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## LIST OF ABREVIATIONS

- 1.  $NCOCF_3CH_3SPh = 2,2,2$ -Trifluoro-N-(mercaptophenyl)acetamide
- 2.  $NAcCH_3SPh = N-(2-methylmercaptophenyl)acetamide$
- 3.  $CH_3SPh = Benzenemethylthiol$
- 4. [L3S] ligand = (2-Methylethanethiol-bis-3,5-dimethylpyrazolyl)methane
- [L1O] ligand = (3-*tert*-butyl-2-hydroxy-5-methylphenyl)bis(3,5dimethylpyrazolyl)methane
- 6. [L4O] ligand = Bis(3,5-dimethylpyrazolyl)acetate
- 7. (L3S)ZnI = (2-Methylethanethiol-bis-3,5-dimethylpyrazolyl) zinc iodide
- 8. (L3SCH<sub>3</sub>)ZnI = (2-Methyl-2-methylthiol-bis-3,5-dimethylpyrazolyl) zinc iodide
- 9. (L3S)Zn(NAcSPh) = (2-Methylethanethiol-bis-3,5-dimethylpyrazolyl) zinc N-(2mercaptophenyl)acetamide
- (L3SCH<sub>3</sub>)Zn(NAcSPh) = (2-Methyl-2-methylthiol-bis-3,5-dimethylpyrazolyl)
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- 12. (L1O)Zn(NAcSPh) = (3-*tert*-Butyl-2-hydroxy-5-methylphenyl)bis(3,5dimethylpyrazolyl) zinc N-(2-mercaptophenyl)acetamide

- 13. (L1O)ZnI = (3-*tert*-Butyl-2-hydroxy-5-methylphenyl)bis(3,5-dimethylpyrazolyl) zinc iodide
- 14. (L1O)Zn(NCOCF<sub>3</sub>SPh) = (3-*tert*-Butyl-2-hydroxy-5-methylphenyl)bis(3,5dimethylpyrazolyl) zinc 2,2,2-trifluoro-N-(2-mercaptophenyl)acetamide
- 15. (L4O)Zn(SPh) = Bis(3,5-dimethylpyrazolyl)acetyl zinc benzenethiol
- 16. (L4O)ZnI = Bis(3,5-dimethylpyrazolyl)acetyl zinc iodide
- 17. (L4O)Zn(NAcSPh) = Bis(3,5-dimethylpyrazolyl)acetyl zinc N-(2mercaptophenyl)acetamide

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## ABSTRACT

## ALKYLATION OF ZINC THIOLATE PROTEINS: REACTIONS WITH MODEL COMPOUNDS

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Many metalloproteins are known to tetrahedrally coordinate a zinc atom into their folded conformation. The zinc is ligated to nitrogen, sulfur, and/or oxygen donor atoms, which come from amino acid residues, such as histidine, cysteine, tyrosine, aspartic acid, and glutamic acid. The operative roles of the proteins are classified as either for structural support, or for enzymatic activity. The reactive proteins can utilize the same tetrahedral coordination to the same donor atoms as the nonenzymatic proteins. To date, it is unclear how nature is controlling the reactivity of zinc thiolate proteins. Learning how to control the reactivity of zinc-thiolate bonds can have major implications in the development of new pharmaceuticals, in addition to fundamental protein chemistry.

The research presented here involves the synthesis and characterization of small molecule chemical models, which mimic the active sites of zinc-thiolate proteins. The zinc complexes studied are of the general type, LZn-SR, where L represents a tripodal heteroscorpionate ligand, and SR represents a thiophenol. <sup>1</sup>H NMR kinetic studies were performed to determine the influence of the ligand donor atoms and of the hydrogen bonding interactions during the alkylation of a variety of model compounds. The reactions were run in chloroform, acetonitrile, and methanol with either of two methylating agents, methyl iodide or trimethyloxonium tetrafluoroborate. The comparison of rate constants firstly shows that hydrogen bonding to the sulfur donor decreases the rate of alkylation, and secondly that the strength of the hydrogen bond only mildly influences the rate. In addition to controlling zinc thiolate reactivity, it is shown that hydrogen bonding also generates exquisite specificity when multiple thiolate targets are present. Finally, the data also support the proposal that a zinc-bound thiolate is the actual nucleophile in the alkylation mechanism.

## **CHAPTER I**

## INTRODUCTION

#### **Background and History**

Zinc is the most abundant metal in biological systems. There are over 300 enzymes that involve zinc<sup>1</sup>, and hundreds of other proteins that coordinate a zinc ion into their structures. The donor atoms that coordinate the zinc, usually nitrogen and oxygen, originate either from the surrounding amino acid side chains, typically histidine, aspartate or glutamate, or from water. While histidine is the most common donor<sup>1</sup>, it has been shown that the sulfur from cysteine residues can also function as a donor atom. Zinc thiolate proteins are of interest because relatively little is known about the zinc thiolate reactivity, or how nature controls the reactivity. As a result, there is a lack of knowledge of how to exploit the reactivity of zinc thiolate proteins.

Zinc thiolate proteins have both structural and enzymatic roles<sup>2</sup>, although the geometry of the binding sites are extremely similar. All zinc thiolate proteins have the donor atoms pseudotetrahedrally coordinated around the zinc<sup>1</sup>, as shown in Figure 1. Thus their differing reactivity cannot stem from the geometry of the active site. Rather, it must be a reflection of the electronic state generated by the differing donor atoms.

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Figure 1. Pseudotetrahedral coordination of zinc in proteins

Zinc thiolate proteins are ubiquitous. In particular, the zinc finger proteins are so numerous that about 1% of the human genome encodes for them<sup>3</sup>. The zinc fingers are small, metal binding peptides that are involved in gene regulation and the recognition between nucleic acids and proteins.<sup>3</sup> This role of the zinc is strictly structural. They contain a core of histidine and cysteine residues that assemble in three motifs of coordination, CCCC, CCHC, CCHH, where the C is cysteine and the H is histidine<sup>4</sup>. While the motifs are highly conserved, there is variability in the sequence of amino acids that are between these residues, to allow for the large diversity seen between organisms. One example of the CCCC coordination is the GATA family of zinc fingers. The GATA family consists of proteins that are transcription factors. The proteins recognize a six-nucleotide motif of T/AGATAG/A, within a gene sequence.<sup>5</sup> GATA proteins regulate gene expression during embryonic development<sup>6</sup>. GATA proteins contain a zinc finger motif of the amino acid sequence **CXNCX(17)CNXC**<sup>7</sup>. This coordination gives four sulfur donor

atoms to the zinc in a pseudotetrahedral aray. While these proteins vary slightly from species to species, there is a universal function and thus the motifs are conserved<sup>8</sup>.

Since the zinc fingers are a structural motif, the zinc atom must be bound to the proper donor atoms in order for the protein to fold into its spatial conformation. Any modification of the zinc finger is not tolerated in the organism, resulting in a non-functional protein. Since a thiolate is an excellent nucleophile, zinc thiolate proteins are susceptible to oxidizing agents and alkylating agents. While in nature, it is undesirable for zinc fingers to have reactivity, it is obvious that this susceptibility could be exploited for drug therapy targets. If the thiolate ligand of a zinc finger reacts, the zinc atom may be ejected causing the protein to lose its folded structure and thereby rendering it unable to function<sup>9</sup>.

This idea has been applied to the HIV nucleocapsid protein (NCp7). HIV is a retrovirus that encodes a Gag precursor polyprotein. The polyprotein is cleaved into several smaller proteins, including the nucleocapsid protein<sup>10</sup>. The role of NCp7 is to aid in the recognition and packaging of the newly replicated viral genome during the late stages of the lytic cycle<sup>10, 11</sup>. In this protein, the zinc is pseudotetrahedrally coordinated to one histidine and three cysteine residues, shown in Figure 2.

#### HIV-1 NCp7 Zn Finger Motif



Figure 2. Zinc coordination of NCp7 protein<sup>12</sup>

Interestingly, these amino acid residues and the spacing between them are conserved amongst all retroviruses, although the amino acids between these residues can vary between organisms. The zinc fingers in the NCp7 protein are of interest because they are unusually susceptible to alkylation, causing the protein to lose its vital role during the packaging of the newly replicated viral genome, and thus be a potential treatment for HIV patients<sup>13</sup>. The ejection of the zinc from the protein appears to be the cause for the collapse of the folded structure. Since zinc finger proteins are so ubiquitous, understanding how nature controls zinc thiolate reactivity is key to the development of new HIV therapies and other drug targets.

Another class of zinc thiolate proteins with similar active site geometry is the metalloregulatory proteins. These proteins function to control the intracellular concentrations of metal ions, and to detoxify heavy metal pollutants. An example in this class of proteins is the *Zur* protein of *E. coli*. This protein represses the zinc

transporter genes on the znuABC operon<sup>14</sup>. Due to this repression, the uptake of zinc(II) is inhibited. *Zur* is "turned on" when it perceives a high level of zinc(II) inside the organism. *Zur* has two zinc fingers, one having a structural role, and the other involved in metal sensing. However, both sites have a tetrahedral coordination to the zinc,  $S_3N/O$  and  $S(N/O)_3$ <sup>14</sup>. These zinc thiolate proteins serve an important, albeit nonenzymatic purpose.

The final role of zinc thiolate proteins is that of enzymatic activity. There is still the same pseudotetrahedral coordination around the zinc, but the thiolate bound to the zinc becomes reactive towards electrophiles. An example of this type of reactivity comes from the Ada protein in <u>*E. coli*</u>. This protein has two functions. One, it can detect a DNA-methylphosphotriester and repair it.<sup>15, 16</sup> This DNA lesion occurs due to various environmental factors, and if not repaired, results in many cellular dysfunctions. Therefore the Ada protein is crucial for the survival of an organism.

Ada protein will undergo alkylation at a Zn-S site by removing the methyl group from the DNA backbone to its Cys38 residue<sup>15,16</sup>, see Figure 3.



Figure 3. Space-filled model of Ada, with four donor Cysteine residues

Recent research has revealed that it is the Cys38 residue that is targeted for alkylation, not Cys69, as previously reported<sup>15</sup>. Then, Ada performs a second task of acting as a transcription factor, to activate the transcription of more Ada proteins and other DNA repair enzymes. In this aspect, it is regarded as a chemosensor for alkylation damage to a cell. These two functions occur at different active sites in the protein. Another interesting aspect of the Ada protein is that after the Cys38 residue is alkylated, the thioether remains bound to the zinc. It had previously been thought that thioethers are not good zinc ligands.

It is important to note that the Ada protein involves the CCCC coordination of zinc at the alkylation site<sup>17</sup>. The GATA family of zinc fingers and some nuclear hormone receptors, such as the human estrogen receptor, also utilize the same CCCC

coordination to zinc, but are completely unreactive. There must be a controlling factor in nature that is involved to regulate which zinc thiolate proteins will be involved in alkyl transfer reactions and which will simply hold the protein in the proper three-dimensional conformation. A second unanswered question is how only one of the many thiolates in a CCCC site can be targeted for reactivity leaving the others unaffected. It is currently unclear how nature can control this reactivity.

Other zinc thiolate proteins that are involved in alkyl transfer reactions are the enzymes MetE, MetH, and farnesyltransferase. MetE and MetH are methionine sythases, which are cobalamin-independent and dependent, respectively<sup>18</sup>. These enzymes are crucial for the transfer of a methyl group from methyl tetrahydrofolate (CH<sub>3</sub>-H<sub>4</sub>folate) to homocysteine in order to produce methionine de novo, see Figure 4.



Figure 4. Pathway of methionine synthesis

In MetE, the zinc is ligated in a  $[S_2(N/O)_2]$  environment, which when exposed to homocysteine converts to a  $[S_3(N/O)]$  site as the homocysteine binds. However in MetH, the zinc is ligated in a  $[S_3 (N/O)]$  system, which is then changed to a  $[S_4]$ environment upon reaction with homocysteine<sup>18</sup>. These proteins have the same function, yet have different coordination to the zinc. This is more evidence to support the idea that the protein functions do not stem from the coordination structure.

The protein farnesyltransferase (PFTase) selectively catalyzes the methylation of a cysteine in protein substrates. These protein substrates are characterized as having a motif of CaaX at the C-terminus, where "C" is cysteine, "a" is a small hydrophobic amino acid, and "X" is any of the amino acids A, S, M, or N<sup>19</sup>. Examples of the protein substrate for PFTase are Ras, nuclear lamins, Rho proteins, and various kinases<sup>19</sup>. Farnesyl diphosphate (FPP) is the needed cofactor that provides the alkyl group. This alkylation allows the substrate proteins to be inserted into the cell membrane. The yeast PFTase coordinates a zinc ion to D307, C309, H363, and a water molecule<sup>19</sup>, and there appears to be similar coordination in other organisms. The alkyl group is transferred to the substrate's cysteine residue by a nucleophilic attack in the PFTase, protein substrate, FPP complex.

#### **The Problem**

Much less is known about the reactivity of zinc thiolates than more widely studied Zn-O/N interactions. The normal paradigm of "different structures lead to different functions" appears not to hold for this group since zinc thiolate proteins can have exactly the same donor atoms and tetrahedral structure, but have completely different functions. In addition, as seen in the PFTase, MetE, and MetH enzymes, there can be similar function but different coordination. These enigmas have yet to be resolved. The key point is to understand the chemical difference between the reactive and unreactive thiolates.

It is well established that the thiolate anion is an excellent nucleophile, while the protonated thiol is a poor one. However the reactivity of a zinc-bound thiolate needs to be characterized in this inherent reactivity scheme of nucleophiles. When a zinc thiolate reacts, it can proceed via one of two pathways, an associative or a dissociative one, see Figure 5.

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Figure 5. The pathways of zinc thiolate reactivity

In the associative pathway, the thiolate stays bound to the zinc and it is the zinc-bound thiol that is the nucleophile. In the dissociative pathway, the thiolate dissociates from the zinc as an anion, which subsequently reacts with the electrophile. In either case, a thioether is the final product. In previous work the conclusion had been reached based on the behavior of certain model systems that indicate that a dissociative pathway was operative<sup>17</sup>. This idea has been embraced as a mechanism for all zinc thiolate proteins, however this may not be an appropriate generalization.

It is also important to understand how nature controls the reactivity of zinc thiolate proteins. Why does the Ada protein react with electrophiles while the GATA proteins do not? They have exactly the same coordination to the zinc, but have different functions. Learning how to exploit this difference in reactivity will also have major implications in many other areas of research. One way that nature exploits reactivity is to use hydrogen bonds. Recent literature cites that in the Ada protein, the three unreactive cysteine donor atoms, Cys42, -69, and 72, are involved in hydrogen bonding to protons of the protein's main chain<sup>15</sup>. Hydrogen bonding presents one option that could be used for experimental purposes.

#### **Research Goals**

It is the aim of this thesis to answer the following mechanistic questions: What is the reacting nucleophile? How can we control the reactivity of zinc thiolates? These questions will be addressed using model compounds because they are relatively easy to synthesize, are capable of systematic variation, and are less complicated than using a protein system. More specifically, there will be kinetic experiments using the synthesized heteroscorpionate model compounds in alkylation reactions, see Figure 6.



Figure 6. Family of ligands used for model compounds

The rates of alkylation are determined for the zinc thiolate model compounds. These compounds mimic all of the possible donor atoms that are viable in biological systems. Solvent effects will be used to answer the question of what is the reacting nucleophile, and hydrogen bonding will be used to answer the question of how the reactivity can be controlled. It is hypothesized that the use of hydrogen bonding will control the reactivity of the zinc thiolates. There will be corresponding hydrogen bonded and non-hydrogen-bonded compounds, and the rates of alkylation will be compared.

### Applications

This thesis project is relevant to structure-based drug design of pharmaceuticals, for exploiting the reactivity of zinc thiolate proteins. Learning how to control the reactivity of zinc thiolates will allow for the synthesis of chemicals that can enhance or inhibit the reactivity of zinc thiolates. The insight into the mechanism for the nucleophiles will enhance other avenues of research.

## **CHAPTER II**

## **MATERIALS**

The reagents and solvents were purchased from commercial sources, and used as received unless otherwise noted. Dichloromethane was distilled under argon over CaH<sub>2</sub>. The NMR solvents CDCl<sub>3</sub>, CD<sub>3</sub>CN, and CD<sub>3</sub>OD were purchased from Aldrich, and used as received. The alkylating agents methyl iodide and trimethyloxonium tetrafluoroborate were purchased from Aldrich, and used as received. The heteroscorpionate model compounds were synthesized according to the literature methods<sup>2</sup>, as described in the Methods chapter.

#### **Model Compounds**

The ligands for the model compounds are: [L1O] = (3-tert-butyl-2-hydroxy-5-methylphenyl)bis(3,5-dimethyl-1-pyrazolyl)methane; <math>[L3S] = (2-methylethanethiol-bis-3,5-dimethylpyrazolyl)methane; [L4O] = bis(3,5-dimethyl-1-pyrazolyl)acetate.

The synthetic model compounds used for the experiments are:

[(L1O)Zn(SPh)], [(L1O)Zn(NAcSPh)], [(L3S)ZnI], [(L3S)Zn(NAcSPh)],

[(L4O)Zn(SPh)], [(L4O)Zn(NAcSPh)], and [(L1O)Zn(NCOCF<sub>3</sub>SPh)]. The (L1O) ligand offers N<sub>2</sub>O as the ligand donor set, where the oxygen is donated by a phenol group. The [L4O] ligand is also a N<sub>2</sub>O ligand donor set, however the donated oxygen is a carboxylate oxygen. The [L3S] ligand is unique in that the sulfur is chelated in the backbone of the ligand, with a N<sub>2</sub>S as the donor set. The ligand for the [L4O] complexes was provided by Dr. Brian S. Hammes, St. Joseph's University, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. The ligands for the [L1O] and [L3S] complexes were provided by Dr. Zahida Shirin, Southwest Texas State University, San Marcos, Texas. The [(L3S)ZnI] complex was previously synthesized by Dr. Carl J. Carrano, Southwest Texas State University, San Marcos, Texas. All other compounds, excluding the [(L1O)Zn(SPh)] and [(L4O)Zn(SPh)], were synthesized by Dr. Zahida Shirin. The [(L1O)Zn(SPh)] was synthesized in lab by the author, and the [(L4O)Zn(SPh)] by Dr. Brian S. Hammes. All syntheses are described in the Methods chapter.

#### **NMR** Spectrometer

<sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra were collected on a Varian Unity INOVA 400MHz NMR spectrometer. Chemical shifts are reported in ppm, relative to an internal standard of TMS. 1H NMR spectra were collected for the characterizations of compounds and for the kinetic studies.

#### X-ray Crystallography

Crystal, data collection, and refinement parameters for [(L3S)ZnI], [(L3S)Zn(NAcSPh)], [(L3SCH<sub>3</sub>)Zn(NAcŠPh)], [(L1O)Zn(NAcSPh)], and [(L4O)Zn(NAcSPh)], are given in Appendix C, and described in the Methods chapter. The structures were determined on a Siemens P4 diffractometer, with an Xray source ( $\lambda$ =0.71073Å) controlled via PC computer, or on a Nonius Kappa CCD diffractometer at the University of Texas, Austin, operated by Dr. Vincent Lynch.

#### **IR** Spectroscopy

IR spectra were recorded as KBr disks on a Perkin-Elmer Spectrum One FTIR spectrometer equipped with a Dell Optiplex PC. The spectra were used to characterize [(L10)Zn(NAcSPh)], [(L10)Zn(NCOCF<sub>3</sub>SPh)], and [(L40)Zn(NAcSPh)], as described in the Methods chapter.

