# Preparation and Structural Investigations of $(dippNSiMe_3Si)_2(Cp^*Ti)_2(NH)_6$ $(dipp=2,6-iPr_2C_6H_3)$ , $[dippNSiMe_3Si(NH_2)NH]_3$ and $[dippNSiMe_3Ge(NH_2)NH]_3$

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The reaction of dippNSiMe $_3$ Si(NH $_2$ ) $_3$  (1) (dipp = 2,6- $_1$ Pr $_2$ C $_6$ H $_3$ ) with Cp\*TiMe $_3$  (Cp\* = C $_5$ Me $_5$ ) and Me $_3$ SnCl yields the new heterocyclic adamantane (dippNSiMe $_3$ Si) $_2$ (Cp\* Ti) $_2$ (NH) $_6$  (2) containing the Si $_2$ Ti $_2$ (NH) $_6$  core and the siliconnitrogen six-membered ring compound [dippNSiMe $_3$ Si-

 $(NH_2)NH]_3$  (4). [dippNSiMe<sub>3</sub>Ge(NH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>2</sub>]<sub>2</sub>NH (5) reacts with AlMe<sub>3</sub> to give the germanium–nitrogen six-membered ring compound [dippNSiMe<sub>3</sub>Ge(NH<sub>2</sub>)NH]<sub>3</sub> (6). The compounds 2, 4 and 6 have been structurally characterized by single-crystal X-ray structural analysis.

#### Introduction

Beyond the investigation of silanetriols as building blocks for new catalysts, the reactions of the isoelectronic triaminosilanes with organometallic precursors are of broad interest for materials research. [1][2] In 1995 we described the reaction of dippNSiMe<sub>3</sub>Si(NH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>3</sub> (1) with Cp\*TiMe<sub>3</sub> to yield a silicon–nitrogen–titanium four-membered ring system. Furthermore, we reported on the reaction of 1 and Me<sub>3</sub>SnCl forming a compound with a monosubstituted nitrogen—tin bond. Moreover, in 1997 we published reactions of triaminosilanes with alumazene and AlMe<sub>3</sub>. The reaction with alumazene forms a compound with an adamantane-like core.<sup>[3–5]</sup> Consequently, in 1998 we synthesized and published the first germanium compound containing more than one terminal amino group. [6]

Herein, we describe the reactions of dippNSiMe<sub>3</sub>Si- $(NH_2)_3$  with Cp\*TiMe<sub>3</sub> and Me<sub>3</sub>SnCl under more drastic conditions and the reaction of [dippNSiMe<sub>3</sub>Ge(NH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>2</sub>]<sub>2</sub>NH (5) with AlMe<sub>3</sub>.

# **Results and Discussion**

#### Synthesis and Spectra

dippNSiMe<sub>3</sub>Si(NH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>3</sub> (1), prepared from dippNSiMe<sub>3</sub>SiCl<sub>3</sub> and ammonia, reacts with Cp\*TiMe<sub>3</sub> in *n*-hexane under reflux with evolution of methane gas (Scheme 1) to give  $(dippNSiMe_3Si)_2(Cp*Ti)_2(NH)_6$  (2).

Compound 2 was characterized by mass spectrometry, NMR-spectral studies and by single-crystal X-ray diffraction. The proton-NMR spectrum of 2 shows a multiplet

SiMe<sub>3</sub> + 2 Cp\*TiMe<sub>3</sub> 
$$\frac{n\text{-hexane}}{\text{Si(NH}_2)_3}$$

SiMe<sub>3</sub> (1)

 $Cp^* - Ti \qquad NH$ 
 $Cp^* - Ti \qquad NH$ 
 $Si \qquad NH$ 

Scheme 1. Synthesis of compound 2

 $(\delta=7.19)$  due to the aromatic protons of the dipp-ligand. Resonances at  $\delta=4.05$ , 3.70 and 1.25 can be attributed to the methylene and methyl protons of the *i*Pr group, respectively. The signal of the methyl protons of the Cp\* ligand appear as a singlet  $(\delta=1.91)$ . The signal of the N-H protons is found at  $\delta=0.67$ , and the signals of the methyl protons of the SiMe<sub>3</sub> groups are observed at  $\delta=0.27$  and 0.21. Thus, it is clear that the two SiMe<sub>3</sub> groups are in slightly different environments, and in solution the rigid structure is maintained.

