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## **Electronic Supplementary Information**

## Synthesis, Characterization, and Anticancer Activity of Ru(*p*-cymene) Complexes Bearing Pyrazolyl-pyridine Type Ligands

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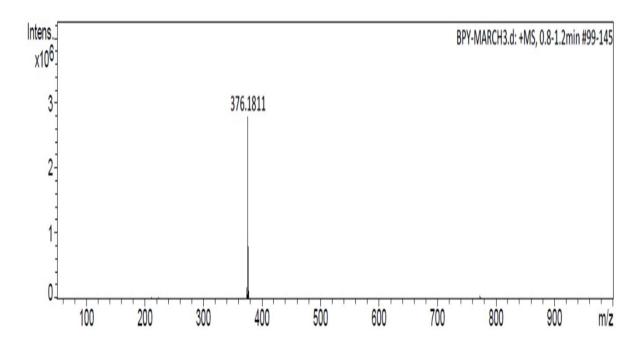


Figure S1. HR-Mass spectrum of bpy ligand in methanol.

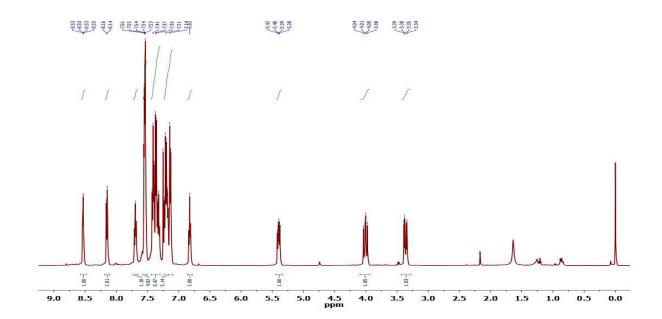


Figure S2. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of bpy ligand in CDCl<sub>3</sub>

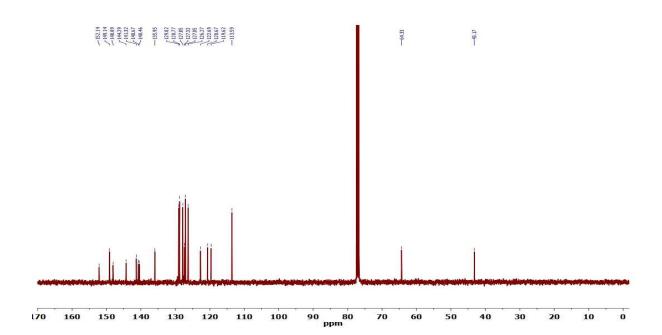


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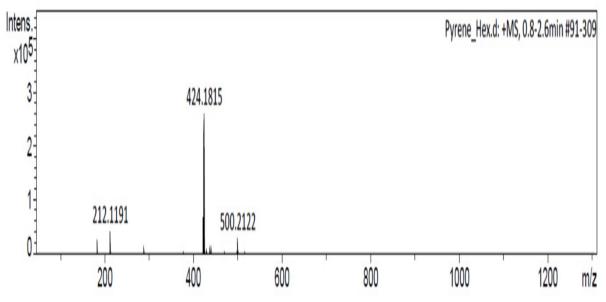


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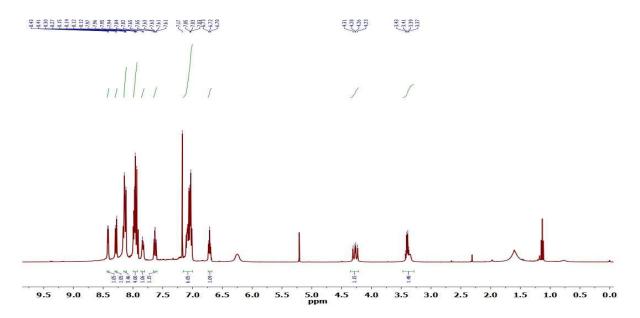


