

## Supporting Information

### Synthesis and Reactivity of an Osmium(III) Aminoguanidine Complex

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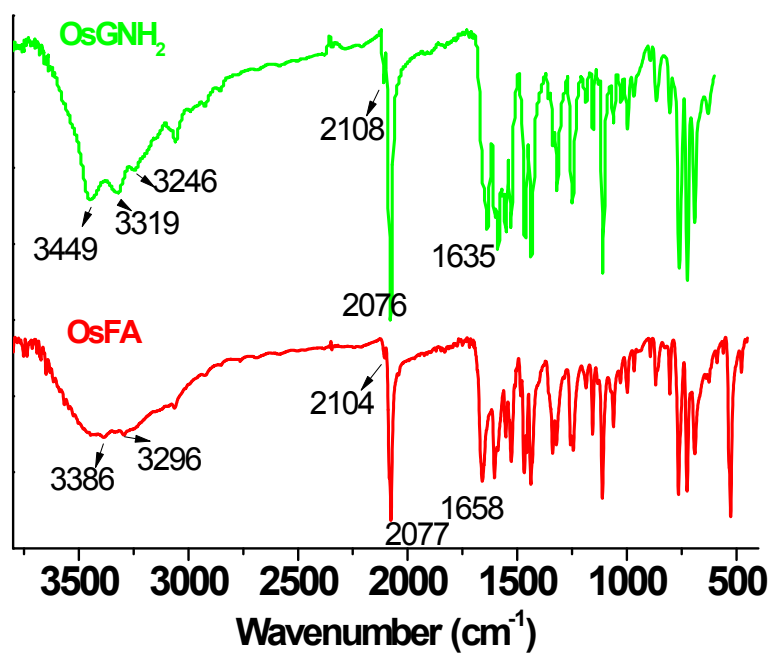


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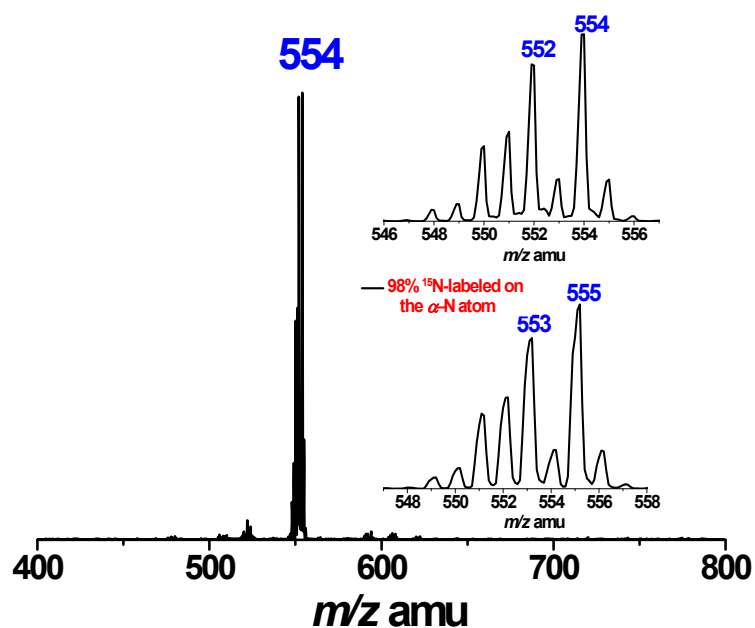


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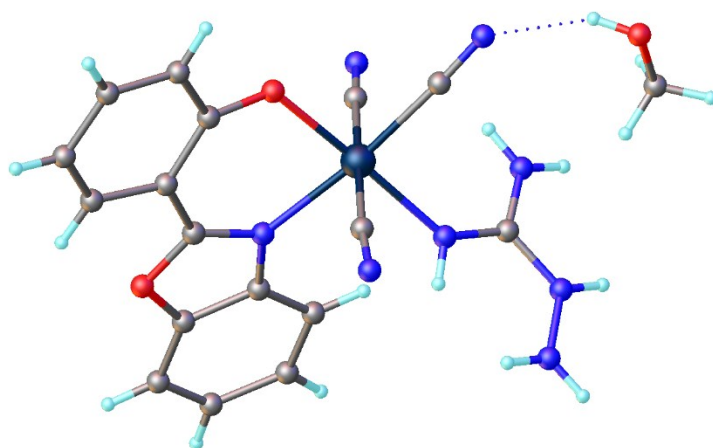


