# Synthesis and catalytic activity of heterobimetallic Au/M (M = Rh<sup>III</sup>, Ir<sup>III</sup>) complexes with ditopic mono- and triphosphane ligands

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Figure S2.  ${}^{31}P{}^{1}H$  NMR spectrum of L1H in CDCl<sub>3</sub>.



Figure S3.  ${}^{13}C{}^{1}H$  NMR spectrum of L1H in CDCl<sub>3</sub>.



Figure S4. HR-ESI-MS (positive mode, CH<sub>3</sub>OH) of L1, *m/z* [M+H]<sup>+</sup>.





Figure S5. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of **1** in CDCl<sub>3</sub>.



Figure S6.  ${}^{31}P{}^{1}H$  NMR spectrum of **1** in CDCl<sub>3</sub>.



Figure S7. <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR spectrum of **1** in CDCl<sub>3</sub>.

Spectra of complex 2





Figure S8. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of **2** in CDCl<sub>3</sub>.



Figure S9.  ${}^{31}P{}^{1}H$  NMR spectrum of **2** in CDCl<sub>3</sub>.







Figure S11. HR-ESI-MS (positive mode, CH<sub>3</sub>OH) of **2**, *m*/*z* [M-Cl]<sup>+</sup>.





Figure S12. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of **3** in CDCl<sub>3</sub>.



Figure S13. <sup>31</sup>P{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR spectrum of **3** in CDCl<sub>3</sub>.



Figure S14. <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR spectrum of **3** in CDCl<sub>3</sub>.

Measurement: [M-Cl]<sup>+</sup> Simulation: [M-Cl]<sup>+</sup> 508.1646 100.00% 508.1635



Figure S15. HR-ESI-MS (positive mode, CH<sub>3</sub>OH) of **3**, *m*/*z* [M-Cl]<sup>+</sup>.



Figure S16. HR-ESI-MS (positive mode, CH<sub>3</sub>OH) of **3**, *m*/*z* [2M-Cl]<sup>+</sup>.





Figure S17. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of **5** in CD<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>.



Figure S18.  ${}^{31}P{}^{1}H$  NMR spectrum of **5** in CD<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>.



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Figure S20. HR-ESI-MS (positive mode, CH<sub>3</sub>OH) of 5, m/z [M-Cl]<sup>+</sup>.





Figure S21. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of **6** in CDCl<sub>3</sub>.



Figure S22. <sup>31</sup>P{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR spectrum of **6** in CDCl<sub>3</sub>.



Figure S23. <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR spectrum of **6** in CDCl<sub>3</sub>.



Figure S24. HR-ESI-MS (positive mode, CH<sub>3</sub>OH) of **6**, *m*/*z* [M-Cl]<sup>+</sup>.





Figure S25. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of **7** in CD<sub>3</sub>CN/CD<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>.



Figure S26. <sup>31</sup>P{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR spectrum of **7** in  $CD_3CN/CD_2Cl_2$ .



Figure S27.  $^{13}C{^{1}H}$  NMR spectrum of **7** in CD<sub>3</sub>CN/CD<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>.



Figure S28. HR-ESI-MS (positive mode, CH<sub>3</sub>OH) of **7**, m/z [M-NTf<sub>2</sub>]<sup>+</sup>. The signal at 830.1564 can be assigned to [MCI]<sup>+</sup> (see Figure S24), indicating the presence of **6** ([M-CI]<sup>+</sup>) or the monocationic complex with one NTf<sub>2</sub> anion ([M-NTf<sub>2</sub>]<sup>+</sup>) as an impurity.





Figure S29. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of **8** in CDCl<sub>3</sub>.



Figure S30. <sup>31</sup>P{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR spectrum of **8** in CDCl<sub>3</sub>.



Figure S31. <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR spectrum of **8** in CDCl<sub>3</sub>.



Figure S32. HR-ESI-MS (positive mode, CH<sub>3</sub>OH) of **8**, *m*/*z* [M-Cl]<sup>+</sup>.





Figure S33. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of **9** in CD<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>.



Figure S34.  ${}^{31}P{}^{1}H$  NMR spectrum of **9** in CD<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>.



Figure S35.  ${}^{13}C{}^{1}H$  NMR spectrum of **9** in CD<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>.



Figure S36. HR-ESI-MS (positive mode, CH<sub>3</sub>OH) of **9**, *m*/*z* [M-Cl]<sup>+</sup>.





Figure S37. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of **10** in CDCl<sub>3</sub>.



Figure S38. <sup>31</sup>P{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR spectrum of **10** in CDCl<sub>3</sub>.



Figure S39. <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR spectrum of **10** in CDCl<sub>3</sub>.

