

## Supporting Information

for

### **Water Oxidation Catalyzed by Charge-neutral Mononuclear Ruthenium(III) Complex**

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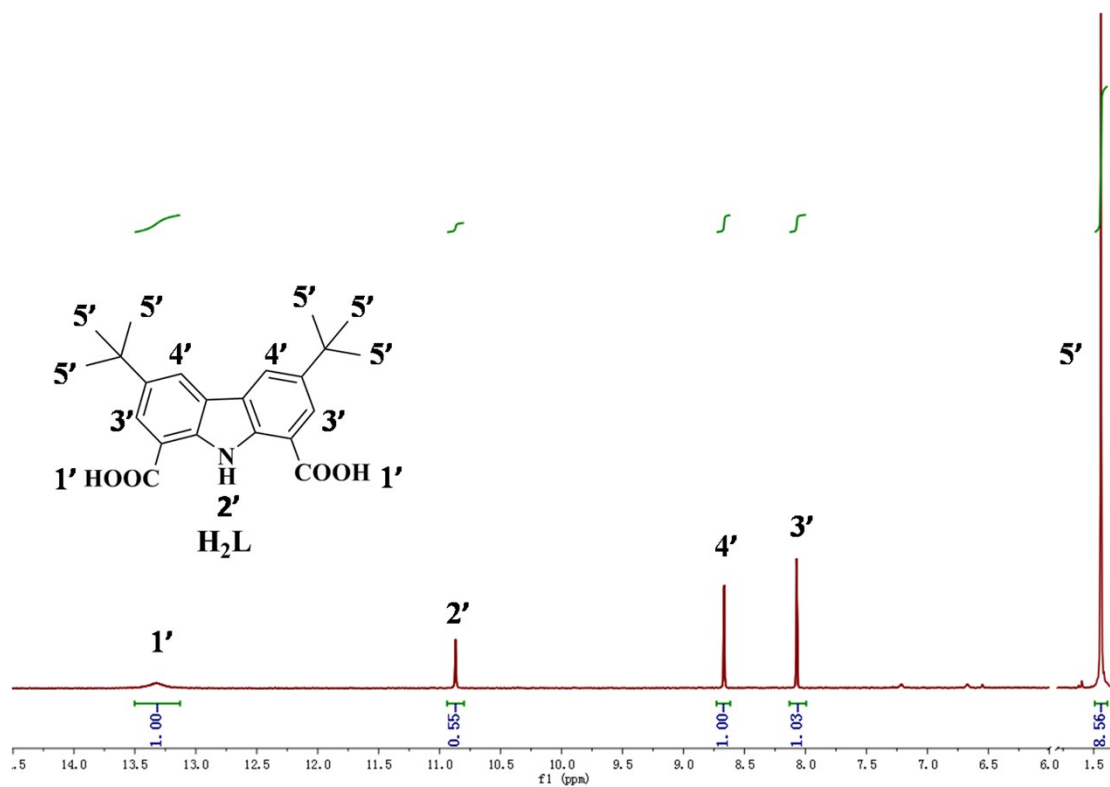


Figure S1.  $^1H$  NMR of  $H_2L$  in  $d_6$ -DMSO.

