

Diastereoselective synthesis and two-step photocleavage of ruthenium polypyridyl complexes bearing a bithioether ligand

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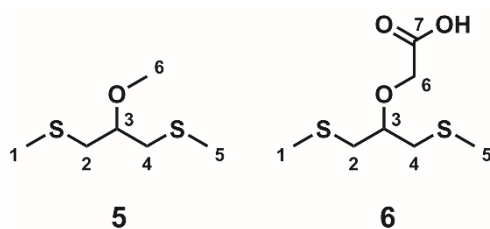
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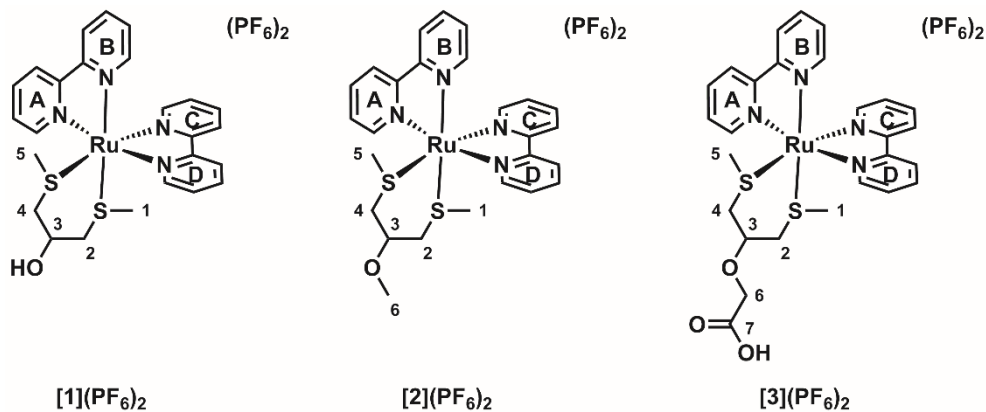
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2) Atom numbering schemes used for NMR attribution



Scheme S1. Structural formulas of compounds 5, and 6, showing the atom numbering used in NMR attribution.



Scheme S2. Structural formulas of compounds [1](PF₆)₂, [2](PF₆)₂, and [3](PF₆)₂, showing the atom numbering used in NMR attribution.

3) Photosubstitution quantum yields of [1–3](PF₆)₂ under blue-light irradiation

Table S1. Conditions of the photoreactions monitored by UV-Vis absorption spectroscopy and MS.

Entry	Complex	Solvent	[Ru] / μM	λ _{exc} / nm	q _p / mol·s ⁻¹	t / min
1	[1](PF ₆) ₂	H ₂ O	72	443	2.65 × 10 ⁻⁸	120
2	[2](PF ₆) ₂	H ₂ O	181	443	2.85 × 10 ⁻⁸	120
3	[3](PF ₆) ₂	H ₂ O	99	443	2.85 × 10 ⁻⁸	120

Data treatment and quantum yield calculation: For a photosubstitution reaction in which a starting complex, **R**, is converted into a photoproduct, **P**, by the substitution of a ligand for one of more solvent molecules, the photosubstitution quantum yield, Φ_λ, can be directly calculated from the first-order photochemical rate constant, k_Φ, derived directly from a mono-exponential fit of the change to the UV-Vis absorption spectrum at a certain wavelength *versus* time, if the following conditions are met:

- both the reagent **R** and the photoproduct **P** are thermally stable, and have significantly different UV-Vis absorption spectra;
- the photosubstituted ligand and the incoming solvent molecule do not absorb light at the irradiation wavelength, nor at the fitted wavelength;
- the photochemical reaction is an (apparent) single step photoreaction;
- irradiation is performed at a wavelength near the isosbestic point of the photoreaction, i.e. where the absorbance of the solution is constant throughout the photoreaction.

Under these circumstances, k_Φ can be converted into the photosubstitution quantum yield, Φ_λ, using Equation S1:

$$\Phi_{\lambda} = \frac{k_{\Phi} \cdot n_{\mathbf{R}}}{q_{\mathbf{p}} \cdot (1 - 10^{-A_{\lambda}})} \quad \text{Equation (S1)}$$

where, k_Φ is the found photochemical rate constant, n_R is the amount of reagent at the start of the reaction, q_p is the incoming photon flux, and A_λ is the absorbance at the irradiation wavelength.

If the final condition (d) set above is not met, i.e. the irradiation is performed at a wavelength that is not an isosbestic point, the photosubstitution quantum yield can be calculated following a method discussed previously in detail by Bahreman and Bonnet.¹ Here, Φ_λ can be obtained from the slope of a plot of the number of mol of **R** (n_R) vs. the total number of mol of photons absorbed by **R** (Q_{i,R}) between t = t₀ and t = t_i. Thus, Q_{i,R} is calculated according to Equation S2:

$$Q_{i,\mathbf{R}}(t) = \sum_{t=0}^i q_{i,\mathbf{R}} \quad \text{Equation (S2)}$$

where q_{i,R} is the moles of photons absorbed by **R** between two consecutive UV-Vis absorption measurements at t_{i+1} and t_i (Δt = t_{i+1} - t_i). Assuming that absorbance is constant in this time interval Δt, q_{i,R} can be calculated according to Equation S3:

$$q_{i,\mathbf{R}} = \left(\frac{(A_{\mathbf{R}})_{\text{ave}}}{(A_{\text{tot}})_{\text{ave}}} \right)_i \cdot (1 - 10^{-3 \cdot (A_{\text{tot}})_{\text{ave}}}) \cdot q_{\mathbf{p}} \cdot \Delta t \quad \text{Equation (S3)}$$

where $(A_{\mathbf{R}})_{\text{ave}}$ is the average absorbance of \mathbf{R} between two consecutive UV-Vis absorption measurements, $(A_{\text{tot}})_{\text{ave}}$ is the average total absorbance of the solution at the irradiation wavelength between the same consecutive UV-Vis absorption measurements, q_{p} is the photon flux of the irradiation source at the irradiation wavelength, and $(1 - 10^{-3 \cdot (A_{\text{tot}})_{\text{ave}}})$ is the probability of absorption of a photon. The multiplication factor 3 is necessary as irradiation is performed from the top of the 1.0×1.0 cm cuvette through 3 mL of solution, resulting in a 3 cm pathlength of irradiation, compared to a 1 cm pathlength for the measurement of absorbances (performed from the side of the cuvette).

The value of $n_{\mathbf{R}}$, and by extension $(A_{\mathbf{R}})_{\text{ave}}$, is typically calculated by the two-wavelength method, where the time evolution of the concentrations of the two absorbing species (\mathbf{R} and \mathbf{P}) is obtained by following the time evolution of the absorbance at two different wavelengths, using the molar extinction coefficients (ϵ) of the two species at these wavelengths.¹

In this work, however, we discussed several sequential two-step photosubstitution reactions, following the general equation $\mathbf{R} \rightarrow \mathbf{I} \rightarrow \mathbf{P}$, whereby both conditions (c) and (d) above are not met. As the intermediate species (\mathbf{I}) in the photoreaction cannot be isolated and is thermally unstable, its molar extinction coefficients (ϵ) is not known. Thus, the two-wavelength method cannot be used to calculate the time evolution of the concentrations of species \mathbf{R} , \mathbf{I} and \mathbf{P} in time.

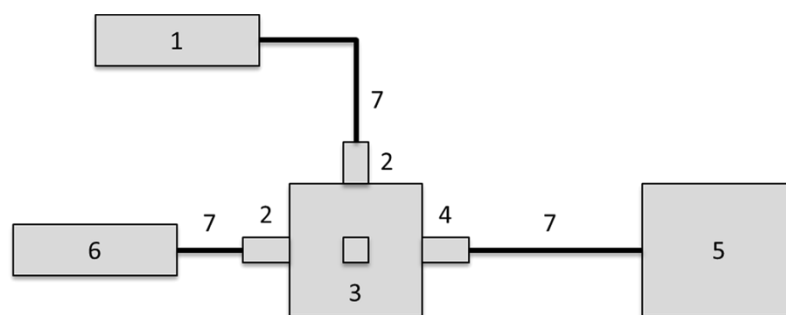
In this case, we performed a global fitting of the time-dependent evolution of the UV-Vis absorption spectra, using the Glotaran software package.² Using this approach, we obtained both the fitted UV-Vis absorption spectra of species \mathbf{R} , \mathbf{I} and \mathbf{P} , as well as the time-evolution of the relative concentrations (Figure S15B for the photosubstitution of $[\mathbf{1}](\text{PF}_6)_2$ in water). Using the known molar extinction coefficients of the starting compound \mathbf{R} , we calculated the molar extinction coefficients of \mathbf{I} and \mathbf{P} (Figure S15A), and the total concentration of ruthenium $n_{\mathbf{R},t=0}$. From the time evolution of the relative concentrations and the molar absorption coefficient of all species, we could derive the time evolution of $n_{\mathbf{R}}$, $n_{\mathbf{I}}$, and $n_{\mathbf{P}}$, as well as $Q_{i,\mathbf{R}}$ and $Q_{i,\mathbf{I}}$, the total number of mol of photons absorbed between $t = t_0$ and $t = t_i$ by \mathbf{R} and \mathbf{I} , respectively. The slope of the plot of $n_{\mathbf{R}}$ vs. $Q_{i,\mathbf{R}}$ (Figure S15C) gives the quantum yield of the first step of the reaction. Similarly, the slope of the plot of $n_{\mathbf{P}}$ vs. $Q_{i,\mathbf{I}}$ (Figure S15D) gives the quantum yield of the second step of the reaction.

Notably, in the global fitting performed using the Glotaran software package, we employed a sequential first-order kinetic model, which assumes that both reactions are first order reactions, i.e. only dependent of the concentration of the reacting species. This first-order approximation for photochemical reactions is only valid at wavelengths where the probability of absorbance does not change significantly over time, i.e. at the isosbestic point. As the reactions studied here are sequential two-step reactions, they have sequential, non-overlapping isosbestic points (Figure S15A), which prevents us from irradiating the solution at a point where the probability of absorbance does not change during both steps. Although the reactions studied here do therefore not strictly fulfil all the requirements for the application of a first-order kinetic model, we found that such a model fits the data well, as long as the molar extinction coefficients of the species involved are not too different at the irradiation wavelength. The slight deviation from linearity in Figure S15C and Figure S15D may be related to the use of this first-order approximation.

Kinetic data for the photosubstitution of $[\mathbf{2}](\text{PF}_6)_2$ and $[\mathbf{3}](\text{PF}_6)_2$ in water are shown in Figure S16 and Figure S17.

4) Singlet oxygen generation and phosphorescence quantum yield of [1-3](PF₆)₂

The quantum yields of singlet oxygen generation and phosphorescence were determined in a custom-built setup (Scheme S3). All optical parts were connected with optical fibres from Avantes, with a diameter of 200–600 μm. 500 μL of sample, consisting of the compound in deuterated methanol, was added to a 104F-OS semi-micro fluorescence cuvette from Hellma Analytics, and placed in a CUV-UV/VIS-TC temperature-controlled cuvette holder (Avantes). Temperature control was performed with the use of a TC-125 controller from Quantum Northwest. The sample was allowed to equilibrate at 298 K for 5 minutes. Emission spectroscopy was performed with a 450 nm fibre-coupled laser (LRD-0450, Laserglow), which was set to 50 mW at the cuvette (4 mm beam diameter; 0.4 W·cm⁻²) at a 90° angle with respect to the spectrometer. The excitation power was measured using a S310C thermal sensor connected to a PM100USB power meter (Thorlabs). The emission spectra were recorded using two separate spectrometers for the UV-Vis and NIR emission, i.e. from 300 nm to 1000 nm for the phosphorescence of the complex (Avantes 2048L StarLine spectrometer) and from 1000 nm to 1700 nm for the phosphorescence of singlet oxygen (¹Δ_g) around 1275 nm (Avantes NIR256-1.7TEC spectrometer, detector set to -12 °C). Both spectrometers were calibrated using an Avalight-HAL-CAL-ISP30 NIST traceable calibration lamp from Avantes directly before the measurement. The infrared emission spectrum was acquired within 9 seconds, after which the laser was turned off directly. Similarly, the visible emission spectrum was acquired within 2 seconds. UV-Vis absorption spectra before and after emission spectroscopy were measured using an Avalight-DHc halogen-deuterium lamp (Avantes) as light source (turned off during emission spectroscopy) and the before mentioned UV-Vis spectrometer as detector, both connected to the cuvette holder at a 180° angle. All spectra were recorded using Avasoft 8.5 software from Avantes and further processed using Microsoft Office Excel 2010 and Origin Pro 9.1 software.



Scheme S3. Setup used for singlet oxygen generation and phosphorescence quantum yield experiments. (1) CW laser light source, (2) collimating lens, (3) temperature-controlled cuvette holder. (4) double collimator, (5) UV-Vis (300–1000 nm) or NIR (1000–1700 nm) CCD spectrometer, (6) UV-Vis halogen-deuterium light source, and (7) optical fibres.

The quantum yields of phosphorescence and singlet oxygen production was calculated using the relative method with [Ru(bpy)₃]Cl₂ as the standard ($\Phi_{\Delta} = 0.73$,^{3,4} $\Phi_{\text{P}} = 0.015$ in CD₃OD), according to Equation S4. The phosphorescence quantum yield of [Ru(bpy)₃]Cl₂ in CD₃OD was determined by absolute methods (see below).

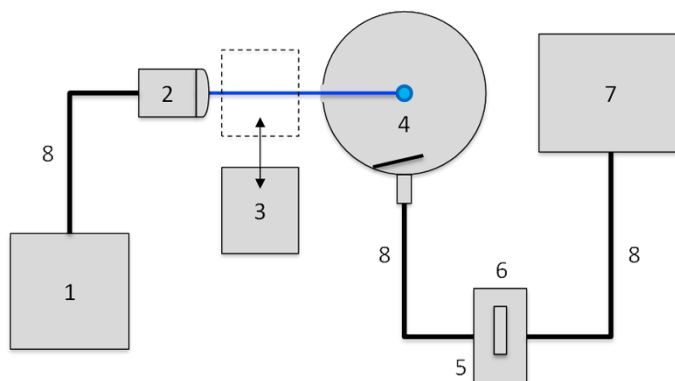
$$\Phi_{\text{sam}} = \Phi_{\text{std}} \times \frac{A_{\text{std}}^{450}}{A_{\text{sam}}^{450}} \times \frac{E_{\text{sam}}}{E_{\text{std}}} \quad \text{Equation (S4)}$$

where Φ is the quantum yield, A^{450} is the absorbance at 450 nm (always kept below 0.1 for a 4 mm path length), E is the integrated emission peak of singlet oxygen at 1270 nm or the integrated phosphorescence emission peak between 520 and 950 nm, and *sam* and *std* denote the sample and standard, respectively.

5) Absolute phosphorescence quantum yield of [Ru(bpy)₃]Cl₂

The phosphorescence quantum yield (Φ_P) of [Ru(bpy)₃]Cl₂ in deuterated methanol in air at room temperature (293 ± 2 K) was determined by absolute methods using an integrating sphere-based setup, to serve as a standard for relative phosphorescence quantum yield measurements. Φ_P was found to be 0.015 ± 0.002 . In order to validate the method used, Φ_P was also determined in water, where we obtained a Φ_P in air of 0.044 ± 0.005 , which compares well to the literature value (0.040 ± 0.002).⁵

Experimental setup: The integrating sphere setup used for determining the phosphorescence quantum yield is depicted in Scheme S4. The excitation source was a fibre-coupled CW 450-nm diode laser (LRD-0450, Laserglow), coupled into a 200- μm multimode optical fibre, leading to a collimating lens (F220SMA-B, Thorlabs). After collimation, the light passed a mechanical iris to produce a 4-mm diameter beam (*vide infra*) with 10 mW optical power ($P_{\text{exc}} = 80 \text{ mW}\cdot\text{cm}^{-2}$). The excitation power was measured using a S310C thermal sensor connected to a PM100USB power meter (Thorlabs). A PTFE-coated AvaSphere-30-IRRAD integrating sphere (30 mm diameter, reflectance $> 98\%$), fitted with three ports (entry, exit and sample port), and an AvaSpec-ULS2048L StarLine CCD spectrometer were obtained from Avantes. The integrating sphere and spectrometer were calibrated together using an Avalight-HAL-CAL-ISP30 NIST traceable calibration lamp from Avantes (9.5% relative uncertainty *versus* NIST standard), so that the observed intensities are expressed as a photon flux ($\text{mol photons}\cdot\text{s}^{-1}\cdot\text{nm}^{-1}$). The filter holder was fabricated by our own mechanical department, and held a NE520A (OD = 2) absorptive neutral density filter (Thorlabs) or a 500-nm longpass filter (FEL0500, Thorlabs, $T_{520-1000 \text{ nm}} = 92.1 \pm 0.9\%$). An Avalight-DHc (Avantes) deuterium-halogen lamp was used as a white-light source for the determination of the transmission functions of the filters used. The spectra were recorded with Avasoft 8.5 software from Avantes, and further processed with Microsoft Office Excel 2010 and Origin Pro 9.1 software.



Scheme S4. Setup used for absolute quantum yield measurements. (1) laser source, (2) collimating lens, and mechanical iris, (3) power meter (adjustable in position), (4) integrating sphere with sample tube in the centre, (5) filter holder, (6) 500-nm longpass filter or OD2 neutral density filter, (7) CCD spectrometer, (8) optical fibres.

