

## **Supplementary Materials**

### **6-Bromo-2-hydroxypyridinate-bridged Paddlewheel-type Dirhodium Complex Isomers: Synthesis, Crystal Structures, electrochemical properties, and Structure-dependent Absorption Properties**

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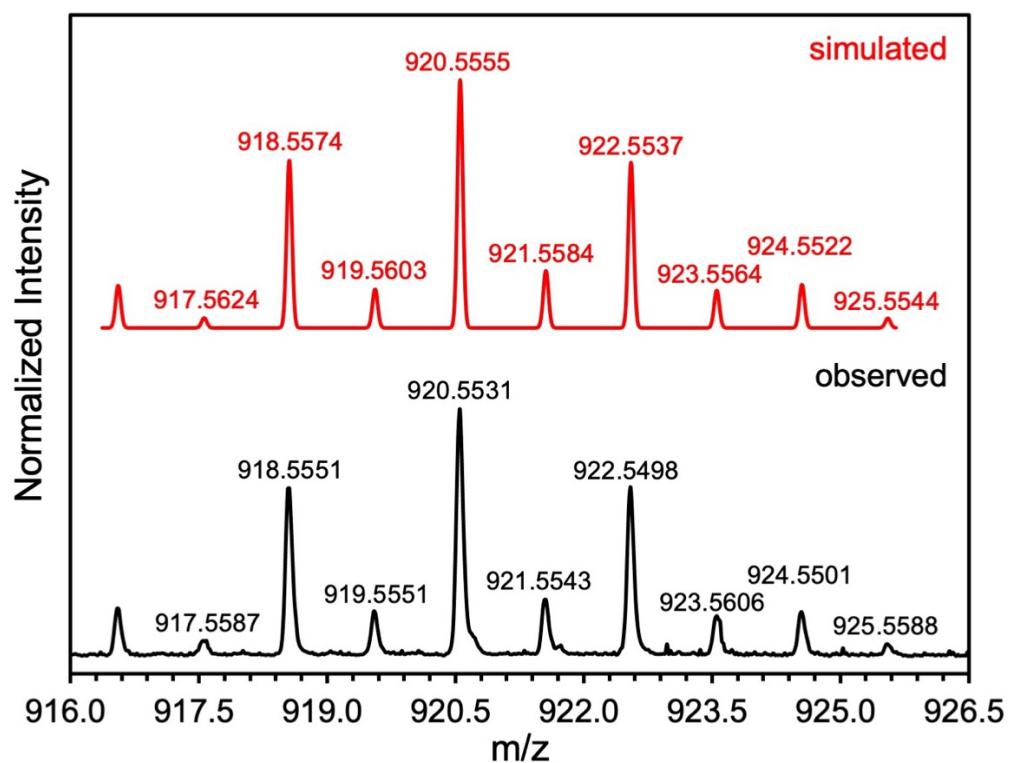


