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**Synthesis and Characterisation of Anionic and Neutral Gallium(I) N-Heterocyclic Carbene
Analogues**

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

Table S1. Summary of crystallographic data for **6a-d**, **7**, **8**, **10**, **11**, DAB* **1S**, Ar*NH₂ **2S**, a cyclic isomer of DAB*H₂ **3S** and [NaI(18-crown-6)] **4S**

	6a ·(toluene)	6b ·(benzene) ₃ ^a	6c ·(THF) ₂	6d ·(OEt ₂) ^a	7 ·(benzene) ₂	8 ·(toluene) ₂	10
empirical formula	C ₈₈ H ₈₈ GaN ₄ Na	C ₉₂ H ₉₀ GaN ₄ Na	C ₉₂ H ₁₀₄ GaN ₂ NaO ₆	C ₈₂ H ₉₂ GaN ₄ NaO ₆	C ₈₆ H ₈₃ BrGaN ₄ Zn	C ₈₆ H ₈₇ CdGaN ₄	C ₂₉ H ₄₁ GaN ₂
formula weight	1294.33	1344.39	1426.48	1258.31	1387.56	1509.64	487.36
crystal system	triclinic	orthorhombic	monoclinic	monoclinic	monoclinic	monoclinic	triclinic
space group	<i>P</i> -1	<i>Pna</i> 2 ₁	<i>C</i> 2/ <i>c</i>	<i>P</i> 2 ₁	<i>P</i> 2 ₁ / <i>n</i>	<i>P</i> 2 ₁ / <i>n</i>	<i>P</i> -1
<i>T</i> (K)	173(2)	173(2)	173(2)	173(2)	123(2)	123(2)	173(2)
<i>a</i> (Å)	12.329(3)	22.532(5)	36.638(7)	12.676(3)	13.5440(5)	13.573(3)	8.0968(7)
<i>b</i> (Å)	12.390(3)	14.975(3)	11.566(2)	20.958(4)	23.6390(11)	23.932(3)	13.8541(14)
<i>c</i> (Å)	24.625(5)	22.623(5)	25.970(5)	14.496(3)	22.6239(10)	23.130(16)	14.1577(16)
<i>α</i> (deg.)	88.71(3)	90	90	90	90	90	62.271(11)
<i>β</i> (deg)	83.10(3)	90	134.67(3)	111.37(3)	101.617(4)	101.35(5)	74.193(9)
<i>γ</i> (deg.)	74.15(3)	90	90	90	90	90	89.796(7)
vol (Å ³)	3592.1(13)	7633(3)	7827(3)	3586.4(12)	7095.0(5)	7366(6)	1338.4(2)
<i>Z</i>	2	4	4	2	4	4	2
<i>ρ</i> (calcd) (g.cm ⁻³)	1.197	1.170	1.211	1.165	1.299	1.361	1.209
<i>μ</i> (mm ⁻¹)	0.438	0.414	0.413	0.438	1.329	1.122	1.046
<i>F</i> (000)	1372	2848	3040	1340	2892	3100	520
reflections collected	22354	23253	14618	12281	25577	29475	14255

unique reflections	13209	13301	7663	12281	12675	12935	7651
R_{int}	0.0288	0.0421	0.0333	0.0000	0.0675	0.0440	0.1012
R1 indices [$I > 2\sigma(I)$]	0.0500	0.0862	0.0506	0.0529	0.0630	0.0624	0.0517
wR2 indices (all data)	0.1324	0.2483	0.1470	0.0908	0.1617	0.1516	0.1218
Largest peak and hole (e.Å ⁻³)	0.83, -0.40	1.74 (near Ga(1)), -0.76	0.79, -0.44	0.40, -0.22	1.21, -0.84	2.02 (near I(1)), -1.25	1.04, -0.77
CCDC No.	866218	866219	866220	866221	866222	866223	866224

^a the absolute structure parameters for the racemically twinned crystal structures of **6b** and **6d** were 0.488(18) and 0.438(8) respectively.

