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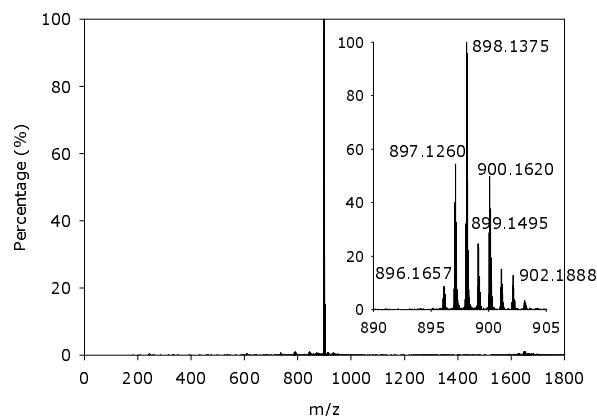


Figure 1. The ESI-mass spectrum of  $[\text{Pd}(\eta^3\text{-C}_3\text{H}_5)(\mathbf{1})]^+$ , **2** in methanol.

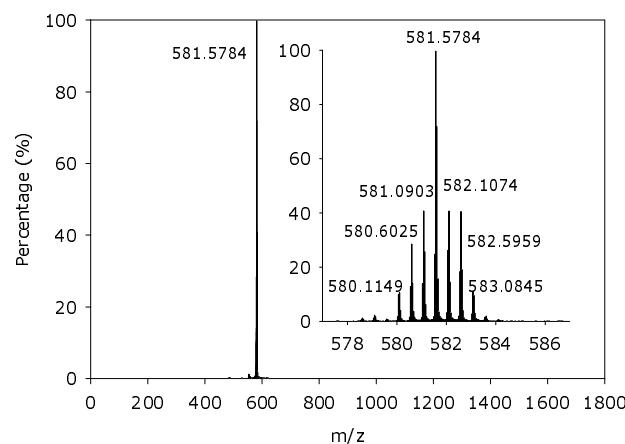


Figure 2. The ESI-mass spectrum of  $[\text{Ru}(\text{bpy})_2(\mathbf{1})]^{2+}$ , **3a** in acetonitrile.

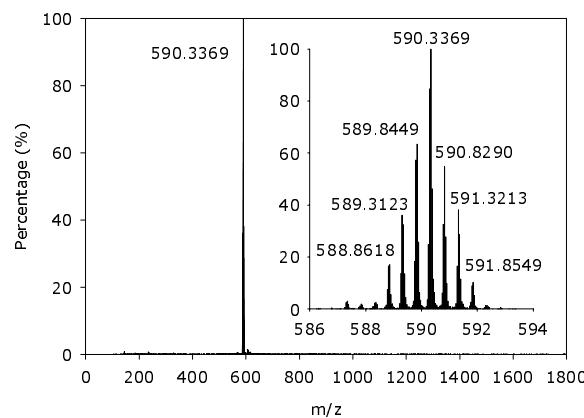


Figure 3. The ESI-mass spectrum of  $[\text{Ru}(d_8\text{-bpy})_2(\mathbf{1})]^{2+}$ , **3b** in acetonitrile.

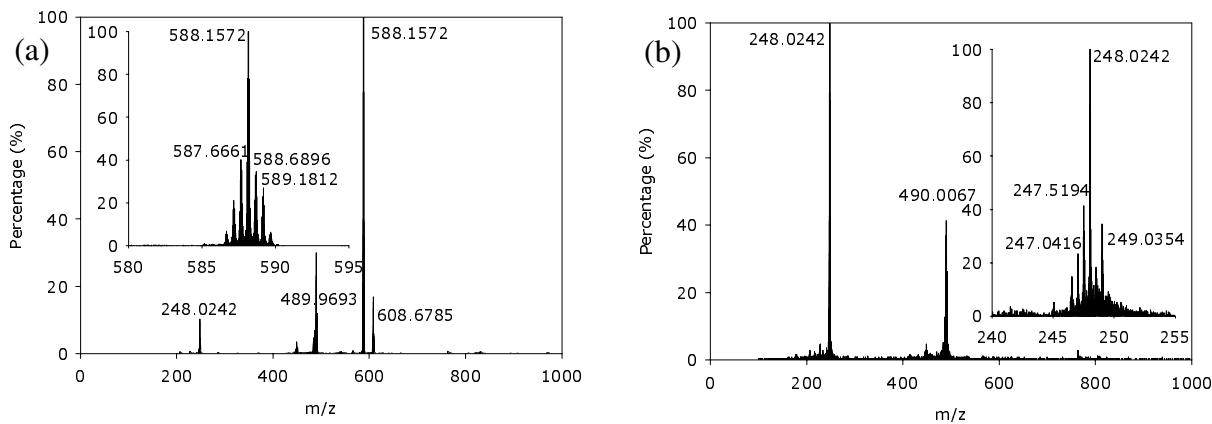


Figure 4. The ESI-mass spectrum of  $[\text{Ru}(\text{bpy})_2(\mathbf{4})]^{2+}$ , **5** in acetonitrile after (a) 0 and (b) 200 seconds of irradiation (125-W Mercury lamp). Peak assignments: 588.2 = **5**,  $[\text{M}-2\text{PF}_6]^{2+}$ ; 608.7 =  $[\text{Ru}(\text{bpy})_2(\mathbf{4})(\text{CH}_3\text{CN})]^{2+}$ ,  $[\text{M}-2\text{PF}_6]^{2+}$ ; 248.0 =  $[\text{Ru}(\text{bpy})_2(\text{CH}_3\text{CN})_2]^{2+}$ ,  $[\text{M}-2\text{PF}_6]^{2+}$ . (The envelope in both spectra at  $m/z=490$  is assigned to the unreacted starting material  $[\text{Ru}(\text{bpy})_2\text{Cl}_2]$ )

