

## Supporting Information

### A DFT study on second-order nonlinear optical properties of Ru (II) polypyridine complexes

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## General Comments

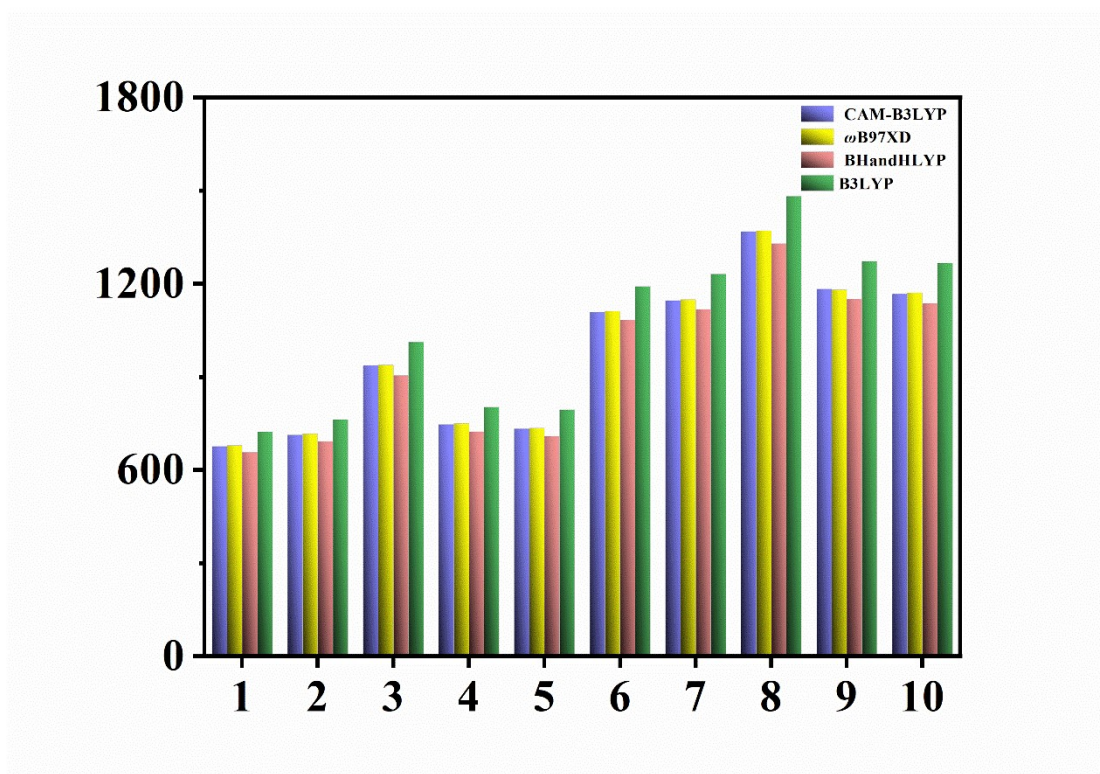
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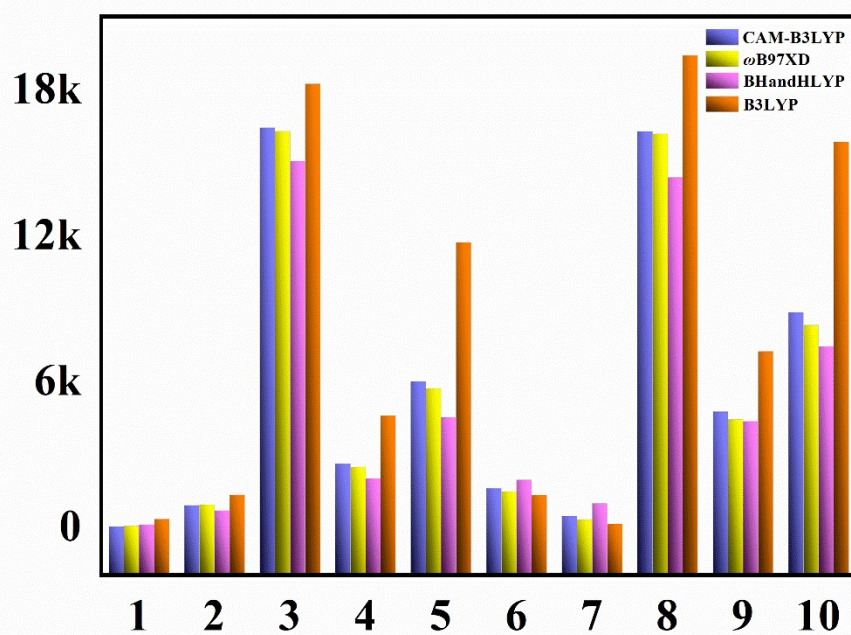
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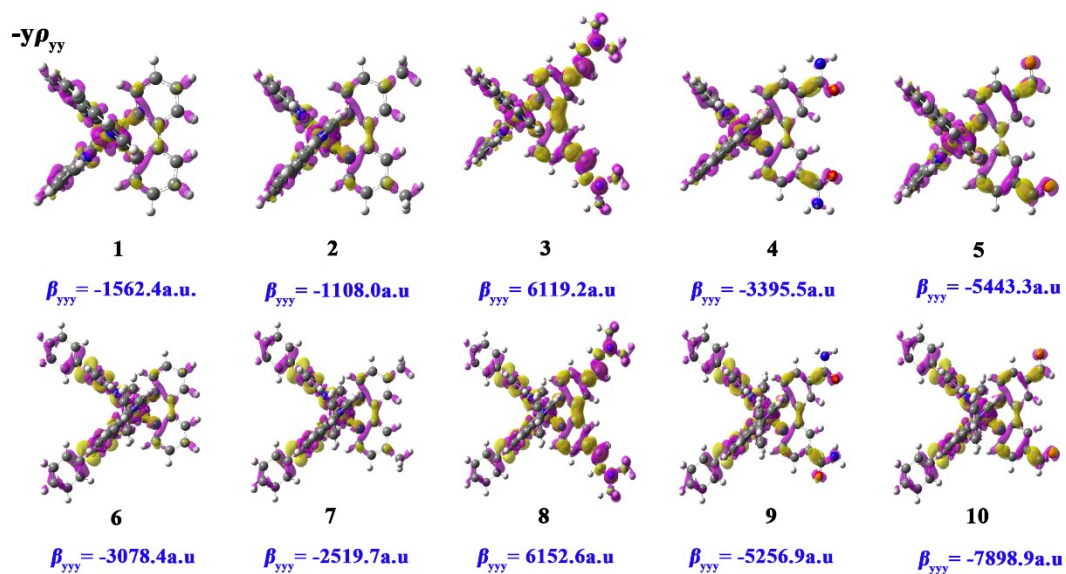
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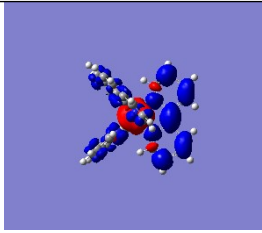
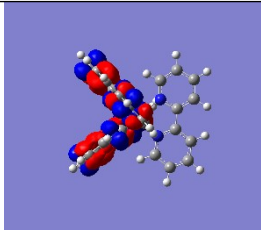
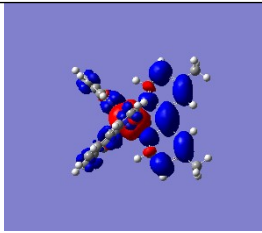
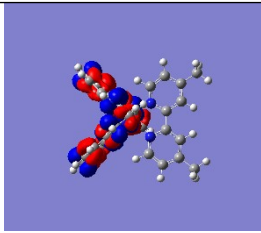
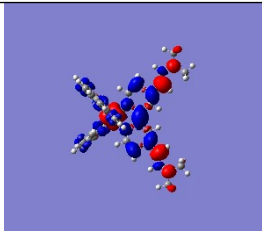
