# A Trinuclear Bright Red Luminophore Containing Cyclometallated Ir(III) Motifs 

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## Materials and methods

All manipulations were carried out under an inert atmosphere with the use of standard Schlenk-line techniques. Glassware were dried prior to use. Solvents were dried by conventional methods, distilled over nitrogen and deoxygenated prior to use. $\mathrm{IrCl}_{3} \cdot 3 \mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}$ was purchased from Arora Matthey, India. Triflic acid, silver carbonate, and 2-phenyl pyridine were synthesized according to the literature procedure. Reaction of the sodium salt of 1,2,4-triazolide with 2-chloro-5,7-dimethyl-1,8-naphthyridine provided $\mathrm{L}^{1} . \mathrm{L}^{2}$ was prepared by the Friedlander condensation of 2-aminonicotinaldehyde with the corresponding acyl derivatives. Elemental analyses were carried out by using a Thermo quest CE instrument model EA/110 CHNS-O elemental analyzer. Infrared spectra were recorded in the range $4000-400 \mathrm{~cm}^{-1}$ on a Vertex 70 Bruker Spectrophotometer on KBR pallets. ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR spectra were obtained on a JEOL-JNM LAMDA 500 model. ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR chemical shifts were referenced to the residual hydrogen signal of the deuterated solvents. ESI-MS analyses were performed on a Waters Micromass Quattro Micro triple quadrupole mass spectrometer. UV-Visible spectra were recorded using a Jasco V-670 UV/Vis absorption spectrophotometer. Cyclic voltammetric studies were performed on a BAS Epsilon electrochemical workstation in acetonitrile with 0.1 M tetra-n-butylammonium hexafluorophosphate $\left(\mathrm{TBAPF}_{6}\right)$ as the supporting electrolyte. The working electrode was a BAS Pt disk electrode, the reference electrode was $\mathrm{Ag} / \mathrm{AgCl}$ and the auxiliary electrode was a Pt wire. The ferrocene/ferrocenium couple occurs at $\mathrm{E}_{1 / 2}=+0.51(70) \mathrm{V}$ versus $\mathrm{Ag} / \mathrm{AgCl}$ under the same experimental conditions. The potentials are reported in volts $(\mathrm{V})$; the $\Delta \mathrm{E}\left(\mathrm{E}_{\mathrm{p}, \mathrm{a}}-\mathrm{E}_{\mathrm{p}, \mathrm{c}}\right)$ values are in millivolts (mV) at a scan rate $100 \mathrm{mVs}^{-1}$. Emission spectra were recorded using a Fluorolog FL3-21(Horiba Jobin Yvon) spectrofluorometer equipped with a xenon flash lamp and also using a PTI QuantaMaster Model QM-4 scanning spectrofluorometer equipped with a 75 -watt xenon
lamp, emission and excitation monochromators, excitation correction unit, and a PMT detector for both visible and NIR regions. Emission quantum yields were determined by comparison with the emission of a solution of quinine sulfate $(\Phi=0.545)$ in 1 N of $\mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{SO}_{4}$, employed as a standard. ${ }^{15}$ The excitation wavelength used was 350 nm . The quantum yields were then calculated using the expression, $\Phi_{S}=\Phi_{R}\left(A_{S} / A_{R}\right)\left(n_{S}{ }^{2} / n_{R}{ }^{2}\right)$. Here, the subscripts $S$ and R denote sample and reference respectively, $\Phi$ is the fluorescence quantum yield, A is the integrated area under the corrected fluorescence spectra, $n$ is the refractive index of the solvent.

X-ray Data Collection and Refinement: Single-crystal X-ray studies were performed on a CCD Bruker SMART APEX diffractometer equipped with an Oxford Instruments lowtemperature attachment. All the data were collected at $100(2) \mathrm{K}$ using graphite-monochromated Mo-K $\alpha$ radiation $(\lambda \alpha=0.71073 \AA)$. The frames were indexed, integrated, and scaled using the SMART and SAINT software packages, ${ }^{3}$ and the data were corrected for absorption using the SADABS program. ${ }^{4}$ The structures were solved and refined with the SHELX suite of programs. ${ }^{5}$ All hydrogen atoms were included in the final stages of the refinement and were refined with a typical riding model. Structure solution and refinement details for compounds $\mathbf{1}$ and 2 are provided in the supporting information. All non-hydrogen atoms were refined with anisotropic thermal parameters. All non-hydrogen atoms of compound1 except C34, C28, C53 and N14 were refined with anisotropic thermal parameters. Anisotropic treatment of these four atoms resulted non-positive definite displacement tensors and were therefore subjected to isotropic refinement. The "SQUEEZE" option in PLATON program" was used to remove a disordered solvent molecule from the overall intensity data of compound 1 and 2. Pertinent crystallographic data are summarized in Table S1. ORTEP- $32^{7}$ was used to produce the diagrams ( $40 \%$ probability thermal ellipsoids). $\mathrm{CCDC}-820921$ (1) and 820922 (2) contain the supplementary
crystallographic data for this paper. These data can be obtained free of charge from the Cambridge Crystallographic Data Centre via www.ccdc.cam.ac.uk/data request/cif