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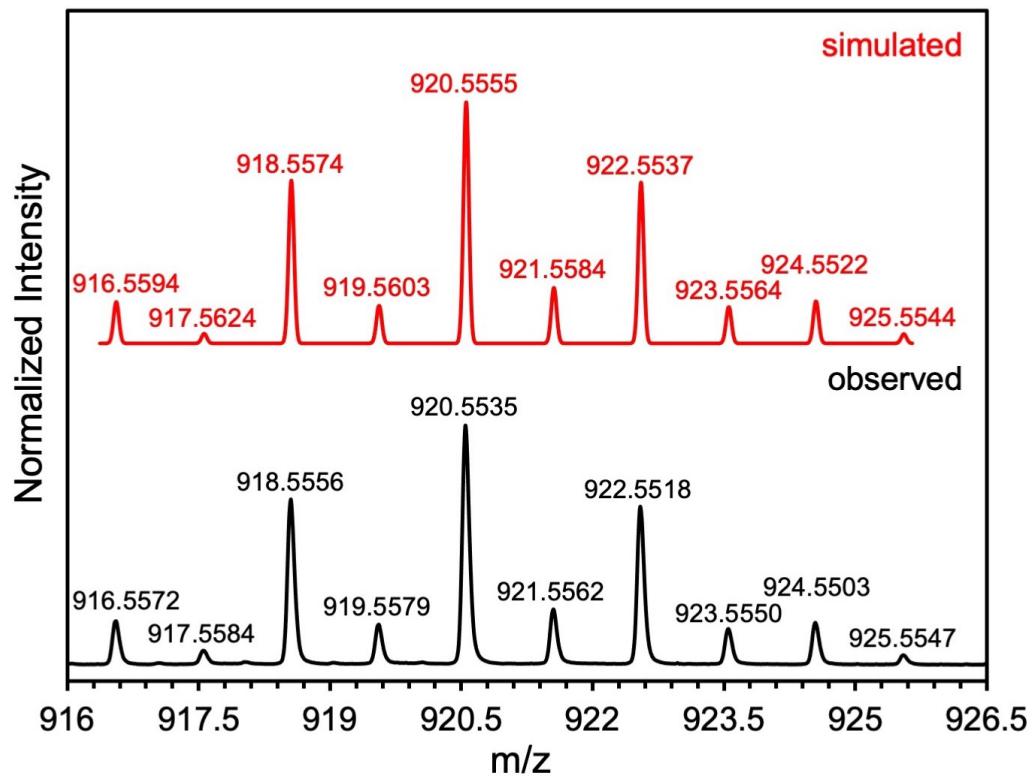


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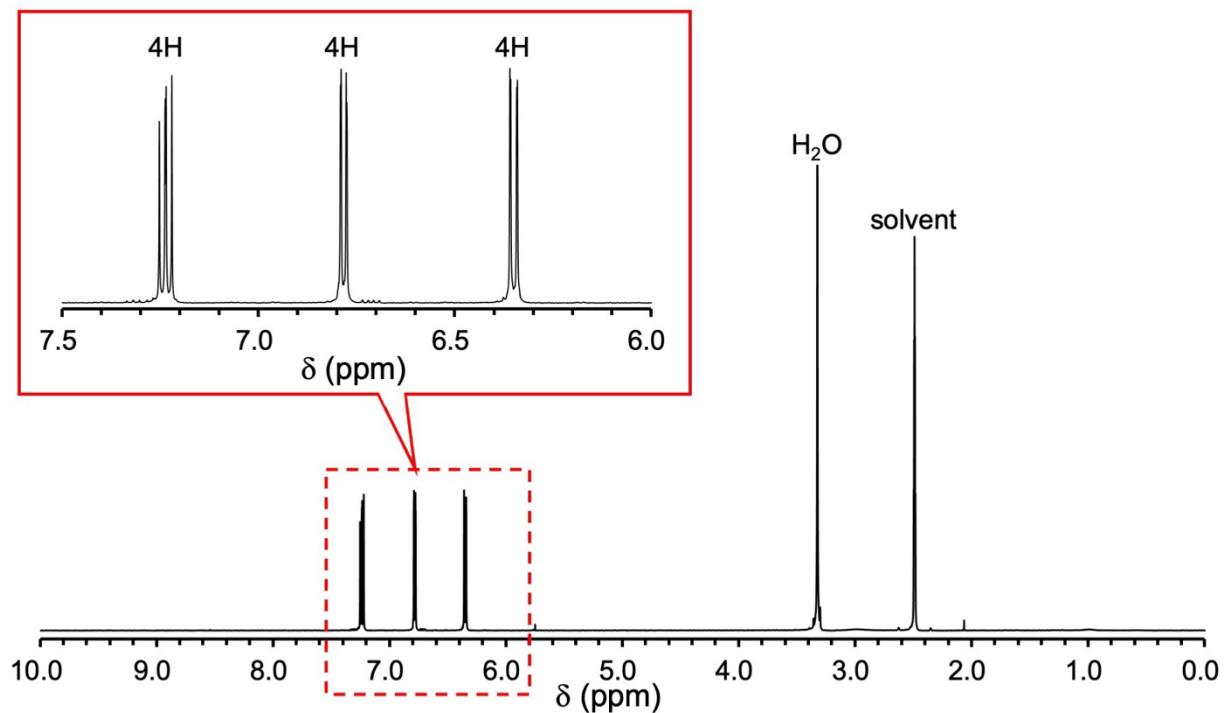


