# Coordination chemistry of the sulfur analog of tricatechol siderophores 

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## Supplementary Information

## Experimental Section

## General Remarks

All operations were carried out under an atmosphere of dry argon using Schlenk and vacuum techniques. Solvents were dried by standard methods and freshly distilled prior to use. NMR spectra were recorded at 298 K with Bruker AC $200(200 \mathrm{MHz})$ or Bruker AMX 400 $(400 \mathrm{MHz})$ spectrometers and are reported relative to TMS as an internal standard or to the residual solvent signal. Mass spectra were obtained with Micromass Quattro LC-Z (ESI) or Bruker Reflex IV (MALDI) spectrometers. Elemental analyses were performed with a Vario EL III CHNS analyzer. Commercially available $\left[\mathrm{Ti}(\mathrm{OPr})_{4}\right]$ (Aldrich) was used without further purification.

Ligands $\mathrm{H}_{6}-\mathbf{1}$ and $\mathrm{H}_{2}-\mathbf{2}$ were synthesized according to previously published methods. ${ }^{1}$
Selected analytical data for
$\mathbf{H}_{6}$-1: ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $400 \mathrm{MHz}, ~ \mathrm{DMF}-d_{7}, 25^{\circ} \mathrm{C}, \mathrm{ppm}$ ): $\delta=8.63$ (t, $1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{N}-\mathrm{H}$ ), 7.55 (dd, $\left.{ }^{3} J=7.5 \mathrm{~Hz},{ }^{4} J=1.5 \mathrm{~Hz}, 3 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{Ar}-\mathrm{H}\right), 7.30\left(\mathrm{dd},{ }^{3} J=7.5 \mathrm{~Hz},{ }^{4} J=1.5 \mathrm{~Hz}, 3 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{Ar}-\mathrm{H}\right), 7.05(\mathrm{t}$, $\left.{ }^{3} J=7.5 \mathrm{~Hz}, 3 \mathrm{H}, ~ \mathrm{Ar}-\mathrm{H}\right), 4.66\left(\mathrm{~d},{ }^{3} J=3.8 \mathrm{~Hz}, 6 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{CH}_{2}\right), 2.54\left(\mathrm{~s}, 9 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{CH}_{3}\right) ;{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR ( 100 MHz , DMF- $d_{7}, 25^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ ): $\delta=169.4$ (C(O)NH), 137.8, 134.0, 133.4, 132.8, 131.7, 126.3, 125.4, 125.0 ( $\mathrm{Ar}-\mathrm{C}$ ), $39.7\left(\mathrm{CH}_{2}\right), 16.5\left(\mathrm{CH}_{3}\right)$; MS (MALDI) $m / z=711[\mathrm{M}-\mathrm{H}]$. Calcd for $\mathrm{C}_{33} \mathrm{H}_{33} \mathrm{~N}_{3} \mathrm{O}_{3} \mathrm{~S}_{6}$ : C, 55.67 ; H, 4.67; N, 5.90; S, 27.02\%. Found: C, 55.36; H, 4.43; N, 6.04; S, 25.88.
$\mathbf{H}_{2}$-2: ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $400 \mathrm{MHz}, ~ \mathrm{DMF}-d_{7}, 25^{\circ} \mathrm{C}, \mathrm{ppm}$ ): $\delta=9.07$ (s br, $\left.1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{N}-\mathrm{H}\right) 7.60(\mathrm{~d}$, $\left.{ }^{3} J=7.5 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{Ph}-\mathrm{H}\right), 7.44\left(\mathrm{~d},{ }^{3} J=7.5 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{Bz}-\mathrm{H}\right), 7.43\left(\mathrm{~d},{ }^{3} J=7.5 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{Ph}-\mathrm{H}\right), 7.36$ ( $\mathrm{t},{ }^{3} J=7.5 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{Bz}-\mathrm{H}$ ), $7.27\left(\mathrm{t},{ }^{3} J=7.5 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{Bz}-\mathrm{H}\right), 7.11\left(\mathrm{t},{ }^{3} J=7.5 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{Ar}-\mathrm{H}\right)$, $4.59\left(\mathrm{~d}, 2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{CH}_{2}\right), 3.50(\mathrm{~s} \mathrm{br}, 2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{S}-\mathrm{H}) ;{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR ( $100 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{DMF}-d_{7}, 25^{\circ} \mathrm{C}, \mathrm{ppm}$ ): $\delta=169.7(\mathrm{C}(\mathrm{O}) \mathrm{NH}), 140.1,135.4,134.2,132.3,132.0,129.0,128.2,127.6,126.1,125.7$ (Ar-C), $43.7\left(\mathrm{CH}_{2}\right)$. Calcd for $\mathrm{C}_{14} \mathrm{H}_{13} \mathrm{NOS}_{2}: \mathrm{C}, 61.06 ; \mathrm{H}, 4.76$; $\mathrm{N}, 5.09$; S, $23.29 \%$. Found: C, 61.11; H, 4.88; N, 4.98; S, 21.96.

