

**Electronic Supporting Information (ESI)**

**New series of heteronuclear metal strings,  $\text{MRhRh}(\text{dpa})_4\text{Cl}_2$  and  $\text{MRhRhM}(\text{dpa})_4\text{X}_2$ , from reactions of  $\text{Rh}_2(\text{dpa})_4$  with metal ions of group 7 to group 12**

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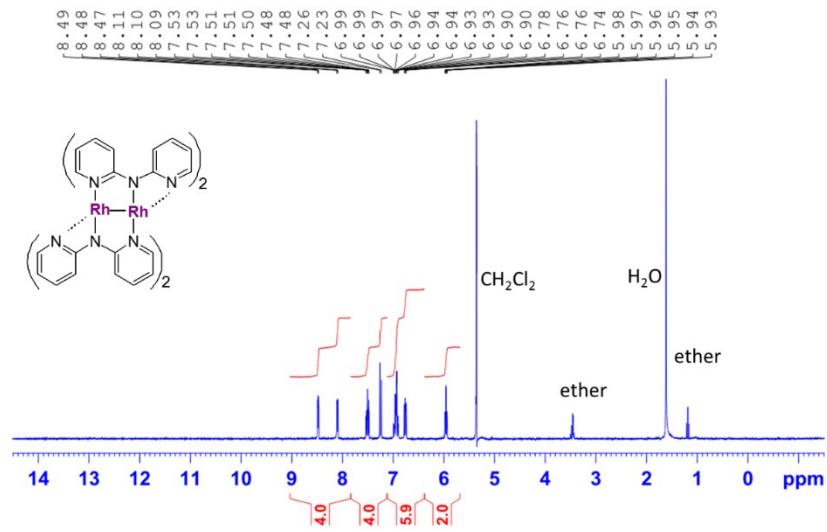
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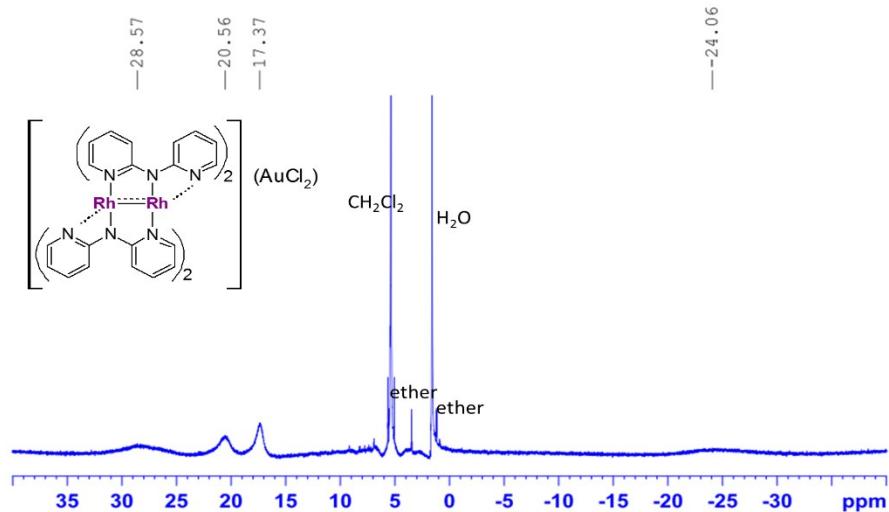
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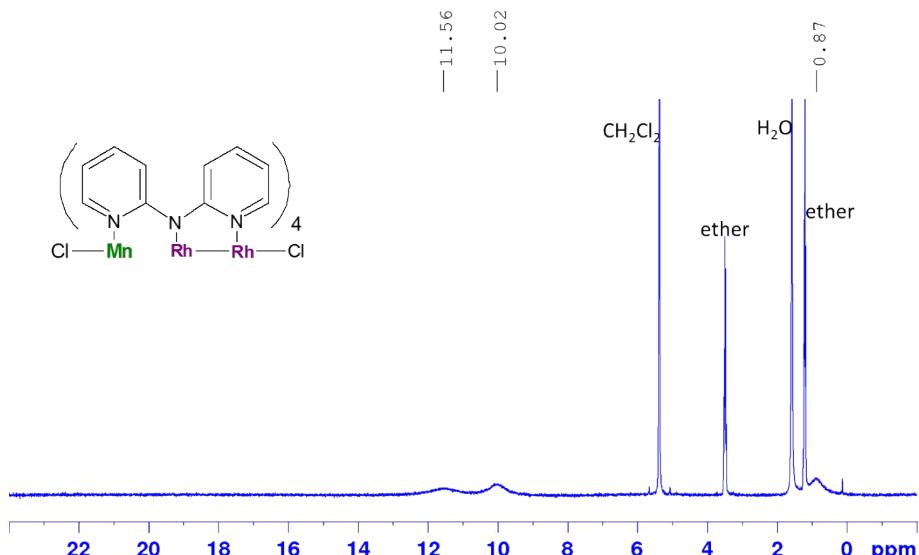
