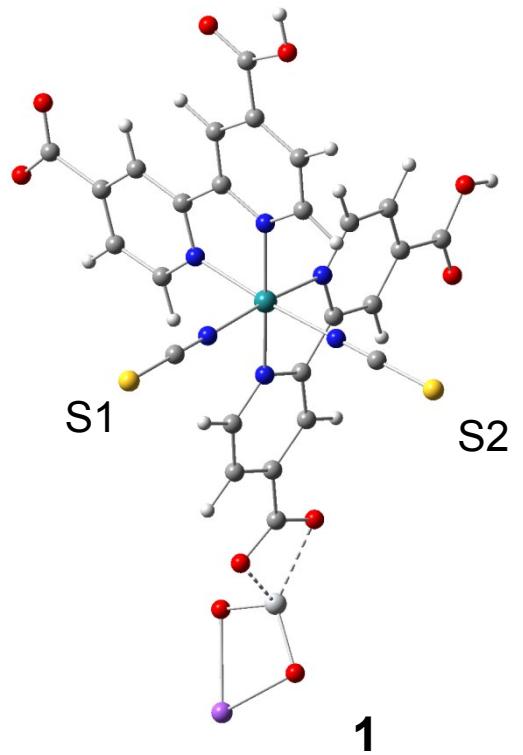


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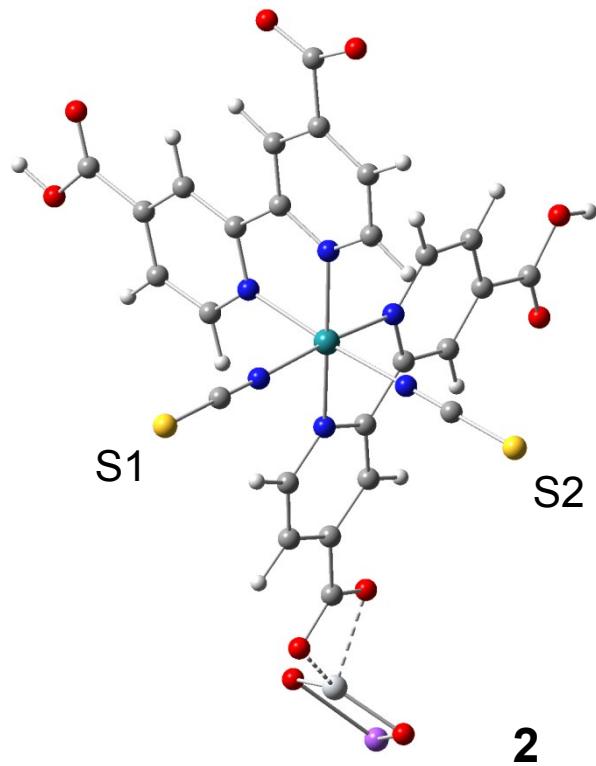
## **Comparative computational study on the interactions of N719 and N749 dyes with iodine in dye-sensitized solar cells**

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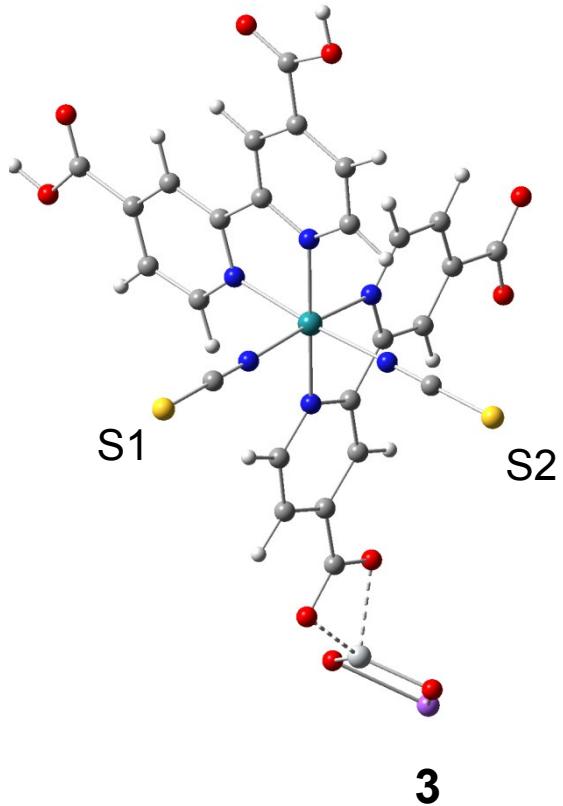
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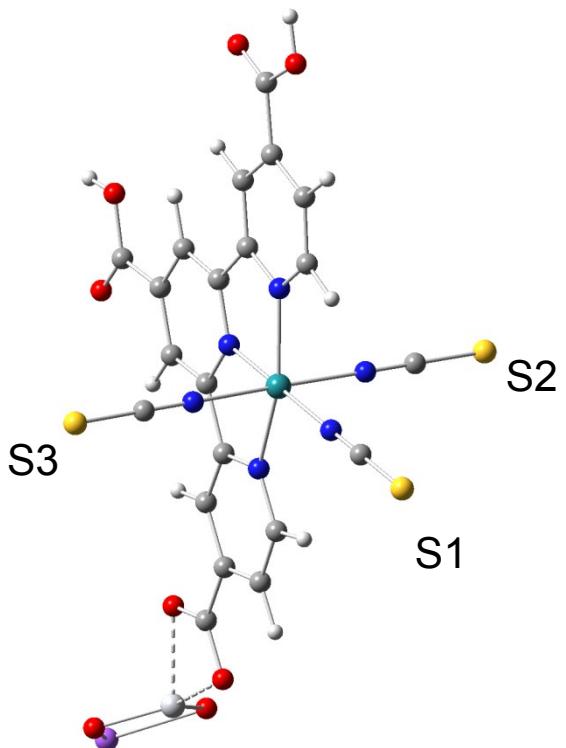
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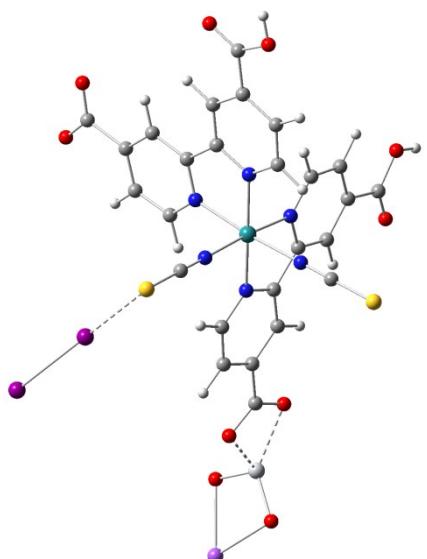


