

## Supporting Information

# Sawhorse-type ruthenium complexes with triazolopyrimidine ligands - what do they represent in terms of cytotoxic and CORM compounds?

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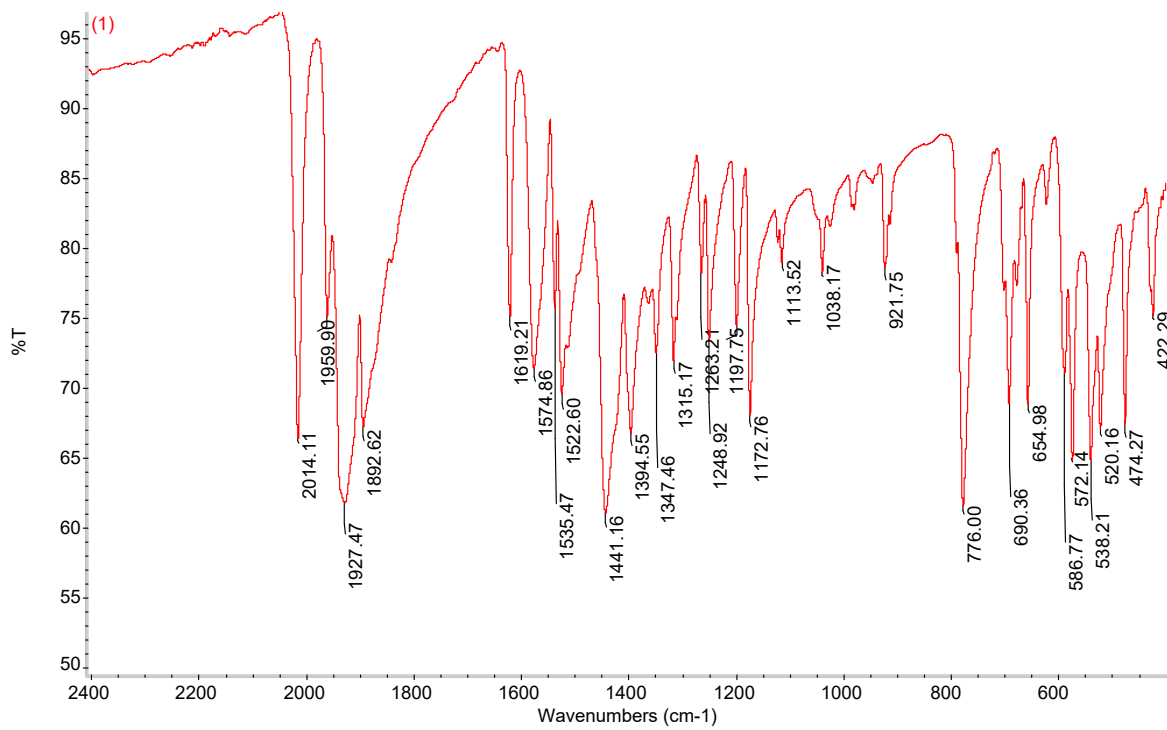
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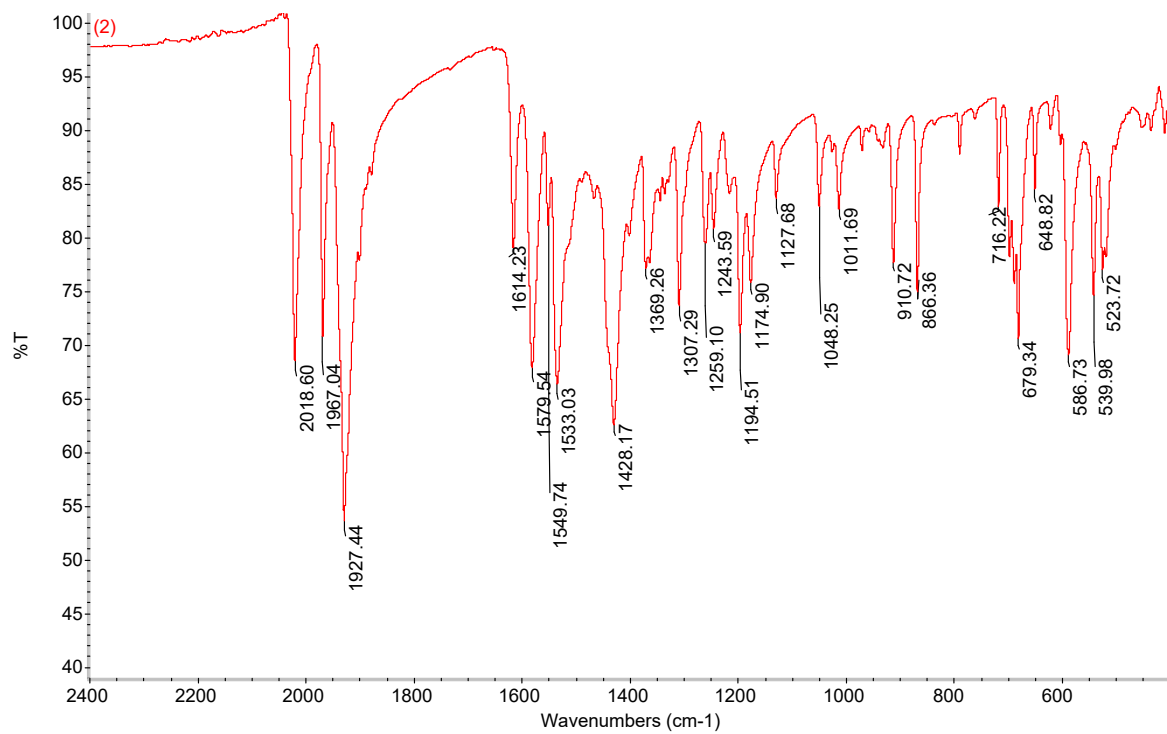
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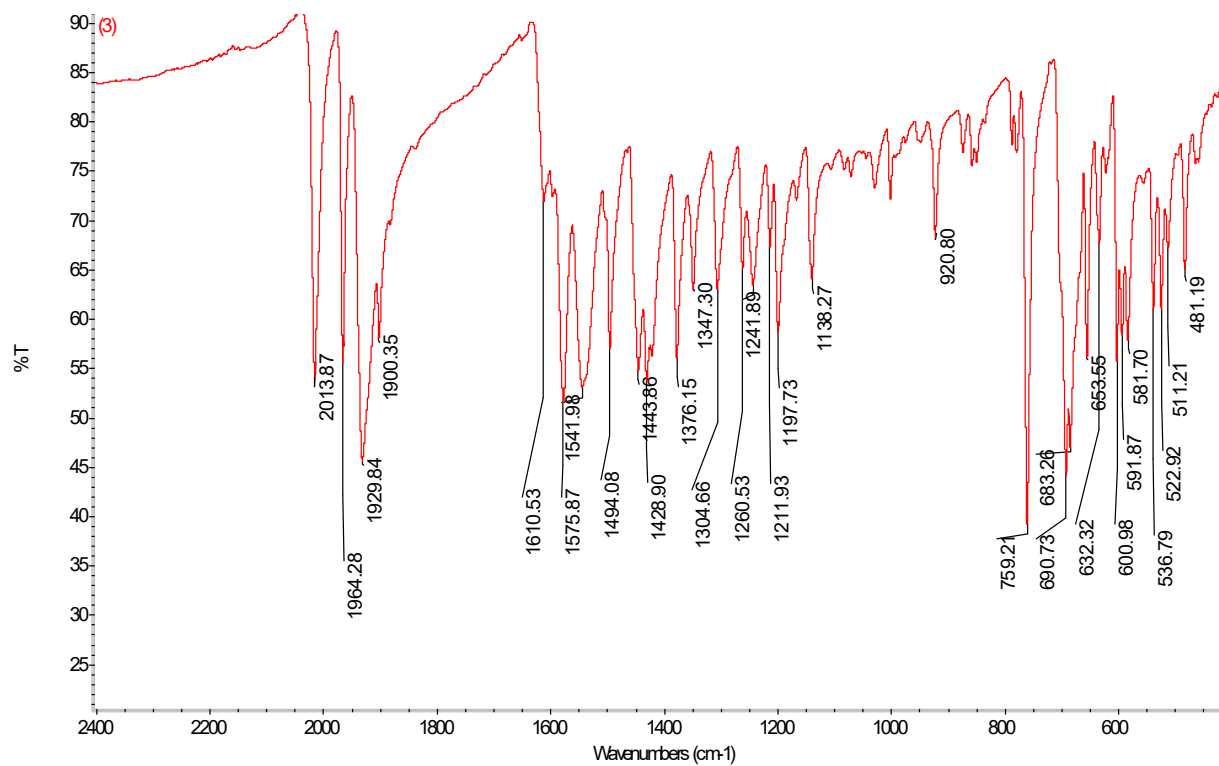
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**Fig. S1** FT-IR spectrum of  $[\text{Ru}_2(\text{CO})_4(\mu\text{-OOCCH}_3)_2(\text{tp})_2]$  (1).



**Fig. S2** FT-IR spectrum of  $[\text{Ru}_2(\text{CO})_4(\mu\text{-OOCCH}_3)_2(\text{dbtp})_2]$  (2).



**Fig. S3** FT-IR spectrum of [Ru<sub>2</sub>(CO)<sub>4</sub>(μ-OOCCH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>(dtp)<sub>2</sub>] (3).

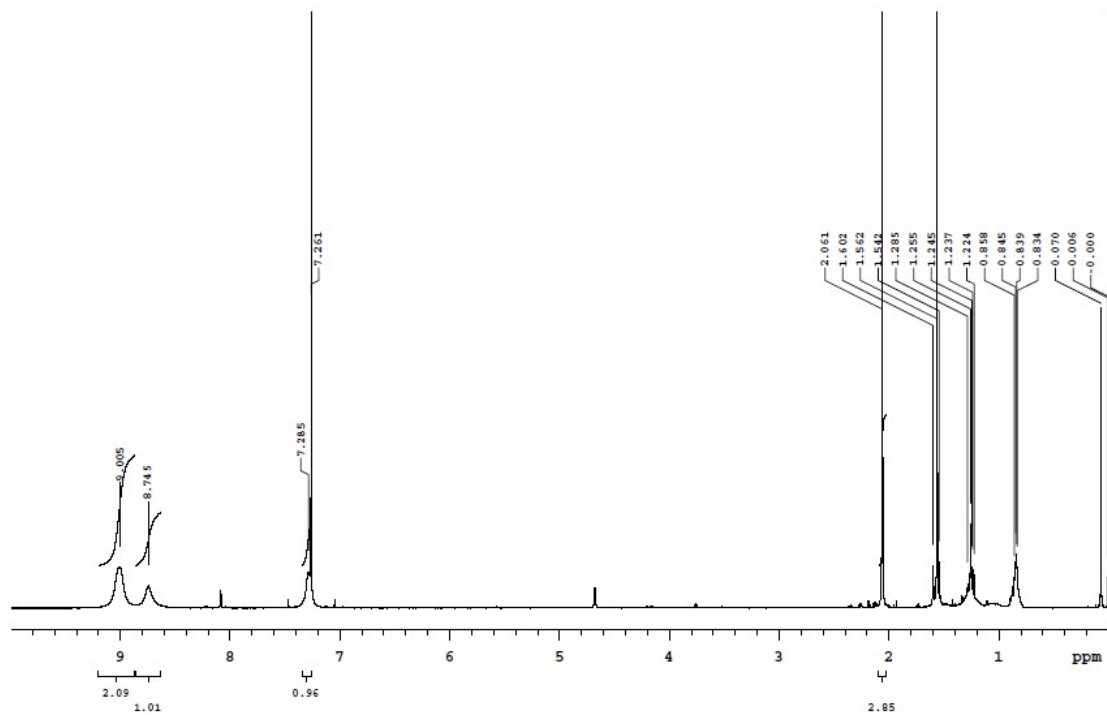


Fig. S4  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of  $[\text{Ru}_2(\text{CO})_4(\mu\text{-OOCCH}_3)_2(\text{tp})_2]$  (**1**) in  $\text{CDCl}_3$ .

