

## Supplementary Information For: Ru-Arene Azole Complexes as Anti-Amyloid- $\beta$ Agents

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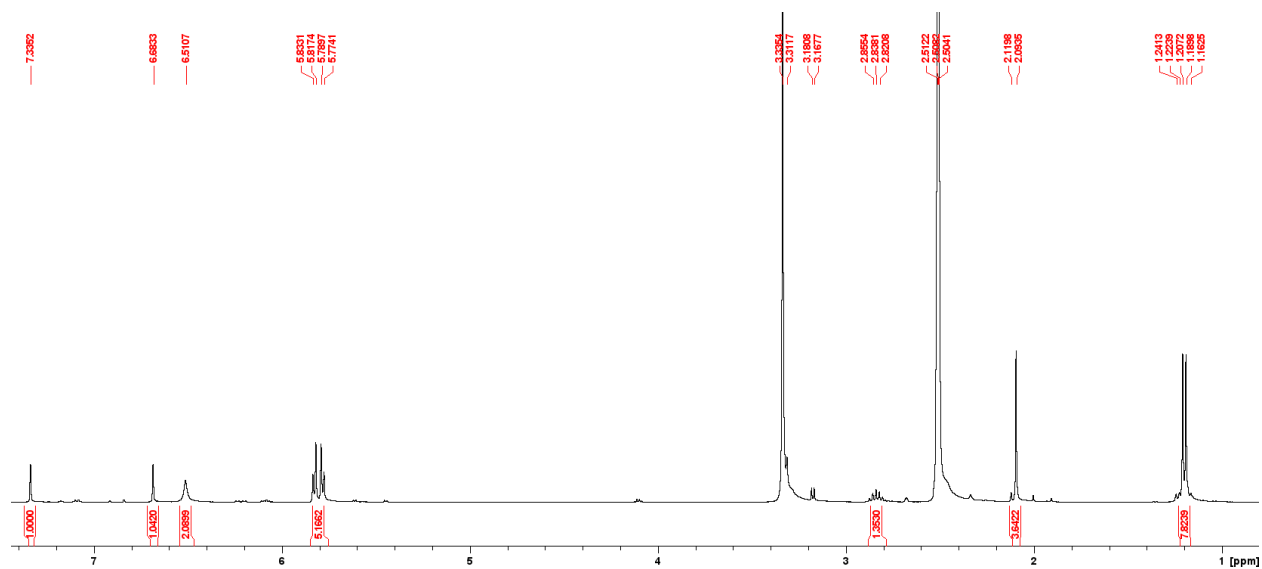


Figure S1. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of complex RuO in DMSO-D<sub>6</sub>.

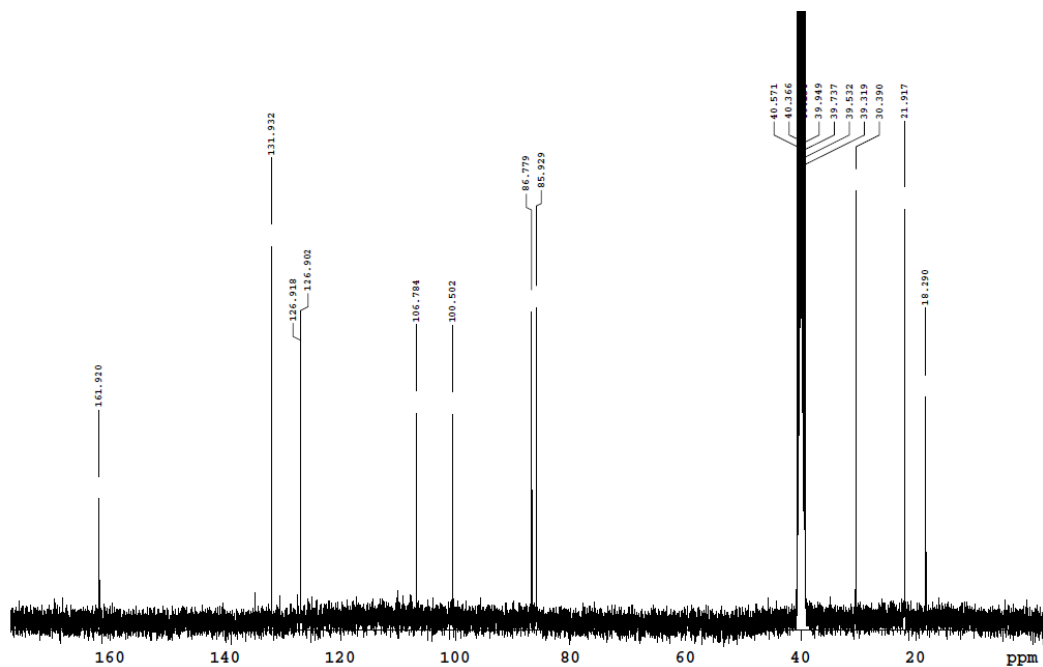
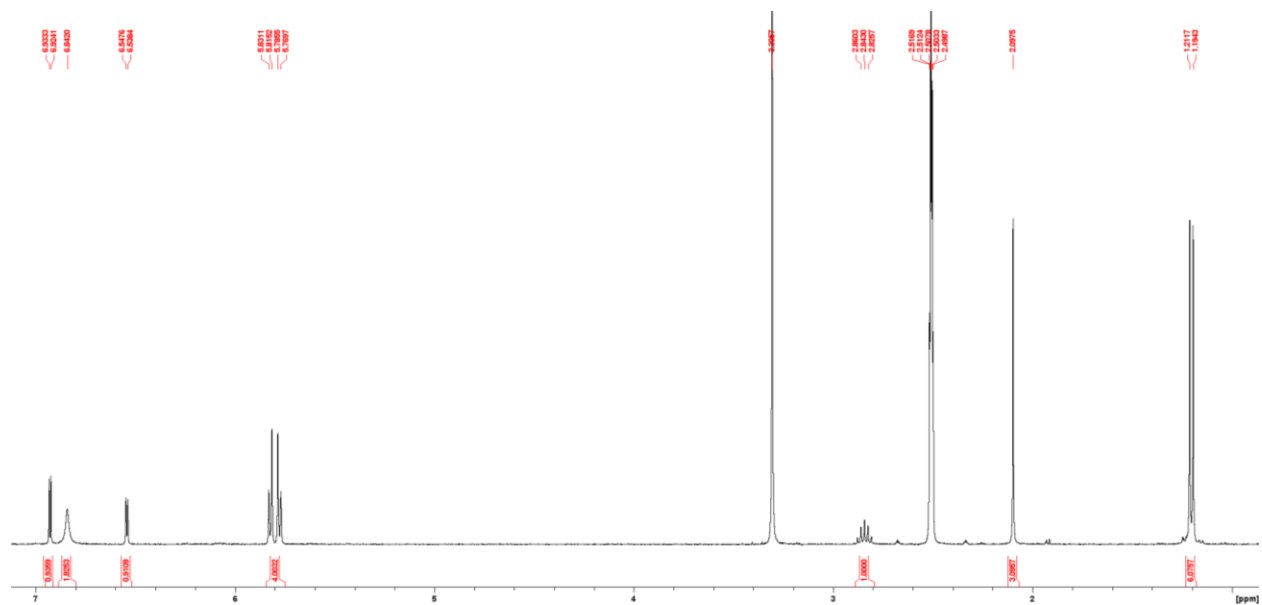
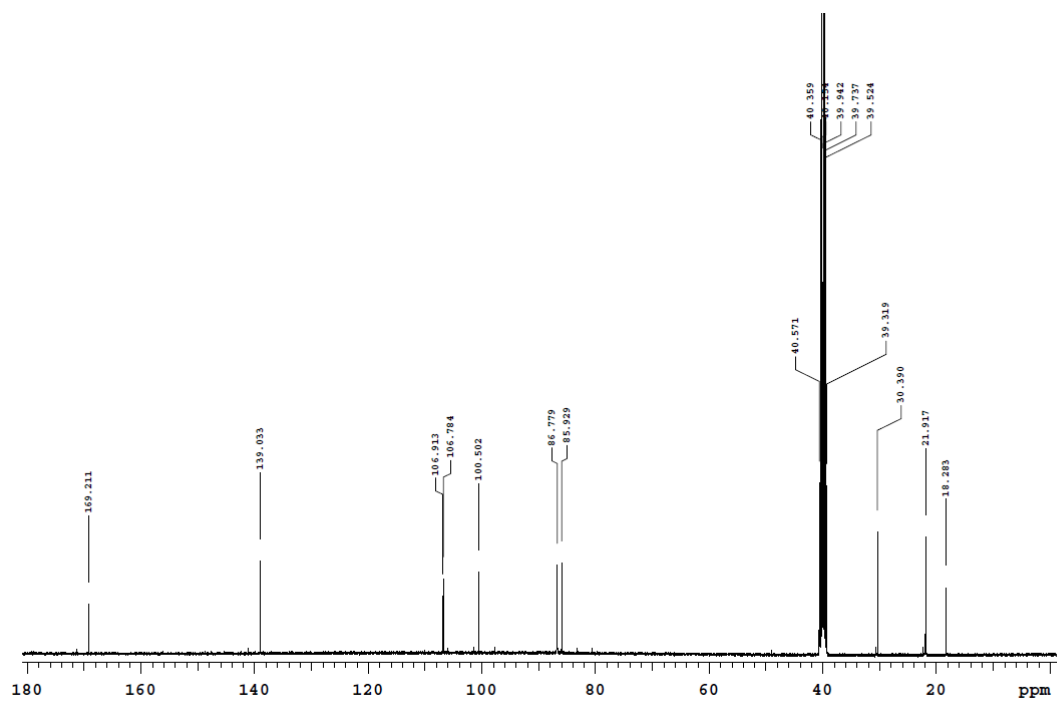


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**Figure S3.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of complex **RuS** in  $\text{DMSO-}D_6$ .



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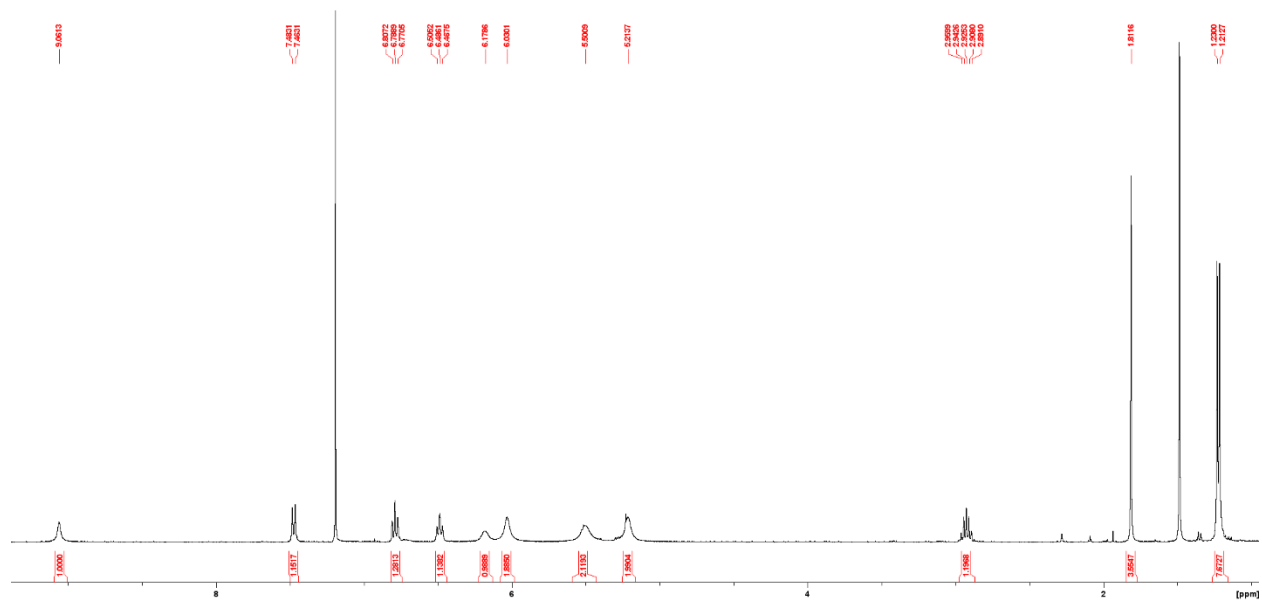


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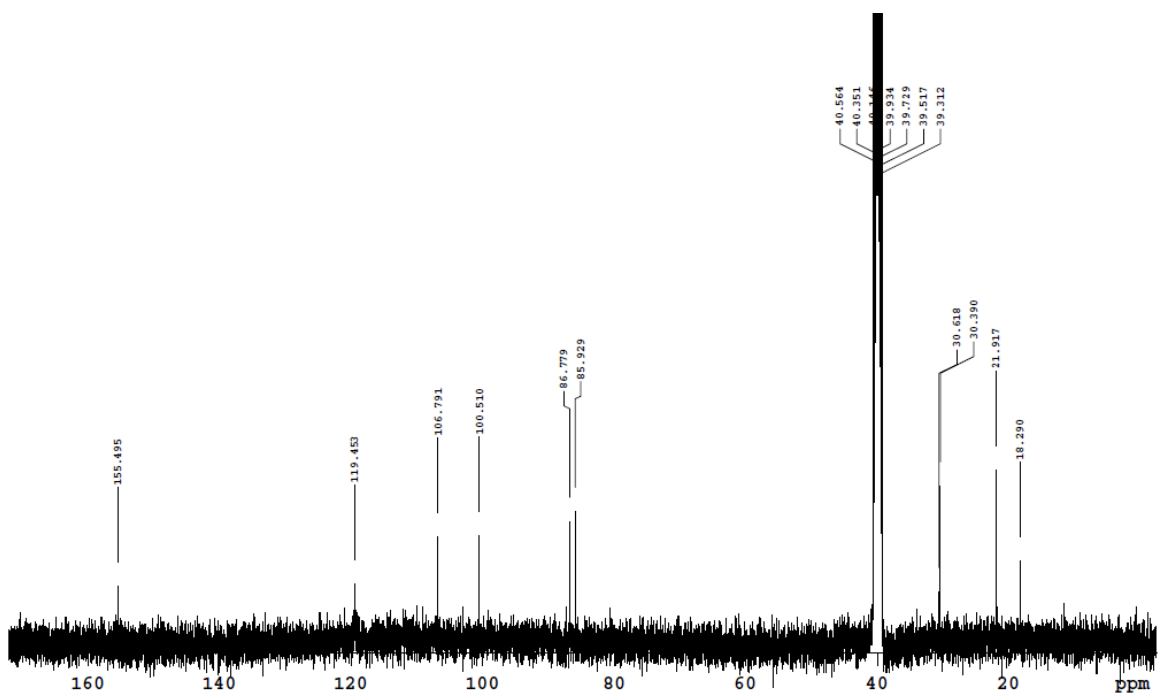


