

Supplementary Information

**Valence structures of the diastereomeric complexes *meso*- and *rac*-
[Ru₂(acac)₄(μ-Q)]ⁿ (n = 2-, -, 0, +, 2+) with the multiply quinonoid bridging
ligand Q = 1,2,4,5-tetraimino-3,6-diketocyclohexane**

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Table S1. Crystal data for 1.2H₂O

1·2H ₂ O	
molecular formula	C ₂₆ H ₃₆ N ₄ O ₁₂ Ru ₂
fw	798.73
crystal system	triclinic
space group	<i>P</i> -1
<i>a</i> (Å)	7.762(3)
<i>b</i> (Å)	14.41(2)
<i>c</i> (Å)	14.4522(13)
α (deg)	77.566(3)
β (deg)	85.492(8)
γ (deg)	89.57(3)
<i>V</i> (Å ³)	1574(2)
<i>Z</i>	2
μ (mm ⁻¹)	1.025
<i>T</i> (K)	150(2)
<i>D</i> _{calcd} (g cm ⁻³)	1.677
F (000)	800
θ range(deg)	3.02 to 30.00
Data/Restraints/Parameters	8970 / 353 / 405
R1, wR2 [<i>I</i> > 2 σ (<i>I</i>)]	0.2411, 0.4924
R1, wR2(all data)	0.3239, 0.5299
GOF	1.484
largest diff. peak/hole, (e Å ⁻³)	14.325, -2.656

Table S2. Selected bond distances (Å) and angles (°) for 1.2H₂O

Bond Lengths		Bond Angles	
Ru(1)-N(1)	1.918(15)	N(1)-Ru(1)-N(2)	82.7(7)
Ru(1)-N(2)	1.876(17)	N(3)-Ru(2)-N(4)	78.5(7)
Ru(2)-N(3)	1.973(15)		
Ru(2)-N(4)	1.876(15)		
N(1)-C(11)	1.31(3)		
N(2)-C(12)	1.30(2)		
C(12)-C(13)	1.44(3)		
C(13)-O(5)	1.25(2)		
N(3)-C(25)	1.28(2)		
N(4)-C(24)	1.29(3)		
C(24)-C(25)	1.41(3)		
C(26)-O(10)	1.22(2)		

Fig. S1. Mass spectra of (a) **1** and (b) **2** in CH₂Cl₂. Ionization probe: ESI. Analyser: Quadrupole and time of flight. Detector: Micro channel plate detector (MCP)

