## Fused Metallacyclopropenes from Alkynylphenols

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## 1. Experimental details

General information. All manipulations were carried out under a nitrogen atmosphere using standard Schlenk techniques unless otherwise stated. Solvents were purged with a nitrogen flow before use. $\mathrm{OsCl}_{2}\left(\mathrm{PPh}_{3}\right)_{3},{ }^{1}$ 2-ethynylphenol, ${ }^{2}$ 2-ethynyl-4-methylphenol, ${ }^{2}$ 2-ethynyl-4-fluorophenol, ${ }^{3}$ 2-(1-hexyn-1yl)phenol, ${ }^{4}$ 2-(1-octyn-1-yl)phenol ${ }^{5}$ were prepared according to literature methods. Other reagents were used as purchased. ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H},{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}\left\{{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}\right\}$ and ${ }^{31} \mathrm{P}\left\{{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}\right\}$ spectra were collected on a Bruker Avance II ( 400 MHz ) or a Bruker Avance III ( 500 MHz ). ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ and ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR shifts are relative to TMS, and ${ }^{31} \mathrm{P}$ chemical shifts relative to $85 \% \mathrm{H}_{3} \mathrm{PO}_{4}$. Electron spin resonance (EPR) spectrum was collected on a Bruker E500. A Synapt G2-Si was used to measure high-resolution mass (HRMS). Element Vario EL cube elemental analyzer was used for elemental analyses (EA).

Synthesis of complex 1a. A mixture of 2-ethynylphenol ( $0.019 \mathrm{~g}, 0.161 \mathrm{mmol}$ ) and $\mathrm{OsCl}_{2}\left(\mathrm{PPh}_{3}\right)_{3}(0.100$ $\mathrm{g}, 0.095 \mathrm{mmol})$ in toluene $(5 \mathrm{~mL})$ was stirred at room temperature for 4 h , producing a dark green solution. The volume was concentrated to about 1 mL and $n$-hexane $(10 \mathrm{~mL})$ was added to precipitate a yellowish-green solid, which was filtered and washed with ether ( $5 \mathrm{~mL} \times 2$ ). The resulting yellowishgreen solid was further purified by column chromatography (eluent: DCM). The green band was collected and dried under vacuum. Yield: $40.2 \mathrm{mg}, 46.6 \% .{ }^{31} \mathrm{P}\left\{{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}\right\}$ NMR ( $162.0 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CD}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}$ ): $\delta=$ 15.4. ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $400.1 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CD}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}$ ): $\delta=7.57-7.53(\mathrm{~m}, 12 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{Ph}), 7.35-7.24(\mathrm{~m}, 18 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{Ph}), 7.02(\mathrm{~d}, J=$ $8.2 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{Ph}), 6.81(\mathrm{t}, J=7.8 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{Ph}), 6.55(\mathrm{t}, J=7.4 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{Ph}), 6.33(\mathrm{~d}, J=8.9 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{Ph})$, $4.19\left(\mathrm{t}, J=3.8 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{CH}_{2}\right) .{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}\left\{{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}\right\} \mathrm{NMR}\left(125.0 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CD}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}\right): \delta=266.6\left(\mathrm{t},{ }^{1} J(\mathrm{PC})=3.8 \mathrm{~Hz}, \mathrm{Os}=\mathrm{C}\right)$, 191.9 (s, C-O), 137.6-117.7 (multiple ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ signals of Ar ), $37.7\left(\mathrm{CH}_{2}\right)$. Anal. Calcd. For $\mathrm{C}_{44} \mathrm{H}_{36} \mathrm{Cl}_{2} \mathrm{OOsP}_{2}$ : C, 58.47; H, 4.01. Found: C, 58.57; H, 4.11.

