## **Supporting information**

## Nitric oxide release and related light-induced cytotoxicity of ruthenium nitrosyls with coordinated nicotinate derivatives

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Identification code	[RuNO(Et-nic) <sub>2</sub> (NO <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> OH (I)	[RuNO(Me-nic) <sub>2</sub> (NO <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> OH] (II)	[RuNO(Et-nic) <sub>2</sub> (NO <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> OH <mark>(I)</mark>
Empirical formula	$C_{16}H_{19}N_5O_{10}Ru$	$C_{14}H_{15}N_5O_{10}Ru$	$C_{20}H_{10}N_5O_{10}Ru$
Formula weight	542.43	514.38	581.4
Temperature/K	150	150	150
Crystal system	orthorhombic	monoclinic	monoclinic
Space group	Pbca	P2 <sub>1</sub> /c	Сс
a/Å	12.8083(5)	10.3004(9)	10.5495(12)
b/Å	15.1963(6)	16.2916(12)	17.8137(18)
c/Å	21.7231(9)	11.4935(9)	11.4884(19)
α/°	90	90	90
β/°	90	94.844(3)	96.879(3)
γ/°	90	90	90
Volume/Å <sup>3</sup>	4228.2(3)	1921.8(3)	2143.4(5)
Z	8	4	4
ρ <sub>calc</sub> g/cm <sup>3</sup>	1.704	1.778	1.802
µ/mm <sup>-1</sup>	0.806	0.881	0.802
F(000)	2192	1032	1156
Crystal size/mm <sup>3</sup>	0.04 × 0.05 × 0.24	0.04 × 0.04 × 0.08	$0.01 \times 0.02 \times 0.10$
Radiation	ΜοΚα (λ = 0.71073)	ΜοΚα (λ = 0.71073)	ΜοΚα (λ = 0.71073)

## Table S1. Crystal data and refinement details.

20 range for data collection/°	3.75 to 72.652	3.968 to 64.244	4.512 to 52.754
Index ranges	-20 ≤ h ≤ 21, -24 ≤ k ≤ 24, -35 ≤ l ≤ 36	-15 ≤ h ≤ 13, -24 ≤ k ≤ 24, -16 ≤ l ≤ 15	-13 ≤ h ≤ 12, -22 ≤ k ≤ 21, -14 ≤ l ≤ 14
Reflections collected	158947	24070	13119
Independent reflections	9852 [R <sub>int</sub> = 0.0760, R <sub>sigma</sub> = 0.0364]	6065 [R <sub>int</sub> = 0.0487, R <sub>sigma</sub> = 0.0505]	3874 [R <sub>int</sub> = 0.0789, R <sub>sigma</sub> = 0.0847]
Data/restraints/pa rameters	9852/0/292	6065/0/274	3874/2/292
Goodness-of-fit on F <sup>2</sup>	1.078	1.053	1.051
Final R indexes [I>=2σ (I)]	$R_1 = 0.0424$ , $wR_2 = 0.1035$	R <sub>1</sub> = 0.0350, wR <sub>2</sub> = 0.0753	R <sub>1</sub> = 0.0432, wR <sub>2</sub> = 0.0841
Final R indexes [all data]	R <sub>1</sub> = 0.0696, wR <sub>2</sub> = 0.1158	$R_1 = 0.0490, wR_2 = 0.0834$	R <sub>1</sub> = 0.0675, wR <sub>2</sub> = 0.1041
Largest diff. peak/hole / e Å <sup>-3</sup>	0.63/-1.41	0.47/-0.64	0.84/-0.56
Flack parameter	-	-	0.43(4)

**Table S2**. Selected bond lengths and angles of (I), (II) and  $[RuNO(Et-nic)_2(NO_2)_2OH]$  crystallized in Cc ((I)).

Bond/angle	(1)	(11)	<mark>(I)'</mark>
Ru-NO	1.767(2)	1.762(2)	1.750(8)
N-O	1.150(2)	1.150(3)	1.15(1)
Ru-OH	1.910(2)	1.933(2)	1.930(6)
Ru-NO <sub>2</sub>	2.069(2); 2.072(2)	2.061(2); 2.080(2)	2.071(9); 2.075(9)
Ru-N <sub>nic</sub>	2.122(2); 2.123(2)	2.113(2); 2.131(2)	2.12(1); 2.12(1)
Ru-N-O	173.4(2)	171.0(2)	170.4(8)
HO-Ru-NO <sub>2</sub>	89.1(1); 89.5(1)	88.1(1); 86.7(1)	87.6(3); 88.3(3)
HO-Ru-N <sub>nic</sub>	86.6(1); 86.8(1)	87.2(7); 85.7(1)	85.9(3); 87.2(3)



**Fig. S1.** Three-dimensional Hirshfeld surface map of **(I)**, generated for the whole intermolecular interactions. The red areas show the most pronounced interactions, where the strongest are formed by the oxygen atoms of nitrites and ether groups.



**Fig. S2.** Three-dimensional Hirshfeld surface map of **(II)**, generated for the whole intermolecular interactions. The red areas show the most pronounced interactions, where the strongest are formed by the oxygen atoms of nitrites and ether groups.



**Fig. S3.** Selected two-dimensional fingerprint plots based on the Hirshfeld surfaces of the **(II)** for the all (*a*), hydrogen (*b*), oxygen (*c*) and carbon (*d*) intermolecular interactions.



Fig. S4. The evolution of UV-vis spectra of (I) (a) and (II) (b) after irradiation at 532 nm.



Fig. S5. Calculated (DFT, B3LYP, TZP) UV-vis spectra of (I) and its corresponding product of the photolysis.



Fig. S6. Calculated (DFT, B3LYP, TZP) UV-vis spectra of (II) and its corresponding product of the photolysis.



Fig. S7. The evolution of IR spectra of (II) in after 445 nm exposure.