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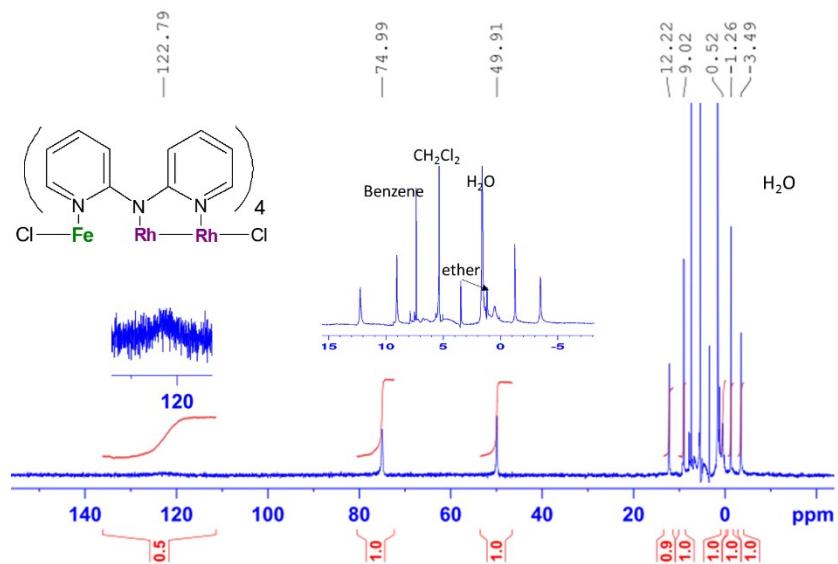
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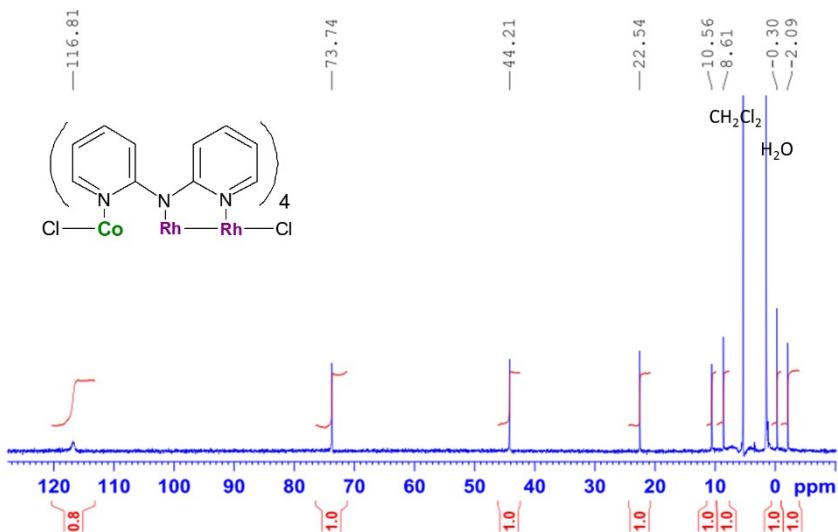
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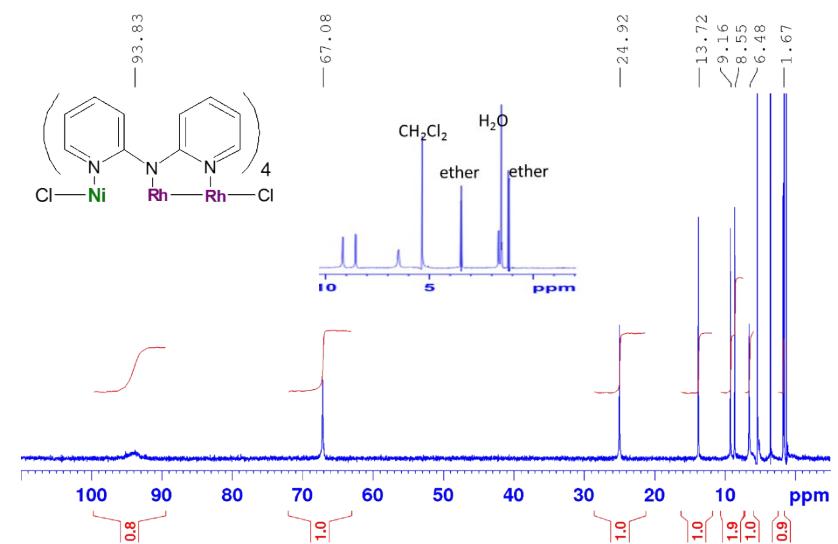
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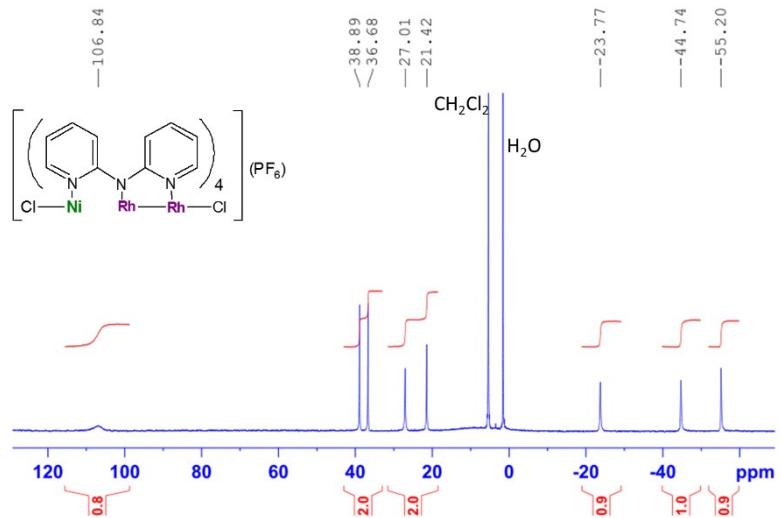
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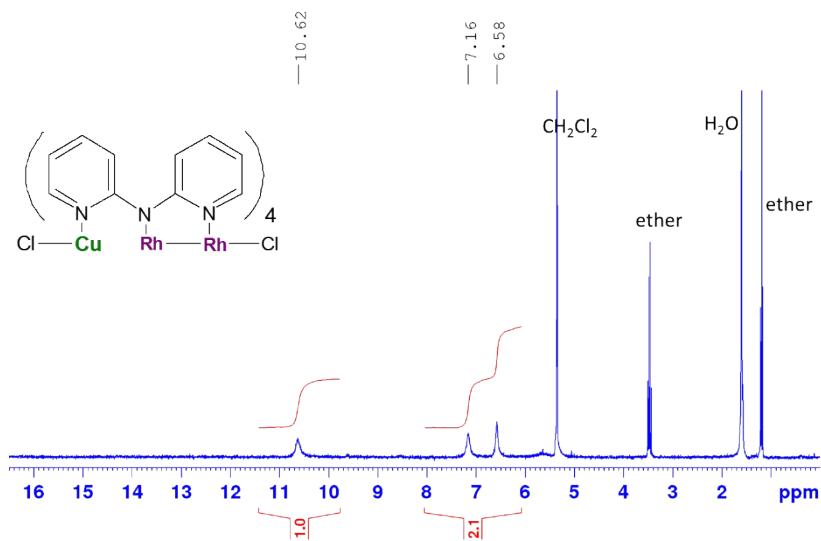
