

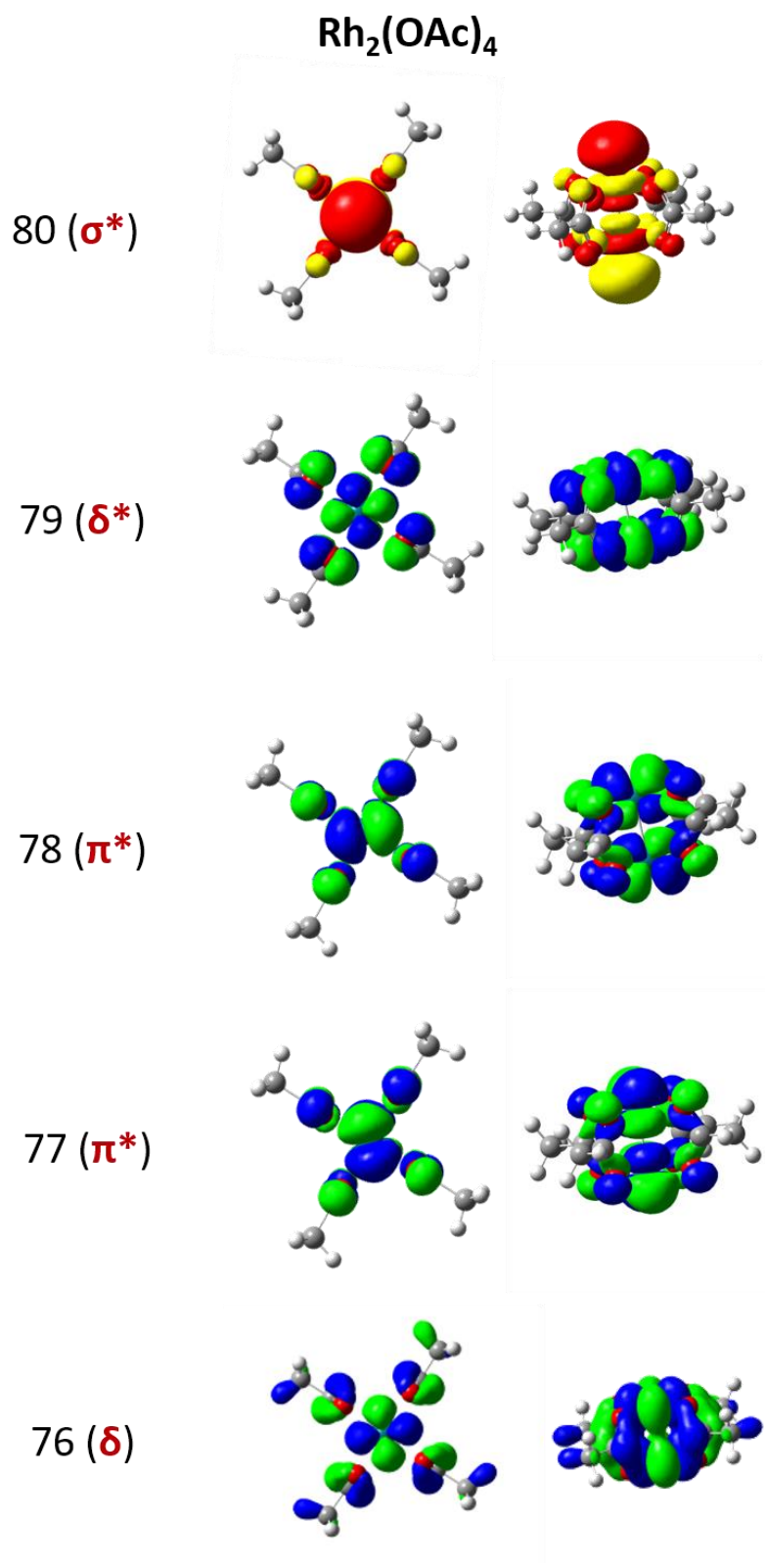
Electronic supplementary information (ESI)

**Glutathione binding to dirhodium tetraacetate: a spectroscopic, mass spectral and computational study of possible deactivation processes of an anti-tumour compound**

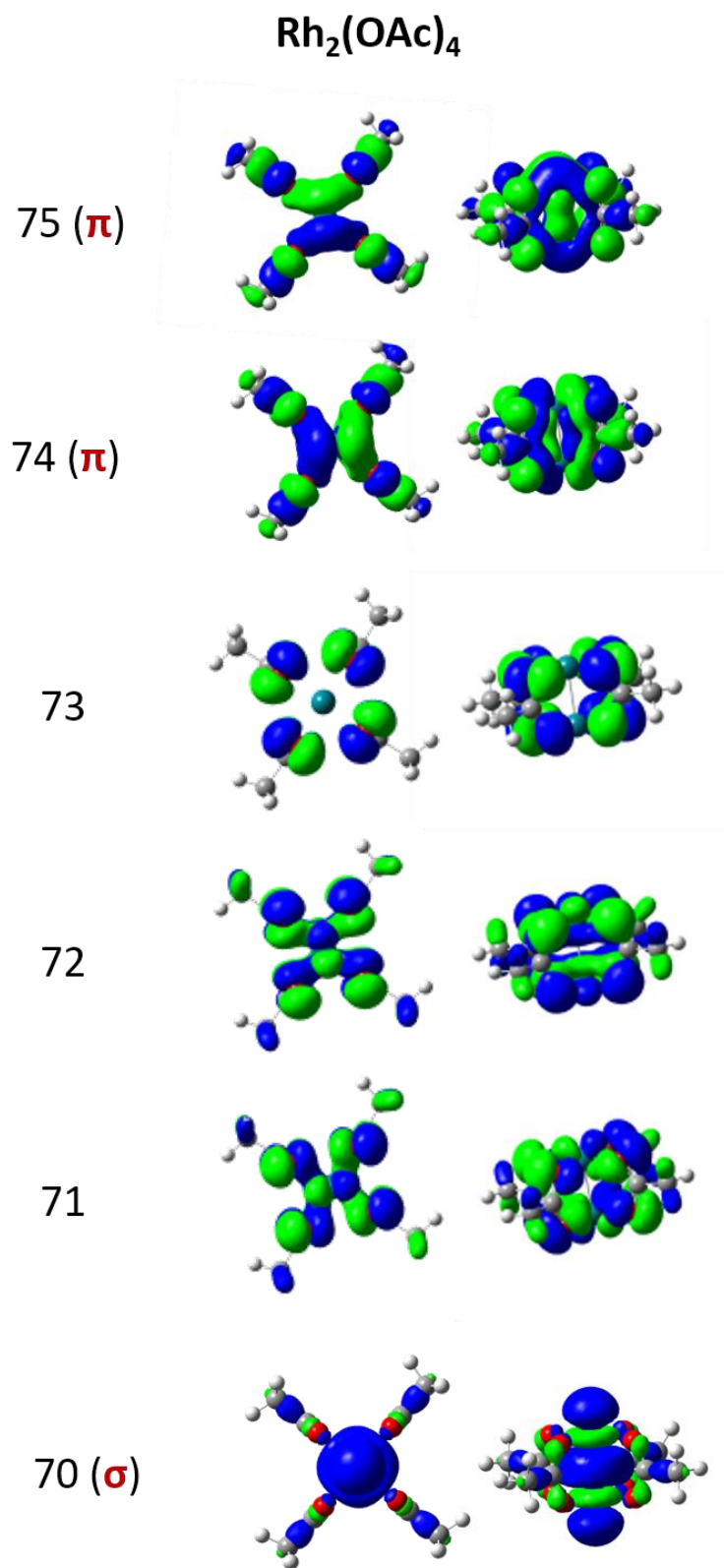
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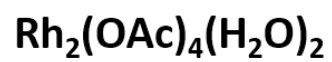
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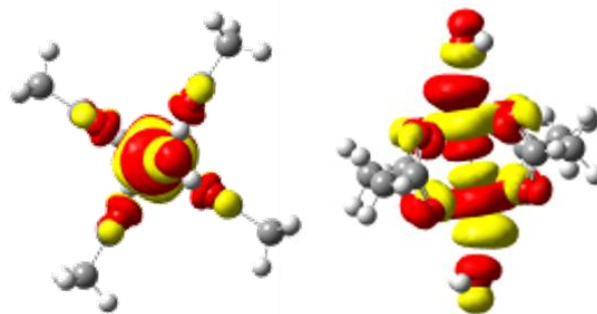
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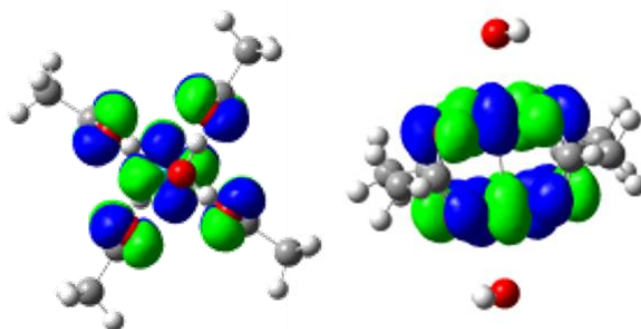