#### **Elemental Analysis**

The elemental analyses were obtained from Quantitative Technologies, Inc., Whitehouse, NJ. All samples were dried in vacuo prior to analysis. Details for the complexes [(L1O)Zn(NAcSPh)] and [(L4O)Zn(NAcSPh)] are described in the Methods chapter.

## **CHAPTER III**

#### **METHODS**

# Synthesis of (2-Methylethanethiol-bis-3,5-dimethylpyrazolyl)methane zinc iodide, [(L3S)ZnI]

This complex was synthesized by Dr. Carl Carrano in previous experiments.<sup>20</sup> A solution of L3SH (0.78 g, 2.8 mmol) in 30 mL of CH<sub>3</sub>OH was treated with sodium methylate, NaOMe, (0.15 g, 2.8 mmol) under argon. After stirring the solution for 0.5 hour, solid ZnI<sub>2</sub> (0.89 g, 2.8 mmol) was added slowly. The resulting solution was stirred for 2 hours and filtered to give 0.90 g (69%) of **[(L3S)ZnI]** as a white solid. Crystals for an X-ray diffraction study were grown by the slow diffusion of hexane into a CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> solution of **[(L3S)ZnI]**. <sup>1</sup>HNMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  6.00 (s, 1 H, CH), 5.97 (s, 2 H, PzH), 2.51 (s, 6 H, Pz-CH<sub>3</sub>), 2.40 (s, 6 H, Pz-CH<sub>3</sub>), 1.37 (s, 6H, C(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  150.42, 140.71, 106.75, 73.10, 48.32, 33.66, 13.84, 11.38.

## Synthesis of [(3-tert-butyl-2-hydroxy-5-methylphenyl)bis(3,5-

#### dimethylpyrazolyl) methane zinc benzenethiol, [(L1O)Zn(SPh)]

This complex was synthesized by the author. A solution of (L1O) ligand (1.0829 g) and anhydrous toluene (30 mL) was mixed with a solution of 2M ZnMe<sub>2</sub> (3.65 mL) and stirred for 1 hour under argon, to produce [(L1O)ZnMe] (1.0412 g, 6.25 mmol). A solution of [(L1O)ZnMe] in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> was treated with a CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> solution of thiophenol (0.66 mL, 6.5 mmol). The resulting solution was stirred for 1.5 hour, dried under reduced pressure, and crystallized by layering a CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> solution of the complex with diisopropyl ether, yielding 60% complex. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  7.52 (d, 2H, *J*=8 Hz, S-Ar*H*), 7.12 (d, 1H, J=2 Hz, Ar*H*), 6.89 (t, 1H, *J*=8 Hz, S-Ar*H*), 6.85 (s, 1H, -CH-), 6.64 (d, 1H, *J*=2 Hz, Ar*H*), 5.87 (s, 1H, Pz*H*), 2.60 (s, 6H, Pz-CH<sub>3</sub>), 2.46 (s, 6H, Pz-CH<sub>3</sub>), 2.43 (s, 6H, S-Ar(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>), 2.16 (s, 3H, Ar-CH<sub>3</sub>), 1.05 (s, 9H, -C(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  163.02, 150.42, 142.62, 141.33, 140.22, 138.49, 129.98, 128.80, 127.06, 123.25, 119.99, 119.75, 106.65, 73.39, 35.10, 29.04, 24.63, 20.49, 13.15, 11.72.

# Synthesis of [(3-*tert*-butyl-2-hydroxy-5-methylphenyl)bis(3,5dimethylpyrazolyl)]methane zinc N-(2-mercaptophenyl)acetamide,

## [(L<sub>1</sub>O)Zn(NAcSPh)]

Solid NaBH<sub>4</sub> ( 0.02 g, 0.53 mmol) was added to a THF-ethanol (9:1, 25 ml) of 2,2'-Dithiobis(*N*-phenylacetamide) ( 0.17 g, 0.51 mmol). The mixture was stirred at room temperature for about 2 hours to give a clear solution, to which  $[(L_1O)ZnCH_3]$ 

(0.40, 0.89 mmol) was added. The resulting solution was stirred overnight, solvents were removed, and the solid was dried under reduced pressure. The resulting solid was redissolved in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, filtered through celite, and crystallized by layering with hexane. Yield: 0.37 g ( 69%). Anal. Calcd. for C<sub>30</sub>H<sub>37</sub>N<sub>5</sub>O<sub>2</sub>S<sub>1</sub>Zn(CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>)<sub>0.12</sub> : C, 59.57; H, 6.18; N, 11.53. Found: C, 59.59; H, 6.27; N, 11.43. FTIR (KBr), cm<sup>-1</sup>:  $\upsilon_{NH}$  3324. FTIR (in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>):  $\upsilon_{NH}$  3327. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.85 (s, 1H, NH), 8.33 (d, 1H, J= 7.6 Hz, S-ArH), 7.80 (d, 1H, J= 7.4 Hz, S-ArH), 7.06 (d, 1H, J= 2.4 Hz, ArH), 7.02 (t, 1H, J= 7.8 Hz, S-ArH), 6.90 (s, 1H, -CH-), 6.78 (t, 1H, J= 7.8 Hz, S-ArH), 6.68 (d, 1H, J= 2 Hz, ArH), 5.91 (s, 2H, PzH), 2.46 (s, 6H, Pz-CH<sub>3</sub>), 2.22 (s, 3H, S-ArCH<sub>3</sub>), 2.20 (s, 6H, Pz-CH<sub>3</sub>), 2.19 (s, 3H, ArCH<sub>3</sub>), 1.35 (s, 9H, -C(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  168.40, 163.02, 150.39, 142.69, 140.68, 138.43, 134.29, 130.34, 129.06, 124.57, 123.28, 120.66, 119.78, 119.19, 106.81, 73.50, 35.40, 29.33, 25.04, 20.40, 12.79, 11.62,

# Synthesis of bis-(3,5-dimethylpyrazolyl)acetyl zinc N-(2-mercaptoacetamide, [(L4O)Zn(NAcSPh)]

The complex was synthesized by the same method as described for [(L1O)Zn(NAcSPh)]. Colorless crystals were obtained from  $CH_2Cl_2/$  diisopropyl ether solution in 60% yield. Anal. Calcd. for  $C_{26}H_{35}N_5O_3SZn$  ( $CH_2Cl_2$ )<sub>01</sub>: C, 54.85; H, 6.21; N, 12.25. Found: C, 54.91; H, 6.16; N, 11.98. FTIR (KBr), cm<sup>-1</sup>:  $v_{NH}$  3307. FTIR (in  $CH_2Cl_2$ ):  $v_{NH}$  3341. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  8.85 (s, 1H, NH), 8.26 (d, 1H, J= 7.6 Hz, S-ArH), 7.72 (d, 1H, J= 8 Hz, S-ArH), 7.03 (t, 1H, J= 8 Hz, S-ArH), 6.84 (t, 1H, J= 7.6 Hz, S-Ar*H*), 6.60 (s, 1H, -*CH*-), 6.05 (s, 2H, Pz*H*), 2.45(s, 6H, Pz-*CH*<sub>3</sub>), 2.26 (s, 3H, S-Ar*CH*<sub>3</sub>),1.27 (s, 18H, Pz-(*CH*<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (*CDC*l<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$ , 164.72, 141.53, 135.49, 125.85, 123.47, 119.66, 104.84, 67.68, 31.96, 30.23, 25.12, 11.25.

# Synthesis of [(3-*tert*-butyl-2-hydroxy-5-methylphenyl)bis(3,5dimethylpyrazolyl)]methane zinc 2,2,2-trifluoro-N-(2mercaptophenyl)acetamide, [(L<sub>1</sub>O)Zn(NCOCF<sub>3</sub>SPh)]

Solid NaBH<sub>4</sub> ( 0.02 g, 0.53 mmol) was added to a THF-ethanol (9:1, 25 ml) of 2,2'-Dithio-bis(*N*-phenyl-2,2,2-triflouroacetamide) ( 0.17 g, 0.51 mmol). The mixture was stirred at room temperature for about 2 hours to give a clear solution, to which [(L<sub>1</sub>O)ZnCH<sub>3</sub>] ( 0.40, 0.89 mmol) was added. The resulting solution was stirred overnight, solvents removed, and the solid was dried under reduced pressure. The resulting solid was redissolved in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, filtered through celite, and crystallized by layering with hexane. Yield 0.29 g ( 66%). FTIR (KBr), cm<sup>-1</sup>:  $v_{NH}$  3247. FTIR (in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>):  $v_{NH}$  3264. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  10.00 (s, 1H, NH), 8.34 (d, 1H, J= 8 Hz, S-ArH), 7.89 (d, 1H, J= 8 Hz, S-ArH), 7.10 (t, 1H, J= 7.8 Hz, S-ArH), 7.05(d, 1H, J= 2.4 Hz, ArH), 6.94 (t, 1H, J= 7.6 Hz, S-ArH), 6.90 (s, 1H, -CH-), 6.68 (d, 1H, J= 2.0 Hz, ArH), 5.93 (s, 2H, PzH), 2.46 (s, 6H, Pz-CH<sub>3</sub>), 2.29 (s, 6H, Pz-CH<sub>3</sub>), 2.18 (s, 3H, ArCH<sub>3</sub>) 1.26 (s, 9H, -C(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>), ). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (CDCl<sub>3</sub>)  $\delta$  162.93, 150.37, 142.69, 140.78, 134.98, 130.40, 129.15, 125.28, 125.05, 120.81, 119.75, 119.46, 106.87, 73.53, 35.36, 29.20, 20.43, 12.92, 11.66

# Synthesis of (2-Methylethanethiol-bis-3,5-dimethylpyrazolyl)methane zinc N-(2mercaptophenyl)acetamide, [(L3S)Zn(NAcSPh)]

Solid NaBH<sub>4</sub> ( 0.02 g, 0.53 mmol) was added to a THF-ethanol (9:1, 25 ml) of 2,2'-Dithiobis(*N*-phenylacetamide) ( 0.17 g, 0.51 mmol). The mixture was stirred at room temperature for about 2 hours to give a clear solution, to which  $[(L_3S)ZnCH_3]$  (0.40, 0.89 mmol) was added. The resulting solution was stirred overnight, solvents removed, and the solid was dried under reduced pressure. The resulting mass was redissolved in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, filtered through celite, and crystallized by layering with hexane. Yield: 0.37 g ( 69%).

# Synthesis of (2-Methyl-2methanethiol-bis-3,5-dimethylpyrazolyl)methane zinc N-(2-mercaptophenyl)acetamide, [(L3SCH<sub>3</sub>)Zn(NAcSPh)]

This compound was synthesized in the same manner as the **[(L1O)Zn(NAcSPh)]** complex, using the [L3S] ligand. The white colored product was reacted in equimolar ratio with trimethyloxonium teterafluoroborate, in acetonitrile. The product was characterized using <sup>1</sup>H NMR.

#### X-ray Crystallography

Crystals of five complexes were sealed in thin-walled quartz capillaries, and mounted on a Siemens P4 diffractometer. The structures were solved using direct methods or via the Patterson function, completed by subsequent difference Fourier syntheses, and refined by full-matrix least-squares procedures on F2. All nonhydrogen atoms were refined with anisotropic displacement coefficients and treated as idealized contributions using a riding model except where noted. All software and sources of the scattering factors are contained in the SHELXTL 5.0 program library (G. Sheldrick, Siemens XRD, Madison, WI). Selected bond angles and bond lengths for the complexes are shown in Appendix C. The ORTEP diagram for [(L3S)ZnI] is shown in Figure 7; for [(L1O)Zn(NAcSPh)] is shown in Figure 8; for [(L4O)Zn(NAcSPh)] is shown in Figure 9; for [(L3S)Zn(NAcSPh)] is shown in Figure 10; for [(L3SCH3)Zn(NAcSPh)] is shown in Figure 11. These figures contain the thermal ellipsoid diagrams at appropriate probability.

#### **Kinetic Experiments**

All experiments were performed under pseudo-first-order conditions with the alkylating agent in large excess. In a typical experiment,  $1.8 \times 10^{-5}$  moles of the metal complex was dissolved in 1mL of solvent to give an 18mM solution. Due to solubility problems, some reactions were run at 5mM or 10mM, as shown in Table 1. The solution was transferred to a NMR tube, and the alkylating agent, methyl iodide or trimethyloxonium tetrafluoroborate, was added in excess, via a gas-tight syringe. The methyl iodide was added in excess of ten equivalents, while the trimethyloxonium tetrafluoroborate was added in a five equivalent excess because of the solubility problems. The tube was then sealed with a septum. The reactions were

monitored by <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectroscopy at 25°C. The concentrations of product and reactant compound were measured relative to each other. Typical <sup>1</sup>H NMR parameters for the kinetics reactions included four to eight scans per spectrum, and twelve spectra per reaction. Acquisitions were taken throughout the course of each reaction. The length of time between acquisitions varied greatly, depending on the complex, methylating agent, and the solvent. The fastest reactions had a delay time between acquisitions of thirty seconds, while the longest reactions had acquisitions taken twice daily. All other parameters were set as standard values.

|                                       |                                 | [Zn] in reactions | [Zn] in reactions using                          |
|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------|--------------------------------------------------|
|                                       |                                 | using MeI         | (CH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>3</sub> OBF <sub>4</sub> |
| Chloroform                            | [L3SZnI]                        | 18mM              | 10mM                                             |
|                                       | [(L1O)Zn(SPh)]                  | 18mM              | 10mM                                             |
|                                       | [(L1O)Zn(NAcSPh)]               | 18mM              | 10mM                                             |
|                                       | [(L1O)Zn(NCOCF <sub>3</sub> SPh | 18mM              | 10mM                                             |
|                                       | [(L4O)Zn(SPh)]                  | 18mM              | 10mM                                             |
|                                       | [(L4O)Zn(NAcSPh)]               | 18mM              | 10mM                                             |
| Acetonitrile                          | [L3SZnI]                        | 18mM              | 10mM                                             |
|                                       | [(L1O)Zn(SPh)]                  | 18mM              | 10mM                                             |
|                                       | [(L1O)Zn(NAcSPh)]               | 18mM              | 10mM                                             |
|                                       | [(L1O)Zn(NCOCF <sub>3</sub> SPh | 18mM              | 10mM                                             |
|                                       | [(L4O)Zn(SPh)]                  | 18mM              | 10mM                                             |
|                                       | [(L4O)Zn(NAcSPh)]               | 18mM              | 10mM                                             |
| Methanol                              | [L3SZnI]                        | 18mM              | 10mM                                             |
|                                       | [(L1O)Zn(SPh)]                  | 5mM               | 5mM                                              |
| · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · | [(L1O)Zn(NAcSPh)]               | 5mM               | 5mM                                              |
|                                       | [(L1O)Zn(NCOCF <sub>3</sub> SPh | 5mM               | 5mM                                              |
| ν.                                    | [(L4O)Zn(SPh)]                  | N/a               | N/a                                              |
|                                       | [(L4O)Zn(NAcSPh)]               | N/a               | N/a                                              |

Table 1. Concentrations for each reaction
#### **Kinetic Data Analysis**

The kinetic data was plotted as percent of product formed versus time, or as percent of unreacted complex versus time. A least squares fit to a single exponential was used to determine the pseudo-first order rate constant. The equation for the exponential rise is:

## f=a[1-exp(-bx)]+c

where **a** is the amplitude of the exponential (=100), **b** is the rate constant, and **c** is the zero intercept (=0). The equation for the decay exponential is:

$$f=a \exp(-bx)+c \exp(-dx)$$

where **a** is the first exponential amplitude, **b** is the first exponential rate constant, **c** is the second exponential amplitude, and **d** is the second exponential rate constant. Data analysis was performed using Sigmaplot (Jandel Scientific, v1.02, 1994) software on a Gateway 2000 PC. Pseudo-first-order rate constants were calculated for each reaction. The kinetic data tables and <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra are shown in Appendices A-C.

# **CHAPTER IV**

### RESULTS

### Synthesis and Crystallography.

Synthesis of (2-Methylethanethiol-bis-3,5-dimethylpyrazolyl) zinc iodide,
 [(L3S)ZnI]

The complex, **[(L3S)ZnI]**, was synthesized by reaction of the deprotonated [L3S] ligand with zinc iodide, details are described in the Methods section. The product was isolated in 69% yield. The synthetic pathway is shown in Scheme 1.





Colorless crystals of **[(L3S)Zn1]** were formed by slow diffusion of hexane into a dichloromethane solution, as represented in Figure 7. The zinc has pseudotetrahedral geometry, coordinated to two pyrazolyl nitrogen donors, the sulfur donor, and the iodide.



**Figure 7.** ORTEP diagram with 30% thermal ellipsoids for **[(L3S)ZnI]** showing atomic labeling for the coordination sphere only. Hydrogen atoms are omitted for clarity.<sup>20</sup>

2. <u>Synthesis of (3-*tert*-butyl-2-hydroxy-5-methylphenyl)bis(3,5-dimethylpyrazolyl)</u> zinc benzenethiol, [(L1O)Zn(SPh)]

The complex, **[(L1O)Zn(SPh)]**, was synthesized by reaction of the [L1O] ligand with dimethyl zinc, and then treated with a dichloromethane solution of

thiophenol, details are described in the Methods section. The product was isolated in 69% yield. The synthetic pathway is shown in Scheme 2.



Scheme 2: Synthesis of [(L1O)Zn(SPh)]

Colorless crystals of [(L10)Zn(SPh)] were formed by slow diffusion of diisopropyl ether into a dichloromethane solution. The zinc has pseudotetrahedral geometry, coordinated to two pyrazolyl nitrogen donors, the phenolic oxygen, and the sulfur donor<sup>2</sup>.

# 3. <u>Synthesis of (3-*tert*-butyl-2-hydroxy-5-methylphenyl)bis(3,5-dimethylpyrazolyl)</u> zinc N-(2-mercaptophenyl)acetamide, [(L1O)Zn(NAcSPh)]

The complex, [(L1O)Zn(NAcSPh)], was prepared by reaction of (L1O)ZnMe with a solution of 2,2'-dithiobis(*N*-phenylacetamide), reduced with NaBH<sub>4</sub> to generate the free thiol. The reaction proceeded in 69% yield, with details described in the Methods section. The synthetic pathway is shown in Scheme 3.



Scheme 3: Synthesis of [(L1O)Zn(NAcSPh)]

Colorless crystals of [(L1O)Zn(NAcSPh)] were formed by slow diffusion of hexane into a dichloromethane solution of the complex. The zinc has pseudotetrahedral geometry, coordinated to two pyrazolyl nitrogen donors, the phenolic oxygen, and the sulfur donor. The X-ray structure of [(L1O)Zn(NAcSPh)] is shown in Figure 8. The internal hydrogen bonding is observed between the hydrogen on the nitrogen of the acetamide and the thiolate sulfur. These parameters are shown in Appendix C.



Figure 8. ORTEP diagram with 30% thermal ellipsoids for [(L1O)Zn(NAcSPh)] showing atomic labeling for the coordination sphere only. The hydrogen atom involved in hydrogen bonding is the only hydrogen shown.

