

Supplementary Material (6 Pages)**Preparation and Structures of Group 12 and 14 Element Halide-Carbene Complexes**

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Table S1. Crystallographic Experimental Details for IPr•ZnI₂*A. Crystal Data*

formula	C ₂₇ H ₃₆ I ₂ N ₂ Zn
formula weight	707.75
crystal dimensions (mm)	0.35 × 0.25 × 0.21
crystal system	monoclinic
space group	P2 ₁ /n (an alternate setting of P2 ₁ /c)
unit cell parameters ^a	
<i>a</i> (Å)	10.4644 (3)
<i>b</i> (Å)	17.4461 (5)
<i>c</i> (Å)	16.3027 (5)
β (deg)	98.2614 (4)
<i>V</i> (Å ³)	2945.38 (15)
<i>Z</i>	4
ρ_{calcd} (g cm ⁻³)	1.596
μ (mm ⁻¹)	2.946

B. Data Collection and Refinement Conditions

diffractometer	Bruker D8/APEX II CCD ^b
radiation (λ [Å])	graphite-monochromated Mo K α
(0.71073)	
temperature (°C)	-100
scan type	ω scans (0.4°) (10 s exposures)
data collection 2 θ limit (deg)	55.14
total data collected	18298 (-13 ≤ <i>h</i> ≤ 13, -22 ≤ <i>k</i> ≤ 22, -21 ≤ <i>l</i> ≤ 18)
independent reflections	6730 ($R_{\text{int}} = 0.0150$)
number of observed reflections (<i>NO</i>)	5952 [$F_0^2 \geq 2\sigma(F_0^2)$]
structure solution method	Patterson/structure expansion (DIRDIF-2008 ^c)
refinement method	full-matrix least-squares on F^2 (SHELXL-97 ^d)
absorption correction method	Gaussian integration (face-indexed)
range of transmission factors	0.5766–0.4271
data/restraints/parameters	6730 [$F_0^2 \geq -3\sigma(F_0^2)$] / 0 / 289
goodness-of-fit (<i>S</i>) ^e	1.019 [$F_0^2 \geq -3\sigma(F_0^2)$]
final <i>R</i> indices ^f	
<i>R</i> ₁ [$F_0^2 \geq 2\sigma(F_0^2)$]	0.0212
<i>wR</i> ₂ [$F_0^2 \geq -3\sigma(F_0^2)$]	0.0505
largest difference peak and hole	0.942 and -0.829 e Å ⁻³

^aObtained from least-squares refinement of 9961 reflections with $4.94^\circ < 2\theta < 55.12^\circ$.

^bPrograms for diffractometer operation, data collection, data reduction and absorption correction were those supplied by Bruker.

^cBeurskens, P. T.; Beurskens, G.; de Gelder, R.; Smits, J. M. M; Garcia-Granda, S.; Gould, R. O. (2008). The *DIRDIF-2008* program system. Crystallography Laboratory, Radboud University Nijmegen, The Netherlands.

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^e $S = [\sum w(F_o^2 - F_c^2)^2 / (n - p)]^{1/2}$ (n = number of data; p = number of parameters varied; $w = [\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.0216P)^2 + 1.8973P]^{-1}$ where $P = [\text{Max}(F_o^2, 0) + 2F_c^2]/3$).

^f $R_1 = \sum ||F_o| - |F_c|| / \sum |F_o|$; $wR_2 = [\sum w(F_o^2 - F_c^2)^2 / \sum w(F_o^4)]^{1/2}$.

