Supporting Information

Combatting AMR: Photoactivatable Ruthenium(II)isoniazid Complex Exhibits Rapid Selective Antimycobacterial Activity[†]

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| [Ru(bpy) ₂ (INH) ₂] ²⁺ |

| | cis-[Ru(bpy) ₂ (INH) ₂][PF ₆] ₂ | | |
|-------------------|---|--|--|
| Formula | $C_{42}H_{48}F_{12}N_{10}O_7P_2Ru$ | | |
| Molar mass | 1195.91 | | |
| Crystal system | Monoclinic | | |
| Space group | C2/c | | |
| Crystal size (mm) | 0.20 x 0.08 x 0.04 | | |
| Crystal character | Orange block | | |
| <i>a</i> (Å) | 21.9093(7) | | |
| <i>b</i> (Å) | 15.8193(3) | | |
| <i>c</i> (Å) | 19.1282(12) | | |
| α (°) | 90 | | |
| β (°) | 130.884(2) | | |
| γ (°) | 90 | | |
| T (K) | (K) 293(2) | | |
| Z | Z 4 | | |
| R1 [I>2σ(I)] | 0.0798 | | |

Table S1. Crystallographic data for *cis*-[Ru(bpy)₂(INH)₂][PF₆]₂ (1.2PF₆)

Table S2. Selected bond lengths (Å) and angles (°) for cis-[Ru(bpy)₂(INH)₂][PF₆]₂. 2.5(dioxane)

| Bond length (Å) / angle (°) | cis-[Ru(bpy) ₂ (INH) ₂][PF ₆] ₂ |
|-----------------------------|---|
| Ru1-N1 | 2.066(5) |
| Ru1-N12 | 2.057(4) |
| Ru1-N13 | 2.101(4) |
| N1-Ru-N12 | 78.62(18) |
| N12-Ru1-N13 | 90.26(18) |
| N1-Ru1-N13 | 91.3(2) |

| Wavelength (nm) | Extinction Coefficient (M ⁻¹ cm ⁻¹) |
|-----------------|--|
| 424 | 15900 |
| 375 | 17300 |
| 288 | 42300 |

Table S3. Experimental extinction coefficients for *cis*-[Ru(bpy)₂(INH)₂][PF₆]₂ in aqueous solution.

Table S4. TD-DFT calculated vertical singlet transitions for *cis*-[Ru(bpy)₂(INH)₂][PF₆]₂.

| Sn | Energy (eV) | f | Major contribution | Character |
|----|-------------|-------|--------------------|-------------------|
| 1 | 2.81 (441) | 0.003 | HOMO→LUMO (81%) | MLCT(Ru-bpy) |
| 3 | 2.91 (427) | 0.004 | H-1→LUMO (79%) | MLCT(Ru-bpy) |
| 5 | 3.05 (407) | 0.092 | H-2→L+1 (76%) | MLCT(Ru-bpy) |
| 6 | 3.09 (401) | 0.100 | H-2→LUMO (53%) | MLCT(Ru-bpy) |
| 11 | 3.41 (364) | 0.161 | H-2→L+2 (78%) | MLLCT(Ru/bpy-INH) |
| 12 | 3.50 (354) | 0.013 | HOMO→L+10 (55%) | МС |
| 15 | 3.62 (343) | 0.084 | H-2→L+3 (28%) | MC/MLCT(Ru-INH) |
| 45 | 4.47 (278) | 0.364 | HOMO→L+9 (37%) | MLCT(Ru- |
| | | | | INH)/LC(bpy) |

Table S5. Bond distances (Å) for the ground state (S₀) geometry (in comparison to crystal structure) and the lowest-lying triplet state (T₁) geometry of *cis*-[Ru(bpy)₂(INH)₂]²⁺.

| | | Bond distance | (Å) | |
|-------------------|-------|---------------|--------|-------|
| S ₀ | | Τ | Т | |
| | DFT | X-Ray | 1 MLCT | I MC |
| $Ru-N_1$ | 2.124 | 2.066 | 2.081 | 2.179 |
| Ru-N ₂ | 2.103 | 2.057 | 2.090 | 2.388 |
| Ru-N ₃ | 2.103 | 2.057 | 2.037 | 2.116 |
| Ru-N ₄ | 2.121 | 2.066 | 2.146 | 2.109 |
| Ru-L ₅ | 2.167 | 2.101 | 2.208 | 3.790 |
| Ru-L ₆ | 2.168 | 2.101 | 2.174 | 2.160 |



Fig. S1 X-ray crystal structure of *cis*-[Ru(bpy)₂(INH)₂][PF₆]₂·2.5(dioxane) with counter ions, solvent and minor disordered components removed for clarity. (a) Structure of the cation *cis*-[Ru(bpy)₂(INH)₂]²⁺; (b) CH(bpy)- π (INH) interactions connecting two enantiomers in the unit cell; (c) Hydrogen bonding between the hydrazide groups of two neighbouring enantiomers from different unit cells.



