

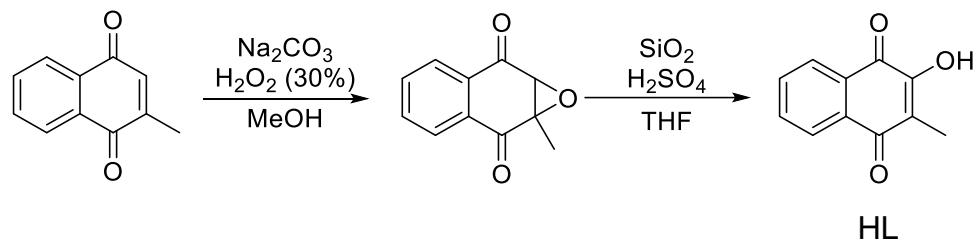
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**SUPPORTING INFORMATION:**

**Naphthoquinones of natural origin: aqueous chemistry and coordination to half-sandwich organometallic cations**

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**Scheme S1.** Synthetic pathway to phthiocol (Hphth).

**Table S1.** Experiment parameters and CCDC codes

Sample	Machine	Source	Temp.	Detector Distance	Time/Frame	#Frames	Frame width	CCDC
	Bruker		[K]	[mm]	[s]		[°]	
[Ru( $\eta^6$ - <i>p</i> -cymene)(phth)Cl] ( <b>1</b> )	D8	Mo	100	30	50	332	0.700	1961119
[Ru( $\eta^6$ - <i>p</i> -cymene)(phth)Br] ( <b>2</b> )	D8	Mo	100	30	12	919	0.700	1961118
[Ru( $\eta^6$ - <i>p</i> -cymene)(phth)I] ( <b>3</b> )	D8	Mo	130	30	4	2883	0.700	1961117
[Os( $\eta^6$ - <i>p</i> -cymene)(phth)Cl] ( <b>5</b> )	D8	Mo	100	30	20	2145	0.500	1961120
[Rh( $\eta^5$ -C <sub>5</sub> Mes)(phth)Cl] ( <b>6</b> )	D8	Mo	100	30	7	4803	0.500	1961121

**Table S2.** Sample and crystal data; parameters of data collection and structure refinement for [Ru( $\eta^6$ -*p*-cymene)(phth)Cl] (**1**)

<b>Chemical formula</b>	C <sub>21</sub> H <sub>21</sub> ClO <sub>3</sub> Ru	<b>Crystal system</b>	monoclinic	
<b>Formula weight [g/mol]</b>	457.9	<b>Space group</b>	<i>P</i> 2 <sub>1</sub> / <i>c</i>	
<b>Temperature [K]</b>	100	<b>Z</b>	4	
<b>Measurement method</b>	\f and \w scans	<b>Volume [\AA<sup>3</sup>]</b>	1814.80(11)	
<b>Radiation (Wavelength [\AA])</b>	MoK $\alpha$ ( $\lambda = 0.71073$ )	<b>Unit cell dimensions [\AA] and [°]</b>	11.7550(4)	90
<b>Crystal size / [mm<sup>3</sup>]</b>	0.255 × 0.098 × 0.016		8.2073(3)	105.3088(17)
<b>Crystal habit</b>	clear brown plate		19.5028(7)	90
<b>Density (calculated) / [g/cm<sup>3</sup>]</b>	1.676	<b>Absorption coefficient / [mm<sup>-1</sup>]</b>	1.029	
<b>Abs. correction Tmin</b>	0.6692	<b>Abs. correction Tmax</b>	0.7452	
<b>Abs. correction type</b>	multiscan	<b>F(000) [e<sup>-</sup>]</b>	928	
<b>Index ranges</b>	-14 ≤ <i>h</i> ≤ 14, -9 ≤ <i>k</i> ≤ 9, -23 ≤ <i>l</i> ≤ 18	<b>θ range for data collection [°]</b>	5.416 to 50.706	
<b>Reflections number</b>	12270	<b>Data / restraints / parameters</b>	3268/0/239	
<b>Refinement method</b>	Least squares	<b>Final R indices</b>	all data	R <sub>1</sub> = 0.0426, wR <sub>2</sub> = 0.0635
<b>Function minimized</b>	$\Sigma w(F_o^2 - F_c^2)^2$		I>2σ(I)	R <sub>1</sub> = 0.0288, wR <sub>2</sub> = 0.0599
<b>Goodness-of-fit on F<sup>2</sup></b>	1.008	<b>Weighting scheme</b>	w=1/[σ <sup>2</sup> (F <sub>o</sub> <sup>2</sup> )+(0.0207P) <sup>2</sup> +2.9362P]	
<b>Largest diff. peak and hole [e Å<sup>-3</sup>]</b>	0.76/-0.44		where P=(F <sub>o</sub> <sup>2</sup> +2F <sub>c</sub> <sup>2</sup> )/3	

**Table S3.** Sample and crystal data; parameters of data collection and structure refinement for [Ru( $\eta^6$ -*p*-cymene)(phth)Br] (**2**)

<b>Chemical formula</b>	C <sub>21</sub> H <sub>21</sub> BrO <sub>3</sub> Ru	<b>Crystal system</b>	triclinic	
<b>Formula weight [g/mol]</b>	502.36	<b>Space group</b>	<i>P</i> $\bar{1}$	
<b>Temperature [K]</b>	100	<b>Z</b>	4	
<b>Measurement method</b>	\f and \w scans	<b>Volume [Å<sup>3</sup>]</b>	1882.14(9)	
<b>Radiation (Wavelength [Å])</b>	MoK $\alpha$ ( $\lambda = 0.71073$ )	<b>Unit cell dimensions [Å] and [°]</b>	8.1014(2)	93.9012(11)
<b>Crystal size / [mm<sup>3</sup>]</b>	0.145 $\times$ 0.085 $\times$ 0.079		10.3088(3)	94.8743(10)
<b>Crystal habit</b>	clear red block		23.4681(6)	104.5458(9)
<b>Density (calculated) / [g/cm<sup>3</sup>]</b>	1.773	<b>Absorption coefficient / [mm<sup>-1</sup>]</b>	2.974	
<b>Abs. correction Tmin</b>	0.6858	<b>Abs. correction Tmax</b>	0.746	
<b>Abs. correction type</b>	multiscan	<b>F(000) [e<sup>-</sup>]</b>	1000	
<b>Index ranges</b>	-11 $\leq$ h $\leq$ 9, -14 $\leq$ k $\leq$ 14, -32 $\leq$ l $\leq$ 33	<b>θ range for data collection [°]</b>	5.138 to 60.154	
<b>Reflections number</b>	54596	<b>Data / restraints / parameters</b>	11023/0/477	
<b>Refinement method</b>	Least squares	<b>Final R indices</b>	all data	R <sub>1</sub> = 0.0535, wR <sub>2</sub> = 0.0702
<b>Function minimized</b>	$\Sigma w(F_o^2 - F_c^2)^2$		I > 2σ(I)	R <sub>1</sub> = 0.0350, wR <sub>2</sub> = 0.0661
<b>Goodness-of-fit on F<sup>2</sup></b>	1.052	<b>Weighting scheme</b>	w=1/[σ <sup>2</sup> (F <sub>o</sub> <sup>2</sup> )+(0.0155P) <sup>2</sup> +4.3226P]	
<b>Largest diff. peak and hole [e Å<sup>-3</sup>]</b>	2.17/-1.06		where P=(F <sub>o</sub> <sup>2</sup> +2F <sub>c</sub> <sup>2</sup> )/3	