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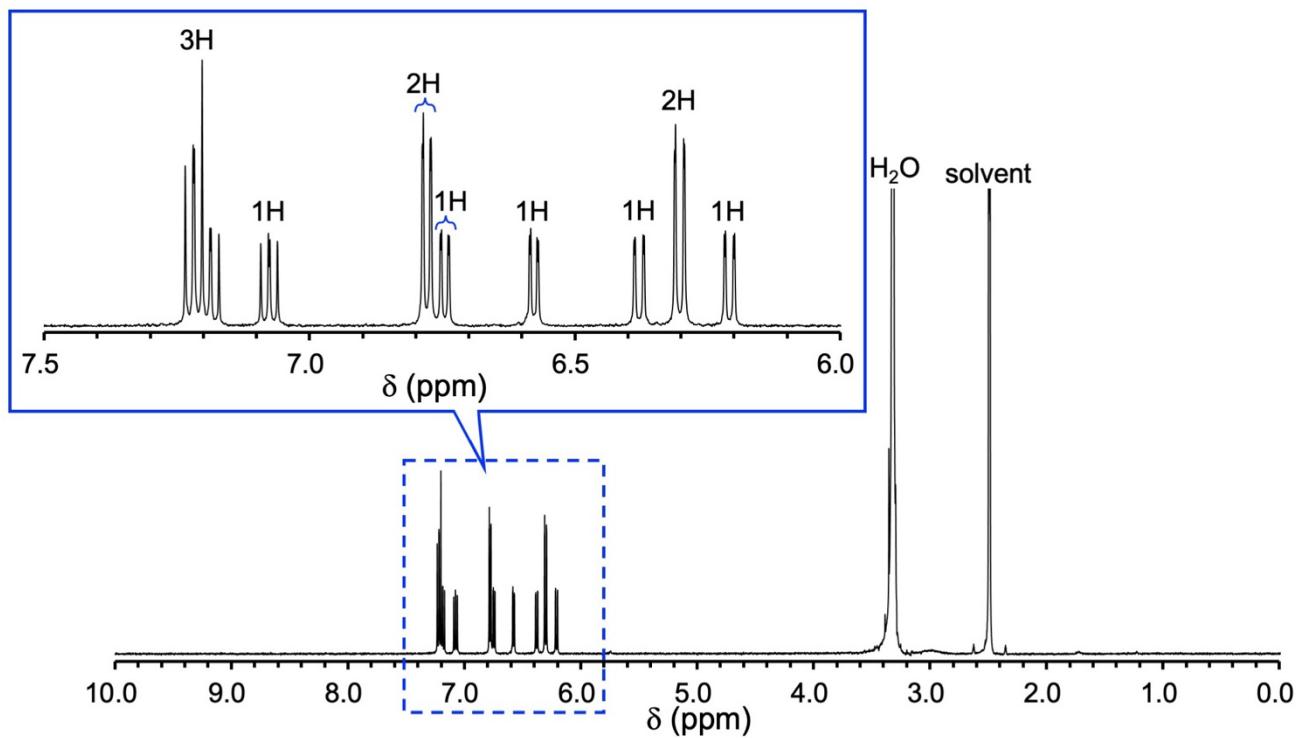


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bond lengths (Å)			
Rh1-Rh2	2.3902(4)	C1-N1	1.297(5)
Rh1-O2	2.029(3)	C1-O1	1.365(5)
Rh1-O4	2.023(3)	C6-O2	1.298(5)
Rh1-N1	2.048(3)	C6-N2	1.362(5)
Rh1-O3	2.040(3)	C11-N3	1.365(5)
Rh2-O1	2.007(3)	C11-O3	1.300(5)
Rh2-O3	2.023(3)	C16-N4	1.363(5)
Rh2-N2	2.047(4)	C16-O4	1.296(5)
Rh2-N4	2.058(4)		
bond angles (°)			
Rh1-Rh2-O1	90.66(8)	Rh2-Rh1-O2	90.78(8)
Rh1-Rh2-O3	90.23(8)	Rh2-Rh1-O4	89.82(8)
Rh1-Rh2-N2	86.97(10)	Rh2-Rh1-N1	87.33(9)
Rh1-Rh2-N4	87.91(10)	Rh2-Rh1-N3	87.55(9)

