N-heterocyclic imine-based bis-gallium(I) carbene analog featuring a fourmembered Ga₂N₂ ring

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1. UV-Vis spectrum of compound 1



Figure S1. UV-Vis absorption spectrum of compound **1** (10⁻⁵ M) in hexane (Ultraviolet spectrum was recorded on a Perkin Elmer Lambda 750 UV/Vis spectrophotometer).

2. Crystal Structure Determination of Compounds 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5

X-ray data collection and structural refinement. Intensity data for compounds 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5 were collected using a Bruker D8 Venture diffractometer. The crystals of 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5 were measured at 170 K. The structure was solved by direct phase determination (SHELXS-97)^[S1] and refined for all data by full-matrix least squares methods on F^2 .^[S2] All non-hydrogen atoms were subjected to anisotropic refinement. The hydrogen atoms were generated geometrically and allowed to ride in their respective parent atoms; they were assigned appropriate isotropic thermal parameters and included in the structure-factor calculations. CCDC: 2168820-2168824 contains the supplementary crystallographic data for this paper. The data can be obtained free of charge from the Cambridge Crystallography Data Center via www.ccdc.cam.ac.uk/data_request/cif.

	1	$2 \cdot (C_6 H_6)_2$	3·(C ₆ H ₆)
Formula	$C_{54}H_{72}Ga_2N_6$	$C_{70}H_{90}F_6Ga_2N_6O_6S_2$	$C_{88}H_{94}Ga_2N_6O_4$
Fw	944.61	1429.03	1439.13
cryst system	monoclinic	monoclinic	tetragonal
space group	$P2_1/c$	C2/c	P-4
Size (mm ³)	$0.36 \times 0.07 \times 0.05$	$0.08 \times 0.04 \times 0.03$	$0.48 \times 0.32 \times 0.29$
Т, К	170.00	170.00	170.00
<i>a</i> , Å	31.3223(16)	21.4469(7)	19.4930(3)
b, Å	12.3615(6)	17.9353(6)	19.4930(3)
<i>c</i> , Å	30.9147(16)	18.5471(6)	10.5729(3)
α, deg	90	90	90
β, deg	118.4170(10)	105.1940(10)	90
γ, deg	90	90	90
V, A ³	10527.6(9)	6884.9(4)	4017.46(17)
Ζ	8	4	2
$ ho_{calc} g \cdot cm^{-3}$	1.192	1.379	1.190
μ, mm ⁻¹	1.063	0.915	0.723
Refl collected	118009	48398	66333
T _{min} / T _{max}	0.62/0.746	0.699/0.746	0.636/0.746
Independent refl	23225	7583	8846
[R _{int}]	0.1165	0.0583	0.0410
R [I>2sigma(I)]	0.0558	0.0307	0.0253
<i>R</i> _w [I>2sigma(I)]	0.1093	0.0755	0.0643

Table S1. Summary of Data Collection and Structure Refinement of 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5.

GOF	1.014	1.038	1.040
Largest diff			
peak/hole[e·	0.80/-0.85	0.68/-0.48	0.24/-0.21
Å-3]			

	4	5
Formula	$C_{78}H_{92}Ga_2N_6S_4$	C ₅₄ H ₇₂ Cl ₂ Ge ₂ N ₆
Fw	1381.25	1021.25
cryst system	monoclinic	monoclinic
space group	$P2_1/c$	$P2_1/n$
Size (mm ³)	$0.38 \times 0.2 \times 0.19$	$0.09 \times 0.04 \times 0.03$
Т, К	170.00	170.00
<i>a</i> , Å	12.7756(18)	12.797(2)
<i>b</i> , Å	23.239(3)	13.824(2)
<i>c</i> , Å	12.8137(17)	15.574(2)
α, deg	90	90
β, deg	114.876(5)	103.570(5)
γ, deg	90	90
V, A ³	3451.3(8)	2678.2(7)
Z	2	2
$\rho_{calc}g \cdot cm^{-3}$	1.329	1.266
μ, mm ⁻¹	0.950	1.262
Refl collected	46214	23120
T _{min} / T _{max}	0.525/0.746	0.602/0.746
Independent refl	7593	5886
[R _{int}]	0.092	0.0961
R [I>2sigma(I)]	0.0596	0.0779
<i>R</i> _w [I>2sigma(I)]	0.1618	0.1891
GOF	1.053	1.036
Largest diff peak/hole[e· Å ⁻³]	1.75/-1.31	1.27/-1.04