Experimental procedure: A measurement tube, made of a quartz EPR-tube bottom (± 7 cm length) fused to a NS-14 glass connector (± 2 cm length), was filled with a solution of [Ru(bpy)₃]Cl₂ (50 μL , 50 μM in CD₃OD), and closed with a septum under air. A second tube was filled with CD₃OD (50 μL) and served as the blank. The tube precisely fitted into a hole made in the integrating sphere, and was suspended in the centre of the sphere, in the middle of the excitation laser beam. The laser diode was allowed to warm up for 10 minutes prior to the experiment to guarantee a stable optical power output. The measurements were always performed in the same order, i.e. (1) absorption measurement of the blank, (2) absorption measurement of the sample, and (3) emission measurement of the sample. In this way, the neutral density filter is not moved between the measurement of the blank and sample, ensuring equal attenuation of the non-absorbed excitation light for both spectra. Equally, the sample

is not moved between the measurement of its absorption and emission. For the absorption measurements, the neutral density filter was placed in the filter, and replaced by the 500-nm longpass filter for the emission measurement.

Quantum yield calculation method: The phosphorescence quantum yield (Φ_P) is defined by Equation S5:

$$\Phi_P = \frac{q_{p-em}}{q_{p-abs}} = \frac{\int_{\lambda_1}^{\lambda_2} I_P(\lambda) d\lambda}{\int_{\lambda_3}^{\lambda_4} (I_{exc-blank}(\lambda) - I_{exc-sample}(\lambda)) d\lambda} \quad \text{Equation (S5)}$$

Here, q_{p-em} is the emission photon flux (in photons \cdot s $^{-1}$) integrated over the spectral range λ_1 to λ_2 (520–950 nm), q_{p-abs} is the photon flux absorbed by the ruthenium complex (in photons \cdot s $^{-1}$), and $I_P(\lambda)$ is the spectral luminescence intensity (in photons \cdot s $^{-1}\cdot$ nm $^{-1}$). q_{p-abs} is determined by subtracting the spectral light intensity of the excitation source that has passed through the sample ($I_{exc-sample}$, in photons \cdot s $^{-1}\cdot$ nm $^{-1}$) from the spectral light intensity of the excitation source that has passed through the blank sample ($I_{exc-blank}$, in photons \cdot s $^{-1}\cdot$ nm $^{-1}$), and by integrating over the excitation wavelength range λ_3 to λ_4 (400–500 nm).

The spectrometer and the integrating sphere were calibrated so that the observed intensities are directly proportional to the photon flux, i.e. $I_P(\lambda) \propto [\text{mol photons}\cdot\text{s}^{-1}\cdot\text{nm}^{-1}]$. Therefore, integrating these values over the relevant wavelength regions directly provided the flux of photons that arrived at the spectrometer.

Because the intensity of the emitted light is relatively low compared to that of the exciting laser source the absorption and emission of the sample cannot be measured at the same time. In other words, the laser light saturates the spectrometer, which prevents the emission to be measured simultaneously. To circumvent this problem, the absorption was measured using a neutral density filter with known transmittance (typically $F_{attn} \approx 0.0062$, i.e. $\sim 99.4\%$ attenuation). This filter was placed between the integrating sphere and the spectrometer to measure the absorbed photon flux. The data was corrected for the attenuation by the neutral density filter ($F_{attn}(\lambda)$) at each wavelength. For the measurement of the emission, this filter was replaced by a longpass filter (> 500 nm) to remove the excitation light. Additionally, the intensity of the emission measured was corrected for the minimal absorbance of this light by the shortpass filter used. This was performed by dividing the luminescence intensity at each wavelength by the transmission curve $T(\lambda)$ of the longpass filter at this wavelength. The accordingly corrected equation for Φ_{UC} is Equation S6:

$$\Phi_P = \frac{\int_{\lambda_1}^{\lambda_2} \left(\frac{I_P(\lambda)}{T(\lambda)} \right) d\lambda}{\int_{\lambda_3}^{\lambda_4} \frac{I_{exc-blank}(\lambda) - I_{exc-sample}(\lambda)}{F_{attn}(\lambda)} d\lambda} \equiv \frac{q_{p-em}}{q_{p-abs}} \quad \text{Equation (S6)}$$

6) DFT-minimized structures: comparison

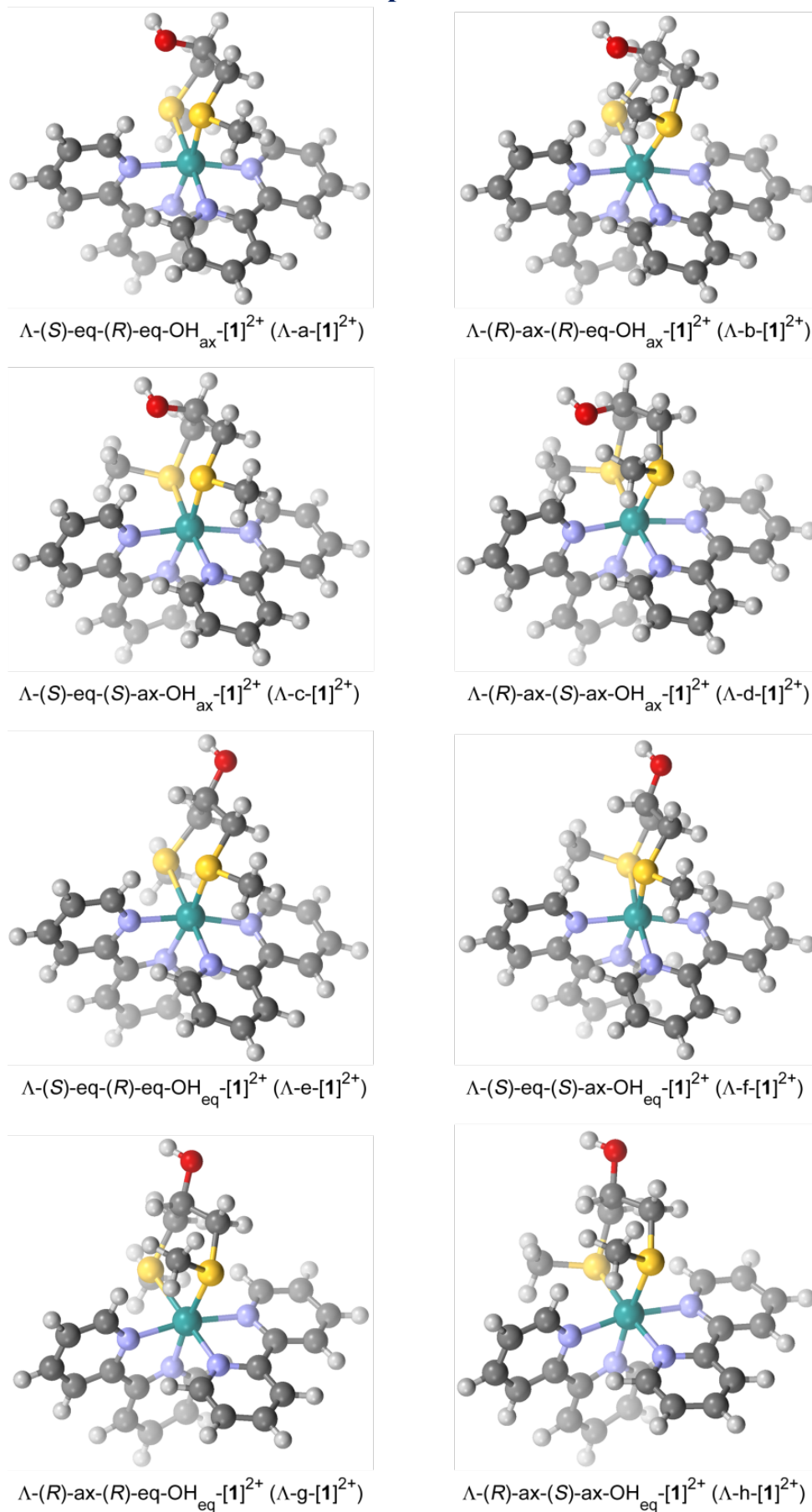


Figure S1. Structures of the isomers of [1]²⁺ optimized by DFT in water (COSMO).

Table S2. Calculated bond lengths (Å), bond angles (°), and structural distortion parameters in DFT-minimized geometries of complex [1]²⁺ in water.

	Λ -a-[1] ²⁺	Λ -b-[1] ²⁺	Λ -c-[1] ²⁺	Λ -d-[1] ²⁺	Λ -e-[1] ²⁺	Λ -f-[1] ²⁺	Λ -g-[1] ²⁺	Λ -h-[1] ²⁺
Ru-S1	2.441	2.476	2.428	2.471	2.442	2.427	2.475	2.471
Ru-S2	2.467	2.449	2.456	2.449	2.464	2.453	2.447	2.451
Ru-N11	2.145	2.143	2.148	2.141	2.149	2.150	2.146	2.148
Ru-N12	2.142	2.131	2.146	2.133	2.146	2.144	2.132	2.132
Ru-N21	2.136	2.140	2.140	2.139	2.138	2.140	2.139	2.139
Ru-N22	2.141	2.150	2.141	2.145	2.143	2.143	2.149	2.148
S1-Ru-S2	88.7	92.8	93.1	96.7	87.9	93.2	92.3	96.8
S1-Ru-N11	94.0	105.3	93.5	104.5	94.1	93.7	105.6	105.2
S1-Ru-N21	91.8	85.0	91.7	85.5	91.7	91.8	85.5	84.8
S1-Ru-N22	93.1	82.4	94.0	82.9	93.5	93.9	82.5	82.9
S2-Ru-N11	83.4	83.2	92.6	92.4	84.0	92.7	83.4	91.9
S2-Ru-N12	91.8	93.8	87.3	88.6	91.6	87.1	93.8	88.0
S2-Ru-N22	103.5	103.8	95.0	94.4	103.6	95.2	104.1	95.5
N11-Ru-N12	77.2	77.2	77.1	77.1	77.1	77.1	77.1	77.1
N11-Ru-N21	95.7	96.1	94.5	95.3	95.1	94.2	95.6	94.8
N12-Ru-N21	87.6	88.5	89.2	89.0	88.6	89.1	88.4	90.1
N12-Ru-N22	95.5	94.4	95.4	94.8	95.2	95.2	94.0	94.1
N21-Ru-N22	77.3	77.2	77.3	77.4	77.3	77.3	77.3	77.4
σ^2 [a]	59.4	87.5	41.6	66.5	58.4	41.7	87.2	68.9
Δ_{oct} [b]	0.0043	0.0046	0.0040	0.0045	0.0042	0.0039	0.0045	0.0045

[a] The bond angle variance is $\sigma^2 = \frac{1}{11} \sum_{n=1}^{12} (\theta_n - 90)^2$, where θ_n is one of the twelve angles in Table S2; [b] The mean-square relative deviation from average bond length is $\Delta_{\text{oct}} = \frac{1}{6} \sum_{n=1}^6 \left(\frac{d_n - \bar{d}}{\bar{d}} \right)^2$, where d_n is one of the six bond lengths in Table S2 and \bar{d} is the average of those six bond lengths.

7) DFT-minimized structures: cartesian coordinates

Λ -(S)-eq-(R)-eq-OH_{ax}-[1]²⁺ (Λ -a-[1]²⁺)

Atom	X (Å)	Y (Å)	Z (Å)	Atom	X (Å)	Y (Å)	Z (Å)
1.C	-2.47835	2.72743	1.345942	43.C	-5.82143	0.019977	3.236314
2.S	-1.9813	1.403305	0.157304	44.C	-5.42023	0.486611	4.492407
3.C	-0.25032	2.022358	-0.16556	45.C	-4.05765	0.58963	4.771296
4.C	0.550809	1.180293	-1.16604	46.H	-3.40105	-0.05635	-1.5288
5.H	1.438988	1.783662	-1.41048	47.H	-5.11636	-0.69096	1.318945
6.C	1.105799	-0.15151	-0.6325	48.H	-0.94033	-2.62769	3.600972
7.S	-0.17595	-1.47152	-0.34303	49.H	1.056726	-0.34984	2.218326
8.C	0.939138	-2.75384	0.383123	50.H	-4.71295	-4.71552	-0.68162
9.H	-2.40745	3.684728	0.822389	51.H	-4.8858	-1.19326	-3.16138
10.H	-3.51699	2.535414	1.623563	52.H	-3.72952	0.95196	5.74019
11.H	-1.83471	2.722526	2.22897	53.H	-6.87118	-0.07643	2.971764
12.H	0.284479	2.087871	0.787262	54.H	-4.01873	-5.51765	1.085165
13.H	-0.38518	3.031681	-0.5669	55.H	-1.3816	-4.9236	4.445756
14.O	-0.25816	1.006661	-2.3592	56.H	-1.70062	1.050512	6.028536
15.H	0.771794	1.135632	6.251138	57.H	2.188237	0.412299	4.284042
16.H	1.78707	-0.58504	-1.37308	58.H	-5.56986	-3.58759	-2.72347
17.H	1.67249	0.02526	0.287877	59.H	-6.15498	0.765752	5.243733
18.H	1.375457	-2.42009	1.328336	60.H	-2.96833	-6.40657	3.153703
19.H	0.327602	-3.64517	0.54004	61.H	0.318188	0.630815	-3.05498
20.H	1.722791	-2.96661	-0.34926				
21.C	0.315778	0.796532	5.324224				
22.C	-1.07168	0.748316	5.197461				
23.C	-1.65481	0.307264	3.999126				
24.N	-0.87719	-0.08192	2.928975				
25.C	0.472093	-0.03067	3.072811				
26.C	1.102394	0.39722	4.239098				
27.Ru	-1.95718	-0.79278	1.222948				
28.N	-2.1817	-2.79798	1.941801				
29.C	-3.03928	-3.59435	1.224302				
30.C	-3.33268	-4.89839	1.653831				
31.C	-2.74451	-5.39736	2.81613				
32.C	-1.8663	-4.58008	3.53571				
33.C	-1.61449	-3.29125	3.06944				
34.C	-3.60202	-2.9897	-0.00083				
35.N	-3.24561	-1.68292	-0.24306				
36.C	-3.71074	-1.08453	-1.36865				
37.C	-4.54505	-1.72931	-2.27938				
38.C	-4.92025	-3.05388	-2.03389				
39.C	-4.44097	-3.68481	-0.88623				
40.C	-3.11501	0.225314	3.796418				
41.N	-3.51923	-0.23102	2.567126	Energy	-8190.30	kcal·mol ⁻¹	
42.C	-4.84527	-0.32809	2.304751				

$\Lambda-(R)\text{-ax-(R)\text{-eq-OH}_{ax}\text{-[1]}^{2+}} (\Lambda\text{-b-[1]}^{2+})$

Atom	X (Å)	Y (Å)	Z (Å)	Atom	X (Å)	Y (Å)	Z (Å)
1.C	-2.914884	2.165797	-0.770203	43.C	-5.780352	0.12114	3.147472
2.S	-1.815431	1.531819	0.573837	44.C	-5.371154	0.674671	4.365103
3.C	-0.14877	2.049627	-0.071347	45.C	-4.008183	0.745697	4.651137
4.C	0.567131	1.196715	-1.128985	46.H	-3.273833	-0.202683	-1.633301
5.H	1.454707	1.7868	-1.409974	47.H	-5.086684	-0.759959	1.297871
6.C	1.119117	-0.152952	-0.639652	48.H	-0.853763	-2.68961	3.536716
7.S	-0.170217	-1.475515	-0.40916	49.H	1.092554	-0.584747	2.248942
8.C	0.941687	-2.808053	0.226761	50.H	-4.777796	-4.760679	-0.61291
9.H	-2.820068	3.255769	-0.767033	51.H	-4.799574	-1.333813	-3.227963
10.H	-2.63277	1.762455	-1.743301	52.H	-3.674419	1.171437	5.591748
11.H	-3.937411	1.888975	-0.499612	53.H	-6.83103	0.040873	2.880847
12.H	0.483889	2.124202	0.818666	54.H	-4.061991	-5.550018	1.152669
13.H	-0.301904	3.062763	-0.457164	55.H	-1.304542	-4.966837	4.417329
14.O	-0.299921	1.054393	-2.283809	56.H	-1.656177	1.106572	5.945928
15.H	0.811769	1.062507	6.219108	57.H	2.225201	0.187236	4.312557
16.H	1.79814	-0.564161	-1.395245	58.H	-5.596216	-3.673735	-2.69326
17.H	1.687212	-0.013908	0.286407	59.H	-6.100532	1.04516	5.08189
18.H	1.400278	-2.531568	1.179893	60.H	-2.964562	-6.433699	3.200038
19.H	0.32218	-3.699914	0.347766	61.H	0.222094	0.634379	-2.997086
20.H	1.70934	-2.991548	-0.530181				
21.C	0.356155	0.716453	5.294485				
22.C	-1.028872	0.742588	5.13866				
23.C	-1.612145	0.293624	3.943313				
24.N	-0.835246	-0.179096	2.909349				
25.C	0.511338	-0.201107	3.079463				
26.C	1.141638	0.232774	4.243104				
27.Ru	-1.924254	-0.864706	1.187489				
28.N	-2.14799	-2.854503	1.91668				
29.C	-3.040853	-3.645345	1.236508				
30.C	-3.34742	-4.937335	1.692907				
31.C	-2.732246	-5.433568	2.841941				
32.C	-1.813552	-4.625003	3.520029				
33.C	-1.553802	-3.346414	3.031881				
34.C	-3.607674	-3.053211	0.009354				
35.N	-3.211336	-1.764626	-0.270227				
36.C	-3.638055	-1.200608	-1.427563				
37.C	-4.491352	-1.845908	-2.320247				
38.C	-4.925983	-3.141173	-2.022897				
39.C	-4.471007	-3.747508	-0.852471				
40.C	-3.072256	0.270899	3.718441				
41.N	-3.483457	-0.259084	2.522549	Energy	-8187.29	kcal·mol ⁻¹	
42.C	-4.809817	-0.331637	2.255757				

