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## Synthesis of 2-adamantyl-4-tert-butyl-6-(3,5-di-tert-butyl-2-hydroxybenzyl)phenol ( $\mathbf{H}_{2} \mathrm{~L}$ )



All the procedures were performed under an inert gas atmosphere. 2,4-Di-tert-butyl-6-(5-tert-butyl-2-hydroxybenzyl)phenol ( $97.8 \mathrm{mg}, 266 \mu \mathrm{~mol}, 1.0$ eq.) and 1-adamantanol ( 40.6 mg , $267 \mathrm{mmol}, 1.0$ eq.) were dissolved in dry dichloromethane ( 10 mL ). Conc. sulfuric acid ( $15.0 \mu \mathrm{~L}$, $281 \mu \mathrm{~mol}, 1.1$ eq.) was added and the solution was stirred at room temperature for 24 h . The resultant red-brown solution was washed with water $(10 \mathrm{~mL})$ and dichloromethane $(5 \mathrm{~mL})$ was added. The aqueous layer was extracted with dichloromethane $(5 \mathrm{~mL} \times 3)$ and the combined organic layer was dried over sodium sulfate. After removing the solvent, $\mathrm{H}_{2} \mathbf{L}$ was obtained as brown paste ( $103 \mathrm{mg}, 205 \mu \mathrm{~mol}, 77 \%$ yield). The paste was crystallized from $n$-hexane at $-20^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ to afford microcrystalline powder ( $32.1 \mathrm{mg}, 63.6 \mu \mathrm{~mol}, 24 \%$ yield). ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H} \mathrm{NMR}\left(500 \mathrm{MHz} ; \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right)$ : $\delta 7.19(\mathrm{~d}, J=2.4 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 7.14(\mathrm{~m}, 3 \mathrm{H}), 5.92(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 5.85(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 3.92(\mathrm{~s}, 2 \mathrm{H}), 2.10(\mathrm{~m}, 9 \mathrm{H})$, $1.78(\mathrm{~s}, 6 \mathrm{H}), 1.41(\mathrm{~s}, 9 \mathrm{H}), 1.28(\mathrm{~s}, 18 \mathrm{H}) . ;{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR ( $126 \mathrm{MHz} ; \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ): $\delta 150.22,150.11,143.3$, $143.0,135.8,135.6,126.29,126.21,125.32,125.12,122.7,41.2,37.16,37.06,34.8,34.48,34.42$, 32.7, 31.7, 30.2, 29.2; ESI-TOF-MS (low resolution, positive-mode, solvent: $\mathrm{CHCl}_{3} / \mathrm{MeOH}$ ): $\mathrm{m} / \mathrm{z}$ calcd. for $\left(\left[\mathrm{H}_{2} \mathbf{L} \cdot \mathrm{Na}\right]^{+}\right)\left[\mathrm{C}_{35} \mathrm{H}_{50} \mathrm{O}_{2} \mathrm{Na}^{23}\right]^{+}$: 525.37 ; found: 525.37.

NMR spectra of $\mathbf{H}_{\mathbf{2}} \mathrm{L}$



Fig. S1 ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR spectrum of $\mathrm{H}_{2} \mathbf{L}\left(500 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}, 300 \mathrm{~K}\right)$.


Fig. S2 ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}-{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ COSY NMR spectrum of $\mathrm{H}_{2} \mathbf{L}\left(500 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}, 300 \mathrm{~K}\right)$.


Fig. S3 ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}-{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NOESY NMR spectrum of $\mathrm{H}_{2} \mathbf{L}\left(500 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}, 300 \mathrm{~K}\right)$.


Fig. S4 ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}\left\{{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}\right\}$ NMR spectrum of $\mathrm{H}_{2} \mathbf{L}\left(126 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}, 300 \mathrm{~K}\right)$.


Fig. S5 HSQC NMR spectrum of $\mathrm{H}_{2} \mathbf{L}\left({ }^{1} \mathrm{H}: 500 \mathrm{MHz},{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}: 126 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}, 300 \mathrm{~K}\right)$.


