

## Electronic Supplementary Information

### Further Investigations of Linear Trirhodium complexes: Experimental and Theoretical Studies of $[\text{Rh}_3(\text{dpa})_4\text{Cl}_2]$ and $[\text{Rh}_3(\text{dpa})_4\text{Cl}_2](\text{BF}_4)$ [ $\text{dpa} = \text{bis}(2\text{-pyridyl})\text{amido anion}$ ]

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**Table S1** Relevant geometrical parameters (distances in Å) and results computed for **1** and **2** in  $D_4$  symmetry. (basis set: BSII, functionals: BP86. )

	<b>1</b>			<b>2</b>	
	$^2\text{A}_2$	$^2\text{B}_2$	exptl.	$^3\text{B}_1$	exptl.
Rh-Rh	2.446	2.432	2.392	2.445	2.363
Rh-Cl	2.509	2.678	2.586	2.485	2.411
Rh <sub>middle</sub> -N	2.016	2.014	2.014	2.004	2.010
Rh <sub>terminal</sub> -N	2.110	2.090	2.076	2.104	2.084
energy	0	0.231			
$\langle S^2 \rangle$	0.754	0.753		2.028	

**Table S2** Relevant geometrical parameters (distances in Å) and results computed for **1** and **2** in  $D_4$  symmetry. (basis set: BSI, functionals: PW91. )

	<b>1</b>			<b>2</b>	
	$^2\text{A}_2$	$^2\text{B}_2$	exptl.	$^3\text{B}_1$	exptl.
Rh-Rh	2.446	2.447	2.392	2.439	2.363
Rh-Cl	2.509	2.681	2.5863	2.486	2.411
Rh <sub>middle</sub> -N	2.016	2.008	2.014	2.000	2.010
Rh <sub>terminal</sub> -N	2.110	2.084	2.076	2.098	2.084
energy	0	0.196			
$\langle S^2 \rangle$	0.753	0.752		2.004	