Theoretical Study. Calculations were performed using density functional theory (DFT) with Becke's three parameter hybrid exchange functional ${ }^{8}$ and the Lee-Yang-Parr correlation functional (B3LYP). Geometry optimized structures were characterized fully via analytical frequency calculations as minima on the potential energy surface. The double- $\zeta$ basis set of Hay and Wadt (LanL2DZ) with a small core (1s2s2p3s3p3d4s4p4d) effective core potential (ECP) ${ }^{10}$ was used for the Ir. The ligand atoms $\mathrm{H}, \mathrm{C}$ and N atoms were described using the $6-31 \mathrm{G}(\mathrm{d}, \mathrm{p})$ basis sets was employed. Vertical excited state calculations of low lying singlet and triplet electronic states were performed within the TD-DFT domain using B3LYP functional and 6$31 \mathrm{G}(\mathrm{d}, \mathrm{p})$ basis set. All calculations were performed with the Gaussian $03(\mathrm{G} 03)^{11}$ suite of programs. Gaussview 3.0 was used for generating the orbital plots.

## Synthesis

$\left.\left[\{\operatorname{Ir} \mathbf{( p p y})_{2}\right\}_{3}\left(\mathbf{L}^{\mathbf{1}}\right)_{\mathbf{2}}\right](\mathbf{O T f})_{3} \mathbf{( 1 )}$. A mixture containing $\left[(\mathrm{ppy})_{2} \operatorname{Ir}(\mu-\mathrm{Cl})\right]_{2}(100 \mathrm{mg}, 0.09 \mathrm{mmol})$ and $\operatorname{AgOTf}(50 \mathrm{mg}, 0.20 \mathrm{mmol})$ in 20 mL of acetone was refluxed under $\mathrm{N}_{2}$ for 2 hours. The yellow slurry was allowed to cool and AgCl was removed by filtration. The filtrate was evaporated to dryness under reduced pressure to get yellow oil. The oily mass was redissolved in 20 mL of 1,2dichloroethane (DCE) followed by the addition of $\mathrm{L}^{1}(30 \mathrm{mg}, 0.13 \mathrm{mmol})$. This solution was heated under reflux for 12 h under a $\mathrm{N}_{2}$ atmosphere. Subsequently, the volume of the bright yellow colored solution was reduced to $\sim 2 \mathrm{~mL}$ and diethyl ether was added to induce precipitation and solid precipitate was filtered, washed with diethyl ether ( $5 \mathrm{~mL}, 3$ times) and dried in vacuum. This compound was identified as 1. Crystals suitable for X-ray data collection were obtained by layering hexane onto the dichloroethane solution of $\mathbf{1}$. Yield: $126 \mathrm{mg}(85 \%)$.

