Rhodium Diamidobenzene Complexes: A Tale of Different Substituents on the Diamidobenzene Ligand

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Instrumentation

General information: Unless otherwise stated, all manipulations were performed under Argon (Air Liquide, ALPHAGAZTM, purity \geq 99.999 % using standard Schlenk techniques or inside an Ar filled glovebox (MEGA by GS Glovebox Systemtechnik). NMR spectra were recorded on Jeol ECS/ECZ 400/400R or Bruker AvanceIII HD 700 spectrometers. Signals were referenced to residual solvent shift¹ and are given in parts per million (ppm) relative to the TMS signal. Multiplets are reported as follows: singlet (s), duplet (d), triplet (t), quartet (q), quintet (quint), septet (sept), and combinations thereof. Mass spectra were recorded on microTOFQ Bruker Daltonics. Elemental analyses were performed using a Elementar VarioMICRO cube.

Single-Crystal X-Ray diffraction: Single crystal X-ray diffraction was performed on a Bruker Kappa ApexII Duo diffractometer at 140(2) K or a Bruker D8 Venture system at 100(2) K using graphite- or mirror-monochromated Mo K α radiation ($\lambda_{\alpha} = 0.71073$ Å). The strategy for the data collection was evaluated by using the APEX2 software. The data were collected by ω - and ϕ -scan techniques and scaled and reduced using the APEX2 and SADABS software. The structures were solved by intrinsic phasing using SHELXT-2015² and refined using SHELXL

by full-matrix least squares, refining on F², using ShelXLe.^{3,4} Non-hydrogen atoms were refined anisotropically, and H atoms were included using a riding model.

Electrochemistry: Cyclic voltammetry was performed with a PalmSens4 potentiostat using a three-electrode set-up. A glassy carbon disk electrode (3 mm) was used as working electrode, coiled Pt wire as counter electrode and Ag wire as pseudo-reference. Solvents were freshly distilled and degassed before each measurement. n-Bu₄PF₆ (Sigma-Aldrich) was used as supporting electrolyte. After completing the measurement, either Ferrocene or Decamethylferrocene ($E_{1/2} = -510$ mV vs. FcH/FcH⁺ in MeCN)⁵ were added as internal references.

UV/Vis-NIR Spectroscopy: UV/Vis-NIR measurements were performed on a J&M Tidas UV-Vis-NIR spectrophotometer. Spectroelectrochemical measurements were performed in an optically transparent thin-layer electrochemical (OTTLE) cell⁶ (CaF₂ windows) with either a platinum-mesh or a gold-mesh working electrode, a platinum-mesh counter electrode, and a silver-foil pseudoreference electrode. An Autolab PGSTAT101 potentiostat (Metrohm) was used for all spectro-electrochemical measurements.

EPR Spectroscopy: EPR spectra at X-band frequency (ca. 9.5 GHz) were obtained with a Magnettech MS-5000 benchtop EPR spectrometer equipped with a rectangular TE 102 cavity and TC HO4 temperature controller. The measurements were performed in synthetic quartz glass tubes. For EPR spectro-electrochemistry a three-electrode setup was employed using two Teflon-coated platinum wires as working and counter electrodes and a Teflon-coated silver wire as pseudo-reference electrode. Spectral simulations were performed with EasySpin 5.1.4⁷ and MatLab R2012a.

Computational Details: All calculations were performed using the ORCA software package, program version 4.2.1.^{8,9} Geometry optimizations were carried out using the BP86 functional and a def2-TZVP basis set.¹⁰ The optimized geometries were verified to be minima by the absence of imaginary frequencies in numerical frequency calculations. Single-point calculations were performed using the TPSSh¹¹ functional and a def2-TZVP basis set using the unrestricted Kohn-Sham formalism. Relativistic effects were included by the zeroth order approximation (ZORA). Dispersion was modeled by using Grimme's D3 correction.¹² The resolution of identity (RI) approximation^{13–16} was employed using suitable auxiliary basis sets.^{17–19} Visualization of orbitals and densities was done using CHEMCRAFT visualization software.

Synthetic Details

General information: Unless otherwise stated, all syntheses were performed under Argon (Air Liquide, ALPHAGAZTM, purity \geq 99.999 %, additionally dried over a P₂O₅ and orange gel column) using standard Schlenk techniques. [Cp*RhCl₂] and ligands H₂bmsab²⁰, H₂amsab²¹ and H₂bphab²² were synthesized by literature procedures. H₂aphab was obtained from abcr and used without further purification. [CoCp*₂] was obtained from Sigma-Aldrich and resublimated before use. NEt₃ was distilled, stored over molecular sieves and degassed by bubbling with Ar for at least 30 min. Dry solvents were collected from solvent purification systems (GS GLOVEBOX or Innovative Technology PURESOLV), stored over activated molecular sieves and degassed by bubbling with Ar for at least 30 min.

