

**Supplementary Information for:**

Supramolecular architectures based on p-  
cymene/ruthenium complexes functionalized with  
nucleobases

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**Table S1.** Most relevant coordination bonds (Å) and angles (°) for compounds **1-4**.

Compound 1			
	Bonds		Angles
Ru1-C11/C16	2.155(3)-2.195(3)	Cl1-Ru1-Cl2	87.23(3)
Ru1-Cl1	2.429(1)	Cl1-Ru1-N4	90.72(7)
Ru1-Cl2	2.443(1)	Cl2-Ru1-N4	86.93(7)
Ru1-N4	2.100(2)		
Compound 2			
	Bonds		Angles
Ru1-C31/C36	2.164(7)-2.205(7)	Cl1-Ru1-Cl2	87.12(6)
Ru1-Cl1	2.417(2)	Cl1-Ru1-S12	88.17(6)
Ru1-Cl2	2.431(2)	Cl2-Ru1-S12	93.13(7)
Ru1-S12	2.411(2)		
Ru2-C41/C46	2.171(7)-2.208(7)	Cl3-Ru2-Cl4	85.80(6)
Ru2-Cl3	2.430(2)	Cl3-Ru2-S22	92.86(6)
Ru2-Cl4	2.428(2)	Cl4-Ru2-S22	90.11(6)
Ru2-S22	2.406(2)		
Compound 3			
	Bonds		Angles
Ru1-C11/C16	2.155(2)-2.211(2)	Cl1-Ru1-Cl2	87.81(2)
Ru1-Cl1	2.426(1)	Cl1-Ru1-N9	86.61(5)
Ru1-Cl2	2.435(1)	Cl2-Ru1-N9	83.55(4)
Ru1-N9	2.138(2)		
Compound 4			
	Bonds		Angles
Ru1-C11/C16	2.168(3)-2.199(3)	Cl1-Ru1-Cl2	88.31(2)
Ru1-Cl1	2.406(1)	Cl1-Ru1-N5	81.89(6)
Ru1-Cl2	2.427(1)	Cl2-Ru1-N5	82.10(6)
Ru1-N5	2.165(2)		
Compound 5 <sup>a</sup>			
	Bonds		Angles
Ru1-C11/C16	2.088(10)-2.226(10)	N1-Ru1-N3 <sup>i</sup>	87.70(14)
Ru1-N1 <sup>i</sup>	2.119(4)	N1-Ru1-O2 <sup>i</sup>	84.22(12)
Ru1-N3	2.092(4)	N3-Ru1-O2	61.90(13)
Ru1-O2	2.145(3)		

<sup>a</sup>Symmetry codes: (i)  $-y + 1/2, x, -z + 3/2$ .

**Table S2.** Structural parameters ( $\text{\AA}$ ,  $^\circ$ ) for non-covalent interactions in compound **1**.<sup>a</sup>

D-H...A <sup>b</sup>	H...A	D...A	D-H...A
N1-H1...O2 <sup>i</sup>	1.94	2.782(3)	164.7
N3-H3...Cl1	2.41	3.079(3)	135.2
N3-H3...Cl2	2.77	3.335(2)	124.2
N4-H4...Cl2 <sup>ii</sup>	2.57	3.424(2)	176.2
C6-H6...Cl2 <sup>iii</sup>	2.78	3.640(3)	154.0
C17-H17...O2 <sup>ii</sup>	2.44	3.353(4)	158.0

 *$\pi$ - $\pi$  interactions<sup>c</sup>*

Ring...Ring <sup>[d]</sup>	Angle	DC	$\alpha$	DZ	DXY
cyt-cyt <sup>iv</sup>	0.0	3.78	31.2	3.23	1.96

<sup>a</sup>Symmetry codes: (i)  $-x + 2, -y, -z + 2$ ; (ii)  $x - 1, y, z$ ; (iii)  $x - 1, y - 1, z$ ; (iv)  $-x + 1, -y - 1, -z + 2$ .  
<sup>b</sup>D: donor, A: acceptor. <sup>c</sup>Angle: dihedral angle between the planes ( $^\circ$ ), DC: distance between the centroids of the rings ( $\text{\AA}$ ),  $\alpha$ : angle between the normal to the first ring and the DC vector ( $^\circ$ ), DZ: interplanar distance ( $\text{\AA}$ ), DXY: lateral displacement ( $\text{\AA}$ ). <sup>d</sup>cyt: aromatic ring of the cytosine.