Colorless crystals of **[(L1O)Zn(NAcSPh)]** were produced via slow diffusion of hexane into a dichloromethane solution. The zinc has pseudotetrahedral geometry, coordinated to two pyrazolyl nitrogen donors, the phenolic oxygen, and the sulfur donor. The X-ray structure of **[(L1O)Zn(NAcSPh)]** is shown in Figure 8. The internal hydrogen bonding is observed between the hydrogen on the nitrogen of the acetamide and the thiolate sulfur, as described in Appendix C. 4. <u>Synthesis of (3-*tert*-butyl-2-hydroxy-5-methylphenyl)bis(3,5-dimethylpyrazolyl)</u> zinc 2,2,2-trifluoro-N-(2-mercaptophenyl)acetamide, [(L10)Zn(NCOCF<sub>3</sub>SPh)]

The complex,  $[(L1O)Zn(NCOCF_3SPh)]$ , was synthesized by reaction of (L1O)ZnMe and 2,2'-dithio-bis(*N*-phenyl-2,2,2-triflouroacetamide) in a solution of NaBH<sub>4</sub> to generate free thiol groups, as described in the Methods section. The product was isolated in 66% yield. The synthetic pathway is shown in Scheme 4.



Scheme 4: Synthesis of [(L1O)Zn(NCOCF<sub>3</sub>SPh)]

Colorless crystals of [(L1O)Zn(NCOCF<sub>3</sub>SPh)] were collected via slow diffusion of hexane into a dichloromethane solution. The X-ray structure of

[(L1O)Zn(NCOCF<sub>3</sub>SPh)] is shown in Figure 9. The zinc has pseudotetrahedral geometry, coordinated to two pyrazolyl nitrogen donors, the phenolic oxygen, and the sulfur donor. Appendix C depicts the bond parameters.



Figure 9. ORTEP diagram with 30% thermal ellipsoids for [(L1O)Zn(NCOCF<sub>3</sub>SPh)] showing atomic labeling. The hydrogen atom involved in hydrogrn bonding is the only hydrogen shown.

5. Synthesis of bis(3,5-dimethylpyrazolyl)acetyl zinc N-(2-

#### mercaptophenyl)acetamide, [(L4O)Zn(NAcSPh)]

The complex, [(L4O)Zn(NAcSPh)], was synthesized by reaction of

(L4O)ZnMe with 2,2'-dithiobis(N-phenylacetamide) in solution with NaBH4 in order

to free thiophenol groups. The mixture was stirred until the reaction was complete,

details are described in the Methods section. The product was isolated in 60% yield. The synthetic pathway is shown in Scheme 5.



Scheme 5: Synthesis of [(L4O)Zn(NAcSPh)]

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Colorless crystals of **[(L4O)Zn(NAcSPh)]** were created by way of slow diffusion of diisopropyl ether into a dichloromethane solution. The zinc has pseudotetrahedral geometry, coordinated to two pyrazolyl nitrogen donors, the carboxylate oxygen, and the sulfur donor. The X-ray structure of **[(L4O)Zn(NAcSPh)]** is shown in Figure 10. The internal hydrogen bonding is observed between the hydrogen on the nitrogen of the acetamide and the carboxylate oxygen, as depicted in Figure 10.



Figure 10. ORTEP diagram with 30% thermal ellipsoids for [(L4O)Zn(NAcSPh)] showing atomic labeling for the coordination sphere only. The hydrogen atom shown is the only hydrogen atom involved in hydrogen bonding.

6. <u>Synthesis of (2-Methylethanethiol-bis-3,5-dimethylpyrazolyl) zinc N-(2-</u> mercaptophenyl)acetamide, [(L3S)Zn(NAcSPh)]

The complex, **[(L3S)Zn(NAcSPh)]**, was synthesized by reaction of 2,2'dithiobis(*N*-phenylacetamide) and a solution of NaBH<sub>4</sub>, to make free thiophenol groups. Next, (L3S)ZnMe was added and the mixture was stirred until the reaction was complete, details are described in the Methods section. The product was isolated in 69% yield. The synthetic pathway is shown in Scheme 6.



Scheme 6: Synthesis of [(L3S)Zn(NAcSPh)]

Colorless crystals of **[(L3S)Zn(NAcSPh)]** were collected by slow diffusion of hexane into a dichloromethane solution. The zinc has pseudotetrahedral geometry, coordinated to two pyrazolyl nitrogen donors, the thioalkyl sulfur, and the thiophenolic sulfur donor, as shown in Figure 11. The internal hydrogen bonding is observed between the hydrogen on the nitrogen of the acetamide and the thiophenolic sulfur. Crystallographic parameters are shown in Appendix C.



Figure 11. ORTEP diagram with 30% thermal ellipsoids for [(L3S)Zn(NAcSPh)] showing atomic labeling for the coordination sphere only. The hydrogen atom shown is the hydrogen involved in hydrogen bonding.

#### 7. Synthesis of [(L3SCH<sub>3</sub>)Zn(NAcSPh)]

The complex, [(L3SCH<sub>3</sub>)Zn(NAcSPh)], was synthesized from

[(L3S)Zn(NAcSPh)] in an acetonitrile solution using trimethyloxonium

tetrafluoroborate as the alkylating agent, as described in the Methods chapter. No

kinetic studies were performed for this model compound because only the product

was of interest. The alkylating agent was added in an equimolar ratio and reacted at room temperature, 25°C. The only product formed was [(L3SCH<sub>3</sub>)Zn(NAcSPh)].



**Figure 12.** ORTEP diagram with 30% thermal ellipsoids for [(L3SCH<sub>3</sub>)Zn(NAcSPh)] showing atomic labeling for the coordination sphere only. The hydrogen atom involved in hydrogen bonding is the only hydrogen shown.

It is clear from the crystal structures in Figure 12, that the chelated sulfur of the [L3S] ligand was the only sulfur to be alkylated. The thiophenol sulfur was not involved in the alkylation reaction. When the S1 sulfur becomes methylated, it remains bound to the zinc albeit with a long (2.773Å) bond length. As a result, the O1 of the N-acetyl group is a viable donor to the zinc and gives a pseudopentacoordinate structure.

#### Reactivity

#### 1. Methylation of [(L3S)ZnI]

The [(L3S)ZnI] complex was methylated with excess iodomethane and with trimethyloxonium tetrafluoroborate. The rate of methylation was followed by <sup>1</sup>H NMR methods.

The <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra for the reaction of **[(L3S)ZnI]** with methyl iodide, as given in Appendix B, show the formation of product at 1.33 ppm and 1.69 ppm. The peak at 1.33 ppm corresponds to the new methyl on the complex from the iodomethane. The pyrazole peak at 2.51 ppm also shifts slightly downfield. The peak at 2.17 ppm corresponds to the methyl iodide. The peak at 6.08 ppm, corresponding to the bridgehead proton, shifts to 6.25 ppm in the product. The kinetic results are based on the peaks at 6.25 ppm and 6.08 ppm. These peaks were chosen because they most clearly show the product formation.

The <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra for the reaction of **[(L3S)ZnI]** with trimethyloxonium tetrafluoroborate, as given in Appendix B, illustrates the new methyl group addition. There is a shift in the 6.18 ppm peak of the bridgehead, and the assignment of a new methyl peak at 1.75 ppm. The kinetic results are based on the peaks at 4.37 ppm and 3.23 ppm. These peaks were chosen for integration because they most clearly show the use of the reactants, i.e. they refer to the presence of the unreacted (CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>O<sup>+</sup>, and the reacted (CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>O, alkylating agent.

In both the iodomethane and trimethyloxonium tetrafluoroborate reactions, the zinc complex reacted relatively quickly at room temperature. Each reaction was completed within minutes to hours upon addition of the methylating agent. The kinetic data are given in Appendix A. The methylated product is **[(L3SCH<sub>3</sub>)ZnI]**.

#### 2. Methylation of [(L10)Zn(SPh)]

The [(L1O)Zn(SPh)] complex was methylated with excess iodomethane and with trimethyloxonium tetrafluoroborate. The rate of methylation was followed by <sup>1</sup>H NMR methods. This complex has minimal solubility in methanol, necessitating the use of lower concentrations (5mM), as shown in Table 1.

The <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra for the reaction of **[(L1O)Zn(SPh)]** with methyl iodide, as given in Appendix B, show the formation of product at 1.32 ppm. The peak at 1.32 ppm corresponds to the thioether methyl. The presence of the product is also illustrated in the shift of aromatic peaks at 7.30 ppm, 7.40 ppm, 7.25 ppm, and 7.15 ppm. The peak at 2.17 ppm corresponds to the methyl iodide. The kinetic results are based on the peaks at 7.25 ppm and 7.30 ppm because they are clearly shown to increase and decrease in intensity as the reaction goes to completion.

The <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra for the reaction of **[(L1O)Zn(SPh)]** with trimethyloxonium tetrafluoroborate, as given in Appendix B, illustrates the new methyl group addition. The peak at 1.40 ppm is assigned to the new methyl group on the thiophenol. The kinetic results are based on the peaks at 7.90 ppm and 7.15 ppm, for ease of integration, which correspond to aromatic peaks. Alkylation occurred rapidly for this complex in both alkylating reagents.

These reactions were on the order of minutes to hours. The kinetic data are shown in Appendix A. The products are  $[(L10)ZnI] + [CH_3SPh]$ , where the iodide, a stronger electrophile, bound to the zinc, forces the thioether to disassociate into solution.

#### 3. Methylation of [(L1O)Zn(NAcSPh)]

The **[(L1O)Zn(NAcSPh)]** complex was methylated with excess iodomethane or with trimethyloxonium tetrafluoroborate. The rate of methylation was followed by <sup>1</sup>H NMR methods. This complex was also minimally soluble in methanol, as seen in Table 1.

The <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra for the reaction of **[(L1O)Zn(NAcSPh)]** with methyl iodide, as given in Appendix B, show the formation of a product with a peak at 1.27 ppm, which corresponds to the thioether methyl from the iodomethane. The pyrazole peak at 2.48 ppm and the t-butyl peak at 2.16 ppm shift slightly downfield. The peak at 2.17 ppm corresponds to the methyl iodide. The peak at 6.08 ppm corresponds to the bridgehead protons. The aromatic peaks at 7.23 ppm, 7.45 ppm, and 7.85 ppm are also shifted with the addition of a methyl group. The kinetic results are based on the peaks at 6.80 ppm and 7.23 ppm, which are aromatic hydrogens. These peaks were chosen because they most clearly show the product formation.

The <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra for the reaction of [(L1O)Zn(NAcSPh)] with trimethyloxonium tetrafluoroborate, as given in Appendix B, illustrates the new methyl group addition. There is a shift in the aromatic peaks due to the presence of a thioether. The new methyl peak appears at 1.40 ppm, while the other aliphatic peaks are shifted to slightly higher values. The kinetic results are based on the peaks at 7.79 ppm and 7.60 ppm, which are aromatic hydrogens, for ease of integration.

The reactions with methyl iodide took days to complete, while with trimethyloxonium tetrafluoroborate they took only hours. The kinetic data, shown in Appendix A, clearly show that this hydrogen-bonded compound was significantly slower to react than the non-hydrogen-bonded compound. The results are supported for all three solvents, although methanol showed only a modest decrease in the rate constant. This is most likely due to hydrogen bonding of the complex to the methanol. The methylated products formed were [(L1O)ZnI] + [NAcCH<sub>3</sub>SPh] and [(L1O)Zn(NAcCH<sub>3</sub>SPh)], respectively.

#### 4. Methylation of [(L10)Zn(NCOCF<sub>3</sub>SPh)]

The  $[(L10)Zn(NCOCF_3SPh)]$  complex was methylated with excess iodomethane or trimethyloxonium tetrafluoroborate. The rate of methylation was followed by <sup>1</sup>H NMR methods. This complex was also minimally soluble in methanol, as seen Table 1.

The <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra for the reaction of **[(L10)** Zn(NCOCF<sub>3</sub>SPh)] with methyl iodide, as given in Appendix B, show the formation of a thioether product at 1.32 ppm, which corresponds to the thioether methyl from the iodomethane. The peak at 2.17 ppm is consistent with the methyl iodide. The kinetic results are based on the aromatic peaks at 7.16 ppm and 7.33 ppm because they clearly increase and decrease in intensity as the reaction proceeds to completion. The aromatic peaks at 7.33 ppm, 7.50 ppm, and 7.68 ppm are shifted with the addition of a methyl group. The highly deshielded proton at 10 ppm is the proton on the nitrogen of acetamide.

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The <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra for the reaction of **[(L10)Zn(NCOCF<sub>3</sub>SPh)]** with trimethyloxonium tetrafluoroborate, as given in Appendix B, illustrates the new methyl group addition. There is a shift in the aromatic peaks due to the presence of a thioether. The thioether methyl peak is at 1.40 ppm, while the other aliphatic peaks are shifted to slightly higher ppm values. The aromatic shifts occur at 7.80 ppm, 7.70 ppm, 7.45 ppm, and 7.33 ppm. The bridgehead peak is shifted to 6.35 ppm. The proton on the acetamide nitrogen has a peak at 9.8 ppm. The kinetic results are based on the peaks at 1.40 ppm and 2.31 ppm for ease of integration.

The reactions using iodomethane ran in the range of hours to a week before completion. However with the cationic electrophile, the reactions ran between minutes to hours. The kinetic data is shown in Appendix A. The products formed were  $[(L10)ZnI] + [NCOCF_3CH_3SPh]$ .

#### 5. Methylation of [(L4O)Zn(SPh)]

The [(L4O)Zn(SPh)] complex was methylated with excess iodomethane or trimethyloxonium tetrafluoroborate. The rate of methylation was followed by <sup>1</sup>H NMR methods. This compound was completely insoluble in methanol, therefore those reactions were omitted, as seen Table 1.

The <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra for the reaction of **[(L1O)Zn(SPh)]** with methyl iodide, as given in Appendix B, show the formation of a thioether product at 1.40 ppm, which corresponds to the new methyl from the iodomethane onto the thiophenol. The pyrazole protons are at 2.76 ppm, and the *t*-butyl protons are at 2.22 ppm. The presence of the new thioether methyl is also illustrated in the shift of aromatic peaks at 7.9 ppm, 7.71 ppm, 7.30 ppm, and 7.25 ppm. The peak at 2.17 ppm corresponds to the methyl iodide. The kinetic results are based on the aromatic peaks at 7.25 ppm and 7.49 ppm. These peaks were chosen because they most clearly show the product formation.

The <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra for the reaction of **[(L1O)Zn(SPh)]** with trimethyloxonium tetrafluoroborate, as given in Appendix B, illustrates the new methyl group addition. The peak at 2.35 ppm designates the new thioether methyl group, which is highly deshielded. The aromatic shifts at 7.72 ppm, 7.81 ppm, 7.92 ppm indicate a shift in the frequency absorbed due to the methylation. The kinetic results are based on the peaks at 7.43 ppm and 7.63 ppm, which were chosen for clarity of integration.

This complex took an extraordinarily long time to react. The reactions ranged from days in acetonitrile to weeks in chloroform. This range is seen in Appendix A, with the rate constants quite slow in every solvent and with each alkylating agent. The products made were  $[(L4O)ZnI] + [CH_3SPh]$ .

#### 6. Methylation of [(L4O)Zn(NAcSPh)]

The [(L4O)Zn(NAcSPh)] complex was methylated with excess iodomethane or trimethyloxonium tetrafluoroborate. The rate of methylation was followed by  ${}^{1}$ H NMR methods. This compound was completely insoluble in methanol therefore those reactions were omitted, as seen Table 1.

The <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra for the reaction of **[(L4O)Zn(NAcSPh)]** with methyl iodide, as given in Appendix B, show the formation of thioether product at 1.41 ppm,which matches to the thioether methyl. The pyrazole protons are at 2.47 ppm, and the *t*-butyl protons are at 2.40 ppm. The bridgehead protons have peaks assigned at 6.7 ppm and 6.2 ppm. The aromatic peaks at 7.85 ppm, 7.45 ppm, and 7.15 ppm are seen to shift because the thiophenol has become methylated. The peak at 2.17 ppm corresponds to the methyl iodide. The kinetic results are based on the aliphatic peaks at 1.41 ppm and 1.30 ppm. These peaks were chosen because they most clearly show the product formation.

The <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra for the reaction of **[(L4O)Zn(NAcSPh)]** with trimethyloxonium tetrafluoroborate, as given in Appendix B, illustrates the new methyl group addition. The peak at 2.31 ppm designates the new methyl group on the thioether, which is highly deshielded. The bridgehead shifts are assigned at 6.32 ppm and 6.17 ppm. The kinetic results are based on the aromatic peaks at 8.00 ppm and 7.23 ppm because they clearly show the shift from product formation.

The reactions with methyl iodide in chloroform were on the order of weeks, and in acetonitrile on the order of hours. When switching to the cationic agent, the reactions were on the order of hours for both solvents, although acetonitrile still reacted faster. The reaction products were  $[(L4O)ZnI] + [NAcCH_3SPh]$ . Appendix A shows the kinetic data, and it is clear that the rate constants for

[(L4O)Zn(NAcSPh)] are not drastically slower than for its non-hydrogen bonded analog. This data is surprising in that it does not follow the trend that was seen in the [L10] complexes.

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# **CHAPTER V**

# DISCUSSION

#### **Kinetics: Solvent Effects**

The rate constants for the reactions were compared by tabulation of the data, as seen in Tables 2-7. A reaction was arbitrarily assigned a rate of 1, and the other rates were assigned relative to the rate of 1. This was used for ease of comparison between the compounds and the solvents.

The data collected from the kinetic reactions proved to be of use in supporting the hypothesis. As seen in Table 2, it is clear that the reaction rates are affected by solvent choice.

|                | Chloroform | Acetonitrile | Methanol |
|----------------|------------|--------------|----------|
| [(L3S)ZnI]     | 0.88       | 7.60         | 0.45     |
| [(L4O)Zn(SPh)] | 0.0079     | 0.04         | N/A      |
| [(L1O)Zn(SPh)] | 1          | 4            | 0.37     |

**Table 2.** Relative Rate Constant Comparisons for each ligand in methyl iodide.

Chloroform, acetonitrile, and methanol were used for the experiments and were chosen because of their relative polarities: nonpolar, polar aprotic, and polar protic.

The use of three types of solvent will aid in determining a theoretical mechanism of alkylation for the model compounds. In iodomethane, the [(L1O)Zn(SPh)] has a rate that is similar to that of the [(L3S)ZnI], in both methanol and chloroform. However, [(L3S)ZnI] reactss twice as fast in acetonitrile.

A comparison of [(L3S)ZnI] complex to the [(L1O)Zn(SPh)] complex shows that the [L1O] ligand reacts faster with the trimethyloxonium tetrafluoroborate than the [(L3S)ZnI] complex, as seen in Table 3. The trend is followed in all three solvents. When compared to the [(L4O)Zn(SPh)] complex, these complexes are significantly faster by orders of magnitude, see Table 3. The same trend is seen in both alkylating agents, with respect to the [(L4O)Zn(SPh)] complex. Both [(L1O)Zn(SPh)] and [(L3S)ZnI] complexes are significantly faster in chloroform and acetonitrile, see Tables 2 and 3.

|                | Chloroform | Acetonitrile | Methanol |
|----------------|------------|--------------|----------|
| [(L3S)ZnI]     | 0.55       | 11.85        | 0.27     |
| [(L4O)Zn(SPh)] | 0.10       | 3.63         | N/A      |
| [(L1O)Zn(SPh)] | 1          | 32.50        | 11.09    |

Table 3. Relative Rate Constant Comparisons for each ligand in (CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>OBF<sub>4</sub>.