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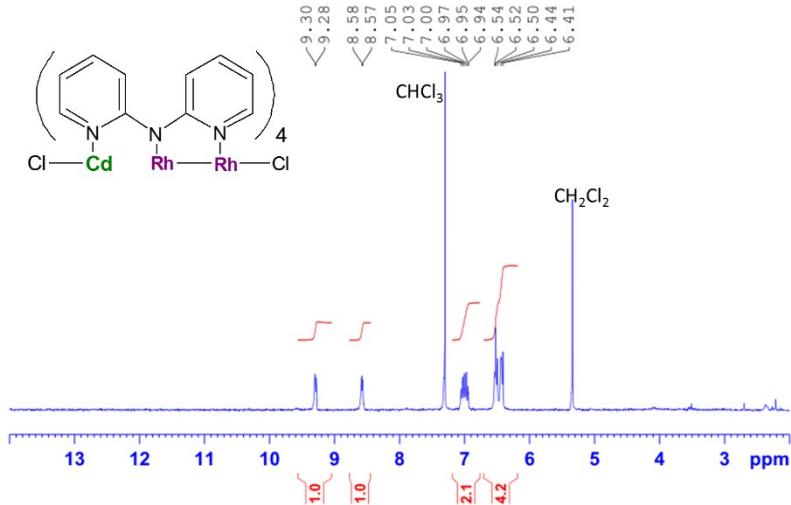
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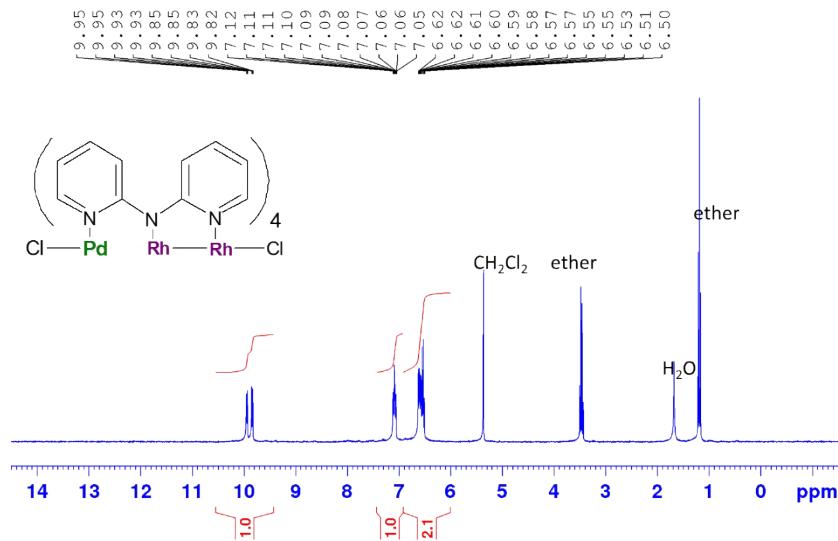
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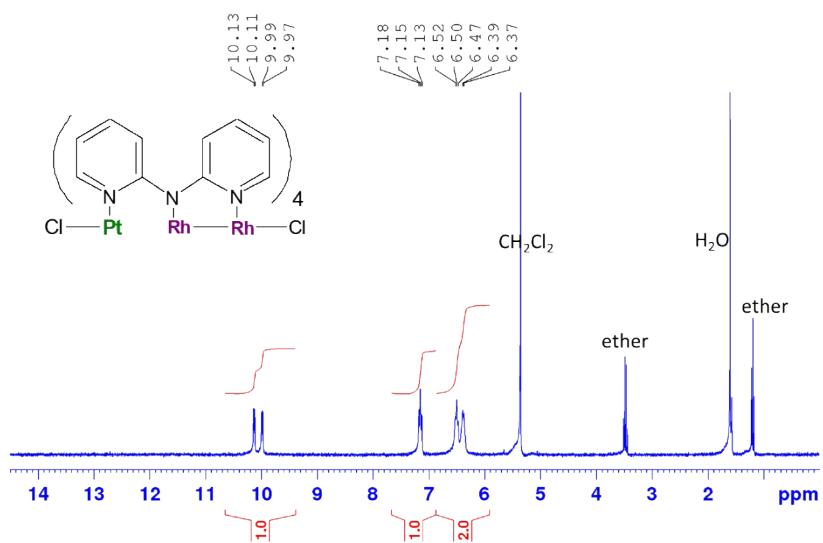
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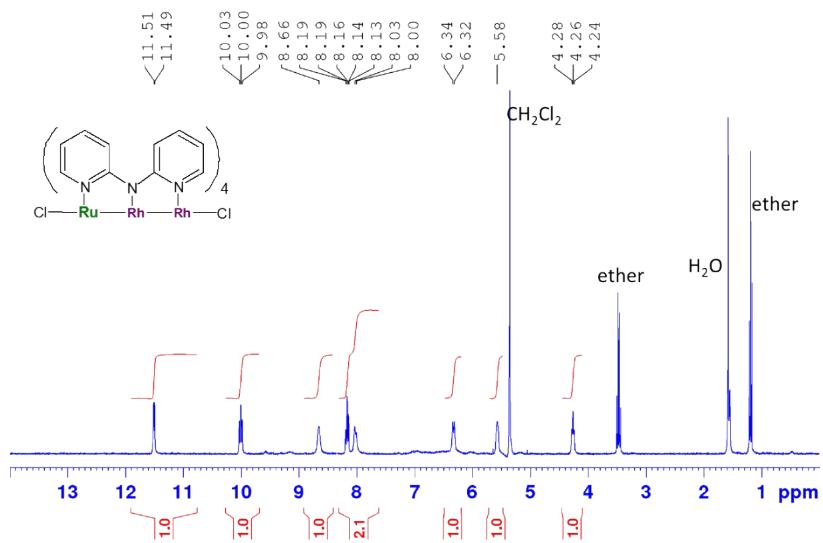
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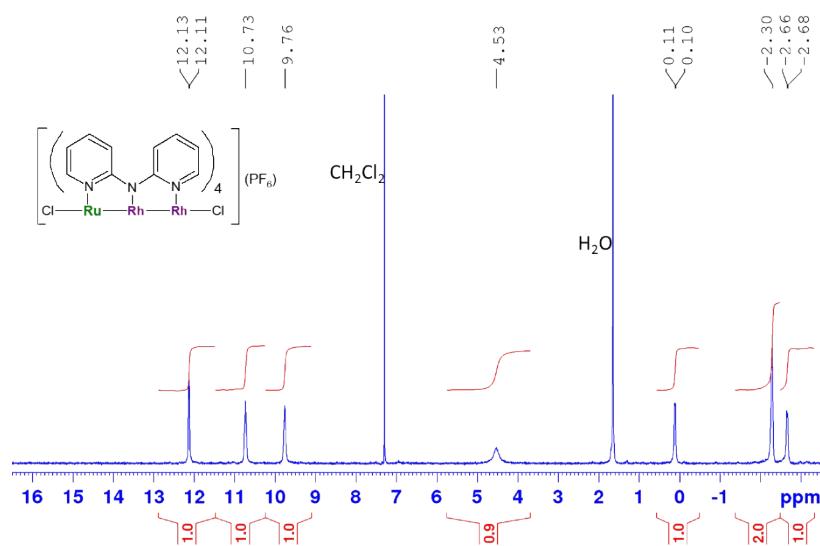
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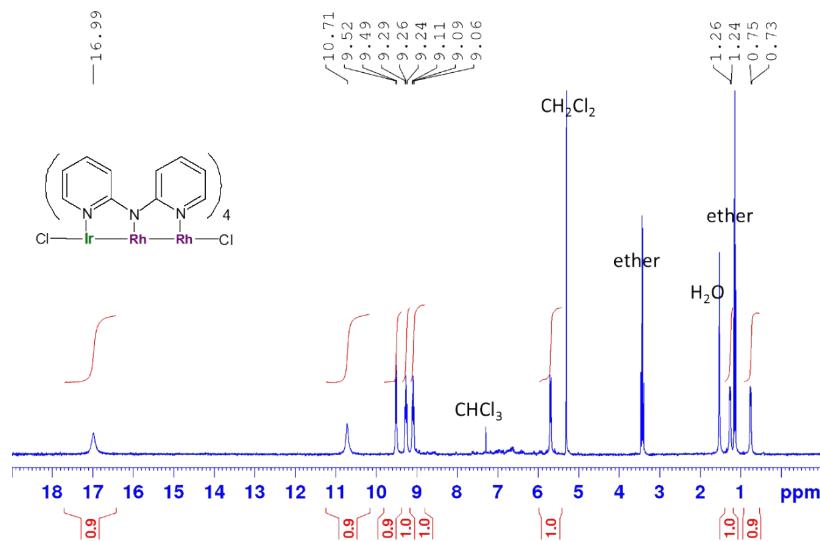
