

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

Ruthenium-nickel heterobimetallic complex as a bifunctional catalyst for  
ROMP of norbornene and ethylene polymerization

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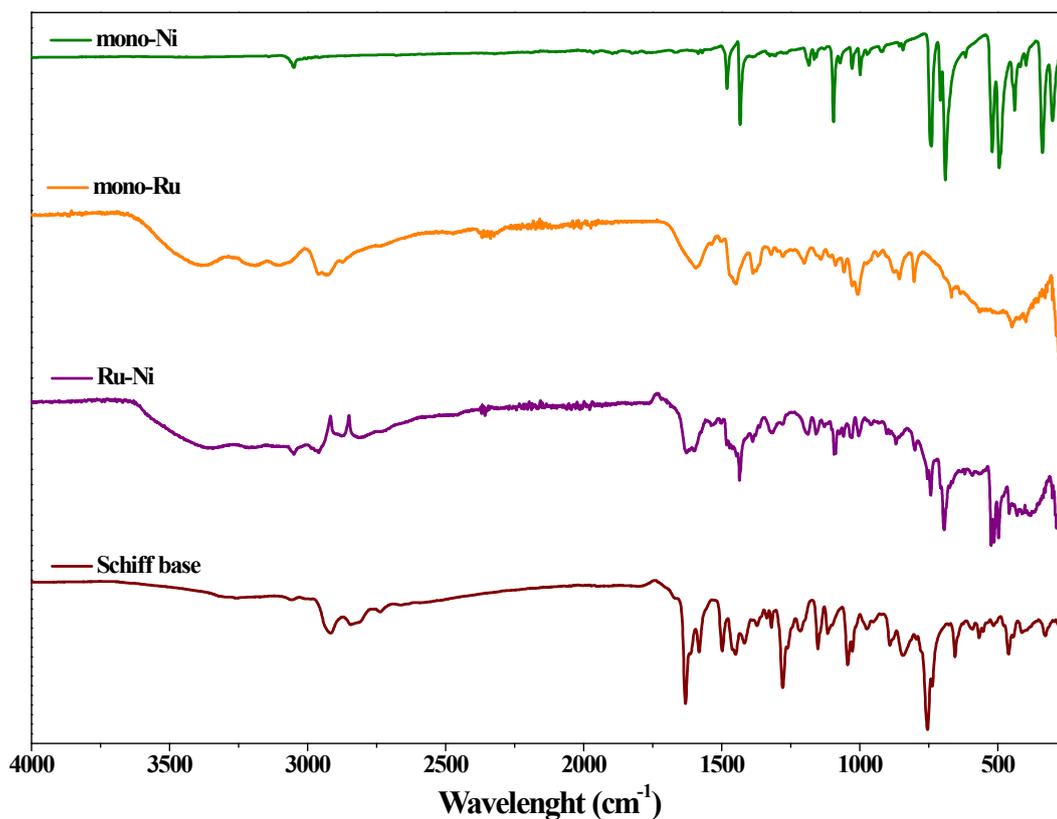
