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Supporting Information

Key Role of Ancillary Ligand in Imparting Blue Shift in Electroluminescence Wavelength in Ruthenium Polypyridyl Light-Emitting Diodes

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Table S1.

The wavelength of electroluminescence (EL) and photoluminescence (PL) emissions of reported ruthenium complexes.

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Complex/reactant	λ_{em} (nm)	$\lambda_{\rm EL}$ (nm)	ref
$Ru(bpy)_3^{2+}$	608	608	1,2,3
$Ru(bpy)_3^{2+}/C_2 O_4^{2-}$	610	610	4
$Ru(bpy)_{3}^{2+/}C_{2}O_{4}^{2-}$		591	5
$Ru(bpy)_3^{2+}/S_2 O_8^{2-}$	625	625	4,6
Ru(bpy) ₃ ²⁺ /TPrA	610	610	7
$Ru(dmbp)_3^{2+}/C_2O_4^{2-}$		594	5
$Ru(phen)_3^{2+}$	590	590	8
$Ru(phen)_3^{2+}/C_2 O_4^{2-}$		585	5
Ru(dmphen) ₃ ²⁺ / $C_2 O_4^{2-}$		591	5
$Ru(terpy)_3^{2+}$		660	8
Ru(bpz) ₃ ²⁺	585	585	9,10
$Ru(bpz)_3^{2+}/S_2 O_8^{2-}$	585	590	11
$Ru(dp-bpy)_3^{2+}$	635	635	12

Ru(dp-phen) ₃ ²⁺	615	615	12
(bpy) ₂ Ru(bphb) ²⁺	624	624	13
(bpy) ₂ Ru(bphb) ²⁺ /TPrA	624	624	13
$(bpy)_2 Ru(bphb)^{2+} / S_2 O_8^{2-}$	624	624	13
$[(bpy)_2Ru]_2(bphb)^{4+}$	624	624	13
[(bpy) ₂ Ru] ₂ (bphb) ⁴⁺ /TPrA	624	624	13
$[(bpy)_2Ru]_2(bphb)^{4+}S_2 O_8^{2-}$	624	624	13
(bpy) ₂ Ru(AZA-bpy) ²⁺ /TPrA	603	603	14
(bpy) ₂ Ru(AZA-bpy) ²⁺ /TPrA	613	613	14
(bpy) ₂ Ru(CE-bpy) ²⁺ /TPrA		650	15
(bpy) ₂ Ru(CE-bpy) ²⁺ /TPrA		655	15
$Ru(v-bpy)_3^{2+}$	630	650	16
(bpy) ₂ Ru(DC-bpy) ²⁺	629	629	17
(bpy) ₂ Ru(DM-bpy) ²⁺	605	605	17
$(bpy)_2Ru(dpen-bpy)^{2+}/PF_6^{-}$	612	612	18

$Ru(m-bpy)_{3}^{2+}/PF_{6}^{-}$	609	612	18
Ru(dtb-bpy) ₃ ²⁺ /PF ₆ -	610	611	18
(bpy) ₂ Ru(DIM) ²⁺	600	600	19
$(bpy)_2Ru(PBIm-H)^{2+}/PF_6^{-1}$		680	20
[Ru(tpy)(tpy-COOEt)]/PF ₆ -	706	706	21
Ru(DM-bpy) ₃ ²⁺	604	615	22
$(bpy)_2 Ru(dbeb)^{2+} / PF_6^{-}$	642	640	23
$(bpy)_2Ru(pbq)^{2+}$	900	900	24
(PBIm-H) ₂ Ru(pbq) ²⁺	945	945	24
(PBIm-H) ₂ Ru(acac) ²⁺	850	880	24
[Ru(PBIM-H) ₂] ₂ (pbq) ⁺²	1040	1040	24
$Ru(tpy)(trz)^{2+}/PF_{6}^{-}$	723	717	25
Ru(tpy-COOEt)(trz) ²⁺ /PF ₆ -	717	725	25
$(bpy)_2 Ru(Mt-bpy)^{2+}/PF_6^-$	625	557	26