Preparation of 3: A sample of $\left[\mathrm{Ti}(\mathrm{OPr})_{4}\right](19.9 \mathrm{mg}, 0.07 \mathrm{mmol})$ was added to a solution of $\mathrm{H}_{6} \mathbf{- 1}(50 \mathrm{mg}, 0.07 \mathrm{mmol})$ and $\mathrm{Li}_{2} \mathrm{CO}_{3}(5 \mathrm{mg}, 0.07 \mathrm{mmol})$ in degassed methanol $(20 \mathrm{~mL})$. The mixture was stirred at ambient temperature for 12 h and then filtered. Addition of $\mathrm{Ph}_{4} \mathrm{AsCl}$ $(61 \mathrm{mg}, 0.14 \mathrm{mmol})$ to the filtrate gave a dark red precipitate, which was isolated by filtration, washed with methanol $(2 \times 10 \mathrm{~mL})$ and dried in vacuo. Yield $85 \mathrm{mg}(0.06 \mathrm{mmol}, 80 \%)$.
${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( 400 MHz, DMF- $d_{7}, 25^{\circ} \mathrm{C}, \mathrm{ppm}$ ): $\delta=8.01$ (t, $1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{N}-\mathrm{H}$ ), $7.99-7.81$ (m, 40H, As-$\mathrm{Ph}-\mathrm{H}$ ), 7.16 (dd, ${ }^{3} J=7.5 \mathrm{~Hz},{ }^{4} J=1.5 \mathrm{~Hz}, 3 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{Ar}-\mathrm{H}$ ), $7.09\left(\mathrm{dd},{ }^{3} J=7.5 \mathrm{~Hz},{ }^{4} J=1.5 \mathrm{~Hz}, 3 \mathrm{H}\right.$, Ar-H), $6.76\left(\mathrm{t},{ }^{3} J=7.5 \mathrm{~Hz}, 3 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{Ar}-\mathrm{H}\right), 4.66\left(\mathrm{~d},{ }^{3} J=3.8 \mathrm{~Hz}, 6 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{CH}_{2}\right), 2.47\left(\mathrm{~s}, 9 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{CH}_{3}\right) ;{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR ( $100 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{DMF}-d_{7}, 25^{\circ} \mathrm{C}, \mathrm{ppm}$ ): $\delta=169.4(\mathrm{C}(\mathrm{O}) \mathrm{NH}), 153.6,153.4,\left(\mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{4} \mathrm{~S}_{2}-\mathrm{C}\right)$, $137.1\left(\mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{Me}_{\mathrm{e}}-\mathrm{C}\right), 135.1,134.2\left(\mathrm{AsC}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{5}-\mathrm{C}\right), 134.2\left(\mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{4} \mathrm{~S}_{2}\right), 134.1\left(\mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{Me}_{\mathrm{e}}-\mathrm{C}\right), 131.7$ ( $\left.\mathrm{AsC}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{5}-\mathrm{C}\right), 128.7,122.4\left(\mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{4} \mathrm{~S}_{2}-\mathrm{C}\right), 122.2\left(\mathrm{AsC}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{5}-\mathrm{C}\right), 121.8\left(\mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{4} \mathrm{~S}_{2}-\mathrm{C}\right), 39.1\left(\mathrm{CH}_{2}\right), 15.7$ $\left(\mathrm{CH}_{3}\right)$; MS (ESI, negative ions): $m / z=376.7[\mathrm{Ti}(\mathbf{1})]^{2-}$. Calcd for $\mathrm{C}_{81} \mathrm{H}_{6} \mathrm{~N}_{3} \mathrm{As}_{2} \mathrm{O}_{3} \mathrm{~S}_{6} \mathrm{Ti}: \mathrm{C}$, 63.98; H, 4.44; N, 2.77; S, 12.63. Found: C, 65.04; H, 4.54; N, 3.39; S, 13.72\%.

