

## Supporting Information

### Antimalarial activity of ruthenium(II) and osmium(II) arene complexes with mono- and bidentate chloroquine analogue ligands

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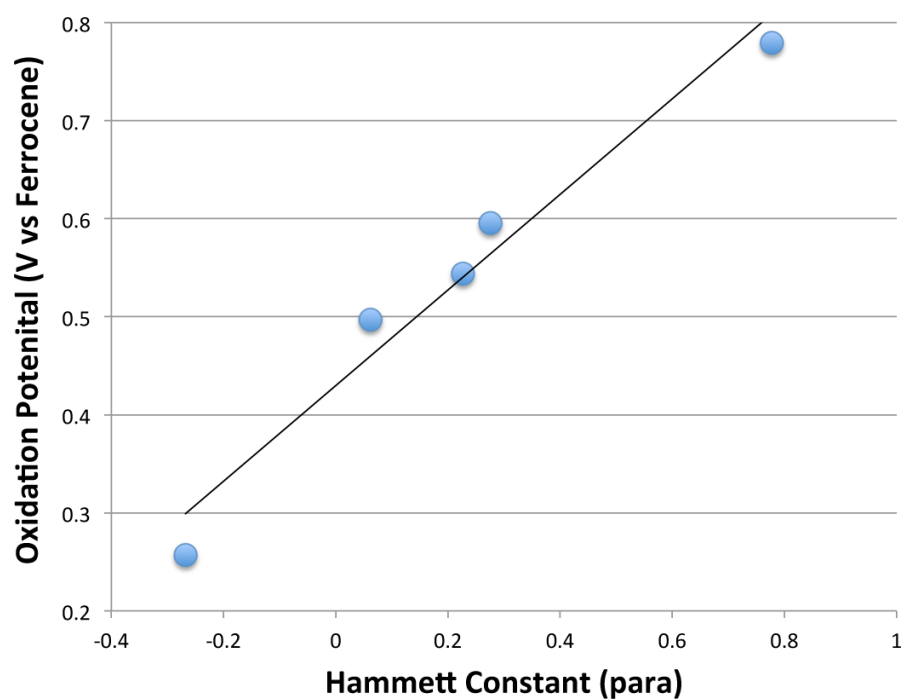
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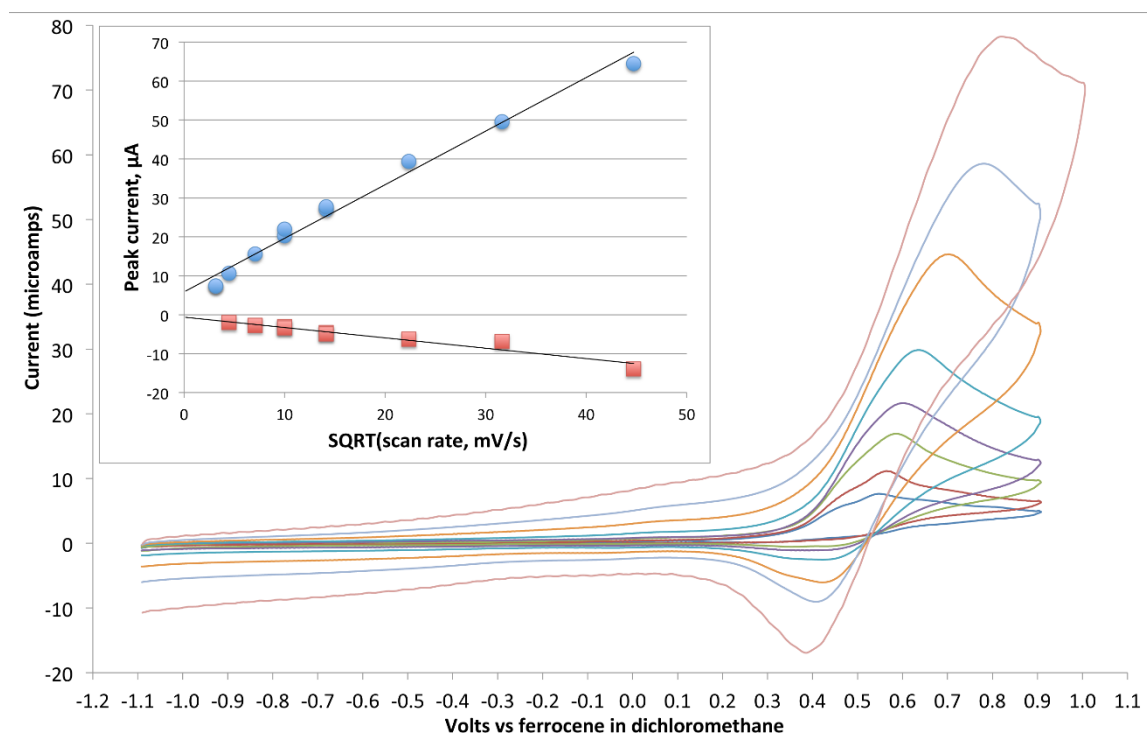
## Electrochemistry

