## **Supporting Information**

Near-IR Light-induced Photorelease of nitric oxide (NO) on Ruthenium Nitrosyl Complexes: Formation, reactivity aspects, and biological effects Bishnubasu Giri<sup>*a*</sup>, Taruna Saini<sup>*b*</sup>, Sadananda Kumbhakar<sup>*a*</sup>, Kalai Selvan K<sup>*a*</sup>, Arabinda Muley<sup>*a*</sup>, Ashish Misra<sup>*b*</sup>\* and Somnath Maji<sup>\**a*</sup>

## **Figure captions:**

**Fig. S1.** <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra of [1](PF<sub>6</sub>) in (CD<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>SO at room temperature.

**Fig. S2.** <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra of [**2**](PF<sub>6</sub>)<sub>2</sub> in (CD<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>SO at room temperature.

**Fig. S3.** <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra of **[3]**(PF<sub>6</sub>) in (CD<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>SO at room temperature.

Fig. S4. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra of [4](PF<sub>6</sub>)<sub>3</sub> in (CD<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>SO at room temperature.

Fig. S5. ESI-MS(+) spectra of (a)  $[1](PF_6)$  (b)  $[2](PF_6)_2$  (c)  $[3](PF_6)$  and (d)  $[4](PF_6)_3$  in acetonitrile.

**Fig. S6.** Cyclic voltammograms of  $[1](PF_6)$ ,  $[2](PF_6)_2$  and  $[3](PF_6)$  in CH<sub>3</sub>CN/0.1M TBAP versus SCE, scan rate 100 mVs<sup>-1</sup>.

Fig. S7. FTIR spectra of [1](PF<sub>6</sub>) (Solid).

Fig. S8. FTIR spectra of [2](PF6)2 (Solid).

Fig. S9. FTIR spectra of [3](PF<sub>6</sub>) (Solid).

Fig. S10. FTIR spectra of [4](PF<sub>6</sub>)<sub>3</sub> (Solid).

Fig. S11. FTIR spectra of [4](PF<sub>6</sub>)<sub>2</sub> (Solid).

**Fig. S12.** Bright-field images of VCaP cells treated with various compounds. (A) VCaP cells following addition of 3  $\mu$ M [1](PF<sub>6</sub>), (B) 3  $\mu$ M [1](PF<sub>6</sub>) treated VCaP cells before photo-irradiation, (C) 3  $\mu$ M [1](PF<sub>6</sub>) treated VCaP cells following addition of 3  $\mu$ M [2](PF<sub>6</sub>)<sub>2</sub>, (E) 3  $\mu$ M [2](PF<sub>6</sub>)<sub>2</sub> treated VCaP cells before photo-irradiation, (F) 3  $\mu$ M [2](PF<sub>6</sub>)<sub>2</sub> treated VCaP cells following photo-irradiation for 15 min, (G) VCaP cells following addition of 3  $\mu$ M [3](PF<sub>6</sub>), (H) 3  $\mu$ M [3](PF<sub>6</sub>) treated VCaP cells before photo-irradiation, (I) 3  $\mu$ M [3](PF<sub>6</sub>) treated VCaP cells before photo-irradiation, (I) 3  $\mu$ M [3](PF<sub>6</sub>) treated VCaP cells following addition of 3  $\mu$ M [3](PF<sub>6</sub>), (H) 3  $\mu$ M [3](PF<sub>6</sub>) treated VCaP cells before photo-irradiation, (I) 3  $\mu$ M [3](PF<sub>6</sub>) treated VCaP cells before photo-irradiation of 3  $\mu$ M [4](PF<sub>6</sub>)<sub>2</sub>, (K) 3  $\mu$ M [4](PF<sub>6</sub>)<sub>2</sub> treated VCaP cells before photo-irradiation, (L) 3  $\mu$ M [4](PF<sub>6</sub>)<sub>2</sub> treated VCaP cells following photo-irradiation for 10 min, (N) 3  $\mu$ M [4](PF<sub>6</sub>)<sub>2</sub> treated VCaP cells following photo-irradiation for 10 min, (N) 3  $\mu$ M [4](PF<sub>6</sub>)<sub>2</sub> treated VCaP cells following photo-irradiation for 10 min,