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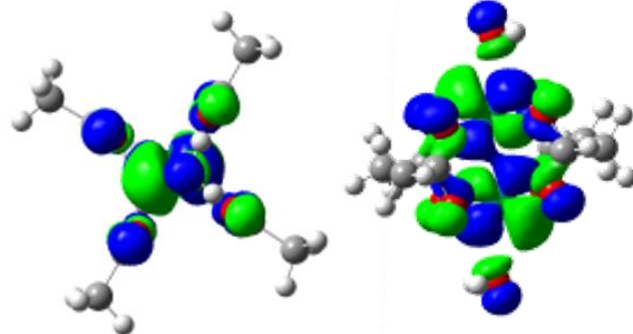
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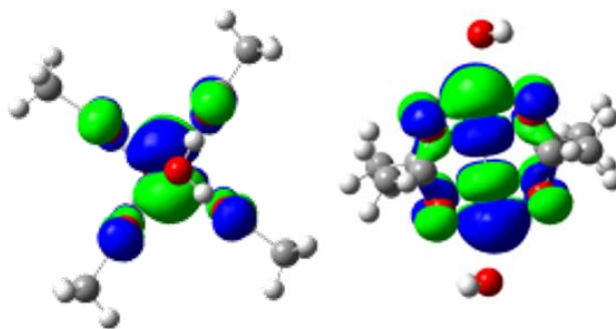
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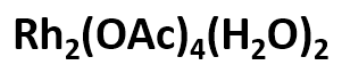
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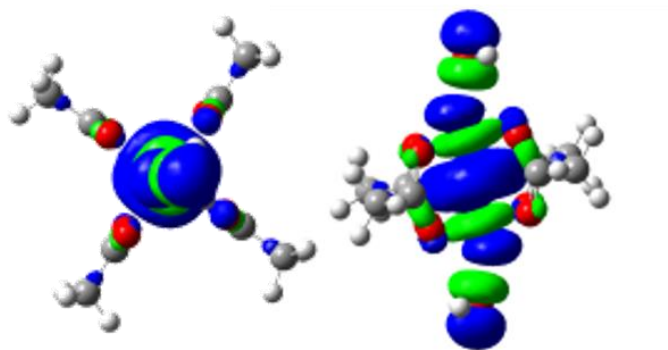
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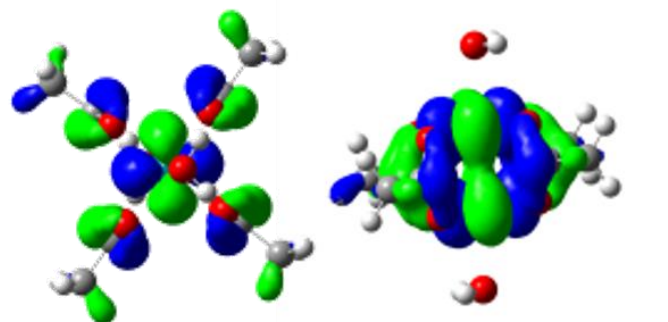
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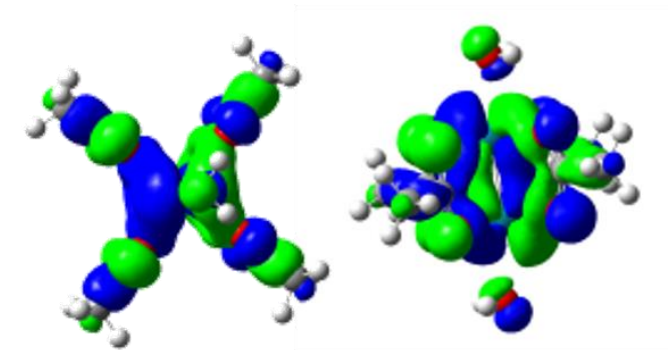
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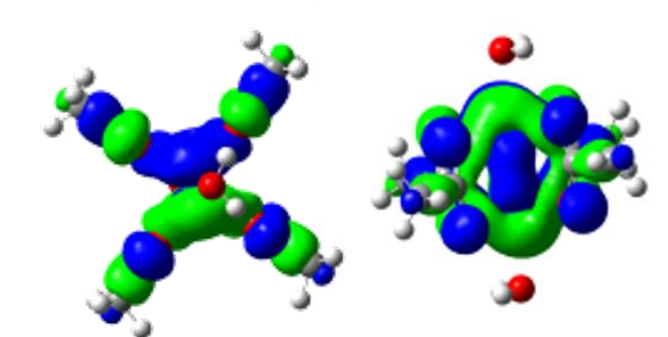