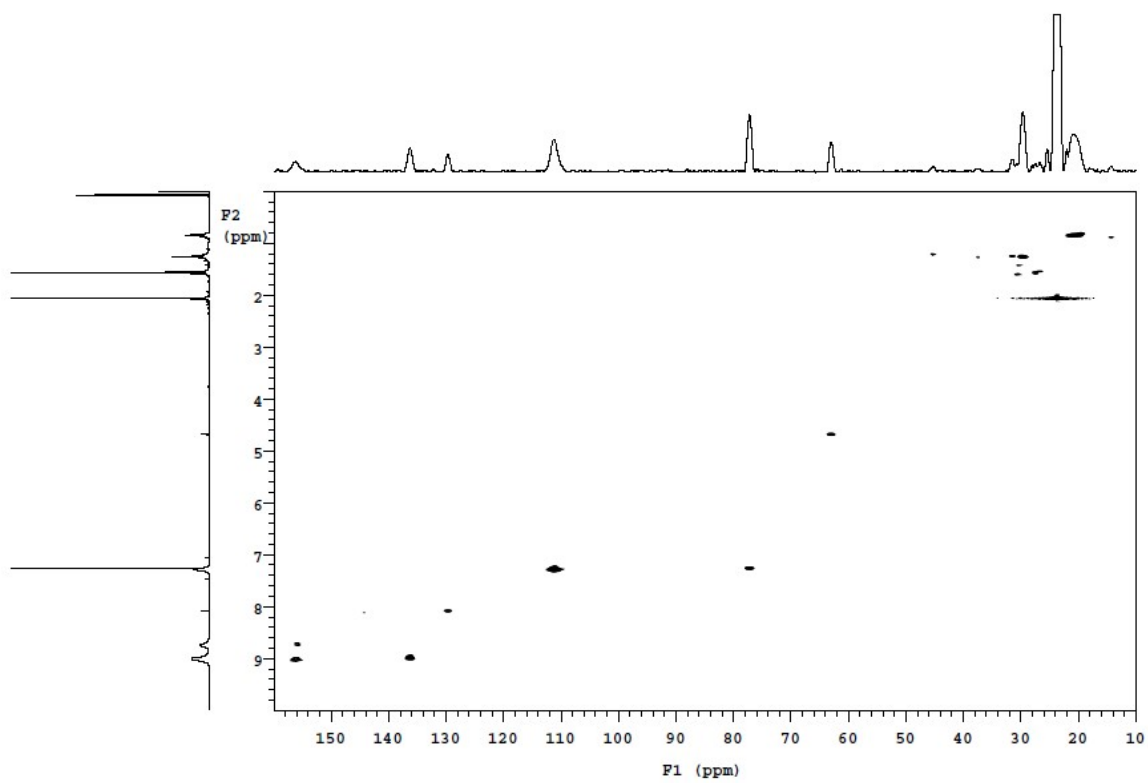
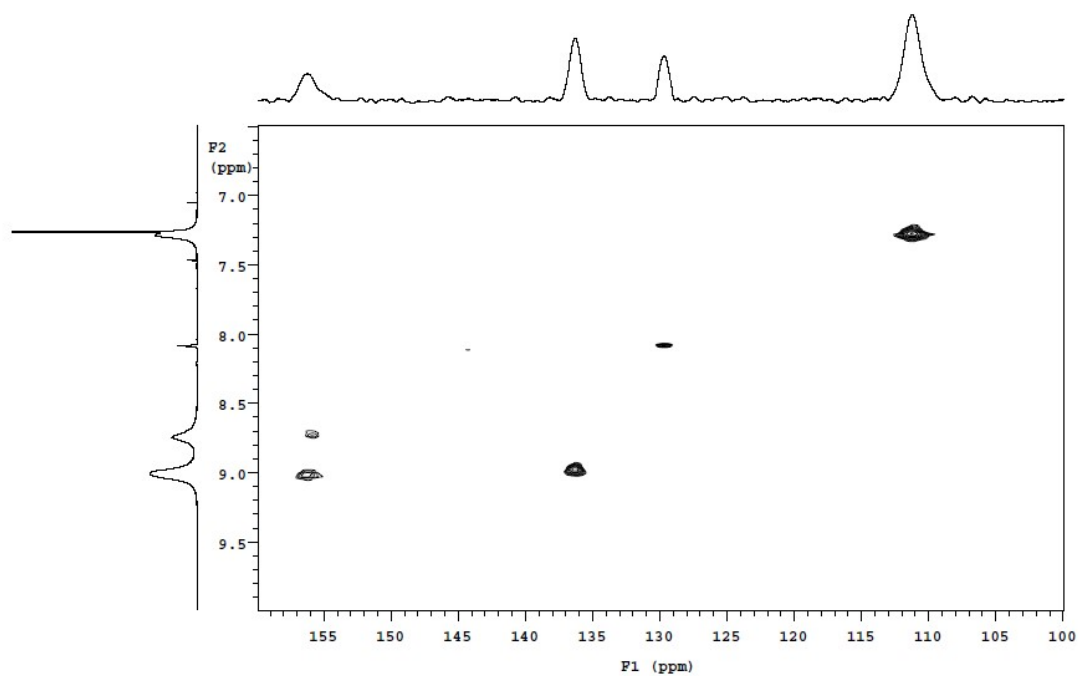
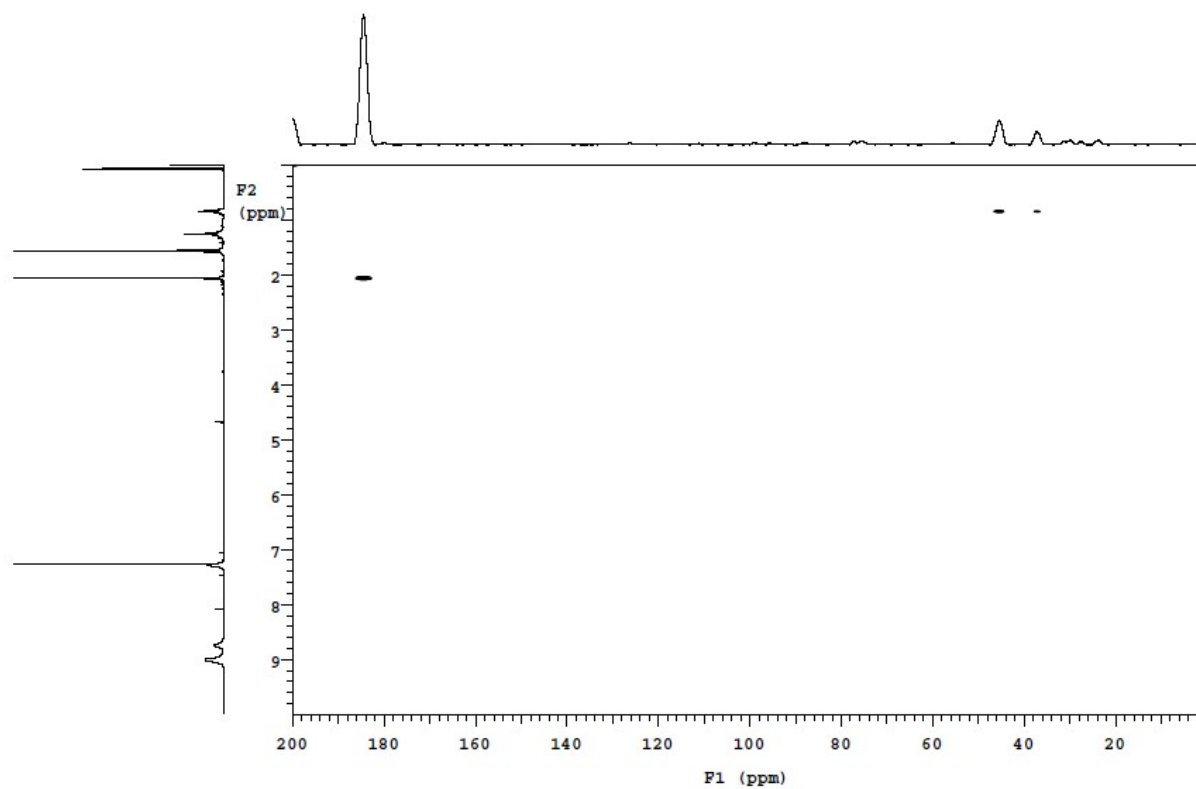


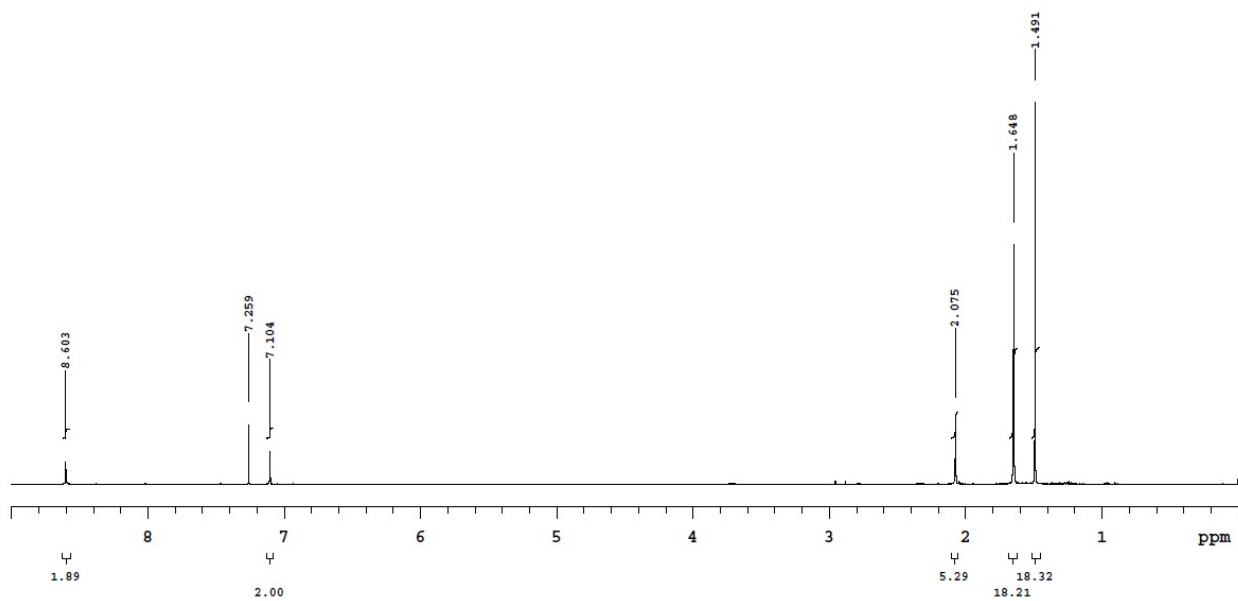
Fig. S5  $^1\text{H}$ - $^{13}\text{C}$  HMBC spectrum of  $[\text{Ru}_2(\text{CO})_4(\mu\text{-OOCCH}_3)_2(\text{tp})_2]$  (**1**) in  $\text{CDCl}_3$ .