Measurement: [M-2Cl+CN]<sup>+</sup>

Simulation: [M-2Cl+CN]<sup>+</sup>



Figure S40. HR-ESI-MS (positive mode, CH<sub>3</sub>OH) of **10**, *m*/*z* [M-2Cl+CN]<sup>+</sup>.



Figure S41. HR-ESI-MS (positive mode, CH<sub>3</sub>OH) of **10**, *m*/*z* [M-Cl]<sup>+</sup>.



Figure S42. FT-IR (KBr) spectrum of **10**: v (cm<sup>-1</sup>).





Figure S43. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of **11** in  $CD_3CN$ .



Figure S44.  ${}^{31}P{}^{1}H$  NMR spectrum of **11** in CD<sub>3</sub>CN.



Figure S45. <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR spectrum of **11** in CD<sub>3</sub>CN/CD<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>.

#### Crystallographic data Table S0. Fundamental structure parameters

Compound	L1H	1	2
Empirical formula	C <sub>17</sub> H <sub>22</sub> NPS	C <sub>28</sub> H <sub>40</sub> CINOPRhS	C <sub>27</sub> H <sub>36</sub> ClIrNPS
Formula weight	303.38	608.00	665.25
Temperature [K]	130(2)	130(2)	130(2)
Wavelength [pm]	71.073	71.073	71.073
Crystal system	Monoclinic	Monoclinic	Orthorhombic
Space group	P 2 <sub>1</sub> /c	P 2 <sub>1</sub>	P na2 <sub>1</sub>
Unit cell dimensions			
a [pm]	1802.95(3)	773.990(10)	2331.45(3)
b [pm]	843.470(10)	1463.08(3)	1396.26(2)
c [pm]	1120.42(2)	1296.09(3)	794.840(10)
α [deg]	90	90	90
β [deg]	106.352(2)	104.194(2)	90
γ [deg]	90	90	90
Volume [nm³]	1.63494(5)	1.42290(5)	2.58745(6)
Z	4	2	4
$\rho_{(calculated)}  [Mg/m^3]$	1.233	1.419	1.708
μ [mm <sup>-1</sup> ]	0.286	0.845	5.422
F(000)	648	632	1320
Crystal size [mm <sup>3</sup> ]	0.65 · 0.61 · 0.23	0.25 · 0.23 · 0.03	0.43 · 0.34 · 0.29
$\Theta_{Min}  /  \Theta_{Max}  [deg]$	2.687 / 32.395	2.136 / 32.495	1.700 / 32.450
Index ranges	-26 ≤ h ≤ 26 -12 ≤ k ≤ 12 -16 ≤ l ≤ 16	-11 ≤ h ≤ 11 -21 ≤ k ≤ 21 -19 ≤ l ≤ 19	-33 ≤ h ≤ 33 -20 ≤ k ≤ 21 -11 ≤ l ≤ 11
Reflections collected	44011	19745	37668
Indp. reflections (R <sub>int</sub> )	5635 (0.0156)	9324 (0.0478)	8190 (0.0357)
Completeness ( $\Theta_{Max}$ )	100.0 % (30.51)	100.0 % (30.51)	100.0 % (30.51)
T <sub>Max</sub> / T <sub>Min</sub>	1.00000 / 0.89608	1.00000 / 0.95405	0.450 / 0.275
Restraints / parameters	0 / 269	1/318	1 / 298
Gof on F <sup>2</sup>	1.147	0.963	1.044
R1 / wR2 (I>2σ(I))	0.0322 / 0.0819	0.0440 / 0.0634	0.0287 / 0.0572
R1 / wR2 (all data)	0.0357 / 0.0843	0.0650 / 0.0693	0.0338 / 0.0591
Absolute structure parameter	-	0.00(2)	-0.023(5)
Residual electron density [e·Å-3]	0.491 / -0.300	1.026 / -1.014	1.768 / -0.907
Comments	+1	-	-
CCDC No	2322723	2322724	2322725

