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## Alkylamido Lutetium Complexes as Prospective Lutetium Imido Precursors: Synthesis, Characterization and Ligand Design

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## I. NMR Spectra



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Figure S49. <sup>31</sup>P{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR Spectrum of  $HL^{Pm}$  in benzene- $d_6$  at ambient temperature.



Figure S50. <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR Spectrum of  $HL^{Pm}$  in benzene- $d_6$  at ambient temperature.



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Figure S53. <sup>1</sup>H–<sup>13</sup>C HSQC NMR Spectrum of HL<sup>Pm</sup> in benzene- $d_6$  at ambient temperature.



Figure S54. <sup>1</sup>H–<sup>13</sup>C HMBC NMR Spectrum of HL<sup>Pm</sup> in benzene- $d_6$  at ambient temperature.



Figure S55. <sup>1</sup>H NMR Spectrum of  $L^{Pm}Lu(CH_2SiMe_3)_2$  in toluene- $d_8$  at ambient temperature.



Figure S56. <sup>31</sup>P{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR Spectrum of L<sup>Pm</sup>Lu(CH<sub>2</sub>SiMe<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub> in toluene-*d*<sub>8</sub> at ambient temperature.



Figure S57. <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR Spectrum of  $L^{Pm}Lu(CH_2SiMe_3)_2$  in toluene- $d_8$  at ambient temperature.

L<sup>Pm</sup>LuCl<sub>2</sub> (**13**):



Figure S58. <sup>1</sup>H NMR Spectrum of  $L^{Pm}LuCl_2$  in benzene- $d_6$  at ambient temperature.



Figure S59.  $^{13}C\{^{1}H\}$  NMR Spectrum of  $L^{Pm}LuCl_{2}$  in benzene- $d_{6}$  at ambient temperature.



Figure S60. <sup>31</sup>P{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR Spectrum of  $L^{Pm}LuCl_2$  in benzene- $d_6$  at ambient temperature.

	5	6	7 <sub>CPh3</sub> <sup>a</sup>
Formula	$C_{44}H_{70}N_3P_2ScSi_2$	$C_{42}H_{74}LuN_3P_2Si_2$	$C_{122}H_{149}Lu_2N_8P_4Si_2$
FW/g•mol <sup>−1</sup>	804.11	914.13	2263.49
Crystal System	Monoclinic	Monoclinic	Triclinic
Space Group	P2 <sub>1</sub> /n	P2₁/n	P–1
a (Å)	16.3033(2)	11.2152(3)	12.31417(13)
b (Å)	17.2331(2)	17.6224(5)	21.4332(2)
c (Å)	17.6226(2)	24.0711(6)	24.4686(2)
α (°)	90	90	110.2276(10)
β (°)	105.8330(10)	92.481(2)	104.4073(10)
γ (°)	90	90	92.0411(9)
Volume (Å <sup>3</sup> )	4763.34(10)	4752.9(2)	5816.40(11)
Z	4	4	2
D <sub>calc</sub> (g•cm <sup>-3</sup> )	1.121	1.277	1.292
µ (mm⁻¹)	2.664	2.224	4.262
Crystal Size (mm)	0.05 × 0.03 × 0.01	0.08 × 0.05 × 0.01	$0.05 \times 0.05 \times 0.03$
θ range (°)	7.314 to 155.262	6.71 to 61.124	6.984 to 160.818
K <sub>α</sub> (nm)	1.54184	0.71073	1.54184
Ν	47565	54775	131024
<b>N</b> <sub>ind</sub>	9885	11880	25332
Data/restraints/parameters	9883/2/512	11880/0/469	25332/0/1209
GoF on F <sup>2</sup>	1.055	1.036	1.058
R₁ ( <i>I</i> >2σ( <i>I</i> )) <sup>b</sup>	0.0414	0.0369	0.0582
wR <sub>2</sub> ( <i>I</i> >2σ( <i>I</i> )) <sup>c</sup>	0.1110	0.0888	0.1627
$\Delta \rho_{max}$ and $\Delta \rho_{min}$ (e•Å <sup>3</sup> )	0.43/-0.73	2.35/-0.75	2.39/-3.25
Notes: <sup>a</sup> Crystallized with one molecule of disordered heptane in the asymmetric unit. <sup>b</sup> $R_1 = \Sigma   F_0  -  F_c  /\Sigma   F_c  $ .			