General procedure for the synthesis of complexes [Cp*RhL]: $[Cp*RhCl_2]_2$ (0.5 mmol, 309 mg, 1 eq.) and ligand H₂L (1 mmol, 2 eq.) are suspended in 20 ml of DCM and NEt₃ (10 mmol, 1.012 g, 1.39 ml) is added dropwise, resulting in a color change from red to dark purple After stirring for 48 h, work-up is performed under ambient conditions. The reaction mixture is washed with demineralized water three times; subsequently, the organic phase is dried over Na₂SO₄, filtered and the solvent removed. The complexes are either directly obtained in pure form after work-up, purified by extraction with diethyl ether or re-crystallized from appropriate solvents.



Scheme S1: General synthetic procedure for the synthesis of Rh complexes.

[Cp*Rh(bmsab)] ([1]): Obtained as an analytically pure, dark purple, microcrystalline powder after work-up. Yield: 80 %. Single crystals were grown by layering a concentrated DCM solution with ethanol.

¹**H-NMR** (400 MHz, 25 °C, CD₂Cl₂): $\delta = 7.57$ (m, 2 H, H²), 6.81 (m, 2H, H³), 3.02 (s, 6 H, SO₂CH₃), 1.81 (s, 15 H, Cp*-CH₃) ppm.

¹³C{1H} NMR (101 MHz, 25 °C, CD₂Cl₂): δ = 142.4, 1221.0, 117.2, 98.9 (d, ¹*J*_{Rh,C} = 8.5 Hz, Cp*-*C*), 40.4 (s, SO₂*C*H₃), 11.4 (s, Cp**C*H₃) ppm.

HR-MS (ESI): $m/z = 523.0195 [M + Na^+]$, calcd. for $[M + Na^+] C_{18}H_{25}N_2O_4RhS_2Na^+$: m/z = 523.0209.

Anal. calcd. for C₁₈H₂₅N₂O₄RhS₂Na: C 43.20, H 5.04, N 5.60, S 12.81. Found: C 42.93, H 5.11, N 5.30, S 12.88.

[**Cp*Rh(amsab)**] ([2]): Obtained in pure form after crystallization from DCM/hexane as a dark purple, microcrystalline powder. Yield: 36 %. Single crystals were grown by layering a concentrated DCM solution with n-hexane.

¹**H-NMR** (400 MHz, 25 °C, CD₂Cl₂): $\delta = 8.18$ (br s, 1 H, N*H*), 7.70 (m, 1 H, Ph), 6.84 (m, 2 H, Ph), 6.76 (m, 1 H, Ph), 3.04 (s, 3 H, SO₂C*H*₃), 1.81 (s, 15 H, Cp*C*H*₃) ppm.

¹³C{1H} NMR (101 MHz, 25 °C, CD₂Cl₂): δ = 152.4 (Ph), 139.2 (Ph), 120.7 (Ph), 118.3 (Ph), 117.0 (Ph), 114.2 (Ph), 94.7 (d, Cp*, ¹J_{Rh,C} = 7.4 Hz), 39.8 (SO₂CH₃), 10.6 (Cp*CH3) ppm. HR-MS (ESI): m/z = 445.0408 [M + Na⁺], calcd. for [M + Na⁺] C₁₇H₂₃RhN₂O₂SNa⁺: m/z = 445.0433.

[Cp*Rh(bphab)] ([3]): Obtained as an analytically pure, dark red, microcrystalline powder after extraction with diethyl ether. Yield: 75 %. Single crystals were grown by slow evaporation from a concentrated DCM solution.

¹**H-NMR** (400 MHz, CD₂Cl₂, 25 °C): δ = 7.51 (m, 4 H, *m*-Ph H), 7.30 (m, 2 H, *p*-Ph H), 7.24 (m, 4 H, *o*-Ph), 6.62 (m, 2 H, H1, H1'), 6.53 (m, 2 H, H2, H2'), 1.39 (s, 15 H, Cp* H) ppm. ¹³C{¹H}-NMR (101 MHz, CD₂Cl₂, 25 °C): δ = 155.13 (s, i-Ph C), 148.65 (s,), 128.78 (s, m-Ph C), 126.08 (s, o-Ph C), 124.52 (s, p-Ph C), 117.07 (s, *C1*), 111.08 (s, *C2*), 91.73 (d, *J* = 7.65 Hz, Cp*-C), 8.66 (s, Cp*-CH₃) ppm.

HR-MS (ESI): $m/z = 497.1457 [M + H^+]$, calcd. for $[M + H^+] C_{28}H_{30}N_2Rh^+$: m/z = 497.1464. **Anal. Calcd.** for $C_{28}H_{29}N_2Rh$: C 67.74, H 5.89, N 5.64. Found: C 67.85, H 6.07, N 5.77.

[Cp*Rh(aphab)] ([4]): Obtained as an analytically pure, dark red, microcrystalline powder after extraction with diethyl ether. Yield: 80 %. Single crystals were grown by slowly cooling a saturated pentane solution to -30 °C.

¹**H-NMR** (400 MHz, 25 °C, CD₂Cl₂): δ = 8.31 (br s, 1 H, N*H*), 7.46 (m, 2 H, Ar *H*), 7.25 (m, 1 H, Ar *H*), 7.16 (m, 2 H, Ar *H*), 6.92 (m, 2 H,), 6.71 (m, 1H,), 6.51 (m, 2 H,), 1.75 (s, 15 H, Cp*C*H*₃) ppm.

