measurement, and Refinement Data for the Compounds

 Studied by X-Ray Diffraction

| Bond ^a | Comp. ^a | $d(Å)^{b}$ | $ ho_{	extsf{b}}$ (e Å $^{	extsf{-3}})^{	extsf{c}}$ | $ abla^2 ho_{	extsf{b}}$ (e Å $^{-5})^d$ | $H_{ m b}/ ho_{ m b}$ (h e ⁻¹) ^e | $G_{ m b}/ ho_{ m b}$ (h e ⁻¹) ^f | $\varepsilon_{b}{}^g$ | $\delta(A-B)^h$ |
|-------------------|--------------------|------------|---|--|---|---|-----------------------|-----------------|
| M1–H200 | 1 | 1.890 | 0.550 | 5.176 | -0.296 | 0.956 | 1.267 | 0.408 |
| | 2 | 2.183 | 0.543 | 4.613 | -0.270 | 0.864 | 8.889 | 0.437 |
| M1–H300 | 1 | 1.880 | 0.551 | 5.275 | -0.296 | 0.967 | 1.245 | 0.411 |
| | 2 | 2.040 | 0.557 | 4.962 | -0.272 | 0.896 | 2.518 | 0.466 |
| M1–H400 | 2 | 2.033 | 0.657 | 3.796 | -0.365 | 0.770 | 0.088 | 0.946 |
| M1–P1 | 2 | 2.322 | 0.598 | 8.861 | -0.243 | 1.280 | 0.043 | 0.554 |
| M1–N2 | 1 | 2.033 | 0.598 | 8.861 | -0.243 | 1.280 | 0.043 | 0.554 |
| | 2 | 2.158 | 0.558 | 8.813 | -0.172 | 1.277 | 0.065 | 0.570 |
| $M1-C^{i}$ | 1 | 1.811 | 0.980 | 13.917 | -0.434 | 1.428 | 0.047 | 1.125 |
| | 2 | 1.856 | 1.116 | 14.107 | -0.493 | 1.377 | 0.063 | 1.413 |
| B1–H100 | 1 | 1.198 | 1.236 | -9.271 | -1.125 | 0.600 | 0.008 | 0.557 |
| | 2 | 1.202 | 1.217 | -8.753 | -1.119 | 0.616 | 0.023 | 0.553 |
| B1–H200 | 1 | 1.315 | 0.920 | -3.743 | -0.952 | 0.668 | 0.252 | 0.389 |
| | 2 | 1.315 | 0.929 | -4.444 | -0.954 | 0.618 | 0.250 | 0.407 |
| B1–H300 | 1 | 1.316 | 0.919 | -3.728 | -0.952 | 0.667 | 0.253 | 0.388 |
| | 2 | 1.329 | 0.898 | -4.012 | -0.938 | 0.624 | 0.293 | 0.395 |
| B1–N1 | 1 | 1.508 | 1.125 | 7.594 | -0.957 | 1.430 | 0.032 | 0.423 |
| | 2 | 1.527 | 1.072 | 7.459 | -0.933 | 1.420 | 0.039 | 0.419 |

Table S2. QTAIM topological parameters of selected bonds of complexes 1 and 2.

^aM = Mn (1), Ru (2). ^bBond path length. ^cElectron density at the bcp. ^dLaplacian of the electron density at the bcp. ^eTotal energy density ratio at the bcp. ^fKinetic energy density ratio at the bcp. ^gEllipticity at the bcp. ^hDelocalization index. ⁱAxial carbonyl ligand.

| Interaction ^ª | M1…B1 | M1…N1 | B1…N2 |
|--------------------------|-------|-------|-------|
| 1 | 0.160 | 0.060 | 0.024 |
| 2 | 0.191 | 0.059 | 0.018 |

Table S3. Delocalization indexes, $\delta(A \cdots B)$, of selected non-bonding $A \cdots B$ interactions in **1** and **2**.

^aM = Mn (**1**), Ru (**2**).