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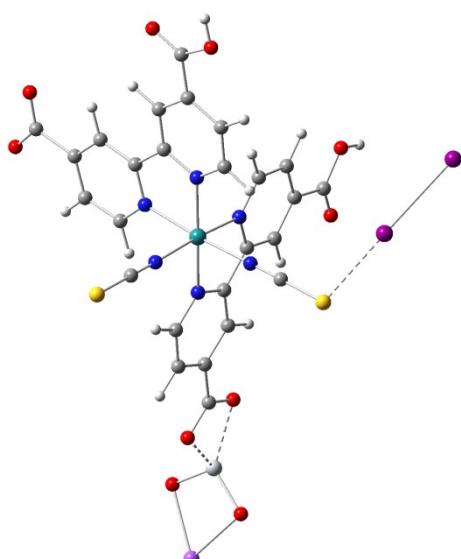


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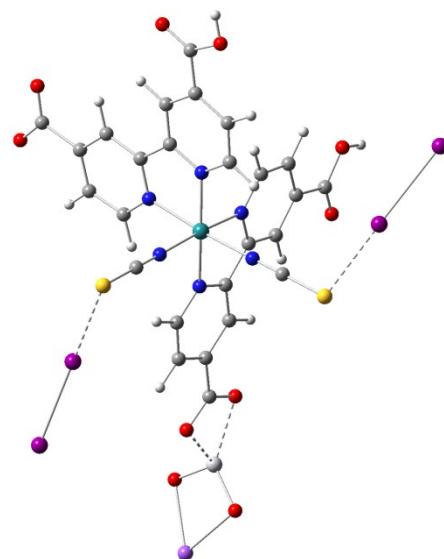
**Fig. S1** Optimized geometries of the N719 and N749 species in the ground state. White, grey, blue, red, purple, yellow, ash, and teal indicate H, C, N, O, Na, S, Ti, and Ru atoms, respectively.