¹³C{1H}-NMR (101 MHz, 25 °C, CD₂Cl₂): δ = 155.9, 149.9, 148.7, 129.3, 126.3, 124.9, 118.3, 117.0, 114.3, 111.9, 91.9 (d, ¹*J*_{Rh,C} = 7.6 Hz, Cp*), 10.1 (s, Cp*CH₃) ppm.

HR-MS (ESI): $m/z = 421.1138 [M + H^+]$, calcd. for $[M + H^+] C_{22}H_{27}N_2Rh^+$: m/z = 421.1151. **Anal. Calcd.** for $C_{22}H_{25}N_2Rh$: C 62.86, H 5.99, N 6.66. Found: C 61.86, H 6.305, N 6.22.

[CoCp*2][Cp*Rh(bmsab)]: A Schlenk tube is charged with [1] (50 mg, 0.1 mmol, 1 eq) and [CoCp*2] (33 mg, 0.1 mmol, 1 eq). Acetonitrile (3 ml) is added under strict exclusion of air and moisture. The reaction mixture is stirred for 3 h to give an extremely air-sensitive green solution. Layering with diethyl ether (20 ml) and storage at -30 °C for at least one week yields 40 mg of block-shaped, dark green crystals suitable for X-ray diffraction in 50 % yield. While isolation on a Schlenk line is possible, we recommend using a glovebox for work-up due to the pronounced air-sensitivity of the solution.

Anal. Calcd. for C₃₈H₅₅CoN₂O₄RhS₂: C 55.0, H 6.68, N 3.38. Found: C 54.83, H 6.79, N 3.46.

[Cp*Rh(bphib)MeCN](BF4)2: A Schlenk flask is charged with [3] () and NOBF4. Acetonitrile is added and the reaction is stirred for 10 min; subsequently, the flask is quickly opened to vacuum to remove NO gas and then flushed with Argon. This procedure is repeated three times, after which the reaction mixture is stirred for 12 h. The solvent is removed and the dark solid dried under vacuum for 2 h. Subsequently, the crude solid is dissolved in acetonitrile and crystallized by vapor diffusion of diethyl ether to give dark green single crystals of the pure product. The product is hygroscopic.

¹**H-NMR** (700 MHz, CD₂Cl₂, 25 °C): δ = 7.73 (br m, 4 H, *m*-Ph H), 7.63 (tt, ³*J*_{H,H} = 7.4 Hz, ⁵*J*_{H,H} = 1.4 Hz, 2 H, p-Ph H), 7.35 (d, ³*J*_{H,H} = 7.4 Hz, 4 H, o-Ph H), 7.01 (m, 2 H,), 6.78 (m, 2H,), 1.18 (s, 15 H, Cp*C*H*₃) ppm.

¹³C{¹H}-NMR (176 MHz, CD₂Cl₂, 25 °C): δ = 169.1, 146.1, 138.5, 130.4, 122.7, 103.7 (d, ${}^{1}J_{\text{Rh,H}}$ = 7.75 Hz), 8.5 (s, Cp**C*H₃) ppm.

Anal. Calcd. for $C_{30}H_{32}B_2F_8N_3Rh$ 0.5 $CH_3CN \cdot 0.45 H_2O$: C 50.33, H 4.69, N 6.63. Found: C 50.28, H 4.61, N 6.63.

 $[Cp*Rh(\mu-bphib)RhCp*](BF_4)_2$ ([5]): [4] (49.6 mg, 0.1 mmol, 1 eq.) is dissolved in dichloromethane (7 ml) and cooled to 0 °C. $[Me_3O]BF_4$ (14.7 mg, 0.1 mmol, 1 eq) is added as a solid. The purple reaction mixture is stirred at 0 °C for 30 min, after which the cooling bath is removed and the reaction is stirred at room temperature for 72 h, giving a dark red solution. The crude product is precipitated by the addition of hexane (20 ml). After removal of the supernatant, the residue is washed with hexane (10 ml) and dried under vacuum. The pure product is obtained as red crystals by layering a concentrated dichloromethane solution with pentane (21 mg, 0.023 mmol, 46 %). Crystals suitable for X-ray diffraction are obtained by vapor diffusion of pentane into a dichloroethane solution.

¹**H** NMR (700 MHz, CD₂Cl₂): δ = 7.75 (td, *J* = 7.6, 1.6 Hz, 2 H), 7.69 – 7.58 (m, 2 H), 7.55 – 7.42 (m, 2 H), 7.28 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 2 H), 7.18 (d, *J* = 7.9 Hz, 2 H), 6.12 (dt, *J* = 5.5, 2.8 Hz, 2 H), 5.91 (dt, *J* = 5.0, 2.8 Hz, 2 H), 1.84 (s, 15 H), 1.37 (s, 15 H) ppm.