Complexes	δ, ppm ( <i>J</i> , Hz)		
	Aromatic Protons	Aliphatic Protons	
[1](PF <sub>6</sub> )	10.17 (4.96) (d, 1H), 9.04 (s, 2H), 8.96 (8.16) (d, 1H), 8.92 (s, 1H), 8.74 (8.12) (d, 2H), 8.70 (8.08) (d, 1H), 8.40 (7.84, 7.8) (t, 1H), 8.30 (m, 3H), 8.09 (6.92, 6.16) (t, 1H), 7.94 (7.84, 7.76) (t, 2H), 7.86 (8.84, 6.76) (t, 1H), 7.81 (5.72) (d, 1H), 7.66 (m, 7H), 7.40 (7.12, 7.04) (t, 2H), 7.23 (7.08, 7.12) (t, 1H)	-	
[ <b>2</b> ](PF <sub>6</sub> ) <sub>2</sub>	9.74 (5.24) (d, 1H), 9.18 (s, 2H), 9.02 (8.24) (d, 1H), 8.95 (s, 1H), 8.83 (8.04) (d, 2H), 8.78 (8.2) (d, 1H), 8.48 (7.88, 7.8) (t, 1H), 8.33 (m, 2H), 8.22 (820) (d, 1H), 8.06 (m, 4H), 7.80 (m, 4H), 7.67 (m, 3H), 7.59 (7.56, 7.88) (t, 1H), 7.50 (7.32, 7.08) (t, 2H), 7.38 (7.16, 7.24) (t, 1H)	2.44 (s, 3H)	
[ <b>3</b> ](PF <sub>6</sub> )	9.83 (4.92) (d, 1H), 9.07 (s, 2H), 8.97 (8.20) (d, 1H), 8.94 (s, 1H), 8.76 (m, 3H), 8.41 (7.88, 7.76) (t, 1H), 8.32 (6.8, 7.48) (t, 2H), 8.23 (8.32) (d, 1H), 8.10 (7.12, 6.04) (t, 1H), 8.00 (m, 3H), 7.90 (5.16) (d, 1H), 7.76 (4.92) (d, 2H), 7.66 (m, 5H), 7.44 (7.08, 6.08) (t, 2H), 7.36 (6.04, 6.08) (t, 1H)		
[ <b>4</b> ](PF <sub>6</sub> ) <sub>3</sub>	9.84 (5.2) (d, 1H), 9.15 (s, 2H), 8.97 (8.20) (d, 1H), 8.77 (8.04, 7.8) (t, 2H), 8.71–8.68 (m, 2H), 8.60 (7.96) (d, 2H), 8.48–8.40 (m, 2H), 8.34–8.31 (m, 1H), 8.14–8.09 (m, 2H), 8.04 (8.96, 7.96) (t, 3H), 7.99–7.91 (m, 4H), 7.78 (4.68) (d, 2H), 7.47 (7.12, 6.08) (t, 2H), 7.36–7.31 (m, 1H)		

 Table S1. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectral data in (CD<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>SO

Complexes	ν(PF6 <sup>-</sup> )	
-	Stretching (cm <sup>-1</sup> )	Bending (cm <sup>-1</sup> )
[ <b>1</b> ](PF <sub>6</sub> )	828	548
[ <b>2</b> ](PF6)2	830	552
[ <b>3</b> ](PF <sub>6</sub> )	833	549
<b>[4]</b> (PF <sub>6</sub> ) <sub>3</sub>	835	554
[ <b>4</b> ](PF <sub>6</sub> ) <sub>2</sub>	835	552

**Table S2.** Vibrational frequencies of  $PF_6^-$  of corresponding complexes.



Fig. S1



Fig. S2



Fig. S3



Fig. S4



Fig. S5



Fig. S6



Fig. S7



Fig. S8



Fig. S9



Fig. S10



Fig. S11



Fig. S12