 Figure S2. Twinned molecular structure of 1 (H atoms are omitted for clarity). Selected bond

 lengths (Å) and angles (°): Ga3-N7 2.015(3), Ga3-N10 2.014(3), Ga4-N7 2.012(3), Ga4-N10

 2.009(3), N7-C82 1.283(4), N10-C55 1.287(4), C82-N8 1.396(4), C82-N9 1.397(4); N7-Ga3-N10

 82.20(11), N7-Ga4-N10 82.40(11), Ga3-N7-Ga4 97.64(10), Ga3-N10-Ga4 97.72(11), Ga3-N7-C82

 C82
 131.6(2), Ga4-N7-C82

 130.7(2).

3. Theoretical calculations

Gaussian 09E (16 C.01) was used for all density functional theory (DFT) calculations.^[S3] Geometry optimization, frequency calculations, and Natural bond order (NBO) analysis on compound **1** was performed at the B3LYP/6-311G(d,p) level of theory.



Figure S3. Calculated optimized structures for 1 at B3LYP/6-311G(d,p) level of theory.

Ga	0.00512609	-1.02457421	-1.17762328
Ga	0.00567019	1.02452939	1.17763679
N	-1.36718296	0.00062991	-0.00026587
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Table S2. Optimized structures of 1 (atom, x-, y-, z- positions in Å)

С	-2.74710653	-3.25695661	0.62161662
C	-3.69779994	-2.08237137	-2.94583145
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Н	2.25564632	-5.76806403	2.39722246
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Н	5.64597008	-3.34068289	-1.06245266
Н	5.17685349	-3.77233927	-2.71180257
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Н	0.83889821	-1.19082449	3.79420235
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HOMO-2 (isosurface value = 0.02)



HOMO (isosurface value = 0.02)





LUMO (isosurface value = 0.02)

HOMO-3 (isosurface value = 0.02)

LUMO+2 (isosurface value = 0.02)

HOMO-4 (isosurface value = 0.02)

Figure S4. Plots of the frontier orbitals of compounds 1.

Atom	No	Charge	Core	Valence	Rydberg	Total
Ga	1	0.83813	27.99286	2.10792	0.06109	30.16187
Ga	2	0.83810	27.99286	2.10795	0.06109	30.16190
Ν	3	-1.43588	1.99943	6.39516	0.04129	8.43588
Ν	4	-0.45995	1.99916	5.44762	0.01317	7.45995
Ν	5	-0.45995	1.99916	5.44762	0.01317	7.45995
Ν	6	-1.45424	1.99943	6.41774	0.03707	8.45424
Ν	7	-0.45709	1.99917	5.44468	0.01324	7.45709
Ν	8	-0.45708	1.99917	5.44467	0.01324	7.45708
С	9	0.65902	1.99881	3.30386	0.03831	5.34098
С	10	-0.05652	1.99906	4.03816	0.01930	6.05652
Н	11	0.21779	0.00000	0.77910	0.00312	0.78221

 Table S3. The NPA charges of 1 calculated at B3LYP/6-311G(d,p) level of theory.

