

## **Homo- and heteroleptic alkoxy-carbene f-element complexes and their reactivity towards acidic N-H and C-H bonds**

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### **Supplementary Information**

Crystallographic data were collected on an Oxford Diffraction Xcalibur diffractometer using graphite-monochromated Mo K $\alpha$  radiation ( $\lambda = 0.71073 \text{ \AA}$ ).

**Table S1.** Experimental details for the crystal structure refinements

Crystal parameters	1-Y	1-Sc	1-Ce	2-Y
Empirical formula	C <sub>20</sub> H <sub>27</sub> N <sub>2</sub> OY	C <sub>20</sub> H <sub>27</sub> N <sub>2</sub> OSe	C <sub>24</sub> H <sub>35</sub> CeN <sub>2</sub> O <sub>2</sub>	C <sub>25</sub> H <sub>39</sub> N <sub>4</sub> O <sub>2</sub> Y
Molecular weight [g/mol]	400.34	356.39	523.66	516.51
Temperature [K]	173(2)	170(2)	173(2)	173(2)
Wavelength Mo-K $\alpha$ [ $\text{\AA}$ ]	0.71073	0.71073	0.71073	0.71073
Crystal size [mm]	0.35 $\times$ 0.20 $\times$ 0.20	0.77 $\times$ 0.37 $\times$ 0.23	0.70 $\times$ 0.49 $\times$ 0.40	0.35 $\times$ 0.25 $\times$ 0.20
Crystal system	Orthorhombic	Orthorhombic	Monoclinic	Triclinic
space group	Pna2 <sub>1</sub>	Pna2 <sub>1</sub>	P2(1)/c	P-1
<i>a</i> ( $\text{\AA}$ )	16.6328(7)	16.7257(3)	10.3917(11)	10.0822(11)
<i>b</i> ( $\text{\AA}$ )	8.2556(3)	8.10390(10)	16.4222(4)	16.768(2)
<i>c</i> ( $\text{\AA}$ )	14.5112(6)	13.9844(3)	15.567(3)	17.2137(15)
$\alpha$ ( $^\circ$ )	90	90	90	109.721(9)
$\beta$ ( $^\circ$ )	90	90	108.53(2)	90.413(8)
$\gamma$ ( $^\circ$ )	90	90	90	91.683(9)
Cell volume [ $\text{\AA}^3$ ]	1992.59(14)	1895.49(6)	2518.8(6)	2737.7(5)
<i>Z</i>	4	4	4	4
Density $\rho_{\text{calc}}$ [g cm <sup>-3</sup> ]	1.335	1.249	1.381	1.253
Absorption coefficient $\mu$ [mm <sup>-1</sup> ]	2.935	0.396	1.827	2.156
<i>F</i> (000)	832	760	1068	1088
$\theta$ range for data collection [ $^\circ$ ]	3.09 - 30.30	2.91 - 27.48	3.79 - 29.95	3.15 - 29.74
Index ranges	-21 $\leq h \leq$ 22, -11 $\leq k \leq$ 11, -18 $\leq l \leq$ 20	-21 $\leq h \leq$ 21, -10 $\leq k \leq$ 10, -18 $\leq l \leq$ 18	-13 $\leq h \leq$ 13, -21 $\leq k \leq$ 21, -19 $\leq l \leq$ 18	-13 $\leq h \leq$ 13, -22 $\leq k \leq$ 23, -22 $\leq l \leq$ 19
Reflections collected	22991	17354	17031	25848
Reflections unique	5331 [ $R_{\text{int}} = 0.0674$ ]	4341 [ $R_{\text{int}} = 0.0301$ ]	5502 [ $R_{\text{int}} = 0.0199$ ]	13239 [ $R_{\text{int}} = 0.0382$ ]
Refinement method	Full-matrix least-squares on $F^2$	Full-matrix least-squares on $F^2$	Full-matrix least-squares on $F^2$	Full-matrix least-squares on $F^2$
Data/Restraints/Parameters	5331/1/221	4341/1/221	5502/0/272	13239/46/602
Absorption correction	Multi-Scan	Multi-Scan	Multi-Scan	Multi-Scan
Goodness-of-fit on $F^2$ ( <i>GOF</i> )	1.028	1.045	1.071	1.040
Final <i>R</i> indices [ $I > 2\sigma(I)$ ]	$R_1 = 0.0477$ , $wR_2 = 0.0753$	$R_1 = 0.0295$ , $wR_2 = 0.06588$	$R_1 = 0.0326$ , $wR_2 = 0.0753$	$R_1 = 0.0480$ , $wR_2 = 0.0778$
<i>R</i> indices (all data)	$R_1 = 0.0897$ , $wR_2 = 0.0859$	$R_1 = 0.0349$ , $wR_2 = 0.0686$	$R_1 = 0.0408$ , $wR_2 = 0.0823$	$R_1 = 0.0854$ , $wR_2 = 0.0888$
Largest difference peak and hole (e $\text{\AA}^{-3}$ )	0.502 and -0.387	0.192 and -0.178	1.897 and -1.119	0.487 and -0.509