Fig. S6 HMBC NMR spectrum of $\mathrm{H}_{2} \mathbf{L}\left({ }^{1} \mathrm{H}: 500 \mathrm{MHz},{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}: 126 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}, 300 \mathrm{~K}\right)$.

NMR spectra of $[\mathrm{V}(\mathrm{O})(\mathrm{Ot}-\mathrm{Bu}) \mathrm{L}](1)$ : complexation of $\mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{~L}$ with $\mathrm{V}(\mathrm{O})(\mathrm{Ot}-\mathrm{Bu})_{3}$


Fig. $\mathbf{S} 7{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR spectrum of $\mathbf{1}\left(500 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}, 300 \mathrm{~K}\right)$. According to DFT calculations, the major and minor signals may correspond to conformers I and II of the eight-membered ring, respectively.


Fig. S8 ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}^{1}{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ COSY NMR spectrum of $\mathbf{1}\left(500 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}, 300 \mathrm{~K}\right)$.


Fig. S9 ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}-{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NOESY NMR spectrum of $\mathbf{1}\left(500 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}, 300 \mathrm{~K}\right)$.


Fig. S10 ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}\left\{{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}\right\}$ NMR spectrum of $\mathbf{1}\left(126 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}, 300 \mathrm{~K}\right)$.


Fig. S11 HSQC NMR spectrum of $\mathbf{1}\left({ }^{1} \mathrm{H}: 500 \mathrm{MHz},{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}: 126 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}, 300 \mathrm{~K}\right)$.


Fig. S12 HMBC NMR spectrum of $1\left({ }^{1} \mathrm{H}: 500 \mathrm{MHz},{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}: 126 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}, 300 \mathrm{~K}\right)$.


Fig. S13 ${ }^{51}$ V NMR spectrum of $\mathbf{1}\left(132 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}, 300 \mathrm{~K}\right)$. According to DFT calculations, the major and minor signals may correspond to conformers I and II of the eight-membered ring, respectively.

NMR Spectra of [V(O)CIL] (2): complexation of $\mathbf{H}_{2} \mathrm{~L}$ with $\mathrm{V}(\mathrm{O}) \mathrm{Cl}_{3}$


Fig. S14 ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR spectrum of $2\left(500 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}, 300 \mathrm{~K}\right)$.


Fig. S15 ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}-{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ COSY NMR spectrum of $2\left(500 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}, 300 \mathrm{~K}\right)$.


Fig. $\mathbf{S 1 6}{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}-{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NOESY NMR spectrum of $\mathbf{2}\left(500 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}, 300 \mathrm{~K}\right)$.


Fig. $\mathbf{S 1 7}{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}\left\{{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}\right\}$ NMR spectrum of $\mathbf{2}\left(\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}, 300 \mathrm{~K}, 126 \mathrm{MHz}\right)$.


Fig. S18 DEPT 135, 90, 45, and ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}\left\{{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}\right\}$ NMR spectrum of $2\left(126 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}, 300 \mathrm{~K}\right)$.


Fig. S19 HSQC NMR spectrum of $2\left({ }^{1} \mathrm{H}: 500 \mathrm{MHz},{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}: 126 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}, 300 \mathrm{~K}\right)$.


Fig. S20 HMBC NMR spectrum of $2\left({ }^{1} \mathrm{H}: 500 \mathrm{MHz},{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}: 126 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}, 300 \mathrm{~K}\right)$.


Fig. S21 ${ }^{51} \mathrm{~V}$ NMR spectrum of $\mathbf{2}\left(132 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}, 300 \mathrm{~K}\right)$.