**Table S4.** Sample and crystal data; parameters of data collection and structure refinement for [Ru( $\eta^6$ -*p*-cymene)(phth)I] (**3**)

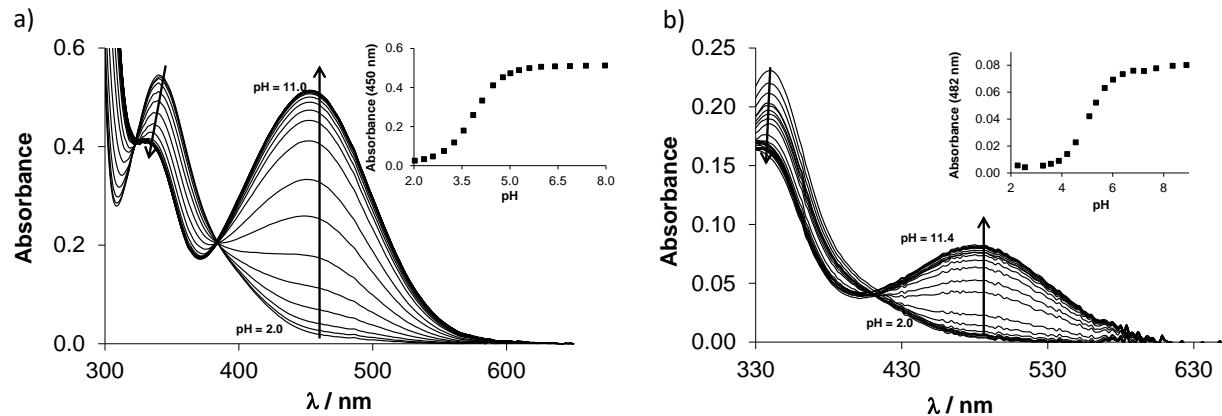
<b>Chemical formula</b>	C <sub>21</sub> H <sub>21</sub> IO <sub>3</sub> Ru	<b>Crystal system</b>	triclinic	
<b>Formula weight [g/mol]</b>	549.35	<b>Space group</b>	<i>P</i> <i>1</i>	
<b>Temperature [K]</b>	130	<b>Z</b>	4	
<b>Measurement method</b>	\f and \w scans	<b>Volume [Å<sup>3</sup>]</b>	1970.9(2)	
<b>Radiation (Wavelength [Å])</b>	MoK $\alpha$ ( $\lambda = 0.71073$ )	<b>Unit cell dimensions [Å] and [°]</b>	8.3517(5)	95.322(2)
<b>Crystal size / [mm<sup>3</sup>]</b>	0.3 × 0.11 × 0.1		10.3559(6)	93.646(2)
<b>Crystal habit</b>	clear red block		23.7603(13)	104.719(2)
<b>Density (calculated) / [g/cm<sup>3</sup>]</b>	1.851	<b>Absorption coefficient / [mm<sup>-1</sup>]</b>	2.379	
<b>Abs. correction T<sub>min</sub></b>	0.5118	<b>Abs. correction T<sub>max</sub></b>	0.7471	
<b>Abs. correction type</b>	multiscan	<b>F(000) [e<sup>-</sup>]</b>	1072	
<b>Index ranges</b>	-11 ≤ h ≤ 11, -14 ≤ k ≤ 14, -33 ≤ l ≤ 33	<b>θ range for data collection [°]</b>	3.458 to 60.068	
<b>Reflections number</b>	88929	<b>Data / restraints / parameters</b>	11510/0/477	
<b>Refinement method</b>	Least squares	<b>Final R indices</b>	all data	R <sub>1</sub> = 0.0434, wR <sub>2</sub> = 0.0819
<b>Function minimized</b>	$\Sigma w(F_o^2 - F_c^2)^2$		I>2σ(I)	R <sub>1</sub> = 0.0380, wR <sub>2</sub> = 0.0799
<b>Goodness-of-fit on F<sup>2</sup></b>	1.196	<b>Weighting scheme</b>	w=1/[σ <sup>2</sup> (F <sub>o</sub> <sup>2</sup> )+(6.5880P) <sup>2</sup> ] where P=(F <sub>o</sub> <sup>2</sup> +2F <sub>c</sub> <sup>2</sup> )/3	
<b>Largest diff. peak and hole [e Å<sup>-3</sup>]</b>	2.10/-1.36			

**Table S5.** Sample and crystal data; parameters of data collection and structure refinement for  $[\text{Os}(\eta^6\text{-}p\text{-cymene})(\text{phth})\text{Cl}]$  (**5**)