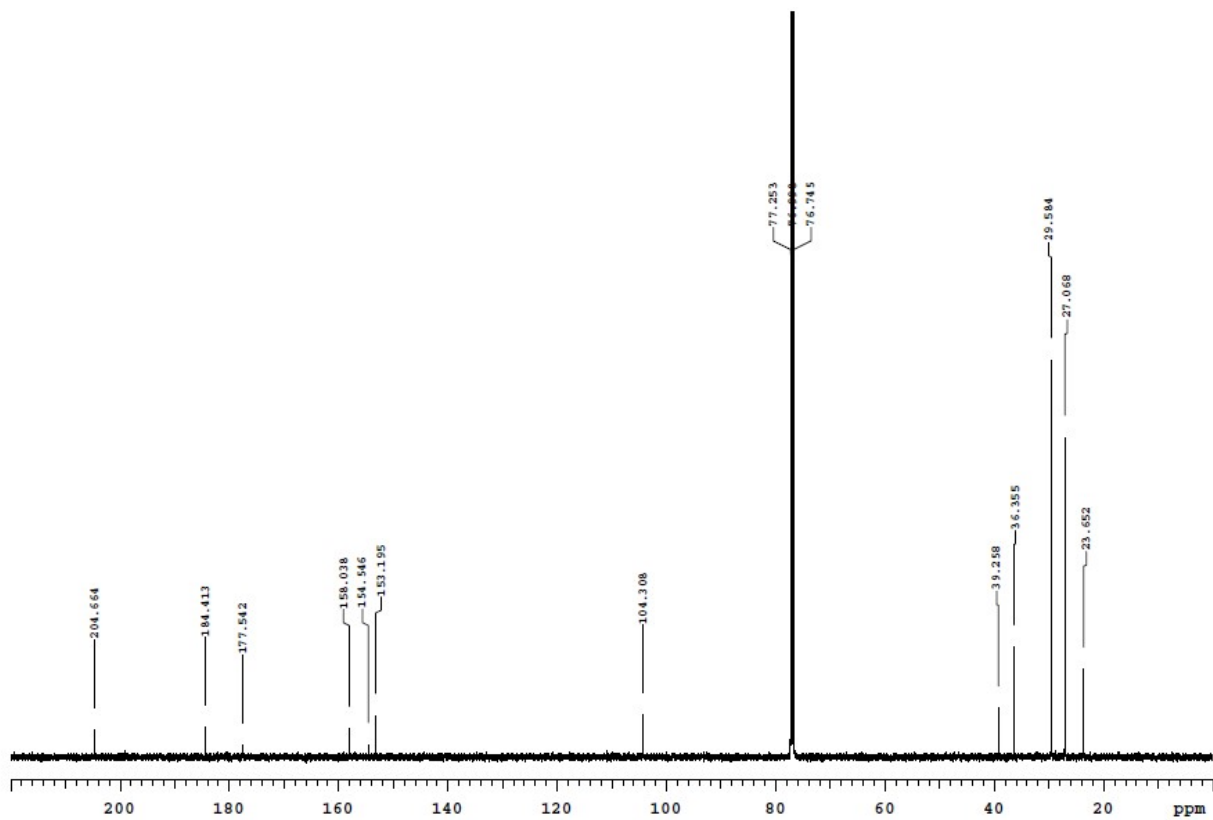
**Fig. S6** Selected range of  $^1\text{H}$ - $^{13}\text{C}$  HMBC spectrum of  $[\text{Ru}_2(\text{CO})_4(\mu\text{-OOCCH}_3)_2(\text{tp})_2]$  (**1**) in  $\text{CDCl}_3$ .



**Fig. S7**  $^1\text{H}$ - $^{13}\text{C}$  HMBC spectrum of  $[\text{Ru}_2(\text{CO})_4(\mu\text{-OOCCH}_3)_2(\text{tp})_2]$  (**1**) in  $\text{CDCl}_3$ .

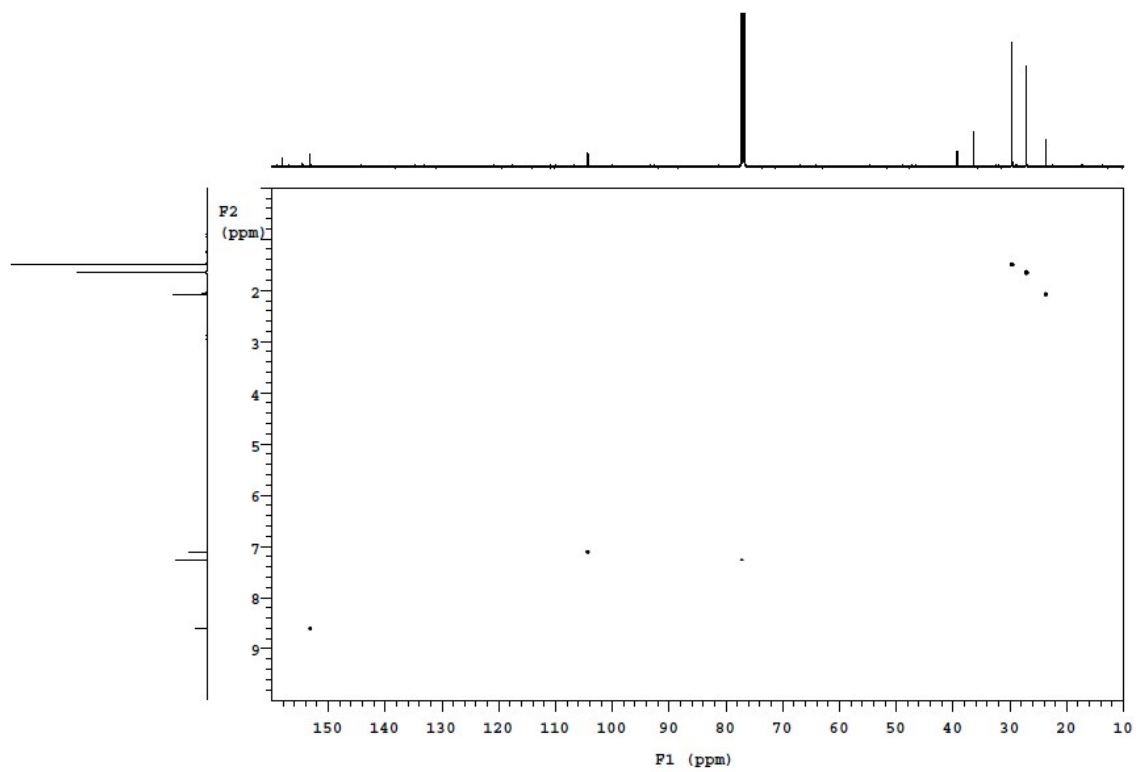


**Fig. S8**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of  $[\text{Ru}_2(\text{CO})_4(\mu\text{-OOCCH}_3)_2(\text{dbtp})_2]$  (**2**) in  $\text{CDCl}_3$ .

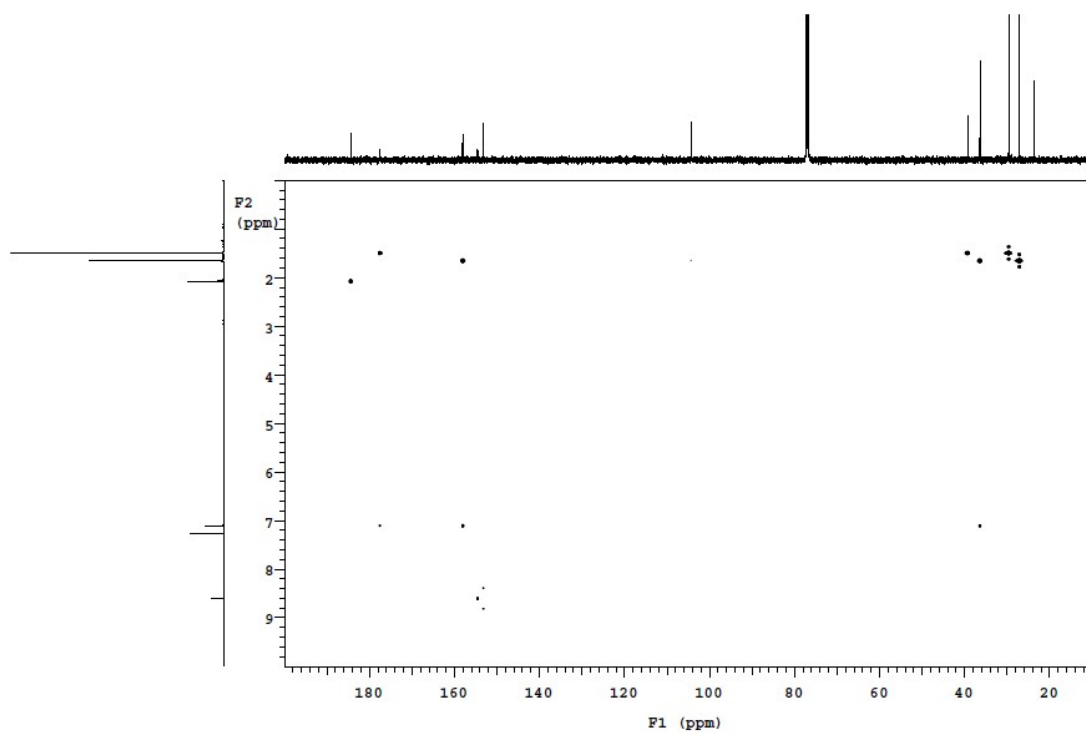


**Fig. S9**  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectrum of  $[\text{Ru}_2(\text{CO})_4(\mu\text{-OOCCH}_3)_2(\text{dbtp})_2]$  (**2**) in  $\text{CDCl}_3$ .