Synthesis of complex 1b. A mixture of 4-methyl-2-ethynylphenol ( $0.0378 \mathrm{~g}, 0.286 \mathrm{mmol}$ ) and $\mathrm{OsCl}_{2}\left(\mathrm{PPh}_{3}\right)_{3}(0.200 \mathrm{~g}, 0.191 \mathrm{mmol})$ in toluene $(10 \mathrm{~mL})$ was stirred at room temperature for 4 h , producing a dark green solution. The volume was concentrated to about 1 mL and $n$-hexane ( 10 mL ) was added to it to precipitate a green solid, which was filtered and washed with ether ( $5 \mathrm{~mL} \times 3$ ). The resulting green solid was further purified by column chromatography (eluent: DCM). The green band was collected and dried under vacuum. Yield: $73.3 \mathrm{mg}, 41.8 \% .{ }^{31} \mathrm{P}\left\{{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}\right\}$ NMR ( $162.0 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CD}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}$ ): $\delta=-$ 15.2. ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $400.1 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CD}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}$ ) $\delta=7.54-7.24(\mathrm{~m}, 30 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{Ph}), 6.77(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{Ph}), 6.69(\mathrm{~d}, J=8.8 \mathrm{~Hz}$, $1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{Ph}), 6.22(\mathrm{~d}, J=9.0 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{Ph}), 4.15\left(\mathrm{~s}, 2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{CH}_{2}\right), 2.22(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{Me}) .{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}\left\{{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}\right\}$ NMR ( 125.0 MHz , $\left.\mathrm{CD}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}\right): \delta=264.1\left(\mathrm{t},{ }^{1} J(\mathrm{PC})=6.3 \mathrm{~Hz}, \mathrm{Os}=\mathrm{C}\right.$ ), $191.4(\mathrm{~s}, \mathrm{C}-\mathrm{O}), 140.0-120.0$ (multiple ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ signals of Ar ), $37.5\left(\mathrm{CH}_{2}\right), 20.5(\mathrm{~s}, \mathrm{Me})$. Anal. Calcd. For $\mathrm{C}_{45} \mathrm{H}_{38} \mathrm{Cl}_{2} \mathrm{OOs} \mathrm{P}_{2} \cdot 0.35 \mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}$ : C, 57.48; H, 4.12. Found: C, 57.23; H, 4.48.

Synthesis of complex 1c. A mixture of 4-fluoro-2-ethynylphenol ( $0.0584 \mathrm{~g}, 0.429 \mathrm{mmol}$ ) and $\mathrm{OsCl}_{2}\left(\mathrm{PPh}_{3}\right)_{3}(0.300 \mathrm{~g}, 0.286 \mathrm{mmol})$ in toluene $(15 \mathrm{~mL})$ was stirred at room temperature for 4 h , producing a dark green solution. The volume was concentrated to about 1 mL and $n$-hexane ( 10 mL ) was added to precipitate a yellowish-green solid, which was washed ether ( $5 \mathrm{~mL} \times 3$ ). The resulting yellowishgreen solid was further purified by column chromatography (eluent: DCM). The green band was collected and dried under vacuum. Yield: $142.2 \mathrm{mg}, 53.9 \%$. ${ }^{31} \mathrm{P}\left\{{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}\right\} \mathrm{NMR}\left(162.0 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CD}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}\right): \delta=-$ 15.6. ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR $\left(400.1 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CD}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}\right) \delta=7.56-7.51\left(\mathrm{~m}, 12 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{PPh}_{3}\right), 7.35-7.24\left(\mathrm{~m}, 18 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{PPh}_{3}\right), 6.74-6.67$ $(\mathrm{m}, 2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{Ph}), 6.25(\mathrm{dd}, J=9.2 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{Ph}), 4.27\left(\mathrm{t}, J=3.7 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{CH}_{2}\right) .{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}\left\{{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}\right\} \mathrm{NMR}(125.0 \mathrm{MHz}$, $\mathrm{CD}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}$ ): $\delta=264.1$ ( $\mathrm{m}, \mathrm{Os}=\mathrm{C}$ ), 188.8 ( $\mathrm{s}, \mathrm{C}-\mathrm{O}$ ), $156.0-107.6$ (multiple ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ signals of Ar ), $38.1\left(\mathrm{CH}_{2}\right)$. Anal. Calcd. For $\mathrm{C}_{45} \mathrm{H}_{35} \mathrm{Cl}_{2} \mathrm{FOOsP}_{2} \cdot 0.45 \mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}$ : C, 55.61 ; H, 3.77. Found: C, 55.32; H, 3.96.