**Table S-1.** Oxidation potentials for Ru complexes.

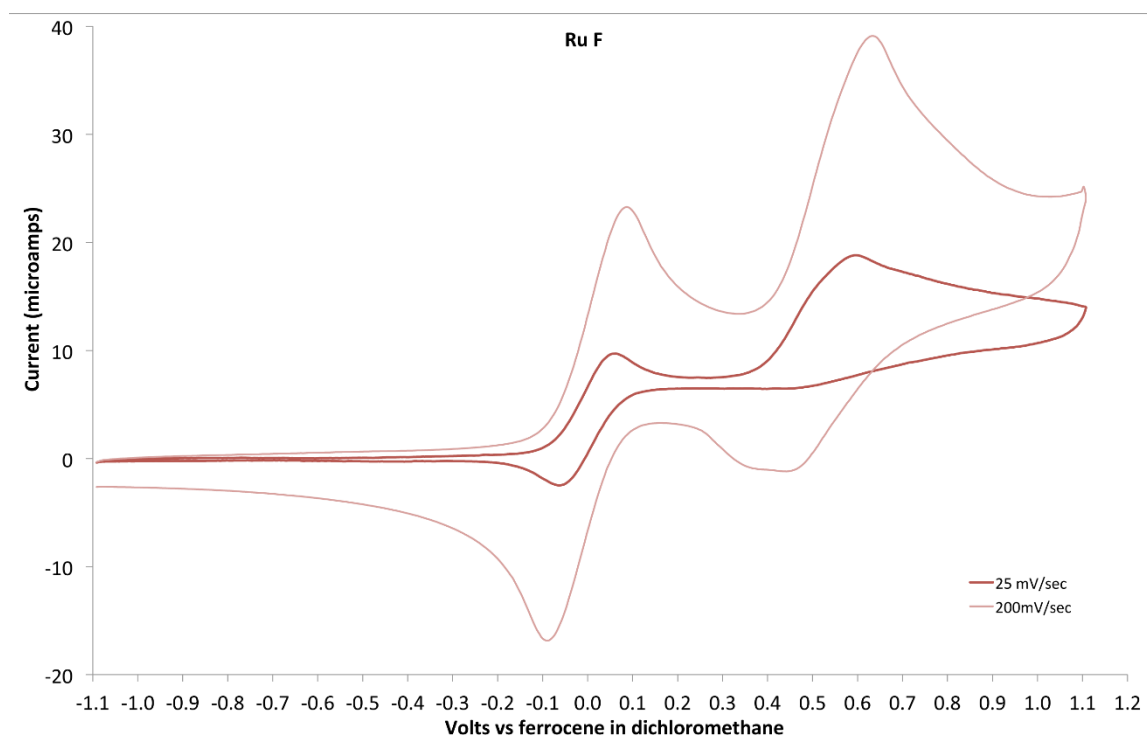
Complex	Volts vs Ferrocene	Hammet value
Ru-HL <sup>7</sup> , OMe	0.2568	-0.268
Ru-HL <sup>2</sup> , F	0.4972	0.062
Ru-HL <sup>3</sup> , Cl	0.5439	0.227
Ru-HL <sup>5</sup> , I	0.5957	0.276
Ru-HL <sup>6</sup> , NO <sub>2</sub>	0.7795	0.778



**Figure S-1.** The oxidation potentials for Ru<sup>II</sup> to Ru<sup>III</sup> correlate with the Hammett constants, as the greater electron-withdrawing groups raise the oxidation potential. The data is also shown in Table 1.

