

Supporting Information for:

Synthesis and coordination behaviour of a novel 1,2,3-triphosphaferrrocene

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S1. Experimental Section and analytical characterisation

General remarks:

All manipulations were performed under an atmosphere of dry nitrogen using standard glovebox and Schlenk techniques. Solvents were purified and degassed by standard procedures. The starting material **1** was prepared according to our published methods.¹ The phenylacetylene was received from Aldrich and used after destillation. Solution NMR spectra were recorded on a Bruker AVANCE 400 spectrometer. Mass spectra were performed using ThermoQuest Finnigan TSQ 7000 (ESI-MS) or a Finnigan MAT 95 (FD-MS and EI-MS). The C, H, N analyses are measured on an Elementar Vario EL III apparatus.

Synthesis of [Cp^{''}Fe(η^5 -P₃C₂PhH)] (2**):** PhC≡CH (0.9 g, 8.8 mmol) was added to a solution of [{Cp^{''}(CO)₂Fe}]₂(μ , η^1 -P₄) (**1**) (1.8 g, 2.2 mmol) in toluene (200 ml) at room temperature. The reaction mixture was heated under reflux for 18 h. After removal of all volatile material in vacuum, the residue was dissolved in dichloromethane (10 ml) and transferred onto silica gel. Chromatographic work-up on a silica gel column (40 x 2.5 cm) eluting with hexane/toluene (20:1) give a red fraction of the oily compound **2** (150 mg; 14%), and afterwards a green fraction of the crystalline compound **3** (480 mg, 43.6%).

[Cp^{''}Fe(η^5 -P₃C₂PhH)] (2**):** ¹H NMR (C₆D₆, RT, 400.13 MHz): δ = 1.09 (s, 9H), 1.12 (s, 9H), 1.41 (s, 9 H), 4.00 (d, 1H, Cp^{''}, J(H,H) = 2.24 Hz), 4.19 (d, 1H, Cp^{''}; J(H,H) = 2.24 Hz), 6.24 (ddd, 1H, P₃C₂-ring), 7.07 (m, 3H, C₆H₅), 7.80 (m, 2H, C₆H₅) ppm.

$^{31}\text{P}\{\text{H}\}$ NMR (C_6D_6 , RT, 161.98 MHz, ABM spin system): $\delta(\text{P}_A) = 51.7$ (dd), $\delta(\text{P}_B) = 48.9$ (dd), $\delta(\text{P}_M) = 15.2$ (dd), $J(\text{P}_A, \text{P}_M) = 427.1$ Hz, $J(\text{P}_M, \text{P}_B) = 399.6$ Hz, $^2J(\text{P}_A, \text{P}_B) = 4.4$ Hz.

^{31}P NMR (C_6D_6 , RT, 161.98 MHz, AB'M spin system): $\delta(\text{P}_A) = 51.7$ (ddd), $\delta(\text{P}_B) = 48.9$ (ddd), $\delta(\text{P}_M) = 15.2$ (ddd), $^2J(\text{P}_B, \text{H}_a) = 40.1$, $^3J(\text{P}_M, \text{H}_a) = 10.8$, $^4J(\text{P}_A, \text{H}_a) = 4.5$ Hz.

EI-MS (70 eV): m/z = 484 [$\text{Cp}''\text{Fe}(\text{P}_3\text{C}_2\text{PhH})$]⁺ (65%), 452 [$\text{Cp}''\text{Fe}(\text{P}_2\text{C}_2\text{PhH})$]⁺ (8.2%), 377 [$\text{Cp}''\text{Fe}(\text{P}_2\text{C}_2\text{H}_2)$]⁺ (15%).

[$\text{Cp}''\text{Fe}(\eta^5\text{-PC}_4\text{Ph}_2\text{H}_2)$] (**3**): ^1H NMR (C_6D_6 , RT, 400.13 MHz): $\delta = 1.12$ (s, 9H), 1.32 (s, 9H), 1.56 (s, 9 H), 3.62 (s, 1H, Cp''), 3.77 (s, 1H, Cp''), 4.65 (d, 1H, PC₄-ring; $J(\text{P}, \text{H}) = 36.1$ Hz), 6.15 (d, 1H, PC₄-ring; $J(\text{P}, \text{H}) = 4.5$ Hz), 7.26 (m, 6H, C₆H₅), 7.77 (m, 4H, C₆H₅) ppm.

^{31}P NMR (C_6D_6 , RT, 161.98 MHz): $\delta = -64.1$ (dd) ppm, $(^2J(\text{P}, \text{H}) = 35.6$ Hz; $^4J(\text{P}, \text{H}) = 4.9$ Hz).

