

## Supporting Information

# Supramolecular Assemblies of Ru(II) Organometallic Half-Sandwich Complexes

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## Syntheses of complexes

### *[( $\eta^6$ -p-cymene)RuCl<sub>2</sub>(4-aminobenzonitrile)]. (1)*

Complex **1** was obtained from [Ru( $\eta^6$ -p-cymene)Cl<sub>2</sub>]<sub>2</sub> (0.04g,0.065mmol) and 4-aminobenzonitrile (0.016g, 0.13mmol). Yield: 49mg, 0.12mmol (90%). (m.p.=227-229°C). Anal. Calcd for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>20</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>N<sub>2</sub>Ru: C, 48.12; H, 4.75; N, 6.60. Found (%): C, 47.92; H, 4.84; N, 6.56. <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (500MHz,*d*<sub>6</sub>-DMSO)  $\delta$ 7.39 (2H,d,*J* = 8.5Hz,C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>); 6.60 (2H,d,*J*=8.5Hz,C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>); 6.15 (2H,s,NH<sub>2</sub>); 5.81 (4H,dd,*J*=20.0,6.0Hz,C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>); 2.84 (1H,hept,CH); 2.09 (3H,s,Me); 1.19 (6H,d,*J*=6.5Hz,Me<sub>2</sub>). <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (126MHz,*d*<sub>6</sub>-DMSO)  $\delta$ 152.9 (Ar-C-NH<sub>2</sub>); 133.4 (Ar-C-*i*<sub>pr</sub>); 120.7 (Ar-C-CH<sub>3</sub>); 113.4, 86.3 (Ar-C); 106.3, 100.1 (Ar-C); 95.5 (CN); 85.5(Ar-C-CN); 29.9 (CH); 21.5 (Me<sub>2</sub>); 17.8 (Me). IR (KBr, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3421.16  $\nu_{N-H}$ ; 3134.37, 3043.44  $\nu_{CH-Ph}$ ; 2957.00  $\nu_{CH_3}$ ; 2229.09  $\nu_{C\equiv N}$ ; 1487.29, 1241.07  $\nu_{C-N}$ ; 1101.87  $\nu_{C=C}$ ; 837.71  $\nu_{Ru=N}$ . Crystals suitable for X-ray analysis were collected by slow evaporation of a saturated methanol/ dichloromethane (1:2) mixture of **1**.

### *[( $\eta^6$ -p-cymene)RuCl<sub>2</sub>(4-aminobenzyl cyanide)]. (2)*

Complex **2** was obtained from [Ru( $\eta^6$ -p-cymene)Cl<sub>2</sub>]<sub>2</sub> (0.04g,0.065mmol) and 4-aminobenzyl cyanide (0.018g, 0.13mmol). Yield: 49.2mg, 0.11mmol (86%). (m.p.=231-233°C). Anal. Calcd for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>22</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>N<sub>2</sub>Ru: C, 49.32; H, 5.06; N, 6.39. Found (%): C, 49.06; H, 5.17; N, 6.28. <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (500MHz,*d*<sub>6</sub>-DMSO)  $\delta$ 6.98 (2H,d,*J*=8.5Hz,C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>); 6.56 (2H,d,*J*=8.5Hz,C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>); 5.81 (4H,dd, *J*=20.5, 6.5Hz,C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>); 5.25(2H,s,NH<sub>2</sub>); 3.78 (2H,s,CH<sub>2</sub>); 2.83 (1H,hept,CH); 2.09 (3H,s,Me); 1.19 (6H,d,*J*=7.0 Hz,Me<sub>2</sub>). <sup>13</sup>C-NMR(126MHz, *d*<sub>6</sub>-DMSO)  $\delta$ 147.9(Ar-C-NH<sub>2</sub>); 128.7(Ar-C-*i*<sub>pr</sub>); 119.9(Ar-C-CH<sub>3</sub>); 117.5, 86.3 (Ar-C); 114.2, 100.1 (Ar-C); 105.3(CN); 85.5(Ar-C-CH<sub>2</sub>CN); 77.1(CH<sub>2</sub>CN); 29.9 (CH); 21.5 (Me<sub>2</sub>); 17.8 (Me). IR (KBr, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3432.78  $\nu_{N-H}$ ; 3221.61, 3126.90  $\nu_{CH-Ph}$ ; 2964.10  $\nu_{CH_3}$ ; 2227.63  $\nu_{C\equiv N}$ ; 1241.07  $\nu_{C-N}$ ; 1081.80  $\nu_{C=C}$ ; 877.43  $\nu_{Ru=N}$ . Crystals suitable for X-ray analysis were collected by slow evaporation of a saturated methanol/ dichloromethane (1:1) mixture of **2**.

### *[( $\eta^6$ -p-cymene)RuCl<sub>2</sub>(4-aminophenylacetic acid)]. (3)*

Complex **3** was obtained from [Ru( $\eta^6$ -p-cymene)Cl<sub>2</sub>]<sub>2</sub> (0.02g,0.032mmol) and 4-aminophenylacetic acid (0.01g, 0.064mmol). Yield: 11.9mg, 0.03mmol (80%). (m.p.= 207-209°C). Anal. Calcd for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>23</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>NO<sub>2</sub>Ru: C, 47.27; H, 5.07; N, 3.06. Found (%): C, 47.38; H, 5.01; N, 2.76. <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (500MHz,*d*<sub>6</sub>-DMSO) <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500MHz,*d*<sub>6</sub>-DMSO)  $\delta$ 12.1 (1H,s,OH); 6.89 (2H,d,*J*=8.5 Hz,C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>); 6.49 (2H,d,*J*=8.5Hz,C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>); 5.81 (4H,dd,*J*=20.0,6.0Hz,C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>); 4.96 (2H,s,NH<sub>2</sub>); 3.17 (2H,d, *J*=5.0 Hz,CH<sub>2</sub>); 2.85 (1H,hept,CH); 2.09 (3H,s,Me); 1.19 (6H,d,*J*=7.0Hz,Me<sub>2</sub>). <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (126MHz, *d*<sub>6</sub>-DMSO)  $\delta$ 173.4 (COOH); 147.2(Ar-C-NH<sub>2</sub>); 129.7(Ar-C-*i*<sub>pr</sub>); 121.7(Ar-C-CH<sub>3</sub>); 113.7, 86.3 (Ar-C); 106.3, 100.1(Ar-C); 85.5(Ar-C-CH<sub>2</sub>); 36.1(CH<sub>2</sub>);29.9(CH); 21.5 (Me<sub>2</sub>); 17.8 (Me). IR (KBr, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3430.66  $\nu_{N-H}$ ; 3216.90, 3123.39  $\nu_{CH-Ph}$ ; 2966.37  $\nu_{CH_3}$ ; 1708.52  $\nu_{C=O}$ ; 1377.26  $\nu_{O-H}$ ; 1231.24  $\nu_{C-N}$ ; 1049.81  $\nu_{C=C}$ ; 879.89  $\nu_{Ru=N}$ . Crystals suitable for X-ray analysis were collected by slow diffusion of diethyl ether into a MeOH: DCM (3 : 2) mixture of **3**.

