

Supplementary Information

Novel stereoelectronic properties of 5-coordinate Ruthenium(0) nitrosyl complexes

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Methods

General: Ru(NO)Cl₃·H₂O and bis(2-diisopropylphosphinoethyl)amine (10% in THF) were purchased from Strem Chemicals. NaBr and NaI were purchased from Merck Denmark. Deuterated solvents were purchased from Fluorochem. Ethanol, THF, diethyl ether and anhydrous acetone were purchased from VWR Denmark. Ethanol was dried by refluxing over magnesium/iodine under N₂ atmosphere overnight followed by trap-to-trap distillation followed by degassing by 3 cycles of freeze-pump-thaw and stored under N₂ over 3 Å molecular sieves (activated by microwave heating). Acetone was flushed with N₂ prior to use. THF and Et₂O were dried over aluminum oxide, purged with N₂ and stored inside an Ar filled glovebox. All manipulations were conducted using standard Schlenk techniques unless otherwise stated. Ru¹⁵NOC₃ used for ¹⁵N-enriched samples were synthesized according to literature.⁴⁵ The complexes **1a** and **1b** were obtained *a priori*.⁴⁶

(PNP)RuCl(NO) (**2**): To a red ethanolic solution (1 mL) of 70 mg (129 μmol) of **1** was added 17.6 mg (2 equiv.) NaOEt in 3 mL EtOH whereby the solution darkened. The dark red solution was stirred at 50 °C for 2 h, giving an intense dark green solution which was allowed to cool down to rt before all volatiles were removed *in vacuo*. The crude product was extracted three times with 1.5 mL THF by filtering through cannula. The combined extracts were dried *in vacuo* yielding the pure product as a green solid. Further handling of the extremely air sensitive compound was done in a glovebox where the product was dissolved in THF and subsequently left in the freezer at -30 °C for 3 days whereafter the mother liquor was decanted off and the crystals were washed with cold THF. An additional batch of crystals was isolated by reducing the volume of the mother liquor until precipitation set in followed by storing at -30 °C, decanting and washing with cold THF. Yield (crystals): 45% NMR DATA ¹H NMR (14.1 T C₆D₆): δ/ppm 3.05 (m, iPr1-CH, 2H), 2.44 (t, 3J = 11.6 Hz, NH, 1H) 2.28 (m, NCH₂a, 2H), 2.13 (m, iPr2-CH, 2H), 2.09 (m, NCH₂b, 2H), 1.62 (m, P-CH₂, 4H), 1.69 (m, iPr1-CH₃1, 6H), 1.18 (m, iPr1-CH₃2, 6H), 1.15 (m, iPr2-CH₃1, 6H) 1.06 (m, iPr2-CH₃2, 6H). ¹³C NMR (18.8 T C₆D₆): δ/ppm 53.7 (broad, NCH₂), 28.7 (t, ¹J(¹³C-³¹P) = 9.5 Hz, PCH₂), 26.5 (t, ¹J(¹³C-³¹P) = 8.8 Hz, iPr2-CH) 26.0 (t, ¹J(¹³C-³¹P) = 10.8 Hz, iPr1-CH), 21.0 (broad, iPr1-CH₃1), 19.8 (broad, iPr2-CH₃1), 17.3 (broad, iPr1-CH₃2), 19.3 (broad, iPr2-CH₃2). ³¹P NMR (14.1 T C₆D₆): δ/ppm 71.2. ¹⁵N NMR (18.8 T C₆D₆): δ/ppm 62.6 (Ru-NCH₂1), 429 (Ru-NO). ATR-FTIR: $\tilde{\nu}$ /cm⁻¹ 1630 (NO).

(PNP)RuBr(NO) (**3**): In 3 mL EtOH was dissolved 120 mg (221 μmol) **1** and treated with 30 mg (442 μmol, 2 equiv.) NaOEt in 5 mL EtOH. The resulting dark red solution was stirred at 50 °C for 2 h and subsequently allowed to cool to rt. The tempered solution was filtered via cannula into a Schlenk flask loaded with 68 mg (661 μmol, 2.6 equiv.) NaBr. The head space atmosphere was carefully removed, and the suspension was stirred at rt for 24 h. All volatiles were removed *in vacuo* and the product was extracted 3 times with 4 mL THF using cannula filtration. By evaporation of the combined extracts, the extremely air sensitive compound **3** could be isolated as a brownish powder. Inside an Ar filled glovebox, the product was dissolved in THF and layered with Et₂O and left for crystallization at -30 °C for one week. The liquid phase was decanted, and the crystals were washed with cold THF. An additional amount of product was isolated by concentration until precipitation occurred followed by layering with Et₂O and storing at -30 °C for one week. Combined yield (crystals): 51% NMR DATA ¹H NMR (14.1 T C₆D₆): δ/ppm 3.18 (m, iPr1-CH, 2H), 2.51 (t, 3J = 11.6 Hz, NH, 1H) 2.31 (m, NCH₂a, 2H), 2.15 (m, iPr2-CH, 2H), 2.03 (m, NCH₂b, 2H), 1.72 (m, P-CH₂a, 2H), 1.68 (m, iPr1-CH₃1, 6H), 1.63 (m, P-CH₂b, 2H), 1.35 (m, iPr1-CH₃2, 6H), 1.17 (m, iPr2-CH₃1, 6H) 1.05 (m, iPr2-CH₃2, 6H). ¹³C NMR (18.8 T C₆D₆): δ/ppm 54.0 (broad, NCH₂), 29.0 (t, ¹J(¹³C-³¹P) = 9.5 Hz, PCH₂), 27.0 (t, ¹J(¹³C-³¹P) = 8.8 Hz, iPr1-CH) 26.6 (t,

$^1J(^{13}\text{C}-^{31}\text{P}) = 10.8$ Hz, iPr2-CH), 21.0 (broad, iPr1-CH₃1), 19.9 (broad, iPr2-CH₃1), 19.6 (broad, iPr2-CH₃2). 17.4 (broad, iPr1-CH₃2). ^{31}P NMR (14.1 T C₆D₆): δ/ppm 70.1. ^{15}N NMR (18.8 T C₆D₆): δ/ppm 60.3 (Ru-NCH₂), 415 (Ru-NO). ATR-FTIR: $\tilde{\nu}/\text{cm}^{-1}$ 1643 (NO).

