

**Crystal structure of Δ -[Ru(bpy)₂dppz]²⁺ bound to mismatched
DNA reveals side-by-side metalloinsertion and intercalation**

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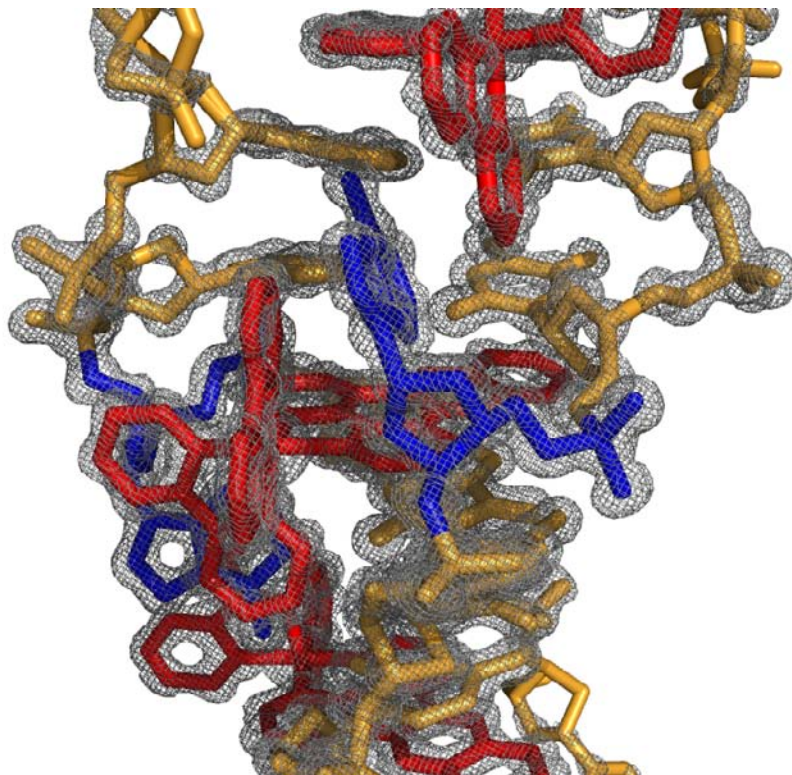
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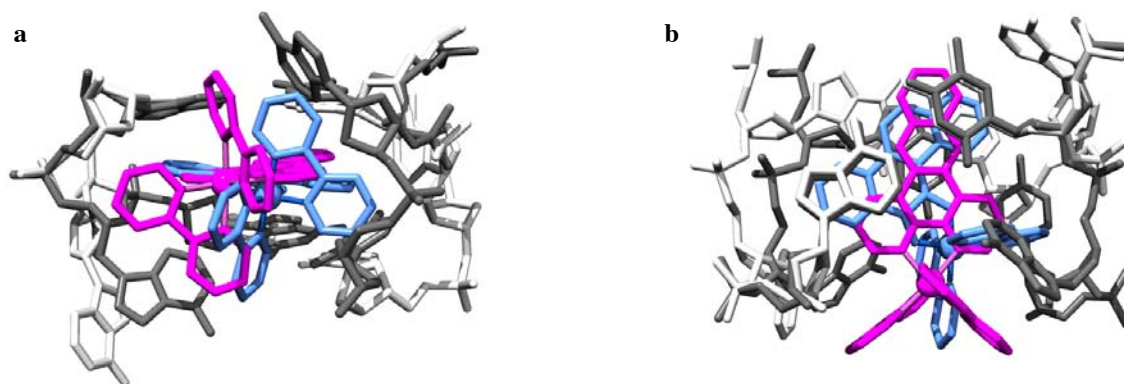
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Supplementary Figure S1. Representative electron density map of a metalloinsertion site.

