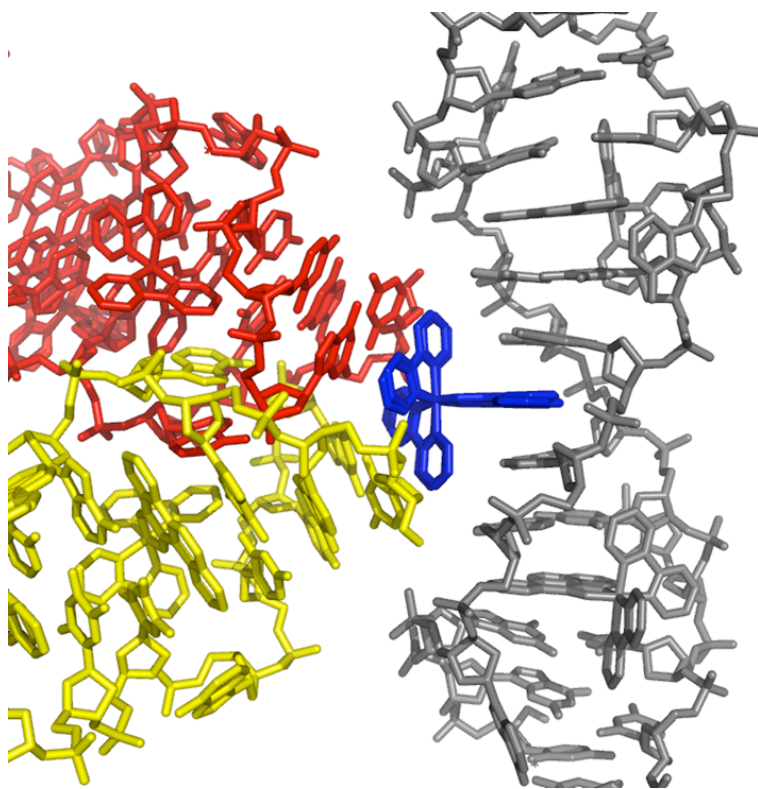


## Supporting Information

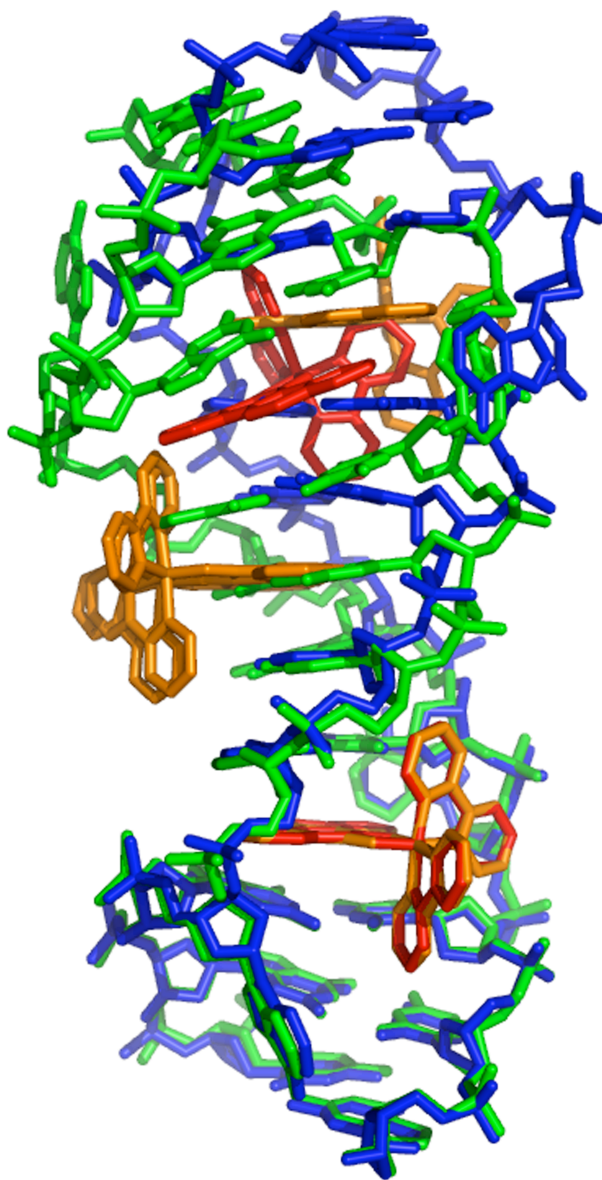
### **A Bulky Rhodium Complex Bound to an Adenosine-Adenosine DNA Mismatch: General Architecture of the Metalloinsertion Binding Mode<sup>†</sup>**

