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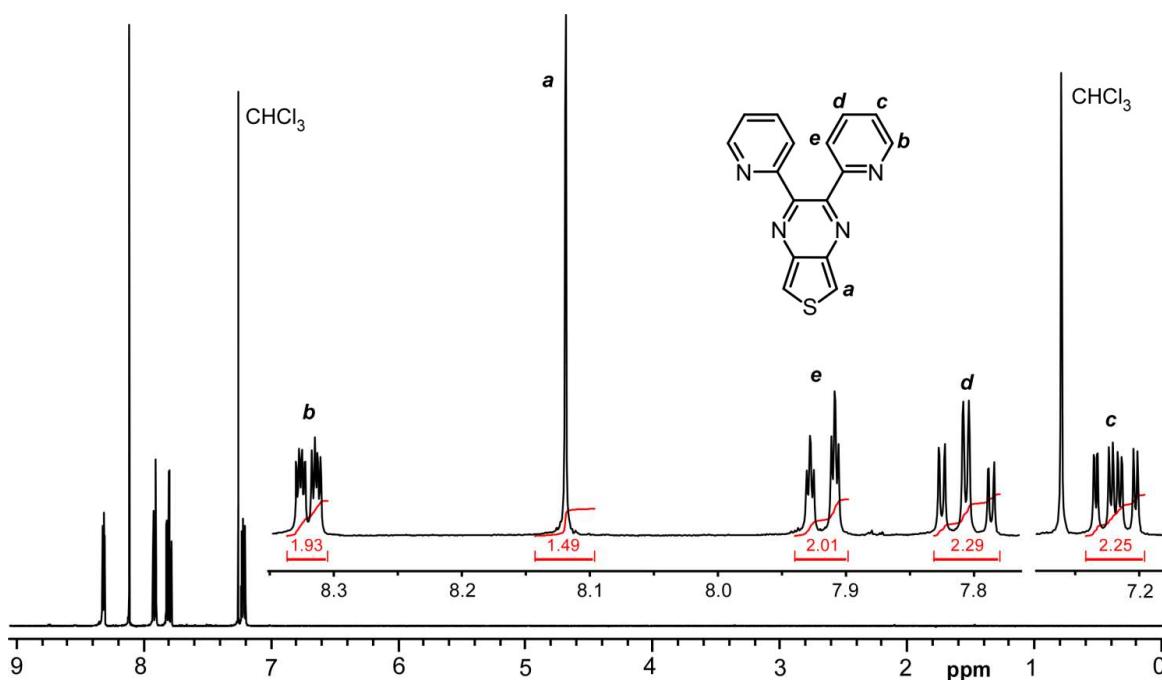
**2,3-Bis(2-pyridyl)thieno[3,4-*b*]pyrazine and Its Ruthenium(II) complexes: A New Bidentate Bridging Ligand for Enhanced Metal-Metal Communication**

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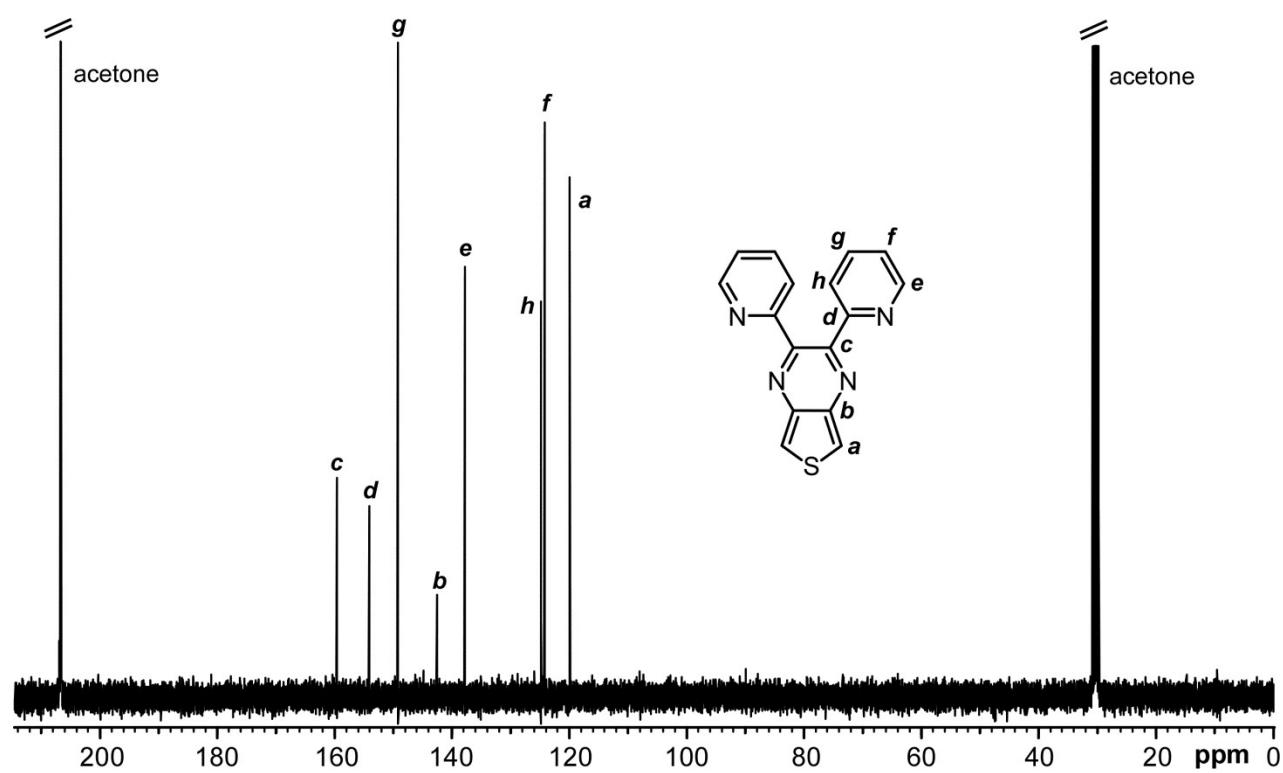
