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Synthesis and reactions of coordinatively unsaturated 16-electron chalcogenolate complexes, $Ru(EAr)_2(\eta^6$ -arene) and cationic binuclear chalcogenolate complexes, $[(\eta^6$ -arene) $Ru(\mu$ -EPh) $_3Ru(\eta^6$ -arene) $]PF_6$

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Abstract

Coordinatively unsaturated 16-electron ruthenium-selenolate complexes $(\eta^6$ -arene)Ru(Se-2,4,6-C₆H₂Me₃)₂ [arene = p- $CH_3C_6H_4(CHMe_2)$ (5b), C_6Me_6 (5c)] have been prepared by treating [((η^6 -arene)RuCl $_2$] $_2$ (1) with sodium salt of 2,4,6-trimethylphenylselenolate in methanol. The complexes 5 are compared with the thiolate complexes such as $(\eta^6$ -arene)Ru(SAr)₂ [SAr = 2,6dimethylbenzenethiolate (2), SAr = 2.4.6-tri(isopropyl)benzenethiolate (3), $(SAr)_2 = 1.2$ -benzenedithiolate (4); arene = C_6H_6 (a), p-CH₃C₆H₄(CHMe₂) (b), C₆Me₆ (c)], which have been recently prepared by us. However, the tellurolate analog has not been obtained in similar manner. These selenolate complexes are dark green, being ascribed to the LMCT band $[p\pi(Se) \rightarrow d\pi^*(Ru)]$. The absorption bands of 5 are red-shifted compared to the thiolate complexes. In contrast to the bulky substituted chalcogenolate ligand system, the reaction of 1 with PhENa followed by the addition of KPF₆ resulted in the formation of the cationic binuclear chalcogenolate complexes $[(\eta^6\text{-arene})\text{Ru}(\mu\text{-E-Ph})_3\text{Ru}(\eta^6\text{-arene})](\text{PF}_6)$ [E = Se (7), E = Te (8); arene = $p\text{-CH}_3\text{C}_6\text{H}_4(\text{CHMe}_2)$ (b), C_6Me_6 (c)]. Reactions of the 16-electron thiolate and selenolate complexes with σ -donor molecules such as DMSO, hydrazine and ammonia along with some electrophiles were investigated. DMSO can coordinate with the thiolate complex 2a to give a DMSO adduct of 9, which was characterized spectroscopically and crystallographically. The strength of complexation of hydrazine and ammonia to the thiolate and selenolate complexes 2, 3, 4c and 5 depends on the effective electron deficiency of the ruthenium supported by η^6 -arene ligand and two chalcogenolate ligands. Two new hydrazine complexes $(\eta^6 - C_6 H_6) Ru(\eta^1 - N H_2 N H_2) (S-2,6 - C_6 H_3 M e_2)_2$ (10a) and $[(\eta^6 - C_6 H_6) Ru(\eta^1 - N H_2 N H_2) (S-2,6 - C_6 H_3 M e_2)_2$ $C_6 Me_6 Ru(S_2 C_6 H_4)]_2 (\mu - NH_2 NH_2)$ (16) were crystallographically characterized. The observed two different coordination modes, mononuclear η^1 -hydrazine and binuclear μ -hydrazine, were the results of the combined steric effect of the arene and the thiolate coligands as well as the NH · · · S hydrogen bonding. © 1997 Elsevier Science S.A.

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1. Introduction

In a recent paper we reported the synthesis of coordinatively unsaturated 16-electron ruthenium—thiolate complexes of general formula $(\eta^6$ -arene)Ru(SAr)₂ [SAr = 2,6-dimethylbenzenethiolate = SXyl (2), SAr = 2,4,6-tri(isopropyl)benzenethiolate (3), (SAr)₂ = 1,2-benzenedithiolate (4); arene = C_6H_6 (a), p-CH₃C₆H₄(CHMe₂) (b), C₆Me₆ (c)] by treating [(η^6 -arene)RuCl₂]₂ (1) with sodium salts of arenethiolates,

together with their structure and reactions with π -accepting molecules [1,2]. An investigation of the interaction of unsaturated thiolate complexes of group 8 metals with nitrogen-containing molecules such as hydrazine [3–6], diazene [5,7,8] and ammonia [5] has attracted much interest. A change in the chalcogen element from sulfur to selenium should perturb the bonding nature of the 16-electron coordinatively unsaturation on chalcogenolate ruthenium complexes, thereby altering the stability and reactivity of the 16-electron selenolate complexes and allowing us to investigate also the reaction of $(\eta^6$ -arene)Ru(SeAr)₂ with σ -donor

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molecules. In this paper we report the preparation and characterization of selenolate complexes of the general formula of $(\eta^6\text{-arene})\text{Ru}(\text{Se-2,4,6-C}_6\text{H}_2\text{Me}_3)_2$ [arene = $p\text{-CH}_3\text{C}_6\text{H}_4(\text{CHMe}_2)$ (**5b**), C_6Me_6 (**5c**)] and reactions of 16-electron chalcogenolate complexes with σ -donor molecules and the crystal structures of the DMSO adduct $(\eta^6\text{-C}_6\text{H}_6)\text{Ru}(\eta^1\text{-}O\text{SMe}_2)(\text{S-2,6-C}_6\text{H}_3\text{Me}_2)_2$ (**9**), the mononuclear η^1 -hydrazine complex $(\eta^6\text{-C}_6\text{H}_6)\text{Ru}(\eta^1\text{-}N\text{H}_2\text{NH}_2)(\text{S-2,6-C}_6\text{H}_3\text{Me}_2)_2$ (**10a**) and the binuclear μ -hydrazine complex $[(\eta^6\text{-C}_6\text{Me}_6)\text{Ru}(\text{S}_2\text{C}_6\text{H}_4)]2(\mu$ - $N\text{H}_2N\text{H}_2)$ (**16**) along with the cationic binuclear thiolate and selenolate complexes of ruthenium(II). A part of this work has been the subject of preliminary communications [1,9].

2: $R^1 = Me$, $R^2 = H$

3: $R^1 = R^2 = CHMe_2$

a: arene = C₆H₆ b: arene = p-cymene c: arene = C₆Me₆

Table 1 Comparative data of LMCT band for some coordinatively unsaturated ruthenium-chalcogenolate complexes and the related complexes

Complex a	Color or λ_{max}	References
	(nm)	
$(\eta^4 - C_4 Me_2(tBu)_2)Pd(1,2-S_2C_6H_4)$	560	[21]
$\operatorname{Cp}^*\operatorname{Ir}(\operatorname{SC}_6\operatorname{F}_5)_2$	deep green	[22]
$\operatorname{Cp}^*\operatorname{Ir}(\operatorname{SC}_6\operatorname{F}_4\operatorname{H}-p)_2$	deep green	[22,23]
2a	698	[2]
2b	676	[1]
2c	660	[2]
3a	715	[2]
3b	686	[1]
3c	669	[2]
4c	563	[2]
5b	728	this work
5c	698	this work
Cp * Ru(PisoPr ₃)Cl	576	[12]
Cp * Ru(PisoPr ₂ Ph)I	dark blue	[13]
$[Cp * Ru(\mu-OMe)]_2$	506	[15,16]
$[\operatorname{Cp}^*\operatorname{Ru}(\mu\text{-SEt})]_2$	693	[17]
$[(\eta^6 - C_6 H_6) Ru(\mu - NC_6 H_3 (isoPr)_2 - 2,6)]_2$	deep green	[19]
$Ru(SC_6F_5)_2(PPh_3)_2$	purple	[20]
$(\eta^6$ -p-cymene)Os(StBu) ₂	purple	[24,25]
$(\eta^6$ -p-cymene)Os(SC ₆ H ₃ Me ₂ -2,6) ₂	purple	[25]
trans-[Re(SPh) ₂ (depe) ₂] ⁺	purple	[26]
$[Cr(CO)_3(1,2-S_2C_6H_4)]^{2-}$	507	[27]
CpMo(NO)(SPh) ₂	dark green	[28]
Tp * Mo(O)(SPh) ₂	dark green	[29]