$\Lambda-(S)\text{-eq-}(S)\text{-ax-OH}_{\text{ax}}\text{-}[1]^{2+}$ ($\Lambda\text{-c-[1]}^{2+}$)

Atom	X (Å)	Y (Å)	Z (Å)	Atom	X (Å)	Y (Å)	Z (Å)
1.C	-2.512305	2.736959	1.345301	43.C	-5.837058	-0.004807	3.201194
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3.C	-0.286874	2.067708	-0.17888	45.C	-4.089403	0.604073	4.738227
4.C	0.522271	1.229904	-1.175589	46.H	-3.457387	-0.005337	-1.50304
5.H	1.380156	1.860469	-1.458374	47.H	-5.115314	-0.7318	1.298473
6.C	1.151985	-0.054002	-0.602666	48.H	-0.764737	-2.673398	3.458572
7.S	0.07478	-1.454858	-0.011287	49.H	1.059281	-0.404778	2.276358
8.C	-0.312437	-2.278337	-1.621693	50.H	-4.80523	-4.648818	-0.628427
9.H	-2.46533	3.693258	0.816863	51.H	-5.062755	-1.092359	-3.051484
10.H	-3.544807	2.526427	1.632741	52.H	-3.770924	0.984507	5.703327
11.H	-1.861034	2.750409	2.222818	53.H	-6.883982	-0.115325	2.93086
12.H	0.251422	2.155472	0.770078	54.H	-3.924111	-5.533437	1.007148
13.H	-0.4447	3.069436	-0.591307	55.H	-1.105036	-5.01319	4.229739
14.O	-0.300162	0.991186	-2.347149	56.H	-1.750631	1.07538	6.019077
15.H	0.718606	1.143463	6.280102	57.H	2.159626	0.373958	4.348069
16.H	1.809721	-0.511979	-1.349692	58.H	-5.767555	-3.478977	-2.597342
17.H	1.776028	0.211916	0.257593	59.H	-6.191142	0.770191	5.194548
18.H	-0.878445	-3.180962	-1.379754	60.H	-2.739558	-6.477053	2.976186
19.H	-0.88615	-1.61581	-2.270681	61.H	0.297087	0.739254	-3.079435
20.H	0.639767	-2.55499	-2.082908				
21.C	0.274439	0.799793	5.34909				
22.C	-1.111104	0.764414	5.199466				
23.C	-1.679482	0.320012	3.994946				
24.N	-0.887527	-0.079493	2.939549				
25.C	0.460404	-0.05355	3.109629				
26.C	1.074692	0.377025	4.282815				
27.Ru	-1.94342	-0.771605	1.210727				
28.N	-2.105297	-2.805278	1.87579				
29.C	-2.981808	-3.59265	1.172762				
30.C	-3.222796	-4.919626	1.563097				
31.C	-2.557033	-5.450087	2.668474				
32.C	-1.652135	-4.643606	3.366459				
33.C	-1.455739	-3.330961	2.941341				
34.C	-3.612895	-2.956722	-0.002963				
35.N	-3.246029	-1.652965	-0.252082				
36.C	-3.773856	-1.030432	-1.336967				
37.C	-4.676099	-1.647386	-2.20063				
38.C	-5.061164	-2.967977	-1.947518				
39.C	-4.521941	-3.622821	-0.840722				
40.C	-3.136455	0.233919	3.775429				
41.N	-3.527469	-0.241334	2.548283	Energy	-8190.42	kcal·mol ⁻¹	
42.C	-4.851503	-0.35591	2.281023				

Λ -(R)-ax-(S)-ax-OH_{ax}-[1]²⁺ (Λ -d-[1]²⁺)

Atom	X (Å)	Y (Å)	Z (Å)	Atom	X (Å)	Y (Å)	Z (Å)
1.C	-3.132175	2.213236	-0.541399	43.C	-5.826253	0.048937	3.082408
2.S	-1.8061	1.577603	0.582203	44.C	-5.457458	0.587393	4.319655
3.C	-0.290331	2.06706	-0.376871	45.C	-4.102577	0.699867	4.629644
4.C	0.302072	1.087448	-1.40003	46.H	-3.162268	-0.151947	-1.668242
5.H	1.066339	1.672925	-1.936675	47.H	-5.07426	-0.766754	1.227819
6.C	1.073165	-0.101424	-0.791341	48.H	-0.762884	-2.698671	3.469062
7.S	0.145331	-1.489117	0.033343	49.H	1.079274	-0.516939	2.338017
8.C	-0.200208	-2.562575	-1.432365	50.H	-4.847193	-4.634393	-0.594077
9.H	-3.086464	3.305165	-0.497755	51.H	-4.783186	-1.217505	-3.220512
10.H	-2.990383	1.868124	-1.566036	52.H	-3.799046	1.11438	5.58545
11.H	-4.087137	1.869296	-0.135968	53.H	-6.868766	-0.060843	2.795072
12.H	0.465067	2.298359	0.38068	54.H	-4.03401	-5.497647	1.094487
13.H	-0.565548	3.002959	-0.872757	55.H	-1.194883	-4.999783	4.30296
14.O	-0.731429	0.68493	-2.333065	56.H	-1.783542	1.175541	5.95286
15.H	0.678799	1.192346	6.274287	57.H	2.149779	0.321225	4.410528
16.H	1.669406	-0.595781	-1.565669	58.H	-5.669659	-3.517658	-2.656317
17.H	1.770608	0.27137	-0.032248	59.H	-6.211437	0.91354	5.032391
18.H	-0.684499	-3.465976	-1.053754	60.H	-2.891958	-6.430452	3.094791
19.H	-0.840171	-2.047766	-2.15008	61.H	-0.288488	0.370279	-3.146097
20.H	0.762888	-2.824064	-1.879282				
21.C	0.249504	0.823256	5.345861				
22.C	-1.132322	0.815776	5.162818				
23.C	-1.680873	0.338944	3.961362				
24.N	-0.871564	-0.126416	2.950559				
25.C	0.472186	-0.121119	3.146819				
26.C	1.067039	0.342578	4.317408				
27.Ru	-1.899683	-0.813077	1.197847				
28.N	-2.106173	-2.820789	1.886968				
29.C	-3.013159	-3.593945	1.205683				
30.C	-3.309777	-4.896943	1.635225				
31.C	-2.667041	-5.421703	2.756726				
32.C	-1.728137	-4.633192	3.429843				
33.C	-1.478308	-3.342291	2.968447				
34.C	-3.592653	-2.975639	-0.003697				
35.N	-3.151605	-1.702932	-0.294265				
36.C	-3.578391	-1.125709	-1.445793				
37.C	-4.476828	-1.738351	-2.317113				
38.C	-4.960353	-3.01307	-2.004742				
39.C	-4.502983	-3.636017	-0.844114				
40.C	-3.134283	0.276932	3.704875				
41.N	-3.506367	-0.243468	2.489904	Energy	-8186.91	kcal·mol ⁻¹	
42.C	-4.826031	-0.350954	2.198752				

Λ -(S)-eq-(R)-eq-OH_{eq}-[1]²⁺ (Λ -e-[1]²⁺)

Atom	X (Å)	Y (Å)	Z (Å)	Atom	X (Å)	Y (Å)	Z (Å)
1.C	-2.449494	2.715713	1.423507	43.C	-5.84304	-0.005113	3.246207
2.S	-1.93605	1.406874	0.225413	44.C	-5.4482	0.410719	4.522053
3.C	-0.196391	2.002068	-0.054506	45.C	-4.08701	0.491783	4.814943
4.C	0.553066	1.159798	-1.098694	46.H	-3.381185	0.004712	-1.507398
5.O	1.671563	1.997367	-1.518085	47.H	-5.128512	-0.65446	1.310735
6.C	1.121134	-0.166609	-0.563826	48.H	-1.00117	-2.706138	3.593839
7.S	-0.178089	-1.480387	-0.30706	49.H	1.041012	-0.428232	2.284517
8.C	0.909702	-2.792128	0.408334	50.H	-4.782389	-4.643253	-0.74885
9.H	-2.357389	3.680807	0.918291	51.H	-4.871087	-1.077963	-3.169748
10.H	-3.495583	2.524915	1.671921	52.H	-3.763529	0.813908	5.799424
11.H	-1.825237	2.687078	2.319536	53.H	-6.891288	-0.081435	2.969417
12.H	0.337402	2.027976	0.901645	54.H	-4.12625	-5.485213	1.011387
13.H	-0.305101	3.022715	-0.435304	55.H	-1.505178	-5.001353	4.401985
14.H	-0.100518	0.971148	-1.962669	56.H	-1.738979	0.918344	6.097029
15.H	2.102285	1.554344	-2.277835	57.H	2.16	0.269835	4.379636
16.H	1.799934	-0.599015	-1.306971	58.H	-5.600901	-3.467112	-2.778044
17.H	1.676654	-0.000716	0.36536	59.H	-6.186544	0.668525	5.277354
18.H	1.346722	-2.471755	1.357278	60.H	-3.116922	-6.427327	3.076357
19.H	0.27904	-3.671242	0.555502	61.H	0.73166	0.970074	6.346486
20.H	1.690723	-3.013066	-0.324114				
21.C	0.281502	0.657158	5.407625				
22.C	-1.105027	0.627889	5.265652				
23.C	-1.68075	0.219989	4.051971				
24.N	-0.896627	-0.15086	2.980424				
25.C	0.451324	-0.120695	3.13977				
26.C	1.074682	0.270904	4.322486				
27.Ru	-1.968336	-0.806576	1.245245				
28.N	-2.233914	-2.821959	1.923236				
29.C	-3.103734	-3.587101	1.187381				
30.C	-3.430775	-4.890411	1.594507				
31.C	-2.865385	-5.419314	2.754802				
32.C	-1.973497	-4.633885	3.492674				
33.C	-1.686239	-3.345385	3.046861				
34.C	-3.643795	-2.95083	-0.031498				
35.N	-3.26116	-1.646766	-0.248669				
36.C	-3.708782	-1.020548	-1.366315				
37.C	-4.547478	-1.634786	-2.294245				
38.C	-4.948109	-2.956275	-2.074309				
39.C	-4.489235	-3.614913	-0.934243				
40.C	-3.139841	0.155892	3.834625				
41.N	-3.537638	-0.254748	2.58732	Energy	-8190.11	kcal·mol ⁻¹	
42.C	-4.862097	-0.329346	2.310913				

Λ -(S)-eq-(S)-ax-OH_{eq}-[1]²⁺ (Λ -f-[1]²⁺)

Atom	X (Å)	Y (Å)	Z (Å)	Atom	X (Å)	Y (Å)	Z (Å)
1.C	-2.466862	2.730299	1.396157	43.C	-5.859283	0.013001	3.194976
2.S	-1.959007	1.405534	0.212114	44.C	-5.478497	0.484712	4.455366
3.C	-0.237127	2.018935	-0.124843	45.C	-4.120539	0.582017	4.756837
4.C	0.511841	1.1368	-1.134084	46.H	-3.460907	0.025065	-1.468094
5.O	1.573196	1.989632	-1.664751	47.H	-5.12694	-0.707162	1.294175
6.C	1.168981	-0.11084	-0.514595	48.H	-0.826805	-2.725546	3.485229
7.S	0.058951	-1.505067	0.035246	49.H	1.043155	-0.481073	2.350754
8.C	-0.331068	-2.241037	-1.616166	50.H	-4.854103	-4.61491	-0.652548
9.H	-2.396375	3.688206	0.873571	51.H	-5.067882	-1.028615	-3.034589
10.H	-3.506525	2.533305	1.666907	52.H	-3.807457	0.948183	5.729136
11.H	-1.827686	2.724378	2.282367	53.H	-6.904501	-0.081779	2.912418
12.H	0.309585	2.107038	0.820473	54.H	-3.99253	-5.526379	0.975407
13.H	-0.373226	3.015073	-0.558281	55.H	-1.196022	-5.069457	4.226643
14.H	-0.161725	0.853243	-1.954455	56.H	-1.792731	1.003441	6.070957
15.H	1.954579	1.536206	-2.444198	57.H	2.127596	0.261468	4.442724
16.H	1.850055	-0.576363	-1.235593	58.H	-5.793845	-3.415156	-2.613644
17.H	1.754839	0.171423	0.3661	59.H	-6.224714	0.770832	5.192675
18.H	-0.960114	-3.114096	-1.429203	60.H	-2.835627	-6.502777	2.94488
19.H	-0.851151	-1.527863	-2.25936	61.H	0.67324	1.033062	6.363995
20.H	0.614507	-2.556546	-2.065003				
21.C	0.236278	0.705968	5.423692				
22.C	-1.147468	0.692165	5.256022				
23.C	-1.706813	0.268706	4.039751				
24.N	-0.907531	-0.132422	2.990831				
25.C	0.438176	-0.128289	3.178647				
26.C	1.043862	0.282207	4.363573				
27.Ru	-1.953977	-0.79205	1.241474				
28.N	-2.154477	-2.82636	1.889093				
29.C	-3.031706	-3.597539	1.169734				
30.C	-3.289611	-4.925839	1.54355				
31.C	-2.639882	-5.47456	2.649596				
32.C	-1.732636	-4.685187	3.363277				
33.C	-1.519419	-3.370163	2.954203				
34.C	-3.64615	-2.942891	-0.004028				
35.N	-3.262479	-1.640981	-0.238053				
36.C	-3.783615	-1.000162	-1.315773				
37.C	-4.688623	-1.598067	-2.190018				
38.C	-5.086295	-2.917932	-1.954559				
39.C	-4.55819	-3.590278	-0.853054				
40.C	-3.162146	0.207398	3.801467				
41.N	-3.545955	-0.25009	2.565499	Energy	-8191.21	kcal·mol ⁻¹	
42.C	-4.868335	-0.342439	2.28228				

Λ -(R)-ax-(R)-eq-OH_{eq}-[1]²⁺ (Λ -g-[1]²⁺)

Atom	X (Å)	Y (Å)	Z (Å)	Atom	X (Å)	Y (Å)	Z (Å)
1.C	-2.752547	2.133835	-0.87867	43.C	-5.824557	0.092065	3.138208
2.S	-1.81649	1.516585	0.58987	44.C	-5.427278	0.637634	4.363
3.C	-0.100312	2.003512	0.087793	45.C	-4.066623	0.712868	4.659787
4.C	0.566058	1.181117	-1.028926	46.H	-3.328802	-0.212369	-1.607086
5.O	1.684528	2.006214	-1.477875	47.H	-5.113707	-0.772135	1.287718
6.C	1.124374	-0.177393	-0.569941	48.H	-0.894571	-2.691257	3.572522
7.S	-0.188442	-1.485605	-0.378764	49.H	1.056655	-0.615407	2.305497
8.C	0.891704	-2.858047	0.227378	50.H	-4.776836	-4.789538	-0.598497
9.H	-2.621629	3.219369	-0.904764	51.H	-4.84176	-1.353924	-3.200609
10.H	-2.399996	1.68637	-1.811045	52.H	-3.741907	1.132186	5.60642
11.H	-3.805812	1.897705	-0.707358	53.H	-6.872743	0.009429	2.862802
12.H	0.492868	1.969927	1.007279	54.H	-4.068205	-5.571483	1.167438
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8) 2D NMR of [1]²⁺

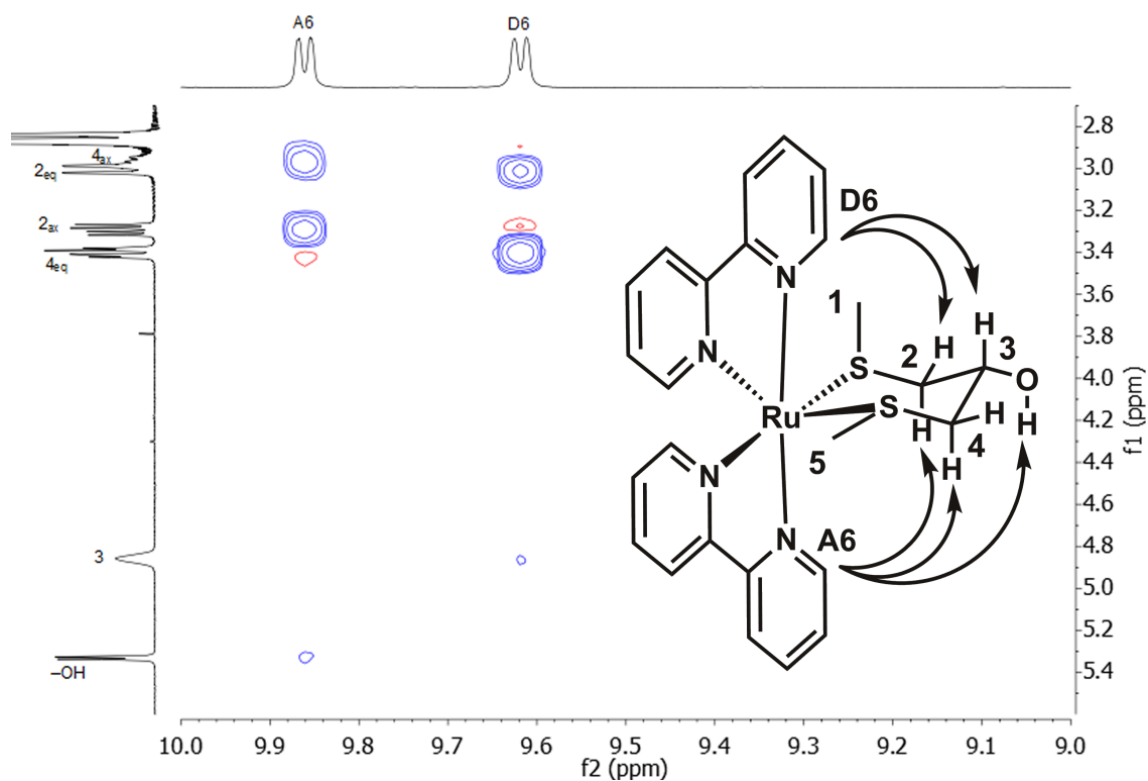


Figure S2. Partial ¹H NOESY NMR spectrum of a solution of [1](PF₆)₂ in acetone-*d*₆, showing the off-diagonal peaks between the H_{A6} proton and H_{2,ax}, H_{4,ax}, and -OH protons, and the H_{D6} proton and H_{2,eq}, H_{4,eq}, H₃ protons. This confirms that the proton H₃ is axial, and the -OH is thus oriented equatorially.