Table S4. QTAIM (ZORA-B1PW91/QZ4P) atomic charges, Q(A) (e), for selected atoms of complexes **1** and **2**.

| Complex | M ^a | H100 | H200 | H300 ^c | B1 | N1 | N2 |
|---------|----------------|--------|--------|-------------------|-------|--------|--------|
| 1 | 1.056 | -0.586 | -0.504 | -0.500 | 1.823 | -1.436 | -1.173 |
| 2 | 0.603 | -0.587 | -0.514 | -0.491 | 1.787 | -1.404 | -1.121 |

^aM = Mn (**1**), Ru (**2**).

| Atom | х | у | Z | |
|------|-----------|---------------|-----------|--|
| Ma | 2 (54020 | | 1 000012 | |
| MII | 5.054050 | 1 5 5 5 5 5 2 | 1.000013 | |
| N | 0.833907 | 1.363806 | 1.005.004 | |
| N | 1.948132 | -0.403110 | 1.935604 | |
| 0 | 4.919795 | -1.274728 | 0.072378 | |
| С | 0.782847 | 0.200808 | 1.767344 | |
| 0 | 5.940758 | 2.499999 | 1.753884 | |
| 0 | 4.640773 | -0.624289 | 4.336136 | |
| С | -1.631956 | 0.340226 | 1.588224 | |
| Н | -2.606266 | -0.138942 | 1.597592 | |
| В | 2.213405 | 2.176435 | 1.559608 | |
| С | -0.508132 | -0.415610 | 1.776937 | |
| Н | -0.581505 | -1.482919 | 1.934877 | |
| С | 4.281499 | -0.130492 | 3.356243 | |
| С | 1.901326 | -1.841475 | 2.151863 | |
| Н | 1.334995 | -2.102528 | 3.055394 | |
| Н | 2.912889 | -2.223498 | 2.276273 | |
| Н | 1.449663 | -2.369863 | 1.302126 | |
| С | 4.448267 | -0.519331 | 0.807320 | |
| С | -1.537818 | 1.735940 | 1.381564 | |
| Н | -2.415841 | 2.350336 | 1.230486 | |
| С | 5.051164 | 1.767298 | 1.807487 | |
| С | -0.294694 | 2.298836 | 1.376999 | |
| Н | -0.125221 | 3.358364 | 1.226523 | |
| Н | 2.224042 | 3.358178 | 1.380113 | |
| Н | 2.785090 | 1.895507 | 2.684008 | |
| Н | 2.917940 | 1.585600 | 0.651557 | |

 Table S5. Cartesian coordinates (B3P86/6-31G(d,p)) for complex 1.