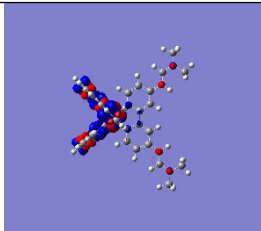
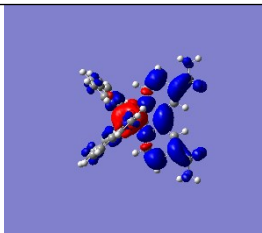
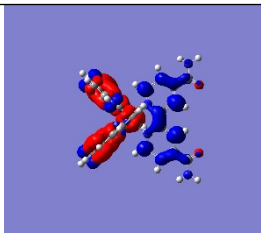
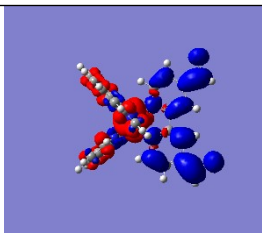
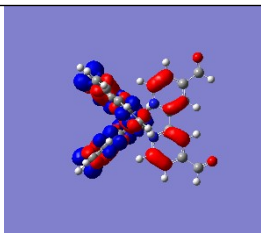
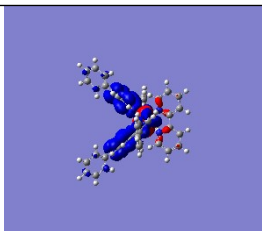
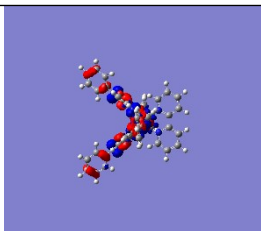
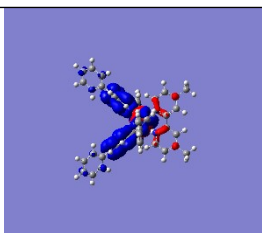
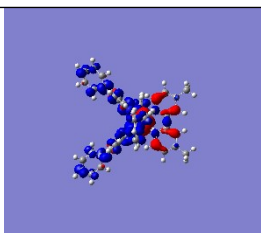
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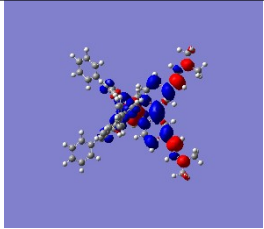
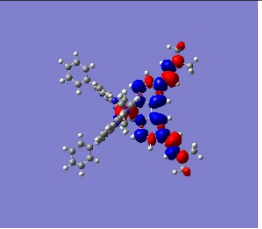
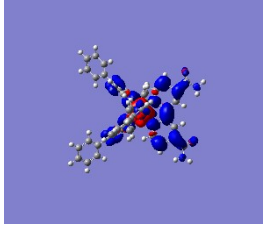
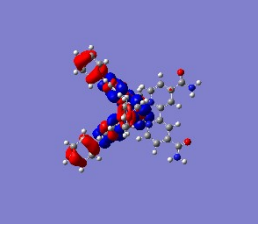
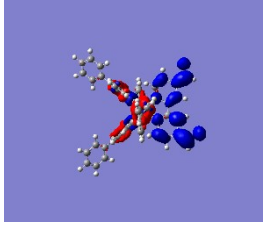
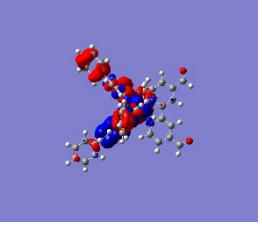