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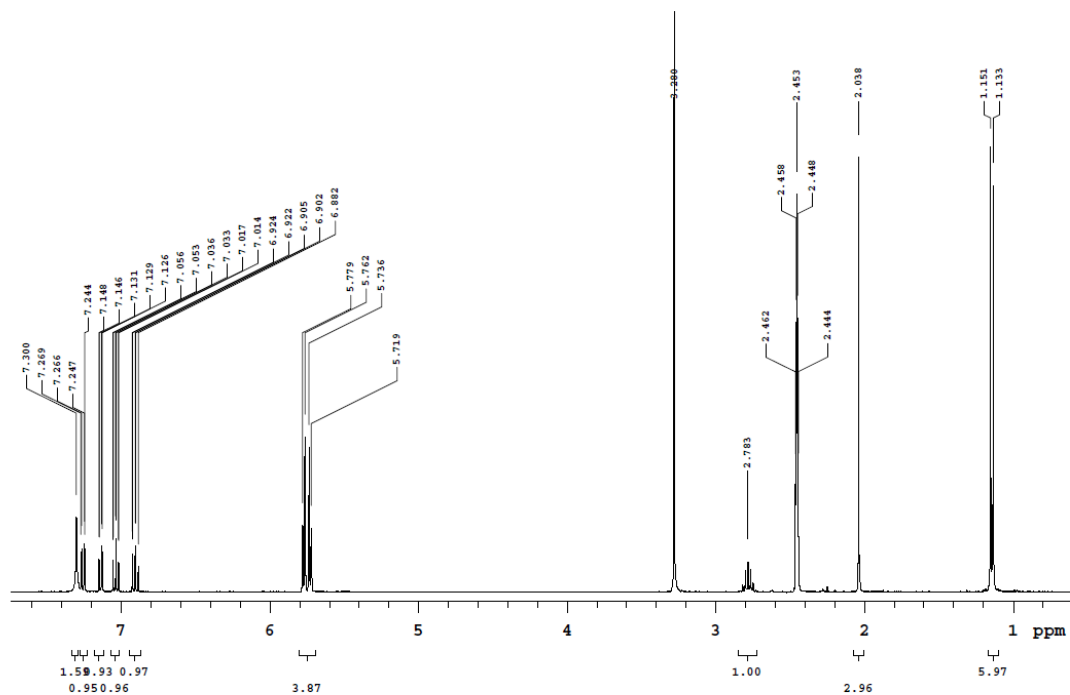


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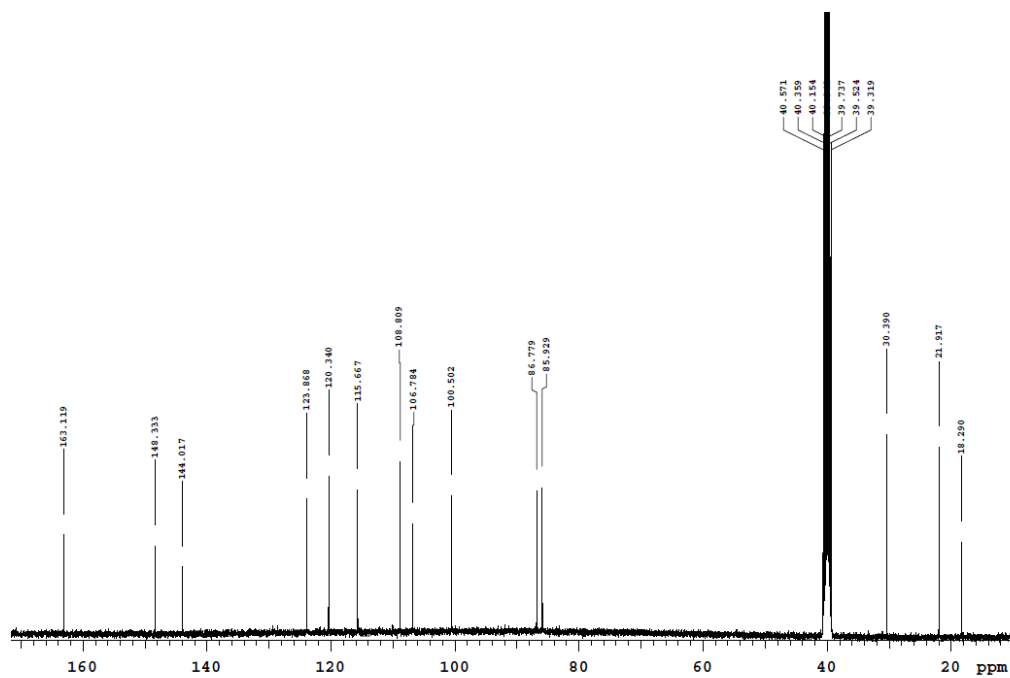
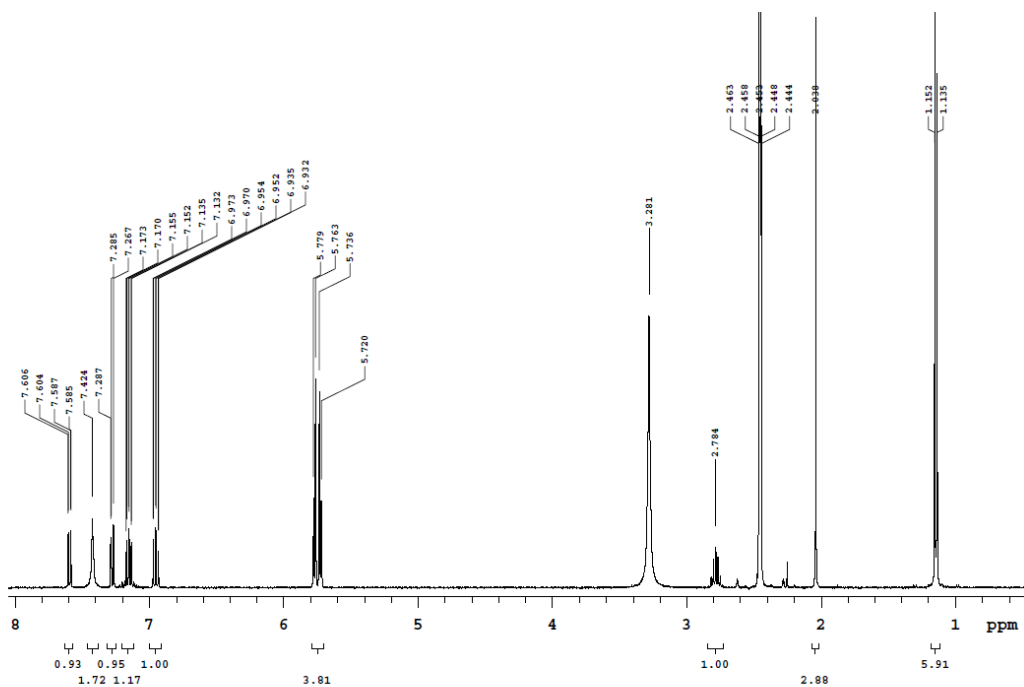
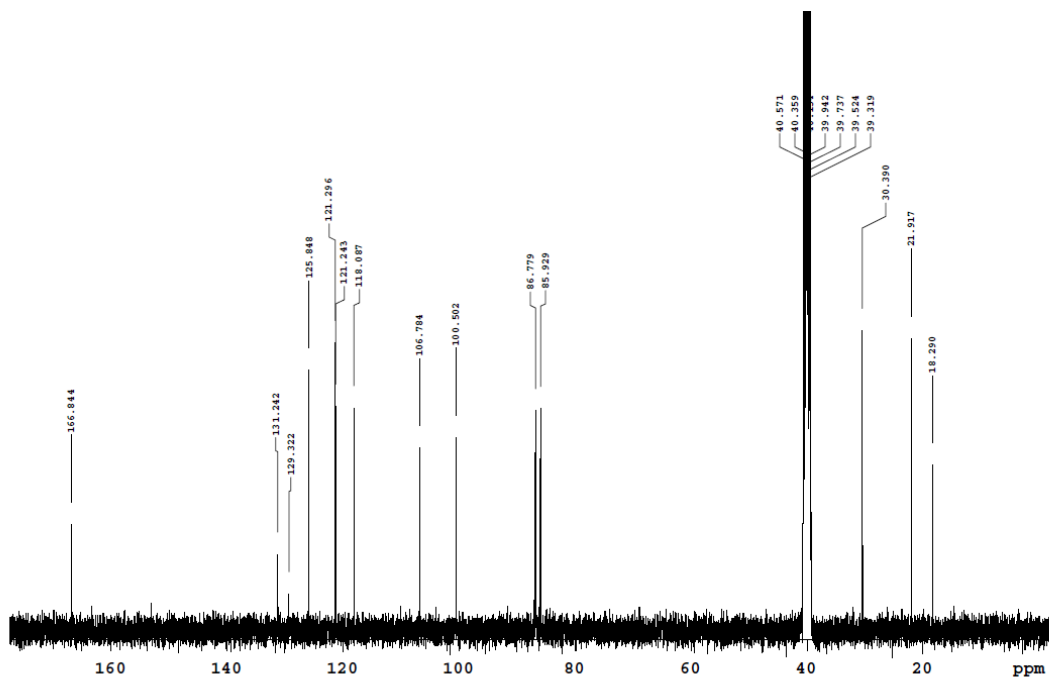


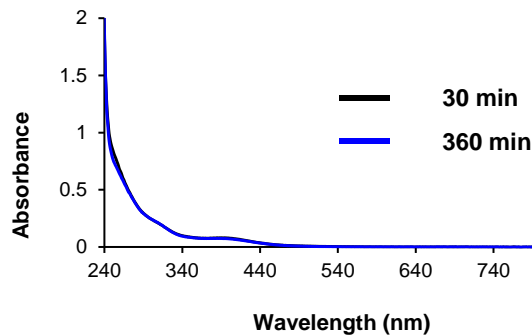
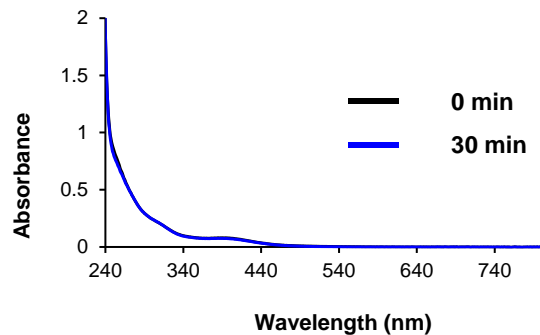
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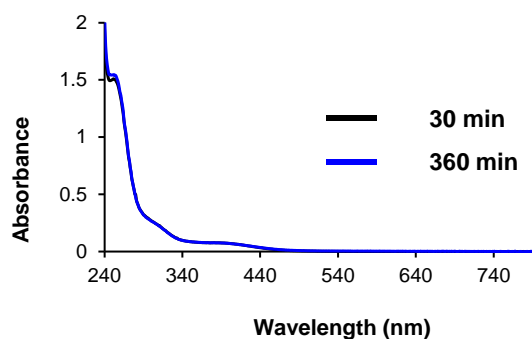
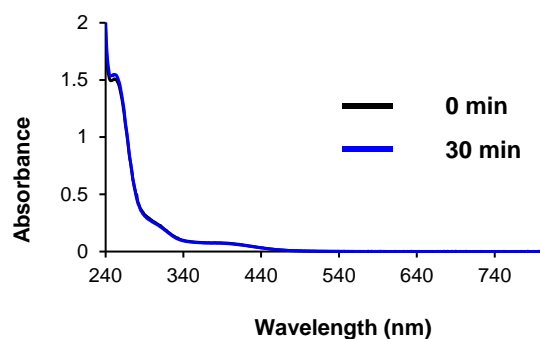
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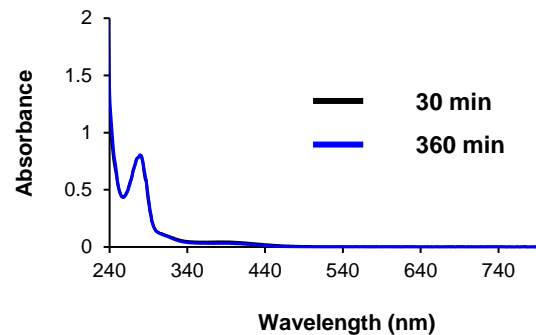
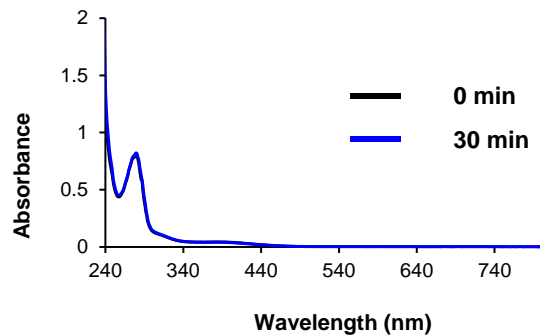
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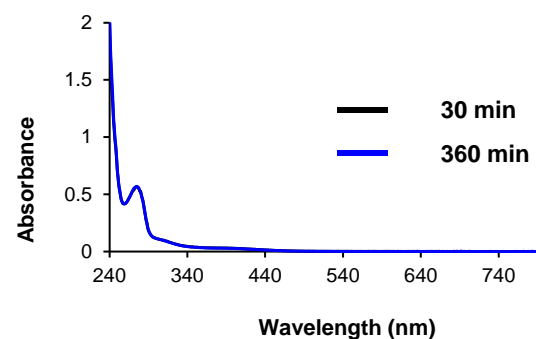
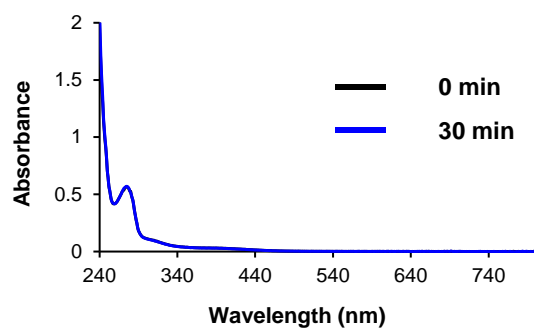
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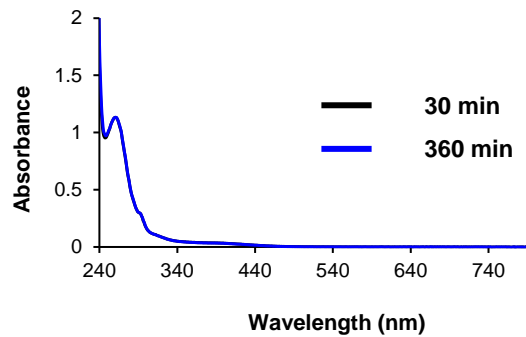
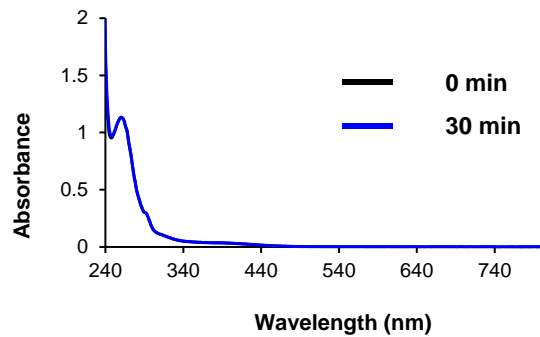