Anal. Calc. for $\mathrm{C}_{93} \mathrm{H}_{70} \mathrm{~F}_{9} \mathrm{Ir}_{3} \mathrm{~N}_{16} \mathrm{O}_{9} \mathrm{~S}_{3}$ : C, 46.55; H, 2.94; N, 9.34\%. Found: C, 46.54; H, 2.70; N, $9.24 \% .{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $\left.\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}, 500 \mathrm{MHz}, \delta\right): 9.37(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 9.12(\mathrm{~d}, J=5.4,1 \mathrm{H}), 9.05(\mathrm{~d}, J=5.4,3 \mathrm{H})$, $9.01(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 8.67(\mathrm{~d}, J=3.8,1 \mathrm{H}), 8.66(\mathrm{~d}, J=3.8,1 \mathrm{H}), 8.34(\mathrm{~d}, \mathrm{~J}=3.8,2 \mathrm{H}), 8.30(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 8.15$ $(\mathrm{s}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 8.10(\mathrm{~d}, J=8.8,2 \mathrm{H}), 8.07-7.97(\mathrm{~m}, 10 \mathrm{H}), 7.92(\mathrm{dt}, J=7.5, J=1.6,2 \mathrm{H}), 7.70(\mathrm{~d}, J=8.1$, $2 \mathrm{H}), 7.64(\mathrm{dd}, J=7.6, J=1.2,4 \mathrm{H}), 7.44-7.41(\mathrm{~m}, 4 \mathrm{H}), 7.37-7.34(\mathrm{~m}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 7.26(\mathrm{t}, J=6.7,1 \mathrm{H})$, $7.00(\mathrm{dt}, J=7.5, J=1.2,1 \mathrm{H}), 6.94-6.86(\mathrm{~m}, 6 \mathrm{H}), 6.78(\mathrm{dt}, J=7.6, J=1.1,1 \mathrm{H}), 6.72(\mathrm{dt}, J=7.7$, $J=1.2,5 \mathrm{H}), 6.23(\mathrm{~d}, J=7.7,1 \mathrm{H}), 6.16(\mathrm{~d}, J=6.9,1 \mathrm{H}), 6.02(\mathrm{~d}, J=7.7,3 \mathrm{H}), 2.69(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 2.68$ (s, 3H), $2.67(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 2.64(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H})$. IR (KBr pellet, $\left.\mathrm{v} \mathrm{cm}^{-1}\right)$ ): 3097(br), 2922(w), 2851(w) 1740(m), 1480(s), 1269(vs), 1160(m), 1030(s), 758(s), 637(s). ESI-MS: m/z 726.19. $\left[\operatorname{Ir}(\text { ppy })_{2}\left(\mathrm{~L}^{1}\right)\right]^{+}, \mathrm{m} / \mathrm{z} 767.23\left[\operatorname{Ir}(\text { ppy })_{2}\left(\mathrm{~L}^{1}\right)\left(\mathrm{CH}_{3} \mathrm{CN}\right)\right]^{+}$.
$\left[\{\operatorname{Ir}(\mathbf{p p y})\}_{2}\left(\mathbf{L}^{2}\right)\right](\mathbf{O T f}) \mathbf{( 2 )}$. The reaction of $\left[(\mathrm{ppy})_{2} \operatorname{Ir}(\mu-\mathrm{Cl})\right]_{2}(90 \mathrm{mg}, 0.08 \mathrm{mmol}), \operatorname{AgOTf}(45$ $\mathrm{mg}, 0.18 \mathrm{mmol})$ and $\mathrm{L}^{2}(10 \mathrm{mg}, 0.05 \mathrm{mmol})$ was carried out following a procedure similar to that described for the synthesis of 1. Yield: $125 \mathrm{mg}(87 \%)$. Anal. Calc. for $\mathrm{C}_{35} \mathrm{H}_{24} \mathrm{~F}_{3} \mathrm{IrN}_{6} \mathrm{O}_{3} \mathrm{~S}_{1}$ : C, 49.00; H, 2.82; N; 9.80\%. Found: C, 48.11; H, 2.75; N, 9.71\%. ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $\left.\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}, 500 \mathrm{MHz}, \delta\right)$ : $9.89(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 8.76(\mathrm{~s}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 8.67(\mathrm{~d}, J=3.1,1 \mathrm{H}), 8.38(\mathrm{dd}, J=8.3, J=1.8,1 \mathrm{H}), 8.18(\mathrm{dd}, J=4.1, J$ $=1.9,1 \mathrm{H}), 8.04(\mathrm{~d}, J=8.3,1 \mathrm{H}), 7.96(\mathrm{dd}, J=2.9, J=1.3,1 \mathrm{H}), 7.88(\mathrm{~d}, J=8.3,1 \mathrm{H}), 7.82-7.78$ $(\mathrm{m}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 7.71-7.67(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 7.65(\mathrm{dd}, J=7.6, J=1.6,1 \mathrm{H}), 7.51-7.48(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 7.05(\mathrm{dt}, J=7.6, J$ $=1.3,1 \mathrm{H}), 6.92-6.84(\mathrm{~m}, 5 \mathrm{H}), 6.17-6.14(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H})$. IR $\left(\mathrm{KBr}\right.$ pellet, $\left.\left.v \mathrm{~cm}^{-1}\right)\right): 3061(\mathrm{br})$, 2922(w), 2851(w), 1604(s), 1476(s), 1260(vs), 1165(m), 1030(s), 758(s), 637(s). ESI-MS: m/z 709.17 $\left[\operatorname{Ir}(\mathrm{ppy})_{2}\left(\mathrm{~L}^{2}\right)\right]^{+}$.

Table S1. Crystallographic Data and Pertinent Refinement Parameters for Compounds 1 and 2.