The mass spectrum of the compound shows the molecular ion peak  $[M^+]$  at m/z 1009 and a signal at m/z 994 due to the fragment  $[M^+-CH_3]$ .

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Recently, we reported that compound 1 reacts with Me<sub>3</sub>SnCl under smooth conditions to yield the monosubstituted derivative dippNSiMe<sub>3</sub>Si(NH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>2</sub>NHSnMe<sub>3</sub> (3).<sup>[3]</sup> However, we were interested to obtain the fully substituted compound dippNSiMe<sub>3</sub>Si(NHSnMe<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>.

Therefore we treated 1 with Me<sub>3</sub>SnCl in toluene under reflux for 6 h and subsequent workup afforded compound [dippNSiMe<sub>3</sub>Si(NH<sub>2</sub>)NH]<sub>3</sub> (4) instead (Scheme 2).

Scheme 2. Synthesis of compound 4

Compound 4 was characterized by elemental analysis, NMR spectroscopy, mass spectrometry, and by single-crystal X-ray diffraction. The proton-NMR spectrum of 4 shows a multiplet ( $\delta = 7.10$ ) due to the aromatic protons of the dipp ligand. Resonances at  $\delta = 3.67$  and 1.31 can be attributed to the methylene and methyl protons of the *i*Pr group, respectively. The signals of N-H protons and unreacted NH<sub>2</sub> protons are found at  $\delta = 0.65$  and 0.75, and the signals of the methyl protons of the SiMe<sub>3</sub> groups are observed at  $\delta = 0.12$ , 0.10 and 0.06.

The IR spectrum of 4 shows three absorptions ( $\tilde{v} = 3401$ , 3486 and 3152 cm<sup>-1</sup>), which are due to the N-H stretching frequencies. The mass spectrum of 4 exhibits an intense peak at m/z 906 [M<sup>+</sup> – NH<sub>2</sub>].

The reaction to give compound 4 can be described as an "acid-catalyzed" condensation reaction. The intermediate 3 we had previously isolated and characterized is a product of the reaction of an amino group that functions as a Lewis base and the tin atom of Me<sub>3</sub>SnCl as a Lewis acid. Finally, the cleavage of tin–chlorine and N–H bond takes place yielding HCl.<sup>[3]</sup> The condensation reaction occurred three times under evolution of ammonia. Due to steric reasons only the molecule containing the six-membered ring is formed.

[dippNSiMe<sub>3</sub>Ge(NH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>2</sub>]<sub>2</sub>NH (5), prepared from dippNSiMe<sub>3</sub>GeBr<sub>3</sub> and ammonia, reacts with AlMe<sub>3</sub> in *n*-hexane at room temperature with evolution of methane gas

(Scheme 3) to yield [dippNSiMe<sub>3</sub>Ge(NH<sub>2</sub>)NH]<sub>3</sub> (6). So far we were not able to characterize any other by-products.

Scheme 3. Synthesis of compound 6; R = dipp

Compound **6** was characterized by elemental analysis, NMR spectroscopy, mass spectrometry, and single-crystal X-ray diffraction analysis. The proton-NMR spectrum of **6** exhibits a multiplet ( $\delta = 7.04$ ) due to the aromatic protons of the dipp ligands. Resonances at  $\delta = 3.60$ , 1.25 and 1.20 can be attributed to the methylene and methyl groups of the *i*Pr group, respectively. The signals of the N-H protons are found at  $\delta = 0.70$  and 0.65. The integration ratio of the intensities of the two N-H resonances is 1:2. We assign the signal at  $\delta = 0.70$  to the protons of the bridging N-H group. In the silicon-NMR spectrum we observed one signal ( $\delta = 4.8$ ) associated with the SiMe<sub>3</sub> group.

