## **Supporting Information**

## $O^2$ -Functionalized Methylamine Diazeniumdiolates: Evidence for $E \longrightarrow Z$ Equilibration in an Acyclic System

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**Dynamic NMR Experiments.** Data used to derive the rate of exchange involving the anion and its conjugate acid were recorded on a 400 MHz NMR spectrometer. Samples were prepared in  $D_2O$  and the pD was adjusted to 3, 7, and 13 using NaOD and/or DCl.





**Figure S1.** UV spectrum of **13** ( $\lambda_{max} = 241 \text{ nm}$ ) in pH 7.4 buffer.



Figure S2. UV spectrum of 13 ( $\lambda_{max}$  = 278 nm) in 1 M NaOH solution.



**Figure S3.** UV spectrum of **13** ( $\lambda_{max}$  = 241 and 278 nm) in pH 11.7 buffer.

LC/MS Analysis. A mixture of the two isomeric forms of 13 was injected on a HPLC, and the separations were performed on a reverse phase C18 column (3  $\mu$ m, 2.1x150 mm), with a water-acetonitrile 90:10 mobile phase and a flow rate of 0.2 mL/min. The solvent line was split prior to entering the mass spectrometer. High resolution mass spectra (HRMS) were recorded on an Accurate-Mass quadrupole time-of-flight (Q-TOF) mass spectrometer. Positive ions were generated using electrospray ionization (ESI) with a capillary voltage of 3500 V, a fragmenter voltage of 175 V, and a nebulizer pressure of 25 psi.



**Figure S4**. Equilibration of compound **13** between two isomeric forms that is partially separable by HPLC. **Panel A** is an HPLC trace illustrating the partial separation, with the shaded area representing the portion of the eluate richest in the smaller component; this portion was collected at 0 °C and immediately reinjected to obtain the chromatogram of **Panel B**, showing re-equilibration. **Panel C**, same as **A** except that the eluate that was collected cold and immediately reinjected (shaded area) was enriched in the major isomer. **D**, as in the experiment of **Panel B**, the resulting HPLC trace showed complete re-equilibration. Each trace is an extracted ion chromatogram, *m*/*z* 120.077. Photodiode array detector responses confirm that the two peaks in each chromatogram also had identical ultraviolet spectra ( $\lambda_{max} = 240$  nm).

Peak 1

		m/z 🗠	lon	Formula	Abundance									
3-	•	120.07682	(M+H)+	C3 H10 N3 O2	24124.2									
		Best	Formula (M)	Ion Formula	m/z	Calc m/z	Mass	Calc Mass	Abs Diff (pp	Score V	Mass Match	Abund Match	Spacing Match	DBE
	÷	<b>V</b>	C3 H9 N3 O2	C3 H10 N3 O2	120.07682	120.07675	119.06954	119.06948	0.57	87.58	99.94	87.77	62.65	1

Peak 2

		m/z △	lon	Formula	Abundance									
		120.07692	(M+H)+	C3 H10 N3 O2	62731.2									
		Best	Formula (M)	Ion Formula	m/z	Calc m/z	Mass	Calc Mass	Abs Diff (pp	Score V	Mass Match	Abund Match	Spacing Match	DBE
Ð	-		C3 H9 N3 O2	C3 H10 N3 O2	120.07692	120.07675	119.06965	119.06948	1.42	99.2	99.6	98.45	99.28	1
		m/z △	lon	Formula	Abundance									
÷		142.05889	(M+Na)+	C3 H9 N3 Na O2	2241.5									
		Best	Formula (M)	Ion Formula	m/z	Calc m/z	Mass	Calc Mass	Abs Diff (pp	Score V	Mass Match	Abund Match	Spacing Match	DBE
Ð	-		C3 H9 N3 O2	C3 H9 N3 Na O2	142.05889	142.0587	119.06967	119.06948	1.63	47.39	99.52	0	0	1

**Figure S5.** Molecular formula calculations from the  $[M+H]^+$  ion in peak 1 and both the  $[M+H]^+$  and  $[M+Na]^+$  ions in peak 2 of Figure S13. These calculations confirm that both peaks in the chromatograms of **13** have the same molecular formula,  $C_3H_9N_3O_2$ .



**Figure S6.** Extracted ion chromatogram of the ion of m/z 142.058 in the spectrum of **13**, which is the  $[M+Na]^+$  ion detected in peak 2. This analysis shows that only peak 2 formed detectable sodium adducts.