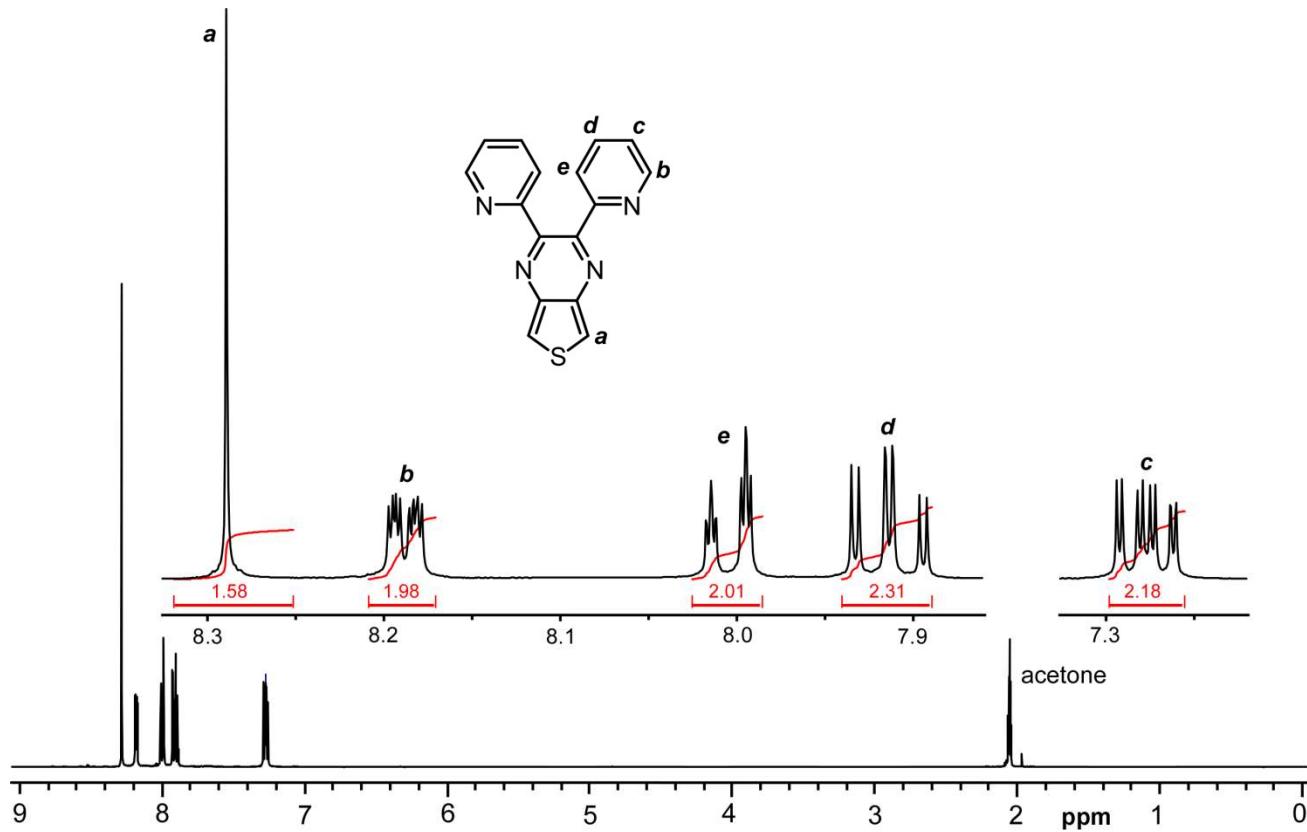
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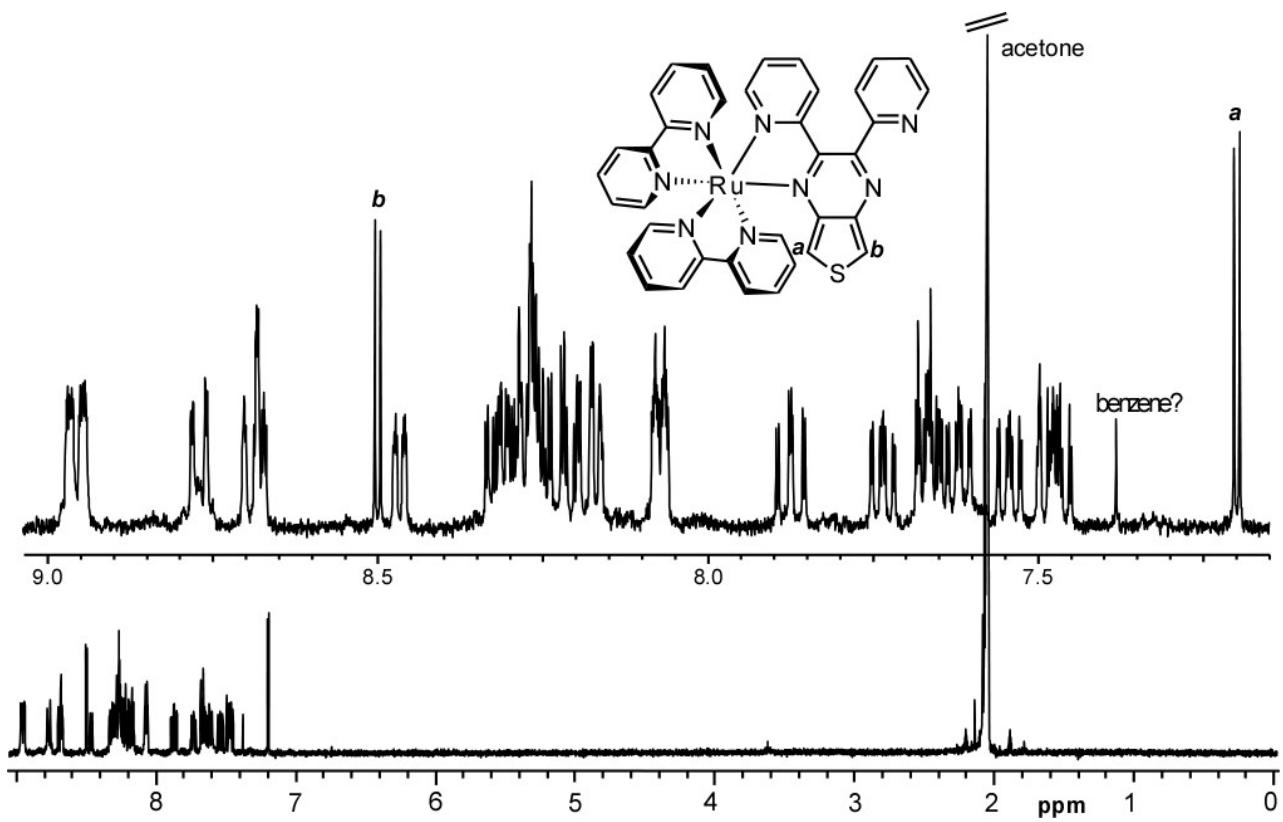
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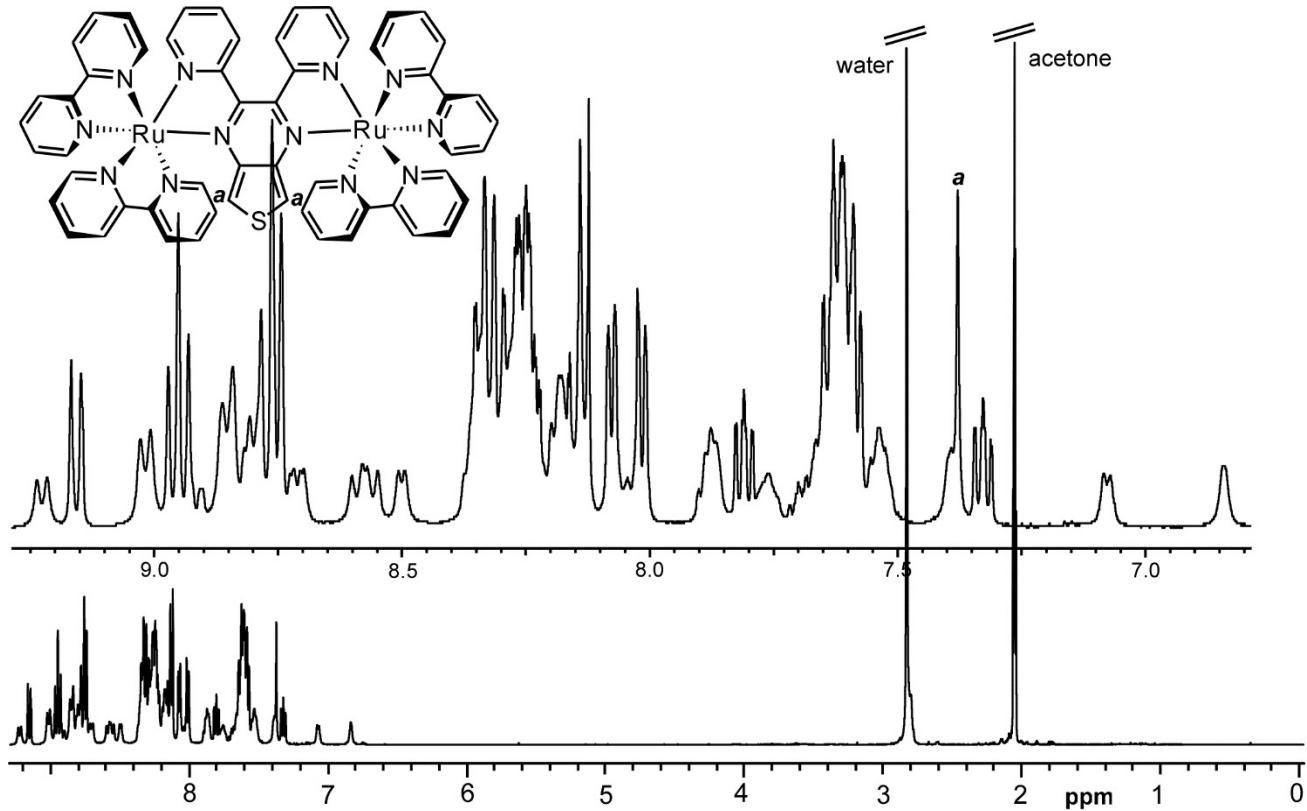


**Figure S1.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectra of dpTP in  $\text{CDCl}_3$

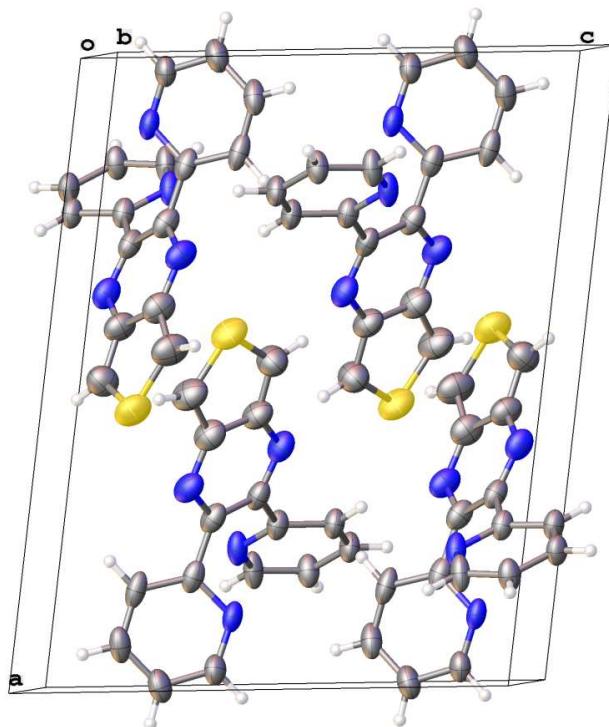




