## Supporting Information

## Carbonyl Hypoiodites from Pivalic and Trimesic Acid and their Silver(I) Intermediates

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## Synthesis

## General Considerations

All reagents and solvents were obtained from commercial suppliers and used without further purification. For structural NMR assignments, ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR and ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}-{ }^{15} \mathrm{~N}$ NMR correlation spectra were recorded on a Bruker Avance III 500 MHz spectrometer at $25^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ in $\mathrm{CD}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}$, or at $30^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ in $\left(\mathrm{CD}_{3}\right)_{2} \mathrm{SO}$ (DMSO melting point $=19^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ ). Chemical shifts are reported on the $\delta$ scale in ppm using the residual solvent signal as internal standard $\left(\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}\right.$ in $\mathrm{CD}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}: \delta_{\mathrm{H}} 5.32, \delta_{\mathrm{C}}$ 53.84; $\left(\mathrm{CH}_{3}\right)_{2} \mathrm{SO}$ in $\left.\left(\mathrm{CD}_{3}\right)_{2} \mathrm{SO}: \delta_{\mathrm{H}} 2.50, \delta_{\mathrm{C}} 39.52\right)$, or for ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}^{-15} \mathrm{~N}$ NMR spectroscopy, to an external $\mathrm{CD}_{3} \mathrm{NO}_{2}$ standard. For the ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR spectroscopy, each resonance was assigned according to the following conventions: chemical shift $(\delta)$ measured in ppm, observed multiplicity, observed coupling constant $(J \mathrm{~Hz})$, and number of hydrogens. Multiplicities are denoted as: $s$ (singlet), $d$ (doublet), $t$ (triplet), $q$ (quartet), $m$ (multiplet), and br (broad). For the ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}-{ }^{15} \mathrm{~N}$ HMBC spectroscopy, spectral windows of $4 \mathrm{ppm}\left({ }^{1} \mathrm{H}\right)$ and $300 \mathrm{ppm}\left({ }^{15} \mathrm{~N}\right)$ were used, with 1024 points in the direct dimension and 512 increments used in the indirect dimension, with subsequent peak shape analysis being performed to give the reported ${ }^{15} \mathrm{~N}$ NMR resonances. The NMR data for pyridine and DMAP in $\mathrm{CD}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}$ have been previously reported. ${ }^{1}$

The single crystal X-ray data for $\mathbf{1 , 1 b}, \mathbf{2 c}, \mathbf{2 e}, \mathbf{4 a}$, and $\mathbf{4 b}$ were collected at 120 K using an Agilent SuperNova dual wavelength diffractometer with an Atlas detector using mirror-monochromated Cu-K $\alpha(\lambda=1.54184 \AA$ ) radiation.
 diffractometer with an Eos detector using mirror-monochromated Mo-K $(\lambda=0.71073 \AA$ ) radiation. The program CrysAlisPro ${ }^{2}$ was used for the data collection and reduction on the SuperNova diffractometers. All structures were solved by intrinsic phasing (SHELXT) ${ }^{3}$ and refined by full-matrix least squares on $F^{2}$ using Olex $2,{ }^{4}$ utilising the ShelXL2015 module. ${ }^{5}$ Anisotropic displacement parameters were assigned to non-H atoms and isotropic displacement parameters for all H atoms were constrained to multiples of the equivalent displacement parameters of their parent atoms with $\mathrm{U}_{\text {iso }}(\mathrm{H})=1.2 \mathrm{U}_{\text {eq }}$ (aromatic; cyclic alkyl) or $\mathrm{U}_{\text {iso }}(\mathrm{H})=1.5 \mathrm{U}_{\text {eq }}$ (acyclic alkyl) of their respective parent atoms. The X-ray single crystal data and CCDC numbers of all new structures are included below.

The following abbreviations are used: 4-Mepy = 4-methylpyridine, 4-morpy = 4-morpholinopyridine, DCM = dichloromethane, DIPE = diisopropylether, DMAP = 4-dimethylaminopyridine, DMSO = dimethylsulfoxide, py = pyridine, $\mathrm{TBME}={ }^{\text {tb }}$ butylmethylether.

Nomenclature Key

| Ligand (L) | Ag(pivalate)(L) | (pivalyl-OI)(L) | $\mathbf{A g}_{\mathbf{3}}$ (trimesate)(L) $\mathbf{3}^{\prime}$ | (trimesyl-OI)(L) $\mathbf{3}$ |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| No ligand | 1 | (not observed) | $\mathbf{3}$ | (not observed) |  |
| Pyridine (a) | 1a | 2a | 3a | 4a |  |
| 4-Mepy (b) | 1b | 2b | 3b | 4b |  |
| DMAP (c) | 1c | 2c |  |  |  |
| 4-morpy (d) | 1d | 2d |  |  |  |

## Synthesis of Silver(I) Precursors



Ag(pivalate) (1): Prepared in the absence of light. Pivalic acid ( $1.02 \mathrm{~g}, 10 \mathrm{mmol}$ ) was added to a $\mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}(15 \mathrm{~mL})$ solution of $\mathrm{NaOH}(0.40 \mathrm{~g}, 10.05 \mathrm{mmol})$, and after stirring the colourless solution for 15 minutes, a $\mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}(20 \mathrm{~mL})$ solution of $\mathrm{AgNO}_{3}(1.71 \mathrm{~g} 10.05 \mathrm{mmol})$ was added dropwise to immediately give a precipitate. The resulting brown-ish suspension was stirred for 1 hour, then the precipitate was isolated by filtration. The solid was washed with $\mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}$ (3 $\times 15 \mathrm{~mL}), \mathrm{MeOH}(3 \times 15 \mathrm{~mL})$, and $\mathrm{Et}_{2} \mathrm{O}(3 \times 15 \mathrm{~mL})$ to give an off-white solid that was dried under reduced pressure. Recovered yield $=1.90 \mathrm{~g}(91 \%) .{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $\left.500 \mathrm{MHz},\left(\mathrm{CD}_{3}\right)_{2} \mathrm{SO}\right) \delta 1.10\left(\mathrm{~s}, 9 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H}^{\mathrm{c}}\right) ;{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR $\left(126 \mathrm{MHz},\left(\mathrm{CD}_{3}\right)_{2} \mathrm{SO}\right) \delta 181.8$ $\left(C^{a}\right), 28.8\left(C^{c}\right)\left(C^{b}\right.$ at $\sim 39 \mathrm{ppm}$ is obscured by the residual DMSO peak at 39.5 ppm$)$. Crystals suitable for single crystal X-ray diffraction were obtained from a DCM/DMSO solution of 1 vapour diffused with DIPE. Crystal data for 1: CCDC2173463, $\left(\mathrm{C}_{10} \mathrm{H}_{9} \mathrm{Ag}_{2} \mathrm{O}_{4}\right)_{\mathrm{n}}, \mathrm{M}=417.98$, colourless needle, $0.01 \times 0.06 \times 0.22 \mathrm{~mm}^{3}$, triclinic, space group $P-1$ (No. 2), a $=5.7752(4) \AA, b=13.483(1) \AA, c=16.9347(12) \AA \AA, \alpha=108.220(7)^{\circ}, \beta=90.240(5)^{\circ}, \gamma=94.770(6)^{\circ}, V=1247.57(16)$ $\AA^{3}, Z=4, D_{\text {calc }}=2.225 \mathrm{gcm}^{-3}, \mathrm{FOOO}=816, \mu=25.18 \mathrm{~mm}^{-1}, \mathrm{~T}=120.0(1) \mathrm{K}, \theta_{\max }=76.6^{\circ}, 4849$ total reflections, 3314 with $\mathrm{I}_{0}>2 \sigma\left(\mathrm{I}_{\mathrm{o}}\right), \mathrm{R}_{\text {int }}=0.047,4849$ data, 301 parameters, no restraints, GooF $=0.98,1.26<\mathrm{d} \Delta \rho<-1.04 \mathrm{e} \AA^{-3}, R\left[F^{2}>\right.$ $\left.2 \sigma\left(F^{2}\right)\right]=0.037, w R\left(F^{2}\right)=0.086$.