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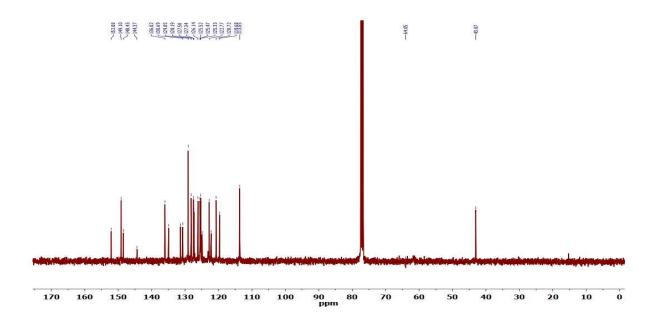


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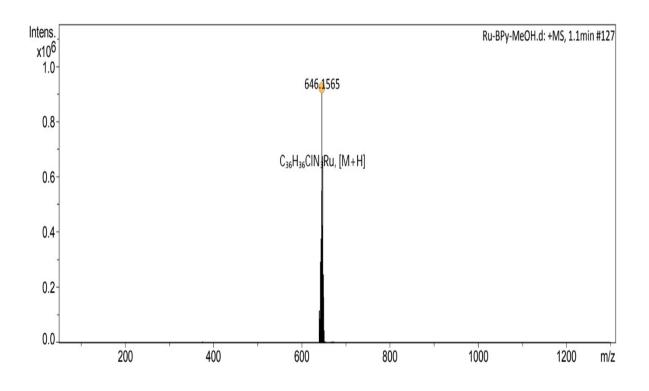


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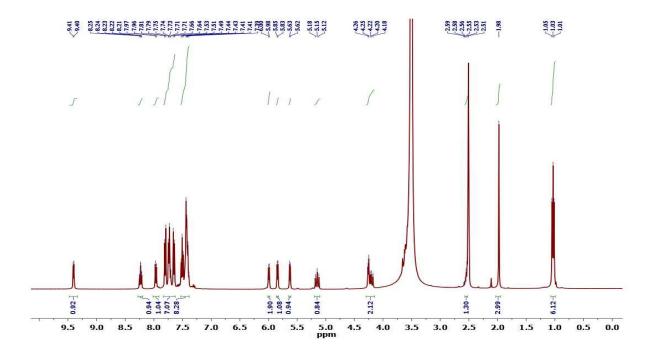


Figure S8. <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of Ru-bpy(1) complex in DMSO-d<sub>6</sub>.

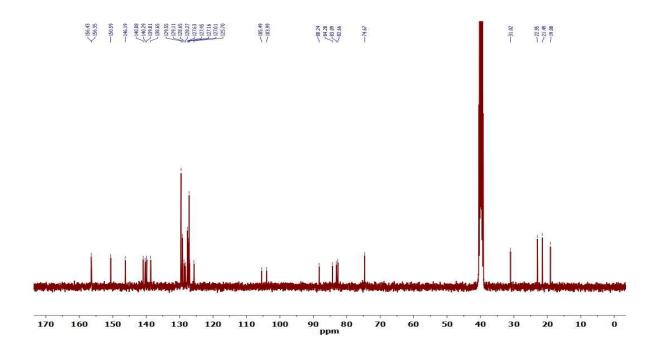


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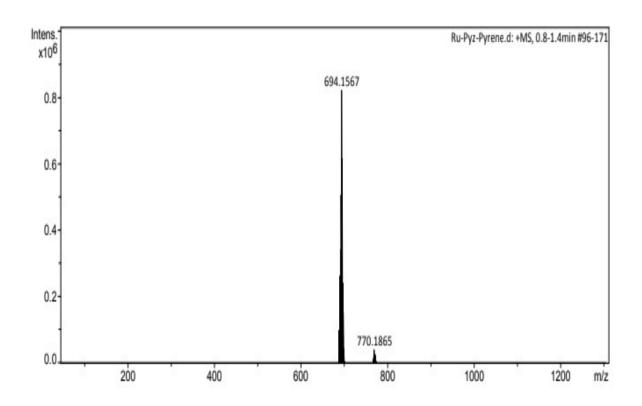