Complex $\left(\mathrm{Ph}_{4} \mathrm{As}\right)_{2}[\mathrm{Ti}(\mathbf{1})]$ exhibits a very simple ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR spectrum, indicating $C_{3}$-symmetry of the complex dianions $[\mathrm{Ti}(\mathbf{1})]^{2-}$ in solution (Figure S 1 ). The signal for the amide proton is concealed behind the DMF solvent signal at $\delta=8.01 \mathrm{ppm}$ and is slightly highfield shifted compared to the resonance observed for the free ligand $\mathrm{H}_{6}-\mathbf{1}(\mathrm{N}-\mathrm{H}$ resonance at $\delta=8.63$ ppm ). In case of the formation of $\mathrm{N}-\mathrm{H} \cdots \mathrm{S}$ hydrogen bonds, lowfield shift was expected for the amide proton upon complex formation. We ascribe the observed highfield shift to the shielding effect of the bridging aromatic ring.


Figure S1 ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR spectrum of $\left(\mathrm{Ph}_{4} \mathrm{As}\right)_{2}[\mathrm{Ti}(\mathbf{1})]$ in DMF- $\mathrm{d}_{7}(*=$ DMF-, $\#=$ acetonitrile-, $\wedge=$ water-resonances $)$.

Preparation of 4: The compound was prepared as described for $\left(\mathrm{Ph}_{4} \mathrm{As}\right)_{2}[\mathrm{Ti}(\mathbf{1})]$ from ligand $\mathrm{H}_{2}-2(50 \mathrm{mg}, 0.182 \mathrm{mmol})$ and $\mathrm{Ti}(\mathrm{OPr})_{4}(17 \mathrm{mg}, 0.06 \mathrm{mmol})$. Yield: $96 \mathrm{mg}(0.058 \mathrm{mmol}$, 97 \%).
${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( 400 MHz, DMF- $d_{7}, 25^{\circ} \mathrm{C}, \mathrm{ppm}$ ): $\delta=9.26(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{N}-\mathrm{H}), 7.98-7.78(\mathrm{~m}, 40 \mathrm{H}$, As-Ph-H), 7.94 (dd, 3H, Ph-H), 7.40-7.23 (m, 15H, Bz-H), 7.04 (dd, 3H, Ph-H), 6.70 (t, 3H, $\mathrm{Ph}-\mathrm{H}), 4.58\left(\mathrm{~d}, 6 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{CH}_{2}\right) ;{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR ( $100 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{DMF}-\mathrm{d}_{7}, 25^{\circ} \mathrm{C}, \mathrm{ppm}$ ): $\delta=169.6(\mathrm{C}(\mathrm{O}) \mathrm{NH})$, $156.3,150.3,140.9,135.1,134.2,133.4,131.7,129.0,128.84,128.80,127.9,127.0,124.7$, 121.8 (Ar-C) $43.4\left(\mathrm{CH}_{2}\right)$; MS (ESI, negative ions): $m / z=433.7\left[\mathrm{Ti}(2)_{3}\right]^{2-}$. Calcd for $\mathrm{C}_{90} \mathrm{H}_{73} \mathrm{~N}_{3} \mathrm{As}_{2} \mathrm{O}_{3} \mathrm{~S}_{6} \mathrm{Ti}$ : C, 66.13; H, 4.50; N 2.57; S, 11.77\%. Found: C, 66.52; H, 4.54; N, 2.39; S, 10.62.

The proton NMR spectrum of complex $\left(\mathrm{Ph}_{4} \mathrm{As}\right)_{2}\left[\mathrm{Ti}(2)_{3}\right]$ (Figure S2) is very simple, indicating $C_{3}$-symmetry of the complex in solution. The signal for the amide proton is slightly shifted downfield compared to the free ligand $\mathrm{H}_{2}-2(\Delta \delta=0.19 \mathrm{ppm})$ and appears at $\delta=9.26 \mathrm{ppm}$.


Figure S2 ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR spectrum of $\left(\mathrm{Ph}_{4} \mathrm{As}\right)_{2}\left[\mathrm{Ti}(2)_{3}\right]$ in DMF- $\mathrm{d}_{7}(*=$ DMF-resonances $)$.

Preparation of 5: A sample of $\left[\mathrm{MoCl}_{4}\left(\mathrm{CH}_{3} \mathrm{CN}\right)_{2}\right](22.4 \mathrm{mg}, 0.07 \mathrm{mmol})$ was added to a
 solution of $\mathrm{H}_{6} \mathbf{- 1}(50 \mathrm{mg}, 0.07 \mathrm{mmol})$ and $\mathrm{Li}_{2} \mathrm{CO}_{3}(28 \mathrm{mg}$, $0.38 \mathrm{mmol})$ in degassed methanol ( 20 mL ). The mixture was stirred at ambient temperature for 12 h and was then filtered. Addition of $\mathrm{Ph}_{4} \mathrm{AsCl} \cdot \mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}(61 \mathrm{mg}, 0.14 \mathrm{mmol})$ to the filtrate yielded a dark red precipitate, which was isolated by filtration, washed with methanol $(2 \times 10 \mathrm{~mL})$ and dried in vacuo.

