

Supporting Information:

**Detection of α -Synuclein Amyloidogenic Aggregates *In Vitro* and in Cells
using Light-Switching Dipyrrophenazine Ruthenium(II) Complexes**

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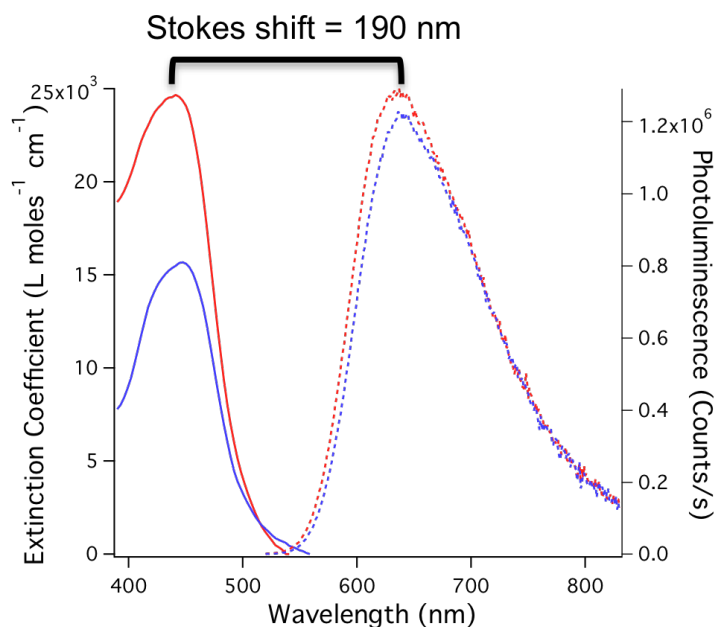


Figure S1. Absorption and emission spectra of dipyrrophenazine ruthenium (II) complexes. UV-Vis absorption spectra (full lines) and photoluminescence spectra upon 440 nm excitation (dashed lines) for 4.3 μ M solutions of $[\text{Ru}(\text{bpy})_2\text{dppz}]^{2+}$ (blue) and $[\text{Ru}(\text{phen})_2\text{dppz}]^{2+}$ (red) in acetonitrile.

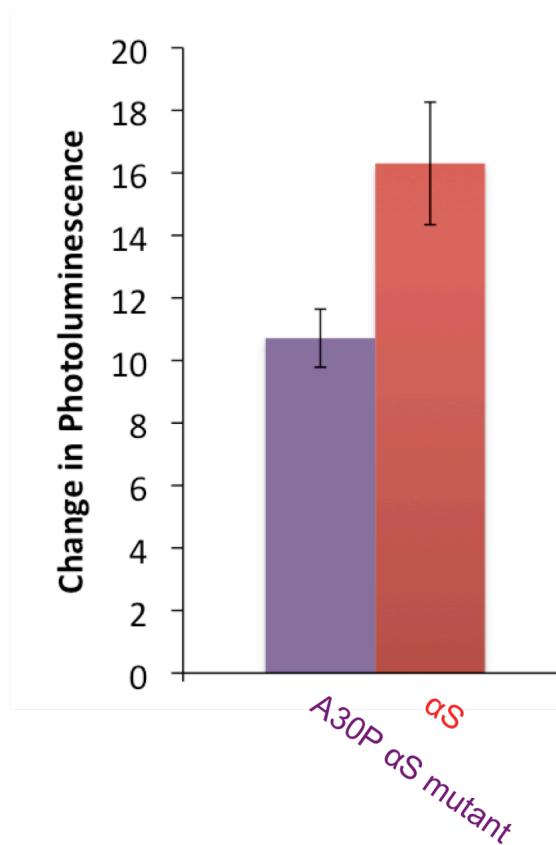


Figure S2. *In vitro* detection of A30P α S fibrils using $[\text{Ru}(\text{phen})_2\text{dppz}]^{2+}$. Change in photoluminescence intensity of $[\text{Ru}(\text{phen})_2\text{dppz}]^{2+}$ for the transition from monomeric to fibrillar state of A30P α S (violet) and α S (red).

