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## Résumé

L'étude suivante décrit la synthèse des ligands nacnac ${ }^{\mathrm{xyl}} \mathrm{H}$, nacnac ${ }^{\mathrm{Bn}} \mathrm{H}$, nacnac $c^{\mathrm{R}, \mathrm{R}} \mathrm{H}$ et $n a c n a{ }^{\mathrm{Cy}} \mathrm{H}$ en utilisant une méthode générale qui implique des rendements élevés et des coûts raisonnables, la complexation de ces ligands au Zr , la caractérisation de ces complexes et l'investigation de leurs réactivités. Les complexes de zirconium ont été obtenus en utilisant deux méthodes synthétiques principales: la première consiste en traitement du sel de lithium du ligand avec le $\mathrm{ZrCl}_{4}$. La seconde est la réaction du ligand neutre avec les complexes d'alkyl-zirconium(IV) par protonation de l'alkyle coordonné. Le ligand adopte deux modes de coordination avec le Zr . Une coordination $\kappa^{2}$ est observée dans les complexes octaèdriques contenant un ou deux ligands nacnac. En présence d'un autre ligand ayant une coordonnation $\eta^{5}$, par exemple Cp ou Ind, le ligand nacnac se trouve en coordination $\eta^{4 / 5}$ avec le centre métallique de zirconium. En solution, les complexes obtenus de (nacnac) $)_{2} \mathrm{ZrX}_{2}$ montrent un comportement dynamique via un «Bailar-twist» et les paramètres d'activation de cette isomérisation ont été obtenus. Le complexe octaèdrique $\left(\text { nacnac }{ }^{\mathrm{Bn}}\right)_{2} \mathrm{ZrCl}_{2}, \mathbf{2 c}$, n'a pas montré de réactivité dans la carbozirconation et son alkylation n'était pas possible par l'échange des chlorures avec les alkyles. L'analogue dimethylé $\left(\text { nacnac }^{\mathrm{Bn}}\right)_{2} \mathrm{ZrMe}_{2}$, 2d, peut être préparé par alkylation du $\mathrm{ZrCl}_{4}$ avant la complexation du ligand. Ce dernier a été prouvé aussi de ne pas être réactif dans la carbozirconation. Mots clés : Zirconium, complexes de nacnac, complexes $\beta$-diketiminate, hydrozirconation, carbozirconation, «Bailar-twist ».


#### Abstract

The present study describes the synthesis of ligands nacnac ${ }^{\mathrm{xyl}} \mathrm{H}$, $n a c n a c^{\mathrm{Bn}} \mathrm{H}$, $n a c n a c^{\mathrm{R}, \mathrm{R}} \mathrm{H}$ and nacnac ${ }^{\text {Cy }} \mathrm{H}$, using a general method of synthesis which affords high yields at affordable costs, the complexation of these ligands to Zr , the characterization of these complexes and the investigation of their reactivities. Zirconium complexes were obtained using two major synthetic routes: The first one consists of treatment of the previously prepared lithium salt of the ligand with $\mathrm{ZrCl}_{4}$. The second is the reaction of the neutral ligand with alkyl- $\mathrm{Zr}(\mathrm{IV})$ complexes by protonation of the coordinated alkyl(s).

The nacnac ligand adopts two coordination modes with the Zr metal. $\kappa^{2}$-Coordination is observed in octahedral complexes containing one or two nacnac ligands. In the presence of another $\eta^{5}$-coordinated ligand, such as Cp or Ind, the nacnac ligand is found to be $\eta^{4 / 5}$ coordinated to the Zr center. The obtained complexes (nacnac) $\mathrm{ZrX}_{2}$ showed a fluxional behavior in solution via a Bailar Twist and the activation parameters of this isomerisation were obtained. The cis octahedral dichloride complex $\left(\text { nacnac }^{\mathrm{Bn}}\right)_{2} \mathrm{ZrCl}_{2}, \mathbf{2 c}$, showed no reactivity in carbozirconation and its alkylation was not possible by exchange of chlorides with alkyls. The dimethyl analogue ( nacnac $\left.^{\mathrm{Bn}}\right)_{2} \mathrm{ZrMe}_{2}, \mathbf{2 d}$, could be prepared by alkylation of $\mathrm{ZrCl}_{4}$ prior to ligand complexation, but proved as well to be unreactive in carbozirconation.


Key words: Zirconium, nacnac complexes, $\beta$-diketiminate complexes, hydrozirconation, carbozirconation, Bailar-twist.

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## Abbreviations

| Acac | acetylacetonate |
| :--- | :--- |
| $i$-Bu | isobutyl |
| $n$-Bu | $n$-butyl |
| $t$-Bu | tert-butyl |
| bp | boiling point |
| bs | broad (singlet) |
| bm | broad (multiplet) |
| Bn | benzyl |
| Cp | penclopentadienyl $\left(\eta^{5}-\mathrm{C}_{5} \mathrm{H}_{5}\right)$ |
| Cp | cyclohexyl |
| Cy | $\beta$-diketiminate |
| Nacnac | doublet |
| d | doublet of doublets |
| dd | mequivalents |
| equiv. | masienyl $\left(\eta^{5}-\mathrm{C}_{5} \mathrm{Me}_{5}\right)$ |
| Et | ethyl spectrometry |
| GC | MS |


| m | multiplet (spectral) |
| :--- | :--- |
| NMR | nuclear magnetic resonance |
| ppm | part per milliom |
| Ph | phenyl |
| $i$-Pr | iso-propyl |
| n-Pr | n-propyl |
| q quadret (NMR) |  |
| quin | quintet (NMR) |
| R | alkyl group |
| s | singlet |
| tol | tolyl |
| TsOH | para-toluene sulfonic acid |
| triplet |  |

## CHAPTER 1

## Introduction

## Introduction

Early transition metal alkyl complexes have been involved in many organic synthetic applications, such as Ziegler-Natta polymerization, olefin oligomerization, and carbometallation, where the complex was employed either as a reagent or a catalyst. ${ }^{1}$ One important common aspect in all of these reactions is that their application depends eventually on the stability and reactivity of the active early transition organometallic species which is responsible for the utility of each particular process. The fundamental understanding of the stability and reactivity of early transition metal complexes is very important for the improvement of their applications, as well as for the development of new processes.

### 1.1 Historical overview

Major advances in the field of early transition metal organometallic chemistry followed the discovery of $\left(\mathrm{C}_{5} \mathrm{H}_{5}\right)_{2} \mathrm{Fe}$ (ferrocene) by Pauson and Miller in 1951. ${ }^{2}$ In 1953, Wilkinson and coworkers reported the synthesis of $\mathrm{Cp}_{2} \mathrm{ZrBr}_{2}, \mathrm{Cp}_{2} \mathrm{TiBr}_{2}$, and $\mathrm{Cp}_{2} \mathrm{VCl}_{2}{ }^{3}$ Parallel to the discovery of metallocenes, Karl Ziegler and Giulio Natta discovered in 1955 heterogeneous processes using titanium chlorides and aluminum alkyls for the polymerization of olefins. ${ }^{1 a, 1 b, 4}$

However, it was not until the development of $\mathrm{Cp}_{2} \mathrm{ZrHCl}$ (Schwartz' reagent) in 1976 for the hydrozirconation of alkenes and alkynes ${ }^{5,6}$ that alkyl zirconium(IV) complexes of the type $\left(\eta^{5}-\mathrm{C}_{5} \mathrm{H}_{5}\right)_{2} \mathrm{Zr}(\mathrm{Cl}) \mathrm{R}$ have been shown to be useful intermediates in rational organic
syntheses. ${ }^{7,8,9}$ Alkylzirconocene derivatives have been involved in the selective crosscoupling via transition metal catalysis with $\mathrm{Ni}^{0}$ or $\mathrm{Pd}^{0} .^{10}$ In the late 1970 s, Negishi's contributions expanded the use of organozirconium towards carbozirconation, which (despite the limited success with alkenes) was regarded a valuable synthetic tool. ${ }^{11}$ Kaminsky showed that organozirconocene compounds exhibiting no or low polymerization activity became very active catalysts by addition of trialkylaluminum previously treated with water (MAO). ${ }^{12,13,14}$


Scheme 1.1 Hydrozirconation of terminal alkenes

### 1.2 Hydrozirconation

This reaction transforms alkenes and alkynes into alkyl or alkenyl derivatives of zirconocene. It involves the insertion of an alkene or alkyne into the $\mathrm{Zr}-\mathrm{H}$ bond of $\mathrm{Cp}_{2} \mathrm{ZrHCl}$ (Schwartz' reagent). The latter can be prepared by the reaction of $\mathrm{Cp}_{2} \mathrm{ZrCl}_{2}$ with various aluminum hydrides. Hydrozirconation involves a syn addition placing the Zr generally at the less substituted carbon atom of the double bond. With internal olefins, isomerization by a chain-walking mechanism places the zirconium on a terminal carbon atom. ${ }^{6}$ This is believed to occur due to the low energy barrier for $\beta$-H eliminations in the zirconocene chloro alkyl complexes. ${ }^{15}$


Scheme 1.2 Chain walking after hydrozirconation of an internal alkene

In fact, this cis-addition remains one of the most important routes to functionalize nonactivated alkenes or alkynes. ${ }^{16}$ Hydrozirconation reactions have found many applications, such as ring opening and ring forming reactions. ${ }^{17}$

### 1.3 Carbozirconation

Also referred to Negishi's carbozirconation, ${ }^{18}$ carbozirconation allows the addition of a Zr C bond to a double or triple bond.


## Scheme 1.3 Carbozirconation of alkenes and alkynes

Carbozirconation attracted much attention, since this would introduce a new alkyl group as well as a functional group on a non-activated olefin. Even if Zr itself is relatively inexpensive, zirconocene derivatives may not generally be considered inexpensive chemicals. It is therefore desirable to use them as catalysts. Zr -catalyzed carboalumination of alkynes was discovered and reported in 1978 by Negishi. ${ }^{19,20}$ For a facile syn
carbometallation to take place, the presence or ready availability of a low-lying metal empty orbital is essential.


Figure 1.1. Frontier orbital interactions in carbometallation
The presence of an aluminum species is crucial to weaken the $\mathrm{Zr}-\mathrm{Cl}$ bond. Zr -catalyzed carboalumination have been expanded to alkenes, but no reactivity has been observed before Negishi employed Erker's bulky neomenthylindenyl-zirconium dichloride complex, which was believed to suppress the $\beta-\mathrm{H}$ elimination reaction responsible for the very low yields in carboaluminations with unsubstituted zirconocenes. ${ }^{21,22}$



Scheme 1.4 Carbozirconation of alkenes using Erker's catalyst.

### 1.4 Aim of the project

It is clear from the above examples that investigations into metallocenes of early transition metals have greatly affected the development of the organometallic chemistry of zirconium. Metallocenes became popular due to their ability to stabilize early transition metals and to their ease of synthesis. The steric and electronic environment of the two Cp ligands in a bent metallocene imparts a special stability on the metal complex and dictates the reactivity of the metal. It is therefore possible to envision that the same metal would behave differently under the influence of a different ligand set. There are two different possibilities to modify the typical $\mathrm{Cp}_{2} \mathrm{ZrCl}_{2}$ framework: (i) Spectator ligands other than Cp or (ii) ligands other than chloride, if the latter stays attached during the reaction. (Scheme 1.6)



Scheme 1.6
Ligands "beyond Cp" might have advantages. Ligands containing Cp has been replaced by amido, ${ }^{23 \mathrm{a}}$ amidato, ${ }^{23 \mathrm{~b}}$ amidinato, ${ }^{23 \mathrm{c}}$ imido, ${ }^{23 \mathrm{~d}}$ Schiff base ligands ${ }^{23 \mathrm{e}}$ and others. (Scheme 1.7)

a

d


b

c

e

Scheme 1.7
The general goal of this research project is to synthesize and characterize novel Zr complexes analogous to zirconocene, i. e. with two spectator ligands and two chlorine ligands, which can be replaced by substrate(s) for subsequent reactions. Of particular intrest are ligand frameworks that are of low cost compared to highly substituted Cp /indenyl ligands such as $C p^{*}$ or neomenthylindenyl ${ }^{21,22}$ and have the ability to suppress the $\beta-H$ elimination reaction during carbozirconation. $\beta$-Diketiminates or (nacnac) ligands have gained an increasing importance in the last two decades, due to their suitability as spectator ligands, versatility, stability and their ease of synthesis. Zr complexes with $\beta$-diketiminate ligands have previously shown to be active catalysts in olefin's polymerization ${ }^{24,25}$ and to adopt different geometries dictated, in some cases, by the ligands coordination modes. ${ }^{25-30}$ These latter vary between $\kappa^{2}$-coordination and $\eta^{4 / 5}$-coordination. If only when one cyclopentadienyl is replaced by nacnac, Zr retains its pseudotetrahedral geometry. In these
types of complexes, the diketiminate displays an out-of-plane " $\eta^{5}$-like"-coordination mode. ${ }^{31}$ In chapter 2 we will investigate this coordination mode in detail using nacnac ${ }^{\mathrm{Xyl}}$ and test the prepared complexes in potential applications.

When both cyclopentadienyl ligands are replaced by diketiminate ligands, an octahedral geometry is obtained. ${ }^{25,28}$ Previous reports show that the bis-nacnac species are obtained only when the N -aryl groups are not substituted in the ortho-position, such as phenyl or ptolyl. ${ }^{27,28}$ In chapter 3, we will attempt to avoid this obstacle by using N -alkyl substituted diketiminate ligands. In addition, the use of the N -alkyl substituents will allow us to introduce chirality and to explore different sterical and electronic environments. Although Zr -diketiminate complexes could in principle be applied in hydrozirconation or olefin polymerization, only their reactivity in carbozirconation reactions will be investigated in this work.

Hydrozirconation with Schwartz' reagent is a typical example where chloride is retained as a ligand during the reaction. ${ }^{15,32}$ Hydrozirconation suffers from regioselectivity limitations, especially when the alkenes contain an aromatic or a polar substituent along their chain. ${ }^{33,34}$ Previous modifications to Schwartz' reagent were moderately successful to improve solubility and reactivity, but none of them proved to suppress $\beta-H$ elimination. ${ }^{35,36}$ In chapter four, I present my contribution towards hydrozirconations using aryloxide complexes, $\mathrm{Cp}_{2} \mathrm{ZrH}(\mathrm{OAr})$, as an alternative to Schwartz' reagent.

## CHAPTER 2

## Nacnac zirconium complexes containing " $\eta^{5}$ like" coordinated ligands

### 2.1 Introduction

Although zirconocene or monocyclopentadienyl zirconium derivatives have been employed successfully in many synthetic applications, ${ }^{37,38}$ a drawback of zircononcene alkyl complexes is their lability towards $\beta$-H eliminations. On the other hand, several zirconium alkyl complexes that display stability against $\beta$-H elimination have been reported, of which several have a pseudotetrahedral, "half sandwich like" coordination geometry around Zr (Scheme 2.1, $b+c$ ). In all cases, ligands coordinated via nitrogen atoms are present. ${ }^{39}$ Although attractive targets for carbozirconation reactions, none of these complexes has been investigated for these reactions.


e

b

f

c

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Scheme 2.1. Zirconium dialkyls complexes stabilized by nitrogen coordination against $\beta$ - H elimination.

A class of nitrogen containing ligands which have not been investigated in this regard are $\beta$-diketiminates. While $\beta$-diketonate ligands are known as famous chelating systems, the $\beta$-diketiminate (nacnac) analogs, where oxygen atoms are replaced by two nitrogen atoms, have received increasing attention only in the last decade. Their chemistry is known since 1968 with the first reported synthesis of this ligand ${ }^{40 a}$ and its metal complexes. ${ }^{41}$ Since then, nacnac ligands with aromatic N -substituents have received much attention, most likely due to the phenomenal work of Brookhart, which showed the suitability of related $\alpha$-diketimine ligands for polymerization catalysis. ${ }^{42,43}$


Scheme 2.2 acac and nacnac ligands.

This system is of interest considering their diversity and their versatility, through the variation of the R groups on nitrogen, which may be hydrogen, alkyl or aryl. $\beta$ Diketiminates have been recognized for their role as spectator ligands, ${ }^{44}$ like cyclopentadienyls, by virtue of their strong metal-ligand bonds and their exceptional and tunable steric demands. Indeed, $\beta$-diketiminates are the most used ligands in coordination chemistry for the stabilization of low coordination numbers and low oxidation states of main group or transition elements ${ }^{40}$ and are now known to form complexes with a large number of transition metals and with a wide variety of N -substituents on the ligand. ${ }^{44}$

A

B

C

D

E

Scheme 2.3 Different modes of coordination for the nacnac ligand. ${ }^{44}$
$\beta$-Diketiminates display a variety of coordination modes (Scheme 2.3 ) in their metal complexes. ${ }^{34}$ Coordination mode A is best desribed as a $\kappa^{2}$-coordination via nitrogen atoms where the metal is placed in the NCCCN plane. This mode is widely observed in literature. An example of coordination mode A is $\mathrm{Li}($ nacnac $)(\mathrm{THF})_{2}$ reported by Lappert. ${ }^{27}$ Here the ligand can be considered a $4 \mathrm{e}^{-}$donor, although additional p-d donation cannot be excluded when suitable empty d-orbitals are present. Coordination mode B is less common in literature and best described as an " $\eta^{5}$-like"-coordination. Here the metal is coordinated to the face of the almost planar NCCCN moiety. Examples are (nacnac) $\mathrm{ZrCl}_{3}$, reported by Lappert, ${ }^{27}$ and (nacnac) $\mathrm{Zr}(\mathrm{Cp}) \mathrm{Cl}_{2}$, reported by Collins. ${ }^{28}$ In these complexes the nacnac ligand should be considered a $6 \mathrm{e}^{-}$donor.




Scheme 2.4. $\kappa^{2}$ - and " $\eta^{5}$-like"-coordination of the nacnac ligand. ${ }^{30,31}$

Zirconium complexes with mono and bis nacnac ligands have been reported by Kakaliou et al. ${ }^{26}$ Lappert and co-workers also described the preparation of some examples of mono substituted complexes $(\mathrm{X}=\mathrm{Cl})$ : X-ray studies revealed that the coordination mode of the nacnac ligand can be described as an " $\eta$ "-like"-coordination to the metal, thus highlighting
the similarity between these ligands and Cp anions. ${ }^{27}$ Collins reported the use of mono- and disubstituted nacnac complexes of group 4 in olefin polymerization among which monocyclopentadienyl nacnac complexes which showed an " $\eta^{5}$-like"-coordination of the nacnac to the metal center. ${ }^{28}$

Given the electronic similarity between nacnac ligands and cyclopentadienyl anions, and the steric and electronic versatility of these ligands, we present in this chapter the synthesis and the characterization of a nacnac ligand with 2,6-dimethylphenyl substituents on nitrogen, its complexation with Zr in "half-sandwich" like complexes and some preliminary investigations with regard to their application in catalyzed or stoichiometric carbozirconation.

Previous work on this subject has been performed by two summer trainees in our group. During their work, small amounts of crystals, suitable for X-ray diffraction studies, were obtained, but in insufficient quantity for further analyses. While synthetic and spectroscopic results in this chapter are new, the crystal structure data has been published previously and will be commented upon only briefly.

### 2.2 Results and discussion

### 2.2.1 Synthesis of 2,6-dimethyl-Phenyl)amino-4-(2,6-dimethyl-phenyl)imino-pent-2-

 ene, $\boldsymbol{n a c n a c}^{\mathrm{xyl}} \mathbf{H}, 1 \mathrm{a} .{ }^{45}$

Scheme 2.5. Synthesis of mononacnac zirconium complexes
Co-condensation of 2 equiv. 2,6-dimethylaniline and acetylacetone was achieved in the presence of 1 equiv. of $p$-toluene sulfonic acid under elimination of water with a DeanStark apparatus for 24 h . 1a was obtained in $51 \%$ yield.

### 2.2.2 Synthesis of $\boldsymbol{\kappa}^{\mathbf{2}}$-coordinated complexes

Deprotonation of $\mathbf{1 a}$ by addition of $n-\mathrm{BuLi}$ at $-78{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ in a THF gave (nacnac $\left.{ }^{\mathrm{xyl}}\right) \mathrm{Li}(\mathrm{THF})$, $\mathbf{1 b},{ }^{41}$ in high yields of ca. $94 \% .{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ and ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR spectra showed the presence of THF to complete the sphere of coordination of the Li atom.

Reaction of $\mathbf{1 b}$ with 1 equiv. of $\mathrm{ZrCl}_{4}$ and excess of THF afforded the yellow complex ( $n a c n a c^{\mathrm{xyl}}$ ) $\mathrm{ZrCl}_{3}(\mathrm{THF}), \mathbf{1 c}$, in high yields (97\%) after crystallization from toluene/hexane. NMR data of complex $\mathbf{1 c}$ is consistent with the proposed 1:1 adduct. Elemental analysis of the crystalline material, however, showed low carbon values $(\Delta 1 \%)$.

A structural analysis was important for the characterization of this complex, because the anionic nacnac ligand can act as either four- or six-electron donor depending on the interaction between the metal and the two nitrogens and central carbon atom. A similar complex using the bulky $\mathrm{N}, \mathrm{N}$-(2,6-diisopropylaniline)nacnac ligand (nacnac ${ }^{\text {biPr }}$ ) was reported by Jin \& Novak. ${ }^{25}$ The X-ray structure of ( acnac $^{\text {biPr }}$ ) $\mathrm{ZrCl}_{3}$ (THF) shows a $\kappa^{2}$ coordination of the nacnac ligand. Coordination of a THF molecule completes the distorted octahedral coordination geometry around Zr . In the absence of THF, however, the same ligand was reported to show an " $\eta^{5}$-like"-coordination in a distorted tetrahedral ( ancnac $^{\text {biPr }}$ ) $\mathrm{ZrCl}_{3}$ complex. ${ }^{46}$ (Jin and Novak also reported synthesis of 1c, but neither synthesis nor characterisation of this complex was provided. $)^{25}$

In our case, complex 1c crystallizes with one THF molecule coordinated to the zirconium center in an octahedral coordination geometry. ${ }^{47}$ The ORTEP diagram of complex $\mathbf{1 c}$ is shown in Figure 2.1.


Figure 2.1. Thermal ellipsoid drawing of the title compound. Thermal ellipsoids are shown at $50 \%$ probability levels. Hydrogen atoms are omitted for clarity. One carbon atom of the THF molecule was disordered and refined isotropically. Only one of the two independent molecules is shown. For bond lengths and angles see Table 2.1.

As observed in related complexes ${ }^{25,28} \mathrm{~N} 1-\mathrm{C} 4-\mathrm{C} 3-\mathrm{C} 2-\mathrm{N} 1$ are coplanar and the relatively equal bond distances among them suggest a strong delocalization of the double bond of this system. The $\mathrm{Zr}-\mathrm{N} 2$ distance in the title compound is slightly longer than $\mathrm{Zr}-\mathrm{N} 1$ (2.218(2) and $2.176(2) \AA$, respectively), in agreement with a stronger trans effect of chlorine compared to oxygen. While the crystal structure is close to $\mathrm{C}_{\mathrm{s}}$ symmetry, NMR spectra show an apparent $\mathrm{C}_{2 \mathrm{v}}$ symmetry of the complex, indicating that either THF dissociation and reassociation is fast or, more probably, that the complex isomerizes easily (Bailar-Twist). ${ }^{48}$

Table 2.1. Selected bond distances $[\AA \AA]$ and bond angles $[\mathrm{deg}]$ for $\mathbf{1 c}, \mathbf{1 d}$ and $\mathbf{1 e}$

|  | $\mathbf{1 c}^{\mathrm{a}}$ | $\mathbf{1 d}$ | $\mathbf{1 e}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\mathrm{Zr}-\mathrm{N} 1$ | $2.1759(18) \AA$ | $2.1879(19) \AA$ | $2.1836(18)$ |
| $\mathrm{Zr}-\mathrm{N} 2$ | $2.2182(17) \AA$ | $2.2944(19) \AA$ | $2.2900(17) \AA$ |
| $\mathrm{Zr}-\mathrm{C} 2$ |  | $2.616(2) \AA$ | $2.617(2) \AA$ |
| $\mathrm{Zr}-\mathrm{C} 3$ |  | $2.620(2) \AA$ | $2.825(2) \AA$ |
| $\mathrm{Zr}-\mathrm{Cl}$ | $2.4316(6)-2.4551(5) \AA$ | $2.5022(5)-2.5043(5) \AA$ | $2.4758(5)-2.5081(5) \AA$ |
| $\mathrm{N} 1-\mathrm{C} 2$ | $1.345(3) \AA$ | $1.354(3) \AA$ | $1.352(3) \AA$ |
| $\mathrm{N} 2-\mathrm{C} 4$ | $1.338(3) \AA$ | $1.306(3) \AA$ | $1.303(3) \AA$ |
| $\mathrm{C} 2-\mathrm{C} 3$ | $1.387(3) \AA$ | $1.389(3) \AA$ | $1.394(3) \AA$ |
| $\mathrm{C} 3-\mathrm{C} 4$ | $1.409(3) \AA$ | $1.462(3) \AA$ | $1.454(3) \AA$ |
| $\mathrm{N} 1-\mathrm{Zr} 1-\mathrm{N} 2$ | $83.11(7)^{\circ}$ | $79.32(7)^{\circ}$ | $80.58(6)^{\circ}$ |
| $\mathrm{Cl}-\mathrm{Zr}-\mathrm{Cl}$ | $90.06(2)^{\circ}-170.91(2)^{\circ}$ | $84.33(2)^{\circ}$ | $84.20(2)^{\circ}$ |
| $\mathrm{N} 1-\mathrm{Zr}-\mathrm{X}^{\mathrm{b}}$ | $91.09(5)^{\circ}-97.72(5)^{\circ}$ | $89.10(5)^{\circ}$ | $88.12(5)^{\circ}$ |
| $\mathrm{N} 2-\mathrm{Zr}-\mathrm{X}^{\mathrm{c}}$ | $85.93(5)^{\circ}-92.34(5)^{\circ}$ | $85.52(5)^{\circ}$ | $85.63(4)^{\circ}$ |

${ }^{\text {a }}$ Only values of one of the two molecules are listed, for the second one, the values are identical within the margin error. ${ }^{\mathrm{b}} \mathrm{X}=\mathrm{Cl} 4$ and $\mathrm{Cl} 6(\mathbf{1 c}), \mathrm{Cl} 1\left(\mathbf{1 d}\right.$ and 1e). ${ }^{\mathrm{c}} \mathrm{X}=\mathrm{Cl} 4$ and Cl 6 (1c), Cl 2 (1d and 1e).

Similarly, reaction of $\mathbf{3 b}$ (see scheme 2.6 \& chapter 3) with 1 equiv. of $\mathrm{ZrCl}_{4}$ and excess of THF afforded the orange complex ( nacnac $^{\mathrm{R}, \mathrm{R}}$ ) $\mathrm{ZrCl}_{3}$ (THF), 3e, in $35 \%$ yield. NMR data and elemental analysis of complex $\mathbf{3} \mathbf{e}$ is consistent with the presence of a coordinated THF. Although, no crystals of this compound could have been obtained, its structure is most likely comparable to that of $\mathbf{1 c}$.


Scheme 2.6 Synthesis of ( $n a c n a c^{\mathrm{R}, \mathrm{R}}$ ) $\mathrm{ZrCl}_{3}$ (THF), 3e.

### 2.2.3 Synthesis of $\eta^{\mathrm{x}}$-coordinated complexes

Reactions of $\mathbf{3 e}$ with 1 equiv. of CpLi showed only decomposition products in their NMR spectra. Reaction of $\mathbf{1 c}$, on the other hand, with 1 equiv of CpLi at room temperature afforded after 3 days $\mathbf{1 d}$ in $35 \%$ yield. The main side product obtained is the protonated ligand, nacnac ${ }^{\mathrm{xyl}} \mathrm{H}$, separated by extraction using a hexane solution. 1c is not recovered at the end of the reaction, which might indicate the presence of moisture in the reactional medium. Elemental analysis of crystals of this compound are consistent with the proposed 1:1 adducts. X-ray data of this complex have been reported previously by our group. ${ }^{29}$ Smith reported the synthesis of mixed (nacnac) CpCr complexes by reaction of $\mathrm{Cp}_{2} \mathrm{Cr}$ with the neutral form of the ligand nacnacH. ${ }^{49}$ In our hands, addition of nacnac ${ }^{\text {xyl }} \mathrm{H}$ to $\mathrm{Cp}_{2} \mathrm{ZrCl}_{2}$ showed no reaction even at high temperature and with prolongated reaction time. As well, a mixture of $\mathrm{ZrCl}_{4}$, 1 equiv of nacnac ${ }^{\mathrm{xyl}} \mathrm{H}$ and excess of CpLi did not yield the desired
product. It seems that deprotonation of nacnac ${ }^{\mathrm{xyl}} \mathrm{H}$ cannot be acchieved by an anionic cyclopentadienyl. This can be attributed either to the rigidity of the zirconocene complex or to the low acidity of $n a c n a c^{\mathrm{xyl}} \mathrm{H}$ itself.


Figure 2.2. ORTEP view of compound 1d. Displacement ellipsoids are shown at the $50 \%$ probability level. For bond lengths and angles see Table 2.1.

Crystals of this compound were obtained by layering of a toluene solution with hexane in sufficient quality for X-ray analysis. ${ }^{29}$ The coordination of the nacnac ligand in $\mathbf{1 d}$ differs from the earlier described $\eta^{2}$ - or $\eta^{5}$-coordination. The coordination mode of the nacnac ligand is an intermediate between $\kappa^{2}$ - and " $\eta^{5}$-like"-coordination, with both N atoms and two C atoms clearly coordinated to the Zr center. A comparable coordination was observed for the nacnac ligand in the five-coordinated complexes reported by Basuli et al., where the coordination was described simply as "sandwich-like". ${ }^{46}$ However, the nacnac coordination is best described as an $\eta^{1}$-imine and an $\eta^{3}$-enaminato coordination of the ligand. Of note is the orientation of the N -aryl substituent. The plane of each of the aniline groups is perpendicular to the plane formed by N 1 C 2 C 3 C 4 N 2 and the two methyl substituents on the phenyl ring are placed above and below the ligand plane, respectively. This will make the
two methyl substitutents different because one of them is oriented toward, the other one away from the $\mathrm{ZrCl}_{2}$ fragment. In fact, both methyl groups appear at different displacements in the ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( 2.66 and 1.69 ppm ) and ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR spectra ( 22.8 and 21.3 ppm ), which confirms the difference in the chemical surrounding of these two methyls and that rotation around the $\mathrm{N}-\mathrm{Ar}$ bond is slow on the NMR time scale. The non-symmetrical coordination of the nacnac ligand is not evident in its NMR spetra, which shows an apparent $\mathrm{C}_{\mathrm{s}}$ symmetry of the complex. Not surprisingly, haptrotropic rearrangements in the nacnac ligand are thus fast at room temperature.


Figure 2.3. ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR spectra of $\mathbf{1 d}$ in $\mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{D}_{6}$, the rest of the spectrum was omitted for the clarity.

Following the same metathesis procedure as for $\mathbf{1 d}$, several essays to isolate the desired indenyl complex ( nacnac $\left.^{\mathrm{xyl}}\right) \mathrm{Zr}(\operatorname{Ind}) \mathrm{Cl}_{2}$, 1e, were unsuccessful. Reaction of $\mathbf{1 c}$ with (nacnac $\left.{ }^{\text {xyl }}\right) \mathrm{Li}(\mathrm{THF})$ in toluene, THF and $\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}$, at room temperature or under refluxing conditions were tried and only gave a mixture of products. ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR spectra of the reaction mixtures confirmed the presence of $\mathbf{1 e}$ together with starting materials even after prolonged
time of reaction at room temperature or at reflux. In the best attempt, $10 \%$ of the desired product accompanied by ca. $45 \%$ of starting materials and ca. $45 \%$ of protonated ligand were obtained. Neither elemental analysis nor ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR experiments could be performed due to lack of purity in the title compound. What has been previously described as "A typical procedure of preparation of zirconocene" was also tried: ${ }^{50}$ Reaction of zirconium tetrachloride with 2 equiv. of $n-\mathrm{BuLi}$ at $-78^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ for 1 h followed by subsequent addition of 1 equiv. indene and 1 equiv. nacnac ${ }^{\mathrm{xyl}} \mathrm{H}$ did not yield the desired compound.

An X-ray structure of this compound obtained from an isolated crystal has been previously published by our group. ${ }^{30}$ A complex similar to $\mathbf{1 e}$ has been reported by Rahim et al. using the sterically less demanding nacnac ${ }^{\text {Ph }}$ ligand.${ }^{28}$


Figure 2.4. Molecular structure of complex $\mathbf{1 e}$ with $50 \%$ probability thermal ellipsoids depicted and most H -atoms omitted for clarity. For bond lengths and angles see Table 2.1.

Not surprisingly, the compound is nearly isostructural to 1d. Again, ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR spectroscopy indicates an apparent $C_{\mathrm{s}}$ symmetry and confirms a slow $\mathrm{N}-\mathrm{Ar}$ rotation. In the crystal structure, the indenyl ligand in $\mathbf{1 e}$ displays only a very slight deviation from ideal $\eta^{5}$ coordination ( $\Delta \mathrm{Zr}-\mathrm{C}=0.13 \AA$ ). The Zr -Ind bond lengths range from (2.475(2)-2.602(2) $\AA$ ) and are nearly identical to those in $\mathrm{Cp}\left(\operatorname{Ind}\left(\mathrm{NMe}_{2}\right)_{2}\right) \mathrm{ZrCl}_{2}{ }^{*}(2.477(2)-2.601(2) \AA) .{ }^{51}$ Both structures adopt pseudotetrahedral geometries. Although, the coordination of the nacnac ${ }^{\mathrm{Xyl}}$ ligand can again be described as an " $\eta$ 5-like"-coordination, $\mathrm{Zr}-\mathrm{C}_{\mathrm{xyl}}$ and $\mathrm{Zr}-\mathrm{N}$ distances in $\mathbf{1 e}$ (2.1836(2)-2.825(2) $\AA$ ) cannot be compared to $\mathrm{Zr}-\mathrm{C}_{\mathrm{Cp}}$ in $\mathrm{Cp}\left(\operatorname{Ind}\left(\mathrm{N}-\mathrm{Me}_{2}\right)_{2}\right) \mathrm{ZrCl}_{2}$ (2.483(2)2.537(2) Å).


Scheme 2.7

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### 2.2.4 Reactivity tests

A limited number of reactivity tests have been undertaken with complex 1d. Reaction of 1d in catalytic amounts with styrene in a ratio of $1: 10$ in presence of $\mathrm{AlMe}_{3}$ gave no indications of any insertion taking place. The reaction was also tried in stoichiometric ratios and, again, no reactivity was observed. In order to test our complex's stability against $\beta-\mathrm{H}$ elimination we reacted $\mathbf{1 d}$ with $t$-BuLi in a $1: 1$ ratio in THF for 1 h at $-78^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ and 1 h at room temperature. ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR showed the presence of protonated ligand and several unidentified products with the absence of the starting material. The same was also observed when 1 equiv. of $n$ - BuLi was added to $\mathbf{1 c}$.