Fig. S2 The dark stability of cis-[Ru(bpy)₂(INH)₂]²⁺ for 6 h in water followed by UV-visible spectroscopy.



Fig. S3 Extinction coefficients for cis-[Ru(bpy)₂(INH)₂]²⁺ at the various wavelengths of photoactivation.



Fig. S4 Chromatograms for *cis*-[Ru(bpy)₂(INH)₂]²⁺ when photoirradiated with blue light $(\lambda_{irr} = 465 \text{ nm}, 20 \text{ mW cm}^{-2})$ at 298 K for various times; Peak assignments: A: *cis*-[Ru(bpy)₂(INH)₂]²⁺; B: *cis*-[Ru(bpy)₂(INH)(H₂O)]²⁺; C: INH; D: *cis*-[Ru(bpy)₂(H₂O)₂]²⁺; E: *trans*-[Ru(bpy)₂(H₂O)(OH)]²⁺; F: *trans*-[Ru(bpy)₂(H₂O)₂]²⁺. The wavelength of detection was 254 nm.



Fig. S5 Experimental and calculated HRMS peaks for the photoproduct cis-[Ru(bpy)₂(H₂O)(OH)]²⁺.



Fig. S6 Change in UV-visible spectrum of cis-[Ru(bpy)₂(INH)₂]²⁺ when photoirradiated with blue light ($\lambda_{irr} = 465 \text{ nm}$, 20 mW cm⁻²) for various times at 298 K and subsequently incubated in the dark for 1 h.



Fig. S7 ¹H NMR spectrum (400 MHz) of *cis*-[Ru(bpy)₂(INH)₂]²⁺ in D₂O before (top spectrum) and after 1 min photoirradiation (bottom spectrum) using the blue LED ($\lambda_{irr} = 465$ nm, 20 mW cm⁻²) at 298 K, with schematic of the photoreaction; *cis*-[Ru(bpy)₂(INH)₂]²⁺ = • (with bound INH •), *cis*-[Ru(bpy)₂(INH)(D₂O)]²⁺ = • (with bound INH •), free INH = •.



Fig. S8 Images of (A) 96-array of blue LEDs (465 nm, 20 mW cm⁻²) and (B) 32-array multi-colored LEDs (625 nm, 589 nm, 520 nm and 465 nm, 5 mW cm⁻²).



Fig. S9 *M. smegmatis* when incubated with **1** in the dark or photoirradiated using the 96array blue LED ($\lambda_{irr} = 465 \text{ nm}$, 20 mW cm⁻²) for various times at 298 K. The survival at each photoirradiation time point was compared to the light control in the absence of the complex, while the survival for the complex in the dark was compared to the dark control in the absence of complex.



Fig. S10 Photo survival of *M. smegmatis* using the 32-array of multi-colored LEDs ($\lambda_{irr} = 465 \text{ nm}$, 520 nm, 589 nm and 625 nm, 5 mW cm⁻²) at 298 K for 30 min. *p* values were calculated by comparing the light samples to the dark control and are labelled as follows, $p \le 0.05 = *, p \le 0.01 = **$.



Fig. S11 Atom labels for *cis*-[Ru(bpy)₂(INH)₂]²⁺, where N₁, N₂, N₃ and N₄ belong to the chelating ligand (*N*-*N'*), and L₅ and L₆ belong to the monodentate ligand (L).



Fig. S12 Experimental absorption spectra (red line, left axis) and TD-DFT calculated vertical singlet transitions (black bars, right axis) for cis-[Ru(bpy)₂(INH)₂]²⁺ with water as the solvent.



Fig. S13 Composition of selected molecular orbitals for the ground state (S₀) geometry of *cis*- $[Ru(bpy)_2(INH)_2]^{2+}$.