## **Supporting Information for**

## DNA INTERACTION, PHOTOCLEAVAGE AND THEORETICAL CALCULATIONS OF A RUTHENIUM(II) COMPLEX WITH HYDROXYQUINOLINE DERIVATIVE

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Scheme S1. The synthetic route to [Ru(bpy)<sub>2</sub>(ipq)](ClO<sub>4</sub>)<sub>2</sub>.

The characterization of the complex  $[Ru(bpy)_2(ipq)](ClO_4)_2$ : <sup>1</sup>H NMR ( $\delta_H$ , ppm, 400 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ ): 14.50 (s, 1H, N–H), 9.85 (s, 1H, O–H), 9.05–9.10 (d–d, J = 7.2 Hz, 2H, H<sub>c</sub>), 8.85–8.91 (d–d, J = 8.0 Hz, 4H, H<sub>3,3'</sub>), 8.61 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H, H<sub>e</sub>), 8.53 (d, J = 8.2 Hz, 1H, H<sub>d</sub>), 8.22–8.26 (m, 2H, H<sub>4</sub>·), 8.11–8.15 (m, 4H, H<sub>4, a</sub>), 7.89–7.99 (m, 2H, H<sub>b</sub>), 7.86 (d, J = 5.6 Hz, 2H, H<sub>6</sub>·), 7.54–7.66 (m, 6H, H<sub>6,5',f,g</sub>), 7.36–7.40 (m, 2H, H<sub>5</sub>), 7.26–7.28 (d–d, J = 6.0 Hz, 1H, H<sub>h</sub>). <sup>13</sup>C NMR (125 MHz, DMSO- $d_6$ ,  $\delta$ , ppm): 157.24, 157.02, 153.43, 152.49, 152.00, 151.84, 145.50, 138.46, 138.32, 137.85, 130.97, 129.16, 128.35, 124.93, 119.30, 118.42, and 112.01.



**Fig. S1** – Changes in absorption spectra of ruthenium complex (5.43  $\mu$ M) upon successive additions of the DNA in Tris-HCl buffer with NaCl concentration of 0.025 M.



Fig. S2 – Changes in absorption spectra of ruthenium complex (5.43  $\mu$ M) upon successive additions of the DNA in Tris-HCl buffer with NaCl concentration of 0.075 M.



Fig. S3 – Changes in absorption spectra of ruthenium complex (5.43  $\mu$ M) upon successive additions of the DNA in Tris-HCl buffer with NaCl concentration of 0.100 M.