

# Differences of pH-Dependent Mechanisms on Generation of Hydride Donors using Ru(II) Complexes Containing Geometric Isomers of NAD<sup>+</sup> Model Ligands: NMR and Radiolysis Studies in Aqueous Solution

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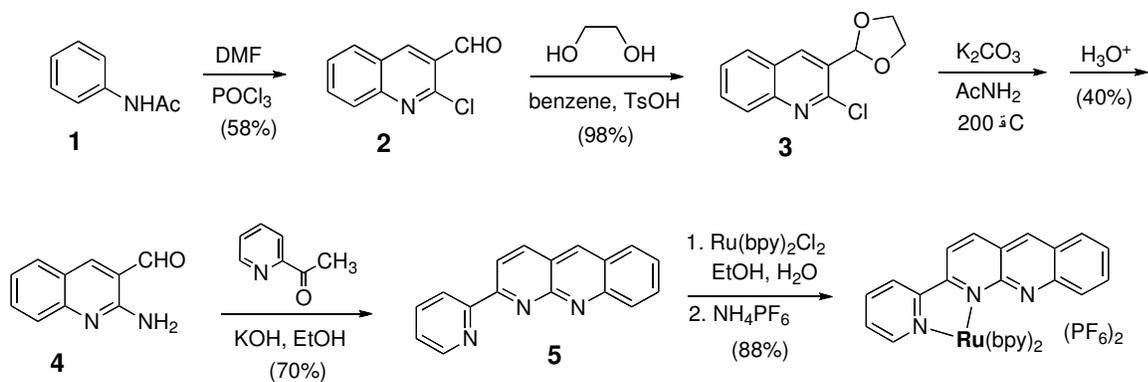
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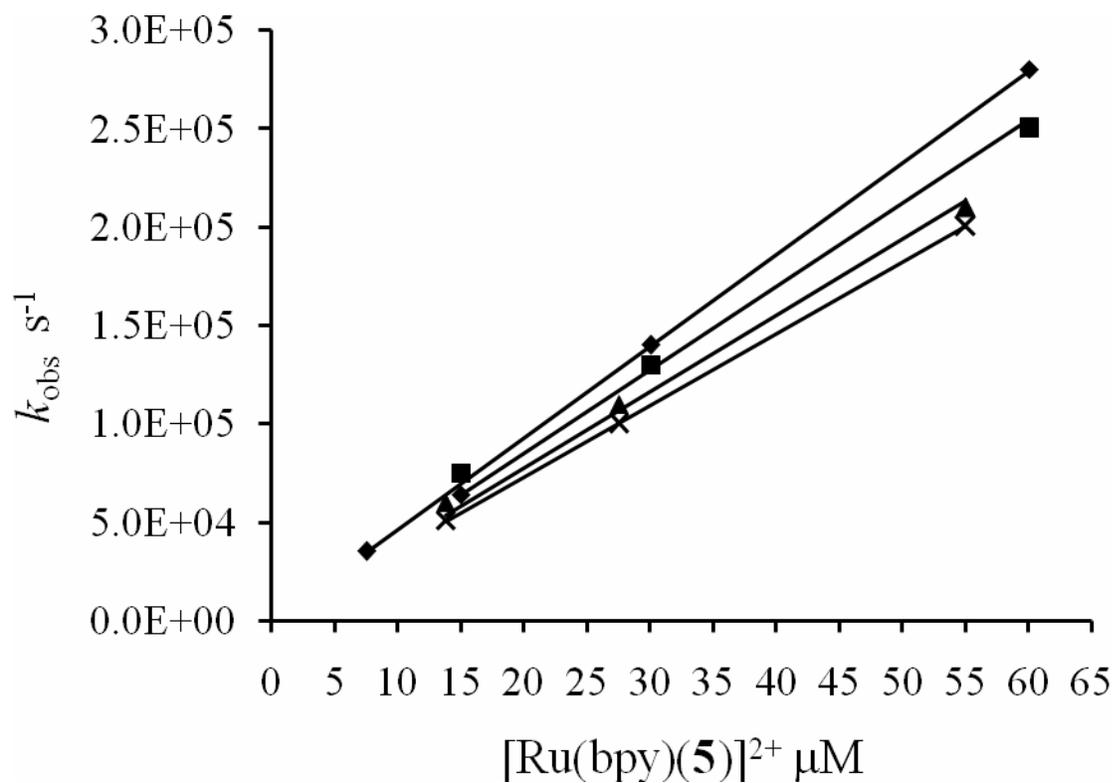
## Supporting Information

