

## Supplementary Data

### Synthesis of the ruthenium(II) bipyridyl *p*-bromobenzoyl-*N'*-(1,10-phenanthrolin-5-yl)-thiourea [Ru(bpy)<sub>2</sub>(phen-*p*-BrBT)](PF<sub>6</sub>)<sub>2</sub>

The reaction was performed under dark conditions and in inert argon gas. A 10% molar excess of *n*-benzoyl-*n'*-(1,10-phenanthrolin-5-yl)thiourea (0.072 mmol) was dissolved in 10 mL of hot ethanol and was added to 0.064 mmol of *cis*-[Ru(bpy)<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>·2H<sub>2</sub>O] dissolved in 5 mL of hot distilled water (H<sub>2</sub>O). The mixture was heated for 3 hours at 100 °C. The solution was reduced to approximately one third of the original volume to give a precipitate. The solid was filtered off and then an excess amount of NH<sub>4</sub>PF<sub>6</sub> (0.8 mmol) dissolved in cold distilled water was added into the filtrate, yielding a bright brown precipitate. The precipitate was then filtered through a Buchner funnel, washed with cold H<sub>2</sub>O(3 x 10 mL), followed by cold diethyl ether (3 x 10 mL) and dried in vacuo.

**Table I.** TD-DFT calculated absorption bands and their composition for the [Ru(bpy)<sub>2</sub>(phen-*p*-BrBT)]<sup>2+</sup> complex. Transition with oscillator strength greater than 0.01 are shown, the major contributing transitions have more than 5% contribution to the absorption band.

Wavelength (nm)	Oscillator Strength	Transitions (characters) [contributions]
432.69	0.0345	HOMO-1 (Ru) → LUMO ( $\pi^*$ <sub>bpy,phen</sub> ) [75%, HOMO-1(Ru) → LUMO+1 ( $\pi^*$ <sub>bpy,phen</sub> ) [8%, HOMO (Ru) → LUMO+3 ( $\pi^*$ <sub>bpy,phen</sub> ) [7%] HOMO-2 (Ru) → LUMO+2 ( $\pi^*$ <sub>bpy,phen</sub> ) [28%, HOMO-1(Ru) → LUMO ( $\pi^*$ <sub>bpy,phen</sub> ) [19%, HOMO-2 (Ru) → LUMO+1 ( $\pi^*$ <sub>bpy,phen</sub> ) [12%, HOMO (Ru) → LUMO+3 ( $\pi^*$ <sub>bpy,phen</sub> ) [10%, HOMO-1 (Ru) → LUMO+1 ( $\pi^*$ <sub>bpy,phen</sub> ) [9%, HOMO-1 (Ru) → LUMO+2 ( $\pi^*$ <sub>bpy,phen</sub> ) [7%, HOMO (Ru) → LUMO+2 ( $\pi^*$ <sub>bpy,phen</sub> ) [5%] HOMO-2 (Ru) → LUMO+1 ( $\pi^*$ <sub>bpy,phen</sub> ) (35%), HOMO-2 (Ru) → LUMO+2 ( $\pi^*$ <sub>bpy,phen</sub> ) [16%, HOMO-1 (Ru) → LUMO+2 ( $\pi^*$ <sub>bpy,phen</sub> ) [15%, HOMO-2 (Ru) → LUMO ( $\pi^*$ <sub>bpy,phen</sub> ) [12%, HOMO-1 (Ru) → LUMO+3 ( $\pi^*$ <sub>bpy,phen</sub> ) [10%, HOMO-1 (Ru) → LUMO+1 ( $\pi^*$ <sub>bpy,phen</sub> ) [7%] HOMO-2 (Ru) → LUMO+3 ( $\pi^*$ <sub>bpy,phen</sub> ) [71%, HOMO-1 (Ru) → LUMO+3 ( $\pi^*$ <sub>bpy,phen</sub> ) [8%, HOMO-2 (Ru) → LUMO+2 ( $\pi^*$ <sub>bpy,phen</sub> ) [7%] HOMO-1 (Ru) → LUMO+3 ( $\pi^*$ <sub>bpy,phen</sub> ) [56%, HOMO-1 (Ru) → LUMO+1 ( $\pi^*$ <sub>bpy,phen</sub> ) [15%, HOMO-2 (Ru) → LUMO+3 ( $\pi^*$ <sub>bpy,phen</sub> ) [12%, HOMO-1 (Ru) → LUMO+2 ( $\pi^*$ <sub>bpy,phen</sub> ) [12%]
418.02	0.1450	HOMO-2 (Ru) → LUMO+5 ( $\pi^*$ <sub>bpy</sub> ) [93%] HOMO (Ru) → LUMO+8 ( $\pi^*$ <sub>bpy</sub> ) [85%, HOMO-1 (Ru) → LUMO+6 ( $\pi^*$ <sub>bpy</sub> ) [7%] HOMO-1 (Ru) → LUMO+6 ( $\pi^*$ <sub>bpy</sub> ) [83%, HOMO (Ru) → LUMO+8 ( $\pi^*$ <sub>bpy</sub> ) [7%] HOMO-1 (Ru) → LUMO+7 ( $\pi^*$ <sub>bpy</sub> ) [82%] HOMO-4 ( <i>n</i> <sub>C=S</sub> ) → LUMO+4 ( $\pi^*$ <sub>BrBT</sub> ) [85%]