Synthesis of $\left[\mathrm{V}(\mathbf{O})(\mathbf{O} t-\mathrm{Bu}) \mathrm{L}^{\prime}\right](3)$ : complexation of $\mathbf{H}_{2} \mathbf{L}^{\prime}$ with $\mathrm{V}(\mathrm{O})(\mathrm{Ot} \text { - } \mathrm{Bu})_{3}\left(\mathrm{H}_{2} \mathrm{~L}^{\prime}=\mathbf{6}, \mathbf{6}^{\prime}-\right.$ methylenebis(2,4-di-tert-butylphenol))

$\mathrm{V}(\mathrm{O})(\mathrm{Ot}-\mathrm{Bu})_{3}(2.2 \mathrm{mg}, 7.3 \mu \mathrm{~mol}, 1.0 \mathrm{eq}$.$) and \mathrm{H}_{2} \mathbf{L}^{\prime}(3.1 \mathrm{mg}, 7.3 \mu \mathrm{~mol}, 1.0$ eq.) were mixed in 1 mL of $\mathrm{CHCl}_{3}$ and the resultant solution was stirred at room temperature for 10 min . The solvent and $t$ - BuOH generated were then removed by evaporation, 1 mL of $\mathrm{CHCl}_{3}$ was added again and the solution was stirred at room temperature for 24 h . The solution was filtered through a glass fibre filter paper and the solvent was removed by evaporation to afford $\mathbf{3}$ as a brown solid (3.7 $\mathrm{mg}, 6.8 \mu \mathrm{~mol}, 93 \%$ yield). ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $500 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ): $\delta 7.38$ (s, 2H), 7.24 (s, 2H), 4.52 (d, $J=$ $13.7 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 3.41(\mathrm{~d}, J=13.7 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 1.70(\mathrm{~s}, 9 \mathrm{H}), 1.42(\mathrm{~s}, 18 \mathrm{H}), 1.32(\mathrm{~s}, 18 \mathrm{H}) ;{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR ( 126 $\left.\mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right): \delta 162.2,146.2,136.5,128.0,125.4,122.8,77.4,77.2,76.9,35.7,34.7,32.3,31.71$, $31.57,31.0 ;{ }^{51} \mathrm{~V}$ NMR ( $132 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ): $\delta-500.2$ (broad, $w_{1 / 2} \approx 158 \mathrm{~Hz}$ ).

NMR spectra of $\left[\mathrm{V}(\mathrm{O})(\mathrm{O} t-\mathrm{Bu}) \mathrm{L}^{\prime}\right](3)$



Fig. S22 ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR spectrum of $\mathbf{3}\left(500 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}, 300 \mathrm{~K}\right)$. According to DFT calculations, the major and minor signals may correspond to conformers I and II of the eight-membered ring, respectively.


Fig. S23 ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}-{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NOESY NMR spectrum of $\mathbf{3}\left(500 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}, 300 \mathrm{~K}\right)$.


Fig. S24 ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}\left\{{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}\right\}$ NMR spectrum of $\mathbf{3}\left(\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}, 300 \mathrm{~K}, 126 \mathrm{MHz}\right)$.


Fig. S25 HSQC NMR spectrum of $\mathbf{3}\left({ }^{1} \mathrm{H}: 500 \mathrm{MHz},{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}: 126 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}, 300 \mathrm{~K}\right)$.


Fig. S26 HMBC NMR spectrum of $\mathbf{3}\left({ }^{1} \mathrm{H}: 500 \mathrm{MHz},{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}: 126 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}, 300 \mathrm{~K}\right)$.


Fig. $\mathbf{S 2 7}{ }^{51}$ V NMR spectrum of $\mathbf{3}\left(132 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}, 300 \mathrm{~K}\right)$.

## Comparison of UV-vis spectra of 1 and 3



Fig. S28 UV-vis absorption spectra of $\mathbf{1}\left(\right.$ red, $1.1 \times 10^{-3} \mathrm{M}$ ) and $\mathbf{3}$ (blue, $3.3 \times 10^{-2} \mathrm{M}$ ) in $\mathrm{CHCl}_{3}$ (293 K).