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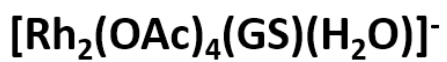
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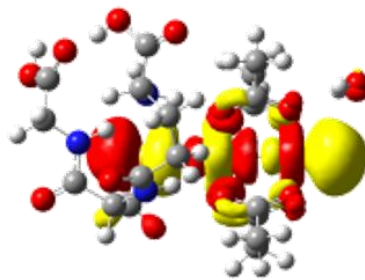
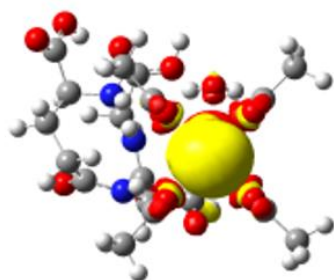
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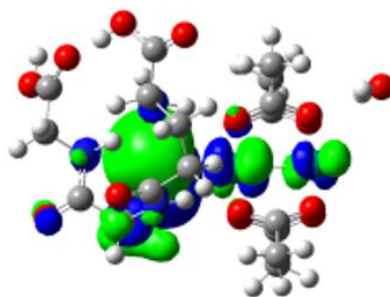
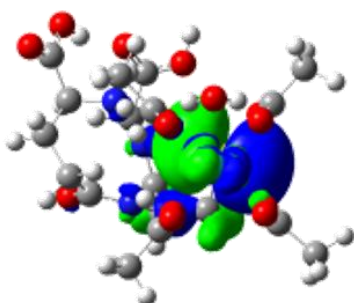
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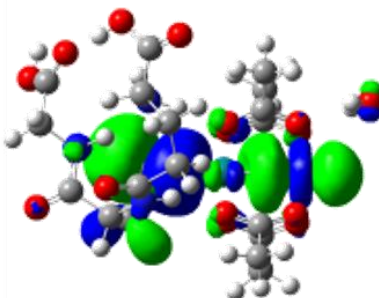
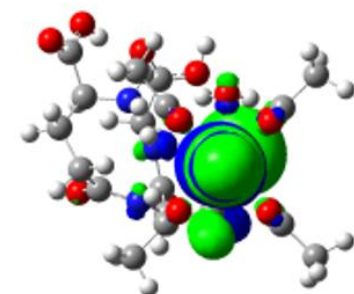
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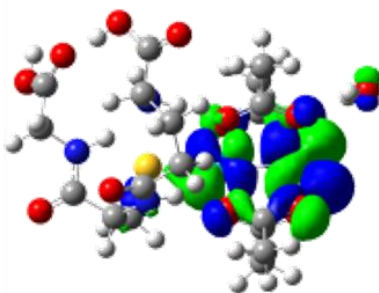