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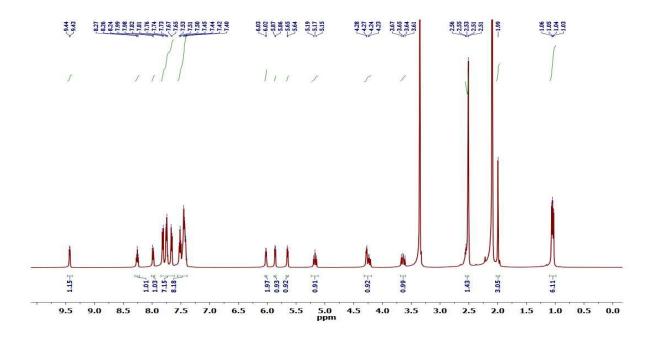


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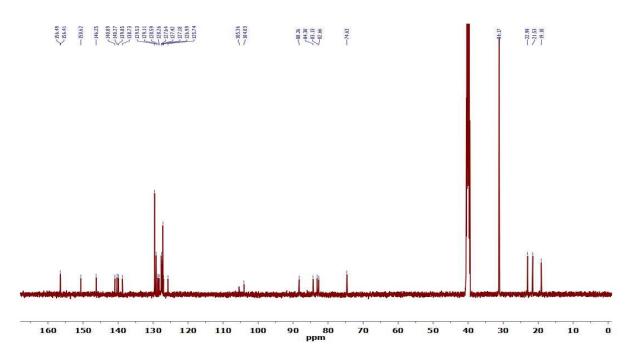
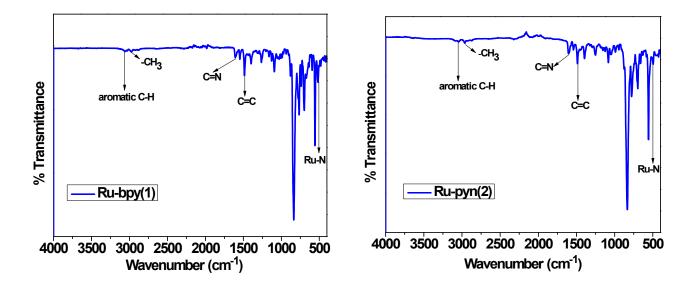
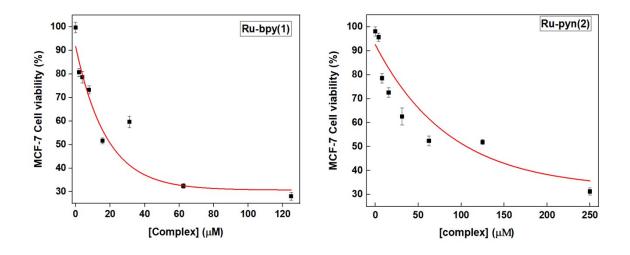


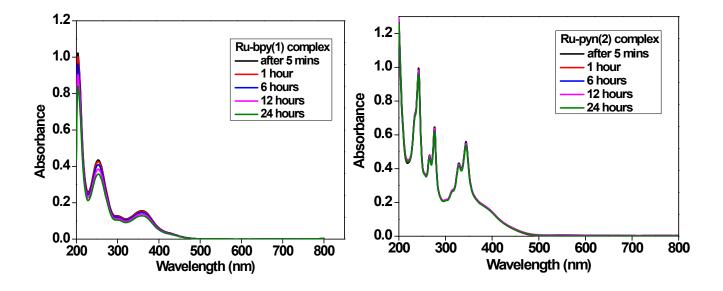
Figure S12. <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectrum of Ru-pyn(2) complex in DMSO d<sub>6</sub>.



**Figure S13.** FT-IR spectra of Ru-bpy(1) and Ru-pyn(2) complexes.



**Figure S14.** Dose responsive curves for cytotoxicity of Ru-bpy(1) and Ru-pyn(2) complexes against MCF-7 breast cancer cell lines after 24 h incubation.



**Figure S15.** Stability studies of the Ru-bpy(1) and Ru-pyn(2) complex in 1% DMSO/10 mM PBS (pH = 7.2) solution at various time intervals up to 24 h.