

## **Supporting Information**

Synthesis, characterization, biomarcomolecular interactions, photodynamic NO releasing and cellular imaging of two [RuCl(qn)(Lbpy)(NO)]X complexes

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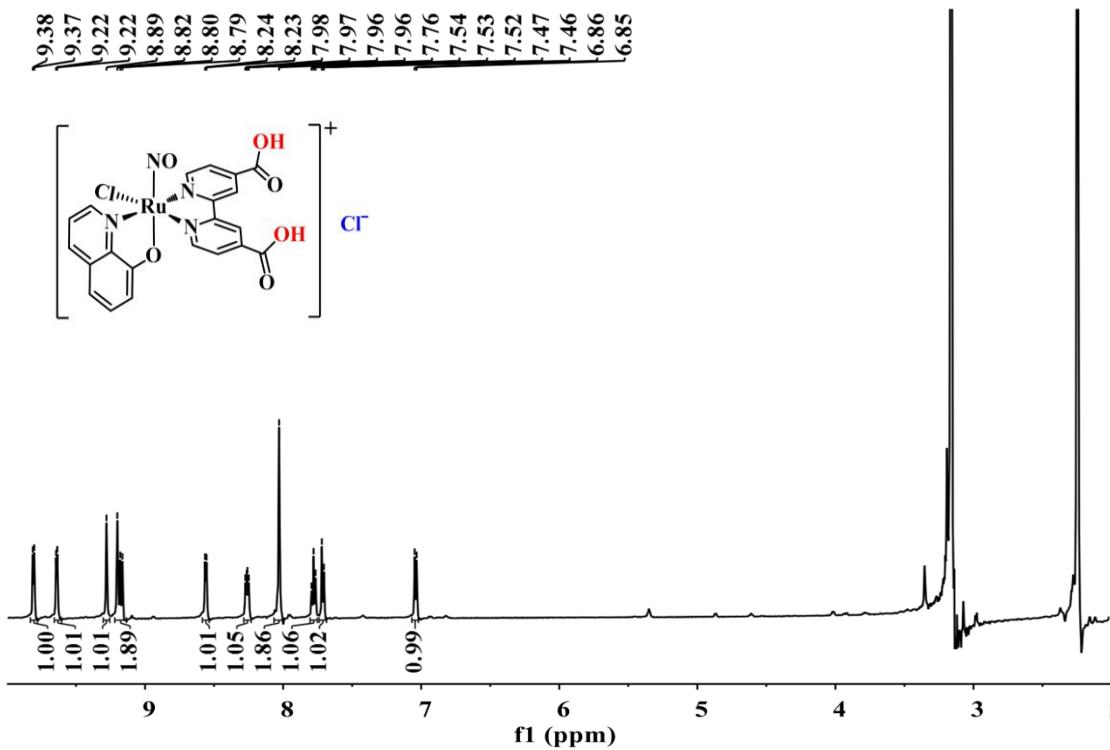
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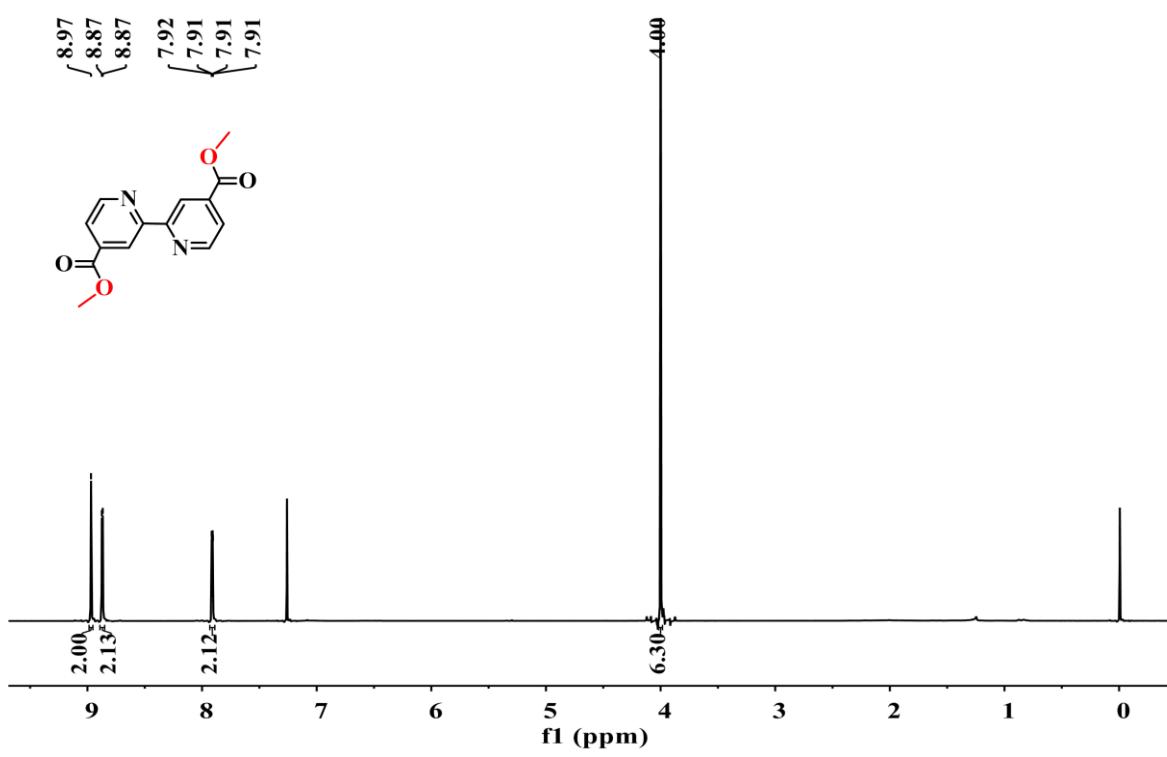
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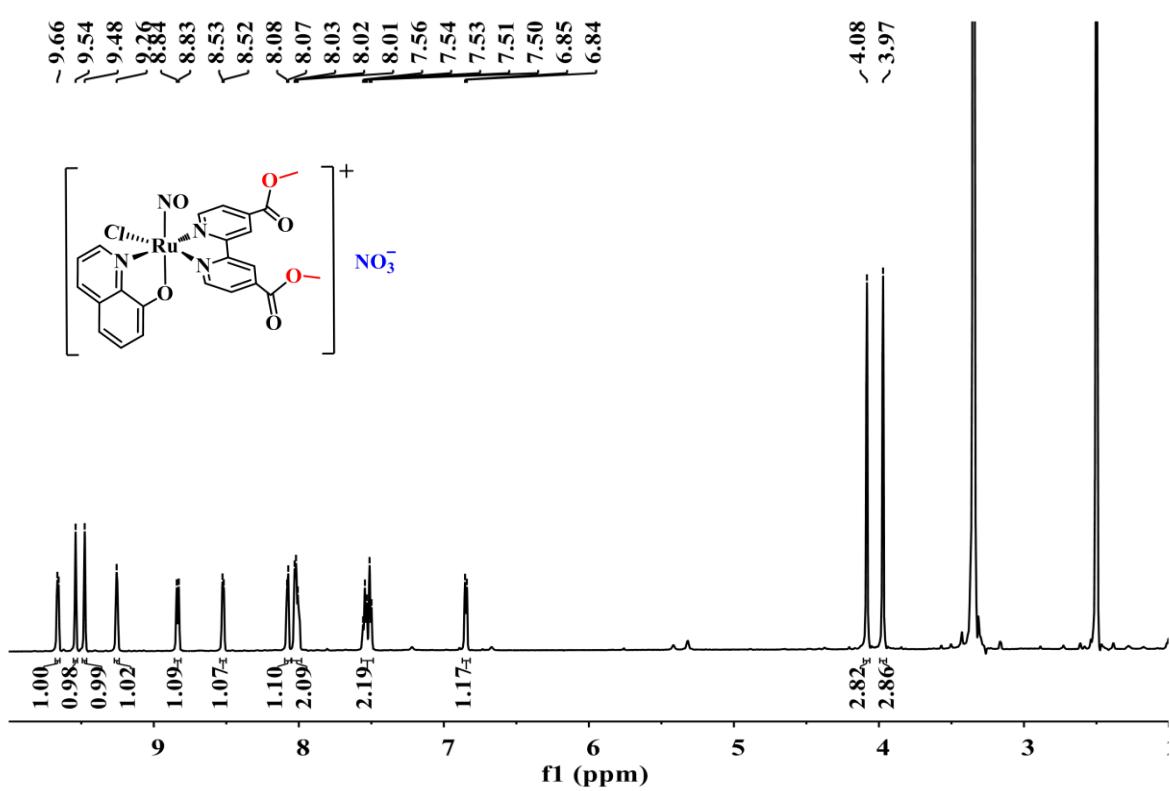