Figure S1: The X-ray crystal structure of polymer $\mathbf{1}$ (alkyl groups simplified for clarity). Colour key: light grey = silver, red = oxygen, dark grey = carbon, white = hydrogen.

Pivalic acid: ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $500 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CD}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}$ ) $\delta 1.22\left(\mathrm{~s}, 9 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H}^{\mathrm{C}}\right.$ ) (hydroxyl hydrogen atom not observed); ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR (126 $\left.\mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CD}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}\right) \delta 184.8\left(\mathrm{C}^{\mathrm{a}}\right), 38.8\left(\mathrm{C}^{\mathrm{b}}\right), 27.1\left(\mathrm{C}^{\mathrm{c}}\right)$.
${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR $\left(500 \mathrm{MHz},\left(\mathrm{CD}_{3}\right)_{2} \mathrm{SO}\right) \delta 1.11\left(\mathrm{~s}, 9 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H}^{\mathrm{c}}\right)$ (hydroxyl hydrogen atom not observed); ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR $\left(126 \mathrm{MHz},\left(\mathrm{CD}_{3}\right)_{2} \mathrm{SO}\right)$ $\delta 179.3\left(C^{a}\right), 37.7\left(C^{b}\right), 27.0\left(C^{c}\right)$.
$\mathbf{A g}_{3}$ (trimesate) (3): Prepared in the absence of light. Trimesic acid ( $1.00 \mathrm{~g}, 4.76 \mathrm{mmol}$ ) was added to a $\mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}(20 \mathrm{~mL})$ solution of $\mathrm{NaOH}(0.57 \mathrm{~g}, 14.28 \mathrm{mmol})$, and after stirring the colourless solution for 15 minutes, a $\mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}(20 \mathrm{~mL})$ solution of $\mathrm{AgNO}_{3}(2.43 \mathrm{~g} 14.28 \mathrm{mmol})$ was added dropwise to immediately give a precipitate. The resulting offwhite suspension was stirred for 1 hour, then the precipitate was isolated by filtration. The solid was washed with $\mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}(3 \times 15 \mathrm{~mL}), \mathrm{MeOH}(3 \times 15 \mathrm{~mL})$, and hexane $(3 \times 15 \mathrm{~mL})$ to give a white solid that was dried under reduced pressure. Recovered yield $=2.44 \mathrm{~g}$ (97\%).

## Synthesis of Silver(I) Compounds



Ag(pivalate)(py) (1a): Ag(pivalate) (1; $10.5 \mathrm{mg}, 0.05 \mathrm{mmol}$ ) was dissolved in DMSO ( 4 mL ), followed by addition of py ( $4.04 \mu \mathrm{~L}, 0.05 \mathrm{mmol}$ ) to give a pale beige solution. ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H} \mathrm{NMR}\left(500 \mathrm{MHz},\left(\mathrm{CD}_{3}\right)_{2} \mathrm{SO}\right) \delta 8.58\left(\mathrm{~s}, 2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H}^{\mathrm{d}}\right), 7.82(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H}$, $\left.H^{f}\right), 7.42\left(\mathrm{~s}, 2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H}^{\mathrm{e}}\right), 1.10\left(\mathrm{~s}, 9 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H}^{\mathrm{c}}\right)$.

Pyridine: ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $\left.500 \mathrm{MHz},\left(\mathrm{CD}_{3}\right)_{2} \mathrm{SO}\right) \delta 8.57\left(\mathrm{~d}, \mathrm{~J}=4.1 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H}^{\mathrm{d}}\right), 7.78\left(\mathrm{tt}, \mathrm{J}=7.6,1.6 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H}^{\mathrm{f}}\right), 7.41-7.35(\mathrm{~m}$, $\left.2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H}^{\mathrm{e}}\right) ;{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR (126 MHz, $\left.\left(\mathrm{CD}_{3}\right)_{2} \mathrm{SO}\right) \delta 149.6\left(\mathrm{C}^{\mathrm{d}}\right), 136.1\left(\mathrm{C}^{\mathrm{f}}\right), 123.9\left(\mathrm{C}^{\mathrm{e}}\right) ;{ }^{15} \mathrm{~N}$ NMR $\left(500 \mathrm{MHz},\left(\mathrm{CD}_{3}\right)_{2} \mathrm{SO}\right) \delta$-64.1.


Ag(pivalate)(4-Mepy) (1b): $\operatorname{Ag}$ (pivalate) (1; $10.5 \mathrm{mg}, 0.05 \mathrm{mmol}$ ) was dissolved in DMSO (4 mL), followed by addition of 4-Mepy ( $4.87 \mu \mathrm{~L}, 0.05 \mathrm{mmol}$ ) to give a pale beige solution. ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H} \mathrm{NMR}\left(500 \mathrm{MHz},\left(\mathrm{CD}_{3}\right)_{2} \mathrm{SO}\right) \delta 8.43(\mathrm{~s} . \mathrm{br}, 2 \mathrm{H}$, $\mathrm{H}^{d}$ ), $7.27\left(\mathrm{~s} . \mathrm{br}, 2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H}^{\mathrm{e}}\right), 2.33\left(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H}^{\mathrm{f}}\right), 1.10\left(\mathrm{~s}, 9 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H}^{\mathrm{c}}\right)$. Crystals suitable for single crystal X-ray diffraction were obtained from a DCM solution (doped with several drops of DMSO to complete dissolution) of 1a vapour diffused with pentane. Crystal data for $1 \mathbf{a}$ (connectivity only): $\mathrm{C}_{11} \mathrm{H}_{16} \mathrm{AgNO}_{2}, \mathrm{M}=302.12$, colourless plate, $0.01 \times 0.10 \times 0.13$ $\mathrm{mm}^{3}$, triclinic, space group $P-1\left(\right.$ No. 2), $a=5.688(2) \AA, b=8.659(3) \AA, c=13.226(6) \AA, \alpha=76.65(4)^{\circ}, \beta=78.93(4)^{\circ}, \gamma$ $=85.96(3)^{\circ}, \mathrm{V}=621.8(5) \AA^{3}, \mathrm{Z}=2, \mathrm{D}_{\text {calc }}=1.614 \mathrm{gcm}^{-3}, \mathrm{FOOO}=304, \mu=12.86 \mathrm{~mm}^{-1}, \mathrm{~T}=120.0$ (1) $\mathrm{K}, \theta_{\max }=71.9^{\circ}, 2175$ total reflections, 341 with $\mathrm{I}_{0}>2 \sigma\left(\mathrm{I}_{\mathrm{o}}\right), \mathrm{R}_{\text {int }}=0.201,2175$ data, 53 parameters, 3 restraints, GooF $=1.02,0.69<\mathrm{d} \Delta \rho$ $<-1.29 e \AA^{-3}, R\left[F^{2}>2 \sigma\left(F^{2}\right)\right]=0.261, w R\left(F^{2}\right)=0.666$.


Figure S2: The X-ray determined connectivity (isotropic) model of 1b (alkyl and aryl groups simplified for clarity). Colour key: light grey = silver, red = oxygen, blue = nitrogen, dark grey = carbon, white = hydrogen.

4-Mepy: ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $\left.500 \mathrm{MHz},\left(\mathrm{CD}_{3}\right)_{2} \mathrm{SO}\right) \delta 8.42\left(\mathrm{~d}, \mathrm{~J}=6.1 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H}^{\mathrm{d}}\right), 7.18\left(\mathrm{~d}, J=5.3 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H}^{\mathrm{e}}\right), 2.29\left(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H}^{\mathrm{g}}\right) ;{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR (126 MHz, (CD $\left.)_{2} \mathrm{SO}\right) \delta 149.3\left(\mathrm{C}^{\mathrm{d}}\right), 146.6\left(\mathrm{C}^{\mathrm{f}}\right), 124.6\left(\mathrm{C}^{\mathrm{e}}\right), 20.3\left(\mathrm{C}^{\mathrm{g}}\right) ;{ }^{15} \mathrm{~N}$ NMR (500 MHz, (CD$\left.)_{2} \mathrm{SO}\right) \delta$-72.3.


