Supporting Information

Multiple Phenyl Rings appended Re-based Complexes for Strong Visible Light Absorption and DNA Binding

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| Empirical formula | C ₆₀ H ₄₈ N ₂ O ₁₀ P ₂ Re ₂ | C ₆₆ H ₆₀ N ₂ O ₁₀ P ₂ Re ₂ |
|-----------------------------------|---|---|
| Crystal system | Monoclinic | Triclinic |
| Space Group | P 21/n (14)` | P-1 (2)` |
| a [Å] | 13.6091(4) | 10.1180(6) |
| b [Å] | 15.1518(5) | 10.6093(6) |
| c [Å] | 15.1092(7) | 15.8454(7) |
| V[Å ³] | 3103.6(2) | 1522.66(15) |
| Ζ | 2 | 2 |
| Molecular weight | 1385.29 | 734.72 |
| ρ calc [g/cm ³] | 1.482 | 1.603 |
| Temperature [K] | 293(2) | 293(2) |
| Wavelength [MoK $_{\alpha}$] [Å] | 0.71073 | 0.71073 |
| Monochromator | Graphite | Graphite |
| Min/Max Bragg angle [°] | 3.023-29.783 | 3.6030-27.5740 |
| hkl range | -17 to 16, -18 to 18, -18 to 18 | -12 to 12, -12 to 12, -19 to 19 |
| F(000) | 1352 | 724 |
| μ (mm ⁻¹) | 4.002 | 4.083 |
| R _{int} | 0.1145 | 0.0383 |
| R _{sigma} | 0.0725 | 0.0310 |
| Refinement | F2 | F2 |
| No. of reflections used | 23257 | 16621 |
| Number of parameters | 346 | 374 |
| GoF | 1.058 | 1.002 |
| wR ₂ | 0.2208 | 0.0637 |
| Δρ/e [Å ⁻³] | 2.355/-0.591 | 0.977/-0.617 |
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