Single-crystal X-ray Diffraction Analysis of Z-4. Single-crystal X-ray diffraction data on Z-4 were collected at 100 K using MoKα radiation ( $\lambda = 0.71073$  Å) and a CCD area detector. The sample was prepared for data collection by coating with high viscosity microscope oil. The oil-coated crystal was mounted on a MicroMesh mount and transferred immediately to the diffractometer. The 0.618 x 0.514 x 0.277 mm<sup>3</sup> crystal was monoclinic in space group *P*2<sub>1/c</sub> with unit cell dimensions *a* = 22.122(4) Å, *b* = 5.3670(10) Å, *c* = 16.713(3) Å, and β = 112.172(4) °. Corrections were applied for Lorentz, polarization, and absorption effects. The structure was solved by direct methods and refined by full-matrix least squares on *F*<sup>2</sup> values. using appropriate programs. Parameters refined included atomic coordinates and anisotropic thermal parameters for all non-hydrogen atoms. Hydrogen atoms on carbons were included using a riding model [coordinate shifts of C applied to H atoms] with C-H distance set at 0.96 Å. The asymmetric unit contained a single molecule. Data were 96.3% complete to 25.00° θ. The asymmetric unit contains two molecules.

Empirical formula	$C_8H_{11}N_3O_2$							
Formula weight	181.20	181.20						
Temperature	100(2) K	100(2) K						
Wavelength	0.71073 Å	0.71073 Å						
Crystal system	Monoclinic	Monoclinic						
Space group	P 2 <sub>1/c</sub>	P 2 <sub>1/c</sub>						
Unit cell dimensions	a = 22.122(4)  Å	$\alpha = 90^{\circ}$						
	b = 5.3670(10)  Å	β=112.172(4)°						
	c = 16.713(3)  Å	$\gamma = 90^{\circ}$						
Volume	1837.6(6) Å <sup>3</sup>							
Z	8							
Density (calculated)	1.310 Mg/m <sup>3</sup>							
Absorption coefficient	0.097 mm <sup>-1</sup>							
F(000)	768							

Table S1. Crystal data and structure refinement for Z-4.

Crystal size  $\theta$  range for data collection Index ranges Reflections collected Independent reflections Completeness to  $\theta = 25.00^{\circ}$ Absorption correction Max. and min. transmission Refinement method Data / restraints / parameters Goodness-of-fit on F<sup>2</sup> Final R indices [I>2 $\sigma$ (I)] R indices (all data) Largest diff. peak and hole 0.618 x 0.514 x 0.277 mm<sup>3</sup> 8.18 to 25.35° -26<=h<=26, -6<=k<=6, -20<=l<=20 19649 3249 [R(int) = 0.0574] 96.3 % Semi-empirical from equivalents 0.9736 and 0.9425 Full-matrix least-squares on F<sup>2</sup> 3249 / 156 / 237 1.083 R1 = 0.0451, wR2 = 0.1089 R1 = 0.0527, wR2 = 0.1105 0.423 and -0.440 e.Å<sup>-3</sup>



**Figure S7**. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra of compound **7** in CDCl<sub>3</sub> at 25 °C.



**Figure S8.** <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra of compound **7** in CDCl<sub>3</sub> at 25 °C.



**Figure S9.** <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra of compound **8** in CDCl<sub>3</sub> at 25 °C.



**Figure S10.** <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra of compound **8** in CDCl<sub>3</sub> at 25 °C.



Figure S11. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of an equilibrium mixture of compounds Z-4 and E-4 in CDCl<sub>3</sub> at 25 °C.



Figure S12. <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of an equilibrium mixture of compounds Z-4 and E-4 in CDCl<sub>3</sub> at 25 °C.



Figure S13. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of compound 10 in CDCl<sub>3</sub> at 25 °C.



**Figure S13.** <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of compound **10** in CDCl<sub>3</sub> at 25 °C.



**Figure S15.** <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of compound **11** in CDCl<sub>3</sub> at 25 °C.



Figure S16. <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of compound 11 in CDCl<sub>3</sub> at 25 °C.



Figure S17. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of an equilibrium mixture of compounds Z-13 and E-13 in  $CDCl_3$  at 25 °C.



Figure S18. <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of an equilibrium mixture of compounds Z-13 and E-13 in CDCl<sub>3</sub> at 25 °C.

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