Yield: $64 \mathrm{mg}(0.042 \mathrm{mmol}, 60 \%), \mathrm{C}_{81} \mathrm{H}_{67} \mathrm{~N}_{3} \mathrm{As}_{2} \mathrm{MoO}_{3} \mathrm{~S}_{6}(\mathrm{M}=1568.59 \mathrm{~g} / \mathrm{mol})$.
MS (ESI, neagtive ions): $m / z=802.9[\mathrm{Mo}(\mathbf{1})]^{-}, 401.3[\mathrm{Mo}(\mathbf{1})]^{2-} ; \mathrm{UV}-\mathrm{Vis}(\mathrm{nm}): \lambda_{\max }=356$, 578.


Figure S3 UV-Vis spectrum of complex $\left(\mathrm{Ph}_{4} \mathrm{As}\right)_{2}[\mathrm{Mo}(1)]$ at ambient temperature in DMF.

Preparation of 6: A sample of $\left[\mathrm{MoCl}_{4}\left(\mathrm{CH}_{3} \mathrm{CN}\right)_{2}\right](20.0 \mathrm{mg}, 0.06 \mathrm{mmol})$ was added to a
 solution of $\mathrm{H}_{2}-2(50 \mathrm{mg}, 0.18 \mathrm{mmol})$ and $\mathrm{Na}_{2} \mathrm{CO}_{3}(19.0 \mathrm{mg}$,
 $0.18 \mathrm{mmol})$ in degassed methanol $(20 \mathrm{~mL})$. The solution was stirred under argon at ambient temperature for 12 h and was then filtered. Addition of $\mathrm{Ph}_{4} \mathrm{AsCl} \cdot \mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}(61 \mathrm{mg}, 0.14 \mathrm{mmol})$ to the filtrate yields a dark red precipitate, which was isolated by filtration, washed with methanol $(2 \times 10 \mathrm{~mL})$ and dried under vacuum.
Yield: 74 mg ( $0.04 \mathrm{mmol}, 72 \%$ ), $\mathrm{C}_{90} \mathrm{H}_{73} \mathrm{~N}_{3} \mathrm{As}_{2} \mathrm{MoO}_{3} \mathrm{~S}_{6} \quad(\mathrm{M}=1682.73 \mathrm{~g} / \mathrm{mol}) .{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $400 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{DMF}-d_{7}, 25^{\circ} \mathrm{C}, \mathrm{ppm}$ ): $\delta=9.58\left(\mathrm{t},{ }^{3} J=5.7 \mathrm{~Hz}, 3 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{N}-\mathrm{H}\right), 7.96(\mathrm{~m}, 8 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{As}-\mathrm{Ph}-\mathrm{H})$, 7.89 (m, 16H, As-Ph-H), 7.85 (m, 16H, As-Ph-H), 7.56 (d, $\left.{ }^{3} J=7.5 \mathrm{~Hz}, 6 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{Bz}-\mathrm{H}\right), 7.56$ (s b, $3 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{Ar}-\mathrm{H}), 7.41$ (s b, 3H, Ar-H), $7.35\left(\mathrm{t},{ }^{3} J=7.5 \mathrm{~Hz}, 6 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{Bz}-\mathrm{H}\right), 7.22\left(\mathrm{t},{ }^{3} J=7.5 \mathrm{~Hz}, 3 \mathrm{H}\right.$, Bz-H), 6.73 (s b, 3H, Ar-H), 4.73 (d, ${ }^{3} J=5.7 \mathrm{~Hz}, 6 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{CH}_{2}$ ); ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR ( $100 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{DMF}-d_{7}, 25$ $\left.{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}, \mathrm{ppm}\right): \delta=169.5(\mathrm{C}(\mathrm{O}) \mathrm{NH}), 156.9,151.4\left(\mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{4} \mathrm{~S}_{2}-\mathrm{C}\right), 141.0,128.9,128.0,127.1(\mathrm{Bz}-\mathrm{C})$, 135.1, 134.2, 131.7, $122.2\left(\mathrm{As}^{2} \mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{5}-\mathrm{C}\right), 133.0,128.94,123.3,120.4\left(\mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{4} \mathrm{~S}_{2}-\mathrm{C}\right), 43.6\left(\mathrm{CH}_{2}\right)$. MS (ESI, negative ions): $m / z=917.5\left[\mathrm{Mo}(2)_{3}\right]^{-}, 458.9\left[\mathrm{Mo}(2)_{3}\right]^{2-} ; \mathrm{UV}-\mathrm{Vis}(\mathrm{nm}): \lambda_{\max }=362$ and 580.