### 2.3 Conclusion

In summary, haptomeric zirconium complexes 1c and 1d have been synthesized and characterized, which show different modes of coordination of the nacnac ligand. Our attempts to isolate the $\left(\right.$ nacnac $\left.^{\mathrm{xyl}}\right) \mathrm{Zr}(\operatorname{Ind}) \mathrm{Cl}_{2}, \mathbf{1 e}$, have failed and the complex was only characterized by ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR spectroscopy. The reactivity of $\mathbf{1 d}$ has been tested in catalytic and stoicheometric carbozirconation reaction with negative results. The absence of starting materials might indicate that stability of these complexes is not sufficient under carbozirconation conditions.

## CHAPTER 3

Synthesis and characterization of new bisnacnac zirconium complexes

## Chapter 3

### 3.1 Introduction

Still following our long term goal towards new reagents for the formation of C-C single bonds via carbozirconation reactions, we continued our investigations of nacnac zirconium complexes. Taking advantage of its variety of coordination modes, this chapter focusses on (nacnac) $)_{2} \mathrm{ZrX}_{2}$ complexes, which in general display an octahedral coordination geometry in contrast to the pseudo-tetrahedral geometry observed in the previous chapter. Several features make (nacnac) $\mathrm{ZrXX}_{2}$ complexes attractive targets for catalytic applications:

- An octahedral geometry would place the N -substituents of a cis-(nacnac) $\mathrm{Z}_{2} \mathrm{ZrX}_{2}$ complex in close contact to the reactive coordination sites and would form a classical $\mathrm{C}_{2}$-symmetric catalytic pocket (see Figure 3.0).
- Steric interactions between the N -substituents might disfavour the formation of unreactive trans-(nacnac) $2_{2} \mathrm{ZrX}_{2}$ isomers, which are observed, e. g., for bis(acetylacetonate) complexes.
- Nitrogen coordination might disfavour $\beta$-H elimination reactions by $\pi$-donation from nitrogen to the Zirconium.
- In addition, steric hindrance by the N -substituents might also suppress the $\beta-\mathrm{H}$ elimination reaction, as observed in carbozirconation reactions. ${ }^{18}$


Figure 3.0 Idealized geometry of a cis-(nacnac) $\mathbf{Z}_{2 r X_{2}}$ complex

Our attempts to coordinate a second nacnac ${ }^{\mathrm{xyl}}$ ligand to complex $1 \mathbf{c}$ to prepare $\operatorname{bis}\left(\right.$ nacnac $\left.{ }^{\mathrm{xyl}}\right) \mathrm{ZrCl}_{2}$ failed and only the mono-nacnac complex $\mathbf{1 c}$ was obtained in reactions with 2 equiv of (nacnac $\left.{ }^{\text {xyl }}\right) \mathrm{Li}(\mathrm{THF})$. Similar reactivity was reported for the nacnac ${ }^{\text {biPr }}$ ligand containing diisopropylphenyl substituents on nitrogen, which failed to coordinate a second ligand. ${ }^{46}$ Rahim et al. reported the synthesis of a bis(nacnac) zirconium dichloride complex using a less sterically demanding ligand bearing only Ph as a $\mathrm{N}, \mathrm{N}^{\prime}$-substituents. ${ }^{28}$ Along those lines, Kakaliou et al. ${ }^{26}$ also reported the synthesis of bis(( $\mathrm{N}, \mathrm{N}^{\prime}$-tolyl)nacnac) zirconium dichloride. While none of these $\operatorname{bis}($ nacnac $) \mathrm{ZrCl}_{2}$ was investigated for carbozirconation reactions, they proved to be moderately active as catalysts in ethylene polymerization. ${ }^{52}$

A concurrent trend observed so far, is that nacnac ligands with ortho-substitued phenyl rings on N , which proved so successful in other applications, do not coordinate more than one ligand to Zr . By switching from aromatic to aliphatic $\mathrm{N}, \mathrm{N}$-substituents we intended to modify the steric environment of the ligand to enable the coordination of two ligands to Zr . In addition, alkyl substituents are suitable for inducing chirality on the nacnac ligand.

### 3.2 Results and discussion

### 3.2.1 Ligand synthesis

The chemistry of nacnac ligands has been known for 40 years. ${ }^{40,41,53}$ Especially in recent years, N -aryl substituted nacnac ligands have received most of the attention, and, although introduced at the same time, ${ }^{41}$ only few reports regarding the synthesis and application of N -alkyl nacnac ligands have appeared in the literature.

The most common synthetic route to $\beta$-diketimine (nacnac) ligands is the double condensation of a $\beta$-diketone (most often acetylacetone) with two equivalents of amine.

This reaction was first reported in 1968 using Meerwein's salt $\left[\mathrm{Et}_{3} \mathrm{O}\right]\left[\mathrm{BF}_{4}\right]$ as an activating agent (Scheme 3.0). ${ }^{41}$ The first condensation of the $\beta$-diketone with an amine occurs without the presence of an activating agent, while the second condensation does not take place in the absence of an activating agent. ${ }^{53}$ The synthetic protocol depends on the propensity of triethyloxonium fluoroborate for O-alkylation of the enamino ketone, which renders the carbon of the original carbonyl function readily susceptible to nucleophilic attack in the resulting vinylogous imino ether. A disadvantage of this method is that the fluoroborate generated must be protected from moisture ${ }^{41}$ and that Meerwein's salt is carcinogenic and hardly economic. ${ }^{54}$ Bradley et al. recently reported the synthesis of N alkyl nacnac ligands in a two-step reaction in good yields of $75-85 \%$ using dimethylsulfate instead of Meerwein's salt to activate oxygen as a leaving group. ${ }^{55}$ The use of dimethylsulfate reduced the costs of the reaction, but still requires moisture-free conditions. An alternative synthetic procedure is the conversion of the $\beta$-diketone into a ketoketal before condensation with the amine (Scheme 3.0). ${ }^{40}$ However, yields of this reaction are low, the synthesis of the monoketal is cumbersome, and the reaction seems to depend strongly on reaction conditions. ${ }^{56}$


Scheme 3.0 Different routes of syntheses for nacnac ligands.

More recently, synthesis of nacnac ligands with N -aryl substituents have been reported in high yields by using either $\mathrm{HCl} / \mathrm{EtOH}$ or one equiv. of $p$-toluene sulfonic acid. ${ }^{57}$ Following a similar synthetic protocol as outlined for aryl-substituted nacnac ligands, ${ }^{45}$ we obtained N,N'-di(benzyl)-nacnac, 2a, N,N'-di(R-2-phenylethyl)-nacnac, 3a, and N,N'-di(cyclohexyl)-nacnac, $\mathbf{4 a}$, by condensation of two equiv. of amine with acetylacetone in the presence of a stoichiometric equivalent of toluene sulfonic acid with azeotropical removal of water using a Dean-Stark apparatus. For ligands 2a and 3a the syntheses reported here are modifications of the original synthesis by Paul Oguadinma in our group. ${ }^{58}$ The original protocol introduced all reactands at the same time. Addition of one equiv. of the akylamine and refluxing for 2 hours, followed by addition of the second equiv. of the alkylamine was, however, more effective and lead to improved yields. Yields could further be improved by reducing the amount of toluene solvent.



$2 \mathrm{R}-\mathrm{NH}_{2}=$
Scheme 3.1 Ligand synthesis and deprotonation to the lithium salt
Using the improved synthetic protocol, 2-(benzyl)amino-4-(benzyl)imino-pent-2ene, $n a c n a c{ }^{\mathrm{Bn}} \mathrm{H}, \mathbf{2 a}$, was obtained in $90 \%$ yield with a reaction time of one day. Previous synthesis via a two-step procedure did not exceed $60 \%$ yield. ${ }^{44}$ Reactions with secondary amines proceeded more slowly and 2-(2-phenylethyl)amino-4-(4-phenylethyl)imino-pent-

2-ene, was obtained in $67 \%$ yield for $n a c n a c^{\mathrm{R}, \mathrm{R}} \mathrm{H}, R R-\mathbf{3 a}$, and $70 \%$ yield for $n a c n a c^{\mathrm{S}, \mathrm{S}} \mathrm{H}$, SS-3a, after 5 days of reflux. Independently of us, Buch and Harder reported the synthesis of $S S$-3a in a two-step procedure via alkylation of the corresponding enaminoketone in $36 \%$ yield. ${ }^{59} \quad 2$-(Cyclohexyl)amino-4-(cyclohexyl)imino-pent-2-ene, $n a c n a c^{c y} H, \quad 4 a, \quad$ was obtained in $69 \%$ yields after 3 days at reflux using a Dean-Stark apparatus. Previous synthesis using $\mathrm{TiCl}_{4}$ as activator was reported in $23 \%$ yield. ${ }^{60}$ The ketimine ligand ( $R$-2-
 enantiomerically pure phenylethylamine with 2,4-pentandione in a 1:1 ratio in presence of catalytic amounts of TsOH. Elemental analysis of the compound gave unsatisfactory results and ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR spectra of the obtained oil showed $95 \%$ of $\mathbf{5 a}$ in addition to $5 \%$ of free amines and the 2,4-pentadione. Crystallisation attempts were unsuccessful and no further attempts of purification were undertaken.

### 3.2.2 Deprotonation of nacnacH ligands

Although it is possible to use the $\beta$-diketimine, $\operatorname{nacnac} \mathrm{H}$, as a ligand source in the preparation of some complexes, the lithium salts of the nacnac ligand are the most widely used and the most important transfer agents for this ligand. While deprotonation of nacnac ligands can be done with or without a coordinated solvent such as $\mathrm{Et}_{2} \mathrm{O}$ or $\mathrm{THF},{ }^{28,61}$ we found that deprotonation in THF gives a product easier to characterize by NMR. Lithiation at room temperature surprisingly afforded higher yields and ring-opening of THF by $n$ $\mathrm{BuLi}^{62}$ did not seem to impede the reaction. Treatment of nacnacH ligands 2-5a with excess $n$-BuLi in THF gave the lithiated compounds $\mathbf{2 - 5 b}$, respectively, in yields $>90 \% .{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ and ${ }^{13} \mathbf{C}$ NMR spectra confirmed the presence of one coordinated THF molecule in $\mathbf{2 b}, \mathbf{3 b}$ and $\mathbf{4 b}$, while for $\mathbf{5 b}$ of ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ and ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR showed the presence of 0.5 equiv. of free,
probably cocrystistallized THF. Elemental analysis of this compound confirmed the presence of $\mathbf{5 b}$ and THF in a $2: 1$ ratio.

### 3.2.3 Synthesis of (nacnac) $)_{2} \mathrm{ZrCl}_{2}$ complexes

The optimal synthesis of $\mathrm{L}_{2} \mathrm{ZrCl}_{2}$ complexes differs significantly from one ligand to another. Different pathways were tried and some were optimized. These methods can be divided in two categories. (i) Transfer of the anionic nacnac moiety to the metal by a transmetallation reaction between the lithium salt of the ligand and a Zr salt, usually $\mathrm{ZrCl}_{4}$.
(ii) Protonation of Zr -bound amides or alkyls by the neutral ligands nacnacH under elimination of amines or alkanes.

### 3.2.3.1 Synthesis of $\left(\text { nacnac }^{\mathrm{Bn}}\right)_{2} \mathrm{ZrCl}_{2}, 2 \mathrm{c}$

Our initial effort focussed on reactions of nacnac ${ }^{\mathrm{Bn}}$ lithium salts with $\mathrm{ZrCl}_{4}(\mathrm{THF})_{2}$, as this has been reported to give acceptable yields in the case of the aryl-substituted nacnac ${ }^{\text {tol }} .26$ Indeed, reaction of $\mathbf{2 b}$ with $\mathrm{ZrCl}_{4}(\mathrm{THF})_{2}$ in a ratio 2:1 in THF afforded the desired product 2c in moderate yield ( $35 \%$, Scheme 3.2). Alternatively, $n-\mathrm{Bu}_{2} \mathrm{ZrCl}_{2}$, generated in situ by reaction of zirconium tetrachloride with $n-\mathrm{BuLi}$ in 1:2 ratio in toluene or hexane for $12 \mathrm{~h},{ }^{50}$ and subsequent addition of 2 equiv. of $\mathbf{2 b}$ and refluxing for 2 days, afforded $\mathbf{2 c}$ in high yields ( $65-75 \%$, Scheme 3.2). The choice of solvents in the latter reaction is limited to noncoordinating solvents, since $n-\mathrm{Bu}_{2} \mathrm{ZrCl}_{2}$ easily undergoes $\beta-\mathrm{H}$ elimination reactions if the tetrahedral coordination is opened by coordination of a solvent molecule to an octahedral coordination.


Scheme 3.2 Synthesis of complex 2c
Crystals of this compound were obtained by slow diffusion of hexane into a THF solution of $\mathbf{2 c}$ at $25^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$. Complex $\mathbf{2 c}$ possesses a crystallographically imposed $\mathrm{C}_{2}$-axis of symmetry (Figure 3.2). The geometry of coordination around the Zr can be characterized as a distorted cis-octahedral geometry at the metal, in which the $\mathrm{N}-\mathrm{Zr}-\mathrm{N}$ angles involving the bis(nacnac)ligands and the cis dichloride group differ significantly from $90^{\circ}\left(78.0(1)^{\circ}\right.$ 97.2(1) ${ }^{\circ}$, Table 3.1). A somewhat longer $\mathrm{Zr}-\mathrm{N}$ distance of the N trans to Cl might be attributed to the greater trans effect of chloride compared to N . Comparaison to other complexes (vide infra) shows, however, that $\mathrm{Zr}-\mathrm{N}$ bonds trans to Cl are comparable to those trans to N . In contrast to expectations for a $\kappa^{2}$-coordinated nacnac ligand, the diketenimine ligand is no longer planar. The two benzyl substituents and the methyl substituents are bent to one side of the $\mathrm{C} 2 / \mathrm{C} 4 / \mathrm{N} 1 / \mathrm{N} 2$ plane, forcing the ligand in a "boatlike" conformation (Figure 3.1), in which the methine atom of the backbone C3 and in particular the Zr atom are significantly bent out of the mean plane of the nacnac ligand with a ligand bending angle (angle between the ligand plane ( $\mathrm{N} 1, \mathrm{~N} 2, \mathrm{C} 2, \mathrm{C} 4$ ) and the plane defined by $\mathrm{N} 1, \mathrm{~N} 2, \mathrm{Zr}$ ) of $38^{\circ}$. This syn conformation of the N -benzyl substituent is most
probably responsible for placing the $\mathrm{CH}_{2}$ groups in an intermediate position between the two chloride atoms (Figure 3.1, right), instead of above one and below the other as would be expected in an undistorted idealized geometry (Figure 3.1).


Figure 3.1 "Boat-like" conformation of the ligand, Zr 1 and C 3 are bent out of the mean plane of the ligand.


Figure 3.2 Molecular structure of complex 2c with $50 \%$ probability thermal ellipsoids depicted and most H -atoms omitted for clarity. For bond lengths and angles see Table 3.1; for crystallographic data see Table 6.1

At room temperature, the ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR spectrum of 2c exhibits two resonances for the $\mathrm{CH}_{2}$ groups and one large peak for the methyls, which indicates an apparent symmetry of the complex, which is not present in the solid state. To resolve this ambiguity, ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR spectra were mesured at different temperatures. As the temperature was lowered the $\mathrm{CH}_{2}$ and methyl resonances start to broaden. They separate at 253 K , and at 223 K four separated doublets appears for the $\mathrm{CH}_{2}$ and 2 singlets for $\mathrm{CH}_{3}$ resonances (see figure 3.3).


Figure 3.3 Variable temperature ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR of $\mathbf{2 c}$ in $\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$. Methyl peaks appear around 2 ppm while $\mathrm{CH}_{2}$ peaks are found from 4.2 to 6.1 ppm . The rest of the spectrum was omitted for clarity.

The low-temperature spectrum is consistent with the $\mathrm{C}_{2}$-symmetry of the solid state structure. The two $\mathrm{CH}_{2}$ groups of the same nacnac ${ }^{\mathrm{Bn}}$ and the protons of each $\mathrm{CH}_{2}$ group are diastereotopic, as well as the two methyl groups on the backbone of the ligand. The two nacnac ligands as a whole are related by a $\mathrm{C}_{2}$-axis. A fluxional behaviour in NMR spectra has been observed in other (nacnac) $)_{2} \mathrm{ZrX}_{2}$ complexes ${ }^{26,28}$ and was explained by a Bailar twist mechanism ${ }^{48}$ through which isomerization between the $\Delta$ - and $\Lambda$-enantiomer is taking place. At room temperature, the two enantiomers interconvert rapidly on the NMR time scale via a $\mathrm{C}_{\mathrm{s}}$-symmetric trigonal-prismatic intermediate. As a consequence of the Bailar twist, groups formerly trans to nitrogen end up trans to chlorine. Only one signal is observed for the CH group in the ligand backbone at low and high temperature and no broadening of this signal is observed. This is in agreement with a Bailar twist, which symmetrizes each ligand, but retains the equivalence of the two ligands even at low temperature. The appearance of two broadened doublets for the $\mathrm{CH}_{2}$ groups at high temperature indicates that protons of the same $\mathrm{CH}_{2}$ remain diastereotopic even in the fastexchange region. Thus even at high temperatures, a complex with trans-chloride ligands, in which all $\mathrm{CH}_{2}$ protons would be homotopic, is not accessible even as a short-lived intermediate.


Figure 3.4 Bailar-Twist in an octahedral system

### 3.2.3.2 Synthesis of $\left(\text { nacnac }^{\mathrm{R}, \mathrm{R}}\right)_{2} \mathrm{ZrCl}_{2}, 3 \mathrm{c}$

Attempts to generate 3c from the in situ generated $n-\mathrm{Bu}_{2} \mathrm{ZrCl}_{2}$, failed. Complex $\mathbf{3 c}$ was obtained by reaction of $\left(n a c n a c^{\mathrm{R}, \mathrm{R}}\right) \mathrm{Li}(\mathrm{THF})(\mathbf{3 b})$ and $\mathrm{ZrCl}_{4}$ or $\mathrm{ZrCl}_{4}(\mathrm{THF})_{2}$ in a 2:1 ratio. While only $\mathbf{3 c}$ was recovered from reactions in toluene or dichloromethane, reaction in THF at room temperature for 2 days afforded an orange powder (65\%). Recrystallization by slow diffusion of hexane into a toluene solution of the obtained powder gave yellow crystals of $\mathbf{3 c}$, which were contaminated with small amounts of red crystals of the CHactivation product 3d (Scheme 3.3).


Scheme 3.3 Synthesis of complex 3c \& 3d

The chiral complex 3c crystallizes with two diastereomers ( $\Delta R R$ and $\Lambda R R$ ) in the asymmetric unit, both with an approximately a $\mathrm{C}_{2}$-axis of symmetry. Similarly to $\mathbf{2 c}$, both $\Lambda$-3c and $\Delta$-3c diastereoisomers show a significant bending of the Zr center out of the mean plane of the ligand (bending angles of $36-49^{\circ}$ ). Due to the chirality of the ligand, the interconversion between $\Delta / \Lambda$ conformations is also accompanied by changes in the conformation of the diketiminate ligand. In the $\Delta$-isomer, the diketiminate ligands retain a $C_{2}$-symmetric conformation, placing the phenyl substituents anti towards each other and orienting the hydrogen atoms at the chiral carbons to the Zr center. In the $\Lambda$-isomer, the two phenyl rings of each diketiminate are placed in a syn-orientation, comparable to the $C_{\mathrm{s}^{-}}$ symmetric ligand conformation observed in 2c (Figure 3.2). Consequently, methyl groups C27 and C57 instead of hydrogen atoms are oriented towards the Zr center, causing an increased distortion from octahedral geometry, increased $\mathrm{Zrl}-\mathrm{Cl}$ distances and a reduced $\mathrm{C} 11-\mathrm{Zr} 1-\mathrm{Cl} 2$ angle in $\Lambda$ - $\mathbf{3 c}$ compared to $\Delta$ - $\mathbf{3 c}$ (Table 3.1).


Figure 3.5 Crystal Structures of $\Lambda \mathbf{- 3 c}$ (left) and $\Delta \mathbf{- 3 c}$ (right), both found in the same asymmetric unit. Thermal ellipsoids are drawn at the $50 \%$ probability level. Most hydrogen atoms are omitted for clarity.

As observed for 2c, $\mathbf{3 c}$ displays evidence of a Bailar-twist mechanism. At room temperature, resonances in ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ and ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ spectra are broadened by isomerisation, but show the presence of two diastereomeric complexes. Upon cooling to $0^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$, resonances of ligand protons sharpen to give two sets of resonances corresponding to two diastereoisomers in a ratio of approximately $2: 1$ for $\Delta \mathbf{- 3 c}$ and $\Lambda \mathbf{- 3} \mathbf{c}$. This is in agreement with the crystal structures obtained for $\Delta-\mathbf{R} \mathbf{R}$ and $\Lambda \mathbf{- R R}$. The lack of differentiation between $\Delta$ and $\Lambda$ isomers, caused by the facile $\mathrm{N}-\mathrm{C}$ rotation, indicates that this ligand will not be rigid enough to impact chirality in a potential catalytic reactions. The $\Delta / \Lambda$-isomerisation is slower than in $\mathbf{2 c}$, and coalescence was not observed in $\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ or even in toluene- $d_{8}$ at 100 ${ }^{\circ}$ C. For $\mathbf{3 c}$, coalescence into a fully symmetric spectra requires two different Bailar-twists (Scheme 3.4). In the first one, the groups previously trans to N in the $\Delta$-isomer ( $\Delta-\mathrm{N}$ ) will
be exchanged with groups trans to Cl in the $\Lambda$-isomer ( $\Lambda-\mathrm{Cl}$ ). In the second Bailar-twist, the groups trans to N in the $\Delta$-isomer $(\Delta-\mathrm{N})$ will be exchanged with the groups trans to Cl in the $\Delta$-isomer $(\Delta-\mathrm{Cl})$ (or $\Lambda$-N with $\Lambda-\mathrm{Cl}$, respectively). Since no coalesced spectrum containing 2 sharp methine resonances is obtained, both exchange processes seem to overlap. The lack of coalescence even at higher temperatures is probably due to the high energy that the second twist requires, since this one occurs with the constraint of one diketiminate ligand bridging the two trigonal faces of the prismatic transition state (Scheme 3.4). Four $\mathrm{CH}(\mathrm{Me}) \mathrm{Ph}$ resonances in the ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR spectrum of 3 c at room temperature (Figure 3.6) and two $\mathrm{HC}(=\mathrm{N})_{2}$ resonances in its ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ spectrum, indicate that the $\Delta / \Lambda$ isomerisation is slow on the NMR time scale.


Scheme 3.4 Exchange of $\Delta-\mathrm{Cl}$ first with $\Lambda-\mathrm{N}$, then with $\Delta-\mathrm{N}$.


Figure 3.6. Variable temperature ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H} \mathrm{NMR}$ of $\mathbf{3 c}$ in $\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$, only showing the resonance from 6.9 to 1.2 ppm the rest of the spectrum was omitted for clarity.

The red crystals of the CH -activation product $\mathbf{3 d}$ could not be obtained in sufficient quantity for a full characterization, but allowed an X-ray structure determination. The complex is non-symmetric and its geometry best described as a distorted square pyramidal with N1 and C27 sharing the apical position. The two nacnac ligands are coordinated differently. In the first ligand, the atoms $\mathrm{Zr} 1, \mathrm{~N} 1, \mathrm{~N} 2, \mathrm{C} 22, \mathrm{C} 23, \mathrm{C} 24, \mathrm{C} 25, \mathrm{C} 26 \& \mathrm{C} 27$ are
all in the same plane and the two phenyl rings have an anti-orientation. In the second ligand, Zr is found to be bent quite strongly out of the mean ligand plane, with an angle between the ligand plane ( $\mathrm{N} 3, \mathrm{~N} 4, \mathrm{C} 2, \mathrm{C} 4$ ) and the plane formed by $\mathrm{N} 3, \mathrm{~N} 4 \& \mathrm{Zr}$ of $62^{\circ}$. $\mathrm{Zr}-\mathrm{C}$ distances to the ligand backbone are significantly smaller in the second nacnac-ligand than observed in CH-activated ligand $(\mathrm{Zr}-\mathrm{C} 2 \& \mathrm{Zr}-\mathrm{C} 4=2.835(2) \& 2.819(2) \AA$, vs. $\mathrm{Zr}-\mathrm{C} 23$ $\& \mathrm{Zr}-\mathrm{C} 25=3.4 \& 3.2 \AA ; \mathrm{Zr}-\mathrm{C} 3=2.9 \AA$, vs. $\mathrm{Zr}-\mathrm{C} 24=3.7 \AA$ ) or even than those in 3e. It is difficult to judge if the closer coordination of the ligand backbone is indeed a coordinative interaction or simply a result of the increased bending of the Zr out of the ligand's mean plane.

The formation of $\mathbf{3 d}$ as a result of formal HCl elimination was surprising and only observed with this ligand. Treatment of the analogous complexes $\mathbf{2 c}$ or $\mathbf{4 c}$ (vide supra) with excess (1-2 equiv.) of bases, such as $\mathrm{NaO} t-\mathrm{Bu}, \mathrm{Et}_{3} \mathrm{~N}$, pyridine, $\mathrm{Na}\left(\mathrm{NSiMe}_{3}\right)_{2}$ or $n$ - BuLi showed no reaction. This suggests that this conversion from $\mathbf{3 c}$ to $\mathbf{3 d}$ is not a deprotonation reaction, but most probably a C-H activation caused by the constraint of the ligand and placing the H close to Cl .

Table 3.1 Selected bond distances $[\AA]$ and bond angles $[\mathrm{deg}]$ for $\mathbf{2 c}, \mathbf{3 c}, \mathbf{4 c}, \mathbf{2 d}$ and 2e. ${ }^{\text {a }}$

|  | 2 c | 4 c | 人-3c | $\Delta$-3c | 2d | 2 e |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\mathrm{Zr}-\mathrm{N} 1{ }^{\text {b }}$ | 2.201(3) | 2.235(2) | $\begin{aligned} & 2.181(2) \& \\ & 2.205(2) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 2.177(3) \& \\ & 2.183(2) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 2.203(3) \& \\ & 2.217(3) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \hline 2.288(2)- \\ & 2.305(2) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\mathrm{Zr}-\mathrm{N} 2{ }^{\text {c }}$ | 2.190(2) | 2.197(2) | $\begin{aligned} & 2.213(3) \& \\ & 2.246(3) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 2.221(3) \& \\ & 2.247(3) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 2.289(3) \& \\ & 2.295(3) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 2.225(2)- \\ & 2.232(2) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\mathrm{Zr}-\mathrm{X}^{\text {d }}$ | 2.455(1) | 2.483(1) | $\begin{aligned} & 2.499(1) \& \\ & 2.516(1) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 2.483(1) \& \\ & 2.487(1) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 2.290(4) \& \\ & 2.297(4) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 1.939(2)- \\ & 1.954(2) \end{aligned}$ |
| N1-C2/ N2-C4 | $\begin{aligned} & 1.325(4) \& \\ & 1.339(4) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 1.339(3) \& \\ & 1.331(2) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 1.321(4)- \\ & 1.357(4) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 1.328(4)- \\ & 1.348(4) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 1.328(5)- \\ & 1.338(5) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 1.314(3)- \\ & 1.336(3) \end{aligned}$ |
| C2-C3/ | $\begin{aligned} & 1.410(5) \& \\ & 1.388(5) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 1.397(3) \& \\ & 1.410(3) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 1.394(5)- \\ & 1.408(4) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 1.398(4)- \\ & 1.413(4) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 1.380(6)- \\ & 1.403(5) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 1.388(4)- \\ & 1.416(4) \end{aligned}$ |
| Complex bending ${ }^{\text {e }}$ | 37 | 34 | 47-49 | 36-42 | 31 | 32-34 |
| $\mathrm{N} 1-\mathrm{Zr}-\mathrm{N} 2{ }^{\text {f }}$ | 78.06(9) | 80.52(6) | $\begin{aligned} & 83.71(9) \& \\ & 85.46(9) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 82.28(9) \& \\ & 82.44(9) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 74.56(11) \& \\ & 74.81(11) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { 76.65(7)- } \\ & 77.52(8) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\mathrm{N}-\mathrm{Zr}-\mathrm{N}^{\text {g }}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 86.71(13)- \\ & 87.28(9) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 86.7(1)- \\ & 89.2(1) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 91.32(9)- \\ & 106.81(9) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 91.31(9)- \\ & 98.60(9) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 77.31(11)- \\ & 127.20(12) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 83.20(7)- \\ & 87.37(8) \end{aligned}$ |
| X1-Zr-X2 | 93.58(5) | 93.36(3) | 88.52(3) | 90.59(3) | 116.36(15) | $\begin{aligned} & 97.12(7) \& \\ & 98.72(7) \end{aligned}$ |
| $\mathrm{N}-\mathrm{Zr}-\mathrm{X}^{\text {d }}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 90.11(7)- \\ & 97.54(7) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 90.07(5)- \\ & 95.48(4) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 83.53(6)- \\ & 92.51(7) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 88.95(7)- \\ & 91.41(7) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 78.34(13)- \\ & 94.59(12) \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 87.78(7)- \\ & 102.55(8) \end{aligned}$ |

${ }^{\text {a }}$ Atom numeration according to 2c. Values were provided for analogous atoms in other structures, independent of the numeration in the respective complex. ${ }^{\text {b }}$ Nitrogen atoms trans to Cl , numeration differs between complexes. ${ }^{\mathrm{c}}$ Nitrogen atoms trans to N , numeration differs between complexes. ${ }^{\mathrm{d}} \mathrm{X}=\mathrm{Cl}(\mathbf{2 c}-\mathbf{4 c}), \mathrm{C}(\mathbf{2 d}), \mathrm{O}(\mathbf{2 e}) .{ }^{\mathrm{e}}$ Angle(s) between the least-square planes defined by $\mathrm{N} 1, \mathrm{~N} 2, \mathrm{C} 2-\mathrm{C} 4$ and $\mathrm{Zr} 1, \mathrm{~N} 1, \mathrm{~N} 2$ in 2 c or respective atoms in other complexes. ${ }^{\mathrm{f}}$ Cis-angle(s) between nitrogen atoms of the same ligand. ${ }^{\mathrm{g}}$ Cis-angle(s) between nitrogen atoms of different ligands.


Figure 3.7 Molecular structure of complex 3d with $50 \%$ probability thermal ellipsoids depicted and most H-atoms omitted for clarity. For bond lengths and angles see Table 3.2; for crystallographic data see Table 6.1.

Table 3.2. Selected bond distances $[\AA]$ and bond angles [deg] for 3d

| Zr-N1 | $2.031(3)$ | $\mathrm{Zr}-\mathrm{C} 4$ | $2.819(5)$ | $\mathrm{N} 4-\mathrm{C} 4$ | $1.302(6)$ | $\mathrm{N} 1-\mathrm{Zr}-\mathrm{N} 4$ | $109.11(16)^{\circ}$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Zr-N2 | $2.318(4)$ | $\mathrm{Zr}-\mathrm{C} 27$ | $1.410(7)$ | $\mathrm{C} 2-\mathrm{C} 3$ | $1.423(7)$ | $\mathrm{N} 4-\mathrm{Zr}-\mathrm{N} 3$ | $83.50(13)^{\circ}$ |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Zr-N3 | $2.230(3)$ | $\mathrm{N} 1-\mathrm{C} 27$ | $1.410(7)$ | $\mathrm{C} 3-\mathrm{C} 4$ | $1.404(7)$ | $\mathrm{N} 1-\mathrm{Zr}-\mathrm{C} 27$ | $37.29(18)^{\circ}$ |

### 3.2.3.3 Synthesis of (nacnac $\left.{ }^{\mathrm{Cy}}\right)_{2} \mathrm{ZrCl}_{2}, 4 \mathrm{c}$

While the reaction of $\mathbf{4 b}$ and $\mathrm{ZrCl}_{4}$ in THF at room temperature afforded $\mathbf{4 c}$ in moderate yields (35\%), reaction of $\mathbf{4 a}$ with the in situ generated intermediate $n-\mathrm{Bu}_{2} \mathrm{ZrCl}_{2}$ showed a mixture of ligand and products that were not identified. It seems that nacnac ligands with secondary alkyl substituents on N , such as $\mathbf{3 a}$ and $\mathbf{4 a}$, do not react fast enough and the low
stability of $n-\mathrm{Bu}_{2} \mathrm{ZrCl}_{2}$ towards reductive elimination ${ }^{46}$ impedes the success of this pathway. The crystal structure of $\mathbf{4 c}$ is isostructural to $\mathbf{2 c}$ : the complex has a distorted octahedral geometry, with a "boat-like" distortion of the ligand and an out-of-plane bending angle of the metal of $34^{\circ}$. The cyxlohexyl ring is oriented in an intermediate position between the two chlorides, with close $\mathrm{H}-\mathrm{Cl}$ distances of $2.86 \AA$.


Figure 3.8 Molecular structure of complex $\mathbf{4 c}$ with $50 \%$ probability thermal ellipsoids depicted and most H -atoms omitted for clarity. For bond lengths and angles see Table 3.1; for crystallographic data see Table 6.1

Overall, the complex has a $C_{2}$ symmetry and the observation of two broadened ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR signals for the methine groups of the cyclohexyl rings at room temperature can be attributed to the rapid interconversion between two enantiomers of the complex via a Bailar twist. Variable temperature studies showed coalescence of peaks at 328 K and complete
decoalescence of peaks at 223 K , where the two enantiomers interconvert slowly on the NMR time scale, suggesting a structure consistent with the solid state one. Identical observations are made for the ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR signals of the cyclohexyl ring, which are broadened at room temperature. At temperatures above the coalescence temperature, the ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ spectra still showed 6 resonances for the cyclohexyl ring; thus again indicating the inaccessibility of the trans isomer.


Figure 3.9 Variable temperature ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR spectra of $\mathbf{4 c}$ in $\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$, showing only the resonances of the $\mathrm{CH}_{\mathrm{Cy}}$ from 5.5 to 2.6 ppm . The rest of the spectrum was omitted for clarity.

### 3.2.4 Reactivity in carbozirconation reactions

Following the experimental protocol for Negishi's carbozirconation reaction, ${ }^{63}$ reactions of styrene with $\mathrm{AlCl}_{3-\mathrm{x}} \mathrm{Me}_{\mathrm{x}}$ in the presence of catalytic or stoichiometric amounts of $\mathbf{2 c}$ in polar or apolar solvents showed no evidence for methylation of the alkene (NMR, GC-MS).

Using Wipf's modified procedure ${ }^{64}$ to generate the more active cocatalyst MAO by water addition likewise did not yield any activity of our complexes.

We thus decided to investigate these reactions in more detail, starting from the alkylated complexes. Unfortunately, our attempts to prepare alkyl derivatives of $\left(\text { nacnac }^{\mathrm{Bn}}\right)_{2} \mathrm{ZrCl}_{2}$ using alkylating agents such as $\mathrm{MeLi}, \mathrm{MeMgBr}, \mathrm{BnMgBr}, \mathrm{ZnEt}_{2}, t$ - BuLi or $n$ - BuLi did not meet with success (Scheme 3.5). NMR spectra of reaction products showed only the presence of the $\mathbf{2 c}$ or - under forcing conditions such as prolonged heating - decomposition products. Exchange of the chloride ligands against ethanolate ligands also failed. These reactions showed that the chloride ligands in 2c are inaccessible for alkylation via transmetallation, most probably due to steric hindrance around the Zr metal center.