С	12	-0.05654	1.99906	4.03818	0.01930	6.05654
Н	13	0.21779	0.00000	0.77909	0.00312	0.78221
С	14	0.14470	1.99862	3.83501	0.02167	5.85530
С	15	0.00444	1.99882	3.97686	0.01988	5.99556
С	16	-0.20652	1.99899	4.19195	0.01559	6.20652
Н	17	0.20077	0.00000	0.79562	0.00361	0.79923
С	18	-0.17150	1.99908	4.15684	0.01558	6.17150
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С	20	-0.20908	1.99899	4.19460	0.01550	6.20908
Н	21	0.20251	0.00000	0.79404	0.00345	0.79749
С	22	0.00645	1.99884	3.97558	0.01913	5.99355
С	23	-0.21287	1.99911	4.19797	0.01579	6.21287
Н	24	0.20585	0.00000	0.79007	0.00408	0.79415
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Н	27	0.19446	0.00000	0.80331	0.00223	0.80554
Н	28	0.19115	0.00000	0.80680	0.00205	0.80885
С	29	-0.56222	1.99929	4.55249	0.01044	6.56222
Н	30	0.21735	0.00000	0.78046	0.00219	0.78265
Н	31	0.19215	0.00000	0.80573	0.00212	0.80785
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С	33	-0.20897	1.99913	4.19457	0.01528	6.20897
Н	34	0.21207	0.00000	0.78312	0.00481	0.78793
С	35	-0.55631	1.99926	4.54721	0.00984	6.55631
Н	36	0.19620	0.00000	0.80170	0.00209	0.80380
Н	37	0.19316	0.00000	0.80455	0.00229	0.80684
Н	38	0.18911	0.00000	0.80825	0.00264	0.81089
С	39	-0.56822	1.99928	4.55851	0.01042	6.56822
Н	40	0.18377	0.00000	0.81379	0.00244	0.81623
Н	41	0.19727	0.00000	0.80039	0.00234	0.80273

Н	42	0.21308	0.00000	0.78460	0.00232	0.78692
С	43	0.14469	1.99862	3.83502	0.02168	5.85531
С	44	0.00645	1.99884	3.97558	0.01913	5.99355
С	45	-0.20909	1.99899	4.19460	0.01550	6.20909
Н	46	0.20252	0.00000	0.79402	0.00345	0.79748
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Н	53	0.21210	0.00000	0.78308	0.00481	0.78790
С	54	-0.55631	1.99926	4.54721	0.00984	6.55631
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Н	56	0.19316	0.00000	0.80455	0.00229	0.80684
Н	57	0.18911	0.00000	0.80825	0.00264	0.81089
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С	88	-0.55557	1.99926	4.54642	0.00990	6.55557
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С	117	-0.55448	1.99926	4.54532	0.00990	6.55448
Н	118	0.19122	0.00000	0.80674	0.00204	0.80878
Н	119	0.19449	0.00000	0.80328	0.00223	0.80551
Н	120	0.18926	0.00000	0.80826	0.00248	0.81074
С	121	-0.56346	1.99929	4.55359	0.01058	6.56346
Н	122	0.18226	0.00000	0.81557	0.00217	0.81774
Н	123	0.19426	0.00000	0.80364	0.00210	0.80574
Н	124	0.21932	0.00000	0.77823	0.00245	0.78068
С	125	-0.20924	1.99912	4.19456	0.01555	6.20924
Н	126	0.20952	0.00000	0.78601	0.00447	0.79048
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5. NMR spectrum







Figure S8. HRMS spectrum of 1.



Figure S10. ¹³C NMR (126 MHz) spectrum of 2 in C_6D_6 .



Figure S12. FT-IR spectrum of 2.



Figure S13. HRMS spectrum of 2.



Figure S14. ¹H NMR (500 MHz) spectrum of 3 in C_6D_6 .



Figure S15. ¹³C NMR (126 MHz) spectrum of 3 in C₆D₆.



Figure S16. FT-IR spectrum of 3.



Figure S17. HRMS spectrum of 3.



Figure S18. ¹H NMR (500 MHz) spectrum of 4 in C₆D₆.





Figure S20. FT-IR spectrum of 4.



Figure S21. HRMS spectrum of 4.



Figure S22. ¹H NMR (500 MHz) spectrum of 5 in THF-*d*₈.



Figure S23. ¹³C NMR (126 MHz) spectrum of 5 in THF- d_8 .



Figure S24. HRMS spectrum of 5.