|  | 1•( $\left.\mathbf{C H}_{2}\right)_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}$ | 2 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Empirical formula | $\mathrm{C}_{97} \mathrm{H}_{78} \mathrm{Cl}_{4} \mathrm{~F}_{9} \mathrm{Ir}_{3} \mathrm{~N}_{16} \mathrm{O}_{9} \mathrm{~S}_{3}$ | $\mathrm{C}_{35} \mathrm{H}_{24} \mathrm{~F}_{3} \mathrm{IrN}_{6} \mathrm{O}_{3} \mathrm{~S}$ |
| Formula Weight | 2597.33 | 857.86 |
| Crystal System | Triclinic | Monoclinic |
| Space Group | P-1 | P21/n |
| a ( $\AA$ ) | 13.6930(18) | 8.6494(8) |
| b ( $\AA$ ) | 16.735(2) | 31.080(3) |
| c ( $\AA$ ) | 26.001(3) | 12.1964(11) |
| $\alpha$ (deg) | 88.665(2) | 90.00 |
| $\beta$ (deg) | 86.297(2) | 94.251(2) |
| $\gamma$ (deg) | 85.269(2) | 90.00 |
| V (A3) | 5924.4(13) | 3269.7(5) |
| Z | 2 | 4 |
| $\rho$ calcd (g cm-3) | 1.456 | 1.743 |
| $\mu$ (mm-1) | 3.573 | 4.211 |
| $\mathrm{F}(000)$ | 2544 | 1680 |
| Reflections |  |  |
| Collected | 41017 | 29144 |
| Independent | 20009 | 8093 |
| Observed [ $\mathrm{I}>2 \sigma(\mathrm{I})$ ] | 13483 | 6113 |
| No. of variables | 1094 | 438 |
| GOF | 1.052 | 1.021 |
| Rint |  |  |
| Final R indices | $\mathrm{R} 1=0.0780$ | $\mathrm{R} 1=0.0424$ |
| [ $\mathrm{I}>2 \sigma(\mathrm{I})] \mathrm{a}$ | wR2 $=0.2076$ | wR2 $=0.0966$ |
| R indices (all data) ${ }^{\text {a }}$ | R1 $=0.1061$ | $\mathrm{R} 1=0.0662$ |
|  | $\mathrm{wR} 2=0.2224$ | $\mathrm{wR} 2=0.1127$ |
| ${ }^{\mathrm{a}} \mathrm{R}_{1}=\Sigma\| \| \mathrm{F}_{\mathrm{o}}\left\|-\left\|\mathrm{F}_{\mathrm{c}}\right\| / \Sigma\right\| \mathrm{F}_{0} \mid$ | $\mathrm{F}_{\mathrm{o}}{ }^{2}>2 \sigma\left(\mathrm{~F}_{0}{ }^{2}\right) . \mathrm{wR}_{2}=[\mathrm{Lw}$ | $\left.\left.{ }^{2} \mid\right)^{2} / \Sigma\left\|\mathrm{F}_{0}{ }^{2}\right\|^{2}\right]^{1 / 2}$ |

Table S2. Selected Bond Distances $(\AA)$ and Bond Angles $\left({ }^{\circ}\right)$ of $\mathbf{1}$.

|  | Bond Distances |  |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Ir1-C11 | $1.969(12)$ | Ir2-C46 | $1.993(14)$ |
| Ir1-C12 | $2.029(13)$ | Ir2-C35 | $2.019(12)$ |
| Ir1-N1 | $2.038(10)$ | Ir2-N9 | $2.032(9)$ |
| Ir1-N2 | $2.059(9)$ | Ir2-N8 | $2.046(11)$ |
| Ir1-N5 | $2.130(10)$ | Ir2-N7 | $2.160(9)$ |
| Ir1-N4 | $2.242(10)$ | Ir2-N10 | $2.174(10)$ |
| Ir3-C80 | $2.014(13)$ | Ir3-C69 | $2.021(15)$ |
| Ir3-N16 | $2.064(12)$ | Ir3-N15 | $2.089(14)$ |
| Ir3-N11 | $2.151(10)$ | Ir3-N13 | $2.211(11)$ |
|  |  | Bond Angles |  |
| C11-Ir1-C12 | $88.5(5)$ | C46-Ir2-N7 | $177.0(5)$ |
| C11-Ir1-N1 | $94.9(5)$ | C35-Ir2-N7 | $89.9(4)$ |
| C12-Ir1-N1 | $80.5(5)$ | N9-Ir2-N7 | $95.9(4)$ |
| C11-Ir1-N2 | $80.3(4)$ | N8-Ir2-N7 | $88.2(4)$ |
| C12-Ir1-N2 | $93.6(5)$ | C46-Ir2-N10 | $88.9(4)$ |
| N1-Ir1-N2 | $172.5(4)$ | C35-Ir2-N10 | $177.1(4)$ |
| C11-Ir1-N5 | $91.5(4)$ | N9-Ir2-N10 | $84.0(4)$ |
| C12-Ir1-N5 | $176.4(5)$ | N8-Ir2-N10 | $98.0(4)$ |
| N1-Ir1-N5 | $103.1(4)$. | N7-Ir2-N10 | $92.8(4)$ |
| N2-Ir1-N5 | $82.9(4)$. | C80-Ir3-C69 | $89.7(5)$ |
| C11-Ir1-N4 | $165.4(4)$ | N11-Ir3-N13 | $74.2(4)$ |
| C12-Ir1-N4 | $106.1(4)$ | N15-Ir3-N13 | $85.2(5)$ |
| N1-Ir1-N4 | $88.2(4)$ | N16-Ir3-N13 | $97.6(4)$ |
| N2-Ir1-N4 | $97.8(4)$ | C69-Ir3-N13 | $102.3(5)$ |
| N5-Ir1-N4 | $73.9(4)$ | C80-Ir3-N13 | $167.8(5)$ |
| C46-Ir2-C35 | $88.4(5)$ | N15-Ir3-N11 | $99.8(5)$ |
| C46-Ir2-N9 | $81.8(5)$ | N16-Ir3-N11 | $87.0(4)$ |
| C35-Ir2-N9 | $96.7(5)$ | C69-Ir3-N11 | $176.0(5)$ |
| C46-Ir2-N8 | $94.0(5)$ | C80-Ir3-N11 | $93.7(5)$. |
| C35-Ir2-N8 | $81.1(5)$ | C69-Ir3-N16 | $91.4(6)$ |
| N9-Ir2-N8 | $175.3(4)$ | C80-Ir3-N15 | $98.9(5)$ |
| C80-Ir3-N16 | $79.7(5)$ | N16-Ir3-N15 | $173.1(5)$ |
| C69-Ir3-N15 | $81.9(7)$ |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |

Table S3. Selected Bond Distances ( $\AA$ ) and Bond Angles $\left({ }^{\circ}\right)$ of 2.

| Bond Distances |  |  |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Ir1-C11 | $2.012(6)$ | Ir1-N4 | $2.205(4)$ |
| Ir1-C12 | $2.014(5)$ | Ir1-N5 | $2.133(4)$ |
| Ir1-N2 | $2.049(5)$ | Ir1-N1 | $2.042(4)$ |
| Bond Angles |  |  |  |
| C11-Ir1-C12 | $85.3(2)$ | C11-Ir1-N1 | $81.2(2)$ |
| N2-Ir1-N4 | $89.36(17)$ | N5-Ir1-N4 | $75.76(16)$ |
| C12-Ir1-N4 | $104.95(19)$ | N1-Ir1-N4.. | $96.66(17)$ |
| N2-Ir1-N5 | $99.28(18)$ | C11-Ir1-N4 | $169.70(19)$ |
| C12-Ir1-N5. | $179.3(2)$ | N1-Ir1-N5. | $86.26(17)$ |
| C11-Ir1-N5 | $94.02(19)$ | N1-Ir1-N2 | $172.70(18)$ |
| C12-Ir1-N2 | $80.6(2)$ | C11-Ir1-N2 | $93.6(2)$ |
| C12-Ir1-N1 | $93.8(2)$ |  |  |



Figure S1. ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR spectrum of $\mathbf{1}$.


Figure S2. ${ }^{1}$ H NMR spectrum of $\mathbf{2}$.

(a)

(b)

Figure S3. Cyclic voltammograms for $\mathbf{1}$ showing (a) the complete cycle, (b) the oxidation [Inset: the DPV diagram (top) and the expanded region of the first oxidation (bottom)] at a scan rate of $100 \mathrm{mV} / \mathrm{s}$ with $0.1 \mathrm{M}\left[\mathrm{Bu}_{4} \mathrm{~N}\right]\left[\mathrm{PF}_{6}\right]$ as supporting electrolyte

(a)

(b)

Figure S4. Cyclic voltammograms for 2 showing (a) the reduction and (b) the oxidation processes at a scan rate of $100 \mathrm{mV} / \mathrm{s}$ with $0.1 \mathrm{M}\left[\mathrm{Bu}_{4} \mathrm{~N}\right]\left[\mathrm{PF}_{6}\right]$ as supporting electrolyte.


Figure S5. DFT optimized structure of [1].


Figure S6. DFT optimized structure of [2].


Figure S7. Contour surfaces of HOMO (bottom) and LUMO (top) computed for the DFT optimized structure of $\mathbf{1}$.


Figure S8. Contour surfaces of HOMO (bottom) and LUMO (top) computed for the DFT optimized structure of 2.


Figure S9. DFT optimized structure of $\left\{\mathrm{L}^{1} .2 \mathrm{H}\right\}^{2+}$.


Figure S10. DFT optimized structure of $\left\{\mathrm{L}^{2} \cdot \mathrm{H}\right\}^{+}$.


Figure S11. Vertical transition energies of the fully optimized ground state and first triplet state in $\left\{\mathrm{L}^{1} .2 \mathrm{H}\right\}^{2+}$ and $\left\{\mathrm{L}^{2} \cdot \mathrm{H}\right\}^{+}$. The ground state was optimized with B3LYP/6-31G(d,p) basis and the corresponding single point triplet energy was computed using TD-DFT/B3LYP/6-31g(d,p) basis. The triplet state energy values are plotted relative to the optimized ground state energy, which has been arbitrarily set to zero for both species. The computed energy difference between the ground and the lowest triplet state for compounds $\left\{\mathrm{L}^{1} .2 \mathrm{H}\right\}^{2+}$ and $\left\{\mathrm{L}^{2} . \mathrm{H}\right\}^{+}$are 2.4265 and 2.6822 eV respectively. It is observed that the first triplet state in compound $\left\{\mathrm{L}^{1} .2 \mathrm{H}\right\}^{2+}$ is stabilized by 0.2557 eV than the lowest triplet state in compound $\left\{\mathrm{L}^{2} \cdot \mathrm{H}\right\}^{+}$.