414.66	0.1328	HOMO-2 (Ru) → LUMO+8 ( $\pi^*$ ) [74%, HOMO-4 ( <i>n</i> <sub>C=S</sub> ) → LUMO+4 ( $\pi^*$ <sub>BrBT</sub> ) [6%, HOMO-7 ( $\pi$ <sub>bpy</sub> ) → LUMO ( $\pi^*$ <sub>bpy,phen</sub> ) [5%] HOMO-1 (Ru) → LUMO+8 ( $\pi^*$ <sub>bpy</sub> ) [28%, HOMO-2 (Ru) → LUMO+6 ( $\pi^*$ <sub>bpy</sub> ) [16%, HOMO-2 (Ru) → LUMO+7 ( $\pi^*$ <sub>bpy</sub> ) [14%, HOMO-6 (Ru) → LUMO ( $\pi^*$ <sub>bpy</sub> ) [11%, HOMO (Ru) → LUMO+7 ( $\pi^*$ <sub>bpy</sub> ) [8%, HOMO-1 (Ru) → LUMO +9 ( $\pi^*$ <sub>phen</sub> ) [8%] HOMO-7 ( $\pi$ <sub>bpy</sub> ) → LUMO ( $\pi^*$ <sub>bpy,phen</sub> ) [16%, HOMO-9 ( $\pi$ <sub>phen</sub> ) → LUMO ( $\pi^*$ <sub>bpy,phen</sub> ) [11%, HOMO-8 ( $\pi$ <sub>phen</sub> ) → LUMO+3 ( $\pi^*$ <sub>bpy,phen</sub> ) [10%, HOMO-6 ( $\pi$ <sub>bpy</sub> ) → LUMO+1 ( $\pi^*$ <sub>bpy,phen</sub> ) [7%, HOMO-8 ( $\pi$ <sub>phen</sub> ) → LUMO +2 ( $\pi^*$ <sub>bpy,phen</sub> ) [7%, HOMO-5 (BrBz) → LUMO ( $\pi^*$ <sub>bpy,phen</sub> ) [6%, HOMO-5 ( $\pi^*$ <sub>BrBT</sub> ) → LUMO+1 ( $\pi^*$ ) [6%, HOMO-6 ( $\pi$ <sub>bpy</sub> ) → LUMO +3 ( $\pi^*$ <sub>bpy,phen</sub> ) [5%]
398.31	0.0419	HOMO-2 (Ru) → LUMO+8 ( $\pi^*$ <sub>bpy,phen</sub> ) [8%, HOMO-2 (Ru) → LUMO+1 ( $\pi^*$ <sub>bpy,phen</sub> ) [8%, HOMO-2 (Ru) → LUMO+2 ( $\pi^*$ <sub>bpy,phen</sub> ) [7%] HOMO-1 (Ru) → LUMO+3 ( $\pi^*$ <sub>bpy,phen</sub> ) [56%, HOMO-1 (Ru) → LUMO+1 ( $\pi^*$ <sub>bpy,phen</sub> ) [15%, HOMO-2 (Ru) → LUMO+3 ( $\pi^*$ <sub>bpy,phen</sub> ) [12%, HOMO-1 (Ru) → LUMO+2 ( $\pi^*$ <sub>bpy,phen</sub> ) [12%]
397.06	0.0267	HOMO-2 (Ru) → LUMO+5 ( $\pi^*$ <sub>bpy</sub> ) [93%] HOMO (Ru) → LUMO+8 ( $\pi^*$ <sub>bpy</sub> ) [85%, HOMO-1 (Ru) → LUMO+6 ( $\pi^*$ <sub>bpy</sub> ) [7%] HOMO-1 (Ru) → LUMO+6 ( $\pi^*$ <sub>bpy</sub> ) [83%, HOMO (Ru) → LUMO+8 ( $\pi^*$ <sub>bpy</sub> ) [7%] HOMO-1 (Ru) → LUMO+7 ( $\pi^*$ <sub>bpy</sub> ) [82%] HOMO-4 ( <i>n</i> <sub>C=S</sub> ) → LUMO+4 ( $\pi^*$ <sub>BrBT</sub> ) [85%]
328.49	0.0164	HOMO-2 (Ru) → LUMO+5 ( $\pi^*$ <sub>bpy</sub> ) [93%] HOMO (Ru) → LUMO+8 ( $\pi^*$ <sub>bpy</sub> ) [85%, HOMO-1 (Ru) → LUMO+6 ( $\pi^*$ <sub>bpy</sub> ) [7%] HOMO-1 (Ru) → LUMO+6 ( $\pi^*$ <sub>bpy</sub> ) [83%, HOMO (Ru) → LUMO+8 ( $\pi^*$ <sub>bpy</sub> ) [7%] HOMO-1 (Ru) → LUMO+7 ( $\pi^*$ <sub>bpy</sub> ) [82%] HOMO-4 ( <i>n</i> <sub>C=S</sub> ) → LUMO+4 ( $\pi^*$ <sub>BrBT</sub> ) [85%]
315.99	0.0258	HOMO-2 (Ru) → LUMO+5 ( $\pi^*$ <sub>bpy</sub> ) [93%] HOMO (Ru) → LUMO+8 ( $\pi^*$ <sub>bpy</sub> ) [85%, HOMO-1 (Ru) → LUMO+6 ( $\pi^*$ <sub>bpy</sub> ) [7%] HOMO-1 (Ru) → LUMO+6 ( $\pi^*$ <sub>bpy</sub> ) [83%, HOMO (Ru) → LUMO+8 ( $\pi^*$ <sub>bpy</sub> ) [7%] HOMO-1 (Ru) → LUMO+7 ( $\pi^*$ <sub>bpy</sub> ) [82%] HOMO-4 ( <i>n</i> <sub>C=S</sub> ) → LUMO+4 ( $\pi^*$ <sub>BrBT</sub> ) [85%]
311.34	0.0340	HOMO-2 (Ru) → LUMO+5 ( $\pi^*$ <sub>bpy</sub> ) [93%] HOMO (Ru) → LUMO+8 ( $\pi^*$ <sub>bpy</sub> ) [85%, HOMO-1 (Ru) → LUMO+6 ( $\pi^*$ <sub>bpy</sub> ) [7%] HOMO-1 (Ru) → LUMO+6 ( $\pi^*$ <sub>bpy</sub> ) [83%, HOMO (Ru) → LUMO+8 ( $\pi^*$ <sub>bpy</sub> ) [7%] HOMO-1 (Ru) → LUMO+7 ( $\pi^*$ <sub>bpy</sub> ) [82%] HOMO-4 ( <i>n</i> <sub>C=S</sub> ) → LUMO+4 ( $\pi^*$ <sub>BrBT</sub> ) [85%]