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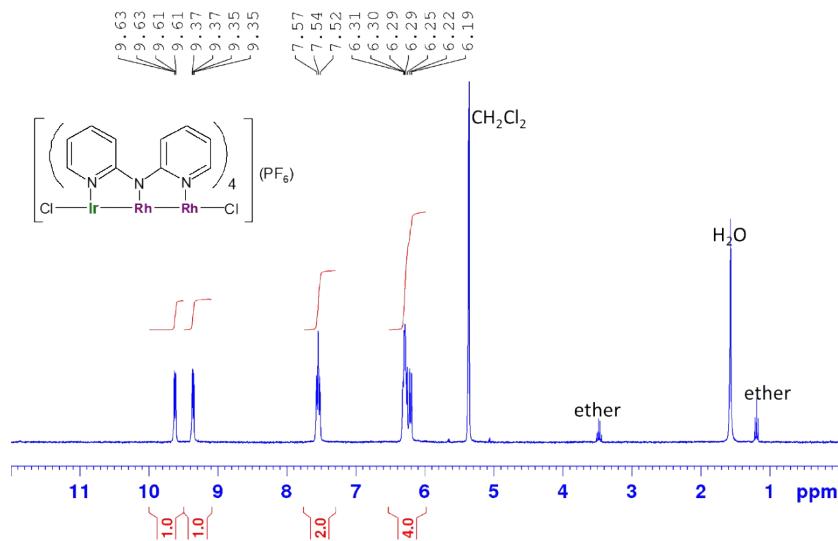
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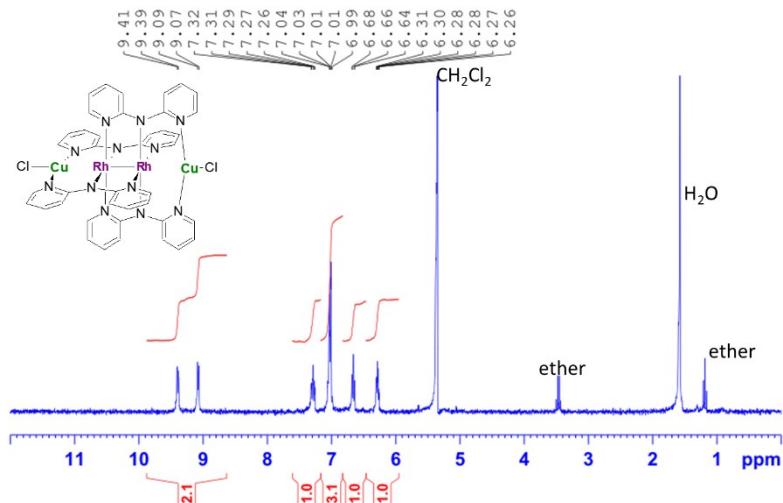
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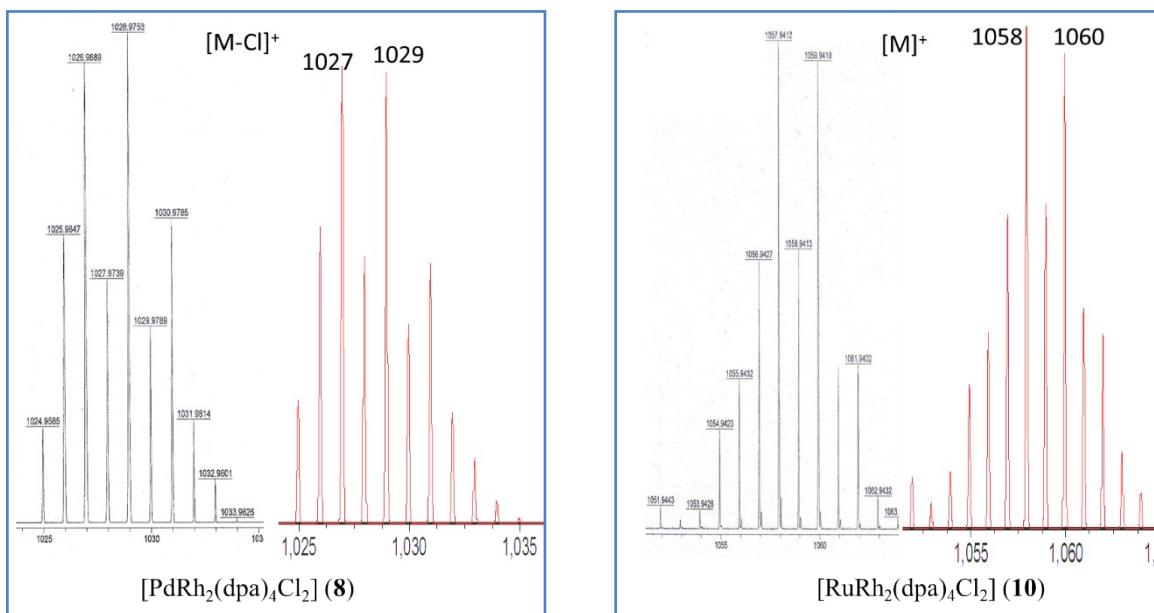
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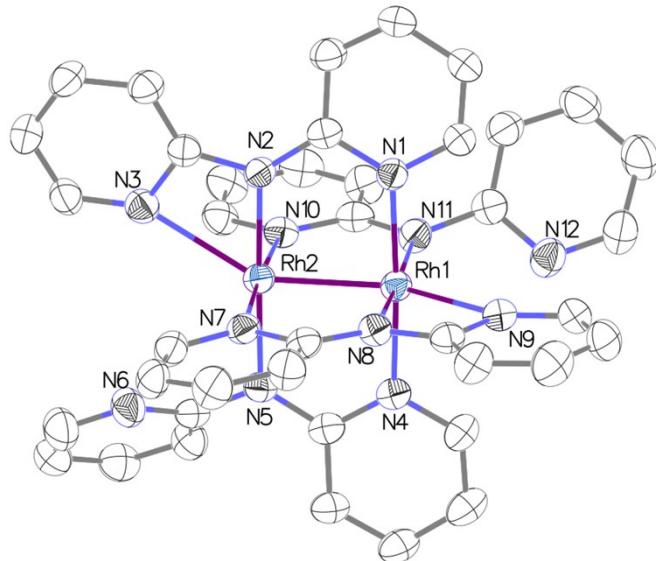
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**Table S1** : X-ray crystallographic data for all compounds.