Table S2. Selected bond lengths (Å) and angles (°) of 3,1-[Rh<sub>2</sub>(bhp)<sub>4</sub>(DMF)].

bond lengths (Å)			
Rh1-Rh2	2.3726(11)	Rh1-O5	2.173(7)
Rh1-O1	2.026(7)	C1-N1	1.385(12)
Rh1-O2	2.023(7)	C1-O1	1.296(13)
Rh1-O3	2.027(6)	C6-O2	1.285(13)
Rh1-N4	2.030(8)	C6-N2	1.362(14)
Rh2-N1	2.054(8)	C11-N3	1.360(14)
Rh2-N2	2.070(8)	C11-O3	1.275(12)
Rh2-N3	2.043(9)	C16-N4	1.379(13)
Rh2-O4	2.048(6)	C16-O4	1.285(13)
bond angles (°)			
Rh1-Rh2-N1	86.8(2)	Rh2-Rh1-O1	89.1(2)
Rh1-Rh2-N2	86.2(2)	Rh2-Rh1-O2	87.1(2)
Rh1-Rh2-N3	85.8(2)	Rh2-Rh1-O3	87.3(2)
Rh1-Rh2-O4	85.9(2)	Rh2-Rh1-N4	88.0(2)
Rh2-Rh1-O5	173.5(2)		

Table S3. Selected bond lengths ( $\text{\AA}$ ) and angles ( $^\circ$ ) of *3, I-[Rh<sub>2</sub>(bhp)<sub>4</sub>]<sub>2</sub>*.

bond lengths ( $\text{\AA}$ )			
Rh1-Rh2	2.3704(4)	Rh3-Rh4	2.3707(5)
Rh1-O1	2.031(2)	Rh3-O5	2.020(2)
Rh1-O2	2.015(3)	Rh3-O6	2.014(3)
Rh1-O3	2.032(2)	Rh3-O7	2.020(2)
Rh1-N4	2.052(3)	Rh3-N8	2.055(4)
Rh2-N1	2.064(3)	Rh4-N5	2.066(3)
Rh2-N2	2.058(3)	Rh4-N6	2.064(4)
Rh2-N3	2.037(3)	Rh4-N7	2.054(3)
Rh2-O4	2.021(3)	Rh4-O8	2.019(3)
Rh1-O5	2.336(3)	Rh3-O1	2.250(3)
C1-N1	1.366(5)	C21-N5	1.375(5)
C1-O1	1.308(5)	C21-O5	1.293(5)
C6-O2	1.287(5)	C26-O6	1.287(5)
C6-N2	1.377(5)	C26-N6	1.378(6)
C11-N3	1.376(5)	C31-N7	1.376(6)
C11-O3	1.297(5)	C31-O7	1.286(5)
C16-N4	1.380(5)	C36-N8	1.379(5)
C16-O4	1.296(5)	C36-O8	1.279(5)
bond angles ( $^\circ$ )			
Rh1-Rh2-N1	86.17(9)	Rh3-Rh4-N5	85.83(10)
Rh1-Rh2-N2	87.24(9)	Rh3-Rh4-N6	87.32(10)
Rh1-Rh2-N3	87.03(10)	Rh3-Rh4-N7	86.58(10)
Rh1-Rh2-O4	87.63(8)	Rh3-Rh4-O8	86.61(8)
Rh2-Rh1-O1	88.94(8)	Rh4-Rh3-O5	89.36(8)
Rh2-Rh1-O2	87.41(8)	Rh4-Rh3-O6	86.46(8)
Rh2-Rh1-O3	87.11(8)	Rh4-Rh3-O7	87.17(8)
Rh2-Rh1-N4	86.84(10)	Rh4-Rh3-N8	86.97(10)
Rh2-Rh1-O5	160.57(7)	Rh4-Rh3-O1	164.17(7)

Table S4. Averaged bond lengths ( $\text{\AA}$ ) of optimized geometries of  $[\text{Rh}_2(\text{bhp})_4]$  isomers.