(PNP)Ru(NO) (**4**): Dissolved in 3 mL acetone 50 mg (106 μmol) of **2** was resulting in an intensely green solution. Upon addition of 19 mg (127 μmol , 1.2 equiv.) NaI in 3 mL acetone, the green solution changed color instantly to purple. The purple solution was stirred at rt for 30 min before the solvent was removed in vacuo. The crude product was extracted 3 times with 1 mL THF via cannula filtration. By evaporation of the combined extracts the extremely air sensitive compound **4** could be isolated as purple powder. Inside the glovebox, the product was dissolved in the minimum amount of THF and Et₂O was diffused into the solution at -30 °C over the course of 10 days whereupon high quality crystals precipitated as black rhombic blocks. Yield (crystals): 45% NMR DATA ^1H NMR (14.1 T Tol-d₈): δ/ppm 3.29 (m, iPr1-CH, 2H), 2.65 (t, 3J = 11.6 Hz, NH, 1H) 2.50 (m, NCH₂a, 2H), 2.23 (m, iPr2-CH, 2H), 2.00 (m, NCH₂b, 2H), 1.91 (m, P-CH₂a, 2H), 1.76 (m, P-CH₂b, 2H), 1.66 (m, iPr1-CH₃1, 6H), 1.19 (m, iPr1-CH₃2, 6H), 1.13 (m, iPr2-CH₃1, 6H) 1.09 (m, iPr2-CH₃2, 6H). ^{13}C NMR (18.8 T Tol-d₈): δ/ppm 54.4 (broad, NCH₂), 29.5 (t, $^1J(^{13}\text{C}-^{31}\text{P}) = 10.4$ Hz, PCH₂), 29.3 (t, $^1J(^{13}\text{C}-^{31}\text{P}) = 11.8$ Hz, iPr1-CH) 26.6 (t, $^1J(^{13}\text{C}-^{31}\text{P}) = 9.9$ Hz, iPr2-CH), 20.9 (t, $^2J(^{13}\text{C}-^{31}\text{P}) = 3.1$ Hz, iPr1-CH₃1), 19.9 (broad, iPr2-CH₃1), 19.8 (t, $^2J(^{13}\text{C}-^{31}\text{P}) = 1.0$ Hz, iPr2-CH₃2). 17.2 t, $^2J(^{13}\text{C}-^{31}\text{P}) = 1.4$ Hz, iPr1-CH₃2). ^{31}P NMR (14.1 T Tol-d₈): δ/ppm 69.1. ^{15}N NMR (18.8 T Tol-d₈): δ/ppm 56.0 (Ru-NCH₂), 416 (Ru-NO). ATR-FTIR: $\tilde{\nu}/\text{cm}^{-1}$ 1646 (NO).

[(PNP)RuNO]BF₄ (**5**): In 4 mL EtOH was 100 mg (168.3 μmol) of **1b** dissolved and slowly treated with 22.9 mg (336.6 μmol , 2 equiv.) NaOEt in 4 mL EtOH at rt. The resulting dark red solution was heated to 55 °C and stirred at this temperature for 1 h where after the dark green solution was allowed to cool to rt. All volatiles were removed *in vacuo*. The crude product was washed with small amounts of toluene until the filtrates were only slightly colored (green). The pure, extremely air sensitive product was transferred to an argon filled glove box where the product was dissolved in THF and layered with Et₂O and left at -30 °C for 3 days. The mother liquor was decanted off and the high-quality crystals were dried in vacuo. An additional amount of product could be isolated by concentration of the mother liquor until precipitation followed by layering with Et₂O and leaving the solution at -30 °C for 5 days. Combined yield (crystals): 65% NMR DATA ^1H NMR (14.1 T THF-d₈): δ/ppm 2.99 (m, NCH₂a, 2H), 2.78 (m, iPr2-CH, 2H), 2.87 (m, iPr1-CH, 2H), 2.49 (t, 3J = 11.6 Hz, NH, 1H), 2.99 (m, NCH₂a, 2H), 2.78 (m, iPr2-CH, 2H), 2.60 (m, P-CH₂a, 2H), 2.46 (m, P-CH₂b, 2H), 2.21 (m, NCH₂b, 2H), 1.54 (m, iPr1-CH₃1, 6H), 1.52 (m, iPr2-CH₃1, 6H), 1.50 (m, iPr2-CH₃2, 6H) 1.46 (m, iPr1-CH₃2, 6H). ^{13}C NMR (18.8 T THF-d₈): δ/ppm 52.3 (dt, $^2J(^{13}\text{C}-^{31}\text{P}) = 4.7$ Hz NCH₂), 22.0 (t, $^1J(^{13}\text{C}-^{31}\text{P}) = 10.2$ Hz, PCH₂), 26.9 (t, $^1J(^{13}\text{C}-^{31}\text{P}) = 11.4$ Hz, iPr1-CH) 26.0 (t, $^1J(^{13}\text{C}-^{31}\text{P}) = 12.8$ Hz, iPr2-CH), 19.2 (t, $^2J(^{13}\text{C}-^{31}\text{P}) = 2.3$ Hz, iPr2-CH₃2), 18.8 (t, $^2J(^{13}\text{C}-^{31}\text{P}) = 2.1$ Hz, iPr1-CH₃2), 18.3 (broad iPr1-CH₃1). 18.1 (broad, iPr2-CH₃1). ^{31}P NMR (14.1 T THF-d₈): δ/ppm 75.5. ^{15}N NMR (18.8 T THF-d₈): δ/ppm 56.9 (Ru-NCH₂). ATR-FTIR: $\tilde{\nu}/\text{cm}^{-1}$ 1737 (NO).

(PNP)RuNO (**6**): In 10 mL Et₂O, was 100 mg (191.1 μmol) of **5** and 21.5 mg KO^tBu (191.6 μmol , 1 equiv.) suspended. The resulting dark red suspension was stirred at rt for 1 h and the mixture was subsequently filtered through a plug of Celite. The filtrate was evaporated in vacuo until dryness whereby the product was isolated as a reddish black powder. Single crystals suitable for X-ray diffraction analysis were obtained by saturating a mixture of Et₂O and pentane (1:1) with the titled compound and leaving the solution at -30 °C for ~25 days. Yield (crystals): 30% NMR DATA ^1H NMR

(14.1 T C₆D₆): δ /ppm 2.95 (m, NCH₂, 4H), 2.20 (m, iPr1-CH1, 4H), 1.86 (m, P-CH₂, 4H), 1.34 (m, iPr-CH₃1, 12H), 1.21 (m, iPr-CH₃2, 12H). ¹³C NMR (18.8 T C₆D₆): δ /ppm 61.2 (t, ¹J(¹³C-³¹P) = 8.3 NCH₂), 26.4 (t, ¹J(¹³C-³¹P) = 10.7 Hz, iPr1-CH), 24.1 (t, ¹J(¹³C-³¹P) = 9.5 Hz, PCH₂), 19.7 t, ²J(¹³C-³¹P) = 3 Hz iPr-CH₃1), 18.4 (broad, iPr-CH₃2). ³¹P NMR (14.1 T C₆D₆): δ /ppm 89.0. ¹⁵N NMR (18.8 T C₆D₆): δ /ppm 388.9 (Ru-NO), 159.5 (Ru-NCH₂). ATR-FTIR: $\tilde{\nu}$ /cm⁻¹ 1666 (NO).

Computational details

All DFT calculations were performed using the ORCA 5 software package.^{47,48} All energies were converged to 10⁻⁶ atomic units using the identity approximation to speed up calculations.⁴⁹ Geometry-optimized structures and energies were calculated using the PBE0^{50,51} and the hybrid TPSSh⁵² functional with def2-SVP and def2-TZVPP basis sets respectively⁵³ together with Grimme's D4 methodology to account for dispersion forces,^{54,55} as well as Weigend's def2/J auxiliary basis.⁵⁶ Specifically for geometry optimization, the def2-QZVP^{53,56} basis set was employed on Ru, N and O atoms. Single-point energy calculations were achieved using the TPSSh/def2-TZVP methodology together with the NBO7 program to obtain natural population analysis (NPA).⁵⁷ The effective core potential (ECP) approximation was used to account for the 28 inner core electrons of the Ru and I atoms.^{58,59} All vibrational frequencies were calculated under the harmonic oscillator approximation. No solvent model was employed in the calculations as all spectroscopic and crystallographic results did not suggest any non-negligible solvent-effect in solution phase.

X-ray Crystallography

General: All crystal batches for X-ray diffraction analysis were immersed in polybutene oil (Aldrich, >90%) as protection against air. A suitable crystal was harvested with a MiTeGen cryo loop and mounted on a goniometer attached to a SuperNova Dual Source CCD-diffractometer. Data was collected at 120 K using CuK α radiation (**1b**, **2**, **5**, **6**) or MoK α (**1a**, **3**, **4**). Using Olex2,⁶⁰ all structures were solved using SHELXT⁶¹ structure solution program using Intrinsic Phasing and refined with SHELXL⁶² refinement package using Least Squares minimization.