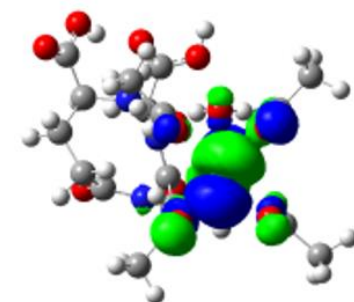
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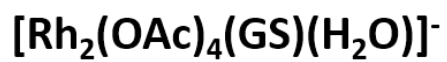
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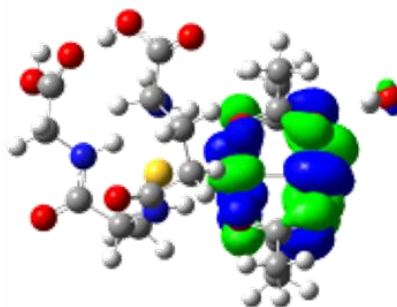
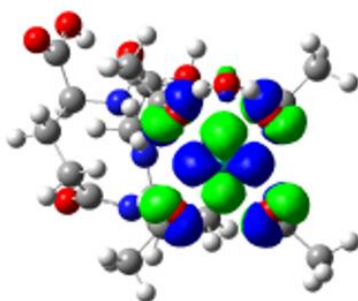
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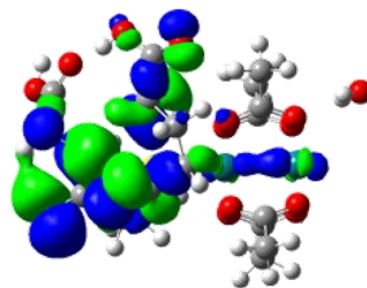
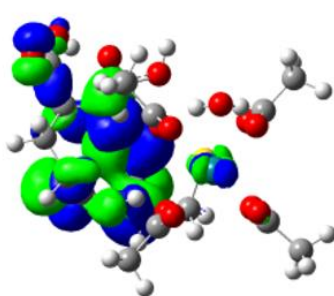
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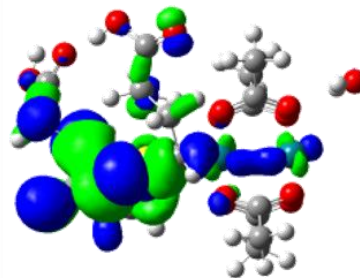
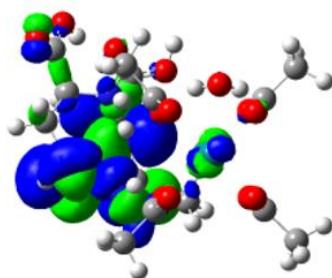
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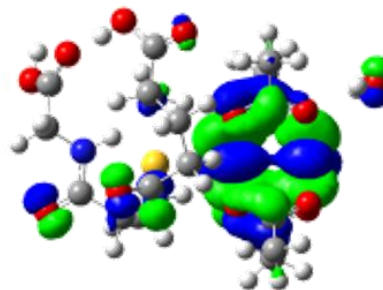