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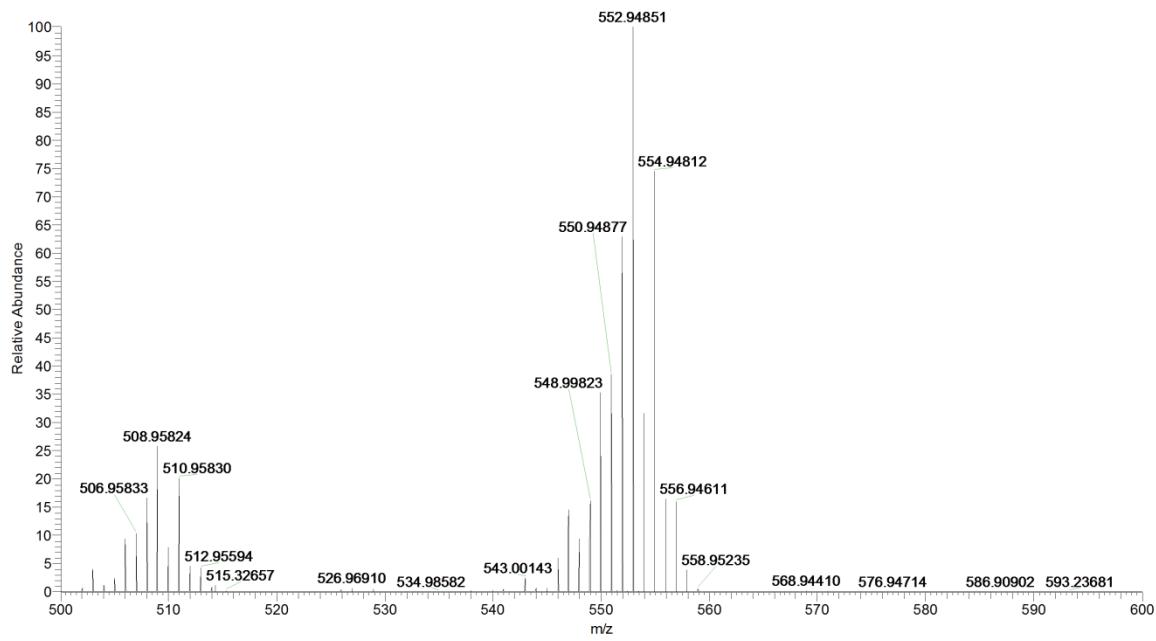
**Figure S1.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR of  $[\text{RuCl}(\text{qn})(\text{Lbpy}_1)(\text{NO})]\text{Cl}$  (Ru-Lbpy<sub>1</sub>)