Figure S4 ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR spectrum of complex $\left(\mathrm{Ph}_{4} \mathrm{As}\right)_{2}\left[\mathrm{Mo}(2)_{3}\right]$ at ambient temperature in DMF- $d_{7}$.

Aerobic oxidation of complex $\left(\mathrm{Ph}_{4} \mathrm{As}\right)_{2}\left[\mathrm{Mo}^{\mathrm{IV}}(\mathbf{2})_{3}\right]$ gave the corresponding $\mathrm{Mo}^{\mathrm{V}}$ species with the associated changes in the electron absorption spectrum (Figure S5, $\lambda_{\max }=392,480,603$ and 720 nm ).


Figure S5 UV-Vis spectra of the time dependent aerobic oxidation of $\left(\mathrm{Ph}_{4} \mathrm{As}\right)_{2}\left[\mathrm{Mo}^{\mathrm{IV}}(\mathbf{2})_{3}\right]$ to $\left(\mathrm{Ph}_{4} \mathrm{As}\right)\left[\mathrm{Mo}^{\mathrm{V}}(\mathbf{2})_{3}\right]$ in methanol.

X-ray Data for $\left(\mathbf{P h}_{4} \mathbf{A s}\right)_{2}[\mathbf{T i}(\mathbf{1})] \cdot \mathbf{3 H}_{2} \mathbf{O}: \quad \mathrm{C}_{81} \mathrm{H}_{73} \mathrm{~N}_{3} \mathrm{As}_{2} \mathrm{O}_{6} \mathrm{~S}_{6} \mathrm{Ti}, \quad M=1574.56$, triclinic, $a=14.433(3), b=14.456(3), c=19.842(4) \AA, \alpha=90.257(4), \beta=90.467(4), \gamma=119.715(4)^{\circ}$, $V=3595.1(11) \AA^{3}, T=153 \mathrm{~K}$, space group $P \overline{1}, Z=2, \mu(\mathrm{Mo}-\mathrm{K} \alpha)=1.264 \mathrm{~mm}^{-1}, 29245$ intensities measured in the $2 \theta$-range $2.0-25.0^{\circ}, 12643$ unique intensities ( $R_{\text {int }}=0.0663$ ), $R=$ $0.0602, w R=0.1241$ for 8757 observed intensities $(I \geq 2 \sigma(I))$. Hydrogen atoms were added to the structure model on calculatd positions with the exception of the hydrogen atom positions at the three water molecules which were not identified.

## Computational Studies

All density functional theory calculations (B3LYP) ${ }^{[52]}$ were performed with the Gaussian03 suite of programs, ${ }^{[S 3]}$ using the SDD basis set and pseudopotentials for titanium ${ }^{[54]}$ and the $\mathrm{D} 95 \mathrm{~V}^{[55]}$ basis set for all other atoms. The nature of the transition state structures was confirmed by frequency calculations.

Table S1 Relative energies (in $\mathrm{kcal} / \mathrm{mol}$ ) for the B3LYP/SDD optimized structures of mononuclear tris(benzene-$o$-dithiolato) molybdenum complexes.

| complex | pseudo- $O_{\mathrm{h}}$ | $D_{3 \mathrm{~h}}$ | $C_{3 \mathrm{~h}}$ | triplet state pseudo- $O_{h}$ |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\left[\mathrm{Mo}(\mathrm{bdt})_{3}\right]^{2-}$ | 0 | 0.70 | $---{ }^{[a]}$ | $2.55^{[\mathrm{b}]}$ |
| $\left[\mathrm{Mo}(\mathrm{bdt})_{3}\right]^{-}$ | 0 | $---\mathrm{c}]$ | 5.16 | $--{ }^{[\mathrm{d}]}$ |
| $\left[\mathrm{Mo}(\mathrm{bdt})_{3}\right]$ | 5.37 | $---\mathrm{c}]$ | 0 | $---{ }^{[\mathrm{d}]}$ |

[a] Optimization of the $C_{3 \mathrm{~h}}$-symmetric tris(benzene-o-dithiolato) complex resulted in the $D_{3 \mathrm{~h}}$-symmetric isomer; [b] the triplet state is higher in energy; [c] Optimization of the $D_{3 h}$-symmetric tris(benzene-o-dithiolato) complex resulted in the $C_{3 \mathrm{~h}}$-symmetric isomer; [d] no triplet state exists.

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