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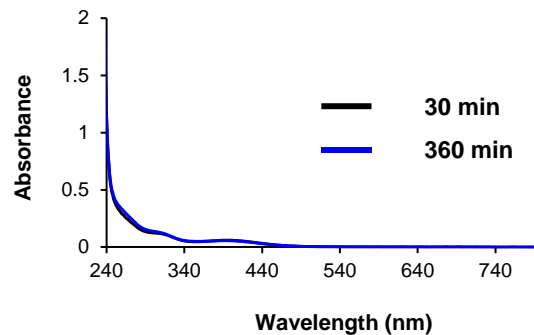
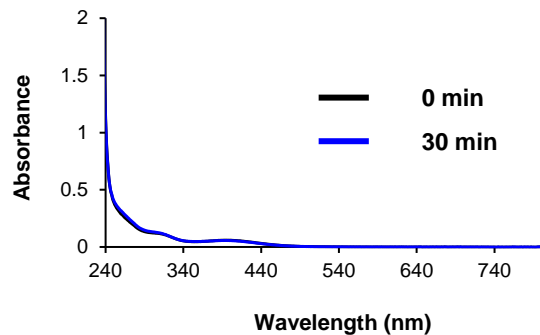


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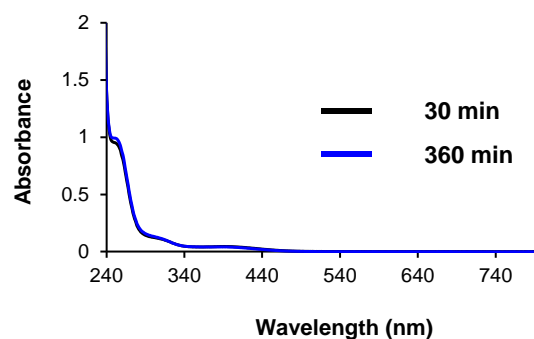
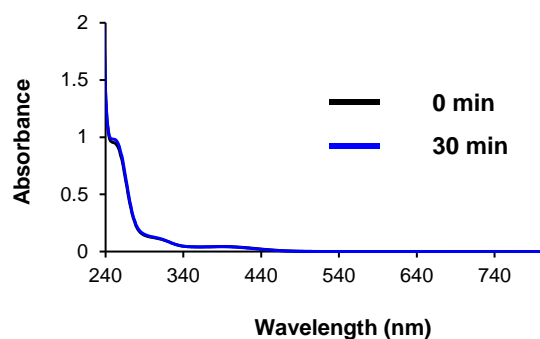




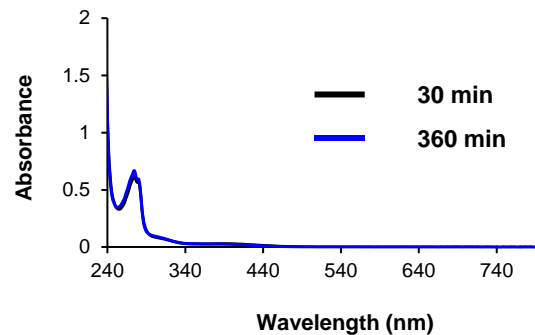
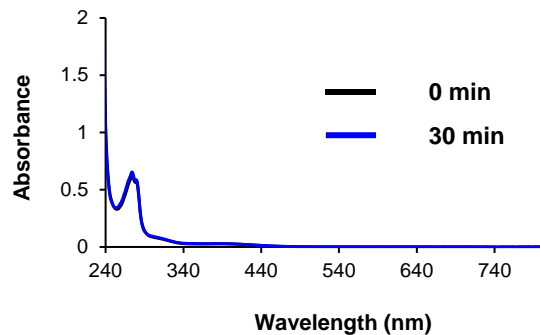
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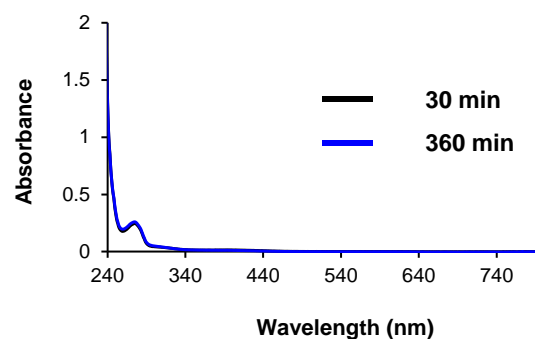
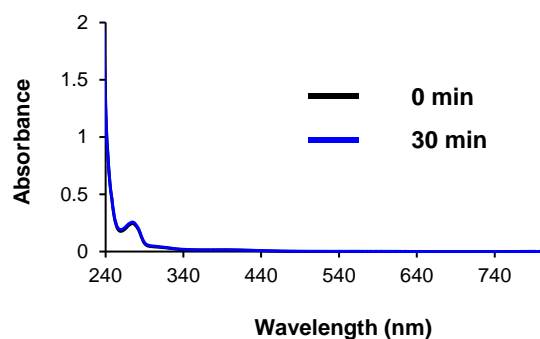
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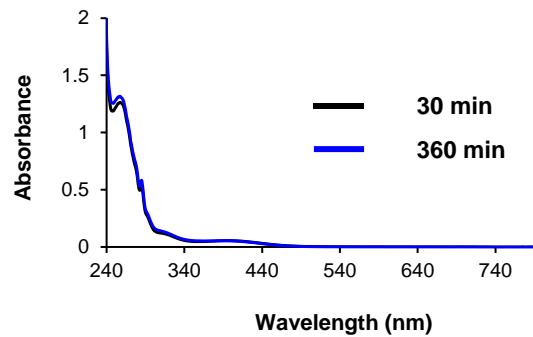
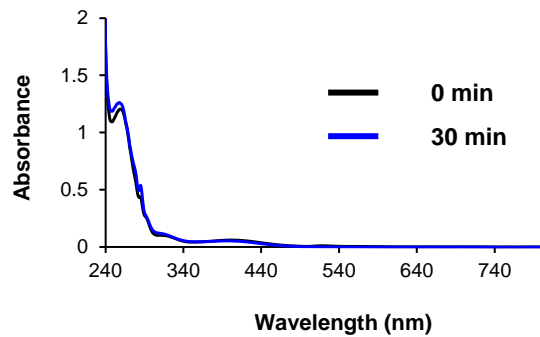
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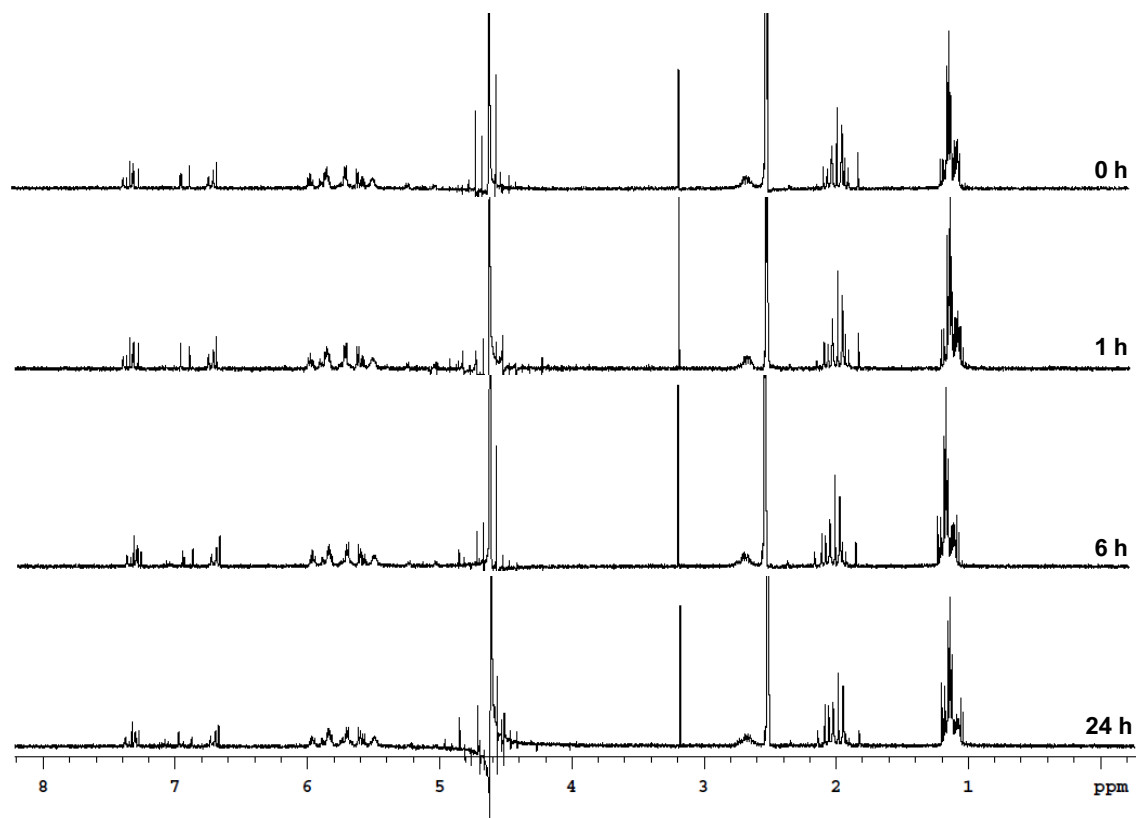
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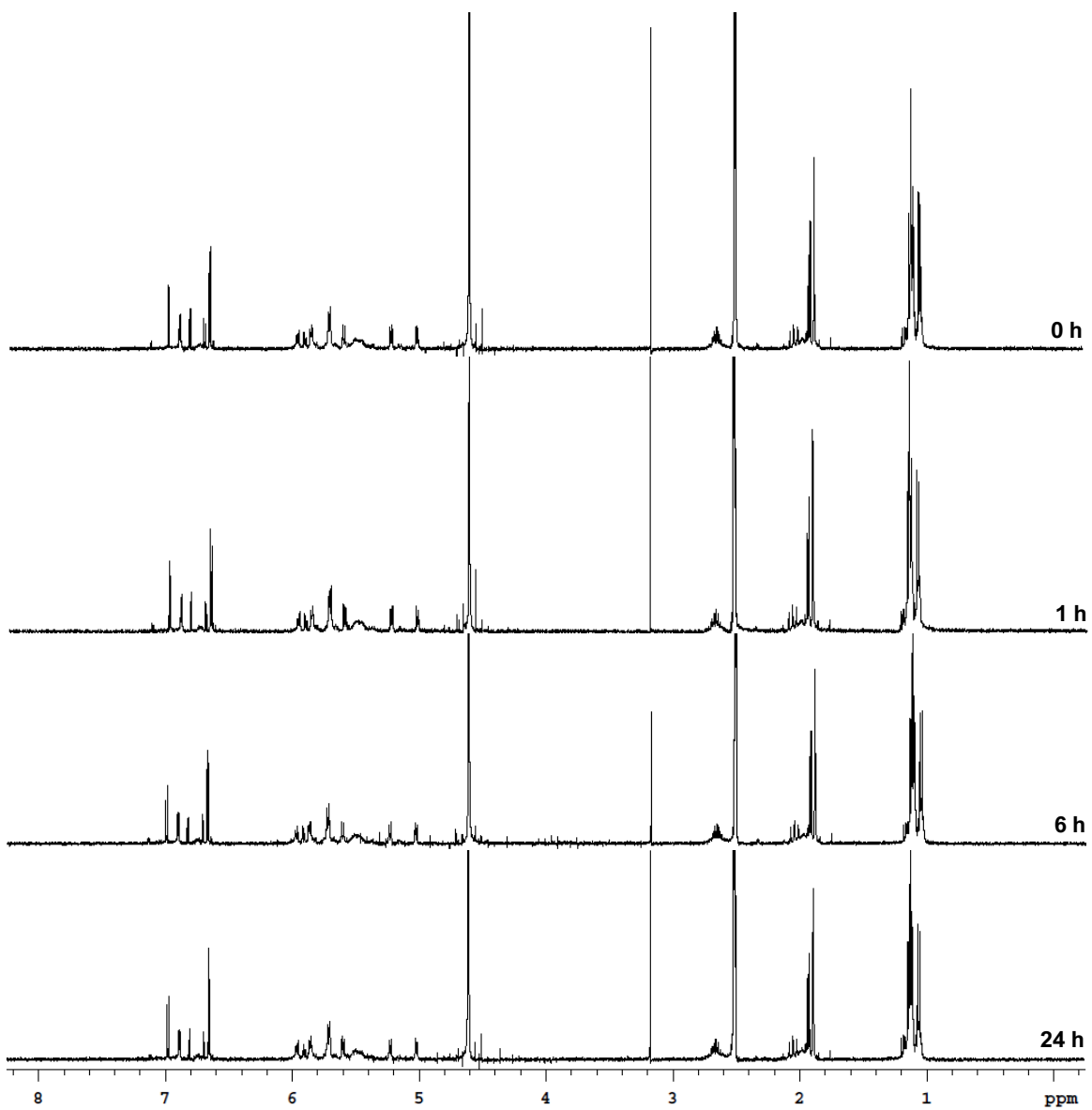
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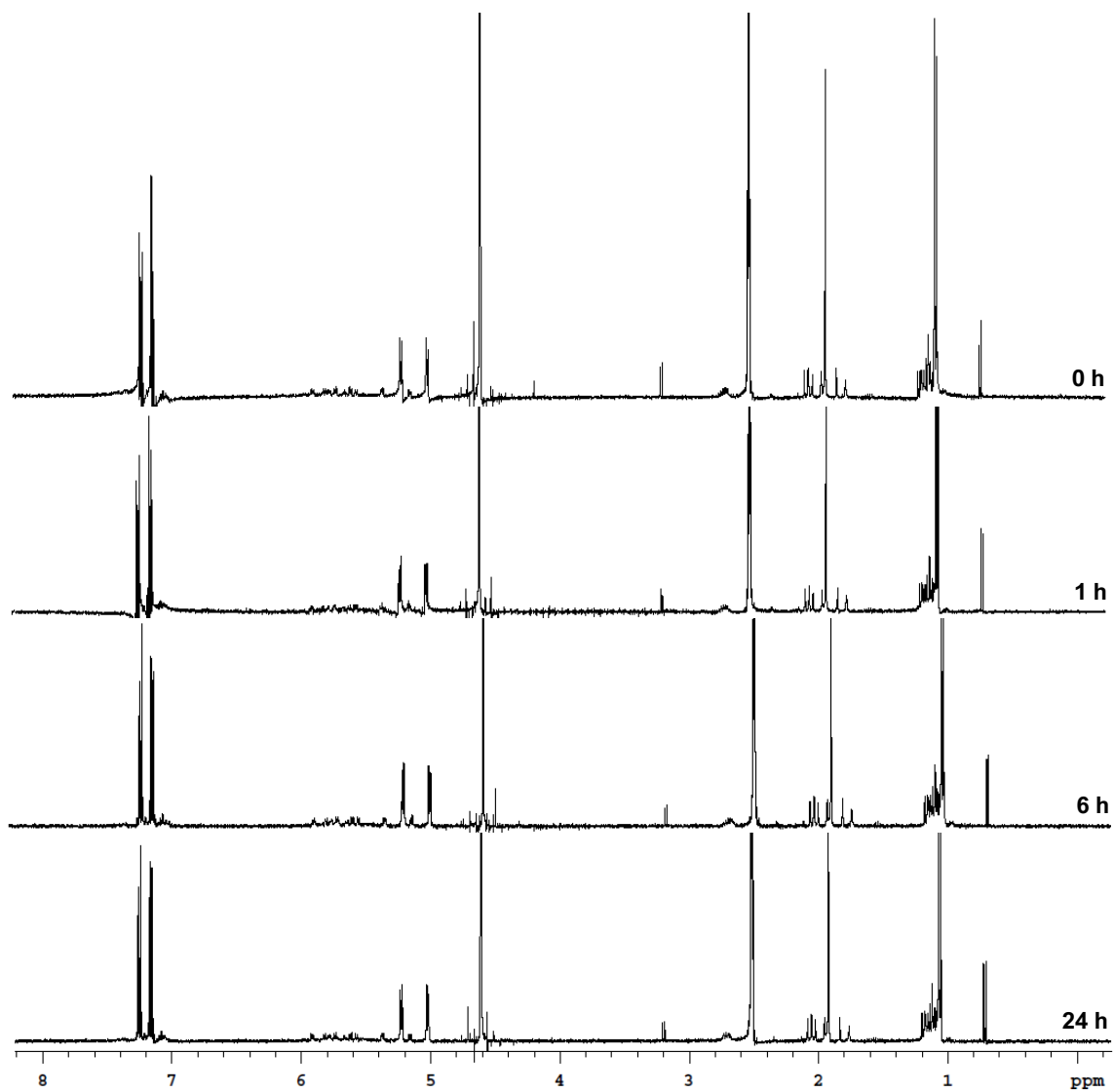
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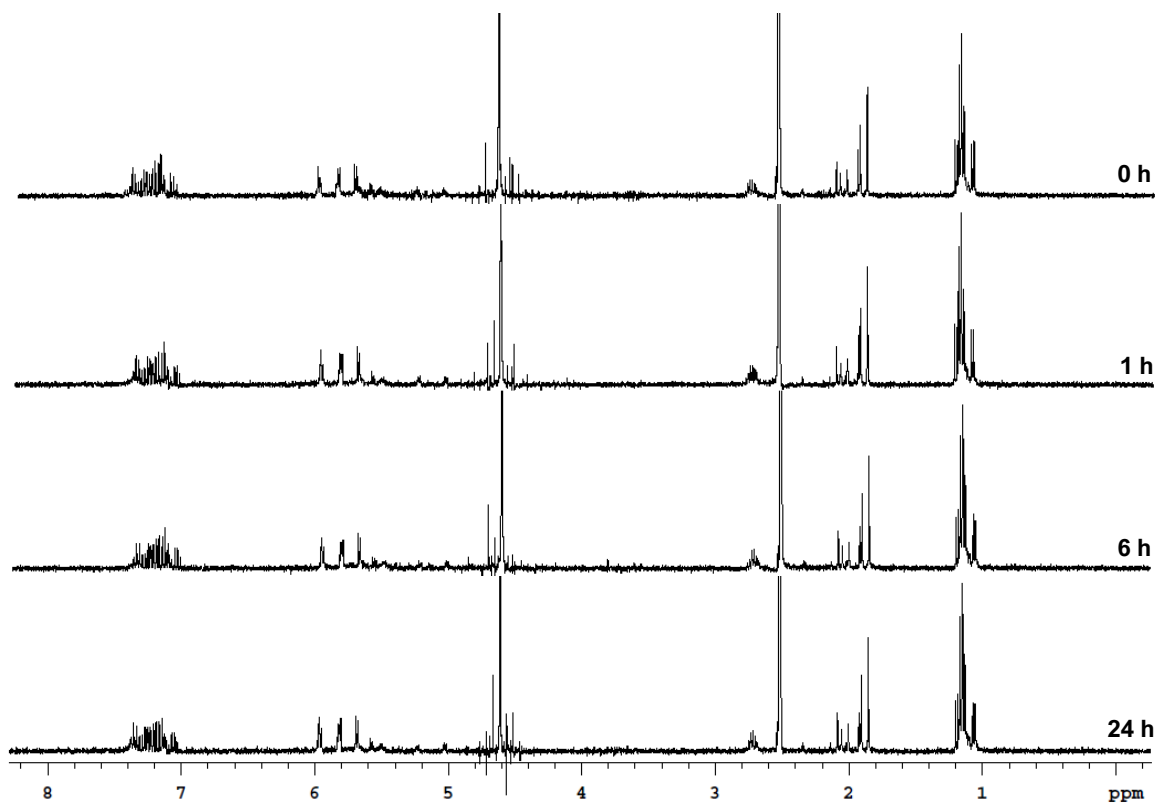
**Figure S21.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of complex **RuO** in 10%  $\text{DMSO-}D_6$  and  $\text{D}_2\text{O}$  over 24 hours.



