

**A novel route to rhodaboratranes $[\text{Rh}(\text{CO})(\text{PR}_3)\{\text{B}(\text{taz})_3\}]^+$ via the redox
activation of scorpionate complexes $[\text{RhLL}'(\text{Tt})]$**

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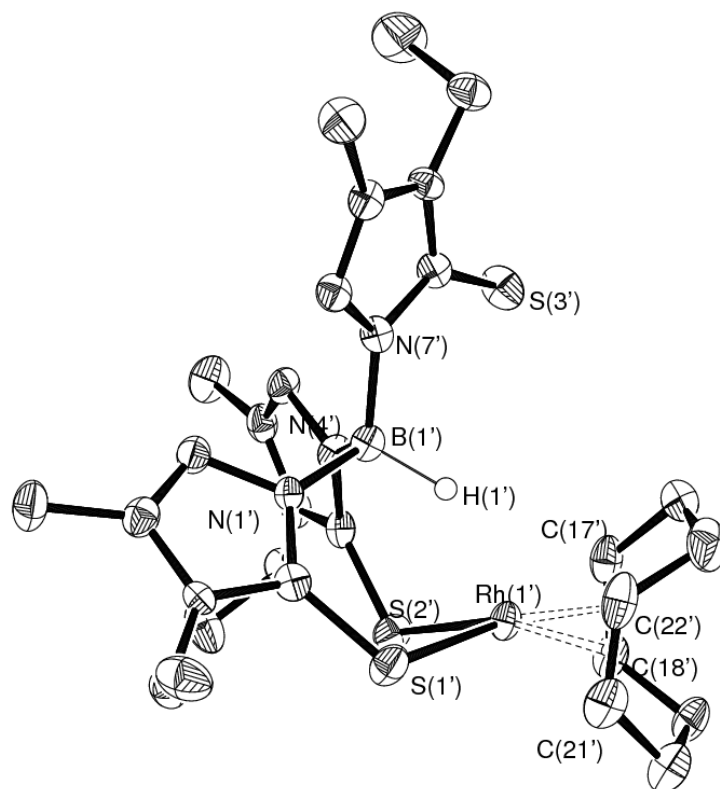


Figure S1 Molecular structure of $[\text{Rh}(\text{cod})\text{Tt}]$ **2**, second distinct structure in the unit cell. (Ellipsoids are shown at the 50% probability level; most hydrogen atoms are omitted for clarity).

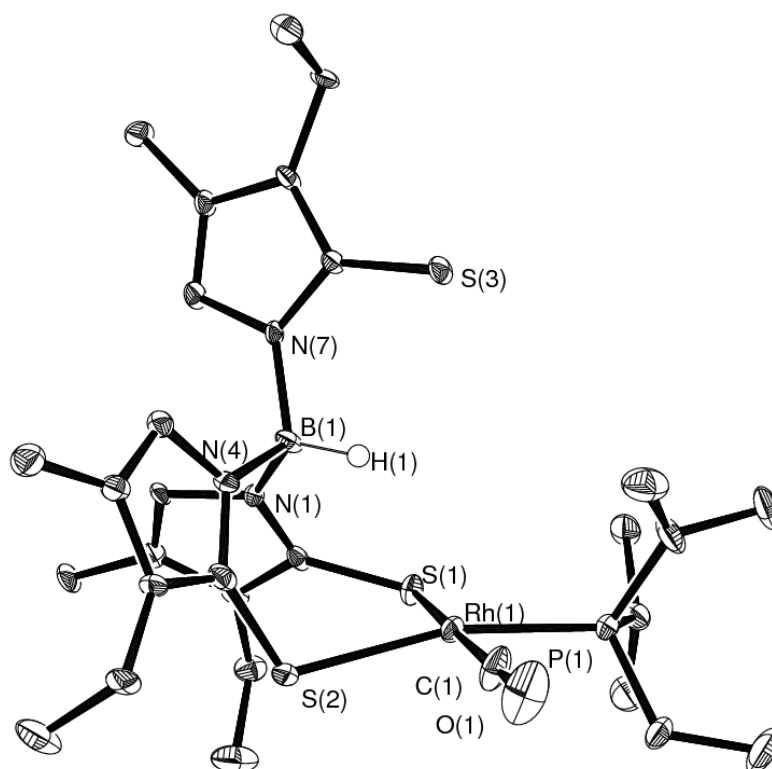


Figure S2 Molecular structure of $[\text{Rh}(\text{CO})\{\text{P}(\text{NMe}_2)_3\}\text{Tt}]$ **7**. (Ellipsoids are shown at the 50% probability level; most hydrogen atoms are omitted for clarity).