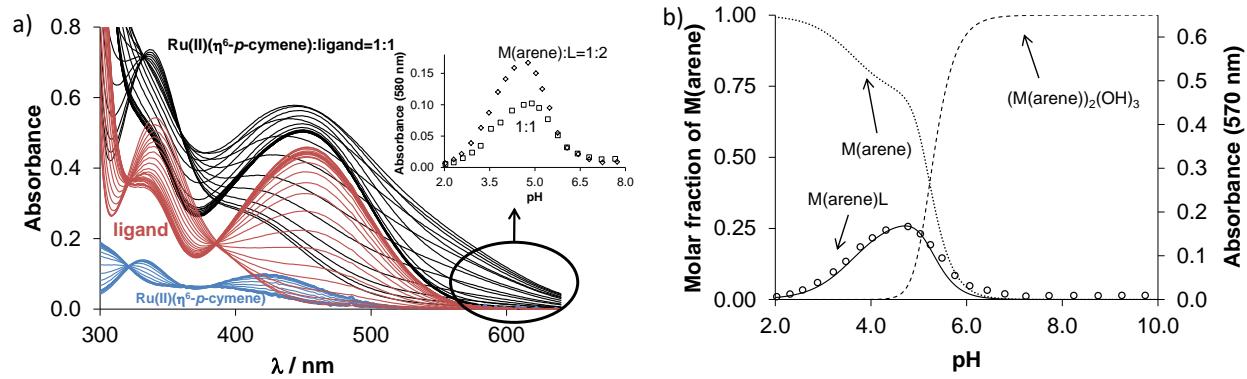
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<b>Formula weight [g/mol]</b>	547.03	<b>Space group</b>	<i>P2<sub>1</sub>/c</i>	
<b>Temperature [K]</b>	100	<b>Z</b>	4	
<b>Measurement method</b>	\f and \w scans	<b>Volume [Å<sup>3</sup>]</b>	1819.20(12)	
<b>Radiation (Wavelength [Å])</b>	MoK $\alpha$ ( $\lambda = 0.71073$ )	<b>Unit cell dimensions [Å] and [°]</b>	11.7467(5)	90
<b>Crystal size / [mm<sup>3</sup>]</b>	0.168 × 0.03 × 0.027		8.1972(3)	105.6377(15)
<b>Crystal habit</b>	clear blue needle		19.6191(7)	90
<b>Density (calculated) / [g/cm<sup>3</sup>]</b>	1.997	<b>Absorption coefficient / [mm<sup>-1</sup>]</b>	7.175	
<b>Abs. correction Tmin</b>	0.5757	<b>Abs. correction Tmax</b>	0.746	
<b>Abs. correction type</b>	multiscan	<b>F(000) [e<sup>-</sup>]</b>	1056	
<b>Index ranges</b>	-14 ≤ h ≤ 14, -9 ≤ k ≤ 9, -23 ≤ l ≤ 23	<b>θ range for data collection [°]</b>	4.816 to 50.698	
<b>Reflections number</b>	56514	<b>Data / restraints / parameters</b>	3310/0/239	
<b>Refinement method</b>	Least squares	<b>Final R indices</b>	all data	R <sub>1</sub> = 0.0273, wR <sub>2</sub> = 0.0673
<b>Function minimized</b>	$\Sigma w(F_o^2 - F_c^2)^2$		I>2σ(I)	R <sub>1</sub> = 0.0252, wR <sub>2</sub> = 0.0655
<b>Goodness-of-fit on F<sup>2</sup></b>	1.06	<b>Weighting scheme</b>	w=1/[σ <sup>2</sup> (F <sub>o</sub> <sup>2</sup> )+(0.0393P) <sup>2</sup> +7.3956P]	
<b>Largest diff. peak and hole [e Å<sup>-3</sup>]</b>	2.96/-1.50		where P=(F <sub>o</sub> <sup>2</sup> +2F <sub>c</sub> <sup>2</sup> )/3	

**Table S6.** Sample and crystal data; parameters of data collection and structure refinement for  $[\text{Rh}(\eta^5\text{-C}_5\text{Me}_5)(\text{phth})\text{Cl}]$  (**6**)

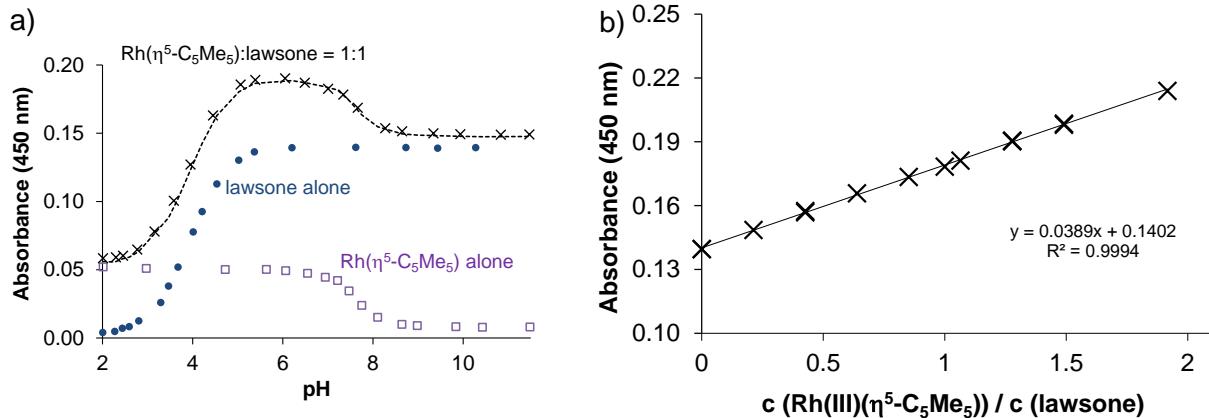
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<b>Formula weight [g/mol]</b>	630.6	<b>Space group</b>	$P\bar{1}$	
<b>Temperature [K]</b>	100	<b>Z</b>	4	
<b>Measurement method</b>	\f and \w scans	<b>Volume [\AA<sup>3</sup>]</b>	2564.8(5)	
<b>Radiation (Wavelength [\AA])</b>	MoK $\alpha$ ( $\lambda = 0.71073$ )	<b>Unit cell dimensions [\AA] and [°]</b>	11.9980(12)	69.718(5)
<b>Crystal size / [mm<sup>3</sup>]</b>	0.2 × 0.14 × 0.1		14.4950(16)	71.194(5)
<b>Crystal habit</b>	dark red block		17.1948(19)	70.035(5)
<b>Density (calculated) / [g/cm<sup>3</sup>]</b>	1.633	<b>Absorption coefficient / [mm<sup>-1</sup>]</b>	1.21	
<b>Abs. correction Tmin</b>	0.6814	<b>Abs. correction Tmax</b>	0.746	
<b>Abs. correction type</b>	multiscan	<b>F(000) [e<sup>-</sup>]</b>	1272	
<b>Index ranges</b>	-14 ≤ h ≤ 14, -17 ≤ k ≤ 17, -20 ≤ l ≤ 20	<b>θ range for data collection [°]</b>	2.596 to 50.368	
<b>Reflections number</b>	108284	<b>Data / restraints / parameters</b>	9211/0/589	
<b>Refinement method</b>	Least squares	<b>Final R indices</b>	all data	R <sub>1</sub> = 0.0772, wR <sub>2</sub> = 0.1611
<b>Function minimized</b>	$\Sigma w(F_o^2 - F_c^2)^2$		I>2σ(I)	R <sub>1</sub> = 0.0582, wR <sub>2</sub> = 0.1390
<b>Goodness-of-fit on F<sup>2</sup></b>	1.068	<b>Weighting scheme</b>	w=1/[σ <sup>2</sup> (F <sub>o</sub> <sup>2</sup> )+(0.0563P) <sup>2</sup> +25.7055P]	
<b>Largest diff. peak and hole [e Å<sup>-3</sup>]</b>	1.99/-1.38		where P=(F <sub>o</sub> <sup>2</sup> +2F <sub>c</sub> <sup>2</sup> )/3	



