# Supplementary material

## Ruthenium imidazole oxime carbonyls and their activities as CO-releasing

## molecules

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Figures presenting the changes in the UV-Vis spectrum of myoglobin in concentration 60  $\mu$ M, 40  $\mu$ M and 20  $\mu$ M , formation of MbCO over time after addition of 60  $\mu$ M, 40  $\mu$ M and 20  $\mu$ M in DMSO to deoxymyoglobin solution.

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Fig. 1. The changes in the UV-Vis spectrum of myoglobin as CO is released from 1 (60  $\mu$ M)



Fig. 2. The changes in the UV-Vis spectrum of myoglobin as CO is released from 1 (40  $\mu$ M)



Fig. 3. The changes in the UV-Vis spectrum of myoglobin as CO is released from 1 (20  $\mu$ M)



Fig. 4. Formation of MbCO over time after addition of 60  $\mu$ M, 40  $\mu$ M and 20  $\mu$ M of 1 in DMSO to a deoxy-myoglobin solution.



Ru(imidazole-2-carbaldehyde oxime)(COOMe)(CO)<sub>2</sub>Cl (2)

Fig. 5. The changes in the UV-Vis spectrum of myoglobin as CO is released from 2 (60  $\mu$ M)



Fig. 6. The changes in the UV-Vis spectrum of myoglobin as CO is released from  $2 (40 \,\mu\text{M})$ 



Fig. 7. The changes in the UV-Vis spectrum of myoglobin as CO is released from  $2 (20 \,\mu\text{M})$ 



Fig. 8. Formation of MbCO over time after addition of 60  $\mu$ M, 40  $\mu$ M and 20  $\mu$ M of **2** in DMSO to a deoxy-myoglobin solution.



Ru(1-methylimidazole-2-carbaldehyde oxime)(COOEt)(CO)<sub>2</sub>Cl (3)

Fig. 9. The changes in the UV-Vis spectrum of myoglobin as CO is released from  $3 (60 \mu M)$ 



Fig. 10. The changes in the UV-Vis spectrum of myoglobin as CO is released from  $3 (40 \,\mu\text{M})$ 



Fig. 11. The changes in the UV-Vis spectrum of myoglobin as CO is released from  $3 (20 \,\mu\text{M})$ 



Fig. 12. Formation of MbCO over time after addition of 60  $\mu$ M, 40  $\mu$ M and 20  $\mu$ M of **3** in DMSO to a deoxy-myoglobin solution.



Ru(1-methylimidazole-2-carbaldehyde oxime)(COOMe)(CO)<sub>2</sub>Cl (4)

Fig. 13. The changes in the UV-Vis spectrum of myoglobin as CO is released from 4 (60  $\mu$ M)



Fig. 14. The changes in the UV-Vis spectrum of myoglobin as CO is released from 4 (40  $\mu$ M)



Fig. 15. The changes in the UV-Vis spectrum of myoglobin as CO is released from 4 (20  $\mu$ M)



Fig. 16. Formation of MbCO over time after addition of 60  $\mu$ M, 40  $\mu$ M and 20  $\mu$ M of 4 in DMSO to a deoxy-myoglobin solution.



#### Ru(imidazole-4-carbaldehyde oxime)(COOEt)(CO)<sub>2</sub>Cl (5)

Fig. 17. The changes in the UV-Vis spectrum of myoglobin as CO is released from 5 (60  $\mu$ M)



Fig. 18. The changes in the UV-Vis spectrum of myoglobin as CO is released from 5 (40  $\mu$ M)



Fig. 19. The changes in the UV-Vis spectrum of myoglobin as CO is released from 5 (20  $\mu$ M)



Fig. 20. Formation of MbCO over time after addition of 60  $\mu$ M, 40  $\mu$ M and 20  $\mu$ M of 5 in DMSO to a deoxy-myoglobin solution.



### Ru(imidazole-4-carbaldehyde oxime)(COOMe)(CO)<sub>2</sub>Cl (6)

Fig. 21. The changes in the UV-Vis spectrum of myoglobin as CO is released from  $6 (60 \mu M)$ 



Fig. 22. The changes in the UV-Vis spectrum of myoglobin as CO is released from  $6 (40 \,\mu\text{M})$ 



Fig. 23. The changes in the UV-Vis spectrum of myoglobin as CO is released from  $6 (20 \,\mu\text{M})$ 



Fig. 24. Formation of MbCO over time after addition of 60  $\mu$ M, 40  $\mu$ M and 20  $\mu$ M of **6** in DMSO to a deoxy-myoglobin solution.