#### Table S1. continued

Compound	3	5	6
Empirical formula C <sub>27</sub> H <sub>36</sub> ClNPR		$C_{27}H_{36}AuCl_2NPRh$	C <sub>27</sub> H <sub>36</sub> AuCl <sub>2</sub> IrNP
Formula weight	543.90	776.31	865.60
Temperature [K]	130(2)	130(2)	130(2)
Wavelength [pm]	71.073	71.073	71.073
Crystal system	Monoclinic	Monoclinic	Monoclinic
Space group	P 2 <sub>1</sub> /n	P 2 <sub>1</sub>	P 21
Unit cell dimensions			
a [pm]	782.150(10)	769.39(2)	770.690(10)
b [pm]	2815.60(2)	1491.64(2)	1483.63(2)
c [pm]	1164.770(10)	1263.49(3)	1263.76(2)
α [deg]	90	90	90
β [deg]	93.1230(10)	105.388(2)	105.505(2)
γ [deg]	90	90	90
Volume [nm³]	2.56127(4)	1.39806(5)	1.39242(4)
Z	4	2	2
$\rho_{(calculated)}$ [Mg/m <sup>3</sup> ]	1.410	1.844	2.065
μ [mm <sup>-1</sup> ]	0.848	6.095	10.301
F(000)	1128	756	820
Crystal size [mm <sup>3</sup> ]	$0.24 \cdot 0.19 \cdot 0.13$	0.48 · 0.29 · 0.05	$0.41 \cdot 0.26 \cdot 0.10$
$\Theta_{Min}  /  \Theta_{Max}  [deg]$	1.894 / 32.015	2.158 / 32.331	2.164 / 32.549
Index ranges	-11 ≤ h ≤ 11 -41 ≤ k ≤ 41 -17 ≤ l ≤ 17	-11 ≤ h ≤ 11 -21 ≤ k ≤ 21 -18 ≤ l ≤ 18	-11 ≤ h ≤ 11 -21 ≤ k ≤ 22 -19 ≤ l ≤ 18
Reflections collected	57522	21571	18502
Indp. reflections (R <sub>int</sub> )	8446 (0.0299)	9169 (0.0333)	9105 (0.0264)
Completeness (O <sub>Max</sub> )	100.0 % (30.51)	100.0 % (30.51)	100.0 % (30.51)
T <sub>Max</sub> / T <sub>Min</sub>	1.00000 / 0.93328	0.779 / 0.245	0.420 / 0.149
Restraints / parameters	0 / 289	1 / 307	1/307
Gof on F <sup>2</sup>	1.111	1.038	1.052
R1 / wR2 (I>2σ(I))	0.0298 / 0.0610	0.0302 / 0.0571	0.0257 / 0.0508
R1 / wR2 (all data)	0.0353 / 0.0631	0.0336 / 0.0586	0.0275 / 0.0516
Absolute structure parameter	-	-0.027(2)	-0.023(4)
Residual electron density [e·Å <sup>-3</sup> ]	0.903 / -0.488	1.834 / -0.830	1.316 / -1.329
Comments	-	+2	+2
CCDC No	2322726	2322727	2322728

#### Table S1. continued

Compound	8	9	10
Empirical formula	$C_{36}H_{46}AuCl_3NP_3$	C <sub>48</sub> H <sub>64</sub> AuCl <sub>8</sub> NP <sub>3</sub> Rh	$C_{49}H_{64}AuCl_2IrN_3P_3$
Formula weight	888.96	1331.38	1248.00
Temperature [K]	130(2)	130(2)	130(2)
Wavelength [pm]	71.073	71.073	71.073
Crystal system	Monoclinic	Monoclinic	Triclinic
Space group	P 2 <sub>1</sub> /c	P 2 <sub>1</sub> /c	PĪ
Unit cell dimensions			
a [pm]	1550.06(2)	1453.20(2)	1066.370(10)
b [pm]	2356.07(3)	1262.62(2)	1080.08(2)
c [pm]	2105.85(3)	2977.51(3)	2172.68(3)
α [deg]	90	90	82.6960(10)
β [deg]	105.0630(10)	92.7690(10)	86.8970(10)
γ [deg]	90	90	83.7420(10)
Volume [nm <sup>3</sup> ]	7.42642(17)	5.45687(13)	2.46526(6)
Z	8	4	2
$\rho_{(calculated)}$ [Mg/m <sup>3</sup> ]	1.590	1.621	1.681
μ [mm <sup>-1</sup> ]	4.333	3.501	5.910
F(000)	3552	2656	1228
Crystal size [mm <sup>3</sup> ]	$0.42 \cdot 0.31 \cdot 0.15$	0.11 · 0.09 · 0.05	$0.56 \cdot 0.14 \cdot 0.05$
Θ <sub>Min</sub> / Θ <sub>Max</sub> [deg]	1.701 / 30.495	1.752 / 27.406°.	2.520 / 34.691
Index ranges	-21 ≤ h ≤ 21 -31 ≤ k ≤ 33 -29 ≤ l ≤ 28	-18 ≤ h ≤ 18 -15 ≤ k ≤ 16 -36 ≤ l ≤ 35	-16 ≤ h ≤ 16 -17 ≤ k ≤ 17 -34 ≤ l ≤ 34
Reflections collected	80851	39789	72977
Indp. reflections (R <sub>int</sub> )	20407 (0.0569)	11249 (0.0507)	19938 (0.0312)
Completeness (Θ <sub>Max</sub> )	100.0 % (28.29)	100.0 % (25.35)	99.9 % (33.14)
T <sub>Max</sub> / T <sub>Min</sub>	0.599 / 0.324	0.843 / 0.684	0.754 / 0.217
Restraints / parameters	0/816	78 / 622	0 / 547
Gof on F <sup>2</sup>	1.059	1.027	1.059
R1 / wR2 (I>2σ(I))	0.0427 / 0.0745	0.0384, 0.0633	0.0262 / 0.0448
R1 / wR2 (all data)	0.0809 / 0.0862	0.0614, 0.0692	0.0361 / 0.0475
Absolute structure parameter	-	-	-
Residual electron density [e·Å⁻³]	2.714 / -1.293	0.573 / -0.872	2.607 / -0.896
Comments	<b>†</b> <sup>3</sup>	+4	-
CCDC No	2322729	2322730	2322731