| Atom | х | У | Z | |
|---------|------------------------|---------------------------------|------------|--|
| Ru | 0.205856 | -0.963623 | -0.408343 | |
| P | -1.663510 | 0.335299 | 0.076222 | |
| Ν | 1.637039 | 0.583172 | -0.803527 | |
| 0 | -1.440873 | -3.483106 | -0.251448 | |
| Ν | 3.157431 | -0.669663 | 0.399552 | |
| С | -1.251020 | 2.106604 | 0.542683 | |
| Н | -0.806192 | 2.474436 | -0.388385 | |
| С | 4.390391 | -0.866291 | 0.924143 | |
| Н | 4.503279 | -1.795742 | 1.468493 | |
| С | -2.688557 | -0.441451 | 1.452650 | |
| Н | -2.788013 | -1.470623 | 1.088286 | |
| С | -0.832872 | -2.496160 | -0.279384 | |
| С | 2.864323 | 0.469691 | -0.326504 | |
| С | -0.166886 | 2.208225 | 1.616805 | |
| Н | 0.210772 | 3.235243 | 1.658828 | |
| Н | 0.671447 | 1.542793 | 1.405542 | |
| Н | -0.556529 | 1.964069 | 2.607449 | |
| С | 5.155152 | 1.200786 | 0.037388 | |
| Н | 5.939926 | 1.936999 | -0.103302 | |
| С | 1.391670 | 1.714455 | -1.676463 | |
| Н | 1.463651 | 2.676131 | -1.147458 | |
| Н | 0.393219 | 1.628101 | -2.097185 | |
| Н | 2.097683 | 1.742322 | -2.516658 | |
| С | -3.463532 | -0.812729 | -1.749082 | |
| Н | -4.235742 | -0.666078 | -2.510931 | |
| Н | -3.906438 | -1.398662 | -0.939987 | |
| Н | -2.659397 | -1.405785 | -2.192319 | |
| С | -2.934690 | 0.542884 | -1.283323 | |
| Н | -3.765806 | 1.109679 | -0.848258 | |
| В | 2.057895 | -1.715065 | 0.556168 | |
| С | 3.920898 | 1.419499 | -0.506841 | |
| Н | 3.725658 | 2.320987 | -1.070443 | |
| С | -2.429896 | 3.019237 | 0.878629 | |
| H | -2.848238 | 2.786556 | 1.860843 | |
| H | -3.236/11 | 2.966/61 | 0.143/33 | |
| H | -2.085962 | 4.058393 | 0.914031 | |
| С | 5.412453 | 0.028080 | 0.//805/ | |
| H | 6.380215 | -0.1/2353 | 1.21/498 | |
| C | -1.929640 | -0.515474 | 2.778133 | |
| H | -1.916592 | 0.453692 | 3.284132 | |
| п | -0.090030 | -0.040404 | 2.041723 | |
| п | -2.420043 | -1.223023 | -2 4740730 | |
| U U | -2.594177 -1.576992 | 1.329030 | -2.4/404/ | |
| п | -2.077030 | 2 340407 | -2.927098 | |
| 11 L | -2.077030 | 1 123600 | -2.203/00 | |
| C | | 1 . 72 3 0 0 0 N N N R R R R | 1 672681 | |
| н | -4 614292 | -0 533938 | 2 404686 | |
| н | -4 705336 | 0 093982 | 0 762742 | |
| н | -4 096979 | 1 115500 | 2 070840 | |
| H | 1.079997 | -1.214476 | 1.238546 | |
| Н | -0.313057 | -0.817072 | -1.903272 | |
| H | 1.655138 | -2.036969 | -0.654837 | |
| H | 2.454524 | -2.706533 | 1.098199 | |
| | | | | |

 Table S6. Cartesian coordinates (B3P86/6-31G(d,p)/LanL2DZ) for complex 2.

| Atom | х | у | Z | |
|------|-----------|-----------|----------|--|
| Mn | 3.647743 | 0.633927 | 1.880699 | |
| Ν | 0.819768 | 1.571792 | 1.558802 | |
| Ν | 1.921318 | -0.413386 | 1.962035 | |
| 0 | 4.945756 | -1.289856 | 0.054986 | |
| С | 0.755527 | 0.201206 | 1.787946 | |
| 0 | 5.980357 | 2.453952 | 1.725533 | |
| 0 | 4.758100 | -0.611509 | 4.317999 | |
| С | -1.665939 | 0.351943 | 1.611542 | |
| Н | -2.647070 | -0.122153 | 1.632071 | |
| В | 2.201484 | 2.176663 | 1.546433 | |
| С | -0.541198 | -0.407426 | 1.814277 | |
| Н | -0.620595 | -1.475249 | 1.994394 | |
| С | 4.323527 | -0.135356 | 3.348137 | |
| С | 1.875174 | -1.853311 | 2.210379 | |
| Н | 1.308322 | -2.087997 | 3.123354 | |
| Н | 2.890508 | -2.229096 | 2.340171 | |
| Н | 1.417580 | -2.395327 | 1.369147 | |
| С | 4.443500 | -0.540788 | 0.791758 | |
| С | -1.561089 | 1.744861 | 1.374275 | |
| Н | -2.438025 | 2.363851 | 1.209424 | |
| С | 5.063554 | 1.739719 | 1.783600 | |
| С | -0.312728 | 2.306964 | 1.358430 | |
| Н | -0.139663 | 3.365691 | 1.188331 | |
| Н | 2.217924 | 3.358668 | 1.353605 | |
| Н | 2.785068 | 1.895829 | 2.677975 | |
| Н | 2.909247 | 1.565728 | 0.637301 | |