Attenuated-Total-Reflection Fourier Transform Infrared Spectroscopy

The attenuated-total-Reflectance (ATR) Fourier Transform infrared (FTIR) spectra were recorded on a VERTEX 80 vacuum FTIR spectrometer from Bruker Optics GmbH. The FTIR spectrometer was equipped with a Ge on KBr beam splitter, a liquid nitrogen cooled HgCdTe detector, a thermal global radiation source and a single-reflection germanium ATR accessory (IRIS) from PIKE Technologies Inc. Small traces of residual water vapor absorption from the interferometer were subtracted and the resulting absorption spectra were corrected for minor baseline drifts. Subsequently, extended ATR corrections were applied to account for the wavelength-dependent penetration depth of the infrared probe beam into the solid samples.

Below are the full ATR FTIR spectra of the complexes **2** – **6** shown

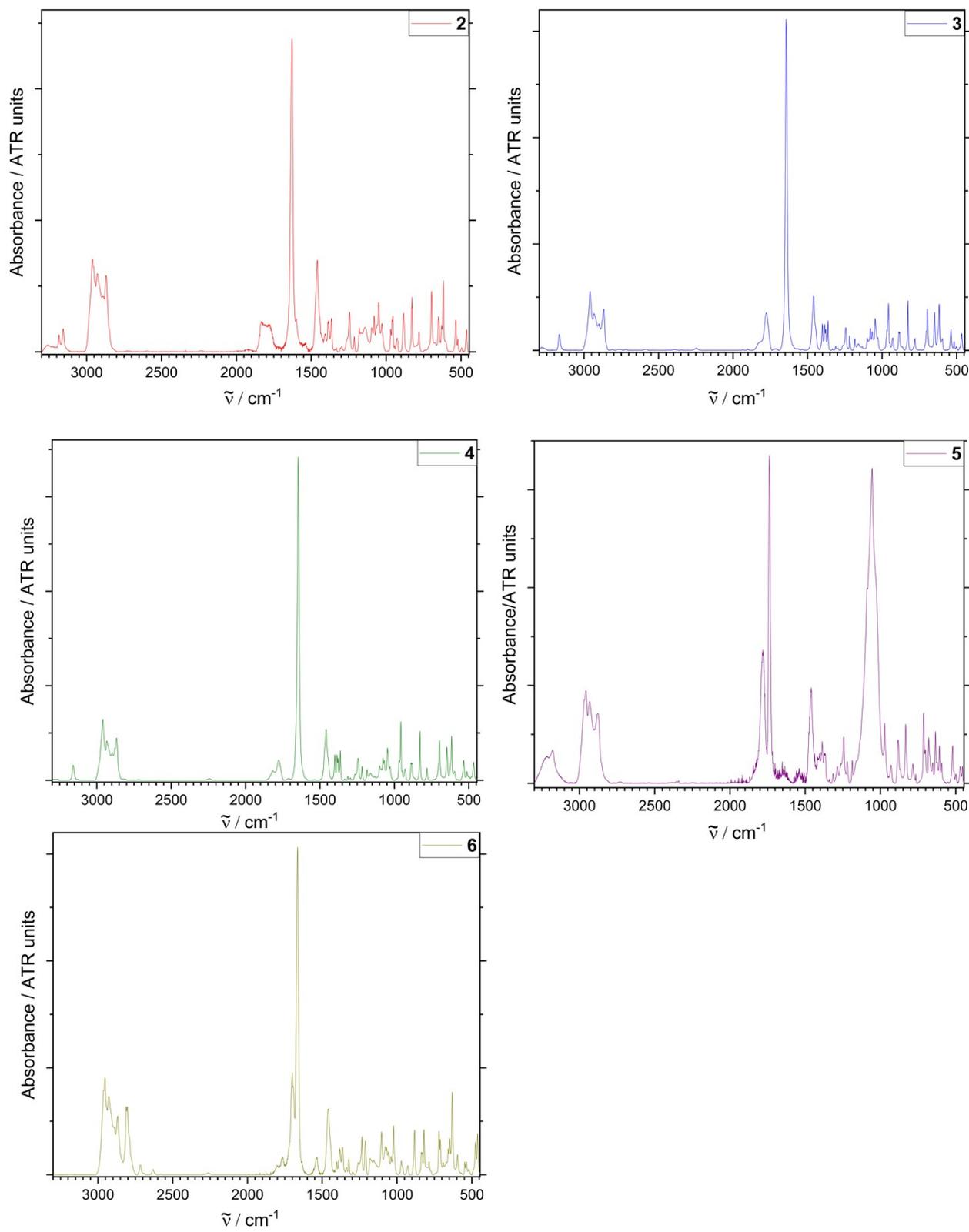


Table S1. Selected experimental and calculated (harmonic approximation) geometries, vibrational NO frequencies and experimental NMR data. Experimental data is expressed in bold. “*Syn*” and “*anti*” refer to the orientation with respect to the amine proton.

Measure	1a	2	3	4	5	6	X=F	X=OMe
$\nu(\text{NO}) / \text{cm}^{-1}$								
exp.	1838	1630	1643	1646	1737	1666	-	-
calc.	-	1752	1756	1762	1867	1784	1741	1720
Ru-X / Å								
exp.	<i>syn</i>: 2.377 <i>anti</i>: 2.366	2.5523	2.698	2.8637	-	-	-	-
calc.	-	2.5767	2.725	2.9211	-	-	2.178	2.174
Ru-NO / Å								
exp.	1.7536	1.727	1.752	1.737	1.719	1.752	-	-
calc.	-	1.734	1.734	1.735	1.727	1.750	1.728	1.733
N-O / Å								
exp.	1.134	1.191	1.173	1.185	1.172	1.187	-	-
calc.	-	1.195	1.194	1.193	1.174	1.191	1.198	1.200
HN-Ru / Å								
exp.	2.150	2.221	2.225	2.235	2.176	2.007	-	-
calc.	-	2.285	2.289	2.291	2.197	2.019	2.276	2.314
Ru-N-O / °								
exp.	178.039	172.9	174.28	174.2	177.56	179.89	-	-
calc.	-	179.3	178.38	177.0	178.43	176.49	176.09	177.92
X-Ru-NO / °								
exp.	<i>syn</i>: 92.665 <i>anti</i>: 85.724	141.041	138.149	135.716	-	-	-	-
calc.	-	136.88	133.33	128.34	-	-	148.8	146.6
HN-Ru-X / °								
exp.	<i>syn</i>: 86.164 <i>anti</i>: 85.724	79.616	79.945	82.328	-	-	-	-
calc.	-	74.153	75.712	77.754	-	-	67.691	66.827
NMR δ / ppm:								
^{15}NH	67.8	62.6	60.3	56.0	75.5	159.5	-	-
^{31}P	68.0	71.2	70.1	69.1	56.9	89.0	-	-
$^1\text{H-N}$	-	2.44	2.51	2.65	2.49	-	-	-
^{15}NO	373	429	415	416	-	388	-	-

NMR Spectroscopy:

The NMR spectra were measured using either a 18.8T Bruker Avance III or 14.1T Bruker Avance IIIHD spectrometer. The 18.8T system was mounted with a 5 mm TCI CryoProbe (Bruker) while the 14.1T system was mounted with a 5 mm RT BBFO probe (Bruker). All measurements were performed at 25°C. Resonance assignment was performed using 2D ^1H - ^{13}C HSQC, ^1H - ^{13}C HMBC and ^1H - ^{31}P HMBC spectra measured at 14.1 T, while ^1H - ^{15}N HMBC spectra and 1D ^{13}C spectra were measured at 18.8 T. ^1H and ^{13}C Chemical shifts are reported relative to TMS, ^{31}P chemical shifts are reported relative to H_3PO_4 and ^{15}N chemical shifts are reported relative to liquid ammonia (for comparison with CH_3NO_2 subtract 380.2 ppm from the listed values).

