

Ligand (4): ^1H NMR (CDCl_3): $\delta = 8.65$ (s, 3',5'-tpyH, 4H), 8.58 (d, $J = 7.8$ Hz, 6,6"-tpyH, 4H), 8.49 (d, $J = 4.2$ Hz, 3,3"-tpyH, 4H), 7.80 (dd, $J = 7.8, 7.5$ Hz, 4,4"-tpyH, 4H), 7.66 (dd, $J = 3.3, 3.3$ Hz, 4-ArH, 2H), 7.43 (dd, $J = 3.3, 3.3$ Hz, 3-ArH, 2H), 7.24 (dd, $J = 6.9, 5.7$ Hz, 5,5"-tpyH, 2H). ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3): $\delta = 92.14, 92.52, 121.46, 123.42, 124.10, 125.71, 129.14, 132.46, 133.55, 137.21, 149.06, 155.44, 155.56$. ESI-MS: $m/z = 611.4$ [M+Na] $^+$ (Calcd $m/z = 611.20$).

[Fe₃(4)₃][6PF₆]⁻ (5) ^1H NMR (CD_3CN): $\delta = 9.19$ (s, 3',5'-tpyH, 4H), 8.42 (d, $J = 8.1$ Hz, 3,3"-tpyH, 4H), 8.04 (dd, $J = 3.3, 3.3$ Hz, 4-ArH, 2H), 7.78 (dd, $J = 3.3, 3.3$ Hz, 3-ArH, 2H), 7.56 (dd, $J = 7.8, 7.8$ Hz, 4,4"-tpyH, 4H), 7.10 (d, $J = 5.4$ Hz, 6,6"-tpyH, 4H), 6.86 (dd, $J = 6.9, 6.3$ Hz, 5,5"-tpyH, 4H). ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3): $\delta = 91.50, 96.29, 124.83, 125.27, 126.38, 128.44, 131.70, 133.27, 133.92, 139.66, 154.06, 158.23, 161.13$; UV (MeCN) λ_{max} (nm) = 283 ($\epsilon = 1.27 \times 10^5 \text{ dm}^3 \text{ mol}^{-1} \text{ cm}^{-1}$), 326 (1.27×10^5), 578 (6.43×10^5); ESI-MS: $m/z = 2659.7$ [M+2H-PF₆] $^{2+}$ (Calcd $m/z = 2659.3$); Elemental Analysis (%): calcd. C 49.51, H 2.91, N 8.66; found. C 49.98, H 2.99, N 8.29.

[Ru₃(4)₃][6PF₆]⁻ (6) ^1H NMR (CD_3CN): $\delta = 9.01$ (s, 3',5'-tpyH, 4H), 8.44 (d, $J = 8.1$ Hz, 3,3"-tpyH, 4H), 7.97 (dd, $J = 3.3, 3.3$ Hz, 4-ArH, 2H), 7.74 (dd, $J = 3.3, 3.3$ Hz, 3-ArH, 2H), 7.59 (dd, $J = 7.8, 7.8$ Hz, 4,4"-tpyH, 4H), 7.35 (d, $J = 5.7$ Hz, 6,6"-tpyH, 4H), 6.95 (dd, $J = 6.9, 6.3$ Hz, 5,5"-tpyH, 4H). ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3): $\delta = 91.50, 95.53, 125.40, 125.56, 126.60, 128.68, 131.19, 131.58, 133.89, 139.04, 153.60, 156.30, 158.46$; UV (MeCN) λ_{max} (nm) = 275 ($\epsilon = 7.28 \times 10^4 \text{ dm}^3 \text{ mol}^{-1} \text{ cm}^{-1}$), 316 (8.01×10^4), 496 (4.23×10^4); ESI-MS: $m/z = 2796.4$ [M+H-PF₆] $^{2+}$ (Calcd $m/z = 2796.17$), 2649.8 [M-2PF₆] $^{2+}$ (Calcd $m/z = 2650.20$), 2504.6 [M-H-3PF₆] $^{2+}$ (Calcd $m/z = 2504.23$), 2357.7 [M-3H-4PF₆] $^{2+}$ (Calcd $m/z = 2357.26$), 2214.4 [M-H-5PF₆] $^{2+}$ (Calcd $m/z = 2214.31$).

[Ru₂Fe(4)₃][6PF₆]⁻ (9) ^1H NMR (CD_3CN): $\delta = 9.18$ (s, 3',5'-tpyH, Fe, 4H), 9.05 (s, 3',5'-tpyH, Ru/Fe, 4H), 9.01 (s, 3',5'-tpyH, Ru, 4H), 8.47-8.42 (m, 3,3"-tpyH, 12H), 8.02-7.95 (m, 4-ArH, 6H), 7.77-7.72 (m, 3-ArH, 6H), 7.60-7.53 (m, 4,4"-tpyH, Ru and 5,5"-tpyH, Fe, 12H), 7.35 (dd, $J = 4.8, 5.1$ Hz, 4,4"-tpyH, Ru, 8H), 7.12 (d, $J = 5.1$ Hz, 6,6"-tpyH, Fe, 4H), 6.93 (dd, $J = 6.3, 6.6$ Hz, 5,5"-tpyH, Ru, 8H), 6.87 (dd, $J = 6.6, 6.0$ Hz, 5,5"-tpyH, Fe, 4H). ^{13}C NMR (CDCl_3): $\delta = 91.62, 91.66, 95.56, 125.02, 125.36, 125.49, 125.59, 126.50, 126.64, 126.69, 128.59, 128.70, 131.21, 131.60, 132.37, 133.38, 133.83, 133.95, 139.06, 139.45, 153.64, 154.21, 156.35, 158.38, 158.51, 158.53, 161.23$; UV (MeCN) λ_{max} (nm) = 276 ($\epsilon = 1.34 \times 10^5 \text{ dm}^3 \text{ mol}^{-1} \text{ cm}^{-1}$), 319 (1.25×10^5), 499 (5.86×10^4), 582 (2.38×10^4); ESI-MS: $m/z = 1302.1$ [M-2PF₆] $^{2+}$ (Calcd $m/z = 1301.9$), 819.8 [M-3PF₆] $^{3+}$ (Calcd $m/z = 819.6$), 579.0 [M-4PF₆] $^{4+}$ (Calcd $m/z = 578.5$), 433.9 [M-5PF₆] $^{5+}$ (Calcd $m/z = 433.8$), 337.3 [M-6PF₆] $^{6+}$ (Calcd $m/z = 337.3$).