Synthesis of complex 2a. A mixture of 2-(1-hexyn-1-yl)phenol ( $0.0499 \mathrm{~g}, 0.287 \mathrm{mmol}$ ) and $\mathrm{OsCl}_{2}\left(\mathrm{PPh}_{3}\right)_{3}(0.200 \mathrm{~g}, 0.191 \mathrm{mmol})$ in toluene $(10 \mathrm{~mL})$ was stirred at room temperature for 24 h , producing a dark green solution. The volume was concentrated to about 1 mL and $n$-hexane ( 10 mL ) was added to precipitate a dark green solid, which was washed with ether $(5 \mathrm{~mL} \times 3)$ and dried under vacuum. Yield: $84.6 \mathrm{mg}, 47.9 \%$. HRMS (ESI, m/z): $[\mathrm{M}+\mathrm{Na}]^{+}$calcd for $\mathrm{C}_{48} \mathrm{H}_{43} \mathrm{Cl}_{2} \mathrm{OOsP}{ }_{2} \mathrm{Na}, 982.1655$; found, 982.1642.

Synthesis of complex 2b. A mixture of 2-(1-octyn-1-yl)phenol ( $0.087 \mathrm{~g}, 0.429 \mathrm{mmol}$ ) and $\mathrm{OsCl}_{2}\left(\mathrm{PPh}_{3}\right)_{3}$ $(0.300 \mathrm{~g}, 0.286 \mathrm{mmol})$ in toluene $(15 \mathrm{~mL})$ was stirred at room temperature for 24 h , producing a dark green solution. The volume was concentrated to about 1 mL and $n$-hexane ( 10 mL ) was added to precipitate a dark green solid, which was washed with ether ( $5 \mathrm{~mL} \times 3$ ) and dried under vacuum. Yield: $148.3 \mathrm{mg}, 52.4 \%$. HRMS (ESI, m/z): [M-Cl] ${ }^{+}$calcd for $\mathrm{C}_{50} \mathrm{H}_{48} \mathrm{ClOOsP}_{2}, 952.2390$; found, 952.2403.
Synthesis of complex 3a. Complex 2a ( $0.100 \mathrm{~g}, 0.104 \mathrm{mmol}$ ) in DCM ( 10 mL ) was stirred at room temperature under air for 2 h , producing a yellowish-brown solution. The volume was concentrated to about 1 mL and $n$-hexane $(10 \mathrm{~mL})$ was added to it to precipitate a yellowish-brown solid, which was washed with ether ( $5 \mathrm{~mL} \times 3$ ). The resulting yellowish-brown solid was further purified by column chromatography (eluent: DCM ). The green band was collected and dried under vacuum. Yield: 82.6 mg , $82.6 \% .{ }^{31} \mathrm{P}\left\{{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}\right\} \mathrm{NMR}\left(162.0 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right): \delta=-15.4 .{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $400.1 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ): $\delta=7.50-7.48(\mathrm{~m}$, $12 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{Ph}), 7.26-7.16(\mathrm{~m}, 18 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{Ph}), 7.01(\mathrm{~d}, J=8.2 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 6.77(\mathrm{t}, J=7.7 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{Ph}), 6.57-6.51(\mathrm{~m}$, $2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{Ph}), 5.05(\mathrm{t}, J=6.4 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{Os}-\mathrm{C}=\mathrm{CH}), 2.04\left(\mathrm{q}, J=7.1 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H},=\mathrm{CHCH}_{2}\right), 1.18-1.13\left(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{CH}_{2}\right)$, $0.79\left(\mathrm{t}, J=7.2 \mathrm{~Hz}, 3 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{CH}_{3}\right) .{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}\left\{{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}\right\} \mathrm{NMR}\left(125.0 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right): \delta=230.4\left(\mathrm{br} \mathrm{t},{ }^{1} J(\mathrm{PC})=3.8 \mathrm{~Hz}\right.$, $\mathrm{Os}=\mathrm{C}$ ), 190.3 ( $\mathrm{s}, \mathrm{C}-\mathrm{O}$ ), 137.2-116.0 (multiple ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ signals of Ar and $\mathrm{C}=\mathrm{C}$ ), 39.2 ( s ), 21.6 ( s ), 13.9 ( s ). HRMS (ESI, m/z): [M-Cl] ${ }^{+}$calcd for $\mathrm{C}_{48} \mathrm{H}_{42} \mathrm{ClOOsP}_{2}, 923.2001$; found, 923.1983.