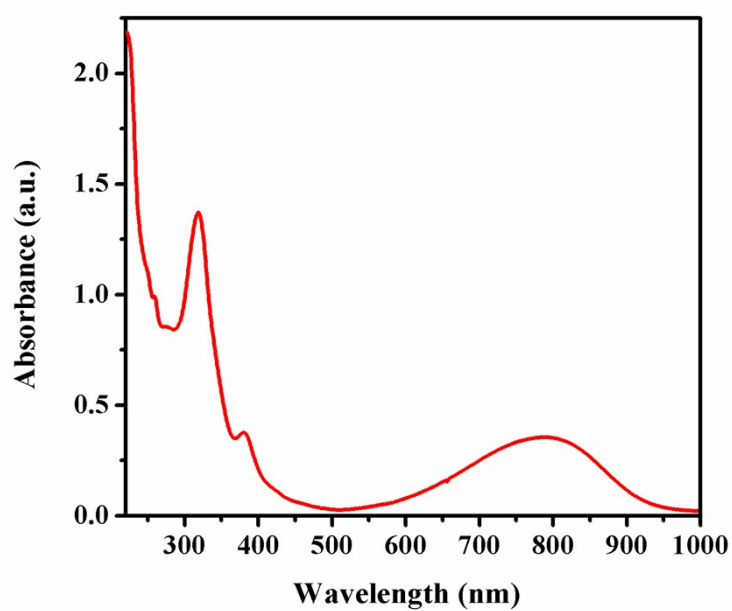
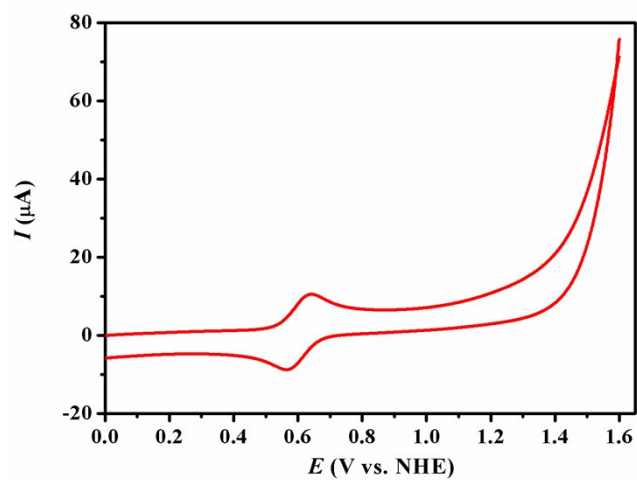
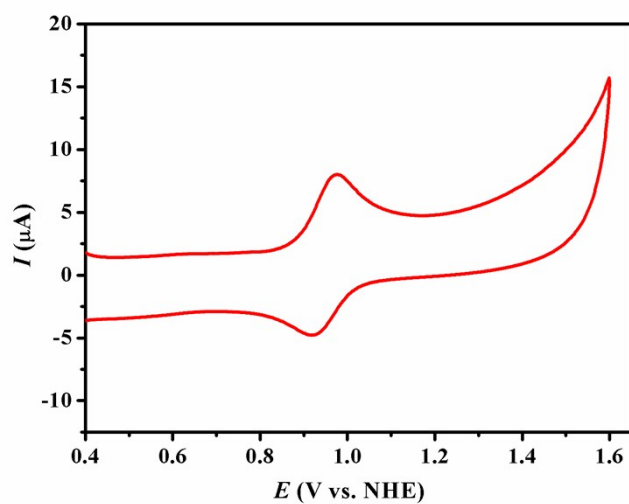


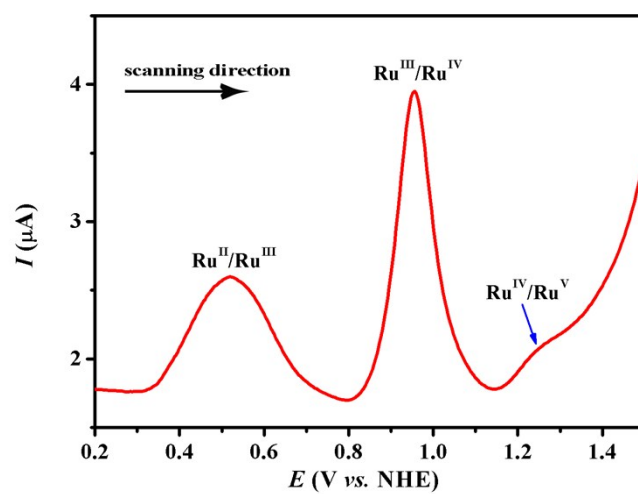
Figure S2. UV-vis. absorption spectra of **1** in  $CF_3CH_2OH$  solution.