307.91	0.0166	HOMO-2 (Ru) → LUMO+5 ( $\pi^*$ <sub>bpy</sub> ) [93%] HOMO (Ru) → LUMO+8 ( $\pi^*$ <sub>bpy</sub> ) [85%, HOMO-1 (Ru) → LUMO+6 ( $\pi^*$ <sub>bpy</sub> ) [7%] HOMO-1 (Ru) → LUMO+6 ( $\pi^*$ <sub>bpy</sub> ) [83%, HOMO (Ru) → LUMO+8 ( $\pi^*$ <sub>bpy</sub> ) [7%] HOMO-1 (Ru) → LUMO+7 ( $\pi^*$ <sub>bpy</sub> ) [82%] HOMO-4 ( <i>n</i> <sub>C=S</sub> ) → LUMO+4 ( $\pi^*$ <sub>BrBT</sub> ) [85%]
304.19	0.1551	HOMO-2 (Ru) → LUMO+5 ( $\pi^*$ <sub>bpy</sub> ) [93%] HOMO (Ru) → LUMO+8 ( $\pi^*$ <sub>bpy</sub> ) [85%, HOMO-1 (Ru) → LUMO+6 ( $\pi^*$ <sub>bpy</sub> ) [7%] HOMO-1 (Ru) → LUMO+6 ( $\pi^*$ <sub>bpy</sub> ) [83%, HOMO (Ru) → LUMO+8 ( $\pi^*$ <sub>bpy</sub> ) [7%] HOMO-1 (Ru) → LUMO+7 ( $\pi^*$ <sub>bpy</sub> ) [82%] HOMO-4 ( <i>n</i> <sub>C=S</sub> ) → LUMO+4 ( $\pi^*$ <sub>BrBT</sub> ) [85%]
303.66	0.0408	HOMO-2 (Ru) → LUMO+5 ( $\pi^*$ <sub>bpy</sub> ) [93%] HOMO (Ru) → LUMO+8 ( $\pi^*$ <sub>bpy</sub> ) [85%, HOMO-1 (Ru) → LUMO+6 ( $\pi^*$ <sub>bpy</sub> ) [7%] HOMO-1 (Ru) → LUMO+6 ( $\pi^*$ <sub>bpy</sub> ) [83%, HOMO (Ru) → LUMO+8 ( $\pi^*$ <sub>bpy</sub> ) [7%] HOMO-1 (Ru) → LUMO+7 ( $\pi^*$ <sub>bpy</sub> ) [82%] HOMO-4 ( <i>n</i> <sub>C=S</sub> ) → LUMO+4 ( $\pi^*$ <sub>BrBT</sub> ) [85%]
297.55	0.0627	HOMO-2 (Ru) → LUMO+5 ( $\pi^*$ <sub>bpy</sub> ) [93%] HOMO (Ru) → LUMO+8 ( $\pi^*$ <sub>bpy</sub> ) [85%, HOMO-1 (Ru) → LUMO+6 ( $\pi^*$ <sub>bpy</sub> ) [7%] HOMO-1 (Ru) → LUMO+6 ( $\pi^*$ <sub>bpy</sub> ) [83%, HOMO (Ru) → LUMO+8 ( $\pi^*$ <sub>bpy</sub> ) [7%] HOMO-1 (Ru) → LUMO+7 ( $\pi^*$ <sub>bpy</sub> ) [82%] HOMO-4 ( <i>n</i> <sub>C=S</sub> ) → LUMO+4 ( $\pi^*$ <sub>BrBT</sub> ) [85%]
293.40	0.0364	HOMO-2 (Ru) → LUMO+5 ( $\pi^*$ <sub>bpy</sub> ) [93%] HOMO (Ru) → LUMO+8 ( $\pi^*$ <sub>bpy</sub> ) [85%, HOMO-1 (Ru) → LUMO+6 ( $\pi^*$ <sub>bpy</sub> ) [7%] HOMO-1 (Ru) → LUMO+6 ( $\pi^*$ <sub>bpy</sub> ) [83%, HOMO (Ru) → LUMO+8 ( $\pi^*$ <sub>bpy</sub> ) [7%] HOMO-1 (Ru) → LUMO+7 ( $\pi^*$ <sub>bpy</sub> ) [82%] HOMO-4 ( <i>n</i> <sub>C=S</sub> ) → LUMO+4 ( $\pi^*$ <sub>BrBT</sub> ) [85%]
292.99	0.0157	HOMO-2 (Ru) → LUMO+5 ( $\pi^*$ <sub>bpy</sub> ) [93%] HOMO (Ru) → LUMO+8 ( $\pi^*$ <sub>bpy</sub> ) [85%, HOMO-1 (Ru) → LUMO+6 ( $\pi^*$ <sub>bpy</sub> ) [7%] HOMO-1 (Ru) → LUMO+6 ( $\pi^*$ <sub>bpy</sub> ) [83%, HOMO (Ru) → LUMO+8 ( $\pi^*$ <sub>bpy</sub> ) [7%] HOMO-1 (Ru) → LUMO+7 ( $\pi^*$ <sub>bpy</sub> ) [82%] HOMO-4 ( <i>n</i> <sub>C=S</sub> ) → LUMO+4 ( $\pi^*$ <sub>BrBT</sub> ) [85%]
284.93	0.0268	HOMO-2 (Ru) → LUMO+5 ( $\pi^*$ <sub>bpy</sub> ) [93%] HOMO (Ru) → LUMO+8 ( $\pi^*$ <sub>bpy</sub> ) [85%, HOMO-1 (Ru) → LUMO+6 ( $\pi^*$ <sub>bpy</sub> ) [7%] HOMO-1 (Ru) → LUMO+6 ( $\pi^*$ <sub>bpy</sub> ) [83%, HOMO (Ru) → LUMO+8 ( $\pi^*$ <sub>bpy</sub> ) [7%] HOMO-1 (Ru) → LUMO+7 ( $\pi^*$ <sub>bpy</sub> ) [82%] HOMO-4 ( <i>n</i> <sub>C=S</sub> ) → LUMO+4 ( $\pi^*$ <sub>BrBT</sub> ) [85%]

			bpy,phen) [20%], HOMO-5 ( $\pi_{BrBT}$ ) → LUMO+2 ( $\pi^*_{bpy,phen}$ ) [17%], HOMO-6 ( $\pi_{bpy}$ ) → LUMO+3 ( $\pi^*_{bpy,phen}$ ) [6%] HOMO-5 ( $\pi^*_{BrBT}$ ) → LUMO ( $\pi^*_{bpy,phen}$ ) [5%]