## Computational studies

Theoretical calculations for the complexes were performed using Gaussian 16W (revision A. 03 and B. 01 ). ${ }^{\text {S1 }}$ The B3LYP density functional theory (DFT) with the B3LYP ${ }^{\text {S2 }} /$ Def2SVP $^{53}$ basis sets were used to optimise the ground-state geometries of the complexes. The geometric parameters of $\mathbf{1}$ and $\mathbf{2}$ were optimised from the solid-state structures. The optimisation of the structure of $\mathbf{3}$ was based on the calculated structures of $\mathbf{1}$ and $\mathbf{2}$. Time-dependent (TD)-DFT calculations were then performed to estimate the energies and oscillator strengths $f$ of the 4 lowestenergy singlet and 4 triplet absorptions. In the calculations, the solvent effect of chloroform was evaluated using the Solvent Model based on Density (SMD). ${ }^{54} \mathrm{NBO}$ calculations were performed using the NBO 5.0 program package. ${ }^{\text {S5 }}$ The computations of $\mathbf{1}$ and $\mathbf{2}$ were performed using the Research Centre for Computational Science, Okazaki, Japan (Project: 20-IMS-C100).

Table S1. Calculated singlet excited state of $\mathbf{1}$.

| Excited State | Transition | Energy (Wavelength) | Oscillator Strength |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| S1 | HOMO $\rightarrow$ LUMO (47.8\%) | 2.5185 eV (492.29 nm) | 0.0165 |
|  | HOMO-1 $\rightarrow$ LUMO+1 (1.1\%) |  |  |
| S2 | HOMO-1 $\rightarrow$ LUMO (41.3\%) | 2.6577 eV (466.51 nm) | 0.0001 |
|  | HOMO $\rightarrow$ LUMO+1 (7.9\%) |  |  |
| S3 | HOMO-1 $\rightarrow$ LUMO+1 (46.3\%) | 2.8493 eV (435.14nm) | 0.0822 |
|  | HOMO $\rightarrow$ LUMO (1.2\%) |  |  |
|  | HOMO $\rightarrow$ LUMO+1 (1.1\%) |  |  |
| S4 | HOMO $\rightarrow$ LUMO+1 (38.5\%) | 2.8965 eV (428.05 nm) | 0.0932 |
|  | HOMO-1 $\rightarrow$ LUMO (7.0\%) |  |  |
|  | HOMO-1 $\rightarrow$ LUMO+1 (1.6\%) |  |  |
| S5 | HOMO-2 $\rightarrow$ LUMO (49.8\%) | 3.2850 eV ( 377.43 nm ) | 0.0010 |
| S6 | HOMO-2 $\rightarrow$ LUMO+1 (49.3\%) | 3.4086 eV ( 363.74 nm ) | 0.0006 |
| S7 | HOMO-3 $\rightarrow$ LUMO (49.4\%) | 3.4724 eV ( 357.06 nm ) | 0.0130 |
| S8 | HOMO-3 $\rightarrow$ LUMO+1 (49.7\%) | 3.5895 eV ( 345.40 nm ) | 0.0018 |
| S9 | HOMO $\rightarrow$ LUMO+2 (49.1\%) | 3.6306 eV ( 341.50 nm ) | 0.0179 |
| S10 | HOMO $\rightarrow$ LUMO+3 (39.0\%) | 3.7667 eV (329.16nm) | 0.0186 |
|  | HOMO-1 $\rightarrow$ LUMO+2 (9.2\%) |  |  |

Table S2. Molecular-orbital populations of $\mathbf{1}$.

| Molecular <br> Orbital | Eigenvalue <br> l <br> lVV | MO Population |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | O (bridged) | O(terminal) | Aromatic ring (L) |  |
| LUMO+3 |  | 0.50 | 0.14 | 0.09 | 0.20 |
| LUMO+2 | -1.342 | 0.55 | 0.10 | 0.14 | 0.08 |
| LUMO+1 | -2.473 | 0.61 | 0.14 | 0.08 | 0.06 |
| LUMO | -2.661 | 0.61 | 0.16 | 0.02 | 0.12 |
| HOMO | -5.903 | 0.05 | 0.16 | 0.00 | 0.67 |
| HOMO-1 | -6.167 | 0.06 | 0.14 | 0.01 | 0.65 |
| HOMO-2 | -6.527 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.85 |
| HOMO-3 | -6.726 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.82 |




LUMO+3
$-1.04$


номо
$-5.90$


LUMO+2
$-1.34$

HOMO-1
$-6.17$

.