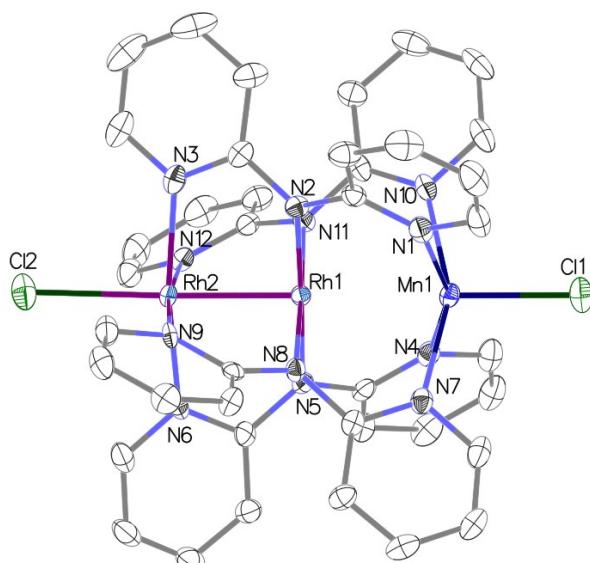
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Formula	C <sub>40</sub> H <sub>32</sub> N <sub>12</sub> Rh <sub>2</sub>	C <sub>42</sub> H <sub>36</sub> Cl <sub>4</sub> N <sub>12</sub> Rh <sub>2</sub>	C <sub>41.5</sub> H <sub>33.5</sub> AuCl <sub>6.5</sub> N <sub>12</sub> Rh <sub>2</sub>	C <sub>44</sub> H <sub>42</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub> MnN <sub>12</sub> ORh <sub>2</sub>	C <sub>44</sub> H <sub>42</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub> FeN <sub>12</sub> ORh <sub>2</sub>
Formula weight	886.59	1056.45	1333.51	1086.55	1087.46
Temperature	200(2) K	150(2) K	150(2) K	150(2) K	150(2) K
Crystal system	Tetragonal	Orthorhombic	Monoclinic	Monoclinic	Monoclinic
Space group	I4 <sub>1</sub> /a	Pbcn	P2 <sub>1</sub> /c	P2 <sub>1</sub> /c	P2 <sub>1</sub> /c
a / Å	34.3409(4)	22.5312(13)	8.9453(2)	16.0445(8)	16.0644(7)
b / Å	34.3409(4)	9.2175(5)	34.2269(9)	15.7818(8)	15.7547(7)
c / Å	11.70360(10)	19.9260(12)	15.0001(4)	17.0632(9)	16.9905(7)
α/°	90	90	90	90	90
β/°	90	90	95.1383(9)	98.5713(12)	98.7876(10)
γ/°	90	90	90	90	90
V / Å <sup>3</sup>	13802.0(3)	4138.3(4)	4574.1(2)	4272.3(4)	4249.6(3)
Z	16	4	4	4	4
Reflection collected	38863	22488	26318	32563	32377
Independent reflections	7907	4733	10427	9815	9768
R1, wR2 [I>2sigma(I)]	0.0348, 0.0749	0.0298, 0.0638	0.0427, 0.0856	0.0551, 0.1119	0.0343, 0.0717
R1, wR2 ( all data)	0.0666, 0.0846	0.0395, 0.0673	0.0771, 0.0985	0.0619, 0.1146	0.0448, 0.0755
Goodness-of-fit on F <sup>2</sup>	0.968	1.030	1.019	1.220	1.057
Disorder occupancy	N/A	N/A	N/A	60/40	52/48
Compound	<b>4·Et<sub>2</sub>O</b>	<b>5·Et<sub>2</sub>O</b>	<b>5<sup>+</sup>·CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>·CHCl<sub>3</sub></b>	<b>6·Et<sub>2</sub>O</b>	<b>7·Et<sub>2</sub>O</b>
Formula	C <sub>44</sub> H <sub>42</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub> CoN <sub>12</sub> ORh <sub>2</sub>	C <sub>44</sub> H <sub>42</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub> NiN <sub>12</sub> ORh <sub>2</sub>	C <sub>42</sub> H <sub>35</sub> Cl <sub>7</sub> NiN <sub>12</sub> Rh <sub>2</sub> PF <sub>6</sub>	C <sub>44</sub> H <sub>42</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub> CuN <sub>12</sub> ORh <sub>2</sub>	C <sub>44</sub> H <sub>42</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub> CdN <sub>12</sub> ORh <sub>2</sub>
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Temperature	150(2) K	150(2) K	150(2) K	150(2) K	150(2) K
Crystal system	Monoclinic	Monoclinic	Monoclinic	Monoclinic	Monoclinic
Space group	P2 <sub>1</sub> /c	P2 <sub>1</sub> /c	P2 <sub>1</sub> /n	P2 <sub>1</sub> /c	P2 <sub>1</sub> /c
a / Å	16.0245(2)	15.9696(7)	11.5346(8)	16.0407(8)	16.1176(7)
b / Å	15.7742(2)	15.7425(8)	21.3695(13)	15.7566(7)	15.8659(6)
c / Å	17.0123(3)	16.9763(8)	20.2834(13)	16.9543(8)	17.1805(7)
α/°	90	90	90	90	90
β/°	98.6876(9)	98.6045(12)	92.693(2)	99.4159(12)	98.6243(9)
γ/°	90	90	90	90	90
V / Å <sup>3</sup>	4250.92(11)	4219.8(3)	4994.1(6)	4227.4(3)	4343.7(3)
Z	4	4	4	4	4
Reflection collected	27811	32210	38132	32248	33084
Independent reflections	9733	9688	11460	9704	9963
R1, wR2 [I>2sigma(I)]	0.0475, 0.1179	0.0369, 0.0735	0.0534, 0.1282	0.0355, 0.0766	0.0590, 0.1078
R1, wR2 ( all data)	0.0926, 0.1368	0.0491, 0.0783	0.0851, 0.1432	0.0497, 0.0825	0.0653, 0.1101
Goodness-of-fit on F <sup>2</sup>	1.030	1.052	1.024	1.015	1.315
Disorder occupancy	50/50	50/50	51/49	50/50	67/33