Synthesis of complex 3b. Complex $\mathbf{2 b}(0.0500 \mathrm{~g}, 0.051 \mathrm{mmol})$ in DCM $(5 \mathrm{~mL})$ was stirred at $40^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ under air for 2 h , producing a yellowish-brown solution. The volume was concentrated to about 1 mL and $n$-hexane $(10 \mathrm{~mL})$ was added to it to precipitate a yellowish-brown solid, which was washed with ether ( $5 \mathrm{~mL} \times 3$ ). The resulting yellowish-brown solid was further purified by column chromatography (eluent: DCM). The yellowish-brown band was collected and dried under vacuum. Yield: $38.6 \mathrm{mg}, 77.4$ $\% .{ }^{31} \mathrm{P}\left\{{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}\right\} \mathrm{NMR}\left(162.0 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right): \delta=-15.3 .{ }^{1} \mathrm{H} \operatorname{NMR}\left(400.1 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right): \delta=7.50-7.48(\mathrm{~m}, 12 \mathrm{H}$, Ph), 7.24-7.16 (m, 18H, Ph), $7.02(\mathrm{~d}, J=8.2 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}), 6.77(\mathrm{t}, J=7.7 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{Ph}), 6.54(\mathrm{t}, J=12.0 \mathrm{~Hz}$, $2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{Ph}), 5.04(\mathrm{t}, J=6.1 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{Os}-\mathrm{C}=\mathrm{CH}), 2.03\left(\mathrm{br} \mathrm{q}, 2 \mathrm{H},=\mathrm{CHCH}_{2}\right), 1.29-1.13\left(\mathrm{~m}, 6 \mathrm{H},\left(\mathrm{CH}_{2}\right)_{3}\right), 0.91$ $\left(\mathrm{t}, J=8.1 \mathrm{~Hz}, 3 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{CH}_{3}\right) .{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}\left\{{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}\right\} \mathrm{NMR}\left(125.0 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right): \delta=230.5(\mathrm{br} \mathrm{m}, \mathrm{Os}=\mathrm{C}), 190.5(\mathrm{~s}, \mathrm{C}-\mathrm{O})$, 137.7-116.2 (multiple ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ signals of Ar and $\mathrm{C}=\mathrm{C}$ ), 37.3 (s), 31.9 (s), 28.2 (s), 22.7 (s), 14.3 (s). HRMS (ESI, m/z): [M-Cl] $]^{+}$calcd for $\mathrm{C}_{50} \mathrm{H}_{46} \mathrm{ClOOsP}_{2}, 951.2314$; found, 951.2322 .
Synthesis of complex $4 \mathbf{a}$. Complex $\mathbf{2 a}(0.050 \mathrm{~g}, 0.052 \mathrm{mmol})$ was placed in a flask and stirred at $100^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ under air for 24 h , producing a dark solid. The solid was then purified by flash column chromatography (eluent: DCM). The brownish red band was collected and dried under vacuum. Yield: $26.8 \mathrm{mg}, 51.9 \%$. HRMS (ESI, m/z): [M-Cl] calcd for $\mathrm{C}_{48} \mathrm{H}_{43} \mathrm{ClO}_{3} \mathrm{OsP}_{2}, 956.1977$; found, 956.1976.
Synthesis of complex $\mathbf{4 b}$. Complex $\mathbf{2 b}(0.050 \mathrm{~g}, 0.051 \mathrm{mmol})$ was placed in a flask and stirred at 100 ${ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ under air for 72 h , producing a dark solid. The solid was then purified by flash column chromatography (eluent: DCM). The brownish red band was collected and dried under vacuum. Yield: $7.8 \mathrm{mg}, 15.2 \%$. HRMS (ESI, m/z): [M-Cl] ${ }^{+}$calcd for $\mathrm{C}_{50} \mathrm{H}_{47} \mathrm{ClO}_{3} \mathrm{OsP}_{2}, 984.2291$; found, 984.2292.

## 2. Computational studies.

Computational details. The optimizations were performed with the Gaussian 16 software package ${ }^{6}$ at the B3LYP level of density functional theory (DFT). ${ }^{7}$ DFT/GENECP level had been done by implementing def2-TZVP basis set for Os atom. ${ }^{8}$ The $6-311 \mathrm{G}(2 \mathrm{~d}, \mathrm{p})$ basis set had been used for the rest of atoms. ${ }^{9}$ Nucleus-independent chemical shift (NICS) values were calculated at the B3LYP//6$311 \mathrm{G}(2 \mathrm{~d}, \mathrm{p}) /$ def2-TZVP level. ${ }^{10}$ The anisotropy of the current density was calculated with the AICD 2.0 program computing the NMR properties using the CSGT method with the geometries previously obtained for $\mathbf{1 a} \mathbf{a}^{\prime}$ and $\mathbf{3 a} \mathbf{a}^{\prime}$. ${ }^{11}$


Figure S1. AICD plots of $\mathbf{1 a}$ ' separated into the (left) $\pi$ contributions and (right) $\sigma$ contributions with an isosurface value of 0.03 . For AICD maps, the magnetic field vector is orthogonal with respect to the monocyclic ring plane and points downward (anti-clockwise currents are diatropic).