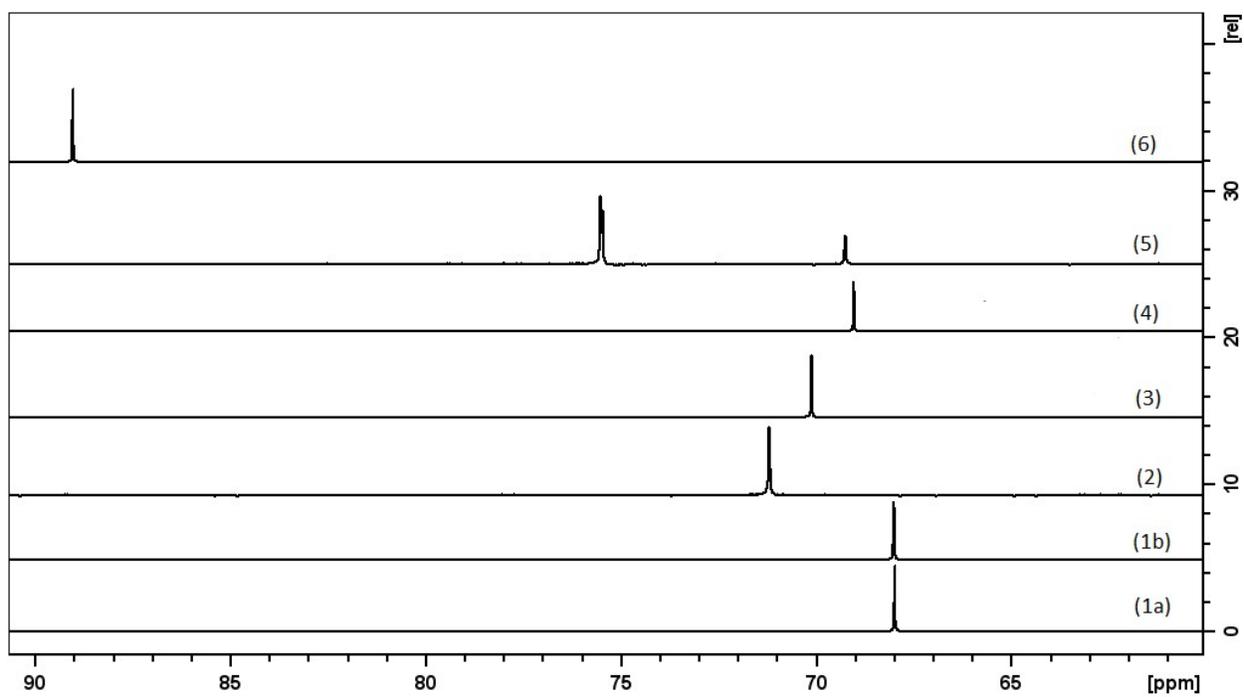


Figure S1: ^{31}P NMR spectra of all complexes indicated by number as they appear in the main text.

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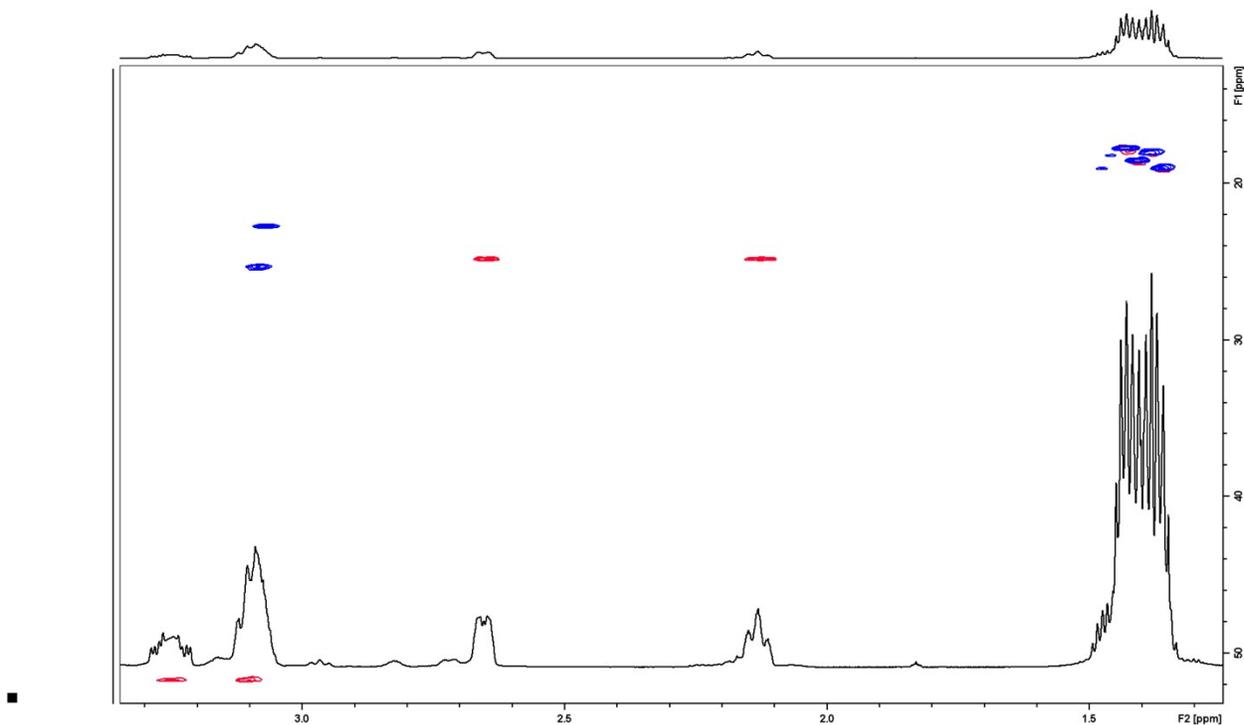


Figure S2: HSQC NMR spectrum of **1a** with ^1H spectrum attached for clarity.