 Table S7. Cartesian coordinates (PW91-ZORA/QZ4P) for complex 1.

| Atom | х | У | Z | |
|--------|-----------|-----------|-----------|--|
| Ru | 3.319653 | 2.410399 | 1.988133 | |
| P | 3.837549 | 3.430393 | -0.031109 | |
| Ν | 1.202798 | 2.803827 | 2.041685 | |
| 0 | 6.245739 | 1.852569 | 2.523309 | |
| Ν | 0.923671 | 0.577299 | 2.637527 | |
| С | 2.314047 | 3.669797 | -1.133355 | |
| Н | 1.650680 | 4.217967 | -0.448433 | |
| С | 0.138039 | -0.499335 | 2.920436 | |
| Н | 0.688394 | -1.409970 | 3.140134 | |
| С | 5.166807 | 2.448227 | -0.959099 | |
| Н | 6.002813 | 2.529257 | -0.245669 | |
| С | 5.116245 | 2.062927 | 2.277891 | |
| С | 0.359394 | 1.813157 | 2.330117 | |
| С | 1.615147 | 2.343052 | -1.467047 | |
| Н | 0.612776 | 2.545750 | -1.872190 | |
| Н | 1.501751 | 1.707190 | -0.582163 | |
| Н | 2.166490 | 1.779959 | -2.231067 | |
| С | -1.843041 | 0.803657 | 2.638964 | |
| Н | -2.929771 | 0.890007 | 2.635866 | |
| С | 0.601784 | 4.125516 | 1.887992 | |
| Н | -0.078848 | 4.181259 | 1.021459 | |
| Н | 1.394687 | 4.860063 | 1.753639 | |
| Н | 0.025754 | 4.414834 | 2.781512 | |
| C | 5.910380 | 5.170238 | 0.808614 | |
| H | 6.313362 | 6.192400 | 0.836662 | |
| H | 6.676362 | 4.525238 | 0.361709 | |
| H | 5.746937 | 4.841486 | 1.842336 | |
| С | 4.591848 | 5.15/155 | 0.022979 | |
| H | 4./99881 | 5.430085 | -1.022457 | |
| В | 2.440/80 | 0.4/5028 | 2.634226 | |
| U | -1.075519 | 1.900007 | 2.330023 | |
| п | -1.040000 | 2.0000000 | 2.133749 | |
| L L | 2.402007 | 4.552957 | -2.393080 | |
| п ц | 2 929723 | 5 512/85 | -2 1859/0 | |
| н Н | 1 491127 | 4 714419 | -2 836786 | |
| C II | -1 231881 | -0 440449 | 2.030700 | |
| н | -1 814328 | -1 328355 | 3 154694 | |
| C | 4 841921 | 0 952657 | -1 085249 | |
| н | 4.069456 | 0.766492 | -1.842346 | |
| H | 4.498508 | 0.532469 | -0.134344 | |
| H | 5.745461 | 0.407759 | -1.394767 | |
| С | 3.616945 | 6.185340 | 0.611943 | |
| Н | 3.385801 | 5.933650 | 1.656356 | |
| Н | 2.675223 | 6.250875 | 0.052623 | |
| Н | 4.077363 | 7.183260 | 0.601718 | |
| С | 5.639499 | 3.017314 | -2.303995 | |
| Н | 6.543378 | 2.480080 | -2.625892 | |
| Н | 5.892852 | 4.083672 | -2.257074 | |
| Н | 4.885724 | 2.877415 | -3.089477 | |
| Н | 2.899071 | 0.684342 | 1.447687 | |
| Н | 3.560840 | 3.879476 | 2.600322 | |
| Н | 2.908558 | 1.399181 | 3.471894 | |
| H | 2.824856 | -0.600523 | 3.033700 | |

 Table S8. Cartesian coordinates (PW91-ZORA/QZ4P) for complex 2.