**Figure S22.** <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of complex **RuS** in 10% DMSO-D<sub>6</sub> and D<sub>2</sub>O over 24 hours.

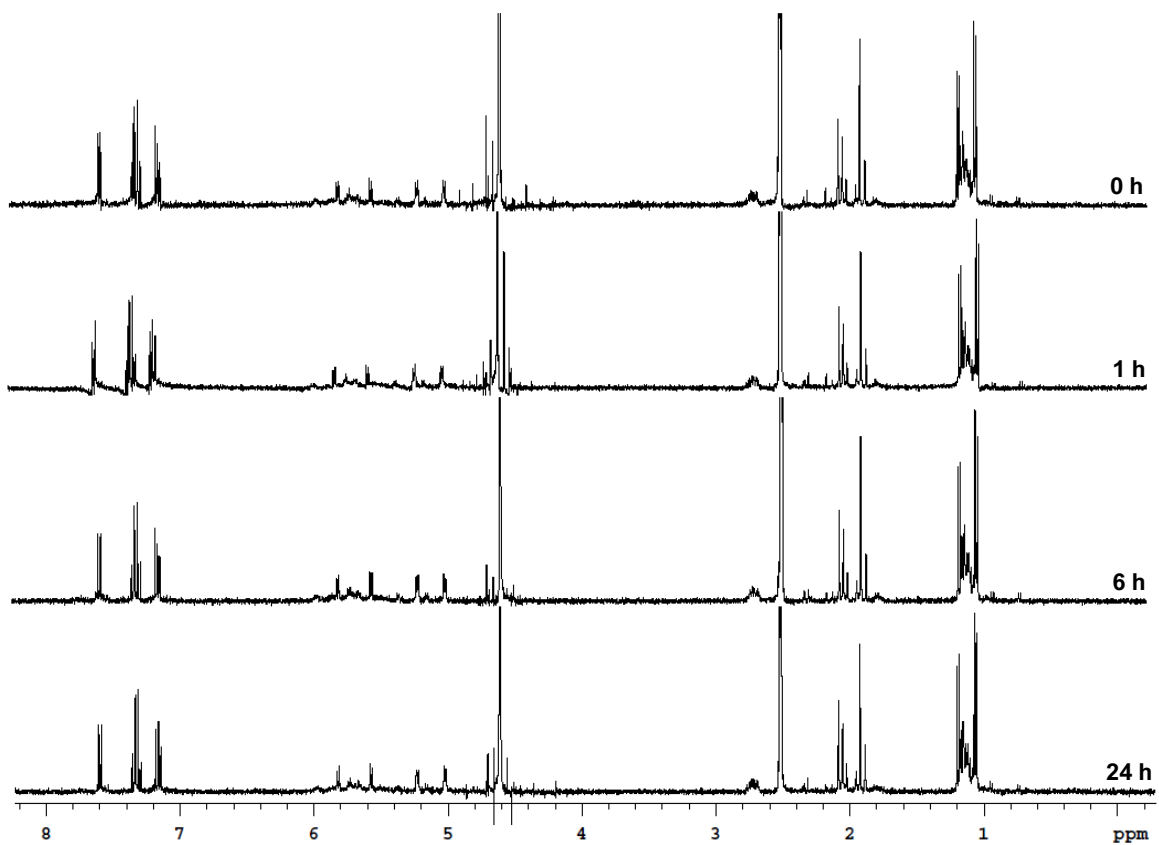


**Figure S23.** <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of complex **RuBN** in 10% DMSO-D<sub>6</sub> and D<sub>2</sub>O over 24 hours.



**Figure S24.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of complex RuBO in 10%  $\text{DMSO-D}_6$  and  $\text{D}_2\text{O}$  over 24 hours.

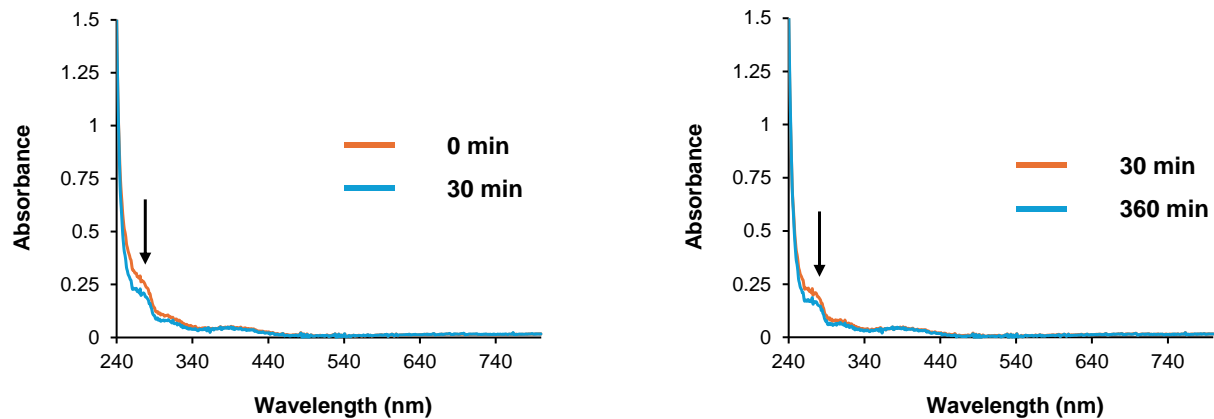




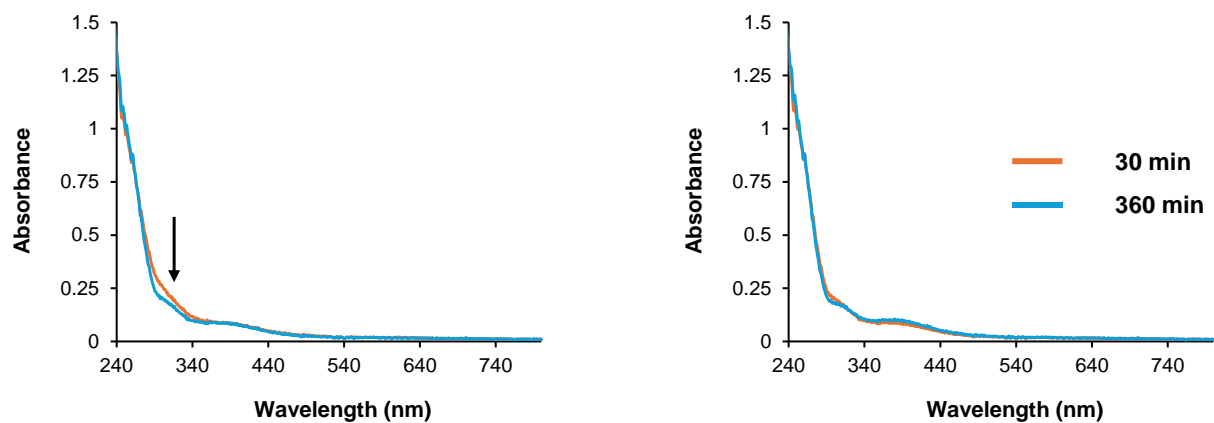
**Figure S25.** <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of complex RuBS in 10% DMSO-D<sub>6</sub> and D<sub>2</sub>O over 24 hours.