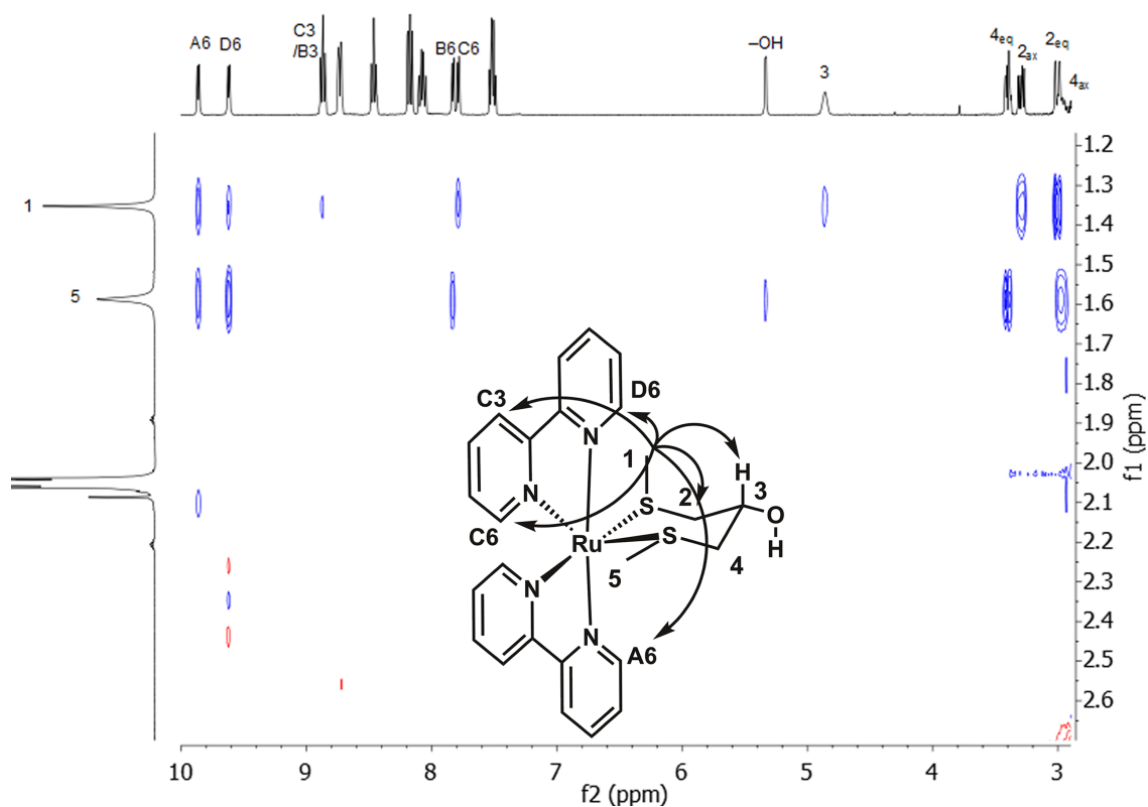


Figure S3. Partial ¹H NOESY NMR spectrum of a solution of [1](PF₆)₂ in acetone-*d*₆, showing the off-diagonal peaks between the H₁ protons and the H₂, H₃, H_{A6}, H_{C3}, H_{C6}, and H_{D6} protons.

9) Dark stability and photochemistry of [1]²⁺-[3]²⁺

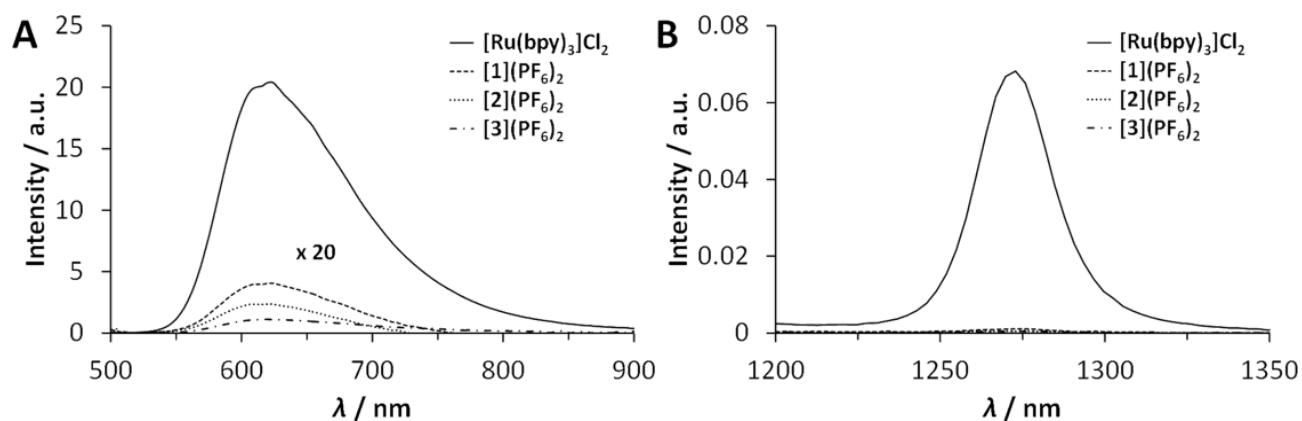


Figure S4. (a) Visible emission spectra of [1](PF₆)₂, [2](PF₆)₂, [3](PF₆)₂, and [Ru(bpy)₃]Cl₂ in aerated CD₃OD at 293 K under blue-light irradiation (450 nm, 0.4 W·cm⁻²). (b) Near-infrared spectra of ¹O₂ phosphorescence (λ_{em} = 1275 nm) sensitized by [1](PF₆)₂, [2](PF₆)₂, [3](PF₆)₂, and [Ru(bpy)₃]Cl₂ in aerated CD₃OD at 293 K under blue-light irradiation (450 nm, 0.4 W·cm⁻²).

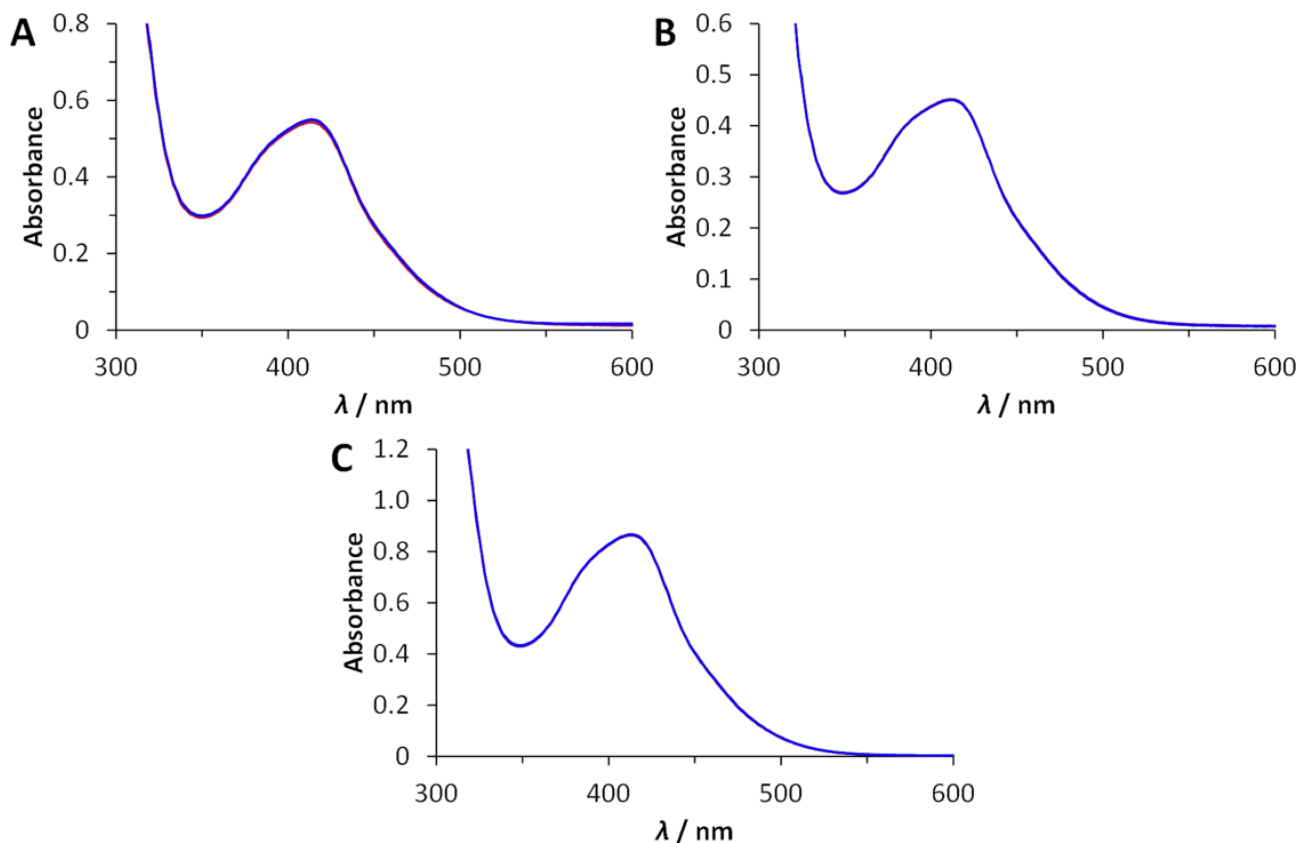


Figure S5. Evolution of the UV-Vis absorption spectra of solutions of (A) [1](PF₆)₂ (106 μM), (B) [2](PF₆)₂ (112 μM), and (C) [3](PF₆)₂ (167 μM) in H₂O in the dark for 53 h at 298 K under air.

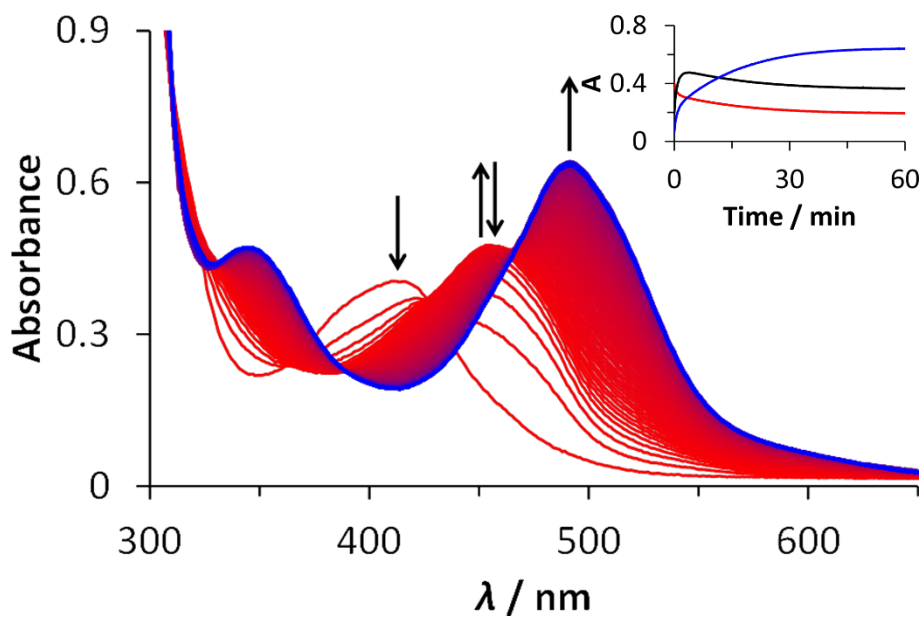


Figure S6. Evolution of the UV-Vis absorption spectra of a solution of [1](PF₆)₂ in H₂O (72 μM) upon irradiation (120 min) at 298 K with a 443 nm LED ($q_p = 2.65 \times 10^{-8}$ mol photons·s⁻¹) under N₂. Inset: Time evolution of the absorbance at 413 nm (red), 453 nm (black) and 491 nm (blue) during the irradiation.

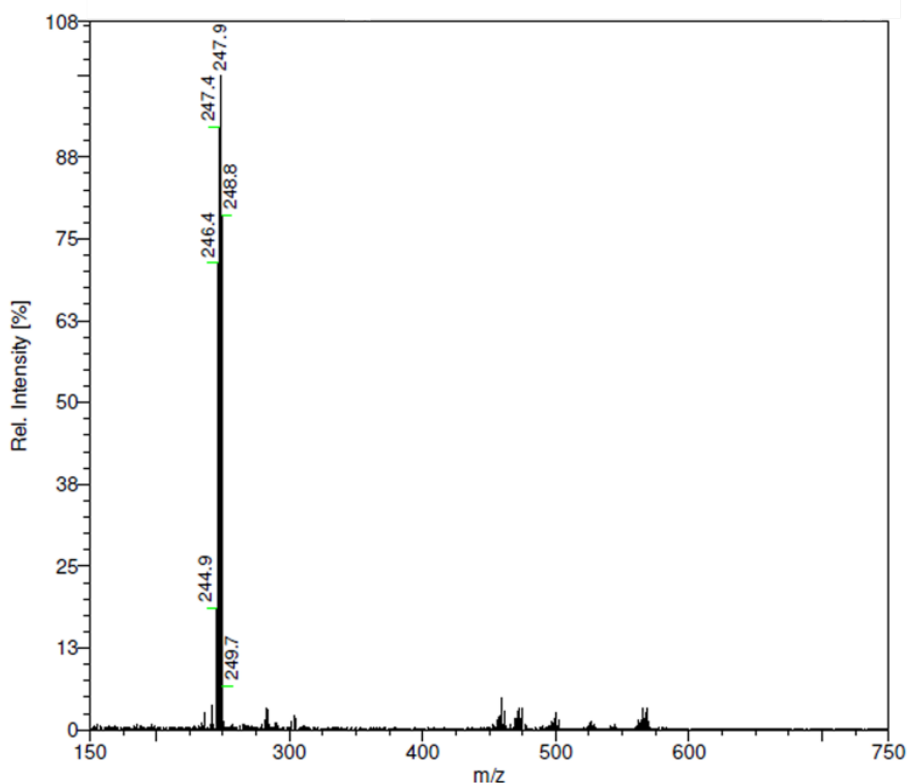


Figure S7. Mass spectrum taken in acetonitrile after 120 min of photolysis of an aqueous solution of [1](PF₆)₂ under N₂ at 298 K showing a peak corresponding to [Ru(bpy)₂(CH₃CN)₂]²⁺ (calcd. m/z = 248.0).

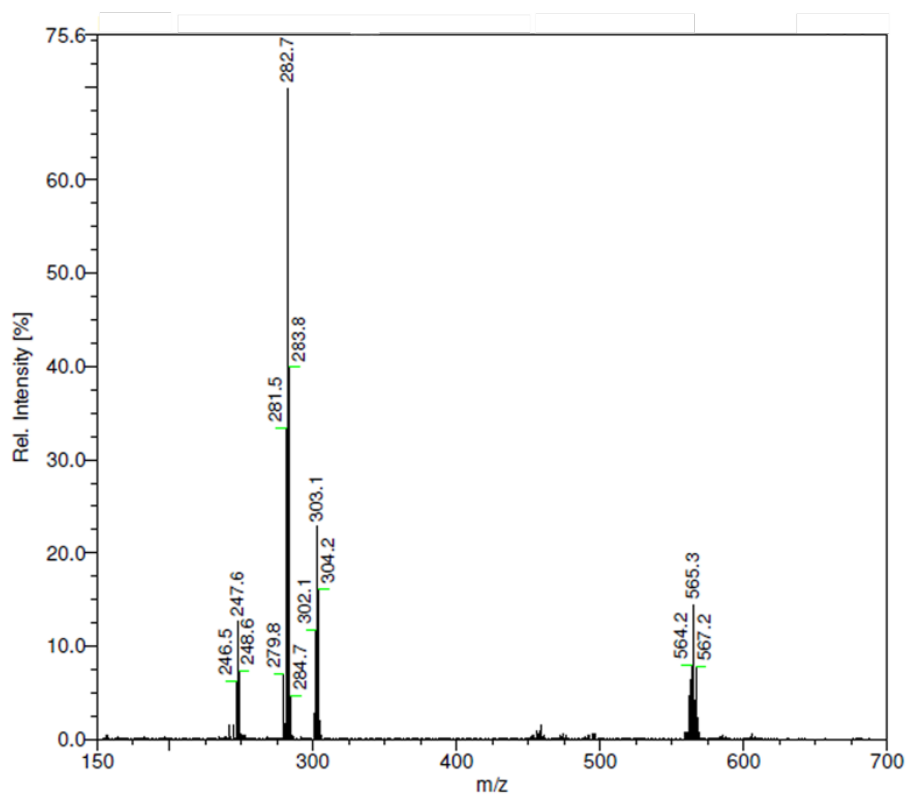


Figure S8. Mass spectrum taken in acetonitrile after 5 min of photolysis of an aqueous solution of $[1](PF_6)_2$ under N_2 at 298 K showing peaks corresponding to $[Ru(bpy)_2(CH_3CN)_2]^{2+}$ (calcd. $m/z = 248.0$), $[Ru(bpy)_2(4)]^{2+}$ (calcd. $m/z = 283.0$), $[Ru(bpy)_2(4)(CH_3CN)]^{2+}$ (calcd. $m/z = 303.6$), and $\{[Ru(bpy)_2(4)]-H\}^+$ (calcd. $m/z = 565.1$).