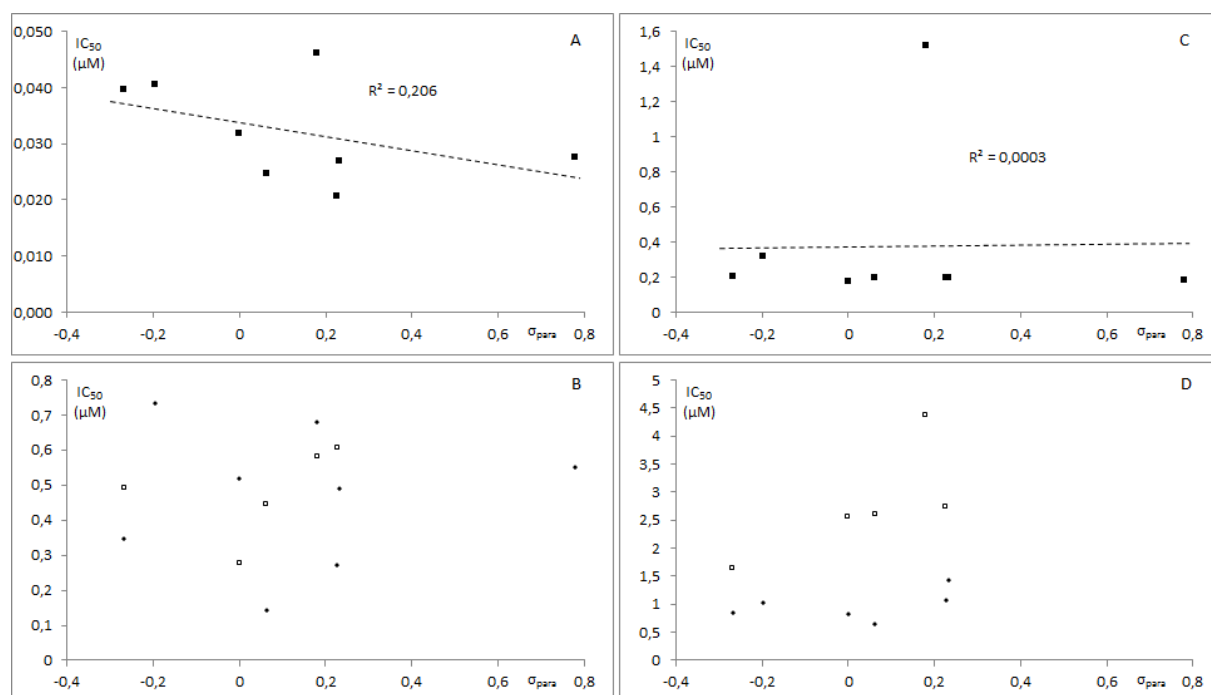


**Figure S-2.** The ruthenium complexes have a quasi-reversible oxidation with the cyclic voltammetry return wave having a smaller peak current. The figure shows the data for Ru-HL<sup>2</sup> at 10, 20, 50, 100, 200, 500, 1000, and 2000 mV/s scan rates. The peak current for the return wave is only 20% of that for the forward wave.



**Figure S-3.** Peak separations were similar to that of ferrocene. The cyclic voltammogram of Ru-HL<sup>2</sup> in dichloromethane is shown with added ferrocene at 25 and 200 mV/s scan rates.

## Anti-malarial activities as a function of $\sigma_{\text{para}}$

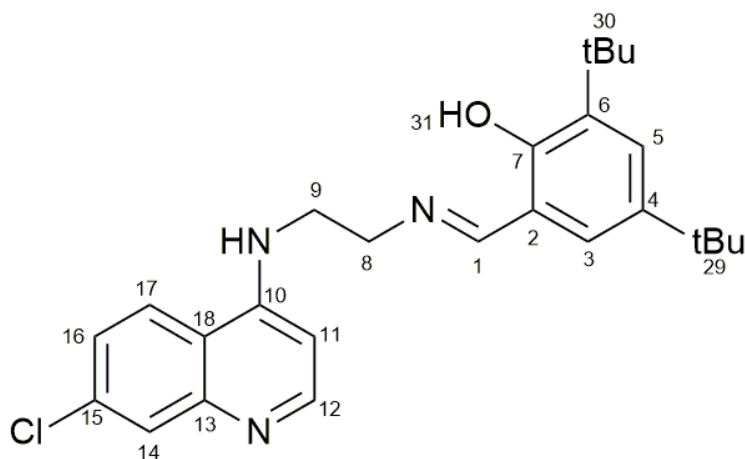


**Figure S-4.** Antimalarial activities as a function of Hammett  $\sigma_{\text{para}}$  values. A) Ligands **HL**<sup>1</sup> to **HL**<sup>8</sup> (solid squares), NF54 strain (CQS), B) Complexes **Ru**-1 to 8 (solid diamonds) and **Os**-1,2,3,5 and 7 (white squares) NF54 strain (CQS), C) Ligands **HL**<sup>1</sup> to **HL**<sup>8</sup> (solid squares), Dd2 strain (CQR), D) Complexes **Ru**-1 to 8 (solid diamonds) and **Os**-1,2,3,5 and 7 (white squares), Dd2 strain (CQR). Notice the weak negative correlation between antimalarial activity versus the CQS strain for the ligands **HL**<sup>1</sup> to **HL**<sup>8</sup> and the absence of the same trend in the the corresponding complexes.