LUMO+1
$-2.47$


HOMO-2
$-6.73$


LUMO
$-2.66$

Fig. S29 Frontier molecular orbitals of $\mathbf{1}$.

Table S3. Calculated singlet excited state of $\mathbf{2}$.

| Excited State | Transition | Energy (Wavelength) | Oscillator Strength |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| S1 | HOMO $\rightarrow$ LUMO (45.4\%) | 2.1164 eV (585.82 nm) | 0.0333 |
|  | HOMO-1 $\rightarrow$ LUMO+1 (3.6\%) |  |  |
| S2 | HOMO $\rightarrow$ LUMO+1 (26.1\%) | 2.2455 eV ( 552.14 nm ) | 0.0045 |
|  | HOMO-1 $\rightarrow$ LUMO (23.1\%) |  |  |
| S3 | HOMO-1 $\rightarrow$ LUMO+1 (45.1\%) | 2.4824 eV (499.45 nm) | 0.1636 |
|  | HOMO $\rightarrow$ LUMO (3.6\%) |  |  |
| S4 | HOMO-2 $\rightarrow$ LUMO (49.1\%) | 2.8894 eV ( 429.09 nm ) | 0.0416 |
| S5 | HOMO-2 $\rightarrow$ LUMO+1 (47.1\%) | 2.9505 eV (420.22 nm) | 0.0203 |
|  | HOMO-1 $\rightarrow$ LUMO (1.3\%) |  |  |
|  | HOMO $\rightarrow$ LUMO+1 (1.2\%) |  |  |
| S6 | HOMO-1 $\rightarrow$ LUMO (21.9\%) | 3.0196 eV (410.60 nm) | 0.2589 |
|  | HOMO $\rightarrow$ LUMO+1 (19.3\%) |  |  |
|  | HOMO-3 $\rightarrow$ LUMO (2.8\%) |  |  |
|  | HOMO-2 $\rightarrow$ LUMO+1 (2.6\%) |  |  |
| S7 | HOMO-3 $\rightarrow$ LUMO (46.8\%) | 3.0875 eV (401.57 nm) | 0.0315 |
|  | HOMO $\rightarrow$ LUMO+1 (1.5\%) |  |  |
|  | HOMO-1 $\rightarrow$ LUMO (1.1\%) |  |  |

Table S4. Molecular-orbital populations of 2.

| Molecular <br> Orbital | Eigenvalue | MO Population |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | leV | V | O (bridged) | O (terminal) | Cl | Aromatic ring (L) |
| LUMO+3 | -1.287 | 0.56 | 0.14 | 0.12 | 0.00 | 0.11 |
| LUMO+2 | -1.814 | 0.62 | 0.04 | 0.17 | 0.11 | 0.02 |
| LUMO+1 | -3.152 | 0.65 | 0.11 | 0.03 | 0.07 | 0.12 |
| LUMO | -3.211 | 0.64 | 0.13 | 0.02 | 0.05 | 0.13 |
| HOMO | -6.313 | 0.08 | 0.11 | 0.01 | 0.05 | 0.64 |
| HOMO-1 | -6.514 | 0.10 | 0.08 | 0.00 | 0.02 | 0.66 |
| HOMO-2 | -6.820 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.84 |
| HOMO-3 | -7.022 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.80 |




LUMO+3
$-1.29$


HOMO
$-6.31$


LUMO+2

- 1.81


HOMO-1
$-6.51$


LUMO+1
$-3.15$


HOMO-2
$-6.82$


LUMO

- 3.21

Fig. S30 Frontier molecular orbitals of $\mathbf{2}$.

