

## Coordination Chemistry and Catalytic Activity of N-Heterocyclic Carbene Iridium(I) Complexes

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### Supporting information

Table S1 Kinetic data for CO exchanging on **3b-3d** and  $[(\text{PCy}_3)\text{Ir}(\text{CO})_2\text{Cl}]$ .

[CO] (mM)	[complex] (mM)	Half-height Width (Hz) <sup>b</sup>	$\Delta\nu$ (Hz)	$k_{\text{obs}}$ (s <sup>-1</sup> )	$k$ (M <sup>-1</sup> s <sup>-1</sup> ) <sup>c</sup>	$\Delta G^\ddagger$ (kcal/mol)	$\Delta G^\ddagger$ (kcal/mol) (average)
0	[ <b>3b</b> ], 9.7	1.47	0	-	-	-	
3.3	[ <b>3b</b> ], 9.7	9.86	8.39	26.36	2707	12.8	12.9
1.5	[ <b>3b</b> ], 19.8	9.97	8.51	26.72	1372	13.2	
0.9	[ <b>3b</b> ], 9.7	9.43	7.96	25.02	2569	12.8	
0	[ <b>3c</b> ], 9.8	0.94	0	-	-	-	
4.3	[ <b>3c</b> ], 9.8	13.37	12.43	39.1	$4.0 \times 10^3$	12.6	12.8
3.1	[ <b>3c</b> ], 19.6	11.59	10.65	33.4	$1.7 \times 10^3$	13.1	
1.9	[ <b>3c</b> ], 9.8	9.93	8.99	28.2	$2.9 \times 10^3$	12.7	
0	[ <b>3d</b> ], 9.8	0.88	0	-			
4.3	[ <b>3d</b> ], 9.8	10.22	9.33	29.33	$3.0 \times 10^3$	12.7	12.9
3.9	[ <b>3d</b> ], 19.5	9.74	8.85	27.82	$1.4 \times 10^3$	13.2	
2.1	[ <b>3d</b> ], 9.8	8.44	7.56	23.74	$2.4 \times 10^3$	12.9	