## Synthesis and Characterization

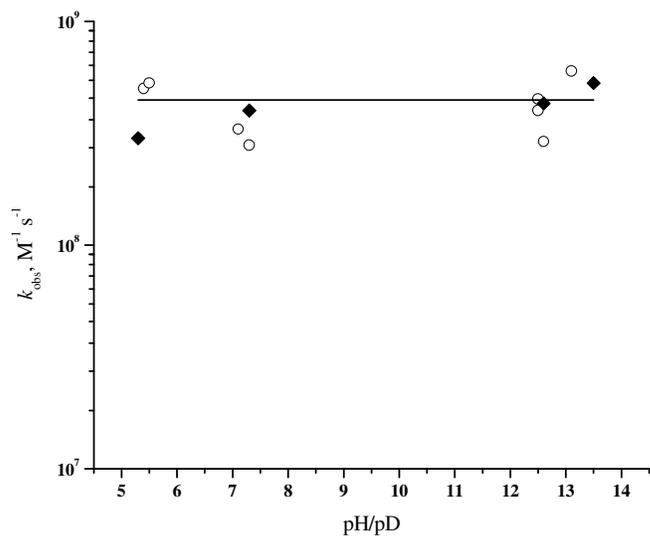
The 2-aminoquinoline-3-carbaldehyde (**4**) was prepared in four steps starting from acetanilide (Scheme S1). Following the Meth-Cohn quinoline synthesis under Vilsmeier-Haack formylation conditions, acetanilide was transformed into 2-chloroquinoline-3-carbaldehyde (**2**) in moderate yield.<sup>1</sup> Direct amination of this species with ammonia<sup>2</sup> was unsuccessful and therefore the chlorocarbaldehyde **2** was protected with ethylene glycol to give the acetal **3**.<sup>3,4</sup> The reaction of **3** and acetamide in the presence of K<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub> at 200 °C,<sup>3,5</sup> followed by deprotection under acidic conditions, afforded the *o*-aminocarbaldehyde **4** in 17-40% yield. The aminoaldehyde is characterized by its <sup>1</sup>H and <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra. Seven proton signals including a singlet at 10.05 ppm for the aldehyde and a broad peak at 6.61 ppm for the amino group, as well as ten <sup>13</sup>C peaks, match well to the expected structure. The Friedländer condensation of **4** and 2-acetylpyridine was straightforward<sup>6</sup> and the resulting ligand was characterized by its proton and <sup>13</sup>C NMR spectra. When **5** was treated with [Ru(bpy)<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>] in aqueous ethanol, followed by counterion exchange with NH<sub>4</sub>PF<sub>6</sub>, the complex [Ru(bpy)<sub>2</sub>(**5**)](PF<sub>6</sub>)<sub>2</sub> was obtained in 88% yield. This complex showed mass spectrum peaks at *m/z* = 816.12 and 671.20 corresponding to [Ru(bpy)<sub>2</sub>(**5**)(PF<sub>6</sub>)]<sup>+</sup> and [Ru(bpy)<sub>2</sub>(**5**)]<sup>+</sup>. Every proton in the complex is magnetically non-equivalent, leading to 27 signals in its <sup>1</sup>H NMR. To simplify the spectrum and better characterize the complex as well as its reaction products, the deuterio analogue [Ru(bpy-*d*<sub>8</sub>)<sub>2</sub>(**5**)](PF<sub>6</sub>)<sub>2</sub> was prepared in a similar fashion. This deuterio complex exhibits only <sup>1</sup>H NMR signals of ligand **5**, which could be assigned by an <sup>1</sup>H-<sup>1</sup>H COSY spectrum.