Isomer	<i>4,0</i> -form		<i>3,1</i> -form		<i>cis</i> - <i>2,2</i> -form		<i>trans</i> - <i>2,2</i> -form		
	spin state	singlet	triplet	singlet	triplet	singlet	triplet	singlet	triplet
Rh-Rh		2.390	2.504	2.407	2.504	2.413	2.517	2.414	2.498
Rh-O		2.031	2.011	2.042	2.029	2.040	2.029	2.042	2.032
Rh-N		2.135	2.150	2.101	2.115	2.097	2.094	2.097	2.106

Table S5. TDDFT results of *trans*-*2,2*- $[\text{Rh}_2(\text{bhp})_4]$  in  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$ .

Excitation States	Wavelength (nm)	Oscillator strength	Excitation characters
S <sub>2</sub>	762.7	0.0026	H-3[ $\pi^*(\text{Rh}_2)$ ]→L[ $\sigma^*(\text{Rh}_2)$ ] (74%), H-4[delocalized MO]→L[ $\sigma^*(\text{Rh}_2)$ ] (13%)
S <sub>3</sub>	759.8	0.0043	H-2[ $\pi^*(\text{Rh}_2)$ ]→L[ $\sigma^*(\text{Rh}_2)$ ] (58%), H-5[delocalized MO]→L[ $\sigma^*(\text{Rh}_2)$ ] (29%)
S <sub>4</sub>	533.7	0.0001	H-1[ $\pi(\text{bhp})$ ]→L[ $\sigma^*(\text{Rh}_2)$ ] (91%)
S <sub>5</sub>	483.4	0.0002	H[ $\delta^*(\text{Rh}_2)$ ]→L+1[anti-bonding-dx <sup>2</sup> -y <sup>2</sup> ( $\text{Rh}_2$ )] (75%)
S <sub>6</sub>	460.8	0.0005	H-4[delocalized MO]→L[ $\sigma^*(\text{Rh}_2)$ ] (81%), H-3[ $\pi^*(\text{Rh}_2)$ ]→L[ $\sigma^*(\text{Rh}_2)$ ] (14%)
S <sub>7</sub>	460.0	0.0006	H-5[delocalized MO]→L[ $\sigma^*(\text{Rh}_2)$ ] (63%), H-2[ $\pi^*(\text{Rh}_2)$ ]→L[ $\sigma^*(\text{Rh}_2)$ ] (32%)
S <sub>9</sub>	406.4	0.0004	H-7[ $\delta(\text{Rh}_2)$ ]→L[ $\sigma^*(\text{Rh}_2)$ ] (88%)
S <sub>10</sub>	404.0	0.0003	H-8[ $\delta(\text{Rh}_2)$ ]→L[ $\sigma^*(\text{Rh}_2)$ ] (62%)

Table S6. TDDFT results of 3,1-[Rh<sub>2</sub>(bhp)<sub>4</sub>] in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>.