Complex	SMILES
<b>RuO</b>	<chem>Nc1occn1[Ru]12345(Cl)(Cl)C6=C3[C]5(=C2C1=[C]46C)C(C)C</chem>
<b>RuS</b>	<chem>Nc1scn1[Ru]12345(Cl)(Cl)C6=C3[C]5(=C2C1=[C]46C)C(C)C</chem>
<b>RuBN</b>	<chem>Nc1[nH]c2c(n1[Ru]13456(Cl)(Cl)C7=C4[C]6(=C3C1=[C]57C)C(C)C)cccc2</chem>
<b>RuBO</b>	<chem>Nc1oc2c(n1[Ru]13456(Cl)(Cl)C7=C4[C]6(=C3C1=[C]57C)C(C)C)cccc2</chem>
<b>RuBS</b>	<chem>Nc1sc2c(n1[Ru]13456(Cl)(Cl)C7=C4[C]6(=C3C1=[C]57C)C(C)C)cccc2</chem>

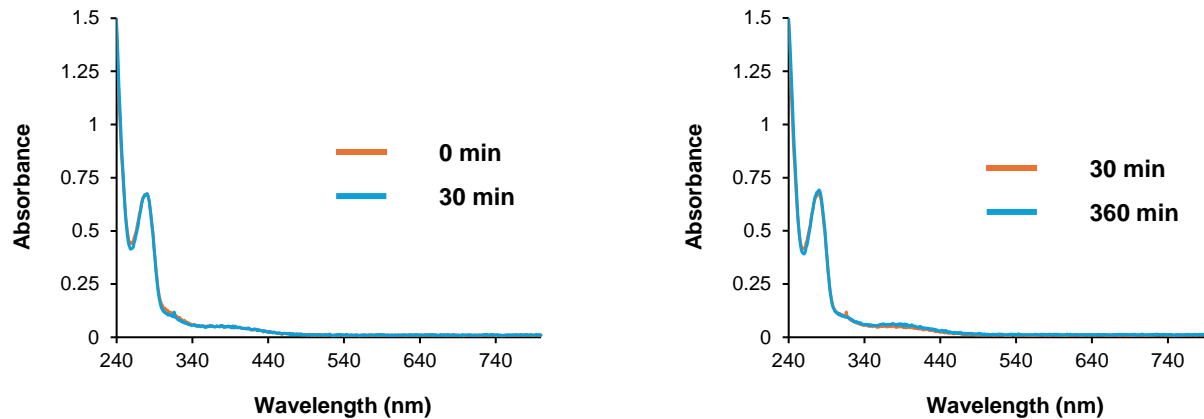
**Table S1.** Simplified molecular-input line-entry system (SMILES) for each Ru complex used to calculate the log P values.



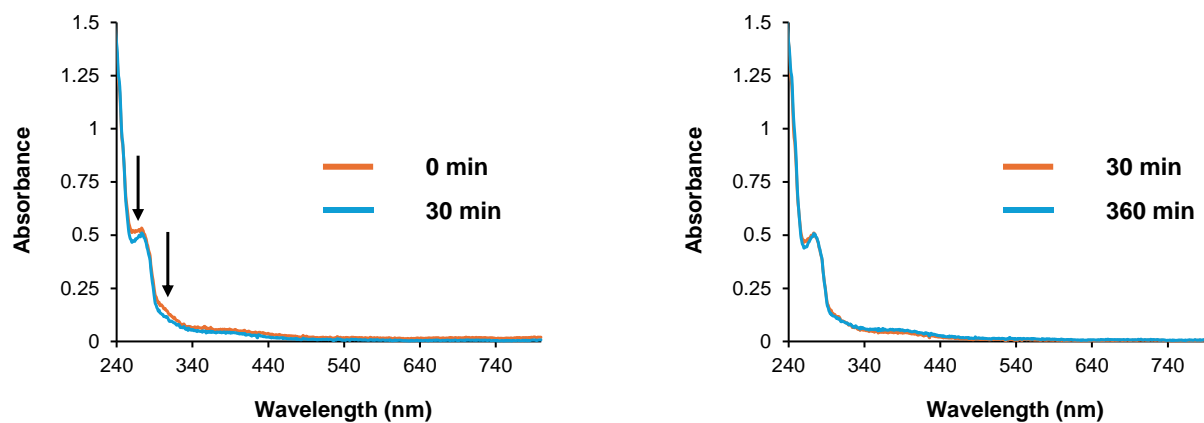
**Figure S26.** UV-Vis Spectra of **RuO** following mixing with an equimolar amount of  $A\beta_{16}$  (100  $\mu$ M) and incubation in PBS (pH 7.4) at 37  $^{\circ}$ C for 30 minutes (left) then for 6 hours (right).



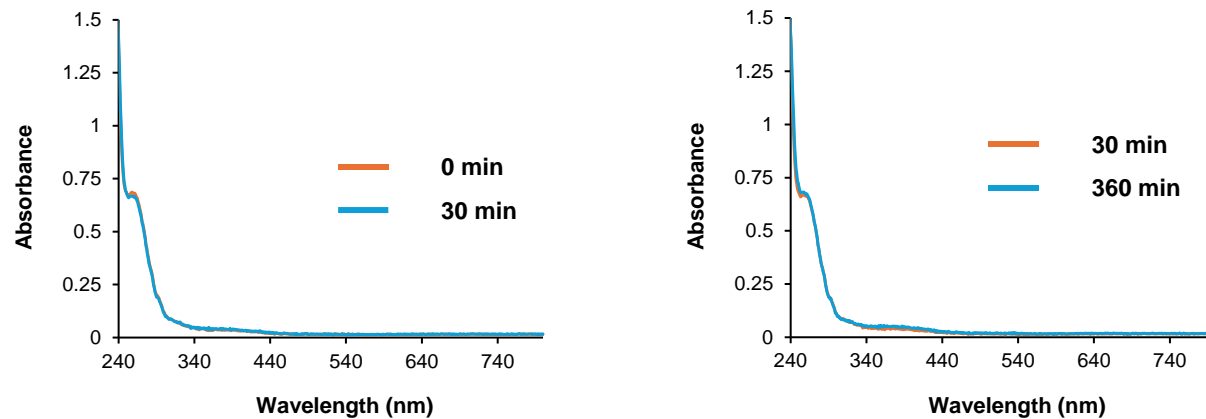
**Figure S27.** UV-Vis Spectra of **RuS** following mixing with an equimolar amount of  $A\beta_{16}$  (100  $\mu$ M) and incubation in PBS (pH 7.4) at 37  $^{\circ}$ C for 30 minutes (left) then for 6 hours (right).



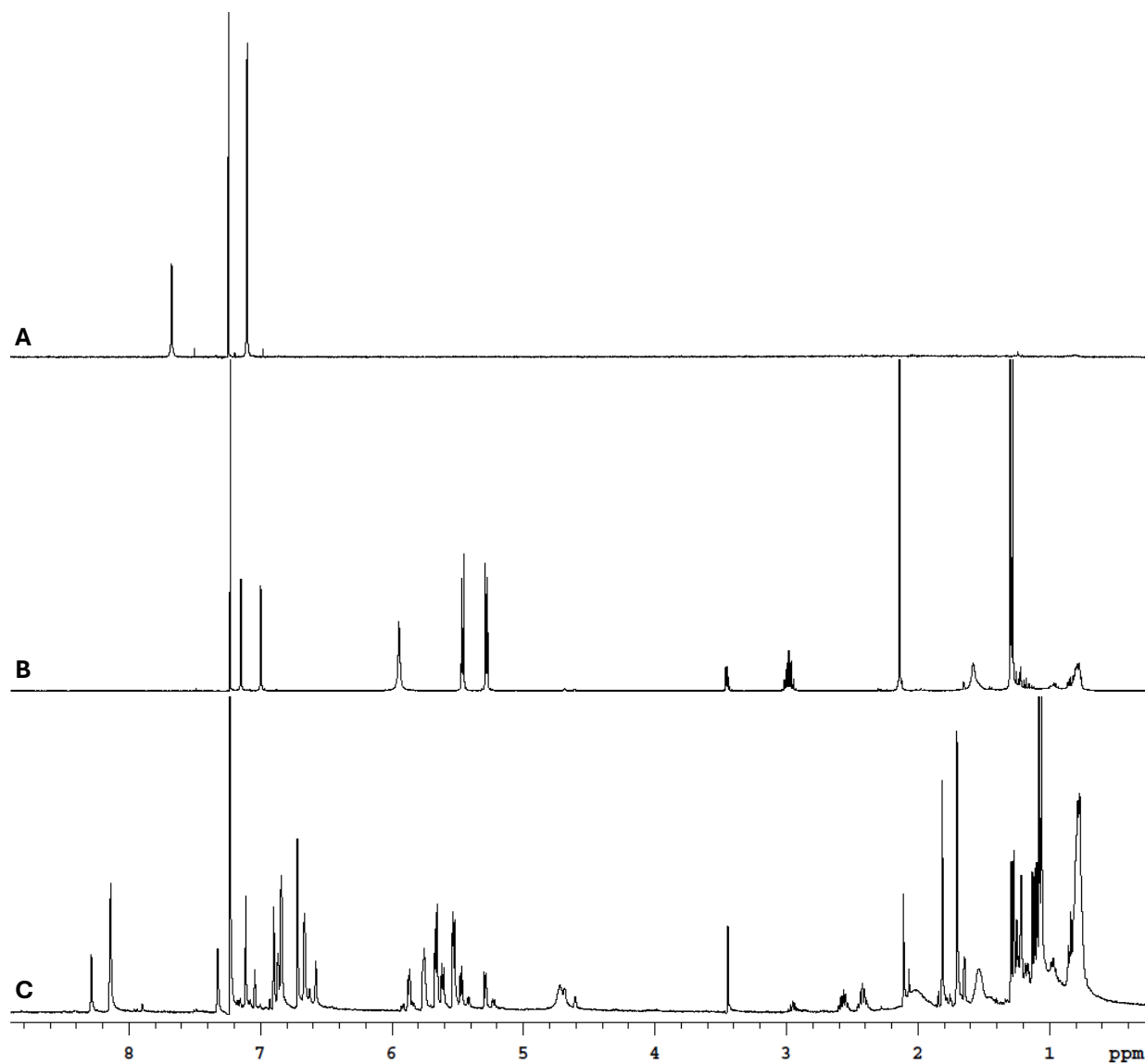
**Figure S28.** UV-Vis Spectra of **RuBN** following mixing with an equimolar amount of  $A\beta_{16}$  (100  $\mu$ M) and incubation in PBS (pH 7.4) at 37  $^{\circ}$ C for 30 minutes (left) then for 6 hours (right).