### *[( $\eta^6$ -p-cymene)RuCl<sub>2</sub>(methyl 4-aminobenzoate)]. (4)*

Complex **4** was obtained from [Ru( $\eta^6$ -p-cymene)Cl<sub>2</sub>]<sub>2</sub> (0.04g,0.065mmol) and methyl 4-aminobenzoate (0.02g, 0.13mmol). Yield: 23.8mg, 0.06mmol (81%). (m.p.= 187-189°C). Anal. Calcd for C<sub>18</sub>H<sub>23</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>NO<sub>2</sub>Ru: C, 47.27; H, 5.07; N, 3.06. Found (%): C, 47.24; H, 5.12; N, 3.09.

$^1\text{H-NMR}$  (500MHz, $d_6$ -DMSO)  $^1\text{H NMR}$  (500MHz, $d_6$ -DMSO)  $\delta$ 7.63 (2H,d, $J$ =8.5Hz, $C_6H_4$ ); 6.56 (2H,d, $J$ =8.5 Hz, $C_6H_4$ ); 5.99 (2H,s, $NH_2$ ); 5.81 (4H,dd, $J$ =20.5,6.5Hz, $C_6H_4$ ); 3.70 (3H,s, $OCH_3$ ); 2.84 (1H,hept, $CH$ );2.09(3H,s, $Me$ ); 1.19(6H,d, $J$ =7.0Hz, $Me_2$ ).  $^{13}\text{C-NMR}$ (126MHz, $d_6$ -DMSO)  $\delta$ 166.3 (COOCH<sub>3</sub>); 153.5(Ar-C-NH<sub>2</sub>); 131.0(Ar-C-ipr); 115.7(Ar-C-CH<sub>3</sub>); 112.6 , 86.3(Ar-C); 106.3,100.1(Ar-C); 85.5(Ar-C-COO); 51.1(OCH<sub>3</sub>);29.9 (CH); 21.5 (Me<sub>2</sub>); 17.8 (Me). IR (KBr, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3419.12  $\nu_{N-H}$ ; 3288.07, 3186.51  $\nu_{CH-Ph}$ ; 2970.29  $\nu_{CH_3}$ ; 1717.20  $\nu_{C=O}$ ; 1284.57  $\nu_{C-O}$ ; 1109.04  $\nu_{C-N}$ ; 1057.02  $\nu_{C=C}$ ; 882.71  $\nu_{Ru=N}$ . Crystals suitable for X-ray analysis were collected by slow evaporation of a saturated methanol mixture of **4**.

*[( $\eta^6$ -*p*-cymene)RuCl<sub>2</sub>(ethyl 4-aminobenzoate)]. (5)*

Complex **5** was obtained from [Ru( $\eta^6$ -*p*-cymene)Cl<sub>2</sub>]<sub>2</sub> (0.04g,0.065mmol) and ethyl 4-aminobenzoate (0.022g, 0.13mmol). Yield: 46.8mg, 0.1mmol (76%). (m.p= 194-196°C). Anal. Calcd for C<sub>19</sub>H<sub>25</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>NO<sub>2</sub>Ru: C, 48.45; H, 5.35; N, 2.97. Found (%): C, 48.28; H, 4.86; N, 2.66.  $^1\text{H-NMR}$  (500MHz, $d_6$ -DMSO)  $\delta$ 7.63 (2H,d, $J$ =8.5Hz, $C_6H_4$ ); 6.55 (2H,d, $J$ =8.5Hz, $C_6H_4$ ); 5.98 (2H,s, $NH_2$ ); 5.81(4H,dd, $J$ =20.0,6.0Hz, $C_6H_4$ ); 4.19 (2H,dd,  $J$ =7.5, 14.5Hz, $CH_2$ ); 2.84 (1H,hept, $CH$ ); 2.09 (3H,s, $Me$ ); 1.27(3H,t, $J$ =7.5,Hz, $CH_2CH_3$ ); 1.19 (6H,d, $J$ =7.0Hz, $Me_2$ ).  $^{13}\text{C-NMR}$  (126MHz, $d_6$ -DMSO)  $\delta$ 165.8(COOCH<sub>2</sub>); 153.4(Ar-C-NH<sub>2</sub>); 130.9(Ar-C-ipr); 115.9(Ar-C-CH<sub>3</sub>); 112.6, 86.3(Ar-C); 106.3,100.1(Ar-C); 85.5(Ar-C-COO); 59.4(OCH<sub>2</sub>); 29.9 (CH); 21.5 (Me<sub>2</sub>); 17.8 (Me);14.3 (OCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>). IR (KBr, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3439.04  $\nu_{N-H}$ ; 3274.16, 3204.13  $\nu_{CH-Ph}$ ; 3114.41  $\nu_{CH_3}$ ; 2967.19  $\nu_{CH_2}$ ; 1709.31  $\nu_{C=O}$ ; 1277.66  $\nu_{C-O}$ ; 1113.43  $\nu_{C-N}$ ; 1055.94  $\nu_{C=C}$ ; 861.91  $\nu_{Ru=N}$ . Crystals suitable for X-ray analysis were collected by slow evaporation of a saturated methanol mixture of **5**.

*[( $\eta^6$ -*p*-cymene)RuCl<sub>2</sub>(Butyl 4-aminobenzoate)]. (6)*

Complex **6** was obtained from [Ru( $\eta^6$ -*p*-cymene)Cl<sub>2</sub>]<sub>2</sub> (0.04g,0.065mmol) and ethyl 4-aminobenzoate (0.022g, 0.13mmol). Yield: 46.8mg, 0.1mmol (76%). (m.p= 186-188°C). Anal. Calcd for C<sub>21</sub>H<sub>29</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>NO<sub>2</sub>Ru: C, 50.54; H, 5.86; N, 2.81. Found (%): C, 50.19; H, 5.76; N, 2.84.  $^1\text{H-NMR}$  (500MHz, $d_6$ -DMSO)  $^1\text{H NMR}$  (500MHz, $d_6$ -DMSO)  $\delta$ 7.63 (2H,d, $J$ =8.5Hz, $C_6H_4$ ); 6.56 (2H,d, $J$ =8.5 Hz, $C_6H_4$ ); 5.90 (2H,s, $NH_2$ ); 5.81(4H,dd, $J$ =20.5,6.5Hz, $C_6H_4$ ); 4.20 (2H,t, $J$ =6.5Hz, $CH_2$ ); 2.84 (1H,hept, $CH$ ); 2.09 (3H,s, $Me$ ); 1.64 (2H,m, $J$ =15.0,6.5,Hz, $CH_2CH_2$ ); 1.40 (2H,m, $J$ =15.0,7.5,Hz,  $CH_2CH_2CH_2$ ); 1.19 (6H,d, $J$  = 7.0Hz, $Me_2$ ); 0.93 (3H,t, $J$ =7.5,Hz, $CH_2CH_3$ ).  $^{13}\text{C-NMR}$  (126MHz, $d_6$ -DMSO)  $\delta$ 165.8(COOCH<sub>2</sub>); 153.4(Ar-C-NH<sub>2</sub>); 130.9(Ar-C-ipr); 116.0(Ar-C-CH<sub>3</sub>);112.6, 86.3 (Ar-C); 106.3, 100.1(Ar-C); 85.5(Ar-C-COO); 63.2 (OOCH<sub>2</sub>); 30.4 (CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>); 29.9 (CH); 21.5 (Me<sub>2</sub>);18.8(CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>); 17.8 (Me); 13.6(CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>). IR (KBr, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3423.02  $\nu_{N-H}$ ;3202.04  $\nu_{CH-Ph}$ ; 3101.70  $\nu_{CH_3}$ ; 2958.14  $\nu_{CH_2}$ ; 1717.17  $\nu_{C=O}$ ; 1275.52  $\nu_{C-O}$ ; 1107.68  $\nu_{C-N}$ ; 1022.52  $\nu_{C=C}$ ; 870.22  $\nu_{Ru=N}$ . Crystals suitable for X-ray analysis were collected by slow evaporation of a saturated methanol mixture of **6**.