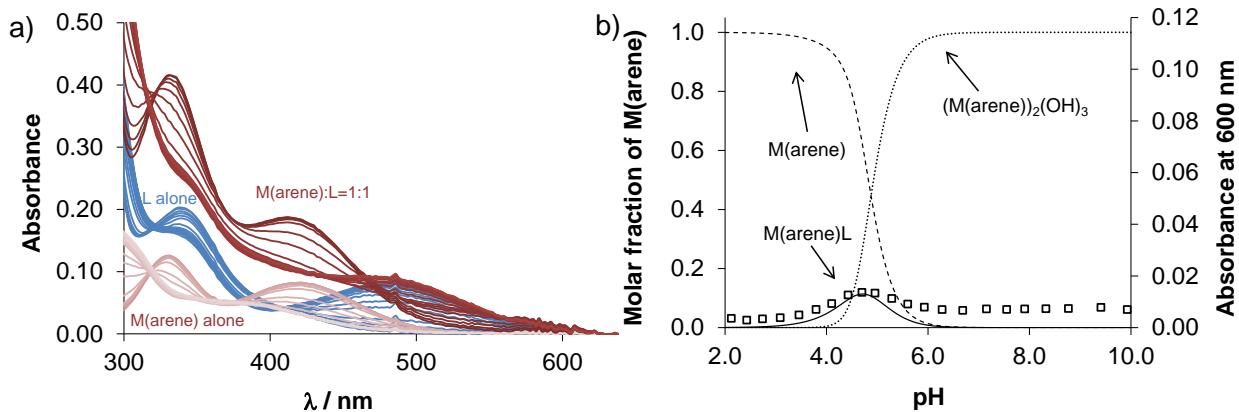
**Fig. S1.** pH-dependent (pH = 2.0–11.5) UV-Vis spectra of a) lawsone and b) phthiocol. The inserted Figs. show the changes of absorbance at a chosen wavelength. { $c(\text{lawsone}) = 200 \mu\text{M}$ ;  $c(\text{phthiocol}) = 100 \mu\text{M}$ ;  $I = 0.2 \text{ M} (\text{KCl})$ ;  $T = 25.0^\circ\text{C}$ ,  $l = 2 \text{ cm}$ }



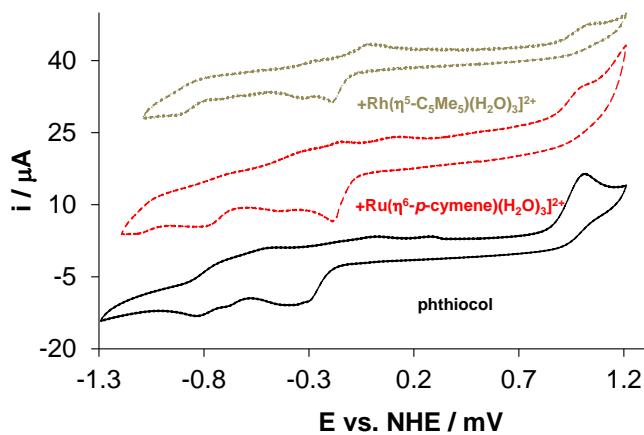
**Fig. S2.** a) UV-Vis absorption spectra of lawsone,  $[\text{Ru}(\eta^6\text{-}p\text{-cymene})(\text{H}_2\text{O})_3]^{2+}$  and the  $[\text{Ru}(\eta^6\text{-}p\text{-cymene})(\text{H}_2\text{O})_3]^{2+}$  – lawsone 1:1 system at pH = 2.0–11.5. b) Concentration distribution curves calculated with the determined constant from Table 3. Absorbance at 570 nm (○) shows the formation of [ML] complex. { $c(\text{lawsone}) = c([\text{Ru}(\eta^6\text{-}p\text{-cymene})(\text{H}_2\text{O})_3]^{2+}) = 200 \mu\text{M}$ ;  $I = 0.2 \text{ M} (\text{KCl})$ ;  $T = 25.0^\circ\text{C}$ ;  $l = 2 \text{ cm}$ }



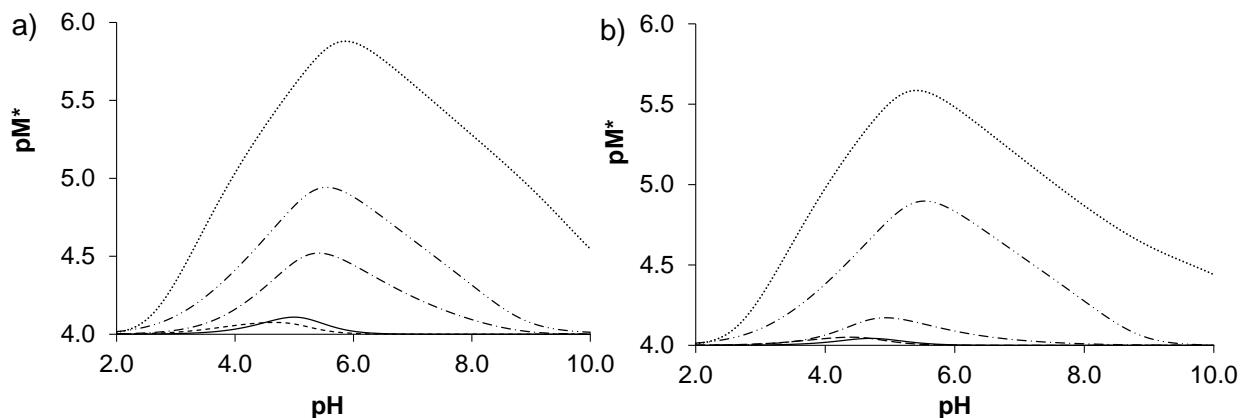
**Fig. S3.** a) Absorbance values at 450 nm for lawsone,  $[\text{Rh}(\eta^5\text{-C}_5\text{Me}_5)(\text{H}_2\text{O})_3]^{2+}$  and the  $[\text{Rh}(\eta^5\text{-C}_5\text{Me}_5)(\text{H}_2\text{O})_3]^{2+}$  – lawsone 1:1 system at pH = 2.0-11.5. Dashed curve shows the addition of the separate ligand and metal ion titration. { $c(\text{lawsone}) = c([\text{Rh}(\eta^5\text{-C}_5\text{Me}_5)(\text{H}_2\text{O})_3]^{2+}) = 50 \mu\text{M}$ ;  $I = 0.2 \text{ M}$  (KCl);  $T = 25.0^\circ\text{C}$ ;  $l = 2 \text{ cm}$ } b) Absorbance values at 450 nm at various  $[\text{Rh}(\eta^5\text{-C}_5\text{Me}_5)(\text{H}_2\text{O})_3]^{2+}$ -to-lawsone ratios. Linearity of the curve proves the lack of complex formation. { $c(\text{lawsone}) = 50 \mu\text{M}$ ;  $c([\text{Rh}(\eta^5\text{-C}_5\text{Me}_5)(\text{H}_2\text{O})_3]^{2+}) = 0\text{-}100 \mu\text{M}$ ; pH = 7.40 (20 mM phosphate buffer);  $I = 0.2 \text{ M}$  (KCl);  $T = 25.0^\circ\text{C}$ ;  $l = 1 \text{ cm}$ }