Ag(pivalate)(DMAP) (1c): Ag(pivalate) (1; $10.5 \mathrm{mg}, 0.05 \mathrm{mmol})$ was dissolved in DMSO ( 4 mL ), followed by addition of DMAP ( $6.1 \mathrm{mg}, 0.05 \mathrm{mmol}$ ) to give a pale beige solution. ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H} \mathrm{NMR}\left(500 \mathrm{MHz},\left(\mathrm{CD}_{3}\right)_{2} \mathrm{SO}\right) \delta 8.11(\mathrm{~d}, J=5.7 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}$, $\left.\mathrm{H}^{\mathrm{d}}\right), 6.68\left(\mathrm{~d}, \mathrm{~J}=5.7 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H}^{\mathrm{e}}\right), 2.99\left(\mathrm{~s}, 6 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H}^{\mathrm{g}}\right), 1.08\left(\mathrm{~s}, 9 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H}^{\mathrm{c}}\right) ;{ }^{13} \mathrm{CNMR}\left(126 \mathrm{MHz},\left(\mathrm{CD}_{3}\right)_{2} \mathrm{SO}\right) \delta 182.2\left(\mathrm{C}^{\mathrm{a}}\right), 154.3\left(\mathrm{C}^{\mathrm{f}}\right)$, $\left.\left.\left.150.4\left(C^{d}\right), 107.0\left(C^{e}\right), 38.6\left(C^{b}\right), 38.3\left(C^{g}\right), 28.9\left(C^{c}\right) ;{ }^{15} \mathrm{~N} \mathrm{NMR} \mathrm{(500} \mathrm{MHz,(CD}_{3}\right)\right)_{2} \mathrm{SO}\right) \delta-144.6$ (pyridinic), $-318.1\left(\mathrm{NMe}_{2}\right)$. Crystals suitable for single crystal X-ray diffraction were obtained by evaporation of an acetone solution (doped with several drops of DMSO to complete dissolution) of $\mathbf{1 c}$. Crystal data for (1c) $\mathbf{2}^{2}$ : CCDC-2173464, $\mathrm{C}_{24} \mathrm{H}_{38} \mathrm{Ag}_{2} \mathrm{~N}_{4} \mathrm{O}_{4}, \mathrm{M}$ $=662.32$, colourless block, $0.05 \times 0.10 \times 0.27 \mathrm{~mm}^{3}$, triclinic, space group $P-1$ (No. 2), $a=6.8349(11) ~ A ̊, b=9.4356(18)$ $\AA, c=11.4549(19) \AA, \alpha=82.991(14)^{\circ}, \beta=72.900(14)^{\circ}, \gamma=73.381(15)^{\circ}, V=676.0(2) \AA^{3}, Z=1, D_{\text {calc }}=1.627 \mathrm{gcm}^{-3}$, FOOO $=336, \mu=1.48 \mathrm{~mm}^{-1}, \mathrm{~T}=120.0(1) \mathrm{K}, \theta_{\max }=26.4^{\circ}, 2745$ total reflections, 1914 with $\mathrm{I}_{0}>2 \sigma\left(\mathrm{I}_{0}\right), \mathrm{R}_{\text {int }}=0.065,2745$ data, 159 parameters, no restraints, $\mathrm{GooF}=0.90,1.65<\mathrm{d} \Delta \rho<-1.61 \mathrm{e}^{-3}, R\left[F^{2}>2 \sigma\left(F^{2}\right)\right]=0.054, w R\left(F^{2}\right)=0.112$.


Figure S3: The X-ray crystal structure of (1c) $\mathbf{2}_{\mathbf{2}}$ (alkyl and aryl groups simplified for clarity). Colour key: light grey = silver, red = oxygen, blue = nitrogen, dark grey = carbon, white = hydrogen.

DMAP: ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR $\left(500 \mathrm{MHz},\left(\mathrm{CD}_{3}\right)_{2} \mathrm{SO}\right) \delta 8.09\left(\mathrm{dd}, J=5.0,1.5 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H}^{\mathrm{d}}\right), 6.57\left(\mathrm{dd}, J=5.0,1.4 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H}^{\mathrm{e}}\right), 2.94(\mathrm{~s}, 6 \mathrm{H}$,
 (pyridinic), -325.0 ( $\mathrm{NMe}_{2}$ ).


Ag(pivalate)(4-morpy) (1d): Ag(pivalate) (1; $10.5 \mathrm{mg}, 0.05 \mathrm{mmol})$ was dissolved in DMSO ( 4 mL ), followed by addition of 4-morph ( $8.2 \mathrm{mg}, 0.05 \mathrm{mmol}$ ) to give a pale beige solution. ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H} \mathrm{NMR}\left(500 \mathrm{MHz},\left(\mathrm{CD}_{3}\right)_{2} \mathrm{SO}\right) \delta 8.18(\mathrm{~d}, \mathrm{~J}=$ $5.2 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H}^{\mathrm{d}}$ ), $6.90\left(\mathrm{~d}, \mathrm{~J}=5.2 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H}^{\mathrm{e}}\right.$ ), 3.71 (unresolved t.br, $4 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H}^{\mathrm{h}}$ ), 3.34 (unresolved t.br, $4 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H}^{\mathrm{g}}$ ), $1.09(\mathrm{~s}, 9 \mathrm{H}$, $\left.\mathrm{H}^{\mathrm{c}}\right) ;{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR (126 MHz, $\left.\left(\mathrm{CD}_{3}\right)_{2} \mathrm{SO}\right) \delta 182.1\left(\mathrm{C}^{\mathrm{a}}\right)$, $155.0\left(\mathrm{C}^{\mathrm{f}}\right), 150.8\left(\mathrm{C}^{\mathrm{d}}\right), 108.2\left(\mathrm{C}^{\mathrm{e}}\right), 65.6\left(\mathrm{C}^{\mathrm{h}}\right), 45.3\left(\mathrm{C}^{\mathrm{g}}\right), 38.5\left(\mathrm{C}^{\mathrm{b}}\right), 28.9$ $\left(C^{c}\right) ;{ }^{15} \mathrm{~N}$ NMR ( $\left.500 \mathrm{MHz},\left(\mathrm{CD}_{3}\right)_{2} \mathrm{SO}\right) \delta-132.3$ (pyridinic), -304.6 (morpholino).

4-morpy: ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $\left.500 \mathrm{MHz},\left(\mathrm{CD}_{3}\right)_{2} \mathrm{SO}\right) \delta 8.18\left(\mathrm{dd}, J=5.0,1.5 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H}^{\mathrm{d}}\right), 6.82\left(\mathrm{dd}, \mathrm{J}=5.0,1.4 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H}^{\mathrm{e}}\right), 3.71(\mathrm{t}, \mathrm{J}$ $\left.=4.9 \mathrm{~Hz}, 4 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H}^{\mathrm{h}}\right), 3.26\left(\mathrm{t}, \mathrm{J}=4.9 \mathrm{~Hz}, 4 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H}^{\mathrm{g}}\right) ;{ }^{13} \mathrm{C} \mathrm{NMR}\left(126 \mathrm{MHz},\left(\mathrm{CD}_{3}\right)_{2} \mathrm{SO}\right) \delta 154.8\left(\mathrm{C}^{\mathrm{f}}\right), 149.8\left(\mathrm{C}^{\mathrm{d}}\right), 108.2\left(\mathrm{C}^{\mathrm{e}}\right), 65.7$ $\left(C^{h}\right), 45.6\left(C^{g}\right) ;{ }^{15} \mathrm{~N}$ NMR (500 MHz, (CD3) $\left.)_{2} \mathrm{SO}\right) \delta$-94.7 (pyridinic), -306.5 (morpholino).
$\left[\mathrm{Ag}_{3}(\text { trimesate })(\mathrm{py})_{7}\right]_{\mathrm{n}}\left(\mathbf{3 a} \cdot(\mathrm{py})_{4}\right)$ : Crystals suitable for single crystal X -ray diffraction were obtained from a pyridine solution (doped with several drops of DMSO to complete dissolution) of $\mathbf{3}$ vapour diffused with TBME. Crystal data for 3a•(py) 4 : CCDC- 2173468, $\mathrm{C}_{44} \mathrm{H}_{38} \mathrm{Ag}_{3} \mathrm{~N}_{7} \mathrm{O}_{6}, \mathrm{M}=1084.42$, colourless plate, $0.01 \times 0.09 \times 0.13 \mathrm{~mm}^{3}$, monoclinic, space group $P 2_{1} / c, a=20.8504(9) \AA, b=10.5290(3) A, c=19.2520(4) \AA, \beta=91.048(3)^{\circ}, V=4225.8(2) \AA^{3}, Z=4, D_{\text {calc }}$ $=1.705 \mathrm{gcm}^{-3}, \mathrm{~F} 000=2160, \mu=1.43 \mathrm{~mm}^{-1}, \mathrm{~T}=120.0(1) \mathrm{K}, \theta_{\max }=27.3^{\circ}, 8637$ total reflections, 6802 with $\mathrm{I}_{0}>2 \sigma\left(\mathrm{I}_{0}\right)$, $R_{\text {int }}=0.085,8637$ data, 541 parameters, 36 restraints, $G o o F=1.21,2.16<\mathrm{d} \Delta \rho<-0.84 \mathrm{e}^{-3}, R\left[F^{2}>2 \sigma\left(F^{2}\right)\right]=0.079$, $w R\left(F^{2}\right)=0.132$.