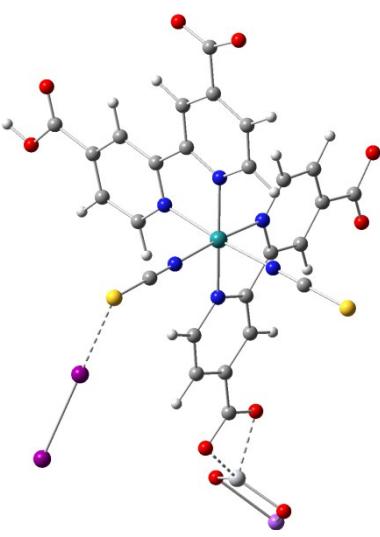
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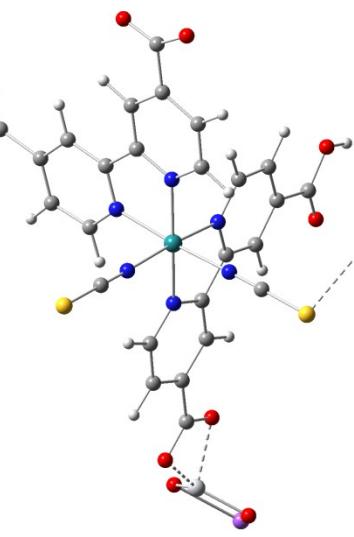
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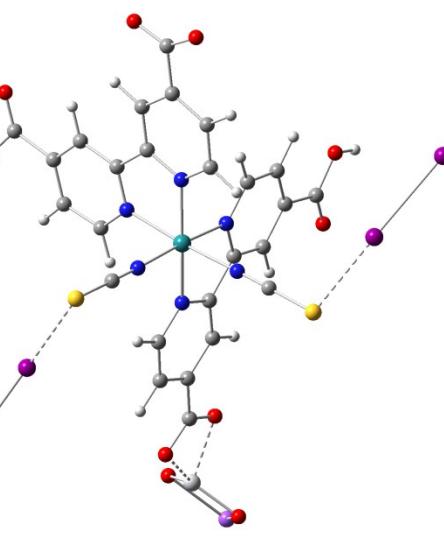
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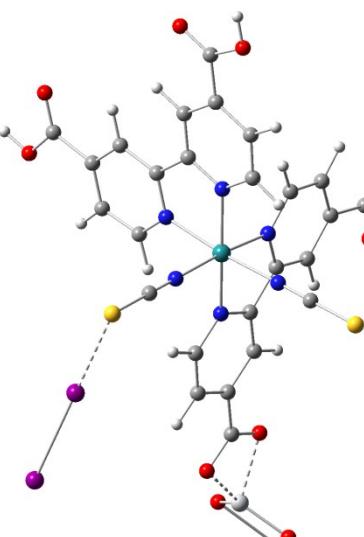
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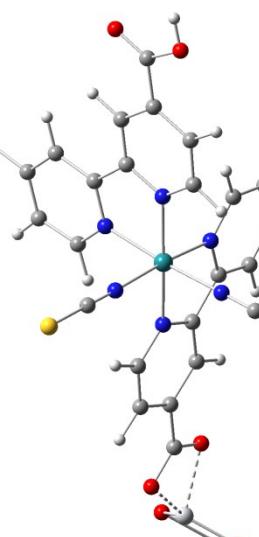
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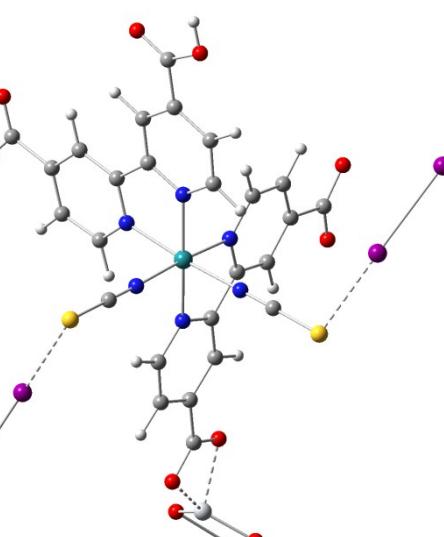
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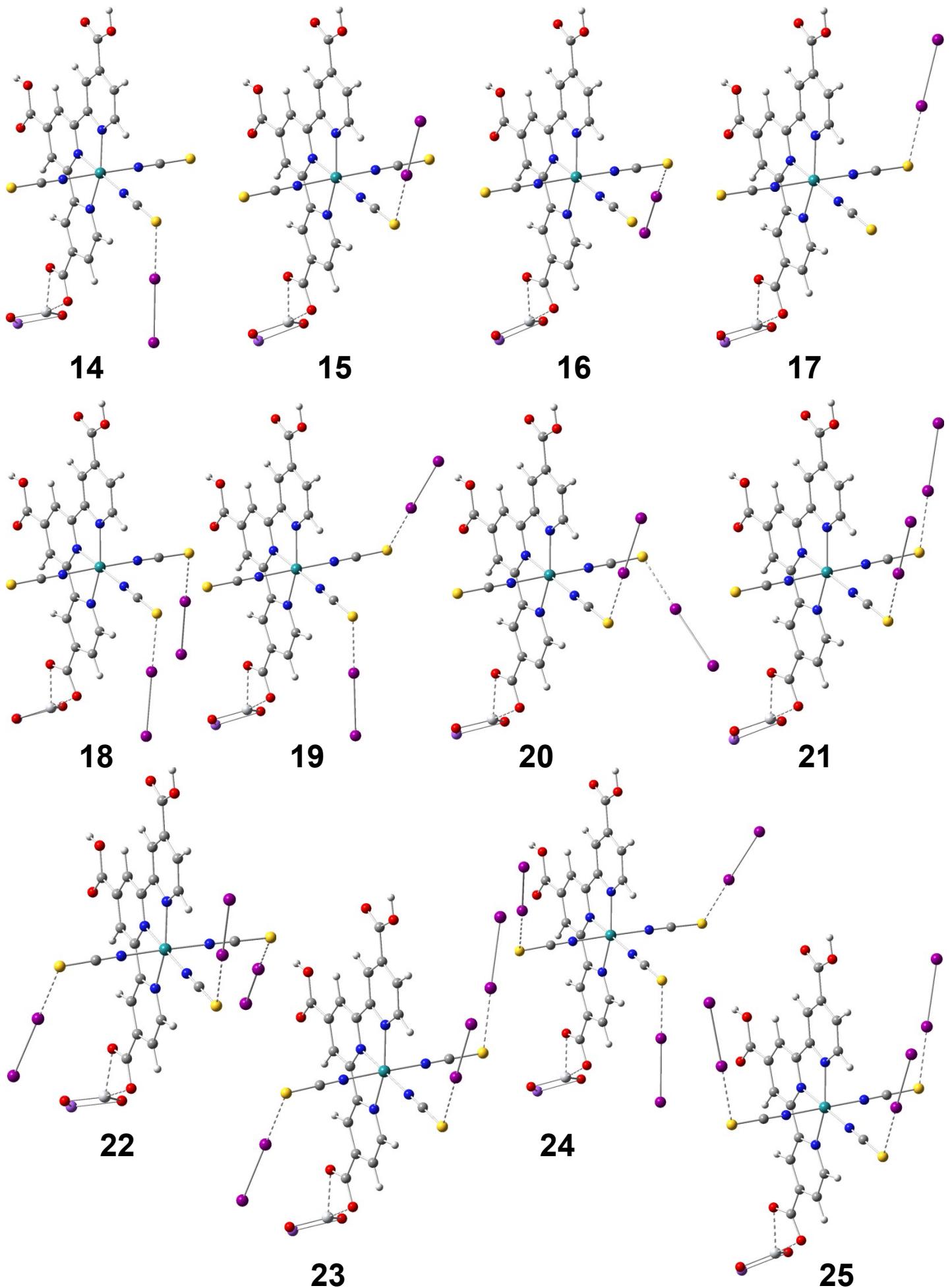


