

Electronic Supporting information

**Group 5 hydride and borohydride complexes supported by
cyclopentadienyl-imido ligand sets**

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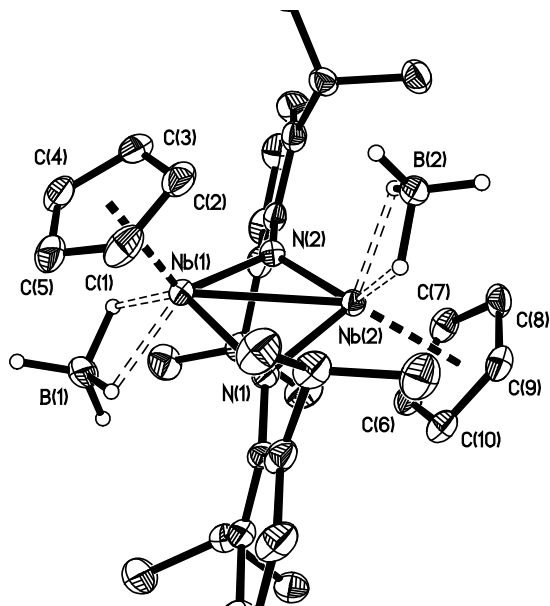


Figure S1. Molecular structure of $[\text{CpNb}(\mu\text{-NAr})(\eta^2\text{-BH}_4)]_2$ (**6**). C-bound hydrogens omitted.

Table S1 Crystal and structure refinement data for CpTa(NAr)H₂(PMe₃) (**5**), [CpNb(μ-NAr)(η²-BH₄)₂] (**6**) and [CpTa(μ-NAr)(η²-BH₄)₂] (**7**).

	5	6	7	
Empirical formula	C ₂₀ H ₃₁ NNb _{0.18} PTa _{0.82}	C ₃₄ H ₅₂ B ₂ N ₂ Nb ₂	C ₃₄ H ₅₂ B ₂ N ₂ Ta ₂	
Formula weight	481.53	696.22	872.32	
colour, habit	Yellow, block		Dark red, block	
Crystal size, mm ³	0.32x0.20x0.06	0.50 x 0.40 x 0.30	0.15 x 0.15 x 0.20	
Crystal system	monoclinic	monoclinic	monoclinic	
Space group	<i>P</i> 2 ₁ /n	<i>P</i> 2 ₁ /n	<i>P</i> 2 ₁ /n	
Unit cell dimensions:				
a, Å	8.8981(2)	10.6798(2)	10.6770(2)	
b, Å	14.3944(3)	20.3557(5)	20.3428(2)	
c, Å	16.7428(5)	15.7752(3)	15.7568(2)	
α, °	90.00	90.00	90	
β, °	97.847(2)	96.568(1)	96.4877(5)	
γ, °	90.00	90.00	90	
Volume, Å ³	2124.38(9)	3406.9(1)	3400.46(8)	
Z	4	4	4	
Density (calculated), g/cm ³	1.506	1.357	1.704	
Absorption coefficient, mm ⁻¹	4.420	0.697	6.455	
F(000)	961	1448	1694 □ 509	
Diffractometer	'Xcalibur, Sapphire3, Gemini ultra'	Bruker SMART	NONIUS KappaCCD	
Temperature, K	123(2)	100(2)	150(2)	
Radiation, (λ, Å)	(0.71073) Mo K _α	(0.71073) Mo K _α	(0.71073) Mo K _α	
2θ range for data collection, °	2.71 to 30.00	1.64 to 27.00	5.0 to 27.5	
Index ranges	-12 ≤ <i>h</i> ≤ 12, -20 ≤ <i>k</i> ≤ 19, -23 ≤ <i>l</i> ≤ 23	-13 ≤ <i>h</i> ≤ 13, -22 ≤ <i>k</i> ≤ 26, -20 ≤ <i>l</i> ≤ 20	-13 ≤ <i>h</i> ≤ 13, 0 ≤ <i>k</i> ≤ 26, 0 ≤ <i>l</i> ≤ 20	
Reflections collected	29002	22730	55248	
Independent reflections	4869 [R(int) = 0.0666]	7437 [R(int) = 0.0504]	7965 [R(int) = 0.052]	
Absorption correction	multi-scan	semi-empirical from equivalents	semi-empirical from equivalents	
Max. transmission	0.56437	0.51133	0.27	
Min. transmission	1.00000	0.63503	0.38	
Refinement method	full-matrix least-squares on F ² (SHELXTL-Plus)	full-matrix least-squares on F ² (SHELXTL-Plus)	full-matrix least-squares on F (SIR92)	
Data / restraints / parameters	6190/0/98	7437 / 0 / 569	5841/8/385	
Goodness-of-fit on F ² (5 and 6) or F (7)	1.072	1.135	1.037	
Final R indices [I>2σ(I)] (5 and 6) or [I>3σ(I)] (7)	R ₁ = 0.0513, wR ₂ = 0.1236	R ₁ = 0.0348, wR ₂ = 0.0802	R ₁ = 0.0256, R _w = 0.0294	
R indices (all data)	R ₁ = 0.0700, wR ₂ = 0.1326	R ₁ = 0.0432, wR ₂ = 0.0865	R ₁ = 0.0407, R _w = 0.0480	
Largest diff. peak and hole, e.Å ⁻³	3.89 and -1.42	0.95 and -0.61	1.40 and -1.54	