¹³C{¹H}-NMR (176 MHz, CD₂Cl₂, 25 °C): δ = 148.4, 139.4, 131.3, 131.2, 128.6, 126.4, 125.5, 105.1 (d, ${}^{I}J_{Rh,H}$ = 7.7 Hz), 98.7 (d, ${}^{I}J_{Rh,H}$ = 7.7 Hz), 91.1 (d, ${}^{I}J_{Rh,H}$ = 6.7 Hz), 83.9 (d, ${}^{I}J_{Rh,H}$ = 5.0 Hz), 10.2, 9.4 ppm.

HR-MS (ESI): m/z = 367.0790 [M²⁺], calcd. for [M²⁺] C₃₈H₄₄N₂Rh₂²⁺: m/z = 367.0779.

NMR Spectra [Cp*Rh(bmsab)] ([1])



Figure S1: ¹H-NMR-Spectrum (400 MHz, CD₂Cl₂, 25 °C) of compound [1].



[Cp*Rh(amsab)] ([2])



Figure S3: ¹H-NMR-Spectrum (400 MHz, CD₂Cl₂, 25 °C) of compound [2].



Figure S4: $^{13}C\{^{1}H\}$ -NMR-Spectrum (101 MHz, CD₂Cl₂, 25 °C) of compound [2].







Figure S6: ¹³C{¹H}-NMR-Spectrum (101 MHz, CD₂Cl₂, 25 °C) of compound [3].





Figure S8: ${}^{13}C{}^{1}H$ -NMR-Spectrum (101 MHz, CD₂Cl₂, 25 °C) of compound [4]. 180 170 140 130 120 110 100 20 10 ò



Figure S9: ¹H-NMR-Spectrum (700 MHz, CD₂Cl₂, 25 °C) of compound [5].



Figure S10: ¹³C-NMR-Spectrum (176 MHz, CD₂Cl₂, 25 °C) of compound [5].

[Cp*Rh(µ-bphiq)RhCp*] ([6])



Figure S11: ¹H-NMR-Spectrum (700 MHz, CD₂Cl₂, 25 °C) of compound [6].



Figure S12: ¹³C-NMR-Spectrum (176 MHz, CD₂Cl₂, 25 °C) of compound [6].

Electrochemistry



Cyclic voltammetry of [Cp*Rh(bmsab)·MeCN] ([1·MeCN])

Figure S13: Cyclic voltammetry of complex **[3]**. A: Anodic process at variable scan rates. B: Cathodic process at variable scan rates. C: Randles-Sevcik plot of oxidation. D: Randles-Sevcik plot of reduction.

	$E_{1/2} / V$	□E / V(100 mV/s)	I _a / μA (100 mV/s)	I _a /I _c
1 st Oxidation	0.20	0.072	28	1.13
2 nd Oxidation	0.67	0.072	19	1.12
Reduction	-1.44	0.074	23	0.9

Table S1: electrochemical data of [1:MeCN] in acetonitrile/NBu₄PF₆0.1 M. Potentials given against FcH/FcH⁺.

Cyclic voltammetry of [Cp*Rh(amsab)] ([2])

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Figure S14: Cyclic voltammetry of complex **[2]**. A: Anodic processes at variable scan rates. B: Cathodic process at variable scan rates. C: Randles-Sevcik plot of reduction.

	E1/2 / V	□E / V(100 mV/s)	Ia / µA (100 mV/s)	Ia/Ic (100 mV/s)
1 st Oxidation	-0.11	0.080	30	3.15
2 nd Oxidation	0.18	0.070	9.5	1.11
Reduction	-1.86	0.090	25	0.96

Table S2: electrochemical data of [2] in acetonitrile/NBu₄PF₆0.1 M. Potentials given against FcH/FcH⁺.

Cyclic voltammetry of [Cp*Rh(bphab)] ([3])



Figure S15: Cyclic voltammetry of complex **[3]**. A: Anodic process at variable scan rates. B: Cathodic process at variable scan rates. C: Randles-Sevcik plot of oxidation. D: Randles-Sevcik plot of reduction.

	E1/2 / V	□E / V(50 mV/s)	I _a / μA (50 mV/s)	I_a/I_c (50 mV/s)	
Oxidation	-0.23	0.039	18	1.05	
Reduction	-2.18	0.065	7.9	0.92	

Table S3: Electrochemical data of [3] in acetonitrile/NBu₄PF₆0.1 M. Potentials given against FcH/FcH⁺.

Cyclic voltammetry of [Cp*Rh(aphab)] ([4])



Figure S16: Cyclic voltammetry of complex **[4]**. A: Anodic process at variable scan rates. B: Cathodic process at variable scan rates. C: Randles-Sevcik plot of oxidation. D: Randles-Sevcik plot of reduction.

	${ m E}_{1/2}$ / V	□E / V(100 mV/s)	I _a / μA (100 mV/s)	I_a/I_c (100 mV/s)
Oxidation	-0.31	0.10	181	1.1
Reduction	-2.27	0.11	82	0.8

Table S4: Electrochemical data of [4] in acetonitrile/NBu4PF₆ 0.1 M. Potentials given against FcH/FcH⁺.