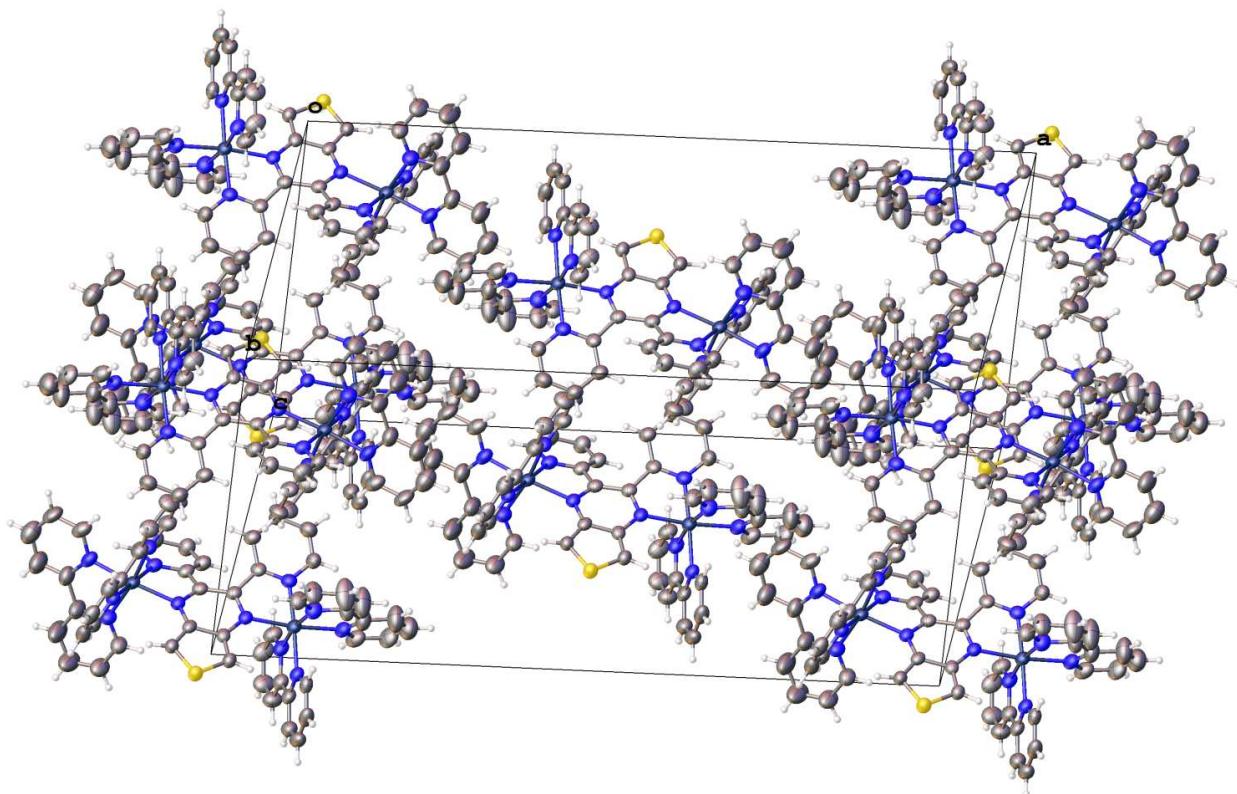
**Figure S4.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectra of  $[(\text{bpy})_2\text{Ru}(\text{dpTP})](\text{PF}_6)_2$  in  $d_6$ -acetone



**Figure S5.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectra of  $\{(\text{bpy})_2\text{Ru}\}_2(\text{dpTP})](\text{PF}_6)_4$  