## **Supporting Information**

## 1,4-Bis(4-nitrosophenyl)piperazine: Novel bridging ligand in dinuclear complexes of rhodium (III) and iridium(III)

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	$C_4$	$C_1$	C <sub>3</sub>	$C_2 + C_5 + C_6$	$C_7 + C_8$	$C(CM_{2})$	Me (C <sub>5</sub> Me <sub>5</sub> )
	C (NO)	C (N pip.)	CH (anti-O)	CH (aromatic)	CH <sub>2</sub> (pip.)	$C_q(C_5NIe_5)$	
4	163.8, 162.2	154.6	142.5	112.7, 112.2	46.3, 45.0	_	-
				110.1, 110.0	43.9, 38.6		
7a	167.2, 165.4	155.6, 153.9	140.5	122.7, 113.0, 111.0	48.1, 45.2	88.6	8.9
7b	168.2, 165.0	156.8, 154.8	140.6, 137.4	121.0 120.4, 112.3	46.5, 46.3, 44.8	89.3, 88.8	9.7
	164.9	154.8		110.8, 110.5			
7c	166.2	155.2	140.8	123.8, 111.3	45.5	90.3	12.5
8a	163.0, 162.3	156.4, 153.5	139.3, 137.6	122.6, 114.8, 110.4, 107.9	48.0, 44.6, 43.5	98.8, 94.3	10.4

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**Table 5** Selected distances [Å] and angles [°] between the planes of the  $\eta^5$ -Cp\*-ring and the aromatic system of the nitroso ligand.

	distance plane C5Me5 metal center	distance plane C <sub>5</sub> Me <sub>5</sub> (1) plane C <sub>5</sub> Me <sub>5</sub> (2)	angle plane $C_5Me_5(1)$ plane $C_5Me_5(2)$	angle plane C₅Me₅ plane NO lig.	distance plane(1) NO lig. plane(2) NO lig.	angle plane(1) NO lig. plane(2) NO lig.
7a (chair)	1.786	12.622	-	38.15	1.711	-
7a'(boat)*	1.790	-	23.62	16.75	_	62.43
	1.789	_	23.62	27.78	_	62.43
7b (chair)	1.797	13.025	_	40.82	1.655	_
7c (boat)	1.824	_	84.29	28.22	_	55.00
8a (chair)	1.786	12.611	-	37.61	1.681	-

\* If more than one complex molecule in similar conformation was present in the asymmetric unit, only the data for one unit are listed.

<b>Fable 6</b> Hydrogen	bonds to the	piperazine ring	g for <b>7a</b> , 7b	and 8a	[A and °]	l
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	D-HA	d(D-H)	d(HA)	d(DA)	<(DHA)
7a	C(8)-H(8B)O(2)#1	0.99	2.38	3.335(6)	162.8
7b	C(8)-H(8B)O(2)#2	0.99	2.33	3.288(11)	161.4
8a	C(8)-H(8B)O(2)#3	0.99	2.39	3.342(4)	160.7

Symmetry transformations used to generate equivalent atoms: #1 -x+1, -y+1, -z; #2 x, -y+1/2, z-1/2; #3 -x, -y+1, -z+1



Figure 6 Molecular structure of 1,4-diphenylpiperazine (3). Displacement ellipsoids are drawn at 30% probability level.



Figure 7 Molecular packing of 1,4-diphenylpiperazine (3) (view along b-axis). Hydrogen atoms are omitted for clarity. Displacement ellipsoids are drawn at 30% probability level.



Figure 8 Molecular structure of 1,4-bis(4-nitrosophenyl)piperazine (4) in its chair (a) and boat (b) conformation. Displacement ellipsoids are drawn at 30% probability level.



Figure 9 Molecular packing of 1,4-bis(4-nitrosophenyl)piperazine (view along a-axis). Hydrogen atoms are omitted for clarity. Displacement ellipsoids are drawn at 30% probability level.



7a (chair conformation / crystallized from DMF)

Figure 10 Molecular structure of 7a crystallized from DMF (chair conformation / structure 7a) with the nearest interacting DMF molecules. Hydrogen bond data is given in Table 6. Displacement ellipsoids are drawn at 30% probability level.



Figure 11 Molecular packing of 7a crystallized from DMF (view along b-axis). Hydrogen atoms are omitted for clarity. Displacement ellipsoids are drawn at 30% probability level.



7a' (boat conformation / crystallized from CHCl<sub>3</sub>)

Figure 12 Molecular structure of 7a crystallized from CHCl<sub>3</sub> (boat conformation / structure 7a'). One CHCl<sub>3</sub> molecule was squeezed during refinement, so only 9 are depicted. Displacement ellipsoids are drawn at 30% probability level.



Figure 13 Molecular packing of 7a crystallized from CHCl<sub>3</sub> (view along b-axis). Hydrogen atoms are omitted for clarity. Displacement ellipsoids are drawn at 30% probability level.



7b (chair conformation / crystallized from DMF)

Figure 14 Molecular structure of 7b crystallized from DMF (chair conformation) with the nearest interacting DMF molecules. Hydrogen bond data is given in Table 6. Displacement ellipsoids are drawn at 30% probability level.



Figure 15 Molecular packing of 7b crystallized from DMF (view along b-axis). Hydrogen atoms are omitted for clarity. Displacement ellipsoids are drawn at 30% probability level.



7c (boat conformation / crystallized from dichloromethane)

Figure 16 Molecular structure of 7c crystallized from dichloromethane (boat conformation). The CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> molecule was squeezed during refinement, and so is not depicted. Displacement ellipsoids are drawn at 30% probability level.



Figure 17 Molecular packing of 7c crystallized from CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> (view along b-axis). Hydrogen atoms are omitted for clarity. Displacement ellipsoids are drawn at 30% probability level.



8a (chair conformation / crystallized from DMF)

Figure 18 Molecular structure of 8a crystallized from DMF (chair conformation) with the nearest interacting DMF molecules. Hydrogen bond data is given in Table 6. Displacement ellipsoids are drawn at 30% probability level.



Figure 19 Molecular packing of 8a crystallized from DMF (view along b-axis). Hydrogen atoms are omitted for clarity. Displacement ellipsoids are drawn at 30% probability level.