^aAbbreviation: $Cp^* = \eta^5$ -pentamethylcyclopentadienyl; $Tp^* = tris(3,5-dimethylpyrazolyl)hydroborate; depe = 1,2-bis(diethylphosphino)ethane.$

2. Results and discussion

2.1. Mononuclear 16-electron selenolate complexes of ruthenium(II), $(\eta^6$ -arene)Ru(SeC₆H₂Me₃-2,4,6)₂

We prepared the selenolate complexes of the general formula $(\eta^6$ -arene)Ru(SeMes)₂ [p-CH₃C₆H₄(CHMe₂) (5b), C_6Me_6 (5c); Mes = 2,4,6-trimethylphenyl] in the same manner as the preparation of thiolate complexes **2–4** [1,2]. Treatment of $[(\eta^6 - C_6 Me_6)RuCl_2]_2$ (1c) with 1.5-fold excess of sodium 2,4,6-trimethylbenzeneselenolate in methanol resulted in the rapid precipitation of $(\eta^6-C_6Me_6)Ru(SeMes)_2$ (5c) as dark green microcrystals in 48% yield. Similarly, complex $(\eta^6-p$ -cymene)Ru(SeMes)₂ (5b) was isolated in 63% yield by reaction of $[(\eta^6-p\text{-cymene})\text{RuCl}_2]_2$ (1b) with sodium 2,4,6-trimethylbenzeneselenolate. Efforts to isolate benzene complex $(\eta^6-C_6H_6)Ru(SeMes)_2$ (5a) by treating $[(\eta^6-C_6H_6)RuCl_2]_2$ (1a) with sodium 2,4,6-trimethylbenzeneselenolate in methanol have been hindered by its high thermal instability. The color of complexes 5b and **5c** is dark green and their absorption bands (λ_{max} of 728 nm for **5b** and 698 nm for **5c**) in the electronic spectra are assigned to the LMCT band in which a filled $p\pi$ -orbital of selenium atom donates some electrons to a vacant d-orbital of the ruthenium center; in good accordance with the MO description for 16-electron halfsandwich transition metal complexes [10,11]. These correspond to the LMCT band observed for the coordinatively unsaturated ruthenium(II) complexes such as 2-4 [1,2], $\operatorname{Cp}^*\operatorname{RuCl}[\operatorname{P}(\operatorname{isoPr})_3]$ [12], $\operatorname{Cp}^*\operatorname{RuI}[\operatorname{PPh}(\operatorname{isoPr})_2]$ [13], $[Cp * Ru(\mu-OMe)]_2$ [14–16], $[Cp * Ru(\mu-SR)]_2$ [17,18], $[(\eta^6-C_6H_6)Ru(\mu-NC_6H_3(isoPr)_2-2,6)]_2$ [19], $Ru(SC_6F_5)_2(PPh_3)_2$ [20] and related complexes listed in Table 1. The LMCT bands of **5b** and **5c** are red-shifted compared with the corresponding thiolate complexes 2b (672 nm), **2c** (660 nm), **3b** (686 nm) and **3c** (669 nm). Similar red-shift was reported for chalcogenolate complexes of nickel $[Ni(ECH_2CH_2)_2NMe]_2$ (E = S and Se) [30]. Unfortunately, all attempts to prepare the tellurolate analog have been in failure due to the liberation of the aromatic ligand bound to the ruthenium.

The ¹H NMR spectrum of **5b** in CDCl₃ showed that the ruthenium atom was coordinated by one η^6 -p-cymene ligand and two selenolate ligands with the exact

integral ratio; the proton signals of the two 2,6-xylyl moieties being magnetically equivalent. The 1 H NMR spectrum of $\mathbf{5c}$ showed a singlet at δ 1.88 due to η^6 -C₆Me₆ ligand; the chemical shift value being comparable to those of complexes $\mathbf{2c}$ (δ 1.91) and $\mathbf{3c}$ (δ 1.86). The FAB mass spectrum of $\mathbf{5c}$ showed parent ions, while the FAB mass spectrum of $\mathbf{5b}$ gave a fragmented peak with the loss of one selenolate ligand. Consequently, these analytical and spectroscopic data as well as their complexation with two electron donor molecules (vide infra) support the formulation of mononuclear 16-electron ruthenium(II) selenolate complexes.

1/2[RuCl₂(
$$\eta$$
⁶-arene)]₂ + 2 NaSe

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r.t.

MeOH

MesSe

SeMes

5

b: arene = p -cymene

c: arene = C_6 Me₆

2.2. Cationic binuclear selenolate and tellurolate complexes of ruthenium(II), $[(\eta^6\text{-arene})Ru(\mu\text{-EPh})_3Ru(\eta^6\text{-arene})]^+$

In contrast to the bulky alkyl-substituted thiolate ligand systems, the cationic binuclear thiolate complexes **6b** [1] and **6c** [31] have been prepared and their structures were confirmed by the X-ray analysis. For comparison with the binuclear thiolate complexes, it is of our interest to focus on chalcogenolate analogues. Thus, we prepared the cationic binuclear selenolate and tellurolate complexes. Treatment of 1b with sodium salt of the benzeneselenolate followed by the addition of KPF₆ in methanol resulted in the formation of complex 7b in 19% yield. Similarly, selenolate complex 7c and tellurolate complex 8b were obtained in 53% and 47% vields, respectively, though we could not isolate 8c due to the decomposition of the product. These complexes 7b, 7c and 8b were characterized by spectroscopic measurements; their FAB mass spectra exhibiting the parent peaks due to the cationic part of 7b, 7c and 8b and their ¹H NMR spectra displaying signals due to the η^6 -arene ligand and the phenyl ligands with the integral ratio of 2:3. The chalcogenolate binuclear complexes of the type $L_nM(\mu\text{-ER})_3ML_n$ are common fragment and some examples such as [Cp*Ru(μ -Se(C₆H₄Me- $(p)_{3}RuCp^{*}]^{+}$ ($Cp^{*} = \eta^{5}$ -pentamethylcyclopentadienyl) [32], $[Cp^*Rh(\mu-SC_6F_5)_3RhCp^*]^+$ [22], $[(CO)_3Mn(\mu-SePh)_3Mn(CO)_3]^-$ [33] and $[(CO)_3Mn(\mu-TePh)_3-Mn(CO)_3]^-$ [34] have been reported so far along with a similar tellurolate complex $[Cp^*Ru(\mu-Te(C_6H_4Me-p))_2(\mu-(C_6H_4Me-p)Te-Te(C_6H_4Me-p))RuCp^*]^+$ [32]. Accordingly, the bulky substituent on the aromatic ligand proved to be important for the preparation of mononuclear complexes **2–5**.