The IR spectrum of **6** shows three bands ( $\tilde{v} = 3309, 3386, 3619 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ ) due the N-H stretching frequencies. The mass spectrum of **6** exhibits an intense peak at m/z 1040 [M<sup>+</sup> - Me].

#### X-ray Structures of 2, 4 and 6

The structure of compound **2** was determined by single-crystal X-ray structural analysis. Compound **2** crystallizes in the space group  $P2_1/n$ . The structure can be described as a distorted heterocyclic adamantane (Figure 1). The centroid distance of Ti-Cp\* is 206 pm and the angles involving this distance are in the range of 116 to 119°. The dipp ligands and Cp\* ligands are in staggered positions.

The titanium—nitrogen bond lengths are in the range of 189.9-196.4 pm and are comparable to those of the  $Ti-N_2-Si$  four-membered ring, and the average Si-N bond length (171.9-175 pm) is comparable to that in 1 (169-172 pm). [3]

The N-Ti-N angles  $(99.7-101.0^{\circ})$  are somewhat smaller than the tetrahedral bond angles, but the N-Si-N bond angles  $(106.1-109.9^{\circ})$  are in the range of a regular tetrahedron.

The central unit of the structure of **4** can be described as a six-membered ring consisting of alternating silicon and nitrogen atoms (Figure 2).

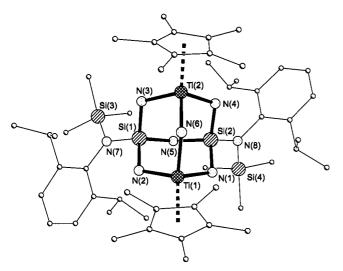


Figure 1. Crystal structure of 2

Table 1. Selected bond lengths [pm] and angles [°] of compound 2.

Ti(1)-N(6) Ti(1)-N(1) Ti(2)-N(3) Si(1)-N(2) Si(1)-N(5)	189.9(4) 195.7(4) 196.4(4) 171.9(4) 175.0(4)	Ti(1)-N(2) Ti(2)-N(4) Ti(2)-N(6) Si(1)-N(3) Si(2)-N(4)	192.3(4) 193.3(4) 191.3(4) 172.2(4) 172.4(4)
Si(2)-N(1) N(6)-Ti(1)-N(2) N(2)-Ti(1)-N(1) N(2)-Ti(1)-Ti(2) N(6)-Ti(2)-N(4) N(4)-Ti(2)-N(3) N(4)-Ti(2)-Si(2) N(6)-Ti(2)-Ti(1) N(3)-Ti(2)-Ti(1) N(2)-Si(1)-N(3) N(3)-Si(1)-N(5) N(1)-Si(2)-Ti(2) N(5)-Si(2)-Ti(2) Si(1)-N(2)-Ti(1)	171.7(4) 101.1(2) 100.1(2) 82.54(11) 100.9(2) 101.0(2) 29.52(11) 28.89(11) 81.87(11) 109.3(2) 106.4(2) 106.1(2) 91.33(13) 88.68(13) 118.5(2)	Si(2) – N(5) N(6) – Ti(1) – N(1) N(6) – Ti(1) – Ti(2) N(1) – Ti(2) – N(3) N(6) – Ti(2) – Si(2) N(3) – Ti(2) – Si(2) N(4) – Ti(2) – Ti(1) Si(2) – Ti(2) – Ti(1) N(2) – Si(1) – N(5) N(1) – Si(2) – N(4) N(4) – Si(2) – N(5) N(4) – Si(2) – Ti(2) Si(2) – N(1) – Ti(1) Si(1) – N(3) – Ti(2)	174.2(4) 99.7(2) 29.12(11) 81.11(11) 100.6(2) 83.44(12) 83.07(11) 58.68(3) 108.3(2) 108.8(2) 109.9(2) 33.54(12) 119.0(2) 118.1(2)
Si(2)-N(4)-Ti(2) Ti(1)-N(6)-Ti(2)	116.9(2) 122.0(2)	Si(2)-N(5)-Si(1)	117.3(2)

Compound 4 crystallizes in the space group P-1. The silicon–nitrogen bond lengths within the ring are of nearly equal size (170 pm), and they are comparable to those in the starting material dippNSiMe<sub>3</sub>Si(NH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>3</sub> (average 171 pm). The bond angles N-Si-N (in the range of  $102.63-104.46^{\circ}$ ) and Si-N-Si (in the range of  $131.53-134.79^{\circ}$ ) are part of a distorted six-membered ring.