**Scheme S1.** Synthesis of 3-(pyrid-2'-yl)-4-azaacridine and its Ru(II) complex.

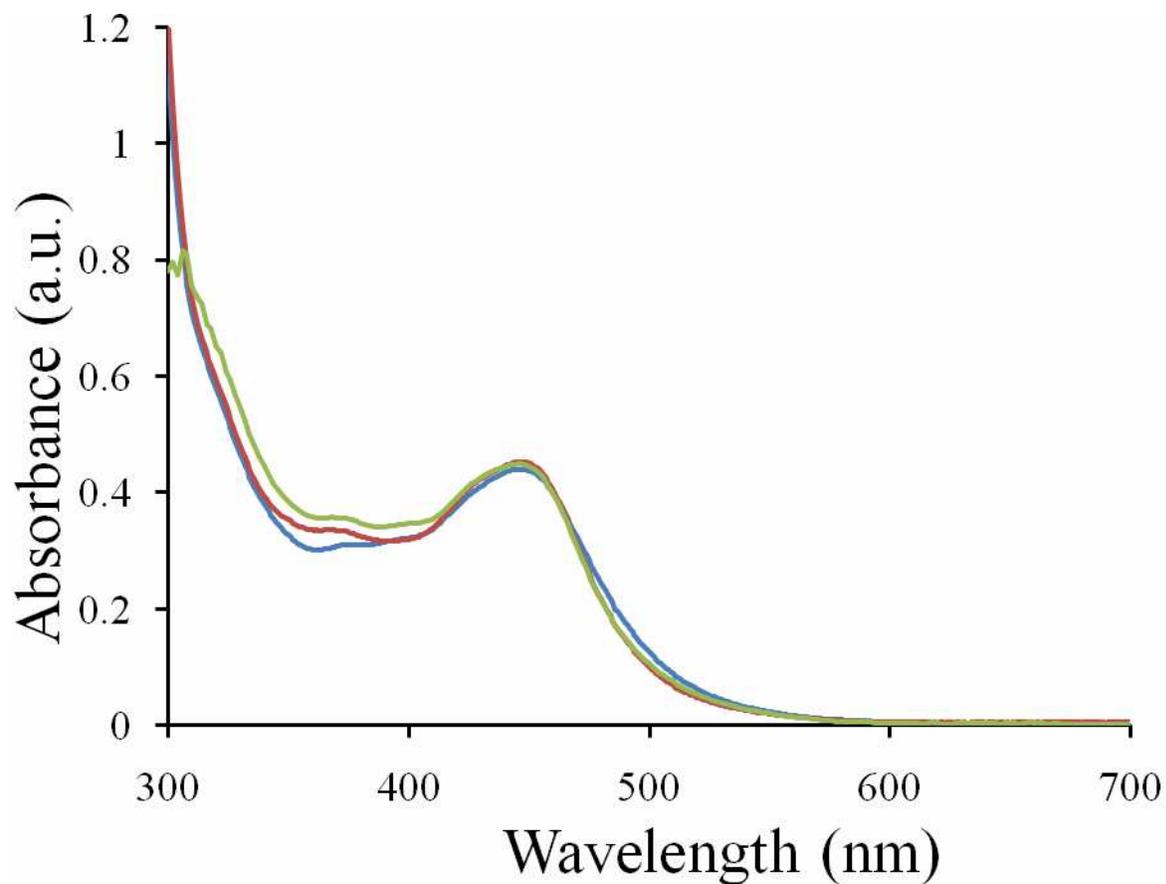




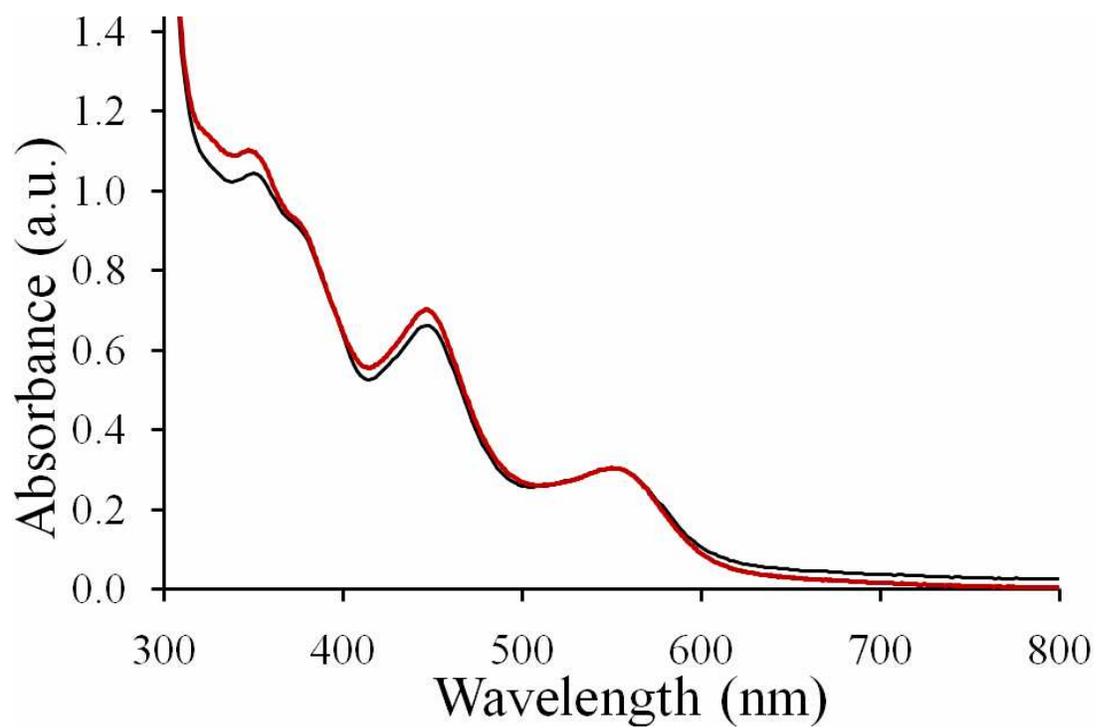
**Figure S1.** Concentration dependence between  $\text{CO}_2^{*-}$  and  $[\text{Ru}(\text{bpy})_2(\mathbf{5})]^{2+}$  at pH 7.3 and 12.5 in  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  and  $\text{D}_2\text{O}$  (diamond: pH 12.5,  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$ , square: pH 7.3,  