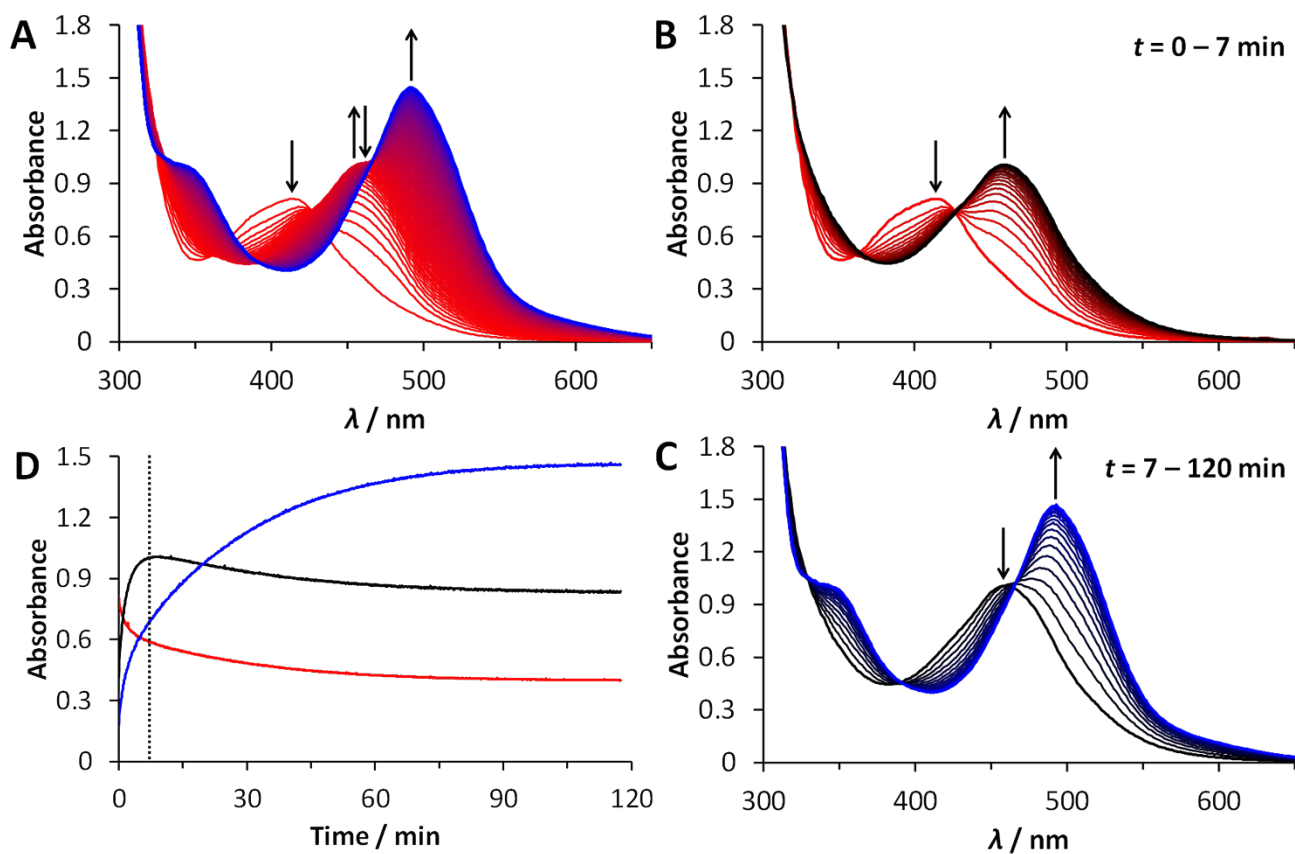


Figure S9. Evolution of the UV-Vis absorption spectra of a solution of $[2](PF_6)_2$ in H_2O ($181 \mu M$) upon irradiation (120 min) at 298 K with a 443 nm LED ($q_p = 2.85 \times 10^{-8} \text{ mol photons}\cdot\text{s}^{-1}$) under N_2 , showing both the overall reaction (A), as well as the spectral changes in the first 7 minutes (B, $\Delta t = 24 \text{ s}$) and thereafter (C, $\Delta t = 6.4 \text{ min}$) separately. Time evolution (D) of the absorbance at 412 nm (red), 456 nm (black) and 491 nm (blue) during the irradiation, whereby the vertical dashed line indicates the end of the first reaction ($t = 7 \text{ min}$).

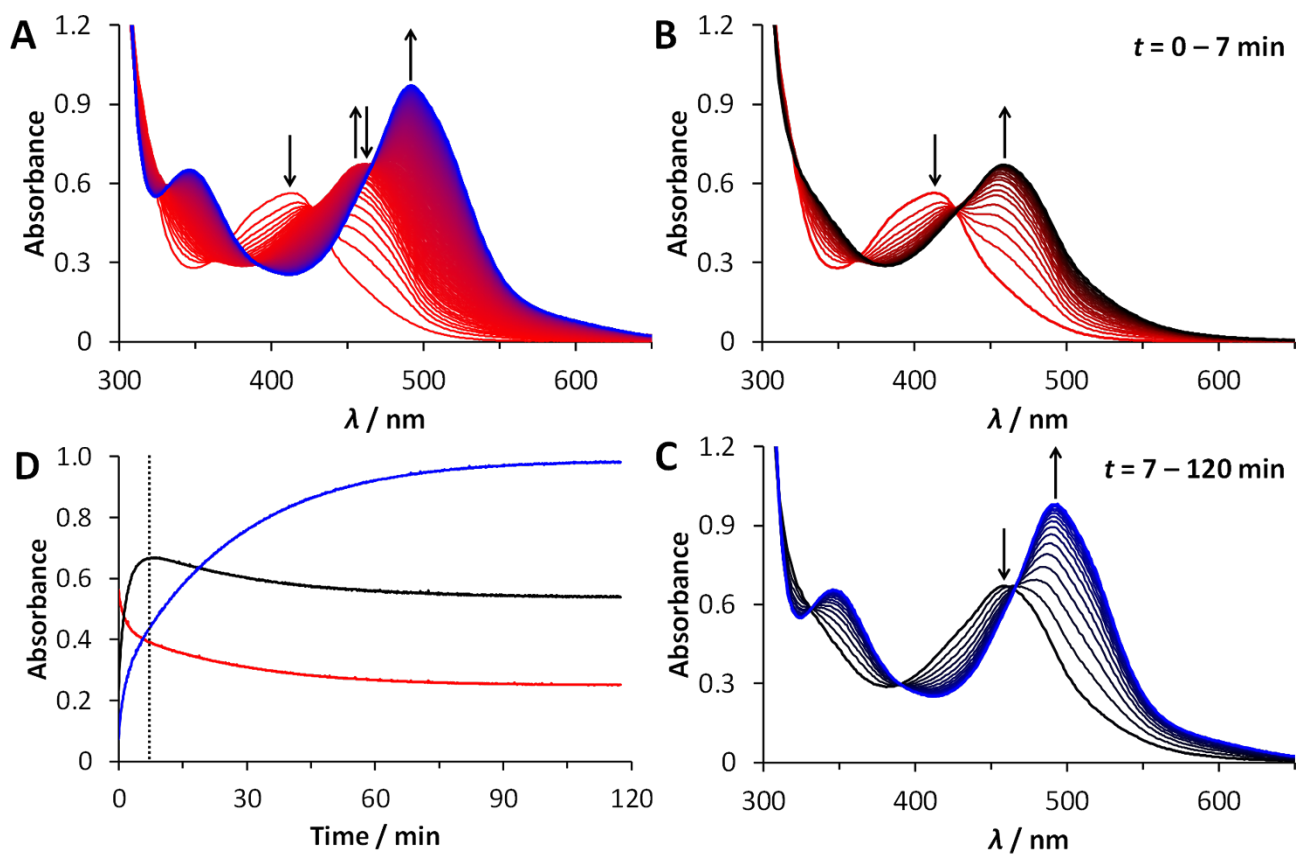


Figure S10. Evolution of the UV-Vis absorption spectra of a solution of $[3](PF_6)_2$ in H_2O (99 μm) upon irradiation (120 min) at 298 K with a 443 nm LED ($q_p = 2.85 \times 10^{-8} \text{ mol photons}\cdot\text{s}^{-1}$) under N_2 , showing both the overall reaction (A), as well as the spectral changes in the first 7 minutes (B, $\Delta t = 24 \text{ s}$) and thereafter (C, $\Delta t = 6.4 \text{ min}$) separately. Time evolution (D) of the absorbance at 412 nm (red), 456 nm (black) and 491 nm (blue) during the irradiation, whereby the vertical dashed line indicates the end of the first reaction ($t = 7 \text{ min}$).

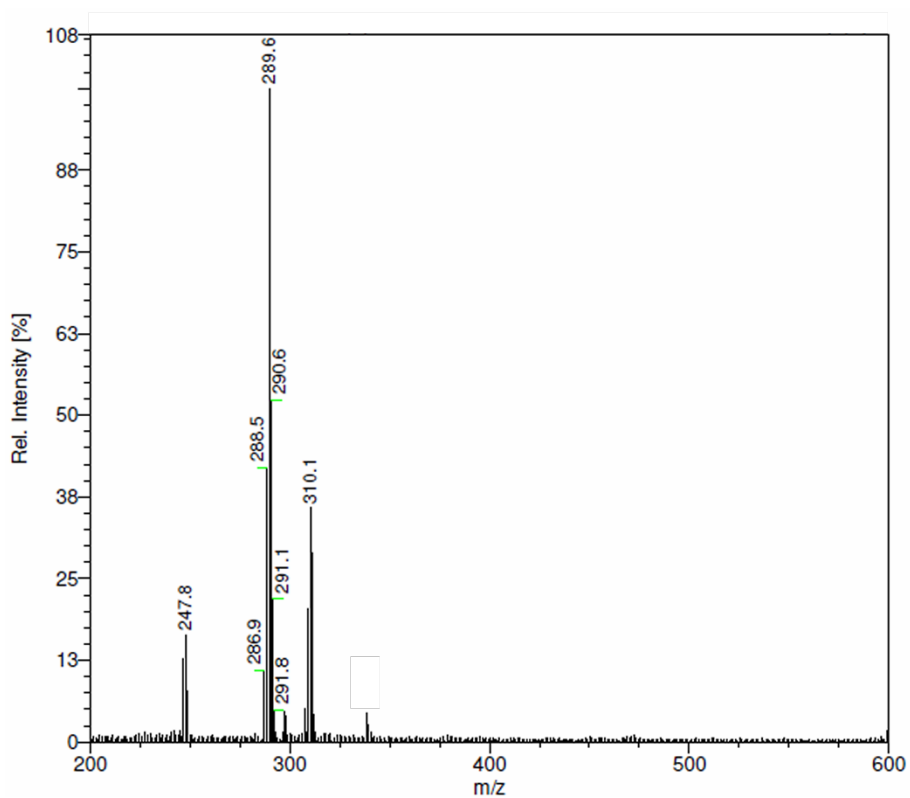


Figure S11. Mass spectrum taken in acetonitrile after 5 min of photolysis of an aqueous solution of $[2](PF_6)_2$ under N_2 at 298 K showing peaks corresponding to $[Ru(bpy)_2(CH_3CN)_2]^{2+}$ (calcd. $m/z = 248.0$), $[Ru(bpy)_2(5)]^{2+}$ (calcd. $m/z = 290.0$), and $[Ru(bpy)_2(5)(CH_3CN)]^{2+}$ (calcd. $m/z = 310.6$).

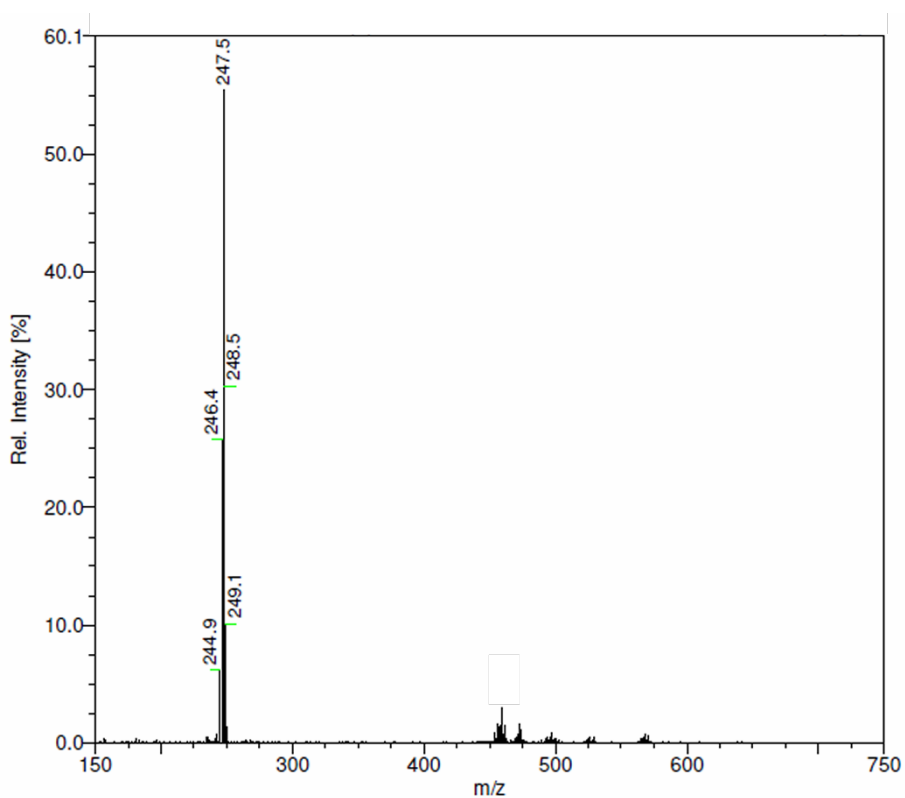


Figure S12. Mass spectrum taken in acetonitrile after 120 min of photolysis of an aqueous solution of $[2](PF_6)_2$ under N_2 at 298 K showing a peak corresponding to $[Ru(bpy)_2(CH_3CN)_2]^{2+}$ (calcd. $m/z = 248.0$).

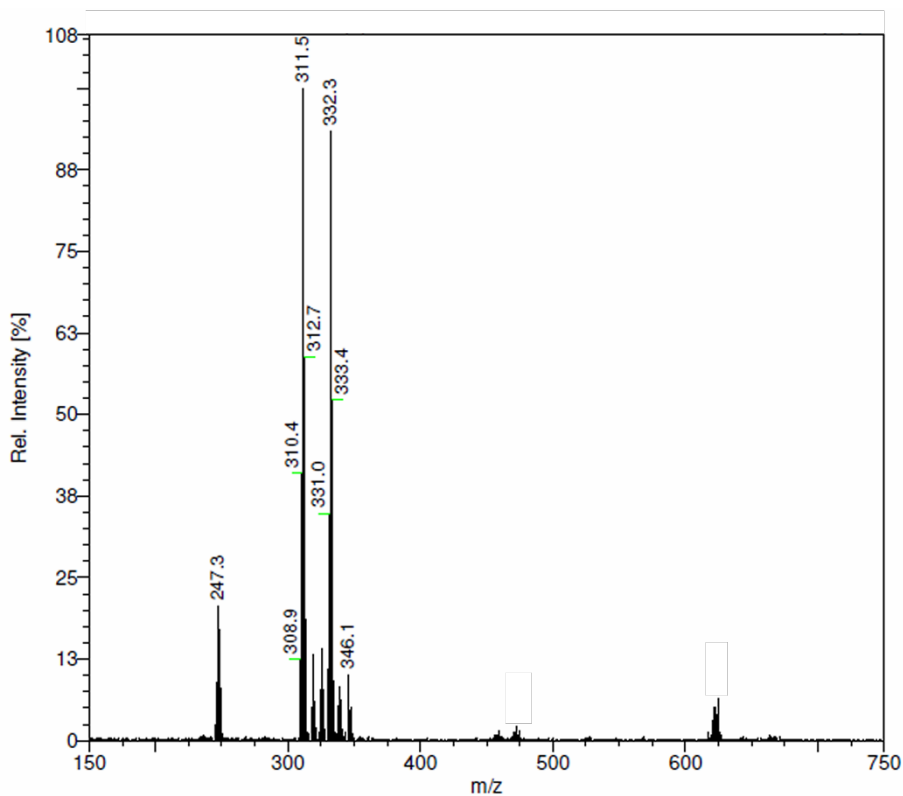


Figure S13. Mass spectrum taken in acetonitrile after 5 min of photolysis of an aqueous solution of $[3](PF_6)_2$ under N_2 at 298 K showing peaks corresponding to $[Ru(bpy)_2(CH_3CN)_2]^{2+}$ (calcd. $m/z = 248.0$), $[Ru(bpy)_2(6)]^{2+}$ (calcd. $m/z = 312.0$), $[Ru(bpy)_2(6)(CH_3CN)]^{2+}$ (calcd. $m/z = 332.6$), and $\{[Ru(bpy)_2(6)]-H\}^+$ (calcd. $m/z = 623.1$).