281.22	0.0902		HOMO-7 ( $\pi_{bpy}$ ) → LUMO+1 ( $\pi^*_{bpy,phen}$ ) [23%], HOMO-7 ( $\pi_{bpy}$ ) → LUMO+2 ( $\pi^*_{bpy,phen}$ ) [20%], HOMO-7 ( $\pi_{bpy}$ ) → LUMO+3 ( $\pi^*_{bpy,phen}$ ) [16%], HOMO-8 ( $\pi_{phen}$ ) → LUMO+3 ( $\pi^*_{bpy,phen}$ ) [7%]
280.97	0.0771		HOMO-8 ( $\pi_{phen}$ ) → LUMO+2 ( $\pi^*_{bpy,phen}$ ) [22%], HOMO-5 ( $\pi_{BrBT}$ ) → LUMO+2 ( $\pi^*_{bpy,phen}$ ) [15%], HOMO-5 ( $\pi_{BrBT}$ ) → LUMO+3 ( $\pi^*_{bpy,phen}$ ) [15%], HOMO-8 ( $\pi_{phen}$ ) → LUMO+3 ( $\pi^*_{bpy,phen}$ ) [14%], HOMO-5 ( $\pi_{BrBT}$ ) → LUMO+2 ( $\pi^*_{bpy,phen}$ ) [6%], HOMO-5 ( $\pi_{BrBT}$ ) → LUMO+3 ( $\pi^*_{bpy,phen}$ ) [5%]
280.08	0.0554		HOMO-5 ( $\pi_{BrBT}$ ) → LUMO+1 ( $\pi^*_{bpy,phen}$ ) [30%], HOMO-5 ( $\pi_{BrBT}$ ) → LUMO+2 ( $\pi^*_{bpy,phen}$ ) [18%], HOMO-8 ( $\pi_{phen}$ ) → LUMO +1 ( $\pi^*_{bpy,phen}$ ) [12%], HOMO-7 ( $\pi_{bpy}$ ) → LUMO+3 ( $\pi^*_{bpy,phen}$ ) [10%], HOMO-5 ( $\pi_{BrBT}$ ) → LUMO ( $\pi^*_{bpy,phen}$ ) [5%]
278.94	0.3612		HOMO-7 ( $\pi_{bpy}$ ) → LUMO +3 ( $\pi^*_{bpy,phen}$ ) [40%], HOMO-5 ( $\pi_{BrBT}$ ) → LUMO+4 ( $\pi^*_{BrBT}$ ) [10%], HOMO-8 ( $\pi_{phen}$ ) → LUMO+1 ( $\pi^*_{bpy,phen}$ ) [7%], HOMO-2 (Ru) → LUMO+7 ( $\pi^*_{bpy}$ ) [7%], HOMO-7 ( $\pi_{bpy}$ ) → LUMO +2 ( $\pi^*$ ) [5%]
278.58	0.0923		HOMO-5 ( $\pi_{BrBT}$ ) → LUMO+4 ( $\pi^*_{BrBT}$ ) [46%], HOMO-8 ( $\pi_{phen}$ ) → LUMO+4 ( $\pi^*_{BrBT}$ ) [9%], HOMO-12 ( $\pi_{BrBT}$ ) → LUMO+4 ( $\pi^*_{BrBT}$ ) [6%], HOMO-7 ( $\pi_{bpy}$ ) → LUMO+3 ( $\pi^*_{bpy,phen}$ ) [5%], HOMO-7 ( $\pi_{bpy}$ ) → LUMO+3 ( $\pi^*_{bpy,phen}$ ) [5%]
277.42	0.2220		HOMO-5 ( $\pi_{BrBT}$ ) → LUMO+3 ( $\pi^*_{bpy,phen}$ ) [31%], HOMO-5 ( $\pi_{BrBT}$ ) → LUMO+2 ( $\pi^*_{bpy,phen}$ ) [20%], HOMO-6 ( $\pi_{bpy}$ ) → LUMO+3 ( $\pi^*_{bpy,phen}$ ) [10%], HOMO-7 ( $\pi_{bpy}$ ) → LUMO+1 ( $\pi^*_{bpy,phen}$ ) [7%], HOMO-6 ( $\pi_{bpy}$ ) → LUMO+2 ( $\pi^*_{bpy,phen}$ ) [7%]
276.09	0.3505		HOMO-8 ( $\pi_{phen}$ ) → LUMO+3 ( $\pi^*_{bpy,phen}$ ) [28%], HOMO-8 ( $\pi_{phen}$ ) → LUMO+2 ( $\pi^*_{bpy,phen}$ ) [16%], HOMO-5 ( $\pi_{BrBT}$ ) → LUMO+3 ( $\pi^*_{bpy,phen}$ ) [10%], HOMO-5 ( $\pi_{BrBT}$ ) → LUMO+2 ( $\pi^*_{bpy,phen}$ ) [7%], HOMO-7 ( $\pi_{phen}$ ) → LUMO+1 ( $\pi^*_{bpy,phen}$ ) [7%], HOMO-2 (Ru) → LUMO+8 ( $\pi^*_{bpy}$ ) [6%]
271.52	0.2461		HOMO-8 ( $\pi_{phen}$ ) → LUMO+4 ( $\pi^*_{BrBT}$ ) [28%], HOMO-5 ( $\pi_{BrBT}$ ) → LUMO+4 ( $\pi^*_{BrBT}$ ) [18%], HOMO-9 ( $\pi_{phen}$ ) → LUMO+1 ( $\pi^*_{bpy,phen}$ ) [13%], HOMO-6 ( $\pi_{bpy}$ ) → LUMO +4 ( $\pi^*_{BrBT}$ ) [10%], HOMO-12 ( $\pi_{BrBT}$ ) → LUMO+4 ( $\pi^*_{BrBT}$ ) [8%], HOMO-9 ( $\pi_{phen}$ ) → LUMO ( $\pi^*_{bpy,phen}$ ) [7%], HOMO-3 (Ru) → LUMO+11 ( $\pi^*_{BrBT}$ ) [5%]
271.30	0.0711		HOMO-9 ( $\pi_{phen}$ ) → LUMO ( $\pi^*_{bpy,phen}$ ) [33%], HOMO-9 ( $\pi_{phen}$ ) → LUMO+1 ( $\pi^*_{bpy,phen}$ ) [32%], HOMO-9 ( $\pi_{phen}$ ) → LUMO+2 ( $\pi^*_{bpy,phen}$ ) [11%], HOMO-5 ( $\pi_{BrBT}$ ) → LUMO+4 ( $\pi^*_{BrBT}$ ) [6%], HOMO-8 ( $\pi_{phen}$ ) → LUMO+4 ( $\pi_{BrBT}$ ) [5%]
266.64	0.0179		HOMO-9 ( $\pi_{phen}$ ) → LUMO+3 ( $\pi^*_{bpy,phen}$ ) [47%], HOMO-3 (Ru) → LUMO+9 ( $\pi^*_{phen}$ ) [17%], HOMO-3 (Ru) → LUMO+8 ( $\pi^*_{bpy}$ ) [6%], HOMO-4 ( $n_{C=S}$ ) → LUMO+5 ( $\pi^*_{bpy}$ ) [(6%)]