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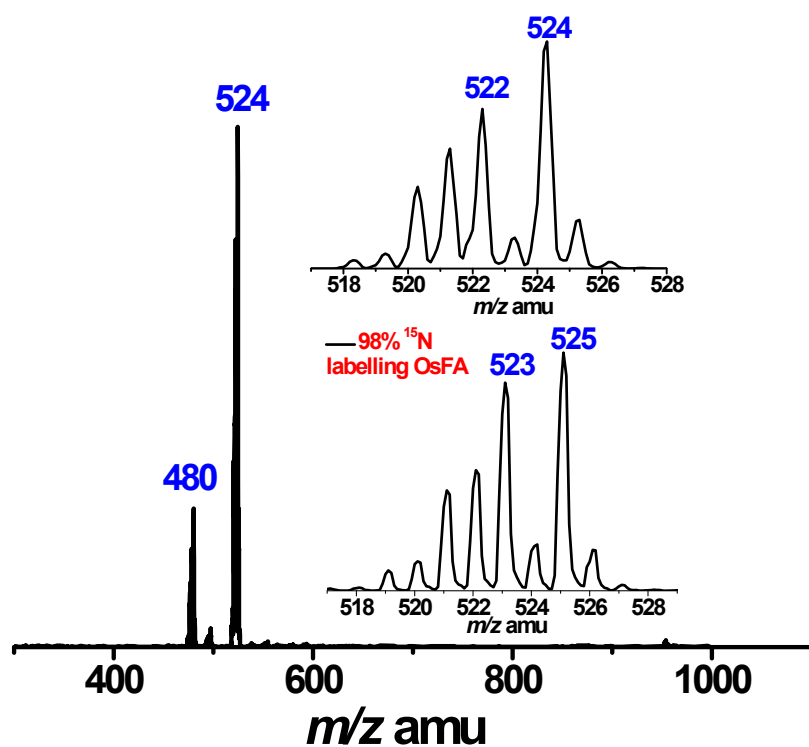


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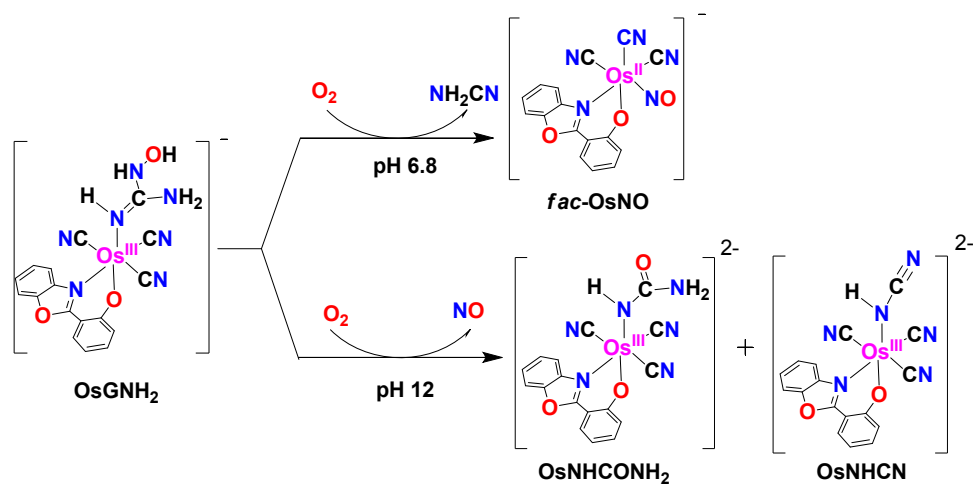