This information is interesting because it indicates that the sulfur that is targeted for alkylation reacts similarly whether it is chelating, as in the **[(L3S)ZnI]**, or monodentate, as in the **[(L1O)Zn(SPh)]**. If a dissociative route was operative, then one would assume that the chelating sulfur would be relatively less reactive because it is far less likely to dissociate from the zinc, even transiently, as this would be thermodynamically unfavorable. However, the data clearly show that either

conformation is accessible for alkylation. The indication is that the thiolate is not dissociating from the zinc in order to react, since the chelated structure is also equally reactive. Thus, this is a further piece of evidence to support the zinc-bound thiolate as the reactive nucleophile theory.

It is worthy of note that the [(L4O)Zn(SPh)], with the carboxylate oxygen donor, consistently reacted much slower than the [(L1O)Zn(SPh)] and the [(L3S)ZnI] complexes. To date it is unclear as to why this occurs.

It is clear that the effects of solvation can be powerful. While there are various analyses that are utilized to determine mechanism, one that is commonly used is the Ingold Analysis, see Figure 13.

| 1. $RX + S^- \rightarrow [S^{\delta^-} R X^{\delta^-}]$                                                  | RX= Neutral electrophile       |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 2. RX + Zn-S $\rightarrow$ [Zn-S <sup><math>\delta^+</math></sup> R X <sup><math>\delta^-</math></sup> ] | RX= Neutral electrophile       |
| 3. $RX^+ + S^- \rightarrow [S^{\delta^-} R^- X^{\delta^-}]$                                              | $RX^+$ = Cationic electrophile |
| 4. $RX^+ + Zn-S \rightarrow [Zn-S^{\delta^+} R X^{\delta^-}]$                                            | $RX^+$ = Cationic electrophile |
|                                                                                                          |                                |

Figure 13. Ingold Analysis for nucleophile determination

The analysis enables one to determine the effects of solvent on the mechanism of a nucleophilic reaction. Reactions 1 and 2, of Figure 13, assume a neutral electrophile, such as methyl iodide, while reactions 3 and 4 consider a cationic electrophile, such as trimethyloxonium tetrafluoroborate. In reaction 1, the anionic sulfur is the nucleophile to the RX electrophile, where in the transition state, the charge becomes dispersed. Thus in a polar solvent, there should be a decrease in the rate of the reaction, as compared to a nonpolar solvent. In reaction 2, an uncharged zinc-bound thiolate is the presumed nucleophile. This results in an increase in the charge during the transition state, and thus there will be a large increase in the rate of reaction in a polar solvent because the polar solvent will stabilize this increase in charge.

Continuing the use of the Ingold Analysis, reaction 3 describes the reaction between a cationic electrophile and an anionic thiolate. Here, the charges are expected to be greatly decreased in the transition state and therefore a large decrease will be seen in the rate upon switching from nonpolar to polar environments. Conversely, if the neutral thiolate is the nucleophile, the charge is dispersed in the transition state, and a small decrease in the rate is expected. Our data show that there is a relatively small change in the rate going between nonpolar to polar solvent using trimethyloxonium tetrafluoroborate as the electrophile. The rate constants differed by a range of one to ten times faster in the nonpolar chloroform solvent, as seen in Table 3. The results are similar for the iodomethane. Thus it is concluded that the zincbound thiolate is the reacting nucleophile for both electrophiles. This conclusion is contrary to the generally accepted mechanism of thiolate dissociation<sup>26</sup>. The data suggest that a generalized pathway is not acceptable and that zinc thiolate proteins may operate by a variety of individual mechanisms.

#### Kinetics: Hydrogen Bonding in [(L1O)Zn(NAcSPh)] and [(L4O)Zn(NAcSPh)]

It is important to compare one set of hydrogen-bonded analogs at a time. First, looking at the **[L10]** pair of analogs, **[(L10)Zn(SPh)]** with not hydrogen bonding, and **[(L10)Zn(NAcSPh)]** containing a hydrogen bond, it is clear that in all solvents the presence of hydrogen bonding has a strong influence on the rate of alkylation, as shown in Table 4. The hydrogen-bonded analogs had a significantly slower rate than their counterparts. Using methyl iodide as the alkylating agent, the **[(L10)Zn(NAcSPh)]** is slower by a factor of about 200 in chloroform and about 30 in acetonitrile.

|                                   | Chloroform | Acetonitrile | Methanol |
|-----------------------------------|------------|--------------|----------|
| [(L1O)Zn(SPh)]                    | 1          | 4            | 0.37     |
| [(L1O)Zn(NAcSPh)]                 | 0.0048     | 0.12         | 0.03     |
| [(L1O)Zn(NCOCF <sub>3</sub> SPh)] | 0.0074     | 0.37         | 0.68     |

Table 4. Relative Rate Comparisons between the [L10] analogs in CH<sub>3</sub>I.

This is supportive evidence for the hypothesis that hydrogen bonding can control the reactivity of zinc thiolates. Even reactions in methanol, which showed a much narrower difference, corresponded to the trend. This is because there is a slight amount of hydrogen bonding to the solvent instead of internal hydrogen bonding within the complex. When using the trimethyloxonium salt, a similar trend of hydrogen bonds reducing the rate of reaction, was observed for acetonitrile and methanol, but not for chloroform, see Table 5.

|                                  | Chloroform | Acetonitrile | Methanol |
|----------------------------------|------------|--------------|----------|
| [(L10)Zn(SPh)]                   | 1          | 32.50        | 11.09    |
| [(L1O)Zn(NAcSPh)]                | 1.72       | 13.77        | 2.49     |
| [(L1O)Zn(NOCF <sub>3</sub> SPh)] | 0.27       | 5.93         | 2.68     |

Table 5. Relative Rate Comparison between the [L10] analogs in (CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>OBF<sub>4</sub>.

The data from the [L4O] pair does not correlate with that of the [L1O] pair. When using methyl iodide as the electrophile, [(L4O)Zn(NAcSPh)] is only about

|                   | Chloroform | Acetonitrile |
|-------------------|------------|--------------|
| [(L4O)Zn(SPh)]    | 1          | 5            |
| [(L4O)Zn(NAcSPh)] | 0.14       | 2.11         |

Table 6. Relative Rate Comparison between the [L4O] analogs in CH<sub>3</sub>I.

With the cationic alkylating agent, the rates again differ by factors of only ten and four, see Table 7. This surprising data does not appear to support the hypothesis that hydrogen bonding greatly decreases the rate of alkylation.

|                   | Chloroform | Acetonitrile |
|-------------------|------------|--------------|
| [(L4O)Zn(SPh)]    | 1          | 34.55        |
| [(L4O)Zn(NAcSPh)] | 0.25       | 3.09         |
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Table 7. Relative Rate Comparison between the [L40] analogs in (CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>OBF<sub>4</sub>.

In order to understand this discrepancy, an x-ray structure was determined for both the [(L1O)Zn(NAcSPh)] and [(L4O)Zn(NAcSPh)], see Figures 8 and 10. The results show that [(L4O)Zn(NAcSPh)] has an internal hydrogen bond between the Nacetyl group and the carboxylate oxygen donor atom, rather than the sulfur. The sulfur is therefore not involved in any hydrogen bonding interactions. From this, it is clear that the kinetic data is valid; the compound should not have been as affected because the nucleophile is not inhibited by the hydrogen bond. This data now conclusively supports the hypothesis that the presence of hydrogen bonding to the thiol is a means of controlling thiolate reactivity.

#### Hydrogen Bonding: [(L3S)Zn(NAcSPh)]

To further test the effectiveness of the hydrogen bonding, a compound was synthesized containing two sulfur donor atoms. Since the heteroscorpionate thiolate sulfur reacted as rapidly as the thiophenol sulfur, a **[L3S]** ligand was affixed to the Nacetyl thiophenol, producing two viable alkylation sites, only one of which is involved in hydrogen bonding, shown in Figure 11. The **[(L3S)Zn(NAcSPh)]** was reacted with the strong and indiscriminant alkylating agent, trimethyloxonium tetrafluoroborate. This reaction yielded only a single product,

[(L3SCH<sub>3</sub>)Zn(NAcSPh)], shown in Figure 12. The chelating sulfur was the only atom to become alkylated, indicating that the N-acetyl thiophenol was completely protected by the hydrogen bonding. In comparison to the [(L1O)Zn(SPh)] and the [(L3S)ZnI], which had similar reactivities, the alkylating agent did not methylate indiscriminately. This product appears to be the kinetically and thermodynamically more stable product. This is more evidence to support the hypothesis that hydrogen bonding controls the reactivity of zinc thiolates.

In addition, the reaction between trimethyloxonium tetrafluoroborate and **[(L3S)Zn(NAcSPh)]** demonstrates how hydrogen bonding generates specificity for alkylation reactions. It has been established that the Ada protein has four sulfur donor atoms, yet only one becomes alkylated. It is likely that the other atoms are involved with hydrogen bonding and/or are sterically unable to react, thus validating the structure/function relationship, which is the premise of this thesis research. Our conclusions have been supported by recent research<sup>15</sup>. The specificity is vital to the

protein because only a certain thiolate should be targeted for alkylation in order for the protein to perform its proper functions. In conjunction with this notion, it is known that zinc finger proteins tend to have a significant hydrogen-bonding network throughout the protein. From the data gathered, it can be deduced that hydrogen bonding is protecting the zinc thiolates of zinc fingers from reaction with electrophiles. This provides an explanation of the previously discussed paradox of why Ada and GATA have different reactivities but the same coordination structures.

#### Kinetics: Hydrogen Bonding in [(L1O)Zn(NAcSPh)] and

#### [(L1O)Zn(NCOCF<sub>3</sub>SPh)]

Thus far, the data has shown a positive result for the effectiveness of hydrogen bonding to control the reactivity of the model compounds. In addition to the previous hydrogen-bonding experiments, it was necessary to test the strength of the conclusions. The use of an additional model compound where one can increase the strength of the hydrogen bond was needed, i.e. a stronger bond should further slow the reaction. **[(L10)Zn(NCOCF<sub>3</sub>SPh)]** was synthesized for this purpose. The fluorine atoms of the fluoro-acetyl group are very electronegative, thus by an inductive effect they create a stronger hydrogen bond to the sulfur atom. The compound is identical to **[(L10)Zn(NAcSPh)]** in all other aspects. Indeed, the stronger bond slowed the alkylation by factors ranging from two to 5, when using the cationic electrophile, shown in Table 5. However, with methyl iodide, the  $[(L10)Zn(NCOCF_3SPh)]$  did not react slower than the [(L10)Zn(NAcSPh)], as shown in Table 4. To date, this cannot be explained, however it suggests that the strength of the hydrogen bond will not radically affect the rate of reaction. In addition, the rates from the use of both methylating agents are consistent with the proposed zinc-bound thiolate as the nucleophile. This experiment solidifies the research performed.

#### Conclusions

In conclusion, the synthesis of model compounds to mimic the reactive sites of zinc thiolate proteins allows for experimentation in the control of their alkylation. The kinetic experiments performed in this research project allow the distinguishing characteristics of the donor atoms to be seen and for a mechanism of reaction to be proposed. The chelated thiolate was shown to react similarly to the thiophenol sulfur in the non-hydrogen-bonded compounds, while **[L40]** ligand, with the carboxylate oxygen, reacted slowly. From the use of the Ingold Analysis, a mechanism was projected to follow the associated pathway, i.e. the thiolate did not dissociate as an anion before reacting. The comparison of two alkylating agents, one neutral and the other cationic, allowed for this mechanistic determination. All reactions utilize the Sn2 pathway. This data is contrary to a previously accepted generalized theory of dissociation.

In addition, the research demonstrated that the use of hydrogen bonding is effective in controlling the reactivity of zinc thiolates. By taking the theory one step further, it was established that hydrogen bonding not only allows control of reactivity, but it provides a means of superb selectivity. This was demonstrated in the reaction of [(L3S)Zn(NAcSPh)] with trimethyloxonium tetrafluoroborate to produce a single methylated product. The product contained a thioether that was coordinated to the [L3S] ligand, and not to the N-acetylthiophenol. The generated selectivity is observed in reactive biomolecules, with precise distinguishing reactivities.

Another experiment was performed to increase the strength of the hydrogen bond to further decrease the reactivity of the zinc thiolate model compound. The kinetic data indicated that a stronger hydrogen bond does not necessarily affect the rate of methylation. This experimental data correlates to the stated hypothesis that hydrogen bonding does reduce zinc thiolate reactivity, but it does not support the notion that the strength of the bond is the key factor.

#### **Future Research**

The research presented is by no means an end to this realm of study. It is clear that this examination of model compounds is useful for a variety of future research endeavors. One set of experiments that could be immediately embarked upon is to synthesize more model compounds that correlate to those used in this thesis. For example, one could use **[(L3S)Zn(NAcSPh)]**, **[(L3S)Zn(NCOCF<sub>3</sub>SPh)]**, and **[(L4O)Zn(NCOCF<sub>3</sub>SPh)]** in a series of kinetic experiments, as outlined in this thesis.

A second endeavor would be to use small peptide sequences that utilize the same donor atoms as those in the model compounds for alkylation reactions. These peptides would be analogs of those seen in living organisms. Once the methylation mechanism of the small peptides is established and characterized, the reaction of entire proteins could be studied. In addition, perhaps an alkylating agent that more closely resembles a biomolecule could be employed.

Analogous studies can be performed for many types of pathogenic microorganisms. For instance, research could be performed on the NCp7 protein of HIV, by attempting to alkylate the zinc-bound thiolate. A pharmaceutical reagent will need to be synthesized to selectively target the zinc fingers in the NCp7 protein for methylation, and not to alkylate the vital zinc fingers in the host proteins.

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**APPENDIX A: KINETIC DATA** 

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| [(L3S)Z      | 'nI] + N | IeI          |   | $[L3S)ZnI] + (CH_3)_3OBF_4$ |       | H <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>3</sub> OBF <sub>4</sub> |
|--------------|----------|--------------|---|-----------------------------|-------|------------------------------------------------|
|              |          |              |   |                             |       |                                                |
| Chloroform   |          |              |   | <u>Chloroform</u>           |       |                                                |
|              | Run #    | Rate (sec-1) | ] |                             | Run # | Rate (sec-1)                                   |
| [Zn]=18mM    | 2        | 3.03E-04     | ] | [Zn]=10mM                   | 5     | 3.18E-04                                       |
| [Zn]=18mM    | 3        | 3.20E-04     | 1 | [Zn]=10mM                   | 6     | 2.60E-04                                       |
| Average =    |          | 3.12E-04     | 1 | Average                     | ; =   | 2.89E-04                                       |
| Stdev =      |          | 8.50E-06     |   | Stdev =                     | =     | 2.90E-05                                       |
|              |          |              | ] |                             |       |                                                |
|              |          |              |   |                             |       |                                                |
| Acetonitrile |          | ·            | 1 | Acetonitrile                |       |                                                |
|              | Run #    | Rate (sec-1) |   |                             | Run # | Rate (sec-1)                                   |
| [Zn]=18mM    | 1        | 2.09E-03     |   |                             |       |                                                |
| [Zn]=18mM    | 2        | 3.33E-03     |   | [Zn]=10mM                   | 2     | 6.50E-03                                       |
| Average =    |          | 2.71E-03     |   | [Zn]=10mM                   | 3     | 5.90E-03                                       |
| Stdev =      |          | 6.20E-04     |   | Average                     | =     | 6.20E-03                                       |
|              |          |              |   | Stdev =                     | =     | 3.00E-04                                       |
|              |          |              |   |                             |       |                                                |
| Methanol     |          |              |   | <u>Methanol</u>             |       |                                                |
|              | Run #    | Rate (sec-1) |   |                             | Run # | Rate (sec-1)                                   |
| [Zn]=18mM    | 1        | 1.65E-04     | ] | [Zn]=10mM                   | 1     | 1.57E-04                                       |
| [Zn]=18mM    | 2        | 1.64E-04     |   | [Zn]=10mM                   | 2     | 1.26E-04                                       |
| Average =    |          | 1.65E-04     |   | Average                     | =     | 1.42E-04                                       |
| Stdev =      |          | 5.00E-07     |   | Stdev =                     | =     | 1.55E-05                                       |

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Chart 1.  $[(L3S)ZnI] + MeI \rightarrow [(L3SCH_3)ZnI],$  $[L3S)ZnI] + (CH_3)_3OBF_4 \rightarrow [(L3SCH_3)ZnI] + (CH_3)_2OBF_4,$ reactions at 25°C.

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| [(L1O)Zn(SPh)] + MeI |       |              | [(L1O)Zn(SPh)] + (CH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>3</sub> OBF <sub>4</sub> |                     |       |              |
|----------------------|-------|--------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------|-------|--------------|
|                      |       |              |                                                                   |                     |       |              |
| Chloroform           |       |              |                                                                   | Chloroform          |       |              |
|                      | Run # | Rate (sec-1) |                                                                   |                     | Run # | Rate (sec-1) |
| [Zn]=18mM            | 1     | 3.58E-04     | ]                                                                 | [Zn]=10mM           | 1     | 5.20E-04     |
| [Zn]=18mM            | 2     | 3.47E-04     | ]                                                                 | [Zn]=10mM           | 2     | 5.26E-04     |
| Average              | ;=    | 3.53E-04     | ]                                                                 | Average             | ;=    | 5.23E-04     |
| Stdev =              | =     | 5.50E-06     | ]                                                                 | Stdev =             |       | 3.00E-06     |
|                      |       |              |                                                                   |                     |       |              |
| Acetonitrile         |       |              |                                                                   | <u>Acetonitrile</u> |       |              |
|                      | Run # | Rate (sec-1) |                                                                   |                     | Run # | Rate (sec-1) |
| [Zn]=18mM            | 1     | 1.45E-03     |                                                                   | [Zn]=10mM           | 1     | 1.39E-02     |
| [Zn]=18mM            | 2     | 1.39E-03     |                                                                   | [Zn]=10mM           | 2     | 2.00E-02     |
| Average              | ; =   | 1.42E-03     |                                                                   | [Zn]=10mM           | 3     | 1.93E-02     |
| Stdev =              | =     | 3.00E-05     |                                                                   | Average =           |       | 1.77E-02     |
|                      |       |              |                                                                   | Stdev =             | -     | 2.56E-03     |
|                      |       |              |                                                                   |                     |       |              |
| Methanol             |       |              |                                                                   | <u>Methanol</u>     |       |              |
|                      | Run # | Rate (sec-1) |                                                                   |                     | Run # | Rate (sec-1) |
| [Zn]=5mM             | 1     | 1.47E-04     |                                                                   | [Zn]=5mM            | 1     | 5.87E-03     |
| [Zn]=5mM             | 3     | 1.16E-04     |                                                                   | [Zn]=5mM            | 2     | 5.89E-03     |
| Average              | =     | 1.32E-04     |                                                                   | Average             | =     | 5.88E-03     |
| Stdev =              | =     | 1.55E-05     |                                                                   | Stdev =             | =     | 1.00E-05     |

Chart 2.  $[(L1O)Zn(SPh)] + MeI \rightarrow [(L1O)ZnI] + [CH_3SPh],$  $[L1O)Zn(SPh)] + (CH_3)_3OBF_4 \rightarrow [(L1O)Zn(SCH_3Ph)] + (CH_3)_2OBF_4,$ reactions at 25°C.