265.18	0.0297		HOMO-3 (Ru) → LUMO+11( $\pi^*_{BrBT}$ ) (38%), HOMO-3 (Ru) → LUMO+10 ( $\pi^*_{BrBT}$ ) (29%), HOMO-9 ( $\pi_{phen}$ ) → LUMO+3 ( $\pi^*_{bpy,phen}$ ) [7%], HOMO-8 ( $\pi^*_{phen}$ ) → LUMO +4 ( $\pi^*_{BrBT}$ ) [6%]
261.80	0.0315		HOMO-3 (Ru) → LUMO+8 ( $\pi^*_{bpy}$ ) [52%], HOMO-3 (Ru) → LUMO+9 ( $\pi^*_{phen}$ ) [18 %], HOMO-9 ( $\pi_{phen}$ ) → LUMO+3 ( $\pi^*_{bpy,phen}$ ) [8%]
259.19	0.6078		HOMO-9 ( $\pi_{phen}$ ) → LUMO ( $\pi^*_{bpy,phen}$ ) [24%], HOMO-9 ( $\pi_{phen}$ ) → LUMO+1 ( $\pi^*_{bpy,phen}$ ) [17%], HOMO-9 ( $\pi_{phen}$ ) → LUMO+2 ( $\pi^*_{bpy,phen}$ ) [11%], HOMO-8 ( $\pi_{phen}$ ) → LUMO+3 ( $\pi^*_{bpy,phen}$ ) [11%]
250.26	0.0607		HOMO-1 (Ru) → LUMO+12 ( $\pi^*_{phen}$ ) [45%], HOMO-1 (Ru) → LUMO+10 ( $\pi^*_{BrBT}$ ) [29%], HOMO-1 (Ru) → LUMO+11 ( $\pi^*_{BrBT}$ ) [13%]
245.81	0.0500		HOMO-7 ( $\pi_{phen}$ ) → LUMO+5 ( $\pi^*_{bpy}$ ) [54%]
241.27	0.0571		HOMO-5 ( $\pi_{BrBT}$ ) → LUMO +5 ( $\pi^*_{bpy}$ ) [46%], HOMO-8 ( $\pi_{phen}$ ) → LUMO+5 ( $\pi^*_{bpy}$ ) [31%]

**Table II.** TD-DFT calculated absorption bands and their composition for the  $[Ru(phen)_2(phen-p-BrBT)]^{2+}$  complex. Transition with oscillator strength greater than 0.01 are shown, the major contributing transitions have more than 5% contribution to the absorption band.

Wavelength (nm)	Oscillator Strength	Transitions (characters) [contributions]
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431.38	0.0504	HOMO-1 (Ru) → LUMO ( $\pi^*$ <sub>phen</sub> ) [45%], HOMO-1(Ru) → LUMO+1 ( $\pi^*$ <sub>phen</sub> ) [10%], HOMO (Ru) → LUMO ( $\pi^*$ <sub>phen</sub> ) [6%], HOMO(Ru) → LUMO+1 ( $\pi^*$ <sub>phen</sub> ) [26%], HOMO(Ru) → LUMO+2 ( $\pi^*$ <sub>phen</sub> ) [5%]
424.70	0.0297	HOMO-1 (Ru) → LUMO+2 ( $\pi^*$ <sub>phen</sub> ) [27%], HOMO (Ru) → LUMO+1 ( $\pi^*$ <sub>phen</sub> ) [23%], HOMO-2 (Ru) → LUMO ( $\pi^*$ <sub>phen</sub> ) [15%], HOMO-2 (Ru) → LUMO+1 ( $\pi^*$ <sub>phen</sub> ) [13%], HOMO (Ru) → LUMO ( $\pi^*$ <sub>phen</sub> ) [5%],
418.77	0.0998	HOMO-1 (Ru) → LUMO+3 ( $\pi^*$ <sub>bpy</sub> ) [38%], HOMO-1 (Ru) → LUMO ( $\pi^*$ <sub>phen</sub> ) [13%]. HOMO-2 (Ru) → LUMO+1 ( $\pi^*$ <sub>phen</sub> ) [7%]
413.71	0.1076	HOMO-1 → LUMO+3 ( $\pi^*$ <sub>phen</sub> ) [40%], HOMO-2 (Ru) → LUMO+2 ( $\pi^*$ <sub>phen</sub> ) [34%], HOMO-2 (Ru) → LUMO+1 ( $\pi^*$ <sub>phen</sub> ) [12%], HOMO (Ru) → LUMO+5 ( $\pi^*$ <sub>phen</sub> ) [7%]
405.53	0.0641	HOMO-2 → LUMO+1 ( $\pi^*$ <sub>phen</sub> ) [22%], HOMO-1 (Ru) → LUMO ( $\pi^*$ <sub>phen</sub> ) [16%], HOMO-1 (Ru) → LUMO ( $\pi^*$ <sub>phen</sub> ) [20%], HOMO (Ru) → LUMO ( $\pi^*$ <sub>phen</sub> ) [21%], HOMO-2 (Ru) → LUMO ( $\pi^*$ <sub>phen</sub> ) [5%]
401.77	0.0628	HOMO-1 (Ru) → LUMO+1 ( $\pi^*$ <sub>phen</sub> ) [37%], HOMO-1 (Ru) → LUMO+2 ( $\pi^*$ <sub>phen</sub> ) [13%], HOMO (Ru) → LUMO+4 ( $\pi^*$ <sub>phen</sub> ) [17%], HOMO-2 (Ru) → LUMO +1 ( $\pi^*$ <sub>phen</sub> ) [6%]
395.87	0.0671	HOMO (Ru) → LUMO+5 ( $\pi^*$ <sub>phen</sub> ) [81%]
383.90	0.0410	HOMO-1 (Ru) → LUMO +4 ( $\pi^*$ <sub>phen</sub> ) [76%]