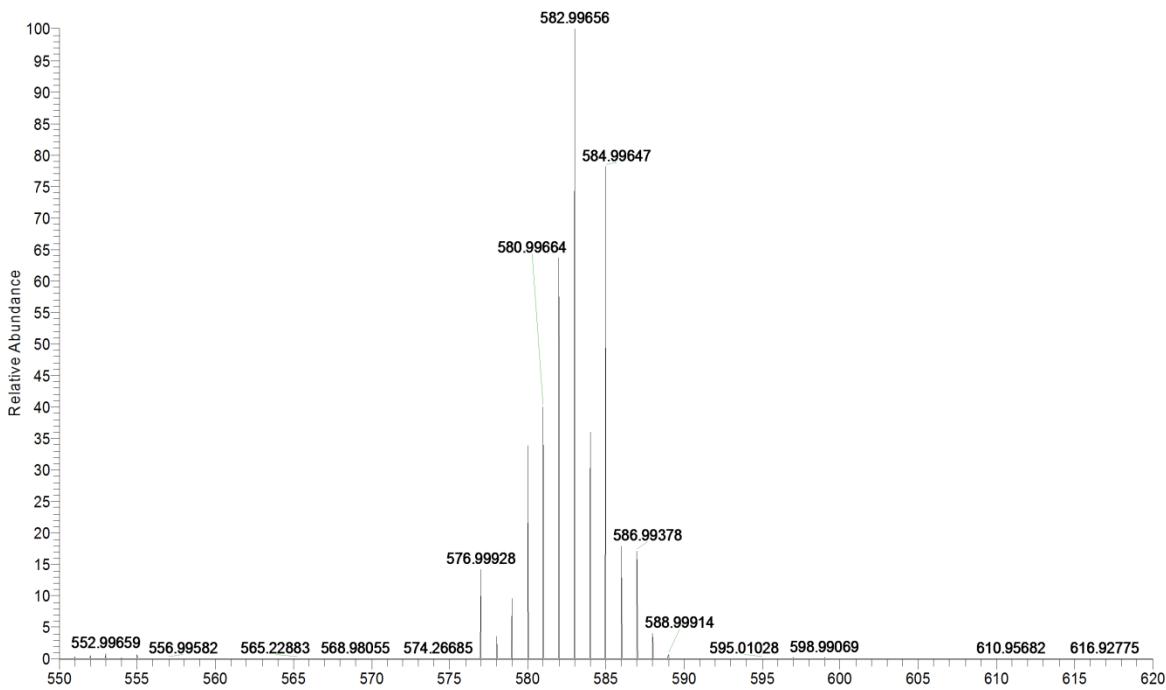
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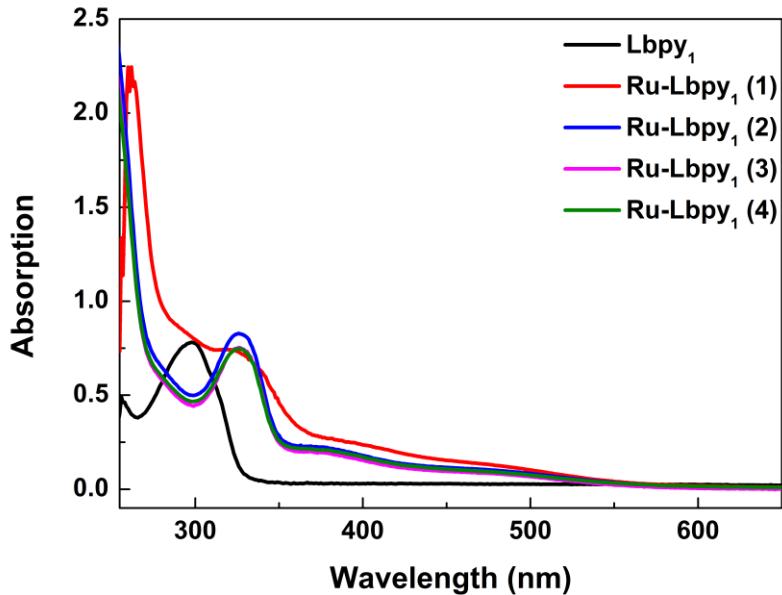
**Figure S3.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR of  $[\text{RuCl}(\text{qn})(\text{Lbpy}_2)(\text{NO})]\text{NO}_3$  (Ru-Lbpy<sub>2</sub>)