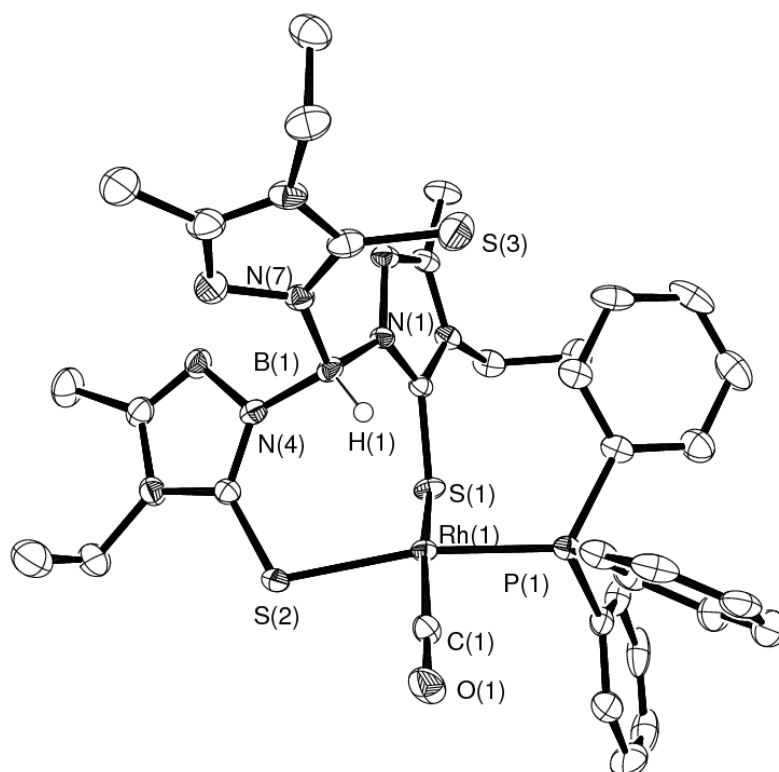


Figure S3 Molecular structure of $[\text{Rh}(\text{CO})(\text{PPh}_3)\text{Tt}]$ **8**. (Ellipsoids are shown at the 50% probability level; most hydrogen atoms are omitted for clarity).

Table S1 Proton NMR spectroscopic data for [Rh(cod)Tt] **2** and [Rh(CO)(PPh₃)Tt] **8** at –80 °C.^a

Complex	
[Rh(cod)Tt] 2	4.27 (br s, 4H, cod CH), 4.12 (q, 2H, ³ J _{HH} 7.0, Tt 4-CH ₂ CH ₃), 4.05 (dq, 2H, ² J _{HH} 14.2, ³ J _{HH} 7.0, Tt 4-CHHCH ₂), 3.89 (dq, 2H, ² J _{HH} 14.2, ³ J _{HH} 7.0, Tt 4-CHHCH ₂), 2.84-2.64 (br m, 2H, cod CHH ^{exo}), 2.43-2.33 (br m, 2H, cod CHH ^{exo}), 2.42 (s, 3H, Tt 3-CH ₃), 2.36 (s, 6H, Tt 3-CH ₃), 1.88 (q, 2H, J _{HH} 8.0, cod CHH ^{endo}), 1.78 (q, 2H, J _{HH} 7.7, cod CHH ^{endo}), 1.33 (t, 3H, ³ J _{HH} 7.0, Tt 4-CH ₂ CH ₃), 1.25 (t, 6H, ³ J _{HH} 7.0, Tt 4-CH ₂ CH ₃)
[Rh(CO)(PPh ₃)Tt] 8	.84-7.31 (m, 15H, PPh ₃), 4.33 (dq, 1H, ² J _{HH} 14.1, ³ J _{HH} 6.9, Tt 4-CHHCH ₃), 4.23 (dq, 1H, ² J _{HH} 13.7, ³ J _{HH} 6.6, Tt 4-CHHCH ₃), 4.05 (dq, 1H, ² J _{HH} 14.1, ³ J _{HH} 6.9, Tt 4-CHHCH ₃), 3.97 (dq, 1H, ² J _{HH} 13.7, ³ J _{HH} 6.6, Tt 4-CHHCH ₃), 3.29 (dq, 1H, ² J _{HH} 14.3, ³ J _{HH} 6.9, Tt 4-CHHCH ₃), 3.11 (dq, 1H, ² J _{HH} 14.3, ³ J _{HH} 6.9, Tt 4-CHHCH ₃), 2.41 (s, 3H, Tt 3-CH ₃), 2.39 (s, 3H, Tt 3-CH ₃), 2.21 (s, 3H, Tt 3-CH ₃), 1.37 (t, 3H, ³ J _{HH} 6.6, Tt 4-CH ₂ CH ₃), 1.32 (t, 3H, ³ J _{HH} 6.9, Tt 4-CH ₂ CH ₃), 0.86 (t, 3H, ³ J _{HH} 6.9, Tt 4-CH ₂ CH ₃)

^a Chemical shift (δ) in ppm, *J* values in Hz, spectra in CD₂Cl₂.