Scheme: 3.5 Reactivity tests of 2 c

### 3.2.5 Synthesis and reactivity of $\left(\text { nacnac }^{\mathrm{Bn}}\right)_{2} \mathrm{ZrMe}_{2}, 2 \mathrm{~d}$

Since alkylation seemed not possible after complexation of the nacnac ligand, we decided to introduce the methyl group prior to complexation. Indeed, the dimethyl analogue $\mathbf{2 d}$ was obtained in high yields ( $60 \%$ ) by reaction of $\mathrm{ZrCl}_{4}$ first with 2 equiv of MeLi at $-78^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ for 30-40 min and then with the lithium salt, 2b for 16 hrs at $-78^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ to room temperature. Only complex 2d was accessible by this pathway. As observed for the synthesis of the dichloride
complexes, ligands with secondary alkyls on N did not react fast enough to compete with the decomposition of the zirconium alkyl chloride complex.


Scheme 3.6 Synthesis of complex 2d.
While complex 2d also shows an octahedral cis-geometry, the deviation from the ideal geometry is significantly more pronounced, as evidenced by $\mathrm{N}-\mathrm{Zr}-\mathrm{X}$ angles of $78-95^{\circ}$, while the bending angle of $31^{\circ}$ is the smallest observed so far.


Figure 3.10 Molecular structure of complex 2d with $50 \%$ probability thermal ellipsoids depicted and most H -atoms omitted for clarity. For bond lengths and angles see Table 3.1; for crystallographic data see Table 6.1

Having complex 2d in hand, the latter was investigated in several NMR experiments with regard to stoichiometric carbozirconation. A solution of $\mathbf{2 d}$ and 1 equiv. of styrene was reacted with 1 equiv. of $\mathrm{AlMe}_{\mathrm{x}} \mathrm{Cl}_{3-\mathrm{x}}\left(\mathrm{AlCl}_{3}, \mathrm{AlMeCl}_{2}\right.$ and $\left.\mathrm{AlMe}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}\right)$. No insertion of styrene into $\mathrm{Zr}-\mathrm{Me}$ was observed in any case in the ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR spectra of the reaction mixture. Instead, the cis-dichloride analogue 2c was obtained in all cases (for $\mathrm{AlMeCl}_{2}$ in a $1: 1$ mixture with $\mathbf{2 d}$ ). Reactions with an excess (up to 10 equiv) of $\mathrm{AlMe}_{\mathrm{x}} \mathrm{Cl}_{3-\mathrm{x}}$ also yielded only $\mathbf{2 c}$.


Scheme 3.7 Reaction of $\mathbf{2 d}$ with $\mathrm{AlMe}_{3-\mathrm{x}} \mathrm{Cl}_{\mathrm{x}}$ in presence of styrene

Similar to the activation by MAO, we tried to activate the complex towards styrene insertion by cationization with tris(pentafluorophenyl)borane. While direct reaction of 2d and $\mathrm{B}\left(\mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{~F}_{5}\right)_{3}$ in $\mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{D}_{6}$ gave unidentified mixtures, slow addition of a $\mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{D}_{6}$ solution of $\mathbf{2 d}$ in portions of 0.1 equiv. every 5 min to a $\mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{D}_{6}$ solution of $\mathrm{B}\left(\mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{~F}_{5}\right)_{3}$ yielded clear spectra of a product assigned as $\left[\left(\text { nacnac }^{\mathrm{Bn}}\right)_{2} \mathrm{ZrMe}\right]\left[\mathrm{MeB}\left(\mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{~F}_{5}\right)_{3}\right]$, 2f. The resonances of the nacnac ligands, while slightly broadened, are highly symmetric. In ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ and ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ spectra, only one resonance each is observed for all $\mathrm{CH}_{2}, \mathrm{CH}$, or Me groups, while two resonances appear for the Zr -bound methyl groups. This suggests that the complex isomerizes by $\mathrm{MeB}\left(\mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{~F}_{5}\right)_{3}{ }^{-}$ dissociation and re-association rather than by Me-B bond breakage. The ion-pair is only meta-stable in solution and rapidly separates as a red oil. Reaction of styrene with a $\mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{D}_{6}$ solution of $\mathbf{2 f}$ or addition of $\mathrm{B}\left(\mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{~F}_{5}\right)_{3}$ to a solution containing $\mathbf{2 d}$ and styrene, again did not yield any styrene insertion products.



Scheme 3.8 Dissociation and re-association of Me

While the lack of reactivity in carbozirconation was unfortunate but in line with the inaccessibility of the Zr -bound ligands indicated by the failed alkylation attempts, the fast exchange of methyl against chloride in the presence of aluminium chlorides seems to contradict this lack of reactivity. To investigate this further, a $\mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{D}_{6}$ solution of $\mathbf{2 d}$ was titrated with $\mathrm{AlMe}_{3}\left(0.2,0.5,0.5,0.75,1.0\right.$, and 1.5 equiv $\mathrm{AlMe}_{3}$ in total after addition). A ${ }^{1}$ H NMR spectrum was immediately registered after each addition. Only one resonance was observed for the Zr - and Al-bound methyl groups, which shifted from 0.32 to -0.23 ppm as the concentration of $\mathrm{AlMe}_{3}$ increased. No change in the ligand peaks was observed. Exchange of methyl groups between Al and Zr centers is thus occurring fast on the NMR time scale, in contradiction with the problems encoutered in alkylating these complexes. An explanation for this contradiction would be that alkylation of (nacnac) $2^{2} \mathrm{ZrCl}_{2}$ is a thermodynamic rather than a kinetic problem, which seems unlikely. Another possible explanation would be a loosening of the nacnac coordination by interaction of the nitrogen lone pairs with the aluminum center.


Scheme 3.9 Reaction of 2d with $\mathrm{AlMe}_{3}$

### 3.2.6 Synthesis of $\left(\text { nacnac }^{\mathrm{Bn}}\right)_{2} \mathrm{Zr}(\mathrm{OEt})_{2}$ and application in lactide polymerization

Although methyl as a ligand is sterically comparable to chloride, synthesis of the dialkoxy compound 2 e proved to be possible by reaction of $\mathbf{2 d}$ with 2 equiv. of ethanol. The formation of the ligand $\mathbf{2 a}$ in a ratio of $1: 1$ with $\mathbf{2 e}$, indicates that the protonation of the Zr Me groups is competitive with the protonation of the anionic nacnac ligand.

Recrystallization in ethanol at $-20^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ gave only crystals of $\mathbf{2} \mathbf{e}$. This complex has a structure similar to the dichlorides $\mathbf{2 - 4}$. The presence of a Bailar twist isomerization process was again confirmed by variable temperature NMR spectra. At room temperature, the ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR spectrum exhibits the same behaviour as observed with $\mathbf{2 c}$, i. e. two resonances for the $\mathrm{CH}_{2}$ peaks and one large peak for the methyl groups, which separate at 223 K into 4 doublets for the $\mathrm{CH}_{2}$ and 2 singlets for the methyl groups. In addition, we observe decoalescence of the $\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{O}$ group into two quadruplets at low temperature.


Scheme 3.10 Reaction of 2d with EtOH


Figure 3.11 Molecular structure of complex 2e with $50 \%$ probability thermal ellipsoids depicted and most H -atoms omitted for clarity. Only one of the two molecules is shown. The minor occupancy of the OEt disorder was omitted. For bond lengths and angles see Table 3.1; for crystallographic data see Table 6.1


Figure 3.12: Variable temperature ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR of $\mathbf{2 e}$ in $\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$, only showing the resonance from 5.5 to 1.5 ppm the rest of the spectrum was omitted for clarity

Given the $\mathrm{C}_{2}$ symmetric structure of (nacnac) $\mathrm{ZrX}_{2}$ complexes, they might be interesting targets for stereoselective polymerisations, if the chain propagation is faster than complex epimerisation. We tested $\mathbf{2 f}$ thus as catalyst for the polymerisation of rac-lactide. Literature reports indicate that zirconium dialkoxide complexes are suitable initiators for solvent free
polymerization at elevated temperatures, but not at low temperatures in diluted solutions. ${ }^{65}$ Polymerisations were thus performed at $130{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ for 0.5 h with a monomer: initiator ratio of 200:1. After quenching with excess methanol, the resulting solid was dissolved in deuterated chloroform. Integration of the remaining rac-lactide resonances indicated a nearly quantitative conversion to polylactide of $98 \%$. The polymer microstructure was analysed by ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR. The carbonyl carbon region shows three characteristic peaks of the polylactide, of different stereochemistry. In the methine region of the spectrum, 2 pics of the polylactide appear at $69.1(\mathrm{mrm})$ and at 68.9 ppm , corresponding to 4 other tetrads. From the relative intensity of the mrm tetrad of $30 \%$, a probablity for isotactic insertion of $P_{m}=0.6$ is calculated, using pair-addition Bernoullian statistics. ${ }^{66}$ Complex $\mathbf{2 f}$ seems thus to be unselective in the polymerisation of rac-lactide, with a slight syndiotactic preference which might be attributed to chain-end control. The lack of selectivity is not that surprising, considering that the epimerisation of the complex is already fast at room temperature.

### 3.2.7 Variable-Temperature NMR Spectroscopy.

As noted previously, the ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR spectra of bis(nacnac) Zr complexes $\mathbf{2 c}, \mathbf{2 d}, \mathbf{2 e}, \mathbf{3 c}$ and $\mathbf{4 c}$ revealed a fluxional behavior in solution. Simulation of the ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR spectrum using the DNMR71 program ${ }^{67}$ allowed us to determine the exchange rates $\left(k_{\mathrm{obs}}\right)$ at different temperatures. Activation parameters were obtained from Eyring plots. ${ }^{68}$ While satisfactory linear plots and identical values from different pairs of exchanging nuclei were obtained for $\mathbf{2 c}, \mathbf{2 e}$ and $\mathbf{4 c}$, a short observable temperature window and difficulties in determination of the exchange constants made the obtained values for $\mathbf{3 c}$ rather unreliable. Two Bailar-twists are present in $\mathbf{3 c}$ (vide supra), but data between $0^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ (no isomerization) and $50^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$, i. e. the
activation parameters obtained in Table 3.3, describe only the first interconversion mechanism between $\Delta$ - and $\Lambda$-isomers, which is comparable to $\mathbf{2 c}, \mathbf{2 e}$ and $\mathbf{4 c}$.


Figure 3.13: Eyring plot for interconversion of the two enantiomers of complexes ( $\mathbf{2 c}, \mathbf{2 e}$, 3 c and 4 c )

Eyring’s equation: $\quad 1 / \mathrm{R} \ln \left(k_{\text {obs }} h / k_{\mathrm{B}} \mathrm{T}\right)=-\Delta H^{\ddagger} / \mathrm{T}+\Delta S$

$$
\begin{gathered}
\mathrm{R}=\text { Universal Gas Constant }=8.3145 \mathrm{~J} / \mathrm{mol} \mathrm{~K} \\
\Delta \mathrm{~S}^{\ddagger}=\text { Activation entropy }\left[\mathrm{J} \cdot \mathrm{~mol}^{-1} \cdot \mathrm{~K}^{-1}\right] \\
\Delta \mathrm{H}^{\ddagger}=\text { Activation enthalpy }\left[\mathrm{kJ} \cdot \mathrm{~mol}^{-1}\right] \\
k_{\mathrm{B}}=\text { Boltzmann's constant }\left[1.381 \cdot 10^{-23} \mathrm{~J} \cdot \mathrm{~K}^{-1}\right] \\
\mathrm{T}=\text { absolute temperature in } \mathrm{Kelvin}(\mathrm{~K}) \\
h=\text { Planck's constant }\left[6.626 \cdot 10^{-34} \mathrm{~J} \cdot \mathrm{~s}\right]
\end{gathered}
$$

$k_{\text {obs }}$ is the rate constant of the observed exchange.
Plotting $1 / \mathrm{R} \ln \left(k_{\text {obs }} h / k_{\mathrm{B}} T\right)$ versus $1 / T$ yielded a line with the slope $-\Delta \mathrm{H}^{\ddagger}$ and the interception with the $y$-axis is $\Delta \mathrm{S}^{\ddagger}$. The obtained values are comparable to those previously reported
with octahedral nacnac complexes. ${ }^{26,28}$ The negative values of $\Delta S^{\ddagger}$, with the exception of compound $\mathbf{2 c}$, indicate a highly ordered (or sterically congested) transition state and are also consistent with an ordered exchange via a Bailar twist mechanism as opposed to ligand dissociation. Although variations of $\Delta \mathrm{H}^{\ddagger}$ and $\Delta \mathrm{S}^{\ddagger}$ between the complexes is slight and barely significant considering the margin of error, their trends agree with expectations: (i) Complexes with different ligands show a correlation between the loss of entropy in the transition state and the increase in steric bulk of the $N$-substituent $\left(\Delta S^{\ddagger}: \mathbf{2 c}>\mathbf{4 c}>\mathbf{3 c}\right)$. (ii) Although $\Delta \mathrm{H}^{\ddagger}$ was not remarkably affected when chlorides are replaced with ethoxides in $\left(\text { nacnac }^{\mathrm{Br}}\right)_{2} \mathrm{ZrX}_{2}$, isomerisation of $\mathbf{2 e}$ is significantly slower at room temperature due to a loss in entropy in the transition state of $2 \mathbf{e}$ vs. $2 \mathbf{c}\left(\Delta \Delta \mathrm{~S}^{\ddagger}=34 \mathrm{~J} /(\mathrm{mol} \cdot \mathrm{K})\right)$, which might be attributed to a hindered rotation of the alkoxy groups in the transition state.

Table 3.3 Calculated activation parameters

| Complex | R/X | $\Delta \boldsymbol{H}^{\ddagger}\left(\mathrm{kJ} \cdot \mathrm{mol}^{-1}\right)$ | $\Delta S^{\dagger}\left(\mathbf{J} \cdot \mathrm{mol}^{-1} \cdot \mathbf{K}^{-1}\right)$ | $k_{\text {298K }}\left(\mathrm{x} \mathrm{10}^{3} \mathrm{~s}^{-1}\right)$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 2 c | $\mathrm{Bn} / \mathrm{Cl}$ | 51(1) | 18 (3) | 62 |
| 2d | $\mathrm{Bn} / \mathrm{Me}$ | ---- | ---- | Very fast |
| 2 e | $\mathrm{Bn} / \mathrm{OEt}$ | 48(1) | -16 (6) | 3.5 |
| 3 c | R*/Cl | 50 (4) | -42 (13) | 0.07 |
| 4c | $\mathrm{Cy} / \mathrm{Cl}$ | 46 (2) | -33 (8) | 10 |

### 3.3 Conclusion

In summary, nacnacH ligands with aliphatic N -substituents have been synthesized in one pot synthesis and in excellent yields using TsOH as an activating agent. Their complexation with zirconium was effected by salt metathesis or by protonation of $n-\mathrm{Bu}_{2} \mathrm{ZrCl}_{2}$. X-ray structures of the complexes showed a cis conformation and indicated a strong distortion of
the nacnac ligand, most likely caused by the interaction of the N -alkyl substituent with the chloride ligands. All complexes showed dynamic behavior in solution attributed to a Bailar twist and studied by variable temperature ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR. The rate of exchange between the interconverting cis-enantiomers correlated with the steric effect of the N -alkyl substituents of the ligand. The dichloride complexes showed no reactivity in carbozirconation of alkenes under Negishi's conditions, nor could they be alkylated using standard conditions. This is probably due to the steric hindrance around the $\mathrm{ZrCl}_{2}$ fragment introduced by the N substituents, which was observed in the structural studies.

While an alternative synthetic route to obtain the dimethyl analog was successful, its reactivity again seemed to be very limited and insertion of styrene was not observed even after activation with trispentafluorophenyl borane. However, preliminary tests showed a possible insertion of $\mathrm{C}=\mathrm{O}$ into $\mathrm{Zr}-\mathrm{Me}$. The ethoxy analogue 2e showed satisfactory activity, but no selectivity in the polymerization of rac-lactides.

In conclusion, the chemistry of (nacnac) $\mathrm{Z}_{2} \mathrm{ZrX}_{2}$ complexes seems to suffer from two essential setbacks: The steric hindrance around the $\mathrm{ZrX}_{2}$ fragment reduces the accessibility to these coordination sites and isomerization reactions are slow enough to make NMR spectroscopy difficult, but fast enough to loose the chirality of the metal center for catalytic applications.

## CHAPTER 4

# Replacing chloride by alkoxide: $\mathrm{Cp}_{2} \mathbf{Z r}(\mathbf{H}) \mathrm{OR}$, searching for alternatives to Schwartz' reagent 

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### 4.1 Introduction

Hydrozirconation using Schwartz' reagent, $\mathrm{CpZr}(\mathrm{H}) \mathrm{Cl},{ }^{32}$ is still regarded as one of the most successful applications of transition metals to functionalize non-activated alkenes and alkynes. ${ }^{32,33}$ Although the reaction normally generates primary functionalized alkyls, ${ }^{33,69}$ mixtures of secondary and primary alkyl zirconocenes were obtained, when the alkenes contained an aromatic or a polar substituent along their chain. ${ }^{34,69,70,71}$

Several modifications of Schwartz' reagent, have been reported previously, mainly to increase solubility, reactivity, and/or selectivity. ${ }^{35,36,72-73}$ Modifications consisted in substitution of the Cp ligands or by replacing chloride with other groups such as bromides or sulfonates. ${ }^{71}$ Our group is interested in the modification of Schwartz' reagent by replacing chloride with an alkoxide to yield $\mathrm{Cp}_{2} \mathrm{Zr}(\mathrm{H}) \mathrm{OR}$, with the main goals of suppressing $\beta$-H eliminations and the possibility to control the hydrozirconation reaction. Attempts to isolate $\mathrm{Cp}_{2} \mathrm{Zr}(\mathrm{H}) \mathrm{OR}$ complexes have failed and these complexes seem to undergo a disproportionation into $\mathrm{Cp}_{2} \mathrm{ZrH}_{2}$ and $\mathrm{Cp}_{2} \mathrm{Zr}(\mathrm{OR})_{2}$. However, $\mathrm{Cp}_{2} \mathrm{Zr}(\mathrm{H}) \mathrm{OC}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{5}$ and $\mathrm{Cp}_{2} \mathrm{Zr}(\mathrm{H}) \mathrm{OC}_{6} \mathrm{~F}_{5}$ have been generated in situ either via a $\beta-\mathrm{H}$ elimination from $\mathrm{Cp}_{2} \mathrm{Zr}(t-$ $\mathrm{Bu}) \mathrm{OAr}$ or by ligand exchange between $\mathrm{Cp}_{2} \mathrm{ZrH}_{2}$ and $\mathrm{Cp}_{2} \mathrm{Zr}(\mathrm{OAr})_{2}$.

The tert-butyl complexes $\mathrm{Cp}_{2} \mathrm{Zr}(t-\mathrm{Bu})(\mathrm{OAr})$ were surprisingly stable against $\beta-\mathrm{H}$ elimination at room temperature. At $60-70{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$, they isomerized within $3 \mathrm{~h}-3 \mathrm{~d}$ to the isobutyl complexes $\mathbf{6 b}$ and $\mathbf{7 b}$, respectively. A similar complex, $\mathrm{Cp}_{2} \mathrm{Zr}(i-\mathrm{Bu}) \mathrm{Cl}^{74}$ has been reported to react as a hydrozirconation reagent. ${ }^{75}$ Due to the forcing conditions of the isomerisation, $\mathbf{6 b}$ and $\mathbf{7 b}$ could not be isolated from the decomposition products formed. To confirm the NMR assignment of the iso-butyl complexes, we decided to prepare them independently, providing a general synthesis of this compound with complete
characterization. We will also present the hydrozirconation of terminal alkenes using the in situ generated zirconocene alkoxide complexes.*


Scheme 4.1 Synthesis of $i$ sobutyl complexes

### 4.2 Results and discussion

### 4.2.1 Syntheses of isobutyl complexes

Reaction of $\mathrm{Cp}_{2} \mathrm{ZrCl}_{2}$ with phenol in the presence of triethylamine according to literature procedures yielded the desired zirconocene diphenoxide, $\mathrm{Cp}_{2} \mathrm{Zr}(\mathrm{OPh})_{2}, \mathbf{6 a},{ }^{76}$ with NMR spectral data identical to literature. Analogously, 7a, is obtained by reaction of $\mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{~F}_{5} \mathrm{OH}$, with $\mathrm{Cp}_{2} \mathrm{ZrCl}_{2}$ in the presence of aniline. ${ }^{77}$

Addition of 1 equiv of $i-\mathrm{BuMgCl}$ to an ethereal solution of $\mathbf{6 a}$ at $-78^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ for 1 h , followed by stirring for 2 h at room temperature afforded yellow-orange oil in moderate yields. NMR spectra showed the presence of ca. $30 \% \mathbf{6 b}$, together with impurities, the most common being unreacted 6a. Addition of $i \mathrm{BuMgCl}$ at $25^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ followed by stirring for 2 h gave a

[^1]mixture of unidentified products with $45 \%$ purity in $\mathbf{6 b}$. NMR spectra also showed complete consumption of $\mathbf{6 a}$. On the other hand, reaction at $0^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ followed by stirring for another two hours at room temperature showed to be the best conditions with yields of 65$70 \%$ of $\mathbf{6 b}$, still contaminated by unidentified products (signals at 5.95 ppm and at 1.01 $\mathrm{ppm})$. Increasing the temperature to $0^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ can be considered as a compromise between the increase of reactivity of $\mathbf{6 a}$ and reduced reaction control.

Several attempts to purify the product by cristallization of the oil at $-20^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ failed and showed decomposition products upon standing for long periods. Crystals of this compound were only obtained from a saturated hexane solution after two weeks at $-20^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$. Elemental analysis of crystalline material, however, showed low carbon values ( $\Delta=1.5 \%$ ). This low value is probably due to contamination of these crystals with the decomposed oil.

Similarly, the electron-poor analog of $\mathbf{6 b}$, the pentafluorophenolate derivative $\mathrm{Cp}_{2} \mathrm{Zr}(i$ $\mathrm{Bu}) \mathrm{OC}_{6} \mathrm{~F}_{5}, 7 \mathbf{7 b}$, was also prepared. ${ }^{78}$ Synthesis of $\mathbf{7 b}$ was optimized by changing the temperature from $-78^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ to $0^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$. Addition of 1 equiv. of $i-\mathrm{BuMgCl}$ to a cooled $\left(0^{\circ} \mathrm{C}\right)$ solution of 7 a in $\mathrm{Et}_{2} \mathrm{O}$, stirring for 2 h at $0^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ and finally for 2 h at room temperature afforded 7b in a yield of ca. $60 \%$. NMR spectra showed 7b (60\%) and a decomposition product identified as $\left\{\mathrm{Cp}_{2} \mathrm{Zr}\left(\mathrm{OC}_{6} \mathrm{~F}_{5}\right)\right\}_{2}(\mu-\mathrm{O})(25 \%$, 5.98 ppm$)$ and an unidentified product showing two multiplets in the alkyl region (1.01 and 1.20 ppm ).

Attempts to purify 7b by recrystallization upon standing or to grow crystals from a hexane solution have failed. In both cases, ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR showed the disappearance of 7b and appearance of unidentified products. Elemental analysis of this compound was not performed due to its lack of purity.

While the compounds could not be obtained in pure form, they show identical ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ and ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR spectra to $\mathbf{6 b}$ and $\mathbf{7 b}$ obtained in the isomerization of the tert-butyl complexes, thus confirming their assignment.

### 4.2.2 Syntheses of phenyl-ethyl-complexes and olefin hydrozirconation

Our group's previous investigations showed the possibility to generate the hydrido compound $\mathrm{Cp}_{2} \mathrm{Zr}(\mathrm{H}) \mathrm{OR}$ in situ. Generation of $\mathrm{Cp}_{2} \mathrm{Zr}(\mathrm{H})\left(\mathrm{OC}_{6} \mathrm{~F}_{5}\right)$ in the presence of styrene by reaction of the zirconocene dihydride with $\mathrm{Cp}_{2} \mathrm{Zr}\left(\mathrm{OC}_{6} \mathrm{~F}_{5}\right)_{2}$ gave the insertion product, $\mathrm{Cp}_{2} \mathrm{Zr}\left(\mathrm{OC}_{6} \mathrm{~F}_{5}\right)\left(\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Ph}\right), \mathbf{8}$, in moderate yields (51\%), accompanied by 7 a and minor amounts of decomposition or side products, such as $\left\{\mathrm{Cp}_{2} \mathrm{Zr}\left(\mathrm{OC}_{6} \mathrm{~F}_{5}\right)\right\}_{2}(\mu-\mathrm{O})$ (Scheme 4.2). ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR has shown also the presence of a compound in smaller concentrations, which was putatively assigned to be the 2,1-insertion product of styrene $\mathrm{Cp}_{2} \mathrm{Zr}\left(\mathrm{OC}_{6} \mathrm{~F}_{5}\right) \mathrm{CH}(\mathrm{Me})(\mathrm{Ph}), 9$. The ratio of $\mathbf{8 : 9}$ was approximately $95: 5 .^{\dagger}$


Scheme 4.2 Olefin's hydrozirconation

[^2]To confirm the assignment of $\mathbf{8}$, the compound was independently synthesized by reaction of $7 \mathbf{a}$ with $\mathrm{PhCH}_{2} \mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{MgBr}$. While the NMR spectra were identical to those of $\mathbf{8}$ obtained by hydrozirconation, reactions yielded again viscous oils of $60-80 \%$ purity, which could not be crystallized despite several attempts. Thus to further confirm the assignment of $\mathbf{8}$ as the hydrozirconation product, $\mathbf{8}$ was derivatized after hydrozirconation by reaction of the benzene- $d_{6}$ solution with $\mathrm{I}_{2}$. ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR and GC-MS analyses showed the formation of 1-iodo-2-phenylethane in $50 \%$ yield (determined by NMR relative to initial olefin). 1-iodo-1phenylethane (expected upon reaction of 9 with iodine) was not identified in the obtained reaction mixtures, although a minor, iodine-containing compound was observed in GC-MS analyses, which showed identical fragmentation patterns and similar retention times as 1-iodo-2-phenylethane. Hydrozirconation product $\mathbf{8}$ was also obtained in $30 \%$ yield (NMR) by reaction of $\mathrm{Cp}_{2} \mathrm{ZrH}_{2}$ and $\mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{~F}_{5} \mathrm{OH}$ in the presence of styrene.

Following the same procedure, evidence of in situ formation of $\mathrm{Cp}_{2} \mathrm{Zr}(\mathrm{H})\left(\mathrm{OC}_{6} \mathrm{~F}_{5}\right)$ has also been obtained by insertion of 1-hexene into the $\mathrm{Zr}-\mathrm{H}$ bond. The only insertion product obtained is $\mathrm{Cp}_{2} \mathrm{Zr}\left(\mathrm{OC}_{6} \mathrm{~F}_{5}\right)\left(\mathrm{CH}_{2}\left(\mathrm{CH}_{2}\right)_{4} \mathrm{CH}_{3}\right), \mathbf{1 0} .^{\dagger}$ Assignment of $\mathbf{1 0}$ was confirmed by repetition of the hydrozirconation reaction and subsequent derivatization. Thus, reaction of a benzene- $d_{6}$ solution of $\mathrm{Cp}_{2} \mathrm{ZrH}_{2}$ with $\mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{~F}_{5} \mathrm{OH}$ in the presence of 1-hexene for 3 h at $60{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ gave the compound $\mathbf{1 0}$, which was immediately reacted with excess $\mathrm{I}_{2} .{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR and GCMS analyses confirmed the formation of 1-iodohexane in $90 \%$ yield (from NMR, relative to initial olefin).

### 4.3 Conclusion

In summary, isolation of the pure compounds $\mathbf{6 b}$ and $\mathbf{7 b}$ was not possible. Their NMR spectra, however, were identical to those of the compounds obtained by hydrozirconation/isomerisation. Characterization of hydrozirconation products was accomplished by derivatization reactions using $\mathrm{I}_{2}$, which also confirmed the regioselectivity towards the 1,2 -insertion of styrene. We are planning to investigate the reactivities and selectivities of these hydrozirconations in general and in particular the conflicting evidence with regard to $\beta$-H elimination, as well as the suitability of other alcohols than the "pseudohalogen" $\mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{~F}_{5} \mathrm{OH}$.

## CHAPTER 5

## Concluding Statements and Future Work

### 5.1 Summary and conclusion

Using nacnac ligands with different frameworks, new zirconium complexes were synthesized via different synthetic routes and characterized. The study of their mode of coordination, their structural characteristics, their stability and their reactivity has been realized.

As our structural investigations showed, the nacnac ligand displays two modes of coordination to Zr metal. While an $\kappa^{2}$-coordination mode is observed with octahedral complexes having one or two nacnac ligands the presence of another $\eta^{5}$ - coordinated ligand such as Cp or Ind forces the metal to adopt a pseudo-tetrahedral geometry where the nacnac ligand is found to be in an $\eta^{\mathrm{x}}$-coordination to the Zr metal center. Although nacnacs can coordinate similar to cyclopentadienyl, they most often do not and cannot be considered their analogs.

In solution, an important dynamic isomerizing behavior via a Bailar twist was observed for the (nacnac) ${ }_{2} \mathrm{ZrX}_{2}$ complexes. The reactivity of these complexes is still ambiguous, but no reactivity has been observed in carbozirconation of alkenes or in alkylation reactions. This is most probably due to the steric crowding blocking the access towards the active coordination sites of the metal complex and thus prohibiting the exchange of the chlorides with other reagents. The observed C-H activation of the nacnac ${ }^{\mathrm{R}, \mathrm{R}}$ is most likely a consequence of this steric congestion.

### 5.2 Future work

Based on the results we obtained regarding the reactivity of the (nacnac) ${ }_{2} \mathrm{ZrX}_{2}$, future work will focus on the modification of the ligand. Although they increase the number of possible coordination isomers, unsymmetrical ligands might prove helpful in reducing steric congestion. One example of a less sterically demanding ligand, are acnac ligands, where only one keto group is exchanged versus imine, might be useful.



Scheme 5.1 Future work

Another approach would be the bridging of the two nacnac ligands, e. g. by an ethylene bridge. The presence of the bridge, in particular in the case of cyclic bridges, might slow the isomerisation via the Bailar twist. Bridiging the ligands might also be helpful to decrease the steric encumbrance around the reactive coordination sites by a "backbending" of the ligand. We are currently investigating the synthesis of these ligands using different types of aliphatic amines.

In hydrozirconation, we intend to use the developed in situ generation of the reagent to screen other alcohols than $\mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{~F}_{5} \mathrm{OH}$ and to test the reactivity towards other alkenes.

## CHAPTER 6

## Experimental

### 6.1 General experimental:

All reactions were carried out under an inert atmosphere using Schlenk and glove box techniques under a purified $\mathrm{N}_{2}$ atmosphere.. $\mathrm{ZrCl}_{4}(\mathrm{THF})_{2},{ }^{79} \mathrm{CpLi}$, IndLi, ${ }^{80}$ nacnac ${ }^{\mathrm{xyl}} \mathrm{H}$, nacnac ${ }^{\mathrm{xyl}} \mathrm{Li}(\mathrm{THF}),{ }^{45} \mathrm{Cp}_{2} \mathrm{Zr}(\mathrm{OPh})_{2}{ }^{77}$ and $\mathrm{Cp}_{2} \mathrm{Zr}\left(\mathrm{OC}_{6} \mathrm{~F}_{5}\right)_{2}{ }^{78}$ were prepared according to literature procedures. $\mathrm{ZrCl}_{4}, \mathrm{Cp}_{2} \mathrm{ZrCl}_{2}, \mathrm{Cp}_{2} \mathrm{ZrH}_{2}$, and others chemicals were purchased from common commercial suppliers. ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ and ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}$ NMR spectra were acquired on a Bruker AMX 300 or Bruker AV 400 spectrometer. ${ }^{19}$ F NMR spectra were acquired on a Bruker Avance 300. Chemical shifts were referenced to the residual signals of the deuterated solvents $\left(\mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{D}_{6}:{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}: \delta 7.16 \mathrm{ppm},{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}: \delta 128.38 \mathrm{ppm} ; \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}:{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}: \delta 7.26 \mathrm{ppm},{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}: \delta 77.00 \mathrm{ppm}\right.$ and $\left.\mathrm{C}_{7} \mathrm{D}_{8}:{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}: \delta 2.09 \mathrm{ppm},{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}: \delta 20.40 \mathrm{ppm}\right)$. THF was distilled from sodium/benzophenone, all others solvents were dried by passage through activated aluminum oxide (MBrown SPS) and de-oxygenated by repeated extraction with nitrogen. $\mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{D}_{6}$ was dried over sodium, $\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ was dried over $\mathrm{CaH}_{2}$ and both were distilled under reduced pressure, and then degassed by three freeze-pump-thaw cycles. Styrene, ethanol and 1-hexene were evacuated under vacuum and dried over $4 \AA$ molecular sieves. Low-temperature NMR spectra were recorded using a Bruker AV 500 spectrometer in $\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ solution using a toluene solution in $\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ for calibration purposes. The ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR spectra were fed into the DNMR71 program. ${ }^{59}$ The exchange rate was obtained by comparaison of experimental and simulated spectra. Activation parameters were obtained from the Eyring plots and listed in table 3.3. GC/MS analyses were obtained using an Agilent 6890 N spectrometer at Davit Zargarian laboratory (Université de Montréal).

Elemental analyses were performed by the Laboratoire d'analyse élémentaire (Université de Montréal).