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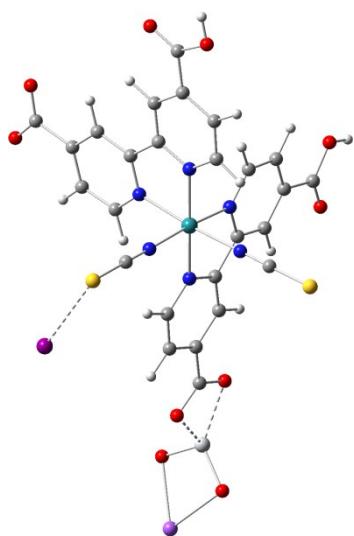


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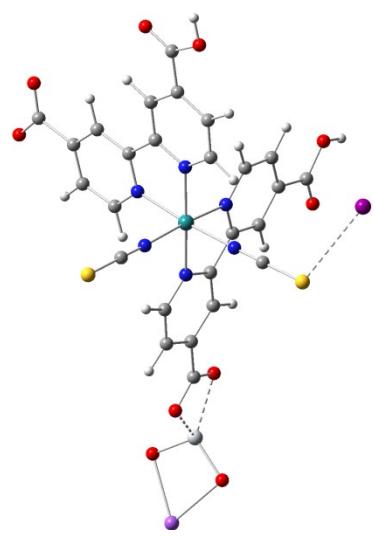
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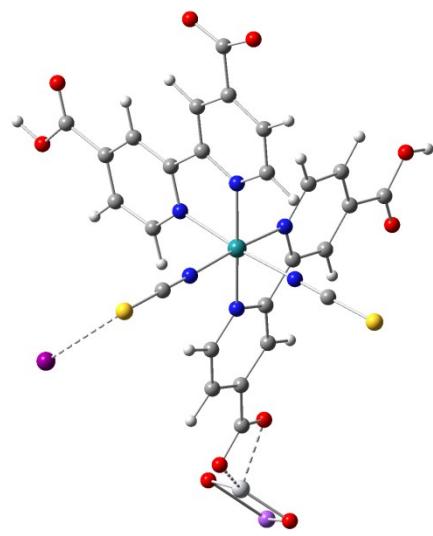
**Fig. S2** Optimized geometries of the dye- $I_2$  species. White, grey, blue, red, purple, yellow, ash, teal, and violet indicate H, C, N, O, Na, S, Ti, Ru, and I atoms, respectively.