	11 ·(hexane)	1S	2S	3S ·(OEt ₂)	4S
empirical formula	C ₉₃ H ₁₃₇ Ga ₅ I ₄ N ₆	C ₆₈ H ₅₆ N ₂	C ₃₃ H ₂₉ N	C ₇₂ H ₆₈ N ₂ O	C ₁₂ H ₂₄ INaO ₆
formula weight	2195.29	901.15	439.57	977.28	414.20
crystal system	triclinic	triclinic	monoclinic	triclinic	monoclinic
space group	<i>P</i> -1	<i>P</i> -1	<i>P</i> 2 ₁ / <i>n</i>	<i>P</i> -1	<i>P</i> 2 ₁ / <i>n</i>
<i>T</i> (K)	123(2)	173(2)	123(2)	173(2)	173(2)
<i>a</i> (Å)	14.8206(4)	9.1640(18)	9.5232(15)	13.639(3)	13.5047(3)
<i>b</i> (Å)	17.7618(5)	10.472(2)	11.2997(15)	14.388(3)	8.5025(2)
<i>c</i> (Å)	18.7240(6)	13.747(3)	22.111(3)	14.442(3)	15.2667(5)
α (deg.)	84.734(3)	99.63(3)	90	101.09(3)	90
β (deg.)	89.572(2)	103.84(3)	93.139(6)	92.85(3)	106.372(3)
γ (deg.)	85.108(2)	99.14(3)	90	96.22(3)	90

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vol (Å ³)	4890.2(2)	1235.3(4)	2375.8(6)	2757.7(10)	1681.79(8)
<i>Z</i>	2	1	4	2	4
ρ (calcd) (g.cm ⁻³)	1.491	1.211	1.229	1.177	1.636
μ (mm ⁻¹)	2.666	0.069	0.070	0.068	1.949
<i>F</i> (000)	2208	478	936	1044	832
reflections collected	30630	8046	16304	20230	6907
unique reflections	17610	4316	4181	10803	2946
<i>R</i> _{int}	0.0466	0.0768	0.1468	0.0336	0.0209
R1 indices [<i>I</i> >2 σ (<i>I</i>)] ^a	0.0553	0.0597	0.0657	0.0505	0.0343
wR2 indices (all data) ^b	0.1476	0.1550	0.1529	0.1423	0.0917
Largest peak and hole (e.Å ⁻³)	2.00 (near I(2)), -1.22	0.18, -0.16	0.28, -0.31	0.32, -0.26	1.97 (near I(1)), -1.32
CCDC No.	866225	866214	866215	866216	866217

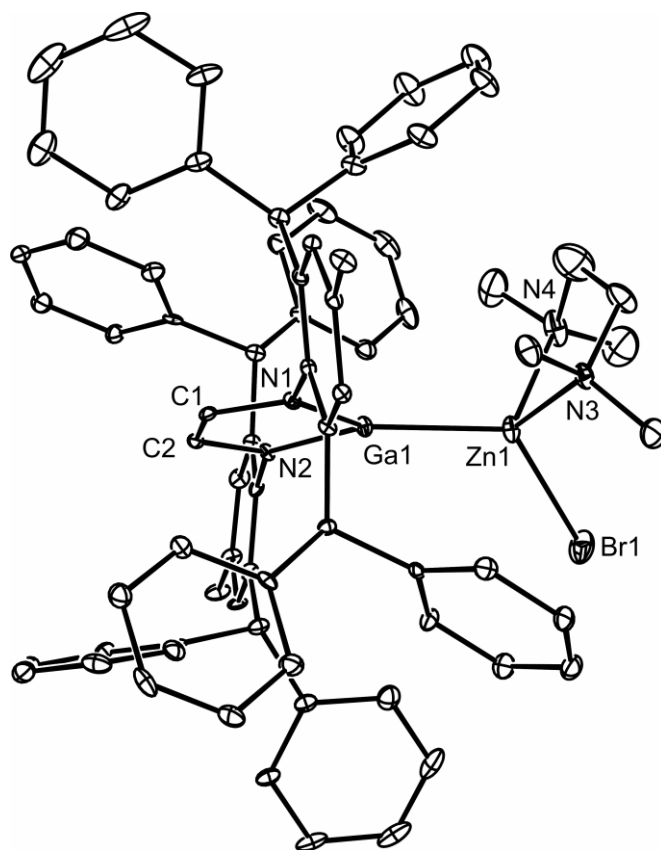


Figure S1. Molecular structure of **7** (25% displacement ellipsoids are shown; hydrogens omitted).