*[( $\eta^6$ -C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>6</sub>)RuCl<sub>2</sub>(ethyl 4-aminobenzoate)]. (7)*

Complex **7** was obtained from ( $\eta^6$ -C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>6</sub>)RuCl<sub>2</sub> (0.25g,0.5mmol) and ethyl 4-aminobenzoate (0.18g, 1.0mmol). Yield: 283.3mg, 0.68mmol (68%). (m.p= 198-200°C). Anal. Calcd for C<sub>15</sub>H<sub>17</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>NO<sub>2</sub>Ru: C, 43.42; H, 4.13; N, 3.38. Found (%): C, 43.28; H, 4.07; N, 3.19.  $^1\text{H-NMR}$  (500MHz, $d_6$ -DMSO)  $^1\text{H NMR}$  (500MHz, $d_6$ -DMSO)  $\delta$ 7.63 (2H,d, $J$ =8.5Hz, $C_6H_4$ ); 7.37 (1H,s, $NH$ ); 6.55 (2H,d, $J$ =8.5Hz, $C_6H_4$ ); 5.98 (6H,m,  $C_6H_6$ ); 4.19 (3H,m, $NH,OCH_2$ ); 1.27 (3H,t, $J$ =7.5Hz, $CH_3$ );  $^{13}\text{C-NMR}$  (126MHz, $d_6$ -DMSO)  $\delta$ 153.4(COOCH<sub>2</sub>); 130.9(Ar-C-NH<sub>2</sub>) ; 128.3

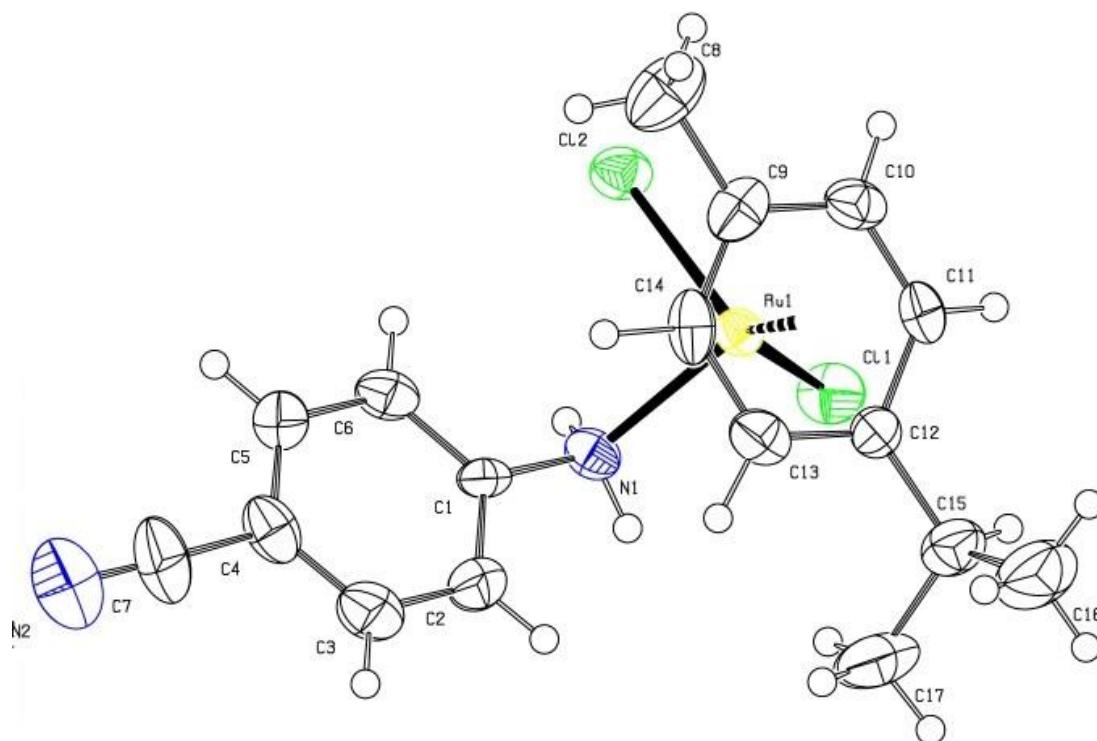
,116.0, 112.6(Ar-C); 87.6(Ar-C-COO); 59.4(OOCH<sub>2</sub>), ; 14.3(CH<sub>3</sub>). IR (KBr, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3431.73  $\nu_{N-H}$ ; 3211.01, 3134.25  $\nu_{CH-Ph}$ ; 2979.86  $\nu_{CH_3}$ ; 2920.04  $\nu_{CH_2}$ ; 1709.27  $\nu_{C=O}$ ; 1275.77  $\nu_{C-O}$ ; 1168.28  $\nu_{C-N}$ ; 1073.11  $\nu_{C=C}$ ; 846.75  $\nu_{Ru=N}$ . Crystals suitable for X-ray analysis were collected by slow diffusion of diethyl ether into a MeOH: DCM (1:3) mixture of **7**.