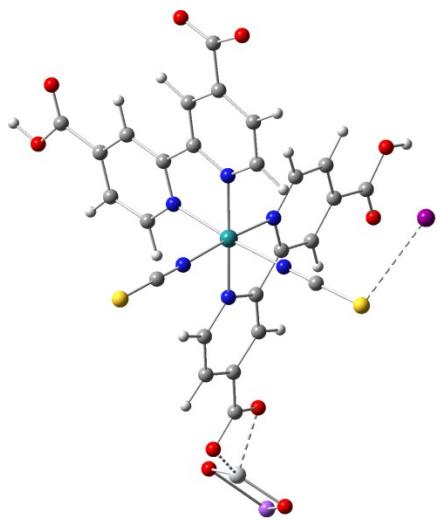
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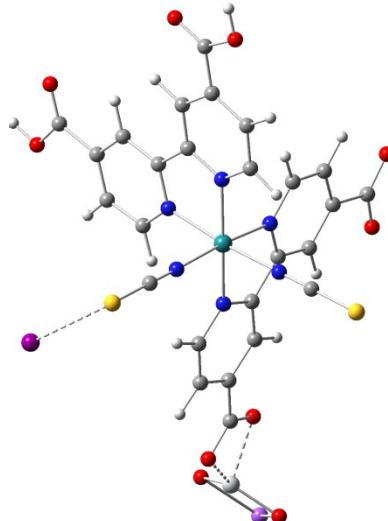
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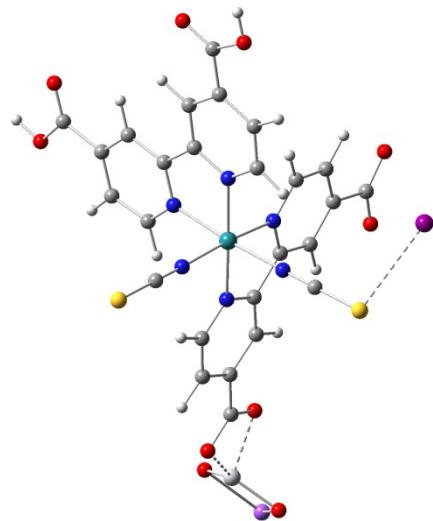
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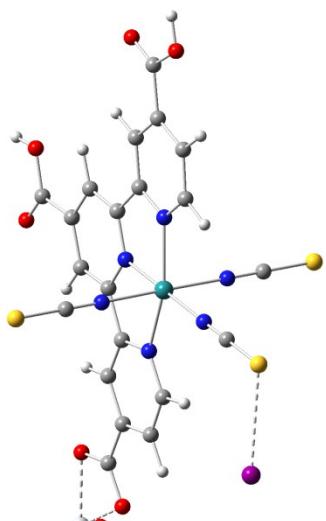
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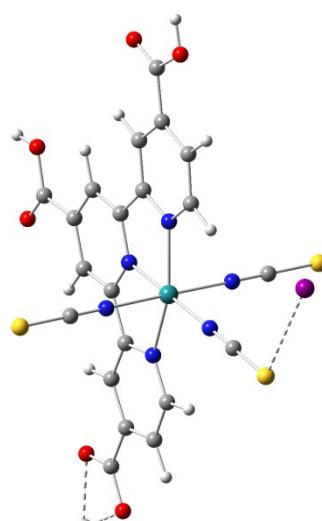
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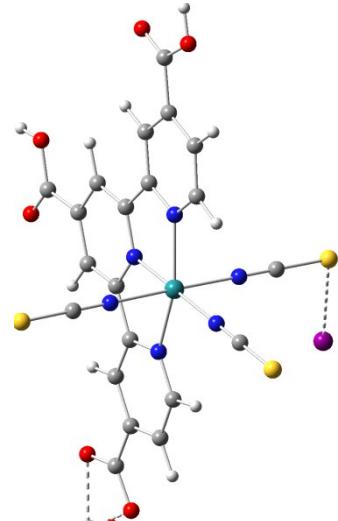
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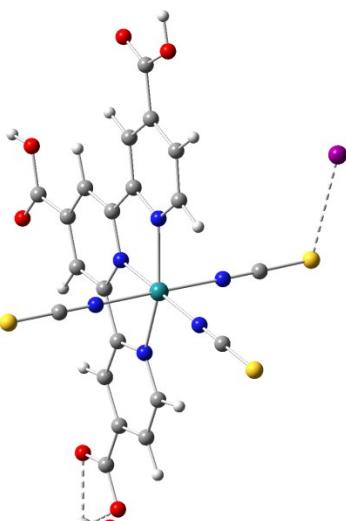
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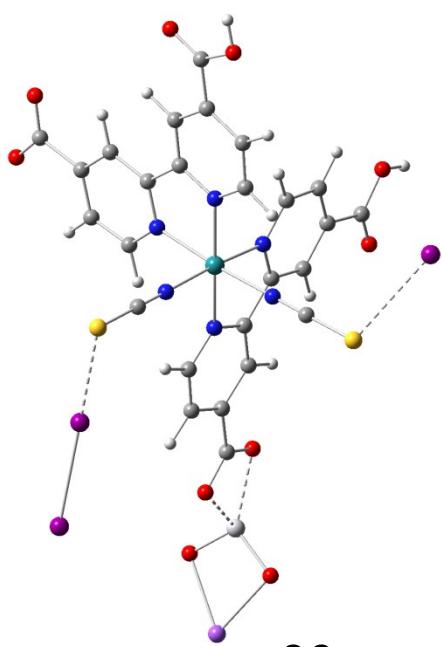


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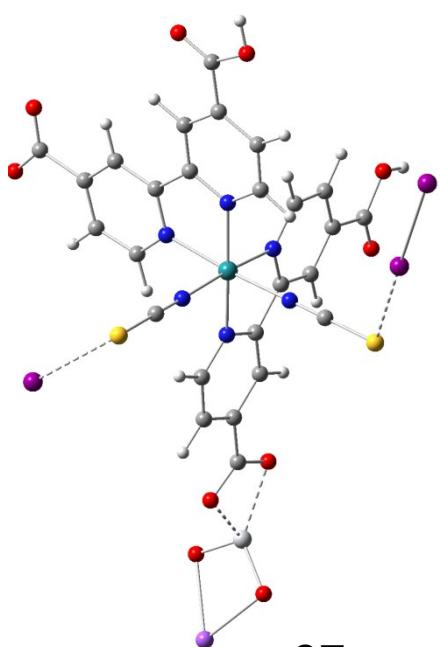


