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ABSTRACT

The 2,6-(diphenylazo)pyridine ligand (diazpy, 1), was an azo compound similar to 2-(phenylazo)pyridine (azpy, 2) but contained two azo groups and it acted as both tridentate and bidentate ligands. The Ruthenium complex, $Ru(diazpy)Cl_2$ was synthesized and used as a precursor for syntheses of $[Ru(diazpy)(L)_2](BF_4)_2$ complexes (L = azpy (2), bpy (3) and (phen) (4)). All compounds were characterized by spectroscopic and electrochemical methods. The molecular structures of the diazpy ligand and the $[Ru(diazpy)(bpy)_2](BF_4)_2$ complex were confirmed by X-ray crystallography technique. Results from IR spectroscopic data and cyclic voltammetry showed that the bidentate diazpy ligand was stronger π -acceptor than bpy and phen but less than azpy.

2,6-(diphenylazo)pyridine (diazpy) (1)

2,2'-bipyridine (bpy) (3)

2-(phenylazo)pyridine (azpy) (2)

1,10-phenanthroline (phen) (4)