Figure S4: The X-ray crystal structure of $\mathbf{3 a} \cdot(\mathrm{py})_{4}$ (alkyl and aryl groups simplified for clarity). Colour key: light grey = silver, red $=$ oxygen, blue = nitrogen, dark grey = carbon, white = hydrogen.

## Synthesis of O-I-N Compounds

All stabilised hypoiodite compounds were prepared using the same quantitative general methods, which are given below using (pivalyl-OI)(4-Mepy) (2b) and (trimesyl-OI)(py) ${ }_{3}$ (4a) as examples.

(pivalyl-OI)(py) (2a): Synthesis the same as for $\mathbf{2 b}$ with pyridine ( $4.0 \mu \mathrm{~L}, 0.05 \mathrm{mmol}$ ) instead of 4-Mepy. ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR $\left(500 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CD}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}\right) \delta 8.64\left(\mathrm{~d}, J=4.7 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H}^{\mathrm{d}}\right), 7.94\left(\mathrm{t}, \mathrm{J}=7.5 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H}^{\mathrm{f}}\right), 7.40\left(\mathrm{dd}, J=7.2,6.3 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H}^{\mathrm{e}}\right), 1.13(\mathrm{~s}$, 9H, $\mathrm{H}^{\mathrm{c}}$ ).

(pivalyl-OI)(4-Mepy) (2b): Ag(pivalate) (1; $10.5 \mathrm{mg}, 0.05 \mathrm{mmol})$ was suspended in DCM (4 mL) and 4-Mepy (4.87 $\mu \mathrm{L}, 0.05 \mathrm{mmol}$ ) added to give a colloidal suspension. Stirred or 10 minutes, then $\mathrm{I}_{2}(12.7 \mathrm{mg}, 0.05 \mathrm{mmol})$ was added as a solid and left to stir for approximately 5 minutes (until all the $I_{2}$ had dissolved). The filtrate of the resulting pale red solution and yellow precipitate was isolated by filtration. The compound's high solubility in most organic solvents prevented isolation of the bulk sample by precipitation, and concentration under reduced pressure resulted in rapid decomposition of the compound (strong purple colour generated upon decomposition). ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR $\left(500 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CD}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}\right) \delta 8.47\left(\mathrm{~d}, J=6.3 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H}^{\mathrm{d}}\right), 7.20\left(\mathrm{~d}, \mathrm{~J}=5.6 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H}^{\mathrm{e}}\right), 2.42\left(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H}^{\mathrm{g}}\right), 1.13\left(\mathrm{~s}, 9 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H}^{\mathrm{c}}\right) ;{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR $\left(126 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CD}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}\right) \delta 183.1\left(\mathrm{C}^{\mathrm{a}}\right), 152.7\left(\mathrm{C}^{\mathrm{d}}\right), 149.0\left(\mathrm{C}^{\mathrm{f}}\right), 127.5\left(\mathrm{C}^{\mathrm{e}}\right), 38.4\left(\mathrm{C}^{\mathrm{b}}\right), 28.4\left(\mathrm{C}^{\mathrm{c}}\right), 21.6\left(\mathrm{C}^{\mathrm{g}}\right) ;{ }^{15} \mathrm{~N}$ NMR (500 MHz, $\mathrm{CD}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}$ ) $\delta$-154.4. Crystals suitable for single crystal X-ray diffraction were obtained from a toluene solution of $\mathbf{2 b}$ vapour diffused with pentane. Crystal data for 2b: CCDC-2173465, $\mathrm{C}_{11} \mathrm{H}_{16} / \mathrm{NO}_{2}, \mathrm{M}=321.15$, colourless plate, 0.03 x $0.14 \times 0.21 \mathrm{~mm}^{3}$, triclinic, space group $P-1$ (No. 2), $a=5.6777$ (3) $\AA$, $b=8.6359$ (5) $\AA, c=13.1369(8) ~ A ̊, ~ \alpha=76.766(5)^{\circ}$, $\beta=78.689(5)^{\circ}, \gamma=86.009(4)^{\circ}, V=614.64(6) \AA^{3}, Z=2, D_{\text {calc }}=1.735 \mathrm{gcm}^{-3}, F 000=316, \mu=2.59 \mathrm{~mm}^{-1}, T=120.0(1) \mathrm{K}$, $\theta_{\max }=28.5^{\circ}, 2509$ total reflections, 2254 with $I_{o}>2 \sigma\left(I_{0}\right), R_{\text {int }}=0.035,2509$ data, 140 parameters, no restraints, GooF $=1.02,0.88<\mathrm{d} \Delta \rho<-0.81 \mathrm{e}^{-3}, R\left[F^{2}>2 \sigma\left(F^{2}\right)\right]=0.036, w R\left(F^{2}\right)=0.066$.


Figure S5: The X-ray crystal structure of 2b (alkyl and aryl groups simplified for clarity). Colour key: purple = iodine, red = oxygen, blue $=$ nitrogen, dark grey $=$ carbon, white $=$ hydrogen .

4-Mepy: ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $\left.500 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CD}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}\right) \delta 8.42\left(\mathrm{~d}, J=5.9 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H}^{\mathrm{d}}\right), 7.10\left(\mathrm{~d}, J=5.3 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H}^{\mathrm{e}}\right), 2.33\left(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H}^{\mathrm{g}}\right) ;{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR $\left(126 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CD}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}\right) \delta 149.9\left(\mathrm{C}^{\mathrm{d}}\right), 147.4\left(\mathrm{C}^{\mathrm{f}}\right), 124.9\left(\mathrm{C}^{\mathrm{e}}\right), 21.1\left(\mathrm{C}^{\mathrm{g}}\right) ;{ }^{15} \mathrm{~N} \mathrm{NMR}\left(500 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CD}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}\right) \delta-75.1$.