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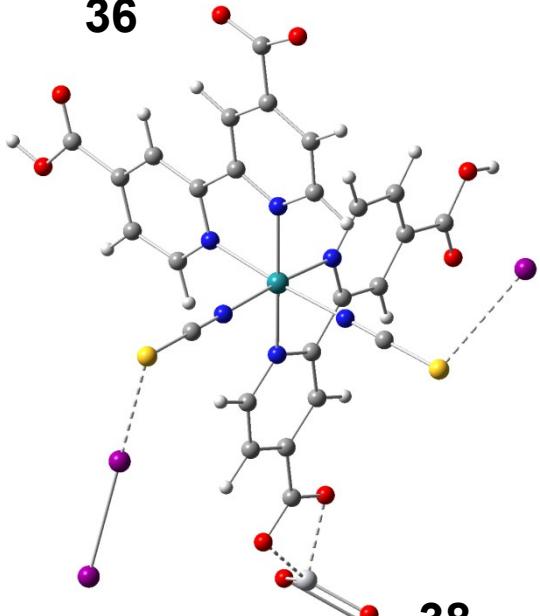
**Fig. S3** Optimized geometries of the oxidized dye–I<sup>−</sup> species. White, grey, blue, red, purple, yellow, ash, teal, and violet indicate H, C, N, O, Na, S, Ti, Ru, and I atoms, respectively.



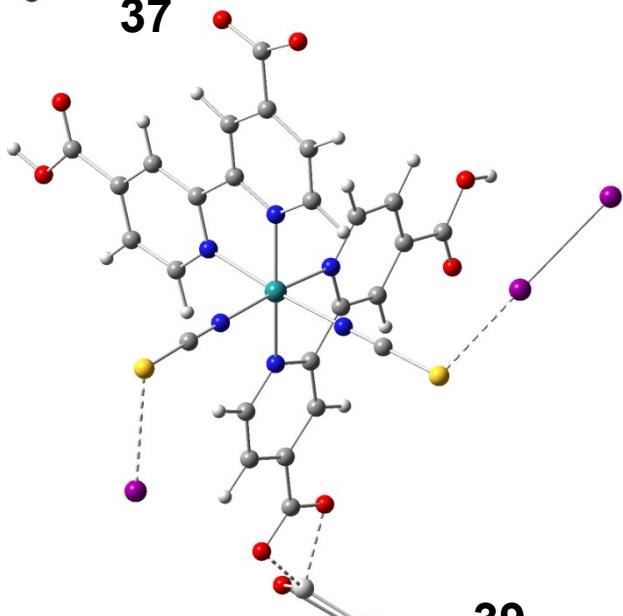
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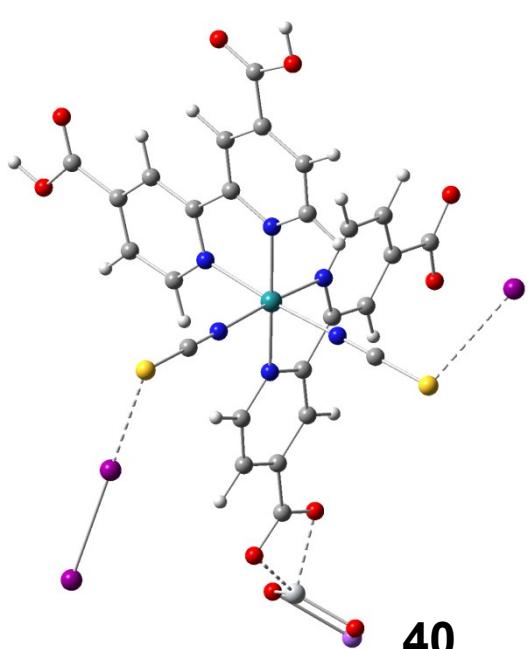
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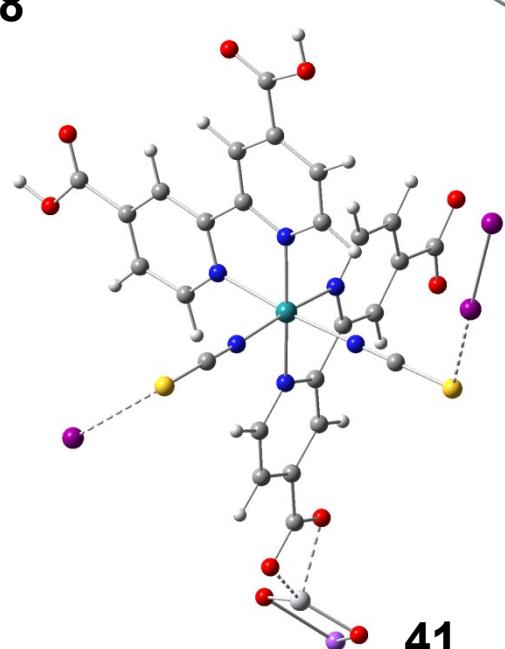
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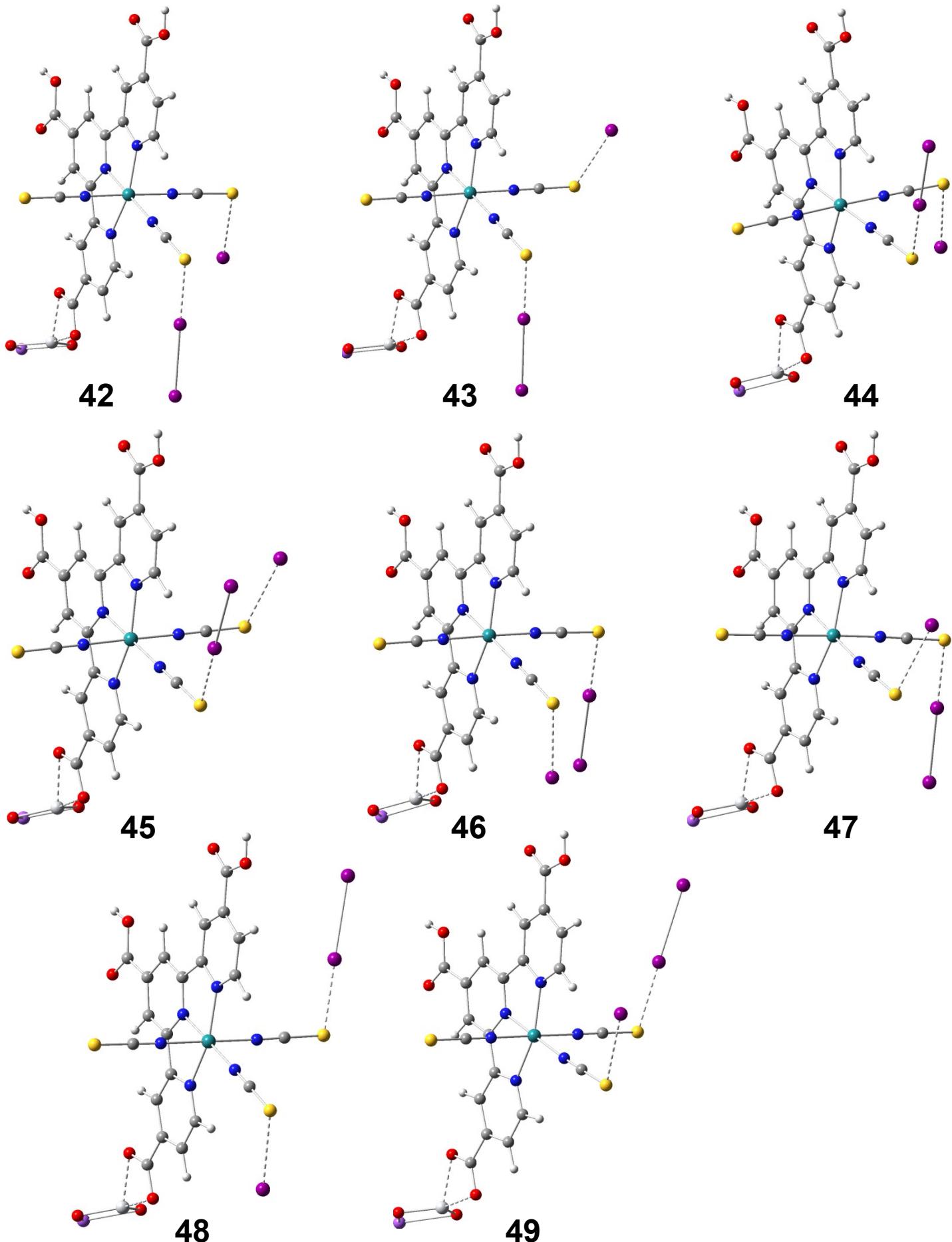


