

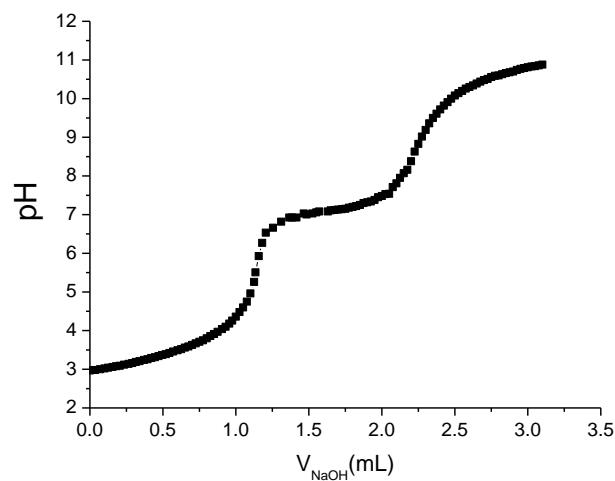
## Supplementary Information

### Reactivity, Photolability, and Computational Studies of the Ruthenium

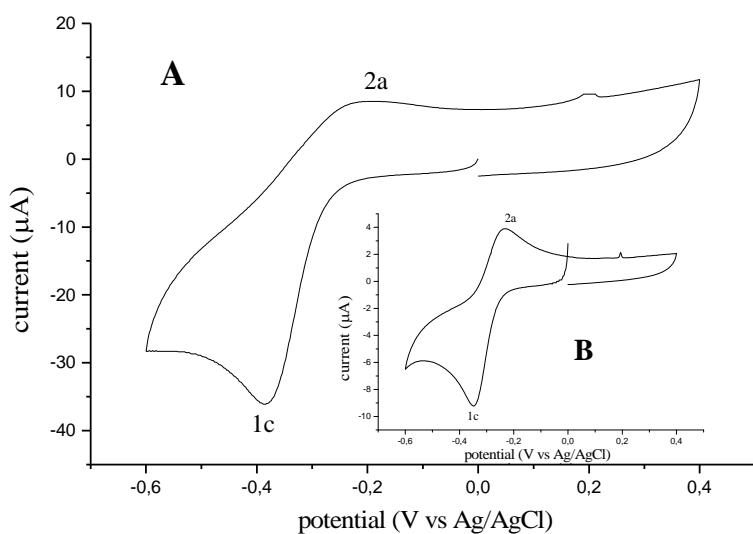
#### Nitrosyl Complex with a Substituted Cyclam



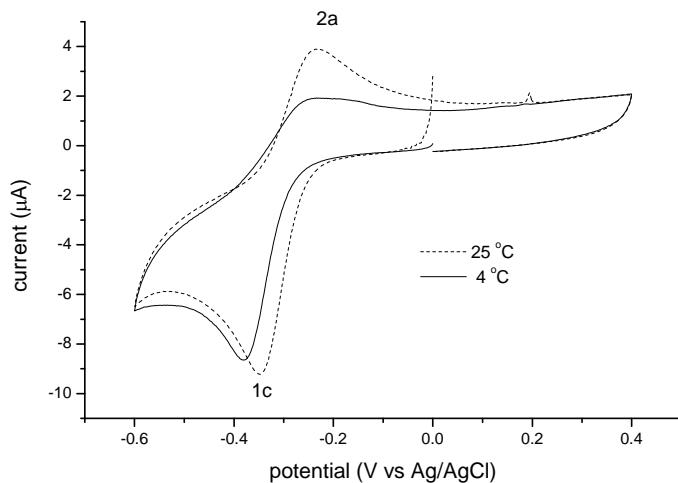
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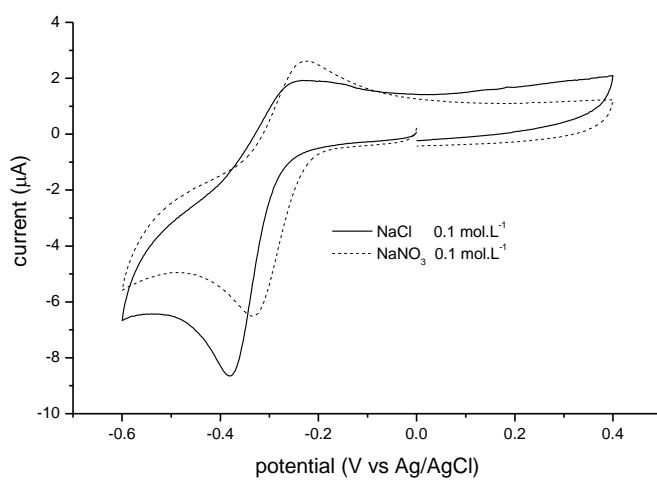
**Fig. SI 1** Representative titration curve for **I** ( $2.0 \times 10^{-3}$  mol L<sup>-1</sup>,  $\mu = 0.1$  mol L<sup>-1</sup> NaCl) with 0.025 mol L<sup>-1</sup> NaOH at room temperature.