*[( $\eta^6$ -C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>6</sub>)RuCl<sub>2</sub>(butyl 4-aminobenzoate)]. (**8**)*

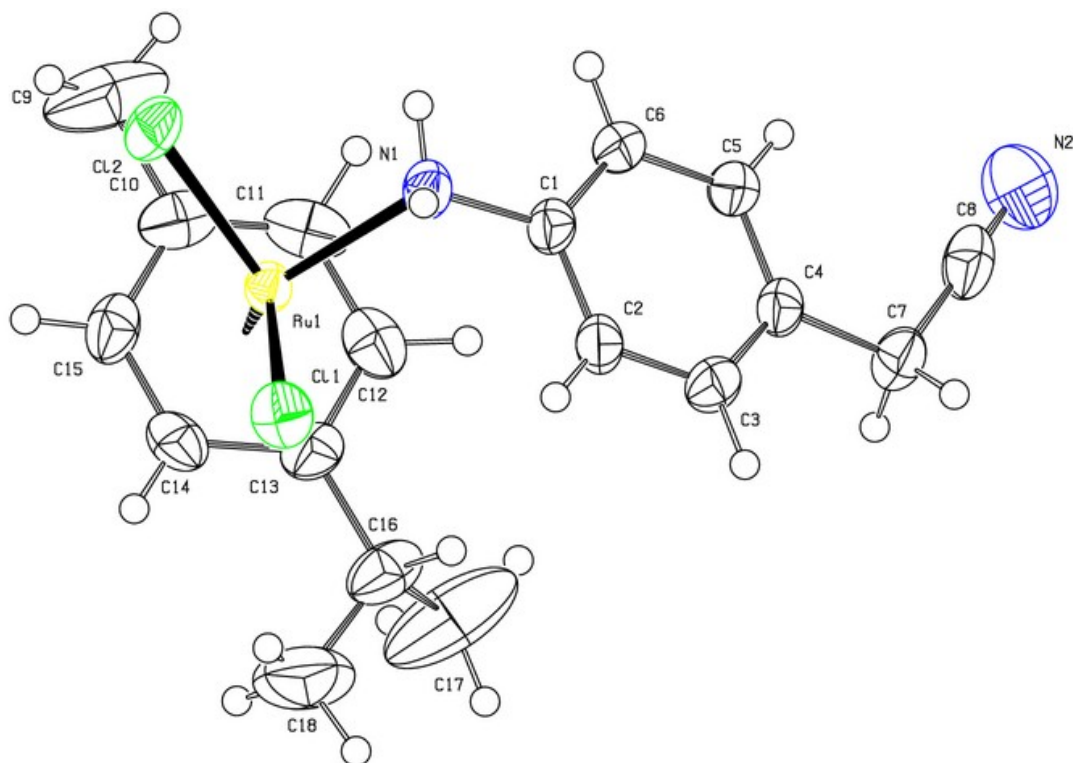
Complex **8** was obtained from ( $\eta^6$ -C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>6</sub>)RuCl<sub>2</sub> (0.25g, 0.5mmol) and butyl 4-aminobenzoate (0.2g, 1.0mmol). Yield: 288.1mg, 0.65mmol (65%). (m.p= 194-196°C). Anal. Calcd for C<sub>17</sub>H<sub>21</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>NO<sub>2</sub>Ru: C, 46.06; H, 4.77; N, 3.16. Found (%): C, 45.83; H, 4.61; N, 3.04. <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (500MHz, *d*<sub>6</sub>-DMSO) <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500MHz, *d*<sub>6</sub>-DMSO)  $\delta$ 7.63 (2H, d, *J*=8.5Hz, C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>); 7.38 (1H, s, NH); 6.55 (2H, d, *J*=8.5Hz, C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>); 5.98 (6H, m, C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>6</sub>); 4.16 (3H, m, NH, OCH<sub>2</sub>); 1.64 (2H, m, *J*=7.0, 14.5Hz, OCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>); 1.40 (2H, m, *J*= 7.5, 14.5Hz, OCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>); 0.93 (3H, t, *J*=7.5Hz, CH<sub>3</sub>); <sup>13</sup>C-NMR (126MHz, *d*<sub>6</sub>-DMSO)  $\delta$ 153.4(COOCH<sub>2</sub>); 130.9(Ar-C-NH<sub>2</sub>); 128.5, 116.0, 112.6(Ar-C); 87.6(Ar-C-COO); 63.2(OOCH<sub>2</sub>); 30.4(CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>); 18.7(CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub>); 13.6(CH<sub>3</sub>). IR (KBr, cm<sup>-1</sup>): 3429.92  $\nu_{N-H}$ ; 3122.61  $\nu_{CH-Ph}$ ; 3062.01  $\nu_{CH_3}$ ; 2956.19  $\nu_{CH_2}$ ; 1710.79  $\nu_{C=O}$ ; 1276.23  $\nu_{C-O}$ ; 1111.16  $\nu_{C-N}$ ; 1073.11  $\nu_{C=C}$ ; 842.06  $\nu_{Ru=N}$ . Crystals suitable for X-ray analysis were collected by slow diffusion of diethyl ether into a MeOH: DCM (1:3) mixture of **8**.

Complexes **1-8** are soluble in methanol, dimethylformamide, dimethylsulfoxide; sparingly soluble in water, acetone, dichloromethane, chloroform, acetonitrile, benzene; while insoluble in petroleum ether and diethyl ether.