RuTRu	625	598	26
$(bpy)_2Ru(aa-bpy)^{2+}/PF_6^-$	649	699	27
Ru ₂ (bpy) ₄ (im-phen) / ClO ₄ -	638	655	28
$(bpy)_2Ru(Eh-bpy)^{2+}/PF_6^-$	427	600	29
$(bpy)_2Ru(Hmh-bpy)^{2+}/PF_6^{-}$	427	600	29
(H2MPy3,4DMPP)Ru(bpy)2Cl /PF ₆ -	655	656	30
$Ru_2(bpy)_2(tpy)_2(BTB)^{2+}$	680	710	31
$Ru_2(bpy)_2(tpy)_2(4-TBN)^{3+}$	676	680	31
$[Ru(bpy)_2]_2(bmpa-bpy)^{+2}/PF_6^{-1}$	642	596	32
$[Ru(bpy)_2]_2(bmdpa-bpy)^{+2/}$ PF_6^-	638	570	32
$[Ru(bpy)_2]_2(bmna-bpy)^{+2}/PF_6^{-1}$	636	570	32

m-bpy = 4-methyl-2,2'-bipyridine

- **dtb-bpy** = 4,4'-di-tert-butyl-2,2'-bipyridine
- **dpen-bpy** = 4,4'-di-n-pentyl-2,2'-bipyridine
- **DIM** = 4,7-dimethyl-1,10-phenanthroline
- **PBIm-H** =2-(2-pyridyl)-1H-benzoimidazole

tpy= 2,2',6',2"-terpyridine

tpy-COOEt = 2,2',6',2", terpyridine-4'-carboxylic acid ethyl ester

DM-bpy = 4,4'-dimethyl-2,2'- bipyridine

- **dbeb**= 4,4'-dibutyl ester-2,2'-bipyridine
- pbq=2,3-bis(2-pyridyl)benzoquinoxaline
- acac=acetylacetone
- trz= 2-phenyl-4,6-dipyridin-2-yl-1,3,5-triazine
- RuTRu = bis-2,2'-bipyridyl-ruthenium-bis-[2-((E)-4'-methyl-2,2'-bipyridinyl-4)-ethenyl]-
- thienyl-bis-2,2'-bipyridyl-ruthenium tetra hexafluorophosphate
- Mt-bpy =4-methyl-4'-(2-thienylethenyl)-2,2'-bipyridine
- aa-bpy= Acrylic acid 4'-acryloyloxymethyl-2,2'-bipyridinyl-4-ylmethyl ester
- **im-phen** =1,2-bis(4-(1H-imidazo[4,5-f][1,10]phenanthrolin-2-yl)phenoxy)ethane
- **Eh-bpy** =4,4'-bis(3-ethylheptyl)-2,2'-bipyridine
- Hmh-bpy =4-dihexylmethyl-4'-heptyl-2,2'-bipyridine
- H2MPy3,4DMPP = meso-tris-3,4-dimethoxyphenyl-mono-(4-pyridyl)porphyrin
- **4-TBN** = 4-(1H-tetrazol-5-yl)benzonitrile
- **BTB** = bis(1H-tetrazol-5-yl)benzene
- **bpy** = 2,2'-bipyridine
- $C_2 O_4^{2-} = \text{oxalate ion}$
- $S_2 O_8^{2-}$ = persulfate or peroxydisulfate
- **TPrA** = tri-n-propylamine
- **dmbp** = 4,4'-Me2bpy and DM-bpy = 4,4'-dimethyl-2,2'-bipyridine
- **phen** = 1,10-phenanthroline
- **terpy** = 2,2',2"-terpyridine
- **bpz** =2,2'-bipyrazine

dp-bpy = 4,4'-biphenyl-2,2'-bipyridyl

- **dp-phen** =4,7-diphenyl-1,10-phenanthroline
- **dmphen** = 4,7-dimethyl-1,10-phenanthroline
- **bphb** = 1,4-bis(4'-methyl-2,2'-bipyridin-4-yl)benzene
- AZA-bpy = 4-(N-aza-18-crown-6-methyl-2,2'-bipyridine
- CE-bpy= bipyridine ligand where a crown ether (15-crown 5) is bound to the bpy ligand in the
- 3- and 3'-positions
- **v-bpy** =4-vinyl-4'-methyl-2,2'-bipyridine
- **DC-bpy** = 4,4'-dicarboxy-2,2'-bipyridine
- **PF**₆⁻=hexafluorophosphate
- **bmpa-bpy** =bis(4'-methyl-2,2'-bipyridinyl-4-carbonyl)-(1,4-phenylediamine)
- **bmdpa-bpy** =bis(4'-methyl-2,2'-bipyridinyl-4-carbonyl)-(1,4-diphenylediamine)
- **bmna-bpy** =bis(4'-methyl-2,2'-bipyridinyl-4-carbonyl)-(1,4-naphthalenediamine)