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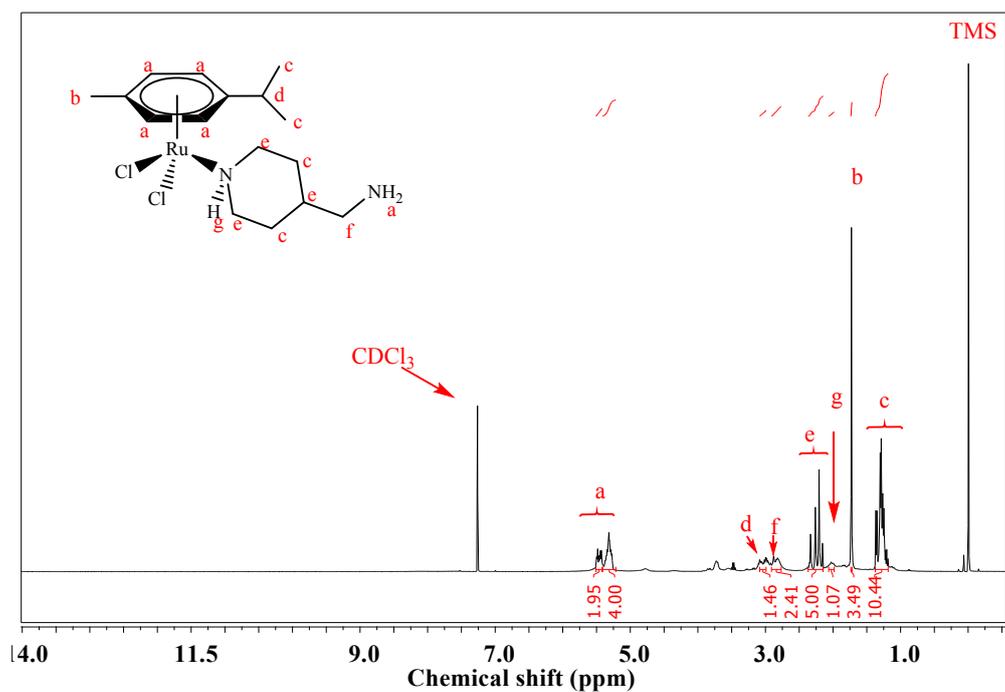
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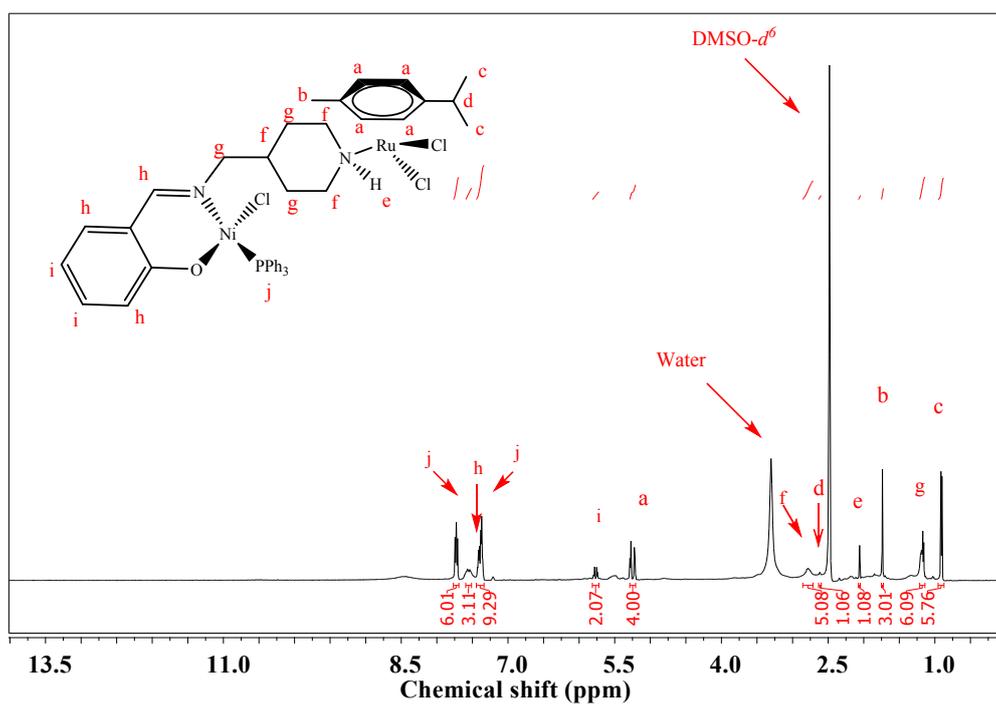
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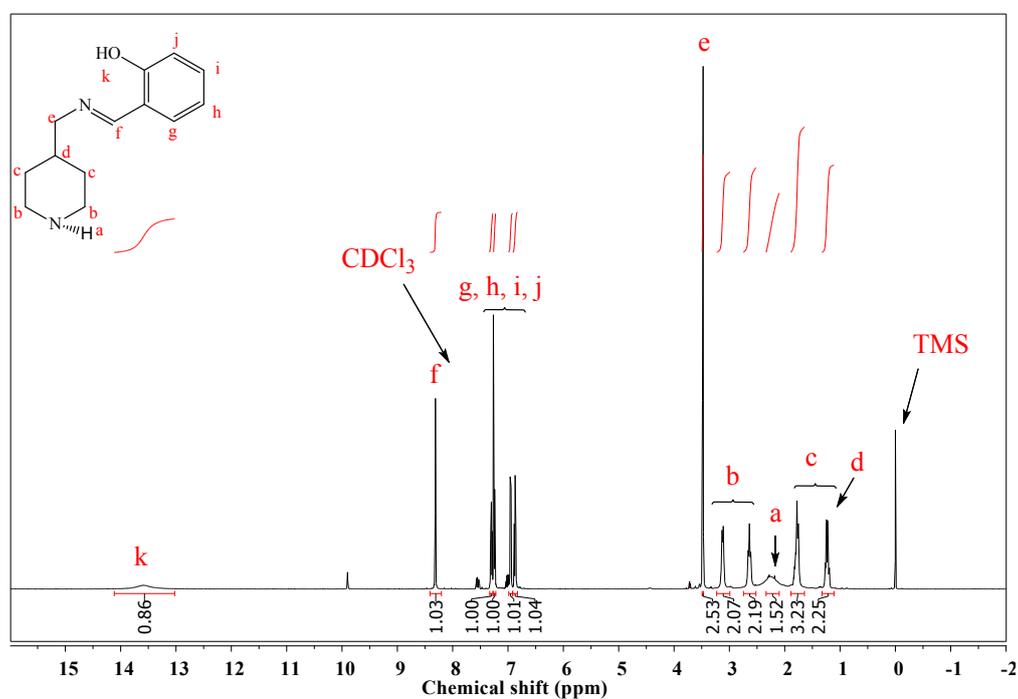
**Fig. S1.** FTIR spectra of Schiff base, **mono-Ru**, **mono-Ni**, and **Ru-Ni**.