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$ , triangle: pH 12.6,  $\text{D}_2\text{O}$ , cross: pH 7.3,  $\text{D}_2\text{O}$ ).



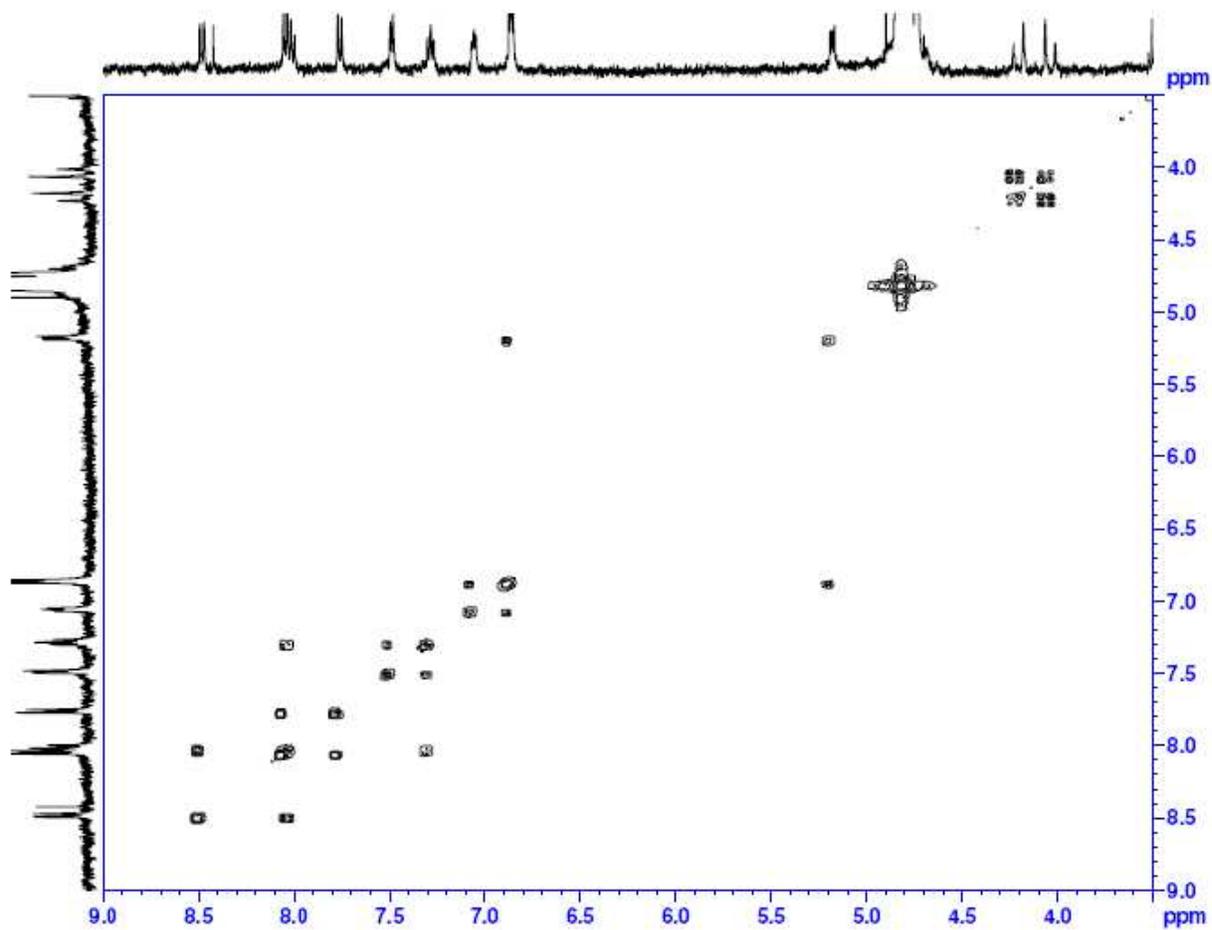
**Figure S2.** The pH-dependence of the observed second-order rate constants for the disappearance of  $[\text{Ru}(\text{bpy})_2(\mathbf{5}^-)]^+$  and  $[\text{Ru}(\text{bpy})_2(\mathbf{5H}^*)]^{2+}$  (in  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  = circles; in  $\text{D}_2\text{O}$  = diamonds).



