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## Modular synthesis of simple cycloruthenated complexes with state-of-the-art performance in p-type DSCs

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**Fig. S1**. <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (126 MHz) spectrum of [Ru(bpy)<sub>2</sub>(**1**)][PF<sub>6</sub>] in CD<sub>3</sub>CN (295 K).



**Fig. S2**. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra of (a) [Ru(bpy)<sub>2</sub>(**5**)] (400 MHz, CD<sub>3</sub>OD, 295 K) and (b) [Ru(bpy)<sub>2</sub>(**6**)][PF<sub>6</sub>] (500 MHz, acetone-d<sub>6</sub>, 295 K).



**Fig. S3**. Comparison of the <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra (500 MHz, acetone- $d_6$ , 295 K) (a) of a freshly dissolved sample of [Ru(bpy)<sub>2</sub>(**6**)][PF<sub>6</sub>] and (b) after standing in acetone- $d_6$  solution for 3 days. Signals for the G ring to which the CO<sub>2</sub>H group is attached, broaden and shift.