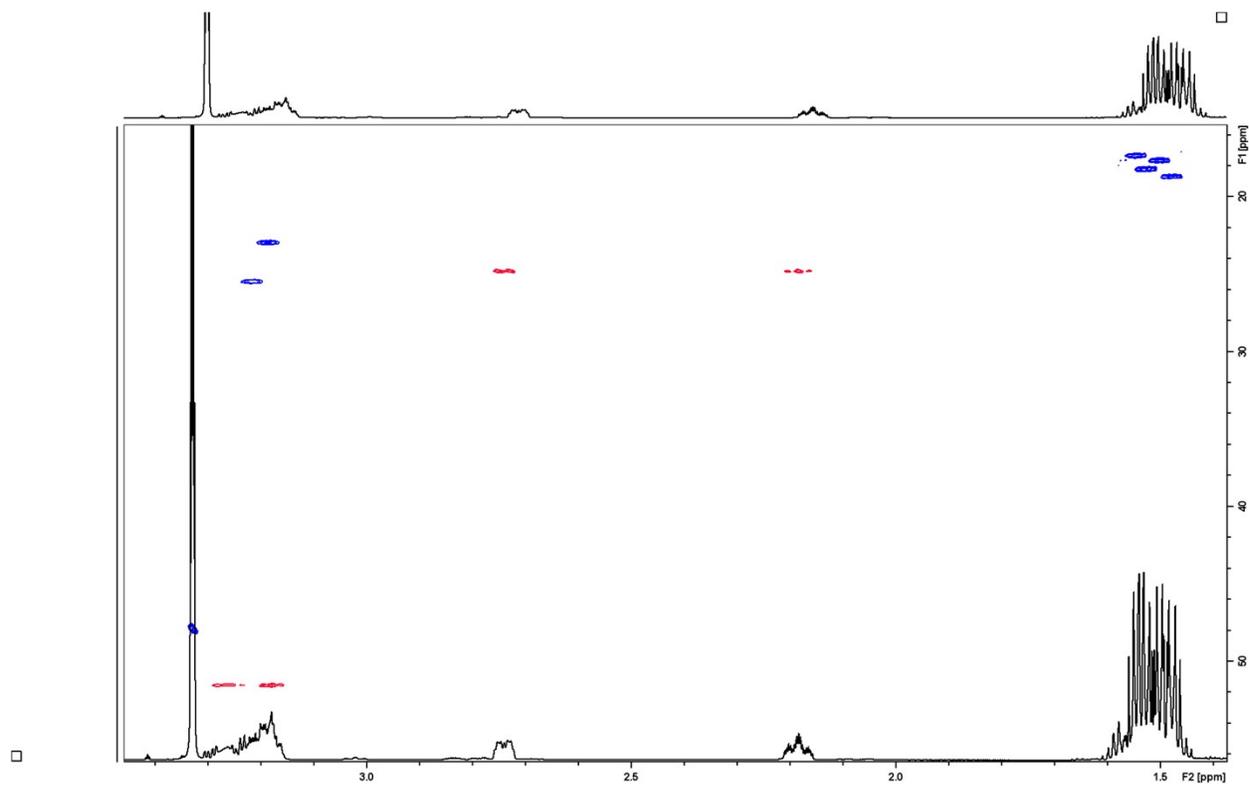


Figure S3: HSQC NMR spectrum of **1b** with ^1H NMR spectrum attached for clarity.

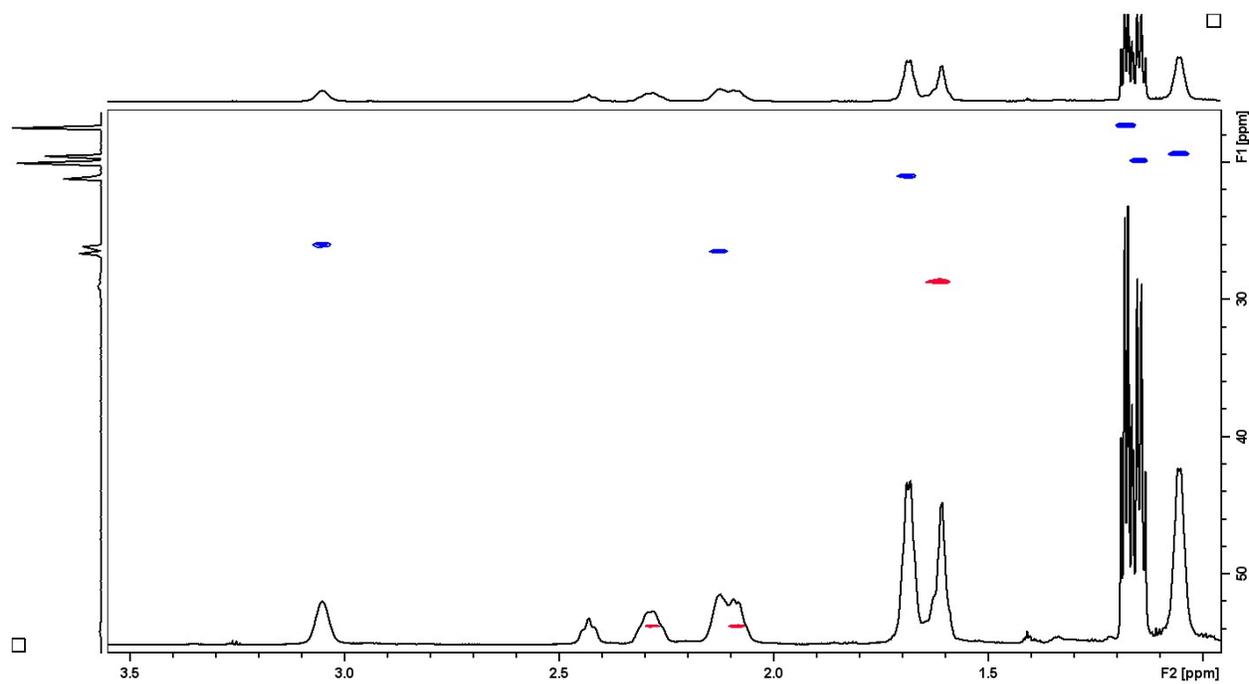


Figure S4: HSQC NMR spectrum of **2** with ^1H NMR spectrum attached for clarity.

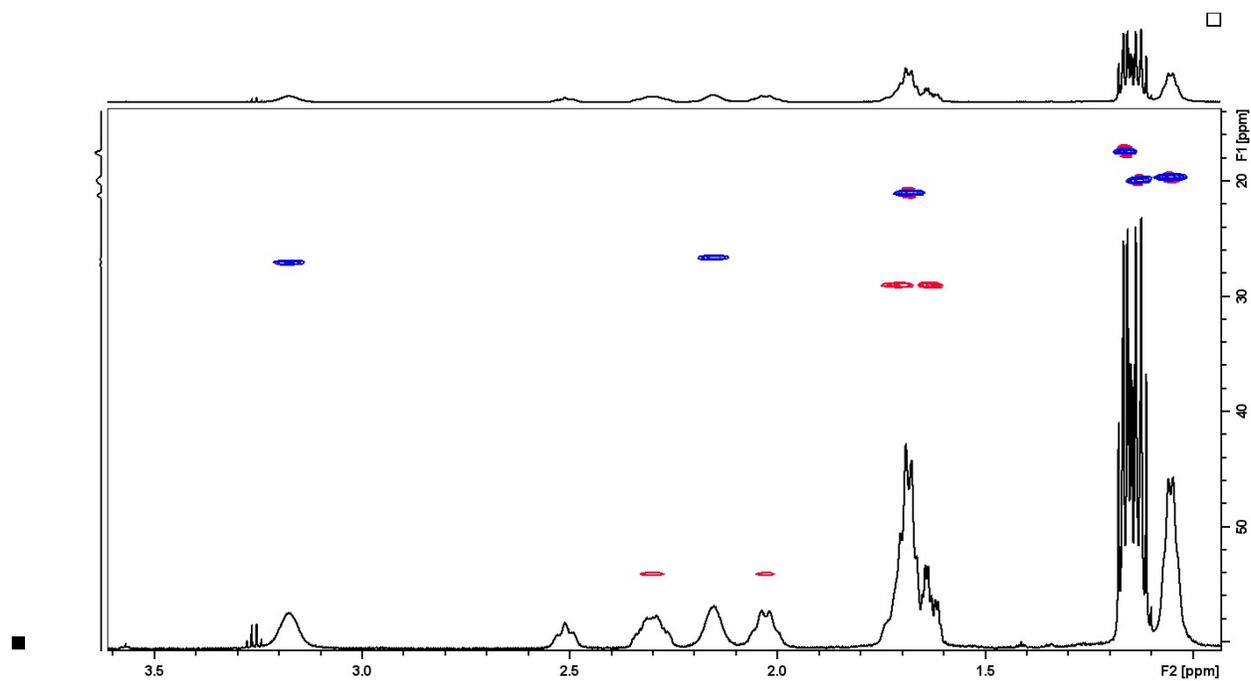


Figure S5: HSQC NMR spectrum of **3** with ^1H NMR spectrum attached for clarity.