Table S4. DFT optimized coordinates for $\mathbf{1 .}$

|  | X | Y | Z |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Ir | 0.00000 | -1.89185 | 0.00005 |
| Ir | -6.11469 | 0.46330 | -0.40005 |
| Ir | 6.11476 | 0.46321 | 0.39986 |
| N | -6.02303 | 2.05202 | -1.75256 |
| C | -8.08655 | 0.80549 | -0.66883 |
| C | -3.32163 | -5.36478 | 0.57752 |
| H | -4.04444 | -6.15474 | 0.75319 |
| C | -1.40436 | -3.33512 | 0.10753 |
| N | -0.23578 | -2.00526 | 2.07138 |
| C | -7.29039 | 3.61768 | -3.05172 |
| H | -8.25256 | 4.00470 | -3.36345 |
| N | -5.36502 | 1.98804 | 1.29691 |
| C | -4.05840 | 2.00857 | 1.51366 |
| C | -7.23942 | 2.54396 | -2.14573 |
| C | -9.16082 | 0.10590 | -0.10578 |
| H | -8.98376 | -0.72015 | 0.57401 |
| C | -1.78617 | -3.69423 | 1.42635 |
| C | -9.71936 | 2.21150 | -1.85558 |
| H | -9.94396 | 3.02395 | -2.53995 |
| C | -8.38815 | 1.86424 | -1.56331 |
| C | -2.73713 | -4.70353 | 1.65239 |
| H | -3.01869 | -4.98397 | 2.66278 |
| C | -2.00636 | -4.01735 | -0.95691 |
| H | -1.73069 | -3.78894 | -1.98169 |
| C | -1.12370 | -2.95583 | 2.49904 |
| C | -10.48164 | 0.45066 | -0.40290 |
| H | -11.29618 | -0.11251 | 0.04422 |
| C | -4.89042 | 2.59699 | -2.24244 |
| H | -3.96536 | 2.14702 | -1.90041 |
| C | -4.88994 | 3.65353 | -3.13688 |
| H | -3.95290 | 4.05512 | -3.50527 |
| H | -2.95629 | -5.01774 | -0.72628 |
| C | -3.40254 | -5.53718 | -1.56939 |
| H | -6.12295 | 4.17417 | -3.54851 |
|  | -6.16733 | 5.00073 | -4.25051 |


| C | -3.39199 | 2.91220 | 2.35977 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| H | -2.31640 | 2.88690 | 2.48250 |
| C | -1.32327 | -3.14901 | 3.87535 |
| H | -2.01527 | -3.91144 | 4.21172 |
| C | 0.26094 | -1.40395 | 4.34355 |
| H | 0.82482 | -0.78322 | 5.03043 |
| C | 0.42613 | -1.25301 | 2.97582 |
| H | 1.11365 | -0.52061 | 2.56862 |
| C | -4.15790 | 3.84678 | 3.02427 |
| H | -3.67961 | 4.56312 | 3.68331 |
| C | -6.14278 | 2.90742 | 1.96353 |
| C | -5.55648 | 3.87079 | 2.84766 |
| C | -10.76672 | 1.50689 | -1.27579 |
| H | -11.79438 | 1.76597 | -1.50828 |
| N | 0.23581 | -2.00562 | -2.07124 |
| N | -1.77049 | -0.36844 | 0.07242 |
| N | -3.92581 | 0.21403 | -0.10052 |
| C | 1.40425 | -3.33526 | -0.10715 |
| N | -6.44098 | -1.17532 | 0.84000 |
| N | 1.77052 | -0.36852 | -0.07261 |
| N | -3.30511 | 1.01547 | 0.81312 |
| N | -7.46610 | 2.82328 | 1.73393 |
| N | 3.30509 | 1.01555 | -0.81313 |
| C | 1.78608 | -3.69458 | -1.42590 |
| C | 1.12369 | -2.95631 | -2.49872 |
| C | -6.25493 | -0.98644 | -1.78424 |
| C | -0.42604 | -1.25349 | -2.97582 |
| H | -1.11350 | -0.52096 | -2.56876 |
| N | 3.92587 | 0.21390 | 0.10027 |
| C | -6.59817 | -1.10615 | 2.17763 |
| H | -6.50522 | -0.11880 | 2.61344 |
| C | -6.15023 | -0.84612 | -3.17407 |
| H | -6.03510 | 0.13815 | -3.61612 |
| C | -6.44016 | -2.29215 | -1.25831 |
| C | 2.00615 | -4.01738 | 0.95742 |
| H | 1.73044 | -3.78880 | 1.98215 |
| C | -2.98058 | -0.60639 | -0.51805 |
| H | -3.17159 | -1.39887 | -1.22489 |
| H | 1.28995 | 0.64331 | -0.90090 |
|  | 1.09213 | -1.57015 |  |
|  |  |  |  |