2.3. Synthesis of dimethyl sulfoxide adduct

Dimethyl sulfoxide (Me₂SO), which is a σ -donor molecule and has a capability to bind metals via S- or O-coordination, added to the coordinatively unsaturated ruthenium-thiolate complex, while we have not isolated any DMSO adducts of the selenolate complexes. Complex 2a reacted with dimethyl sulfoxide to give an adduct 9 as dark purple needles (68% yield) upon crystallization from THF; monitoring the reaction by both the ¹H NMR spectrum and electronic spectroscopy showed that the solution was only a mixture of 2a and dimethyl sulfoxide, but crystallization afforded 9 as the sole product. The ¹H NMR spectrum of the isolated 9 again indicated only signals due to 2a and two equivalent of dimethyl sulfoxide; in accordance with the electronic spectrum that showed the LMCT band of 2a. Such a reversible equilibrium between 2a and 9 is in contrast to the general tendency that the six coordinate d^6 complexes are normally kinetically inert. The π donation from the thiolate sulfur atom to the ruthenium center of 2a is invoked to explain the reformation of 2a accompanied with the release of the DMSO. The IR spectrum of the solid sample of 9 showed two strong $\dot{\nu}(SO)$ bands at 1040 and 1020 cm⁻¹, indicating two different kinds of dimethyl sulfoxide in the solid state; one is the dimethyl sulfoxide ligand S-coordinated to the ruthenium and the other is the solvated molecule as determined by X-ray diffraction. Dimethyl sulfoxide ligand generally has two coordination modes through oxygen or sulfur: being the $\nu(SO)$ bands of the S-coordinated to ruthenium atom in the range of 1107-1134 cm⁻¹ [35–38], while those of the *O*-coordination in the range of 883-957 cm⁻¹ [36,38,39]. Accordingly the *S*-bound structure of **9** is shown below.

The X-ray molecular structure of the adduct 9 is shown in Fig. 1 where the solvated Me₂SO molecule is omitted for clarity. Selected bond distances and bond angles are shown in Table 2. The ruthenium atom adopts a three-legged piano stool geometry comprised of a η^6 -benzene, two SXyl ligands and an S-coordinated dimethyl sulfoxide. The distance (1.702 Å) between the ruthenium and the centroid of the η^6 -benzene ligand of 9 is longer by 0.016 Å than that of 2a. Geometry around the ruthenium center is closely related $(\eta^6 - C_6 M e_6) R u (9 S 3) (9 S 3 = 1,4,7$ trithiacyclononane) and its deprotonated derivatives [40,41]. The distances of Ru-S(1) and Ru-S(2) (2.439(3) and 2.427(3) Å) are longer than those found for 2a, 2b, 3c and 4c. The Ru-S(3) (2.331(3) Å) is comparable to those of S-coordinated dimethyl sulfoxide complexes of ruthenium reported so far [35,36,38].

With regard to the conformation of two thiolate ligands, the *endo-exo* conformation (A) of the starting complex 2a turned to the *exo-exo* one (B) of 9 in order to minimize the steric interaction between the two xylyl ligands and the S-coordinated DMSO molecule.

2.4. Reaction of $(\eta^6$ -arene)Ru(EAr)₂ with NH₂NH₂ and NH₃

N-donor molecules such as hydrazine and ammonia coordinated reversibly to the 16-electron coordinatively unsaturated ruthenium(II) thiolate and selenolate complexes. Addition of an excess of NH₂NH₂·H₂O to a solution of **2a** in THF induced a rapid change of the solution color from deep blue to deep red; from the concentrated solution a hydrazine complex **10a** was

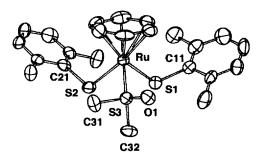


Fig. 1. ORTEP drawing of 9 with the numbering scheme.

obtained in 70% yield as red-orange crystalline solids. Similar treatment of 2a with aqueous NH₃ afforded the corresponding complex 11a in 80% yield. The formulation of these complexes is supported by both of the ¹H NMR spectrum and the elemental analysis. The ¹H NMR spectrum of 10a displayed a singlet at δ 4.73 due to η^6 -benzene protons and signals due to the SXyl ligands in 1:2 ratio, and in addition a broad singlet around 3.97 ppm due to four protons of the hydrazine moiety. The H NMR spectrum of 11a displayed a broad singlet at δ 1.11 due to NH₃ and a singlet at δ 4.78 due to one η^6 -benzene ligand together with signals of the two SXyl ligands. The coordination of the hydrazine to the ruthenium in 10a was supported by its IR spectrum; two $\nu(NH)$ bands at 3300 and 3200 cm⁻¹. The FAB mass spectrum of 10a showed no parent peak due to 10a. The release of the hydrazine ligand was also observed for the UV spectrum of 10a in THF, which exhibited the LMCT band (deep blue color) due to 2a.

Table 2 Selected bond distances (Å) and angles (deg) of 9.

Bond distances (Å)		
Ru-S(1)	2.439(3)	
Ru-S(2)	2.427(3)	
Ru-S(3)	2.331(3)	
Ru-CEN	1.702	
S(1)-C(11)	1.79(1)	
S(2)-C(21)	1.77(1)	
S(3) = O(1)	1.488(6)	
S(3)-C(31)	1.77(1)	
S(3)–C(32)	1.77(1)	
Bond angles (deg)		
S(1)-Ru-S(2)	81.6(1)	
S(1)-Ru-CEN	128.7	
S(2)-Ru-CEN	132.2	
S(3)-Ru-CEN	125.9	
S(1)-Ru-S(3)	88.7(1)	
S(2)-Ru-S(3)	83.9(1)	
Ru-S(1)-C(11)	112.7(3)	
Ru-S(2)-C(21)	108.5(3)	
Ru-S(3)-O(1)	116.1(3)	
Ru-S(3)-C(31)	110.7(4)	
Ru-S(3)-C(32)	116.3(4)	

CEN = the centroid of aromatic ring carbons, C(1)-C(6), of the ligand.

Table 3
Summary for the reaction of 2, 3 and 5 with hydraziene and ammonia

Complex	NH ₂ NH ₂	NH ₃
2a	10a: isolated	11a: isolated
2b	10b : $K_{\rm eq} = 91.1 \pm 0.6$	11b : $K_{\rm eq} = 3.5 \pm 0.3$
2c	N.R.	N.R.
3a	12a: isolated	13a: isolated
3b	12b : $K_{eq} = 20.7 \pm 3.5$	13b : $K_{eq} = 1.9 \pm 0.7$
3c	N.R.	N.R.
5a	14a: isolated	15a: isolated
5b	14b: isolated	15b : $K_{\rm eq} = 16.6 \pm 3.2$
5c	14c : $K_{\rm eq} = 28.8 \pm 1.0$	15c : $K_{\text{eq}}^{\text{eq}} = 4.4 \pm 0.6$

Isolated = the 18-electron adduct was isolated and characterized; N.R. = no reaction; K_{eq} = the equilibrium constant (1 mol⁻¹) for the formation of 18-electron adduct in THF solution at 24°C.

For complex 11a, we also observed the release of the ammonia ligand, and hence the FAB mass spectrum gave no parent peak due to 11a.

The stability of N-donor adducts depends on the substituent of the η^6 -arene ligand as well as the kind of chalcogens, i.e., sulfur or selenium. In addition to the case of complex 2a, the complexation of 2, 3 and 5 with hydrazine and ammonia was investigated. The results are summarized in Table 3. Although 5a was not isolated as described in Section 2.1, we isolated complexes 14a and 15a by the reactions of 2a with sodium salt of 2,4,6-trimethylbenzeneselenolate in THF in the presence of hydrazine hydrate and ammonia, respectively. Thus, all of the benzene complexes 12a, 13a, 14a and 15a were isolated and their spectral data are given in Section 4.