| [(L10)Zn          | (NacSP     | 'h)] + MeI   |  |  |  |
|-------------------|------------|--------------|--|--|--|
|                   |            |              |  |  |  |
| <u>Chloroform</u> |            |              |  |  |  |
|                   | Run #      | Rate (sec-1) |  |  |  |
| [Zn]=18mM         | 2          | 1.50E-06     |  |  |  |
| [Zn]=18mM         | 3          | 1.89E-06     |  |  |  |
| [Zn]=18mM         | 4          | 1.62E-06     |  |  |  |
| Average           | =          | 1.67E-06     |  |  |  |
| Stdev =           | =          | 1.47E-07     |  |  |  |
|                   |            |              |  |  |  |
| Acetonitrile      |            |              |  |  |  |
|                   | Run #      | Rate (sec-1) |  |  |  |
| [Zn]=18mM         | 1          | 4.15E-05     |  |  |  |
| [Zn]=18mM         | 3          | 4.14E-05     |  |  |  |
| Average           | -          | 4.15E-05     |  |  |  |
| Stdev =           | =          | 5.00E-08     |  |  |  |
|                   |            |              |  |  |  |
| <u>Methanol</u>   |            |              |  |  |  |
|                   | Run #      | Rate (sec-1) |  |  |  |
| [Zn]=5mM          | 1          | 8.27E-06     |  |  |  |
| [Zn]=5mM          | 2          | 1.30E-05     |  |  |  |
| [Zn]=5mM          | [Zn]=5mM 3 |              |  |  |  |
| Average           | 1.12E-05   |              |  |  |  |
| Stdev =           | =          | 1.92E-06     |  |  |  |

| [(L10)Zn(N          | $[(L1O)Zn(NacSPh)] + (CH_3)_3OBF_4$ |              |  |  |  |
|---------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------|--|--|--|
|                     |                                     |              |  |  |  |
| <u>Chloroform</u>   |                                     |              |  |  |  |
|                     | Run #                               | Rate (sec-1) |  |  |  |
| [Zn]=10mM           | 1                                   | 9.69E-04     |  |  |  |
| [Zn]=10mM           | 2                                   | 8.38E-04     |  |  |  |
| Average             | ; =                                 | 9.04E-04     |  |  |  |
| Stdev =             | =                                   | 6.55E-05     |  |  |  |
|                     |                                     |              |  |  |  |
|                     |                                     |              |  |  |  |
| <u>Acetonitrile</u> |                                     |              |  |  |  |
|                     | Run #                               | Rate (sec-1) |  |  |  |
| [Zn]=10mM           | 1                                   | 6.60E-03     |  |  |  |
| [Zn]=10mM           | 2                                   | 7.80E-03     |  |  |  |
| Average             | _                                   | 7.20E-03     |  |  |  |
| Stdev =             | =                                   | 6.00E-04     |  |  |  |
|                     |                                     |              |  |  |  |
| <u>Methanol</u>     |                                     | •            |  |  |  |
|                     | Run #                               | Rate (sec-1) |  |  |  |
| [Zn]=5mM            | 1                                   | 9.18E-04     |  |  |  |
| [Zn]=5mM            | 2                                   | 1.80E-03     |  |  |  |
| Average             | 1.36E-03                            |              |  |  |  |
| Stdev =             | =                                   | 4.41E-04     |  |  |  |
|                     |                                     |              |  |  |  |

Chart 3.  $[(L1O)Zn(NAcSPh)] + MeI \rightarrow (L1O)ZnI) + [NAcSCH_3Ph],$  $[(L1O)Zn(NAcSPh)] + (CH_3)_3OBF_4 \rightarrow [(L1O)Z(NAcSCH_3Ph)] +$  $(CH_3)_2OBF_4$ , reactions at 25°C.

| [(L1O)Zn(NCOCF <sub>3</sub> SPh)] + MeI |       |              |   | $[(L1O)Zn(NCOCF_3SPh)] + (CH_3)_3OBF_4$ |       |              |
|-----------------------------------------|-------|--------------|---|-----------------------------------------|-------|--------------|
|                                         |       |              |   |                                         |       |              |
| <u>Chloroform</u>                       |       |              |   | Chloroform                              |       |              |
|                                         | Run # | Rate (sec-1) |   |                                         | Run # | Rate (sec-1) |
| [Zn]=18mM                               | 1     | 2.43E-06     |   | [Zn]=10mM                               | 1     | 1.50E-04     |
| [Zn]=18mM                               | 2     | 2.84E-06     |   | [Zn]=10mM                               | 2     | 1.31E-04     |
| Average                                 | ; =   | 2.64E-06     |   | Average                                 | =     | 1.41E-04     |
| Stdev =                                 | =     | 2.05E-07     |   | Stdev =                                 | =     | 9.50E-06     |
|                                         |       |              |   |                                         |       |              |
| Acetonitrile                            |       |              |   | <u>Acetonitrile</u>                     |       |              |
|                                         | Run # | Rate (sec-1) |   |                                         | Run # | Rate (sec-1) |
| [Zn]=18mM                               | 1     | 9.10E-05     |   | [Zn]=10mM                               | 1     | 2.40E-03     |
| [Zn]=18mM                               | 2     | 1.70E-04     |   | [Zn]=10mM                               | 2     | 3.80E-03     |
| Average                                 | =     | 1.31E-04     |   |                                         |       |              |
| Stdev =                                 | =     | 3.95E-05     |   | Average =                               |       | 3.10E-03     |
|                                         |       |              | [ | Stdev =                                 | =     | 7.00E-04     |
|                                         |       |              |   |                                         |       |              |
| <u>Methanol</u>                         |       |              |   | <u>Methanol</u>                         |       |              |
|                                         | Run # | Rate (sec-1) |   |                                         | Run # | Rate (sec-1) |
| [Zn]=5mM                                | 1     | 2.48E-04     |   | [Zn]=5mM                                | 1     | 1.49E-03     |
| [Zn]=5mM                                | 2     | 2.27E-04     |   | [Zn]=5mM                                | 2     | 1.34E-03     |
| Average                                 | =     | 2.38E-04     |   | Average                                 | =     | 1.42E-03     |
| Stdev =                                 | =     | 1.05E-05     |   | Stdev =                                 | -     | 7.50E-05     |

Chart 4.  $[(L10)Zn(NCOCF_3SPh)] + MeI \rightarrow [(L10)ZnI] + [(NCOCF_3SCH_3Ph)],$  $[(L10)Zn(NCOCF_3SPh)] + (CH_3)_3OBF_4 \rightarrow$  $[(L10)Zn(NCOCF_3SCH_3Ph)] + (CH_3)_2OBF_4,$  reactions at 25°C.

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| [(L4O)Zn(SPh)] + MeI |       | $[(L4O)Zn(SPh)] + (CH_3)_3OBF_4$ |                   |           |              |
|----------------------|-------|----------------------------------|-------------------|-----------|--------------|
|                      |       |                                  |                   |           |              |
| <u>Chloroform</u>    |       |                                  | <u>Chloroform</u> |           |              |
|                      | Run # | Rate (sec-1)                     |                   | Run #     | Rate (sec-1) |
| [Zn]=18mM            | 1     | 3.05E-06                         | [Zn]=10mM         | 1         | 5.93E-05     |
| [Zn]=18mM            | 2     | 2.70E-06                         | [Zn]=10mM         | 2         | 5.05E-05     |
| Average              | :=    | 2.88E-06                         | E-06 Average =    |           | 5.49E-05     |
| Stdev =              | =     | 1.75E-07                         | Stdev =           | Stdev =   |              |
|                      |       |                                  |                   |           |              |
| Acetonitrile         |       |                                  | Acetonitrile      |           |              |
|                      | Run # | Rate (sec-1)                     |                   | Run #     | Rate (sec-1) |
| [Zn]=18mM            | 2     | 1.85E-05                         | [Zn]=10mM         | 1         | 1.33E-03     |
| [Zn]=18mM            | 3     | 1.02E-05                         | [Zn]=10mM         | 2         | 2.76E-03     |
| Average =            |       | 1.44E-05                         | [Zn]-10mM         | 3         | 1.73E-03     |
| Stdev = $4.1$        |       | 4.15E-06                         | Average           | Average = |              |
|                      |       |                                  | Stdev =           | =         | 5.47E-04     |

Chart 5.  $[(L4O)Zn(SPh)] + MeI \rightarrow [(L4O)ZnI] + [SCH_3Ph],$  $[(L4O)Zn(SPh)] + (CH_3)_3OBF_4 \rightarrow [(L4O)Zn(SCH_3Ph)] + (CH_3)_2OBF_4,$ reactions at 25°C.

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| [(L4O)Zn(NacSPh)] + MeI |       | [(L40)Zn(N   | acSPh)]           | + (CH <sub>3</sub> ) <sub>3</sub> OBF <sub>4</sub> |              |
|-------------------------|-------|--------------|-------------------|----------------------------------------------------|--------------|
|                         |       |              |                   |                                                    |              |
| Chloroform              |       |              | <u>Chloroform</u> |                                                    |              |
|                         | Run # | Rate (sec-1) |                   | Run #                                              | Rate (sec-1) |
| [Zn]=18mM               | 2     | 4.47E-07     | [Zn]=10mM         | 1                                                  | 1.35E-05     |
| [Zn]=18mM               | 3     | 3.63E-07     | [Zn]=10mM         | 2                                                  | 1.57E-05     |
| Average                 | =     | 4.05E-07     | Average           | Average =                                          |              |
| Stdev =                 | -     | 4.20E-08     | Stdev =           | Stdev =                                            |              |
|                         |       |              |                   |                                                    |              |
| Acetonitrile            |       |              | Acetonitrile      |                                                    |              |
|                         | Run # | Rate (sec-1) |                   | Run #                                              | Rate (sec-1) |
| [Zn]=18mM               | 1     | 5.78E-06     | [Zn]=10mM         | 1                                                  | 1.10E-04     |
| [Zn]=18mM               | 2     | 6.15E-06     | [Zn]=10mM         | 2                                                  | 2.40E-04     |
| Average =               |       | 5.97E-06     | Average           | Average =                                          |              |
| Stdev =                 | =     | 1.85E-07     | Stdev =           | =                                                  | 6.50E-05     |

Chart 6.  $[(L4O)Zn(NAcSPh)] + MeI \rightarrow [(L4O)ZnI] + [NAcSCH_3Ph],$  $[(L4O)Zn(NAcSPh)] + (CH_3)_3OBF_4 \rightarrow [(L4O)Zn(NAcSCH_3Ph)] +$  $(CH_3)_2OBF_4$ , reactions at 25°C.

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| Compound                         | Chloroform                     | Acetonitrile                   | Methanol                       |
|----------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|
|                                  | ave. rate (x10 <sup>-4</sup> ) | Ave. rate (x10 <sup>-4</sup> ) | ave. rate (x10 <sup>-4</sup> ) |
| [(L3S)ZnI]                       | 3.12(8)                        | 27(6)                          | 1.650(5)                       |
| [(L1O)Zn(SPh)]                   | 3.53(5)                        | 14.2(3)                        | 1.3(1)                         |
| [(L1O)Zn(NAcSPh)]                | 0.017(1)                       | 0.4150(5)                      | 0.11(2)                        |
| [(L1O)Zn(NCOF <sub>3</sub> SPh)] | 0.026(2)                       | 1.3(4)                         | 2.4(1)                         |
| [(L4O)Zn(SPh)]                   | 0.028(2)                       | 0.14(4)                        | N/A                            |
| [(L4O)Zn(NAcSPh)]                | 0.0040(4)                      | 0.059(1)                       | N/A                            |

Chart 7. Average Kinetic Results using methyl iodide

| Compound                          | Chloroform                     | Acetonitrile                   | Methanol                       |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|
|                                   | ave. rate (x10 <sup>-4</sup> ) | Ave. rate (x10 <sup>-4</sup> ) | ave. rate (x10 <sup>-4</sup> ) |
| [(L3S)ZnI]                        | 2.9(2)                         | 0.62(3)                        | 1.4(1)                         |
| [(L1O)Zn(SPh)]                    | 5.23(3)                        | 0.017(2)                       | 0.588(1)                       |
| [(L1O)Zn(NAcSPh)]                 | 9.0(6)                         | 0.72(6)                        | 0.13(4)                        |
| [(L1O)Zn(NCOCF <sub>3</sub> SPh)] | 1.41(9)                        | 0.31(7)                        | 0.142(7)                       |
| [(L4O)Zn(SPh)]                    | 0.55(4)                        | 0.19(5)                        | N/A                            |
| [(L4O)Zn(NacSPh)]                 | 0.14(1)                        | 1.7(6)                         | N/A                            |

Chart 8. Average Kinetic Results using trimethyloxonium tetrafluoroborate

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| Compound                         | Chloroform                     | Acetonitrile                   | Methanol                       |
|----------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|
|                                  | ave. rate (x10 <sup>-4</sup> ) | Ave. rate (x10 <sup>-4</sup> ) | ave. rate (x10 <sup>-4</sup> ) |
| [(L1O)Zn(SPh)]                   | 3.53(5)                        | 14.2(3)                        | 1.3(1)                         |
| [(L1O)Zn(NAcSPh)]                | 0.017(1)                       | 0.4150(5)                      | 0.11(2)                        |
| [(L1O)Zn(NCOF <sub>3</sub> SPh)] | 0.026(2)                       | 1.3(4)                         | 2.4(1)                         |
| [(L4O)Zn(SPh)]                   | 0.028(2)                       | 0.14(4)                        | N/A                            |
| [(L4O)Zn(NacSPh)]                | 0.0040(4)                      | 0.059(1)                       | N/A                            |

Chart 9. Average Kinetic Results of the hydrogen bonded pairs using methyl iodide

| Compound                          | Chloroform                     | Acetonitrile                   | Methanol                       |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|
|                                   | ave. rate (x10 <sup>-4</sup> ) | Ave. rate (x10 <sup>-4</sup> ) | ave. rate (x10 <sup>-4</sup> ) |
| [(L1O)Zn(SPh)]                    | 5.23(3)                        | 170(2)                         | 58.8(1)                        |
| [(L1O)Zn(NAcSPh)]                 | 9.0(6)                         | 72(6)                          | 13(4)                          |
| [(L1O)Zn(NCOCF <sub>3</sub> SPh)] | 1.41(9)                        | 31(7)                          | 14.2(7)                        |
| [(L4O)Zn(SPh)]                    | 0.55(4)                        | 19(5)                          | N/A                            |
| [(L4O)Zn(NAcSPh)]                 | 0.14(1)                        | 1.7(6)                         | N/A                            |

Chart 10. Average Kinetic Results of the hydrogen bonded pairs using trimethyloxonium tetrafluoroborate

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| Compound       | Chloroform                     | Acetonitrile                   | Methanol                       |
|----------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|
|                | ave. rate (x10 <sup>-4</sup> ) | ave. rate (x10 <sup>-4</sup> ) | ave. rate (x10 <sup>-4</sup> ) |
| [(L3S)ZnI]     | 3.12(8)                        | 27(6)                          | 1.650(5)                       |
| [(L1O)Zn(SPh)] | 3.53(5)                        | 14.2(3)                        | 1.3(1)                         |
| [(L4O)Zn(SPh)] | 0.028(2)                       | 0.14(4)                        | N/A                            |

Chart 11. Average Kinetic Results for ligand comparison using methyl iodide

| Compound       | Chloroform                     | Acetonitrile                   | Methanol                       |
|----------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|
|                | ave. rate (x10 <sup>-4</sup> ) | avc. rate (x10 <sup>-4</sup> ) | ave. rate (x10 <sup>-4</sup> ) |
| [(L3S)ZnI]     | 2.9(2)                         | 62(3)                          | 1.4(1)                         |
| [(L1O)Zn(SPh)] | 5.23(3)                        | 170(2)                         | 58.8(1)                        |
| [(L4O)Zn(SPh)] | 0.55(4)                        | 19(5)                          | N/A                            |

Chart 12. Average Kinetic Results for ligand comparison using trimethyloxonium tetrafluoroborate

# APPENDIX B: GRAPHS AND <sup>1</sup>H NMR SPECTRA



## [(L3S)ZnI] + MeI in CDCl<sub>3</sub>

| Time (sec) | % Product |                | T         | Plot Values |
|------------|-----------|----------------|-----------|-------------|
| 0.0000     | 0.0000    | Amplitude:     | 91.1940   | 2.6848      |
| 300.0000   | 12.8700   | Rate const.:   | 3.0337e-4 | 10.6180     |
| 600 0000   | 19.1000   | Zero Intercept | 2.6848    | 17.8610     |
| 1200.0000  | 30.6100   |                |           | 30.5115     |
| 1800.0000  | 41.3900   |                |           | 41.0569     |
| 2400.0000  | 49.2400   |                |           | 49.8473     |
| 3000.0000  | 56.7300   |                |           | 57.1748     |
| 3600.0000  | 62.3200   |                |           | 63.2830     |
| 4800.0000  | 72.9700   |                |           | 72.6189     |
| 7200.0000  | 84.0400   |                |           | 83.6138     |

**Graph 1.** Exponential curve of the reaction as it goes to 100% completion. This reaction was run at 18mM with an excess of 10 equivalents of the MeI. The peaks at 5.96ppm and 6.17ppm were monitored for the data collection. Curve-fitting and rate determination was performed using SigmaPlot software.

 $[(L3S)ZnI] + MeI in CD_3CN$ 



**Graph 2.** Exponential curve of the reaction as it goes to 100% completion. This reaction was run at 18mM with an excess of 10 equivalents of the MeI. The peaks at 6.0ppm and 6.40ppm were monitored for the data collection. Curve-fitting and rate determination was performed using SigmaPlot software.



# [(L3S)ZnI] + MeI in CD<sub>3</sub>OD

| Time (sec) | % Product |                 |           | Plot Values |
|------------|-----------|-----------------|-----------|-------------|
| 0          | 0         | Amplitude:      | 116 633   | -2.010      |
| 300        | 3.69      | Rate Constant:  | 1 651E-04 | 3 625       |
| 600        | 8.26      | Zero Intercept: | -2.010    | 8.988       |
| 1200       | 16.52     |                 |           | 18 948      |
| 1500       | 22 49     |                 |           | 23.571      |
| 1800       | 27.38     |                 |           | 27.970      |
| 2400       | 37.39     |                 |           | 36 140      |
| 3000       | 44 61     |                 |           | 43 541      |
| 4200       | 57.51     |                 |           | 56.314      |
| 6600       | 75.08     |                 |           | 75.386      |
| 7800       | 81.98     |                 |           | 82.437      |

**Graph 3.** Exponential curve of the reaction as it goes to 100% completion. This reaction was run at 18mM with an excess of 10 equivalents of the MeI. The peaks at 6.1ppm and 6.40ppm were monitored for the data collection. Curve-fitting and rate determination was performed using SigmaPlot software.



## [(L3S)ZnI] + (CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>OBF<sub>4</sub> in CDCl<sub>3</sub>

| Time (sec) | % Product |                             |           | Plot Values |
|------------|-----------|-----------------------------|-----------|-------------|
| 0          | 0         | Amplitude:                  | 43.800    | 0.238       |
| 120        | 18.08     | Rate Costant:               | 4.192E-03 | 17 551      |
| 180        | 23.55     | Zero Intercept <sup>.</sup> | 0.238     | 23 441      |
| 240        | 27.99     |                             |           | 28 021      |
| 300        | 31 46     |                             |           | 31.583      |
| 360        | 34.26     |                             |           | 34.352      |
| 420        | 36 28     |                             |           | 36.506      |
| 480        | 37 92     |                             |           | 38.181      |
| 720        | 42 02     |                             |           | 41.896      |
| 1200       | 43.96     |                             |           | 43.751      |

**Graph 4.** Exponential curve of the reaction as it goes to 100% completion. This reaction was run at 10mM with an excess of 5 equivalents of the  $(CH_3)_3OBF_4$ . The peaks at 1.64ppm and 1.7ppm were monitored for the data collection. Curve-fitting and rate determination was performed using SigmaPlot software.