**Fig. S4.** a) UV-Vis absorption spectra of phthiocol,  $[\text{Ru}(\eta^6\text{-toluene})(\text{H}_2\text{O})_3]^{2+}$  and the  $[\text{Ru}(\eta^6\text{-toluene})(\text{H}_2\text{O})_3]^{2+}$  – phthiocol 1:1 system at pH = 2.0-11.5. b) Concentration distribution curves calculated with the determined constant from Table 3. Absorbance at 600 nm (□) shows the formation of  $[\text{ML}]$  complex. { $c(\text{phthiocol}) = c([\text{Ru}(\eta^6\text{-toluene})(\text{H}_2\text{O})_3]^{2+}) = 100 \mu\text{M}$ ;  $I = 0.2 \text{ M}$  (KCl);  $T = 25.0^\circ\text{C}$ ;  $l = 2 \text{ cm}$ }

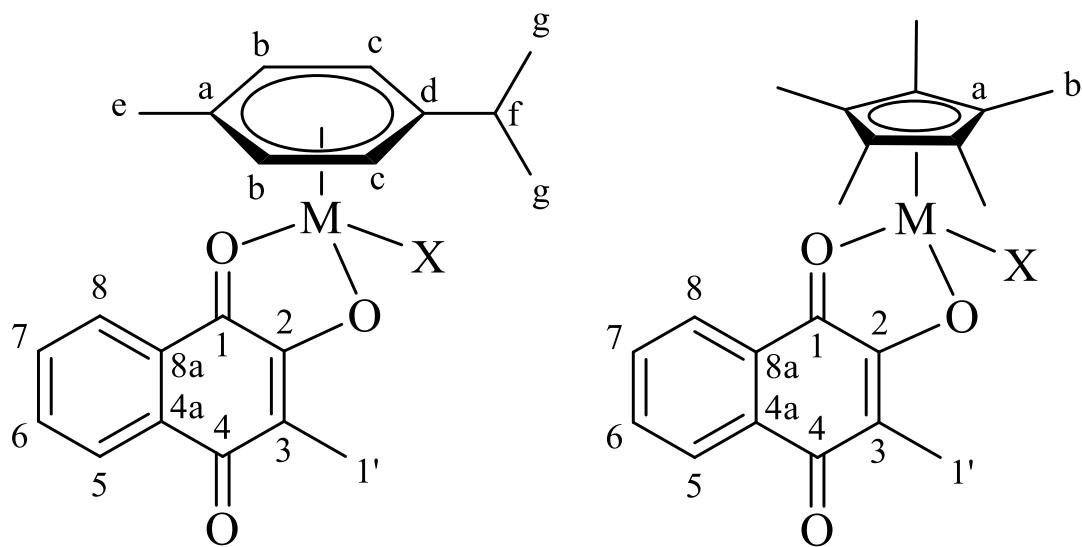


**Fig. S5.** Cyclic voltammograms of phthiocol in the absence and in the presence of organometallic cations: phthiocol without any metal (—), with  $[\text{Ru}(\eta^6-p\text{-cymene})(\text{H}_2\text{O})_3]^{2+}$  (- - -) and with  $[\text{Rh}(\eta^5\text{-C}_5\text{Me}_5)(\text{H}_2\text{O})_3]^{2+}$  (---). Voltammograms are shifted on y-axis for clarity.  $\{c(\text{phth}) = c(\text{M}) = 1 \text{ mM}; \text{solvent: DMF:water} = 9:1; \text{pH of water part} = 7.40 \text{ (phosphate buffer); } T = 25.0 \text{ }^\circ\text{C; } I = 0.2 \text{ M [}n\text{-Bu}_4\text{N][BF}_4\text{]; scan rate} = 50 \text{ mV/s}\}$ .

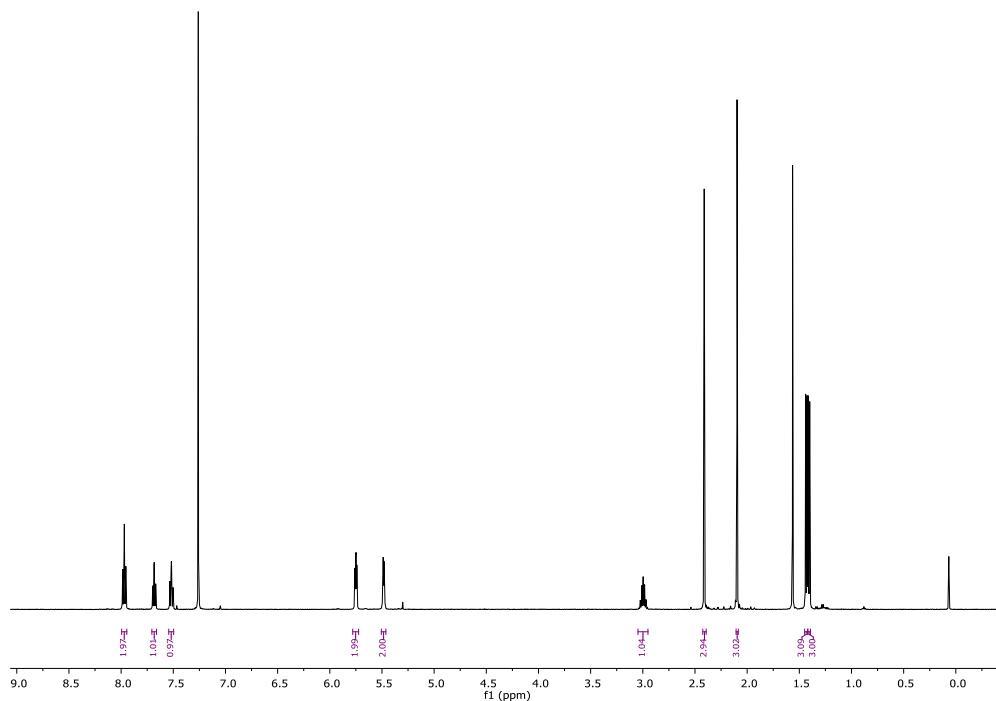


**Fig. S6.** Calculated  $pM^*$ -curves obtained for the a)  $[\text{Ru}(\eta^6\text{-toluene})(\text{H}_2\text{O})_3]^{2+} - (\text{O},\text{O})$  bidentate ligand b)  $[\text{Ru}(\eta^6-p\text{-cymene})(\text{H}_2\text{O})_3]^{2+} - (\text{O},\text{O})$  bidentate ligand systems plotted against the pH. L = lawsone (- - -); phthiocol (—); acetylacetone (- - - -) [SI-1]; maltol (- - - - -) [SI-1, SI-2]; deferiprone (· · · · ·) [SI-2].  $\{c(\text{L}) = c([\text{Rh}(\eta^5\text{-C}_5\text{Me}_5)(\text{H}_2\text{O})_3]^{2+}) = 100 \mu\text{M}; T = 25.0 \text{ }^\circ\text{C; } I = 0.2 \text{ M (KCl)}\}$