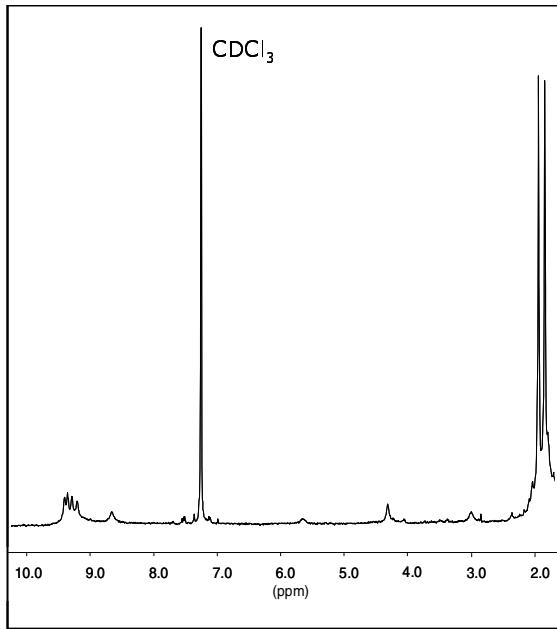


Figure 5. The  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectra of  $[\text{Pd}(\eta^3\text{-C}_3\text{H}_5)(\mathbf{1})]\text{PF}_6$ , **2** ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 40°C, 400 MHz).

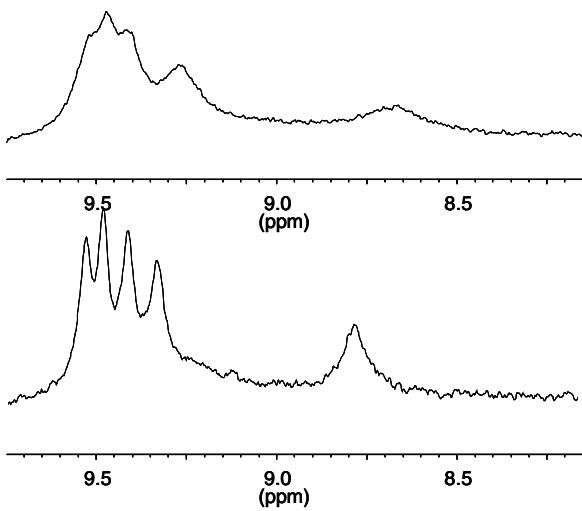


Figure 6. The aromatic region of the <sup>1</sup>H NMR spectrum of **2** at 21°C and 40°C ( $\text{CDCl}_3$ , 400 MHz).

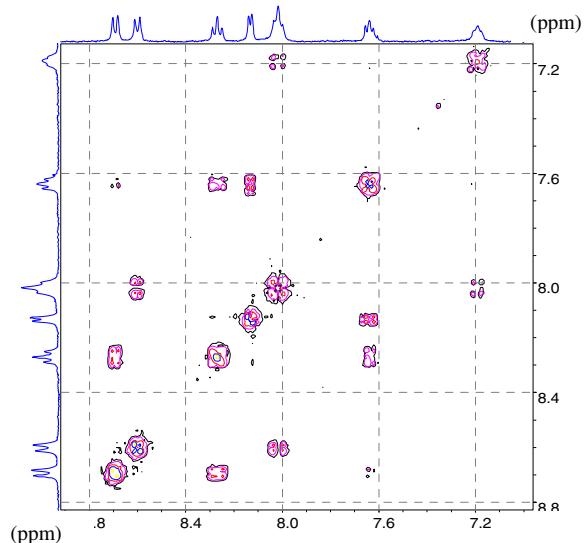


Figure 7. The aromatic region of the <sup>1</sup>H-<sup>1</sup>H TOCSY NMR spectra of  $[\text{Ru}(\text{bpy})_2(\mathbf{1})]^{2+}$ , **3a** ( $\text{CD}_3\text{CN}$ , 23 K, 400 MHz).

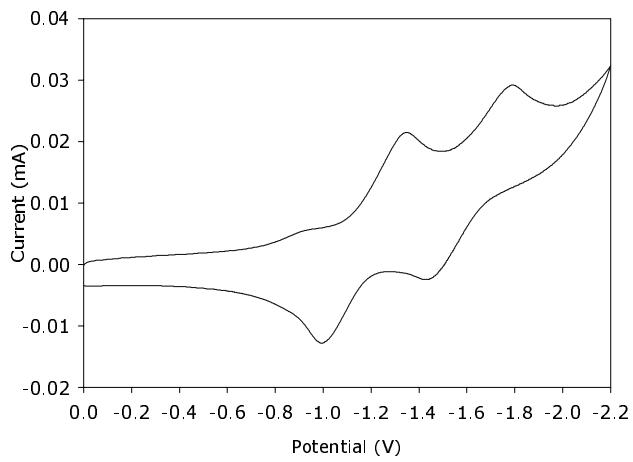


Figure 8. The Cyclic voltammogram of **1** in chloroform. Supporting electrolyte:  $\text{Bu}_4\text{NPF}_6$  (0.1 M); glassy carbon working electrode, Pt wire auxiliary electrode, SCE reference electrode.