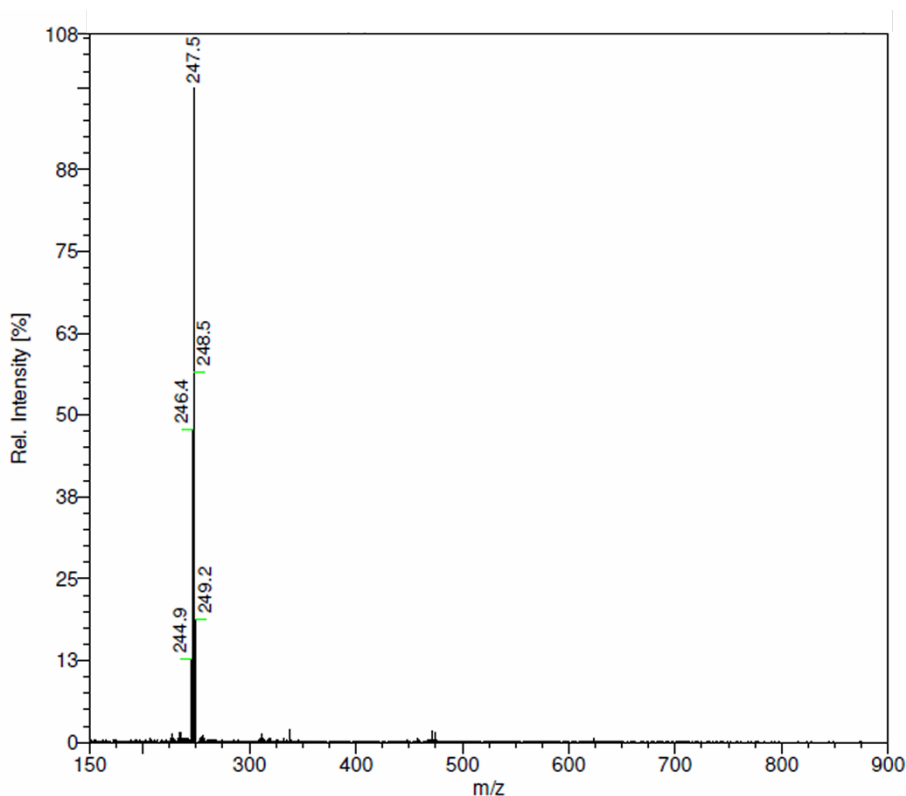


Figure S14. Mass spectrum taken in acetonitrile after 120 min of photolysis of an aqueous solution of $[3](PF_6)_2$ under N_2 at 298 K showing a peak corresponding to $[Ru(bpy)_2(CH_3CN)_2]^{2+}$ (calcd. $m/z = 248.0$).

10) Photosubstitution quantum yield measurements: modelling

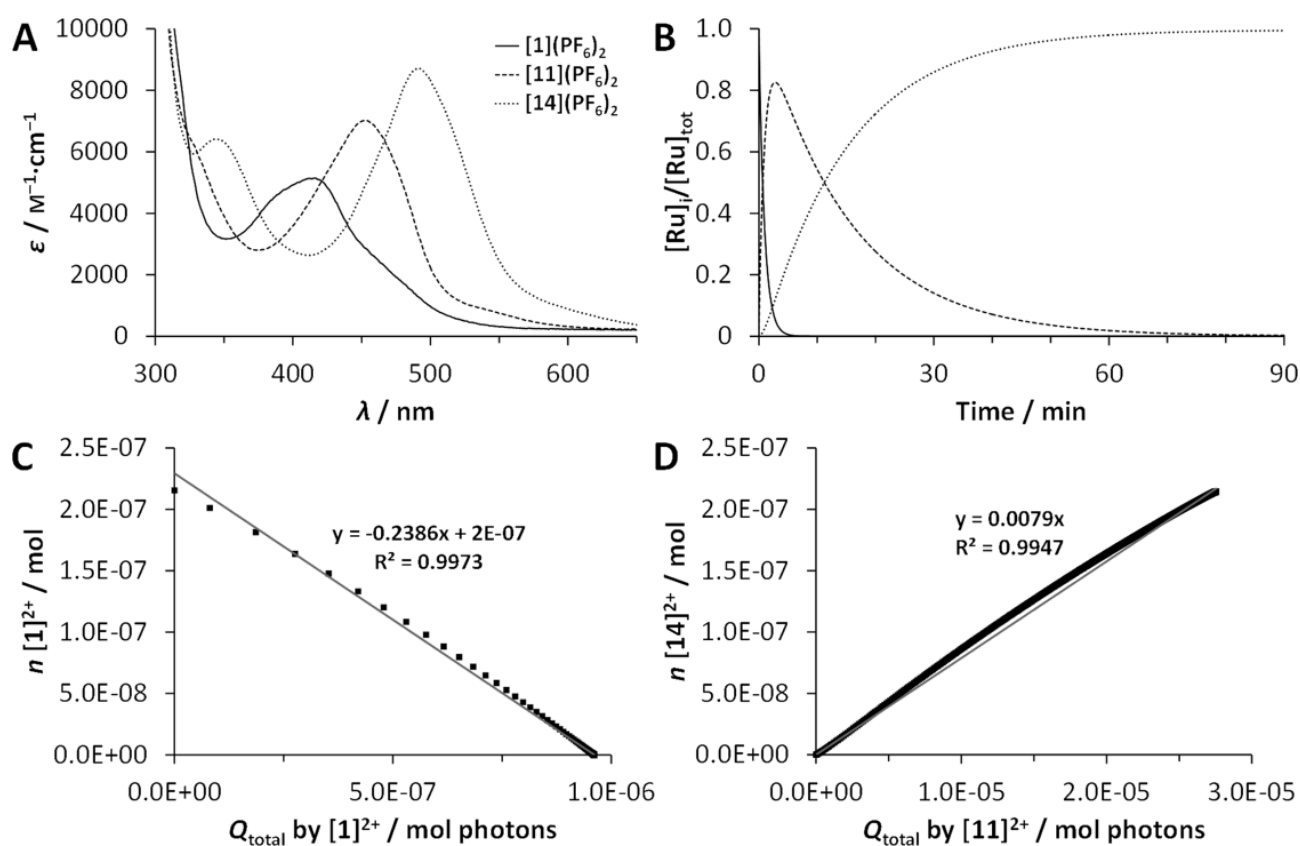


Figure S15. Kinetic data for the two-step photosubstitution ($\lambda = 443 \text{ nm}$, $q_p = 2.65 \times 10^{-8} \text{ mol photons}\cdot\text{s}^{-1}$) of $[1](\text{PF}_6)_2$ ($72 \mu\text{M}$) in water under N_2 atmosphere at 298 K. (a) Globally fitted UV-Vis absorption spectra of $[1]^{2+}$ (solid line), $[11]^{2+}$ (dashed line), and $[14]^{2+}$ (dotted line) according to fitting using the Glotaran software package. (b) Fitted evolution of the relative concentrations of $[1]^{2+}$ (solid line), $[11]^{2+}$ (dashed line), and $[14]^{2+}$ (dotted line) vs. irradiation time according to global fitting using Glotaran. (c) Plot of the amount of $[1]^{2+}$ (in mol) vs. the total amount of photons absorbed by $[1]^{2+}$ (Q_{total} in mol). The slope of the obtained trend line is the opposite of the photosubstitution quantum yield for the formation of $[11]^{2+}$ from $[1]^{2+}$. (d) Plot of the amount of $[14]^{2+}$ (in mol) vs. the total amount of photons absorbed by $[11]^{2+}$ (Q_{total} in mol). The slope of the obtained trend line is the photosubstitution quantum yield for the formation of $[14]^{2+}$ from $[11]^{2+}$.

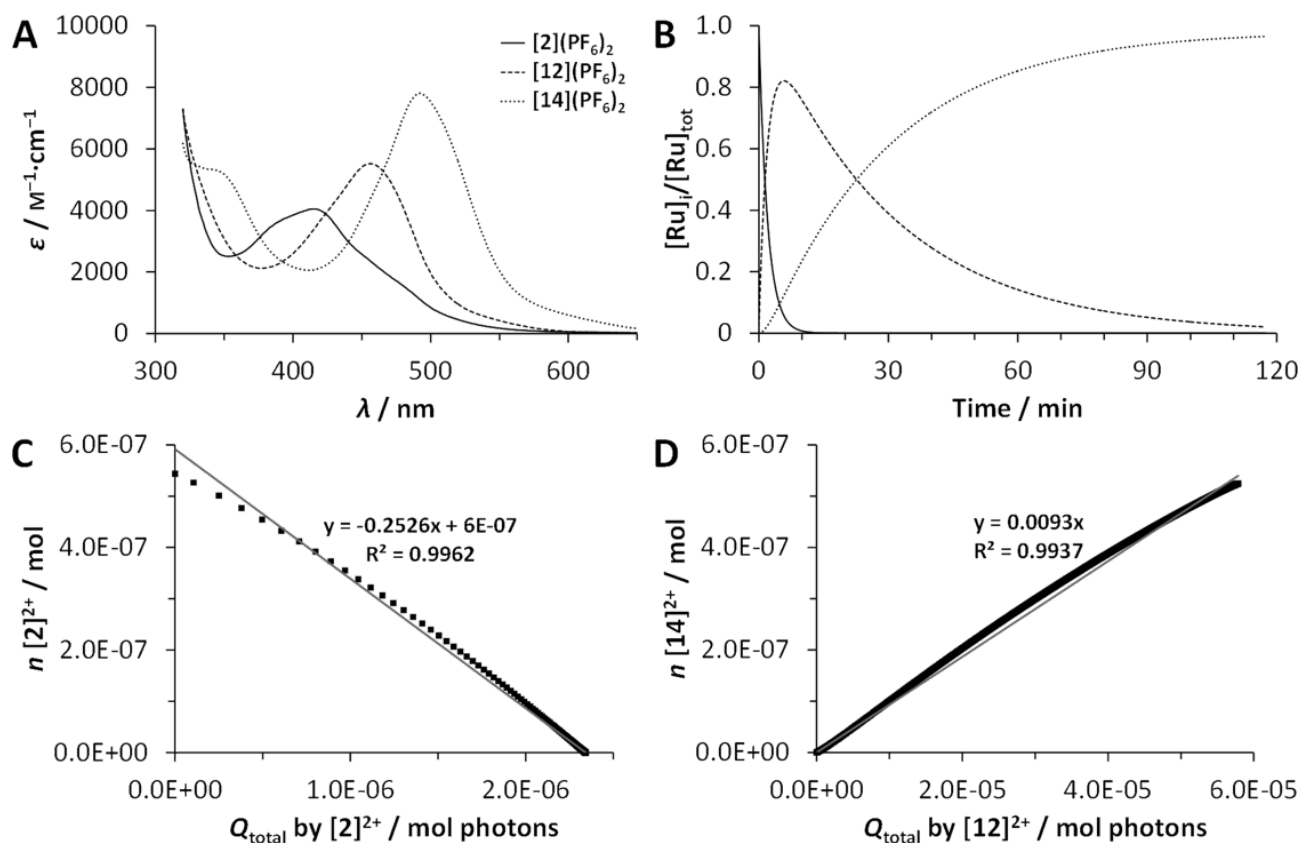


Figure S16. Kinetic data for the two-step photosubstitution ($\lambda = 443 \text{ nm}$, $q_p = 2.85 \times 10^{-8} \text{ mol photons}^{-1}$) of $[2](\text{PF}_6)_2$ ($181 \mu\text{M}$) in water under N_2 atmosphere at 298 K . (a) Globally fitted UV-Vis absorption spectra of $[2]^{2+}$ (solid line), $[12]^{2+}$ (dashed line), and $[14]^{2+}$ (dotted line) according to fitting using the Glotaran software package. (b) Fitted evolution of the relative concentrations of $[2]^{2+}$ (solid line), $[12]^{2+}$ (dashed line), and $[14]^{2+}$ (dotted line) vs. irradiation time according to global fitting using Glotaran. (c) Plot of the amount of $[2]^{2+}$ (in mol) vs. the total amount of photons absorbed by $[2]^{2+}$ (Q_{total} in mol). The slope of the obtained trend line is the opposite of the photosubstitution quantum yield for the formation of $[12]^{2+}$ from $[2]^{2+}$. (d) Plot of the amount of $[14]^{2+}$ (in mol) vs. the total amount of photons absorbed by $[12]^{2+}$ (Q_{total} in mol). The slope of the obtained trend line is the photosubstitution quantum yield for the formation of $[14]^{2+}$ from $[12]^{2+}$.

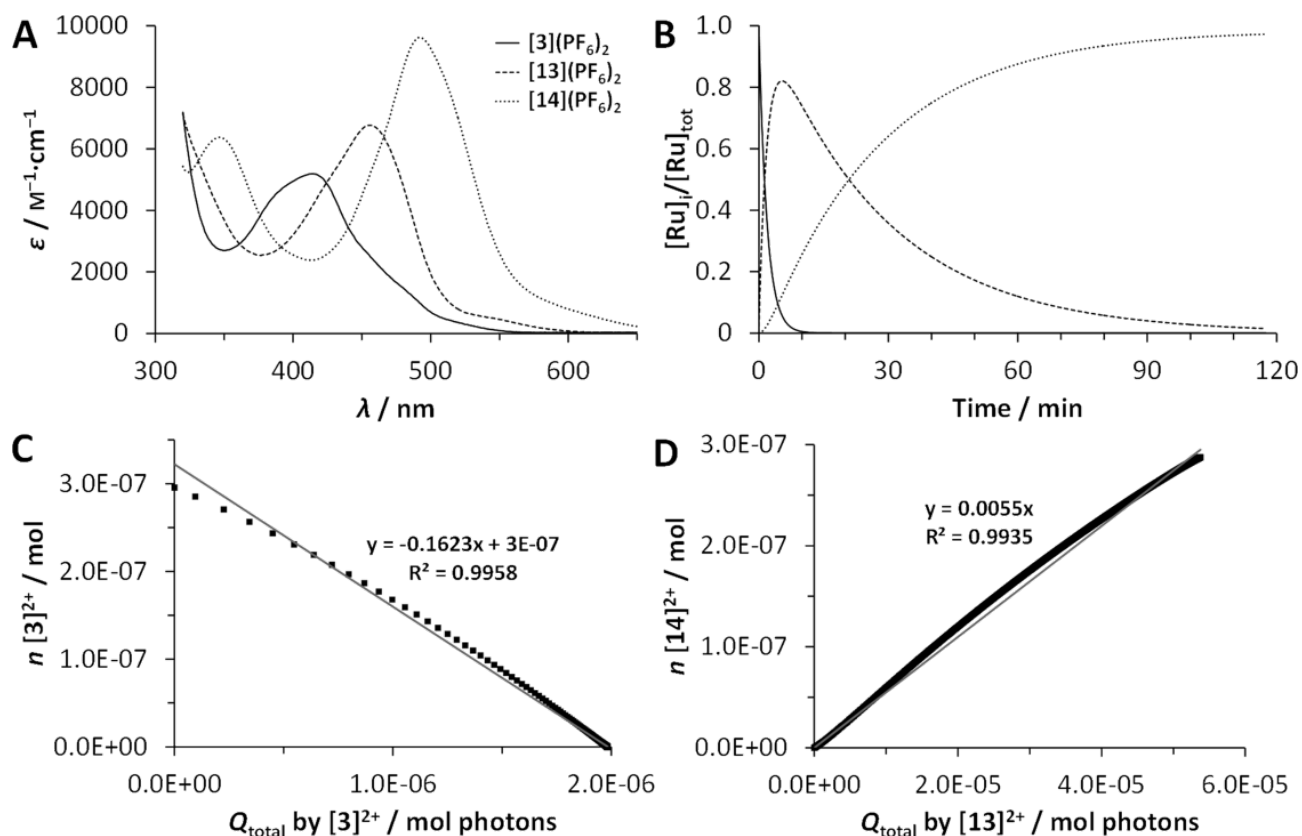


Figure S17. Kinetic data for the two-step photosubstitution ($\lambda = 443 \text{ nm}$, $q_p = 2.85 \times 10^{-8} \text{ mol photons}\cdot\text{s}^{-1}$) of $[3](\text{PF}_6)_2$ ($99 \mu\text{M}$) in water under N_2 atmosphere at 298 K . (a) Globally fitted UV-Vis absorption spectra of $[3]^{2+}$ (solid line), $[13]^{2+}$ (dashed line), and $[14]^{2+}$ (dotted line) according to fitting using the Glotaran software package. (b) Fitted evolution of the relative concentrations of $[3]^{2+}$ (solid line), $[13]^{2+}$ (dashed line), and $[14]^{2+}$ (dotted line) vs. irradiation time according to global fitting using Glotaran. (c) Plot of the amount of $[3]^{2+}$ (in mol) vs. the total amount of photons absorbed by $[3]^{2+}$ (Q_{total} in mol). The slope of the obtained trend line is the opposite of the photosubstitution quantum yield for the formation of $[13]^{2+}$ from $[3]^{2+}$. (d) Plot of the amount of $[14]^{2+}$ (in mol) vs. the total amount of photons absorbed by $[13]^{2+}$ (Q_{total} in mol). The slope of the obtained trend line is the photosubstitution quantum yield for the formation of $[14]^{2+}$ from $[13]^{2+}$.