376.23	0.0350	HOMO-2 (Ru) → LUMO +5 ( $\pi^*$ <sub>phen</sub> ) [89%]
357.67	0.0272	HOMO-4 ( $\pi_{BrBT}$ ) → LUMO ( $\pi^*$ <sub>phen</sub> ) [55%], HOMO-4 ( $\pi_{BrBT}$ ) → LUMO+1 ( $\pi^*$ <sub>phen</sub> ) [18%], HOMO-4 ( $n_{C=S}$ ) → LUMO ( $\pi^*$ <sub>BrBT</sub> ) [15%]
342.43	0.0256	HOMO-4 ( $\pi_{BrBT}$ ) → LUMO+1 ( $\pi^*$ <sub>phen</sub> ) [54%], HOMO-4 ( $\pi_{BrBT}$ ) → LUMO+2 ( $\pi^*$ <sub>phen</sub> ) [18%], HOMO-4 ( $\pi_{BrBT}$ ) → LUMO ( $\pi^*$ <sub>phen</sub> ) [6%]
310.11	0.0602	HOMO-4 ( $\pi_{BrBT}$ ) → LUMO+6 ( $\pi^*$ <sub>BrBT</sub> ) [75%], HOMO-4 ( $\pi_{BrBT}$ ) → LUMO+4 ( $\pi^*$ <sub>phen</sub> ) [7%], HOMO-3 ( $n_{C=S}$ ) → LUMO+4 ( $\pi^*$ <sub>phen</sub> ) [7%]
302.58	0.0347	HOMO-4 ( $\pi_{BrBT}$ ) → LUMO+4 ( $\pi^*$ <sub>phen</sub> ) [71%], HOMO-8 ( $\pi_{phen}$ & $n_{C=S}$ ) → LUMO ( $\pi^*$ <sub>phen</sub> ) [7%], HOMO-5 ( $\pi_{phen}$ ) → LUMO ( $\pi^*$ <sub>phen</sub> ) [9%]
302.50	0.0885	HOMO-5 ( $\pi_{phen}$ ) → LUMO ( $\pi^*$ <sub>phen</sub> ) [30%], HOMO-4 ( $\pi_{bBrBT}$ ) → LUMO+5 ( $\pi^*$ <sub>phen</sub> ) [23%], HOMO-8 ( $\pi_{phen}$ & $n_{C=S}$ ) → LUMO ( $\pi^*$ <sub>phen</sub> ) [7%], HOMO-8 ( $\pi_{phen}$ & $n_{C=S}$ ) → LUMO +1( $\pi^*$ <sub>phen</sub> ) [9%], HOMO-7 ( $\pi_{phen}$ ) → LUMO ( $\pi^*$ <sub>phen</sub> ) [30%], HOMO-5 ( $\pi_{phen}$ ) → LUMO+1 ( $\pi^*$ <sub>phen</sub> ) [13%], HOMO-1 (Ru) → LUMO +7 ( $\pi^*$ <sub>phen</sub> ) [10%]
301.14	0.1446	HOMO-7 ( $\pi_{phen}$ ) → LUMO ( $\pi^*$ <sub>phen</sub> ) [8%], HOMO-6 ( $\pi_{phen}$ ) → LUMO ( $\pi^*$ <sub>phen</sub> ) [48%], HOMO-6 ( $\pi_{phen}$ ) → LUMO+2 ( $\pi^*$ <sub>phen</sub> ) [10%], HOMO-5 ( $\pi_{phen}$ ) → LUMO+1 ( $\pi^*$ <sub>phen</sub> ) [6%]
300.34	0.0764	HOMO-7 ( $\pi_{phen}$ ) → LUMO ( $\pi^*$ <sub>phen</sub> ) [23%], HOMO-7 ( $\pi_{phen}$ ) → LUMO+2 ( $\pi^*$ <sub>phen</sub> ) [8%], HOMO-6 ( $\pi_{phen}$ ) → LUMO ( $\pi^*$ <sub>phen</sub> ) [15%], HOMO-6 ( $\pi_{phen}$ ) → LUMO+2 ( $\pi^*$ <sub>phen</sub> ) [9%], HOMO-5 ( $\pi_{phen}$ ) → LUMO+1 ( $\pi^*$ <sub>phen</sub> ) [6%]
299.29	0.0872	HOMO-8 ( $\pi_{phen}$ & $n_{C=S}$ ) → LUMO +1( $\pi^*$ <sub>phen</sub> ) [7%], HOMO-8 ( $\pi_{phen}$ & $n_{C=S}$ ) → LUMO +2 ( $\pi^*$ <sub>phen</sub> ) [7%], HOMO-5 ( $\pi_{phen}$ ) → LUMO+1 ( $\pi^*$ <sub>phen</sub> ) [6%]
286.81	0.0742	HOMO-3 ( $n_{C=S}$ ) → LUMO +7 ( $\pi^*$ <sub>phen</sub> ) [25%], HOMO-8 ( $\pi_{phen}$ & $n_{C=S}$ ) → LUMO +1( $\pi^*$ <sub>phen</sub> ) [9%], HOMO-1 (Ru) → LUMO +8 ( $\pi^*$ <sub>ligands</sub> ) [19%]
278.45	0.0352	HOMO-5 ( $\pi_{phen}$ ) → LUMO ( $\pi^*_{phen-BrBT}$ ) [42%], HOMO-8 ( $\pi^*_{phen}$ & $n_{C=S}$ ) → LUMO +6( $\pi^*_{phen-BrBT}$ ) [16%]
276.47	0.4559	HOMO-10 ( $\pi_{phen}$ ) → LUMO+1 ( $\pi^*$ <sub>phen</sub> ) [9%], HOMO-10 ( $\pi_{phen}$ ) → LUMO+3 ( $\pi^*$ <sub>phen</sub> ) [22%], HOMO-9 ( $\pi_{phen}$ ) → LUMO+2 ( $\pi^*$ <sub>phen</sub> ) [26%]
272.95	0.0772	HOMO-10 ( $\pi_{phen}$ ) → LUMO+1 ( $\pi^*$ <sub>phen</sub> ) [15%], HOMO-10 ( $\pi_{phen}$ ) → LUMO+2 ( $\pi^*$ <sub>phen</sub> ) [7%], HOMO-9 ( $\pi_{phen}$ ) → LUMO+2 ( $\pi^*$ <sub>phen</sub> ) [12%], HOMO-8 ( $\pi^*_{phen-BrBT}$ ) → LUMO+3 ( $\pi^*$ <sub>phen</sub> ) [15%], HOMO-5 ( $\pi_{phen}$ ) → LUMO+4 ( $\pi^*$ <sub>phen</sub> ) [8%]