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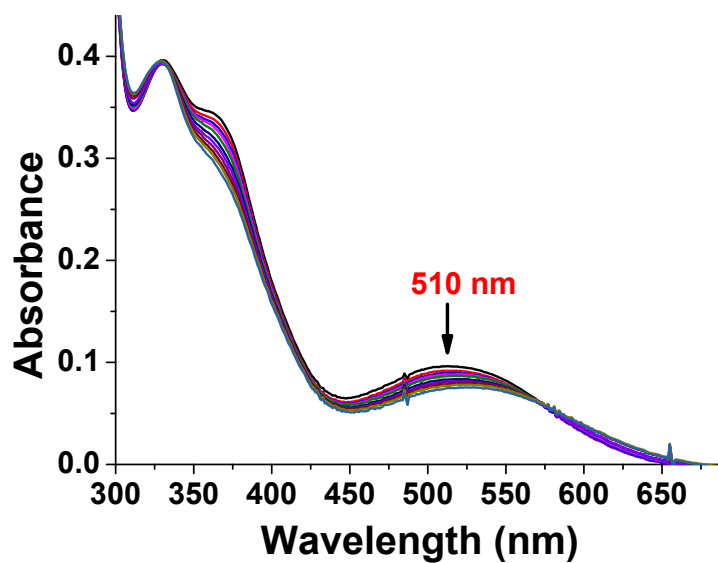


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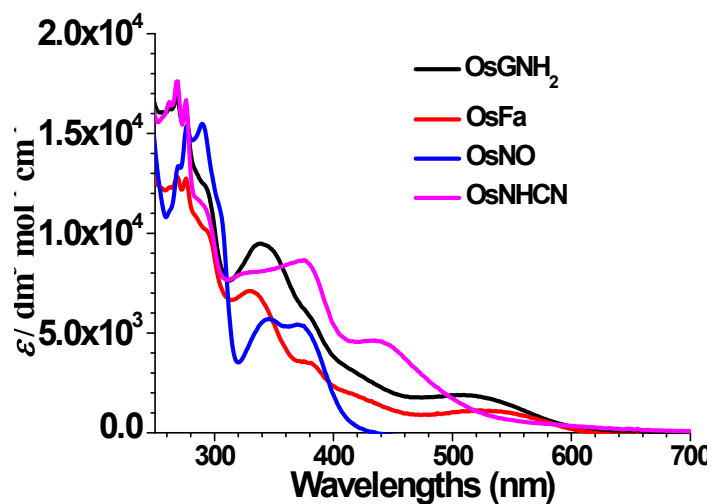


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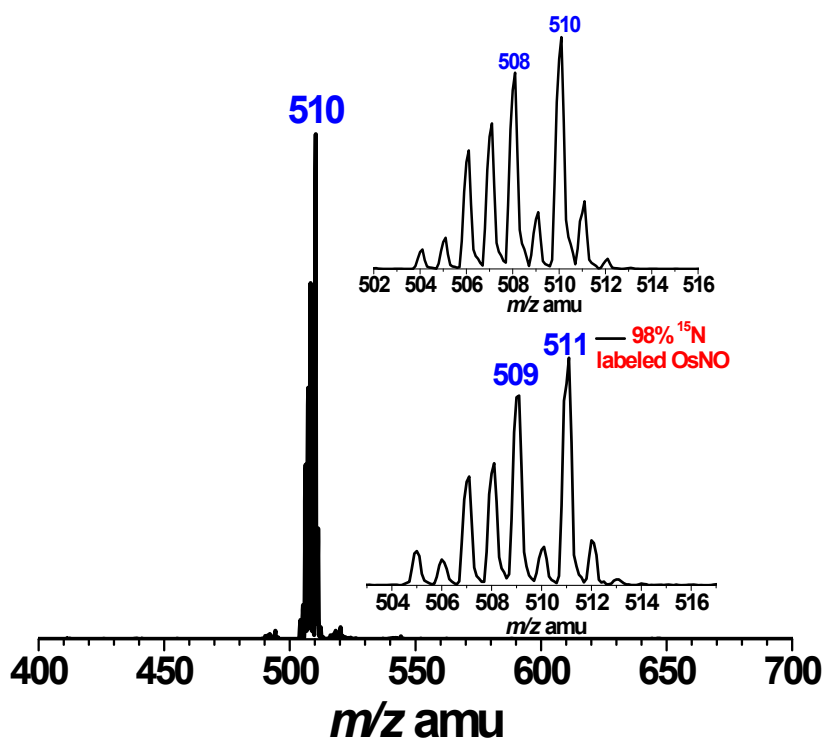


