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## Low-valence Oxo-centered Triruthenium Complexes by Bridging Ligand Substitution with a Pyrazolydiazine or Pyridinyltetrazine Ligand

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Compound	3	4	5	6		7	8
$\delta$ (acetate)	1.58 (3H)	1.30 (3H)	1.64 (6H)	1.30 (3H)	$\delta$ (acetate)	1.63 (6H)	2.14 (3H)
	1.99 (3H)	1.59 (3H),	1.90 (3H)	1.67 (6H)		1.99 (3H),	5.48 (12H)
	2.02 (3H)	2.05 (6H)	2.37 (6H)	2.31 (6H)		2.55 (6H)	
	2.05 (3H)	2.39 (3H)				3.12 (3H)	
	2.41 (3H)						
$\delta$ (pyrazole)	9.03 (1H, H-3)	2.81 (3H, Me)	8.99 (2H, H-3)	2.89 (6H, Me)	$\delta$ (pyridinyl)	8.82 (2H, H-3)	2.14 (2H, H-3)
	7.24 (1H, H-4)	2.98 (3H, Me)	7.22 (2H, H-4)	2.96 (6H, Me)		8.48 (2H, H-4)	1.30 (4H, H-4,5)
	8.41 (1H, H-5)	6.80 (1H, H-4)	8.51 (2H, H-5)	6.74 (2H, H-4)		8.05 (2H, H-5)	0.91 (2H, H-6)
$\delta$ (pyridazine)	8.01 (1H, H-4)	7.93 (1H, H-4)	8.03 (2H)	7.86 (2H)		9.11 (2H, H-6)	
	7.34 (1H, H-5)	7.21 (1H, H-5)					
$\delta(\mathrm{py})$	9.24 (2H, o)	9.21 (2H, o)	9.25 (2H, o)	9.13 (2H, o)	$\delta(py)$	9.26 (2H, o)	
	7.81 (2H, m)	7.80 (2H, m)	8.13 (2H, m)	8.10 (2H, m)		8.22 (2H, m)	
	8.22 (1H, p)	8.22 (1H, p)	8.34 (1H, p)	8.30 (1H, p)		8.36 (1H, p)	
$\delta(\mathrm{py'})$	9.24 (2H, o')	9.21 (2H, o')					
	8.12 (2H, m')	8.12 (2H, m')					
	8.34 (1H, p')	8.33 (1H, p')					

<sup>*a* <sup>1</sup></sup>H NMR spectra (400 MHz) were recorded in CD<sub>3</sub>CN at 298 K

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**Fig. S1**. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz) spectrum of compound **3** in CD<sub>3</sub>CN.

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**Fig. S2**. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz) spectrum of compound **4** in CD<sub>3</sub>CN.



**Fig. S3**. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz) spectrum of compound **5** in CD<sub>3</sub>CN.

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**Fig. S4**. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz) spectrum of compound **6** in CD<sub>3</sub>CN.



**Fig. S5**. <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz) spectrum of compound **7** in CD<sub>3</sub>CN.



**Fig. S6.** <sup>1</sup>H NMR (400 MHz) spectrum of compound **8** in CD<sub>3</sub>CN.

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Fig. S7. Electronic absorption spectra of compound 3 (red line) and 4 (blue line) in dichloromethane.



Fig. S8. Electronic absorption spectra of compound 5 (blue line) and 6 (red line) in dichloromethane.



Fig. S9. Electronic absorption spectra of compound 7 (red line) and 8 (blue line) in dichloromethane.



**Fig. S10** Plots of cyclic and differential pulse voltammograms for compound **3-6** in 0.1 M acetonitrile solution of (Bu4N)(PF6). The scan rates are 100 mV s-1 for CV and 20 mV s-1 for DPV.



**Fig. S11**. Plots of cyclic and differential pulse voltammograms for compoundS **7** and **8** in 0.1 M acetonitrile solution of  $(Bu_4N)(PF_6)$ . The scan rates are 100 mV s<sup>-1</sup> for CV and 20 mV s<sup>-1</sup> for DPV.