**Table S1** : X-ray crystallographic data for all compounds. (Continued.)

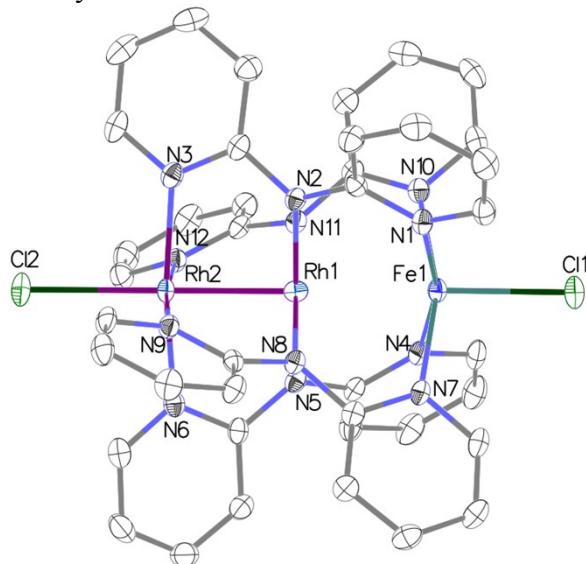
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Temperature	150(2) K	150(2) K	150(2) K	150(2) K	150(2) K
Crystal system	Monoclinic	Monoclinic	Monoclinic	Monoclinic	Monoclinic
Space group	P2 <sub>1</sub> /c	P2 <sub>1</sub> /c	P2 <sub>1</sub> /c	P2 <sub>1</sub> /n	P2 <sub>1</sub> /c
a / Å	16.1881(8)	16.2210(10)	16.0136(8)	11.4541(4)	16.0711(8)
b / Å	15.7720(8)	15.8110(10)	15.7306(7)	21.2908(6)	15.7264(8)
c / Å	16.9596(9)	16.9816(10)	16.9756(8)	20.3660(6)	16.9371(8)
α/°	90	90	90	90	90
β/°	100.6022(11)°	100.7660(10)	98.7610(11)	93.0367(9)	99.5862(11)
γ/°	90	90	90	90	90
V / Å <sup>3</sup>	4256.2(4)	4278.6(5)	4226.3(3)	4959.6(3)	4220.9(4)
Z	4	4	4	4	4
Reflection collected	27372	27376	32228	40306	29670
Independent reflections	9771	9826	9680	14416	9683
R1, wR2 [I>2sigma(I)]	0.0317, 0.0694	0.0544, 0.0931	0.0466, 0.0912	0.0467, 0.1051	0.0341, 0.0739
R1, wR2 ( all data)	0.0428, 0.0736	0.0726, 0.0982	0.0626, 0.0968	0.0651, 0.1185	0.0439, 0.0783
Goodness-of-fit on F <sup>2</sup>	1.027	1.163	1.106	1.057	1.038
Disorder occupancy	64/36	54/46	71/29	59/41	54/46
Compound	<b>11<sup>+</sup>·1.5acetone·Et<sub>2</sub>O</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>ZnRh<sub>2</sub>Zn(dpa)<sub>4</sub>Cl<sub>4</sub>·CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>·Et<sub>2</sub>O</b>	
Formula	C <sub>48.5</sub> H <sub>51</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub> F <sub>6</sub> IrN <sub>12</sub> O <sub>2.5</sub> P Rh <sub>2</sub>	C <sub>40</sub> H <sub>32</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub> Cu <sub>2</sub> N <sub>12</sub> Rh <sub>2</sub>	C <sub>40</sub> H <sub>32</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub> Ag <sub>2</sub> N <sub>14</sub> O <sub>6</sub> Rh <sub>2</sub>	C <sub>45</sub> H <sub>44</sub> Cl <sub>6</sub> N <sub>12</sub> ORh <sub>2</sub> Zn <sub>2</sub>	
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Temperature	150(2) K	150(2) K	150(2) K	150(2) K	
Crystal system	Monoclinic	Monoclinic	Monoclinic	Monoclinic	
Space group	C2/c	P2 <sub>1</sub> /c	P2 <sub>1</sub> /c	C2/c	
a / Å	51.972(2)	14.4313(2)	14.8400(3)	22.3384(15)	
b / Å	11.8446(5)	16.7886(2)	16.9282(4)	11.8646(8)	
c / Å	18.1292(8)	16.4651(2)	16.3244(3)	20.0326(14)	
α/°	90	90	90	90	
β/°	108.4130(10)	96.6949(6)	96.1754(12)	113.0623(14)	
γ/°	90	90	90	90	
V / Å <sup>3</sup>	10588.7(8)	3961.98(9)	4077.13(15)	4885.0(6)	
Z	8	4	4	4	
Reflection collected	36617	23932	21338	18565	
Independent reflections	12175	9048	9304	5626	
R1, wR2 [I>2sigma(I)]	0.0437, 0.0997	0.0320, 0.0619	0.0355, 0.0687	0.0412, 0.0981	
R1, wR2 ( all data)	0.0588, 0.1062	0.0634, 0.0727	0.0643, 0.0768	0.0491, 0.1023	
Goodness-of-fit on F <sup>2</sup>	1.039	1.031	1.022	1.046	
Disorder occupancy	50/50	55/45 (Cu1,Cu1')	N/A	N/A	