The atoms Si(1, 2, 3) and N(1, 3) are forming a plane while N(2) is out of the plane (61.57 pm), giving an envelope conformation.

The central unit of the structure of compound 6 is analogous to that of 4 (Figure 3).

Compound 6 crystallizes in the space group P-1. The Ge-N bond lengths in the ring are in the range of 181.9-182.8 pm. They are comparable to those described by George et al. in the six-membered ring of  $[(tBuS)_2-Ge(NH)]_3$ . The N-Ge-N bond angles are nearly  $104^\circ$  and the Ge-N-Ge angles (in the range of  $124.8-127.6^\circ$ ) are part of a distorted (GeN)<sub>3</sub> six-membered ring system.

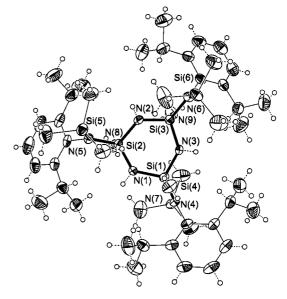


Figure 2. Crystal structure of 4

Table 2. Selected bond lengths [pm] and angles [°] of compound 4

Si(1)-N(1) Si(2)-N(1) Si(3)-N(2) N(3)-Si(1)-N(1)	170.5(2) 170.3(2) 171.1(2) 103.95(9)	Si(1)-N(3) Si(2)-N(2) Si(3)-N(3) N(1)-Si(2)-N(2)	170.3(2) 170.6(2) 170.5(2) 104.46(9)
N(3)-Si(1)-N(1)	103.95(9)	N(1)-Si(2)-N(2)	104.46(9)
N(3)-Si(3)-N(2)	102.63(9)	Si(1)-N(3)-Si(3)	134.79(11)
Si(2)-N(1)-Si(1)	131.53(12)	Si(2)-N(2)-Si(3)	124.04(11)

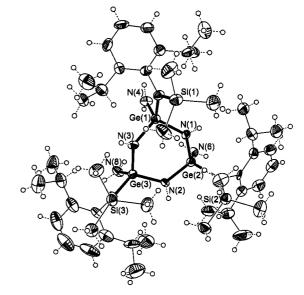


Figure 3. Crystal structure of 6

The atoms Ge(1, 2) and N(2, 3) are forming a plane while Ge(3) and N(1) are out of the plane (19.2 and -19.2 pm), giving a chair conformation.

# Conclusion

In summary, we have shown that silicon and germanium compounds containing terminal NH<sub>2</sub> groups are interesting

Table 3. Selected bond lengths [pm] and angles [°] of compound 6

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Ge(1)-N(1)	181.9(7)	Ge(1)-N(3)	182.8(8)
Ge(1) - N(4)	183.2(9)	Ge(2) - N(2)	182.4(8)
Ge(2) - N(6)	181.8(9)	Ge(3) - N(2)	182.4(8)
Ge(2) - N(1)	182.7(7)	Ge(3) - N(8)	182.1(9)
Ge(3) - N(3)	180.7(7)	N(1)-Ge(1)-N(3)	104.0(3)
N(2)-Ge(2)-N(1)	104.7(4)	N(2)-Ge(3)-N(3)	104.4(4)
Ge(1)-N(1)-Ge(2)	124.8(5)	Ge(1)-N(3)-Ge(3)	127.6(4)
Ge(2)-N(2)-Ge(3)	127.3(4)		

starting materials for preparing new inorganic ring systems with functional groups. A marked difference in reactivity has been observed while Cp\*TiMe<sub>3</sub> yields the Si<sub>2</sub>Ti<sub>2</sub>(NH)<sub>6</sub> adamantane core, the main-group reagents Me<sub>3</sub>SnCl and AlMe<sub>3</sub> lead to six-membered (SiN)<sub>3</sub> and (GeN)<sub>3</sub> condensation products.