EPR Spectroscopy/Spectroelectrochemistry

Figure S17: Experimental and simulated spectra of reduced species [1] - [4]. [1], [2], [4] were generated by electrolysis in MeCN/TBAPF₆; [3] by chemical reduction with KC₈ in THF. Experimental spectra recorded at 103 K.

Table S5: Simulated and calculated EPR parameters of $[1] - [4]$. As ¹⁰³ Rh hyperfine coupling was
not resolved in [1] and [2], spectra were simulated by anisotropic line broadening via H-Strain.

	[1]	[2]	[3]	[4]
g-values	1.92 (1.94)	1.93 (1.96)	1.94 (1.96)	1.94 (1.96)
	2.03 (2.03)	2.03 (2.02)	2.00 (2.00)	2.00 (2.00)
(calc.)	2.21 (2.16)	2.20 (2.13)	2.16 (2.12)	2.16 (2.12)
A / MHz			35	43
			0.1	0.1
			55	64
H-Strain	105	69		
	30	27		
	110	99		
Line-width	0.6 mT	0.6 mT	1.2 mT	0.9 mT

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Oxidations

[1]



Figure S18: Spectral changes during first oxidation of [1] in acetonitrile/NBu₄PF₆, OTTLE cell, Pt WE (left). The overlay of spectra before oxidation, after oxidation and after re-reduction (right) confirms the chemical reversibility of the process.

[3]



Figure S19: Spectral changes during oxidation of **[3]** in acetonitrile/NBu₄PF₆, OTTLE cell, Pt WE (left). The overlay of spectra before oxidation, after oxidation and after re-reduction (right) confirms the chemical reversibility of the process.



Figure S20: Spectral changes during oxidation of [4] in acetonitrile/NBu₄PF₆, OTTLE cell, Pt WE (left). The overlay of spectra before oxidation, after oxidation and after re-reduction (right) confirms the chemical reversibility of the process.

Reductions

[1]



Figure S21: Spectral changes during reduction of [1] in acetonitrile/NBu₄PF₆, OTTLE cell, Pt WE (left). The overlay of spectra before reduction, after reduction and after re-oxdiation (right) confirms the chemical reversibility of the process.



Figure S22: Spectral changes during reduction of **[2]** in acetonitrile/NBu₄PF₆, OTTLE cell, Pt WE (left). The overlay of spectra before reduction, after reduction and after re-oxdiation (right) confirms the chemical reversibility of the process.

[3]



Figure S23: Spectral changes during reduction of [3] in acetonitrile/NBu₄PF₆, OTTLE cell, Pt WE (left). The overlay of spectra before reduction, after reduction and after re-oxdiation (right) confirms the chemical reversibility of the process.



Figure S24: Spectral changes during reduction of [4] in acetonitrile/NBu₄PF₆, OTTLE cell, Au WE (left). The overlay of spectra before reduction, after reduction and after re-oxdiation (right) confirms the chemical reversibility of the process.

Spectra of native species in DCM and MeCN



Figure S25: UV/Vis/NIR spectra of native complexes in DCM (blue traces) and acetonitrile (red traces).

Reactivity studies

a) Reaction of [CoCp*2][1] with O2

An EPR tube was charged with solution of $[CoCp*_2][1]$ in dry and degassed acetonitrile, placed in the EPR spectrometer and treated with O₂ gas at 0 °C. The reaction was monitored by EPR spectroscopy to detect spectral signatures of an O₂ adduct. The shift to a g_{iso} value closer to g_{el} indicates a shift of electron density away from the metal center, which indicates formation of a superoxido complex. The anisotropic g values are in accordance with previously published superoxido complexes of Rhodium as shown in table S6.



Figure S26: EPR monitoring of the reaction of reduced $[1]^-$ with O₂. Left: Shift in g_{iso} upon reaction with O₂. Right: Anisotropic spectrum in frozen acetontrile.

Table S6: Simulated g-values of the O_2 adduct of $[1]^-$ in comparison with reported Rh superoxido complexes.

	g_1	g_2	g_3	
[1-O ₂] ⁻	2.085	2.019	1.995	
[(TPP)RhO ₂]	2.084	2.025	1.993	
[(TPP)RhO ₂ (POEt ₃)] ^[2]	2.086	2.009	2.004	
<i>cis</i> -[Rh(en) ₂ Cl(O ₂)] ^{+[3]}	2.0861	2.0229	1.9919	

b) Reactivity towards DCM

In order to aid with signal assignment, a separate sample of the Rh^{III} chloride complex [1-Cl]⁻ was prepared by stirring equimolar amounts of [1] and NEt₄Cl in DCM for 20 min and removing the solvent. The ¹H-NMR spectrum of [1-Cl]⁻ shows quantitative conversion and four characteristic resonances at δ = 7.63 (m, 2 H), 6.59 (m, 2 H), 2.58 (s, 6 H) and 1.54 (s, 15 H) ppm.



Scheme S2: The reaction of [1]⁻ with DCM.