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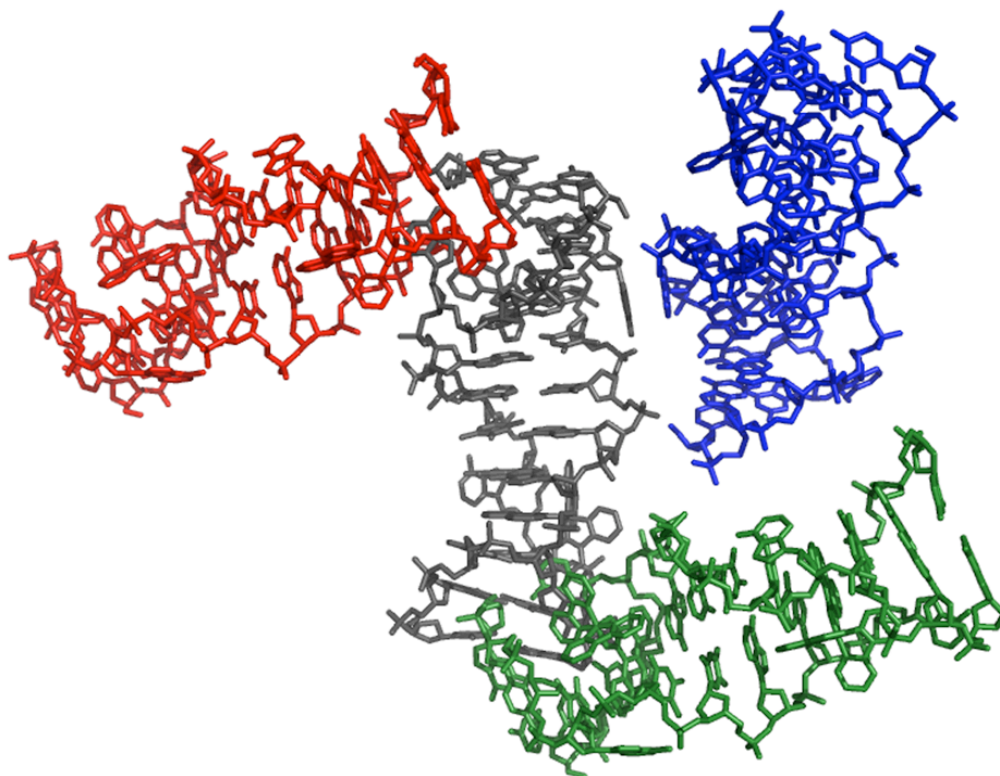
**Figure S1.** Crystal packing at the  $\text{Rh}(\text{bpy})_2(\text{chrysi})^{3+}$  intercalation site in structure **2**.



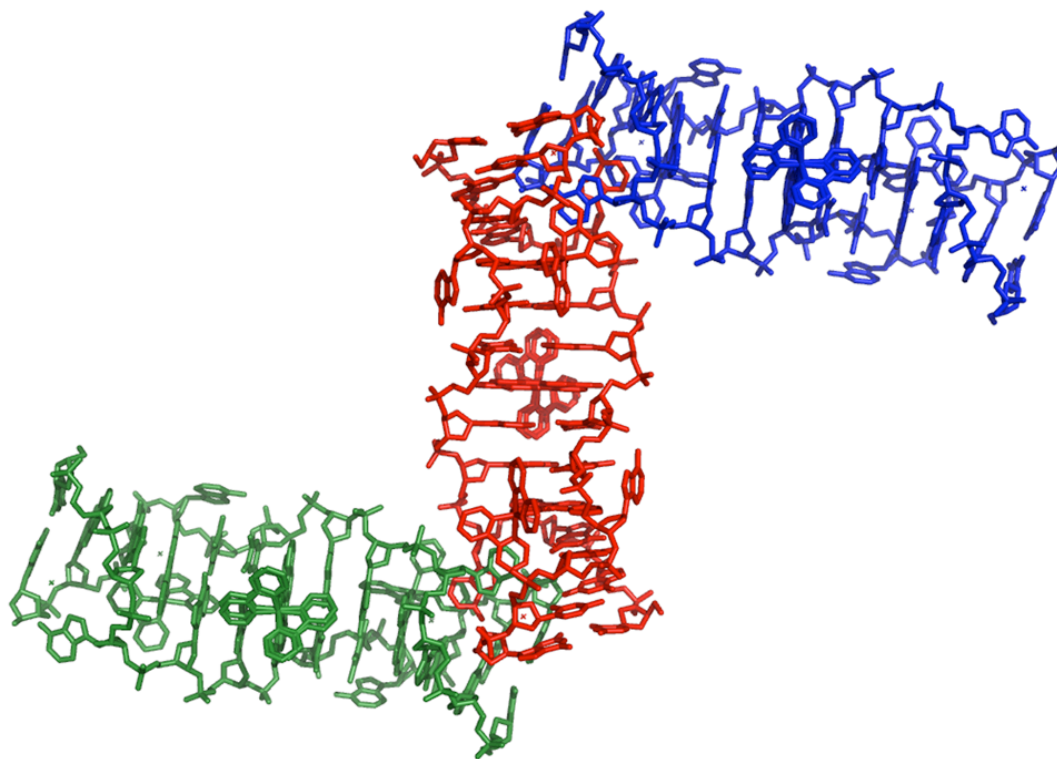
**Figure S2.** Superposition of entire duplex of structures **1** (green) and **2** (blue), illustrating the slight bending of the duplex in structure **1** relative to that in structure **2**.