Excitation States	Wavelength (nm)	Oscillator strength	Excitation characters
S <sub>1</sub>	819.7	0.0001	H[δ*(Rh <sub>2</sub> )]→L[σ*(Rh <sub>2</sub> )] (95%)
S <sub>2</sub>	780.3	0.0030	H-2[delocalized MO]→L[σ*(Rh <sub>2</sub> )] (48%), H-5[π*(Rh <sub>2</sub> )]→L[σ*(Rh <sub>2</sub> )] (24%), H-1[delocalized MO]→L[σ*(Rh <sub>2</sub> )] (13%)
S <sub>3</sub>	750.8	0.0036	H-4[π*(Rh <sub>2</sub> )]→L[σ*(Rh <sub>2</sub> )] (67%), H-1[π(bhp)]→L[σ*(Rh <sub>2</sub> )] (14%), H-5[π*(Rh <sub>2</sub> )]→L[σ*(Rh <sub>2</sub> )] (13%)
S <sub>4</sub>	505.8	0.0002	H-3[delocalized MO]→L[σ*(Rh <sub>2</sub> )] (52%), H-1[delocalized MO]→L[σ*(Rh <sub>2</sub> )] (20%), H-2[delocalized MO]→L[σ*(Rh <sub>2</sub> )] (11%)
S <sub>6</sub>	484.9	0.0008	H[δ*(Rh <sub>2</sub> )]→L[σ*(Rh <sub>2</sub> )] (39%), H-1[delocalized MO]→L[σ*(Rh <sub>2</sub> )] (22%)
S <sub>7</sub>	469.8	0.0011	H-5[π*(Rh <sub>2</sub> )]→L[σ*(Rh <sub>2</sub> )] (51%), H-2[delocalized MO]→L[σ*(Rh <sub>2</sub> )] (26%)
S <sub>8</sub>	440.6	0.0001	H[δ*(Rh <sub>2</sub> )]→L+4[delocalized MO] (23%), H[δ*(Rh <sub>2</sub> )]→L+5[delocalized MO] (14%), H[δ*(Rh <sub>2</sub> )]→L+6[bonding-dx <sup>2</sup> -y <sup>2</sup> (Rh <sub>2</sub> )/π*(bhp)] (20%)
S <sub>9</sub>	424.4	0.0004	H-7[δ(Rh <sub>2</sub> )]→L[σ*(Rh <sub>2</sub> )] (39%), H-6[d(Rh <sub>2</sub> )]→L[σ*(Rh <sub>2</sub> )] (30%), H-8[π(Rh <sub>2</sub> )]→L[σ*(Rh <sub>2</sub> )] (14%)
S <sub>10</sub>	404.8	0.0003	H-8[π(Rh <sub>2</sub> )]→L[σ*(Rh <sub>2</sub> )] (34%), H-4[π*(Rh <sub>2</sub> )]→L+1[anti-bonding-dx <sup>2</sup> -y <sup>2</sup> (Rh <sub>2</sub> )] (12%), H-6[d(Rh <sub>2</sub> )]→L[σ*(Rh <sub>2</sub> )] (11%)

Table S7. TDDFT results of 3,1-[Rh<sub>2</sub>(bhp)<sub>4</sub>] in DMF.

Excitation States	Wavelength (nm)	Oscillator strength	Excitation characters
S <sub>1</sub>	607.7	0.0016	H-1[π*(Rh <sub>2</sub> )]→L[σ*(Rh <sub>2</sub> )] (78%)
S <sub>2</sub>	602.5	0.0039	H-2[π*(Rh <sub>2</sub> )]→L[σ*(Rh <sub>2</sub> )] (82%)
S <sub>3</sub>	555.5	0.0001	H[δ*(Rh <sub>2</sub> )]→L[σ*(Rh <sub>2</sub> )] (95%)
S <sub>4</sub>	497.9	0.0005	H[δ*(Rh <sub>2</sub> )]→L+1[anti-bonding-dx <sup>2</sup> -y <sup>2</sup> (Rh <sub>2</sub> )] (63%), H[δ*(Rh <sub>2</sub> )]→L+6[d(Rh <sub>2</sub> )/π(bhp)] (12%)
S <sub>5</sub>	444.8	0.0001	H[δ*(Rh <sub>2</sub> )]→L+2[delocalized MO] (26%), H[δ*(Rh <sub>2</sub> )]→L+5[bonding-dx <sup>2</sup> -y <sup>2</sup> (Rh <sub>2</sub> )/π*(bhp)] (16%), H-6[π(bhp)/d(Rh <sub>2</sub> )]→L+1[anti-bonding-dx <sup>2</sup> -y <sup>2</sup> (Rh <sub>2</sub> )] (10%)
S <sub>6</sub>	423.3	0.0003	H-1[π*(Rh <sub>2</sub> )]→L+1[anti-bonding-dx <sup>2</sup> -y <sup>2</sup> (Rh <sub>2</sub> )] (44%)
S <sub>8</sub>	411.7	0.0009	H-3[π(bhp)/d(Rh <sub>2</sub> )]→L[σ*(Rh <sub>2</sub> )] (46%), H-1[π*(Rh <sub>2</sub> )]→L+1[anti-bonding-dx <sup>2</sup> -y <sup>2</sup> (Rh <sub>2</sub> )] (12%), H-2[π*(Rh <sub>2</sub> )]→L+1[anti-bonding-dx <sup>2</sup> -y <sup>2</sup> (Rh <sub>2</sub> )] (11%)

Table S8. TDDFT results of 3,1-[Rh<sub>2</sub>(bhp)<sub>4</sub>] in gas phase.