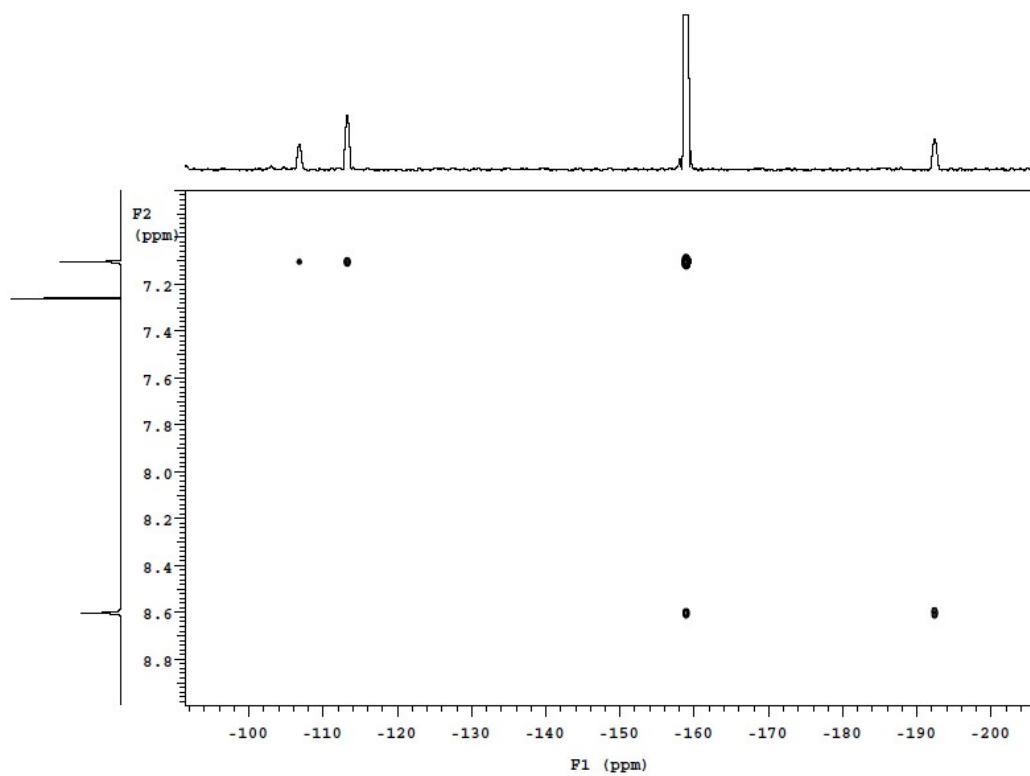




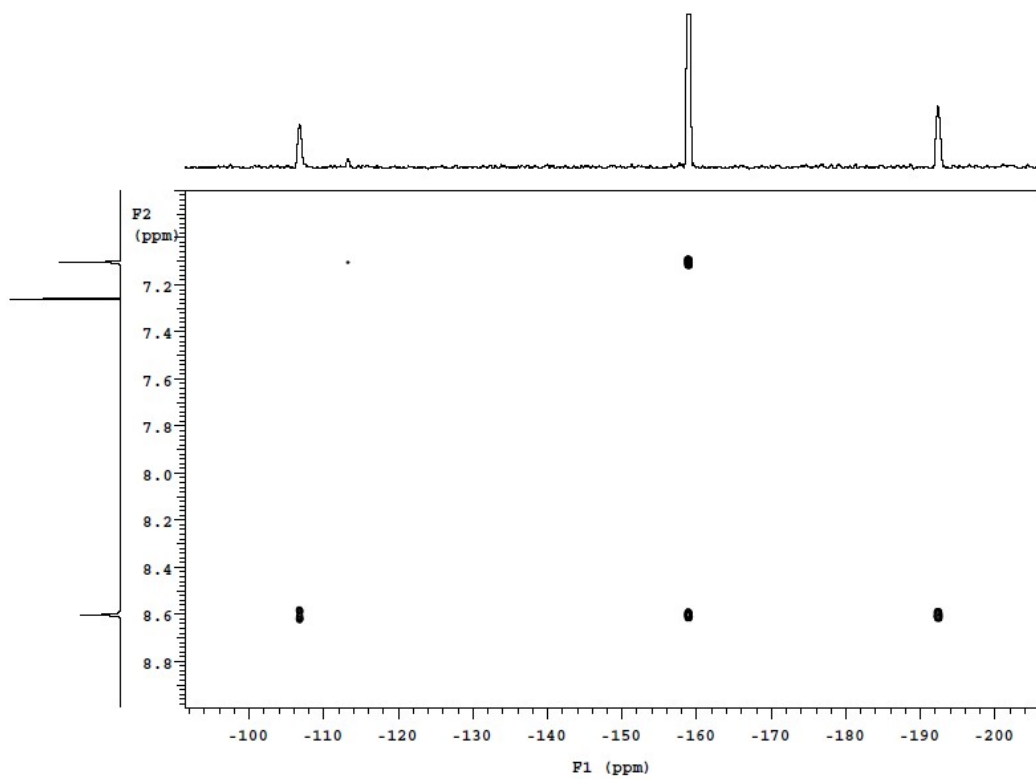
**Fig. S10**  $^1\text{H}$ - $^{13}\text{C}$  HSQC spectrum of  $[\text{Ru}_2(\text{CO})_4(\mu\text{-OOCCH}_3)_2(\text{dbtp})_2]$  (**2**) in  $\text{CDCl}_3$ .



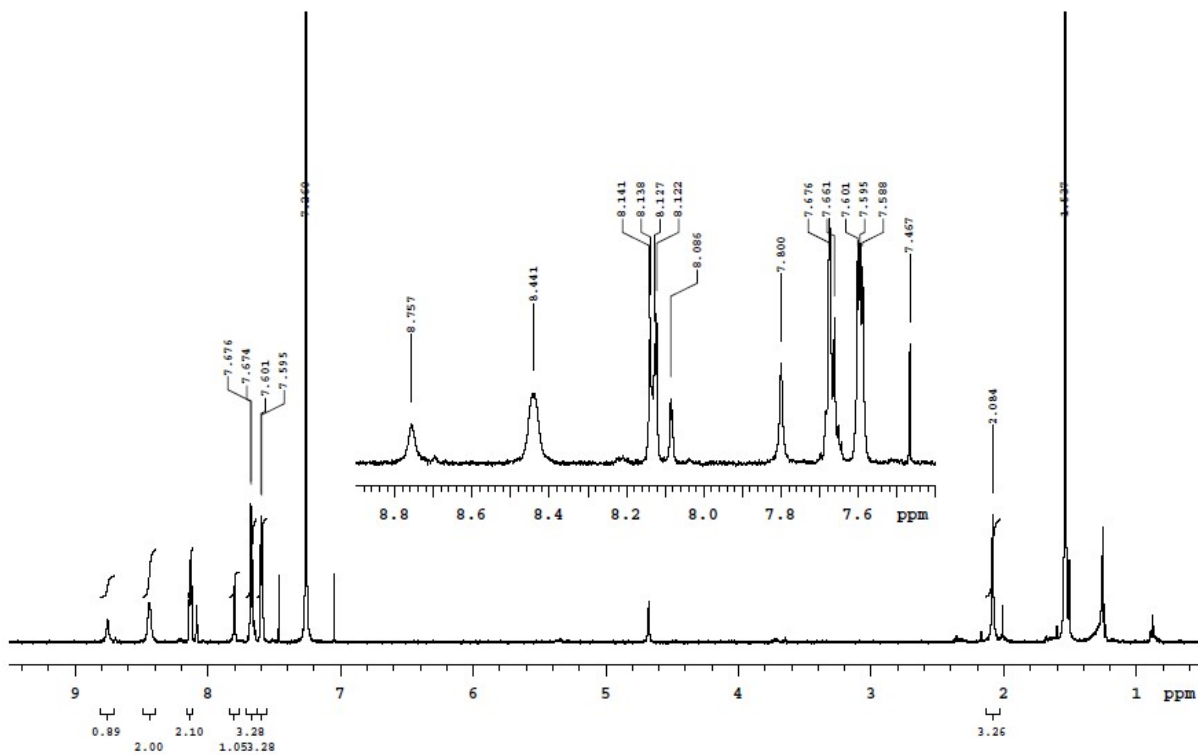
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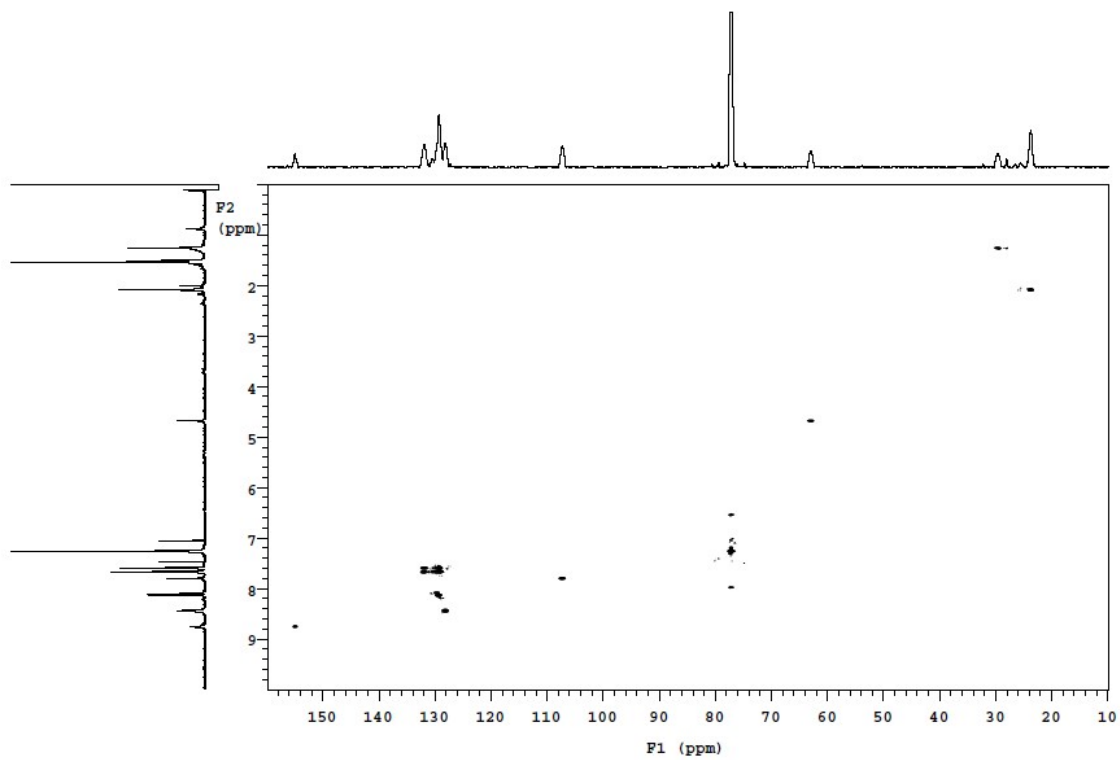
**Fig. S12**  $^1\text{H}$ - $^{13}\text{C}$  HMQC spectrum of  $[\text{Ru}_2(\text{CO})_4(\mu\text{-OOCCH}_3)_2(\text{dbtp})_2]$  (**2**) in  $\text{CDCl}_3$ .