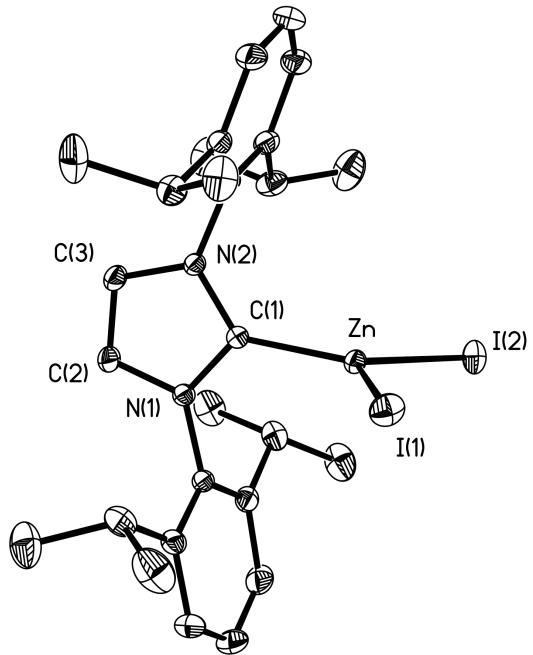
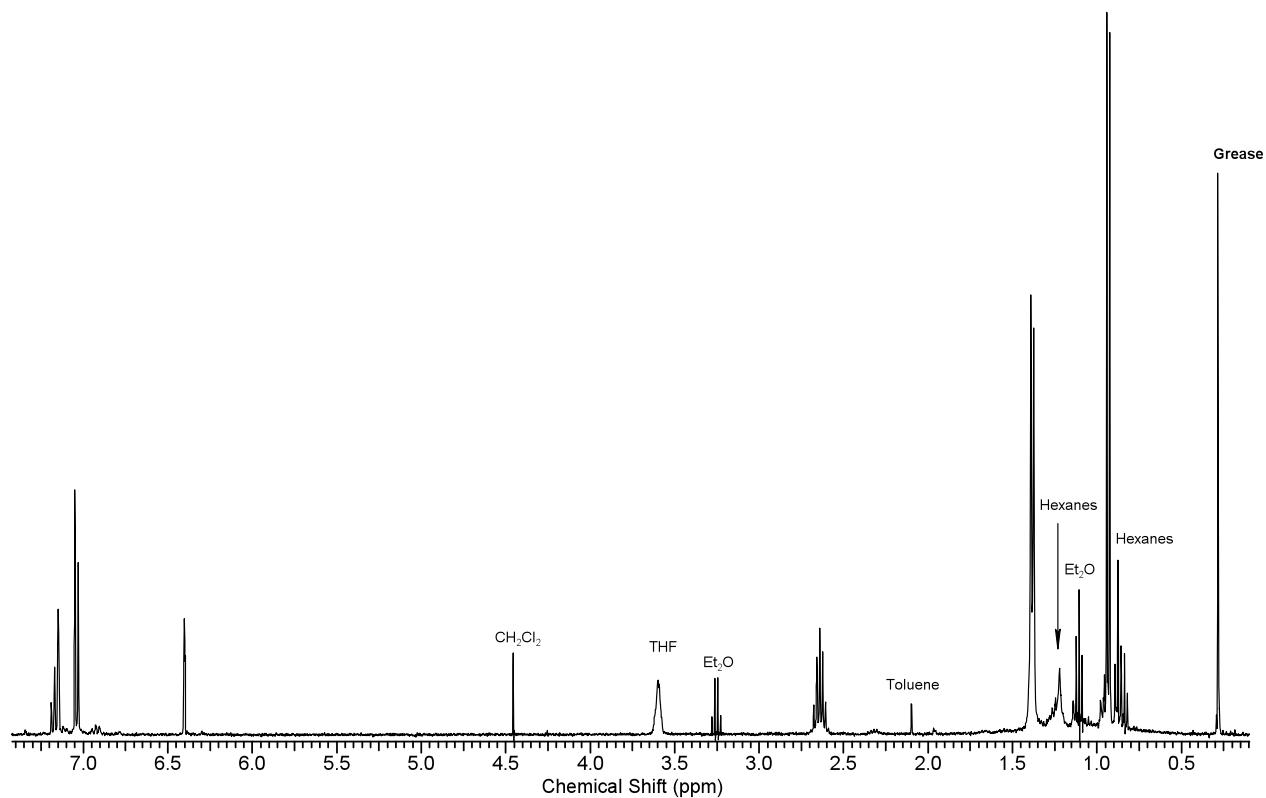


Figure S2. Thermal ellipsoid plot (30 % probability level) for $\text{IPr}\bullet\text{ZnI}_2$. All hydrogen atoms have been omitted for clarity. Selected bond lengths [\AA] and angles [$^\circ$]: Zn-C(1) 2.0026(19), Zn-I(1) 2.5135(3), Zn-I(2) 2.5097(3); I(1)-Zn-I(2) 116.883(10), C(1)-Zn-I(1) 119.36(5), C(1)-Zn-I(2) 123.70(5); N(1)-C(1)-Zn-I(1) torsion angle = 84.45(15) $^\circ$.

^1H NMR spectrum (in C_6D_6) of compound 7



^{11}B NMR spectrum (in C_6D_6) of compound 7