Excitation States	Wavelength (nm)	Oscillator strength	Excitation characters
S <sub>1</sub>	665.7	0.0064	H-3[π*(Rh <sub>2</sub> )]→L[σ*(Rh <sub>2</sub> )] (37%), H-1[δ*(Rh <sub>2</sub> )]→L[σ*(Rh <sub>2</sub> )] (12%), H-8[d(Rh <sub>2</sub> )/π(bhp)]→L+1[σ*(Rh <sub>2</sub> )] (10%), H-6[π*(Rh <sub>2</sub> )]→L+1[σ*(Rh <sub>2</sub> )] (10%), H-4[π*(Rh <sub>2</sub> )]→L+1[σ*(Rh <sub>2</sub> )] (10%)
S <sub>2</sub>	663.0	0.0009	H-6[π*(Rh <sub>2</sub> )]→L[σ*(Rh <sub>2</sub> )] (24%), H-3[π*(Rh <sub>2</sub> )]→L+1[σ*(Rh <sub>2</sub> )] (24%), H-8[d(Rh <sub>2</sub> )/π(bhp)]→L[σ*(Rh <sub>2</sub> )] (16%)
S <sub>3</sub>	649.7	0.0014	H-4[π*(Rh <sub>2</sub> )]→L[σ*(Rh <sub>2</sub> )] (31%), H-9[π*(Rh <sub>2</sub> )]→L+1[σ*(Rh <sub>2</sub> )] (18%), H-6[π*(Rh <sub>2</sub> )]→L[σ*(Rh <sub>2</sub> )] (16%), H[δ*(Rh <sub>2</sub> )]→L[σ*(Rh <sub>2</sub> )] (10%)
S <sub>4</sub>	641.7	0.0007	H-9[π*(Rh <sub>2</sub> )]→L[σ*(Rh <sub>2</sub> )] (27%), H-4[π*(Rh <sub>2</sub> )]→L+1[σ*(Rh <sub>2</sub> )] (24%), H-6[π*(Rh <sub>2</sub> )]→L+1[σ*(Rh <sub>2</sub> )] (13%)
S <sub>5</sub>	630.2	0.0004	H[δ*(Rh <sub>2</sub> )]→L[σ*(Rh <sub>2</sub> )] (49%), H-1[δ*(Rh <sub>2</sub> )]→L+1[σ*(Rh <sub>2</sub> )] (34%)
S <sub>6</sub>	628.6	0.0001	H-1[δ*(Rh <sub>2</sub> )]→L[σ*(Rh <sub>2</sub> )] (51%), H[δ*(Rh <sub>2</sub> )]→L+1[σ*(Rh <sub>2</sub> )] (32%)
S <sub>7</sub>	504.0	0.0019	H-1[δ*(Rh <sub>2</sub> )]→L+2[anti-bonding-dx <sup>2</sup> -y <sup>2</sup> (Rh <sub>2</sub> )] (19%), H[δ*(Rh <sub>2</sub> )]→L+1[σ*(Rh <sub>2</sub> )] (17%), H[δ*(Rh <sub>2</sub> )]→L+3[anti-bonding-dx <sup>2</sup> -y <sup>2</sup> (Rh <sub>2</sub> )] (16%)
S <sub>8</sub>	503.6	0.0003	H-1[δ*(Rh <sub>2</sub> )]→L+3[anti-bonding-dx <sup>2</sup> -y <sup>2</sup> (Rh <sub>2</sub> )] (19%), H-1[δ*(Rh <sub>2</sub> )]→L+1[σ*(Rh <sub>2</sub> )] (17%) H[δ*(Rh <sub>2</sub> )]→L+2[anti-bonding-dx <sup>2</sup> -y <sup>2</sup> (Rh <sub>2</sub> )] (18%)