11) 1D NMR of synthesized compounds

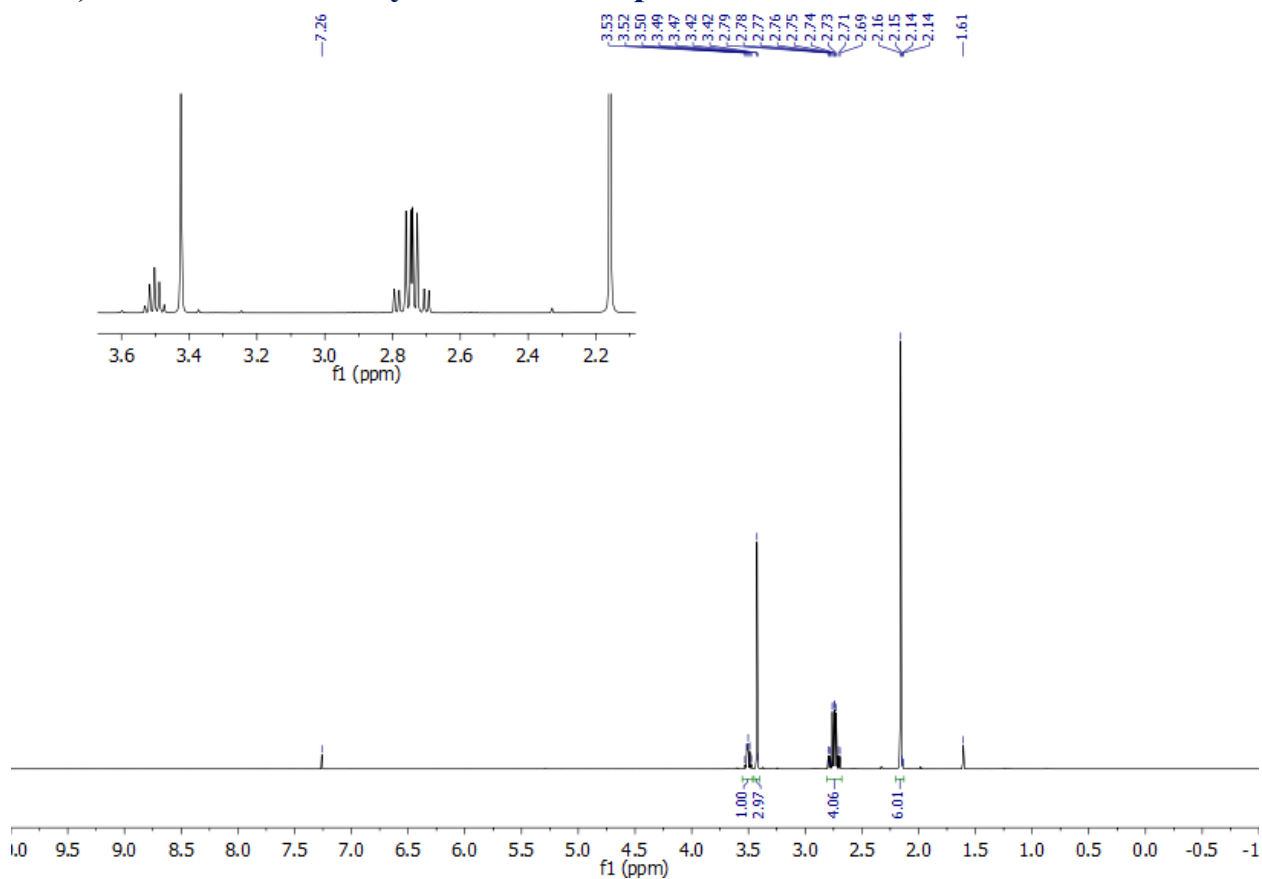


Figure S18. ¹H NMR spectrum of compound 5 in CDCl₃.

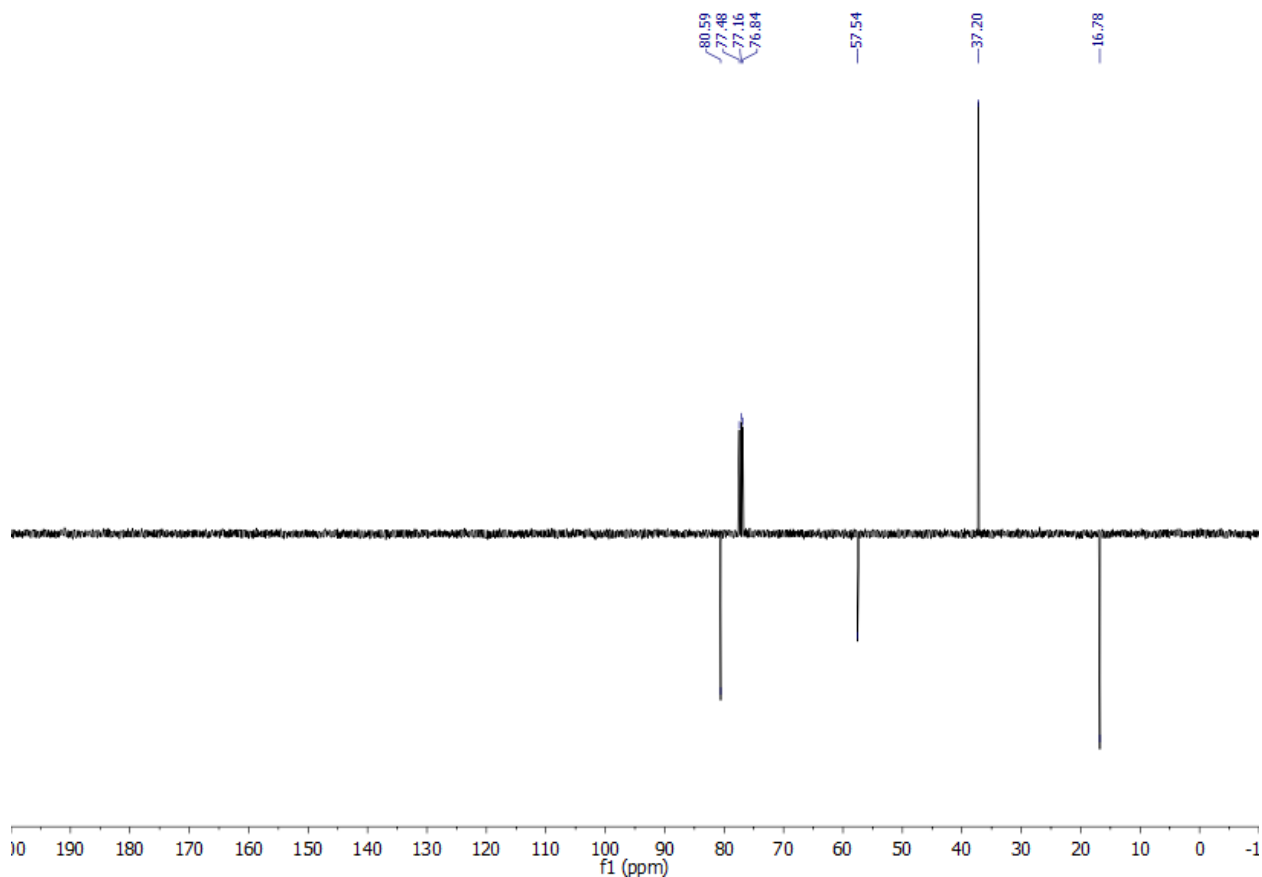


Figure S19. ¹³C-APT NMR spectrum of compound 5 in CDCl₃.

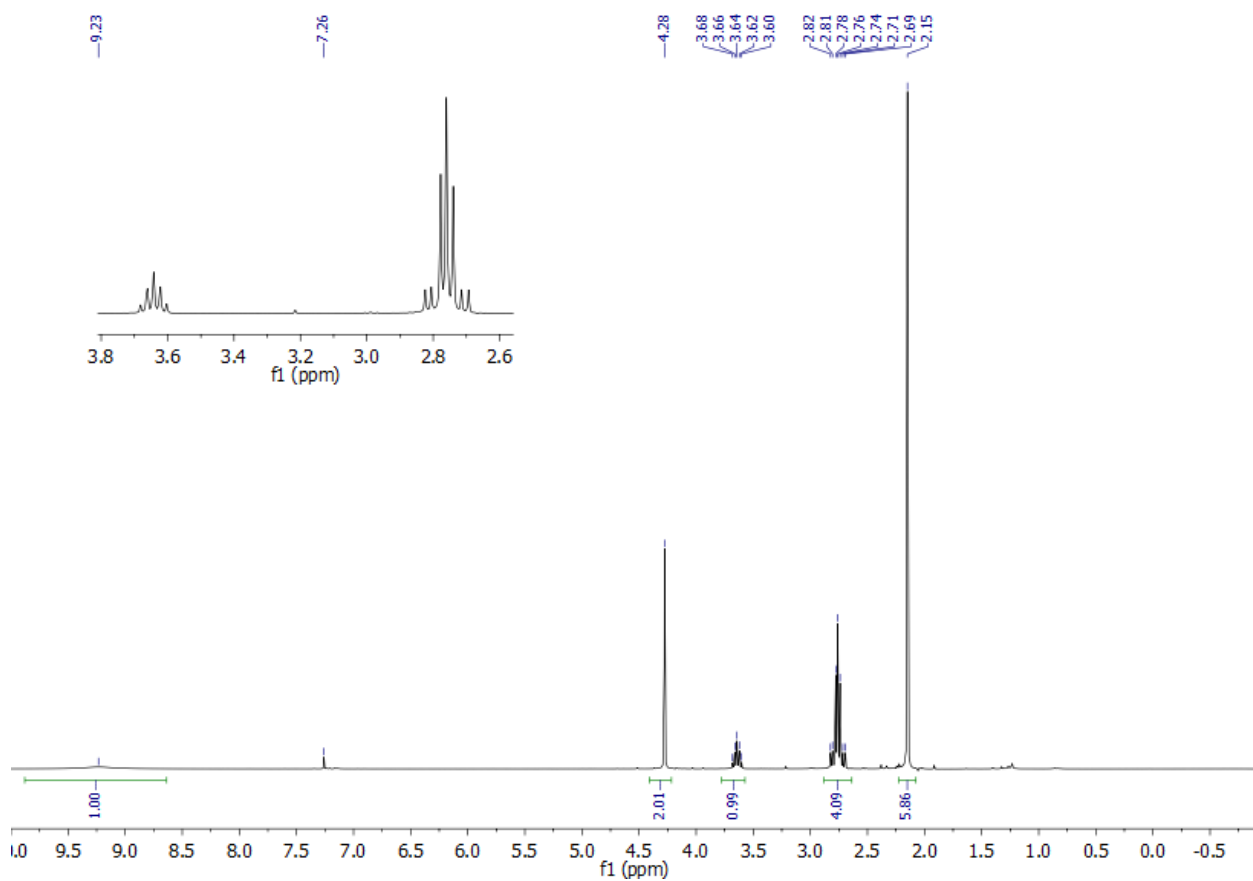


Figure S20. ^1H NMR spectrum of compound 6 in CDCl_3 .

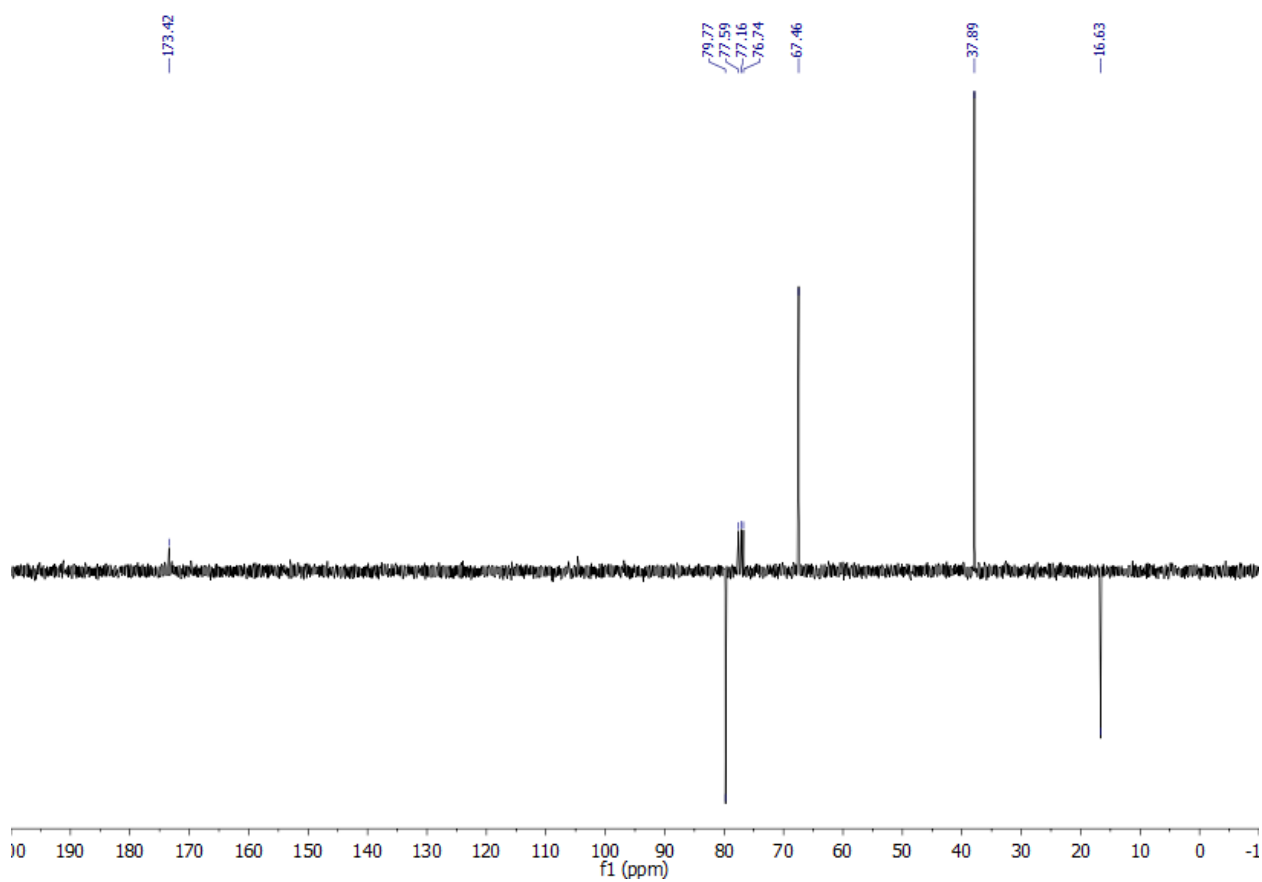


Figure S21. ^{13}C -APT NMR spectrum of compound 6 in CDCl_3 .

