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# Synthesis of Heteroleptic Gallium-substituted Antimony Hydrides by Stepwise β-H Elimination

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#### I. Computational Studies



**Figure S1.** Steric maps and buried volumes  $V_{bur}$  of ligands Dip (left), N(SiMe<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub> (middle), and OB(NDipCH)<sub>2</sub> (right). The sphere radius was set at 3.5 Å.

II. Spectroscopic characterisation



**Figure S2.** <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of **1** in  $C_6D_6$ .



Figure S3.  ${}^{13}C{}^{1}H$  NMR spectrum of 1 in C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>.



Figure S4. IR spectrum of 1.



Figure S5. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of 2 in  $C_6D_6$ .



Figure S6.  $^{13}C{^{1}H}$  NMR spectrum of 2 in C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>.



Figure S7. IR spectrum of 2.



Figure S8. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of **3** in  $C_6D_6$ .



Figure S9.  $^{13}\text{C}\{^{1}\text{H}\}$  NMR spectrum of 3 in  $C_6D_6.$ 



Figure S10.  $^{11}B{^{1}H}$  NMR spectrum of 3 in C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>.



Figure S11. IR spectrum of 3.



Figure S12. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of 4 in  $C_6D_6$ .



Figure S13.  $^{13}\text{C}\{^{1}\text{H}\}$  NMR spectrum of 4 in  $C_6D_6.$ 



Figure S14. IR spectrum of 4.



Figure S15. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of 5 in  $C_6D_6$ .



Figure S16.  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR spectrum of 5 in C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>.



Figure S17. IR spectrum of 5.



Figure S18. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of 6 in C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>.



**Figure S19.** <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR spectrum of **6** in  $C_6D_6$ .



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**Figure S20.** <sup>11</sup>B $\{^{1}H\}$  NMR spectrum of **6** in C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>.



Figure S21. IR spectrum of 6.



Figure S22. v(Sb-H) vs. EN<sub>mean</sub> plot for known Sb hydrides.

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	4	5	6
Empirical formula	$C_{41}H_{59}CIGaN_2Sb$	$C_{35}H_{60}ClGaN_3SbSi_2$	C <sub>55</sub> H <sub>78</sub> BClGaN <sub>4</sub> OSb
<i>M</i> [g mol <sup>-1</sup> ]	806.82	805.96	1048.94
Crystal size [mm]	$0.184 \times 0.147 \times 0.128$	$0.275 \times 0.184 \times 0.078$	$0.420 \times 0.120 \times 0.100$
7 [K]	100(2)	100(2)	100(2)
Crystal system	triclinic	monoclinic	monoclinic
Space group	<i>P</i> -1	P21/c	P21/c
<i>a</i> [Å]	12.5644(10)	9.861(3)	19.112(3)
b [Å]	16.2940(13)	19.979(6)	13.617(2)
<i>c</i> [Å]	20.5464(14)	20.390(6)	21.170(4)
α [°]	105.056(3)	90	90
в [°]	90.827(4)	103.101(14)	99.737(3)
γ [°]	97.901(4)	90	90
<i>V</i> [ų]	4017.9(5)	3913(2)	5430.1(16)
Ζ	4	4	4
$D_{calcd}$ [g cm <sup>-3</sup> ]	1.334	1.368	1.283
μ(K <sub>α</sub> [mm <sup>-1</sup> ])	1.438 (Mo)	1.535 (Mo)	1.083 (Mo)
Transmissions	0.75/0.67	0.75/0.59	0.75/0.65
F(000)	1627	1672	2192
Index ranges	$-18 \le h \le 18$	$-15 \le h \le 15$	$-27 \le h \le 27$
	-23 ≤ <i>k</i> ≤ 24	$-30 \le k \le 30$	$-19 \leq k \leq 19$
	-31 ≤ <i>l</i> ≤ 29	-30 ≤ <i>l</i> ≤ 31	-30 ≤ <i>l</i> ≤ 30
ϑ <sub>max</sub> [°]	33.348	33.141	30.774
Reflections collected	143731	146299	170987
Independent reflections	27366	14916	16905
R <sub>int</sub>	0.0307	0.0459	0.0773
Refined parameters	865	447	599
$R_1\left[l>2\sigma(l)\right]$	0.0349	0.0292	0.0367
wR <sub>2</sub> [all data]	0.0821	0.0825	0.0782
GooF	1.021	1.026	1.053
$\Delta  ho_{\text{final}}$ (max/min) [e·Å <sup>-3</sup> ]	2.201/-3.789	1.852/-0.607	0.982/-0.739