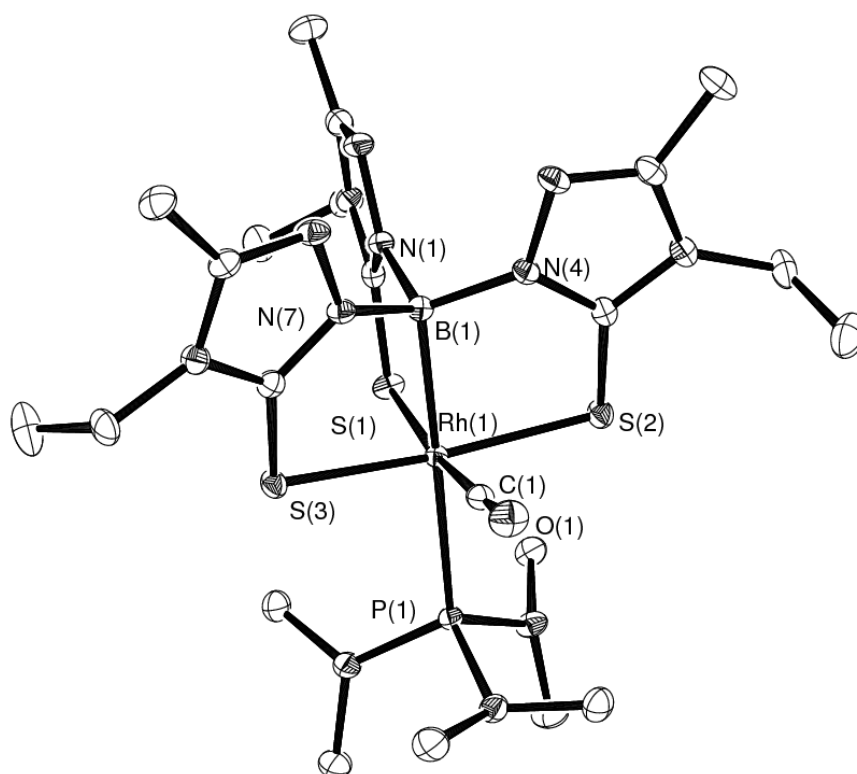


Figure S4 Structure of the cation $[\text{Rh}(\text{CO})\{\text{P}(\text{NMe}_2)_3\}\{\text{B}(\text{taz})_3\}]^+ \mathbf{12}^+$. (Ellipsoids are shown at the 50% probability level; all hydrogen atoms are omitted for clarity).

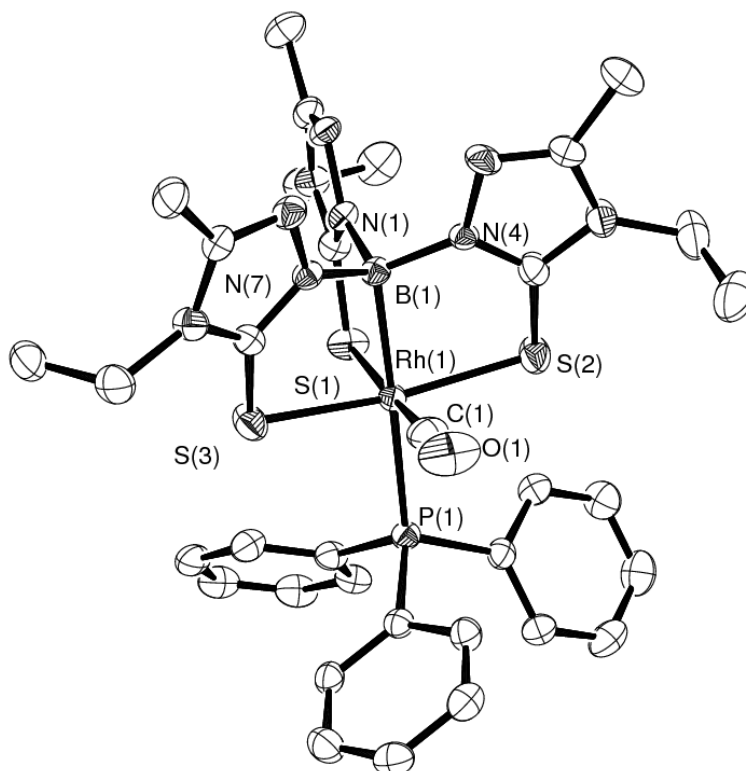


Figure S5 Structure of the cation $[\text{Rh}(\text{CO})(\text{PPh}_3)\{\text{B}(\text{taz})_3\}]^+ \mathbf{13}^+$. (Ellipsoids are shown at the 50% probability level; all hydrogen atoms are omitted for clarity).