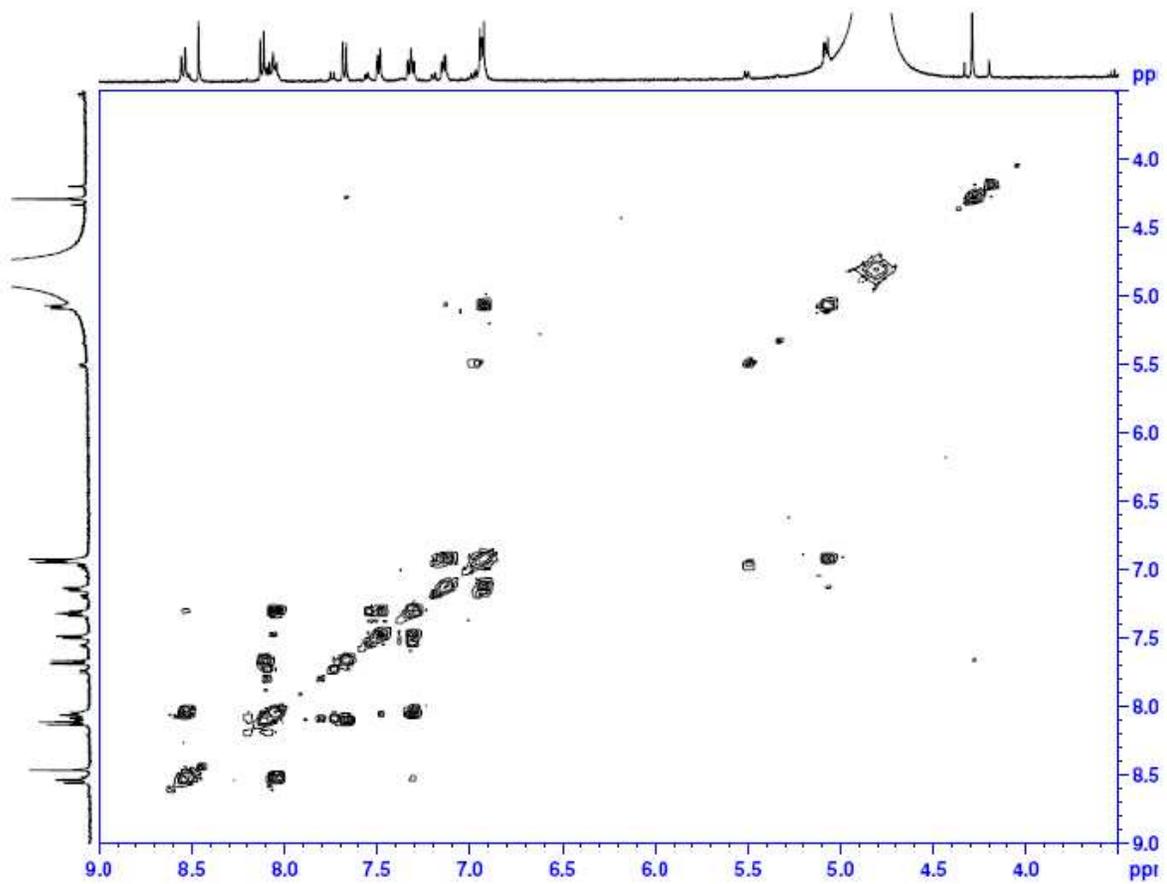
**Figure S3.** UV-vis comparison of  $[\text{Ru}(\text{bpy})_2(\mathbf{5HH})]^{2+}$  (green), final spectra made at pH = 9.1 during  $^{60}\text{Co}$  experiment (red) and chemically made  $[\text{Ru}(\text{bpy})_2(\mathbf{5})]^{2+}$  (blue).



