Supplementary Information

Half-sandwich iron(II) complexes with protic acyclic diaminocarbene ligands: synthesis, deprotonation and metalation reactions

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Table S1. Crystal data and structure refinements for the compounds **12a**, **[14]**PF₆ and **[16]**PF₆.

	12a	[14]PF ₆	[16]PF ₆ *
Empirical formula	C ₄₃ H ₄₁ N ₃ OPFeAu	C ₄₄ H ₄₉ N ₄ OFeRuF ₆ P	C ₄₈ H ₅₈ N ₄ O ₂ F ₆ PCIFeRu
Formula weight	899.57	951.76	1060.32
Temperature/K	100.0(2)	120.0(1)	150.0(2)
Crystal system	monoclinic	triclinic	orthorhombic
Space group	P2 ₁ /c	P-1	Pna2 ₁
a/Å	14.9700(4)	10.2798(9)	25.0135(6)
b/Å	11.9984(3)	12.5670(10)	10.8950(3)
c/Å	23.0740(6)	16.933(2)	17.0457(4)
α/°	90	102.774(8)	90
β/°	115.888(3)	99.633(7)	90
γ/°	90	92.700(7)	90
Volume/Å ³	3728.56(19)	2095.2(4)	4645.3(2)
Z	4	2	4
$\rho_{calc}g/cm^3$	1.603	1.509	1.5160
μ/mm ⁻¹	11.103	6.620	0.797
F(000)	1792.0	976.0	2184.0
Crystal size/mm ³	$0.155 \times 0.089 \times 0.033$	$0.07 \times 0.04 \times 0.02$	0.152× 0.033× 0.030
Radiation	CuKα (λ = 1.54184)	CuKα (λ = 1.5418)	Μο Κα (λ = 0.71073)
20 range for data collection/°	8.174 to 141.39	7.24 to 141.49	6.52 to 62.96
Index ranges	-18 ≤ h ≤ 16, -14 ≤ k ≤ 14, -20 ≤ l ≤ 27	-12 ≤ h ≤ 12, -12 ≤ k ≤ 15, -20 ≤ l ≤ 20	-35 ≤ h ≤ 21, -15 ≤ k ≤ 14, -23 ≤ l ≤ 24
Reflections collected	17805	14713	22674
Independent reflections	7024 [R _{int} = 0.0344, R _{sigma} = 0.0387]	7815 [R _{int} = 0.0937, R _{sigma} = 0.1509]	11236 [R _{int} = 0.0591, R _{sigma} = 0.1001]
Data/restraints/parameters	7024/0/435	7815/0/533	11236/1/589
Goodness-of-fit on F ²	1.163	0.892	1.058
Final R indexes [I>=2σ (I)]	R ₁ = 0.0636, wR ₂ = 0.1498	R ₁ = 0.0539, wR ₂ = 0.1085	$R_1 = 0.0632$, $wR_2 = 0.0944$
Final R indexes [all data]	R ₁ = 0.0714, wR ₂ = 0.1565	R ₁ = 0.0938, wR ₂ = 0.1298	$R_1 = 0.0935$, $wR_2 = 0.1039$
Largest diff. peak/hole / e Å ⁻³	2.91/-0.68	0.69/-0.72	0.82/-0.71

*structure reported: CCDC code: 951024



 ^1H NMR (CD_2Cl_2, 298K) spectra of compound 1.



 ^{13}C NMR (CD_2Cl_2, 298K) spectra of compound 1.



 ^1H NMR (CD_2Cl_2, 298K) spectra of compound 2a.



 ^{13}C NMR (CD_2Cl_2, 298K) spectra of compound 2a.



 $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$ NMR (CD_2Cl_2, 298K) spectra of compound 2b





¹³C NMR (CD₂Cl₂, 298K) spectra of compound **3**.



8.0 7.5 7.0 6.5 6.0 5.5 5.0 4.5 4.0 3.5 3.0 2.5 2.0 1.5 1.0 0.5 0.0 f1 (ppm)

¹H NMR (CD₂Cl₂, 298K) spectra of compound **4**.



 ^{13}C NMR (CD₂Cl₂, 298K) spectra of compound **4**.



 ^1H NMR (CD_2Cl_2, 298K) spectra of compound 5a.



 ^{13}C NMR (CD_2Cl_2, 298K) spectra of compound 5a.



¹³C NMR (CD₂Cl₂, 298K) spectra of compound **5b**.



¹H NMR (CD₂Cl₂, 298K) spectra of compound **6**.



 $^{^{13}\}text{C}$ NMR (CD₂Cl₂, 298K) spectra of compound **6**.



 ^1H NMR (CD_2Cl_2, 298K) spectra of compound 8a.



 ^{13}C NMR (CD_2Cl_2, 298K) spectra of compound 8a.



 ^{13}C NMR (C₆D₆, 298K) spectra of compound **8b**.







 ^{13}C NMR (CD_2Cl_2, 298K) spectra of compound 12a.



 ^{31}P NMR (CD₂Cl₂, 298K) spectra of compound **12a**.



 ^{13}C NMR (CD_2Cl_2, 298K) spectra of compound 12b.





¹H NMR (C_6D_6 , 298K) spectra of compound **13a** (Enriched in the A isomer).



¹H NMR (C_6D_6 , 298K) spectra of compound **13a** (Enriched in the B isomer).



 ^{13}C NMR (C_6D_6, 298K) spectra of compound 13a.



¹³C NMR (CD₂Cl₂, 298K) spectra of compound **13b**.



 ^1H NMR (CD₂Cl₂, 298K) spectra of compound **14** (Enriched in the isomer B).









 ^1H NMR (CD_2Cl_2, 298K) spectra of compound 17.