A: Lone pair ( $\mathrm{O} / \mathrm{Cl}$ ) $\rightarrow \pi^{*}(\mathrm{~V}=\mathrm{O})$
B: Lone pair ( $\mathrm{O} / \mathrm{Cl}$ ) $\rightarrow$ 3d (V)


Fig. S31 Second-order perturbation of I-VI.

Table S5. Second-order perturbation of I-VI.

|  |  | I | II | III | VI |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| A | $\mathrm{X}=\mathrm{Ot}$-Bu | 121.06 | 99.80 | 67.70 | 76.37 |
|  | $\mathrm{X}=\mathrm{Cl}$ | 108.25 | 77.74 | 88.20 | 42.27 |
| B | $\mathrm{X}=\mathrm{Ot}$-Bu | 539.26 | 355.19 | 96.41 |  |
|  | $\mathrm{X}=\mathrm{Cl}$ | 337.26 | 118.36 | 118.41 |  |
| $A+B$ | $\mathrm{X}=\mathrm{Ot}$-Bu | 660.32 | 454.90 | 164.11 | 76.37 |
|  | $\mathrm{X}=\mathrm{Cl}$ | 445.51 | 196.10 | 206.61 | 42.27 |

a Calculated at the B3LYP/Def2SVP level of theory. ${ }^{b}$ In kcal mol- ${ }^{-1}$

Table S6. Molecular-orbital populations of $\mathbf{3}$.

| Molecular | Eigenvalue | MO Population |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Orbital | $/ \mathrm{eV}$ | V | O(bridged) | O(terminal) | Aromatic ring (L) |
| LUMO+3 | -0.495 | 0.55 | 0.15 | 0.11 | 0.10 |
| LUMO+2 | -1.021 | 0.56 | 0.11 | 0.15 | 0.04 |
| LUMO+1 | -1.328 | 0.61 | 0.16 | 0.05 | 0.08 |
| LUMO | -2.464 | 0.64 | 0.14 | 0.03 | 0.13 |
| HOMO | -5.911 | 0.04 | 0.20 | 0.00 | 0.64 |
| HOMO-1 | -6.164 | 0.08 | 0.13 | 0.00 | 0.66 |
| HOMO-2 | -6.542 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.89 |
| HOMO-3 | -6.768 | 0.00 | 0.01 | 0.00 | 0.85 |



HOMO
-5.91


LUMO+2
-1.02


HOMO-1
-6.16


LUMO+1
-1.33


HOMO-2
-6.54


LUMO
-2.46


HOMO-3
$-6.77$

Fig. S32 Frontier molecular orbitals of 3.

## ATR-IR spectra of 1 and 2

a)

b)


Fig. $\mathbf{S 3 3}$ a) Solid-state ATR-IR spectrum of $[\mathrm{V}(\mathrm{O})(\mathrm{O} t$-Bu)L]. b) IR spectrum calculated for the $[\mathrm{V}(\mathrm{O})(\mathrm{O} t-\mathrm{Bu}) \mathbf{L}]$ (drawn by using the GaussView 5.0 software, half-width at half-maximum $=4$ $\mathrm{cm}^{-1}$, without scaling) (B3LYP/Def2SVP).
a)



Fig. S34 a) Solid-state ATR-IR spectrum of [V(O)CIL]. b) IR spectrum calculated for the $[\mathrm{V}(\mathrm{O}) \mathrm{ClL}]$ (drawn by using the GaussView 5.0 software, half-width at half-maximum $=4 \mathrm{~cm}^{-1}$, without scaling) (B3LYP/Def2SVP).