Figure S2. AICD plots of 3a' separated into the (left) $\pi$ contributions and (right) $\sigma$ contributions with an isosurface value of 0.03 . For AICD maps, the magnetic field vector is orthogonal with respect to the
monocyclic ring plane and points downward (anti-clockwise currents are diatropic).

## 3. X-ray crystallographic study

Single crystals of complexes 1a (CCDC No.2225150), 3a (CCDC No. 2225151), 3b (CCDC No. 2288691), and $\mathbf{4 a}$ (CCDC No.2264254) suitable for X-ray diffraction were grown from $\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}$ solution layered with $n$-hexane. Intensity data of $\mathbf{1 a}$ and $\mathbf{4 a}$ were collected on a Bruker Smart APEXII diffractometer using $\mathrm{Cu}-\mathrm{K} \alpha$ radiation $(\lambda=1.54184 \AA)$, and that of $\mathbf{3 a}$ and $\mathbf{3 b}$ were collected on a Bruker Smart APEXII diffractometer using Mo-K $\alpha$ radiation $(\lambda=0.71073 \AA)$. Unit cell indexing was refined using SAINT, Absorption correction was applied by using multi-scan program SADABS. The structure was solved with OLEX2 software, and the SHELXT structure solution program using combined direct method. ${ }^{12-13}$ The crystal structure was refined by least squares using SHELXL. All non-hydrogen atoms were refined anisotropically. Hydrogen atoms bonded to carbon atoms were placed at calculated positions and refined using a riding model approximation, with $\mathrm{C}-\mathrm{H}=0.95$ (aromatic CH ) and with $\operatorname{Uiso}(\mathrm{H})=1.2 \operatorname{Ueq}(\mathrm{C}), \mathrm{C}-\mathrm{H}=1.00(-\mathrm{CH})$ and with $\operatorname{Uiso}(\mathrm{H})=1.2 \mathrm{Ueq}(\mathrm{C}), \mathrm{C}-\mathrm{H}=0.99\left(-\mathrm{CH}_{2}\right)$ and with $\operatorname{Uiso}(\mathrm{H})=1.2 \mathrm{Ueq}(\mathrm{C}), \mathrm{C}-\mathrm{H}=0.98 \AA\left(-\mathrm{CH}_{3}\right)$ and with $\operatorname{Uiso}(\mathrm{H})=1.5 \mathrm{Ueq}(\mathrm{C})$. The crystal data are listed in Table S1.

Table S1. Crystallographic data and refinement details of 1a, 3a, 3b, 4a.