**Table S1** (continued).

Crystal parameters	4	5	6	7
Empirical formula	C <sub>40</sub> H <sub>68</sub> N <sub>8</sub> O <sub>4</sub> Th·C <sub>7</sub> H <sub>8</sub>	C <sub>24</sub> H <sub>32</sub> N <sub>3</sub> OY	C <sub>28</sub> H <sub>34</sub> N <sub>3</sub> OY	C <sub>30</sub> H <sub>51</sub> N <sub>6</sub> O <sub>3</sub> Sc·C <sub>4</sub> H <sub>5</sub> N
Molecular weight [g/mol]	1049.20	467.43	517.49	655.82
Temperature [K]	173(2)	173(2)	173(2)	170(2)
Wavelength Mo-K <sub>α</sub> [Å]	0.71073	0.71073	0.71073	0.71073
Crystal size [mm]	0.27 × 0.27 × 0.05	0.94 × 0.43 × 0.32	0.91 × 0.38 × 0.30	0.78 × 0.64 × 0.46
Crystal system	Triclinic	Monoclinic	Monoclinic	Triclinic
space group	P-1	C 2/c	P2(1)/c	P-1
<i>a</i> (Å)	12.3655(4)	17.5456(5)	9.0723(11)	10.3280(3)
<i>b</i> (Å)	13.2013(5)	15.6123(5)	15.3819(8)	11.0932(3)
<i>c</i> (Å)	15.6014(5)	16.8818(5)	20.696(2)	17.6674(5)
$\alpha$ (°)	101.035(3)	90	90	74.577(3)
$\beta$ (°)	90.494(2)	92.453(3)	103.351(11)	89.538(2)
$\gamma$ (°)	95.738(3)	90	90	75.363(2)
Cell volume [Å <sup>3</sup> ]	2486.16(15)	4620.1(2)	2810.1(5)	1884.15(9)
<i>Z</i>	2	8	4	2
Density $\rho_{\text{calc}}$ [g cm <sup>-3</sup> ]	1.401	1.344	1.223	1.156
Absorption coefficient $\mu$ [mm <sup>-1</sup> ]	3.079	2.543	2.097	0.236
<i>F</i> (000)	810	1952	1080	1.156
$\theta$ range for data collection [°]	2.9 - 27.5	3.02 - 27.06	3.00 - 27.00	3.49 - 29.24
Index ranges	-16 ≤ <i>h</i> ≤ 16, -17 ≤ <i>k</i> ≤ 17, -20 ≤ <i>l</i> ≤ 20	-21 ≤ <i>h</i> ≤ 22, -19 ≤ <i>k</i> ≤ 19, -21 ≤ <i>l</i> ≤ 21	-11 ≤ <i>h</i> ≤ 11, -19 ≤ <i>k</i> ≤ 19, -26 ≤ <i>l</i> ≤ 26	-13 ≤ <i>h</i> ≤ 13, -14 ≤ <i>k</i> ≤ 14, -22 ≤ <i>l</i> ≤ 22
Reflections collected	45682	15469	19195	34913
Reflections unique	11383 [ <i>R</i> <sub>int</sub> = 0.067]	5055 [ <i>R</i> <sub>int</sub> = 0.0316]	6156 [ <i>R</i> <sub>int</sub> = 0.0419]	7093 [ <i>R</i> <sub>int</sub> = 0.0310]
Refinement method	Full-matrix least-squares on <i>F</i> <sup>2</sup>	Full-matrix least-squares on <i>F</i> <sup>2</sup>	Full-matrix least-squares on <i>F</i> <sup>2</sup>	Full-matrix least-squares on <i>F</i> <sup>2</sup>
Data/Restraints/Parameters	11383/0/558	5055/0/266	6156/0/302	7093/0/418
Absorption correction	Multi-Scan	Multi-Scan	Multi-Scan	Multi-Scan
Goodness-of-fit on <i>F</i> <sup>2</sup> ( <i>GOF</i> )	1.035	1.026	1.053	1.026
Final <i>R</i> indices [ <i>I</i> > 2 $\sigma$ ( <i>I</i> )]	<i>R</i> <sub>1</sub> = 0.0445, <i>wR</i> <sub>2</sub> = 0.1071	<i>R</i> <sub>1</sub> = 0.0318, <i>wR</i> <sub>2</sub> = 0.0716	<i>R</i> <sub>1</sub> = 0.0458, <i>wR</i> <sub>2</sub> = 0.1109	<i>R</i> <sub>1</sub> = 0.0383, <i>wR</i> <sub>2</sub> = 0.0900
<i>R</i> indices (all data)	<i>R</i> <sub>1</sub> = 0.0557, <i>wR</i> <sub>2</sub> = 0.1122	<i>R</i> <sub>1</sub> = 0.0513, <i>wR</i> <sub>2</sub> = 0.0777	<i>R</i> <sub>1</sub> = 0.0774, <i>wR</i> <sub>2</sub> = 0.1192	<i>R</i> <sub>1</sub> = 0.0511, <i>wR</i> <sub>2</sub> = 0.0973
Largest difference peak and hole (e Å <sup>-3</sup> )	3.882 and -2.568	0.334 and -0.357	0.578 and -0.482	0.238 and -0.334