## **Experimental Section**

General: Due to the water and air sensitivity of the compounds, oxygen and moisture were excluded during all procedures. 1H-NMR data were recorded with a Bruker AM 200 FT NMR spectrometer, IR data were recorded with a BIO RAD Digilab FTS 7 spectrometer and mass data with a Finnigan MAT 95 and a Varian MAT CH5 spectrometer. Elemental analyses were performed by the analytical laboratory of the institute. The starting materials dippNSiMe<sub>3</sub>Si(NH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>3</sub> and Cp\*TiMe<sub>3</sub> were prepared by literature methods. [3][8] Me<sub>3</sub>SnCl and dippNH<sub>2</sub> were commercially available.

Synthesis of 2: To a solution of 0.46 g (2 mmol) of Cp\*TiMe<sub>3</sub>, in *n*-hexane (8 ml), was added dropwise a solution of 0.65 g (2 mmol) of 1, dissolved in 6 mL of n-hexane, at room temperature while stirring. The reaction mixture was warmed up to 69°C until the gas evolution ceased (3 h). The solvent was removed in vacuo and recrystallization of 2 from n-hexane (5 mL) afforded single crystals of 2; yield 0.8 g (79%) (m.p. 260°C).  $-C_{50}H_{88}N_8Si_4Ti_2$  (1008.71): calcd. C 61.39, H 9.38; found C 61.81, H 9.48. – IR (Nujol):  $\tilde{v}$  = 3365 cm<sup>-1</sup>, 3409, 3481 (N-H). - <sup>1</sup>H NMR (200 MHz, C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>):  $\delta =$ 0.21 [s, 9 H, Si(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>], 0.27 [s, 9 H, Si(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>], 0.67 (s, 6 H, NH), 1.25 [m, 24 H, CH(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>], 1.91 (s, 30 H, CH<sub>3</sub>, Cp\*), 3.70 [sept, 2 H, CH(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>], 4.05 [sept, 2 H, CH(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>], 7.19 (m, 6 H, aromatic H).  $-{}^{29}$ Si NMR (49 MHz, C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>):  $\delta = -38.7$  (SiNH), 3.1 (SiMe<sub>3</sub>). - MS (EI); m/z (%): 1009 (100) [M<sup>+</sup>].

Synthesis of 4: 0.65 g (2 mmol) of 1 and 1.19 g (6 mmol) of Me<sub>3</sub>SnCl were dissolved in 20 mL of toluene. Then the reaction mixture was warmed up to 111°C for 6 h. Removal of solvent and Me<sub>3</sub>SnCl in vacuo afforded a white solid and recrystallization of the crude product from *n*-hexane (3 mL) gave colorless single crystals of 4; yield 0.48 g (78%) (m.p. 260°C).  $-C_{45}H_{87}N_9Si_6$  (922.07): calcd. N 13.68, Si 18.28; found N 12.65, Si 18.14. - IR (Nujol):  $\tilde{\nu} = 3401 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ , 3486, 3152 (N-H). -  $^{1}\text{H}$  NMR (200 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta = 0.06$  [s, 9 H Si(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>], 0.10 [s, 9 H Si(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>], 0.12 [s, 9 H Si( $CH_3$ )<sub>3</sub>], 0.65 [s, 3 H, Si(NH) $NH_2$ ], 0.75 [s, 6 H, Si(NH) $NH_2$ ], 1.31 [m, 36 H, CH(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>], 3.67 [m, 6 H, CH(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>], 7.10 (m, 9 H, aromatic H). - <sup>29</sup>Si NMR (49 MHz, CDCl<sub>3</sub>):  $\delta$  -43.1  $[Si(NH)NH_2]$ , -41.4  $[Si(NH)NH_2]$ , -39.8  $[Si(NH)NH_2]$ , 4.2 (SiMe<sub>3</sub>), 4.7 (SiMe<sub>3</sub>), 5.3 (SiMe<sub>3</sub>). - MS (EI); m/z (%): 906 (80)  $[M^+ - NH_2]$ , 905 (100)  $[M^+ - NH_2 - H]$ .