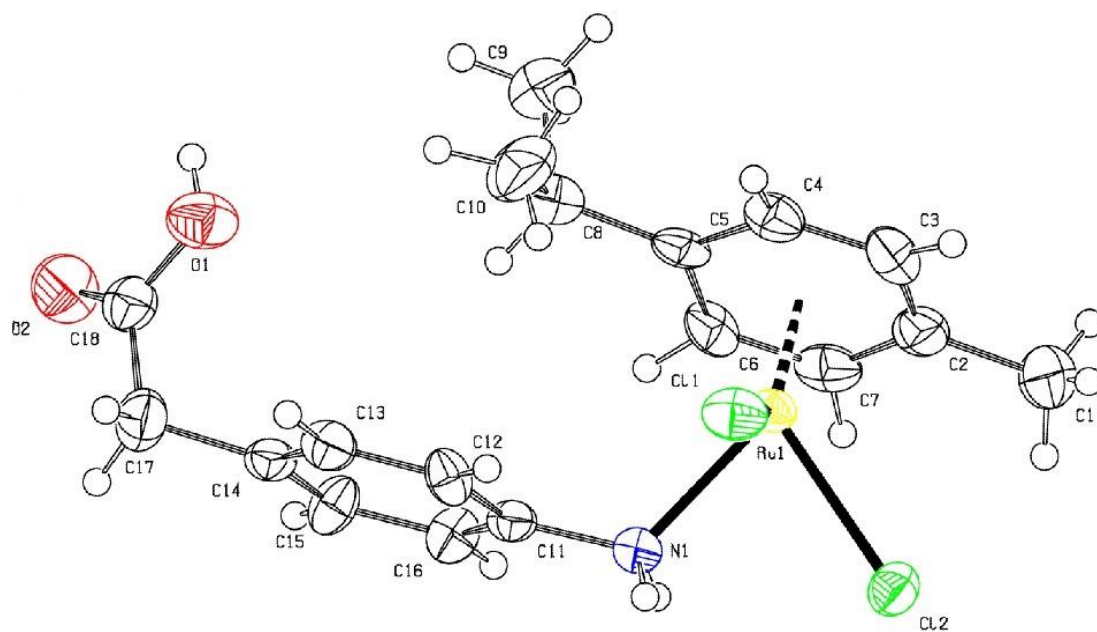
## Ortep views



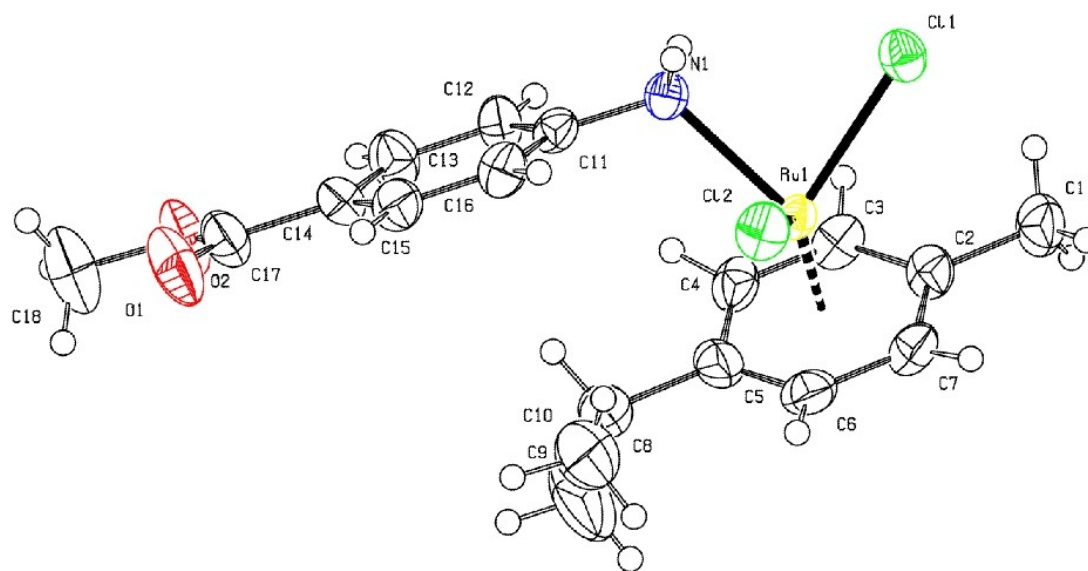
**Figure S1** ORTEP view of compound 1



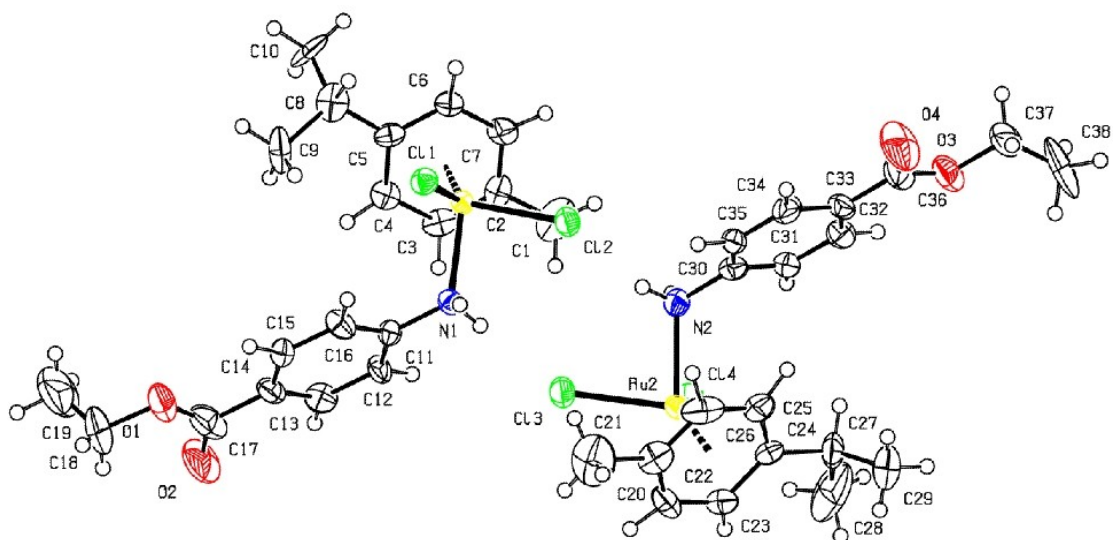
**Figure S2** ORTEP view of compound 2



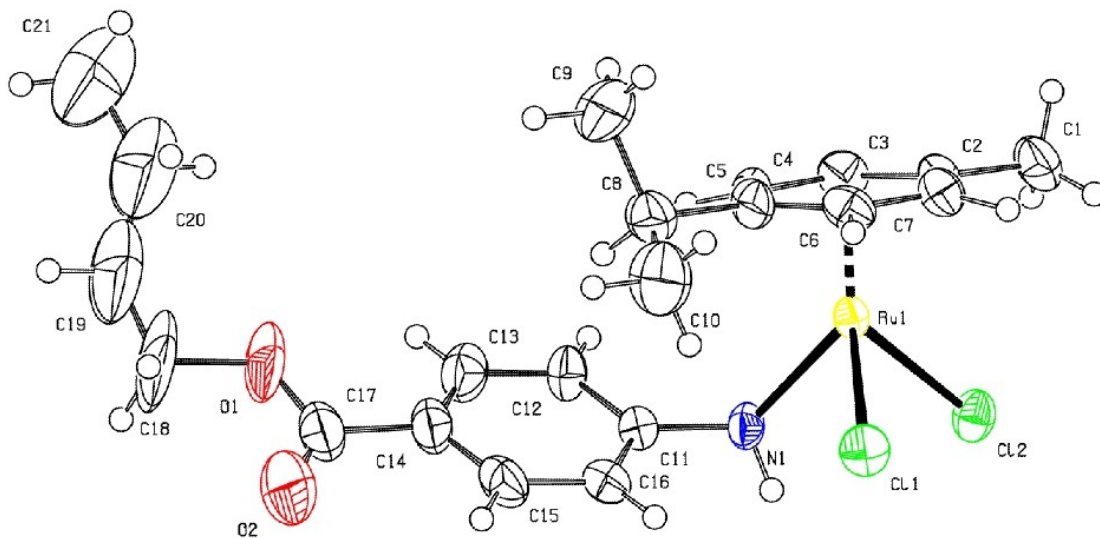
**Figure S3** ORTEP view of compound 3



**Figure S4** ORTEP view of compound 4



**Figure S5** ORTEP view of