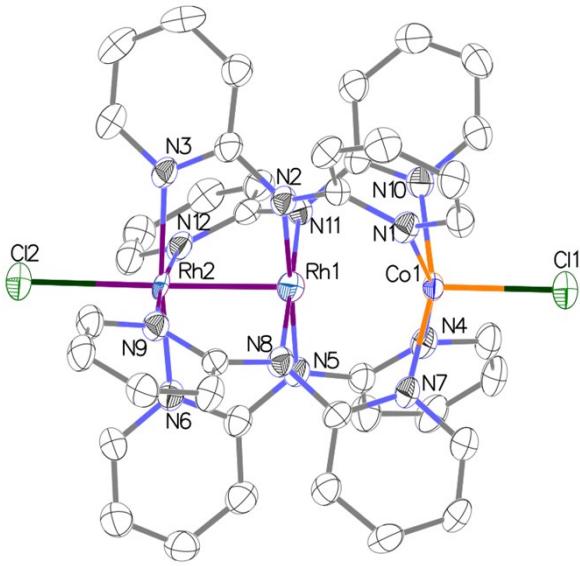
**Figure S18.** ORTEP structure of **1**. All atoms are drawn at the 50% probability level. Solvents and hydrogen atoms are omitted for clarity.



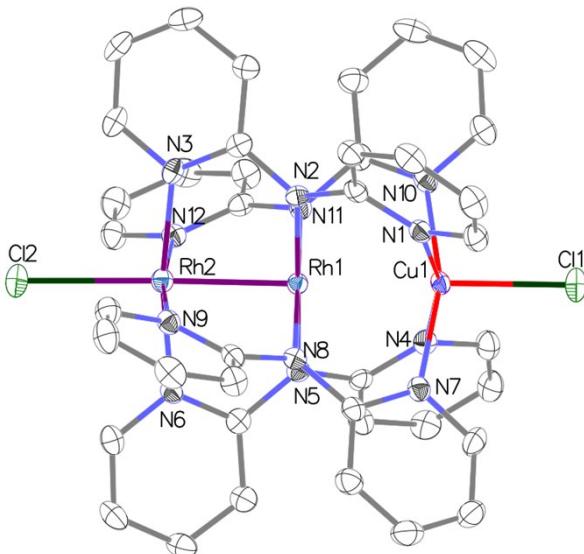
**Figure S19.** ORTEP structure of **2(Mn)**. All atoms are drawn at the 50% probability level. Solvents and hydrogen atoms are omitted for clarity.



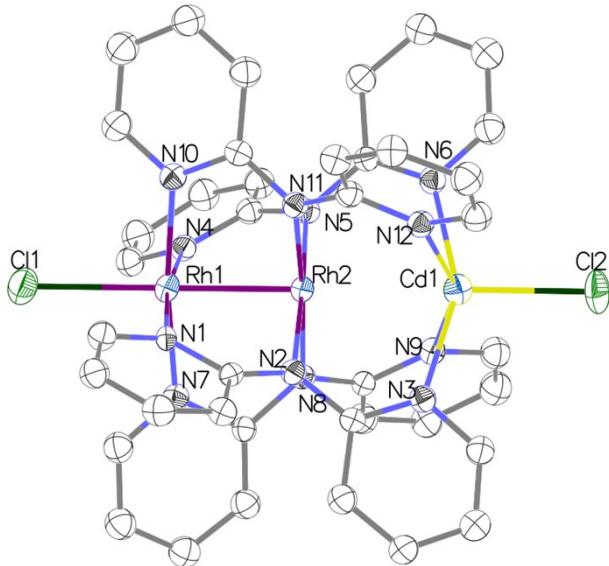
**Figure S20.** ORTEP structure of **3(Fe)**. All atoms are drawn at the 50% probability level. Solvents and hydrogen atoms are omitted for clarity.



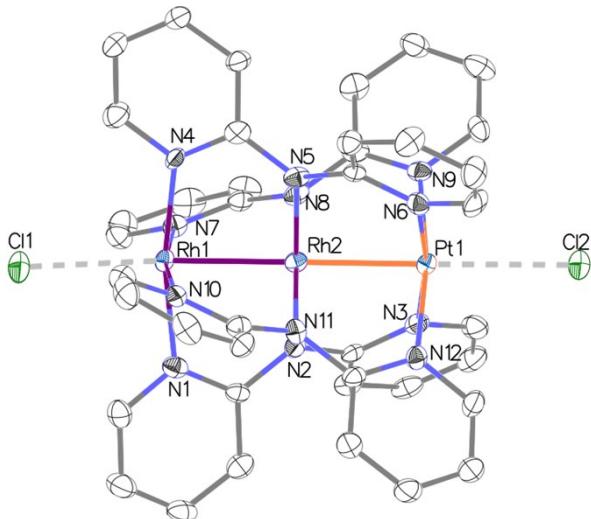
**Figure S21.** ORTEP structure of 4(Co). All atoms are drawn at the 50% probability level. Solvents and hydrogen atoms are omitted for clarity.