|  | 1 a | 3a | 3b | 4 a |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Empirical formula | $\mathrm{C}_{44} \mathrm{H}_{36} \mathrm{Cl}_{2} \mathrm{OOsP}_{2}$ | $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{C}_{48} \mathrm{H}_{42} \mathrm{Cl}_{2} \mathrm{OOsP}_{2} . \\ \mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2} \end{gathered}$ | $\mathrm{C}_{50} \mathrm{H}_{46} \mathrm{Cl}_{2} \mathrm{OOsP}{ }_{2}$ | $\begin{gathered} \mathrm{C}_{48} \mathrm{H}_{43} \mathrm{Cl}_{2} \mathrm{O}_{3} \mathrm{OsP}_{2} \\ \mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2} \end{gathered}$ |
| Color \& habit | brown, block | brown yellow, block | brown yellow, block | brownish red, block |
| Crystal size ( $\mathrm{mm}^{3}$ ) | $0.15 \times 0.13 \times 0.11$ | $0.20 \times 0.20 \times 0.10$ | $0.15 \times 0.13 \times 0.12$ | $0.15 \times 0.13 \times 0.12$ |
| Temperature (K) | 100 | 150 | 100 | 150 |
| Crystal system | monoclinic | orthorhombic | monoclinic | monoclinic |
| Space group | $P 2{ }_{1}$ | $P 2{ }_{1} 2_{1} 2_{1}$ | $P 2_{1} / \mathrm{n}$ | $P 2_{1} / \mathrm{c}$ |
| a ( $\AA$ ) | 9.57540 (10) | 10.9207(2) | 19.4318(6) | 21.5392(5) |
| b ( $\AA$ ) | $16.40830(10)$ | 12.9359(2) | 10.3039(2) | 13.2966(3) |
| c ( $\AA$ ) | $11.88330(10)$ | 30.7710(6) | $22.3306(6)$ | 30.5699(8) |
| $\alpha\left(^{\circ}\right) \alpha\left(^{\circ}\right)$ | 90 | 90 | 90 | 90 |
| $\beta\left({ }^{\circ}\right) \beta\left({ }^{\circ}\right)$ | 97.4020(10) | 90 | 109.332(3) | 99.7310(10) |
| $\gamma\left({ }^{\circ}\right) \gamma\left({ }^{\circ}\right)$ | 90 | 90 | 90 | 90 |
| $\mathrm{V}\left(\AA^{3}\right), \mathrm{Z}$ | 1851.50(3), 2 | 4346.99(13), 4 | 4219.0(2), 4 | 8629.2(4), 4 |
| $\mathrm{D}_{\text {cal }}\left(\mathrm{Mg} / \mathrm{m}^{3}\right)$ | 1.621 | 1.593 | 1.552 | 1.591 |
| Abs. coeff.( $\mathrm{mm}^{-1}$ ) | 8.914 | 3.290 | 3.263 | 8.323 |
| $2 \theta$ range for data | 5.386 to 153.254 | 4.882 to 52.778 | 4.4 to 50.054 | 4.162 to 133.176 |
| Reflections collected | 24556 | 45361 | 41333 | 80741 |
| Indep. Reflection, | 10109, 0.0257 | 8846,0.0324 | 7456,0.0460 | 15233,0.0460 |
| Completeness(\%) of | 95 | 99.8 | 99.9 | 99.9 |
| Data/ restraints/ | 10109/15/902 | 8846/0/515 | 7456/1128/506 | 15233/2003/1038 |
| Goodness-of-fit on $\mathrm{F}^{2}$ | 1.074 | 1.010 | 1.016 | 1.083 |
| ${ }^{*} \mathrm{R}_{1}[\mathrm{I}>2 \operatorname{sigma}(\mathrm{I})], \mathrm{wR}_{2}$ | 0.0196, 0.0491 | $0.0208,0.0447$ | $0.0269,0.0586$ | $0.0534,0.1401$ |
| ${ }^{*} \mathrm{R}_{1}$ (all data), wR ${ }_{2}$ | 0.0198, 0.0492 | 0.0238, 0.0458 | 0.0370, 0.0633 | 0.0551, 0.1426 |

Figure S3. ORTEP drawing of complex 3b with thermal ellipsoids set $50 \%$ probability (phenyl groups in PPh 3 are omitted for clarity). Selected bond distances $(\AA)$ and angles $\left(^{\circ}\right)$ : Os1-C1 2.112(4), Os1-C2 1.982(4), Os1-O1 2.071(2), Os1-P1 2.4184(9), Os1-P2 2.4177(9), Os1-Cl1 2.4218(9), Os1-Cl2 $2.4249(9), \mathrm{C} 1-\mathrm{C} 21.339(6), \mathrm{C} 2-\mathrm{C} 31.380(6), \mathrm{C} 3-\mathrm{C} 41.414(6), \mathrm{C} 4-\mathrm{O} 11.299(5), \mathrm{C} 4-\mathrm{C} 51.416(6), \mathrm{C} 5-\mathrm{C} 6$ 1.382(6), C6-C7 1.405(6), C7-C8 1.363(6), C8-C3 1.434(6), C1-C9 1.338(6), Os1-C1-C2 65.7(2), Os1-C2-C1 76.3(3), C1-Os1-C2 38.01(17), Os1-C2-C3 120.9(3), C2-C3-C4 109.8(4), C3-C4-O1 117.1(4), C4-O1-Os1 116.9(2), O1-Os1-C2 75.28(14), P1-Os1-P2 175.36(3).
4. NMR spectra, EPR spectra and HRMS data


Figure S4. The ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR spectrum of complex $\mathbf{1 a}$ in $\mathrm{CD}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}$ at 400.1 MHz .


Figure S5. The ${ }^{31} \mathrm{P}\left\{{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}\right\}$ NMR spectrum of complex 1a in $\mathrm{CD}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}$ at 162.0 MHz .