271.87	0.0249	HOMO-11 ( $\pi_{phen}$ ) → LUMO+1 ( $\pi^*$ <sub>phen</sub> ) [11%], HOMO-10 ( $\pi_{phen}$ ) → LUMO+1 ( $\pi^*$ <sub>phen</sub> ) [14%], HOMO-9 ( $\pi_{phen}$ ) → LUMO+3 ( $\pi^*$ <sub>phen</sub> ) [7%], HOMO-5 ( $\pi_{phen}$ ) → LUMO+4 ( $\pi^*$ <sub>phen</sub> ) [23%]
270.66	0.0248	HOMO-11 ( $\pi_{phen}$ ) → LUMO ( $\pi^*$ <sub>phen</sub> ) [13%], HOMO-11 ( $\pi_{phen}$ ) → LUMO+1 ( $\pi^*$ <sub>phen</sub> ) [7%], HOMO-10 ( $\pi_{phen}$ ) → LUMO+2 ( $\pi^*$ <sub>phen</sub> ) [32%]
269.49	0.0227	HOMO-10 ( $\pi_{phen}$ ) → LUMO+2 ( $\pi^*$ <sub>phen</sub> ) [32%]
266.16	0.0195	HOMO-11 ( $\pi_{phen}$ ) → LUMO+3 ( $\pi^*$ <sub>phen</sub> ) [74%]
265.92	0.0628	HOMO-9 ( $\pi_{phen}$ ) → LUMO+4 ( $\pi^*$ <sub>phen</sub> ) [28%], HOMO-10 ( $\pi^*_{phen-BrBT}$ ) → LUMO+4 ( $\pi^*$ <sub>phen</sub> ) [30%], HOMO-5 ( $\pi_{phen}$ ) → LUMO+4 ( $\pi^*$ <sub>phen</sub> ) [11%]
263.84	0.0762	HOMO-9 ( $\pi_{phen}$ ) → LUMO+5 ( $\pi^*$ <sub>phen</sub> ) [23%], HOMO-8 ( $\pi^*_{phen-BrBT}$ ) → LUMO+5 ( $\pi^*$ <sub>phen</sub> ) [20%], HOMO-5 ( $\pi_{phen}$ ) → LUMO+5 ( $\pi^*$ <sub>phen</sub> ) [8%]

263.65	0.1416	HOMO-11 ( $\pi_{\text{phen}}$ ) $\rightarrow$ LUMO ( $\pi^*_{\text{phen}}$ ) [8%], HOMO-9 ( $\pi_{\text{phen}}$ ) $\rightarrow$ LUMO+4 ( $\pi^*_{\text{phen}}$ ) [18%], HOMO-8 ( $\pi_{\text{phen-BrBT}}$ ) $\rightarrow$ LUMO+4 ( $\pi^*_{\text{phen}}$ ) [16%], HOMO-11 ( $\pi_{\text{phen}}$ ) $\rightarrow$ LUMO+2 ( $\pi^*_{\text{phen}}$ ) [9%]
260.93	0.0217	HOMO-6 ( $\pi_{\text{phen}}$ ) $\rightarrow$ LUMO+6 ( $\pi^*_{\text{phen}}$ ) [34%], HOMO-7 ( $\pi_{\text{phen}}$ ) $\rightarrow$ LUMO+6 ( $\pi^*_{\text{phen}}$ ) [8%], HOMO-10 ( $\pi_{\text{phen}}$ ) $\rightarrow$ LUMO+4 ( $\pi^*_{\text{phen}}$ ) [7%], HOMO-8 ( $\pi_{\text{phen-BrBT}}$ ) $\rightarrow$ LUMO+5 ( $\pi^*_{\text{phen}}$ ) [6%], HOMO-9 ( $\pi_{\text{phen}}$ ) $\rightarrow$ LUMO+5 ( $\pi^*_{\text{phen}}$ ) [5%]
260.33	0.2027	HOMO-6 ( $\pi_{\text{phen}}$ ) $\rightarrow$ LUMO+6 ( $\pi^*_{\text{phen-BrBT}}$ ) [28%], HOMO-11 ( $\pi_{\text{phen}}$ ) $\rightarrow$ LUMO+2 ( $\pi^*_{\text{phen}}$ ) [13%]
260.02	0.0232	HOMO-9 ( $\pi_{\text{phen}}$ ) $\rightarrow$ LUMO+5 ( $\pi^*_{\text{phen}}$ ) [34%], HOMO-10 ( $\pi_{\text{phen}}$ ) $\rightarrow$ LUMO+5 ( $\pi^*_{\text{phen}}$ ) [21%], HOMO-10 ( $\pi_{\text{phen-BrBT}}$ ) $\rightarrow$ LUMO+5 ( $\pi^*_{\text{phen}}$ ) [18%]
259.72	0.0745	HOMO-7 ( $\pi_{\text{phen}}$ ) $\rightarrow$ LUMO+6 ( $\pi^*_{\text{phen-BrBT}}$ ) [17%], HOMO-10 ( $\pi_{\text{phen}}$ ) $\rightarrow$ LUMO+3 ( $\pi^*_{\text{phen}}$ ) [14%], HOMO-6 ( $\pi_{\text{phen}}$ ) $\rightarrow$ LUMO+5 ( $\pi^*_{\text{phen}}$ ) [10%], HOMO-8 ( $\pi_{\text{phen-BrBT}}$ ) $\rightarrow$ LUMO+5 ( $\pi^*_{\text{phen}}$ ) [6%], HOMO-9 ( $\pi_{\text{phen}}$ ) $\rightarrow$ LUMO+2 ( $\pi^*_{\text{phen}}$ ) [5%]
259.48	0.0439	HOMO-7 ( $\pi_{\text{phen}}$ ) $\rightarrow$ LUMO+6 ( $\pi^*_{\text{phen-BrBT}}$ ) [46%], HOMO (Ru) $\rightarrow$ LUMO+11 ( $\pi^*_{\text{phen-BrBT}}$ ) [10%], HOMO-6 ( $\pi_{\text{phen}}$ ) $\rightarrow$ LUMO+6 ( $\pi^*_{\text{phen-BrBT}}$ ) [7%], HOMO (Ru) $\rightarrow$ LUMO+10 ( $\pi^*_{\text{Bz}}$ ) [7%]