10:
$$L = NH_2NH_2$$

11: $L = NH_3$
12: $L = NH_2NH_2$
13: $L = NH_3$
13: $L = NH_3$
14: $L = NH_2NH_2$
15: $L = NH_3$

When the p-cymene ligand was used, N-donor adducts 10b, 11b, 12b, 13b and 15b were too labile to be isolated with an exception of 14b that was obtained in 80% yield. Treatment of 2b with an excess of

NH₂NH₂·H₂O in THF induced a rapid change of the color from deep blue to deep orange, yielding an 18electron hydrazine complex 10b. After the solution was concentrated under reduced pressure at room temperature, we obtained blue solids of the starting complex 2b. Consequently, this reaction was in the equilibrium between **2b** and **10b**; the estimated K_{eq} using absorption spectra at 24°C being 91.1 \pm 0.6 l mol⁻¹. Similar color change was observed for the reactions of 2b and 3b with the N-donor molecules and the reaction of 5b with ammonia, and the K_{eq} values for these equilibrium were estimated by measuring UV spectra at variable concentrations of the N-donor molecules. Since the thiolate complexes 2c and 3c have the bulky C₆Me₆ ligand, they did not react with the N-donor molecules at all. In the case of the selenolate analog 5c, the N-donor molecules were able to coordinate with the ruthenium and K_{eq} values were estimated in similar manner. Thus, the combined effect of electron-donating substituents on the η^6 -benzene ligand and harder chalcogen, which has lateral p π -orbital suitable to interact with vacant d π orbital, stabilized the coordinative unsaturation of the ruthenium center and retarded the formation of N-donor adducts.

Although both of the nitrogen atoms of the hydrazine have capability to coordinate with the mononuclear ruthenium complex, all hydrazine complexes 10, 12 and 14 were monomeric. This is attributed to the bulkiness around the ruthenium that prevents the formation of hydrazine-bridged binuclear complex. We expected less bulky mononuclear thiolate complex 4c to form a binuclear complex. This was successful in our case. Treatment of 4c with an excess of hydrazine hydrate and the following crystallization from dichloromethane and hexane afforded the hydrazine-bridged binuclear complex $[(\eta^6-C_6Me_6)Ru(S_2C_6H_4)]_2(\mu-NH_2NH_2)$ (16) as red crystalline solid in 71% yield. The IR spectrum of a solid sample of 16 exhibited bands due to hydrazine coordination with the ruthenium center, though the 'H NMR spectrum of 16 displayed only signals attributable to 4c along with signals due to free hydrazine in an exact integral ratio, indicating that the hydrazine was completely liberated in solution.

2.5. Crystal structures of 10a and 16

Preliminary structural features of complexes 10a and 16 were communicated [9]. Two coordination modes, i.e., η^1 or η^2 , are possible for the mononuclear hydrazine complexes, whose structures could not be determined on the basis of these spectral data. The X-ray analysis of 10a revealed distinctly the mononuclear η^1 -coordination mode. Complex 2a crystallized in rhombohedral space group R3(h) and its crystal struc-

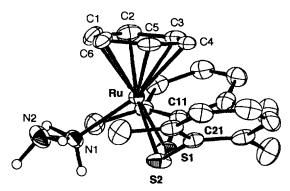


Fig. 2. A drawing of 10a with the atom-labeling scheme.

ture is provided in Fig. 2. Selected bond distances, angles and torsion angles are listed in Table 4.

Complex 10a adopts the three-legged piano stool geometry where the ruthenium atom is surrounded with η^6 -benzene, two 2,6-XylS and η^1 -hydrazine ligands. The η^1 -coordination mode of hydrazine derivatives has already been found for organoruthenium complexes such as $[Ru(\eta^1-NH_2NHR)_4(cod)]^{2+}$ [42] and $[Ru(H)(\eta^1 NH_2NMe_2$ ₃(cod)]⁺ [43]. The Ru-S bond distances (2.398(3)) and (2.419(2)) Å) are longer by (0.13) Å than those found for complex 2a [2] and 2b [1] in good accordance with the diminution of donative $S(p\pi) \rightarrow$ $Ru(d\pi^*)$ interaction by the coordination of the nitrogen of hydrazine. The Ru-N bond distance (2.143(7) Å) is comparable to those found for ammine and amine complexes such as $[CpRu(NH_3)(PPh_3)_2]^+$ (2.172(3) Å) [44] and $[CpRu(NH_2C_8H_{17}-1)(Cy_2PCH_2CH_2PCy_2)]^+$ (2.174(8) Å) [44]. The coordination of hydrazine changed the conformation of the two thiolate ligands; an endo-exo conformation in 2a turned to an exo-exo one in 10a, similar to the case of the formation of DMSO adduct 9.

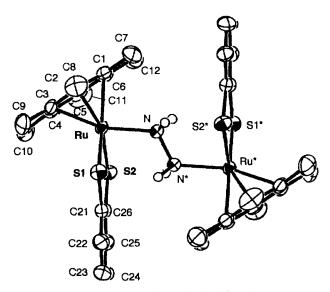


Fig. 3. A drawing of 16 with the labeling scheme.

Table 4
Selected bond distances (Å), angles (deg) and torsion angles (deg) for 10a

10a		
Bond distances (Å)		
Ru-S(1)	2.419(2)	
Ru-S(2)	2.398(3)	
Ru-C(1)	2.150(9)	
Ru-C(2)	2.201(9)	
Ru-C(3)	2.179(9)	
Ru-C(4)	2.194(9)	
Ru-C(5)	2.198(9)	
Ru-C(6)	2.194(9)	
Ru-CEN	1.675	
S(1)-C(11)	1.777(9)	
S(2)-C(21)	1.759(10)	
Ru-N(1)	2.143(7)	
N(1)-N(2)	1.378(10)	
Bond angles (deg)		
Ru-S(1)-C(11)	110.0(3)	
Ru-S(2)-C(21)	109.7(3)	
S(1)-Ru- $S(2)$	82.24(9)	
S(1)–Ru–CEN	131.8	
S(2)–Ru–CEN	133.0	
N(1)-Ru-CEN	127.6	
N(2)-N(1)-Ru	117.9(6)	
Torsion angles (deg)		
S(2)-Ru-S(1)-C(11)	-161.3(3)	
CEN-Ru-S(1)-C(11)	-18.0	
S(1)-Ru-S(2)-C(21)	130.6(4)	
CEN-Ru-S(2)-C(21)	-12.0	
S(1)-Ru-N(1)-N(2)	164.0(7)	
S(2)-Ru-N(1)-N(2)	80.6(7)	

CEN = the centroid of aromatic ring carbons, C(1)-C(6), of the ligand.

The crystal of 16 belongs to the monoclinic space group C2/c with four binuclear molecules that have a C_2 axis passing through the center of the N-N bond of the bridging hydrazine ligand. Fig. 3 shows the crystal structure of 16. Selected bond distances and angles are listed in Table 5. Each ruthenium center in complex 16 adopts a three-legged piano stool geometry that has unexceptional bond distances and angles around the ruthenium atom. The N-N bond distance (1.454(8) Å) of 16 is normal as expected for the μ -hydrazine binuclear complexes such as $\{\text{RuCl}(P(OMe)_3)_2\}_2(\mu-S_2)(\mu-S_2)$ C1)(μ -N₂H₄) (1.442(1) Å) [3], [{Ru(aceto-nitrile)(P(OMe)₃)₂}₂(μ -N₂)(μ -N₂H₄)₂]³⁺ (1.465(14) and 1.477(13) A) [4], $[W(NPh)Me_3]_2(\mu - \eta^1, \eta^1 - \eta^2)$ NH_2NH_2)($\mu \sim \eta^2, \eta^2 \sim NHNH$) (1.434(14) Å) [45] and $[\{MoO(S_2)_2\}_2(\mu-S_7)(\mu^2-NH_2NH_2)]^2$ (1.40(1) Å) [46], but is much longer than that (1.378(10) Å) of **10a**, because the σ -donation of lone pair electrons on a nitrogen atom of hydrazine was enforced by further σ -donative interaction of lone pair electrons of the neighboring nitrogen atom of hydrazine. In the complex 16, the hydrazine may function as a bridging ligand through the NH \cdots S hydrogen bonds (3.18 and 3.22) Å), values which are within the range of NH···S h y drogen bonding observed for [Me₂NHCH₂CH₂NHMe₂][Pd(SC₆F₅)₄] (3.256(6) Å) [47], [Me₃NCH₂CONH₂]₂[Co(SPh)₄] (3.316(3)–3.453(3) Å) [48], (tris(3,5-dimethylpyrazolyl)-hydroborate)Mo(NO)(SCH₂CONHCH₃)₂ (2.971(4) Å) [49] and [Mo(O)(S-o-CH₃CONH-C₆H₄)₄]⁻ (2.97–3.03 Å) [50].