Diffraction data for complexes 2c was recorded on a Bruker Smart APEXII (Mo radiation) diffractometer using the APEX2 software package. ${ }^{81}$ For complexes 2d, 2e, 3c and 3d were measured on a Bruker Proteum X8/Microstar diffractometer equipped with Cu radiation (APEX2). For $4 \mathbf{c}$ was recorded on a Bruker Smart 6000 equipped with a Cu rotating Anode. Data reduction was performed with SAINT, the structure was solved with direct methods (SHELXTL2001). All non-hydrogen atoms were refined anisotropically using full-matrix least-squares on $F^{2}$ and hydrogen atoms refined with fixed isotropic $U$ using a riding model (SHELXL97). ${ }^{82}$ For $\mathbf{4 c}$, the co-crystallized solvent was identified as a disordered hexane (in agreement with NMR data), but could not be resolved and thus suppressed by application of SQUEEZE. ${ }^{83}$

### 6.2 Chapter 2

2,6-dimethyl-phenylamino-4-(2,6-dimethyl-phenyl)imino-pent-2-ene, nacnac $^{\mathrm{Xyl}} \mathbf{H}, \mathbf{1 a} \mathbf{.}^{45}$


Scheme 6.2.1 synthesis of nacnac ${ }^{\mathrm{Xyl}} \mathrm{H}$, 1a
Acetylacetone (12.4 g, 0.12 mol$)$, $\mathrm{TsOH}(22.8 \mathrm{~g}, 0.12 \mathrm{~mol})$ and 2,6-dimethylaniline ( 30 g , $0.24 \mathrm{~mol})$ were combined with toluene $(350 \mathrm{~mL})$. The reaction mixture was then refluxed for 24 h with the help of a Dean-Stark apparatus to afford a yellow suspension. On cooling to room temperature, a white precipitate appeared. The precipitate was dissolved in 200 mL ether and 200 mL of distilled water. Then $\mathrm{K}_{2} \mathrm{CO}_{3}$ was added to neutralize the medium. The organic phase was extracted with ether, dried over $\mathrm{Na}_{2} \mathrm{SO}_{4}$ concentrated using a rota-vap and gave a brown oil. The addition of methanol followed by sonicator agitation yielded colorless crystals (18.7 g, 51\%).
${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR $\left(\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}, 300 \mathrm{MHz}\right): \delta 12.21(\mathrm{bs}, 1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{NH}), 7.04-7.26\left(\mathrm{~m}, 6 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{Me}_{2} \mathrm{C}_{6} H_{3}\right), 4.90(\mathrm{~s}$, $\left.1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{CH}(\mathrm{C}=\mathrm{N})_{2}\right), 2.18\left(\mathrm{~s}, 12 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{Me}_{2} \mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{3}\right), 1.71(\mathrm{~s}, 6 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{Me}(\mathrm{C}=\mathrm{N})) .{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}\left\{{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}\right\} \operatorname{NMR}\left(\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}\right.$, 76 MHz ): $\delta 160.7\left(\mathrm{C}=\mathrm{N}\right.$ ), 143.7 (ipso $\mathrm{Me}_{2} C_{6} \mathrm{H}_{3}$ ), 132.1 (ortho $\mathrm{Me}_{2} \mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{3}$ ), 127.7 (meta $\left.\mathrm{Me}_{2} C_{6} \mathrm{H}_{3}\right), 124.2\left(\right.$ para $\left.\mathrm{Me}_{2} C_{6} \mathrm{H}_{3}\right), 93.3\left(\mathrm{CH}(\mathrm{C}=\mathrm{N})_{2}\right), 20.3\left(\mathrm{Me}(\mathrm{C}=\mathrm{N})\right.$ ), $18.3\left(\mathrm{Me}_{2} \mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{3}\right)$. Anal. Calcd. for $\mathrm{C}_{21} \mathrm{H}_{26} \mathrm{~N}_{2}$ : C, 82.31; H, 8.55; N, 9.15. Found: C, 81.67; H, 8.38; N, 9.14.

## ( nacnac $\left.^{\mathrm{Xyl}}\right) \mathrm{Li}(\mathrm{THF}), \mathbf{1 b}^{45}$



Scheme 6.2.2 synthesis of nacnac ${ }^{\mathrm{Xyl}} \mathrm{Li}(\mathrm{THF}), 1 \mathrm{~b}$

To a yellow THF solution of $\mathbf{1 a}(7.8 \mathrm{~g}, 20 \mathrm{mmol})$ a hexane solution of $n-\mathrm{BuLi}(2.9 \mathrm{M}, 28$ mmol ) was added gradually at $-78^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$. The solution becomes orange and the reaction medium was allowed to return to room temperature and was stirred for 12 h . The brown orange solution was evaporated to dryness, to give an off-white solid, which was washed with hexane to remove excess $n$-BuLi. Drying at vacuum line yielded an off-white powder $(9.0 \mathrm{~g}, 94 \%)$, which was used without further purification.
${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR $\left(\mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{D}_{6}, 400 \mathrm{MHz}\right): \delta 6.90-7.1\left(\mathrm{~m}, 6 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{Me}_{2} \mathrm{C}_{6} H_{3}\right), 4.95\left(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{CH}(\mathrm{C}=\mathrm{N})_{2}\right), 2.89$ (bm, $4 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{O}$ ), $2.20\left(\mathrm{~s}, 12 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{Me}_{2} \mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{3}\right), 1.80\left(\mathrm{~s}, 6 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{Me}(\mathrm{C}=\mathrm{N})\right.$ ), $0.90\left(\mathrm{bm}, 4 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{CH}_{2}\right)$. ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}\left\{{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}\right\}$ NMR $\left(\mathrm{CDCl}_{3} 101 \mathrm{MHz}\right.$ ): $\delta 186.1(\mathrm{C}=\mathrm{N})$, 157.1 (ipso $\mathrm{Me}_{2} C_{6} \mathrm{H}_{3}$ ), 128.2 (ortho $\left.\mathrm{Me}_{2} C_{6} \mathrm{H}_{3}\right), 127.7$ (meta $\mathrm{Me}_{2} C_{6} \mathrm{H}_{3}$ ), 127.4 (para $\mathrm{Me}_{2} C_{6} \mathrm{H}_{3}$ ), $93.4\left(\mathrm{CH}(\mathrm{C}=\mathrm{N})_{2}\right)$, $67.9\left(\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{O}\right)$, $25.5\left(\mathrm{Me}_{2} \mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{3}\right), 18.5(\mathrm{Me}(\mathrm{C}=\mathrm{N})), 18.3\left(\mathrm{CH}_{2}\right)$.

## Lithium cyclopentadienide, $\mathbf{C p L i} .{ }^{80}$

In a 250 mL flask equipped with a magnetic stirrer and with a fractionnal distillation apparatus, dicyclopentadiene ( $40 \mathrm{~g}, 0.43 \mathrm{~mol}$ ) was heated up to $160^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$. After 4 h of cracking we obtained 35 g of the colorless cyclopentadiene monomer ( $88 \%$ ).

The obtained monomer ( $4.05 \mathrm{~g}, 61 \mathrm{mmol}$ ) was mixed with 50 mL of hexane and deprotonated by slow addition of a hexane solution of $n-\operatorname{BuLi}(2.89 \mathrm{M}, 23 \mathrm{~mL}, 67 \mathrm{mmol})$.

The obtained white mixture was allowed to stir for 2 h , filtered, washed with 15 mL of hexane, dried under vacuum gave a white powder ( $4.15 \mathrm{~g}, 98 \%$ ).
${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR (DMSO, 300 MHz ): 5.32 (s, $5 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{Cp}$ ).

## Lithium indenide, IndLi. ${ }^{80}$

To a 100 mL hexane solution of indene ( $12.5 \mathrm{~g}, 0.19 \mathrm{~mol}$ ), a hexane solution of $n-\mathrm{BuLi}$ $(2.89 \mathrm{M}, 6.5 \mathrm{ml}, 0.19 \mathrm{~mol})$ were added over 25 min at $-78^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$. The obtained creamy mixture was allowed to return to room temperature while stirring. The obtained mixture was filtered, washed with 15 mL of hexane and dried under vacuum to yield a colorless powder ( $9.5 \mathrm{~g}, 70 \%$ ).
( nacnac $^{\mathrm{Xyl}}$ ) $\mathrm{ZrCl}_{3}$ (THF), 1c


Scheme 6.2.3 synthesis of ( nacnac $^{\mathrm{Xyl}} \mathrm{ZrCl}_{3}$ (THF), 1c
$\mathrm{ZrCl}_{4}(1.0 \mathrm{~g}, 2.6 \mathrm{mmol})$ and $\mathbf{1 b}(0.60 \mathrm{~g}, 2.6 \mathrm{mmol})$ were mixed together with 30 mL of dry toluene. To the obtained mixture 4 mL of anhydrous THF were added slowly at room temperature. The obtained yellow mixture was allowed to stir for 24 h . The reaction mixture was then filtered and the yellow filtrate was concentrated to half of its volume, layered with an equal volume of hexane allowed to precipitate for 48 h . The slow evaporation of solvent gave a mixture of a yellow powder and crystals ( $1.43 \mathrm{~g}, 97 \%$ ).

Crystals of this compound were used for X-ray structure determination and for elemental analyses
${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR $\left(\mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{D}_{6}, 300 \mathrm{MHz}\right): \delta 6.94\left(\mathrm{~m}, 6 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{Me}_{2} \mathrm{C}_{6} H_{3}\right), 5.55\left(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{CH}(\mathrm{C}=\mathrm{N})_{2}\right), 3.80(\mathrm{bm}$, $\left.4 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{O}\right), 2.44\left(\mathrm{~s}, 12 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{Me}_{2} \mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{3}\right), 1.45(\mathrm{~s}, 6 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{Me}(\mathrm{C}=\mathrm{N})), 1.01\left(\mathrm{bm}, 4 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{CH}_{2}\right)$.
${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR $\left(\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}, 300 \mathrm{MHz}\right): \delta 7.09\left(\mathrm{~m}, 6 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{Me}_{2} \mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{3}\right), 5.90(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{CH}(\mathrm{C}=\mathrm{N})), 3.95(\mathrm{bm}$, $4 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{THF}), 2.33\left(\mathrm{~s}, 12 \mathrm{H}, M e_{2} \mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{3}\right), 1.81\left(\mathrm{bm}, 4 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{O}\right), 1.76(\mathrm{~s}, 6 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{Me}(\mathrm{C}=\mathrm{N}))$
${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}\left\{{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}\right\}$ NMR $\left(\mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{D}_{6}, 76 \mathrm{MHz}\right): \delta 168.9(\mathrm{C}=\mathrm{N})$, 145.2 (ipso $\mathrm{Me}_{2} C_{6} \mathrm{H}_{3}$ ), 134.1 (ortho $\mathrm{Me}_{2} \mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{3}$ ), 129.1 (meta $\mathrm{Me}_{2} \mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{3}$ ), 126.7 (para $\mathrm{Me}_{2} \mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{3}$ ), $107.2\left(\mathrm{CH}(\mathrm{C}=\mathrm{N})_{2}\right)$, 77.6 $\left(\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{O}\right), 25.5\left(\mathrm{CH}_{2}\right), 24.26(\mathrm{Me}(\mathrm{C}=\mathrm{N})), 19.9\left(\mathrm{Me}_{2} \mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{3}\right)$.

Anal. Calcd. for $\mathrm{C}_{25} \mathrm{H}_{33} \mathrm{Cl}_{3} \mathrm{ZrN}_{2} \mathrm{O}: \mathrm{C}, 52.21$; H, 5.78; N, 4.87. Found: C, $51.20 ; \mathrm{H}, 5.45$; N, 4.46.

## ( nacnac $\left.^{\mathrm{Xyl}}\right) \mathrm{ZrCl}_{2}(\mathbf{C p}), 1 \mathrm{~d}$



Scheme 6.2.4 synthesis of nacnac ${ }^{\mathrm{Xyl}} \mathrm{Zr}(\mathrm{Cp}) \mathrm{Cl}_{2}$ (THF), 1d
$\mathbf{1 c}(0.50 \mathrm{~g}, 0.87 \mathrm{mmol})$ and $\mathrm{CpLi}(70 \mathrm{mg}, 0.96 \mathrm{mmol})$ were combined together in a Schlenk flask. 30 mL of toluene were added resulting in a red mixture. The reaction was allowed to stirr for 24 h during which time a brown precipitate appeared. The resulting mixture was filtered over dried celite and the brown precipitate was washed with $3 \times 5 \mathrm{~mL}$ of toluene. The toluene fractions were combined, concentrated to half their volume and then layered with a double volume of hexane. After 3 days a precipitate formed at the bottom and some
crystals appeared on the wall of the Schlenk flask. Crystals of this compound were used for X-ray structure determination and for elemental analysis. The precipitate was separated by decantation, washed with $3 \times 5 \mathrm{~mL}$ of hexane and dried on a vacuum line ( $0.15 \mathrm{~g}, 33 \%$ ).
${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR $\left(\mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{D}_{6}, 300 \mathrm{MHz}\right): \delta 6.93-6.75\left(\mathrm{~m}, 6 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{Me}_{2} \mathrm{C}_{6} H_{3}\right), 6.33(\mathrm{~s}, 5 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{Cp}), 5.35(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H}$, $\left.\mathrm{CH}(\mathrm{C}=\mathrm{N})_{2}\right), 2.66\left(\mathrm{~s}, 6 \mathrm{H}, M e_{2} \mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{3}\right), 1.69\left(\mathrm{~s}, 6 \mathrm{H}, M e_{2} \mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{3}\right), 1.59(\mathrm{~s}, 6 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{Me}(\mathrm{C}=\mathrm{N}))$.
${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}\left\{{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}\right\}$ NMR $\left(\mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{D}_{6}, 76 \mathrm{MHz}\right): \delta 165.3(\mathrm{C}=\mathrm{N})$, 147.1 (ipso $\mathrm{Me}_{2} \mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{3}$ ), 130.5 (para $\mathrm{Me}_{2} \mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{3}$ ), $128.8\left(\right.$ meta $\left.\mathrm{Me}_{2} \mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{3}\right)$, 126.1 ( ortho $\mathrm{Me}_{2} \mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{3}$ ), 118.1(Cp), $92.4\left(\mathrm{CH}(\mathrm{C}=\mathrm{N})_{2}\right)$, $22.8\left(M e_{2} \mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{3}\right), 21.3\left(\mathrm{Me}_{2} \mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{3}\right), 19.9(\mathrm{Me}(\mathrm{C}=\mathrm{N}))$.

Anal. Calcd. for $\mathrm{C}_{26} \mathrm{H}_{30} \mathrm{~N}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2} \mathrm{Zr}$ : C, 58.47; H, 5.99; N, 5.07; Found: C, 58.60; H, 5.60; N, 5.30 .

## nacnac ${ }^{\mathrm{Xyl}} \mathbf{Z r C l}_{2} \mathbf{I n d}$, 1e



Scheme 6.2.5 synthesis of $n a c n a c^{\mathrm{xyl}} \mathrm{Zr}(\mathrm{Ind}) \mathrm{Cl}_{2}$ (THF), 1e
1c $(0.19 \mathrm{~g} .0 .87 \mathrm{mmol})$ and $\operatorname{IndLi}(0.043 \mathrm{~g}, 0.36 \mathrm{mmol})$ were combined together in a Schlenk flask. 30 mL of toluene were added to the mixture resulting in a red mixture. The reaction was allowed to stir for 24 h during which time an orange precipitate appeared. The resulting mixture was filtered over dried celite and the brown precipitate was washed with $3 \times 5 \mathrm{~mL}$ of toluene. The toluene fractions were combined and concentrated to half their volume then layered with a double volume of hexane. After 3 days a precipitate formed at
the bottom and some crystals appeared on the wall of the Schlenk flask. Crystals of this compound were used for X-ray structure determination. The precipitate was separated by decantation, washed with $3 \times 5 \mathrm{~mL}$ of hexane and dried on a vacuum line ( $20 \mathrm{mg}, 10 \%$ ). ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $\left.\mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{D}_{6}, 300 \mathrm{MHz}\right): 7.34\left(\mathrm{~m}, 4 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H}_{\mathrm{d}-\mathrm{g}} \mathrm{Ind}\right), 6.93\left(\mathrm{~m}, 6 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{Me}_{2} \mathrm{C}_{6} H_{3}\right), 6.61(\mathrm{t}, J=2$ $\left.\mathrm{Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H}_{\mathrm{a}} \mathrm{Ind}\right), 6.42\left(\mathrm{~d}, J=2 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H}_{\mathrm{b}} \& \mathrm{H}_{\mathrm{c}} \mathrm{Ind}\right), 5.20(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{C} H(\mathrm{C}=\mathrm{N}), 2.68(\mathrm{~s}, 6 \mathrm{H}$, $\left.M e_{2} \mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{3}\right), 1.66\left(\mathrm{~s}, 6 \mathrm{H}, M e_{2} \mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{3}\right), 1.58(\mathrm{~s}, 6 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{Me}(\mathrm{C}=\mathrm{N})$ ).
${ }^{1} \mathrm{H} \operatorname{NMR}\left(\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}, 300 \mathrm{MHz}\right): \delta 7.13\left(\mathrm{~m}, 4 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H}_{\mathrm{d}-\mathrm{g}} \mathrm{Ind}\right), 7.02\left(\mathrm{~m}, 6 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{Me}_{2} \mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{3}\right), 6.68(\mathrm{t}, J=$ $\left.2 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H}_{\mathrm{a}} \mathrm{Ind}\right), 6.42\left(\mathrm{~d}, J=2 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H}_{\mathrm{b}} \& \mathrm{H}_{\mathrm{c}} \mathrm{Ind}\right), 5.64(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{C} H(\mathrm{C}=\mathrm{N}), 2.61(\mathrm{~s}, 6 \mathrm{H}$, $M e \mathrm{Ph}), 2.05\left(\mathrm{~s}, 6 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{Me}_{2} \mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{H}_{3}\right), 1.94(\mathrm{~s}, 6 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{Me}(\mathrm{C}=\mathrm{N})$ ).

### 6.3 Chapter 3

## 2-(Benzyl)amino-4-(benzyl)imino-pent-2-ene, $\operatorname{nacnac}^{\mathrm{Bn}} \mathrm{H}, \mathbf{2 a}$



Scheme 6.3.1 synthesis of nacnac ${ }^{\text {Bn }} \mathrm{H}, \mathbf{2 a}$
Acetylacetone ( $2.62 \mathrm{~g}, 26.2 \mathrm{mmol}$ ), $\mathrm{TsOH}(5.00 \mathrm{~g}, 26.2 \mathrm{mmol})$ and benzylamine ( 2.92 g , $26.2 \mathrm{mmol})$ were combined with toluene $(250 \mathrm{~mL})$. The resulting white suspension was refluxed for 3 h with the help of a Dean-Stark apparatus to afford a yellow solution. After cooling to room temperature, a second equivalent of benzylamine ( $2.92 \mathrm{~g}, 26.2 \mathrm{mmol}$ ) was added. The reaction mixture was then refluxed for 24 h . Upon cooling to room temperature, an orange precipitate appeared which was separated by filtration and dissolved into a mixture of ether and water then the medium was neutralised by $\mathrm{K}_{2} \mathrm{CO}_{3}(3.6 \mathrm{~g}, 26.2 \mathrm{mmol})$. The organic phase was extracted with ether, dried over $\mathrm{Na}_{2} \mathrm{SO}_{4}$ and separated by filtration. Evaporation of the solvent gave brown oil, which was dissolved in EtOH ( 10 mL ). Colourless crystals formed at $-20^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ after 1 day ( $6.0 \mathrm{~g}, 82 \%$ ). Spectral data matched previous reports, the compound is pure according to NMR.
${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR $\left(\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}, 400 \mathrm{MHz}\right): \delta 11.49(\mathrm{bs}, 1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{NH}), 7.22-7.30(\mathrm{~m}, 10 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{Ph}), 4.64(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H}$, $\left.\mathrm{CH}(\mathrm{C}=\mathrm{N})_{2}\right), 4.46\left(\mathrm{~s}, 4 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{CH}_{2}\right), 1.95(\mathrm{~s}, 6 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{Me}(\mathrm{C}=\mathrm{N}))$.
${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}\{\mathrm{H}\}$ NMR $\left(\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}, 101 \mathrm{MHz}\right): \delta 161.1(C=\mathrm{N}), 140.8$ (ipso Ph), 128.3 (ortho Ph ), 127.2 (para Ph$), 126.4$ (meta Ph$), 95.1\left(\mathrm{CH}(\mathrm{C}=\mathrm{N})_{2}\right)$, $50.7\left(\mathrm{CH}_{2}\right), 19.6(\mathrm{Me}(\mathrm{C}=\mathrm{N}))$.

## nacnac ${ }^{\mathrm{Bn}} \mathbf{L i}(\mathrm{THF}), \mathbf{2 b}$.



Scheme 6.3.2 synthesis of nacnac ${ }^{\mathrm{Bn}} \mathrm{Li}(\mathrm{THF}), \mathbf{2 b}$
A hexane solution of $n-\mathrm{BuLi}(1.36 \mathrm{~mL}, 2.9 \mathrm{M}, 3.95 \mathrm{mmol})$ was added over 25 minutes at room temperature to a yellow THF solution of $\mathbf{2 a}(1.0 \mathrm{~g}, 3.6 \mathrm{mmol})$. The yellow orange solution was allowed to stir for 4 hrs . The volatiles were removed and the remaining solid was washed with $2 \times 5 \mathrm{~mL}$ of hexane. The solid was dried under reduced pressure to yield a colorless powder ( $1.25 \mathrm{~g}, 90 \%$ ) and used without further purification.
${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR $\left(\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}, 400 \mathrm{MHz}\right): \delta 7.22-7.30(\mathrm{~m}, 10 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{Ph}), 4.54\left(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{CH}(\mathrm{C}=\mathrm{N})_{2}\right), 4.42(\mathrm{~s}$, $\left.4 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Ph}\right), 3.74(\mathrm{~m}, 4 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{THF}), 1.93(\mathrm{~s}, 6 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{Me}(\mathrm{C}=\mathrm{N})), 1.83(\mathrm{~m}, 4 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{THF})$.
${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}\left\{{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}\right\}$ NMR $\left(\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}, 101 \mathrm{MHz}\right): \delta 161.0(\mathrm{C}=\mathrm{N}), 140.9$ (ipso Ph ) 128.3 (orthoPh), 127.2 (para Ph ), 126 (meta Ph ), $95.1\left(\mathrm{CH}(\mathrm{C}=\mathrm{N})_{2}\right)$, 67.9 (THF), $50.7\left(\mathrm{CH}_{2}(\mathrm{Ph})\right.$ ), 25.6 (THF), 19.6 $(M e(\mathrm{C}=\mathrm{N}))$.
${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR $\left(\mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{D}_{6}, 400 \mathrm{MHz}\right): \delta 7.00-7.30(\mathrm{~m}, 10 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{Ph}), 4.82\left(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{C} H(\mathrm{C}=\mathrm{N})_{2}\right), 4.60(\mathrm{~s}, 4 \mathrm{H}$, $\left.\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Ph}\right), 2.86(\mathrm{~m}, 4 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{THF}), 2.09(\mathrm{~s}, 6 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{Me}(\mathrm{C}=\mathrm{N})), 0.98(\mathrm{~m}, 4 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{THF})$.
${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}\left\{{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}\right\}$ NMR $\left(\mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{D}_{6}, 101 \mathrm{MHz}\right): \delta 165.8(\mathrm{C}=\mathrm{N}), 145.4$ (ipso Ph ) 128.5 (orthoPh), 127.5 (para Ph$), 126.0($ meta Ph$), 93.8\left(\mathrm{CH}(\mathrm{C}=\mathrm{N})_{2}\right)$, $67.5(\mathrm{THF})$, $50.7\left(\mathrm{CH}_{2}(\mathrm{Ph})\right)$, 25.1 (THF), $22.0(\mathrm{Me}(\mathrm{C}=\mathrm{N}))$.

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## Method 1:



Scheme 6.3.3 Synthesis of $\left(\text { nacnac }^{\mathrm{Bn}}\right)_{2} \mathrm{ZrCl}_{2}$, 2c.(Method1)
In a dry schlenk $\mathrm{ZrCl}_{4}(0.34 \mathrm{~g}, 1.4 \mathrm{mmol})$ and $\mathbf{2 b}(1.0 \mathrm{~g}, 2.8 \mathrm{mmol})$ were mixed together, to which we added 10 mL of toluene under stirring. After 24 hours of stirring at room temperature the obtained orange mixture was filtered. The yellow filtrate was concentrated to half its volume and the desired product was precipitated by addition of 15 mL of hexane. The yellow precipitate was separated by filtration and dried on a vacuum line to yield $\mathbf{2 c}$ ( $0.35 \mathrm{~g}, 0.50 \mathrm{mmol}, 35 \%$ ).

## Method 2:



A hexane solution of $n-\mathrm{BuLi}(2.9 \mathrm{M}, 5.4 \mathrm{mmol})$ was added to a toluene suspension of $\mathrm{ZrCl}_{4}$ $(0.62 \mathrm{~g}, 2.7 \mathrm{mmol})$ at $-78^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$. The mixture was allowed to warm to room temperature and then stirred for another 12 h . To the obtained brown mixture, 15 mL of a toluene solution of $\mathbf{2 a}(5.4 \mathrm{mmol}, 1.5 \mathrm{~g})$ were gradually added. The mixture was refluxed for 2 days under reduced pressure at a temperature of $90^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$. The obtained yellow mixture was cooled to room temperature, 20 mL of dichloromethane were added and the mixture was filtered. The combined volatiles were removed under vacuum, yielding a yellow powder $\mathbf{2 c}(1.5 \mathrm{~g}$, $75 \%)$.
${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR $\left(\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}, 400 \mathrm{MHz}, 298 \mathrm{~K}\right): \delta 7.20-7.30(\mathrm{~m}, 20 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{Ph}), 5.65\left(\mathrm{bs}, 2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Ph}\right), 5.62$ (bs, $2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Ph}$ ), $5.32\left(\mathrm{~s}, 2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{CH}(\mathrm{C}=\mathrm{N})_{2}\right), 4.61\left(\mathrm{bs}, 2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Ph}\right), 4.56\left(\mathrm{bs}, 2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Ph}\right), 1.92$ $(\mathrm{s}, 12 \mathrm{H}, \operatorname{Me}(\mathrm{C}=\mathrm{N}))$.
${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}\left\{{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}\right\}$ NMR $\left(\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}, 101 \mathrm{MHz}, 298 \mathrm{~K}\right): \delta 167.1(\mathrm{C}=\mathrm{N})$, 139.5 (ipso Ph ), 128.2 (ortho Ph), 127.2 (para Ph$), 126.5($ meta Ph$), 108.1\left(\mathrm{CH}(\mathrm{C}=\mathrm{N})_{2}\right), 54.9\left(\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Ph}\right), 23.2(\operatorname{Me}(\mathrm{C}=\mathrm{N}))$. Anal. Calcd for $\mathrm{C}_{38} \mathrm{H}_{42} \mathrm{ZrN}_{4} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}$ : C, 63.66; H, 5.91; N, 7.82. Found: C, 63.00; H, 6.19; N, 7.69.

## Variable temperature NMR studies

At $-50{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ the exchange between the two cis enantiomers of this complex is slow enough to see the separation of the broadened peaks.
${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $500 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}, 223 \mathrm{~K}$ ): $\delta 7.20-7.30(\mathrm{~m}, 20 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{Ph}), 6.06\left(\mathrm{bd}, 2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H}_{\mathrm{a}}\right), 5.37(\mathrm{~s}$, $\left.2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{C} H(\mathrm{C}=\mathrm{N})_{2}\right), 5.14\left(\mathrm{bd}, 2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H}_{\mathrm{b}}\right), 4.96\left(\mathrm{bd}, 2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H}_{\mathrm{c}}\right), 4.23\left(\mathrm{bd}, 2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{H}_{\mathrm{d}}\right), 2.05(\mathrm{~s}, 6 \mathrm{H}$, $M e(\mathrm{C}=\mathrm{N})), 1.80(\mathrm{~s}, 6 \mathrm{H}, \operatorname{Me}(\mathrm{C}=\mathrm{N}))$.
${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}\left\{{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}\right\}$ NMR $\left(\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}, 126 \mathrm{MHz}, 223 \mathrm{~K}\right): \delta 168.0(C=\mathrm{N}), 165.5(C=\mathrm{N})$, 139.4 (ipso Ph$)$, 135.1 (ipso Ph ), 128.8 (ortho Ph ), 128.4 (ortho Ph ), 128.1 (para Ph ), 127.3 (para Ph ),
126.8 (meta Ph$), 126.4$ (meta Ph$), 108.3\left(\mathrm{CH}(\mathrm{C}=\mathrm{N})_{2}\right)$, $54.3\left(\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Ph}\right), 24.4\left(\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Ph}\right), 22.7$ $(M e(\mathrm{C}=\mathrm{N})), 22.3(\operatorname{Me}(\mathrm{C}=\mathrm{N}))$.

Crystals of this compound were obtained by slow diffusion of hexane into a THF solution of the complex at $25^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$

Table 6.1 Details of X-ray Diffraction Studies

|  | 2 c | 4c | 3c | 3d | 2d | 2e |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Formula | $\mathrm{C}_{38} \mathrm{H}_{42} \mathrm{Cl}_{2} \mathrm{~N}_{4} \mathrm{Zr}$ | $\mathrm{C}_{34} \mathrm{H}_{58} \mathrm{Cl}_{2} \mathrm{~N}_{4} \mathrm{Zr}$ | $\mathrm{C}_{42} \mathrm{H}_{50} \mathrm{Cl}_{2} \mathrm{~N}_{4} \mathrm{Zr}$ | $\mathrm{C}_{42} \mathrm{H}_{49} \mathrm{ClN}_{4} \mathrm{Zr}$ | $\mathrm{C}_{40} \mathrm{H}_{48} \mathrm{~N}_{4} \mathrm{Zr}$ | $\mathrm{C}_{42} \mathrm{H}_{52} \mathrm{~N}_{4} \mathrm{O}_{2} \mathrm{Zr}$ |
| $M_{w}(\mathrm{~g} / \mathrm{mol}) ; \mathrm{F}(000)$ | 716.88; 1488 | 684.96; 1456 | 772.98; 1616 | 736.52; 772 | 676.04; 1424 | 736.10; 3104 |
| Crystal color and form | yellow block | colorless block | yellow fragment | red plate | yellow plate | colorless plate |
| Crystal size (mm) | $0.12 \times 0.06 \times 0.03$ | 0.60x0.28x0.10 | 0.10x0.08x0.04 | 0.06x0.06x0.04 | 0.06x0.05x0.02 | $0.06 \times 0.04 \times 0.02$ |
| $T$ (K); wavelength | 200; 0.71073 | 150; 1.54178 | 150; 1.54178 | 150; 1.54178 | 150; 1.54178 | 150; 1.54178 |
| Crystal System | Tetragonal | Monoclinic | Monoclinic | Monoclinic | Monoclinic | Orthorhombic |
| Space Group | $\mathrm{P} 4{ }_{3} 2{ }_{1} 2$ | $\mathrm{C} 2 / \mathrm{c}$ | P2 ${ }_{1}$ | P2 ${ }_{1}$ | P2 $1_{1}$ /n | $\mathrm{P} 22_{1} 2_{1}$ |
| Unit Cell: $\quad a(\AA)$ | 8.7244(5) | 20.2320(8) | 13.6460(3) | 13.5011(18) | 15.2045(13) | 11.6079(9) |
| $b(\AA)$ | 8.7244(5) | 9.0276(4) | 20.5189(5) | $9.1289(11)$ | 9.6321 (8) | 15.7760(12) |
| $c(\AA)$ | 47.453(6) | 22.539(1) | 14.4588(4) | 15.1108(18) | 24.0981(19) | 42.516(3) |
| $\beta\left({ }^{\circ}\right)$ | 90 | 91.250(2) | 108.891(1) | 95.413(7) | 97.213(4) | 90 |
| $V\left(\AA^{3}\right) ; \mathrm{Z} ; d_{\text {calcd. }}\left(\mathrm{g} / \mathrm{cm}^{3}\right)$ | $\begin{gathered} 3611.9(6) ; \\ 4 ; 1.318 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 4115.7(3) ; 4 ; \\ 1.105^{\mathrm{a}} \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 3830.41(16) ; 4 ; \\ 1.340 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { 1854.1(4); } 2 ; \\ 1.319 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 3501.3(5) ; 4 ; \\ 1.283 \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} 7785.8(10) ; 8 ; \\ 1.256 \end{gathered}$ |
| $\theta$ range ( ${ }^{\circ}$ ); completeness | 1.7-27.6; 1.0 | 3.9-72.3; 0.99 | 3.2-58.0; 0.99 | 2.9-68.1; 0.98 | 3.3-67.5; 1.0 | 2.1-67.9; 1.0 |
| collected reflections; $\mathrm{R}_{\sigma}$ | 99235; 0.070 | 53603; 0.021 | 60497; 0.025 | 27516; 0.082 | 54484; 0.063 | 137856; 0.027 |
| unique reflections; $\mathrm{R}_{\text {int }}$ | 4177; 0.144 | 4013; 0.036 | 10532; 0.046 | 6510; 0.079 | 6282; 0.116 | 14075; 0.060 |
| $\mu\left(\mathrm{mm}^{-1}\right)$; Abs. Corr. | 0.484; multi-scan | 3.554; multi-scan | 3.893; multi-scan | 3.348; multi-scan | 2.813; multi-scan | 2.611; multi-scan |
| R1(F); wR( $\mathrm{F}^{2}$ ) ( $\mathrm{l}>2 \sigma(\mathrm{I})$ ) | 0.039; 0.069 | 0.034; 0.098 | 0.025; 0.064 | 0.050; 0.127 | 0.045; 0.101 | 0.027; 0.072 |
| R1(F); wR(F2) (all data) | 0.075; 0.078 | 0.034; 0.098 | 0.027; 0.065 | 0.058; 0.131 | 0.076; 0.117 | 0.029; 0.073 |
| $\mathrm{GoF}\left(\mathrm{F}^{2}\right)$ | 0.920 | 1.113 | 1.029 | 0.793 | 1.013 | 1.026 |
| Residual electron density | $0.28 \mathrm{e}^{-} / \AA^{3}$ | $0.40 \mathrm{e}^{-} / \AA^{3}$ | $0.53 \mathrm{e}^{-} / \AA^{3}$ | $1.28 \mathrm{e}^{-} / \AA^{3}$ | $0.88 \mathrm{e}^{-} / \AA^{3}$ | $0.31 \mathrm{e}^{-} / \AA^{3}$ |

[^3]
## 2-(R-2-phenylethyl)amino-4-(R-4-phenylethyl)imino-pent-2-ene, nacnac $^{\mathrm{R}, \mathrm{R}} \mathrm{H}, 3 \mathrm{a}$.



Scheme 6.3.5 Synthesis of nacnac ${ }^{\mathrm{R}, \mathrm{R}} \mathrm{H}, \mathbf{3 a}$.
Acetylacetone ( $2.6 \mathrm{~mL}, 25 \mathrm{mmol}$ ), $\mathrm{TsOH}(4.7 \mathrm{~g}, 25 \mathrm{mmol})$ and $R-\mathrm{Ph}(\mathrm{Me}) \mathrm{CHNH}_{2}(3.0 \mathrm{~g}, 25$ mmol ) were combined with toluene ( 250 mL ). The resulting white suspension was refluxed for 3 h with the help of Dean-Stark apparatus to afford a yellow solution. After cooling to room temperature, a second equivalent of $R-\mathrm{Ph}(\mathrm{Me}) \mathrm{CHNH}_{2}(3.0 \mathrm{~g}, 25 \mathrm{mmol})$ was added. The reaction mixture was then refluxed for 5 days. On cooling to room temperature, a brown precipitate appeared. The suspension was added to an aqueous KOH solution ( 5.0 g , $0.45 \mathrm{M})$ and stirred for 30 min . The phases were separated and the aqueous phase extracted twice with toluene $(400 \mathrm{~mL})$. The combined organic phases were dried over $\mathrm{Na}_{2} \mathrm{SO}_{4}$. Filtration and evaporation of the solvent gave brown oil, which was dissolved in EtOH (10 $\mathrm{mL})$. Colourless crystals formed at $-20^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ after 1 day ( $\left.5.2 \mathrm{~g}, 70 \%\right) .{ }^{1} \mathrm{H} \mathrm{NMR}\left(\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}, 400\right.$ $\mathrm{MHz}): \delta 11.89(\mathrm{bs}, 1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{NH}), 7.20-7.35(\mathrm{~m}, 10 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{Ph}), 4.68(\mathrm{q}, 2 \mathrm{H}, J=7 \mathrm{~Hz}, \mathrm{CH}(\mathrm{Me}) \mathrm{Ph})$, $4.48\left(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{CH}(\mathrm{C}=\mathrm{N})_{2}\right), 1.82(\mathrm{~s}, 6 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{Me}(\mathrm{C}=\mathrm{N})), 1.49(\mathrm{~d}, 6 \mathrm{H}, J=7 \mathrm{~Hz} \mathrm{CH}(\mathrm{Me}) \mathrm{Ph})$. ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}\left\{{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}\right\}$ NMR $\left(\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}, 101 \mathrm{MHz}\right) \delta 159.7(\mathrm{C}=\mathrm{N})$, 146.9 (ipso Ph ), 128.4 (ortho Ph ), 126.3 (para $\mathrm{CH}(\mathrm{Me}) P h), 126.2($ meta Ph$) 95.2\left(\mathrm{CH}(\mathrm{C}=\mathrm{N})_{2}\right)$, $55.9(\mathrm{CH}(\mathrm{Me}) \mathrm{Ph})$, $25.8(\mathrm{Me}(\mathrm{C}=\mathrm{N}))$, $19.5(\mathrm{CH}(\mathrm{Me}) \mathrm{Ph})$. Anal. Calcd. for $\mathrm{C}_{21} \mathrm{H}_{26} \mathrm{~N}_{2}$ : C, 82.31; H, 8.55; N, 9.15. Found: C, 81.67; H, 8.38; N, 9.14. Mp. $43.0-43.8^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$.