<sup>+1</sup>: Nitrogen atom N(1) localised with bond length and displacement parameter analysis. <sup>+2</sup>: Structures of compounds **5** and **6** are isotyp. <sup>+3</sup>: The complex molecules are most likely marginally disordered with a ratio of 0.9845(4) : 0.0155(4). This disorder is only detectable for the most electron rich atoms Au(1) and Au(2). <sup>+4</sup>: Two of the three  $CH_2Cl_2$  solvent molecules are disordered with a ratio of 0.806(4) : 0.194(4) (Cl(5), Cl(6), C(47)) and 0.53(1) : 0.47(1) (Cl(7), Cl(8), C(48)).

M, R =	Rh, H Ref. <sup>30</sup>	Rh, P(S)iPr <sub>2</sub> <b>1</b>	Ir, H Ref. <sup>30</sup>	Ir, P(S)iPr <sub>2</sub> <b>2</b>
M1–C9	2.036(1)	2.017(4)	2.045(2)	2.032(5)
M1-Cl1	2.392(1)	2.402(1)	2.397(1)	2.392(1)
M1-N1	2.092(1)	2.095(3)	2.080(2)	2.087(4)
C9-M1-N1	78.71(5)	78.7(2)	77.89(9)	77.7(2)
C9-M1-Cl1	88.34(4)	86.8(1)	88.64(7)	85.6(2)
N1M1Cl1	87.87(3)	85.54(9)	86.19(6)	83.0(1)

Table S1. Selected bond lengths [Å] and angles [°] of complexes **1** and **2** compared to their parent 2-phenylpyridyl complexes.

Table S2. Comparison of selected bond lengths [Å] and torsion angles [°] of **5** and **6** with their precursor complexes.

M1, R =	Rh, S	Rh, electron pair *	Rh, AuC	lr, S	lr, AuCl	
	1	3	5	2	6	
M1–C9	2.017(4)	2.020(1)	2.014(5)	2.032(5)	2.031(6)	
M1–Cl2	2.402(1)	2.389(4)	2.393(1)	2.392(1)	2.394(2)	
M1-N1	2.095(3)	2.079(1)	2.091(4)	2.087(4)	2.081(6)	
Cp*(cen)– M1…P1–R	15.53(6)	59.28(3)	15.10(5)	11.15(6)	-14.50(5)	

\* The geometric position of the lone pair of electrons at P1 was estimated by determining the line through P1 and a centroid of the pendant carbon atoms (C1, C4 and C7). Cen = centre of the  $C_5$  ring.

Table S3. Comparison of selected intramolecular distances [Å] and torsion angles [°] of **5** and **6**, with analogous complexes from reference<sup>42</sup>.

	Au/Rh	Au/Ir		
	5	6	<u> </u>	``N-< <u></u> }_N_;``
M1…Au1	6.2471(6)	6.2344(4)	7.278(2)	7.303(1)
Cl1…Cl2 Cl2–M1…Au1–Cl1	8.025(3) 110.34(6)	8.047(3) 111.32(6)	7.802(2) 40.56(7)	7.849(1) 40.52(2)

Table S4. Selected bond lengths [Å] and angles [°] of gold(I) complex **8** and the heterobimetallic complexes **9** and **10**.

	Au	Au/Rh	Au/Ir
	8	9	10
Au1-P1	2.554(1)	2.542(1)	2.5164(5)
Au1-P2	2.293(1)	2.312(1)	2.3009(6)
Au1-P3	2.299(1)	2.294(1)	2.3155(6)
Au1-Cl1	2.636(1)	2.610(1)	2.5806(6)
M1-Cl2	/	2.387(1)	2.3889(5)
M1-N1	/	2.100(4)	2.090(2)
M1-C15	/	2.022(4)	2.037(2)
Cl1-Au1-P1	118.58(4)	114.49(4)	113.64(2)
P1-Au1-P2	86.65(4)	85.23(4)	87.68(2)
P1-Au1-P3	85.14(4)	87.26(4)	86.71(2)
P2-Au1-P3	150.11(4)	142.37(4)	139.24(2)
C15-M1-N1	/	78.8(2)	77.97(7)
C15-M1-Cl2	/	86.8(2)	88.74(6)