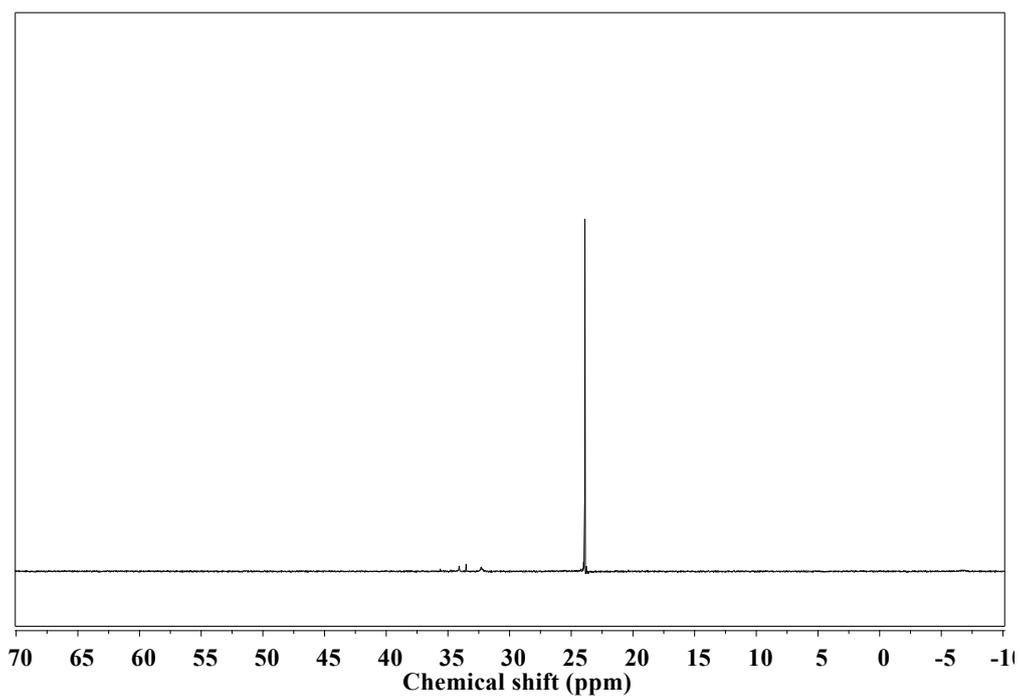
**Fig. S2.** <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra of **mono-Ru** from CDCl<sub>3</sub> solutions ( $\delta$  in ppm).