S <sub>10</sub>	457.4	0.0016	H[δ*(Rh <sub>2</sub> )]→L+1[σ*(Rh <sub>2</sub> )] (35%), H-1[δ*(Rh <sub>2</sub> )]→L[σ*(Rh <sub>2</sub> )] (21%), H[δ*(Rh <sub>2</sub> )]→L+3[anti-bonding-dx <sup>2</sup> -y <sup>2</sup> (Rh <sub>2</sub> )] (11%)
S <sub>11</sub>	456.7	0.0003	H-1[δ*(Rh <sub>2</sub> )]→L+1[σ*(Rh <sub>2</sub> )] (27%), H[δ*(Rh <sub>2</sub> )]→L[σ*(Rh <sub>2</sub> )] (14%), H-2[π(bhp)]→L[σ*(Rh <sub>2</sub> )] (11%)
S <sub>12</sub>	454.6	0.0002	H-5[π(bhp)]→L[σ*(Rh <sub>2</sub> )] (35%), H-2[π(bhp)]→L+1[σ*(Rh <sub>2</sub> )] (34%), H-7[π(bhp)]→L[σ*(Rh <sub>2</sub> )] (11%)
S <sub>15</sub>	429.6	0.0015	H-3[π*(Rh <sub>2</sub> )]→L[σ*(Rh <sub>2</sub> )] (38%), H-4[π*(Rh <sub>2</sub> )]→L+1[σ*(Rh <sub>2</sub> )] (19%)
S <sub>17</sub>	420.9	0.0027	H-9[π*(Rh <sub>2</sub> )]→L[σ*(Rh <sub>2</sub> )] (16%), H-8[d(Rh <sub>2</sub> )/π(bhp)]→L+1[σ*(Rh <sub>2</sub> )] (16%), H-7[π(bhp)]→L[σ*(Rh <sub>2</sub> )] (15%)
S <sub>18</sub>	420.6	0.0005	H-8[d(Rh <sub>2</sub> )/π(bhp)]→L[σ*(Rh <sub>2</sub> )] (22%), H-9[π*(Rh <sub>2</sub> )]→L+1[σ*(Rh <sub>2</sub> )] (14%)
S <sub>19</sub>	408.7	0.004	H-11[d(Rh <sub>2</sub> )/π(bhp)]→L[σ*(Rh <sub>2</sub> )] (16%), H-4[π*(Rh <sub>2</sub> )]→L+3[anti-bonding-dx <sup>2</sup> -y <sup>2</sup> (Rh <sub>2</sub> )] (15%), H-3[π*(Rh <sub>2</sub> )]→L+2[anti-bonding-dx <sup>2</sup> -y <sup>2</sup> (Rh <sub>2</sub> )] (13%)
S <sub>21</sub>	404.7	0.0023	H-6[π*(Rh <sub>2</sub> )]→L+1[σ*(Rh <sub>2</sub> )] (22%), H-9[π*(Rh <sub>2</sub> )]→L[σ*(Rh <sub>2</sub> )] (13%), H-6[π*(Rh <sub>2</sub> )]→L+3[anti-bonding-dx <sup>2</sup> -y <sup>2</sup> (Rh <sub>2</sub> )] (11%)
S <sub>22</sub>	401.3	0.0002	H-10[d(Rh <sub>2</sub> )/π(bhp)]→L[σ*(Rh <sub>2</sub> )] (17%), H-4[π*(Rh <sub>2</sub> )]→L+2[anti-bonding-dx <sup>2</sup> -y <sup>2</sup> (Rh <sub>2</sub> )] (14%), H-3[π*(Rh <sub>2</sub> )]→L+3[anti-bonding-dx <sup>2</sup> -y <sup>2</sup> (Rh <sub>2</sub> )] (12%), H-3[π*(Rh <sub>2</sub> )]→L+1[σ*(Rh <sub>2</sub> )] (10%)