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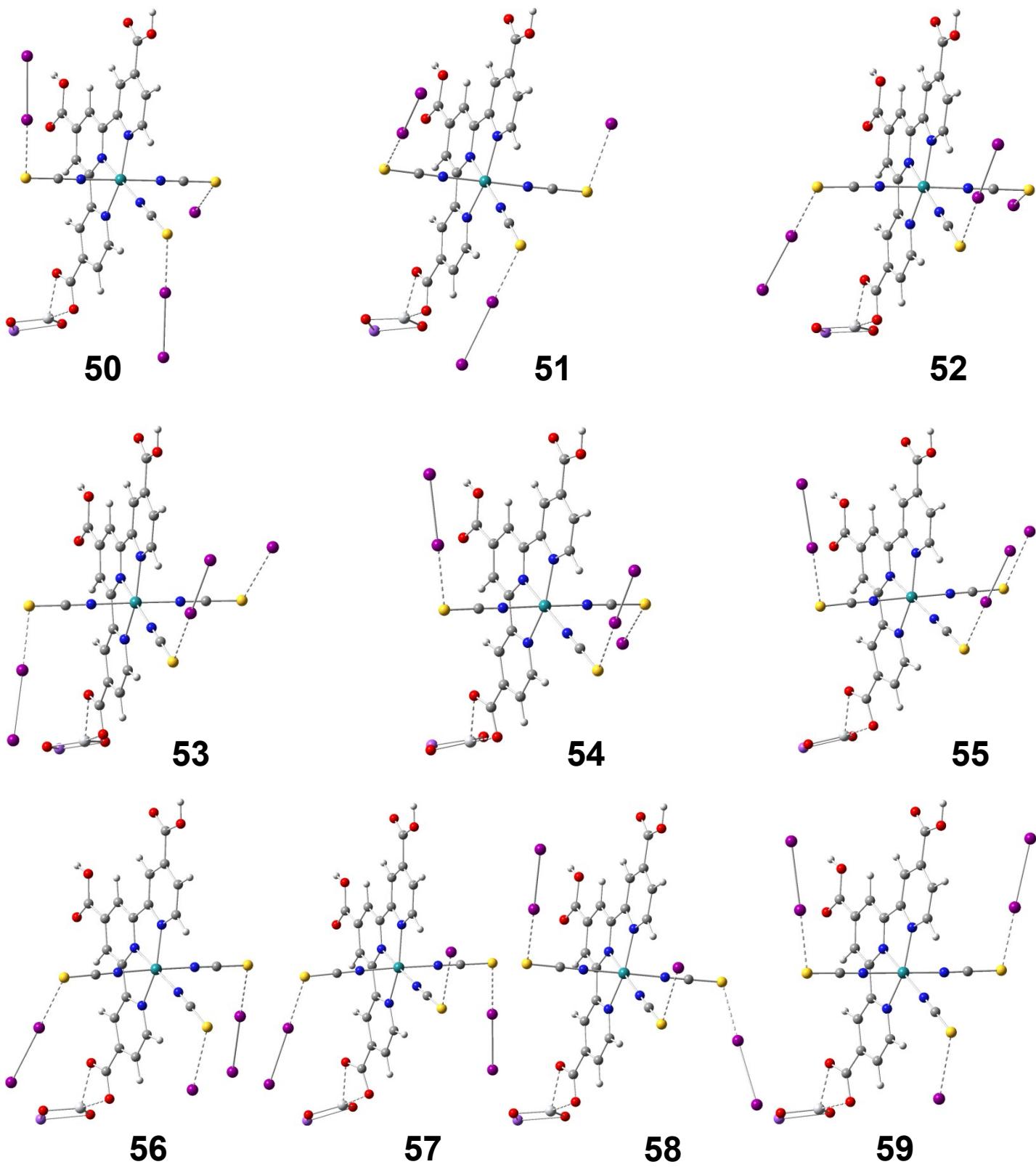