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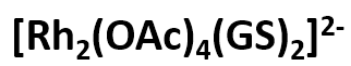
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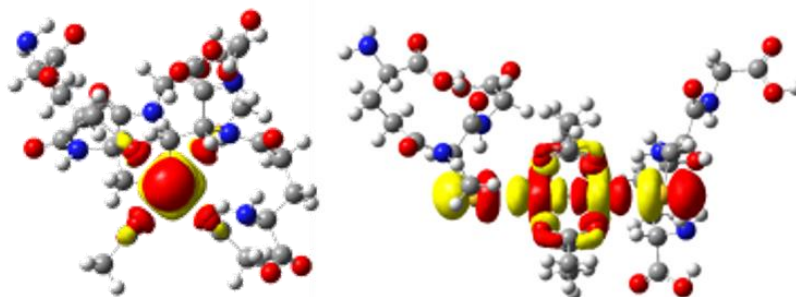
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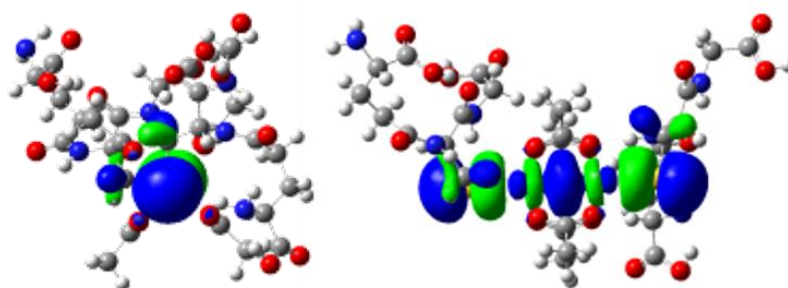
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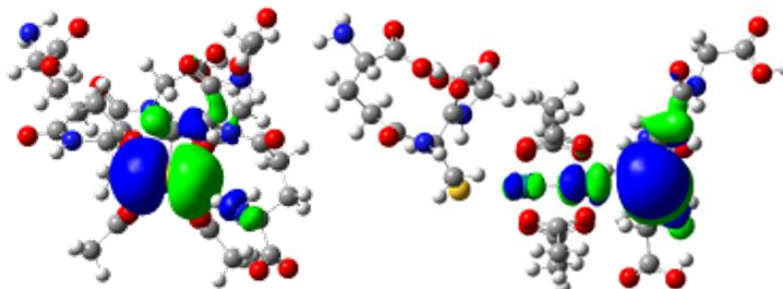
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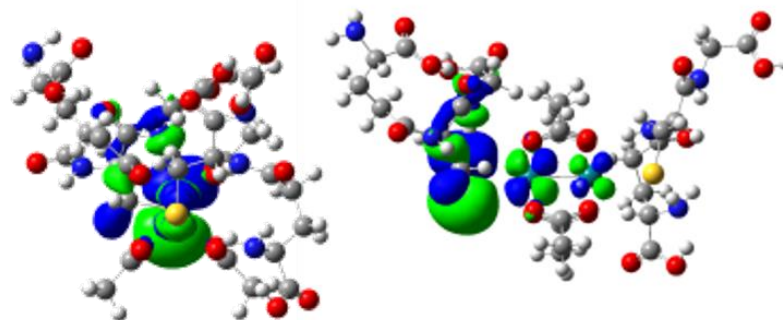
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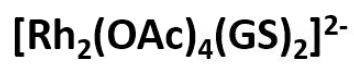