## 2-(S-2-phenylethyl)amino-4-(S-4-phenylethyl)imino-pent-2-ene, nacnac $^{\text {S,S }} \mathbf{H}, \boldsymbol{S S}$-3a.

Following the same procedure as for the $R$-enantiomer, $\boldsymbol{S S} \boldsymbol{S}$ - $\mathbf{3 a}$ was obtained in $67 \%$ yield.

Anal.Calcd. for $\mathrm{C}_{21} \mathrm{H}_{26} \mathrm{~N}_{2}$ : C, 82.31; H, 8.55; N, 9.15. Found: C, 81.99; H, 8.68; N, 9.07.

## nacnac $^{(\mathrm{R}, \mathrm{R})}-\mathrm{Li}(\mathrm{THF}), \mathbf{3 b}$.



Scheme 6.3.6 Synthesis of nacnac ${ }^{\mathrm{R}, \mathrm{R}} \mathrm{Li}(\mathrm{THF})$, 3b.
A solution of $n-\mathrm{BuLi}$ in hexane $(2.9 \mathrm{M}, 0.9 \mathrm{mmol})$ was added gradually over 10 minutes to a yellow THF solution of $\mathbf{3 a}(0.25 \mathrm{~g}, 0.82 \mathrm{mmol})$. The yellow orange solution was allowed to stir for 4 hours at room temperature, volatiles were evaporated and a brown oil is obtained ( $0.30 \mathrm{~g}, 92 \%$ ), which was used without further purification.
${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $400 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{D}_{6}$ ): $\delta 7.16-7.42(\mathrm{~m}, 10 \mathrm{H}, P h), 4.81(\mathrm{q}, 2 \mathrm{H}, J=7, \mathrm{CH}(\mathrm{Me}) \mathrm{Ph}), 4.71$ $\left(\mathrm{s}, 1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{CH}(\mathrm{C}=\mathrm{N})_{2}\right), 3.00(\mathrm{~m}, 4 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{THF}), 2.07(\mathrm{~s}, 6 \mathrm{H}, \operatorname{Me}(\mathrm{C}=\mathrm{N})), 1.44(\mathrm{~d}, 6 \mathrm{H}, J=7$, $\mathrm{CH}(\mathrm{Me}) \mathrm{Ph}), 0.97$ (m, 4H, THF).
${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}\left\{{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}\right\}$ NMR $\left(\mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{D}_{6}, 101 \mathrm{MHz}\right): \delta 161.0(\mathrm{C}=\mathrm{N}), 150.2$ (ipso Ph ), 128.4 (ortho Ph ), 126.6 (para Ph), 125.8 (meta Ph ), $93.7\left(\mathrm{CH}(\mathrm{C}=\mathrm{N})_{2}\right), 67.6(\mathrm{CH}(\mathrm{Me}) \mathrm{Ph})$, 57.2 (THF), 25.5 (THF), $24.6(\mathrm{CH}(M e) \mathrm{Ph}), 22.3(M e(\mathrm{C}=\mathrm{N}))$.

Anal. Calcd. for $\mathrm{C}_{25} \mathrm{H}_{33} \mathrm{LiN}_{2} \mathrm{O}$ : C, 78.10; H, 8.65; N, 7.29. Found: C, 72.99; H, 8.79; N, 7.61.

## $\left(\text { nacnac }^{\mathrm{R}, \mathrm{R}}\right)_{2} \mathrm{ZrCl}_{2}, \mathbf{3 c}$.



Scheme 6.3.7 Synthesis of $\left(\text { nacnac }^{\mathrm{R}, \mathrm{R}}\right)_{2} \mathrm{ZrCl}_{2}, \mathbf{3 c}$.
To a mixture of $\mathrm{ZrCl}_{4}(\mathrm{THF})_{2}(0.77 \mathrm{~g}, 2.04 \mathrm{mmol})$ and $(1.57 \mathrm{~g}, 4.08 \mathrm{mmol})$ of 3b toluene was added under stirring. The obtained orange mixture was allowed to react for 3 days at room temperaturre. The mixture was filtered and the orange filtrate was concentrated to half its volume and the desired product was precipitated by addition of 15 mL of hexane. The crystallization of the product by slow diffusion of hexane into a saturated toluene solution of the product gave by mainly yellow (I) and few red crystals (II). ( $1.1 \mathrm{~g}, 65 \%$ ) Analysis on yellow crystals of $\mathbf{3 c}$ was performed by removing the red crystals, $\mathbf{3 d}$, by hand. The red crystals, 3d, could not be obtained in sufficient quantity for a full characterization but allowed only X-ray structure determination.

For 3c: (Peaks are severely broadened. both diastereomers $a$ and $b$ are present, see crystal structure and low temperature NMR)
${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR $\left(\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}, 400 \mathrm{MHz}, 298 \mathrm{~K}\right): \delta 7.08-7.4(\mathrm{~m}, 20 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{Ph}), 6.74(\mathrm{bm}, 2 \mathrm{H}, b \mathrm{CH}(\mathrm{Me}) \mathrm{Ph})$, $6.64(\mathrm{bm}, 2 \mathrm{H}, a \mathrm{CH}(\mathrm{Me}) \mathrm{Ph}), 6.14(\mathrm{bm}, 2 \mathrm{H}, a \mathrm{CH}(\mathrm{Me}) \mathrm{Ph}), 5.26\left(\mathrm{bs}, a+b \mathrm{CH}(\mathrm{C}=\mathrm{N})_{2}\right), 4.48$ (bm, 2H, $b \mathrm{CH}(\mathrm{Me}) \mathrm{Ph}), 2.15-1.63(\mathrm{~m}, 24 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{Me}) .{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}\left\{{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}\right\} \mathrm{NMR}\left(\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}, 75 \mathrm{MHz}, 298 \mathrm{~K}\right)$ : $\delta 168.1(\mathrm{C}=\mathrm{N}), 167(\mathrm{C}=\mathrm{N}), 162.9(\mathrm{C}=\mathrm{N})$, 143.9 (ipso Ph ), 143.4 (ipso Ph ), 110.8 $\left(C H(\mathrm{C}=\mathrm{N})_{2}\right), 104.3\left(\mathrm{CH}(\mathrm{C}=\mathrm{N})_{2}\right), 62(C H(\mathrm{Me}) \mathrm{Ph}), 59.4(\mathrm{CH}(\mathrm{Me}) \mathrm{Ph}), 57.6(\mathrm{CH}(\mathrm{Me}) \mathrm{Ph})$, $27.2(\mathrm{CH}(\mathrm{Me}) \mathrm{Ph}), 25.3(\mathrm{CH}(\mathrm{Me}) \mathrm{Ph}), 19.8(\mathrm{Me}(\mathrm{C}=\mathrm{N}))$, $18.2(\mathrm{Me}(\mathrm{C}=\mathrm{N}))$, $17(\mathrm{Me}(\mathrm{C}=\mathrm{N}))$.

Anal. Calcd. for $\mathrm{C}_{42} \mathrm{H}_{50} \mathrm{~N}_{2} \mathrm{ZrCl}_{2}$ : C, 65.26; H, 6.52; N, 7.01. Found: C, $64.93 ; \mathrm{H}, 6.70 ; \mathrm{N}$, 7.13.
${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR $\left(\mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{D}_{6}, 400 \mathrm{MHz}, 298 \mathrm{~K}\right): \delta 7.08-7.4(\mathrm{~m}, 20 \mathrm{H}, ~ P h), 6.45-6.43(\mathrm{bm}, 2 \mathrm{H}$, $\mathrm{C} H(\mathrm{Me}) \mathrm{Ph}), 4.88\left(\mathrm{bs}, 2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{CH}(\mathrm{C}=\mathrm{N})_{2}\right), 4.74(\mathrm{bm}, 2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{CH}(\mathrm{Me}) \mathrm{Ph}), 2.07-1.42(\mathrm{~m}, 24 \mathrm{H}$, Me ).
${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR (toluene- $\left.d_{8}, 400 \mathrm{MHz}, 298 \mathrm{~K}\right): \delta 7.08-7.8(\mathrm{~m}, 20 \mathrm{H}, P h), 6.37(\mathrm{bm}, 1 \mathrm{H}$, $\mathrm{C} H(\mathrm{Me}) \mathrm{Ph}), 6.28(\mathrm{bm}, 1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{C} H(\mathrm{Me}) \mathrm{Ph}), 4.79\left(\mathrm{bs}, 2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{C} H(\mathrm{C}=\mathrm{N})_{2}\right), 4.68(\mathrm{bm}, 2 \mathrm{H}$, $\mathrm{CH}(\mathrm{Me}) \mathrm{Ph})$, 2.05-1.44 (m, 24H, Me). ${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}\left\{{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}\right\}$ NMR (toluene- $d_{8}, 101 \mathrm{MHz}, 298 \mathrm{~K}$ ): $\delta 132.7$ (ipso Ph ), 124.6 (ortho Ph ), 123.7 (para Ph$), 121.7$ (meta Ph$), 103.6\left(\mathrm{CH}(\mathrm{C}=\mathrm{N})_{2}\right)$, 91.5, 55.6, 55.1, $30.2(C H(M e) \mathrm{Ph}), 27.3(\mathrm{CH}(\mathrm{Me}) \mathrm{Ph})$, 20.1, $18.1(\mathrm{Me}(\mathrm{C}=\mathrm{N}))$.
${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR (toluene- $d_{8}, 400 \mathrm{MHz}, 373 \mathrm{~K}$ ): $\delta 6.96-7.41$ (m, 20H, Ph), 4.70-6.38 (bm, 4H, $\mathrm{C} H(\mathrm{Me}) \mathrm{Ph}), 4.79\left(\mathrm{bs}, 2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{C} H(\mathrm{C}=\mathrm{N})_{2}\right), 1.82-1.44(\mathrm{~m}, 24 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{Me}) .{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}\left\{{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}\right\}$ NMR (toluene$\left.d_{8}, 101 \mathrm{MHz}, 373 \mathrm{~K}\right): \delta 205.1(\mathrm{C}=\mathrm{N}$ ), 132.7 (ipso Ph ), 124.6 (ortho Ph ), 123.7 (para Ph ), 121.7 (meta Ph$), 107.1\left(\mathrm{CH}(\mathrm{C}=\mathrm{N})_{2}\right), 100.7(\mathrm{CH}(\mathrm{Me}) \mathrm{Ph}), 27.3(\mathrm{CH}(\mathrm{Me}) \mathrm{Ph}), 18.9$ $(M e(\mathrm{C}=\mathrm{N}))$.

Low temperature NMR at $-50{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ was performed to identify the two diastereoisomers $a$ $(67 \%)$ and $b(33 \%)$ of this product.
${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $500 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}, 223 \mathrm{~K}$ ), stereoisomer $a: \delta 7.85-7.07(\mathrm{~m}, 20 \mathrm{H}, P h), 6.65(\mathrm{q}, J=$ $7 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{CH}(\mathrm{Me}) \mathrm{Ph},), 6.12(\mathrm{q}, J=7 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{CH}(\mathrm{Me}) \mathrm{Ph}), 5.29\left(\mathrm{~s}, 2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{CH}(\mathrm{C}=\mathrm{N})_{2}\right), 1.92$ (d, $J=7 \mathrm{~Hz}, 6 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{CH}(M e) \mathrm{Ph},), 1.77(\mathrm{~s}, 6 \mathrm{H}, M e(\mathrm{C}=\mathrm{N}), 1.69(\mathrm{~s}, 6 \mathrm{H}, M e(\mathrm{C}=\mathrm{N}), 1.61(\mathrm{~d}, J=7$ $\mathrm{Hz}, 6 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{CH}(\mathrm{Me}) \mathrm{Ph})$. Stereoisomer $b: \delta 7.85-7.07(\mathrm{~m}, 20 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{Ph}), 6.74(\mathrm{q}, J=7 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}$, $\mathrm{C} H(\mathrm{Me}) \mathrm{Ph},), 5.28\left(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{C} H(\mathrm{C}=\mathrm{N})_{2}\right), 4.83(\mathrm{q}, J=7 \mathrm{~Hz}, 0.5 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{C} H(\mathrm{Me}) \mathrm{Ph}), 2.15(\mathrm{~d}, J=7$

Hz, $3 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{CH}(\mathrm{Me}) \mathrm{Ph}), 2.01(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}, M e(\mathrm{C}=\mathrm{N}), 1.90(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}, \operatorname{Me}(\mathrm{C}=\mathrm{N}), 1.80(\mathrm{~d}, J=7 \mathrm{~Hz}, 3 \mathrm{H}$, $\mathrm{CH}(\mathrm{Me}) \mathrm{Ph})$.
${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}\left\{{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}\right\}$ NMR $\left(\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}, 126 \mathrm{MHz}, 223 \mathrm{~K}\right)$ for both a and $\mathrm{b} 168.2,167(\mathrm{C}=\mathrm{N}), 143.9,143.6$, $143.2,128.4,127.9,127.7,127.5,126.9,126.8,126.5,126.3,126.2,126.1,126.0,125.9$ (Ph), $111.1\left(C H(\mathrm{C}=\mathrm{N})_{2}\right)$, $104.2\left(C H(\mathrm{C}=\mathrm{N})_{2}\right), 62.33,59.5,59.2,57.5(\mathrm{CH}(\mathrm{Me}) \mathrm{Ph}), 27.3$, 26.7, 25.6, 25.3, 25.2, 19.5, 17.9, $17.1(\mathrm{Me}(\mathrm{C}=\mathrm{N}))$.

## ( nacnac $\left.^{\mathrm{R}, \mathrm{R}}\right) \mathrm{ZrCl}_{3}(\mathrm{THF}), \mathbf{3 e}$.



Scheme 6.3.8 Synthesis of ( nacnac $^{\mathrm{R}, \mathrm{R}}$ ) $\mathrm{ZrCl}_{3}$ (THF), 3e.
A toluene suspension of $\mathrm{ZrCl}_{4}(0.30 \mathrm{~g}, 2.6 \mathrm{mmol})$ was added to a mixture of a red toluene solution of $\mathbf{3 b}(0.5 \mathrm{~g}$ in $20 \mathrm{~mL}, 2.6 \mathrm{mmol})$ and 3 mL of THF. The obtained orange mixture was allowed to react for 1 day at room temperature. The brown mixture was filtered and the precipitate was extracted with $2 \times 5 \mathrm{~mL}$ of toluene. The volatiles were removed and a brown precipitate is obtained $(0.45 \mathrm{~g}, 35 \%)$.
${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR (400 MHz, $\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}$ ): $\delta 7.01-7.17(\mathrm{~m}, 10 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{Ph}), 6.94(\mathrm{bm}, 2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{CH}(\mathrm{Me}) \mathrm{Ph}), 5.56(\mathrm{~s}$, $\left.1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{CH}(\mathrm{C}=\mathrm{N})_{2}\right), 3.18(\mathrm{~m}, 4 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{THF}), 2.45(\mathrm{~s}, 6 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{Me}(\mathrm{C}=\mathrm{N}), 1.46(\mathrm{~d}, 6 \mathrm{H}, J=7 \mathrm{~Hz}$, $\mathrm{CH}(\mathrm{Me}) \mathrm{Ph}), 1.03$ (m, 4H, THF).
${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}\left\{{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}\right\}$ NMR $\left(\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}, 101 \mathrm{MHz}\right): \delta 144.9(\mathrm{C}=\mathrm{N}), 143.6$ (ipso Ph ), 128.4 (ortho Ph ), 127.6 (para Ph), 126.8 (meta Ph ), $86.6\left(\mathrm{CH}(\mathrm{C}=\mathrm{N})_{2}\right), 59.4(\mathrm{CH}(\mathrm{Me}) \mathrm{Ph}), 57.5(\mathrm{THF}), 25.5$ (THF), $25.3(\mathrm{CH}(M e) \mathrm{Ph}), 25.1(M e(\mathrm{C}=\mathrm{N}))$.

Anal. Calcd. for $\mathrm{C}_{25} \mathrm{H}_{33} \mathrm{~N}_{2} \mathrm{ZrCl}_{3} \mathrm{O}$ : C, $52.21 .14 ; \mathrm{H}, 5.84 ; \mathrm{N}, 4.87$. Found: C, 51.52; H, 5.78 ; N, 4.68.

## 2-(cyclohexyl)amino-4-(cyclohexyl)imino-pent-2-ene, nacnac $^{\text {cy }} \mathbf{H}, 4 \mathrm{4}$.



Scheme 6.3.9 Synthesis of nacnac ${ }^{\mathrm{Cy}} \mathrm{H}, \mathbf{4 a}$.
Acetylacetone ( $1.00 \mathrm{~g}, 10 \mathrm{mmol}), \mathrm{TsOH}(1.9 \mathrm{~g}, 10 \mathrm{mmol})$ and cyclohexylamine $(1.0 \mathrm{~g}, 10$ $\mathrm{mmol})$ were combined with toluene $(100 \mathrm{~mL})$. The resulting white suspension was refluxed for 3 h with the help of Dean-Stark apparatus to afford a colorless solution. After cooling to room temperature, a second equivalent of cyclohexylamine ( $1.0 \mathrm{~g}, 10 \mathrm{mmol}$ ) was added. The reaction mixture was then refluxed for 3 days. Upon cooling to room temperature, a colorless precipitate appeared which was separated by filtration and mixed with 100 mL ether and 100 mL of an aqueous solution of $\mathrm{KOH}(5.6 \mathrm{~g}, 100 \mathrm{mmol})$. The organic phase was extracted with ether, dried by adding $\mathrm{Na}_{2} \mathrm{SO}_{4}$ and concentrated using the rota-vap. The obtained yellow liquid was allowed to cool down slowly to room temperature to yield colorless crystals ( $1.8 \mathrm{~g}, 69 \%$ ). The spectral data agreed with literature and the compound was used without further purification.

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${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR $\left(\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}, 400 \mathrm{MHz}, 298 \mathrm{~K}\right): \delta 11.72(\mathrm{bs}, 1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{NH}), 4.44\left(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{CH}(\mathrm{C}=\mathrm{N})_{2}\right)$, 3.32-3.35 (m, 2H,CH(Cy)), $1.90(\mathrm{~s}, 6 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{Me}(\mathrm{C}=\mathrm{N})$ ), 1.80-1.35 (m, 20H, Су).
${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}\left\{{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}\right\}$ NMR $\left(\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}, 101 \mathrm{MHz}, 298 \mathrm{~K}\right): \delta 158.4(\mathrm{C}=\mathrm{N}), 93.7\left(\mathrm{CH}(\mathrm{C}=\mathrm{N})_{2}\right), 54.1\left(\mathrm{CH}_{\mathrm{Cy}}\right)$, $34.6\left(\mathrm{CH}_{2 a}\right)$, $25.7\left(\mathrm{CH}_{2 b}\right)$, $25.7\left(\mathrm{CH}_{2 c}\right)$, $18.8\left(\mathrm{CH}_{3}\right)$.
nacnac $^{\text {Cy }} \mathbf{L i ( T H F ) , ~ 4 b . ~}$


Scheme 6.3.10 Synthesis of $n a c n a c^{\mathrm{Cy}} \mathrm{Li}(\mathrm{THF})$, 4b.
To a yellow THF solution of $\mathbf{4 a}(1.5 \mathrm{~g}, 5.8 \mathrm{mmol})$ a hexane solution of $n-\mathrm{BuLi}(2 \mathrm{~mL}, 2.9$ $\mathrm{M}, 5.8 \mathrm{mmol}$ ) was added gradually at room temperature. After 4 hours of stirring the solution turns orange. The volatiles were removed under reduced pressure to yield a yellow solid which when dried gave ( $1.9 \mathrm{~g}, 96 \%$ ) of $\mathbf{4 b}$, used without further purification.
${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR $\left.\left(\mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{D}_{6}, 400 \mathrm{MHz}, 298 \mathrm{~K}\right): \delta 4.56(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{CH}(\mathrm{C}=\mathrm{N}))_{2}\right), 3.40-3.44(\mathrm{~m}, 6 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{Cy} \mathrm{CH}$ \& $\left.\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{O}\right), 2.16\left(\mathrm{~s}, 6 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{CH}_{3}\right), 1.77-1.3\left(\mathrm{~m}, 24 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{THF} \& \mathrm{Cy} \mathrm{CH}_{2}\right)$
${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}\left\{{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}\right\}$ NMR $\left(\mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{D}_{6}, 101 \mathrm{MHz}, 298 \mathrm{~K}\right): \delta 158.0(C=\mathrm{N}), 95.0\left(\mathrm{CH}(\mathrm{C}=\mathrm{N})_{2}\right), 54.6$ (THF), $54.4(\mathrm{Cy} \mathrm{CH}), 34.6\left(\mathrm{CH}_{2 a}\right), 25.7\left(\mathrm{CH}_{2 b}\right), 25.7\left(\mathrm{CH}_{2 c}\right), 24.5(\mathrm{THF}), 18.8\left(\mathrm{CH}_{3}\right)$.

Anal. Calcd. for $\mathrm{C}_{21} \mathrm{H}_{37} \mathrm{LiN}_{2} \mathrm{O}: \mathrm{C}, 74.08 ; \mathrm{H}, 10.95 ; \mathrm{N}, 8.23$. Found: C, 72.10; H, 10.85; N, 8.14.

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$\left(\text { nacnac }^{\mathrm{cy}}\right)_{2} \mathbf{Z r C l}_{2}, 4 \mathrm{c}$.


4b


Scheme 6.3.11 Synthesis of $\left(\text { nacnac }^{\text {cy }}\right)_{2} \mathrm{ZrCl}_{2}, 4 \mathrm{c}$.

In a dry schlenk $\mathrm{ZrCl}_{4}(0.34 \mathrm{~g}, 1.5 \mathrm{mmol})$ and $\mathbf{4 b}(1.0 \mathrm{~g}, 3.0 \mathrm{mmol})$ were mixed together, to which we added 10 mL of toluene under stirring. After 24 hours of stirring at room temperaturre the obtained orange mixture was filtered. The red filtrate was concentrated to half its volume and the desired product was precipitated by addition of 15 mL of hexane. The white precipitate was separated by filtration and dried on a vacuum line to yield (0.35 $\mathrm{g}, 0.52 \mathrm{mmol}, 35 \%$ ). Anal. Calcd for $\mathrm{C}_{34} \mathrm{H}_{58} \mathrm{ZrN}_{4} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}$ : C, $59.62 ; \mathrm{H}, 8.53 ; \mathrm{N}, 8.18$. Found: C, 58.98; H, 8.75; N, 7.71.
${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR $\left(\mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{D}_{6}, 300 \mathrm{MHz}, 298 \mathrm{~K}\right): \delta 5.16(\mathrm{bm}, 2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{Cy} \mathrm{CH}), 4.95\left(\mathrm{~s}, 2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{CH}(\mathrm{C}=\mathrm{N})_{2}\right), 4.05$ (bm, 2H, Cy CH), 2.75-1.01 (m, 52H, $\left.\mathrm{CH}_{3} \& \mathrm{Cy}\right)$
${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR $\left(\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}, 500 \mathrm{MHz}, 298 \mathrm{~K}\right): \delta 5.15\left(\mathrm{~s}, 2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{CH}(\mathrm{C}=\mathrm{N})_{2}\right), 4,75(\mathrm{bm}, 2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{Cy} \mathrm{CH})$, 3.84 (bm, 2H, Cy CH), 1.91 (bs, 12H, CH3 ), 2.16-1.19 (m, $40 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{Cy} \mathrm{CH}_{2}$ )
${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}\left\{{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}\right\}$ NMR $\left.\left(\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}, 76 \mathrm{MHz}, 298 \mathrm{~K}\right): \delta 162.6(\mathrm{C}=\mathrm{N})\right), 111.8\left(\mathrm{CH}(\mathrm{C}=\mathrm{N})_{2}\right), 35.4,32.4$, 28.1, 27.2, $26.3(\mathrm{Cy} \mathrm{CH}), 26.5\left(\mathrm{CH}_{3}\right)$.

Low temperature NMR at $-50^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$.
${ }^{1} \mathrm{H} \operatorname{NMR}\left(\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}, 500 \mathrm{MHz}, 223 \mathrm{~K}\right): \delta 5.11\left(\mathrm{~s}, 2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{CH}(\mathrm{C}=\mathrm{N})_{2}\right), 4.70\left(\mathrm{bm}, 2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{CH}_{C y}\right), 3.70$ (bm, 2H, $\mathrm{CH}_{\mathrm{Cy}}$ ), 2.16 (bs, $6 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{CH}_{3 b}$ ), $1.91\left(\mathrm{bs}, \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{CH}_{3 a}\right), 1.89-1.57$ (m, $\left.40 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{Cy}\right)$
$\left.\left.{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}\left\{{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}\right\} \quad \mathrm{NMR}\left(\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}, 126 \mathrm{MHz}, 223 \mathrm{~K}\right): \delta 162.7(\mathrm{C}=\mathrm{N})\right), \quad 162.0(\mathrm{C}=\mathrm{N})\right), \quad 112.4$ $\left(C H(\mathrm{C}=\mathrm{N})_{2}\right), 61.6,59.9(\mathrm{Cy} \mathrm{CH}), 34.8,33.8,32.2,31.2,30.7\left(\mathrm{Cy} \mathrm{CH}_{2}\right), 27.5(\mathrm{Me}(\mathrm{C}=\mathrm{N}))$, 27.1, 26.4, 25.9, 25.6, $25.1\left(\mathrm{Cy} \mathrm{CH}_{2}\right), 24.0(\mathrm{Me}(\mathrm{C}=\mathrm{N}))$.

Crystals of this compound were obtained by slow diffusion of hexane into a THF solution of the complex at $25^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$.

2-(R-2-phenylethyl)aminopent-2- en-4-one, $a^{\text {acnac }}{ }^{\mathrm{R}}, 5 \mathrm{5a}$.


Scheme 6.3.12 Synthesis of $a c n a c^{\mathrm{R}}, \mathbf{5 a}$.

Using a Dean-Stark apparatus, we introduce: TsOH ( $0.98 \mathrm{~g}, 5.1 \mathrm{mmol}$ ), 2,4-pentandione $(5.1 \mathrm{~g}, 51 \mathrm{mmol}),(+) 1$-phenylethylamine $(5.9 \mathrm{~g}, 51 \mathrm{mmol})$ in 150 mL of dry toluene. The yellow mixture was heated to reflux for 12 h . To the obtained mixture we added 100 mL of ether, 100 mL of water. The organic phase was extracted with ether, dried by adding $\mathrm{MgSO}_{4}$, separated by filtration, concentrated using the rota-vap. The desired product is a yellow liquid ( $10.3 \mathrm{~g}, 95 \%$ ).
${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR ( $400 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{CDCl}_{3}, 298 \mathrm{~K}$ ): $\delta 11.29(\mathrm{bs}, 1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{C}=\mathrm{NH})$, 7.24-7.34 (m, 6H, Ph), 4.99 (s, 1H, CH(C=N), $4.66(\mathrm{qt}, J=7 \mathrm{~Hz}, 1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{CH}(\mathrm{Me}) \mathrm{Ph}), 2.05(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}, \operatorname{Me}(\mathrm{C}=\mathrm{O})), 1.77(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}$, $(M e(\mathrm{C}=\mathrm{N}))$.
${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}\left\{{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}\right\}$ NMR $\left(\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}, 300 \mathrm{MHz}, 298 \mathrm{~K}\right): \delta 194.9(\mathrm{C}=\mathrm{O})$, $162.3(\mathrm{C}=\mathrm{N})$, 144.1 (ipso Ph$)$, 128.6 (ortho Ph ), 126.9 (para Ph ), 125.2 (meta Ph ), $95.6(\mathrm{CH}(\mathrm{C}=\mathrm{N})) 52.8(\mathrm{CH}(\mathrm{Me}) \mathrm{Ph})$, $28.7(\mathrm{CH}(\mathrm{Me}) \mathrm{Ph}), 24.5(\mathrm{Me}(\mathrm{C}=\mathrm{O})), 18.9(\mathrm{Me}(\mathrm{C}=\mathrm{N}))$.

## (acnac $\left.{ }^{\mathrm{R}}\right) \mathrm{Li}$.1/2THF, 5b



Scheme 6.3.13 Synthesis of $a c n a c^{\mathrm{R}} \mathrm{Li} .1 / 2$ (THF), 5b
To a yellow THF solution of $\mathbf{5 b}(1.0 \mathrm{~g}, 4.9 \mathrm{mmol})$ we added $(2.9 \mathrm{M}, 1.8 \mathrm{~mL}, 4.9 \mathrm{mmol})$ of $n$-BuLi over 25 min . The obtained orange solution was evaporated to dryness and an offwhite solid is obtained ( $1.1 \mathrm{~g}, 100 \%$ ). Anal. Calcd for $\mathrm{C}_{13} \mathrm{H}_{16} \mathrm{LiNO} .1 / 2\left(\mathrm{C}_{4} \mathrm{H}_{8} \mathrm{O}\right)$ : C, 73.46; H, 8.22; N, 5.71. Found: C, 73.09; H, 8.22; N, 6.09. (Presence of 0.5 equiv. of free THF is confirmed by NMR)
${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR $\left(\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}, 400 \mathrm{MHz}, 298 \mathrm{~K}\right): \delta 7.24-7.34(\mathrm{~m}, 6 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{Ph}), 4.61(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{CH}(\mathrm{C}=\mathrm{N}), 4.60$ (m, 1H, CH(Me)Ph), 3.76 (m, 2H, THF), 1.85 (bm, 2H, THF), 1.72 (bs, 3H, $\operatorname{Me}(\mathrm{C}=\mathrm{O})$ ), 1.55 (bs, $6 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{Me}(\mathrm{C}=\mathrm{N}) \mathrm{CH}(\mathrm{Me}) \mathrm{Ph})$.
${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}\left\{{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}\right\}$ NMR $\left(\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}, 101 \mathrm{MHz}, 298 \mathrm{~K}\right): \delta 173.4(\mathrm{C}=\mathrm{O})$, $169.4(\mathrm{C}=\mathrm{N})$ ), 146.1(ipso Ph$)$, 128.3 (ortho Ph ), 126.9 (para Ph ), 125.2 (meta Ph ), $99.8(\mathrm{CH}(\mathrm{C}=\mathrm{N})$ ), 68.1 (THF), 58.7 $(C H(\mathrm{Me}) \mathrm{Ph}), 28.6(\mathrm{Me}(\mathrm{C}=\mathrm{O})), 26.4(\mathrm{THF}), 25.5(\mathrm{CH}(\mathrm{Me}) \mathrm{Ph}), 22.1(\mathrm{Me}(\mathrm{C}=\mathrm{N}))$.
$\left(\text { nacnac }^{\mathrm{Bn}}\right)_{2} \mathrm{Zr}(\mathrm{Me})_{2}, \mathbf{2 d}$


Scheme 6.3.14 Synthesis of $\left(\text { nacnac }^{\mathrm{Bn}}\right)_{2} \mathrm{Zr}(\mathrm{Me})_{2}$, 2d
$\mathrm{ZrCl}_{4}(0.42 \mathrm{~g}, 1.8 \mathrm{mmol})$ was dissolved in 60 mL of THF in a 250 mL schlenk covered with aluminum foil. The resulting colorless solution was cooled to $-78^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ to which we added an ether solution of $\operatorname{MeLi}(2.5 \mathrm{~mL}, 1.6 \mathrm{M}, 4.0 \mathrm{mmol})$. The obtained white suspension was allowed to stir for 30 min in order to generate. To the obtained mixture deprotonated ( $n a c n a c^{C y}$ ) ligand ( $1.28 \mathrm{~g}, 3.6 \mathrm{mmol}$ ) was added giving a yellow suspension. The mixture was allowed to warm up to room temperature during 18 h giving a red solution. Volatiles were evaporated under reduced pressure gave a yellow solid film, the product was extracted with 20 mL of $\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Cl}_{2}$ and the resulting red solution was evaporated to dryness to yield a yellow powder ( $0.7 \mathrm{~g}, 63 \%$ ). Anal. Calcd for $\mathrm{C}_{40} \mathrm{H}_{48} \mathrm{~N}_{4} \mathrm{Zr}$ : C, 71.06; H, 7.16; N, 8.29. Found: C, 71.59; H, 7.28; N, 8.29.
${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR $\left(\mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{D}_{6}, 400 \mathrm{MHz}, 298 \mathrm{~K}\right): \delta 7.60-7.06(\mathrm{~m}, 20 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{Ph}), 4.94\left(\mathrm{~s}, 2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{CH}(\mathrm{C}=\mathrm{N})_{2}\right)$, 4.77 (bs, $8 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{CH}_{2}$ ), 1.76 (s, $12 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{Me}(\mathrm{C}=\mathrm{N})$ ), $0.32(\mathrm{~s}, 6 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{Me}-\mathrm{Zr})$.
${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}\left\{{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}\right\}$ NMR $\left(\mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{D}_{6}, 101 \mathrm{MHz}, 298 \mathrm{~K}\right): \delta 163.5(\mathrm{C}=\mathrm{N})$, 140.2 (ipso Ph ), 128.1 (ortho Ph ), 126.6 (para Ph$), 126.1$ (meta Ph$), 100.5\left(\mathrm{CH}(\mathrm{C}=\mathrm{N})\right.$ ), $52.1\left(\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Ph}\right), 41.2(\mathrm{Me}-\mathrm{Zr}), 21.4$ $(M e(\mathrm{C}=\mathrm{N}))$.

Crystals of this compound were obtained by slow diffusion at $-20^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ of hexane into a saturated toluene solution of this complexe.