**Figure S3.** Interhelical stacking interactions for the ejected adenosines of a single duplex in structure **1**.



**Figure S4.** Interhelical stacking interactions for the ejected adenosines of a single duplex in structure 2.



**Supplementary Table 1.** DNA helical parameters<sup>a</sup> relating consecutive base pairs of structure **2**.<sup>b</sup>

<b>Base-pair</b>	<b>Shift (Å)</b>	<b>Slide (Å)</b>	<b>Rise (Å)</b>	<b>Tilt (°)</b>	<b>Roll (°)</b>	<b>Twist (°)</b>
<b>CG/CG</b>	1.1	2.2	3.0	11.0	2.8	40.0
<b>GG/CC</b>	-0.4	2.7	3.3	-6.0	6.1	34.8
<b>GA/TC</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>AA/TT</b>	-0.8	0.8	3.3	0.4	4.3	32.2
<b>AT/AT</b>	0.0	-0.2	7.1	0.0	-10.4	27.3
<b>TT/AA</b>	0.8	0.8	3.3	0.4	4.3	32.2
<b>TC/GA</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>CC/GG</b>	0.4	2.7	3.3	6.0	6.1	34.8
<b>CG/CG</b>	-1.1	2.2	3.0	-11.0	2.8	40.0
<b>B-DNA</b>	-0.1	-0.8	3.3	-1.3	-3.6	36

<sup>a</sup> Geometrical relationships between consecutive base pairs: shift, translation into the groove; slide, translation toward the phosphodiester backbone; rise, translation along the helix axis; tilt, rotation about the pseudo-twofold axis relating the DNA strands; roll, rotation about a vector between the C1' atoms; and twist, rotation about the helix axis.

<sup>b</sup> Data were calculated by using the program 3DNA.<sup>30</sup>

**Supplementary Table 2.** DNA helical parameters<sup>a</sup> of base pairs of structure 2.<sup>b</sup>

<b>Base-pair</b>	<b>Shear (Å)</b>	<b>Stretch (Å)</b>	<b>Stagger (Å)</b>	<b>Buckle (°)</b>	<b>Propeller (°)</b>	<b>Opening (°)</b>	<b>Sugar pucker</b>
<b>C-G</b>	0.0	-0.3	0.8	-16.2	-2.4	-4.9	C2'-endo
<b>G-C</b>	-0.2	-0.3	0.0	3.4	1.4	-2.1	C2'-endo
<b>G-C</b>	-0.3	-0.1	0.5	18.0	-6.0	0.2	C2'-endo
<b><u>A-A</u></b>	-	-	-	-	-	-	C2'-endo
<b>A-T</b>	-0.1	-0.1	0.1	-1.3	8.6	5.1	C2'-endo
<b>A-T</b>	0.1	-0.2	0.2	7.3	-6.9	1.2	C2'-endo
<b>T-A</b>	-0.1	-0.2	0.2	-7.3	-6.9	1.2	C2'-endo
<b>T-A</b>	0.1	-0.1	0.1	1.3	8.6	5.1	C2'-endo
<b><u>A-A</u></b>	-	-	-	-	-	-	C2'-endo
<b>C-G</b>	0.3	-0.1	0.5	-18.0	-6.0	0.2	C2'-endo
<b>C-G</b>	0.2	-0.3	0.0	-3.4	1.4	-2.1	C2'-endo
<b>G-C</b>	0.0	-0.3	0.8	16.2	-2.4	-4.9	C2'-endo
<b>B-DNA</b>	0	0.1	0.1	0.1	4.1	-4.1	C2'-endo

<sup>a</sup> Relationships between the bases that compose the pair, in directions that correspond with those of Table 2.

<sup>b</sup> Data were calculated by using the program 3DNA.<sup>30</sup>