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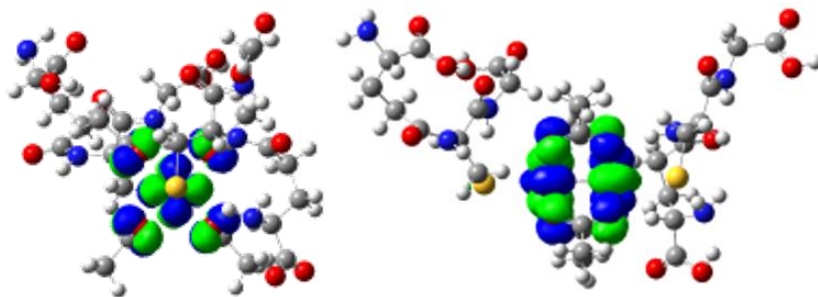
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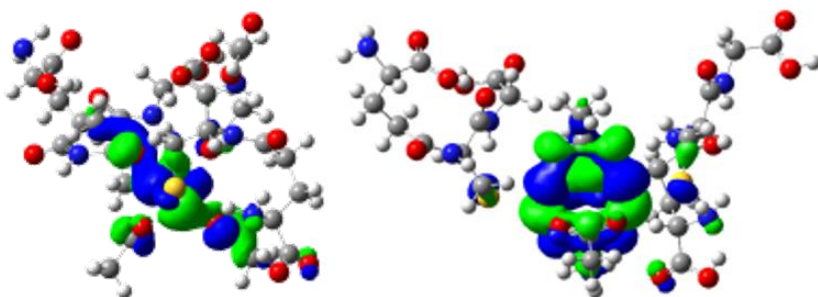
**Fig S7.** Expanded views of  $[\text{Rh}_2(\text{OAc})_4(\text{GS})_2]^{2-}$  molecular orbital surfaces, part 1.



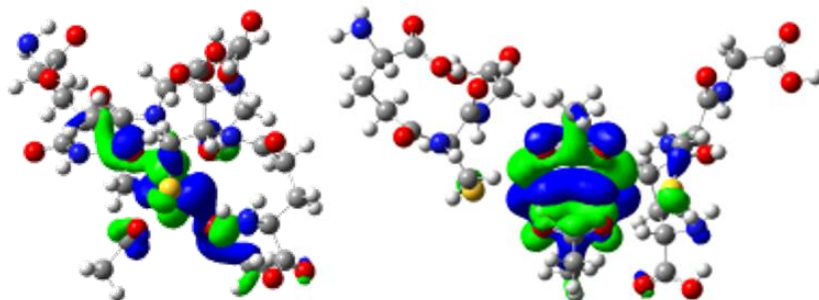
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234 ( $\pi$ )



233 ( $\pi$ )



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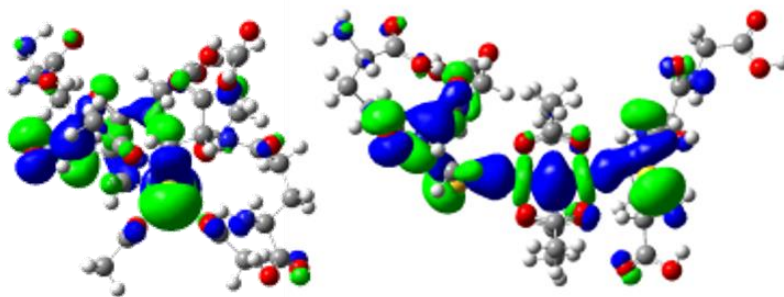


Fig S8. Expanded views of  $[\text{Rh}_2(\text{OAc})_4(\text{GS})_2]^{2-}$  molecular orbital surfaces, part 2.