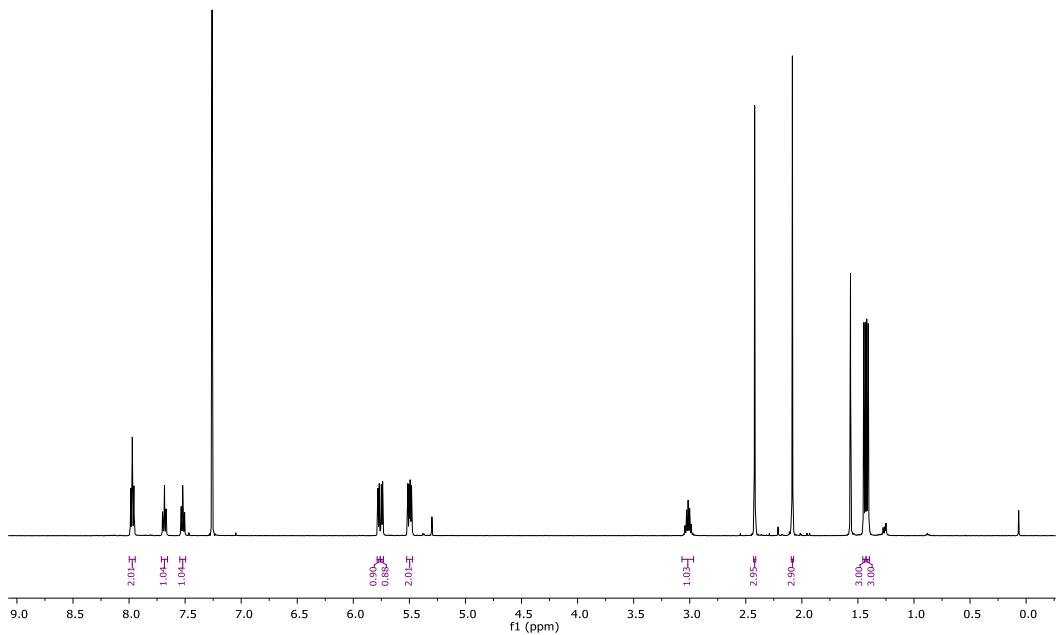
### <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectra



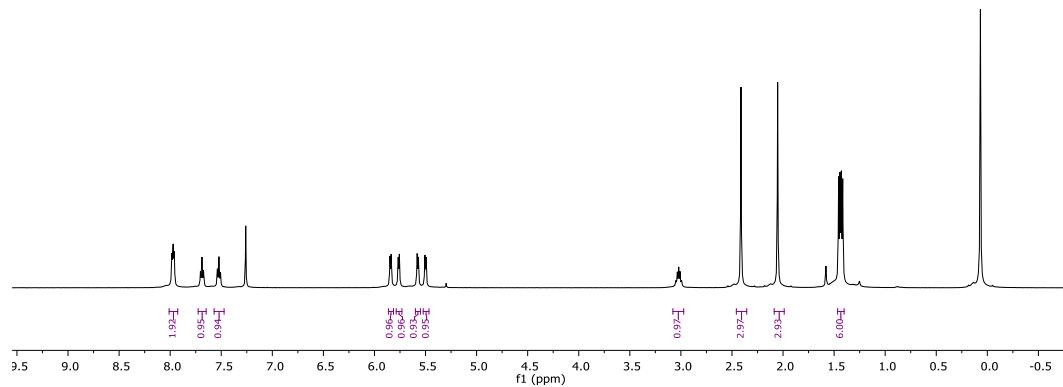
**Chart S1.** General numbering scheme of complexes.



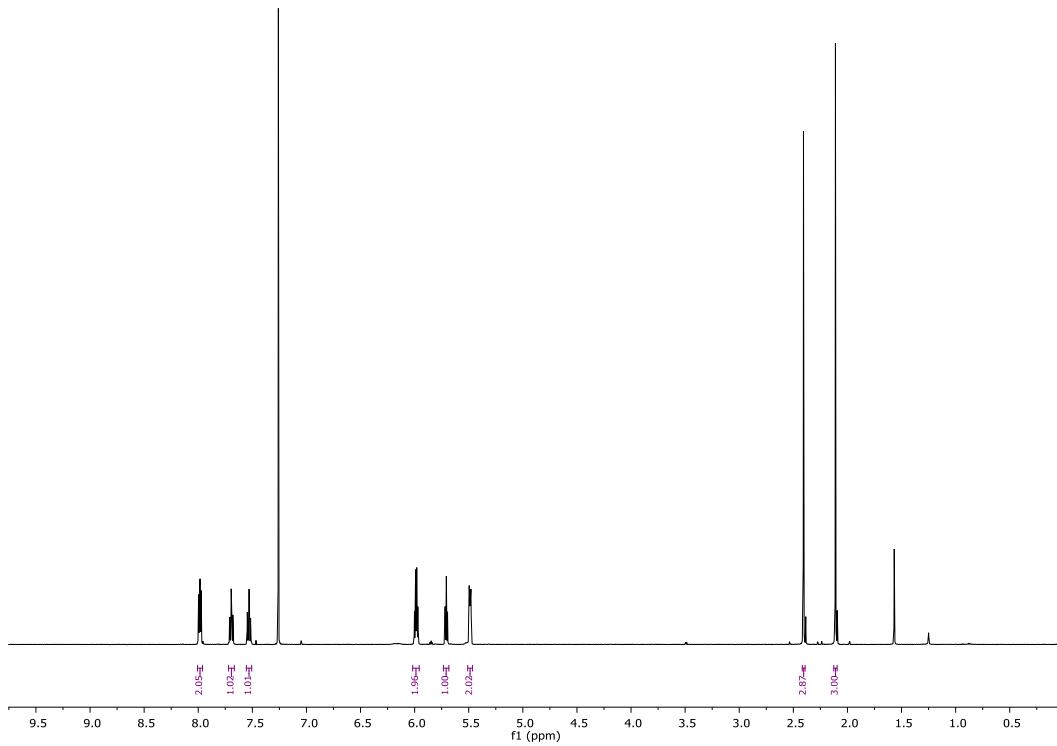
**Fig. S7.** <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of  $[\text{Ru}(\eta^6\text{-}p\text{-cymene})(\text{phth})\text{Cl}]$  (**1**) complex



