## Comparative Study of Different Methods for the Preparation of Tetraamidato- and Tetracarboxylatodiruthenium Compounds.

## Structural and Magnetic Characterization

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Electronic Supplementary Information:

Representation of the structure of complexes 3, 5 and 6



**Figure S1.** Left: thermal-ellipsoid representation of the structure of  $[Ru_2Cl(\mu-NHOCC_6H_4-p-Me)_4]$  (3), (50% probability ellipsoids). Right: drawing of a zig-zag  $[Ru_2Cl(\mu-NHOCC_6H_4-p-Me)_4]_n$  chain. Hydrogen atoms are omitted for clarity.



**Figure S2** Left: thermal-ellipsoid representation of the structure of  $[Ru_2Cl(\mu-O_2CC_6H_4-m-Me)_4]$  (5), (50% probability ellipsoids). Right: drawing of a zig-zag  $[Ru_2Cl(\mu-O_2CC_6H_4-m-Me)_4]_{\infty}$  chain. Hydrogen atoms are omitted for clarity.



**Figure S3.** Left: thermal-ellipsoid representation of the structure of  $[Ru_2Cl(\mu-O_2CC_6H_4-p-Me)_4]$  (6), (50% probability ellipsoids). Right: drawing of a zig-zag  $[Ru_2Cl(\mu-O_2CC_6H_4-p-Me)_4]_{\infty}$  chain. Hydrogen atoms are omitted for clarity.



## Experimental and calculated curves for complexes 1 and 3-6

**Figure S4**. Temperature dependence of the molar susceptibility  $\chi_M$  (circles) and  $\mu_{eff.}$  (triangles) for complex **3**; solid lines are the product of a least-squares fit to the model indicated in the text.



**Figure S5**. Temperature dependence of the molar susceptibility  $\chi_M$  (circles) and  $\mu_{eff.}$  (triangles) for complex **4**; solid lines are the product of a least-squares fit to the model indicated in the text.



**Figure S6**. Temperature dependence of the molar susceptibility  $\chi_M$  (circles) and  $\mu_{eff.}$  (triangles) for complex **5**; solid lines are the product of a least-squares fit to the model indicated in the text.



**Figure S7**. Temperature dependence of the molar susceptibility  $\chi_M$  (circles) and  $\mu_{eff.}$  (triangles) for complex **6**; solid lines are the product of a least-squares fit to the model indicated in the text.



**Figure S8**. Temperature dependence of the molar susceptibility  $\chi_M$  (circles) and  $\mu_{eff.}$  (triangles) for complex **1**. Fit were made considering a mononuclear paramagnetic impurity with S=1/2; solid lines are the product of a least-squares fit to the model indicated in the text.

## Experimental and calculated diffractogram of complexes 1 - 6



**Figure S9**. Red: Experimental data of X-ray powder diffractometry of compound 1. Black: Diffractogram simulated from single crystal X-ray determination



Figure S10. Red: Experimental data of X-ray powder diffractometry of compound 2. Black: Diffractogram simulated from single crystal X-ray determination



Figure S11. Red: Experimental data of X-ray powder diffractometry of compound 3. Black: Diffractogram simulated from single crystal X-ray determination



Figure S12. Red: Experimental data of X-ray powder diffractometry of compound 4. Black: Diffractogram simulated from single crystal X-ray determination



Figure S13. Red: Experimental data of X-ray powder diffractometry of compound 5. Black: Diffractogram simulated from single crystal X-ray determination



Figure S14. Red: Experimental data of X-ray powder diffractometry of compound 6. Black: Diffractogram simulated from single crystal X-ray determination