## $\left(\text { nacnac }^{\mathrm{Bn}}\right)_{2} \mathrm{Zr}(\mathrm{OEt})_{2}, 2 \mathrm{e}$



Scheme 6.3.15 Synthesis of $\left(\text { nacnac }^{\mathrm{Bn}}\right)_{2} \mathrm{Zr}(\mathrm{OEt})_{2}$, 2e.
Ethanol ( $37.5 \mathrm{mg}, 0.81 \mathrm{mmol}$ ) were added to a yellow ether solution of $\mathbf{2 d}(250 \mathrm{mg}, 0.37$ mmol), upon which gas formation $\left(\mathrm{CH}_{4}\right)$ was observed. The yellow solution was evaporated to dryness and the obtained yellow solid, was extracted with 15 mL of hexane solution which was evaporated to dryness to yield a colorless powder. ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR analysis showed a 1:1 mixture of 2e and the protonated ligand 2a. Recrystallization of 2e from a saturated ethanol solution at $-20^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ gave colorless crystals ( $136 \mathrm{mg}, 50 \%$ ). Anal. Calcd for $\mathrm{C}_{42} \mathrm{H}_{48} \mathrm{~N}_{4} \mathrm{O}_{2} \mathrm{Zr}$ : C, 68.53; H, 7.12; N, 7.61. Found: C, 68.13; H, 7.45; N, 7.68.
${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR $\left(\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}, 400 \mathrm{MHz}, 298 \mathrm{~K}\right): ~ \delta 7.30-7.06(\mathrm{~m}, 20 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{Ph}), 5.10\left(\mathrm{bs}, 4 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{CH}_{2}\right), 4.86(\mathrm{~s}$, $\left.2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{CH}(\mathrm{C}=\mathrm{N})_{2}\right), 4.54\left(\mathrm{bs}, 4 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{CH}_{2}\right), 3.69\left(\mathrm{q}, 4 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{O}\right), 1.83(\mathrm{bs}, 12 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{Me}(\mathrm{C}=\mathrm{N})), 0.72$ (s, $6 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{Me}-\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{O}$ ).
${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR $\left(\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}, 400 \mathrm{MHz}, 223 \mathrm{~K}\right): \delta 7.30-7.06(\mathrm{~m}, 20 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{Ph}), 5.30(\mathrm{bd}, J=7 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}$, $\left.\mathrm{CH}_{2}\right), 4.87\left(\mathrm{bd}, J=7 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{CH}_{2}\right), 4.86\left(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{CH}(\mathrm{C}=\mathrm{N})_{2}\right), 4.75\left(\mathrm{bd}, J=7 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{CH}_{2}\right)$, 4.23 (bd, $J=7 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{CH}_{2}$ ), $3.80\left(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{O}\right), 3.60\left(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{O}\right), 1.99$ ( bs, 12 H , $M e(\mathrm{C}=\mathrm{N})), 1.68(\mathrm{bs}, 12 \mathrm{H}, \operatorname{Me}(\mathrm{C}=\mathrm{N})), 0.72\left(\mathrm{t}, J=7 \mathrm{~Hz}, 6 \mathrm{H}, M e-\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{O}\right)$.
${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}\left\{{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}\right\}$ NMR $\left(\mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{D}_{6}, 400 \mathrm{MHz}, 298 \mathrm{~K}\right): \delta 163.5(\mathrm{C}=\mathrm{N})$, 142.1 (ipso Ph ), 127.9 (ortho Ph ), 127.2 (para Ph$), 125.8($ meta Ph$), 102.7(\mathrm{CH}(\mathrm{C}=\mathrm{N}))$, $64.7\left(\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{O}\right), 53.6\left(\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Ph}\right), 22.2$ $\left(\mathrm{Me}-\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{O}\right), 19.8(\mathrm{Me}(\mathrm{C}=\mathrm{N}))$.

## $\left[\left(\text { nacnac }^{\mathrm{Bn}}\right)_{2} \mathrm{Zr}(\mathrm{Me})\right]^{+}\left[\mathrm{B}\left(\mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{~F}_{5}\right)_{3}(\mathrm{Me})\right]^{-}, 2 \mathrm{f}$

To a red $\mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{D}_{6}$ solution of $\mathrm{B}\left(\mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{~F}_{5}\right)_{3}(7.5 \mathrm{mg}, 0.0148 \mathrm{mmol})$, in a J.Young NMR tube, 0.5 mL of a yellow $\mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{D}_{6}$ solution of $\mathbf{2 d}\left(2.9610^{-3} \mathrm{M}, 0.0148 \mathrm{mmol}\right)$ was added in portions of 0.1 mL every 5 min , to yield a red oil and a yellow floating solution.
${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR $\left(\mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{D}_{6}, 400 \mathrm{MHz}, 298 \mathrm{~K}\right): \delta 7.37-7.06(\mathrm{~m}, 20 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{Ph}), 4.89\left(\mathrm{bs}, 2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{CH}(\mathrm{C}=\mathrm{N})_{2}\right)$, 4.54 (bs, $\left.8 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{CH}_{2}\right), 1.77(\mathrm{bs}, 12 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{Me}(\mathrm{C}=\mathrm{N})), 0.43\left(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{B}\left(\mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{~F}_{5}\right)_{3}(\mathrm{Me})\right), 0.19(\mathrm{~s}, 3 \mathrm{H}$, $\mathrm{Me}-\mathrm{Zr}$ )
${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}\left\{{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}\right\}$ NMR $\left(\mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{D}_{6}, 101 \mathrm{MHz}, 298 \mathrm{~K}\right): \delta 191.0(\mathrm{C}=\mathrm{N})$, 136.9 (ipso Ph ), $129.3\left(\mathrm{~B}\left(\mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{~F}_{5}\right)_{3}\right)$ $128.3\left(\mathrm{~B}\left(\mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{~F}_{5}\right)_{3}\right)$, 128.1 (ortho Ph ), 128.05 (para Ph ), $127.9($ meta Ph$)$, $126.9\left(\mathrm{~B}\left(\mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{~F}_{5}\right)_{3}\right)$, $93.2(\mathrm{CH}(\mathrm{C}=\mathrm{N})), 31.9\left(\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Ph}\right), 23.0\left(\mathrm{Me}\left(\mathrm{B}\left(\mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{~F}_{5}\right)_{3}\right)\right)$, $21.4(\mathrm{Me}(\mathrm{C}=\mathrm{N})), 14.4(\mathrm{Me}-\mathrm{Zr})$. rac-Lactide polymerization using $\mathrm{L}_{2} \mathrm{Zr}(\mathrm{OEt})_{2}$ :

In a well closed J.Young NMR tube, $\mathbf{2 e}\left(1.5 \mathrm{mg}, 2.1 \times 10^{-3} \mathrm{mmol}\right)$ and rac-lactide ( 60 mg , 0.42 mmol ) were heated up to $130{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ for half an hour. To the obtained mixture 0.1 mL of methanol were added, followed by addition of $\mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{D}_{6}(0.5 \mathrm{~mL})$. Yield was determined from ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR by comparaison to remaining lactide: $98 \%$
${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR $\left(\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}, 400 \mathrm{MHz}, 298 \mathrm{~K}\right): \delta 5.15-5.01(\mathrm{~m}$, polylactide CH$), 3.49(\mathrm{bs}, \mathrm{MeOH})$, 1.52-1.42 (m, polylactide $\mathrm{CH}_{3}$ ).
${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}\left\{{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}\right\}$ NMR $\left(\mathrm{CDCl}_{3}, 101 \mathrm{MHz}, 298 \mathrm{~K}\right) \delta: 169.5$ (polylactide $\mathrm{C}=\mathrm{O}$, siiis, iiiis, iiiii, siiii), 169.3 (polylactide $\mathrm{C}=\mathrm{O}$, iiisi), 169.25 (polylactide $\mathrm{C}=\mathrm{O}$, isiii, iisii, sisii), 169.1 (polylactide
$\mathrm{C}=\mathrm{O}$, iisis, sisis), 69.1 (polylactide CH , isi), 68.9 (polylactide CH , iii, iis, sii, sis), 49.9
$(\mathrm{MeOH}), 16.6$ (polylactide Me ), 16.5 (polylactide Me ), 16.4 (polylactide Me )

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## $\mathrm{Cp}_{2} \mathbf{Z r}(\mathrm{OPh})_{2}, \mathbf{6 a}{ }^{77}$



Scheme 6.4.1 Synthesis of $(\mathrm{Cp})_{2} \mathrm{Zr}(\mathrm{OPh})_{2}$, 6a
20 mL of toluene was added to Schlenk flask containing $\mathrm{Cp}_{2} \mathrm{ZrCl}_{2}(2.75 \mathrm{~g}, 9.42 \mathrm{mmol})$ and $\mathrm{PhOH}(1.77 \mathrm{~g}, 18.86 \mathrm{mmol})$. The solution was allowed to stir 30 min at room temperature, during which time a white precipitate appeared. The reaction mixture was then cooled with an ice bath and $\mathrm{Et}_{3} \mathrm{~N}(3.10 \mathrm{~mL}, 21.9 \mathrm{mmol})$ was added over 5 min . The reaction is slightly exothermic. A large amount of precipitate appeared and the reaction was vigorously stirred overnight ( 16 hrs ). The resulting reaction mixture was filtered, and the white precipitate extracted with toluene ( $3 \times 10 \mathrm{~mL}$ ). The toluene fractions were combined and evaporated to dryness. The resulting white residue was washed with hexane ( $3 \times 10 \mathrm{~mL}$ ) to afford $\mathbf{5 a}$ as a white powder ( $3.18 \mathrm{~g}, 82 \%$ ).
${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR (300 MHz, $\left.\mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{D}_{6}\right): \delta 7.26(\mathrm{t}, 4 \mathrm{H}, J=8 \mathrm{~Hz}$, meta OPh$), 6.89(\mathrm{t}, J=7 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}$, para OPh ), $6.79(\mathrm{~d}, J=8 \mathrm{~Hz}, 4 \mathrm{H}$, ortho OPh$), 5.95(\mathrm{~s}, 10 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{C} 5 H 5) \mathrm{ppm} .{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}\left\{{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}\right\} \mathrm{NMR}\left(\mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{D}_{6}\right.$, $76 \mathrm{MHz}): \delta 166.4$ (ipso OPh ), 130.1 (ortho OPh ), 119.9 (para OPh ), 119.0 (meta OPh ), $113.6\left(C_{5} \mathrm{H}_{5}\right)$.

## $\mathrm{Cp}_{2} \mathrm{Zr}(\mathbf{i B u}) \mathrm{OPh}, \mathbf{6 b}$.



Scheme 6.4.2 Synthesis of $(\mathrm{Cp})_{2} \mathrm{Zr}(i \mathrm{Bu}) \mathrm{OPh}, \mathbf{6 b}$
$\mathrm{Cp}_{2} \mathrm{Zr}(\mathrm{OPh})_{2}(171 \mathrm{mg}, 0.42 \mathrm{mmol})$ was dissolved in $40 \mathrm{~mL} \mathrm{Et}_{2} \mathrm{O}$ yielding a colorless solution. Upon cooling to $0{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ the solution turns brown. To this cooled solution, $i \mathrm{BuMgCl}$ ( $0.21 \mathrm{~mL}, 0.42 \mathrm{mmol}, 2 \mathrm{M}$ solution in $\mathrm{Et}_{2} \mathrm{O}$ ) was added dropwise with a syringe. After 2 h at $0^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$, the colorless solution was allowed to warm up to room temperature and stirred additional 2 h . The solution turned yellow with formation of some precipitate. The solvent was removed under reduced pressure yielding a yellow solid, to which 10 mL of hexane were added, stirred, and removed under vacuum to facilitate removal of the volatiles. The resulting yellow brown residue was then dried for 2 h under vacuum. Addition of 10 mL hexane, subsequent filtration and evaporation of the filtrate to dryness yielded yellow oil that turned brown upon standing (at room temperature or $-20^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ ). ( 150 mg , purity estimated from NMR 70\%). Several attempts to recrystallize this product, gave crystals from a saturated hexane solution at $-20^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$. Anal. Calcd for $\mathrm{C}_{20} \mathrm{H}_{24} \mathrm{O}_{2} \mathrm{Zr}$ : C, 64.64; $\mathrm{H}, 6.51$. Found: C, 62.45; H, 6.71.

Elemental analysis of these crystals was non consistent, most probably due to contamination of the crystals with the decomposed oil.
${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR (300 MHz, $\left.\mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{D}_{6}\right): \delta 7.19(\mathrm{t}, 2 \mathrm{H}, J=7 \mathrm{~Hz}$, meta OPh$), 6.85(\mathrm{t}, 1 \mathrm{H}, J=7 \mathrm{~Hz}$, para OPh), $6.58(\mathrm{~d}, 2 \mathrm{H}, J=8 \mathrm{~Hz}$, ortho OPh$), 5.75\left(\mathrm{~s}, 10 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{C}_{5} \mathrm{H}_{5}\right), 2.21\left(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{CH}\right), 1.15$ $\left(\mathrm{d}, 6 \mathrm{H}, J=7 \mathrm{~Hz}, \mathrm{CH}\left(\mathrm{CH}_{3}\right)_{2}\right), 1.06\left(\mathrm{~d}, 2 \mathrm{H}, J=7 \mathrm{~Hz}, \mathrm{ZrCH}_{2}\right)$.
${ }^{13} \mathrm{C}\left\{{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}\right\}$ NMR $\left(\mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{D}_{6}, 76 \mathrm{MHz}\right.$ ): $\delta 165.8$ (ispo OPh ), 130.0 (ortho OPh ), 120.0 (para OPh ), 118.7 (meta OPh$), 111.5\left(\mathrm{C}_{5} \mathrm{H}_{5}\right), 56.0\left(\mathrm{CH}\left(\mathrm{CH}_{3}\right)_{2}\right), 33.2\left(\mathrm{ZrCH}_{2}\right), 28.8\left(\mathrm{CH}\left(\mathrm{CH}_{3}\right)_{2}\right)$.

## $\mathrm{Cp}_{2} \mathrm{Zr}\left(\mathrm{OC}_{6} \mathrm{~F}_{5}\right)_{2}, 7 \mathrm{7a} .{ }^{79}$



Scheme 6.4.3 Synthesis of $(\mathrm{Cp})_{2} \mathrm{Zr} \mathrm{Cp}_{2} \mathrm{Zr}\left(\mathrm{OC}_{6} \mathrm{~F}_{5}\right)_{2}$, 7a
80 mL of $\mathrm{Et}_{2} \mathrm{O}$ were added to Schlenk flask containing $\mathrm{Cp}_{2} \mathrm{ZrCl}_{2}(1.00 \mathrm{~g}, 3.42 \mathrm{mmol})$ and $\mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{~F}_{5} \mathrm{OH}(1.26 \mathrm{~g}, 6.85 \mathrm{mmol})$. To the obtained suspension aniline $(0.92 \mathrm{~g}, 9.87 \mathrm{mmol})$ was added drop by drop and the mixture was allowed to stir for 30 min at room temperature, during which time a white precipitate appeared. The resulting reaction mixture was filtered, and the filtrate was evaporated to dryness to give a white solid which was washed with hexanes ( $3 \times 10 \mathrm{~mL}$ ) to afford a white powder ( $1.83 \mathrm{~g}, 91 \%$ ).
${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR $\left(\mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{D}_{6}, 300 \mathrm{MHz}\right): \delta 5.82\left(\mathrm{~s}, 10 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{C}_{5} \mathrm{H}_{5}\right) .{ }^{19} \mathrm{~F}\left(300 \mathrm{MHz}, \mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{D}_{6}\right) \delta-164.90(\mathrm{~d}$, ortho $\left.\mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{~F}_{5}\right), \delta-165.90\left(\mathrm{t}\right.$, meta $\left.\mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{~F}_{5}\right), \delta-170.50\left(\mathrm{td}\right.$, para $\left.\mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{~F}_{5}\right)$.

## $\mathrm{Cp}_{2} \mathrm{Zr}(\boldsymbol{i}-\mathrm{Bu}) \mathrm{OC}_{6} \mathrm{~F}_{5}, 7 \mathrm{7b}$.



Scheme 6.4.4 Synthesis of $\mathrm{Cp}_{2} \mathrm{Zr}(i \mathrm{Bu}) \mathrm{OC}_{6} \mathrm{~F}_{5}, 7 \mathrm{~b}$.
An $\mathrm{Et}_{2} \mathrm{O}(35 \mathrm{~mL})$ solution of $7 \mathrm{a}(507 \mathrm{mg}, 0.86 \mathrm{mmol})$ was cooled to $0{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$. Isobutyl magnesium chloride ( $465 \mu \mathrm{~L}, 2.0 \mathrm{M}$ solution in $\mathrm{Et}_{2} \mathrm{O}$ ) was added dropwise to the cooled reaction mixture and the solution was stirred for 2 h at $0^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$, then 2 h at room temperature, yielding a bright yellow solution with a white precipitate. The volatiles were removed under vacuum and the yellow residue dried for additional 15 min . Hexane ( 10 mL ) was added, stirred and evaporated. The product was extracted with hexane ( 30 mL ), filtrated
and evaporated to dryness affording thick yellow oil ( 241 mg , purity of $\mathbf{7 b}$ was estimated by NMR $60 \%$ ).
${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR $\left(\mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{D}_{6}, 300 \mathrm{MHz}\right): \delta 5.72\left(\mathrm{~s}, 10 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{C}_{5} H_{5}\right), 2.17(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{CH}), 1.11(\mathrm{~d}, J=7 \mathrm{~Hz}, 2 \mathrm{H}$, $\left.\mathrm{CH}_{2}\right), 1.06(\mathrm{~d}, J=7 \mathrm{~Hz}, 6 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{Me}) .{ }^{13} \mathrm{C}\left\{{ }^{1} \mathrm{H}\right\} \operatorname{NMR}\left(\mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{D}_{6}, 76 \mathrm{MHz}\right): ~: \delta 112.5\left(\mathrm{C}_{5} \mathrm{H}_{5}\right), 61.2(\mathrm{~s}$, $\left.C \mathrm{H}_{2}\right), 33.7(\mathrm{~s}, 1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{CH}), 28.4(\mathrm{Me}){ }^{19} \mathrm{~F}\left(\mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{D}_{6}, 282 \mathrm{MHz}\right): \delta 166.18\left(\mathrm{~m}\right.$, ortho $\left.\mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{~F}_{5}\right),-167.50$ (m, meta $\left.\mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{~F}_{5}\right),-174.22\left(\mathrm{~m}\right.$, para $\left.\mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{~F}_{5}\right)$.

## $\mathrm{Cp}_{2} \mathrm{Zr}\left(\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Ph}\right) \mathrm{OC}_{6} \mathrm{~F}_{5}, 8$.

## Method 1:



Scheme 6.4.5 Synthesis of $\mathrm{Cp}_{2} \mathrm{Zr}\left(\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Ph}\right) \mathrm{OC}_{6} \mathrm{~F}_{5}$, 8.( Method 1)
In a nitrogen filled glovebox, a J. Young NMR tube was charged with $\mathrm{Cp}_{2} \mathrm{ZrH}_{2}(8.0 \mathrm{mg}$, $0.036 \mathrm{mmol})$, styrene ( $7.5 \mathrm{mg}, 0.072 \mathrm{mmol}$ ), $\mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{~F}_{5} \mathrm{OH}(6.6 \mathrm{mg}, 0.036 \mathrm{mmol})$, and 0.6 mL of benzene- $d_{6}$. The NMR tube was closed and heated up to $70{ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ for 3 h during which the obtained mixture becomes brown in color. The ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR displayed signals for $\mathbf{8}$ and $\mathbf{C p}_{2} \mathbf{Z r}\left(\mathbf{O C}_{6} \mathbf{F}_{5}\right)_{2}$ (yield of $\mathbf{8}$ was determined by NMR 30\%)

## Method 2:



Scheme 6.4.6 Synthesis of $\mathrm{Cp}_{2} \mathrm{Zr}\left(\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Ph}\right) \mathrm{OC}_{6} \mathrm{~F}_{5}$, 8.( Method 2)

In a nitrogen filled glovebox, a J. Young NMR tube was charged with $\mathrm{Cp}_{2} \mathrm{ZrH}_{2}(14.4 \mathrm{mg}$, $0.064 \mathrm{mmol}), \mathrm{Cp}_{2} \mathrm{Zr}\left(\mathrm{OC}_{6} \mathrm{~F}_{5}\right)_{2}(37.8 \mathrm{mg}, 0.060 \mathrm{mmol})$, styrene $(26.7 \mathrm{mg}, 0.26 \mathrm{mmol})$ and 0.6 mL of benzene- $d_{6}$. The NMR tube was closed and heated up to $70^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ for 90 min during which the obtained mixture becomes brown in color. The ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR displayed signals for $\mathbf{8}$ $(50 \%)$ and signals assigned to the 2,1 -insertion product, $9(2 \%)$, unreacted $7 \mathbf{a}(20 \%)$, the dimere $\left\{\mathrm{Cp}_{2} \mathrm{Zr}\left(\mathrm{OC}_{6} \mathrm{~F}_{5}\right)_{2}\right\} \mathrm{O}(10 \%)$ and styrene (used in excess).
${ }^{1} \mathrm{H} \quad \mathrm{NMR} \quad\left(\mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{D}_{6}, \quad 300 \mathrm{MHz}\right): \delta 7.32 \quad(\mathrm{~m}, \quad 7 \mathrm{H}, \quad \mathrm{Ph}(\mathbf{8}) \quad \& \quad \mathrm{Ph}(9)), 5.84 \quad(\mathrm{~s}, 5 \mathrm{H}$, $\left.\left(C p_{2} \mathrm{Zr}\left(\mathrm{OC}_{6} \mathrm{~F}_{5}\right)\right)_{2} \mathrm{O}\right), 5.73(\mathrm{~s}, 5 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{Cp}(\mathbf{9})), 5.69\left(\mathrm{~s}, 10 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{C}_{5} \mathrm{H}_{5}(\mathbf{8})\right), 2.90\left(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Ph}(\mathbf{8})\right)$, $1.55\left(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Ph}(\mathbf{9})\right), 1.43\left(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{ZrCH}_{2}(\mathbf{8})\right), 1.29\left(\mathrm{~m}, 1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{ZrCH}_{2}(\mathbf{9})\right.$.

Evidence of the insertion was confirmed by addition of $\mathrm{I}_{2}(32.7 \mathrm{mg}, 0.13 \mathrm{mmol})$. The obtained red solution was then mixed with 5 mL of aqueous solution of $\mathrm{Na}_{2} \mathrm{~S}_{2} \mathrm{O}_{3}(57 \mathrm{mg}$, 0.36 mmol ), the colorless organic phase was separated by decantation and passed through a silica column to remove Zr residues, which yielded the 1-iodo-2-phenylethane, (a; 95\%), ,signals assigned to 2-iodo-2-phenylethane, (b;5\%), in addition to styrene (used in excess). Yield of insertion was determined from ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR spectra ( $51 \%$ relative to initial olefin) and the presence of 1-iodo-2-phenylethane was confirmed by GC-MS analyses.
${ }^{1} \mathrm{H} \operatorname{NMR}\left(\mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{D}_{6}, 300 \mathrm{MHz}\right): \delta 7.30-7.10(\mathrm{~m}, 5 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{Ph}(\boldsymbol{a})), 2.80\left(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Ph}(\boldsymbol{a})\right), 1.55(\mathrm{~m}$, $\left.1 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Ph}(\boldsymbol{a})\right)$.
${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR $\left(\mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{D}_{6}, 300 \mathrm{MHz}\right): \delta 7.30-7.10(\mathrm{~m}, 5 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{Ph}(\boldsymbol{b})), 1.43\left(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{ICH}_{2}(\boldsymbol{b})\right), 1.29(\mathrm{~m}$, $2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{Ph}(\boldsymbol{b})$ ).

GC-MS showed the presence a mixture of products, listed by their increasing order of their retention time: styrene (m/z: 103), the ambiguous product, (b) (m/z: 254) and 1-iodo-2phenylethane, (a) (m/z: 254).

## $\mathrm{Cp}_{2} \mathrm{Zr}\left(\mathrm{OC}_{6} \mathrm{~F}_{5}\right)\left(\mathrm{CH}_{2}\right)_{5} \mathrm{CH}_{3}, 10$.



Scheme 6.4.7 Synthesis of $\mathrm{Cp}_{2} \mathrm{Zr}\left(\mathrm{OC}_{6} \mathrm{~F}_{5}\right)\left(\mathrm{CH}_{2}\right)_{5} \mathrm{CH}_{3}, \mathbf{1 0}$.

A J. Young tube was charged with $\mathrm{Cp}_{2} \mathrm{ZrH}_{2}(7.5 \mathrm{mg}, 0.067 \mathrm{mmol}), \mathrm{Cp}_{2} \mathrm{Zr}\left(\mathrm{OC}_{6} \mathrm{~F}_{5}\right)_{2}(13.0$ $\mathrm{mg}, 0.048 \mathrm{mmol}$ ), 1-hexene ( $7.8 \mathrm{mg}, 0.18 \mathrm{mmol}$ ) and 0.6 mL of benzene- $d_{6}$. The NMR tube was closed and allowed to heat up to $70^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ for 90 min . NMR analysis showed that the obtained solution contains a mixture of products $\left\{\mathrm{Cp}_{2} \mathrm{Zr}\left(\mathrm{OC}_{6} \mathrm{~F}_{5}\right)\right\}_{2} \mathrm{O}(10 \%), \mathbf{9}(90 \%)$ and 1hexene (used in excess).
${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR $\left(\mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{D}_{6}, 300 \mathrm{MHz}\right): \delta 5.73\left(\mathrm{~s}, 10 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{C}_{5} \mathrm{H}_{5}\right), 1.66\left(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{ZrCH}_{2} \mathrm{CH}_{2}\right), 1.47(\mathrm{~m}, 6 \mathrm{H}$, $\left.\left(\mathrm{CH}_{2}\right)_{3} \mathrm{Me}\right), 1.23\left(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{ZrCH}_{2}\right), 1.02\left(\mathrm{~m}, 2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{CH}_{3}\right) \mathrm{ppm}$.

Evidence of the insertion was confirmed by addition of $\mathrm{I}_{2}(45.2 \mathrm{mg}, 0.18 \mathrm{mmol})$. The obtained red solution was then mixed with an aqueous solution of $\mathrm{Na}_{2} \mathrm{~S}_{2} \mathrm{O}_{3}(56.6 \mathrm{mg}, 0.356$ mmol ), the colorless organic phase was separated by decantation and passed through a silica column to remove Zr residues, which yielded the 1 -iodohexane. ${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR and GCMS analyses showed the formation of 1-iodohexane, $90 \%$ yield (relative to initial olefin).
${ }^{1} \mathrm{H}$ NMR $\left(\mathrm{C}_{6} \mathrm{D}_{6}, 300 \mathrm{MHz}\right): \delta 2.69\left(\mathrm{t}, 2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{ICH}_{2}\right), 1.43-1.23\left(\mathrm{~m}, 6 \mathrm{H},\left(\mathrm{CH}_{2}\right)_{3} \mathrm{Me}\right), 1.10(\mathrm{~m}$, $\left.2 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{I}-\mathrm{CH}_{2} \mathrm{CH}_{2}\right), 0.90\left(\mathrm{~m}, 3 \mathrm{H}, \mathrm{CH}_{3}\right) \mathrm{ppm}$.

Gc-Ms showed the presence a mixture of products, listed by their increasing order of their retention time of 1-hexene ( $\mathrm{m} / \mathrm{z}: 85$ ) and 1-iodohexane ( $\mathrm{m} / \mathrm{z}: 212$ )

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## Annexe Tables of bond distances $(\AA)$ and bond angles $\left({ }^{\circ}\right)$

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saida4 (2c) P43212 : R = 0.04 Aug 24 10:42:03 2009
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    S U P P L E M E N T A R Y M A T E R I A L
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            b y
        Con t e n t s
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Table A-1 - Bond Distances (Angstrom)
for: saida4(2c) P43212 $\quad \mathrm{R}=0.04$
Table A-2- Bond Angles (Degrees)
for: saida4(2c) P43212 $\quad R=0.04$

| Tab <br> Zr1 | - Bond Distances for: saida4(2c) |  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { (Angstrom) } \\ & \text { P43212 } \end{aligned}$ | $\mathrm{R}=0.04$ |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | -Cl1 |  | C16 | -C17 | 1.355 (7) |
| Zr1 | -N1 | 2.202 (3) | C17 | -C18 | 1.367(6) |
| Zr1 | -N2 | 2.190 (2) | C18 | -C19 | 1.390(6) |
| Zr1 | -Cl1_a | 2.4547 (9) | C1 | -H1A | 0.9800 |
| Zr1 | -N1_a | 2.202 (3) | C1 | -H1B | 0.9800 |
| Zr1 | -N2_a | 2.190 (2) | C1 | -H1C | 0.9800 |
| N1 | - C 2 | 1.325 (4) | C3 | -H3A | 0.9500 |
| N1 | -C6 | 1.480 (4) | C5 | -H5A | 0.9800 |
| N2 | - C 4 | 1.340 (4) | C5 | -H5B | 0.9800 |
| N2 | - C13 | 1.478 (4) | C5 | -H5C | 0.9800 |
| C1 | - C2 | 1.502 (5) | C6 | -H6A | 0.9900 |
| C2 | - C3 | 1.411 (5) | C6 | -H6B | 0.9900 |
| C3 | - C 4 | 1.388 (5) | C8 | -H8A | 0.9500 |
| C4 | - C 5 | 1.514 (5) | C9 | -H9A | 0.9500 |
| C6 | -C7 | 1.509(5) | C10 | -H10A | 0.9500 |
| C7 | - C 8 | 1.362 (5) | C11 | -H11A | 0.9500 |
| C7 | - C12 | 1.362 (6) | C12 | -H12A | 0.9500 |
| C8 | -C9 | 1.387 (6) | C13 | -H13A | 0.9900 |
| C9 | - C10 | 1.364 (7) | C13 | -H13B | 0.9900 |
| C10 | - C11 | 1.336 (7) | C15 | -H15A | 0.9500 |
| C11 | - C12 | 1.375 (7) | C16 | -H16A | 0.9500 |
| C13 | - C14 | 1.513 (4) | C17 | -H17A | 0.9500 |
| C14 | -C15 | 1.378 (5) | C18 | -H18A | 0.9500 |
| C14 | - C19 | 1.374 (6) | C19 | -H19A | 0.9500 |
| C15 | - C16 | 1.387 (5) |  |  |  |


| Table | $A-2-$ | d Angl saida | (Degrees) <br> ) P43212 |  | $\mathrm{R}=0.04$ |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Cl1 | -Zr1 | -N1 | 173.57(7) | N1 | - C6 | -C7 | 115.3(2) |
| Cl1 | -Zr1 | -N2 | 96.22(7) | C6 | -C7 | - C 8 | 123.8(3) |
| Cl1 | -Zr1 | -Cl1_a | 93.58(4) | C6 | -C7 | - C12 | 118.8(3) |
| Cl1 | -Zr1 | -N1_a | 90.11(7) | C8 | - C7 | - C12 | 117.4 (4) |
| Cl1 | -Zr1 | -N2_a | 97.53(7) | C7 | - C8 | - C9 | 121.8(4) |
| N1 | -Zr1 | -N2 | 78.06 (9) | C8 | - C9 | - C10 | 119.4 (4) |
| Cl1_a | -Zr1 | -N1 | 90.11(7) | C9 | - C10 | - C11 | 119.0(5) |
| N1 | -Zr1 | -N1_a | 86.71(10) | C10 | - C11 | - C12 | 121.7(4) |
| N1 | -Zr1 | -N2_a | 87.28 (9) | C7 | -C12 | - C11 | 120.8(4) |
| Cl1_a | -Zr1 | -N2 | 97.53(7) | N2 | -C13 | - C14 | 114.8(3) |
| N1_a | -Zr1 | -N2 | 87.28(9) | C13 | -C14 | - C15 | 121.1(3) |
| N2 | -Zr1 | -N2_a | 159.86(10) | C13 | -C14 | - C19 | 120.5(3) |
| Cl1_a | -Zr1 | -N1_a | 173.57(7) | C15 | -C14 | - C19 | 118.2(3) |
| Cl1_a | -Zr1 | -N2_a | 96.22(7) | C14 | -C15 | - C16 | 120.9(4) |
| N1_a | -Zr1 | -N2_a | 78.06 (9) | C15 | -C16 | - C17 | 120.3(4) |
| Zr1 | -N1 | - C 2 | 122.8 (2) | C16 | -C17 | -C18 | 119.7(4) |
| Zr1 | -N1 | - C 6 | 117.79(19) | C17 | -C18 | -C19 | 120.3(4) |
| C2 | -N1 | - C 6 | 118.3(3) | C14 | -C19 | - C18 | 120.6(4) |
| Zr1 | -N2 | - C4 | 123.5 (2) | C2 | - C1 | -H1A | 109.00 |
| Zr1 | -N2 | -C13 | 117.47(19) | C2 | - C 1 | -H1B | 109.00 |
| C4 | -N2 | -C13 | 118.3(3) | C2 | - C1 | - H 1 C | 109.00 |
| N1 | - C2 | - C1 | 121.7(3) | H1A | - C1 | -H1B | 109.00 |
| N1 | - C2 | - C3 | 121.8(3) | H1A | - C1 | - H 1 C | 110.00 |
| C1 | - C2 | - C3 | 116.4 (3) | H1B | - C 1 | -H1C | 109.00 |
| C2 | -C3 | - C4 | 126.3(3) | C2 | -C3 | -H3A | 117.00 |
| N2 | - C4 | -C3 | 121.4(3) | C4 | -C3 | -H3A | 117.00 |
| N2 | - C 4 | - C5 | 121.4(3) | C4 | - C5 | -H5A | 109.00 |
| C3 | - C4 | - C5 | 117.2 (3) | C4 | - C5 | -H5B | 109.00 |
| C4 | - C5 | -H5C | 109.00 | C7 | - C12 | -H12A | 120.00 |
| H5A | - C5 | -H5B | 109.00 | C11 | - C12 | -H12A | 120.00 |
| H5A | - C5 | -H5C | 109.00 | N2 | -C13 | -H13A | 109.00 |
| H5B | - C5 | -H5C | 109.00 | N2 | -C13 | -H13B | 109.00 |
| N1 | - C 6 | -H6A | 108.00 | C14 | -C13 | -H13A | 108.00 |
| N1 | - C 6 | -H6B | 108.00 | C14 | -C13 | -H13B | 109.00 |
| C7 | - C 6 | -H6A | 108.00 | H13A | - C13 | -H13B | 108.00 |
| C7 | - C 6 | -H6B | 108.00 | C14 | -C15 | -H15A | 120.00 |
| H6A | - C 6 | -H6B | 107.00 | C16 | -C15 | -H15A | 119.00 |
| C7 | - C 8 | - H 8 A | 119.00 | C15 | -C16 | -H16A | 120.00 |
| C9 | - C 8 | -H8A | 119.00 | C17 | -C16 | -H16A | 120.00 |
| C8 | - C9 | -H9A | 120.00 | C16 | -C17 | -H17A | 120.00 |
| C10 | - C9 | -H9A | 120.00 | C18 | -C17 | -H17A | 120.00 |
| C9 | -C10 | -H10A | 121.00 | C17 | -C18 | -H18A | 120.00 |
| C11 | -C10 | -H10A | 120.00 | C19 | -C18 | -H18A | 120.00 |
| C10 | - C11 | -H11A | 119.00 | C14 | -C19 | -H19A | 120.00 |
| C12 | - C11 | -H11A | 119.00 | C18 | -C19 | -H19A | 120.00 |