Figure S6. The ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}\left\{{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}\right\}$ NMR spectrum of complex 1a in $\mathrm{CD}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}$ at 125.0 MHz .


Figure S7. The ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR spectrum of complex $\mathbf{1 b}$ in $\mathrm{CD}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}$ at 400.1 MHz .


Figure S8. The ${ }^{31} \mathrm{P}\left\{{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}\right\}$ NMR spectrum of complex $\mathbf{1 b}$ in $\mathrm{CD}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}$ at 162.0 MHz .


Figure S9. The ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}\left\{{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}\right\}$ NMR spectrum of complex $\mathbf{1 b}$ in $\mathrm{CD}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}$ at 125.0 MHz .


Figure S10. The ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR spectrum of complex $\mathbf{1 c}$ in $\mathrm{CD}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}$ at 400.1 MHz .


Figure S11. The ${ }^{31} \mathrm{P}\left\{{ }^{\{ } \mathrm{H}\right\}$ NMR spectrum of complex $\mathbf{1 c}$ in $\mathrm{CD}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}$ at 162.0 MHz .


Figure S12. The ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}\left\{{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}\right\}$ NMR spectrum of complex $\mathbf{1 c}$ in $\mathrm{CD}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}$ at 125.0 MHz .


Figure S13. The ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR spectrum of complex $\mathbf{2 a}$ in $\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ at 400.1 MHz .



Figure S14. The ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR spectrum of complex $\mathbf{3 a}$ in $\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ at 400.1 MHz .


Figure S15. The ${ }^{31} \mathrm{P}\left\{{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}\right\}$ NMR spectrum of complex $\mathbf{3 a}$ in $\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ at 162.0 MHz .


Figure S16. The ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}\left\{{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}\right\}$ NMR spectrum of complex $\mathbf{3 a}$ in $\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ at 125.0 MHz .


Figure S17. The ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ DEPT-135 NMR spectrum of complex 3a in $\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ at 125.0 MHz .


Figure S18. The ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}-{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ HSQC and expanded NMR spectrum of complex $\mathbf{3 a}$ in $\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ at 125.0 MHz .


Figure S19.The ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR spectrum of complex $\mathbf{3 b}$ in $\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ at 400.1 MHz .


Figure S20. The ${ }^{31} \mathrm{P}\left\{{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}\right\}$ NMR spectrum of complex $\mathbf{3 b}$ in $\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ at 162.0 MHz .


Figure S21. The ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}\left\{{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}\right\}$ NMR spectrum of complex $\mathbf{3 b}$ in $\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ at 125.0 MHz .


Figure S22. The EPR spectrum of complex 2a (powder) at room temperature.


Figure S23. The EPR spectrum of complex $\mathbf{4 a}$ (powder) at room temperature.


Figure S24. Positive ion ESI-HRMS data of [2a-CI] ${ }^{+}\left[\mathrm{C}_{48} \mathrm{H}_{43} \mathrm{ClOOsP}_{2}\right]^{+}$measured in DCM.


Figure S25. Positive ion ESI-HRMS data of [2b-Cl] ${ }^{+}\left[\mathrm{C}_{50} \mathrm{H}_{48} \mathrm{ClOOsP}_{2}\right]^{+}$measured in DCM.


Figure S26. Positive ion ESI-HRMS data of $[\mathbf{3 a - C l}]^{+}\left[\mathrm{C}_{48} \mathrm{H}_{42} \mathrm{ClOOsP}_{2}\right]^{+}$measured in DCM.


Figure S27. Positive ion ESI-HRMS data of [3b-CI] ${ }^{+}\left[\mathrm{C}_{50} \mathrm{H}_{46} \mathrm{ClOOsP}_{2}\right]^{+}$measured in DCM.


Figure S28. Positive ion ESI-HRMS data of $[\mathbf{4 a - C l}]^{+}\left[\mathrm{C}_{48} \mathrm{H}_{43} \mathrm{ClO}_{3} \mathrm{OsP}_{2}\right]^{+}$measured in DCM.


Figure S29. Positive ion ESI-HRMS data of $[\mathbf{4 b - C I}]^{+}\left[\mathrm{C}_{50} \mathrm{H}_{47} \mathrm{ClO}_{3} \mathrm{OsP}_{2}\right]^{+}$measured in DCM.