2.6. Reactions with MeI and 1,2-diiodoethane

In order to assess the nucleophilic nature of the thiolate ligand bound to ruthenium, we examined the

Table 5
Selected bond distances (Å), angles (deg) and torsion angles (deg) for

16		_
Bond distances (Å)		
Ru-S(1)	2.370(2)	
Ru-S(2)	2.364(1)	
Ru-C(1)	2.217(5)	
Ru-C(2)	2.211(5)	
Ru-C(3)	2.217(5)	
Ru-C(4)	2.200(5)	
Ru-C(5)	2.213(5)	
Ru-C(6)	2.220(6)	
Ru-CEN	1.692	
S(1)–C(21)	1.766(5)	
S(2)–C(26)	1.752(5)	
Ru-N(1)	2.147(4)	
$N(1)-N(1)^*$	1.454(8)	
Bond angles (deg)		
Ru-S(1)-C(21)	106.0(2)	
Ru-S(2)-C(26)	105.9(2)	
S(1)-Ru- $S(2)$	85.87(5)	
S(1)-Ru-CEN	129.0	
S(2)-Ru-CEN	125.2	
N(1)-Ru-CEN	121.5	
$N(1)^* - N(1) - Ru$	120.8(4)	
Torsion angles (deg)		
S(2)-Ru-S(1)-C(21)	-1.3(2)	
CEN-Ru-S(1)-C(21)	136.5.0	
S(1)-Ru-S(2)-C(26)	2.3(2)	
CEN-Ru-S(2)-C(26)	-138.0	
$S(1)-Ru-N(1)-N(1)^*$	42.3(5)	
$S(2)-Ru-N(1)-N(1)^*$	-43.8(5)	

CEN = the centroid of aromatic ring carbons, C(1)-C(6), of the ligand.

reaction of **2b** with electrophiles such as iodomethane and 1,2-diiodoethane. The reaction of **2b** with an excess of iodomethane in CDCl₃ produced $[(\eta^6-p-\text{cymene})\text{RuI}_2]_2$ (**17**) and 2,6-dimethylphenyl methyl thioether, as monitored by the ¹H NMR spectrum (Scheme 1). Methylation of the thiolate ligand bound to the ruthenium has been known to result in the formation of cationic thioether complexes [51–53]. Treatment of **2b** with 1,2-diiodoethane resulted in the formation of **17**, ethylene and dixylyl disulfide (detected by ¹H NMR). The formation of disulfide might be related to the reported example in which the one-electron oxidation of CpM(PR₃)(L)(SR') (M = Fe, Ru; L = PR₃, CO) produced the corresponding disulfide complex $\{[\text{CpM}(PR_3)(L)]_2, (\mu-S_2R'_2)\}^{2+}$ [54–56].

3. Conclusion

Our current investigation on the 16-electron coordinatively unsaturated chalcogenolate complexes of ruthenium(II) has shown that $d\pi$ -p π interaction between the metal and the chalcogen considerably weakens the electron deficiency at the ruthenium. Steric-congested coordination site also affects their behavior for addition of donors, and therefore small σ -type donors are preferred. However, typical small σ -donors exemplified by ammonia and hydrazine did not strongly coordinate to the ruthenium. A combined effect of steric and electronic characteristics thus determines the observed chemical properties of this class of complexes.

4. Experimental section

4.1. General

All manipulations involving air- and moisture-sensitive organometallic compounds were carried out by the use of the standard Schlenk technique under argon atmosphere. Dichloromethane was purified by distillation under argon after drying over calcium hydride.

Methanol was dried over magnesium alkoxide. THF, toluene and hexane were dried over sodium benzophenone ketyl and then distilled before use. Complexes $[RuCl_2(\eta^6\text{-arene})]_2$ (1) [57] and thiolate complexes 2-4 [2] were prepared according to the literature methods. Dimesityl diselenide [58] and diphenyl ditelluride [59] were prepared according to the literature procedures.

Nuclear magnetic resonance [1 H (400 MHz and 270 MHz) and ³¹P (36 MHz) NMR] spectra were measured on a JEOL JNM-GX400, JEOL JNM-GSX-270 and JEOL EX-270 spectrometers. All ¹H NMR chemical shifts were reported in ppm relative to protio impurity resonance as follows: chloroform-d, singlet at 7.27 ppm; benzene- d_6 , singlet at 7.20 ppm and ³¹P NMR chemical shifts were reported in ppm relative to external reference of 85% H₃PO₄ at 0.00 ppm. Other spectra were recorded by the use of the following instruments: IR, Hitachi 295; mass spectra, JEOL SX-102 spectrometer operating in the FAB + mode by using 3-nitrobenzyl alcohol (N.B.A.) as a matrix; UV/vis spectra, Jasco Ubest-30 and Shimadzu UV-265FS. Elemental analyses were performed at the Elemental Analysis Center, Osaka University. All melting points were measured in sealed tubes and were not corrected.

4.2. Preparation of $Ru(\eta^6$ -p-cymene)($SeC_6H_2Me_3$ -2,4,6)₂ (**5b**)

To a solution of sodium mesitylselenolate derived from dimesityl diselenide (159 mg, 0.29 mmol) and sodium (29 mg, 1.26 mmol) in methanol (10 ml) was added **1b** (85 mg, 0.14 mmol) at room temperature. The color of the reaction mixture turned rapidly from reddish brown to deep green. After stirring the resulting mixture for 1 h, the dark green precipitate was filtered off, washed with methanol, and then dried in vacuo (110 mg, 63% yield), mp 140-143°C (dec.). ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 35°C): δ 1.25 (d, J = 6.93 Hz, 6H, CH(C H_3)₂ of p-cymene), 1.81 (s, 3H, Me of p-cymene), 2.2 (m, $CHMe_2$), 2.29 (s, 6H, p-Me of $SeC_6H_2Me_3$ -2,4,6), 2.39 (s, 12H, o-Me of $SeC_6H_2Me_3$ -2,4,6), 4.81 and 4.95 (AA'BB', J = 6.0 Hz, 4H, aromatic protons of p-cymene), 6.96 (s, 4H, SeC₆ H_2 Me₃-2,4,6); FAB MS (N.B.A. matrix): m/z 433 (M⁺-SeC₆H₂Me₃-2,4,6); UV/vis (THF): λ_{max} 728 nm ($\varepsilon = 4.5 \times 10^3 \text{ M}^{-1}$ cm^{-1} .

4.3. Preparation of $Ru(\eta^6-C_6Me_6)(SeC_6H_2Me_3-2,4,6)_2$ (5c)

Complex 1c (70 mg, 0.11 mmol) was added to a solution of sodium mesitylselenolate derived from dimesityl diselenide (126 mg, 0.23 mmol) and sodium (15 mg, 0.65 mmol) in methanol (8 ml) at room temperature. The color of the reaction mixture changed immediately from reddish brown to deep green. After stirring

the resulting mixture for 1 h, the dark green precipitate (66 mg, 48% yield) was filtered off, washed with methanol, and then dried in vacuo, mp 205–208°C (dec.). H NMR (CDCl₃, 35°C): δ 1.88 (s, 18H, C₆ Me_6 , 2.22 (s, 18H, SeC₆ H_2 Me_3 -2,4,6), 6.84 (s, 4H, SeC₆ H_2 Me_3 -2,4,6); FAB MS (N.B.A. matrix): m/z 660 (M⁺). UV/vis (THF): λ_{max} 698 nm (ε = 2.3 × 10³ M⁻¹ cm⁻¹).