(pivalyl-OI)(DMAP) (2c): Synthesis the same as for $\mathbf{2 b}$ with DMAP ( $6.1 \mathrm{mg}, 0.05 \mathrm{mmol}$ ) instead of 4-Mepy. ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR $\left(500 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CD}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}\right) \delta 8.08\left(\mathrm{~d}, \mathrm{~J}=6.5 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H}^{\mathrm{d}}\right), 6.41\left(\mathrm{~d}, \mathrm{~J}=6.4 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H}^{\mathrm{e}}\right), 3.05\left(\mathrm{~s}, 6 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H}^{\mathrm{g}}\right), 1.10\left(\mathrm{~s}, 9 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H}^{\mathrm{c}}\right) ;{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR ( $126 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CD}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}$ ) $\delta 183.3\left(\mathrm{C}^{\mathrm{a}}\right), 155.5\left(\mathrm{C}^{\mathrm{f}}\right), 148.6\left(\mathrm{C}^{\mathrm{d}}\right), 108.3\left(\mathrm{C}^{\mathrm{e}}\right), 39.7\left(\mathrm{C}^{\mathrm{g}}\right), 38.5\left(\mathrm{C}^{\mathrm{b}}\right), 28.6\left(\mathrm{C}^{\mathrm{c}}\right) ;{ }^{15} \mathrm{~N}$ NMR (500 MHz , $\left.\mathrm{CD}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}\right) \delta$-201.8 (pyridinic), $-311.4\left(\mathrm{NMe}_{2}\right)$. Crystals suitable for single crystal X-ray diffraction were obtained from a DCM solution of $\mathbf{2 c}$ vapour diffused with pentane. Crystal data for $\mathbf{2 c}$ : CCDC-2173466, $\mathrm{C}_{12} \mathrm{H}_{19} \mathrm{IN}_{2} \mathrm{O}_{2}, \mathrm{M}=350.19$, colourless plate, $0.04 \times 0.20 \times 0.26 \mathrm{~mm}^{3}$, triclinic, space group $P-1(\mathrm{No} .2), a=10.4936(5) \AA, b=14.6196(7) \AA, c=$ $14.9627(7) \AA, \alpha=95.341(4)^{\circ}, \beta=91.077(4)^{\circ}, \gamma=107.447(4)^{\circ}, V=2177.71(19) \AA^{3}, Z=6, D_{\text {calc }}=1.602 \mathrm{gcm}^{-3}, F 000=$ 1044, $\mu=17.29 \mathrm{~mm}^{-1}, \mathrm{~T}=120.0(1) \mathrm{K}, \theta_{\max }=76.6^{\circ}, 8483$ total reflections, 7561 with $\mathrm{I}_{0}>2 \sigma\left(\mathrm{I}_{0}\right), \mathrm{R}_{\text {int }}=0.043,8483$ data, 475 parameters, no restraints, $G o o F=1.03,0.94<d \Delta \rho<-0.95 e^{-3}, R\left[F^{2}>2 \sigma\left(F^{2}\right)\right]=0.036, w R\left(F^{2}\right)=0.097$.


Figure S6: The X-ray crystal structure of 2c (asymmetric unit cell; alkyl and aryl groups simplified for clarity). Colour key: purple = iodine, red = oxygen, blue = nitrogen, dark grey = carbon, white = hydrogen.

(pivalyl-OI)(4-morpy) (2d): Synthesis the same as for $\mathbf{2 b}$ with 4 -morpy ( $8.2 \mathrm{~g}, 0.05 \mathrm{mmol}$ ) instead of 4-Mepy. ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $500 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CD}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}$ ) $\delta 8.15\left(\mathrm{~d}, \mathrm{~J}=6.8 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H}^{\mathrm{d}}\right), 6.58\left(\mathrm{~d}, J=6.8 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H}^{\mathrm{e}}\right), 3.79\left(\mathrm{t}, J=5.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, 4 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H}^{\mathrm{h}}\right), 3.38(\mathrm{t}, J$ $\left.=5.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, 4 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H}^{\mathrm{j}}\right), 1.10\left(\mathrm{~s}, 9 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H}^{\mathrm{c}}\right) ;{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR ( $126 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CD}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}$ ) $\delta 183.3\left(\mathrm{C}^{\mathrm{a}}\right), 156.1\left(\mathrm{C}^{\mathrm{f}}\right), 149.3\left(\mathrm{C}^{\mathrm{d}}\right), 109.2\left(\mathrm{C}^{\mathrm{e}}\right), 66.3\left(\mathrm{C}^{\mathrm{h}}\right)$, $46.0\left(C^{\mathrm{g}}\right), 38.4\left(\mathrm{C}^{\mathrm{b}}\right), 28.5\left(\mathrm{C}^{\mathrm{C}}\right) ;{ }^{15} \mathrm{~N}$ NMR ( $500 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CD}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}$ ) $\delta-193.3$ (pyridinic), -298.7 (morpholino). Crystals suitable for single crystal X -ray diffraction were obtained from a DCM solution of 2d vapour diffused with DIPE. Crystal data for 2d: CCDC-2173467, $\mathrm{C}_{14} \mathrm{H}_{21} \mathrm{~N}_{2} \mathrm{O}_{3}, \mathrm{M}=392.23$, colourless block, $0.07 \times 0.15 \times 0.43 \mathrm{~mm}^{3}$, triclinic, space group $P-1$ (No. 2), $a=10.6593(3) \AA, b=12.9198(4) \AA, c=13.3925(5) \AA, \alpha=83.712(3)^{\circ}, \beta=71.291(3)^{\circ}, \gamma=65.959(3)^{\circ}, V=$ $1594.89(10) \AA^{3}, Z=4, D_{\text {calc }}=1.633 \mathrm{gcm}^{-3}, F 000=784, \mu=15.86 \mathrm{~mm}^{-1}, \mathrm{~T}=120.0(1) \mathrm{K}, \theta_{\text {max }}=76.6^{\circ}, 6221$ total reflections, 5820 with $I_{o}>2 \sigma\left(I_{0}\right), R_{\text {int }}=0.027$, 6221 data, 367 parameters, no restraints, GooF $=1.03,1.20<d \Delta \rho$ $<-1.42 \mathrm{e} \AA^{-3}, R\left[F^{2}>2 \sigma\left(F^{2}\right)\right]=0.030, w R\left(F^{2}\right)=0.082$.



Figure S7: The X-ray crystal structure of 2d (asymmetric unit cell; alkyl and aryl groups simplified for clarity). Colour key: purple = iodine, red = oxygen, blue = nitrogen, dark grey = carbon, white = hydrogen.

4-morpy: ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $500 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CD}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}$ ) $\delta 8.25\left(\mathrm{dd}, \mathrm{J}=5.0,1.5 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H}^{\mathrm{d}}\right), 6.67\left(\mathrm{dd}, \mathrm{J}=5.0,1.5 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H}^{\mathrm{e}}\right), 3.80(\mathrm{t}, \mathrm{J}=$ $\left.5.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, 4 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H}^{\mathrm{h}}\right), 3.25\left(\mathrm{t}, \mathrm{J}=5.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, 4 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H}^{\mathrm{g}}\right) ;{ }^{13} \mathrm{C} \operatorname{NMR}\left(126 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CD}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}\right) \delta 155.6\left(\mathrm{C}^{\mathrm{f}}\right), 150.6\left(\mathrm{C}^{\mathrm{d}}\right), 108.5\left(\mathrm{C}^{\mathrm{e}}\right), 66.7\left(\mathrm{C}^{\mathrm{h}}\right)$, $46.6\left(C^{g}\right) ;{ }^{15} \mathrm{~N}$ NMR (500 MHz, $\left.\mathrm{CD}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}\right) \delta$-99.1 (pyridinic), -311.1 (morpholino).
 of pyridine ( $3.63 \mu \mathrm{~L}, 0.045 \mathrm{mmol})$. Stirred for 10 minutes, then $\mathrm{I}_{2}(11.4 \mathrm{mg}, 0.045 \mathrm{mmol})$ was added as a solid and left to stir for approximately 5 minutes (until all the $I_{2}$ had dissolved). The filtrate of the resulting pale orange solution and yellow precipitate was isolated by filtration. The compound could be isolated in very low yields from the filtrate by precipitation with petroleum ether, however, the isolated white solid was observed to undergo partial decomposition within minutes of being precipitated out of solution. ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H} \mathrm{NMR}\left(500 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CD}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}\right) \delta 8.74(\mathrm{~d}, \mathrm{~J}=$ $4.8 \mathrm{~Hz}, 6 \mathrm{H}), 8.55(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 8.01(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 7.51-7.40(\mathrm{~m}, 6 \mathrm{H}) ;{ }^{15} \mathrm{~N}$ NMR ( $500 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CD}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}$ ) $\delta$-151.6. Crystals suitable for single crystal X-ray diffraction were obtained from a DCM solution of 4a vapour diffused with pentane. Crystal data for 4a: CCDC-2173469, $\mathrm{C}_{24} \mathrm{H}_{18} \mathrm{I}_{3} \mathrm{~N}_{3} \mathrm{O}_{6} \cdot \mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{O}, \mathrm{M}=843.13$, colourless needle, $0.03 \times 0.03 \times 0.19 \mathrm{~mm}^{3}$, monoclinic, space group $P 2_{1} / n, a=9.7621(2) ~ \AA, ~ b=24.2101(5) ~ A ̊, c=11.4785(2) ~ \AA, \beta=91.437(2)^{\circ}, V=2711.99(9) \AA^{3}, Z=4, D_{\text {calc }}=2.065$ $\mathrm{gcm}^{-3}, \mathrm{FOOO}=1600, \mu=27.57 \mathrm{~mm}^{-1}, \mathrm{~T}=120.0(1) \mathrm{K}, \theta_{\max }=75.5^{\circ}, 5294$ total reflections, 4622 with $\mathrm{I}_{0}>2 \sigma\left(\mathrm{I}_{0}\right), \mathrm{R}_{\text {int }}=$ 0.030, 5294 data, 337 parameters, no restraints, GooF $=1.01,0.49<\mathrm{d} \Delta \rho<-0.74 \mathrm{e} \AA^{-3}, R\left[F^{2}>2 \sigma\left(F^{2}\right)\right]=0.026, w R\left(F^{2}\right)$ $=0.066$.