See main text for geometrical parameters.

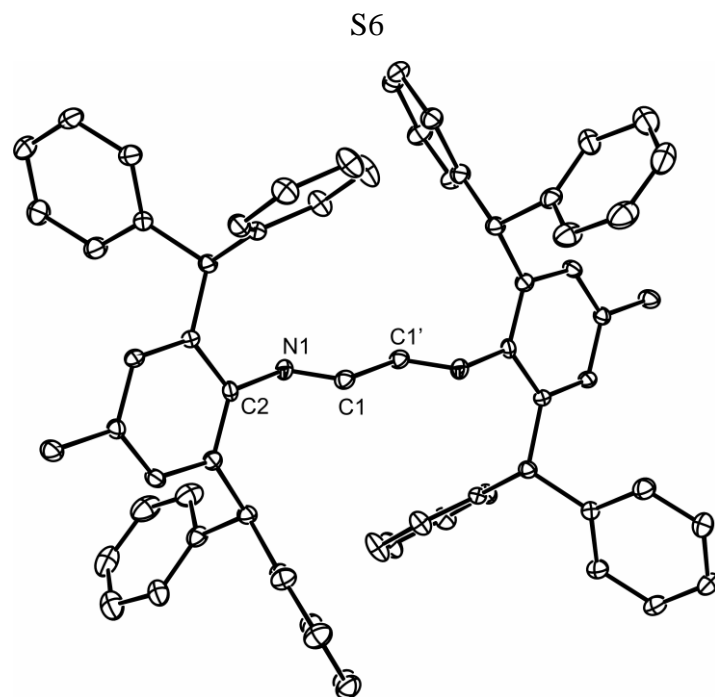


Figure S2. Molecular structure of **1S** (25% displacement ellipsoids are shown; hydrogens omitted). Selected bond lengths (Å) and angles (°): N(1)-C(1) 1.258(3), N(1)-C(2) 1.432(3), C(1)-C(1') 1.464(5), C(1)-N(1)-C(2) 119.1(2), N(1)-C(1)-C(1') 121.3(3). Symmetry operation: '-x, -y+1, -z'.

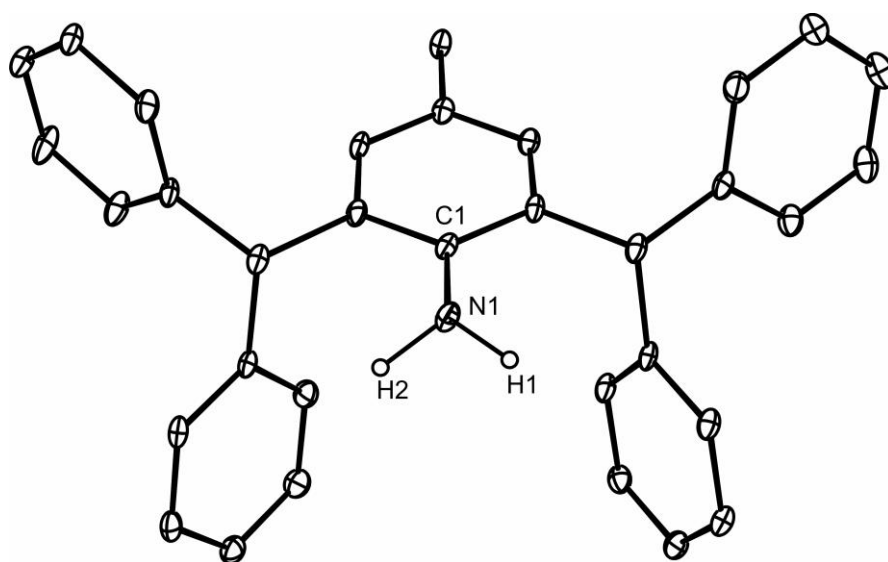


Figure S3. Molecular structure of **2S** (25% displacement ellipsoids are shown; non-amino hydrogens omitted).