**Table S3.** Structural parameters ( $\text{\AA}$ ,  $^\circ$ ) for non-covalent interactions in compound **2**.<sup>a</sup>

D-H...A <sup>b</sup>	H...A	D...A	D-H...A
N11-H11...Cl1 <sup>i</sup>	2.29	3.132(6)	167.9
N13-H13...Cl2	2.28	3.080(6)	154.5
N21-H21...Cl3 <sup>ii</sup>	2.72	3.347(7)	130.6
N21-H21...Cl4 <sup>ii</sup>	2.43	3.192(6)	148.3
N23-H23...Cl3	2.40	3.122(6)	142.2
N23-H23...Cl4	2.63	3.194(6)	124.7
C25-H25...O24 <sup>iii</sup>	2.49	3.419(11)	173.0
C26-H26...O24 <sup>ii</sup>	2.58	3.472(9)	162.0

 *$\pi$ - $\pi$  interactions<sup>c</sup>*

Ring...Ring <sup>[d]</sup>	Angle	DC	$\alpha$	DZ	DXY
thiur-cym <sup>iv</sup>	6.26	3.62	19.3	3.42	0.0

<sup>a</sup>Symmetry codes: (i)  $x + 1, y, z$ ; (ii)  $x - 1, y, z$ ; (iii)  $-x, -y - 1, -z + 2$ ; (iv)  $-x + 1, -y, -z + 1$ . <sup>b</sup>D: donor, A: acceptor. <sup>c</sup>Angle: dihedral angle between the planes ( $^\circ$ ), DC: distance between the centroids of the rings ( $\text{\AA}$ ),  $\alpha$ : angle between the normal to the first ring and the DC vector ( $^\circ$ ), DZ: interplanar distance ( $\text{\AA}$ ), DXY: lateral displacement ( $\text{\AA}$ ). <sup>d</sup>thiur: aromatic ring of the 2-thiouracil, cym: aromatic ring of p-cymene.

**Table S4.** Structural parameters (Å, °) for non-covalent interactions in compound **3**.<sup>a</sup>

D–H···A <sup>b</sup>	H···A	D···A	D–H···A
N1-H1···Cl2 <sup>i</sup>	2.40	3.206(2)	155.4
N7-H7···O6 <sup>ii</sup>	1.90	2.723(2)	158.4

*π-π interactions*<sup>c</sup>

Ring···Ring <sup>[d]</sup>	Angle	DC	α	DZ	DXY
hypo–hypo <sup>i</sup>	0.02	3.45	23.4	3.17	1.37

<sup>a</sup> Symmetry codes: (i)  $-x, -y, -z + 1$ ; (ii)  $-x + 1, -y, -z + 2$ . <sup>b</sup> D:donor, A: acceptor. <sup>c</sup>Angle: dihedral angle between the planes (°), DC: distance between the centroids of the rings (Å), α: angle between the normal to the first ring and the DC vector (°), DZ: interplanar distance (Å), DXY: lateral displacement (Å). <sup>d</sup> hypo: pyrimidinic ring of the hypoxhantine.