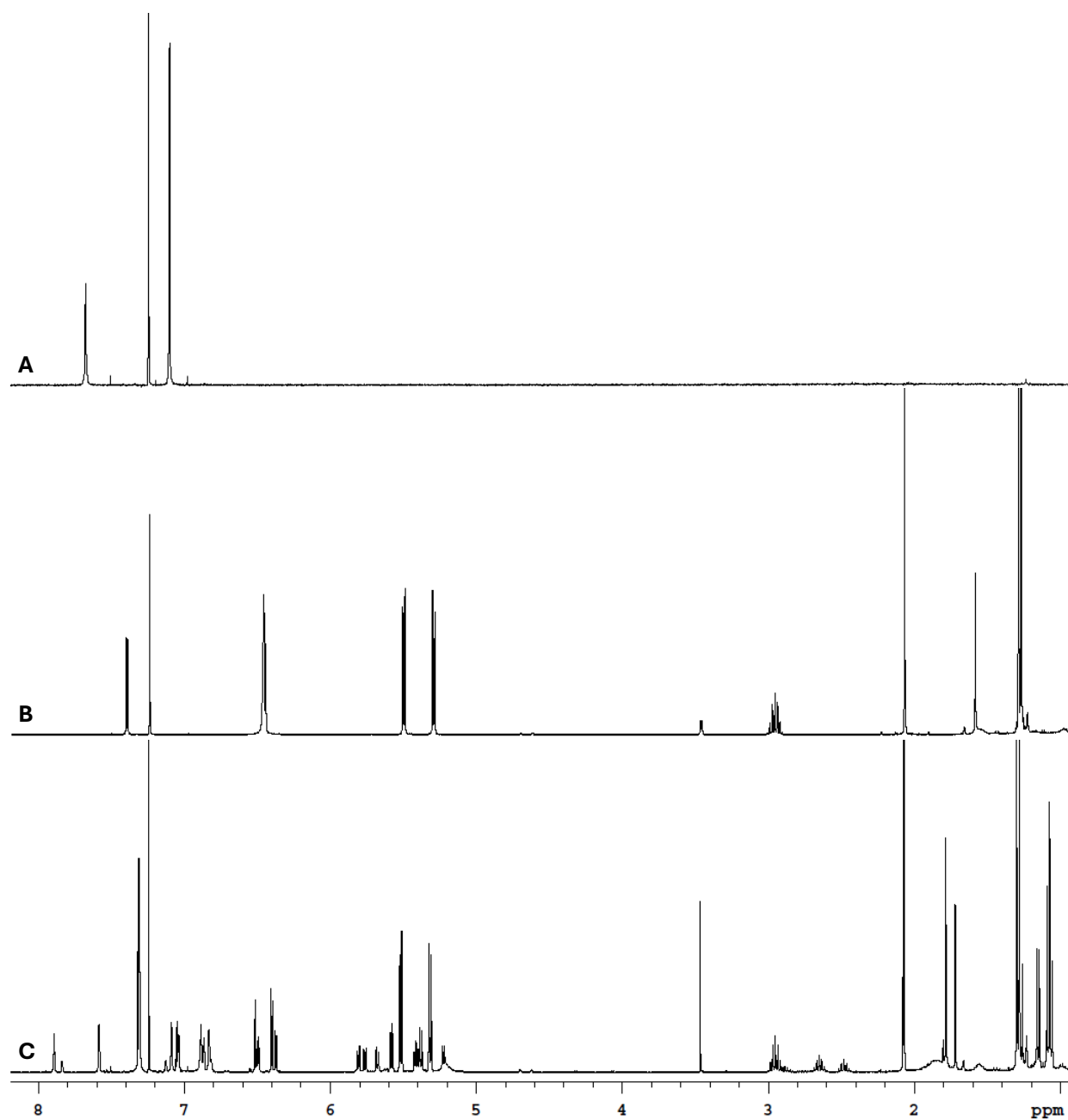
**Figure S29.** UV-Vis Spectra of **RuBO** following mixing with an equimolar amount of  $A\beta_{16}$  (100  $\mu$ M) and incubation in PBS (pH 7.4) at 37  $^{\circ}$ C for 30 minutes (left) then for 6 hours (right).



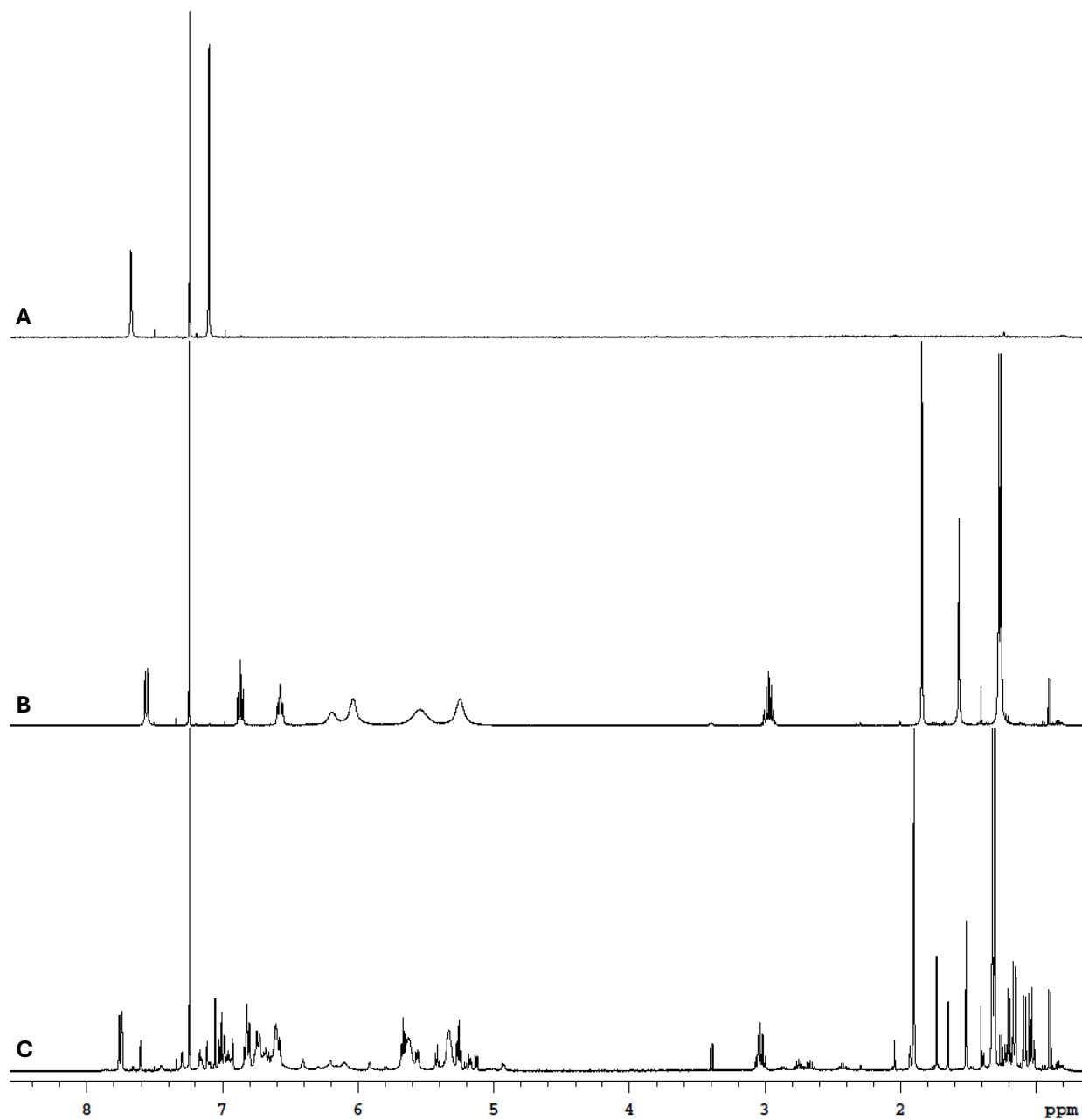
**Figure S30.** UV-Vis Spectra of **RuBS** following mixing with an equimolar amount of  $A\beta_{16}$  (100  $\mu$ M) and incubation in PBS (pH 7.4) at 37  $^{\circ}$ C for 30 minutes (left) then for 6 hours (right).



**Figure S31.** <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra in CDCl<sub>3</sub> of complex **RuO** (18 μM) with imidazole (18 μM). A: Imidazole alone, B: **RuO** alone, C: Imidazole and **RuO** immediately after mixing.

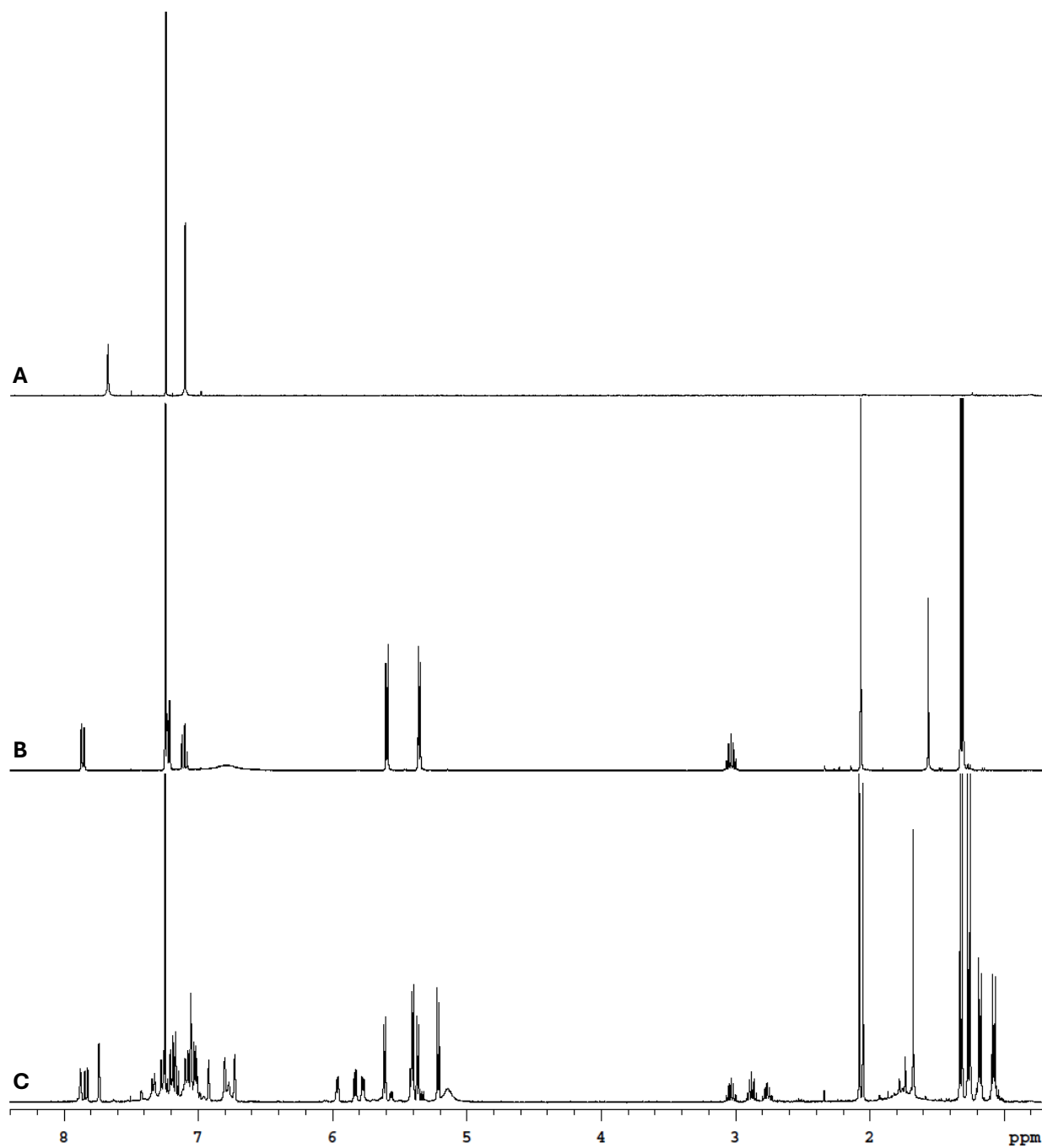


**Figure S32.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectra in  $\text{CDCl}_3$  of complex **RuS** ( $18\ \mu\text{M}$ ) with imidazole ( $18\ \mu\text{M}$ ). A: Imidazole alone, B: **RuS** alone, C: Imidazole and **RuS** immediately after mixing.

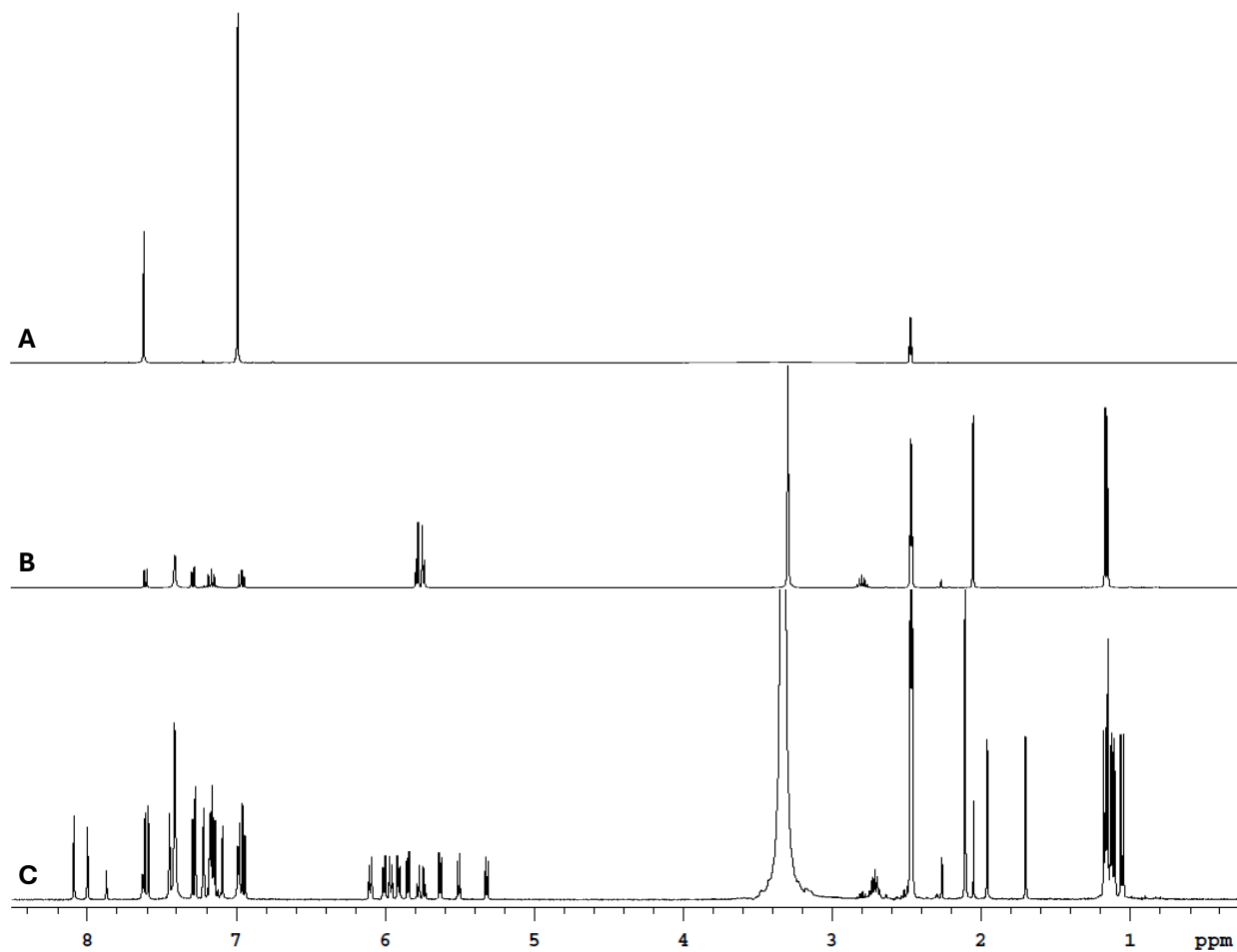


**Figure S33.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectra in  $\text{CDCl}_3$  of complex **RuBN** ( $16\ \mu\text{M}$ ) with imidazole ( $16\ \mu\text{M}$ ). A: Imidazole alone, B: **RuBN** alone, C: Imidazole and **RuBN** immediately after mixing.