| Table A-3 - Bond Distances | (Angstrom) | (continued) |
| ---: | :--- | ---: |
|  | for: saida15(3c) P21 | $R=0.02$ |


| C1 | - H 1 C | 0.9600 | C37 | -H37C | 0.9600 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| C1 | -H1B | 0.9600 | C37 | -H37A | 0.9600 |
| C3 | -H3A | 0.9300 | C37 | -H37B | 0.9600 |
| C5 | -H5C | 0.9600 | C40 | -H40A | 0.9800 |
| C5 | -H5A | 0.9600 | C42 | -H42A | 0.9300 |
| C5 | -H5B | 0.9600 | C43 | -H43A | 0.9300 |
| C11 | -H11C | 0.9600 | C44 | -H44A | 0.9300 |
| C11 | -H11A | 0.9600 | C45 | -H45A | 0.9300 |
| C11 | -H11B | 0.9600 | C46 | -H46A | 0.9300 |
| C13 | -H13A | 0.9300 | C47 | -H47C | 0.9600 |
| C15 | -H15C | 0.9600 | C47 | -H47A | 0.9600 |
| C15 | -H15A | 0.9600 | C47 | -H47B | 0.9600 |
| C15 | -H15B | 0.9600 | C50 | -H50A | 0.9800 |
| C20 | -H20A | 0.9800 | C52 | -H52A | 0.9300 |
| C22 | -H22A | 0.9300 | C53 | -H53A | 0.9300 |
| C54 | - H54A | 0.9300 | C84 | -C85 | 1.371(6) |
| C55 | -H55A | 0.9300 | C85 | - C86 | 1.371 (6) |
| C56 | -H56A | 0.9300 | C90 | -C91 | 1.534 (5) |
| C57 | -H57C | 0.9600 | C90 | -C97 | 1.531 (4) |
| C57 | -H57A | 0.9600 | C91 | - C92 | 1.391 (6) |
| C57 | -H57B | 0.9600 | C91 | -C96 | 1.373 (5) |
| C60 | - C61 | 1.525 (4) | C92 | -C93 | 1.392 (5) |
| C60 | -C67 | 1.517 (4) | C93 | -C94 | 1.378 (6) |
| C61 | - C62 | 1.385 (4) | C94 | -C95 | 1.362 (8) |
| C61 | -C66 | 1.389(5) | C95 | -C96 | 1.386 (6) |
| C62 | - C63 | 1.386 (6) | C101 | - C102 | 1.503 (5) |
| C63 | - C64 | 1.382 (6) | C102 | - C103 | 1.414 (4) |
| C64 | - C65 | 1.354 (6) | C103 | -C104 | 1.397(4) |
| C65 | - C66 | 1.387(6) | C104 | -C105 | 1.509 (4) |
| C70 | - C71 | 1.521(5) | C111 | - C112 | 1.503 (5) |
| C70 | -C77 | 1.513 (5) | C112 | - C113 | 1.402 (5) |
| C71 | - C72 | 1.371 (5) | C113 | - C114 | 1.409 (5) |
| C71 | -C76 | 1.404 (6) | C114 | - C115 | 1.499 (5) |
| C72 | -C73 | 1.390(5) | C60 | -H60A | 0.9800 |
| C73 | -C74 | 1.380 (6) | C62 | -H62A | 0.9300 |
| C74 | -C75 | 1.373 (7) | C63 | -H63A | 0.9300 |
| C75 | -C76 | 1.364(7) | C64 | -H64A | 0.9300 |
| C80 | - C81 | 1.527 (4) | C65 | -H65A | 0.9300 |
| C80 | -C87 | 1.541 (5) | C66 | -H66A | 0.9300 |
| C81 | - C82 | 1.375 (5) | C67 | -H67A | 0.9600 |
| C81 | - C86 | 1.383(5) | C67 | -H67B | 0.9600 |
| C82 | - C83 | 1.391 (6) | C67 | -H67C | 0.9600 |
| C83 | - C84 | 1.380 (6) | C70 | -H70A | 0.9800 |
| C72 | -H72A | 0.9300 | C94 | -H94A | 0.9300 |
| C73 | -H73A | 0.9300 | C95 | -H95A | 0.9300 |
| C74 | -H74A | 0.9300 | C96 | -H96A | 0.9300 |
| C75 | -H75A | 0.9300 | C97 | -H97A | 0.9600 |
| C76 | -H76A | 0.9300 | C97 | -H97B | 0.9600 |
| C77 | -H77A | 0.9600 | C97 | -H97C | 0.9600 |
| C77 | -H77B | 0.9600 | C101 | -H10A | 0.9600 |
| C77 | -H77C | 0.9600 | C101 | -H10B | 0.9600 |
| C80 | -H80A | 0.9800 | C101 | -H10C | 0.9600 |
| C82 | -H82A | 0.9300 | C103 | -H10D | 0.9300 |
| C83 | -H83A | 0.9300 | C105 | -H10E | 0.9600 |


| Table A-3 - Bond Distances | (Angstrom) | (continued) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | for: saida15 (3c) | P21 |


| C84 | -H84A | 0.9300 | C105 | -H10F | 0.9600 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| C85 | -H85A | 0.9300 | C105 | -H10G | 0.9600 |
| C86 | -H86A | 0.9300 | C111 | -H11D | 0.9600 |
| C87 | -H87A | 0.9600 | C111 | -H11E | 0.9600 |
| C87 | -H87B | 0.9600 | C111 | -H11F | 0.9600 |
| C87 | -H87C | 0.9600 | C113 | -H11G | 0.9300 |
| C90 | -H90A | 0.9800 | C115 | -H11H | 0.9600 |
| C92 | -H92A | 0.9300 | C115 | -H11I | 0.9600 |
| C93 | -H93A | 0.9300 | C115 | -H11J | 0.9600 |


|  | e A-4 | (Degrees) |  |  | $\mathrm{R}=0.02$ |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Cl1 | - Zri | -Cl2 | 88.52(3) | N6 | -Zr2 | -N7 | 96.29(10) |
| Cl1 | -Zr1 | -N1 | 169.65 (7) | N6 | -Zr2 | -N8 | 178.46(9) |
| Cl1 | -Zr1 | -N2 | 86.13 (7) | Zr1 | -N1 | - C 2 | 111.13(19) |
| Cl1 | -Zr1 | -N3 | 83.54 (7) | Zr1 | -N1 | - C20 | 132.62(19) |
| Cl1 | -Zr1 | -N4 | 89.09(7) | C2 | -N1 | - C20 | 114.9 (2) |
| Cl2 | -Zr1 | -N1 | 92.51(7) | Zr1 | -N2 | - C 4 | 115.54(19) |
| Cl2 | -Zr1 | -N2 | 84.89 (6) | Zr1 | -N2 | - C30 | 121.60(18) |
| Cl2 | -Zr1 | -N3 | 86.10 (6) | C4 | -N2 | - C30 | 122.0 (2) |
| Cl2 | -Zr1 | -N4 | 171.43 (7) | Zr1 | -N3 | - C12 | 114.00(19) |
| N1 | -Zr1 | -N2 | 83.71(9) | Zr1 | -N3 | - C40 | 123.24(17) |
| N1 | -Zr1 | -N3 | 106.81(9) | C12 | -N3 | - C40 | 121.6(2) |
| N1 | -Zr1 | -N4 | 91.32(9) | Zr1 | -N4 | - C14 | 108.77(19) |
| N2 | -Zr1 | -N3 | 166.44 (9) | Zr1 | -N4 | - C50 | 134.59(18) |
| N2 | -Zr1 | -N4 | 103.16(9) | C14 | -N4 | - C50 | 115.0(2) |
| N3 | -Zr1 | -N4 | 85.46 (9) | C60 | -N5 | - C104 | 119.8 (2) |
| N7 | -Zr2 | -N8 | 82.44 (9) | Zr2 | -N5 | - C60 | 123.16(18) |
| Cl5 | -Zr2 | - Cl 6 | 90.59(3) | Zr2 | -N5 | - C104 | 116.9(2) |
| Cl5 | -Zr2 | -N5 | 171.86(7) | Zr2 | -N6 | - C70 | 119.6(2) |
| C15 | -Zr2 | -N6 | 89.61(7) | Zr2 | -N6 | -C102 | 118.21(19) |
| Cl5 | -Zr2 | -N7 | 88.95 (8) | C70 | -N6 | - C102 | 122.2(3) |
| Cl5 | -Zr2 | -N8 | 89.50(7) | Zr2 | -N7 | - C80 | 118.0(2) |
| C16 | -Zr2 | -N5 | 90.25(7) | Zr2 | -N7 | - C112 | $119.7(2)$ |
| Cl6 | -Zr2 | -N6 | 91.41(7) | C80 | -N7 | - C112 | 122.2(3) |
| Cl6 | -Zr2 | -N7 | 172.29(7) | C90 | -N8 | - C114 | 121.6(2) |
| Cl6 | -Zr2 | -N8 | 89.86 (6) | Zr2 | -N8 | -C90 | 117.72(17) |
| N5 | -Zr2 | -N6 | 82.28(9) | Zr2 | -N8 | - C114 | 120.5(2) |
| N5 | -Zr2 | -N7 | 91.30(10) | C1 | - C 2 | - C3 | 115.9(3) |
| N5 | - Zr2 | -N8 | 98.60 (9) | N1 | - C 2 | -C3 | 123.6(3) |
| N1 | -C2 | - C1 | 120.5(3) | C30 | -C31 | -C36 | 120.0(3) |
| C2 | - C3 | - C4 | 129.8(3) | C31 | -C32 | - C33 | 120.0(3) |
| C3 | - C 4 | - C5 | 115.3(3) | C32 | -C33 | -C34 | 121.3(3) |
| N2 | - C 4 | - C3 | 122.3(3) | C33 | -C34 | - C35 | 119.1(3) |
| N2 | - C4 | - C5 | 122.4(2) | C34 | -C35 | - C36 | 120.4(3) |
| N3 | - C12 | - C11 | 123.6(3) | C31 | -C36 | - C35 | 121.1(3) |
| N3 | - C12 | -C13 | 121.3(3) | N3 | - C40 | - C47 | 112.7(3) |
| C11 | - C12 | - C13 | 115.1(2) | C41 | - C40 | -C47 | 114.2(3) |
| C12 | - C13 | - C14 | 130.5(3) | N3 | - C40 | - C41 | 114.1(2) |
| C13 | - C14 | - C15 | 115.6(3) | C40 | -C41 | - C46 | 120.3(3) |
| N4 | - C14 | - C13 | 123.9(3) | C42 | -C41 | - C46 | 117.2 (3) |
| N4 | -C14 | -C15 | 120.5(3) | C40 | -C41 | - C42 | 122.4(3) |
| N1 | - C20 | -C27 | 112.5 (2) | C41 | -C42 | -C43 | 121.7(3) |
| C21 | - C20 | - C27 | 108.5(2) | C42 | -C43 | -C44 | 118.9(4) |


|  | A-4 | Bond An <br> for: sa | $\begin{aligned} & \text { (Degrees) } \\ & \text { P21 (3c) } \end{aligned}$ |  | (continued)$R=0.02$ |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| N1 | - C20 | - C21 | 112.0(2) | C43 | -C44 | - C45 | 120.2(4) |
| C20 | - C21 | - C22 | 122.6(3) | C44 | -C45 | - C46 | 120.3(3) |
| C20 | - C21 | - C26 | 119.3(3) | C41 | -C46 | - C45 | 121.8(3) |
| C22 | - C21 | - C26 | 117.9(3) | C51 | - C50 | - C57 | 108.7(3) |
| C21 | - C22 | - C23 | 120.8(3) | N4 | - C50 | - C51 | 111.5 (2) |
| C22 | - C23 | - C24 | 120.2(3) | N4 | - C50 | - C57 | 113.1(2) |
| C23 | - C24 | - C25 | 119.7(4) | C50 | -C51 | - C56 | 119.4(3) |
| C24 | - C25 | - C26 | 119.9(4) | C52 | -C51 | - C56 | 117.5(3) |
| C21 | - C26 | - C25 | 121.4(4) | C50 | - C51 | - C52 | 122.8(3) |
| N2 | -C30 | -C31 | 113.2(2) | C51 | - C52 | - C53 | 121.0(3) |
| N2 | - C30 | -C37 | 114.1(2) | C52 | - C53 | - C54 | 120.8(4) |
| C31 | -C30 | -C37 | 114.9(2) | C53 | - C54 | - C55 | 118.8(4) |
| C32 | -C31 | -C36 | 118.1(3) | C54 | - C55 | - C56 | 120.4(4) |
| C30 | -C31 | - C32 | 121.7(3) | C51 | -C56 | - C55 | 121.5(4) |
| H1B | - C1 | -H1C | 109.00 | N1 | - C20 | -H20A | 108.00 |
| H1A | - C1 | -H1B | 109.00 | C21 | - C20 | -H20A | 108.00 |
| H1A | - C1 | -H1C | 110.00 | C27 | - C20 | -H20A | 108.00 |
| C2 | - C 1 | -H1A | 109.00 | C21 | - C 22 | -H22A | 120.00 |
| C2 | - C1 | -H1B | 109.00 | C23 | -C22 | -H22A | 120.00 |
| C2 | - C1 | -H1C | 109.00 | C24 | - C23 | -H23A | 120.00 |
| C2 | -C3 | -H3A | 115.00 | C22 | - C23 | -H23A | 120.00 |
| C4 | - C3 | -H3A | 115.00 | C25 | - C24 | -H24A | 120.00 |
| C4 | - C5 | -H5B | 109.00 | C23 | - C24 | -H24A | 120.00 |
| C4 | - C5 | -H5A | 109.00 | C24 | - C25 | -H25A | 120.00 |
| H5B | - C5 | -H5C | 109.00 | C26 | - C25 | -H25A | 120.00 |
| C4 | - C5 | -H5C | 109.00 | C25 | - C26 | -H26A | 119.00 |
| H5A | - C5 | -H5B | 110.00 | C21 | - C26 | -H26A | 119.00 |
| H5A | - C5 | -H5C | 109.00 | C20 | - C27 | -H27C | 110.00 |
| C12 | -C11 | -H11A | 110.00 | H27A | - C27 | -H27B | 109.00 |
| C12 | - C11 | -H11B | 110.00 | H27A | -C27 | -H27C | 109.00 |
| C12 | - C11 | -H11C | 109.00 | H27B | - C27 | -H27C | 110.00 |
| H11B | - C11 | -H11C | 109.00 | C20 | - C27 | -H27A | 109.00 |
| H11A | - C11 | -H11B | 109.00 | C20 | -C27 | -H27B | 109.00 |
| H11A | - C11 | -H11C | 109.00 | N2 | -C30 | -H30A | 104.00 |
| C14 | -C13 | -H13A | 115.00 | C37 | -C30 | -H30A | 104.00 |
| C12 | -C13 | -H13A | 115.00 | C31 | -C30 | -H30A | 104.00 |
| C14 | - C15 | -H15B | 109.00 | C31 | -C32 | -H32A | 120.00 |
| C14 | - C15 | -H15C | 110.00 | C33 | -C32 | -H32A | 120.00 |
| C14 | -C15 | -H15A | 109.00 | C32 | -C33 | -H33A | 119.00 |
| H15B | -C15 | -H15C | 109.00 | C34 | -C33 | -H33A | 119.00 |
| H15A | - C15 | -H15B | 110.00 | C33 | -C34 | -H34A | 120.00 |
| H15A | - C15 | -H15C | 109.00 | C35 | -C34 | -H34A | 120.00 |
| C36 | -C35 | -H35A | 120.00 | H47A | -C47 | -H47C | 110.00 |
| C34 | -C35 | -H35A | 120.00 | C51 | - C50 | -H50A | 108.00 |
| C35 | -C36 | -H36A | 120.00 | C57 | - C50 | -H50A | 108.00 |
| C31 | -C36 | -H36A | 119.00 | N4 | - C50 | -H50A | 108.00 |
| C30 | -C37 | -H37C | 109.00 | C51 | - C52 | -H52A | 120.00 |
| C30 | -C37 | -H37A | 110.00 | C53 | - C52 | -H52A | 119.00 |
| C30 | -C37 | -H37B | 110.00 | C54 | -C53 | -H53A | 120.00 |
| H37B | -C37 | -H37C | 109.00 | C52 | - C53 | -H53A | 120.00 |
| H37A | -C37 | -H3 7B | 109.00 | C53 | - C54 | -H54A | 121.00 |
| H37A | -C37 | -H37C | 109.00 | C55 | -C54 | -H54A | 121.00 |
| C41 | - C40 | -H40A | 105.00 | C54 | - C55 | -H55A | 120.00 |


| $\begin{aligned} & \text { Table A-4 - Bond Angles } \\ & \text { for: saida15 } \end{aligned}$ |  |  |  |  | (continued)$R=0.02$ |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| C47 | - C40 | -H40A | 105.00 | C56 | -C55 | -H55A | 120.00 |
| N3 | - C40 | -H40A | 105.00 | C55 | - C56 | -H56A | 119.00 |
| C41 | - C42 | -H42A | 119.00 | C51 | - C56 | -H56A | 119.00 |
| C43 | - C42 | -H42A | 119.00 | C50 | - C57 | -H57C | 110.00 |
| C44 | -C43 | -H43A | 121.00 | H57A | -C57 | -H57B | 109.00 |
| C42 | - C43 | -H43A | 121.00 | H57A | -C57 | -H57C | 110.00 |
| C43 | -C44 | -H44A | 120.00 | H57B | -C57 | -H57C | 109.00 |
| C45 | - C44 | -H44A | 120.00 | C50 | - C57 | -H57A | 109.00 |
| C46 | -C45 | -H45A | 120.00 | C50 | -C57 | -H57B | 109.00 |
| C44 | - C45 | -H45A | 120.00 | N5 | -C60 | - C61 | 112.6(2) |
| C41 | - C46 | -H46A | 119.00 | N5 | - C60 | -C67 | 114.1(2) |
| C45 | - C46 | -H46A | 119.00 | C61 | - C60 | - C67 | 114.2(2) |
| C40 | -C47 | -H47A | 109.00 | C60 | -C61 | - C62 | 121.0(3) |
| H47B | -C47 | -H47C | 109.00 | C60 | - C61 | - C66 | 121.0(3) |
| C40 | -C47 | -H47B | 109.00 | C62 | -C61 | - C66 | 117.9(3) |
| C40 | -C47 | -H47C | 109.00 | C61 | - C62 | - C63 | 120.7(4) |
| H47A | -C47 | -H47B | 109.00 | C62 | -C63 | - C64 | 120.5(4) |
| C63 | -C64 | - C65 | 119.1(4) | C90 | -C91 | - C92 | 122.1(3) |
| C64 | - C65 | -C66 | 121.1(4) | C90 | -C91 | - C96 | 120.4 (4) |
| C61 | - C66 | -C65 | 120.6(4) | C92 | -C91 | -C96 | 117.5 (3) |
| N6 | - C70 | -C71 | 115.6(3) | C91 | - C92 | - C93 | 120.6(3) |
| N6 | - C70 | -C77 | 109.1(2) | C92 | -C93 | - C94 | 120.7(4) |
| C71 | - C70 | -C77 | 115.1(3) | C93 | -C94 | - C95 | 118.8(4) |
| C70 | -C71 | -C72 | 120.8(3) | C94 | -C95 | - C96 | 120.7(4) |
| C70 | - C71 | -C76 | 121.9(3) | C91 | -C96 | - C95 | 121.7(4) |
| C72 | -C71 | -C76 | 117.3(3) | N6 | -C102 | -C101 | 122.3(3) |
| C71 | -C72 | -C73 | 122.3(4) | N6 | - C102 | - C103 | 121.5 (3) |
| C72 | -C73 | -C74 | 118.8(4) | C101 | -C102 | -C103 | 116.2(3) |
| C73 | -C74 | -C75 | 119.8(4) | C102 | -C103 | -C104 | 129.1(3) |
| C74 | -C75 | -C76 | 120.9(6) | N5 | -C104 | -C103 | 122.2(3) |
| C71 | - C76 | -C75 | 120.8(5) | N5 | -C104 | -C105 | 121.7(3) |
| N7 | - C80 | -C81 | 113.2(3) | C103 | -C104 | -C105 | 116.1(3) |
| N7 | - C80 | -C87 | 118.1(3) | N7 | - C112 | -C111 | 123.4(3) |
| C81 | - C80 | -C87 | 110.3(3) | N7 | -C112 | -C113 | 121.6(3) |
| C80 | -C81 | - C82 | 124.5 (3) | C111 | -C112 | -C113 | 115.0(3) |
| C80 | -C81 | -C86 | 117.2(3) | C112 | -C113 | -C114 | 128.7(3) |
| C82 | -C81 | -C86 | 118.3(3) | N8 | -C114 | -C113 | 122.7(3) |
| C81 | - C82 | -C83 | 120.6(4) | N8 | -C114 | -C115 | 123.5(3) |
| C82 | - C83 | -C84 | 120.6(4) | C113 | - C114 | -C115 | 113.8(3) |
| C83 | - C84 | -C85 | 118.2(4) | N5 | - C60 | -H60A | 105.00 |
| C84 | -C85 | -C86 | 121.5(4) | C61 | - C60 | -H60A | 105.00 |
| C81 | -C86 | -C85 | 120.8(4) | C67 | - C60 | -H60A | 105.00 |
| N8 | - C90 | -C91 | 115.3(2) | C61 | - C62 | -H62A | 120.00 |
| N8 | - C90 | -C97 | 110.1(3) | C63 | - C62 | -H62A | 120.00 |
| C91 | - C90 | -C97 | 115.3(3) | C62 | - C63 | -H63A | 120.00 |
| C64 | - C63 | -H63A | 120.00 | C70 | -C77 | -H77C | 109.00 |
| C63 | - C64 | -H64A | 120.00 | H77A | -C77 | -H77B | 109.00 |
| C65 | - C64 | -H64A | 120.00 | H77A | -C77 | -H77C | 110.00 |
| C64 | - C65 | -H65A | 119.00 | H77B | -C77 | -H77C | 109.00 |
| C66 | - C65 | -H65A | 119.00 | N7 | - C80 | -H80A | 105.00 |
| C61 | - C66 | -H66A | 120.00 | C81 | - C80 | -H80A | 105.00 |
| C65 | - C66 | -H66A | 120.00 | C87 | - C80 | -H80A | 105.00 |
| C60 | -C67 | -H67A | 109.00 | C81 | -C82 | -H82A | 120.00 |




| Table A-5 | Bond Distances <br> for: saida21(3d) | $\begin{gathered} \text { (Angstrom) } \\ \text { P21 } \end{gathered}$ | $\mathrm{R}=0.02$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Table A-6 | - Bond Angles | (Degrees) |  |
|  | for: saida21(3d) | P21 | $\mathrm{R}=0.02$ |

Table A-5 - Bond Distances (Angstrom)
for: saida21 (3d) P21 $R=0.05$

| Zr1 | - Cl1 | 2.4766 (13) | C15 | -C16 | 1.371 (8) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Zr1 | -N1 | 2.031 (3) | C15 | - C20 | 1.393 (7) |
| Zr1 | -N2 | 2.317(3) | C16 | -C17 | 1.381 (9) |
| Zr1 | -N3 | 2.230 (3) | C17 | -C18 | 1.381 (9) |
| Zr1 | -N4 | 2.196 (4) | C18 | - C19 | 1.376(10) |
| Zr1 | - C27 | 2.305 (5) | C19 | - C20 | 1.381 (8) |
| N1 | - C25 | 1.331(5) | C22 | - C23 | 1.512 (7) |
| N1 | - C27 | 1.411 (6) | C23 | - C24 | 1.437 (7) |
| N2 | - C23 | 1.324 (6) | C24 | - C25 | 1.365 (7) |
| N2 | -C35 | 1.486 (7) | C25 | - C26 | 1.501 (8) |
| N3 | - C 2 | $1.302(7)$ | C27 | - C28 | 1.498 (7) |
| N3 | - C14 | 1.489 (6) | C27 | -C34 | 1.532 (7) |
| N4 | - C 4 | 1.302 (6) | C28 | - C29 | 1.383 (7) |
| N4 | - C 6 | 1.469 (7) | C28 | -C33 | 1.410 (7) |
| C1 | - C 2 | 1.519 (8) | C29 | -C30 | 1.392 (8) |
| C2 | - C 3 | 1.422 (7) | C30 | - C31 | 1.391(7) |
| C3 | - C 4 | 1.404 (7) | C31 | -C32 | 1.363 (8) |
| C4 | - C5 | 1.534 (6) | C32 | - C33 | 1.398 (8) |
| C6 | -C7 | 1.526 (7) | C35 | - C36 | 1.527 (7) |
| C6 | - C13 | 1.536 (7) | C35 | - C42 | 1.531(6) |
| C7 | - C 8 | 1.397 (8) | C37 | -C38 | 1.403 (8) |
| C7 | - C12 | 1.387 (8) | C37 | - C42 | 1.386 (7) |
| C8 | -C9 | 1.368(10) | C38 | -C39 | 1.369 (9) |
| C9 | - C10 | 1.391 (11) | C39 | - C40 | 1.369 (9) |
| C10 | - C11 | 1.372(10) | C40 | - C41 | 1.404 (8) |
| C11 | - C12 | 1.375(10) | C41 | -C42 | 1.391 (7) |
| C14 | - C15 | 1.534 (7) | C1 | -H1A | 0.9800 |
| C14 | - C21 | 1.506 (8) | C1 | -H1B | 0.9800 |
| C1 | -H1C | 0.9800 | C22 | -H22B | 0.9800 |
| C3 | -H3A | 0.9500 | C22 | -H22C | 0.9800 |
| C5 | -H5A | 0.9800 | C24 | -H24A | 0.9500 |
| C5 | -H5B | 0.9800 | C26 | -H26A | 0.9800 |
| C5 | -H5C | 0.9800 | C26 | -H26B | 0.9800 |
| C6 | - H6A | 1.0000 | C26 | -H26C | 0.9800 |
| C8 | -H8A | 0.9500 | C29 | -H29A | 0.9500 |
| C9 | - H9A | 0.9500 | C30 | -H30A | 0.9500 |
| C10 | -H10A | 0.9500 | C31 | -H31A | 0.9500 |
| C11 | -H11A | 0.9500 | C32 | -H32A | 0.9500 |
| C12 | -H12A | 0.9500 | C33 | -H33A | 0.9500 |
| C13 | -H13A | 0.9800 | C34 | - H34A | 0.9800 |
| C13 | -H13B | 0.9800 | C34 | -H34B | 0.9800 |
| C13 | -H13C | 0.9800 | C34 | -H34C | 0.9800 |
| C14 | -H14A | 1.0000 | C35 | -H35A | 1.0000 |


| TablC16 | A-5 - Bond Distances (Angstrom) |  |  | (continued) |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | for: saida21 (3d) |  | P2 |  |  |
|  | -H16A | 0.9500 | C36 | -H36A | 0.9800 |
| C17 | -H17A | 0.9500 | C36 | -H36B | 0.9800 |
| C18 | -H18A | 0.9500 | C36 | -H36C | 0.9800 |
| C19 | -H19A | 0.9500 | C37 | -H37A | 0.9500 |
| C20 | -H20A | 0.9500 | C38 | -H38A | 0.9500 |
| C21 | -H21A | 0.9800 | C39 | -H39A | 0.9500 |
| C21 | -H21B | 0.9800 | C40 | -H40A | 0.9500 |
| C21 | -H21C | 0.9800 | C41 | -H41A | 0.9500 |
| C22 | -H22A | 0.9800 |  |  |  |




|  |  |  |  | $\mathrm{R}=0.07$ |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Zr1 | -Cl1 | 2.4827 (13) | C1 | -H1C | 0.9800 |
| Zr1 | -N1 | 2.236 (4) | C3 | -H3A | 0.9500 |
| Zr1 | -N2 | 2.192 (4) | C5 | -H5A | 0.9800 |
| Zr1 | -Cl1_a | 2.4827 (13) | C5 | -H5B | 0.9800 |
| Zr1 | -N1_- | 2.236 (4) | C5 | -H5C | 0.9800 |
| Zr1 | -N2_a | 2.192 (4) | C11 | -H11A | 1.0000 |
| N1 | - C 2 | 1.334 (7) | C12 | -H12A | 0.9900 |
| N1 | - C11 | 1.489 (6) | C12 | -H12B | 0.9900 |
| N2 | - C4 | 1.334 (7) | C13 | -H13A | 0.9900 |
| N2 | - C21 | 1.496 (7) | C13 | -H13B | 0.9900 |
| C1 | - C2 | 1.517 (8) | C14 | -H14A | 0.9900 |
| C2 | - C 3 | 1.411 (7) | C14 | -H14B | 0.9900 |
| C3 | - C 4 | 1.394 (7) | C15 | -H15A | 0.9900 |
| C4 | - C 5 | 1.529 (8) | C15 | -H15B | 0.9900 |
| C11 | - C12 | 1.534 (7) | C16 | -H16A | 0.9900 |
| C11 | -C16 | 1.536 (7) | C16 | -H16B | 0.9900 |
| C12 | -C13 | 1.538 (8) | C21 | -H21A | 1.0000 |
| C13 | -C14 | 1.524 (10) | C22 | -H22A | 0.9900 |
| C14 | - C15 | 1.525 (9) | C22 | -H22B | 0.9900 |
| C15 | -C16 | 1.535 (7) | C23 | -H23A | 0.9900 |
| C21 | - C22 | 1.536 (7) | C23 | -H23B | 0.9900 |
| C21 | - C26 | 1.534 (6) | C24 | -H24A | 0.9900 |
| C22 | - C23 | 1.521(8) | C24 | -H24B | 0.9900 |
| C23 | - C24 | 1.524(10) | C25 | -H25A | 0.9900 |
| C24 | - C25 | 1.522 (9) | C25 | -H25B | 0.9900 |
| C25 | - C26 | 1.519 (8) | C26 | -H26A | 0.9900 |
| C1 | -H1A | 0.9800 | C26 | -H26B | 0.9900 |
| C1 | -H1B | 0.9800 |  |  |  |



| le | A-8 - | Bond Angles <br> for: saida3(4c) | (Degrees) | (continued) |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  |  | $=0$. |  |  |
| N1 | - C 2 | - C3 | 123.1(5) | C2 | - C3 | -H3A | 116.00 |
| C1 | - C2 | - C3 | 115.2(5) | C4 | - C3 | -H3A | 117.00 |
| C2 | - C 3 | -C4 | 127.1(5) | C4 | - C5 | -H5A | 109.00 |
| N2 | - C4 | - C3 | 121.9(4) | C4 | - C5 | -H5B | 110.00 |
| N2 | - C 4 | -C5 | 123.1(4) | C4 | - C5 | - H 5 C | 109.00 |
| C3 | - C 4 | - C5 | 115.1(5) | H5A | -C5 | -H5B | 109.00 |
| H5A | -C5 | -H5C | 109.00 | C15 | -C16 | -H16B | 110.00 |
| H5B | - C5 | -H5C | 110.00 | H16A | -C16 | -H16B | 108.00 |
| N1 | - C11 | -H11A | 105.00 | N2 | -C21 | -H21A | 104.00 |
| C12 | - C11 | -H11A | 105.00 | C22 | -C21 | -H21A | 104.00 |
| C16 | - C11 | -H11A | 105.00 | C26 | - C21 | -H21A | 104.00 |
| C11 | -C12 | -H12A | 110.00 | C21 | - C22 | -H22A | 110.00 |
| C11 | -C12 | -H12B | 110.00 | C21 | - C22 | -H22B | 110.00 |
| C13 | - C12 | -H12A | 110.00 | C23 | - C22 | -H22A | 110.00 |
| C13 | - C12 | -H12B | 110.00 | C23 | - C22 | -H22B | 110.00 |
| H12A | - C12 | -H12B | 108.00 | H22A | - C22 | -H22B | 108.00 |
| C12 | -C13 | -H13A | 109.00 | C22 | -C23 | -H23A | 109.00 |
| C12 | -C13 | -H13B | 109.00 | C22 | -C23 | -H23B | 109.00 |
| C14 | - C13 | -H13A | 109.00 | C24 | - C23 | -H23A | 109.00 |
| C14 | - C13 | -H13B | 109.00 | C24 | - C23 | -H23B | 109.00 |
| H13A | -C13 | -H13B | 108.00 | H23A | -C23 | -H23B | 108.00 |
| C13 | -C14 | -H14A | 109.00 | C23 | - C24 | - H24A | 109.00 |
| C13 | -C14 | -H14B | 109.00 | C23 | - C24 | -H24B | 109.00 |
| C15 | - C14 | -H14A | 109.00 | C25 | - C24 | -H24A | 109.00 |
| C15 | - C14 | -H14B | 109.00 | C25 | - C24 | -H24B | 109.00 |
| H14A | -C14 | -H14B | 108.00 | H24A | - C24 | -H24B | 108.00 |
| C14 | -C15 | -H15A | 109.00 | C24 | -C25 | -H25A | 109.00 |
| C14 | - C15 | -H15B | 110.00 | C24 | - C25 | -H25B | 109.00 |
| C16 | -C15 | -H15A | 109.00 | C26 | -C25 | -H25A | 109.00 |
| C16 | -C15 | -H15B | 109.00 | C26 | - C25 | -H25B | 109.00 |
| H15A | -C15 | -H15B | 108.00 | H25A | -C25 | -H25B | 108.00 |
| C11 | - C16 | -H16A | 110.00 | C21 | - C26 | -H26A | 110.00 |
| C11 | -C16 | -H16B | 110.00 | C21 | -C26 | -H26B | 110.00 |
| C15 | - C16 | -H16A | 110.00 | C25 | - C26 | -H26A | 110.00 |
| C25 | - C26 | -H26B | 110.00 | H26A | -C26 | -H26B | 108.00 |



| Table A-9 | - Bond for: | Distances saida23(2d) | $\begin{gathered} \text { (Angstrom) } \\ \text { P21/n } \end{gathered}$ | (continued) $R=0.05$ |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| C20 | - H 20 A | 0.9700 | C50 | - H50A | 0.9700 |
| C20 | -H20B | 0.9700 | C50 | -H50B | 0.9700 |
| C22 | -H22A | 0.9300 | C52 | - H52A | 0.9300 |
| C23 | -H23A | 0.9300 | C53 | -H53A | 0.9300 |
| C24 | - H24A | 0.9300 | C54 | -H54A | 0.9300 |
| C25 | -H25A | 0.9300 | C55 | -H55A | 0.9300 |
| C26 | -H26A | 0.9300 | C56 | -H56A | 0.9300 |