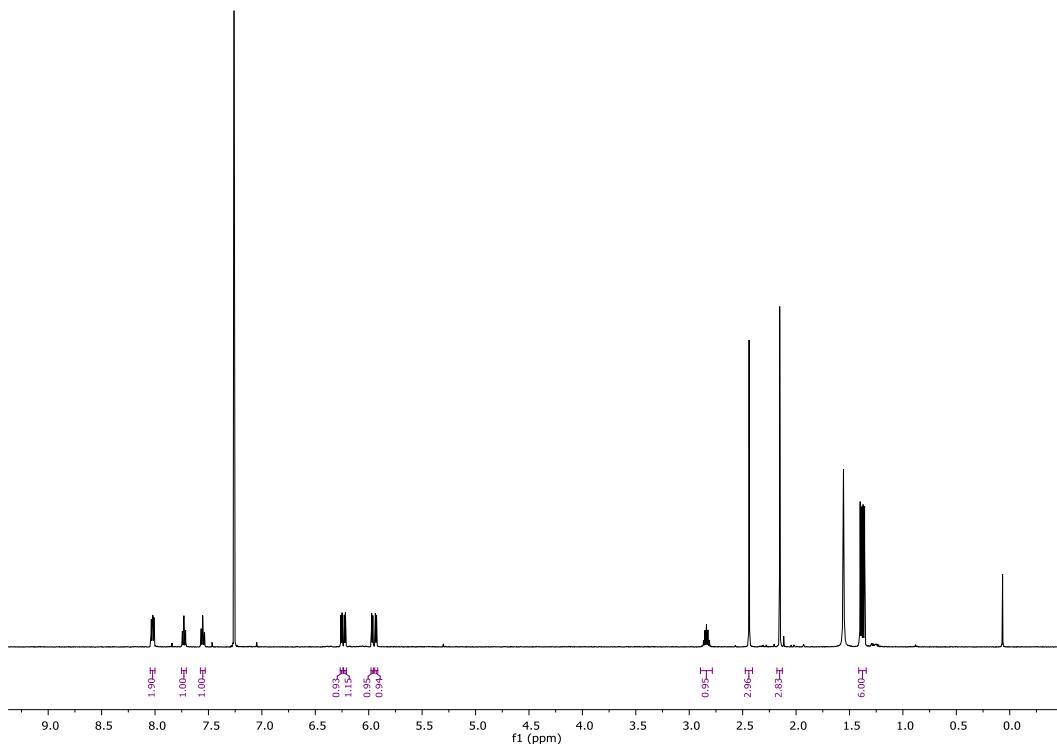
**Fig. S8.** <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of [Ru(η<sup>6</sup>-p-cymene)(phth)Br] (2) complex.



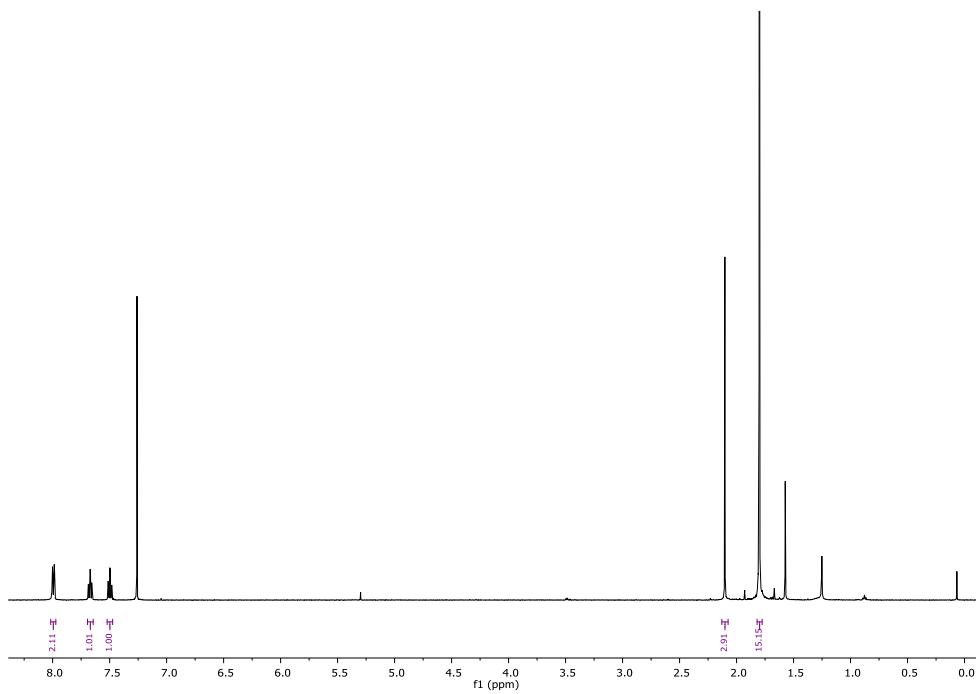
**Fig. S9.** <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of [Ru(η<sup>6</sup>-p-cymene)(phth)I] (3) complex.



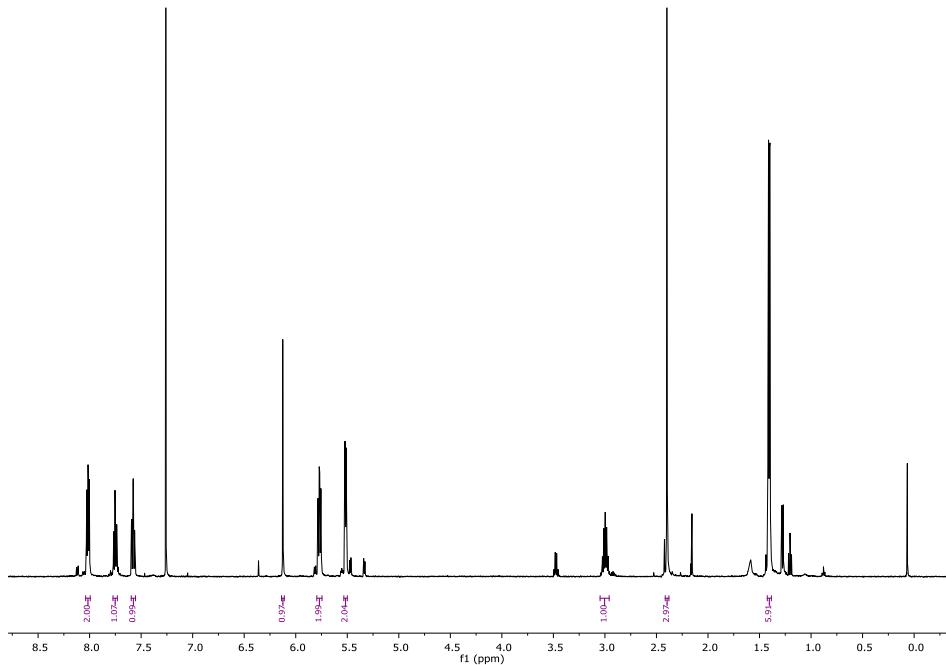
**Fig. S10.** <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum [Ru(η<sup>6</sup>-toluene)(phth)Cl] (**4**) complex.