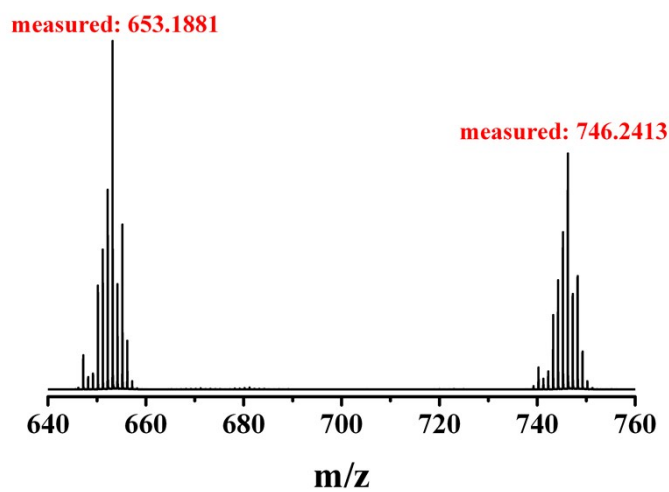
**Figure S3.** CV curve of **1** in pH 6.86 phosphate buffer containing 30%  $\text{CF}_3\text{CH}_2\text{OH}$  (scan rate = 100 mV/s).



**Figure S4.** CV curve of **1** in pH 1.0  $\text{CF}_3\text{SO}_3\text{H}$  aqueous solution containing 10%  $\text{CF}_3\text{CH}_2\text{OH}$  (scan rate = 100 mV/s).



**Figure S5.** DPV curve of **1** in pH 1.0 CF<sub>3</sub>SO<sub>3</sub>H aqueous solution containing 10% CF<sub>3</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>OH.



**Figure S6.** HRMS spectra (positive mode) of [Ru<sup>III</sup>(L)(pic)<sub>3</sub> + H]<sup>+</sup> (calculated: 746.2406) and [Ru<sup>III</sup>(L)(pic)<sub>2</sub> + H]<sup>+</sup> (calculated: 653.1828).

**Table S1.** Summary of the Metrical Data for **1**.

<b>1</b>	
Empirical formula	C <sub>40</sub> H <sub>43</sub> N <sub>4</sub> O <sub>4</sub> Ru, 2(H <sub>2</sub> O)
Formula weight	780.89
Crystal system	orthorhombic
Space group	P bca
Temperature/K	298(2)
<i>a</i> /Å	9.758(3)
<i>b</i> /Å	18.451(5)
<i>c</i> /Å	42.443(11)
$\alpha$ /°	90
$\beta$ /°	90
$\gamma$ /°	90
<i>V</i> /Å <sup>3</sup>	7642(4)
<i>Z</i>	8
Density (calculated)/g cm <sup>-3</sup>	1.358
Crystal size/mm <sup>3</sup>	0.3 × 0.2 × 0.1
<i>F</i> (000)	3256
Theta range for data collection/°	1.92 to 25.01
Absorption coefficient /mm <sup>-1</sup>	0.461
Reflections collected	32295
Independent reflections	6490 [ <i>R</i> <sub>int</sub> = 0.1737, <i>R</i> <sub>sigma</sub> = 0.1481]
Index ranges	-11 ≤ <i>h</i> ≤ 8, -21 ≤ <i>k</i> ≤ 21, -50 ≤ <i>l</i> ≤ 47
Data/restraints/parameters	6490/36/469
Goodness-of-fit on <i>F</i> <sup>2</sup>	1.026
Final <i>R</i> indexes [ <i>I</i> ≥ 2σ ( <i>I</i> )]	<i>R</i> <sub>1</sub> = 0.0785, <i>wR</i> <sub>2</sub> = 0.1434
Final <i>R</i> indexes [all data]	<i>R</i> <sub>1</sub> = 0.1888, <i>wR</i> <sub>2</sub> = 0.1838
Largest diff. peak and hole / e Å <sup>-3</sup>	0.654/-0.832