**Table S1** (continued).

Crystal parameters	<b>8a</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>
Empirical formula	C <sub>25</sub> H <sub>33</sub> CeN <sub>2</sub> O·C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>6</sub>	C <sub>30</sub> H <sub>46</sub> N <sub>4</sub> O <sub>2</sub> Y·C <sub>5</sub> H <sub>5</sub>	C <sub>35</sub> H <sub>41</sub> N <sub>2</sub> O <sub>2</sub> Y
Molecular weight [g/mol]	595.76	648.70	610.61
Temperature [K]	173(2)	173(2)	173(2)
Wavelength Mo-K <sub>α</sub> [Å]	0.71073	0.71073	0.71073
Crystal size [mm]	0.98 × 0.68 × 0.32	0.64 × 0.42 × 0.17	0.74 × 0.19 × 0.16
Crystal system	Triclinic	Tetragonal	Orthorhombic
space group	P-1	I4(1)/acd	P2(1)2(1)2(1)
<i>a</i> (Å)	11.2916(4)	17.618(5)	11.0941(8)
<i>b</i> (Å)	12.0218(4)	17.618(5)	13.9218(9)
<i>c</i> (Å)	12.7949(6)	47.904(5)	27.1465(13)
$\alpha$ (°)	108.824(4)	90	90
$\beta$ (°)	95.048(3)	90	90
$\gamma$ (°)	95.048(3)	90	90
Cell volume [Å <sup>3</sup> ]	1420.72(11)	14869(9)	4192.8(5)
<i>Z</i>	2	16	4
Density $\rho_{\text{calc}}$ [g cm <sup>-3</sup> ]	1.393	1.159	0.967
Absorption coefficient $\mu$ [mm <sup>-1</sup> ]	1.626	1.601	1.415
<i>F</i> (000)	610	5504	1280
$\theta$ range for data collection [°]	3.06 – 29.65	3.27 – 25.70	3.00 – 26.05
Index ranges	-15 ≤ <i>h</i> ≤ 24, -15 ≤ <i>k</i> ≤ 16, -17 ≤ <i>l</i> ≤ 17	-12 ≤ <i>h</i> ≤ 18, -21 ≤ <i>k</i> ≤ 21, -58 ≤ <i>l</i> ≤ 58	-13 ≤ <i>h</i> ≤ 13, -10 ≤ <i>k</i> ≤ 17, -30 ≤ <i>l</i> ≤ 33
Reflections collected	20187	22420	14685
Reflections unique	7135 [ <i>R</i> <sub>int</sub> = 0.0156]	3529 [ <i>R</i> <sub>int</sub> = 0.0677]	7699 [ <i>R</i> <sub>int</sub> = 0.062]
Refinement method	Full-matrix least-squares on <i>F</i> <sup>2</sup>	Full-matrix least-squares on <i>F</i> <sup>2</sup>	Full-matrix least-squares on <i>F</i> <sup>2</sup>
Data/Restraints/Parameters	7135/556/443	3529/182/202	7699/0/366
Absorption correction	Multi-Scan	Multi-Scan	Analytical
Goodness-of-fit on <i>F</i> <sup>2</sup> ( <i>GOF</i> )	1.075	1.055	1.008
Final <i>R</i> indices [ <i>I</i> > 2 $\sigma$ ( <i>I</i> )]	<i>R</i> <sub>1</sub> = 0.0200, <i>wR</i> <sub>2</sub> = 0.0536	<i>R</i> <sub>1</sub> = 0.0580, <i>wR</i> <sub>2</sub> = 0.1411	<i>R</i> <sub>1</sub> = 0.0738 <i>wR</i> <sub>2</sub> = 0.1515
<i>R</i> indices (all data)	<i>R</i> <sub>1</sub> = 0.0221, <i>wR</i> <sub>2</sub> = 0.0552	<i>R</i> <sub>1</sub> = 0.1093, <i>wR</i> <sub>2</sub> = 0.1624	<i>R</i> <sub>1</sub> = 0.1257, <i>wR</i> <sub>2</sub> = 0.1688
Largest difference peak and hole (e Å <sup>-3</sup> )	0.714 and -0.600	0.762 and -0.468	0.827 and -0.546