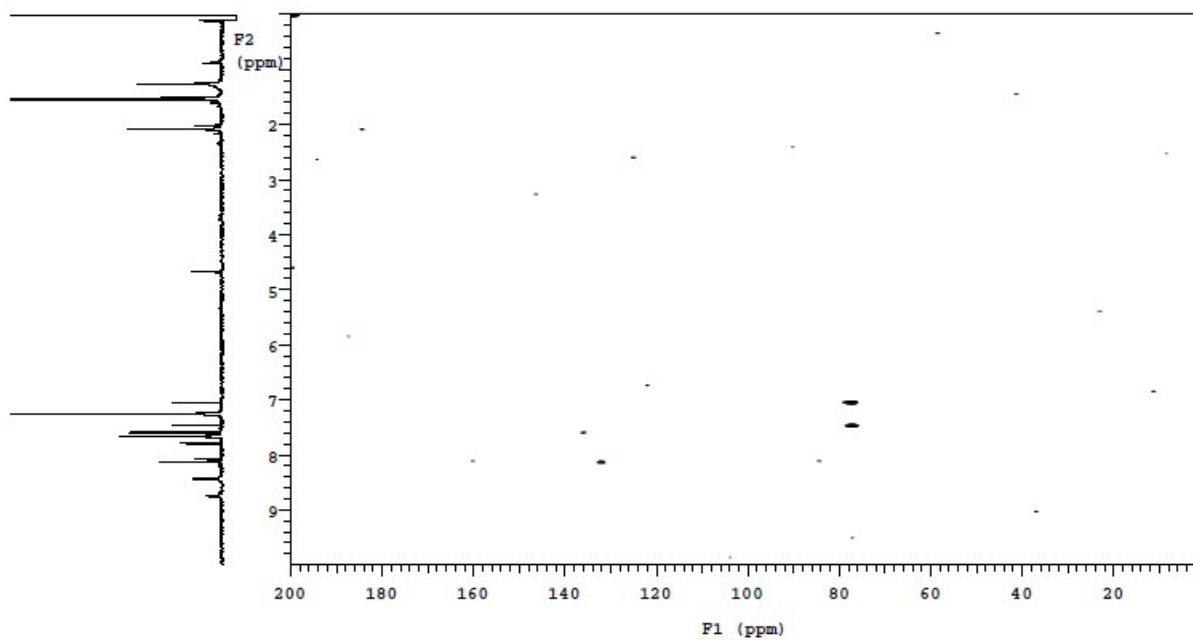
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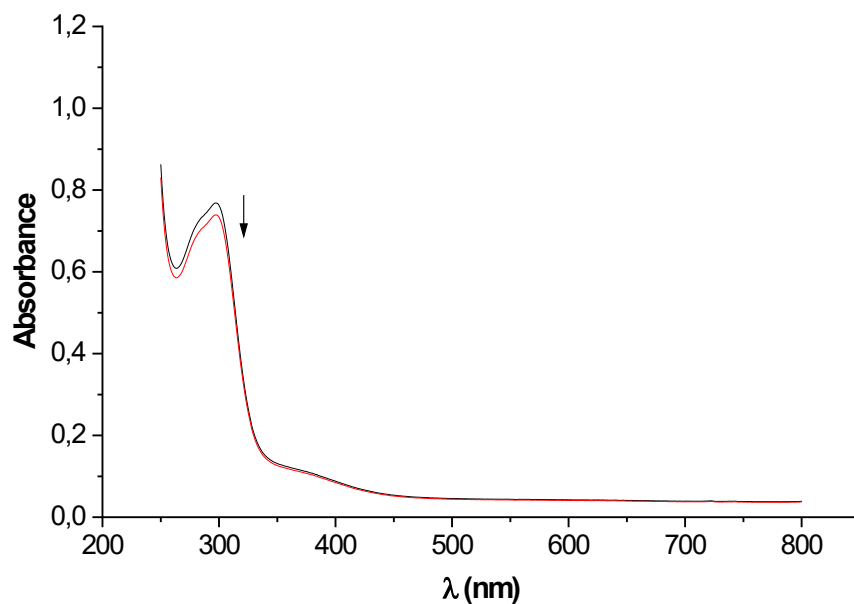
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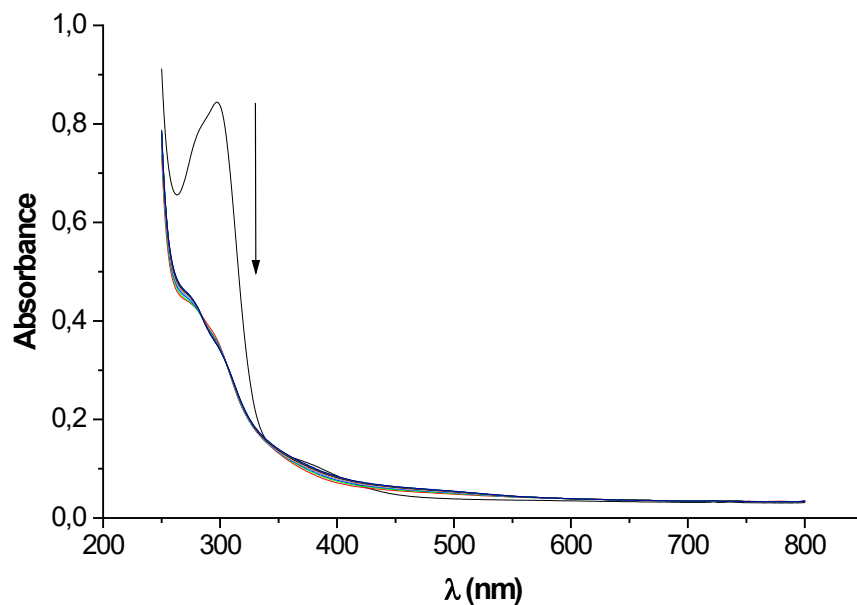
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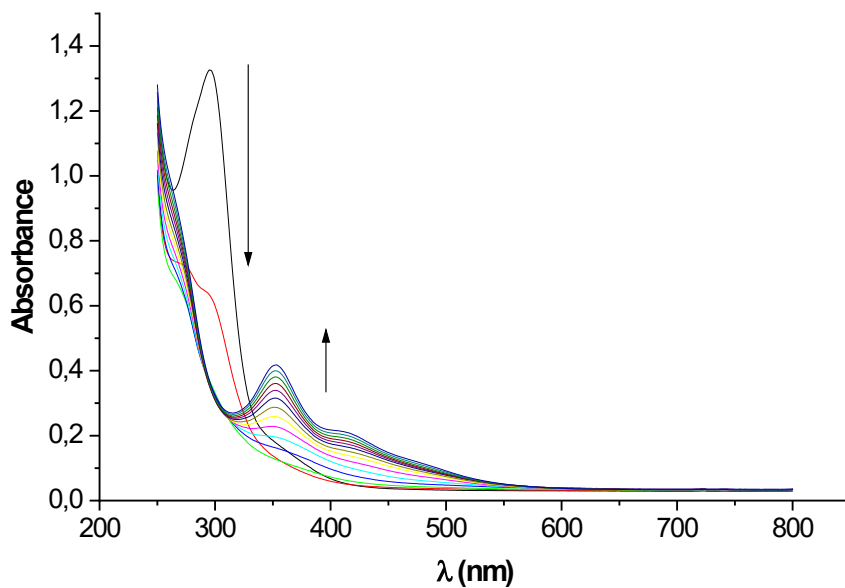
**Fig. S16**  $^1\text{H}$ - $^{13}\text{C}$  HMBC spectrum of  $[\text{Ru}_2(\text{CO})_4(\mu\text{-OOCCH}_3)_2(\text{dtp})_2]$  (**3**) in  $\text{CDCl}_3$ .



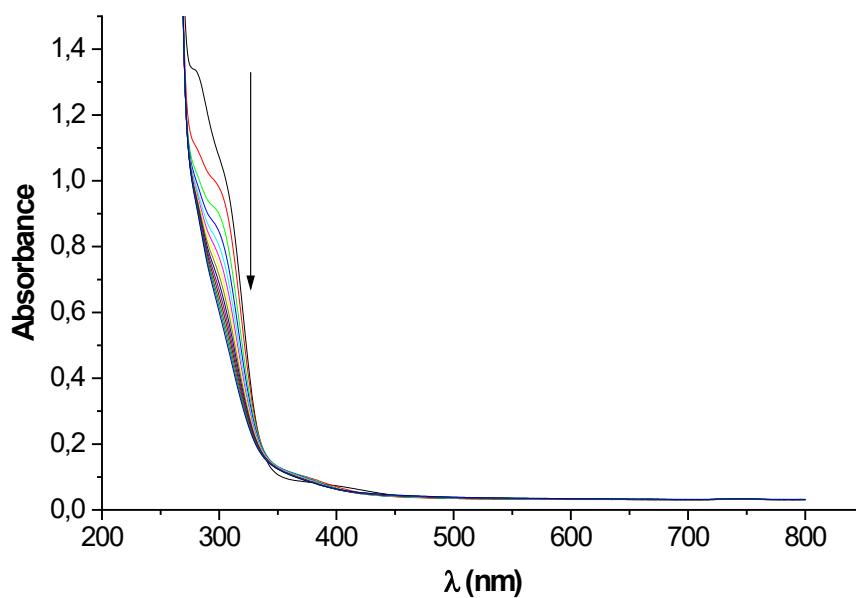
**Fig. S17** The UV-Vis spectra of  $[\text{Ru}_2(\text{CO})_4(\mu\text{-OOCCH}_3)_2(\text{tp})_2]$  (**1**) not irradiated with UV light. Experimental conditions: chloroform,  $[\text{Ru}^I] = 50 \mu\text{mol L}^{-1}$ ,  $t = 0$  min and after  $t = 120$  min in dark.



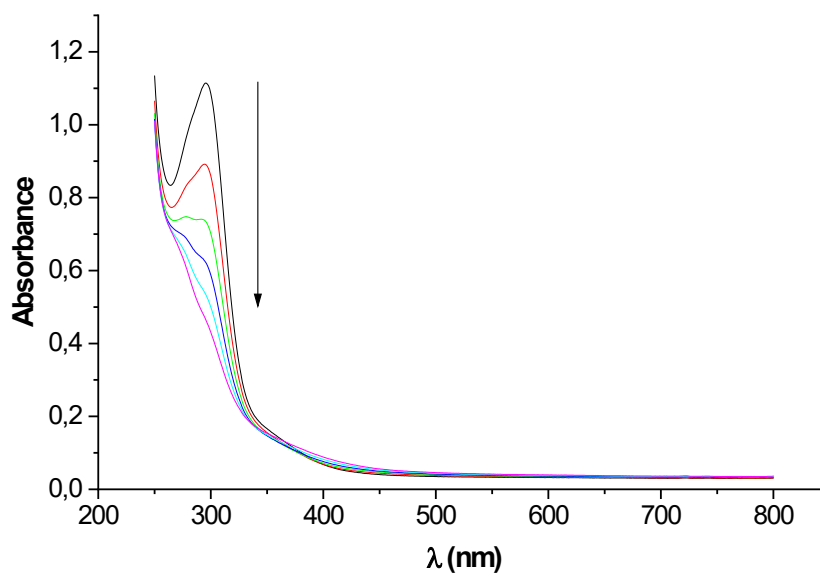
**Fig. S18** The UV-Vis spectra of  $[\text{Ru}_2(\text{CO})_4(\mu\text{-OOCCH}_3)_2(\text{tp})_2]$  (**1**) irradiated with UV light. Experimental conditions: LED lamp,  $\lambda_{\text{irr}} = 254$  nm, chloroform,  $[\text{Ru}^I] = 50 \mu\text{mol L}^{-1}$ ,  $\Delta t = 5$  min,  $t = 0 - 5$  min irradiation,  $t = 5 - 65$  min without irradiation.



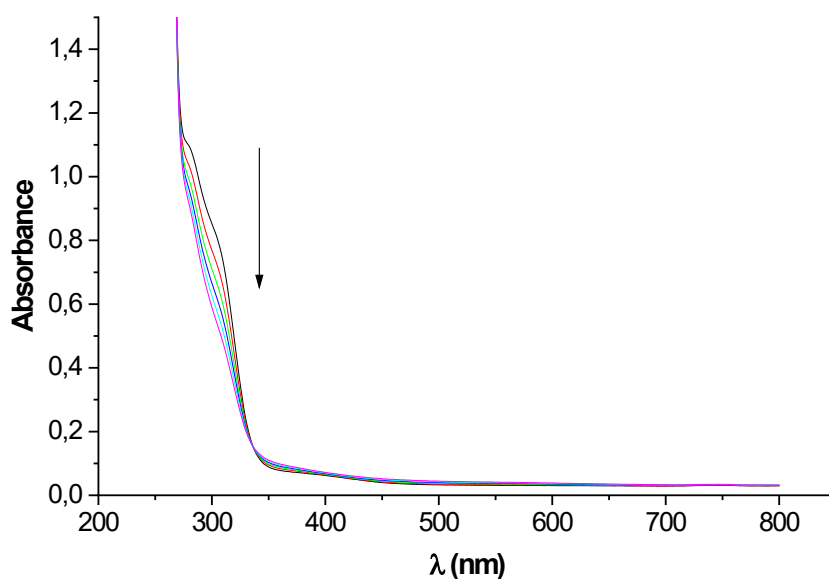
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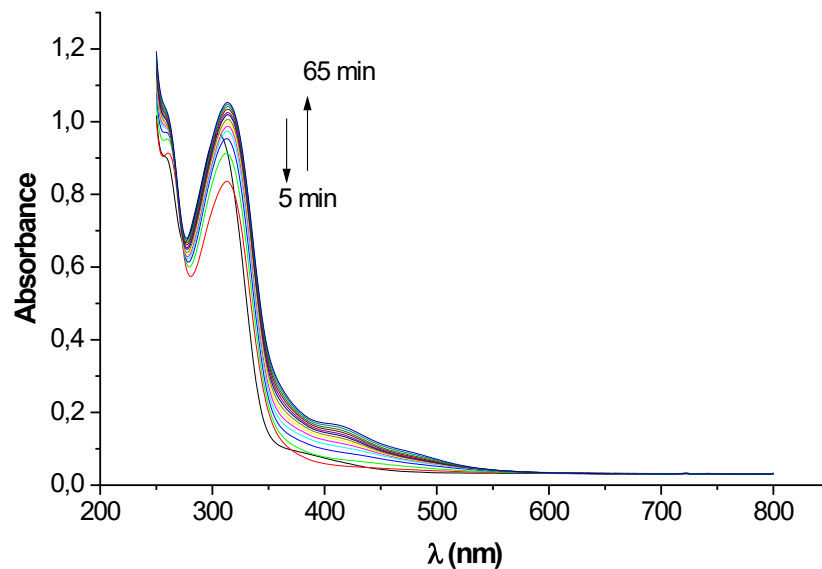
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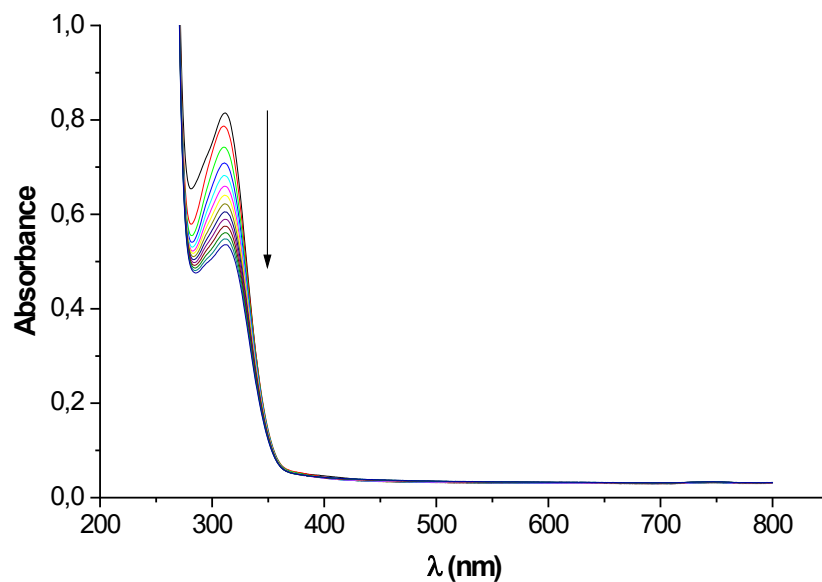
**Fig. S21** The UV-Vis spectra of  $[\text{Ru}_2(\text{CO})_4(\mu\text{-OOCCH}_3)_2(\text{dbtp})_2]$  (**2**) irradiated with near UV light. Experimental conditions: LED lamp,  $\lambda_{\text{irr}} = 365 \text{ nm}$ , chloroform,  $[\text{Ru}^I] = 50 \mu\text{mol L}^{-1}$ ,  $\Delta t = 30 \text{ min}$ ,  $t_{\text{total}} = 150 \text{ min}$ .