**Figure S4.** ESI-MS of  $[\text{RuCl}(\text{qn})(\text{Lbpy}_1)(\text{NO})]\text{Cl}$  (Ru-Lbpy<sub>1</sub>)

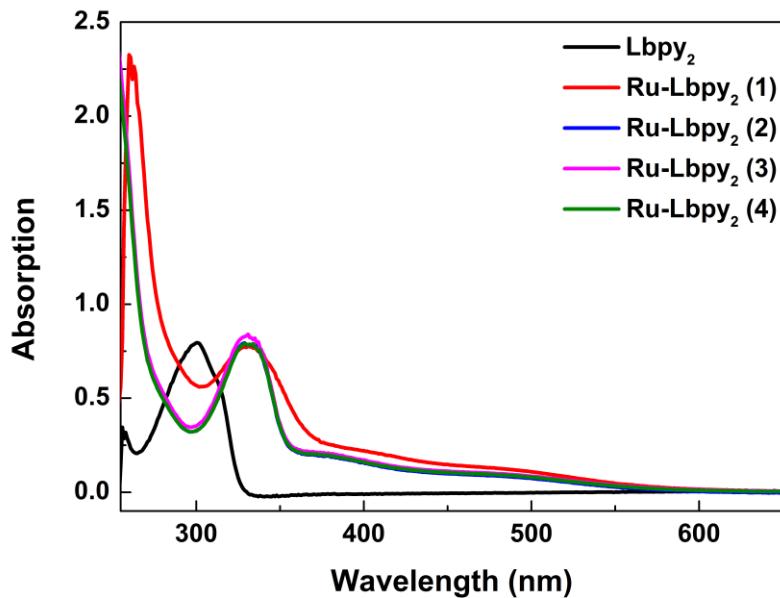


**Figure S5.** ESI-MS of  $[\text{RuCl}(\text{qn})(\text{Lbpy}_2)(\text{NO})]\text{NO}_3$  (Ru-Lbpy<sub>2</sub>)



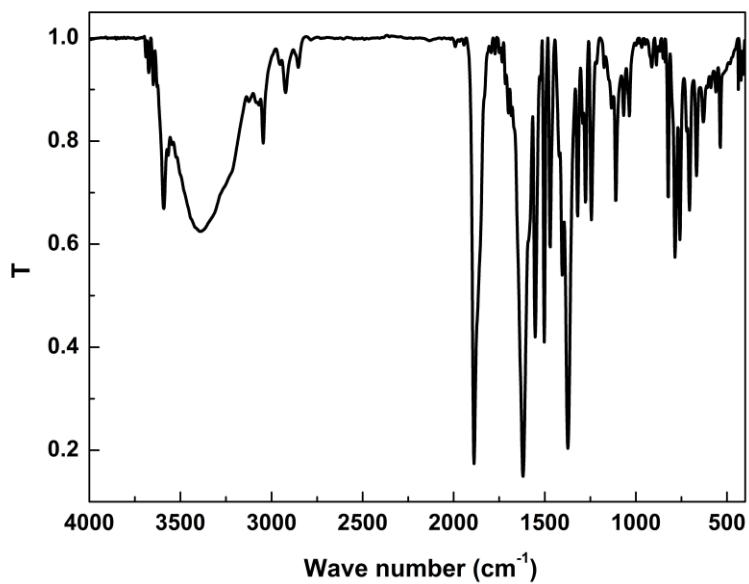
**Figure S6.** UV-vis of Lbpy<sub>1</sub> in DMSO and [RuCl(qn)(Lbpy<sub>1</sub>)(NO)]Cl (Ru-Lbpy<sub>1</sub>)

in (1) DMSO, (2) H<sub>2</sub>O, (3) 50 mM PB, pH=7.5 buffer, (4) 50 mM PB, pH=7.5 buffer in a week.

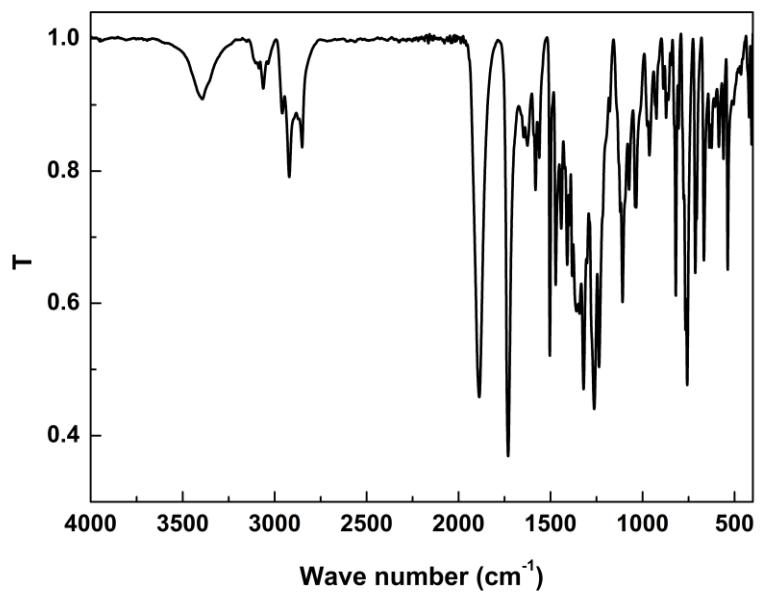


**Figure S7.** UV-vis of Lbpy<sub>2</sub> in DMSO and [RuCl(qn)(Lbpy<sub>2</sub>)(NO)]NO<sub>3</sub> (Ru-Lbpy<sub>2</sub>)