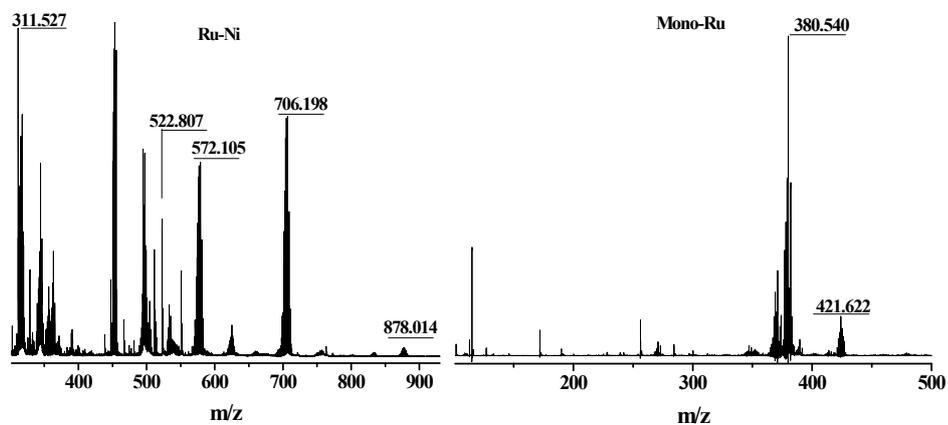
**Fig. S3.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectra of **Ru-Ni** from  $\text{DMSO-}d^6$  solutions ( $\delta$  in ppm).



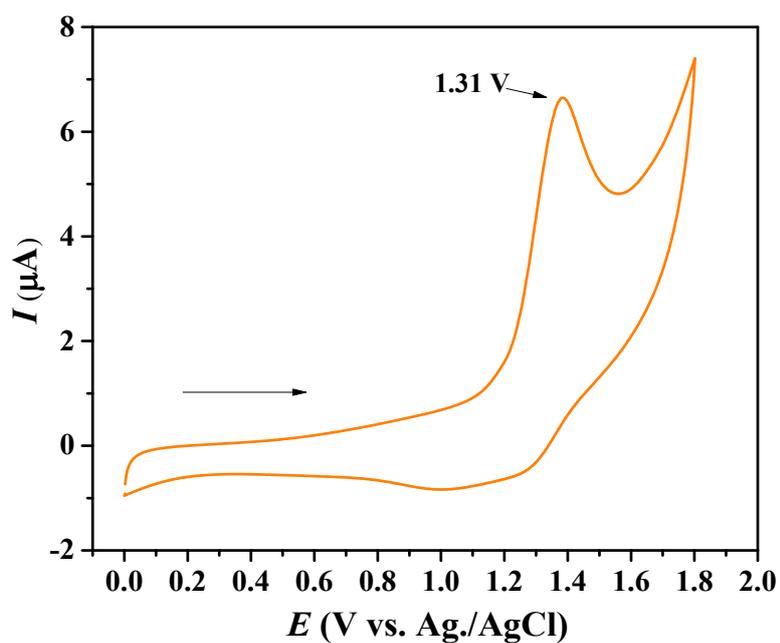
**Fig. S4.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectra of Schiff-pip from  $\text{CDCl}_3$  solutions ( $\delta$  in ppm).



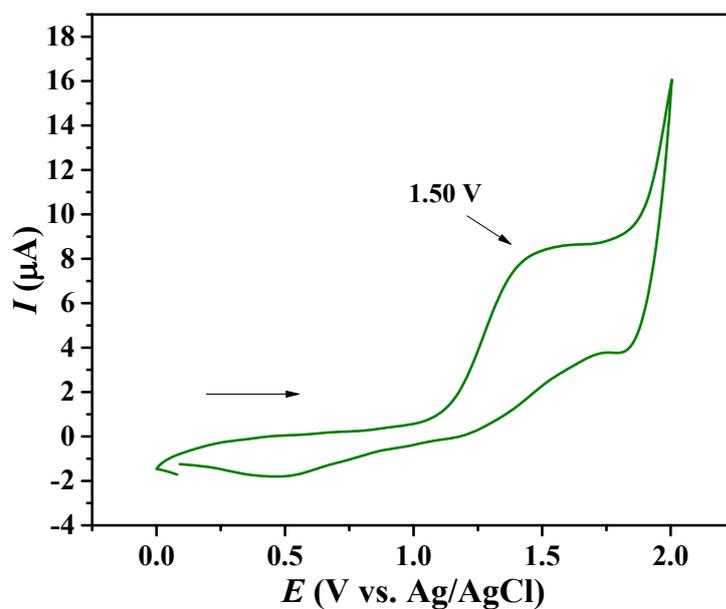
**Fig. S5.**  $^{31}\text{P}$  { $^1\text{H}$ } NMR spectra of **Ru-Ni** from  $\text{DMSO-}d^6$  solutions ( $\delta$  in ppm).