## X-Ray crystallographic analysis of $\mathrm{rac}-[\mathrm{V}(\mathrm{O})(\mathrm{Ot}$ - Bu$) \mathrm{L}](1)$ and $\mathrm{rac}-[\mathrm{V}(\mathrm{O}) \mathrm{CIL}](2)$

Single crystals of $\mathbf{1}$ and $\mathbf{2}$ were grown by slow evaporation of their solutions $\left(\mathrm{CHCl}_{3} / n-\right.$ hexane for $\mathbf{1}$ and benzene for $\mathbf{2}$ ) at room temperature in a nitrogen-filled glovebox. Intensity data were collected on a Rigaku XtaLAB PRO MM007DW PILATUS diffractometer using $\mathrm{Cu} \mathrm{K} \alpha$ radiation, and the obtained data were calculated with Olex $2^{\text {S6 }}$ 1.2.10 (OlexSys Ltd., 2018) software. The structures were solved with the ShelXT ${ }^{57}$ structure solution program using Intrinsic Phasing or the ShelXL ${ }^{\text {S8 }}$ refinement package using Least Squares minimization. All hydrogens atoms were geometrically arranged and refined using a riding model.

CCDC-2210598 (1) and CCDC-2210585 (2) contain supplementary crystallographic data for this paper. These data are available free of charge from The Cambridge Crystallographic Data Centre via www.ccdc.cam.ac.uk/data_request/cif.


Fig. S35 Molecular structure of $r a c-[\mathrm{V}(\mathrm{O})(\mathrm{O} t-\mathrm{Bu}) \mathbf{L}](\mathbf{1})$. Thermal displacement ellipsoids are set at the $50 \%$ probability level. Selected bond lengths $[\AA]$ and angles $\left[{ }^{\circ}\right] ; \mathrm{V}(1)=\mathrm{O}(1) 1.5865(10)$, $\mathrm{V}(1)-\mathrm{O}(2) \quad 1.7902(10), \mathrm{V}(1)-\mathrm{O}(3) \quad 1.7892(10), \mathrm{V}(1)-\mathrm{O}(4) 1.7397(10) ; \mathrm{O}(1)-\mathrm{V}(1)-\mathrm{O}(2)$ 108.97(5), $\mathrm{O}(1)-\mathrm{V}(1)-\mathrm{O}(3) 107.12(5), \mathrm{O}(1)-\mathrm{V}(1)-\mathrm{O}(4) 111.80(5), \mathrm{O}(2)-\mathrm{V}(1)-\mathrm{O}(3) 109.69(4)$, $\mathrm{O}(3)-\mathrm{V}(1)-\mathrm{O}(4) 110.16(5), \mathrm{O}(4)-\mathrm{V}(1)-\mathrm{O}(2) 109.07(5), \mathrm{V}(1)-\mathrm{O}(2)-\mathrm{C}(1) 127.67(5), \mathrm{V}(1)-\mathrm{O}(3)-$ C(13) 129.91(5).