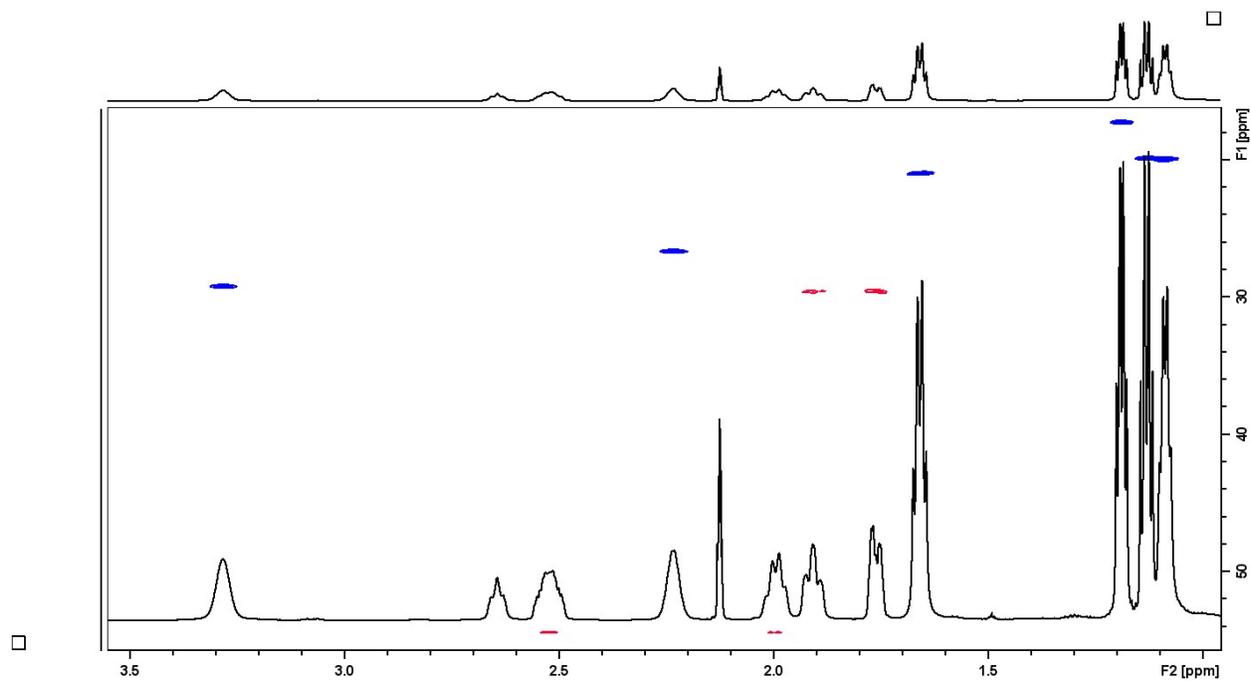


Figure S6: HSQC NMR spectrum of **4** with ^1H NMR spectrum attached for clarity.

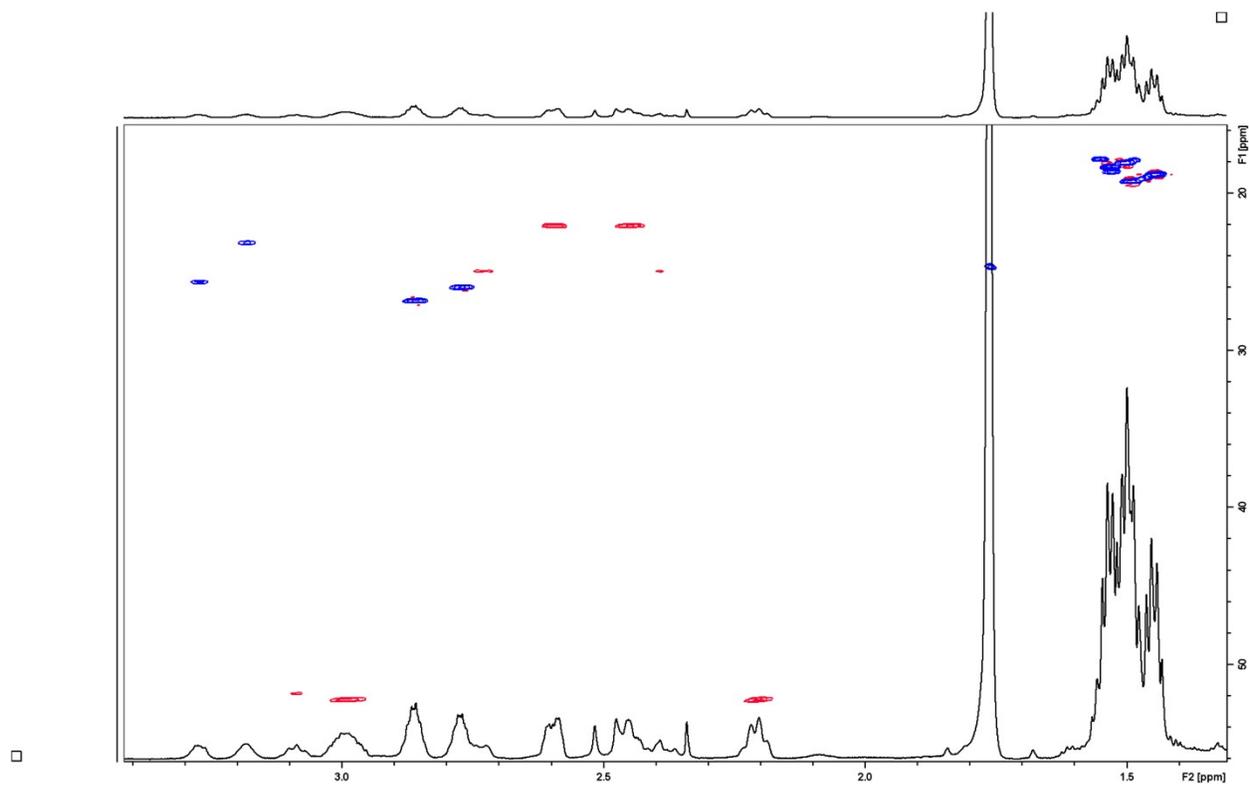


Figure S7: HSQC NMR spectrum of **5** with ^1H NMR spectrum attached for clarity.