4.4. Synthesis of $[(\eta^6\text{-}p\text{-}cymene)Ru(\mu\text{-}SePh)_3Ru(\eta^6\text{-}p\text{-}cymene)]PF_6$ (7b)

 $[RuCl_2(\eta^6-p\text{-cymene})]_2$ (1b) (153 mg, 0.25 mmol) was added to a solution of sodium benzeneselenolate, which was prepared from diphenyl diselenide (149 mg, 0.48 mmol) and sodium borohydride (20 mg, 0.53 mmol) in methanol (8 ml) at room temperature. The reaction mixture was stirred overnight and the color turned to brownish black. After being stirred for 3 h, KPF₆ (78 mg, 0.42 mmol) was added to the extracted solution and then the solution was stirred overnight. Precipitates were filtered off and the filtrate was concentrated under reduced pressure. Recrystallization of the residue from dichloromethane and diethyl ether accorded 7b as deep red microcrystals (51 mg, 19%) yield), mp 178–185°C (dec.). ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 35°C): δ 0.76 and 0.88 (d, J = 6.93 Hz, 12H, CH Me, of p-cymene), 1.72 (s, 6H, Me of p-cymene), 2.12 (m, 2H, $CH(CH_3)_2$ of p-cymene), 5.15 and 5.32 (AA'BB', J = 5.94 Hz, 4H, aromatic protons of p-cymene), 5.25 and 5.46 (AA'BB', J = 5.94 Hz, 4H, aromatic protons of p-cymene), 7.3–7.8 (m, 15H, SeC_6H_5); $^{31}P\{^1H\}$ NMR (CDCl₃, 35°C): $\delta - 143.4$ (m); FAB MS (N.B.A. matrix): m/z 941 (M⁺-PF₆); UV/vis (CH₂Cl₂): λ_{max} 328 nm ($\varepsilon = 1.0 \times 10^4 \text{ M}^{-1} \text{ cm}^{-1}$).

4.5. Synthesis of $[(\eta^6 - C_6 M e_6)Ru(\mu - SePh)_3Ru(\eta^6 C_6 M e_6)]PF_6$ (7c)

 $[RuCl_2(\eta^6-C_6Me_6)]_2$ (1c) (90 mg, 0.14 mmol) was added to a solution of sodium benzeneselenolate, which was prepared by the treatment of diphenyl diselenide (77 mg, 0.25 mmol) with sodium borohydride (10 mg, 0.26 mmol) in methanol (7 ml) at room temperature. The reaction mixture was stirred overnight and the color turned to brownish black. After being stirred for 9 h, KPF₆ (55 mg, 0.30 mmol) was added to the extracted solution and then the solution was stirred overnight. White precipitates suspended during the reaction were filtered off and then the filtrate was concentrated under reduced pressure. Recrystallization of the resulting solid from dichloromethane and diethyl ether afforded 7c as reddish orange crystals (41 mg, 53% yield), mp > 300°C. ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 35°C): δ 1.70 (s, 18H, $C_6 Me_6$, 7.2–7.8 (m, 15H, $SeC_6 H_5$); ³¹P{¹H} NMR (CDCl₃, 35°C): δ -143.7 (m); FAB MS (N.B.A.

matrix): m/z 995 (M⁺-PF₆); UV/vis (CH₂Cl₂): λ_{max} 330 nm ($\varepsilon = 1.1 \times 10^4 \text{ M}^{-1} \text{ cm}^{-1}$).

4.6. Synthesis of $[(\eta^6-p-cymene)Ru(TePh)_3Ru(\eta^6-p-cymene)]PF_6$ (8b)

Complex 1b (79 mg, 0.13 mmol) was added to a solution of sodium benzenetellurolate, which was prepared by the treatment of diphenyl ditelluride (132 mg, 0.32 mmol) with sodium borohydride (14 mg, 0.37 mmol) in methanol (7 ml) at room temperature. The reaction mixture was stirred overnight and the color turned to brownish black. After being stirred for 2 h, KPF₆ (31 mg, 0.17 mmol) was added to the extracted solution and then the solution was stirred overnight. White precipitates suspended during the reaction were filtered off and the filtrate was concentrated under reduced pressure and recrystallization from dichloromethane and diethyl ether afforded 8b as dark red microcrystals (74 mg, 47% yield), mp 140–149°C (dec.). ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 35°C): δ 0.78 (d, J = 6.92Hz, 6H, CH(C H_3)₂ of p-cymene), 0.89 (d, J = 6.93Hz, 6H, CH(C H_3)₂ of p-cymene), 1.95 (s, 6H, Me of p-cymene), 2.33 (m, 2H, $CH(CH_3)_2$ of p-cymene), 5.4-5.7 (m, 8H, aromatic protons of p-cymene), 7.2-7.7(m, 15H, TeC_6H_5); $^{31}P\{^1H\}$ NMR (CDCl₃, 35°C): δ -149.9 (m); FAB MS (N.B.A. matrix): m/z 1084 (M⁺-PF₆); UV/vis (CH₂Cl₂): λ_{max} 326 nm (ε = 1.4 × 10⁴ M⁻¹ cm⁻¹). Anal. calc. for C₄₀H₄₇Cl₄F₆PRu₂Te₃: C, 34.32; H, 3.38. Found: C, 34.72; H, 3.74.

4.7. Synthesis of 9

Treatment of **2a** (0.10 g, 0.23 mmol) in THF (25 ml) with an excess of Me₂SO (0.24 ml, 3.38 mmol) at room temperature and the following recrystallization from THF (1 ml) and hexane (2 ml) gave **9** as dark purple needles (90 mg, 68% yield), mp 69–71°C (dec.). The ¹H NMR spectrum (CDCl₃, 30°C) showed signals assignable to **2a** and a singlet at δ 2.62 due to two moles of dimethyl sulfoxide. IR (Nujol): ν (SO): 1040s, 1020s cm⁻¹. Anal. calc. for C₂₆H₃₆O₂RuS₄: C, 51.20; H, 5.95. Found: C, 50.66; H, 5.91.

4.8. Synthesis of $Ru(\eta^6-C_6H_6)(SXyl)_2(\eta^1-NH_2NH_2)$ (10a)

To a solution of Ru(η^6 -C₆H₆)(SXyI)₂ (0.26 g, 0.58 mmol) in THF (20 ml) was added an excess of NH₂NH₂·H₂O (0.28 ml, 5.76 mmol) at room temperature. The color of the solution rapidly turned to dark reddish brown. When all volatiles were removed under reduced pressure, reddish orange microcrystals were precipitated. Recrystallization of this precipitation from a 1:1 mixture of THF and hexane at -20° C afforded 10a as red crystals (202 mg, 70% yield), mp 138–140°C (dec.). ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 30°C): δ 2.51 (s, 12H, 2,6-

 $SC_6H_3Me_2$), 3.97 (br, 4H, N_2H_4), 4.73 (s, 6H, C_6H_6), 7.01–7.15 (m, 6H, 2,6- $SC_6H_3Me_2$); IR (Nujol): ν (NH): 3300s, 3200m cm⁻¹. Anal. calc. for $C_{22}H_{28}N_2RuS_2$: C, 54.40; H, 5.81; N, 5.77. Found: C, 54.20; H, 6.07; N, 5.95.