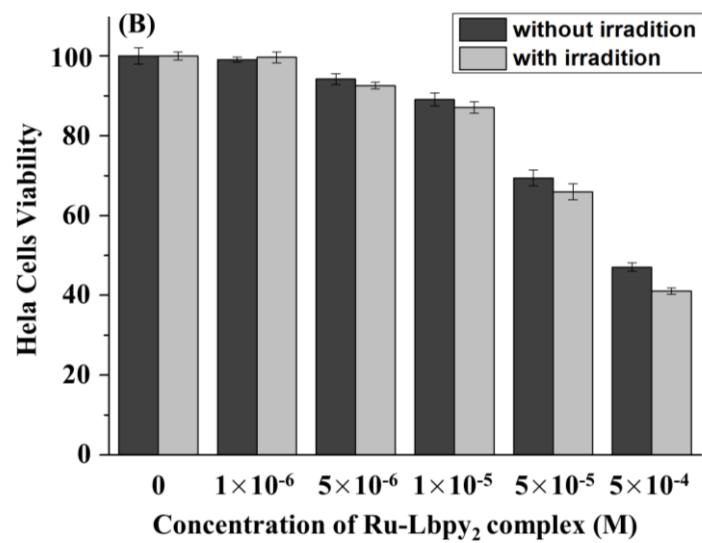
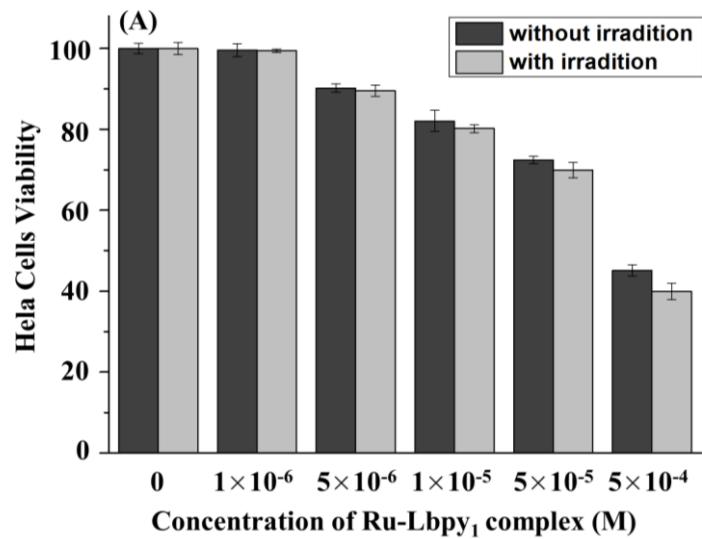
in (1) DMSO, (2) H<sub>2</sub>O, (3) 50 mM PB, pH=7.5 buffer, (4) 50 mM PB, pH=7.5 buffer in a week.



**Figure S8.** IR of  $[\text{RuCl}(\text{qn})(\text{Lbpy}_1)(\text{NO})]\text{Cl}$  (Ru-Lbpy<sub>1</sub>)



**Figure S9.** IR of  $[\text{RuCl}(\text{qn})(\text{Lbpy}_2)(\text{NO})]\text{NO}_3$  (Ru-Lbpy<sub>2</sub>)



**Figure S10.** Viability of HeLa cells treated with different concentrations of Ru-Lbpy<sub>1</sub> (A) and Ru-Lbpy<sub>2</sub> (B) complexes for 24 h. The black and gray represent dark condition and light for 30 min, respectively. Each experiment was repeated at least three times.

**Table S1.** Crystal atomic coordinates and equivalent isotropic temperature factors of Ru-Lbpy<sub>2</sub>

	<b>x</b>	<b>y</b>	<b>z</b>	<b>U<sub>iso</sub></b>
<b>Ru1</b>	0.43083(5)	0.31373(5)	0.21151(4)	0.03568(19)
<b>Cl1</b>	0.32859(17)	0.35355(18)	0.05295(15)	0.0526(5)
<b>N1</b>	0.6344(5)	0.4025(5)	0.2167(4)	0.0375(12)
<b>N2</b>	0.5349(5)	0.2674(5)	0.3367(4)	0.0368(12)
<b>N3</b>	0.2353(5)	0.1849(5)	0.1922(4)	0.0357(12)
<b>N4</b>	0.4237(5)	0.4512(6)	0.3061(5)	0.0476(14)
<b>N5</b>	0.2004(10)	0.3313(9)	0.4935(4)	0.088(2)
<b>O1</b>	1.0878(5)	0.6091(6)	0.1688(5)	0.0682(16)
<b>O2</b>	1.1368(6)	0.5170(7)	0.2889(6)	0.089(2)
<b>O3</b>	0.8964(6)	0.1791(6)	0.5658(5)	0.0735(17)
<b>O4</b>	0.7132(6)	0.0906(6)	0.6169(5)	0.0704(16)
<b>O5</b>	0.4364(4)	0.1524(4)	0.1112(3)	0.0395(10)
<b>O6</b>	0.4237(6)	0.5384(6)	0.3677(6)	0.094(2)
<b>O7</b>	0.6627(17)	0.8743(17)	0.3709(12)	0.106(7)
<b>O7'</b>	0.591(3)	0.766(3)	0.317(2)	0.133(13)
<b>O8</b>	0.1047(8)	0.3643(7)	0.4742(6)	0.102(2)
<b>O9</b>	0.1833(12)	0.2157(12)	0.4848(9)	0.169(4)
<b>O10</b>	0.3177(15)	0.4218(14)	0.5186(10)	0.073(6)
<b>O11</b>	0.2592(14)	0.3544(14)	0.5960(12)	0.118(6)
<b>C1</b>	0.6762(7)	0.4745(6)	0.1554(5)	0.0439(16)
<b>C2</b>	0.8118(7)	0.5234(6)	0.1594(5)	0.0432(16)
<b>C3</b>	0.9097(6)	0.4983(6)	0.2280(5)	0.0390(15)
<b>C4</b>	0.8673(6)	0.4266(6)	0.2924(5)	0.0375(14)
<b>C5</b>	0.7293(6)	0.3779(6)	0.2858(5)	0.0340(14)
<b>C6</b>	0.6727(6)	0.3020(6)	0.3520(5)	0.0325(13)
<b>C7</b>	0.7528(7)	0.2666(6)	0.4263(5)	0.0398(15)
<b>C8</b>	0.6883(7)	0.1971(6)	0.4853(5)	0.0426(16)
<b>C9</b>	0.5495(7)	0.1680(7)	0.4719(6)	0.0454(16)
<b>C10</b>	0.4747(7)	0.2042(6)	0.3964(5)	0.0420(15)

