Supporting Information

Unexpected Formation and Structural Characterization of a Dinuclear Sodium Half-Sandwich Complex

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Crystal data and details on structure refinement of $[NaC_5H_3{C(NH^{i}Pr)(=N^{i}Pr)}_2-1,2]_2$ (1).

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Figure S1. Molecular structure of [NaC₅H₃{C(NHⁱPr)(=NⁱPr)}₂-1,2]₂ (1) in the crystal. Displacement ellipsoids are drawn at the 50% probability level, H atoms attached to C atoms omitted for clarity. Symmetry code: ' -x, -y, 2-z.

formula sum	$C_{38}H_{66}N_8Na_2$
formula weight	680.96
crystal color/shape/size (mm)	colorless prisms / $0.54 \times 0.32 \times 0.15$
crystal system	monoclinic
space group	P2 ₁ /n
unit cell parameters	
<i>a</i> (Å)	10.293(2)
<i>b</i> (Å)	16.512(3)
<i>c</i> (Å)	12.607(3)
lpha (deg)	90
eta (deg)	101.73(3)
γ (deg)	90
unit cell volume <i>V</i> (Å ³)	2097.9(8)
molecules per cell z	2
crystallographic density $ ho_{calcd}$ (g cm ⁻³)	1.078
absorption coefficient μ (mm ⁻¹)	0.083

diffractometer radiation (λ [Å]) temperature (°C) -120(2)scan type ω scan completeness of dataset 99.8% θ range of data collection (deg) reflections collected independent reflections independent reflections with $l>2\sigma(l)$ 3166 structure solution method refinement method absorption correction method none data / parameters / restraints goodness of fit (GooF) [all data] 1.023 final R values R_1 [all data, $l \ge 2\sigma(l)$] wR_2 [all data, $l \ge 2\sigma(l)$]] largest difference peak and hole

STOE IPDS 2T graphite-monochromated Mo-K_a (0.71073) -120(2) ω scan 99.8% 2.368 ... 25.999 11527 (-12 $\leq h \leq 11$, -20 $\leq k \leq 19$, -15 $\leq l \leq 15$) 4108 ($R_{int} = 0.0284$) 3166 direct methods (ShelXS-97) full-matrix least-squares on F^2 (SHELXL 2016/4) none 4108 / 233 / 0 1.023 0.0643, 0.0448 0.1158, 0.1085 0.233 and -0.180 e Å⁻³



Figure S2. ¹H NMR spectrum of **1** (Part 1) in THF- d_8



Figure S3. ¹H NMR spectrum of **1** (Part 2) in THF- d_8



Figure S4. ¹H NMR spectrum of **1** (Part 3) in THF- d_8



Figure S5. ¹³C NMR spectrum of **1** in THF- d_8



Figure S6. ¹H, ¹³C HSQC NMR spectrum of **1** (Part 1)