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**Fig. S4** Continued



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**Fig. S4** Optimized geometries of the  $\text{I}_2$ -dye-I species. White, grey, blue, red, purple, yellow, ash, teal, and violet indicate H, C, N, O, Na, S, Ti, Ru, and I atoms, respectively.

**Table S1** Atomic charges (e) on the S atom and the changes for the I<sub>2</sub>-dye-I species

Species	S atom bonded to I <sub>2</sub> molecule				S atom bonded to I <sup>-</sup>				Change in the S atom bonded to I <sub>2</sub>				Change in the S atom bonded to I <sup>-</sup>			
	ESP	Hirshfeld	Mulliken	NPA	ESP	Hirshfeld	Mulliken	NPA	ESP	Hirshfeld	Mulliken	NPA	ESP	Hirshfeld	Mulliken	NPA
<b>36</b>	-0.0777	-0.0597	-0.1363	-0.0633	-0.1246	-0.1123	-0.1320	-0.0539	0.1866	0.2017	0.1045	0.1007	0.1294	0.1498	0.1098	0.1108
<b>37</b>	-0.0821	-0.0607	-0.1378	-0.0646	-0.1174	-0.1126	-0.1330	-0.0551	0.1719	0.2013	0.1040	0.1002	0.1469	0.1487	0.1078	0.1090
<b>38</b>	-0.0815	-0.0582	-0.1349	-0.0615	-0.1143	-0.1123	-0.1328	-0.0549	0.1779	0.1995	0.1021	0.0981	0.1418	0.1482	0.1073	0.1082
<b>39</b>	-0.0835	-0.0597	-0.1389	-0.0637	-0.1195	-0.1098	-0.1285	-0.0513	0.1725	0.2008	0.1012	0.0993	0.1399	0.1480	0.1085	0.1084
<b>40</b>	-0.0932	-0.0602	-0.1379	-0.0643	-0.1134	-0.1126	-0.1330	-0.0552	0.1665	0.2019	0.1039	0.1006	0.1512	0.1484	0.1074	0.1082
<b>41</b>	-0.0844	-0.0596	-0.1363	-0.0633	-0.1193	-0.1121	-0.1317	-0.0534	0.1802	0.2013	0.1041	0.1002	0.1404	0.1499	0.1101	0.1115
<b>42</b>	-0.0686	-0.0590	-0.1379	-0.0639	-0.1029	-0.1162	-0.1340	-0.0568	0.2263	0.2521	0.1549	0.1612	0.1539	0.1728	0.1353	0.1402
<b>43</b>	-0.0655	-0.0572	-0.1359	-0.0621	-0.0907	-0.1157	-0.1330	-0.0560	0.2294	0.2539	0.1568	0.1630	0.1661	0.1733	0.1363	0.1410
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<b>46</b>	-0.0698	-0.0600	-0.1386	-0.0634	-0.1138	-0.1133	-0.1315	-0.0547	0.1871	0.2290	0.1307	0.1336	0.1811	0.1977	0.1613	0.1704
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<b>48</b>	-0.0750	-0.0594	-0.1386	-0.0637	-0.1168	-0.1127	-0.1306	-0.0539	0.1819	0.2295	0.1307	0.1333	0.1781	0.1983	0.1622	0.1712
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