## **Supplementary Information**

## Synthesis, Photophysical and Electrochemical Properties of Heterodinuclear Ru-Mn and Ru-Zn Complexes Bearing Ambident Schiff Base Ligand.

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## **UV/Vis Spectroscopy**

Absorption spectra of **HL** and of all complexes were recorded in ethanol (17  $\mu$ M).



Fig. S1. Absorption spectra of HL (a) ;  $[1][PF_6]$  (b) ;  $[2][PF_6]_2$  (c)

## Cyclic voltammetry.

Cyclic voltammograms of all complexes were recorded in a  $CH_3CN$  solution of  $(n-Bu_4N)BF_4$ (0.1 mol.L<sup>-1</sup>) on a glassy carbon electrode (100 mV.s<sup>-1</sup>) starting on reduction (potentials versus Ag/AgCl).



Fig. S2. Cyclic voltamogramm of HL.



**Fig. S3.** Cyclic voltammograms of  $[1][PF_6]$  (b) and  $[2][PF_6]_2$  (a).



Fig. S4. Cyclic voltammograms of  $[2][PF_6]_2$  (a) and  $[5][PF_6]_2$  (b).



**Fig. S5.** X-band EPR spectrum at 20 K in frozen  $CH_3CN$  of the one-electron oxidized complex generated by electrolysis of  $[4]^{2+}$  at 0.81 V versus Fc<sup>+</sup>/Fc. Conditions : microwave frequency, 9.387 GHz ; microwave power, 1.992 mW ; modulation amplitude, 10.00 G ; time constant, 40.960 ms ; conversion time, 163.840 ms.