**Fig. S2** Total first hyperpolarizabilities  $\beta_{\text{tot}}$  (a.u.) of all studied complexes calculated by four functionals with 6-31+G(d) basis set



**Figure S3** Plots of  $-y\rho_{yy}^{(2)}$  for the neutral complexes **1-10** (yellow color represents positive value, pink color represents negative value, respectively).

Transition 1		Transition 2	
<b>1</b> Weight: $L'=0.101$ $Ru=0.737$ $L=0.162$		Weight: $L'=0.023$ $Ru=0.061$ $L=0.917$	
<b>2</b> Weight: $L'=0.110$ $Ru=0.729$ $L=0.161$		Weight: $L'=0.021$ $Ru=0.132$ $L=0.846$	
<b>3</b> Weight: $L'=0.615$ $Ru=0.321$ $L=0.065$		Weight: $L'=0.072$ $Ru=0.264$ $L=0.663$	
<b>4</b> Weight: $L'=0.124$ $Ru=0.730$ $L=0.146$		Weight: $L'=0.065$ $Ru=0.085$ $L=0.850$	
<b>5</b> Weight: $L'=0.057$ $Ru=0.688$ $L=0.255$		Weight: $L'=0.197$ $Ru=0.102$ $L=0.702$	
<b>6</b> Weight: $L'=0.063$ $Ru=0.759$ $L=0.178$		Weight: $L'=0.034$ $Ru=0.028$ $L=0.945$	
<b>7</b> Weight: $L'=0.076$ $Ru=0.750$ $L=0.174$		Weight: $L'=0.212$ $Ru=0.499$ $L=0.288$	