## [(L3S)ZnI] + (CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>OBF<sub>4</sub> in CD<sub>3</sub>CN

| Time (sec) | % Product |                 |           | Plot Values |
|------------|-----------|-----------------|-----------|-------------|
| 0          | 0         | Amplitude       | 95 294    | 1.592       |
| 120        | 33 41     | Rate Constant:  | 2.832E-03 | 29.051      |
| 180        | 37.8      | Zero Intercept. | 1 592     | 39.653      |
| 240        | 48 08     |                 |           | 48.598      |
| 300        | 56.33     |                 |           | 56.144      |
| 360        | 62.51     |                 |           | 62.512      |
| 420        | 67 92     |                 |           | 67.884      |
| 480        | 72 39     |                 |           | 72 417      |
| 720        | 82.43     |                 |           | 84.487      |
| 1200       | 95 17     |                 |           | 93 703      |
| 7800       | 81.98     |                 |           | 82.437      |

**Graph 5.** Exponential curve of the reaction as it goes to 100% completion. This reaction was run at 10mM with an excess of 5 equivalents of the  $(CH_3)_3OBF_4$ . The peaks at 3.25ppm and 4.43ppm were monitored for the data collection. Curve-fitting and rate determination was performed using SigmaPlot software.



| Time (sec) | % Product |               |           | Plot Values |
|------------|-----------|---------------|-----------|-------------|
| 0          | 0         |               | 12 445    | 99.978      |
| 60         | 8.15      |               | 1.454E-02 | 91 912      |
| 360        | 16.44     | Amplitude:    | 87.533    | 82 780      |
| 900        | 24.82     | Rate Constant | 1 573E-04 | 75.978      |
| 1500       | 31 46     |               |           | 69 135      |
| 2700       | 44 36     |               |           | 57.243      |
| 3840       | 50 02     |               |           | 47 845      |
| 4500       | 54 34     |               |           | 43.127      |
| 5520       | 60.02     |               |           | 36.734      |
| 6060       | 72.13     |               |           | 33.743      |
| 7800       | 81.98     |               |           | 82.437      |

**Graph 6.** Exponential curve of the reaction as it goes to 100% completion. This reaction was run at 10mM with an excess of 5 equivalents of the  $(CH_3)_3OBF_4$ . The peaks at 1.44ppm and 1.35ppm were monitored for the data collection. Curve-fitting and rate determination was performed using SigmaPlot software.



| Time (sec) | % Product |                 |           | Plot Values |
|------------|-----------|-----------------|-----------|-------------|
| 0          | 0         | Amplitude.      | 86.941    | 4 385       |
| 300        | 14.73     | Rate Constant:  | 3.478E-04 | 13.000      |
| 600        | 23 78     | Zero Intercept: | 4.385     | 20.762      |
| 900        | 29.86     |                 |           | 27.754      |
| 1200       | 35.21     |                 |           | 34.053      |
| 1800       | 43.58     |                 |           | 44 841      |
| 2400       | 52.19     |                 |           | 53.597      |
| 3000       | 59.32     |                 |           | 60 704      |
| 3600       | 65.54     |                 |           | 66.472      |
| 4500       | 72 76     |                 |           | 73.153      |
| 6300       | 83 36     |                 |           | 81 609      |

**Graph 7.** Exponential curve of the reaction as it goes to 100% completion. This reaction was run at 18mM with an excess of 10 equivalents of the MeI. The peaks at 7.31ppm and 7.23ppm were monitored for the data collection. Curve-fitting and rate determination was performed using SigmaPlot software.



| Time (sec) | % Product |                             |           | Plot Values |
|------------|-----------|-----------------------------|-----------|-------------|
| 0          | 0         | Amplitude:                  | 68.109    | 6 226       |
| 1800       | 17.22     | Rate Constant <sup>.</sup>  | 6.525E-05 | 13 774      |
| 3600       | 23.37     | Zero Intercept <sup>-</sup> | 6.226     | 20.486      |
| 5400       | 28.53     |                             |           | 26 453      |
| 7200       | 33.44     |                             |           | 31 760      |
| 10800      | 41.2      |                             |           | 40 674      |
| 14400      | 45.79     |                             |           | 47.721      |
| 18000      | 51.01     |                             |           | 53.293      |
| 25200      | 58 82     |                             |           | 61.182      |
| 32400      | 64.88     |                             |           | 66.113      |
| 39600      | 69.71     |                             |           | 69.196      |
| 46800      | 74.03     |                             |           | 71 123      |

**Graph 8.** Exponential curve of the reaction as it goes to 100% completion. This reaction was run at 18mM with an excess of 10 equivalents of the MeI. The peaks at 7.3ppm and 7.2ppm were monitored for the data collection. Curve-fitting and rate determination was performed using SigmaPlot software.



| Time (sec) | % Product |                            |           | Plot Values |
|------------|-----------|----------------------------|-----------|-------------|
| 0          | 0         |                            | 55.737    | 100.445     |
| 600        | 19 89     |                            | 7.375E-04 | 79.312      |
| 900        | 28.54     | Amplitude.                 | 44.708    | 71 615      |
| 1200       | 33.01     | Rate Constant <sup>.</sup> | 4 551E-05 | 65.336      |
| 1800       | 46.93     |                            |           | 55.971      |
| 3000       | 54 28     |                            |           | 45.103      |
| 4200       | 59 83     |                            |           | 39.448      |
| 7200       | 67.8      |                            |           | 32 493      |

**Graph 9.** Exponential curve of the reaction as it goes to 100% completion. This reaction was run at 5mM with an excess of 10 equivalents of the MeI. The peaks at 6.54ppm and 6.34ppm were monitored for the data collection. Curve-fitting and rate determination was performed using SigmaPlot software.



| Time (sec) | % Product |                |           | Plot Values |
|------------|-----------|----------------|-----------|-------------|
| 0          | 0         |                | 43.900    | 100.530     |
| 60         | 18.88     |                | 9 770E-03 | 79.297      |
| 120        | 34.73     | Amplitude:     | 56 630    | 66.760      |
| 240        | 46 12     | Rate Constant: | 5.250E-04 | 54.133      |
| 540        | 57.12     |                |           | 42 880      |
| 840        | 62 15     |                |           | 36.455      |
| 1140       | 69.13     |                |           | 31.135      |
| 1740       | 78 65     |                |           | 22 725      |
| 2640       | 85 09     |                |           | 14 172      |

**Graph 10.** Exponential curve of the reaction as it goes to 100% completion. This reaction was run at 10mM with an excess of 5 equivalents of the  $(CH_3)_3OBF_4$ . The peaks at 6.15ppm and 5.9ppm were monitored for the data collection. Curve-fitting and rate determination was performed using SigmaPlot software.



 $[(L1O)Zn(SPh)] + (CH_3)_3OBF_4$  in CD<sub>3</sub>CN

**Graph 11.** Exponential curve of the reaction as it goes to 100% completion. This reaction was run at 10mM with an excess of 5 equivalents of the  $(CH_3)_3OBF_4$ . The peaks at 7.91ppm and 7.14ppm were monitored for the data collection. Curve-fitting and rate determination was performed using SigmaPlot software.

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#### $[(L1O)Zn(SPh)] + (CH_3)_3OBF_4 in CD_3OD$

| Time (sec) | % Product |                 |           | Plot Values |
|------------|-----------|-----------------|-----------|-------------|
| 0          | 0         | Amplitude       | 97.361    | -0.153      |
| 60         | 32.8      | Rate Constant   | 5.891E-03 | 28.838      |
| 120        | 38 89     | Zero Intercept: | -0.153    | 49 196      |
| 150        | 56 2      |                 |           | 56 974      |
| 180        | 69.94     |                 |           | 63 492      |
| 390        | 89.78     |                 |           | 87.424      |
| 1080       | 95.2      |                 |           | 97.040      |

**Graph 12.** Exponential curve of the reaction as it goes to 100% completion. This reaction was run at 5mM with an excess of 5 equivalents of the  $(CH_3)_3OBF_4$ . The peaks at 1.66ppm and 1.45ppm were monitored for the data collection. Curve-fitting and rate determination was performed using SigmaPlot software.



| Time (sec) | % Product |                        |           | Plot Values |
|------------|-----------|------------------------|-----------|-------------|
| 0          | 0         |                        | 3.036     | 100.000     |
| 95100      | 18 93     |                        | 1.000E-03 | 81.002      |
| 165300     | 29 92     | Amplitude <sup>.</sup> | 96.964    | 70.930      |
| 252600     | 39 34     | Rate Constant:         | 1.891E-06 | 60.134      |
| 337200     | 47.41     |                        |           | 51 243      |
| 435900     | 58 23     |                        |           | 42.517      |
| 600600     | 68.6      |                        |           | 31.137      |
| 684300     | 75 31     |                        |           | 26.578      |
| 769800     | 76.16     |                        |           | 22.610      |

**Graph 13.** Exponential curve of the reaction as it goes to 100% completion. This reaction was run at 18mM with an excess of 10 equivalents of the MeI. The peaks at 1.39ppm and 1.35ppm were monitored for the data collection. Curve-fitting and rate determination was performed using SigmaPlot software.



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[(L1O)Zn(NAcSPh)] + MeI in CD<sub>3</sub>CN

**Graph 14.** Exponential curve of the reaction as it goes to 100% completion. This reaction was run at 18mM with an excess of 10 equivalents of the MeI. The peaks at 7.23ppm and 6.80ppm were monitored for the data collection. Curve-fitting and rate determination was performed using SigmaPlot software.

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| Time (sec) | % Product |               |           | Plot Values |
|------------|-----------|---------------|-----------|-------------|
| 0          | 0         |               | 13.704    | 100 000     |
| 7200       | 21.1      |               | 1.400E-01 | 78.610      |
| 14400      | 27.9      | Amplitude:    | 86.296    | 71.609      |
| 21600      | 35 99     | Rate Constant | 1.296E-05 | 65.231      |
| 28800      | 40 57     |               |           | 59.421      |
| 43200      | 49.21     |               |           | 49.308      |
| 50400      | 56 71     |               |           | 44.917      |
| 64800      | 62.6      |               |           | 37 272      |
| 76500      | 67.46     |               |           | 32.030      |

**Graph 15.** Exponential curve of the reaction as it goes to 100% completion. This reaction was run at 5mM with an excess of 10 equivalents of the MeI. The peaks at 0.57ppm and 0.53ppm were monitored for the data collection. Curve-fitting and rate determination was performed using SigmaPlot software.



[(L1O)Zn(NAcSPh)] + (CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>OBF<sub>4</sub> in CDCl<sub>3</sub>

| Time (sec) | % Product |                |           | Plot Values |
|------------|-----------|----------------|-----------|-------------|
| 0          | 0,        | Amplitude:     | 61.730    | 2.130       |
| 120        | 11 7      | Rate Constant: | 9.688E-04 | 8 905       |
| 420        | 23 55     | Zero Intercept | 2 130     | 22 765      |
| 780        | 30 28     |                |           | 34.865      |
| 900        | 36.7      |                |           | 38.047      |
| 1020       | 46        | ,              |           | 40.880      |
| 4020       | 59.2      |                |           | 62 603      |
| 9420       | 66.62     |                |           | 63.853      |

**Graph 16.** Exponential curve of the reaction as it goes to 100% completion. This reaction was run at 10mM with an excess of 5 equivalents of the  $(CH_3)_3OBF_4$ . The peaks at 7.38ppm and 7.50ppm were monitored for the data collection. Curve-fitting and rate determination was performed using SigmaPlot software.



| Time (sec) | % Product |                |           | Plot Values |
|------------|-----------|----------------|-----------|-------------|
| 0          | 0         | Amplitude:     | 58.290    | 100.988     |
| 60         | 21 43     | Rate Constant: | 7.880E-03 | 75.965      |
| 90         | 36.97     |                | 42 669    | 67.501      |
| 120        | 42 12     |                | 3 707E-04 | 60 913      |
| 210        | 52 98     |                |           | 48.523      |
| 450        | 59 66     |                |           | 37.208      |
| 600        | 67.28     |                |           | 34.465      |

**Graph 17.** Exponential curve of the reaction as it goes to 100% completion. This reaction was run at 10mM with an excess of 5 equivalents of the  $(CH_3)_3OBF_4$ . The peaks at 7.66ppm and 7.79ppm were monitored for the data collection. Curve-fitting and rate determination was performed using SigmaPlot software.

## [(L1O)Zn(NAcSPh)] + (CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>OBF<sub>4</sub> in CD<sub>3</sub>CN

(L1O)Zn(NAcSPh)] + (CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>OBF<sub>4</sub> in CD<sub>3</sub>OD



**Graph 18.** Exponential curve of the reaction as it goes to 100% completion. This reaction was run at 5mM with an excess of 5 equivalents of the (CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>OBF<sub>4</sub>. The peaks at 0.66ppm and 0.56ppm were monitored for the data collection. Curve-fitting and rate determination was performed using SigmaPlot software.

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| Time (sec) | % Product |                |           | Plot Values |
|------------|-----------|----------------|-----------|-------------|
| 0          | 0         |                | 0 792     | 100 000     |
| 21600      | 6.16      |                | 1.194E-02 | 94.138      |
| 50400      | 12 09     | Amplitude      | 99.208    | 87 779      |
| 79200      | 17 45     | Rate Constant: | 2.428E-06 | 81 850      |
| 86400      | 20.85     |                |           | 80.431      |
| 169200     | 34.21     |                |           | 65.781      |
| 264600     | 45.65     |                |           | 52.178      |
| 342000     | 57.24     |                |           | 43 237      |
| 603000     | 78 41     |                |           | 22.940      |

**Graph 19.** Exponential curve of the reaction as it goes to 100% completion. This reaction was run at 18mM with an excess of 10 equivalents of the MeI. The peaks at 7.58ppm and 7.37ppm were monitored for the data collection. Curve-fitting and rate determination was performed using SigmaPlot software.



# [(L1O)Zn(NCOCF<sub>3</sub>SPh)] + MeI in CD<sub>3</sub>CN

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| Time (sec) | % Product |                 |           | Plot Values |
|------------|-----------|-----------------|-----------|-------------|
| 0          | 0         | Amplitude       | 60.116    | 2.715       |
| 1200       | 16.2      | Rate Constant:  | 1 695E-04 | 13 781      |
| 2400       | 24.29     | Zero Intercept: | 2.715     | 22.809      |
| 4800       | 38 4      |                 |           | 36.187      |
| 7200       | 42.36     |                 |           | 45 093      |
| 10800      | 49.91     |                 |           | 53 196      |
| 13800      | 56.85     |                 |           | 57 037      |
| 18300      | 62.94     |                 |           | 60.129      |

Time (sec)

**Graph 20.** Exponential curve of the reaction as it goes to 100% completion. This reaction was run at 18mM with an excess of 10 equivalents of the MeI. The peaks at 7.33ppm and 7.14ppm were monitored for the data collection. Curve-fitting and rate determination was performed using SigmaPlot software.



[(L1O)Zn(NCOCF<sub>3</sub>SPh)] + MeI in CD<sub>3</sub>OD

| 1 ime (sec) | % Product |                        |           | Plot values |
|-------------|-----------|------------------------|-----------|-------------|
| 0           | 0         |                        | 16.954    | 100.000     |
| 600         | 28 48     |                        | 4 853E+00 | 71 559      |
| 1200        | 39 35     | Amplitude <sup>.</sup> | 83.046    | 61.660      |
| 2400        | 52.17     | Rate Constant:         | 2.481E-04 | 45 781      |
| 3000        | 60.02     |                        |           | 39.449      |
| 3600        | 66.67     |                        |           | 33.992      |
| 4800        | 75.84     |                        |           | 25.238      |

**Graph 21.** Exponential curve of the reaction as it goes to 100% completion. This reaction was run at 5mM with an excess of 10 equivalents of the MeI. The peaks at 1.77ppm and 1.87ppm were monitored for the data collection. Curve-fitting and rate determination was performed using SigmaPlot software.

[(L1O)Zn(NCOCF<sub>3</sub>SPh)] + (CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>OBF<sub>4</sub> in CDCl<sub>3</sub>



**Graph 22.** Exponential curve of the reaction as it goes to 100% completion. This reaction was run at 10mM with an excess of 5 equivalents of the  $(CH_3)_3OBF_4$ . The peaks at 6.75ppm and 6.70ppm were monitored for the data collection. Curve-fitting and rate determination was performed using SigmaPlot software.



 $[(L1O)Zn(NCOCF_3SPh)] + (CH_3)_3OBF_4 in CD_3CN$ 

| Time (sec) | % Product |                |           | Plot     |
|------------|-----------|----------------|-----------|----------|
|            |           |                |           | Values   |
| 0          | 0         |                | 20.928    | 100.0079 |
| 30         | 24.96     |                | 9.831E-02 | 74 67311 |
| 60         | 35.01     | Amplitude      | 79.080    | 68 51434 |
| 210        | 48.61     | Rate Constant. | 2.404E-03 | 47.73078 |
| 270        | 52.04     |                |           | 41.31911 |
| 330        | 61.6      |                |           | 35 76872 |
| 390        | 79.35     |                |           | 30 96392 |

**Graph 23.** Exponential curve of the reaction as it goes to 100% completion. This reaction was run at 10mM with an excess of 5 equivalents of the  $(CH_3)_3OBF_4$ . The peaks at 1.35ppm and 2.30ppm were monitored for the data collection. Curve-fitting and rate determination was performed using SigmaPlot software.

[(L1O)Zn(NCOCF<sub>3</sub>SPh)] + (CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>OBF<sub>4</sub> in CD<sub>3</sub>OD



| Time (sec) | % Product |               |           | Plot Values |
|------------|-----------|---------------|-----------|-------------|
| 0          | 0         |               | 16.652    | 99.98567504 |
| 120        | 26.97     |               | 1.348E-02 | 72.98152253 |
| 180        | 35 48     | Amplitude.    | 83.334    | 65.18614774 |
| 300        | 44 04     | Rate Constant | 1 491E-03 | 53 56735785 |
| 360        | 50.79     |               |           | 48 84580379 |
| 420        | 58 39     |               |           | 44.60423162 |
| 540        | 63.1      |               |           | 37.25883385 |
| 660        | 67.6      |               |           | 31 14656384 |

**Graph 24.** Exponential curve of the reaction as it goes to 100% completion. This reaction was run at 5mM with an excess of 5 equivalents of the  $(CH_3)_3OBF_4$ . The peaks at 1.63ppm and 1.60ppm were monitored for the data collection. Curve-fitting and rate determination was performed using SigmaPlot software.



**Graph 25.** Exponential curve of the reaction as it goes to 100% completion. This reaction was run at 18mM with an excess of 10 equivalents of the MeI. The peaks at 1.44ppm and 1.32ppm were monitored for the data collection. Curve-fitting and rate determination was performed using SigmaPlot software.