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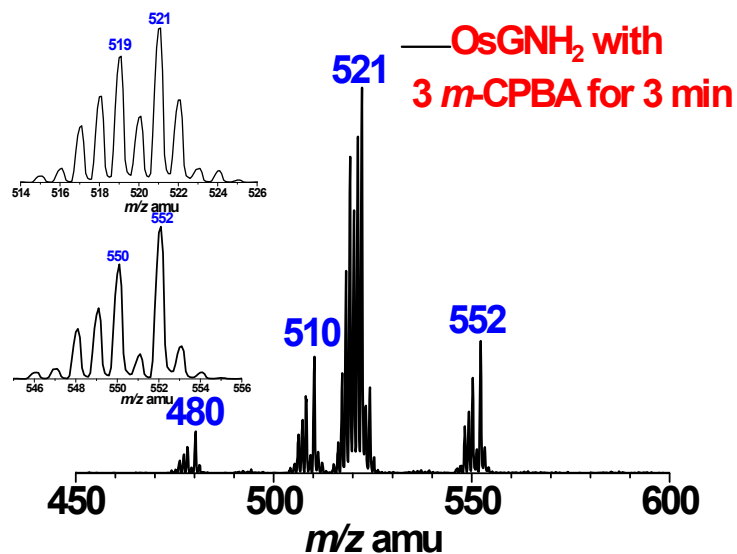


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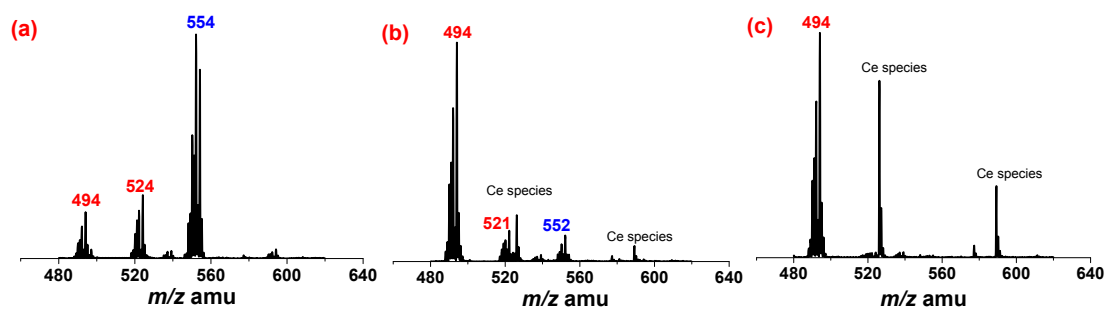


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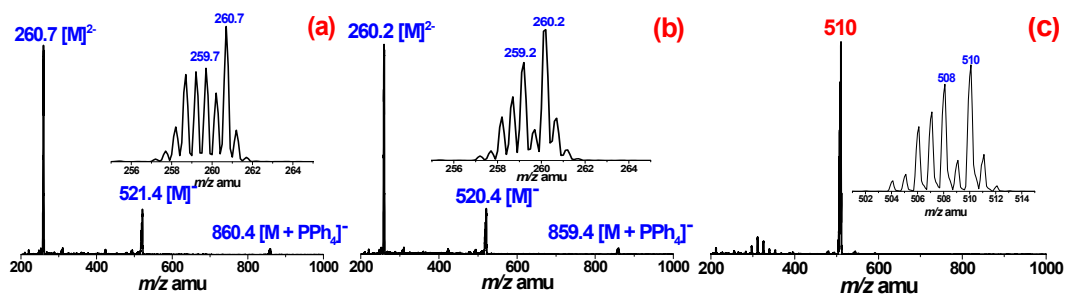


Figure S11. ESI/MS of OsNHcN (0.5 mM) with 10 equiv. of *m*-CPBA. (a) before mixing; (b) 5 min after mixing; (c) after 30 min.