<b>C11</b>	1.0582(7)	0.5414(6))	0.2324(6)	0.0428(16)
<b>C12</b>	1.2305(9)	0.6505(10)	0.1653(9)	0.085(3)
<b>C13</b>	0.7658(8)	0.1500(7)	0.5640(6)	0.0504(18)
<b>C14</b>	0.9767(9)	0.1280(10)	0.6339(8)	0.091(3)
<b>C15</b>	0.3221(6)	0.0472(6)	0.0805(5)	0.0384(15)
<b>C16</b>	0.3023(8)	-0.0734(7)	0.0103(6)	0.0507(18)
<b>C17</b>	0.1768(9)	-0.1786(7)	-0.0162(6)	0.059(2)
<b>C18</b>	0.0710(8)	-0.1670(7)	0.0249(6)	0.059(2)
<b>C19</b>	0.0864(7)	-0.0445(7)	0.0970(6)	0.0458(17)
<b>C20</b>	0.2127(6)	0.0614(6)	0.1240(5)	0.0366(14)
<b>C21</b>	0.1382(7)	0.2054(7)	0.2351(6)	0.0464(16)
<b>C22</b>	0.0119(8)	0.1034(9)	0.2119(6)	0.057(2)
<b>C23</b>	-0.0138(7)	-0.0184(8)	0.1443(6)	-0.0522(19)
<b>C24</b>	0.5905(14)	0.8996(14)	0.2023(12)	0.132(5)
<b>C25</b>	0.6431(17)	0.8304(19)	0.2562(13)	0.148(6)