4.9. Synthesis of $Ru(\eta^6 - C_6 H_6)(SXyl)_2(\eta^1 - NH_3)$ (11a)

Addition of 2.4 M aqueous NH₃ solution of THF (2.1 ml, 5.08 mmol) to a solution of **2a** (0.22 g, 0.49 mmol) in THF (20 ml) at room temperature induced the change of the color of the solution to dark reddish brown. The solution was concentrated to ca. 10 ml under reduced pressure, and then an additional 2.4 M NH₃ solution of THF (1.5 ml, 3.63 mmol) was added. Hexane (12 ml) was layered to this solution, and was stored at -20° C overnight, affording 11a as brown needles (185 mg, 80% yield), mp 104–106°C (dec.). ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 30°C): δ 1.11 (br, 3H, NH₃), 2.47 (s, 12H, 2,6-SC₆H₃ Me_2), 4.78 (s, 6H, C₆ H_6), 7.01–7.15 (m, 6H, 2,6-SC₆ H_3 Me₂); IR (Nujol): ν (NH): 3300s, 3200s, 3120m cm $^{-1}$. Anal. calc. for $C_{22}H_{27}NRuS_2$: C, 56.13; H, 5.78; N, 2.98. Found: C, 56.04; H, 5.74; N, 2.96.

4.10. Synthesis of $Ru(\eta^6-C_6H_6)(SC_6H_2(isoPr)_3-2,4,6)_2(\eta^4-NH_2NH_2)$ (12a)

To a solution of **3a** (144 mg, 0.22 mmol) in THF (12 ml) was added an excess of $NH_2NH_2 \cdot H_2O$ (0.14 ml, 2.88 mmol) at room temperature. The color of the solution rapidly turned to deep red. After stirring the resulting mixture for overnight, all volatiles were removed under reduced pressure and recrystallization from a mixture of THF and hexane at -20° C afforded 12a as dark red microcrystals (121 mg, 80% yield), mp 107-111°C (dec.). ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 35°C): δ 1.2–1.3 (m, 36H, CH Me_2 of SC₆H₂(isoPr)₃-2,4,6), 2.88 (m, 2H, $p-CH(CH_3)_2$ of $SC_6H_2(isoPr)_3-2,4,6)$, 3.60 (broad, 4H, NH_2NH_2), 3.95 (m, 4H, o-C $H(CH_3)_2$ of $SC_6H_2(isoPr)_3$ -2,4,6), 4.59 (s, 6H, C_6H_6), 7.00 (s, 4H, $SC_6H_2(isoPr)_3-2,4,6)$; FAB MS (N.B.A. matrix): m/z413 (M⁺-SC₆H₂(isoPr)₃-2,4,6 - NH₂NH₂); IR (Nujol): ν (NH): 3270w, 3200w, 3190w cm⁻¹. Anal. calc. for C₃₆H₅₆N₂RuS₂: C, 63.39; H, 8.27. Found: C, 63.60; H, 8.22.

4.11. Synthesis of $Ru(\eta^6-C_6H_6)(SC_6H_2(isoPr)_3-2,4,6)_2(\eta^1-NH_3)$ (13a)

To a solution of 3a (58 mg, 0.089 mmol) in THF (2 ml) was added an excess of 2.4 M NH₃ solution of THF (0.2 ml, 0.48 mmol) at room temperature. The color of the solution rapidly turned to deep red. After stirring the resulting mixture for overnight, all volatiles were evaporated under reduced pressure and recrystallization from THF and hexane at -20° C afforded 13a as reddish

orange needles (28 mg, 47% yield), mp 118–121°C (dec.). ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 35°C): δ 1.2–1.3 (m, 36H, CH Me_2 of SC₆H₂(isoPr)₃-2,4,6), 1.2 (broad, 3H, NH₃), 2.88 (m, 2H, p-CH(CH₃)₂ of SC₆H₂(isoPr)₃-2,4,6), 3.85 (m, 4H, o-CH(CH₃)₂ of SC₆H₂(isoPr)₃-2,4,6), 4.59 (s, 6H, C₆H₆), 7.00 (s, 4H, SC₆H₂(isoPr)₃-2,4,6); FAB MS (N.B.A. matrix): m/z 668 (M⁺); anal. calc. for C₃₆H₅₅NRuS₂: C, 64.81; H, 8.31. Found: C, 62.00; H, 8.22.

4.12. Synthesis of $Ru(\eta^6 - C_6 H_6)(SeC_6 H_2 Me_3 - 2,4,6)_2(\eta^1 - NH_2 NH_2)$ (14a)

Complex 1a (84 mg, 0.168 mmol) was added to a solution of NH₂NH₂·H₂O (0.12 ml, 3.84 mmol) and sodium mesitylselenolate derived from dimesityl diselenide (178 mg, 0.320 mmol) and sodium (13 mg, 0.565 mmol) in THF (5 ml) at room temperature. The color of the reaction mixture immediately turned to reddish brown. After removal of all volatiles under reduced pressure, recrystallization of the residue from dichloromethane and hexane at -20° C afforded **14a** as red microcrystals (130 mg, 64% yield), mp 138-147°C (dec.). ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 35°C): δ 2.28 (s, 6H, *p-Me* of SeC₆H₂Me₃-2,4,6), 2.51 (s, 12H, o-Me of $SeC_6H_2Me_3$ -2,4,6), 4.5 (broad, 4H, NH_2NH_2), 4.76 (s, 6H, C_6H_6), 6.96 (s, 4H, $SeC_6H_2Me_3$ -2,4,6); FAB MS (N.B.A. matrix): m/z 376 (M⁺-SeC₆H₂Me₃-2,4,6 - NH_2NH_2); IR (Nujol): $\nu(NH)$: 3447w cm⁻¹.

4.13. Synthesis of $Ru(\eta^6-p\text{-cymene})(SeC_6H_2Me_3-2,4,6)_2(\eta^1-NH_2NH_2)$ (14b)

To a solution of **5b** (61 mg, 0.097 mmol) in THF (3 ml) was added an excess of NH₂NH₂·H₂O (0.2 ml, 4.11 mmol) at room temperature. The color of the solution rapidly turned to reddish brown. All volatiles were evaporated and then recrystallized from a mixture of dichloromethane and hexane at -20° C afforded 14b as deep red microcrystals (51 mg, 80% yield), mp 110-115°C (dec.). ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 35°C): δ 1.23 (d, J = 6.92 Hz, 6H, CH(C H_3)₂ of p-cymene), 1.88 (s, 3H, Me of p-cymene), 2.27 (s, 6H, p-Me of $SeC_6H_2Me_3-2,4,6)$, 2.45 (s, 12H, o-Me $SeC_6H_2Me_3-2,4,6)$, 3.34 (broad, 4H, NH_2NH_2), 4.71 and 4.92 (AA'BB', J = 5.7 Hz, 4H, aromatic protons of p- cymene), 6.94 (s, 4H, SeC₆H₂Me₃-2,4,6); FAB MS (N.B.A. matrix): m/z 433 (M⁺-SeC₆H₂Me₃-2,4,6 - NH_2NH_2); IR (Nujol): ν (NH): 3283w, 3222w, 3133w cm^{-1} .