**Fig. S22** The UV-Vis spectra of  $[\text{Ru}_2(\text{CO})_4(\mu\text{-OOCCH}_3)_2(\text{dbtp})_2]$  (**2**) irradiated with near UV light. Experimental conditions: LED lamp,  $\lambda_{\text{irr}} = 365 \text{ nm}$ , DMF,  $[\text{Ru}^I] = 50 \mu\text{mol L}^{-1}$ ,  $\Delta t = 30 \text{ min}$ ,  $t_{\text{total}} = 150 \text{ min}$ .

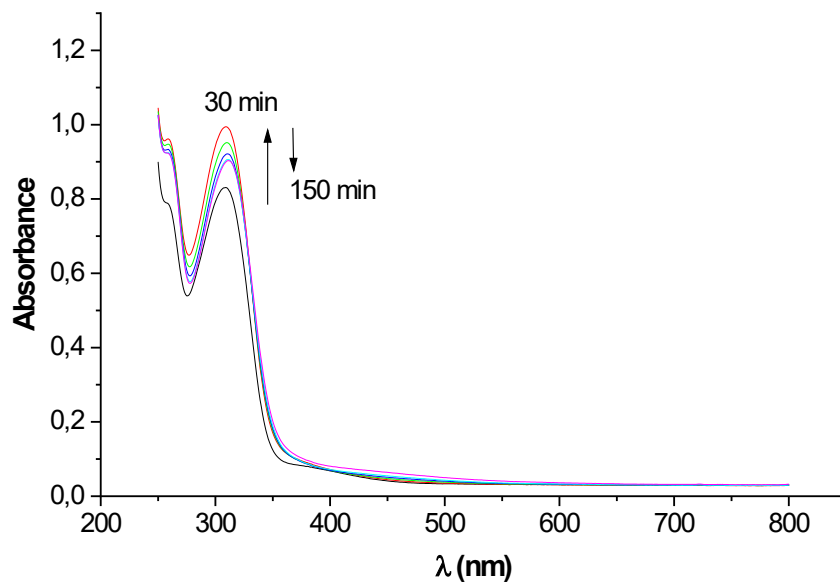


**Fig. S23** The UV-Vis spectra of  $[\text{Ru}_2(\text{CO})_4(\mu\text{-OOCCH}_3)_2(\text{dptp})_2]$  (**3**) irradiated with UV light. Experimental conditions: LED lamp,  $\lambda_{\text{irr}} = 254 \text{ nm}$ , chloroform,  $[\text{Ru}^{\text{I}}] = 25 \mu\text{mol L}^{-1}$ ,  $\Delta t = 5 \text{ min}$ ,  $t_{\text{total}} = 65 \text{ min}$ .

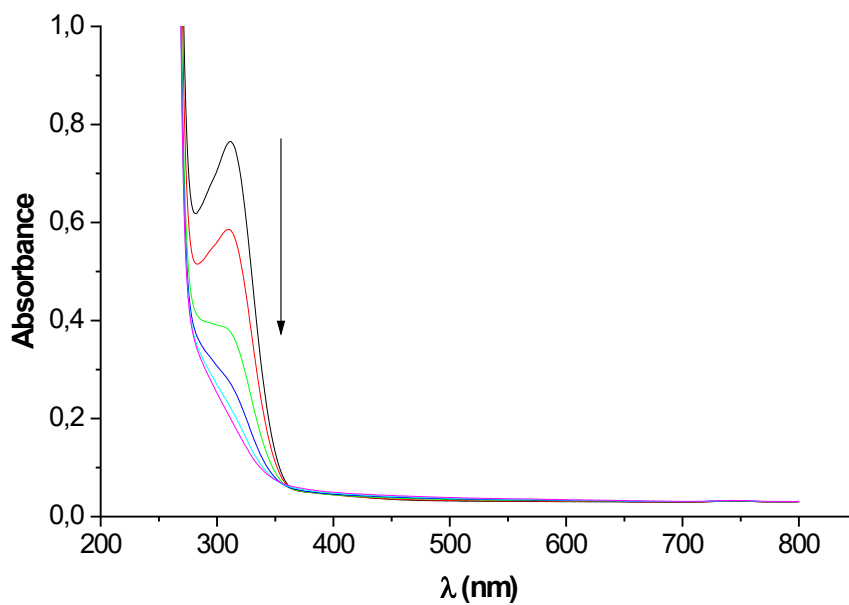


**Fig. S24** The UV-Vis spectra of  $[\text{Ru}_2(\text{CO})_4(\mu\text{-OOCCH}_3)_2(\text{dptp})_2]$  (**3**) irradiated with UV light. Experimental conditions: LED lamp,  $\lambda_{\text{irr}} = 254 \text{ nm}$ , DMF,  $[\text{Ru}^{\text{I}}] = 25 \mu\text{mol L}^{-1}$ ,  $\Delta t = 5 \text{ min}$ ,  $t_{\text{total}} = 65 \text{ min}$ .

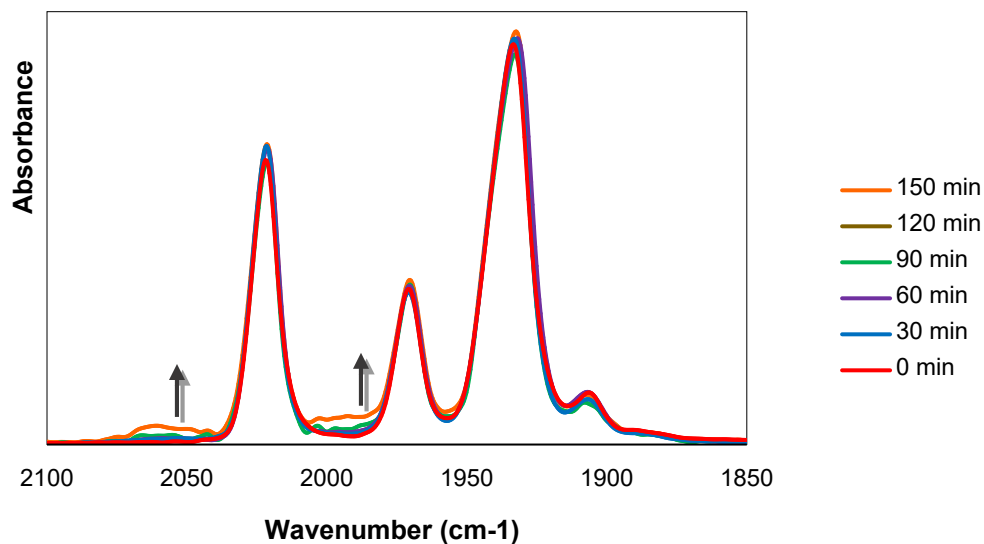




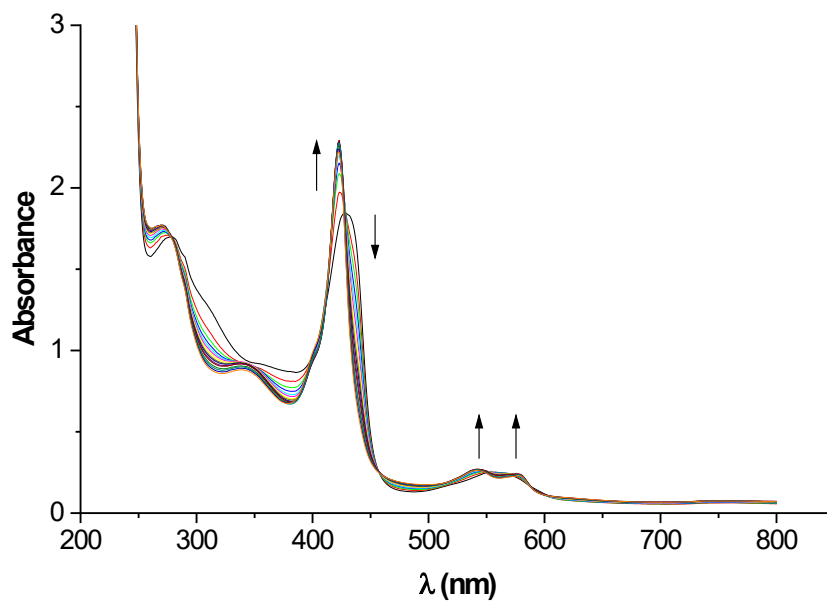
**Fig. S25** The UV-Vis spectra of  $[\text{Ru}_2(\text{CO})_4(\mu\text{-OOCCH}_3)_2(\text{dptp})_2]$  (**3**) irradiated with near UV light. Experimental conditions: LED lamp,  $\lambda_{\text{irr}} = 365 \text{ nm}$ , chloroform,  $[\text{Ru}^I] = 25 \mu\text{mol L}^{-1}$ ,  $\Delta t = 30 \text{ min}$ ,  $t_{\text{total}} = 150 \text{ min}$ .