[CoCp*2][1] (20 mg, 0.024 mmol, 1 eq) was dissolved in MeCN and an excess of dichloromethane was added. After 4 h, the green solution had turned yellow. The solvent was removed and the residue washed with diethyl ether to give a sticky red solid. All solids were dissolved in MeCN- d_3 and investigated by ¹H- and ¹³C-NMR. The [CoCp*₂]⁺ resonance at $\delta = 1.70$ ppm was used as an internal reference to determine the spectroscopic yield (100 % yield would correspond to a ratio of 1:15 of one aromatic phenylene multiplet to the $[CoCp*_2]^+$ resonance). In the reaction mixture, two separate sets of signals can be discerned. One set of signals can be assigned to [1-CI]⁻ by comparison with the authentic sample described above. By comparing integrals with the $[CoCp*_2]^+$ resonance, a yield of approximately 50 % for [1-CI⁻ is determined. The second set of signals comprises three resonances that can be attributed to the bmsab ligand, but shows no Cp* signal. Instead, four singlet signals with an intensity ration of 2:6:3:6 are observed. The chemical shifts and intensities of these ($\delta = 2.95, 2.01, 1.75$ and 1.02 ppm) are comparable to the signals described by Kölle for an exo-functionalized cyclopentadiene bound to Co^{I} : $\delta = 2.58$ (2 H), 1.75 (6 H), 1.50 (3 H) and 0.75 (6 H) ppm.²³ Additionally, the ¹³C spectrum shows three doublet signals ($\delta = 90.4, 67.0, 60.05$ ppm) with coupling constants of 11.2 Hz, 11.4 Hz and 4.4 Hz. This indicates an n4-bound cyclopentadiene. The HMBC spectrum shows coupling between these ring carbons and the singlets described above, confirming the presence of a functionalized cyclopentadiene ligand bound to Rh. The constitution is confirmed by the expected signals for [1-CH₂Cl]⁻ in the mass spectrum. By comparing intensity ratios, a yield of approximately 20 % is determined. Based on the stoichiometry given in scheme S2, one would expect a 1:1 ratio of $[1-CI]^-$ and $[1-CH_2CI]^-$. We tentatively attribute the deviation from the ideal 1:1 ratio to the previously described instability of exo-functionalized cyclopentadienes towards further reactivity.²³ All spectra are given below.

NEt₄[1-Cl]:

¹H NMR (250 MHz, CD₃CN, 25 °C): δ = 7.63 (m, 2 H), 6.59 (m, 2 H), 3.16 (q, Hz, 8 H, NEt₄), 2.58 (s, 6 H), 1.54 (s, 15 H), 1.20 (m, 12 H, NEt₄) ppm.

¹³C{¹H}-NMR (176 MHz, CD₃CN, 25 °C): δ = 145.9, 120.9, 120.3, 95.5, 53.1 (NEt₄⁺), 39.9, 9.4, 7.7 (NEt₄⁺) ppm.

HR-MS (ESI): m/z = 534.9996 [M⁻], calcd. for [M⁻] C₁₈H₂₅N₂O₄S₂RhCl⁻: m/z = 534.9994.

[CoCp*2][1-Cl]:

¹**H** NMR (700 MHz, CD₃CN, 25 °C): δ = 7.66 (m, 2 H), 6.57 (m, 2 H), 2.60 (s, 6 H), 1.70 (s, 60 H, [CoCp*₂]⁺), 1.52 (s, 15 H) ppm.

¹³C{¹H}-NMR (176 MHz, CD₃CN, 25 °C): δ = 146.1, 120.7, 120.5, 95.2 ([CoCp*₂]⁺), 94.8, 39.9, 9.4, 8.3 ([CoCp*₂]⁺) ppm.

HR-MS (ESI): m/z = 535.0009 [M⁻], calcd. for [M⁻] C₁₈H₂₅N₂O₄S₂RhCl⁻: m/z = 534.9994.

[CoCp*2][1-CH2Cl]:

¹**H NMR** (700 MHz, CD₃CN, 25 °C): δ = 7.25 (m, 2 H), 6.52 (m, 2 H), 2.95 (s, 2 H,), 2.65 (s, 6 H), 2.01 (s, 6 H), 1.75 (2, 3 H), 1.70 (s, 155 H, [CoCp*₂]⁺) 1.02 (s, 6 H) ppm.

¹³C{¹H}-NMR (176 MHz, CD₃CN, 25 °C): δ = 145.8, 120.3, 119.6, 95.2 ([CoCp*₂]⁺), 90.4 (d, 11.4 Hz), 67.0 (d, 11.2 Hz), 60.05 (d, 4.4 Hz), 50.6, 40.5, 19.4, 11.7, 11.4, 8.3 ([CoCp*₂]⁺) ppm. **HR-MS** (ESI): m/z = 549.0163 [M⁻], calcd. for [M⁻] C₁₉H₂₇N₂O₄S₂RhCl⁻: m/z = 549.0161.



Figure S27: ¹H-NMR spectrum of NEt₄[1-Cl].





