### Supporting Information for

# Ruthenium complexes of sterically-hindered pentaarylcyclopentadienyl ligands

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I. <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra of compound

1. CpOHAr2



Fig. S1. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (300 MHz, (CD<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>SO, 25°C) of **CpOHAr2** 



Fig. S2. <sup>13</sup>C-Jmod NMR (75 MHz, CD<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, 25°C) of CpOHAr2





Fig. S3. <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (300 MHz, CD<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, 25°C) of CpBrAr2, as a 66:30:4 mixture of three regioisomers



Fig. S4. <sup>13</sup>C-Jmod NMR (75 MHz, CD<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, 25°C) of CpBrAr2, as a 66:30:4 mixture of three regioisomers

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Fig. S5. <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (300 MHz, CD<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, 25°C) of CpClAr1 as a 46:34:20 mixture of three regioisomers



Fig. S6.  ${}^{13}C{}^{1}H$  NMR (126 MHz, CD<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, 25°C) of **CpClAr1** as a 46:34:20 mixture of three regioisomers



Fig. S7. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, CD<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, 25°C) of CpClAr2, as a 57:37:6 mixture of three regioisomers



Fig. S8. <sup>13</sup>C-Jmod NMR (126 MHz, CD<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, 25°C) of CpClAr2, as a 57:37:6 mixture of three regioisomers





Fig. S9. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz, (CD<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>CO, 25°C) of CpClAr3





### 6. RuCpBrAr1



Fig. S11. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (600 MHz,  $CD_2CI_2$ , 25°C) of RuCpBrAr1



Fig. S12. <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (151 MHz, CD<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, 25°C) of RuCpBrAr1

#### 7. RuCpBrAr3



**Fig. S13.** <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, (CD<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>CO, 25°C) of **RuCpBrAr3** 



Fig. S14. <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (126 MHz, (CD<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>CO, 25°C) of RuCpBrAr3



**Fig. S15.** <sup>1</sup>H-NMR (600 MHz, CD<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, 25°C) of **RuCpClAr1** 



Fig. S16. <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (126 MHz, CD<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, 25°C) of RuCpClAr1



Fig. S17. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (500 MHz, (CD<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>CO, 25°C) of RuCpClAr3



Fig. S18. <sup>13</sup>C{<sup>1</sup>H} NMR (126 MHz, (CD<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>CO, 25°C) of RuCpClAr3

### II. HR-MS OF 1. CpOHAr2



Fig. S19. HR-MS (DCI-CH<sub>4</sub>) data for compound CpOHAr2



Fig. S20. HR-MS (ESI+) data for compound CpBrAr2





Fig. S21. MS (DCI-CH<sub>4</sub>) data for compound CpBrAr4, obtained as a mixture with CpClAr4 and CpHAr4





Fig. S22. HR-MS (Spiral-TOF) DCTB+TFANa+PEG data for compound CpClAr1

Mass

Calc. Mass

483.1642 483.1628

nDa

1.4

PPM

2.9



Fig. S23. HR-MS (DCI-CH<sub>4</sub>) data for compound CpClAr2

i-FIT

376.8

DBE

22.5



Fig. S24. HR-MS (MALDI-TOF) DCTB+TFANa (with PEG for the HR) data for compound CpClAr3

7. RuCpBrAr1



Fig. S25. HR-MS (ESI<sup>+</sup>) data for compound RuCpBrAr1





Fig. S26. HR-MS (ESI<sup>+</sup>) data for compound RuCpBrAr3



Fig. S27. HR-MS (ESI<sup>+</sup>) data for compound RuCpClAr1