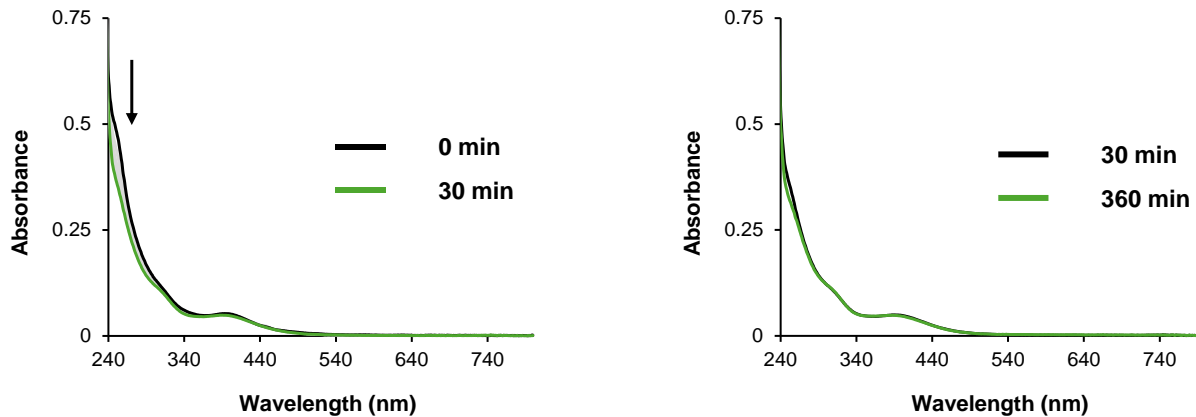




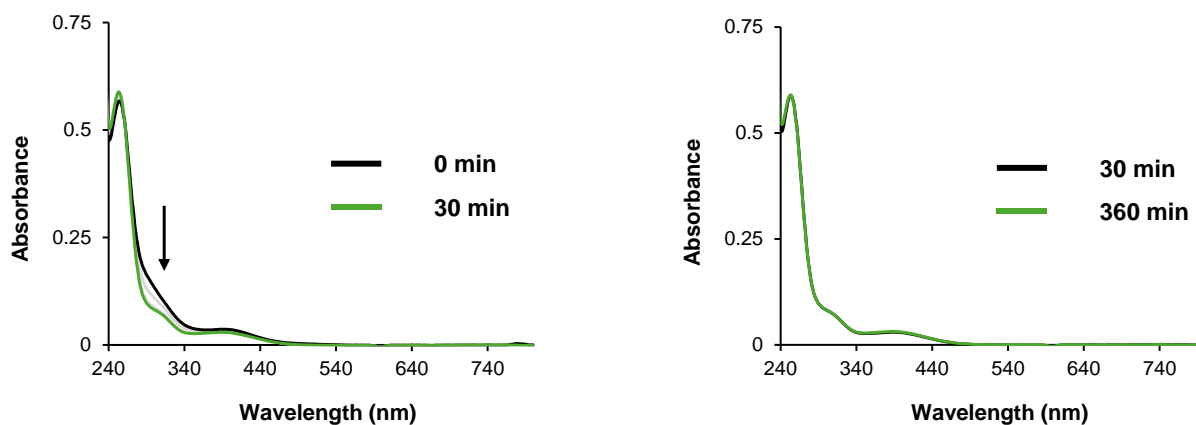
**Figure S34.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectra in  $\text{CDCl}_3$  of complex **RuBO** ( $16\ \mu\text{M}$ ) with imidazole ( $16\ \mu\text{M}$ ). A: Imidazole alone, B: **RuBO** alone, C: Imidazole and **RuBO** immediately after mixing.



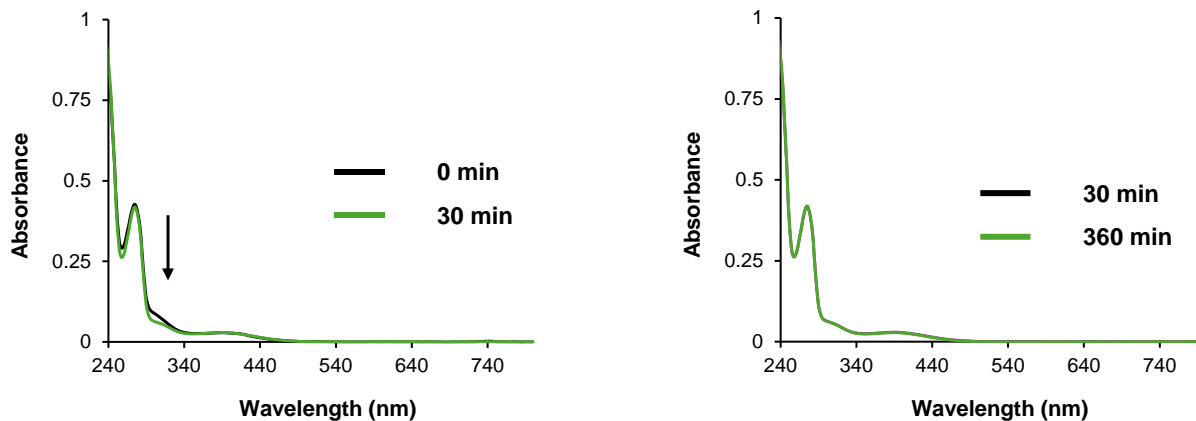
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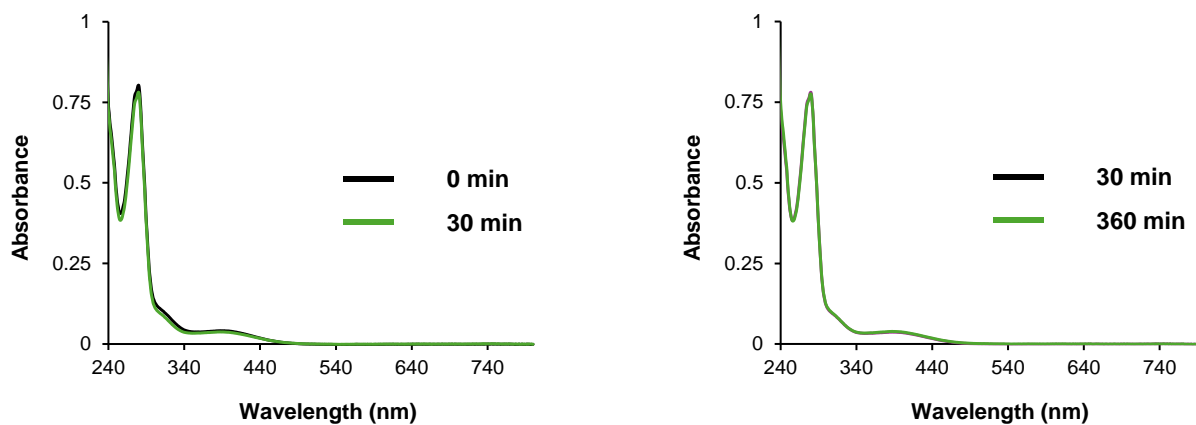
**Figure S36.** UV-Vis Spectra of RuO following mixing with an equimolar amount of imidazole (100  $\mu\text{M}$ ) and incubation in PBS (pH 7.4) at 37  $^{\circ}\text{C}$  for 30 minutes (left) then for 6 hours (right).



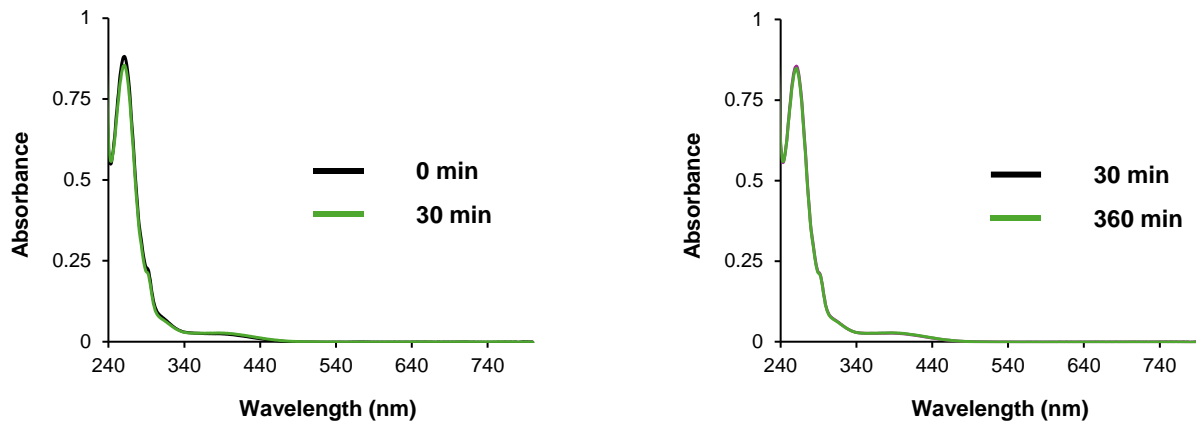
**Figure S37.** UV-Vis Spectra of RuS following mixing with an equimolar amount of imidazole (100  $\mu\text{M}$ ) and incubation in PBS (pH 7.4) at 37  $^{\circ}\text{C}$  for 30 minutes (left) then for 6 hours (right).



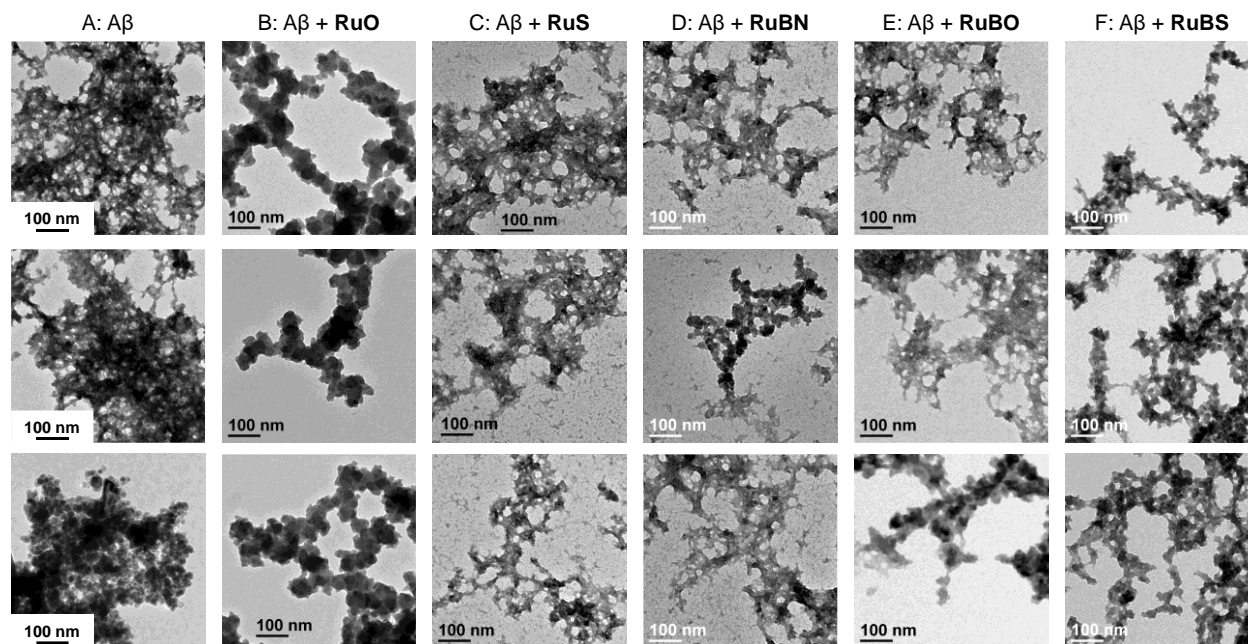
**Figure S38.** UV-Vis Spectra of **RuBO** following mixing with an equimolar amount of imidazole (100  $\mu$ M) and incubation in PBS (pH 7.4) at 37  $^{\circ}$ C for 30 minutes (left) then for 6 hours (right).



