## **Supplementary Material**

## Synthesis and electrochemical properties of tetramethyl ammonium salts of $[(PhO)Ni(CF_3)_3]^{2-}$ and $[(7-azaindole)Ni(CF_3)_3]^{2-}$

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## Figure S2. <sup>1</sup>H NMR of [NMe<sub>4</sub>]<sub>2</sub>[(PhO)Ni(CF<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>] (2) at room temperature in CD<sub>3</sub>CN



**Figure S3**. <sup>1</sup>H NMR of [NMe<sub>4</sub>]<sub>2</sub>[(PhO)Ni(CF<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>] (**X**) in CD<sub>3</sub>CN at room temperature (top), **2** in CD<sub>3</sub>CN at -30°C (middle) and NMe<sub>4</sub>OPh in CD<sub>3</sub>CN at room temperature













**Figure S7.** Cyclic voltammogram of [NMe<sub>4</sub>]<sub>2</sub>[(PhO)Ni(CF<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>] (**2**, blue), [NMe<sub>4</sub>][PhO] (red), and [NMe<sub>4</sub>][(MeCN)Ni(CF<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>] (**1**, black) in MeCN. Complex, 10 mM; electrolyte, 100 mM [NBu<sub>4</sub>][PF<sub>6</sub>]; working and counter electrode, platinum; silver psuedoreference; scan rate 100 mVs<sup>-1</sup>.



**Figure S8.** Cyclic voltammogram of [NMe<sub>4</sub>]<sub>2</sub>[(7-azaindole)Ni(CF<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>] (**3**, blue), [K][7-azaindole] (red), and [NMe<sub>4</sub>][(MeCN)Ni(CF<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>] (**1**, black) in MeCN. Complex, 10 mM; electrolyte, 100 mM [NBu<sub>4</sub>][PF<sub>6</sub>]; working and counter electrode, platinum; silver psuedoreference; scan rate 100 mVs<sup>-1</sup>.



**Figure S9.** Cyclic voltammogram of first oxidation waves of [NMe<sub>4</sub>]<sub>2</sub>[(PhO)Ni(CF<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>] (**2**, black) and [NMe<sub>4</sub>]<sub>2</sub>[(7-azaindole)Ni(CF<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>] (**3**, blue) in MeCN. Complex, 10 mM; electrolyte, 100 mM [NBu<sub>4</sub>][PF<sub>6</sub>]; working and counter electrode, platinum; silver psuedoreference; scan rate 100 mVs<sup>-1</sup>.



**Figure S10.** Cyclic voltammogram (full spectrum) of [NMe<sub>4</sub>]<sub>2</sub>[(PhO)Ni(CF<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>] (**2**, black) and [NMe<sub>4</sub>]<sub>2</sub>[(7-azaindole)Ni(CF<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>] (**3**, blue) in MeCN. Complex, 10 mM; electrolyte, 100 mM [NBu<sub>4</sub>][PF<sub>6</sub>]; working and counter electrode, platinum; silver psuedoreference; scan rate 100 mVs<sup>-1</sup>.



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**Figure S11.** Preliminary X-ray Structure of Compound **3**. Structure has four independent molecules of **3**, two of which have unique disorders. A molecule of [NMe4]Cl is also co-crystallized, with the chlorine disordered over two sites. Data has been deposited as CCDC 2203186.







