## **Electronic Supplementary Information**

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Figure S1. The high resolution mass spectrum of Ru-COOH



Figure S2. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of Ru-COOH in CDCl<sub>3</sub>



Figure S3. The high resolution mass spectrum of Ru(DIP)<sub>2</sub>(mcbpy-NH<sub>2</sub>-phen)



Figure S4. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of Ru(DIP)2(mcbpy-NH<sub>2</sub>-phen) in DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>



Figure S5. The high resolution mass spectrum of Ir-NH<sub>2</sub>



Figure S6. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of Ir-NH<sub>2</sub> in DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>



Figure S7. The high-resolution mass spectrum of Ir-Ru



Figure S8. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of Ir-Ru in DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>





Figure S10. The original PL spectra of Ir-NH<sub>2</sub>, Ru-COOH and Ir-Ru under 405 nm excitation.



**Figure S11.** The normalized spectra of adding the PL data of Ir-NH<sub>2</sub> and Ru-COOH together and corresponding the heterodinuclear complex of Ir-Ru.



Figure S12. The normalized PL spectra of Ir-Ru under the excitation of 350 nm and 405 nm.



Figure S13. Absorption and emission spectra of the  $Ir-NH_2$  and Ru-COOH



**Figure S14.** The normalized ECL spectra (a) and corresponding original data (b) for these three metal complexes in this work.



Figure S15. The normalized ECL spectra of three metal complexes and the mixture solution of  $Ir-NH_2$  and Ru-COOH with various concentration ratios.



Figure S16. ECL intensity–potential curves overlaid with CVs dissolved in acetonitrile containing 0.1 mM complexes (a. Ir-NH<sub>2</sub> b. Ru-COOH c. Ir-Ru), 40 mM BPO and 0.1 M  $TBAPF_{6}$ .



**Figure S17.** The annihilation ECL results (a)  $\text{Ir-NH}_2$  (b) Ru-COOH (c) Ir-Ru in argon-saturated acetonitrile solution containing 0.1 mM metal complex and 0.1 M TBAPF<sub>6</sub>. The highest and lowest potential were set at 0.2 V over oxidation peak and reduction peak potential, respectively.



**Figure S18.** ECL intensity–potential curves overlaid with CVs dissolved in phosphate buffer solution (PBS, 0.1M, pH 7.4) containing 0.1 mM complexes (a. Ir-NH<sub>2</sub> b. Ru-COOH c. Ir-Ru) and 40 mM TPA.



**Figure S19.** ECL intensity–time curves under the potential stepping methods: a) 0.1 mM metal complex, 40 mM TPA, 0.1M TBAPF6 in acetonitrile solution; b) 0.1 mM metal complex, 40

mM BPO, 0.1M TBAPF6 in acetonitrile solution; c) a) 0.1 mM metal complex, 40 mM TPA in PBS (0.1 M, pH 7.4).