Fig. S36 Molecular structure of $\mathrm{rac}-[\mathrm{V}(\mathrm{O}) \mathrm{ClL}]$ (2). Thermal displacement ellipsoids are set at the $50 \%$ probability level. Two crystallographically independent molecules of 2 were found in the unit cell. Selected bond lengths [ $\AA$ ] and angles [ ${ }^{\circ}$ ]; Molecule A: $\mathrm{V}(1)=\mathrm{O}(1) 1.581(10), \mathrm{V}(1)-\mathrm{O}(2)$ $1.771(10), \mathrm{V}(1)-\mathrm{O}(3) 1.744(9), \mathrm{V}(1)-\mathrm{Cl}(2) 2.167(11) ; \mathrm{O}(1)-\mathrm{V}(1)-\mathrm{O}(2) 107.9(5)$, $\mathrm{O}(1)-\mathrm{V}(1)-$ $\mathrm{O}(3) 107.0(4), \mathrm{O}(1)-\mathrm{V}(1)-\mathrm{Cl}(2) 107.6(5), \mathrm{O}(2)-\mathrm{V}(1)-\mathrm{O}(3) 109.7(5), \mathrm{O}(3)-\mathrm{V}(1)-\mathrm{Cl}(2) 112.5(5)$, $\mathrm{Cl}(2)-\mathrm{V}(1)-\mathrm{O}(2) 111.8(4), \mathrm{V}(1)-\mathrm{O}(2)-\mathrm{C}(1) 138.9(9), \mathrm{V}(1)-\mathrm{O}(3)-\mathrm{C}(21) 144.8(8)$; Molecule $\mathrm{B}:$ $\mathrm{V}(2)=\mathrm{O}(4) 1.600(11), \mathrm{V}(2)-\mathrm{O}(5) 1.753(16), \mathrm{V}(2)-\mathrm{O}(6) 1.764(11), \mathrm{V}(2)-\mathrm{Cl}(1) 2.202(10) ; \mathrm{O}(4)-$ $\mathrm{V}(2)-\mathrm{O}(5) 109.6(5), \mathrm{O}(4)-\mathrm{V}(2)-\mathrm{O}(6) 110.8(5), \mathrm{O}(4)-\mathrm{V}(2)-\mathrm{Cl}(1) 109.0(5), \mathrm{O}(5)-\mathrm{V}(2)-\mathrm{O}(6)$ $107.5(8), \mathrm{O}(6)-\mathrm{V}(2)-\mathrm{Cl}(1) 107.6(5), \mathrm{Cl}(1)-\mathrm{V}(2)-\mathrm{O}(5) 112.2(4), \mathrm{V}(2)-\mathrm{O}(5)-\mathrm{C}(36) 146.1(11)$, $\mathrm{V}(2)-\mathrm{O}(6)-\mathrm{C}(56) 149.9(8)$.

Table S7. Crystal Data for 1 and 2.

|  | $r a c-[V(0)(O t-B u) L](1)$ |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Formula | $\mathrm{C}_{39} \mathrm{H}_{57} \mathrm{O}_{4} \mathrm{~V}$ | $\mathrm{C}_{35} \mathrm{H}_{48} \mathrm{ClO}_{3} \mathrm{~V}$ |
| Formula weight | 640.78 | 603.12 |
| Crystal dimensions/ $/ \mathrm{mm}^{3}$ | $0.05 \times 0.05 \times 0.1$ | $0.11 \times 0.14 \times 0.18$ |
| Temperature/K | 93.15 | 93.15 |
| Crystal system | triclinic | Orthorhombic |
| Space group | P-1 (\#2) | Pmc21 (\#26) |
| Lattice parameters |  |  |
| $a / \AA$ A | 11.3936(3) | 10.4288(2) |
| $b / \AA$ | 13.2903(3) | 27.1835(4) |
| $c / \AA$ | 13.4060(3) | 11.2290(2) |
| $\alpha / \mathrm{deg}$ | 75.111(2) | 90 |
| $\beta /$ deg | 69.895(2) | 90 |
| $\gamma / \mathrm{deg}$ | 75.358(2) | 90 |
| $V / \AA^{3}$ | 1811.79(8) | 3183.32(10) |
| Z | 2 | 4 |
| $D_{\text {calcd }} / \mathrm{g} \cdot \mathrm{cm}^{-3}$ | 1.175 | 1.258 |
| $\mu / \mathrm{mm}^{-1}$ | 2.568 | 3.623 |
| $\theta /$ deg | 6.998 to 146.834 | 6.504 to 144.2 |
| No. of reflections | 17500 | 35727 |
| Independent reflections | 7043 | 5925 |
| $R_{\text {int }}$ | 0.0241 | 0.0384 |
| Completeness to $\theta / \%$ | 99.4 | 100 |
| $R_{1}[I>2 \sigma(I)]$ | 0.0337 | 0.0712 |
| $\mathrm{w} R_{2}$ (all data) | 0.0922 | 0.2112 |
| Largest diff. peak/e $\cdot \AA^{-3}$ | 0.26 | 0.55 |
| Largest diff. hole/e $\cdot \AA^{-3}$ | -0.39 | -0.70 |
| Goodness-of-fit on $F^{2}$ | 1.082 | 1.065 |

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