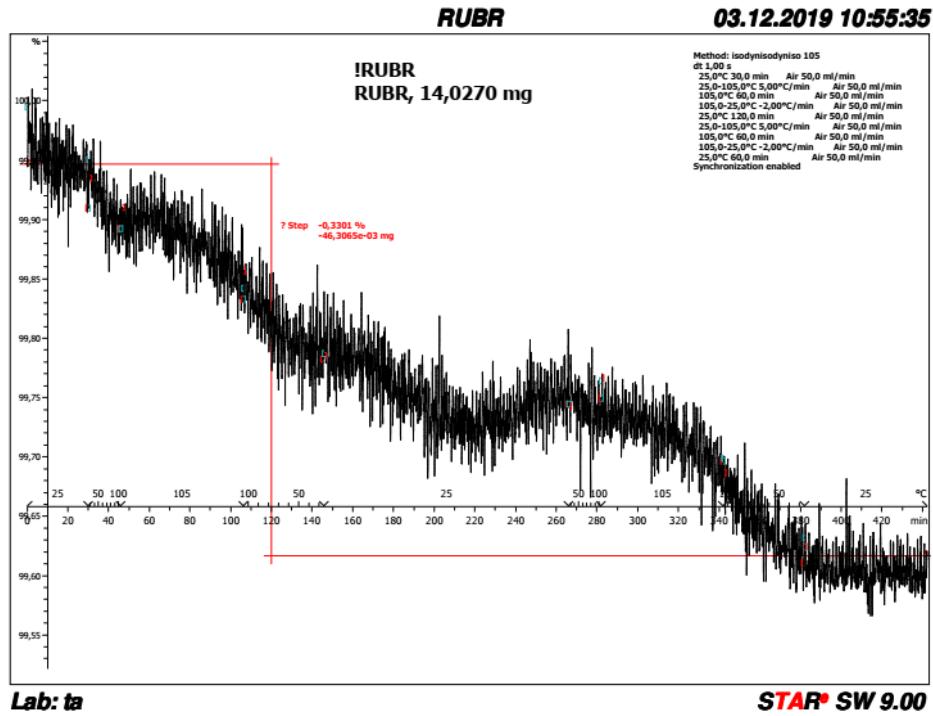
**Fig. S11.** <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of [Os(η<sup>6</sup>-*p*-cymene)(phth)Cl] (**5**) complex.



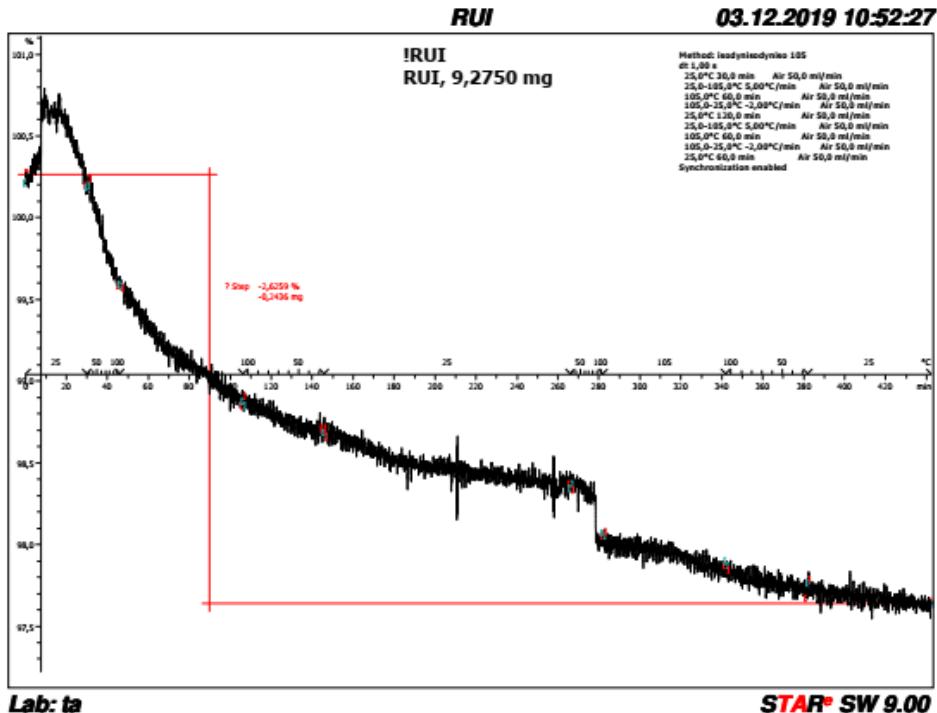
**Fig. S12.** <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of [Rh(η<sup>5</sup>-C<sub>5</sub>Me<sub>5</sub>)(phth)Cl] (6) complex.



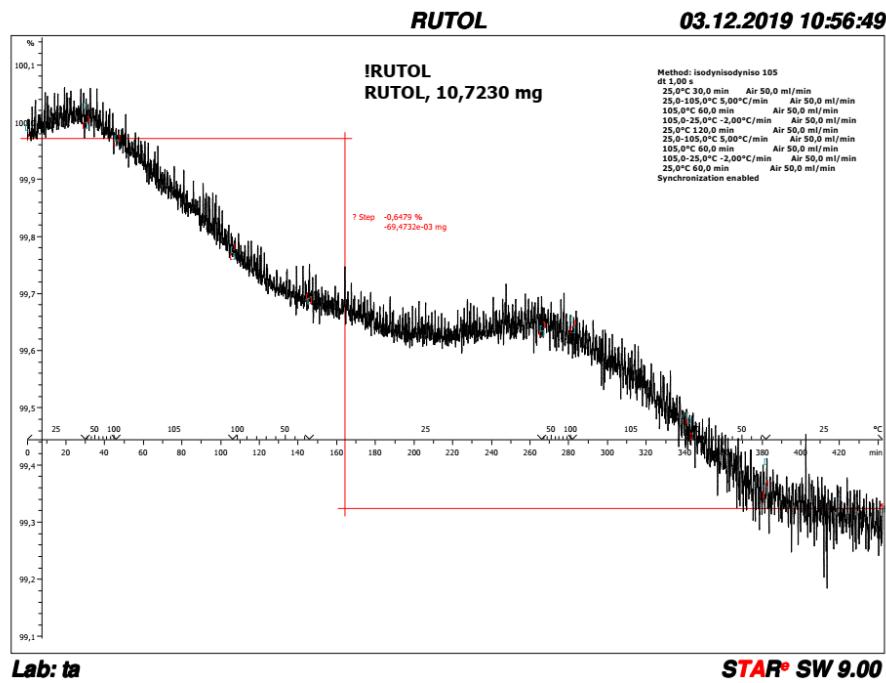
**Fig. S13.** <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of [Ru(η<sup>6</sup>-p-cymene)(lawson)Cl] (7) complex.



**Fig. S14.** TGA curve recorded for complex  $[\text{Ru}(\eta^6\text{-}p\text{-cymene})(\text{phth})\text{Br}]$  (2).



**Fig. S15.** TGA curve recorded for complex  $[\text{Ru}(\eta^6\text{-}p\text{-cymene})(\text{phth})\text{I}]$  (3).



**Fig. S16.** TGA curve recorded for complex  $[\text{Ru}(\eta^6\text{-toluene})(\text{phth})\text{Cl}]$  (4).

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