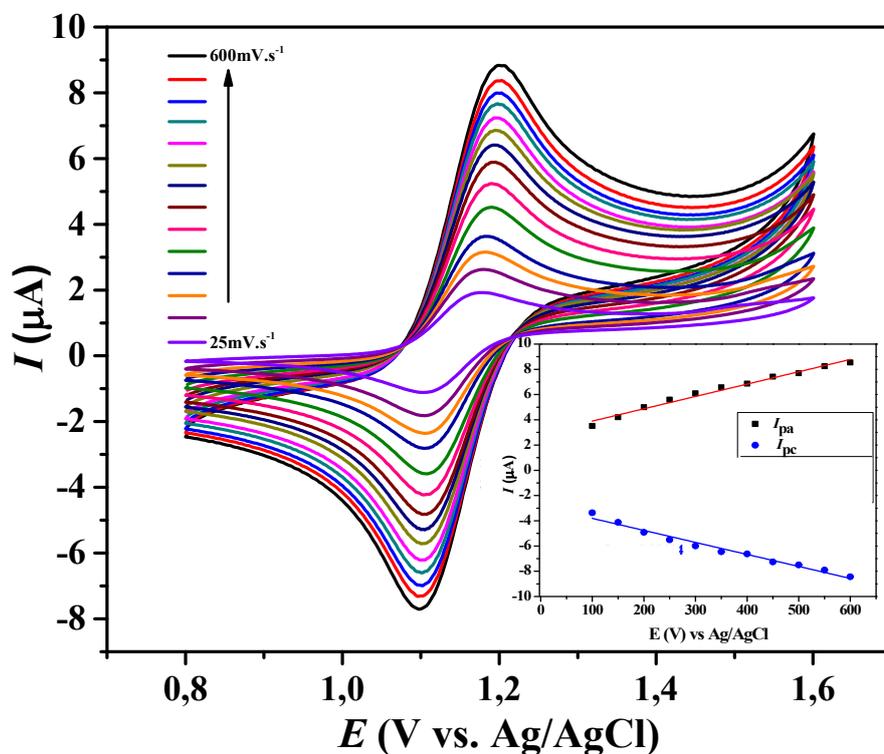
**Fig. S6.** MALDI-TOF spectrum of **Ru-Ni** and **mono-Ru** in MeOH.



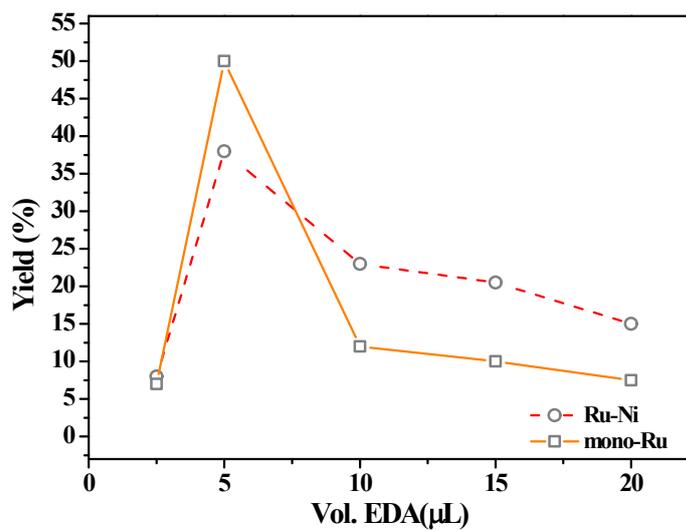
**Fig. S7.** Cyclic voltammogram of **mono-Ru** at  $1.0 \cdot 10^{-3}$  M and  $n\text{-Bu}_4\text{NPF}_6/\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$  0.1 M vs. Ag/AgCl; obtained at  $100 \text{ mV} \cdot \text{s}^{-1}$ .