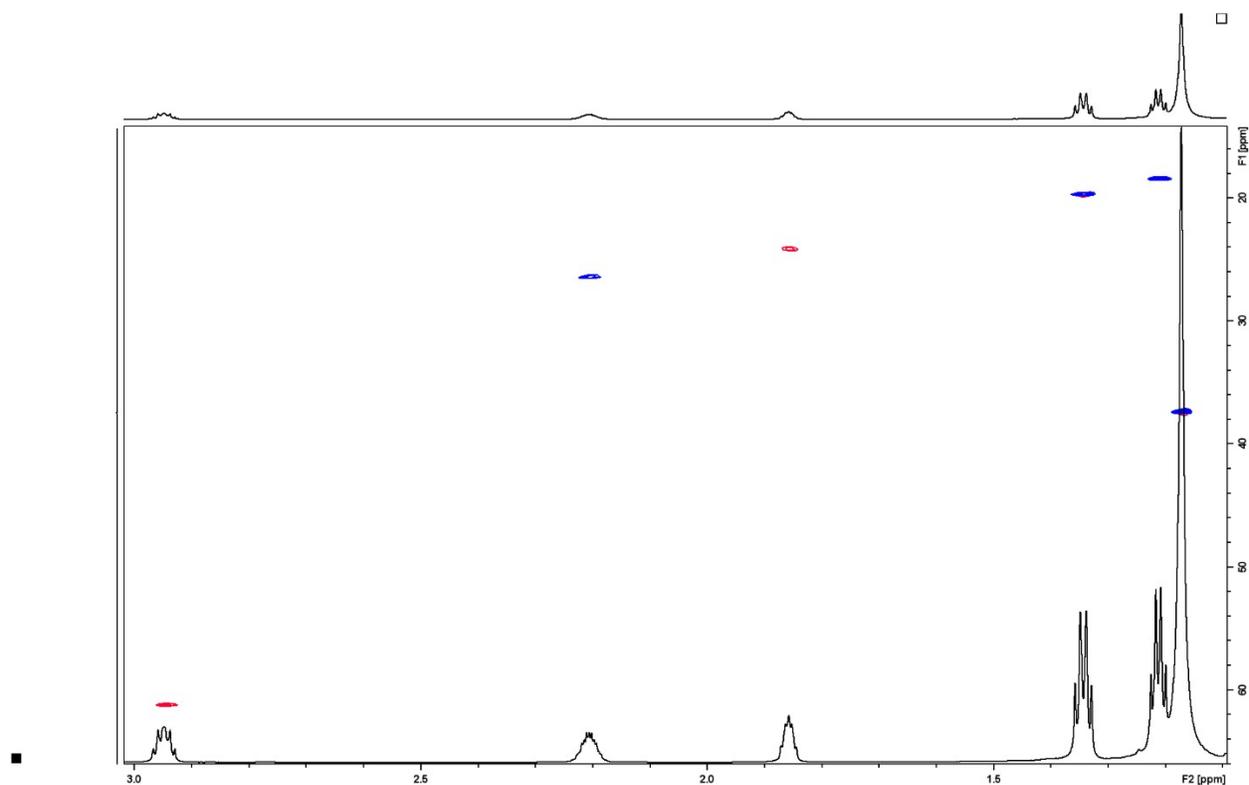


Figure S8: HSQC NMR spectrum of **6** with ^1H NMR spectrum attached for clarity.

DFT-optimised structures, xyz-coordinates

Table S2. Atom coordinates from DFT geometry optimization of **2**

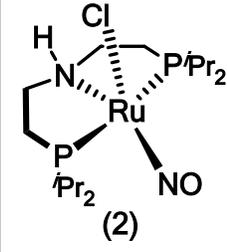
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Table S3. Atom coordinates from DFT geometry optimization of 3			
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P	4.0477287	8.1773439	9.7302295
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N	3.4055335	6.9861815	6.9614124
P	5.0165477	4.3419471	4.4642510
Br	7.1446945	9.8989226	8.6581336
C	5.1914483	9.6819495	6.5960461
H	6.1527452	9.1857443	7.6087435
N	4.8946567	5.8955401	10.1514820
H	5.9139527	5.5136443	10.2133282
C	4.2109313	5.8669289	11.3286589
H	3.1325528	5.6233165	11.2401676
H	4.5815126	5.3893198	12.2684051
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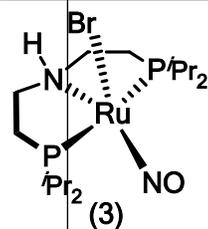


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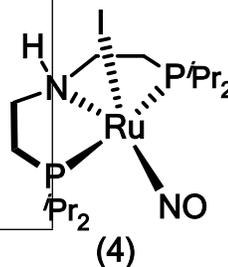
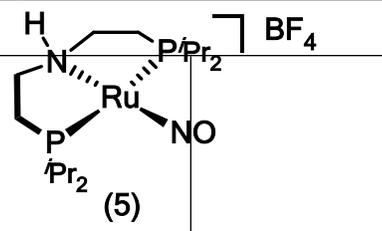


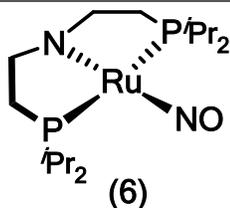
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H	4.2210305	4.5353475	8.9183952		
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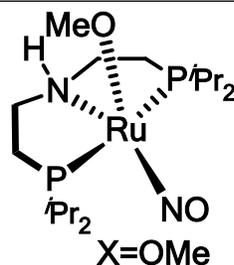
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Table S7. Atom coordinates from DFT geometry optimization of 7

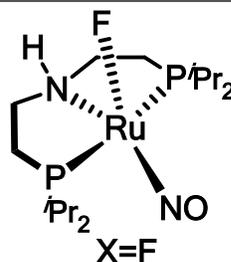
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Table S8. Atom coordinates from DFT geometry optimization of **8**

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F	6.3011414	6.5655147	8.7283449
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H	2.5874129	10.6545172	8.5553219	
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H	6.3602529	10.5761404	8.0326715	
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H	1.8513305	2.2116360	6.5020234	
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H	7.1816689	2.3574028	6.6857079	
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Representative orbital plots

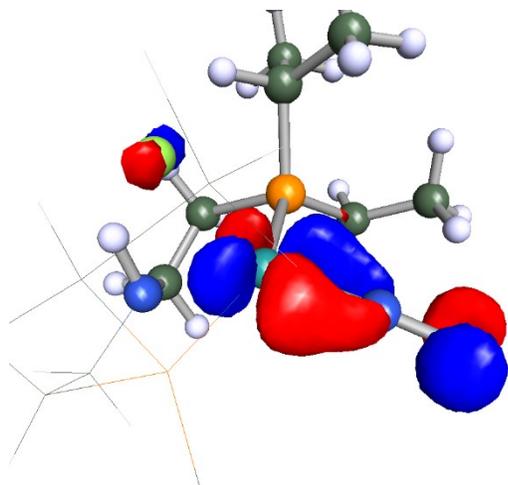


Figure S10: Plot of HOMO-3 orbital of the X=F compound.

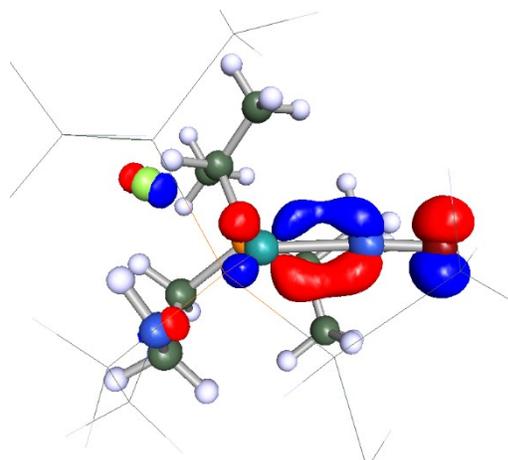


Figure S9: Plot of the HOMO-2 orbital of the X=F compound.

Table S10. Selected NPA charges for the compounds outlined in the main text.

Compound	X=F	X=OMe	2 ^a	3	4	5	6
Atom							
X	-0.73869	-0.86514	-0.66083	-0.64246	-0.61215		
N _{nitrosyl}	0.11607	0.11590	0.12880	0.13329	0.14066	0.26757	0.16533
O _{nitrosyl}	-0.32949	-0.33568	-0.31027	-0.30452	-0.29632	-0.20827	-0.30562
Ru	-0.00403	-0.02534	-0.09755	-0.11100	-0.12879	-0.17874	-0.18794

^a only the complex cation was involved in the calculation.