| C | -6.58078 | -2.37259 | 0.19442 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| C | 1.32328 | -3.14973 | -3.87500 |
| H | 2.01525 | -3.91225 | -4.21123 |
| C | 3.32139 | -5.36512 | -0.57676 |
| H | 4.04417 | -6.15515 | -0.75229 |
| C | -0.26083 | -1.40467 | -4.34353 |
| H | -0.82466 | -0.78402 | -5.03052 |
| N | 6.44116 | -1.17524 | -0.84035 |
| C | 2.95602 | -5.01788 | 0.72697 |
| H | 3.40217 | -5.53723 | 1.57018 |
| C | -6.38705 | -3.24474 | -3.48540 |
| H | -6.44719 | -4.10550 | -4.14342 |
| C | -6.88990 | -2.21967 | 2.95026 |
| H | -7.02180 | -2.11550 | 4.02111 |
| C | 2.73699 | -4.70398 | -1.65175 |
| H | 3.01858 | -4.98457 | -2.66209 |
| C | 0.63158 | -2.38107 | -4.79991 |
| H | 0.77974 | -2.53986 | -5.86330 |
| C | 4.05832 | 2.00883 | -1.51348 |
| N | 5.36497 | 1.98816 | -1.29692 |
| C | -2.00588 | 0.64317 | 0.90096 |
| H | -1.29004 | 1.09184 | 1.57035 |
| C | 6.25509 | -0.98665 | 1.78389 |
| C | -6.21469 | -1.96155 | -4.01415 |
| H | -6.14503 | -1.82734 | -5.09013 |
| C | 3.39185 | 2.91273 | -2.35925 |
| H | 2.31624 | 2.88753 | -2.48185 |
| C | 2.98067 | -0.60662 | 0.51770 |
| H | 3.17175 | -1.39930 | 1.22431 |
| C | -6.87042 | -3.52897 | 0.93364 |
| H | -6.99480 | -4.47401 | 0.41921 |
| C | -6.50035 | -3.40865 | -2.10929 |
| H | -6.64604 | -4.40511 | -1.70320 |
| H | -7.02783 | -3.45600 | 2.31078 |
| C | -7.27003 | -4.34743 | 2.88083 |
| C | 6.44038 | -2.29230 | 1.25783 |
| C | 6.58095 | -2.37259 | -0.19492 |
|  | -3.40888 | 2.10871 |  |
| H | -4.40529 | 1.70252 |  |
|  | 2.05179 | 1.75254 |  |


| C | 8.38808 | 1.86432 | 1.56318 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| C | 8.08658 | 0.80554 | 0.66868 |
| C | 5.55634 | 3.87134 | -2.84715 |
| N | 7.46605 | 2.82332 | -1.73407 |
| C | 6.14270 | 2.90765 | -1.96341 |
| C | 4.15773 | 3.84746 | -3.02356 |
| H | 3.67939 | 4.56403 | -3.68232 |
| C | 6.15042 | -0.84647 | 3.17374 |
| H | 6.03526 | 0.13775 | 3.61590 |
| C | -9.74191 | 3.57869 | 2.09191 |
| H | -9.95106 | 2.78954 | 1.37057 |
| H | -10.13377 | 4.52966 | 1.71360 |
| H | -10.27748 | 3.36739 | 3.02499 |
| C | 6.59835 | -1.10592 | -2.17798 |
| H | 6.50543 | -0.11851 | -2.61366 |
| C | 6.38739 | -3.24512 | 3.48483 |
| H | 6.44762 | -4.10593 | 4.14277 |
| C | 6.87053 | -3.52890 | -0.93427 |
| H | 6.99487 | -4.47400 | -0.41996 |
| C | 6.42866 | 4.80251 | -3.50337 |
| C | -8.26711 | 3.68328 | 2.34838 |
| C | 7.23929 | 2.54386 | 2.14568 |
| C | 4.89029 | 2.59653 | 2.24256 |
| H | 3.96527 | 2.14643 | 1.90057 |
| C | 6.21497 | -1.96198 | 4.01371 |
| H | 6.14534 | -1.82789 | 5.08971 |
| C | 7.29016 | 3.61751 | 3.05175 |
| H | 8.25229 | 4.00465 | 3.36345 |
| C | 9.71926 | 2.21172 | 1.85542 |
| H | 9.94378 | 3.02419 | 2.53980 |
| C | 7.02792 | -3.45576 | -2.31141 |
| H | 7.27007 | -4.34714 | -2.88157 |
| H | 8.47180 | 4.68719 | -3.23435 |
| C | 6.89004 | 5.36417 | -3.70271 |
| H | 7.02193 | -2.21935 | -2.95073 |
| C | 4.88971 | -2.11506 | -4.02158 |
| H | 3.95264 | 3.65299 | 3.137111 |
|  | 4.05440 | 3.50561 |  |
|  | -2.38022 | 4.80012 |  |
|  | -2.53883 | 5.86354 |  |