Figure S8: The X-ray crystal structure of 4a. Colour key: purple = iodine, red = oxygen, blue = nitrogen, dark grey = carbon, white = hydrogen.
(trimesyl-OI)(4-Mepy) $\mathbf{3}_{\mathbf{~ ( 4 b )}}$ : Synthesis the same as for 4a with 4-Mepy ( $4.4 \mu \mathrm{~L}, 0.045 \mathrm{mmol}$ ) instead of pyridine. ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $500 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CD}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}$ ) $\delta 8.55$ (s.br, 6H), $8.53(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 7.24$ (s.br, 6 H ), 2.44 ( $\mathrm{s}, 9 \mathrm{H}$ ). Crystals suitable for single crystal X-ray diffraction were obtained from a DCM solution of $\mathbf{4} \mathbf{b}$ vapour diffused with TBME. Crystal data for $\mathbf{4 b}$ : CCDC2173470, $\mathrm{C}_{27} \mathrm{H}_{24} \mathrm{I}_{3} \mathrm{~N}_{3} \mathrm{O}_{6}, \mathrm{M}=867.19$, yellow block, $0.06 \times 0.08 \times 0.15 \mathrm{~mm}^{3}$, monoclinic, space group $P 2_{1} / \mathrm{n}$, $\mathrm{a}=$ $15.6502(4) \AA, b=9.9201(2) \AA, c=19.5464(5) \AA, \beta=109.522(3)^{\circ}, V=2860.16(13) \AA^{3}, Z=4, D_{\text {calc }}=2.014 \mathrm{gcm}^{-3}, F 000$ $=1656, \mu=26.14 \mathrm{~mm}^{-1}, \mathrm{~T}=120.0(1) \mathrm{K}, \theta_{\max }=76.4^{\circ}, 5592$ total reflections, 4760 with $\mathrm{I}_{0}>2 \sigma\left(\mathrm{I}_{0}\right), \mathrm{R}_{\text {int }}=0.031,5592$ data, 355 parameters, no restraints, $G o o F=1.05,1.71<\mathrm{d} \Delta \rho<-1.30 \mathrm{e}^{-3}, R\left[F^{2}>2 \sigma\left(F^{2}\right)\right]=0.035, w R\left(F^{2}\right)=0.100$.


Figure S9: The X-ray crystal structure of 4b. Colour key: purple = iodine, red = oxygen, blue = nitrogen, dark grey = carbon, white = hydrogen.

## Comparison Tables of Chemical Shifts

Table S1: Comparison of the carboxylic ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ and pyridinic ${ }^{15} \mathrm{~N}$ NMR chemical shifts (in $\left(\mathrm{CD}_{3}\right)_{2} \mathrm{SO}$ ) of the silver $(\mathrm{I})$ compounds 1-1b and their precursors (in ppm).

| Compound | Carboxylic carbon ( $\delta_{\mathbf{c}}$ ) | Pyridinic nitrogen ( $\delta_{\mathrm{N}}$ ) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 | 181.8 | - |
| Pivalic acid | 179.3 | - |
| 1c | 182.2 | -144.6 |
| DMAP | - | -105.3 |
| 1d | 182.1 | -132.3 |
| 4-morpy | - | -94.7 |

Table S2: Comparison of the carboxylic ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ and pyridinic ${ }^{15} \mathrm{~N}$ NMR chemical shifts (in $\mathrm{CD}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}$ ) of the iodine(I) compounds 2a-2d and their precursors (in ppm).

| Compound | Carboxylic carbon ( $\delta_{c}$ ) | Pyridinic nitrogen ( $\delta_{N}$ ) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Pivalic acid | 184.8 | - |
| 2a | (unable to observe)* $^{*}$ | (unable to observe)* |
| Pyridine | - | -67.7 |
| 2b | 183.1 | -154.4 |
| 4-Mepy | - | -75.1 |
| 2c | 183.3 | -201.8 |
| DMAP | - | -108.9 |
| 2d | 183.3 | -193.3 |
| 4-morpy | - | -99.1 |

[^0]NMR Spectra


Figure S10: The ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR spectrum of compound $\mathbf{1}$ in $\left(\mathrm{CD}_{3}\right)_{2} \mathrm{SO}$.


Figure S11: The ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR spectrum of compound $\mathbf{1}$ in $\left(\mathrm{CD}_{3}\right)_{2} \mathrm{SO}$.


Figure S12: The ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR spectrum of compound 1a in $\left(\mathrm{CD}_{3}\right)_{2} \mathrm{SO}$.


Figure S13: The ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR spectrum of compound $\mathbf{1 b}$ in $\left(\mathrm{CD}_{3}\right)_{2} \mathrm{SO}$


Figure S14: The ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR spectrum of compound $\mathbf{1 c}$ in $\left(\mathrm{CD}_{3}\right)_{2} \mathrm{SO}$.


Figure S15: The ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR spectrum of compound $\mathbf{1 c}$ in $\left(\mathrm{CD}_{3}\right)_{2} \mathrm{SO}$.


Figure S16: The ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}-{ }^{15} \mathrm{~N}$ HMBC spectrum of compound $\mathbf{1 c}$ in $\left(\mathrm{CD}_{3}\right)_{2} \mathrm{SO}$.


Figure S17: The ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR spectrum of compound 1d in $\left(\mathrm{CD}_{3}\right)_{2} \mathrm{SO}$.


Figure S18: The ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR spectrum of compound $\mathbf{1 d}$ in $\left(\mathrm{CD}_{3}\right)_{2} \mathrm{SO}$.


Figure S 19 : The ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}-{ }^{15} \mathrm{~N}$ HMBC spectrum of compound $\mathbf{1 d}$ in $\left(\mathrm{CD}_{3}\right)_{2} \mathrm{SO}$.


Figure S 2 O : The ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR spectrum of compound $\mathbf{2 a}$ in $\mathrm{CD}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}$.


Figure S 21 : The ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR spectrum of compound $\mathbf{2 b}$ in $\mathrm{CD}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}$.

Figure S22: The ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR spectrum of compound $\mathbf{2 b}$ in $\mathrm{CD}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}$


Figure S 23 : The ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}-{ }^{15} \mathrm{~N} \mathrm{HMBC}$ spectrum of compound $\mathbf{2 b}$ in $\mathrm{CD}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}$.


Figure S24: The ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR spectrum of compound $\mathbf{2 c}$ in $\mathrm{CD}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}$.


Figure S 25 : The ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR spectrum of compound $\mathbf{2 c}$ in $\mathrm{CD}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}$.


Figure S26: The ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}-{ }^{15} \mathrm{~N} \mathrm{HMBC}$ spectrum of compound $\mathbf{2 c}$ in $\mathrm{CD}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}$.


Figure S27: The ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR spectrum of compound $\mathbf{2 d}$ in $\mathrm{CD}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}$.


Figure S28: The ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR spectrum of compound $\mathbf{2 d}$ in $\mathrm{CD}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}$


Figure S 29 : The ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}-{ }^{15} \mathrm{~N}$ HMBC spectrum of compound $\mathbf{2 d}$ in $\mathrm{CD}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}$.