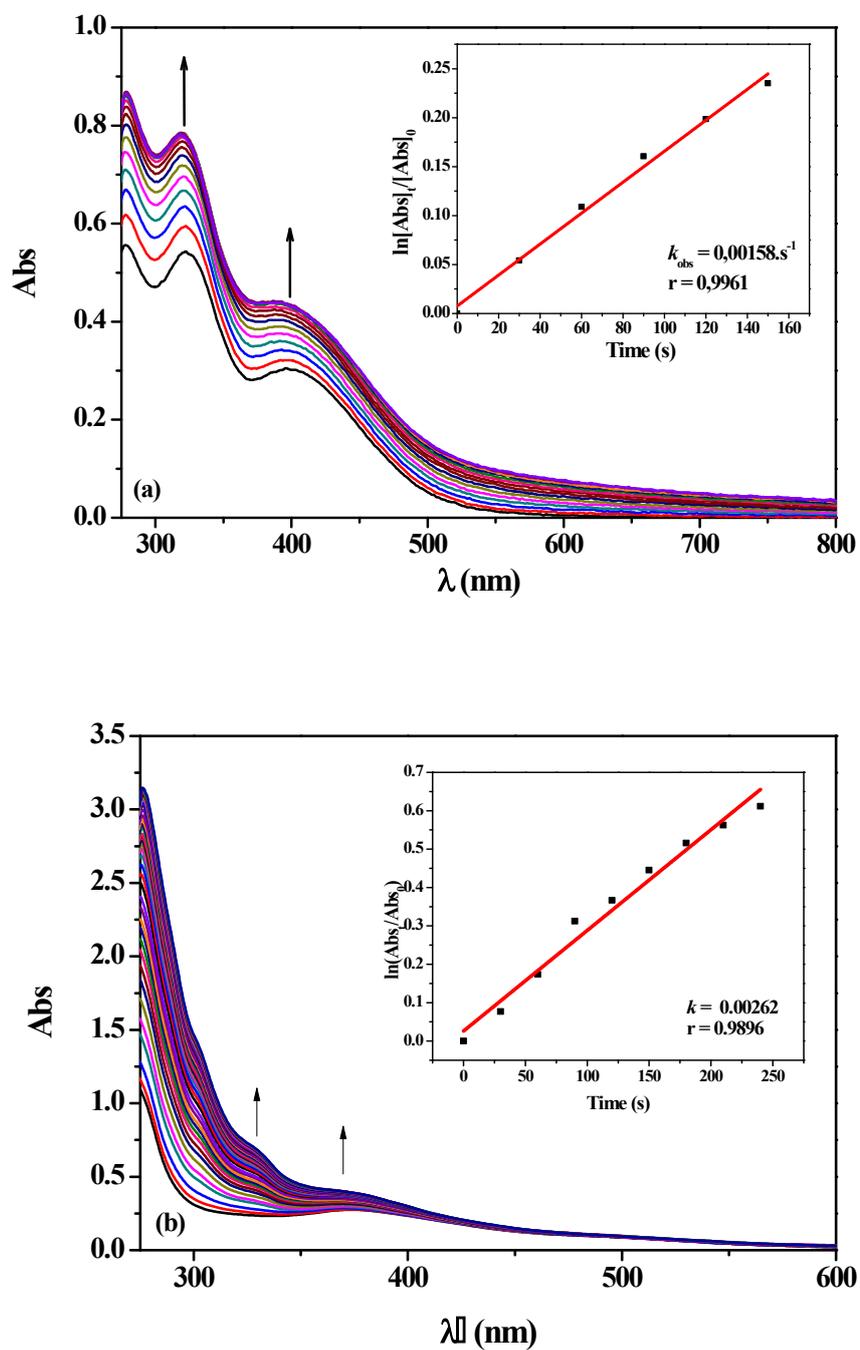
**Fig. S8.** Cyclic voltammogram of **mono-Ni** at  $1.0 \cdot 10^{-3}$  M and  $n\text{-Bu}_4\text{NPF}_6/\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$  0.1 M vs. Ag/AgCl; scanning anodically from 0.8 up to 1.6 V at  $100 \text{ mV} \cdot \text{s}^{-1}$ .



