

## Supporting information

**A phosphorus-supported multisite coordination ligand containing three imidazolyl arms and its metalation behaviour. An unprecedented co-existence of mononuclear and macrocyclic dinuclear Zn(II) complexes in the same unit cell of a crystalline lattice.**

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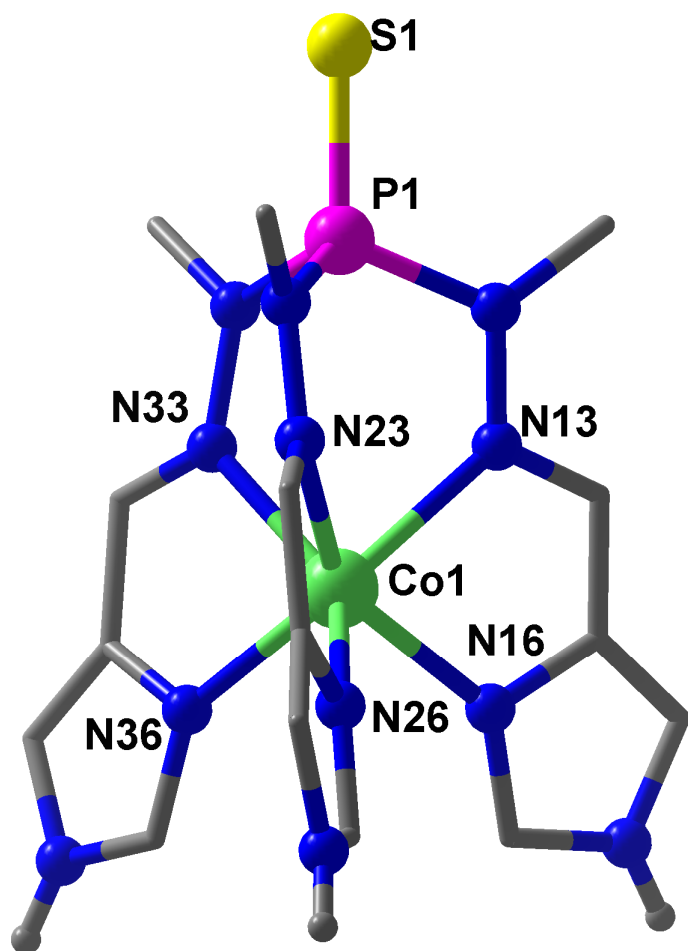


Figure S1: Diamond view of cationic portion of 2.