| Tab | A-10 | Bond Angles <br> for: saida23 |  | $\begin{gathered} \text { Degrees) } \\ \text { P21/n } \end{gathered}$ | R | 0.05 |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| N1 | -Zr1 | -N2 | 74.57 (11) | ) N 1 | - C2 | - C 3 | 121.0(3) |
| N1 | -Zr1 | -N3 | 77.30 (11) | ) C 1 | - C2 | - C 3 | 119.0(4) |
| N1 | -Zr1 | -N4 | 126.07 (11) | ) C 2 | - C3 | - C 4 | 125.7(4) |
| N1 | -Zr1 | -C16 | 137.71(13) | ) N 2 | - C4 | - C3 | 122.5 (4) |
| N1 | -Zr1 | -C17 | 94.25(14) | ) N 2 | - C4 | - C5 | 120.8(4) |
| N2 | -Zr1 | -N3 | 127.20 (11) | ) C 3 | - C4 | - C5 | 116.7(4) |
| N2 | -Zr1 | -N4 | 155.37 (10) | ) N3 | - C12 | - C11 | 120.6(4) |
| N2 | -Zr1 | -C16 | 78.35 (14) | ) N3 | - C12 | - C13 | 121.7(3) |
| N2 | -Zr1 | -C17 | 87.24(14) | ) C11 | - C12 | - C13 | 117.7(4) |
| N3 | -Zr1 | -N4 | 74.82 (10) | ) C 12 | - C13 | - C14 | 125.6(3) |
| N3 | -Zr1 | -C16 | 94.60 (12) | ) N 4 | -C14 | - C13 | 122.7(3) |
| N3 | -Zr1 | -C17 | 138.83 (14) | ) N 4 | -C14 | - C15 | 120.5 (3) |
| N4 | -Zr1 | -C16 | 89.95(13) | ) C 13 | - C14 | - C15 | 116.8(3) |
| N4 | -Zr1 | -C17 | 78.58 (14) | ) C | - C20 | - C21 | 114.6 (4) |
| C16 | -Zr1 | -C17 | 116.36 (15) | ) C 20 | - C21 | - C22 | 123.5 (4) |
| Zr1 | -N1 | - C 2 | 130.1(2) | ) C 20 | - C21 | - C25 | 118.5(4) |
| Zr1 | -N1 | - C20 | 109.4(2) | ) 222 | - C21 | - C25 | 118.0(4) |
| C2 | -N1 | - C20 | 119.6(3) | ) C 21 | - C22 | - C23 | 120.9(5) |
| Zr1 | -N2 | - C 4 | 126.4(3) | ) C 22 | - C23 | - C24 | 120.4(5) |
| Zr1 | -N2 | -C30 | 114.9(2) | C23 | - C24 | - C26 | 119.5 (5) |
| C4 | -N2 | -C30 | 118.1(3) | ) C 21 | - C25 | - C26 | 120.8(6) |
| Zr1 | -N3 | - C12 | 130.0(2) | ) C 24 | - C26 | - C25 | 120.3(7) |
| Zr1 | -N3 | - C40 | 108.5 (2) | ) N 2 | -C30 | -C31 | 114.2(3) |
| C12 | -N3 | - C40 | 120.0(3) | ) C 30 | - C31 | -C32 | 123.5 (4) |
| Zr1 | -N4 | - C14 | 126.3 (2) | ) C30 | -C31 | - C36 | 119.3(4) |
| Zr1 | -N4 | - C50 | 115.2(2) | ) C 32 | -C31 | -C36 | 117.2(4) |
| C14 | -N4 | - C50 | 117.5(3) | ) C31 | -C32 | - C33 | 121.4(4) |
| N1 | - C 2 | - C1 | 120.0(4) | ) C32 | - C33 | - C34 | 120.7(5) |
| C33 | -C34 | -C35 | 118.7(4) | ) C 4 | - C3 | -H3A | 117.00 |
| C34 | -C35 | -C36 | 120.6(4) | ) C 4 | - C5 | -H5A | 109.00 |
| C31 | -C36 | -C35 | 121.5 (4) | ) C 4 | - C5 | -H5B | 110.00 |
| N3 | - C40 | - C41 | 115.3(3) | C4 | - C5 | -H5C | 109.00 |
| C40 | - C41 | -C42 | 118.8(3) | H5A | - C5 | -H5B | 110.00 |
| C40 | -C41 | -C46 | 123.1(3) | H5A | - C5 | - H5C | 109.00 |
| C42 | -C41 | -C46 | 118.2(3) | ) H 5 B | - C5 | -H5C | 109.00 |
| C41 | -C42 | -C43 | 121.2(4) | ) C 12 | - C11 | -H11A | 109.00 |
| C42 | - C43 | - C44 | 119.7(4) | ) C 12 | - C11 | -H11B | 110.00 |
| C43 | -C44 | -C45 | 120.1(4) | ) C12 | - C11 | -H11C | 109.00 |
| C44 | -C45 | -C46 | 120.2(4) | H11A | - C11 | -H11B | 110.00 |
| C41 | -C46 | -C45 | 120.6(4) | H11A | - C11 | -H11C | 109.00 |
| N4 | - C50 | - C51 | 114.2(3) | H11B | -C11 | -H11C | 110.00 |
| C50 | -C51 | - C52 | 121.0(4) | ) C 12 | -C13 | -H13A | 117.00 |
| C50 | -C51 | - C56 | 121.0(4) | ) C 14 | -C13 | -H13A | 117.00 |
| C52 | - C51 | - C56 | 117.9(4) | ) C14 | - C15 | -H15A | 109.00 |


| Table A-10 - Bond Angles | (Degrees) | (continued) |  |
| ---: | :--- | ---: | :--- |
|  | for: saida23 (2d) | P21/n | $R=0.05$ |


| C51 | - C52 | - C53 | 121.5(4) | C14 | - C15 | -H15B | 110.00 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| C52 | - C53 | -C54 | 119.7(4) | C14 | -C15 | -H15C | 109.00 |
| C53 | - C54 | - C55 | 119.2(4) | H15A | -C15 | -H15B | 109.00 |
| C54 | - C55 | -C56 | 121.1(4) | H15A | -C15 | -H15C | 109.00 |
| C51 | - C56 | -C55 | 120.7(4) | H15B | -C15 | -H15C | 109.00 |
| C2 | - C 1 | -H1A | 110.00 | Zr1 | -C16 | -H16A | 109.00 |
| C2 | - C 1 | -H1B | 109.00 | Zr1 | -C16 | -H16B | 109.00 |
| C2 | - C 1 | -H1C | 109.00 | Zr1 | -C16 | -H16C | 109.00 |
| H1A | - C 1 | -H1B | 109.00 | H16A | -C16 | -H16B | 109.00 |
| H1A | - C1 | - H 1 C | 109.00 | H16A | -C16 | -H16C | 109.00 |
| H1B | - C1 | -H1C | 109.00 | H16B | -C16 | -H16C | 110.00 |
| C2 | -C3 | -H3A | 117.00 | Zr1 | -C17 | -H17A | 109.00 |
| Zr1 | -C17 | -H17B | 109.00 | C34 | -C33 | -H33A | 120.00 |
| Zr1 | - C17 | -H17C | 110.00 | C33 | -C34 | -H34A | 121.00 |
| H17A | -C17 | -H17B | 110.00 | C35 | -C34 | -H34A | 121.00 |
| H17A | -C17 | -H17C | 109.00 | C34 | -C35 | -H35A | 120.00 |
| H17B | -C17 | -H17C | 109.00 | C36 | -C35 | -H35A | 120.00 |
| N1 | - C20 | -H20A | 109.00 | C31 | -C36 | -H36A | 119.00 |
| N1 | - C20 | -H20B | 109.00 | C35 | -C36 | -H36A | 119.00 |
| C21 | - C20 | -H20A | 109.00 | N3 | - C40 | -H40A | 108.00 |
| C21 | - C20 | -H20B | 109.00 | N3 | - C40 | -H40B | 108.00 |
| H20A | - C20 | - H 20 OB | 108.00 | C41 | - C40 | -H40A | 109.00 |
| C21 | - C22 | -H22A | 120.00 | C41 | - C40 | -H40B | 108.00 |
| C23 | - C22 | -H22A | 120.00 | H40A | - C40 | -H40B | 107.00 |
| C22 | - C23 | -H23A | 120.00 | C41 | - C42 | -H42A | 119.00 |
| C24 | - C23 | -H23A | 120.00 | C43 | -C42 | -H42A | 119.00 |
| C23 | - C24 | -H24A | 120.00 | C42 | -C43 | -H43A | 120.00 |
| C26 | - C24 | -H24A | 120.00 | C44 | -C43 | -H43A | 120.00 |
| C21 | - C25 | -H25A | 120.00 | C43 | -C44 | -H44A | 120.00 |
| C26 | - C25 | -H25A | 120.00 | C45 | -C44 | -H44A | 120.00 |
| C24 | - C26 | -H26A | 120.00 | C44 | -C45 | -H45A | 120.00 |
| C25 | - C26 | -H26A | 120.00 | C46 | -C45 | -H45A | 120.00 |
| N2 | - C30 | -H30A | 109.00 | C41 | -C46 | -H46A | 120.00 |
| N2 | - C30 | -H30B | 109.00 | C45 | -C46 | -H46A | 120.00 |
| C31 | - C30 | -H30A | 109.00 | N4 | - C50 | -H50A | 109.00 |
| C31 | - C30 | -H30B | 109.00 | N4 | - C50 | -H50B | 109.00 |
| H30A | - C30 | - H30B | 108.00 | C51 | - C50 | -H50A | 109.00 |
| C31 | -C32 | -H32A | 119.00 | C51 | - C50 | -H50B | 109.00 |
| C33 | - C32 | -H32A | 119.00 | H50A | - C50 | -H50B | 108.00 |
| C32 | - C33 | -H33A | 120.00 | C51 | - C52 | -H52A | 119.00 |
| C53 | - C52 | -H52A | 119.00 | C54 | - C55 | -H55A | 119.00 |
| C52 | - C53 | -H53A | 120.00 | C56 | - C55 | -H55A | 120.00 |
| C54 | - C53 | -H53A | 120.00 | C51 | - C56 | -H56A | 120.00 |
| C53 | - C54 | -H54A | 120.00 | C55 | - C56 | -H56A | 120.00 |
| C55 | - C54 | -H54A | 120.00 |  |  |  |  |



Table A-11 - Bond Distances for: saida30 (2e)
(Angstrom) (continued)
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$R=0.03$

| C51 | - C52 | 1.360 (5) | C17B | -H17D | 0.9600 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| C51 | - C56 | 1.363 (4) | C17B | -H17E | 0.9600 |
| C52 | - C53 | 1.384 (5) | C18A | -H18B | 0.9700 |
| C53 | - C54 | 1.352 (7) | C18A | -H18A | 0.9700 |
| C54 | - C55 | 1.352 (7) | C18B | -H18D | 0.9700 |
| C55 | - C56 | 1.404 (5) | C18B | -H18C | 0.9700 |
| C1 | -H1A | 0.9600 | C19A | -H19C | 0.9600 |
| C1 | -H1B | 0.9600 | C19A | -H19A | 0.9600 |
| C1 | -H1C | 0.9600 | C19A | -H19B | 0.9600 |
| C3 | -H3A | 0.9300 | C19B | -H19F | 0.9600 |
| C5 | -H5A | 0.9600 | C19B | -H19D | 0.9600 |
| C5 | -H5B | 0.9600 | C19B | -H19E | 0.9600 |
| C5 | -H5C | 0.9600 | C20 | -H20A | 0.9700 |
| C11 | - H11A | 0.9600 | C20 | -H20B | 0.9700 |
| C11 | -H11B | 0.9600 | C22 | -H22A | 0.9300 |
| C23 | -H23A | 0.9300 | C101 | -C102 | 1.505 (4) |
| C24 | - H24A | 0.9300 | C102 | -C103 | 1.409 (4) |
| C25 | -H25A | 0.9300 | C103 | -C104 | 1.399 (3) |
| C26 | - H 26 A | 0.9300 | C104 | -C105 | 1.509 (4) |
| C30 | -H30B | 0.9700 | C111 | -C112 | 1.508(4) |
| C30 | -H30A | 0.9700 | C112 | -C113 | 1.412 (4) |
| C32 | -H32A | 0.9300 | C113 | -C114 | 1.393(4) |
| C33 | -H33A | 0.9300 | C114 | -C115 | 1.516 (4) |
| C34 | -H34A | 0.9300 | C120 | -C121 | 1.508(4) |
| C35 | -H35A | 0.9300 | C121 | -C122 | 1.411 (4) |
| C36 | -H36A | 0.9300 | C121 | -C126 | 1.375 (4) |
| C40 | -H40B | 0.9700 | C122 | -C123 | 1.379 (4) |
| C40 | -H40A | 0.9700 | C123 | -C124 | 1.378 (5) |
| C42 | -H42A | 0.9300 | C124 | -C125 | 1.363 (5) |
| C43 | -H43A | 0.9300 | C125 | -C126 | 1.384 (4) |
| C44 | -H44A | 0.9300 | C27A | -H27B | 0.9700 |
| C45 | -H45A | 0.9300 | C27A | -H27A | 0.9700 |
| C46 | -H46A | 0.9300 | C27B | -H27D | 0.9700 |
| C50 | -H50B | 0.9700 | C27B | -H27C | 0.9700 |
| C50 | -H50A | 0.9700 | C28A | -H28A | 0.9600 |
| C52 | -H52A | 0.9300 | C28A | -H28B | 0.9600 |
| C53 | -H53A | 0.9300 | C28A | -H28C | 0.9600 |
| C54 | -H54A | 0.9300 | C28B | -H28F | 0.9600 |
| C55 | -H55A | 0.9300 | C28B | -H28E | 0.9600 |
| C56 | -H56A | 0.9300 | C28B | -H28D | 0.9600 |
| C27A | - C28A | 1.523(10) | C130 | -C131 | 1.520 (4) |
| C27B | - C28B | 1.500 (17) | C131 | -C136 | 1.393 (4) |
| C37 | -C38 | 1.467 (5) | C131 | -C132 | 1.383 (4) |
| C132 | - C133 | 1.387 (4) | C105 | -H10G | 0.9600 |
| C133 | -C134 | 1.381 (4) | C105 | -H10E | 0.9600 |
| C134 | -C135 | 1.378 (4) | C111 | -H11F | 0.9600 |
| C135 | - C136 | 1.382 (4) | C111 | -H11D | 0.9600 |
| C37 | -H37A | 0.9700 | C111 | -H11E | 0.9600 |
| C37 | -H37B | 0.9700 | C113 | -H11G | 0.9300 |
| C38 | -H38B | 0.9600 | C115 | -H11J | 0.9600 |
| C38 | -H38C | 0.9600 | C115 | -H11H | 0.9600 |
| C38 | -H38A | 0.9600 | C115 | -H11I | 0.9600 |
| C140 | - C141 | 1.508 (4) | C120 | -H12B | 0.9700 |
| C141 | - C142 | 1.373 (5) | C120 | -H12A | 0.9700 |


| Table | A-11- | Bond Distances <br> for: saida30 (2e) | (Angs P212 |  | (continued) $R=0.03$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| C141 | -C146 | 1.399(4) | C122 | -H12C | 0.9300 |
| C142 | -C143 | 1.392 (4) | C123 | -H12D | 0.9300 |
| C143 | -C144 | 1.370 (5) | C124 | -H12E | 0.9300 |
| C144 | -C145 | 1.380 (5) | C125 | -H12F | 0.9300 |
| C145 | -C146 | 1.372 (5) | C126 | -H12G | 0.9300 |
| C150 | -C151 | 1.502 (4) | C130 | -H13B | 0.9700 |
| C151 | - C152 | 1.377 (4) | C130 | -H13C | 0.9700 |
| C151 | - C156 | 1.390 (4) | C132 | -H13D | 0.9300 |
| C152 | -C153 | 1.367 (6) | C133 | -H13E | 0.9300 |
| C153 | - C154 | 1.376 (6) | C134 | -H13 F | 0.9300 |
| C154 | - C155 | 1.370 (5) | C135 | -H13G | 0.9300 |
| C155 | - C156 | 1.380 (5) | C136 | -H13H | 0.9300 |
| C101 | - H10C | 0.9600 | C140 | - H14A | 0.9700 |
| C101 | - H10B | 0.9600 | C140 | - H14B | 0.9700 |
| C101 | -H10A | 0.9600 | C142 | -H14C | 0.9300 |
| C103 | -H10D | 0.9300 | C143 | -H14D | 0.9300 |
| C105 | -H10F | 0.9600 | C144 | -H14E | 0.9300 |
| C145 | - H14F | 0.9300 | C153 | -H15G | 0.9300 |
| C146 | -H14G | 0.9300 | C154 | - H15H | 0.9300 |
| C150 | -H15E | 0.9700 | C155 | -H15I | 0.9300 |
| C150 | -H15D | 0.9700 | C156 | -H15J | 0.9300 |
| C152 | -H15F | - 0.9300 |  |  |  |


| Table | A-12 - | Bond An <br> for: sal | $\begin{array}{cc}  & \text { (Degrees) } \\ \text { (2e) } & \text { P212121 } \end{array}$ |  | (continued) |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 01 | -Zr1 | -02 | 97.12(7) | 011 | -Zr2 | -N11 | 98.65 (8) |
| 01 | -Zr1 | -N1 | 100.82(7) | 011 | -Zr2 | -N12 | 89.07(8) |
| 01 | -Zr1 | -N2 | 89.84 (7) | Zr1 | -01 | - C16B | 157.2(3) |
| 01 | -Zr1 | -N3 | 172.15(7) | Zr1 | -01 | - C16A | 168.9(4) |
| 01 | -Zr1 | -N4 | 96.24(7) | Zr1 | -02 | - C18B | 172.6(3) |
| 02 | -Zr1 | -N1 | 94.70(7) | Zr1 | -02 | - C18A | 169.0(4) |
| 02 | -Zr1 | -N2 | 170.39(7) | Zr2 | -011 | - C27A | 166.2 (4) |
| 02 | -Zr1 | -N3 | 87.79(7) | Zr2 | -011 | - C27B | 163.1(4) |
| 02 | -Zr1 | -N4 | 102.52(7) | Zr2 | -012 | -C37 | 176.78(18) |
| N1 | -Zr1 | -N2 | 77.42 (7) | Zr1 | -N1 | - C2 | 126.14(15) |
| N1 | -Zr1 | -N3 | 84.81(7) | Zr1 | -N1 | - C20 | 114.95(14) |
| N1 | -Zr1 | -N4 | 154.00 (7) | C2 | -N1 | - C20 | 118.44(19) |
| N2 | -Zr1 | -N3 | 86.04 (7) | Zr1 | -N2 | - C30 | 116.04(14) |
| N2 | -Zr1 | -N4 | 83.20(7) | Zr1 | -N2 | - C4 | 124.28(16) |
| N3 | -Zr1 | -N4 | 76.66(7) | C4 | -N2 | - C30 | 118.28(19) |
| 011 | -Zr2 | -N13 | 169.80(8) | Zr1 | -N3 | - C12 | 124.40(16) |
| 011 | -Zr2 | -N14 | 94.33 (8) | Zr1 | -N3 | - C40 | 116.01(15) |
| 012 | -Zr2 | -N11 | 92.92(8) | C12 | -N3 | - C40 | 118.9 (2) |
| 012 | -Zr2 | -N12 | 168.49(8) | Zr1 | -N4 | - C50 | 114.77(15) |
| 012 | -Zr2 | -N13 | 89.13 (8) | C14 | -N4 | - C50 | 118.9(2) |
| 012 | -Zr2 | -N14 | 102.55(8) | Zr1 | -N4 | - C14 | 125.78(15) |
| N11 | -Zr2 | -N12 | 77.45 (8) | C102 | -N11 | - C120 | 118.5 (2) |
| N11 | -Zr2 | -N13 | 87.37 (8) | Zr2 | -N11 | - C102 | 126.62(17) |
| N11 | -Zr2 | -N14 | 158.05 (8) | Zr2 | -N11 | - C120 | 114.59(18) |
| N12 | -Zr2 | -N13 | 84.19 (7) | Zr2 | -N12 | - C130 | 116.95(15) |
| N12 | -Zr2 | -N14 | 85.18 (8) | C104 | -N12 | - C130 | 118.2(2) |
| N13 | -Zr2 | -N14 | 77.52 (8) | Zr2 | -N12 | -C104 | 124.45(17) |
| 011 | -Zr2 | -012 | 98.72 (9) | Zr2 | -N13 | - C112 | 124.91(17) |
| Zr2 | -N13 | -C140 | 115.76(16) | C22 | -C23 | - C24 | 120.3(3) |
| C112 | -N13 | -C140 | 119.0 (2) | C23 | -C24 | - C25 | 119.7 (3) |
| Zr2 | -N14 | -C114 | 125.49(17) | C24 | - C25 | - C26 | 120.4(3) |
| C114 | -N14 | -C150 | 118.8(2) | C21 | - C26 | - C25 | 120.7 (3) |
| Zr2 | -N14 | -C150 | 114.62(17) | N2 | -C30 | - C31 | 115.4(2) |
| N1 | - C 2 | - C3 | 122.5(2) | C30 | -C31 | -C32 | 120.1(2) |
| C1 | - C 2 | -C3 | 117.0 (2) | C30 | -C31 | -C36 | 121.1(2) |
| N1 | - C2 | - C 1 | 120.5(2) | C32 | -C31 | - C36 | 118.6(2) |
| C2 | - C3 | - C 4 | 126.9(2) | C31 | -C32 | - C33 | 120.7 (3) |
| N2 | - C4 | - C3 | 122.5(2) | C32 | -C33 | - C34 | 120.7 (3) |
| N2 | - C 4 | - C5 | 121.3(2) | C33 | -C34 | -C35 | 119.0 (3) |
| C3 | - C 4 | - C5 | 116.3(2) | C34 | -C35 | -C36 | 120.3(3) |
| C11 | - C12 | - C13 | 115.9 (2) | C31 | -C36 | - C35 | 120.7 (2) |
| N3 | -C12 | -C13 | 123.0(2) | N3 | -C40 | - C41 | 115.1(2) |
| N3 | -C12 | - C11 | 121.1(2) | C40 | -C41 | -C46 | 122.9(2) |
| C12 | - C13 | -C14 | 125.7(2) | C40 | -C41 | - C42 | 119.2(2) |
| N4 | - C14 | -C15 | 119.9(2) | C42 | - C41 | - C46 | 118.0(2) |
| C13 | -C14 | -C15 | 117.1(2) | C41 | -C42 | -C43 | 121.7 (2) |
| N4 | -C14 | -C13 | 123.1(2) | C42 | -C43 | -C44 | 120.3(2) |
| O1 | - C16A | - C17A | 104.7(11) | C43 | -C44 | - C45 | 119.1(3) |
| O1 | - C16B | - C17B | 113.9(5) | C44 | - C45 | - C46 | 121.0(3) |
| 02 | -C18A | -C19A | 107.7(7) | C41 | -C46 | - C45 | 120.0 (3) |
| O2 | - C18B | - C19B | 108.7(5) | N4 | - C50 | - C51 | 112.7 (2) |
| N1 | - C20 | - C21 | 114.1(2) | C50 | - C51 | - C52 | 120.2 (2) |
| C20 | - C21 | - C22 | 121.4(2) | C52 | - C51 | - C56 | 118.8 (3) |
| C22 | - C21 | - C26 | 118.3(2) | C50 | - C51 | - C56 | 121.0(2) |


| Table A-12 - Bond Angles | (Degrees) | (continued) |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
|  | for: saida30(2e) | P212121 | $R=0.03$ |


| C20 | - C21 | - C26 | 120.3(2) | C51 | - C52 | - C53 | 120.9(4) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| C21 | - C22 | - C23 | 120.7(2) | C52 | - C53 | - C54 | 120.5(5) |
| C53 | -C54 | -C55 | 119.4 (4) | C14 | -C15 | -H15A | 109.00 |
| C54 | - C55 | -C56 | 120.3(4) | C14 | -C15 | -H15B | 109.00 |
| C51 | -C56 | - C55 | 120.0(3) | H15B | -C15 | -H15C | 109.00 |
| H1A | - C 1 | -H1C | 109.00 | C17A | - C16A | -H16B | 111.00 |
| C2 | - C 1 | -H1A | 109.00 | H16A | -C16A | -H16B | 109.00 |
| C2 | - C 1 | -H1B | 109.00 | C17A | -C16A | -H16A | 111.00 |
| C2 | - C1 | -H1C | 110.00 | O1 | -C16A | -H16B | 111.00 |
| H1A | - C 1 | -H1B | 109.00 | O1 | - C16A | -H16A | 111.00 |
| H1B | - C1 | -H1C | 109.00 | O1 | - C16B | -H16D | 109.00 |
| C2 | - C 3 | -H3A | 117.00 | O1 | - C16B | -H16C | 109.00 |
| C4 | -C3 | -H3A | 117.00 | H16C | -C16B | -H16D | 108.00 |
| C4 | - C 5 | -H5B | 110.00 | C17B | -C16B | -H16D | 109.00 |
| C 4 | - C 5 | -H5C | 110.00 | C17B | -C16B | -H16C | 109.00 |
| H5A | - C 5 | -H5B | 109.00 | C16A | -C17A | -H17C | 109.00 |
| C4 | - C 5 | -H5A | 109.00 | H17B | -C17A | -H17C | 109.00 |
| H5A | - C 5 | -H5C | 109.00 | H17A | -C17A | -H17C | 109.00 |
| H5B | - C 5 | -H5C | 109.00 | C16A | -C17A | -H17A | 109.00 |
| H11B | - C11 | -H11C | 109.00 | C16A | -C17A | -H17B | 109.00 |
| H11A | -C11 | -H11B | 110.00 | H17A | -C17A | -H17B | 110.00 |
| H11A | - C11 | -H11C | 110.00 | H17D | - C17B | -H17F | 109.00 |
| C12 | -C11 | -H11A | 109.00 | C16B | - C17B | -H17D | 109.00 |
| C12 | - C11 | -H11B | 109.00 | H17D | - C17B | -H17E | 110.00 |
| C12 | -C11 | -H11C | 109.00 | H17E | - C17B | -H17F | 109.00 |
| C12 | - C13 | -H13A | 117.00 | C16B | - C17B | -H17E | 109.00 |
| C14 | - C13 | -H13A | 117.00 | C16B | - C17B | -H17F | 109.00 |
| H15A | -C15 | -H15C | 109.00 | C19A | -C18A | -H18A | 110.00 |
| C14 | -C15 | -H15C | 110.00 | O2 | -C18A | -H18A | 110.00 |
| H15A | -C15 | -H15B | 110.00 | 02 | -C18A | -H18B | 110.00 |
| H18A | - C18A | -H18B | 109.00 | C25 | - C24 | -H24A | 120.00 |
| C19A | -C18A | -H18B | 110.00 | C23 | - C24 | -H24A | 120.00 |
| O2 | - C18B | -H18C | 110.00 | C24 | - C25 | -H25A | 120.00 |
| H18C | - C18B | -H18D | 108.00 | C26 | - C25 | -H25A | 120.00 |
| C19B | - C18B | -H18C | 110.00 | C25 | - C26 | -H26A | 120.00 |
| C19B | - C18B | -H18D | 110.00 | C21 | - C26 | -H26A | 120.00 |
| O2 | - C18B | -H18D | 110.00 | C31 | -C30 | -H30A | 108.00 |
| H19B | -C19A | -H19C | 109.00 | C31 | -C30 | -H30B | 108.00 |
| H19A | -C19A | -H19C | 109.00 | H30A | - C30 | -H30B | 108.00 |
| C18A | -C19A | -H19B | 110.00 | N2 | - C30 | -H30A | 108.00 |
| H19A | -C19A | -H19B | 109.00 | N2 | - C30 | -H30B | 108.00 |
| C18A | -C19A | -H19A | 109.00 | C31 | - C32 | -H32A | 120.00 |
| C18A | -C19A | -H19C | 109.00 | C33 | -C32 | -H32A | 120.00 |
| C18B | - C19B | -H19F | 110.00 | C32 | -C33 | -H33A | 120.00 |
| C18B | - C19B | -H19D | 110.00 | C34 | -C33 | -H33A | 120.00 |
| C18B | - C19B | -H19E | 109.00 | C35 | -C34 | -H34A | 120.00 |
| H19E | - C19B | -H19F | 109.00 | C33 | -C34 | -H34A | 121.00 |
| H19D | - C19B | -H19E | 110.00 | C36 | -C35 | -H35A | 120.00 |
| H19D | - C19B | -H19F | 109.00 | C34 | -C35 | -H35A | 120.00 |
| N1 | - C20 | -H20B | 109.00 | C31 | -C36 | -H36A | 120.00 |
| C21 | - C20 | -H20A | 109.00 | C35 | -C36 | -H36A | 120.00 |
| C21 | - C20 | -H20B | 109.00 | C41 | - C40 | -H40A | 108.00 |
| H20A | - C20 | - H 20 OB | 108.00 | N3 | - C40 | -H40A | 109.00 |
| N1 | - C20 | -H20A | 109.00 | C41 | - C40 | -H40B | 108.00 |


| Table A-12 - Bond Angles | (Degrees) | (continued) |  |
| ---: | :--- | ---: | :--- |
|  | for: saida30(2e) | P212121 | $R=0.03$ |


| C21 | - C22 | -H22A | 120.00 | H40A | - C40 | -H40B | 108.00 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| C23 | - C22 | -H22A | 120.00 | N3 | - C40 | -H40B | 109.00 |
| C22 | - C23 | -H23A | 120.00 | C41 | - C42 | -H42A | 119.00 |
| C24 | - C23 | -H23A | 120.00 | C43 | - C42 | -H42A | 119.00 |
| C42 | -C43 | -H43A | 120.00 | N11 | -C102 | -C103 | 122.4(2) |
| C44 | -C43 | -H43A | 120.00 | C102 | -C103 | -C104 | 126.6(2) |
| C45 | -C44 | -H44A | 120.00 | N12 | -C104 | -C105 | 120.3(2) |
| C43 | -C44 | -H44A | 120.00 | C103 | -C104 | -C105 | 116.5(2) |
| C44 | -C45 | -H45A | 120.00 | N12 | -C104 | -C103 | 123.2 (2) |
| C46 | -C45 | -H45A | 119.00 | N13 | -C112 | - C111 | 121.5(3) |
| C41 | -C46 | -H46A | 120.00 | N13 | -C112 | -C113 | 122.5(2) |
| C45 | -C46 | -H46A | 120.00 | C111 | -C112 | -C113 | 116.0(3) |
| H50A | - C50 | -H50B | 108.00 | C112 | -C113 | -C114 | 127.1(3) |
| N4 | - C50 | -H50A | 109.00 | N14 | -C114 | -C113 | 123.1(2) |
| C51 | - C50 | -H50B | 109.00 | C113 | -C114 | -C115 | 116.4(2) |
| C51 | - C50 | -H50A | 109.00 | N14 | -C114 | -C115 | 120.5(2) |
| N4 | - C50 | -H50B | 109.00 | N11 | -C120 | -C121 | 114.5 (2) |
| C51 | - C52 | -H52A | 120.00 | C120 | -C121 | - C122 | 118.5(2) |
| C53 | - C52 | -H52A | 120.00 | C122 | -C121 | -C126 | 117.4(3) |
| C52 | - C53 | -H53A | 120.00 | C120 | -C121 | - C126 | 124.2(2) |
| C54 | - C53 | -H53A | 120.00 | C121 | -C122 | - C123 | 120.5(3) |
| C55 | - C54 | -H54A | 120.00 | C122 | - C123 | - C124 | 120.5(3) |
| C53 | -C54 | -H54A | 120.00 | C123 | -C124 | - C125 | 119.6(3) |
| C54 | - C55 | -H55A | 120.00 | C124 | -C125 | -C126 | 120.4(3) |
| C56 | -C55 | -H55A | 120.00 | C121 | -C126 | - C125 | 121.7(3) |
| C55 | - C56 | -H56A | 120.00 | C28A | -C27A | -H27B | 109.00 |
| C51 | - C56 | -H56A | 120.00 | H27A | -C27A | -H27B | 108.00 |
| 011 | -C27A | -C28A | 110.2(7) | 011 | -C27A | -H27A | 110.00 |
| 011 | -C27B | -C28B | 110.6(8) | 011 | -C27A | -H27B | 110.00 |
| 012 | -C37 | -C38 | 111.4(3) | C28A | -C27A | -H27A | 110.00 |
| N11 | -C102 | -C101 | 120.7(2) | C28B | - C 27 B | -H27D | 110.00 |
| C101 | -C102 | -C103 | 117.0(2) | 011 | -C27B | -H27C | 110.00 |
| H27C | - C27B | -H27D | 108.00 | H37A | -C37 | -H37B | 108.00 |
| 011 | - C27B | -H27D | 110.00 | C37 | -C38 | -H38C | 109.00 |
| C28B | - C27B | -H27C | 109.00 | C37 | -C38 | -H38B | 109.00 |
| C27A | -C28A | -H28B | 110.00 | H38A | -C38 | -H38B | 110.00 |
| C27A | - C28A | -H28A | 110.00 | C37 | -C38 | -H38A | 109.00 |
| C27A | - C28A | -H28C | 109.00 | H38A | -C38 | -H38C | 109.00 |
| H28A | -C28A | -H28B | 109.00 | H38B | -C38 | -H38C | 110.00 |
| H28A | -C28A | -H28C | 109.00 | N13 | -C140 | - C141 | 115.3(2) |
| H28B | -C28A | -H28C | 109.00 | C142 | -C141 | -C146 | 117.6(3) |
| C27B | - C28B | -H28E | 109.00 | C140 | -C141 | - C142 | 123.6(2) |
| C27B | - C28B | -H2 8D | 109.00 | C140 | -C141 | -C146 | 118.8(3) |
| H28D | - C28B | -H28E | 109.00 | C141 | -C142 | -C143 | 120.9(3) |
| C27B | - C28B | -H28F | 110.00 | C142 | -C143 | -C144 | 120.4(3) |
| H28E | - C28B | -H28F | 109.00 | C143 | -C144 | -C145 | 119.6(3) |
| H28D | - C28B | -H28F | 110.00 | C144 | -C145 | -C146 | 119.8(3) |
| N12 | - C130 | -C131 | 114.9(2) | C141 | -C146 | -C145 | 121.6(3) |
| C130 | -C131 | -C136 | 120.3(2) | N14 | -C150 | -C151 | 115.0(2) |
| C130 | -C131 | -C132 | 121.3(2) | C150 | -C151 | -C152 | 118.0(3) |
| C132 | -C131 | -C136 | 118.3(2) | C150 | -C151 | -C156 | 124.3(3) |
| C131 | -C132 | -C133 | 121.0(3) | C152 | -C151 | - C156 | 117.7(3) |
| C132 | -C133 | -C134 | 120.0(3) | C151 | -C152 | -C153 | 121.4(3) |
| C133 | -C134 | -C135 | 119.7(3) | C152 | -C153 | -C154 | 120.7(3) |




[^0]:    ${ }^{*} \mathrm{Cp}\left(\operatorname{Ind}\left(\mathrm{NMe}_{2}\right)_{2}\right) \mathrm{ZrCl}_{2}$ was chosen due to its the similarity to $\mathrm{Cp}(\mathrm{Ind}) \mathrm{ZrCl}_{2}$, the crystal structure of which is not known.

[^1]:    * Part of these syntheses has been undertaken together with a French summer trainee, Marie Theillard.

[^2]:    ${ }^{\dagger}$ This part is earlier work by Philippe Perrotin in our group.

[^3]:    ${ }^{\text {a }}$ co-crystallized solvent removed with SQUEEZE