**Table S5** Structural parameters (Å, °) for non-covalent interactions in compound **4**.<sup>a</sup>

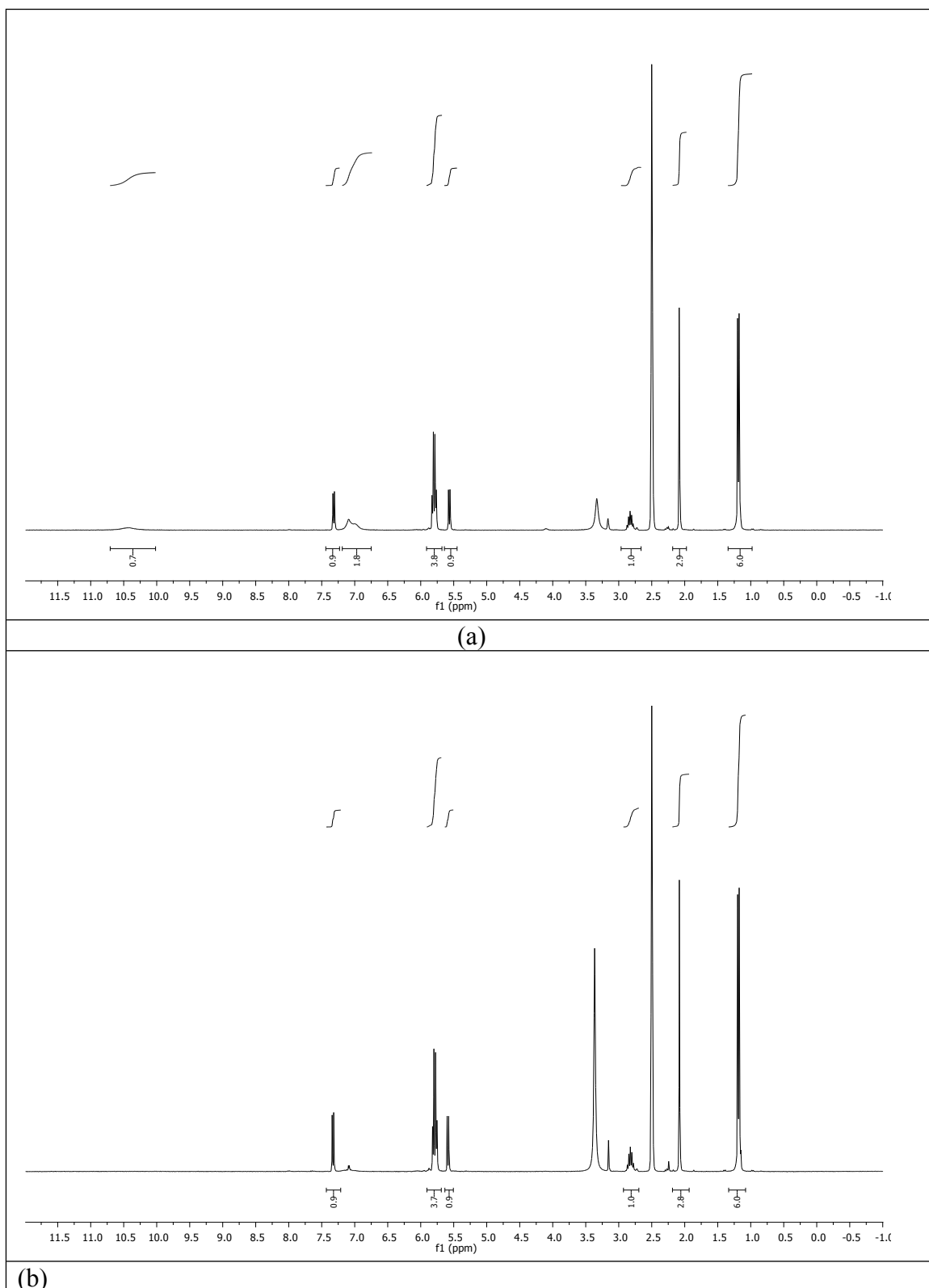
D–H···A <sup>b</sup>	H···A	D···A	D–H···A
N1-H1···O2 <sup>i</sup>	1.91	2.758(3)	166.6
N3-H3···O4 <sup>ii</sup>	1.91	2.766(3)	173.8
N5-H5A···Cl2 <sup>iii</sup>	2.46	3.281(2)	151.0

<sup>a</sup>Symmetry codes: (i)  $-x + 2, -y, -z + 2$ ; (ii)  $-x + 2, -y + 1, -z + 2$ ; (iii)  $-x + 1, -y, -z + 1$ . <sup>b</sup>D:donor, A: acceptor.

**Table S6.** Supramolecular parameters (Å, °) for hydrogen bonding interactions in compound **5**.<sup>a</sup>

D–H···A <sup>b</sup>	H···A	D···A	D–H···A
N4-H4A···O11B <sup>i</sup>	2.02	2.87(1)	174.5
N4-H4A···O12A <sup>i</sup>	2.21	2.89(1)	135.5
N4-H4B···O13A	2.21	2.90(1)	138.2
N4-H4B···O13B	2.28	3.07(1)	152.6

<sup>a</sup> Symmetry codes: (i)  $-x + 1, -y + 1, -z + 2$ . <sup>b</sup> D:donor, A: acceptor.



**Figure S1.**  $^1\text{H}$ -NMR of compound 1 (a) in DMSO and (b) in DMSO/ $\text{D}_2\text{O}$ .  $\delta$  (ppm): 10.44 (sa, 1H, NH), 7.32 (d,  $J = 7.0$  Hz, 1H, CytosineCH), 7.09 (s, 2H, NH and NH), 5.82 (d,  $J = 6.1$  Hz, 2H, CymeneCH), 5.77 (d,  $J = 6.3$  Hz, 2H, CymeneCH), 5.57 (d,  $J = 7.0$  Hz, 1H, CytosineCH), 2.92 – 2.74 (m, 1H, Cymene*i*Pr), 2.08 (s, 3H, Cymene $\text{CH}_3$ ), 1.19 (d,  $J = 6.9$  Hz, 6H, Cymene*i*Pr).