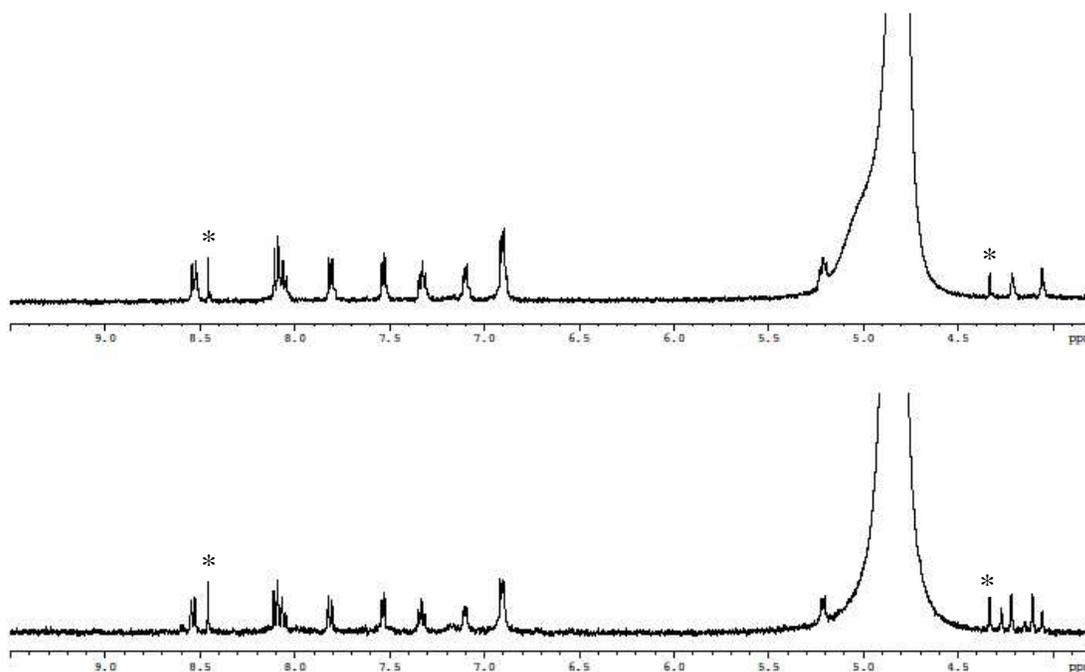
**Figure S4.** UV-vis comparison of sum of  $\frac{1}{2} [(\text{Ru}(\text{bpy})_2(\mathbf{5}))]^{2+}$  and  $\frac{1}{2} [(\text{Ru}(\text{bpy})_2(\mathbf{5HH}))]^{2+}$  (black) with that of product after 100 seconds ( $^{60}\text{Co}$  experiment) at pH 13.3 (red).



**Figure S5.** 2D gradient COSY of  $[\text{Ru}(\text{bpy})_2(\mathbf{5HH})]^{2+}$  made chemically in  $\text{D}_2\text{O}/\text{CD}_3\text{OD}$ .



**Figure S6.** 2D gradient COSY of  $[(\text{Ru}(\text{bpy})_2(\mathbf{5H}))_2]^{4+}$  in  $\text{D}_2\text{O}/\text{CD}_3\text{OD}$ .



**Figure S7.**  $^1\text{H}$  NMR in  $\text{D}_2\text{O}/\text{CD}_3\text{OD}$  of photochemical decomposition of  $[\text{Ru}(\text{bpy-}d_8)_2(\mathbf{5H})]_2^{4+}$  photolyzed in  $\text{H}_2\text{O}/\text{MeOH}$  (bottom) or  $\text{D}_2\text{O}/\text{CD}_3\text{OD}$  (top) with excess  $\text{Na}_2\text{SO}_4$  present. Impurities labeled (\*).

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