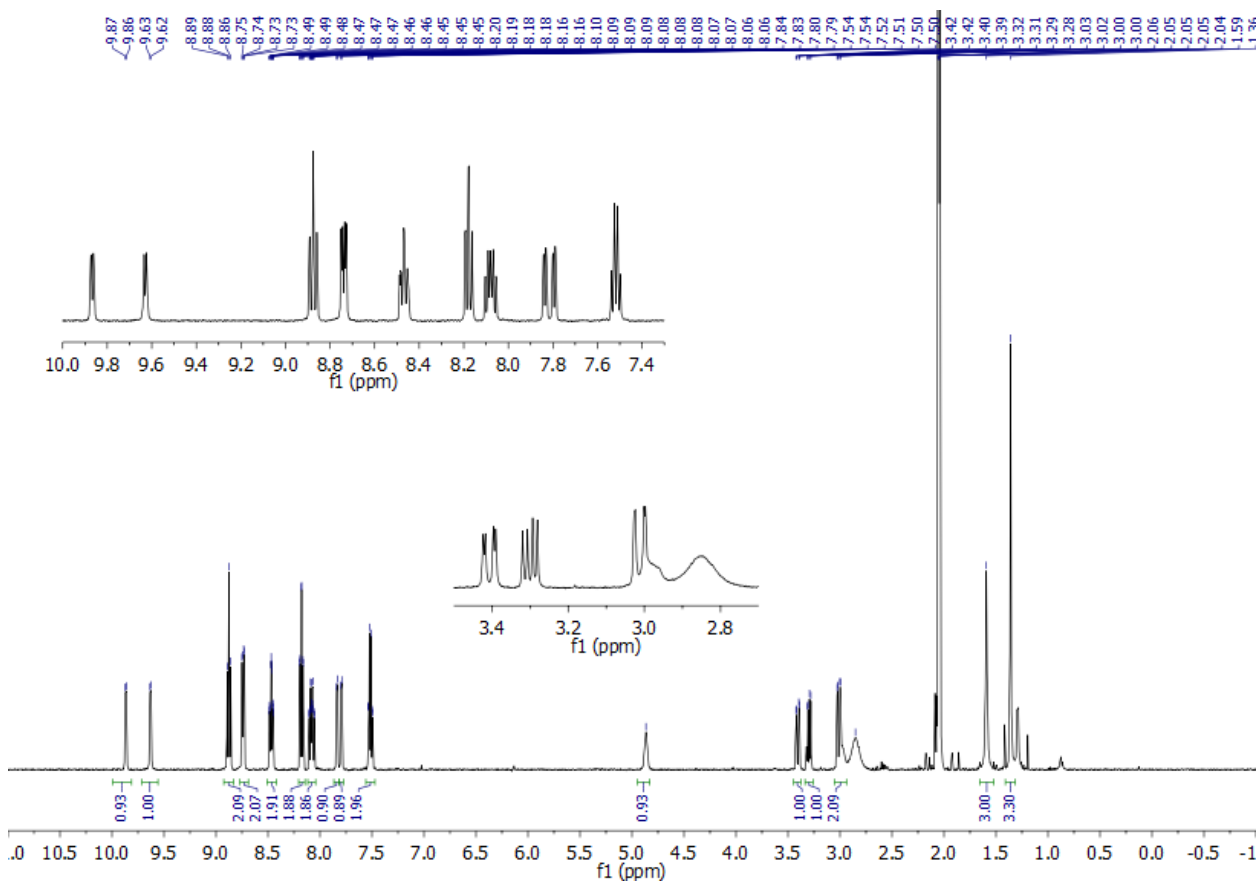


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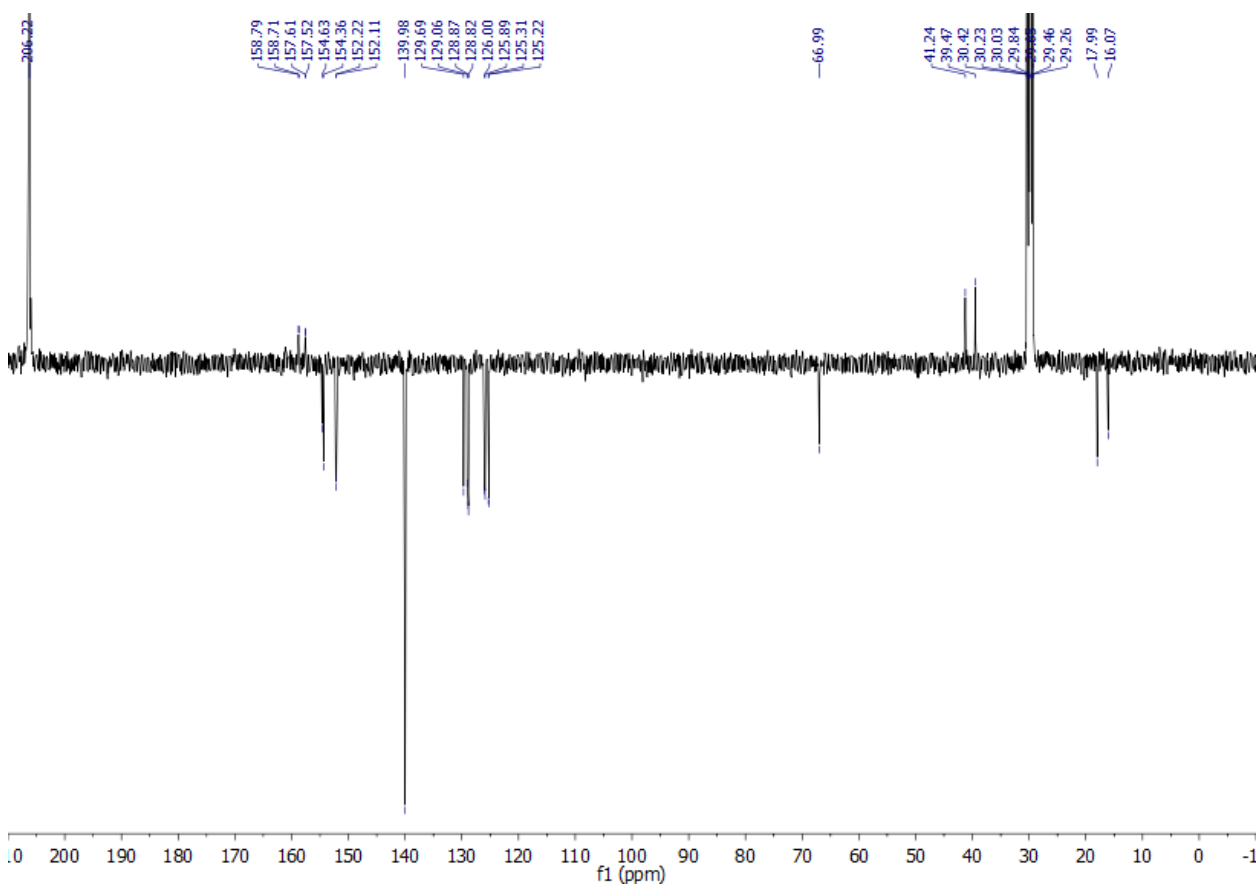


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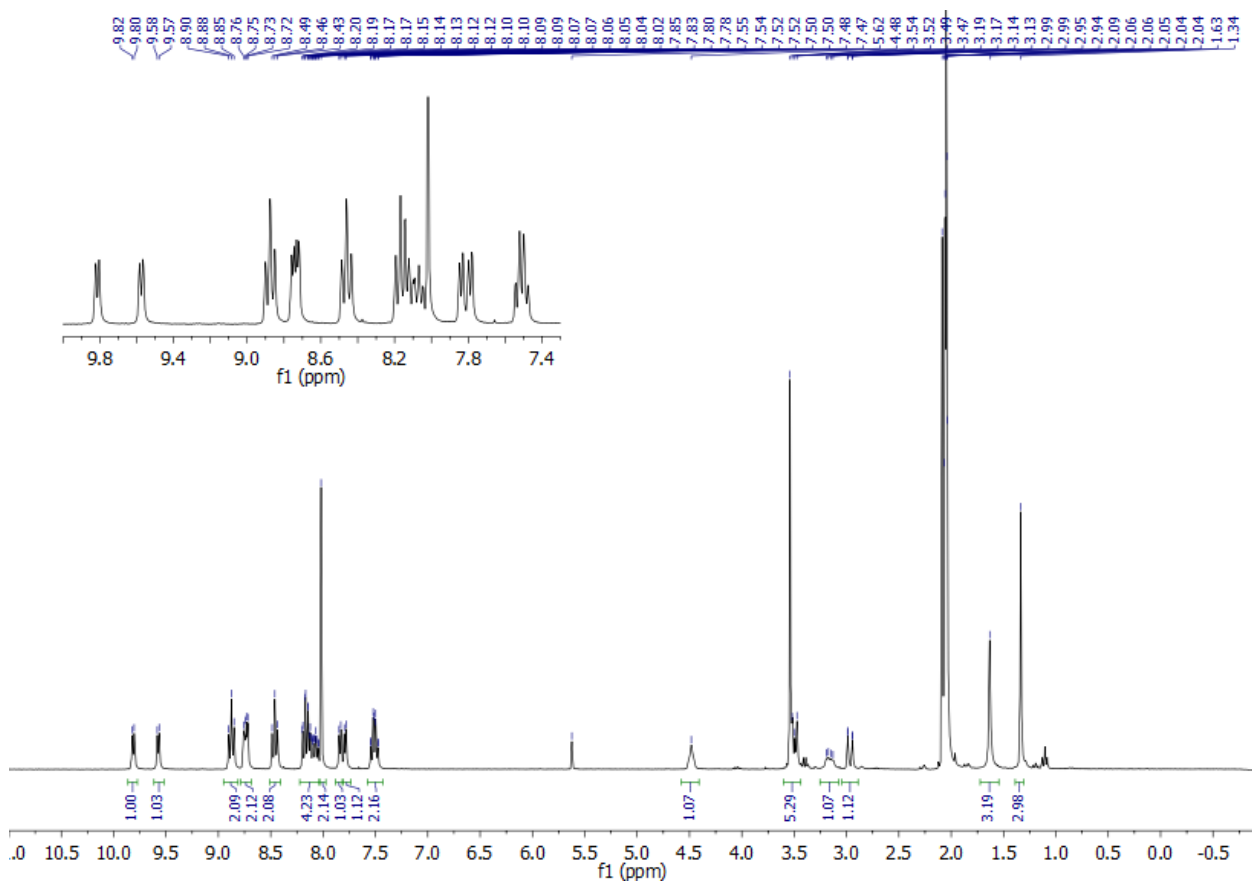


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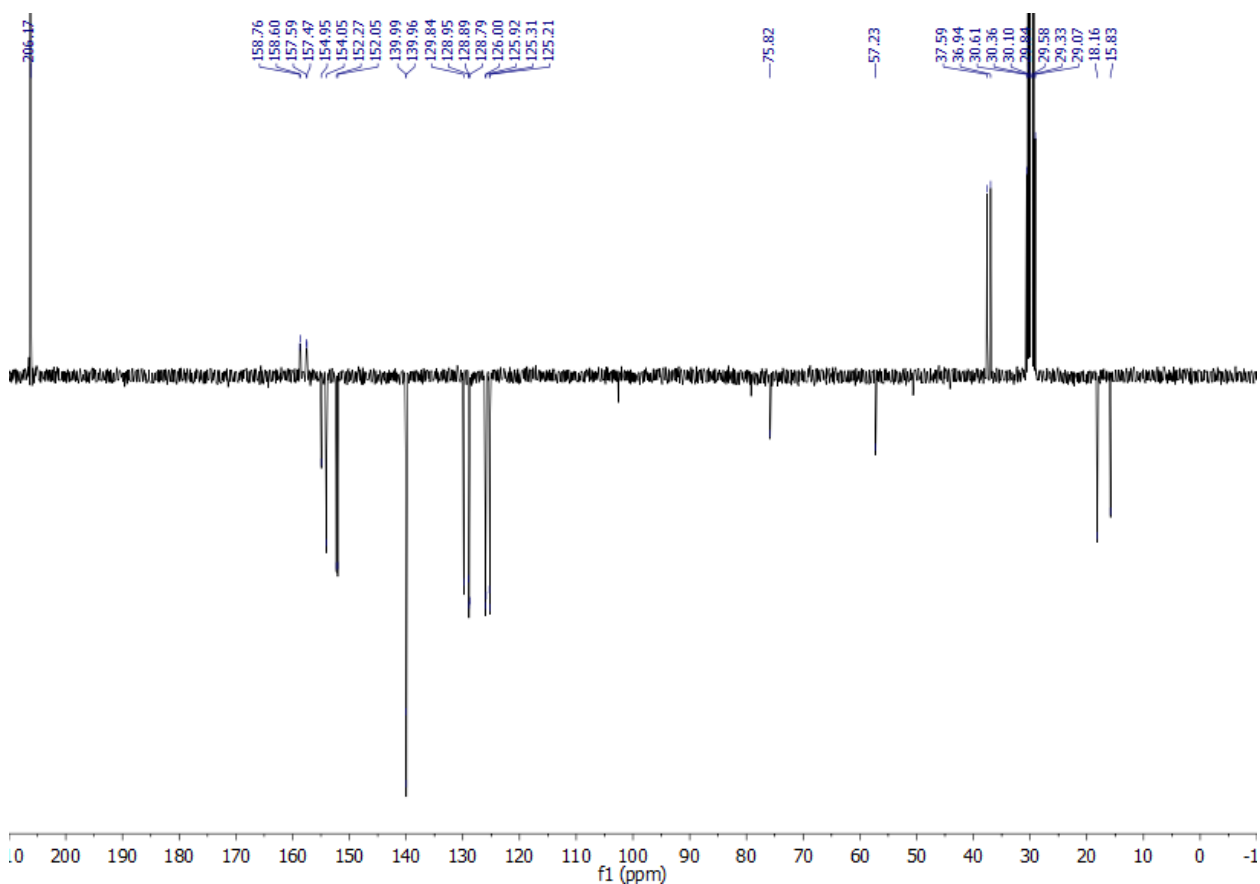


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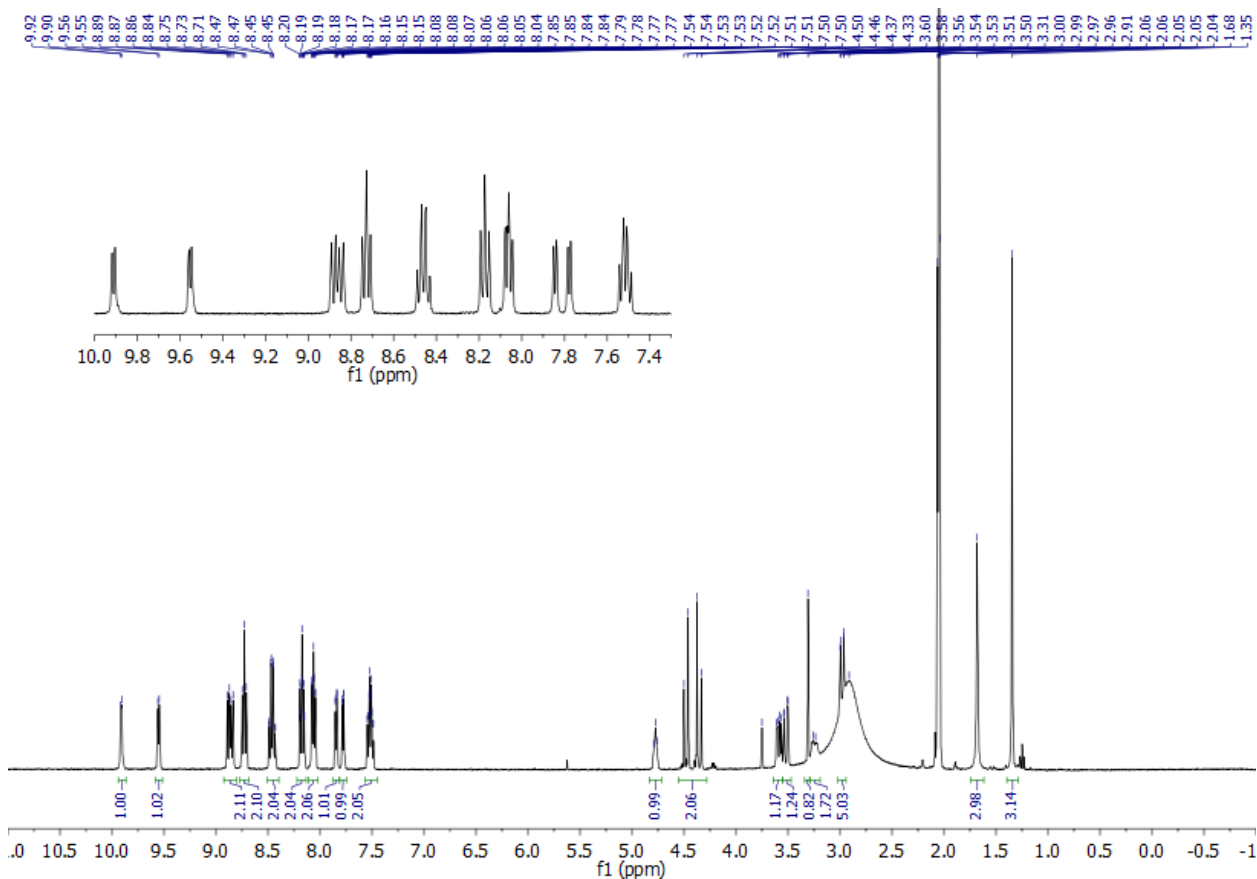


Figure S26. ^1H NMR spectrum of compound $[3](\text{PF}_6)_2$ in $\text{acetone-}d_6$.

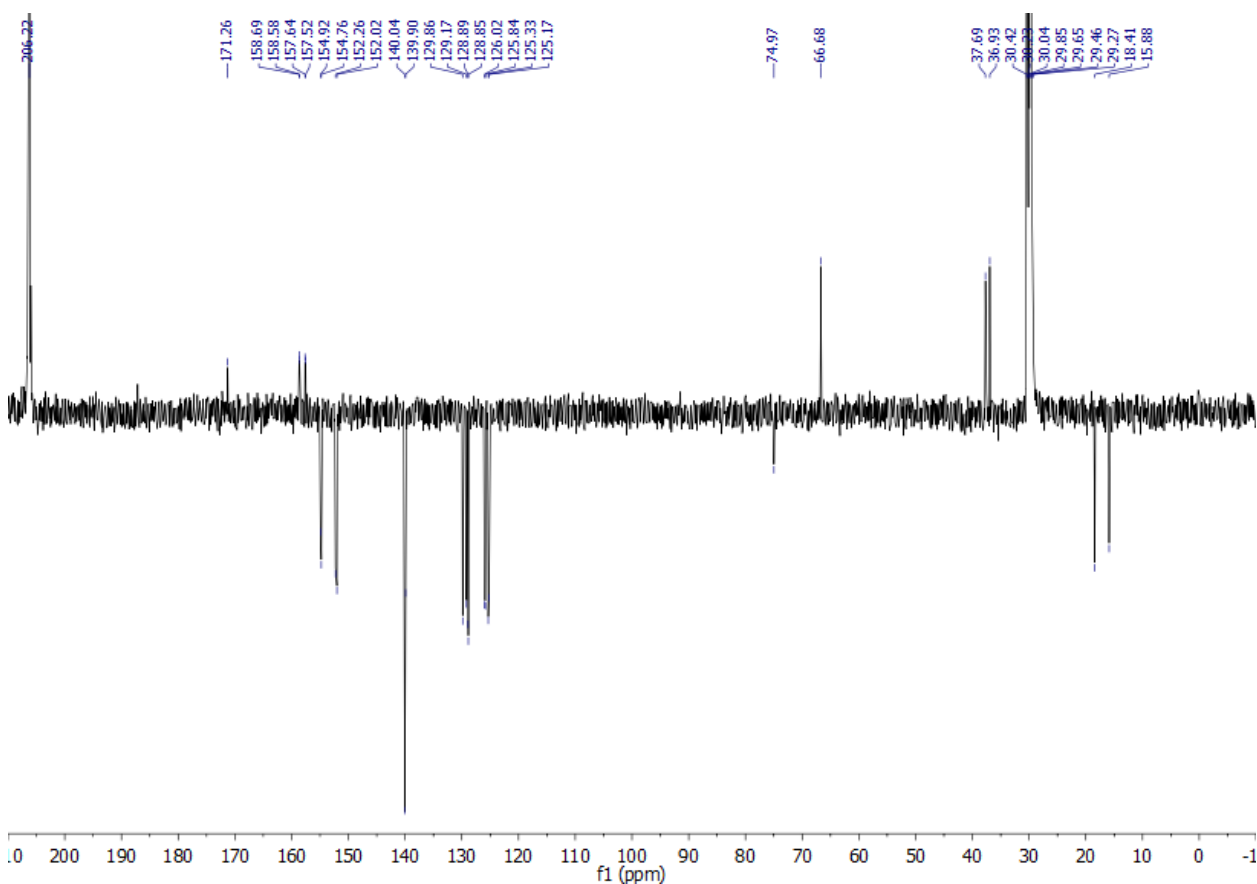


Figure S27. ^{13}C -APT NMR spectrum of compound $[3](\text{PF}_6)_2$ in $\text{acetone-}d_6$.

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