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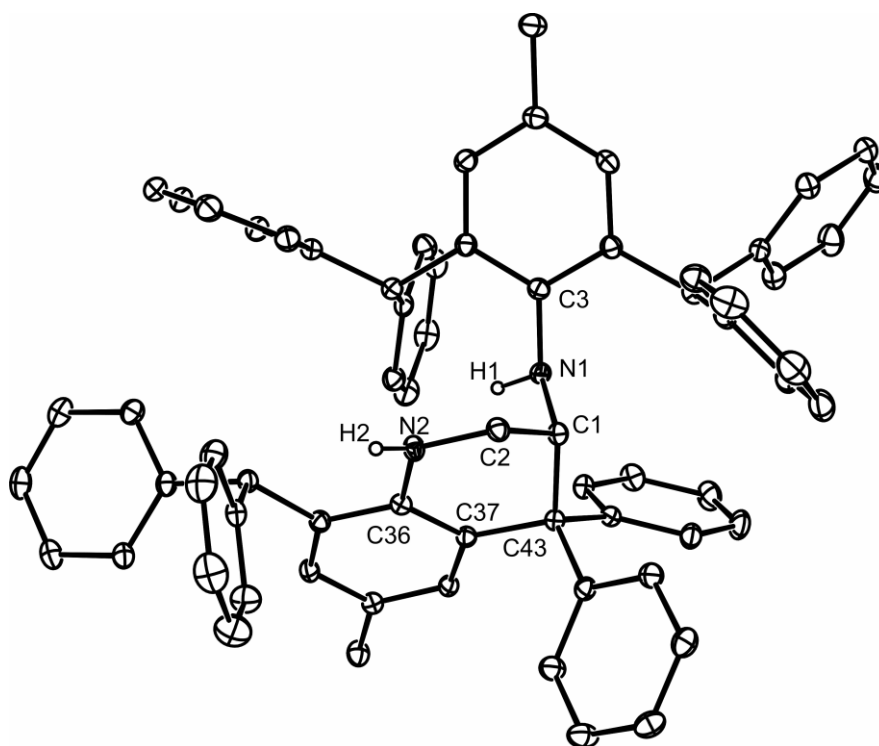


Figure S4. Molecular structure of **3S** (25% displacement ellipsoids are shown; non-amino hydrogens omitted). Selected bond lengths (Å) and angles (°): N(1)-C(1) 1.468(2), C(1)-C(2) 1.526(2), C(1)-C(43) 1.558(2), N(2)-C(36) 1.395(2), N(2)-C(2) 1.448(2), C(36)-C(37) 1.408(2), C(37)-C(43) 1.536(2), N(1)-C(1)-C(2) 113.54(13), N(2)-C(2)-C(1) 110.04(14), C(36)-N(2)-C(2) 121.40(14), N(2)-C(36)-C(37) 121.35(15), C(36)-C(37)-C(43) 120.09(14), C(37)-C(43)-C(1) 107.48(13).

Selected data for **3S**: M.p. 216-218 °C; ¹H NMR (C₆D₆, 400 MHz, 296 K): δ = 1.87 (s, 3H, ArCH₃), 1.98 (s, 3H, ArCH₃), 2.49 (d, ²J_{HH} = 12Hz, 1H, C(2)H), 2.85 (d, ²J_{HH} = 12Hz, 1H, C(2)H), 3.58 (br. s, 1H, N(2)H), 3.96 (br. d, 1H, N(1)H), 4.25 (br. d of t, 1H, C(1)H), 5.50 (s, 1H, CHPh₂), 6.61 (s, 2H, CHPh₂), 7.18-6.80 (m, 44H, ArH); IR (Nujol) ν/cm⁻¹: 3127 (bw, NH), 1596(w), 1261(w), 1154(m), 1077 (s), 1028 (m), 850(m), 722(m); MS EI: *m/z* (%): 903.2 (MH⁺, 100), 440.2 (Ar*NH₃⁺, 30); acc. mass. calc for C₆₈H₅₈N₂: 902.4600, found: 902.4673.