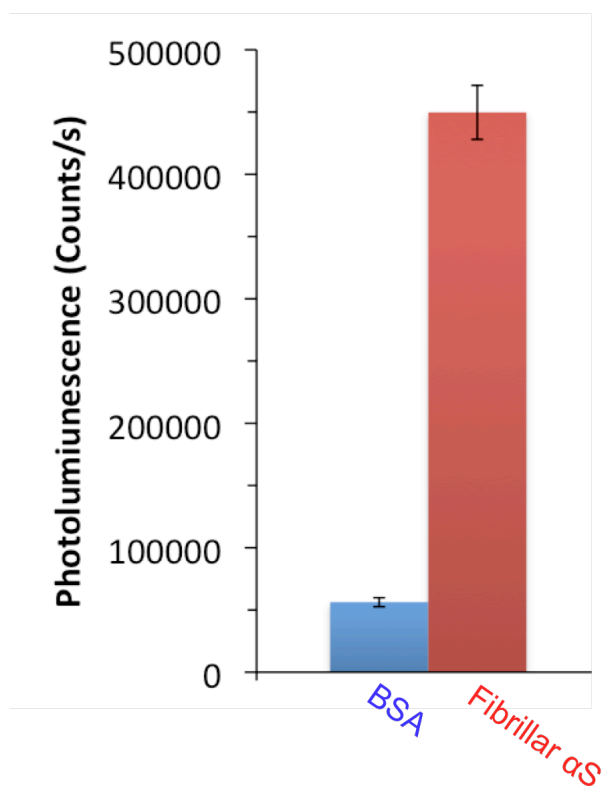
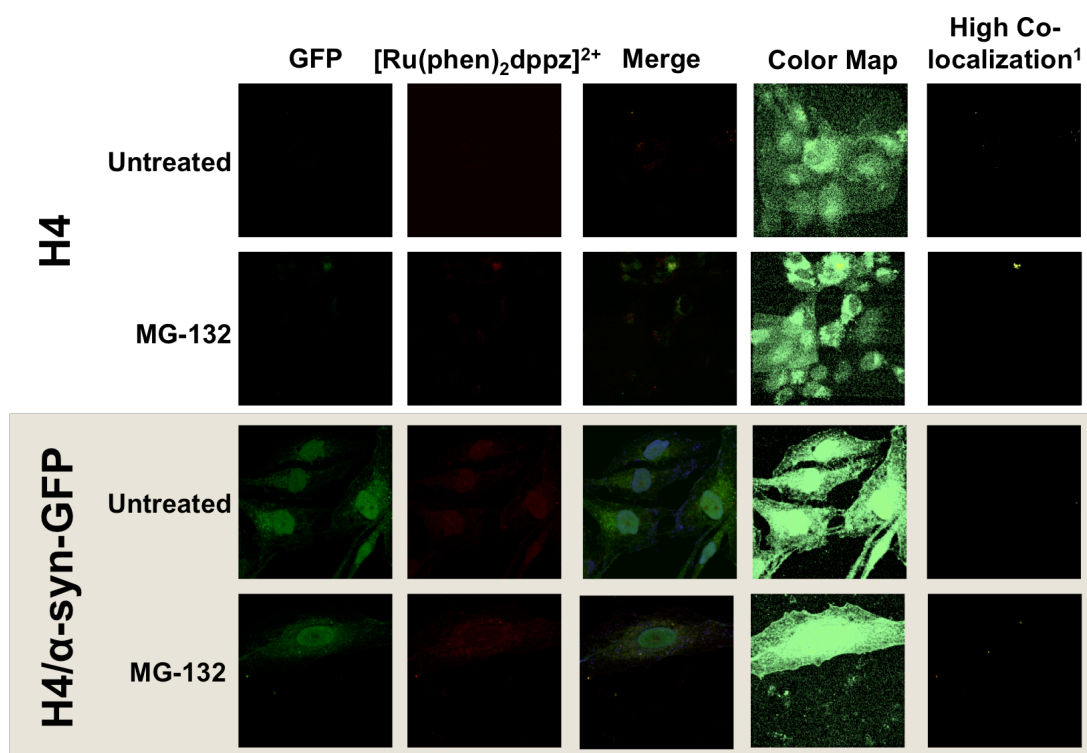


Figure S3. Comparison of the photoluminescence of intensity BSA and $[\text{Ru}(\text{phen})_2\text{dppz}]^{2+}$. Absolute photoluminescence intensities of $[\text{Ru}(\text{phen})_2\text{dppz}]^{2+}$ in the presence of BSA and fibrillar α S (1250 $\mu\text{g/mL}$).



¹ Images filtered using color threshold to display positive correlation (Hue range 1-60).

Figure S4. [Ru(phen)₂dppz]²⁺ spectra do not overlap with GFP. Fluorescence microscopy images of H4 and H4/α-syn-GFP cells untreated and treated with MG-132 (2 μM) for 16 hr. [Ru(phen)₂dppz]²⁺ was not added to cells in order to determine if GFP fluorescence is observed in the channel used to detect [Ru(phen)₂dppz]²⁺, demonstrating lack of spectra overlap.