258.78	0.0535	HOMO (Ru) $\rightarrow$ LUMO+10 ( $\pi^*_{\text{Bz}}$ ) [21%], HOMO-7 ( $\pi_{\text{phen}}$ ) $\rightarrow$ LUMO+6 ( $\pi^*_{\text{phen-BrBT}}$ ) [13%], HOMO-4 ( $\pi_{\text{BrBT}}$ ) $\rightarrow$ LUMO+7 ( $\pi^*_{\text{phen}}$ ) [8%]
258.36	0.0340	HOMO-12 ( $\pi^*_{\text{Bz}}$ ) $\rightarrow$ LUMO ( $\pi^*_{\text{phen}}$ ) [42%], HOMO-12 ( $\pi_{\text{Bz}}$ ) $\rightarrow$ LUMO+1 ( $\pi^*_{\text{phen}}$ ) [13%], HOMO-4 ( $\pi_{\text{BrBT}}$ ) $\rightarrow$ LUMO+7 ( $\pi^*_{\text{phen}}$ ) [13%]
257.76	0.1299	HOMO-11 ( $\pi_{\text{phen}}$ ) $\rightarrow$ LUMO+4 ( $\pi^*_{\text{phen}}$ ) [29%], HOMO-4 ( $\pi_{\text{BrBT}}$ ) $\rightarrow$ LUMO+7 ( $\pi^*_{\text{phen}}$ ) [17%], HOMO-12 ( $\pi_{\text{Bz}}$ ) $\rightarrow$ LUMO ( $\pi^*_{\text{phen}}$ ) [14%]
256.86	0.0637	HOMO-11 ( $\pi_{\text{phen}}$ ) $\rightarrow$ LUMO+4 ( $\pi^*_{\text{phen}}$ ) [57%], HOMO-4 ( $\pi_{\text{BrBT}}$ ) $\rightarrow$ LUMO+7 ( $\pi^*_{\text{phen}}$ ) [19%]
256.59	0.8369	HOMO-9 ( $\pi_{\text{phen}}$ ) $\rightarrow$ LUMO+3 ( $\pi^*_{\text{phen}}$ ) [18%], HOMO-10 ( $\pi_{\text{phen}}$ ) $\rightarrow$ LUMO+2 ( $\pi^*_{\text{phen}}$ ) [12%], HOMO-6 ( $\pi_{\text{phen}}$ ) $\rightarrow$ LUMO+4 ( $\pi^*_{\text{phen}}$ ) [10%], HOMO-7 ( $\pi_{\text{phen}}$ ) $\rightarrow$ LUMO+5 ( $\pi^*_{\text{phen}}$ ) [7%]
255.92	0.0516	HOMO-8 ( $\pi_{\text{phen-BrBT}}$ ) $\rightarrow$ LUMO+6 ( $\pi^*_{\text{phen-BrBT}}$ ) [29%], HOMO-14 ( $\pi_{\text{BrBT}}$ ) $\rightarrow$ LUMO+7 ( $\pi^*_{\text{phen-BrBT}}$ ) [15%], HOMO-14 ( $\pi_{\text{BrBT}}$ ) $\rightarrow$ LUMO+1 ( $\pi^*_{\text{phen}}$ ) [13%], HOMO-14 ( $\pi_{\text{BrBT}}$ ) $\rightarrow$ LUMO ( $\pi^*_{\text{phen}}$ ) [10%], HOMO-4 ( $\pi_{\text{BrBT}}$ ) $\rightarrow$ LUMO+5 ( $\pi^*_{\text{phen-BrBT}}$ ) [7%]
253.84	0.1092	HOMO-1 (Ru) $\rightarrow$ LUMO+11 ( $\pi^*_{\text{phen-BrBT}}$ ) [18%], HOMO-1 (Ru) $\rightarrow$ LUMO+10 ( $\pi^*_{\text{phen}}$ ) [14%], HOMO-2 (Ru) $\rightarrow$ LUMO+11 ( $\pi^*_{\text{phen-BrBT}}$ ) [9%], HOMO-2 (Ru) $\rightarrow$ LUMO+10 ( $\pi^*_{\text{Bz}}$ ) [7%]
252.97	0.0870	HOMO-2 (Ru) $\rightarrow$ LUMO+11 ( $\pi^*_{\text{phen}}$ ) [28%], HOMO-2 (Ru) $\rightarrow$ LUMO+10 ( $\pi^*_{\text{phen}}$ ) [24%], HOMO-1 (Ru) $\rightarrow$ LUMO+11 ( $\pi^*_{\text{phen}}$ ) [5%]
250.99	0.0220	HOMO-12 ( $\pi_{\text{Bz}}$ ) $\rightarrow$ LUMO+10 ( $\pi^*_{\text{phen}}$ ) [53%], HOMO-12 ( $\pi_{\text{Bz}}$ ) $\rightarrow$ LUMO+11 ( $\pi^*_{\text{phen}}$ ) [28%]
247.92	0.0424	HOMO (Ru) $\rightarrow$ LUMO+15 ( $\pi^*_{\text{phen}}$ ) [73%], HOMO (Ru) $\rightarrow$ LUMO+14 ( $\pi^*_{\text{phen}}$ ) [15%]
247.55	0.0516	HOMO-11 ( $\pi_{\text{phen}}$ ) $\rightarrow$ LUMO+6 ( $\pi^*_{\text{phen-BrBT}}$ ) [48%], HOMO-12 ( $\pi_{\text{Bz}}$ ) $\rightarrow$ LUMO+6 ( $\pi^*_{\text{phen-BrBT}}$ ) [18%], HOMO-12 ( $\pi_{\text{Bz}}$ ) $\rightarrow$ LUMO+6 ( $\pi^*_{\text{phen-BrBT}}$ ) [7%]
244.26	0.0313	HOMO-1 (Ru) $\rightarrow$ LUMO+13 ( $\pi^*_{\text{ligand}}$ ) [39%], HOMO-2 (Ru) $\rightarrow$ LUMO+15 ( $\pi^*_{\text{phen-BrBT}}$ ) [37%], HOMO (Ru) $\rightarrow$ LUMO+14 ( $\pi^*_{\text{phen}}$ ) [12%]