**Fig. SI 2** Cyclic voltammogram of **I** in NaCl 0.1 mol L<sup>-1</sup>, pH 4.7 and T = 25 °C. (A) scan rate of 200 mV s<sup>-1</sup> and (B) 20 mV s<sup>-1</sup>



**Fig. SI 3** Cyclic voltammogram of **I** in NaCl 0.1 mol L<sup>-1</sup>, pH 4.7 and scan rate of 20 mV s<sup>-1</sup> at different temperatures.



**Fig. SI 4** Cyclic voltammogram of **I** at pH 4.7 and T = 4 °C with scan rate of 20 mV s<sup>-1</sup>.

### Computational models

Initially, the geometry of the complex *fac*-[Ru(NO)Cl<sub>2</sub>(κ<sup>3</sup>N<sup>4</sup>,N<sup>8</sup>,N<sup>11</sup>(1-carboxypropyl)cyclam)]Cl•H<sub>2</sub>O was optimized using some theoretical models (method, basis set for representative atoms, and a pseudopotential (PP) for ruthenium), and compared with the experimental geometry. The model will be indicated by method/PP, basis. The calculations were carried out by BP86<sup>1,2</sup> and B3LYP<sup>3</sup> functionals, 6-31G(d),<sup>4</sup> 6-31+G(d,p),<sup>5</sup> cc-pVDZ,<sup>6,7</sup> and aug-cc-pVDZ<sup>8</sup> basis sets, and ECP28MHF, non relativistic, or ECP28MDF,<sup>9</sup> fully relativistic PPs. The best results were obtained by the B3LYP method, ECP28MDF PP and cc-pVDZ basis set, B3LYP/ECP28MDF,cc-pVDZ.

**Table SI 1** Deviations of calculated bond lengths from experimental ones for complex I, Å. M1: B3LYP/ECP28MHF,6-31G(d); M2: B3LYP/ECP28MHF,6-31+G(d,p); M3: B3LYP/ECP28MDF, cc-pVDZ; M4: BP86/ECP28MDF,cc-pVDZ.

	M1	M2	M3	M4
all bond lengths				
mean	0.018	0.018	0.014	0.020
std. dev.	0.019	0.018	0.019	0.016
only Ru-X <sup>a</sup>				
mean	0.037	0.037	0.033	0.030
std. dev.	0.026	0.026	0.030	0.026
max. dev.	0.062	0.061	0.065	0.059
excluding Ru-X <sup>a</sup>				
Mean	0.013	0.012	0.009	0.017
std. dev.	0.011	0.010	0.009	0.010
max. dev.	0.040	0.041	0.023	0.041

a: all bond lengths that involve ruthenium.

**Table SI 2** Bond angles for **I-VII**, in degrees, calculated in vacuum.

	(I)	(II)	(III)	(IV)	(V)	(VI)	(VII)
N5-Ru-N2	171.73	171.55	171.38	174.23	177.8	172.48	176.54
N5-Ru-N1	103.80	103.50	103.56	103.96	101.69	102.44	100.73
N2-Ru-N1	80.39	80.09	80.55	79.81	79.4	80.1	79.27
N5-Ru-N3	101.93	101.50	104.24	99.46	98.22	103.55	94.67
N2-Ru-N3	85.35	86.22	83.65	85.14	83.72	83.67	81.87
N1-Ru-N3	86.55	87.58	83.27	84.98	87.44	84.9	85.55
N5-Ru-Cl1	89.55	88.83	90.96	91.71	86.94	90.95	89.54
N2-Ru-Cl1	83.36	83.53	81.63	83.80	91.18	82.06	93.92
N1-Ru-Cl1	88.62	88.96	87.00	91.10	88.66	87.4	88.93
N3-Ru-Cl1	168.30	169.61	169.16	168.76	174.07	164.75	173.59
N5-Ru-Cl2	87.32	87.51	87.17	87.37	86.06	87.82	86.55
N2-Ru-Cl2	88.51	88.83	88.16	89.01	92.88	89.45	93.46
N1-Ru-Cl2	168.89	168.93	169.16	168.56	172.23	169.51	172.73
N3-Ru-Cl2	92.05	91.77	95.74	91.70	90.93	94.89	93.74
Cl1-Ru-Cl2	90.66	89.75	91.31	90.10	92.33	90.31	91.33
O5-N5-Ru	170.13	169.50	170.87	170.81	176.73	171.77	122.00

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