**Table S1.** Transition contributions for excited states (ES) with oscillator strength (f) greater than 0.001

| Rh <sub>2</sub> (OAc) <sub>4</sub>                    |            |              |                  |        |
|-------------------------------------------------------|------------|--------------|------------------|--------|
| ES                                                    | Transition | Contribution | Energy [eV (nm)] | f      |
| 1                                                     | 72 -> 80   | 0.12995      | 1.5418 (804.16)  | 0.0037 |
|                                                       | 78 -> 80   | 0.67953      |                  |        |
| 2                                                     | 71 -> 80   | 0.13086      | 1.5426 (803.75)  | 0.0037 |
|                                                       | 77 -> 80   | 0.67956      |                  |        |
| 14                                                    | 72 -> 80   | 0.68665      | 4.7555 (260.72)  | 0.0229 |
|                                                       | 78 -> 80   | -0.12489     |                  |        |
| 15                                                    | 71 -> 80   | 0.68635      | 4.7676 (260.06)  | 0.232  |
|                                                       | 77 -> 80   | -0.12557     |                  |        |
| 16                                                    | 69 -> 80   | 0.69654      | 5.1009 (243.06)  | 0.0140 |
| 17                                                    | 68 -> 80   | 0.69633      | 5.1094 (242.66)  | 0.0142 |
| 20                                                    | 62 -> 81   | 0.14182      | 5.3426 (232.07)  | 0.0643 |
|                                                       | 63 -> 80   | -0.14773     |                  |        |
|                                                       | 66 -> 82   | -0.12428     |                  |        |
|                                                       | 70 -> 80   | 0.61243      |                  |        |
|                                                       | 79 -> 87   | -0.11805     |                  |        |
|                                                       | 79 -> 88   | 0.14491      |                  |        |
| Rh <sub>2</sub> (OAc) <sub>4</sub> 2H <sub>2</sub> O  |            |              |                  |        |
| ES                                                    | Transition | Contribution | Energy [eV (nm)] | f      |
| 1                                                     | 86 -> 90   | 0.10876      | 2.2561 (549.55)  | 0.0034 |
|                                                       | 87 -> 91   | 0.17148      |                  |        |
|                                                       | 88 -> 90   | 0.65326      |                  |        |
| 2                                                     | 80 -> 90   | 0.10439      | 2.3078 (537.23)  | 0.0027 |
|                                                       | 87 -> 90   | 0.65256      |                  |        |
|                                                       | 88 -> 91   | 0.19584      |                  |        |
| 6                                                     | 76 -> 92   | -0.11427     | 3.1246 (396.80)  | 0.0018 |
|                                                       | 84 -> 92   | -0.20679     |                  |        |
|                                                       | 87 -> 90   | -0.22219     |                  |        |
|                                                       | 88 -> 91   | 0.61712      |                  |        |
| 7                                                     | 74 -> 92   | -0.12927     | 3.1860 (389.15)  | 0.0019 |
|                                                       | 83 -> 92   | 0.20788      |                  |        |
|                                                       | 87 -> 91   | 0.62609      |                  |        |
|                                                       | 88 -> 90   | -0.19353     |                  |        |
| 15                                                    | 72 -> 91   | 0.13910      | 5.2099 (237.98)  | 0.1489 |
|                                                       | 75 -> 92   | -0.11732     |                  |        |
|                                                       | 86 -> 90   | 0.61760      |                  |        |
|                                                       | 88 -> 90   | -0.10257     |                  |        |
|                                                       | 89 -> 99   | 0.20974      |                  |        |
| [Rh <sub>2</sub> (OAc) <sub>4</sub> 1GS] <sup>-</sup> |            |              |                  |        |
| ES                                                    | Transition | Contribution | Energy [eV (nm)] | f      |
| 1                                                     | 153 ->166  | -0.12239     | 2.0002 (619.85)  | 0.0013 |