Synthesis of 6: To a solution of 0.62 g (2 mmol) of 5 in *n*-hexane (10 mL) was added dropwise 0.53 mL of a solution of AlMe<sub>3</sub> in nhexane (1.6 m) at room temperature. After 2 h, the evolution of methane ceased. Subsequently, the solvent was removed in vacuo and the colorless solid recrystallized from n-hexane/trichloromethane (1:1) to give single crystals of **6**; yield 0.6 g (67%) (m.p. 177°C).  $-C_{45}H_{87}Ge_3N_9Si_3$  (1055.64): calcd. H 8.24, Ge 20.63; found H 7.94, Ge 19.63. – IR (KBr):  $\tilde{v} = 3309 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ , 3386, 3619 (N-H). - <sup>1</sup>H NMR (200 MHz, C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>):  $\delta = 0.21$  [s, 27 H, Si(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>], 0.65 [s, 6 H, Ge(NH<sub>2</sub>)NH], 0.70 [s, 3 H, Ge(NH<sub>2</sub>)NH], 1.20 [d, 18 H,  $CH(CH_3)_2$ ], 1.25 [d, 18 H,  $CH(CH_3)_2$ ], 3.60 [sept, 6 H,  $CH(CH_3)_2$ ], 7.04 (m, 9 H, aromatic H). - <sup>29</sup>Si NMR (49 MHz, C<sub>6</sub>D<sub>6</sub>):  $\delta = 4.8$ (SiMe<sub>3</sub>). - MS (EI); m/z (%): 73 (90) [SiMe<sub>3</sub>], 1040 (100) [M<sup>+</sup> Mel.

Crystal Structure Determination of Compounds 2, 4 and 6: Data collection and processing: Intensity data were collected using the ω-2θ scan method at 153(2) K for 2, 193(2) K for 4 and 150(2) K for 6 with a Siemens AED2 four-circle diffractometer using graphite-monochromated Mo- $K_{\alpha}$  radiation ( $\lambda = 71.073$  pm) and according to the Learnt-Profile Method. [9] Of the 11865 reflections measured of compound 2 (3.51°  $\leq \theta \leq$  22.56°) 8424 were unique (merging R = 0.0468), of the 12450 reflections measured of compound **4**  $(3.51^{\circ} \le \theta \le 22.55^{\circ})$  7708 were unique (merging R = 0.0238) and of the 16520 reflections measured of compound 6 (3.52°  $\leq \theta$  $\leq 25.04^{\circ}$ ) 11734 were unique (merging R = 0.1137). All of the reflections were used in the refinement. - X-ray crystallographic study: The structures were solved by direct methods (SHELXS-90)<sup>[9]</sup> and refined against  $F^2$  by means of the full-matrix leastsquares technique using SHELXL 93 and SHELXL 97.[10][11] The weighting schemes were  $w^{-1} = \sigma^2(F_0^2) + (0.080 \cdot P)^2 + 18.55 \cdot P$  for 2,  $w^{-1} = \sigma^2(F_0^2) + (0.040 \cdot P)^2 + 1.95 \cdot P$  for 4 and  $w^{-1} = \sigma^2(F_0^2)$  $+ (0.20 \cdot P)^2 + 0 \cdot P$  for 6 with  $P = (F_0^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$  were applied in the final cycles of refinement. The converged residuals were R1 =0.0791 for reflections with  $I > 2\sigma(I)$ , and wR2 = 0.1798 for all data of 2, the converged residuals were R1 = 0.0791 for reflections with  $I > 2\sigma(I)$ , and wR2 = 0.0.0909 for all data of 4 and the converged residuals were R1 = 0.1066 for reflections with  $I > 2\sigma(I)$ , and wR2 = 0.2625 for all data of 6. A final Fourier difference map showed the largest peak and hole 904 and  $-520 \text{ e nm}^{-3}$  for 2, 331 and  $-358 \text{ e nm}^{-3}$  for **4** and 218.3 and 142.2 e nm<sup>-3</sup> for **6**. All non-hydrogen atoms were refined anisotropically. All the hydrogen atoms were located in positions riding on the corresponding C atoms.

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