X-ray Crystallographic Refinement Tables for Complexes 5, 6, 7<sub>CPh3</sub>, 7<sub>Dipp</sub>, 8<sub>CPh3</sub>, 8<sub>Dipp</sub>, 11, and 13

Table 1. X-ray Crystallographic Refinement Tables for Complexes 5, 6 and  $7_{CPh_3}$ 

	7 <sub>Dipp</sub>	8 <sub>CPh3</sub>	
Formula	$C_{50}H_{81}LuN_4P_2Si$	$C_{78}H_{96}LuN_5P_2$	
FW/g•mol <sup>-1</sup>	1003.18	1340.5	
Crystal System	Monoclinic	Triclinic	
Space Group	P21	P–1	
a (Å)	11.59705(9)	12.74240(10)	
b (Å)	20.55239(15)	14.66260(10)	
c (Å)	11.79321(10)	20.5619(2)	
α (°)	90	74.4510(10)	
β (°)	113.2891(9)	89.2780(10)	
γ (°)	90	71.2670(10)	
Volume (Å <sup>3</sup> )	2581.85(4)	3493.66(6)	
Z	2	2	
$D_{calc}$ (g•cm <sup>-3</sup> )	1.290	1.274	
μ (mm⁻¹)	4.723	3.475	
Crystal Size (mm)	$0.3 \times 0.2 \times 0.1$	$0.1 \times 0.05 \times 0.03$	
ϑ range (°)	8.162 to 160.298	6.628 to 160.86	
K <sub>α</sub> (nm)	1.54184	1.51184	
Ν	30369	79766	
N <sub>ind</sub>	10423	15242	
Data/restraints/parameters	10423/1/553	15242/0/740	
GoF on F <sup>2</sup>	1.089	1.114	
$R_1 (I > 2\sigma(I))^a$	0.0298	0.0311	
wR2 ( <i>I</i> >2σ( <i>I</i> )) <sup>b</sup>	0.0760	0.0865	
$\Delta \rho_{max}$ and $\Delta \rho_{min}$ (e•Å <sup>3</sup> )	0.63/0.70	1.38/-1.14	
Notes: ${}^{a}R_{1} = \Sigma   F_{o}  -  F_{c}  /\Sigma  F_{c} $ . ${}^{b}wR_{2} = \{\Sigma [w(F_{o}^{2} - F_{c}^{2})^{2}]/\Sigma [w(F_{o}^{2})^{2}]\}^{1/2}$ .			

Table 2. Full Crystallographic Refinement Tables for Complexes 7<sub>Dipp</sub> and 8<sub>CPh3</sub>

Table 3 V	ray Crystallogram	hic Refinement	Tables for Cor	nnlovos <b>9</b>	11 and 12
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	8 <sub>Dipp</sub>	11	13
Formula	$C_{58}H_{88}LuN_5P_2$	$C_{28}H_{45}N_7P_2$	$C_{35}H_{52}CI_2LuN_7P_2$
FW/g•mol <sup>-1</sup>	1092.24	541.65	878.64
Crystal System	Monoclinic	Monoclinic	Monoclinic
Space Group	P2₁/n	P2 <sub>1</sub> /n	I2/a
a (Å)	14.96740(10)	11.09120(10)	19.5525(5)
b (Å)	17.02750(10)	24.3906(2)	13.3420(3)
c (Å)	21.66410(10)	11.85320(10)	30.8950(7)
α (°)	90	90	90
β (°)	95.2220(10)	108.5340(10)	99.413(2)
γ (°)	90	90	90
Volume (Å <sup>3</sup> )	5498.34(6)	3040.23(5)	7951.0(3)
Z	4	4	8
D <sub>calc</sub> (g•cm <sup>-3</sup> )	1.319	1.183	1.468
μ (mm <sup>-1</sup> )	4.285	1.515	2.732
Crystal Size (mm)	0.3 × 0.3 × 0.1	1.0 × 0.8 × 0.5	$0.7 \times 0.5 \times 0.5$
ϑ range (°)	6.615 to 160.668	7.248 to 159.99	6.788 to 61.502
K <sub>α</sub> (nm)	1.54184	1.51184	0.71073
Ν	64880	33645	48568
Nind	11972	6555	10026
Data/restraints/parameters	11972/0/621	6555/0/346	10026/0/437
GoF on F <sup>2</sup>	1.099	1.075	1.023
R₁ ( <i>I</i> >2σ( <i>I</i> )) <sup>a</sup>	0.0297	0.0398	0.0223
wR2 ( <i>I</i> >2σ( <i>I</i> )) <sup>b</sup>	0.0754	0.1035	0.0508
$\Delta \rho_{max}$ and $\Delta \rho_{min}$ (e•Å <sup>3</sup> )	0.67/-0.90	0.32/-0.39	0.92/-0.56
Notes: ${}^{a}R_{1} = \Sigma   F_{o}  -  F_{c}  /\Sigma   F_{c} $ . ${}^{b}wR_{2} = \{\Sigma [w(F_{o}^{2} - F_{c}^{2})^{2}]/\Sigma [w(F_{o}^{2})^{2}]\}^{1/2}$ .			