|                                                       | 161 ->166  | -0.30150     |                  |        |
|                                                       | 165 ->166  | 0.57168      |                  |        |

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|----|-----------|----------|-----------------|--------|
| 2  | 165 ->167 | -0.11791 | 2.3540 (526.69) | 0.0029 |
|    | 153 ->167 | -0.12419 |                 |        |
|    | 161 ->167 | -0.20202 |                 |        |
|    | 161 ->169 | 0.10319  |                 |        |
|    | 163 ->166 | 0.44851  |                 |        |
|    | 163 ->167 | 0.12743  |                 |        |
| 4  | 165 ->167 | 0.35148  | 2.5712 (482.20) | 0.0013 |
|    | 153 ->167 | -0.13409 |                 |        |
|    | 161 ->167 | -0.15160 |                 |        |
|    | 162 ->169 | 0.14879  |                 |        |
|    | 163 ->166 | -0.37276 |                 |        |
|    | 163 ->167 | -0.12279 |                 |        |
|    | 163 ->169 | 0.14540  |                 |        |
|    | 165 ->166 | 0.13916  |                 |        |
| 6  | 165 ->167 | 0.43725  | 2.7976 (443.18) | 0.0016 |
|    | 161 ->166 | 0.23994  |                 |        |
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|    | 163 ->169 | 0.34638  |                 |        |
|    | 165 ->166 | 0.20374  |                 |        |
|    | 165 ->169 | -0.13194 |                 |        |
| 13 | 153 ->167 | 0.19539  | 3.8002 (326.26) | 0.0704 |
|    | 154 ->166 | -0.10185 |                 |        |
|    | 156 ->166 | -0.16372 |                 |        |
|    | 161 ->167 | 0.42275  |                 |        |
|    | 163 ->166 | 0.12060  |                 |        |
|    | 164 ->166 | 0.26718  |                 |        |
|    | 165 ->167 | 0.31264  |                 |        |
| 14 | 153 ->167 | -0.10584 | 3.8639 (320.88) | 0.3938 |
|    | 161 ->167 | -0.24010 |                 |        |
|    | 164 ->166 | 0.58547  |                 |        |
|    | 165 ->167 | -0.15724 |                 |        |
| 15 | 138 ->166 | 0.13137  | 4.0651 (305.00) | 0.0569 |
|    | 152 ->166 | 0.22820  |                 |        |
|    | 154 ->166 | 0.23745  |                 |        |
|    | 156 ->166 | 0.46218  |                 |        |
|    | 157 ->166 | 0.12203  |                 |        |
|    | 160 ->166 | -0.10821 |                 |        |
|    | 161 ->167 | 0.15066  |                 |        |
|    | 163 ->166 | -0.10670 |                 |        |
|    | 164 ->166 | 0.19565  |                 |        |

| [Rh <sub>2</sub> (OAc) <sub>4</sub> 2GS] <sup>2-</sup> |            |              |                  |        |
|--------------------------------------------------------|------------|--------------|------------------|--------|
| ES                                                     | Transition | Contribution | Energy [eV (nm)] | f      |
| 1                                                      | 232 -> 245 | -0.12926     | 2.3396 (529.93)  | 0.0029 |
|                                                        | 235 -> 242 | 0.13289      |                  |        |

|    |            |          |                 |        |
|----|------------|----------|-----------------|--------|
|    | 235 -> 244 | -0.14224 |                 |        |
|    | 236 -> 242 | 0.42475  |                 |        |
|    | 236 -> 244 | -0.21641 |                 |        |
|    | 239 -> 242 | -0.21184 |                 |        |
|    | 239 -> 244 | 0.15268  |                 |        |
|    | 240 -> 242 | 0.29186  |                 |        |
|    | 240 -> 244 | -0.11257 |                 |        |
| 2  | 234 -> 245 | -0.12280 | 2.3866 (519.50) | 0.0021 |
|    | 235 -> 242 | 0.31121  |                 |        |
|    | 235 -> 244 | 0.16534  |                 |        |
|    | 236 -> 244 | -0.17550 |                 |        |
|    | 238 -> 242 | 0.28945  |                 |        |
|    | 238 -> 244 | 0.22085  |                 |        |
|    | 239 -> 242 | -0.23043 |                 |        |
|    | 240 -> 242 | -0.19450 |                 |        |
|    | 240 -> 244 | -0.20986 |                 |        |
| 9  | 232 -> 245 | 0.12454  | 2.9522 (419.98) | 0.0035 |
|    | 233 -> 244 | 0.14644  |                 |        |
|    | 234 -> 244 | -0.14958 |                 |        |
|    | 235 -> 244 | 0.17043  |                 |        |
|    | 235 -> 245 | 0.22699  |                 |        |
|    | 236 -> 242 | 0.15648  |                 |        |
|    | 236 -> 244 | 0.33913  |                 |        |
|    | 236 -> 245 | -0.15082 |                 |        |
|    | 238 -> 245 | 0.25701  |                 |        |
|    | 239 -> 242 | -0.11774 |                 |        |
|    | 239 -> 244 | -0.13665 |                 |        |
|    | 240 -> 245 | -0.10547 |                 |        |
|    | 241 -> 244 | -0.11128 |                 |        |
| 12 | 241 -> 242 | 0.67072  | 3.4198 (362.55) | 0.7178 |

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