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[(L4O)Zn(SPh)] + MeI in CDCl<sub>3</sub>


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|------------|-----------|--------------------------------|-----------|-------------|
| Time (sec) | % Product |                                |           | Plot Values |
| 0          | 0         | <ul> <li>Amplitude:</li> </ul> | 108.741   | 3 498605377 |
| 3600       | 9 73      | Rate Constant:                 | 1.022E-05 | 7 425398487 |
| 7200       | 12 33     | Zero Intercept:                | 3.499     | 11.21038953 |
| 10800      | 14 81     |                                |           | 14.85869918 |
| 14400      | 18.62     |                                |           | 18 37526319 |
| 18000      | 21.43     |                                |           | 21 76483909 |
| 21600      | 26.37     |                                |           | 25.0320126  |
| 28800      | 31.22     |                                |           | 31.21667331 |
| 36000      | 37.99     |                                |           | 36.9627253  |
| 43200      | 42 57     |                                |           | 42.30127417 |
| 57600      | 47.97     |                                |           | 51.86941155 |
| 64800      | 56.18     |                                |           | 56.15079609 |
| 72000      | 58 46     |                                |           | 60.12854997 |
| 81300      | 66.63     |                                |           | 64 85188368 |
| 92100      | 71.37     |                                |           | 69.80244705 |
| 152400     | 89 09     |                                |           | 89.32061636 |

**Graph 26.** Exponential curve of the reaction as it goes to 100% completion. This reaction was run at 18mM with an excess of 10 equivalents of the MeI. The peaks at 1.41ppm and 1.31ppm were monitored for the data collection. Curve-fitting and rate determination was performed using SigmaPlot software.



| Time (sec) | % Product |                |           | Plot Values |
|------------|-----------|----------------|-----------|-------------|
| 0          | 0         |                | 34.576    | 99.736      |
| 120        | 26.56     |                | 9 995E-03 | 75.187      |
| 240        | 29 59     | Amplitude.     | 65.160    | 67.516      |
| 1260       | 38 47     | Rate Constant: | 5.048E-05 | 61.145      |
| 3060       | 45.63     |                |           | 55 834      |
| 5160       | 50 87     |                |           | 50.218      |
| 7560       | 56.66     |                |           | 44.488      |
| 8760       | 57 58     |                |           | 41.873      |
| 12360      | 63.61     |                |           | 34 914      |
| 15960      | 71 24     |                |           | 29.112      |
| 19560      | 75 34     |                |           | 24.274      |

**Graph 27.** Exponential curve of the reaction as it goes to 100% completion. This reaction was run at 10mM with an excess of 5 equivalents of the  $(CH_3)_3OBF_4$ . The peaks at 7.1ppm and 6.97ppm were monitored for the data collection. Curve-fitting and rate determination was performed using SigmaPlot software.



| Time (sec) | % Product |                |           | Plot Values |
|------------|-----------|----------------|-----------|-------------|
| 0          | 0         | Amplitude      | 88 417    | 100.510     |
| 60         | 12.63     | Rate Constant. | 2.759E-03 | 87.020      |
| 180        | 33 15     |                | 12.093    | 65 900      |
| 300        | 48.93     |                | 1.052E-11 | 50.734      |
| 420        | 62.57     |                |           | 39.842      |
| 540        | 68.14     |                |           | 32 020      |
| 660        | 71.1      |                |           | 26.403      |
| 780        | 78.68     |                |           | 22.370      |

**Graph 28.** Exponential curve of the reaction as it goes to 100% completion. This reaction was run at 10mM with an excess of 5 equivalents of the  $(CH_3)_3OBF_4$ . The peaks at 7.6ppm and 7.28ppm were monitored for the data collection. Curve-fitting and rate determination was performed using SigmaPlot software.



| Time (sec) | % Product |                        |           | Plot Values |
|------------|-----------|------------------------|-----------|-------------|
| 0          | 0         |                        | 4 747     | 100.000     |
| 73500      | 6.11      |                        | 1 000E-03 | 92 744      |
| 166800     | 9 86      | Amplitude <sup>.</sup> | 95 253    | 89.654      |
| 264000     | 15.14     | Rate Constant:         | 3.632E-07 | 86.544      |
| 417300     | 19.04     |                        |           | 81 857      |
| 762900     | 27 33     |                        |           | 72.201      |
| 956400     | 31 83     |                        |           | 67.302      |
| 1198200    | 38 73     |                        |           | 61.643      |

**Graph 29.** Exponential curve of the reaction as it goes to 100% completion. This reaction was run at 18mM with an excess of 10 equivalents of the MeI. The peaks at 1.43ppm and 1.28ppm were monitored for the data collection. Curve-fitting and rate determination was performed using SigmaPlot software.



| Time (sec) | % Product |                |           | Plot Values |
|------------|-----------|----------------|-----------|-------------|
| 0          | 0         |                | -4 018    | 100.000     |
| 8700       | 4 73      |                | 5 190E-01 | 99 448      |
| 32400      | 11.38     | Amplitude:     | 104.018   | 87.993      |
| 54000      | 19 58     | Rate Constant: | 5.164E-06 | 78.706      |
| 75600      | 25 78     |                |           | 70.399      |
| 168300     | 54 15     |                |           | 43.619      |
| 179700     | 59.68     |                |           | 41.125      |
| 337200     | 87.68     |                |           | 18.234      |

**Graph 30.** Exponential curve of the reaction as it goes to 100% completion. This reaction was run at 18mM with an excess of 10 equivalents of the MeI. The peaks at 1.4ppm and 1.35ppm were monitored for the data collection. Curve-fitting and rate determination was performed using SigmaPlot software.



| Time (sec) | % Product |                |           | Plot Values |
|------------|-----------|----------------|-----------|-------------|
| 0          | 0         |                | -2.147    | 100.000     |
| 12300      | 9 13      |                | 1 080E+01 | 90 831      |
| 19500      | 15.51     | Amplitude      | 102.147   | 84.799      |
| 33900      | 25.79     | Rate Constant: | 9 545E-06 | 73.908      |
| 44700      | 32.4      |                |           | 66 669      |
| 51900      | 38.11     |                |           | 62 241      |
| 66300      | 46.43     |                |           | 54 248      |
| 77400      | 51.45     |                |           | 48.794      |
| 162900     | 78.02     |                |           | 21 574      |

**Graph 31.** Exponential curve of the reaction as it goes to 100% completion. This reaction was run at 10mM with an excess of 5 equivalents of the  $(CH_3)_3OBF_4$ . The peaks at 8.06ppm and 6.86ppm were monitored for the data collection. Curve-fitting and rate determination was performed using SigmaPlot software.



| [(L4O)Zn(NAcSPh)] + | $(CH_3)_3OBF_4$ | in CD <sub>3</sub> CN |
|---------------------|-----------------|-----------------------|
|---------------------|-----------------|-----------------------|

| Time (sec) | % Product |                |           | Plot Values |
|------------|-----------|----------------|-----------|-------------|
| 0          | 0         |                | 36.259    | 99.995      |
| 120        | 32.46     |                | 1.539E-02 | 67.589      |
| 240        | 38.97     | Amplitude:     | 63.737    | 60.957      |
| 480        | 41.72     | Rate Constant: | 2.480E-04 | 56.607      |
| 720        | 47.91     |                |           | 53.316      |
| 1320       | 55.74     |                |           | 45.945      |
| 2220       | 61.98     |                |           | 36.756      |

**Graph 32.** Exponential curve of the reaction as it goes to 100% completion. This reaction was run at 10mM with an excess of 5 equivalents of the  $(CH_3)_3OBF_4$ . The peaks at 7.23ppm and 8.60ppm were monitored for the data collection. Curve-fitting and rate determination was performed using SigmaPlot software.



Spectra 1. [(L3S)ZnI] + MeI, chloroform, initial



Spectra 2. [(L3S)ZnI] + MeI, chloroform, final

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Spectra 4. [(L3S)ZnI] + MeI, acetonitrile, final



Spectra 5. [(L3S)ZnI] + Mel, methanol, initial



Spectra 6. [(L3S)ZnI] + MeI, methanol, final







Spectra 8. [(L3S)ZnI] + (CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>OBF<sub>4</sub>, chloroform, final





Spectra 12. [(L3S)ZnI] + (CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>OBF<sub>4</sub>, methanol, final



Spectra 13. [(L1O)Zn(SPh)] + MeI, chloroform, initial



Spectra 14. [(L1O)Zn(SPh)] + MeI, chloroform, final



Spectra 15. [(L1O)Zn(SPh)] + MeI, acetonitrile, initial



Spectra 16. [(L1O)Zn(SPh)] + MeI, acetonitrile, final



Spectra 18. [(L1O)Zn(SPh)] + MeI, methanol, final







Spectra 20. [(L1O)Zn(SPh)] + (CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>OBF<sub>4</sub>, chloroform, final





Spectra 22. [(L1O)Zn(SPh)] + (CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>OBF<sub>4</sub>, acetonitrile, final



Spectra 24. [(L1O)Zn(SPh)] + (CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>OBF<sub>4</sub>, methanol, final





Spectra 28. [(L1O)Zn(NAcSPh)] + MeI, acetonitrile, final



Spectra 30. [(L1O)Zn(NAcSPh)] + MeI, methanol, final



Spectra 32. [(L1O)Zn(NAcSPh)] + (CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>OBF<sub>4</sub>, chloroform, final



Spectra 34. [(L1O)Zn(NAcSPh)] + (CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>OBF<sub>4</sub>, acetonitrile, final



Spectra 36. [(L1O)Zn(NAcSPh)] + (CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>OBF<sub>4</sub>, methanol, final









Spectra 44. [(L1O)Zn(NCOCF<sub>3</sub>SPh)] + (CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>OBF<sub>4</sub>, chloroform, final



Spectra 46. [(L1O)Zn(NCOCF<sub>3</sub>SPh)] + (CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>OBF<sub>4</sub>, acetonitrile, final











Spectra 56. [(L4O)Zn(SPh)] + (CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>OBF<sub>4</sub>, acetinitrile, final




Spectra 60. [(L4O)Zn(NAcSPh)] + MeI, acetonitrile, final



Spectra 62. [(L4O)Zn(NAcSPh)] + (CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>OBF<sub>4</sub>, chloroform, final



**APPENDIX C: X-RAY CRYSTALLOGRAPHIC DATA** 



Table 2. Atomic coordinates [  $\pi 10^6$ ] and equivalent isotropic displacement parameters [ $A^2 \times 10^3$ ] for 1. U(eq) is defined as one third of the trace of the orthogonalized U i tensor.

|       | X         | r        | 2        | U(eq)   |
|-------|-----------|----------|----------|---------|
| Zn(1) | 3889(1)   | 7595(1)  | 1633(1)  | 38(1)   |
| 8(1)  | 5155(1)   | 7380(1)  | 1026(1)  | 58(1)   |
| 0(1)  | 2133(3)   | 7652(3)  | 1371(1)  | 52(1)   |
| N(1)  | 4069(3)   | 8781(2)  | 2202(1)  | 40(1)   |
| N(2)  | 3408(3)   | 8677(2)  | 2621(1)  | 34(1)   |
| N(3)  | 4053(3)   | 6605(2)  | 2299(2)  | 40(1)   |
| N(4)  | 3391(3)   | 6846(2)  | 2705(1)  | 37(1)   |
| N(5)  | 5285(4)   | 6883(3)  | ~148(2)  | 57(1)   |
| 0(2)  | 5722(5)   | 6872(4)  | -1026(2) | 101(2)  |
| C(1)  | 3035(5)   | 9587 (4) | 3488(2)  | 56(1)   |
| C(2)  | 3612(4)   | 9485(3)  | 2982(2)  | 40(1)   |
| C(3)  | 4424(4)   | 10115(3) | 2786(2)  | 46(1)   |
| C(4)  | 4690(4)   | 9659(3)  | 2310(2)  | 43(1)   |
| C(5)  | 5543(5)   | 10015(4) | 1934(2)  | 64(1)   |
| C(6)  | 2960(5)   | 6182(4)  | 3528(2)  | 68(1)   |
| C(7)  | 3569(4)   | 6132(3)  | 3129(2)  | 45(1)   |
| C(8)  | 4369(4)   | 5424(3)  | 2981(2)  | 51 di   |
| C(9)  | 4659(4)   | 5743(3)  | 2476(2)  | 46(1)   |
| C(10) | 5506(5)   | 5276(4)  | 2137(2)  | 62(1)   |
| C(11) | 2627 (3)  | 7781(3)  | 2663(2)  | 35(1)   |
| C(12) | 1382(4)   | 7729(3)  | 2242(2)  | 34(1)   |
| C(13) | 348(4)    | 7728(3)  | 2506(2)  | 39(1)   |
| C(14) | -860(4)   | 7686 (3) | 2192(2)  | 43(1)   |
| C(15) | -1952(4)  | 7662(4)  | 2483(2)  | 59(1)   |
| C(16) | -1026(4)  | 7659(3)  | 1602(2)  | 45(1)   |
| C(17) | ~43(4)    | 7663(3)  | 1316(2)  | 40(1)   |
| C(18) | -296(5)   | 7668(4)  | 660(2)   | 54(1)   |
| C(19) | -1695(5)  | 7624(5)  | 396(2)   | 72(2)   |
| C(20) | 227 (5)   | 8645(5)  | 451(2)   | 75(2)   |
| C(21) | 296(6)    | 6724 (5) | 437 (2)  | 79(2)   |
| C(22) | 1207 (4)  | 7683(3)  | 3644(2)  | 38(1)   |
| C(23) | 4464 (4)  | 8111(4)  | 419(2)   | 51(1)   |
| C(24) | 3777 (5)  | 8993(4)  | 451(3)   | 70(2)   |
| C(25) | 3299(6)   | 9554(5)  | -27(3)   | 91(2)   |
| C(26) | 3501(7)   | 9263 (6) | ~549(3)  | 97(2)   |
| C(27) | 4164(6)   | 8400(5)  | -598(2)  | 80/2)   |
| C(28) | 4649(4)   | 7807(4)  | -120(2)  | 55/11   |
| C(29) | 5754(5)   | 6459(5)  | -573(2)  | 55(1)   |
| C(30) | 6344(6)   | 5443(5)  | -431(3)  | 79/21   |
| C1(2) | 991(2)    | 7210(2)  | -1338(1) | 142(1)  |
| C(31) | 1824 (10) | 6270(11) | -878(4)  | 206(7)  |
| C1(1) | 2425(3)   | 5327/31  | -1172/11 | 198 (1) |

| Bn(1)-0(1)<br>Bn(1)-N(1) | 1.807(3)<br>2.037(3) | ZD(1)-N(3)<br>ZD(1)-S(1) | 2.023(3)<br>2.2201(13) |
|--------------------------|----------------------|--------------------------|------------------------|
| 0(1)-3a(1)-N(3)          | 101.50(14)           | O(1) - 3n(1) - N(1)      | 97.91(14)              |
| N(3) - 2n(1) - N(1)      | 88.92(13)            | O(1) - 2n(1) - S(1)      | 121.27(10)             |
| N(3) - 2n(1) - S(1)      | 117.83(10)           | W(1)-Sn(1)-S(1)          | 122.92(10)             |

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| Table 2. Ato | aic coordinates         | [ x 10 <sup>4</sup> ] and  | aquivalent isotropic      |
|--------------|-------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------|
| displacement | parameters $[\dot{A}^2$ | x 10 <sup>3</sup> ) for 1. | U(sq) is defined as       |
| one third of | the trace of the        | e orthogonalize            | d O <sub>ij</sub> tensor. |

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|---------------|---------------------|----------------------|--------------------|------------------------------------------------------|
|               | x                   | Y                    | Z                  | u(eđ)                                                |
| 3n(1)         | 7032711             | 9262711              | 4009/1)            | 55/11                                                |
| 8(1)          | 6451/2)             | 8556(2)              | 2828(2)            | 22(1)                                                |
| N(1)          | 8543(5)             | 10184/5)             | A346/A)            | 57/21                                                |
| N(2)          | 8671(5)             | 10765(5)             | 4975(5)            | 61(2)                                                |
| N(3)          | 6522(5)             | 10287(5)             | 4293(4)            | 55(2)                                                |
| N(4)          | 6908(5)             | 10743(5)             | 5000(4)            | 57(2)                                                |
| N(5)          | 7934(8)             | 8498(7)              | 1716(6)            | 93(3)                                                |
| 0(1)          | 6739(5)             | 8501(4)              | 4909(4)            | 67(2)                                                |
| 0(2)          | 8982(9)             | 8245 (8)             | 840(6)             | 163(4)                                               |
| F(1)          | 9411(11)            | 10378(9)             | 957(7)             | 229(6)                                               |
| F(2)          | 8629(11)            | 9556(8)              | -27(6)             | 222 (5)                                              |
| F(3)          | 7812(10)            | 9845(8)              | 818(7)             | 207(5)                                               |
| C(1)          | 10080(9)            | 12125(8)             | \$754(7)           | 108(4)                                               |
| C(2)          | 9711(8)             | 11405(7)             | 5119(7)            | 77(3)                                                |
| C(3)          | 10254(9)            | 11222(9)             | 4553(7)            | 92(4)                                                |
| C(4)          | 9537(8)             | 10472(8)             | 4076(6)            | 74(3)                                                |
| C(5)          | 9690(8)             | 10005(8)             | 3354(6)            | 94(4)                                                |
| C(6)          | 6692(10)            | 11929(8)             | 5929(6)            | 104(4)                                               |
| C(7)          | 6443(8)             | 11342(6)             | 5186(6)            | 66(3)                                                |
| C(8)          | 5736(8)             | 11261(7)             | 4575(6)            | 75(3)                                                |
| C(9)          | 5808(7)             | 10615(7)             | 4026(6)            | 65(3)                                                |
| C(10)         | 3237(8)<br>7766(7)  | 10325(8)             | 3252(6)            | 88(3)                                                |
| C(12)         | 7417/7)             | 0710/71              | 2420(2)            | 6U(2)<br>80(2)                                       |
| C(13)         | 7588/8\             | 9920/81              | 5333(5)<br>674376\ | 36(4)                                                |
| C(14)         | 7301(11)            | 9215(12)             | 7260/7             | 105(3)                                               |
| C(15)         | 7482(14)            | 9449(11)             | 8133(6)            | 171(7)                                               |
| C(16)         | 6841(10)            | 8254(11)             | 6961(7)            | 101(4)                                               |
| C(17)         | 6648(7)             | 7965(7)              | 6191(7)            | 70(3)                                                |
| C(18)         | 617B(8)             | 6906(8)              | 5922(6)            | 80(3)                                                |
| C(19)         | 5932(10)            | 6215(8)              | 6601(8)            | 138(6)                                               |
| C(20)         | 6960(8)             | 6687(7)              | 5460(6)            | 93(4)                                                |
| C(21)         | 5136(8)             | 6636(7)              | 5440(7)            | 109 (4)                                              |
| C(22)         | 6930(7)             | 8739(7)              | 5648(6)            | 61(2)                                                |
| C(23)         | 7032(9)             | 7711(8)              | 2809(6)            | 77 (3)                                               |
| C(24)         | 6790(10)            | 6972(8)              | 3316(7)            | 95(4)                                                |
| C(25)         | 7220(11)            | 6292(8)              | 3290(7)            | 100(4)                                               |
| C(26)         | 7899(11)            | 6371(10)             | 2726(9)            | 110(5)                                               |
| C(27)         | 8156(10)            | 7089(9)              | 2198(7)            | 97(4)                                                |
| C(29)         | //&!(3)<br>0/0/(11) | 7750(8)              | 2229(6)            | 80(3)                                                |
| C(30)         | 8607(10)            | 0001(11)             | 1101(8)            | 111(4)                                               |
| 2n(2)         | 7107(1)             | 7771(13)<br>14750/1\ | 100(11)            | 142(0)                                               |
| S(2)          | 6612(2)             | 13637(3)             | 12/2(1)            | 57(1)                                                |
| 0(3)          | 6882/51             | 13438441             | **32(4)<br>372481  | 83(1)<br>28(3)                                       |
| 9(4)          | 8703(7)             | 13171(7)             | 3/3(%)<br>ARA6/EN  | 90(2)<br>17/21                                       |
| N(6)          | 7059(6)             | 15737(5)             | 247/41             | 14X(J)<br>57/31                                      |
| N(7)          | 6561(5)             | 15208(5)             | 849(4)             | 57141                                                |
| N(8)          | 8759(5)             | 15637(5)             | 401(4)             | 56(2)                                                |
| N(9)          | 8640(5)             | 15170(5)             | 1073(4)            | 54/21                                                |
| N(10)         | 7990(7)             | 13603(6)             | 3790(6)            | 83(3)                                                |
| F(4)          | 8955(8)             | 14825(7)             | 5552(5)            | 170(4)                                               |
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| F(5)  | 7395(7)   | 14314(7)  | 5237(6)  | 175(4)  |        |
|-------|-----------|-----------|----------|---------|--------|
| F(6)  | 8453(10)  | 15295(6)  | 4560(5)  | 202 (5) | 1/1    |
| C(31) | 9818(8)   | 15079(8)  | 2160(6)  | 97(4)   | 1 22 1 |
| C(32) | 9624(8)   | 15440(7)  | 1406(5)  | 65(3)   |        |
| C(33) | 10357(7)  | 16073(7)  | 933(6)   | 73(3)   |        |
| C(34) | 9804(8)   | 16196(7)  | 306(5)   | 69(3)   |        |
| C(35) | 10183(9)  | 16796(10) | -384(6)  | 123(5)  |        |
| C(36) | 5166(7)   | 15145(8)  | 1686(6)  | 89 (3)  |        |
| C(37) | 5839(7)   | 15550(7)  | 1037(6)  | 65(3)   |        |
| C(38) | 5868(9)   | 16252(8)  | 536(6)   | 78(3)   |        |
| C(39) | 6648(9)   | 16382(7)  | 40(6)    | 74(3)   |        |
| C(40) | 7040(10)  | 17064(8)  | -595(6)  | 110(4)  |        |
| C(41) | 7839(7)   | 15511(6)  | -146(5)  | 56(2)   |        |
| C(42) | 7379(6)   | 14591(6)  | -639(5)  | 48(2)   |        |
| C(43) | 7412(7)   | 14729 (7) | -1437(5) | 58(2)   |        |
| C(44) | 6991(8)   | 13977 (9) | -1974(6) | 71(3)   |        |
| C(45) | 698B(10)  | 14154 (9) | -2825(6) | 111(4)  |        |
| C(46) | 6548(8)   | 13049 (9) | -1700(7) | 82(3)   |        |
| C(47) | 6505(7)   | 12838 (7) | -922(6)  | 60(2)   |        |
| C(48) | 6024(8)   | 11780(7)  | -680(6)  | 75(3)   |        |
| C(49) | \$599(10) | 11045(7)  | -1372(7) | 116(5)  |        |
| C(50) | 5073(8)   | 11601 (7) | -173(8)  | 114(4)  |        |
| C(51) | 6876(8)   | 11568(7)  | -214(5)  | 81(3)   |        |
| C(52) | 6928(7)   | 13629(7)  | -368(6)  | 59(2)   |        |
| C(53) | 7285 (10) | 12868 (8) | 2528(7)  | 88(3)   |        |
| C(54) | 7192(13)  | 12199(10) | 1944(7)  | 131(5)  |        |
| C(55) | 7678(18)  | 11575(12) | 2010(9)  | 186(9)  |        |
| C(56) | 8269(18)  | 11615(13) | 2658/10) | 199/10) |        |
| C(57) | 8370(12)  | 12259(10) | 3282(8)  | 134/61  |        |
| C(58) | 7881(10)  | 12905(9)  | 3206(7)  | 91(4)   |        |
| C(59) | 8345(9)   | 13694(10) | 4516(7)  | 86(3)   |        |
| C(60) | 8331(12)  | 14577(12) | 4946/8   | 102(4)  |        |
| • •   |           |           |          |         |        |