compound **5**



**Figure S6** ORTEP view of compound **6**

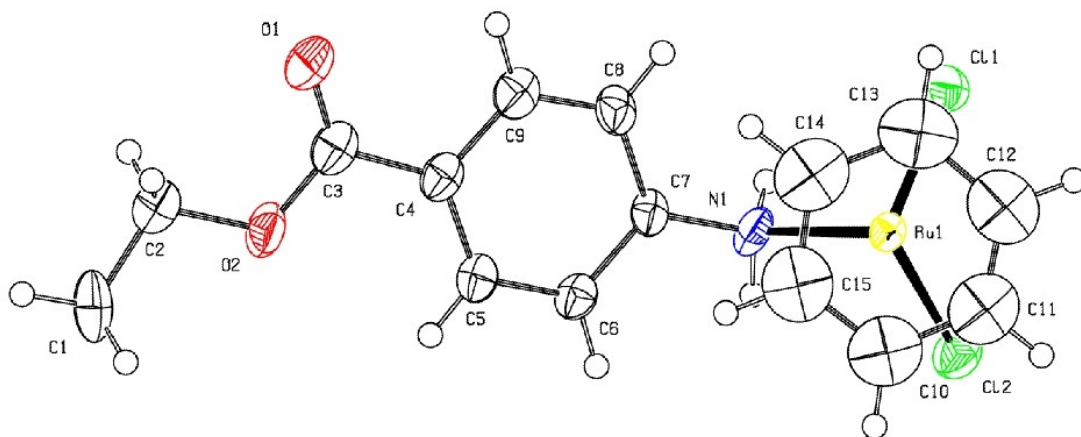


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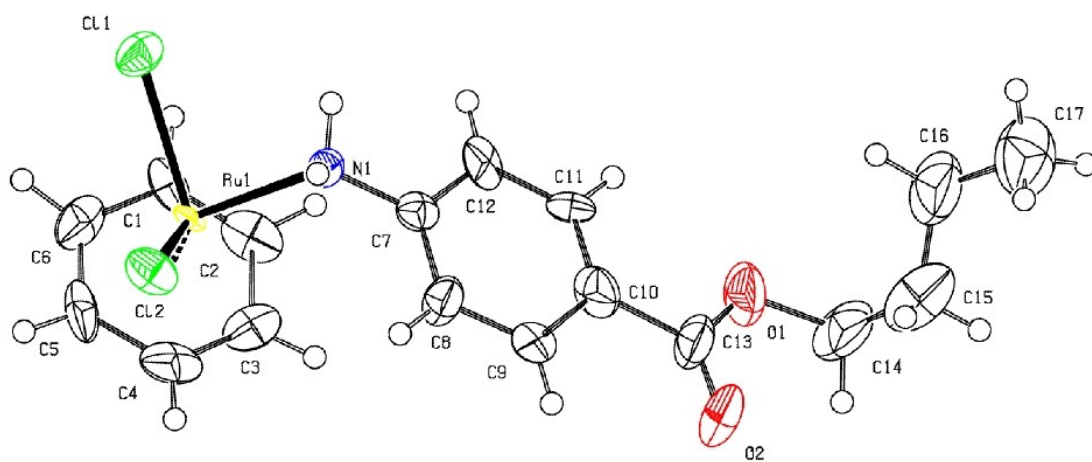
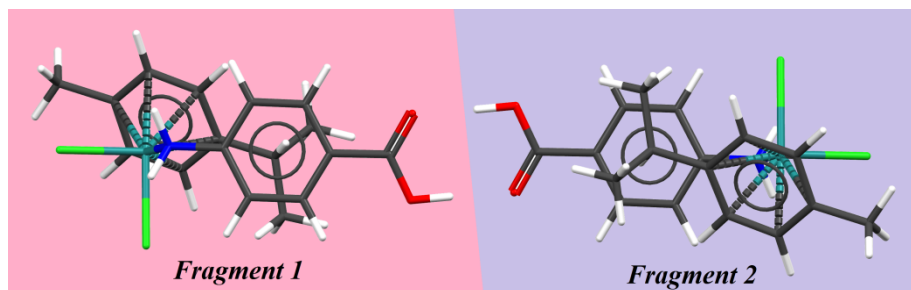
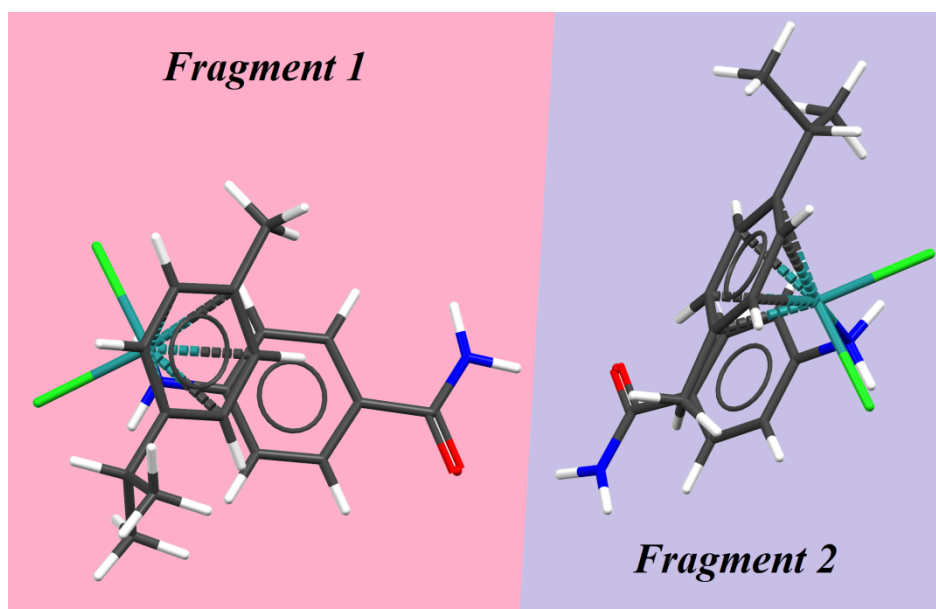


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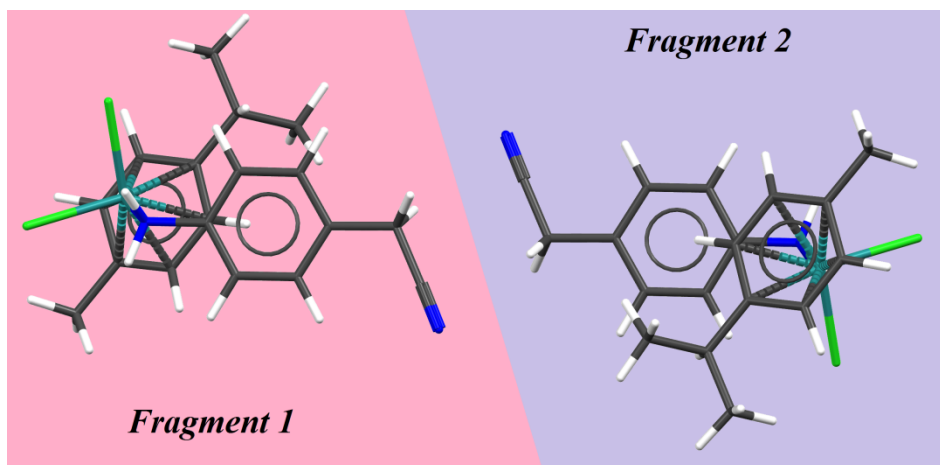