Figure S3O: The ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR spectrum of compound $\mathbf{4 a}$ in $\mathrm{CD}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}$.


Figure S 31 : The ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR spectrum of compound $\mathbf{4} \mathbf{b}$ in $\mathrm{CD}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}$.


Figure S32: The ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR spectrum of pivalic acid in $\left(\mathrm{CD}_{3}\right)_{2} \mathrm{SO}$.


Figure S33: The ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR spectrum of pivalic acid in $\left(\mathrm{CD}_{3}\right)_{2} \mathrm{SO}$.


Figure S 34 : The ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR spectrum of pivalic acid in $\mathrm{CD}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}$.


Figure S 35 : The ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR spectrum of pivalic acid in $\mathrm{CD}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}$.


Figure S 36 : The ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR spectrum of pyridine in $\left(\mathrm{CD}_{3}\right)_{2} \mathrm{SO}$.


Figure S37: The ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR spectrum of pyridine in $\left(\mathrm{CD}_{3}\right)_{2} \mathrm{SO}$.


Figure S38: The ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}-{ }^{15} \mathrm{~N} \mathrm{HMBC}$ spectrum of pyridine in $\left(\mathrm{CD}_{3}\right)_{2} \mathrm{SO}$.


Figure S39: The ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR spectrum of 4-Mepy in $\left(\mathrm{CD}_{3}\right)_{2} \mathrm{SO}$.


Figure S 40 : The ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR spectrum of 4-Mepy in $\left(\mathrm{CD}_{3}\right)_{2} \mathrm{SO}$.


Figure S 41 : The ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}-{ }^{-15} \mathrm{~N}$ HMBC spectrum of 4-Mepy in $\left(\mathrm{CD}_{3}\right)_{2} \mathrm{SO}$.


Figure S 42 : The ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR spectrum of 4-Mepy in $\mathrm{CD}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}$.


Figure S43: The ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR spectrum of 4-Mepy in $\mathrm{CD}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}$.


Figure S44: The ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}-{ }^{15} \mathrm{~N}$ HMBC spectrum of 4-Mepy in $\mathrm{CD}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}$.


Figure S 45 : The ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR spectrum of DMAP in $\left(\mathrm{CD}_{3}\right)_{2} \mathrm{SO}$.


Figure S 46 : The ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR spectrum of DMAP in $\left(\mathrm{CD}_{3}\right)_{2} \mathrm{SO}$.


Figure S 47 : The ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}-{ }^{15} \mathrm{~N} \mathrm{HMBC}$ spectrum of DMAP in $\left(\mathrm{CD}_{3}\right)_{2} \mathrm{SO}$.


Figure S 48 : The ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR spectrum of 4-morpy in $\left(\mathrm{CD}_{3}\right)_{2} \mathrm{SO}$.


Figure S49: The ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR spectrum of 4-morpy in $\left(\mathrm{CD}_{3}\right)_{2} \mathrm{SO}$.


Figure S 5 O : The ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}-{ }^{15} \mathrm{~N} \mathrm{HMBC}$ spectrum of 4 -morpy in $\left(\mathrm{CD}_{3}\right)_{2} \mathrm{SO}$.


Figure S 51 : The ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR spectrum of 4-morpy in $\mathrm{CD}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}$.


Figure S 52 : The ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR spectrum of 4-morpy in $\mathrm{CD}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}$.


Figure S 53 : The ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}-{ }^{15} \mathrm{~N} \mathrm{HMBC}$ spectrum of 4 -morpy in $\mathrm{CD}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}$.


Figure S54: The superimposed ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}-{ }^{-15} \mathrm{~N}$ HMBC spectra of the pyridinic nitrogen atoms of 4 -Mepy, $\mathbf{2 b}$, $\mathbf{4}$-morpy, and $\mathbf{2 d}$, showing the large differences induced upon coordination to the iodine(I) atom.

## Computational Details

## General Considerations

The geometry calculations for the complexes were done at the M06-2X/def2-TZVP level of theory ${ }^{6}$ using the SPARTAN18 program ${ }^{7}$ with dichloromethane (dielectric $=8.82$ ) as the solvent using the conductor like polarizable continuum model (C-PCM). ${ }^{8,9}$ The initial models were built using SPARTAN18 and optimised at the MM-level before the DFT calculations. The hypoiodite complexes $\mathbf{2 a}, \mathbf{2 b}, \mathbf{2 c}$, and $\mathbf{2 d}$ were built up from the corresponding MM-level optimised carboxyl hypoiodites and their respective pyridine derivatives so that the N...O distance was ca. $4.7 \AA$ and the $\mathrm{O}-\mathrm{l} \cdots \mathrm{N}$ angle ca. 170-175 ${ }^{\circ}$, and then optimised with the given DFT method.

## DFT/XRD Comparison Table

Table S3: Comparison of Experimental (XRD) Versus Computational (DFT) Bond Lengths and Angles.

| Compound | 2a | 2b | 2c* | 2d ${ }^{+}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| O-I (Å) <br> (XRD) | - | 2.166(3) | $\begin{aligned} & \hline 2.175(3) \\ & 2.167(3) \\ & 2.169(4) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 2.155(3) \\ & 2.170(3) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\begin{gathered} \text { O-I (Å) } \\ \text { (DFT) } \end{gathered}$ | 2.120 | 2.126 | 2.157 | 2.145 |
| I-N (Å) <br> (XRD) | - | 2.282(4) | $\begin{aligned} & \hline 2.254(3) \\ & 2.270(4) \\ & 2.268(4) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \hline 2.292(3) \\ & 2.271(4) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\mathrm{I}-\mathrm{N}(\mathrm{~A})$ <br> (DFT) | 2.318 | 2.308 | 2.268 | 2.282 |
| $\begin{gathered} \hline \mathrm{C}=\mathrm{O}(\mathrm{~A}) \\ (\mathrm{XRD}) \end{gathered}$ | - | 1.225(4) | $\begin{aligned} & 1.206(6) \\ & 1.204(4) \\ & 1.228(7) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 1.219(3) \\ & 1.224(3) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{C}=\mathrm{O} \text { (Å) } \\ \text { (DFT) } \end{gathered}$ | 1.218 | 1.217 | 1.220 | 1.220 |
| $\begin{gathered} \text { C-O (Å) } \\ \text { (XRD) } \end{gathered}$ | - | 1.318(5) | $\begin{aligned} & 1.281(7) \\ & 1.314(5) \\ & 1.297(5) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 1.304(4) \\ & 1.305(4) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\begin{gathered} \hline \mathrm{C}-\mathrm{O} \text { (Å) } \\ \text { (DFT) } \end{gathered}$ | 1.309 | 1.308 | 1.303 | 1.305 |
| $\begin{gathered} \text { O-I-N }\left(^{\circ}\right) \\ \text { (XRD) } \end{gathered}$ | - | 174.7(1) | $\begin{aligned} & 173.3(1) \\ & 172.7(1) \\ & 175.8(1) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} \hline 174.13(9) \\ 174.2(1) \end{gathered}$ |
| $\text { O-I-N }\left({ }^{\circ}\right)$ <br> (DFT) | 176.4 | 176.2 | 176.4 | 176.5 |

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## Computational Structures



Figure S55: The computationally generated geometry of $\mathbf{2 a}$.


Figure S56: The computationally generated geometry of $\mathbf{2 b}$.


Figure S57: The computationally generated geometry of 2c.


Figure S58: The computationally generated geometry of 2d.