**$^1\text{H}$ -NMR assignments used in the characterization of Ru-HL<sup>9</sup> and Os-HL<sup>9</sup>****Table S-2.** Selected  $^1\text{H}$  NMR data ( $\Delta\delta$ , ppm) for complexes Ru-HL<sup>9</sup> and Os-HL<sup>9</sup> in  $\text{CD}_2\text{Cl}_2$ .<sup>a</sup>

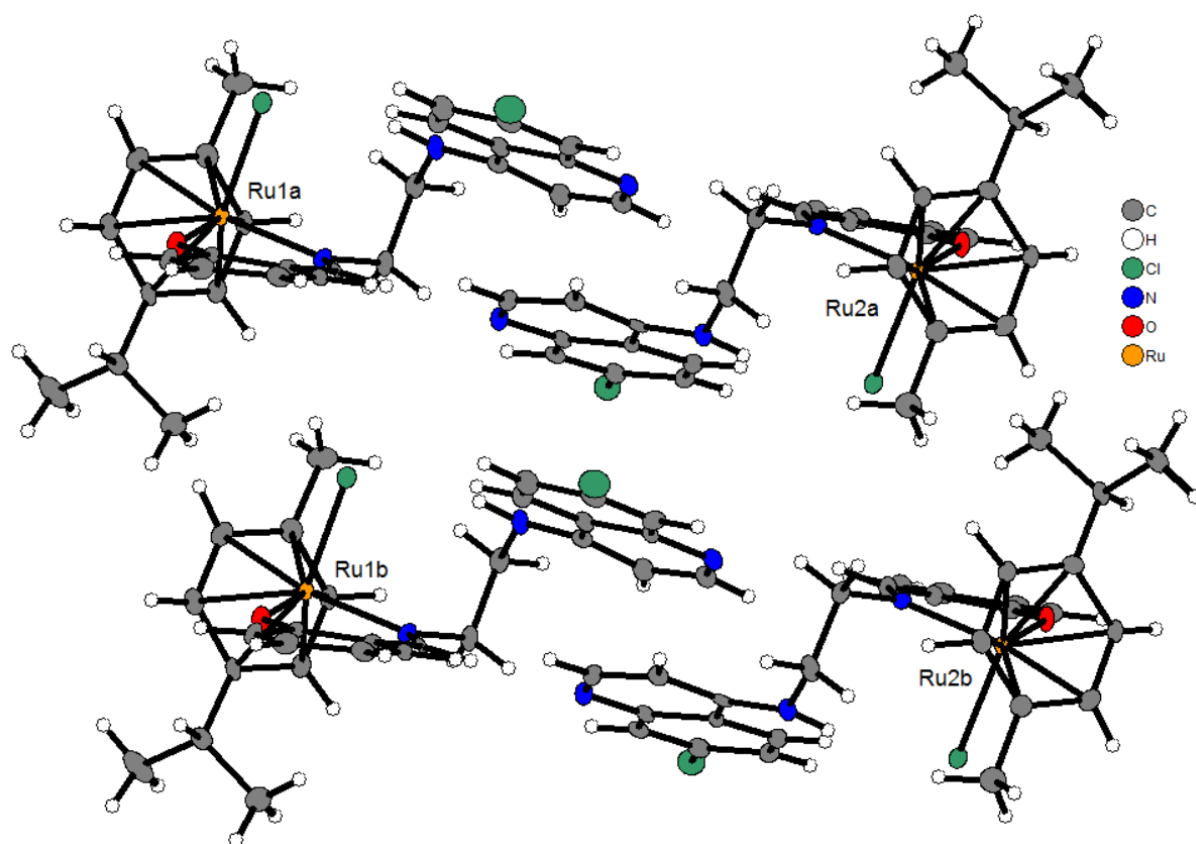
	Ru-HL <sup>9</sup>	Os-HL <sup>9</sup>
H1	0.03	0.04
H3	-0.04	-0.05
H5	0.00	0.00
H8	-0.03	-0.04
H9	-0.10	-0.18
H11	0.31	0.33
H12	-0.34	-0.35
H14	0.68	0.77
H16	-0.35	-0.43
H17	-0.36	-0.48
H29	0.01	-0.01
H30	-0.02	-0.02
H31	0.09	0.14

<sup>a</sup>  $\Delta\delta$  is the displacement of the signal in the coordinated ligand with respect to the corresponding signal in the free ligand. Positive values denote downfield shifts. See figure S-5 for numbering.



**Figure S-5.** Numbering scheme used for  $^1\text{H}$ -NMR assignments in Table S-2. The same numbering is used for all crystal structures.

## Stacking fault in Ru-1



**Figure S-6.** Structure of the two different domains of Ru-1. Ru1a and Ru2a is in the main polymorph, Ru1b and Ru2b in the minor polymorph. Notice the local centrosymmetry at the interface between the polymorphs.