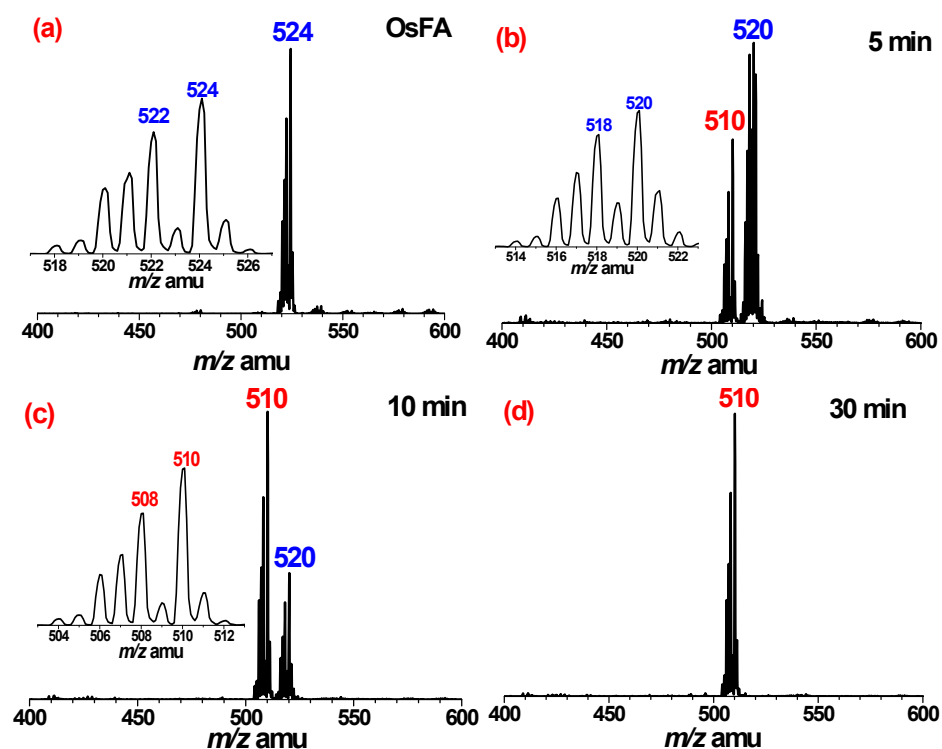


Figure S12. ESI/MS trace of **OsFA** (1.5 mM) with 10 equiv. of *m*-CPBA. (a) before mixing; (b) 5 min after mixing; (c) 10 min after mixing; (d) 30 min after mixing.

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Compound	<b>OsGNH<sub>2</sub></b>	<b>OsFA</b>
Formula	PC <sub>41</sub> H <sub>34</sub> N <sub>8</sub> O <sub>2</sub> OsP·CH <sub>3</sub> OH	C <sub>41</sub> H <sub>32</sub> N <sub>6</sub> O <sub>2</sub> OsP
<i>Mr</i>	923.97	861.90
<i>T</i> /K	153	153
Crystal syst	orthorhombic	orthorhombic
Space group	P2 <sub>1</sub> 2 <sub>1</sub> 2 <sub>1</sub>	P2 <sub>1</sub> 2 <sub>1</sub> 2 <sub>1</sub>
<i>a</i> /Å	11.73820 (10)	11.76370 (10)
<i>b</i> /Å	16.3662 (2)	14.7379 (3)
<i>c</i> /Å	20.8351(2)	20.9329 (3)
$\alpha$ , (°)	/	/
$\beta$ , (°)	/	/
$\gamma$ , (°)	/	/
<i>V</i> / Å <sup>3</sup>	4002.62 (7)	3629.18 (10)
<i>Z</i>	4	4
$\rho_{\text{calcd}}$ , Mg m <sup>-3</sup>	1.533	1.577
Unique refl.	7164	5736
Final R indices,	0.027	0.044
$I > 2\sigma(I)$ , wR <sub>2</sub> (all data)	0.071	0.115
GOF	1.03	1.04
No. of par.	499	461