Figure S29: ¹H-NMR spectrum of the product mixture after reaction with DCM. Assignments given for [1-Cl]⁻.



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Figure S30: ¹³C-NMR spectrum of the product mixture after reaction with DCM. Assignments given for [1-Cl]⁻



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Figure S33: ¹H-¹³C-HMBC of the product mixture after reaction with DCM. The blue rectangles highlight the coupling between the doublet signals of the ring carbons and the proton signals of the substituents on the cyclopentadiene ring.

c) NMR monitoring of the addition of [CH₃]⁺ to [3]

A Young NMR tube was charged with [3], [Me₃O][BF₄] and DCM- d_2 . NMR spectra were recorded approximately every 24 h to detect the intermediate formation of [3-CH₃]. The appearance of a doublet at low-field ($\delta = 0.75$ ppm, J = 2 Hz) (see inset in figure S27) is indicative of a Rh-bound methyl group. At the same time, the formation of the binuclear complex [5]²⁺ is visible. Characteristic signals of the substrate [3]*, the binuclear reaction product [5]^{2+*} and the putative intermediate [3-CH₃]^{+*} are marked with asterisks of different color. The intense signal at $\delta = 3.25$ ppm corresponds to the side product dimethyl ether.



Figure S34: NMR monitoring of the reaction of [3] with Meerwein's salt.

DFT calculations

HOMOs and LUMOs of neutral complexes



Figure S35: HOMOs (left) and LUMOs (right) of complexes [1] - [4], calculated at the UKS-TPSSh/def2-TZVP level of theory. Contour values 0.042.

Spin densities of anionic Rh(II) complexes



Figure S36: Spin densities of the anionic Rh species [1]- - [4]- at UKS-TPSSh/def2-TZVP level. Contour value 0.015.

Model input for geometry optimization and frequency calculation

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Model input for UKS single-point calculation

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Coordinates of minimum structures

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a (Å)	13.613(2)	13.601(3)	13.266(3)
b (Å)	17.390(2)	11.169(2)	15.322(3)
c (Å)	7.941(1)	15.316(2)	16.848(3)
□ □(°)	90	90	90
β (°)	90	103.4(1)	90
□ (°)	90	90	90
V (Å ³)	1879.8(3)	2262.8(4)	3424(2)
Z	4	4	8
Densitiy (g cm ⁻³)	1.768	1.589	1.638
F(000)	1024	1112	1728
Radiation Type	MoK□	MoK□	MoK□
μ (mm ⁻¹)	1.159	0.971	1.130
Crystal size	0.38 x 0.17 x 0.12	0.26 x 0.26 x 0.15	0.2 x 0.18 x 0.17
Meas. Refl.	55638	54654	55917
Indep. Refl.	2410	9395	3510
Obsvd. $[I > 2\sigma(I)]$ refl.	2302	8325	3000
R _{int}	0.0307	0.0384	0.0524
R $[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)],$ wR(F ²), S	0.0182, 0.0492, 1.079	0.0255, 0.0618, 1.058	0.0218, 0.0516, 1.013
$\Delta \rho_{max}, \Delta \rho_{min} (e \text{ Å}^{-3})$	0.449, -0.530	0.527, -1.059	0.418, -0.458

Crystallographic Details Table S7: Crystallographic details of complexes [1], [1•MeCN] and [2].

	[Cp*Rh(aphab)]	[Cp*Rh(bphab)]	[Cp*Rh(bphiq) [.] MeCN](BF4)2 [.] CH3CN
Chemical formula	$C_{22}H_{25}N_2Rh$	$C_{28}H_{29}N_2Rh$	$C_{32}H_{35}B_2F_8N_4Rh$
Mr	420.35	496.44	752.17
Crystal system	Monoclinic	Monoclinic	Monoclinic
Space group	$P2_1/c$	$P2_1/n$	P21/c
a (Å)	10.494(1)	19.096(3)	13.237(1)
b (Å)	11.475(2)	10.305(1)	12.762(1)
c (Å)	15.747(1)	23.860(1)	19.660(1)
$\Box \Box (^{\circ})$	90	90	90
β (°)	90.1(1)	104.5(1)	92.7(1)
□ (°)	90	90	90
V (Å ³)	1896.1(2)	4547(2)	3317.5(3)
Z	4	8	4
Densitiy (g cm ⁻³)	1.473	1.451	1.506
F(000)	864	2048	1528
Radiation Type	MoK□	MoK□	MoK□
μ (mm ⁻¹)	0.907	0.769	0.589
Crystal size	0.40 x 0.21 x 0.14	0.56 x 0.431 x 0.104	0.43 x 0.24 x 0.20
Meas. Refl.	41261	40214	89550
Indep. Refl.	5805	11261	12669
Obsvd. $[I > 2\sigma(I)]$ refl.	5126	6682	10757
R _{int}	0.0345	0.0632	0.0257
R [$F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)$], wR(F^2), S	0.0233, 0.0521, 1.061	0.0619, 0.1615, 1.057	0.0258, 0.0709, 1.060
$\Delta ho_{max}, \Delta ho_{min}$ (e Å ⁻³)	0.550, -0.415	1.99,-1.38	0.642, -0.435

Table S8: Crystallographic details of complexes [3], [4] and [3•MeCN](BF4)2.