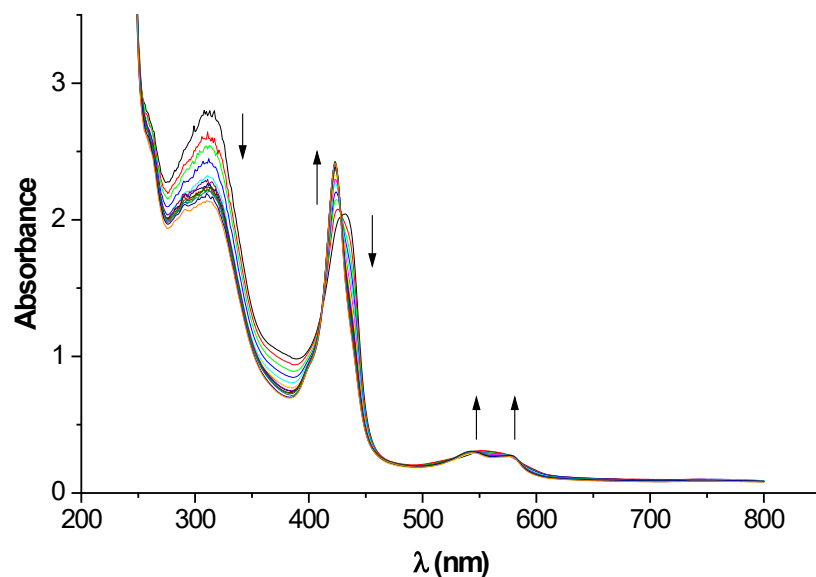
**Fig. S26** The UV-Vis spectra of  $[\text{Ru}_2(\text{CO})_4(\mu\text{-OOCCH}_3)_2(\text{dptp})_2]$  (**3**) irradiated with near UV light. Experimental conditions: LED lamp,  $\lambda_{\text{irr}} = 365 \text{ nm}$ , DMF,  $[\text{Ru}^I] = 25 \mu\text{mol L}^{-1}$ ,  $\Delta t = 30 \text{ min}$ ,  $t_{\text{total}} = 150 \text{ min}$ .



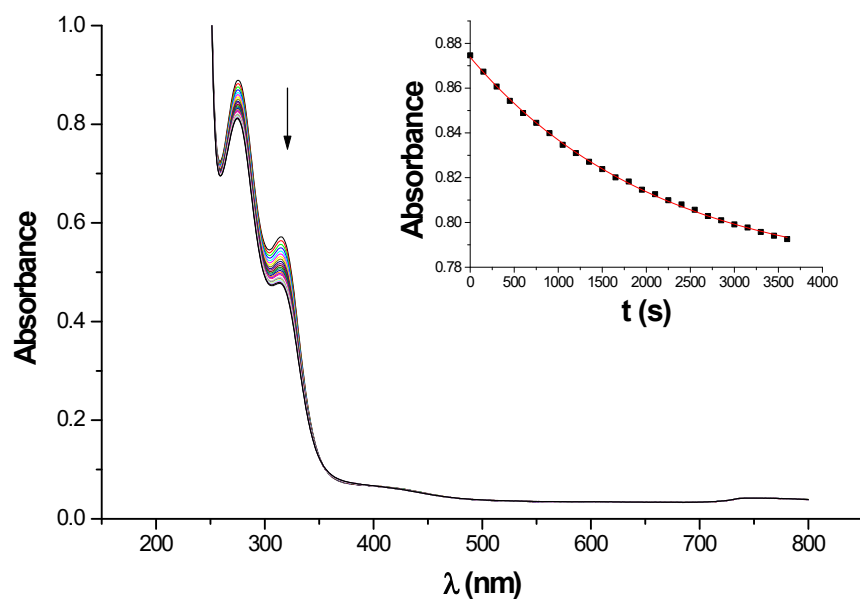
**Fig. S27** FT-IR ( $\nu(\text{CO})$  region) of  $[\text{Ru}_2(\text{CO})_4(\mu\text{-OOCCH}_3)_2(\text{dbtp})_2]$  (**2**) in chloroform and the changes that occur during photolysis. Experimental conditions: LED lamp,  $\lambda_{\text{irr}} = 365 \text{ nm}$ ,  $[\text{Ru}^I] = 0.038 \text{ mol L}^{-1}$ .



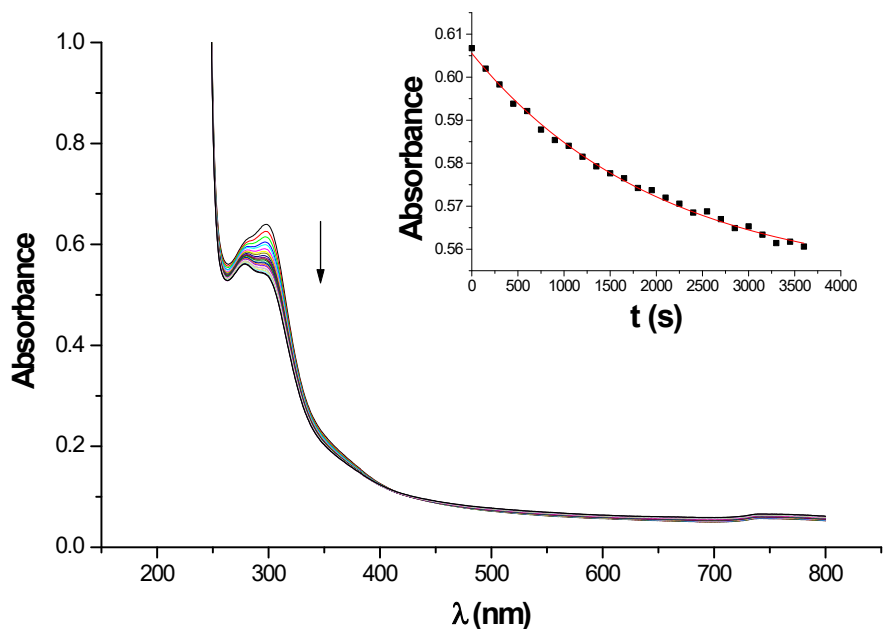
**Fig. S28** The UV-Vis spectra of freshly reduced myoglobin in DMF/phosphate buffer solution pH 7.4 (1:9), after adding the  $[\text{Ru}_2(\text{CO})_4(\mu\text{-OOCCH}_3)_2(\text{tp})_2]$  (**1**) irradiated with UV light. Experimental conditions: LED lamp,  $\lambda_{\text{irr}} = 365 \text{ nm}$ ,  $[\text{Mb}] = 20 \mu\text{mol L}^{-1}$ ,  $[\text{Ru}^I] = 50 \mu\text{mol L}^{-1}$ ,  $\Delta t = 2.5 \text{ min}$ ,  $t_{\text{total}} = 30 \text{ min}$ .



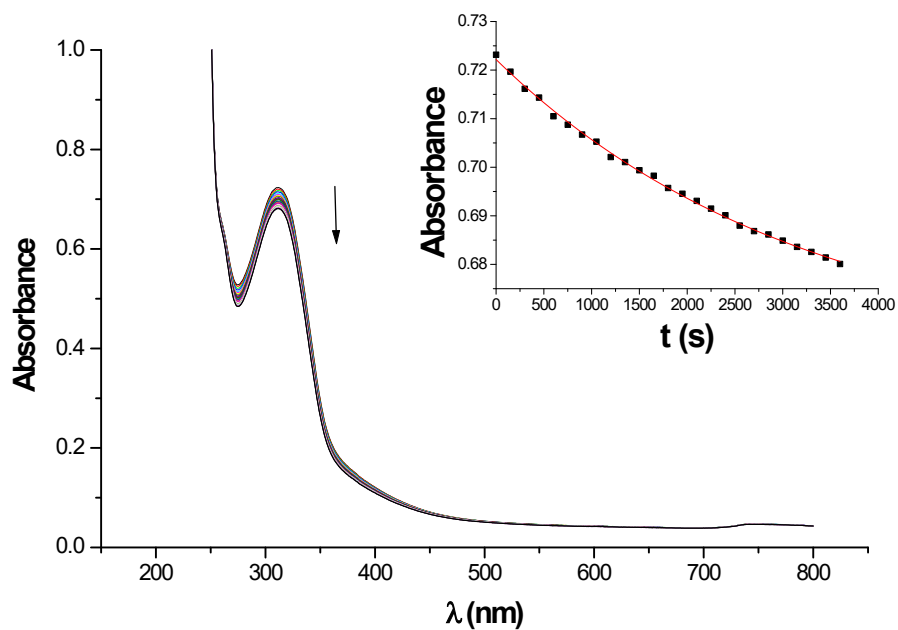
**Fig. S29** The UV-Vis spectra of freshly reduced myoglobin in DMF/phosphate buffer solution pH 7.4 (1:9), after adding the  $[\text{Ru}_2(\text{CO})_4(\mu\text{-OOCCH}_3)_2(\text{dptp})_2]$  (**3**) irradiated with UV light. Experimental conditions: LED lamp,  $\lambda_{\text{irr}} = 365 \text{ nm}$ ,  $[\text{Mb}] = 20 \mu\text{mol L}^{-1}$ ,  $[\text{Ru}^{\text{I}}] = 50 \mu\text{mol L}^{-1}$ ,  $\Delta t = 2.5 \text{ min}$ ,  $t_{\text{total}} = 30 \text{ min}$ .



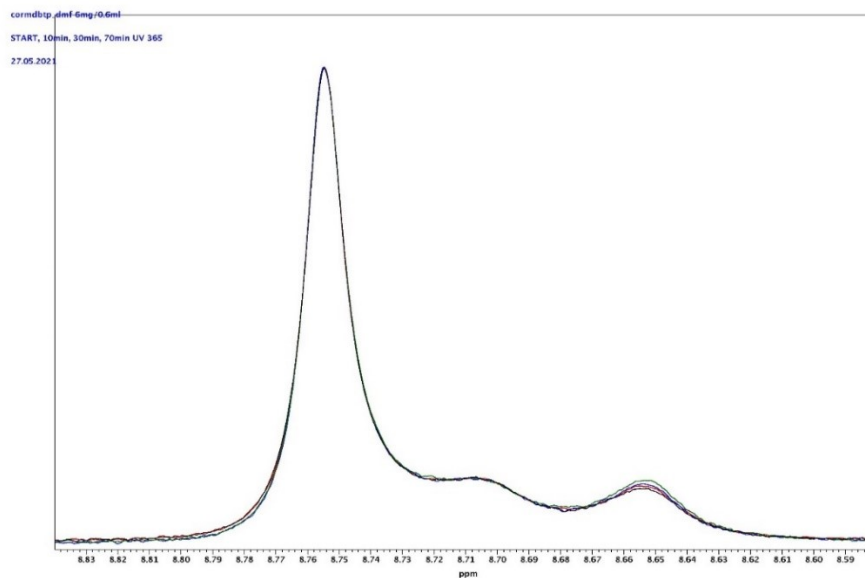
**Fig. S30** The UV-Vis spectra of  $[\text{Ru}_2(\text{CO})_4(\mu\text{-OOCCH}_3)_2(\text{tp})_2]$  (**1**) without UV light irradiation. Experimental conditions:  $\lambda_{\text{obs}} = 280 \text{ nm}$ , DMF : buffer,  $[\text{Ru}^{\text{I}}] = 50 \mu\text{mol L}^{-1}$ ,  $\Delta t = 2.5 \text{ min}$ ,  $t_{\text{total}} = 60 \text{ min}$ , 25 cycles. Inset: the kinetic trace at 278 nm.