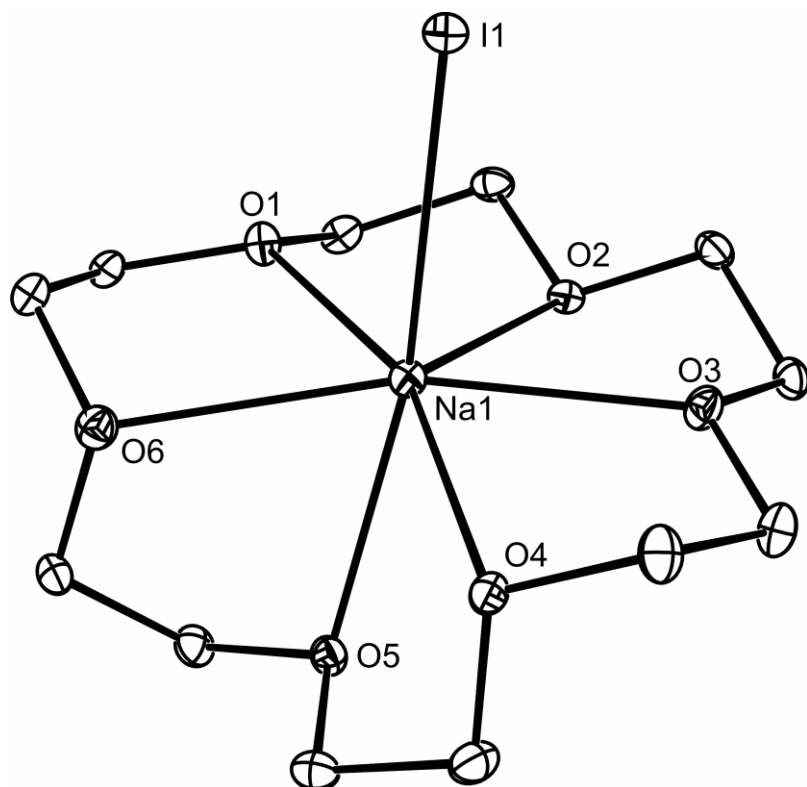


Figure S5. Molecular structure of **4S** (25% displacement ellipsoids are shown; hydrogens omitted).

Selected bond lengths (Å): I(1)-Na(1) 3.1381(14), Na(1)-O(3) 2.476(3), Na(1)-O(5) 2.496(3), Na(1)-O(1) 2.536(3), Na(1)-O(4) 2.575(3), Na(1)-O(2) 2.585(3), Na(1)-O(6) 2.631(3).

Table S2. Cartesian coordinates for the calculated structure of **11** (total energy: -13385.76182

Hartree)

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Ga	-0.14300	3.76100	1.00700
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N	1.45000	5.01900	0.93500
I	-0.05500	1.61800	-2.72200
I	2.47200	0.20300	0.60200
Ga	0.00500	-1.13200	0.11400
Ga	-0.04000	-1.27600	-2.45900
Ga	-0.20300	-3.12700	1.65100
N	1.30900	-1.69900	-3.93700
N	-1.65700	-1.64800	-3.61000
I	-0.87700	-5.21200	0.09900
N	1.25100	-3.85200	2.81600
N	-1.61700	-3.15700	3.12300
C	-1.33200	6.35200	0.78900
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C	-1.52600	-4.09300	4.07900
C	-0.11400	6.81000	1.34100
C	-0.43400	-5.02000	4.09000
C	-0.35600	-1.04900	-5.55700
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C	-3.32700	3.73900	-0.58700
C	-2.18300	5.31300	-2.09400
C	-4.16900	3.37400	-1.65000
C	-3.53100	3.10900	0.76900
C	-3.05200	4.90300	-3.12700
C	-1.15100	6.37200	-2.41700
H	-4.95600	2.62300	-1.46100
C	-4.05800	3.94400	-2.93400
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H	-0.61800	6.12300	-3.36100
H	-0.39600	6.49200	-1.61700
H	-1.63000	7.36600	-2.57500
C	-4.99200	3.53200	-4.05000
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C	2.09000	8.62500	0.58000
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H	-3.34700	-2.24300	5.52400
H	-2.38600	-6.52900	5.25300
H	-3.72300	-5.84300	4.27200
H	-3.83500	-5.85900	6.06400
H	-2.34600	-4.32300	7.48300
H	-1.21400	-3.17300	6.69200
H	-0.86700	-4.93400	6.66400
H	-0.60900	-5.89000	4.72400