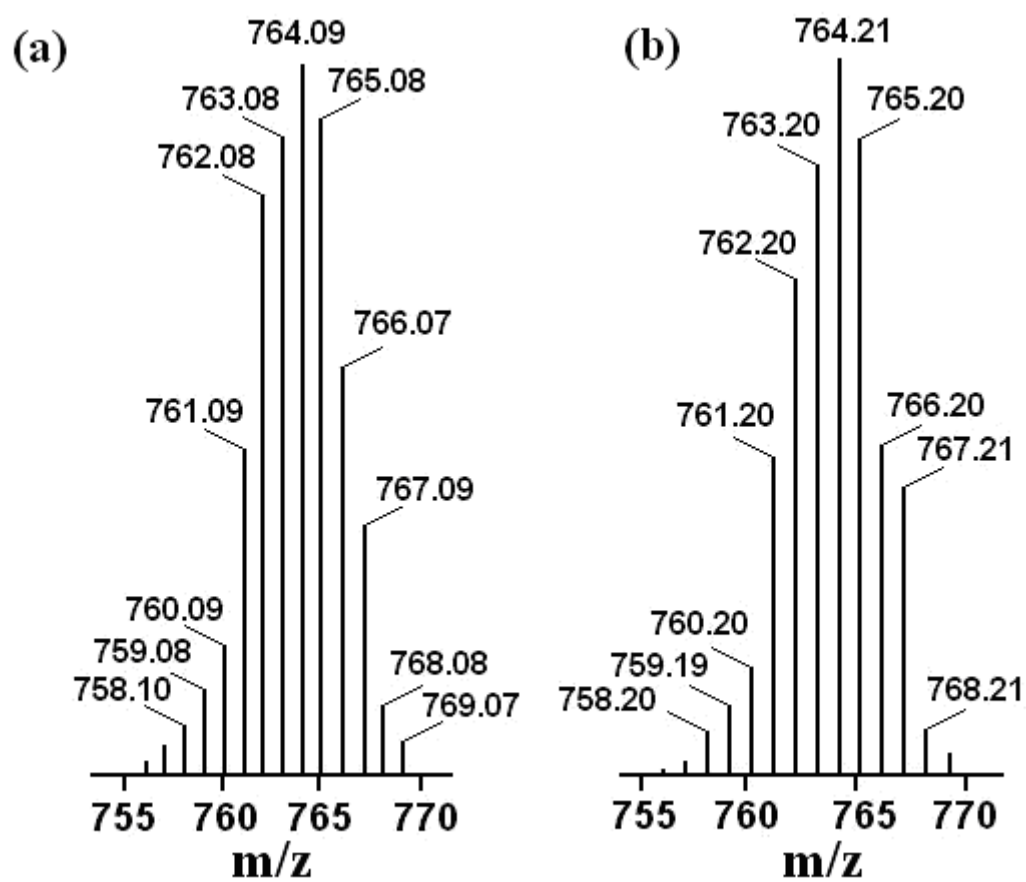


Fig. S2. IR spectra of (a) **1** and (b) **2** in KBr disk.

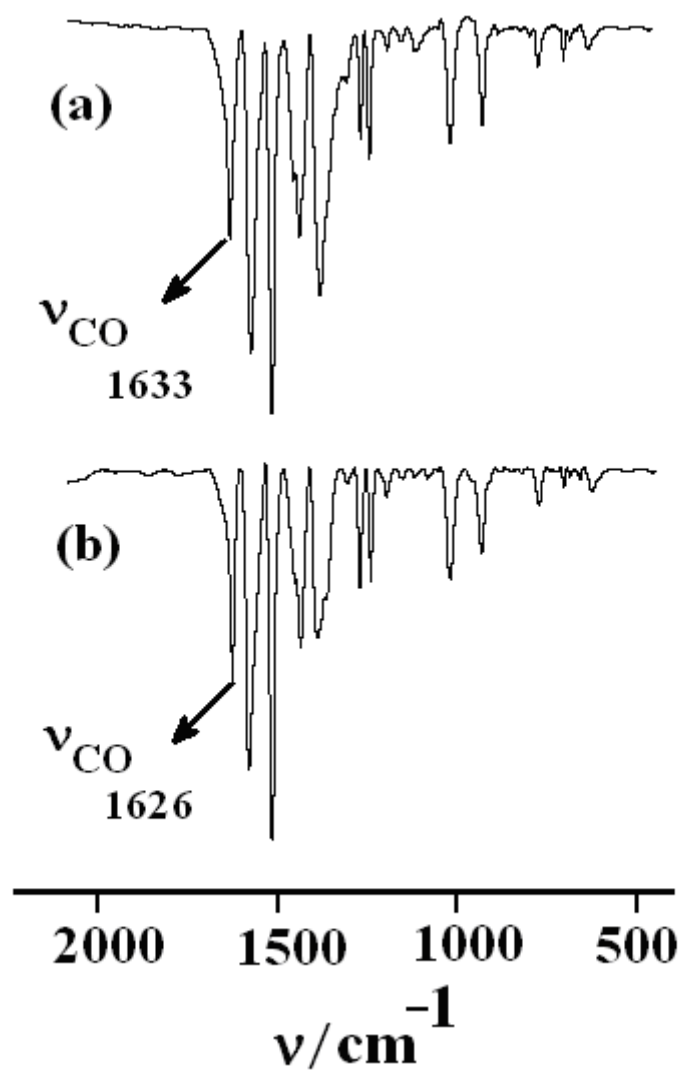


Fig. S3. ^1H NMR spectra of (a) **1** and (b) **2** in CDCl_3 .