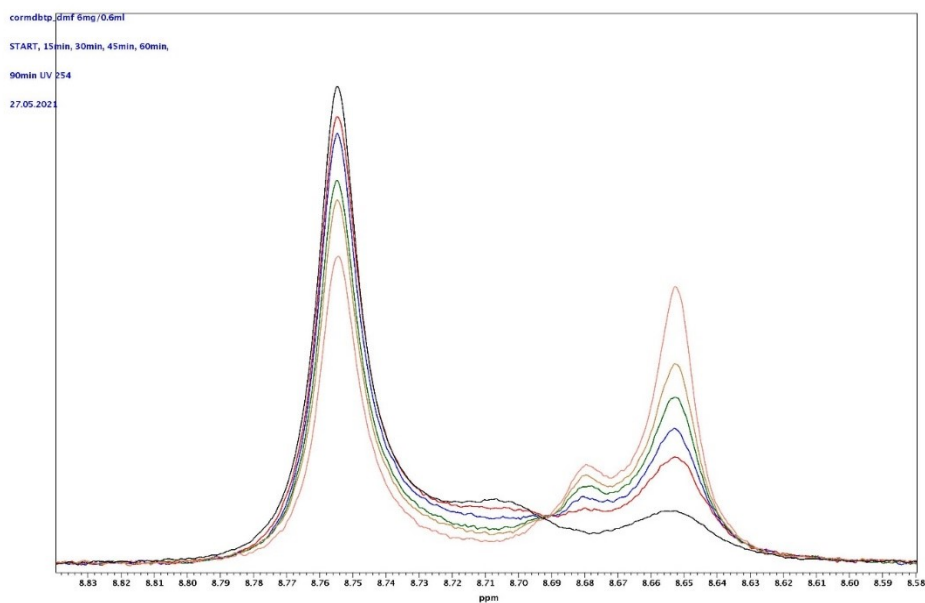
**Fig. S31** The UV-Vis spectra of  $[\text{Ru}_2(\text{CO})_4(\mu\text{-OOCCH}_3)_2(\text{dbtp})_2]$  (**2**) without UV light irradiation. Experimental conditions:  $\lambda_{\text{obs}} = 298 \text{ nm}$ , DMF : buffer,  $[\text{Ru}^{\text{I}}] = 30 \mu\text{mol L}^{-1}$ ,  $\Delta t = 2.5 \text{ min}$ ,  $t_{\text{total}} = 60 \text{ min}$ , 25 cycles. Inset: the kinetic trace at 278 nm.



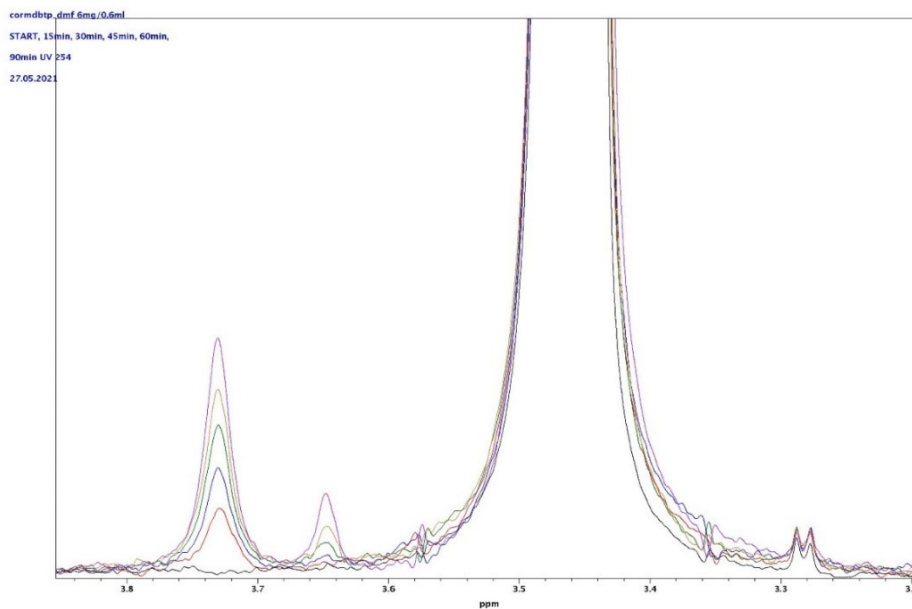
**Fig. S32** The UV-Vis spectra of  $[\text{Ru}_2(\text{CO})_4(\mu\text{-OOCCH}_3)_2(\text{dptp})_2]$  (**3**) without UV light irradiation. Experimental conditions:  $\lambda_{\text{obs}} = 320 \text{ nm}$ , DMF : buffer,  $[\text{Ru}^{\text{I}}] = 20 \mu\text{mol L}^{-1}$ ,  $\Delta t = 2.5 \text{ min}$ ,  $t_{\text{total}} = 60 \text{ min}$ , 25 cycles. Inset: the kinetic trace at 320 nm.



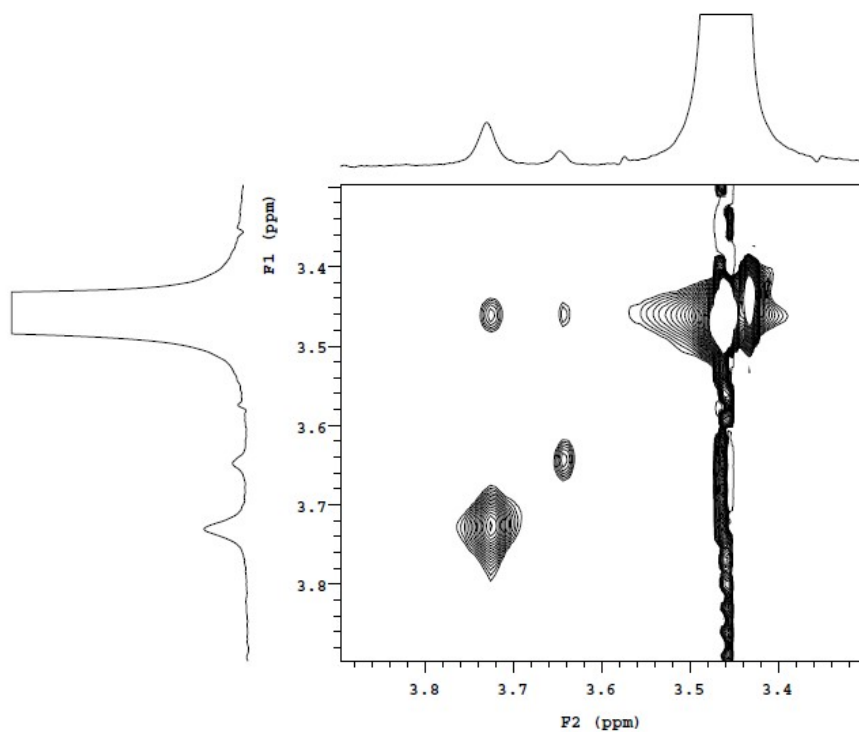
**Fig. S33** Selected range of  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectra of  $[\text{Ru}_2(\text{CO})_4(\mu\text{-OOCCH}_3)_2(\text{dbtp})_2]$  (**2**) in  $\text{dmf-d}_7$  before and after 10 min, 30 min, and 70 min UV irradiation at 365 nm.



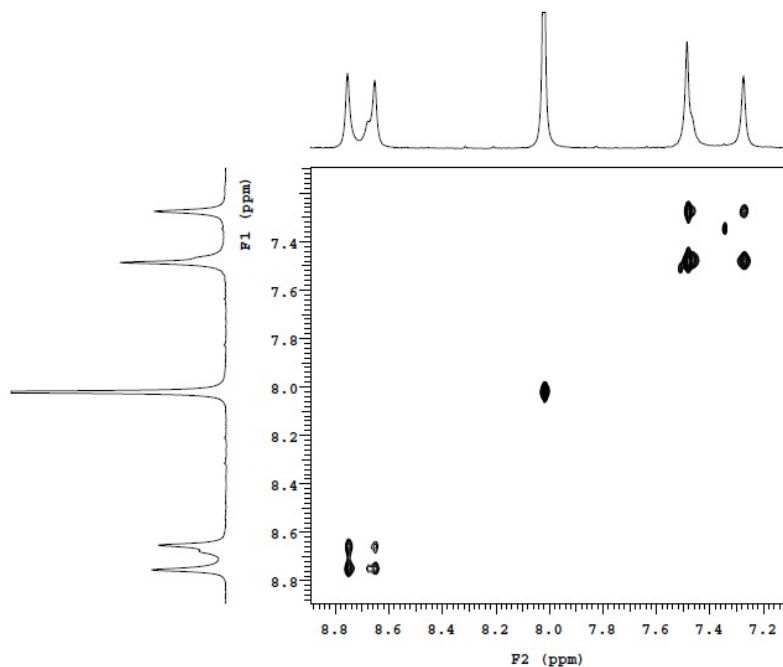
**Fig. S34** Selected range of  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectra of  $[\text{Ru}_2(\text{CO})_4(\mu\text{-OOCCH}_3)_2(\text{dbtp})_2]$  (**2**) in  $\text{dmf-d}_7$  before and after 15 min, 30 min, 45 min, 60 min, and 90 min UV irradiation at 254 nm.



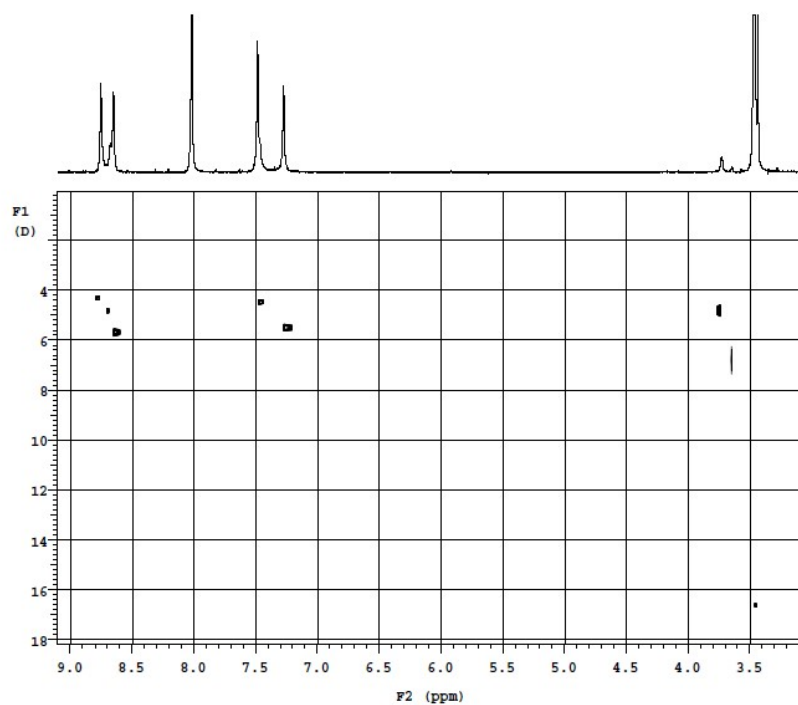
**Fig. S35** Selected range of  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectra of  $[\text{Ru}_2(\text{CO})_4(\mu\text{-OOCCH}_3)_2(\text{dbtp})_2]$  (**2**) in  $\text{dmf-d}_7$  before and after 15 min, 30 min, 45 min, 60 min, and 90 min UV irradiation at 254 nm.



**Fig. S36** Part of the NOESY spectrum of  $[\text{Ru}_2(\text{CO})_4(\mu\text{-OOCCH}_3)_2(\text{dbtp})_2]$  (**2**) in  $\text{dmf-d}_7$  after 90 min UV irradiation at 254 nm.



**Fig. S37** Part of the NOESY spectrum of  $[\text{Ru}_2(\text{CO})_4(\mu\text{-OOCCH}_3)_2(\text{dbtp})_2]$  (**2**) in  $\text{dmf-d}_7$  after 90 min UV irradiation at 254 nm.



**Fig. S38** Part of the DOSY spectrum of  $[\text{Ru}_2(\text{CO})_4(\mu\text{-OOCCH}_3)_2(\text{dbtp})_2]$  (**2**) in  $\text{dmf-d}_7$  after 90 min UV irradiation at 254 nm.