| C | 6.12267 | 4.17378 | 3.54867 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| H | 6.16698 | 5.00029 | 4.25075 |
| C | 9.16091 | 0.10606 | 0.10563 |
| H | 8.98392 | -0.72001 | -0.57415 |
| C | -6.42884 | 4.80183 | 3.50404 |
| C | 5.89516 | 5.85168 | -4.44207 |
| H | 6.70499 | 6.47048 | -4.83170 |
| H | 5.18170 | 6.51396 | -3.93926 |
| H | 5.38049 | 5.39955 | -5.29736 |
| C | 10.48171 | 0.45095 | 0.40275 |
| H | 11.29630 | -0.11214 | -0.04437 |
| C | 10.76669 | 1.50722 | 1.27562 |
| H | 11.79432 | 1.76642 | 1.50809 |
| C | 8.26703 | 3.68344 | -2.34838 |
| C | -7.77194 | 4.68671 | 3.23476 |
| H | -8.47997 | 5.36360 | 3.70322 |
| C | 9.74187 | 3.57861 | -2.09219 |
| H | 9.95106 | 2.78905 | -1.37131 |
| H | 10.13382 | 4.52934 | -1.71336 |
| H | 10.27730 | 3.36783 | -3.02546 |
| C | -5.89540 | 5.85065 | 4.44316 |
| H | -5.18195 | 6.51314 | 3.94062 |
| H | -5.38074 | 5.39823 | 5.29829 |
| H | -6.70526 | 6.46927 | 4.83299 |

Table S5. DFT optimized coordinates for 2.

|  | X | Y | Z |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| N | -1.26969 | 0.60983 | -1.66966 |
| C | -2.25178 | -0.53019 | 0.49683 |
| N | 2.61687 | -0.77722 | -1.41022 |
| N | -0.64229 | 4.71664 | 1.69628 |
| N | 1.69723 | 1.01123 | -0.26574 |
| C | -2.66822 | 1.34726 | -3.95204 |
| C | 0.67489 | -0.19352 | 2.97255 |
| C | -3.18816 | -0.19818 | -0.51895 |
| C | -4.56018 | -0.45164 | -0.34950 |
| C | 2.80579 | 0.42589 | -0.82687 |
| C | -0.62455 | 1.14409 | -2.72568 |
| C | 1.81225 | 2.23681 | 0.26360 |
| C | 0.48245 | 4.18205 | 1.22182 |
| C | 4.97062 | -0.83923 | -1.96623 |
| C | 3.04919 | 2.93173 | 0.31417 |
| C | -3.33393 | 0.79009 | -2.86919 |
| C | 0.79302 | -2.17827 | 1.71416 |
| C | -1.66170 | 2.58657 | 1.32889 |
| C | 0.57462 | 2.84586 | 0.79961 |
| C | -5.02140 | -1.03900 | 0.82290 |
| C | 4.17694 | 2.34786 | -0.20579 |
| C | -1.28334 | 1.52728 | -3.88374 |
| C | -4.10974 | -1.37525 | 1.82894 |
| C | -1.71011 | 3.91397 | 1.75236 |
| C | 1.35457 | -2.83483 | 2.82228 |
| C | 3.65786 | -1.37691 | -1.95422 |
| C | 5.17890 | 0.39144 | -1.39222 |
| C | -2.74458 | -1.12590 | 1.66629 |
| C | -2.62275 | 0.41526 | -1.71957 |
| C | 4.08169 | 1.07109 | -0.80413 |
| C | 1.57036 | -2.15183 | 4.00910 |
| C | 1.22200 | -0.79928 | 4.09156 |
| C | 0.44751 | -4.64052 | -1.13126 |


| C | 0.50031 | -2.78154 | 0.41999 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| C | -0.39152 | -2.45890 | -1.79521 |
| C | -0.13388 | -3.79863 | -2.08715 |
| C | 0.76076 | -4.13134 | 0.12180 |
| N | -0.52401 | 2.05442 | -4.8501 |
| H | -3.21863 | 1.63410 | 2.98645 |
| H | 0.37722 | 0.84762 | -1.12868 |
| H | -5.27123 | -0.19327 | -2.61911 |
| H | 0.44809 | 1.24627 | 1.16468 |
| H | 1.33695 | 4.84865 | -2.42879 |
| H | 5.77949 | -1.39424 | 0.77528 |
| H | 3.10937 | 3.90870 | -2.90853 |
| H | -4.40505 | 0.63364 | 1.36683 |
| H | -2.52629 | 1.93343 | 0.95304 |
| H | -6.08043 | -1.23688 | -0.16593 |
| H | 5.13560 | 2.85701 | -4.70911 |
| H | -0.72284 | 1.95078 | 2.74467 |
| H | -4.46507 | -1.83990 | 2.14107 |
| H | -2.63287 | 4.33586 | 2.74250 |
| H | 1.61287 | -3.88359 | -2.41684 |
| H | 3.46312 | -2.34245 | -1.38385 |
| H | 6.16112 | 0.85522 | 2.46203 |
| H | -2.06244 | -1.40724 | 4.86402 |
| H | 2.00055 | -2.66398 | 5.00100 |
| H | 1.36493 | -0.22724 | -1.36166 |
| H | 0.64150 | -5.68326 | -2.56267 |
| H | -0.84008 | -1.83684 | -3.06614 |
| H | -0.39199 | -4.19409 | 0.86534 |
| H | 1.20274 | -4.78828 | 0.08922 |
| Ir | -0.34869 | -0.00955 | 1.81381 |
| N | 0.46643 | -0.85216 | -0.54505 |
| C | -0.07112 | -1.91296 |  |


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