	Absorption:	Emission:	
Compound	λ _{max} ,nm(logε)	$\lambda_{em}, nm (ø_{em})$	Reference
$[Ru(dpp)_3]^{2+}$	455 (1.54)		33
$[Ru(dpq)_3]^{2+}$	500 (1.51)	716	33
$[Ru(phen)_2(dpp)]^{2+}$	465 (1.06)	652	33
$[Ru(bpy)_2(dpp)]^{2+}$	464 (1.15)	660	33
$[Ru(phen)_2(dpq)]^{2+}$	516 (1.10)	756	33
$[Ru(bpy)_2(dpq)]^{2+}$	517 (0.84)	760	33
[Ru(bpy) ₂ (tpphz)] ²⁺	449 (1.72)	628 (0.100)	34
[Ru(bpy) ₂ (dppx)] ²⁺	446 (2.27)	623 (0.088)	34
$[Ru(bpy)_2(dppm2)]^{2+}$	447 (2.28)	630 (0.090)	34
$[Ru(bpy)_2(dppp2)]^{2+}$	441 (2.28)	745 (<0.005)	34
[Ru(bpy) ₂ (dppz)] ²⁺	445 (1.63)	631 (0.083)	35
[Ru(bpy) ₂ (dpqp)] ²⁺	457	618 (0.76)	35
$[Ru(phen)_2(dicnq)]^{2+}$	445 (4.33)	613 (0.012)	36
[Ru(phen)(dicnq) ₂] ²⁺	441 (4.31)	610 (0.004)	36
[Ru(bpy) ₂ (dicnq)] ²⁺	439 (1.75)	640 (0.0055)	37
[Ru(bpy) ₂ (dppzc)] ²⁺	448 (1.95)	630 (0.009)	37

Table S2. Absorption and emission properties of Ru(dpq) derivates.

$[Ru(bpy)(dppzc)_2]^{2+}$	431 (2.51)		37
$[Ru(phen)_2(dppzc)]^{2+}$	431 (2.43)		37
[Ru(bpy) ₂ (dpqOHCOOH)] ²⁺	455 (1.78)	620 (0.068)	37
$[Ru(bpy)_2(dpq(OH)_2)]^{2+}$	453 (1.56)	627 (0.087)	37
$[Ru(phen)_2(dppz)]^{2+}$	439(2.23)	618	38
[Ru(phen) ₂ (dppx)] ²⁺	440(2.1)	610	38
$[Ru(phen)_2(dppm2)]^{2+}$	441(2.25)	615	38
[Ru(phen) ₂ (dppa)] ²⁺	438(2.34)	612	38
[Ru(phen) ₂ (dppb)] ²⁺	439(2.14)	660	38
$[Ru(phen)_2(dppp2)]^{2+}$	439(2.12)	620	38
$[Ru(phen)_2(dppp3)]^{2+}$	439(2.11)	616	38
[Ru(phen) ₂ (dppn)] ²⁺	443(2.56)	606	38

Dpp 2,3-bis(2'-pyridyl)pyrazine)

dpq Dipyrido[3,2-*f*:2',3-h]quinoxaline

tpphzTetrapyrido[3,2-a:2',3'-c:3",2"-h:2,3"'-j]phenazine

dppx 11,12-Dimethyl-dipyrido[3,2-a:2',3'-c]phenazine

dppm 10-Dimethyl-dipyrido[3,2-a:2',3'-c]phenazine

dppp Pyrido[2',3':5,6]pyrazino[2,3*-f*][1,10]phenanthroline

dppz Dipyrido[3,2-a:2',3'-c]phenazine

dpqp Dipyrido[2,3-a:3',2'-c]quinolino[3,2-*j*]phenazine

dicnq 6,7-dicyanodipyrido[2,2-*d*:2',3'-*f*]quinoxaline

dppzc dipyrido[3,2-*a*:2',3'-*c*]- phenazine-2-carboxylic acid

dppn 4,5,9,16-Tetraaza-dibenzo[a,c]naphthacene

Figure S2. Cyclic voltammogram of S104 in 0.1 M TBAP/MeCN solution at a Pt disk electrode (2 mm diameter), T = 25 °C, scan rate 100 mVs⁻¹: (A) Scan from -0.2 to -1.7 V; (B) scan from 0.2 to 1.7 V.



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