4.14. Synthesis of $Ru(\eta^6-C_6H_6)(SeC_6H_2Me_3-2,4,6)_2(\eta^1-NH_3)$ (15a)

Complex 1a (75 mg, 0.15 mmol) was added to a 2.4 M solution of NH_3 in THF (0.2 ml, 0.48 mmol) and

sodium mesitylselenolate derived from dimesityl diselenide (192 mg, 0.35 mmol) and sodium borohydride (52 mg, 1.37 mmol) in ethanol (10 ml) at room temperature. All volatiles were removed under reduced pressure and recrystallization from a mixture of dichloromethane and hexane at -20° C afforded **15a** as red microcrystals (66 mg, 57% yield), mp 91–96°C (dec.). ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 35°C): δ 1.12 (broad, 3H, N $_3$), 2.29 (s, 6H, $_2$ -Me of SeC₆H₂Me₃-2,4,6), 2.46 (s, 12H, $_3$ -Me of SeC₆H₂Me₃-2,4,6), 4.82 (s, 6H, C₆H₆), 6.97 (s, 4H, SeC₆H₂Me₃-2,4,6); FAB MS (N.B.A. matrix): $_3$ C (M⁺-SeC₆H₂Me₃-2,4,6 - NH₂NH₂); IR (Nujol): $_3$ C(NH): 3299w, 3206w cm⁻¹.

4.15. Synthesis of $[Ru(\eta^6-C_6Me_6)(bdt)]_2(\mu_2-NH_2NH_2)$ (16)

To a solution of $Ru(\eta^6-C_6Me_6)(S_2C_6H_4)$ (4c) (69 mg, 0.17 mmol) in THF (15 ml) was added an excess of $NH_2NH_2 \cdot H_2O$ (0.10 ml, 2.1 mmol) at room temperature. This solution was stirred overnight, and then all volatiles were removed under reduced pressure. Recrystallization from a 1:1 mixture of dichloromethane and hexane at -20° C afforded 16 as red crystals (51 mg, 71% yield), mp 128–130°C (dec.). ¹H NMR (CDCl₃, 30°C): δ 2.37 (s, 36H, C_6Me_6), 3.09 (br, 4H, NH_2NH_2), 7.05 and 7.91 (AA'BB' pattern, ³J = 6.1 Hz, ⁴J = 3.2 Hz, 8H, 1,2-S₂C₆ H_4); IR (Nujol): ν (NH): 3160 m, 3080 m cm⁻¹. Anal. calc. for $C_{36}H_{48}N_2Ru_2S_4(CH_2Cl_2)_{0.25}$: C, 50.59; H, 5.68; N, 3.26. Found: C, 50.54; H, 5.73; N, 4.10.

4.16. Reaction of 2b with MeI

To a solution of **2b** (0.18 g, 0.36 mmol) in THF (30 ml) was added an excess of CH₃I (0.40 ml, 6.43 mmol) at room temperature. After the reaction mixture was stirred overnight, the color of the solution turned to dark reddish brown. All volatiles were removed under reduced pressure and the resulting residue was dissolved in THF (5 ml). Recrystallization from a mixture of THF (5 ml) and hexane (3 ml) at 0°C afforded [RuI₂(η^6 -p-cymene)]₂ (17) as dark brown crystals (55 mg, 31% yield). The ¹H NMR spectrum is superimposed with that of literature [60]. Anal. calc. for C₂₀H₂₈I₄Ru₂: C, 24.56; H, 2.89. Found: C, 24.56; H, 2.85.

4.17. Reaction of 2b with ICH₂CH₂I

To a solution of **2b** (0.13 g, 0.25 mmol) in THF (39 ml) was added an excess of ICH₂CH₂I (0.56 g, 2.00 mmol) at room temperature. After the reaction mixture was stirred overnight, the color of the solution turned to dark reddish brown. All volatiles were removed under reduced pressure and the resulting residue was crystallized from a mixture of THF (5 ml) and hexane (2 ml) at 0°C to give **17** as dark brown crystals (71 mg, 58%).

4.18. Crystallographic studies for complexes 9, 10a and 16

4.18.1. Data collection

Each suitable crystal was mounted in glass capillaries under argon atmosphere. Data for three complexes were collected by a Rigaku AFC-7R diffractometer with a graphite monochromated Mo-K α radiation. Cell constants and an orientation matrix for data collection, obtained from a least-squares refinement using the setting angles of carefully centered reflections corresponded to the cells with dimensions listed in Table 6, where details of the data collection are summarized. The weak reflections ($I < 10\sigma(I)$) were rescanned. Stationary background counts were recorded on each side of the reflection. Three standard reflections were chosen and monitored every 150 reflections.

4.18.2. Data reduction

An empirical absorption correction based on azimuthal scans of several reflections was applied. The

data were corrected for Lorentz and polarization effects. Decay of intensities of three representative reflections was -3.7% for 9, -3.2% for 10a and -5.1% for 16, and thus the linear correction factor was applied to the decay of the observed intensity of the two complexes.

4.18.3. Structure determination and refinement

All calculations were performed using a TEXSAN crystallographic software package from Molecular Structure. Measured nonequivalent reflections with were used for the structure determination. The structures of 10a and 16 were solved by direct methods (MITHRIL and SHELXS86 [61], respectively) and the structure of 9 by a heavy-atom Patterson method. These were expanded using Fourier techniques. In the final refinement cycle (full-matrix least-squares refinement) of all complexes, hydrogen atom coordinates were included at idealized positions, and were given the same temperature factor as that of the carbon atom to which they were bonded.

Table 6
Crystal data and data collection parameters

	Complex		
	$9 \cdot (Me_2SO)$	10a	16
Formula	$C_{26}H_{36}O_2RuS_4$	$C_{22}H_{28}N_2RuS_2$	C ₃₇ H ₅₀ N ₂ Cl ₂ Ru ₂ S ₄ (one dichloromethane as a solvated molecule)
Formula weight	609.88	485.67	924.10
Crystal system	orthorhombic	rhombohedral (hexagonal axes)	monoclinic
Space group	Pna2 ₁ (#33)	$R\overline{3}(h)$ (#148)	C2/c (#15)
a (Å)	8.141(6)	32.595(7)	19.892(4)
b (Å)	16.863(4)		12.038(3)
c (Å)	19.844(7)	10.862(8)	17.107(4)
β (deg)	-		105.52(2)
Z	4	18	4
$V(\mathring{A}^3)$	2724(3)	9994(9)	3947(1)
$D_{\rm calc}$ (g cm ⁻³)	1.487	1.452	1.555
Radiation	Mo-K α ($\lambda = 0.71069 \text{ Å}$)	Mo-K α ($\lambda = 0.71069 \text{ Å}$)	Mo-K α ($\lambda = 0.71069 \text{ Å}$)
Crystal size (mm)	$0.05 \times 0.05 \times 0.4$	$2.00 \times 2.00 \times 2.00$	$0.25 \times 0.20 \times 0.20$
Absolute coefficient (cm ⁻¹)	8.79	8.81	11.41
Scan mode	$2\theta/\omega$	$\omega/2\theta$	$\omega/2\theta$
Temperature (°C)	23	23	20
Scan speed (deg min ⁻¹)		8	16
Scan width (deg)		$1.42 + 0.35 \tan \theta$	$1.21 + 0.30 \tan \theta$
$2\theta_{\text{max}}$ (deg)	55.1	55.1	55.0
Data collected	3583	5536	4888
Unique data	3583	$5116 (R_{\rm int} = 0.048)$	$4752 (R_{\rm int} = 0.016)$
No. of observations	1920	3955	3919
Criterion of observed	$(I > 3\sigma(I))$	$(I > 1.5\sigma(I))$	$(I > 3\sigma(I))$
No. of variables	298	244	211
R	0.039	0.056	0.045
R_{w}	0.038	0.071	0.048
GŐF	1.17	6.53	6.60
Δ (maximum) (eÅ ⁻³)	0.43	1.52	1.77
Δ (minimum) (eÅ ⁻³)	-0.40	-1.18	-1.45

 $R = \sum ||F_o| - |F_c|| / |F_o|.$ $R_w = [\sum w(|F_o| - F_c|)^2 / \sum w F_o^2]^{1/2}, \ w = 1/\sigma 2(F_o); \text{ function minimized: } \sum w(|F_o| - |F_c|)^2.$

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