## 5. The Calculated Cartesian Coordinates with Electronic Energies

$$
[\mathrm{Os}]^{\prime}=\mathrm{OsCl}_{2}\left(\mathrm{PH}_{3}\right)_{2}
$$


$\mathrm{E}=-2081.282678$ a.u.

| Os | -0.60800000 | 0.00200000 | -0.06500000 |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| O | 1.04800000 | -0.03300000 | 1.26700000 |
| C | 0.00500000 | 0.05600000 | -2.18200000 |
| H | -0.24000000 | -0.84000000 | -2.74400000 |
| H | -0.24100000 | 0.97900000 | -2.69700000 |
| C | 2.21800000 | -0.01900000 | 0.72600000 |
| C | 3.52000000 | 0.03700000 | -1.38700000 |
| H | 3.54100000 | 0.06500000 | -2.47000000 |
| C | 4.67200000 | 0.01800000 | -0.65100000 |


| H | 5.63700000 | 0.03000000 | -1.14100000 |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| C | 4.61400000 | -0.02000000 | 0.77000000 |
| H | 5.54600000 | -0.03400000 | 1.32400000 |
| C | 2.27300000 | 0.01900000 | -0.70700000 |
| C | 3.43000000 | -0.03800000 | 1.46200000 |
| H | 3.39500000 | -0.06600000 | 2.54300000 |
| C | 0.98900000 | 0.03200000 | -1.21000000 |
| Cl | -2.83000000 | 0.03000000 | -1.12200000 |
| Cl | -1.81300000 | -0.05400000 | 2.07000000 |
| P | -0.85100000 | -2.36000000 | 0.01300000 |
| H | -2.15300000 | -2.79300000 | 0.29800000 |
| H | -0.56700000 | -3.13400000 | -1.13200000 |
| H | -0.10900000 | -3.07400000 | 0.97300000 |
| P | -0.85200000 | 2.35600000 | 0.13300000 |
| H | -0.10500000 | 3.02300000 | 1.12200000 |
| H | -0.57600000 | 3.18700000 | -0.97400000 |
| H | -2.15300000 | 2.77200000 | 0.44700000 |

$[\mathrm{Os}]^{\prime}=\mathrm{OsCl}_{2}\left(\mathrm{PH}_{3}\right)_{2}$


3a'
$\mathrm{E}=-2158.671828$ a.u.

| Os | -0.61800000 | -0.19300000 | 0.00000000 |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Cl | -1.85300000 | -2.31100000 | 0.00000000 |
| Cl | -2.84000000 | 0.86100000 | 0.00100000 |
| O | 1.01700000 | -1.54500000 | 0.00000000 |
| C | 4.59500000 | -1.13800000 | 0.00000000 |
| H | 5.51200000 | -1.71700000 | 0.00000000 |
| C | 2.20000000 | -1.02700000 | 0.00000000 |
| C | 4.69000000 | 0.28100000 | 0.00000000 |
| H | 5.66800000 | 0.74700000 | 0.00000000 |
| C | 2.29300000 | 0.40200000 | 0.00000000 |
| C | 1.01900000 | 0.94800000 | 0.00000000 |
| C | 3.39200000 | -1.79500000 | 0.00000000 |
| H | 3.32600000 | -2.87600000 | 0.00000000 |
| C | 3.55700000 | 1.04600000 | 0.00000000 |
| H | 3.60900000 | 2.12800000 | 0.00000000 |


| C | 0.02200000 | 1.84300000 | 0.00000000 |
| :--- | ---: | :---: | :---: |
| C | -0.40800000 | 3.10200000 | -0.00100000 |
| H | -1.48100000 | 3.26900000 | -0.00100000 |
| P | -0.85300000 | -0.31400000 | -2.36300000 |
| H | -0.15400000 | -1.32300000 | -3.05200000 |
| H | -2.16500000 | -0.55100000 | -2.79700000 |
| H | -0.51300000 | 0.80300000 | -3.15500000 |
| P | -0.85200000 | -0.31400000 | 2.36400000 |
| H | -2.16300000 | -0.55300000 | 2.79700000 |
| H | -0.15100000 | -1.32100000 | 3.05300000 |
| H | -0.51500000 | 0.80400000 | 3.15400000 |
| C | 0.48200000 | 4.30700000 | -0.00100000 |
| H | 0.28300000 | 4.93200000 | -0.87800000 |
| H | 0.28300000 | 4.93200000 | 0.87600000 |
| H | 1.53900000 | 4.03900000 | -0.00100000 |

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