8 Weight: L'=0.504 Ru=0.388 L=0.107		Weight: L'=0.704 Ru=0.252 L=0.044	
9 Weight: L'=0.096 Ru=0.682 L=0.223		Weight: L'=0.020 Ru=0.105 L=0.876	
10 Weight: L'=0.059 Ru=0.606 L=0.335		Weight: L'=0.025 Ru=0.218 L=0.757	

**Fig. S4.** Natural transition orbitals diagrams of complexes 1-10 obtained at the B3LYP/6-31+G(d) level of theory. Red and blue parts correspond to electron depletion and accumulation, respectively.

**Computational detail:**

“The magnitude of charge transfer( $q^{CT}$ ) is calculated as,

$$q^{CT} = \int \rho_+(r)dr = \int \rho_-(r)dr$$

Where  $\rho_+$  and  $\rho_-$  represent an increase and a decrease of the density in space resulting from the electronic transition.

And the length of charge shift ( $d^{CT}$ ) is thus defined as the distance separating between the starting and ending points of transfer,

$$d^{CT} = |r_+ - r_-|$$

where  $r_+$  and  $r_-$  are defined as

$$r_+ = (x_+, y_+, z_+) = \frac{1}{q^{CT}} \int r \rho_+(r)dr$$

$$r_- = (x_-, y_-, z_-) = \frac{1}{q^{CT}} \int r \rho_-(r)dr$$



**Table S1** Selected bond lengths (Å) and bond angles (°) of all studied complexes obtained at the PBE1PBE/6-31G(d)/SDD level.

<b>Complex</b>	Ru-N <sub>1</sub>	Ru-N <sub>2</sub>	Ru-N <sub>3</sub>	Ru-N <sub>4</sub>	Ru-N <sub>5</sub>	Ru-N <sub>6</sub>	∠N <sub>5</sub> - Ru-N <sub>6</sub>	∠N <sub>3</sub> - Ru-N <sub>4</sub>	Δr <sub>Ru-N</sub>
<b>1<sup>a</sup></b>	2.071	2.054	2.073	2.069	2.065	2.058	78.6	80.0	
<b>1<sup>PBE1PBE</sup></b>	2.086	2.082	2.086	2.083	2.073	2.073	78.4	79.3	0.013
<b>1<sup>B3LYP</sup></b>	2.115	2.111	2.115	2.115	2.101	2.101	78.8	78.8	0.023
<b>1<sup>ωB97XD</sup></b>	2.107	2.100	2.107	2.100	2.090	2.090	78.2	79.0	0.034
<b>2<sup>a</sup></b>	2.072	2.070	2.060	2.078	2.062	2.058	78.8	79.5	
<b>2</b>	2.082	2.085	2.085	2.081	2.074	2.074	78.2	79.3	
<b>3</b>	2.075	2.084	2.084	2.075	2.074	2.074	78.0	79.3	
<b>4</b>	2.073	2.073	2.077	2.077	2.077	2.077	78.6	79.2	
<b>5</b>	2.086	2.088	2.087	2.085	2.067	2.068	79.2	78.7	
<b>6</b>	2.075	2.075	2.071	2.076	2.076	2.071	78.4	78.8	
<b>7</b>	2.078	2.079	2.071	2.071	2.079	2.078	78.1	78.8	
<b>8</b>	2.083	2.086	2.086	2.083	2.071	2.072	78.8	78.8	
<b>9</b>	2.068	2.068	2.078	2.078	2.078	2.080	78.5	78.7	
<b>10</b>	2.081	2.080	2.080	2.080	2.063	2.064	78.7	78.7	

Note: The a denotes as the experimental values that are from Ref. 42.