## Cartesian Coordinates

2a

| I | -0.266370 | -0.000000 | -1.036942 |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| C | -0.072944 | 0.000000 | 3.352836 |
| C | 1.157152 | -0.000000 | 4.253682 |
| H | 1.771743 | 0.883173 | 4.076850 |
| H | 1.771743 | -0.883174 | 4.076850 |
| H | 0.840140 | -0.000001 | 5.298249 |
| C | -0.914280 | -1.253680 | 3.615841 |
| H | -0.340457 | -2.159629 | 3.407273 |
| H | -1.812057 | -1.259952 | 2.997466 |
| H | -1.214100 | -1.273589 | 4.666093 |
| C | -0.914280 | 1.253680 | 3.615841 |
| H | -0.340456 | 2.159629 | 3.407274 |
| H | -1.214099 | 1.273588 | 4.666094 |
| H | -1.812056 | 1.259953 | 2.997466 |
| C | 0.361410 | 0.000000 | 1.881831 |
| O | 1.529792 | 0.000001 | 1.538922 |
| O | -0.647694 | -0.000000 | 1.048088 |
| N | 0.005961 | -0.000000 | -3.339230 |
| C | 0.332762 | -0.000000 | -6.069143 |
| C | -1.062895 | -0.000000 | -4.138011 |
| C | 1.232925 | 0.000000 | -3.863030 |
| C | 1.437530 | 0.000000 | -5.230308 |
| C | -0.938674 | -0.000000 | -5.514868 |
| H | -2.029863 | -0.000001 | -3.650417 |
| H | 2.057173 | 0.000000 | -3.160478 |
| H | 2.445167 | 0.000000 | -5.621395 |
| H | -1.825057 | -0.000001 | -6.133039 |
| H | 0.461786 | -0.000000 | -7.143795 |


| I | -0.312342 | 0.000000 | -0.248846 |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| C | -0.013882 | 0.000000 | 4.142186 |
| C | 1.236334 | 0.000000 | 5.014325 |
| H | 1.846723 | 0.883163 | 4.823630 |
| H | 1.846723 | -0.883163 | 4.823630 |
| H | 0.943404 | 0.000000 | 6.065908 |
| C | -0.849114 | -1.253521 | 4.424269 |
| H | -0.280643 | -2.159434 | 4.203313 |
| H | -1.759381 | -1.259286 | 3.825561 |
| H | -1.125879 | -1.273368 | 5.480249 |
| C | -0.849114 | 1.253521 | 4.424269 |
| H | -0.280643 | 2.159434 | 4.203313 |
| H | -1.125879 | 1.273368 | 5.480249 |
| H | -1.759381 | 1.259286 | 3.825561 |
| C | 0.385657 | 0.000000 | 2.661006 |
| O | 1.546432 | 0.000000 | 2.291899 |
| O | -0.640929 | 0.000000 | 1.851354 |
| N | -0.107315 | 0.000000 | -2.547730 |
| C | 0.137588 | 0.000000 | -5.312456 |
| C | -1.198188 | 0.000000 | -3.320212 |
| C | 1.099061 | 0.000000 | -3.114924 |
| C | 1.257960 | 0.000000 | -4.487930 |
| C | -1.113349 | 0.000000 | -4.696253 |
| H | -2.152050 | 0.000000 | -2.807643 |
| H | 1.948959 | 0.000000 | -2.443584 |
| H | 2.255171 | 0.000000 | -4.907535 |
| H | -2.020905 | 0.000000 | -5.285723 |
| C | 0.257886 | 0.000000 | -6.805544 |
| H | 1.300162 | 0.000000 | -7.117969 |
| H | -0.236533 | 0.879270 | -7.222187 |
| H | -0.236533 | -0.879270 | -7.222187 |


| I | -0.353775 | -0.091335 | 0.798086 |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| C | 0.057388 | -0.183037 | 5.209892 |
| C | 1.312492 | 0.011144 | 6.053070 |
| H | 1.768183 | 0.983027 | 5.860201 |
| H | 2.053488 | -0.759468 | 5.839003 |
| H | 1.049548 | -0.044325 | 7.111397 |
| C | -0.547978 | -1.563797 | 5.485560 |
| H | 0.157581 | -2.357880 | 5.231531 |
| H | -1.460946 | -1.711900 | 4.909014 |
| H | -0.788800 | -1.648436 | 6.547352 |
| C | -0.967234 | 0.906337 | 5.540802 |
| H | -0.565576 | 1.898664 | 5.324441 |
| H | -1.212838 | 0.862573 | 6.603912 |
| H | -1.882573 | 0.768977 | 4.966034 |
| C | 0.409973 | -0.099488 | 3.717773 |
| O | 1.557135 | 0.036885 | 3.323634 |
| O | -0.627250 | -0.195222 | 2.935343 |
| N | -0.208873 | 0.004795 | -1.462640 |
| C | -0.015032 | 0.152558 | -4.256193 |
| C | -1.301029 | -0.093807 | -2.233002 |
| C | 0.978553 | 0.174321 | -2.060946 |
| C | 1.124339 | 0.251685 | -3.420780 |
| C | -1.257405 | -0.029033 | -3.601113 |
| H | -2.242068 | -0.230477 | -1.714449 |
| H | 1.838088 | 0.248938 | -1.406230 |
| H | 2.114038 | 0.387376 | -3.827919 |
| H | -2.180412 | -0.116038 | -4.153233 |
| N | 0.078289 | 0.226337 | -5.593847 |
| C | 1.373580 | 0.427135 | -6.223423 |
| H | 2.055210 | -0.394516 | -5.992294 |
| H | 1.829051 | 1.362030 | -5.890222 |
| H | 1.237597 | 0.472086 | -7.299160 |
| C | -1.115646 | 0.108685 | -6.415297 |
| H | -0.831681 | 0.182074 | -7.460229 |
| H | -1.827482 | 0.906212 | -6.190634 |
| H | -1.607934 | -0.853080 | -6.255434 |


| I | -0.429000 | -0.249000 | 1.810000 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| C | -0.140000 | -0.312000 | 6.219000 |
| C | 0.962000 | 0.249000 | 7.112000 |
| H | 1.062000 | 1.327000 | 6.982000 |
| H | 1.924000 | -0.212000 | 6.883000 |
| H | 0.720000 | 0.045000 | 8.157000 |
| C | -0.254000 | -1.827000 | 6.419000 |
| H | 0.681000 | -2.327000 | 6.157000 |
| H | -1.054000 | -2.242000 | 5.807000 |
| H | -0.472000 | -2.038000 | 7.468000 |
| C | -1.476000 | 0.356000 | 6.557000 |
| H | -1.425000 | 1.436000 | 6.397000 |
| H | -1.715000 | 0.178000 | 7.608000 |
| H | -2.281000 | -0.049000 | 5.944000 |
| C | 0.187000 | -0.031000 | 4.746000 |
| $\bigcirc$ | 1.183000 | 0.582000 | 4.400000 |
| O | -0.704000 | -0.508000 | 3.921000 |
| N | -0.249000 | -0.054000 | -0.456000 |
| C | 0.027000 | 0.155000 | -3.248000 |
| C | -0.995000 | -0.800000 | -1.280000 |
| C | 0.641000 | 0.784000 | -1.000000 |
| C | 0.813000 | 0.916000 | -2.354000 |
| C | -0.891000 | -0.738000 | -2.646000 |
| H | -1.701000 | -1.474000 | -0.812000 |
| H | 1.242000 | 1.362000 | -0.308000 |
| H | 1.571000 | 1.601000 | -2.697000 |
| H | -1.534000 | -1.379000 | -3.225000 |
| N | 0.136000 | 0.281000 | -4.599000 |
| C | 1.221000 | 1.078000 | -5.169000 |
| H | 2.160000 | 0.513000 | -5.132000 |
| H | 1.345000 | 1.996000 | -4.600000 |
| C | -0.325000 | -0.794000 | -5.478000 |
| H | -1.266000 | -1.199000 | -5.119000 |
| H | 0.419000 | -1.599000 | -5.490000 |
| C | 0.908000 | 1.476000 | -6.599000 |
| H | 1.777000 | 1.962000 | -7.038000 |
| H | 0.063000 | 2.175000 | -6.609000 |
| C | -0.552000 | -0.286000 | -6.888000 |
| H | -1.396000 | 0.415000 | -6.898000 |
| H | -0.780000 | -1.125000 | -7.543000 |
| 0 | 0.599000 | 0.354000 | -7.399000 |

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[^1]:    * Three crystallographically independent molecules were observed in the asymmetric unit cell of 2c.
    $\dagger$ Two crystallographically independent molecules were observed in the asymmetric unit cell of $\mathbf{2 d}$.