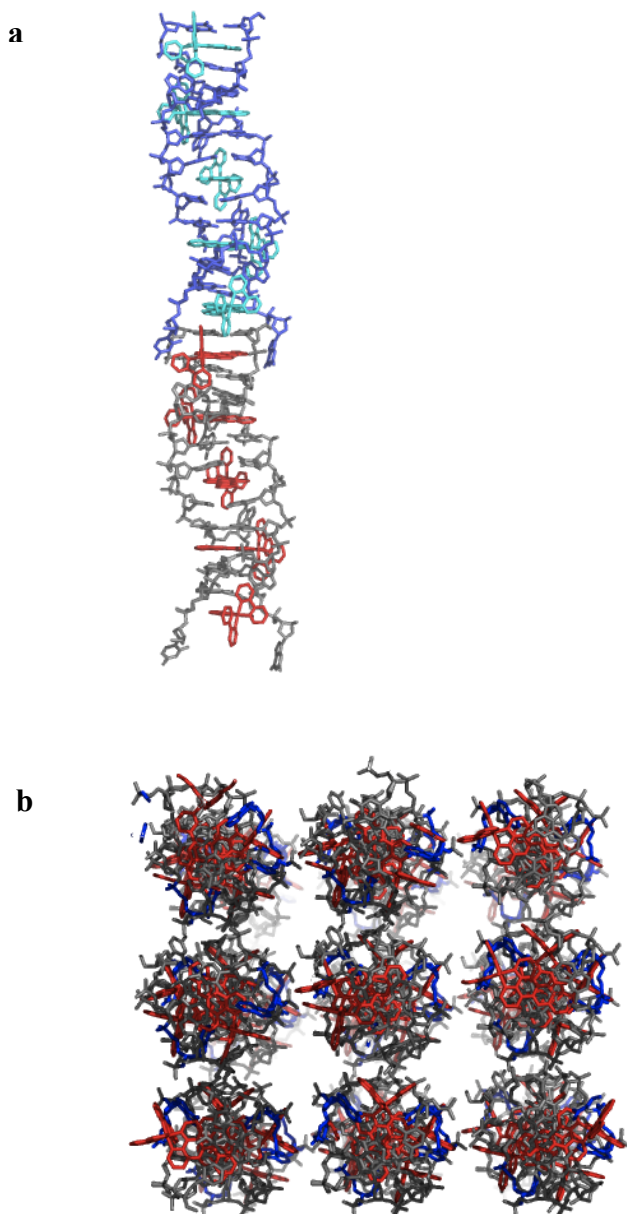
The extruded adenosines (blue) stack with two ancillary bpy ligands, one from the inserted ruthenium complex (red, middle) and the other from a neighboring intercalated complex (red, top and bottom).



Supplementary Figure S2. Comparison of metalloinsertion by Δ -[Ru(bpy)₂dppz]²⁺ (magenta, DNA in dark gray) and Δ -[Rh(bpy)₂chrysi]³⁺ (blue, DNA in light gray). **a**, View from the minor groove. **b**, View down the helical axis. The mismatch binding sites are superimposed using the top flanking AT base pair (PDB accession code of the rhodium structure: 3GSK).



Supplementary Figure S3. Crystal packing. **a**, Two crystallographically-related duplexes stack head-to-tail, forming a long rod along the helical axis. **b**, View down the helical axis shows that parallel rods do not have appreciable contact with each other in the crystal lattice.



Supplementary Table S1. Data collection and refinement statistics.

Data collection	
space group	<i>P</i> 1
cell dimensions	
a, b, c (Å)	24.039, 24.797, 37.521
α , β , γ (°)	74.669, 84.416, 76.208
wavelength	0.7749
Resolution*	36—0.92 (0.97—0.92)
R_{merge} *	0.030 (0.537)
R_{pim} *	0.018 (0.317)
$I/\sigma I$ *	20.0 (2.4)
completeness (%)*	82.7 (64.5)
redundancy	3.9
Refinement	
no. of reflections (anomalous)	46920 (92014)
$R_{\text{work}}/R_{\text{free}}$	0.140/0.149
rmsd for bond lengths (Å)	0.011
rmsd for bond angles (°)	1.62

*Highest-resolution shell is shown in parentheses.

Supplementary Table S2. Helical parameters of DNA conformation relating bases that comprise each base pair.^a

Base pair	Shear (Å)	Stretch (Å)	Stagger (Å)	Buckle (°)	Propeller (°)	Opening (°)	Sugar pucker
C ₁ -G ₁₂	0.2	-0.2	-0.4	0.6	20.2	-1.1	C2'-endo, C1'-exo
G ₂ -C ₁₁	-0.2	-0.2	-0.4	-8.1	3.2	-0.6	C3'-exo, C2'-endo
G ₃ -C ₁₀	-0.2	-0.2	-0.2	14.9	19.6	-2.4	C2'-endo, C2'-endo
A ₅ -T ₈	0.2	0.0	-0.7	-7.1	28.0	7.7	C2'-endo, C1'-exo
A ₆ -T ₇	0.1	0.0	0.0	21.5	10.4	-2.2	C2'-endo, O4'-endo
T ₇ -A ₆	-0.2	-0.2	0.0	-18.0	9.2	-0.7	O4'-endo, C1'-exo
T ₈ -A ₅	-0.1	-0.1	-0.2	15.8	13.6	9.8	C1'-exo, C2'-endo
C ₁₀ -G ₃	0.3	-0.2	0.1	-16.6	23.7	-1.5	C2'-endo, C1'-exo
C ₁₁ -G ₂	0.2	-0.1	-0.2	6.4	10.0	-0.3	C1'-exo, C3'-exo
B-DNA	0	0.1	0.1	0.1	4.1	-4.1	C2'-endo

^aData were calculated using 3DNA.