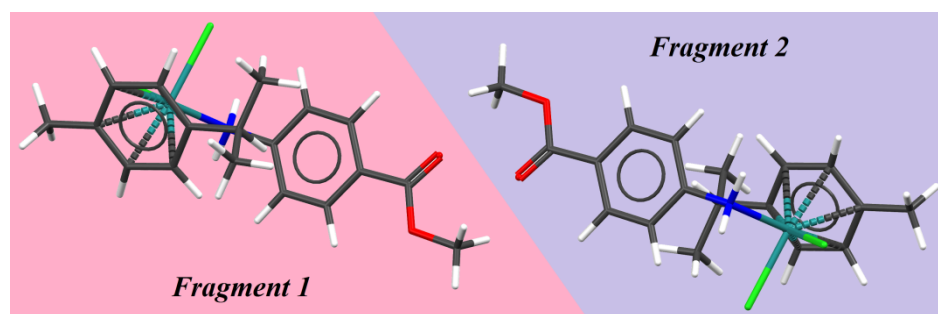
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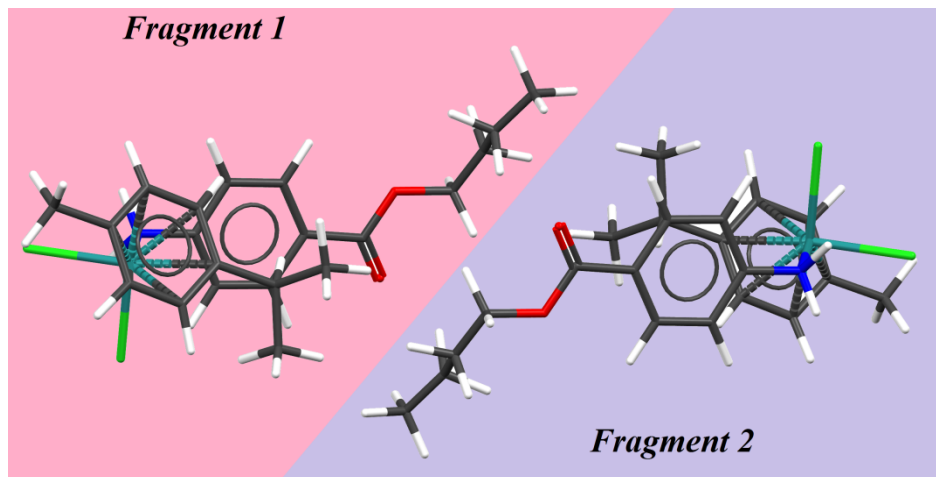
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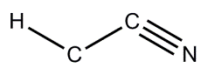


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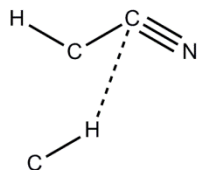


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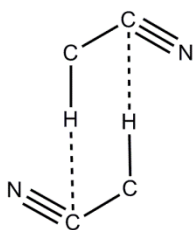
**Figure S9.** Fragments selected for hydrogen bonding interaction energy analysis in compounds [(Cymene)Ru(4-aminobenzoic acid)Cl<sub>2</sub>] (a), [(Cymene)Ru(4-aminobenzamide)Cl<sub>2</sub>] (b), [(Cymene)Ru(4-aminobenzylcyanide)Cl<sub>2</sub>] (c), [(Cymene)Ru(methyl 4-aminobenzoate)Cl<sub>2</sub>] (d) and [(Cymene)Ru(butyl 4-aminobenzoate)Cl<sub>2</sub>] (e). Calculations were performed with the experimental structures (X-H bond normalized) as the starting point, at the BLYP-D3-ZORA/TZP level.



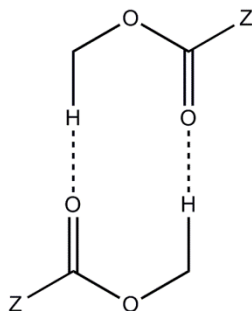
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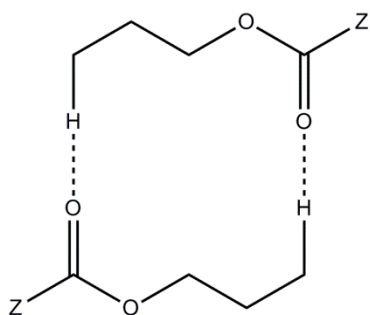


Search query for finding R<sub>2</sub><sup>2</sup>(6) C-H...C<sub>CN</sub>



Search query for finding R<sub>2</sub><sup>2</sup>(10) C-H...O<sub>CO</sub>

**Z= not hydrogen**



Search query for finding R<sub>2</sub><sup>2</sup>(14) C-H...O<sub>CO</sub>

**Figure S10.** CSD searching queries for analysing C-H...C<sub>CN</sub> interaction (search criteria: C-H...C contact within van der Waals distance + 0.0 Å and no disorder no error). The CSD searches have been done using Cambridge Structural Database, version 5.35 (Last update may 2014); CCDC: Cambridge, U.K., November 2013.

Table S1. Selected bond distances (Å) and angles (°) for complexes **1-8**.

		Complex							
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Bond distance	Ru1-Cl1	2.427(3)	2.418(2)	2.425(2)	2.422(2)	2.407(3)	2.407(2)	2.409(4)	2.412(5)
	Ru1-Cl2	2.426(2)	2.425(1)	2.420(2)	2.402(2)	2.407(3)	2.423(2)	2.407(4)	2.418(5)
	Ru1-N1	2.18(1)	2.172(4)	2.168(6)	2.184(5)	2.171(9)	2.187(5)	2.16(1)	2.18(1)
	Ru2-Cl3	-	-	-	-	2.435(3)	-	-	-
	Ru2-Cl4	-	-	-	-	2.401(4)	-	-	-
	Ru2-N2	-	-	-	-	2.18(1)	-	-	-
Bond angle	Cl1-Ru1-Cl2	88.96(9)	88.49(6)	86.92(7)	87.36(6)	88.5(1)	87.30(7)	87.9(1)	88.5(2)
	Cl1-Ru1-N1	80.3(2)	82.0(1)	85.9(2)	80.1(1)	82.8(2)	84.0(2)	82.6(4)	81.0(4)
	Cl2-Ru1-N1	82.7(2)	80.5(1)	79.2(2)	83.7(1)	80.6(2)	80.0(2)	81.9(4)	83.1(4)
	Cl3-Ru2-Cl4	-	-	-	-	85.9(1)	-	-	-
	Cl3-Ru2-N2	-	-	-	-	81.9(3)	-	-	-
	Cl4-Ru2-N2	-	-	-	-	81.7(3)	-	-	-

Table S2. Hydrogen bond geometries for compounds **1-8**.

Compound	D-H...A	d(D-H)/Å	d(H...A)/Å	d(D...A)/Å	<D-H...A/°	Sym. Code
<b>1</b>	C10-H10...Cl1	0.980	2.807(3)	3.74(1)	159.6(6)	1-x,-y,1-z
	C11-H11...Cl2	0.980	2.922(3)	3.63(1)	129.8(6)	1-x,-y,1-z
	N1-H1B...N2	0.90	2.40(2)	3.24(2)	155.9(6)	2-x,-1/2+y,1/2-z
	N1-H1A...Cl2	0.90	2.548(2)	3.365(7)	151.2(5)	2-x,-y, 1-z
	C17-H17C...N2	0.960	2.72(2)	3.48(2)	136.3(9)	2-x,-1/2+y,1/2-z
	C13-H13...Cl1	0.980	2.934(3)	3.55(1)	121.6(6)	1-x,1/2+y,1/2-z
<b>2</b>	C15-H15...Cl1	0.980	2.770(2)	3.657(7)	150.9(4)	-x,2-y,1-z
	C14-H14...Cl2	0.980	3.036(2)	3.892(8)	146.6(4)	-x,2-y,1-z
	N1-H1A...Cl2	0.90	2.802(2)	3.673(7)	162.2(3)	1-x,2-y,1-z
	C6-H6...Cl2	0.930	2.792(2)	3.658(7)	155.4(4)	1-x,2-y,1-z
	N1-H1B...N2	0.90	2.703(7)	3.572(9)	162.5(4)	X,1.5-y, 1/2+z
	C7-H7B...C8	0.970	2.881(6)	3.675(8)	139.7(5)	1-x,1-y, 1-z
<b>3</b>	C4-H4...O1	0.980	2.577(7)	3.45(1)	148.1(5)	-1/2+x,1/2-y, 1/2+z
	N1-H1A...Cl2	0.90	2.477(2)	3.349(7)	163.3(4)	1-x,-y,1-z
	N1-H1B...O2	0.90	2.123(6)	3.004(8)	166.0(4)	-1+x,y,z
	C16-H16...Cl2	0.93	2.880(2)	3.671(9)	143.8(5)	1-x,-y,1-z