in  $d_6$ -acetone



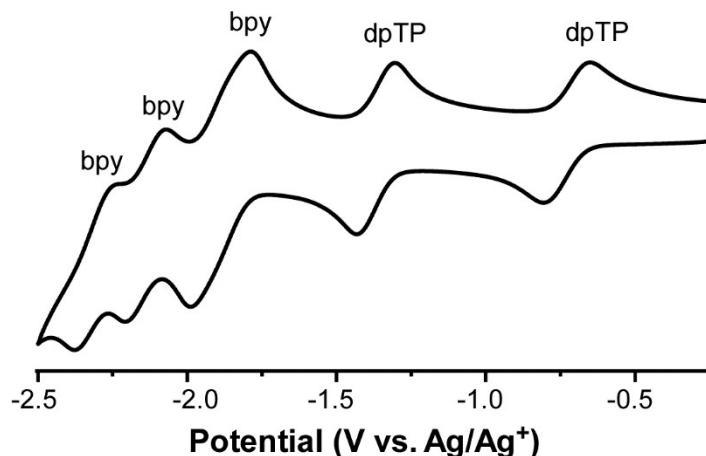
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**Figure S7.** Unit cell of  $\left[\{(bpy)_2Ru\}_2(dpTP)\right]^{4+}$  (thermal ellipsoids shown at the 50% probability level,  $PF_6^-$  counterions, and  $CH_3CN$  solvent not shown for clarity)

**Table S1.** Selected bond distances ( $\text{\AA}$ ) of various fused-ring pyrazines.

Parameter	dpTP	$\text{Me}_2\text{TP}^a$	dpq <sup>b</sup>
S1-C1	1.688(6)	1.691(2)	
C1-C2	1.365(7)	1.372(3)	
C2-C3	1.432(7)	1.427(2)	1.407(4)
C2-N1	1.374(6)	1.377(2)	1.368(4)
N1-C5	1.300(6)	1.308(2)	1.317(4)
C5-C6	1.468(7)	1.460(3)	1.436(3)
C5-C7	1.488(6)	1.495(3)	1.485(4)
C7-C8	1.401(6)		1.389(4)
C8-C9	1.376(6)		1.382(4)
C9-C10	1.378(6)		1.377(5)
C10-C11	1.384(6)		1.375(5)
C11-N3	1.324(6)		1.340(4)
N3-C7	1.335(6)		1.338(4)

<sup>a</sup>Ref. 1. <sup>b</sup>Ref. 2.**Figure S8.** Cyclic voltammogram of  $[(\text{bpy})_2\text{Ru}]_2(\text{dpTP})^{4+}$  in DMF.

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