EI-MS (70 eV): m/z = 524 [$\text{Cp}''\text{Fe}(\text{PC}_4\text{Ph}_2\text{H}_2)$]⁺ (28%), 493 [$\text{Cp}''\text{Fe}(\text{C}_4\text{Ph}_2\text{H}_2)$]⁺ (100%), 421[($\text{C}_5\text{H}_3\text{tBu}^i\text{Pr}$)Fe(PC₄Ph₂H₂)]⁺ (4.8%). Found: C, 75.01; H, 7.90. C₃₃H₄₁FeP requires C, 75.42; H, 8.06%.

Synthesis of [$\{\text{Cp}''\text{Fe}(\eta^5\text{:}\eta^1\text{-P}_3\text{C}_2\text{PhH}\}\}_4(\mu\text{-CuBr})_4(\text{CH}_3\text{CN})_2]_\infty$ (5**)**: A solution of CuBr (30 mg 0.21 mmol) in CH₃CN (8 ml) was layered onto a solution of [Cp''Fe($\eta^5\text{-P}_3\text{C}_2\text{PhH}$)] (50 mg, 0.10 mmol) in 8 ml CH₂Cl₂. After complete diffusion of two layers at room temperature, the mixture was concentrated under reduced pressure to about one half of the original volume (ca. 8 ml) and the concentrate was than layered with 8 ml of pentane. After one week, red plate crystals were obtained on the wall of the Schlenktube (15 mg, 38.6%). Found: C, 39.62; H, 4.43; N, 1.41. C₅₄H₇₆Br₄Cu₄Fe₂N₂P₆ requires C, 39.92; H, 4.72; N 1.72%.

$^{31}\text{P}\{\text{H}\}$ NMR (CD₂Cl₂; reaction mixture), 27 °C, 161.98 MHz, ABM spin system): $\delta(\text{P}_A) = 40.5$, $\delta(\text{P}_B) = 37.8$, $\delta(\text{P}_M) = 0.2$ ppm, $J(\text{P}_A, \text{P}_M) = 436.4$ Hz, $J(\text{P}_M, \text{P}_B) = 425.7$ Hz.

ESI-MS (CH₃CN, RT): m/z = 1319 [$\{\text{Cp}''\text{Fe}(\text{P}_3\text{C}_2\text{PhH})\}_2\text{Cu}_3\text{Br}_2$]⁺ (5.7%), 1175 [$\{\text{Cp}''\text{Fe}(\text{P}_3\text{C}_2\text{PhH})\}_2\text{Cu}_2\text{Br}$]⁺ (6%), 1031 [$\{\text{Cp}''\text{Fe}(\text{P}_3\text{C}_2\text{PhH})\}_2\text{Cu}$]⁺ (20%), 588 [$\{\text{Cp}''\text{Fe}(\text{P}_3\text{C}_2\text{PhH})\}_2\text{CuCH}_3\text{CN}$]⁺ (100%).

S2. Crystallographic details

Crystal structure analysis: The crystal structure analysis of **3** was performed on a STOE IPDS diffractometer with image plate detector using MoK α radiation ($\lambda = 0.71073$ Å), whereas the crystal structure analysis of **5** was performed on an Oxford Diffraction Gemini Ultra diffractometer with CuK α radiation ($\lambda = 1.54184$). The structures were solved by direct methods with the program SHELXS-97, and full matrix least squares refinement on F² in SHELXL-97 was performed with anisotropic displacements for non-H atoms.² Hydrogen

atoms at the carbon atoms were located in idealised positions and refined isotropically according to the riding model. Crystal data for **3**: $C_{33}H_{41}FeP$, $M = 524.48$, orthorhombic space group $Pbca$, $a = 10.5821(7)$, $b = 16.6027(8)$, $c = 33.0952(18)$ Å, $V = 5814.5(6)$ Å³, $T = 293(2)$ K, $Z = 8$, $\mu(\text{Mo-K}\alpha) = 0.592$ mm⁻¹, 64880 reflections measured, 5529 unique ($R_{\text{int}} = 0.1183$) which were used in all calculations. The final R_1 [$I > 2\sigma(I)$] was 0.0400. Crystal data for **5**: $C_{54}H_{76}Br_4Cu_4Fe_2N_2P_6 \cdot 1.5CH_2Cl_2$, $M = 1751.88$, triclinic space group $P\bar{1}$, $a = 15.1002(10)$, $b = 15.5709(11)$, $c = 16.3950(12)$ Å, $\alpha = 110.545(7)$, $\beta = 94.432(6)$, $\gamma = 104.171(6)$ °, $V = 3442.8(5)$ Å³, $T = 123(1)$ K, $Z = 2$, $\mu(\text{Cu-K}\alpha) = 10.019$ mm⁻¹, 25040 reflections measured, 10799 unique ($R_{\text{int}} = 0.0389$) which were used in all calculations. The final R_1 [$I > 2\sigma(I)$] was 0.0366.

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