### Radical metallacyclopropene: synthesis, structure and aromaticity

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## 2. HRMS, NMR, and EPR Spectra





*Figure S2.* The HRMS result of complex 2.







*Figure S4.* The HRMS result of complex 6.





*Figure S6.* The <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of complex 4 in  $CD_2Cl_2$  at 400.1 MHz.



*Figure S8.* The <sup>13</sup>C {<sup>1</sup>H} NMR spectrum of complex 4 in  $CD_2Cl_2$  at 125.0 MHz.



*Figure S9.* The <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of complex 5 in  $CD_2Cl_2$  at 400.1 MHz.



*Figure S10.* The <sup>31</sup>P {<sup>1</sup>H} NMR spectrum of complex **5** in  $CD_2Cl_2$  at 162.0MHz.



*Figure S11.* The <sup>13</sup>C {<sup>1</sup>H} NMR spectrum of complex **5** in  $CD_2Cl_2$  at 125.0 MHz.



*Figure S12.* The EPR spectrum of complex 2 (powder) at room temperature.



*Figure S13.* The EPR spectrum of complex 6 (powder) at room temperature.

### 2. Computational Details

All the optimizations were performed with the Gaussian 16 software package.<sup>1</sup> The structures evaluated were optimized at the B3LYP level of density functional theory (DFT).<sup>2</sup> DFT/GENECP level had been done by implementing def2-TZVP basis set for Re atom,<sup>3</sup> while 6-311G(2d,p) basis set had been used for the rest of atoms.<sup>4</sup> Nucleus-independent chemical shift (NICS) values were calculated at the B3LYP-GIAO//6-311G(2d,p)/def2-TZVP level.<sup>5</sup> The anisotropy of the current density was calculated with the AICD 2.0 program computing the NMR properties using the CSGT method with the Gaussian16 with the geometries previously obtained.<sup>6</sup> GIMIC analysis was finished by GIMIC code <sup>7</sup> based on the formatted check point file of Gaussian. Using RunEDDB script,<sup>8</sup> electron density of delocalized bond (EDDB) <sup>9</sup> based on natural atomic orbitals (NAOs) is analyzed.



Figure S14. The AICD plots of 4'. The isovalue for the surface is 0.050 a.u.



Figure S15. EDDB\_F(r) results for the **3MR** in **1**' and key NOBDs of the ring. Isovalues is 0.001 for  $\pi$ -EDDB and  $\sigma$ -EDDB, Isovalue for NOBD contours is 0.040.

# 3. X-ray crystallographic study of complexes 1 and 4

	1	4
Empirical formula	$C_{34}H_{31}Cl_3OP_2Re \cdot C_4H_8O$	$C_{34}H_{31}Cl_2O_2P_2Re$
Color & habit	dark brown, block	orange, block
Crystal size (mm <sup>3</sup> )	0.10 x 0.08 x 0.06	0.10 x 0.06 x 0.02
Temperature (K)	150K	150K
Crystal system	orthorhombic	triclinic
Space group	$P2_{1}2_{1}2_{1}$	P-1
a(Å)	11.0621(2)	10.5704(4)
b(Å)	18.0532(4)	11.4035(5)
c(Å)	18.0532(4)	13.9505(6)
α/°	90	107.3720(10)
β/°	90	92.398(2)
γ/°	90	106.532(2)
V(Å <sup>3</sup> ), Z	3605.34(13), 4	1523.69(11), 2
$D_{cal} \left(Mg/m^3\right)$	1.492	1.723
Abs. coeff.(mm <sup>-1</sup> )	3.705	4.299
2θ range for data collection (°)	4.318 to 52.732	3.088 to 52.828
Reflections collected	40698	17755
Indep. Reflection, R(int)	7399, 0.0419	6197, 0.0408
Data/ restraints / parameters	7399/6/373	6197/6/366
Goodness-of-fit on F <sup>2</sup>	1.045	1.086
R1 [I>2sigma(I)], wR2	0.0296, 0.0727	0.0398, 0.1033
R1 (all data), wR2	0.0346, 0.0747	0.0441, 0.1063
Largest diff. peak and hole (	0.51, -0.45	4.82, -2.01
e • Å-3)		

Table S1. Crystallographic data and refinement details for 1 and 4

## 4. The Calculated Cartesian Coordinates with Electronic Energies



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E = -2528.678738 a.u.

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Н	1.84516461	3.07877224	-0.76588756

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