Crystallographic details

Crystal data and structure refinement parameters for compounds **2-6** are summarized in the tables S11-15 below.

Table S11. Crystal data and structure refinement for Compound 2.

Identification code (CCDC)	exp_1817_autored (2497985)
Empirical formula	C ₁₆ H ₃₇ ClN ₂ OP ₂ Ru
Formula weight	471.93
Temperature/K	120.0(1)
Crystal system	monoclinic
Space group	P2 ₁ /n
a/Å	20.63369(18)
b/Å	10.63542(9)
c/Å	20.78902(19)
α/°	90
β/°	107.5461(10)
γ/°	90
Volume/Å ³	4349.85(7)
Z	8
ρ _{calc} /cm ³	1.441
μ/mm ⁻¹	8.389
F(000)	1968.0
Crystal size/mm ³	0.2 × 0.1 × 0.1
Radiation	Cu Kα (λ = 1.54184)
2θ range for data collection/°	7.222 to 153.44
Index ranges	-25 ≤ h ≤ 21, -13 ≤ k ≤ 13, -25 ≤ l ≤ 26
Reflections collected	73391
Independent reflections	9145 [R _{int} = 0.0479, R _{sigma} = 0.0226]
Data/restraints/parameters	9145/0/431
Goodness-of-fit on F ²	1.070
Final R indexes [I ≥ 2σ (I)]	R ₁ = 0.0238, wR ₂ = 0.0557
Final R indexes [all data]	R ₁ = 0.0301, wR ₂ = 0.0593
Largest diff. peak/hole / e Å ⁻³	0.46/-0.93

Table 12. Crystal data and structure refinement for Compound 3.

Identification code (CCDC)	exp_1930_autored (2497986)
Empirical formula	C ₁₆ H ₃₇ BrN ₂ OP ₂ Ru
Formula weight	516.39
Temperature/K	119.98(10)
Crystal system	monoclinic

Space group	P2 ₁ /n
a/Å	11.6223(2)
b/Å	13.6476(2)
c/Å	14.3545(2)
α /°	90
β /°	98.602(2)
γ /°	90
Volume/Å ³	2251.25(6)
Z	4
ρ_{calc} /g/cm ³	1.524
μ /mm ⁻¹	2.619
F(000)	1056.0
Crystal size/mm ³	0.6 × 0.25 × 0.2
Radiation	Mo K α (λ = 0.71073)
2 Θ range for data collection/°	6.472 to 59.378
Index ranges	-15 ≤ h ≤ 15, -18 ≤ k ≤ 18, -18 ≤ l ≤ 20
Reflections collected	42954
Independent reflections	5925 [R _{int} = 0.0434, R _{sigma} = 0.0274]
Data/restraints/parameters	5925/0/216
Goodness-of-fit on F ²	1.071
Final R indexes [I ≥ 2 σ (I)]	R ₁ = 0.0279, wR ₂ = 0.0662
Final R indexes [all data]	R ₁ = 0.0358, wR ₂ = 0.0702
Largest diff. peak/hole / e Å ⁻³	0.87/-0.77

Table 13. Crystal data and structure refinement for Compound 4.

Identification code (CCDC)	exp_1938_autored (2497987)
Empirical formula	C ₁₆ H ₃₇ IN ₂ OP ₂ Ru
Formula weight	563.38
Temperature/K	120.0(1)
Crystal system	monoclinic
Space group	P2 ₁ /n
a/Å	11.7122(3)
b/Å	13.6832(3)
c/Å	14.4336(3)
α /°	90
β /°	97.665(2)
γ /°	90

Volume/Å ³	2292.47(9)
Z	4
ρ _{calc} /g/cm ³	1.632
μ/mm ⁻¹	2.176
F(000)	1128.0
Crystal size/mm ³	0.8 × 0.5 × 0.45
Radiation	Mo Kα (λ = 0.71073)
2θ range for data collection/°	6.602 to 59.376
Index ranges	-15 ≤ h ≤ 16, -17 ≤ k ≤ 18, -20 ≤ l ≤ 20
Reflections collected	44558
Independent reflections	6088 [R _{int} = 0.0540, R _{sigma} = 0.0359]
Data/restraints/parameters	6088/0/216
Goodness-of-fit on F ²	1.175
Final R indexes [I ≥ 2σ (I)]	R ₁ = 0.0305, wR ₂ = 0.0578
Final R indexes [all data]	R ₁ = 0.0500, wR ₂ = 0.0682
Largest diff. peak/hole / e Å ⁻³	1.51/-0.92

Comments for the **Compound 4** structure: Higher residual density near the ruthenium atom and a high K value reflect data quality limitations. It results from crystal quality and absorption effects typical of structures containing heavy atoms and does not indicate deficiencies or other errors in the structural model.

Table 14. Crystal data and structure refinement for Compound 5.

Identification code (CCDC)	exp_1875f3 (2497988)
Empirical formula	C ₁₆ H ₃₇ BF ₄ N ₂ OP ₂ Ru
Formula weight	523.29
Temperature/K	119.99(14)
Crystal system	monoclinic
Space group	P2 ₁ /c
a/Å	8.4356(3)
b/Å	11.3117(4)
c/Å	24.7627(8)
α/°	90
β/°	92.207(4)
γ/°	90
Volume/Å ³	2361.13(14)
Z	4
ρ _{calc} /g/cm ³	1.472
μ/mm ⁻¹	7.015
F(000)	1080.0

Crystal size/mm ³	0.09 × 0.025 × 0.009
Radiation	Cu Kα (λ = 1.54184)
2θ range for data collection/°	7.144 to 152.896
Index ranges	-10 ≤ h ≤ 10, -14 ≤ k ≤ 13, -30 ≤ l ≤ 31
Reflections collected	12527
Independent reflections	4919 [R _{int} = 0.0392, R _{sigma} = 0.0428]
Data/restraints/parameters	4919/0/252
Goodness-of-fit on F ²	1.081
Final R indexes [I >= 2σ (I)]	R ₁ = 0.0630, wR ₂ = 0.1385
Final R indexes [all data]	R ₁ = 0.0731, wR ₂ = 0.1436
Largest diff. peak/hole / e Å ⁻³	2.88/-0.98

Table 15. Crystal data and structure refinement for Compound 6.

Identification code (CCDC)	exp_1858 (2497989)
Empirical formula	C ₁₆ H ₃₆ N ₂ OP ₂ Ru
Formula weight	435.48
Temperature/K	120.0(1)
Crystal system	Triclinic
Space group	P-1
a/Å	7.5893(2)
b/Å	13.3916(4)
c/Å	21.8997(5)
α/°	97.055(2)
β/°	98.855(2)
γ/°	106.400(2)
Volume/Å ³	2077.01(10)
Z	4
ρ _{calc} /cm ³	1.393
μ/mm ⁻¹	7.582
F(000)	912.0
Crystal size/mm ³	0.1 × 0.02 × 0.01
Radiation	Cu Kα (λ = 1.54184)
2θ range for data collection/°	6.99 to 153.962
Index ranges	-9 ≤ h ≤ 9, -16 ≤ k ≤ 14, -27 ≤ l ≤ 25
Reflections collected	21660
Independent reflections	8643 [R _{int} = 0.0298, R _{sigma} = 0.0340]
Data/restraints/parameters	8643/0/413
Goodness-of-fit on F ²	1.034

Final R indexes [$I \geq 2\sigma(I)$] $R_1 = 0.0299$, $wR_2 = 0.0764$

Final R indexes [all data] $R_1 = 0.0368$, $wR_2 = 0.0808$

Largest diff. peak/hole / $e \text{ \AA}^{-3}$ 0.87/-1.05