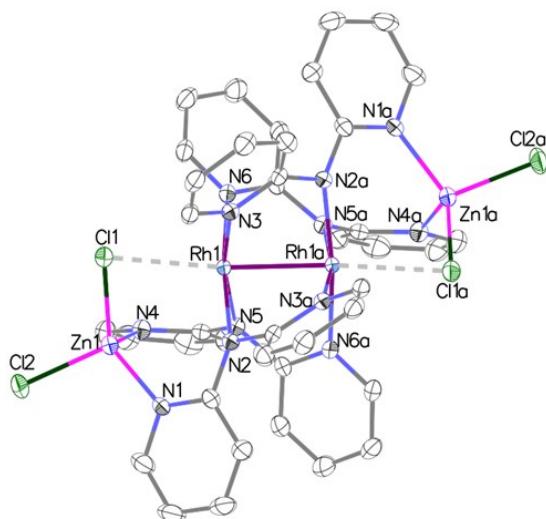
**Figure S22.** ORTEP structure of 6(Cu). All atoms are drawn at the 50% probability level. Solvents and hydrogen atoms are omitted for clarity.



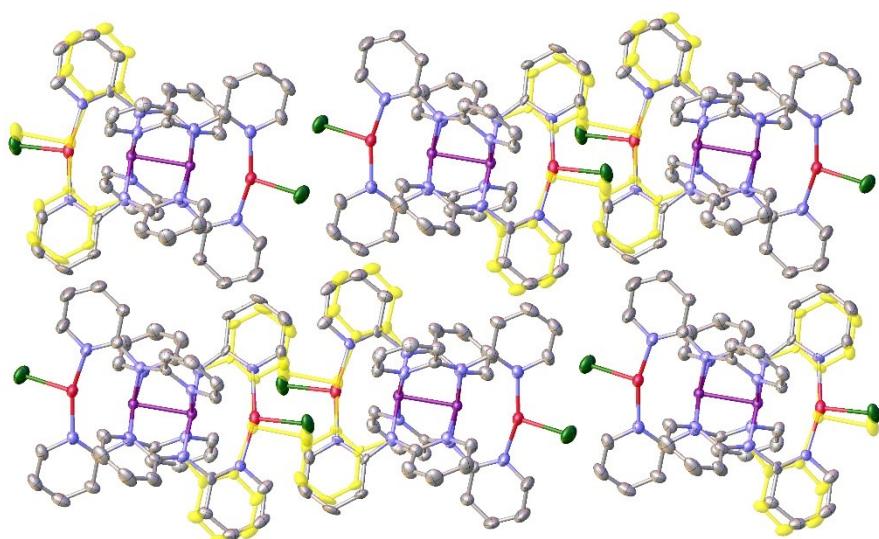
**Figure S23.** ORTEP structure of 7(Cd). All atoms are drawn at the 50% probability level. Solvents and hydrogen atoms are omitted for clarity.



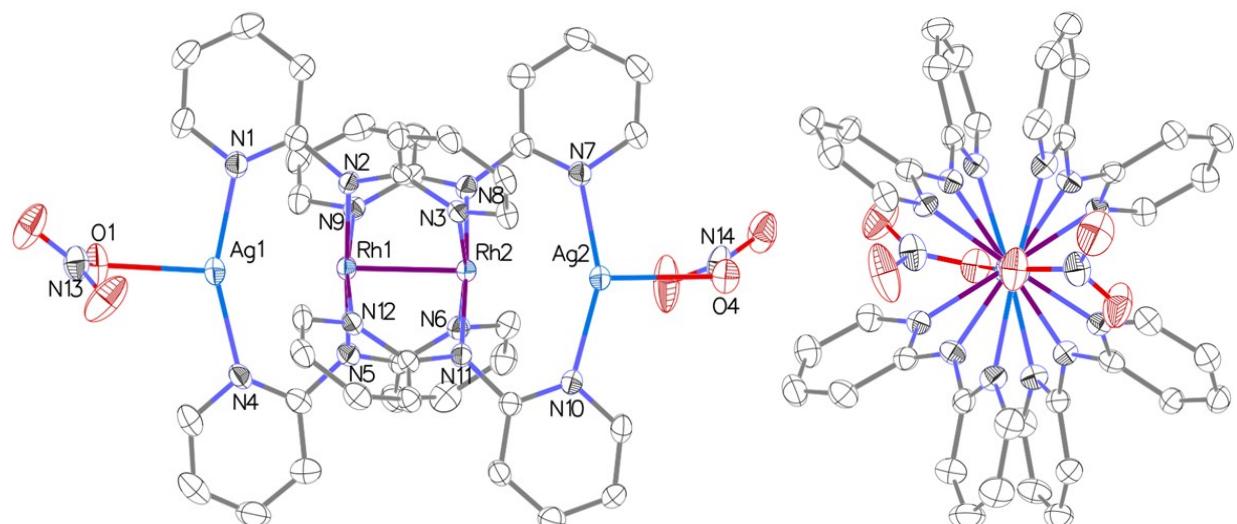
**Figure S24.** ORTEP structure of **9(Pt)**. All atoms are drawn at the 50% probability level. Solvents and hydrogen atoms are omitted for clarity.



**Figure S25.** ORTEP structure of *cis*-(2,2)-ZnRh<sub>2</sub>Zn(dpa)<sub>4</sub>Cl<sub>4</sub>. All atoms are drawn at the 50% probability level. Solvents and hydrogen atoms are omitted for clarity. The molecules crystallize in space group C2/c and locate at special position with Z' = 0.5 (number of molecules in the asymmetric unit). Rh1-Rh1a: 2.4221(5) Å, Zn1···Rh1: 3.1621(5) Å, Rh1-N<sub>av</sub>: 2.070(3) Å, Rh1···Cl1: 2.7020(9), Zn1-Cl1: 2.193(3) Å, Zn1-Cl2: 2.2419(11) Å,  $\angle$ Zn1Rh1Rh1a: 145°.



**Figure S26.** The molecular packing of [CuRh<sub>2</sub>Cu(dpa)<sub>4</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>] (**13**) in head-to-head packing mode. The bonds and atoms in yellow color are the disordered part of molecules.



**Figure S27.** ORTEP structure of  $[\text{AgRh}_2\text{Ag}(\text{dpa})_4\text{Cl}_2]$  **14**. (Left) top view along the metal cores.(Right) All atoms are drawn at the 50% probability level. Hydrogen atoms are omitted for clarity.