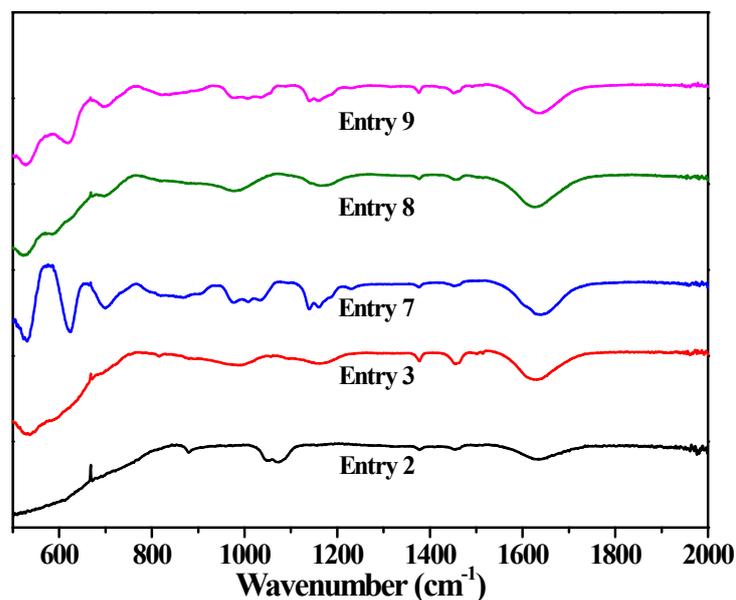
**Fig. S9.** Cyclic voltammogram of **Ru-Ni** at  $1.0 \cdot 10^{-3}$  M and  $n\text{-Bu}_4\text{NPF}_6/\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$  0.1 M vs. Ag/AgCl; scanning anodically from 0.8 up to 1.6 V at scan rates of 25, 50, 75, 100, 150, 175, 200, 300, 400 and 500  $\text{mV s}^{-1}$ . *Insert* - Current ( $I$ ) of the anodic ( $I_{pa}$ ) and cathodic ( $I_{pc}$ ) processes vs. square root of the potential scan rate ( $v$ ).



**Fig S10.** Dependence of yield as a function of the volume of EDA molar ratio for ROMP of NBE with **mono-Ru** and **Ru-Ni**;  $[NBE]/[Ru] = 5000$  in  $CHCl_3$  for 60 min.



**Fig. S11.** Kinetic study of **mono-Ru** (a) and **Ru-Ni** (b) in presence of EDA monitored by electronic spectroscopy every 30 seconds and (*insert*) dependence of  $\ln(\text{Abs}_t/\text{Abs}_0)$  as a function of time at 316 nm.  $[\text{Ru}] = 1.0 \cdot 10^{-5} \text{ M}$ ;  $[\text{EDA}] = 1.26 \cdot 10^{-5} \text{ mol L}^{-1}$  in  $\text{CHCl}_3$  and  $25 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ .



**Fig. S12** FTIR spectra of polyethylene obtained from **Ru-Ni**.

**Table S1** Peaks detected in the positive ion MALDI-TOF mass spectrum of the **Ru-Ni** and **mono-Ru** complex.

	Peak position (m/z)	m/z range	Peak assignment
	311.527	309.528-320.575	[NiCl-(N,O)-(4-aminomethyl)] <sup>+</sup>
	522.807	521.363-524.617	[RuCl <sub>2</sub> ( <i>p</i> -cymene)-(N,O)-(4-aminomethyl)] <sup>+</sup>
<b>Ru-Ni</b>	572.105	570.192-583.116	[Ni(PPh <sub>3</sub> )Cl(N,O)-(4-aminomethyl)] <sup>+</sup>
	706.198	696.905-712.930	[RuCl <sub>2</sub> (μ-Schiff-pip)Ni(PPh <sub>3</sub> )] <sup>+</sup>
	878.014	869.625-883.558	[Ru-Ni+H] <sup>+</sup>
	421.622	421.622-428.663	[Mono-Ru+H] <sup>+</sup>
<b>Mono-Ru</b>	380.540	377.521-383.562	[RuCl <sub>2</sub> (η <sup>6</sup> - <i>p</i> -cymene)(pipNH <sub>2</sub> )] <sup>+</sup> -isopropyl