Table 3. Selected bond lengths [A] and angles [O] for 1.

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| 2n(1) - O(1)                           | 1.913(6) | Zn(1) - N(3)        | 2.011(6) |
|----------------------------------------|----------|---------------------|----------|
| $\operatorname{Bn}(1) - \mathbb{N}(1)$ | 2.017(7) | Zn(1)-S(1)          | 2.235(3) |
| 8n(2)-0(3)                             | 1.903(6) | 2n(2) - N(7)        | 2.018(6) |
| Zn (2) –N (9)                          | 2.044(7) | In(2) - In(2)       | 2.246(3) |
| 0(1)-En(1)-N(3)                        | 101.5(3) | 0(1)-En(1)-N(1)     | 96.9(3)  |
| N(3) - 3n(1) - N(1)                    | 90.2(3)  | O(1) - gn(1) - S(1) | 121.0(2) |
| N(3)-2n(1)-S(1)                        | 115.5(2) | W(1) - 3n(1) - S(1) | 125.5(2) |
| 0(3)-2n(2)-N(7)                        | 100.1(3) | 0(3)-2n(2)-N(9)     | 94.9(3)  |
| N(7) - 2n(2) - N(9)                    | 91.0(3)  | O(3) - 2n(2) - S(2) | 172.2(2) |
| N(7) - 2n(2) - S(2)                    | 118.7(2) | N(9) - 2n(2) - S(2) | 123.1(2) |

Symmetry transformations used to generate equivalent atoms:



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Table 2. Atomic coordinates [ x  $10^{4}$ ] and equivalent isotropic displacement parameters [Å<sup>2</sup> x  $10^{3}$ ] for 1. U(eq) is defined as one third of the trace of the orthogonalized U, tensor.

|        | ×       | ¥         | 2        | V(eq)  |
|--------|---------|-----------|----------|--------|
| 2n(1)  | 2565(1) | 1922(1)   | 3763(1)  | 17(1)  |
| \$(1)  | 1932(1) | -11(1)    | 3787(1)  | 23(1)  |
| 0(1)   | 3578(1) | 2140(2)   | 4774(1)  | 21(1)  |
| 0(2)   | 4651(1) | 3458(2)   | 5386(1)  | 27(1)  |
| 0(3)   | 3907(2) | -2156(3)  | 6325(2)  | 48(1)  |
| N(1)   | 3156(1) | 2315(3)   | 2965(1)  | 19(1)  |
| N(2)   | 3707(1) | 3340(2)   | 3260(1)  | 17(1)  |
| N(3)   | 2311(1) | 3963(2)   | 3757(2)  | 19(1)  |
| N(4)   | 2991(1) | 4730(2)   | 3896(2)  | 17(1)  |
| N(5)   | 3343(1) | -282(3)   | 5565(2)  | 24(1)  |
| C(1)   | 4770(2) | 4577 (3)  | 2926(2)  | 28(1)  |
| C(2)   | 4129(2) | 3537 (3)  | 2749(2)  | 19(1)  |
| C(3)   | 3837(2) | 2607 (3)  | 2107(2)  | 21(1)  |
| C(4)   | 3231(2) | 1868 (3)  | 2253 (2) | 20(1)  |
| C(5)   | 2710(2) | 731(3)    | 1741(2)  | 26(1)  |
| C(6)   | 2839(2) | 580(4)    | 912(2)   | 37(1)  |
| C(7)   | 2943(2) | ~608(4)   | 2237 (2) | 38(1)  |
| C(8)   | 1823(2) | 1058(5)   | 1557(2)  | 41(1)  |
| C(9)   | 3463(2) | 7123(3)   | 4045(2)  | 33(1)  |
| C(10)  | 2833(2) | 6077 (3)  | 3891(2)  | 21(1)  |
| C(11)  | 2024(2) | 6184(3)   | 3748(2)  | 25(1)  |
| C(12)  | 1721(2) | 4857 (3)  | 3660(2)  | 23(1)  |
| C(13)  | 852(2)  | 4422(4)   | 3462(2)  | 36(1)  |
| C(14)  | 345(4)  | 5661(8)   | 3394(10) | 156(6) |
| C(15)  | 562(4)  | 3700(11)  | 2551(4)  | 92(3)  |
| C(16)  | 795(4)  | 3366(9)   | 4081(4)  | 62(2)  |
| C(17)  | 3759(2) | 4087(3)   | 4014(2)  | 18(1)  |
| C(18)  | 4036(2) | 3160(3)   | 4804(2)  | 18(1)  |
| C(19)  | 1883(2) | -248(3)   | 4804(2)  | 26(1)  |
| C(20)  | 1120(2) | -424(4)   | 4831(2)  | 42(1)  |
| C(21)  | 1020(2) | -767(5)   | 5570(3)  | 57(1)  |
| C(22)  | 1681(2) | -920(5)   | 6310(3)  | 52(1)  |
| C(23)  | 2441(2) | -747(4)   | 6297(2)  | 37(1)  |
| C(24)  | 2549(2) | -434(3)   | 5552(2)  | 26(1)  |
| C(25)  | 3956(2) | -1125(3)  | 5956(2)  | 27(1)  |
| C(26)  | 4754(2) | -709(3)   | 5881(2)  | 28(1)  |
| C(16A) | 781(14) | 3059 (22) | 3820(13) | 19(5)  |
| C(15A) | 380(8)  | 4559(14)  | 2618(9)  | 9(3)   |
| C(14A) | 533(9)  | 5507(15)  | 4026 (8) | 13(3)  |
|        |         |           |          |        |

| Zn(1)-0(1)<br>Zn(1)-N(3) | 2.002(2)<br>2.058(2) | Sn(1)-N(1)<br>Zn(1)-S(1) | 2.050(2)<br>2.2219(8) |
|--------------------------|----------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------|
| O(1) - 2n(1) - N(1)      | 91.52(9)             | O(1) - 2n(1) - N(3)      | 91.63(9)              |
| N(1) - 2n(1) - N(3)      | 88.80(10)            | 0(1) - 2n(1) - S(1)      | 112.50(6)             |
| N(1)-2n(1)-S(1)          | 124.48(7)            | N(3) - 2n(1) - S(1)      | 136.25(7)             |



| Table 2. Atomic coordinates<br>displacement parameters (Å <sup>2</sup> | $( x 10^4)$ and x 10^3 for 1. | equivaleat isotropic<br>U(eq) is defined as | 147  |
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| one third of the trace of th                                           | a orthogonalize               | d V. tensor.<br>ij                          | 1-27 |

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|        | <b>X</b>  | ¥                                                                                                               | <b>2</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | U(eq)  |
| \$n(1) | 2416(1)   | 2118(1)                                                                                                         | 380(1)                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | 24(1)  |
| 8(1)   | 3260(1)   | 3595(1)                                                                                                         | 211(1)                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | 28(1)  |
| (2)    | 705(1)    | 1618(1)                                                                                                         | 1056(1)                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | 33(1)  |
| (1)    | 4101(2)   | 1362(2)                                                                                                         | 576(1)                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | 22(1)  |
| (2)    | 5023(2)   | 1515(2)                                                                                                         | 26(1)                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | 21(1)  |
| 4(3)   | 2506(2)   | 1670(2)                                                                                                         | -804(1)                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | 23(1)  |
| ₹(4)   | 3666(2)   | 1855(2)                                                                                                         | -1140(1)                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | 20(1)  |
| 1(5)   | -1005(2)  | 1946(2)                                                                                                         | 2383(2)                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | 33(1)  |
| ;(1)   | 7367(3)   | 1129(2)                                                                                                         | -191(2)                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | 33(1)  |
| :(2)   | 6156(3)   | 1073(2)                                                                                                         | 256(2)                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | 25(1)  |
| :(3)   | 5933(3)   | 612(2)                                                                                                          | 966(2)                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | 29(1)  |
| (4)    | 4653(3)   | 805 (2)                                                                                                         | 1145(2)                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | 26(1)  |
| (5)    | 3896(3)   | 475(2)                                                                                                          | 1840(2)                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | 37(1)  |
| :(5)   | 4651(3)   | 1899(2)                                                                                                         | -2501(2)                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | 30(1)  |
| (7)    | 3565(3)   | 1743(2)                                                                                                         | -1955(2)                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | 24(1)  |
| (8)    | 2308(3)   | 1475(2)                                                                                                         | -2135(2)                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | 29(1)  |
| :(9)   | 1685(3)   | 1430(Z)                                                                                                         | -1406(2)                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | 27 (1) |
| (10)   | 327(3)    | 1150(2)                                                                                                         | -1240(2)                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | 38(1)  |
| (11)   | 4768(2)   | 2186(2)                                                                                                         | -636(2)                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | 20(1)  |
| (12)   | 4682(3)   | 3258(2)                                                                                                         | -369(2)                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | 22(1)  |
| :(13)  | 5918(3)   | 3476(2)                                                                                                         | 131(2)                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | 31(1)  |
| (14)   | 4645(3)   | 3862 (2)                                                                                                        | -1137(2)                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | 30(1)  |
| :(15)  | -220(3)   | 2677 (2)                                                                                                        | 1187(2)                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | 25(1)  |
| :(16)  | -222(3)   | 3447 (2)                                                                                                        | 654(2)                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | 31(1)  |
| :(17)  | -969(3)   | 4257 (2)                                                                                                        | 770(2)                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | 32(1)  |
| (18)   | -1722(3)  | 4315(2)                                                                                                         | 1431(2)                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | 32(1)  |
| (19)   | -1752(3)  | 3563(2)                                                                                                         | 1969(2)                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | 31(1)  |
| (1)    | -2574(2)  | 2320(2)                                                                                                         | 3246(1)                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | 40/11  |
| :(20)  | -1015(3)  | 2741(2)                                                                                                         | 1852(2)                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | 26(1)  |
| 2(21)  | -1763 (3) | 1766(2)                                                                                                         | 3014(2)                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | 33(1)  |
| :(22)  | -1506(4)  | 812/31                                                                                                          | 1417/2                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | 51/1   |

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| 2n(1)-N(1)          | 2.054(2)                                                                                                                | Zn(1)-N(3)          | 2.077(2)                                                |
| 2n(1)-8(2)          | 2.2482(9)                                                                                                               | 22(1)~8(1)          | 2.2573(9)                                               |
| N(1)~In(1)-N(3)     | 85.81(9)                                                                                                                | N(1)-Ba(1)-8(2)     | 116.31(7)                                               |
| N(3) - 2n(1) - S(2) | 116.73(7)                                                                                                               | N(1) - 2n(1) - S(1) | 99.00(7)                                                |
| N(3) - En(1) - S(1) | 97.04(7)                                                                                                                | S(2) - In(1) - S(1) | 131.45(3)                                               |

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Table 2. Atomic coordinates [ x  $10^4$ ] and equivalent isotropic displacement parameters [Å<sup>2</sup> x  $10^3$ ] for 1. U(eq) is defined as one third of the trace of the orthogonalized U. tensor.

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|       | x         | ¥        | 2        | ۵(eq)   |
|-------|-----------|----------|----------|---------|
| 2n(1) | 2662(1)   | 1290(1)  | 1511(1)  | 45(1)   |
| N(1)  | 3850(4)   | 1595(5)  | 768(4)   | 42(2)   |
| N(2)  | 3881(4)   | 1280(5)  | -97 (4)  | 40(2)   |
| N(3)  | 2209(4)   | 195(5)   | 659 (4)  | 40(2)   |
| N(4)  | 2502(4)   | 192(5)   | -206(4)  | 38(2)   |
| N(5)  | 2743(6)   | 526(7)   | 3814(5)  | 78(3)   |
| 0(1)  | 3330(4)   | 329(5)   | 2433(4)  | 61(2)   |
| S(1)  | 1827(2)   | 2528(2)  | 246(2)   | 59(1)   |
| \$(2) | 1892(2)   | 2194(2)  | 2536(2)  | 62(1)   |
| C(1)  | 5058(6)   | 1080(7)  | -1330(5) | 61(3)   |
| C(2)  | 4784(6)   | 1393(7)  | -422(5)  | 44(2)   |
| C(3)  | 5348(6)   | 1771(6)  | 244(5)   | 51(2)   |
| C(4)  | 4746(6)   | 1883(7)  | 965(5)   | 47 (2)  |
| C(5)  | 5015(6)   | 2244(8)  | 1877 (5) | 70(3)   |
| C(6)  | 2473(7)   | -898(7)  | -1545(6) | 71(3)   |
| city  | 2259(6)   | -684(7)  | -605(5)  | 43(2)   |
| C(8)  | 1810(6)   | -1252(7) | -2(5)    | 54(2)   |
| C(9)  | 1784(5)   | ~690(7)  | 771(5)   | 40(2)   |
| C(10) | 1332(6)   | -961(6)  | 1631(5)  | 58(3)   |
| C(11) | 2980(6)   | 1049(6)  | -578(5)  | 43(2)   |
| C(12) | 2328(6)   | 1970(7)  | -763(5)  | 49 (2)  |
| C(13) | 1516(6)   | 1647 (8) | -1402(5) | 77 (4)  |
| C(14) | 2938(7)   | 2780(7)  | -1167(6) | 73(3)   |
| C(15) | 631(6)    | 2062 (9) | 346(6)   | 92 (4)  |
| C(16) | 1285(6)   | 1216(7)  | 3059(5)  | 50(2)   |
| C(17) | 257(7)    | 1107(8)  | 2931(6)  | 61(3)   |
| C(18) | ~262(8)   | 404 (9)  | 3367(7)  | 75(3)   |
| C(19) | 182(9)    | -253(9)  | 3916(7)  | 83(4)   |
| C(20) | 1168(8)   | -200 (8) | 4046(6)  | 72(3)   |
| C(21) | 1705(7)   | 512(8)   | 3621(6)  | 64(3)   |
| C(22) | 3458(7)   | 377 (8)  | 3257 (6) | 65(3)   |
| C(23) | 4445(6)   | 256(10)  | 3642(6)  | 106(5)  |
| B(1)  | 3068(9)   | 1056(14) | 6296(11) | 71(4)   |
| F(3)  | 3533(17)  | 967 (37) | 5575(9)  | 113(14) |
| F(1)  | 3055(30)  | 242(35)  | 6716(43) | 237(29) |
| 7(2)  | 2202(5)   | 1512(6)  | 6214(6)  | 150(3)  |
| F(4)  | 3607 (25) | 1690(30) | 6779(29) | 158/17  |
| F(3') | 2989(37)  | 261(25)  | 5744(22) | 159(15) |
| F(4') | 3741(17)  | 1672(27) | 6043(46) | 165/24) |
| ¥(1') | 3266(23)  | 697(41)  | 7081(14) | 124/18) |
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| Zn(l)-N(3)          | 2.045(7) | ZB(1)-N(1)          | 2.047(6) |
|---------------------|----------|---------------------|----------|
| Zn(1)-0(1)          | 2.102(6) | 3n(1)-5(2)          | 2.254(2) |
| n(1)-s(1)           | 2.773(3) |                     |          |
| R(3)-\$n(1)-N(1)    | 91.8(3)  | N(3)-Sn(1)-O(1)     | 96.2(2)  |
| N(1)-Sn(1)-O(1)     | 98.3(2)  | N(3) - In(1) - S(2) | 132.9(2) |
| N(1)-Zn(1)-S(2)     | 131.7(2) | 0(1) - In(1) - S(2) | 94.2(2)  |
| N(3) - 2n(1) - S(1) | 82.6(2)  | N(1)-Zn(1)-S(1)     | 79.9(2)  |
| 0(1)-2n(1)-5(1)     | 177.8(2) | S(2)-2n(1)-S(1)     | 87.91(9) |

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