	[CoCp*2][Cp*Rh(bmsab)] ·C4H10O	[CoCp*2][Cp*RhCl(bmsab)] ·CH3CN	[Cp*Rh(bphiq)RhCp*] (BF4)2
Chemical formula	$C_{42}H_{65}CoN_2O_5RhS_2$	$C_{40}H_{58}ClCoN_3O_4RhS_2$	$C_{38}H_{44}B_2F_8N_2Rh_2$
$M_{ m r}$	903.92	906.3	908.19
Crystal system	Monoclinic	Monoclinic	Monoclinic
Space group	P21	P2 ₁ /c	$P2_1/c$
a (Å)	11.728 (1)	9.501 (1)	12.976 (1)
b (Å)	16.457 (1)	26.108 (2)	16.873 (2)
c (Å)	12.111 (1)	17.112 (1)	18.288 (2)
□ □(°)	90	90	90
β (°)	113.8 (1)	103.0 (1)	99.5 (1)
□ (°)	90	90	90
V (Å ³)	2138.7 (2)	4135.7 (3)	3948.9(4)
Z	2	8	4
Densitiy (g cm ⁻³)	1.404	1.456	1.528
F(000)	950	1888	1832
Radiation Type	MoK□	MoK□	MoK□
μ (mm ⁻¹)	0.915	1.009	0.902
Crystal size	0.66 x 0.32 x 0.25	0.33 x 0.31 x 0.16	0.75 x 0.33 x 0.07
Meas. Refl.	57767	48602	53346
Indep. Refl.	13015	10303	9848
Obsvd. $[I > 2\sigma(I)]$ refl.	12193	7661	7158
R _{int}	0.0264	0.0448	0.0584
R [$F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)$], wR(F^2), S	0.0242, 0.0556, 1.032	0.0439, 0.1073, 1.039	0.0393, 0.0913, 1.014
$\Delta \rho_{\text{max}}, \Delta \rho_{\text{min}} (e \text{ Å}^{-3})$	0.492, -0.544	1.809, -1.154	1.156, -0.693

Table S9: Crystallographic details of complexes [CoCp*2][1], [CoCp*2][1] and [5](BF4)2.

Additional Bond Lengths and Angles

 Table S10: Selected bond lengths, bond angles and dihedral angles in neutral complexes [1] - [4]. Bond lengths given in Å.

	[Rh1]	[Rh1·MeCN]	[Rh2]	[Rh3]	[Rh4]
C1-C2	1.417(3)	1.413(2)	1.418(3)		1.418(2)
C2-C3	1.398(2)	1.398(3)	1.403(3)		1.403(3)
C3-C4	1.388(2)	1.394(2)	1.386(3)		1.375(3)
C4-C5	1.397(3)	1.380(2)	1.395(3)		1.402(3)
C5-C6	1.388(2)	1.393(2)	1.390(3)		1.379(3)
C6-C1	1.398(2)	1.399(2)	1.401(3)		1.400(2)
C1-N1-R1	113.57(7)°	120.84(9)°	118.27(14)°		118.18(13)°
C1-N1-Rh	116.21(9)°	113.43(8)	114.90(13)°		117.11(10)°
R1-N1-Rh	123.27(7)	124.39(6)	126.28(10)°		124.7(1)°
C2-N2-R2	113.57(7)°	119.43(8)°	112.7(19)°		116.4(14)°
C2-N2-Rh	116.21(9)°	112.79(7)°	120.16(14)°		118.31(11)°
R2-N2-Rh	123.27(7)	123.81(6)°	127.1(19)°		125.3(14)°
N1-Rh-N2	76.81(7)°	77.37(4)°	77.93(7)°		78.32(6)°
C1-N1-R1-Rh	170.8°	167.4°	171.3°		179.3°
C2-N2-R2-Rh	170.8°	157.3°	179.2°		177.5°

 Table S11: Selected bond lengths, bond angles and dihedral angles in complex [CoCp*2][1]. Bond lengths given in Å.

	[CoCp*2][Rh1]
Rh-N1	2.096(3)
Rh-N2	2.102(3)
N1-C1	1.403(4)
N2-C2	1.415(4)
C1-C2	1.412(4)
C2-C3	1.403(4)
C3-C4	1.380(5)
C4-C5	1.370(5)
C5-C6	1.385(4)
C6-C1	1.400(4)
C1-N1-R1	119.2(2)°
C1-N1-Rh	114.35(19)°
R1-N1-Rh	126.32(1)°
C2-N2-R2	119.2(2)°
C2-N2-Rh	114.40(19)°
R2-N2-Rh	125.75(16)°
N1-Rh-N2	76.27(6)°
C1-N1-R1-Rh	175.3°
C2-N2-R2-Rh	174.4°



Figure S37: Side view of complex [5](BF₄)₂. Anions and H atoms omitted for clarity. Ellipsoids drawn at 50 % probability.

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