**Table S2.** Crystal anisotropic displacement parameters of Ru-Lbpy<sub>2</sub>

	<b>U11</b>	<b>U22</b>	<b>U33</b>	<b>U23</b>	<b>U13</b>	<b>U12</b>
<b>Ru1</b>	0.0297(3)	0.0334(3)	0.0381(3)	0.0128(2)	0.0005(2)	0.0099(2)
<b>Cl1</b>	0.0405(9)	0.0602(11)	0.0528(10)	0.0291(9)	-0.0011(8)	0.0146(8)
<b>N1</b>	0.028(3)	0.033(3)	0.044(3)	0.017(2)	0.000(2)	0.005(2)
<b>N2</b>	0.034(3)	0.036(3)	0.035(3)	0.011(2)	0.004(2)	0.011(2)
<b>N3</b>	0.031(3)	0.038(3)	0.037(3)	0.016(2)	0.005(2)	0.011(2)
<b>N4</b>	0.034(3)	0.043(4)	0.053(4)	0.008(3)	-0.003(3)	0.014(3)
<b>N5</b>	0.089(3)	0.087(3)	0.089(3)	0.0289(19)	0.0243(19)	0.038(2)
<b>O1</b>	0.049(3)	0.093(4)	0.097(4)	0.070(4)	0.033(3)	0.034(3)
<b>O2</b>	0.051(3)	0.133(6)	0.127(5)	0.103(5)	0.032(4)	0.038(4)
<b>O3</b>	0.055(3)	0.095(4)	0.093(4)	0.072(4)	0.013(3)	0.031(3)
<b>O4</b>	0.060(3)	0.086(4)	0.072(4)	0.058(3)	0.012(3)	0.015(3)
<b>O5</b>	0.029(2)	0.038(2)	0.046(3)	0.010(2)	0.0099(19)	0.0091(19)
<b>O6</b>	0.071(4)	0.073(4)	0.095(5)	-0.022(4)	-0.008(3)	0.036(3)
<b>O7</b>	0.111(7)	0.109(8)	0.105(7)	0.040(4)	0.032(4)	0.048(4)
<b>O7'</b>	0.132(13)	0.136(13)	0.132(13)	0.050(6)	0.041(5)	0.047(6)
<b>O8</b>	0.098(4)	0.115(4)	0.103(4)	0.037(3)	0.031(3)	0.052(3)
<b>O9</b>	0.170(4)	0.168(4)	0.171(4)	0.065(2)	0.050(2)	0.062(2)
<b>O10</b>	0.070(6)	0.072(6)	0.075(6)	0.024(3)	0.020(3)	0.027(3)
<b>O11</b>	0.117(6)	0.117(6)	0.118(6)	0.039(3)	0.033(3)	0.047(3)
<b>C1</b>	0.037(4)	0.042(4)	0.047(4)	0.024(3)	-0.003(3)	0.009(3)
<b>C2</b>	0.042(4)	0.041(4)	0.044(4)	0.024(3)	0.003(3)	0.011(3)
<b>C3</b>	0.040(4)	0.033(3)	0.041(4)	0.015(3)	0.009(3)	0.009(3)
<b>C4</b>	0.034(3)	0.037(3)	0.038(3)	0.015(3)	0.015(3)	0.015(3)
<b>C5</b>	0.035(3)	0.030(3)	0.031(3)	0.011(3)	0.002(3)	0.009(3)
<b>C6</b>	0.032(3)	0.030(3)	0.029(3)	0.009(3)	0.000(2)	0.009(3)
<b>C7</b>	0.034(3)	0.040(4)	0.041(4)	0.016(3)	0.004(3)	0.011(3)
<b>C8</b>	0.046(4)	0.038(4)	0.039(4)	0.019(3)	0.004(3)	0.010(3)
<b>C9</b>	0.040(4)	0.050(4)	0.046(4)	0.026(3)	0.010(3)	0.011(3)

<b>C10</b>	0.036(4)	0.046(4)	0.045(4)	0.020(3)	0.009(3)	0.015(3)
<b>C11</b>	0.043(4)	0.044(4)	0.051(4)	0.029(3)	0.013(3)	0.019(3)
<b>C12</b>	0.062(6)	0.111(8)	0.127(8)	0.084(7)	0.053(6)	0.041(5)
<b>C13</b>	0.047(4)	0.046(4)	0.049(4)	0.022(4)	0.000(3)	0.009(3)
<b>C14</b>	0.066(6)	0.125(8)	0.109(8)	0.089(7)	0.009(5)	0.041(6)
<b>C15</b>	0.033(3)	0.038(4)	0.039(4)	0.016(3)	0.002(3)	0.010(3)
<b>C16</b>	0.058(5)	0.041(4)	0.050(4)	0.015(3)	0.009(3)	0.019(3)
<b>C17</b>	0.071(5)	0.036(4)	0.052(5)	0.012(3)	0.002(4)	0.011(4)
<b>C18</b>	0.054(5)	0.044(5)	0.058(5)	0.024(4)	-0.005(4)	0.001(3)
<b>C19</b>	0.040(4)	0.049(4)	0.044(4)	0.028(3)	-0.002(3)	0.009(3)
<b>C20</b>	0.033(3)	0.037(4)	0.034(3)	0.016(3)	-0.002(3)	0.009(3)
<b>C21</b>	0.048(4)	0.056(4)	0.045(4)	0.025(3)	0.015(3)	0.027(4)
<b>C22</b>	0.045(4)	0.090(6)	0.060(5)	0.047(5)	0.025(4)	0.031(4)
<b>C23</b>	0.028(4)	0.066(5)	0.058(5)	0.038(4)	0.001(3)	0.004(3)
<b>C24</b>	0.128(11)	0.162(13)	0.145(12)	0.095(11)	0.047(9)	0.067(10)
<b>C25</b>	0.151(13)	0.214(17)	0.146(14)	0.112(14)	0.062(11)	0.106(13)