4	C7-H7...Cl1	0.980	2.924(2)	3.853(8)	158.3(4)	1-x,2-y,1-z
	C1-H1D...Cl2	0.960	2.966(2)	3.691(8)	133.3(5)	1-x,2-y,1-z
	N1-H1B...Cl1	0.90	2.411(2)	3.294(6)	166.8(3)	1-x,1-y,1-z
	N1-H1A...Cl2	0.90	2.503(2)	3.356(5)	158.3(3)	2-x,1-y,1-z
	C12-H12...Cl1	0.930	2.863(2)	3.622(7)	139.6(4)	1-x,1-y,1-z
	C16-H16...Cl1	0.930	2.817(2)	3.529(8)	134.3(4)	2-x,1-y,1-z
	C18-H18A...O1	0.960	2.561(7)	3.42(1)	149.5(7)	3-x,-y,-z
5	C35-H35...Cl2	0.930	2.807(3)	3.50(1)	131.8(7)	x,y,z
	N2-H2B...Cl2	0.90	2.455(3)	3.33(1)	165.5(6)	x,y,z
	N1-H1A...Cl3	0.90	2.502(3)	3.40(1)	179.2(6)	x,y,z
	N11-H1B...Cl1	0.90	2.461(3)	3.32(1)	159.4(6)	1-x,1-y,-z
	C22-H22...Cl1	0.980	2.618(2)	3.57(1)	163.2(8)	-1+x,y, z
	C23-H23...Cl2	0.980	2.843(3)	3.51(1)	125.6(8)	-1+x,y, z
	C3-H3...O2	0.980	2.52(1)	3.23(1)	128.7(7)	-x,-y,-z
6	C7-H7...Cl2	0.980	2.892(2)	3.820(8)	158.3(5)	1-x,2-y,-z
	C1-H1E...Cl1	0.960	3.003(2)	3.722(8)	132.7(5)	1-x,2-y,-z
	C12-H12...Cl2	0.930	2.875(2)	3.609(9)	136.7(5)	1-x,1-y,-z
	C16-H16...Cl2	0.930	2.811(2)	3.565(8)	139.0(5)	2-x,1-y,-z
	N1-H1A...Cl2	0.90	2.388(2)	3.282(7)	172.0(4)	1-x,1-y,-z
	N1-H1B...Cl1	0.90	2.477(2)	3.344(5)	161.9(4)	2-x,1-y,-z
	C20-H20B...O2	0.960	2.74(1)	3.59(3)	147.0(1)	2-x, -y,1-z
7	C11-H11...Cl1	0.980	2.801(4)	3.68(3)	150.0 (1)	-x,1/2+y,1/2-z
	C12-H12...Cl2	0.980	2.733(4)	371(3)	175.0(2)	-x,1/2+y,1/2-z
	N1-H1A...Cl2	0.90	2.692(4)	3.46(1)	144.7(9)	3-x,1-y,-z
	N1-H1B...Cl1	0.90	2.926(4)	3.48(1)	121.1(9)	3-x,1-y,-z
	C14-H14...O1	0.980	2.65(1)	3.49(3)	145.0(2)	1-x,1/2+y, 1/2-z
8	C5-H5...Cl1	0.980	2.868(5)	3.80(2)	157.0(1)	2-x,-1-y,1-z
	N6-H6...N2	0.980	2.688(6)	3.61(2)	161.0(1)	2-x,-1-y,1-z
	N1-H1A...Cl2	0.90	2.773(4)	3.38(1)	125.7(9)	2-x,-y,1-z
	N1-H1B...Cl1	0.90	2.525(5)	3.37(1)	157.8(9)	2-x,-y,1-z

**Table S3.** Details of calculated hydrogen bonding interaction energies (BLYP-D3-ZORA/TZP) of different complexes.

Complex	Fragments	Basis-Set	Energy(KJ/mol)
[(Cymene)Ru(4-aminobenzoic acid)Cl <sub>2</sub> ]	Fragment 1	BLYP-D3-ZORA/TZP	-24310.24
	Fragment 2	BLYP-D3-ZORA/TZP	-24310.46
	Fragment 1 ... Fragment 2	BLYP-D3-ZORA/TZP	-48717.54
	dimeric synthon	BLYP-D3-ZORA/TZP	-96.84 KJ/mol
[(Cymene)Ru(4-aminobenzamide)Cl <sub>2</sub> ]	Fragment 1	BLYP-D3-ZORA/TZP	-24815.17
	Fragment 2	BLYP-D3-ZORA/TZP	-24815.51
	Fragment 1 ... Fragment 2	BLYP-D3-ZORA/TZP	- 49682.87
	dimeric synthon	BLYP-D3-ZORA/TZP	-52.19 KJ/mol
[(Cymene)Ru(4-aminobenzylcyanide)Cl <sub>2</sub> ]	Fragment 1	BLYP-D3-ZORA/TZP	-24912.64
	Fragment 2	BLYP-D3-ZORA/TZP	-24912.78
	Fragment 1 ... Fragment 2	BLYP-D3-ZORA/TZP	-49842.79
	dimeric synthon	BLYP-D3-ZORA/TZP	-17.37 KJ/mol
[(Cymene)Ru(methyl 4-aminobenzoate)Cl <sub>2</sub> ]	Fragment 1	BLYP-D3-ZORA/TZP	-25818.02
	Fragment 2	BLYP-D3-ZORA/TZP	-25817.32
	Fragment 1 ... Fragment 2	BLYP-D3-ZORA/TZP	-51652.88
	dimeric synthon	BLYP-D3-ZORA/TZP	-17.54 KJ/mol
[(Cymene)Ru(butyl 4-aminobenzoate)Cl <sub>2</sub> ]	Fragment 1	BLYP-D3-ZORA/TZP	-30127.52
	Fragment 2	BLYP-D3-ZORA/TZP	-30127.21
	Fragment 1 ... Fragment 2	BLYP-D3-ZORA/TZP	-60302.22
	dimeric synthon	BLYP-D3-ZORA/TZP	-47.49 KJ/mol