



Supporting Informations

## Multistep photochemical reaction of polypyridinebased ruthenium nitrosyl complexes in dimethylsulfoxide

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1. Assignment of 1H-NMR signals for [RuT0B0(NO)](PF6)3 (in DMSO)

2. Assignment of <sup>1</sup>H-NMR signals for [RuT1B0(NO)](PF<sub>6</sub>)<sub>3</sub> (in DMSO)

3.1. H-NMR ((400 MHz, DMSO-d6) of form D, obtained from a C/D mixture after irradiation of form C in DMSO, at = 365 nm.

4. Computed structures of [RuT1B0(NO)]<sup>3+</sup> and [RuT1B0(DMSO)]<sup>2+</sup>

5. Relative concentration of [RuT1B0(DMSO(5))](PF6)2 (form C) by NMR tracking

6. Simulated electronic spectra



Figure 1. Assignment of <sup>1</sup>H-NMR signals for [RuT0B0(NO)](PF<sub>6</sub>)<sub>3</sub> (in DMSO).



Form A.



Form B.



Form C.



Figure 2. Assignment of <sup>1</sup>H-NMR signals for [RuT1B0(NO)](PF<sub>6</sub>)<sub>3</sub> (in DMSO).







Form B.



Form C.

**Figure 3.** <sup>1</sup>H-NMR ((400 MHz, DMSO-d6) of form D, obtained from a C/D mixture after irradiation of form C in DMSO, at = 365 nm.



[RuT1B0(DMSO)(5)](PF6)2.



[RuT2B0(DMSO)(S)](PF6)2.





**Figure 4.** Computed structures of [RuT1B0(NO)]<sup>3+</sup> and [RuT1B0(DMSO)]<sup>2+</sup> complexes at the DFT level of theory and relative energies (in kcal/mol) of the different isomers.

## [RuT1B0(NO)]<sup>3+</sup>



 $\label{eq:Figure 5. Relative concentration of [RuT1B0(DMSO_{(S)})](PF_6)_2 \ (form \ C) \ from \ irradiation \ of [RuT1B0(NO)](PF_6)_3 \ (form \ A) \ in \ DMSO, \ estimated \ from \ ^1H-NMR \ tracking.$ 

**Figure 6.** Simulated absorption spectra of S- and O-bonded [RuT0B0(DMSO)]<sup>2+</sup>, [RuT1B0(DMSO)]<sup>2+</sup>, [RuT2B0(DMSO)]<sup>2+</sup> and [RuT3B0(DMSO)]<sup>2+</sup> complexes at the TD-DFT level of theory. Analysis of the lowest energy absorption band is given in terms of natural transition orbitals.



[RuT0B0(DMSO)]<sup>2+</sup>



## [RuT2B0(DMSO)]<sup>2+</sup>