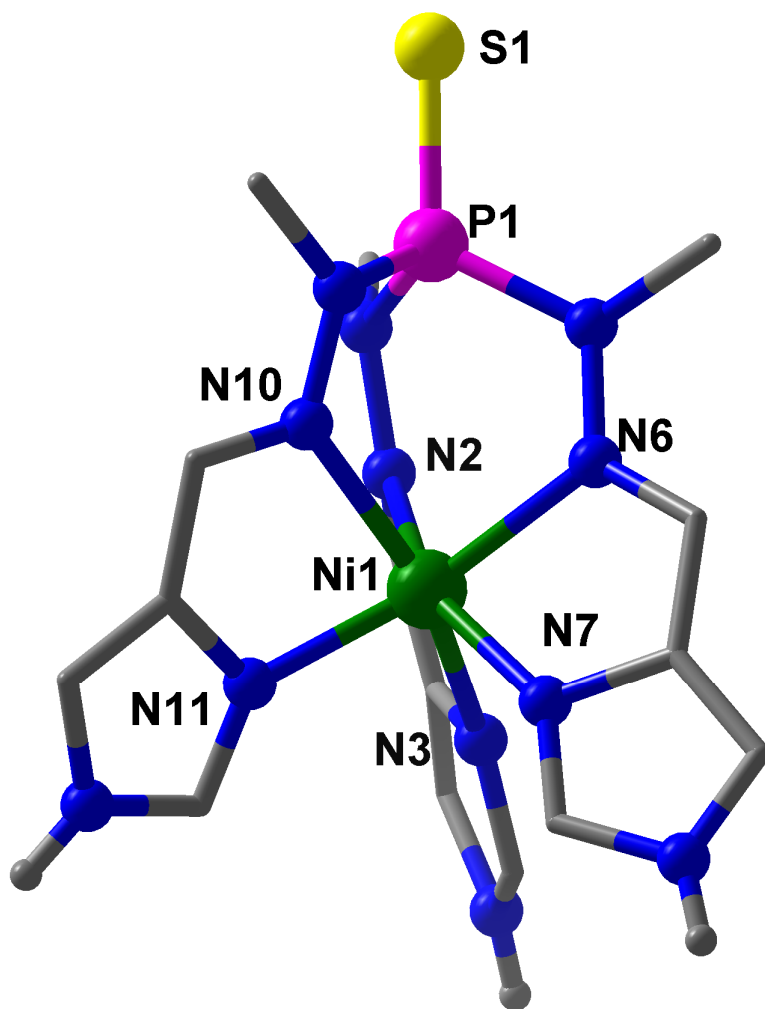


Figure S2: Diamond view of cationic portion of 3.

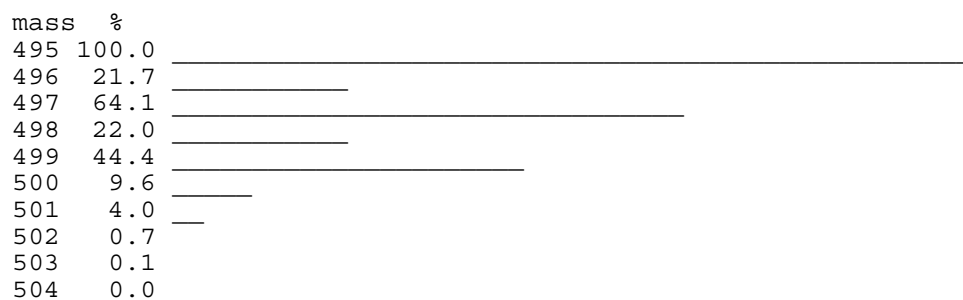
Table S1: Important hydrogen bonding bond parameters between imidazole hydrogen and nitrate oxygen.

	H---O (Å)	N---O (Å)	N-H-O (°)	symmetry
H4N---O5	2.3703(57)	2.9434(45)	116.70(56)	-1+x, y, z
H20N---O4	2.0139(83)	2.8438(83)	167.55(71)	1-x, 1-y, 1-z
H16N---O2	1.9166(68)	2.7992(68)	160.27(60)	X, y, z
H11N---O3	1.9541(58)	2.8022(64)	165.86 (47)	1-x, y, z

### Sheffield ChemPuter

#### Result of isotope pattern calculation

Formula:  $P_1S_1N_{12}H_{20}C_{15}Zn_1$

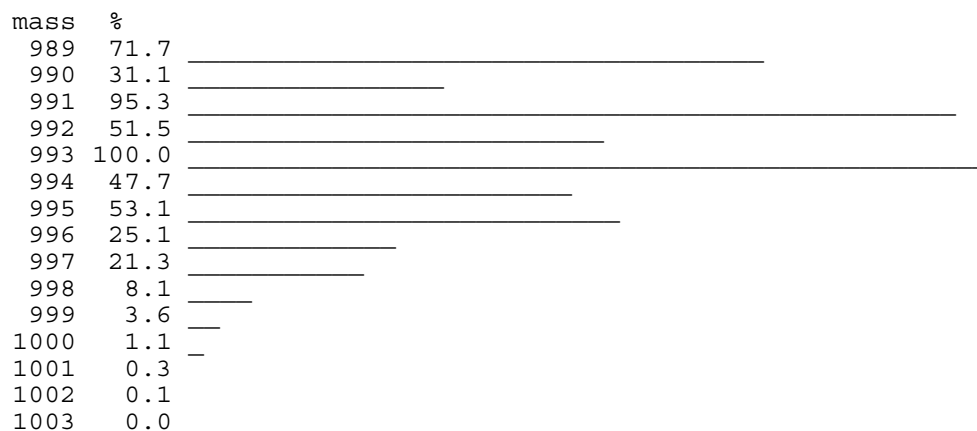


**Figure S3:** Sheffield chemputer generated isotopic pattern for  $[M-2HNO_3+H^+]$

### Sheffield ChemPuter

#### Result of isotope pattern calculation

Formula:  $P_2S_2N_{24}H_{39}C_{30}Zn_2$



**Figure S4:** Sheffield chemputer generated isotopic pattern for  $[M-4HNO_3+H^+]$