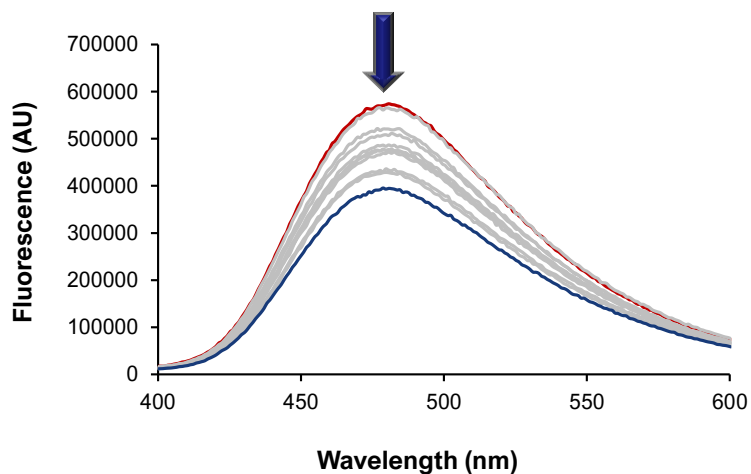
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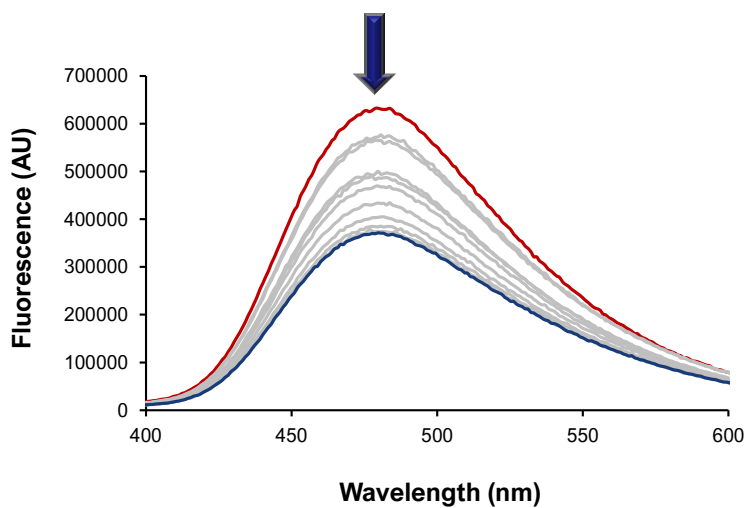
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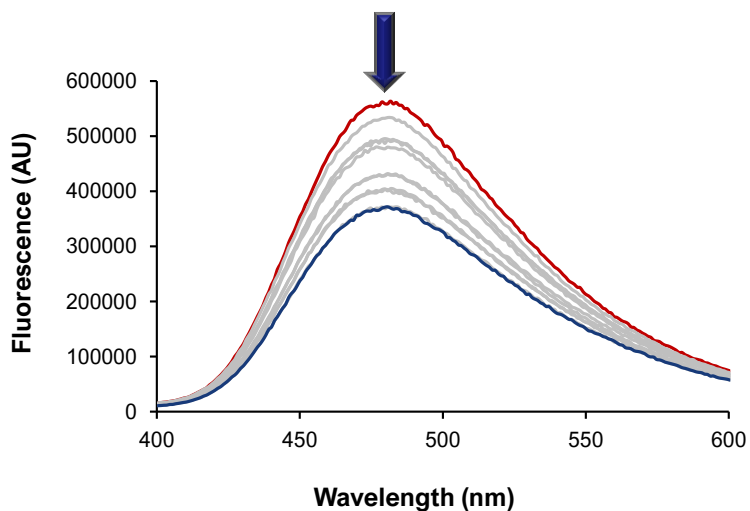
**Figure S41.** TEM images collected for all of the Ru complexes with A $\beta$ <sub>42</sub> from the DLS filtrates. Column A: A $\beta$  alone, Column B: A $\beta$  + RuO, Column C: A $\beta$  + RuS, Column D: A $\beta$  + RuBN, Column E: A $\beta$  + RuBO, Column F: A $\beta$  + RuBS. Scale bars are provided within each image.



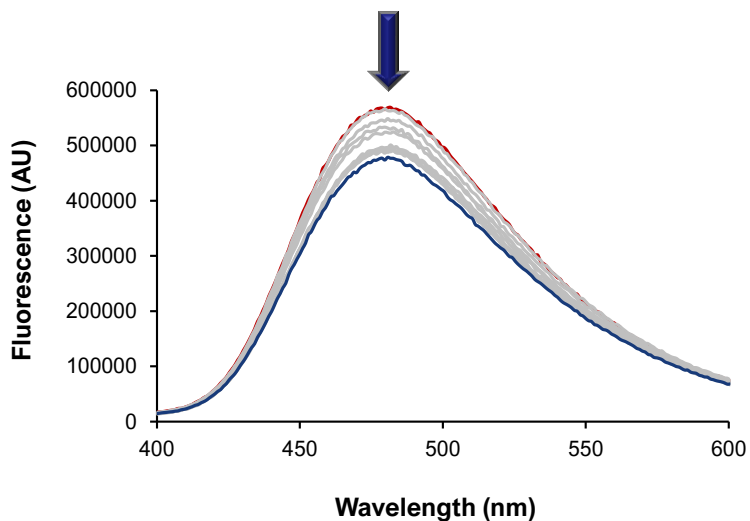
**Figure S42.** Fluorescence emission spectra at various Ru-HSA ratios by the titration of HSA-DG (1:1) with **RuO**. Experimental conditions:  $\lambda_{\text{ex}} = 330 \text{ nm}$ ,  $\lambda_{\text{em}} = 350\text{-}600 \text{ nm}$ ,  $[\text{HSA}] = [\text{DG}] = 2.5 \mu\text{M}$ ,  $[\text{Ru}] = 0\text{-}25 \mu\text{M}$ , in PBS (pH 7.4).



**Figure S43.** Fluorescence emission spectra at various Ru-HSA ratios by the titration of HSA-DG (1:1) with **RuS**. Experimental conditions:  $\lambda_{\text{ex}} = 330 \text{ nm}$ ,  $\lambda_{\text{em}} = 350\text{-}600 \text{ nm}$ ,  $[\text{HSA}] = [\text{DG}] = 2.5 \mu\text{M}$ ,  $[\text{Ru}] = 0\text{-}25 \mu\text{M}$ , in PBS (pH 7.4).

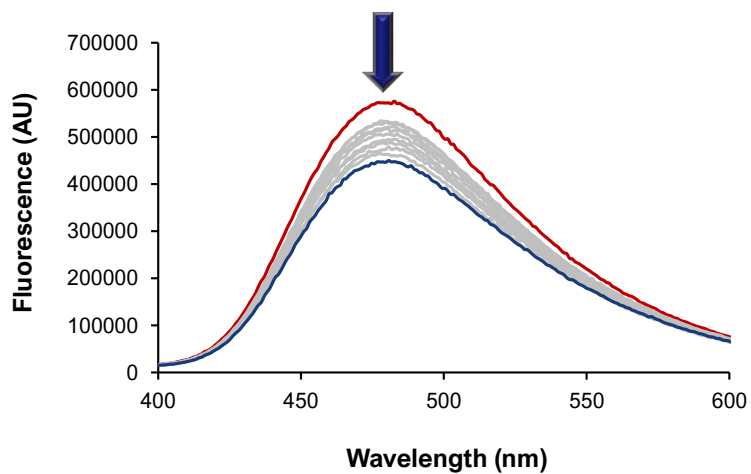


**Figure S44.** Fluorescence emission spectra at various Ru-HSA ratios by the titration of HSA-DG (1:1) with **RuBN**. Experimental conditions:  $\lambda_{\text{ex}} = 330 \text{ nm}$ ,  $\lambda_{\text{em}} = 350\text{-}600 \text{ nm}$ ,  $[\text{HSA}] = [\text{DG}] = 2.5 \text{ }\mu\text{M}$ ,  $[\text{Ru}] = 0\text{-}25 \text{ }\mu\text{M}$ , in PBS (pH 7.4).



**Figure S45.** Fluorescence emission spectra at various Ru-HSA ratios by the titration of HSA-DG (1:1) with **RuBO**. Experimental conditions:  $\lambda_{\text{ex}} = 330 \text{ nm}$ ,  $\lambda_{\text{em}} = 350\text{-}600 \text{ nm}$ ,  $[\text{HSA}] = [\text{DG}] = 2.5 \text{ }\mu\text{M}$ ,  $[\text{Ru}] = 0\text{-}25 \text{ }\mu\text{M}$ , in PBS (pH 7.4).





**Figure S46.** Fluorescence emission spectra at various Ru-HSA ratios by the titration of HSA-DG (1:1) with **RuBS**. Experimental conditions:  $\lambda_{\text{ex}} = 330 \text{ nm}$ ,  $\lambda_{\text{em}} = 350\text{-}600 \text{ nm}$ ,  $[\text{HSA}] = [\text{DG}] = 2.5 \text{ }\mu\text{M}$ ,  $[\text{Ru}] = 0\text{-}25 \text{ }\mu\text{M}$ , in PBS (pH 7.4).

**Table S2.** Crystal data and structure refinement for **RuO**.

CCDC Number	2356322	
Empirical formula	C13 H18 Cl2 N2 O Ru	
Formula weight	390.26	
Temperature	100.00(10) K	
Wavelength	1.54184 Å	
Crystal system	monoclinic	
Space group	$P2_1/n$	
Unit cell dimensions	$a = 9.84141(5)$ Å	$a = 90^\circ$
	$b = 8.20452(6)$ Å	$b = 96.4651(5)^\circ$
	$c = 18.14037(10)$ Å	$g = 90^\circ$
Volume	1455.411(15) Å <sup>3</sup>	
Z	4	
Density (calculated)	1.781 Mg/m <sup>3</sup>	
Absorption coefficient	12.041 mm <sup>-1</sup>	
$F(000)$	784	
Crystal color, morphology	orange, block	
Crystal size	0.185 x 0.078 x 0.048 mm <sup>3</sup>	
Theta range for data collection	4.896 to 80.230°	
Index ranges	$-7 \leq h \leq 12, -10 \leq k \leq 10, -23 \leq l \leq 23$	
Reflections collected	18727	
Independent reflections	3119 [ $R(\text{int}) = 0.0379$ ]	
Observed reflections	3042	
Completeness to theta = 74.504°	99.7%	
Absorption correction	Multi-scan	
Max. and min. transmission	1.00000 and 0.62780	
Refinement method	Full-matrix least-squares on $F^2$	
Data / restraints / parameters	3119 / 0 / 183	
Goodness-of-fit on $F^2$	1.086	
Final $R$ indices [ $I > 2\sigma(I)$ ]	$R1 = 0.0232, wR2 = 0.0574$	
$R$ indices (all data)	$R1 = 0.0238, wR2 = 0.0578$	
Largest diff. peak and hole	0.453 and -0.800 e.Å <sup>-3</sup>	

**Table S3.** Crystal data and structure refinement for **RuS**.

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CCDC Number	2356323	
Empirical formula	C13 H18 Cl2 N2 Ru S	
Formula weight	406.32	
Temperature	100.00(10) K	
Wavelength	1.54184 Å	
Crystal system	orthorhombic	
Space group	$P2_12_12_1$	
Unit cell dimensions	$a = 9.01050(10)$ Å	$a = 90^\circ$
	$b = 12.05820(10)$ Å	$b = 90^\circ$
	$c = 14.31010(10)$ Å	$g = 90^\circ$
Volume	1554.80(2) Å <sup>3</sup>	
Z	4	
Density (calculated)	1.736 Mg/m <sup>3</sup>	
Absorption coefficient	12.471 mm <sup>-1</sup>	
$F(000)$	816	
Crystal color, morphology	orange, block	
Crystal size	0.204 x 0.119 x 0.066 mm <sup>3</sup>	
Theta range for data collection	4.796 to 80.227°	
Index ranges	$-10 \leq h \leq 11, -15 \leq k \leq 14, -18 \leq l \leq 18$	
Reflections collected	17298	
Independent reflections	3359 [ $R(\text{int}) = 0.0402$ ]	
Observed reflections	3344	
Completeness to theta = 74.504°	100.0%	
Absorption correction	Multi-scan	
Max. and min. transmission	1.00000 and 0.48907	
Refinement method	Full-matrix least-squares on $F^2$	
Data / restraints / parameters	3359 / 6 / 183	
Goodness-of-fit on $F^2$	1.111	
Final $R$ indices [ $I > 2\sigma(I)$ ]	$R1 = 0.0252, wR2 = 0.0624$	
$R$ indices (all data)	$R1 = 0.0254, wR2 = 0.0624$	
Absolute structure parameter	-0.004(6)	
Largest diff. peak and hole	0.431 and -0.648 e.Å <sup>-3</sup>	

**Table S4.** Crystal data and structure refinement for **RuBO**.

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CCDC Number	2356324	
Empirical formula	C17 H20 Cl2 N2 O Ru	
Formula weight	440.32	
Temperature	99.98(15) K	
Wavelength	1.54184 Å	
Crystal system	orthorhombic	
Space group	<i>Pbca</i>	
Unit cell dimensions	$a = 7.65340(10)$ Å	$a = 90^\circ$
	$b = 18.62460(10)$ Å	$b = 90^\circ$
	$c = 24.3077(2)$ Å	$g = 90^\circ$
Volume	3464.86(6) Å <sup>3</sup>	
Z	8	
Density (calculated)	1.688 Mg/m <sup>3</sup>	
Absorption coefficient	10.199 mm <sup>-1</sup>	
<i>F</i> (000)	1776	
Crystal color, morphology	orange, needle	
Crystal size	0.099 x 0.068 x 0.051 mm <sup>3</sup>	
Theta range for data collection	3.637 to 80.145°	
Index ranges	$-9 \leq h \leq 9, -23 \leq k \leq 19, -28 \leq l \leq 31$	
Reflections collected	30957	
Independent reflections	3724 [ <i>R</i> (int) = 0.0363]	
Observed reflections	3545	
Completeness to theta = 74.504°	100.0%	
Absorption correction	Multi-scan	
Max. and min. transmission	1.00000 and 0.76953	
Refinement method	Full-matrix least-squares on <i>F</i> <sup>2</sup>	
Data / restraints / parameters	3724 / 0 / 219	
Goodness-of-fit on <i>F</i> <sup>2</sup>	1.072	
Final <i>R</i> indices [ <i>I</i> > 2σ( <i>I</i> )]	<i>R</i> 1 = 0.0225, <i>wR</i> 2 = 0.0576	
<i>R</i> indices (all data)	<i>R</i> 1 = 0.0236, <i>wR</i> 2 = 0.0582	
Largest diff. peak and hole	0.338 and -0.734 e.Å <sup>-3</sup>	